



ADAPTIVE MICROFLUIDIC - AND NANO - ENABLED SMART SYSTEMS FOR WATER QUALITY SENSING

Project PROTEUS

Adaptive microfluidic and nano-enabled smart systems
for water quality sensing

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Focus on micro- and nanoenabled sensing

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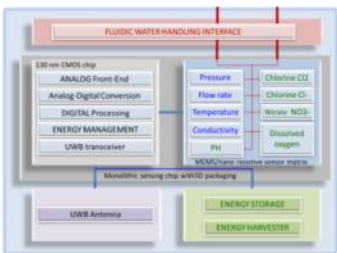

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Water stakes in Europe

- Water scarcity – water stress
 - in EU: 11% of population; 17% of territory
 - Worldwide: half of the world (FAO, 2007)
 - Stakes associated to drinkwater:
 - Detection of health-threatening pollution levels (continuous, accidental or intentional)
 - Detection/mitigation of losses
- efficient and sustainable water management and monitoring tools

Water monitoring: the challenges

	Market state of the art	PROTEUS product
Product	TRIPOD from AQUALABO 	PROTEUS Smart sensor system  
Volume	1700cm ³	10x decrease in volume
Measured parameters	7 multiplexed sensors	30 multiplexed sensors
	Predefined application	Application adaptability
Lifetime	<3months	>2years
Communicating	Wired	Wireless
Data processing	No data processing	Cognitive node
Autonomy	Wired power	Full energy autonomy
Selling price	2500€	500€

