

# ‘Biosensors in Food Industry’

## A Status Paper Presentation



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# Food Quality Checks



- Involves making sure the agricultural produce is microbe/pathogen free.
- Making sure that raw material is being handled safely.
- The processing operation is pathogen free.
- Food testing in laboratories.
- GHP and GMP



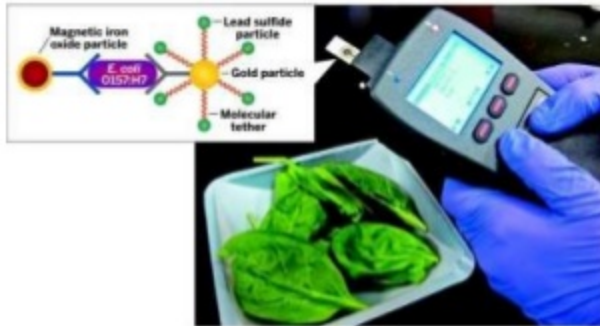
# Problems with Food Analysis

- Sample preparation is tedious job.
- Results may not be reproducible.
- Results may be inaccurate.





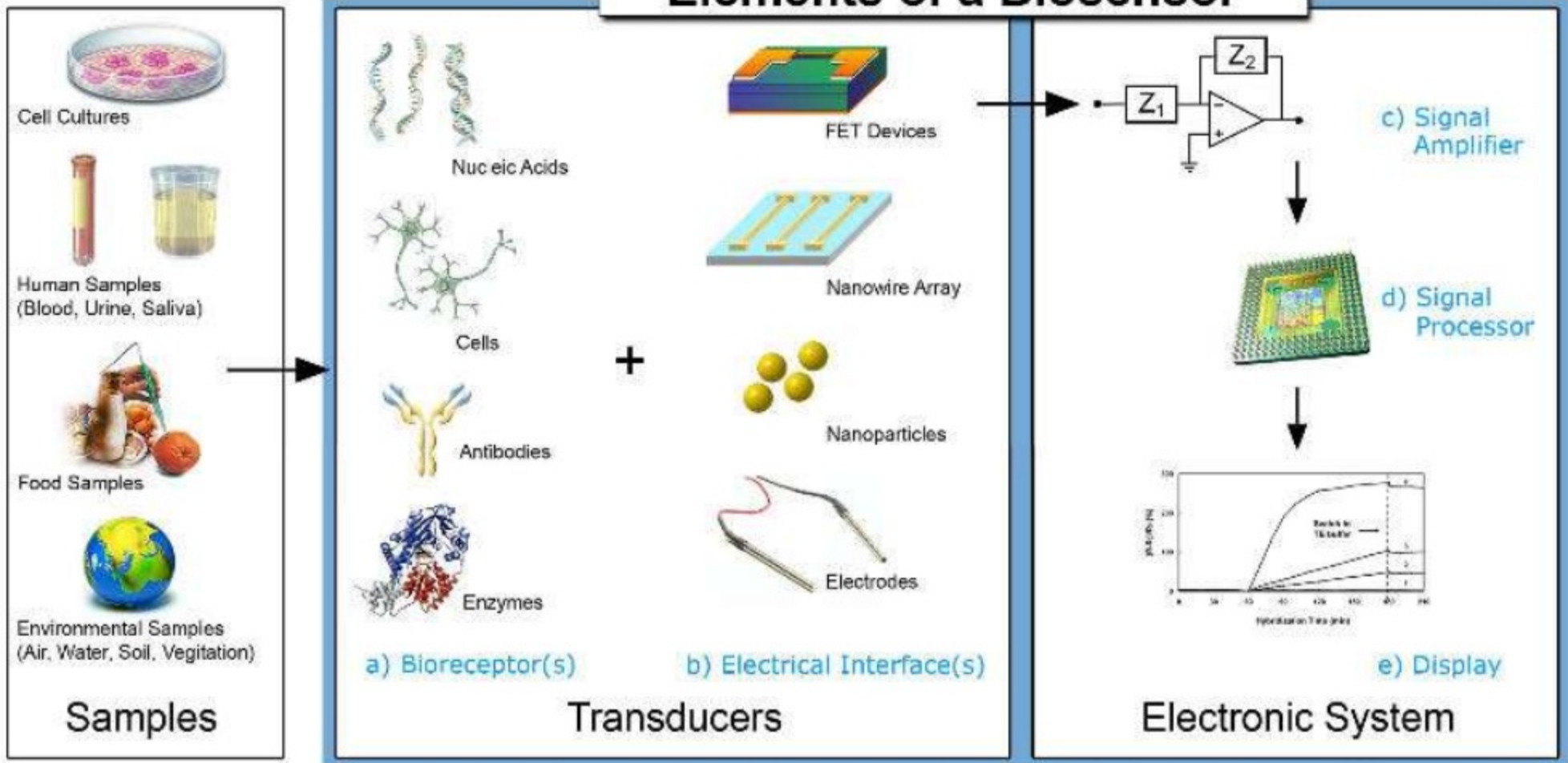
# What are Biosensors?



