

# **(10.524) Nanostructures and Biosensors**

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# Outline

**Introduction of Biosensor**

**Nano-Biosensor**

**Examples of Nano-Biosensor**

**Electrochemical Biosensor**

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# Biosensors- *commercial products*

## Biosensor

“...a self-contained integrated device which is capable of providing specific quantitative or semi-quantitative analytical information using a biological recognition element which is in direct spatial contact with a transducer element.” - IUPAC

or

Any analytical device which converts a biological response into a electrical signal.

Diabetes - Glucose Sensor - Blood



Breath alcohol tester



Pregnancy test - Urine



# Application of Biosensor

Study of biomolecules and how they interact with one another

- Drug Development
  - In- home medical diagnosis
  - Environmental field monitoring
  - Scientific crime detection
  - Quality control in small food factory
  - Food Analysis
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- Glucose-based on glucose oxidase
  - Cholesterol - based on cholesterol oxidase
  - Antigen-antibody sensors - toxic substances, pathogenic bacteria
  - Small molecules and ions in living things: H<sup>+</sup>, K<sup>+</sup>, Na<sup>+</sup>, NO, CO<sub>2</sub>, H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>
  - DNA hybridization, sequencing, mutants and damage

# Nanosensors



If I want to measure something small, I need something small...

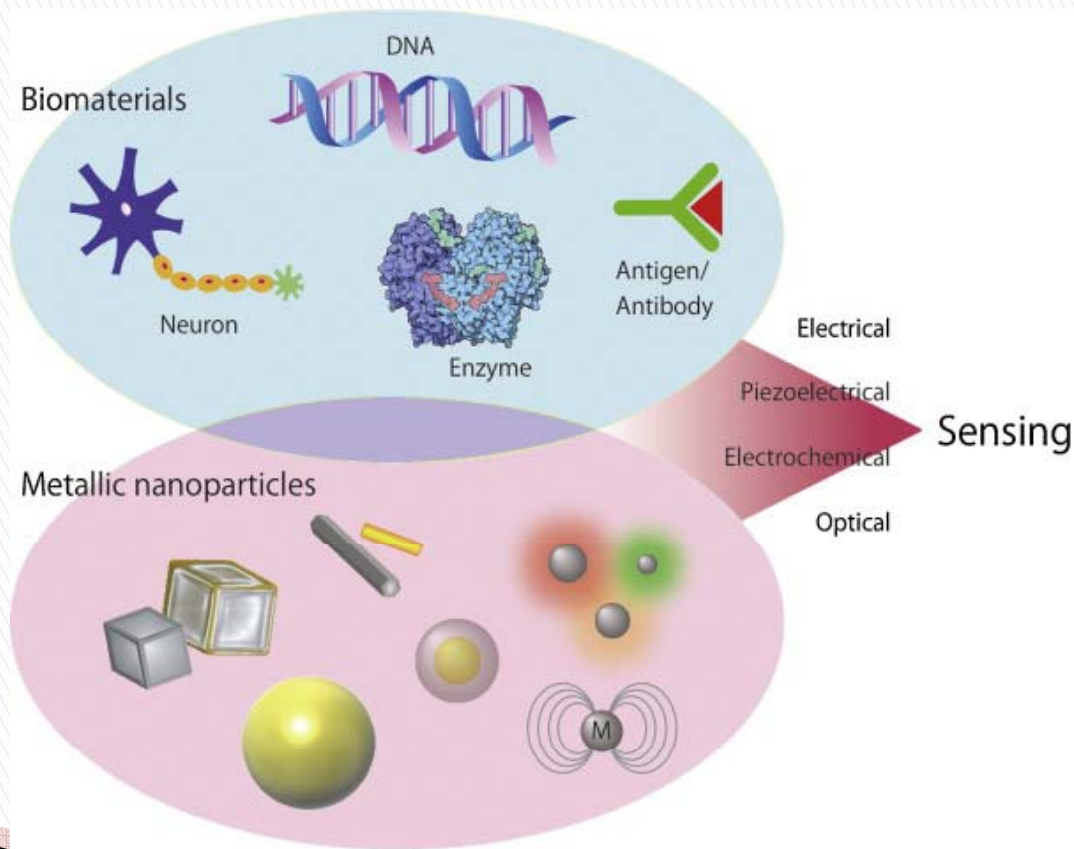




# Introduction to Nanobiosensing

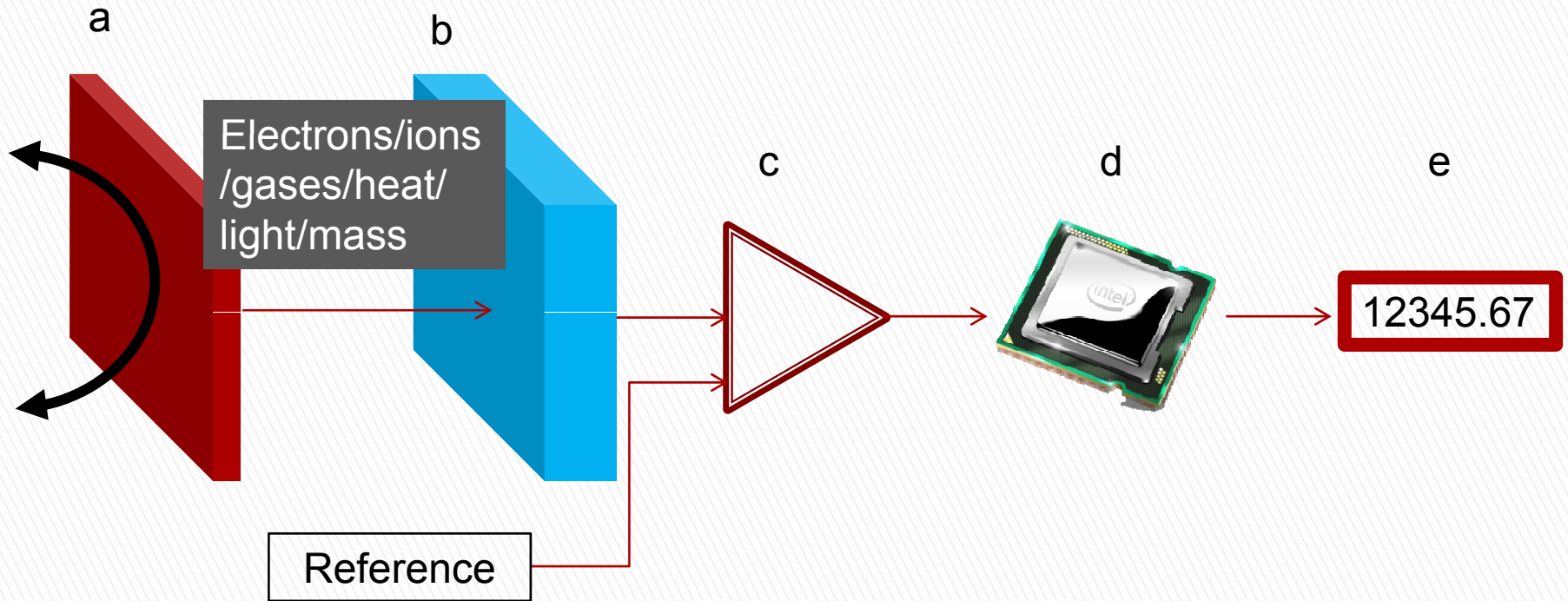
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cheaper, faster, and easier-to-use analytical tools



Synthesis and bioanalytical applications of specific-shaped metallic nanostructures: A review

