

Rethinking On/In-Body Biochemical Sensing Strategies to Achieve Long-Term Functionality

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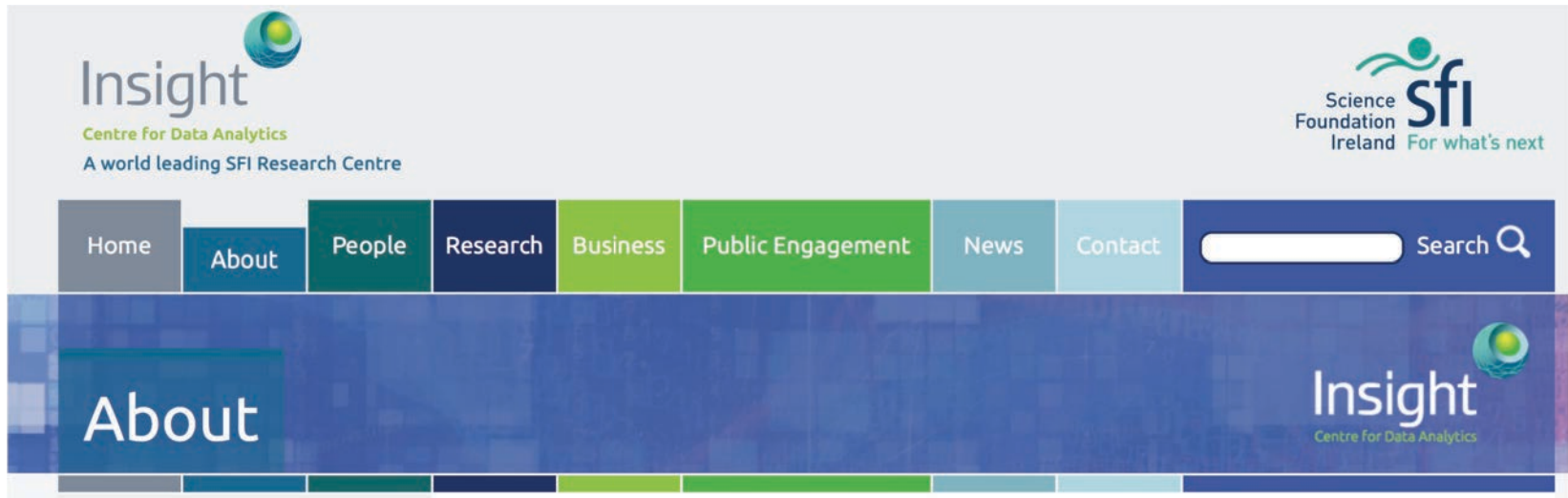


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Internet of (Biochemical) Things IO_{BC}T

- **Bridging the Molecular and Digital Worlds**
 - Emergence of ‘Internet of Analytical Things’, Internet of ‘Molecular Things’, ‘Internet of Biochemical Things’
- **Long-Term “Deploy and Forget” use model**
 - Embedded ‘smartness’
 - Sensing (temperature, light-level, imaging, vibration)
 - Communications (wireless)
 - Power (10-year battery life-time, energy scavenging capability)
 - Awareness of
 - Surrounding environment
 - Internal (functional) condition





internet
sensing

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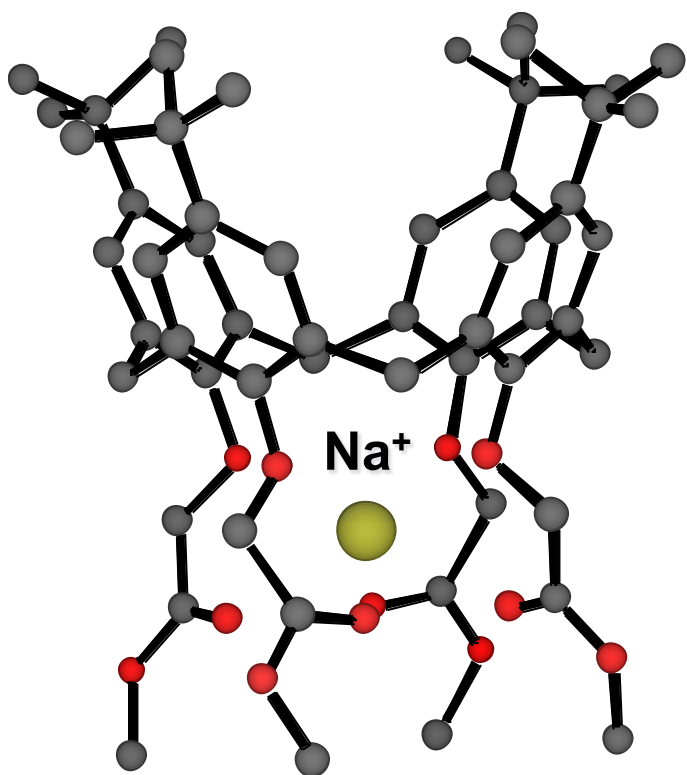
Incredible advances in digital communications and computer power have profoundly changed our lives. One chemist shares his vision of the role of analytical science in the next communications revolution.

Digital communications networks are at the heart of modern society. The digitalization of communications, the development of the Internet, and the availability of relatively inexpensive but powerful mobile computing technologies have established a global communications network capable of linking billions of people, places, and objects. Email can instantly transmit complex documents to multiple remote locations, and websites provide a platform for instantaneous notification, dissemination, and exchange of information globally. This technology is now pervasive, and those in research and business have multiple interactions with this digital world every day. However, this technology might simply be the foundation for the next wave of development that will provide a seamless interface between the real and digital worlds.

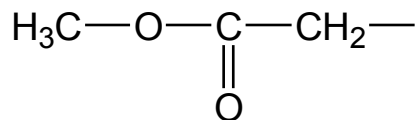
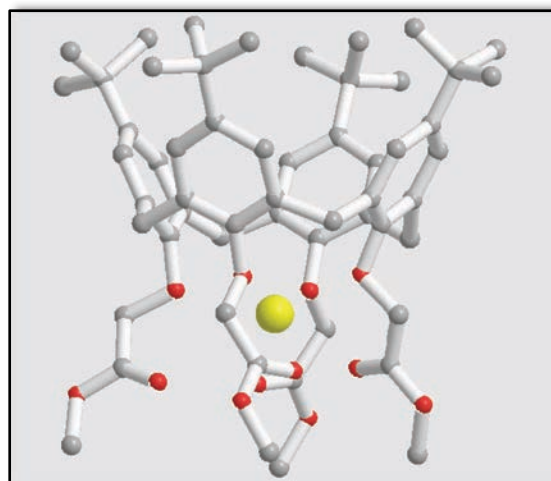
The crucial missing part in this scenario is the gateway through which these worlds will communicate: How can the digital world sense and respond to changes in the real world? Analytical scientists—particularly those working on chemical sensors, biosensors, and compact, autonomous instruments—are



Calixarene Ionophores – controlling the selectivity

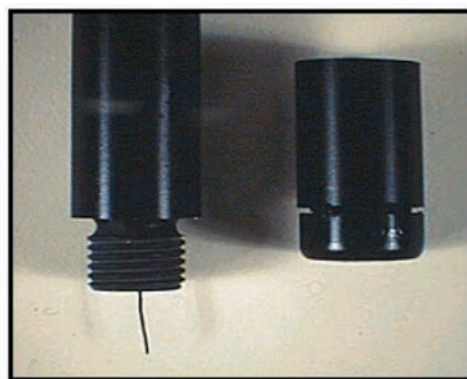
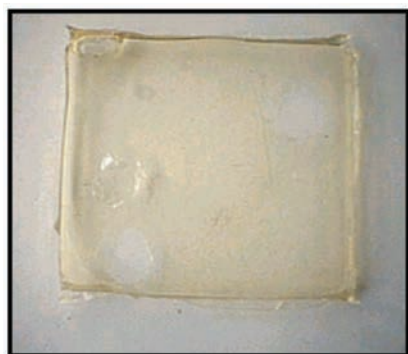
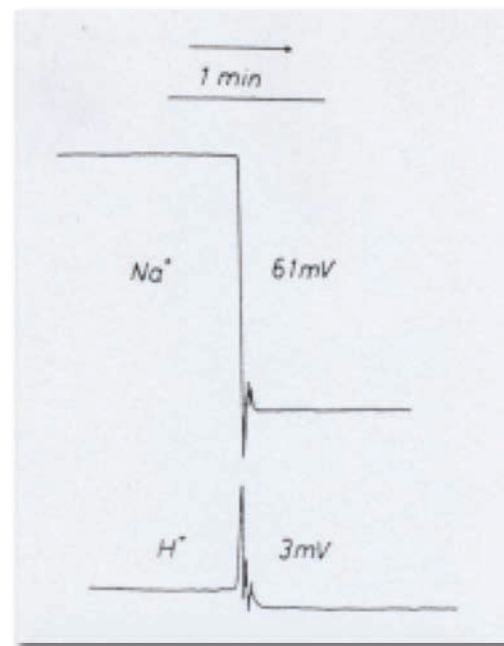
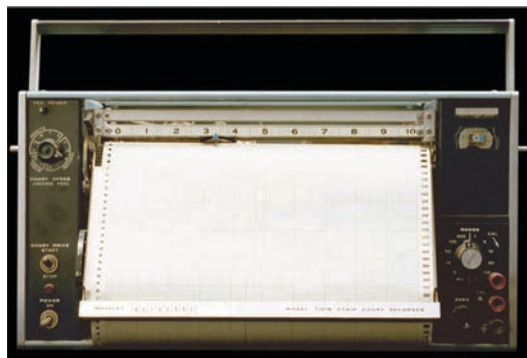
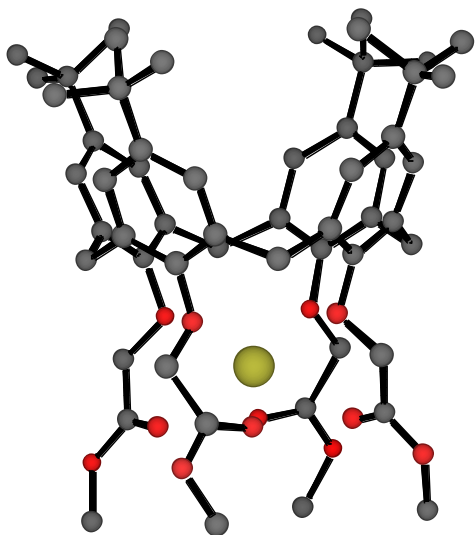


