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Spinning A New Role For CDs And CD Players

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CD-ROMs and DVDs and the hardware used to play these popular audio and video compact discs (CDs) have "enormous" potential as a new generation of portable, inexpensive instruments for home health monitoring and laboratory-based testing, scientists in Spain are reporting in the Oct. 15 issue of ACS' Analytical Chemistry, a semi-monthly journal. CD technology could be adapted for tests ranging from the measurement of environmental toxins to at-home disease diagnosis, their report said.

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In the study, Angel Maquieira and colleagues demonstrated technology that uses ordinary www.natc-ht.com

CDs and CD players as analytical tools with the potential for performing a range of key laboratory tests. As proof of principle, they developed a CD with a surface coating of so-called immunoassay materials and used it to identify three pesticides — 2,4,5-TP, chlorpyriphos, and metolachlor — placed on the disc. Upon spinning in a CD player with its standard laser light, the compounds caused changes in light intensity. A computer interpreted those changes and correctly named the compounds.

"The obtained results show the enormous prospective of compact discs in combination with CD players for multiresidue and drug discovery applications," <u>the article states</u>. The researchers are currently working on ways to increase the sensitivity and versatility of the new technique.

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