

Towards Wearable Sensors for Wireless pH Monitoring in Sweat

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Disposable solid-contact ion-selective electrodes for environmental monitoring of lead with ppb limit-of-detection

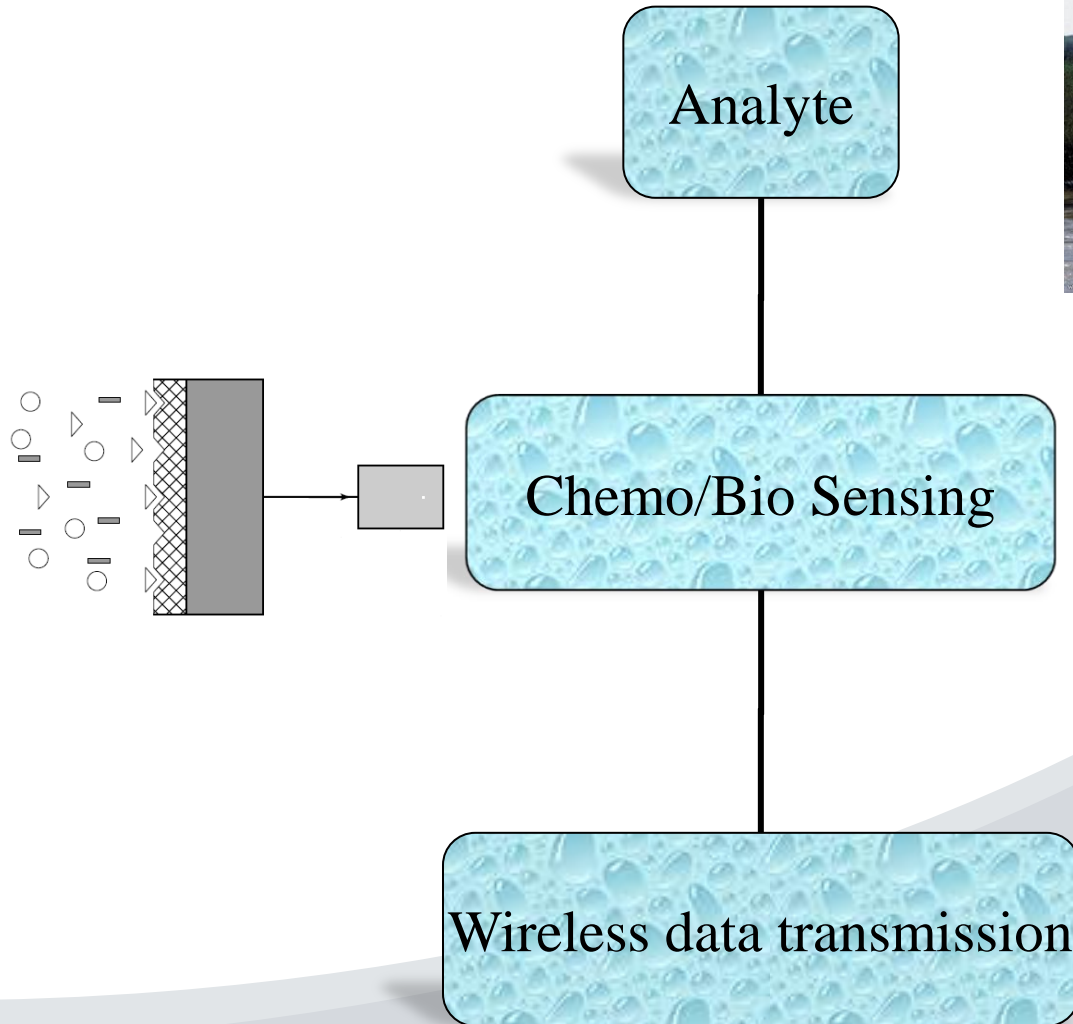
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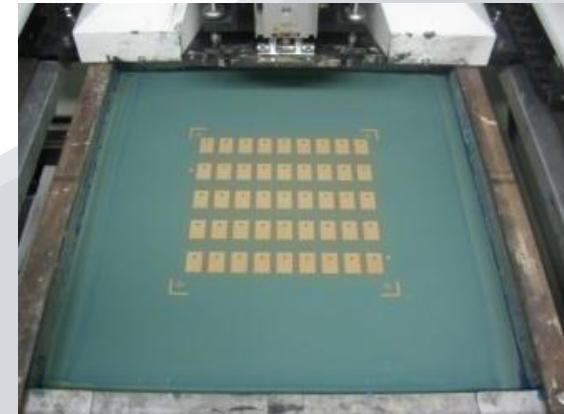
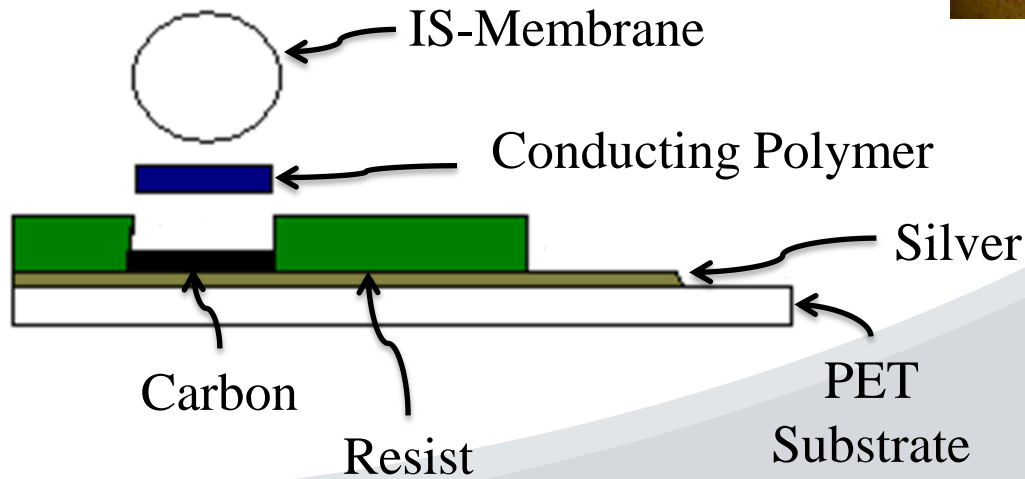
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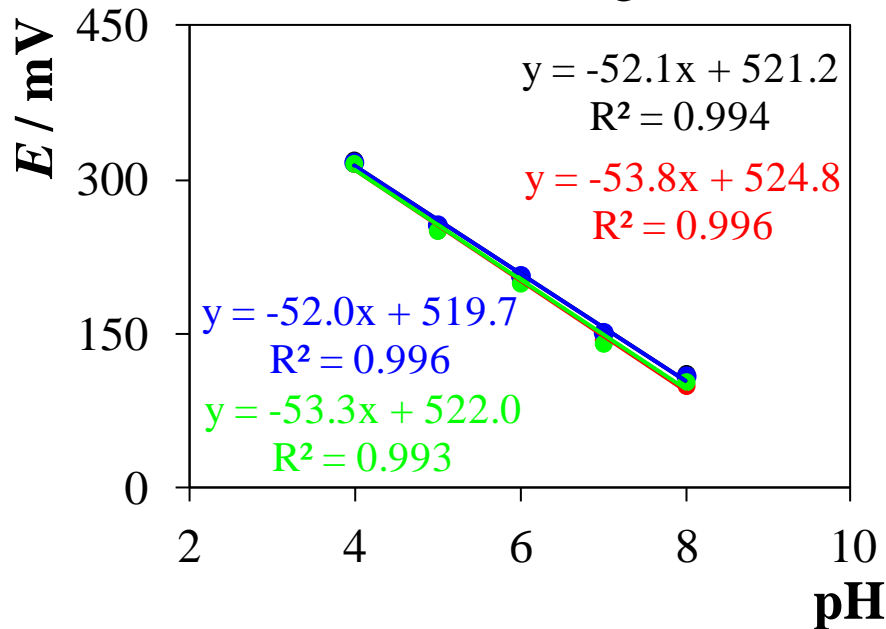
Sensors for the Digital World

