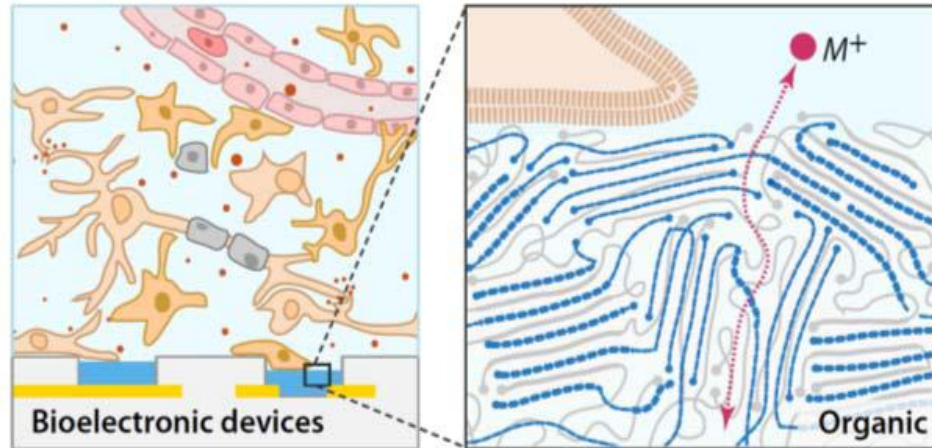


# Novel concepts for biosensors: focus on OECT



Organic electronics at the interface with biology

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# Outline

## ■ Part I:

- Why do we want to interface with biology?
- Why use organic electronic materials for interfacing with biological systems?
- What are the levels of complexity of biological systems?
  - Examples of biorecognition elements showcasing interface with organic electronics

## ■ Part II:

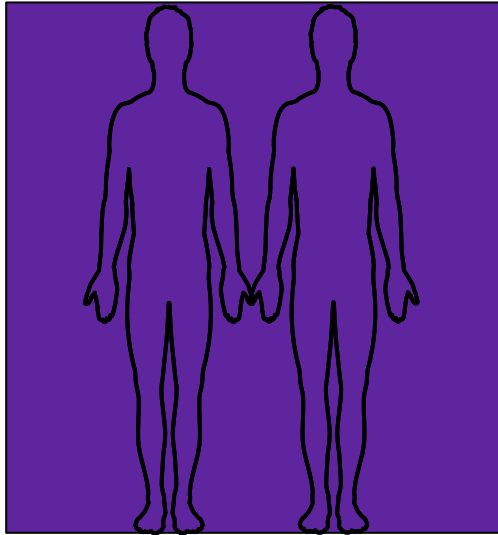
- Organic bioelectronics for tissue monitoring

## ■ Future perspectives



# Why do we want to interface with biology?

# Reasons for interfacing with biology



*Health*




*The Environment*

**Fundamentals**

**Diagnostics**

**Treatment**



# Why use organic electronic materials for interfacing with biological systems?

# Why do we want to do electronic monitoring

- **Electronic monitoring provides continuous, dynamic readouts**
- **Can be compatible with optical imaging if necessary**
  - Organic electronic materials can be transparent
- **Electronic monitoring is label free – doesn't rely on chromophores or labels necessary for optical techniques**
  - Can be very sensitive, yielding results beyond optical resolution of Ernst Abbe

# Traditional applications for organic electronics

## Light emitting diodes



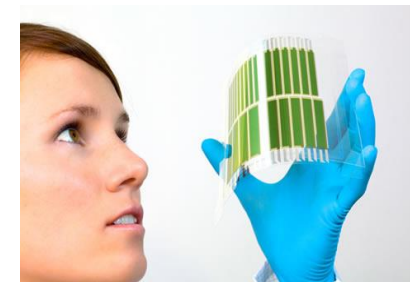
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## Thin film transistors



DuPont

## Photovoltaics



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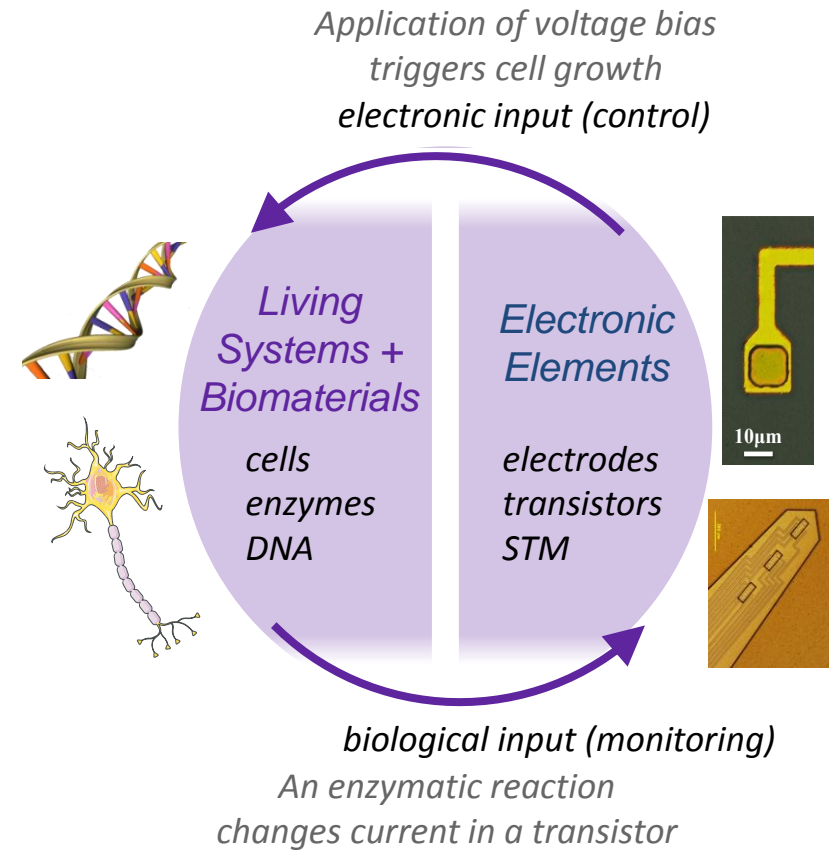
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# Organic electronics offer unique opportunities

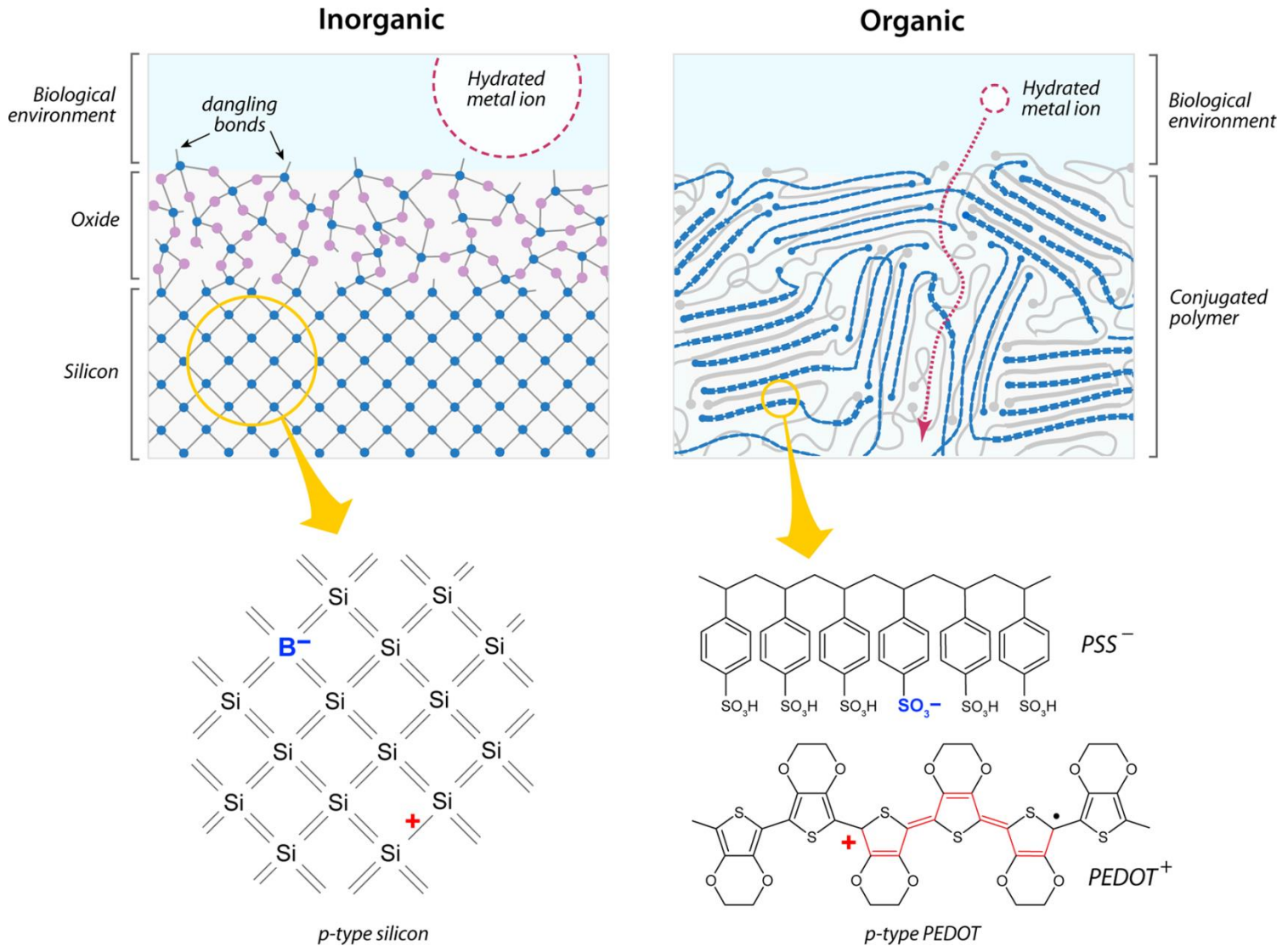
- **Mechanical Properties:** *Similar to tissue, improved implant stability*
- **Ideal surfaces/interfaces:** *high sensitivity, low noise*
- **Ionic conductivity:** *electrical interfacing with biological systems*
- **Processing:** *low cost fabrication, disposable devices*
- **Tunability of electronic properties:** *tailor for specific applications*



**Organic electronic materials provide a new toolbox for interfacing with biology**



# Comparison of inorganic and organic materials

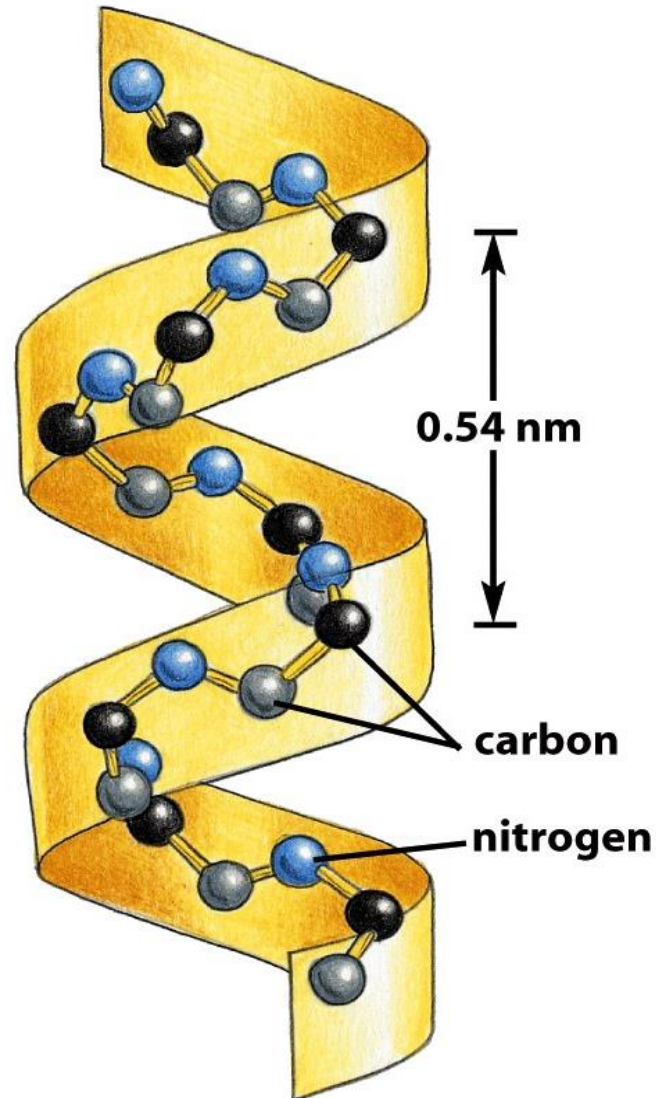
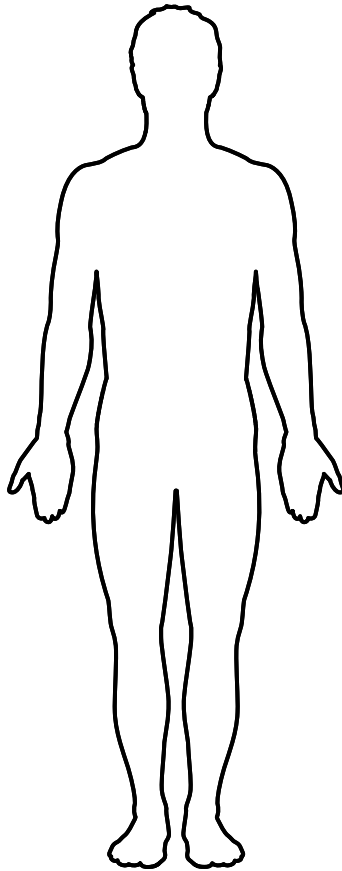




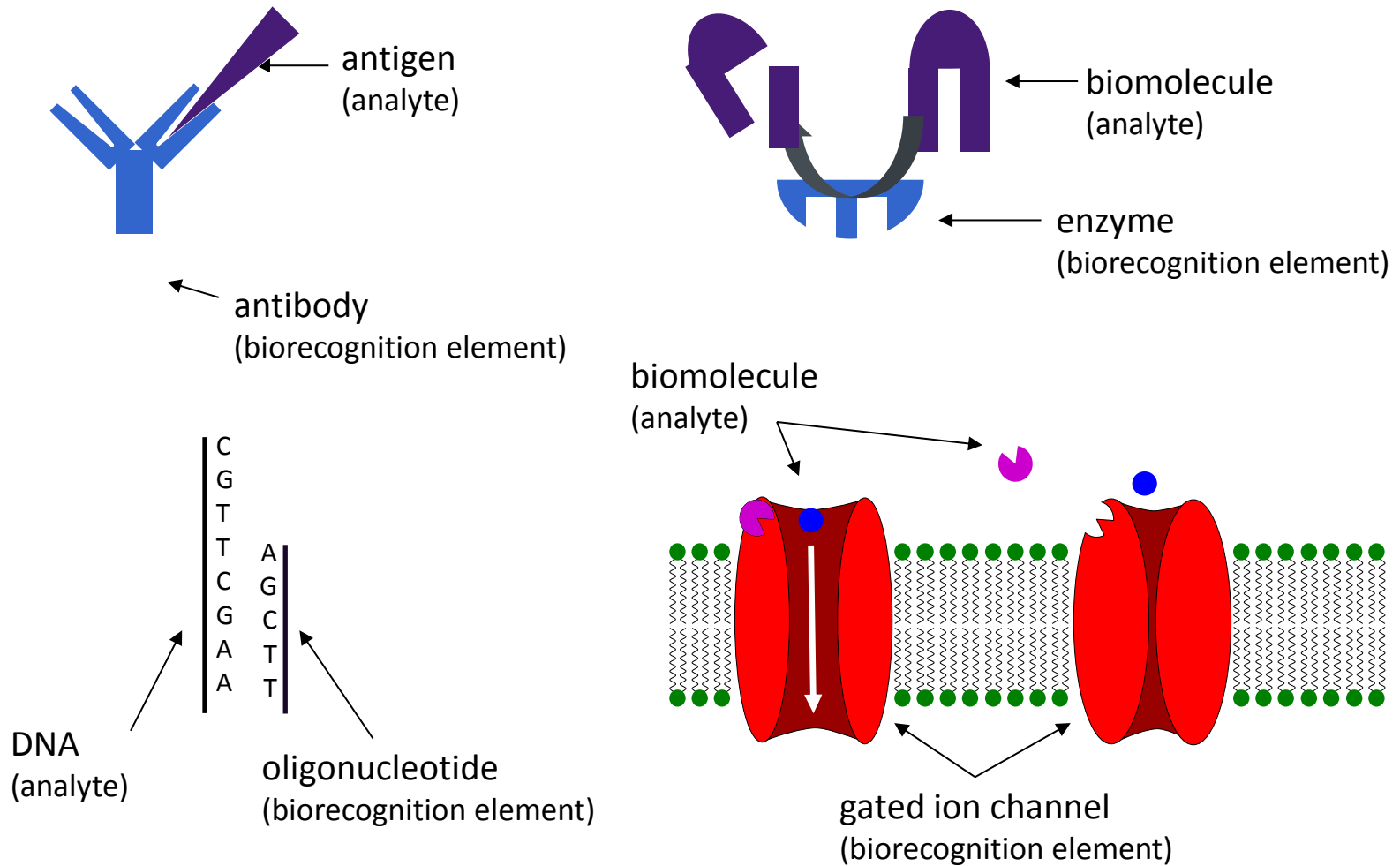
**What are the levels of complexity of  
biological systems?**

**On what level can we integrate organic  
electronics to biological systems?**

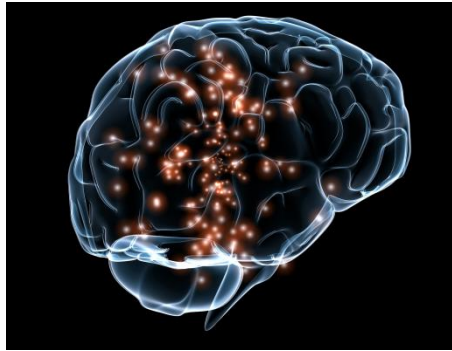
# Levels of organisation in animal physiology



# Biorecognition elements



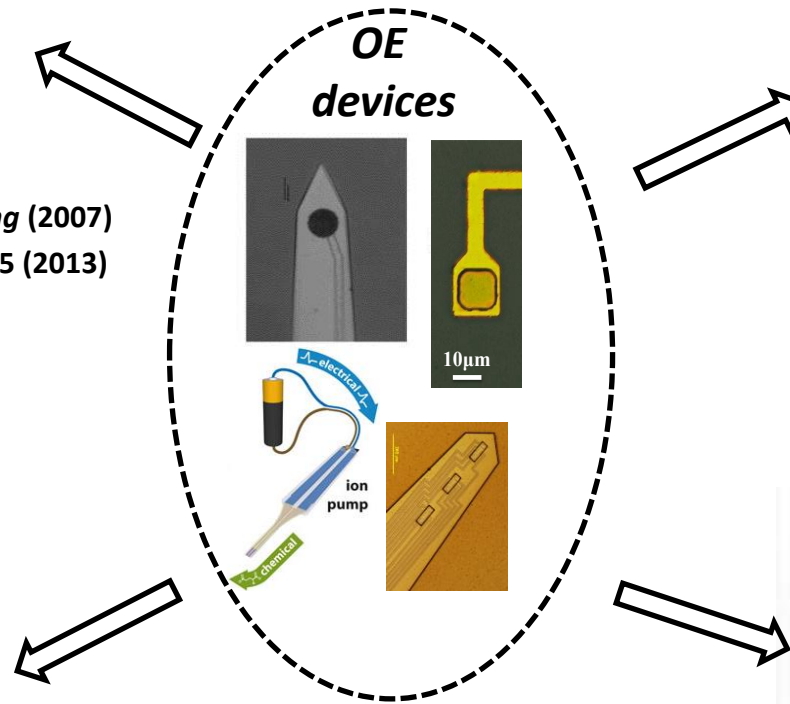
# Interfacing organic electronics with organs



Kim et al, *Frontiers in Neuroengineering* (2007)  
Khodagholy et al, *Nature comm*; 4, 1575 (2013)



Leleux et al, *AHM*; (2014)  
Campana et al, *Adv Mat*;26 (23) (2014)



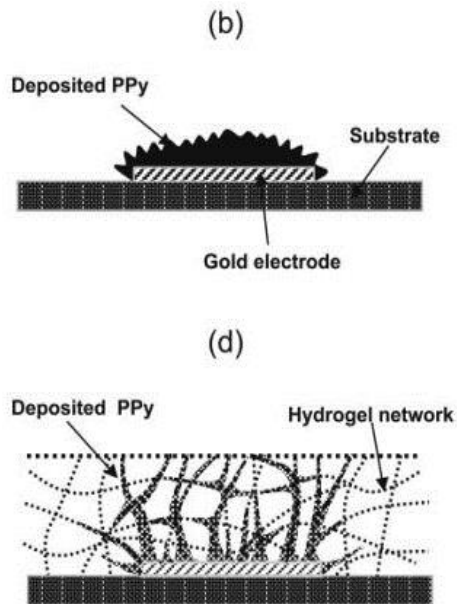
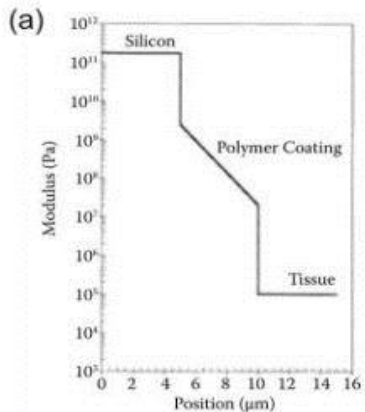
Simon et al, *Nat Materials* ; 8 (9) (2009)



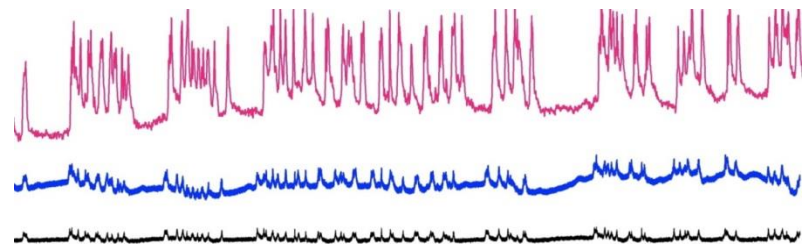
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# Improving brain: electrode interface with CPs

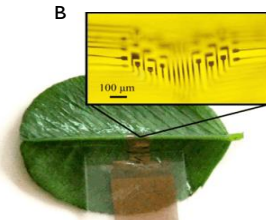
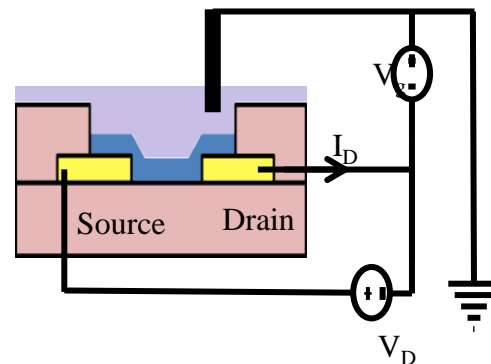
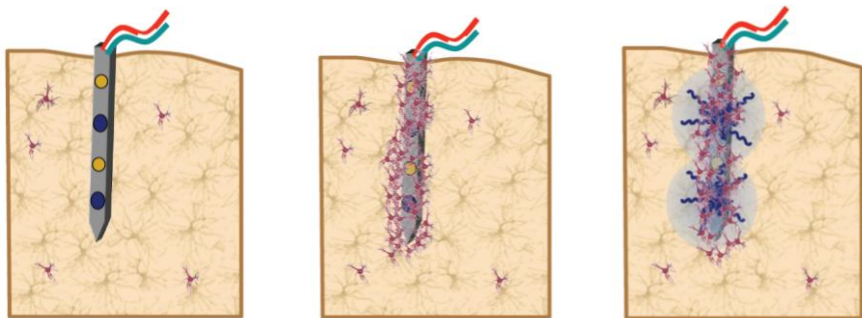
**Better mechanical matching**



**Improved signal transduction**



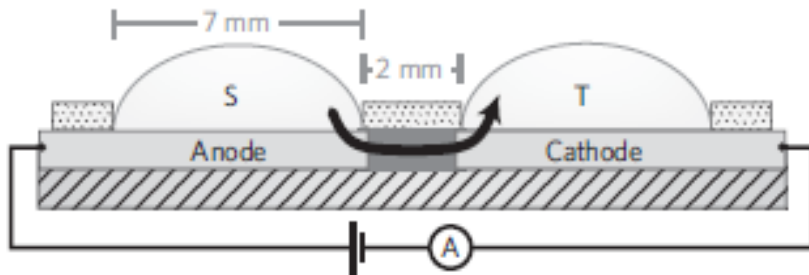
**OEET: more sensitive, less invasive**



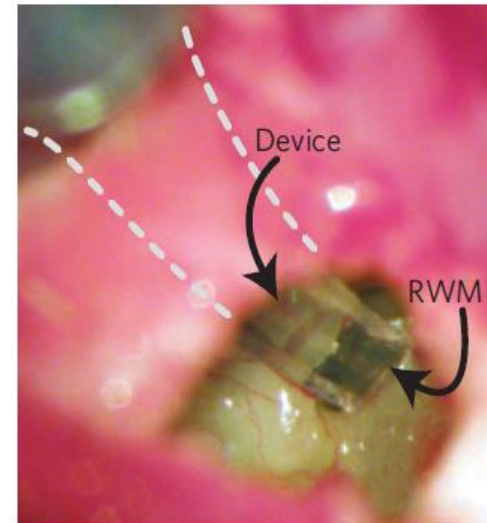
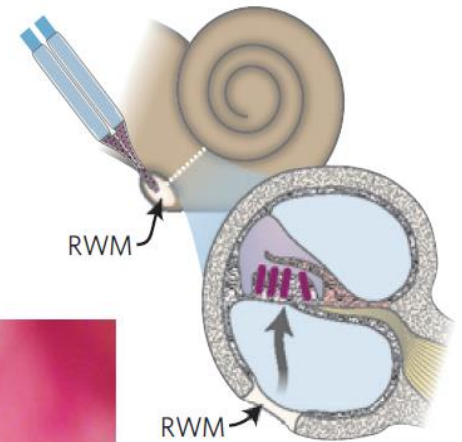
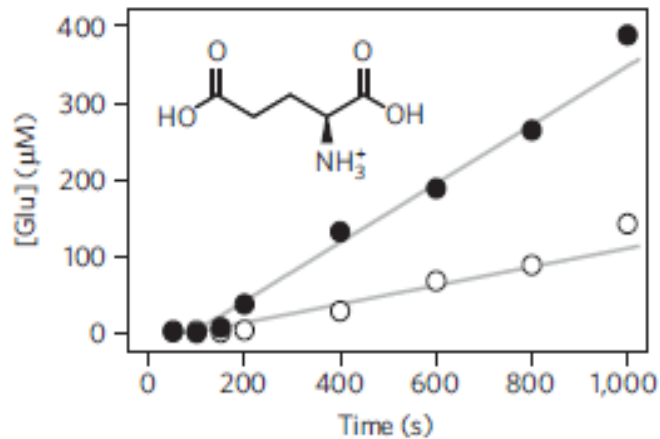
Kim et al, *Frontiers in Neuroengineering* (2007)

# Delivery of neurotransmitters with organic ions pumps

## Spatial control of delivery



- Hydrophobic encapsulation (10  $\mu\text{m}$  thick)
- PEDOT:PSS (250 nm thick)
- Over-oxidized PEDOT:PSS channel (250 nm thick)
- PET substrate (-150  $\mu\text{m}$  thick)



Simon et al, Nat Materials ; 8 (9) (2009)

# Interfacing organic electronics with tissues/cells

## Four types of tissue in animals

## Over 200 types of cells

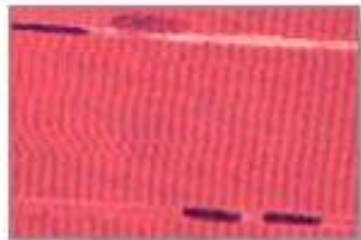
### Four types of tissue



Connective tissue



Epithelial tissue



Muscle tissue



Nervous tissue

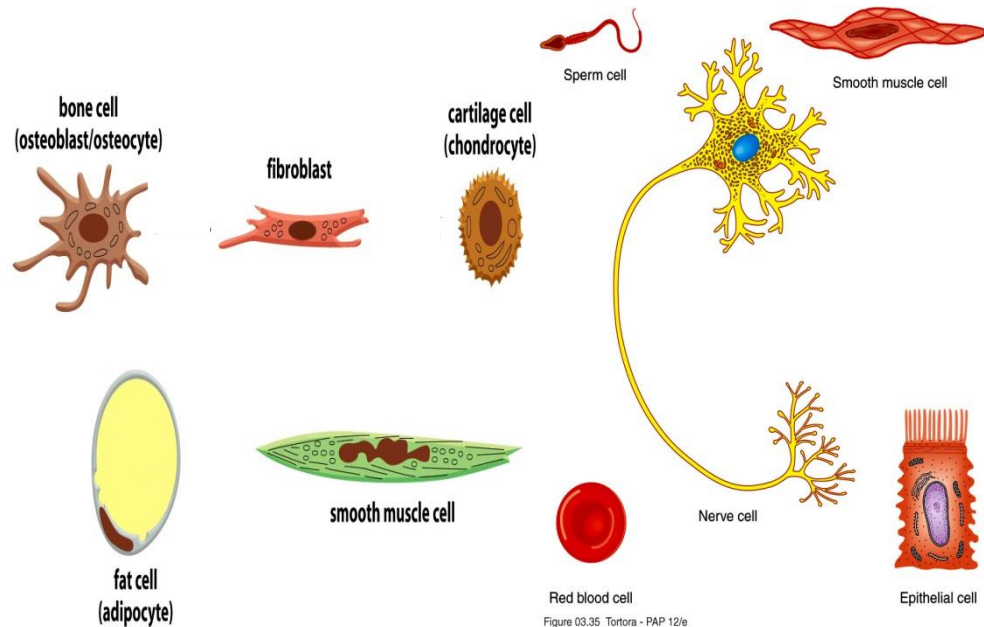
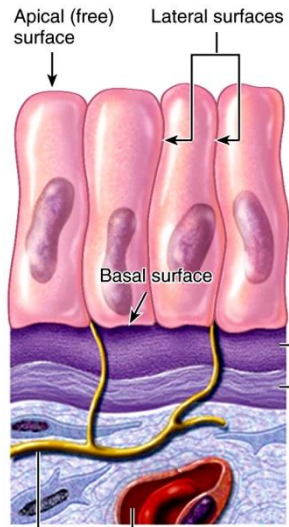


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# Interfacing organic electronics with tissue/cells



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Jimison, L.H., et al. *Adv Mat* 24 (44) 2012

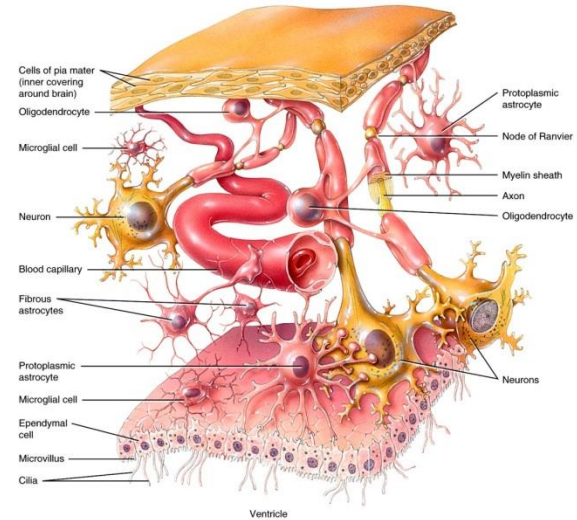
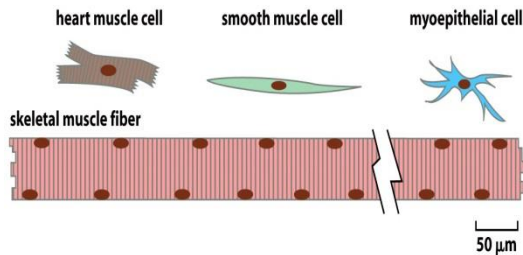
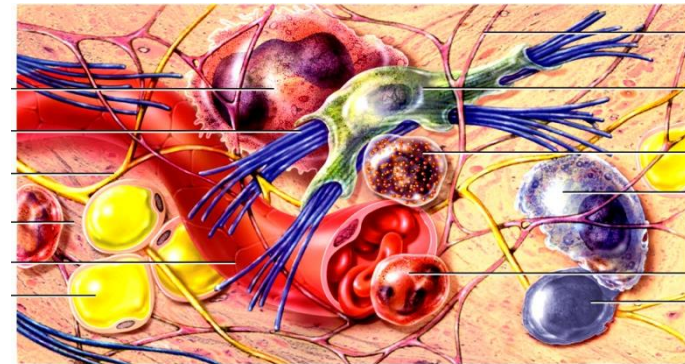


