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# SELF-CLEARING IMPLANTABLE BIOSENSORS FOR NEURODEGENERATION RESEARCH

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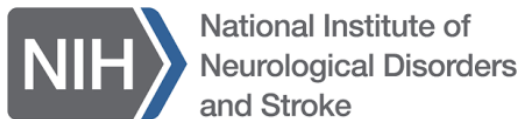
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# State-of-the-art in implantable sensors



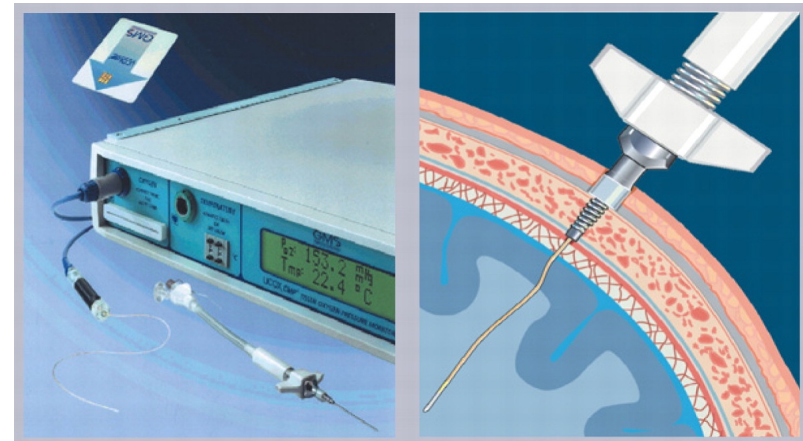
