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# Embroidered Electronic Interfacing for Health Monitoring: An Electrocardiogram T-shirt

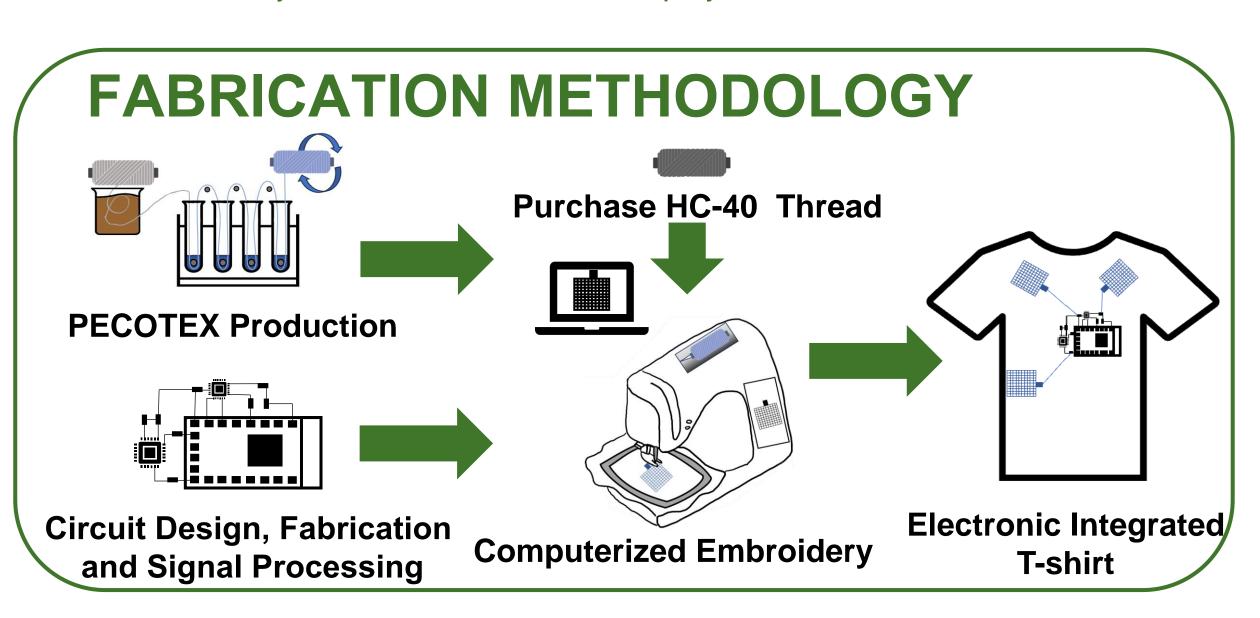
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Embroidered electronics enhance non-invasive health monitoring through increased sensing surface area [1]. Computerized embroidery facilitates high spatial definition sensor fabrication [2]. To ensure widespread use, the thread must withstand embroidery forces, integrate easily with standard electronics, and preserve fabric properties.

These traits are investigated via the creation of an electrocardiogram (ECG) T-shirt using lab-modified PEDOT: PSS cotton thread (PECOTEX) and commercially available Madeira HC-40 polyamide thread.



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#### **EMBROIDERY EFFECTS** 10⁴ • Before • After (mɔ/cm) Single Double stance 10° Resi Average on an analysis **PECOTEX** HC-40 HC-40 PECOTEX Thread **Thread**

Resistance measurement before and after embroidery (N = 5)

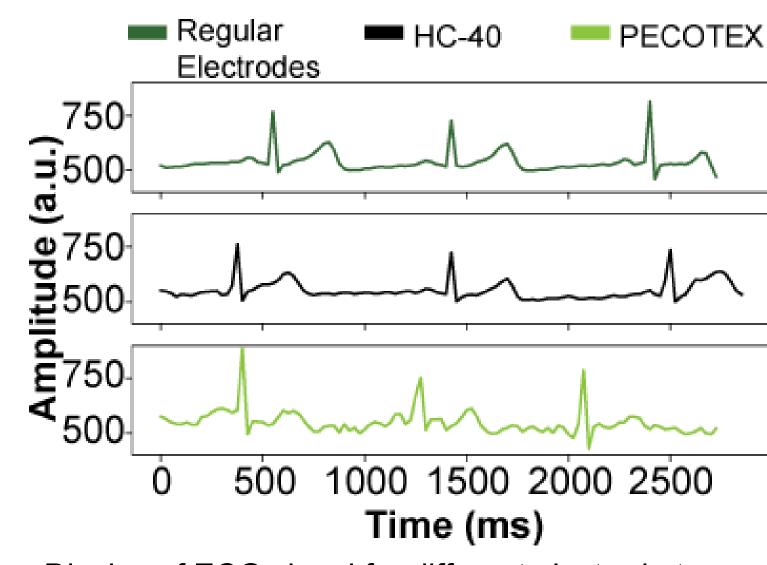
Resistance measurement after connecting the thread to the flexible circuit via a single or double connection (N = 3)

## **ECG ELECTRONICS ECG** Signal AD8233: Single Lead ECG Chip Signal Filtering 0.5Hz 40Hz ESP32 with 12-bit Analog to Digital Converter Display via Serial Connection Flow diagram of the ECG measurement system and the corresponding placement on the flexible printed circuit board



enlarged electrode

### SIGNAL COMPARISON



Display of ECG signal for different electrode types on same circuit

#### **FUTURE PLAN & CONCLUSION**

	5-17 July	19 – 30 July	3 -15 August	17 – 31 August
Full Integration and Bluetooth Functionality				
Mechanical Characterisation				
Industrial Embroidery Machine Testing				
Thesis Write Up				

- HC-40 has similar capabilities as regular electrodes when embroidered in an ECG T-shirt
- PECOTEX enables ECG extraction with a nosier interface