

# Single-Step, One-Pot, DNA Amplification & Electrochemical Detection via Loop-Mediated Isothermal Amplification (LAMP)

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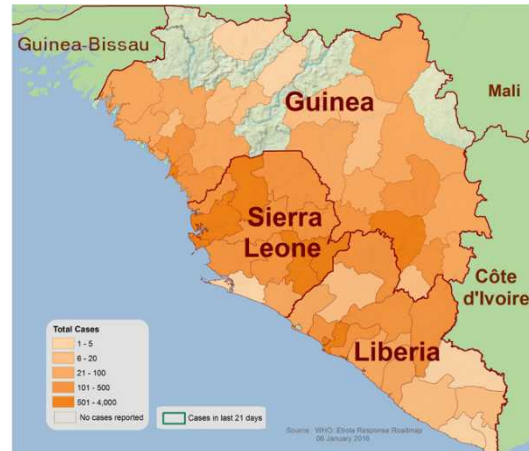


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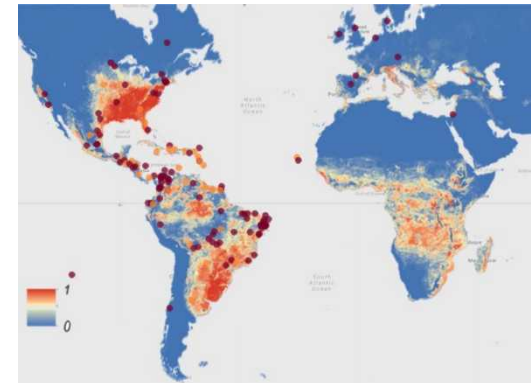
***“Deadly diseases like Ebola, Marburg, and Anthrax are prevalent in Africa. These pathogens can be made into horrible weapons aimed at our troops, our friends and allies, and even the American public. This is a threat we cannot ignore.” -Senator Lugar, stated during his 2010 trip to Africa***



## Ebola Outbreaks 2014



## Zika Outbreaks 2015-2017



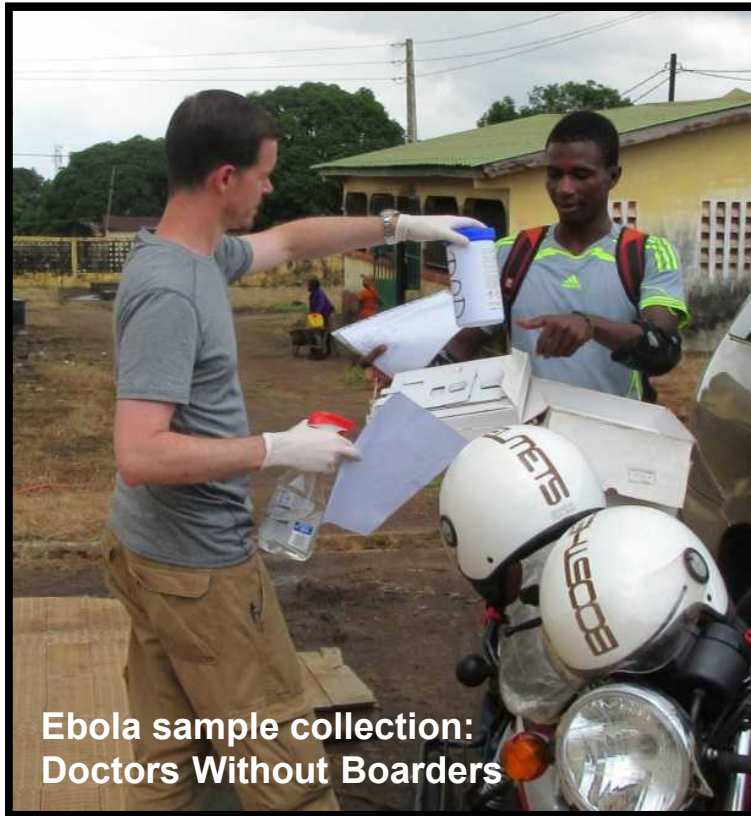
## Anthrax Outbreaks 2011



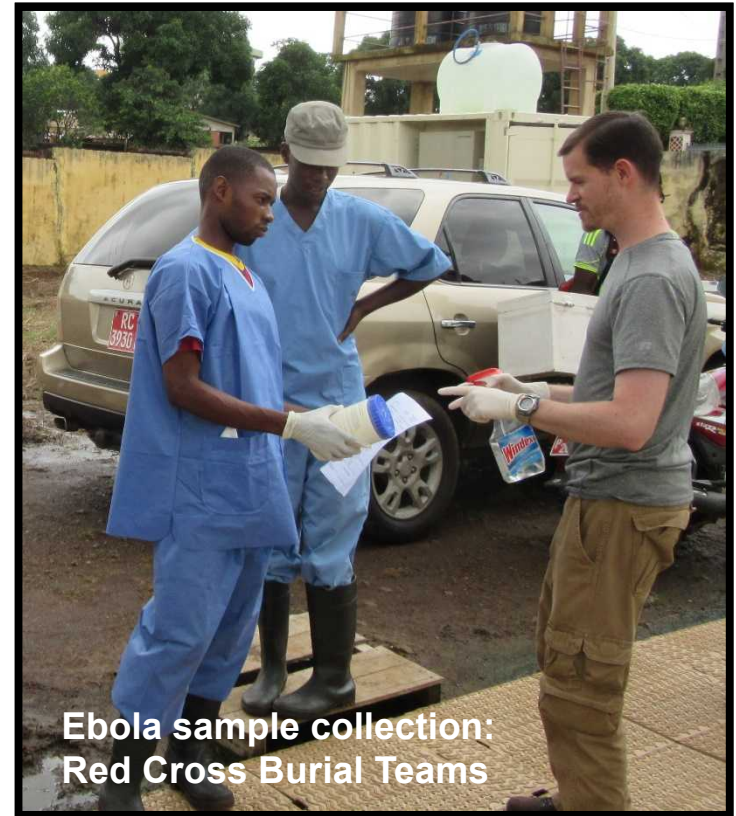
Between 2005-2012 there were 3057 Anthrax outbreaks reported



