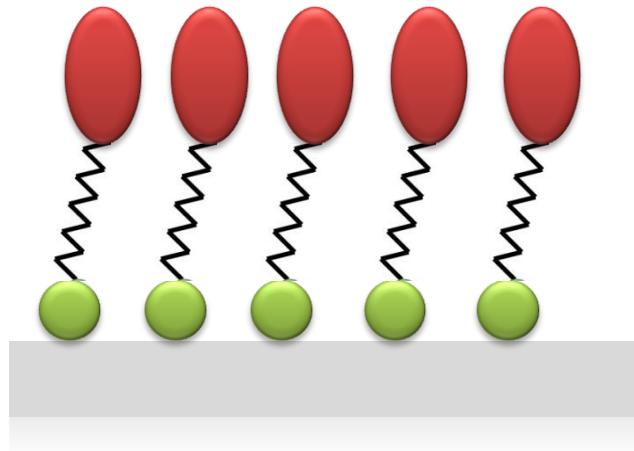


# Functional self-assembled molecular monolayers for electrochemical devices

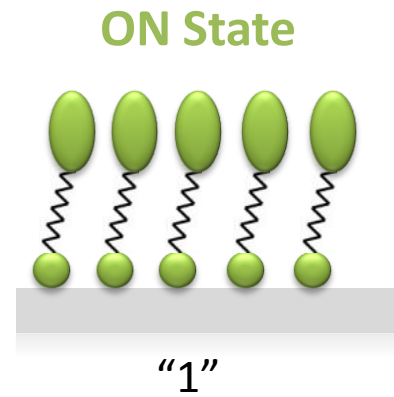
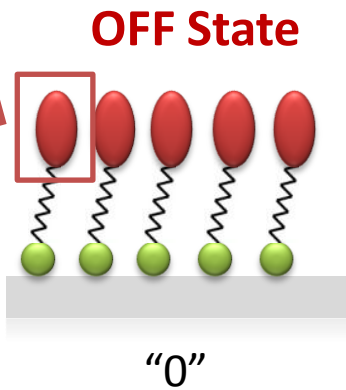
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# Bistable self-assembled monolayers (SAMs) for molecular switches/memories

Optic, Chemical, Magnetic or Electric Stimuli

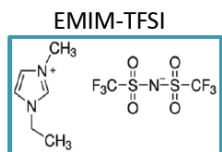
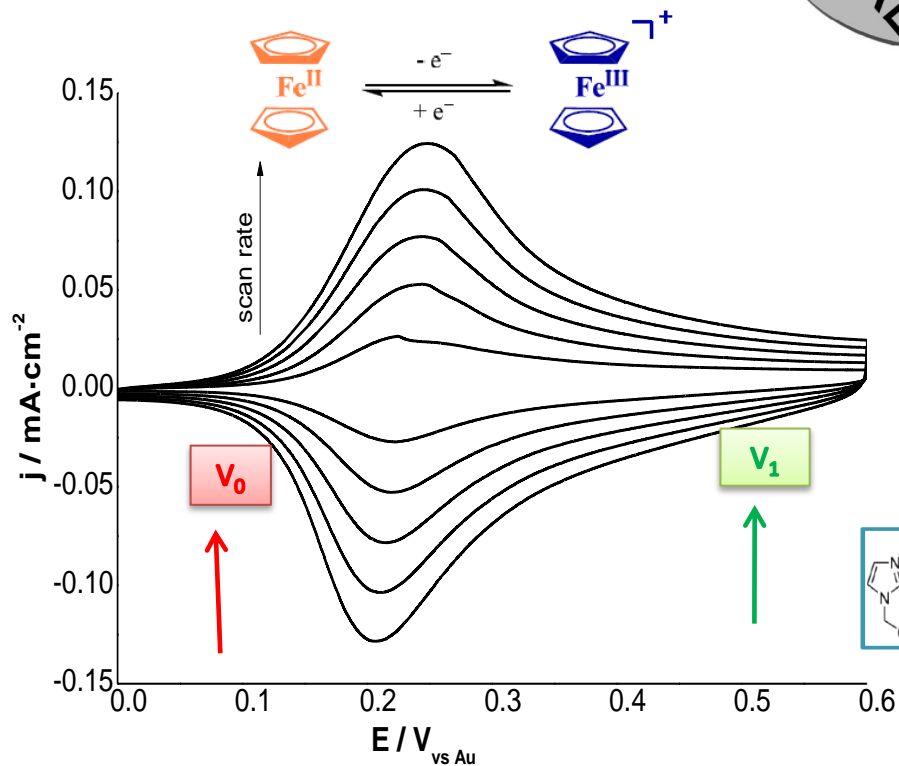
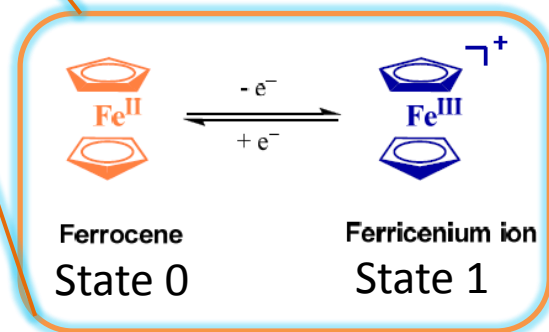
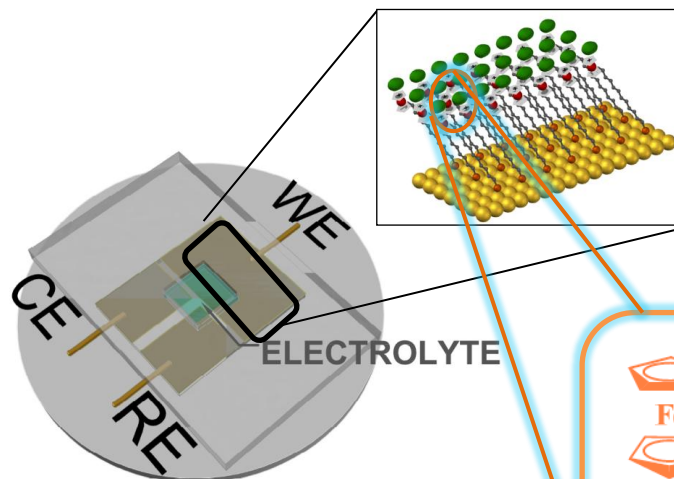
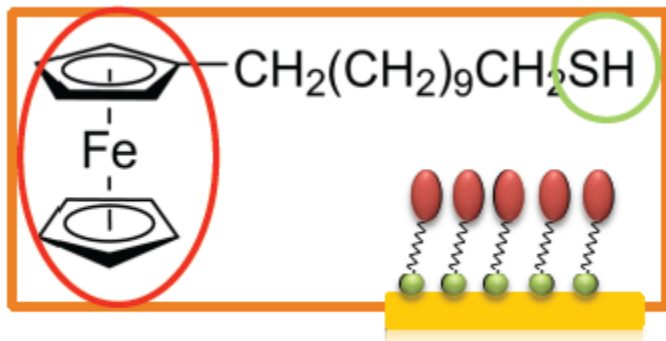
REDOX ACTIVE MOLECULE



