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Gas and Particle sensors in the framework of EuNetAir

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COST Action TD1105 *EuNetAir*: 31 COST Countries (Parties) have signed Memorandum of Understanding (MoU)

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already accepted
MoU: 28 Countries

Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Czech Republic, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Iceland, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Latvia, The Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Serbia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Turkey, United Kingdom.

COST Action *EuNetAir* PARTICIPANTS

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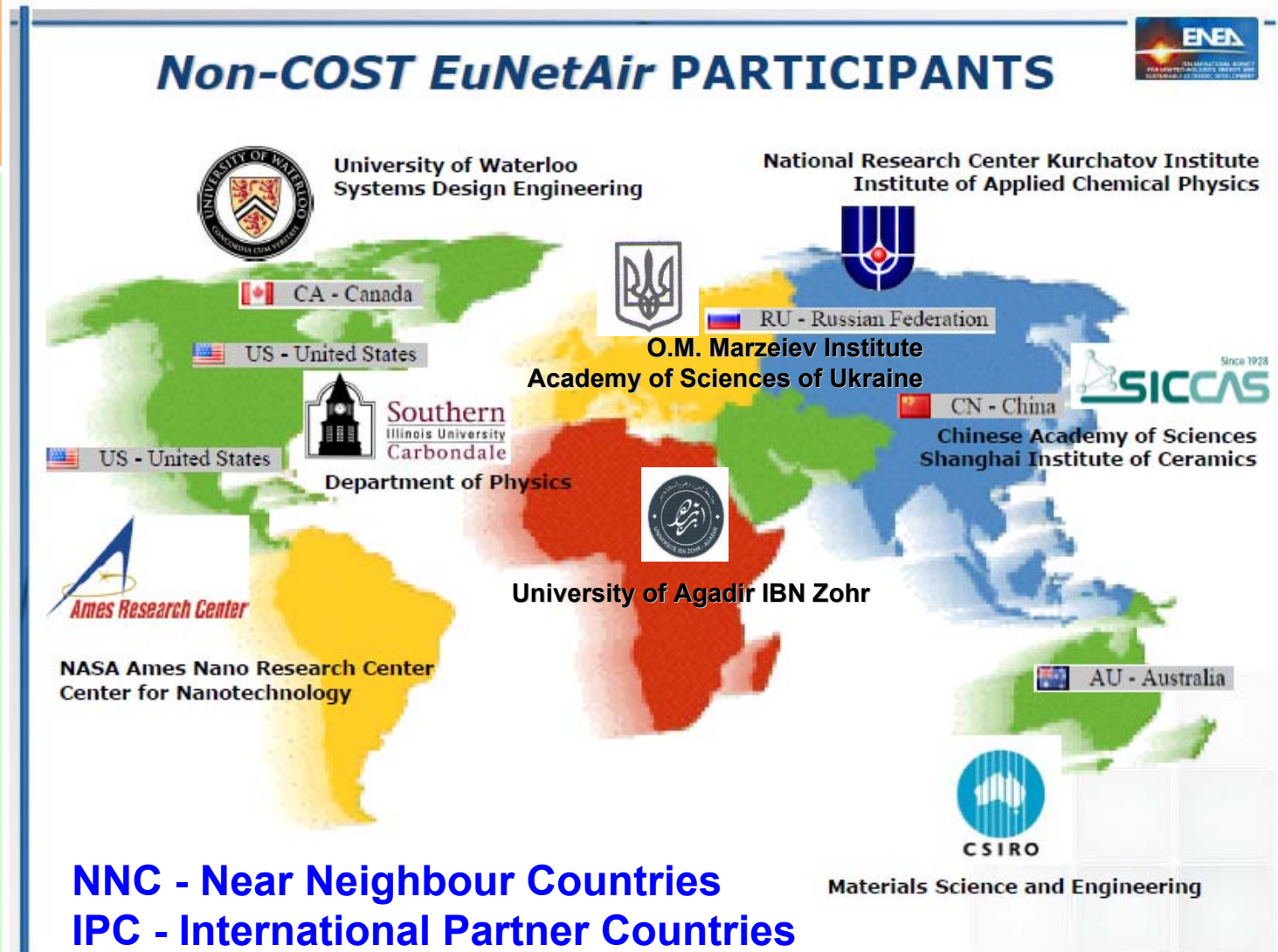
- vito (vision on technology)
- EPFL (ÉCOLE POLYTECHNIQUE FÉDÉRALE DE LAUSANNE)
- EMPA (Materials Science & Technology)
- BECKER B GRUPPE
- IREC (Institut de Recerca en Energia de Catalunya)
- SENSEAIR (Clean air sensors)
- CHALMERS
- Imperial College London
- Newcastle University
- UNIVERSITY OF CAMBRIDGE
- WARWICK
- MANCHESTER 1824
- and many others.

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COST Action TD1105 *EuNetAir*: 7 Non-COST Countries and 8 Non-COST Institutions

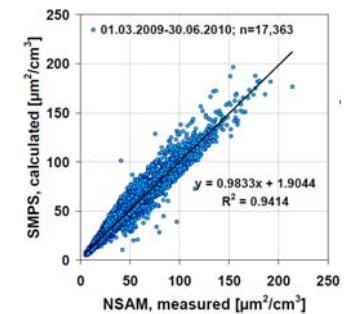
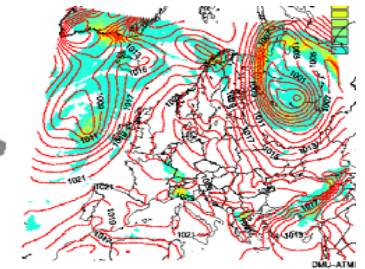
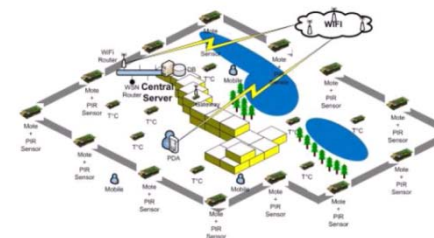
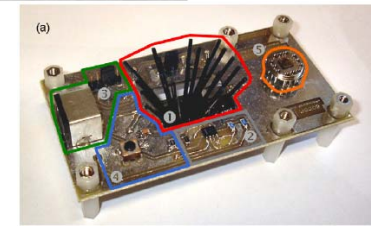
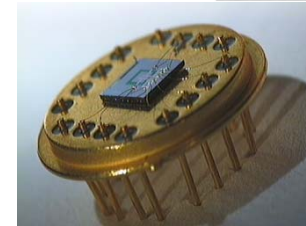
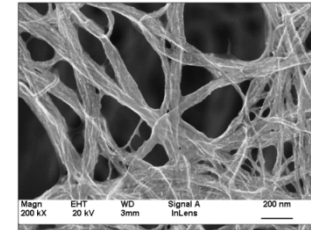
Non-COST Countries:
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USA

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Ceramics (China);
University of Agadir IBN
Zohr (Morocco); National
Research Center Kurchatov
Institute (Russia); O.M.
Marzeiev Institute for
Hygiene and Medical
Ecology of Academy of
Science of Ukraine
(Ukraine); Southern Illinois
University Carbondale,
NASA Ames Research
Center (USA).



Challenges addressed by Action TD1105

- **Nanomaterials for AQC sensors**
- **Low-cost Gas Sensors**
- **Low-power Sensor-Systems**
- **Wireless Technology (*Environmental Sensors Network*)**
- **Air Quality Modelling**
- **Environmental Measurements**
- **Standards and Protocols**



Activities covers the whole sensor system area for AQC

Action TD1105 *EuNetAir*: Working Groups



WG1:
Sensor Materials
&
Nanotechnologies

WG2:
Sensors, Devices
& Systems for AQC

WG4:
Protocols &
Standardisation
Methods

WG3:
Env. Measurements
&
Air Pollution
Modelling

**INTERDISCIPLINARY
SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS**

MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE:

CORE-GROUP & STEERING COMMITTEE

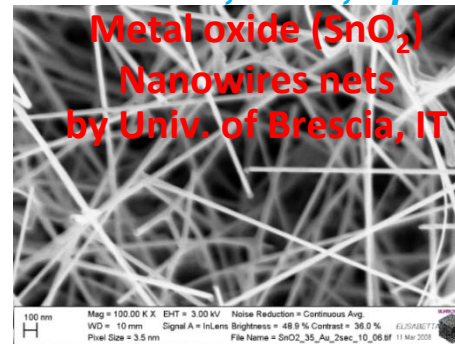
- *Editorial Board*
- *Dissemination*
- *Training Schools*
- *Gender Balance*
- *Early Stage Researchers (ESR)*
- ***Short-Term Scientific Mission (STSM)***
- *Intellectual Property Rights (IPR)*
- *Local Organizing Committee (LOC)*

- **SIG 1:** ***Network of Spin-offs***
- **SIG 2:** ***Smart Sensors for Urban Air Monitoring in Cities***
- **SIG 3:** ***Guidelines for Best Coupling Air Pollutant-Transducer***
- **SIG 4:** ***Expert comments for the Revision of the Air Quality EU Directive***

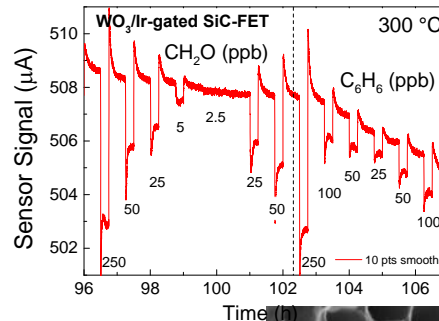
TD1105 *EuNetAir* **WG1**: Sensor Materials & Nanotechnologies

WG1 Chair: Prof. Juan Ramon Morante, IREC, Spain

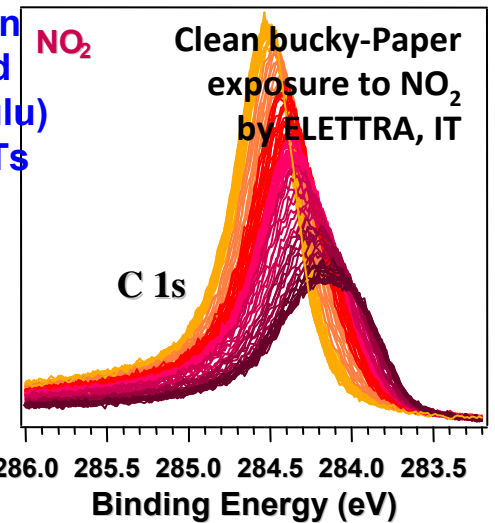
- **Sub-Working Group 1.1:** Metal oxides nanostructures for AQC gas sensors.
- **Sub-Working Group 1.2:** Carbon nanomaterials for AQC gas sensors.
- **Sub-Working Group 1.3:** Emerging sensor materials (organic/inorganic, hybrid, nanocomposites, polymers, functional, etc.).