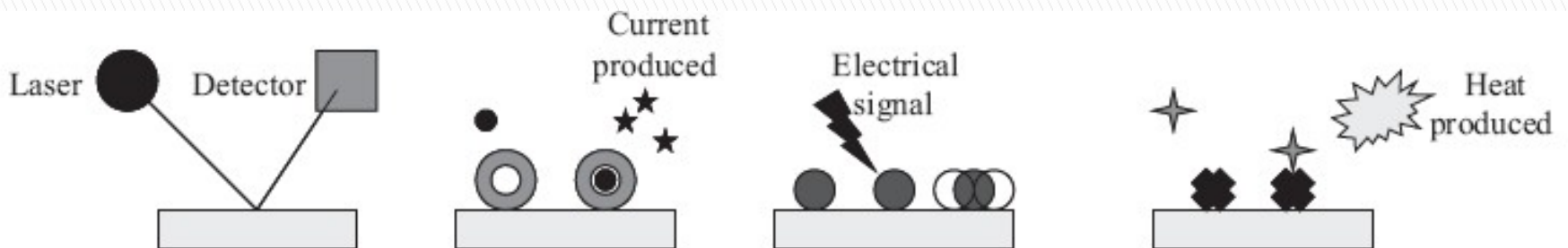
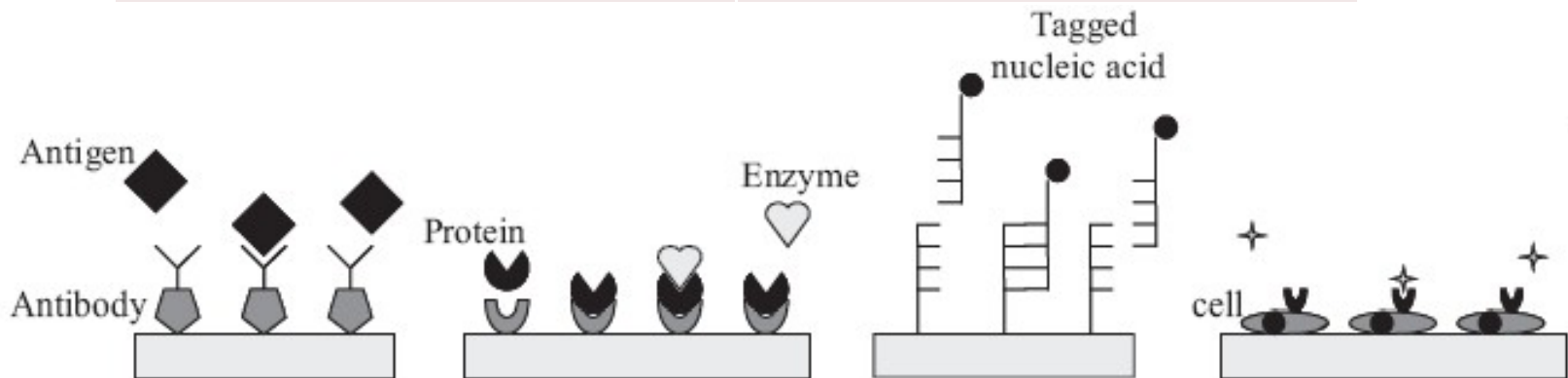
# Biosensor Components



Schematic diagram showing the main components of a biosensor. The bio-reaction (a) converts the substrate to product. This reaction is determined by the **transducer** (b) which converts it to an electrical signal. The output from the transducer is amplified (c), processed (d) and displayed (e).

# Types of Nanobiosensor

Biological signaling mechanism	Method of Transduction
Antibody/antigen	Optical-detection
Enzymes	Electrochemical
Nucleic acids	Mass-sensitive
Cells and viruses	Thermal detection





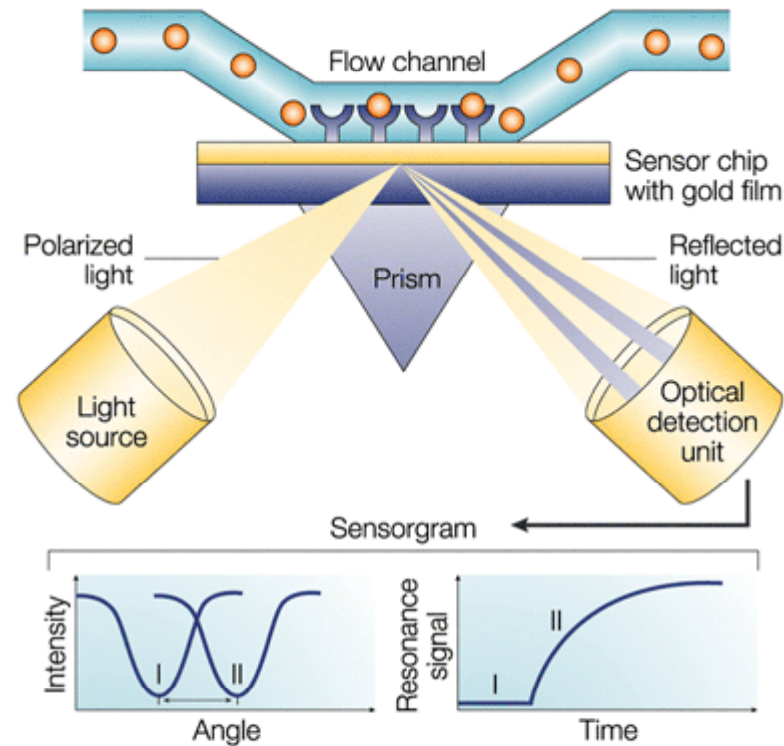
# Optical Biosensors

Video (2 min) <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yEnycUe3mpY>

Surface plasmon resonance (SPR) (3 min)

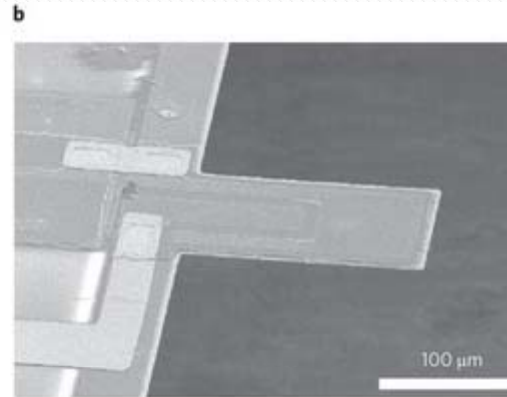
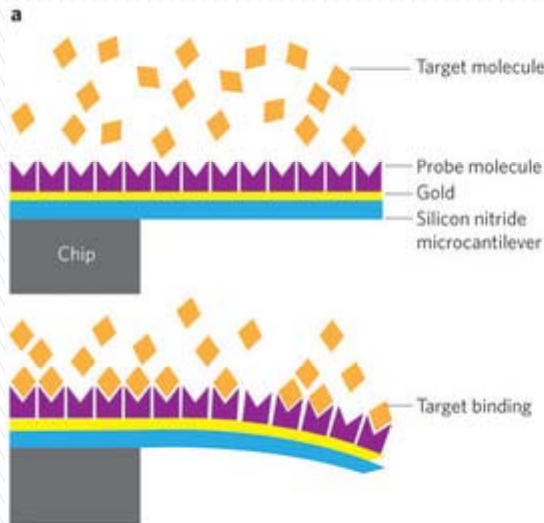
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Optical biosensor - A sensor that uses light to detect the effect of a chemical on a biological system.

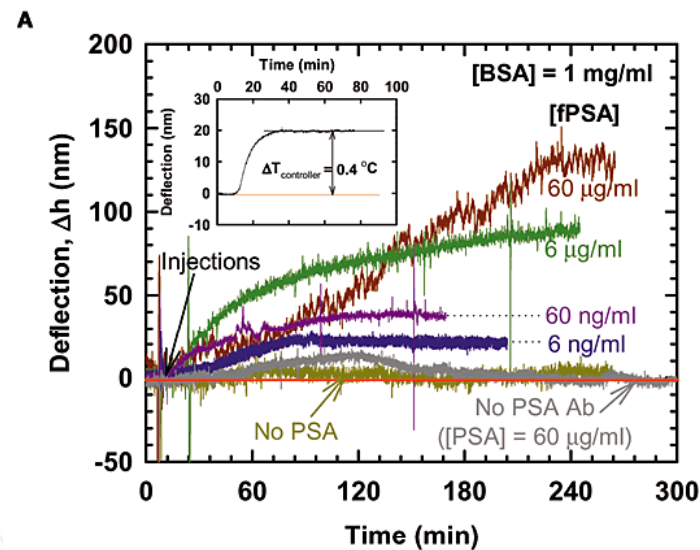
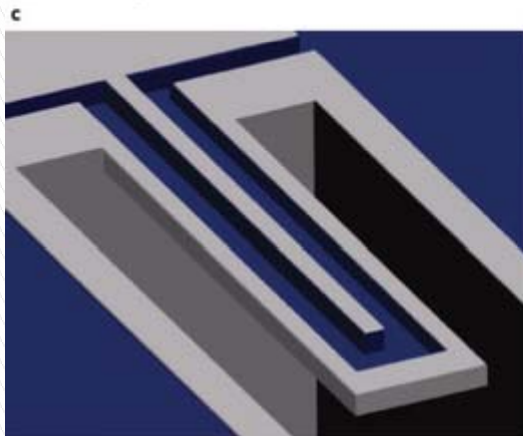