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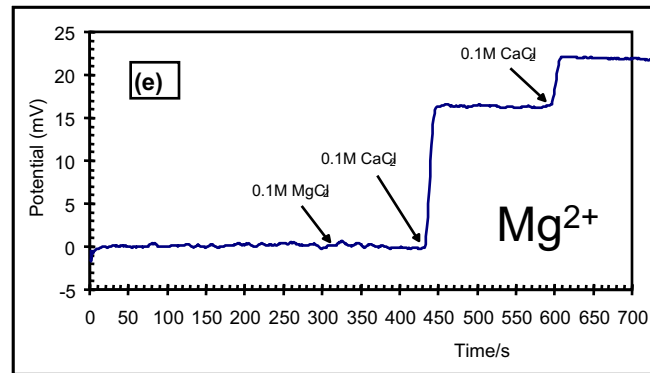
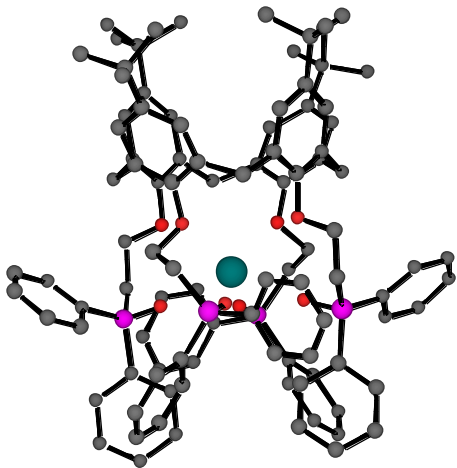
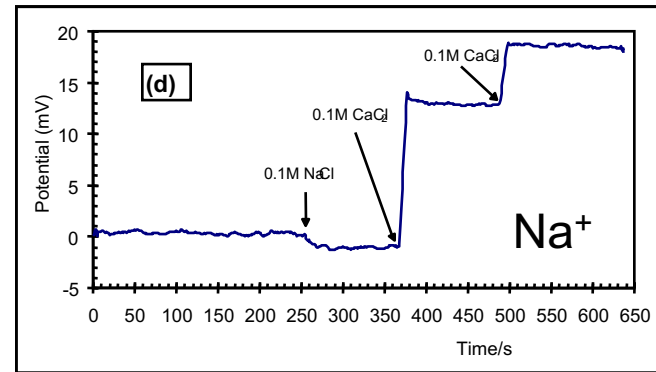
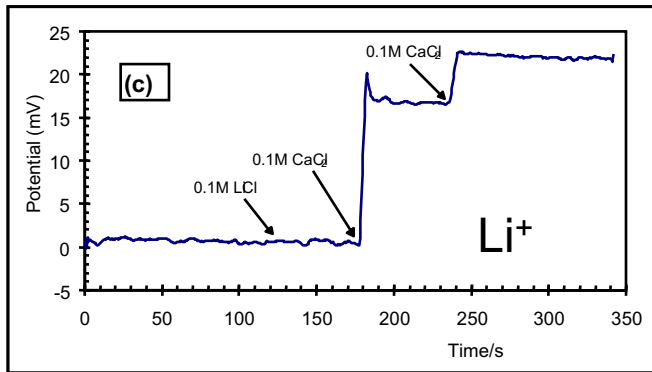
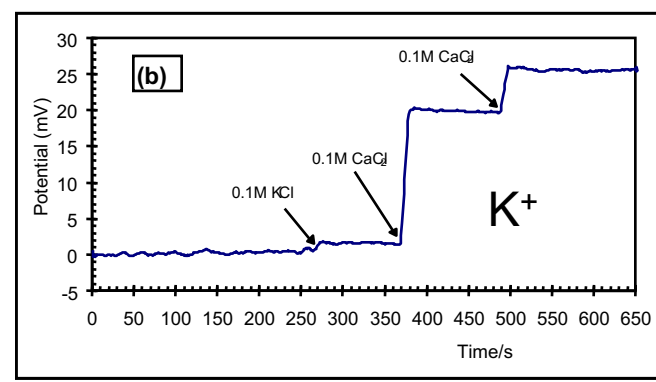
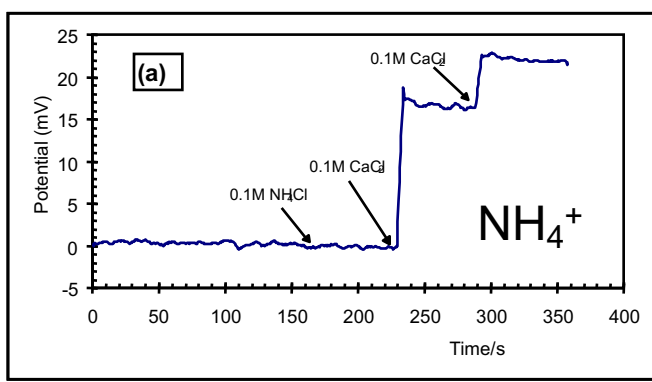
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tetra-phosphine oxide electrode

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The (broken) promise of biosensors.....



BIOSENSORS THE MATING OF BIOLOGY AND ELECTRONICS

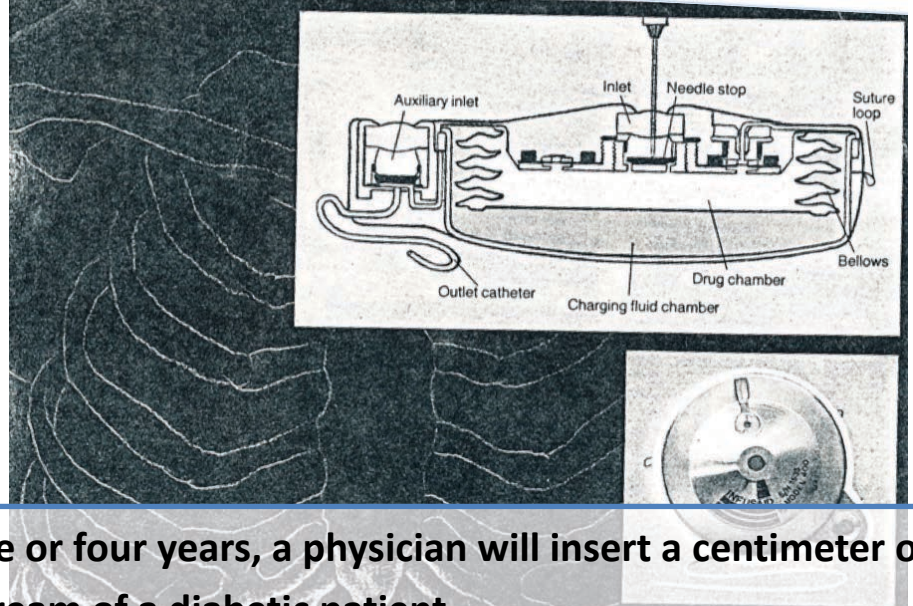


Implanted sensors connect to a transmitter in which the glucose is measured and the signal is sent to a receiver.

Sometime within the next three or four years, a physician will insert a centimeter of platinum wire into the bloodstream of a diabetic patient. At its tip will be a barely visible membrane containing a bit of enzyme. Hair-thin wires will lead from the other end of the platinum to an insulin reservoir—a titanium device about the size and shape of a hockey puck—implanted in the patient's abdomen. Within seconds a chemical reaction will begin at the tip of the wire. A few molecules of glucose in the bloodstream will adhere to the membrane and be attacked by the enzyme, forming hydrogen peroxide and another product. The peroxide will migrate to a thin oxide

In medicine and industry, tiny high-speed devices will track a wide range of biological reactions

High Technology, Nov. 1983, 41-49



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.....And (by implication) it will work for years reliably and regulate glucose through

planted in lower abdomen. It may also be fitted in upper chest, with catheter inserted into





After Ca. 40 years – Dominant Use



Model is Finger Prick Sampling

- e.g. Diabetes: ca. 7% of world population
- USA: population 300 million
- Ca. 20 million diabetics
- Personal control of condition using finger prick test => blood sample + glucose biosensor
- Say four measurements per day = 80 million/day
- Per year = ca. 30 Billion measurements/yr
- Each sensor used ONCE





Abbott Freestyle 'Libre'



The days of routine glucose testing with lancets, test strips and blood are over.²

Welcome to flash glucose monitoring!



- 'Small fibre' used to access interstitial fluid
- Data downloaded at least once every 8 hr via 1s contactless scan (1-4 cm)
- Waterproof to 1 metre
- **Replace every 2 weeks**

How to use the FreeStyle Libre System

The FreeStyle Libre system utilises advanced technology that is easy to use.

1 Apply sensor with applicator



- A thin flexible sterile fibre (5mm long) is inserted just below the skin. Most people reported that applying the sensor was painless⁶
- The 14-day sensor stays on the back of your upper arm and automatically captures glucose readings day and night.
- The sensor is water resistant and can be worn while bathing, swimming and exercising⁷

⁶ Most people did not feel any discomfort under the skin while wearing the FreeStyle Libre sensor. In a study conducted by Abbott Diabetes Care, 93.4% of patients surveyed (n=30) strongly agree or agree that while wearing the sensor, they did not feel any discomfort under their skin. [29 persons have finished the study; 1 person terminated the study after 3 days due to skin irritations in the area where the sensor touched the skin.]

⁷ Sensor is water-resistant: in up to 1 metre (3 feet) of water for a maximum of 30 minutes





NIGHTSCOUT

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<http://www.nightscout.info> <https://www.dexcom.com>

Welcome to Nightscout

What is the Nightscout project?



Nightscout (CGM in the Cloud) is an open source, DIY project that allows real time access to a CGM data via personal website, smartwatch viewers, or apps and widgets available for smartphones.

Nightscout was developed by parents of children with Type 1 Diabetes and has continued to be developed, maintained, and supported by volunteers. When first implemented, Nightscout was a solution specifically for remote monitoring of Dexcom G4 CGM data. Today, there are Nightscout solutions available for Dexcom G4, Dexcom Share with Android, Dexcom Share/G5 with iOS, and Medtronic. Nightscout also provides browser-based visualization for #openAPS users and Loop users. The goal of the project is to allow remote monitoring of a T1D's glucose level using existing monitoring devices.

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Developed by coders & engineers within the T1 Diabetes Community & friends

Developing APPs

Accessing real-time data from diabetes monitors (Dexcom, wearable glucose sensors)

User groups formed, self-funded

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Abbott to add 500 new jobs at Donegal healthcare plant


US healthcare giant employs almost 3,000 people in the Republic



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Peter Hamilton



Abbott's Donegal site manufactures test strips used in its FreeStyle blood glucose-monitoring meters. Photograph: Tim Boyle/Bloomberg

 US healthcare giant **Abbott** plans to create 500 jobs in **Donegal** as it expands its existing manufacturing facility there.

  With nearly 3,000 employees across nine sites in the Republic, Abbott's operations here include manufacturing nutritional products and creating diagnostic tools for physicians.

Abbott Jobs



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Synthesis, Characterization, and Properties of a Series of Osmium- and Ruthenium-Containing Metallopolymers

