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MICRO-614: Electrochemical Nano-Bio-Sensing
and Bio/CMOS interfaces

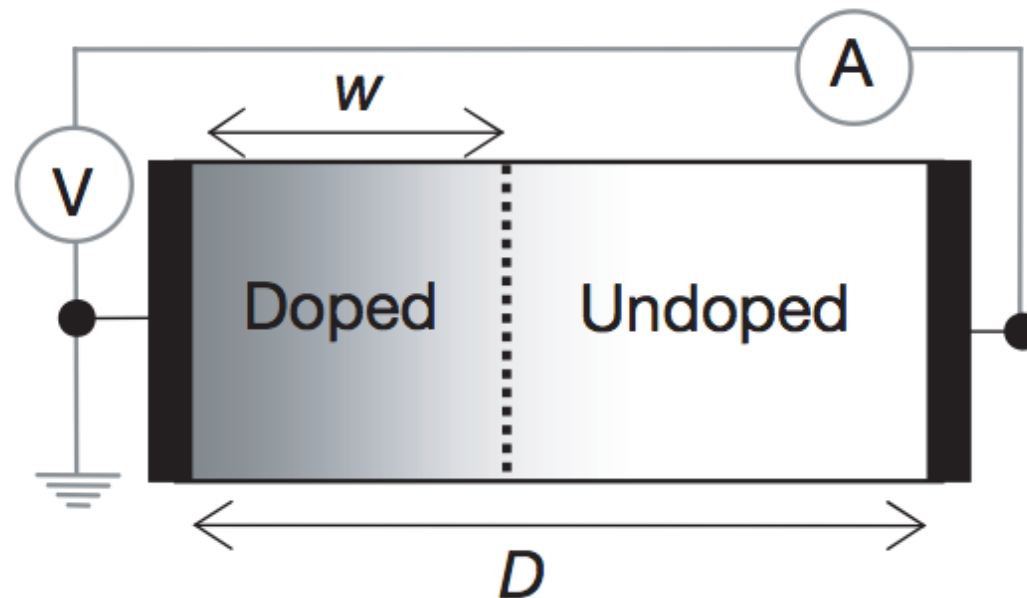
Lecture #14

CMOS for Sensing (and computing!) with Memristors

Memristive Sensors Milestones



Strukov &
Williams



w-state model

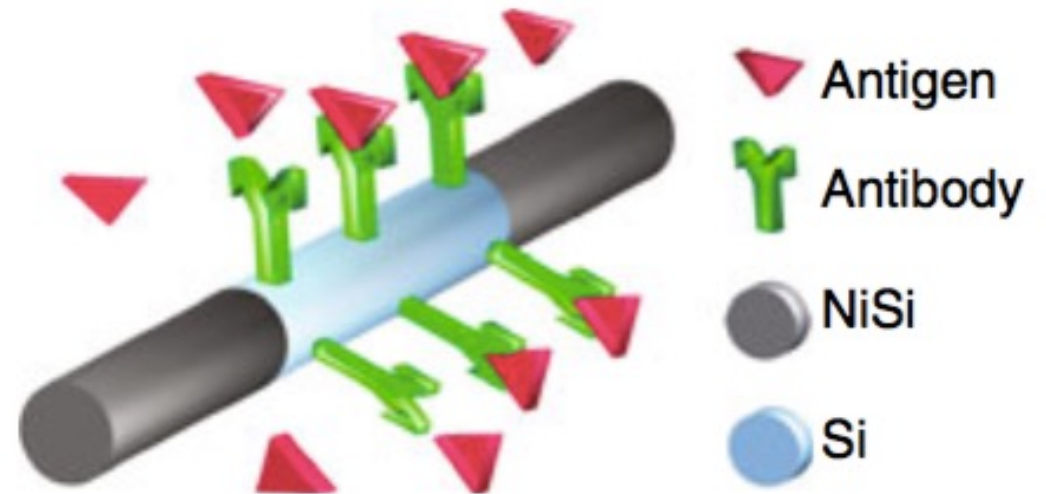
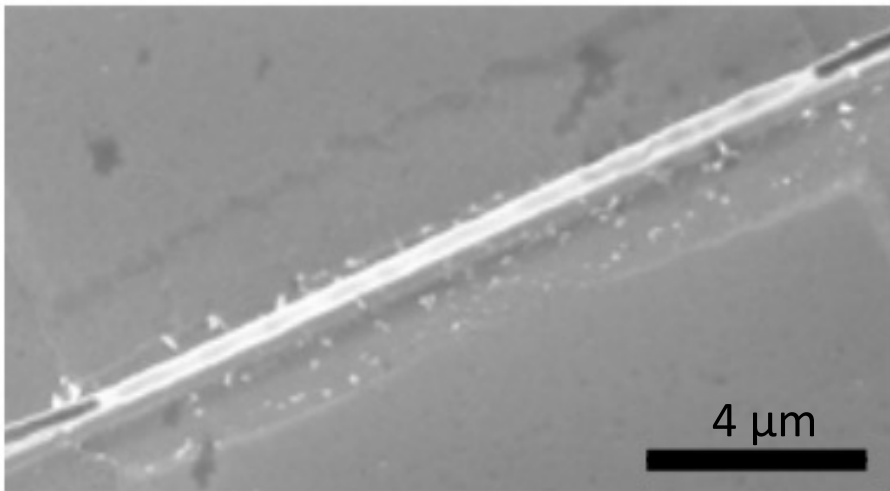
D.B. Strukov, et al S. Williams, Nature 2008

Memristive Sensors Milestones



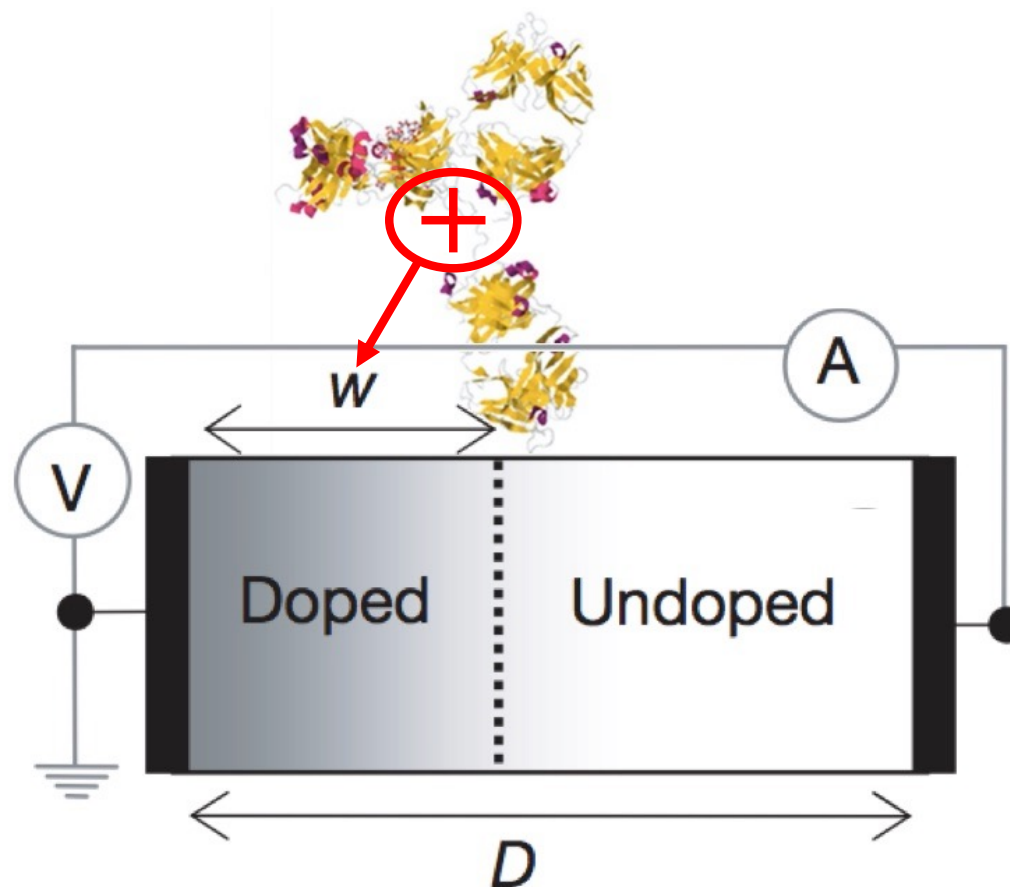
AntiRabbit

D. Sacchetto et al. / BioNanoSci. 1 (2011) 1–3



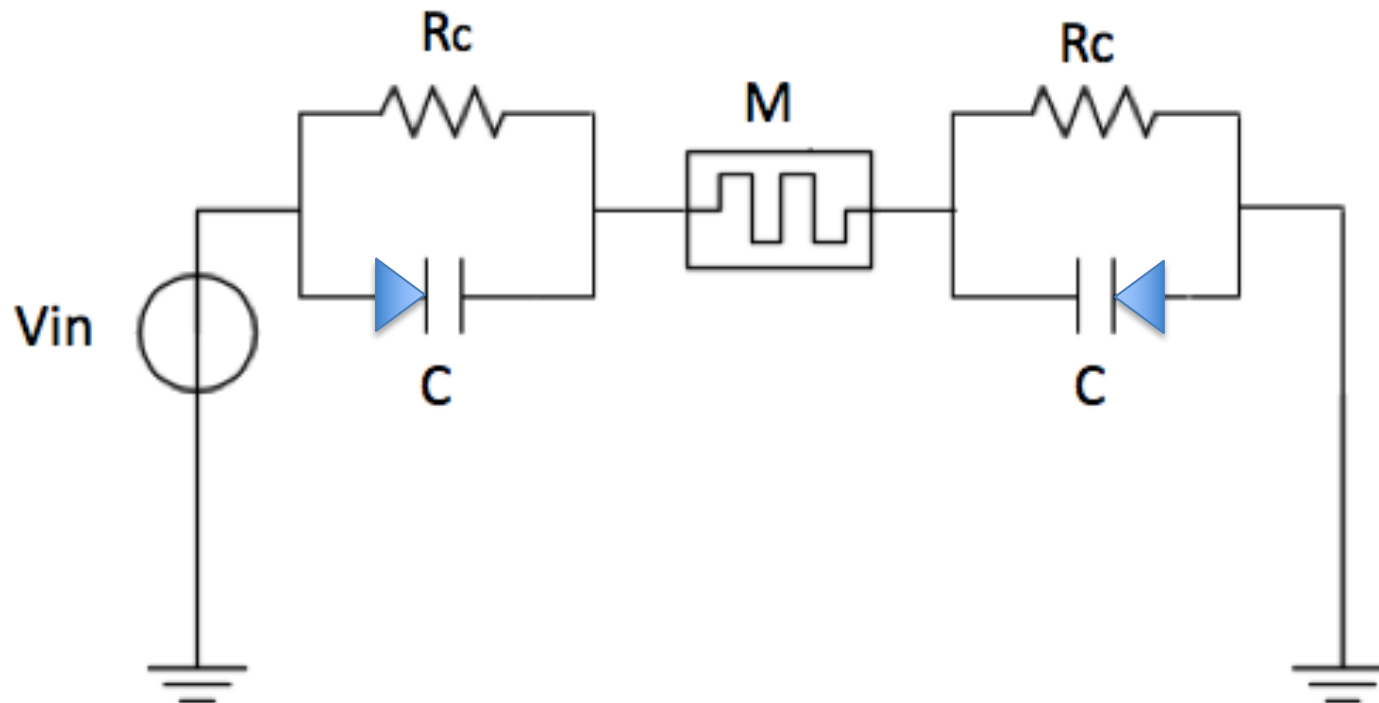
Suspended functionalized silicon nanowire with NiSi regions
Bio-functionalized with Antibodies

Why the Voltage Gap appears in Memristive Biosensors?



Biomolecules affect the w -state of the device

Memristive Model



The Non-pinched Hysteresis is initially modelled by the capacitance of the two Schottky Barriers

Memristive Model

I. Tzouvadaki, al et S. Carrara, *IEEE Sensors Journal* 15(2014) 6208-6217

Antigen concentration [fM]	Voltage gap [Volts] <i>Experimental values</i> [9]	Capacitance (C) [nF]	Voltage gap [Volts] <i>Simulation values</i>
0	0.84	36	0.844
5	0.56	24	0.563
10	0.37	15	0.362

Typical values of the excess capacitance reported in literature are **around 43nF**. It is the combination of the space charge capacitance characterizing the diode and of the diffusion capacitances due to the carriers injection

J. Werner, et al., *Phys. Rev. Lett.*, 1988, **60**, 53-56

While typical capacitance values concerning only contributions by the depletion area are in the range of pF

M. Bleicher & E. Lange, *Solid State Electron.*, 1973, 16, 375-380

Memristive Sensors Milestones

2008

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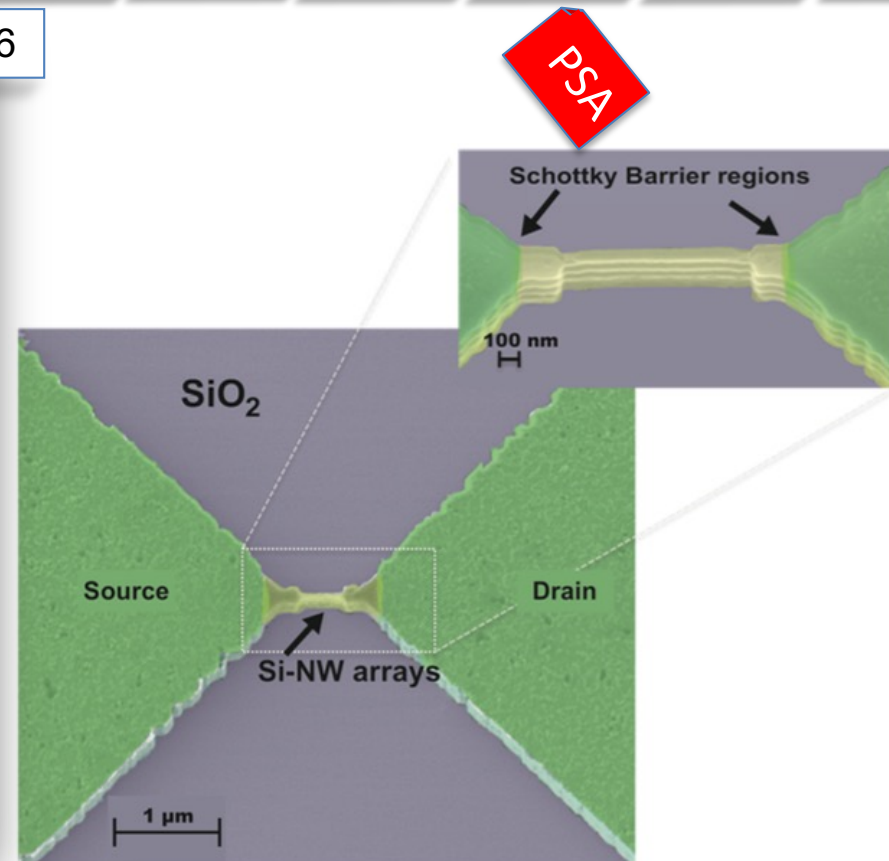
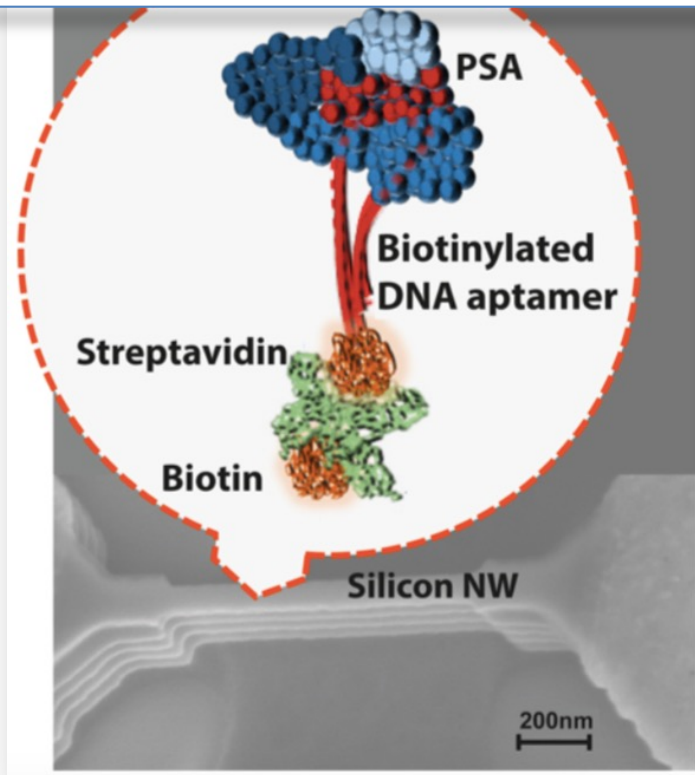
2015

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I. Tzouvadaki et al. / Nano Lett. 16(2016) 4472–4476

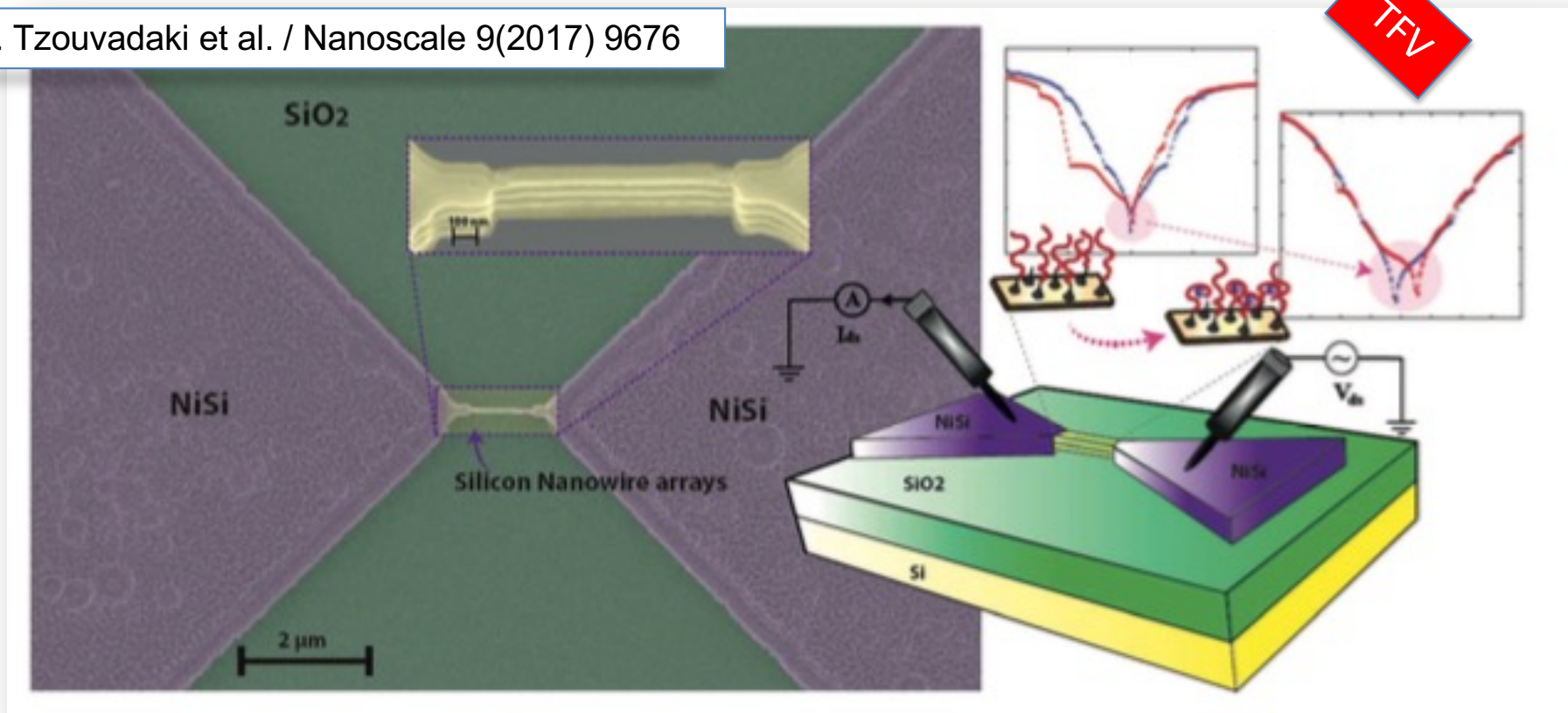


Very first worldwide ever-reported electrochemical biosensor based on a memristive effect and DNA aptamers