**G6, Dexcom CGM: 10 days**



**Abbott Freestyle Libre CGM: 14 days**



**Eversense, Senseonics: 90 days**



**LICOX Brain Tissue Oxygenation Monitor  
Integration Neurosciences: 7-14 days**

# Spinal cord injury statistics and facts

2.5 millions worldwide



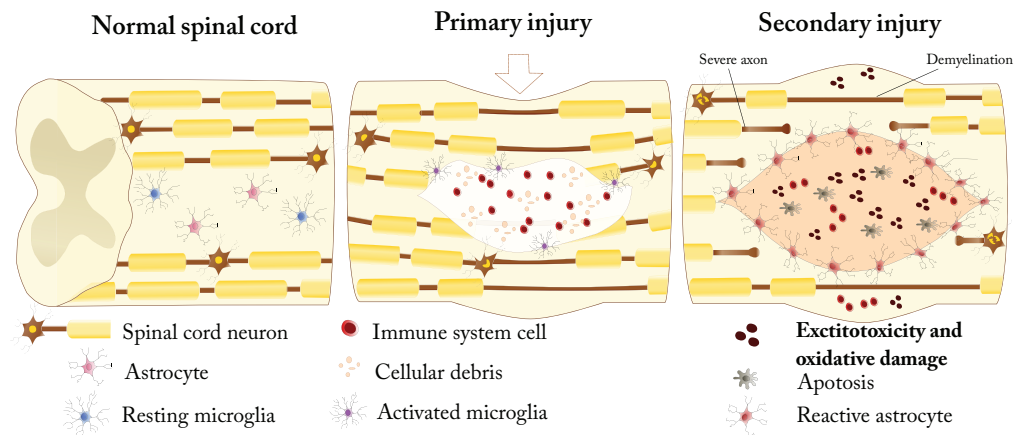
Demographic



Annual national cost

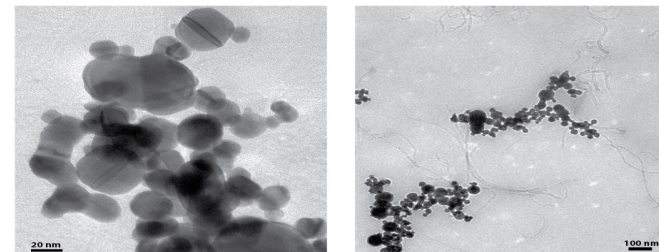
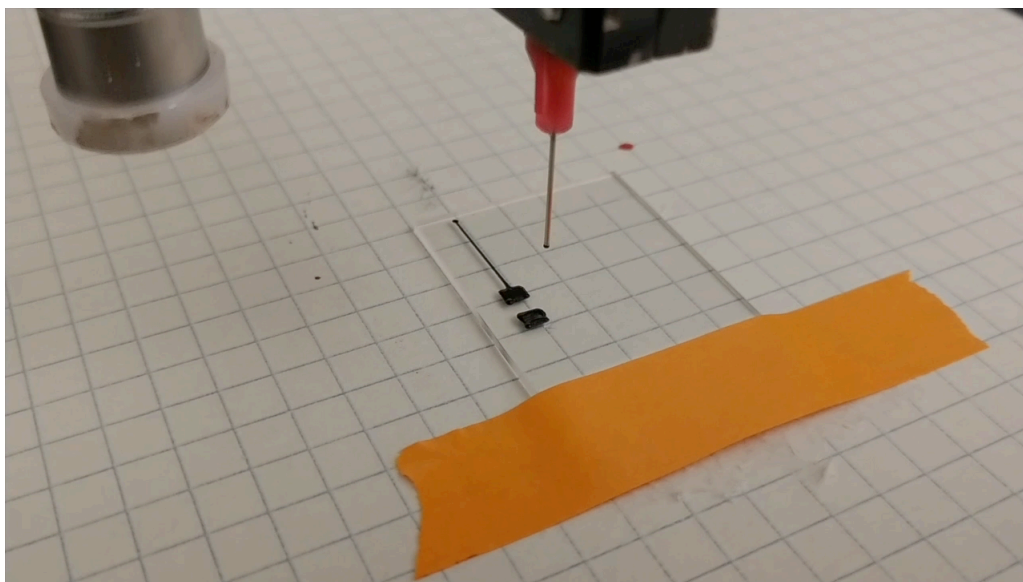
