



Analyzing a Combinatorial Pt:Ru Library for Differentiating Sugars in Solution Using Multivariate Data Analysis

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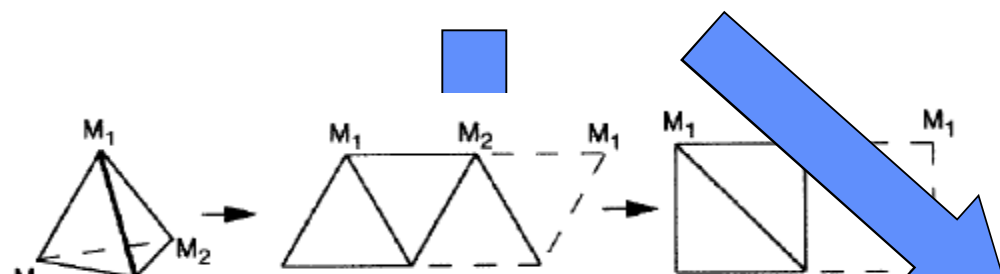
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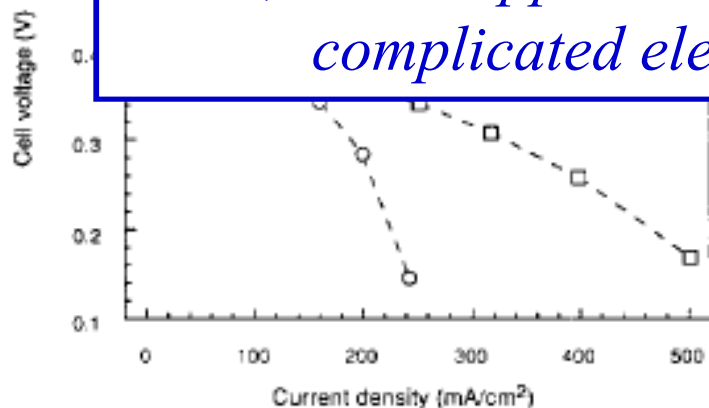
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Combinatorial electrocatalyst synthesis differs from first principle type approaches; the challenge is the screening method



But, what happens when you want to look at more complicated electrochemical data sets?

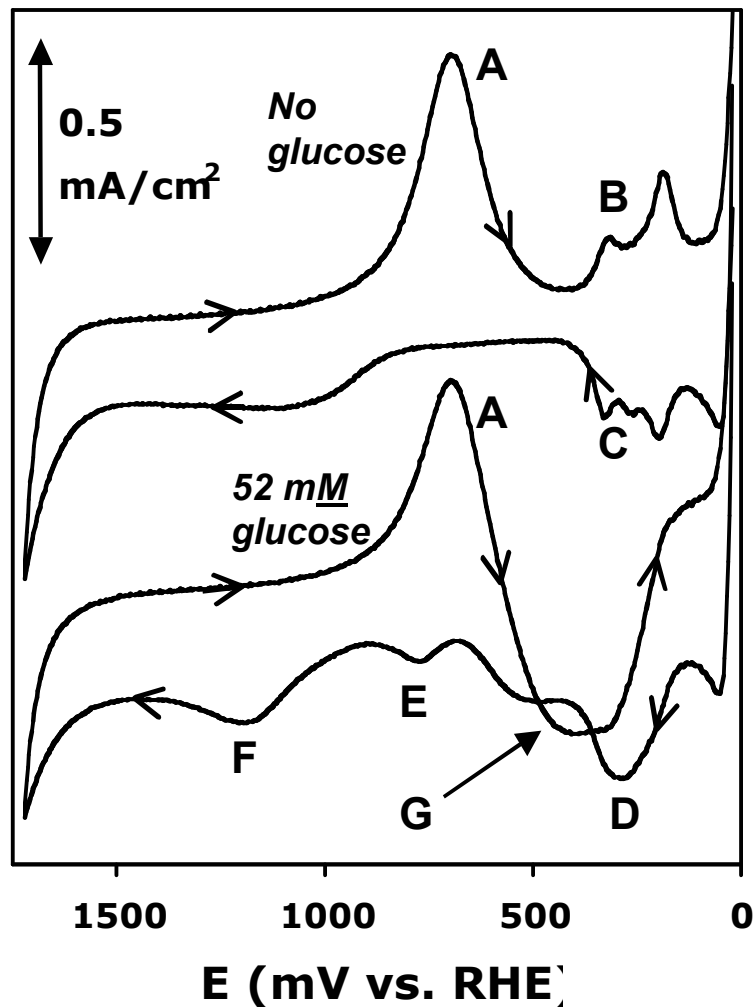


- Combinatorial synthesis first used in pharmaceutical industry (10^5 assays per day)
- Create large libraries of samples
- Challenge 1: creating library