Enhanced sensing capabilities

Multifunctionality

Miniaturization

Autonomy

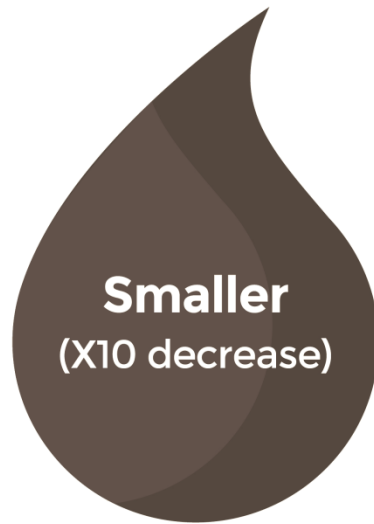
Resilience/ Reliability

Manufacturability at low cost

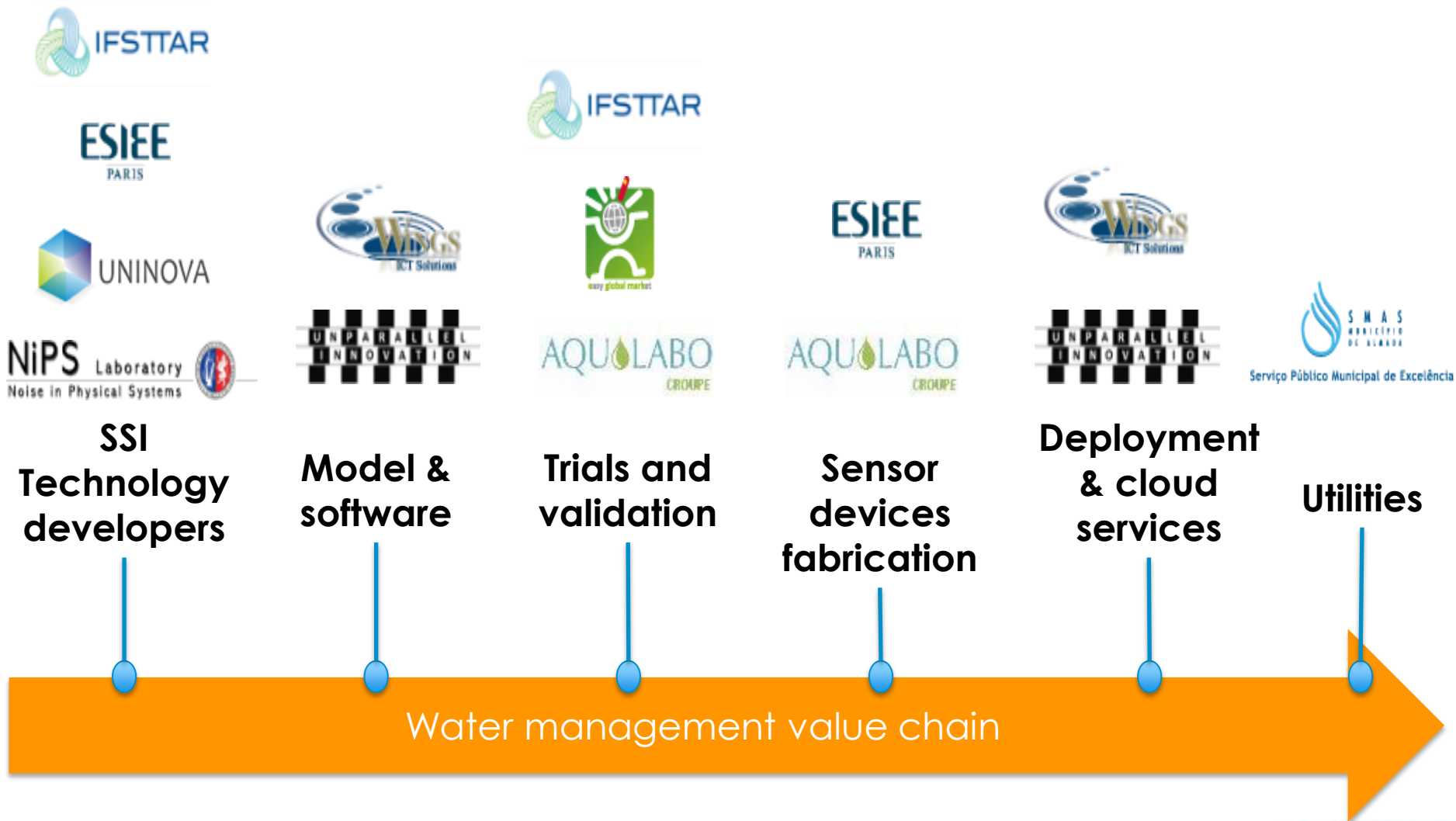
Reduced market penetration & technology transfer