Nature Reviews | Drug Discovery

# Mass-sensitive Biosensor



molecular detection using a cantilever's bending deflection motion



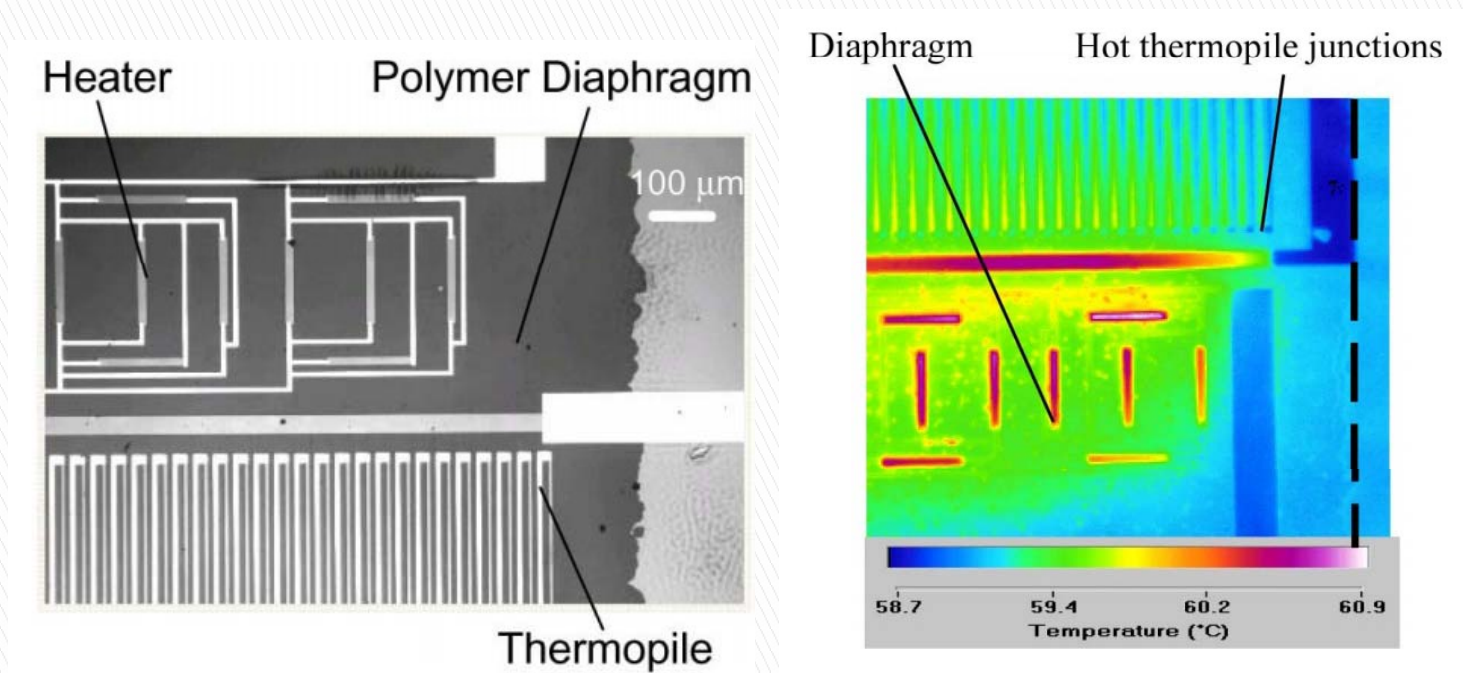
*Nature Biotechnology* **19**, 856 - 860 (2001) doi:10.1038/nbt0901-856

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# Thermal Biosensors

Thermal biosensors measure thermal energy released or absorbed in biochemical reactions.

**Example? Fever → Thermometer**

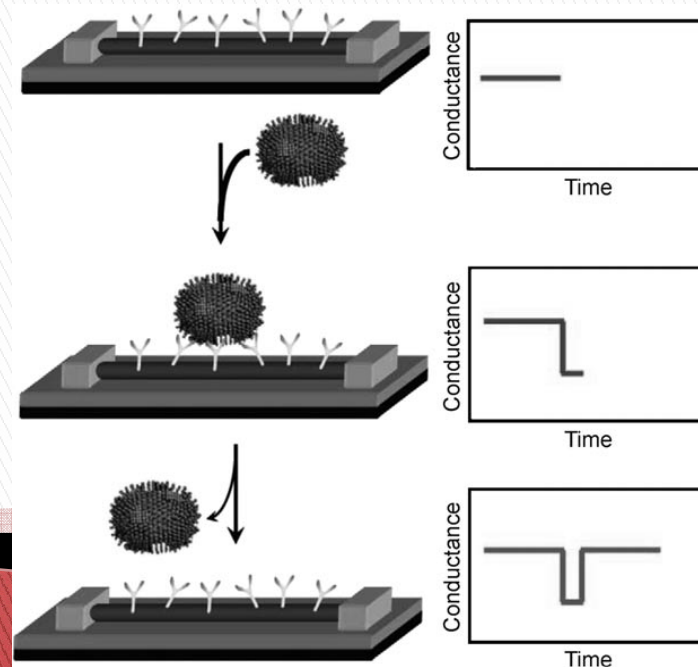


A MEMS Thermal Biosensor for Metabolic Monitoring Applications JOURNAL OF MICROELECTROMECHANICAL SYSTEMS, VOL. 17, NO. 2, APRIL 2008



# Examples of Nanostructured Biosensors

Nanoparticle  
Nanowire  
Nanotube  
Graphene

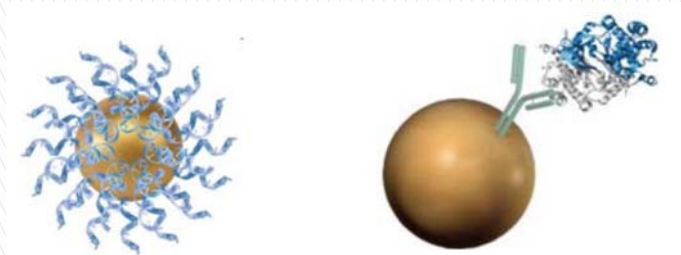


Mechanism of nanowire based biosensors

# Nanoparticle-Based Biosensor

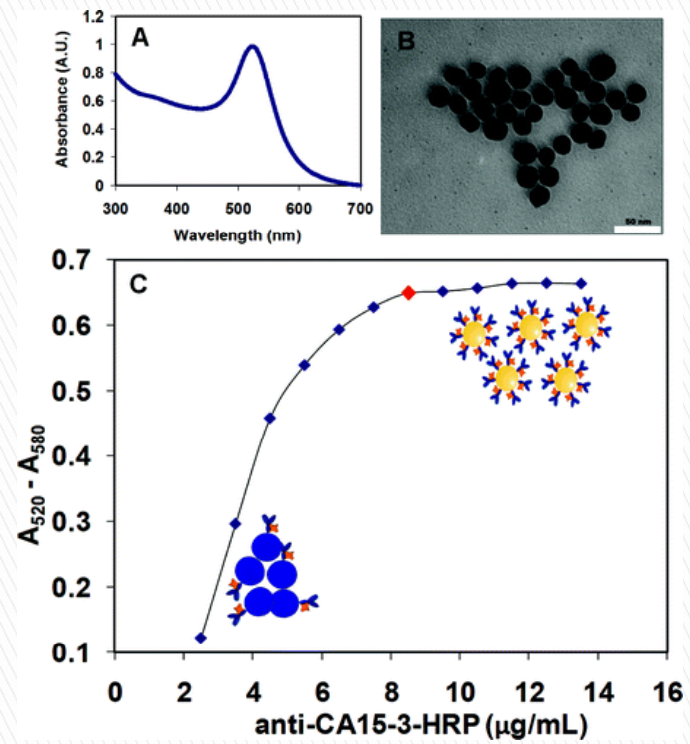
Nanoparticles are used as new optical and electronic materials due to their interesting electrical, optical, magnetic and catalytic special properties

- Biocompatibility
- Rapid and simple chemical synthesis
- Excellent electroactivity
- Efficient coating by biomolecules



(A) UV-vis spectrum and (B) transmission electron micrographs of AuNPs; (C) gold aggregation test performed to evaluate the charging of AuNPs with anti-CA15-3-HRP antibody.

