CONCENTRATION MOLES/LITER	METABOLITES/IONS	THERAFEUTIC DRUGS	STEROID AND AMINO ACID MORMONES	PROTEIN/POPLYPEPTIDE HORMONES	ANTIBODIES
10-1	SODIUM				
	CHLORIDE				
10 <sup>-2</sup>		ETHANOL			
	GLUCOSE				
(mM) 10 <sup>-3</sup>	UREA CHOLESTEROL				
TO	CALCIUM	SALICYLATE			IgG (Total)
	TRIGLYCERIDES	ACETAMINOPHEN			TRG (IOCAT)
	INTO DI OBREDED	THE PROPERTY OF THE PROPERTY O			
10-4	PHENYLANINE	THEOPHYLLINE			
	a an				
10 <sup>-5</sup>	AMMONIA	GENTAMICIN			
10	IRON BILIRUBIN				
(µM) б	DIFITOPIN			THYROXINE BINDING	IgM (Total)
(血) 10 <sup>-6</sup>			CORTISOL	GLOBULIN	1gn (10cd)
			T <sub>4</sub> ESTRIOL	PLACENTAL LACTOGEN	
10 <sup>-7</sup>			(Total)		IgG
10 <sup>-8</sup>					(SPECIFIC)
		DIGOXIN	CORTICOSTERONE T3 ESTRADIOL	PROLACTIN	SYPHILIS RJBELLA
(MM) 10 <sup>-9</sup>			T <sub>3</sub> ÉSTRADIOL (Total) PROCESTERONE	HCG	ETC.
20			(IOUIL) INCOMPILATION	100	110.
			T <sub>4</sub> (Free)	INSULIN	
					IgE (Total)
10-10				PARATHYROID HORMONE	
			ALDOSTERONE	HGH (Growth Hermone)	
10-11			TSH (Thyroxine Stim.	LH (Luteinizing Horn	ione)
			Hormone)		
(pM) 12			ANGIOTENSIN		
(pM) 10 <sup>-12</sup>			OXYTOCIN		
			VASOPRESSIN		

FIGURE 2. CLASSES OF CLINICALLY SIGNIFICANT ANALYTES AS A FUNCTION OF CONCENTRATION IN THE SAMPLE.

## Enzyme Linked Immuno-Sorbent Assay (ELISA)



## Types of ELISA —



#### Introduction to Antibodies - Enzyme-Linked Immunosorbent Assay (ELISA)

#### An assay for quantitating either antibody or antigen by use of an enzyme linked antibody and a substrate that forms a colored reaction product.

Enzyme-linked Immunosorbent Assays (ELISAs) combine the specificity of antibodies with the sensitivity of simple enzyme assays, by using antibodies or antigens coupled to an easily assayed enzyme that possesses a high turnover number. ELISAs can provide a useful measurement of antigen or antibody concentration.

#### Sandwich ELISA Assays

To utilize this assay, one antibody (the "capture" antibody) is purified and bound to a solid phase typically attached to the bottom of a plate well. Antigen is then added and allowed to complex with the bound antibody. Unbound products are then removed with a wash, and a labeled second antibody (the "detection" antibody) is allowed to bind to the antigen, thus completing the "sandwich". The assay is then quantitated by measuring the amount of labeled second antibody bound to the matrix, through the use of a colorimetric substrate. Major advantages of this technique are that the antigen does not need to be purified prior to use, and that these assays are very specific. However, one disadvantage is that not all antibodies can be used. Monoclonal antibody combinations must be qualified as "matched pairs", meaning that they can recognize separate epitopes on the antigen so they do not hinder each other's binding

#### Competitive ELISA

Assays

Briefly, an unlabeled purified primary antibody is coated onto the wells of a 96 well microtiter plate. This primary antibody is then incubated with unlabeled standards and unknowns. After this reaction is allowed to go to equilibrium, conjugated immunogen is added. This conjugate will bind to the primary antibody wherever its binding sites are not already occupied by unlabeled immunogen. Thus, the more immunogen in the sample or standard, the lower the amount of conjugated immunogen bound. The plate is then developed with substrate and color change is measured.



