Enhanced Electron Transfer Efficiency of Fructose Dehydrogenase onto Roll-to-Roll Thermal Stamped Laser-Patterned Reduced Graphene Oxide Films

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ABSTRACT: Herein, a strategy to stamp laser-produced reduced graphene oxide (rGO) onto flexible polymers using only office-grade tools, namely, roll-to-roll thermal stamping, is proposed, proving for the first time its effectiveness for direct bioelectrocatalysis. This straightforward, scalable, and low-cost approach allows us to overcome the limits of the integration of laser-induced rGO-films in bioanalytical devices. Laser-produced rGO has been thermally stamped (TS) onto different polymeric substrates (PET, PVC, and EVA) using a simple roll-laminator; the obtained TS-rGO films have been compared with the native rGO (untransferred) via morphochemical and electrochemical characterization. Particularly, the direct electron transfer (DET) reaction between fructose dehydrogenase (FDH) and TS-rGO transducers has been investigated, with respect to the influence of the amount of enzyme on the catalytic process. Remarkable differences have been observed among TS-rGO transducers; PET proved to be the elective substrate to support the transfer of the laser-induced rGO, allowing the preservation of the morphochemical features of the native material and returning a reduced capacitive current. Noteworthily,

TS-rGOs ensure superior electrocatalysis using a very low amount of FDH units (15 mU). Eventually, TS-rGO-based thirdgeneration complete enzymatic biosensors were fabricated via low-cost benchtop technologies. TS- $rGO_{p_{ET}}$ exhibited bioanalytical performances superior to the native rGO, allowing a sensitive (0.0289 μ A cm^{−2} μ M^{−1}) and reproducible (RSD = 3%, *n* = 3) Dfructose determination at the nanomolar level (LOD = 0.2 *μ*M). TS-rGO exploitability as a point-of-need device was proved via the monitoring of D-fructose during banana (*Musa acuminata*) postharvest ripening, returning accurate (recoveries 110−90%; relative error −13/+1%) and reproducible (RSD ≤ 7%; *n* = 3) data.

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1. INTRODUCTION

Over the last decades, carbonaceous materials greatly affected applied nanotechnology and among them, graphene is still considered the 'gold nanomaterial' for bioelectronics.^{[1](#page-9-0)} Graphene is a two-dimensional nanomaterial characterized by a wide surface area and unique electrical and mechanical features, which make it attractive for advanced electronics, including capacitors, transistors, and sensing devices. $2,3$ Pure graphene presents some limitations, in particular regarding synthesis, poor water-solubility, and stability; this makes it complex to both handle and integrate into lab-made devices. Therefore, graphene derivatives have gained attention; among others, graphene oxide (GO) is particularly appealing because of its water-dispersibility, stability, and ease of manipulation. 4 GO is produced through oxidation treatments starting from graphite, resulting in a graphene surface chemistry rich in oxygen moieties (hydroxyl groups, carboxyl groups, etc.); this surface chemistry provides reactive domains for chemical modification/functionalization

and results useful for band gap-based electronics. $5,6$ $5,6$ $5,6$ On the other hand, GO's low electrical conductivity imparts an insulating or semiconductive behavior to this material, which represents a strong limit for (bio)electrochemical applications based on electron transfer reactions.

Several efforts have been devoted to converting GO into its conductive and electrochemically active counterpart, i.e., reduced graphene oxide (rGO); among the various proposed approaches chemical reduction, thermal annealing, and laser-assisted photothermal reduction have been reported.^{[7](#page-9-0),[8](#page-9-0)} Chemical reduction involves the use of different chemicals as

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 $a(A)$ Serial laser-induced formation of rGO-based working and counter electrodes, starting from GO film. (B) Roll-to-roll thermal stamping of rGO working and counter electrodes by roll-to-roll thermal laminator onto a substrate enclosing the complementary contacts.

hydrazine, sodium borohydride, and ascorbic acid.^{[9](#page-9-0)} Although this method can produce rGO in solution, the formation of other functional groups on the surface of the material may occur due to the use of reducing agents.⁸ In thermal annealing, GO is reduced to rGO via high temperatures, causing the production CO and $CO₂$ ^{[10](#page-9-0)} which may cause the elimination of carbon atoms from the GO structure. This triggers graphene sheets cracking into smaller fragments bringing additional distortion to the sp^2 carbon plane.¹¹ For sensor fabrication, both methods exhibit the limit of forming thin conductive rGO films onto flexible polymeric supports.

Laser photothermal reduction represents an effective approach to form rGO-nanostructured conductive films, using a $CO₂$ laser plotter only.^{[12](#page-10-0)} In this approach, GO film is irradiated with a laser beam and instantly converted in situ to rGO. Kaner et al.^{[13](#page-10-0)} proposed this approach for the first time, in this case, a standard LightScribe DVD was employed to drive the direct laser reduction of graphite oxide to graphene, proving that the produced films possess mechanical and electrical features particularly useful for electrochemical capacitors development. The same group proposed the modification of different solid substrates with the same material, demonstrating for the first time application in gas sensing.^{[14](#page-10-0)} No doubt, laser-patterning is a straightforward approach to form conductive rGO patterns with micrometric resolution, particularly prone to microelectronic and (bio)sensing platform development. $6,15$ $6,15$ $6,15$

In electroanalytical chemistry, the integration of rGO conductive films onto polymeric flexible substrates is still an open issue. Indeed, the transfer of the nanomaterial on the polymer is crucial to define the structural and electrochemical characteristics of the resulting film. Beyond classic methods, which require expensive and complex equipment, not applicable to all substrates, often rGO transferring is achieved by using solvents and/or chemical treatments devoted to enhance its adhesion.⁷ Another approach relies on press-transferring, which demonstrated remarkable efficiency for rGO and other carbona-ceous nanomaterials.^{[16](#page-10-0),[17](#page-10-0)} Nevertheless, this strategy requires the application of high pressures that can damage the substrates and trigger the restacking of graphene with a loss of performance. An easy emerging approach is represented by xurography, which exploits thermal lamination to transfer films of nanomaterials onto thermal-adhesive substrates.[18](#page-10-0) Despite this approach allowing assembly of electrochemical sensors, $19,20$ $19,20$ it has never been attempted for laser-produced materials to the best of our knowledge.

Direct electron transfer (DET)-type bioelectrocatalysis is one of the most challenging subjects in modern bioelectrochemistry. This approach has been widely explored to build up biofuel cells and third generation enzymatic sensors. To improve DET-type bioelectrocatalysis, electrode/transducer nanostructuration is a key aspect that needs to be carefully tuned for each enzyme. 21 Among redox enzymes, fructose dehydrogenase (FDH) from *Gluconobacter japonicus* has been employed for D-fructose determination; FDH is a membrane-bound protein characterized by three subunits, which can communicate directly with the electrode/transducer if properly modified/nanostruc-tured.^{[22,23](#page-10-0)} Among several electroanalytical applications, rGObased sensors, mainly commercially available electrodes modified with rGO, have been employed as platforms for proteins and redox enzymes. 24 To the best of our knowledge, laser-produced rGO has not been studied for DET-based electronics, despite its nanostructure and remarkable chargetransfer ability, which may suggest huge potential for electrocatalysis.

