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# REVIEW STUDY ON BIOSENSORS CATEGORIES AND APPLICATIONS

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# ABSTRACT

Biosensors have swiftly established themselves as vital analytical instruments due to their superior performance in terms of sensitivity & selectivity when compared to any other diagnostic gadget presently on the market today. For environmental pollution control, the advancement of biosensor technology is critical. There is a great need to design & manufacture biosensors that have the best features for

commercialization, like selectivity, sensitivity, stability, repeatability, & cheap cost. Biosensors will have a significant influence on environmental monitoring, cutting costs & enhancing the efficiency of specific applications if they are tested & commercialized at the suitable pace. When developing biosensor platforms for utilize in domains as varied as environmental & agri-food monitoring, industrial monitoring, research security & military monitoring, as well as medical & clinical monitoring, the same multidisciplinary approach might be applied. This study focused on the various kinds of biosensors & their applications in environmental monitoring..

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## 1. SENSORS

# **1-1 principle**

Presently, we take pleasure in the achievements of science & technology, which help to keep life running smoothly. As we interact with the physical environment, It is common for us to depend on a range of gadgets & technologies to assist us in our interactions with the physical world. These include computers, copiers, mobile phones, microwave ovens, refrigerators, air conditioning, TVs, remote controls & smoke alarms. In order for many of these applications to work effectively, sensor are included. Physical values like pressure (gauges), heat (heat sensor), humidity (humidity sensor), motion (motion sensor) & force (force sensor) may be detected & analyzed via sensor, as well as electrical quantities like as current & voltage.<sup>[1,2]</sup> Generally speaking, Any device that is capable of transforming energy from one form to another is referred to as a transducer. With regard to measuring systems, the sensor is the key component to consider. A perfect sensor should have specific characteristics, such as a wide dynamic range, low drift, accurate calibration, high sensitivity, selectivity, linearity, high resolution, reproducibility, repeatability, and a short reaction time.<sup>[3,4]</sup> A perfect sensor should also have specific characteristics, such as a short reaction time. Sensing applications such as environmental and food quality monitoring, medical diagnostics and health care, automotive and industrial production, as well as aerospace, military and security, are just a few of the areas where sensor technology improvements have become more important.

### **1-2 Sensor categories**

Sensors are broadly classified into distinct kinds based on the physical variable (substance) or analytics that are being monitored.<sup>[6,7]</sup>

#### i. Energy source

- Capacitive & inductive sensor are Active sensor, such as microphones, thermistors, strain gauges, and other similar devices, are examples of sensor that need an external energy source to work.. Parametric sensor are the name given to these sorts of sensor (output is a function of the parameter).
- Passive sensor are those that create signals without requiring any external energy, like thermocouples, piezoelectric sensor, & photodiodes, for example. Self-generating sensor are the term used to describe these sorts of sensor.

### ii. Physical Contacts

- Sensors that need physical touch with a stimuli, like temperature sensor, are known as contact sensor.
- Non-contact sensor, like optical & magnetic sensor, & infrared thermometers, do not need physical touch to function.

#### iii. Comparability

- Absolute sensor: (Thermistors & strain gauges, for example) are sensor that respond to stimuli on an absolute scale in response to them
- Relative sensors: In respect to a fixed or changing reference, sensor that detect the stimulus have been developed, like a thermocouple that measures the temperature difference & a pressure sensor that measures the detected pressure in relation to the surrounding atmosphere.

### iv. Signals

- Analog sensor: are devices that transform a measured physical variable into an analog representation (time-continuous). Thermocouples, resistance temperature detectors (RTDs), & strain gauges are examples of analog sensor that fall under this category.
- Digital sensor: provide an output in the form of a pulse when activated. encoders are classified as digital sensor, & they are used to encode data.