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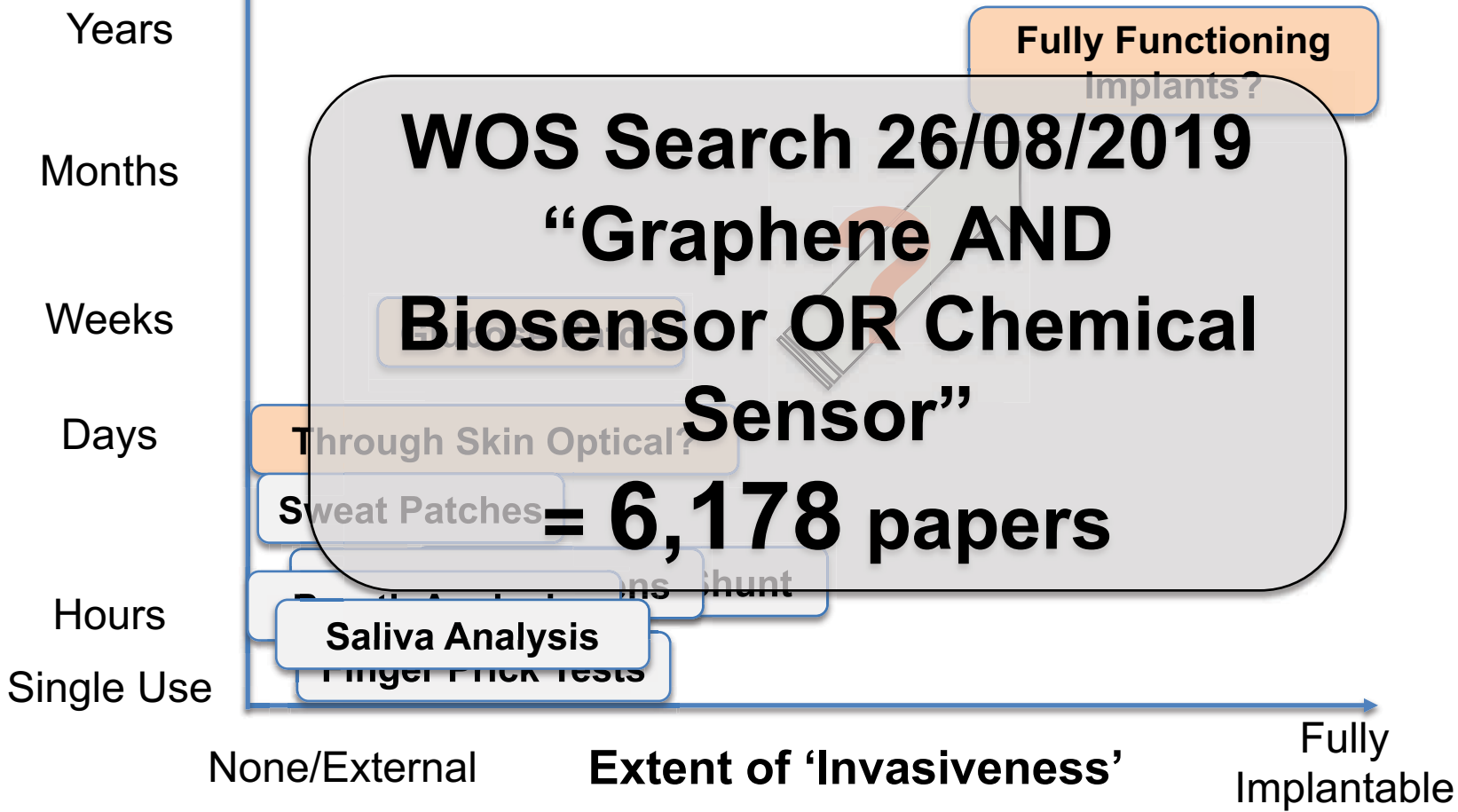
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- **1989: Forster and Vos series of papers on Os/Ru bipy/PVP**
- **1990s: Heller develops foundational ideas**
- **2004: Abbott acquires Therasense (\$1.2bn)**
- **2018: Abbott Jobs announcement**



Long-Term Biochemical Monitoring?

Duration of Use Model





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The graphene biosensor that could provide early lung cancer diagnosis

The wonder-material graphene could hold the key to unlocking the next generation of advanced, early stage lung cancer diagnosis.



Fig. 2 Characterization of the graphene films. SEM images of the top view of the f-MLG (a) and p-MLG (b) samples on PVC. Raman spectra of the f-MLG (c) and p-MLG (d) performed using a 532 nm laser excitation system with a 40x microscope objective, and 10 s integration time for the single scan.

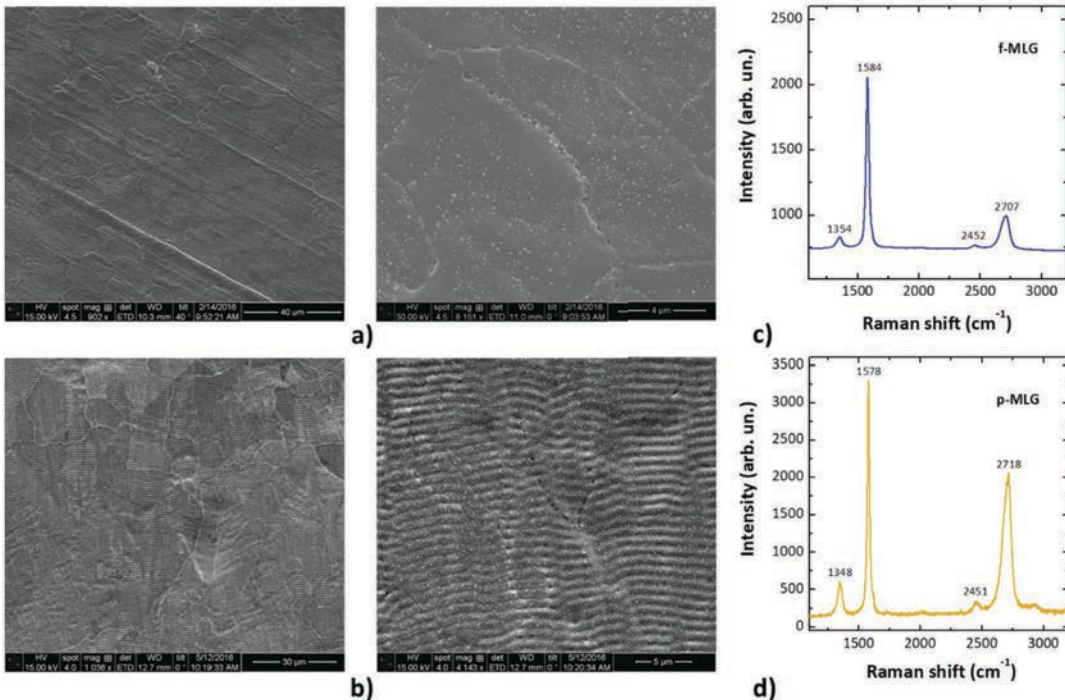
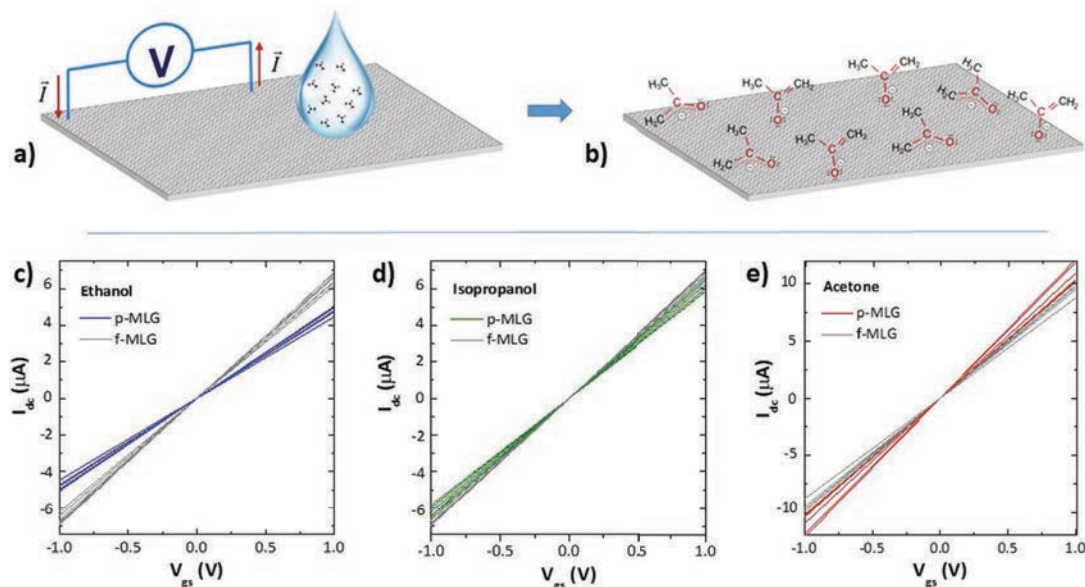


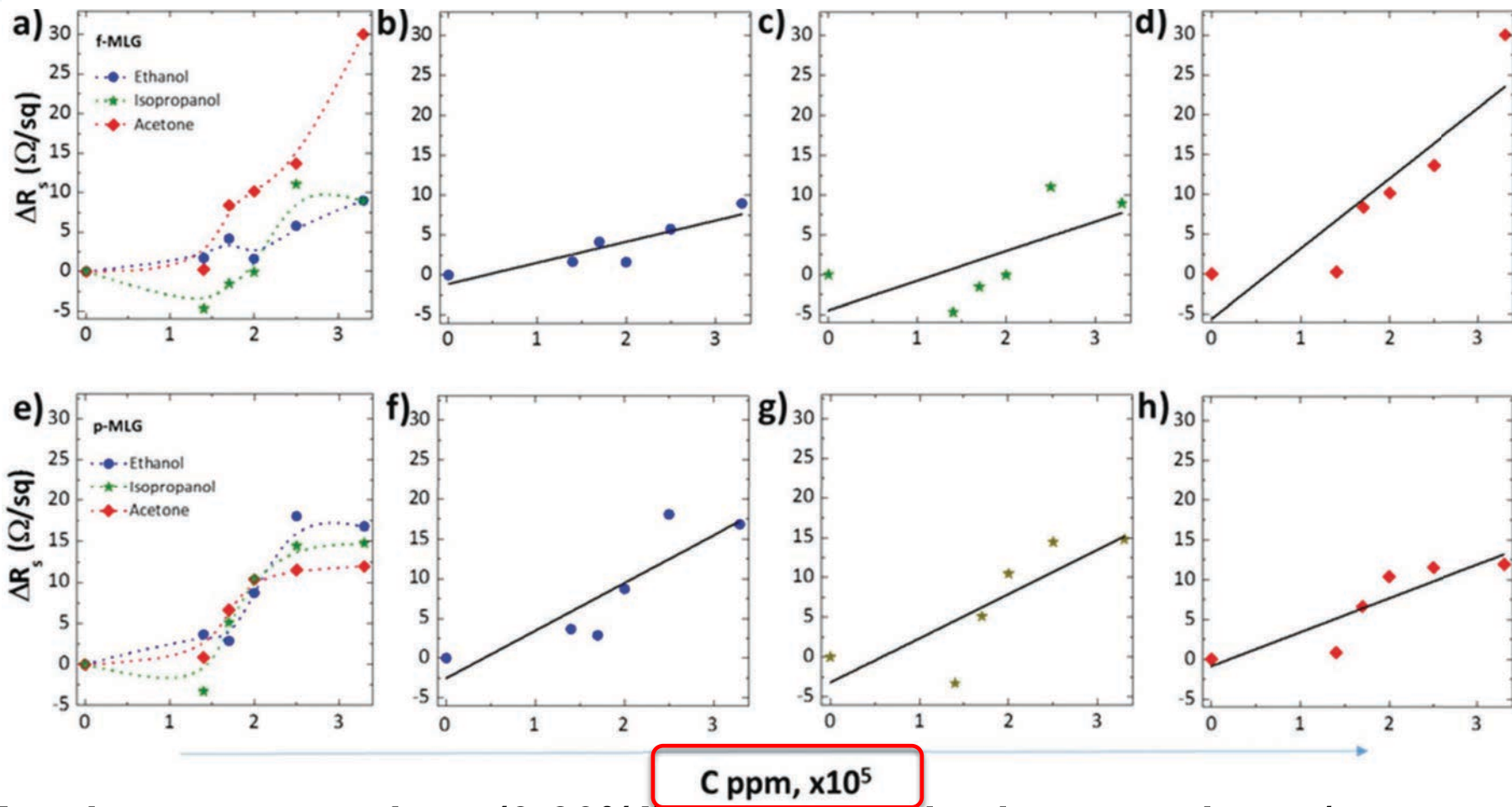
Fig. 3 The schematic representation of the two-point measurement concept (a) for the in situ electrical characterization of VOC-induced graphene electrodes (c, d); electron-induced reorientation of acetone while applying ± 1 V (b).

The I_{dc} versus V_{gs} curves of the flat and patterned graphene electrodes influenced with exposure to $1.4\text{--}3.3 \times 10^5$ ppm of VOC solutions: ethanol (c), isopropanol (d) and acetone (e).