\$9.7 billions

Long term complication





# Nanocomposite-based flexible biosensor

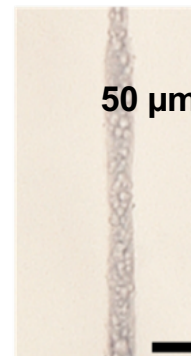


10 mm/s

5 mm/s

1 mm/s

Speed  
(40 psi)

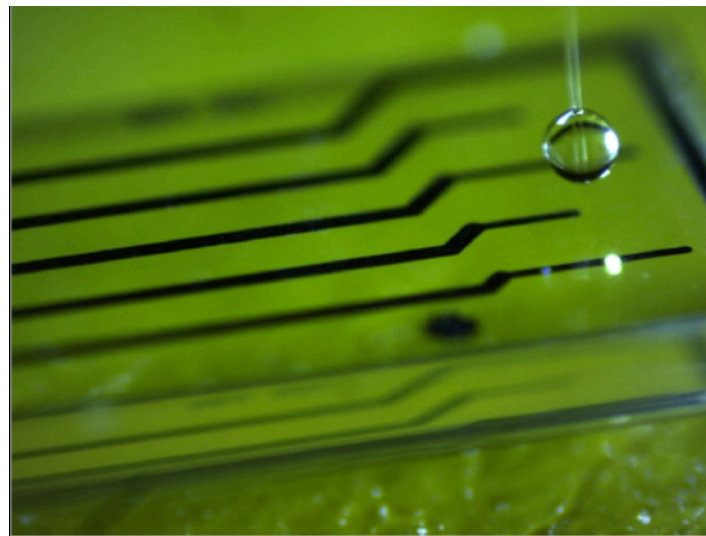
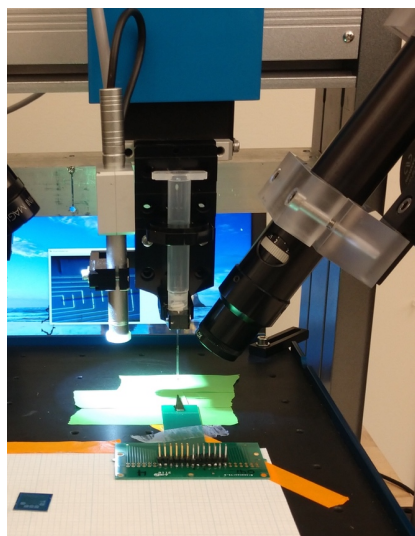
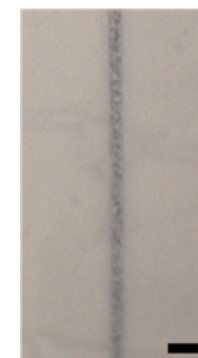
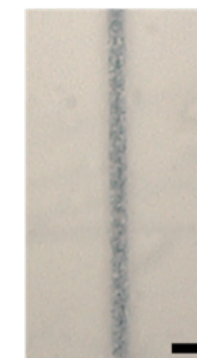
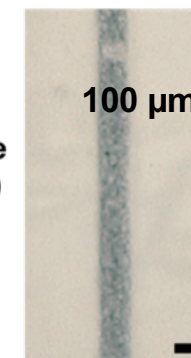


