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# CdTe quantum dots and thier electrochemical properties

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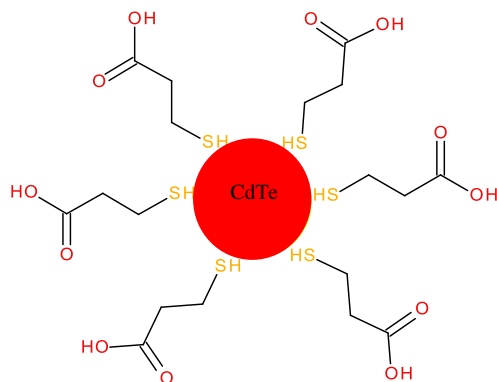
## QUANTUM DOTS

- semiconductor nanocrystals - small enough to exhibit size-dependent properties ; their sizes and shapes are possible to precisely controlled by temperature, duration and ligand molecules during the synthetic processes.
- have generated tremendous interest due to their unique optical properties including broad excitation spectra
- narrow, tuneable and symmetric emission spectra covering the wide range of spectra from visible to infrared, excellent photostability
- one of the most promising nanomaterial for biological staining, detection of bio-macromolecules and immunohistochemistry

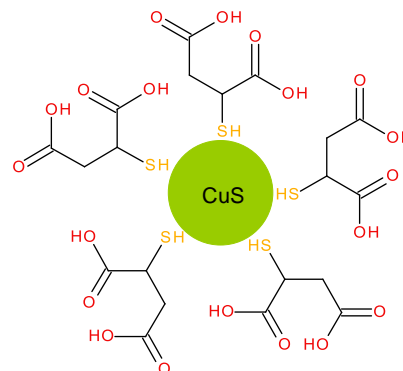


## STRUCTURE OF QUANTUM DOTS

- The most popular types of QDs include CdTe, CdSe, ZnSe, and ZnS; however, metals, such as In, Ga, and many others also can be used.
- Our QDs: CdTe, PbS, CuS, CdS, ZnS ....., modified by MPA, MSA.



CdTe MPA



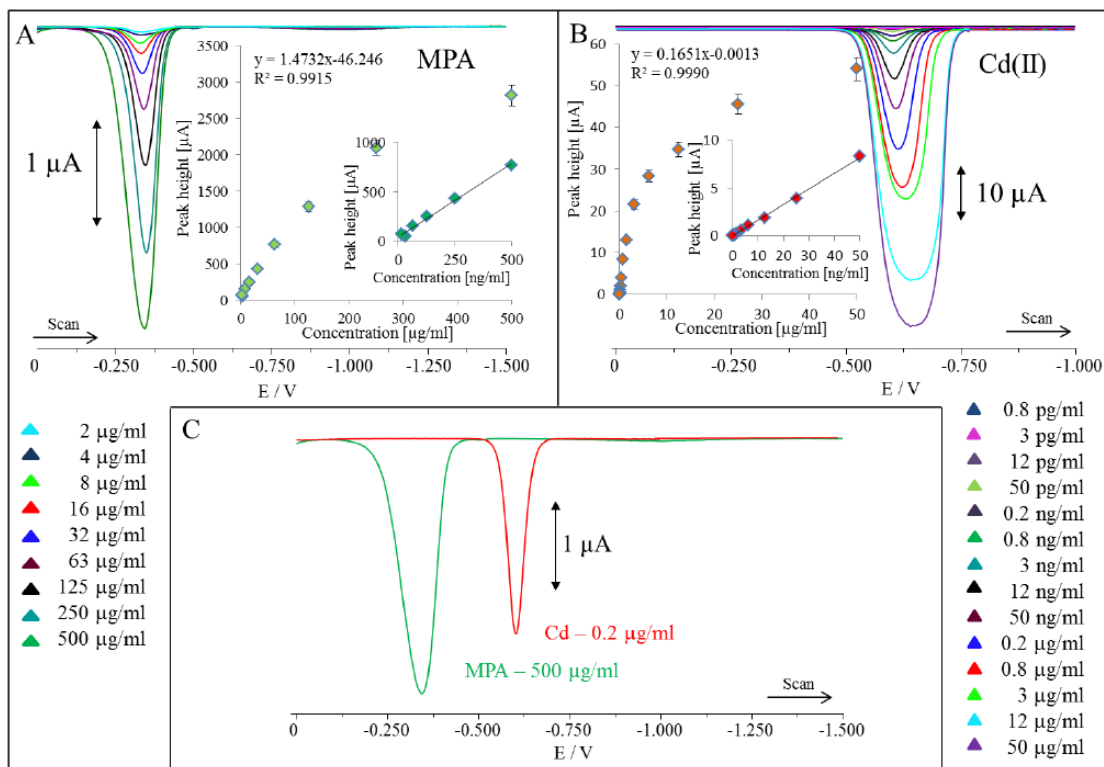
CuS MSA



## ELECTROCHEMICAL DETECTION

- AUTOLAB Analyzer connected to VA-Stand 663
- A standard cell with three electrodes: working electrode - a hanging mercury drop electrode (HMDE), reference electrode - Ag/AgCl/3 M KCl electrode, auxiliary electrode - graphite electrode.
- Acetate buffer (0.2 M, pH 5.0) such as electrolyte.

