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Introduction

Gout Disease

Pain and inflammation occur when too much uric acid crystallizes and deposits in the joints.

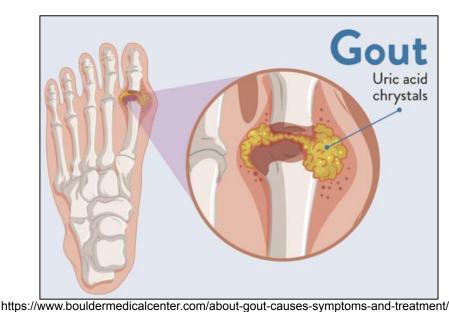
- \succ Form of arthritis
- Kidneys don't filter out all of uric acid
 - \rightarrow Excess crystallizes in joints.

Causes

Excessive consumption of red meats.

Diagnosis

Blood tests, help patients monitor their levels of Uric Acid.



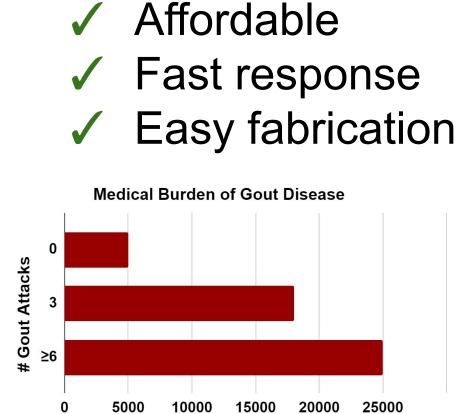
Objective & Impact of Professor's Research

Objective: Utilizing accessible biofluids (e.g., Urine) to detect Uric Acid as the final oxidation (breakdown) product of purine metabolism

What is limiting us?

- **×** Expensive lab test
- ✗ long waiting time
- **X** Accessibility





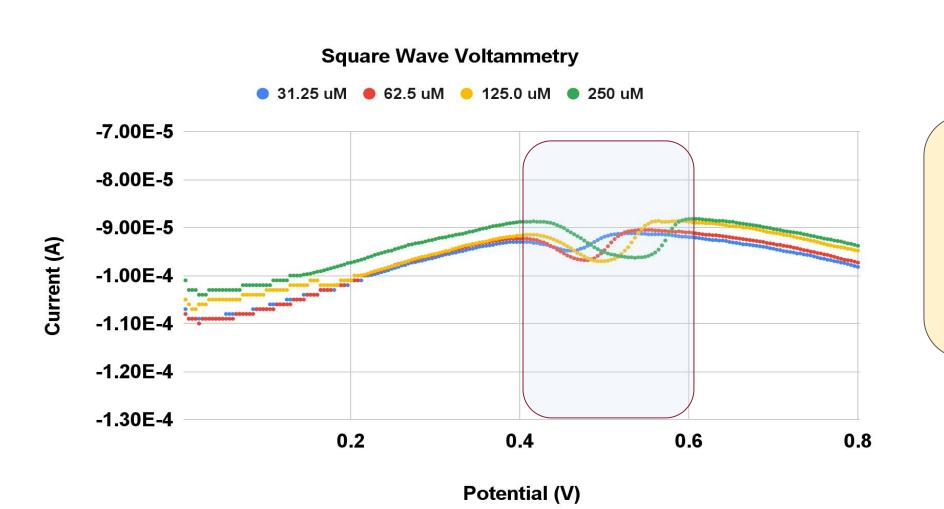
Our Approach!