# Ebola Outbreak Response Support Conakry, Guinea



Ebola sample collection:  
Doctors Without Borders



Ebola sample collection:  
Red Cross Burial Teams



# Ratoma Ebola Diagnostic Center (REDxC)



3901 samples tested†  
**63** samples were positive

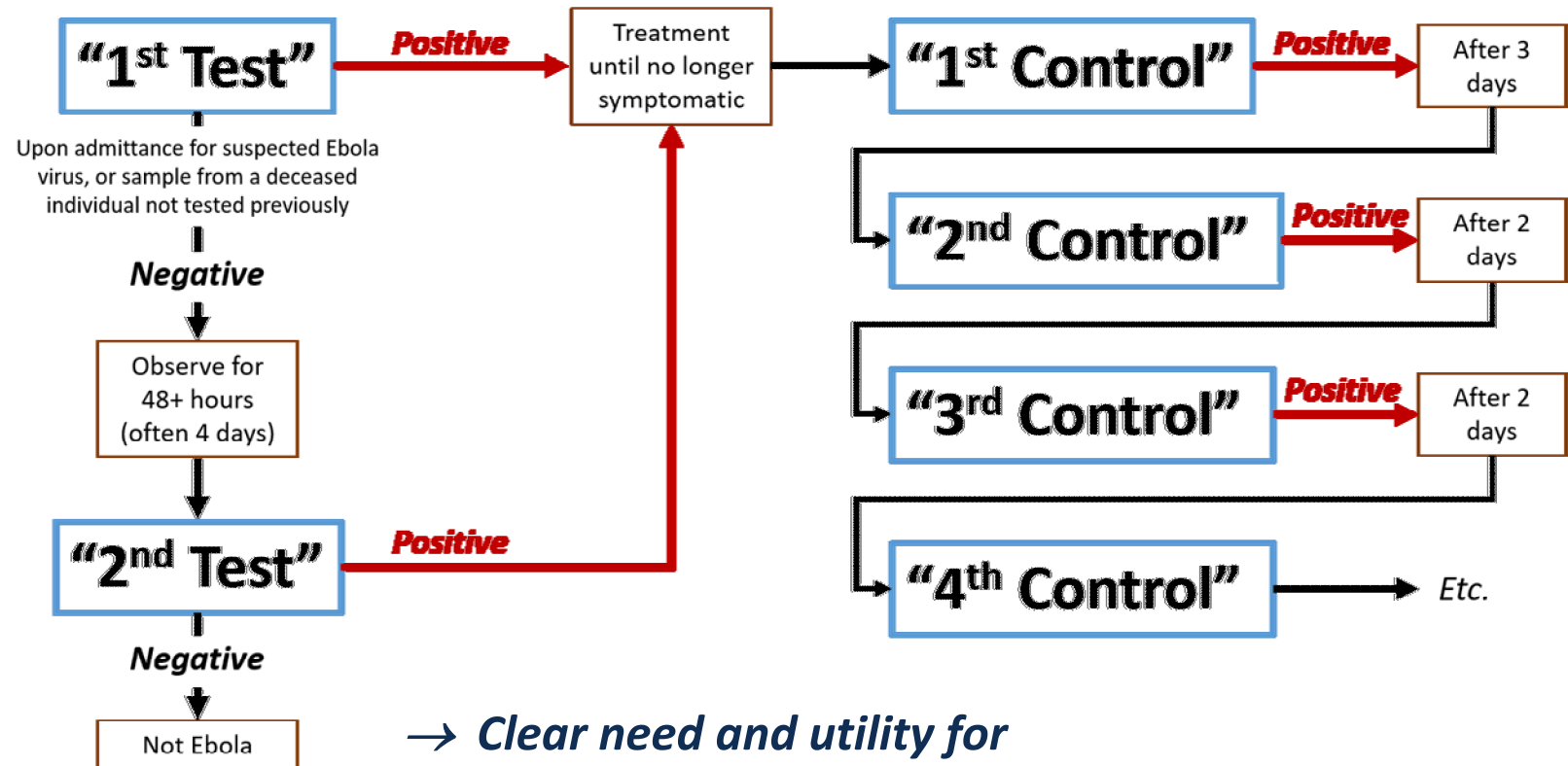
† As of March 27, 2016

# Ebola Identification Assay and Test Flow

rRT-PCR assay designed by US Naval Medical Research Center

- Trizol inactivation; BioRad RNA extraction; Applied Biosystems (ABI) 7500 Fast Dx
- Not as sensitive as GenExpert assay
- Other systems in Guinea: BioFire, Genie III, LightCycler Nano, Rotor-Gene Q

## Ebola Test Flow



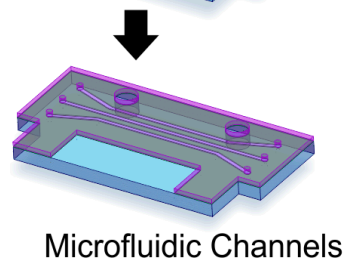
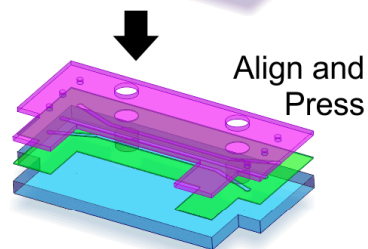
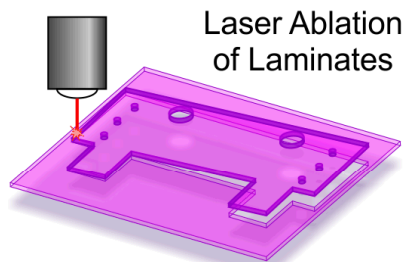
→ *Clear need and utility for point-of-care diagnostic testing*



# Towards Portable Diagnostic Devices for Use in Low Resource Environments†

## Laser Machined Plastic Laminates

### Simple 2D and 3D Fluidic Structures



### Integrated Materials and Processes

#### ELECTRODES

Gold  
Platinum  
ITO  
COTS parts

#### THERMAL

Resistive and  
conductive mat'ls

#### MAGNETICS

NdFeB

#### LASER WELDING

of Plastic  
Laminates

#### MATRICES

Silica Gels

Individually  
Addressable  
Electrode  
Arrays

Heaters  
RTDs  
Thermocouples

Fluid Channels  
to manage temp.

Fluidic Valves

Chambers

Stabilize  
Eukaryote and  
Prokaryote  
living cells

### Added Functionality

Electrochemistry  
Electrochemiluminescence  
Electro-deposited nanoparticles  
Selective/catalytic thin films

