

Applications of Novel Functional Materials based on ionic liquids: from Microfluidics to Chemical Sensing

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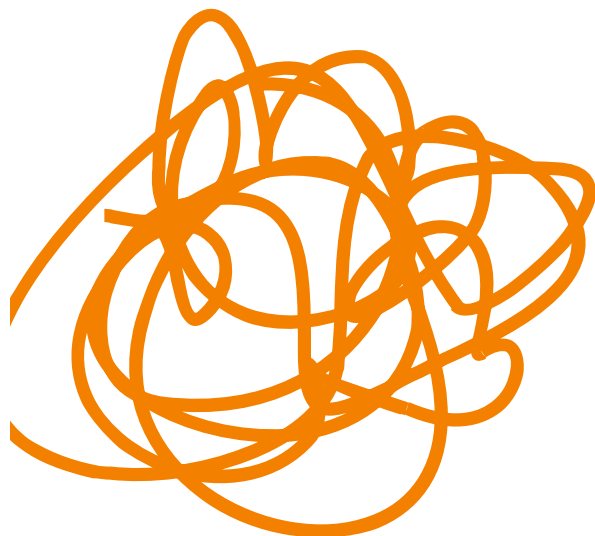
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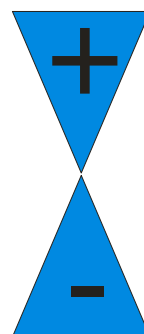
3 building blocks

IONOGELS

POLYMER MATRIX

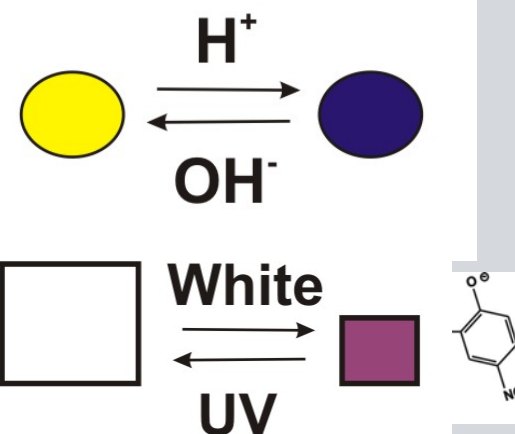


IONIC LIQUID (I.L.)



SENSING AGENT

- Dyes
- Photo-switchable molecules



Photoresponsive Ionogel. R. Byrne, F. Benito-Lopez, D. Diamond, Dublin City University, **2009**, New US Patent Application No: 12/406,249.

PH Sensor Device Comprising Ionogel Polymers. F. Benito-Lopez, R. Byrne, D. Diamond, Dublin City University, **2009**, Patent Application No: GB 0904627-7.