- Show stable and differentiated properties
- Reversible
- High stability of the SAM

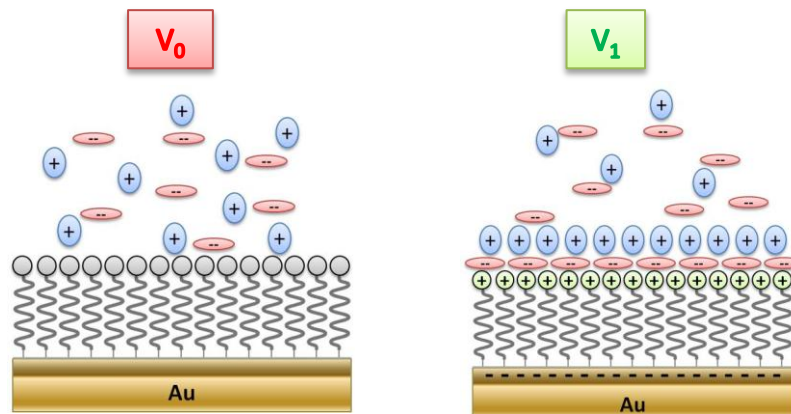
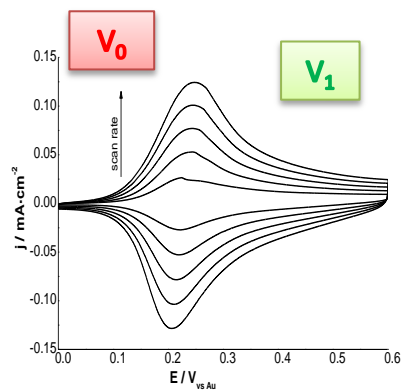
Read-out mechanisms  
Optic, Magnetic, Chemical or Electric

# Fc SAM as electroactive surface



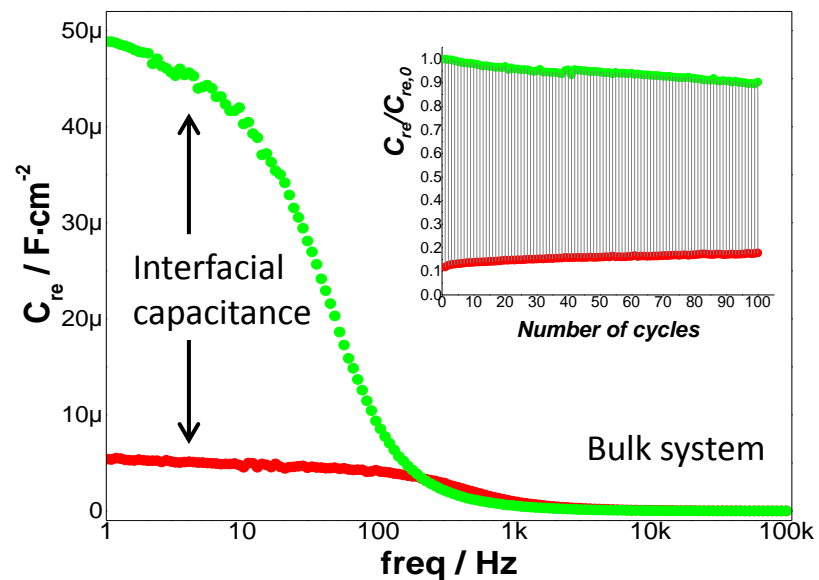
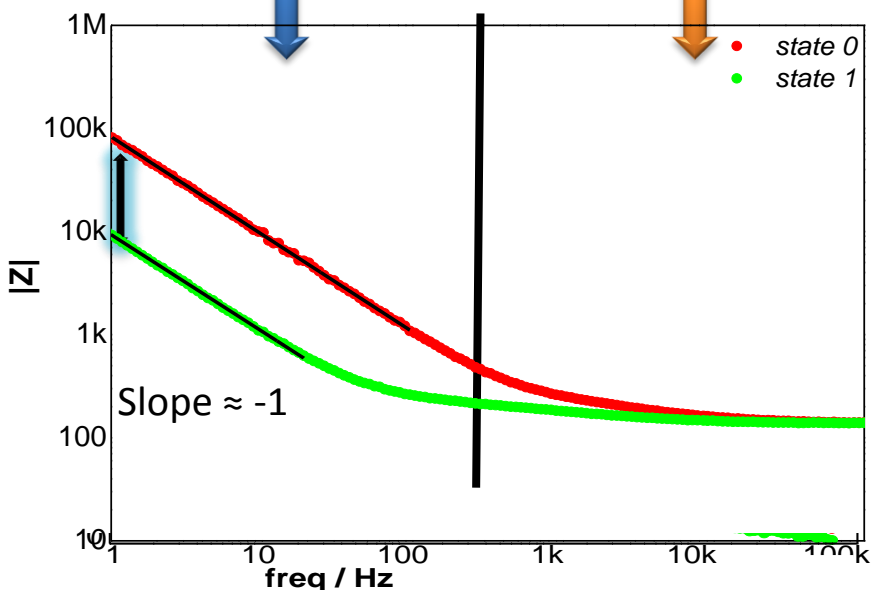
# Electrochemical Impedance response