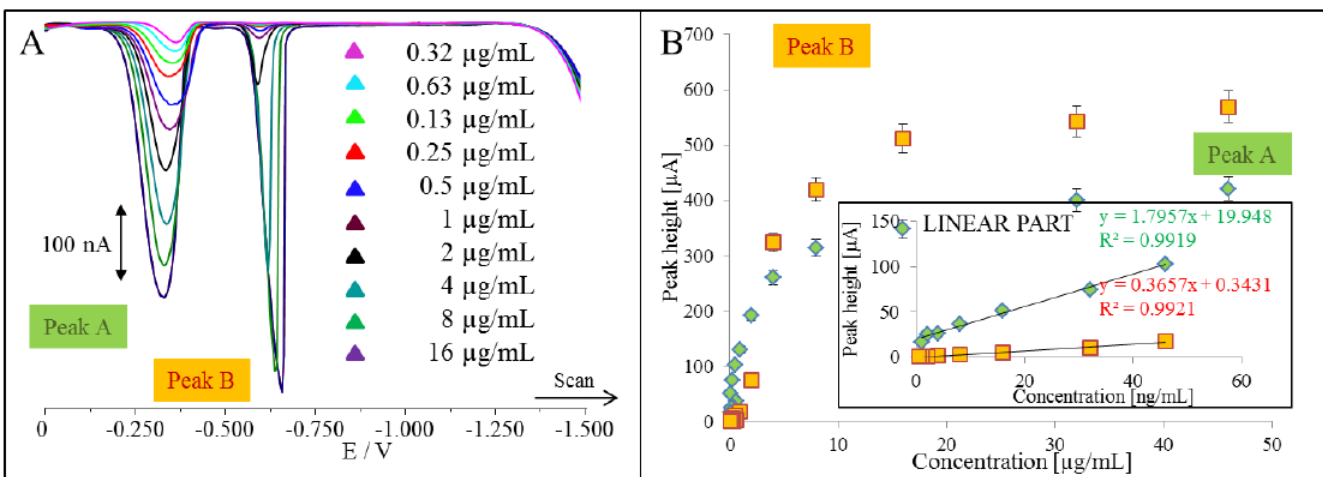
- Parameters for differential pulse voltammetric (DPV): start potential  $-1.5$  V; end potential  $0$  V; modulation time  $0.057$  s, time interval  $0.2$  s, step potential of  $1.05$  mV/s, modulation amplitude of  $250$  mV,  $E_{ads} = 0$  V. All experiments were carried out at room temperature ( $20$  °C). The DPV samples analyzed were deoxygenated prior to measurements by purging with argon (99.999%) saturated with water for  $120$  s.



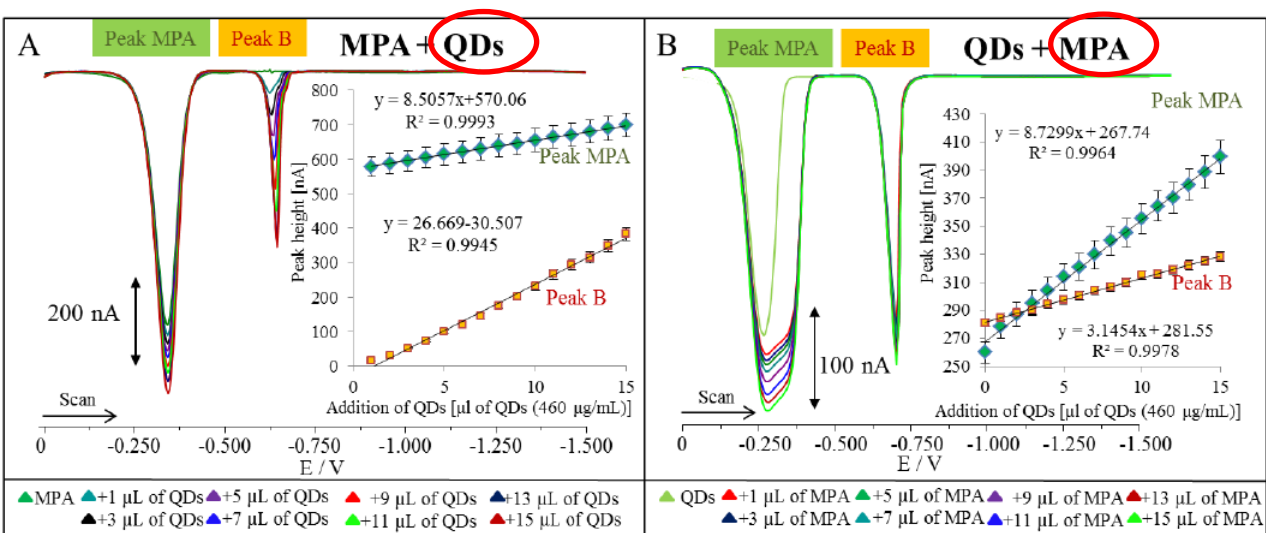
## RESULTS - studying of the basic electrochemical behaviour of MPA and cadmium, as the components of our QDs