### v. Signal detection

- Physical sensor are devices that measure a physical quantity & turn it into a signal that could be recognized via the user. These sensor are capable of detecting changes in the environment, like force, acceleration, flow rate, mass, volume, density, & pressure, among other things. A broad range of physical sensor are being employed in the biomedical area, especially with the progress of micro electromechanical systems (MEMS) technology, which is allowing for the creation of more accurate & smaller sensor, as well as the development of innovative measuring methods.
- To the International Union of Pure & Applied Chemistry (IUPAC), chemical sensor are defined as devices that convert chemical information into an analytically useful signal, which could be used to determine anything from the concentration of a specific sample component to the overall composition, among other things. A chemical sensor is a device that is used to measure the activity or concentration of a certain chemical species in the gaseous or liquid phases of a substance. They are also used in the monitoring of pollution, the examination of food & drugs, & the assay monitoring of organ phosphorus compounds. Aside from that, they may also be utilized for clinical diagnostics.
- In order to record or monitor signals of temperature changes, thermal sensor transform the input data into electronic information. Thermal sensor are used to detect the temperature

of an environment. Thermocouples, thermistors, & resistance temperature detectors (RTDs) are a few common types of temperature sensor.

Cellular communication, antibody-antigen contacts, DNA interactions, & enzymeenzyme interactions are all examples of biomolecular activities that may be monitored using biological sensor. The term "biosensors" may be used to refer to biological sensor.

#### 2. **BIOSENSORS**

#### 2-1 principle

Biological elements like enzymes & antibodies may be integrated with electrical components to provide a quantifiable signal in a biosensor. Information about a physiological change or the presence of different chemical or biological components in an environment is detected, recorded, & sent via the electronic component used in this system. Various diseases, harmful chemicals, & pH levels may all be detected & measured using biosensors, which come in a range of forms & sizes. Analyte, bio receptor, transducer, electronics, & display are all components of a conventional biosensor (Figure 1).<sup>[7]</sup>



Figure 1: The main components of biosensor device.<sup>[7]</sup>

- (a) Substrate is converted into product via the biocatalyst. a material of interest whose constituents are being identified or discovered (e.g. glucose, ammonia, alcohol & lactose). Enzymes, cells, deoxyribonucleic acid (DNA or RNA), & antibodies are examples of bioreceptors that may identify the target substrate (i.e., analyte) known as a bioreceptor Analyte-receptor interaction generates bio-recognition signals in the form of bio-signatures (like light, heat, pH, charge or mass shift, plant or animal tissue, or microbial products).
- (b) That part of the system that takes the answer & turns it into an electrical signal called a transducer. It's a machine that changes the form of energy. A biosensor's transducer is a critical component. Is an electrical signal that is connected to the quantity or presence of

the target chemical or biological substance being detected. Signaling refers to the conversion of energy via this process of signaling. The number of analyte-bio-receptor interactions is proportional to the number of optical or electrical signals produced via transducers. Transducers may be classed into electrochemical, optical, thermal, electronic, & gravimetric transducers based on their operating principles.

- (c) Converter output signal amplified via amplifier.
- (d) The Computer's CPU. For display, the transformed signal undergoes processing & preparation.
- (e) The screen on which you're reading this. User interpretation systems, like computers or printers, create the output so that the user could read & comprehend the correct answer. The output might be in the form of a numerical, graphical, or tabular value or a figure, depending on the needs of the end user.

#### 2-2 Biosensor development

Because of the way biosensors have evolved, it is possible to split them into three generations depending on the way the components have been placed. The technique of integrating the bio recognition element (bio receptor) into the transducer has been separated into three generations.

#### First generation

Analytes & products of bio receptor reactions that diffuse to the transducer's surface & create an electrical response are measured via the biosensors. This sort of sensor is also known as a mediator-less amperometric biosensor or a mediator-free amperometric biosensor. In his initial paper, Leland Charles Clark Jr., the "Father of Biosensors," defined the components of a biosensor in detail. It was published in 1956, but the subject of this paper was an electrode that could assess the oxygen content in the blood.<sup>[8]</sup>

### Second generation

Auxiliary enzymes & co-reactants (artificial or partly toxic mediators or nanomaterials) are inserted into the biological component layer of the biosensor with the goal of boosting the analytical efficiency of the biosensor. Mediator amperometry biosensors are the technical term for these sorts of sensor.