PROTEUS Objectives

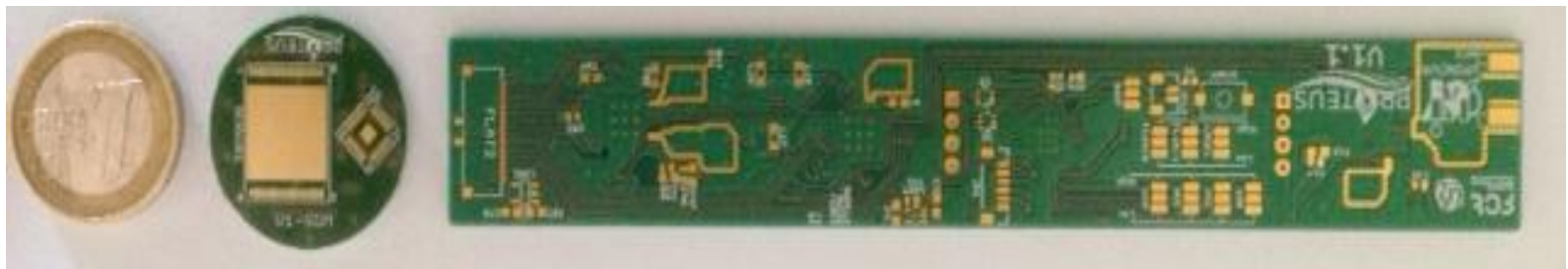
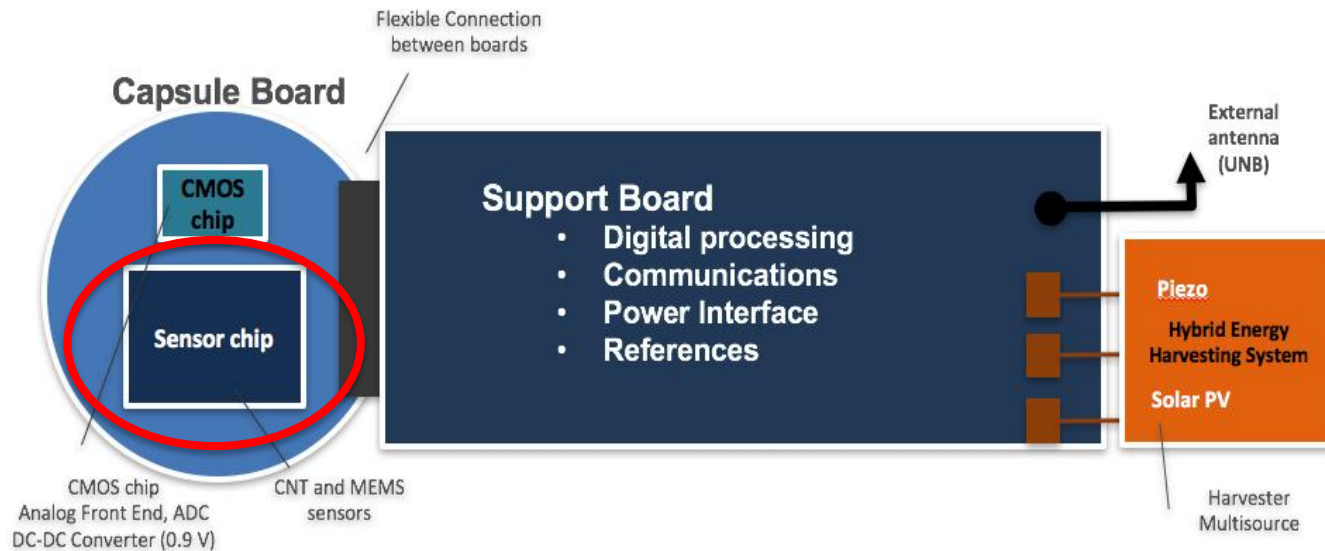
Delivering an **autonomous,**
highly **multifunctional MEMS- and nano-enabled**
sensor node for **adaptive and cognitive**
drink & waste water quality monitoring.



