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Micromotors for clinical diagnosis

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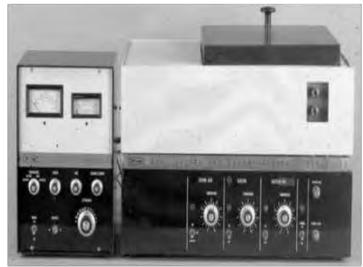
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Downsizing Analytical Diagnostics

CONVENTIONAL
ANALYTICAL
SYSTEMS

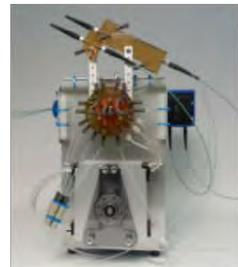


Old gas chromatograph

MILLISYSTEMS

m

mm



Miniaturized FIA

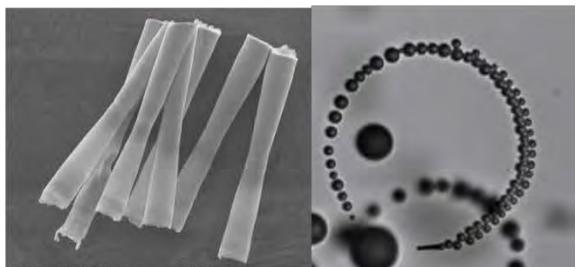
MICROSYSTEMS

μm



MEMS
μTAS

nm



Self-propelled nanomotors

NANOSYSTEMS

What and Why micromotors?

- Microdevice that converts energy into mechanical work
- Propulsion based in asymmetry
- Chemistry “on the fly”
- Autonomous work
- Fast diagnosis times
- Diagnosis “on the fly”
- Low clinical sample volumes

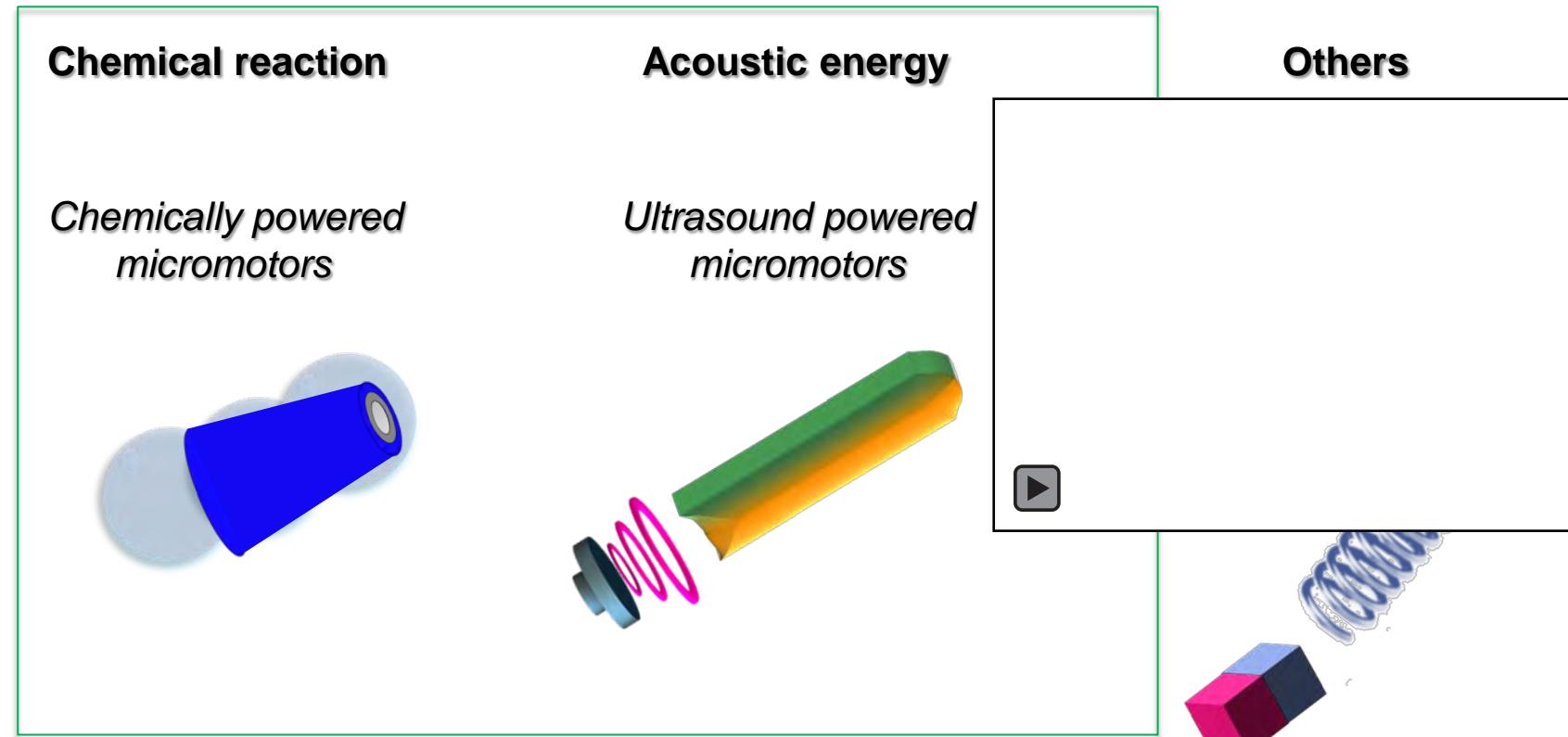
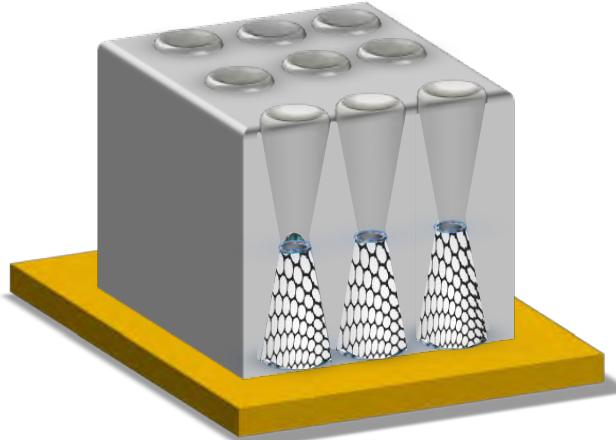


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Fabrication of graphene-based micromotors



Synthesized micromotors

Graphene/Pt
Graphene/Au

Control (polyaniline, PANI)
PANI/Pt
PANI/ Au

Membrane as template

Gold sputter

Graphene oxide
CV (-1.5 V, 5 cycles)

Platinum
(-2 mA 500s)
or Gold/catalase
(-0.9 V, 1 C)

