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Premises

Our group occupies a space of about 120 m², which is consisted of two independent laboratories: The main laboratory (70 m²), and the “Screen-printing Unit” (52 m²) both located at the main building of the Department of Chemistry.



Laboratory



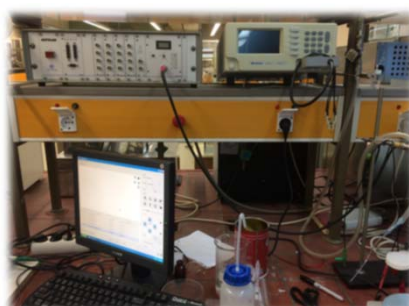
Screen-printing Unit



The laboratory



Frequency Response analyzer
Impedance Spectroscopy



Potentiostat – Galvanostat – LCR
(Cyclic) Voltammetry - Potentiometry



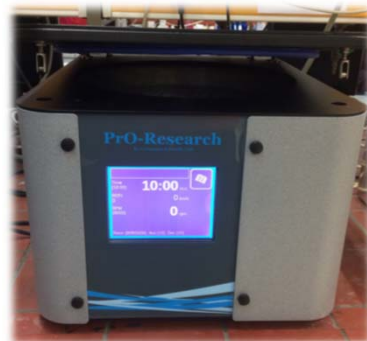
DLS - Malvern



Quartz Crystal Microbalance (QCM)



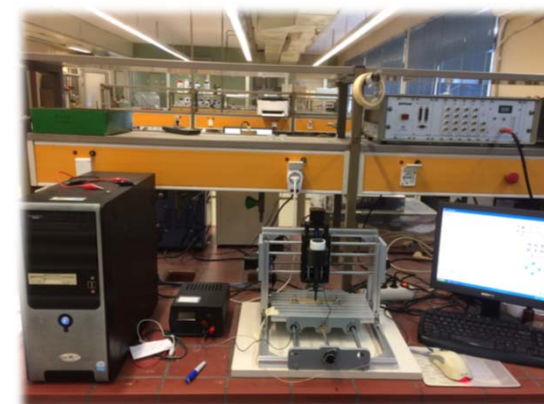
Stereoscope – 680x



Centrifuge – 10k rpm



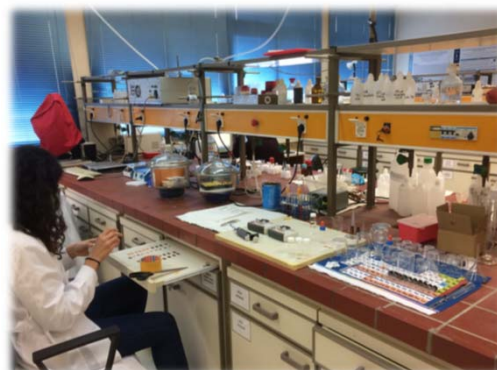
Ultrasonic probe 200 W
Exfoliation of layered materials



3D-Electric Discharge Unit
Topospecific generation of nanoparticles



The laboratory





Screen-printing Unit



Pneumatic mesh stretching table



Exposure unit (UV)



Screen-printer with laser automatic alignment



IR-belt oven



Screen-printing Unit – casting of thin films



Automatic wet-film applicator (1-50 mil), Temp. 180 °C



Thickness meter (0.1 μm)



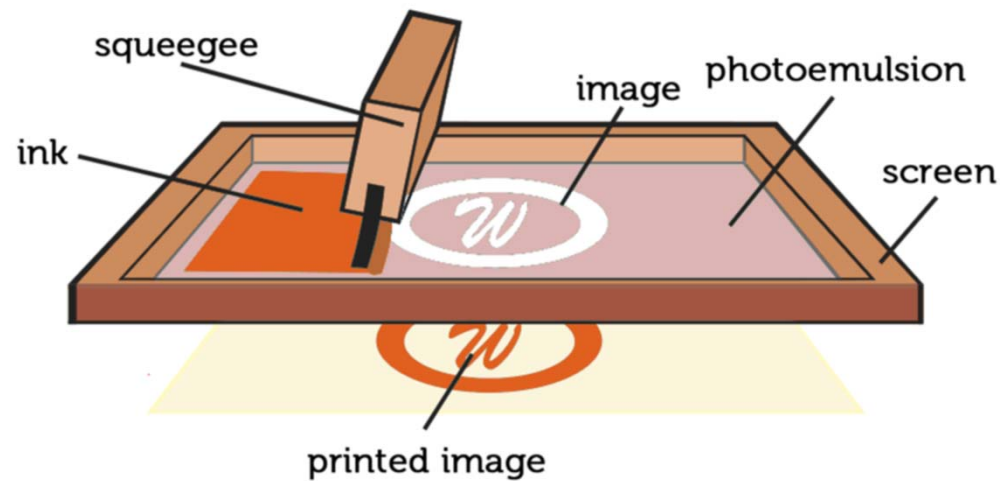
Incubator (0-50 °C)



Planetary de-foaming mixing unit



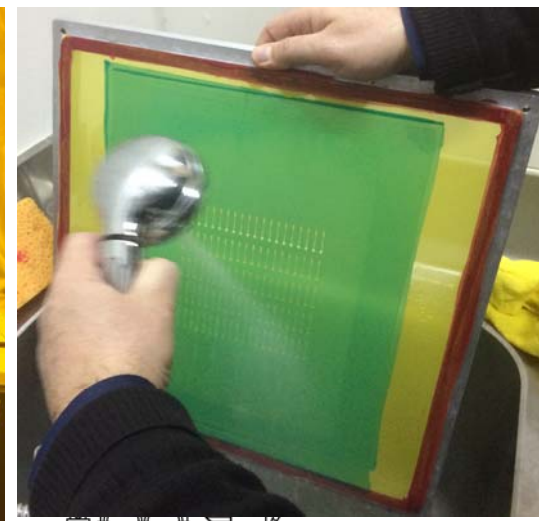
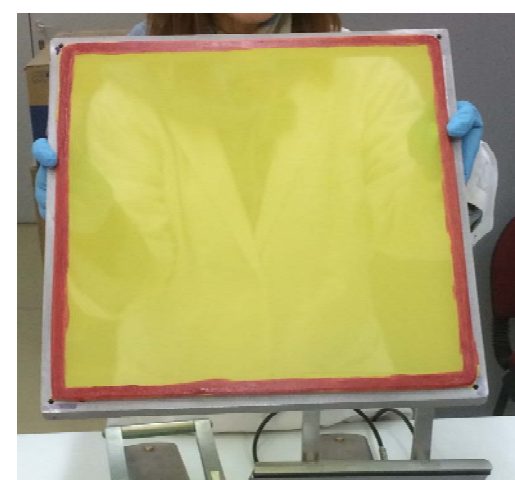
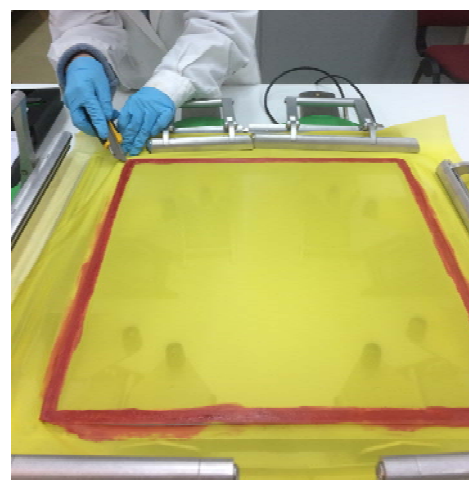
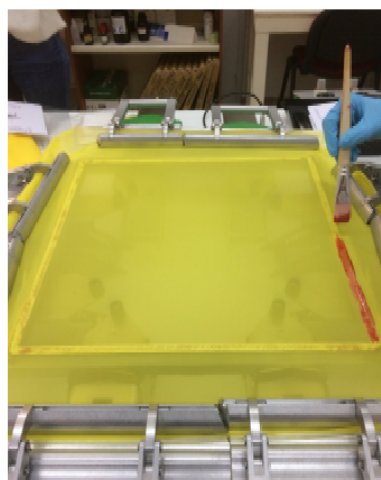
Screen-printing: Principle of operation



The ink is driven under pressure through a screen (mask), passes through the holes (image) made over a photosensitive layer, and so it printed-out over a substrate located underneath the screen.



Preparation of screens





Research interest

Our group is integrated within the area of Chemical Sensors and Biosensors and its main research interests include the development of enzyme biosensors, impedimetric biosensors, the design, development and fabrication of disposable electrochemical cells for application in clinical, food and environmental chemistry, the generation of metal nanoparticles with "green" methods, bipolar electrochemistry as well as the development of portable analytical devices for point-of-care applications.