Proteus consortium

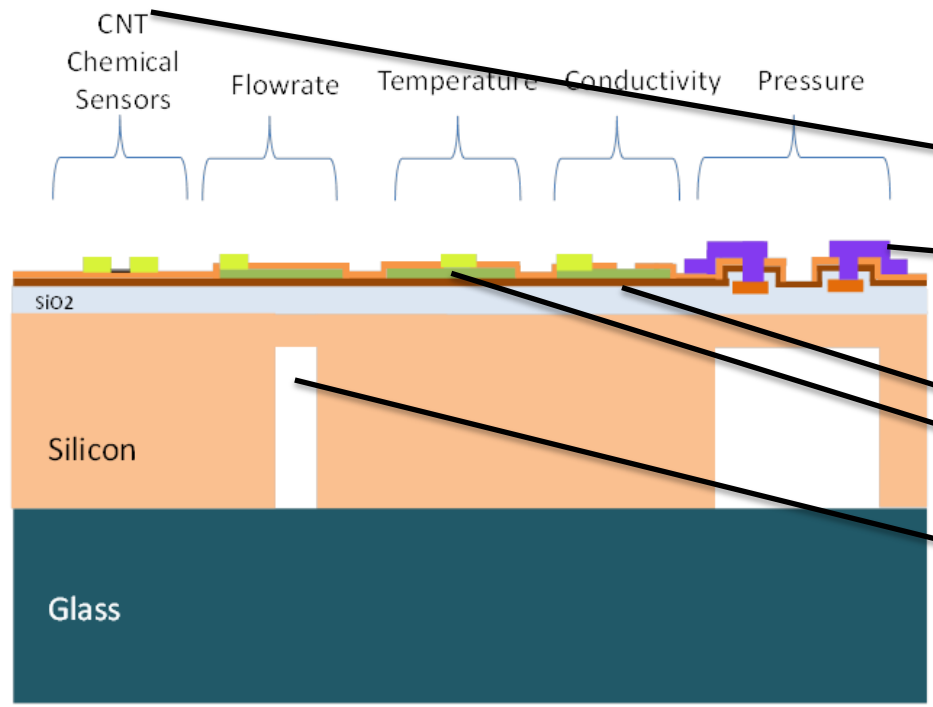


Proteus Node Functionalities

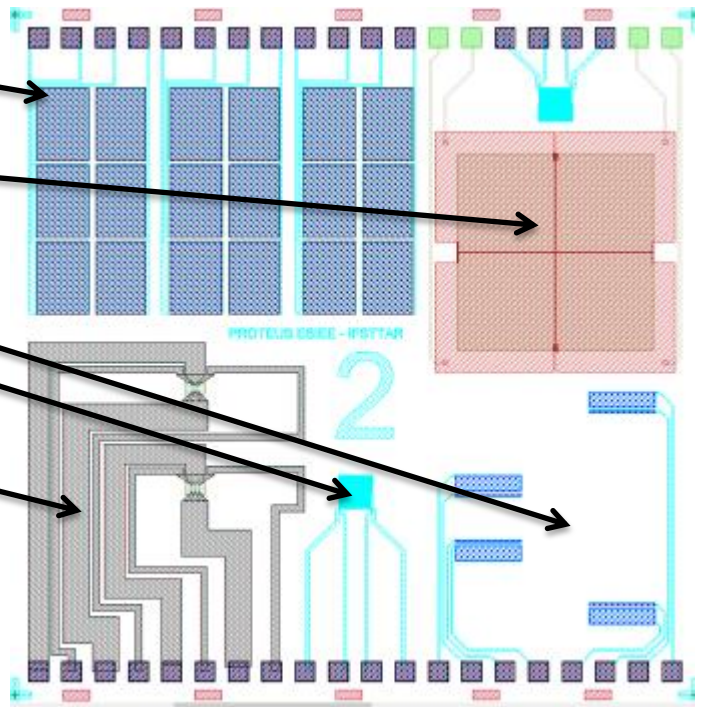


Heterointegration of Nanosensors on a MEMS platform

MEMS sensors : temperature, Conductivity, Flow rate, Pressure



Small footprint MEMS based conductivity sensor



Al₂O₃ Si₃N₄ PolySi Al Au CNT

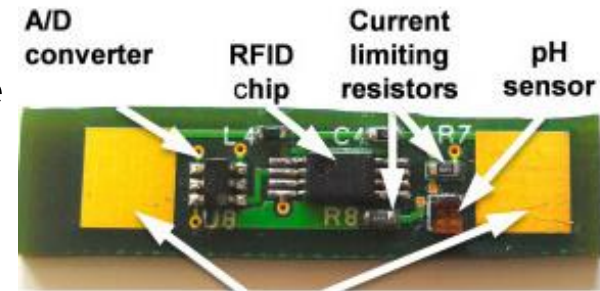
Chemical nanosensors

Carbon nanotubes based chemical sensors: **potential for low cost and compactness**

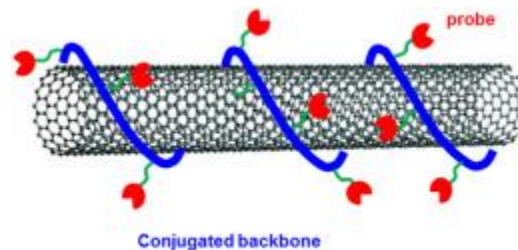
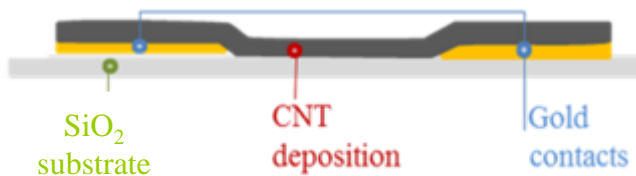
✓ Advantages: high sensitivity & a large range analytes