Stoufferent P Variations in the enzyme-linked immunosorbent assay (EUSA) technique allow determination of antibody or antigen. Each assay can be used qualitatively, or quantitatively by comparison with standard curves prepared with known concentrations of antibody or antigen. Antibody can be determined with an indirect EUSA (a), whereas antigen can be determined with a sandwich EUSA (b) or competitive ELISA (c). In the competitive EUSA, which is an inhibition-type assay, the concentration of antigen is inversely proportional to the color produced.

# Antibodies

 Proteins secreted by B-lymphocytes (type of white blood cell), in vertebrates.



Recognise and bind to molecules
(antigens) on foreign particles,
marking them for destruction by T-lymphocytes.

 Each antigen may generate several antibodies for different sites (epitopes) on antigen.





#### Immunoassays

A Noncompetitive immunoassay  $Ab \rightarrow \infty$  for maximum sensitivity

Measurement of occupied sites





Two-site labelled antibody assay

Single-site labelled antibody assay

B Competitive immunoassay  $Ab \rightarrow 0$  for maximum sensitivity

Measurement of unoccupied sites



#### Key

C Labelled antigen

Labelled anti-idiotypic antibody

- Labelled antibody
- Analyte

Figure 6 Basic competitive and noncompetitive immunoassay designs. The distinction between noncompetitive (a) and competitive immunoassays (b) reflects the way in which antibody binding site occupancy is observed. Labelled antibody methods are noncompetitive if occupied sites of the (labelled) antibody are directly measured, but are competitive (*Bc*) when unoccupied sites are measured. Labelled antigen (*Ba*) or labelled anti-idiotypic antibody methods (*Bb*) rely on measurement of sites unoccupied by analyte, and are therefore invariably of competitive design.



FIGURE 17.3 Schematic drawing of a sandwich immunoassay with typical calibration curve.



**FIGURE 17.4** Competitive immunoassay: (a) competitive binding of analyte and labeled analyte to a limited number of antibody binding sites, (b) immobilized antigen competes with free antigens in solution for binding sites of the labeled antibody, (c) calibration curve obtained with either approach of the competitive assay type.

Assay method	noassay Techniques <sub>Label</sub>	Detected	Detector
R1A (radioimmunoassay)	<sup>125</sup> [, <sup>3</sup> H, <sup>14</sup> C	Radiation	Scintillation counter
EIA (enzyme immunoassay)	HRP AP β-d-galactosidase	Color change (absorbance)	Photometer
	HRP, AP, galactosidase HRP HRP, AP, GOD, catalase	Fluorescence Luminescence Current	Fluorimeter Luminometer Amperometric electrode
FrIA (fluoroimmunoassay)	Fluorescein rhodamines, dansyl chloride, cumarines, phycoerythrin, also liposomes	Fluorescence	Fluorimeter
TR-FrIA (time-resolved	Lanthanoid cations: Eu <sup>3+</sup> , Tb <sup>3+</sup> , Sm <sup>3+</sup>	Delayed fluorescence	Time-resolved fluorimeter
FIA) LIA (luminescence immunoassay)	Acridinium esters Dioxetanes Peroxyoxalates Luminol Luciferase/luciferin Peroxidase	Chemi- and bioluminescence	Luminometer
Electrochemical immunoassays	Pyrene Metallocenes Metals GOD, catalase	Electroluminescence Current	Electrode luminometer DPP (differential pulse polarograph) DPASV (differential pulse anodic stripping voltammetry)
	Urease Liposomes	Ions (potential change)	Potentiometric electrode

## TABLE 17.1Overview of Immunoassay Techniques

Note: AP: alkaline phosphatase, GOD: glucose oxidase, HRP: horseradish peroxidase.