Enhanced Gold Nanoparticle for a Breast Cancer Biomarker

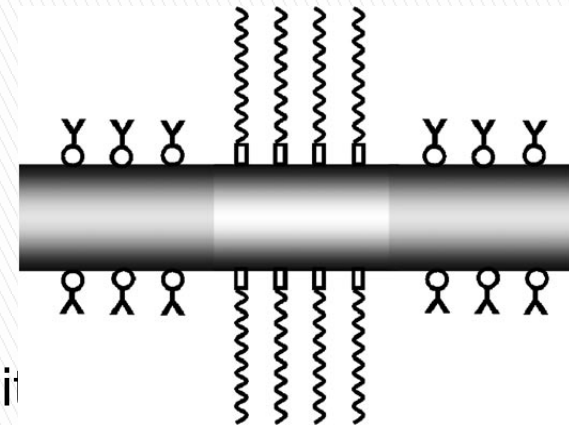




# Nanowire-based Biosensor

Video of “nanowire biosensor”: (optional)

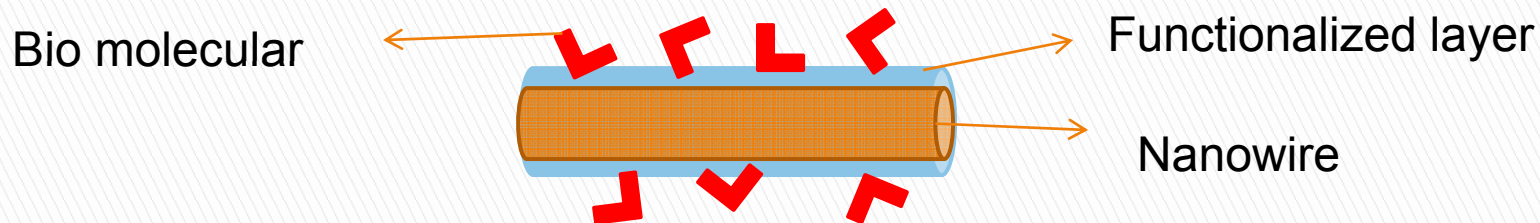
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## Advantages

- 1-D structure: high aspect ratio → highly sensitive
- Different materials: metal, semiconductor, polymers, metal oxides → selectivity  
For example: **Au - alkyl thiols**  
**Ni - histidine**  
**Pt – isocyanides**
- Different types: Single-segment Nanowire / Multi-segment Nanowires
- Easily assembled to hybrid system or device → FET

# Nanowire Functionalization



- Chemical treatment / Surface modification

Covalent functionalization is a chemical process in which a strong bond is formed between the 1-D nanostructured material and the biological molecule or its linkers.  
e.g. Au-Ni nanowire

Au → alkanethiols with terminal hexa(ethylene glycol) groups (EG6)  
Ni → palmitic

Exposed to a fluorescently tagged protein

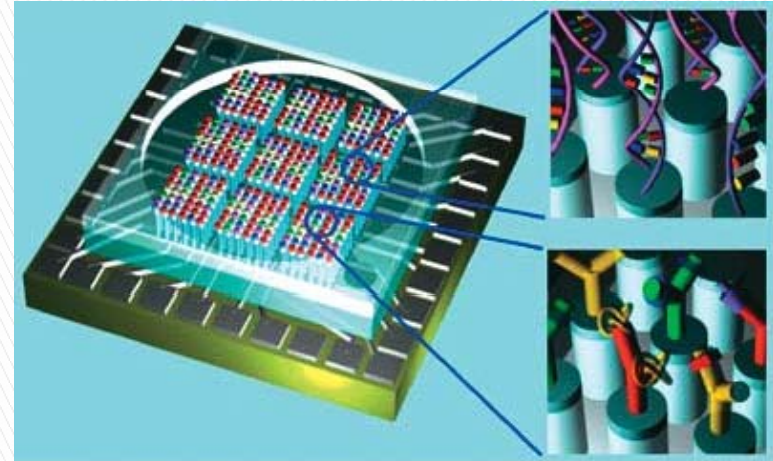
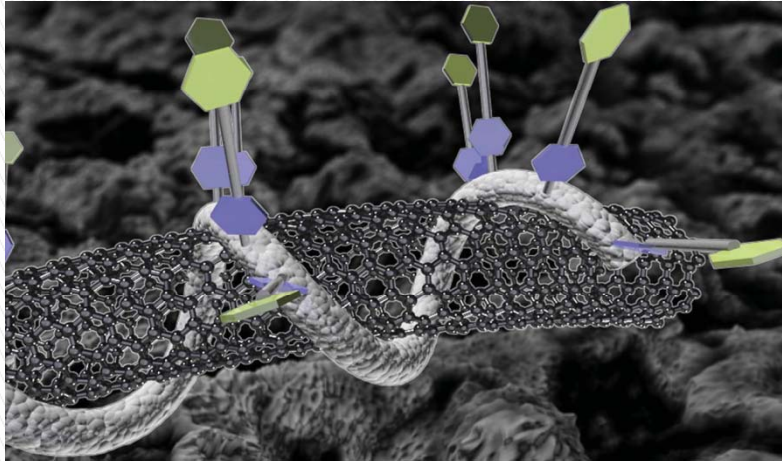
Ni (hydrophobic) wires → bright fluorescence

Au (EG6) → None

Proteins selectively adsorbed to one portion of these multi-component nanostructures