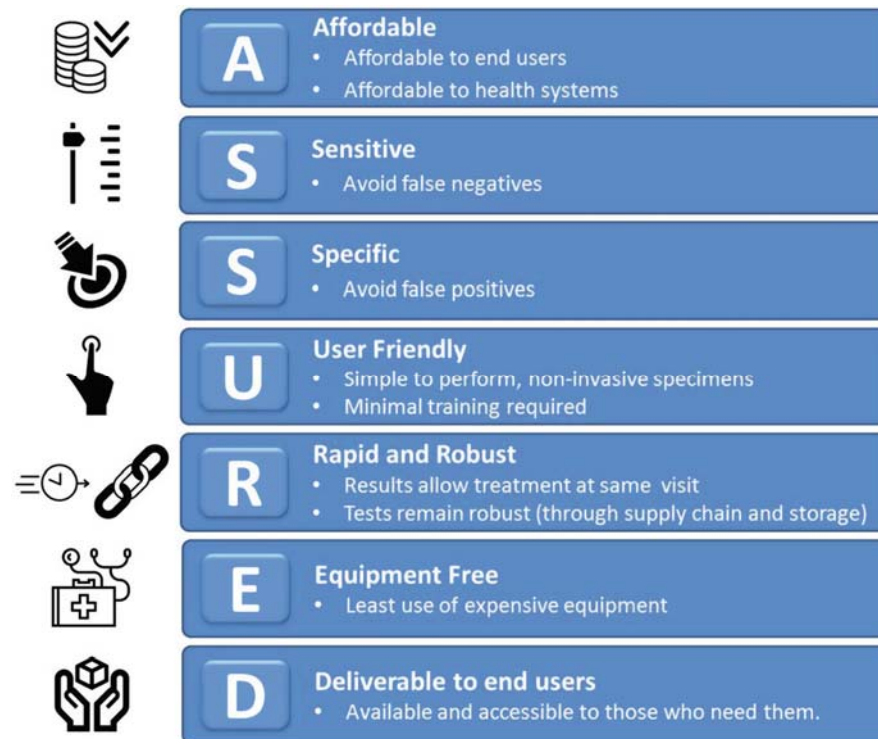
- ✓ **Point-of-care medical diagnostic devices**
- ✓ **Responsive polymer film-based biosensors**
- ✓ **Immobilization of enzymes and antibodies**
- ✓ **Voltammetric biosensors**
- ✓ **Impedimetric chemical sensors, immunosensors and gas-phase sensors**
- ✓ **"Green" generation of metal or graphite nanomaterials by spark discharge**
- ✓ **Production and electrocatalysis with 2D nanosheets (ILMs)**
- ✓ **Screen-Printed electrochemical cells**
- ✓ **Bipolar electrochemistry**



Analysis & Diagnostics: The way forward

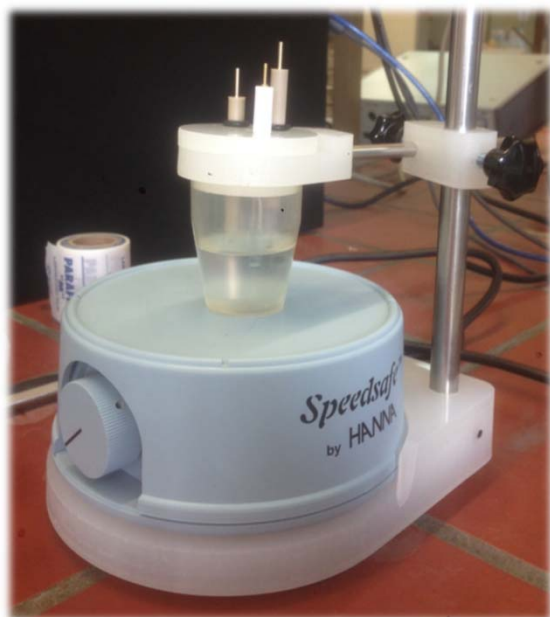
The “**ASSURED**” criteria set by the World Health Organization is a top priority in medical, food and environmental diagnostic sector.

Target: The development of inexpensive devices allowing reliable measurements to be conducted by non-trained users outside a laboratory facility



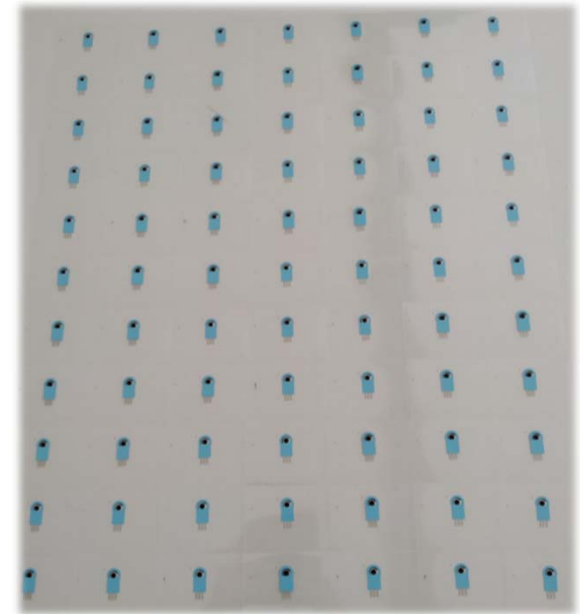
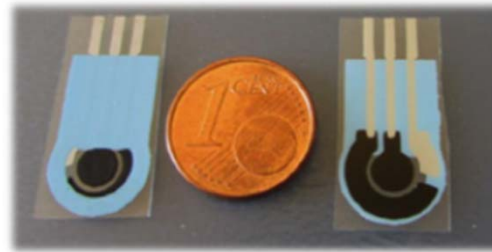
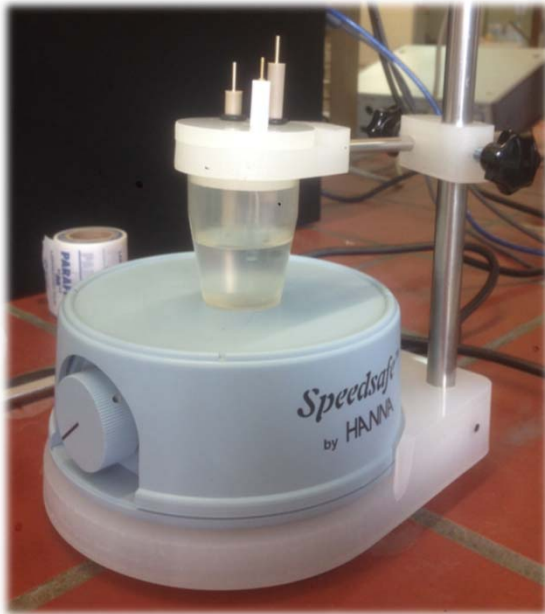


Miniaturization



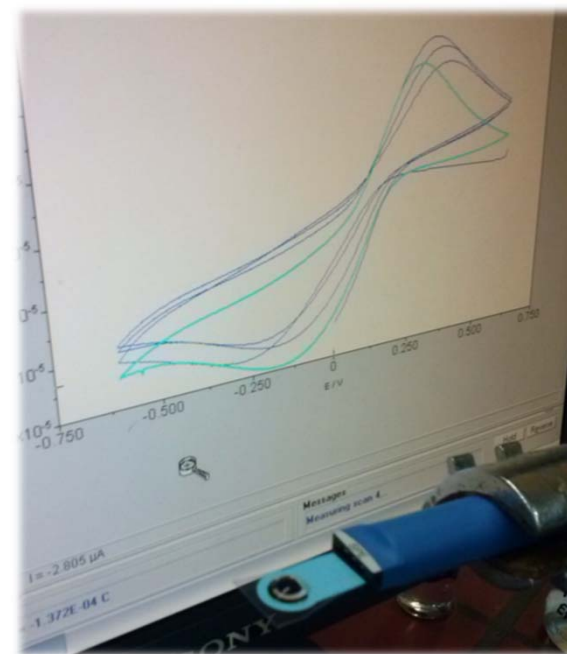


Miniaturization – mass production of low-cost disposable sensors





Drop-volume measurements





All-screen-printed electrodes integrating permanent bonded magnets

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All-screen-printed graphite sensors integrating permanent bonded magnets. Fabrication, characterization and analytical utility



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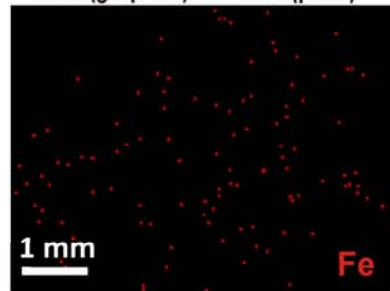
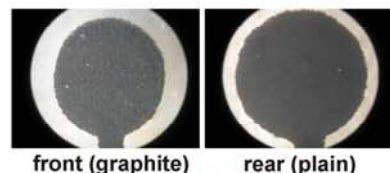
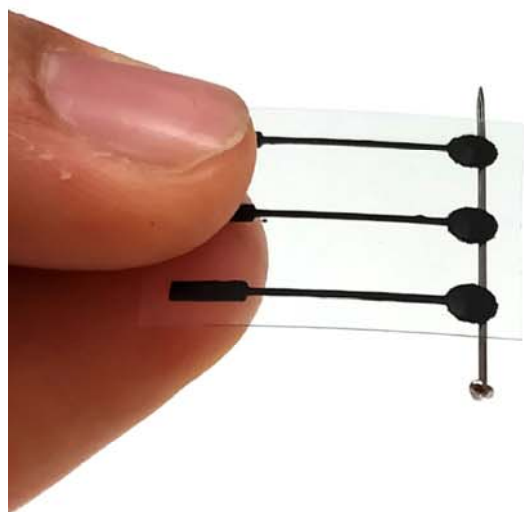
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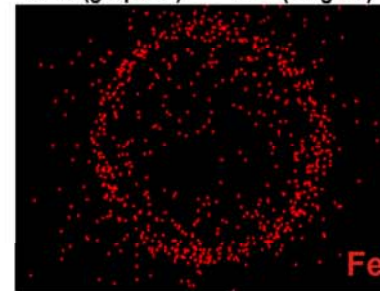
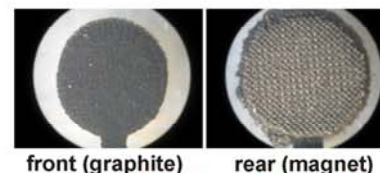