- ✓ Cost
- ✓ Reproducibility
- ✓ Compatible with Wearable & Environmental Applications



pH ISE – An Initial Design

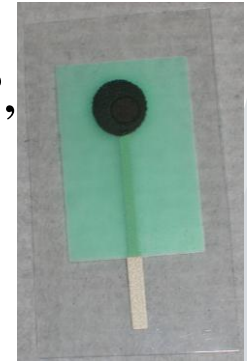
1st calibration after overnight conditioning



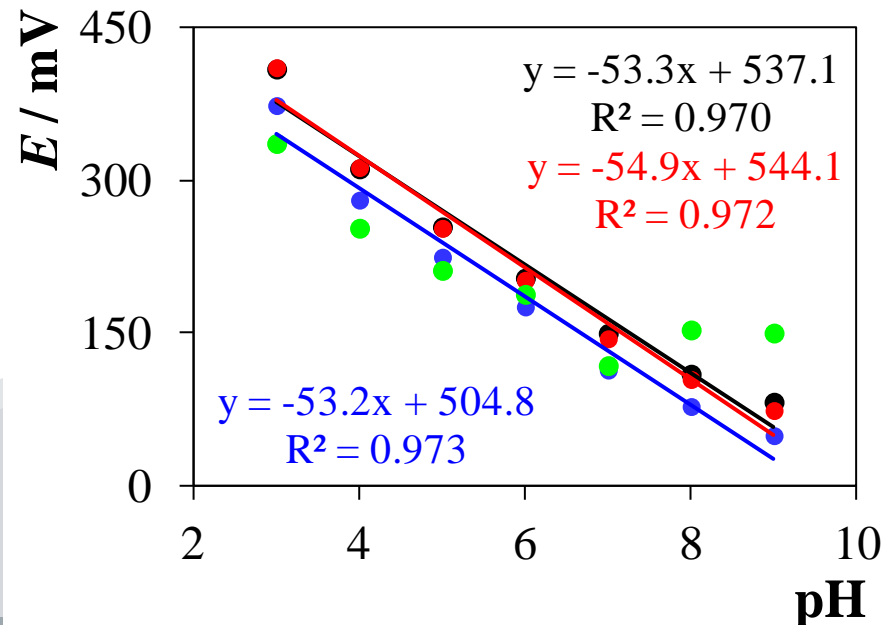
Loss of linearity & offset change over time.

May we improve this limit working on SPE fabrication ?

