

# Electrochemistry – Bioelectrochemistry and Biosensors

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- <https://www.zimmerpeacocktech.com/2020/02/05/usn-introduction-to-biosensors/>

# Content

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- Introduction to ZP and I 😊
- Introduction to Electrochemistry
- Introduction to Electroanalytical chemistry
  - Introduction to Biosensors
- Introduction to electroanalytical techniques applied to biosensors
  - Cyclic voltammetry
  - Amperometry
  - Potentiometry

# Quick resume

- ▶ **Martin Peacock**
- ▶ **First degree chemistry**
- ▶ **Second degree electrochemistry**
- ▶ **Industrial roles:**
  - ▶ **GSK – Medicinal Chemist**
  - ▶ **Abbot Diabetes – Electrochemist**
- ▶ **Companies founded in the last 4-years:**
  - ▶ **Zimmer and Peacock Ltd**
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  - ▶ **CeeLab**
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# ZP Background – who are we?

- Formed in 2014.
- Locations: USA, UK, Norway and Indonesia
- Products: Standard Products for Sensor Developers
- Services:
  - Contract Development
  - Contract Troubleshooting
  - Contract Manufacturing
  - Contract Commercialization: Packaging, Logistics, Sales Channels Etc.
  - IP development



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# Capabilities

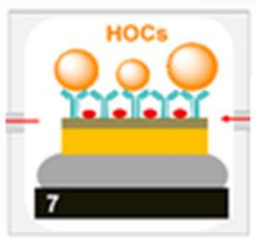
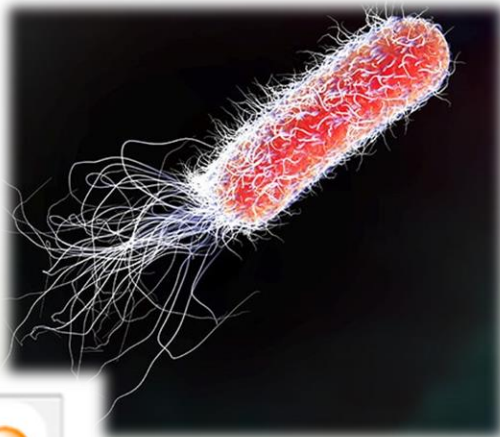
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- BioMEMS
- Screen Printing
- Digital printing
- Electronics
- Mechanical Engineering
- iOS Development
- Cloud databases
- Biosensor Manufacturing
- Microfluidics
- Rapid Prototyping/minimum viable product
- Seamstress
- IP Development - Patents

# What do sensors mean for



- We like measuring things and sensing things?



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# What is electrochemistry?

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- **Definition One** - Electrochemistry is a subject studied by electrochemists, who all think it is very important
- **Definition Two** – Electrochemistry is one of the sciences best suited for integrating chemistry/biology with electronics, AI, The Cloud and Big Data
- **Definition Four** – Electrochemistry is a commercially important science, but not commonly taught at University
- **Definition Five** - Electrochemistry is the study of the relationship between electricity, and an identifiable chemical/biology change, with either electricity considered an outcome of a particular chemical change or vice versa.
  - Definition of 5 A – The conversion of chemistry or biology quickly to data to information

# Applications of electrochemistry

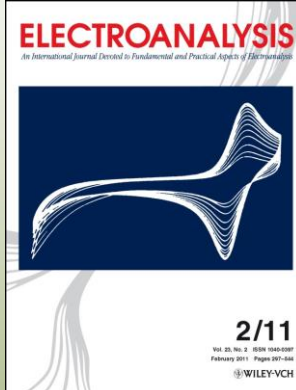
Study of corrosion



Power and Energy:  
capacitors, fuel cells and batteries, solar cells



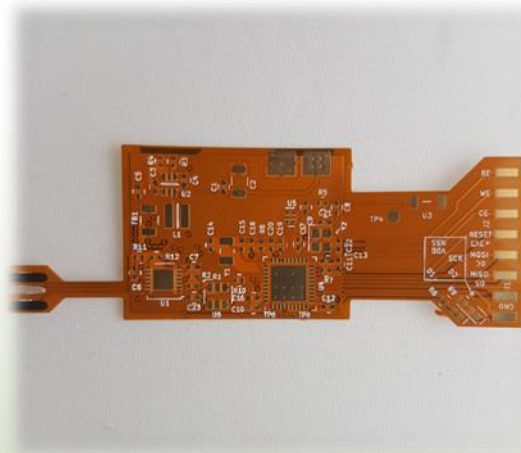
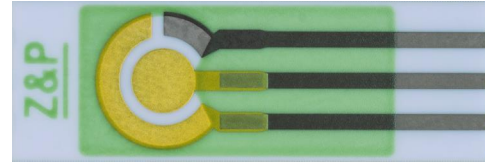
**Electroanalysis**  
– sensors and biosensors



Electrolysis/  
Electrochemical  
Synthesis



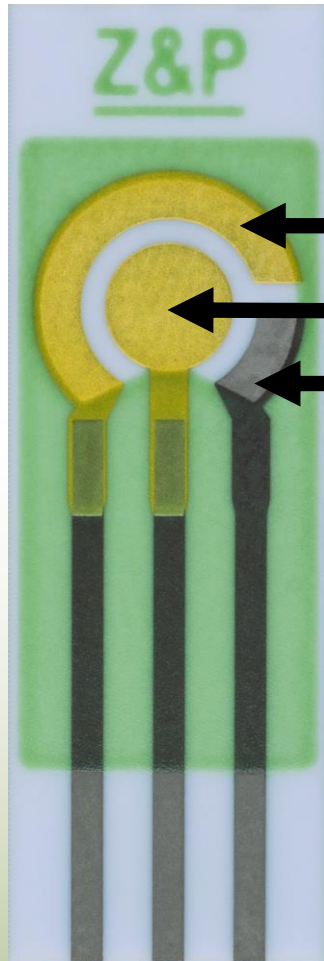
# What can electrochemistry do for you?



# Hardware



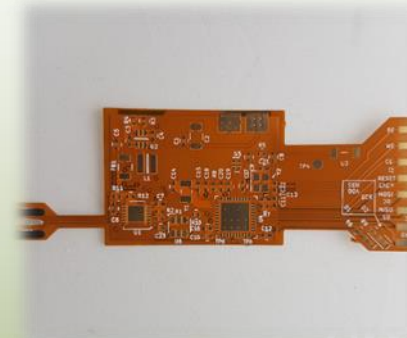
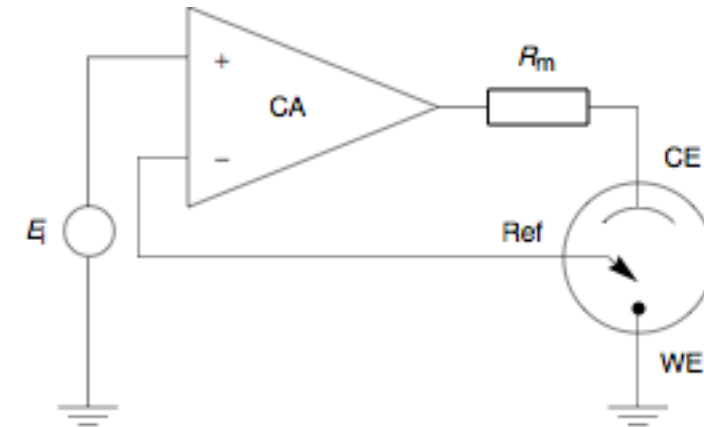
Old fashioned



Counter electrode

Working electrode

Reference electrode

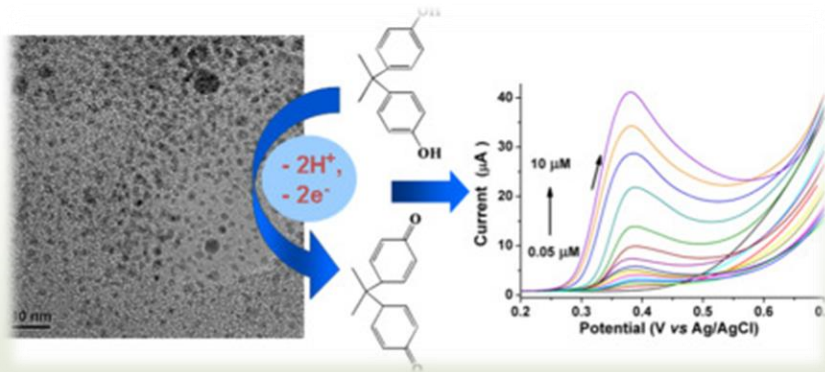


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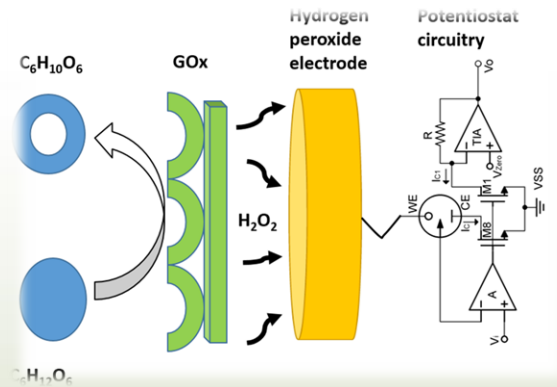
# Electroanalytical chemistry - How does our science work?



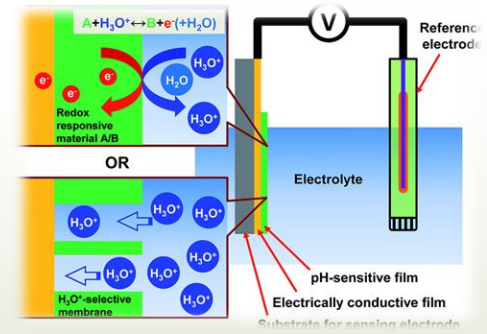
## Voltammetric



## Amperometric

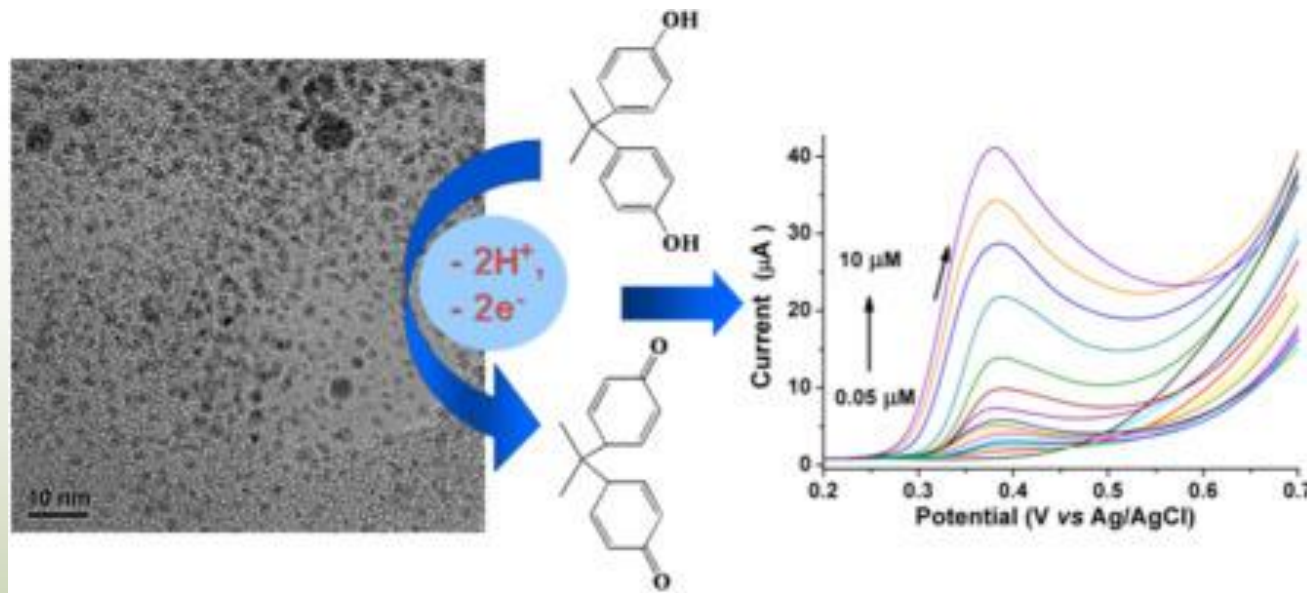


## Potentiometric



# Introduction

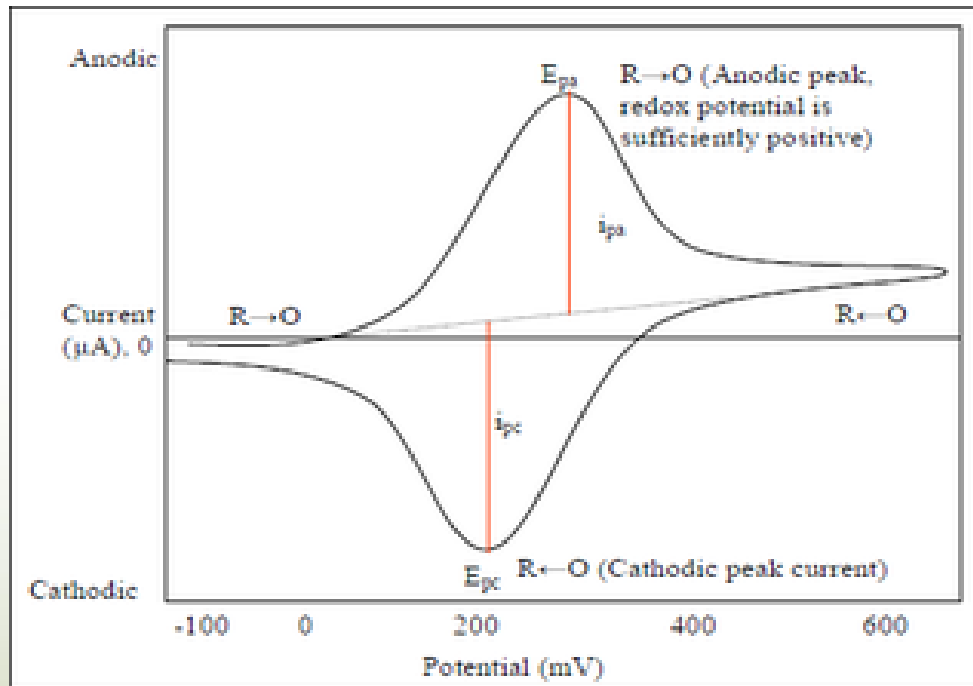
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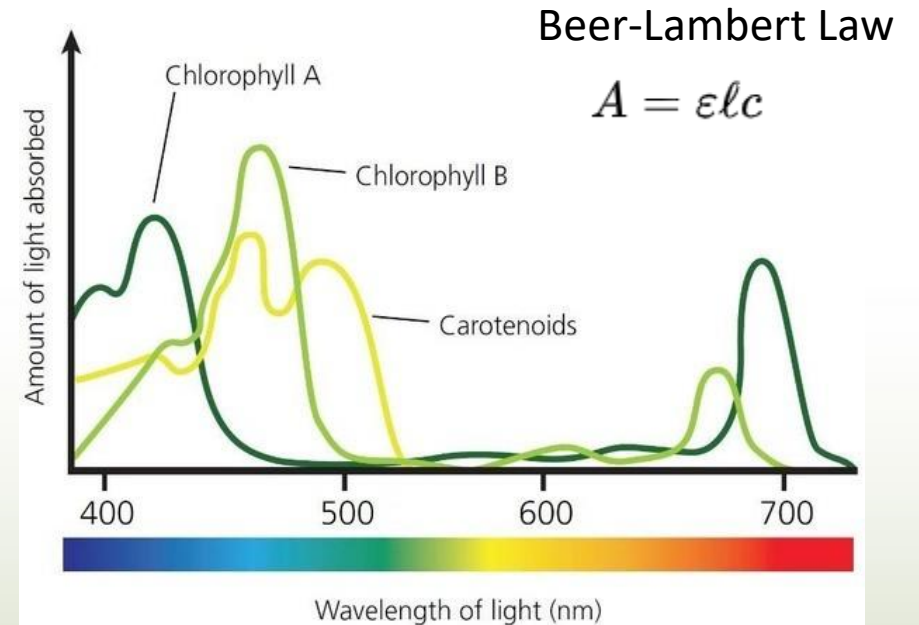
# Cyclic voltammetry versus absorption spectroscopy