All-screen-printed electrodes integrating permanent bonded magnets

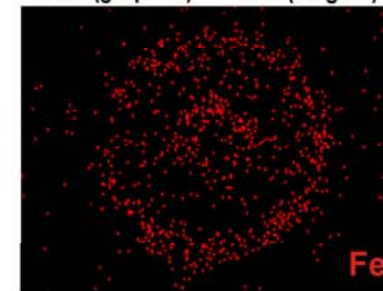
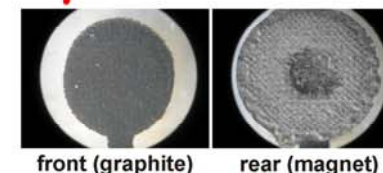
magnetic SPE/ Fe_3O_4 /PB



non magnetic SPE



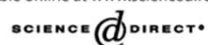
magnetic SPE



engraved magnetic SPE



Research Outputs & Prototypes: Portable potentiostat

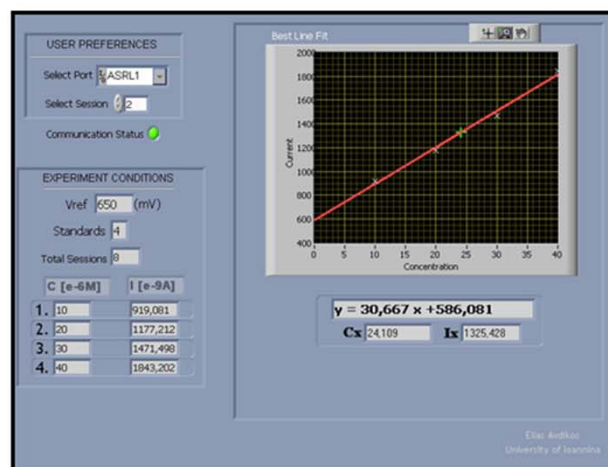
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Construction and analytical applications of a palm-sized
microcontroller-based amperometric analyzer

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Research Outputs & Prototypes: Portable charge (capacitance or impedance) meter

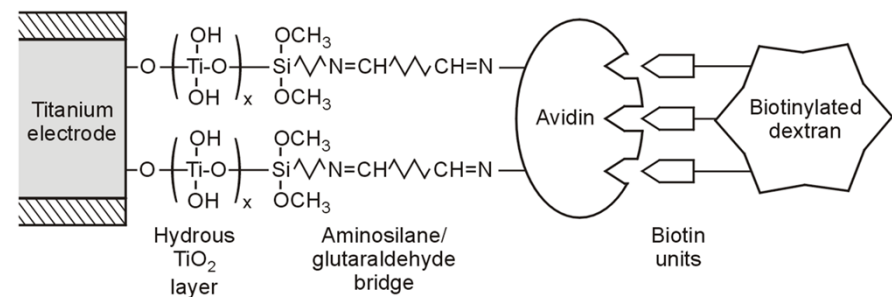
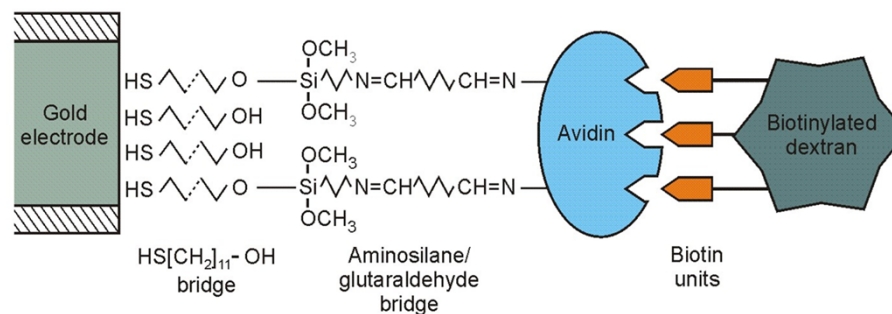
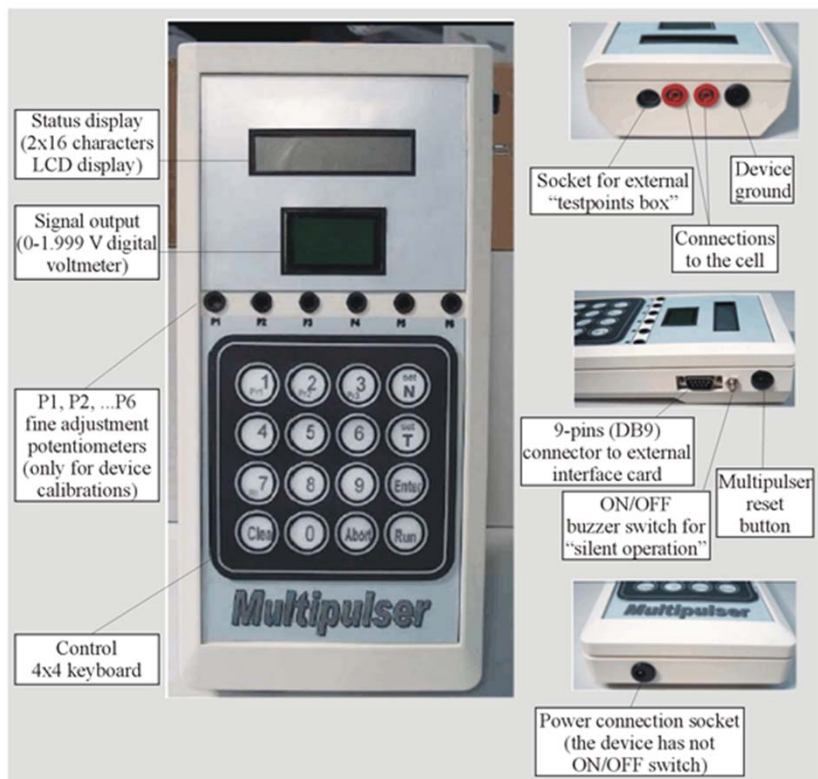


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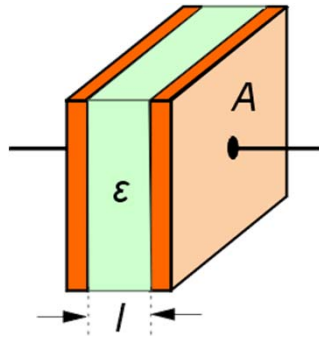
Monitoring of the avidin–biotinylated dextran interaction on Au- and Ti/TiO₂-electrode surfaces using a charge integrating device

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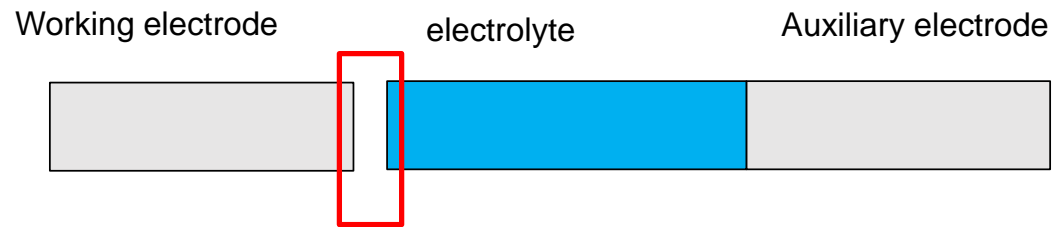




The model of a biochemical capacitor



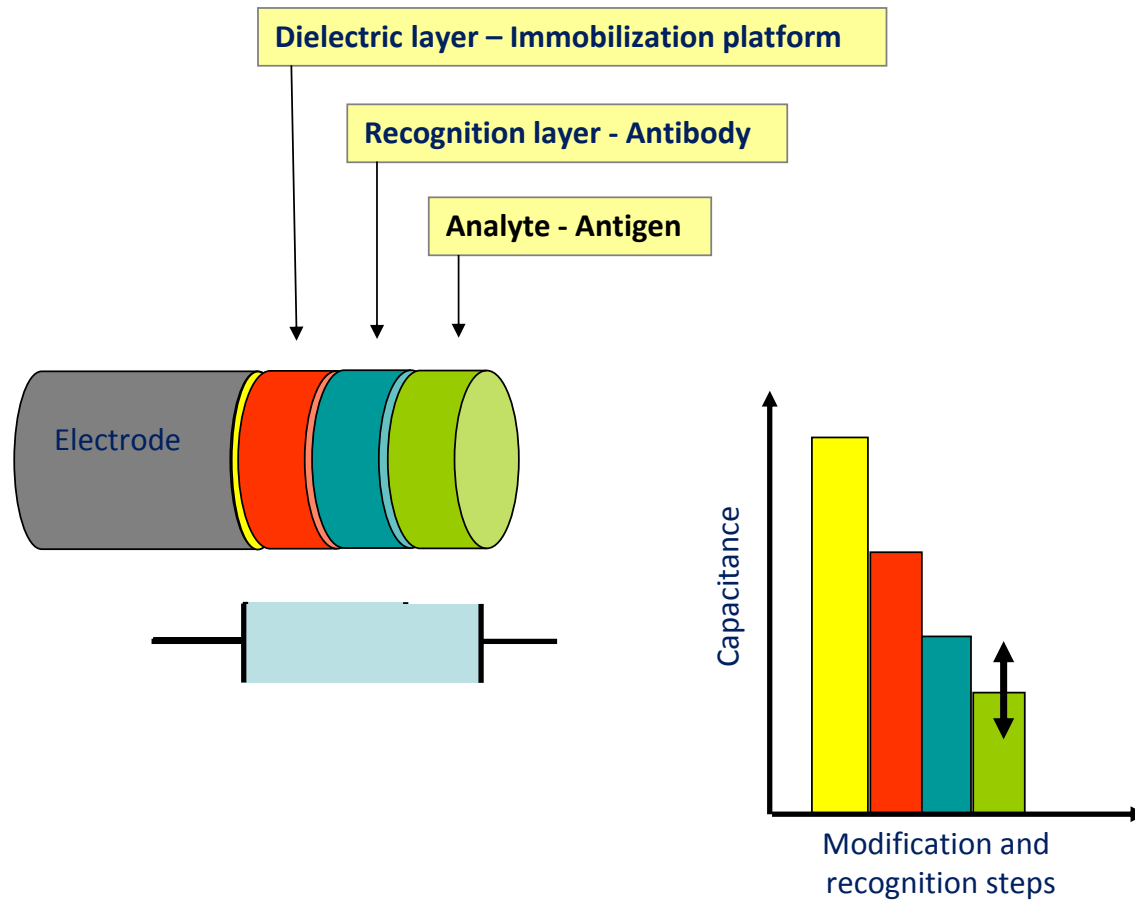
$$C = \frac{Q}{V} = \frac{\text{Surface (A)} \times \text{permittivity } (\epsilon) \times \text{permittivity of free space } (\epsilon_0)}{\text{Distance (L)}}$$



