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# Hand-held biosensor makes breast cancer screening fast, affordable, and accurate



The printed circuit board used in the saliva-based biosensor, which can detect breast cancer biomarkers from extremely small saliva samples in about five seconds, costs about \$5. The design uses widely available components such as common glucose testing strips and the open-source Arduino platform. Photo Credit: Hsiao-Hsuan Wan

Researchers report successful results from a hand-held breast cancer screening device that can detect breast cancer biomarkers from a tiny sample of saliva. Their design uses common components, such as widely available glucose testing strips and the open-source hardwaresoftware platform Arduino. A saliva sample is placed on the paper strip, which has been treated with specific antibodies that interact with the targeted cancer biomarkers.

Breast cancer is on the rise, but new tools for early detection could save lives.

In Journal of Vacuum Science & Technology B, by AIP Publishing, researchers from the University of Florida and National Yang Ming Chiao Tung University in Taiwan reported successful results from a hand-held breast cancer screening device that can detect breast cancer biomarkers from a tiny sample of saliva. Their biosensor design uses common components, such as widely available glucose testing strips and the open-source hardware-software platform Arduino. "Imagine medical staff conducting breast cancer screening in communities or hospitals," author Hsiao-Hsuan Wan said. "Our device is an excellent choice because it is portable -- about the size of your hand -- and reusable. The testing time is under five seconds per sample, which makes it highly efficient." The device uses paper test strips treated with specific antibodies that interact with the targeted cancer biomarkers

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A saliva sample is placed on the strip, and pulses of electricity are sent to electrical contact points on the biosensor device. These pulses cause the biomarkers to bind to the antibodies and alter the charge and capacitance over the electrode. This produces a change in the output signal, which can be measured and translated into digital information about how much biomarker is present. The design is revolutionary compared to its alternatives. Mammograms, ultrasounds, and MRIs are costly and invasive and require large, specialized equipment, present low-dose radiation exposure, and can take days or weeks to return test results.

"In many places, especially in developing countries, advanced technologies like MRI for breast cancer testing may not be readily available," Wan said. "Our technology is more cost-effective, with the test strip costing just a few cents and the reusable circuit board priced at \$5. We are excited about the potential to make a significant impact in areas where people might not have had the resources for breast cancer screening tests before."

The biosensor requires just a drop of saliva, and it can provide accurate test results even if the concentration of the cancer biomarker in the sample is only one quadrillionth of a gram, or one femtogram, per milliliter. "The highlight for me was when I saw readings that clearly distinguished between healthy individuals and those with cancer," Wan said. "We dedicated a lot of time and effort to perfecting the strip, board, and other components. Ultimately, we've created a technique that has the potential to help people all around the world."

Science Daily February 13, 2024 Source: American Institute of Physics

• Department of Electronics and Telecommunication Engineering of K. K. Wagh Institute of Engineering Education and Research Nashik, Students' Association of Electronics Engineers (SAEE) in collaboration with IETE Nashik subcenter organized an Expert talk on "Let's Learn German" by Mrs. Mrunmayi M. Parchure on 16th March 2024 from 01:00 pm to 03:00pm.



 Department of Electronics and Telecommunication Engineering of K. K. Wagh Institute of Engineering Education and Research Nashik, Students' Association of Electronics Engineers (SAEE) in collaboration with IETE Nashik subcenter organized a Workshop on "Electronics Security System" by Mr. B. L. Nimbalkar (Technical Head in Sivananda, Nashik) on 23rd March 2024 from 10:00 am to 12:00pm



• Department of Electronics and Telecommunication Engineering of K. K. Wagh Institute of Engineering Education and Research Nashik, Students' Association of Electronics Engineers (SAEE) in collaboration with IETE Nashik subcenter organized an Expert talk on "Career Opportunities in Cyber Security" by Mr. Tanmay S. Dixit (Cyber Journalist & Security Researcher), on 23rd March 2024.



• Department of Electronics and Telecommunication Engineering of K. K. Wagh Institute of Engineering Education and Research Nashik, Students' Association of Electronics Engineers (SAEE) in collaboration with IETE Nashik subcenter organized an Expert talk on "Aptitude and Reasoning" by Mr. Sagar Nikam (Founder & Director, ELC Learning Center, Nashik) on 11th March 2024.



• Department of Electronics and Telecommunication Engineering of K. K. Wagh Institute of Engineering Education and Research Nashik, Students' Association of Electronics Engineers (SAEE) in collaboration with IETE Nashik subcenter organized an Expert talk on "Advanced PCB Design Techniques" by Mr. Ashwin Bhole (IPC Certified Designer CID), on 16th April 2024.



 Department of Electronics and Telecommunication Engineering of K. K. Wagh Institute of Engineering Education and Research Nashik, Students' Association of Electronics Engineers (SAEE) in collaboration with IETE Nashik subcenter organized an Expert talk on "Applications of Network Security in Practical world" by Mr.Amey Tambe (Director, Softtech Data securities, Pune) on 15th April 2024.



• Department of Electronics and Telecommunication Engineering of K. K. Wagh Institute of Engineering Education and Research Nashik, Students' Association of Electronics Engineers (SAEE) in collaboration with IETE Nashik subcenter organized a Workshop on "Applications of Software Defined Radio" by Mr. Vatsal Manish Rana, on 15th April 2024 and 16th April 2024, from 01:00 pm to 05:00 pm.



• Department of Electronics and Telecommunication Engineering of K. K. Wagh Institute of Engineering Education and Research Nashik, Students' Association of Electronics Engineers (SAEE) in collaboration with IETE Nashik subcenter organized an Expert talk on "Entrepreneurship Development" by Mr. Shreyas Shripad Kulkarni (Director, SHREESON Technologies PVT. LTD ) on 20th April 2024.



• Department of Electronics and Telecommunication Engineering of K. K. Wagh Institute of Engineering Education and Research Nashik, Students' Association of Electronics Engineers (SAEE) in collaboration with IETE Nashik subcenter organized an Expert talk on "IPR and IP Management for startups" by Mr. S. Pund (Corp. Head - Innovation & IPR), on 27th April 2024.



 Department of Electronics and Telecommunication Engineering of K. K. Wagh Institute of Engineering Education and Research Nashik, Students' Association of Electronics Engineers (SAEE) in collaboration with IETE Nashik subcenter organized an Expert talk on "JAVA Database Connectivity" by Dr. Nitin S. More on 22nd April 2024.





# Training and Placement Cell (Campus Placement)

Sr. No.	Name of Student	Company Name	Package
1.	Shraddha Godse	Virtuoso Optoelectronics Limited.	2.4
2.	Neha Baviskar	Virtuoso Optoelectronics Limited.	б
3.	Lalit Pandav	Virtuoso Optoelectronics Limited.	2.4
4.	Ajinkya Manjit Avhad	Rishabh Instruments	4
5.	Kalpesh Balu Kaklij	Rishabh Instruments	4
6.	Rajshree Pandit Pingle	Rishabh Instruments	4
7.	Shivam Yatendra Shrivastav	Rishabh Instruments	4

#### Industrial Training / Seminar / Workshop done by Staff

Industrial Visit of SY Btech students to Indian railway Nashik Road, Nashik Conducted By Mrs. S. D. Raut on 14th March 2024 from 10:00 am - 3:00 pm.





## Industrial Training / Seminar / Workshop done by Staff

Parents Teacher Meet was organized in the Department on 16th March 2024





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