In this work, laser-produced rGO nanostructured films were stamped onto different flexible plastic substrates through a xurography-based approach named 'roll-to-roll thermal stamping' (R-t-R TS). TS-rGO films were carefully morphochemically and electrochemically characterized, revealing how the stamping changes the rGO native nature and the employed support affects the film features. Afterward, particular efforts were devoted to the investigation of TS-rGO sensors' DET-ability using FDH as a model enzyme. TS-rGO platforms ensured high and reproducible electroanalytical performances using a very low amount of FDH units. Among substrates, PET has emerged as the elective substrate to fabricate TS-rGO biosensors. Finally, the TS-rGO_{PET} biosensors were employed to monitor D-fructose evolution in banana fruits (*Musa acuminata*) during postharvest ripening carried out in different conditions.

2. MATERIALS AND METHODS

2.1. Chemicals and Materials. Sodium acetate, potassium chloride, potassium ferrocyanide, potassium ferricyanide, ruthenium hexamine, D-fructose, ascorbic acid, citric acid, glucose, sucrose, maltose, mannitol, L-tryptophan, L-tyrosine, L-lysine, L-cysteine, NaCl, CaCl₂, MgCl₂, K₂HPO₄, KOH, and KCl were purchased from Sigma-Aldrich (St Louis, MO, USA). Graphene oxide (GO) stock dispersion (10 mg mL[−]¹) was obtained from Angstrom Materials (Dayton, Ohio, USA). Recombinant fructose dehydrogenase (FDH, native type EC 1.1.99.11) from *Gluconobacter japonicus* NBRC 3260 (40 U mg[−]¹) was expressed and purified as reported previously.[25](#page-10-0) Polyvinylidene fluoride (PVDF) membrane (0.1 *μ*m of pore size, 47 mm of diameter) was purchased from Millipore (Massachusetts, USA). Polyethylene terephthalate sheets (PET) (0.2 mm), polyethylene terephthalateethylene vinyl acetate laminating sheets (EVA) (0.2 mm), and smooth polyvinyl chloride sheets (PVC) (0.2 mm) were purchased from Fellowes (Itasca, Illinois, USA). Silver paste (C2100203D2) was purchased from Gwent group/Sun Chemical (Pontypool, U.K.) and

Figure 1. Morphological characterization of (A) GO film, (B) rGO film, (C) TS-rGO_{PET}, (D) TS-rGO_{PVC}, and (E) TS-rGO_{EVA} performed with (i) optical and reflected light microscopy, (ii) stereo microscopy, and (iii) scanning electron microscopy with In-lens detector magnification 500× (insets magnification at 5k \times).

used to print contacts and reference electrodes; dielectric paste (Sylgard 184) was purchased from VWR International srl (Milano, Italy) and employed for electrode contacts insulation. Milli-Q grade water (18.2 MΩ cm, Millipore, Bedford, MA, USA) was used to prepare all solutions.

2.2. Roll-to-Roll Thermal Stamping of Laser-Induced rGO and Sensor Assembling. A Rayjet50 laser machine from Trotec (Wels, Austria) equipped with a CO_2 laser beam (10.6 μ m, 30 Wcw, laser spot of 0.04 mm) was employed to convert GO in rGO; rGOworking (W) and counter (C) electrode design was defined using Adobe Illustrator 2020 software. A Silhouette Cameo craft cutter 4 (Silhouette America, Lindon, USA) equipped with Silhouette 4.4 software was employed to design the stencil masks used to print the silver-ink contacts on the sensor base; in brief, silver-ink was spread with a squeegee, the stencil mask was removed, and the printed contacts cured (60 °C, 30 min). Sensors were assembled on different substrates (i.e., PET, PVC, and EVA) to form three complete electrodes containing electrochemical cells with the laser-induced rGO used as W and C electrodes. A graphical sketch of the sensors' fabrication, with pictures of the main components, is reported in [Scheme](#page-1-0) 1, while [Video](https://pubs.acs.org/doi/suppl/10.1021/acsami.4c03339/suppl_file/am4c03339_si_002.avi) [S1](https://pubs.acs.org/doi/suppl/10.1021/acsami.4c03339/suppl_file/am4c03339_si_002.avi) records the R-t-R TS process.

[Scheme1A](#page-1-0), laser-patterning of rGO-film: commercial GO stock dispersion $(10\,\mathrm{mg}\,\mathrm{mL}^{-1})$ was diluted in 5 mL of water to reach the final concentration of $1.25 \text{ mg} \text{ mL}^{-1}$; GO dispersion was vortexed for 30 s, filtered on a PVDF membrane, and dried at room temperature. The GO amount used to form the film was selected according to our group's previous studies.²⁶. The GO-film was treated with the $CO₂$ laser under a 7.4 cm focusing lens, using the engraving mode (laser power 8 W; speed 100 m s⁻¹); a key-lock-like pattern obtained using Corel Draw software was employed to define W (\varnothing = 3 mm) and C electrodes design. Single W and C electrode couples were cut out on rectangles $(8 \text{ mm} \times 6 \text{ mm})$ through the $CO₂$ laser using the cutting mode (power 6 W and speed 3 $m s^{-1}$).

[Scheme1B](#page-1-0), roll-to-roll thermal stamping and sensor assembling: W and C rGO electrodes were aligned above the sensor base according to the electrical contact complementary pattern, sandwiched between two

sheets of office paper (to maintain alignment), and the rGO stamping was achieved by passing through a roll-to-roll thermal laminator T 72 \pm 1 °C (Pavo 8038718, Unbekannt, Germany). Eventually, the PVDF filter was removed, and the electrode contacts were insulated using the dielectric paste.

According to the substrate employed, the thermally stamped (TS) sensors were named TS-rGO_{PET}, TS-rGO_{PVC}, and TS-rGO_{EVA}.

To investigate the features of native rGO (before R-t-R stamping), an additional sensor was manufactured; in this case, the rGO-film onto the PVDF membrane was cut out, using the $CO₂$ laser, following the W electrode borders pattern. Afterward, the electrode was lain onto a preheated thermo adhesive substrate. In this case, silver contacts were manually printed and cured (60 °C, 30 min), and electrode contacts were insulated using the dielectric paste; this sensor was named 'rGO'.

2.3. Characterization of the Nanostructured Films. Macroscopic pictures of the electrodes were collected through a Digital Microscope ADSM302 (Andonstar, China) and ZEISS Axio Zoom.V16 microscope (Zeiss Co., Oberkrochen, Germany). Profilometric pictures were collected with an Olympus BH-2 reflected light microscope equipped with a Leica EC3 Camera detector (Olympus Corporation, Bartlett, TN).

Scanning electron microscopy (SEM) micrographs were acquired with a GeminiSEM 500 instrument (Zeiss Co., Oberkrochen, Germany) using an InLens detector, working at a distance of 3 mm with an acceleration potential of 3 kV; micrographs were acquired on Cr plasma-coated samples. The morphochemical features were investigated via Raman spectroscopy; the spectra were acquired using a Renishaw InViaReflex confocal Raman microscope with a Leica DM microscope, focusing the laser with a 50LX objective on the sample (NA 0.50, WD 8.20 mm). A 532 nm laser line (diode-type, Renishaw 80 mW 532 nm laser, 1800 l mm[−]¹ grating) was employed. The data were processed using Renishaw WiRE 3.2 software, acquiring the spectra in the range between 200 and 5498 cm[−]¹ using the static mode, with a spectral resolution of 0.88 cm⁻¹.

