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National Centre for Flexible Electronics



## **Call for Expression of Interest Gas Sensors**

# Background



**Indoor air quality**



**Early disease detection**

## Technology Development for Flexible Gas Sensors



**Food packaging: Spoilage**



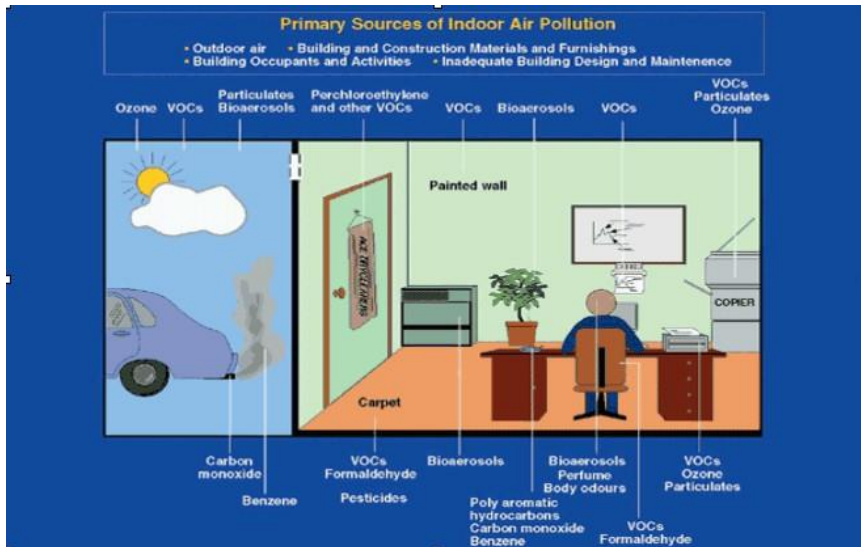
**Safety/Environmental applications**

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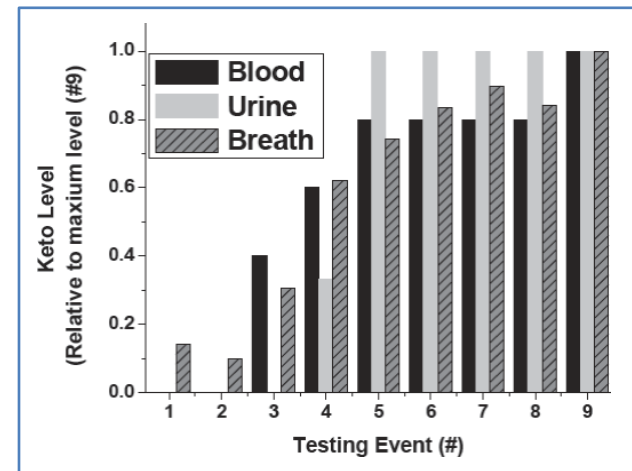
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## 1. Indoor air quality



Various gases that affect human health need to be detected

## 2. Early disease detection




<http://www.peertechz.com/Obesity-Diabetes-Metabolic-Syndrome/GJODMS-1-103.php>

Gases in breath can be indicators of disease

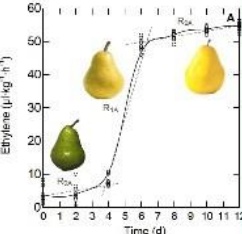
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## 3. Food Packaging: Spoilage

### Importance of Gases in Food/Ag



- Ethylene:**
  - Given off by produce during ripening (15+ climacteric fruits, e.g. avocado, banana, apple, mango)
  - Induces ripening (35+ fruits, vegetables, and flowers respond to ethylene)
  - Indicator of plant health (can be combined with measurement of other gases)
- Amines:**
  - Indicator of meat/fish spoilage
- Ammonia:**
  - Soil nutrient level monitoring