Temperature control to  
denature and anneal  
double-stranded DNA

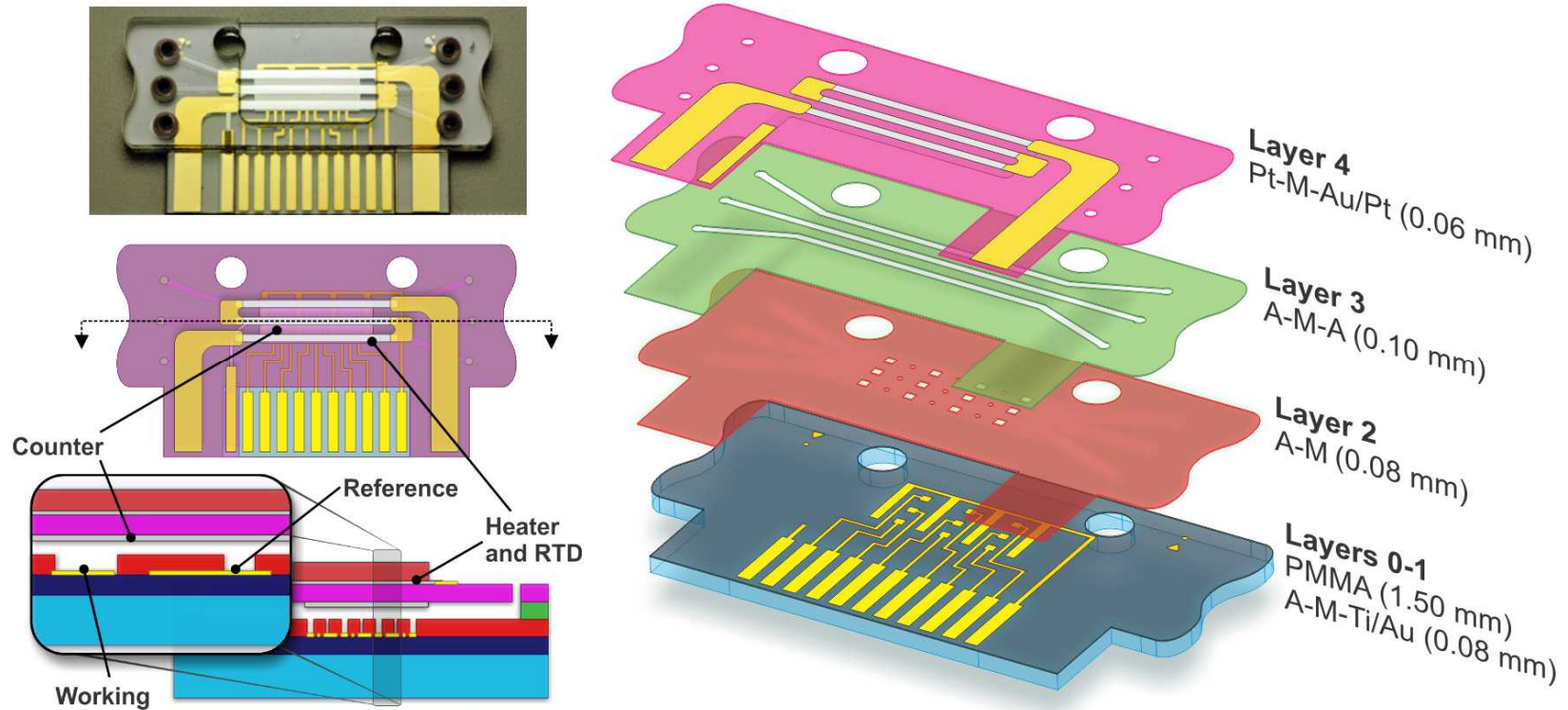
On-device reagent storage

Integrated, low-cost, simple  
fluidic distribution

Sample capture and storage

Cell-based biosensing

# A Parallel Microfluidic Channel Fixture for E-chem & Chemiluminescent Detection of DNA<sup>†</sup>

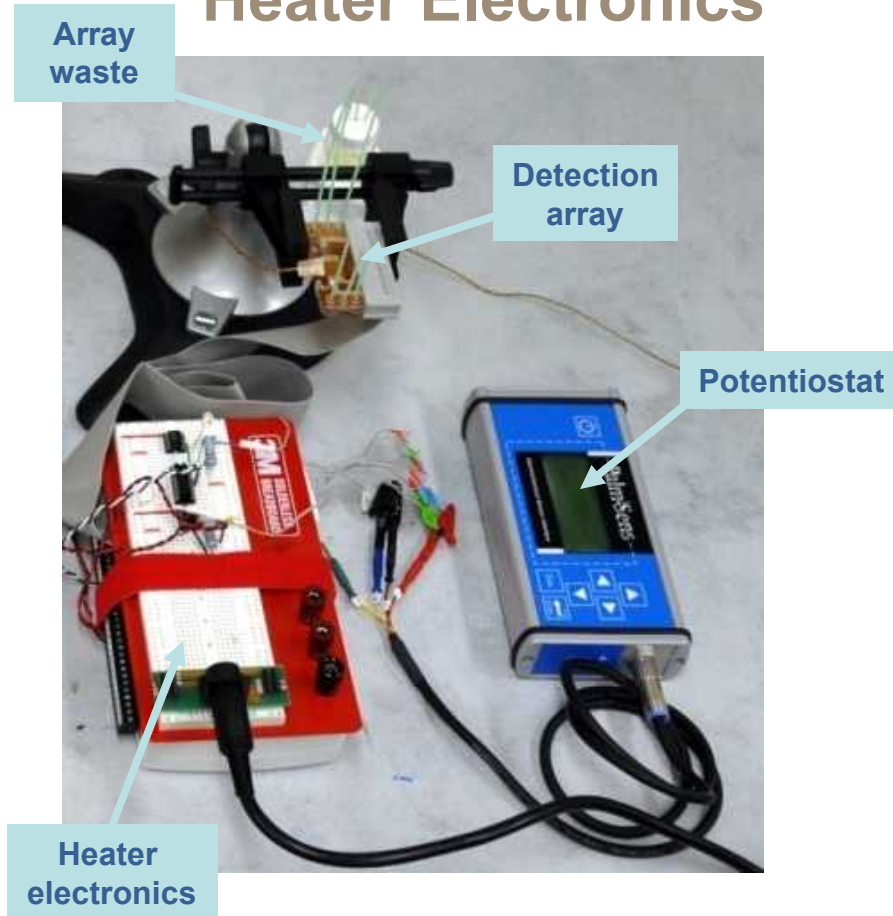


- *Three microfluidic channels*
- *Three working electrodes per channel*
- *Integrated resistive element heater*
- *Versatile electrode materials: carbon, ITO, Au, Pt*

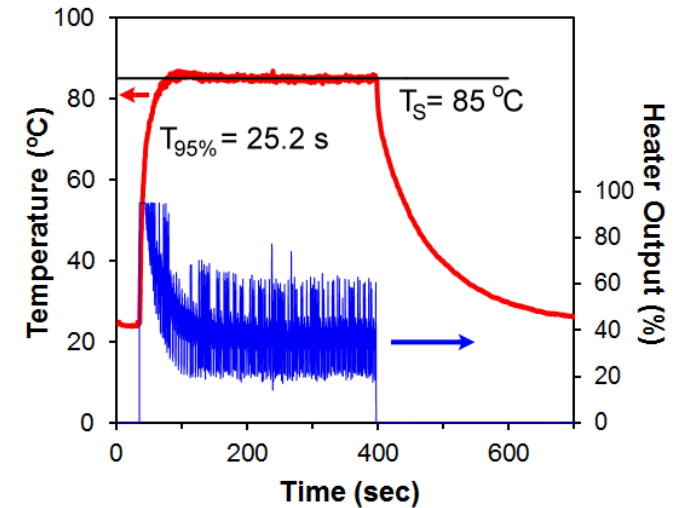
<sup>†</sup> Edwards, Harper *et al. Biomicrofluidics* **2011**, 5, 044115