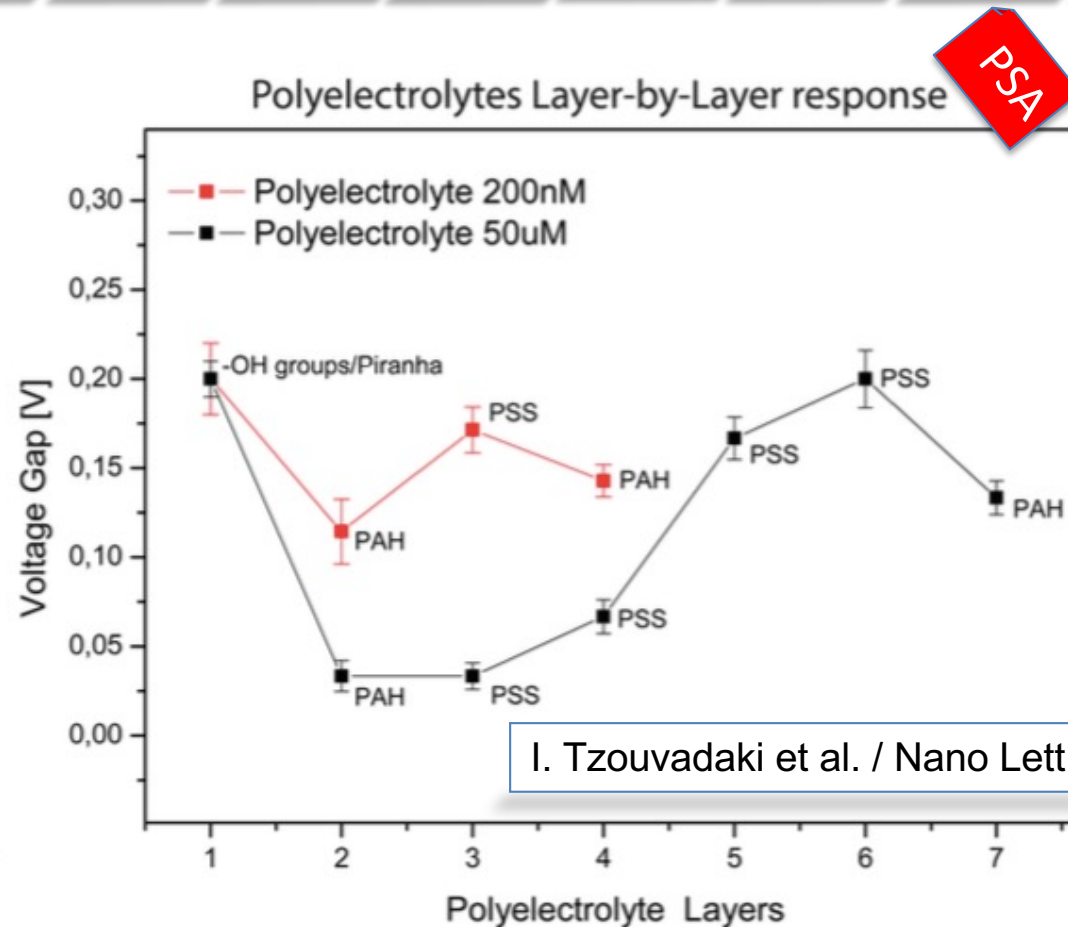
Memristive Sensors Milestones



I. Tzouvadaki et al. / Nanoscale 9(2017) 9676



Ultrasensitive label-free Aptamer-based memristor to monitor therapeutic compounds

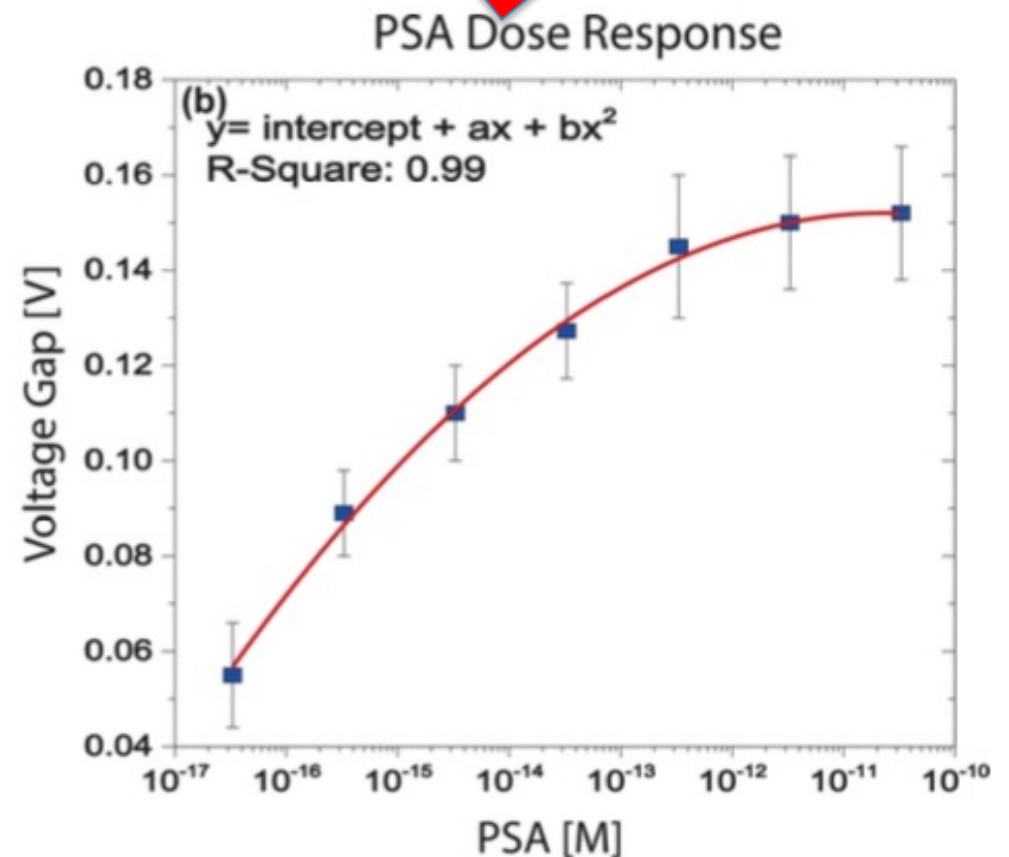
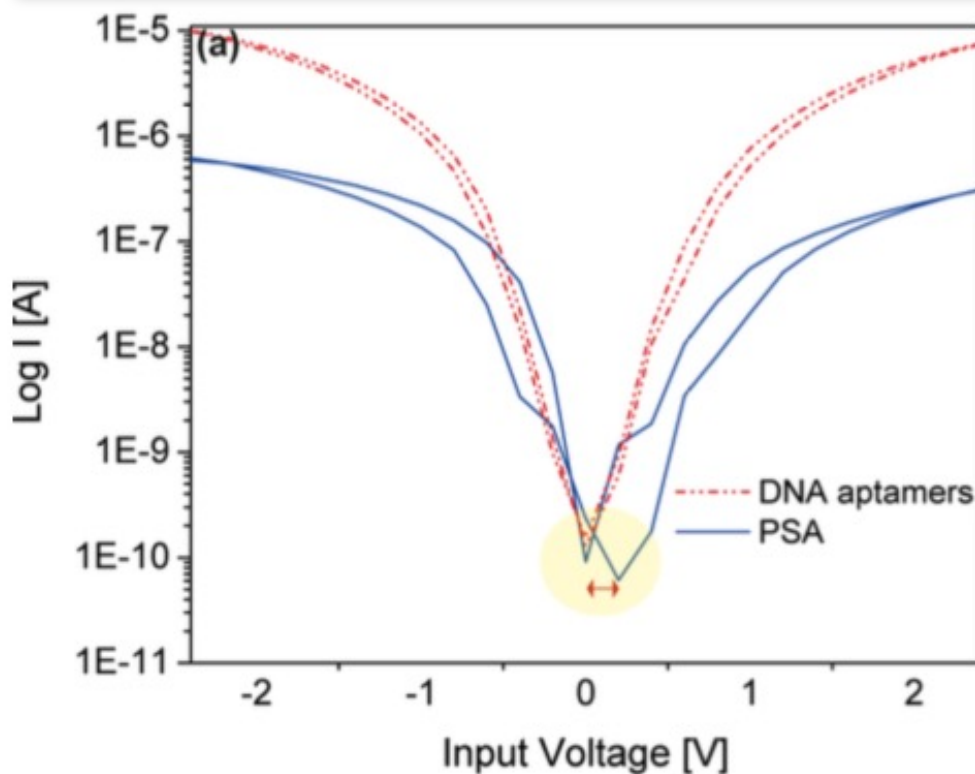
A horizontal timeline consisting of eleven blue chevron-shaped boxes pointing to the right, each containing a year from 2008 to 2018.

S. Carrara (c)

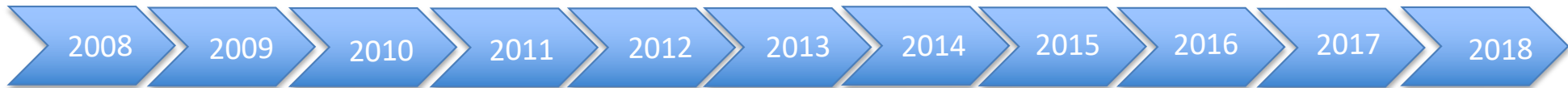
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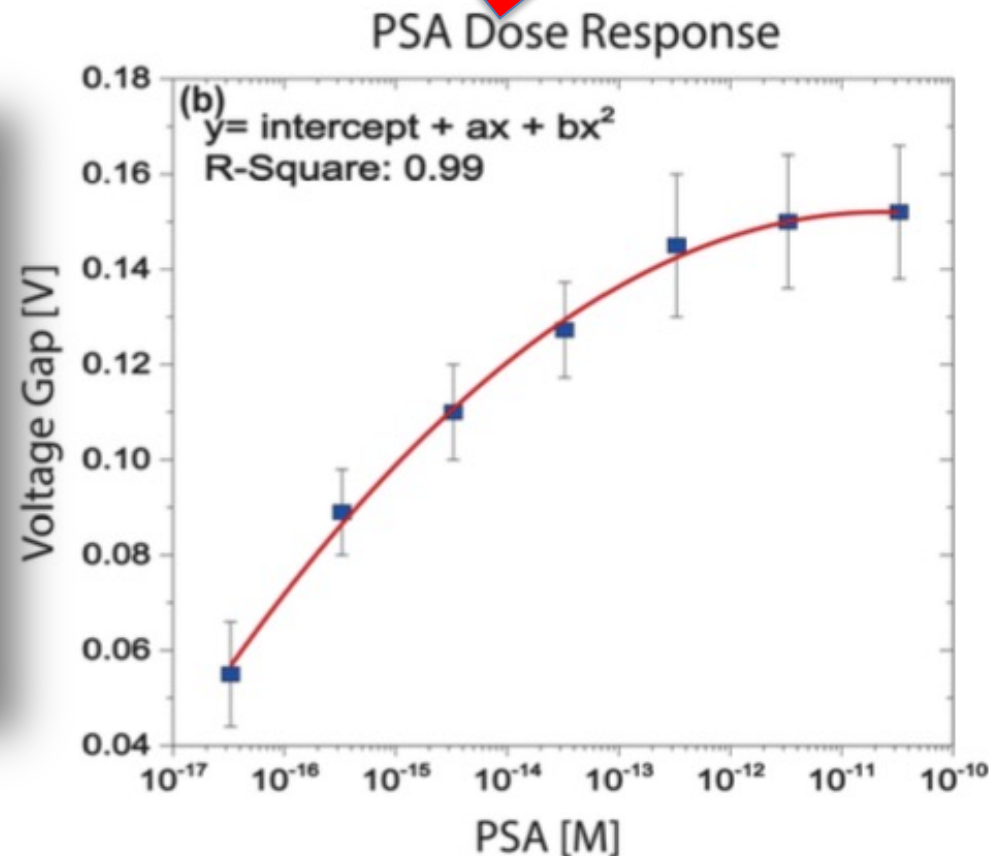


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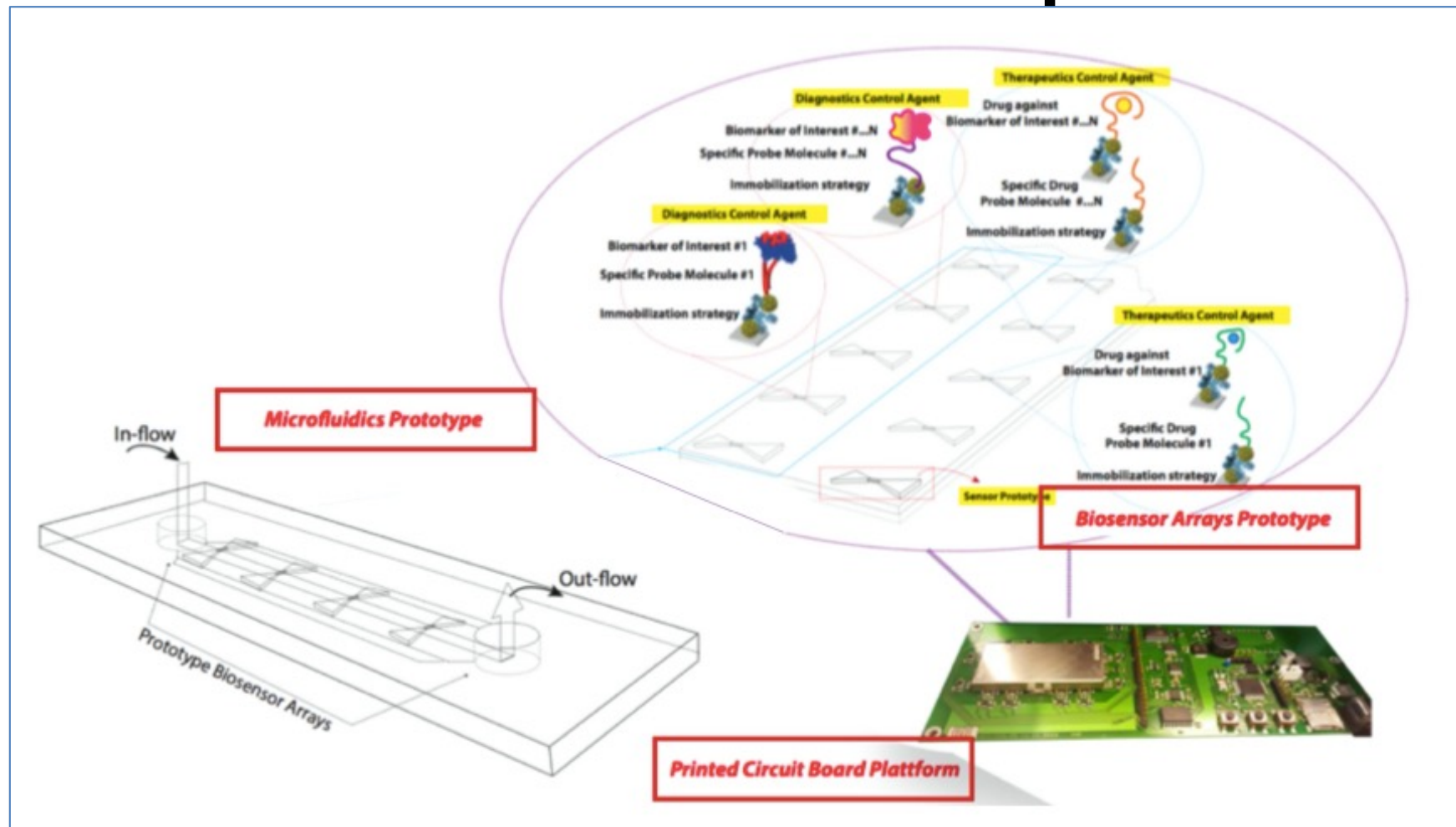
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electrode surface	LOD	reference
gold electrodes	37 nM	Formisano et al. ¹⁴ (2015)
GCE	pM range	Souada et al. ¹⁵ (2015)
gold electrodes	30 pM	Jolly et al. ¹⁶ (2015)
glassy carbon electrode (GCE)	7.6 pM	Liu et al. ¹⁷ (2012)
GCE	0.15 pM	Kavosi et al. ¹⁸ (2015)
gold electrodes	fM range	Yang et al. ¹⁹ (2015)
gold electrodes	30 fM	Jolly et al. ²⁰ (2016)
GCE	300 aM	Kavosi et al. ¹⁸ (2015)
Si-nanowires	23 aM	present work



Best Ever Biosensors for Cancer Markers by Aptamers

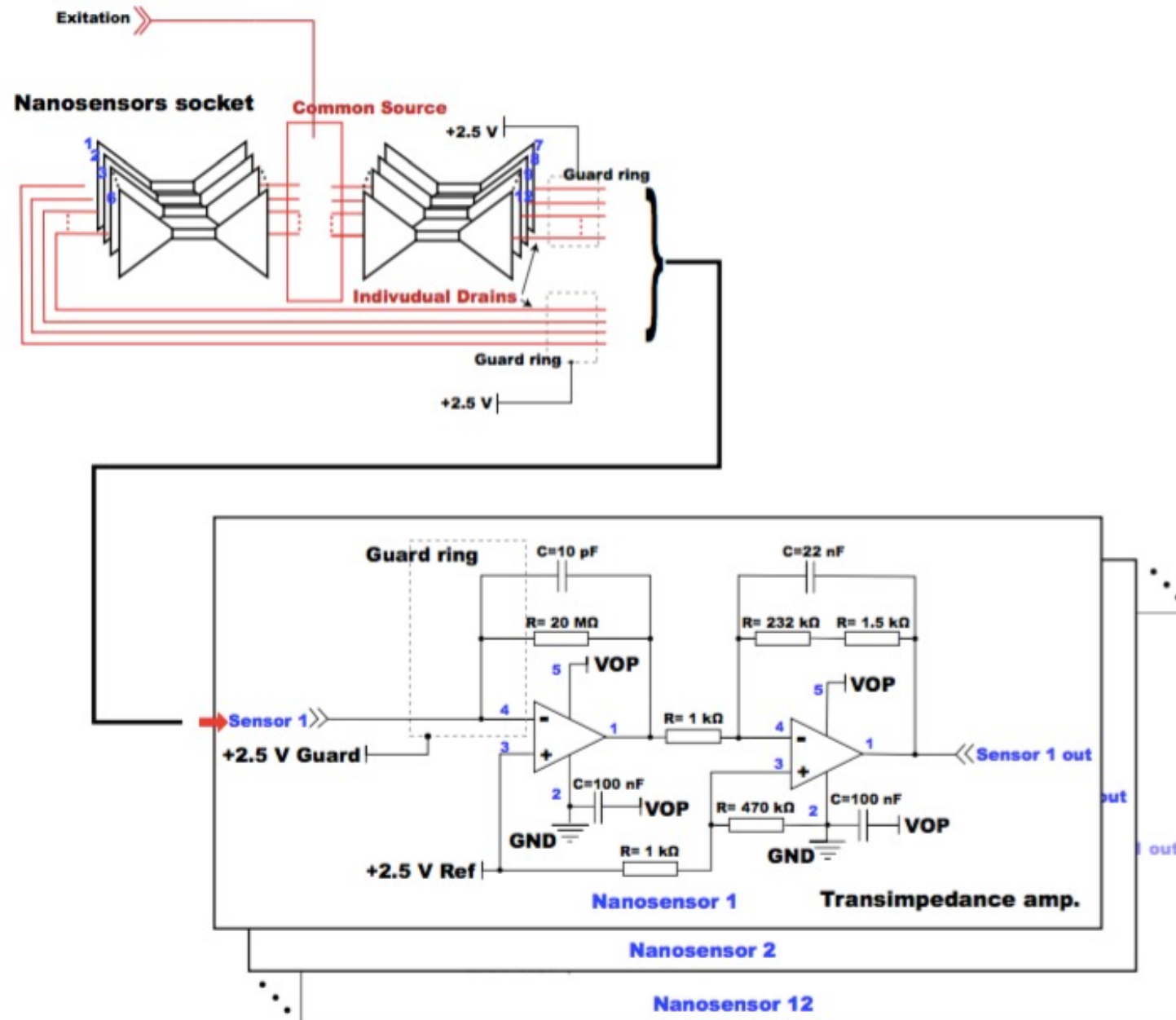
Multi-Panel on Chip



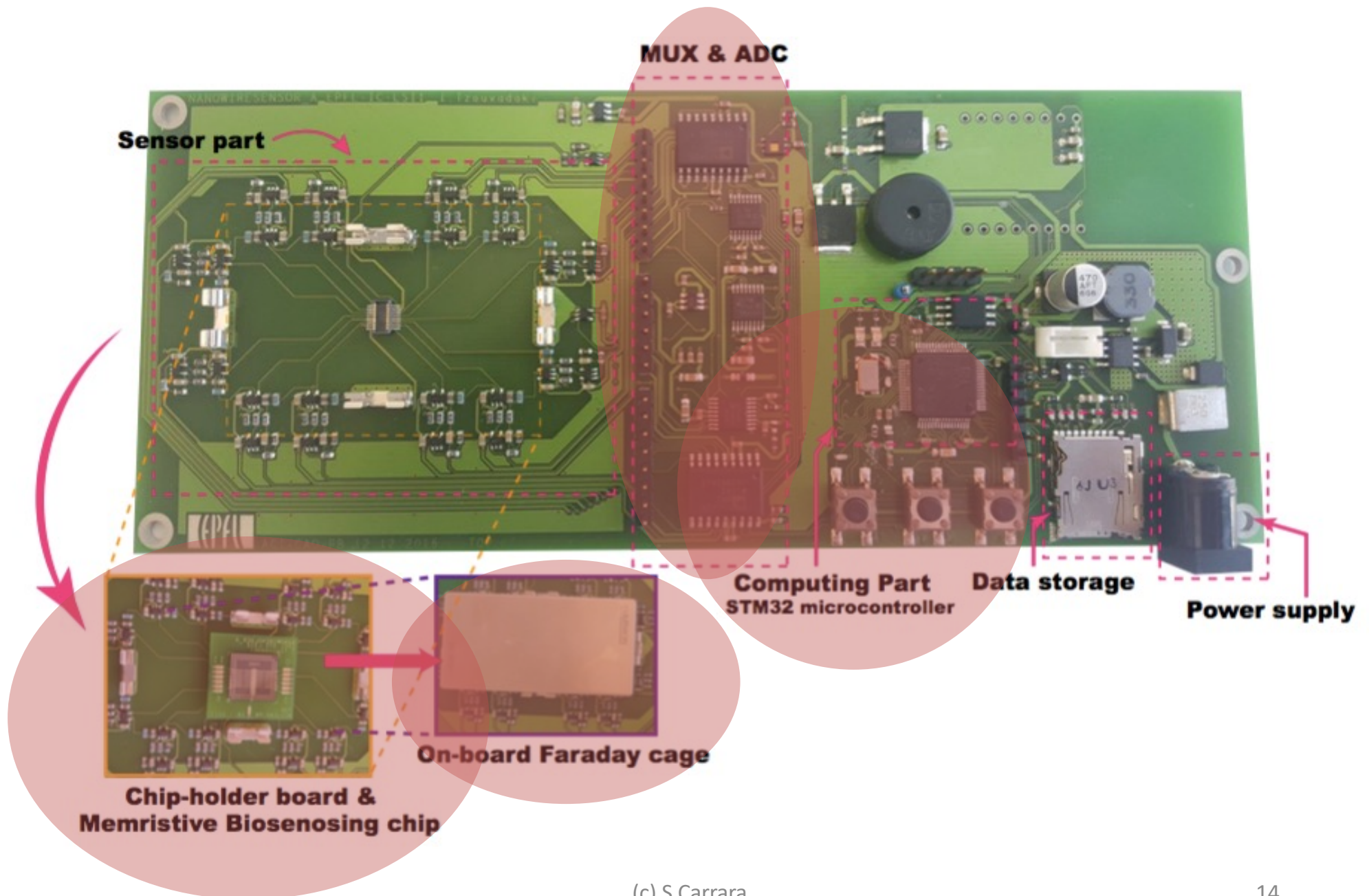
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Memristive Multipanel Platform for Theragnostics with Microfluidics