- EASY TO SYNTHESIZE

- ENDLESS VARIATION IN THEIR PROPERTIES

*robustness,
acid/ base character
viscosity*

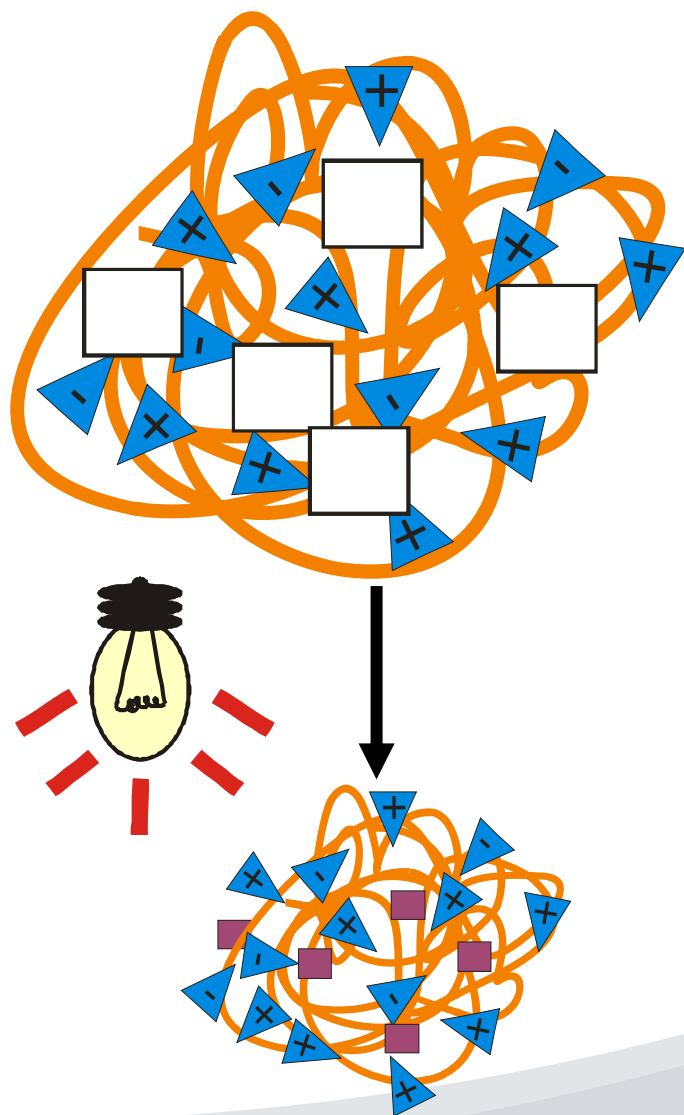
- EASY INCORPORATION INTO DEVICES

Just mix!!

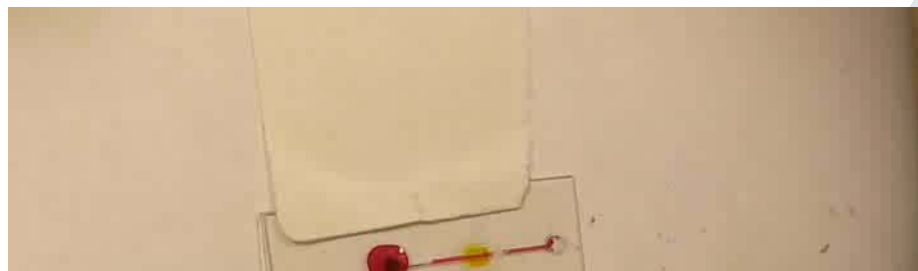
Just vary the I.L. or the polymer!!