- Challenge 2: sample screening
 - Electrochemical (usually very simple)
 - Optical / Spectroscopic

*Complicated Electrochemistry: Glucose oxidation.
Glucose electrochemistry is important for medical
applications, sensing, for use as a fuel.*

Pt disk, pH 7



A Pt surface oxide reduction

B Deposition of adsorbed H

C Oxidation of adsorbed H

D $\text{Pt-H} + \text{OH}^- \rightarrow \text{Pt} + \text{H}_2\text{O} + \text{e}^-$

$\text{Pt} + \text{glucose} + \text{OH}^- \rightarrow$

$\text{Pt-glucose}_{\text{ads}} + \text{H}_2\text{O} + \text{e}^-$

E, $\text{Pt-glucose}_{\text{ads}} \rightarrow$

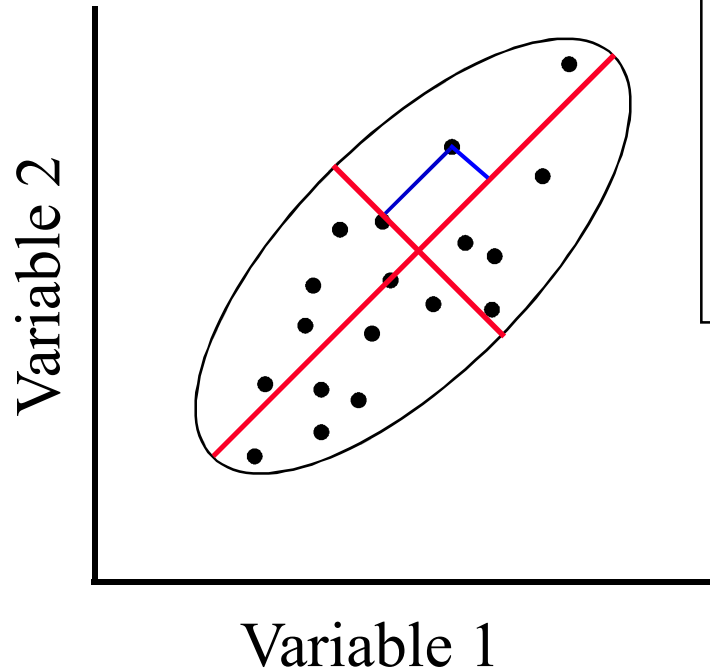
F $\text{Pt-gluconolactone}_{\text{ads}} + \text{H}^+ + \text{e}^-$

$\text{Pt} + \text{OH}^- \rightarrow \text{Pt(OH)}_{\text{ads}} + \text{e}^-$

G $\text{Pt-gluconolactone}_{\text{ads}} + \text{Pt(OH)}_{\text{ads}}$
 $\rightarrow \text{gluconate} + \text{H}^+ + 2\text{Pt}$

*All regions are important; analysis of a library
would quickly become unmanageable. How
would you quantify all the important features?*

Multivariate Data Analysis: A brief tutorial of Principal Component Analysis (PCA)



Definition: PCA reduces the dimensionality of multivariate datasets (simplifying them) by transforming data into a new coordinate system such that the greatest variance lies on the first coordinate (first principal component), the second greatest variance on the second principal component, and so on.

Vector with greatest variance (loading vector, p_1)

Integer value (principal component score, t_1)

Vector with 2nd most variance (loading vector, p_2)

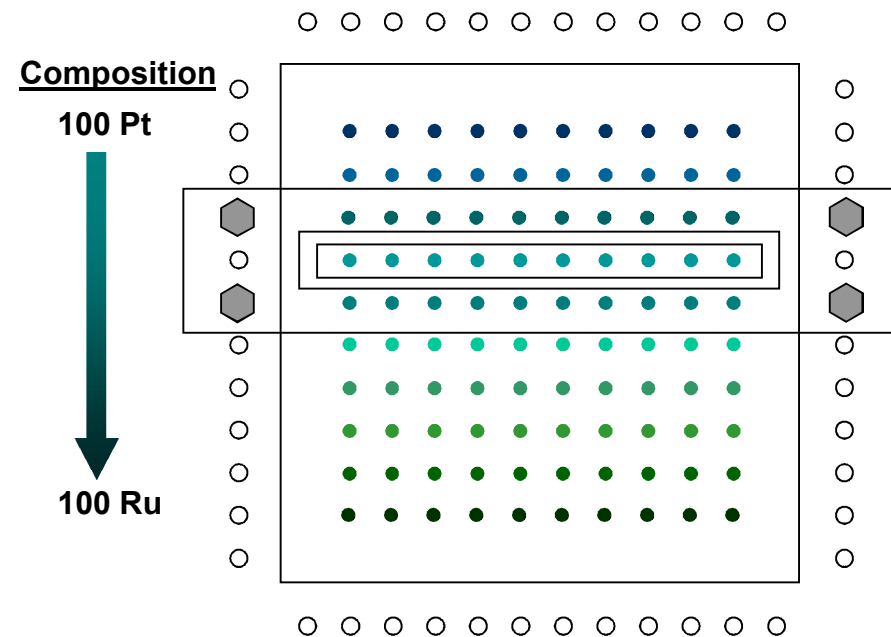
Integer value (principal component score, t_2)