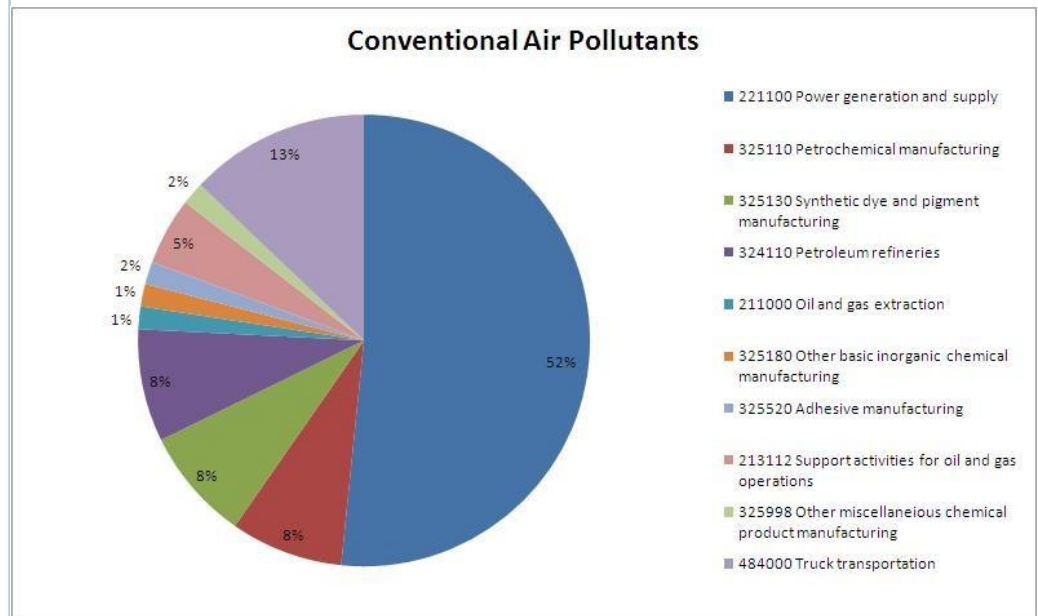


Ethylene emission increases close to peak ripeness

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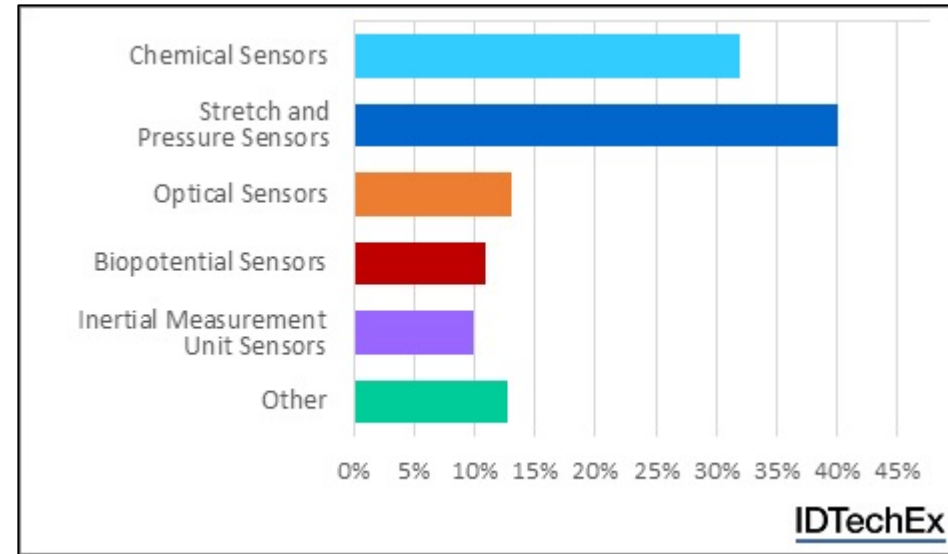
Indication of food spoilage by detection of characteristic emitted gases

## 4. Safety/Environmental Applications



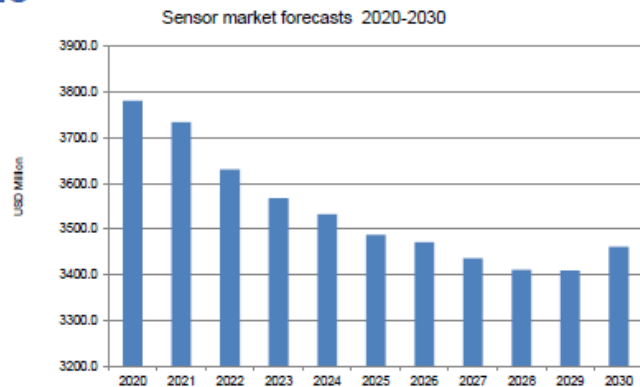
Hazardous and Pollutant Gases need to be detected