- **Biological Entity**
- **Electronic Entity**
- **Chemical Entity**

# WORKING AND ELEMENTS OF A BIOSENSOR

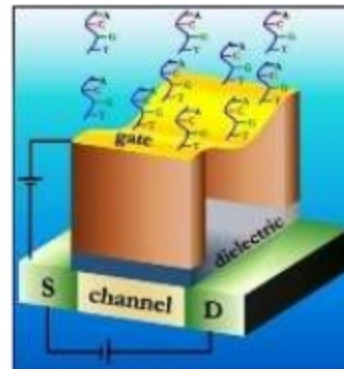
## Elements of a Biosensor



# Classification of Biosensors

## Biological Recognition

- Enzymes
- Proteins
- Antibodies
- DNA
- Organelles
- Microbial Cells



## Transducer and Measured Property

- Electrochemical
- Electrical
- Optical
- Mass Sensitive
- Thermal



# Conventional modes of food analysis and their disadvantages-

- Expensive
- Time Consuming
- Changes the morphology of the food

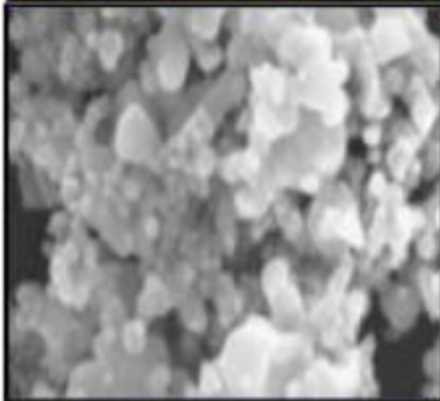


CASE STUDY- How sampling destroys the real analysis of a food product.

# Uses of Biosensors

## Agrochemical

Ex: Nanoparticles  
in pesticides



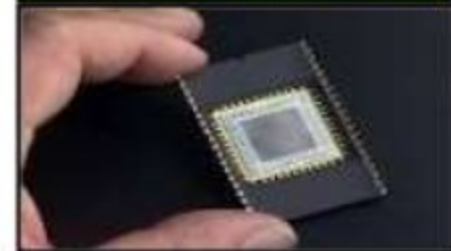
## Convergence Nano-Geo-(Bio)- Info technology