#### possible immunoassays schemes



$$y = \frac{a - d}{(1 + (x/c)^{b})} + d$$

- a = (theoretical) response at low concentration/dilution
- b = absolute value of the slope at the inflection point
- c = value of x at inflection point
- d = (theoretical) response at high concentration/dilution
- x = concentration or dilution
- y = response (OD)

# Typical calibration curve for immunoassay



Figure 1. Typical 4-parameter logistic graph for a competitiveformat immunoassay.

## Enzime Linked Immuno-Sorbent Assay (ELISA)

#### **COMPETITIVE TEST**

 $\Rightarrow$  WITH IMMOBIZED ANTIGEN









#### À la carte ELISA Systems

	1 Sto				
120	Almond	Beta- Lactoglobulin	Buckwheat	Casein	Crustacean
	<u> 25666666666</u>				
	Egg	Gluten	Hazelnut	Lupin	Mustard
1 B)					
No.	A C R A C	· ····································			
	Peanut	Sesame	Soy		=222.1

## Polyclonal antibodies production



## Monoclonal antibodies

### **Recombinant antibodies**











OTA = ochratoxin A

### $f(x) = \{(a - d)/[1 + (x/c)b]\} + d$

	Co	mpetition cur	Linear regression		
	a (A or nA)	b (nA.ng.ml <sup>-1</sup> )	c (ng.ml <sup>-1</sup> )	d (A or nA)	
ic <b>spettr</b>	$1.220 \pm 0.053$	$1.40 \pm 0.50$	$0.80 \pm 0.22$	$0.129 \pm 0.077$	$f(x) = 49.3 (\pm 0.8) - 57.5 (\pm 0.1) x$ $[r = 0.991]$
ic <b>amp.</b>	$6019 \pm 118$	$0.90 \pm 0.22$	$0.93\pm0.10$	$176 \pm 30$	$f(x) = 52.5 (\pm 0.4) - 43.7 (\pm 0.5) x$ $[r = 0.994]$
dc spettr	$1.392 \pm 0.061$	$2.17\pm0.15$	$0.80 \pm 0.14$	$0.132 \pm 0.071$	$f(x) = 47.4 (\pm 0.7) - 86.0 (\pm 0.3) x$ $[r = 0.993]$
dc amp.	$707 \pm 56$	1.10±0.10	$0.35 \pm 0.04$	16±13	$f(x) = 34.9 (\pm 0.6) - 52.2 (\pm 0.9) x$ $[r = 0.992]$

Immunoassay	Working Range (ng/ml)	<b>L.O.D.</b> (Blank – 3 σ) (ng/ml)
ic spettr	0.20 - 2.5	0.150
ic <b>amp.</b>	0.10 - 7.5	0.120
dc spettr	0.10 - 10	0.080
dc amp.	0.05 – 2.5	0.060

#### Immunosensor procedure:

✓Pre-coating: 6 µl of rabbit anti IgG (4° C overnight)

✓ Blocking: 6 µl of 1 % PVA
(polyvinyl alcohol) (30 min)

 $\checkmark \textit{Coating: 6 } \mu \textit{l}$  of anti-OTA Ab (1 h)

 $\checkmark$  Competition: 6 µl of OTA-AP + standard/sample (30 min)

✓Detection: 100 of 5 mg/ml 1-Naphtylphosfate (2 min) + DPV

washings: 150  $\mu l$  phosphate buffer pH 7.4

#### effect of extraction solvent

Activity of an electrode modified with IgG-ALP after 30 min incubation with 1:9 -9:1 solutions (1:1 in DPBS) acetonitrile:water  $\rightarrow$  95-108%

Sensitivity of the calibration curve ~ 50%





25 g in 100 mL di ACN:H<sub>2</sub>O Final dilution 1:8 MRL = 3 ng/g  $I_{50}$  = 1.6 ng/g

