

Supporting Information for:

Timing Matters: The Overlooked Issue of Response Time Mismatch in pH-Dependent Analyte Sensing using Multiple Sensors

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1. RESPONSE TIME OF COMMERCIAL SENSORS

Table S1. Response times of commercially available optical and electrochemical sensors for pH, NH₄⁺, NH₃ and H₂S.

Analyte	Type	Response time /s	Supplier
pH	Optical	<60	Pyroscience ¹
	Optical	<120	Presens ²
	Potentiometric	1-60	Krohne ³
	Potentiometric	<10	Unisense ⁴
	Potentiometric	<45	MetrOhm ⁵
NH ₄ ⁺	ISE	<180	Hach ⁶
NH ₃	Severinghaus-type	<60	Fisher ⁷
	Severinghaus-type	<600	MetrOhm ⁸
H ₂ S	Amperometric	<10	Unisense ⁹
	Amperometric	<25	Sulfilogger ¹⁰

2. ADDITIONAL EXPERIMENTAL RESULTS

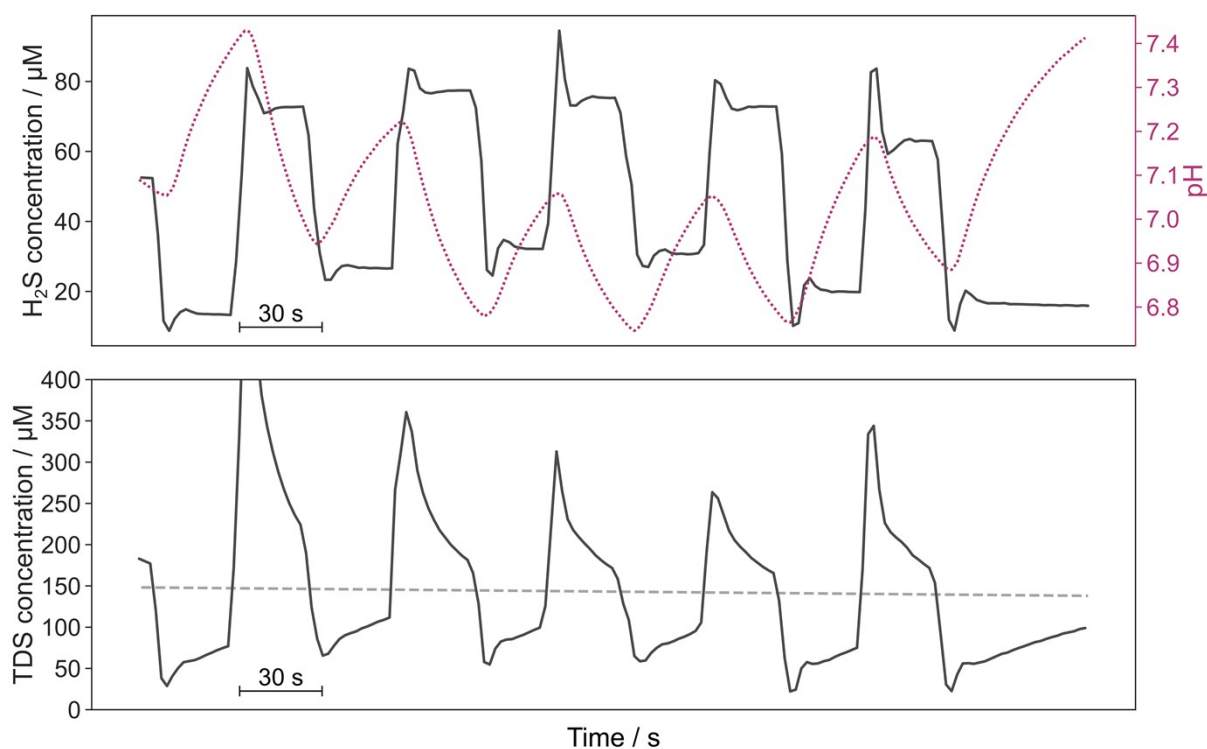


Figure S1. Calculation of TDS from measured H₂S and pH at fixed TDS concentration while varying the sample pH in the range of 6-8. H₂S was measured using a fast amperometric microsensor ($t_{90} < 10$ s) while pH was simultaneously measured with an optical sensor ($t_{90} < 60$ s). The sample pH was modified by additions of defined amounts of HCl or NaOH in time intervals of 30 s.