Electrical  
Response



LOW FREQ REGION  
Capacitive behaviour

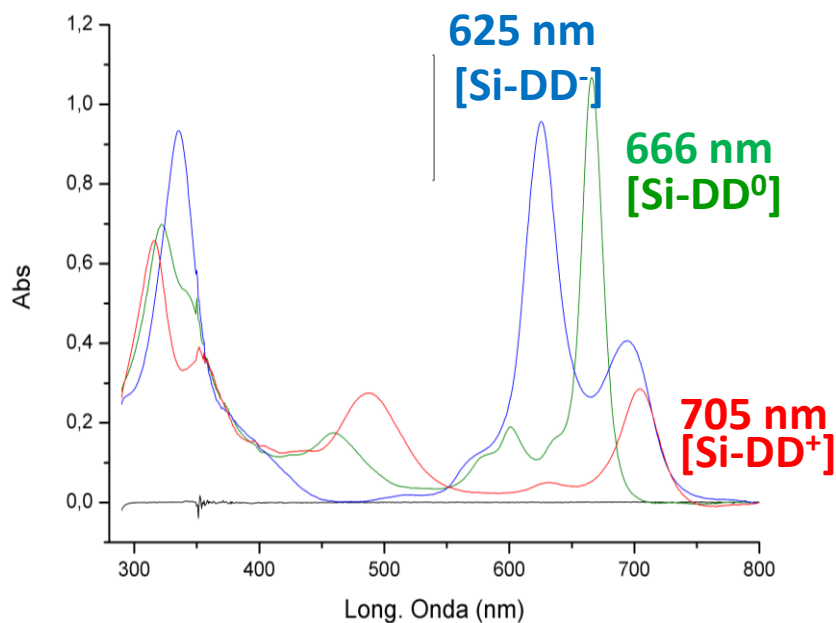
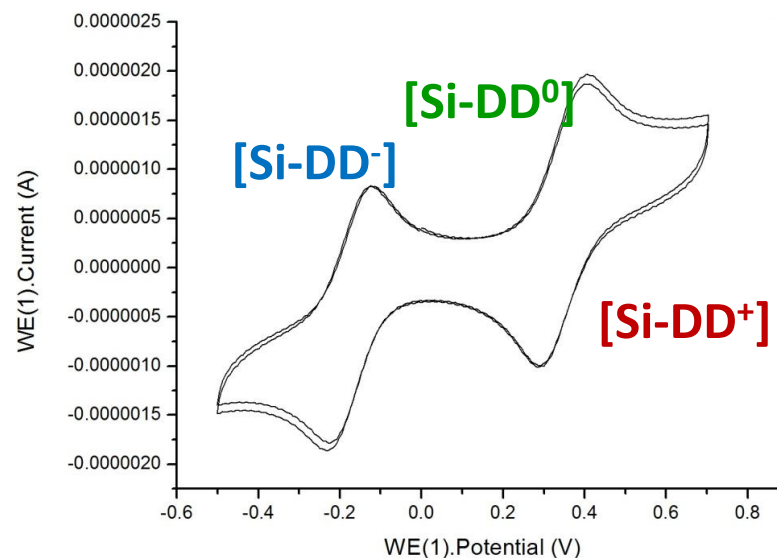
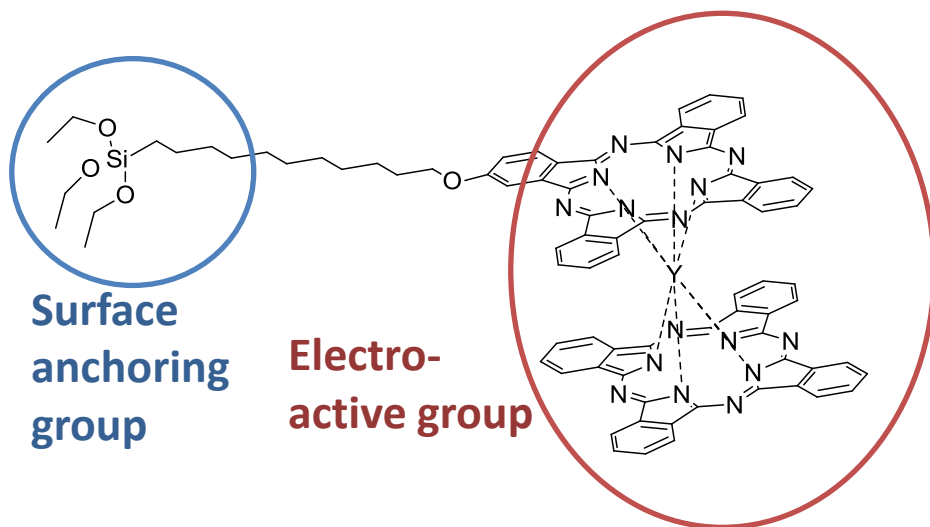
HIGH FREQ REGION  
Resistive behaviour