Self-heating SnO_2 Nanowires
by Univ. of Barcelona



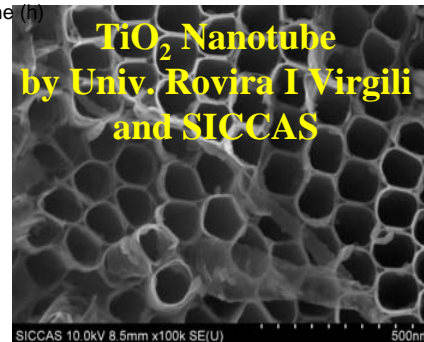
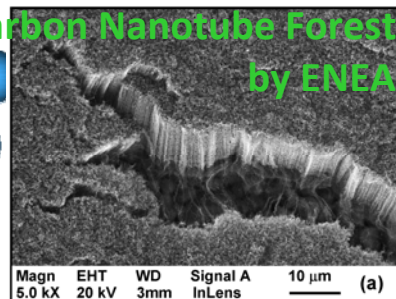
Formaldehyde and benzene detection by PLD deposited WO_3 (Univ. of Oulu) and Ir on SiC-FETs (Linköping Univ.)



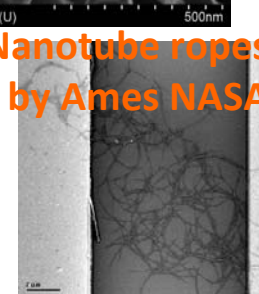
New molecular materials of polymer-macrocycles as transducers for polluting gas sensing by University of Bourgogne



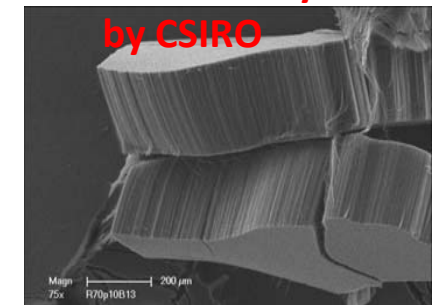
Carbon Nanotube Forest by ENEA



Carbon Nanotube ropes by Ames NASA



Carbon Nanotube yarns by CSIRO



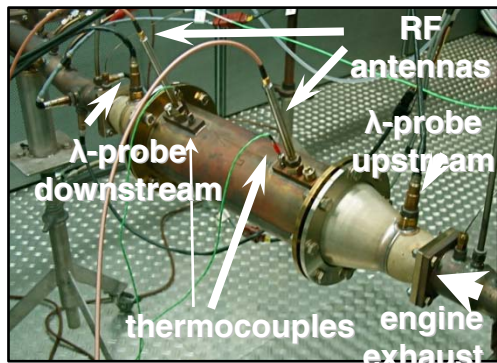
Nanotechnology provides reproducible nanostructured sensor materials due to the possibility to characterize and control on the nanolevel

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TD1105 *EuNetAir* **WG2**: Sensors, Devices and Systems for AQC

WG2 Chair: Prof. Andreas Schuetze, Saarland University, Germany

- **Sub-Working Group 2.1:**
Gas sensors and new transducers.
- **Sub-Working Group 2.2:**
Portable gas sensor-systems.
- **Sub-Working Group 2.3:**
Wireless technology and AQC sensors network.
- **Sub-Working Group 2.4:**
Intelligence algorithms and distributed computing for networked AQC gas sensors.

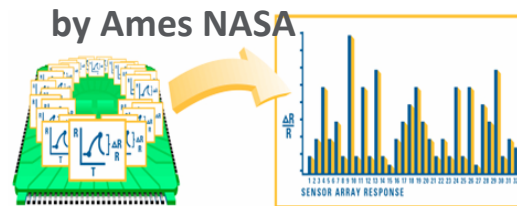


Direct status measurement of automotive catalysts by radio-frequency technique by University of Bayreuth, DE.

"Your own" sensors best, all needed, complementary information, numerous applications



Warwick University in collaboration with Cambridge University, EPFL, PennState.



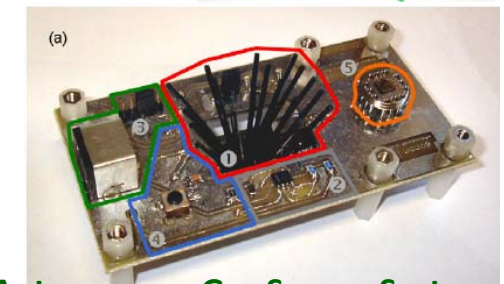
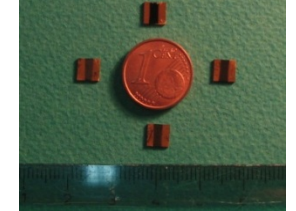
Using pattern matching algorithms, the data is converted into a unique response pattern

A versatile platform for the efficient development of gas detection systems based on automatic device adaptation by University of Saarland.



Low-ppb sensitivity for NO₂ GaN-based sensor concept

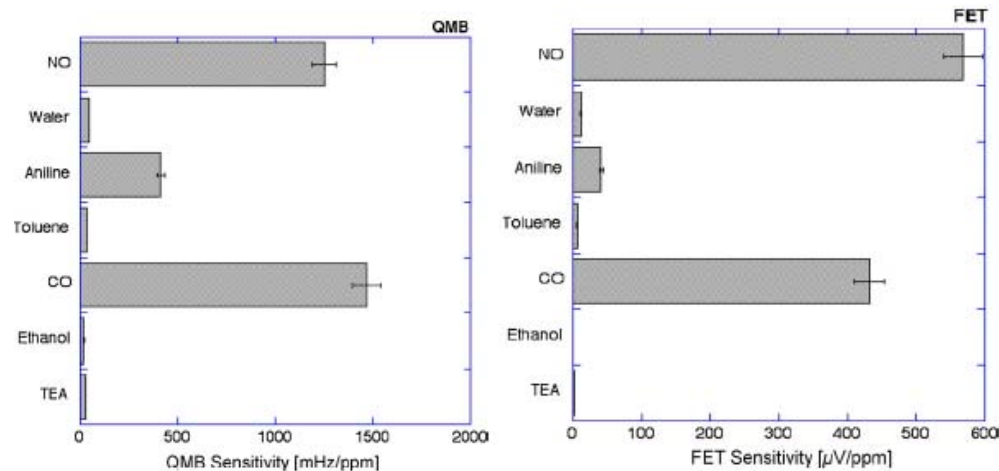
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Carbon Nanotube Gas Sensors



Autonomous Gas Sensor System by IREC and Univ. of Barcelona

Improvement of selectivity, sensitivity...

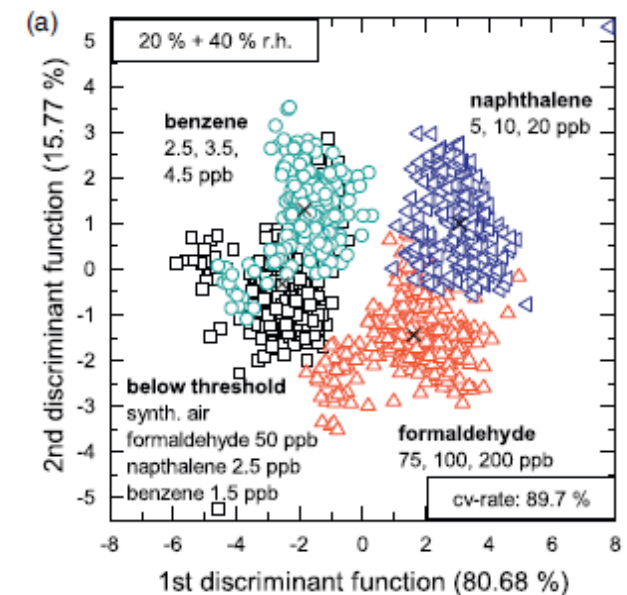
- Complementary sensor technologies



QCM and FETs functionalized by CoTPPSH (tetraphenylporphyrine with Co and sulfur handle) show slightly different response pattern to NO, aniline and CO

C. Di Natale et al. *Sensors and Actuators B*, 135 (2009) 560-567.

- Advanced sensor operation, temperature and gate bias cycling, and advanced data evaluation
- Functional packaging



C. Bur et al, *Sensors and Actuators B Chem.*, 214 (2015) 225-233

TD1105 **WG3**: Environmental Measurements and Air-Pollution Modelling

WG3 Chair: Prof. Ole Hertel, Aarhus University, Denmark

- **Sub-Working Group 3.1:**
Environmental measurements at laboratory and in field air-quality stations.
- **Sub-Working Group 3.2:**
Air-quality modelling and chemical weather forecasting.
- **Sub-Working Group 3.3:**
Harmonisation of environmental measurements.



Environmental measurements of PM and air pollution by CSIC, ES



AQ monitoring station by ARPA-PUGLIA, IT

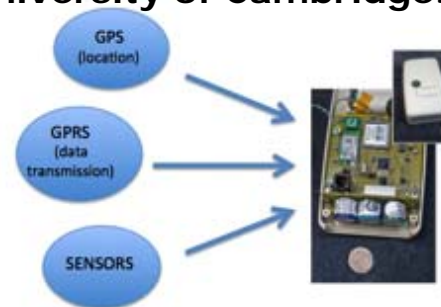
We all need field tests to get our sensors to the market.

by Aristotle University, EL



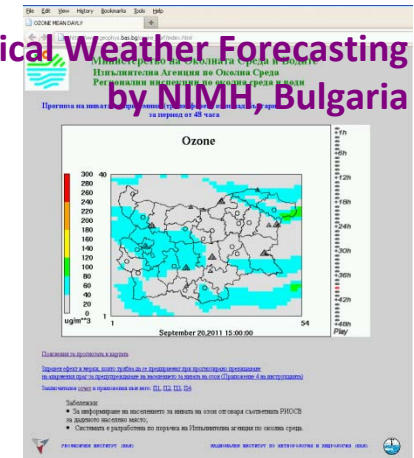
AirMerge system for Chemical Weather Models

Mobile and static sensor network configurations by University of Cambridge.