Parameters		0.1 PBS Buffer •	ACN:H <sub>2</sub> O (6:4)	Wheat Extract (blank) ■	
а	( nA)	707 (± 56)	260 (± 12)	408 (± 72)	
b	(nA.ng.ml <sup>-1</sup> )	1.1 (± 0.1)	0.62 (± 0.03)	0.8 (± 0.1)	
c (I <sub>50</sub> )	(ng.ml <sup>-1</sup> )	0.35 (± 0.04)	0.32 (± 0.02)	0.20 (± 0.03)	
d	(nA)	16 (± 13)	24 (± 8)	13 (± 15)	
w.r.	(ng.ml <sup>-1</sup> )	0.05 - 2.5	0.02 - 5.0	0.05 - 2.5	
L.O.D.	(ng.ml <sup>-1</sup> )	0.06	0.015	0.05	
Lin.	Reg.	30.9 (± 0.6) – 52.2 (± 0.9) x	$42.3 (\pm 0.3) - 25.4 (\pm 0.6) x$	23.5 (± 0.1) – 41.1 (± 0.5) $x$	

## LATERAL FLOW IMMUNOASSAYS











# **SPR Biosensors**



# Surface Plasmon Resonance





Carboxylated dextran Linker layer

Gold film

dextran hydrogel open structure (good accessibility) • enhand the intervention stagnation flow network

no denaturation

- enhancement of the capacity of the interaction layer
- stagnant layer / mass transport flow needed (μl/min)
- negative charge
- regenerable (up to 100 x)

#### SPR principles

Surface plasmon resonance (SPR) arises when light is reflected under certain conditions from a conducting film at the interface between two media of different refractive index. the media are the <u>sample</u> and the <u>glass</u> of the sensor chip, and the conducting film is a thin layer of gold on the chip surface. SPR causes a reduction in the intensity of reflected light at a specific angle of reflection. This angle varies with the refractive index close to the surface on the side opposite from the reflected light.

When molecules in the sample bind to the sensor surface, the concentration and therefore the refractive index at the surface changes and an SPR response is detected. Plotting the response against time during the course of an interaction provides a quantitative measure of the progress of the interaction. This plot is called a sensorgram.

What Biacore actually measures is the angle of minimum reflected light intensity. The light is not absorbed by the sample: instead the light energy is dissipated through SPR in the gold film. Thus the light used to detect interaction processes never enters the sample.

SPR response values are expressed in resonance units (RU). One RU represents a change of 0.0001° in the angle of the intensity minimum. For most proteins, this is roughly equivalent to a change in concentration of about 1 pg/mm2 on the sensor surface. The exact conversion factor between RU and surface concentration depends on properties of the sensor surface and the nature of the molecule responsible for the concentration change.

Immobilisation of organic molecules on gold















# Smartphone detection of E.coli in water




Image: Kort Bremer, Hanover Centre for Optical Technologies



Miscoscope based on smartphone for virus detection







### ELISA reading using a Smartphone

### Piezoelectric Biosensors











### **BIOFETs**

An **ion-sensitive field-effect transistor** (**ISFET**) is a <u>field-effect transistor</u> used for measuring ion concentrations in solution; when the ion concentration (such as <u>H</u><sup>+</sup>, see <u>pH</u> scale) changes, the current through the <u>transistor</u> will change accordingly. Here, the solution is used as the gate electrode. A voltage between substrate and <u>oxide</u> surfaces arises due to an <u>ion</u> sheath. It is a special type of <u>MOSFET</u> (metaloxide-semiconductor field-effect transistor),<sup>[1]</sup> and shares the same basic structure, but with the <u>metal gate</u> replaced by an ion-sensitive <u>membrane</u>, <u>electrolyte</u> solution and <u>reference electrode</u>.<sup>[2]</sup> Invented in 1970, the ISFET was the first <u>biosensor</u> <u>FET</u> (BioFET) source wikipedia