60 psi

40 psi

20 psi

Pressure  
(1 mm/s)



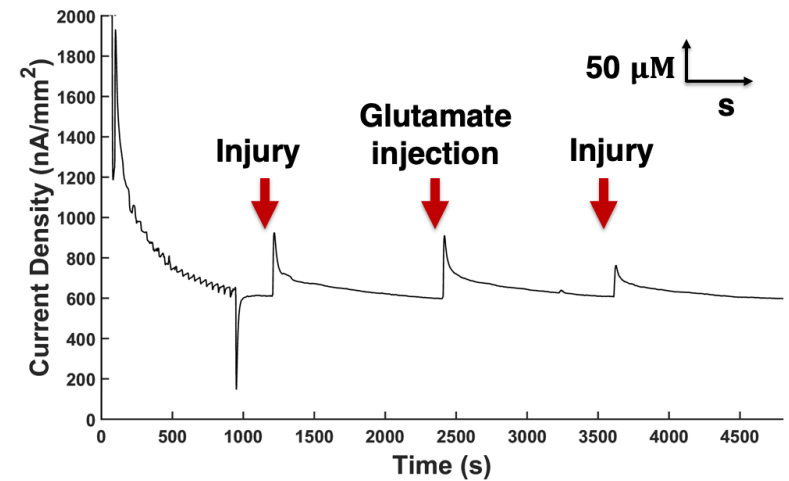
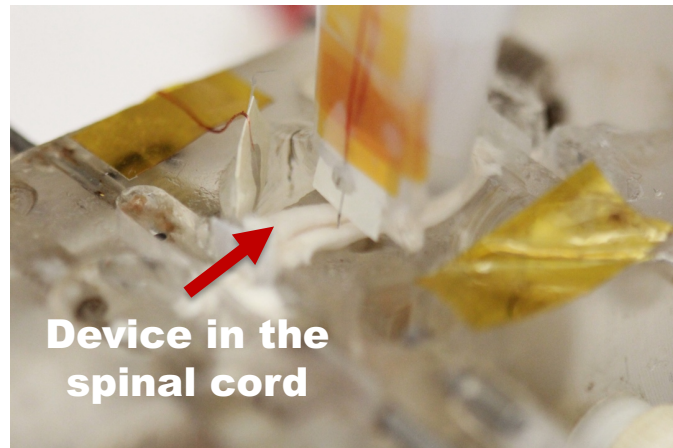
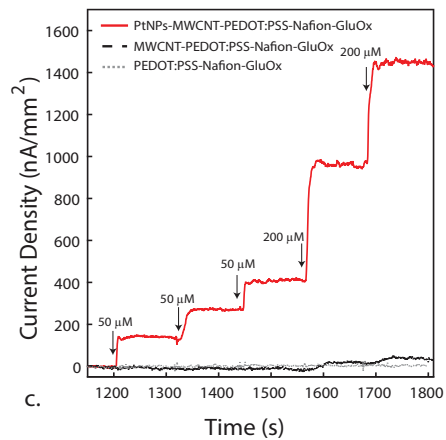
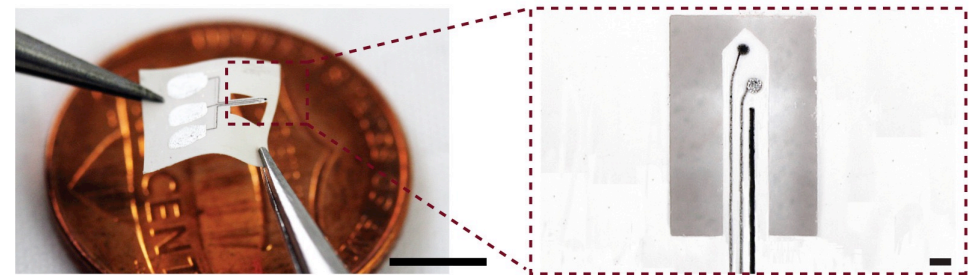
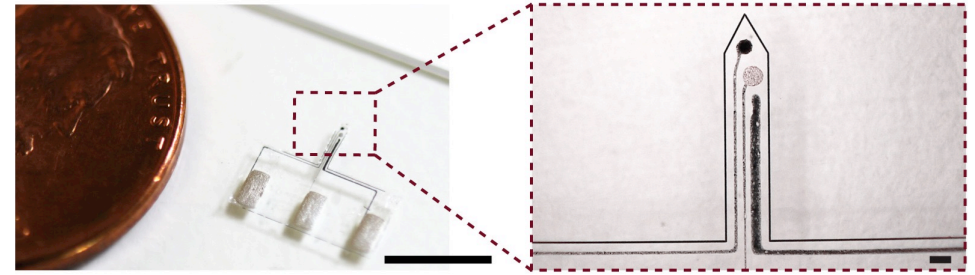