x Main drawback: the lack of selectivity

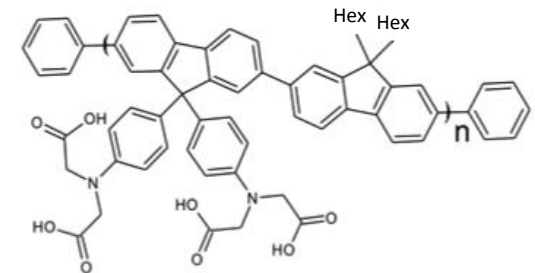
→ solution: functionalization



pH sensing **Antenna**
Scientific Reports 4 (2014): 4468

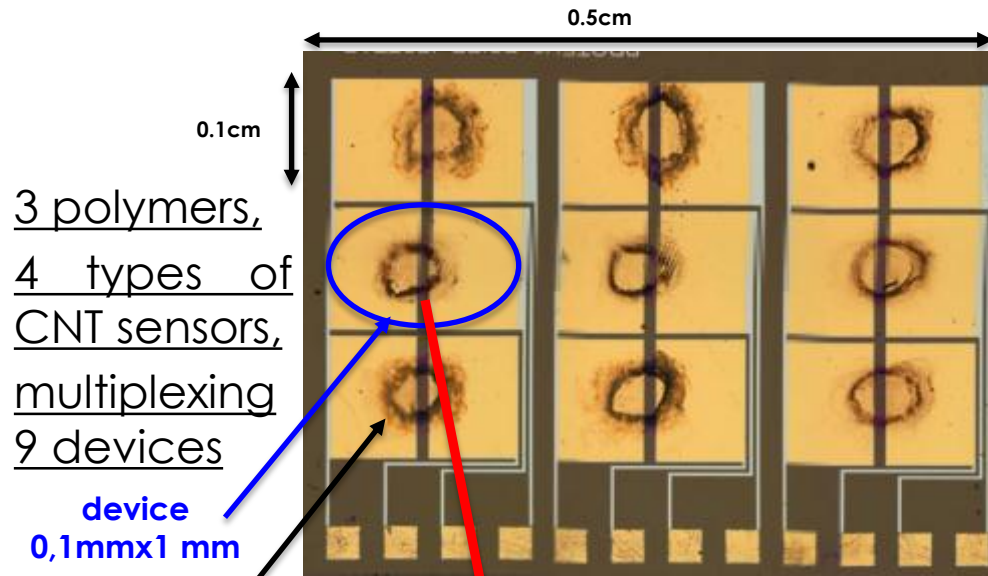


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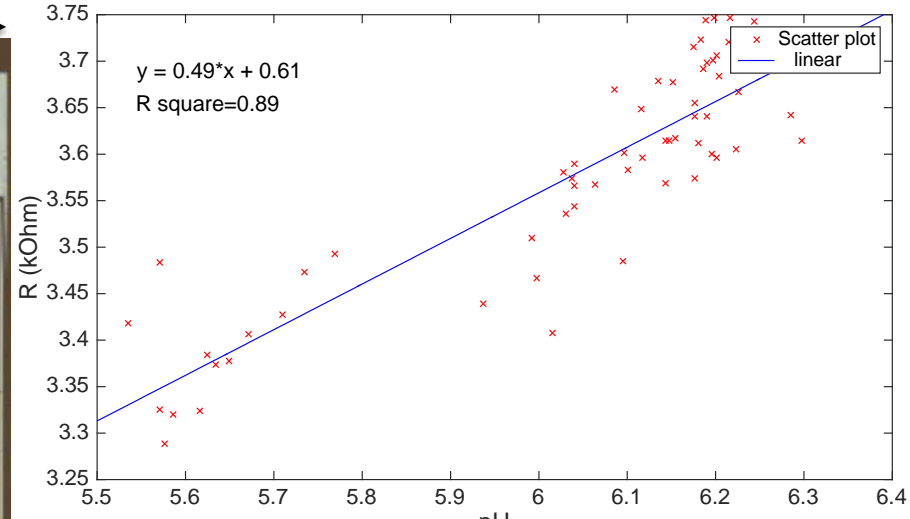
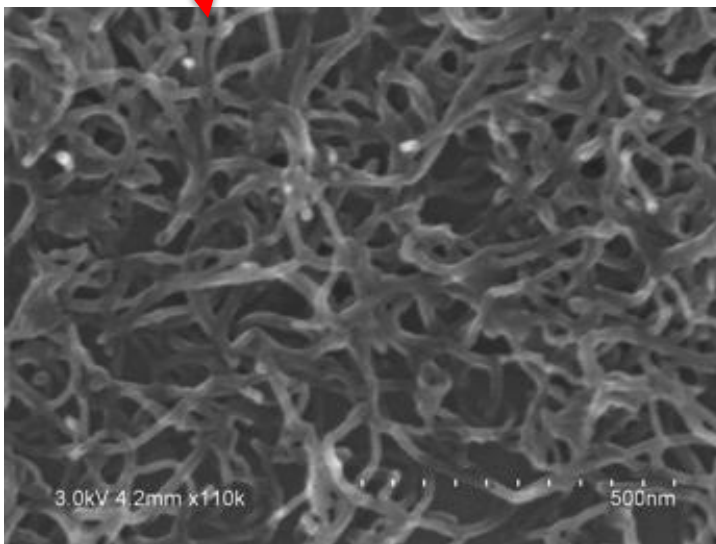