$$\mathbf{X} = \mathbf{t}_1 \mathbf{p}_1^T + \mathbf{t}_2 \mathbf{p}_2^T$$

Now imagine not just two variables, but many thousands!

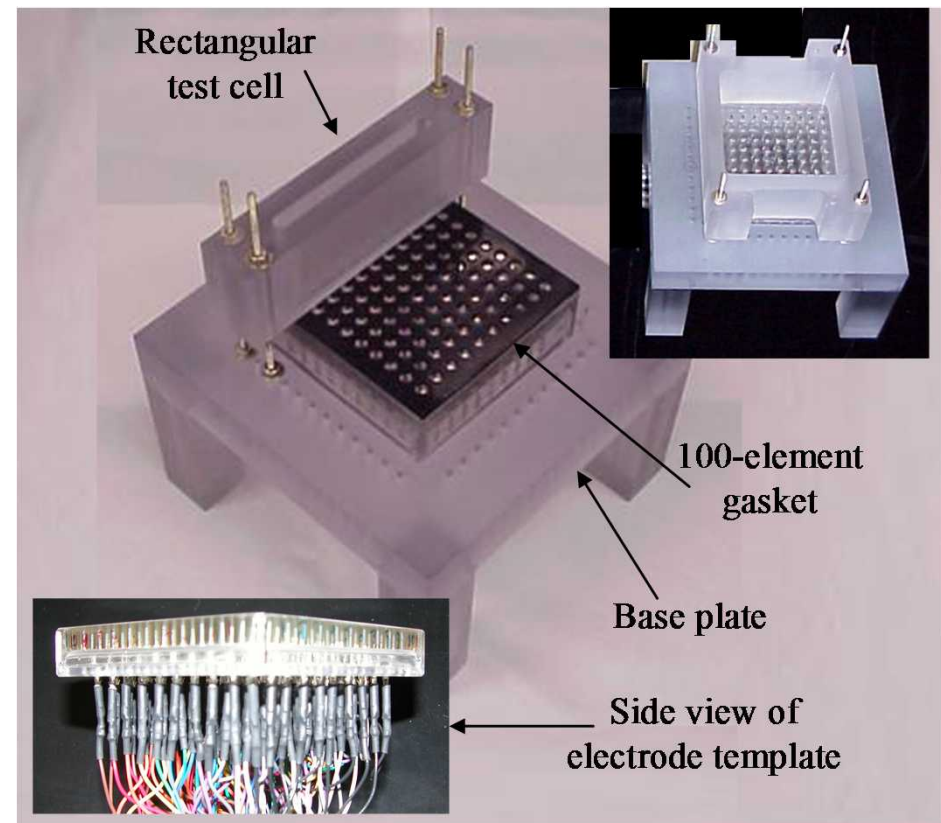
$$\mathbf{X} = \mathbf{T}_k \mathbf{P}_k^T + \mathbf{E}$$

Approach: Electrodeposit variants onto 10x10 array of Pt rods & test in sugar solutions