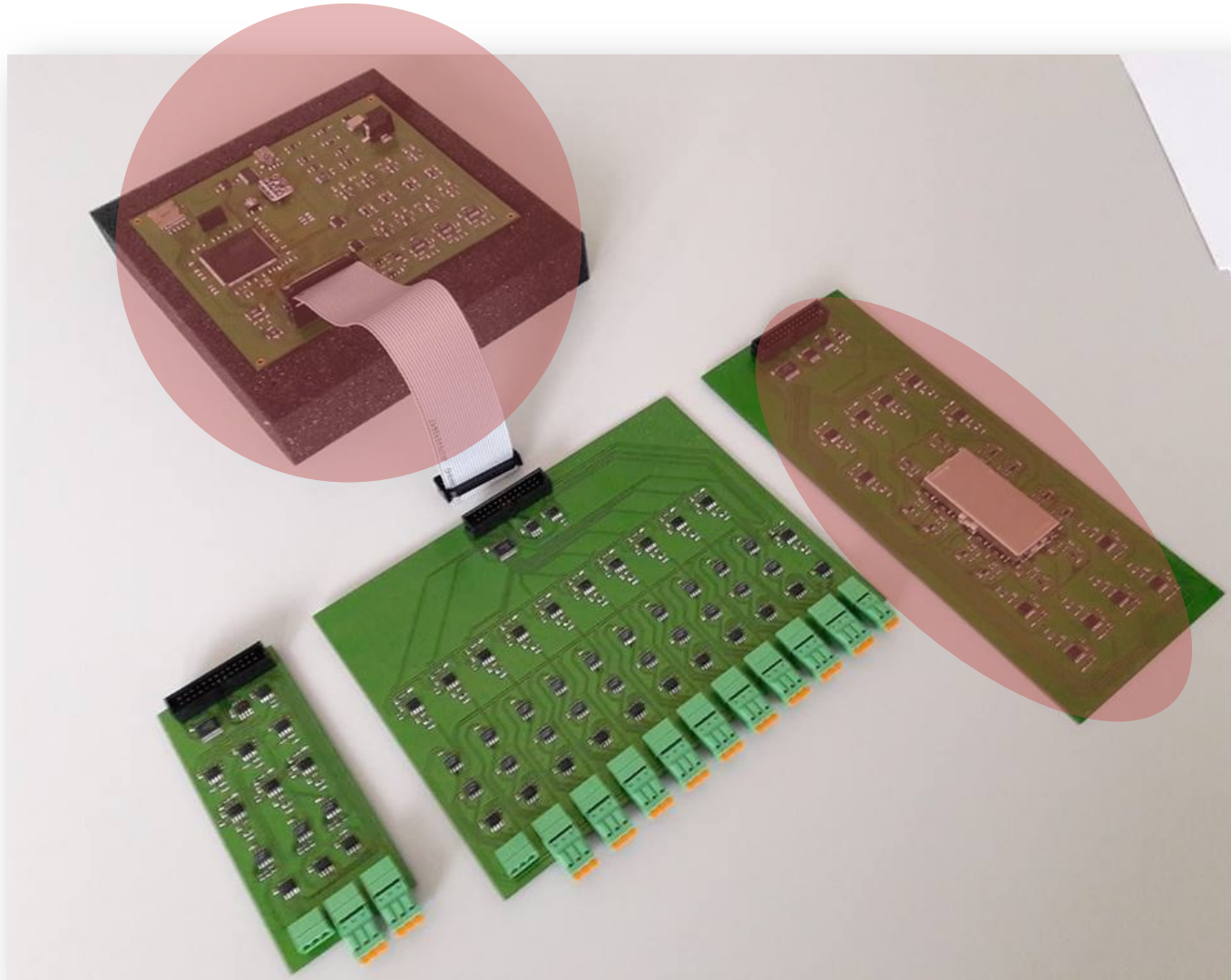
CMOS interface to Memristive Sensors



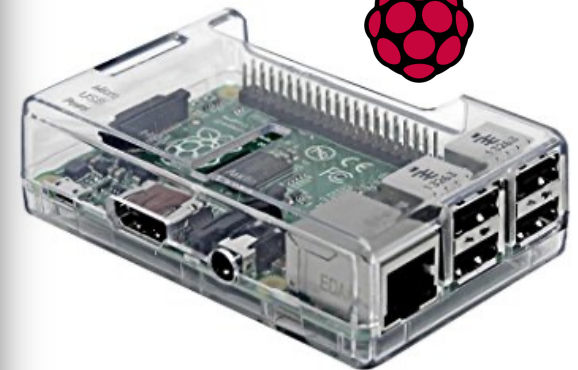
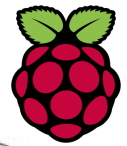
Sensor frontend on PCB



Sensor frontend for Raspberry Pi

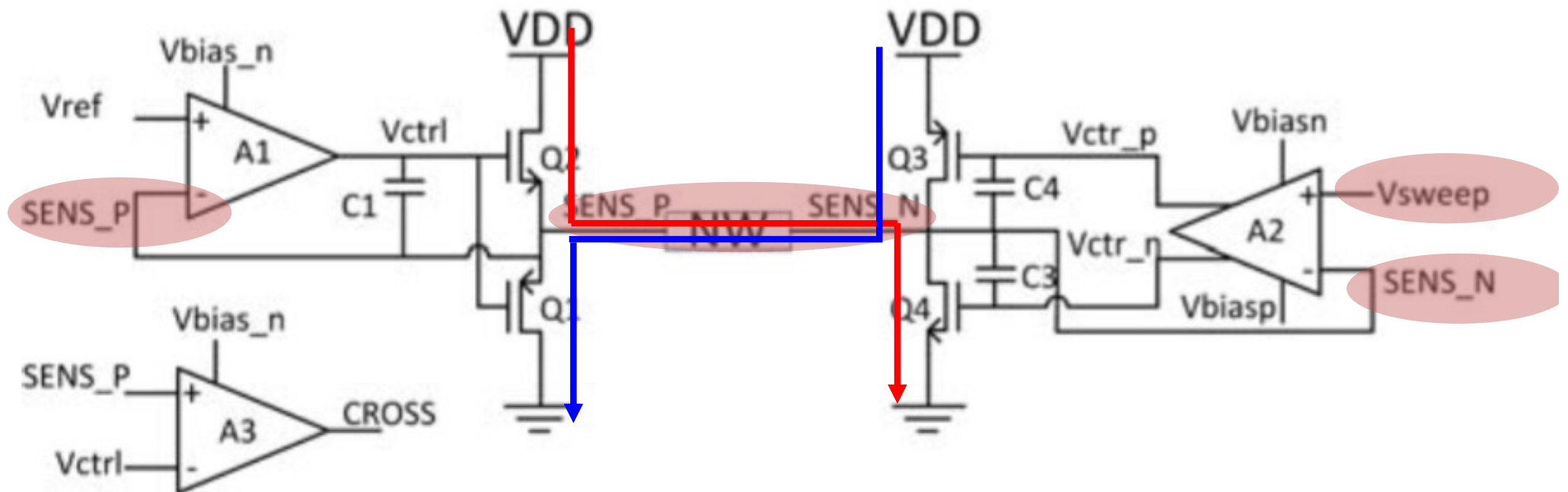


TDM core:
Raspberry Pi 1



CMOS design for V_{gap}

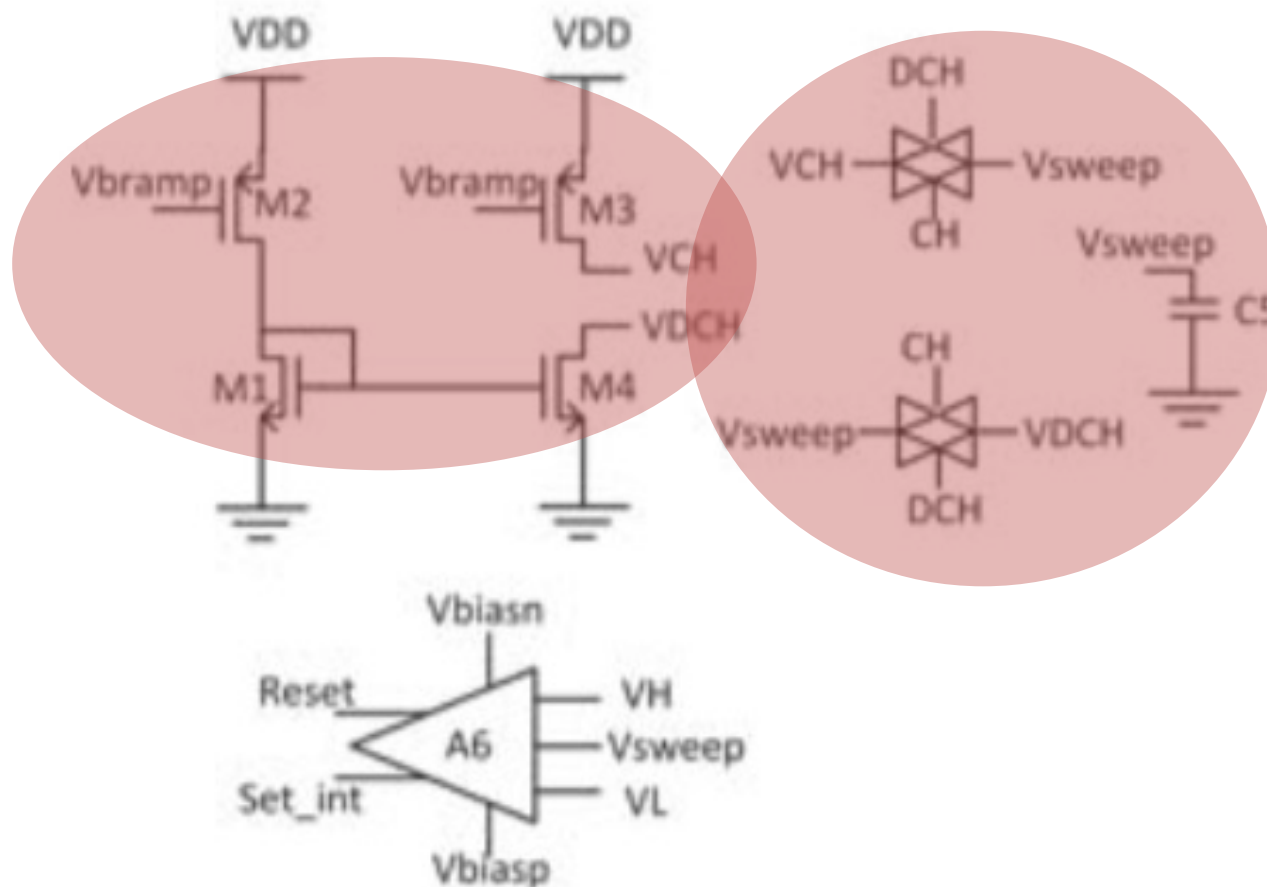
Ali Zaher, al. et S.Carrara, IEEE BioCAS 2014



COSM circuit for automatic acquisition of the V_{gap}

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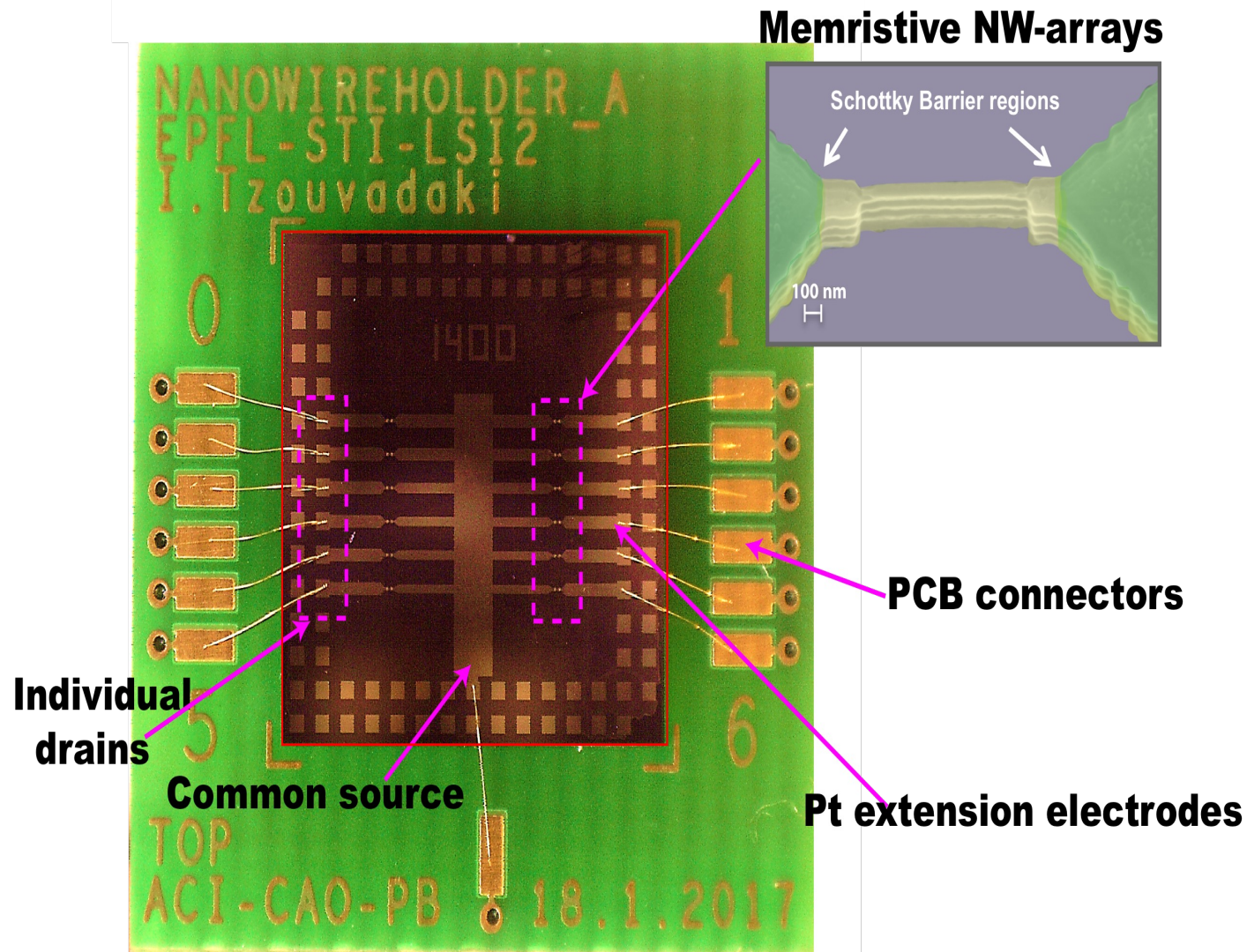