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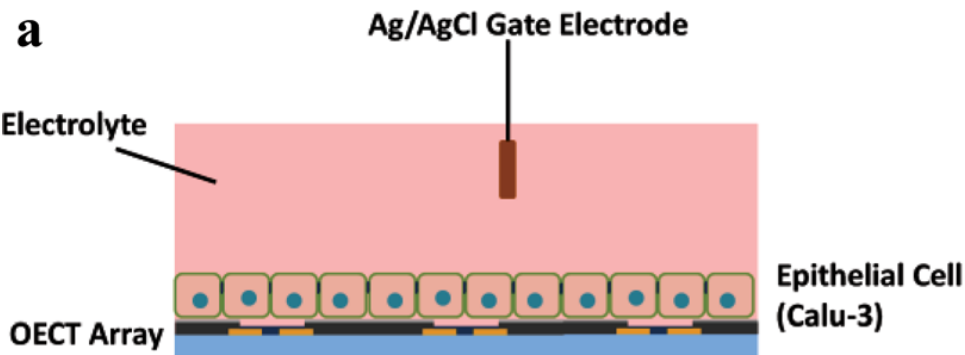
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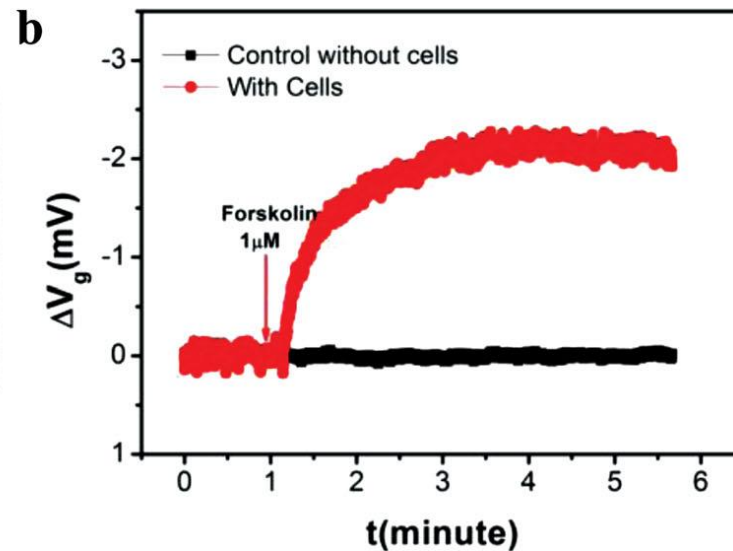
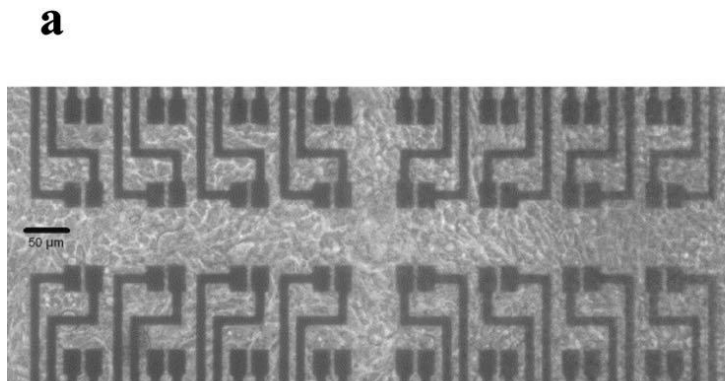
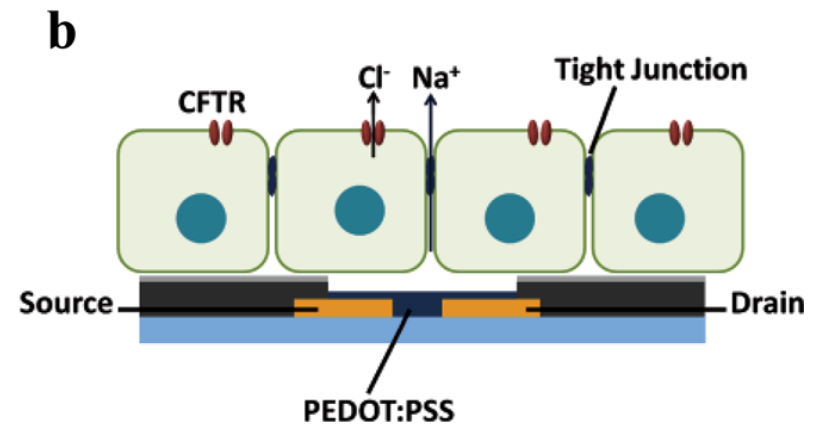
# Interfacing with epithelial tissue: OECTs

*Improved signal transduction*



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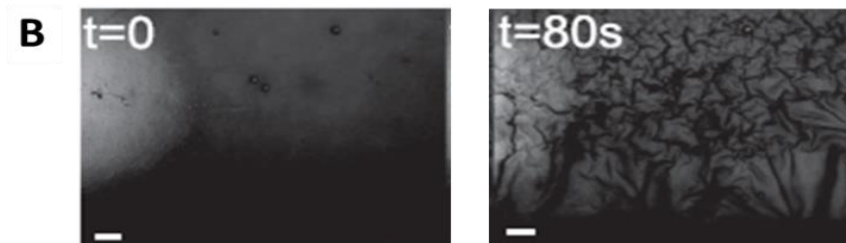
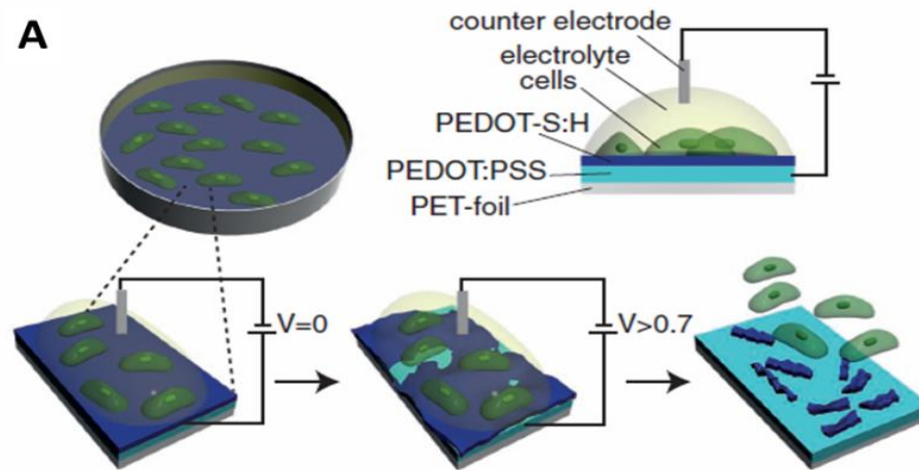
*in vitro* model for the lung



Yao et al, *Adv Mater* (2013)

# Organic electronic materials designed for function

*Tunable chemistry*



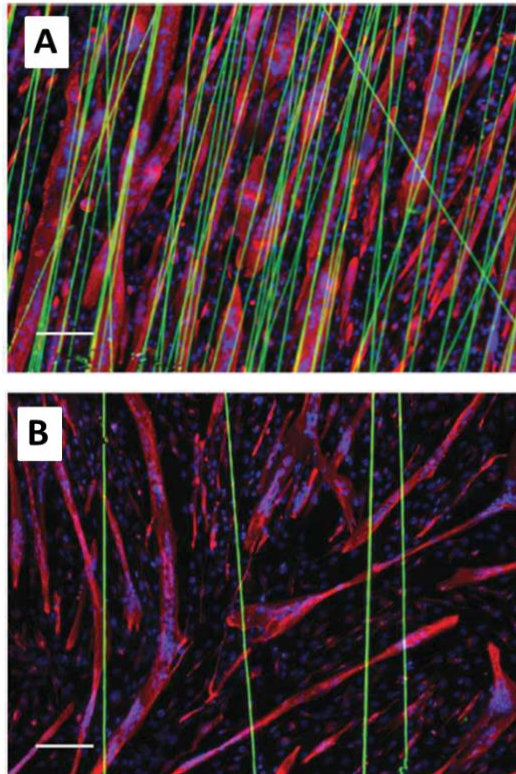
*OE material provides advantage for tissue engineering*

Persson *et al*, *Adv Mater* (2011)

# Controlling cell migration/proliferation with OE

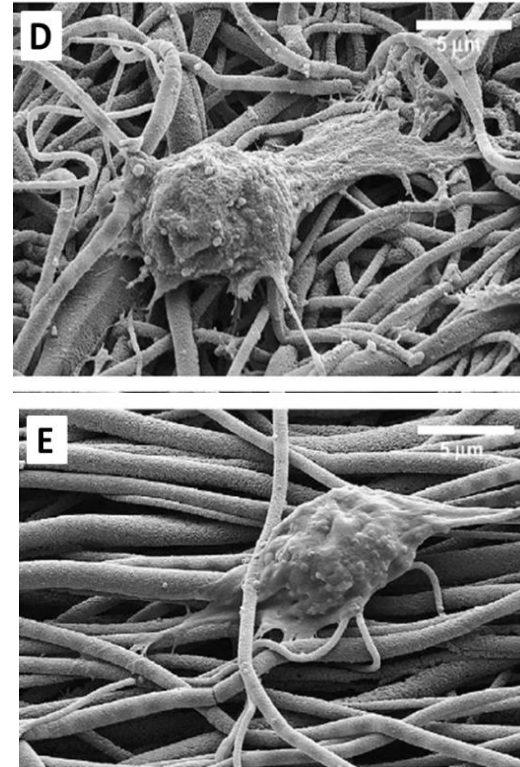
***Tunable chemistry; mixed ionic/electronic signals***

Muscle cells



Breukers *et al*, *J. Bio. Mat Res Part A* (2010)

Neurons

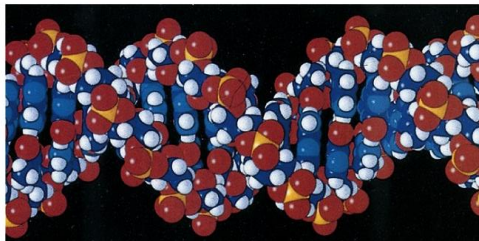


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***OE materials combine topographical and electrical stimuli***

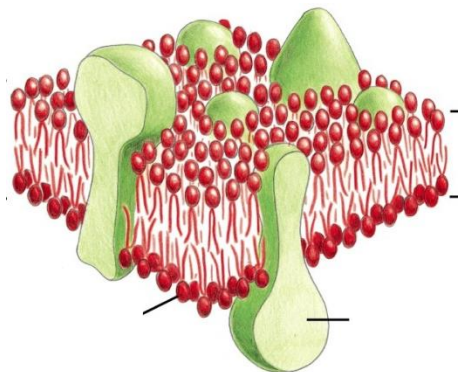
# Integration at the level of macromolecules

## Nucleic acid



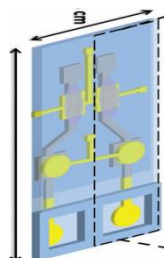
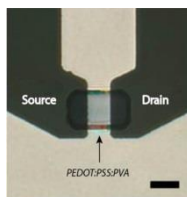
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Lin *et al*, *Adv Mat* 23 (2011)

## Lipids



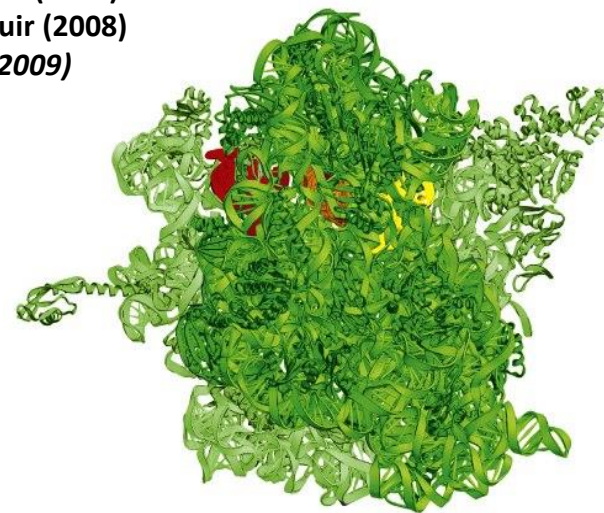
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## OE devices

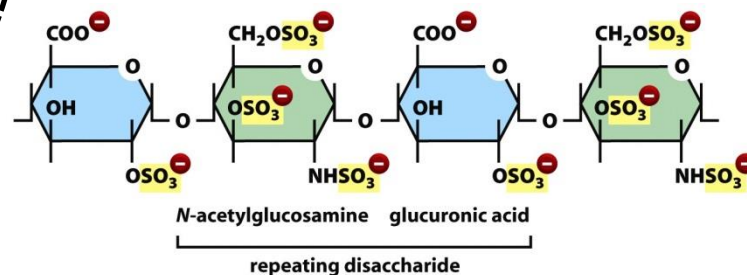


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## Proteins



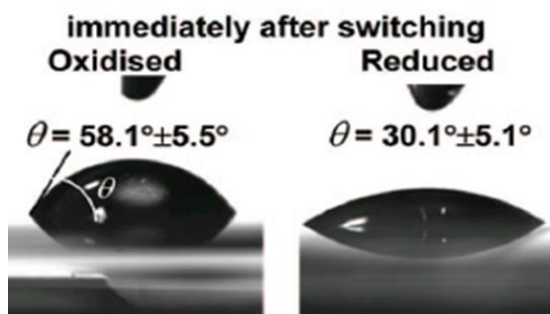
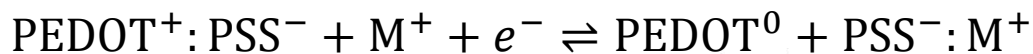
## Polysaccharides



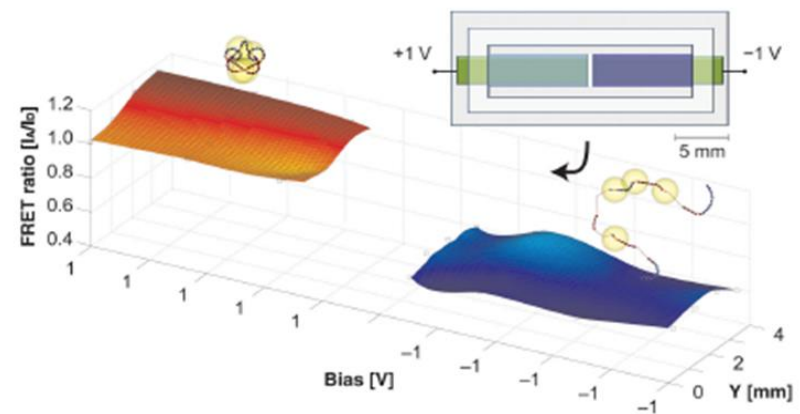
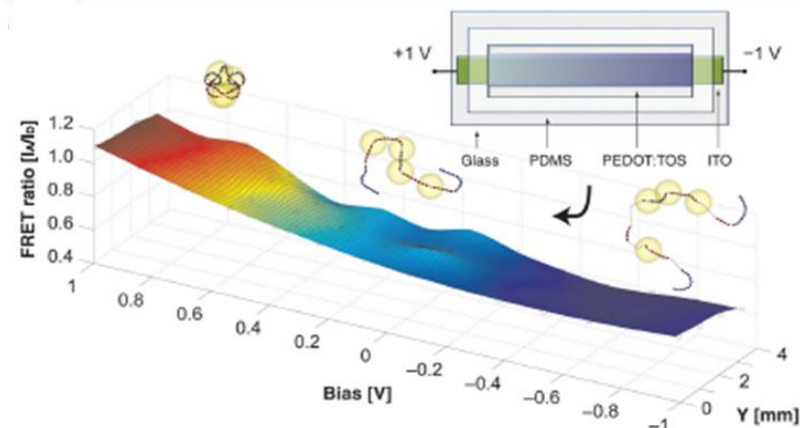
Irimia Vladu *et al* *Adv F Mat* 23 (2010)  
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# Electrical control of protein conformation with OE devices

*Tunable chemistry; mixed ionic/electronic signals*

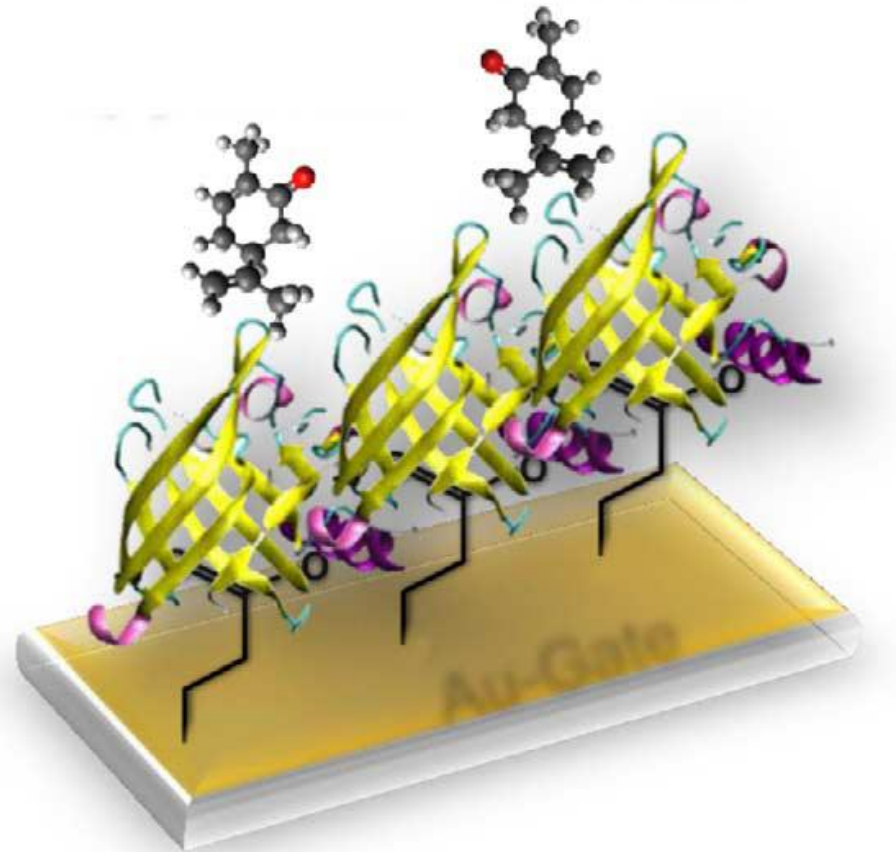
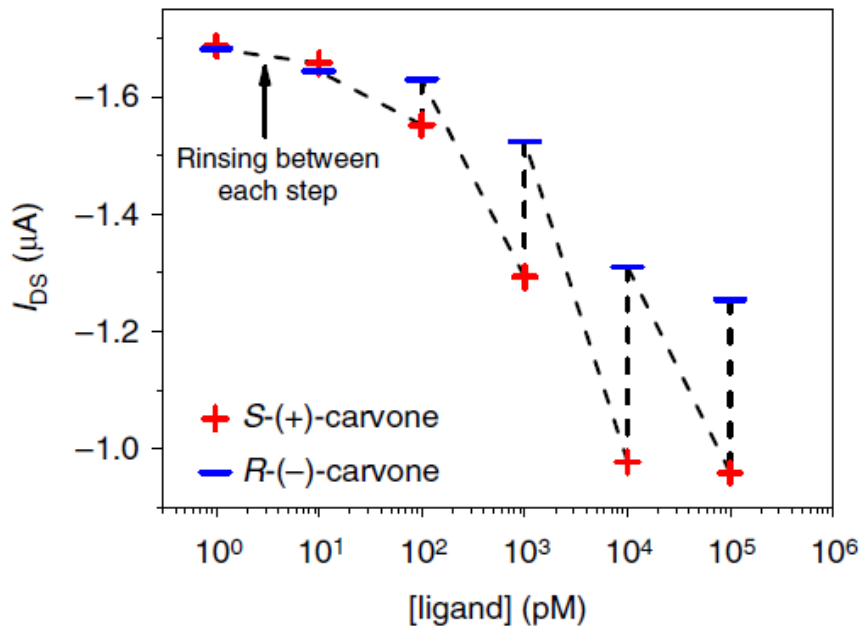


Salto *et al*, *Langmuir* (2008)



Wan *et al*, *Adv Mat* (2011)

# Integration of organic electronics with proteins



***Detection of noncharged molecules and discrimination between enantiomers possible***

Torsi et al, *Nat Comm* 2015

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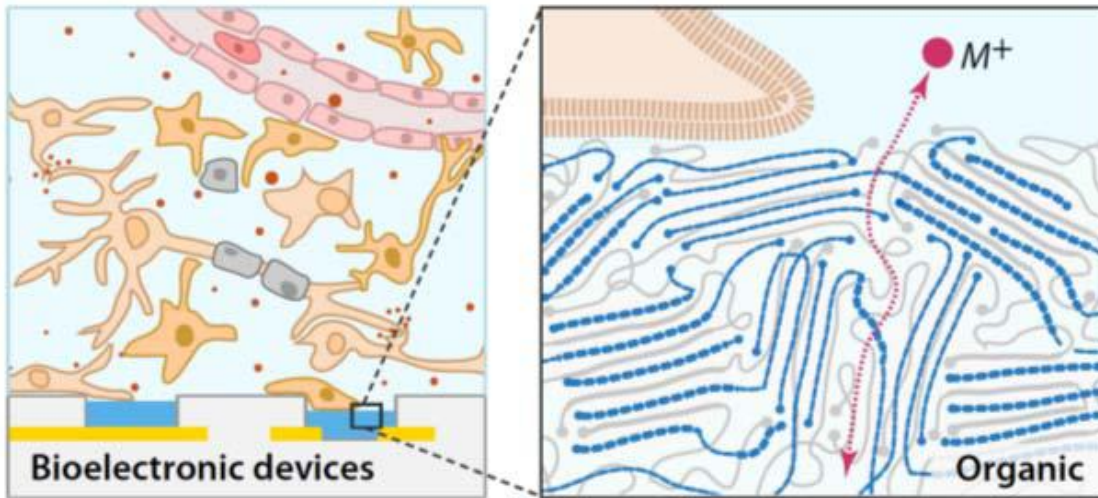
## ■ Part II:

- The Organic electrochemical transistor for biomedical applications

## ■ Future perspectives

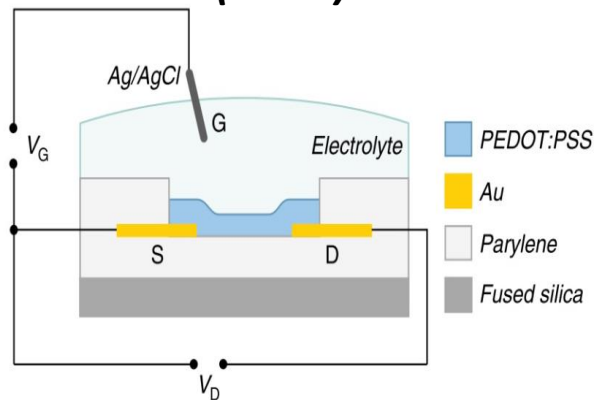


# Interfacing organic electronic devices with biology:

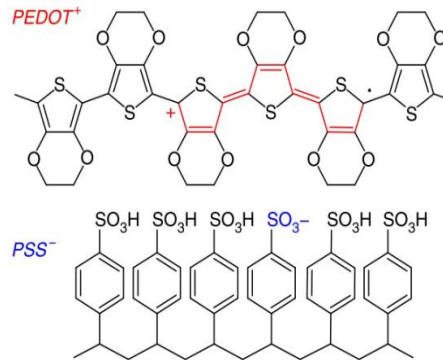


- **Mixed conductivity:** *signal transduction*
- **Processing:** *disposable devices*
- **Mechanical Properties:** *improved stability, flexible, hydrogel-like*
- **Chemistry:** *application specific*
- **Ideal interfaces:** *no oxides, sensitive*
- **Optical transparency:** *high res. images*

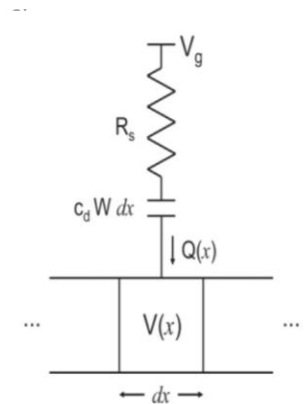
## Organic electrochemical transistor (OECT)



## PEDOT:PSS

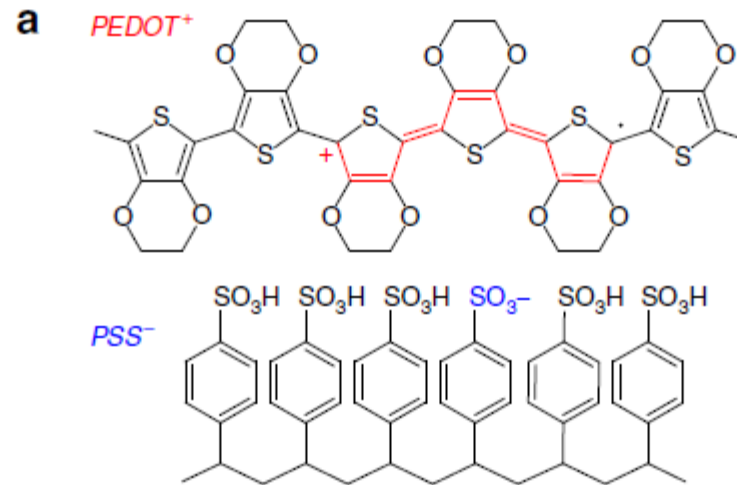


## Electronic and Ionic circuits



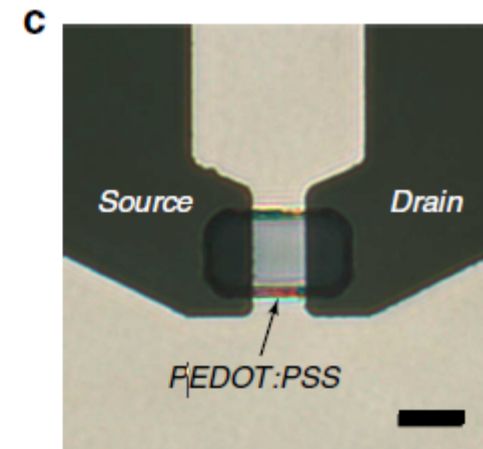
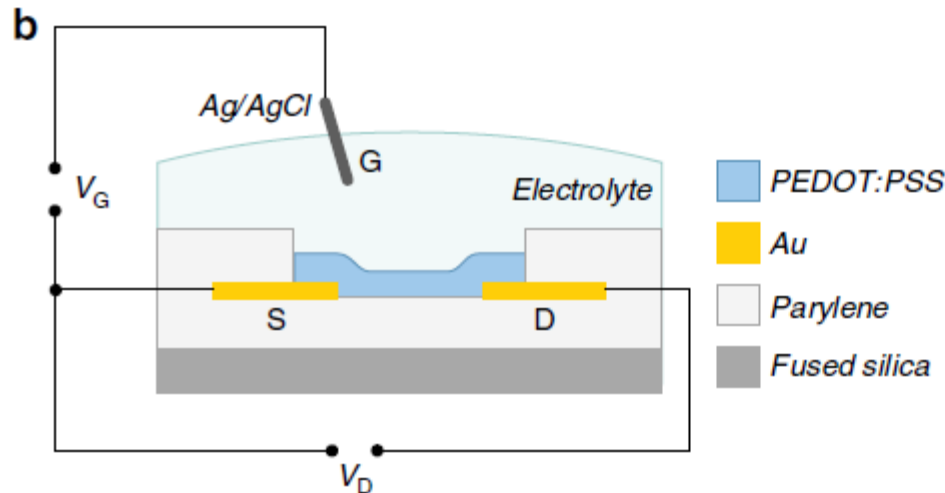
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# The Organic Electrochemical Transistor (OECT)

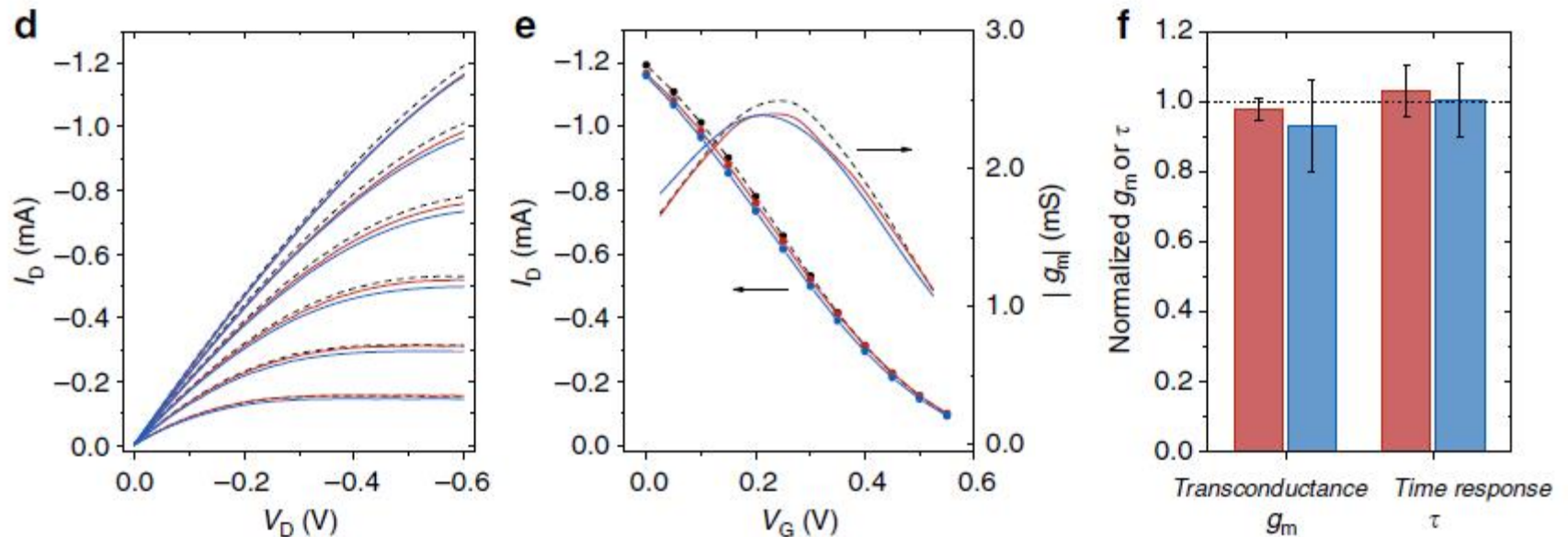
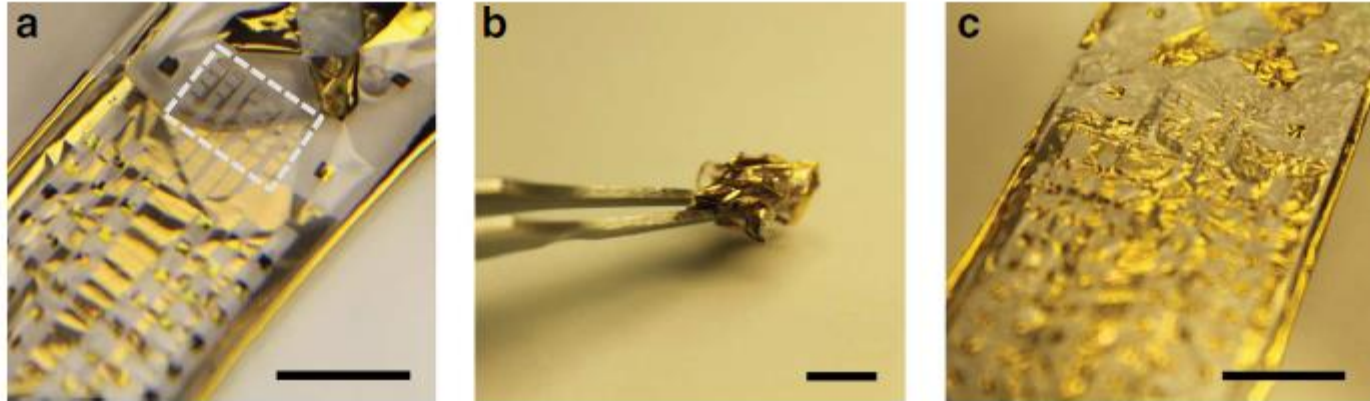


$$g_m = \frac{\partial I_{DS}}{\partial V_{GS}}$$

PEDOT:PSS = 4.2 mS  
 Graphene = 0.420 mS  
 Silicon = 0.015 mS

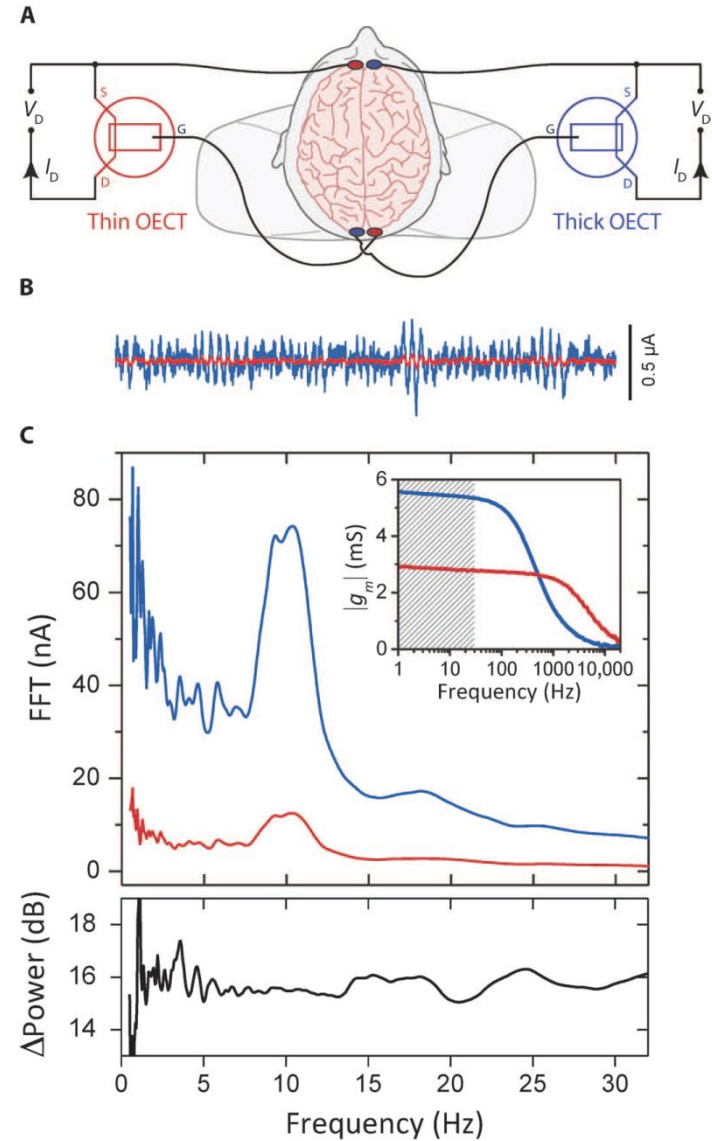
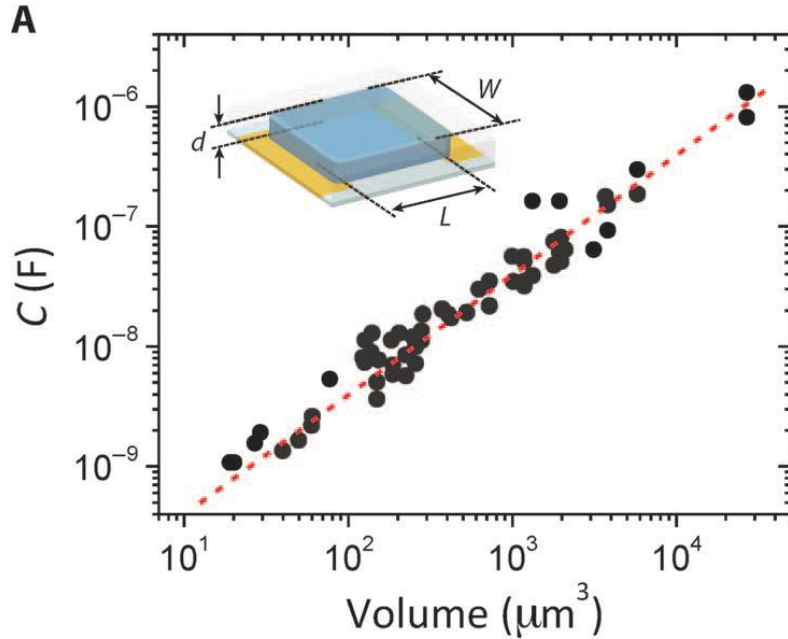


