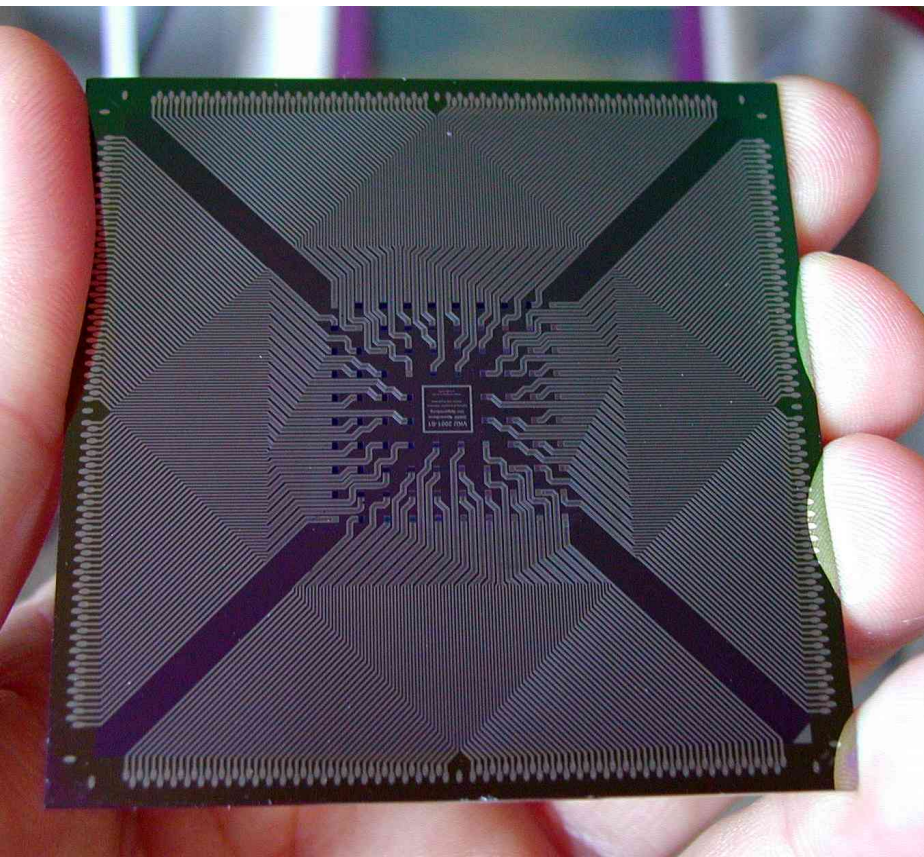
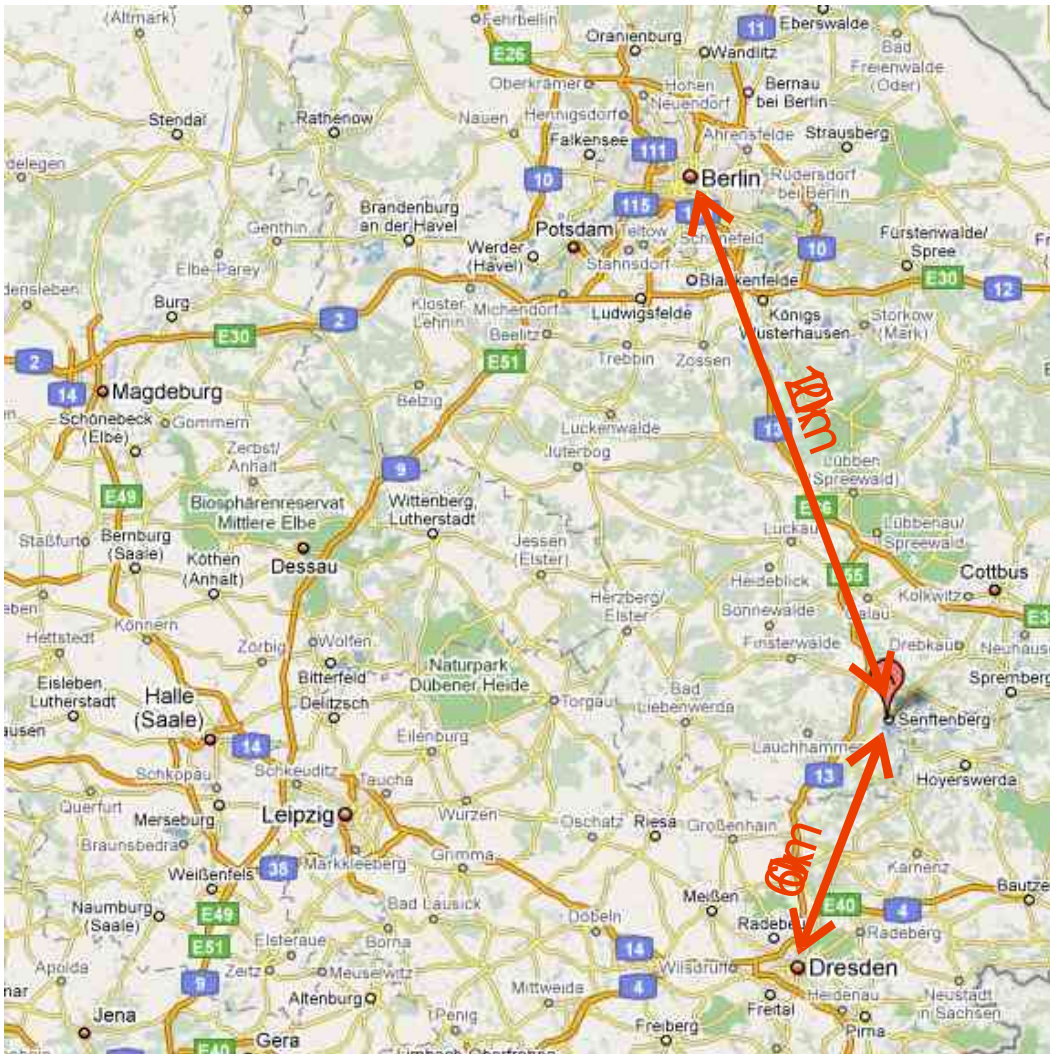

Affinity chemo- and biosensors: development trends and applications in food industry



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before 1990:

- production of brown coal

now (minings=>lakes):

- recreation area
- chemical and bio-technological industry
- Lausitz University of Applied Sciences



Main directions of our scientific work:

1. Development of transducing principles: optical (SPR, SPR-imaging), impedometric and conductometric (capacitive, electrochemical transistors)
 2. Surface science, self assembly and immobilization of biomolecules and nanoparticles (LbL in flow mode, molecular tacking, μ -contact chemoprinting ...)
 3. Numerous applications
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Irreversible freezing indicator (for Timestrip Ltd., UK)

Problem: about 30 % vaccines are damaged during storage (freezing!)

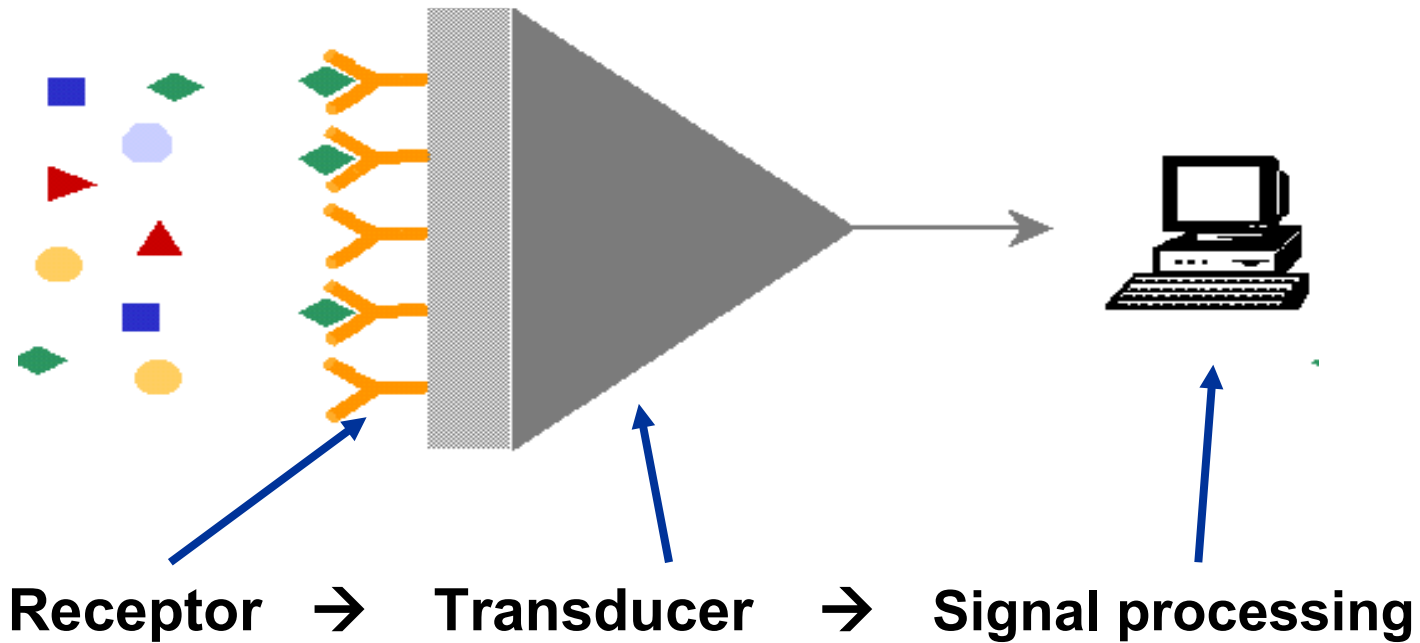
Solution: Freezing indicator
(irreversible color changes after freezing)

Principle: aggregation of gold nanoparticles

Technical solution:
Au-nanoparticles,
nucleator (initiating of ice crystals grow),
D₂O (adjustment of freezing temperature)...



General structure of chemo- and biosensors



Affinity (bio) sensors

General structure of a biosensor:

Receptor → Transducer → Data analysis system

Definition: (Bio)sensors based on the measurements of surface coverage of the receptor layer by analyte.

Main types of transducers for affinity sensors:

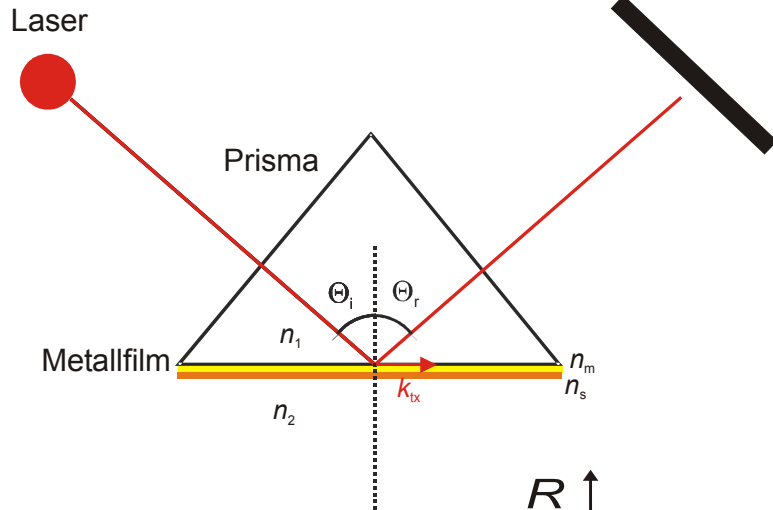
- Optical
 - Surface plasmon resonance
 - Interferometry
 - Ellipsometry
 - Mechano-acoustical
 - Quartz microbalance (QMB)
 - μ -Cantilevers
 - Devices based on surface acoustic waves (SAW)
 - Electrical
 - Capacitive or **impedometric** transducers
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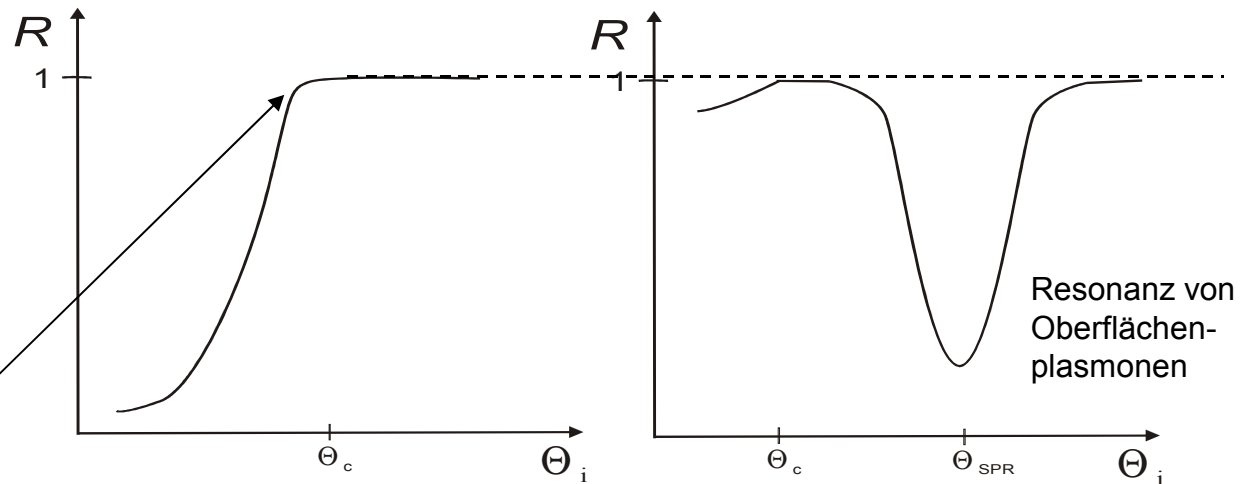
SPR

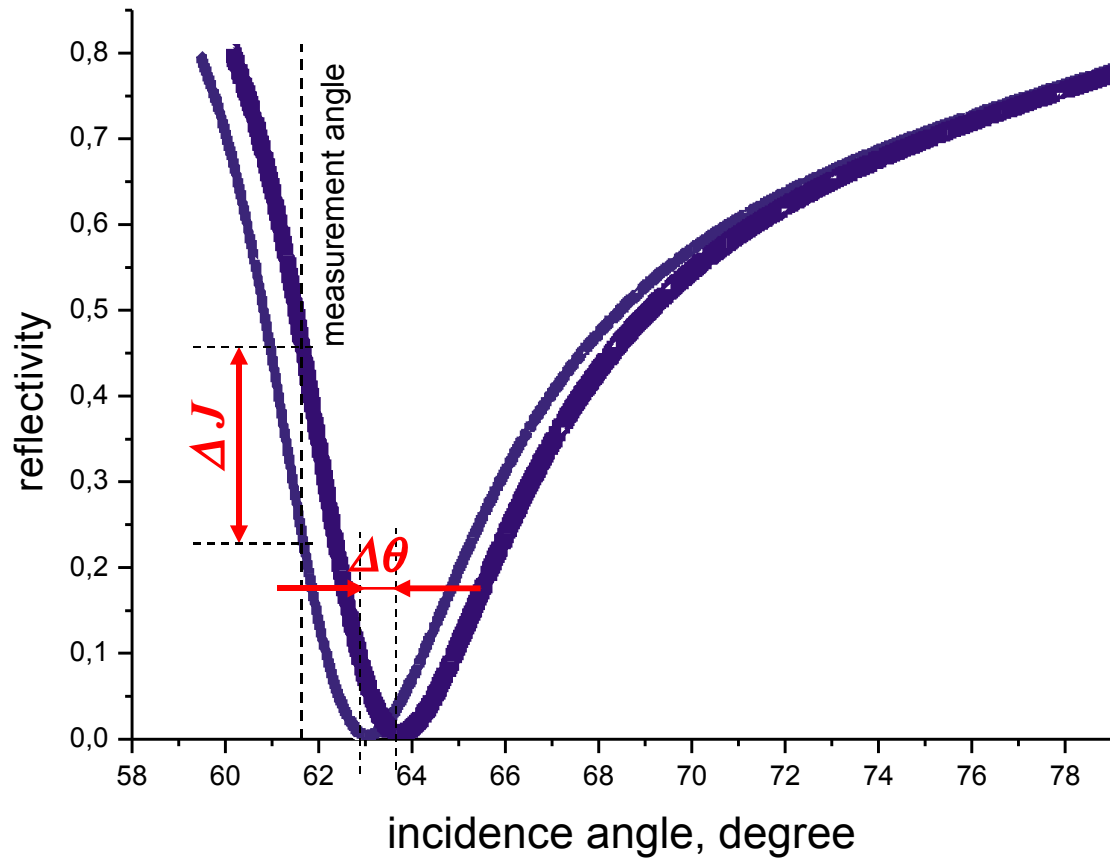
Surface plasmon resonance (SPR): principle

Kretschmann-configuration:



für $\theta_i < \theta_c \rightarrow$ Totalreflexion

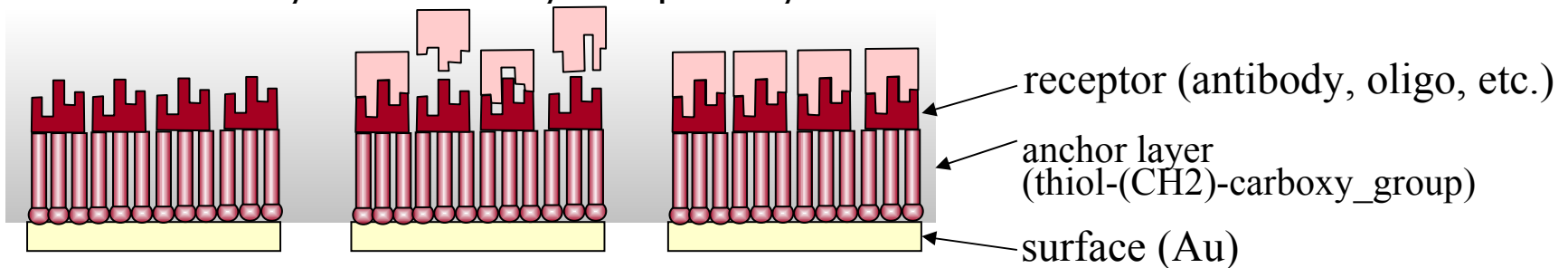




Main idea of refractometric transducing

$$\Delta n = f(\text{total concentration near surface})$$

- ⇒ changes of the refractive index are not selective
- ⇒ the selectivity is defined by receptor layer



calibration curve

concentration on the sensing surface *volume concentration*

The sensor provides information on total concentration of species near the surface (\approx surface coverage).

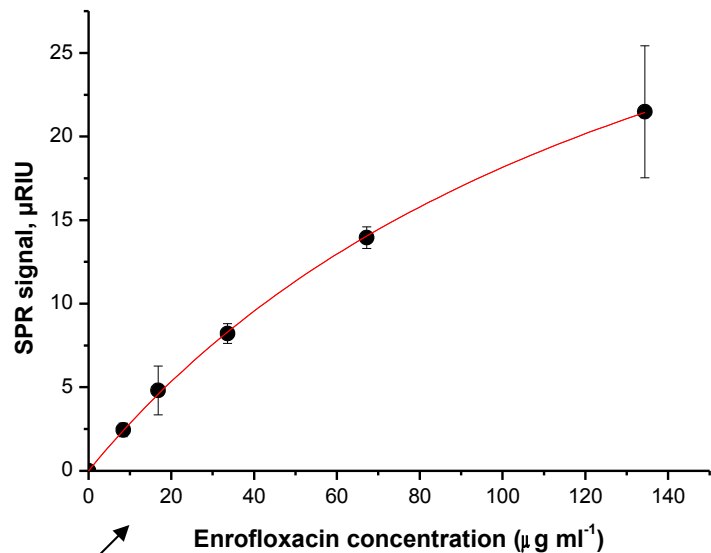
A determination of volume concentration is performed through calibration curve (adsorption isotherm).

A sensor which delivers a signal proportional to surface coverage belongs to **affinity** sensors.