Photo-polymerisation

VALVE



FLUID CONTROL BY LIGHT
REUSABLE
EASY FABRICATION
VERSATILITY
MASS PRODUCTION



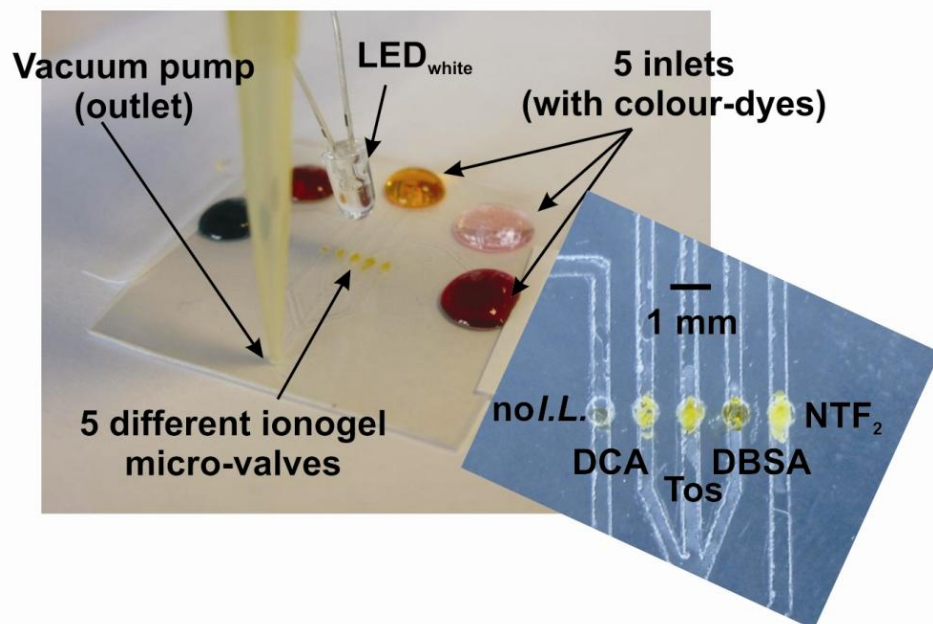
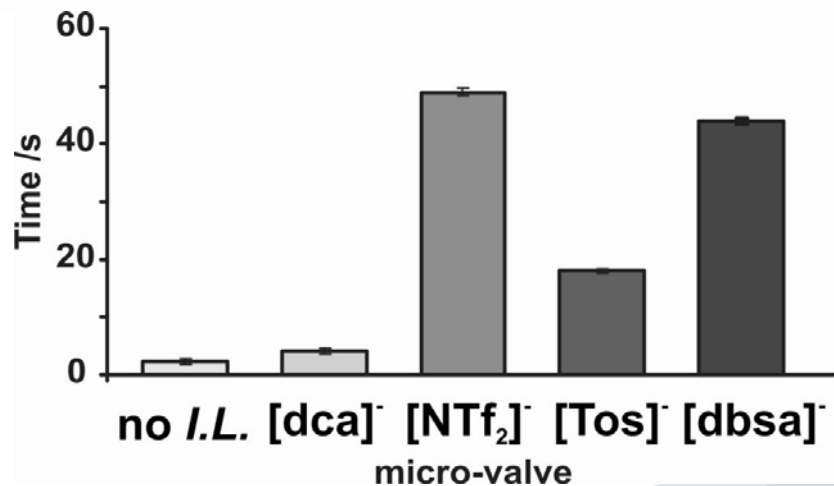
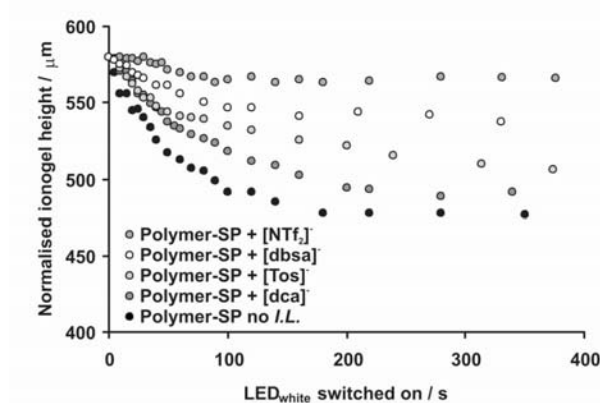
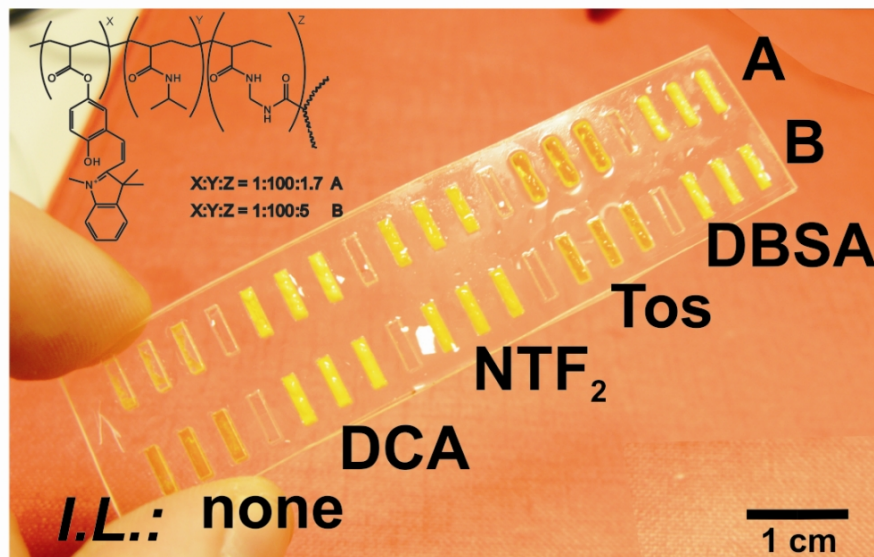
COMMERCIAL APPLICATIONS:

FLOW CONTROLLER IN CATHETERS, CAPILLARIES
AND SMALL PIPES
DRUG DELIVERY SYSTEMS
PORTABLE DEVICES
POINT OF CARE DEVICES



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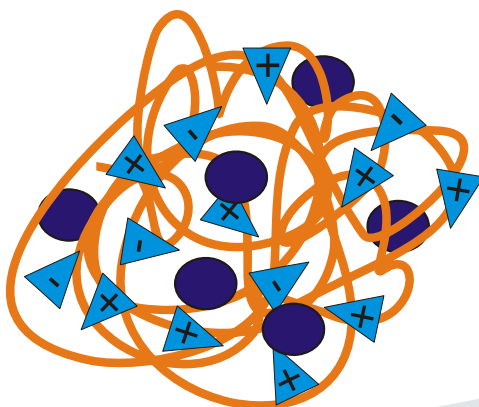
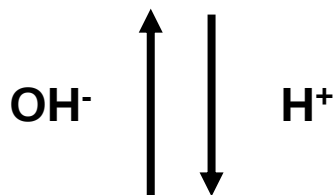
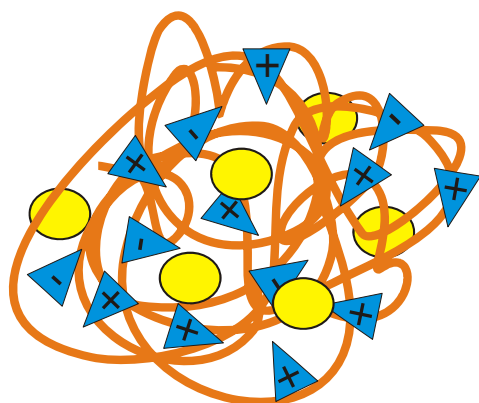
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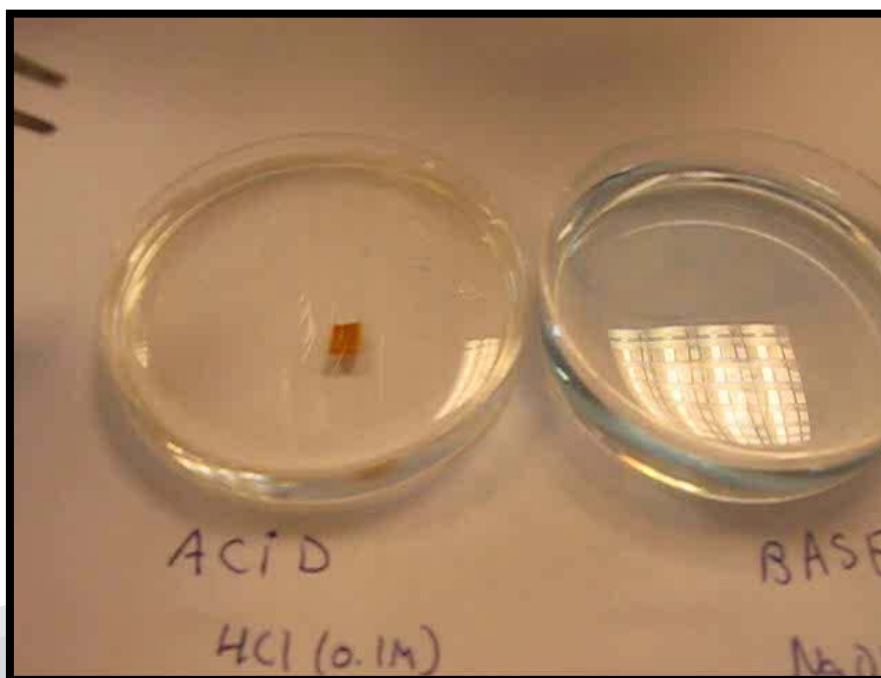
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SENSOR



