

## Chemical sensors for monitoring the heavy metals, anions and drugs

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In the present talk, an overview on chemical sensors that are capable of detecting cat ions, drugs and anions, will be presented. Notwithstanding the tremendous work performed so far, it is obvious that still severe limitations do exist in terms of selectivity, limits of detection, dynamic ranges, applicability to specific problems, and reproducibility. A review on important advances in chemical sensors with regard to high selectivity, lower detection limit, fast response time and on-line environmental analysis will be discussed. Literature showed that a large number of novel and analytically useful ionophores have been discovered only in the past few years, indicating that this field is steadily moving forward. The advantages of ISEs over many other methods for ion detections are their easy handling, non-destructive analysis and inexpensive sample preparation. Traditional ISE detection limits have been reasonably improved and measurement down to picomolar range is now possible.

### Biography

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