- Enzyme-functionalized nanowires
- DNA coated

# Carbon Nanotube-Based Biosensor



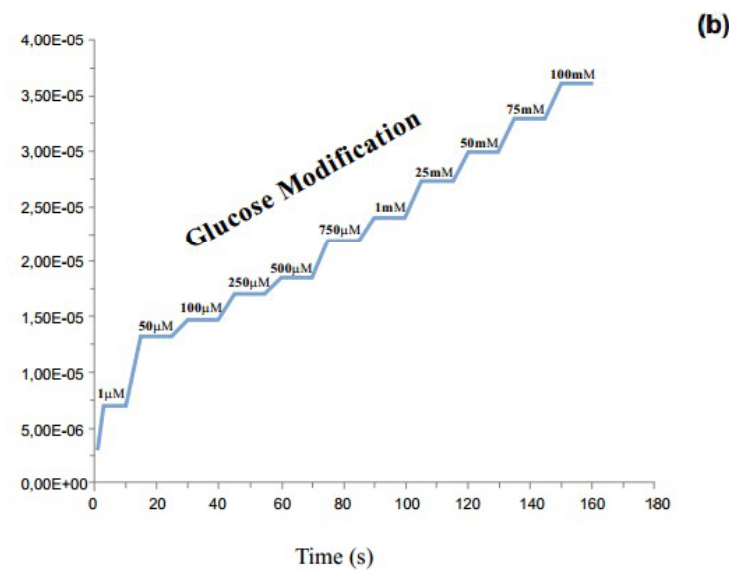
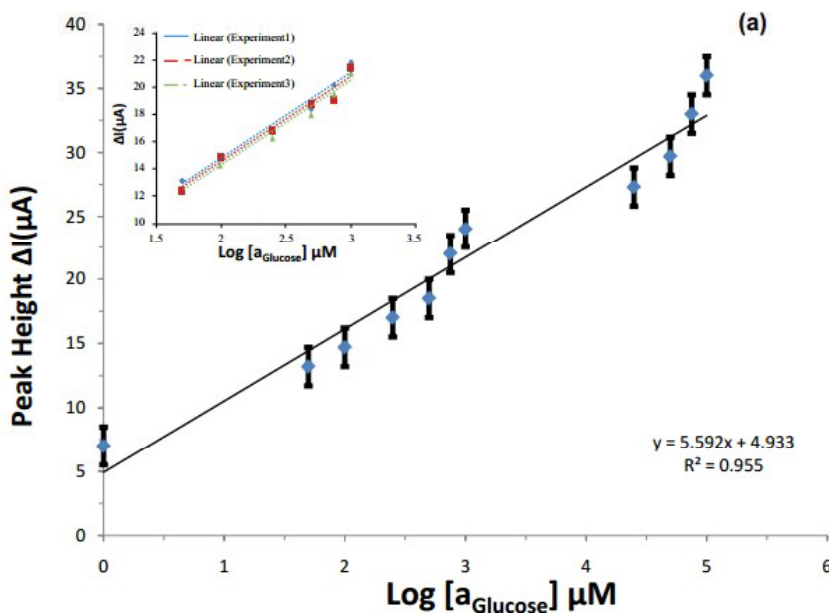
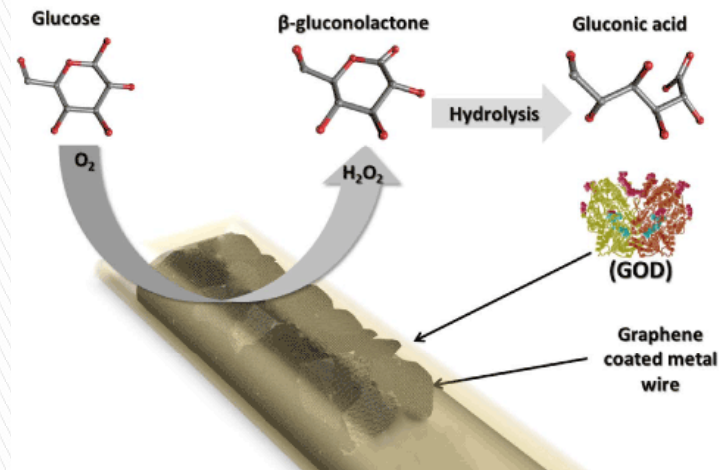
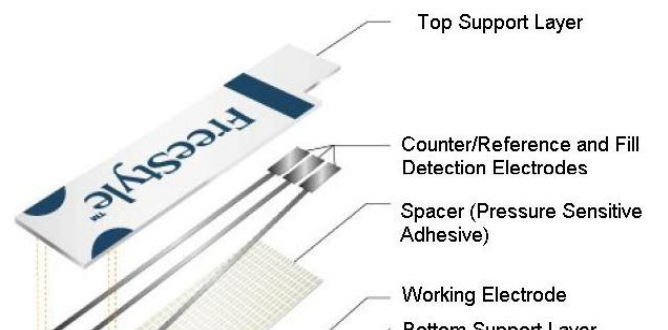
Source: NASA

## Disadvantages of CNT

Molecular level structure will be easily changed when modified the surface by chemical which may weak the original properties.

Insolubility in water

# Graphene Biosensor



(a) Typical amperometric response at the GOD immobilized graphene decorated electrode versus glucose concentration, (b) The amperometric response versus time as the glucose concentration is modified surrounding the graphene decorated electrode.

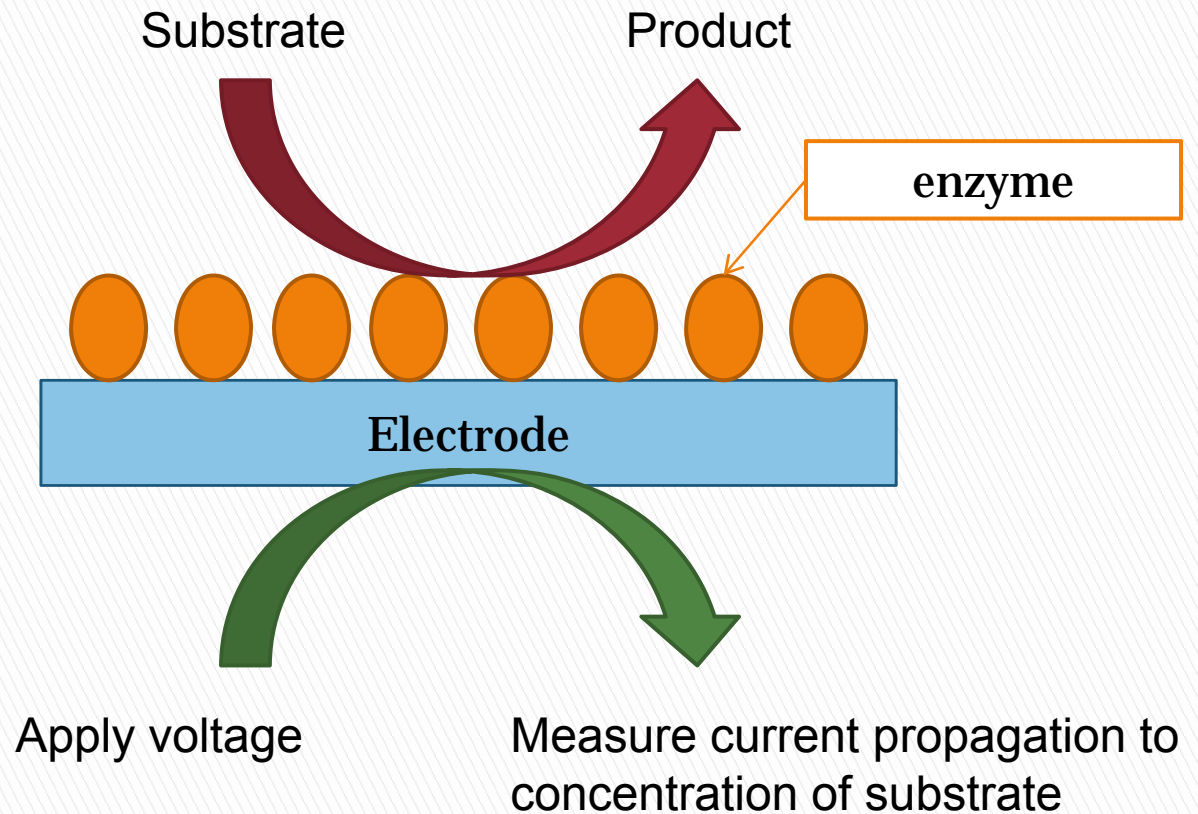
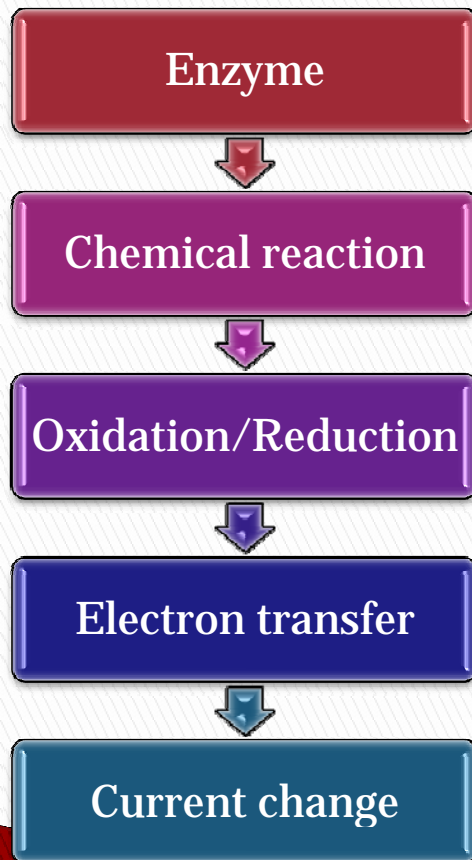