Electrochemical measures were performed with a Palmsens 4 Potentiostat/Galvanostat/Impedance Analyzer (Palm Instruments BV, Houten, Netherlands) managed by PS trace software. To compare the electrochemical features of the sensors, the respective working electrode was connected with an external counter (Pt wire) and reference (Ag/AgCl and 3 M KCl) electrode. Cyclic voltammetry (CV) was performed at 10 mV s⁻¹ using 5 mM $[Fe(CN)_6]^{3-/4-}$ and 5 mM $\left[\text{Ru(NH₃)₆}\right]^{3+/2+}$ both containing 0.1 M KCl. Electrochemical impedance spectroscopy (EIS) was performed using 5 mM [Fe- $(CN)_{6}]^{3-4-}$ containing 0.1 M KCl, setting the potential at the open circuit, using a sinusoidal wave with a 5 mV amplitude, scanning the frequencies between 10⁻¹ and 10⁵ Hz. Double layer capacitance (C_S) was investigated via CVs at increasing scan rates (from 0.04 to 0.2 V $\rm s^{-1})$ in KOH 0.1 M, operating in a nonfaradaic region. Graphite screenprinted electrodes (SPE) used as a comparison were purchased from Eco BioServices (Florence, Italy).

2.4. Bioelectrocatalytic Studies. Bioelectrocatalytic features were investigated by drop-casting different amounts of a 40 U mg[−]¹ FDH suspension onto the sensors' working electrode surfaces [\(Section](#page-6-0) 3.2); after the deposition, the electrodes were left 45 min in the dark. Direct electron-transfer (DET) reaction was evaluated by performing the measurements in an electrochemical cell with external counter and reference electrodes (details in [Section](#page-2-0) 2.3). CVs at 5 mV s $^{-1}$ in 50 mM acetate buffer solution (pH 4.5) containing 0.1 M KCl were carried out in the absence and presence of 10 mM D-fructose. Amperometry in acetate buffer (pH 4.5) containing 0.1 KCl was employed for D-fructose biosensing; in this case, the complete three-electrode biosensors working at a potential of $+0.15$ V (vs Ag) were modified with 15 and 240 mU of FDH.

2.5. Proof of Applicability. The analytical exploitability of TSrGO biosensors was proved by monitoring the D-fructose evolution during bananas (*Musa acuminata*) postharvest ripening. Bananas belonging to the same lot, collected at the same time, were purchased from local food markets, and stored at room temperature in the dark under two different conditions: (i) closed in a sealed bag and (ii) kept in open air. D-Fructose monitoring was conducted for 22 days, sampling every 3/2 days; for each sampling, three different bananas were used. Before the analysis, the bananas were peeled off and homogenized.² Then, 5 g of banana pulp was placed in 20 mL of Milli-Q water, vortexed (30 s) and centrifuged at 10000*g* for 10 min to remove the solid components. Eventually, banana samples were filtered by a syringe filter (VWR, 0.45 *μ*m, nylon) and rapidly analyzed. Samples were thus diluted in acetate buffer and D-fructose was measured via amperometry $(+ 0.15 \text{ V} \text{ vs } \text{Ag})$ using the TS-rGO_{PET} biosensor.

To compare the data obtained with the proposed biosensor, banana samples were analyzed also using a commercial enzymatic colorimetric kit for D-fructose quantification following the supplier procedure (MAK265; Sigma-Aldrich, St Louis MO, USA).

3. RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

3.1. R-t-R Thermal-Stamped rGO: Concept and Physicochemical Features. Reduced graphene oxide (rGO) film production and patterning were carried out via a photothermal approach through a laser-plotter, starting from graphene oxide (GO); then, the rGO-film was transferred on PET (TS-rGO_{PET}), PVC (TS-rGO_{PVC}), and EVA (TS-rGO_{EVA}) substrates via R-t-R thermal transfer (TS). [Scheme](#page-1-0) 1 schematically reports the transferring process and the TS-rGO sensor fabrication, while [Video](https://pubs.acs.org/doi/suppl/10.1021/acsami.4c03339/suppl_file/am4c03339_si_002.avi) S1 records the R-t-R TS process. Detailed rGO-film production and sensor fabrication are reported in [Section](#page-2-0) 2.2. To understand the stamping effect on the laser-produced conductive film, the native untransfered rGO-film was also studied (later referred to as 'rGO').

[Figure](#page-2-0) 1 reports the morphological characterization of the GO, rGO, TS-rGO $_{\text{PET}}$, TS-rGO_{PVC}, and TS-rGO_{EVA} surfaces.

GO and rGO films were initially characterized to confirm the photoreduction process. [Figures](#page-2-0) $1A(i-ii), 1B(i-ii)$ confirms the presence of a laser-driven photoreduction process. Notably, the untreated GO-film appeared flat with a homogeneous and regular profile while rGO-film showed the typical 3D edgy profile characterized by an out-of-the-plane highly wrinkled surface, attributable to laser-produced $rGO.²⁸$ $rGO.²⁸$ $rGO.²⁸$ This structural change was further evidenced by the profilometric pictures, where rGO exhibited darker and brighter areas due to cracks/ furrows and exploded/out-of-plane flakes, respectively. SEM micrographs confirmed the laser-induced variations, with GO film ([Figure](#page-2-0) 1Aiii) having a uniform surface due to stacked GO sheets, and rGO film ([Figure](#page-2-0) 1Biii) with an exfoliated-like and porous network, composed of overlapped flakes interposed at deep crack/grooves. This suggests a 3D configuration typical of graphenic-based materials obtained via laser-photothermal reduction.²⁸

The TS-rGO surfaces were then investigated to understand their morphological variation and the ability of the different substrates (i.e., PET, PVC, and EVA) to support and accommodate the rGO films. [Figure](#page-2-0) 1C−Ei highlights the similarities between rGO films and native rGO at the macroscopic level. For all the substrates, the film is characterized by a not-so-prominent out-of-the-plane thickness, attributable to the R-t-R thermal-stamping process, where only part of the material is transferred, and the same undergoes a tearing effect during PVDF filter removal. Optical reflection microscopy ([Figures](#page-2-0) 1C−Eii) confirms the changes in the material morphology concerning the native rGO. [Figures](#page-2-0) 1C−Eiii reports TS-rGO SEM micrographs showing homogeneous nanostructured surfaces characterized by ordered flakes without macro pits or cracks where the hosting substrate is exposed. This and the conductivity of all the TS-rGO films prove the effectiveness of the transferring process. All the TS-rGO films appear more flat compared to rGO; among TS-rGO films, TS rGO_{EVA} [\(Figure](#page-2-0) 1Eiii) appeared more uneven with smaller overlapped flakes. This effect could be attributed to the tearing effect related to EVA termoadhesivity. On the other hand, TSrGO $_{\text{PET}}$ [\(Figure](#page-2-0) 1Ciii) and TS-rGO_{PVC} ([Figure](#page-2-0) 1Diii) show a similar structure with overlapped flakes with micrometric lateral dimensions mostly arranged horizontally.