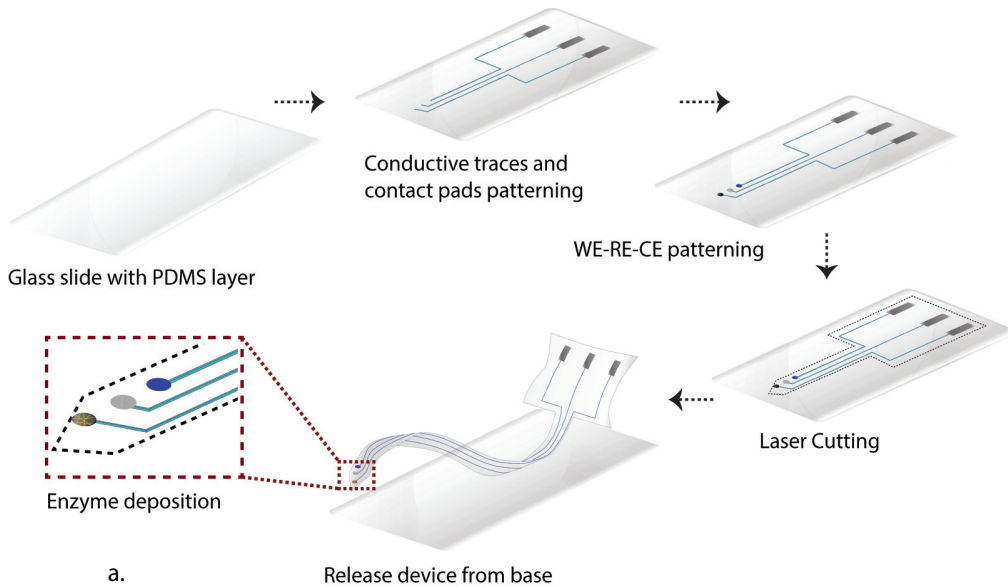
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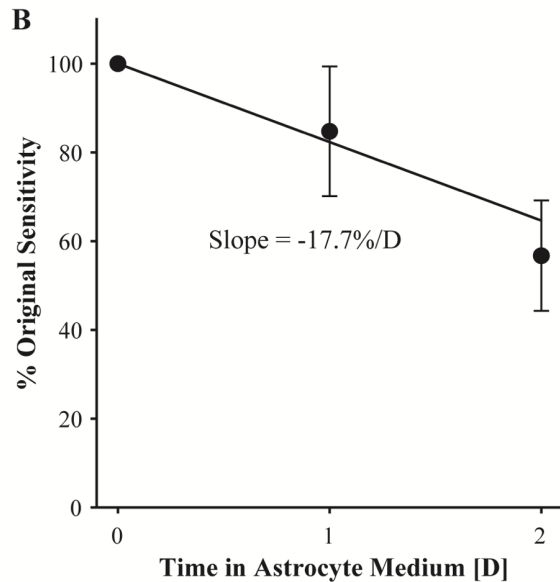
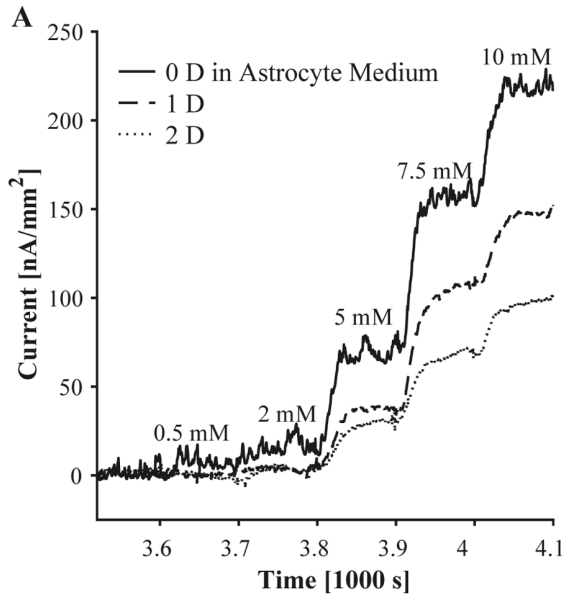
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# Fabrication, in vitro, ex vivo tests