Electrode/electrolyte interface
"electric double layer"



The model of a biochemical capacitor





Research Outputs & Prototypes: Paper-based biosensor for goat milk adulteration

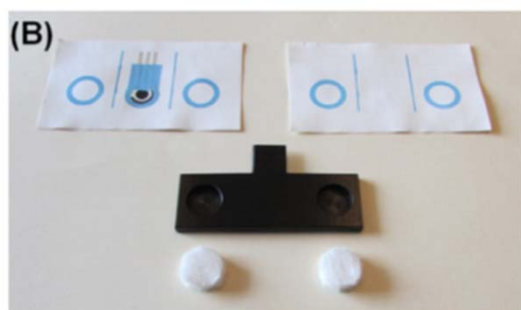
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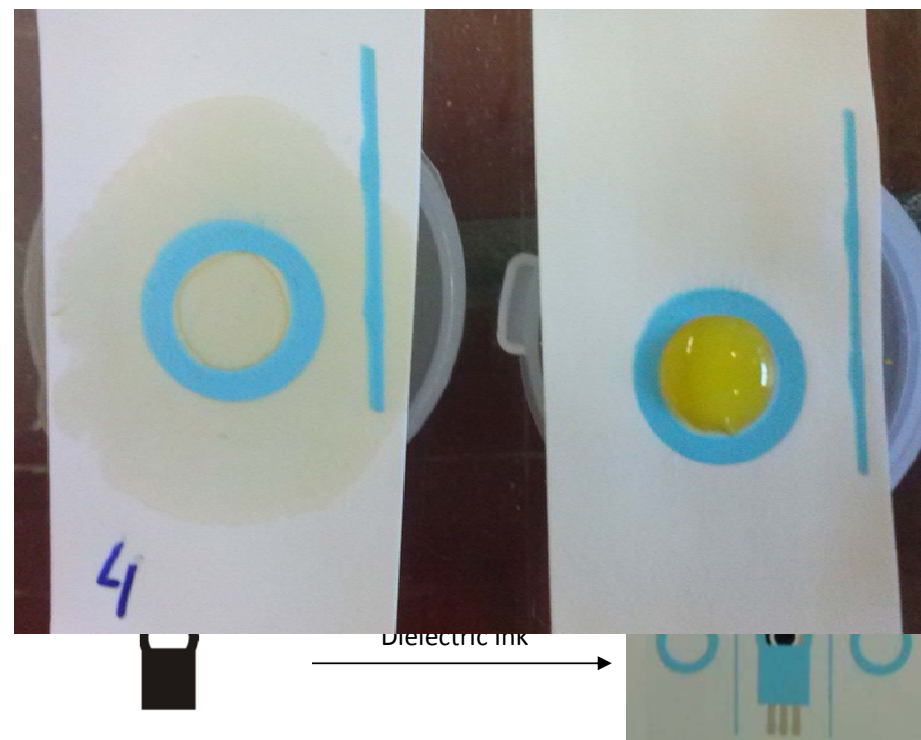
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Lab-on-a-Membrane Foldable Devices for Duplex Drop-Volume Electrochemical Biosensing Using Quantum Dot Tags

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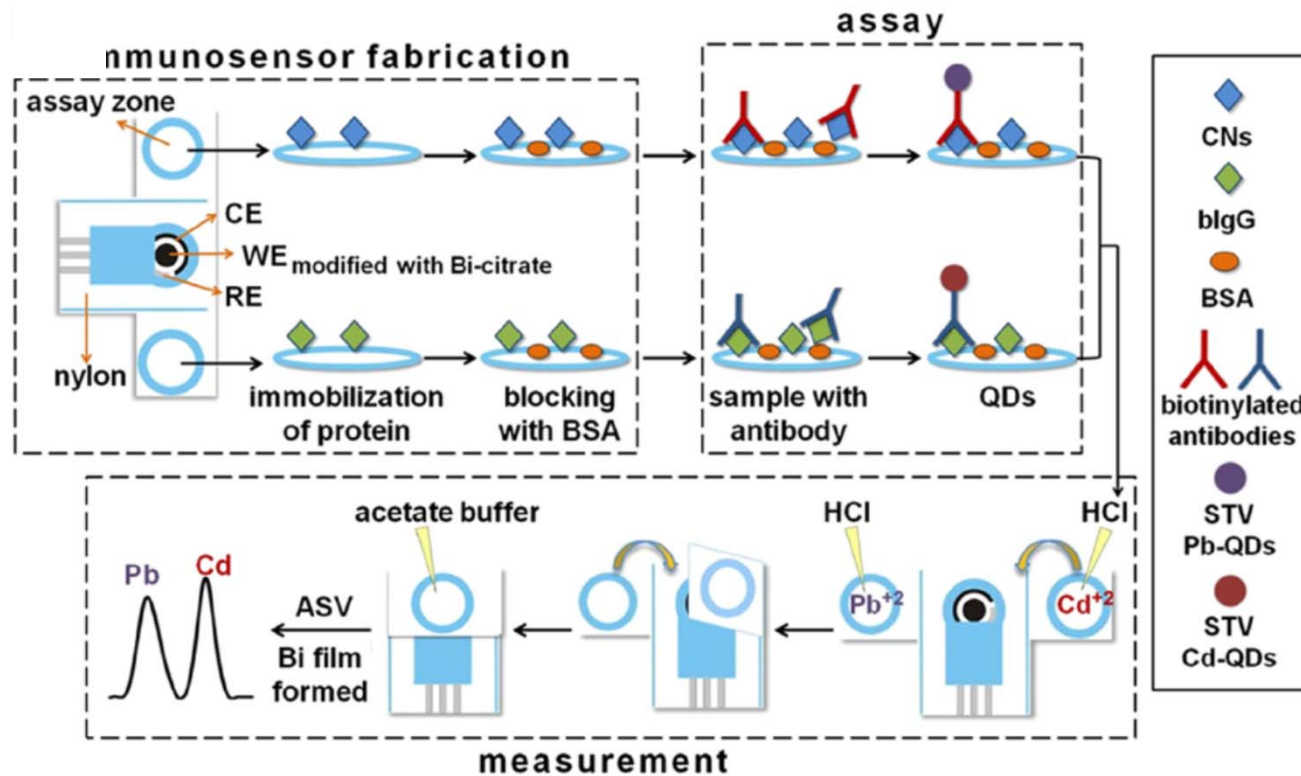


(B) Photograph of both sides of the membrane and of the PVC holder along with the hydrophilic tabs used for the collection of the liquid waste. (C) Photograph of the complete device (membrane mounted on the PVC holder) plugged into the cable connecting to the potentiostat.





Research Outputs & Prototypes: Paper-based biosensor for goat milk adulteration



Schematic illustration of the duplex protein immunosensing, including the biofunctionalization of the assay zones, the steps of competitive immunossays and the ASV detection.

Markers for goat milk adulteration

CNS : bovine milk caseins; **blgG** : bovine immunoglobulin G



Research Outputs & Prototypes: Bipolar electrochemistry

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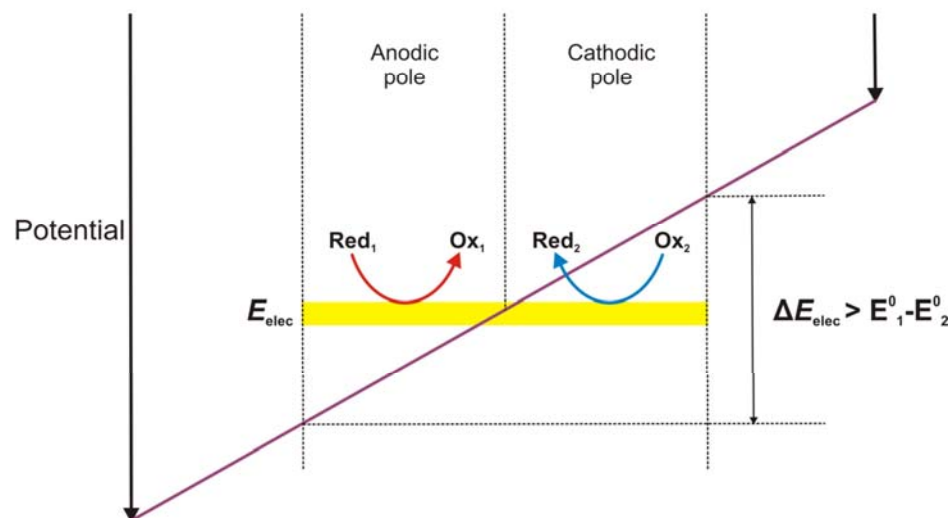
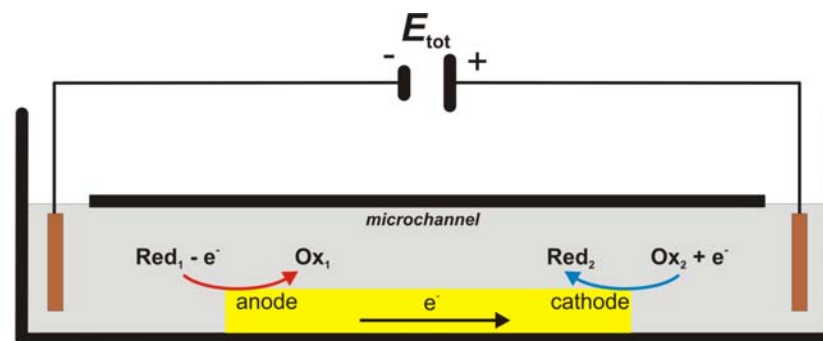
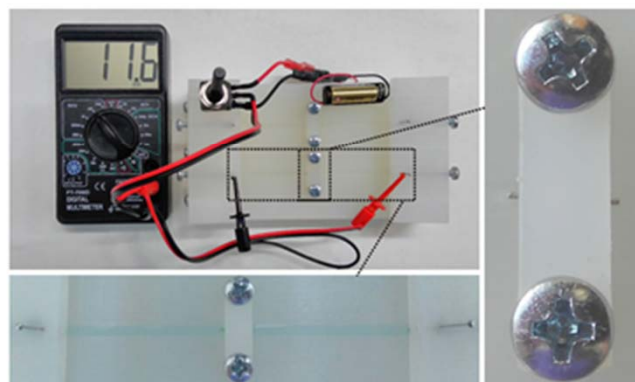
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Bipolar electrochemical detection of reducing compounds based on visual observation of a metal electrodeposited track at the onset driving voltage