Randles-Sevcik equation



Cyclic voltammetry



Absorption spectroscopy

# Cuvettes and chips

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Cuvette

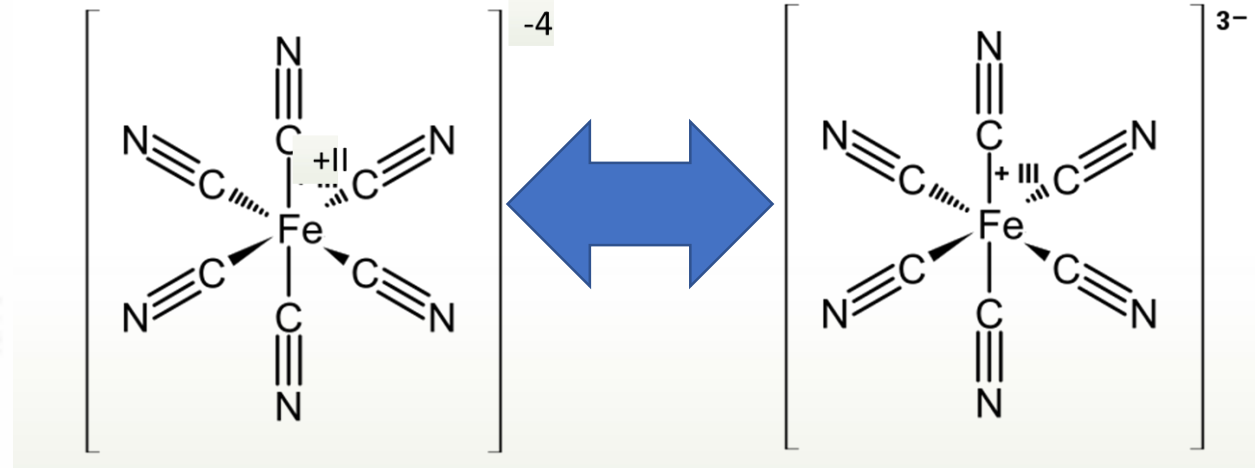
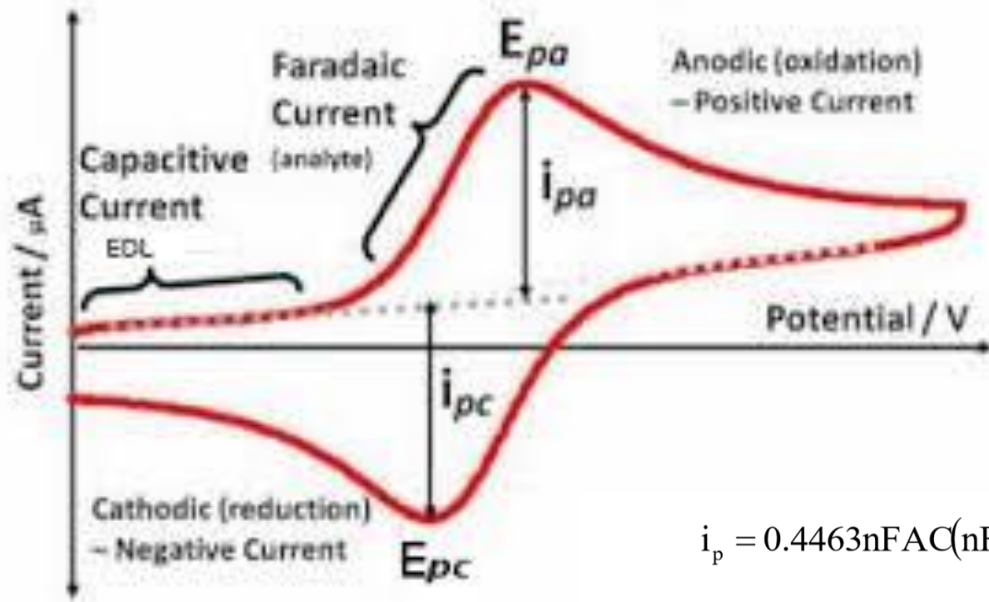


Chip

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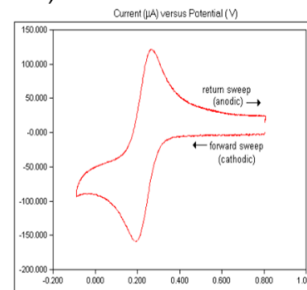


# Cyclic voltammetry



$$i_p = 0.4463nFAC(nFvD/RT)^{1/2}$$

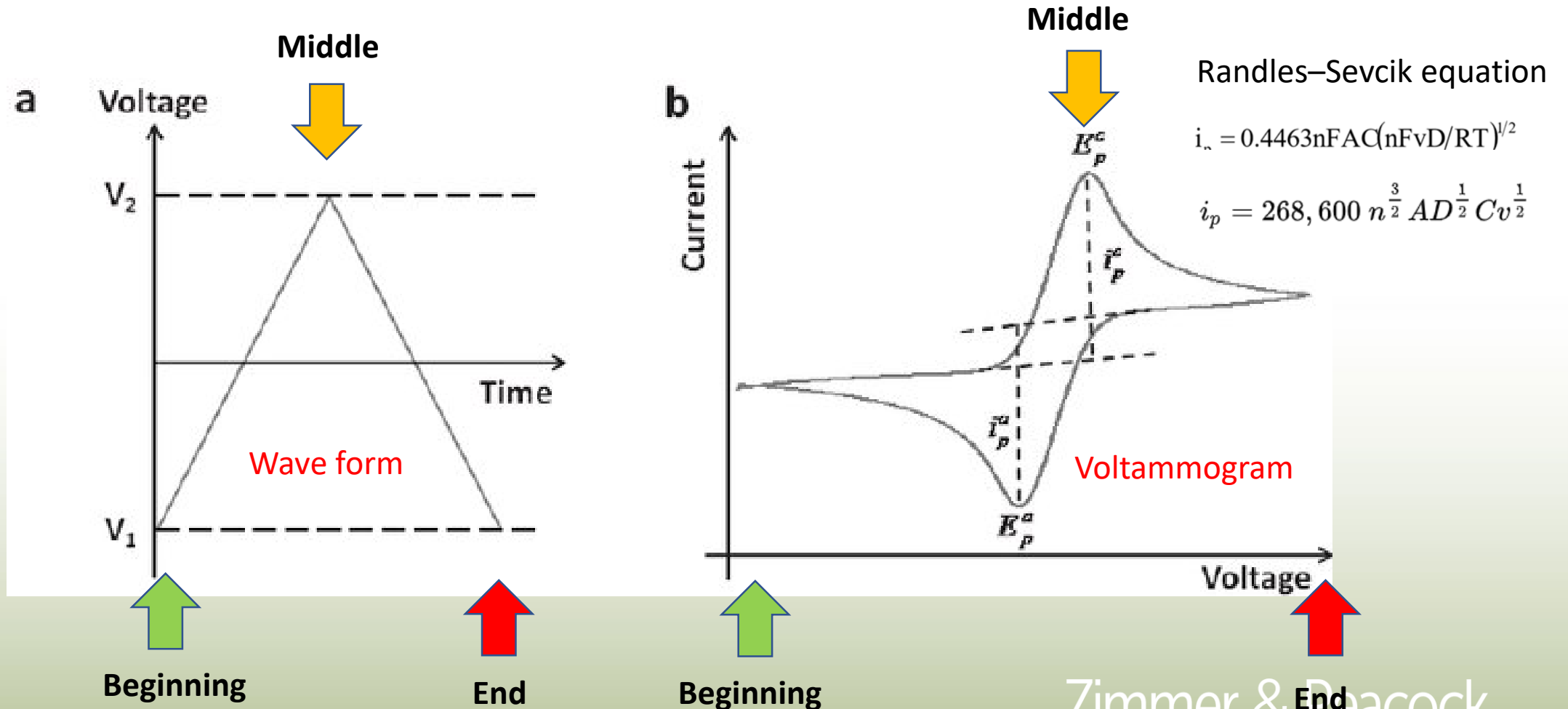
- $n$  = Number of electrons
- $F$  = Faraday's Constant 96,485 C/mole
- $A$  = Electrode Area  $\text{cm}^2$
- $D$  = Analyte Diffusion Coefficient  $\text{cm}^2 \text{s}^{-1}$



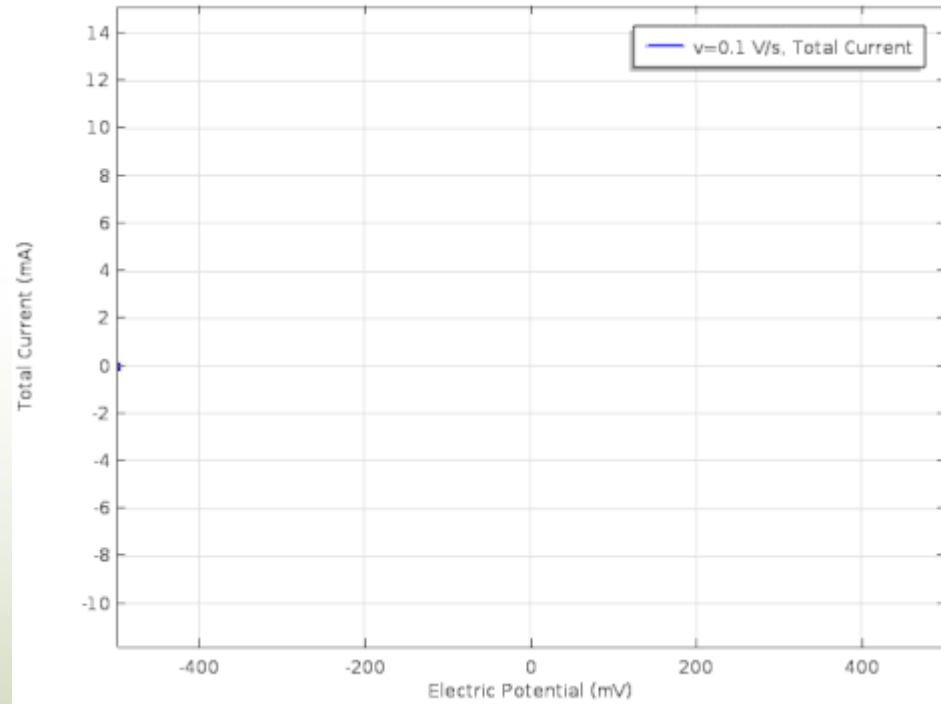
Ratio of  $i_{pa}$  to  $i_{pc}$  should be close to one, but vary with chemical reactions coupled to electrode process.

**1 mM potassium  
ferrocyanide and 1 mM  
ferricyanide in 1 M NaCl**

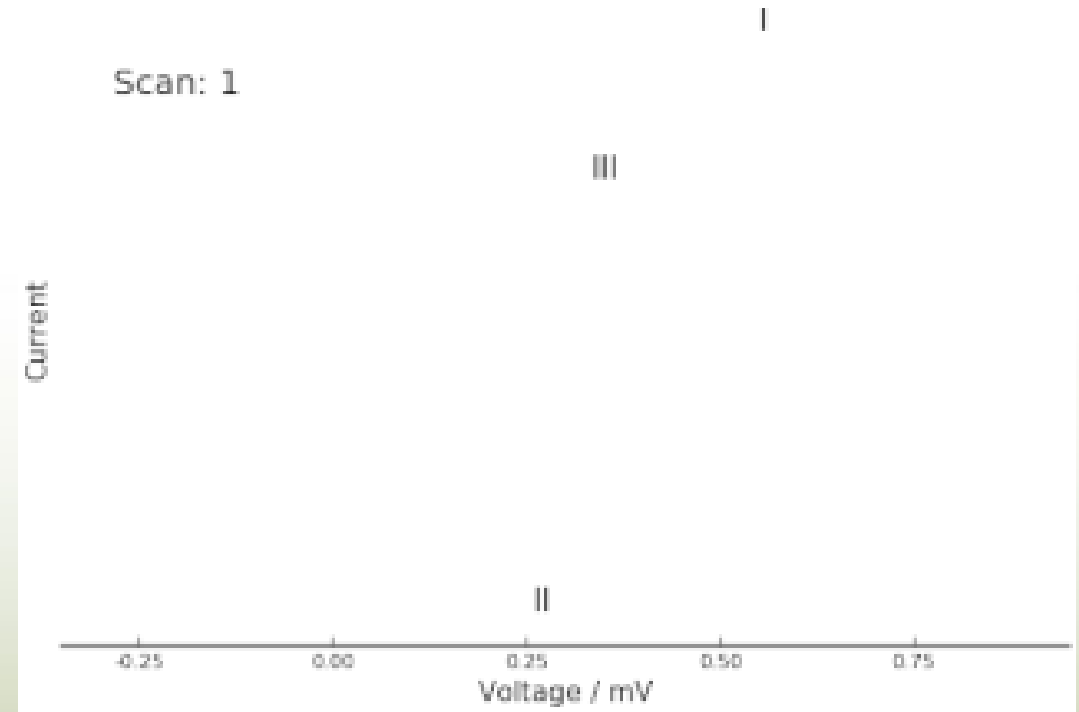
# Waveform/Excitation – Cyclic Voltammetry



# CV simulations

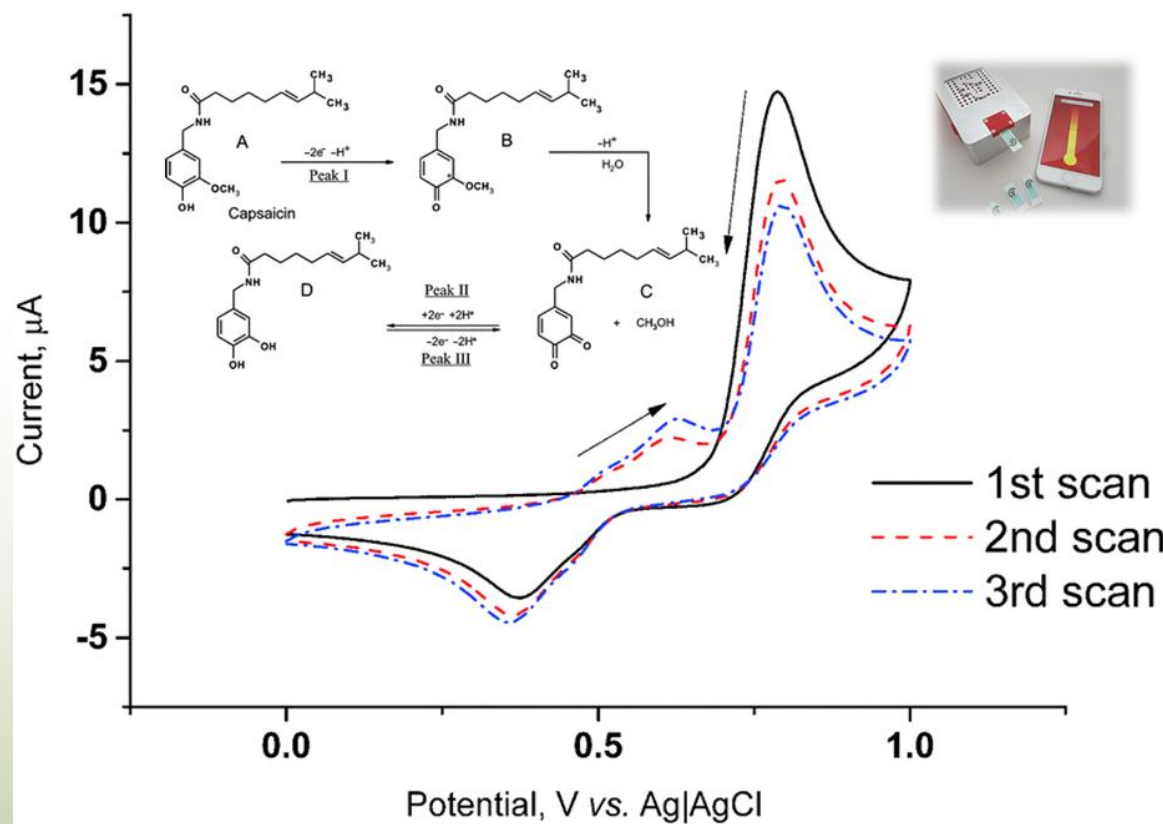
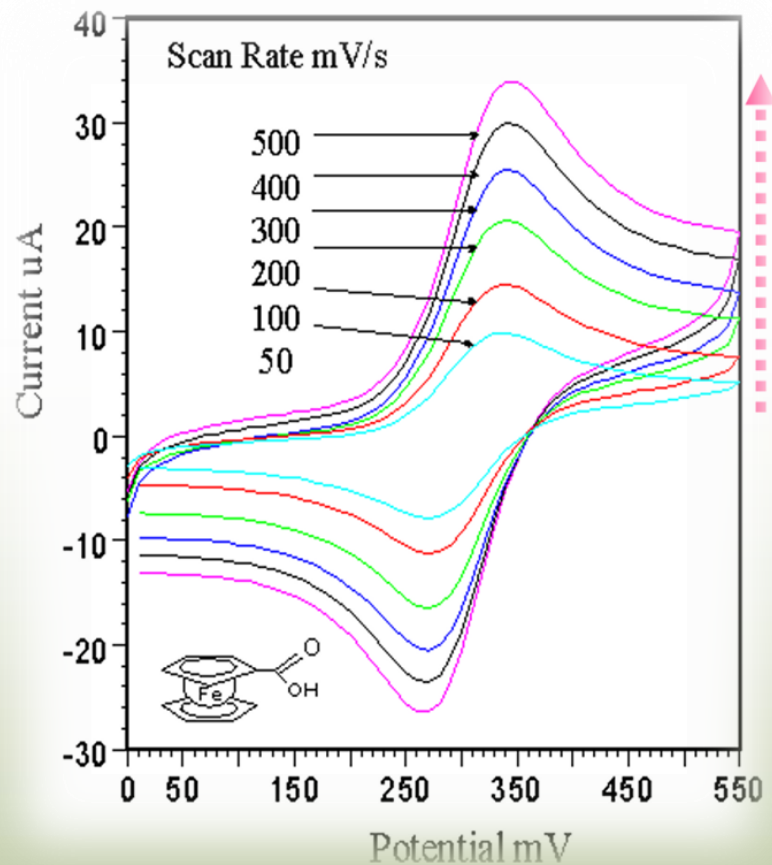
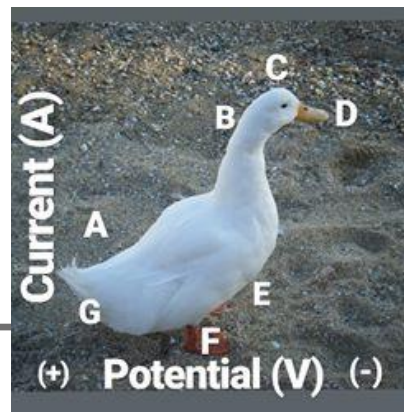


