



Biosensors and Bioreporters

Synthetic Biology Module 5
University of Rochester iGEM 2020

Checklist for Module #5

- Read article #5 Biosensors and their applications- A review
- ☐ Open Google form #5



Module Overview

- ☐ What are biosensors?
- ☐ How are biosensors used in synthetic biology?
- ☐ What are bioreporters?
- ☐ What are applications of biosensors and bioreporters?



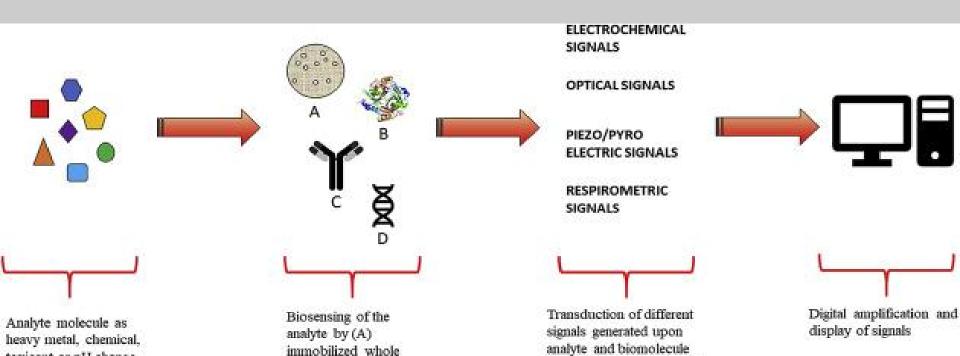
What are Biosensors?

cells, (B)

Enzymes/proteins, (C)

Antibodies or (D)

nucleic acids



interaction into detectable

signal

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toxicant or pH change

https://www.sciencedirect.com/topics/chemistry/biosensor

Types of Biosensors

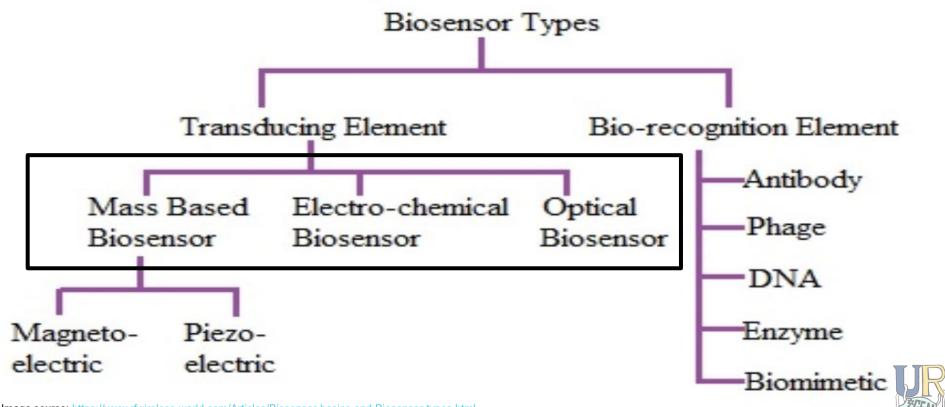
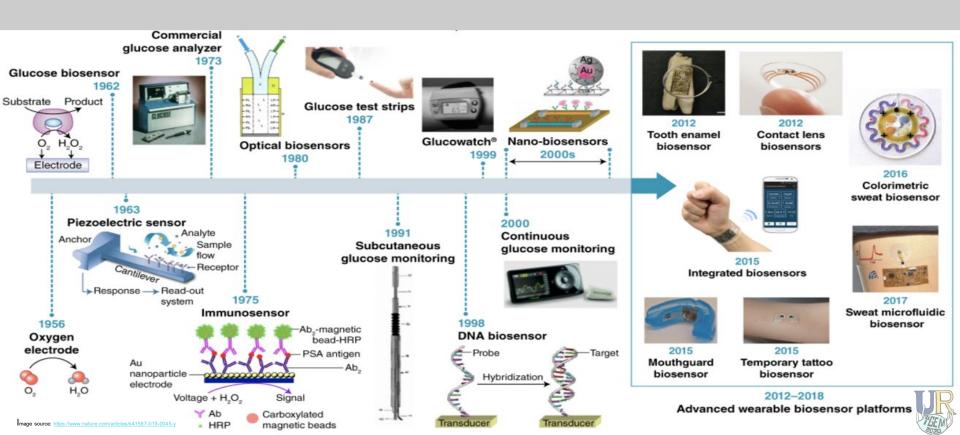


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Timeline



So why use biosensors?

Advantages

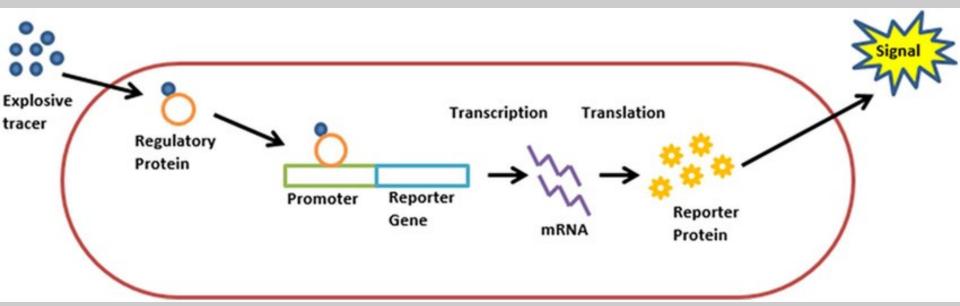
- High sensitivity
- Eco friendly
- Simple fabrication
- Simple monitoring device in situ (locally)
- Mass production
- Very specific to analyte
- Low cost
- Fast response
- Accurate measurement

Disadvantages

- Poor reproducibility
- The system is temperature dependant
- Biosensors are sensitive to pH changes



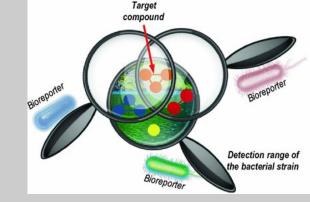
What are Bioreporters?



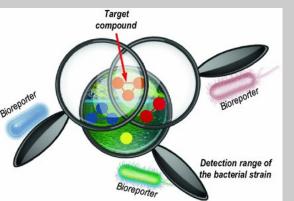


Applications of bioreporters





What's next??





Thank you!



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