Removal of
sputtered layer

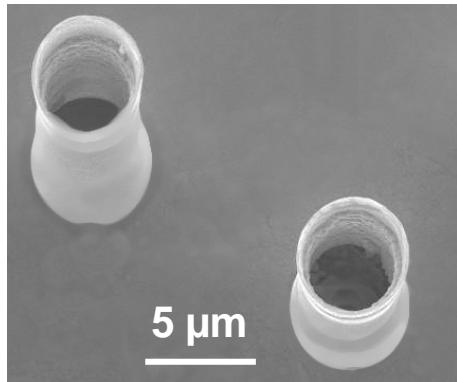
Removal of
membrane

Electrochemical cell
WE- membrane
RE- Ag/AgCl
CE- Pt wire

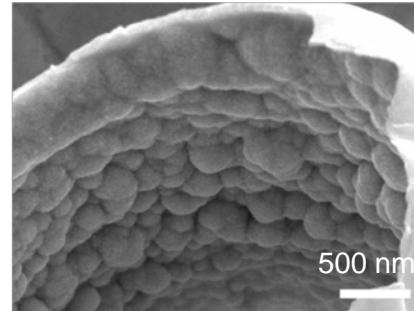
Electrochemical deposition

Micromotors release

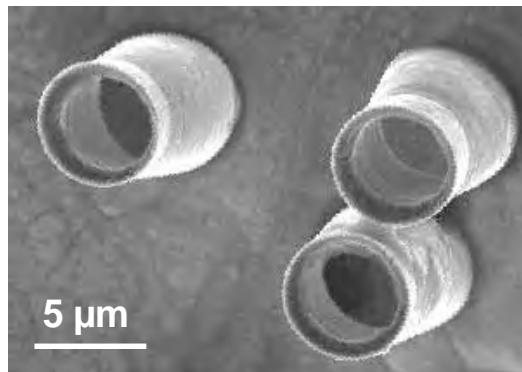
Characterization of graphene-based micromotors by SEM



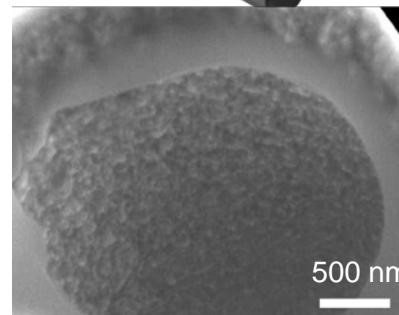
Graphene/Pt



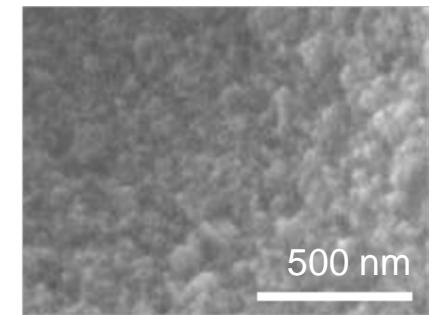
Pt Nanoparticles



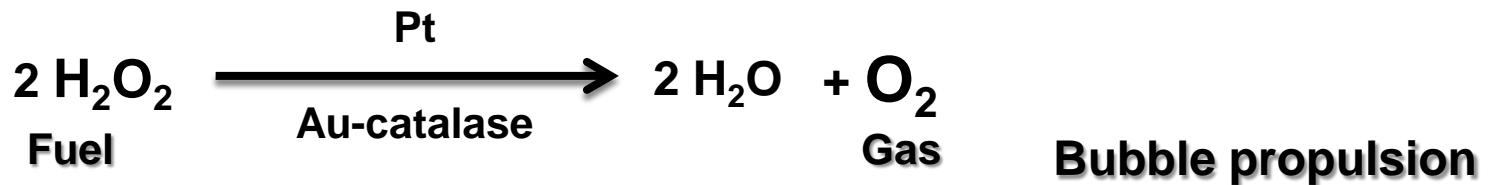
Graphene/Au



Au Nanoparticles



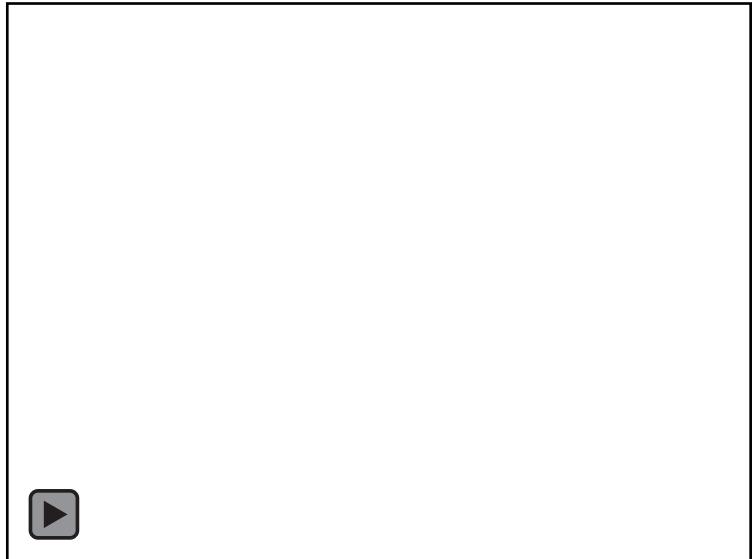
Chemically powered graphene micromotors



Graphene/Pt microengines in 2 % H₂O₂ with 1.5% sodium cholate.

Speed of chemically powered graphene micromotors

Pt ($\mu\text{m s}^{-1}$)					
Graphene	37	81	170	390	1700
PANI	0	30	96	220	660
H₂O₂ (%)	0.1	0.2	0.5	1.0	3.0



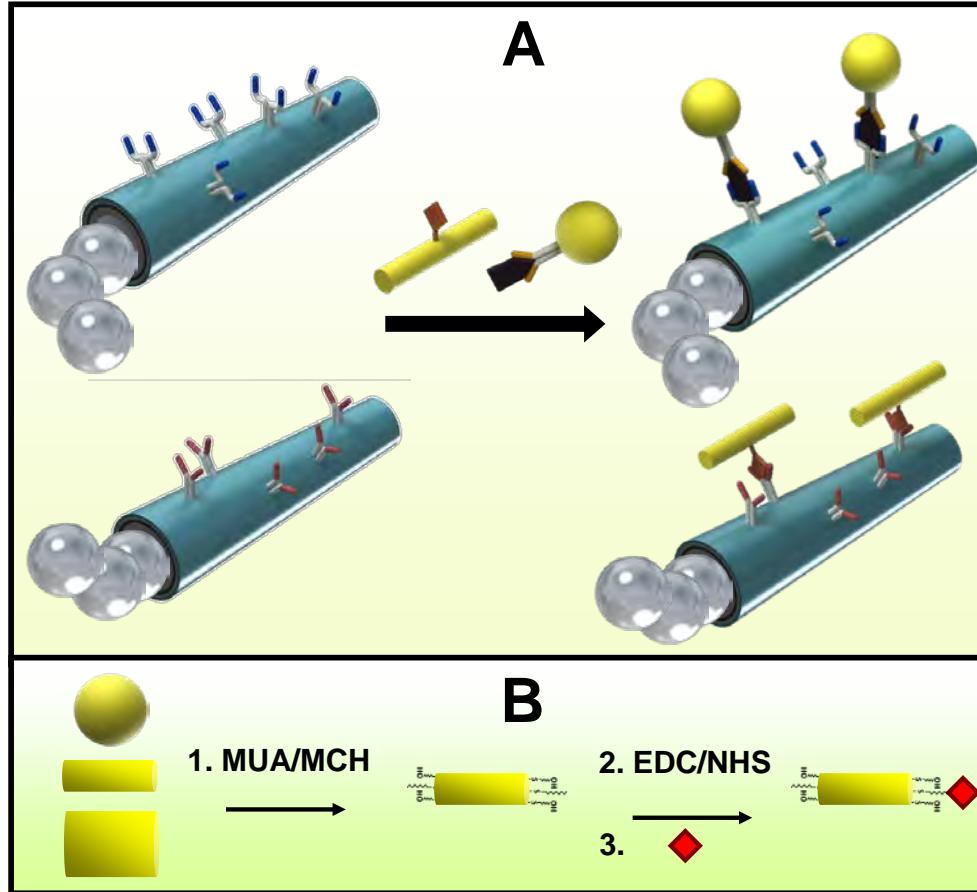
Au/catalase ($\mu\text{m s}^{-1}$)	
Graphene	321
PANI	156
H₂O₂ (%)	1.0