# Market Size and Potential



## IDTechEx Report

### Printed and Flexible Sensor Market Forecast 2020-2030 \$ Millions



	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030
Sensors (USD Million)	3780.5	3734.1	3630.7	3567.2	3533.1	3487.6	3472.0	3436.7	3411.1	3409.2	3461.8
% Printed	99.0	99.0	98.0	98.0	98.0	98.0	98.0	98.0	98.0	98.0	98.0
% Flexible	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

CAGR by sensor type 2015-2025. Source: IDTechEx Research report "Wearable Sensors 2015-2025:"

# Current Available Options

- Metal oxide based sensor
- Operating temperature:  $>300\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$
- Cost:  $> \text{INR } 6000/-$

Indoor air quality  
management system

- Several platforms
- Alcohol detection
- Cost:  $> \text{INR } 10000/-$

Early disease detection

Some of the representative  
but not exhaustive options

- Not yet commercialized
- Development of wireless ethanol sensing tag for food packaging

Food packaging:  
Degradation status of food

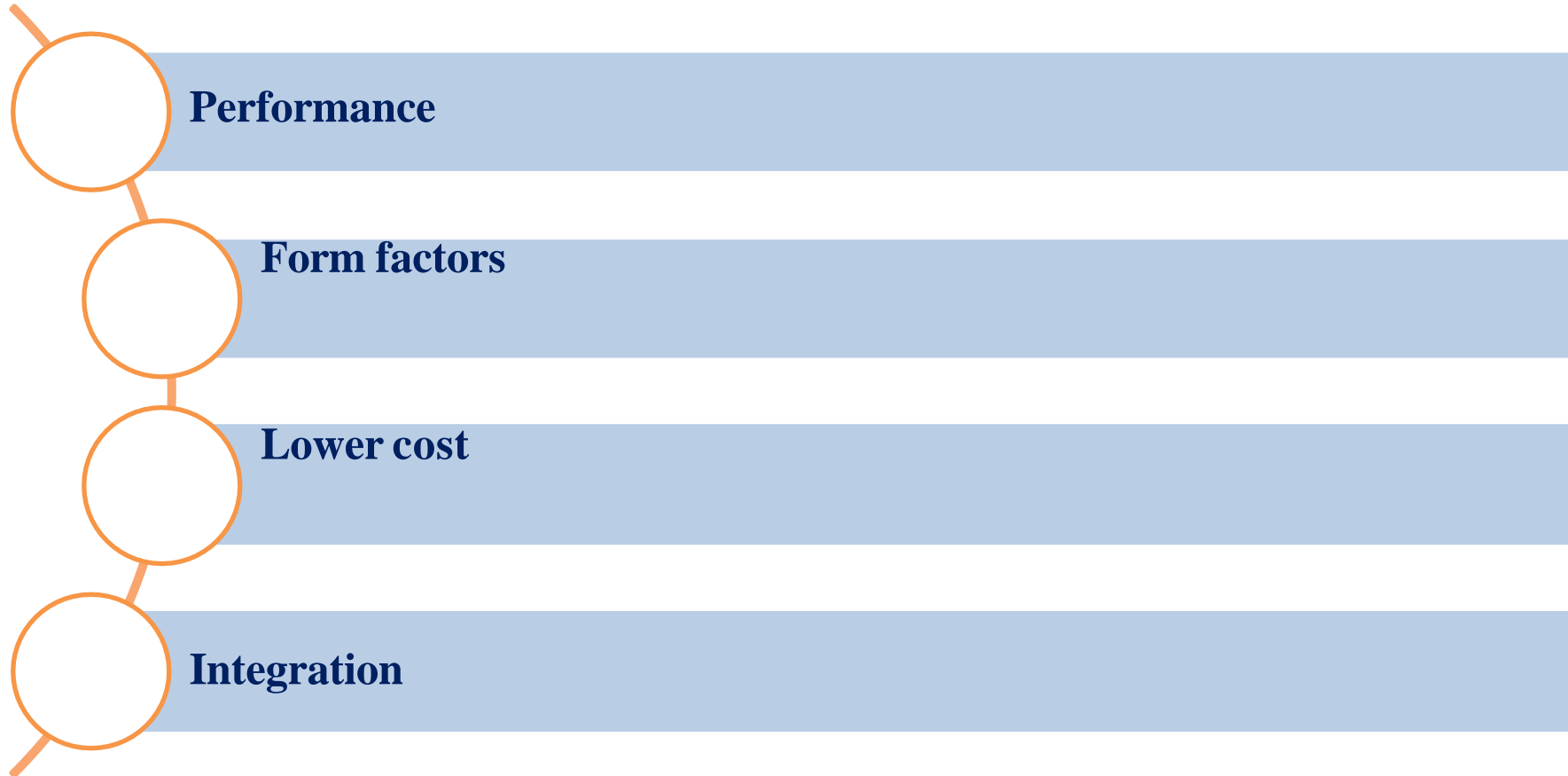
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Safety application:  
Industrial pollution