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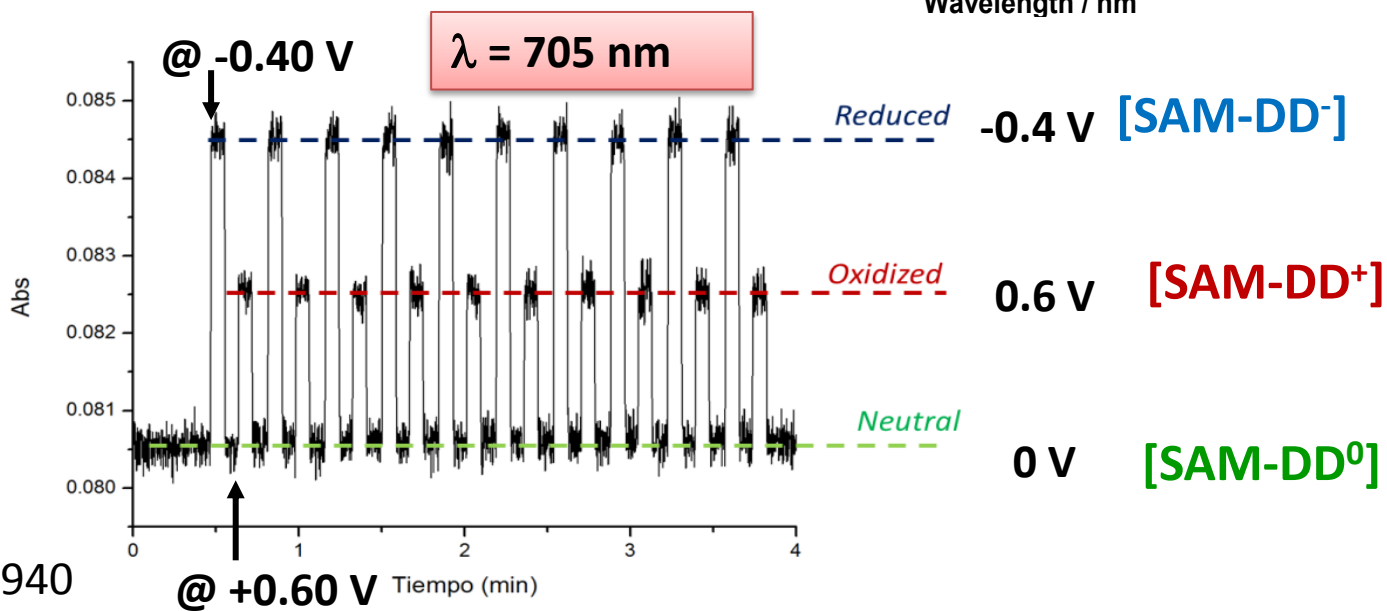
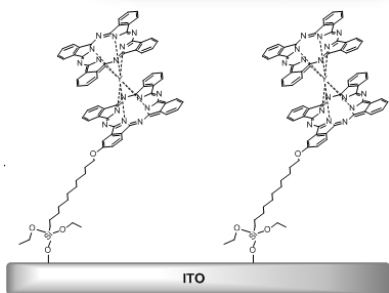
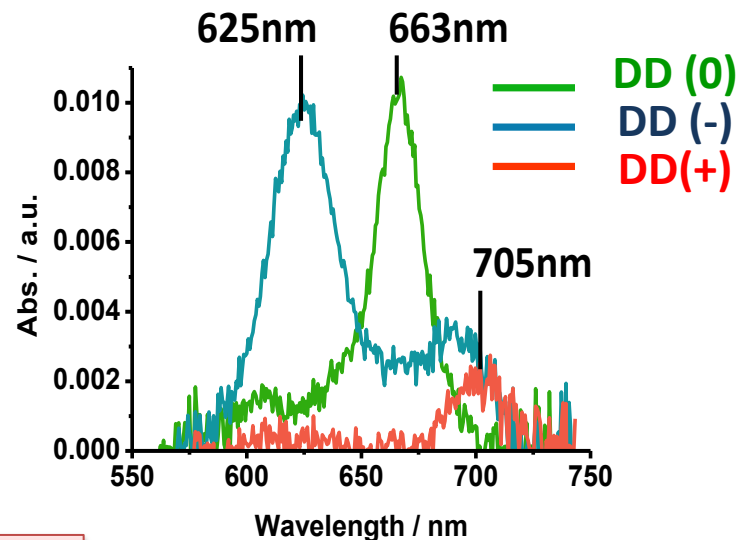
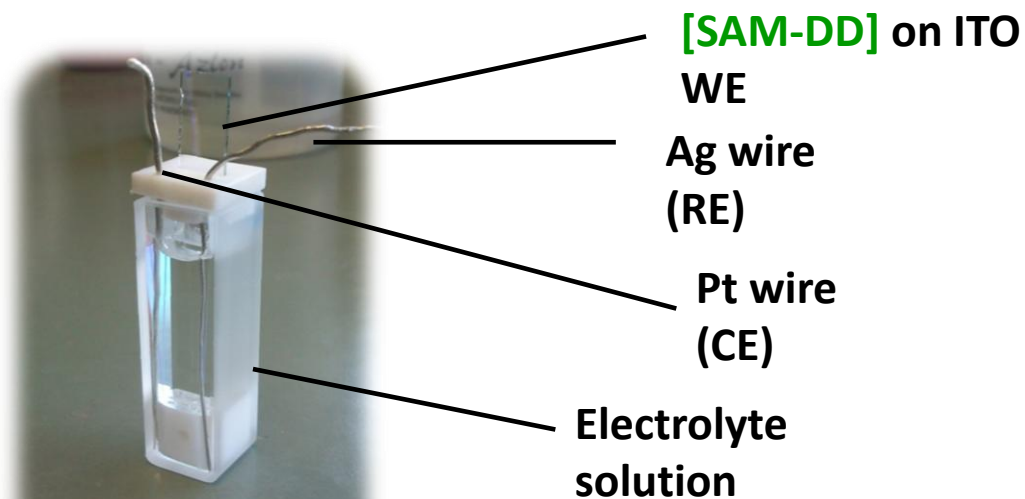
# Electrochromic Target Molecule: Double Decker (DD)

Optical  
Response



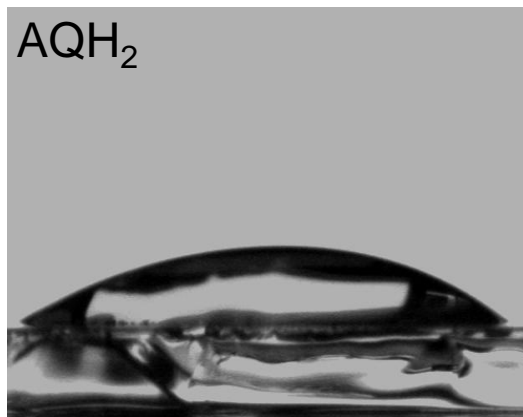
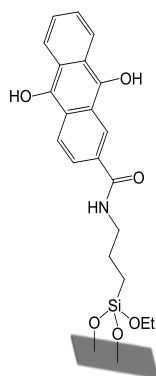
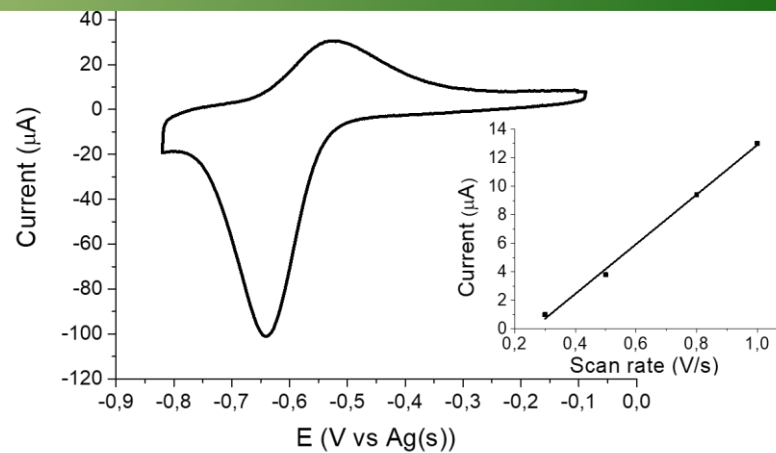
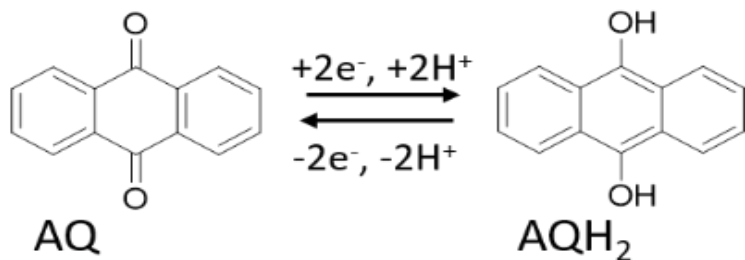
# Spectroelectrochemistry