# Rugged, high transconductance devices



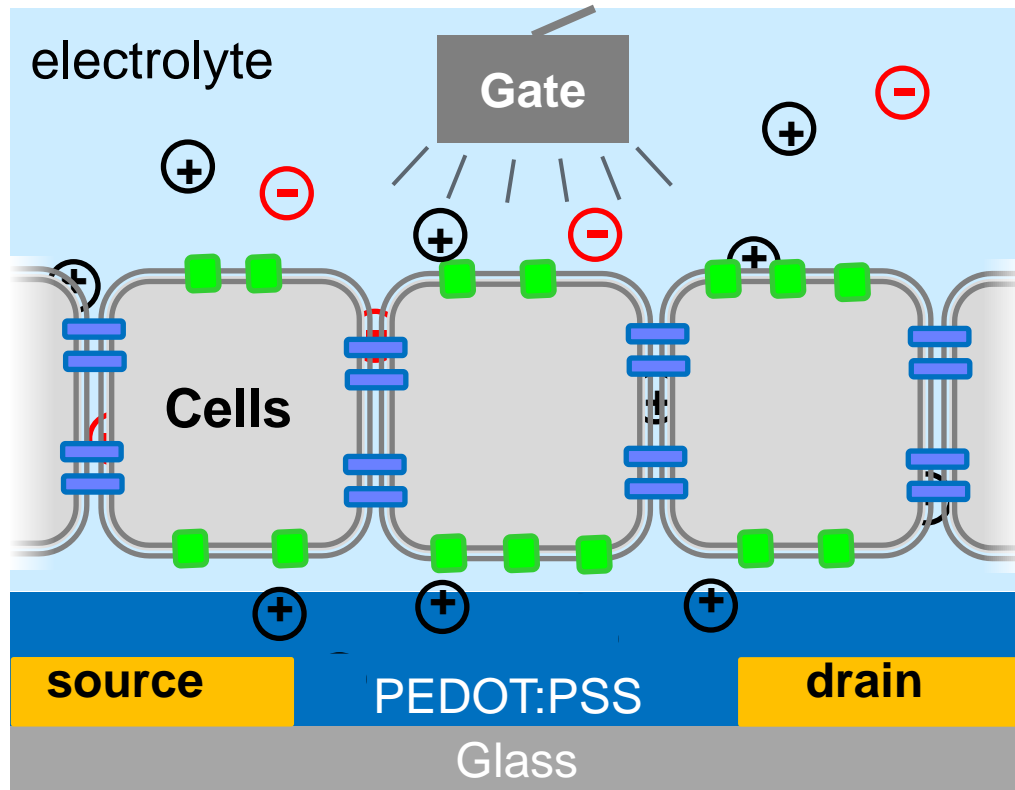
Rivnay et al, Nature Communications (2013)

# OECTs display volumetric capacitance



Rivnay *et al*, *Science Advances* (2015)

# OECT application 1: Interfacing with live cells



- *Integrated, robust device platform*
- *Fast response times*
- *Dynamic information captured*
- *Transparent for real time optical monitoring*



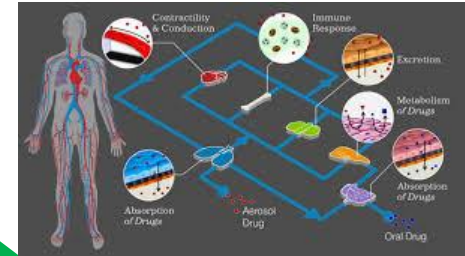
*Optical/fluorescence imaging*

L.H. Jimison, et al., Adv. Mater. (2012)

# Cell growth *in vitro*: monitoring should adapt

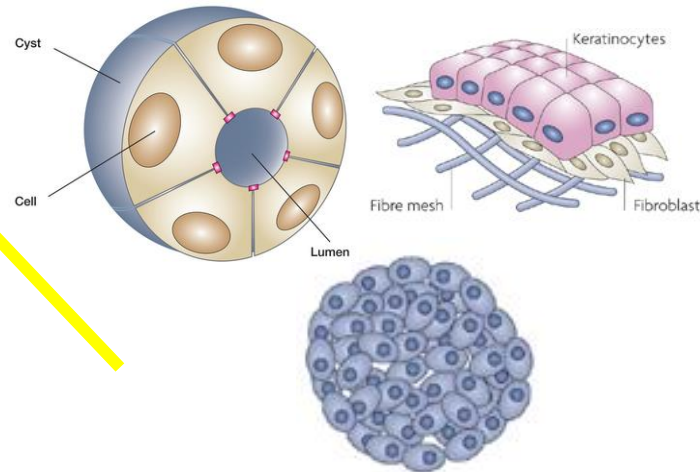
Cell culture systems should be:

- Suitable for long-term measurements
- Preferably multiple (human) cell types
- Recreate physiological niche
- Take into account physical and chemical cues
- Should be multi-parameter!!!



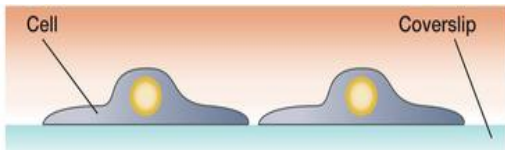
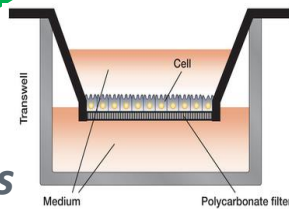
Organoids  
Organ-on-chip  
Body-on-chip

3D cell cultures

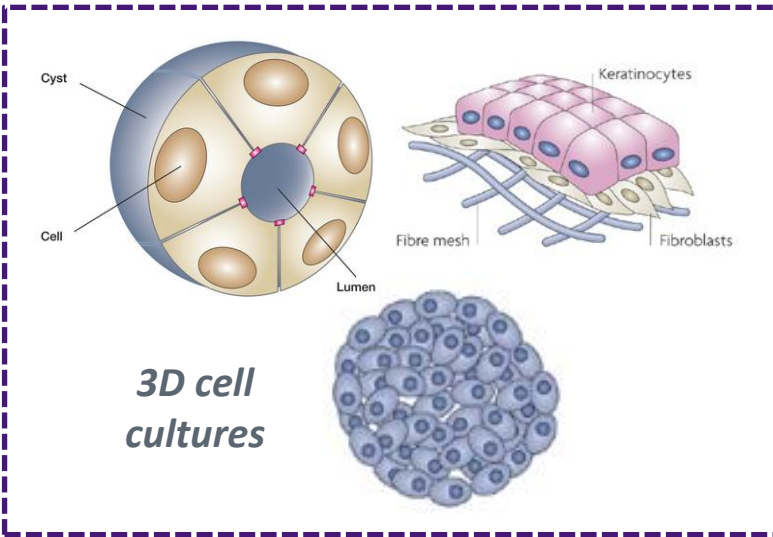


Co-cultures  
Layered cultures  
Cysts  
Spheroids

2D cell cultures



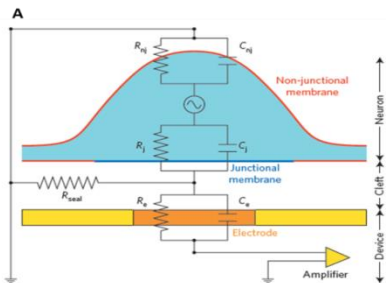
# Cells *in vitro*: what can we monitor electrically?



## Electrogenic cells

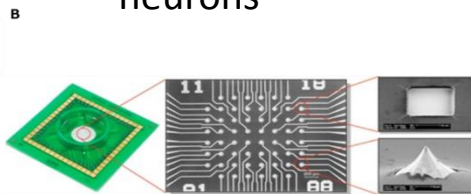
### Patch clamp:

- Monitoring action potentials
- Ion channel activity



### Micro-electrode arrays:

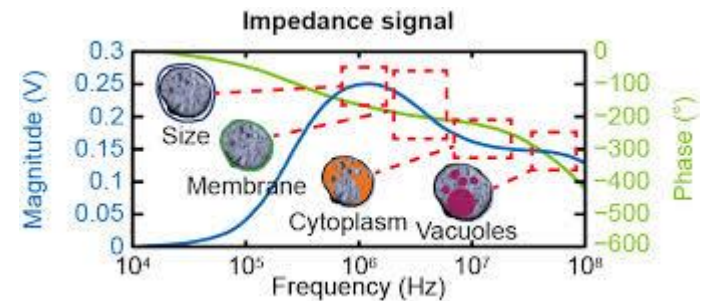
- Activity of single neurons
- Activity of groups of neurons



## Non-electrogenic cells

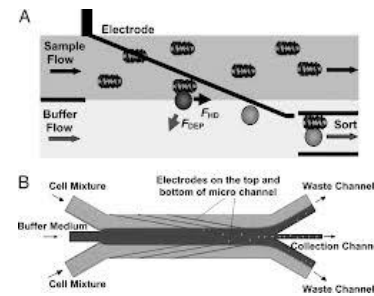
### Electrical impedance spectroscopy:

- Coverage
- Differentiation
- Barrier properties



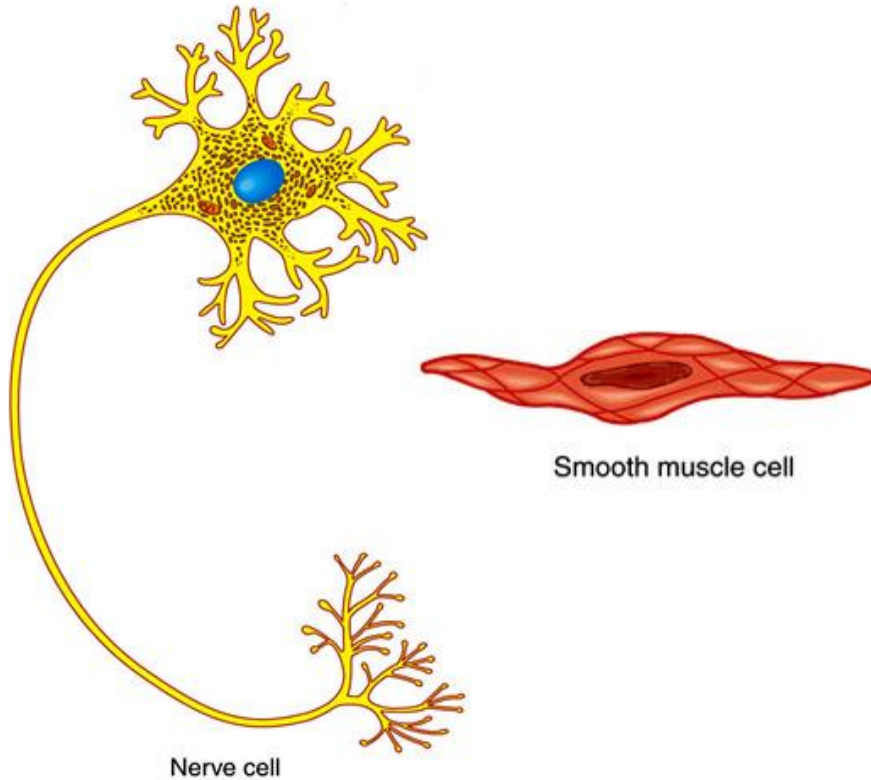
### Dielectrophoresis (DEP):

- separation of live and dead cells
- Cancer cells from blood
- Red and white blood cells

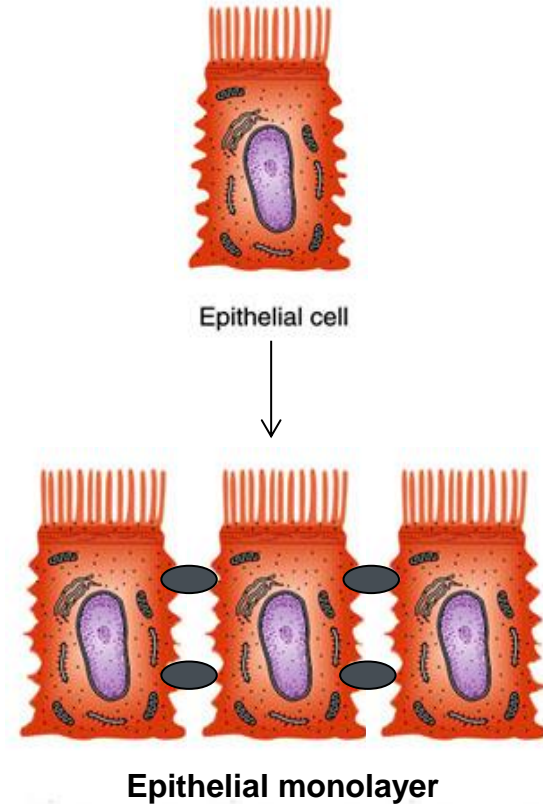


# Different types of mammalian cells

## Electrogenic cells

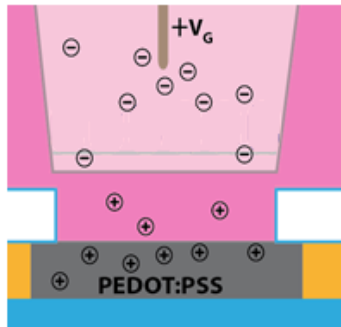


## Non electrogenic cells

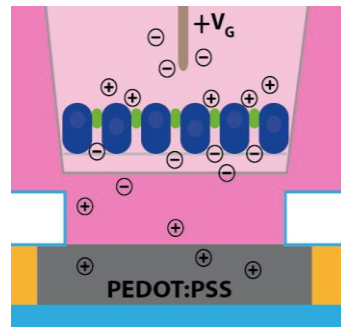




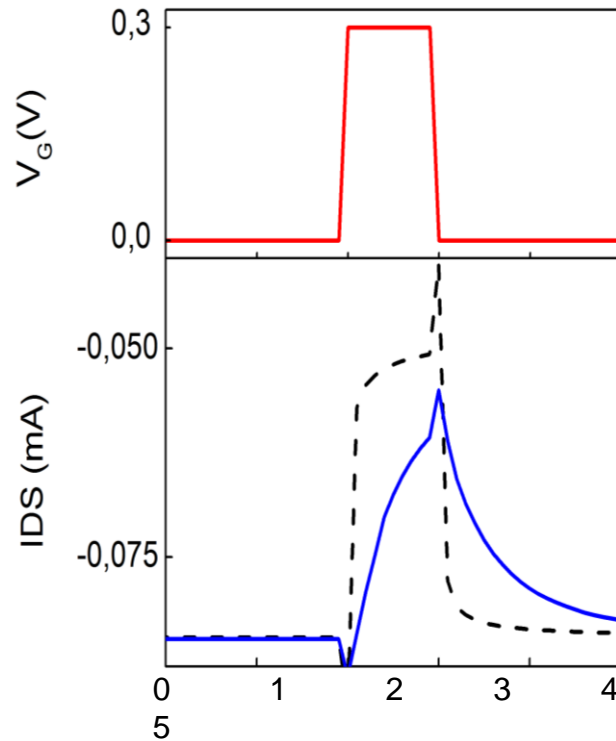
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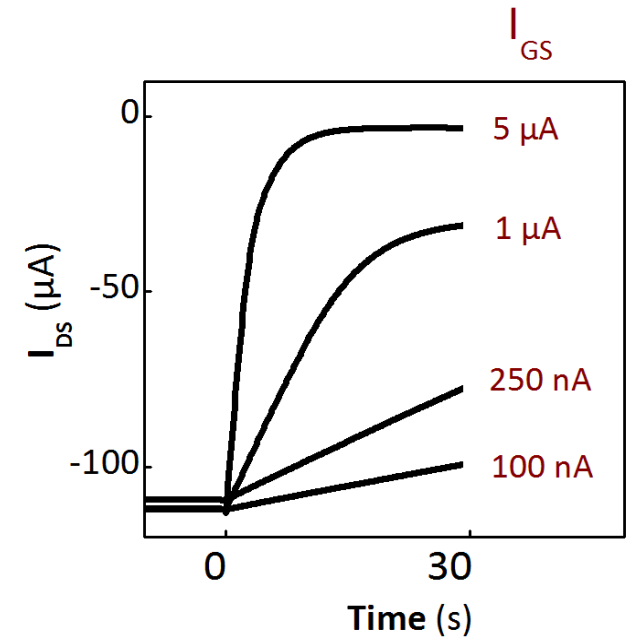
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Healthy epithelium —

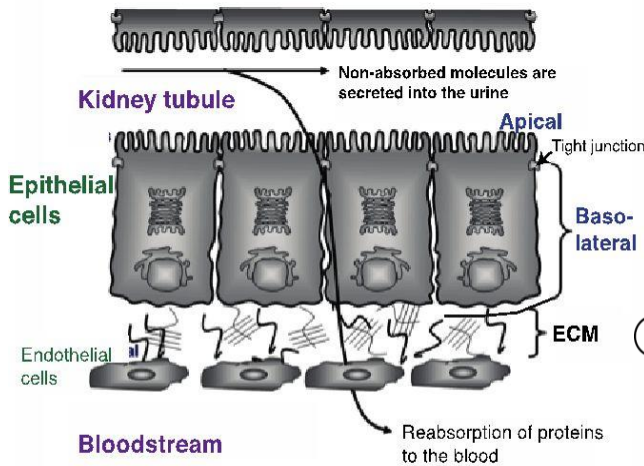


Time (s)  
 $V_G$  0.3 V  
 $V_D$  -0.1 V

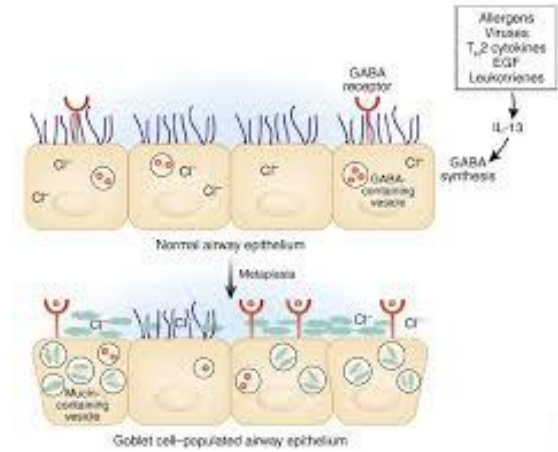


# JOVE video of OECT fabrication

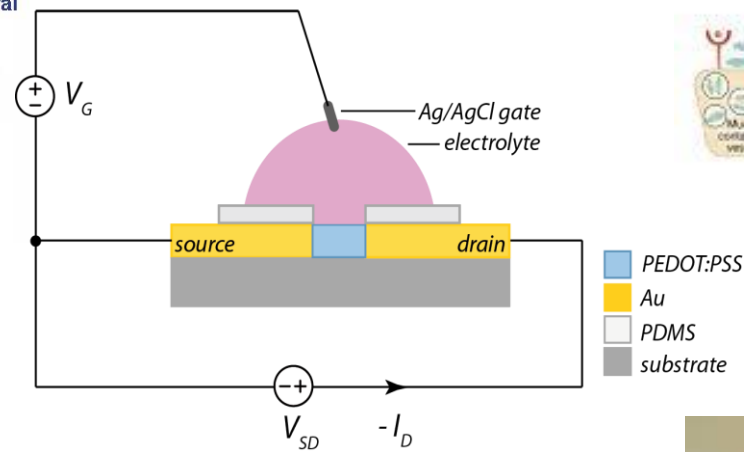
# Integration of OECD with other *in vitro* models



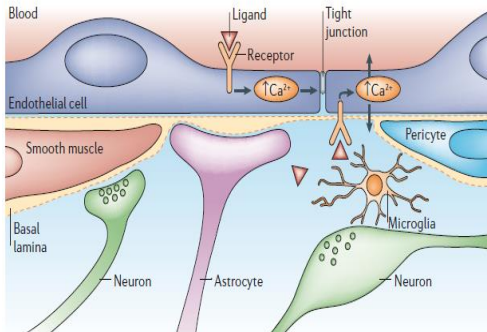
**kidney tubule**



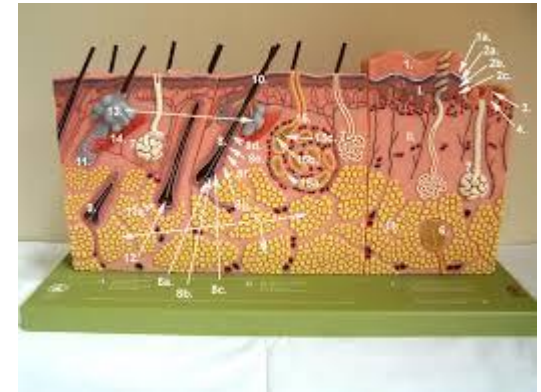
**Airway**



**OECD**



**blood brain barrier (Abbott)**



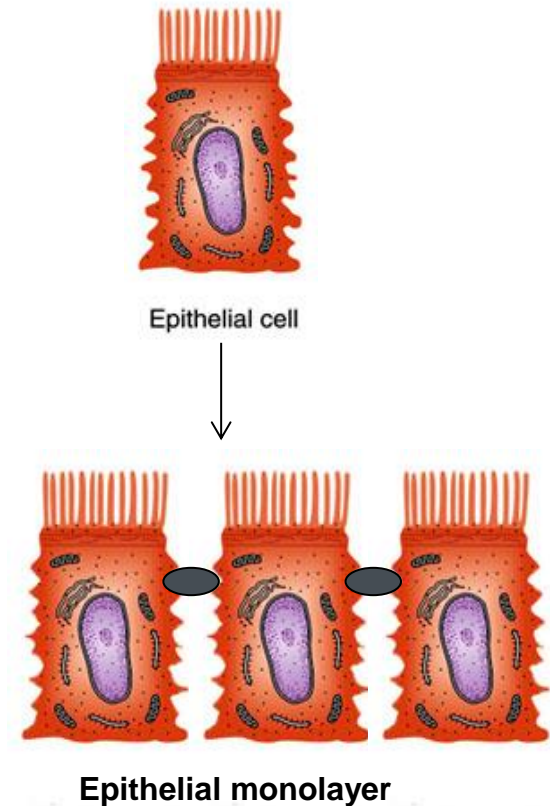
**Skin**

# Monitoring of leaky adherent cell layers?

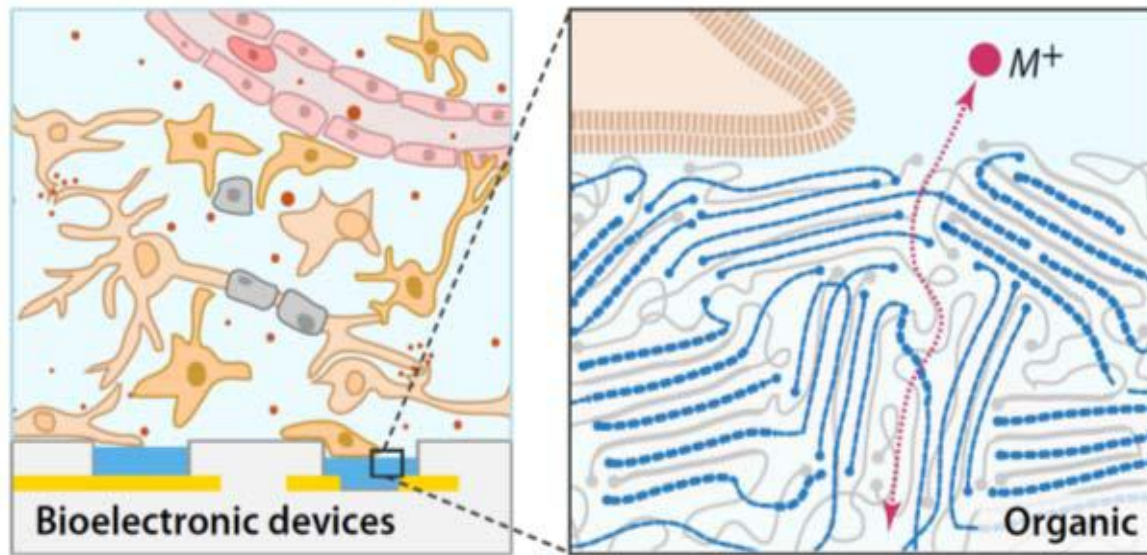
*Can we be sensitive to cell layers with low resistance?*

Epithelial cells

Tissue	Species	R <sub>para</sub> ( $\Omega.cm^2$ )
Proximal tubule	dog	6–7
Gallbladder	rabbit	21
Duodenum	rat	98
Jejunum	rat	51
Ileum	rabbit	100
Distal colon	rabbit	385
Urinary bladder	rabbit	300000



# Interfacing organic electronic devices with live cells: *advantages of planar device*



- **Mixed conductivity:** *signal transduction*
- **Processing:** *disposable devices*
- **Mechanical Properties:** *improved stability, flexible*
- **Chemistry:** *application specific*
- **Ideal interfaces:** *no oxides, sensitive*
- **Optical transparency:** *high resolution images*

***Ionic to electronic conversion: efficient transduction***

# The biological target: ion flow through tissues

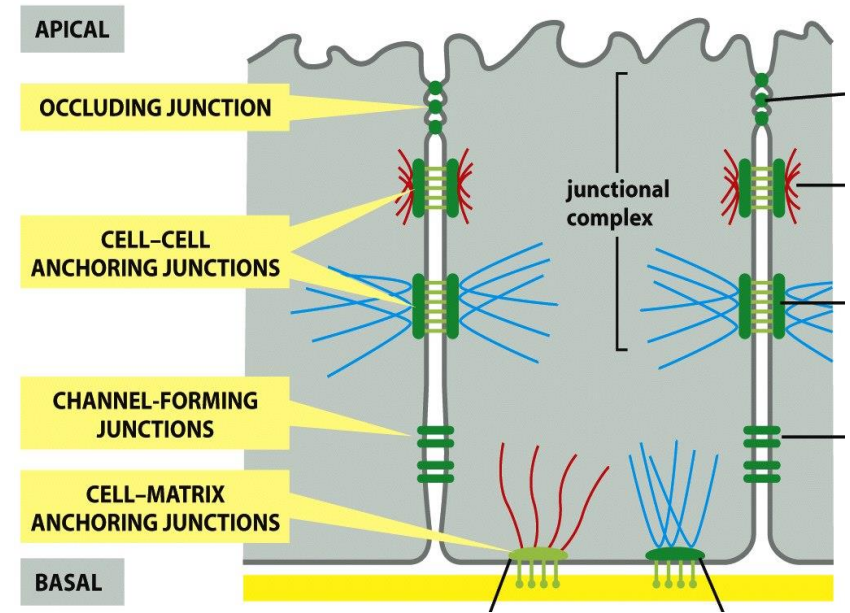
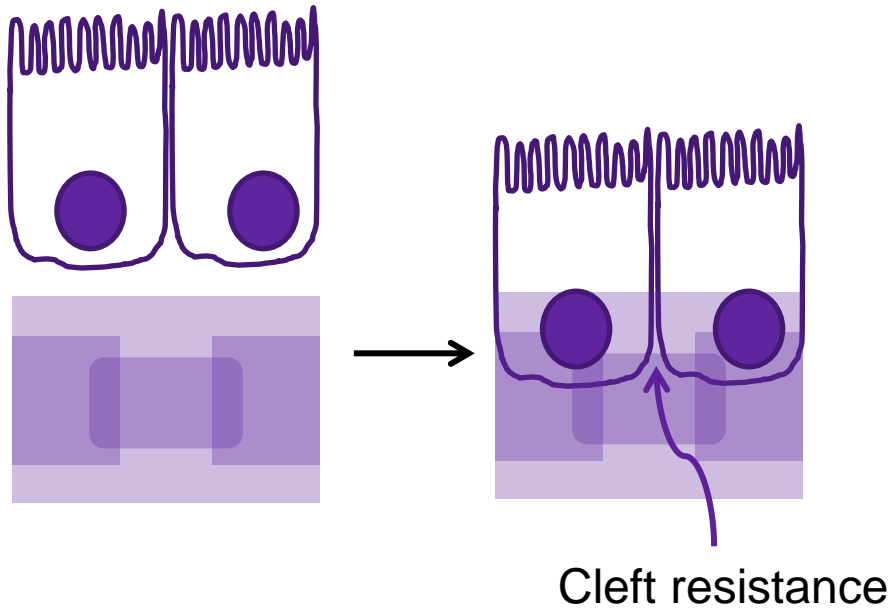
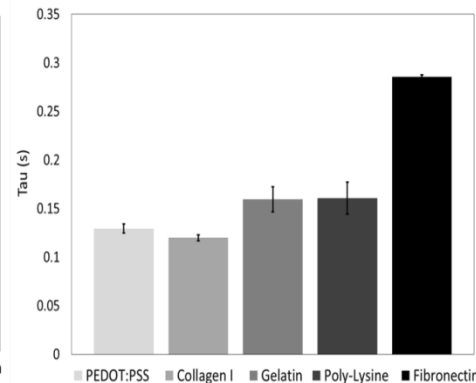
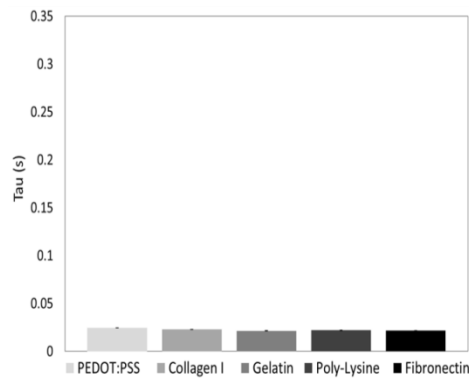
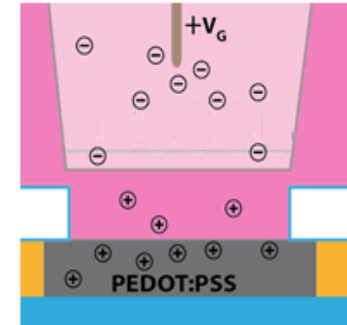
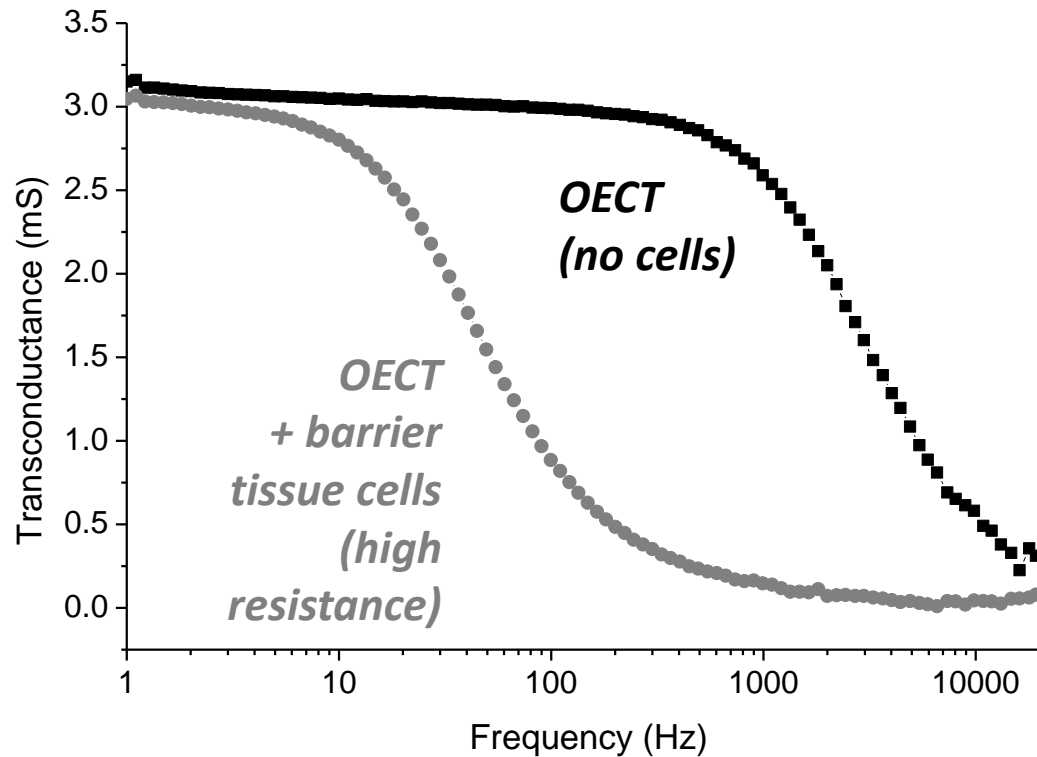