# Third generation

As a result, the bio receptor molecule has developed to become an integrated component of the fundamental sensing element, such that biosensors now utilize both enzymes & mediators on the same electrode, rather than having mediators scattered throughout the electrolyte. The transmission of electrons allowed for the establishment of a direct interface between the enzyme & the electrode, without the requirement for intermediary stages as in the case of nanomaterial. The benefits of this generation of biosensors, in addition to the ability to interact, include inexpensive design costs & the ability to do repeated measurements.<sup>[18]</sup>

Year	Developer	Techniques	Ref.
1956	Leland C. Clark, Jr	the first oxygen electrode was developed via the inventor	[9]
1962	Leland C. Clark, Jr et al	An amperometric enzyme electrode for the detection of glucose has been achieved experimentally.	[10]
1967	Updike & Hicks	The first functioning enzyme electrode, based on glucose oxidase mounted on an oxygen sensor, was successfully developed.	[11]
1974	K. Mosbach & B. Danielsson	enzyme thermistor that has been designed	[12]
1975	D.W. Lubbers & N. Opitz	a fiber-optic biosensor for the detection of carbon dioxide and oxygen has been shown	[[13]
1976	Clemens et al.	the world's first bedside artificial pancreas was shown	[14]
1976	La Roche	introduced the lactate analyzer LA 640, which was used to monitor electron transit from lactate dehydrogenase to an electrode in the presence of lactate	[15]
1983	Liedberg et al.	surface plasmon resonance (SPR) immunosensor has been observed	[16]
1990	i-STAT	Handheld blood biosensor	[17]
2018	S. Girbi et al.	Biosensor of the type "nerve-on-chip" that has been shown for the measurement of nerve impulse conduction	[18]

### **Table 1: Biosensor Evolution.**

# 3. BIOSENSOR CLASSIFICATIONS

The categorization of biosensors is a broad & multifaceted area with many different subfields. The categorization of biosensors is based on a number of different characteristics. The transducer methods that were employed were found to be the most dependable, & they are as follows:

# **3-1** Electrochemical Transducers

It is possible to create current or charge from biological signals, or to modify the conductivity between two electrodes, & the accompanying transducer device has been classified as amperometric, potentiometric, or conductiometric, depending on how the signals are employed. Each is given a short description.

# **3-2** Amperometric Transducers

Detection of electroactive species contained in natural test samples is simple when using a biosensor with a high level of sensitivity. Using electroactive species as an example, glucose biosensors for diabetes management, which create current owing to the potential difference between two electrodes, are used to measure the oxidation or reduction of electroactive species. These anodes eventually limit Tom's test of creating a current for plausibility between two cathodes, the degree to which he could ensure that the current always corresponds to the substrate centering, via limiting the amount of current he could create. These biosensors employ the Clarke oxygen cathode to detect the presence of oxygen in the test result (analyte) during the reduction process, which allows them to deal with less issues. A significant drawback of such biosensors is their reliance on the presence of segregated O2 fixation in the analyte result, which is not always the case. This is something that could be overcome. At some point, Tom conducts an investigation with the assistance of intermediates; these particles clearly give the electrons created towards the reaction to the cathode, in contrast to the decrease in oxygen, which caused the analyte result to degrade. However, today's anodes remove those electrons, particularly when beginning with depleted proteins, without the assistance of referees, & therefore need further assistance from electrically coordinating natural salts to do this. Because natural test samples may not be notably electrodynamic, it is hypothesized that catalysts would accelerate the creation of radiodynamic species in the laboratory setting as well. In this case, the intended parameter is present & functioning.<sup>[19]</sup>