Ferro/ferricyanide

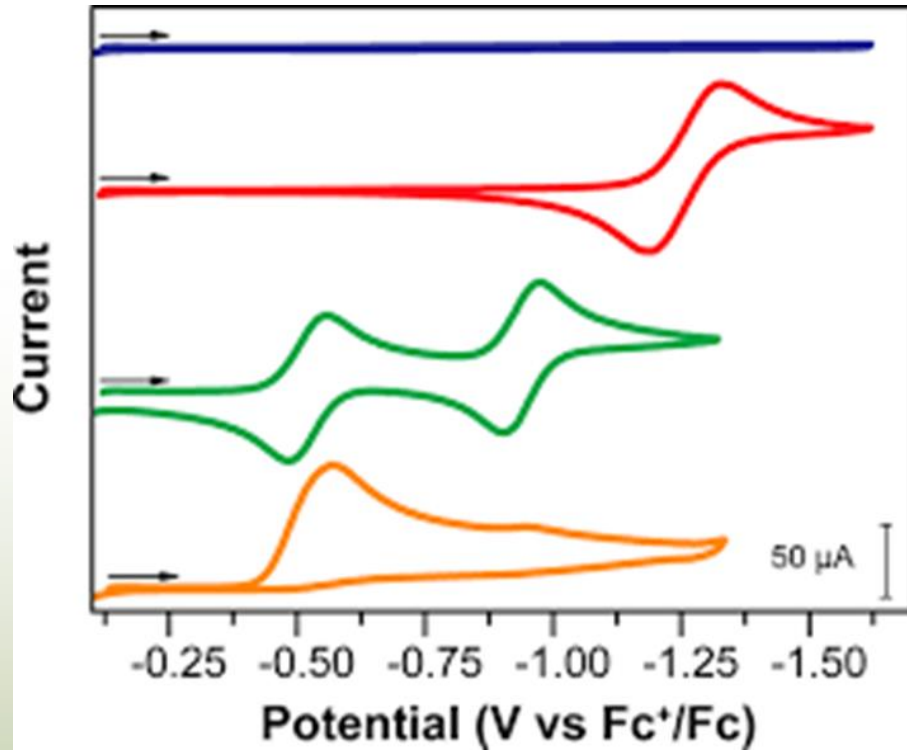


Capsaicin

# Cyclic voltammetry

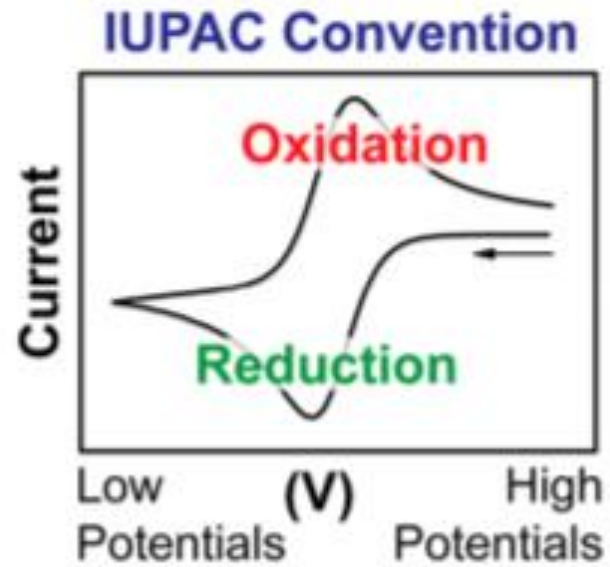


# Cyclic voltammetry



$$i_p = 0.446nFAC^0 \left( \frac{nFvD_0}{RT} \right)^{1/2}$$

$i_p \propto$  concentration

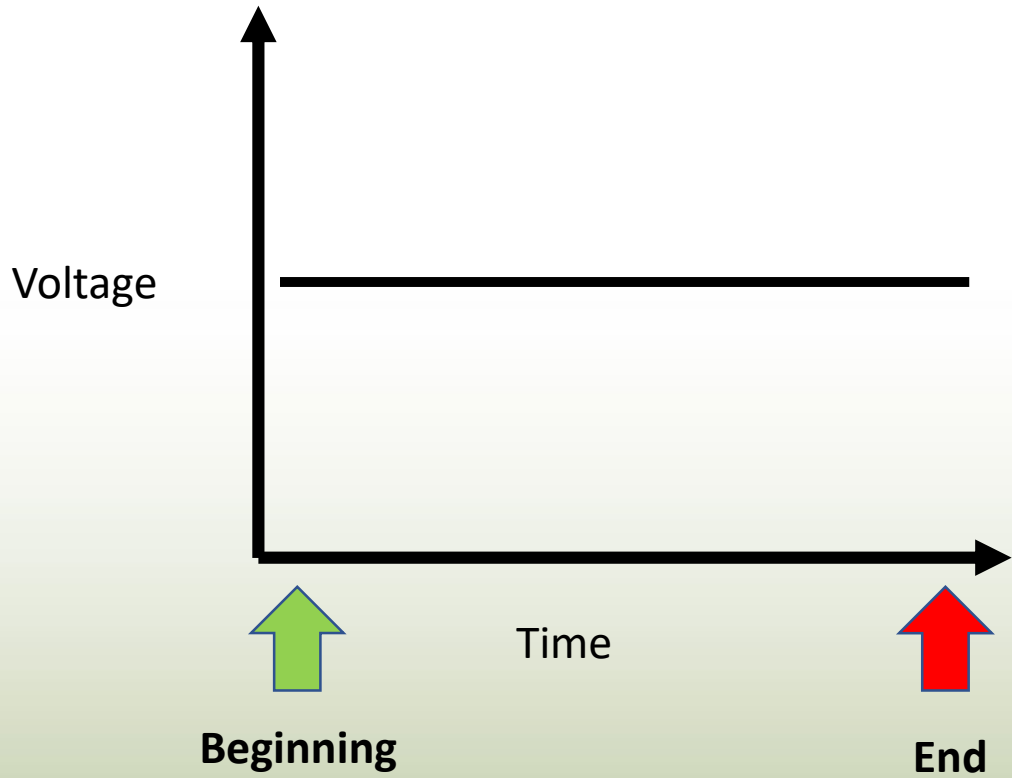




# CV demo

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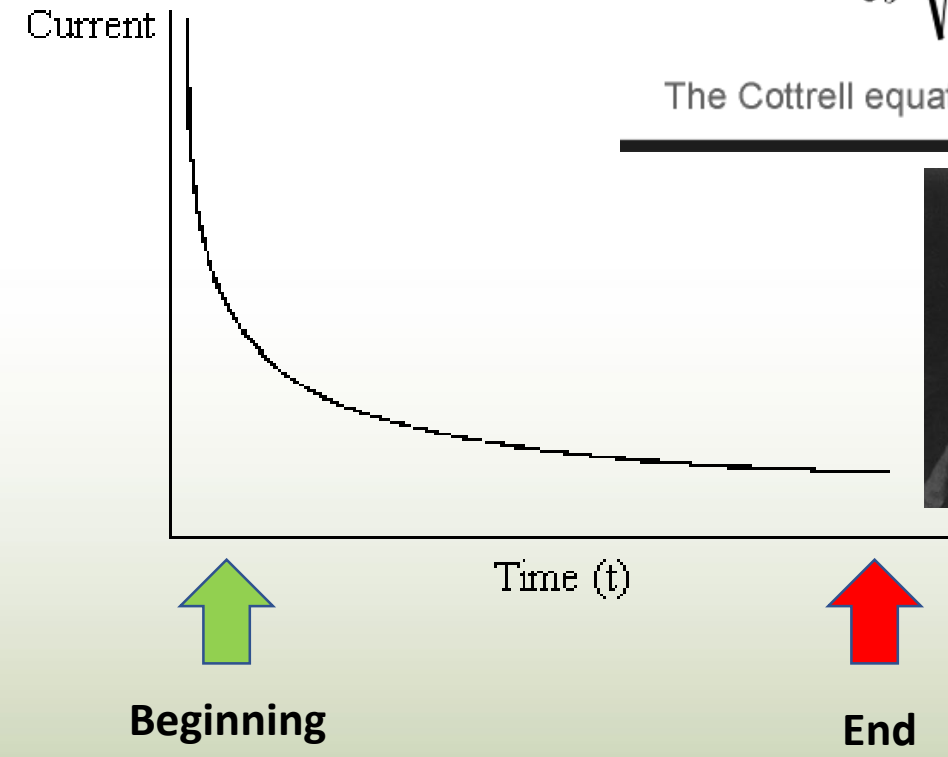
# Amperometric wave form



Ficks 2<sup>nd</sup> Law of diffusion

$$I = nFAc_o \sqrt{\frac{D}{\pi t}}$$

The Cottrell equation



# Potentiometric sensors

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$$E = E'_0 + 0.0591 \text{ pH}_{\text{outside}}$$

pH equation derived from  
the Nernst equation



# Potentiometric Equation

R is the gas constant  
(8.3143 Joules  $\times$  K<sup>-1</sup>  $\times$  mol<sup>-1</sup>)

T is the absolute temperature in  
Kelvin (i.e. 37°C = 310° K)

$$E_{sample} = E_0 + \left( \frac{2.3RT}{nF} \right) \times \log a_{ion}$$

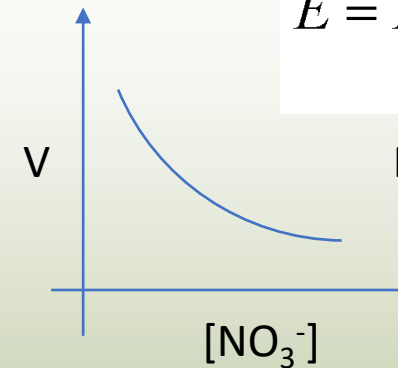
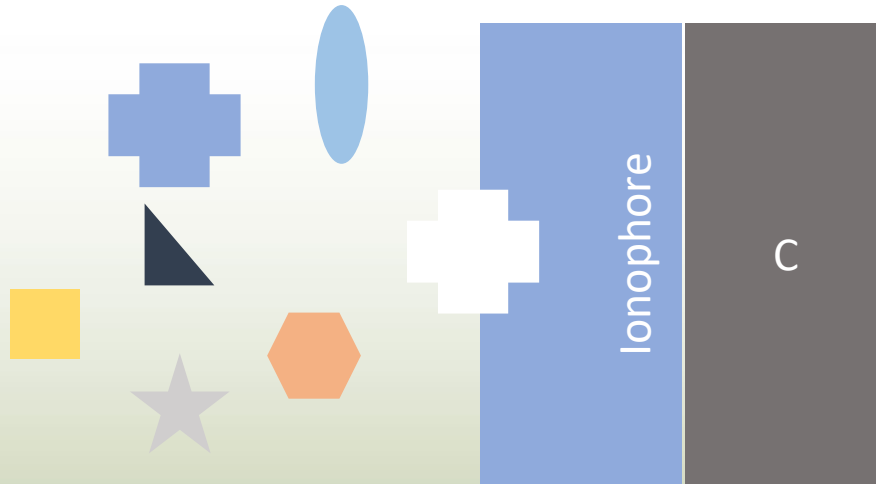
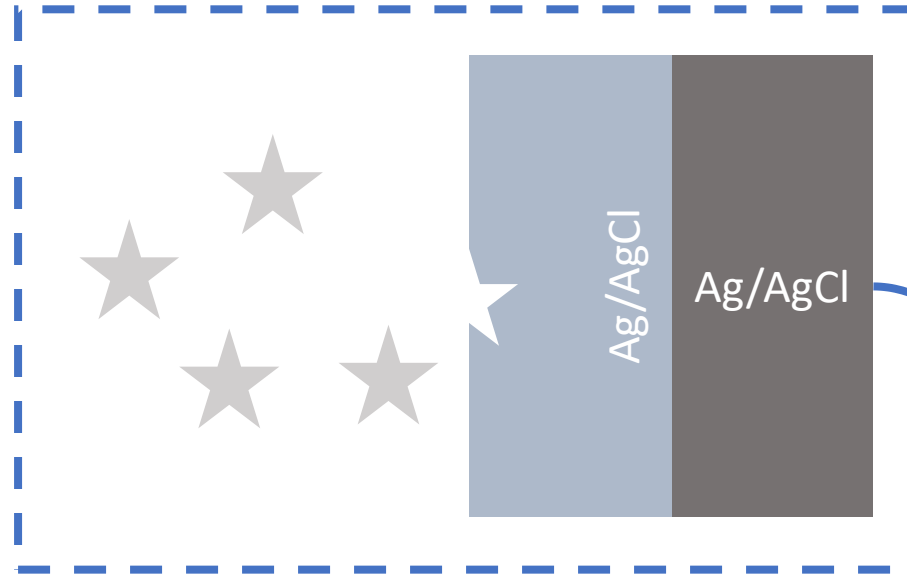
E<sub>0</sub> is the known, stable potential of the  
reference electrode

a<sub>ion</sub> is the activity of the specific ion

n is the charge of the measured ion  
(i.e. the charge of K<sup>+</sup> is +1)

F is the Faraday constant, which is  
96487 coulombs per mole

# Potentiometric



$$E = E^0 + \frac{RT}{nF} \ln \frac{[Ox]}{[Red]}$$

Nernst equation

R. Shaw, A. P. Williams, A. Miller, and D. L. Jones (2013), *Agric.*, vol. 3, no. 3, pp. 327–341, 2013.

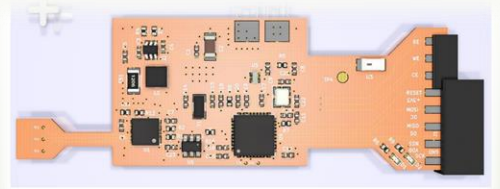
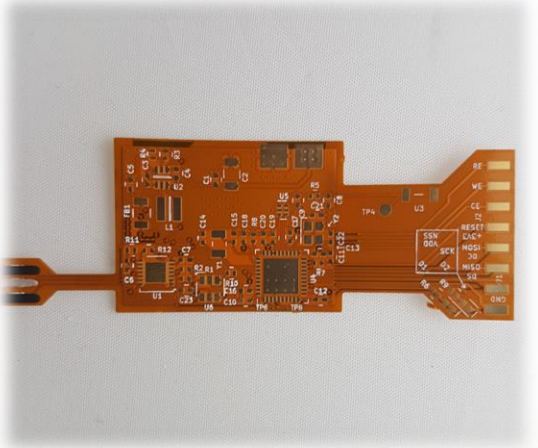
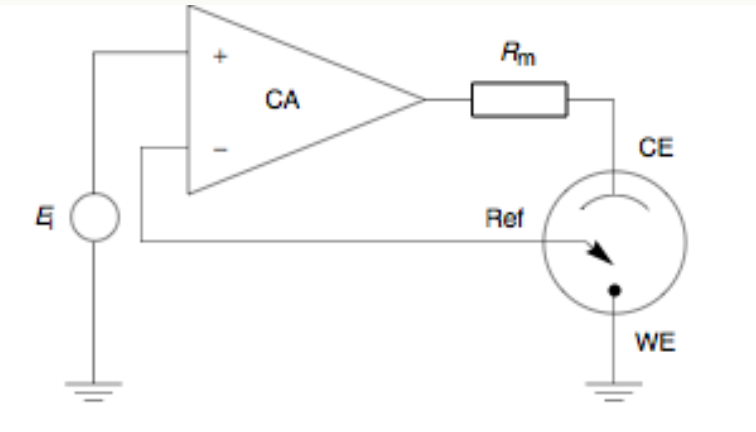
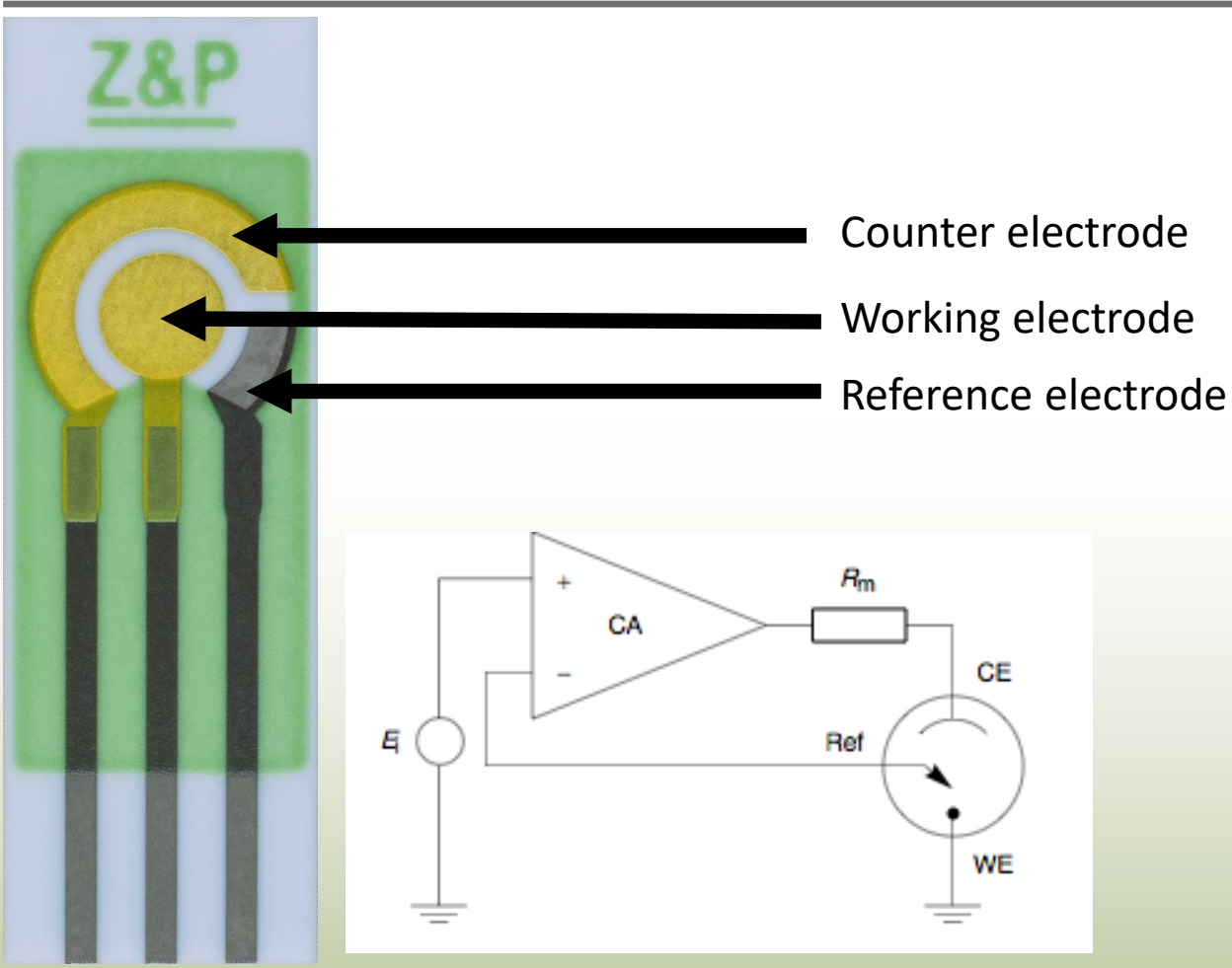
# Potentiometry demo