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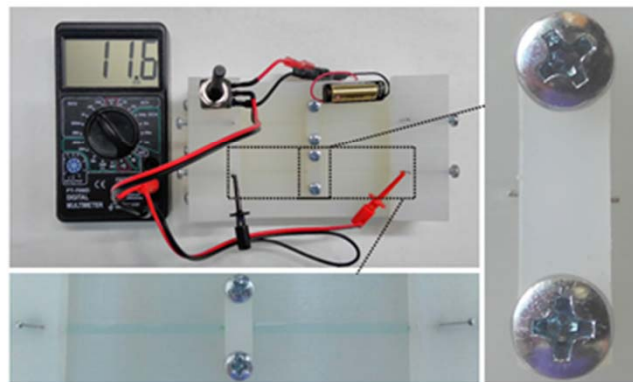
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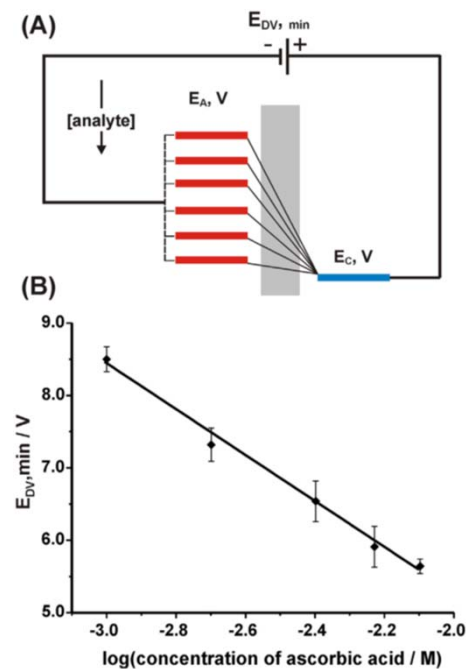
Minimum Driving Voltage ($E_{DV,min}$) = $K (E_A - E_C)$

$$E_A = [E^0_{(O_2, H_2O)} - \frac{0.05916}{4} \log \frac{1}{[H^+]^4}] + \eta_A \quad E_C = [E^0_{(Cu(II)/Cu(0))} - \frac{0.05916}{2} \log \frac{1}{[Cu^{2+}]}] - \eta_C$$

(in the absence of any reducing compound)

$$E_A = [E^0_{(AA/DHA)} - \frac{0.05916}{2} \log \frac{[AA]}{[DHA]}] + \eta_A$$

(in the presence of, for example, ascorbic acid, AA. (DHA, dehydroascorbic acid).)





Research Outputs & Prototype: Determination of total antioxidant capacity

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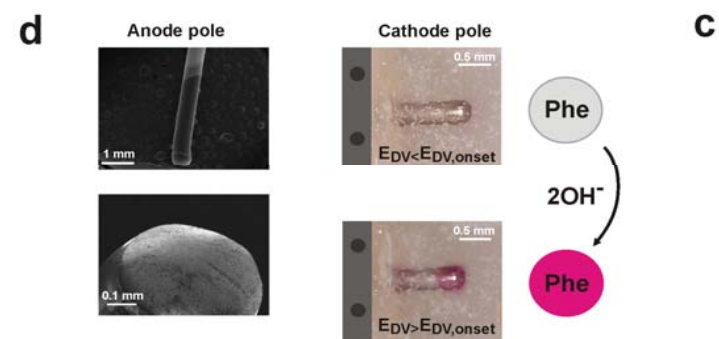
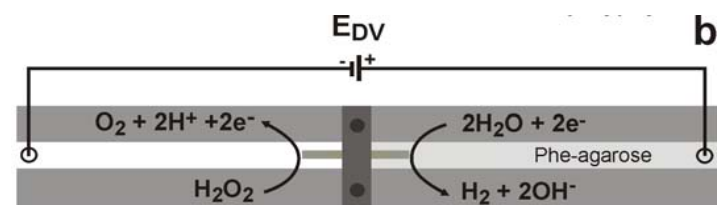
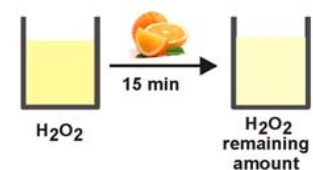
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Short communication

A compact bipolar electrochemistry device utilizing a liquid free catholyte and eye visual indication of the reporting event for the determination of antioxidant capacity in real-world samples

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Research Outputs & Prototypes: 3D-spark discharge nanoparticle generator

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Extended coverage of screen-printed graphite electrodes by spark discharge produced gold nanoparticles with a 3D positioning device. Assessment of sparking voltage-time characteristics to develop sensors with advanced electrocatalytic properties



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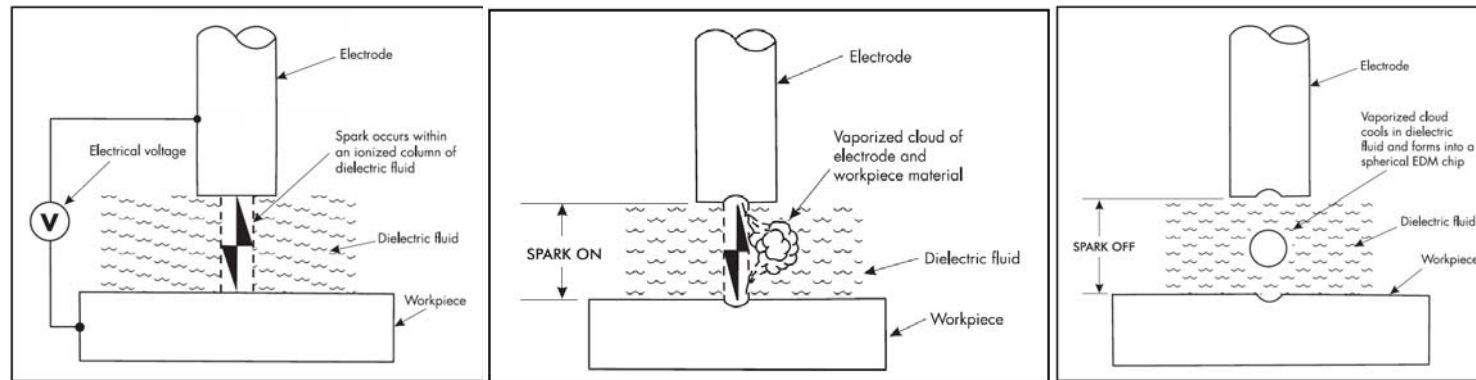
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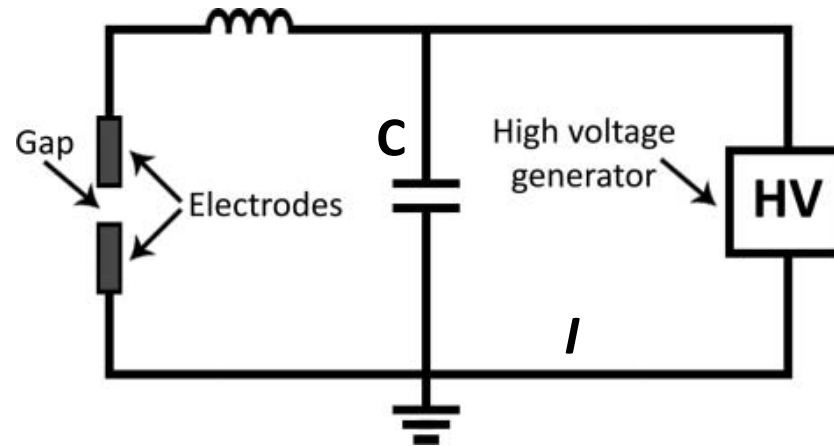
Research Outputs & Prototypes: 3D-spark discharge nanoparticle generator

- High voltage between two conductors (and to a neutral gas between them)
- Electric breakdown (flow of current through the electric insulator)
- Formation of a conductive plasma (electrons, ionized species) column
- Development of high temperatures (> 20000 K) at the sparking point.
- Erosion of both materials (conductors) – melted and evaporated particles
- Formation of a vaporized cloud
- Cooling process & formation of nanoparticles