# 3-3 Potentiometric Biosensor

The scientific data is obtained via the conversion of the bio recognition process into a potential label, which results in the oxidation or reduction of the capacity of biochemical processes to occur. It is typical to utilize a perm selective particle-conducting layer in order to quantify the potential plume that happens when the analyte atom contacts with the surface, for example, employing H+ particles to detect penicillin utilizing chemical penicillins, or lipase to detect triacylglycerol. When checking the electrical potential qualification or electromotive power (EMF) between two cathodes, a high-impedance voltmeter is utilized. As a component of analyte movement or fixation in the array, one of the terminals (the cathode) creates a potential match, which is known to as the pointer anode or the ion selective electrode, depending on the application (ISE). The Nernst condition is a representation of the possible response of an ISE (i.e. the potential is relative to the logarithm of the centralization

of the substance being estimated). As the reference cathode, it is employed to complete the electrochemical cell via delivering a constant half-cell potential that is independent of the analyte fixation process. ISEs are composite sensor that have been around the longest & have the most uses.<sup>[20]</sup> Millions of estimations are conducted each year in practically every clinic across the globe, amounting to billions of dollars. This should not come as a surprise to anybody, given the fact that these devices are fantastic for generating instantaneous, rapid, maintenance-free, & reasonably priced quotes to customers.<sup>[21]</sup>

# 3-4 Optical Biosensor

An optical diffraction or electro chemiluminescence biosensor may be used in this application, in which a silicon wafer is coated with a protein via covalent bonding, which is then exposed to UV light through a photo veil, & the antibodies remain in the uncovered parts of the silicon wafer. Diffraction loops are caused when antigen-antagonist compounds are produced in the dynamic sites of the diced wafer chips after they have been incubated with an analyte for a period of time. When irradiated via a light source, this grinding results in the formation of a diffraction plume. Optical biosensors are comprised of a light source & several optical segments that form a light bar with specified qualities & shorten this light to a balancing operator, which is a detecting head that is aligned with a photo detector.<sup>[22]</sup> However, the data generated via reactant reactions are used to evaluate a rise in fluorescence in comparison to accelerated absorbance using these biosensors on the other hand. They, on the other hand, evaluate the changes in the intrinsic optical characteristics of the biosensor surface as a result of the accumulation of dielectric particles, like protein, on the surface of the sensor (possibly via asserting normal oblique responses). Large-scale piece of security, biosensor coordination, including brilliance in the utilize of firefly impetus luciferase for detectable proof of minuscule living forms, secured near food, & then subjected to further clinical testing. The microscopic living organisms, particularly lysed, need assistance if ATP is to be released, which is then utilized via the luciferase enzyme in the area about 02 to create light, which is much welcomed.<sup>[23]</sup>

# 3-5 Conductometric Biosensor

The electrical conductivity & protection provided via the gadget are the intended parameters. When it comes to conductometric biosensors, they have to bridge the gap between conductivity & a bio recognition function. The majority of reactions include a change in the concentration of ionic species, which might result in a change in the electrical conductivity or current flow of the assembly.<sup>[24]</sup> In its most basic form, a conductometric biosensor is composed of two metal leads (usually made of platinum or silver) that are separated via a predetermined distance. In most cases, an alternating current (AC voltage) is supplied between the terminals to guarantee that a current flow between them is maintained. A change in ion formation occurs during biodetection, & an ohmmeter (or multi meter) is employed to measure the conductivity match between the metal cathodes throughout the process. Recent study has shown that this strategy is effective for distinguishing between various foodborne viruses in a short period of time (less than 10 minutes).<sup>[25]</sup> Alocilja & colleagues utilized a conductive polyaniline label in the sandwich immunoassay plot, which resulted in a considerable improvement in tactility due to the establishment of a conductive subatomic scaffold between the two cathodes between the cathodes.<sup>[26]</sup> Unfortunately, as compared to other electrochemical approaches, one of the most significant drawbacks of this strategy is that its tunability is generally below average in most cases.<sup>[24]</sup>