Worth of medical care annually (\$)



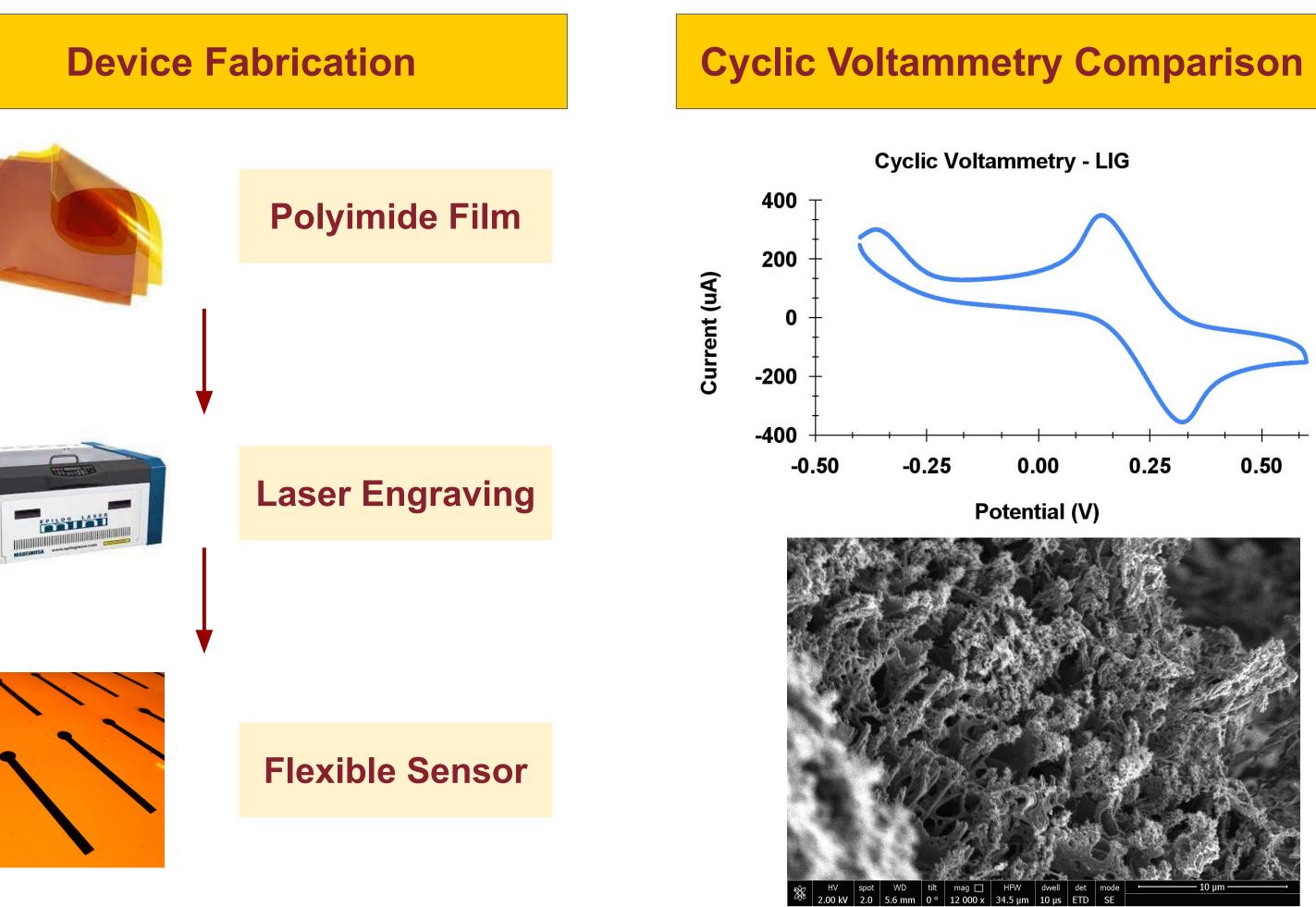






At-Home Uric Acid Diagnostic Test

Methods & Results



Uric Acid Detection via Square Wave Voltammetry

Decrease in the chart identifies the concentration of Uric Acid that is present



Next Steps for You & Advice for Future SHINE Students

Next steps:

>Improve detection limit to develop point-of-care prevention device for uric acid build up.



> Develop compact, portable readout system for daily-use

Hints for **SHINE**:

- Complete tasks
- ask questions
- Interact with lab mates and others

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