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# Biosensors

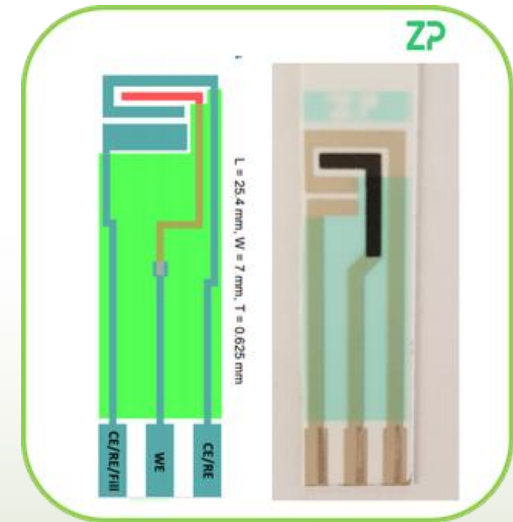
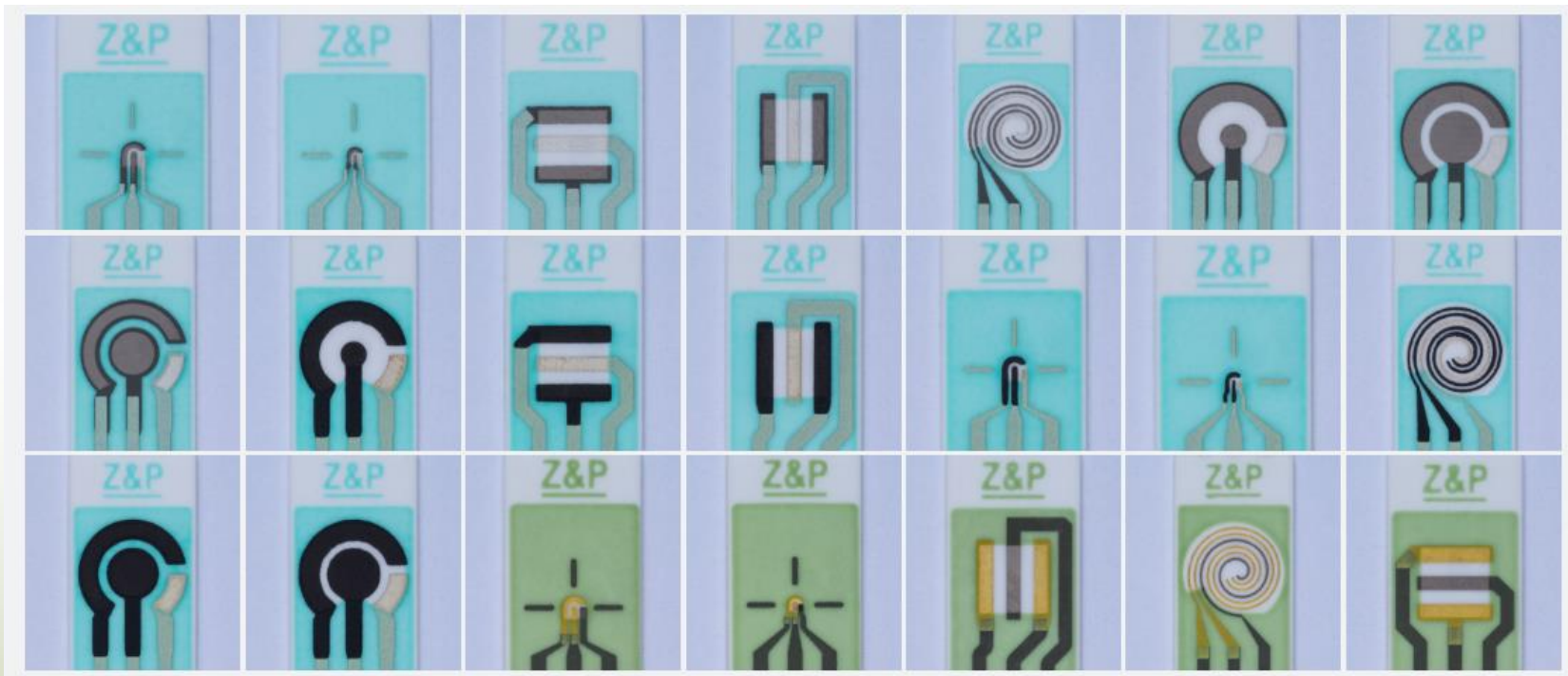
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# An anatomy lesson



Physical properties	
Dimensions (main body)	25x29x1 mm

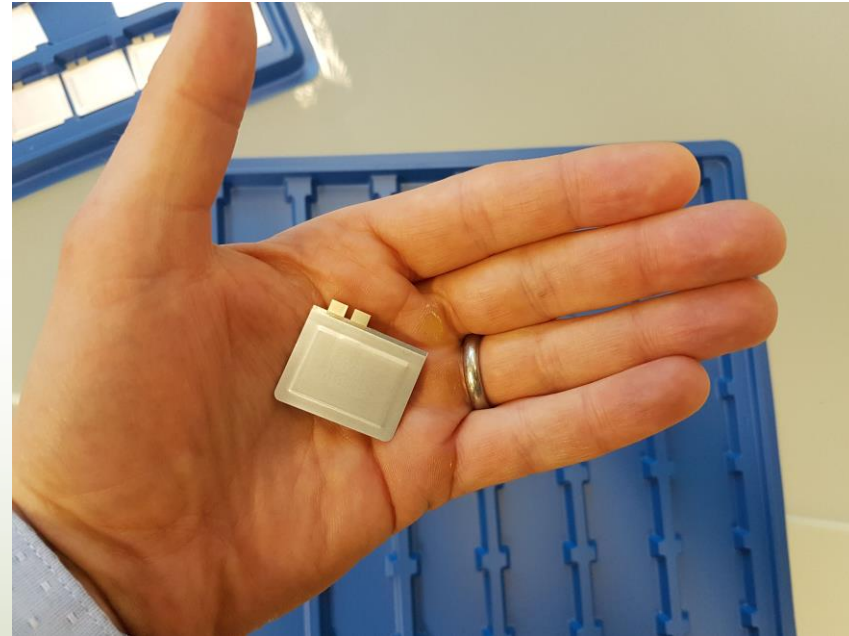
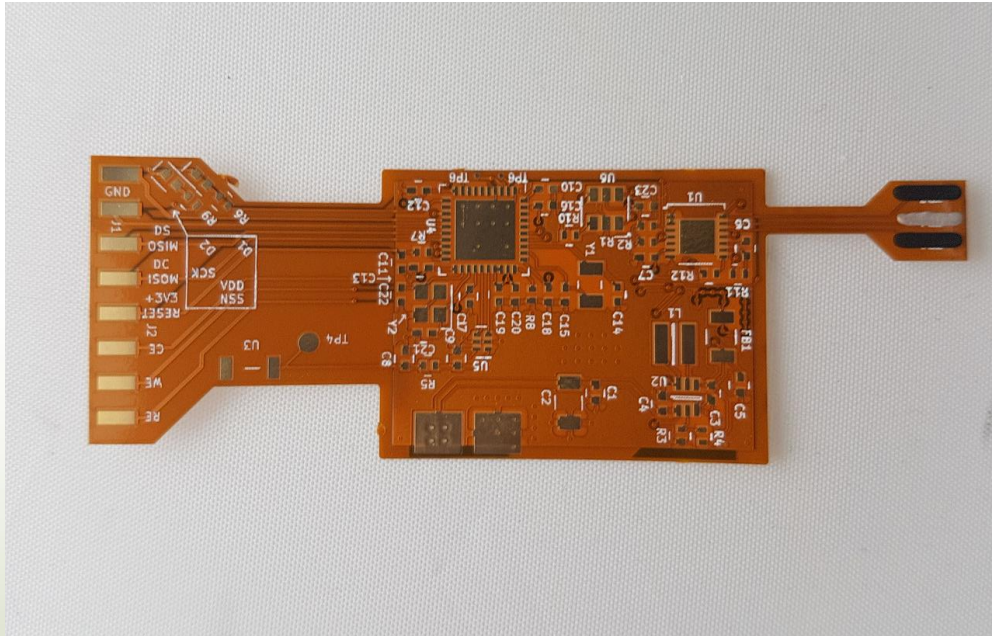
# Screen printed electrodes



99 cents

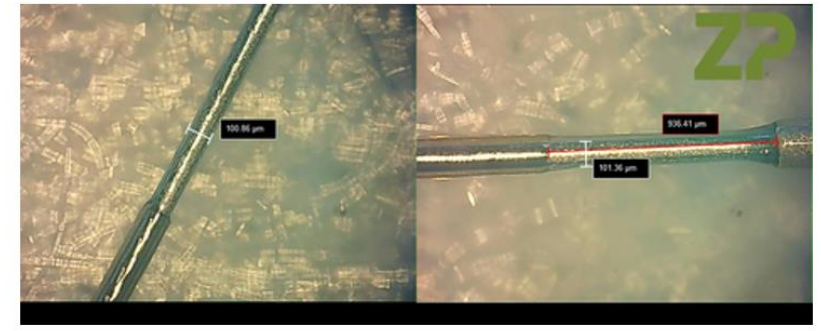
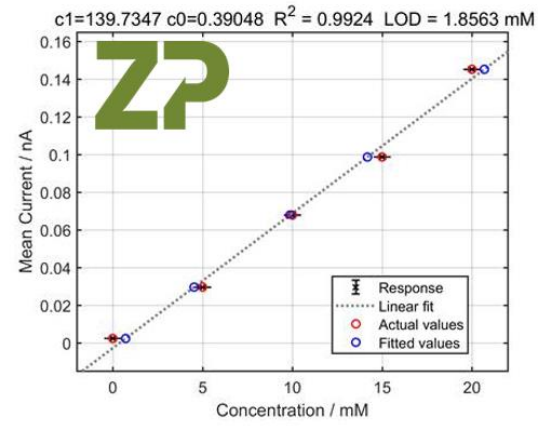
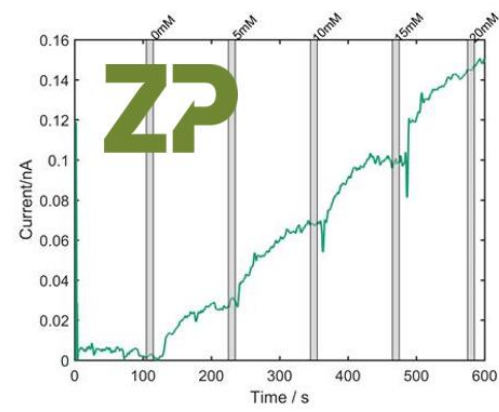
# Wearables

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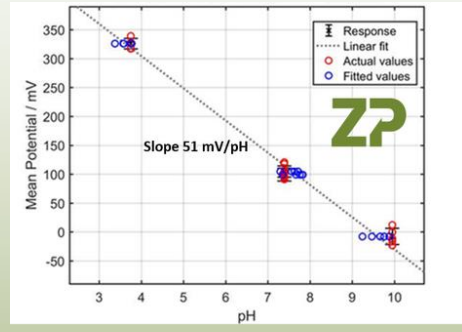
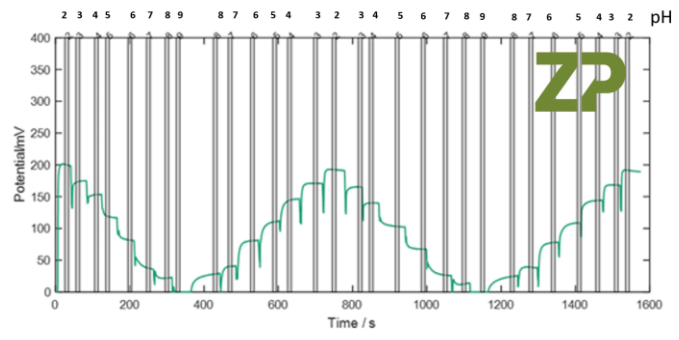