CNT sensors : pH, chlorine, chloride, hardness, nitrates

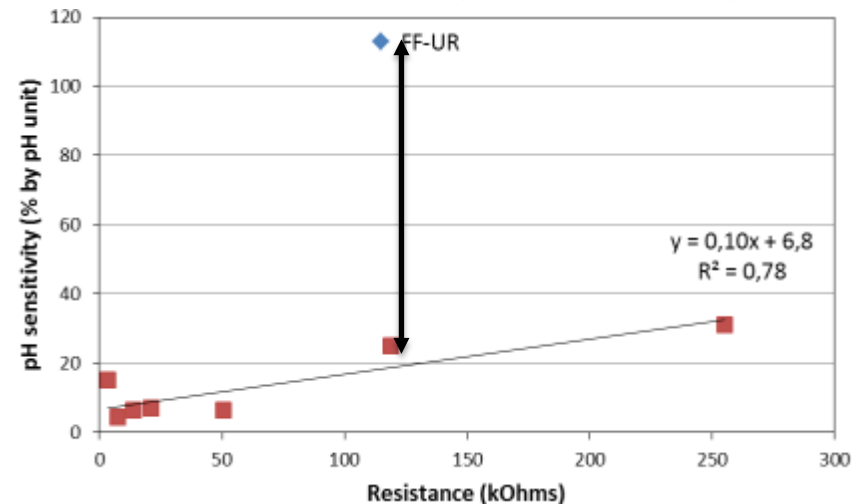
Selective chemical nanosensors



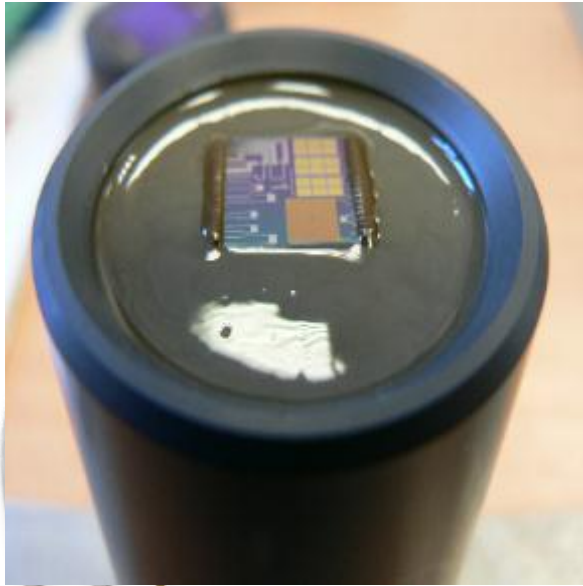
CNT
deposition



FF-UR increase
