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Fieldable, Dual-Technique Assay for the Analysis of Organophosphorus Compounds for Environmental and Chemical Defense Applications

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Automated Mass Spectrometry

Organophosphorus Compounds

- Used as insecticides, medications, and nerve agents
- Inhibit esterase enzymes

Occupational Safety and Health Administration						
Nerve Agents Guide						
Low Dose	Medium Dose	High Dose				
 Runny nose Pupil contraction Headache Slurred speech Chest pains 	 More pronounced symptoms Coughing Breathing problems Convulsions 	 Immediate convulsions Shut down of nervous and respiratory system Death from suffocation 				



The Guardian



Desmond Boylan/Reuters

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Paper Spray Mass Spectrometry (PS-MS)



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Surface Enhanced Raman Spectroscopy (SERS)

- Raman is a vibrational spectroscopic technique
- Inelastic scattering of photons
- Raman generally not sensitive
- SERS enhances Raman scattering
 - Localized surface plasmon resonance (LSPR)



Previous Work



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Previous Work



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SERS Parameters

785 nm laser 30% power 5x average 10s integration time

Paper-Based SERS

B&W Tek iRaman Plus



Metrohm P-SERS Paper



VeriSpray Paper Spray Source







Automated Paper Spray



3D Printed Devices





Laser Probe Holder

PS/SERS Insert

Paper Spray Parameters

	0 V		-3000 V	0 V	3700 V	0 V
0		0.1		0.55 0.6 minutes	1.1	1.2
			Level	Concentration (ng)	Concentration (ppm)	
			1	75	25	
			2	37.5	12.5	
			3	18.75	6.25	
			4	9.375	3.13	
			5	4.6875	1.56	

3 uL ISTD spotted ON TOP MeOH with 0.1% FA solvent

Sample In-Field Workflow



Fig. 1 pSERS strips







Fig. 3 SERS probe and insert holder



Fig. 4 SERS Spectrum





Fig. 7 PS-MS analysis





Fig. 5 Insert inside of VeriSpray sample plate

Fig. 6 Plates loaded into VeriSpray automated source system on Altis MS

Sample analyzed with SERS then PS



EDA





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IDA





Malathion







DMMP



DIMP





Analytes not detected with SERS



Mixtures



River Water





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Conclusions/future directions

- Developed of a dual-technique assay to detect organophosphorus compounds
- Determined LODs for compounds using PS and SERS
- 3D printed insert for facilitating the transfer between methods
- Future work will focus on:
 - Modifying the substrate surface with an affinity-based treatment to improve the SERS performance for the molecules that were not detected
 - Developing a 3D printed sampling apparatus for wiping chemicals off surfaces
 - Use of a portable MS

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