Other types of affinity sensors: quartz microbalance (QMB), impedometric (capacitive), ~~interferometric, some of fluorescent sensors.~~

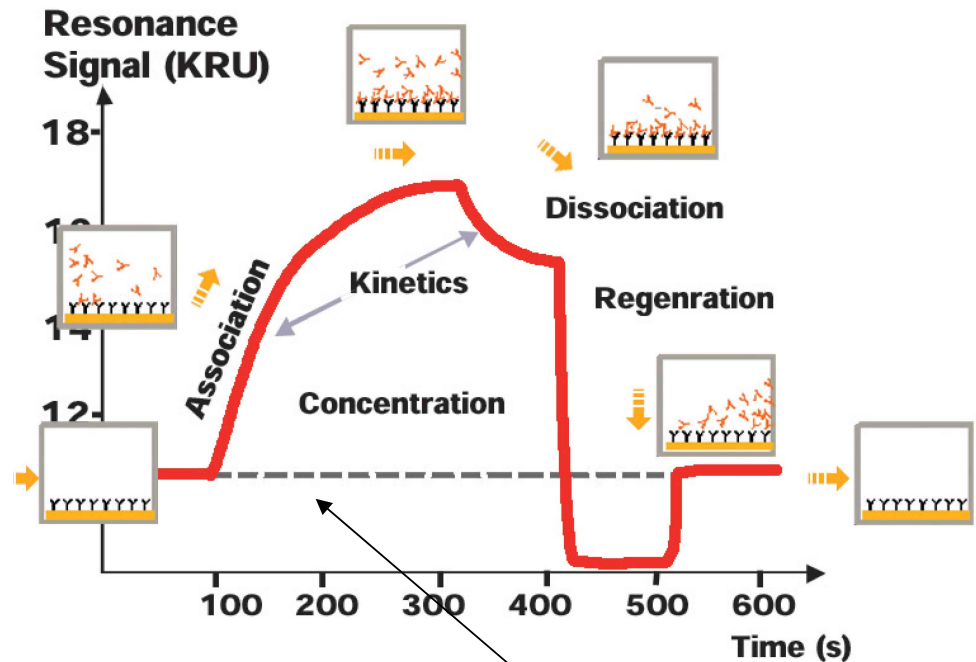
Applications of SPR in biosensors

Stationary measurements



calibration curve
(~ dependence between surface and volume concentration = adsorption isotherm)

Kinetic measurements



sensorgram (a plot of the signal of affinity sensor vs. time)

Commercial SPR-devices



Biacore A100

about 15 SPR-companies:

- Biacore – GE
- ESPRIT-EcoChemie
- KSV
- SPRImager / GWCtechnol
- Miltiscop / Optrel
- SPR670 / Nippon Laser Electr.
- IBIS
- Plasmonics
- Biosuplar / Mivitec
- SPRETA / Texas Instruments
- ...

Physical resolution:

Biacore A100: 0.3 μ RIU

other devices: 5 – 100 μ RIU

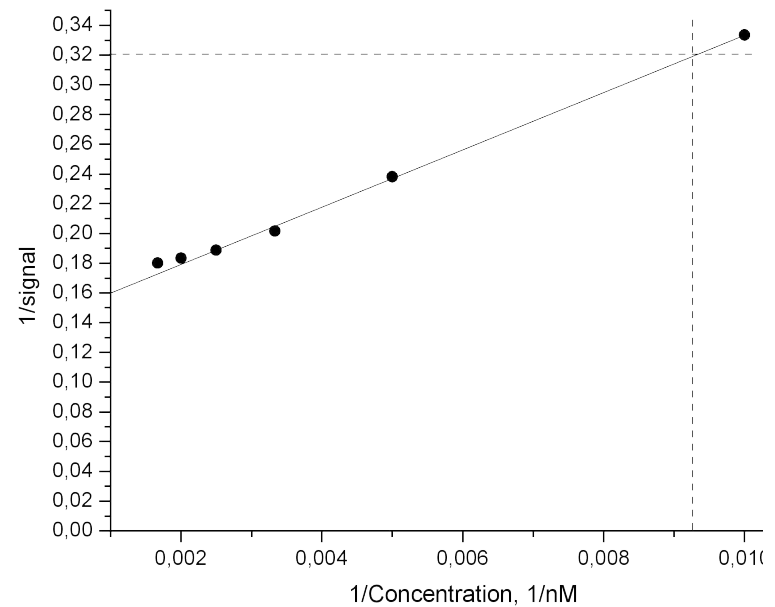
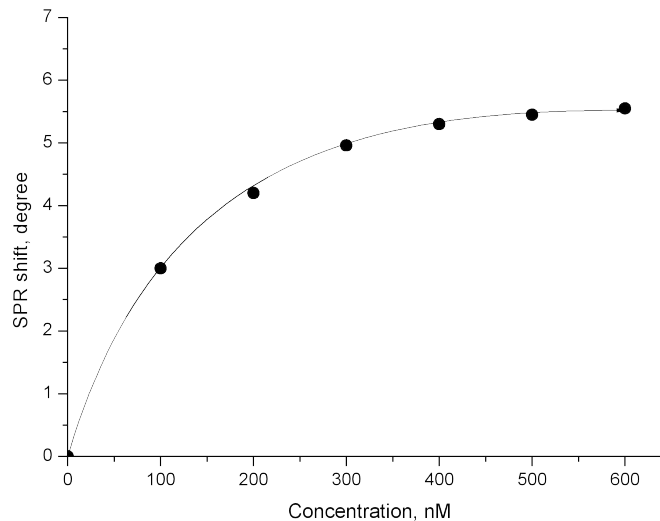
Oberflächenplasmonenresonanz als Transduktor in Biosensoren

Beispiel 1. Biosensor für anti-HSA.

Rezeptor: HSA

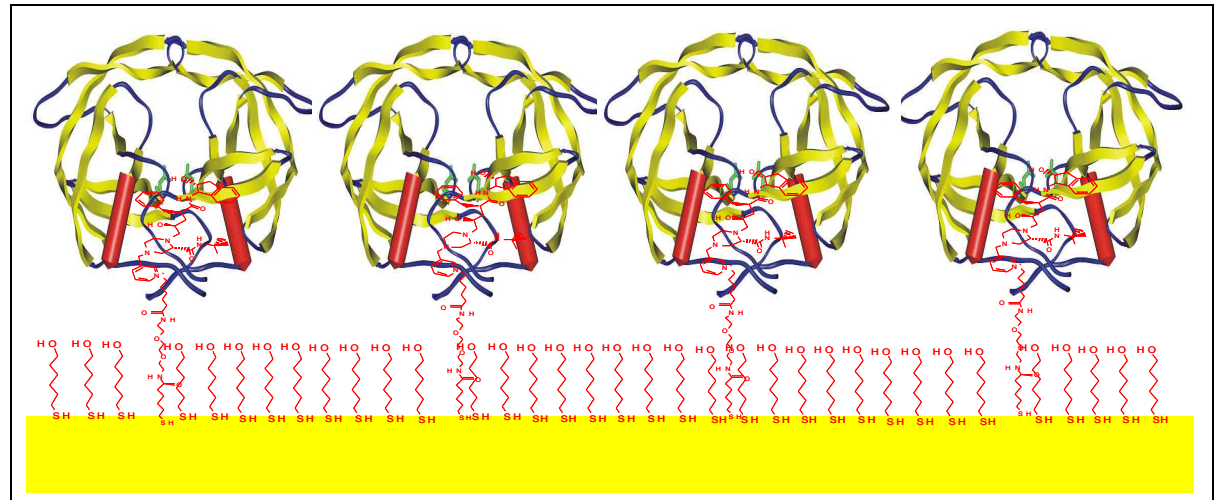
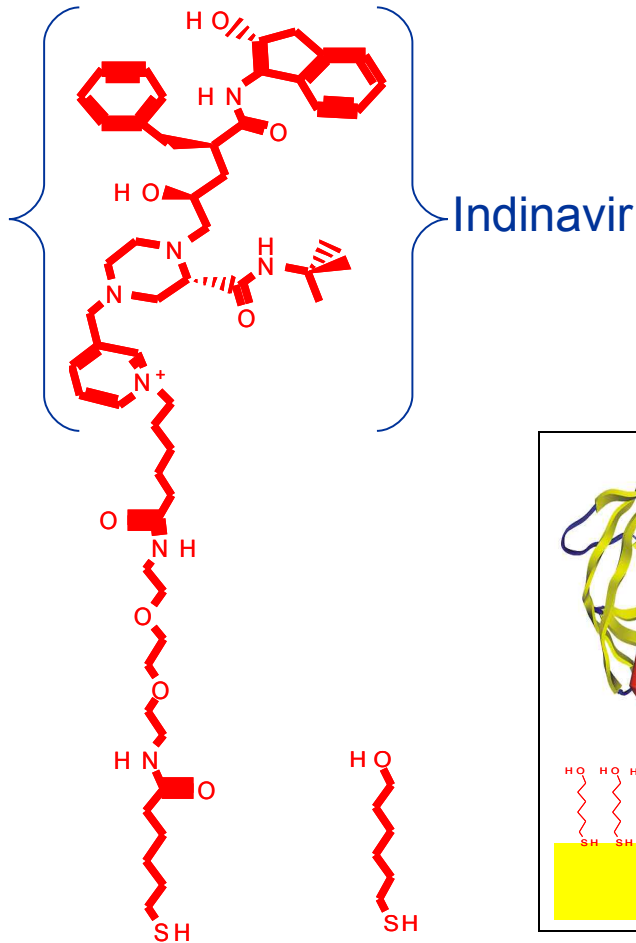
Beschichtung: chemische Immobilisierung (EDC-Technik, auf HS-(CH₂)₁₅-COOH - SAM) unten SPR-Kontrolle

Messung: SPR



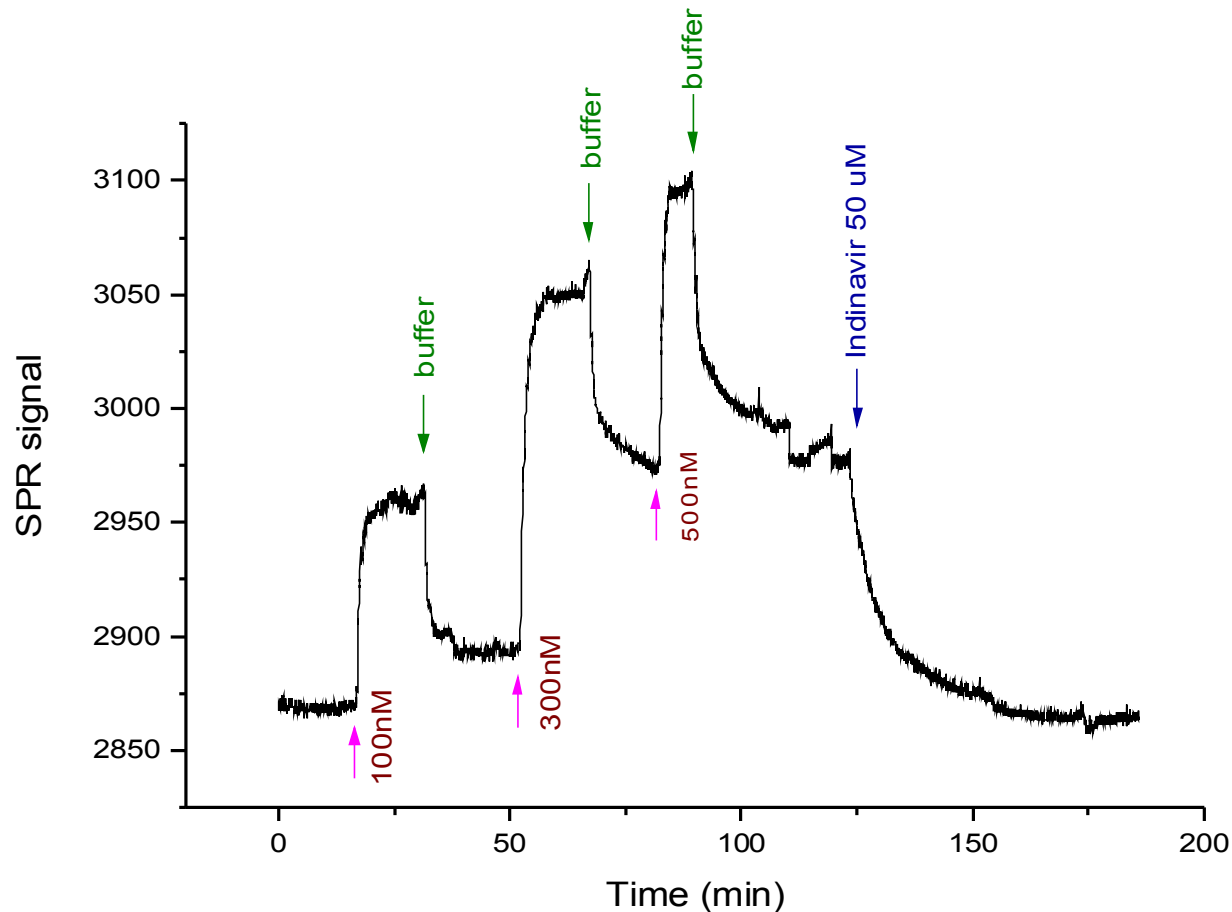
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Beispiel 2. Biosensor für die Bestimmung von Drug-Resistenz von HIV-Protease (Kooperation mit P. Cigler, V. Kral, J. Konvalinka).



Oberflächenplasmonenresonanz als Transduktor in Biosensoren

Beispiel 2. Biosensor für die Bestimmung von Drug-Resistenz von HIV-Protease



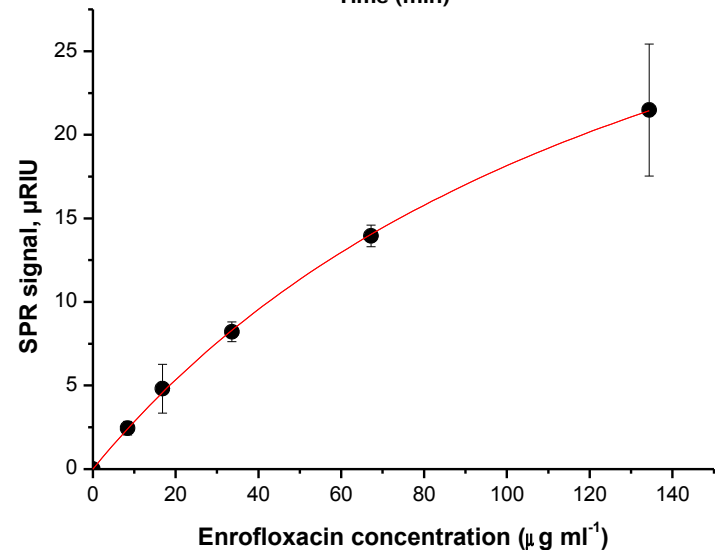
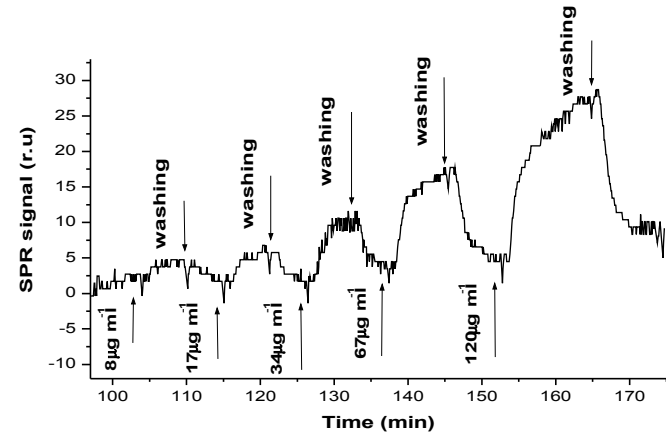
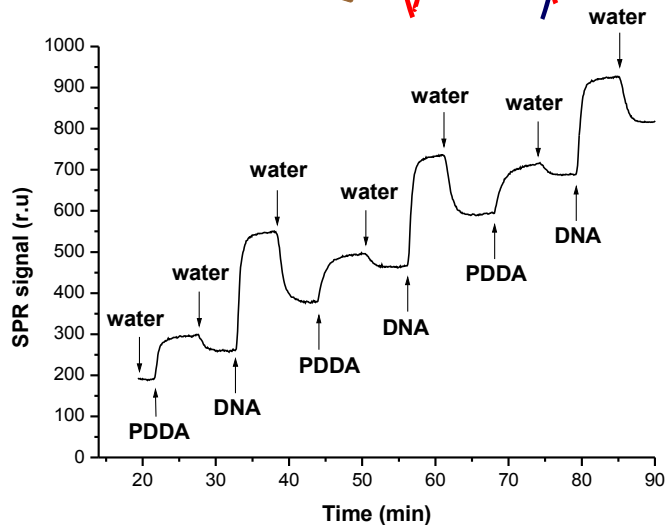
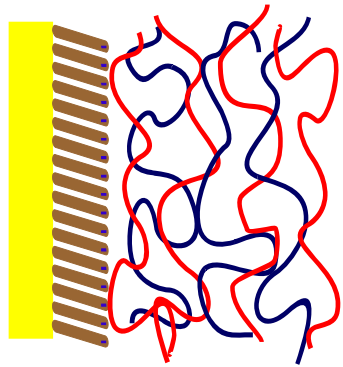
Oberflächenplasmonenresonanz als Transduktor in Biosensoren

Beispiel 3. Biosensor für die Bestimmung von Antibiotika (Enrofloxacin) in Milch

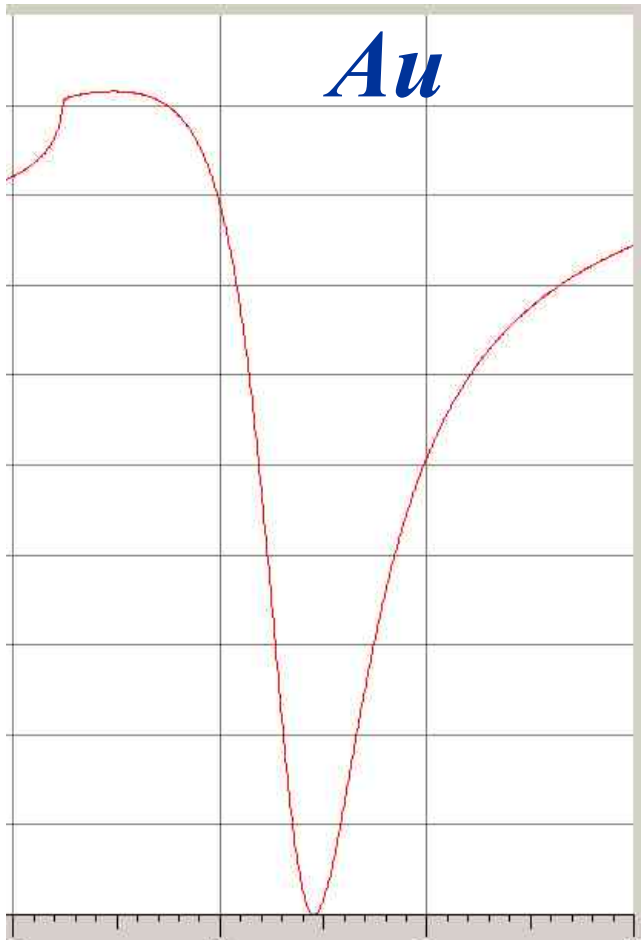
Rezeptor: DNA (Enrofloxacin hat Affinität zur DNA)

Beschichtung: LbL-Technik unten SPR-Kontrolle

Detektion: SPR



SPR: improvement of the resonant layer



Gold is chemically inert

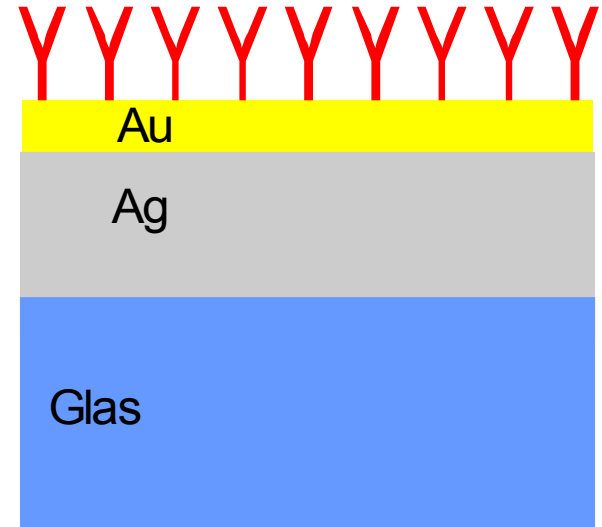
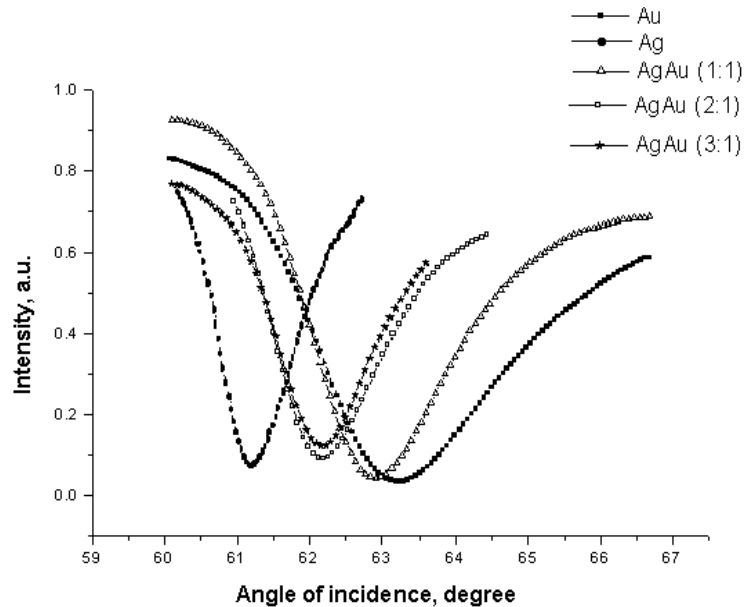


