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NH₃ControlFarm, solid sensor doped with SiO₂ nanoparticles: confirmation studies of its response for the determination of ammonia in farms

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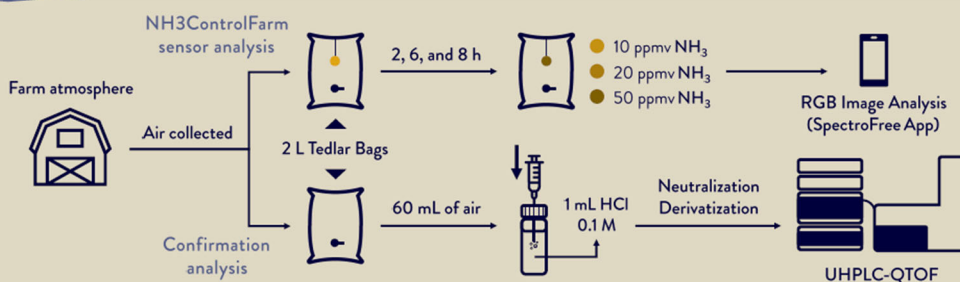
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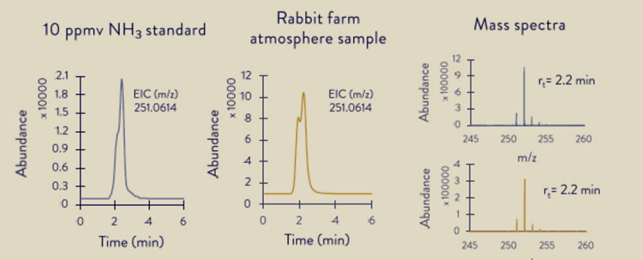
Introduction

The NH₃ControlFarm is a colorimetric solid sensor patented by the MINTOTA-UV research group [1]. The sensor is based on a PDMS and TEOS composite doped with SiO₂ nanoparticles, using NQS as derivatizing agent and an ionic liquid. The presence of NH₃ in the atmosphere produces a shift in the colour in the sensor which can be measured by RGB Image Analysis using the SpectroFree App obtaining the NH₃ concentration. The results provided by the SpectroFree App were compared to those obtained by an UHPLC-QTOF prior NH₃ derivatization with dansyl chloride. The aim of this work is to demonstrate the accuracy of the obtained results for its purpose.

Methodology



Results and discussion



Analysis of farm atmospheres
NH₃ quantification in poultry (A and B) and rabbit (C and D) farms. The results were comparable with Er < 10 % in all cases.

Sample	NH ₃ found concentration (ppmv)	
	SpectroFree App	UHPLC-QTOF
Farm A	3.71	3.81
Farm B	2.50	2.66
Farm C	6.72	6.63
Farm D	8.20	8.68

Instrument	Working range (ppmv)	y-intercept	Slope (ppmv ⁻¹)	R ²	LOQ (ppmv)
SpectroFree App	3 - 50	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	3
UHPLC-QTOF	0.05 - 50	-0.78 ± 0.04	44.5 ± 0.5	0.9998	0.05

Conclusion

Four farm atmosphere samples (two from poultry farms and two from rabbit farms) were collected and analysed by RGB Image Analysis (SpectroFree App) and UHPLC-QTOF prior derivatization. Both methodologies provided similar results (Er < 10 %) with concentrations ranging from 2 to 10 ppmv. This work demonstrates the effectiveness of the sensor for animal farm NH₃ monitoring.

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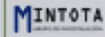
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Study of the influence of silica nanoparticles on NQS-doped PDMS-based sensors