Bio-FETs couple a <u>transistor</u> device with a bio-sensitive layer that can specifically detect bio-molecules such as nucleic acids and proteins. A Bio-FET system consists of a semiconducting <u>field-effect transistor</u> that acts as a <u>transducer</u> separated by an insulator layer (e.g. <u>SiO<sub>2</sub></u>) from the biological recognition element (e.g. receptors or probe molecules) which are selective to the target molecule called analyte.<sup>[8]</sup> Once the analyte binds to the recognition element, the charge distribution at the surface changes with a corresponding change in the electrostatic surface potential of the semiconductor. This change in the surface potential of the semiconductor acts like a gate voltage would in a traditional <u>MOSFET</u>, i.e. changing the amount of current that can flow between the source and drain electrodes.<sup>[9]</sup> This change in current (or <u>conductance</u>) can be measured, thus the binding of the analyte can be detected. The precise relationship between the current and analyte concentration depends upon the <u>region of transistor</u> operation (source Wikipedia)





# **DNA biosensors**



### **Principles of DNA biosensors**

### Nucleic acid hybridization



Perfect match

stable dsDNA, strong hybridization





One or more base mismatches weak hybridization



### Forms of DNA Biosensors

- Electrodes
- Chips
- Crystals

### Types of DNA Based Biosensors

- Optical
- Electrochemical
- Piezoelectric



Thiolated DNA for self assembly onto gold (or platinum) transducers



Covalent linkage to the gold surface via functional alkanethiol-based monolayers



➤ Use of biotinylated DNA for complex formation with a surfaceconfined avidin or streptavidin



Covalent (carbodiimide) coupling to functional groups on carbon electrodes for carboxyl groups supplying.



### Immobilization method of DNA probes on functionalized surfaces.

Immobilization Method	Interaction or Reaction	Advantages	Drawbacks
		Simple	Desorption by change of ionic strength or pH
N	Charge-charge interaction or	Fast	Random orientation
Physical Adsorption	Hydrophobic interaction	Simple or Fast	Desorption by detergent
			Problem of crowding effect and poor reproducibility
Covalent bonding	Chemical bonding	Good stability	Use of linker molecules
		High binding strength	Slow, Irreversible
		Use during long term	Problem of crowding effect
			Island formation
Streptavidin-Biotin interactions	Specific Streptavindin-Biotin interaction	Improved orientation	Expensive, Slow
		High specificity and functionality	Problem of crowding effect
		Well-controlled	Use of biocompatible linker
		Reversible	Poor reproducibility

### **DNA electrochemical biosensors**



### **DNA electrochemical biosensors application**



### • Development of an Hybridisation sensor



Synthesis of a DNA fragment (probe, bioreceptor) containing the sequence of interest (analytical problem)

Immobilisation of the probe onto the solid support of the sensor (surface) (thiol/dextran/streptavidin/biotinylated probe)

Extraction of the DNA from the real sample (blood, water, food) and amplification of the sequence of interest (sample pretreatment)

Denaturation of the dsDNA (amplified fragment or genomic) to obtain a singlestranded DNA (sample pretreatment)

Hybridisation of the obtained ssDNA with the immobilised probe

Changes in the physicochemical parameters of the layer formed on the transducer (quartz crystal or gold –glass chip)

### Probe immobilisation on gold film

optical





#### piezoeletric

#### thiol/dextran/streptavidin/biotinylated probe



Specificity, no aspecific adsorption, stability, multi-use

## Hybridation-Regenation Cycle



### Detection of DNA target sequence in real matrices

- Certified Reference Materials (CRM) -Fluka
- Processed food (dietetic snaks, soy crackers, soft drinks)

### **1. PCR amplified DNA**

#### Processing the sample

- Extraction of DNA from samples (CTAB method)
- Amplification of DNA by PCR (Pietsh K. et al. 1997)
- Dilution with *Hybridisation buffer*. NaCl 150 mM, Na2HPO4 20 mM, EDTA 0.1 mM, pH 7.4
- Denaturation to obtain ssDNA from amplified dsDNA

