



# Smartphone-Based Fluorescent Array Sensor for a Rapid Detection of Plant Pathogenic Fungi

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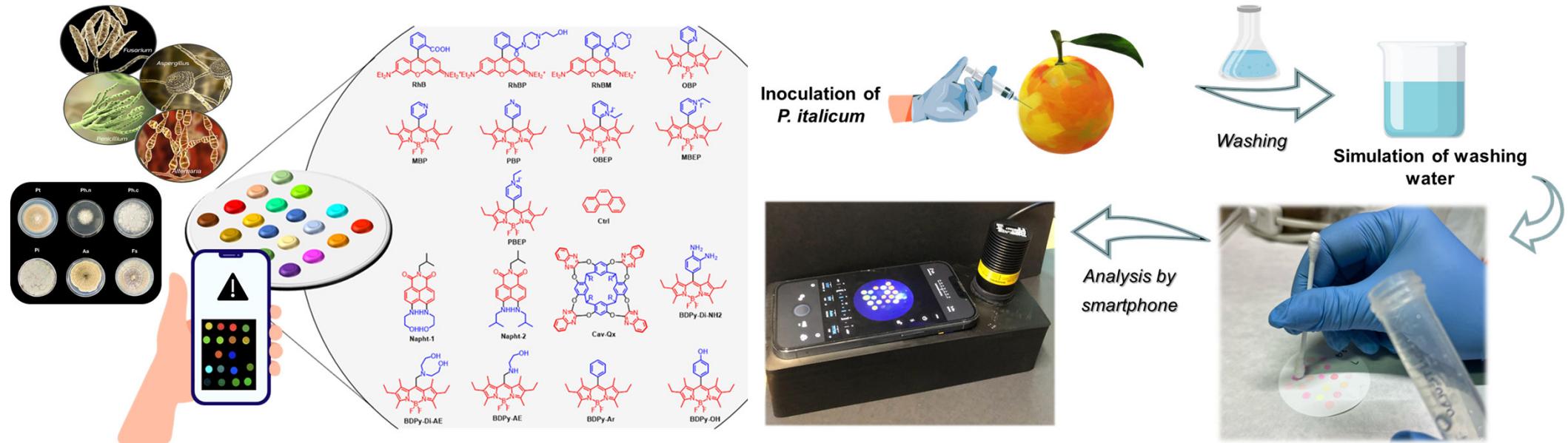
## THE PROBLEM TO BE SOLVED

- Detection and identification of plant pathogenic fungi have relevant implications for food safety and human health and require fast and easy-to handle diagnostic techniques
- Modern technologies used to detect pollutants, including phytopathogens, involve instrumental analysis
- **IMPACT**: Agribusiness, Seed industry, Environmental Protection Agencies, Health Care and Clinical Diagnostics, QC in the Pharmaceutical Field, Water Quality Monitoring
- ***State of the art***: Modern technologies use expensive and bulky machines, long analysis times, and specialized personnel.



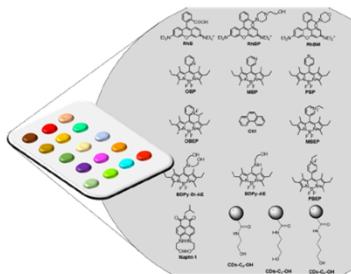
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## OUR SOLUTION: a Point-Of-Care (POC) method based on an Array System



## DEVELOPMENT PLAN UNDER SAMOTHRACE ECOSYSTEM

- Background: organophosphate detection by array – TRL 2-3



NAs Classification	Chemical structures
G-Type	
V-Type	



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- ACS Appl. Nano Mat. 2021, 4, 6250
- Chem. Eur. J. 2021, 27, 13715
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- Work within Samothrace:

- ✓ Synthesis of new probes for pathogens detection
- ✓ Detection of pathogens
  - Linearity range of concentration
  - Selectivity
  - Multivariate analysis
- ✓ Development of an application for smartphone
- ✓ TRL 4

### Pathogens detected

- *Penicillium digitatum*
- *Penicilium italicum*,
- *Phytophthora citrophthora*,
- *Phytophthora nicotianae*,
- *Plenodomus tracheiphilus*,
- *Alternaria alternata*,
- *Fusarium sacchari*.

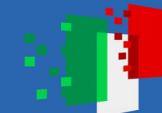
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## NEXT STEP UNDER SAMOTHRACE ECOSYSTEM

- Patent: in preparation
- BAC: TD-Group Italia SRL
- *In situ* analyses
- System prototype demonstration in operational environment: Final TRL 7



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