COSM circuit for automatic acquisition of the V_{gap}

Android Application

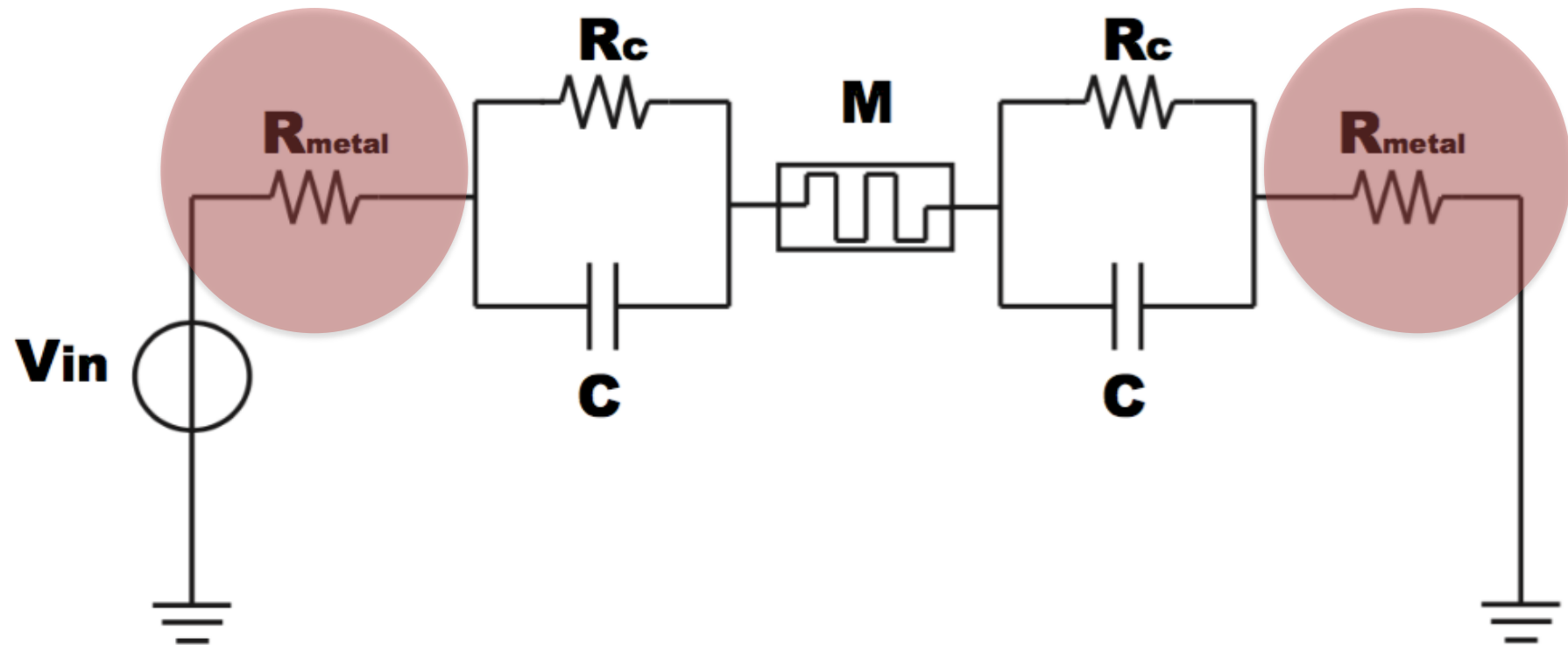


Memristive Biosensors holder PCB: the disposable sensing modules



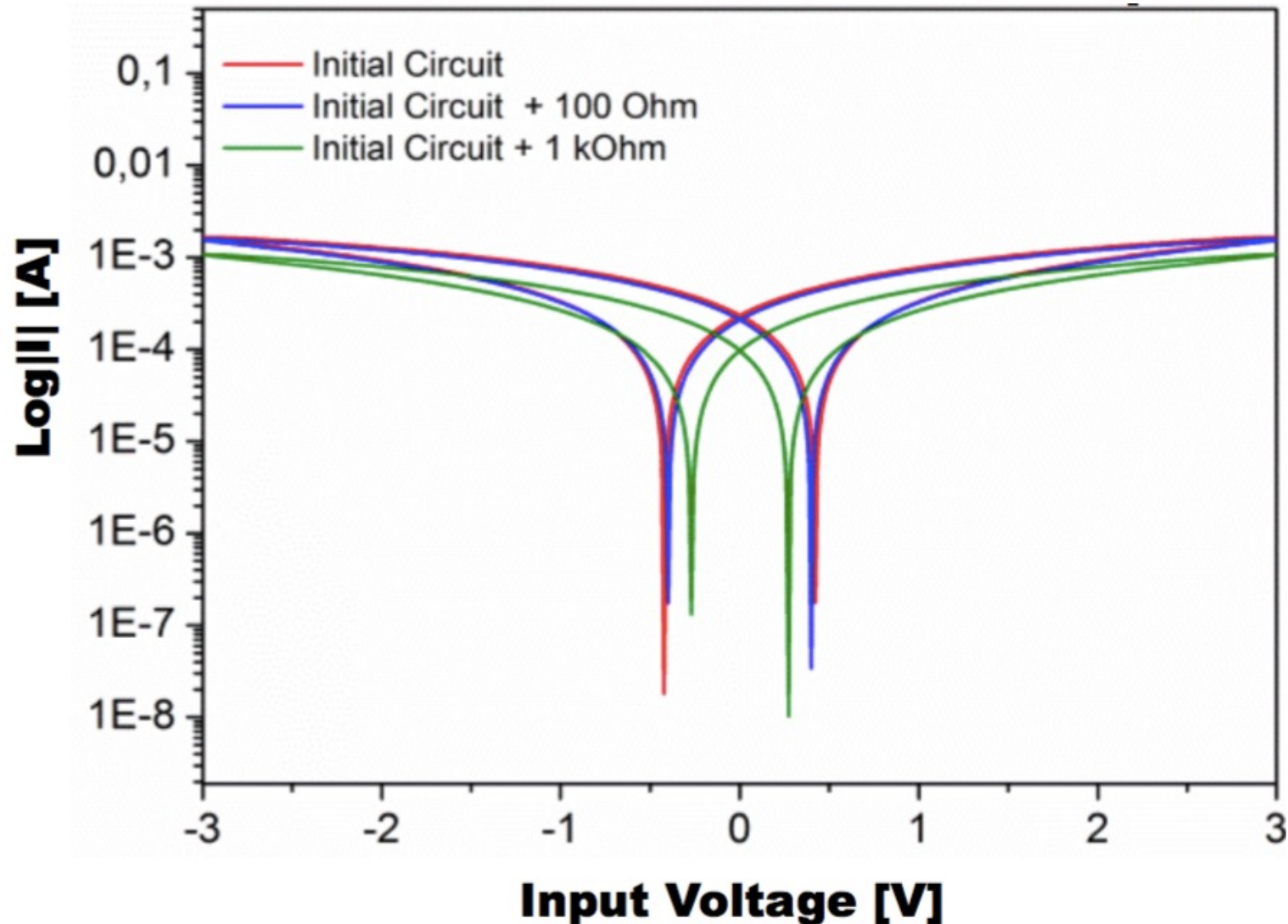
(c) S.Carrara

Bio/CMOS interface: issues on connections

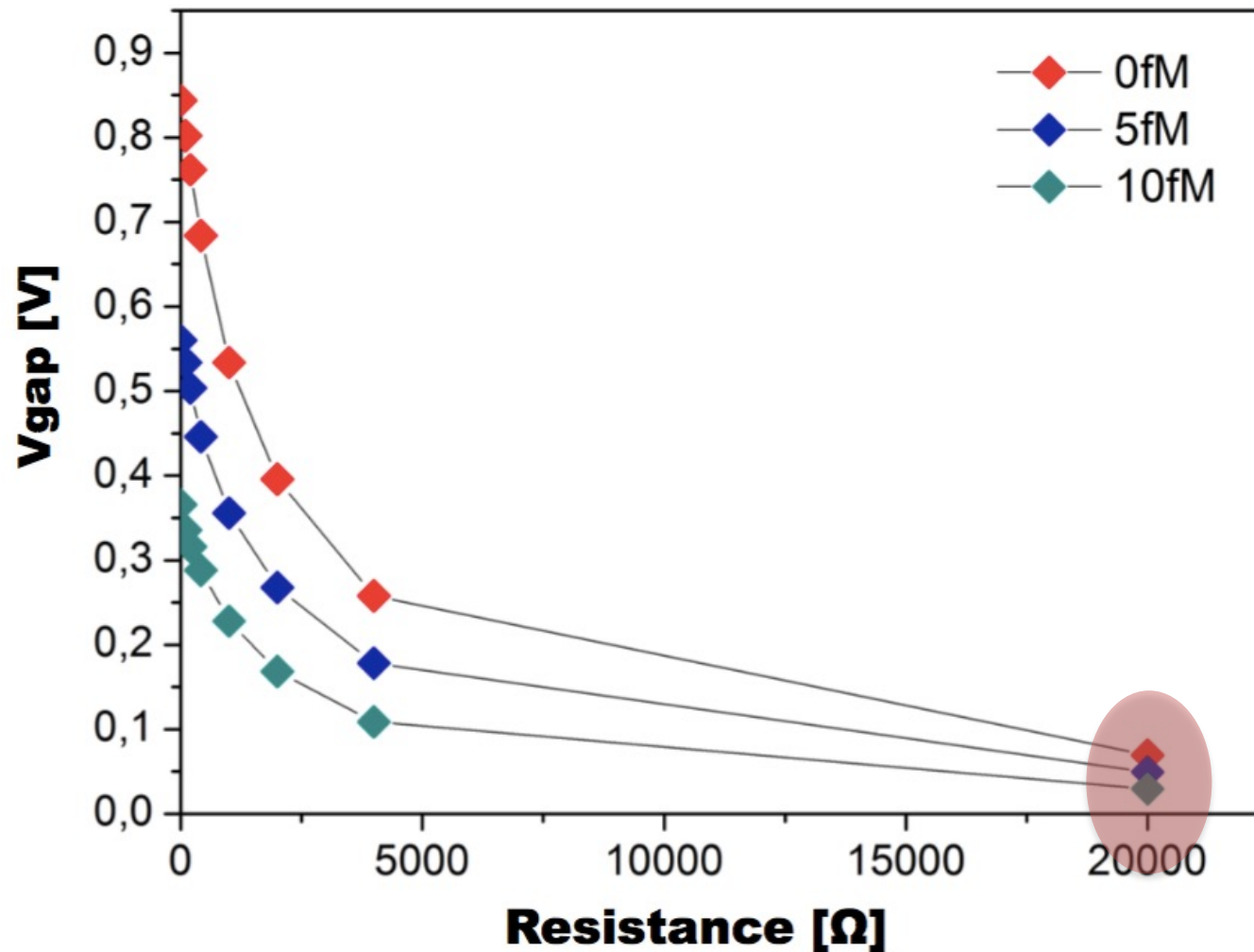


Bio/CMOS interface: the connections

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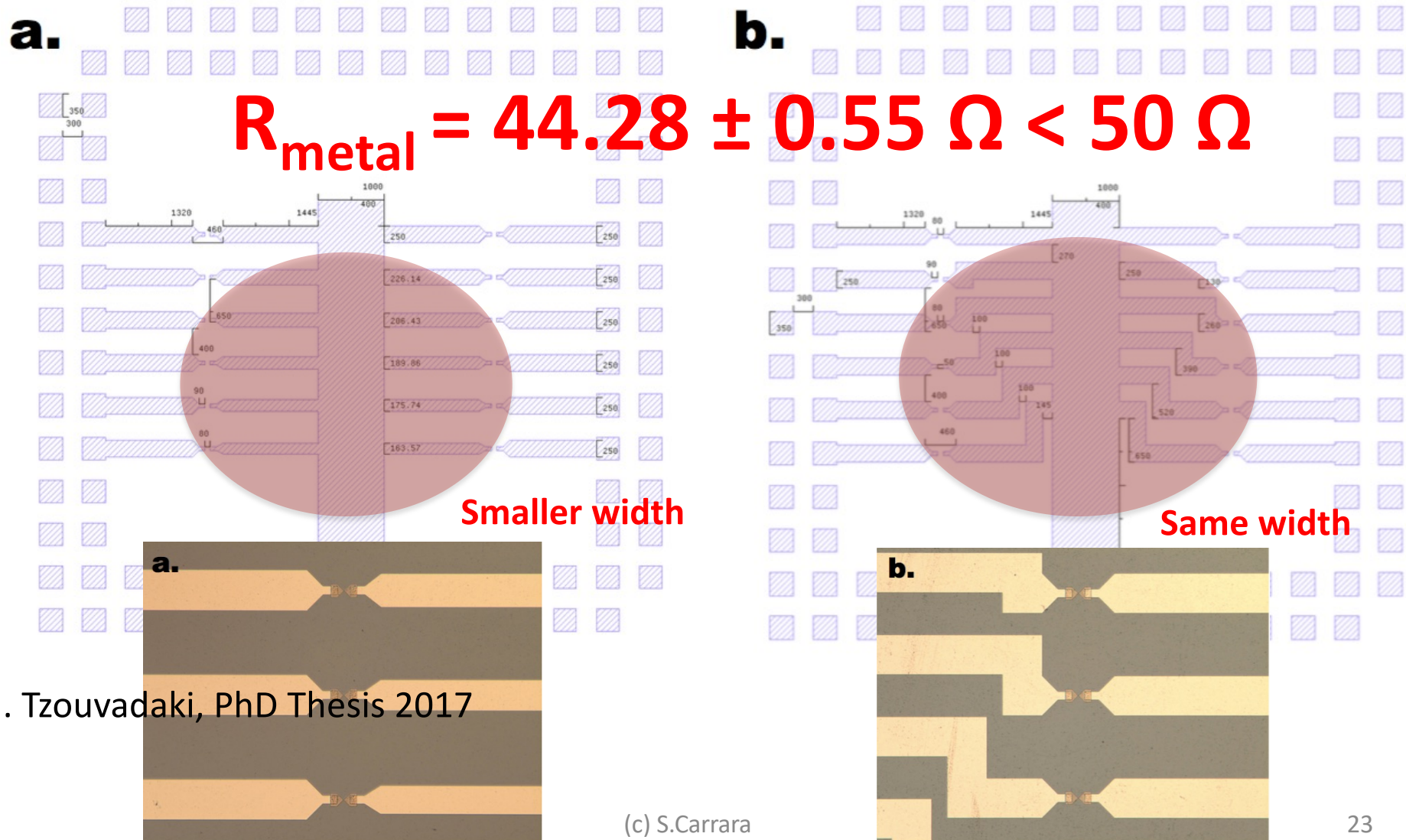


Bio/CMOS interface: the problem of connections



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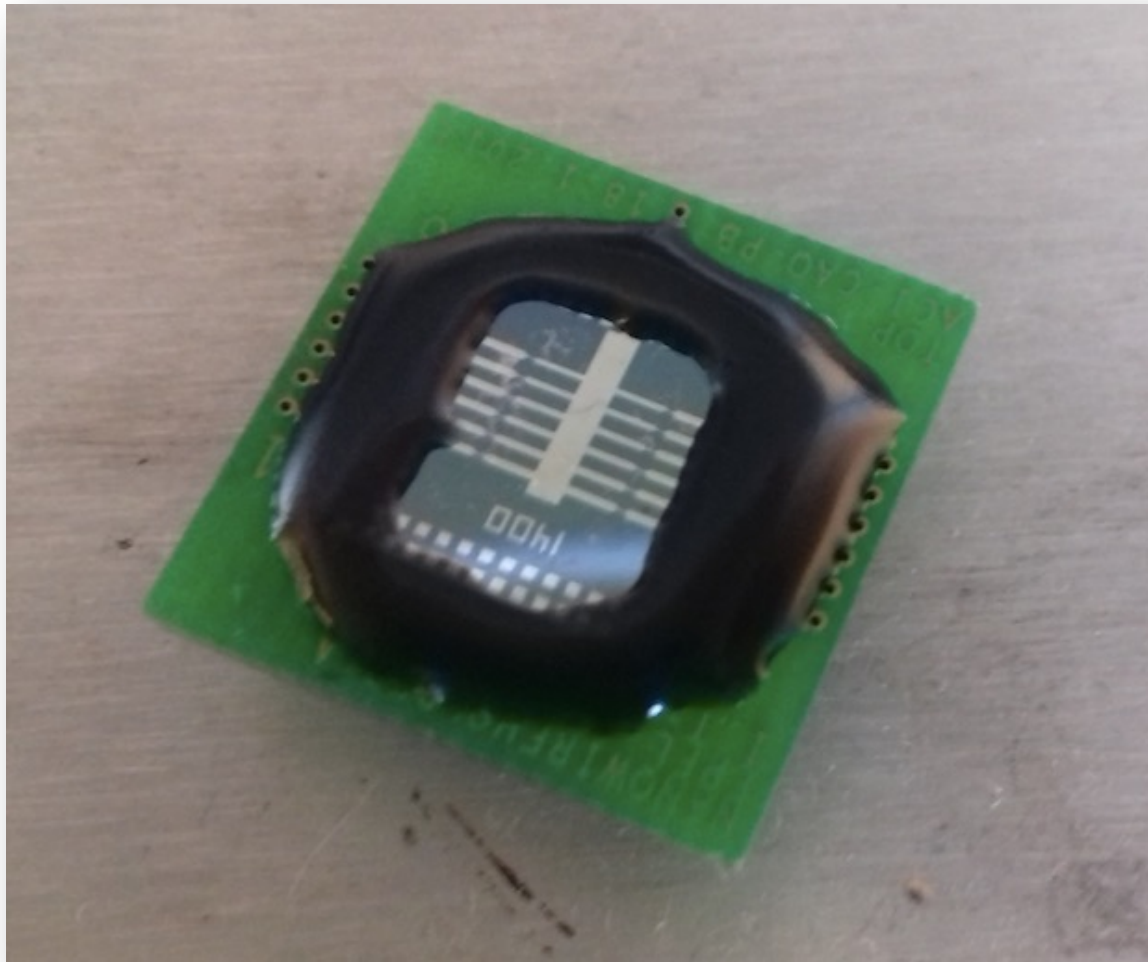
Bio/CMOS interface: Proper design of connections



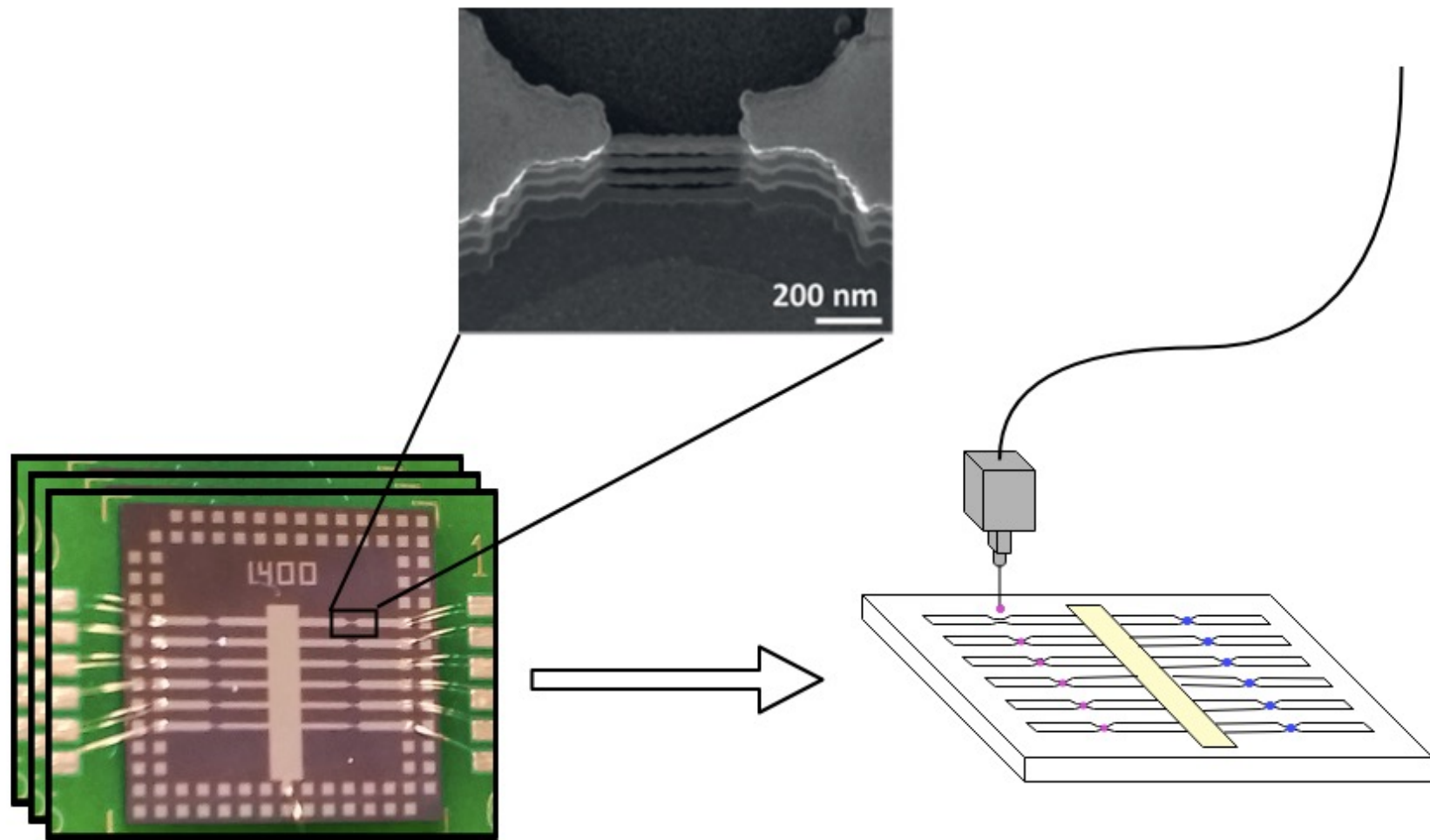
Memristive Sensors Milestones



Gramzyme
Interferron-γ



Automated Spotting for Multiplexing



Initial Chip with
bare nanowires

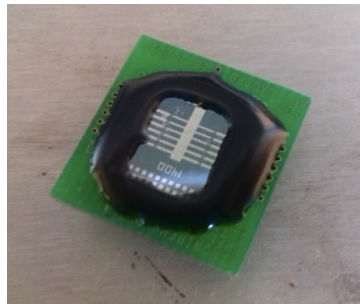
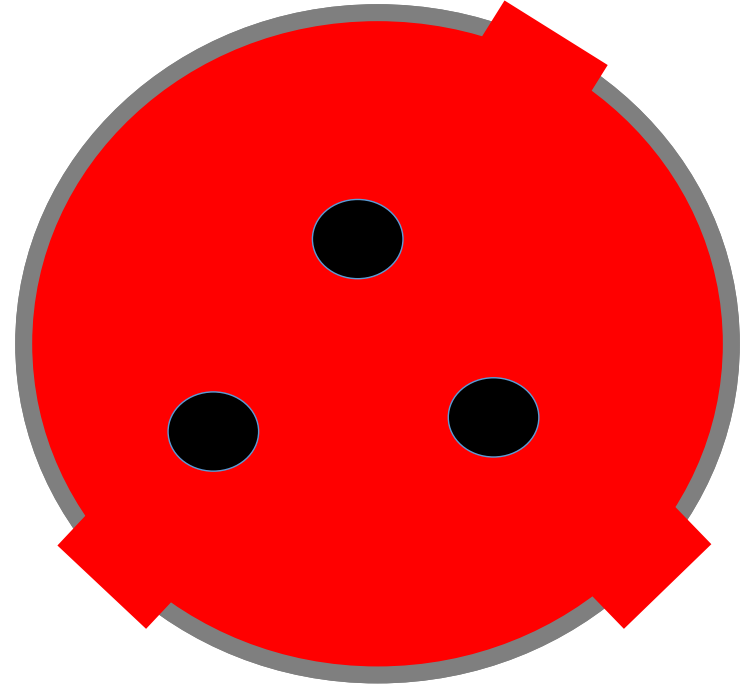
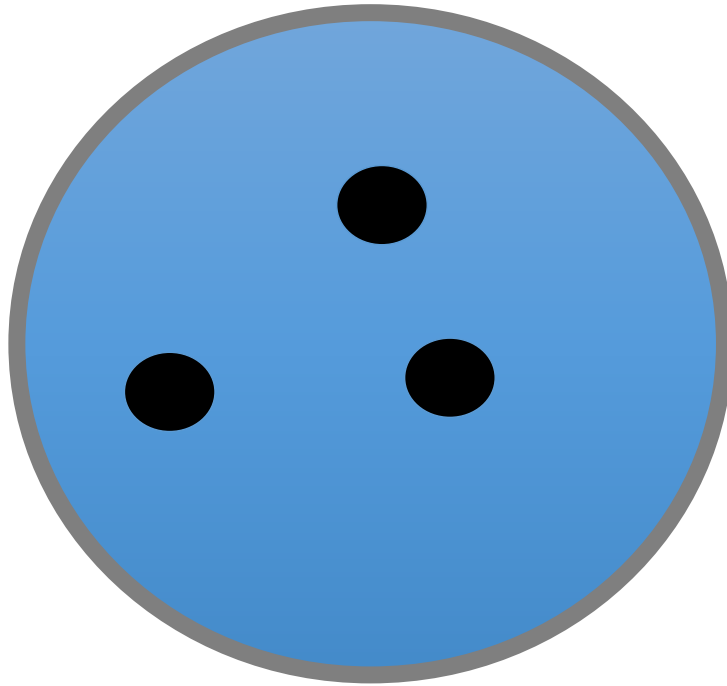
Micro-array Spotting

Figure 1 consists of three micrographs labeled (a), (b), and (c). Micrograph (a) shows a low-magnification view of the device on a green printed circuit board (PCB). The device is a square chip with a grid of gold pads. Two rectangular regions, labeled B and C, are highlighted with blue and black boxes respectively. A central vertical strip is also visible. Micrograph (b) is a 60X magnification view of the device, showing the grid of gold pads and the central vertical strip more clearly. The label '1400' is visible in the background. Micrograph (c) is a high-magnification view of the device, showing the individual gold pads and the central vertical strip in detail. The label 'C' is visible in the background.