pH sensitivity 10x



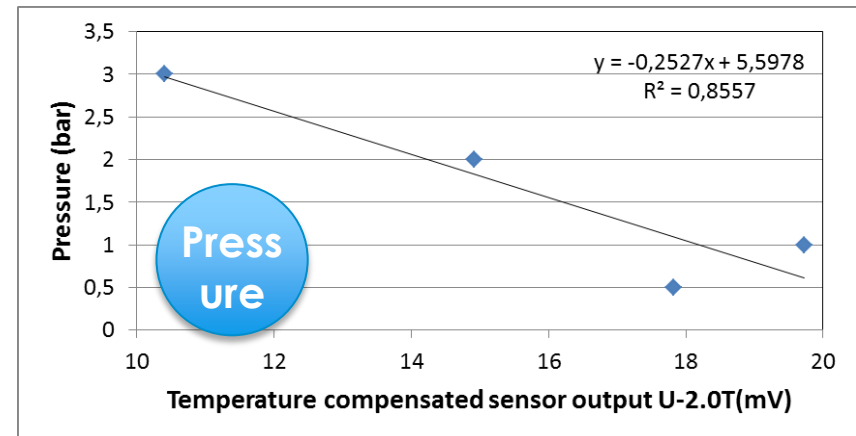
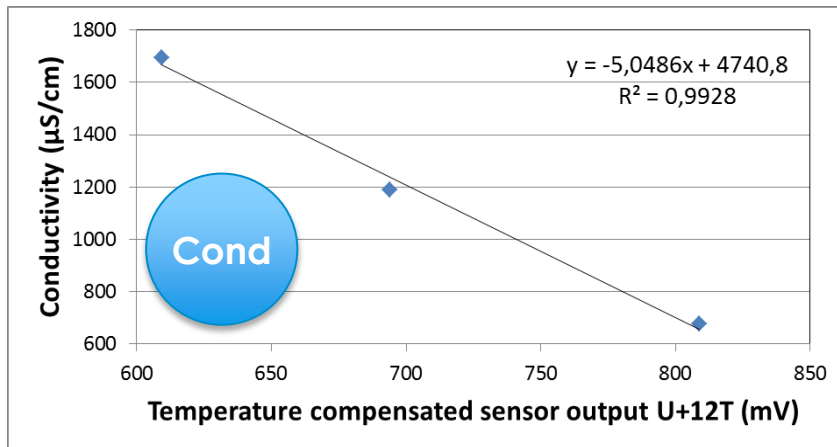
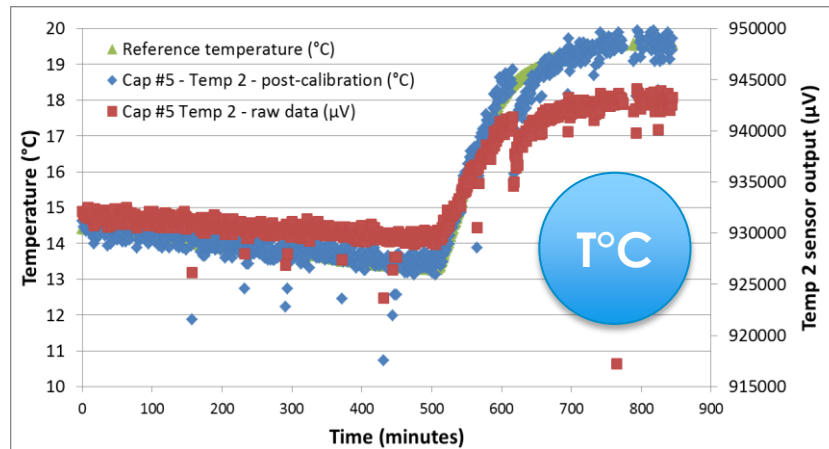
From the lab to the field: system integration in Sense-city (TRL5)