Figure 19-3 *Molecular Biology of the Cell* (© Garland Science 2008)

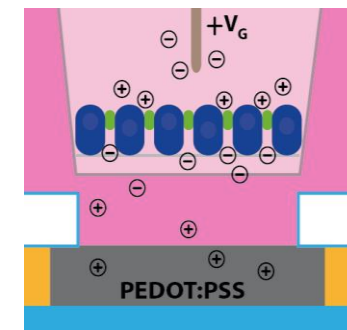


Ramuz.M, et al. *chemphyschem* in press (2015)

# The OECT for monitoring cells: figure of merit



No cells - - -

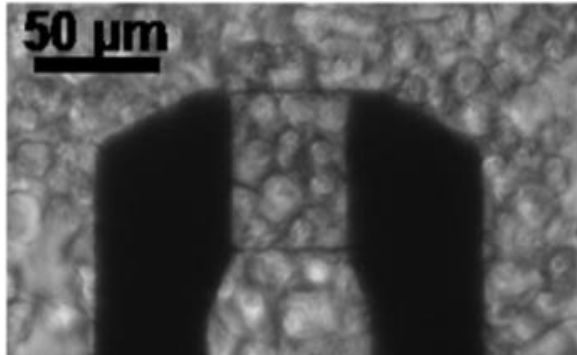


cells —

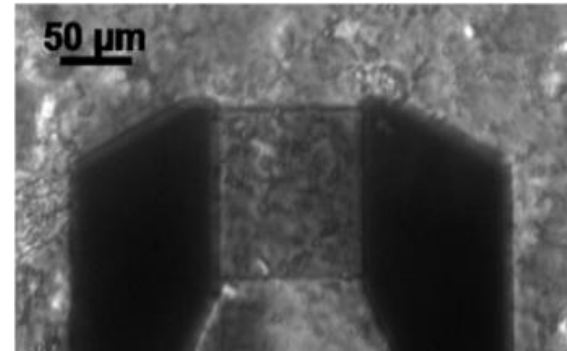
$V_{GS} = 0.01 \sin(\omega t)$   
 Transconductance:  $g_m = \frac{\partial I_{DS}}{\partial V_{GS}}$

# Differentiation of barrier and adhesion properties

HeLa cells on OECT

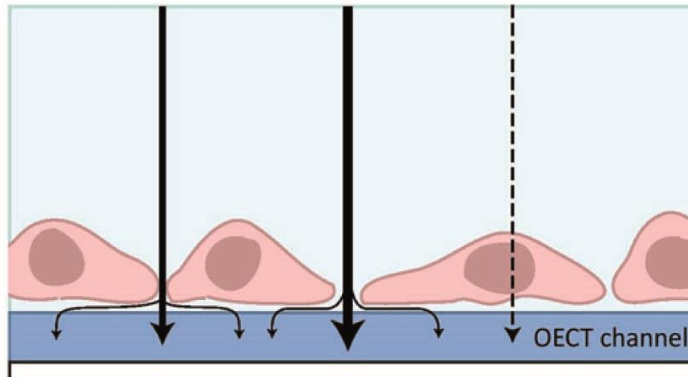


MDCK-I cells on OECT



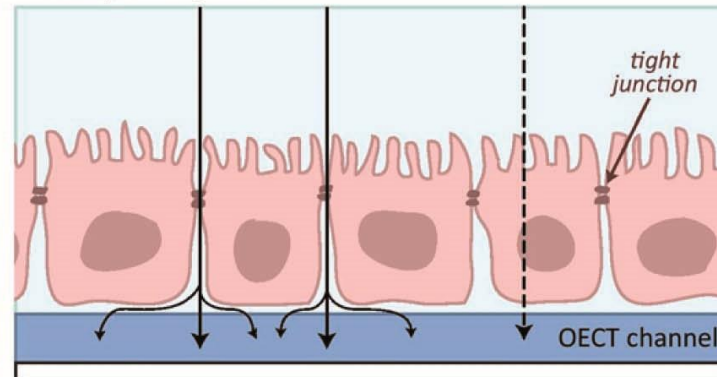
## COVERAGE

*adherent, non-barrier forming cells*



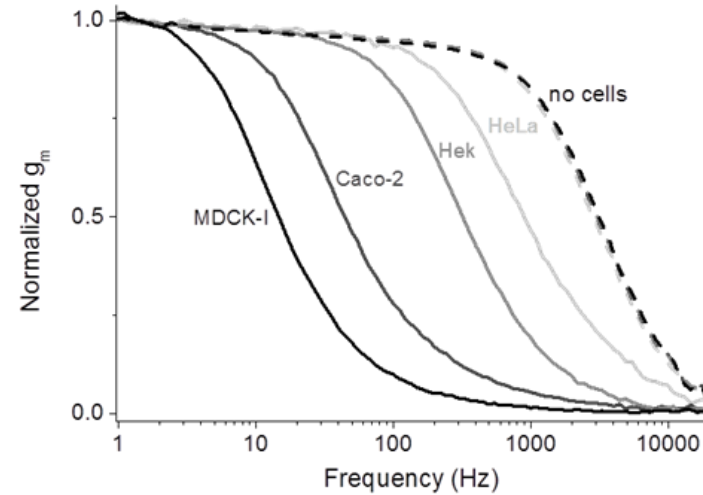
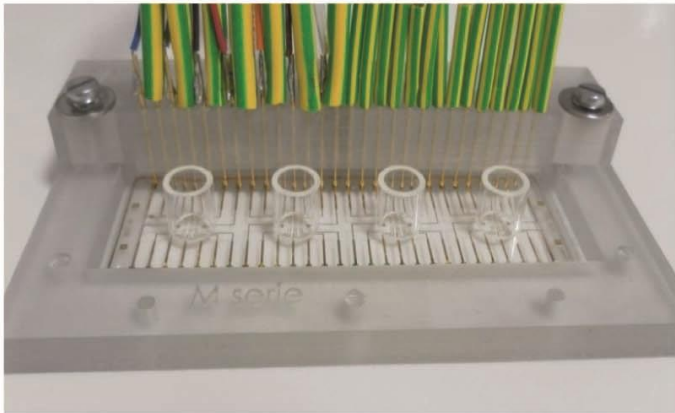
## BARRIER PROPERTIES

*barrier forming cells*



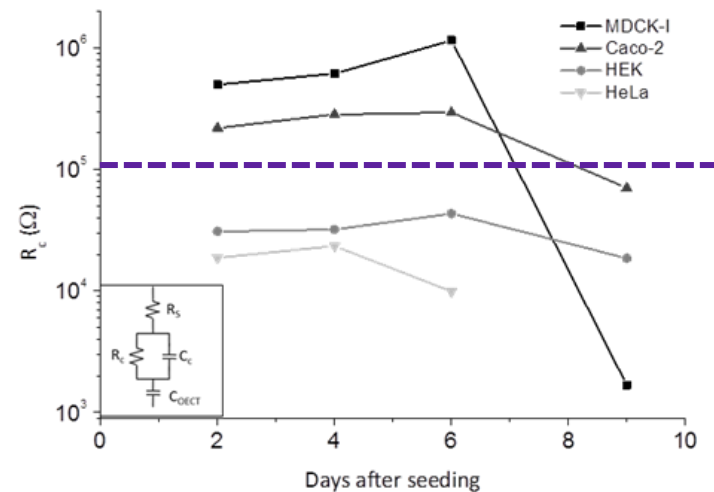


# Differentiation of barrier and adhesion properties



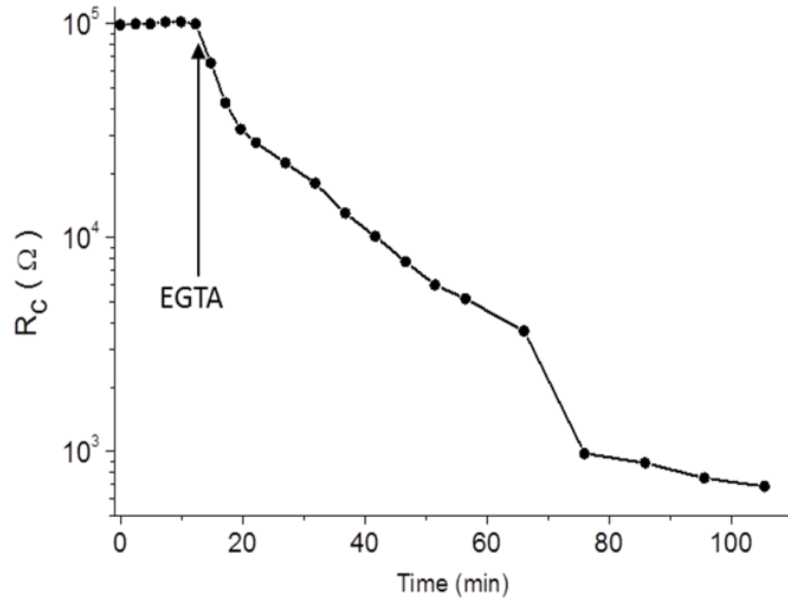
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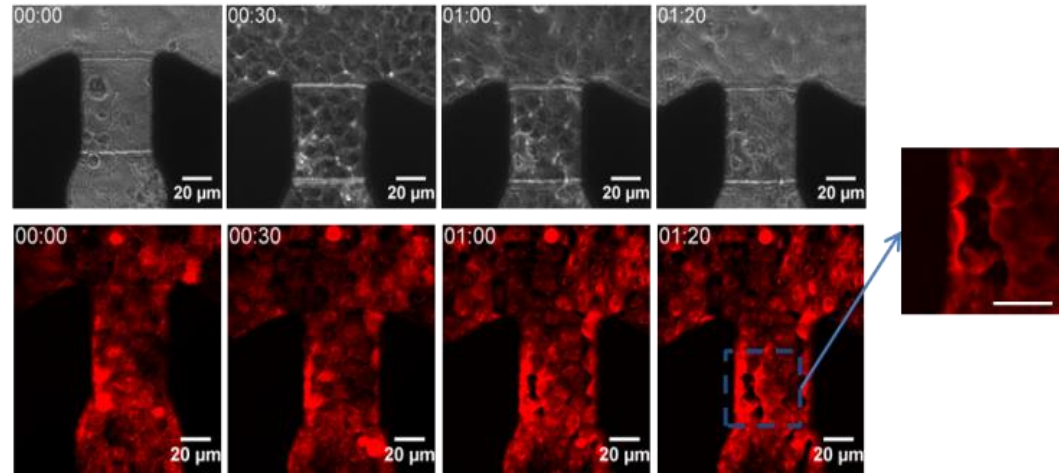


Ramuz., M et al. JMC B, 2015, 3, 5971

# Taking advantage of optical transparency

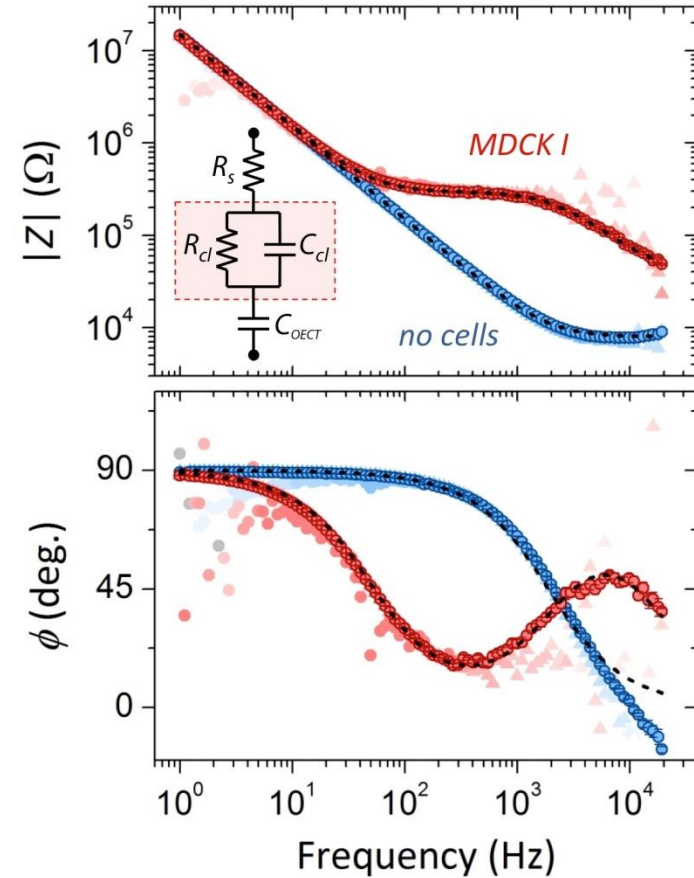
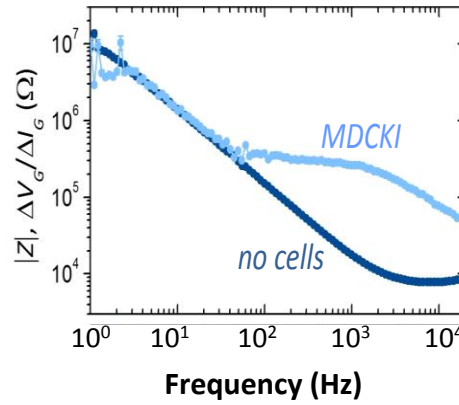
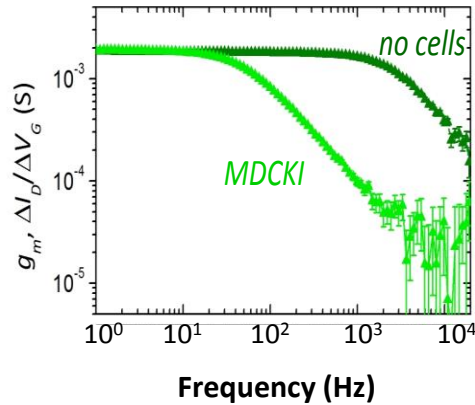


***Addition of EGTA will eventually dissociate cells from surface***



***Tranfection of cells with fluorescent markers for specific proteins (e.g. actin allows following processes at the molecular level***

# Generation of complex impedance traces using OECT



OECT

$$R_{cell} = 825 \Omega \text{ cm}^2 \text{ and } C_{cell} = 544 \text{ nF/cm}^2$$

CellZscope

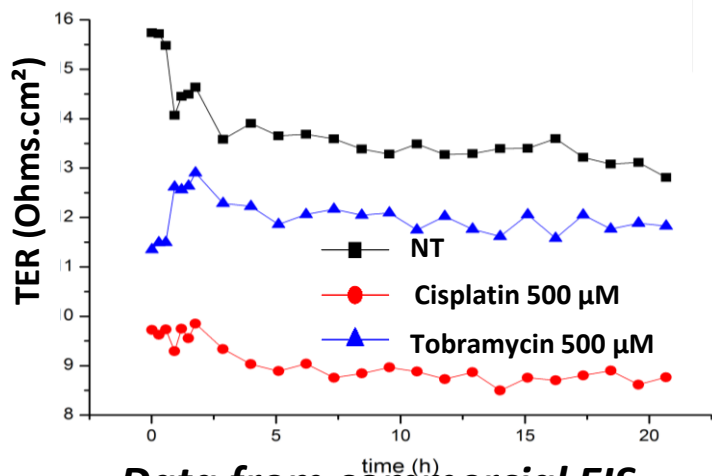
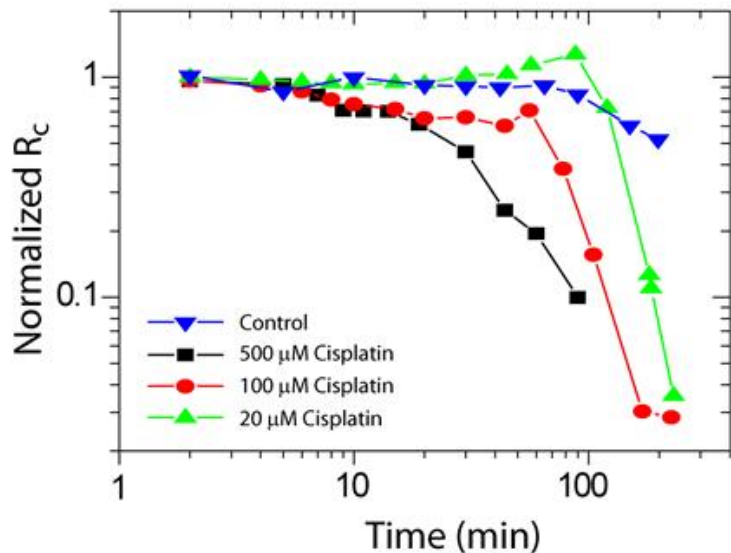
$$R_{cell} = 730 \pm 101 \Omega \text{ cm}^2 \text{ and } C_{cell} = 1 \mu\text{F/cm}^2^*$$

\*literature

- **Stitching both sets of data gives broad band frequency coverage with high confidence**

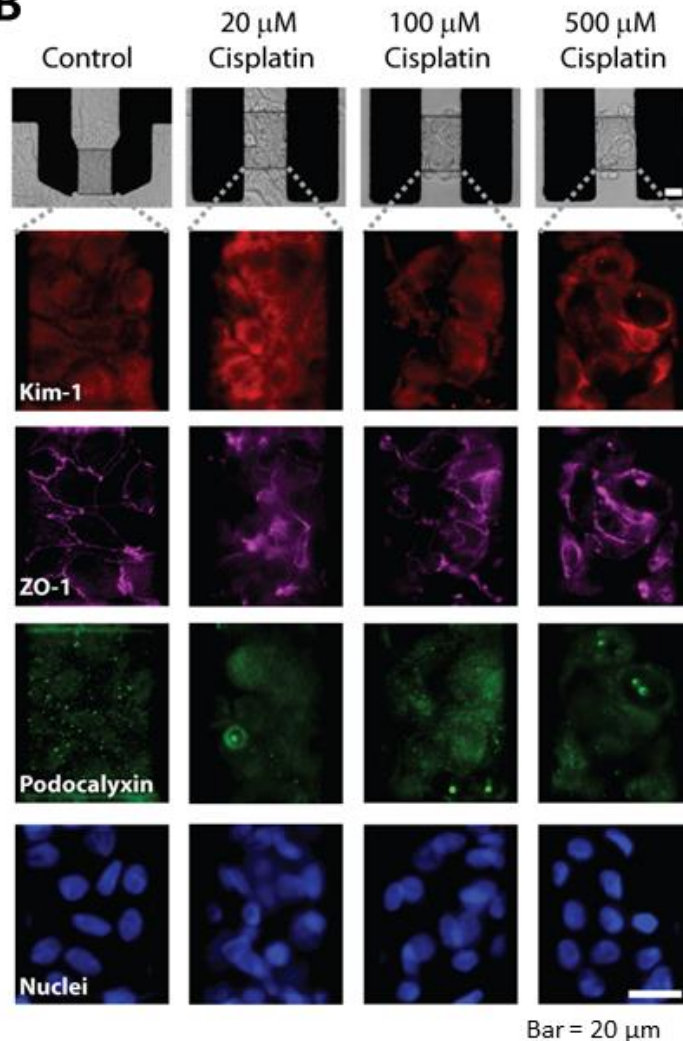
# OECTs for monitoring nephrotoxicology (primary cells)

**A**



Data from commercial EIS

**B**



*M. Huerta et al  
Submitted ATIV*



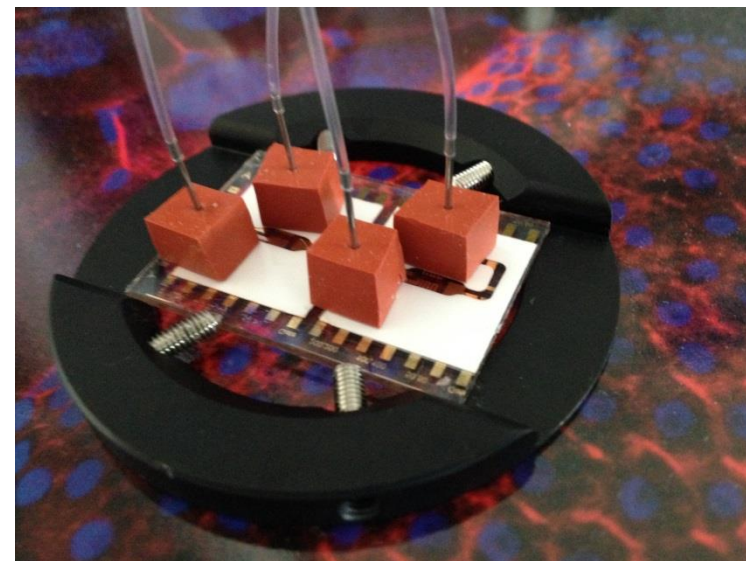
*HRPTEC thanks to Biopredic*

# Integration of microfluidics with the OECT

**Organic electronics**

**Microfluidics**

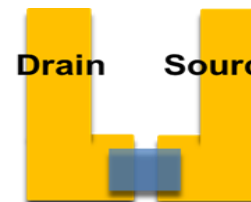
***in vitro toxicology***



Gate electrode

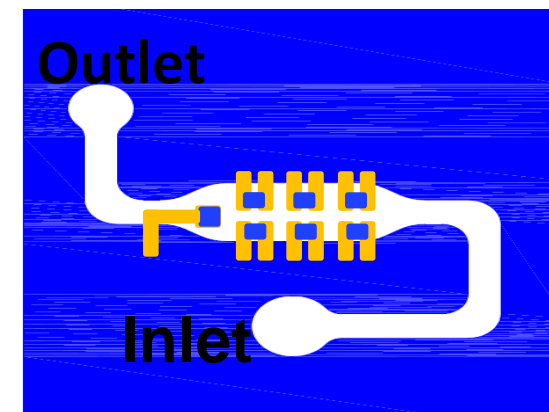
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Source



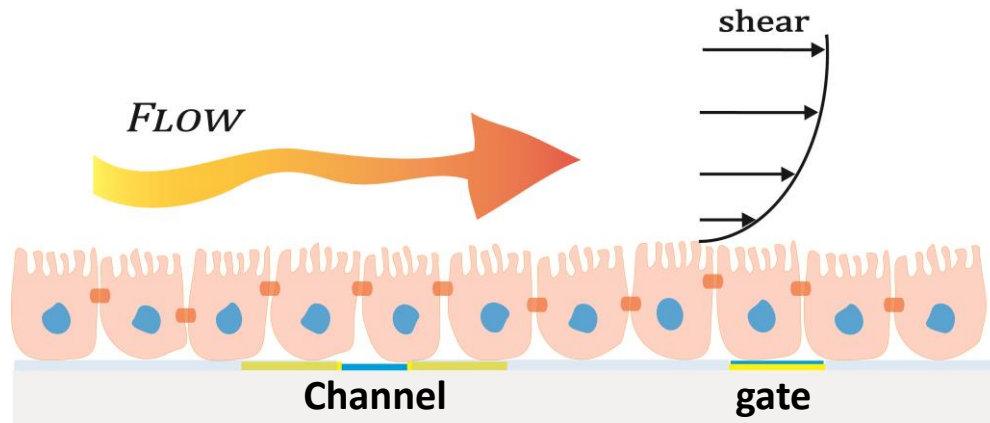
Outlet

Inlet



V. Curto

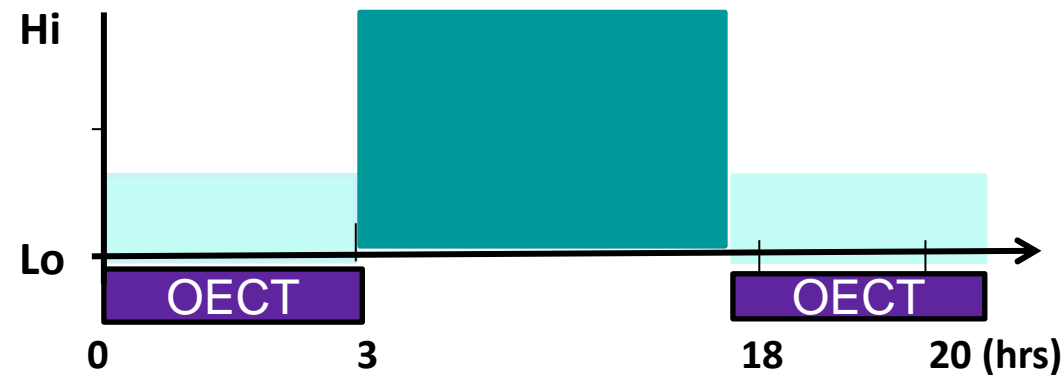
# Integration of microfluidics with the OECT



## *OECT Tool box:*

- **Impedance monitoring**
  - **Capacitance**
  - **Resistance**
- **Quantitative image analysis**
- **Metabolite Monitoring**
- **Wound Healing Assay**

## *Shear stress induced by high flow rate over cells*

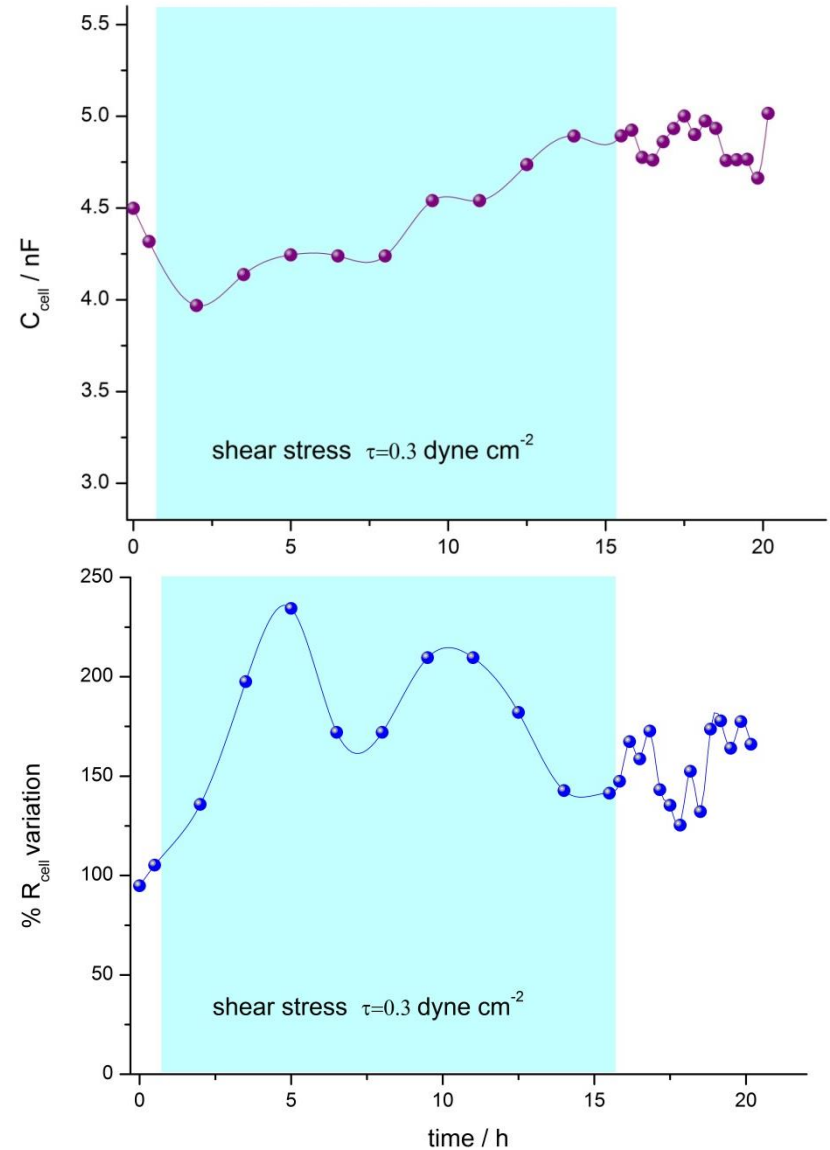


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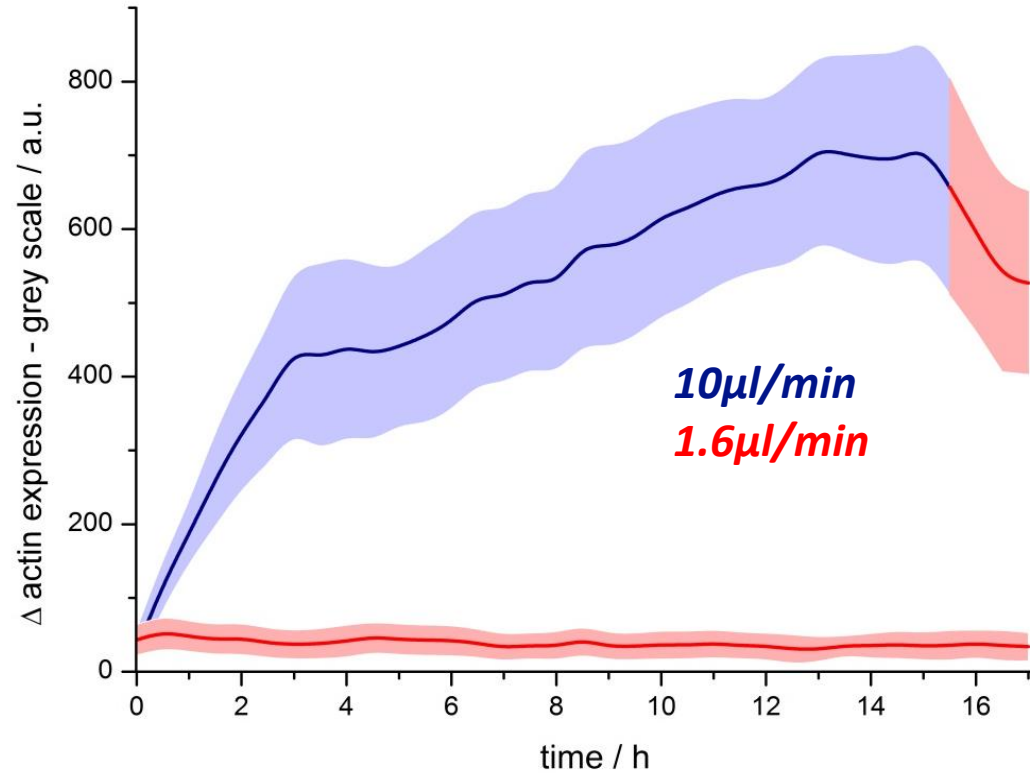
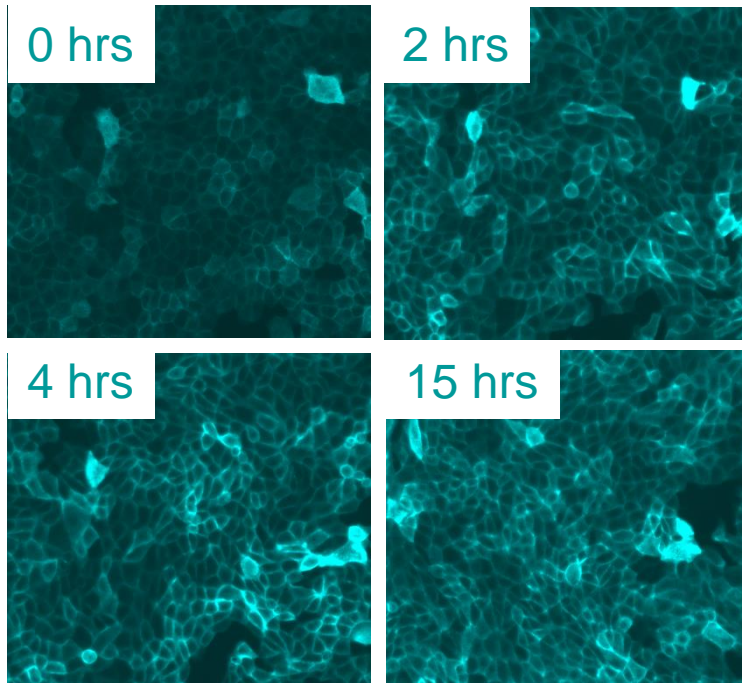
# Impedance monitoring with microfluidics