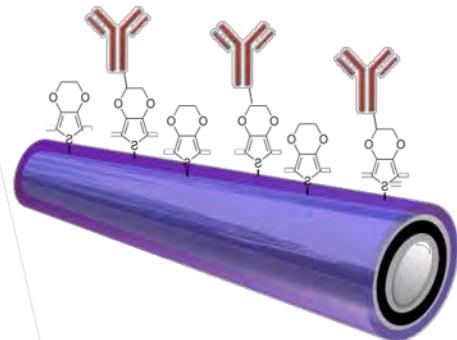
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Protein detection with particles of different shapes and sizes

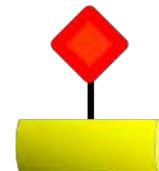


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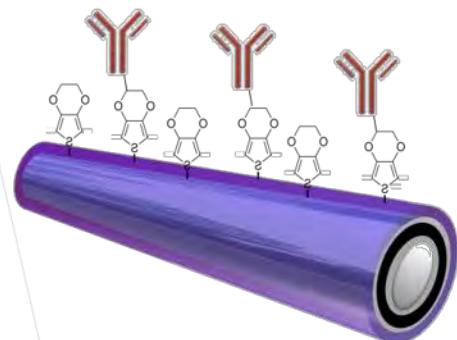
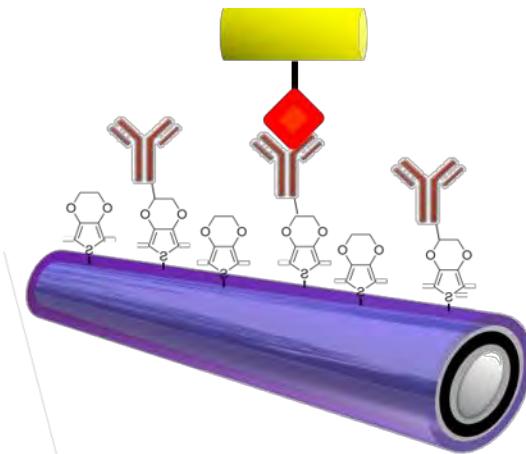


Anti-Ovalbumin modified motor

+



Ovalbumin modified wire

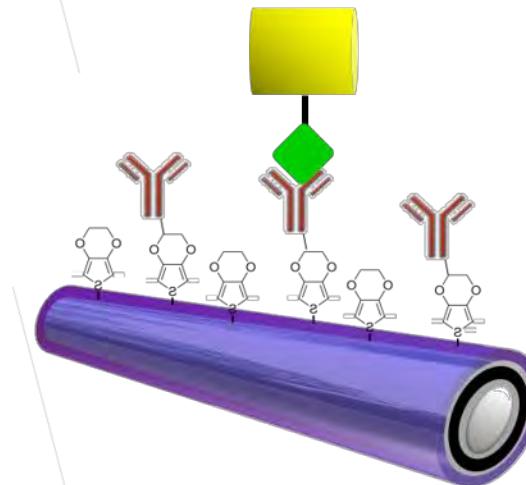


Anti-Inmunoglobulin IgG modified motor

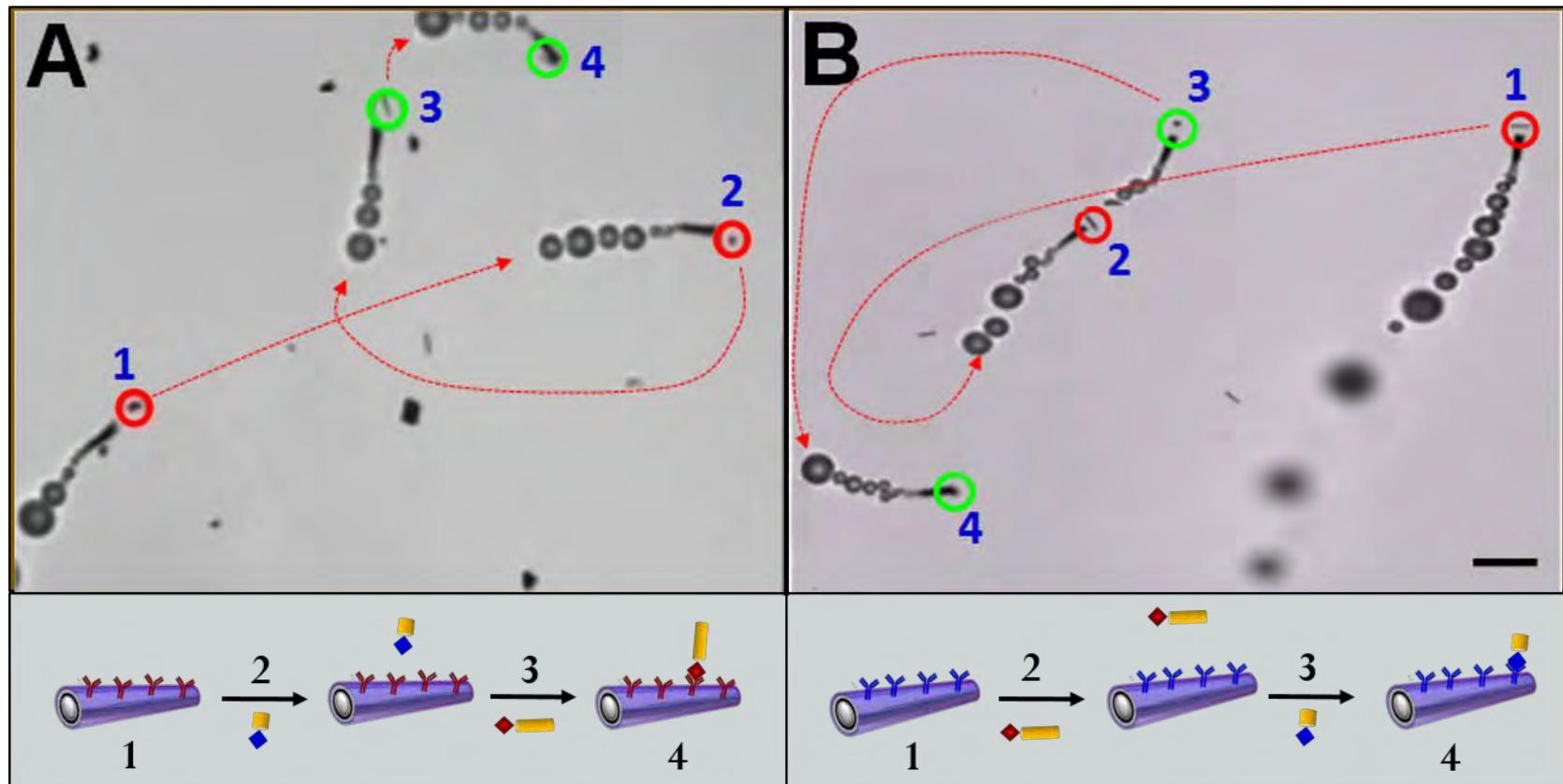
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Immunoglobulin IgG modified Square