Response Curves to 'cancer marker' VOCs in breath (e-Nose)

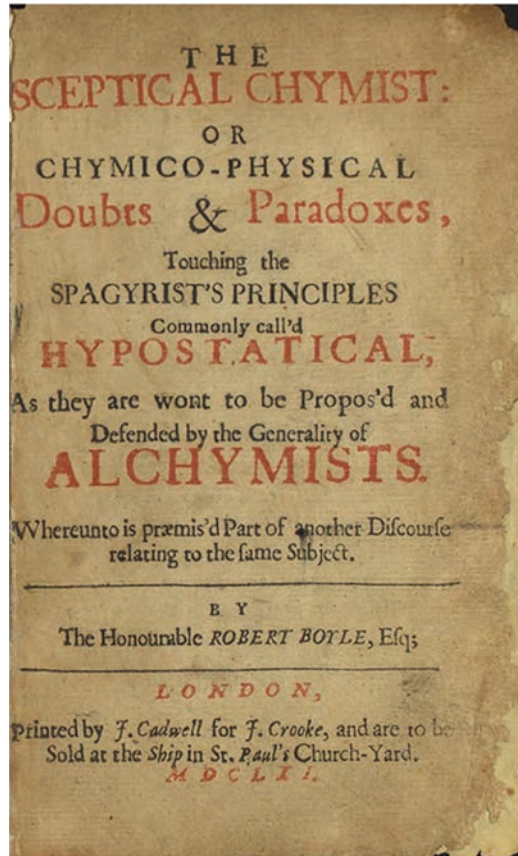
Fig. 4 Sensitivity identification of f-MLG (a) and p-MLG (e) electrodes at various concentrations of cancer marker solutions (ethanol – ●, isopropanol – ★, and acetone – ◆). Changes in the value of sheet resistance (ΔR_s) for f-MLG (b-d) and p-MLG (f-h) as a function of CM concentration.]



Massive concentrations (0-30%!), no selectivity, bare graphene (no surface functionalization), no humidity studies.....



'The Sceptical Chemist' (1661) 'Chymico-Physical Paradoxes'

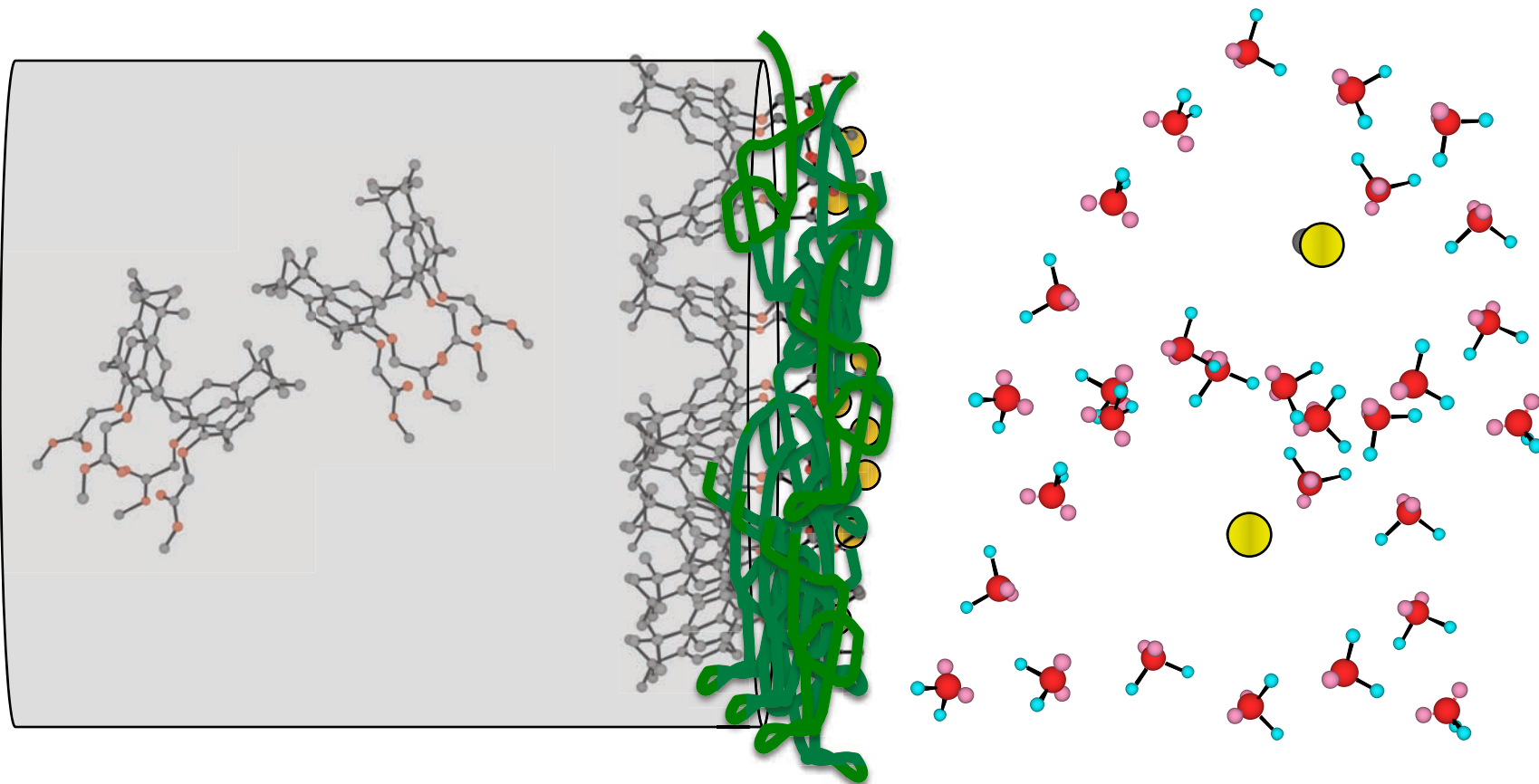


Robert Boyle: b. Lismore Castle, Waterford, 1621





Control of membrane interfacial exchange & binding processes



Remote, autonomous chemical sensing is a tricky business!



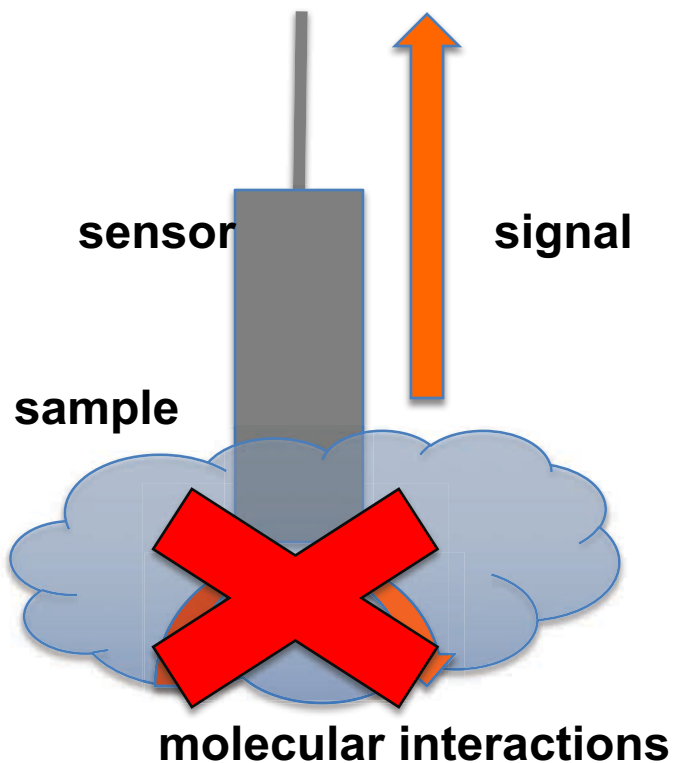


Direct Sensing vs. Reagent Based LOAC/ufluidics

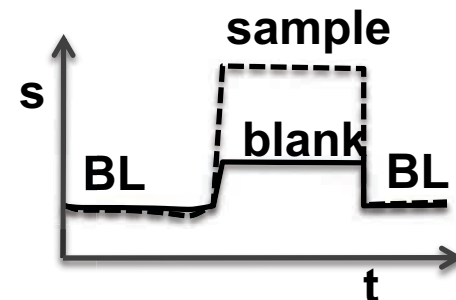
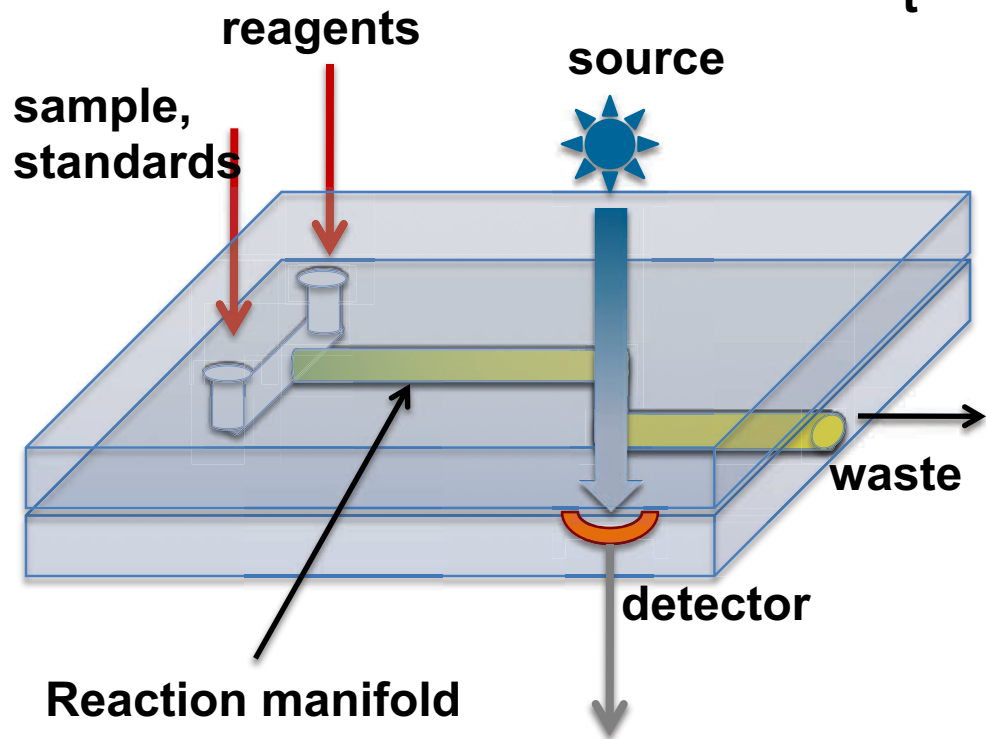


Direct Sensing

outside world



LOAC Analyser





Bioinspired Devices



- **Functional (Bio)Materials OR Materials that can mimic characteristics of biological systems**
 - Self-awareness of condition
 - Some capacity for self-maintenance/self repair
- **Hierarchy of behaviours**
 - Routine internalized maintenance for minor issues
 - Escalation to external intervention for more serious issues (detect, report, request intervention)





