

# Supplementary material

## Paper-based surface-enhanced Raman spectroscopy biosensing platform – a silver/chitosan nanocomposite approach

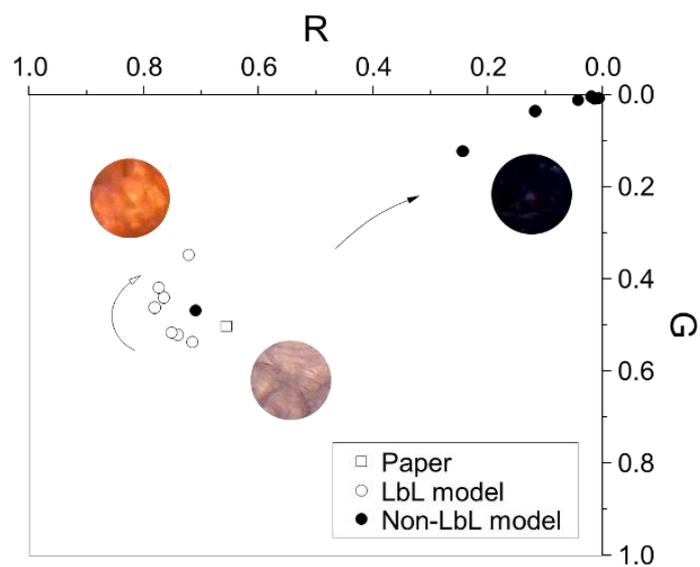
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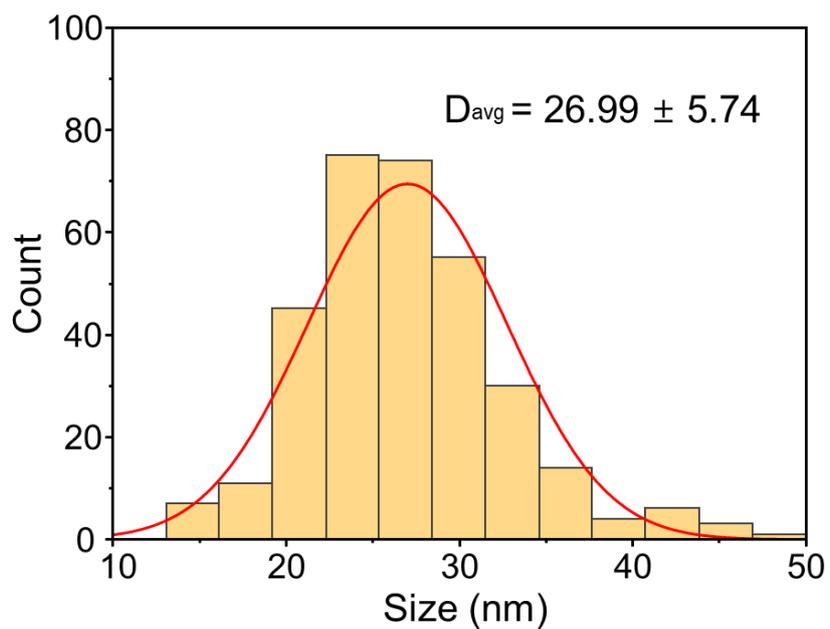
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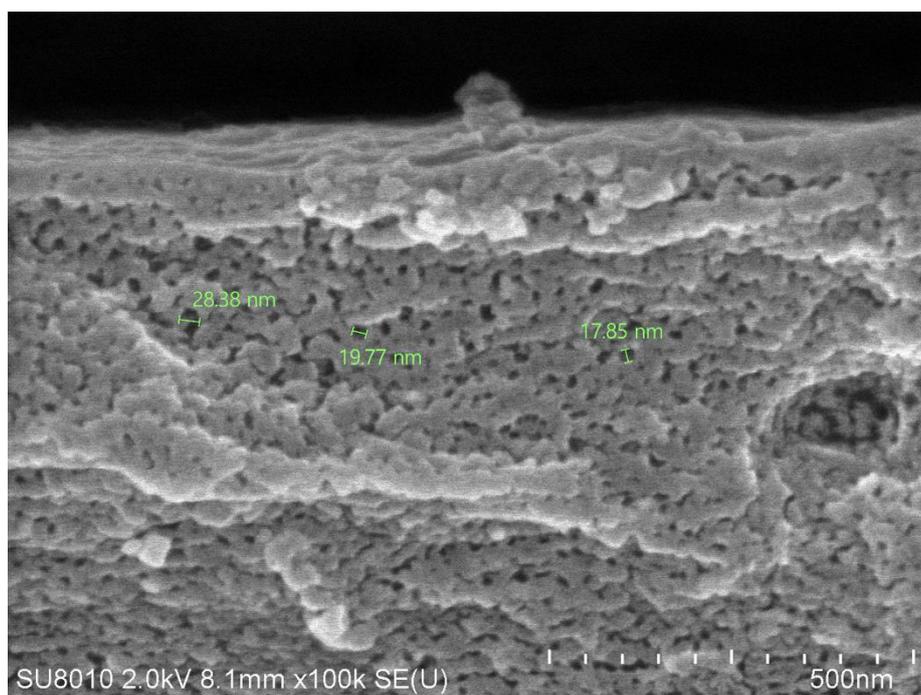
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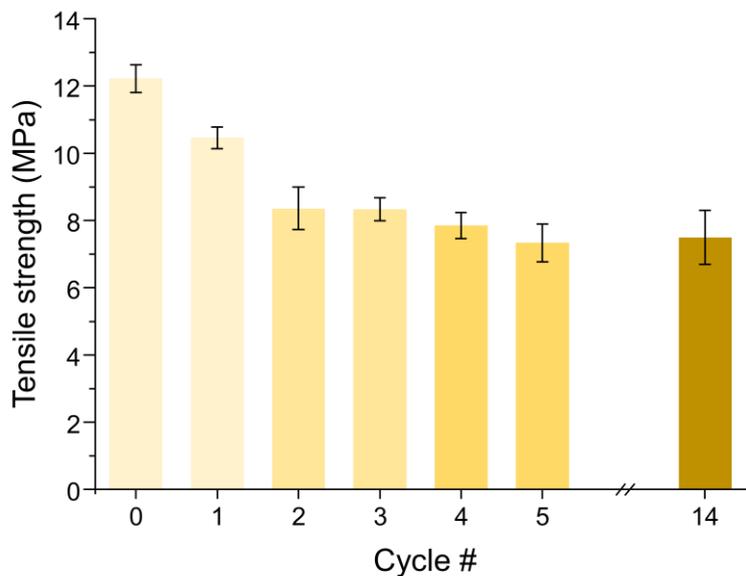
**Figure S1.** RG chromaticity diagram of the LbL and non-LbL model paper samples up to 14 cycles. The number of cycles of both models increases along the direction of the arrow. Inset pictures are the optical micrographs of cellulose paper and 14 cycles of both models.



**Figure S2.** Histogram of the diameters of the Ag NPs overall.



**Figure S3.** Cross-sectional SEM image of an Ag-chitosan nanocomposite with pore sizes measurement.



**Figure S4.** Tensile strength of silver/chitosan nanocomposite layered papers from cellulose paper (0 cycles) to 14 cycles.

The tensile strength of the LbL paper that had been repeatedly synthesized up to 14 cycles gradually decreased and eventually became saturated. Cellulose has a high level of crystallinity, which is reflected in its high tensile strength. However, the binding with silver/chitosan nanocomposite limited the crystallinity of the cellulose fiber, causing a decrease in the molecular-level tensile strength [1]. Also, the tensile strength is considered saturated because the spaces in the paper are limited.

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