Multiplexed detection of proteins



A. An anti-ovalbumin-functionalized micromotor capturing a 4 μm wire-tagged ovalbumin proteins after bypassing a 2 μm square-tagged IgG proteins as negative control

B. Anti-IgG functionalized micromotor capturing a 2 μm square-tagged IgG proteins after bypassing a 4 μm wire-tagged ovalbumin proteins.

Selective capture of Ovalbumin

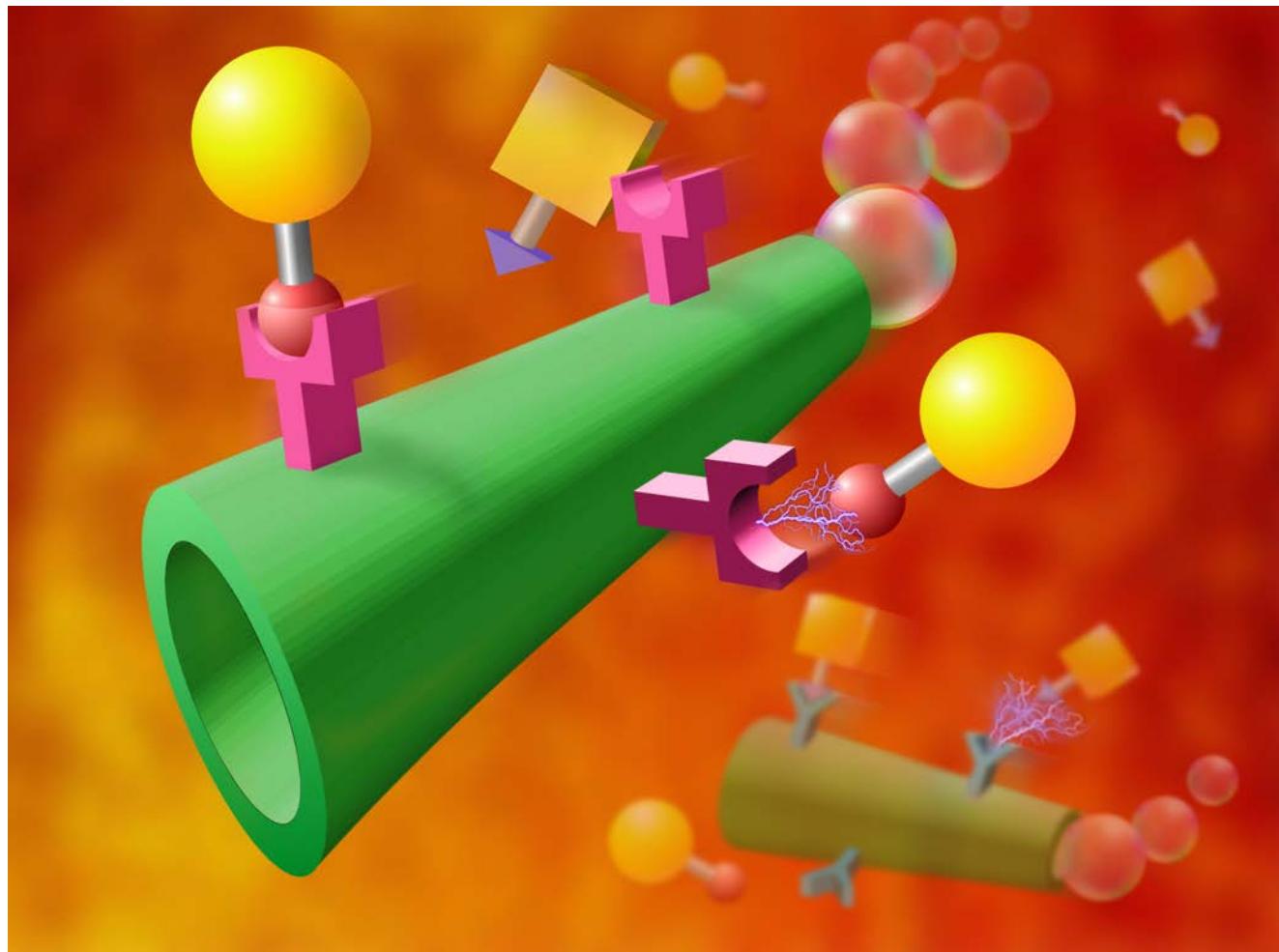
2 μ m squares-tagged IgG (N.C.)



Selective capture of IgG
4 μ m wires-tagged Ovalbumin (NC)