Silver is not chemically inert but provides better sensitivity of SPR transducing

Bimetallic coatings in SPR-chips

Solution:

Ag as the main resonator layer,
Au as a thin protecting layer



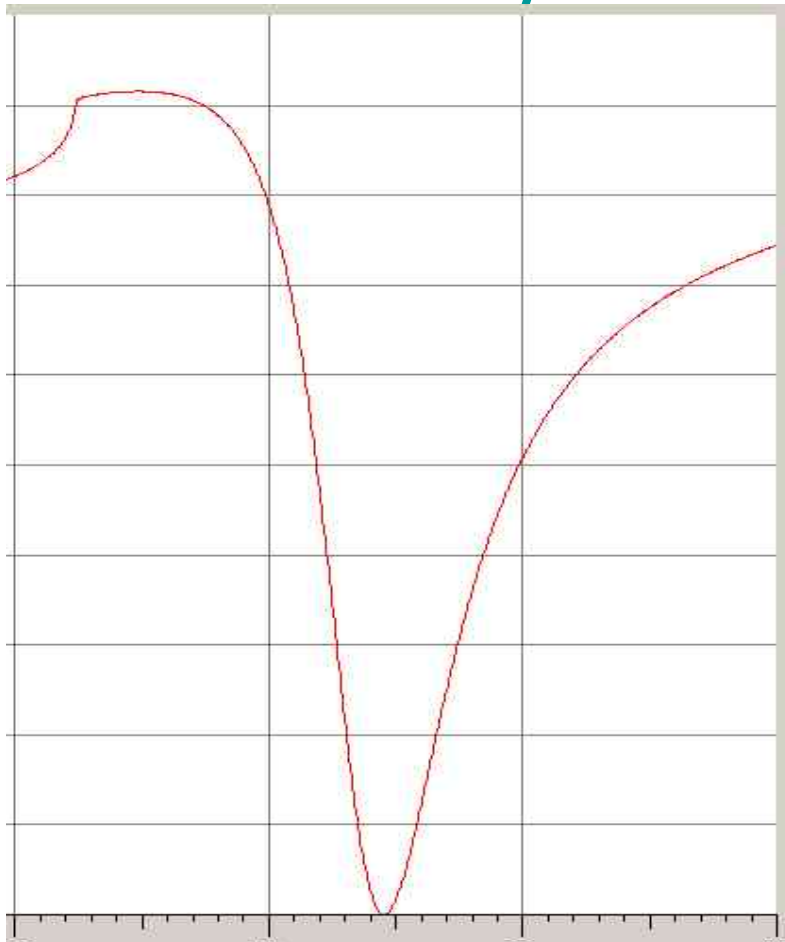
S/N improvement:

our results: 1.4

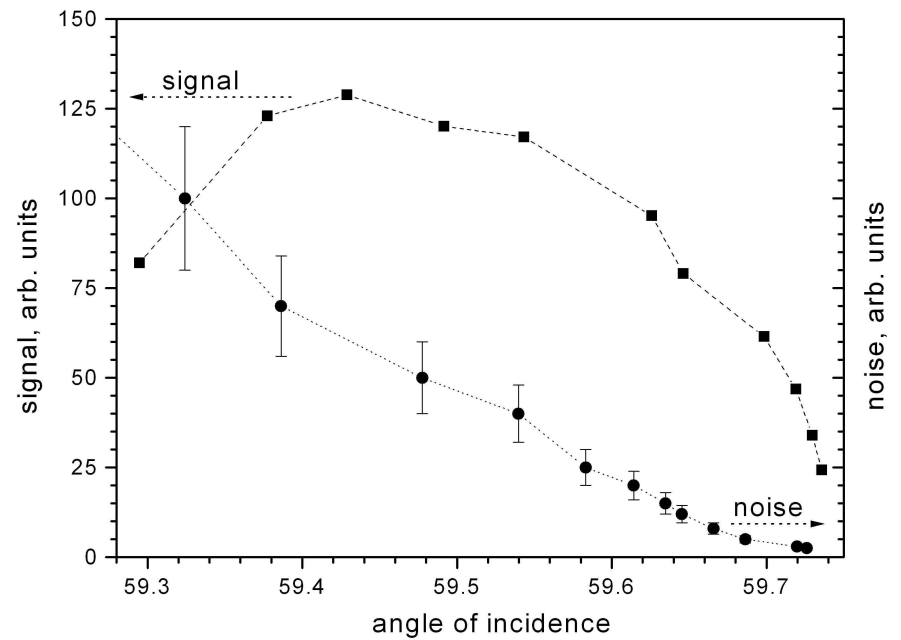
later literature (Zhai et al., *Anal. Chem.*, 2007): **2.7**

Optimization of the detection angle

$$\max (dP/d\theta) ?$$



but noise \neq const !



Advanced SPR-techniques:

- **compensation of microfluctuations of temperature** (also of analyte pressure, concentration, velocities...)
 - **separation of surface and volume effects...**
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A postulate to discuss:

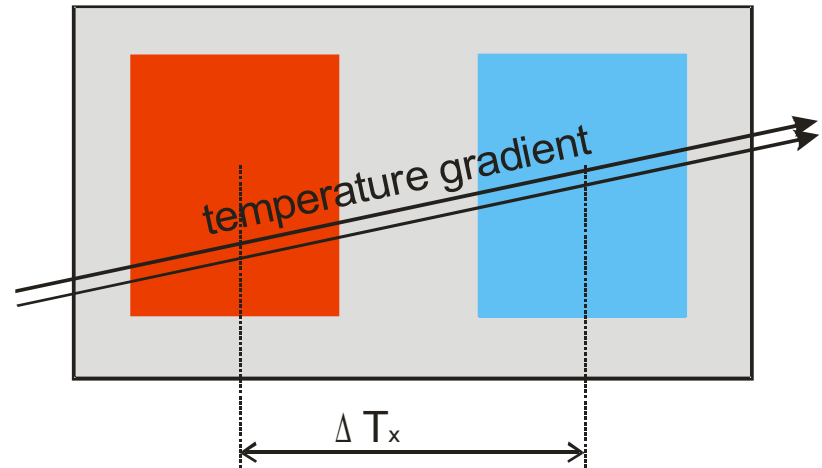
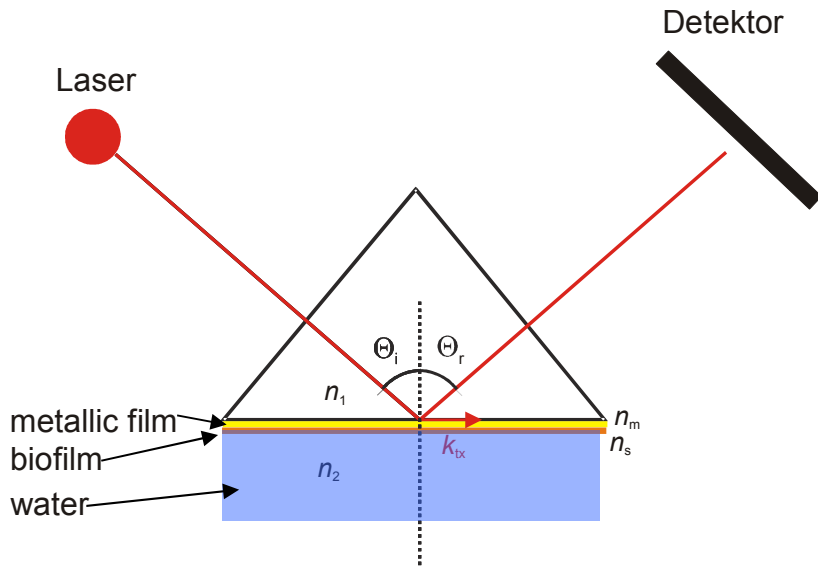
Resolution of each well-developed analytical technique is limited by temperature fluctuations.

☺ The consequence:

If a resolution of an analytical technique is not limited by temperature fluctuations, the technique is not well developed.

Surface plasmon resonance is a well developed analytical technique...

The problem of temperature stabilization:



Role of temperature microfluctuations:

Temperature coefficient of water:

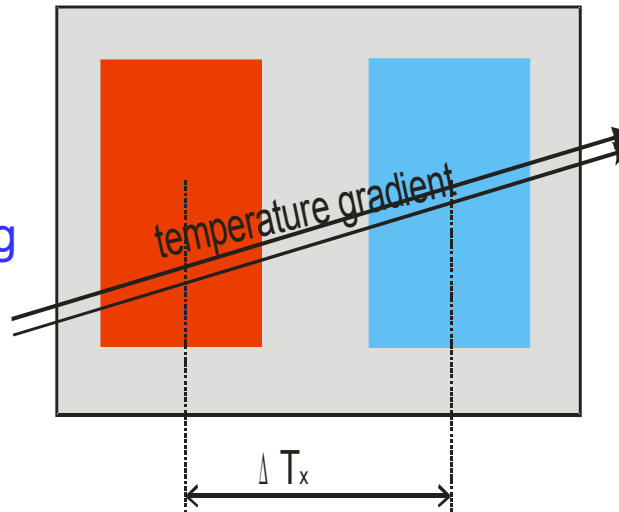
100 μ RIU / K,

therefore, a stabilization with precision of 0.0003 K°

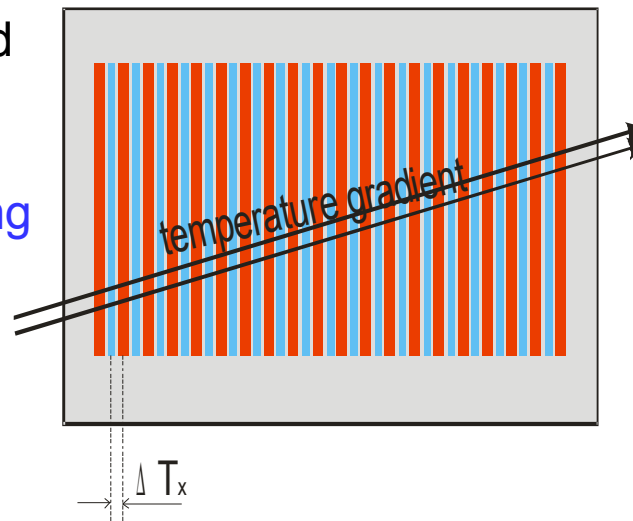
is required for resolution 0.1 μ RIU!

Distributed sensing and referencing spots

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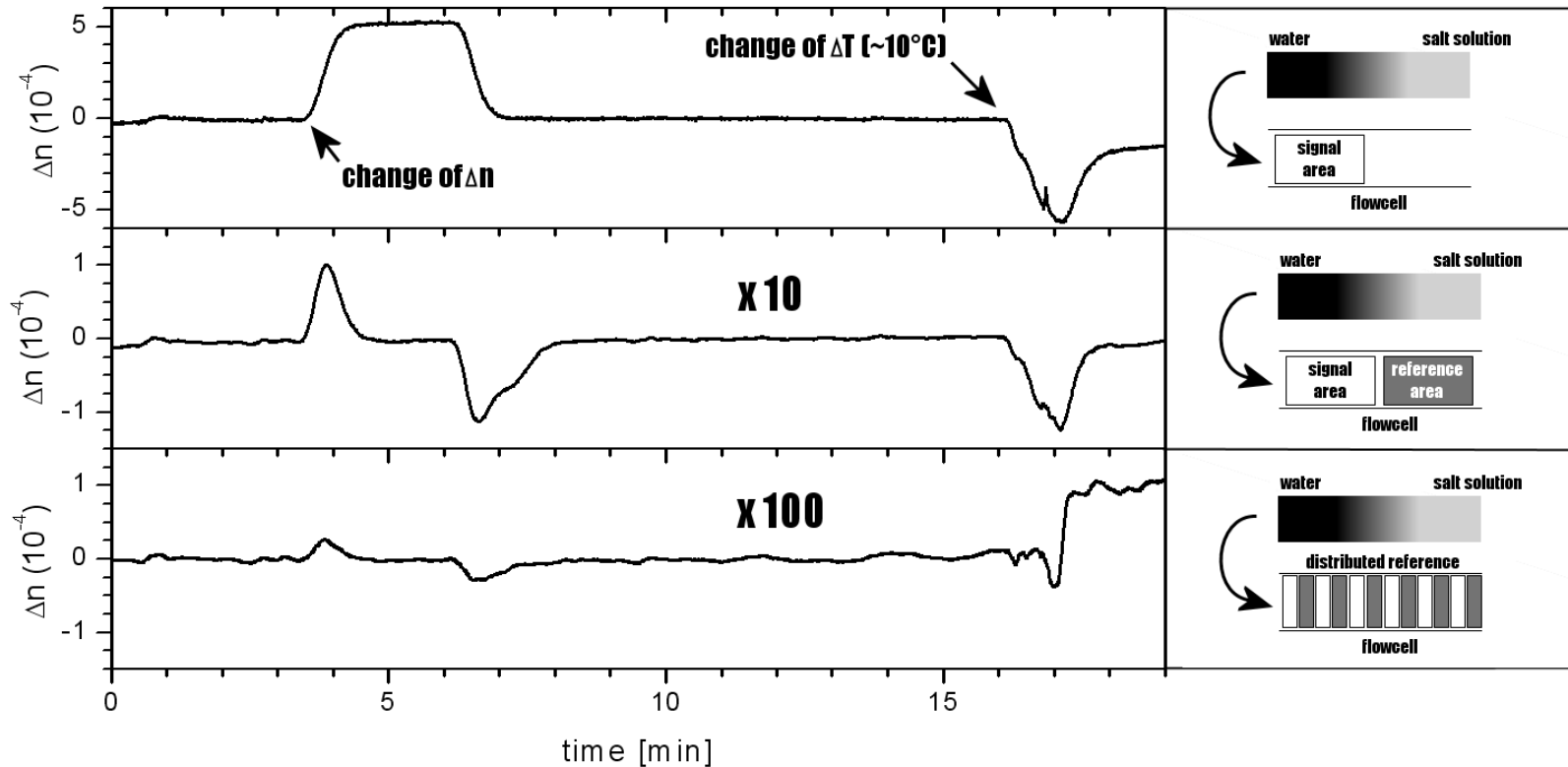


distributed
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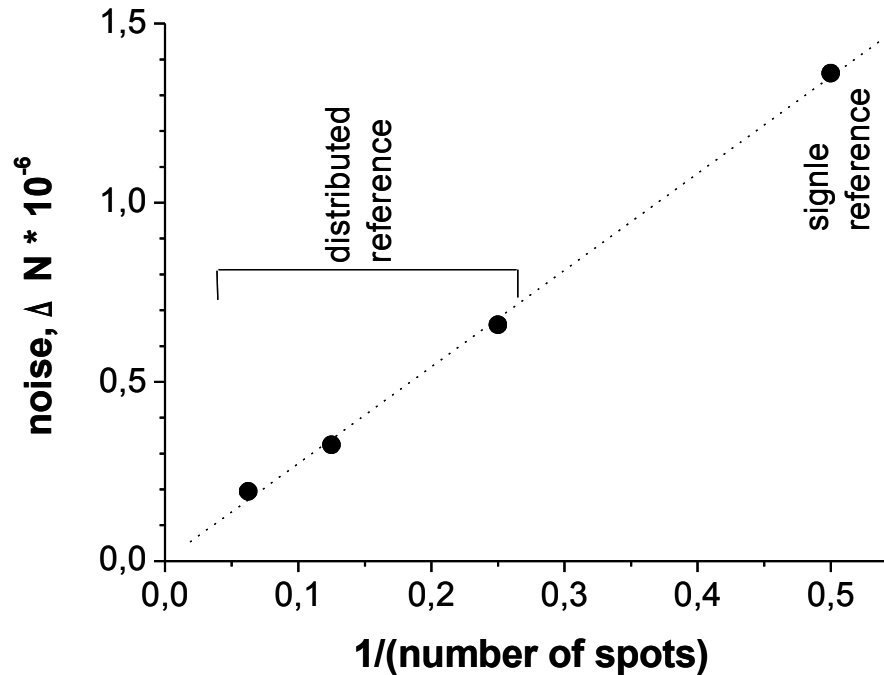
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the **break through sensitivity limitations** caused by physical and chemical surface inhomogeneities (fluctuations of temperature, of reagents concentrations, etc.)



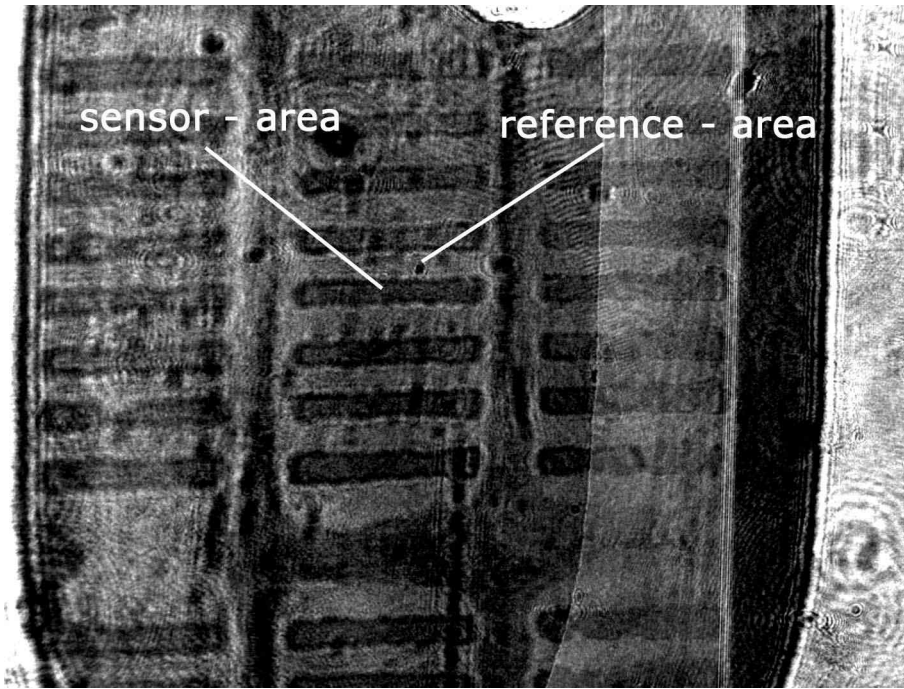
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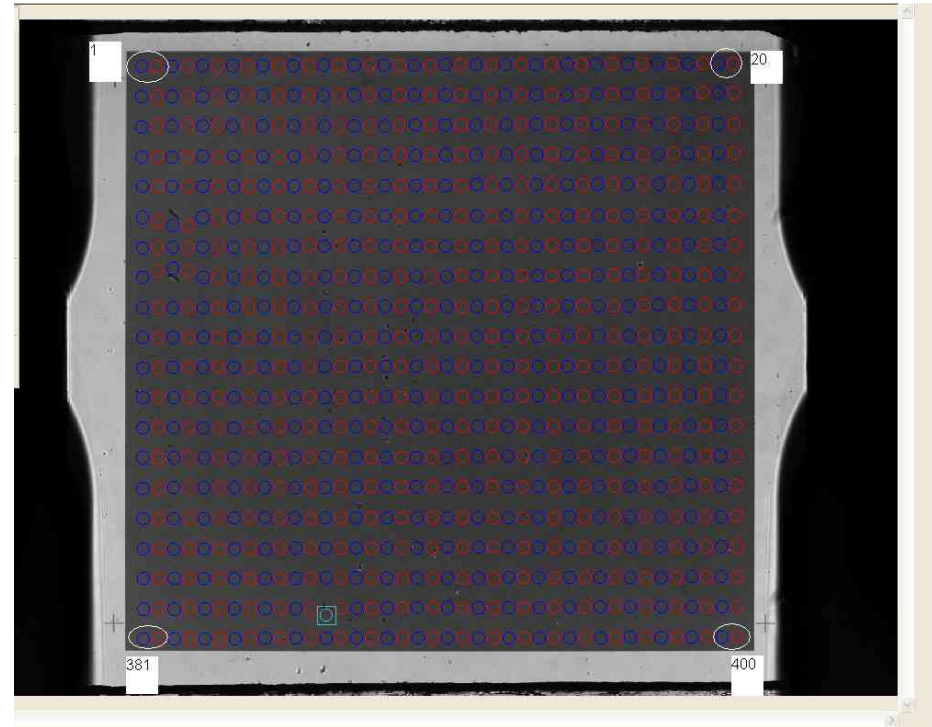


Result: >10-fold (!)
increase of the
signal/noise ratio.