Time lapse video of Life act MDCK II cells on OECT



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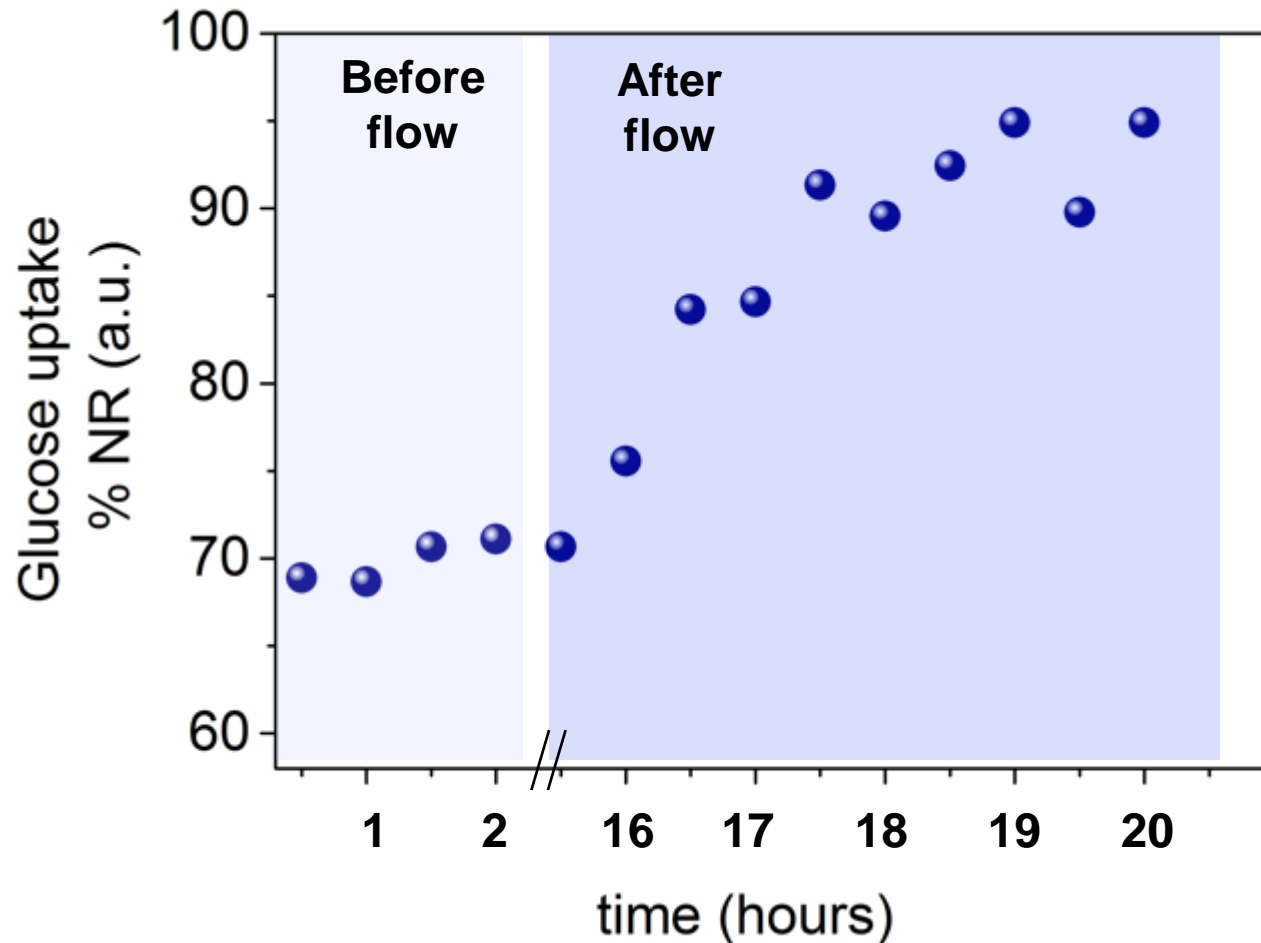
# Physiological flow induces additional differentiation



***increase in Actin expression with flow***



# Changes in cell metabolism induced by flow



*Anna Maria Pappa*

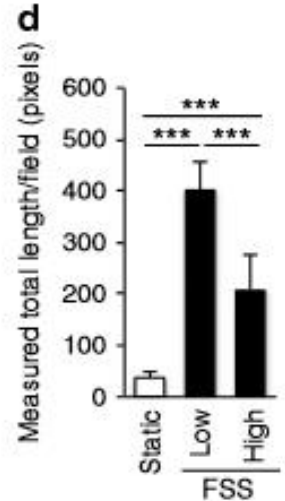
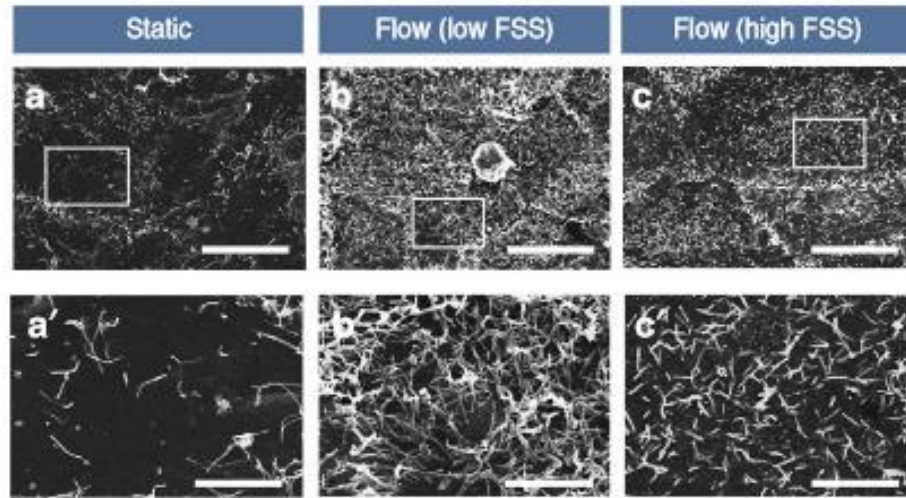
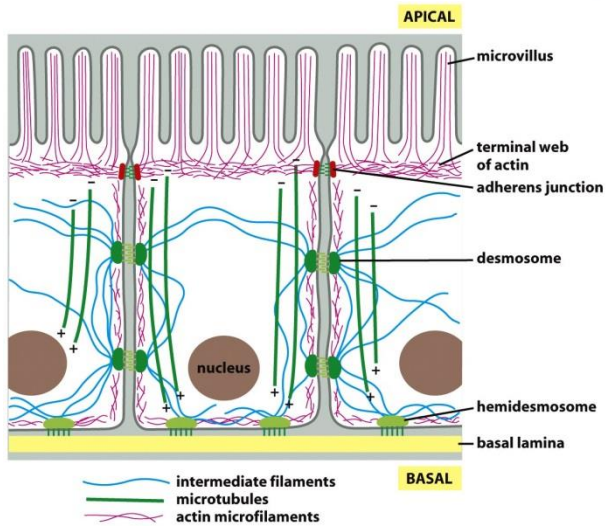
*Efflux samples measured for glucose content using GOx functionalised OECT*

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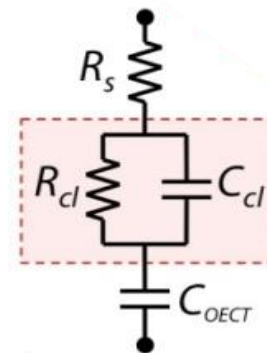
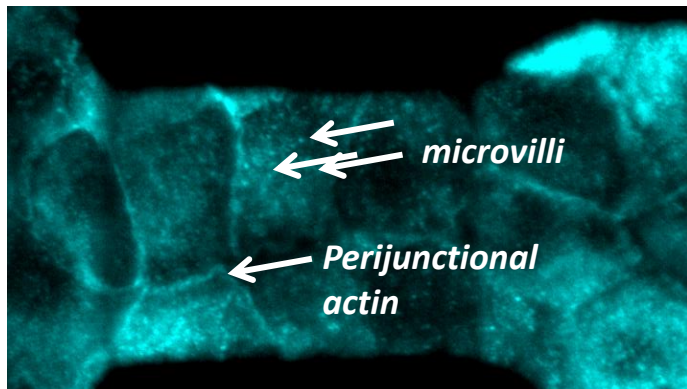
# Flow induced microvilli formation

NATURE COMMUNICATIONS | DOI: 10.1038/ncomms9871

*Fluid shear triggers microvilli formation via mechanosensitive activation of TRPV6. Shigenori Miura et al, 2015*

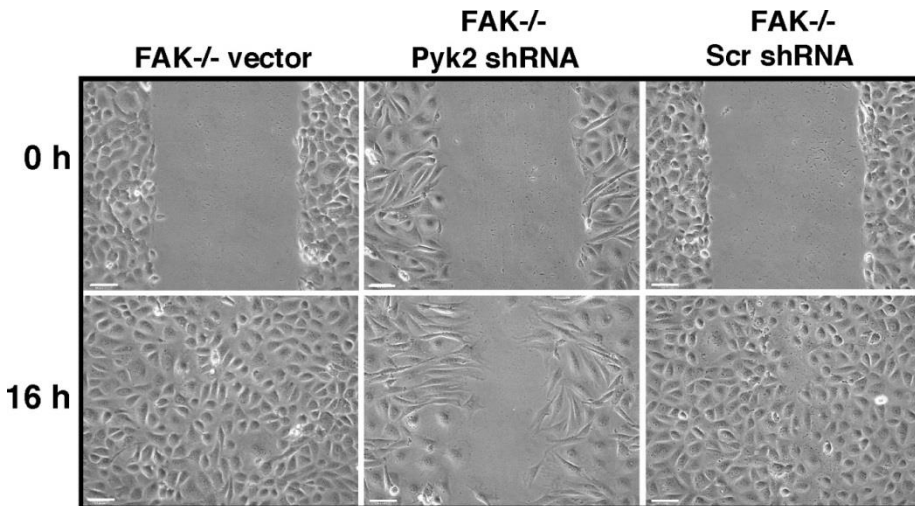


*Changes in capacitance and protein expression associated with increased surface area of cell?*

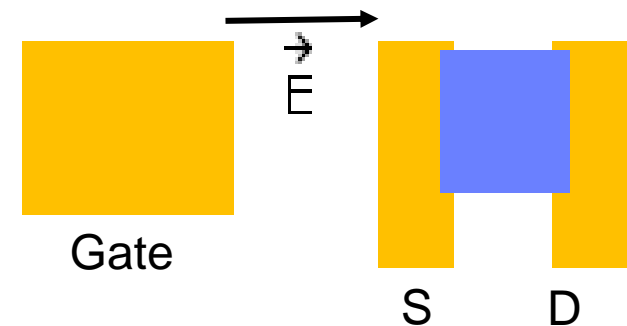


# Electrical wound healing assay

- Wound-healing is used to characterize the ability of the cells to grow after being wounded
- Method uses chemicals or scratching, (tooth pick, razor blade)



$$\Delta\varphi = F g(\lambda)r E \cos(\theta)$$



Planar OECT:  $\theta = 0^\circ$

$F$ : shape factor

$g(\lambda)$ : function depending on the conductivity

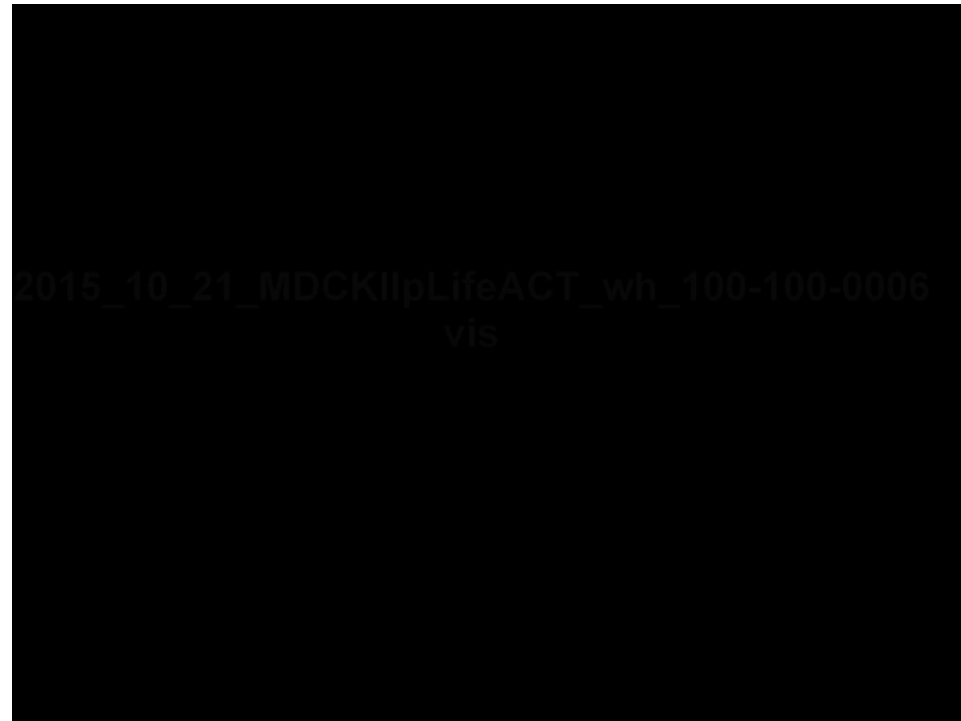
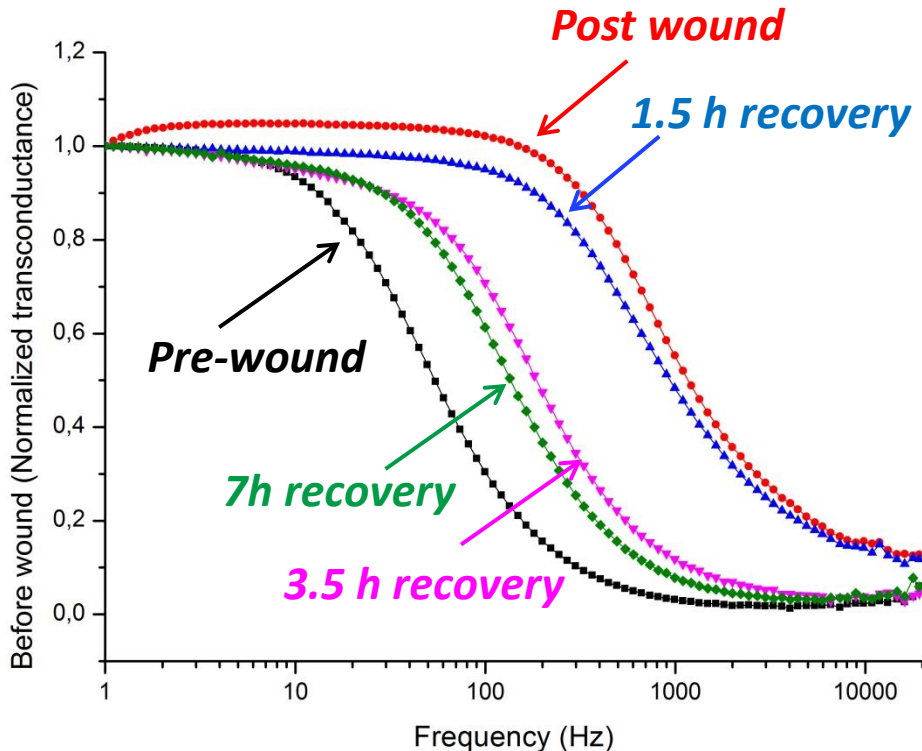
$R$ : radius of the cell

$E$ : the applied electric field

$\vartheta$ : the angle between the electric field and the cell layer

**Take advantage of optical transparency to image cells before and after wounding**

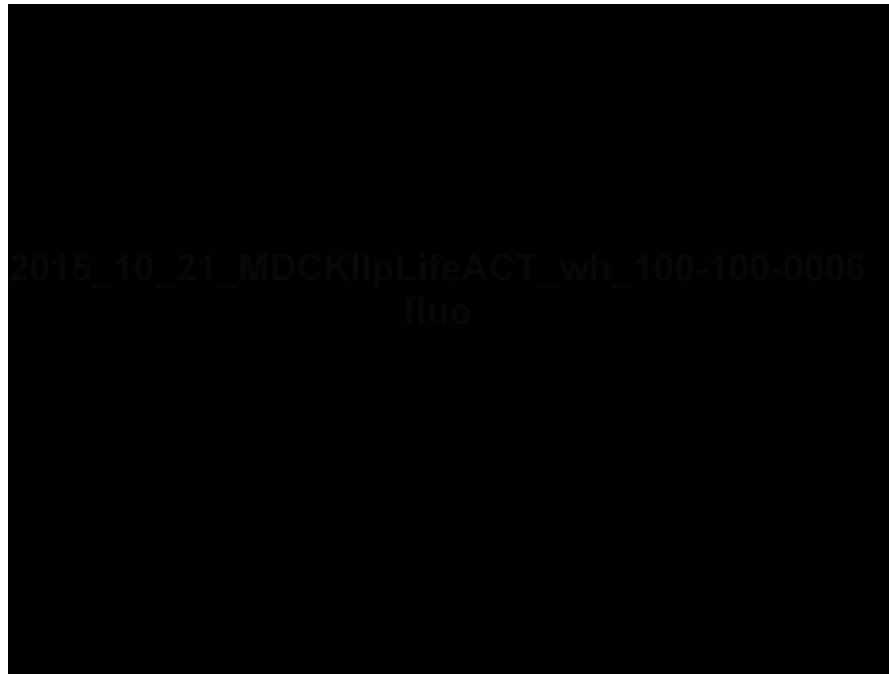
# Fully electronic wound healing assay using OECT



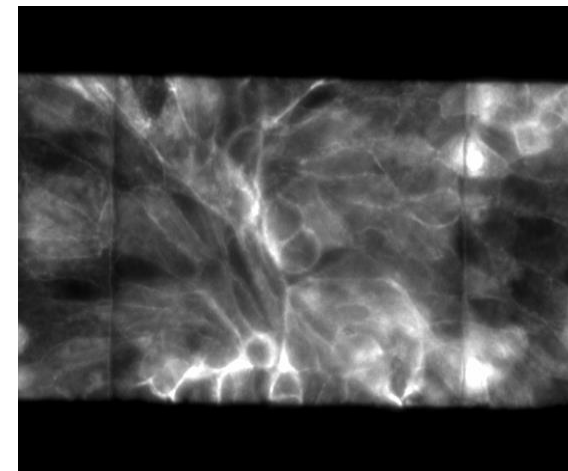
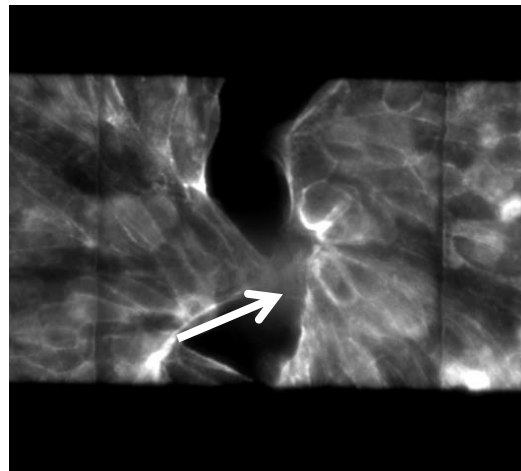
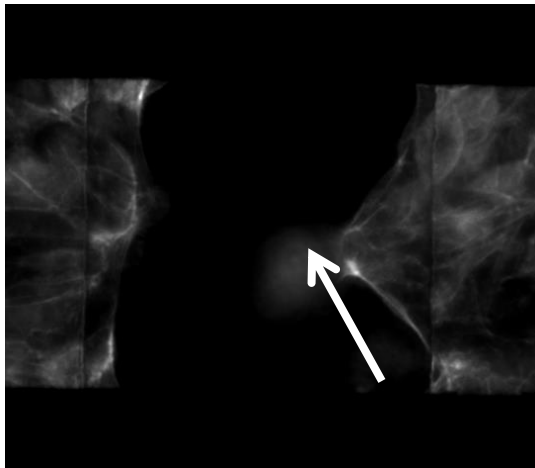
**Wound: 2.7 V (0.3 DC) for 120s**

**Automated wound healing assay improves precision and reproducibility:  
Better than a toothpick!**

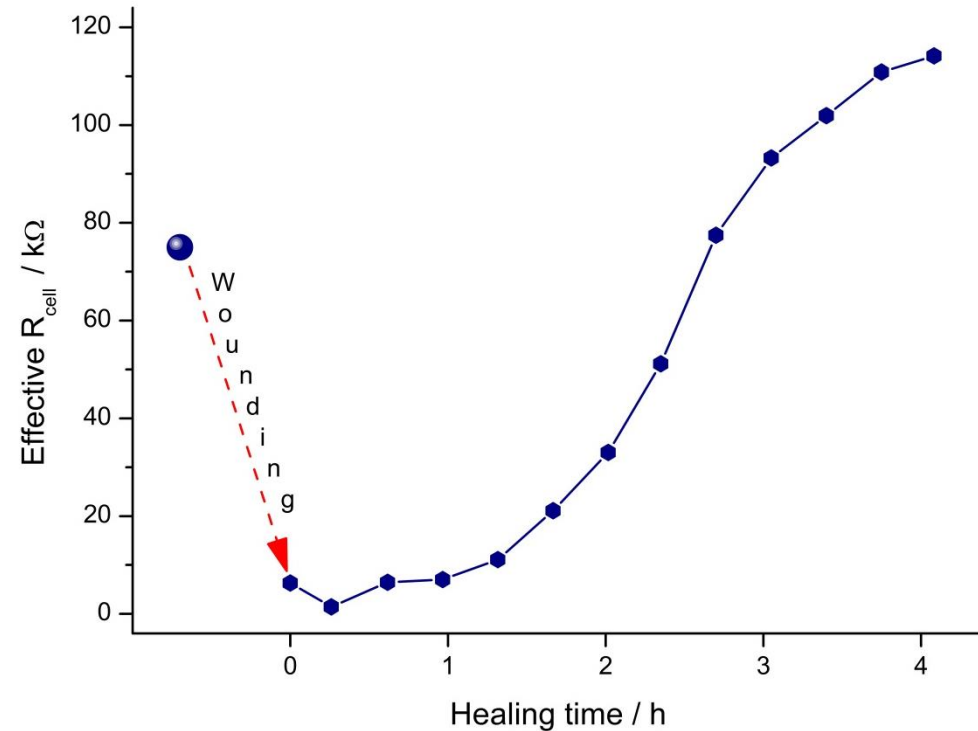
# Direction and speed of cell recovery recorded



*MDCK II cells  
transfected with  
Lifeact (Red  
fluorescent protein  
labeled actin)*



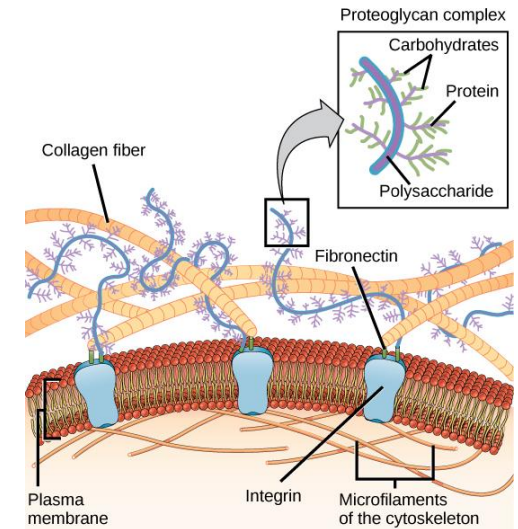
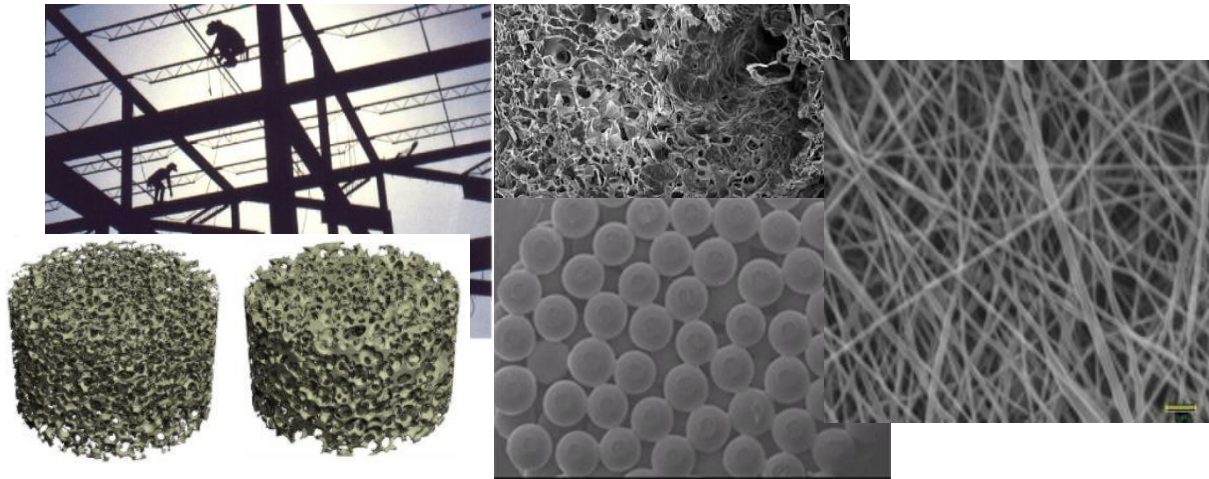
# Microfluidic OECT wound healing assay



***Totally automated wound healing assay without pipetting – more physiologically relevant***

# Engineering of tissues using scaffolds

Use of **living cells** to artificially grow tissue capable of function as *in vivo*  
(drug discovery, organ generation or replacement)



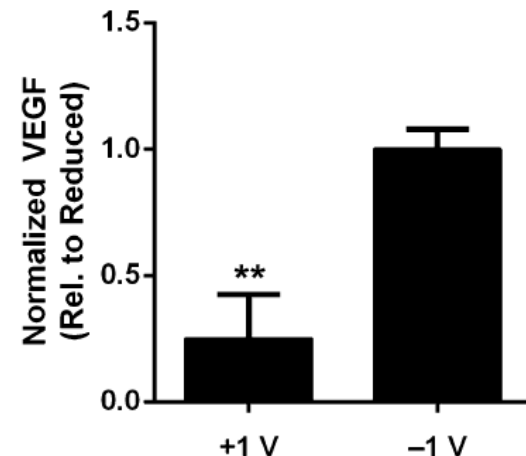
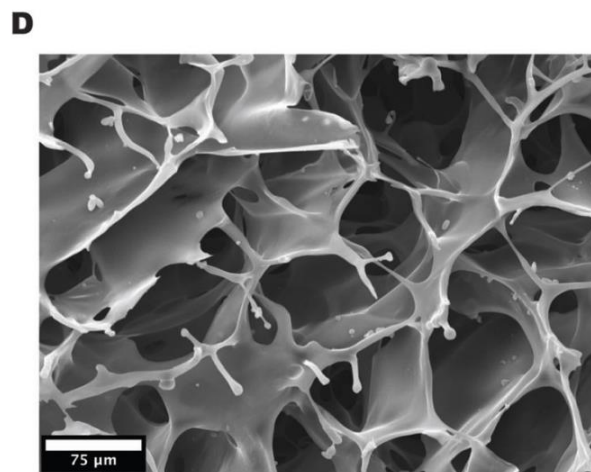
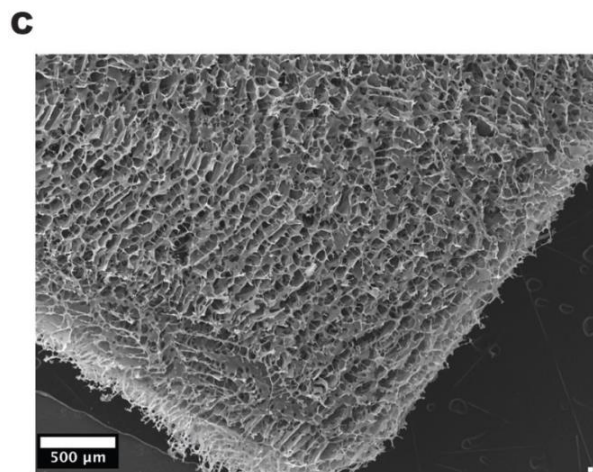
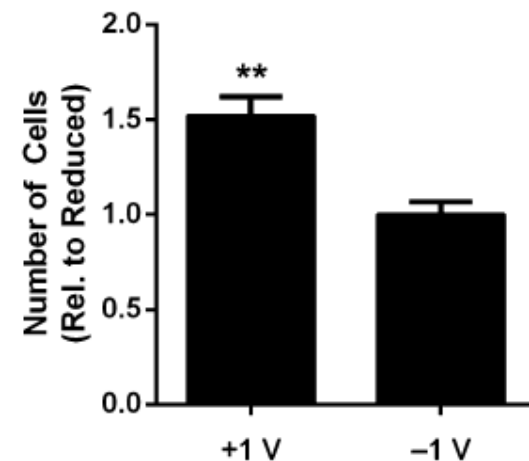
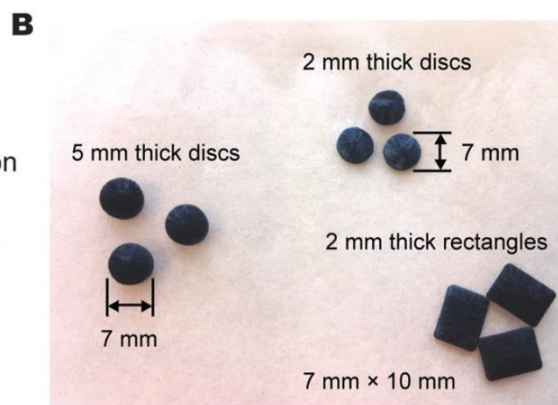
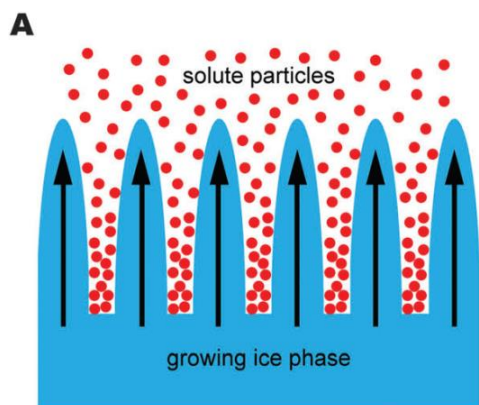
Tissue templates for cell attachment & proliferation: mimic the **extracellular matrix**

- **Existing:** a porous 3D structure with optimized structural properties
- **Missing:** how do we monitor cells in the scaffold?