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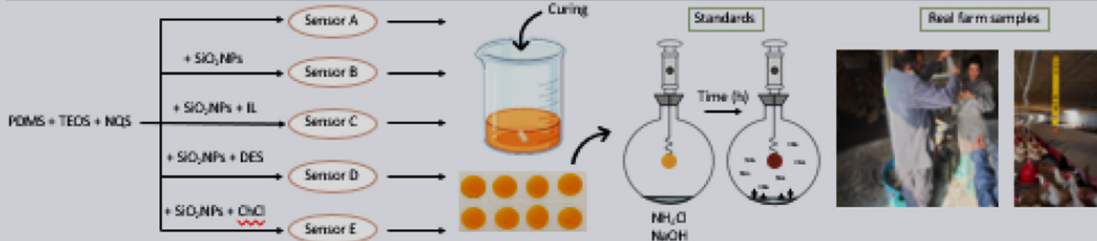
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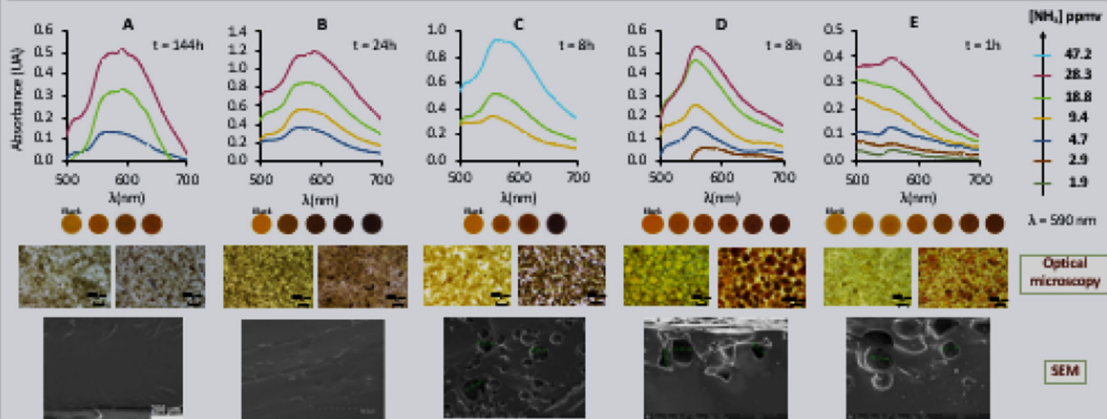
Introduction

Ammonia (NH₃), yet common in nature, in concentrated form can have strong negative impact in animal farms, in particular in the poultry industry with adverse effects on birds' health, growth rate, immune system and intestinal histomorphology. Additionally, the release of NH₃ in the environment is a cause of acid rain, acting as catalyst. The Council Directive 2007/43/EC states that the NH₃ concentration should not exceed 20ppm-v over any eight-hour period or 35ppm-v over any ten-minute period during the poultry production cycle. Passive sensors with different compositions that allow ammonia determination in several atmospheres, requiring zero energy cost and having no toxicity have been developed by MINTOTA²⁻⁴. This work presents new composites based on polydimethylsiloxane (PDMS) and tetraethyl orthosilicate (TEOS) with sodium salt of 1,2-naphthoquinone-4-sulfonic acid (NQS) as an embedded reagent. The influence of silica nanoparticles (SiO₂NPs) present in the synthesis of these sensors combined with different compounds such as ionic liquid (IL) and new compositions including deep eutectic solvent (DES) and choline chloride [ChCl] were discussed.

Experimental description



Results and discussion



Sensor	t (h)	Linearity [NH ₃] ppmv				LOD [NH ₃] ppmv
		b ± S _b	a ± S _a	R ²	Linear interval [NH ₃] ppmv	
A	144	0.015 ± 0.001	0.07 ± 0.03	0.98	3.0 – 28.3	1.0
B	24	0.038 ± 0.004	0.19 ± 0.01	0.97	1.3 – 28.3	0.4
C	8	0.020 ± 0.002	0.09 ± 0.06	0.98	3.0 – 47.2	1.0
D	8	0.0173 ± 0.0009	0.093 ± 0.012	0.99	2.9 – 28.3	1.0
E	1	0.0121 ± 0.0006	0.052 ± 0.009	0.99	1.9 – 28.3	1.0

Sample	[NH ₃] ppmv			
	Sensor B	Sensor C	Sensor D	Sensor E
S1	2.5	3.2	2.2	3.0
S2	4.5	3.6	4.5	3.8
S3	4.0	3.2	4.5	3.0
S4	4.5	4.2	4.0	5.2

Conclusions

Different responses were obtained for each type of nanoparticle chemosensor depending on the combination of the nanoparticles with the compounds present in each type of composite. It was observed that the presence of SiO₂NPs in the sensor increases the sensitivity with respect to their absence. The combination of these nanoparticles with IL and DES reduces the exposure times up to 8 hours and their combination with ChCl reduces it up to 1 hour for obtaining similar signals. Therefore, it was concluded that the presence of silica nanoparticles in combination with these compounds increases the surface/volume ratio, the porosity, as observed by microscopy, and the sensitivity of the sensor for the determination of ammonia. This performance aid to develop sampling plans in poultry farms in function of the atmosphere to control obtaining similar results with all types of sensors with SiO₂NPs at different sampling times.

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