### 3-6 Calorimetric Biosensor

Many catalysts are exothermic, which means they create heat during the catalyzed process. This heat is utilized to estimate the reaction rate &, subsequently, the analyte's primary emphasis The temperature fluctuations are monitored using thermistors, which are similar to cholesterol biosensors, which employ cholesterol oxidase to assess cholesterol concentrations (heat yield 53 KJmol-1). The Analyte board is a somewhat inflated bed region that contains a material that has been immobilized. The temperature of the procedure is set exactly before the portion of the game board that is cut into the fragment, as well as when the section is cut out of the fragment, via utilizing individual thermistors in each section. The ones that truly count when it comes to modifying the nature of the biosensor are those that utilize no less than two proteins of the signaling pathway in the biosensor to link two or three reactions in order to boost the luminous efficiency of the biosensor in every manner. Multifunctional proteins, on the other hand, have the potential to be exploited. As an example, glucose oxidase is used to validate the presence of glucose.<sup>[27]</sup>

## **3-7 Piezoelectric Biosensor**

It is possible to describe piezoelectricity as a direct cooperation of mechanical & electrical frameworks in a gemstone or comparable structure that is not driven via electricity.<sup>[28]</sup> Overall, the piezoelectric biosensor operates in the light of life, resonating with the resonance of the earth as a moving jewel, & repeating with a distinctive echo.<sup>[29]</sup> The transducer & the

bio recognition component are two of the most important components of a biosensor system. The transducer in a piezoelectric biosensor, for example, is composed of a piezoelectric material (for example, quartz) & a biosensor material installed on the piezoelectric material, which vibrates with the fundamental recurrence. A specific current estimate is provided via the external electrical flag when the objective analyte is presented to the evidence material; the connection/response causes the repetitive motion, which results in changes in current passage that could be examined at the bulk of the analyte's intrigue; the repetition is controlled via the external electrical flag when the objective analyte is presented to the evidence material.<sup>[30]</sup>

# 4. APPLICATIONS OF BIOSENSORS

This rapidly expanding field of biosensors has been firmly entrenched in almost every aspect of human existence. Agricultural, biomedical, food, & environmental research are some of the primary applications of bio sensing, & this book examines the most recent discoveries & improvements in this subject. In this part, we will look at several specific & successful case studies in this respect.

### **4-1 Medical diagnostics**

- Among the many potential applications for biosensors, the most significant is in the area of medical diagnostics, which may be neatly separated into two categories: in vitro diagnostics & in vivo diagnostics.
- ✤ In vitro diagnostics

Medical in vitro diagnostics has a worldwide industry of around US9\$ billion per year, despite the fact that many diagnostic procedures must undergo stringent pre-market authorization before being made available. In vitro diagnostic tests like these fall into one of the following categories:<sup>[31]</sup>

### 1. Hospitals should do centralized testing.

A number of harmful microorganisms & viruses are tested for in these hospital-based assays, which include glucose & lactate levels, as well as uric acid & viruses. Satellite G (from MediSense), Glucose Analyzer 23A (from Yellow Spring Instruments Co.), & Stat Profile 5 & 6 are examples of amperometric glucose bio sensing devices that are made in the United States (from Nova Biomedical). Biosensors based on DNA are also being developed for the detection of inherited illnesses, infections, & cancer, among other applications. It is also projected that they will make significant strides forward in their growth in the future.<sup>[32]</sup>

### 2. Examinations at doctor's offices

Additionally, glucose, lactate, creatinine, & urea analyzers (in the form of portable biosensors) that may be utilized in nursing homes or in private clinics via practicing doctors are being developed to test for these substances. Biosensors like the \$3,000 portable I-Stat device, which utilizes raw blood & could be managed via a doctor or nurse, are an example of recent developments in this field.<sup>[33]</sup>

### ✤ In vivo diagnostics

The artificial pancreas (permanently implanted in the skin of diabetics) is a prime example of the application of biosensors for in vivo diagnostics. The artificial pancreas continuously monitors in vivo glucose levels via controlling the rate of insulin infusion from a single implanted mini pump as a potential cure for diabetes is a novel concept that has been proposed. We already know that a normal pancreas continually monitors blood glucose levels & reacts rapidly to changes in blood glucose levels via raising or reducing insulin production. So the artificial pancreas system that some advanced countries are developing consists of a miniature biosensor to which a miniature insulin pump is attached, which allows the patient's blood sugar level to be estimated & the appropriate amount of insulin to be pumped into the patient's bloodstream.<sup>[34]</sup>