# Portable system; dsDNA Melting & Detection

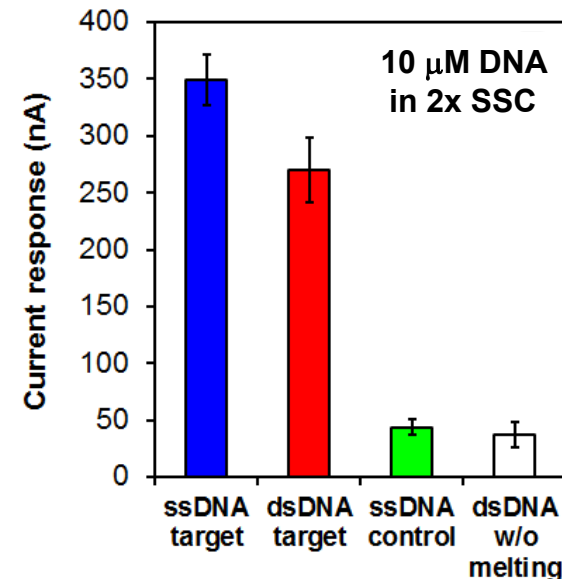
## Detection and Heater Electronics



## dsDNA Melting



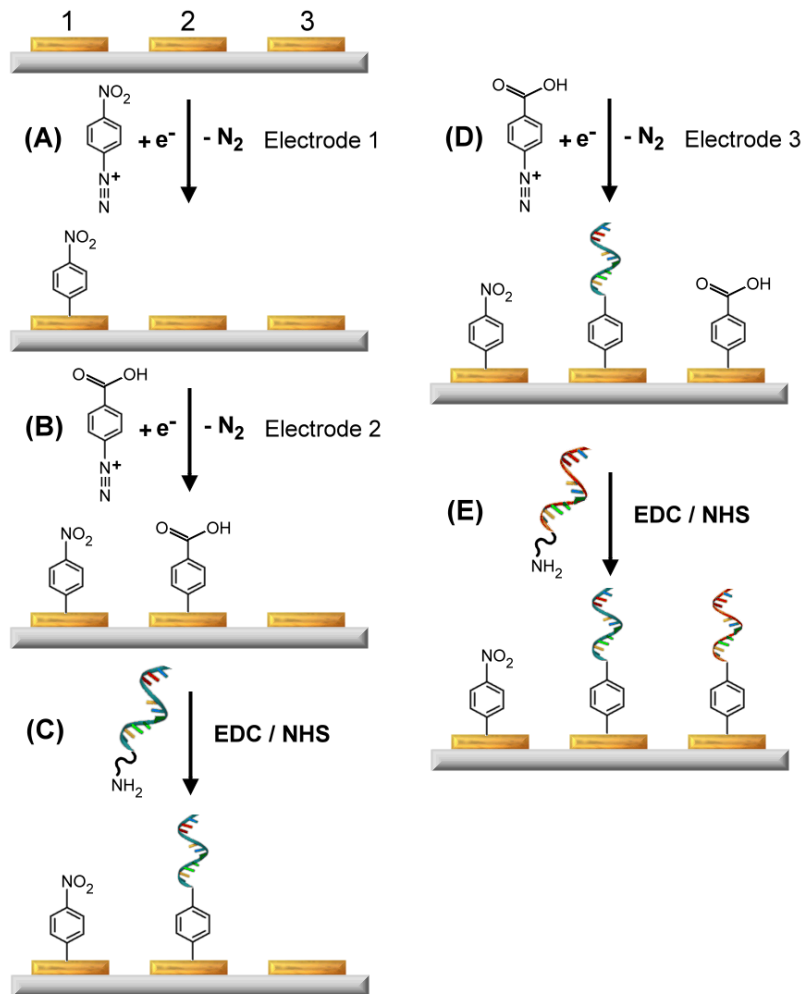
## dsDNA Detection



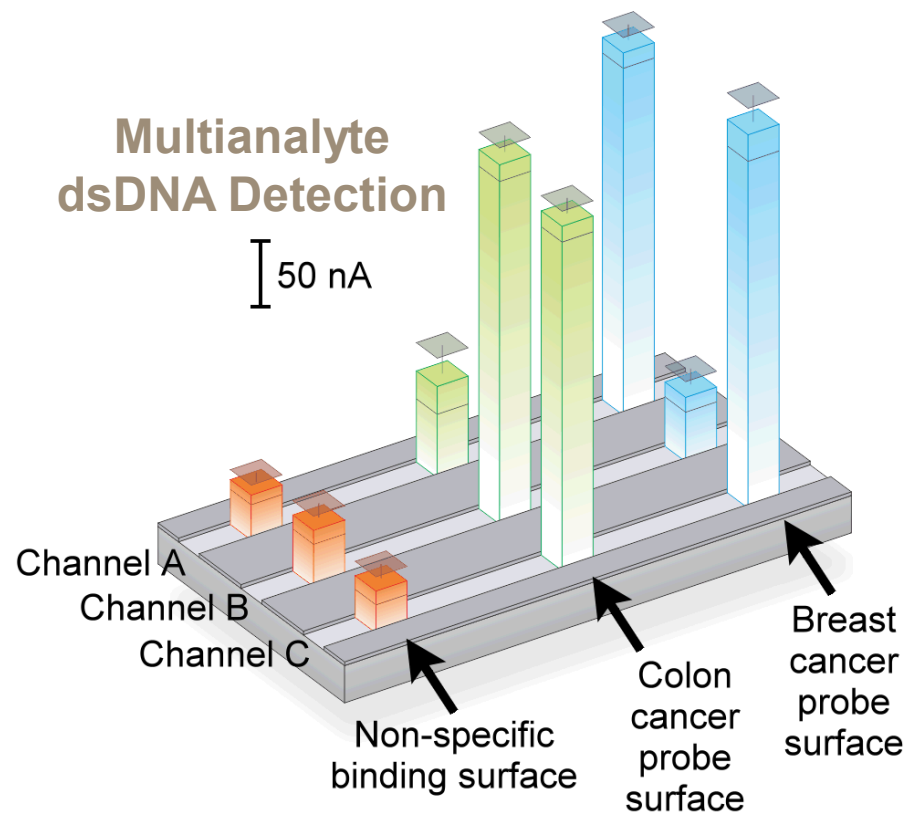


# Selective Electrode Functionalization and Multianalyte dsDNA Detection

## Selective Functionalization of 3 Element Au Array



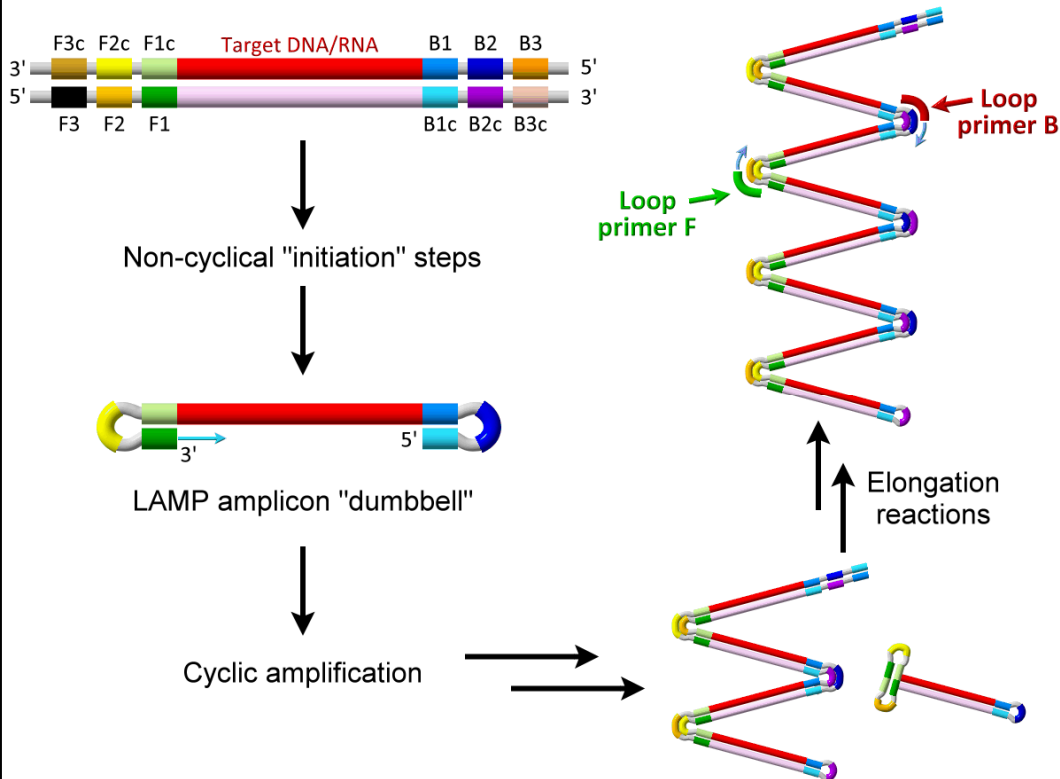
## Multianalyte dsDNA Detection



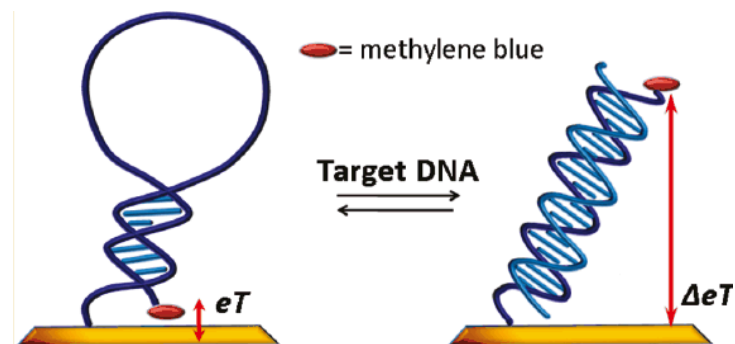
- High detection limit ( $\sim 10$  nM)
- Multiple steps (washing, labeling, addition of reagent)
- Not readily adaptable for RNA