“Extracellular Matrix of Animal Cells.” *Boundless Biology* <https://www.boundless.com/biology/>

# 3D PEDOT:PSS Scaffolds for controlling cell proliferation

*Very promising scaffolds (excellent mechanical properties 4.5 +/- 0.6 kPa) for tissue engineering*

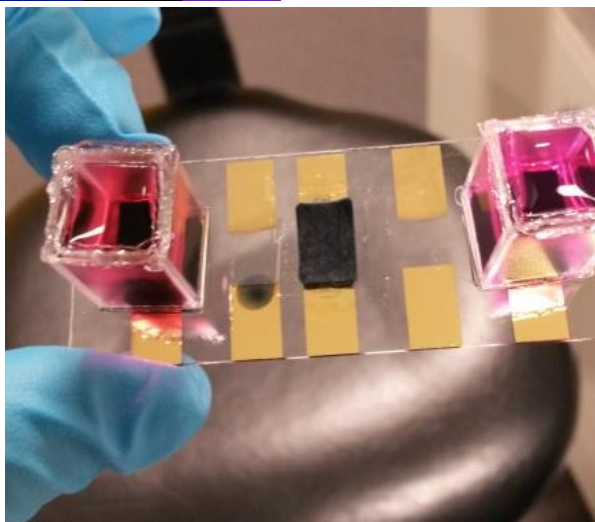


*Redox properties of scaffold used to control cell growth*

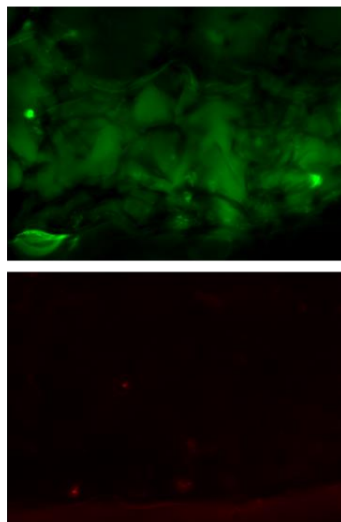
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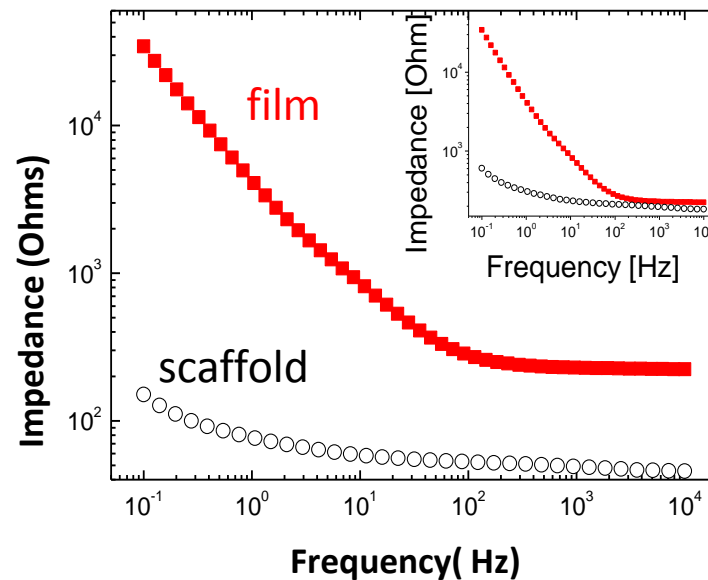
# 3D PEDOT:PSS scaffolds for impedance sensing



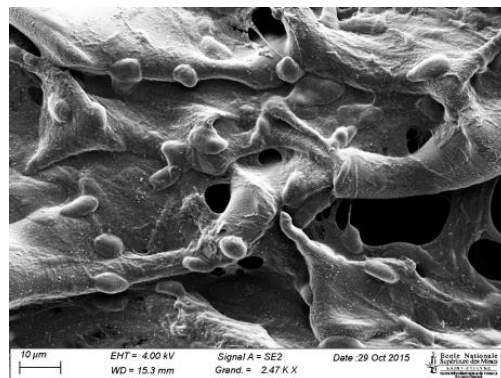
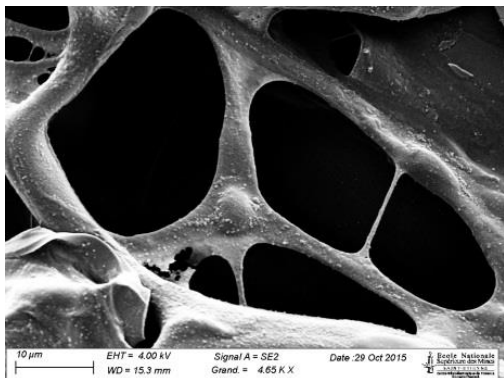
Scaffolds for impedance monitoring



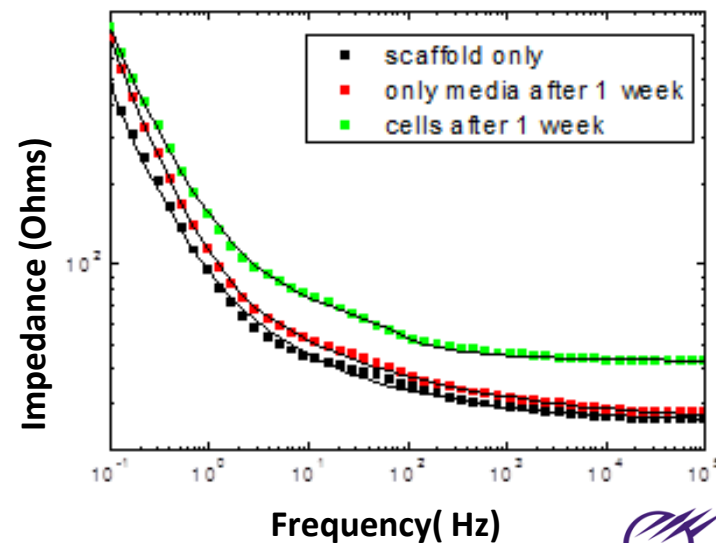
Viability test (Live/Dead) after 6 days



Frequency (Hz)

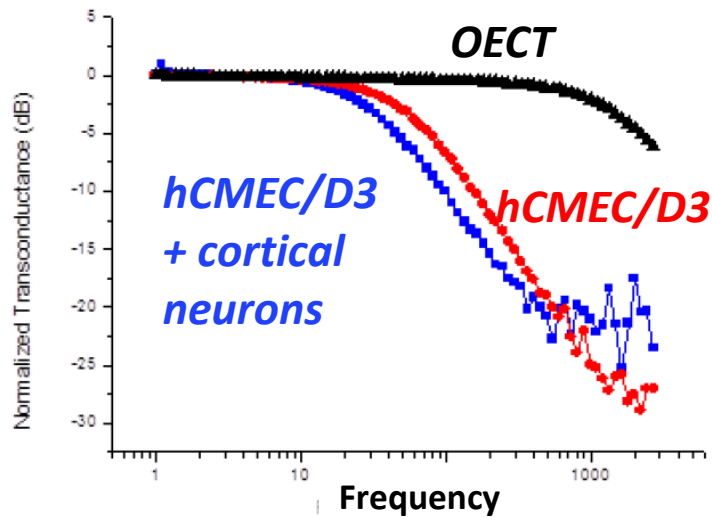


SEM images of scaffolds with TIF cells after 6 days

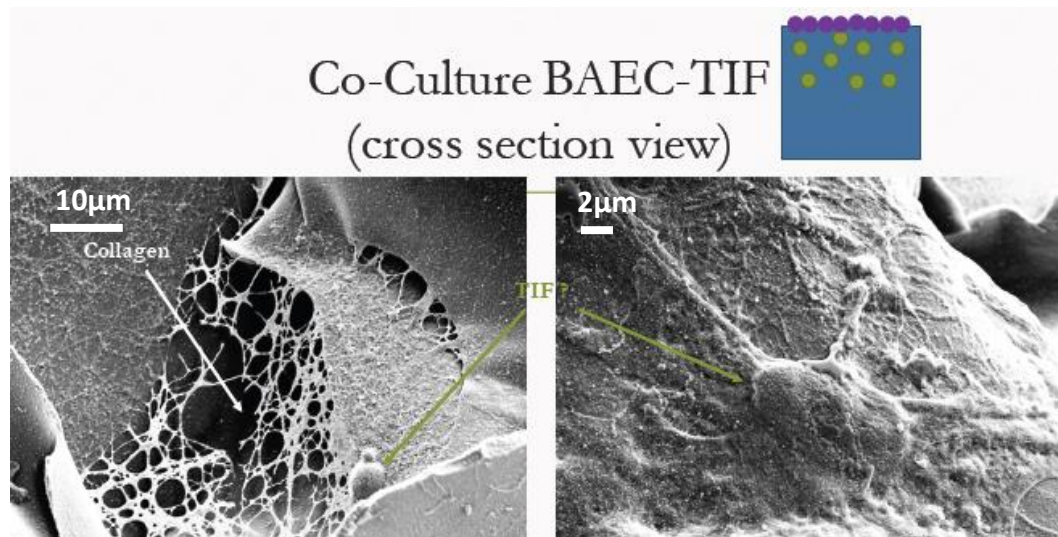
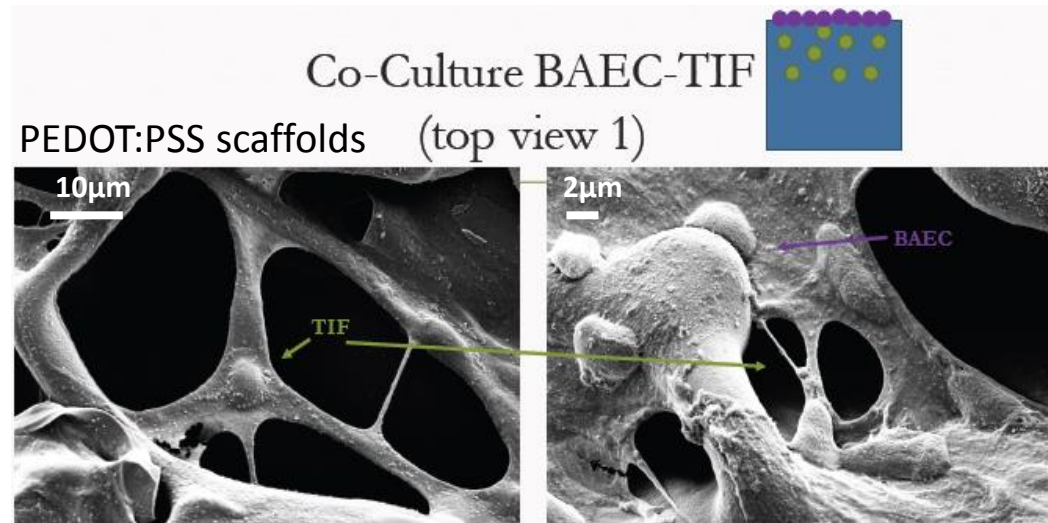
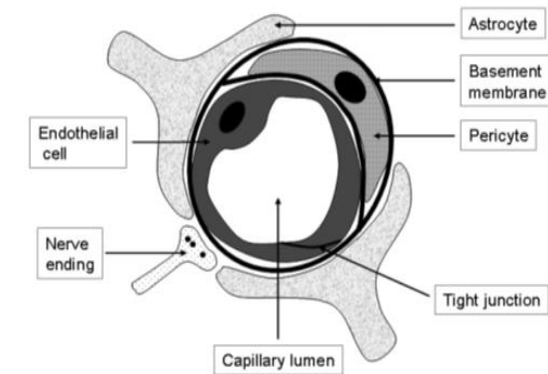


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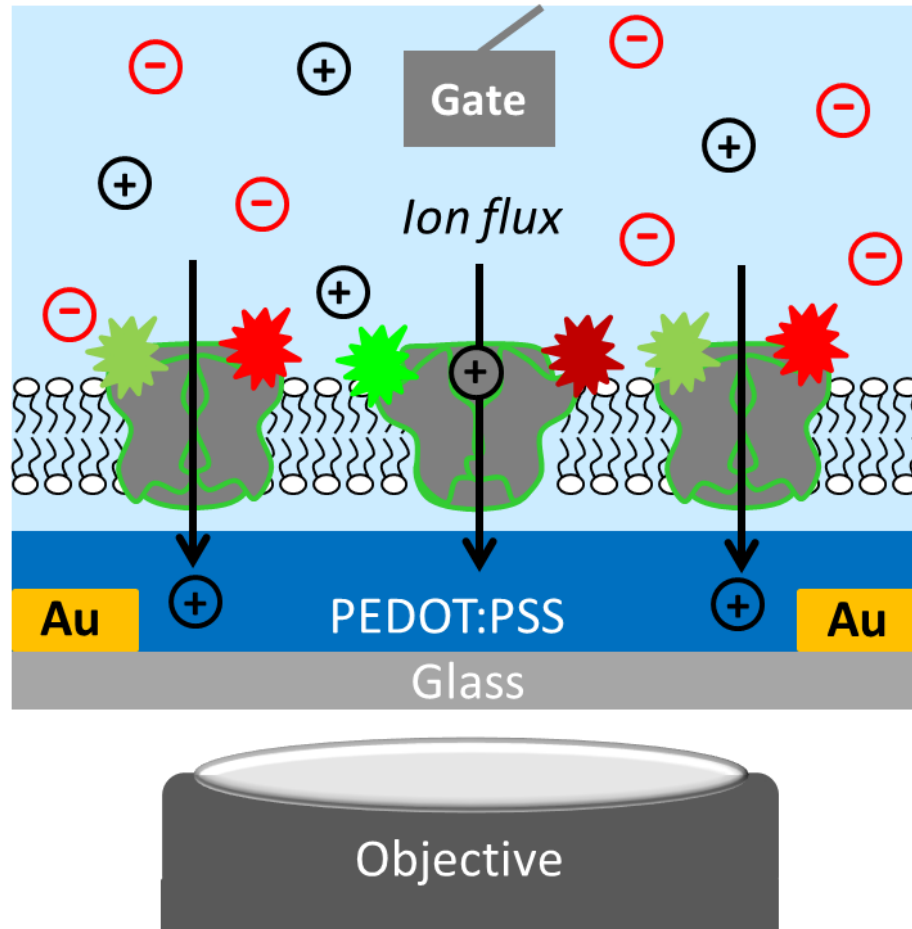
# Towards 3D model of BBB in PEDOT:PSS scaffolds



## Development of a 3D model of the blood brain barrier in vitro



# OECT application 2: Interfacing with lipid bilayers



- *Can the benefits of the OECT extend to the molecular scale?*
- *Will the softness of PEDOT:PSS allow functional protein integration?*
- *Can we integrate imaging into the platform for functional readout?*

## Pros

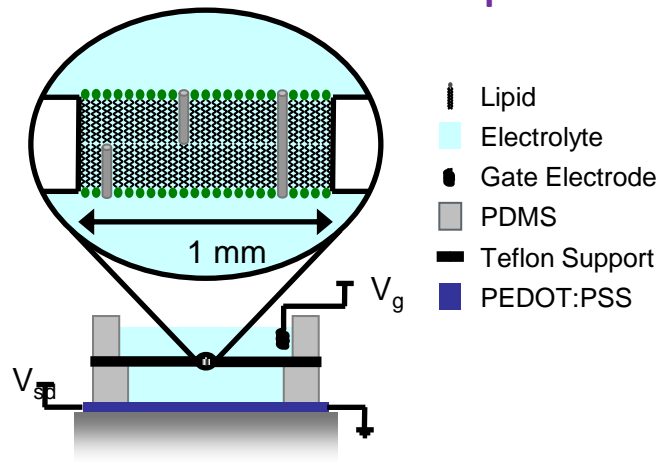
- *Lipids are labile (don't die!)*
- *No contamination issues*
- *Access to single molecule data*



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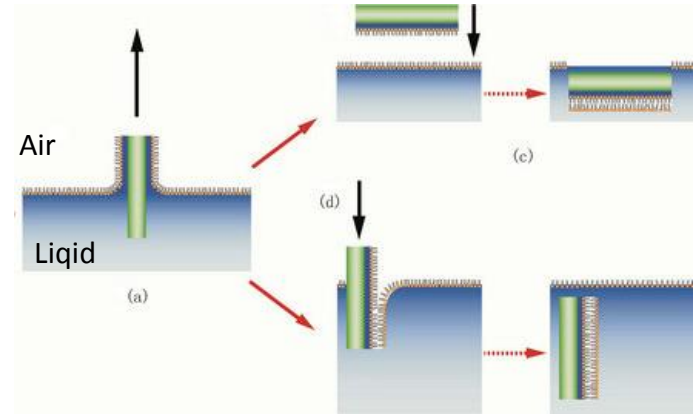
# Planar lipid bilayers assembly techniques

## Black lipid membrane



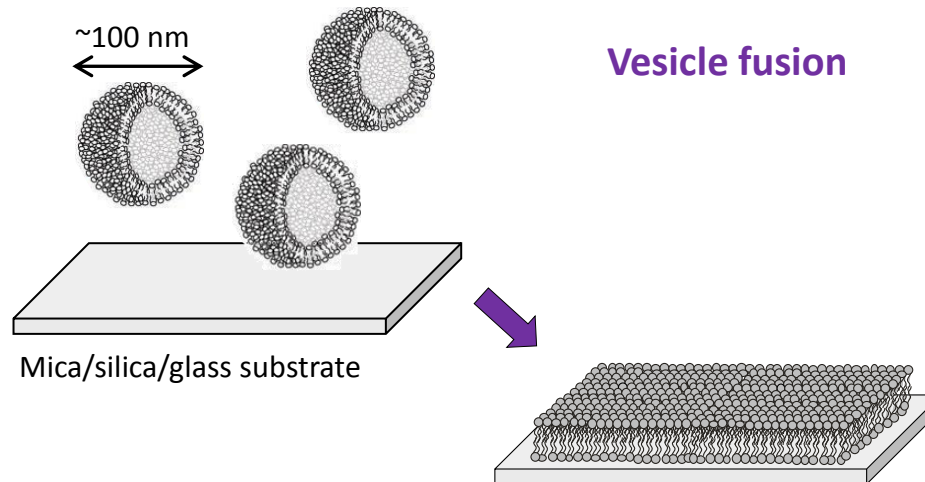
D. A. Bernards *et al.*, *Applied Physics Letters* **89**, 053505 (2006).

## Langmuir–Blodgett / Langmuir–Schaefer



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## Vesicle fusion

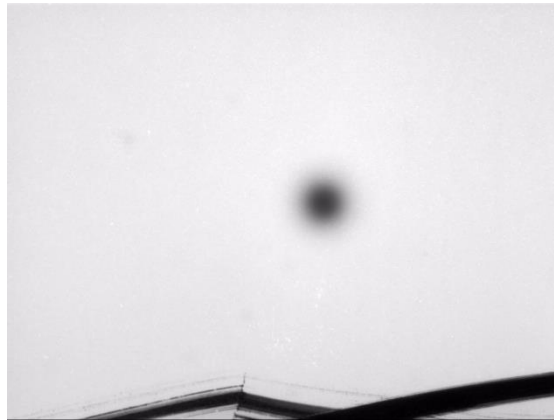


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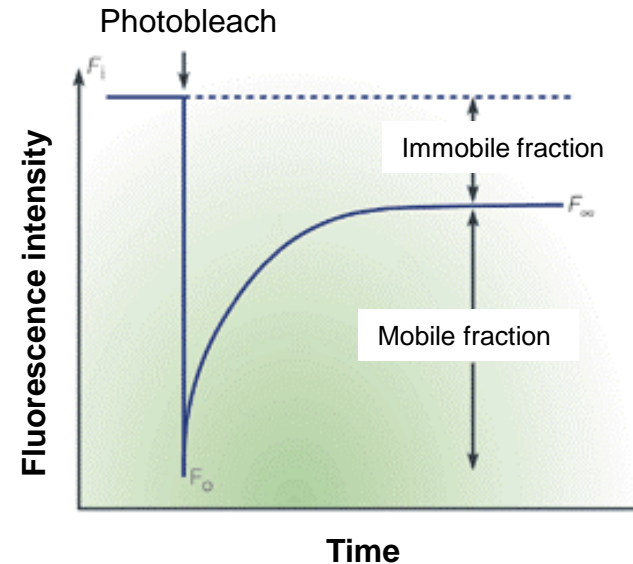


# Characterization techniques

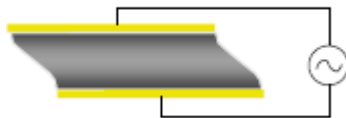
## Fluorescence recovery after photobleaching (FRAP)



10 x magnification, 15s/frame



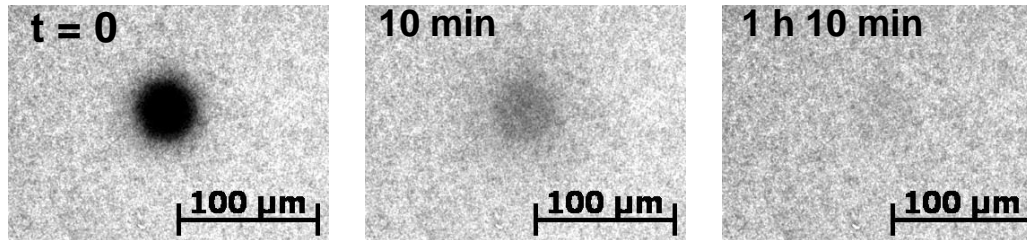
## Quartz crystal microbalance with dissipation monitoring (QCM-D)



- Adsorbed mass → Change in frequency
- Viscoelastic properties → Change in dissipation

# Vesicle fusion on glass/SiO<sub>2</sub>

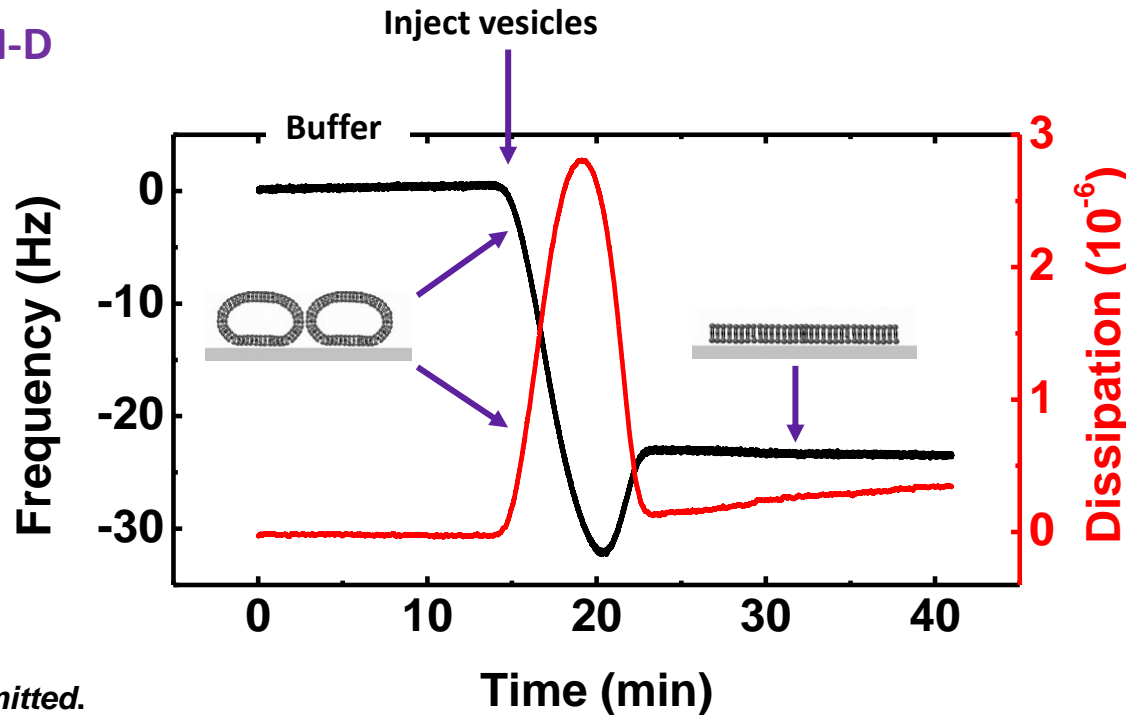
## FRAP



Diffusion coefficient  
( $D$ ) = 0.26  $\mu\text{m}^2/\text{s}$   
Mobile fraction  
( $MF$ ) = 0.95

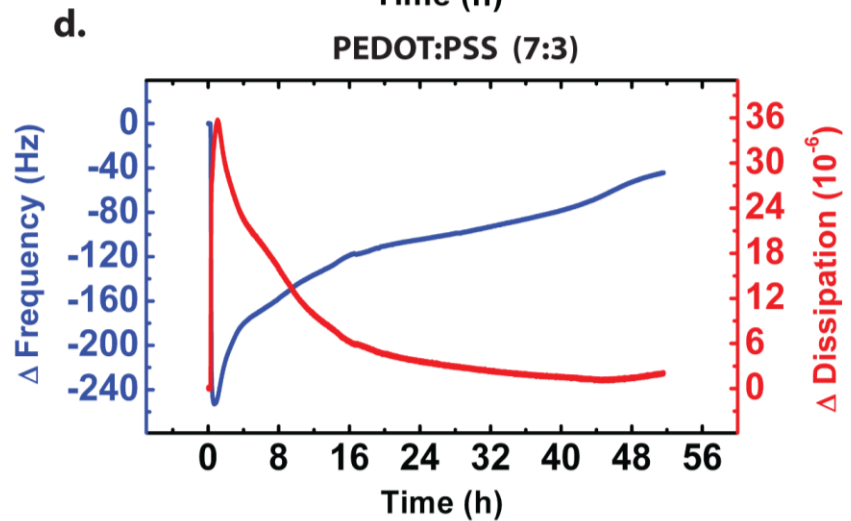
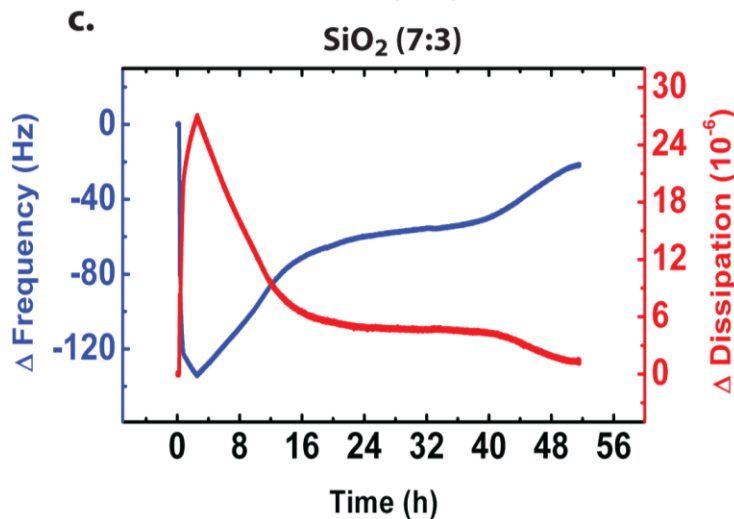
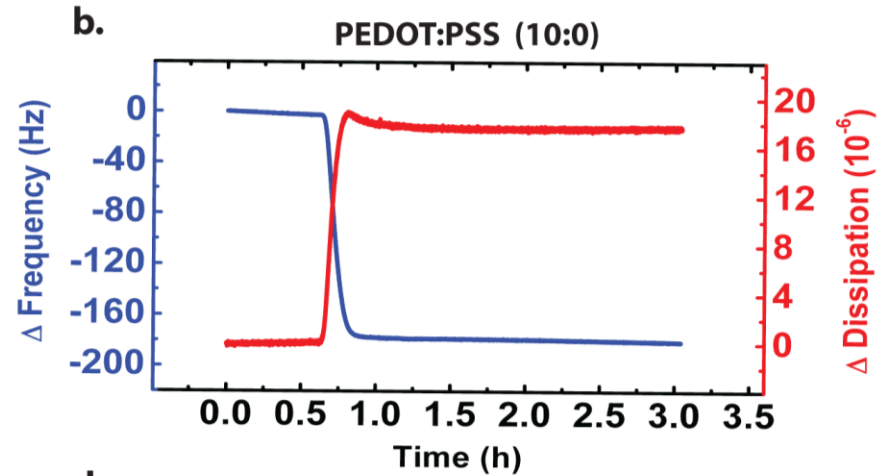
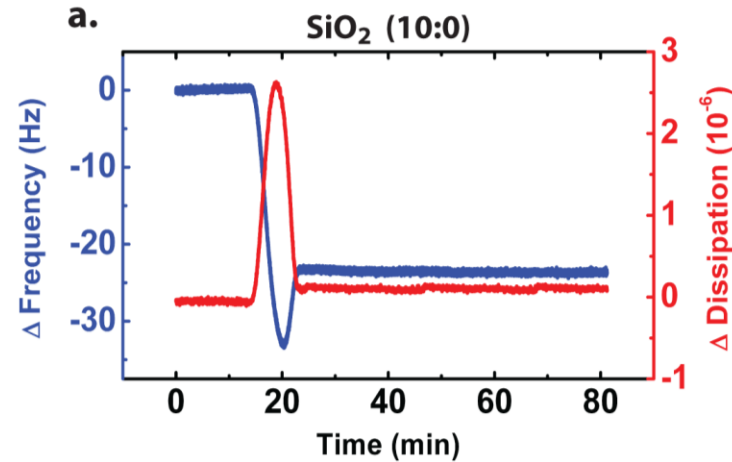
1,2-diphytanoyl-sn-glycero-3-phosphocholine  
(DPhPC)

## QCM-D



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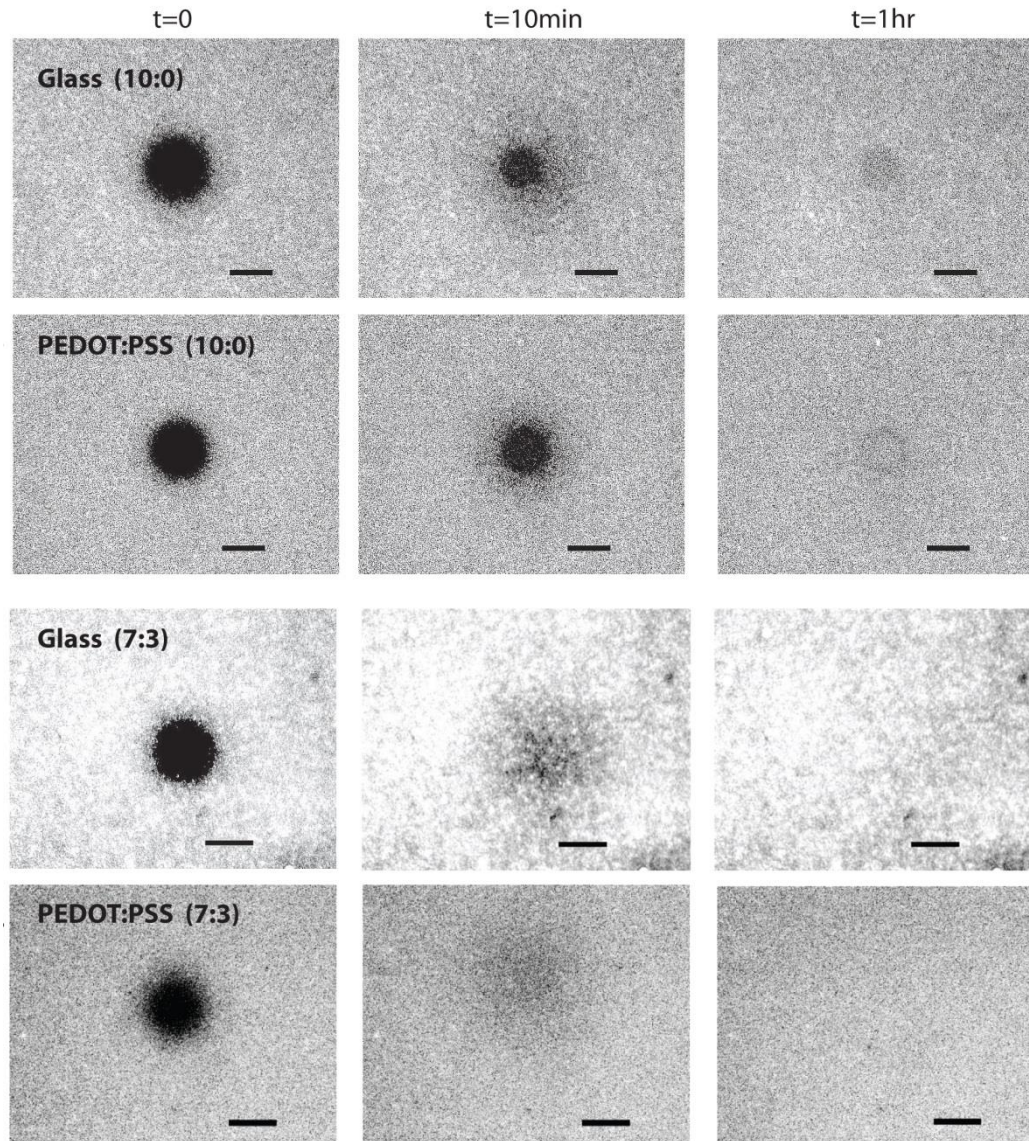
# Vesicle fusion on PEDOT:PSS



**Challenge**: assembling bilayer on conducting polymer

Y. Zhang *et al.*, submitted.

# Lipids on PEDOT:PSS are mobile and diffuse



$D = 0.54 \pm 0.01 \text{ um}^2/\text{s}$   
 $MF = 0.94 \pm 0.01$

$D = 0.35 \pm 0.08 \text{ um}^2/\text{s}$   
 $MF = 0.85 \pm 0.07$

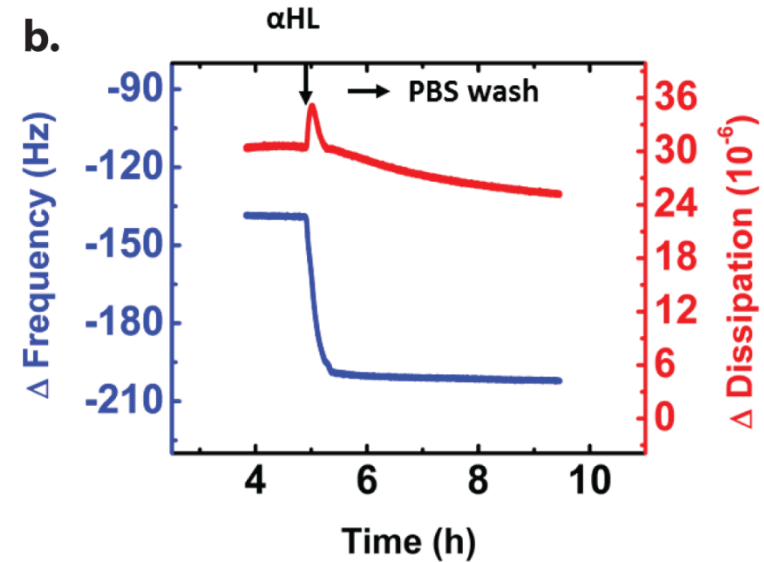
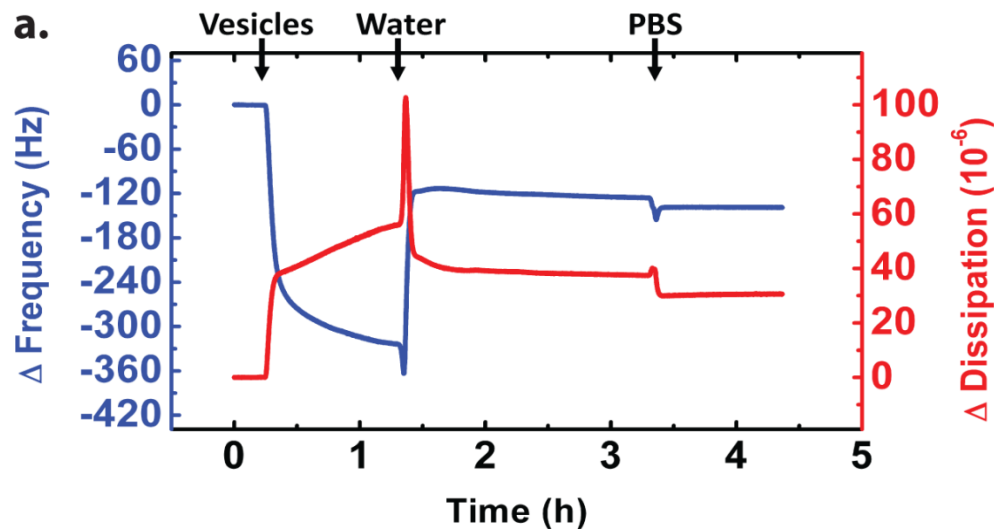
$D = 0.5 \pm 0.15 \text{ um}^2/\text{s}$   
 $MF = 0.95 \pm 0.06$