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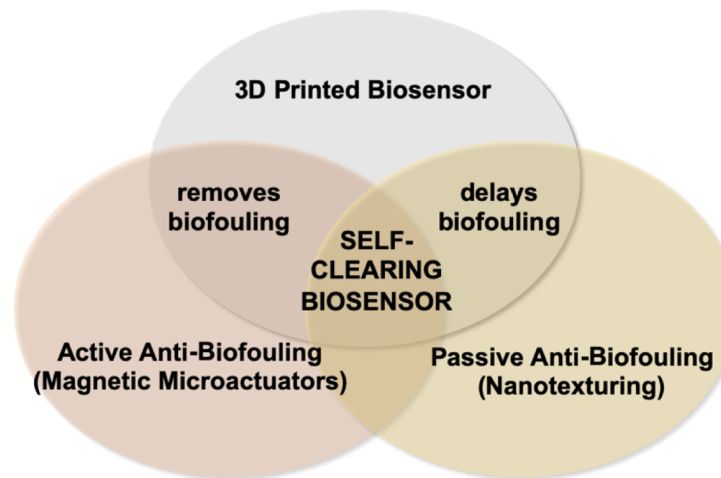
# Reliability issues → opportunity!



## Prevent & Disrupt Biofouling!



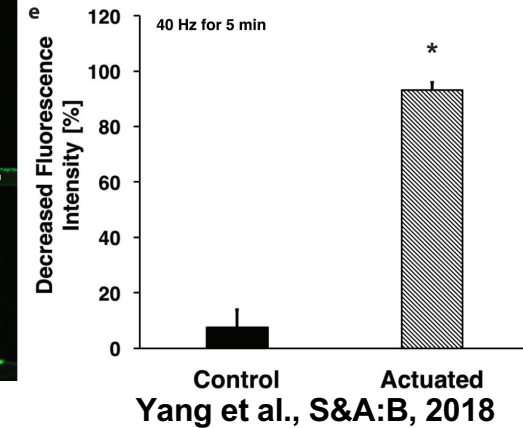
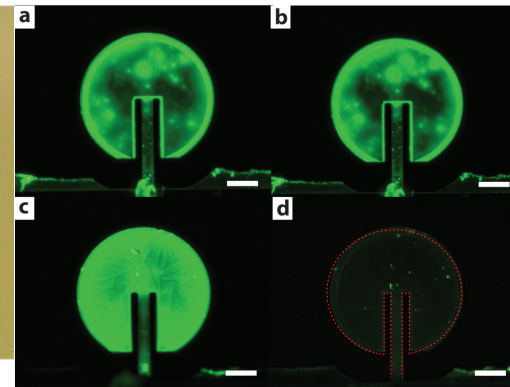
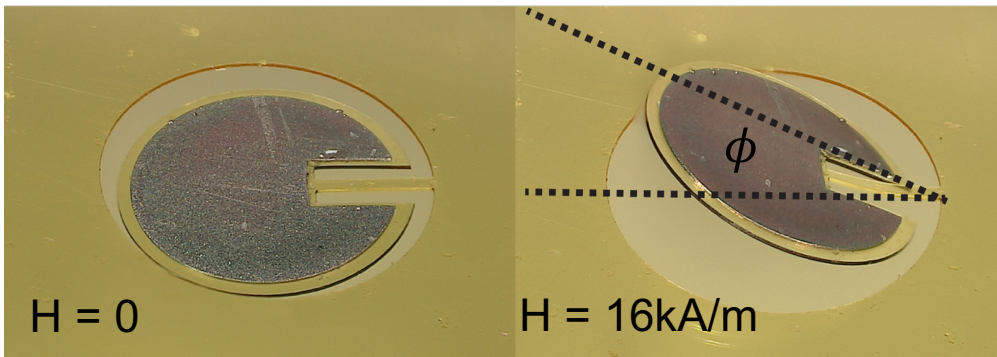
## Strategy: Use Active and Passive Approaches



- Active anti-biofouling
  - + On-demand
  - + Perpetual
  - + Prophylactic or rescue
  - Energy input required
- Passive anti-biofouling
  - + Automatic
  - + Delays fouling
  - Limited lifetime