Micromotors for multiplexed immunoassays

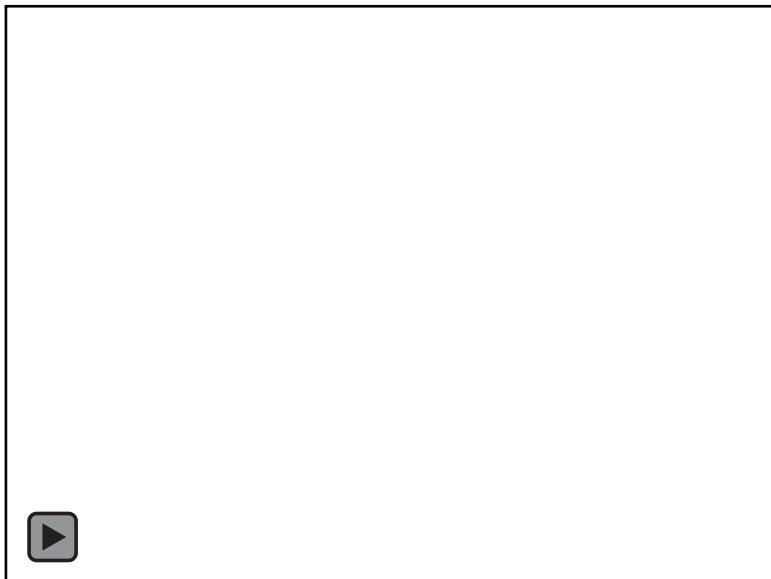
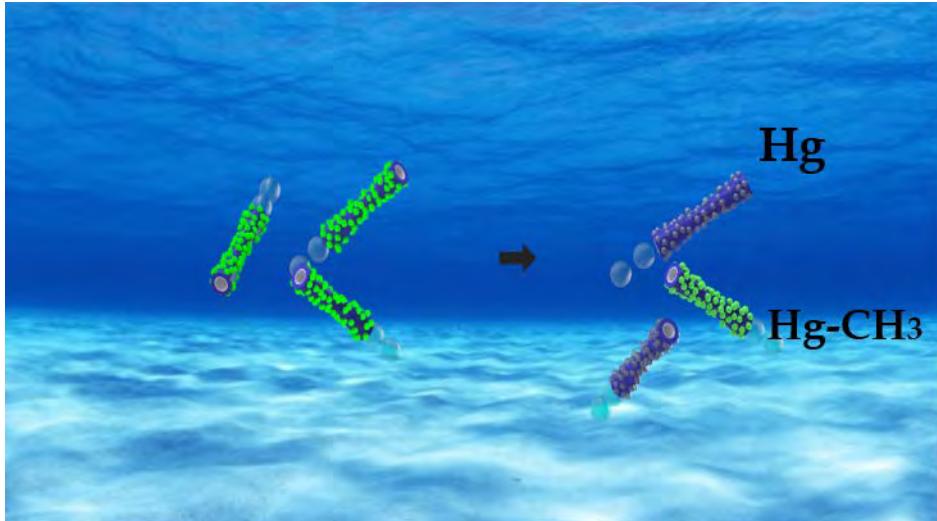


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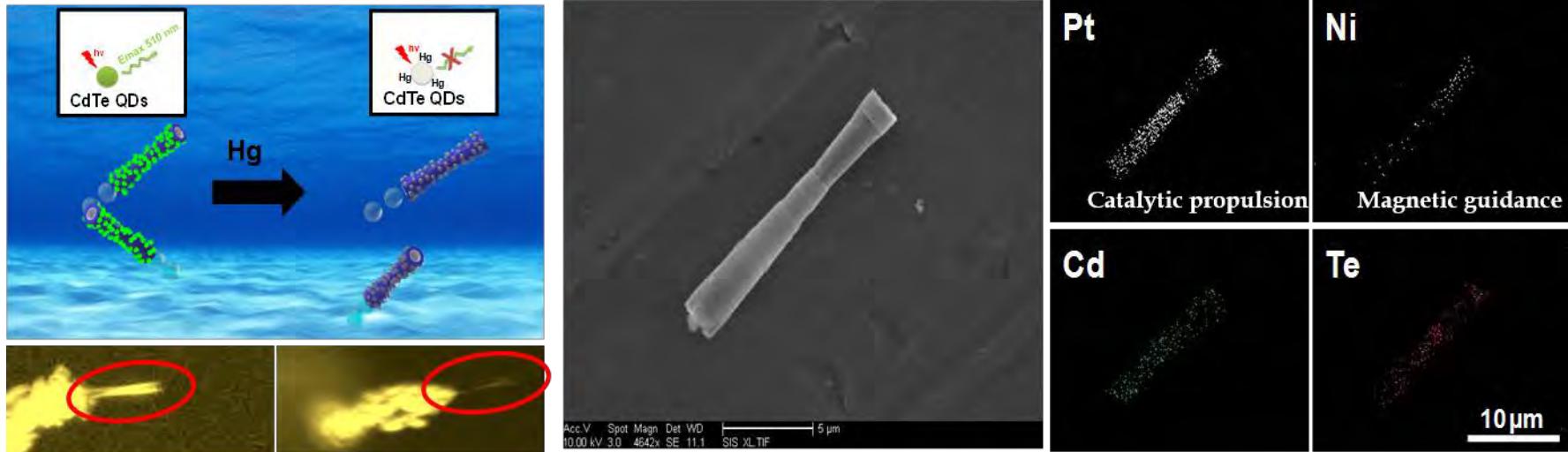
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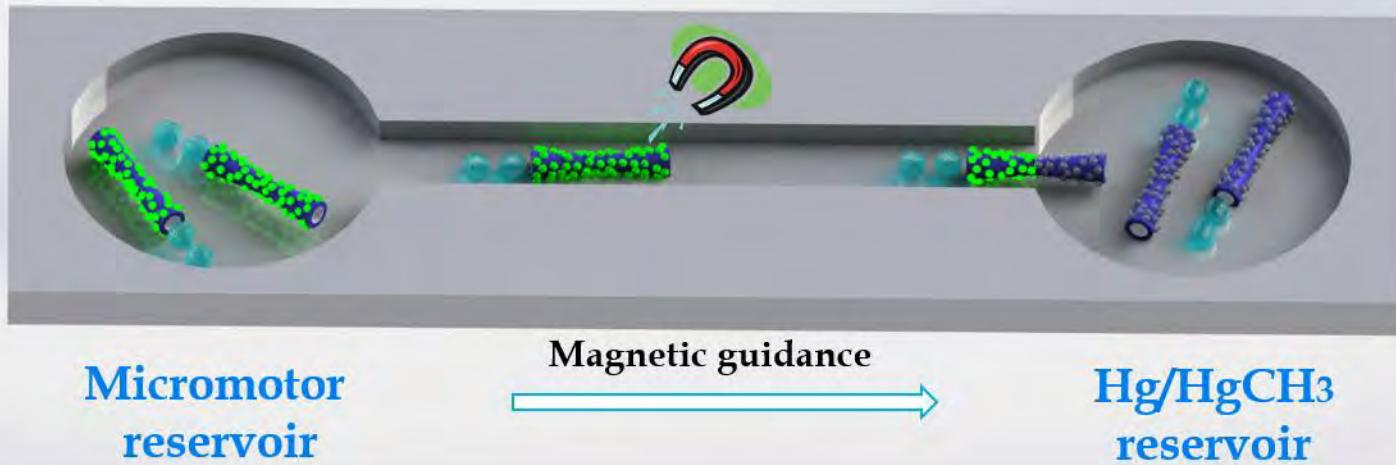
Quantum Dots-based micromotors for smart chemical sensing