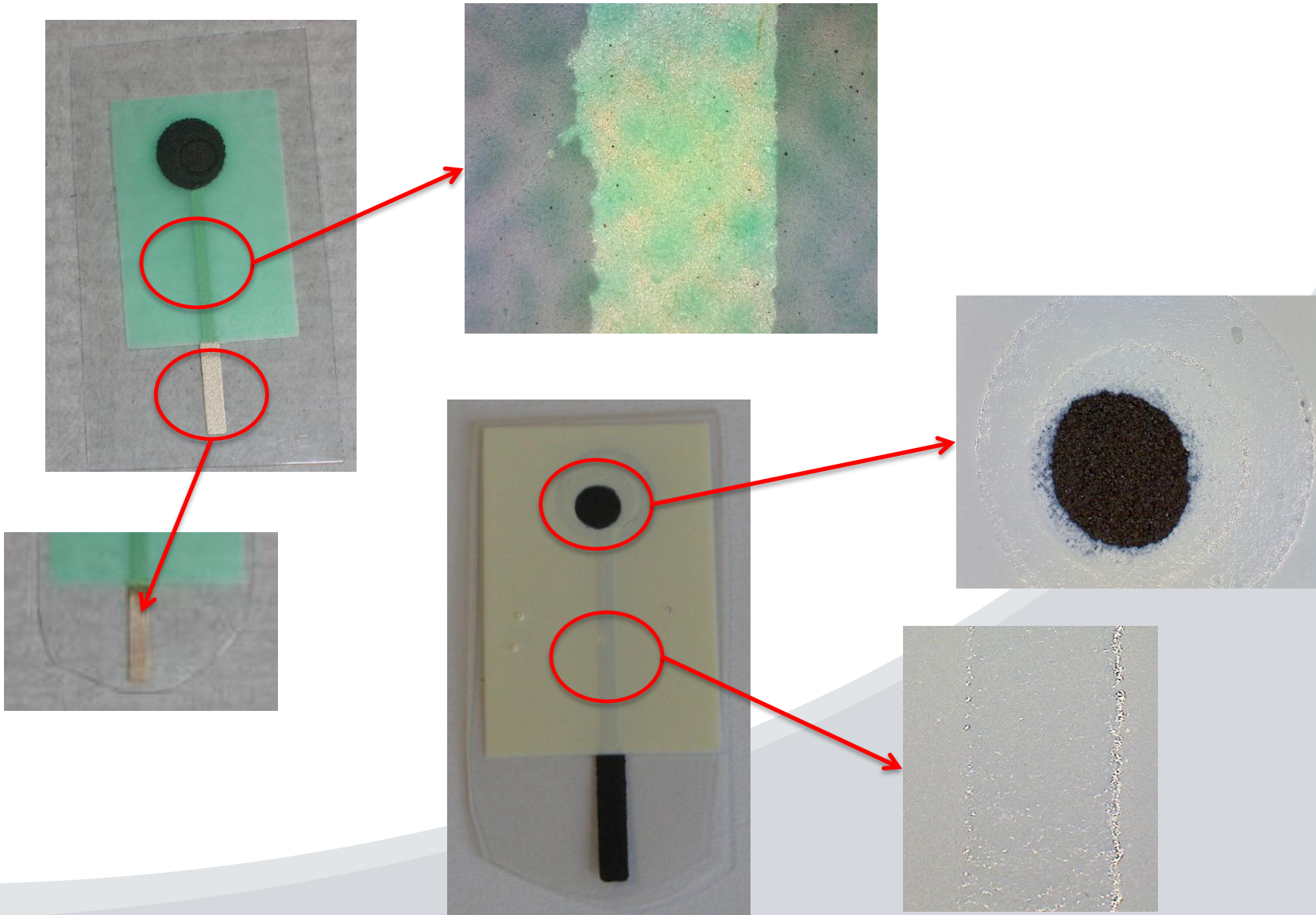
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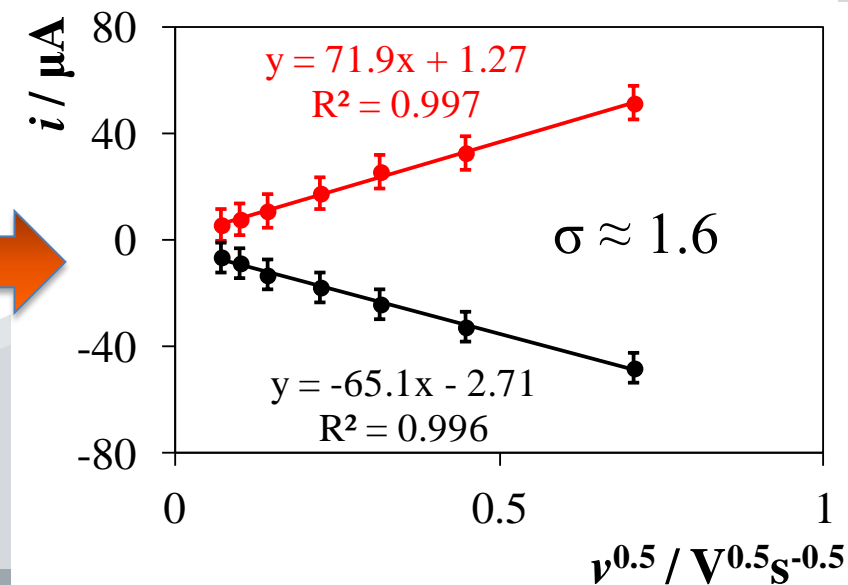
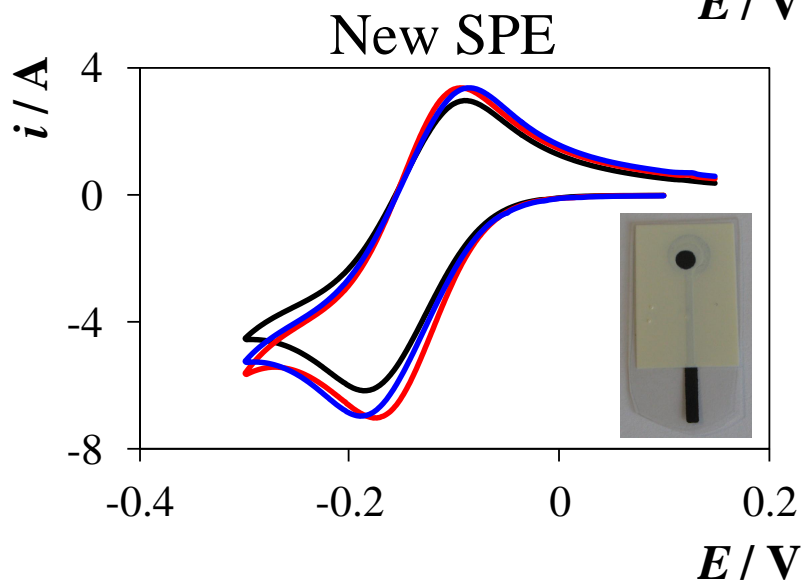