AQ monitoring station by Aarhus University, DK

Chemical Weather Forecasting by NIMH, Bulgaria



AQ Modeling: Tracking routes by Aarhus University, DK



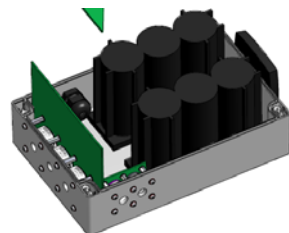
AQ monitoring station by Lithuanian EPA

TD1105 *EuNetAir* **WG4**: Protocols and Standardisation Methods

WG4 Chair: Prof. Ingrid Bryntse, SenseAir AB, Sweden

- **Sub-Working Group 4.1:**
Protocols, standards and methods for AQC by analyzers/instruments (no-sensors) technologies.
- **Sub-Working Group 4.2:**
Protocols, standards and methods for AQC by sensors (no-analyzers) technologies.
- **Sub-Working Group 4.3:**
Benchmarking of new products and market of commercial AQC sensors.

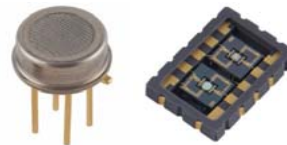
Battery-Powered Sensors
by Alphasense Ltd, UK



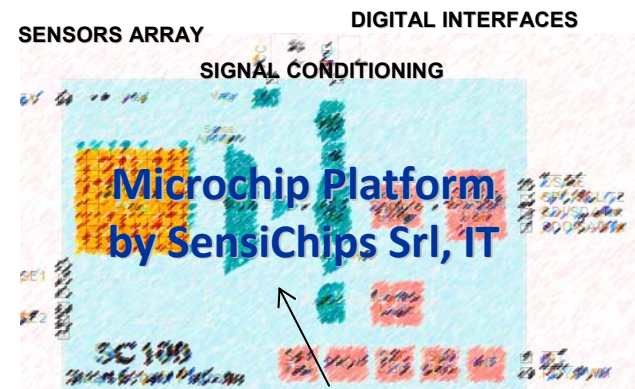
Standardization very important and we need more time for this. Still consensus around many issues like definitions of sensitivity, speed of response etc.

European Directive 2008/50/EC: Ambient Air Quality
EU standard EN 13725/2003: Dynamic Olfactometry
Protocols and Standardised Methods for Gas Sensors
Guidelines of Best Transducers applied to specific gases

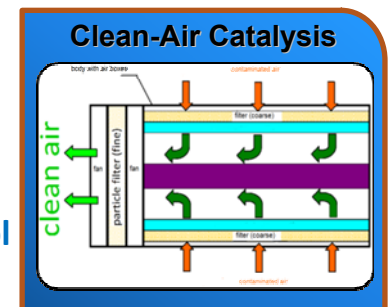
Dynamic olfactometry EN13725
by Univ. of Liege, Odometric SA,
Univ. of Bari, Lenviros srl.



Packaged Sensors
by E2V, CH



New precision multi-parametric analytical tool

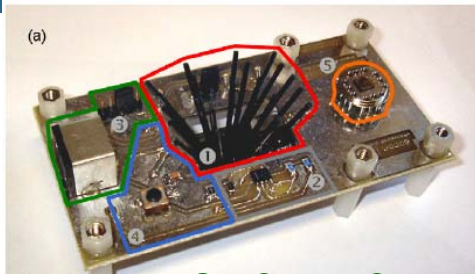


Becker Gruppe, DE

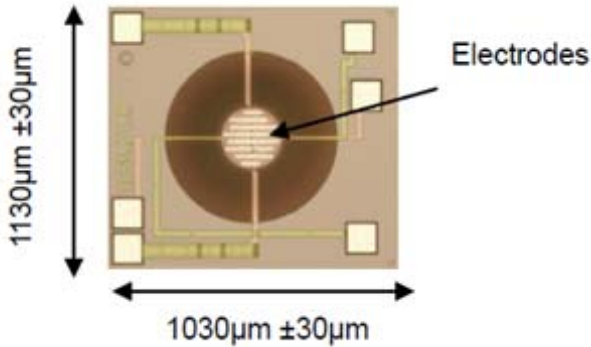


CO₂ IR sensor for alarm System
by SenseAir AB, Sweden

EuNetAir INNOVATION on AIR QUALITY MONITORING



Autonomous Gas Sensor System by IREC and Univ. of Barcelona



Miniaturized CMOS Sensor by CCMOS Sensors Ltd and Warwick University

A low-cost modular sensor platform combining IR spectrometry and MOX gas sensors for IAQ monitoring (CO₂, VOC) and medical applications by 3S GmbH and Saarland University, Germany



The network has high number of high performance, interesting and innovative sensor systems



Autonomous EC Gas AQ Sensor System by ENEA, Italy

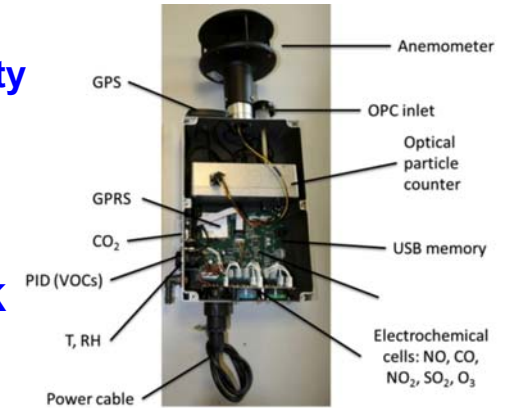


Air Quality Bike (Aeroflex) for Mobile AQ Measurements by VITO, Belgium



Non-Dispersive Infra Red (NDIR) Gas Sensors (CO₂) by SenseAir, Sweden

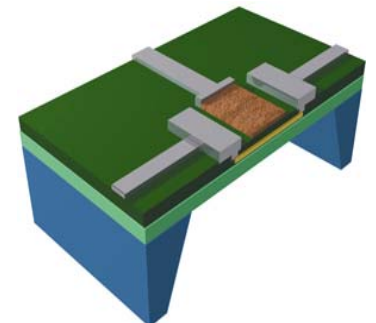
Wireless sensor network for air-quality monitoring around Heathrow airport by University of Cambridge and Alphasense Ltd, UK



SiC based gas sensor system for high temperature and harsh environment by SenSiC AB, Sweden



SGX-Sensortech MOX Gas Sensors for Automotive AQ Measurements by SGX-Sensortech, Switzerland



Aveiro Joint-Exercise Intercomparison & WG Meeting

13 October 2014: Starting Joint-Exercise (2 weeks duration)

14 - 15 October 2014: EuNetAir WG1-WG4 Meeting

EuNetAir Air Quality Joint-Exercise Intercomparison 2014

Local Organizers: Prof. Carlos Borrego and Dr. Ana Margarida Costa (IDAD)

Air quality campaign at Aveiro (Portugal) city centre 2014



**Continuous measurements: CO, benzene, NO_x, SO₂, PM₁₀, VOC
Temperature, humidity, wind velocity, wind direction, solar radiation, precipitation**

**COST partners (15 teams joined) are invited to install their
microsensors side-by-side to compare performance with
referenced equipment in the Air-Quality Mobile Laboratory**



Functional Packaging Outline

LTCC technology for smart packaging of

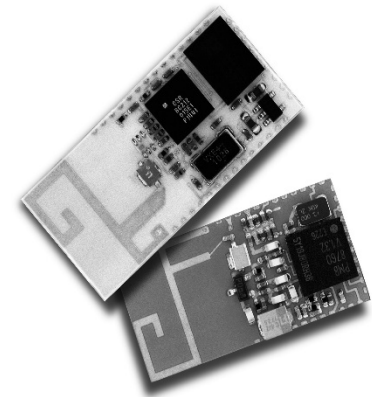
- **chemical gas sensors**
- **Portable particle detectors**
- **The Cell clinic**

LOW TEMPERATURE CO-FIRED CERAMIC

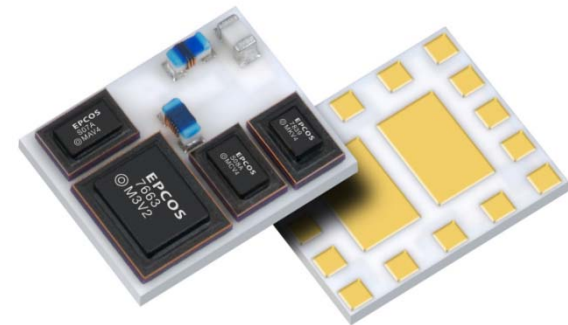
- Cornerstone of modern electronics
- Presented in the 80s of XX century
- Dielectric tapes and functional thick film pastes

Benefits of LTCC

- ✓ Fast prototyping
- ✓ Parallel processing
- ✓ Durable, hermetic, resistant
- ✓ Relatively cheap



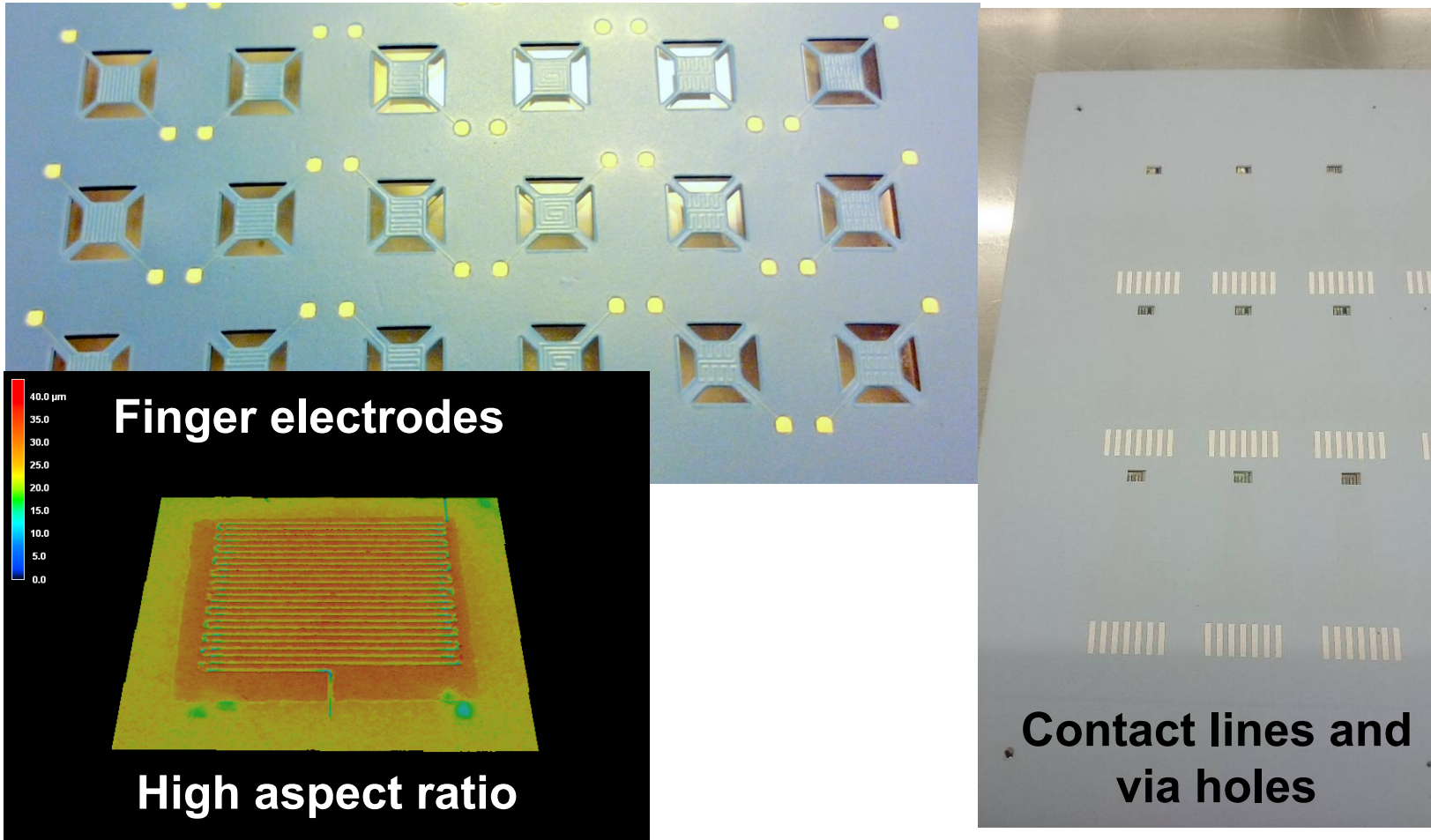
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LTCC processing of different structures