C: Gelatine

Non-Activated versus Activated CD8 T Cells



→ Detection!

Non-Activated versus Activated CD8 T Cells

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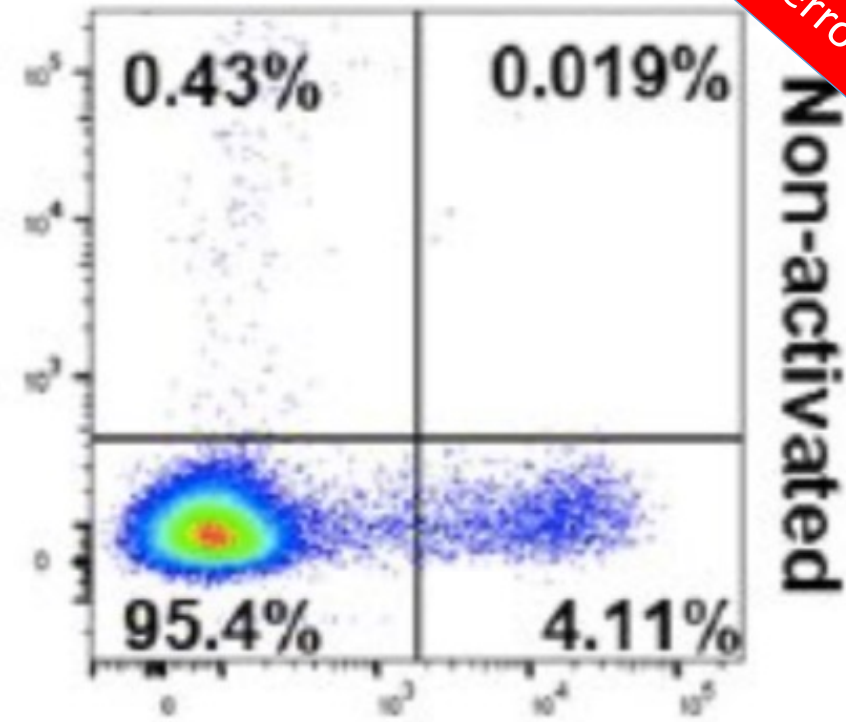
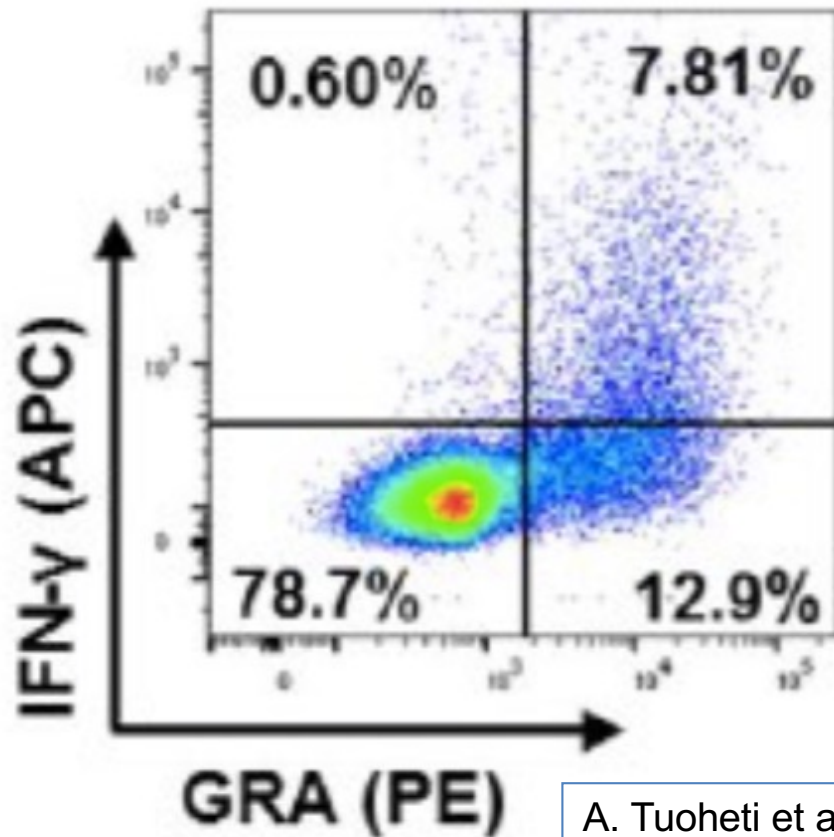
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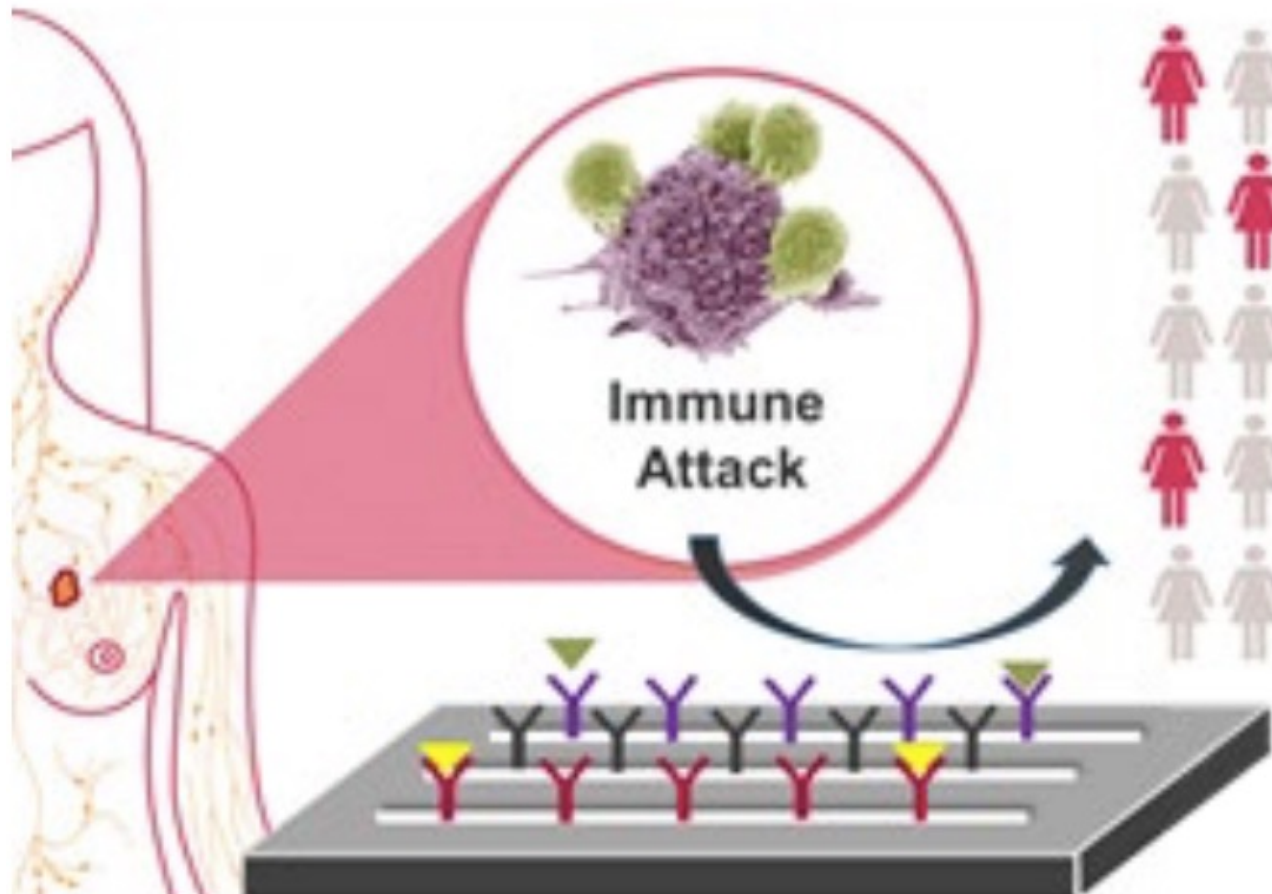
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Interferon- γ



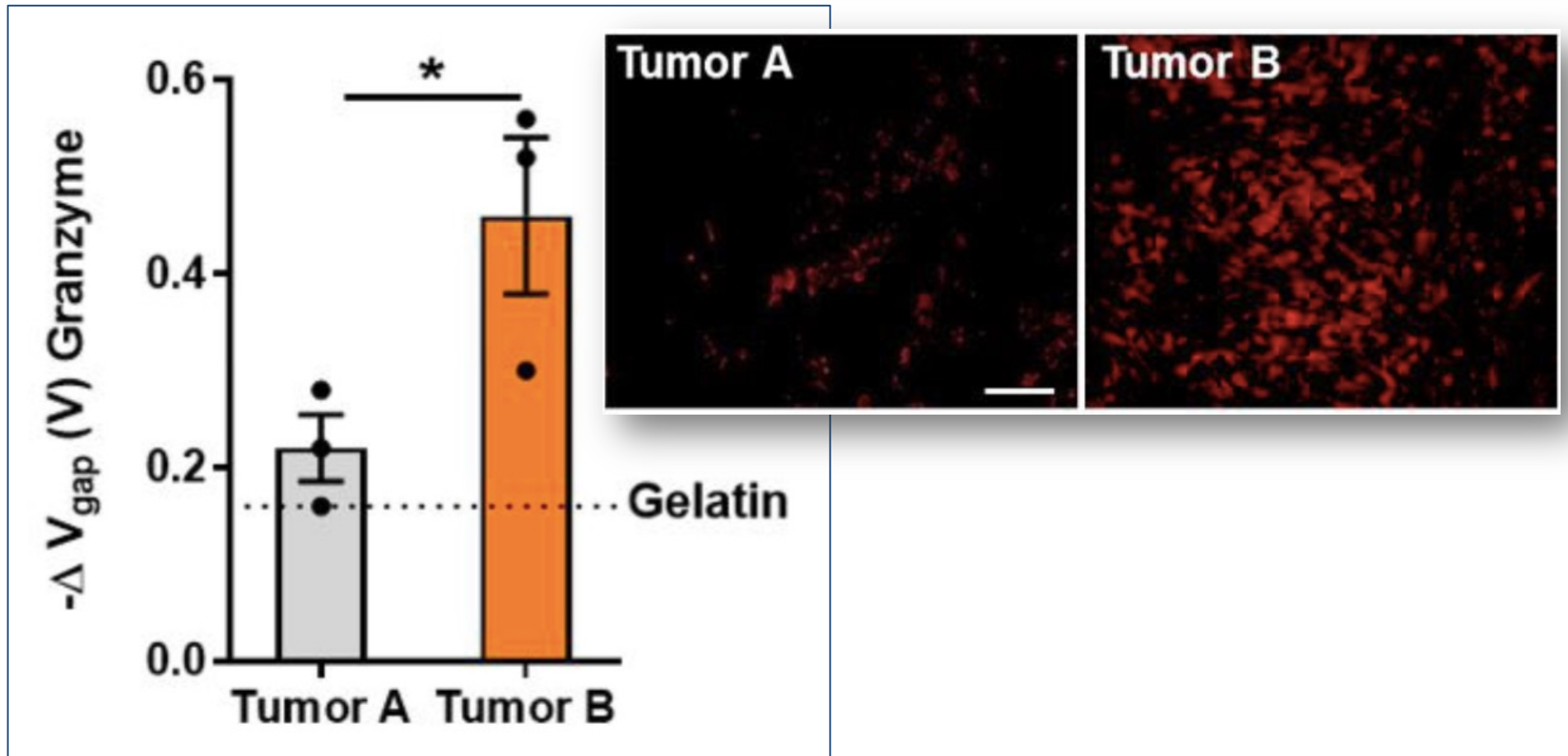
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Breast Cancer Patients Stratification with Memristive Biosensors



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Differentiating kind of Tumour with Memristive Biosensors

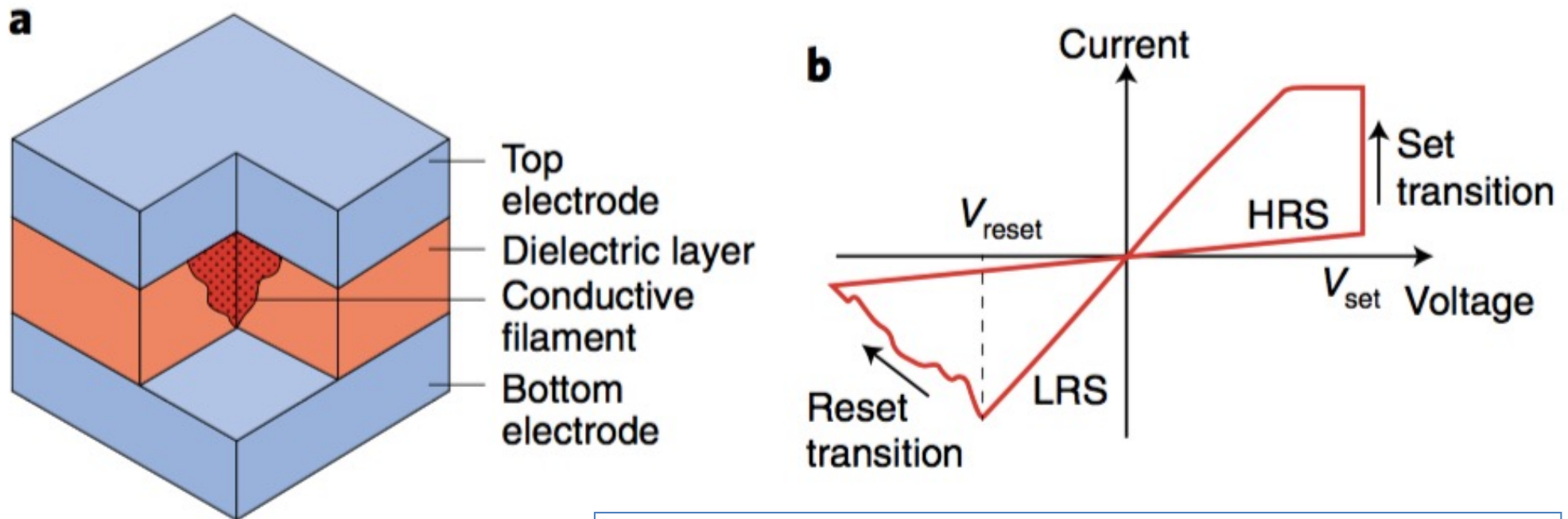


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Key Messages:

- Measurements with **Memristive Biosensors** are much away more powerful than with conventional devices.
- To diagnose correctly Cancer, we definitely need measure **multiple cancer markers**.
- To correctly stratify Cancer Patients, we definitely need to **compute probability indexes** on a set of multiple cancer biomarkers.