Structures for distributed referencing

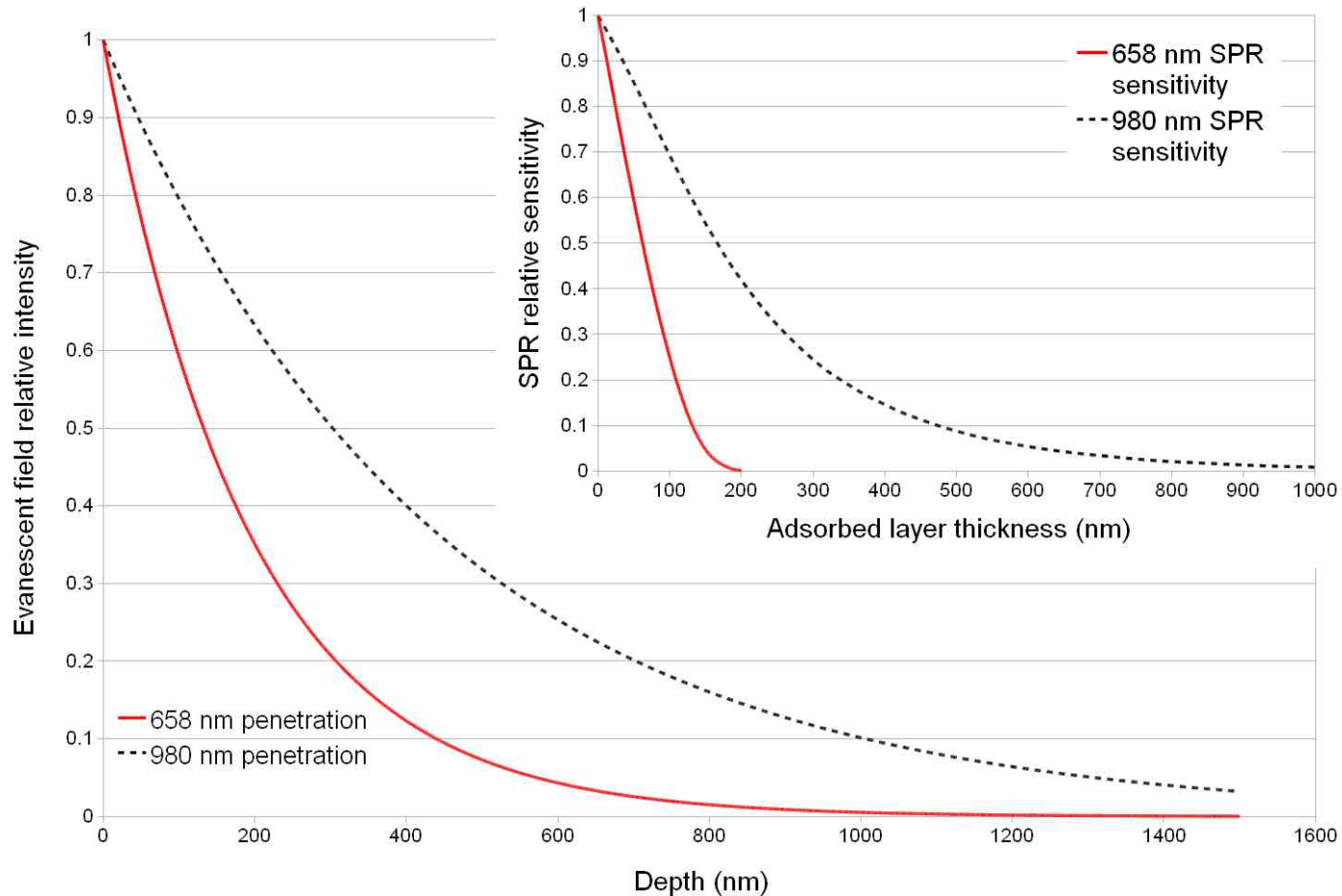


μ-printing technology

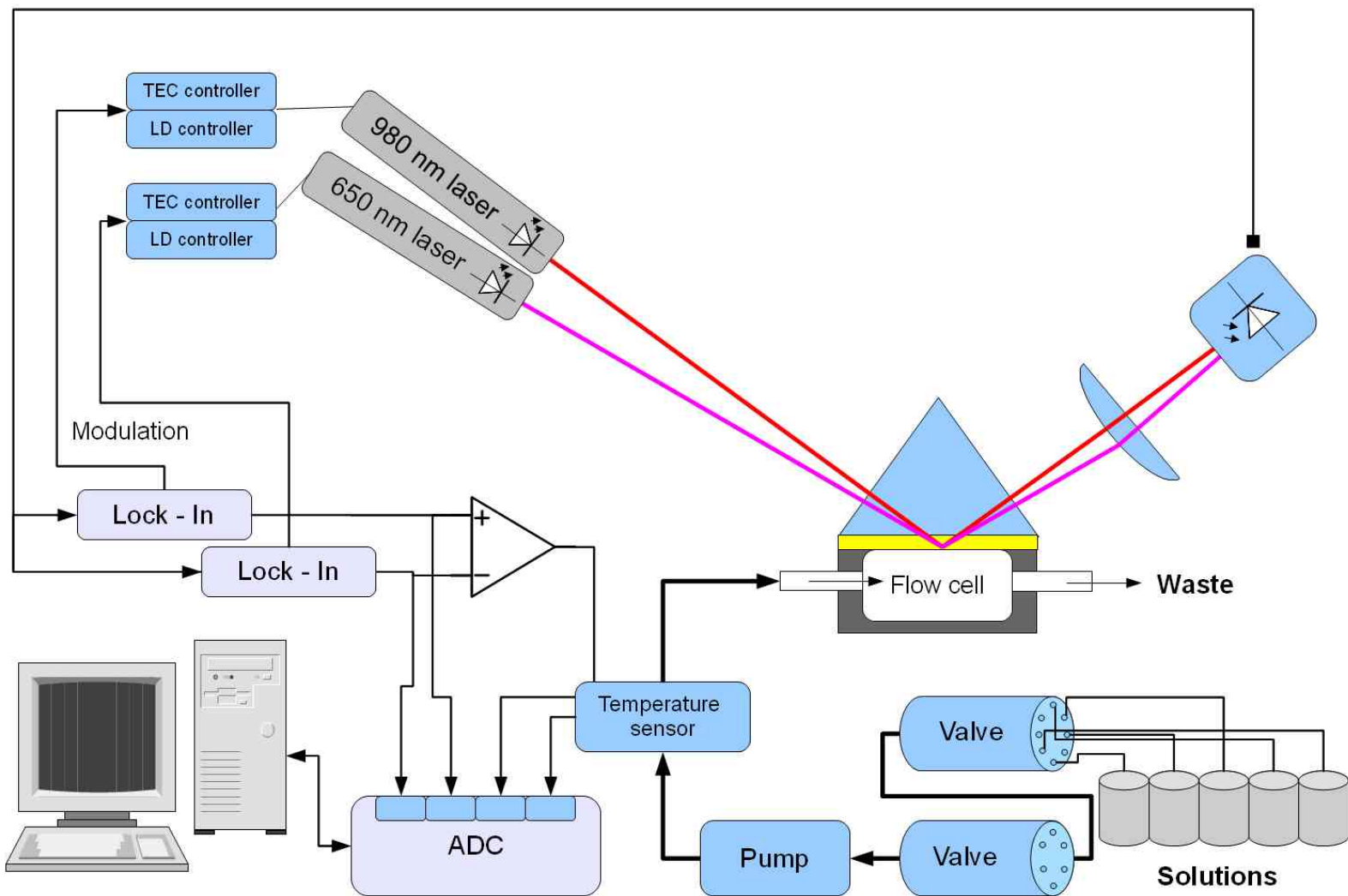


flexchip (GE)

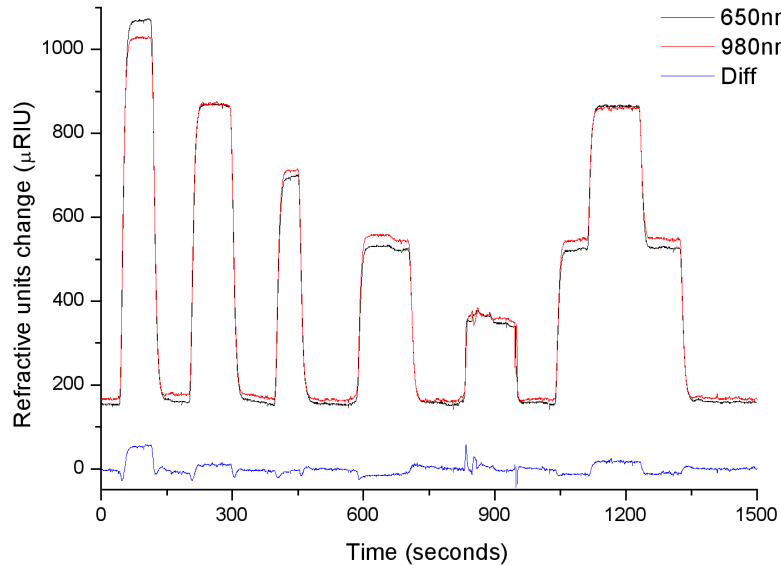
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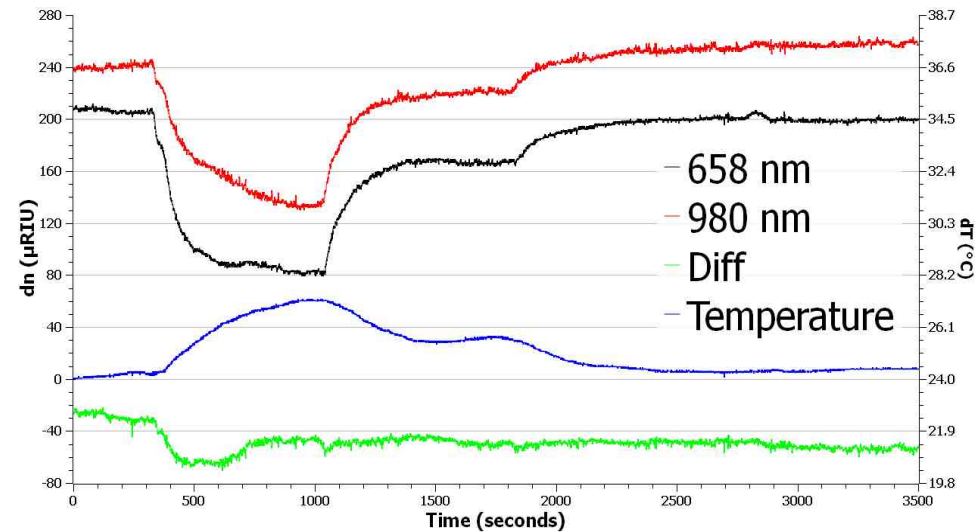
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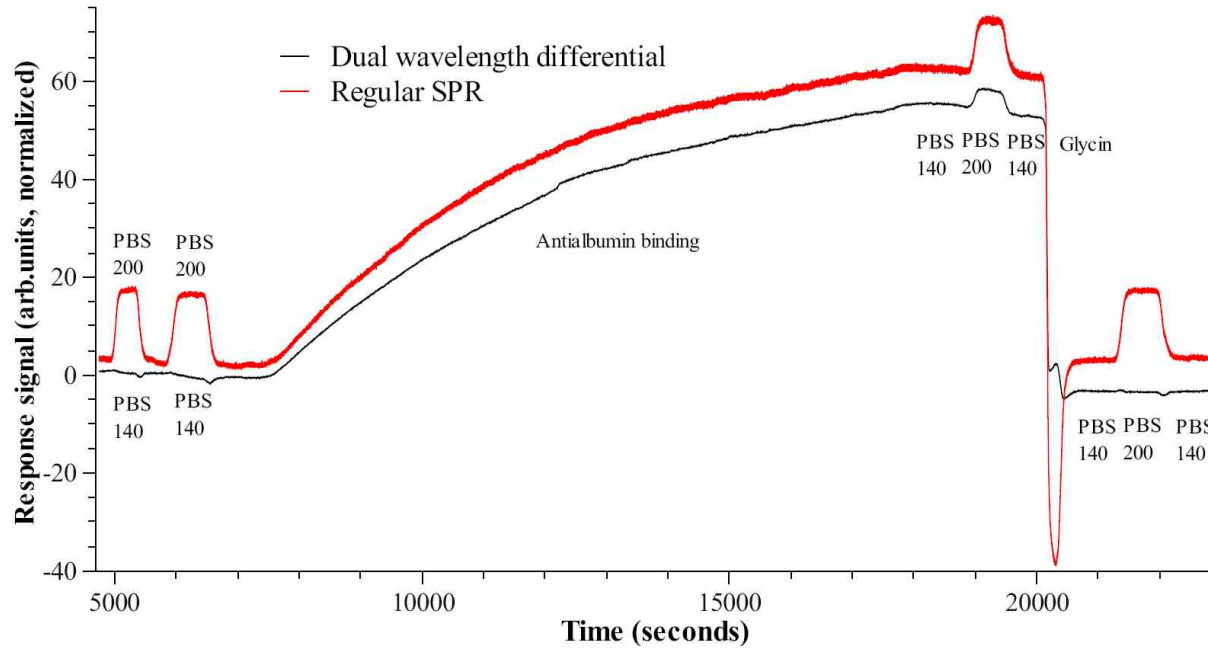


Adjusted compensation of influence of bulk refractive index



Consequence: Compensation of influence of temperature

Again on the double wavelengths technique...



Detection of antigen – antibody binding

Conductometric chemosensors:

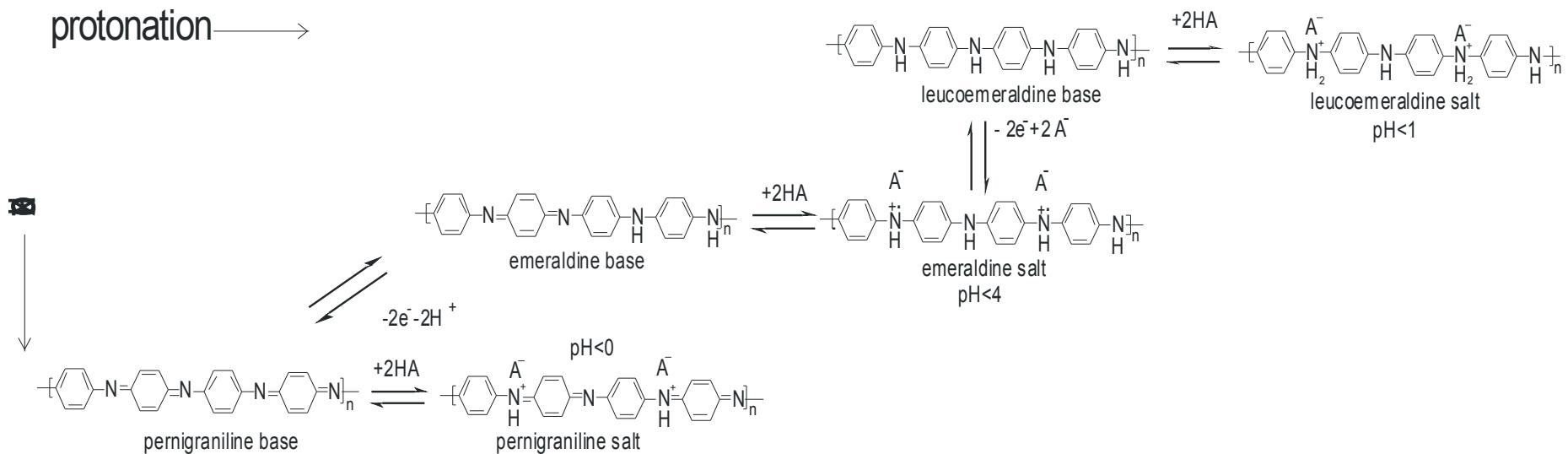
- chemosensors for Hg-vapor
 - chemosensors based on conducting polymers
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Conducting polymers and integrated electrochemical chemotransistors

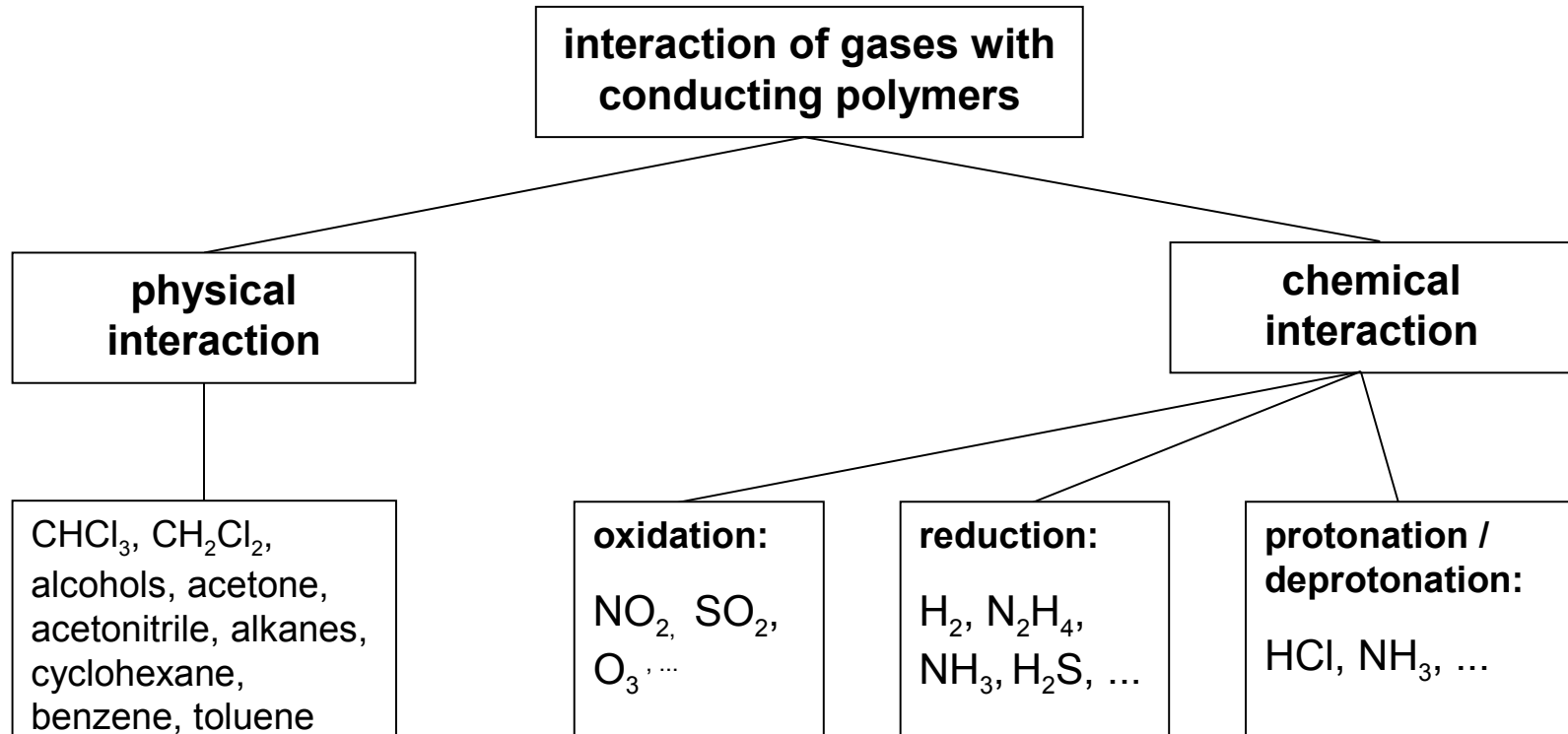
Conducting polymers as receptors

Conductometric [or optical] transducing:

- **pH-sensitivity of CP** (pH sensors, **acidic/basic gases**, pH-transducer in biosensors)
- **CP as red-ox probe** (sensor for oxidizing or reducing gases)



Gas sensors

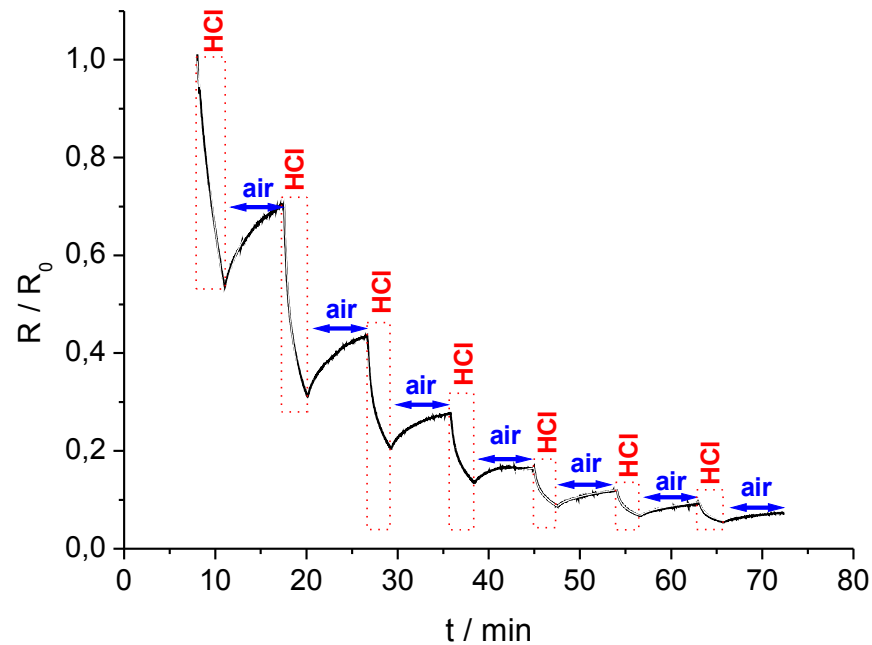


Problems:

- pH-effects are coupled with redox-effects =>...
- high affinity => irreversible behavior (desorption takes tens of minutes)
- poor selectivity

Gas sensors: poor reversibility

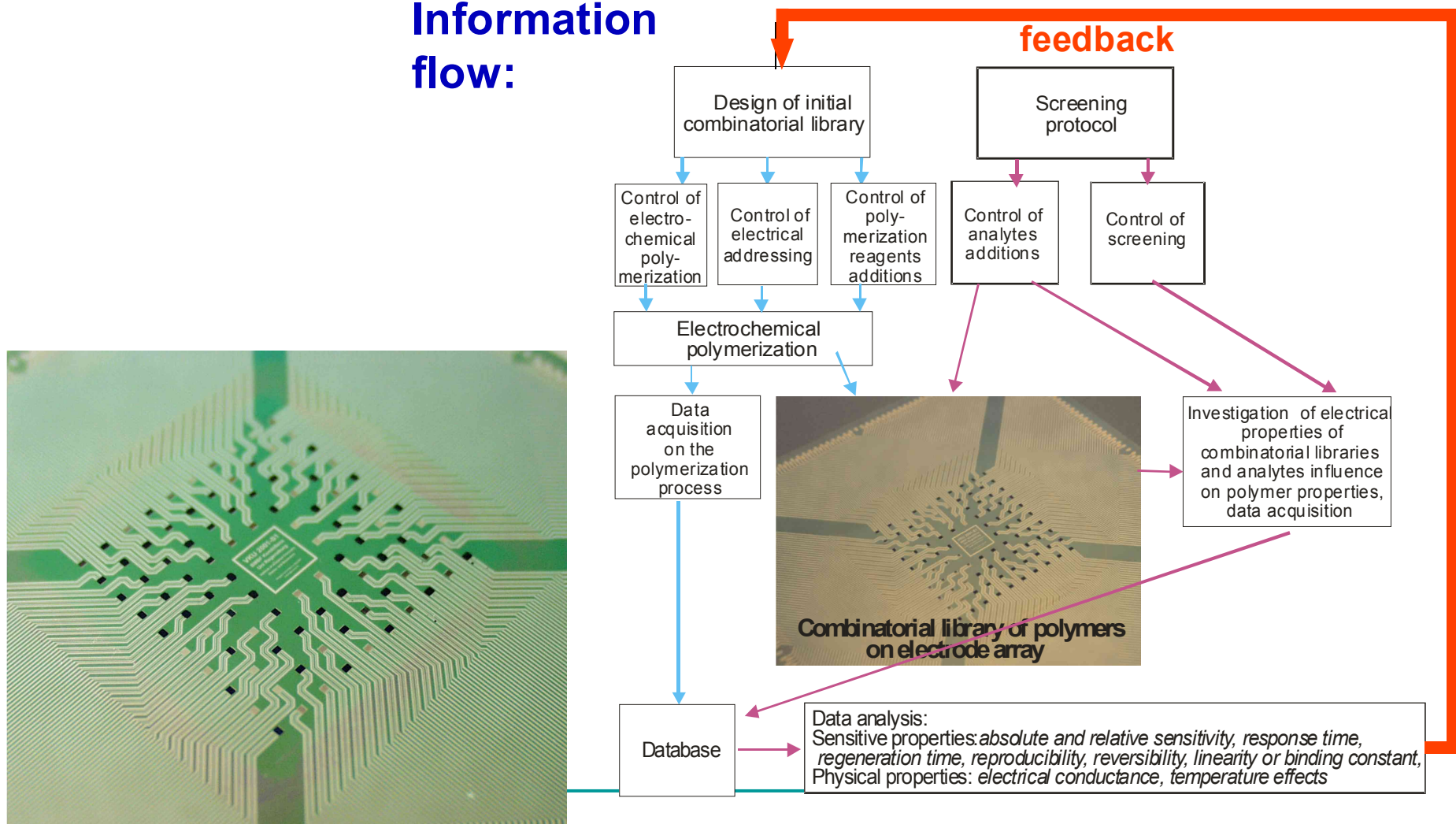
HCl:



Other applications of PANI-Sensor: amino-containing compounds => fish products!

Combinatorial electropolymerization and High-Throughput screening of polymer properties

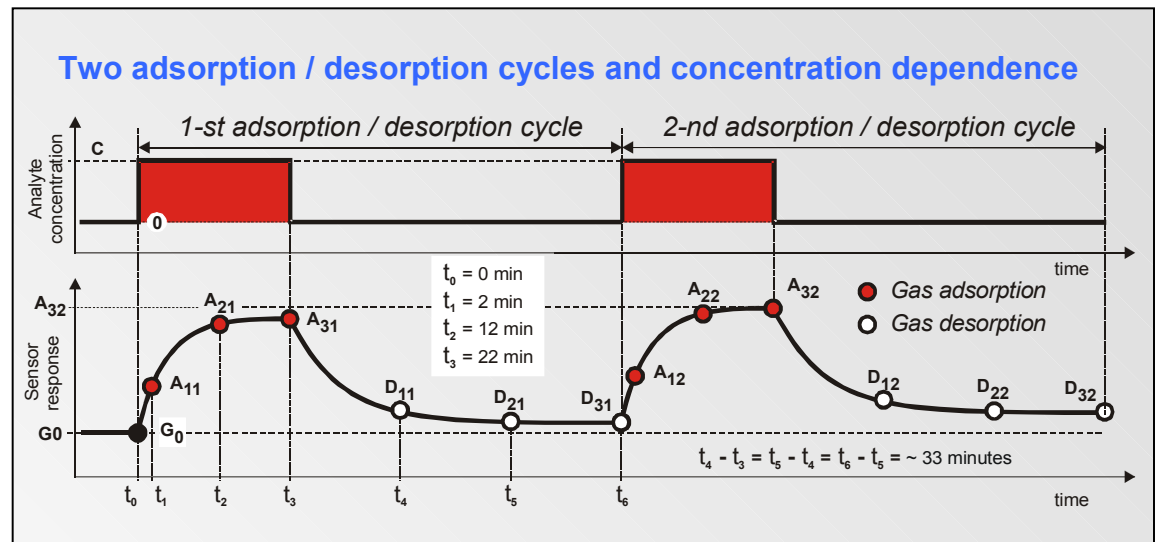
Information flow:



Formalisation of the measurement protocol for high-throughput quantitative characterization of chemosensitive properties

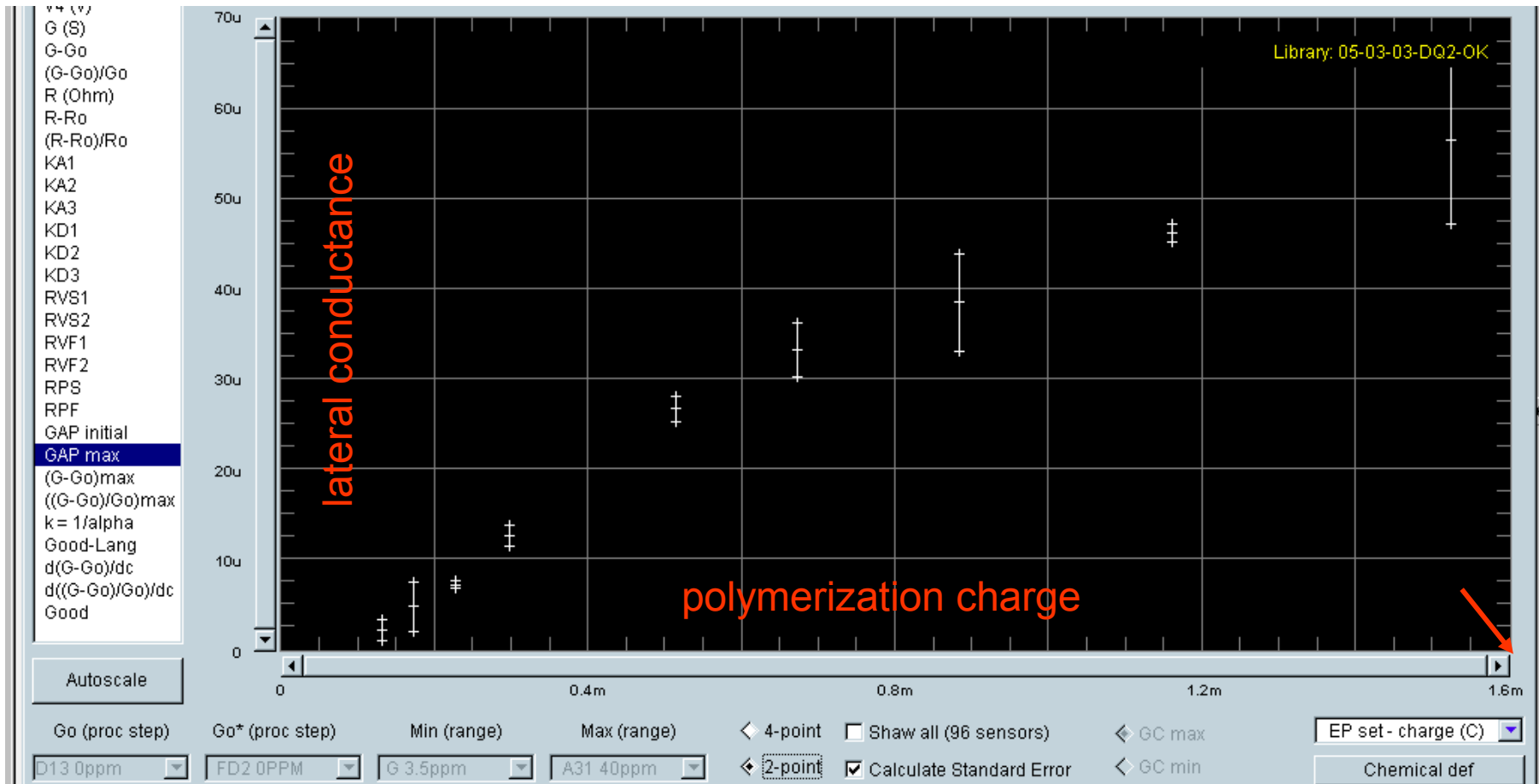
Extracted parameters:

- *analytical sensitivity*
 - *relative sensitivity*
 - *response time*
 - *desorption efficiency*
 - *reproducibility*
 - *reversibility*
 - *fitting by Langmuir isotherm (binding constant)*
- or
- *fitting by Henry isotherm (linearity)*



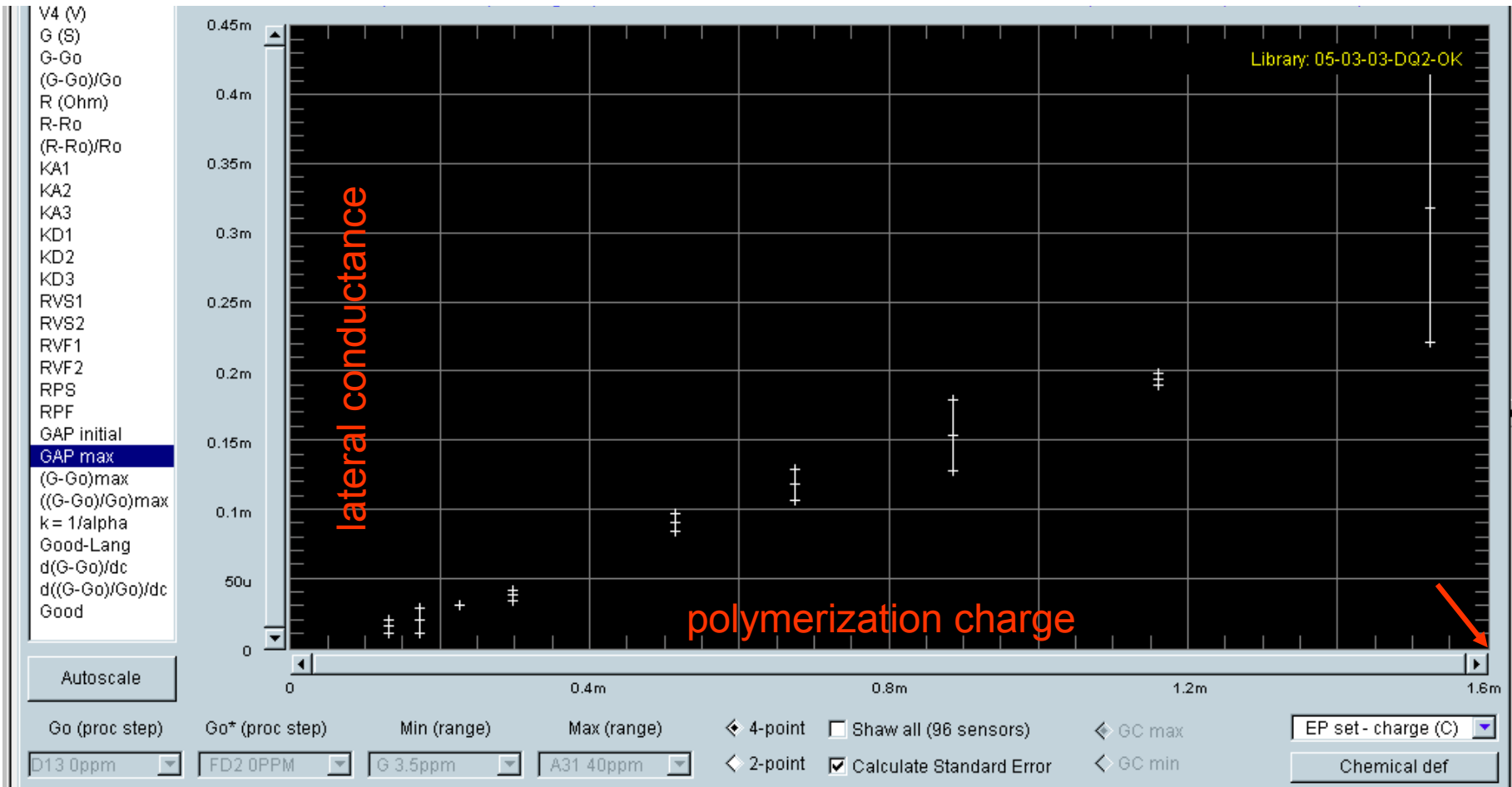
HCl-sensor

Influence of polymer thickness (polymerization charge) on G_2



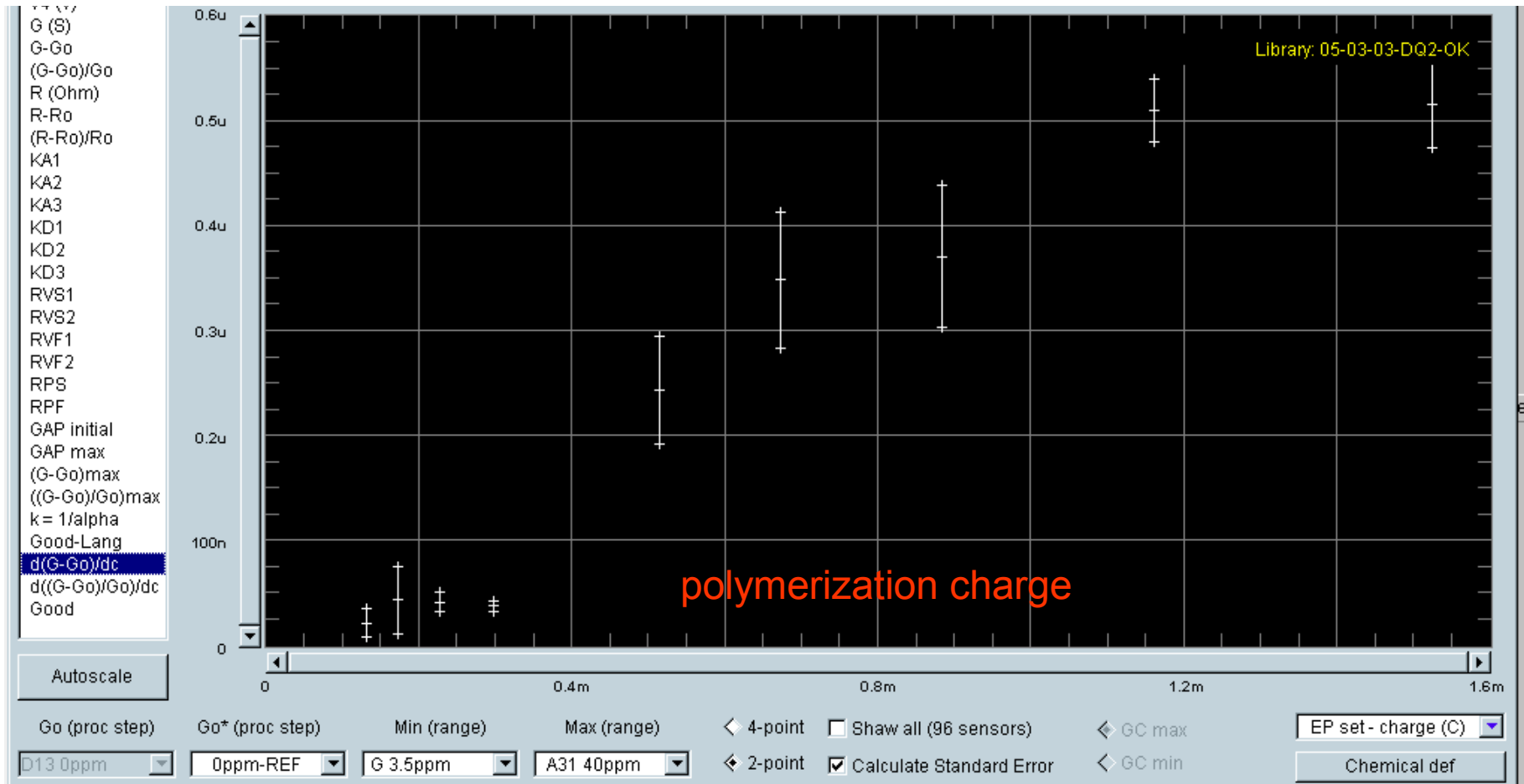
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Influence of polymer thickness (polymerization charge) on G_4