### Control: Post PCR Electrophoresis



A: amplified fragment (Promoter 35S 195 bp) B: Standard length fragments

# Piezoelectric sensor, CRM 2% samples and processed food samples

Sample pre-treatment: PCR amplified DNA, thermal denaturation



DL: 0,3 ppm CV% 6 (n=3) 5'-BIOT-ggc cat cgt tga aga tgc ctc tgc c-3'probe 35S3'- ccg gat gca act tct acg gag acg g-5target 35S

### **Biomimetic receptors**

Obtained via combinatorial chemistry and/or molecular modelling

MIP (Molecularly imprinted polymers) Peptides Aptamers

#### **Functional Monomer Database**



F17 TRIFLUOROMETHACRYLIC ACID

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# Combinatorial chemistry approach: Synthesys of aminocids via split and mix

F F

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			Sp	lit synthesis
Stage	Reaction vessel 1 (A)	Reaction vessel 1 (B)	Reaction vessel 1 (C)	
1	Resin + A	Resin + B	Resin + C	3 compound
		MIX		
2	Resin-A+A Resin-B+A Resin-C+A	Resin-A+B Resin-B+B Resin-C+B	?	9 compound
		MIX		
3	Resin-A-A+A Resin-B-A+A Resin-C-A+A Resin-A-B+A Resin-B-B+A Resin-C-B+A Resin-A-C+A Resin-B-C+A Resin-C-C+A	Resin-A-A+B Resin-B-A+B Resin-C-A+B Resin-A-B+B Resin-B-B+B Resin-C-B+B Resin-A-C+B Resin-B-C+B Resin-C-C+B	Resin-A-A+C Resin-B-A+C Resin-C-A+C Resin-A-B+C Resin-B-B+C Resin-C-B+C Resin-A-C+C Resin-B-C+C Resin-C-C+C	27 compound
		MIX		

### Molecular modelling

Creatio of ligands on the basis of info present in databases, e.g. Crystallographic structures, primary sequenques etc.

### **Biomimetic Approach**

 $\succ$ 

Starting from the biological structure we thought to reproduce with natural amino acids the proper shape of binding dock

➤ The biomimetic approach relies on the design and development of artificial oligopeptides as a mimic of the biological binding site by using molecular modeling

### ✓ Why oligopeptides?

► Nature exploited aminoacids structures to obtain the most of receptors

>Oligopeptides have the advantage of informatics help from the point of the crystallographic informations from native proteins

➢Great number of combinations using 20 aminoacids which can do any binding traps

### **BIOMIMETIC RECEPTORS FOR PESTICIDES**







Carbamate

### ✓ Mechanism of AChE inhibition

AChE, the target enzyme of pesticides, is an efficient serine hydrolase that catalyzes the breakdown of acetylcholine (ACh) Acetylcholine +  $H_2O \rightarrow$  choline + acetic acid



### How pesticides work



Native structure: the active site, including the catalytic triad (S200-H440-E327) and the oxyanion hole (-NH of G118, G119, and A201)

Pro-aged structure: Phosphonylation triggers a conformational change for H440 that disrupts the H-bond to E327



Aged structure: For reaction of AChE with VX and most phosphonates, aging predominates, and dealkylation results in movement of H440 to the negatively charged pocket formed by E327 Ox, S200 Ox, and one anionic oxygen of the dealkylated OP

#### From Millard et al J.Am.Chem.Soc. 121, (1999)

### Computational screening

#### ✓ AChE-OP crystallographic structure (PDB ID: 1VXO)

Methylphosphonylated Acetylcholinesterase (Aged) Obtained By Reaction With O-Ethyl-S-[2-[Bis(1-Methylethyl) Amino]Ethyl] Methylphosphonothioate (Vx) conventional X-ray crystallography resolution [Å]: 2.40



In green the molecular electrostatic potential distribution on the surface of the enzyme binding pocket

### ✓ Design of the oligopeptides library as possible receptors

The geometry of the binding pocket was investigated to create oligopeptides library



Three dimensional coordinates of the asymmetric carbon (Cα) of each aminoacid involved in the binding pocket were calculated in order to reproduce the geometry observed