# Single-Step, One-Pot, DNA & RNA Amplification & E-chemical Detection

## Loop-Mediated Isothermal Amplification (LAMP)



## Electroactive Molecular Beacon<sup>†</sup>



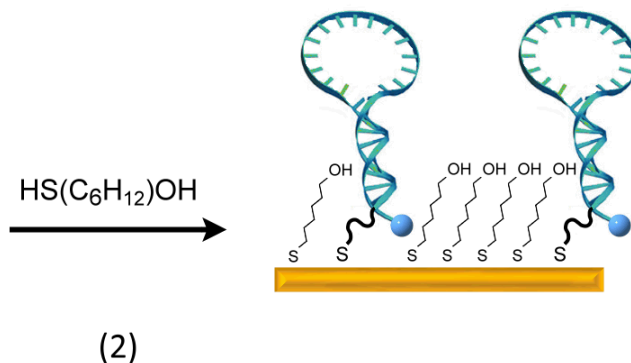
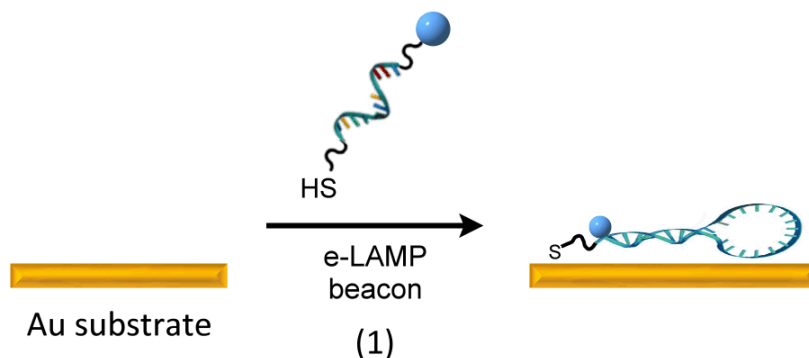
- One-step (no washing, labeling)
- No addition of reagent
- Can be used for DNA & RNA detection
- Immobilization on electrode surface
  - Simple multiplexing on individually addressable electrodes
  - Long-term stability
  - May be capable of reuse
  - May be capable of *in-situ* detection

<sup>†</sup> Farjami et al. *Anal. Chem.* **2011**, 83, 1594.

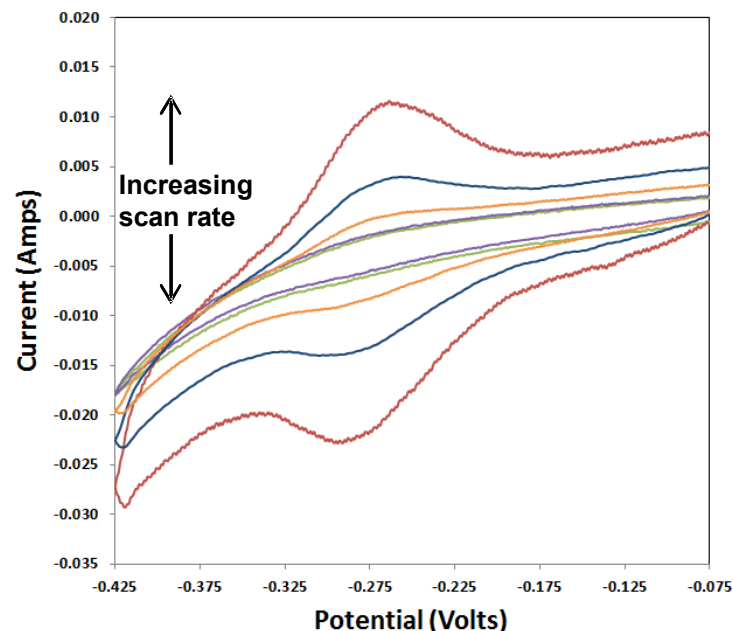


# Assembly and Characterization of E-chem Molecular Beacon Thiol-Au SAM Surface<sup>†</sup>

## Thiol-Au Self-Assembling Monolayer



## Electrochemical Response

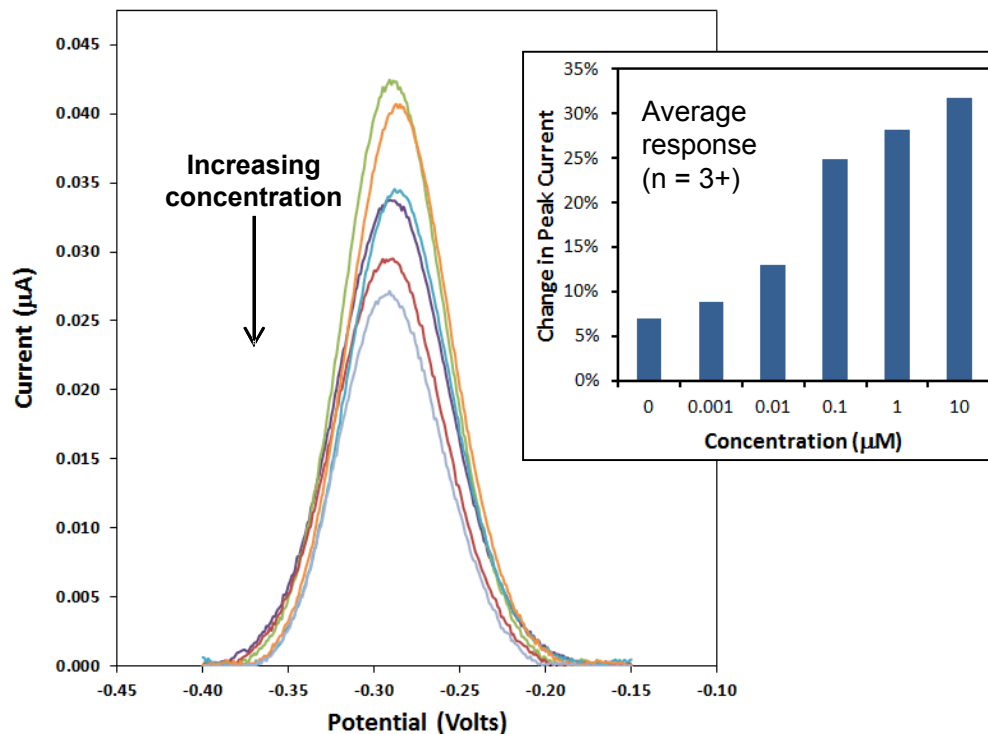


Cyclic voltammogram in 1x DPBS, pH 7.1,  $\nu = 10, 25, 50, 100, \text{ and } 200 \text{ mV/s}$ ; Ag/AgCl reference.

- Direct electron transfer obtained between electrode and MB-molecular beacon
- Linear peak current vs. voltage scan rate ( $\nu$ ) confirms surface immobilized
- Quasi-Nernstian redox response

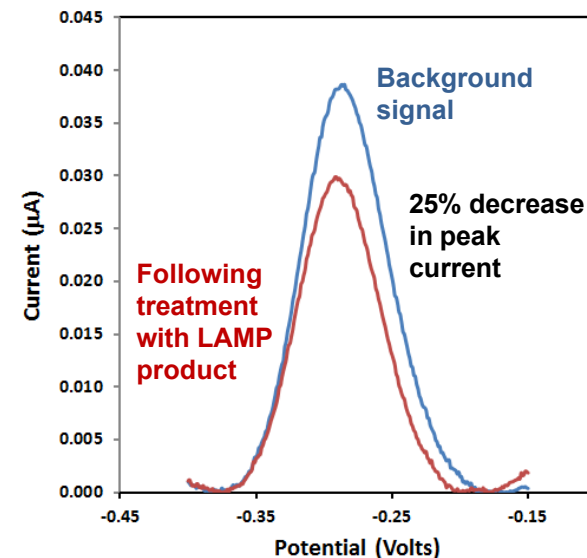
# Label-Free and Reagent-less Electrochemical DNA Detection

## Electrochemical Detection of Loop F Complement (Synthetic)



Square wave voltammograms in 1x DPBS, pH 7.1, 25 mV pulse amplitude, 1 mV step, 10 Hz; Target DNA concentrations: 0, 1, 10, 100, 1000, 10000 nM; Ag/AgCl reference.