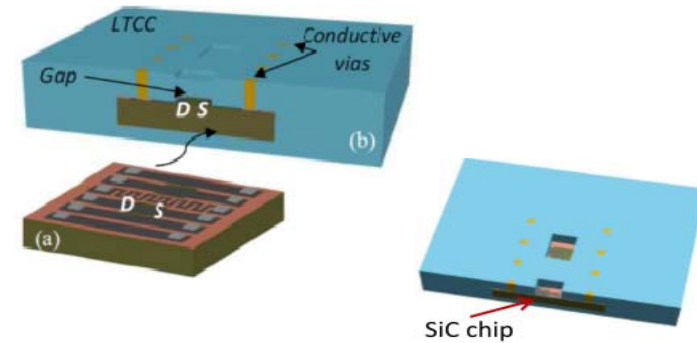
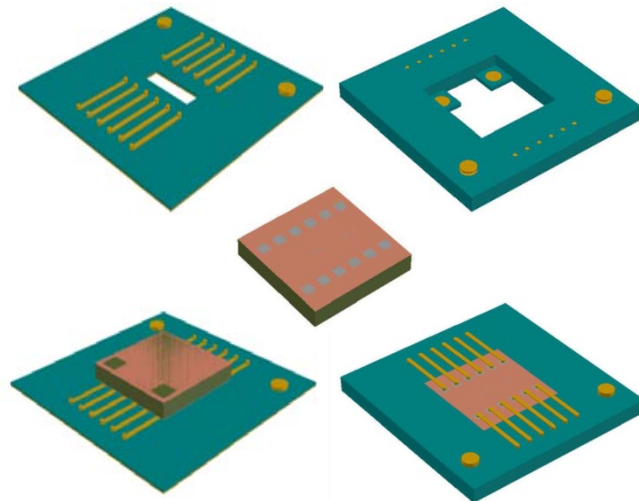
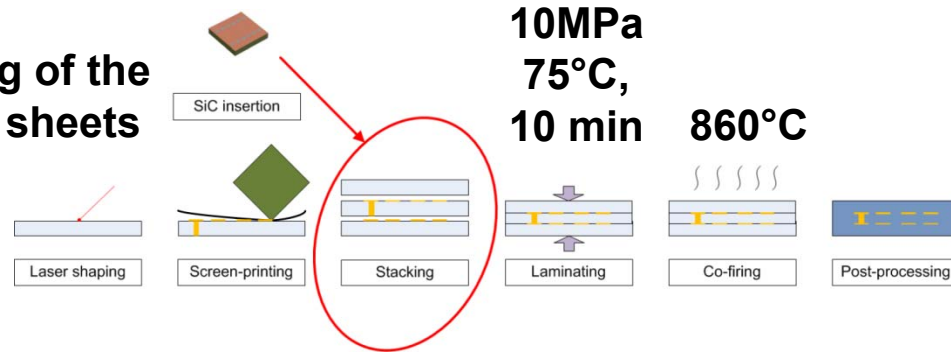
Membranes



**Processing on green sheets (typically 10 x 10 cm)
Stacking and firing in one (fast) step possible**

LTCC platform for SiC-FET sensors

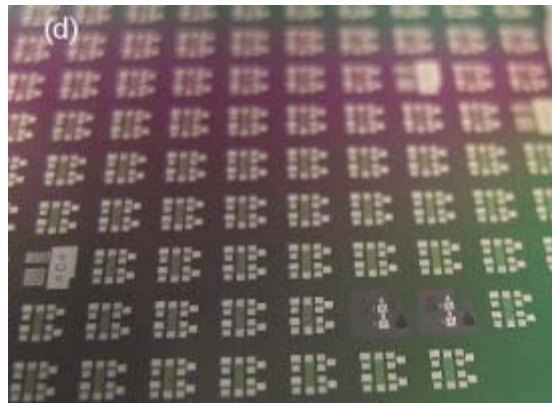
SiC FET chip inserted during stacking of the printed sheets



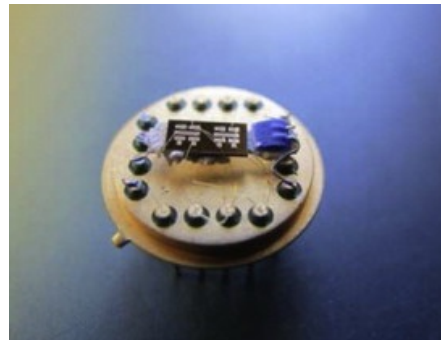
The chip/LTCC module forms one solid object which hermetically protects the sensor **no die attachment, no bonding, no post-seal**

M. Sobocinski and M. Andersson , et al.,
Procedia Engineering, 120 (2015) 253-256

TRADITIONAL AND STATE OF THE ART PACKAGING



Design and Processing
SenSiC AB



Mike Andersson et al. (2013)

Traditional packaging

includes:

- Die attachment
- Wire bonding
- Encapsulation through brazing etc

Max temperature 350 °C



NASA (2013)

State of the art packaging

includes:

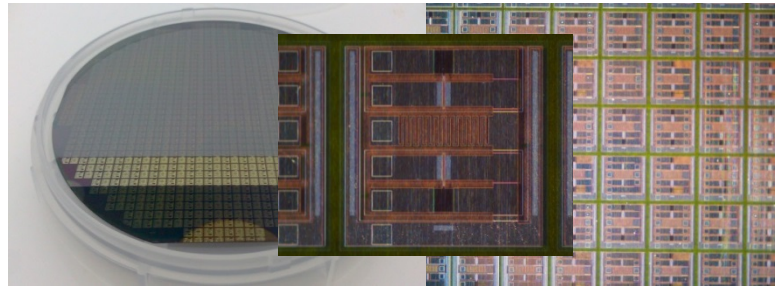
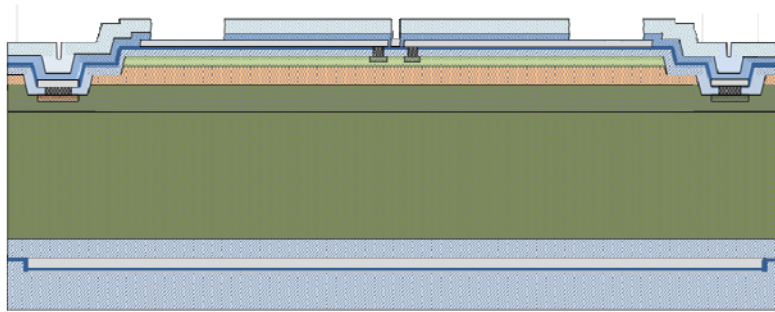
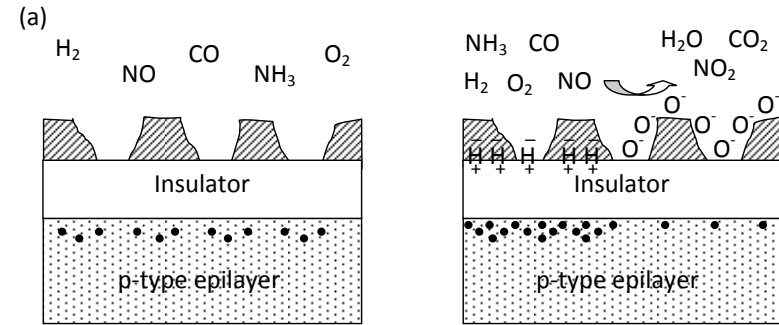
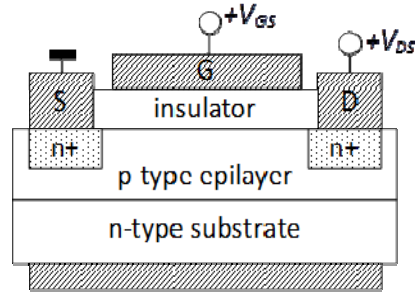
- Die attachment
- Thick wire bonding
- Ceramic encapsulation

Max Temperature: 500 °C

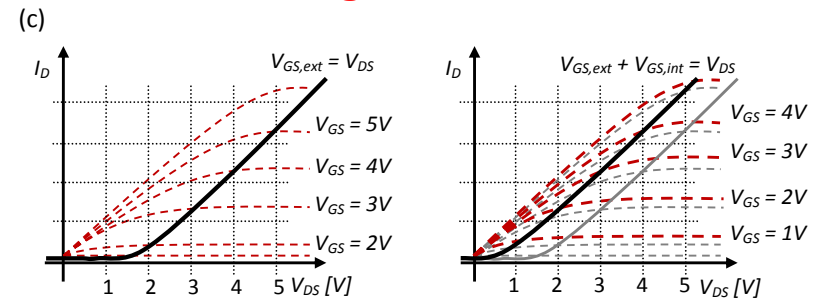
LTCC: Microelectronics
Research Unit, Univ. of Oulu
Maciej Sobocinski