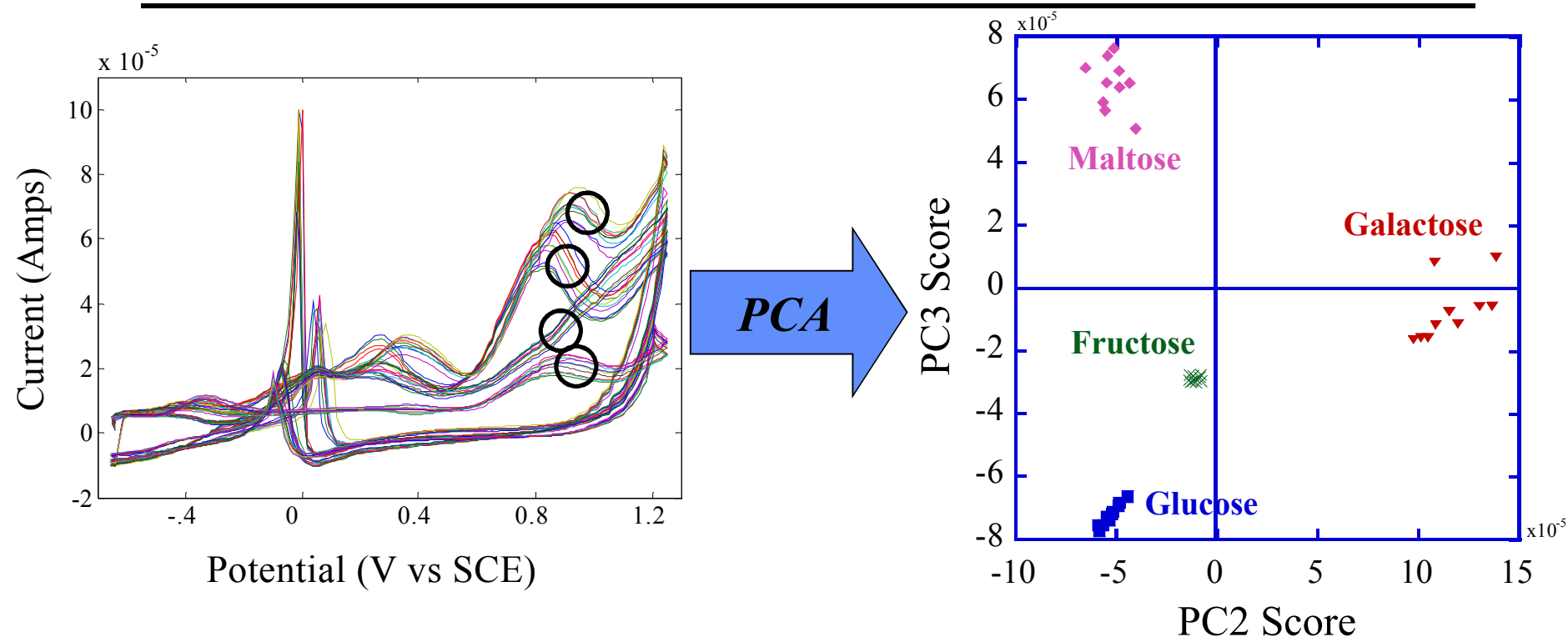


Electrodeposit Pt:Ru alloys in different rows, test all elements in parallel with 100 channel potentiostat

Pt rod diameter = 1mm

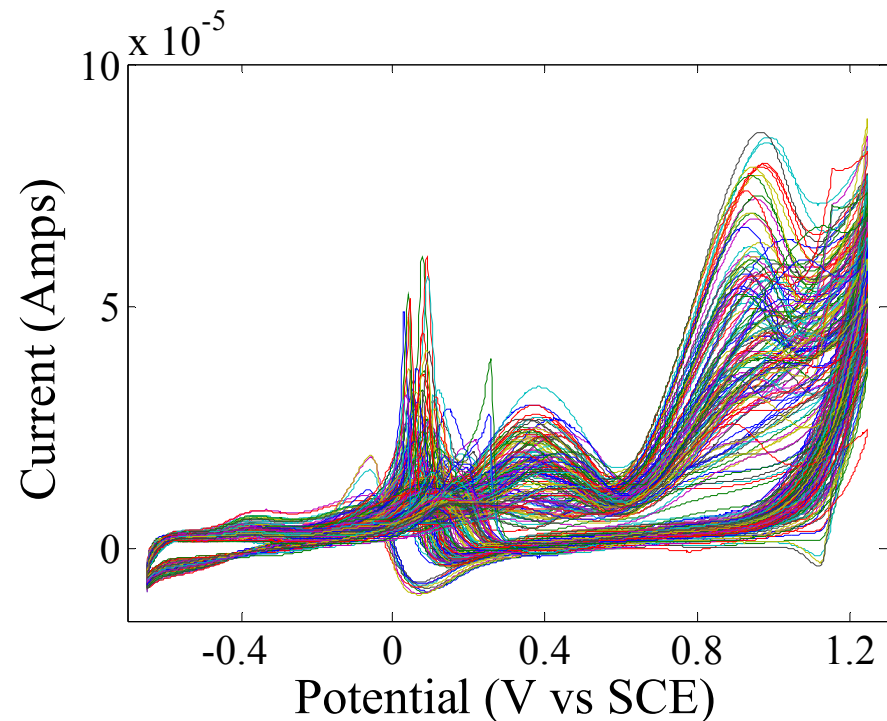


Apply PCA to one row of electrodes and perform cyclic voltammetry experiments in 1M solutions containing a single sugar



The ten duplicates group with one another and each sugar is in a different area of the scores plot – the data is classified (an “electrochemical tongue”)