## In food industry

### Sensing

Ex: Detect  
chemicals or food  
borne pathogen



### Packaging

Ex: Prevent or  
respond to

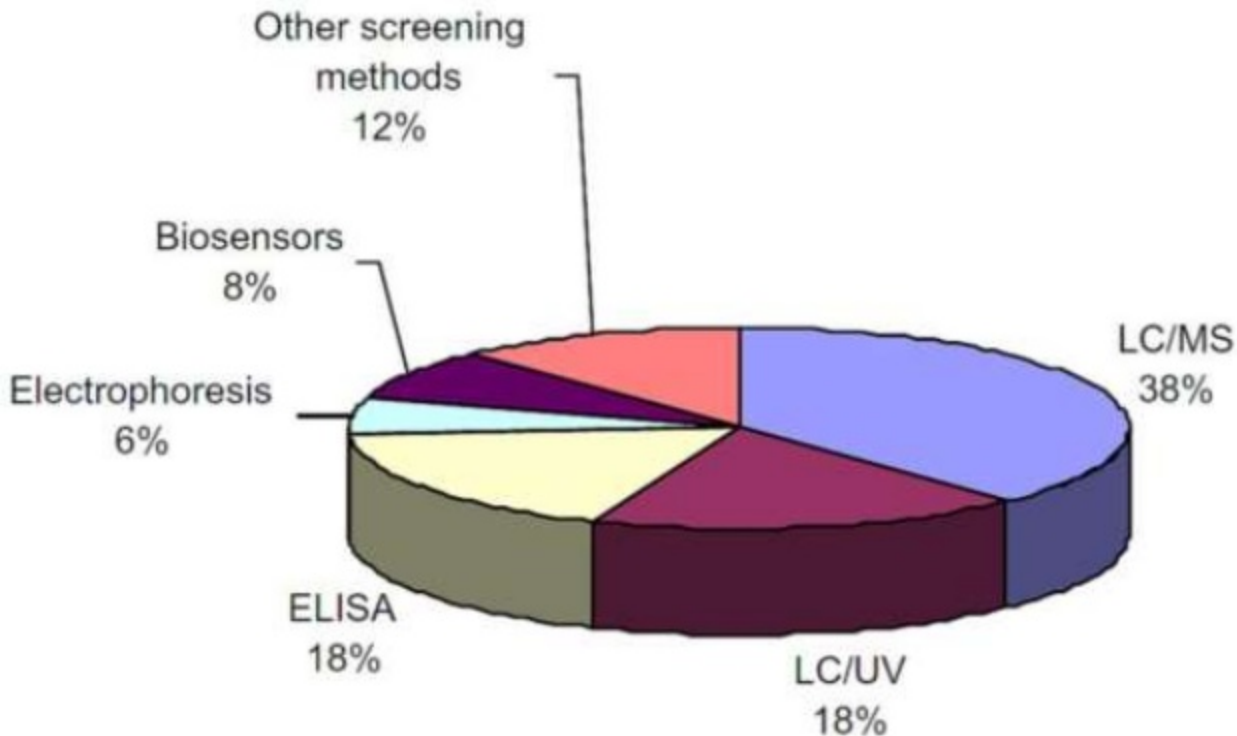


### Safety

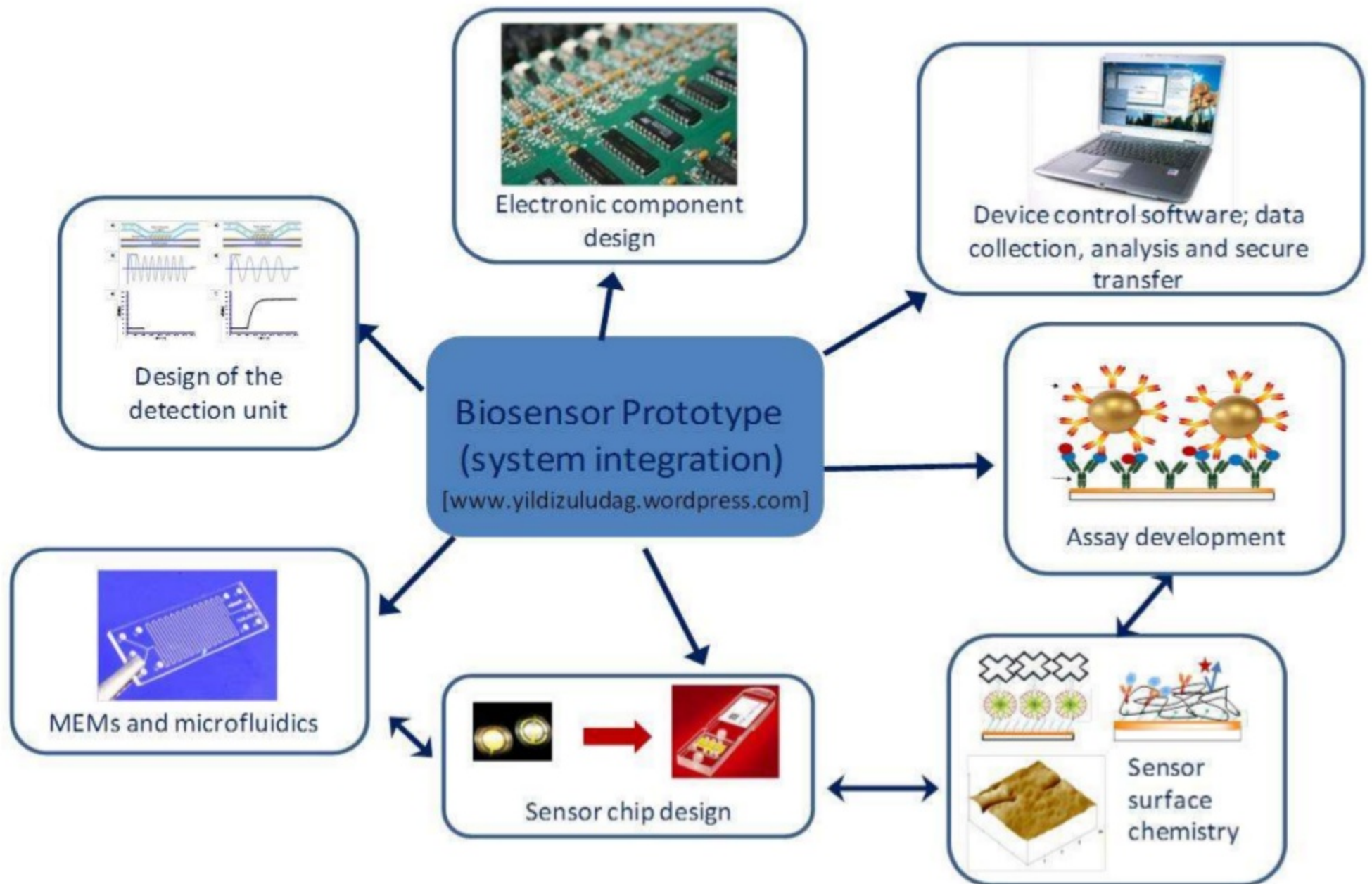




# Usage of Biosensors in Food Industry



- PH