SiC-FET gas sensor technology

SiC based FET platform
 Gate metal:
 porous Ir or Pt



Decomposition and reactions of molecules on the catalytic metal – spill over to the oxide - charging of the gate area - **a change in the current through the transistor**

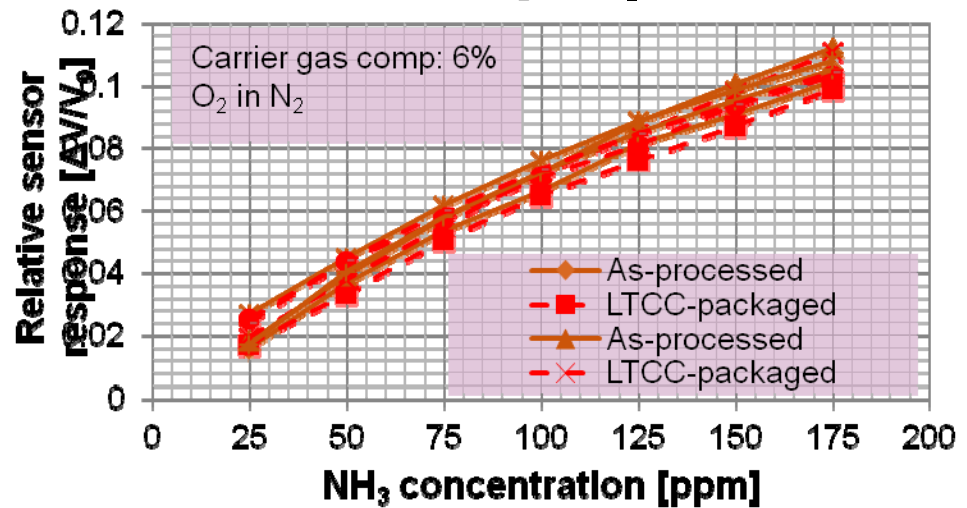
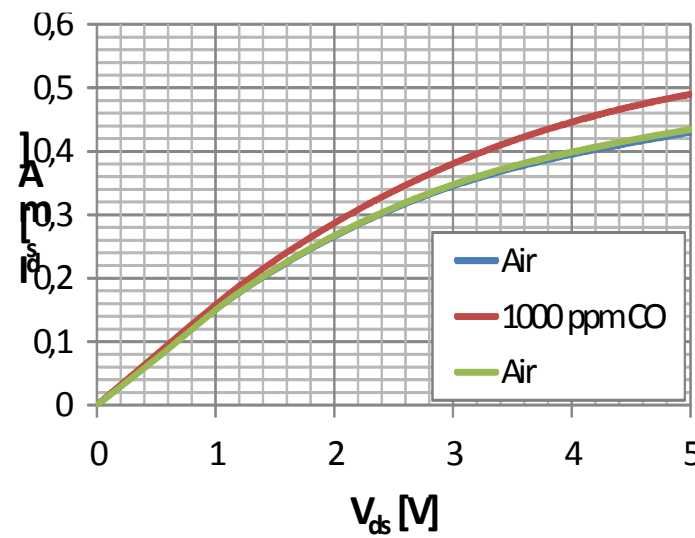
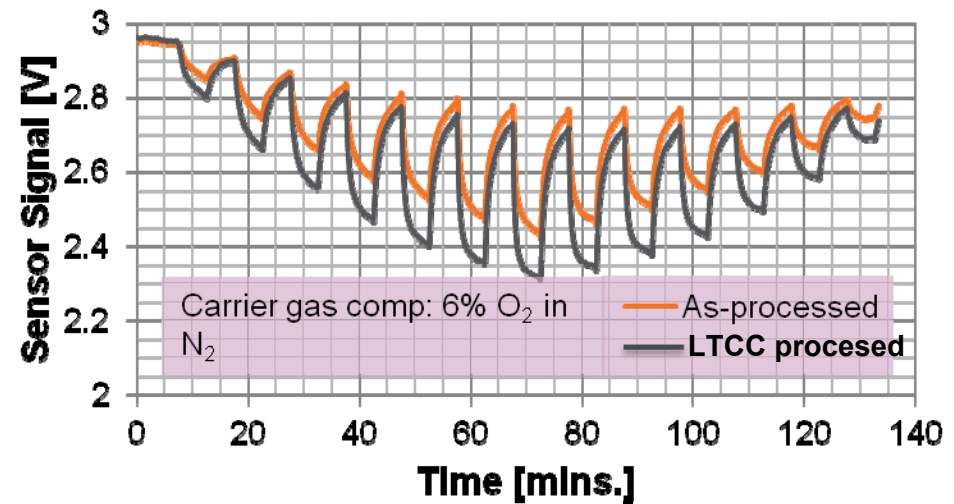
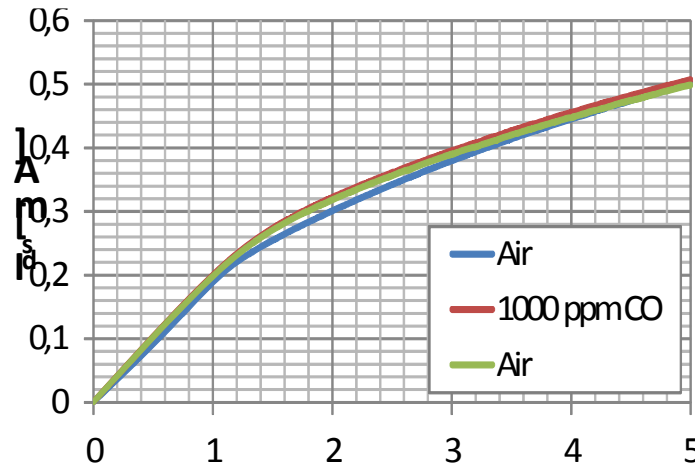


Temperature modulation and tailor made sensing layer enhances selectivity and sensitivity:

H_2 , CO, NH_3 , SO_2 , NO_x , VOC

SiC-FET in LTCC module

Gas sensing characteristics



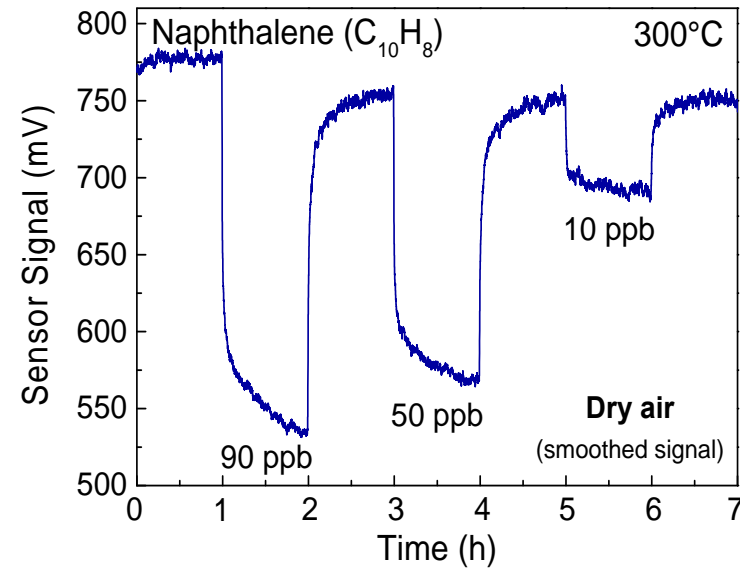
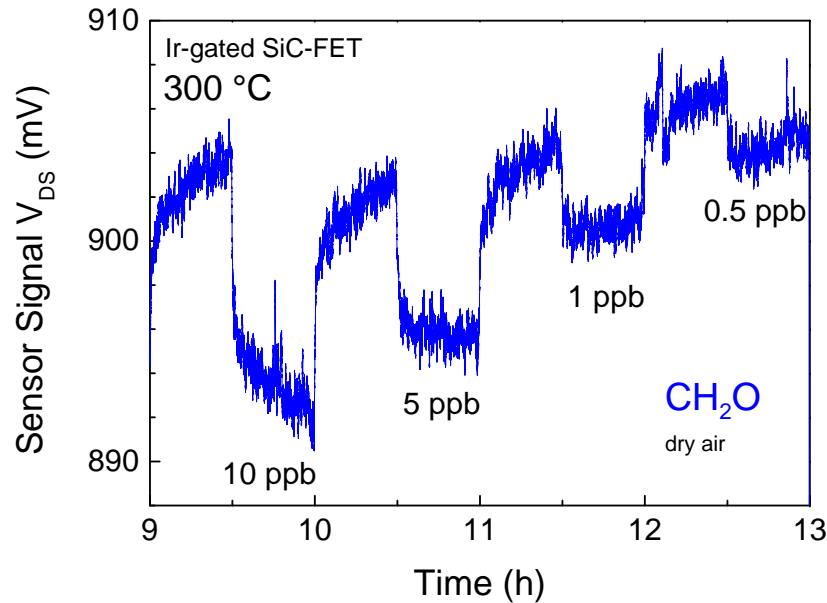
The SiC-FETs for control of SCR



SCR (selective catalytic reduction) in trucks by both Volvo and Scania

SCR interesting also for large ships and stationary engines

VOC detection by SiC-FET sensors



Measurements performed by Donatella Puglisi, Linköping University at Saarland University in an **STSM activity** within the **EuNetAir**

Collaboration with Saarland University regarding advanced sensing and data evaluation methods

Portable particle detectors

Miniaturized devices for the on-line monitoring of particles for

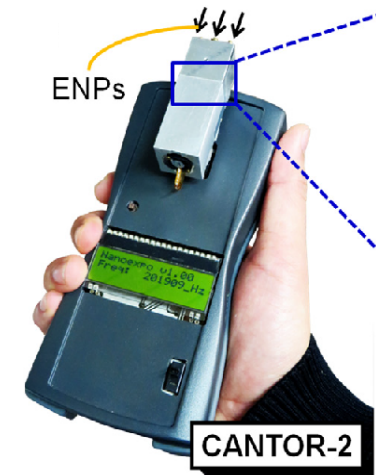
- Work places
- Public use

Giving information about particle

- number (concentration)
- Size
- Shape (needle like, asbestos like (branched needles))
- Content (CNTs containing Ni, Fe, Co has shown adverse effect in animal studies)