### ✓ Tetrapeptides library

>easy to synthesise

> more possibility to preserve in solution the secondary structure predicted

•A series of tetrapeptides, containing the possible combinations of the catalytic triad (SER 200, HIS 440, GLU 327) and the catalytic oxyanion hole (GLY 118 GLY 119 ALA 201) was drawn

•The proper geometry of binding pocket was achieved using alternatively a GLY or a PRO residue Ser-Gly-His-Glu Ser-Gly-Glu-His His-Glu-Gly-Ser Glu-His-Gly-Ser Ser-Pro-His-Glu Ser-Pro-Glu-His His-Glu-Pro-Ser Glu-His-Pro-Ser Gly-Gly-Ser-Ala Ser-Ala-Gly-Glu Ser-Ala-Gly-His

### (24 tetrapeptides)

Glu-Gly-Ser-Ala His-Gly-Ser-Ala Gly-Pro-Ser-Ala Ser-Ala-Pro-Glu Ser-Ala-Pro-His Ser-Ala-Pro-Gly Glu-Pro-Ser-Ala His-Pro-Ser-Ala Gly-Ser-Gly-Ala Ala-Gly-Ser-Gly Ser-Gly-Pro-Ala

## ✓ Simulated binding results vs paraoxon of the tetrapeptides selected for experimental screening

	Α	B	С	D		
	Ser-Ala-	His-Gly-	<b>Glu-Pro-</b>	His-Glu-		
	<b>Gly-Glu</b>	Ser-Ala	Ser-Ala	<b>Pro-Ser</b>		
<b>Binding Score</b>						
(KJ/mol)	38	73	21	93		
Negative control (NC): Glu-His-Ser-Gly Primary sequence of AChE catalytic triad						



#### ✓ Pre-analytical applications: selective affinity columns (Extraction or purification)



is a technique enabling purification of a biomolecule with respect to biological function or individual chemical structure. The substance to be purified is specifically and reversibly adsorbed to a ligand (binding substance), immobilized by a covalent bond to a chromatographic bed material (matrix). Samples are applied under favourable conditions for their specific binding to the ligand. Substances of interest are consequently bound to the ligand while unbound substances are washed away. Recovery of molecules of interest can be achieved by changing experimental conditions to favour desorption. Aptamers are oligonucleotides (DNA or RNA molecules) that can bind with high affinity and specificity to a wide range of target molecules (proteins, peptides, drugs, vitamins and other organic or inorganic compounds).

They were "discovered" in 1990 by the development of an in vitro selection and amplification technique, known as SELEX (Systematic Evolution of Ligands by Exponential enrichment).

(Ellington et al., Nature 346, 818; Tuerk and Gold, Science 249, 505)

Their name is derived from the Latin word "aptus" which means "to fit".


#### Starting point: Combinatorial oligonucleotide library



Normally, the starting round contains **10<sup>14</sup>-10<sup>15</sup> individual sequences**.





#### PROTEINS

Syrian golden hamster prion Escherichia coli SelB L-selectin

Tyrosine phosphatase

Ff gene 5

Thrombin HIV-1 Tat

HIV-1 Rev

Vascular endothelial growth factor

Prostate specific antigen

Human IgE

Taq DNA polymerase Iron regulatory protein Human oncostatin M Human neutrophil elastase Human CD4 antigen

Lysozyme

C-reactive protein

Tumor necrosis factor a

NF-KR

Acetylcholine receptor Thyroid transcription factor

#### **INORGANIC COMPOUNDS**

Malachite green

Mg<sup>2+</sup>

### ORGANIC COMPOUNDS

ATP

FMN Theophylline Organic dyes Cocaine

### VITAMINS

Cyanocobalamin Biotin

### DRUGS

Neomycin B Streptomycin Tobramycin Tetracyclin Kanamycine A Dopamine

#### TOXINS

Cholera toxin Staphylococcal enterotoxin B POLLUTANTS AND

#### CARCINOGENIC COMPOUNDS

4-chloroaniline 2,4,6-trichloroaniline Pentachlorophenol Methylenedianiline

#### OTHERS

Bacillus anthracis spores

## Target molecules



# Sensors **2013**, *13*(12), 16292-16311; doi:<u>10.3390/s131216292</u>

Review

Aptamer-Based Analysis: A Promising Alternative for Food Safety Control Sonia Amaya-González, Noemí de-los-Santos-Álvarez, Arturo J. Miranda-Ordieres and Maria Jesús Lobo-Castañón