- DNA Testing
- Alcohol Testing
- Sugar Content Testing
- Contamination in packed Food



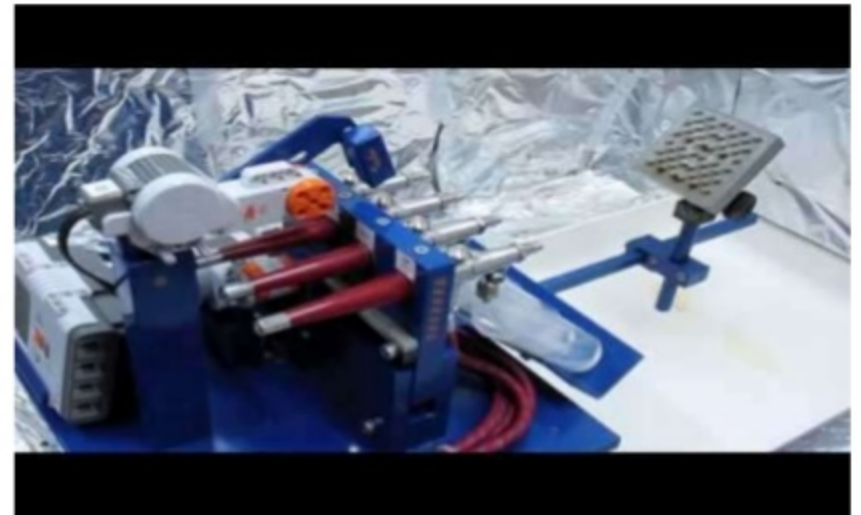
# A Typical Biosensor





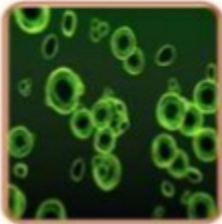
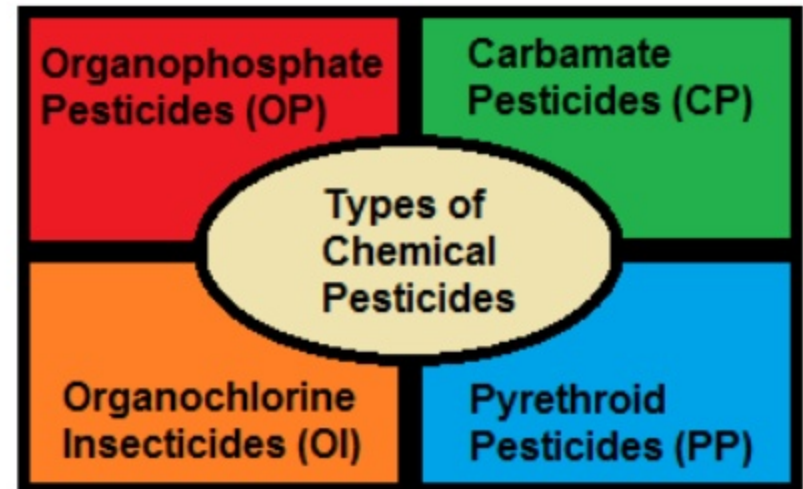
# Biosensors in Dairy Technology