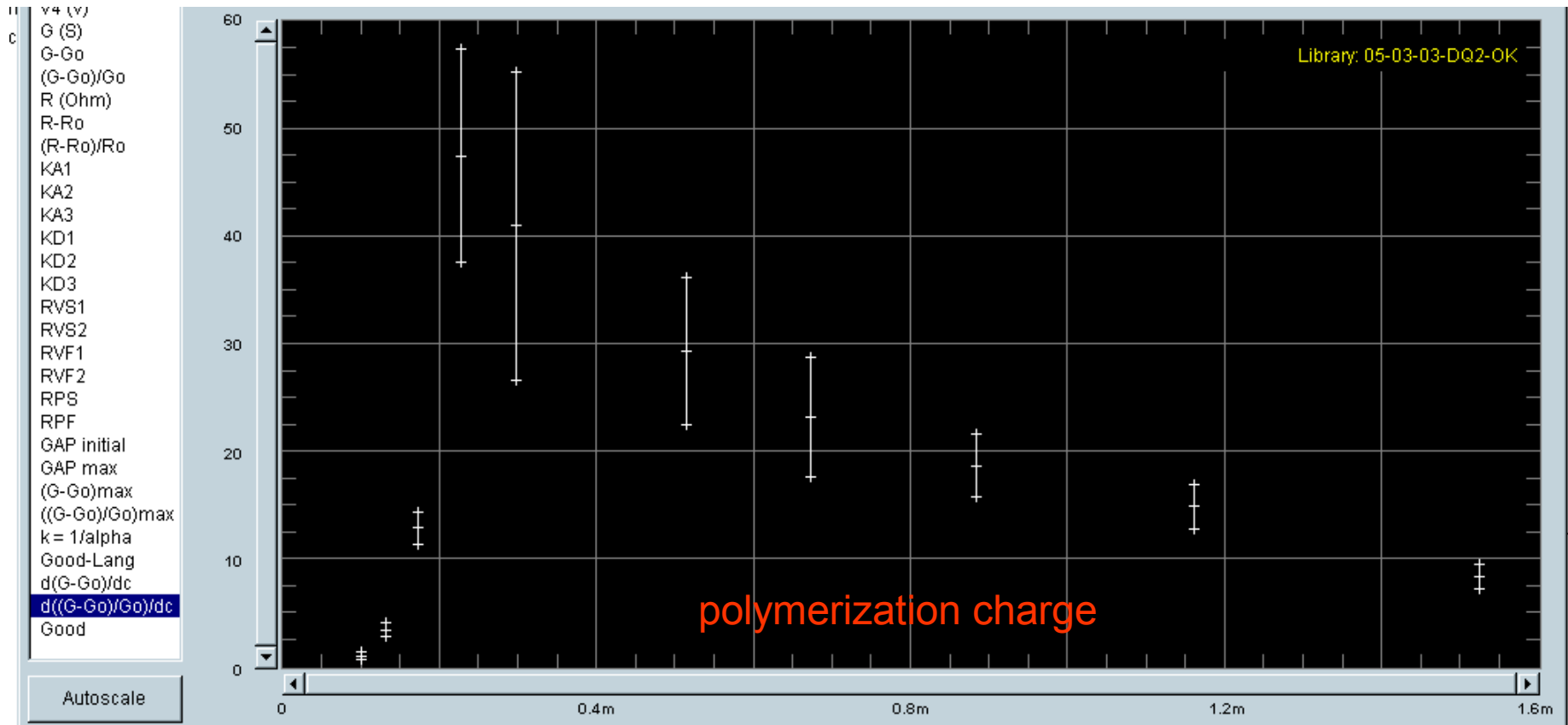
HCl-sensor

Influence of polymer thickness (polymerization charge) on absolute sensitivity



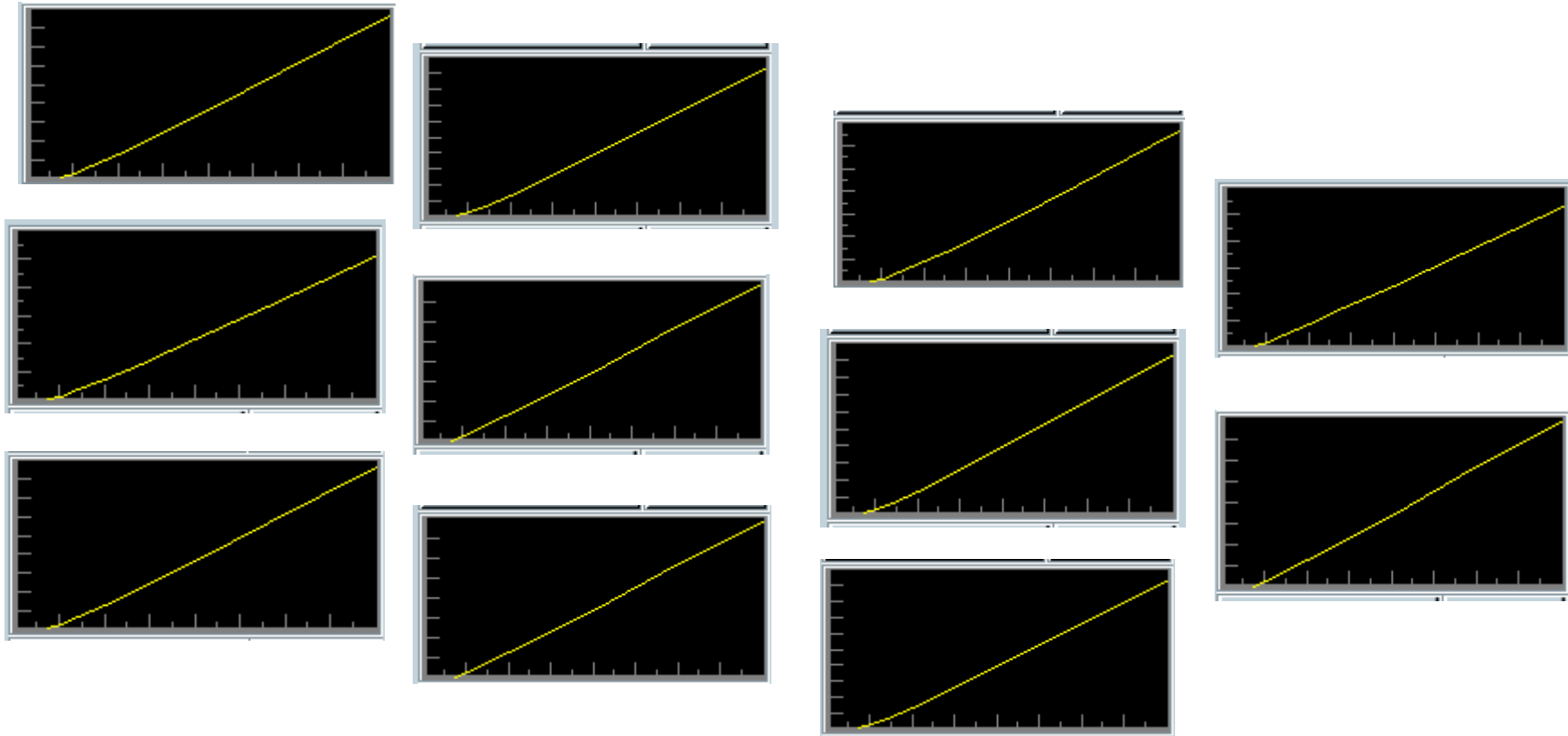
HCl-sensor

Influence of polymer thickness (polymerization charge) on relative sensitivity



Sensor properties

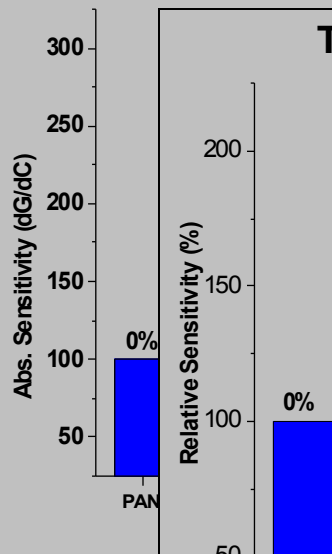
conductance vs. concentration



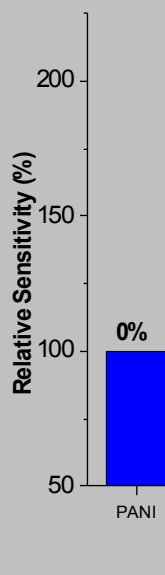
conclusion: linear dependence

HCl-sensor: combinatorial screening of copolymers

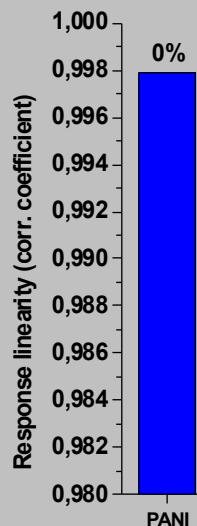
The best absolute sensitivity



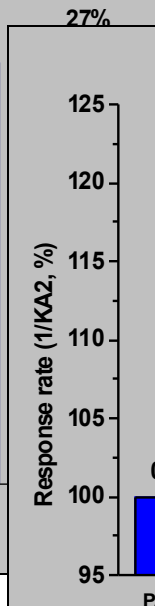
The best relative sensitivity



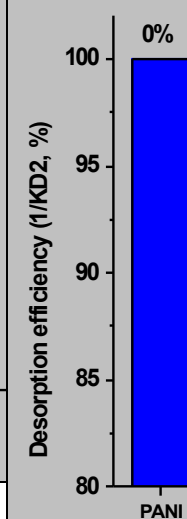
The best linearity



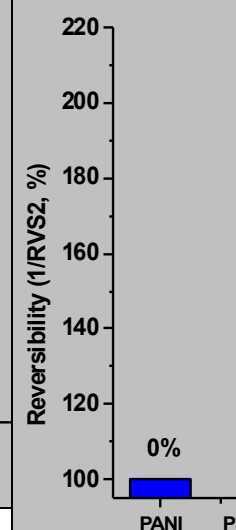
The best response time



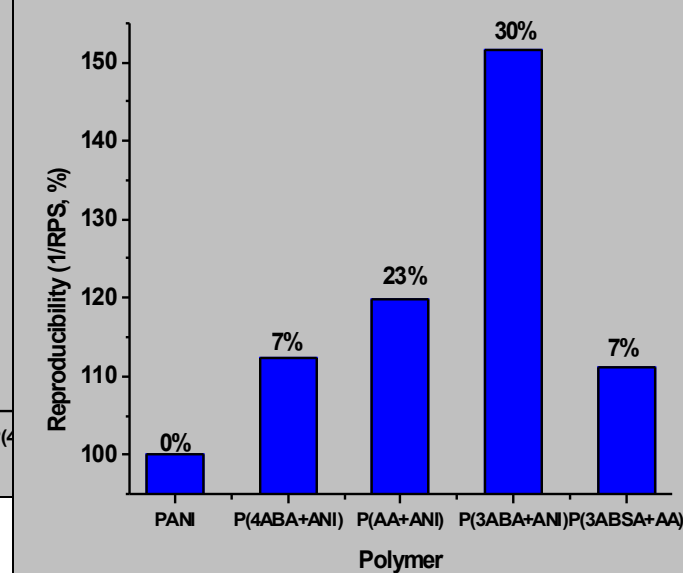
The best desorption rate



The best reversibility

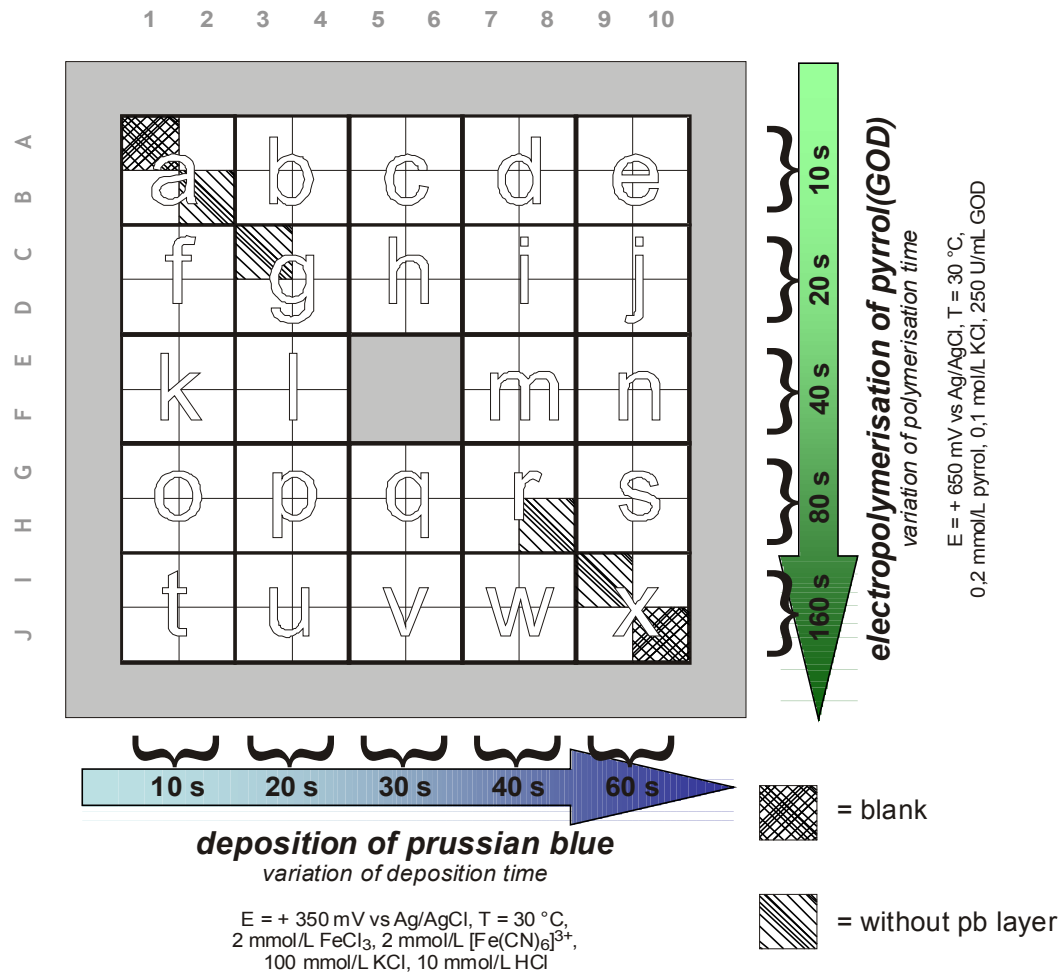


The best reproducibility



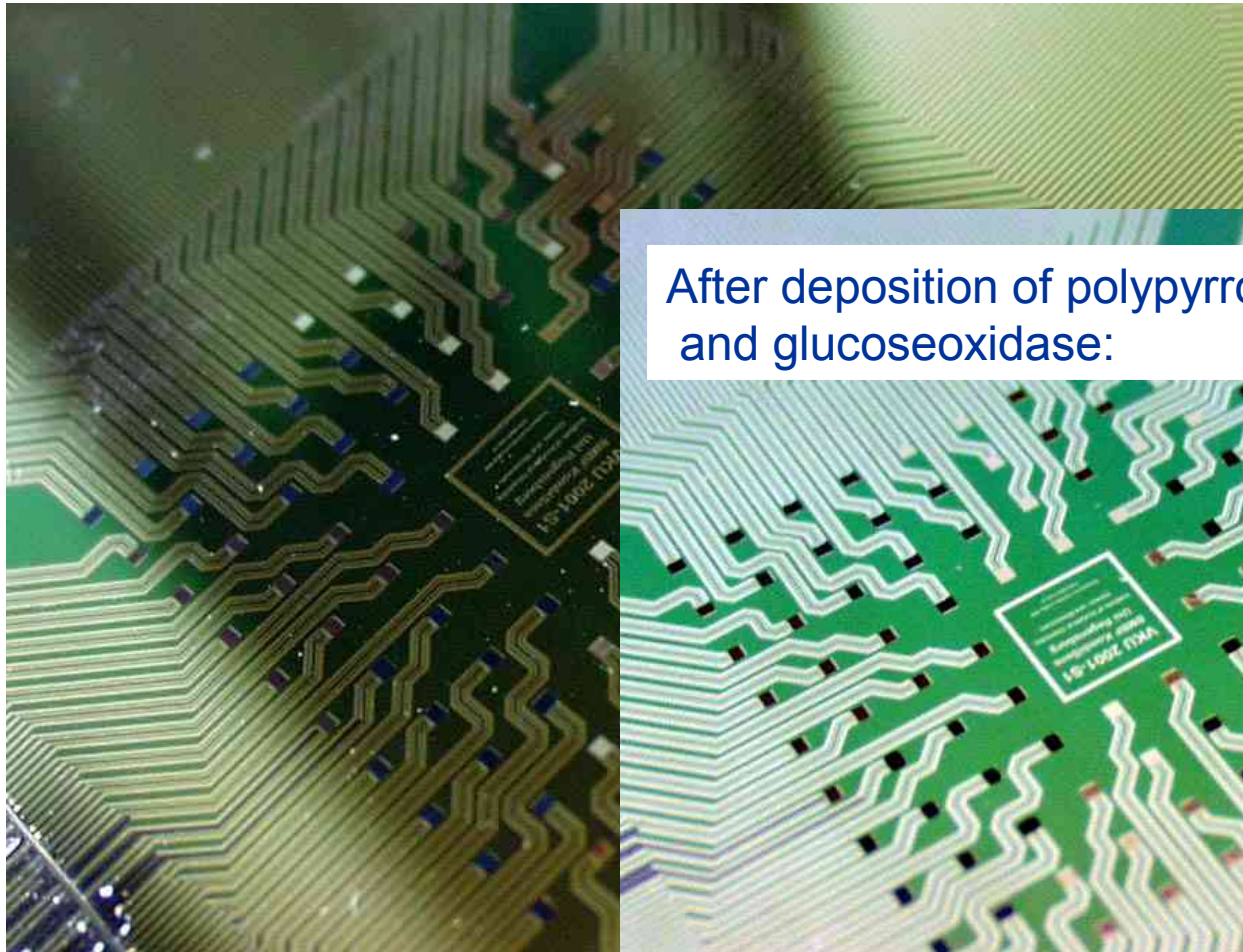
Optimization of amperometric biosensors

Screening:

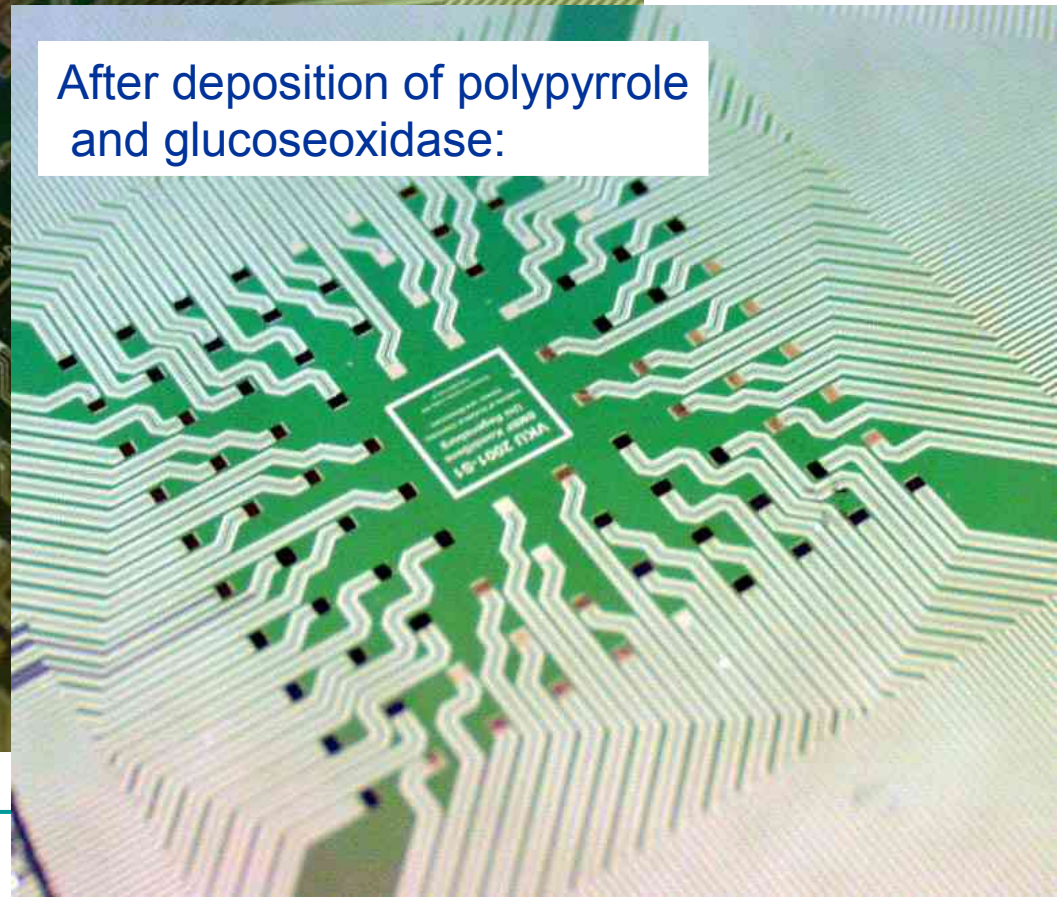


Optimization of amperometric biosensors

After deposition of Prussian blue:

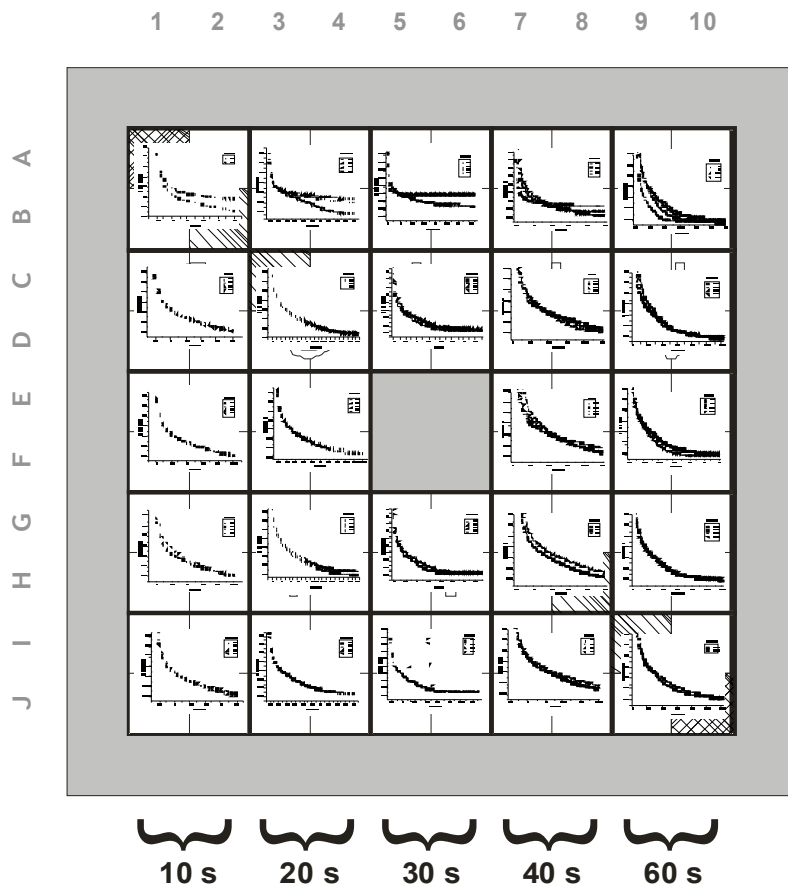


After deposition of polypyrrole and glucose oxidase:



Optimization of amperometric biosensors

deposition of prussian blue
variation of deposition time



$E = +350 \text{ mV vs Ag/AgCl}$, $T = 30 \text{ }^\circ\text{C}$,
 2 mmol/L FeCl_3 , $2 \text{ mmol/L } [\text{Fe}(\text{CN})_6]^{3-}$
 100 mmol/L KCl , 10 mmol/L HCl

A general problem in the development of highly-sensitive affinity sensors:

a usual goal: a possibly high binding constant K_b

but $K_b = k_{ads} / k_{des}$

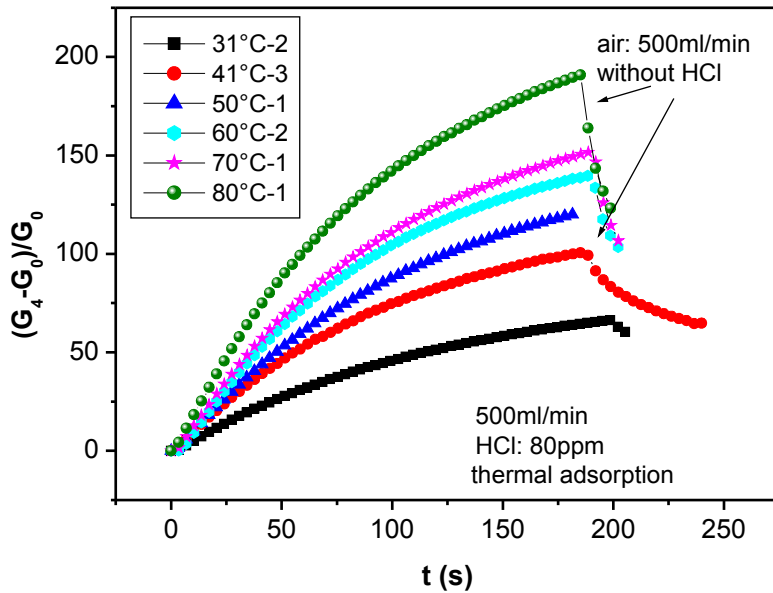
in many cases increasing of k_{ads} / k_{des} is based on decreasing of k_{des}

=> extremely slow desorption, not reversible sensor behaviour

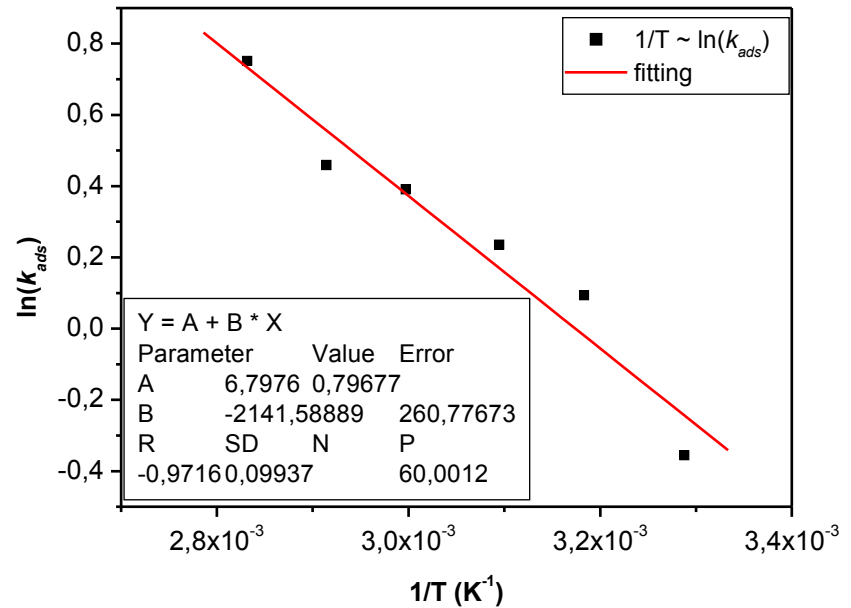
Solution: electrical (or optical) control of affinity

Temperature influence on HCl binding

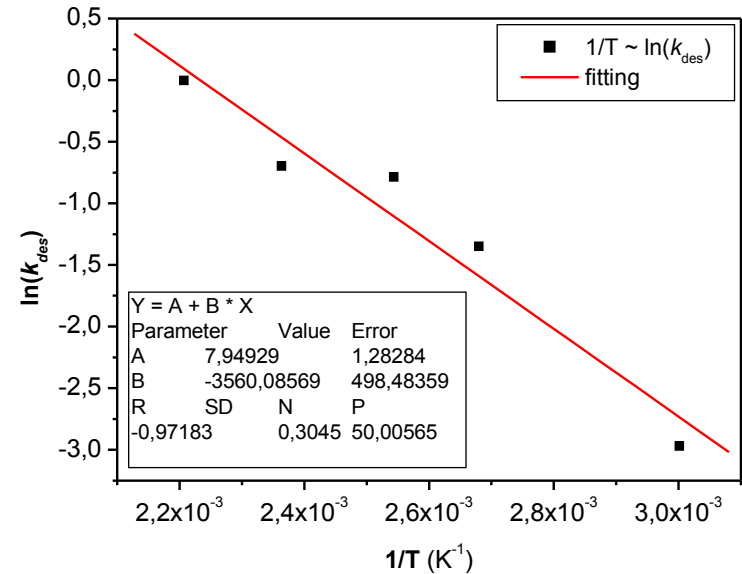
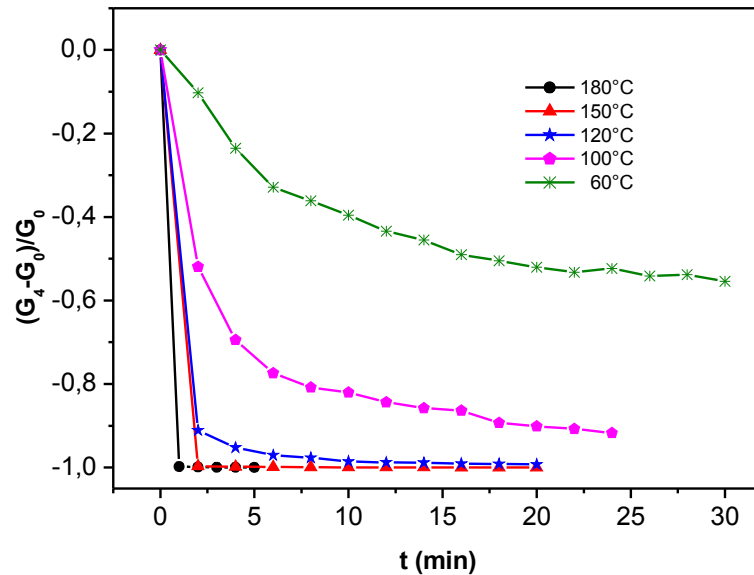
kinetics



Arrhenius plot



Temperature influence on HCl desorption



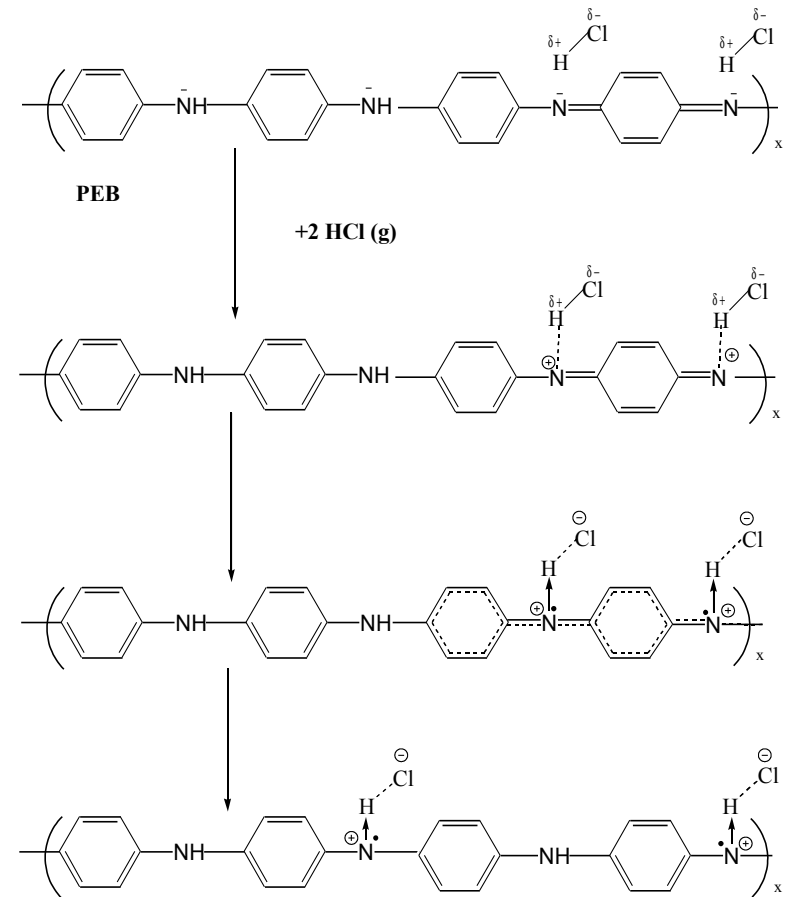
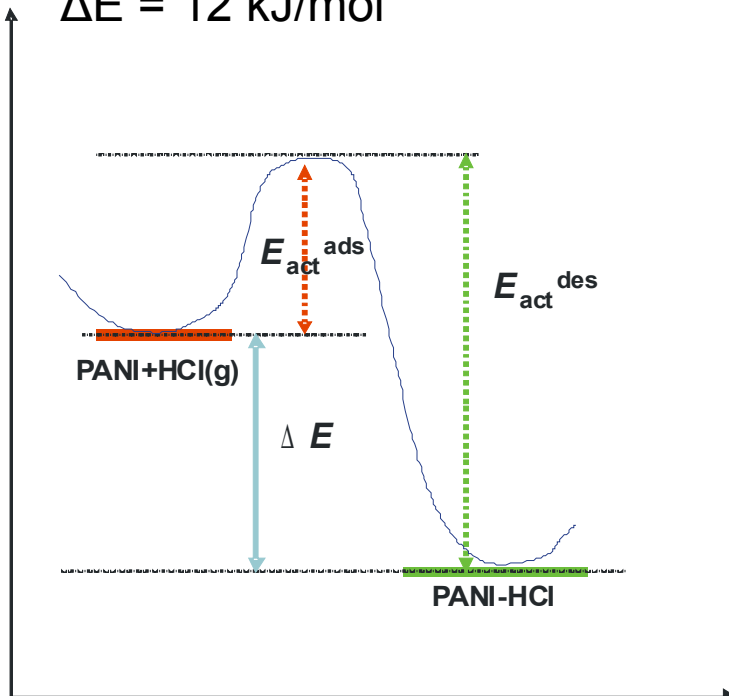
Temperature dependence of the desorption rate

Adsorption and binding energies

$$E_{\text{act(ads)}} \approx 18 \text{ kJ/mol}$$

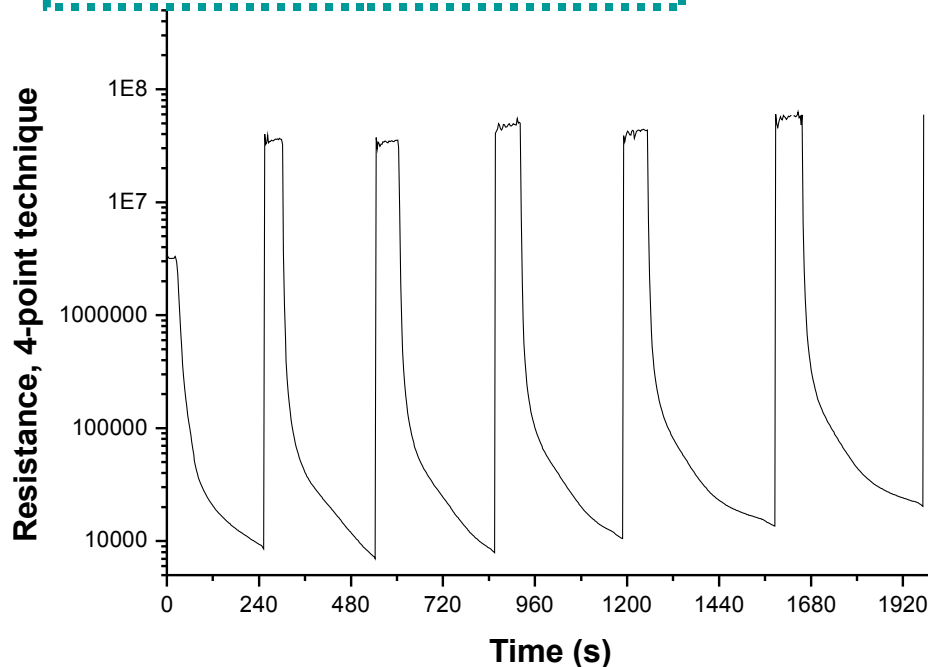
$$E_{\text{act(des)}} \approx 30 \text{ kJ/mol}$$

$$\Delta E = 12 \text{ kJ/mol}$$



HCl-sensor

additions of 10 ppm HCl and subsequent
regeneration 10 min at 150°



extremely high response (>1000 times)

=> very high sensitivity
(detection limit < 0.1 ppm)

binding constant (calculated from kinetic curves):

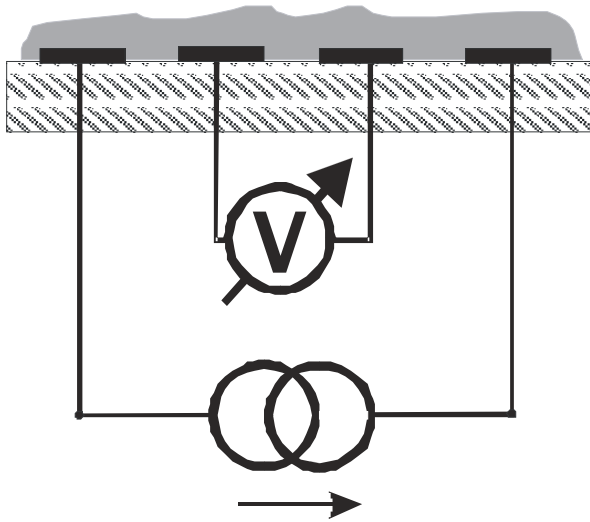
$\sim 1 / [60 \text{ ppm}]$ (60°C)

=> linearity in the range
0 – 50 ppm

good reversibility
good reproducibility
response time < 30 s
life time > 1 year

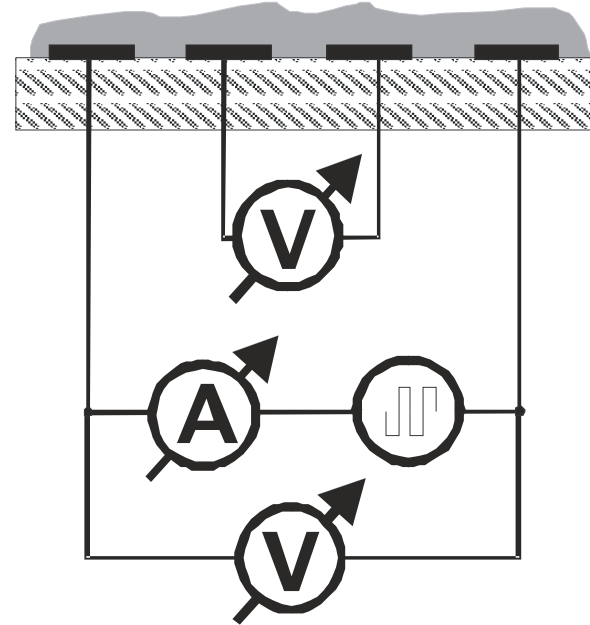
Measurements of lateral resistance: 4-electrode configurations

“classical” configuration



- characterization of bulk polymer resistance
- *but:*
- not information on contact resistance
- applied voltage should be minimized, better – AC voltage

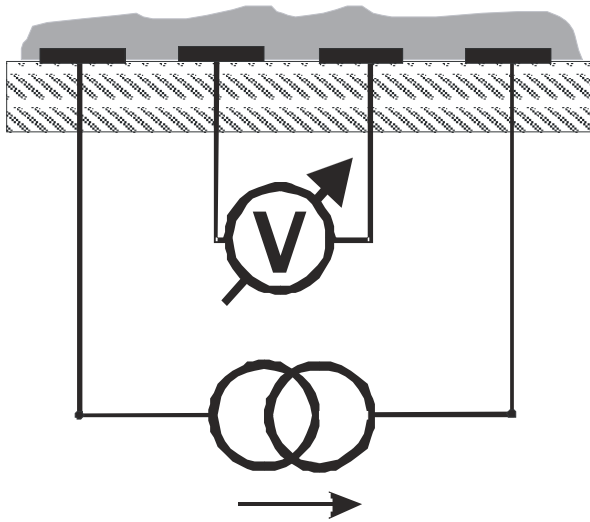
simultaneous 2- and 4-electrode measurements



- characterization of bulk polymer resistance
- $R_2/R_4 \Rightarrow$ characterization of the “contact quality”

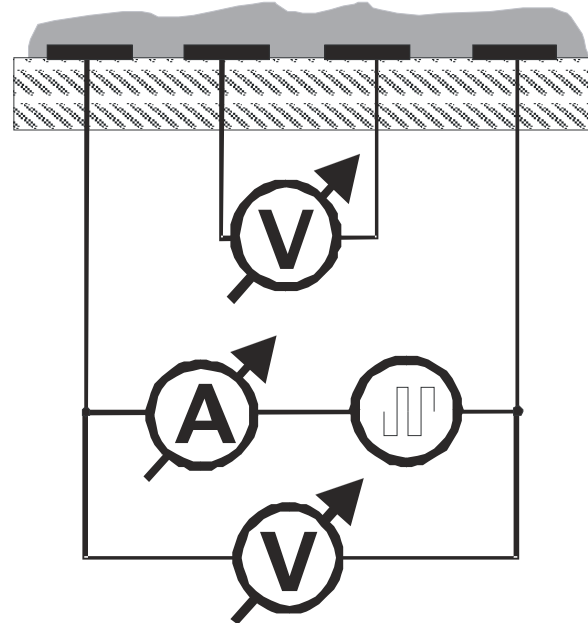
Problem: red/ox state of the polymer is not fixed!