3D-spark discharge nanoparticle generator: The basics of the electrical system



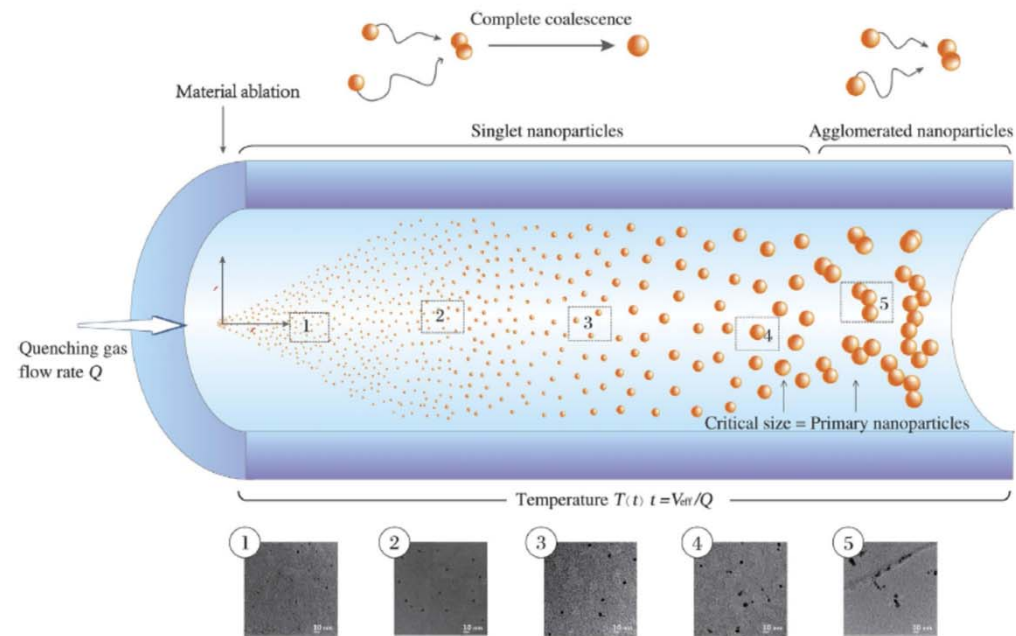
$$E = \frac{1}{2} C V_d^2$$

The capacitance (C) is also related to the energy (E) of the spark.

$$f = \frac{I}{C V_d}$$

The frequency (f) of the spark is controlled by the charging current (I) of the capacitor; C , capacitance; V_d , discharge voltage

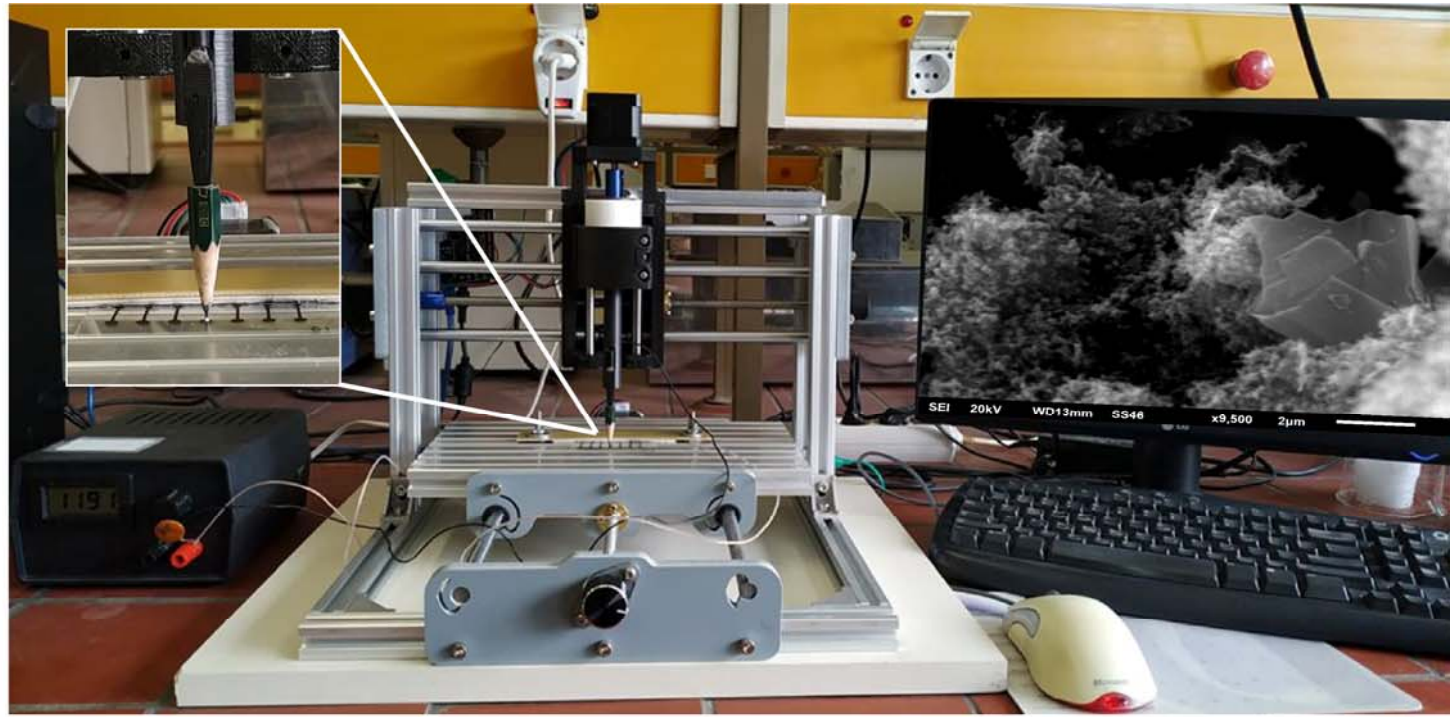
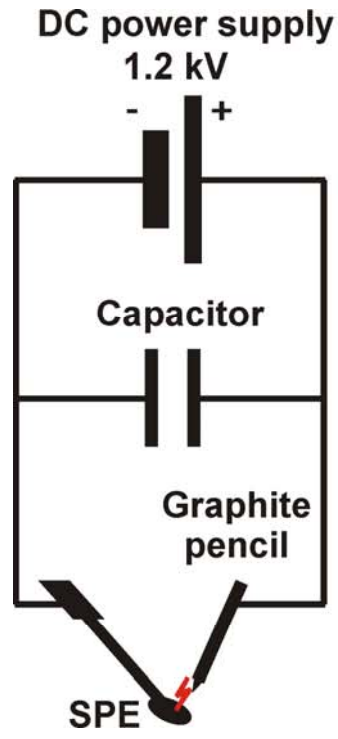
Wide scope of applicability, tunable size of NPs, controllable composition



- ✓ In the case of **alloyed electrodes**, the relative concentration of the elements in the nanoparticulate sample was consistent with the electrode composition.
- ✓ When using electrodes of **different metals** the individual nanoparticles showed a range of mixing ratios.
- ✓ Applicable to all metals and semi contactors.

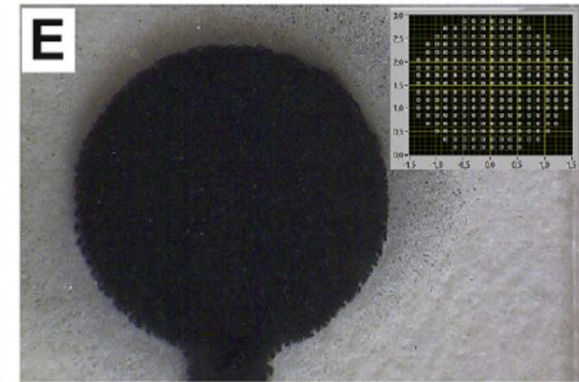
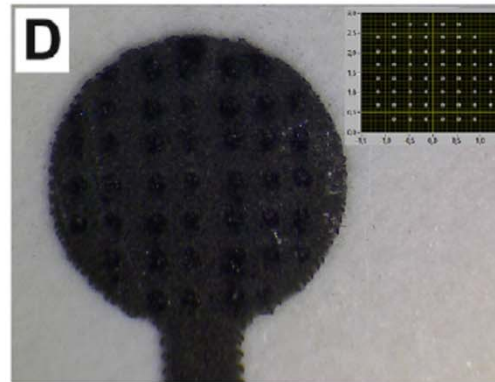
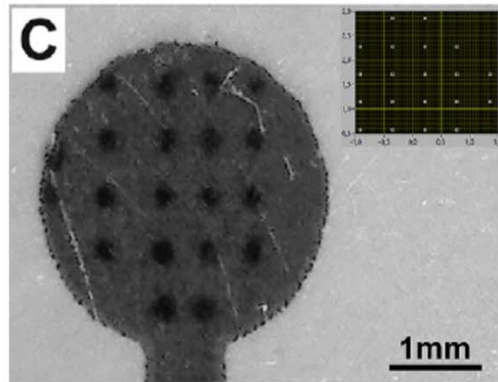
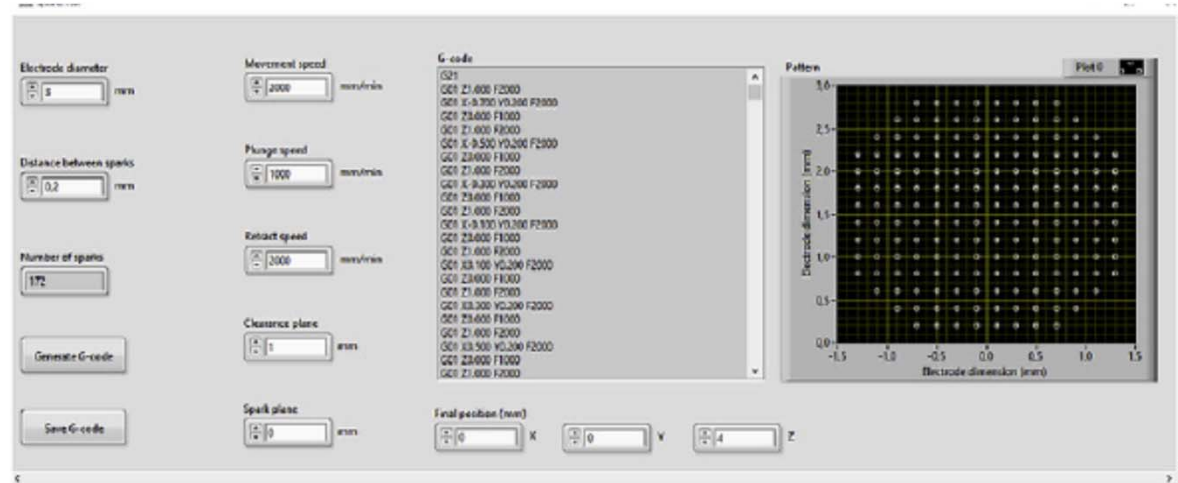


In-situ, pin-to-substrate 3D-spark discharge nanoparticle generator





Toposelective modification of the electrode surface





Works made in our lab

Sparked (single or mixed) metal or graphite nanomaterial-modified SPEs can be prepared on-demand, even on-site, within a few minutes or even seconds, through a totally green and solution-free methodology that requires only the respective metal/alloy/carbon wire and a power supply. Sensors based of various nanomaterials, such as **Bi** [1,2], **Cu**, **Ni** and **alloyed Cu/Ni** [3], **Sn** [4], **Au** or **Au/Si** [5,6], **Fe** [7], **Mo** [8] and **C** [9] nanomaterials have been developed.