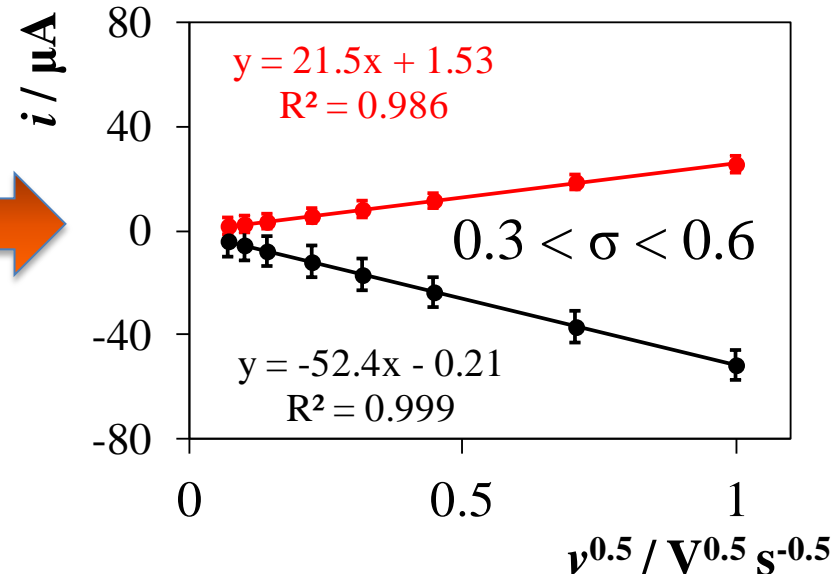
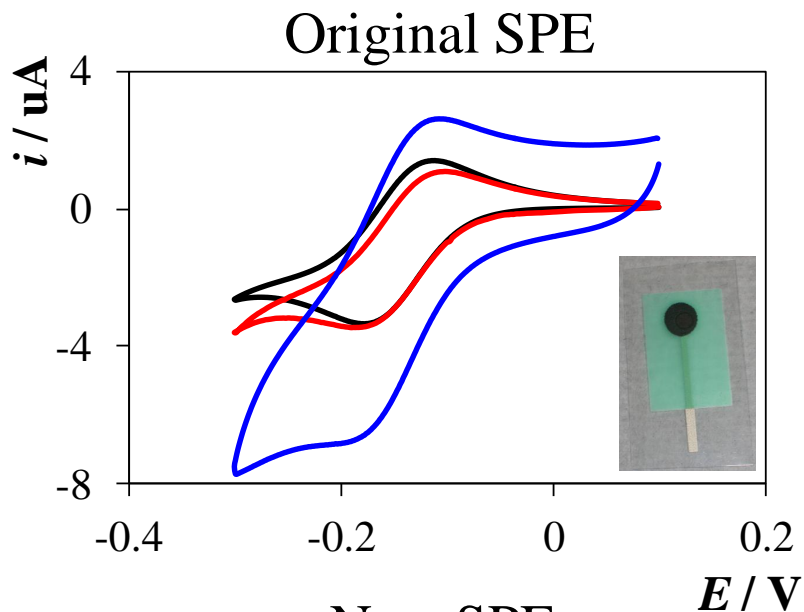
2nd calibration after 3 days in the conditioning solution