The physicochemical features of all the systems were further investigated through Raman spectroscopy. Figure 2 reports the

Figure 2. Raman spectra of GO film (black line), rGO film (red line), TS-rGO $_{\text{PET}}$ (blue line), TS-rGO_{PVC} (green line), and TS-rGO_{EVA} (orange line).

Raman spectra; the D (\sim 1350 cm⁻¹) and G (\sim 1580 cm⁻¹) bands, characteristics of graphene, are present in all of the substrates; a well-defined 2D band (∼2700 cm[−]¹) appears only after the laser treatment.

According to the literature, the D band indicates the degree of defects since it is assigned to the primary in-plane vibrations of the sp^3 carbon, while the G band is associated with the stretching

Figure 3. Electrochemical characterization. Legend: SPE (black), rGO-film (red), TS-rGO $_{\rm PET}$ (blue), TS-rGO $_{\rm PVC}$ (green), and TS-rGO $_{\rm EVA}$ (orange). (A) Cyclic voltammograms for 5 mM $[Fe(CN)_6]^{3-/4-}$ in 0.1 M KCl at 10 mV s⁻¹. (B) Double columns plot reporting the electrochemical active surface area (yellow bars) and charge transfer resistance (cyan bars) extrapolated values. (C) Cyclic voltammograms for 5 mM $\rm [Ru(NH_3)_{6}]^{3+/2+}$ in 0.1 M KCl at 10 mV s⁻¹. (D) Cyclic voltammograms for all the films in the nonfaradic region obtained in 0.1 M KOH at 0.1 V s⁻¹ . (E) Cyclic voltammograms for TS-rGO_{PET}, TS-rGO_{PVC}, TS-rGO_{EVA}, and SPE in the nonfaradaic region obtained in 0.1 M KOH at 0.1 V s⁻¹. (F) Linear relationship between the density nonfaradaic current and scan rate for double layer capacitance extrapolation; measurement performed in 0.1 M KOH at scan rate between 0.04 and 0.2 V $\rm s^{-1}$. The inset reports a magnification at which the rGO-film is excluded.

of $sp²$ atoms. The 2D band is ascribed to the two-dimensional plane rearrangement of graphene and is associated with the exfoliation degree since it is related to the number of graphene layers.^{29−[31](#page-10-0)} A marked decrease of the *I*_D/*I*_G ratio is observed after the laser processing, from 0.89 ± 0.03 of GO (black line) to 0.23 ± 0.01 of rGO (red line); all the extrapolated $I_{\rm D}/I_{\rm G}$ ratios are expressed as average values of three different transducers of the same type. This result proves the decrease of $sp³$ carbon and the re-establishment of the $sp²$ domains. This aspect confirms the effectiveness of the laser treatment, which induces the reduction of the oxygen-containing groups of GO by harsh expulsion, which leads to the formation of highly exfoliated rGO. The latter phenomenon is confirmed by the appearance of a predominant and sharp 2D peak.²⁸

Noteworthily, the I_D/I_G ratio appears different among TSrGOs. TS-rGO $_{\rm PET}$ (blue line) is the most similar to native rGO as revealed by the similar I_D/I_G ratio (0.27 \pm 0.02), suggesting the retention of native rGO features after film stamping. This is further confirmed by the high intensity of the 2D band obtained for TS-rGO_{PET} comparable to that of native rGO. TS-rGO_{PVC} $(0.81 \pm 0.03,$ green line) and TS-rGO_{EVA} $(0.75 \pm 0.04,$ yellow line) showed higher *I*_D/*I*_G ratio values, which were more similar to GO. The latter observation may indicate that rGO flake restacking is due to the thermal-stamping or loss of native conformation of rGO obtained with the laser. The presence of more physicochemical defects in both $TS\text{-}rGO_{PVC}$ and $TS\text{-}rG$ rGO_{EVA} is further confirmed by more pronounced G+D and 2G peaks (~2876–3310 cm⁻¹).⁶

The observed differences among all the investigated samples can be attributed to the different chemistry of the plastic material used as a support for rGO, mainly their different glass transition temperatures ($T_{\text{gFVA}} \sim -30$ °C < $T_{\text{gPET}} \sim 71$ °C < $T_{\text{gPVC}} \sim 95$ °C) and melting temperatures (T_{mEVA} 70−90 °C < T_{mPVC} 100− 260 °C < *T*mPET 240−270 °C), affecting the R-t-R thermal transferring and rGO-film deposition. To preserve the native rGO chemistry, it is necessary to reach the Tg without exceeding the T_m ; this occurs for PET.

The electrochemical features of all the prepared surfaces were then investigated using an inner- and outer-sphere redox probe, i.e., $[Fe(CN)_6]^{3-/4-}$ and $[Ru(NH_3)_6]^{3+/2+}$, respectively. The GO film was not considered because it is not conductive. Electrochemical studies were also compared to a commercial graphite screen-printed electrode (SPE). The electrochemical parameters together with the respective standard deviations obtained from measures performed in triplicate are listed in [Tables](https://pubs.acs.org/doi/suppl/10.1021/acsami.4c03339/suppl_file/am4c03339_si_001.pdf) S1 and S2.

Figure 3A shows cyclic voltammograms obtained in [Fe- $(CN)_{6}$] $3^{-1/4}$ all the rGO-based films showed a clear improvement of the electrochemical features compared to SPE (*j*pa = 270 ± 17 *μ*A cm[−]² ; Δ*E* = 327 ± 12 mV; black curve) as demonstrated by the significant peak intensity increase (j_{pa}) and peak-to-peak separation (Δ*E*) decrease.

Noteworthily, the best-performing films appear to be rGO (*j*pa = 545 ± 26 *μ*A cm[−]² ; Δ*E* = 127 ± 12 mV; red curve) and TSrGOPET (*j*pa = 587 ± 19 *μ*A cm[−]² ; Δ*E* = 140 ± 8 mV; blue curve) followed by TS-rGO_{PVC} (green curve) and TS-rGO_{EVA} (orange curve). This trend is confirmed by the electrochemical active surface area (ECSA) extrapolated according to Randles− Sevcik's theory for quasi-reversible systems; 32 the ECSA was similar for the native rGO and TS-rGOs (Figure 3B, yellow bars), despite the transferring process. In particular, TS -r GO _{PET} resulted in the largest ECSA value $(16.6 \pm 0.5 \text{ mm}^2)$ slightly higher than the native rGO (15.5 ± 1.4 mm²). Thus, the film after stamping (TS-rGOs) preserves the rGO features and shows a decrease in the capacitive current (this important issue will be further discussed in this section).