Optical Response



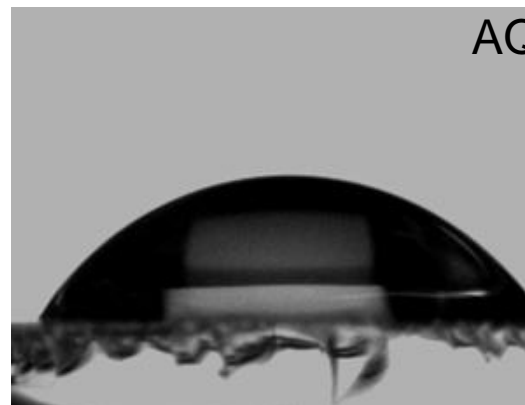
# Anthraquinone SAMs

Wettability  
Response

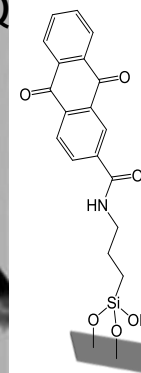


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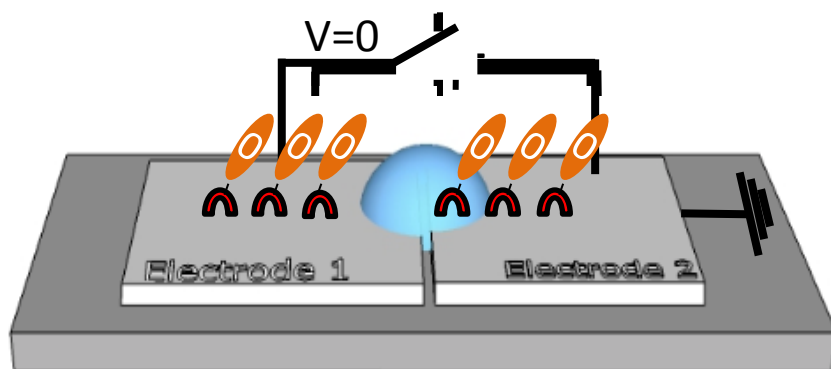
5 µL water



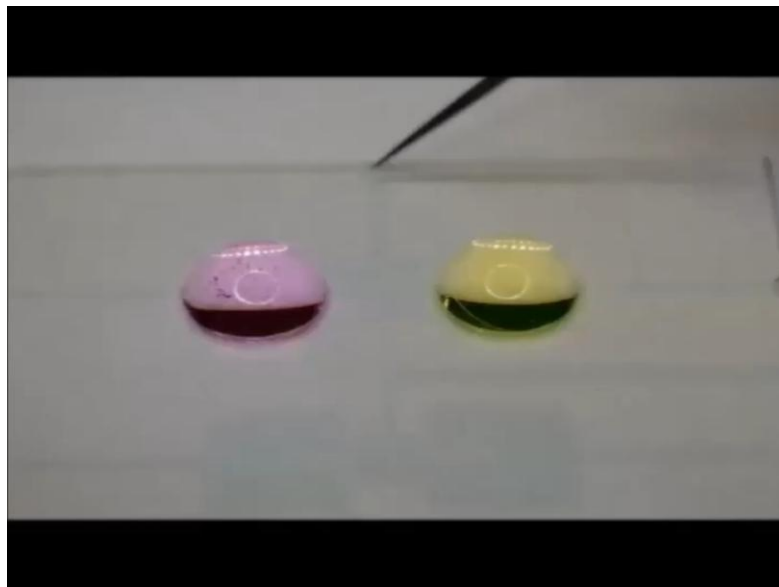
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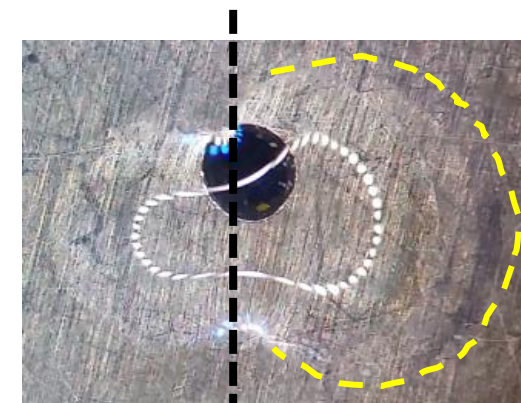
# Anthraquinone SAMs: water actuation



Low Voltage Operation



Electrode1 Electrode2

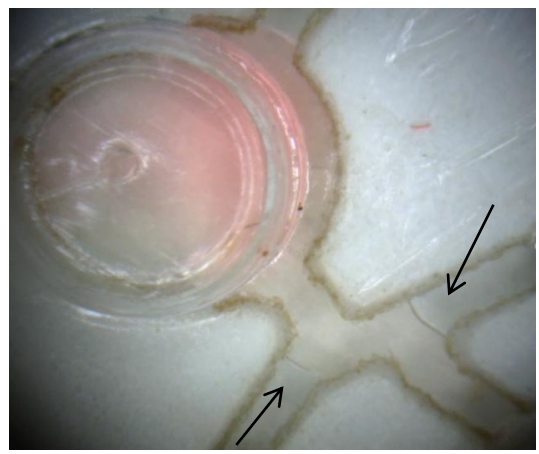
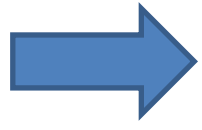
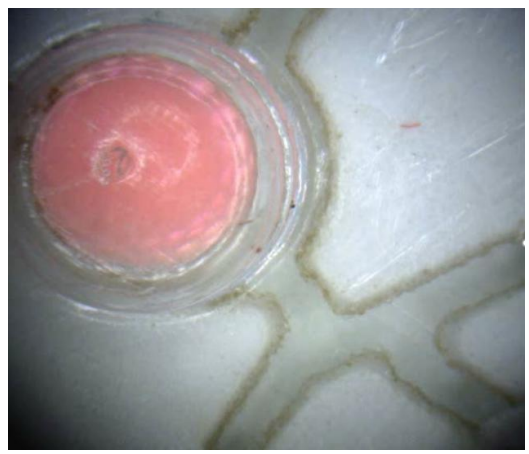
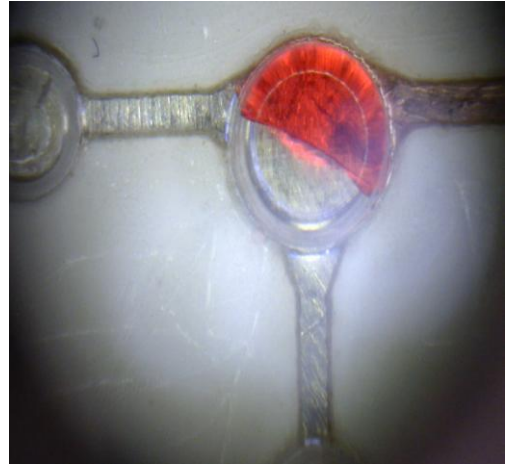
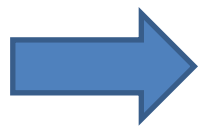
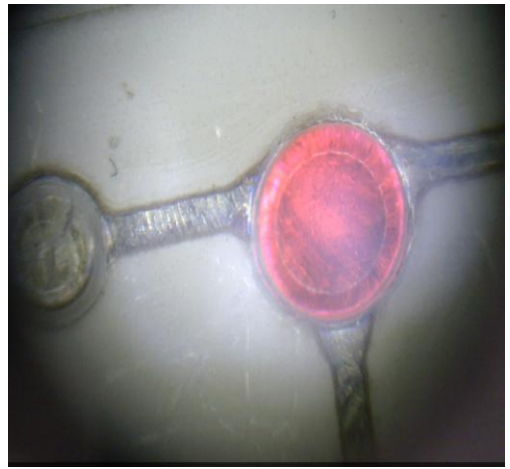