## Electrochemical Detection of LAMP Product ( $t_0 = 4$ pM)



SWV in 1x DPBS, pH 7.1, 25 mV pulse amplitude, 1 mV step, 10 Hz; Ag/AgCl reference; MS2 LAMP product.

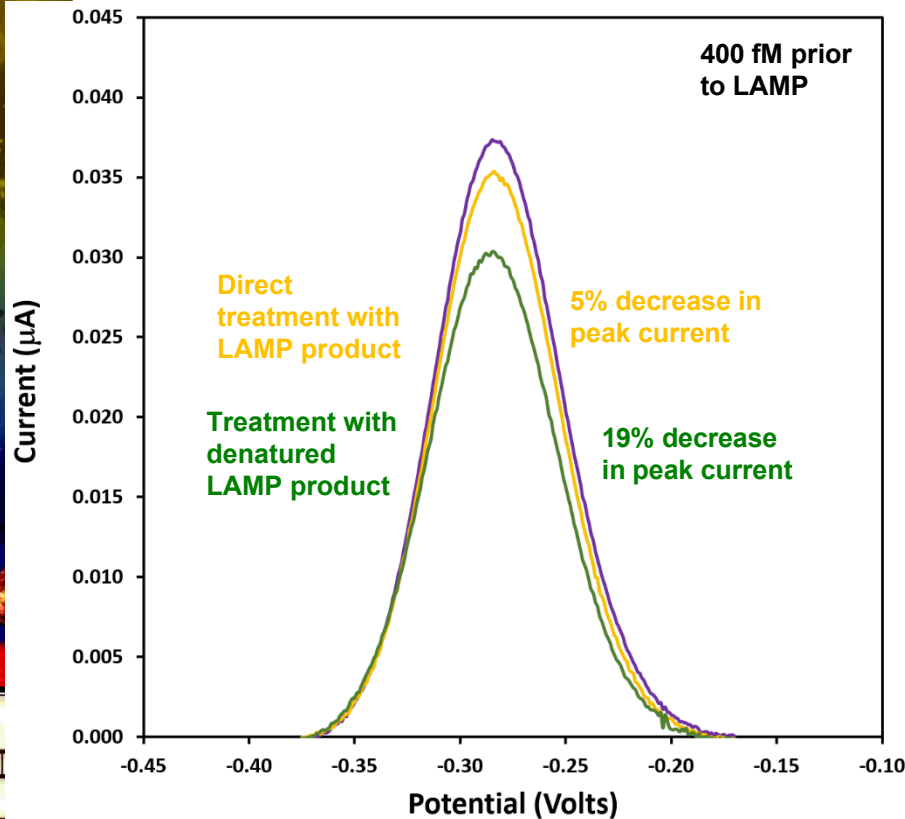
*All measurements performed with hand-held potentiostat and smart phone/tablet app*

- Detection limit = 3 nM ( $5\sigma$  signal to noise)