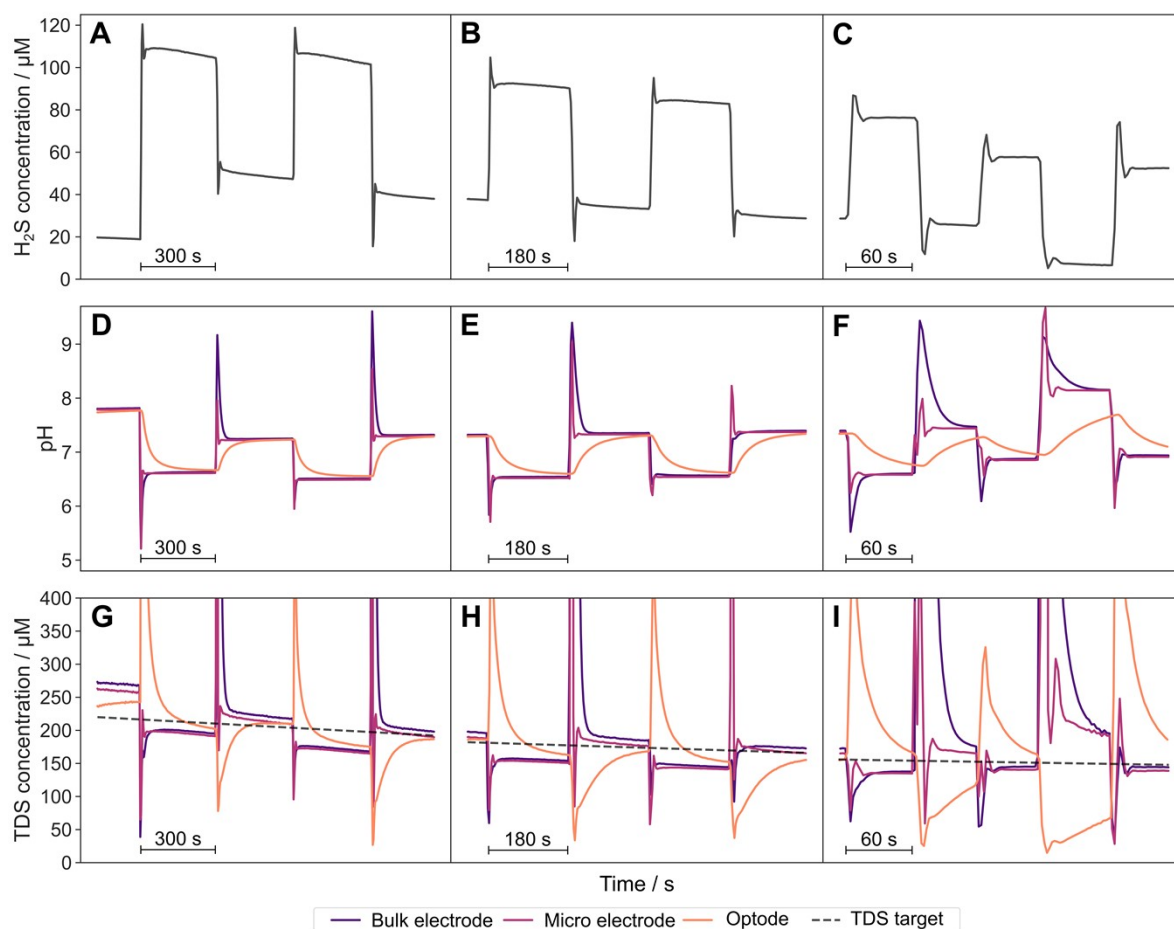


Figure S2. Calculation of TDS from measured H_2S and pH at fixed TDS concentration while varying the sample pH in the range of 6-8. H_2S was measured using a fast amperometric microsensor ($t_{90} < 10$ s) while pH was simultaneously measured with three different methods: bulk electrode, micro electrode and optode (response time: micro electrode $<$ bulk electrode $<$ optode). The sample pH was modified by additions of defined amounts of HCl or NaOH in time intervals of 5 min (**A, D, G**), 3 min (**B, E, H**) and 1 min (**C, F, I**).

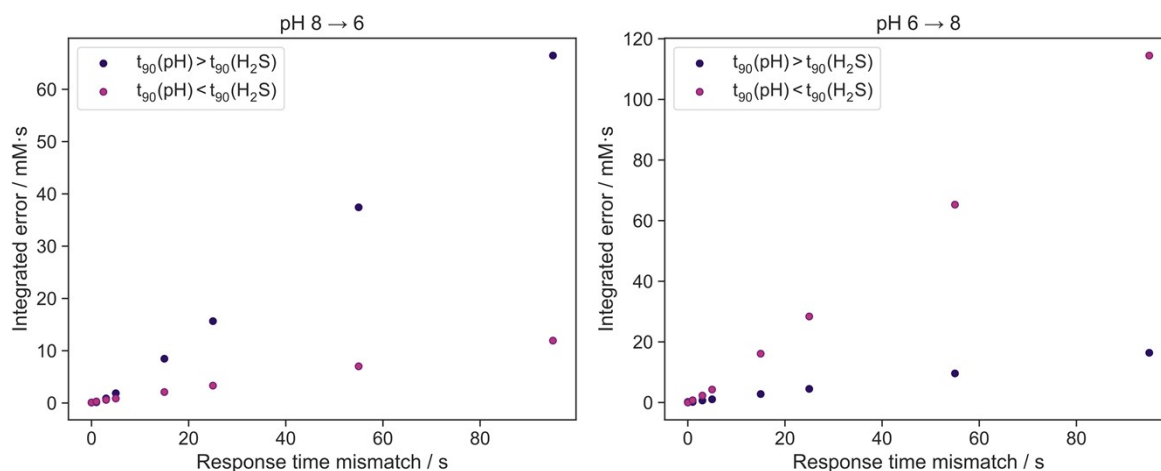


Figure S3. Integrated error at different response time mismatches, varying either the response time of the pH or H_2S sensor. Results are shown for a decrease (**left**) and an increase of 2 pH units (**right**). Target TDS concentration = 200 μM ; $\text{pK}_a = 7$.

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