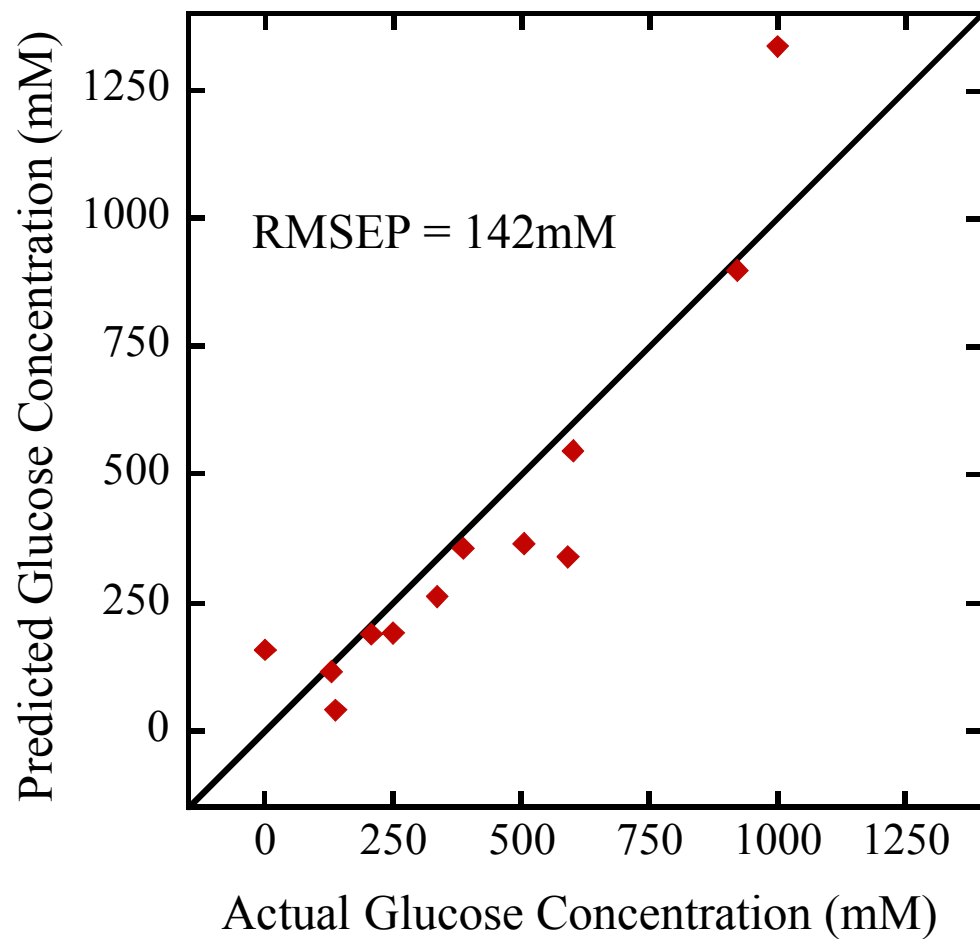
Acquire data from all 100 library members over mixed monosaccharide solutions; towards electrochemical sensing



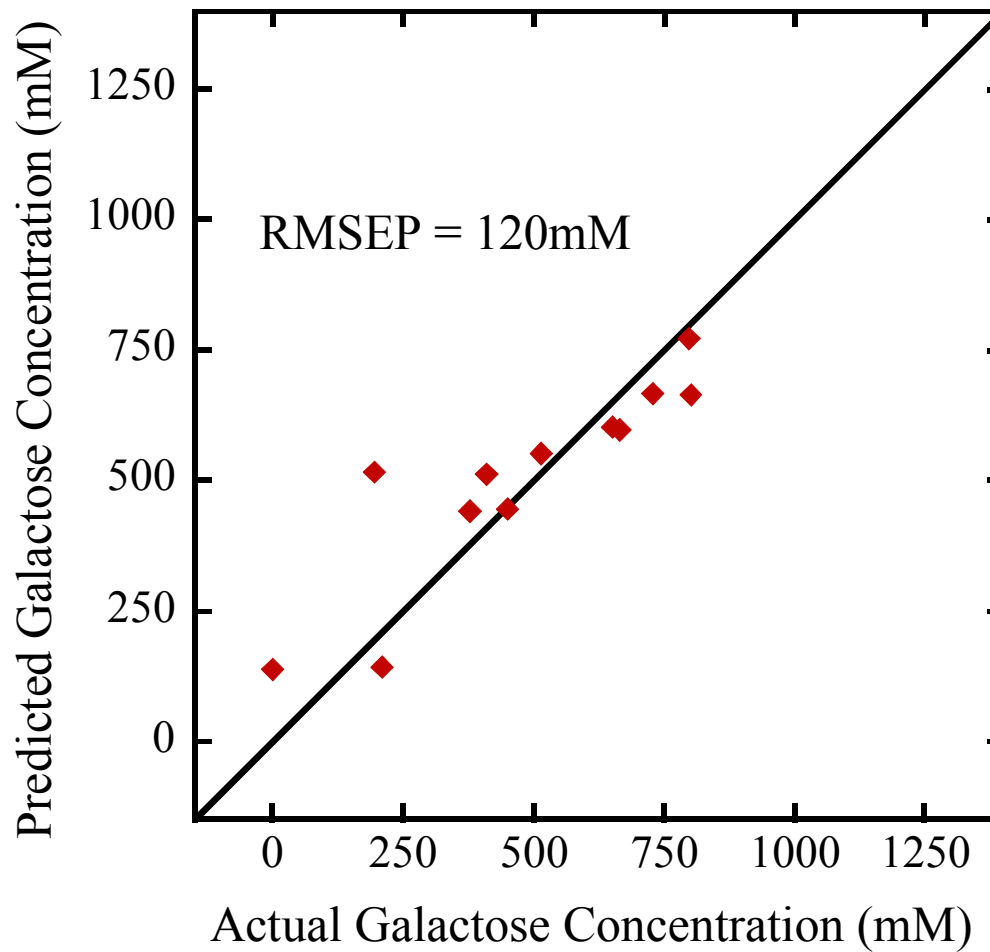
$$RMSECV = \sqrt{\frac{\sum_{i=1}^m (\hat{y}_i - y_i)^2}{m}}$$