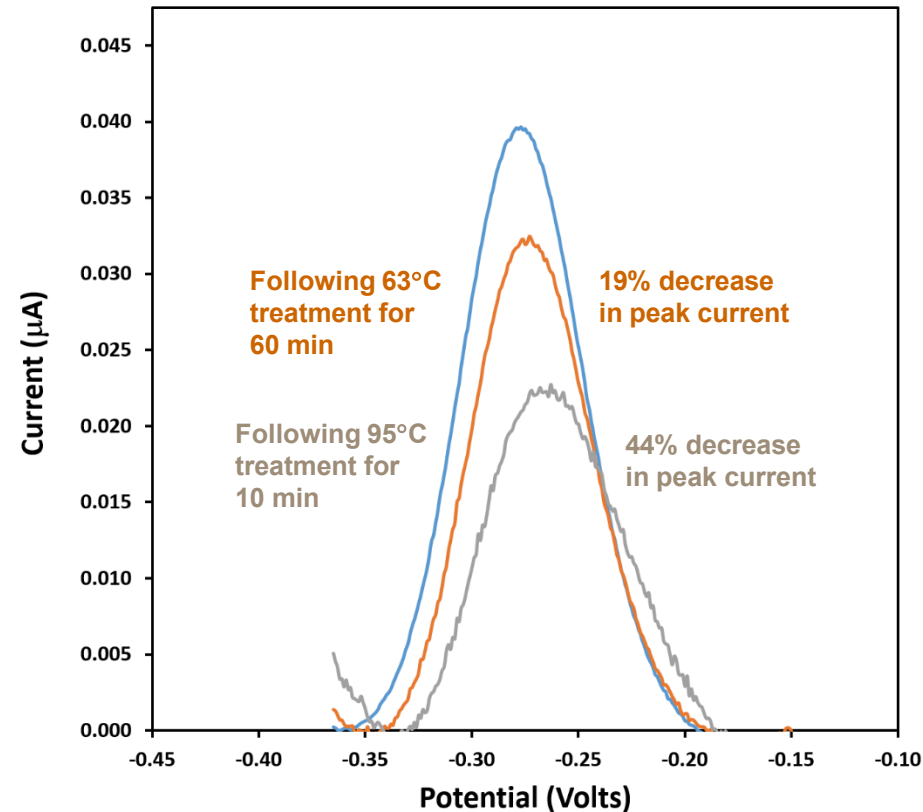


# *In-Situ* Detection of LAMP Product Requires dsDNA Melting → Disrupts Thiol-Au SAM

## Direct Detection of LAMP Product vs. Denatured (95 °C) LAMP Product

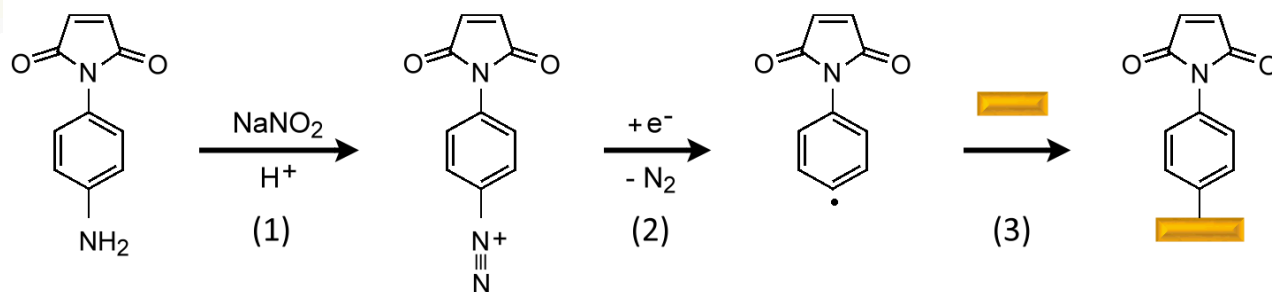


## Thiol-Au SAM Stability to High Temperature Incubations

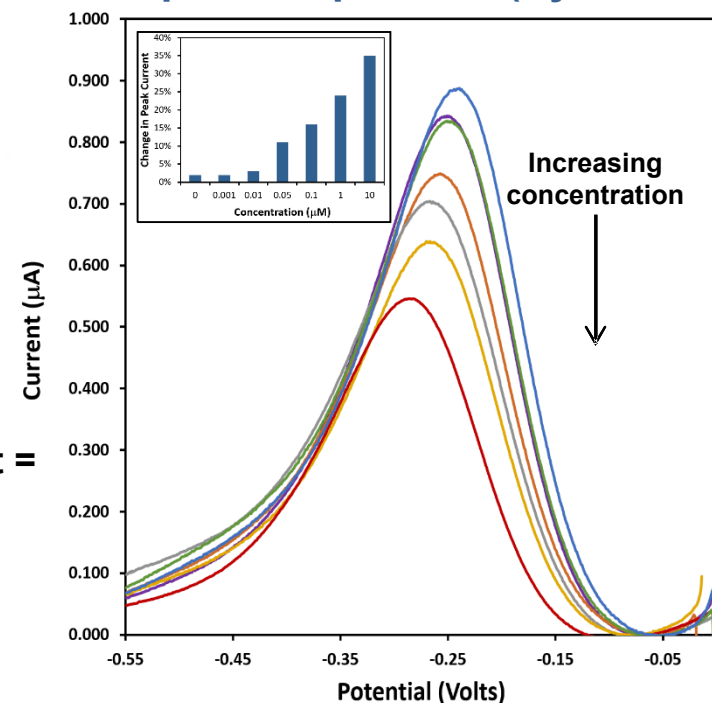


→ SAM instability at high temperatures makes in-situ LAMP product detection more challenging

# Phenylmaleimide Surface Formed from *In-Situ* Diazotization and Electrochemical Grafting



## Electrochemical Detection of Loop F Complement (Synthetic)



Detection limit =  
26 nM ( $5\sigma$  STN)

† Harper at  
*al. Langmuir*  
2008, 24,  
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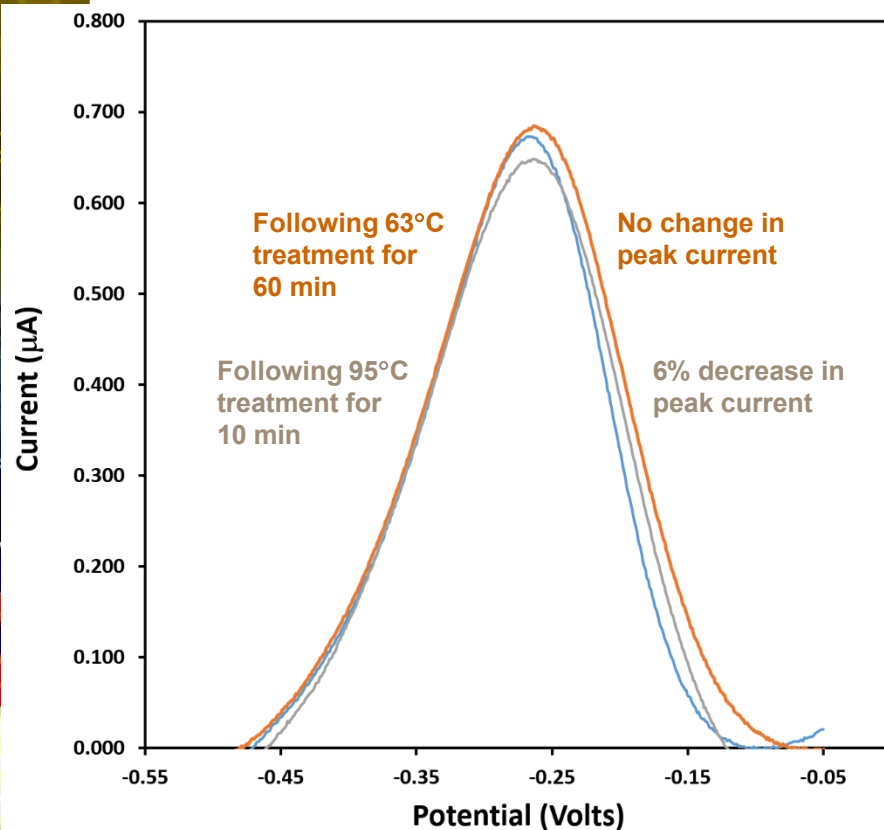
Deposition method	Film thickness (angstroms)	Equivalent monolayer†
25 sec CA	$28.4 \pm 5.3$	3.1
80 sec CA	$34.9 \pm 3.9$	3.8
300 sec CA	$42.2 \pm 2.5$	4.6
1 CV	$27.0 \pm 5.9$	3.0
2 CVs	$32.1 \pm 4.4$	3.5
5 CVs	$34.9 \pm 4.1$	3.8

SWV in 1x DPBS, pH 7.1, 25 mV pulse amplitude, 1 mV step, 10 Hz; Target DNA concentrations: 0, 1, 10, 50, 100, 1000, 10000 nM; Ag/AgCl reference.

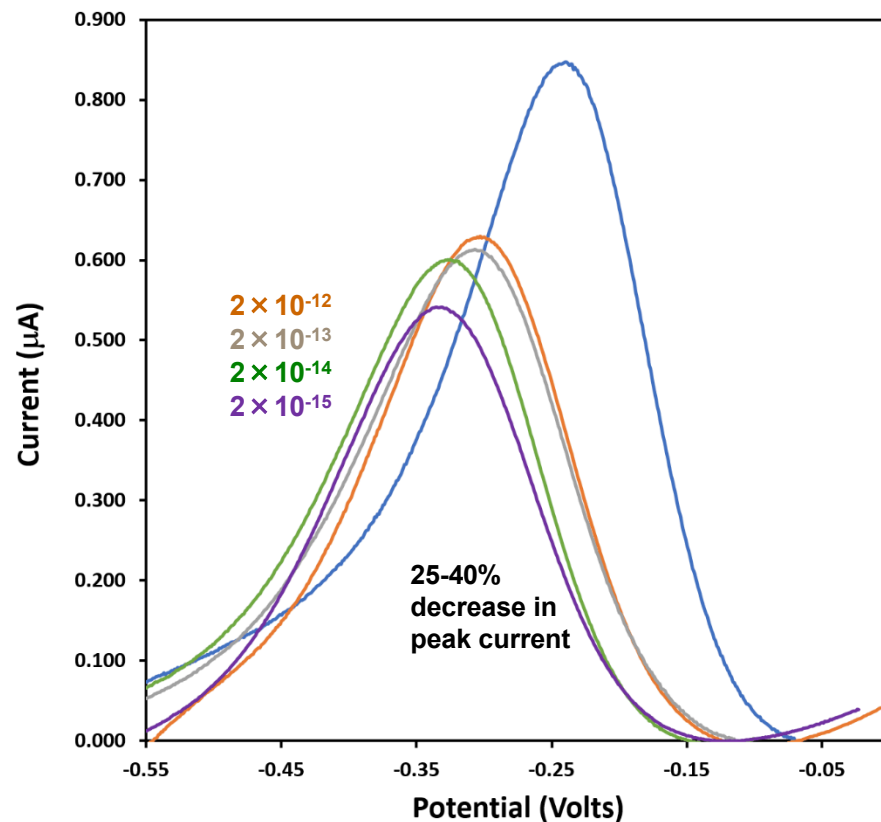


# Single-Step, One-Pot, DNA Amplification & Electrochemical Detection

## Phenylmaleimide Stability to High Temperature Incubations



## Direct Detection of Denatured (95 °C, 10 min) LAMP Product



→ *Stability of phenylmaleimide e-chem hairpin surface may allow for in-situ detection of LAMP products*

# Summary

## Loop-Mediated Isothermal Amplification

- One-step, one-pot
- Detection shown from 2 fM amplified to approx. 1  $\mu$ M
- Amplify DNA and RNA

## Electroactive Molecular Beacon

- One-step, one-pot (no washing)
- Reagent-less
- Pseudo label-free
- Requires melting of dsDNA LAMP product
- Need on-device heater ✓
- Need background scan ✓
- Signal 'off' mechanism