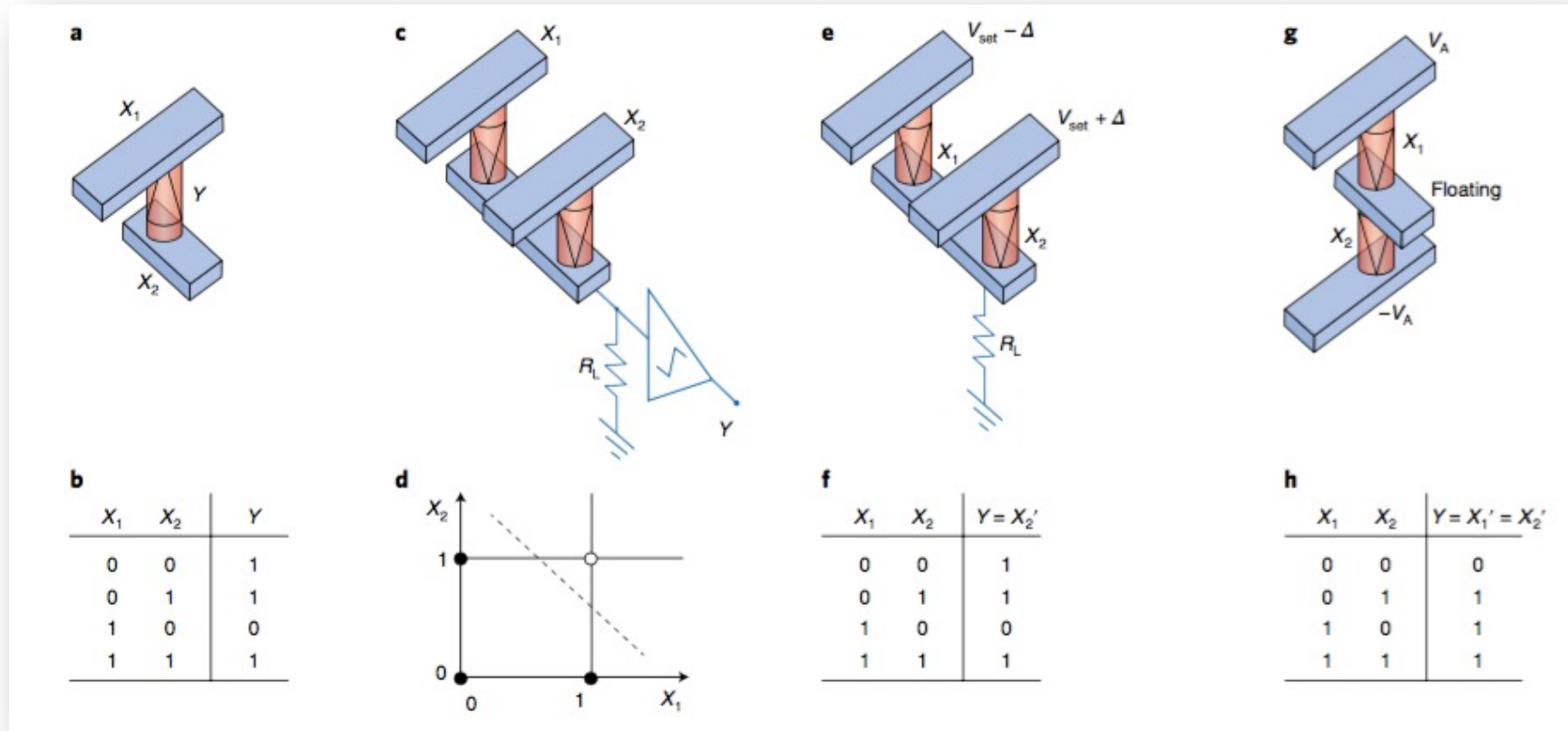
In-Memory Computing Device



D. Ielmini and H.-S.P. Wong, Nature Electronics 1(2018) 333-343

Computational RRAM memory devices

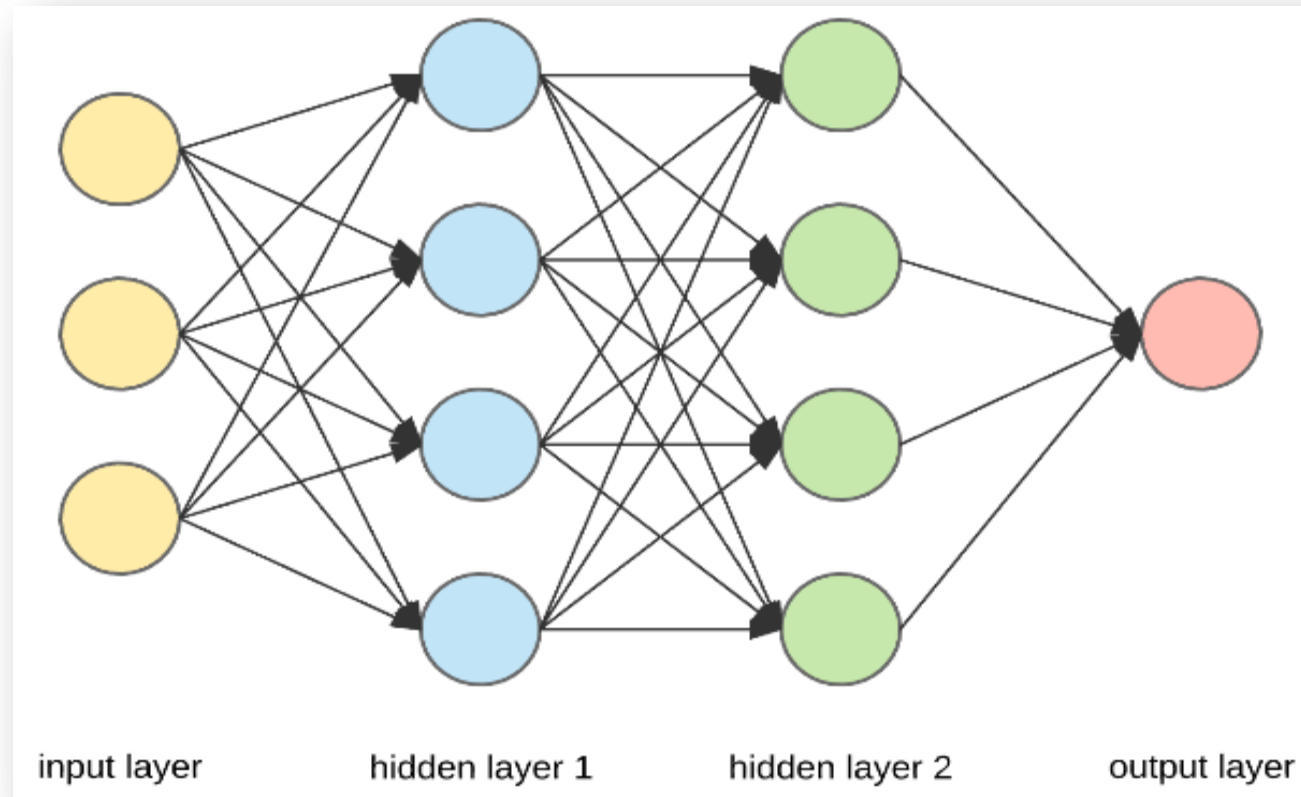
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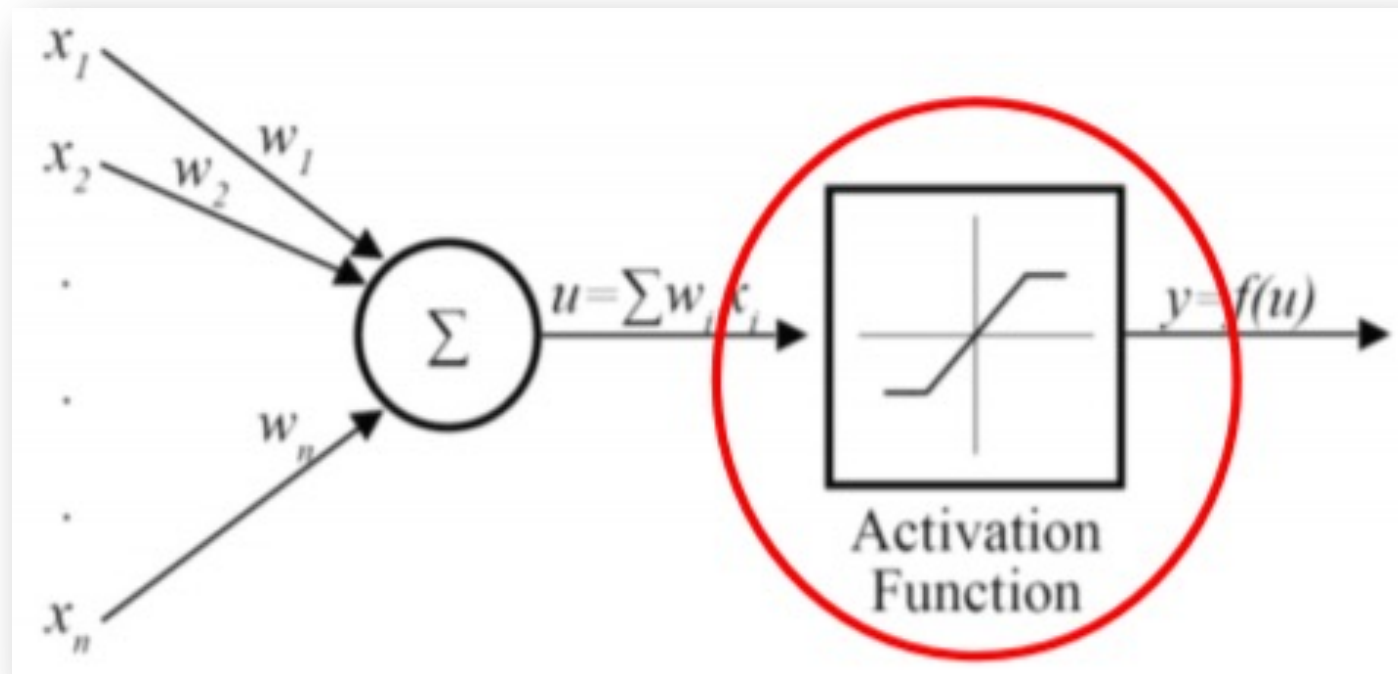
In-Memory Computing with RRAM-based
digital logic gates

Artificial Intelligence by Deep Learning



Neural networks are multi-layer networks of neurons that
Compute by classify things, make predictions, etc.

Key device for Deep Learning



Deep learning is based on « neurons » (artificial), which typically “learn” on inputs by an Activation Function that changes their “transmitting state”

Artificial Intelligence in Hardware

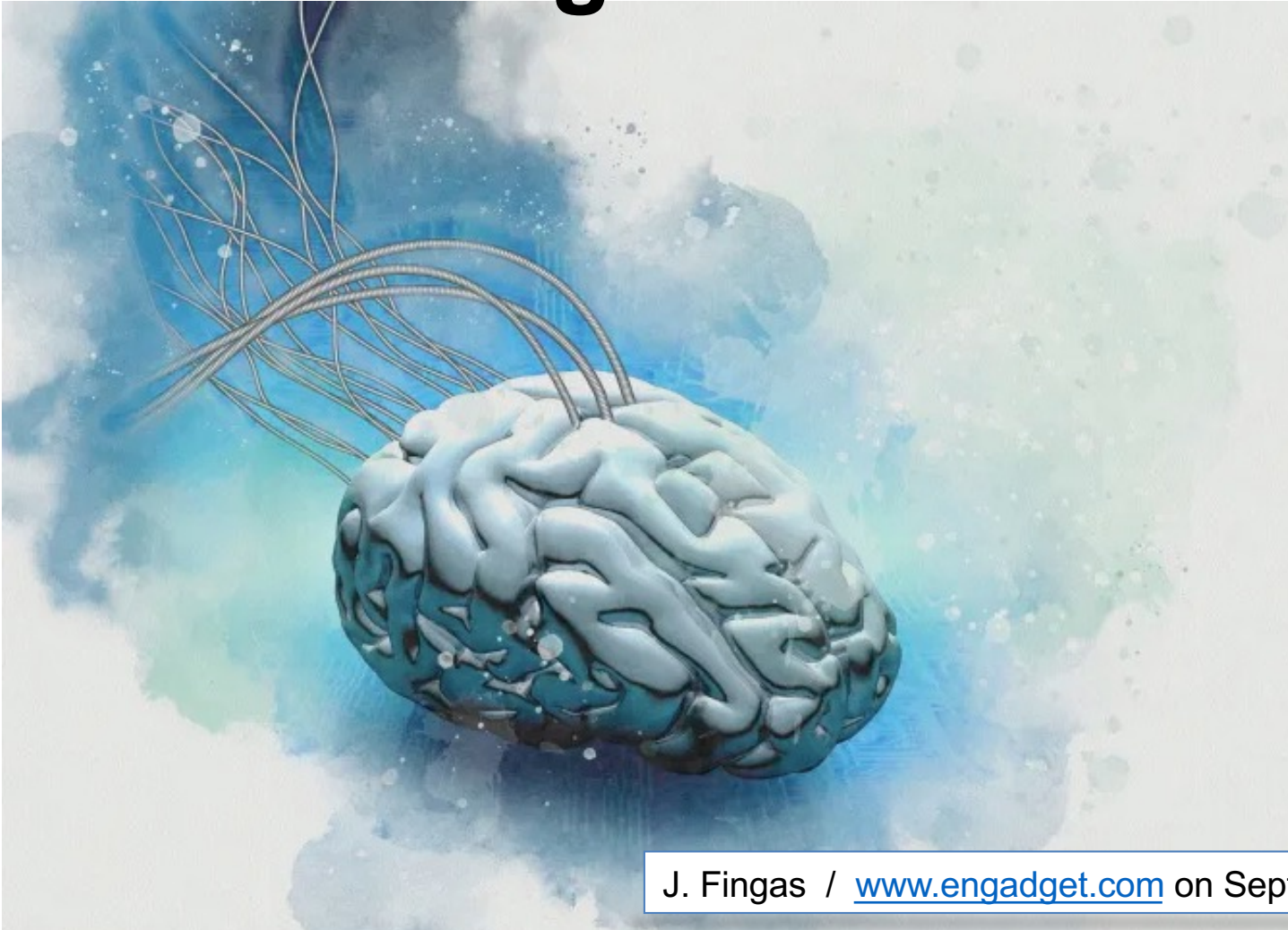


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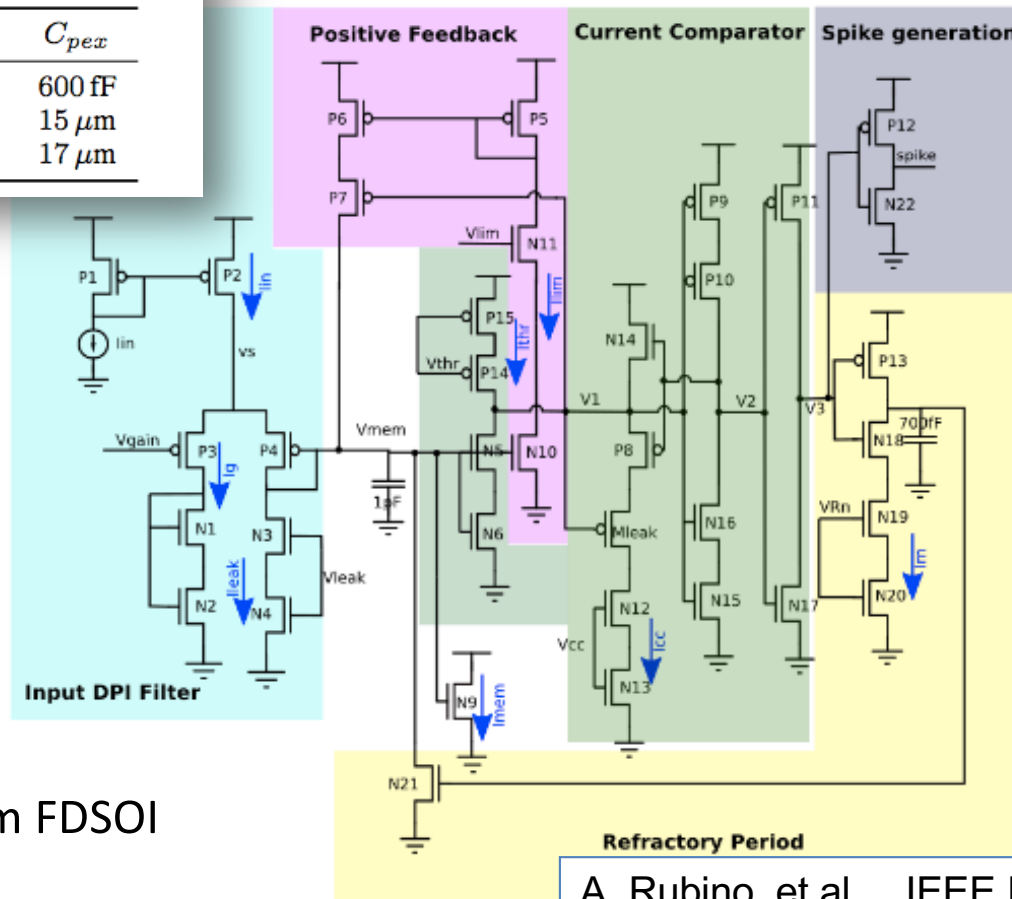
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Neuromorphic chips need for roughly 100 billion neurons

Complexity of Computing Chips

CAPACITANCE VALUES AND SIZES USED IN THE DESIGN

	C_{mem}	C_{ahp}	C_{ref}	C_{pex}
Value	1 pF	2 pF	700 fF	600 fF
Width	20 μm	28 μm	16 μm	15 μm
Length	20 μm	30 μm	19 μm	17 μm



@22nm FDSOI

A. Rubino, et al., , IEEE ICECS, 2019, 458-461

How many transistors do we need for realizing a single CMOS neuron?

Supersize AI on Whole Wafer!



	WSE 2	WSE	Nvidia A100
Size	46,225 mm ²	46,225 mm ²	826 mm ²
Transistors	2.6 trillion	1.2 trillion	54.2 billion
Cores	850,000	400,000	7,344
On-chip memory	40 gigabytes	18 GB	40 megabytes
Memory bandwidth	20 petabytes/s	9 PB/s	155 GB/s
Fabric bandwidth	220 petabits/s	100 Pb/s	600 gigabytes/s
Fabrication process	7 nm	16 nm	7 nm

IEEE Spectrum, issue on July, 2021

Cerebras's wafer-size chip boasts 2.6 trillion transistors

Costs of Computing Chips

COMPUTING

A \$2 Billion Chip to Accelerate Artificial Intelligence

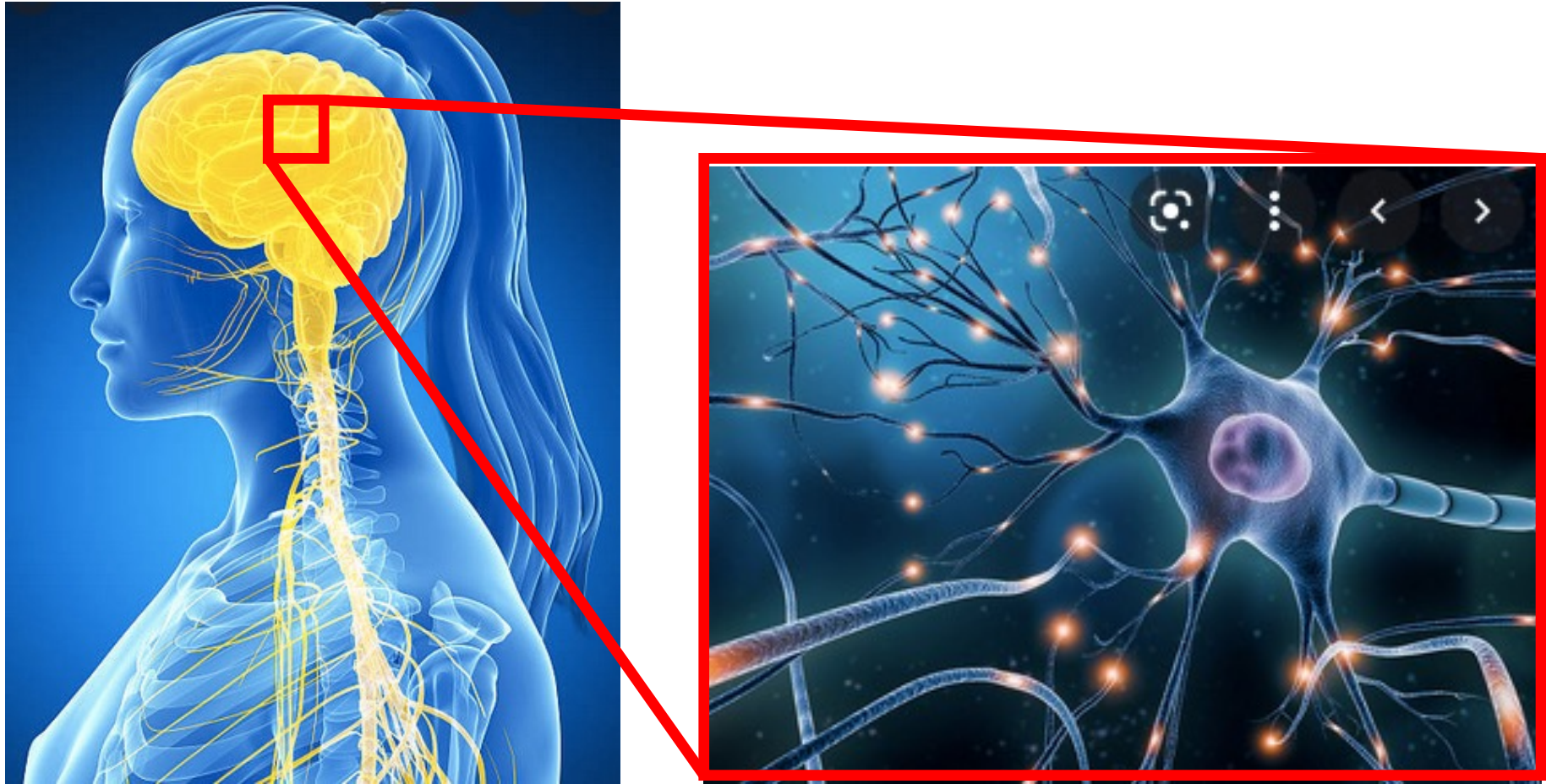
A new chip design from Nvidia will allow machine-learning researchers to marshal larger collections of simulated neurons.

By Tom Simonite

April 5, 2016

Billion neurons may cost Billion \$

Biological Computation



Biological neuron (natural) are « single devices » which change Activation Function « by leaning », so from their past, which means coding the past in a different state!

In-Memory Computing

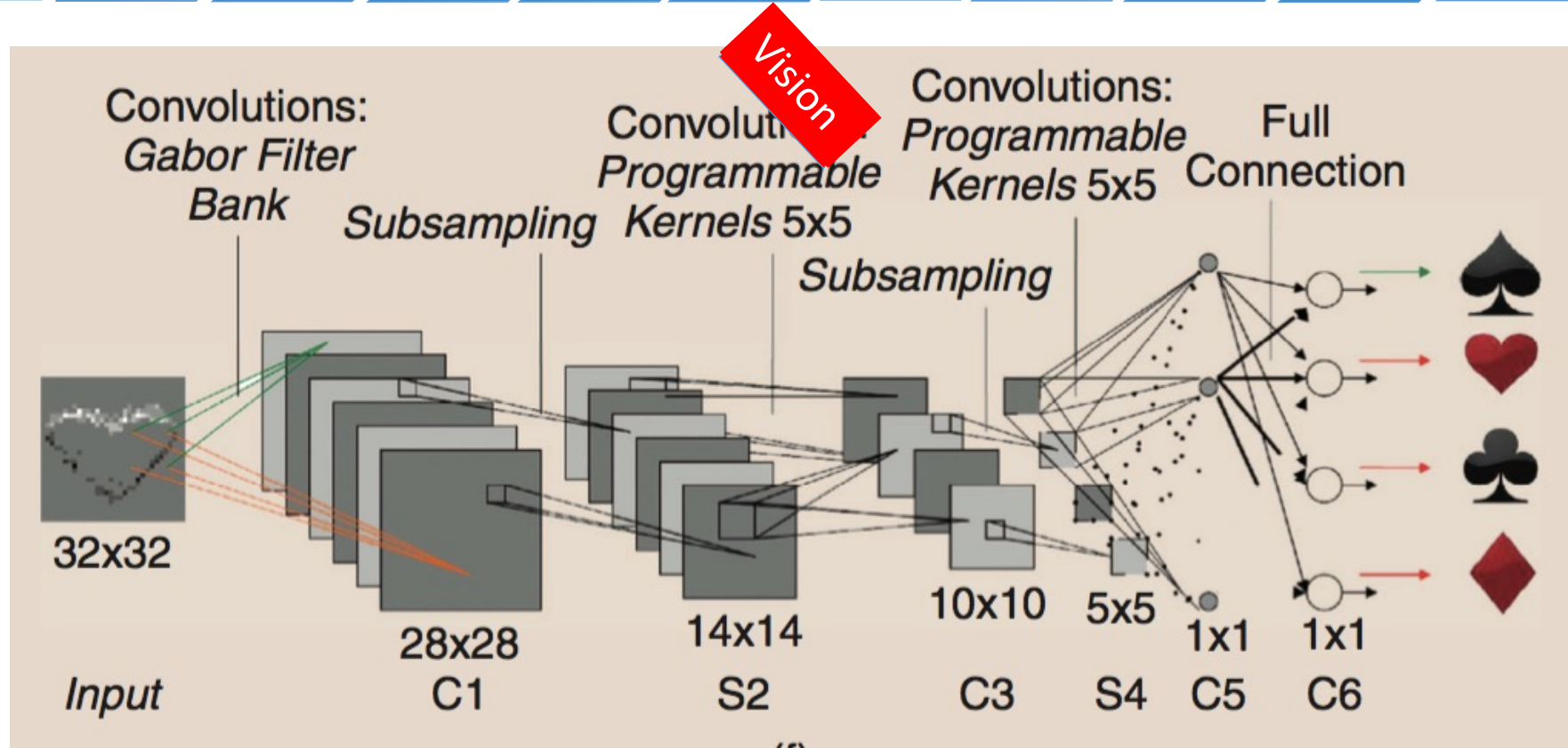
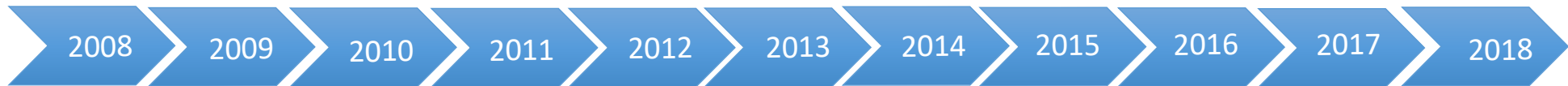
So, If we succeed in getting a device that works like natural neurons we may develop machines computing like human brain !

