



Low-Cost Brucella Detector in Milk

Methodology and Preliminary Results

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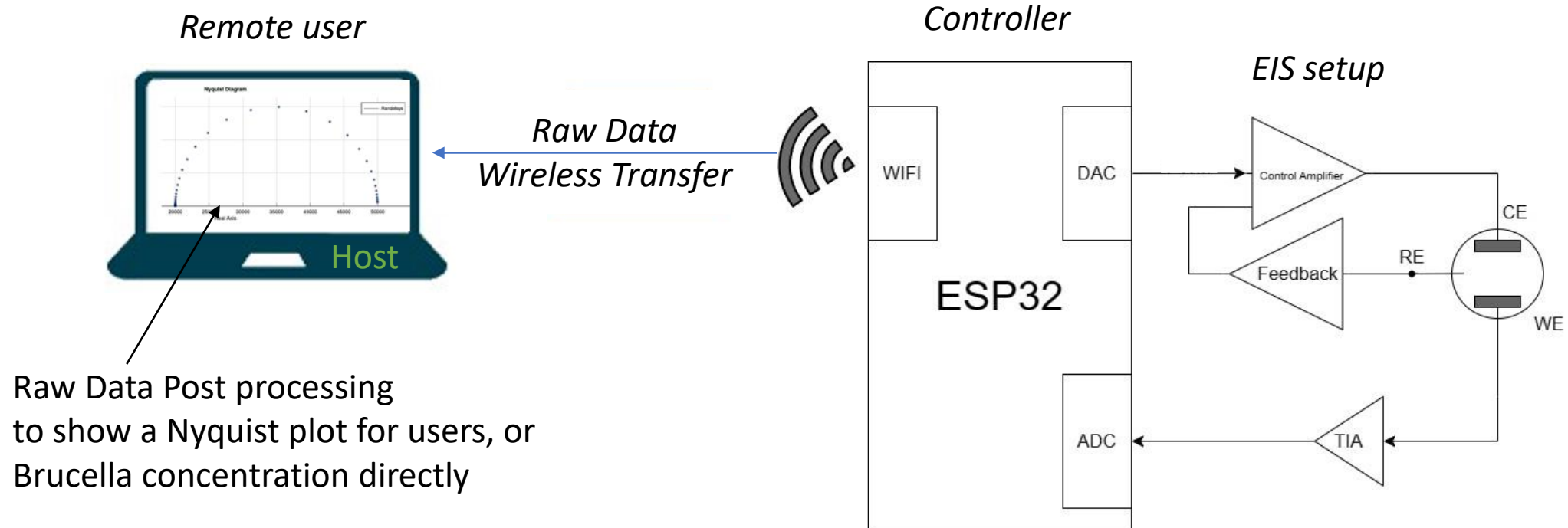
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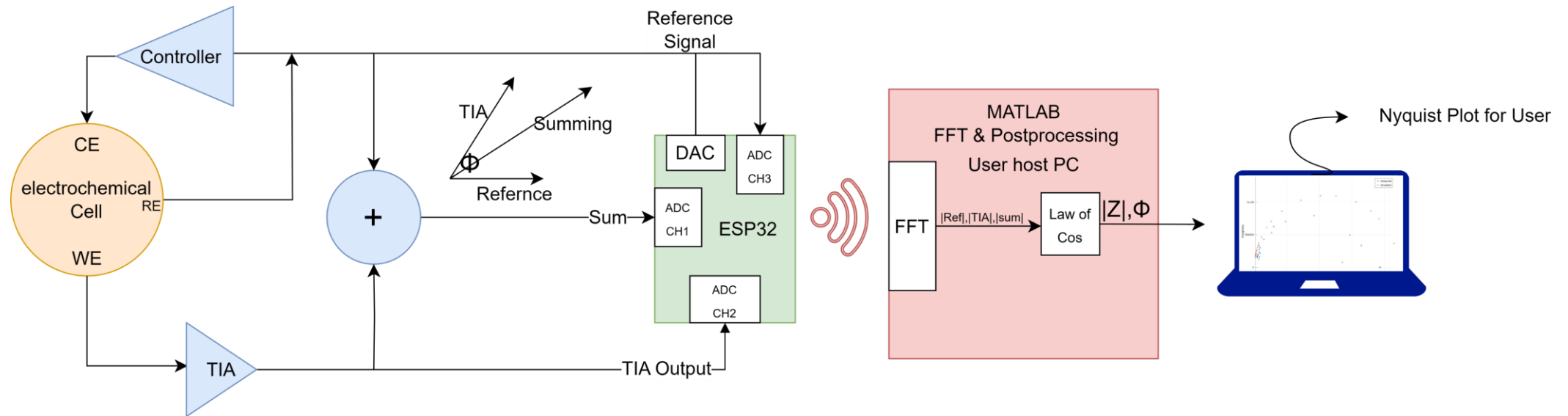
Low-Cost Sensing Solution using Electrochemical Impedance Spectroscopy (EIS)