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Low-cost screen-printed sensors on-demand: Instantly prepared sparked gold nanoparticles from eutectic Au/Si alloy for the determination of arsenic at the sub-ppb level

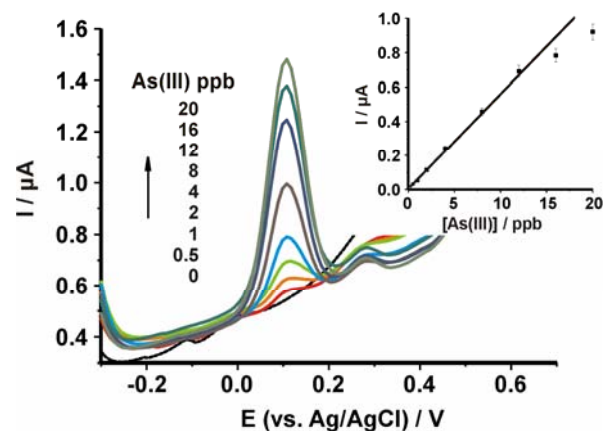
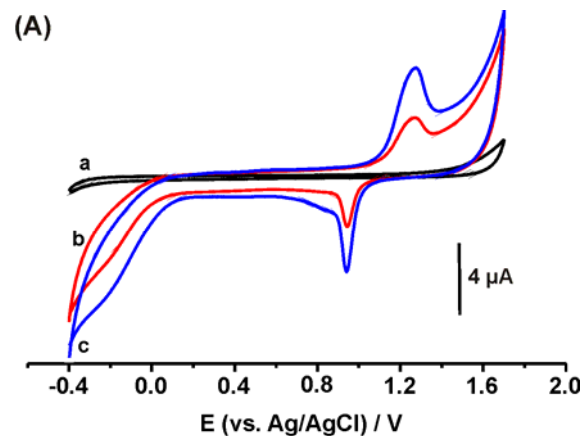


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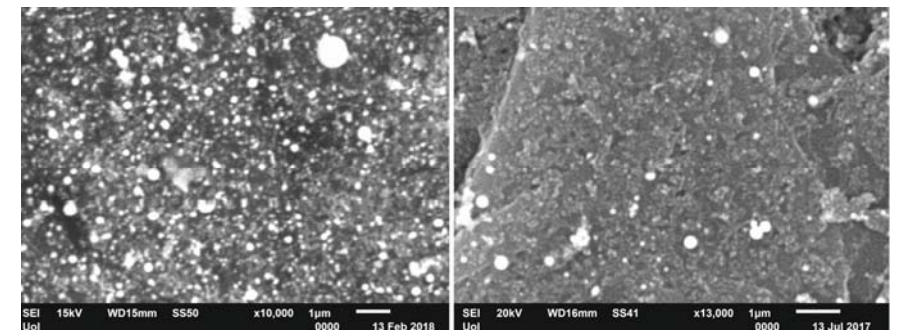
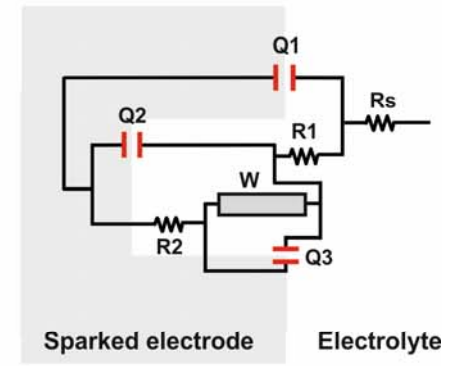
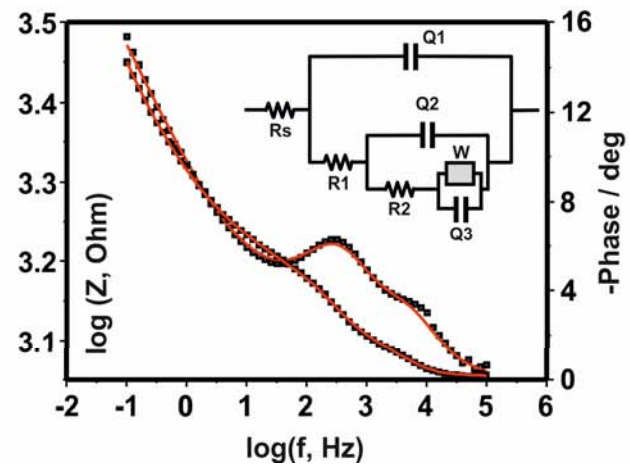
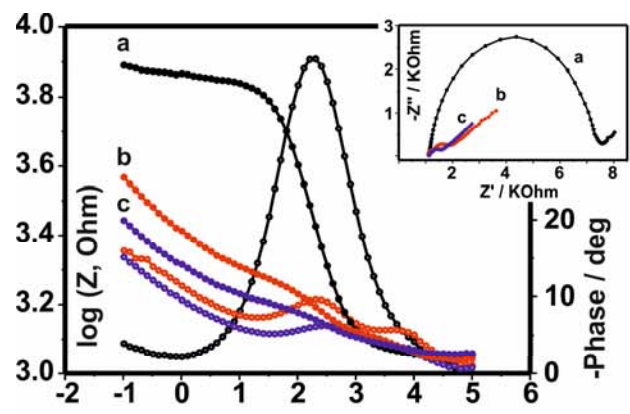
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Faradic Impedance : AuNPs “rich” and “poor” electrode surface/electrolyte interfaces



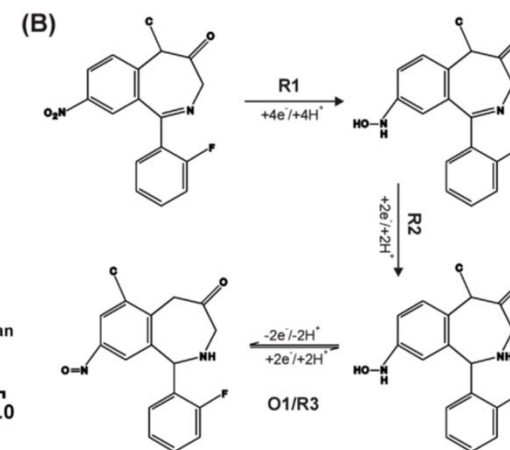
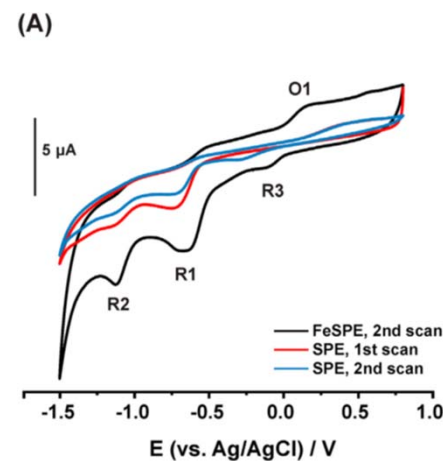
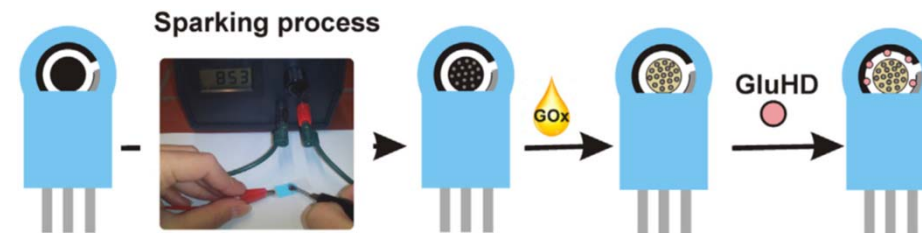