- 3-factor, 5-level design of experiments resulted in 15 training solutions
- Training solutions contain between 10mM and 1M glucose, fructose, and galactose
- Partial least squares (PLS) regression model built for each sugar
 - $RMSECV_{\text{glucose}} = 152\text{mM}$
 - $RMSECV_{\text{galactose}} = 184\text{mM}$
 - $RMSECV_{\text{fructose}} = 133\text{mM}$
 - 70 – 99% of variance captured in 4 or 5 principal components (model dependent) reducing data sets from 1000's of variables
- 12 test solutions were tested, and their concentrations predicted using the PCR model

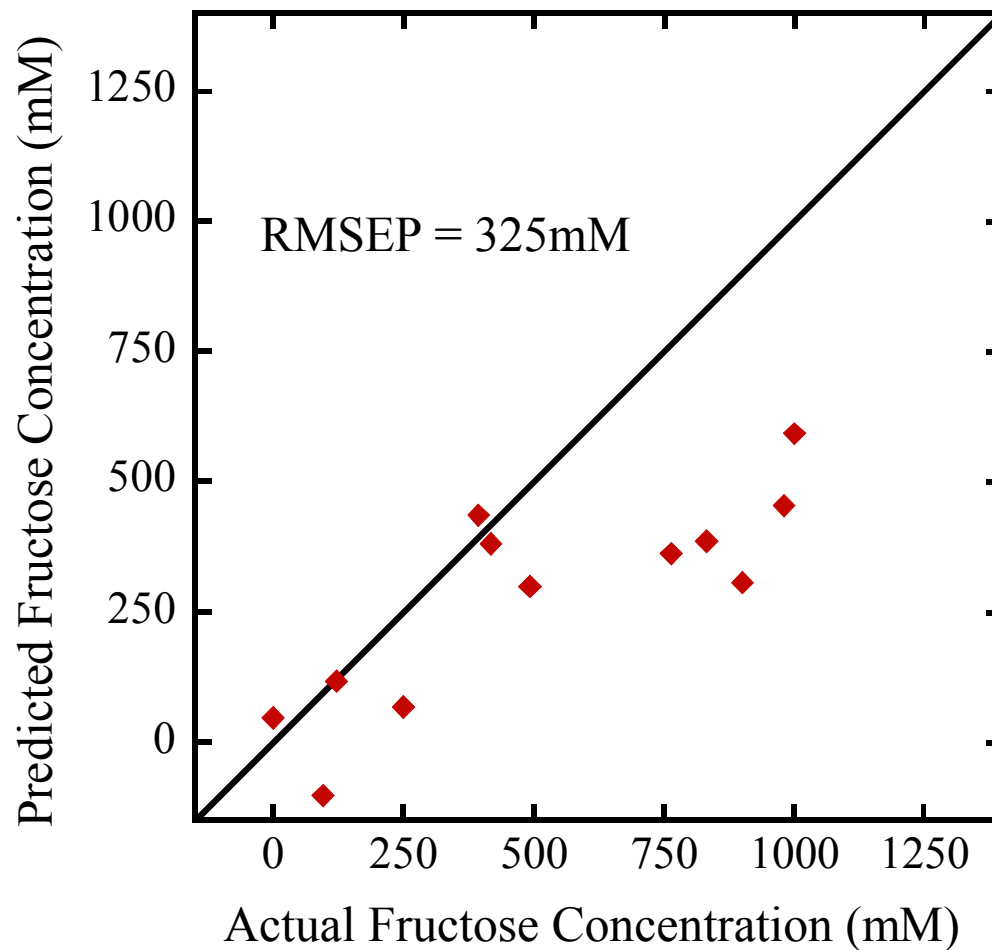
Glucose was well predicted aside from one statistical outlier