Molecularly imprinted polymers (MIPs) are synthetic receptors for a targeted molecule. As such, they are analogues of the natural antibody–antigen systems

DOI: 10.1021/acs.chemrev.8b00171 Chem. Rev. 2019, 119, 94-119



**Plastic** 

#### **MIP-State of the art**



#### Advantages of MIPs

- High selectivity and affinity for the target
  - molecule used in the imprinting procedure.

# Compared to biological systems such as proteins and nucleic acids MIP has:







#### **02** MIP-State of the art MIP based electrochemical sensors and anomatariala -Z"/ohm Graphene Z'/ohm E +MIPs Carbon nanotubes Electrochemical detection Vol (mL) Template Current Fe<sub>3</sub>O<sub>4</sub> NPs Au NPs E

Scheme 2. Schematic illustration of MIP based electrochemical sensors and nanomaterials.

Abdellatif Ait Lahcen[a] and Aziz Amine\*[a],2018









#### Conclusions

		Ultrasound		Electro-
	Thermal heating	Bath	Probe	polymerization
Complexity	medium	medium	easy	Medium
Time of synthesis	24 h	2-4 h	10 min	10 min
Temperature	60-70 °C	60-70 °C	60-70 °C	Room temperature
Synthesis of high amount	high	medium	medium	Low
Template	All templates except those sensible to high temperature such as proteins, bacterial cells,etc.	All templates except those sensible to high temperature and ultrasonic waves such as proteins, bacterial cells,etc.		It is preferred that templates are soluble in water







#### UNIVERSITÀ DEGLI STUDI DI TERAMO



∆lpa (%)	Repeatability (RSD %)	Reproducibility (RSD %)
0.5 nM dimethoate (n=3)	0.68	2.72
1 nM dimethoate (n=3)	0.95	5.51



∆Ipa (%) for malathion, parathion and paraoxon after the rebinding step was negligible; **omethoate** gave a response of **23%**.



Wheat flour samples: MIP vs. UHPLC-MS/MS Wheat flour MEPS **MIP-GCE** samples (HDVB) detection **MIP-GCE MIP-GCE** Samples1 **RELATIVE ERROR (%) of dimethoate** SD of dimethoate concentration (µg kg<sup>-1</sup>) concentration (µg kg<sup>-1</sup>) Wheat flour spiked with dimethoate 0.5 MRL +13.50.52 2.37 Wheat flour spiked with dimethoate 0.5 MRL + mix +4.6Wheat flour spiked with dimethoate MRL -21.1 1.24 Wheat flour spiked with dimethoate MRL + mix -21.2 1.36 Wheat flour spiked with dimethoate 1.5 MRL +16.7 0.74 Wheat flour spiked with dimethoate 1.5 MRL + mix -0.4 1.69 Wheat flour spiked with dimethoate MRL + omethoate (1:1) 2.70 +3.50.86 Wheat flour spiked with dimethoate MRL + omethoate (1:10) -15.5

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#### **MIP vs NIP**

SELECTIVITY (500 mV-1000 mV)



**Recovery values of chlorpyrifos** in spiked drinking water samples (n = 3) using the current response

Added (Spiked)	Found	Recovery (%)	RSD (%)
500 fM	517.19 fM	103.44 ± 16.14	15.60
500 pM	471.45 pM	94.29 ± 17.92	19.00
1 nM	0.99 nM	99.50 ± 19.90	20.00
1 µM	0.98 μM	97.55 ± 25.87	26.52
1 mM	1.07 mM	106.57 ± 15.30	14.36