# What does a signal look like?

## Amperometric Glucose Sensor

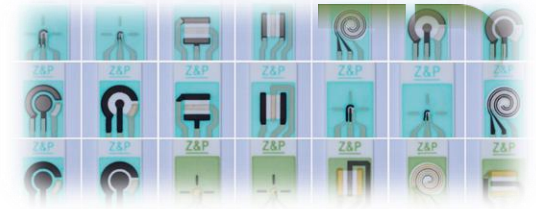



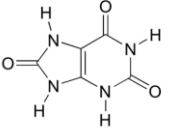
## Potentiometric pH Sensor

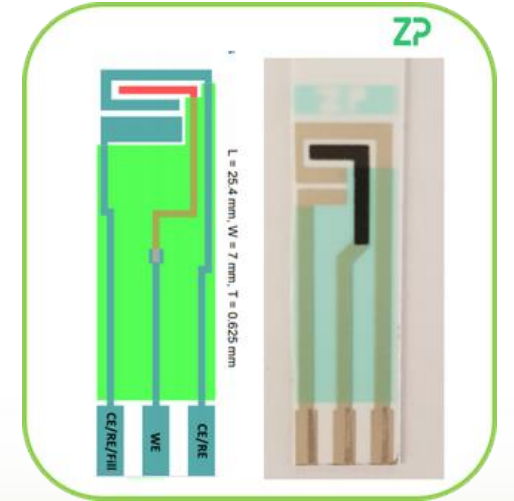




# Applications Sensors

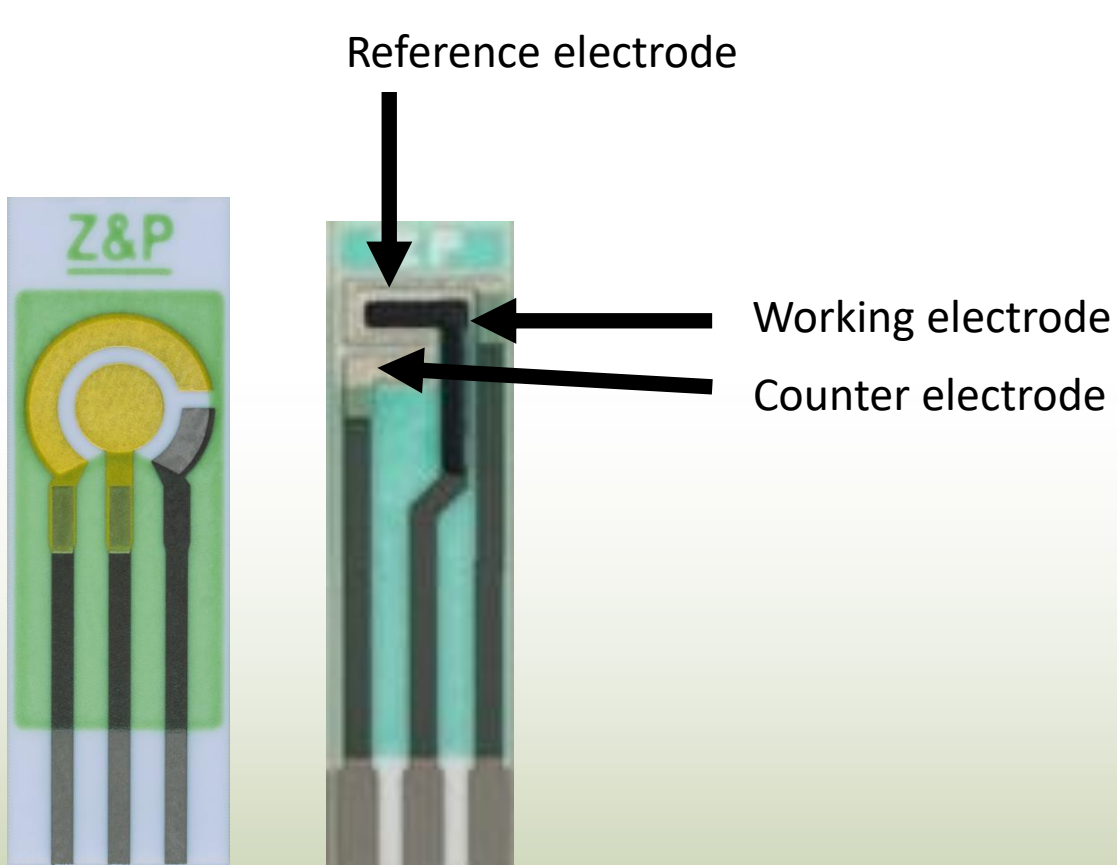


$O_2$ ZP	$K^+$ ZP	Lac ZP	$NH_4^+$ ZP	NO ZP	pH ZP	$H_2O_2$ ZP
Glu ZP	<b>Chilli</b> ZP	$Ca^{2+}$ ZP	S/m ZP	$Na^+$ ZP	$NO_3^-$ ZP	$HPO_4^{2-}$ ZP
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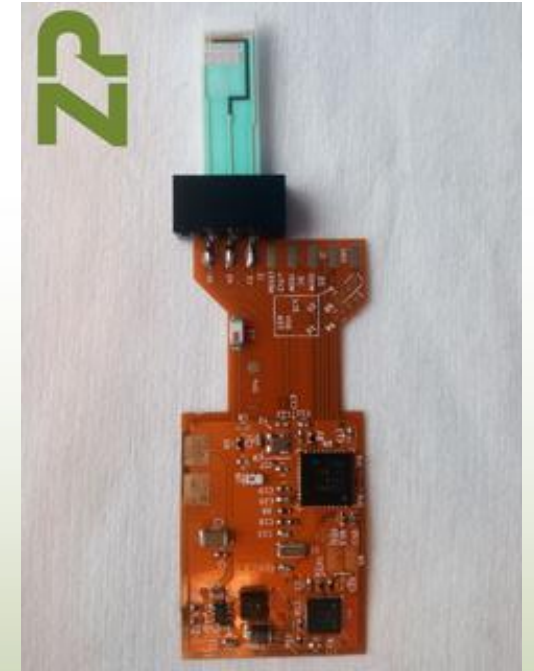
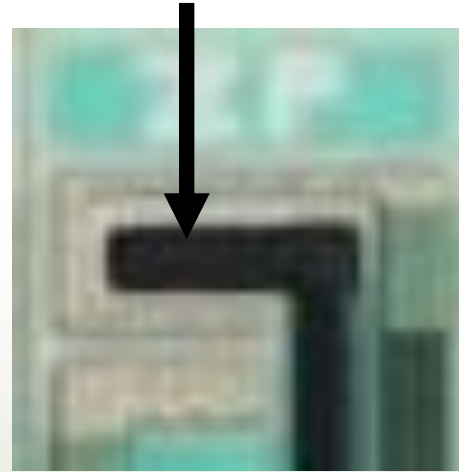


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# Turning a conductive surface into a biosensor **ZP**

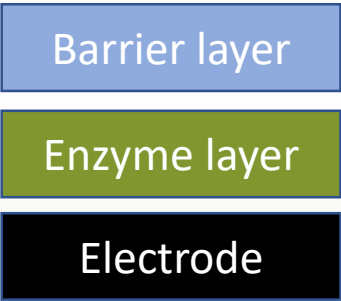
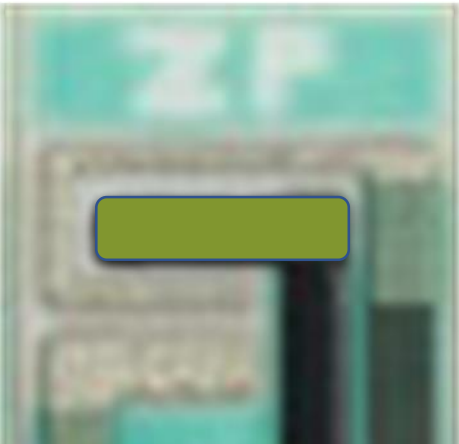
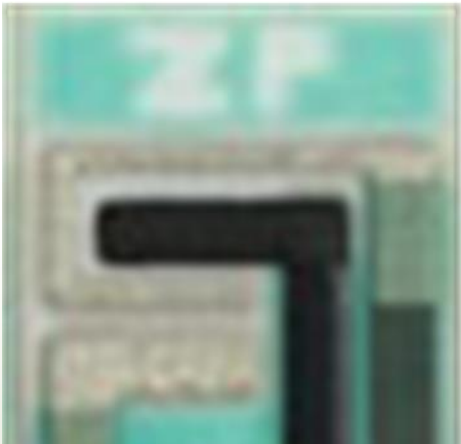
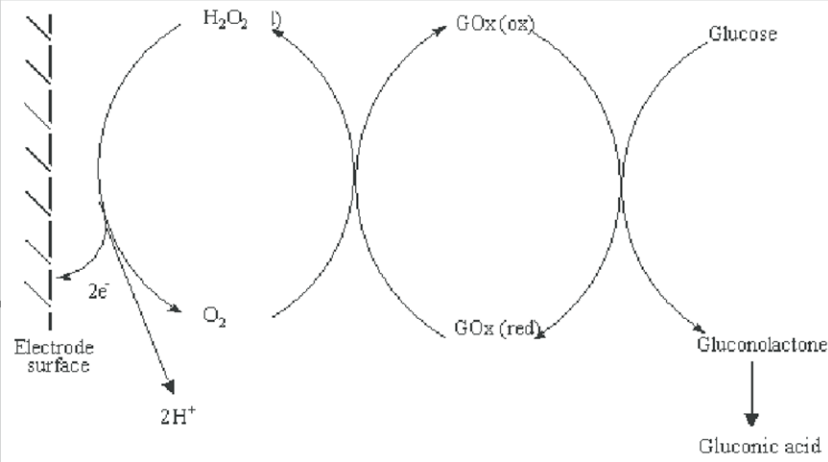


Biological recognition element onto the surface of the working electrode



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# Turning an electrode into a sensor



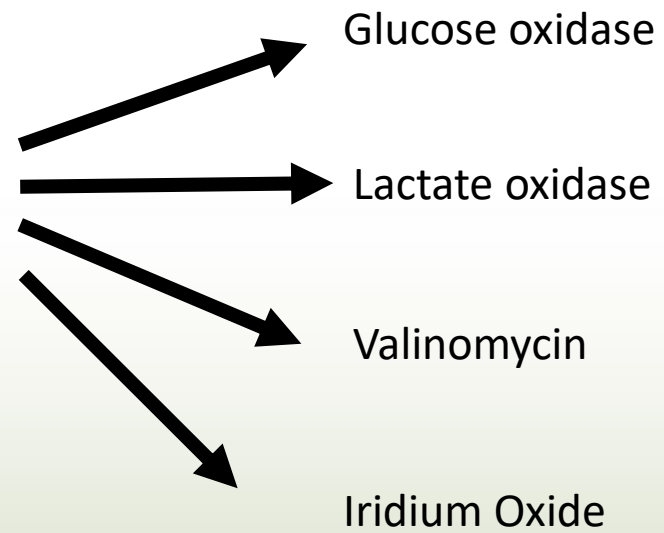
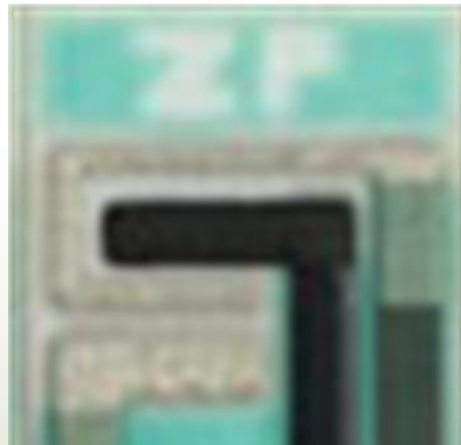
# Functionalization

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- Metal oxide – pH
- Ionophores – potassium, sodium, ammonium (0.13 nM)
- Enzymes – glucose, lactate
- Antibodies – Proteins and bacteria (1  $\mu\text{m}$ )

# Electrodes are very versatile

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# Technology trends in the sensor world IVD



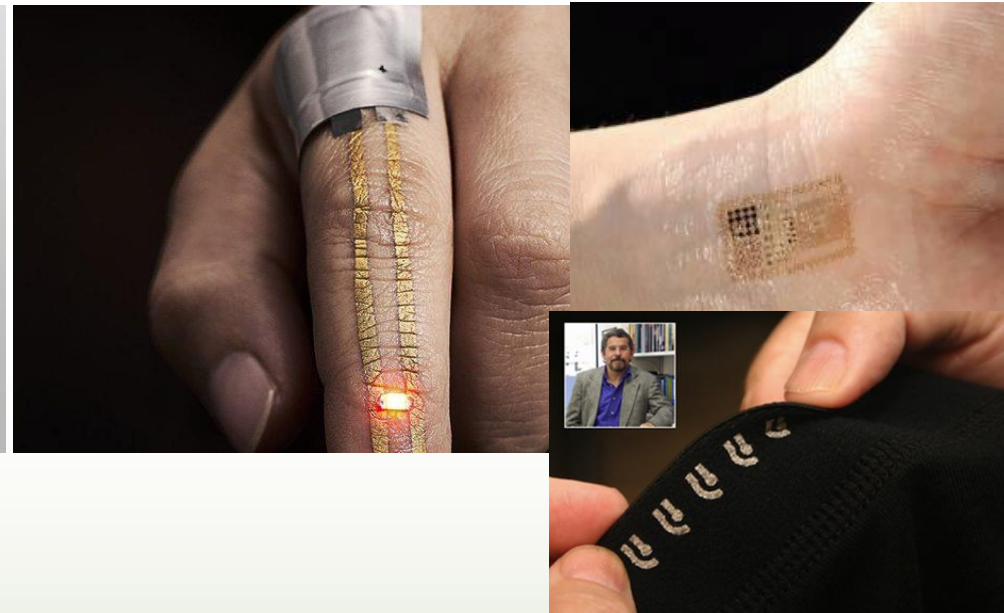
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POC



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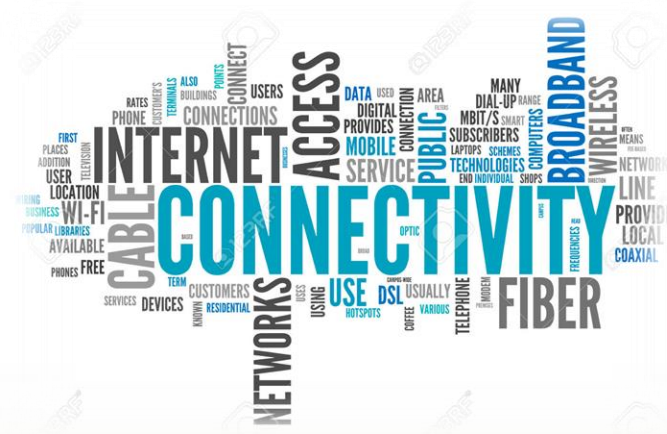


ELECTRONIC SKIN/Second Skin

Invasive and Minimally Invasive


Not just medical      Not just the sick

# What's hot right now?




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# Clark electrode – oxygen sensor – first biosensor




**\$1,574.10**  
[Orion AUTO-STIR BOD Probe](#)  
[The Lab Depot](#)




**\$882.00**  
 Orion DO Probe for Lab or Field, Cable...  
 The Lab Depot



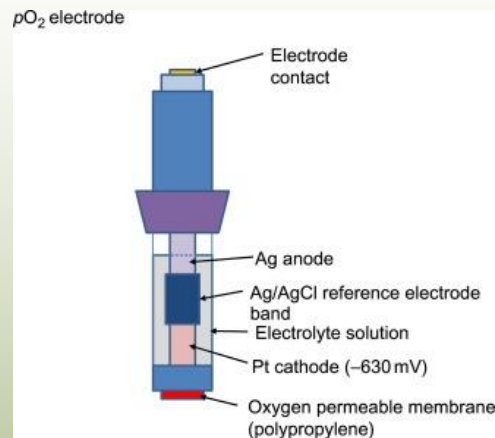
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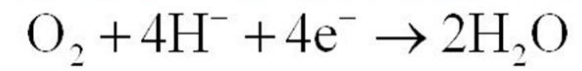
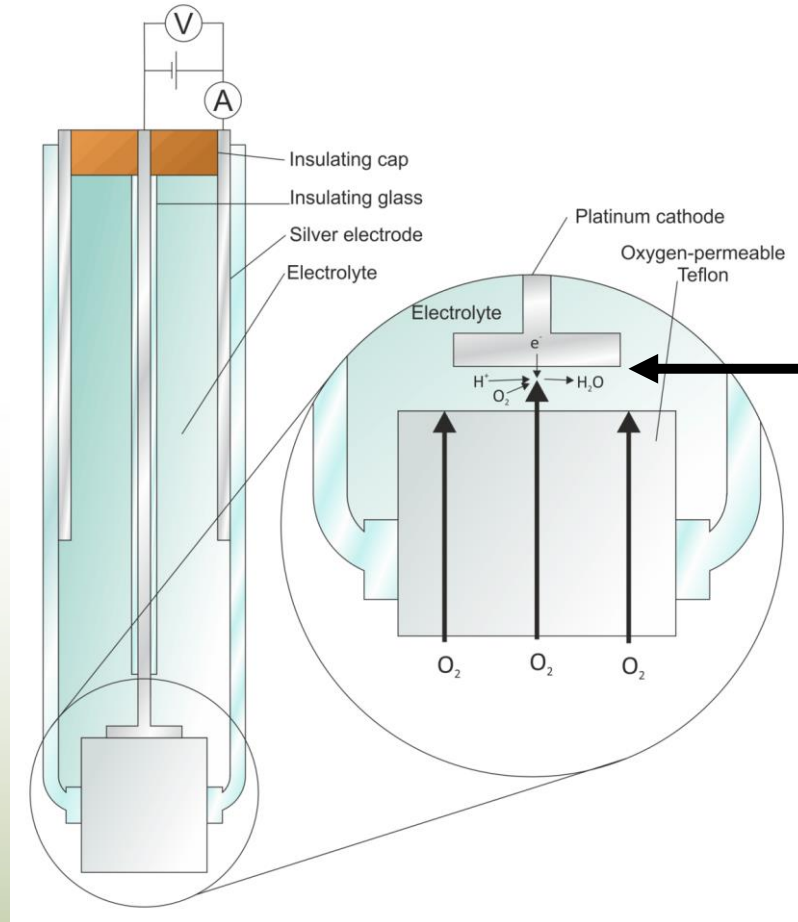
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 RDO Stainless Steel Probe Guard  
 The Lab Depot



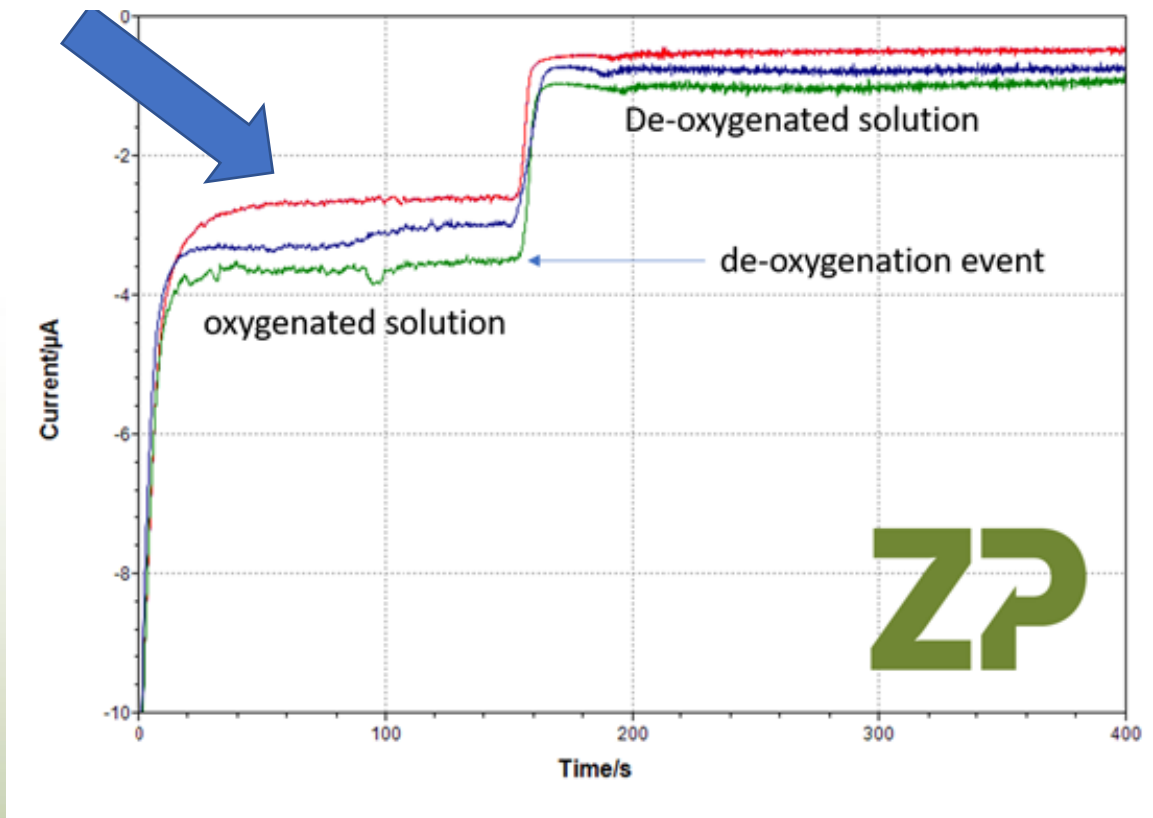
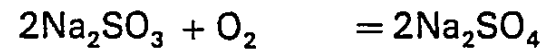
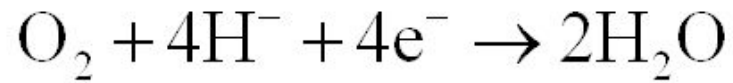
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# ZP Sensor Data