CHEAP
EASY TO FABRICATE
NO CHEMICAL MODIFICATION
NO LEACHING

UNIVERSAL
REUSABLE
LONG TERM DURATION
MASS PRODUCTION

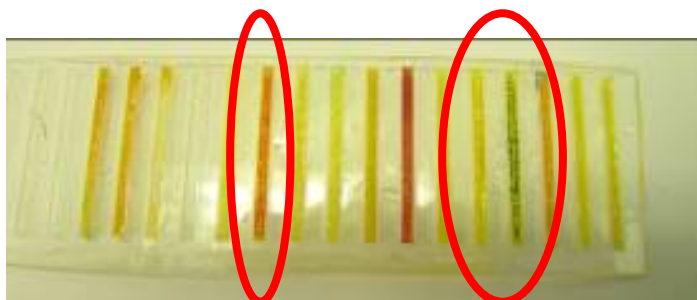


APPLICATIONS

BARCODE GAS SENSOR



DI water



HCl vapours



NH₄⁺ vapours

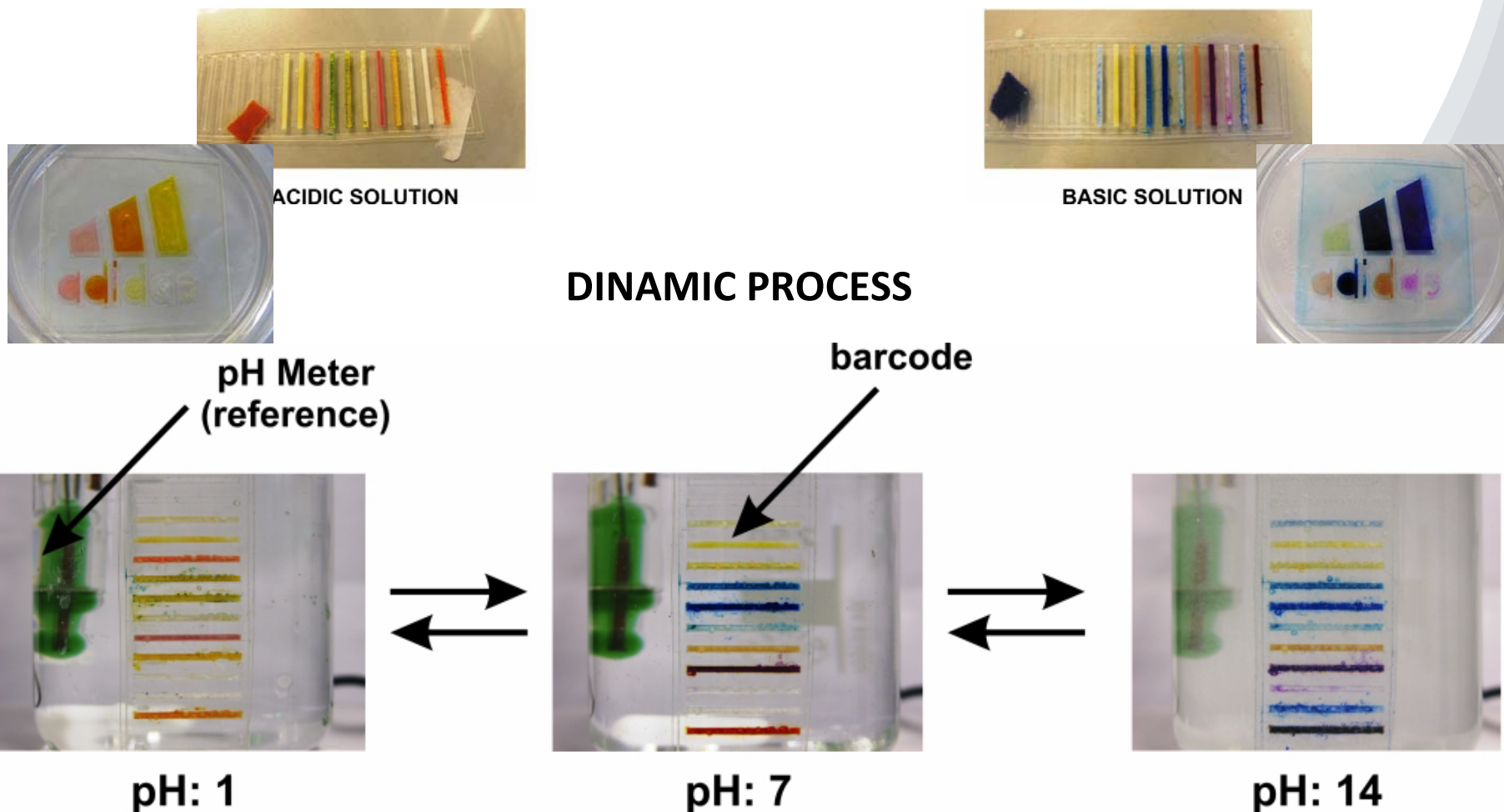


NEt₃ vapours

D. Diamond, R. Byrne, S. Scarmagnani, A. Radu, F. Benito-Lopez