Research Outputs & Prototypes: Detection of “date rape” drug flunitrazepam



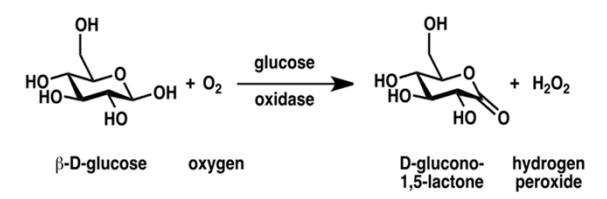
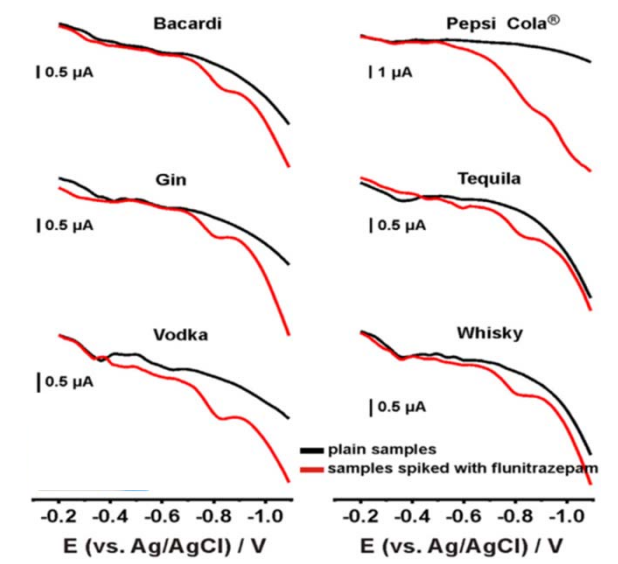
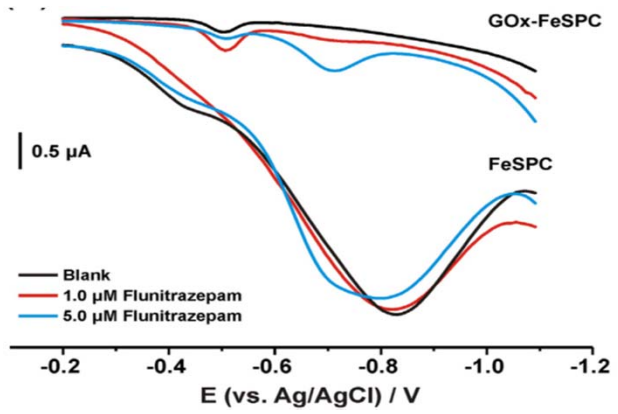
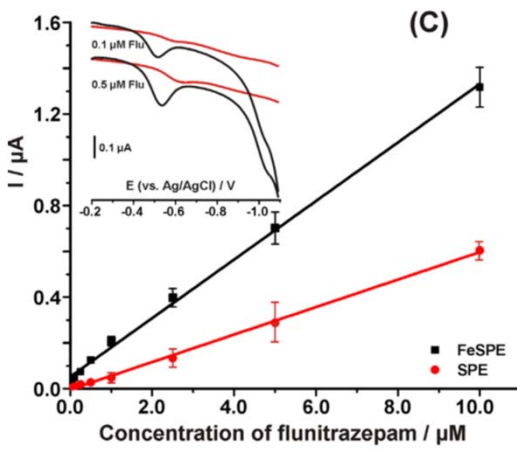
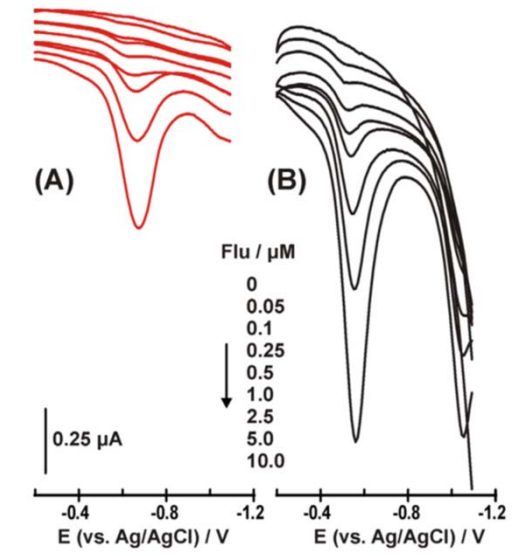
Lab-on-a-screen-printed electrochemical cell for drop-volume voltammetric screening of flunitrazepam in untreated, undiluted alcoholic and soft drinks

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Direct drop-volume of flunitrazepam in undiluted, untreated spirits and soft drinks





Research Outputs & Prototypes: Point-of-care medical diagnostic devices



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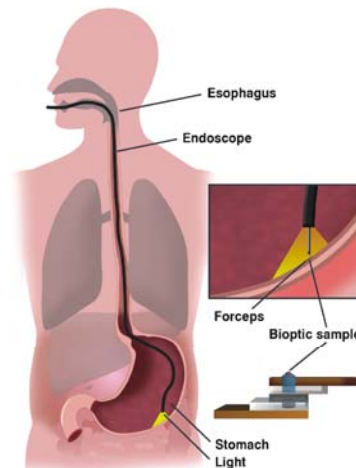
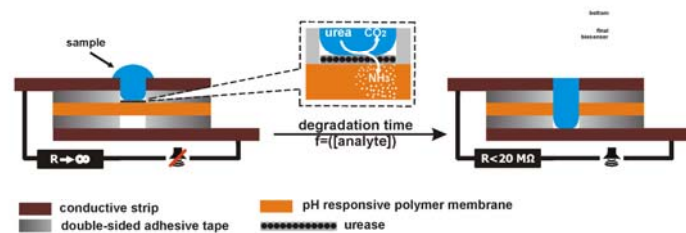
A portable medical diagnostic device utilizing free-standing responsive polymer film-based biosensors and low-cost transducer for point-of-care applications

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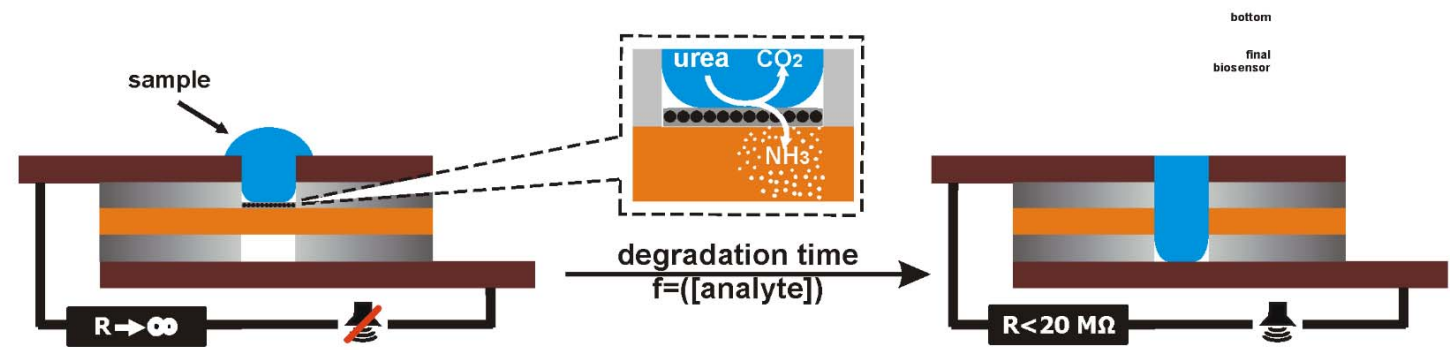
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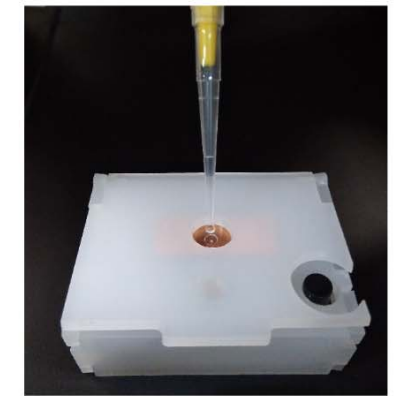
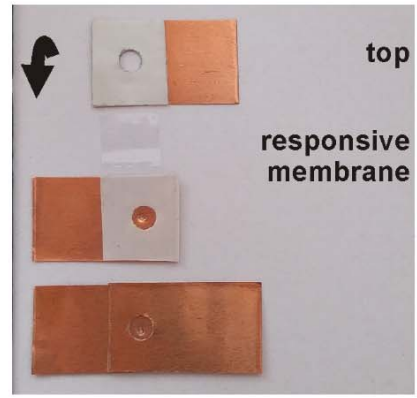
Research Outputs & Prototypes: Determination of urea in undiluted, untreated urine



conductive strip
 double-sided adhesive tape

pH responsive polymer membrane
 urease

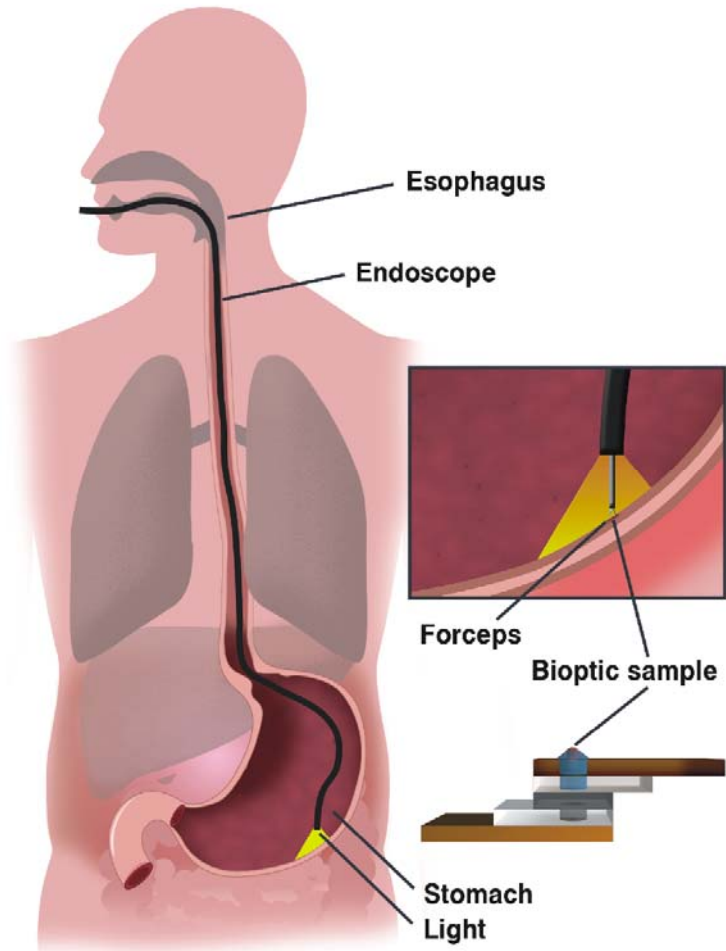
copolymer of randomly distributed methacrylic acid - methyl methacrylate (1:2), containing 0.3% SLS, Mw ca. 125 kDa





Research Outputs & Prototypes: Near-patient detection of *H. Pylori* infection

H. Pylori infection results in synthesis of significant amount of urease by the microbium in gastric.



Sample	BioPoC biosensor	CLO [®] test
1	P	P
2	P	P
3	P	P/N
4	N	N
5	N	N
6	N	N
7	N	N
8	N	N
9	N	N
10	N	N
11	N	N
12	N	N
13	P	P
14	N	N
15	N	N
16	N	N
17	P	P
18	N	N
19	N	N
20	N	N



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