Since these parameters influence the adverse health effect of particles

Portable device
Research level



Commercial device
Particle Sense P600

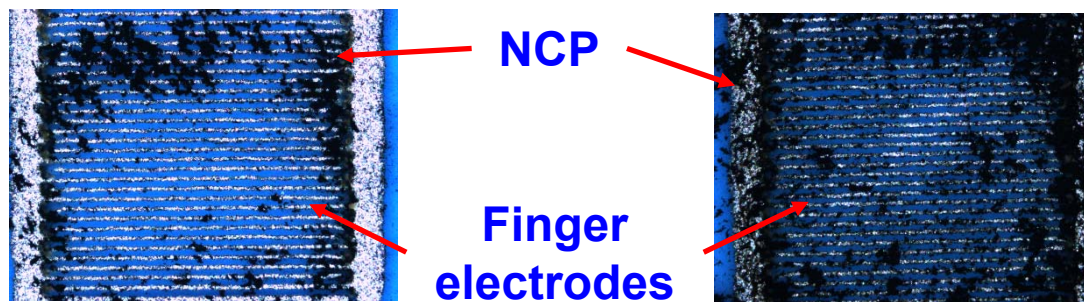
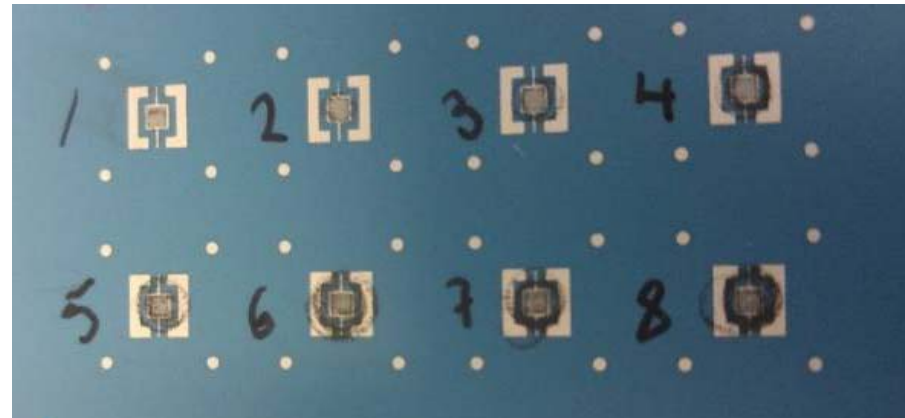


PM1, PM2.5, PM10

Reference sample development for nanoparticle detector

Drip-casted NCoP (Nano-cobalt particles)

- 8 similar structures with different concentration of NCP
- Drip casted with a pipet from unstable, constantly sonicated solution
- Very high concentration (visible with naked eye)
- Finger width $20\ \mu\text{m}$, gap $30\ \mu\text{m}$



Structure 1

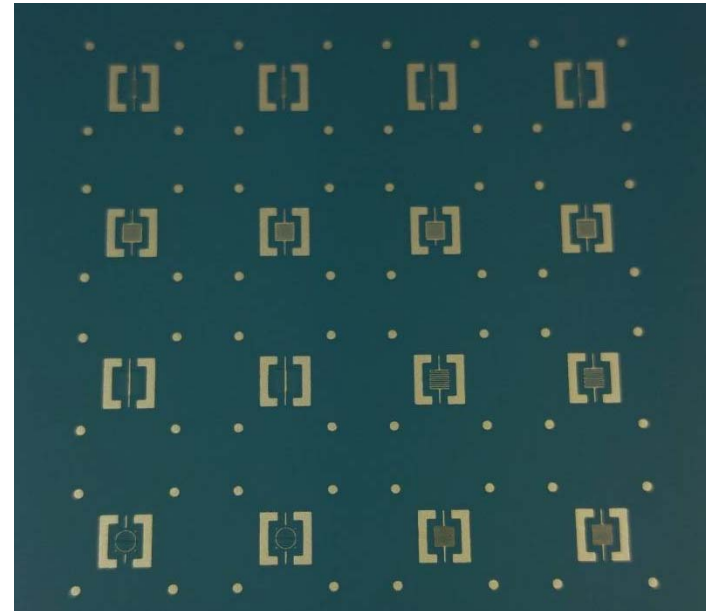
Structure 8



Reference sample development for nanoparticle detector

Ink-jet printed NCuP (nano Cu particles)

- Resolution of print: 500dpi
- 5 layers printed on every component
- Heated substrate (50°C)
- 0.1 % solution

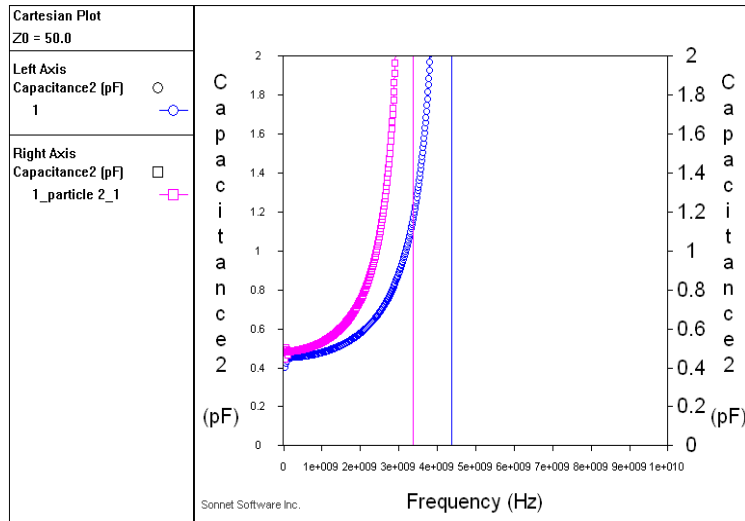


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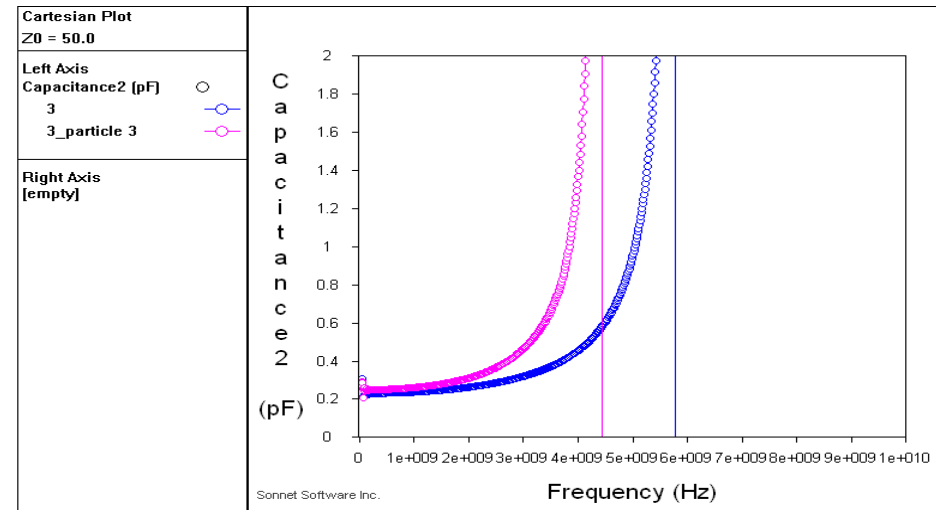
Impedance spectroscopy investigation

10 fingers



5 and 10 finger capacitors work ok
Visible response to NCuP – increasing capacitance