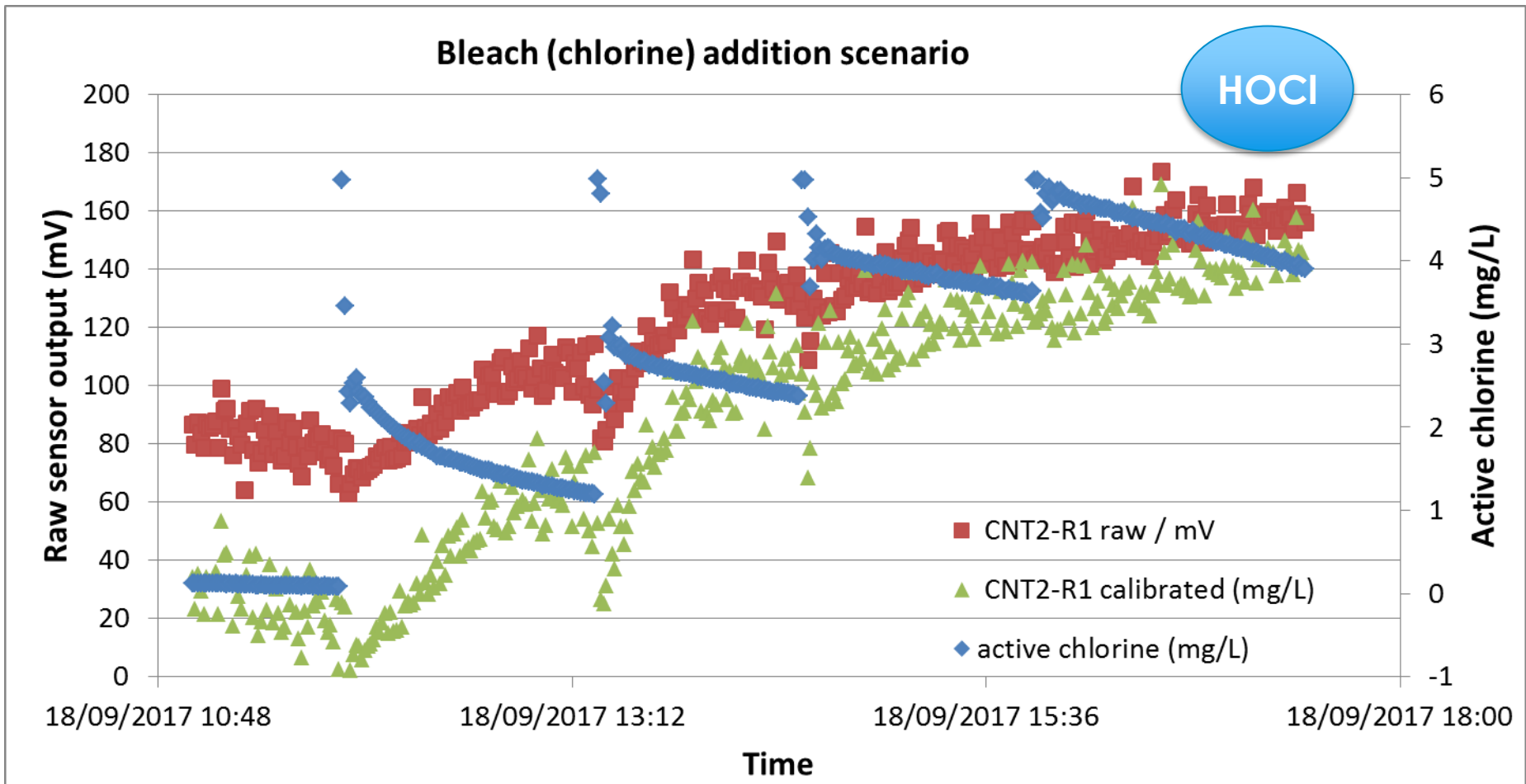
sense CITY



System-level sensitivity validation



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Conclusions and prospects

- Proteus overcomes the classical challenges of Internet of Things and Nanotechnologies
 - Multiplexing and heterointegration of nanosensors
 - End-to-end system integration up to cloud-based data management with field deployment
 - Field trials of highly innovative technologies (TRL 5)
- Prospects & future challenges
 - City deployment in Almada
 - Analysis of lifetime/reliability/reproducibility
 - ➔ industrial transfer in progress

Thank You



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