The electron transfer features were further explored by studying the charge transfer resistance (R_{CT}) via EIS and extrapolating the heterogeneous electron transfer constant (k^0) according to Nicholson's method for quasi-reversible sys-

Figure 4. DET investigation. Legend: SPE (black), rGO (red), TS-rGO_{PET} (blue), TS-rGO_{PVC} (green), and TS-rGO_{EVA} (orange). (A) Catalytic density current (Δi) recorded at +0.4 V (vs Ag/AgCl), obtained for the whole set of films modified with different units of FDH; FDH units studied are reported in the figure. Data are extrapolated from CVs performed in 10 mM D-fructose in acetate buffer, and Δ*j* has been calculated by subtracting the capacitive density current (blank) at the faradaic catalytic density current. (B−F) Cyclic voltammograms obtained in acetate buffer, before (dashed curves) and after the addition of 10 mM <mark>D-fructose (full curves); scan rate of 5 mV s⁻¹. CVs were performed for SPE (B), rGO (C), TS-rGO $_{\rm PET}$ (D),</mark> TS-rGO_{PVC} (E), and TS-rGO_{EVA} (F) modified with 15 mU (a) and 240 mU (b) of FDH; the measure in the absence of D-fructose is referred to as FDH 15 mU.

tems.[33,34](#page-10-0) [Figure](https://pubs.acs.org/doi/suppl/10.1021/acsami.4c03339/suppl_file/am4c03339_si_001.pdf) S1 shows the Nyquist's plots obtained for the different films, while in [Figure](#page-4-0) 3B (cyan bars), the differences obtained among the R_{CT} values are visible; the R_{CT} values were extrapolated by fitting the EIS spectra with the Randles equivalent circuit [\(Figure](https://pubs.acs.org/doi/suppl/10.1021/acsami.4c03339/suppl_file/am4c03339_si_001.pdf) S2A). The SPE is characterized by a wide semicircle that results in an R_{CT} of 2751 \pm 4 Ω , native rGO resulted in a dramatically lower R_{CT} (95 \pm 2 Ω), and slightly higher values were obtained for TS-rGO_{EVA} (183 \pm 2 Ω) and TS-rGO_{PVC} (119 ± 9 Ω); TS-rGO_{PET} showed the smallest R_{CT} value (65 \pm 5 Ω), proving the lower charge transfer resistance.

The heterogeneous electron transfer returned a similar behavior, where the rGO-based films possess k^0 values significantly higher than SPE (0.5 \times 10⁻³ cm s⁻¹). Similar k^0 values were obtained for the native rGO-film and TS-rGOs (*k*⁰ between 3.0 \times 10⁻³ and 3.8 \times 10⁻³ cm s⁻¹), except for TS-RGO_{EVA}, which showed a slightly lower value (2.4 × 10⁻³ cm s −1). Overall, these data demonstrate how the R-t-R thermal stamping process did not compromise the electron transfer ability of native rGO.

[Figure](#page-4-0) 3C reports the $\left[\text{Ru(NH_3)_{6}}\right]^{3+/2+}$ cyclic voltammograms, and [Table](https://pubs.acs.org/doi/suppl/10.1021/acsami.4c03339/suppl_file/am4c03339_si_001.pdf) S2 lists the relative electrochemical parameters extrapolated. This outer-sphere redox probe is mainly influenced by the density of electronic states and independent of the micro/ nanostructure of the film material, 35 bringing out differences among rGO-based films. In particular, the native rGO voltammogram shows a not very well-defined shape characterized by a significantly lower j_{pa} (309 \pm 39 μ A cm⁻²) compared to TS-r $\text{GO}_{\text{PET}}\left(j_{\text{pa}}\text{ = 609} \pm \text{17} \text{ }\mu\text{A cm}^{-2}\right)$; moreover, TS-r GO_{PET} exhibited a slightly lower Δ*E* (129 ± 21 mV) compared to rGO $(145 \pm 11 \text{ mV})$, indicating faster electron transfer mechanism. $TS-rGO_{PVC}$ demonstrates the worst electron-transfer capabilities toward this probe, while $TS\text{-}rGO_{EVA}$ shows an intermediate behavior. These data reveal that the R-t-R transfer and the hosting substrate employed play key roles in the electrochemical properties of the obtained graphene films.

To better investigate the effect of the R-t-R stamping on the electric double layer, the capacitance (C_S) was also evaluated, performing CV measures in the nonfaradaic region at increasing scan rates, using KOH as support electrolyte. Contrary to the ECSA trend, a dramatic difference between C_S values for the native rGO and TS-rGOs was registered, as shown in [Figure](#page-4-0) 3D. [Figure](#page-4-0) 3E reports that the CVs of all the films excluded the native rGO. [Figure](#page-4-0) 3F shows the outcome of the double-layer capacitance investigation: C_S has been extrapolated from the slope of the linear relationship between the density of nonfaradaic current $(j, \mu A \text{ cm}^{-2})$ and the scan rate $(\nu, V s^{-1})$ described by the equation $j = C_S \nu^{36}$ $j = C_S \nu^{36}$ $j = C_S \nu^{36}$ [Figure](https://pubs.acs.org/doi/suppl/10.1021/acsami.4c03339/suppl_file/am4c03339_si_001.pdf) S3 depicts the complete voltammetry scan rate study for native rGO and TSrGO_{PET}. Native rGO-film demonstrates the highest C_S (1.9612 μ F cm^{−2}), an order of magnitude greater compared to TS-rGOs. Among TS-rGOs, TS-rGO_{PET} $(0.1599 \ \mu \text{F cm}^{-2})$ and TSrGO $_{\rm PVC}$ (0.1613 μ F cm $^{-2})$ showed higher $C_{\rm S}$ than the other film $(TS-rGO_{EVA}: 0.0671 \mu F cm⁻²; SPE: 0.0035 \mu F cm⁻²).$ Interestingly, the C_S trend does not agree perfectly with the redox investigation previously discussed; indeed, despite voltammograms with different shapes ([Figure](#page-4-0) 3E), TS -r GO _{PET} and TS-rGO_{PVC} exhibited similar C_S values, both higher than those of $TS-rGO_{EVA}$.

The prominent 3D-wrinkled structure of native rGO confers to the film a tremendous capacitance that negatively influences the faradaic/capacitive current ratio for redox probes analysis. After R-t-R thermal stamping, capacitance dramatically decreases, not always resulting in an improvement of the electrochemical features. Despite the slight difference in the morphology among TS-rGOs, significantly different electrochemical behaviors were registered.

Taking a closer examination of the literature, the proposed strategy, despite the need for more than a single step for material preparation and transferring, returns electrochemical features comparable to laser-induced graphene films. [Table](https://pubs.acs.org/doi/suppl/10.1021/acsami.4c03339/suppl_file/am4c03339_si_001.pdf) S3 resumes the main features, electrochemical figures of merit, and applications of laser-induced graphene based on the transferring strategies reported in the literature. Most of the strategies use hydraulic presses and/or thermoheated hydraulic presses to transfer the films. In our case, an office tool is used, the roll-toroll laminator (cost lower than 20 euros). Despite different kinds of analytes that have been detected employing the films, a study and realization of third-generation biosensors have not yet been explored.