# Amperometry - Glucose

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# Bioelectroanalytical chemistry is the science/technology behind BGM

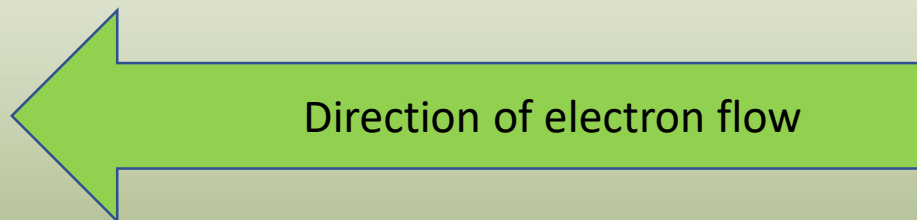
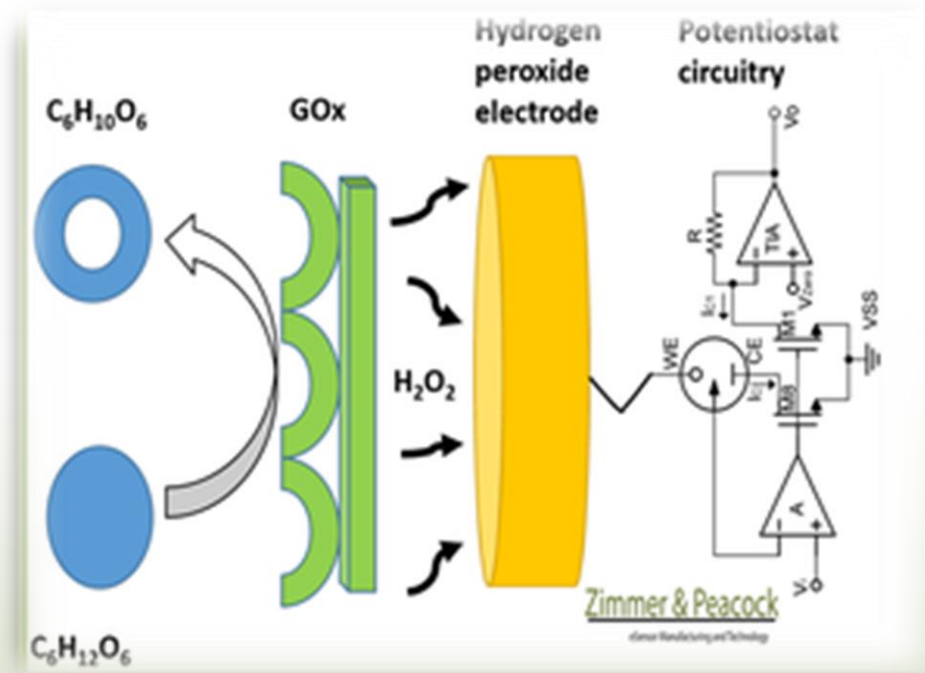
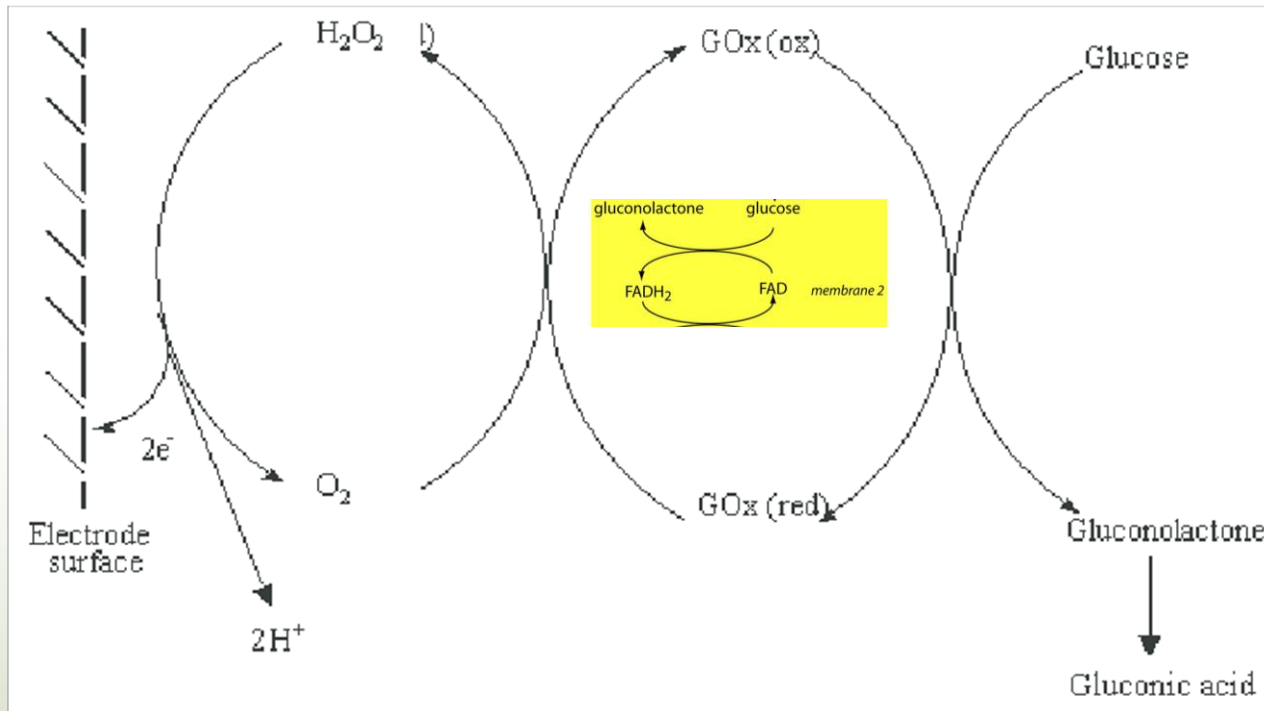
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- Why electrochemistry
  - Easy to manufacture
  - Low cost
  - Runs really well under ambient conditions
  - Limited sample preparation
  - One of the most direct ways of turning chemical/biochemical events into electrical signal



# How is the type one glucose sensor working- ZP

## Gen 1



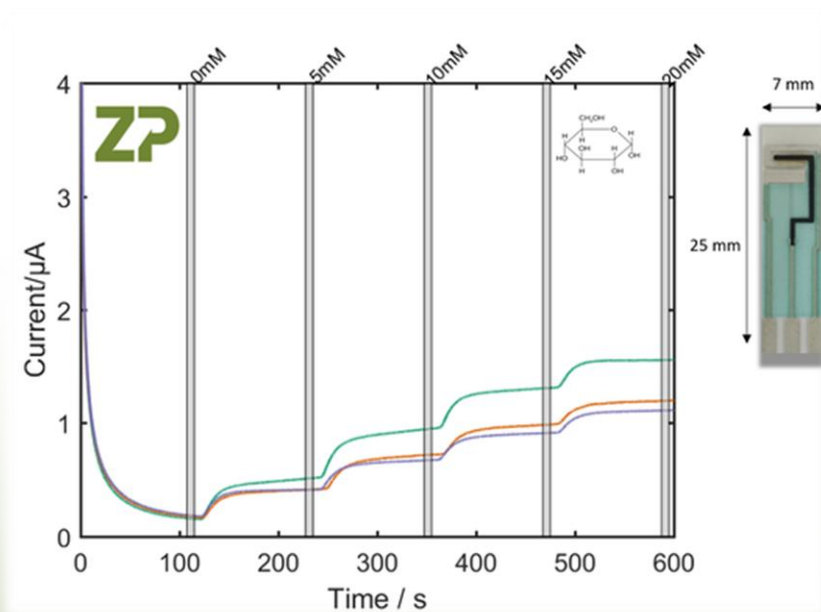
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Glu

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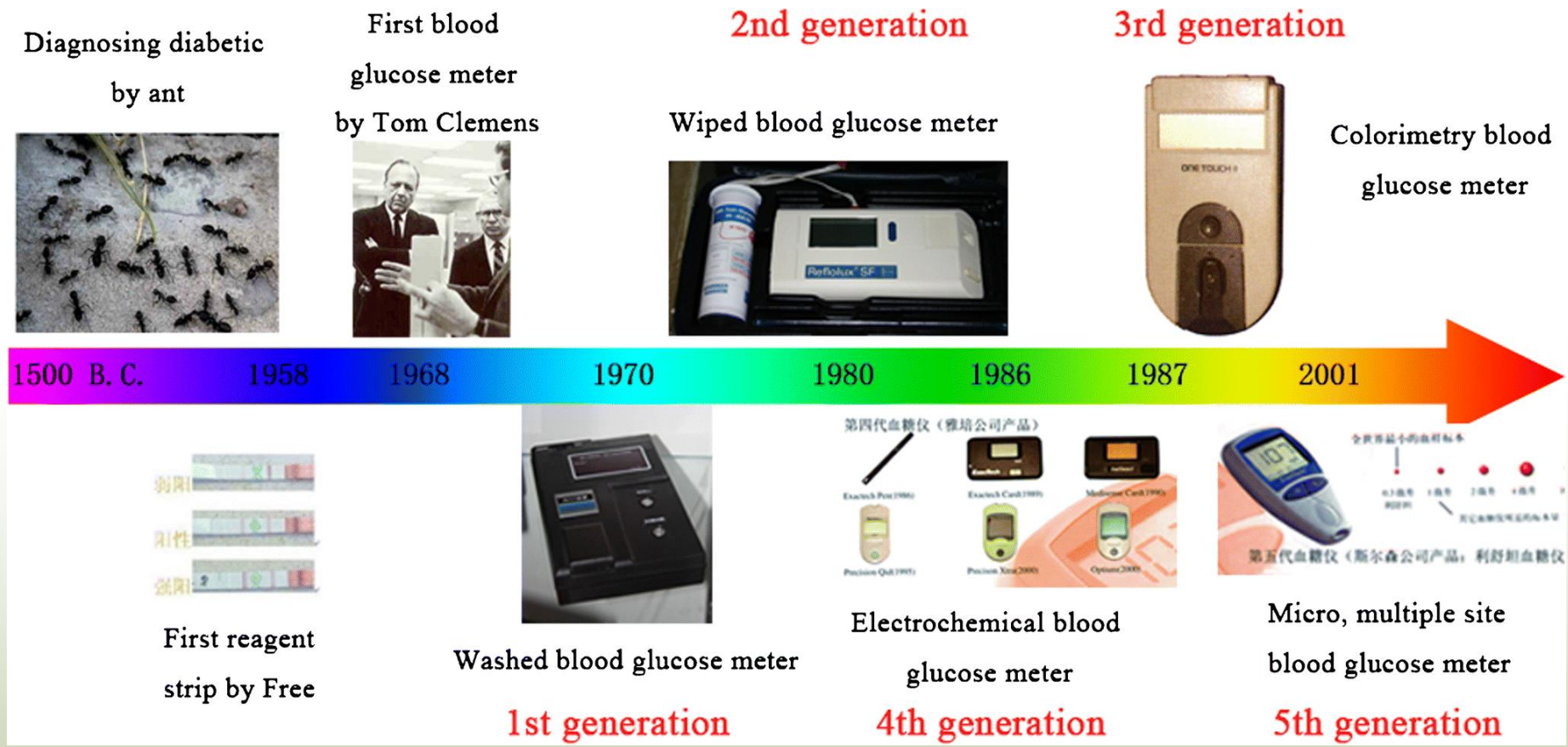
# Electrochemical detection of glucose

- Description



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# Electrochemistry wasn't the first choice

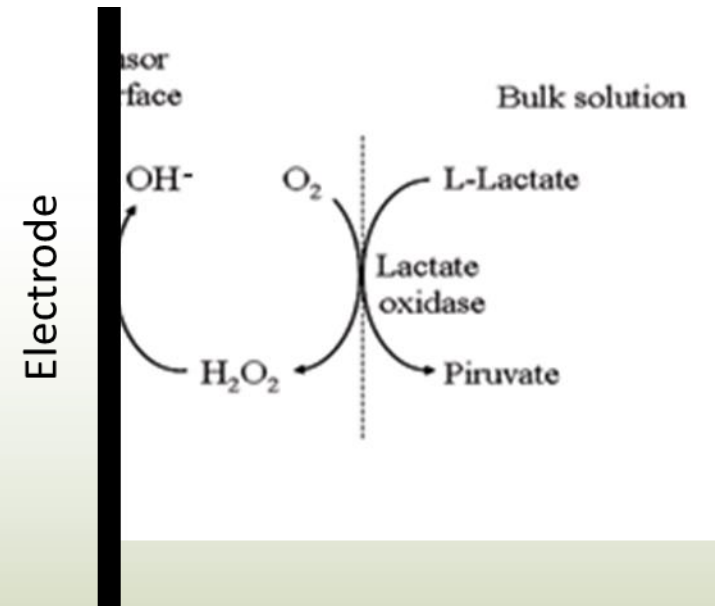
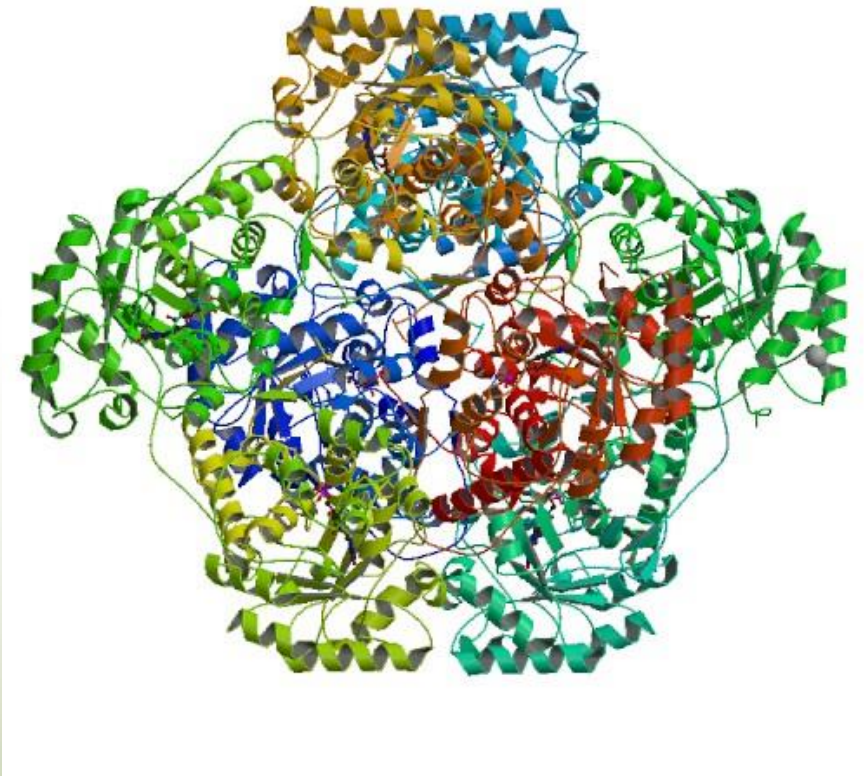