Photoswitchable Soft Actuators

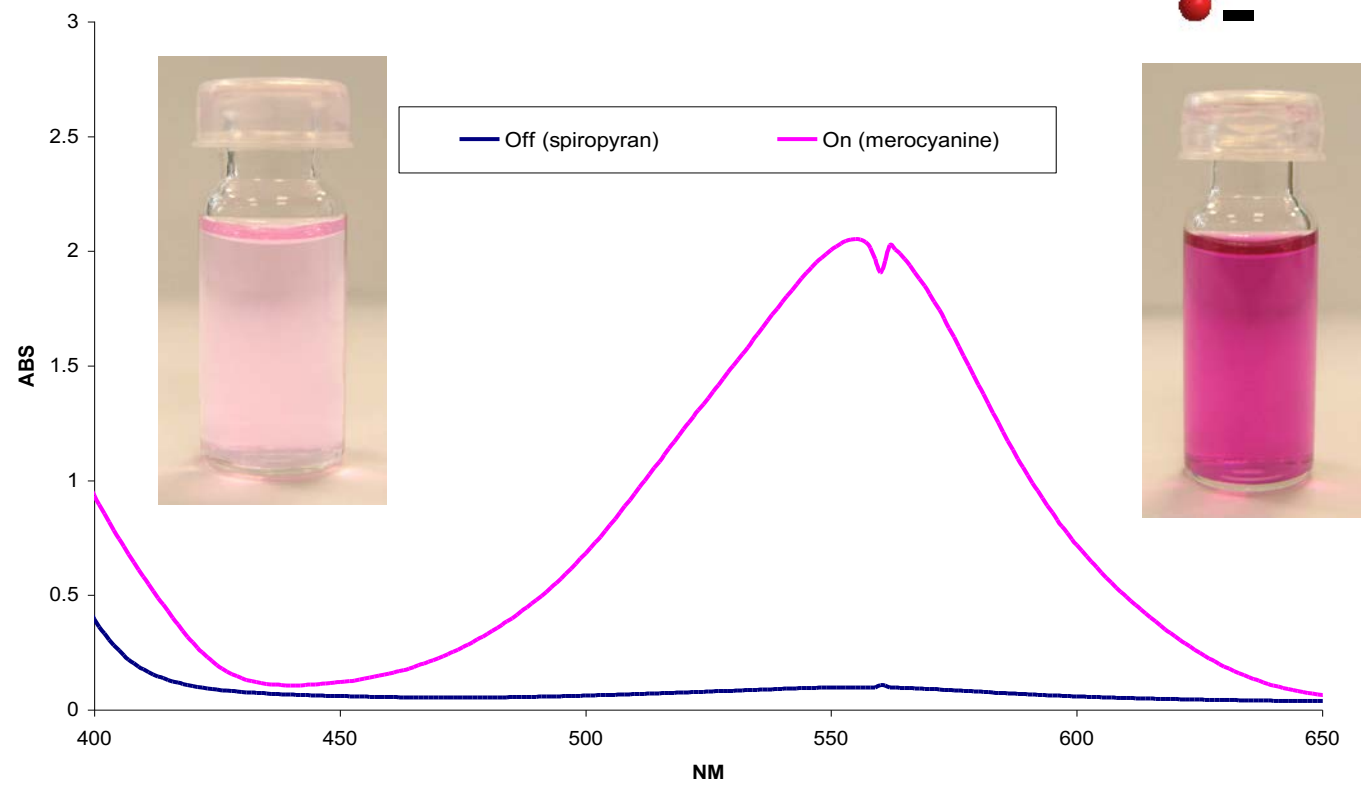
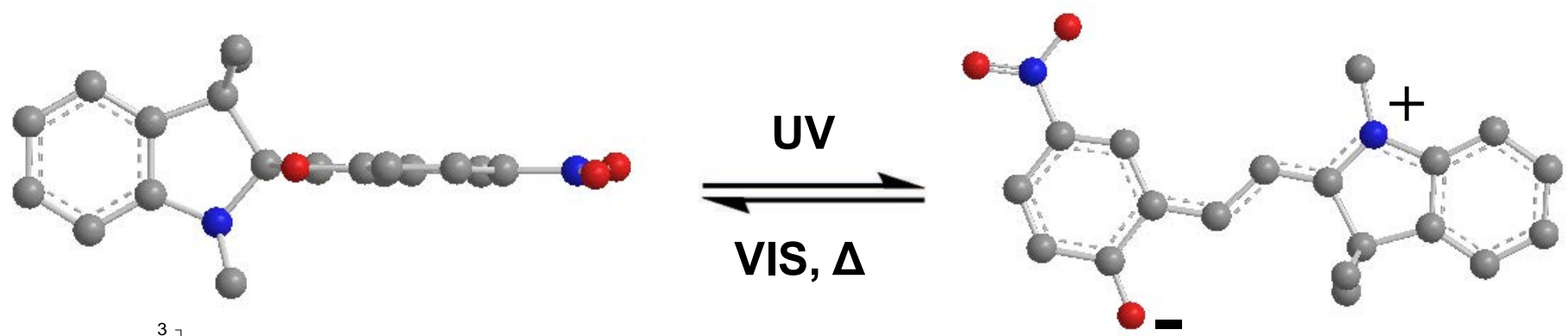
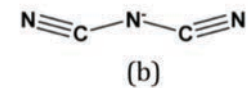
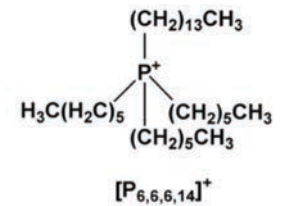
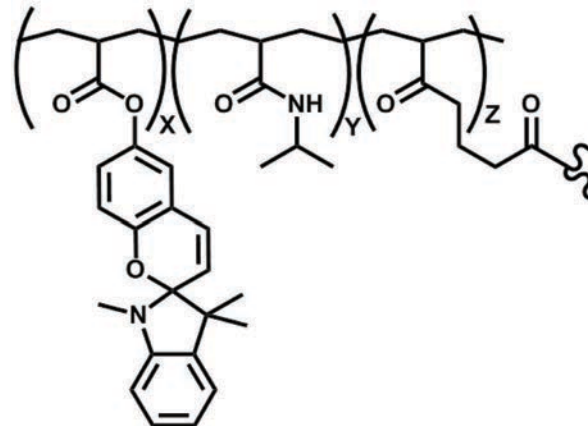
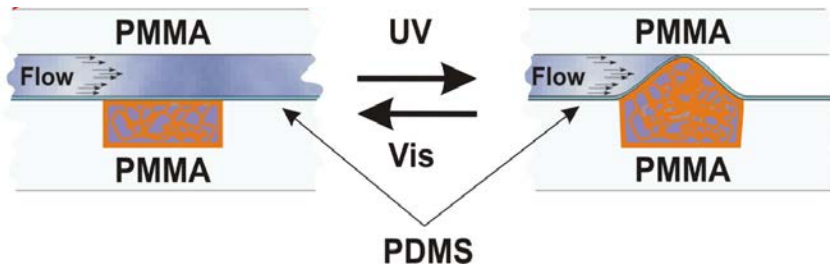
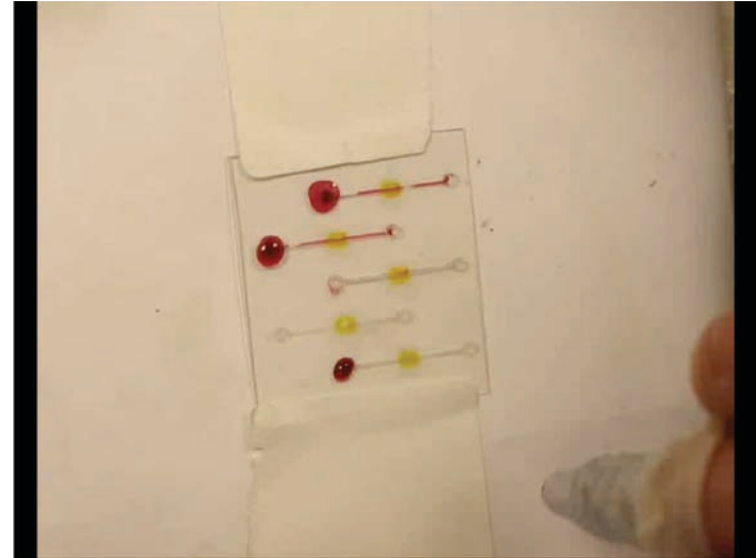
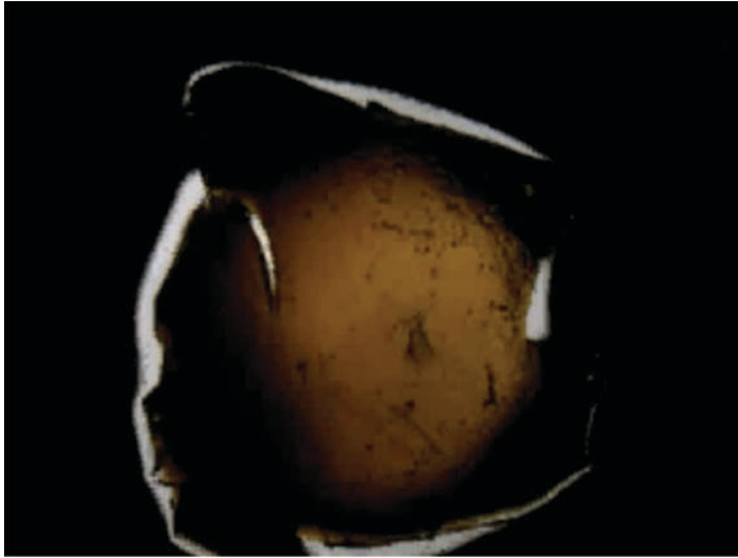




Photo-actuator polymers as microvalves in microfluidic systems

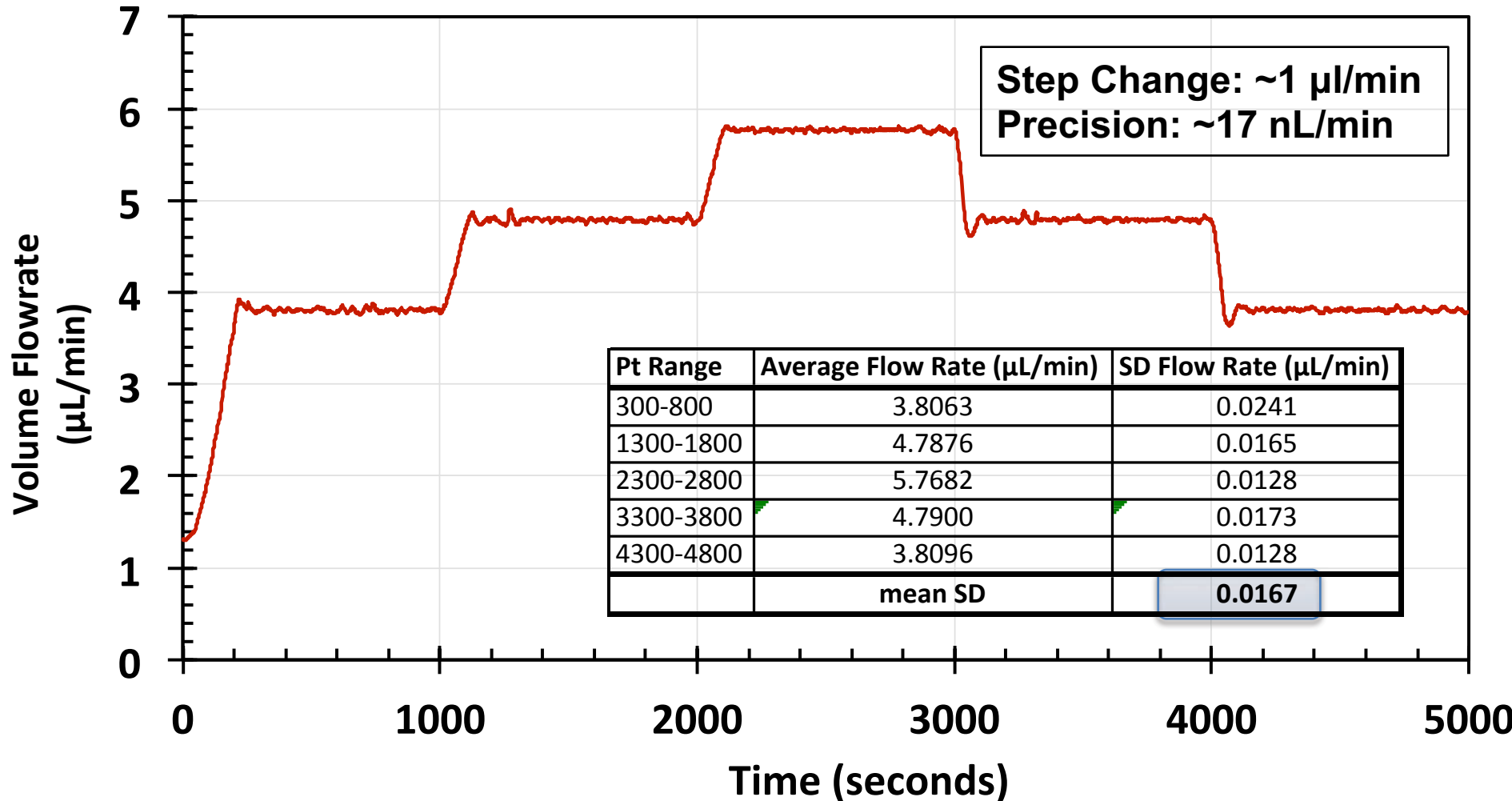


trihexyltetradecylphosphonium dicyanoamide $[\text{P}_{6,6,6,14}]^+[\text{dca}]^-$