# **Electrochemical Nano-Biosensors**



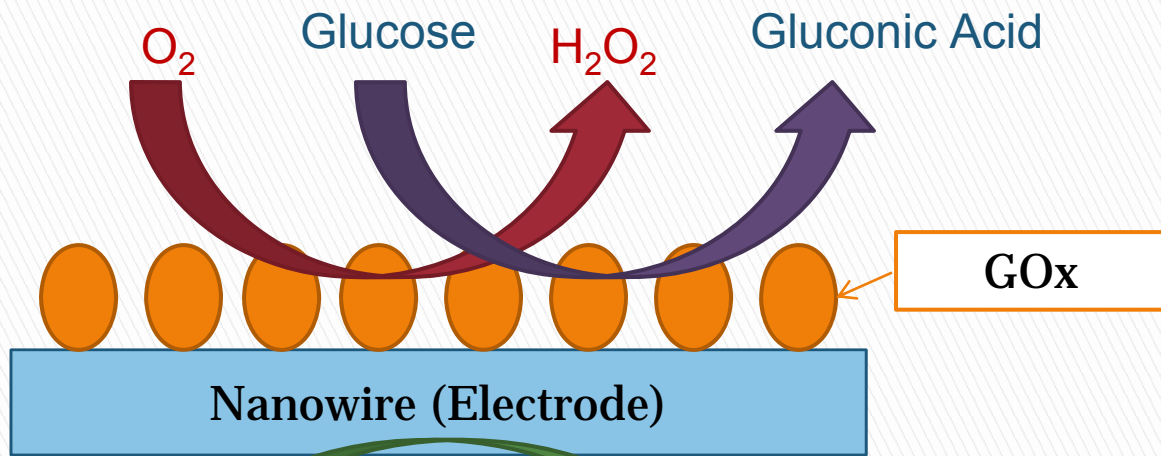
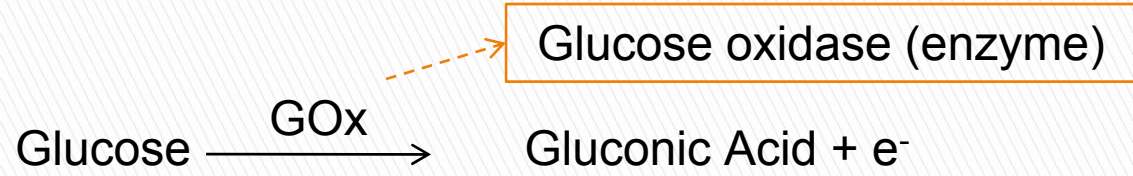
# Electrochemical Biosensor

**Electrochemical biosensors** combine the sensitivity of electroanalytical methods with the inherent bioselectivity of the biological component.



# Glucose Sensor

Biggest biosensor success story!

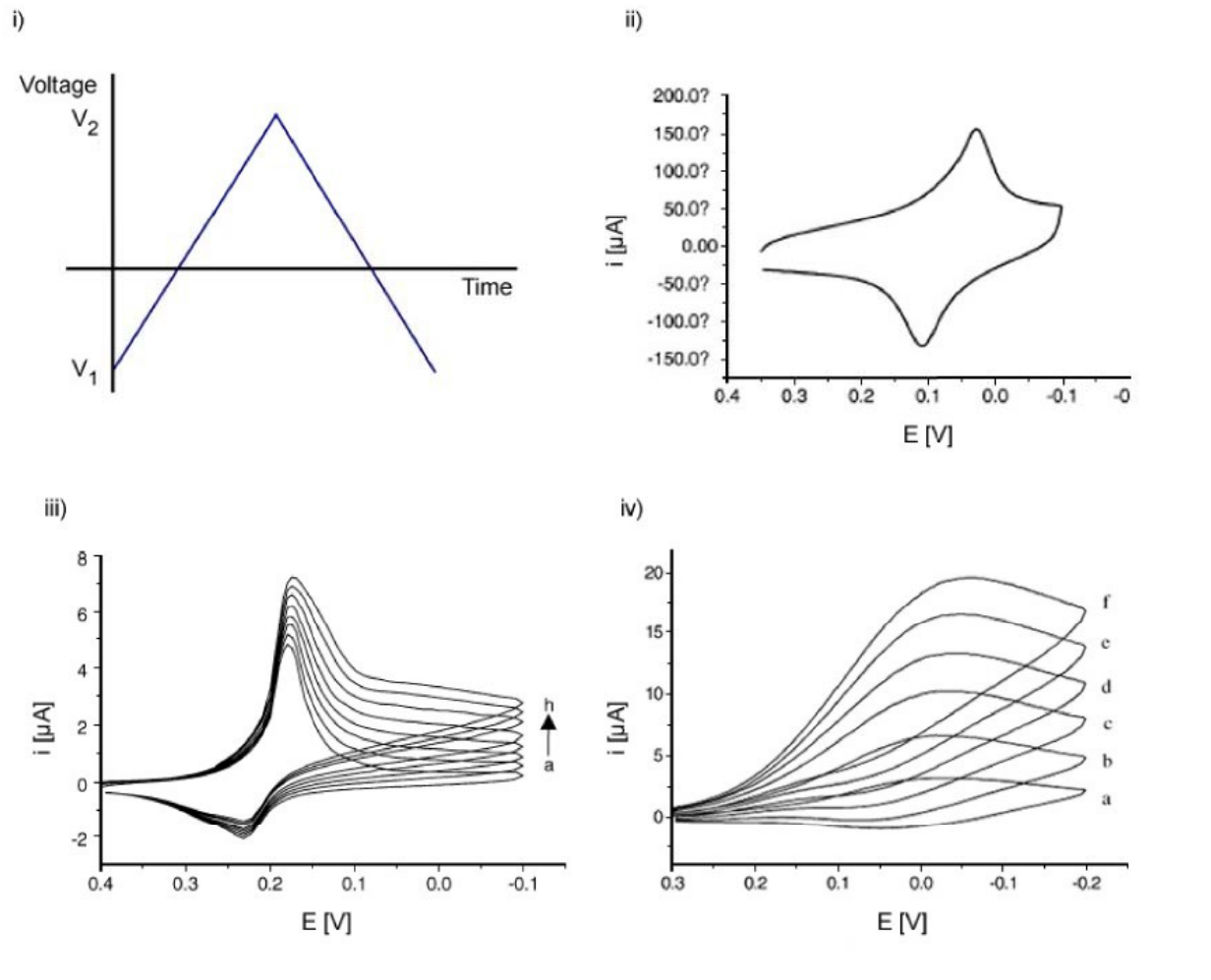


Apply voltage

Measure current propagation to concentration of substrate

# Electrochemical Biosensor

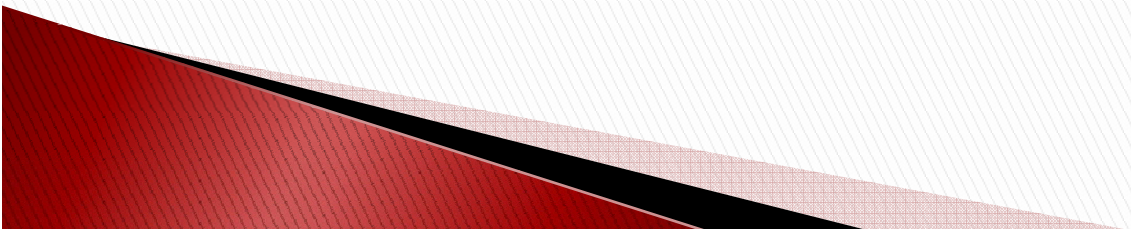
How to read those electrochemical signals?