# Proposed Approach

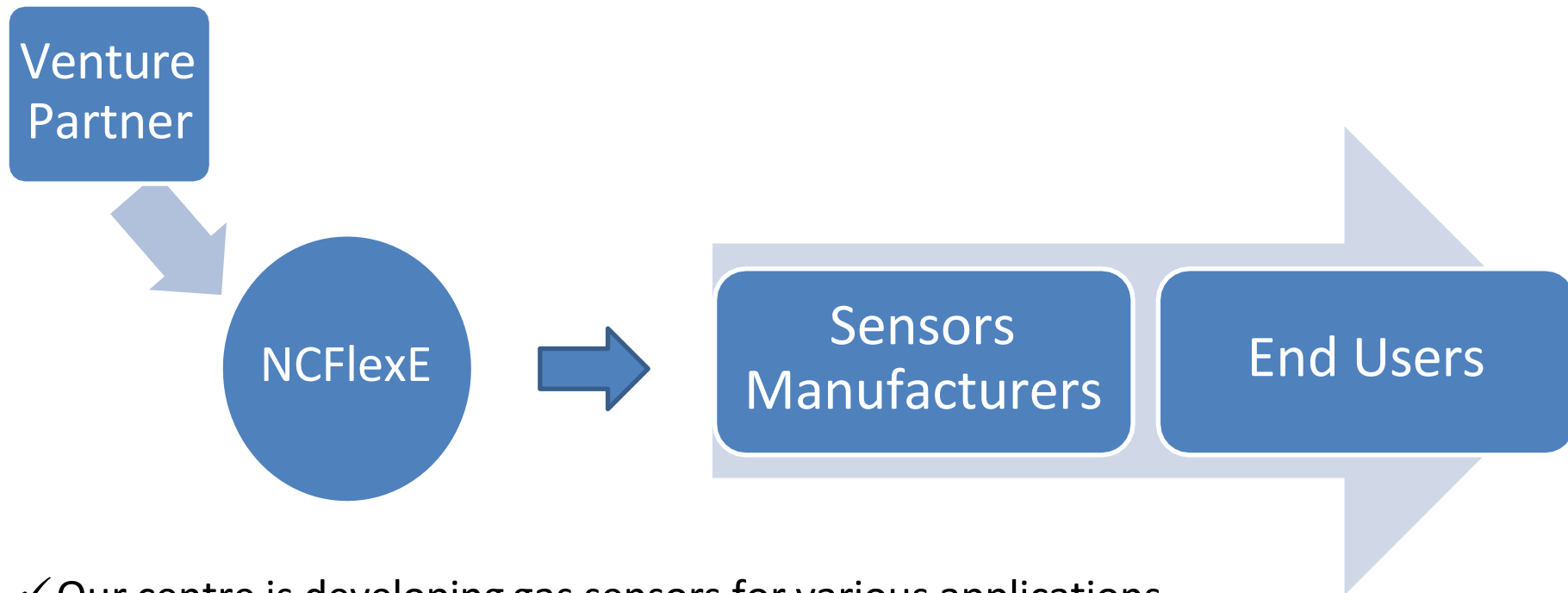
- 1** Functional sensing materials
- 2** Tunable selectivity and high sensitivity
- 3** Sensor array – multianalyte detection
- 4** Flexible platform
- 5** Communications protocols – application specific

# Advantages of Proposed Solution





# Call for Partners



- ✓ Our centre is developing gas sensors for various applications
- ✓ We are seeking partners across the value chain shown above
- ✓ We are looking for partners to enable the scaling and manufacturability of the developed processes
- ✓ Preferential terms for early partners

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