$D = 0.5 \pm 0.06 \text{ um}^2/\text{s}$   
 $MF = 0.97 \pm 0.02$

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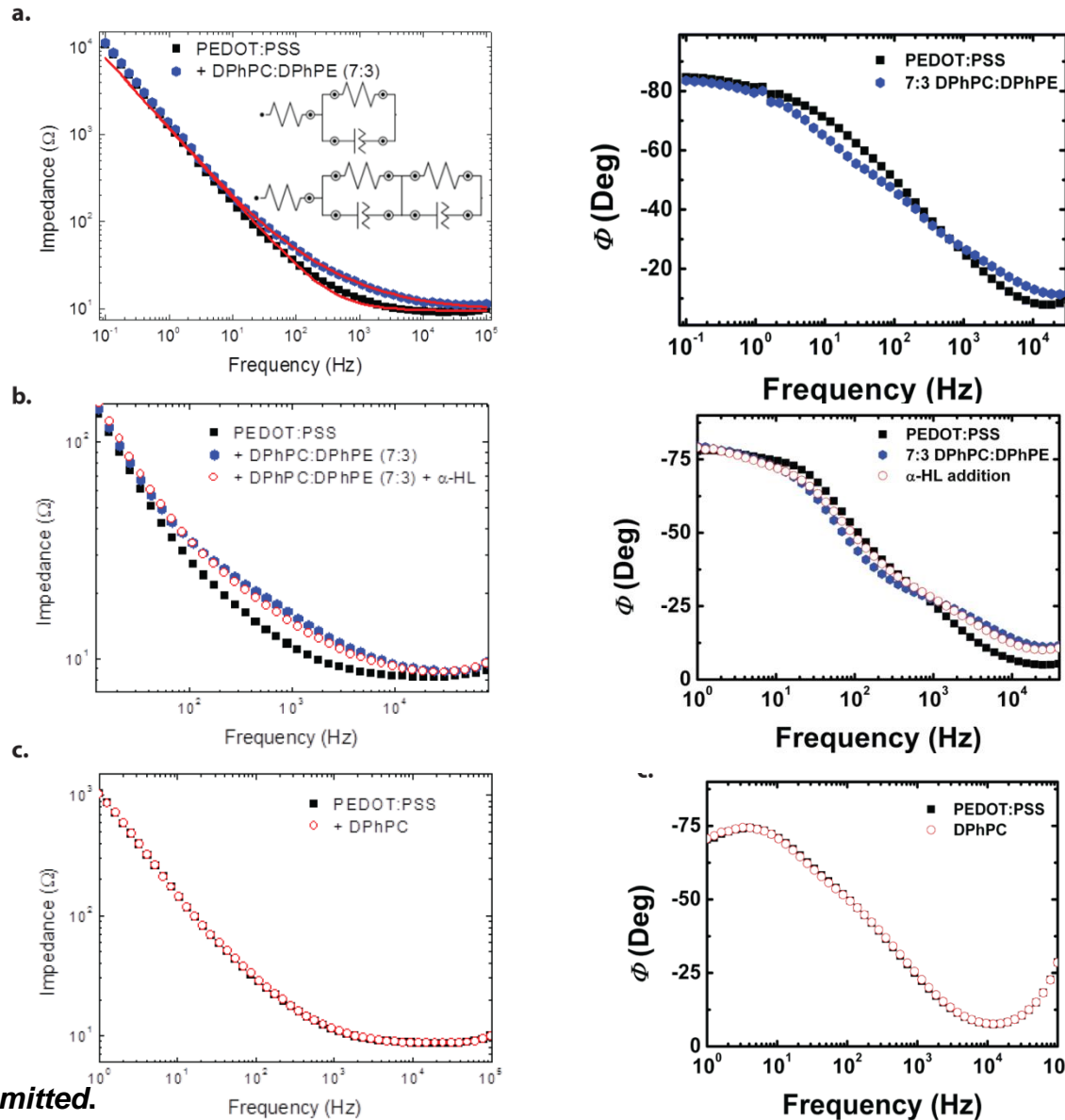


# Osmotic shock accelerates rupture (200 x)



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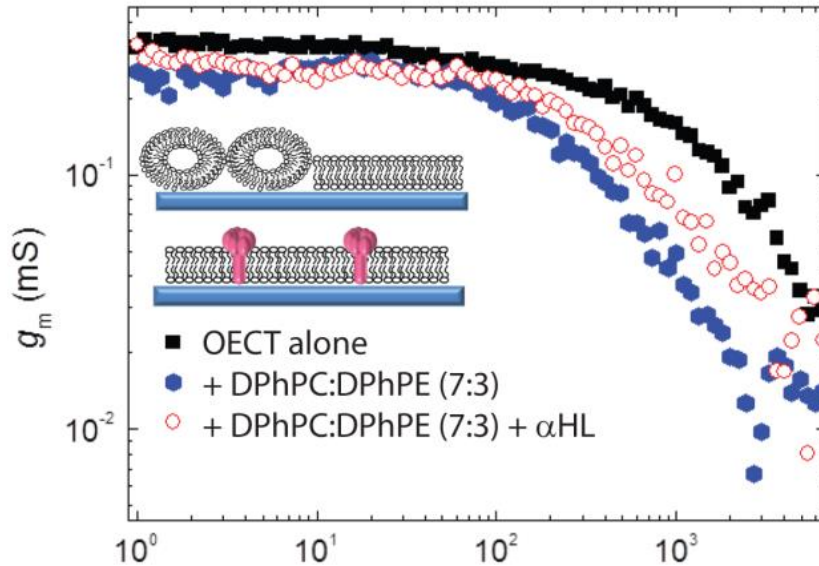
# (E)QCM-D measurements of PEDOT:PSS + lipids



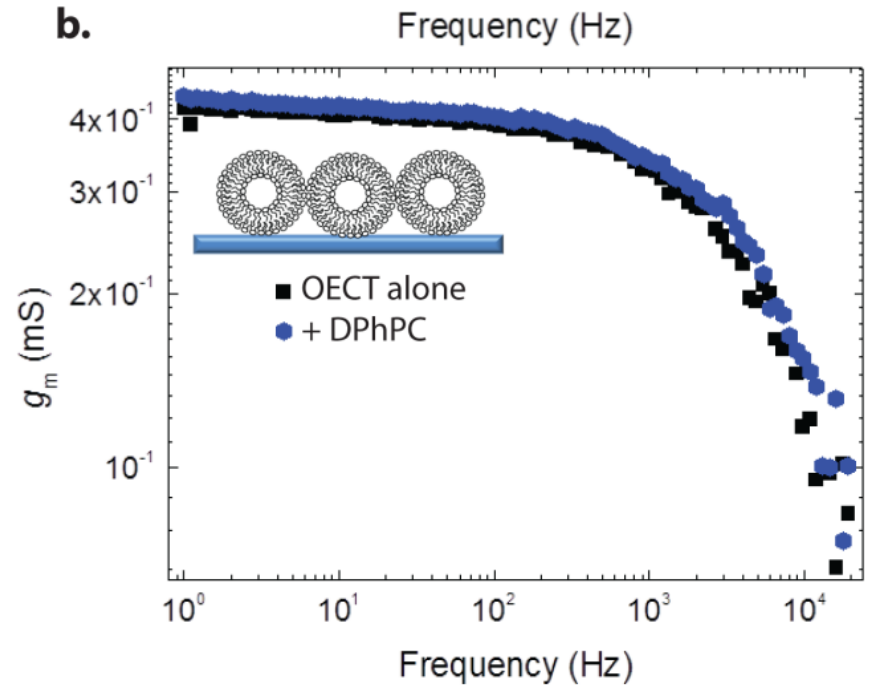
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# OECT detection of lipid bilayer and protein insertion

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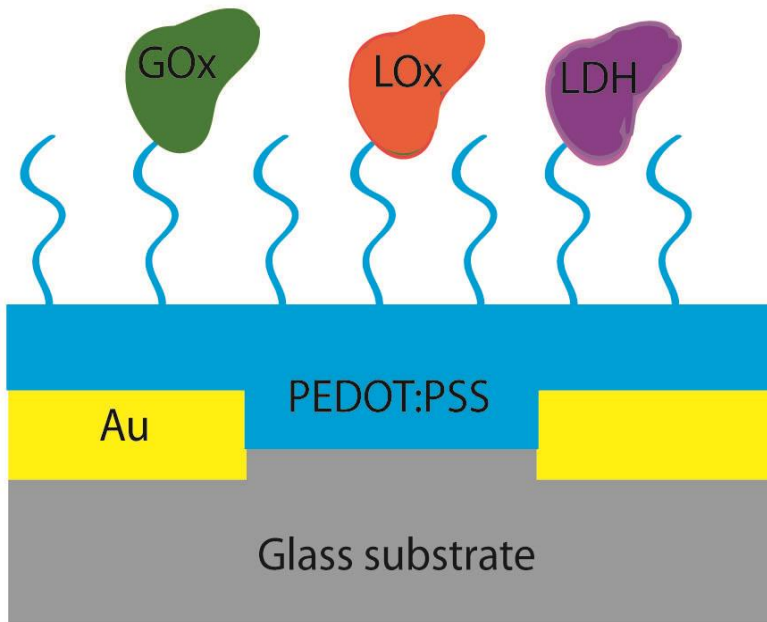
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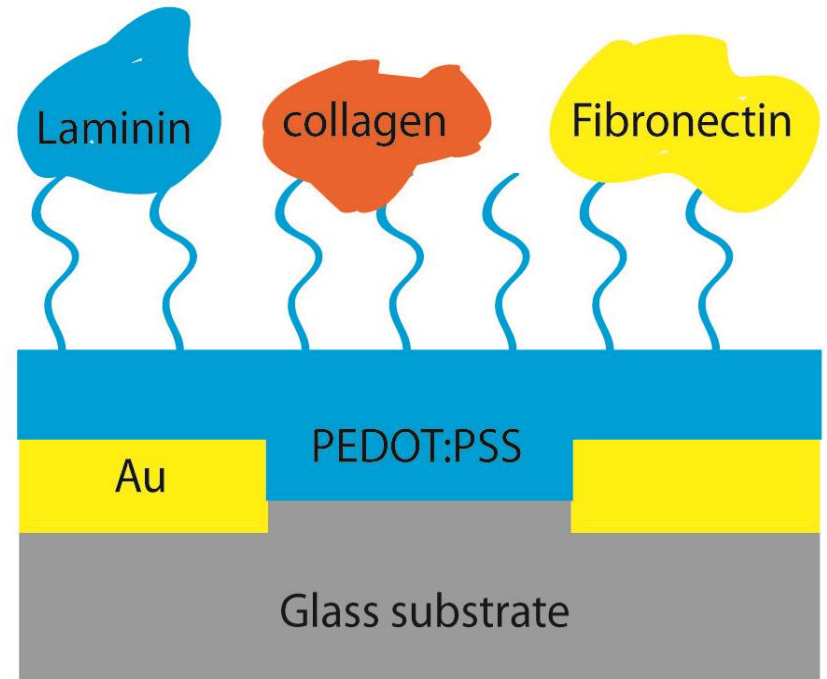
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# Reasons for functionalising OECTs

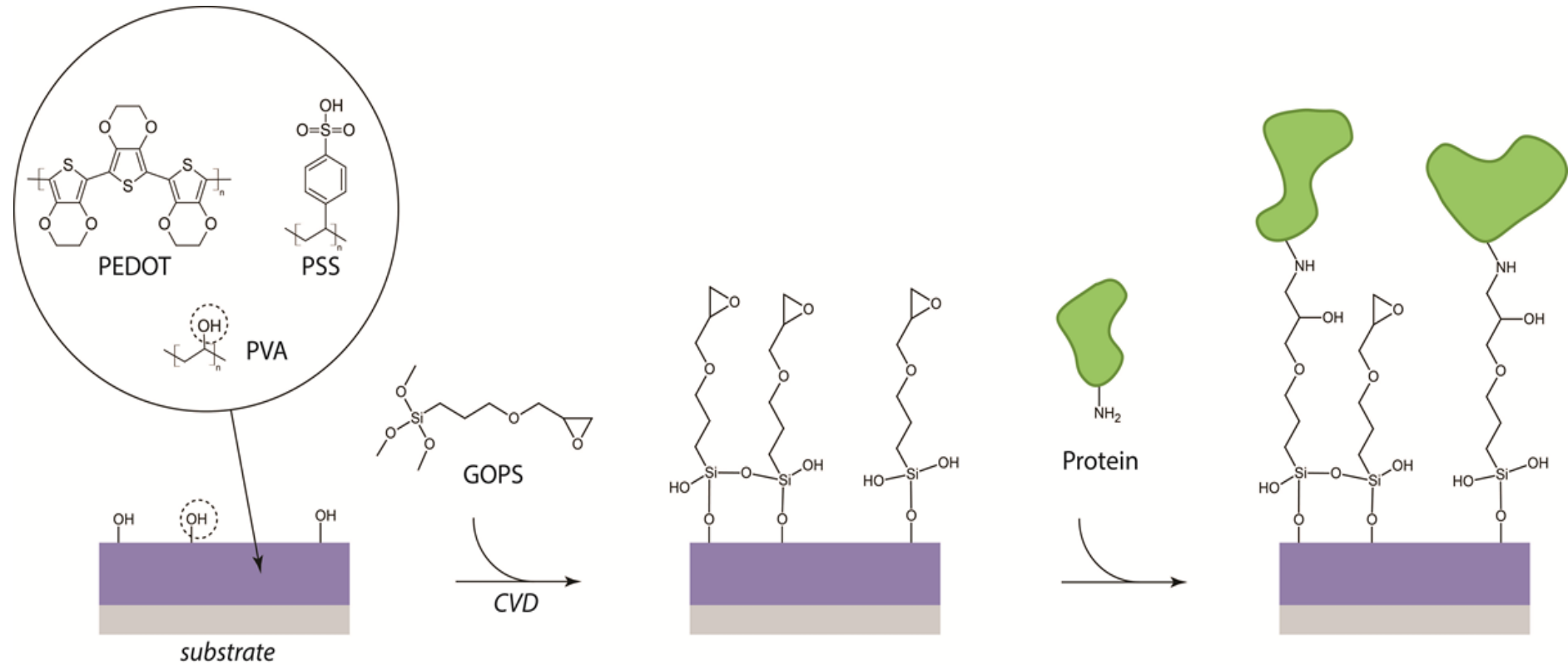


***For metabolite detection  
(using redox enzymes)***



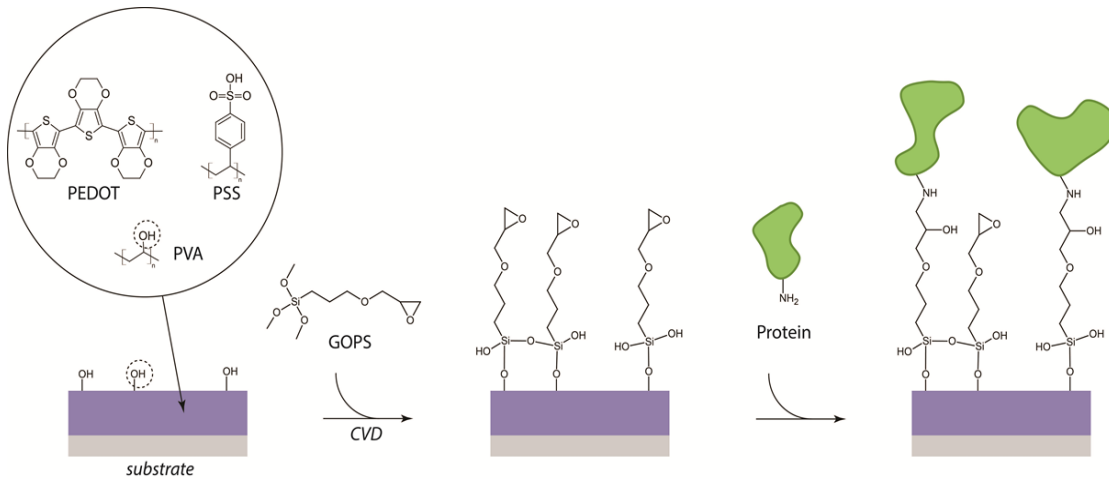
***Mimic in vivo environment  
(improve tissue functionality)***

# Functionalization of PEDOT:PSS via silanization



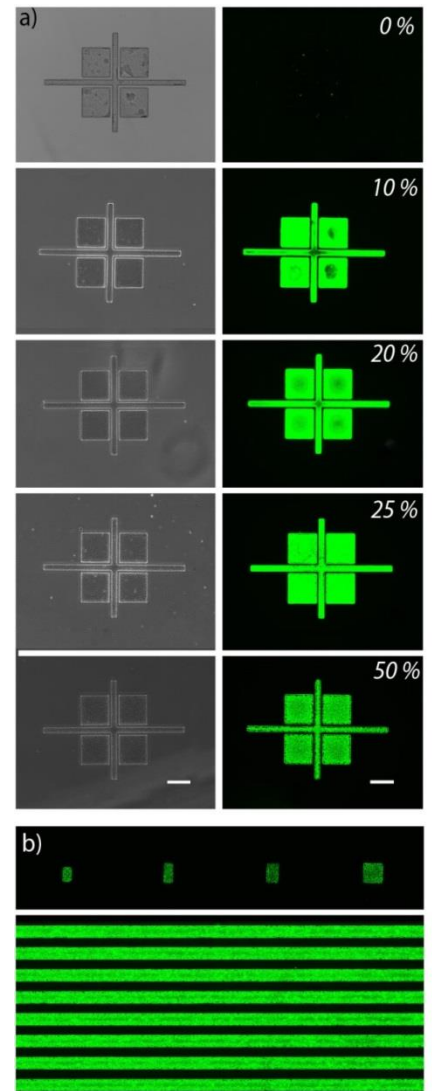
X. Strakosas *et al.*, *J. Mater. Chem. B* (2013).

# Biofunctionalization of OECTs



*X. Strakosas et al., J. Mater. Chem. B (2013).*

**Versatile repertoire of functionalization methods generated**

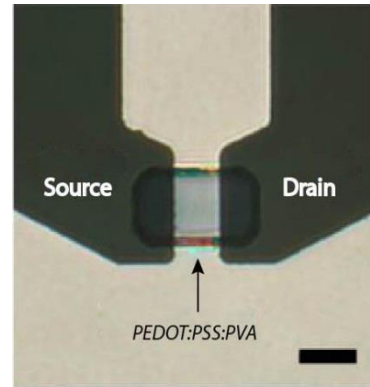


# PEDOT:PSS:PVA OECTs maintain performance

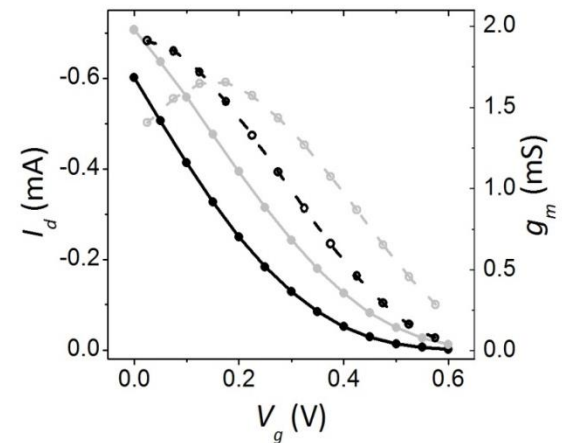
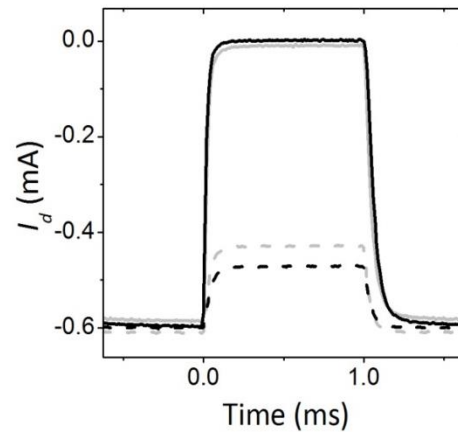
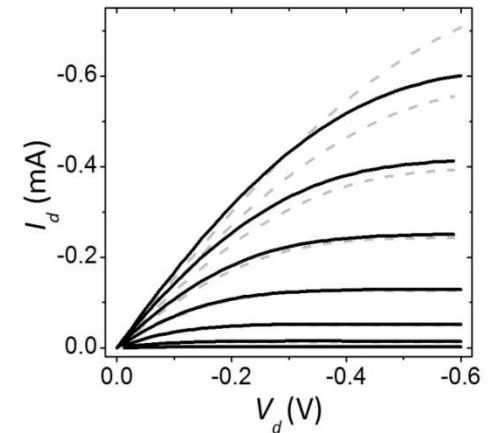
- **Transconductance:**

$$g_m = \frac{\Delta I_d}{\Delta V_g} = 1.86 \text{ mS}$$

- **Time constant  $\tau = 20.6 \mu\text{s}$**

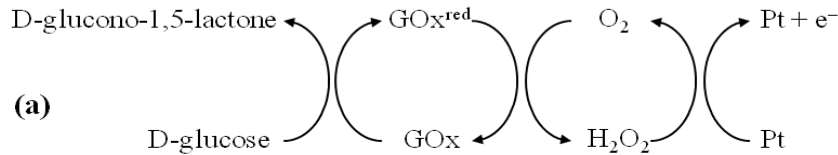


Scale bar: 10  $\mu\text{m}$

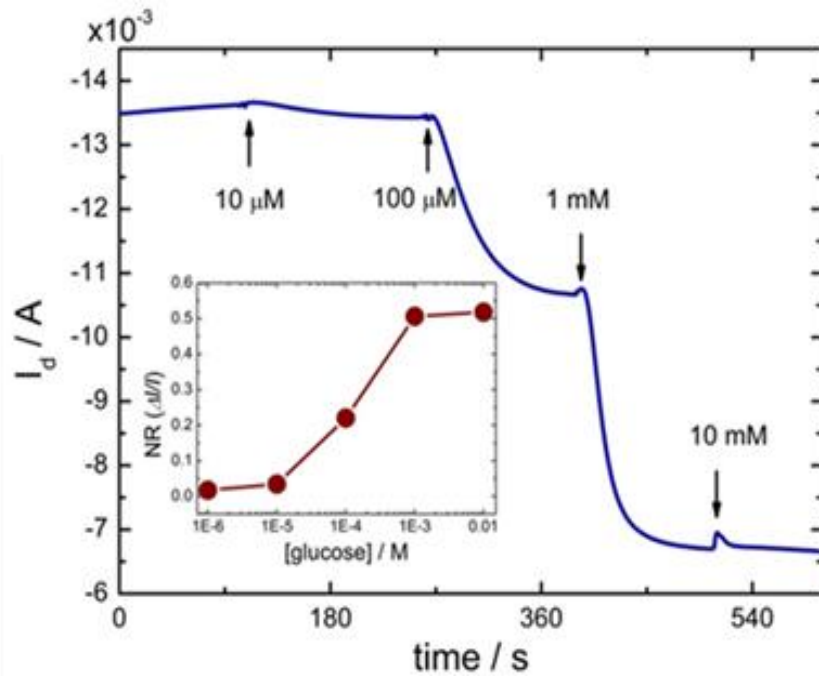




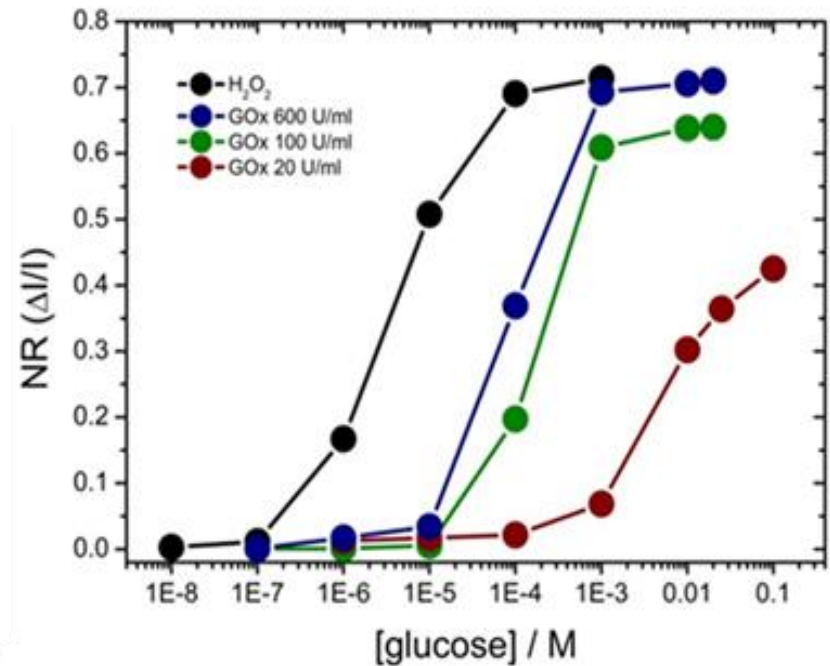
# The OECT for monitoring metabolites: mechanism



*transfer of e<sup>-</sup> to the gate: the drain current will change in response to the potential change*  
*Need to avoid redox reactions from interfering species*



*Drain current change is  $\propto$  to [glucose]*



*GOx can be tuned for sensitivity*

# Motivation: Emerging POC technologies

## Routine Blood Testing



## Portable single-analyte sensor

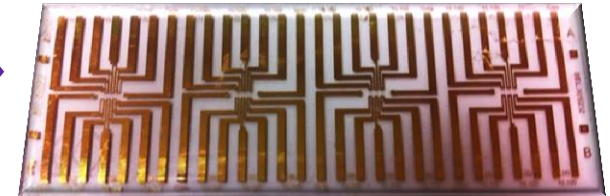


Lactate  
Sensor



Glucose  
Sensor

## Miniaturized portable multi-analyte sensor



Glucose,  
Lactate,  
Cholesterol ...  
Sensor

1cm

### GOAL

- ✓ Rapid
- ✓ Sensitive
- ✓ Accurate
- ✓ Multiplexed
- ✓ Low-cost
- ✓ Portable

### IDEA

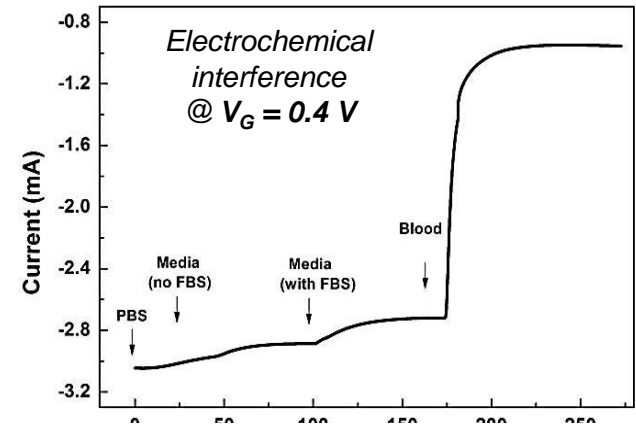
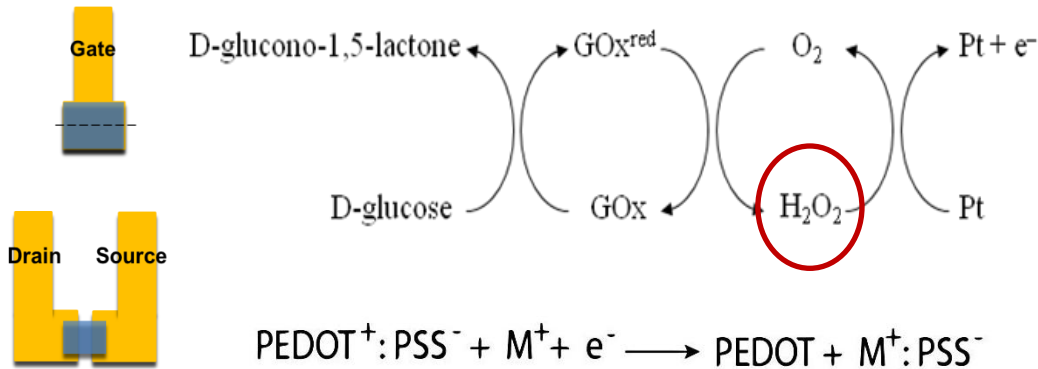
- Miniaturized multiplatform for
- ✓ Real time
- ✓ Electrochemical detection of
- ✓ Multiple biomarkers simultaneously
- ✓ From a SINGLE sample

### CHALLENGES

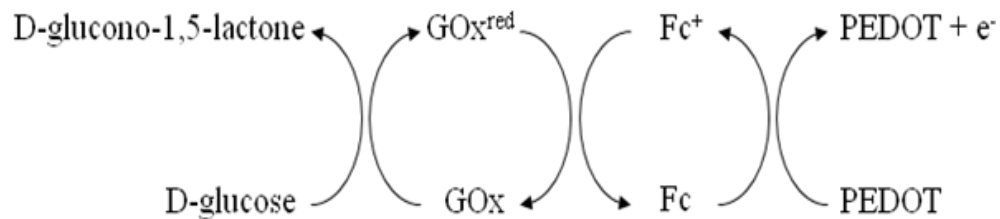
- ✓ Sensitivity
- ✓ Specificity
- ✓ Electrochemical interference
- ✓ Electrical cross talk

# OECTs for metabolite sensing: How it works

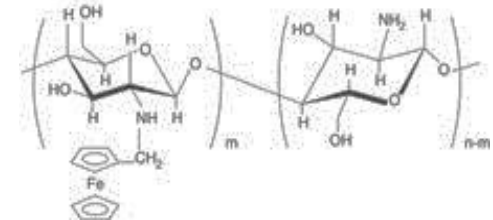
## 1<sup>st</sup> generation of enzymatic biosensors: H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> detection



## Electron shuttling using ferrocene to transfer an electron directly to the PEDOT channel...



### Chitosan-Ferrocene (CS-Fc) complex

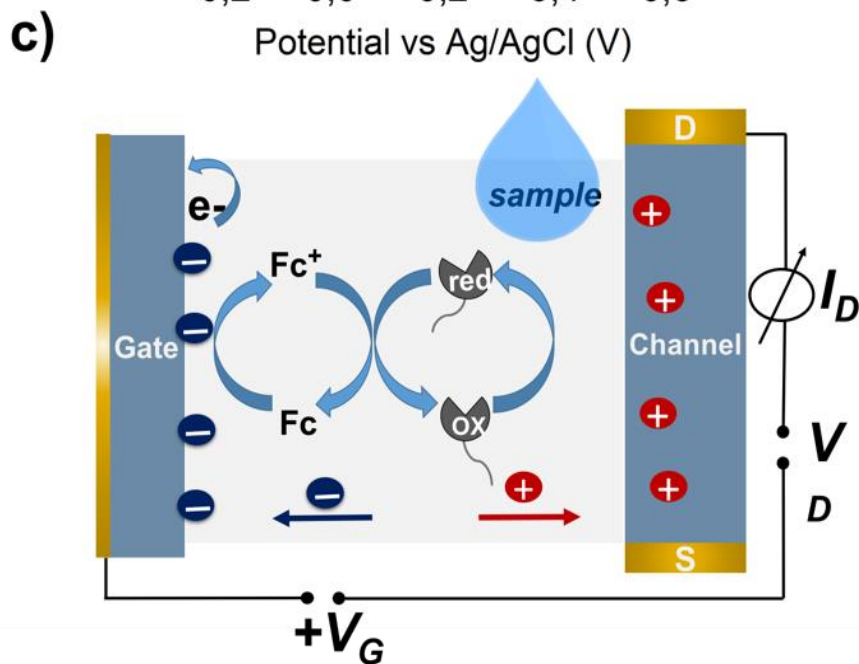
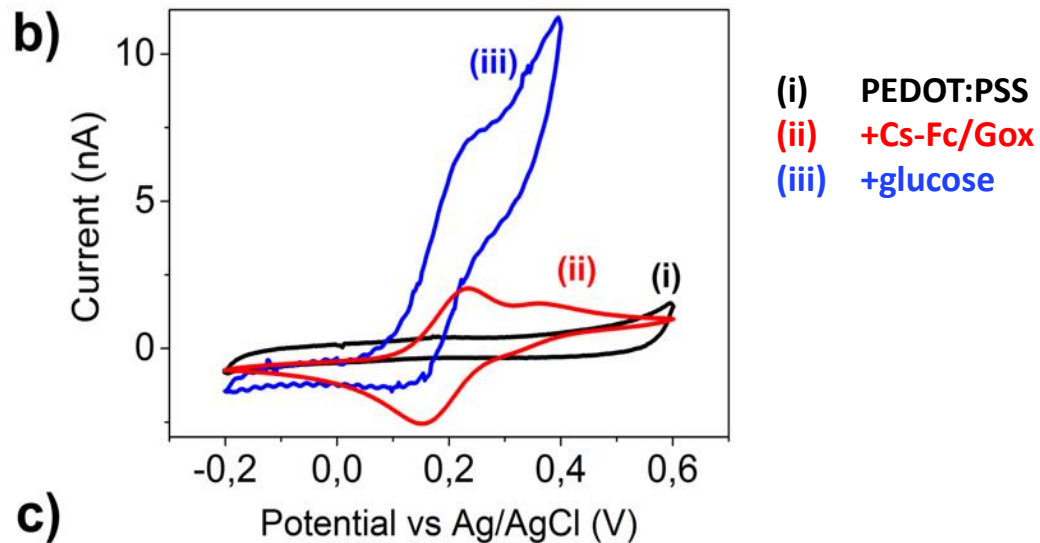
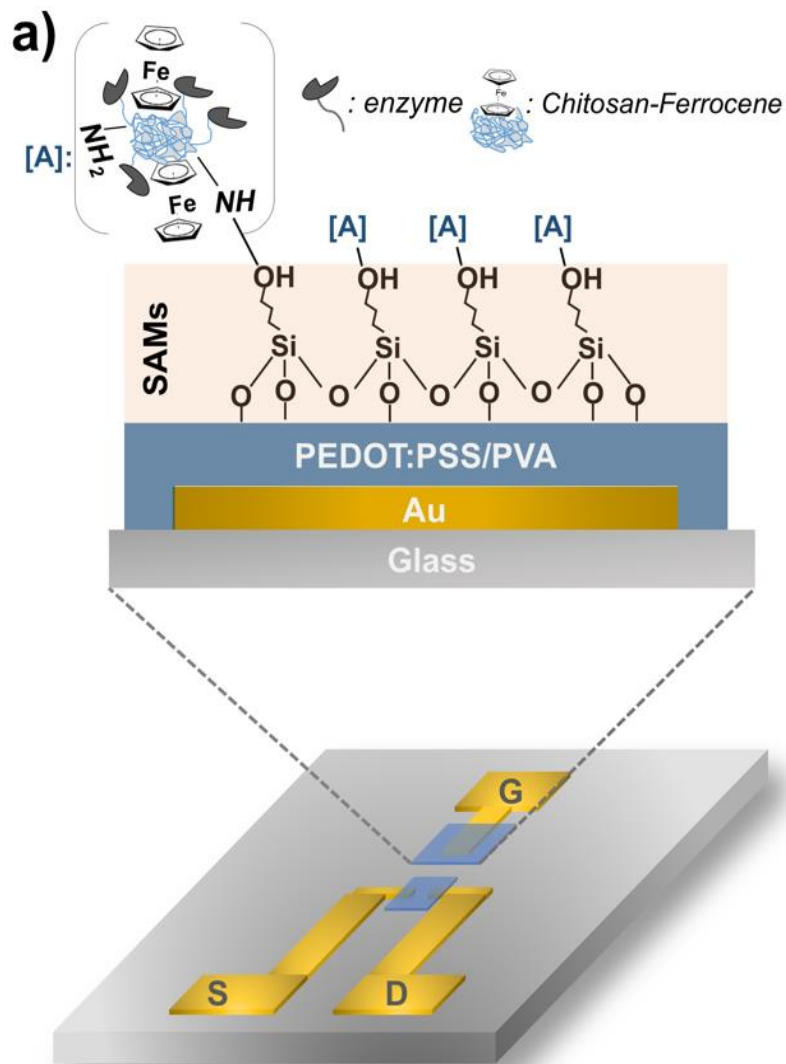