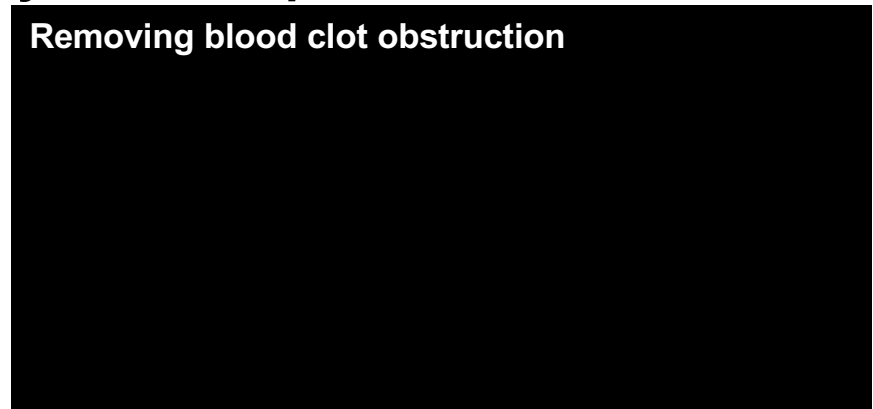
# Active anti-biofouling strategy



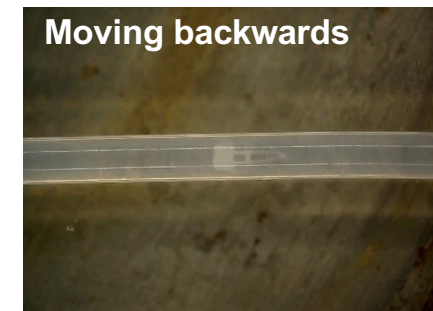
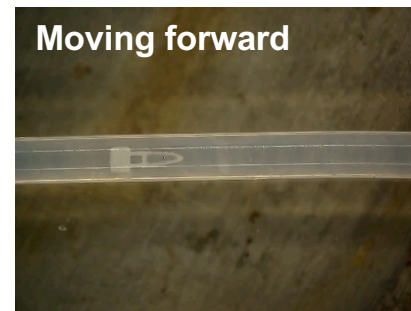
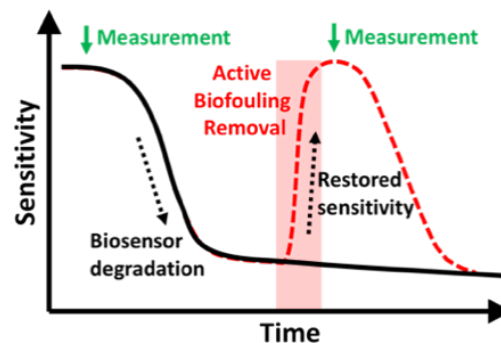
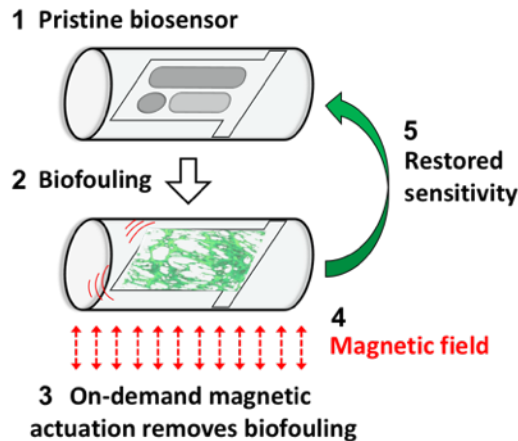
$$\phi = V_m M H \sin\left(\frac{\pi}{2} - \phi\right) / k_{\text{beam}}$$

$$k_{\text{beam}} = \frac{EI}{L}, \quad I = \frac{wt^3}{12}$$

## Dynamic responses of microactuators



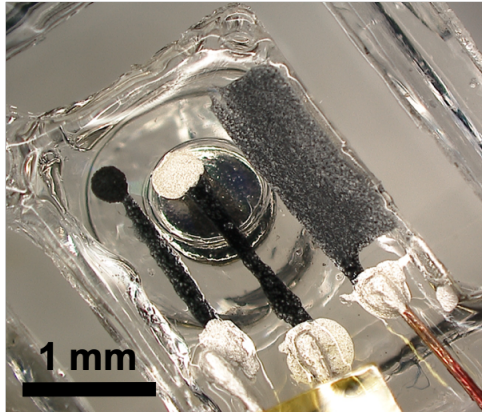
## Large amplitude actuation for self-cleaning