- DNA testing of the cows
- Pathogen Testing in the milk
- Milk bacterial Load
- Micro-organism Identification in the milk
- Test for preservation and pasteurization



# Biosensors in Agriculture

- Testing for pesticides in the crop.
- Soil ph testing
- Crop deterioration test
- Crop respiration detectors
- Gases detectors
- Environmental pollutants



**Durrieu and Tran-Minh** developed an optical biosensor to detect lead and cadmium by inhibition of alkaline phosphatase present on the external membrane of *Chlorella vulgaris* microalgae, used as biological recognition element.



Also, a biosensor with microalgae *Tetraselmis chui* was developed for the voltammetric measurement of  $\text{Cu}^{+2}$  by **Alpat et al.**

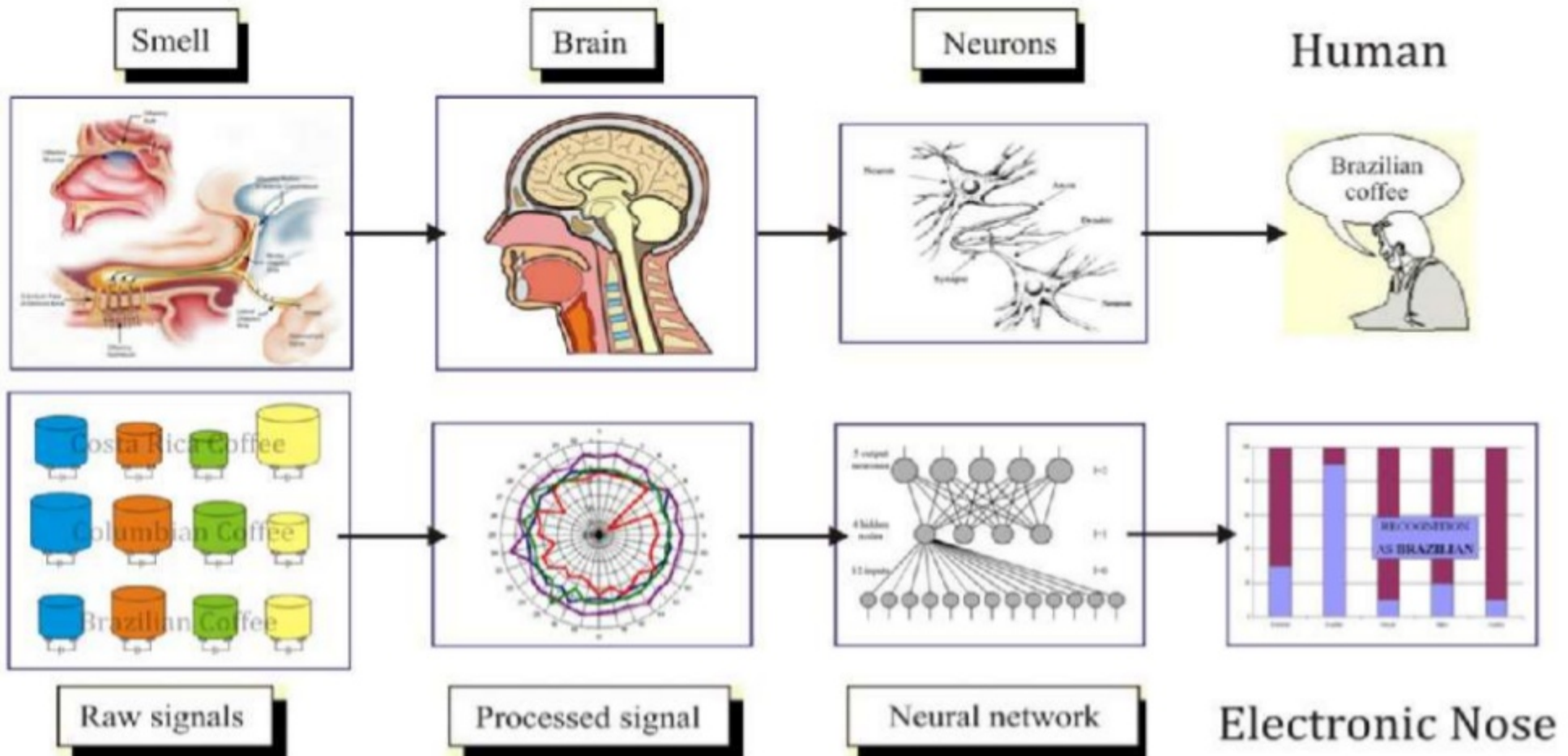




# Trending Biosensors

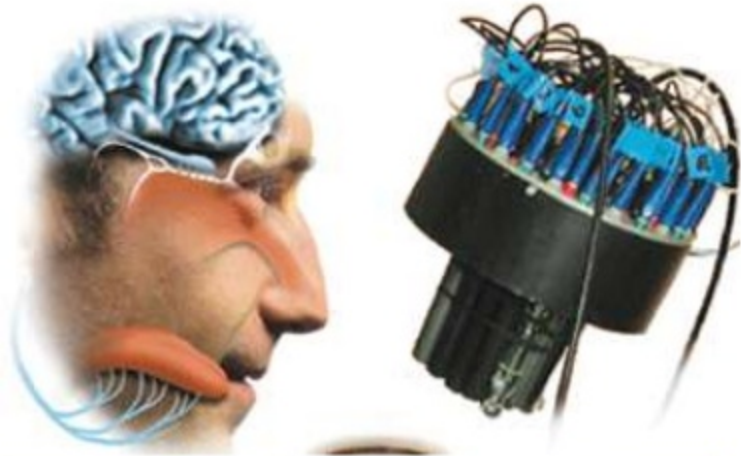
## E- nose

- Sensory Analysis Software (accuracy)
- Detection of odd volatile compounds
- Application in Tea, Wine, Coffee, Spices Industry



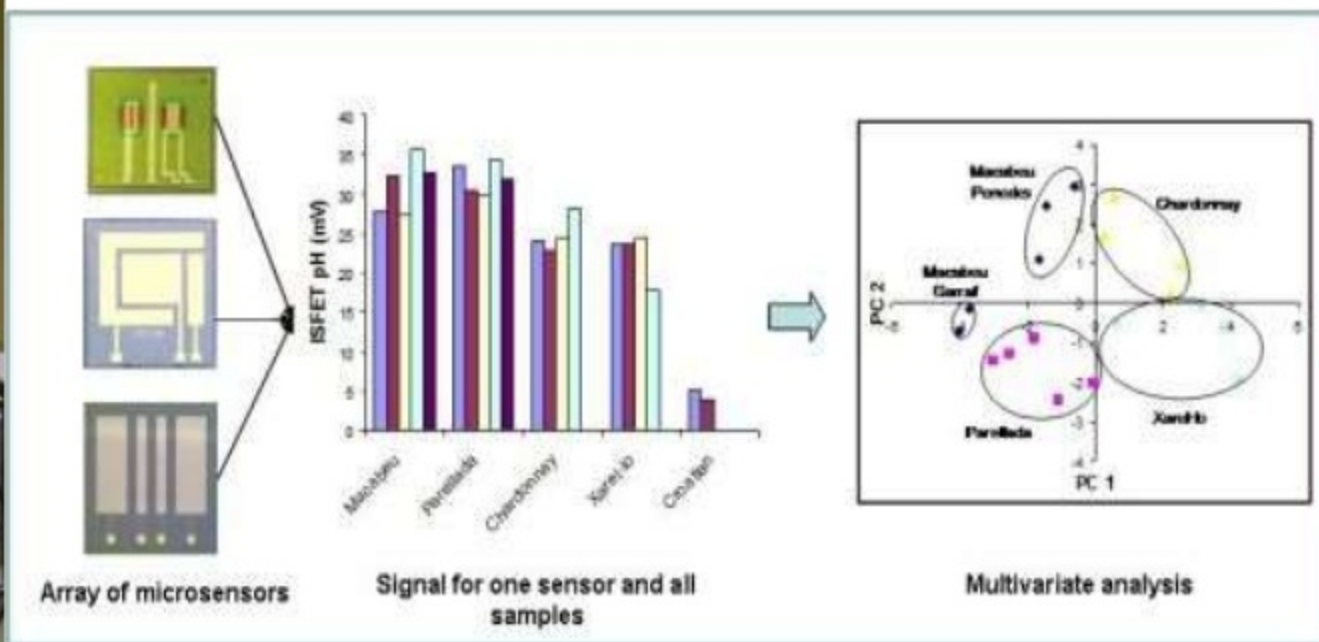


# Trending Biosensors



## E- Tongue

- Used when a combination of volatiles and their effect on sensory is to be analyzed.
- Applications in Tea, Coffee, Beverage (liquid food industry).