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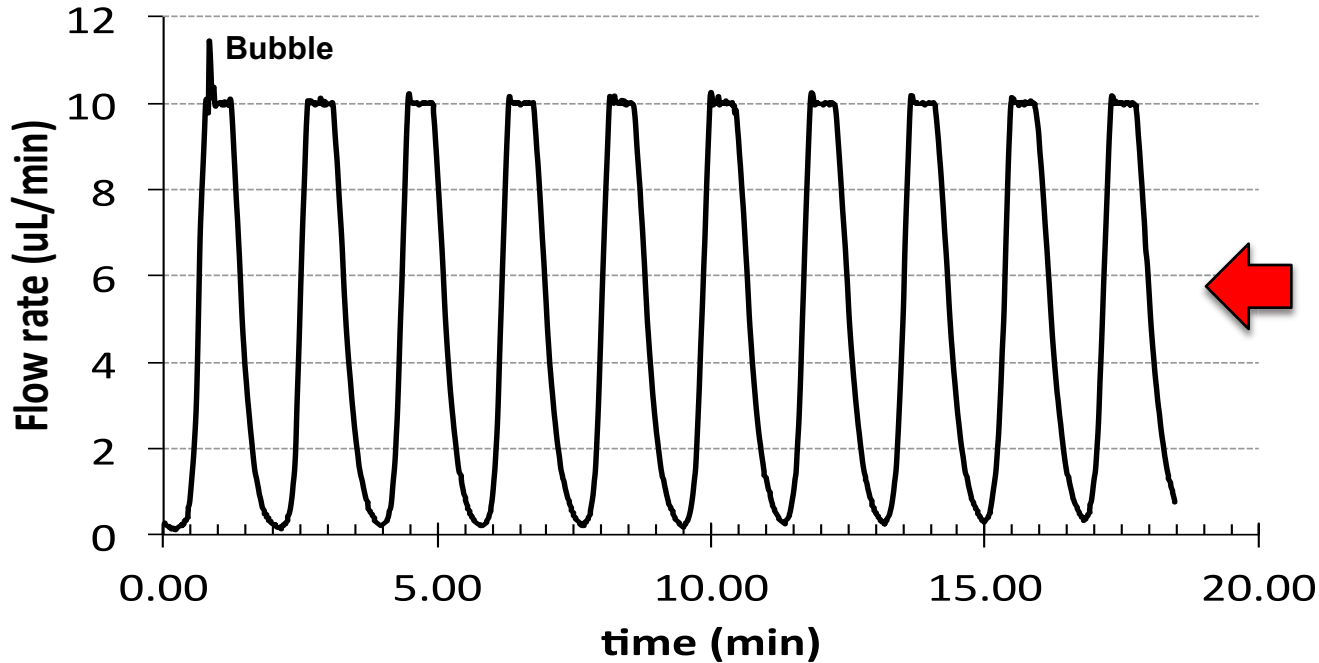
Photo-Controlled Flow Rate



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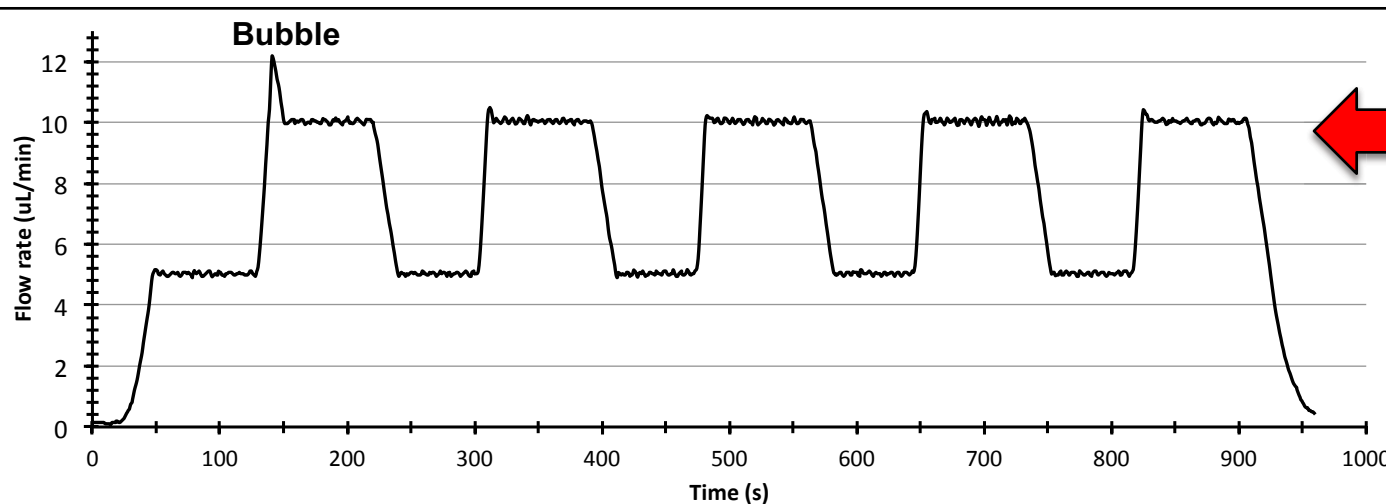
Some figures of merit



**Switching 0.0-10.0 $\mu\text{L}/\text{min}$
n= 15 points sampled behind
the initial small overshoot**

Averages (n=10)

mean	10.0028
Mean SD	0.0323
Error Mean	0.0028
%RSD	0.3235
%RE mean	0.0279



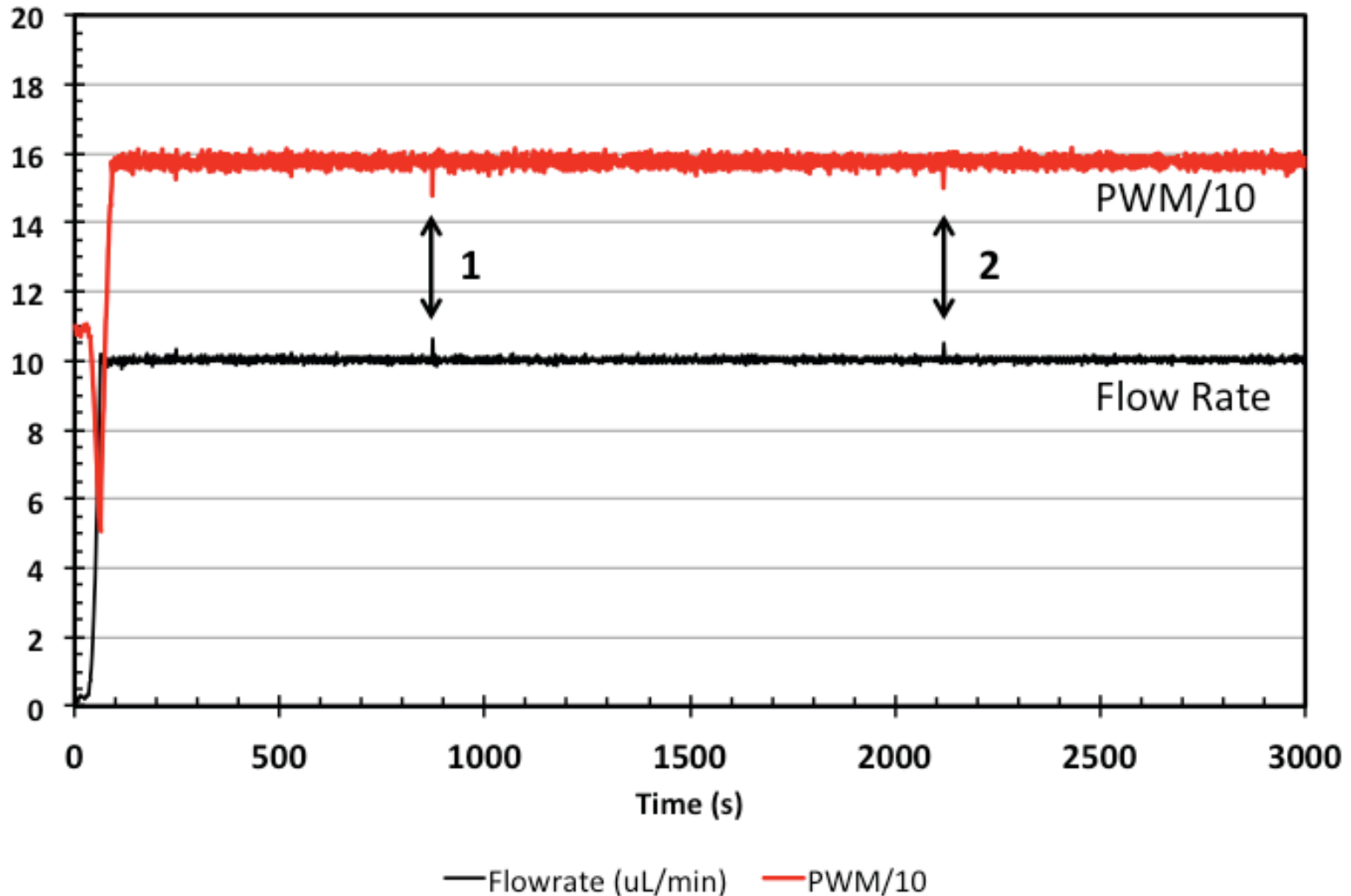
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n= 30 points sampled**

Mean %RE (5=true)	0.780
Mean %RE (5.039=true)	0.098
Average of mean	5.039
SD Mean	0.006
%RSD	0.120
Mean %RE (10=true)	0.372
Mean %RE (10.037=true)	0.102
Average of mean	10.037
SD Mean	0.012
%RSD	0.124