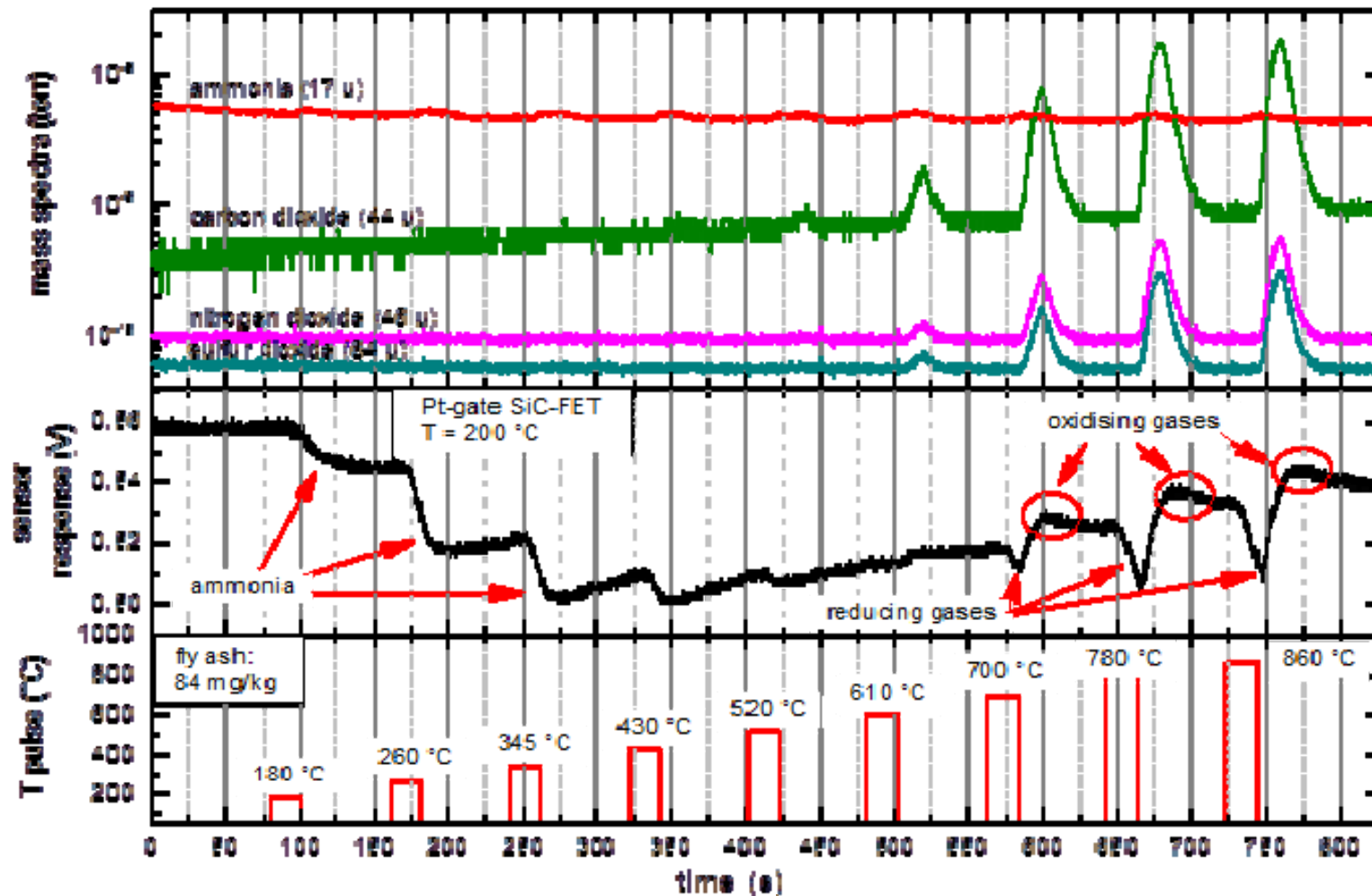
5 fingers



Blue shows clean sensor
Pink shows exposed sensor 1-10 GHz

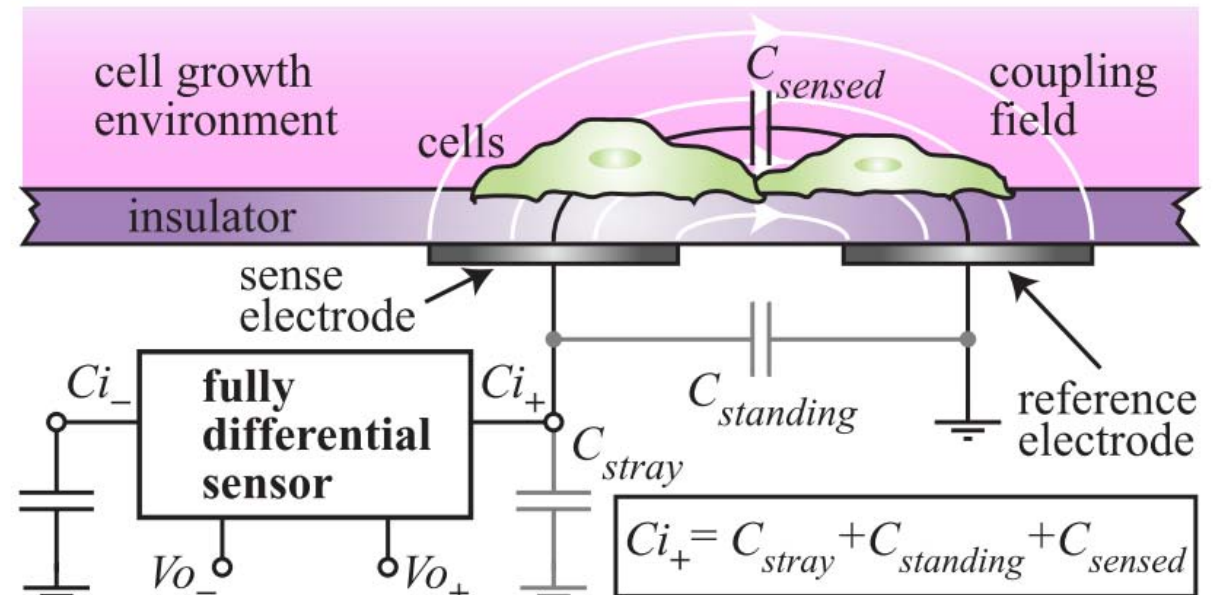
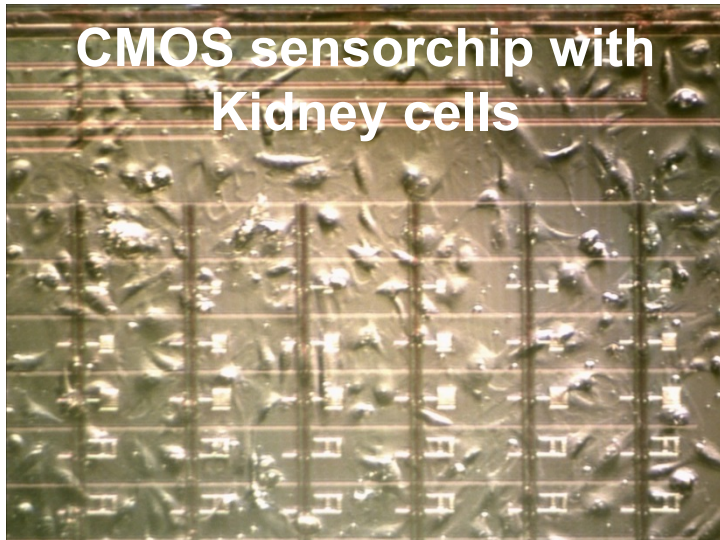
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Gas sensor based particle content assessment - example

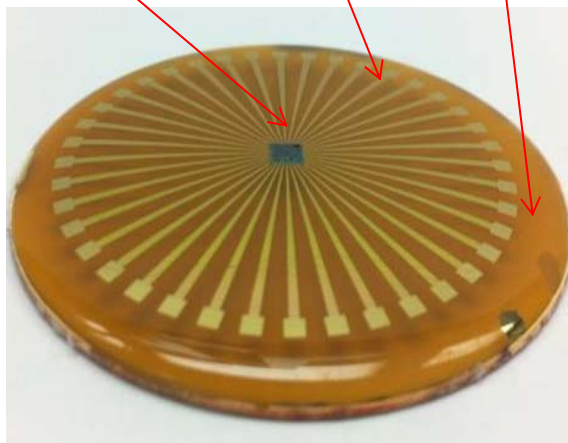


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Cell Clinic: Measurement of Toxic effect of particles on cells



Sensor chip, Cu leads, epoxy



Capacitive measurement principle

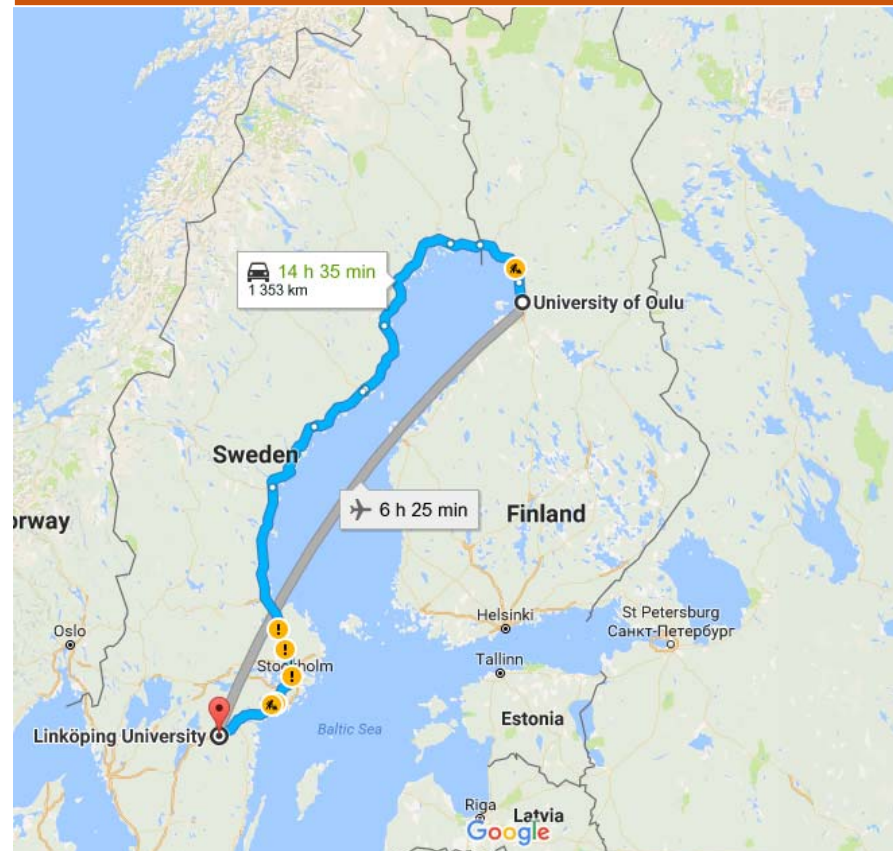
← Packaged chip by epoxy molding

Sensor chip designed and processed at Maryland University, USA

STSM by Joni Kilpijärvi,

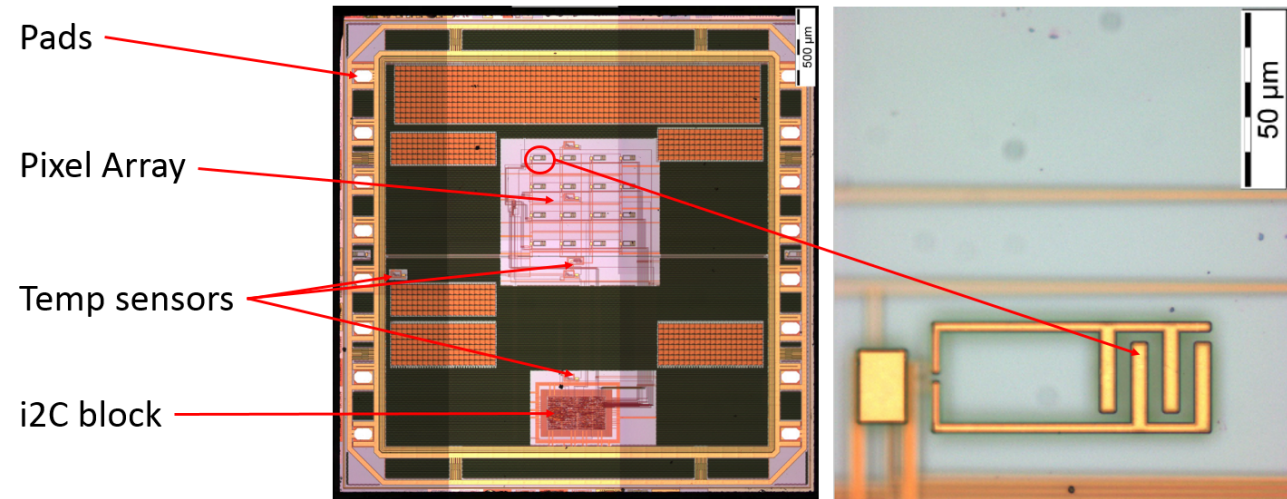
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Just 1353 km by car