# Lab Session

Pt Nanowire Functionalized Glassy Carbon  
Electrode towards Sensing of  $\text{H}_2\text{O}_2$

# Basic Characteristics of a Biosensor

- 1. Linearity:** Maximum linear value of the sensor calibration curve. Linearity of the sensor must be high for the detection of high substrate concentration.
  - 2. Sensitivity:** The value of the electrode response per substrate concentration.
  - 3. Selectivity:** Interference of chemicals must be minimized for obtaining the correct result.
  - 4. Response time:** The necessary time for having 95% of the response.
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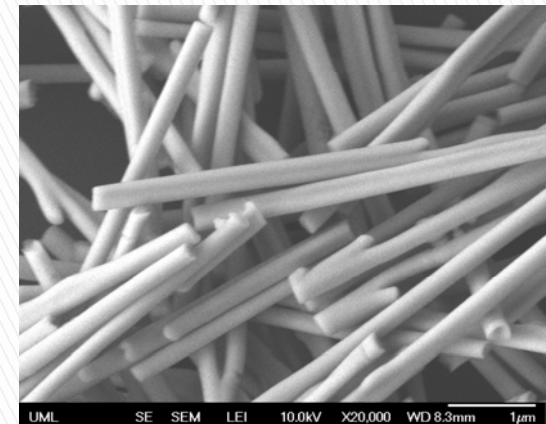
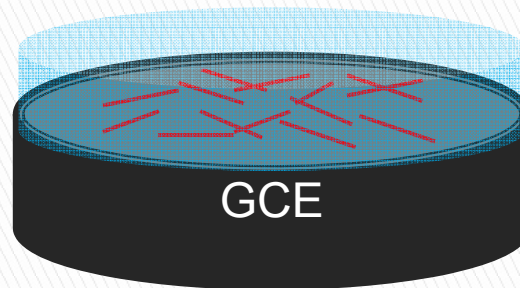
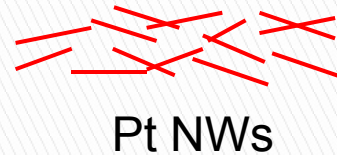
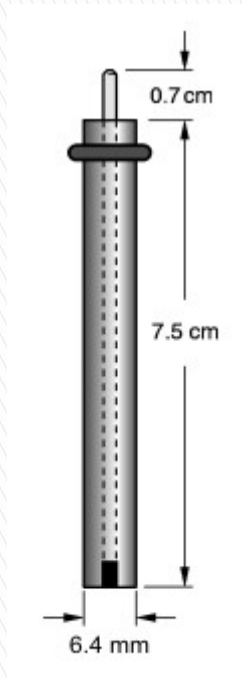
# Motivation

- Develop a biosensor with increased sensitivity and selectivity
- Fast, accurate, reproducible, and low cost
- Use of nanowires have the potential to increase sensitivity and selectivity of sensors
  - Catalysts for reaction property

# Electrode Preparation

**Glassy Carbon Electrode (GCE)** - is a non-graphitizing carbon which combines glassy and ceramic properties with those of graphite

**Pt Nanowire**- was fabricated through electrodeposition method

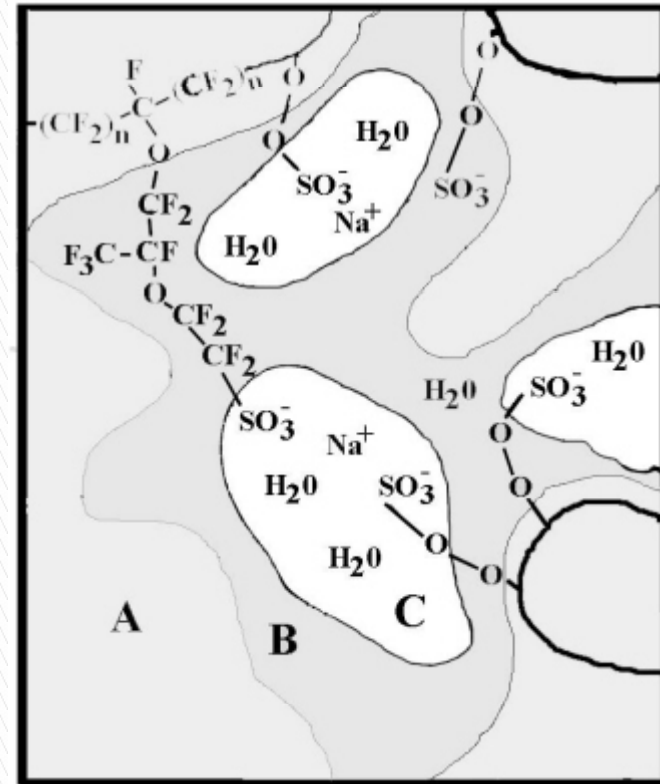


# Nafion

Nafion films have been used extensively for the construction of amperometric biosensors

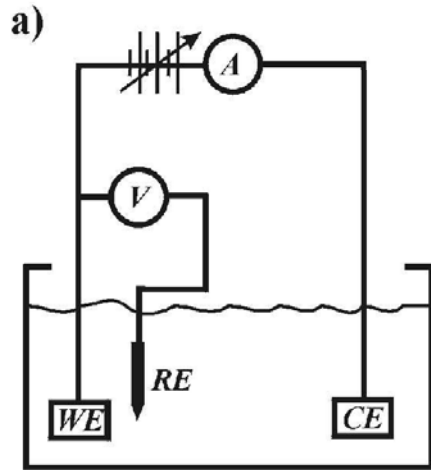
Cation exchange membrane - Pores allow movement of cations but the membranes do not conduct anions or electrons

- Resistant to chemical attack
- High temperatures
- Super acid catalyst



<http://www.intellectualism.org/questions/QOTD/dec03/Nafion3.jpg>

# Experiment Setup



Standard Three-electrode setup

Working electrode (WE) – GCE/Pt NW/Nafion

Reference electrode (RE) – Ag/AgCl

Counter electrode (CE) – Pt wire

Reference Electrode  
(Ag/AgCl)

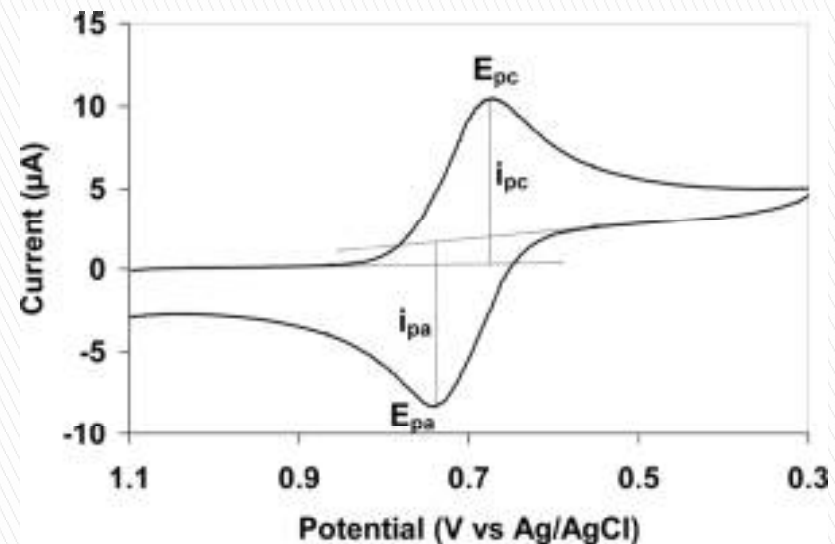
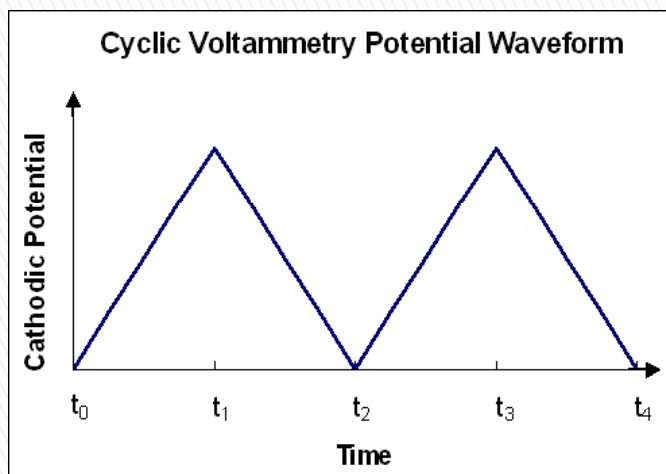


Working Electrode  
(Glassy Carbon)

Counter Electrode  
(Platinum)

# Experimental Method: Cyclic Voltammetry

Cyclic voltammetry (CV) is generally used to study the electrochemical properties of an analyte in solution.