The proposed solution consists of:

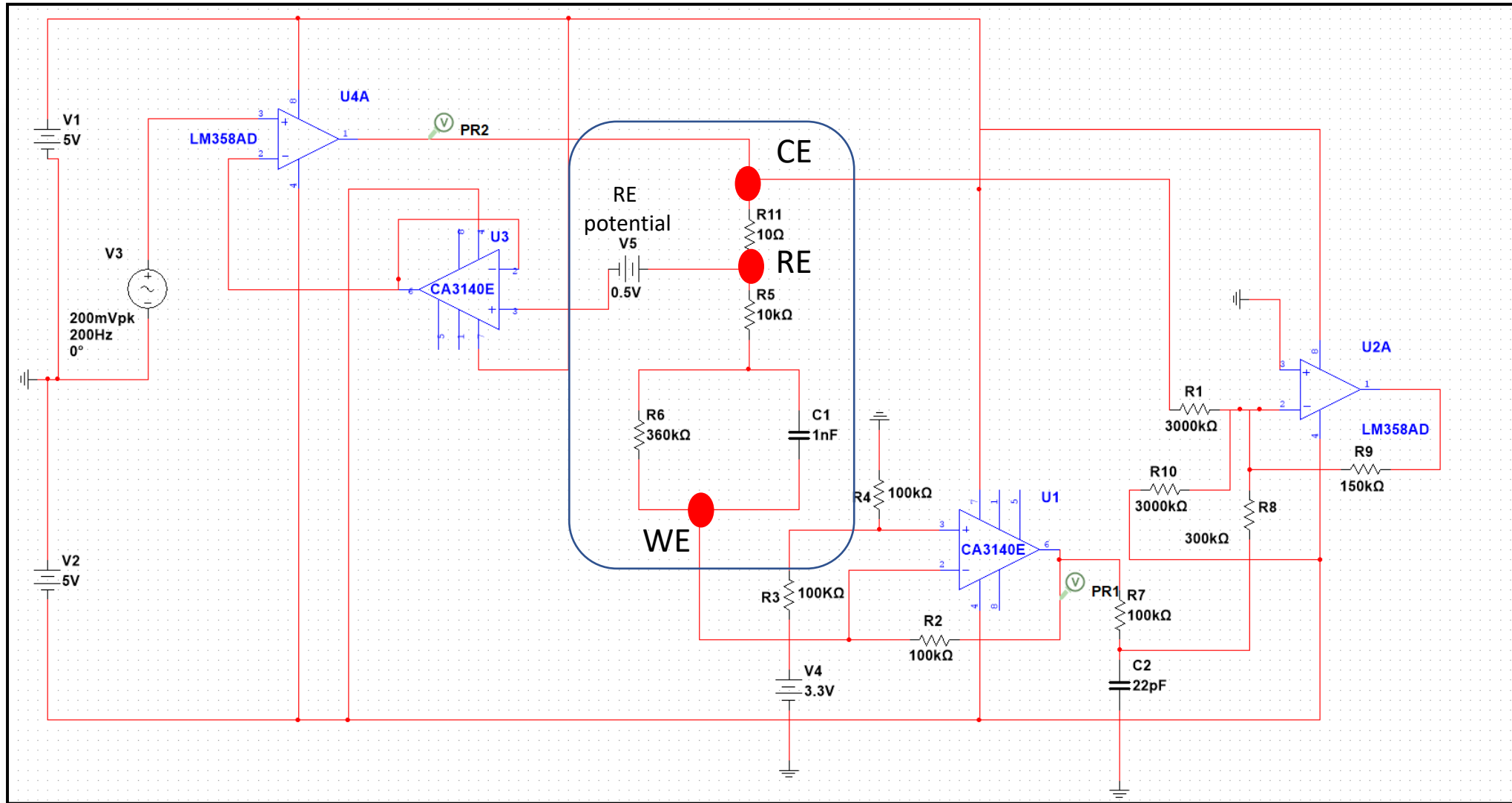
- Low cost potentiostat built from on the shelf components (COTS)
- ESP32 for signal generation and data acquisition (I/O)
- Postprocessing MATLAB code