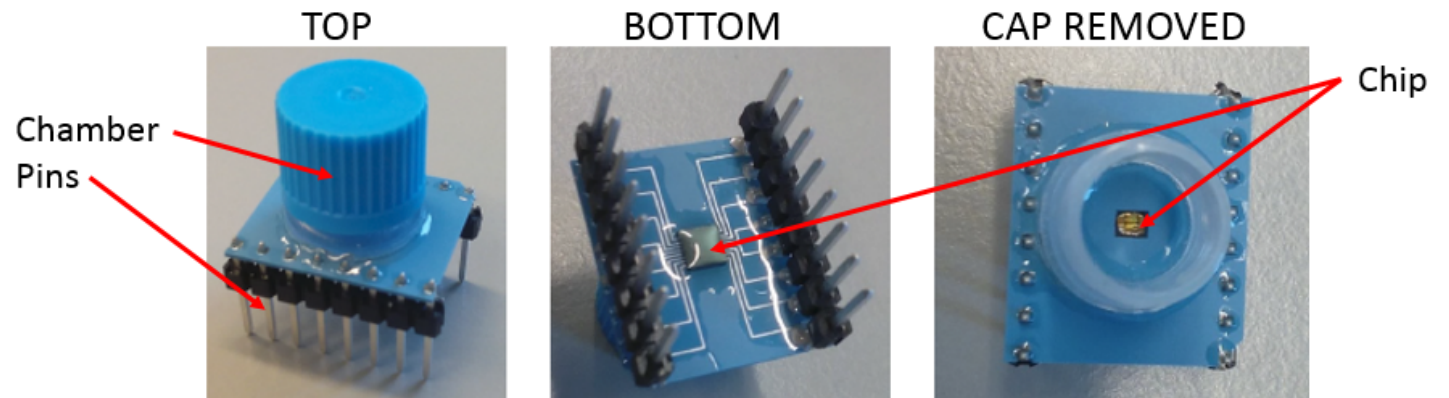


The sensor chip in LTCC package

The chip



The package

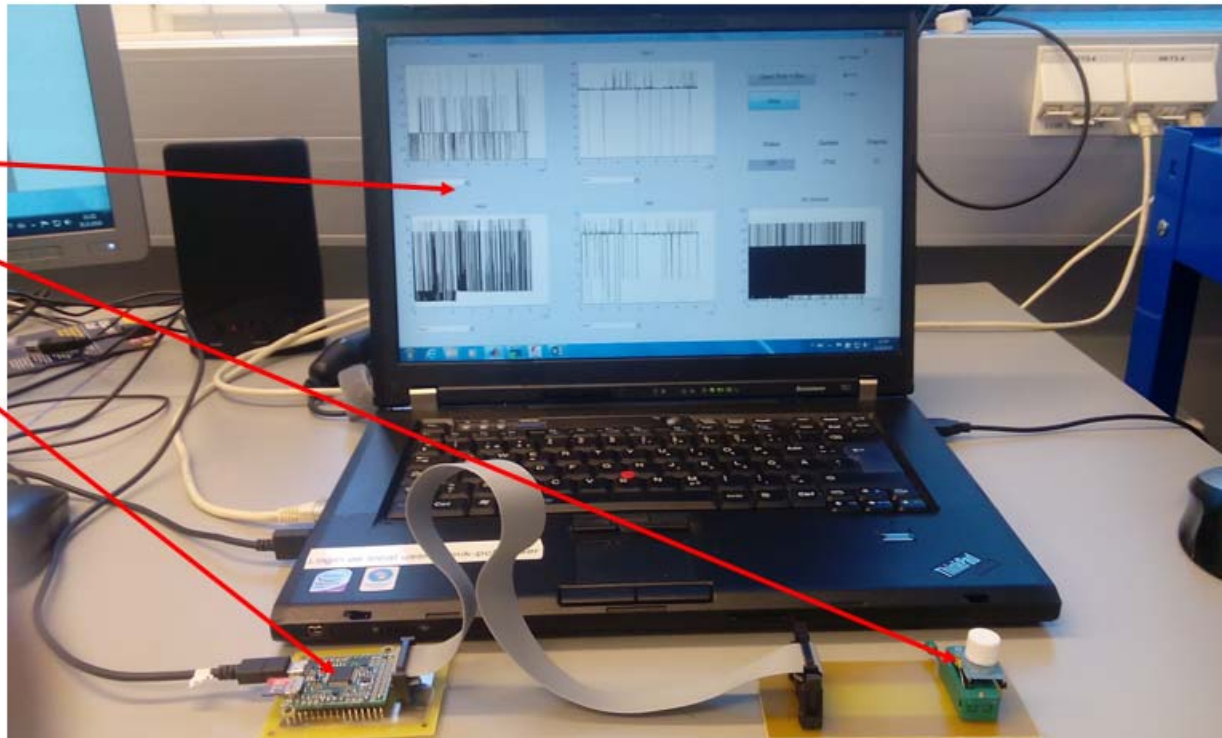


The cell clinic measurement system

User interface

Measurement chip

Microcontroller



For the cell studies incubator was used

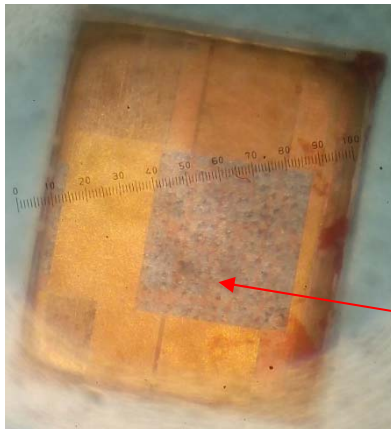
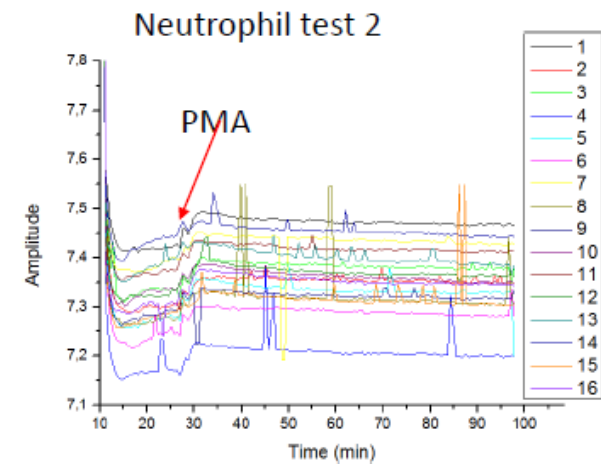
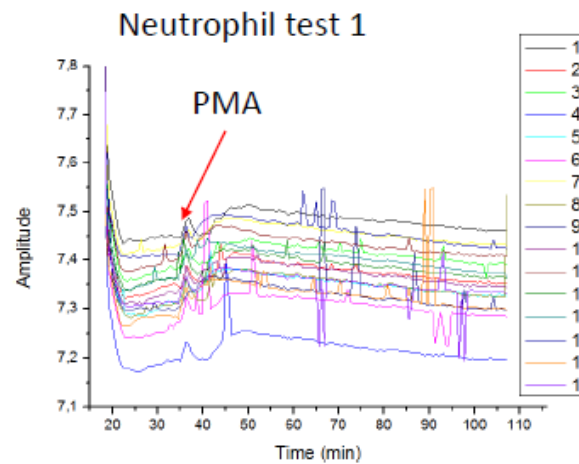
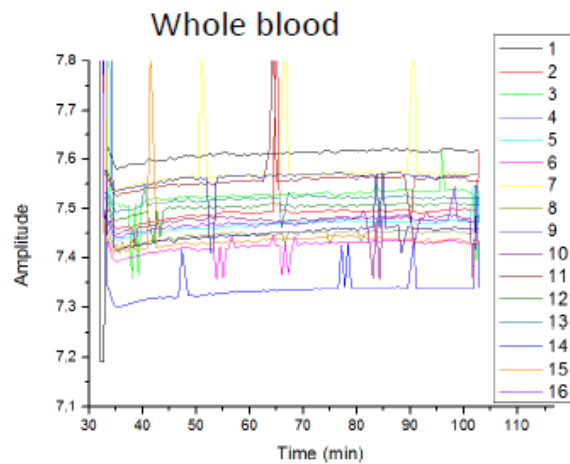
Neutrophils for cell studies



Neutrophils are part of the immune system in the body. Advantage, visible cell growth within hours

Neutrophil extraction from blood, Natalia Abrikossova

The cell clinic measurement



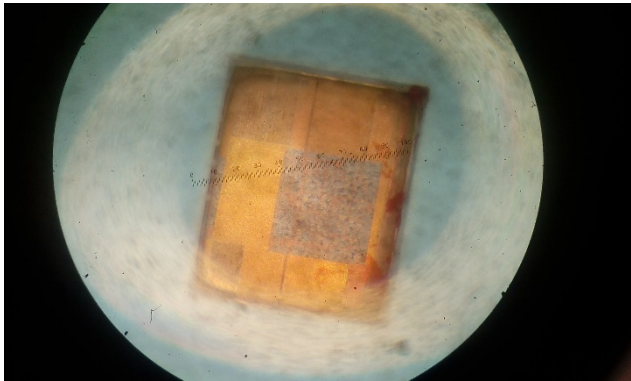
**PMA (phorbol 12-myristate 13-acetate)
activates metabolic oxygenation
Shape change from round to flat**

Neutrophil granulocytes spread on the chip

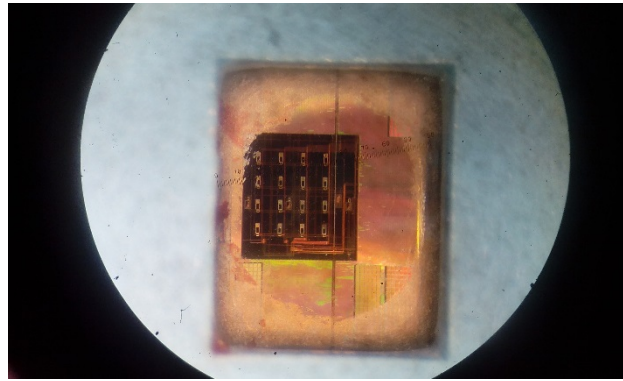
Measurements: Joni Kilipijärvi

The cell clinic measurement

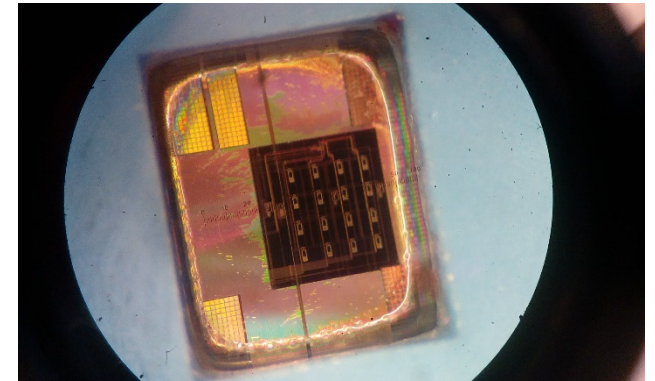
Cleaning the sensor chip



Chip covered by cells



**DI water and ethanol
clean**



**Tergazyme clean
(different chip)**

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Conclusions

- The EuNetAir network has had a big impact on chemical sensor systems and their applications
- The large number of participants also means efficient dissemination of our results
- Hopefully we will find suitable calls in the near future to continue this, for the environment, important work

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