## Thiol-Au Self Assembling Monolayer Surface

- Detection limit = 3 nM
- The Au-thiol bond was not stable at 63 °C or 95 °C
- Can detect LAMP product if heating done in separate chamber

## *In-situ* Diazotization Phenylmaleimide Surface

- Detection limit = 26 nM
- The phenyl-gold bond was stable at 63 °C and 95 °C
- May allow of *in-situ* detection of LAMP product
- May allow for multi-analyte detection (bias-assisted selective immobilization)

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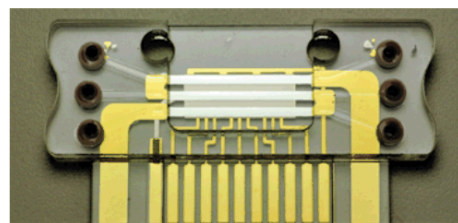
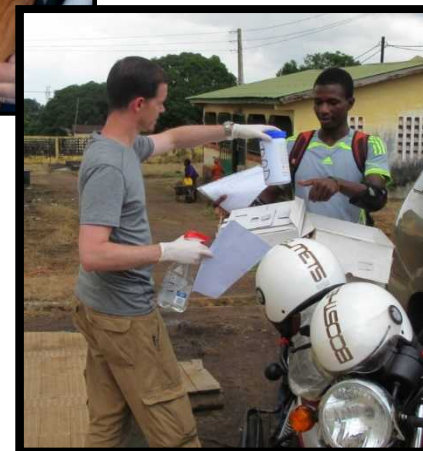
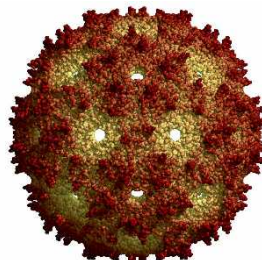
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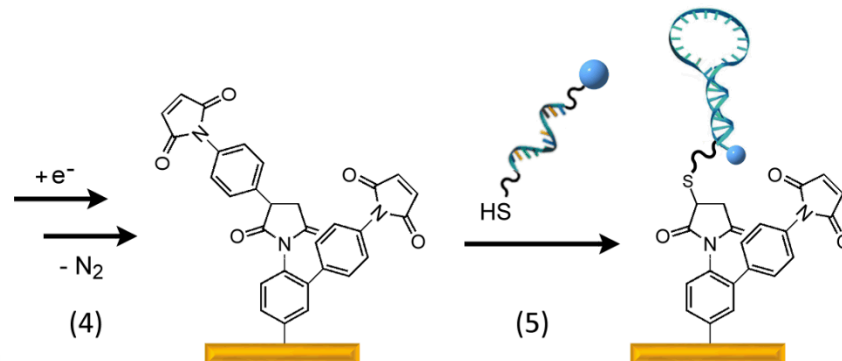


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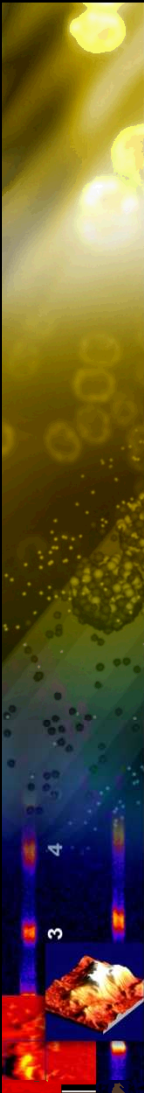
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# E-Chem Molecular Beacon Design; Au-Thiol Self-Assembling Monolayer (SAM)

## Electroactive Molecular Beacon Design

5' – **Thiol** (C6) **GCGAG** **GATTCCGTAGTGTGAGCG** **CTCGC** (C7) **MB** – 3'

Only one stable secondary structure (hair-pin)  
Hair-pin melts at 49.6 °C; Loops melts at 56.3 °C

**Thiol:** Forms SAM on gold electrodes; handle for conjugation

**Stem sequence:** 5 bases with high G content

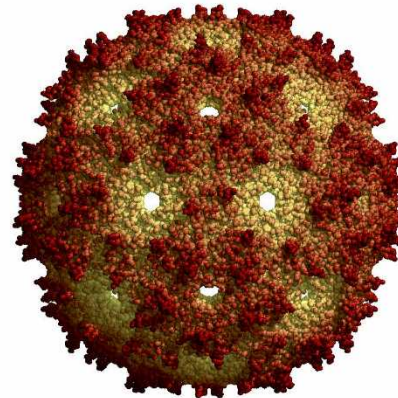
**Loop sequence:** LAMP primer Loop F sequence (MS2, 18 bases)

**Methylene blue:** Most stable commercial redox active modification;  
high redox activity in aqueous medium

Carbon spacers: Improve access of analyte DNA to immobilized beacon;  
improve mobility required for MB electron transfer

## MS2 RNA Virus

- 3569 nucleotides of single-stranded, positive-sense RNA
- 27 nm diameter sphere
- One copy of the maturation protein
- 180 copies of the coat protein (organized as 90 dimers)

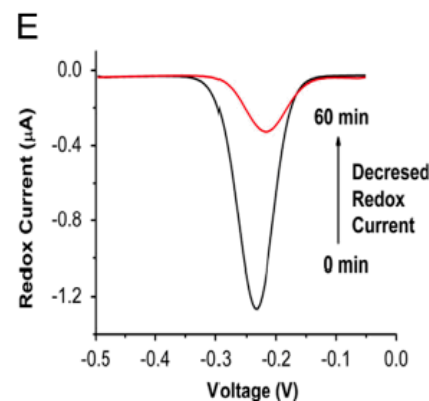
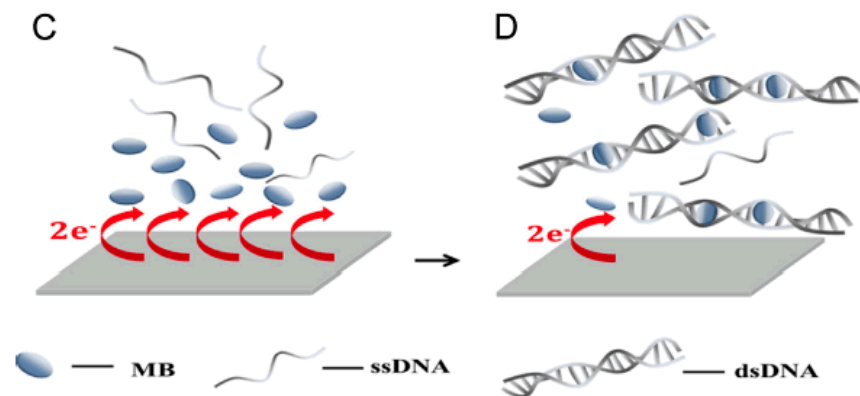


# Electrochemical-Based Detection of LAMP Products

*Electrochemical-based assays allow for simple and inexpensive biodetection with deployable microanalytical systems:*

- Leverages integrated circuit technology producing tightly arrayed electrodes at very low cost
- Electrodes are readily functionalizable with stable and addressable surface chemistry (diazonium, alkane-thiol)
- Electrochemical measurement is already in the format required for signal transduction and processing (no optics, photodiodes, etc. required)
- Simple multianalyte detection via selective functionalization of individually addressable electrode arrays and/or redox probes with differing formal potential
- Detection limits are comparable or lower than fluorescent-based detection

## E-chem Detection of LAMP Products<sup>†, §</sup>



Both reports use redox active intercalators

- Allows for real-time detection
- Requires addition of reagent
- Signal “off” mechanism
- More challenging to multiplex

<sup>†</sup> Lou et al. *Biosens. Bioelectron.* **2014**, 60, 84.

<sup>§</sup> Safavieh al., *Biosens. Bioelectron.* **2014**, 58, 101.