“Initial” vs “New” SPE



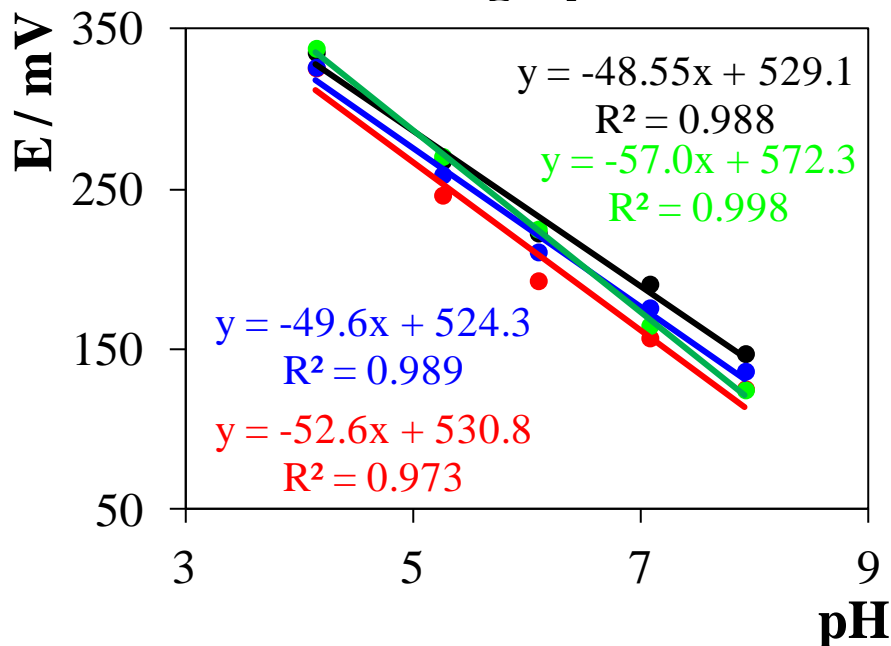
“Original” vs “New” SPE



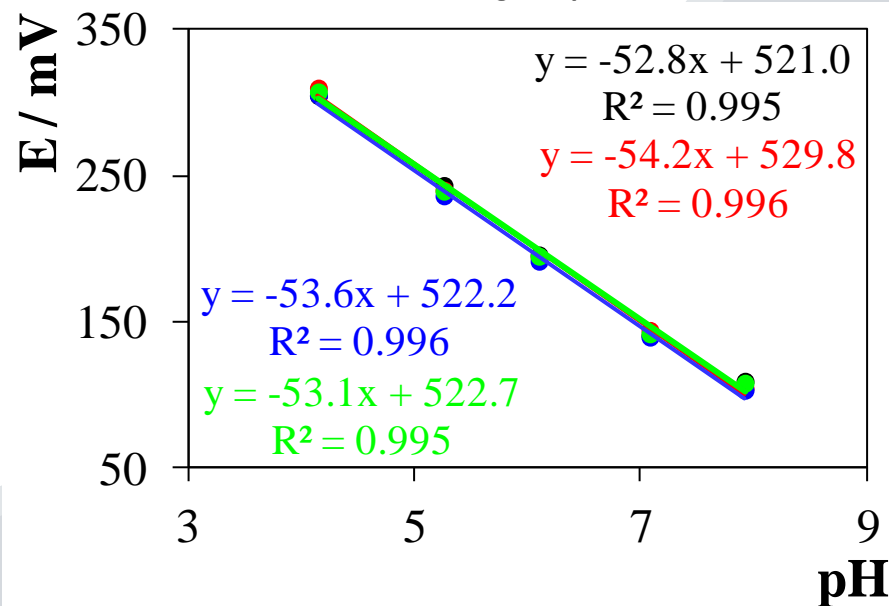
pH ISEs – Silverless-SPE and Membrane Thickness

Carbon prints were masked used PSA and PMMA. PET substrate were laminated with PSA and PMMA after that tracks carbon was screen printed: **Integration of ISE within microfluidic system**

175 μm PMMA + 50 μm PSA as masking layer



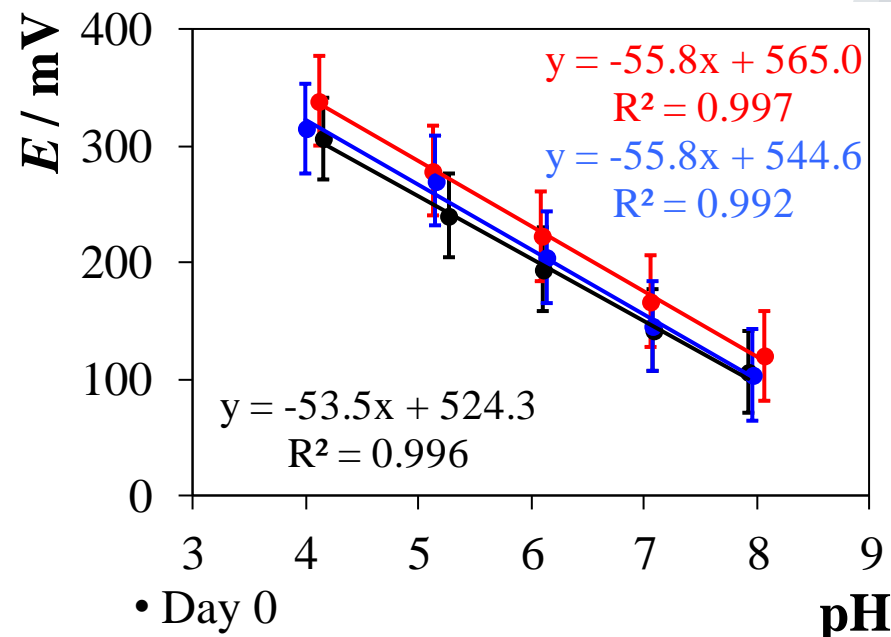
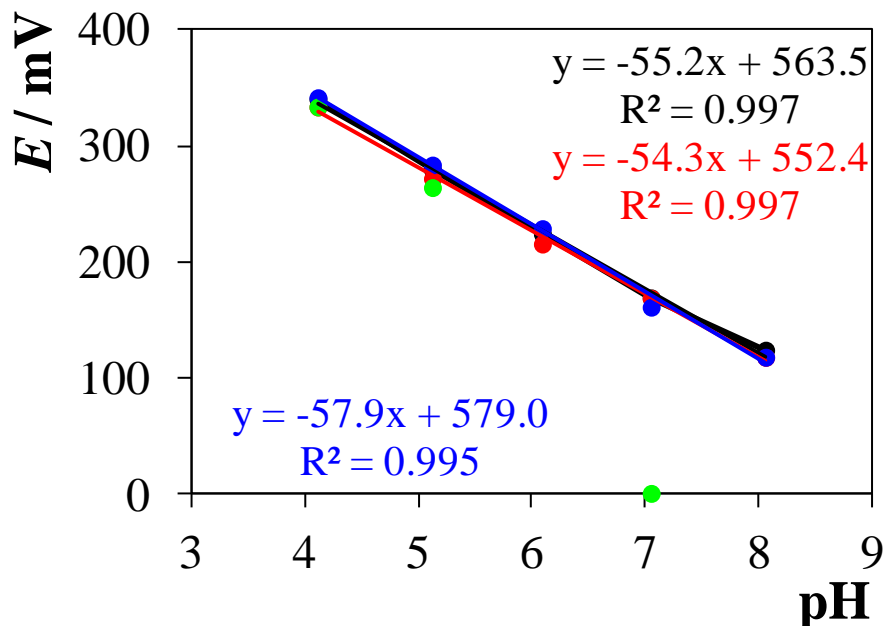
500 μm PMMA + 50 μm PSA as masking layer



550 μm well allows a better reproducibility !