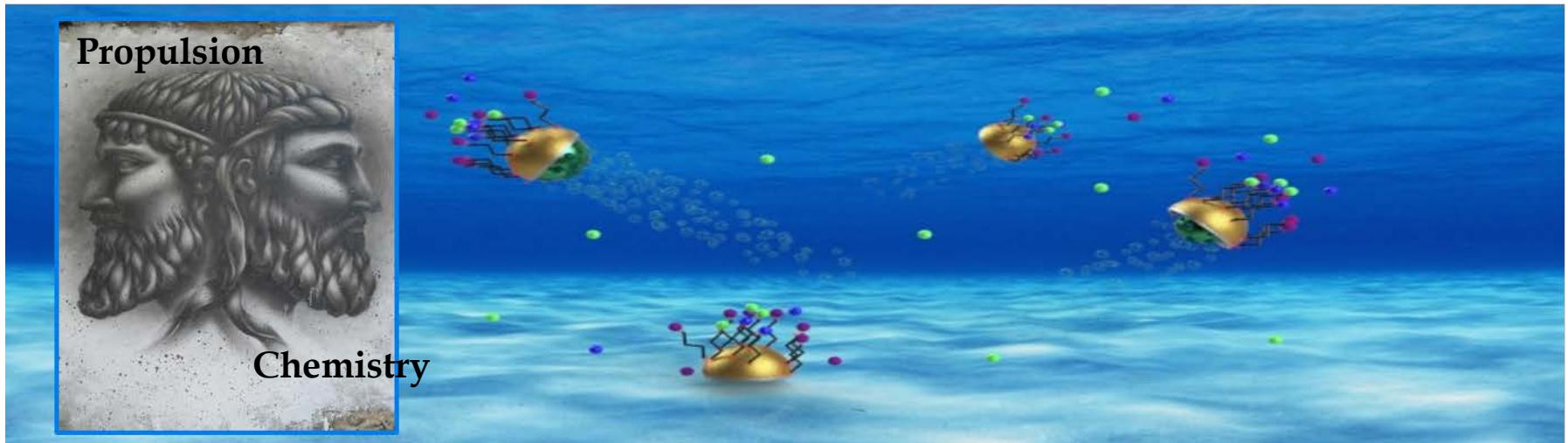
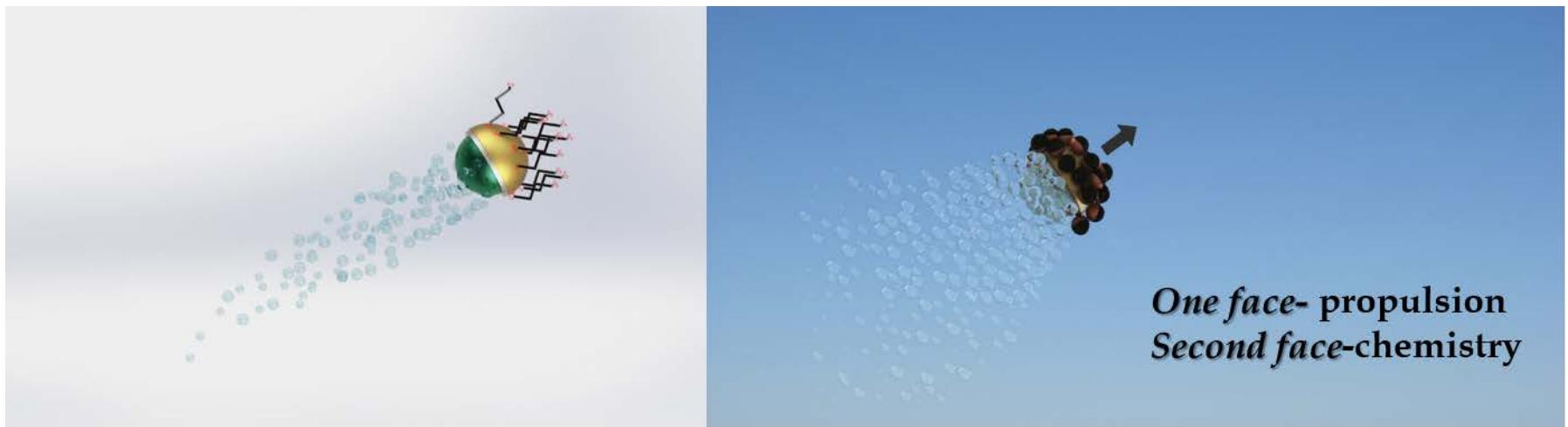
Quantum Dots-based micromotors for LOC chemical sensing