Memristive Sensors Milestones



T. Serrano-Gotarredona, et al. / IEEE CAS Mag. 13 (2013) 74-88

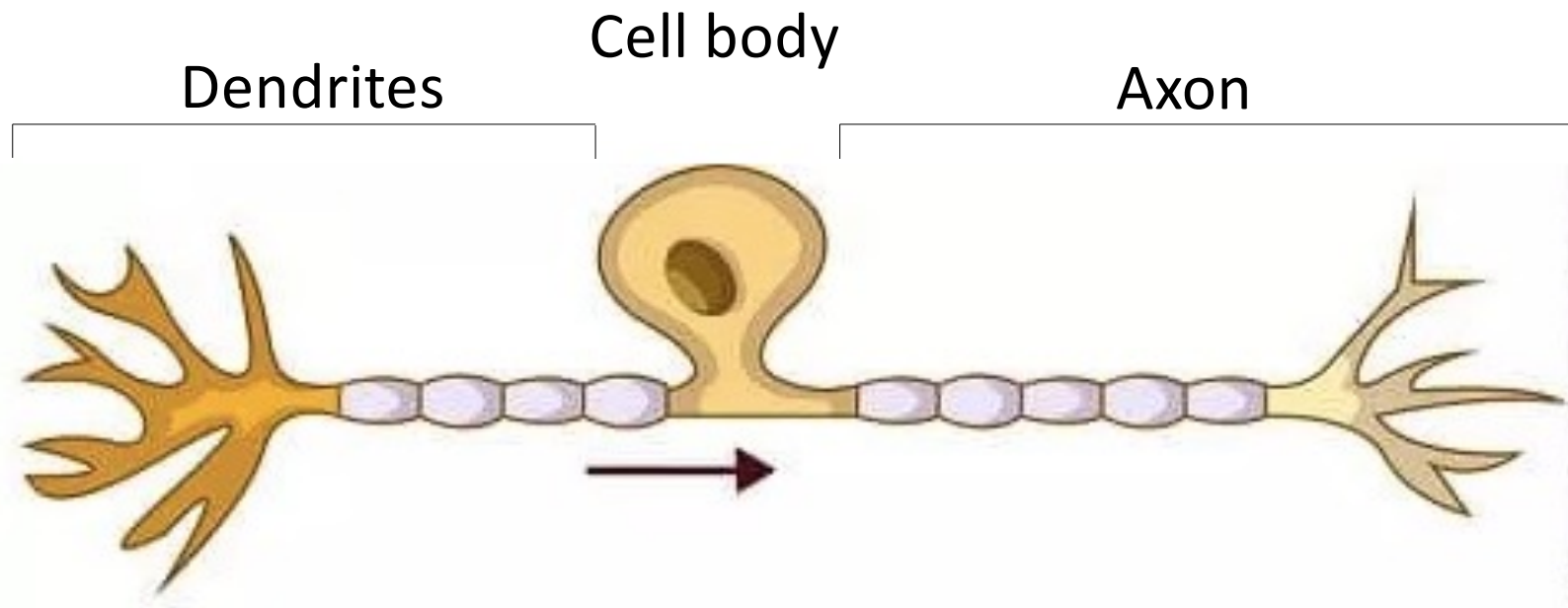
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Event-driven sensing and classification by
CMOS/memristors integrated in an artificial retina

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Biological Sensing

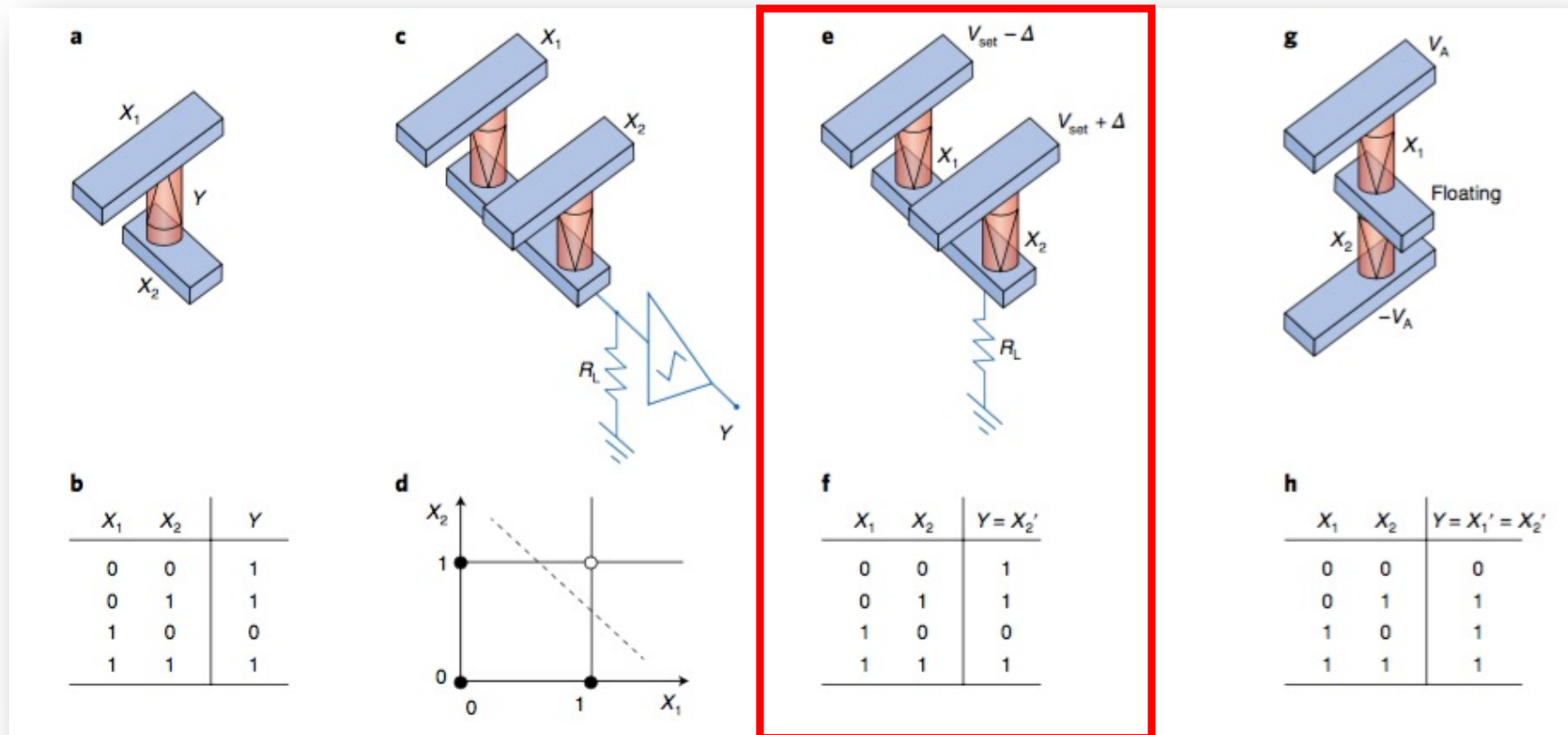


Human nervous system contains several kind of neurons, including sensory neurons

In-Memory Sensing

So, If we succeed in getting a device
that works like natural neurons we may
develop machines computing like
human brain and...
...like human peripheral nervous
sensing system,
we may also develop machines to
SENSE & COMPUTING !!!

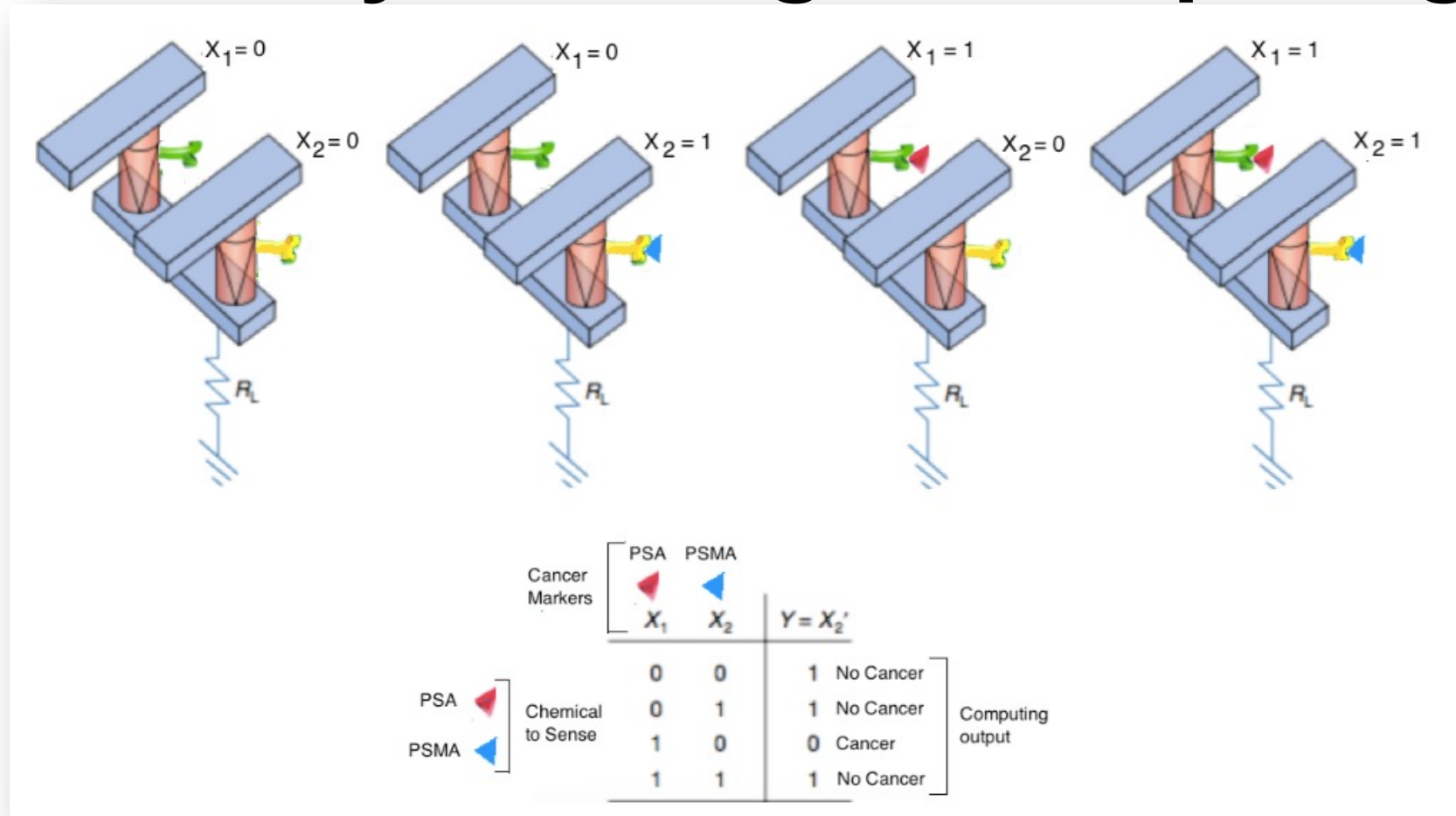
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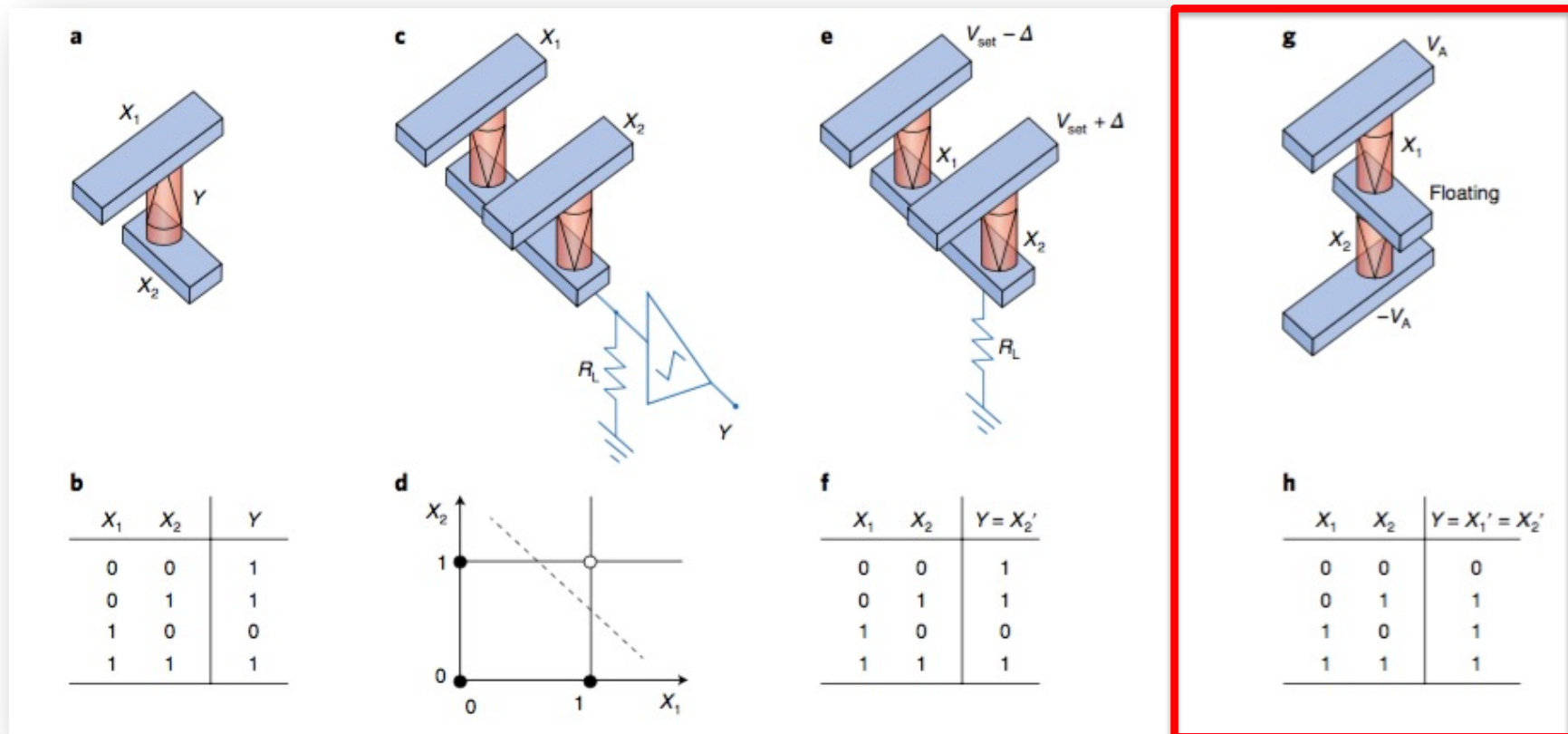
In-Memory Sensing & Computing



S.Carrara, et al., SNF Grant, 2021

In-Memory Sensing with RRAM-based
sensing digital logic gates

Back to Several Architectures

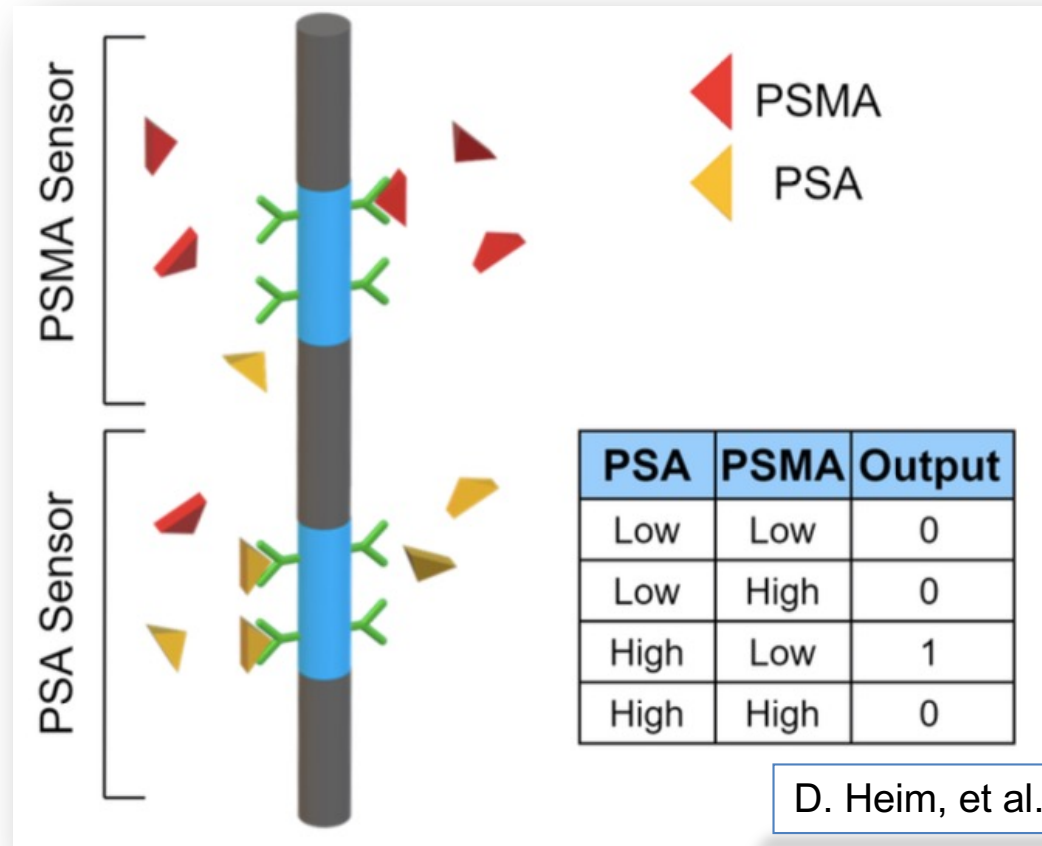


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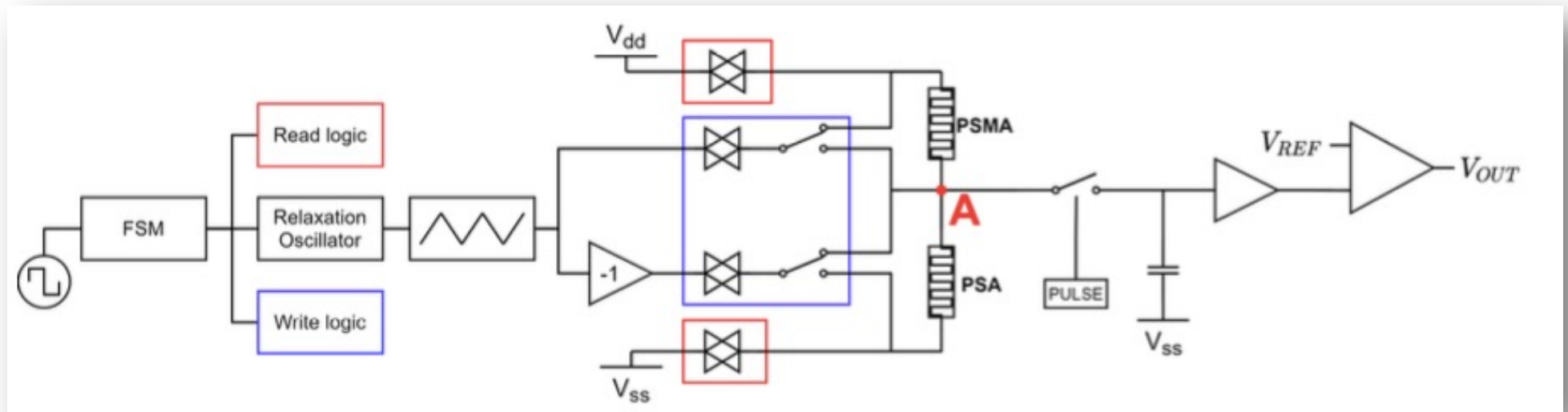
Novel Approach in Edge Computing

In-Memory Sensing of Cancer Markers



Two sensors interact with each other to perform a logical operation already at the sensor node

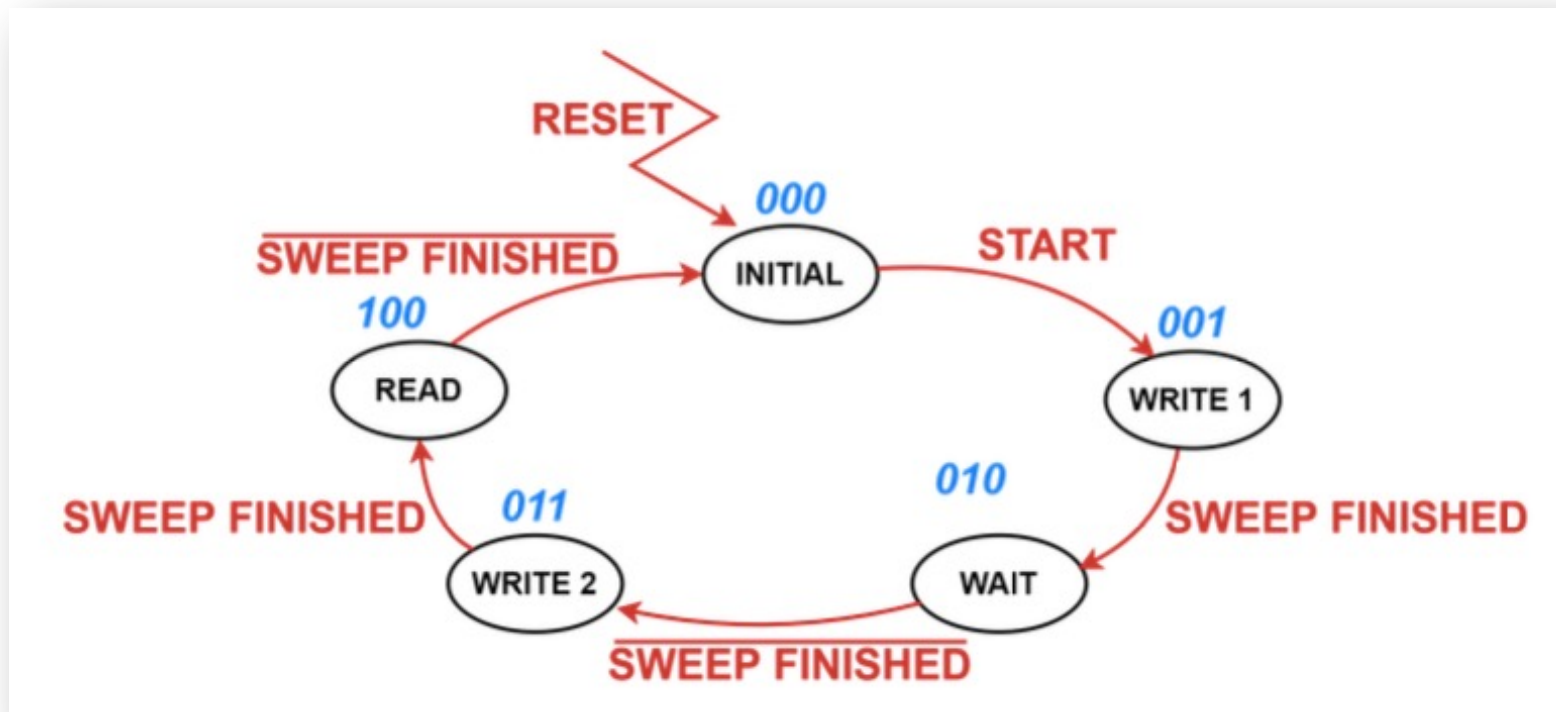
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Block diagram of the entire circuit. A Finite State Machine (FSM) is used to control switches for writing and reading the biosensors states