3.2. Direct Electron Transfer-Type Bioelectrocatalysis. The ability of native rGO and TS-rGO films to give a DET reaction has been investigated using FDH as a model redox enzyme. To the best of our knowledge, the enzyme amount effect (in terms of activity units) on the FDH-DET reaction has not been deeply investigated, mainly because FDH-based biosensors have been developed using commercial transducers, where standardized FDH units are commonly employed.^{22,[37,38](#page-10-0)}

[Figure](#page-5-0) 4A depicts the difference in catalytic density current $(\Delta j, \mu A \text{ cm}^{-2})$ obtained with the whole set of rGO-films modified with FDH between 3 and 360 mU; to calculate Δ*j*, density current at +0.4 V was recorded to take into account the whole electrocatalytic wave.^{[39](#page-10-0)}

Native rGO, TS-rGO $_{\rm PET}$, and TS-rGO $_{\rm PVC}$ showed the highest values of catalytic current density when functionalized with low amounts of enzyme (15 and 30 mU), decreasing at the smaller enzyme amount studied (3 mU). In particular, the largest and most reproducible Δ*j* values correspond to 15 mU of FDH for these films (rGO: $\Delta j = 185 \,\mu\text{A cm}^{-2}$, RSD = 9%; TS-rGO_{PET}: Δj = 147 *μ*A cm⁻², RSD = 1%; TS-rGO_{PVC}: Δ*j* = 124 *μ*A cm⁻², RSD $= 6\%$).

This trend was different for SPE and TS -r GO_{EVA} where the optimal units of the enzyme were found to be 60 mU (Δ *j* = 46 μ A cm⁻², RSD = 8%) and 120 mU (Δj = 54 μ A cm⁻², RSD = 5%), respectively. Overall, SPE and TS-rGO_{EVA} show smaller Δ*j* values, highlighting the importance of the material morphology/ chemistry for the catalytic process. The behavior of the SPE exhibited limited DET capacity due to the different structures of the graphitic surface. Regardless of the material studied, a notable decrease in catalytic current density was observed for the highest amounts of FDH (240 and 360 mU).

[Figure](#page-5-0) 4B−F depicts the voltammetric plots obtained for all the studied films modified with 15 mU and 240 mU of FDH in the presence and absence of 10 mM D-fructose; 15 mU was selected as optimal for rGO-based films, while 240 mU is close to the enzyme amount usually employed for commercial electrodes-based biosensors. 22,38,40 22,38,40 22,38,40 No catalytic waves were recorded in nonturnover conditions (absence of D-fructose), while the measure after the addition of the substrate (turnover conditions) revealed the presence of a marked electrocatalytic wave. Except for $TS\text{-}rGO_{EVA}$ it is possible to appreciate a shoulder around 0.1 V (vs Ag/AgCl) in the anodic direction due to the electron transfer from the heme c_2 prosthetic group present in the subunit II of the FDH enzymatic structure to the electrode surface. $39,40$ All the voltammograms, in agreement with [Figure](#page-5-0) 4A, evidenced as in the presence of 15 mU of FDH higher catalytic currents are obtained. The extrapolated lower onset potentials (E_{onset}) confirm the higher catalytic activity at 15 mU (*E*_{onset}: rGO −0.081 ± 0.015 V, TS-rGO_{PET} −0.106 ± 0.001 V, TS-rGO_{PVC} -0.089 ± 0.001 V, TS-rGO_{EVA} $-0.071 \pm$ 0.015 V, and SPE -0.068 ± 0.001 V) with respect to 240 mU (*E*_{onset}: rGO −0.025 ± 0.003 V, TS-rGO_{PET} −0.067 ± 0.001 V, TS-rGO_{PVC} -0.055 ± 0.005 V, TS-rGO_{EVA} -0.033 ± 0.002 V, and SPE -0.044 ± 0.003 V). It is reasonable to speculate that since no spacers and/or cross-linkers are used to guide the enzyme immobilization, high amounts of the enzyme cause the formation of multilayers, which may (i) passivate the transducer surface reducing its electron transfer capacity and (ii) hinder the diffusion of the substrate to the active site of the enzymes in contact with the transducer.

Moreover, native-rGO is characterized by a capacitive current ∼10 fold higher than TS-rGOs: in agreement with [Section](#page-3-0) 3.1, this behavior is due to 3D-film conformation and a larger amount of material. This large capacitive current does not induce a corresponding increase of catalytic current. Indeed, TSrGOPET and TS-rGOPVC return just a slightly lower net current density. On the other hand, $TS\text{-}rGO_{PET}$ and $TS\text{-}rGO_{PVC}$ returned higher reproducibility (rGO RSD \leq 9%, TS-rGO_{PET} RSD \leq 1%, TS-rGO_{PVC} RSD \leq 6%; *n* = 3). Interestingly, TSrGOs result in a clear increase in the faradaic/capacitive current ratio during the biocatalytic direct electron transfer event.

The effect of FDH-units on the rGO-film electrochemistry was further investigated by exploring double-layer capacitance (C_S) and charge transfer resistance (R_{CT}) . Figure 5A reports the

Figure 5. Double-layer capacitance and EIS were performed for SPE (black), rGO-film (red), and FDH-TS-rGO $_{\rm PET}$ (blue) modified with different units of FDH. (A) C_S increase after film modification with different FDH units expressed as ΔC_S (%); FDH units studied are reported in the figure. (B−D) Nyquist plots obtained via EIS in 5 mM $[Fe(CN)₆]$ ^{3-/4-} containing 0.1 M KCl for SPE (B), rGO-film (C) and TS-rGO_{PET} (D); EIS performed on unmodified films (a), and films modified with 15 mU (b), 60 mU (c), and 240 mU (d) FDH units.

double-layer capacitance increase $(\Delta C_{\rm s} \%)$ with respect to the unmodified relative film in the presence of different units of FDH. This study was conducted on SPE (black bars), native rGO (red bars), and TS-rGO $_{\rm PET}$ (blue bars). [Figure](https://pubs.acs.org/doi/suppl/10.1021/acsami.4c03339/suppl_file/am4c03339_si_001.pdf) S4 depicts the voltammogram comparison performed in the nonfaradaic region.

For all the studied surfaces, higher C_S values were recorded after modification with the enzyme due to a redistribution of the surface charges at the electrolyte/electrode interface caused by the protein adsorption.^{[41](#page-10-0)} Interestingly, the ΔC_S results are not correlated to FDH units for the native rGO. SPE and TS-rGO $_{\rm PET}$ showed an initial increase in $\Delta C_{\rm S}$ after 3 mU, reaching a plateau between 15 and 60 mU and remaining constant for higher FDH units. The ΔC_S values recorded for TS-rGO_{PET} and SPE are higher than those of native rGO. In particular, SPE seems to be the most affected by the enzyme amount.

Afterward, to investigate the effect of FDH adsorption on charge transfer of the redox probe, EIS was performed in the presence of $\text{[Fe(CN)_6]}^{3-/4-}$; FDH was tested at 15, 60, and 240 mU on SPE, native rGO, and TS-rGO $_{\rm{PET}}$.