# Lactate

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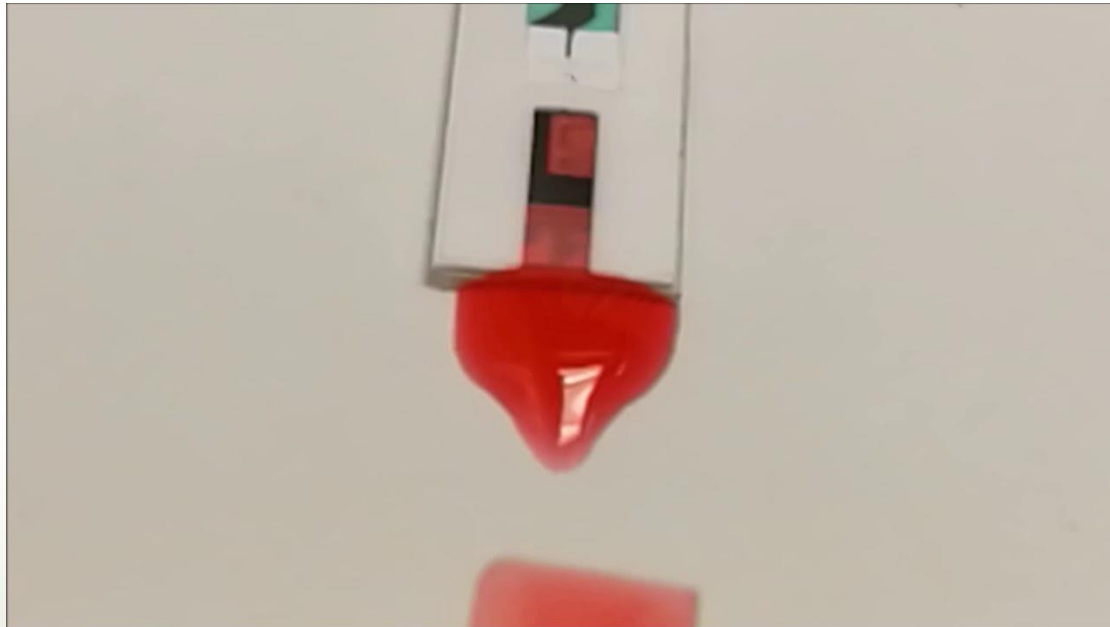
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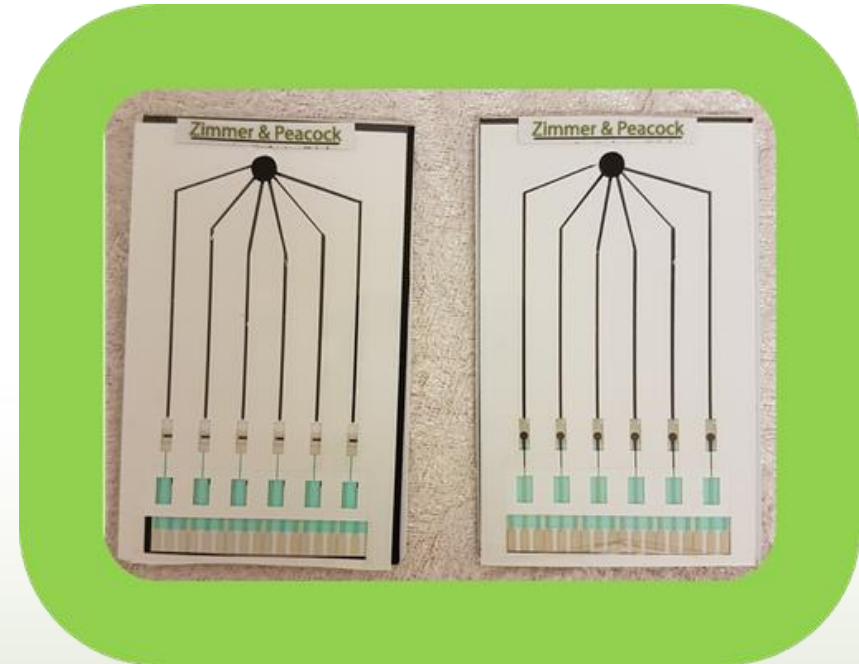
# Microfluidics

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# Microfluidics and sensors



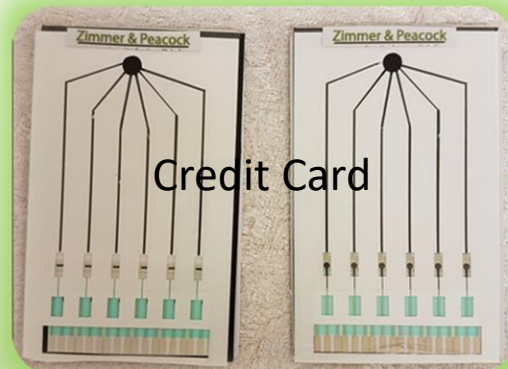
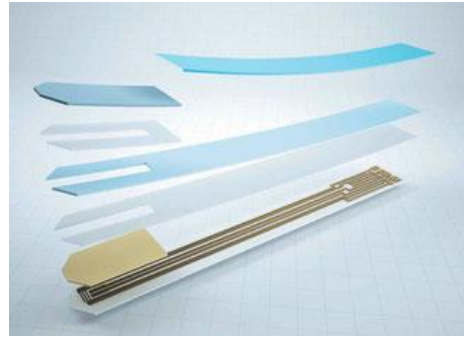
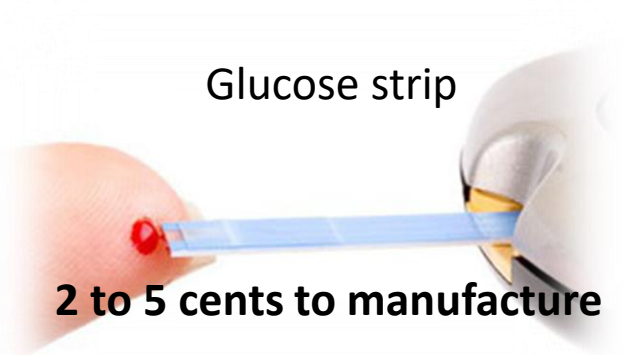
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# Classic sensors – a quick look at the history of **ZP** the market



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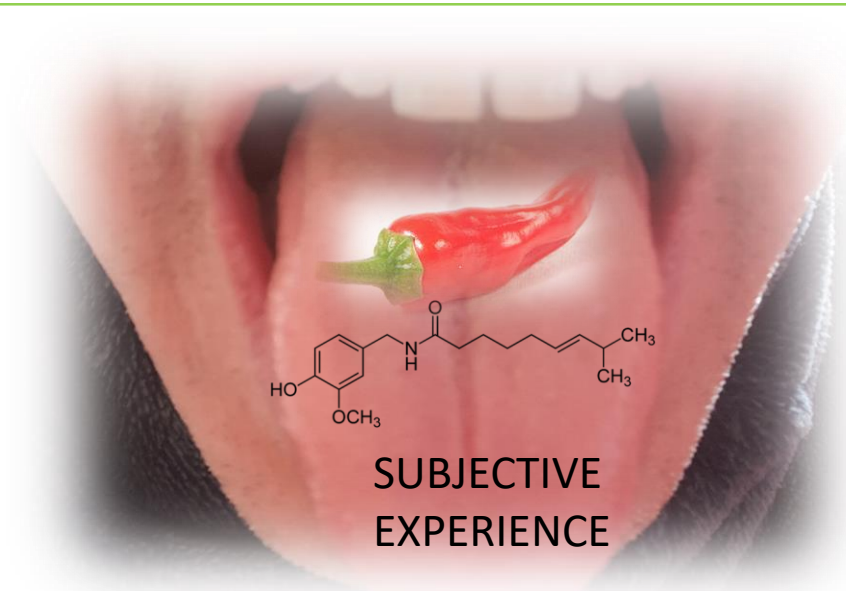
# Case Study - measuring the hotness of chillies

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# What is 'hotness'

Heat you feel is a subjective experience  $\approx$   
Objective measurement x personal sensitivity



SUBJECTIVE EXPERIENCE



OBJECTIVE MEASUREMENT



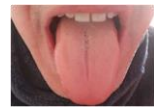
Subjective experience  $\approx$  objective measurement x personal sensitivity



Every person in every culture has a different sensitivity



In my opinion this tastes hot



# The competition

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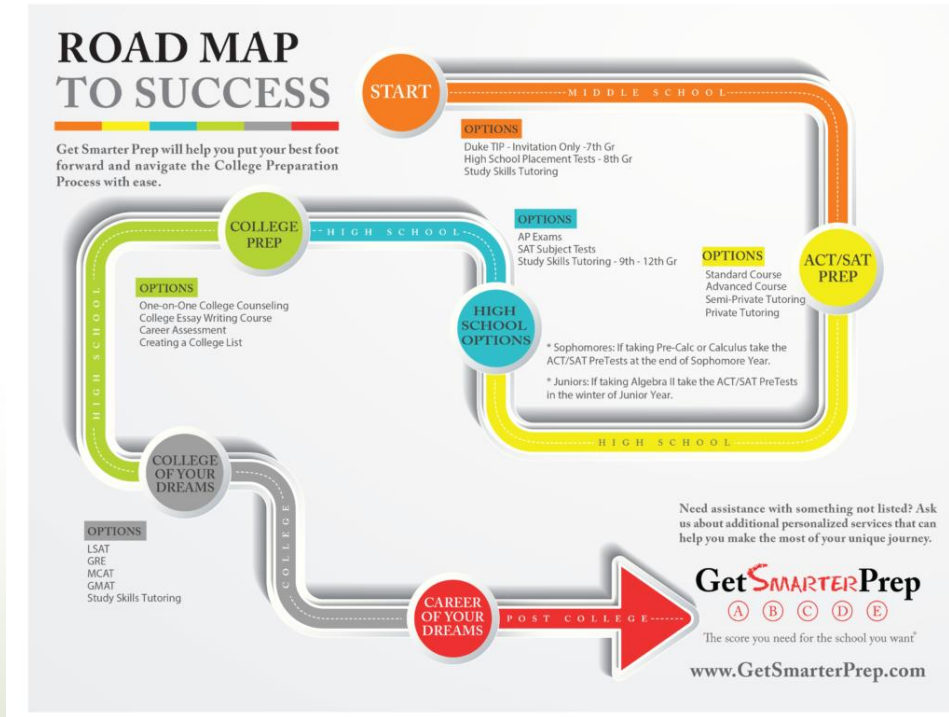
**Analytical Testing**



**Panel Testing**



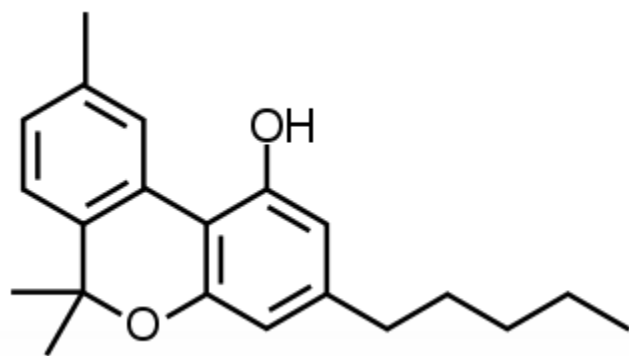
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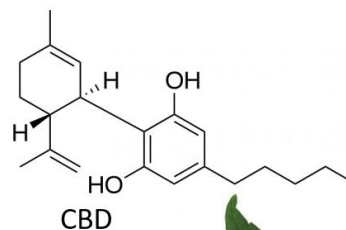
Analyte	Application	Sample matrix	Sample comment	Technology comment	Status
Capsaicin	Food quality	Chillies and chillies products	The hotness of chillies and chillies based products		On the market
Diallyl-disulfide	Food quality	Garlic and garlic products	The pungency of garlic and garlic products		On the market
Sulphite	Food quality and legislative necessity	Wine	The amount of sulphite in the wine		On the market
pH	Food quality	Multiple applications	Has multiple applications across the industry	This is not the traditional glass parallel pH probe which has to be cleaned every time and requires a large amount of sample, and can pose a contamination risk. Rather this is a fully disposable one use pH sensor.	On the market
E. Coli.	Food safety	Multiple applications	The amount of E.coli in the food or beverage	The current way of doing this test is 3 days, this is currently 30 minutes, we can expand this out to all/most gram positive bacteria	Development done but not released
CBD/THC (Cannabidiol)/(Tetrahydrocannabinol)	Product quality and legislative necessity	Multiple applications	Raw materials and derived products	This is a rapid in field test, the alternative is expensive testing in an analytical lab with a fairly slow turnaround	Development done but not released
Gingerol	Food quality	Ginger and ginger products	The gingeriness of ginger and ginger products		On the market
Curcumin	Food quality	Turmeric	Measuring the amount of curcumin in turmeric		Development done but not released
Vanillin	Food quality	Vanilla	The amount of vanillin in vanilla		Development done but not released
Piperine	Food quality	Pepper	The amount of piperine in pepper		Development done but not released
Sodium/salt	Food quality	Multiple applications	The amount of salt in a food sample		Development done but not released
Total Anti-oxidant Status	Food quality	Multiple applications	The amount of anti-oxidants in a product linked to freshness, storage, shelf-life, quality and health benefits		Development done but not released
Phosphate	Soil quality	Soil	The amount of phosphate in the soil		Development done but not released
Nitrate	Soil quality	Soil	The amount of nitrate in the soil		Development done but not released
Potassium	Soil quality	Soil	The amount of potassium in the soil		Development done but not released
Skatole	Food quality	Pork	Associated with boar taint/off-smell on pork		Development done but not released
Androstenone	Food quality	Pork	Associated with boar taint/off-smell on pork		Development done but not released
Calcium	Food quality/soil quality	Food/soil	The amount of calcium in the food or soil sample		Development done but not released



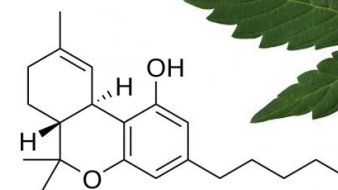
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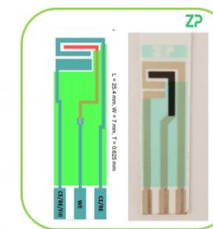
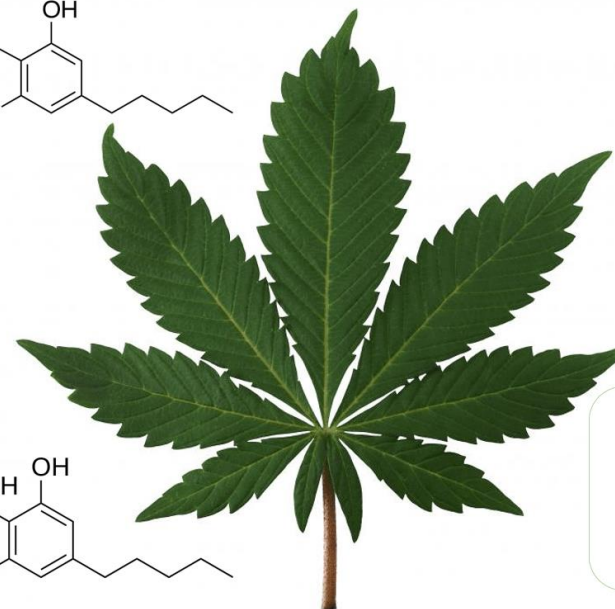
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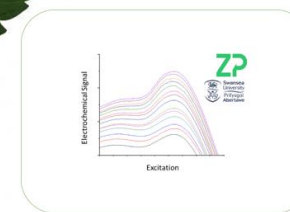
CBD



THC



Sensor



Data

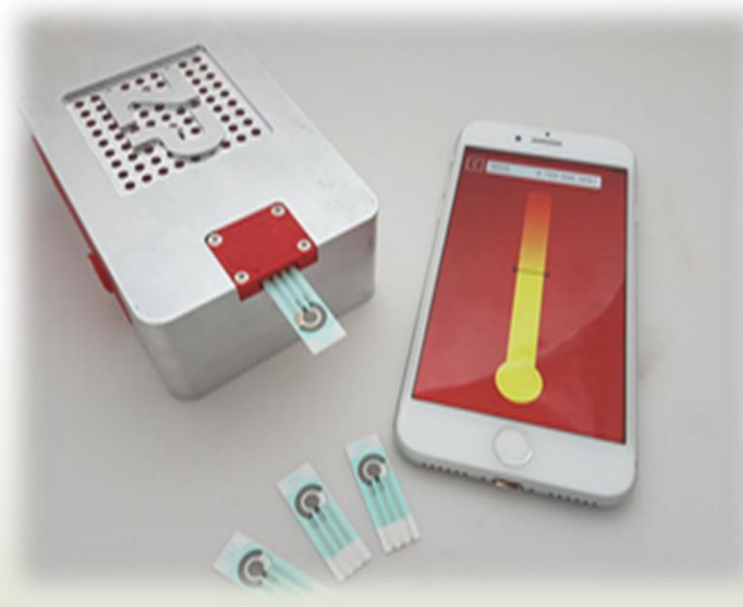
# Background

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# Idea

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# Technology trends in the sensor world IVD



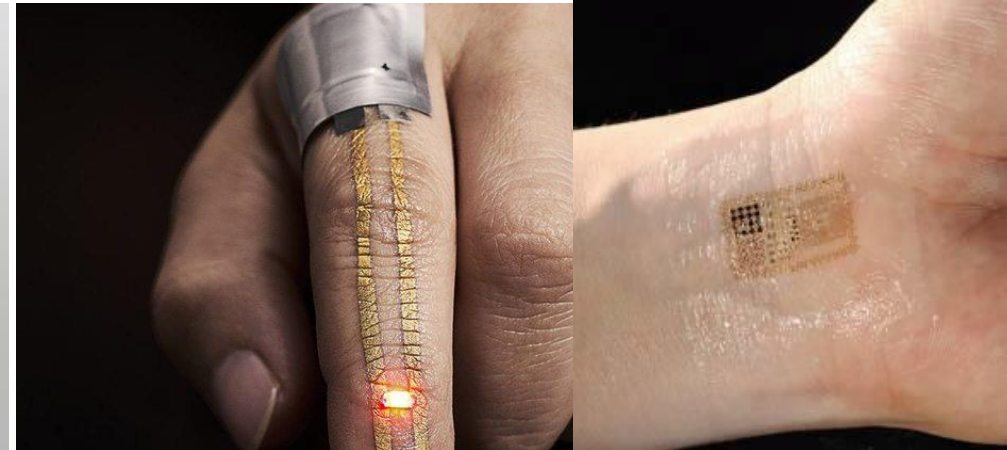
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POC