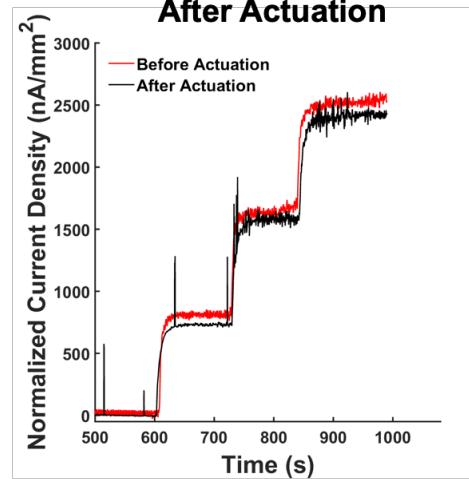


# Towards self-clearing biosensors

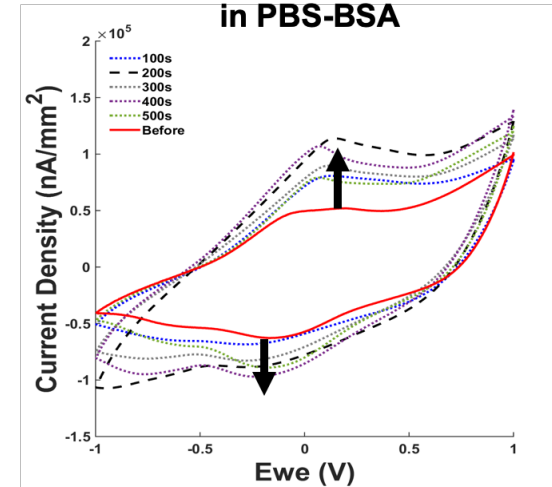
Printed Biosensor on Magnetic Actuator



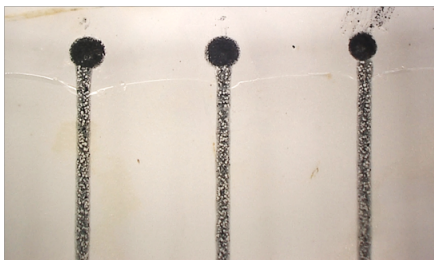
Stability of Biosensor After Actuation



CV vs. Actuation Time in PBS-BSA

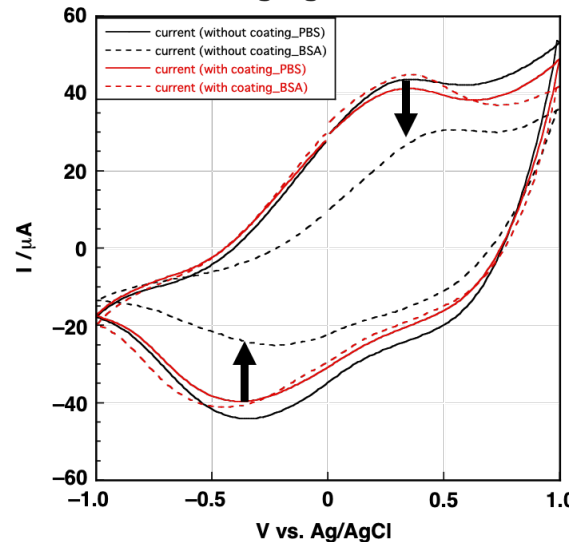


PCBTh-co-BF-coated Biosensor

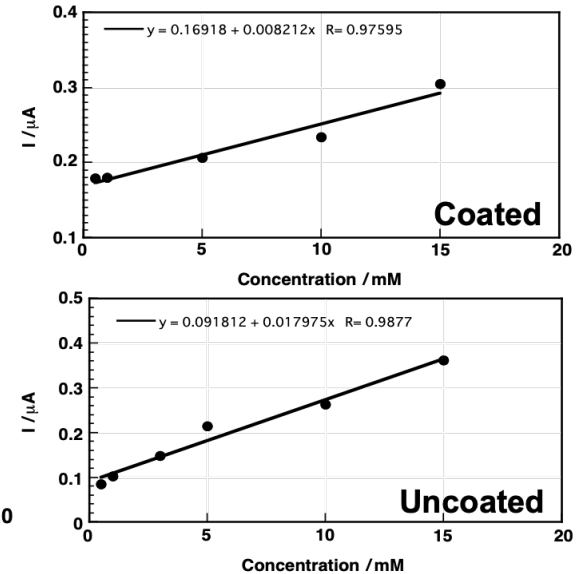


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Effect of Polymer Coating against BSA



CA in PBS-BSA



# Questions?