- *Electrochemical reversibility*
- *Stability at low potential*

**Previous work:** All in solution (electrolyte)

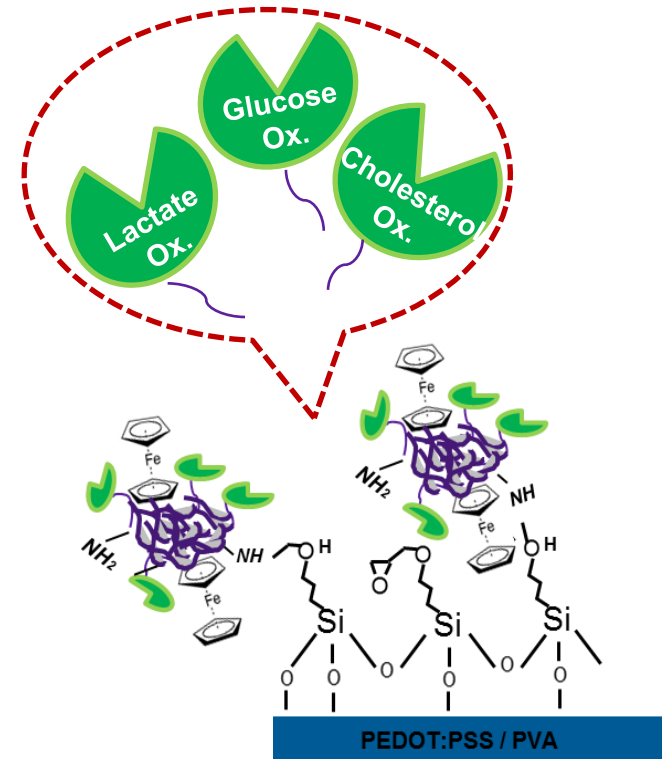
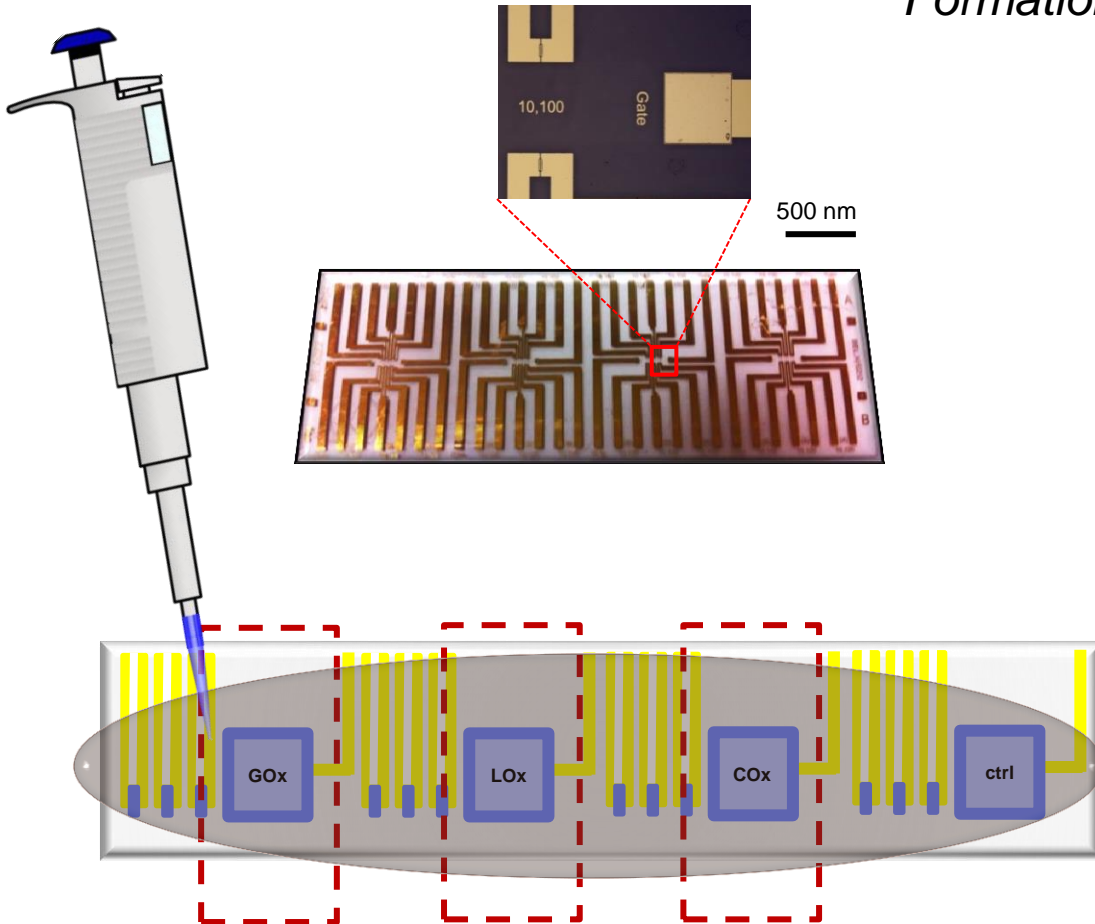
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# Biofunctionalisation of OECT with chitosan-Fc

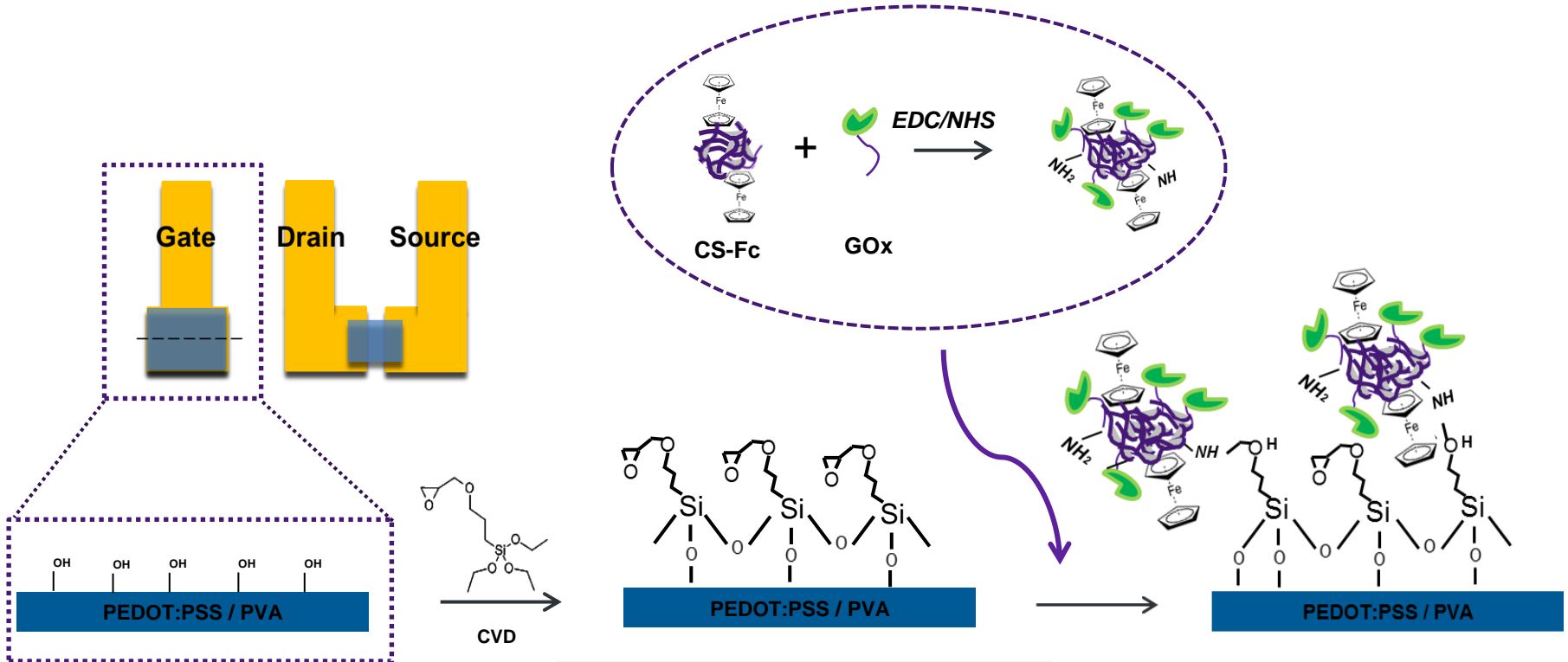


# Concept design of our biosensing multiplatform

Formation of different **analyte-responsive** functional surfaces



# Enzyme immobilization onto the gate

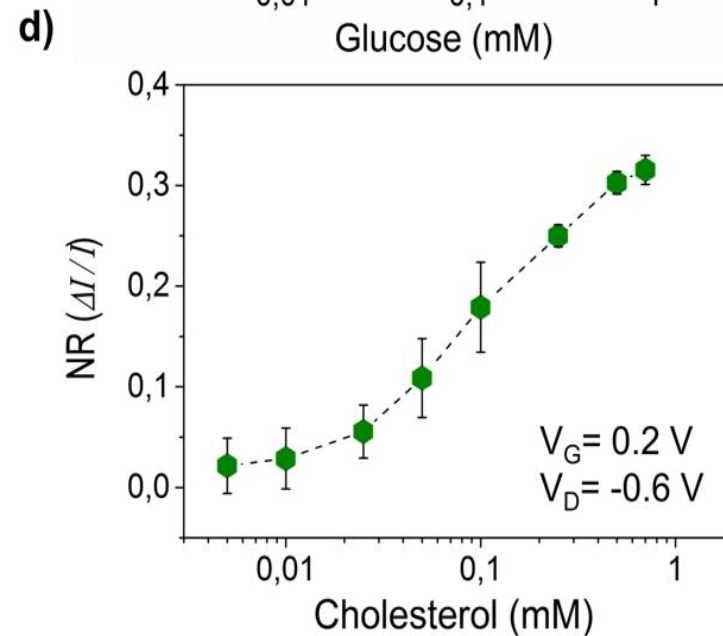
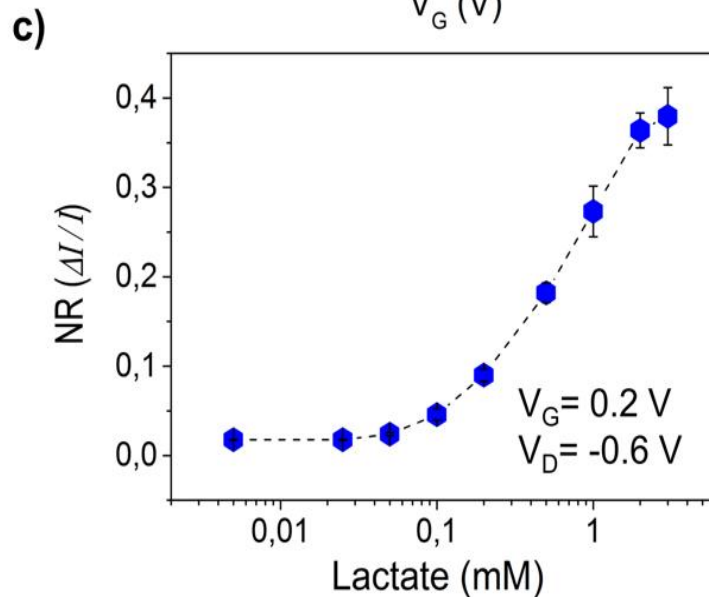
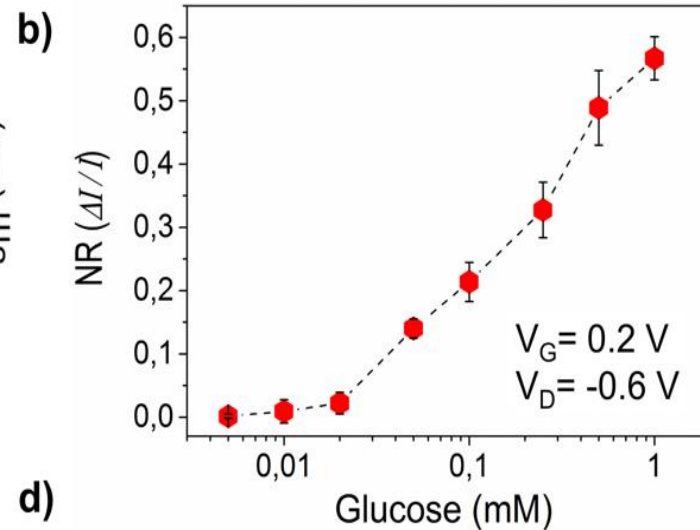
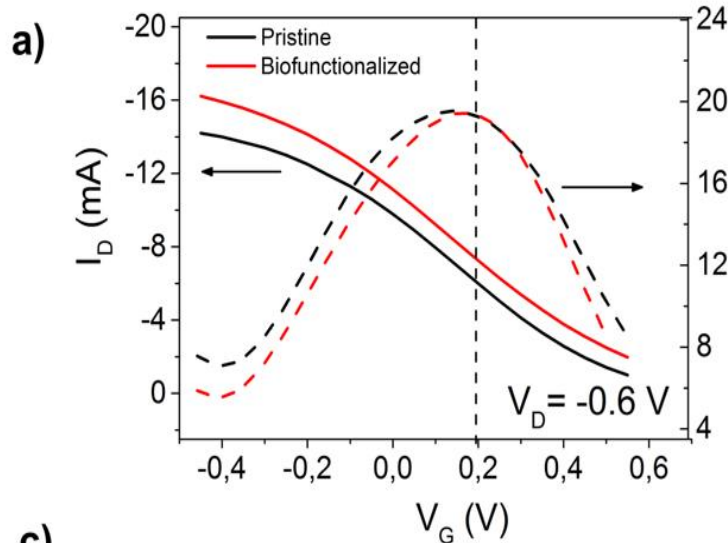


**2 critical steps include...**

- ✓ Formation of the **Cs-Fc /enzyme complex**
- ✓ Formation of **analyte-responsive surfaces**

Based on: *X. Strakosas et al., 2014*

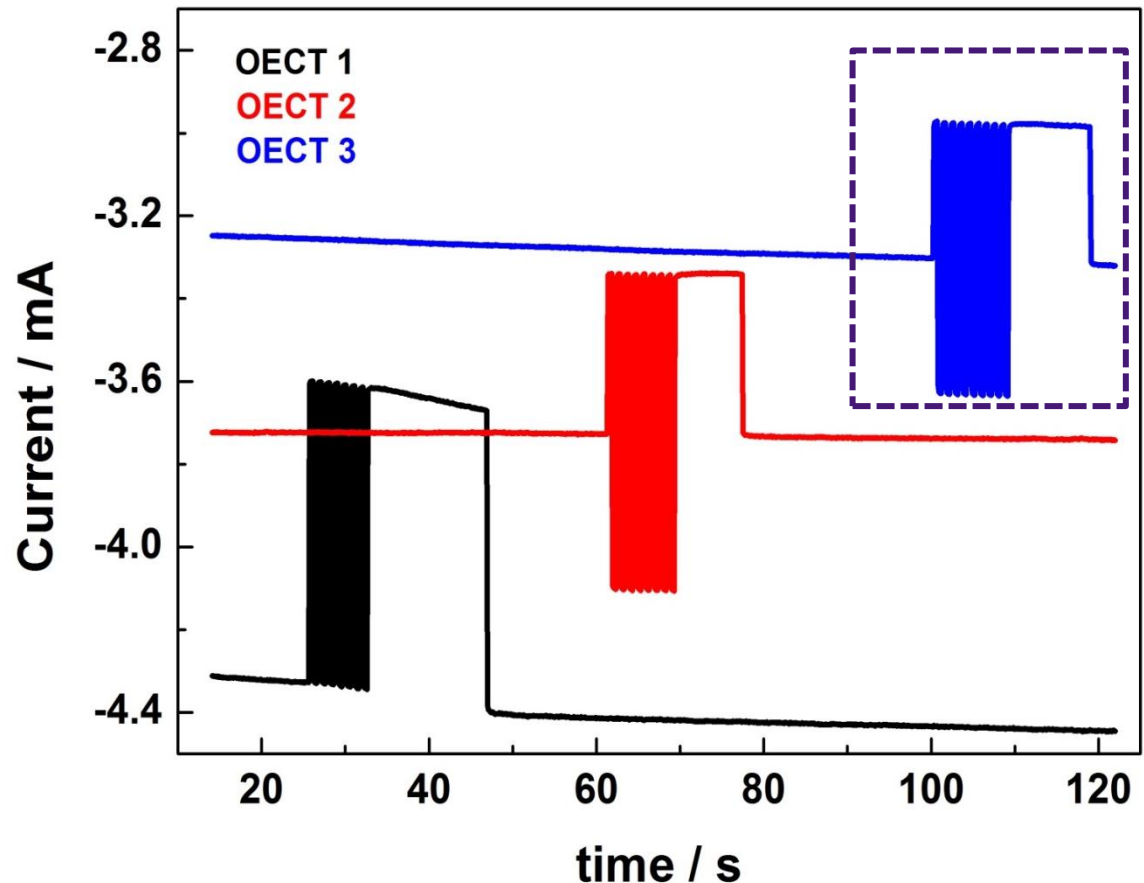
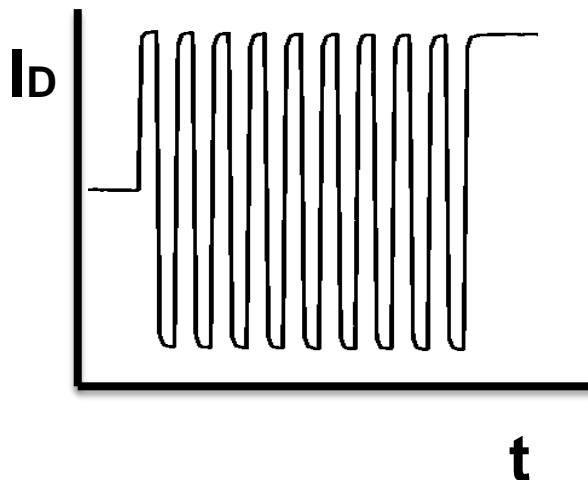
# Calibration curves of the individual analytes



# Elimination of electrical interference

- Sequential pulsing of each gate showed no electrical cross-talk among the different transistors (physical separation of source)

$V_D = -0.6V$   
 $V_{G \text{ rest}} = 0.1 V$   
Gate pulse: 0.1-0.2V  
Pulse frequency: 10Hz

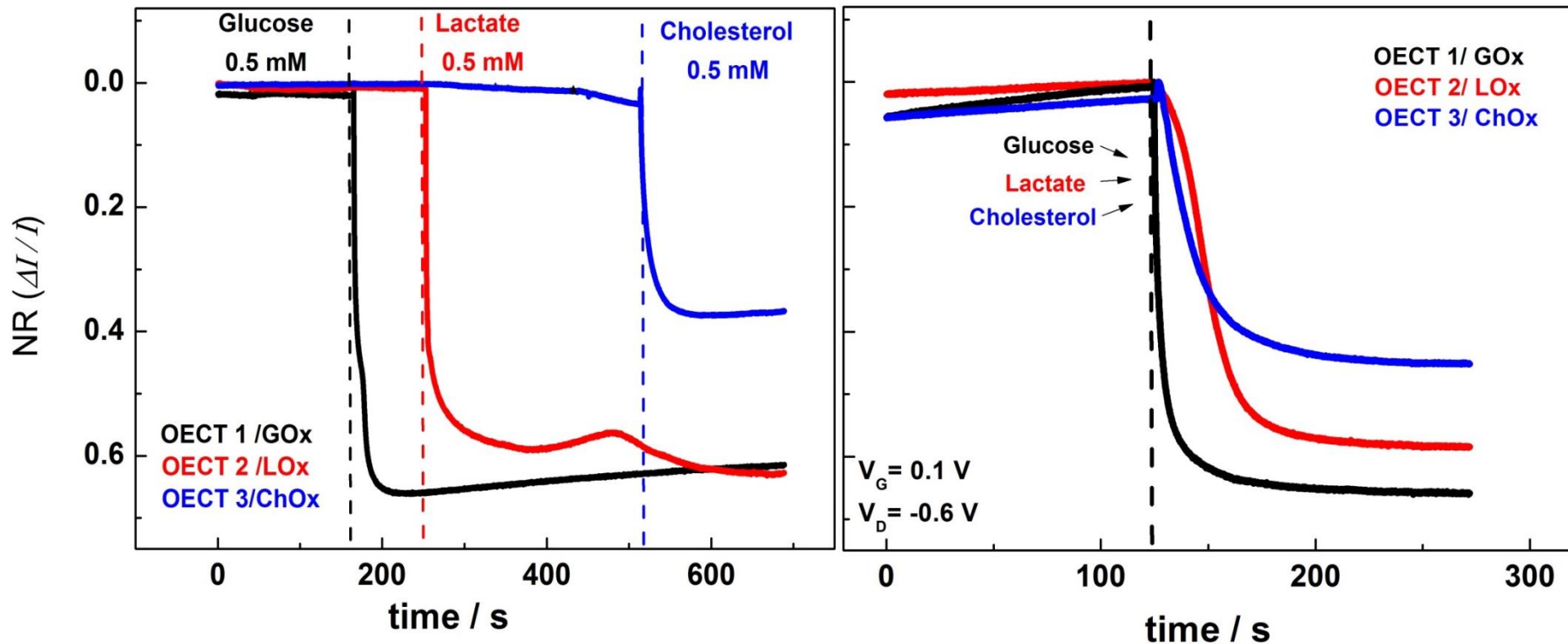




# Real-time multianalyte monitoring

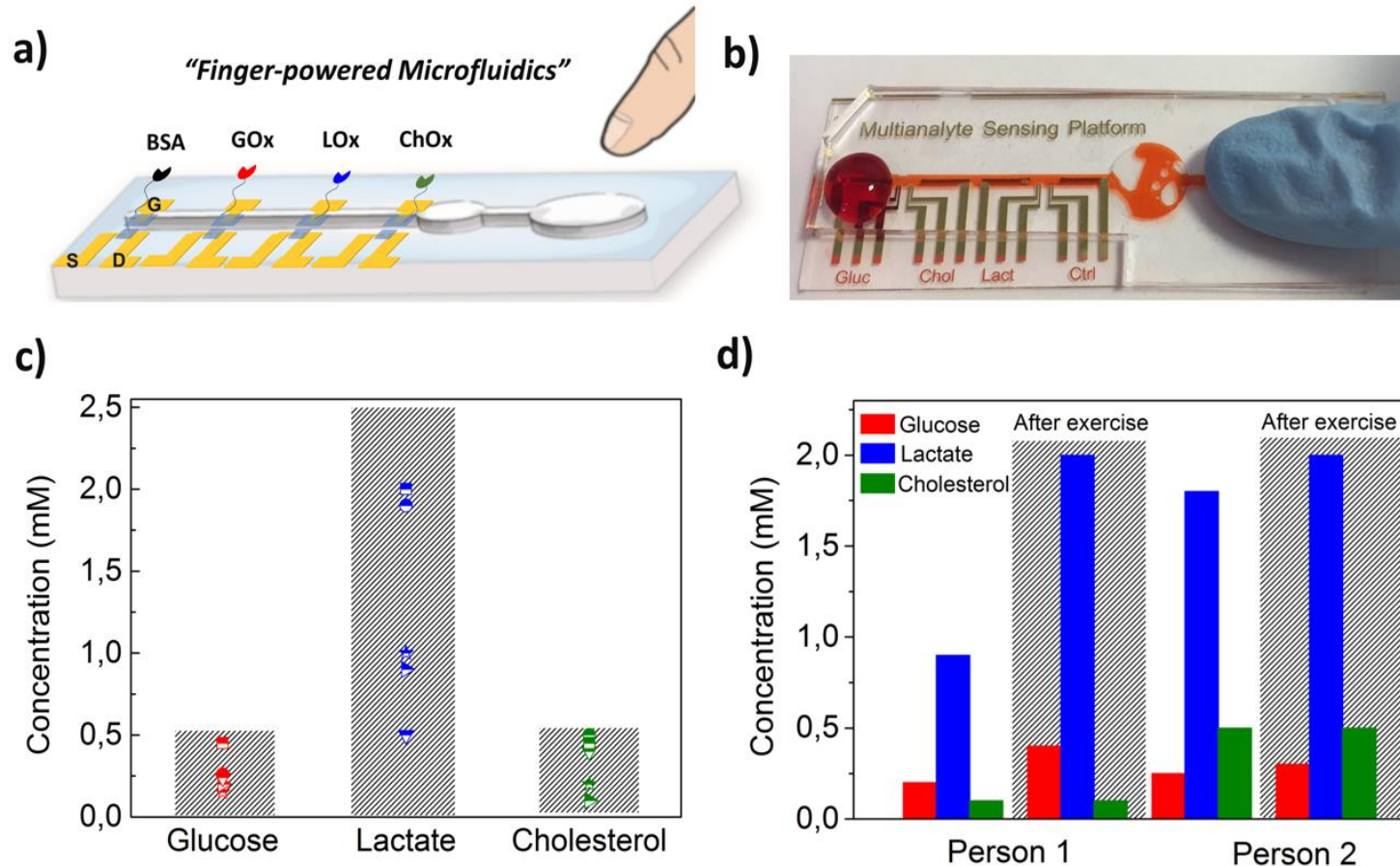
- Successive additions the different analytes showed no biological interference among the differently functionalized transistors

*in PBS...*



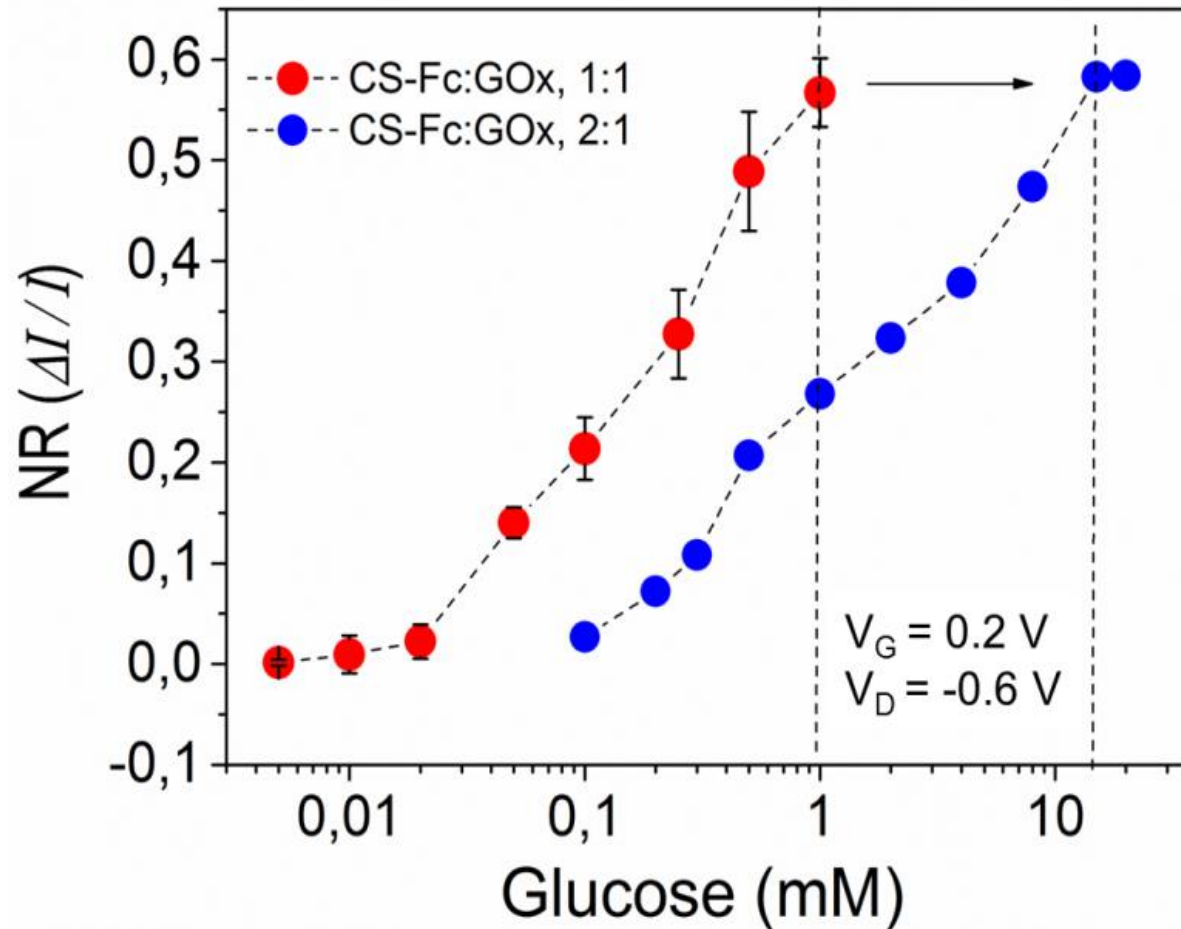
# Real-time multianalyte detection using POC device

## Saliva samples from healthy volunteers

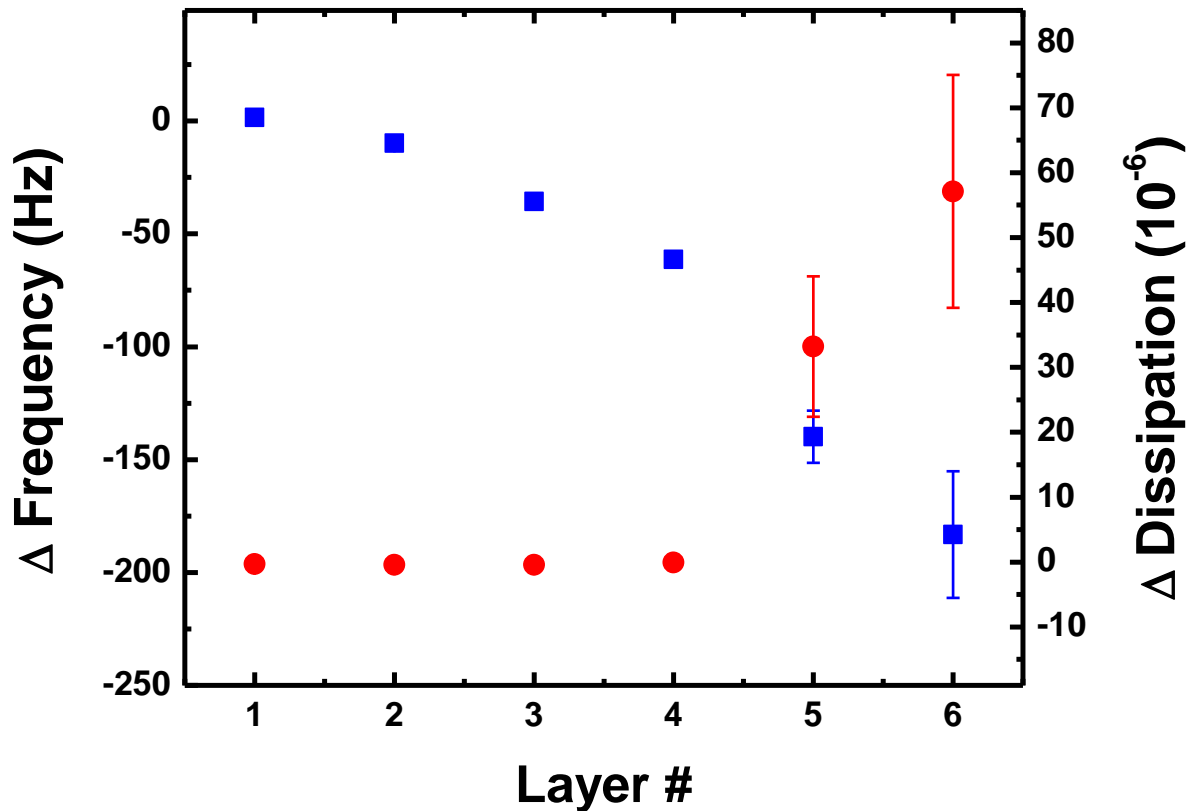


# Changing sensitivities of devices

## ■ Tuning of linear range



# LBL deposition of PLL and PSS on PEDOT:PSS

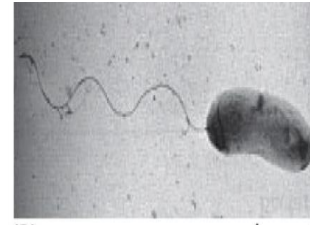
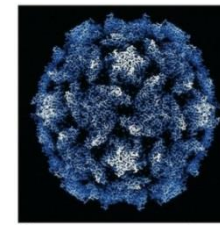


- Sample: PEDOT:PSS/PVA/GOPS
- Solvent: PBS
- Layer 1 is PLL @ pH 8.5 ...; deposited (PLL/PSS)<sub>3</sub> layers
- Take the average of 3<sup>rd</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> overtones for plotting

# The future of organic bioelectronics

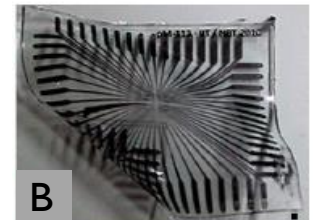
## ■ Identifying new areas for interfacing with biology

- Devices to stimulate/record electrically active cells
  - not just neurons, cardiac cells, muscle cells
  - not just CNS, also PNS, neuromuscular junction
- Processes involving ion transfer/flow
  - Ion channels, signal transduction, oxidative phosphorylation
  - Electron transfer chain, redox reactions
  - Bio fuel cells
- Plants/bacteria/viruses– biotechnology



## ■ Materials development

- Biodegradable/bioerodible/biofunctional – but still highly conducting
- Materials designed for specific applications
- Conformable, disposable substrates



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