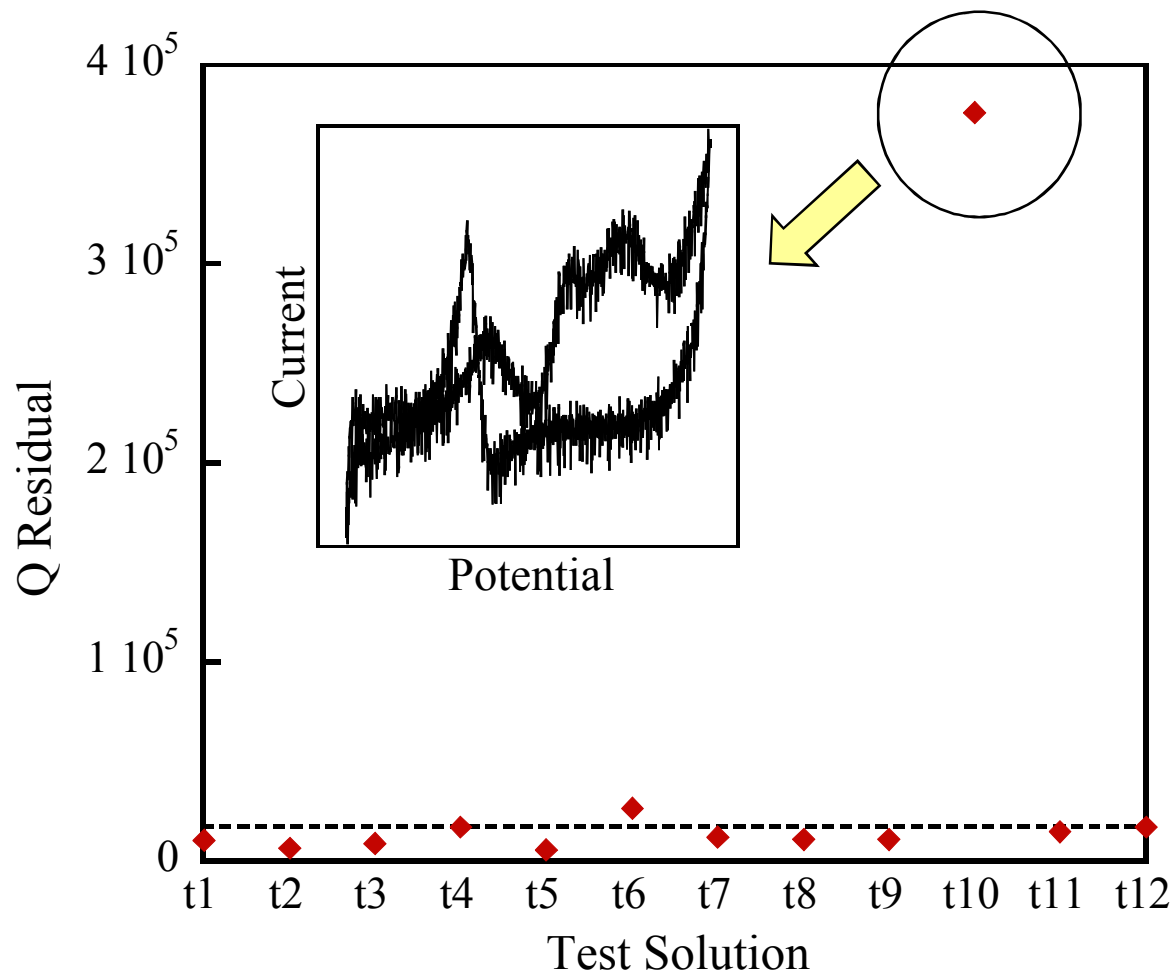
Galactose was also well predicted



*The fructose model failed at higher concentrations,
possibly due to electrode saturation*



Additional statistics (Q-residual) can identify outliers and aid investigation as to their cause



- Test solution number 10 was identified as a statistical outlier.
- Examination of the raw data revealed unusually low signal – noise ratio.