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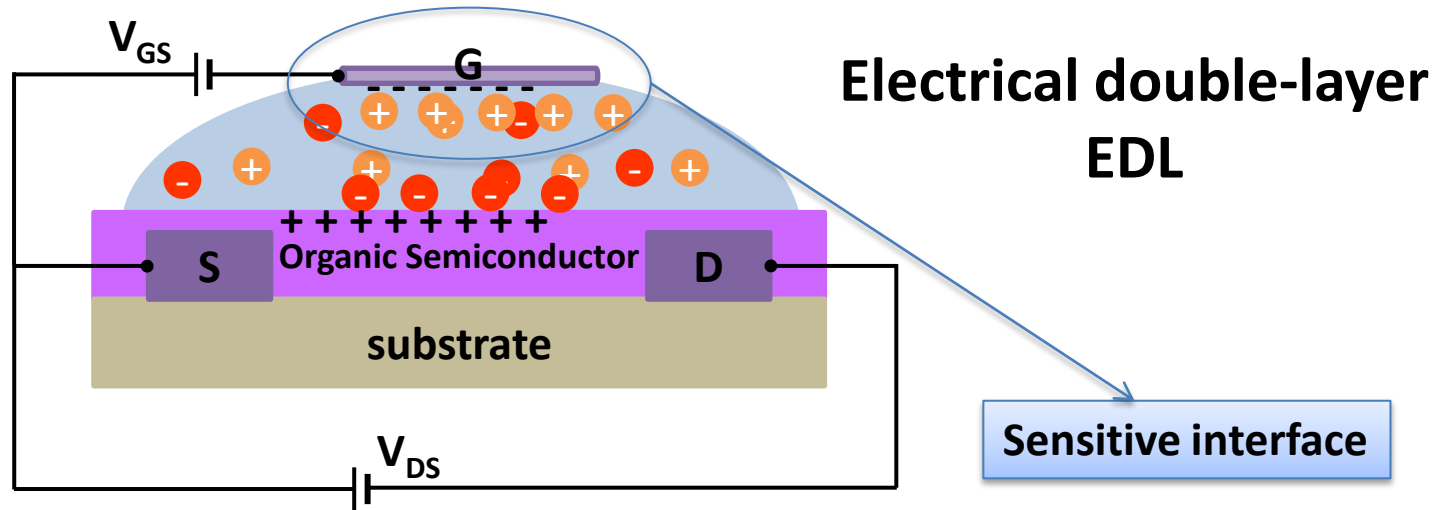


# Anthraquinone SAMs: water actuation

In microfluidics chips



# SAMs in Electrolyte Gated Field Effect Transistors



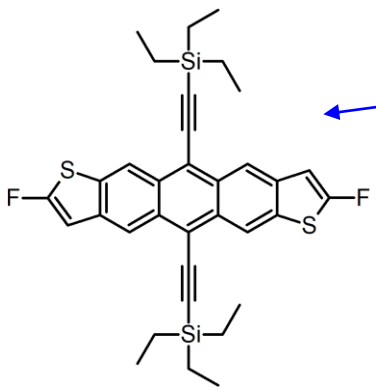
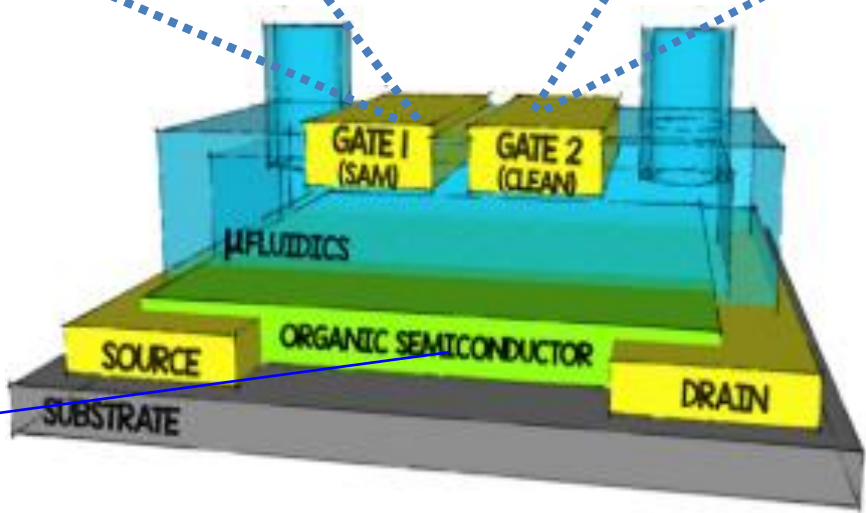
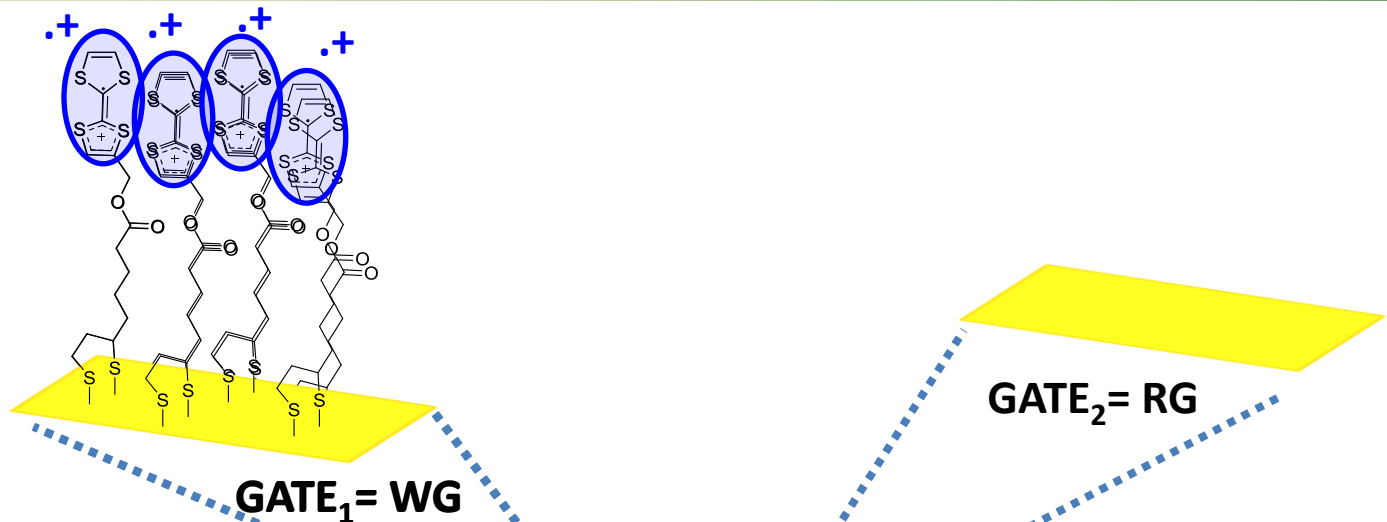
$$V_{GS} < 0 \text{ V} \quad V_{DS} < 0 \text{ V}$$