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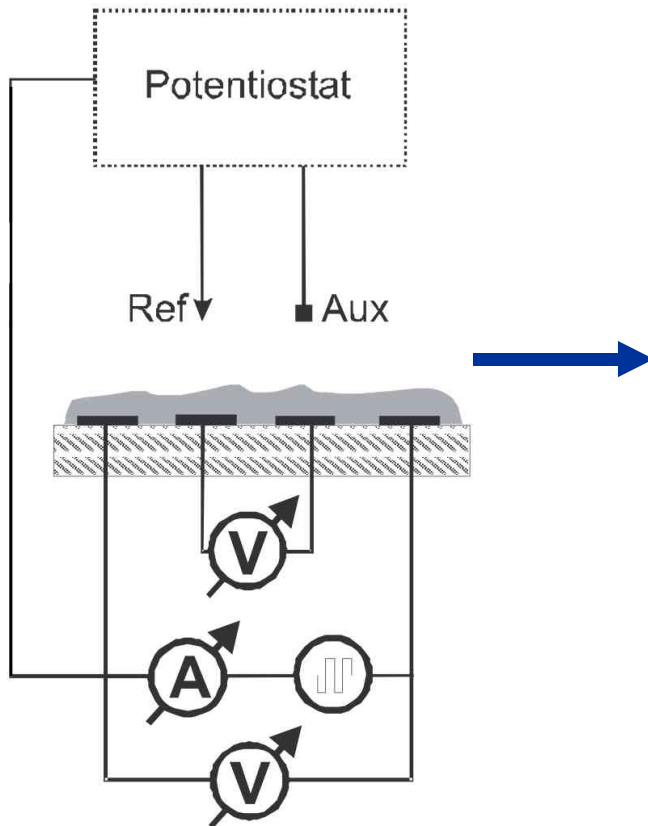
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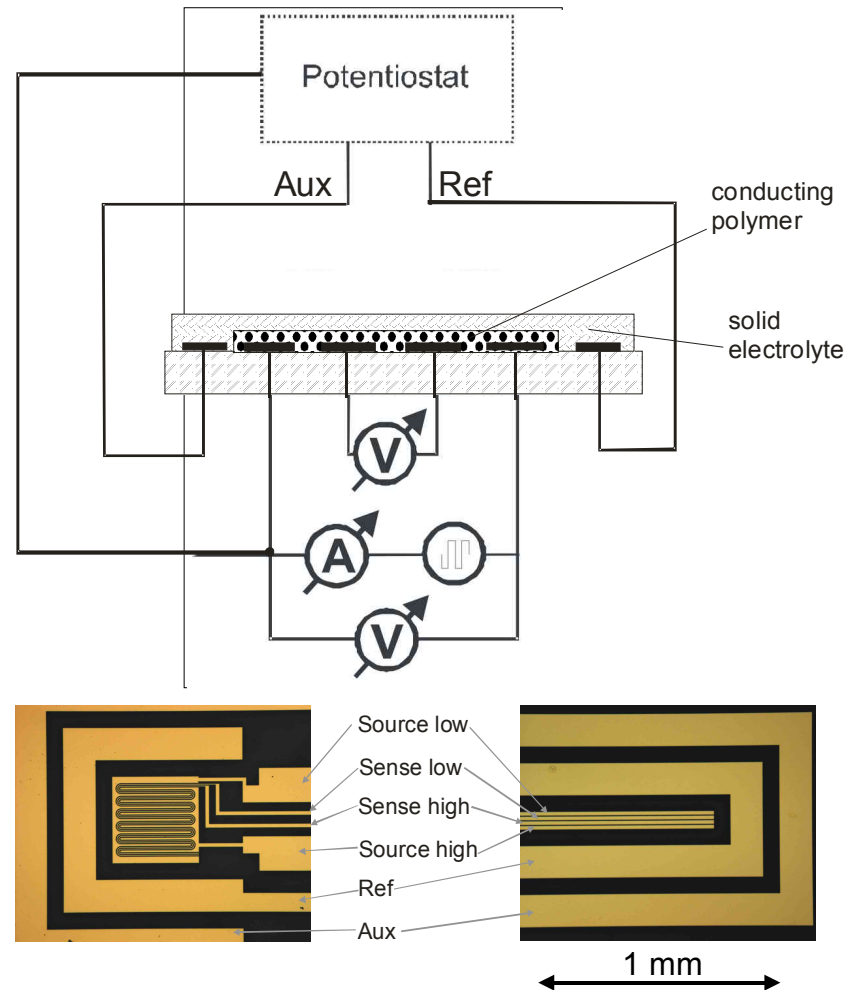
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6-electrode configurations

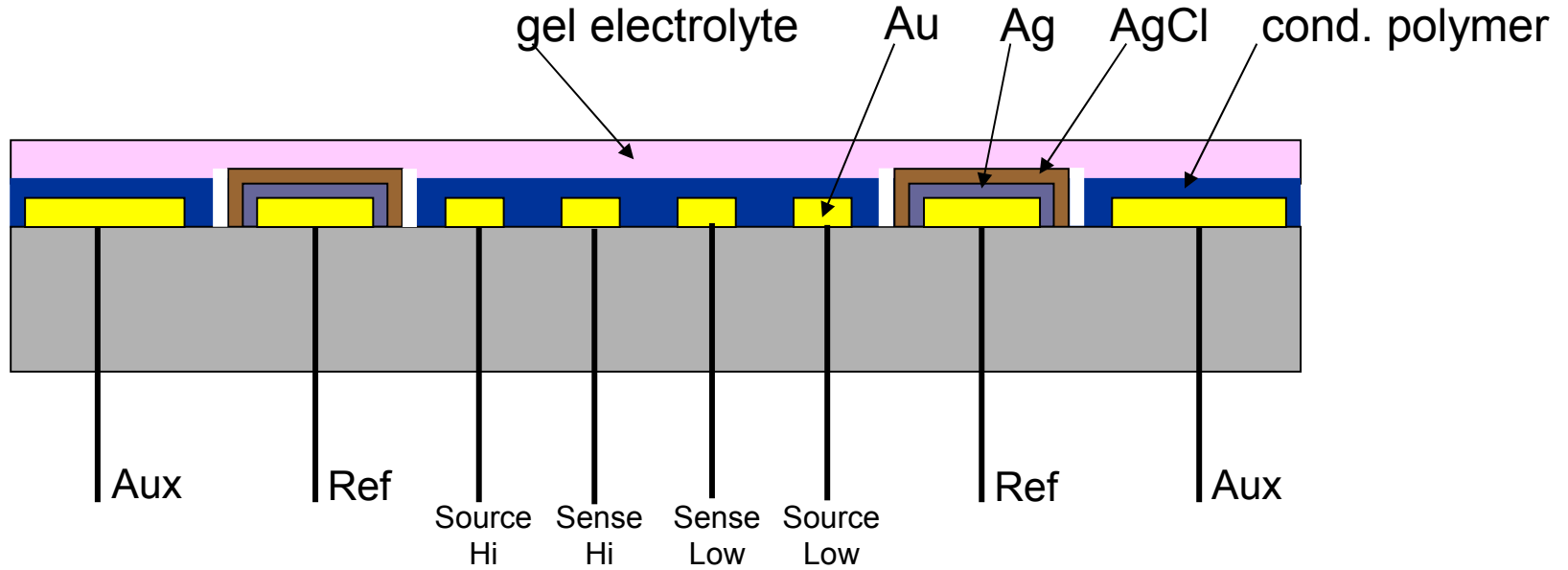
in liquid electrolyte:



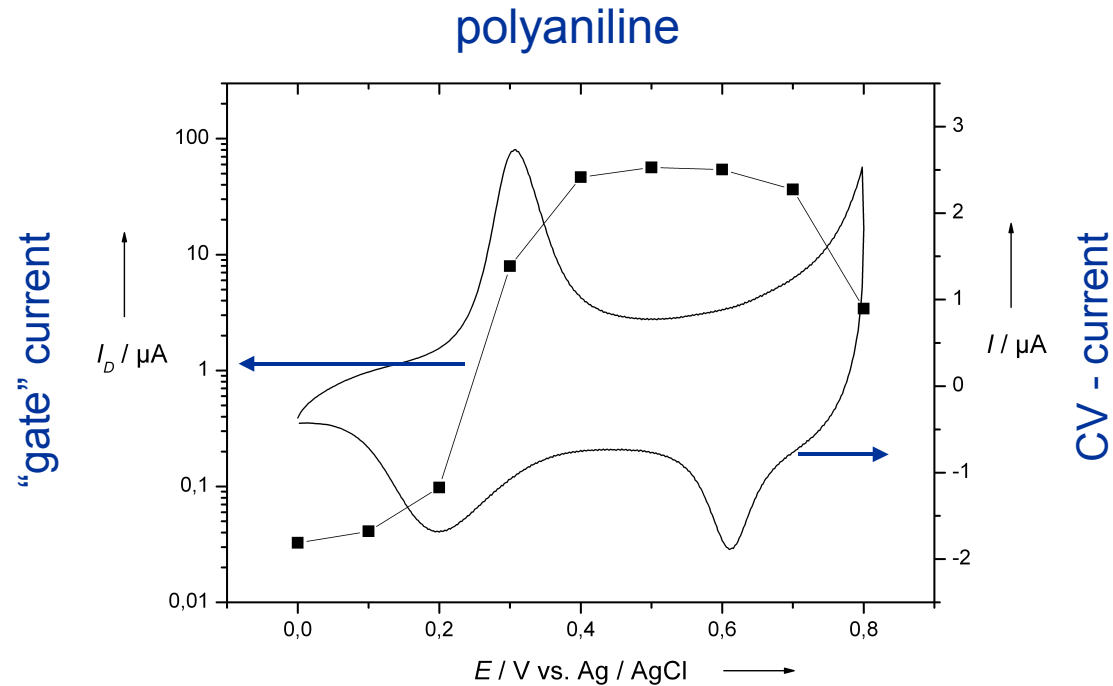
as solid-state chemosensor:



Solid state sensor for 6-point measurements (integrated electrochemical chemotransistor)



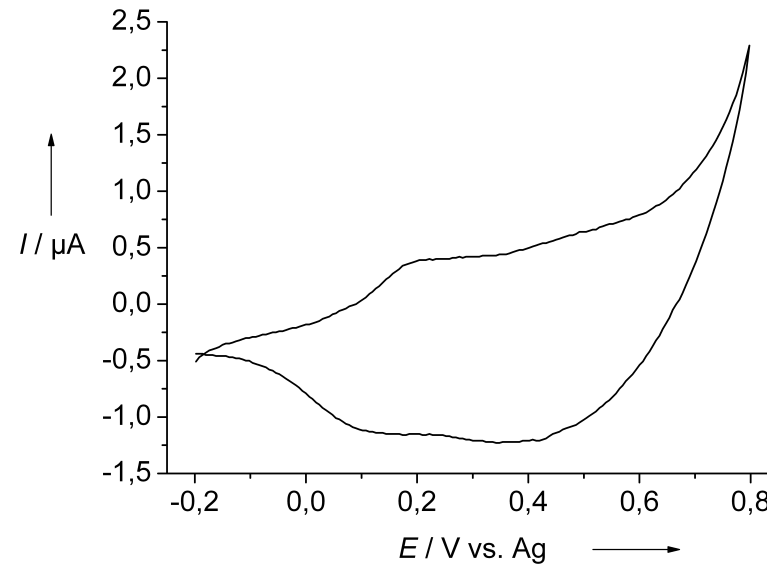
Test of 6-point solid state sensor: electrical control of the redox state of the conducting polymer



Note: no liquid phase!

The measurement was performed in air using 6-point configuration

Test of 6-point solid state sensor: electrical control of the redox state of the conducting polymer



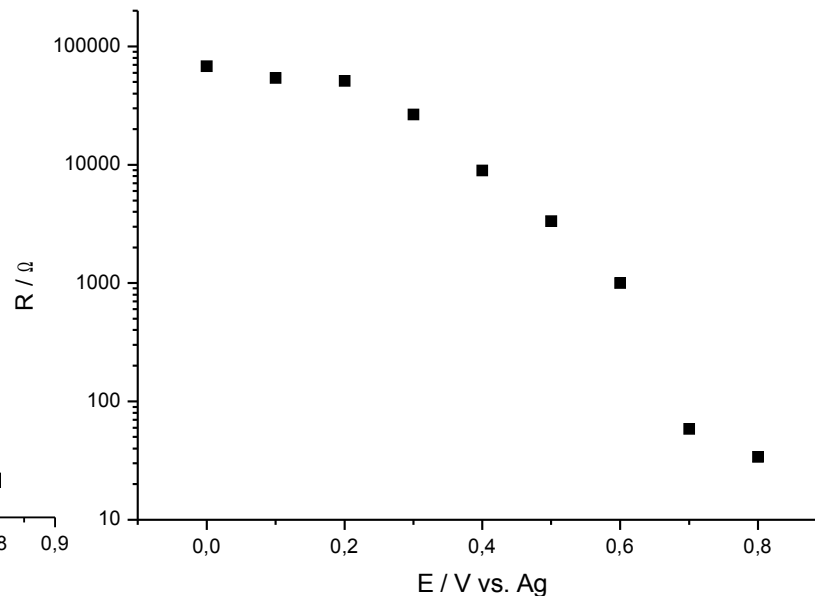
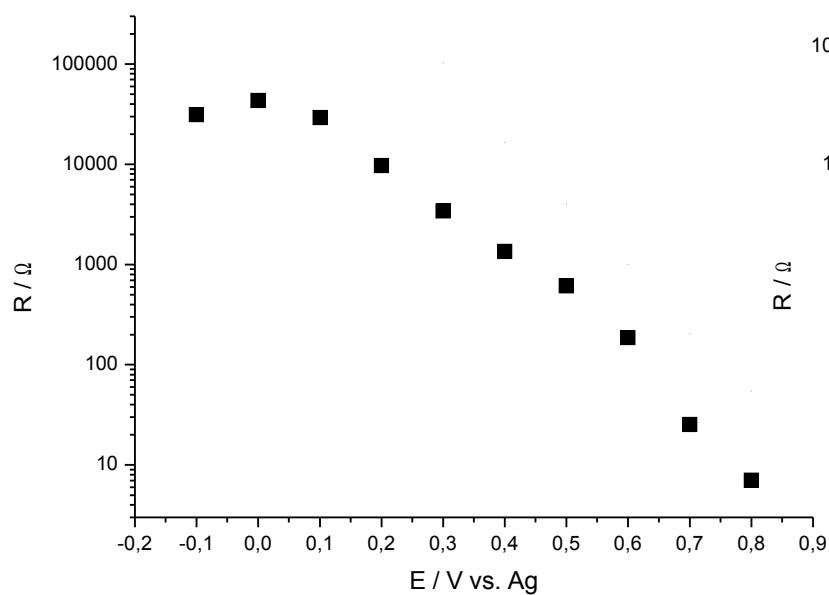
polythiophene

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polythiophene

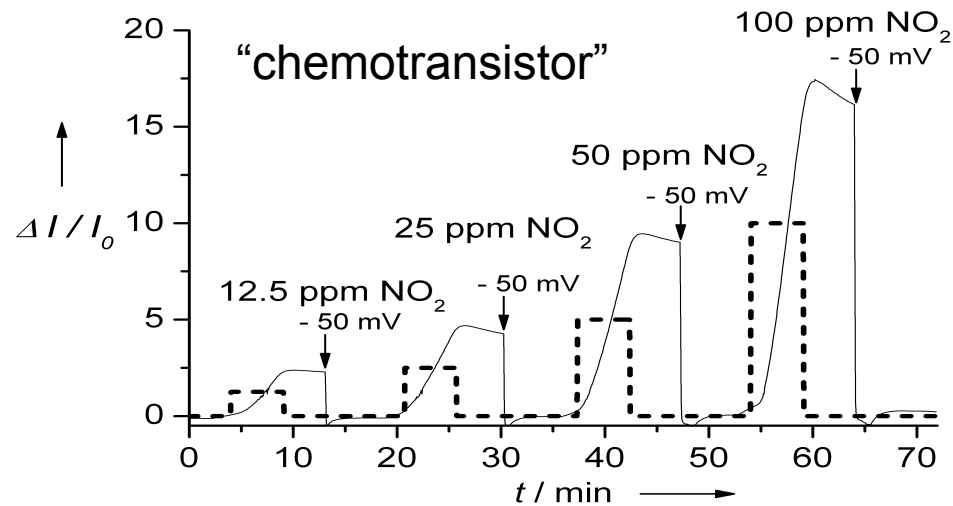
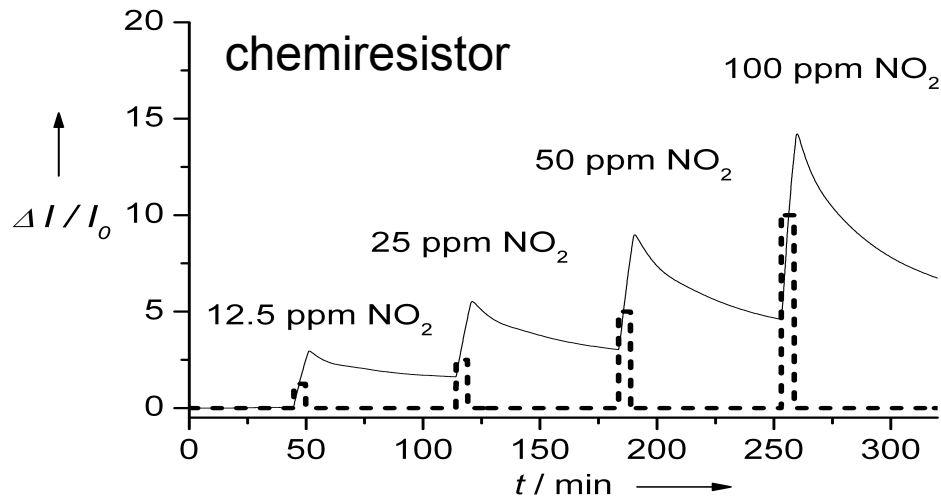


The measurement was performed:

in air using 6-point configuration

in aqueous solution

Solid state sensor for 6-point measurements



- NO_2 oxidizes the polymer
- Reduction process on air quite slow
- Regeneration of the sensor by applying a short reduction pulse

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Electrochemistry (incl. impedance spectroscopy and 8-channel capacitance monitoring)

FTIR (also IRRAS for monolayers)

Dynamic Light Scattering (size, ζ -potential)

Contact angle / Oil-drop tensiometer

Set-up for conducting polymers

Set-up for combinatorial electropolymerization and high-throughput screening of conducting polymers

Set-up for planar lipid bilayers

Laser ablation system

Microspotter (“Nanoplotter”)