From the Nyquist plot of [Figure](#page-6-0) 5B, the SPE exhibited a completely different behavior compared to that of rGO-based films ([Figure](#page-6-0) 5C,D). In detail, the presence of an additional semicircle at lower frequencies was observed starting from the lowest quantity of FDH (15 mU); this peculiar behavior was further confirmed for 60 and 240 mU of enzyme. As stated in previous works, this Nyquist shape can be attributed to the presence of proteins (in this case FDH) blocking the electrode surface and hindering the electron transfer.^{[42](#page-10-0)} For this reason, EIS spectra were fitted using different equivalent circuits; the extrapolated data are expressed as the average value of three different transducers. In particular, the Randles equivalent circuit [\(Figure](https://pubs.acs.org/doi/suppl/10.1021/acsami.4c03339/suppl_file/am4c03339_si_001.pdf) S2A) was employed to fit Nyquist plots characterized by a single semicircle, while EIS plots characterized by a double semicircle were fitted with the equivalent circuit depicted in [Figure](https://pubs.acs.org/doi/suppl/10.1021/acsami.4c03339/suppl_file/am4c03339_si_001.pdf) S2B; this fitting was employed for SPEmodified with FDH, for which the first semicircle obtained at higher frequencies has been attributed to the intrinsic R_{CT} of the electrode.^{[43](#page-10-0)} The SPE had a charge transfer resistance (R_{CT}) increase after the modification with 60 and 240 mU of FDH $(R_{CT} = 2170 \pm 70 \Omega$ and $R_{CT} = 2099 \pm 62 \Omega$, respectively) with respect to pristine electrode (R_{CT} = 1754 \pm 42 Ω). On the other hand, native rGO [\(Figure](#page-6-0) 5C) does not return significative R_{CT} changes, with only a slight increase at 240 mU of FDH (R_{CT} = 87) \pm 5 Ω), whereas TS-rGO_{PET} [\(Figure](#page-6-0) 5D) R_{CT} starts to increase at 60 mU (R_{CT} = 123 \pm 7 Ω) further rising at 240 mU (R_{CT} = $302 \pm 10 \Omega$); in both cases, a single semicircle was observed.

Overall, these data indicate how the different transducers interact differently with the FDH resulting in different electrochemically active and passive interactions. In particular, (i) the flat graphitic surface of the SPE was particularly affected by the presence of the protein, while (ii) rGO seemed to be able to accommodate high amounts of FDH with minimal influence on the electrochemical properties, most likely due to the prominent 3D porous framework. TS-rGO_{PET} partially retains the native rGO features (according to [Section](#page-3-0) 3.1) even with a reduced FDH loading probably due to a lower amount of material present after rGO stamping.

3.3. TS-rGO Integrated Biosensors: Analytical Performance and Application. The kinetic and analytical features of the rGO-based devices were explored through diffusion-controlled amperometry at +0.15 V. For this study, integrated sensors were employed [\(Section](#page-2-0) 2.2), using two different FDH amounts, i.e.,15 and 240 mU to understand the influence of the enzyme units on the electrocatalytic/analytical performance.

[Figure](https://pubs.acs.org/doi/suppl/10.1021/acsami.4c03339/suppl_file/am4c03339_si_001.pdf) S5 depicts the amperometric plots obtained under continuous additions of D-fructose from 1 *μ*M to 60 mM; the extrapolated dose−response curves are depicted in Figure 6A $(FDH = 15 \text{ mU})$ and Figure 6B $(FDH = 240 \text{ mU})$.

All biosensors returned a Michaelis–Menten behavior⁴⁰ for both FDH amounts tested. Enzyme electrodes with 15 mU units of FDH (Figure 6A) exhibited higher currents, showing $K_{\rm m}^{\rm app}$ values between \approx 9.3 and 5.7 mM, in accordance with FDH DET-based devices reported in the literature.^{[38](#page-10-0),[40](#page-10-0),[44](#page-11-0)} j_{max} values were significantly higher for 15 mU compared to 240 mU, in agreement with [Section](#page-6-0) 3.2. Interestingly, 15 mU FDH TS- $\mathrm{rGO}_{\mathrm{PET}}$ had larger j_{max} (123 \pm 1 μ A cm $^{-2})$ than native rGO (j_{max}) $= 93 \pm 2 \mu A \text{ cm}^{-2}$). Moreover, significantly lower catalytic

Figure 6. Amperometric measurements performed in acetate buffer under continuous additions of D-fructose (from 1 *μ*M to 60 mM); working potential +0.15 V (vs Ag). Sensor's legend: SPE (black), rGOfilm (red), $TS\text{-}rGO_{PET}$ (blue), $TS\text{-}rGO_{PVC}$ (green), $TS\text{-}rGO_{EVA}$ (orange). (A) Dose−response curves obtained with biosensors modified with 15 mU of FDH. (B) Dose−response curves obtained with biosensors modified with 240 mU of FDH. (C) Amperometric plot obtained for the FDH-TS-rGO $_{\rm PET}$ under continuous addition of Dfructose; the inset reports the zoom of the amperometric responses for lower concentrations of D-fructose. (D) m/X_{c50} values extrapolated for the studied biosensors.

performances were recorded for TS-rGO_{PVC}, TS-rGO_{EVA}, and SPE. An opposite trend was observed employing 240 mU of FDH (Figure 6B), with native rGO showing the highest j_{max} (53) ± 1 *μ*A cm[−]²), significantly higher than TS-rGOs, since native rGO can accommodate a high amount of enzyme without losing electroanalytical performance. However, given the significantly lower performance obtained at 240 mU, FDH at 15 mU was employed for further studies.

Figure 6C shows the whole amperometric plot obtained with TS-rGO_{PET} (FDH = 15 mU). The inset reports the data obtained for the lower D-fructose amounts. Analyzing the signals, two linear ranges were found, i.e., D-fructose of 1−10 *μ*M ([Figure](https://pubs.acs.org/doi/suppl/10.1021/acsami.4c03339/suppl_file/am4c03339_si_001.pdf) S6A) and 25−250 *μ*M [\(Figure](https://pubs.acs.org/doi/suppl/10.1021/acsami.4c03339/suppl_file/am4c03339_si_001.pdf) S6B), respectively.

The electroanalytical features were then investigated; [Table](https://pubs.acs.org/doi/suppl/10.1021/acsami.4c03339/suppl_file/am4c03339_si_001.pdf) [S4](https://pubs.acs.org/doi/suppl/10.1021/acsami.4c03339/suppl_file/am4c03339_si_001.pdf) lists the full set of extrapolated parameters. To compare the biosensors' figure of merits, the parameter m/X_{c50} was employed, where *m* represents the slope of the linear calibration curve and X_{c50} indicates the D-fructose concentration at half of the linear range. This parameter was introduced to discriminate similar sensitivities obtained with different linear ranges.^{[45](#page-11-0)}

Figure 6D unequivocally shows that $TS\text{-}rGO_{PET}$ possesses superior bioanalytical performance, demonstrating an *m*/X_{c50} ∼ 10 and ∼50-fold higher than native-rGO and SPE, respectively. Despite the native rGO having a similar slope, the X_{c50} (45 μ M) is significantly higher given the linear range (10−100 *μ*M). The prominent capacitive current of the native rGO (untransferred), described in [Section](#page-6-0) 3.2, negatively affects the bioanalytical performance, masking the signals of the lower D-fructose amounts tested. On the other hand, FDH-TS-rGO $_{\rm PET}$ undergoes a reduction of capacitive current thanks to thermal stamping, preserving the laser-obtained rGO-film's outstanding ability to communicate with the FDH redox site, resulting in enhanced analytical efficiency.