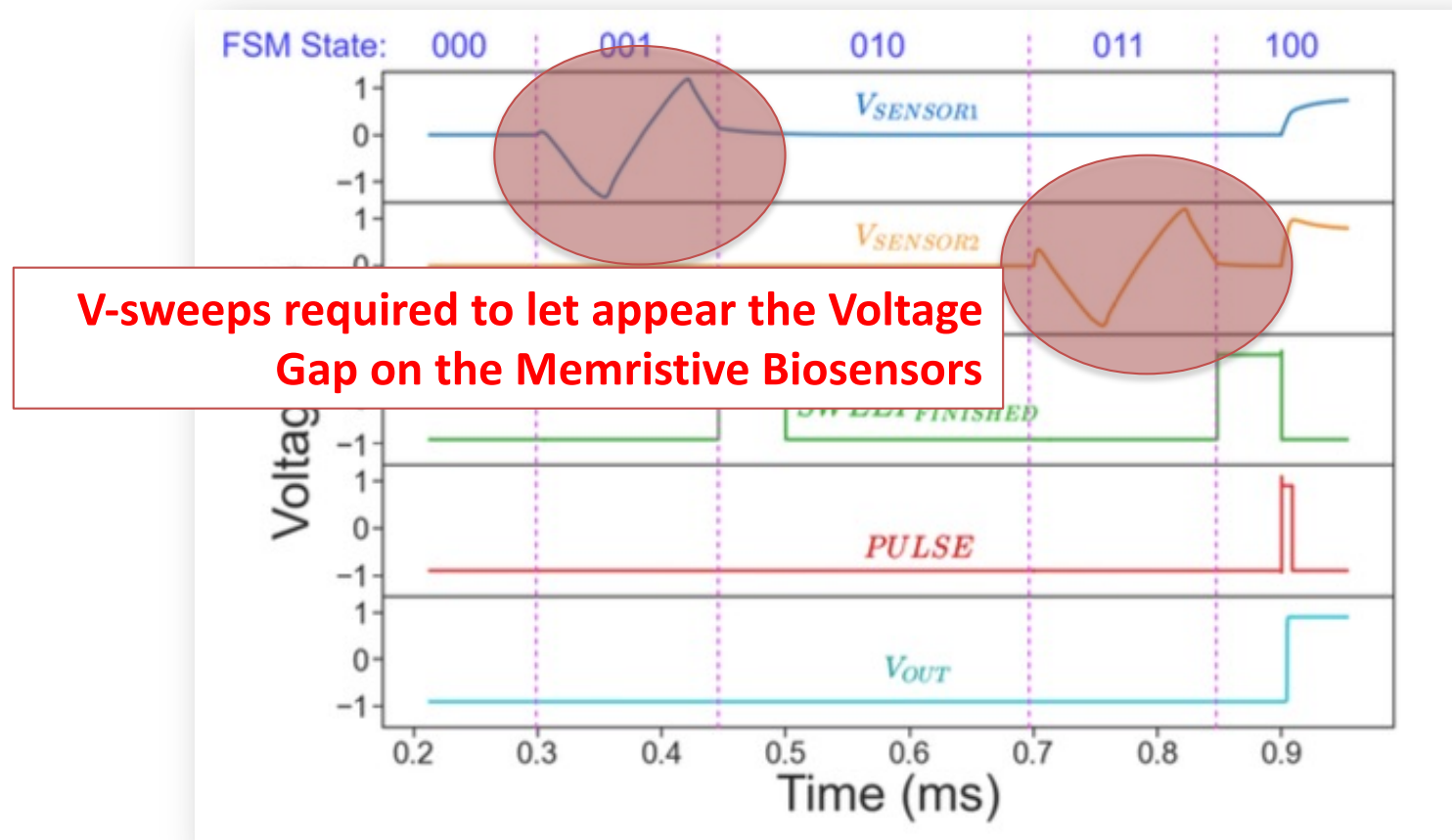
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Finite state machine diagram for writing and reading the biosensors states

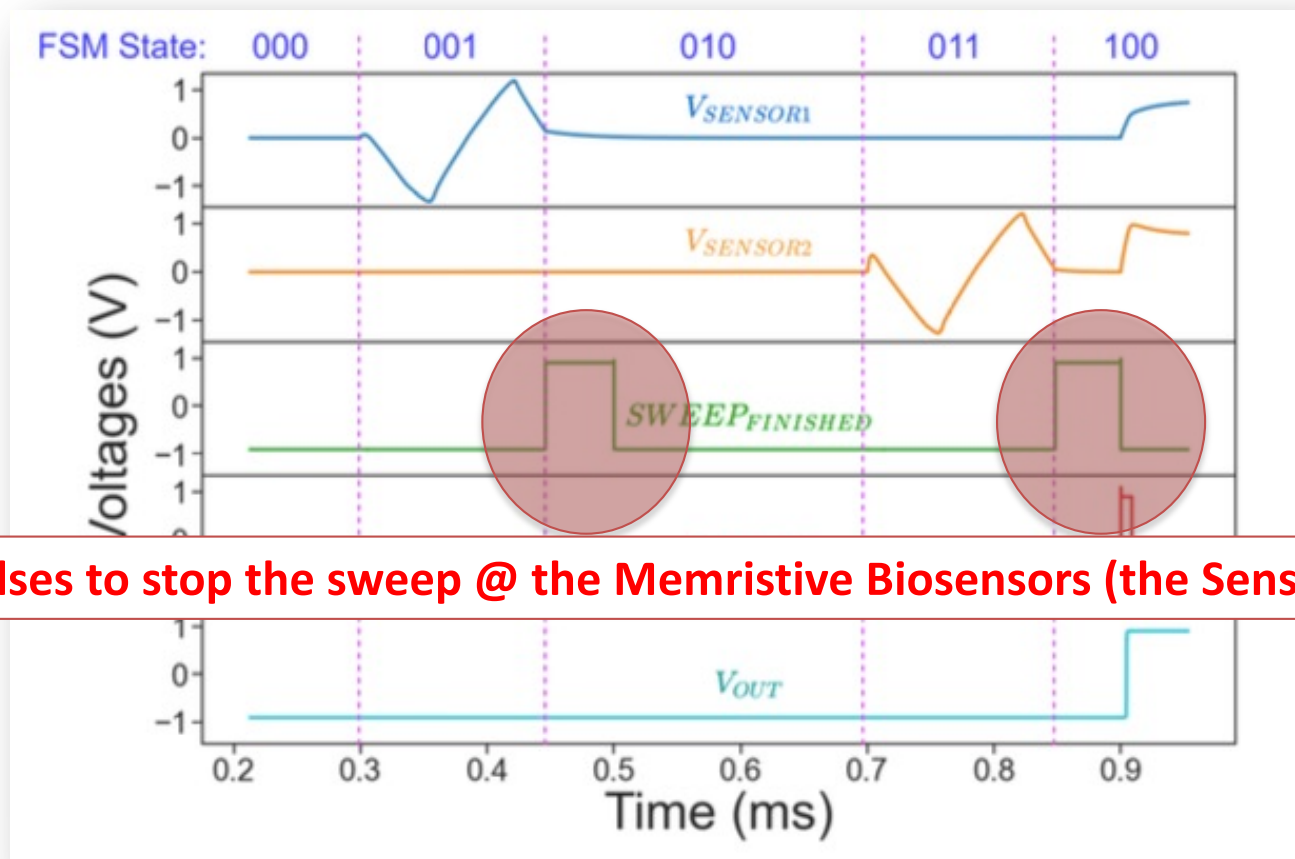
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Finite state machine states and main system signals

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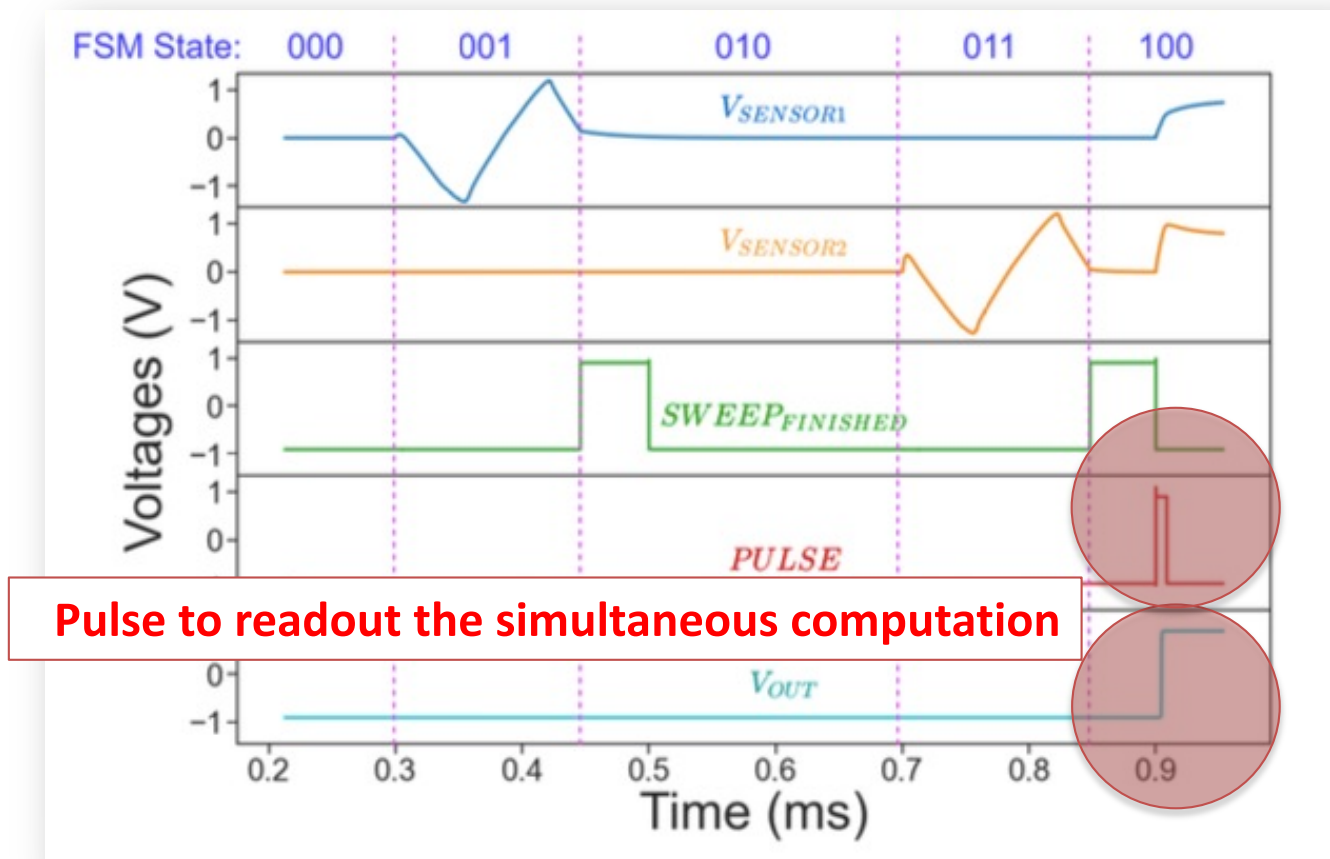


Pulses to stop the sweep @ the Memristive Biosensors (the Sensing!)

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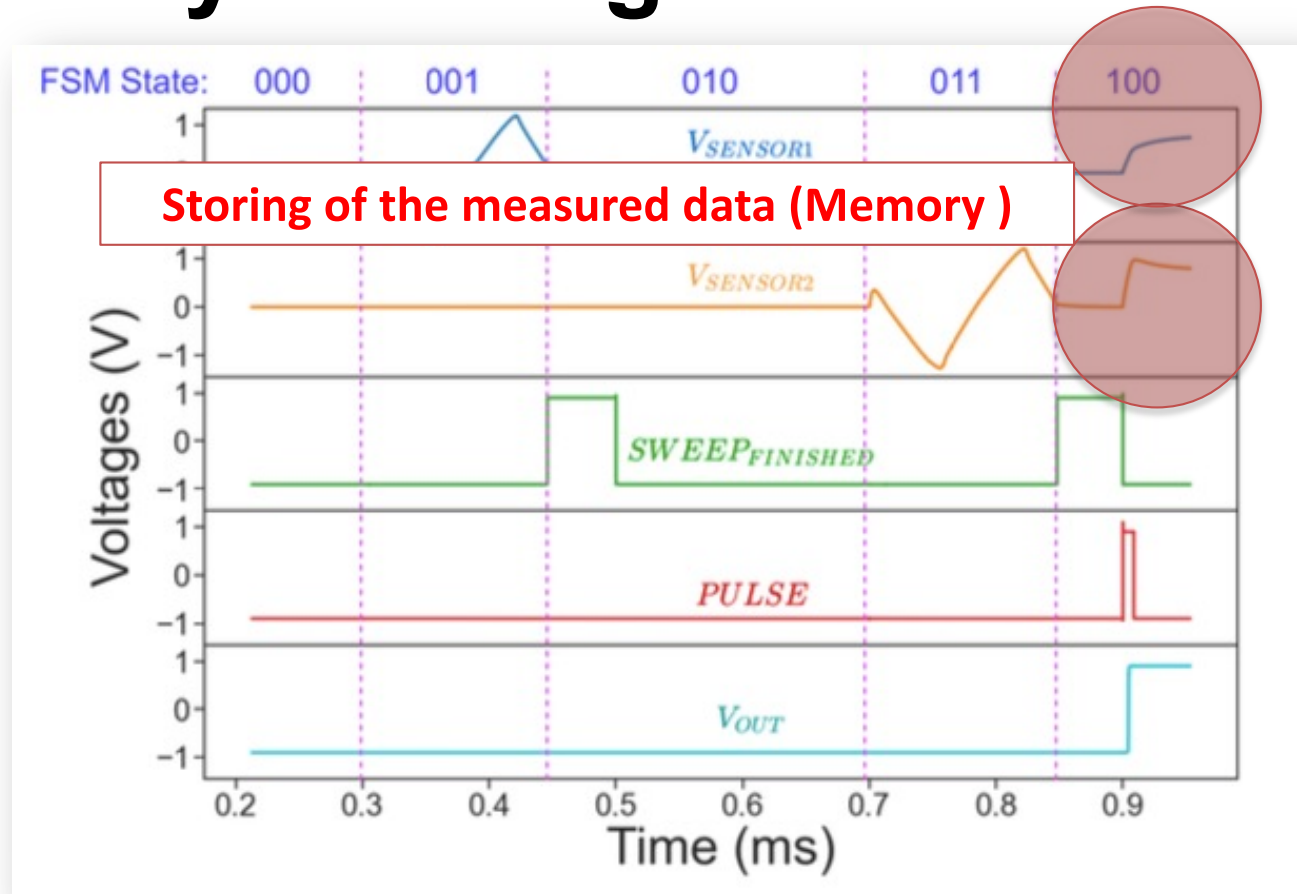
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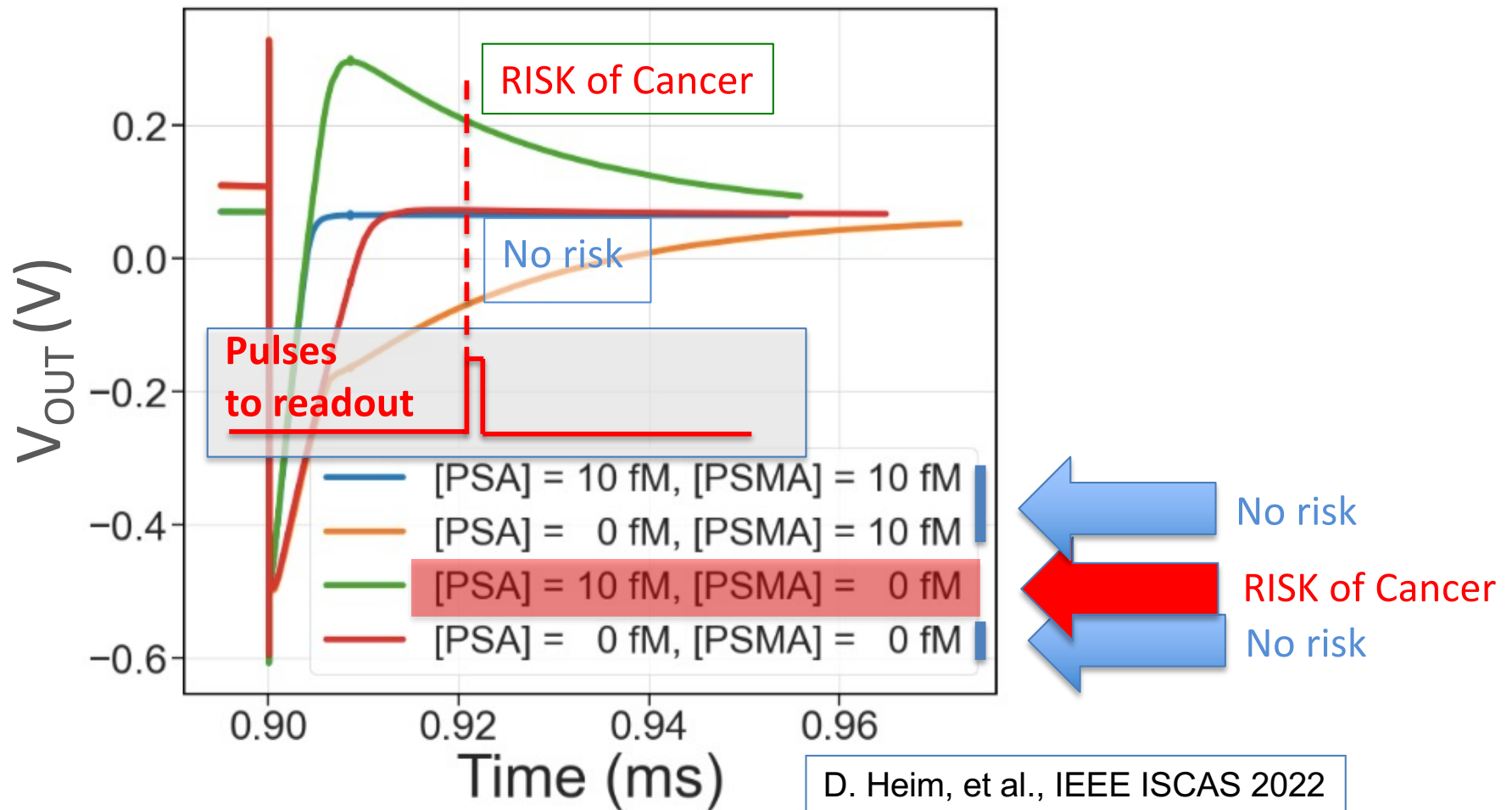
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		PSMA				
		0 fM	3 fM	7 fM	10 fM	12 fM
PSA	0 fM	0.86	0.79	0.70	0.58	0.43
	3 fM	0.95	0.88	0.78	0.66	0.49
	7 fM	1.07	0.99	0.90	0.76	0.58
	10 fM	1.20	1.13	1.03	0.89	0.70
	12 fM	1.36	1.30	1.22	1.07	0.90

D. Heim, et al., IEEE ISCAS 2022

Output Voltages directly as “Risk Probability for Cancer” for different concentrations of PSA/PSMA

Summary

- That's possible to realize artificial neurons with single devices: the **Memristors**!
- The development of Memristive devices for Sensing aims gave rise to the new field of **Memristive Sensors**.
- The coupling of Memristive Sensors with biomolecules gave rise to the new field of **Memristive Biosensors**.
- Coupling the capability of computational architecture based on memristors and memristive sensors we can realize new **“in-Memory Sensing & Computing”** machines.
- Case study: simultaneous computation of multi-biomarkers is really key to succeed in **Cancer Diagnostics**!