- fig. A: MPA peaks at  $-0.35\text{ V}$
- inset in fig. 1A.: the peak of MPA was proportional to its concentration
- fig. B: Cd peaks at  $-0.60\text{ V}$
- inset in figure 1B: Peaks are well developed and also proportional to Cd(II) concentrations up to  $50\text{ }\mu\text{g/ml}$
- fig C: the plot of MPA and cadmium(II) ions peaks.

## RESULTS - studying of QDs



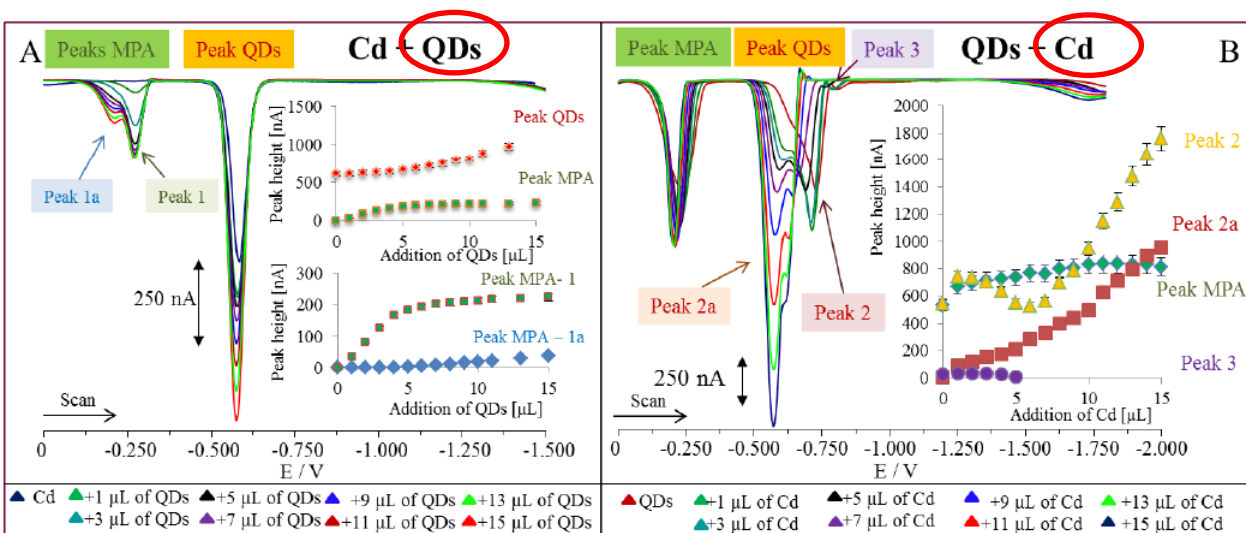
- DP voltammetry of CdTe QDs. fig. A Typical DP voltammograms of various concentrations of QDs
- fig. B: Dependences of peaks A and B heights on the concentration of QDs. In insert: linear part of dependence of peak A and B heights on the concentration of QDs.



## RESULTS - studying of QDs addition of QDs-A/MPA-B

- Fig. A: DP voltammograms of MPA (500 µg/mL) with additions of QDs in various volumes (460 µg/mL, quantified according to concentration of Cd(II)); in inset: dependence of MPA and B peak heights on concentration of QDs
- Fig. B: DP voltammograms of QDs (460 µg/mL) with additions of MPA in various volumes (500 µg/mL); in inset: dependence of MPA and B peak heights on concentration of MPA.





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- Fig. A: DP voltammograms of Cd(II) (500 µg/mL) with additions of QDs in various volumes (460 µg/mL, quantified according to concentration of cadmium(II)); in inset: dependence of MPA (peak 1 and 1a) and QDs peak heights on concentration of QDs
- Fig. B: DP voltammograms of QDs (460 µg/mL) with additions of Cd(II) in various volumes (500 µg/mL); in inset: dependence of MPA and QDs peaks (peak 2, 2a, and 3) heights on concentration of Cd(II). Peak 2a is of QDs origin, peak 2 is some MPA-QDs-Cd(II) complexes after the excess of Cd (II)



## CONCLUSION

- Electrochemical characterisation of CdTe and its components.
- The differential pulse voltammetry can be considered as extremely sensitive and a low cost method for the rapid characterization of quantum dots.
- With LOD down to fg per mL, quantum dots should be of interest also as an electroactive label.



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