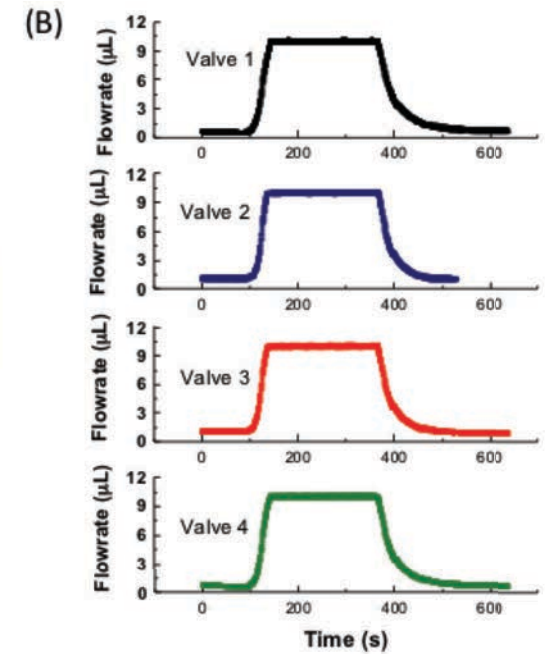
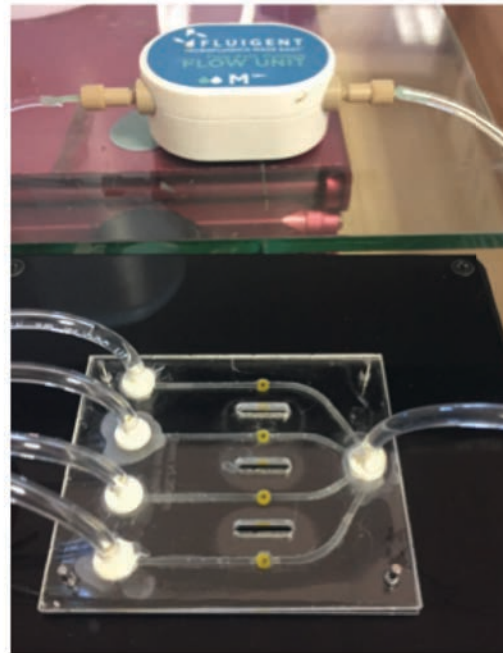
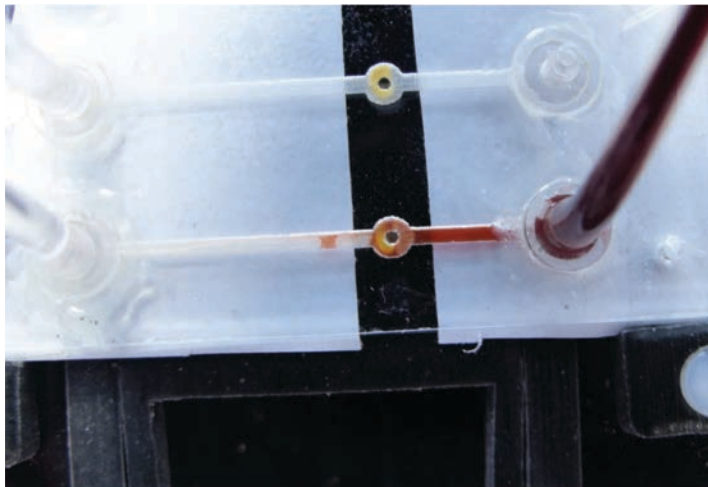
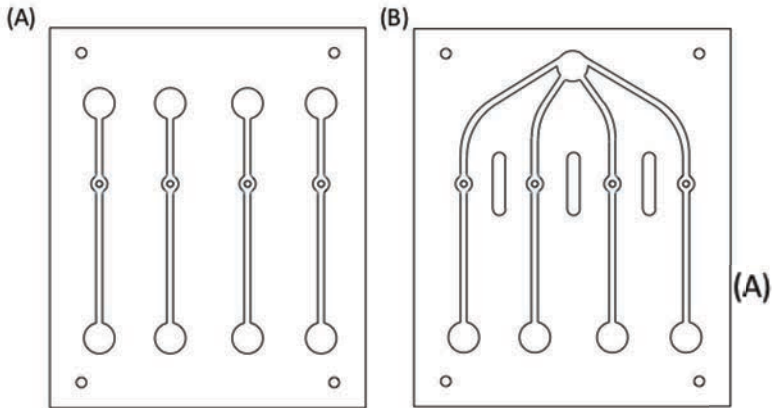
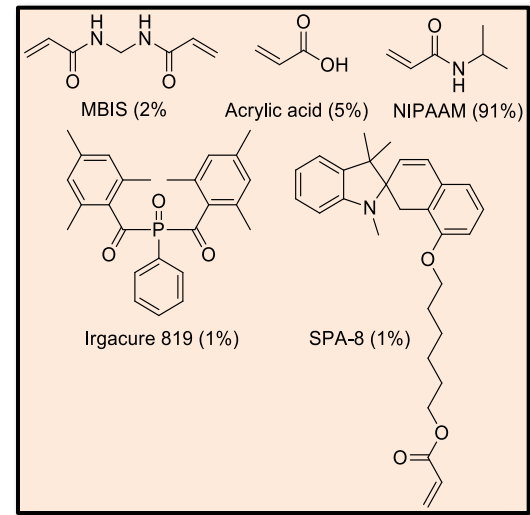
Power Supply to LED



Over a period of 50 min constant maintenance of 10 $\mu\text{L}/\text{min}$ flow rate there is no discernable change in LED power \rightarrow diagnostic information



Multiplexing: Valve Arrays





Photocontrol of Assembly and Subsequent Switching of Surface Features



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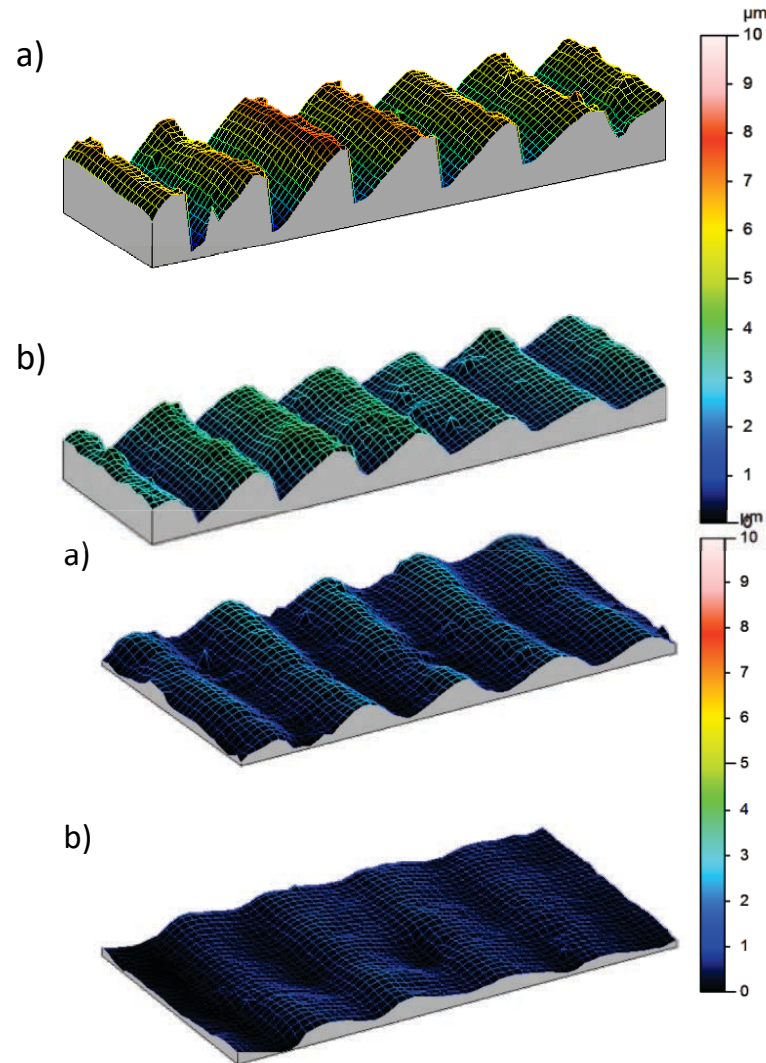
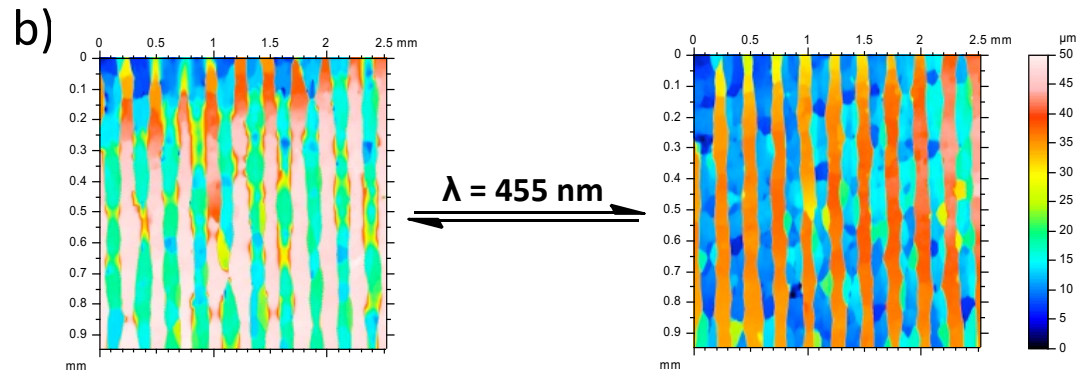
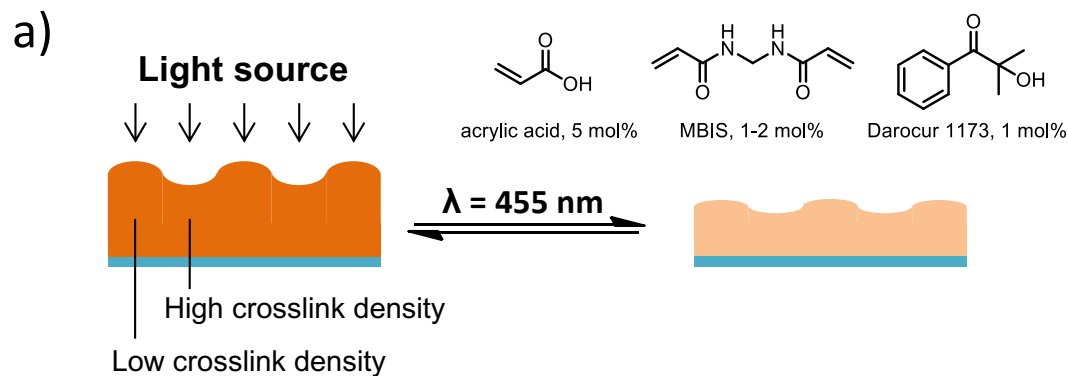
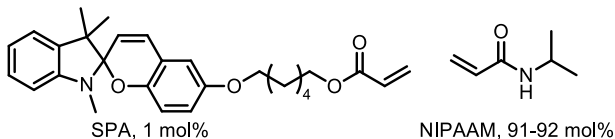
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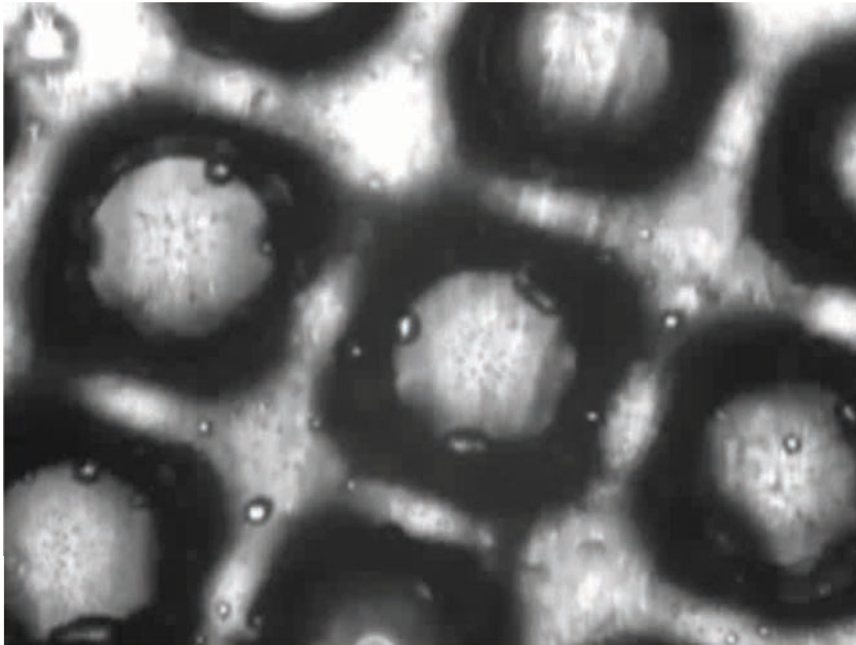
Photoswitchable Ratchet Surface Topographies Based on Self-Protonating Spiropyran–NIPAAm Hydrogels