in *Active Polymers*, edited by A. Lendlein, V. Prasad Shastri, K. Gall (Mater. Res. Soc. Symp. Proc. Volume 1190, Warrendale, PA, **2009**) 1190-NN08-01.

APPLICATIONS

BARCODE pH SENSOR



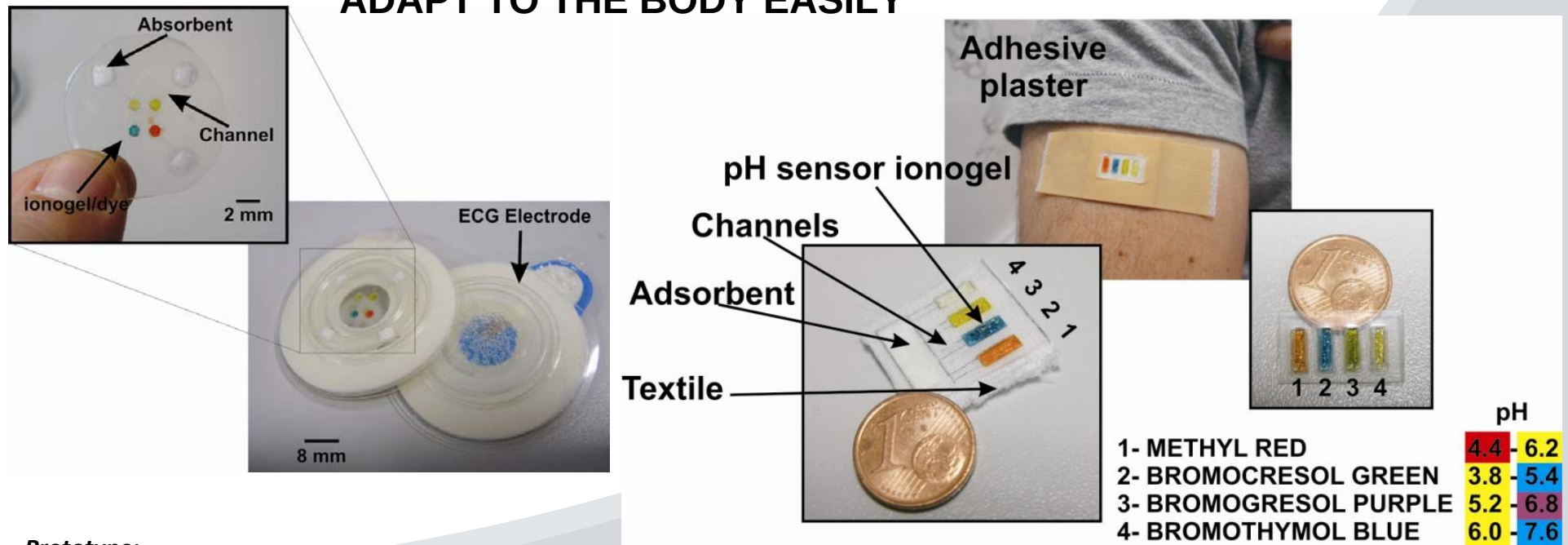
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APPLICATIONS