The working electrode potential is ramped linearly versus time



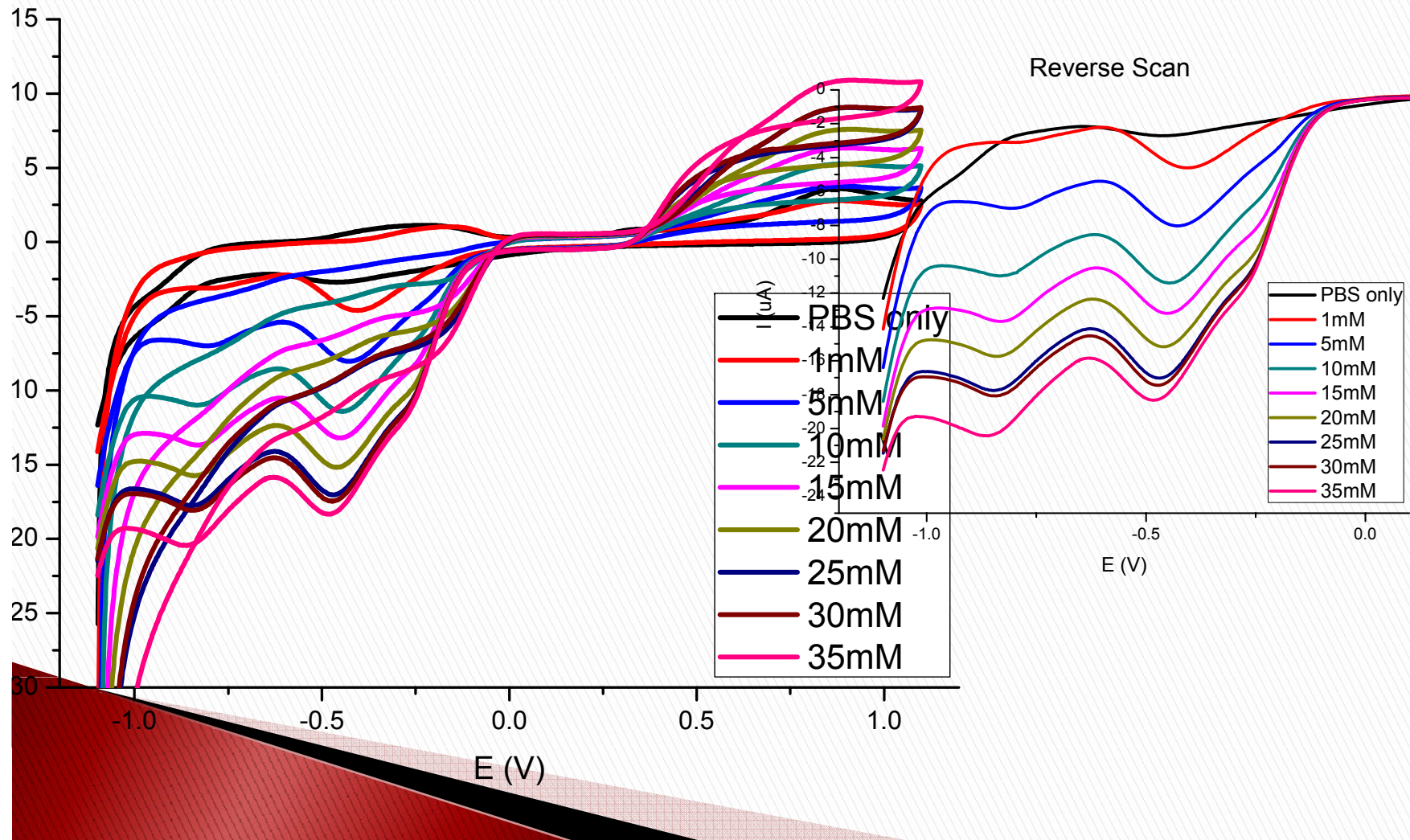
# Experiment Plan

Sensing material: Hydrogen Peroxide ( $\text{H}_2\text{O}_2$ )

1. Control experiment  
CV of bare GCE and Pt nanowire functionalized GCE
2. CV curve of GCE/Pt NW in different concentration of  $\text{H}_2\text{O}_2$   
2 mM, 5 mM, 10 mM, 20 mM, 50 mM
3. Dynamic test of GCE/Pt NW
4. Selectivity test (optional)  
Compare with other chemical compound such as glucose, AA and UA
5. Data analysis

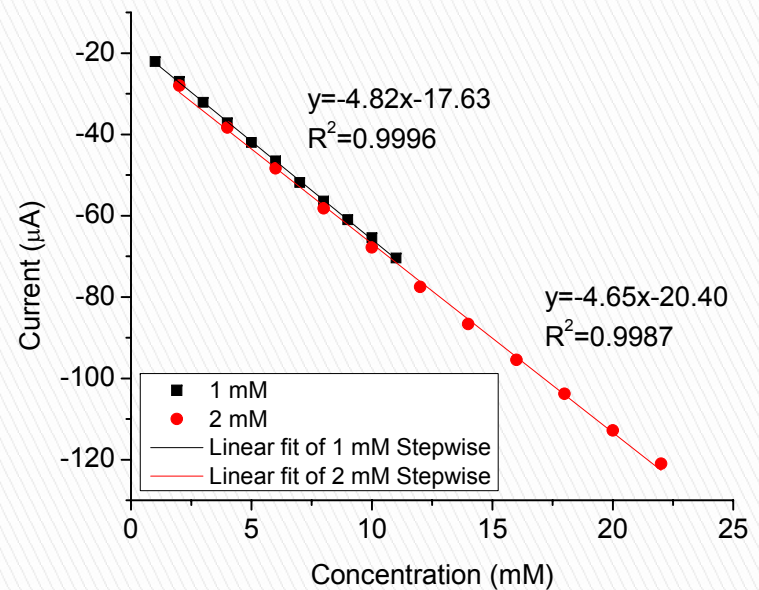
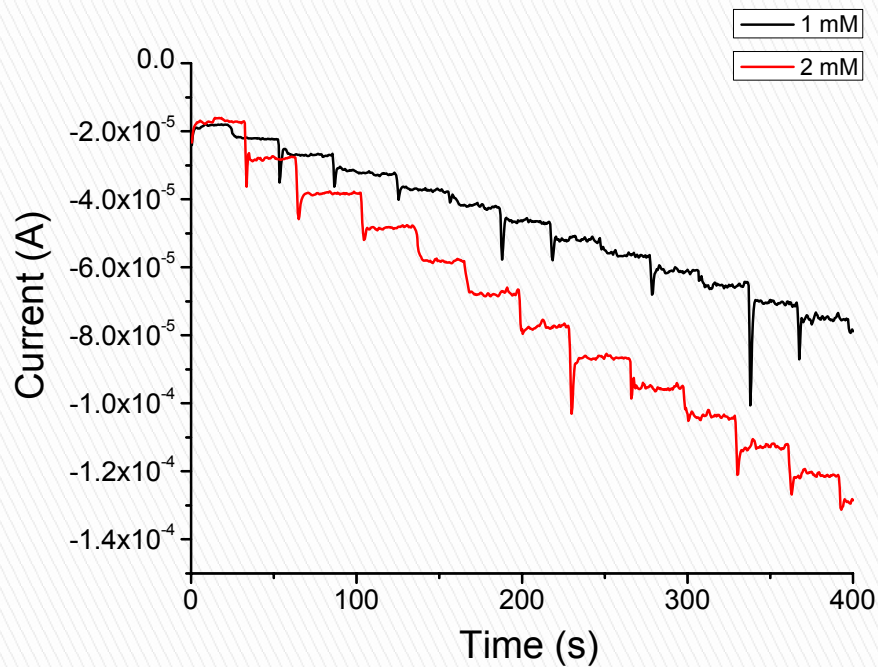
# Plot Examples

## CV of different concentration $H_2O_2$



# Plot Examples

## Dynamic Testing and Data Analysis



# Assignment –

## Due on Feb 20<sup>th</sup> (Hard Copy is required)

1. Plot CV of bare GCE and Pt nanowire modified GCE in PBS solution without  $\text{H}_2\text{O}_2$ .
2. Plot CV of different concentration  $\text{H}_2\text{O}_2$  by using GCE/Pt NW biosensor.
3. Plot Current vs. Concentration (I vs. c) based on the dynamic testing result.
4. Calculate the sensitivity, linear range of the GCE-Pt NW biosensor.
5. Find at least two reference papers related with hydrogen peroxide sensing by nanostructures and compare the limit of detection (LOD), linear range with experimental data, and try to explain why they performed different values.