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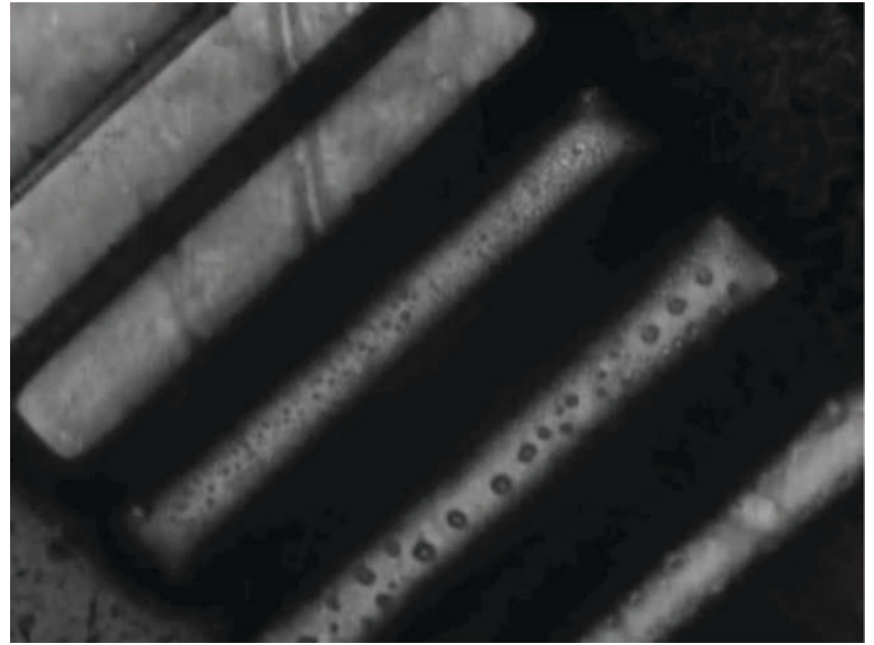




Flexible creation of μ -dimensioned features in flow channels using in-situ photo-polymerisation



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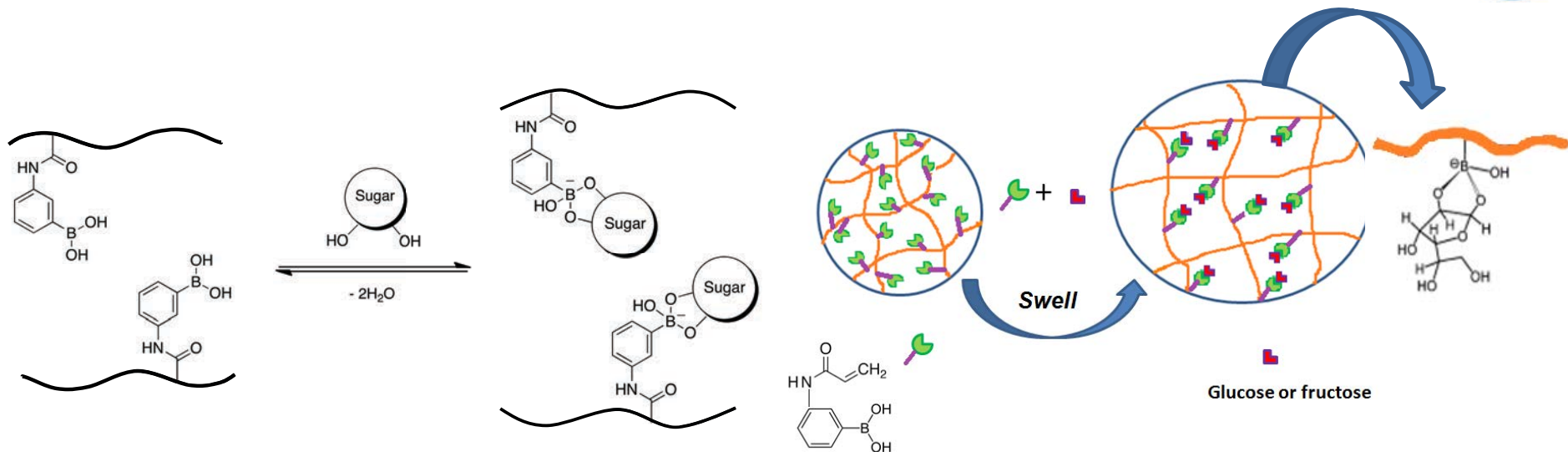
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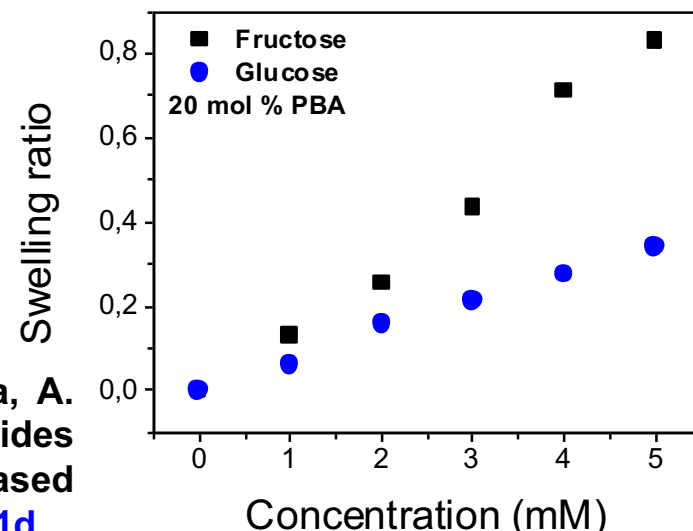
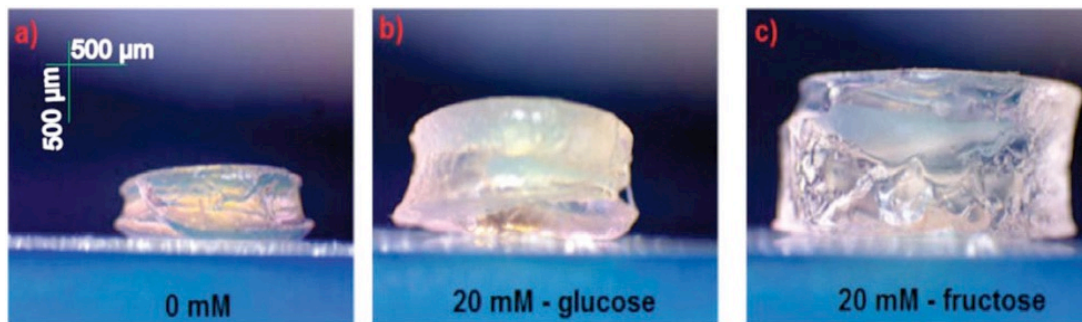
Binding behavior can also be modulated using light



Sugar-Responsive Soft Hydrogels



Acrylamide-co-PBA Polymer

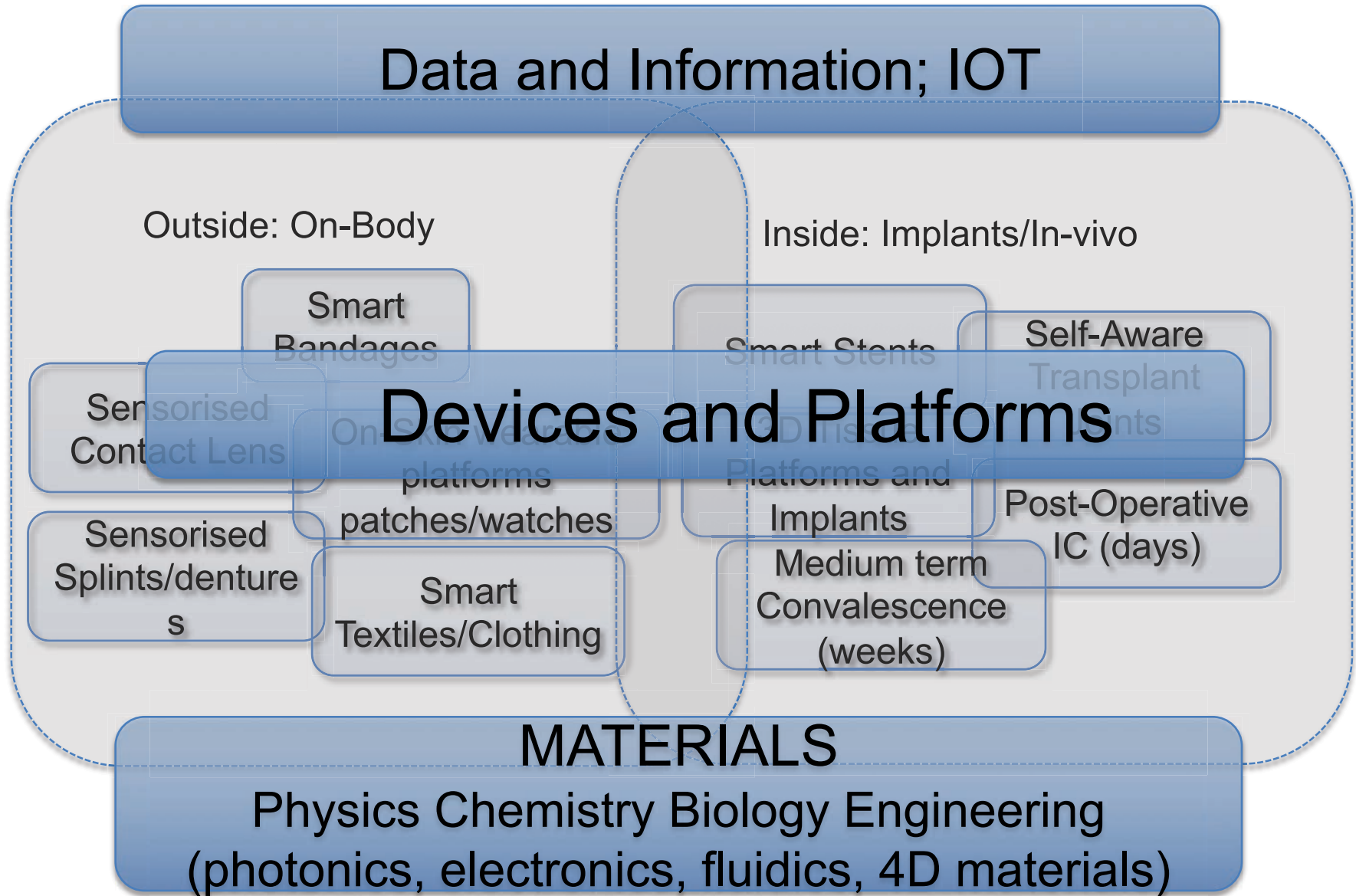


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