pH ISEs – Performance over Time & Storage

Calibration repeated after 5 days storage in conditioning solution



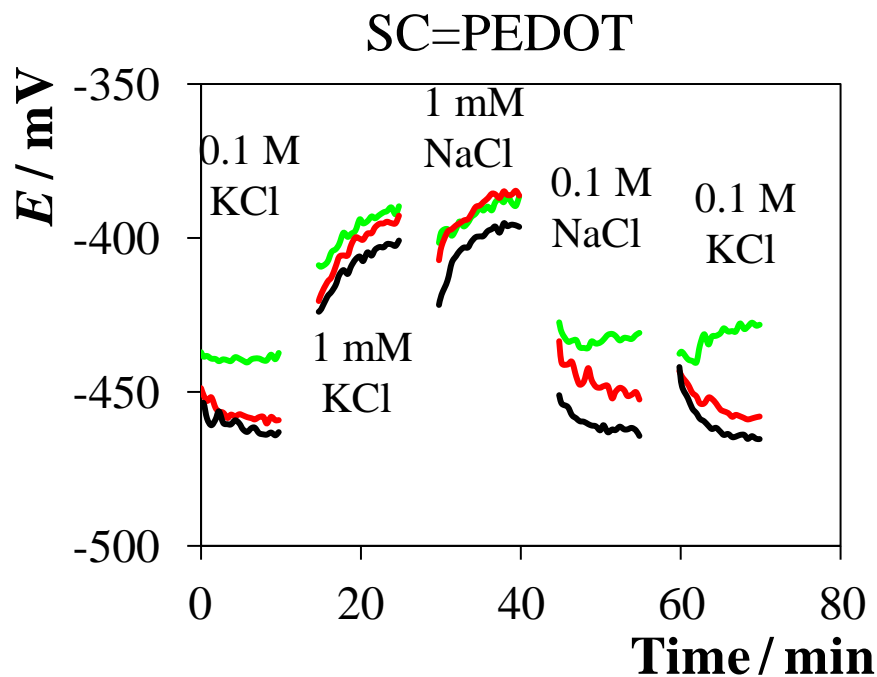
- Day 0
- Day 5 (kept in conditioning solution)
- Day 19 (kept in dry conditions)

Printing protocols, e.g., presence of Ag, have a significant impact in sensor reproducibility over time !

Dry storage may preserve sensor functionality !

Reference Electrodes based on Lipophilic Salts on SPE

U. Mattinen, J. Bobacka, A. Lewenstam, *Electroanalysis* **2009**, *21*, 1955.



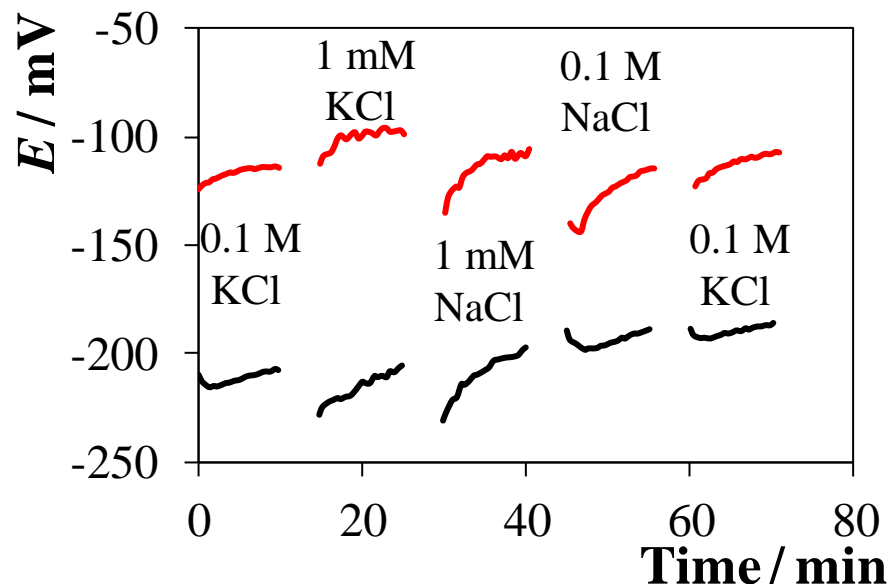
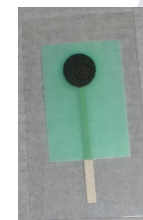
$\text{Cl}^- \approx 20 \text{ mV/decade}$



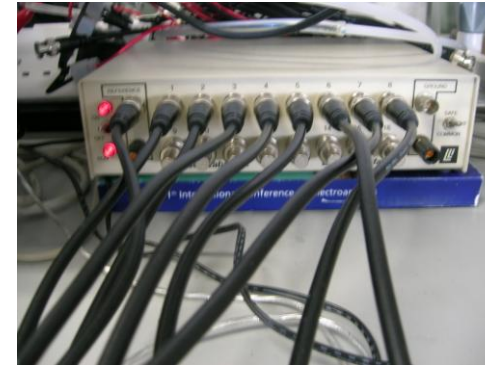
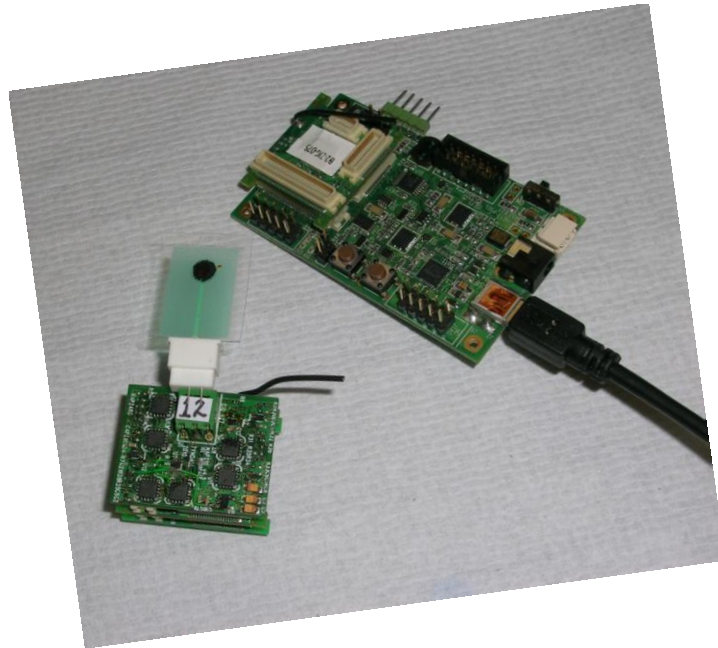
Need
optimisation