- ✓ Accumulation mode
- ✓ High water capacitance
- ✓ **Low-operating voltages**

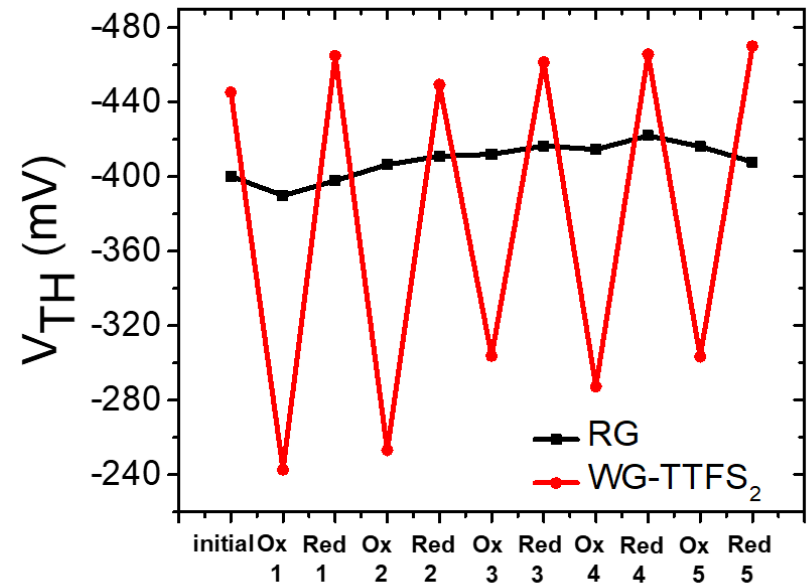
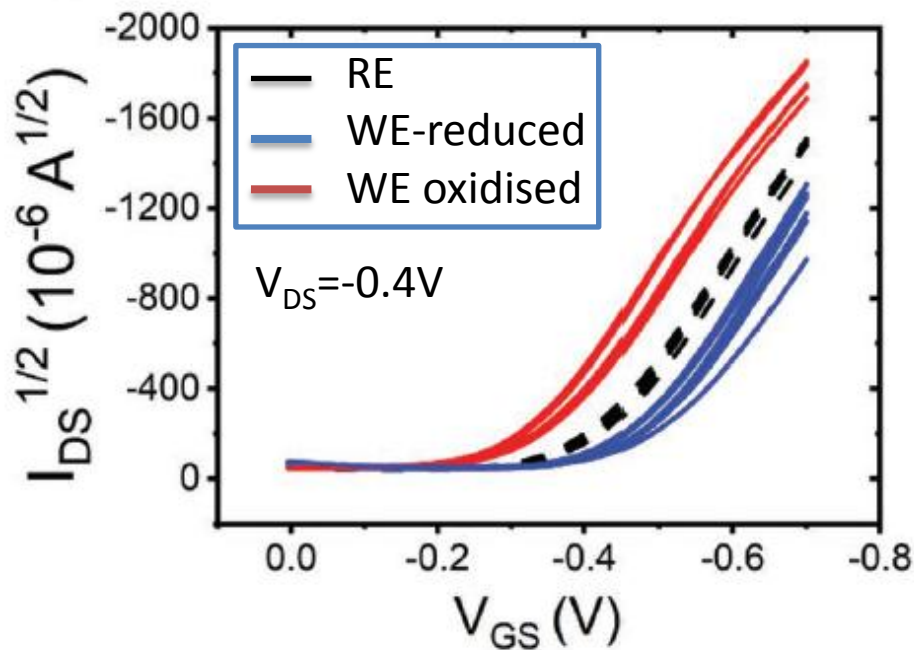


**Compatible with biomolecules**

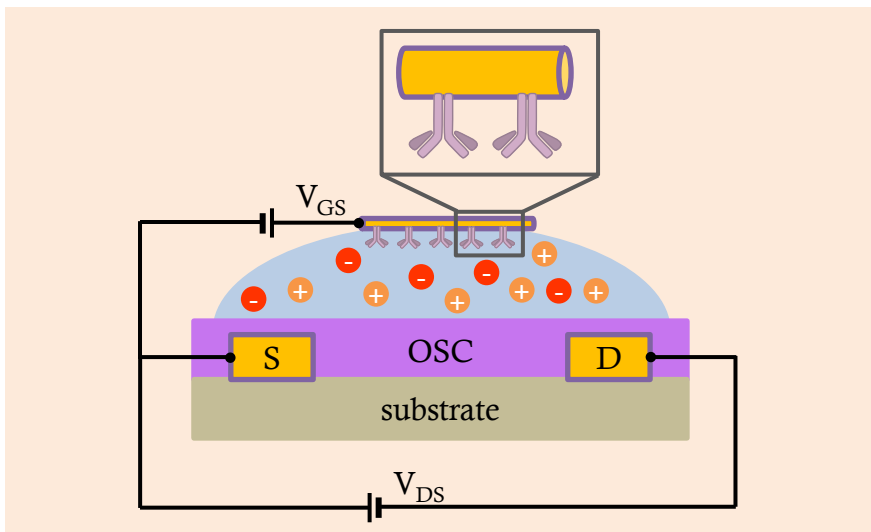
# Gate Functionalisation with Electroactive Molecules