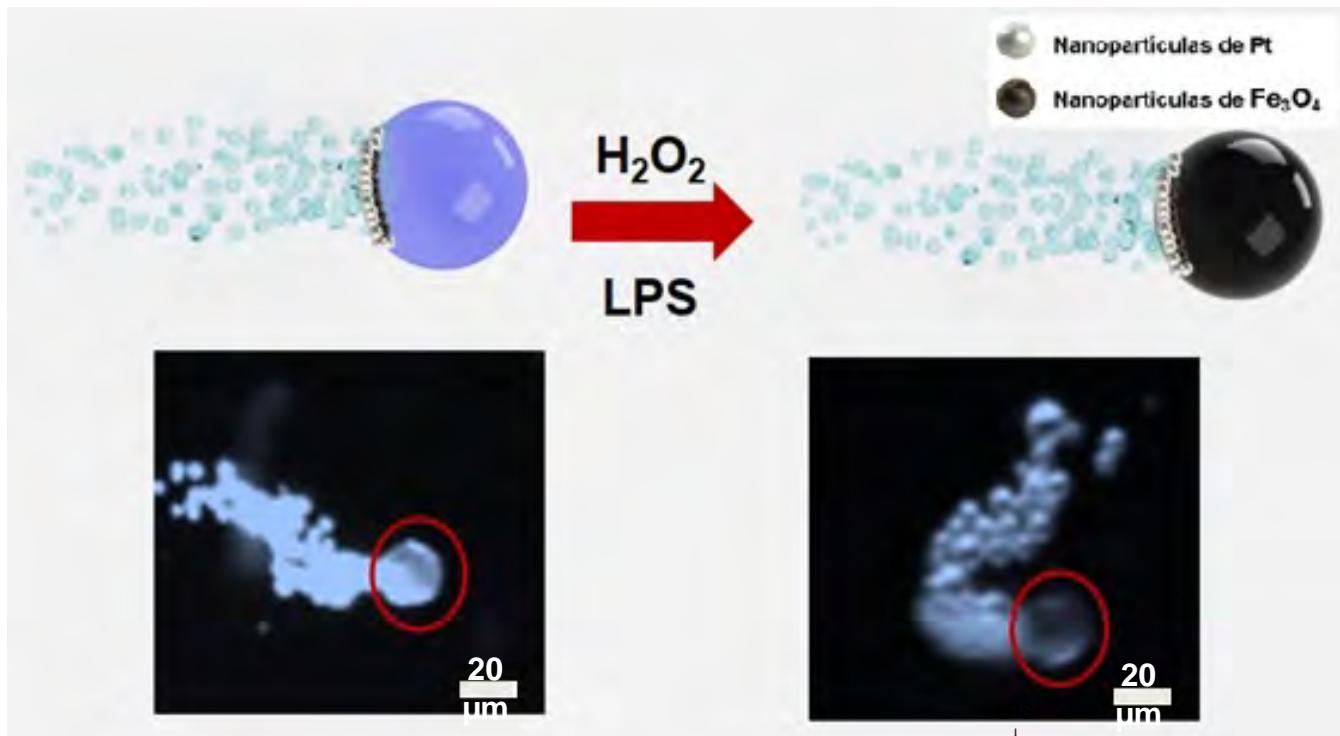
Future perspectives



What is a Janus particle? Two faces, two components



Graphene Quantum Dots-based Janus micromotors for endotoxin detection: strategy

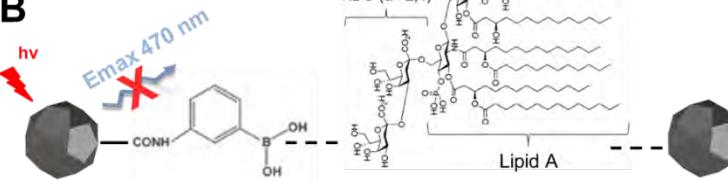


A



GQDs - PABA

B

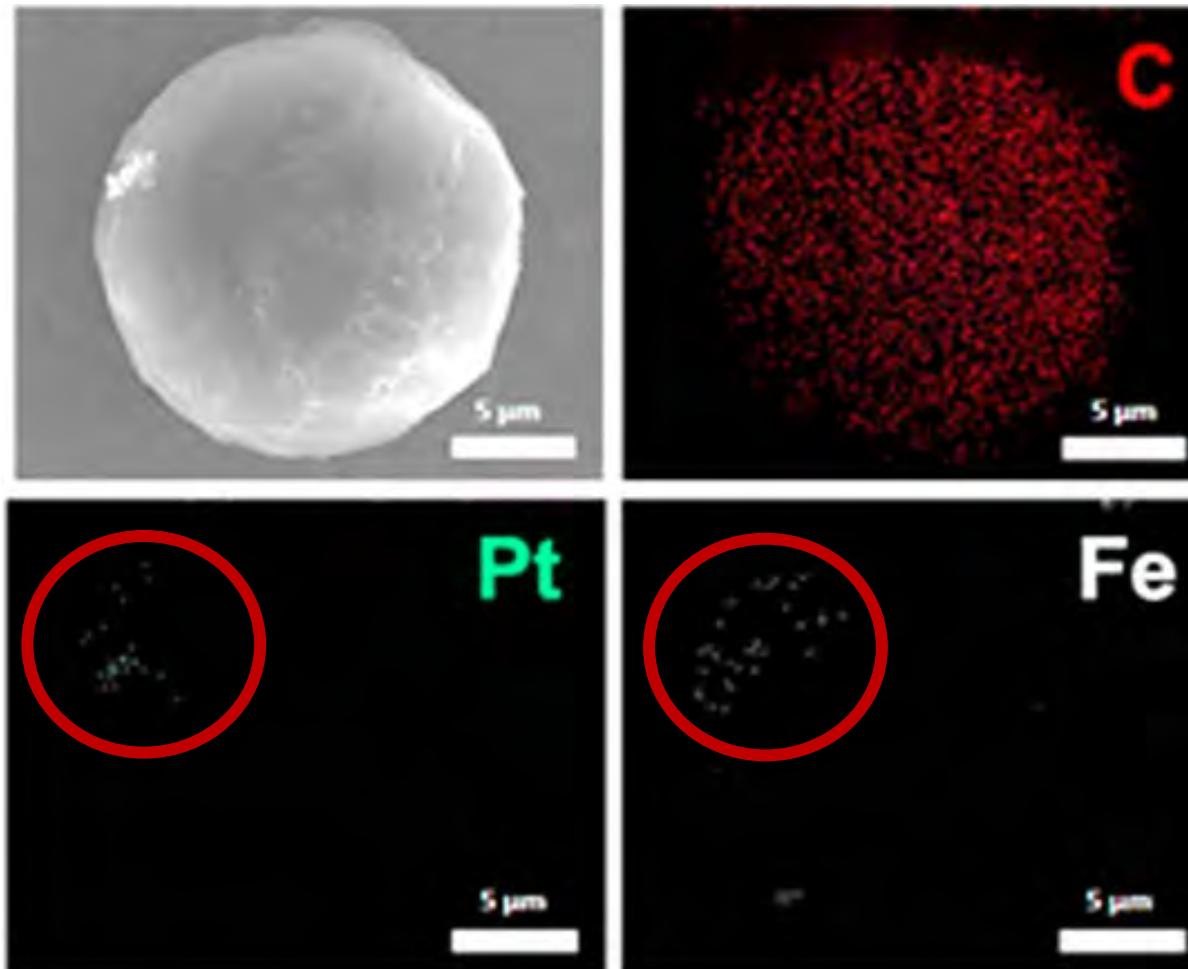


GQDs – PABA – LPS– PABA – LPS

Lipopolysaccharides (LPS) from Escherichia Coli/3-Aminophenylboronic acid (PABA)

Graphene Quantum Dots-based Janus micromotors for endotoxin detection: characterization

SEM Y



Graphene Quantum Dots-based Janus micromotors for endotoxin detection



Bubble propulsion

Graphene Quantum Dots-based Janus micromotors for endotoxin detection



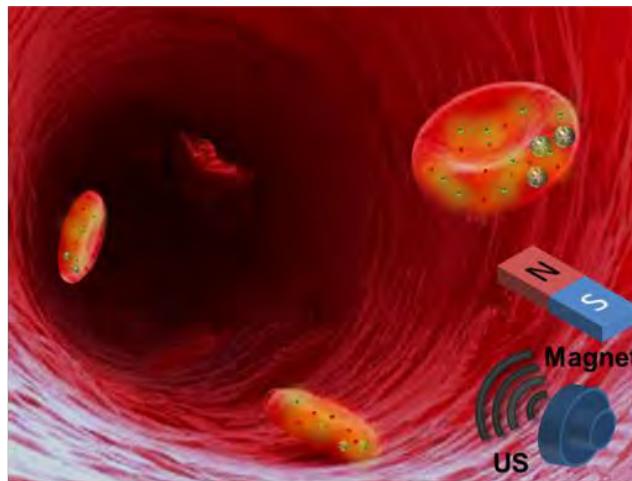
Biological materials detection: extension of the concept



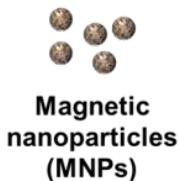
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Red Blood Cell micromotors: biocompatible transporters



Mimeting blood vessels with
microfluidic channels



Magnetic
nanoparticles
(MNPs)

Magneto-switchable control
Ultrasound propulsion



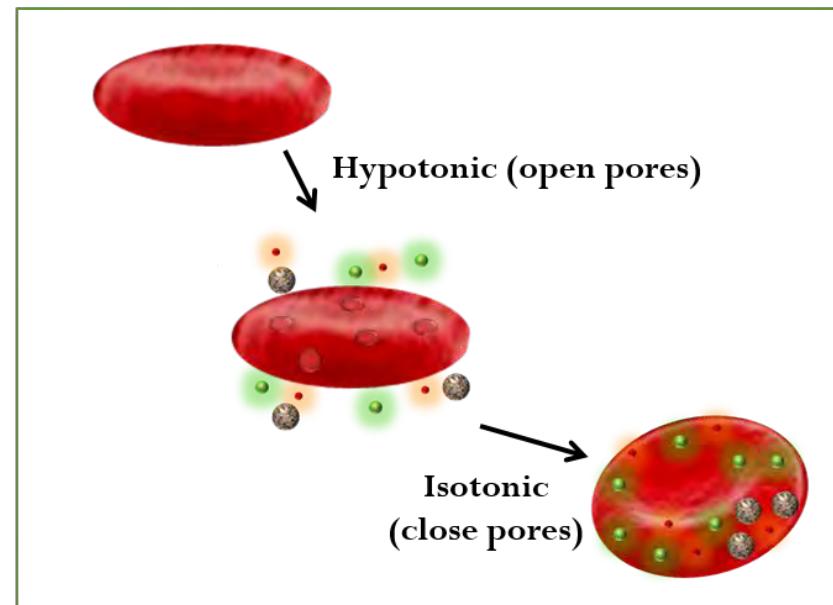
Quantum Dots
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Fluorescence imaging