 $TS-rGO_{PET} superior performance is further confirmed by the$ obtained limit of detection (LOD), calculated using the formula $3\sigma/m$, where σ is the standard deviation of the intercept, and *m* is the slope of the calibration curve. TS-rGOPET gives rise to a LOD of 0.2 *μ*M, significantly lower than that of the native rGO (LOD $= 2.7 \mu M$) and of other TS-RGOs (TS-rGO_{PVC} LOD = 10.6 μ M, TS-rGO_{EVA} LOD = 11.3 μ M). Compared with previous literature data, the proposed $TS- rGO_{PET}$ direct electron transfer-type biosensor demonstrates superior or at least comparable figures of merits concerning FDH-based enzymatic sensors.^{[40,](#page-10-0)[46](#page-11-0)} In addition, the FDH-TS-rGO_{PET} biosensor exhibited outstanding reproducibility, assessed considering the slope of three independent calibration curves obtained with three independent sensors (0.0289 \pm 0.0008 μ A cm⁻² μ M⁻¹, RSD = 3%), proving remarkable intersensor precision endorsing the robustness of the whole biosensor manufacturing process.

Eventually, to demonstrate the exploitability of FDH-TS rGO_{PET} in real applications, the biosensor has been challenged for the monitoring of D-fructose evolution during postharvest ripening of banana fruit (*Musa acuminata*). Banana ripening during storage is an irreversible process that activates biochemical and organoleptic changes,^{[47](#page-11-0)} including the hydrol-
ysis of sucrose catalyzed by the enzyme invertase $48-50$ This ysis of sucrose catalyzed by the enzyme invertase.^{[48](#page-11-0)−} mechanism can be modulated by atmospheric conditions $51,52$ and determines significant changes from a qualitative and commercial point of view. To simulate the ripening during storage, unripe bananas belonging to the same bunch were collected and stored at room temperature, in two different environments, i.e., (i) under open air and (ii) in sealed plastic bags. The stored bananas were sampled every 2/3 days, and the D-fructose analysis was conducted according to [Section](#page-3-0) 2.5; the reliability of the sensor was assessed by comparison with a commercial colorimetric enzymatic kit.

Figure 7A,B depicts examples of amperometry plots obtained at three different storage times (0th, 8th, and 17th day) for both storage conditions; Figure 7C encloses the D-fructose data obtained in comparison with the ones obtained with the commercial kit.

In agreement with the literature, 53 D-fructose levels linearly increase up to 10 days of storage in both conditions. In sealed bags, the D-fructose linear increase then plateaued instead at days 17−19. Differently, for bananas kept in air, D-fructose remains constant in days 10−12, to later rise until day 17, showing, as expected, a higher final level of D-fructose.²

Despite the chemical changes driven by the maturation process, the FDH-TS-rGO $_{\rm PET}$ was able to quantify the Dfructose in a reproducible way (RSD \leq 8%; *n* = 3), returning data in agreement with the colorimetric kit (relative error from −13.6% to +1.4%).

To further demonstrate the accuracy of FDH-TS-rGO $_{\rm PET}$, recovery studies were performed for all the sampling times at three spiking levels (D-fructose 20, 40, 60 *μ*M), obtaining satisfactory and reproducible recoveries (110−90%; RSD ≤ 7%, $n = 3$). Eventually, to prove the selectivity, the amperometric response of FDH-TS-rGO_{PET} was studied in the presence of organic compounds, mono- and disaccharides, and ions, evaluating the D-fructose response before and after the addition of the interfering species. The obtained amperometry plot and the list of the tested compounds are reported in [Figure](https://pubs.acs.org/doi/suppl/10.1021/acsami.4c03339/suppl_file/am4c03339_si_001.pdf) S7. The tested compounds and their amounts have been selected according to the literature. 54 No signal perturbations were recorded, and the biosensor returned the same amperometric response obtained in buffer only. In brief, the outstanding

Figure 7. D-Fructose analysis in banana fruit. Amperometric curves obtained with the FDH-TS-rGO_{PET}, for banana sample analysis performed at different storage times, i.e., 0th (green), 8th (yellow), and 17th (brown) day; D-fructose measurement was performed on bananas stored (A) under open air and (B) in sealed plastic bags. Measurements were carried out at $+0.15$ V in acetate buffer. (C) D-Fructose data obtained during banana storage using the FDH-TSrGO_{PET} biosensor and the commercial enzymatic colorimetric kit; data are reported for bananas stored under open air (light yellow bars) and in sealed plastic bags (light green bars). FDH-TS-rGOPET data obtained for the same sample showed an RSD \leq 7.8% (*n* = 3).

selectivity obtained in the presence of sugars, different from Dfructose, can be attributed to the high molecular specificity of the active site of the enzyme, 40 whereas the low working overpotential required allows us to avoid the response of potential electroactive compounds.

4. CONCLUSIONS

An easy approach has been proposed to stamp conductive laserproduced rGO films onto flexible substrates; the strategy was named roll-to-roll thermal stamping. TS-rGOs' ability to return direct electron transfer (DET) was explored in lab-made biosensors manufactured using office-grade tools.

TS-rGOs' film morphochemical and electrochemical features are dependent on the hosting substrate material chemistry and melting/transition temperatures, which play a pivotal role during thermal stamping. TS-rGOs prove the ability to undergo the DET reaction with the redox enzyme fructose dehydrogenase, showing enhanced (bio)electrocatalytic features.

TS-rGO $_{\rm PET}$ demonstrated superior performance, thanks to its preserved rGO features and reduced capacitive current induced by the transferring process, with reproducible (RSD = 3%, *n* = 3) and sensitive electroanalytical features (LOD = 0.2 *μ*M) for the determination of D-fructose. Noteworthily, TS-rGO-based biosensors allow relevant electrocatalysis using a significantly lower FDH amount (15 mU) with respect to commercial electrodes. Eventually, TS-rGO_{PET} was successfully employed for the monitoring of D-fructose during banana fruit storage (Rec. 110−90%, RSD ≤ 7%; *n* = 3), demonstrating its applicability as a point-of-need for food control (R.E. −13/

+1%), proving the potential of laser-produced transducers for third-generation biosensors.

Summing up, an easy strategy to generate controlled and effective films of laser-induced graphene onto polymeric substrates is proposed; this approach needs just a simple roll laminator and allows enhancement of the electrocatalytic features of the native material, proving great potentiality for the development of efficient on-demand (bio)electronics.

■ **ASSOCIATED CONTENT**

s Supporting Information

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> Figure S1: Nyquist plots of rGO-based films; Figure S2: equivalent circuits employed to fit EIS spectra; Figure S3: CV plots for double-layer capacitance extrapolation; Figure S4: CV plots for double-layer capacitance extrapolation after FDH modification; Figure S5: amperometric plots for D-fructose at increasing concentrations; Figure S6: linear relationships of D-fructose concentration and current density for FDH-TS-rGO_{PET}; Figure S7: study of interferents; Table S1: electrochemical parameters for $[Fe(CN)_6]^{3-/4-}$; Table S2: electrochemical parameters for $\text{[Ru(NH_3)_6]^{3+/2+}}$; Table S3: main features, electrochemical figures of merit, and applications of laser-induced graphene based on transferring strategies; Table S4: bioanalytical parameters for rGO-based biosensors ([PDF\)](https://pubs.acs.org/doi/suppl/10.1021/acsami.4c03339/suppl_file/am4c03339_si_001.pdf)

> Video S1: video of the laser-induced rGO-film roll-to-roll thermal stamping ([AVI](https://pubs.acs.org/doi/suppl/10.1021/acsami.4c03339/suppl_file/am4c03339_si_002.avi))

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