WEARABLE



ELECTRONIC SKIN

Invasive and Minimally Invasive



Not just  
medical



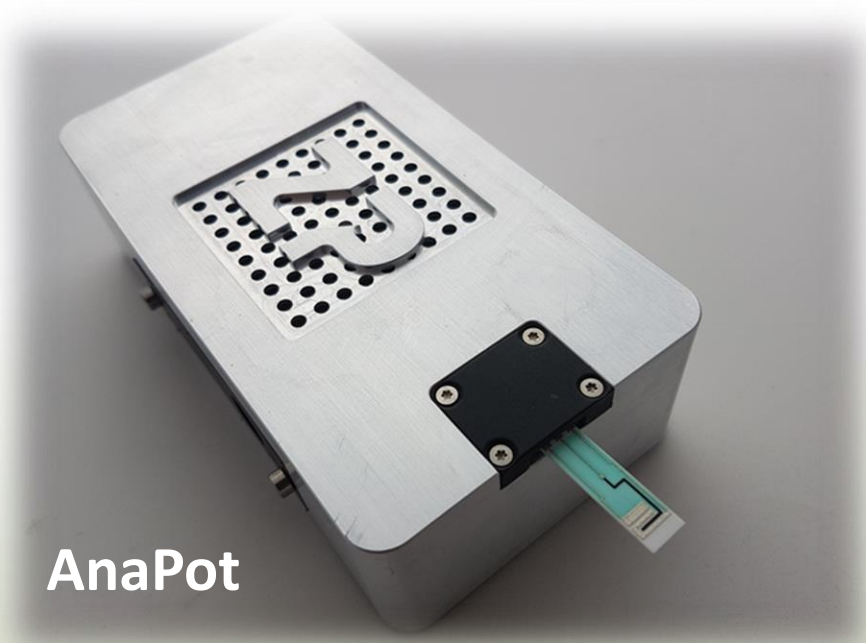
Not just the  
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# World wide media interest



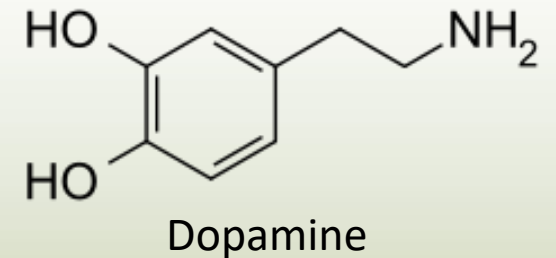
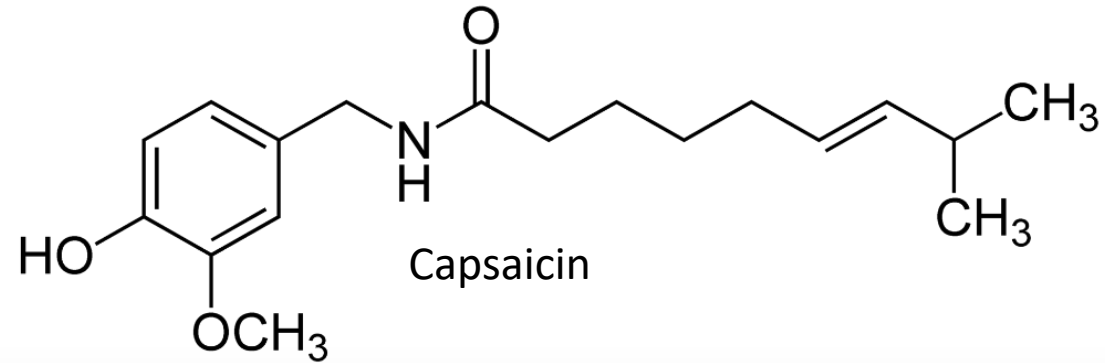
# Quiz – spot the difference

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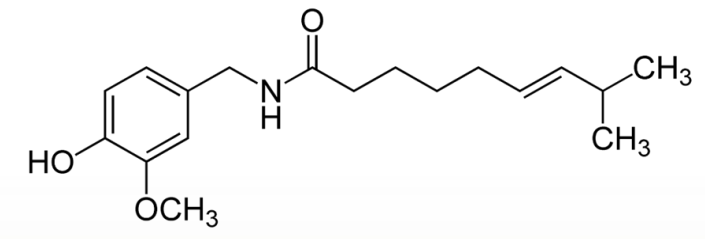
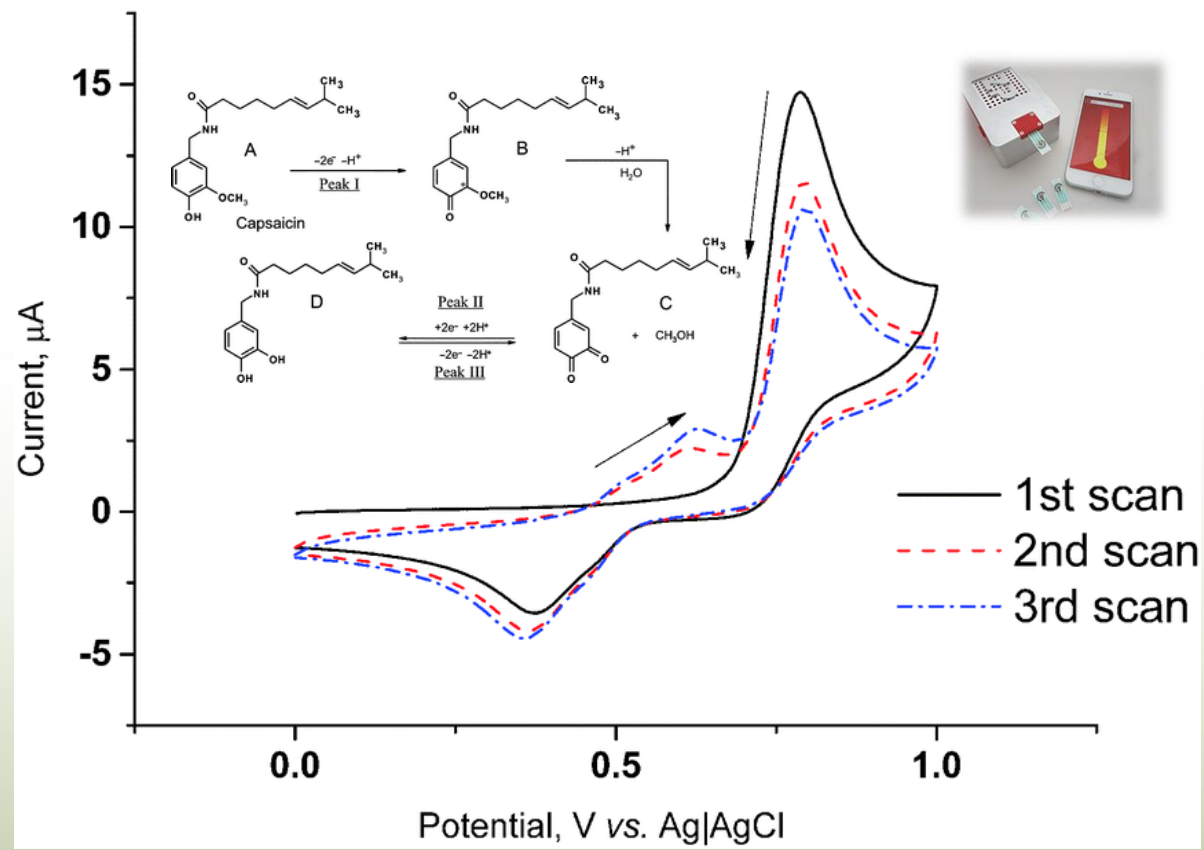


# Case studies – Chilli Sensor

- Hotness measurement



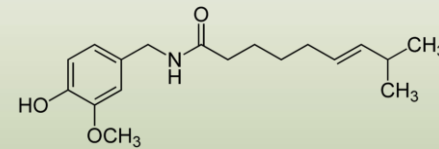
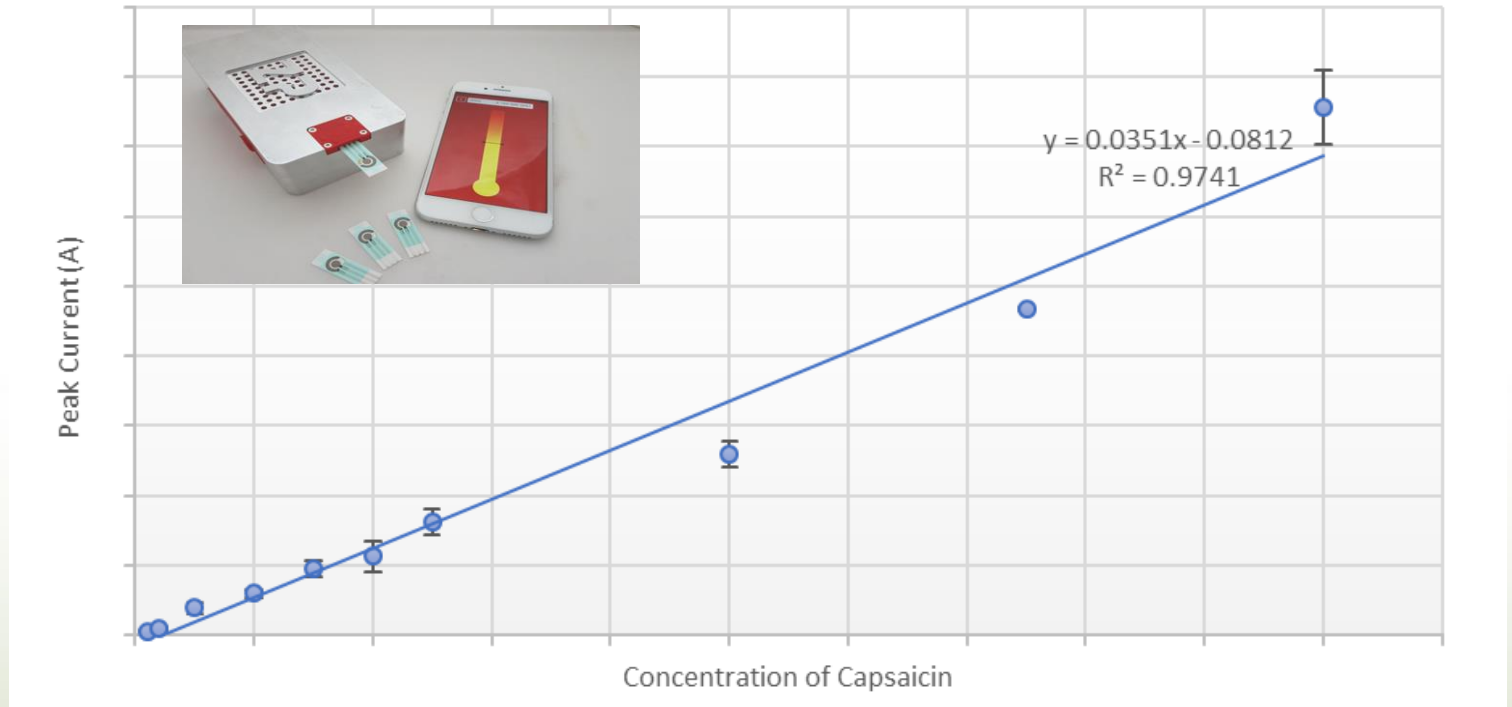
# What we do – the science





# Signal to user friendly number

Signal



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# Our shopping list

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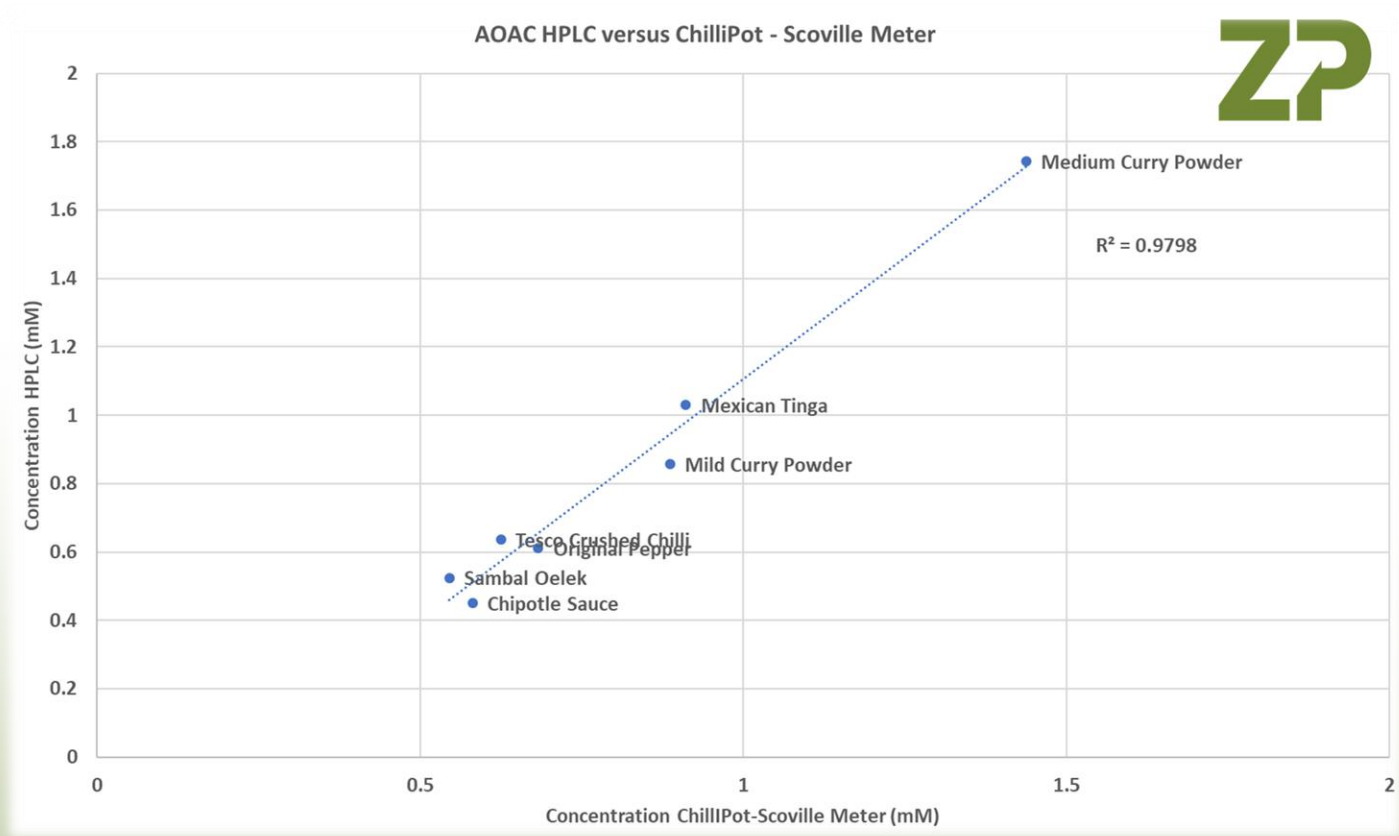


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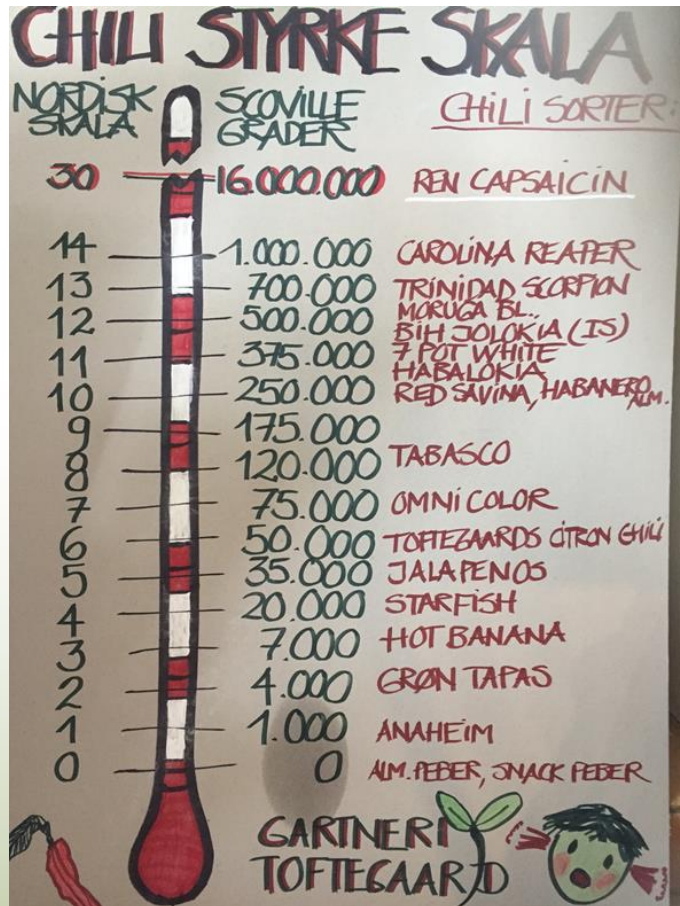
# Validation of shopping list



**HPLC  
method**



# Scoville score



# Two Demos

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- AnaPot
  
- FoodSense

# Our connections to USN

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- Bachelors
- Masters
- PhDs
- Employees



# Summary

<https://www.zimmerpeacocktech.com/2020/02/05/usn-introduction-to-biosensors/>



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