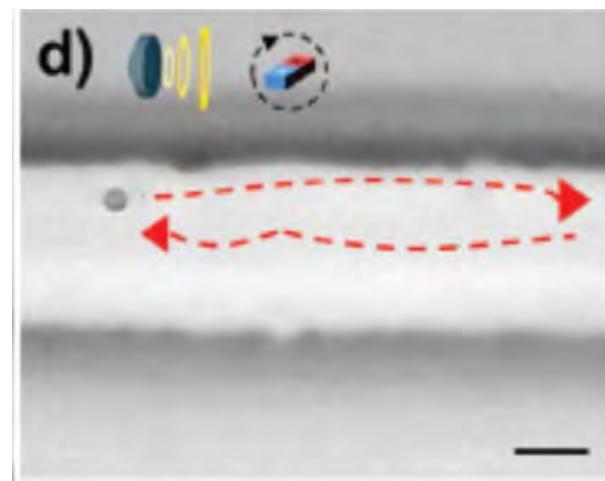
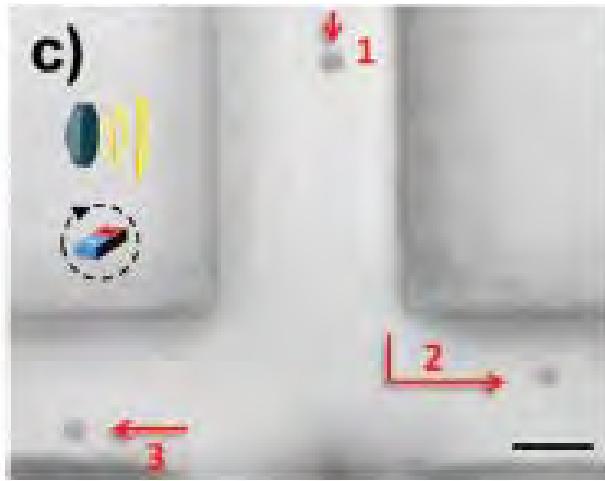


Doxorubicin
(DOX)

Cargo towards theranostics

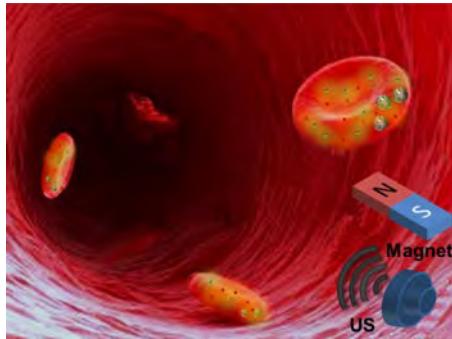


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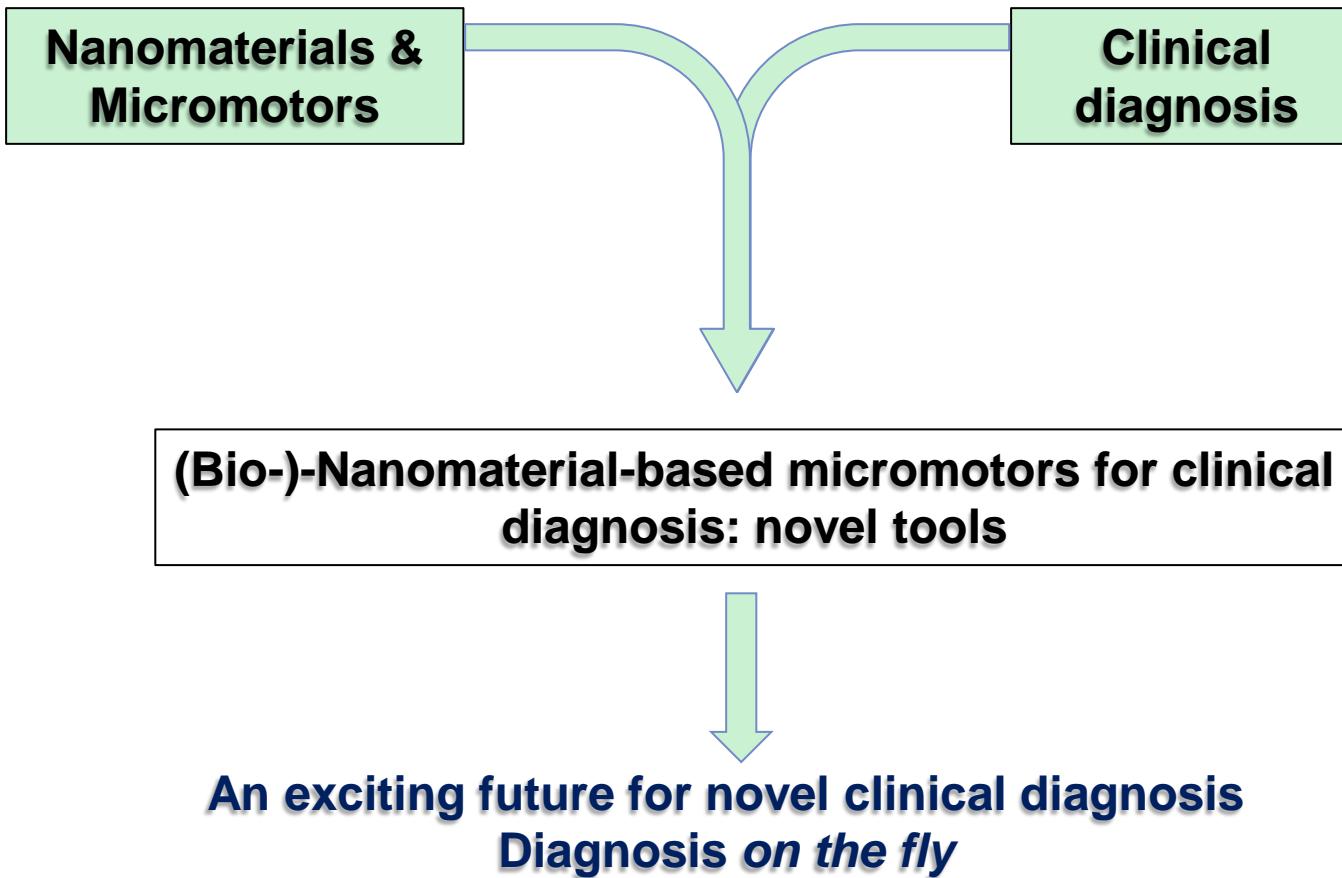
PDMS microfluidic channel



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Conclusion & Perspective



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