Possibility for RE
where $[\text{Cl}^-]$ is constant

- SC=PEDOT
- SC=POT

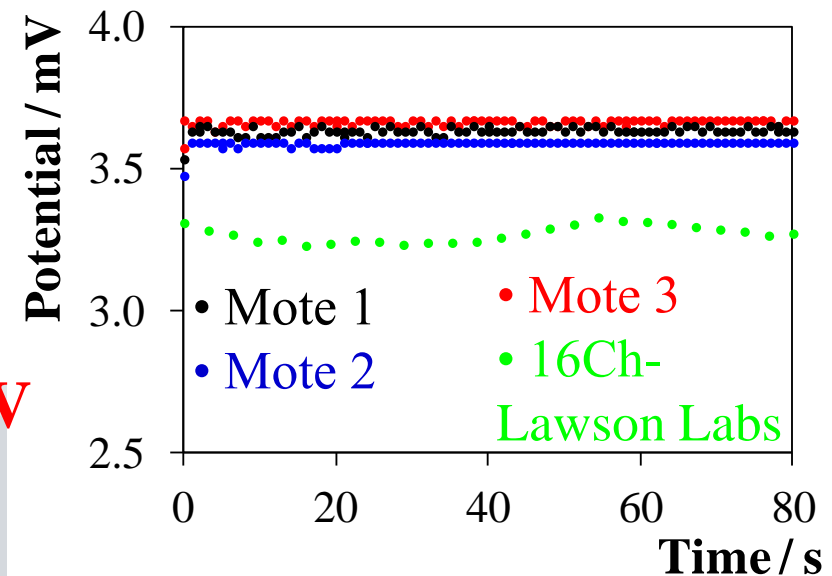


Mote Interface and Wireless Communication

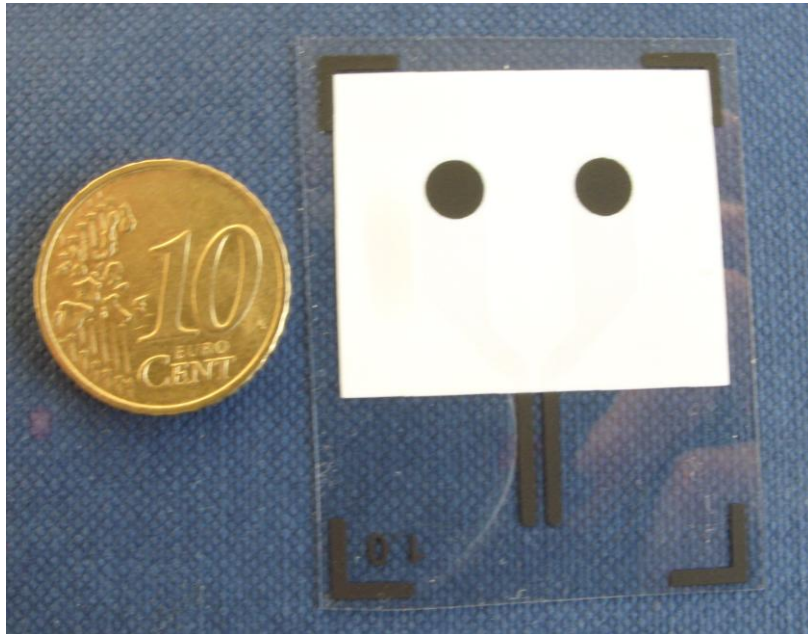


➤ Bias between motes and standard instrumentation < 0.3mV

➤ Bias between motes < 0.1 mV



Dual SPE – Integration of pH & RE on same substrate

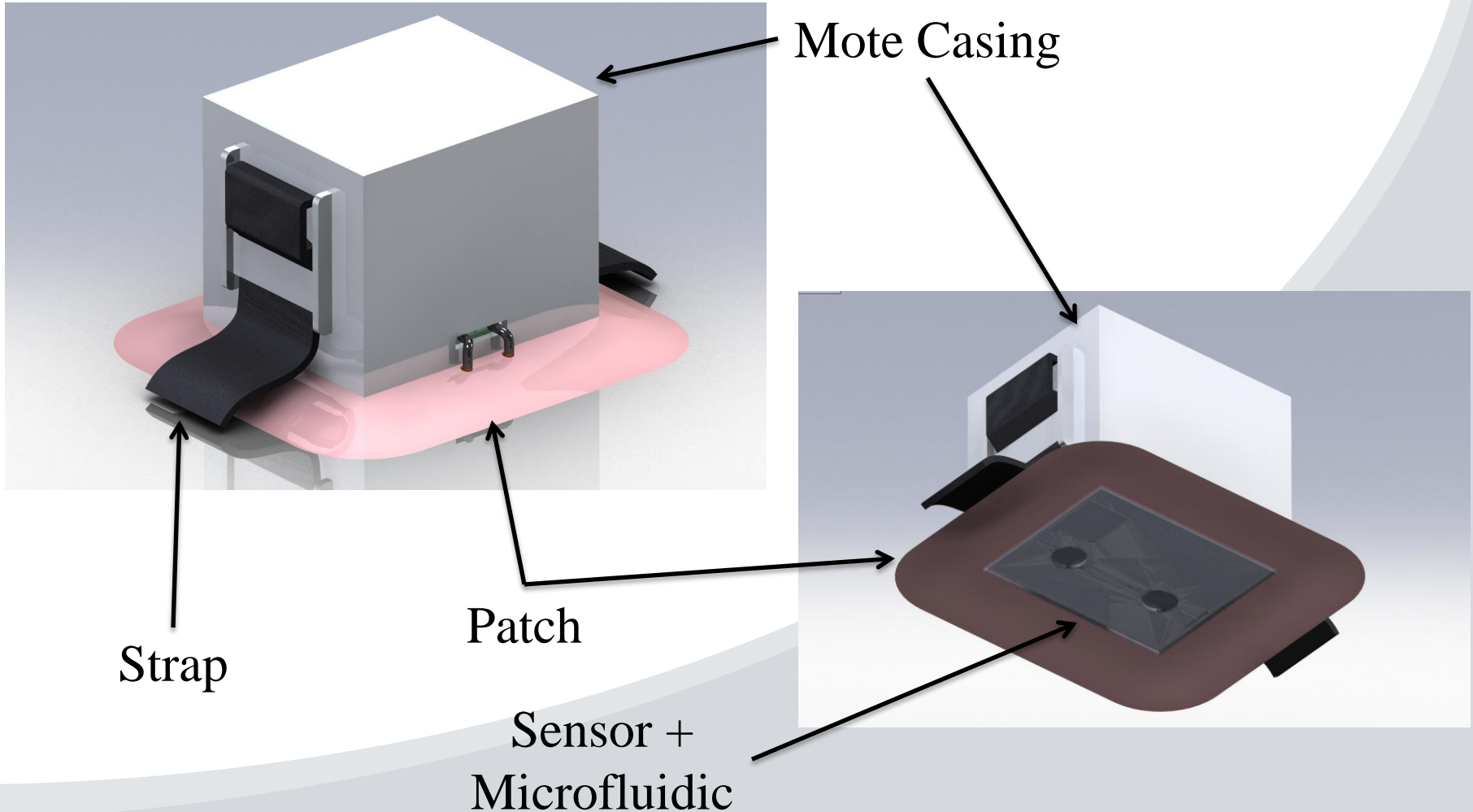


- The two carbon disks printed on the PET substrate will be modified to give a pH and a reference electrode