# Indian scenario in usage of Biosensors

Research and Development is less; companies depends more on usage of conventional systems

Usage of Biosensors are limited to medical field.

Not manufactured in India. Custom made are expensive.



# Global scenario in usage of biosensors



Pathogen Detector



Toxin detector using Smartphone app



E-Tongue (Handy)



Calorie Counter



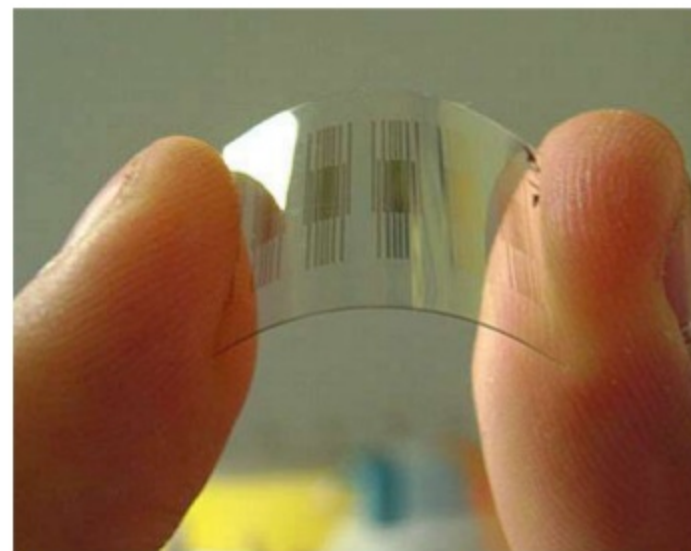
# Nano-sensors in Food Packaging

**Nanotechnology offers 3 distinct advantages to food packaging-**

- Barrier resistance
- Incorporation of active components to provide functional performance
- Sensing of relevant information

**Application in this area already support development of improved-**

- Taste, colour, flavour, texture and consistency of foodstuffs, increased absorption and bioavailability of nutrients and health supplements.
- New food packaging materials with improved mechanical, barrier and antimicrobial properties



# Nano-sensors for Food Safety

- **Nanostructured films and packaging materials** can prevent the invasion of pathogens and other microorganisms and ensure food safety.
- **Nanosensors embedded in food packages** will allow the determination of whether food has gone bad or show its nutrient content.
- By **adding certain nanoparticles into packaging material** and bottles, food packages can be made more light- and fire-resistant, with stronger mechanical and thermal performance and controlled gas absorption.





# Companies manufacturing Food Biosensors

COMPANIES	ACTIVITY
Biometra, Germany	HPLC + biosensor: glucose, ethanol
Colora Messtechnik GmbH, Germany	on-line fermentation control: glucose, lactate, ethanol
Cranfield Institute of Technology, UK	Glucose, microbial contamination, methanol
Fuji Electric Co, Japan	Gluco 20: glucose
GeneScan Europe AG/Scil Diagnostic GmbH, Germany	NutriChip, DNA detection with array technology
IBA GmbH, Göttingen	On-LineGeneralAnalyzer (Olga): sucrose, glucose, alcohol
Integrated Genetics, USA	DNA probes for detection of microbial contamination: ( <i>Salmonella</i> )
Molecular Devices Corporation, USA	Threshold-System (based on light-addressablepotentiometric sensor): assay for DNA traces
NEC, Japan	NEC, JapanFET biosensors: glucose, alcohol, L-lactate, glycerine
Oriental Electric Co., Japan	KV-101 freshness meter: degradation products of ATP
Pegasus Biotechnology, Canada	Microfresh: degradation products of ATP
Provesta Corporation, USA	Multipurpose Bioanalyzer: glucose, lactate, lactose, alcohol
Prüfgerätek-Werk Medingen GmbH	Industrial Module: glucose, L-lactate, lysine: lactose, glutamate, ascorbate in preparation
TOA Electronics Ltd., Japan	Glu-11: glucose
Toyo Jozo, Japan	Biosensors for glucose, lactate, lipids
Yellow Springs Inc., YSI, USA	YSI 2700 Select: Glucose (Dextrose), L-lactate, glucose, ethanol, sucrose, lactose, starch, galactose, L-glutamate, L-glutamine, choline, hydrogen peroxide