### **4-2** Tissue engineering

Adenosine, glucose, & hydrogen peroxide are all biomolecules that affect the fate of tissues/cells in tissue engineering. Biosensors play a critical role in a variety of applications, like organ-specific on chips & the maintenance of 3-D integrity & configuration of cell cultures, where the fate of tissues/cells is directly linked to the concentration of these biomolecules in the medium. The ability of living metabolic cells to transform & transmit a wide variety of signals (physical & chemical) into & out of a medium is unmatched via any other mechanism. For example, a change in ion concentration, pH, protein content or oxygen consumption might be a signal. As a result, real-time insights into the cell may be gained via monitoring these incoming & exiting analytes.

### ✤ DNA, nucleic acids, genes:

Genetic diagnostics & DNA coding have a significant impact on a number of basic scientific fields. As a result, the utilize of biosensors in nucleic acid analysis is crucial. There are

usually three steps involved in making a DNA-specific sensor, as follows: a) Incorporation of probes into the substrate film, which is the most common method.

✤ (2Analogous base pairing with the necessary DNA sequence.

Base contact produces a chemical signal that may be read out as an analytically usable signal (option c. (Electrical, optical, & electrochemical approaches may be used to measure DNA concentrations of up to 10-8.<sup>[37]</sup>

### Hydrogen Peroxide (H2O2)

Tissue engineering relies on accurate & repeatable H2O2 measurements for several reasons. In humans, the quantity of this enzyme is a clear indicator of the oxidative stress that cells or tissues are under. H2O2 may now be detected via titration, electrochemistry, & photocatalysis.<sup>[38]</sup> Cytotoxicity in humans, as well as a wide range of other organisms, has been linked to high concentrations of this highly unstable species in any biological system.<sup>[39]</sup> Commonly utilized H2O2 measurement techniques in tissue engineering are electrochemical in nature & provide a number of challenges for users, including poor detection, low sensitivity, limited mobility, & issues with organic system applicability.<sup>[35]</sup> Here, as in other countries, enzyme-based biosensors have lately established a footing due to their very high stability & accuracy. In this form of sensor array, the tenacious enzyme's binding sites remain intact even after their deposition on stiff electrodes/surfaces, which may explain why this type of sensor is so popular.<sup>[40]</sup>

#### **4-3 Food Industry**

Science has done its best to utilize this area to fulfill customer demand for fresh & healthful food in the food sector globally. Methods for preventing spoiling & detecting & destroying dangerous chemicals or biological agents have been developed via food producers in order to assure the safety of processed foods.<sup>[41]</sup> Food deterioration may be traced to chemical activities that occur in food crops as well as canned & processed meals. Biosensors that are target specific, highly sensitive, & quick reacting might be beneficial in this area.

In order for biosensors to operate, one of the fundamental concepts relies on the easy detection of enzyme-substance interactions or antibody-antigen complexes.<sup>[41]</sup> In the food business, enzyme-based biosensors & immunological sensor are the most often employed biosensors. Foodborne illness may be brought on via a wide range of biological or biochemical substances or activities, & food biosensors could be an invaluable tool in

detecting these tainted foods. Microbes (mostly bacteria & fungi) are often responsible for health impacts, leading to the spread of major health risks.<sup>[42]</sup>

### **5- CONCLUSION**

We've covered a variety of biosensor kinds & processes in this review article. It is possible to utilize biosensors in a variety of fields, including engineering & technology, medicine, & food safety surveillance. In contrast to previous approaches, biosensors integrate a living component with a physicochemical identification component to enable rapid, real-time, & numerous analyses for diagnosis & estimate. Many different applications are being investigated with the development of biosensors, which are primarily focused on the creation of sensor & transducers.

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