- The substrate can also be laminated with PSA and PMMA for further integration within microfluidics.

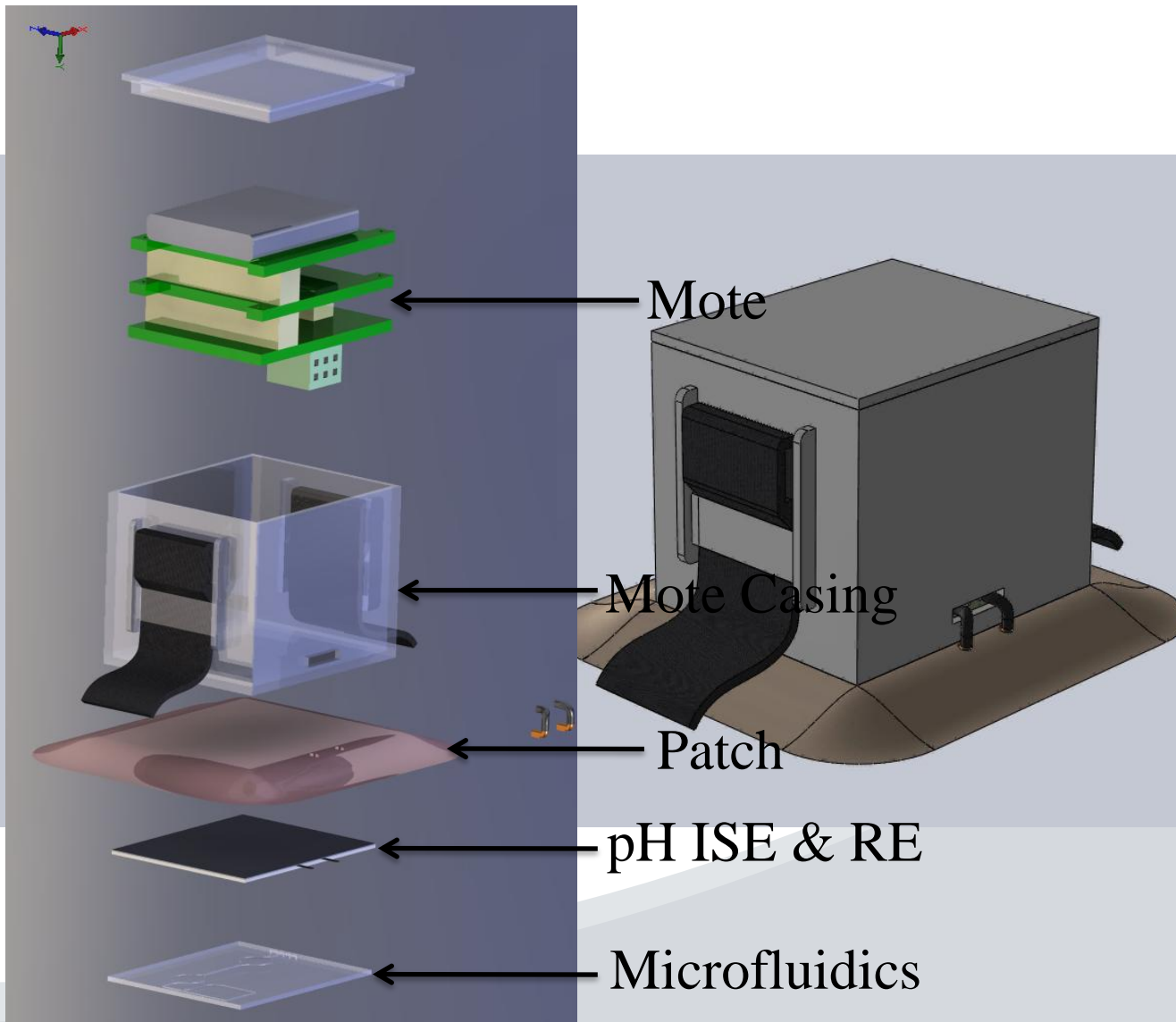


**Work currently under progress to
optimize sensor response !!**

Wearable pH Sensor – Concept



Wearable pH Sensor –Layers



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pH ISEs – Role of SPE Design

A comparison between 1°
calibration for (Ag+C) SPE & C
(Batch II) SPE