Conclusions and Acknowledgements

Conclusions

- Experiments do not have to be “dumbed down” because the data is impossible to analyze.
- PCA of electrochemical data sets allow classification
- PCR models were built over a large concentration range with relatively few training samples yet had encouraging results.
- We believe the differentiation is greater because of the compositionally diverse array; in future work we aim to prove this.

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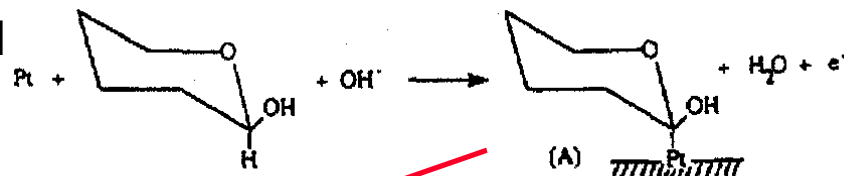
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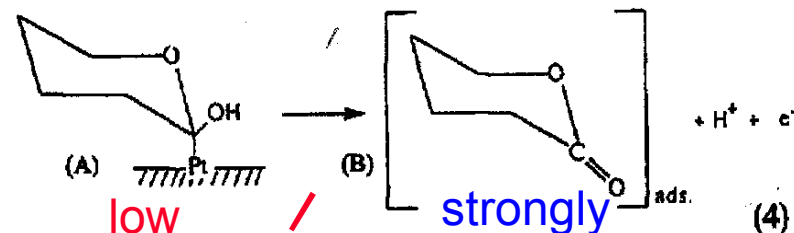
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Initial Mechanism for Glucose Oxidation on Pt at Basic pH

chemisorption and oxidation of β -D-glucose on Pt

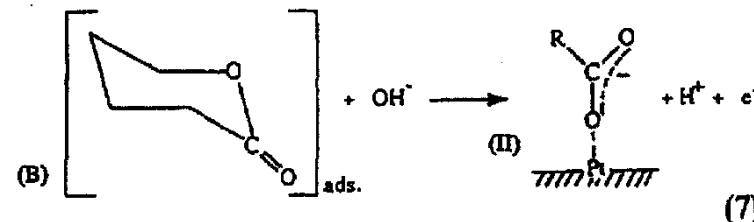


oxidation of intermediate to glucono- δ -lactone

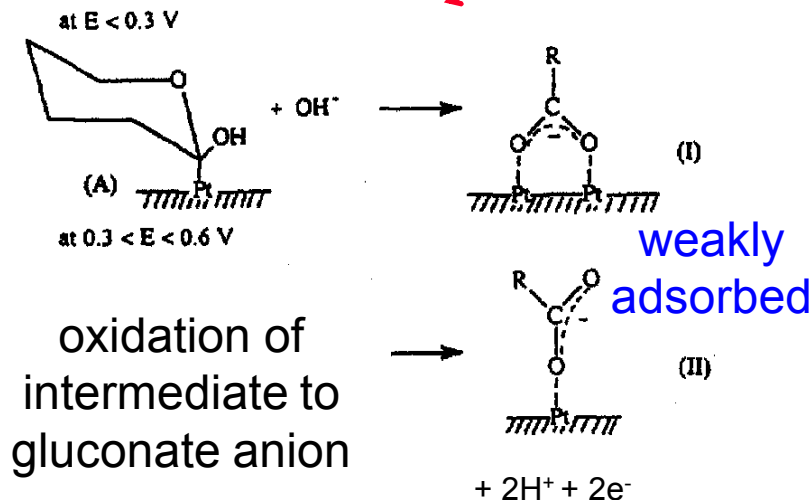


low probability

strongly adsorbed



oxidation of glucono- δ -lactone to gluconate anion



B. Beden et al., Electrochim. Acta 41(5), 1996, 701-709

Glucose Electrochemistry

Previous Work

- β -glucose: proton on anomeric carbon is axial (down)
 - Preferred orientation for glucose oxidation
- Mutarotation produces equilibrium mixture ($\sim 37/63$ α/β)
- Glucose electrochemistry extensively studied as function of pH, temperature, working electrode, *etc.*
 - Lamy, Kokoh, Leger, Beden, Largeaud, *et al.*
 - Ernst, Heitbaum, & Hamann
 - Yeager, *et al.*
 - Adzic, *et al.*
 - Becerik, Kadirgan, *et al.*
 - Many others
- Voltammetry, electrolysis, *in situ* FTIR, liquid chromatography used to study mechanism
 - Example - Pt, pH 7.3, triple-potential-step oxidation for optimal gluconic acid formation:
 - 9% conversion of glucose to $\sim 65\%$ gluconic acid with notable residuals of glucuronic, glyoxylic, oxalic, and tartaric acids (among many other products)