Sweat Plaster Adhesive & Microfluidic device

Wearable device to provide immediate feedback to the user regarding the pH level of their sweat.

FLEXIBLE
ADAPT TO THE BODY EASILY



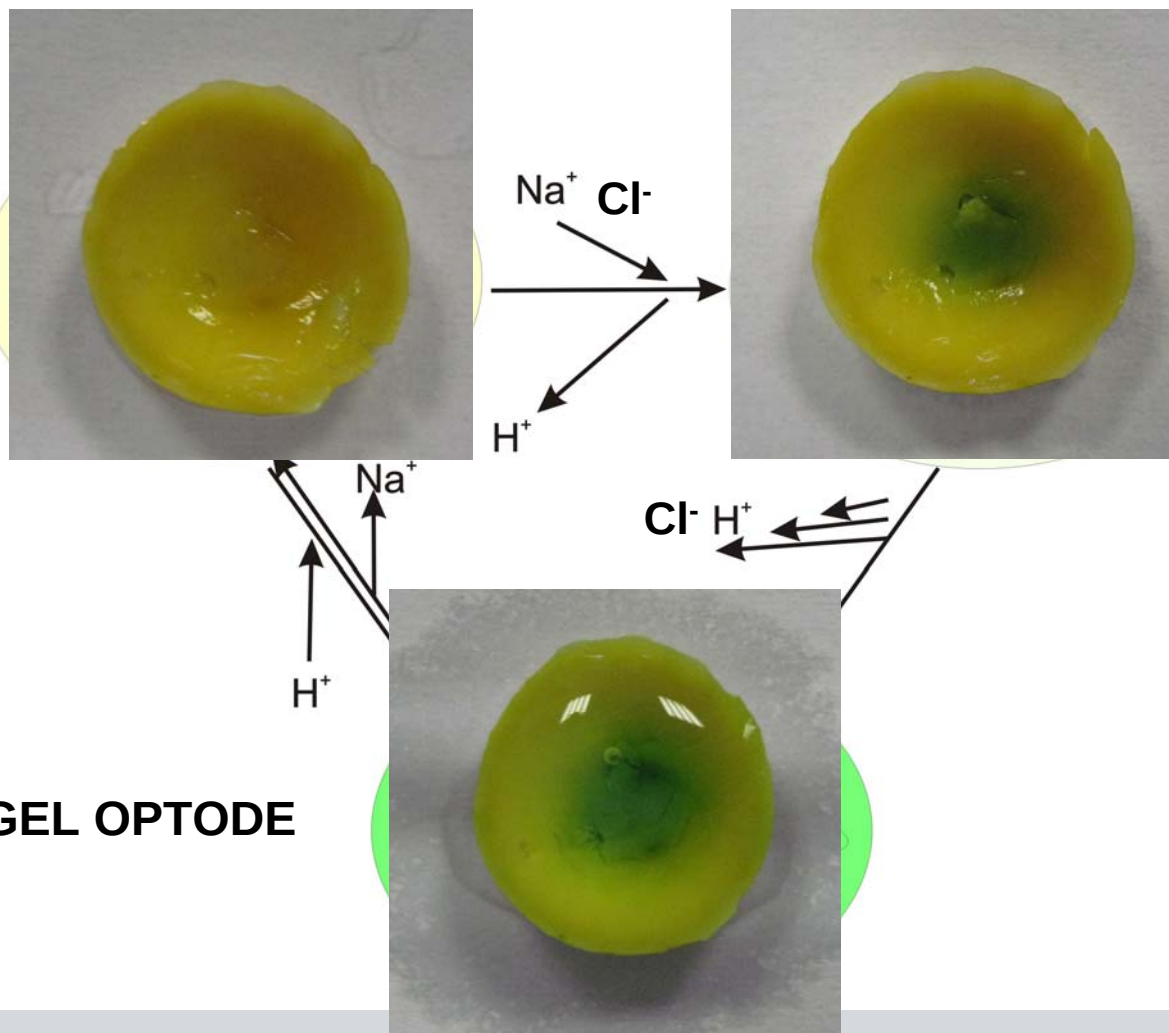
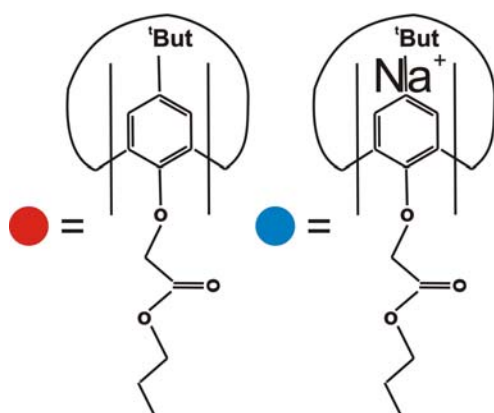
Prototype:

The Smart Sweat-Band. F. Benito-Lopez, S. Coyle, R. Byrne, A. Smeaton, N. E. O'Connor, N. Moyna, D. Diamond Smart Textiles Salon a joint European workshop, 25 September, Ghent, Belgium, 2009.

APPLICATIONS

CHEMICAL SENSOR

● = Dye-H ● = Dye



SODIUM SELECTIVE IONOGELOPTODE

Schizophrenic Materials

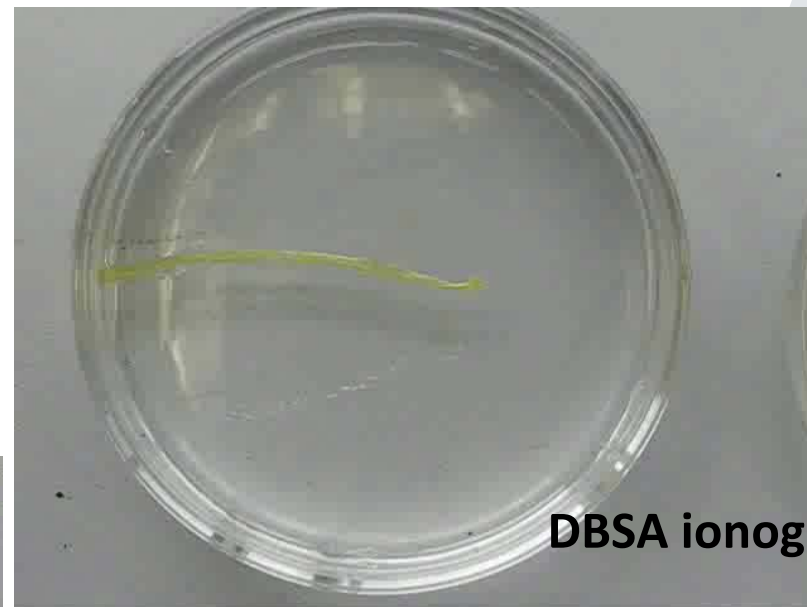
When impregnating photoresponsive gels with ILs it is possible to tune the characteristics of photoresponsive gels (acid/ base character, viscosity etc.) by simply changing the IL.



DCA ionogel



Tos ionogel



DBSA ionogel

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Schizophrenic Material