# Switchable Transistor



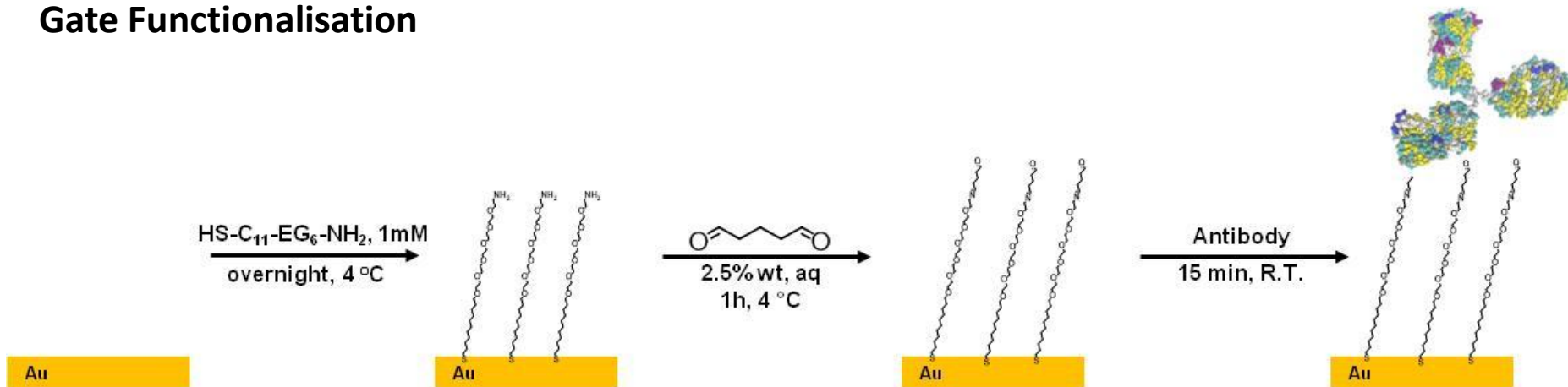
# SAMs of $\alpha$ -synuclein antibodies



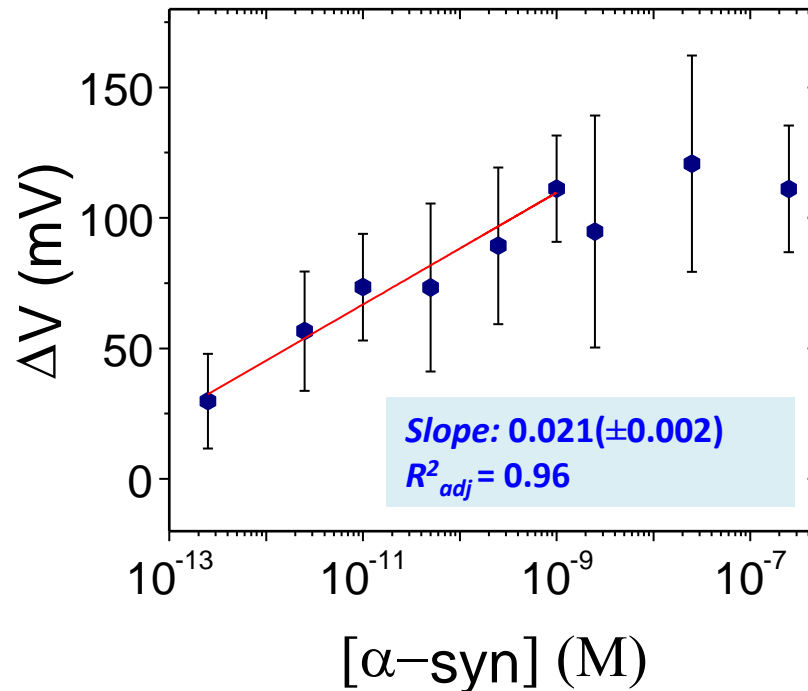
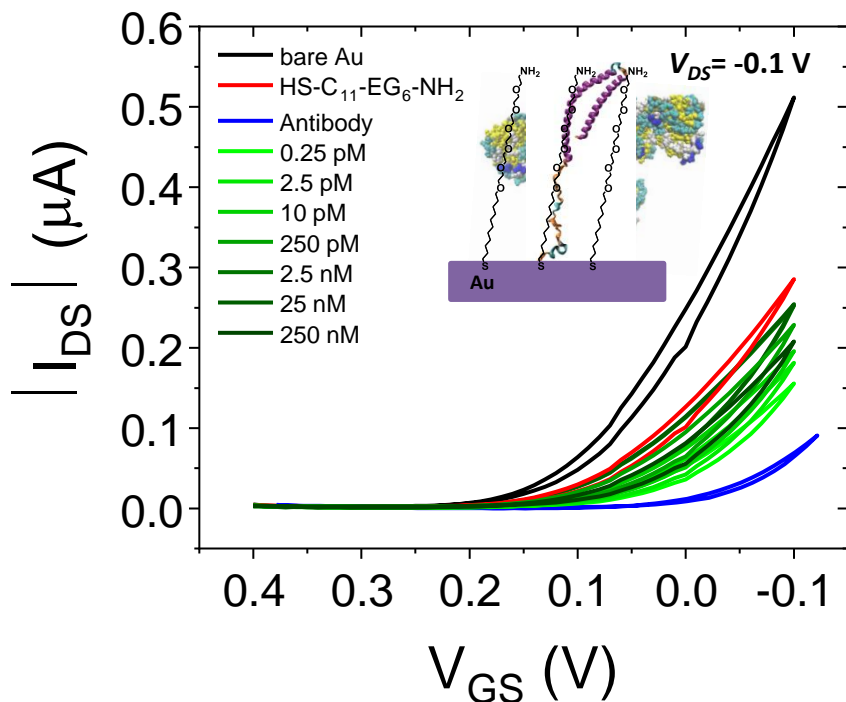
Label-free immunosensing:

$\alpha$ -synuclein: a Parkinson biomarker

## Gate Functionalisation



# Biosensors based on electrolyte gated transistors



Antigen binding promotes an increase of the source-drain current

Limit of detection: sub-picomolar

- ✓ Low cost device
- ✓ Easily integrable electrical signal
- ✓ Portable, disposable, and compact device

# Conclusions

- **Self-assembled molecular monolayers (SAMs) promising tool to modify the surface properties and to fabricate switchable hybrid systems.**
- **Optical, magnetic electrical and chemical properties can be tuned.**
- **SAMs can also be incorporated into more advanced devices such as Electrolyte Gated Field-Effect Transistors to provide them with additional functionalities.**
- **SAMs in transistors show high potential for the development of point-of-care sensors.**

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