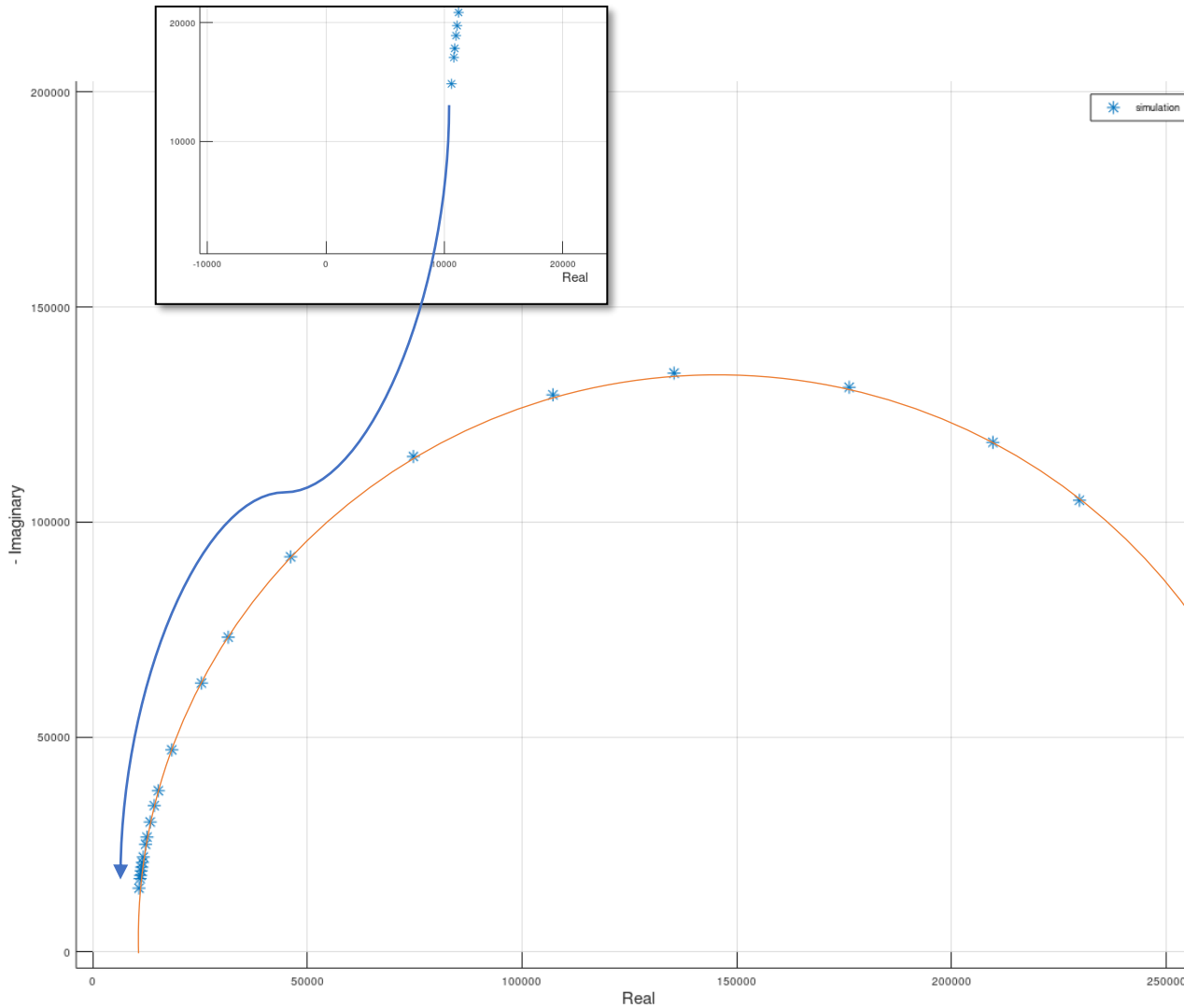
Platform's Functional Block Diagram



EIS with 3-Electrode Sensor Equivalent Circuit for Testing



Preliminary Simulation Results (Nyquist Plot)



This simulation was done using:

$R_p = 270\text{K} \pm 10\% \Omega$

$R_s = 10\text{k} \pm 10\% \Omega$

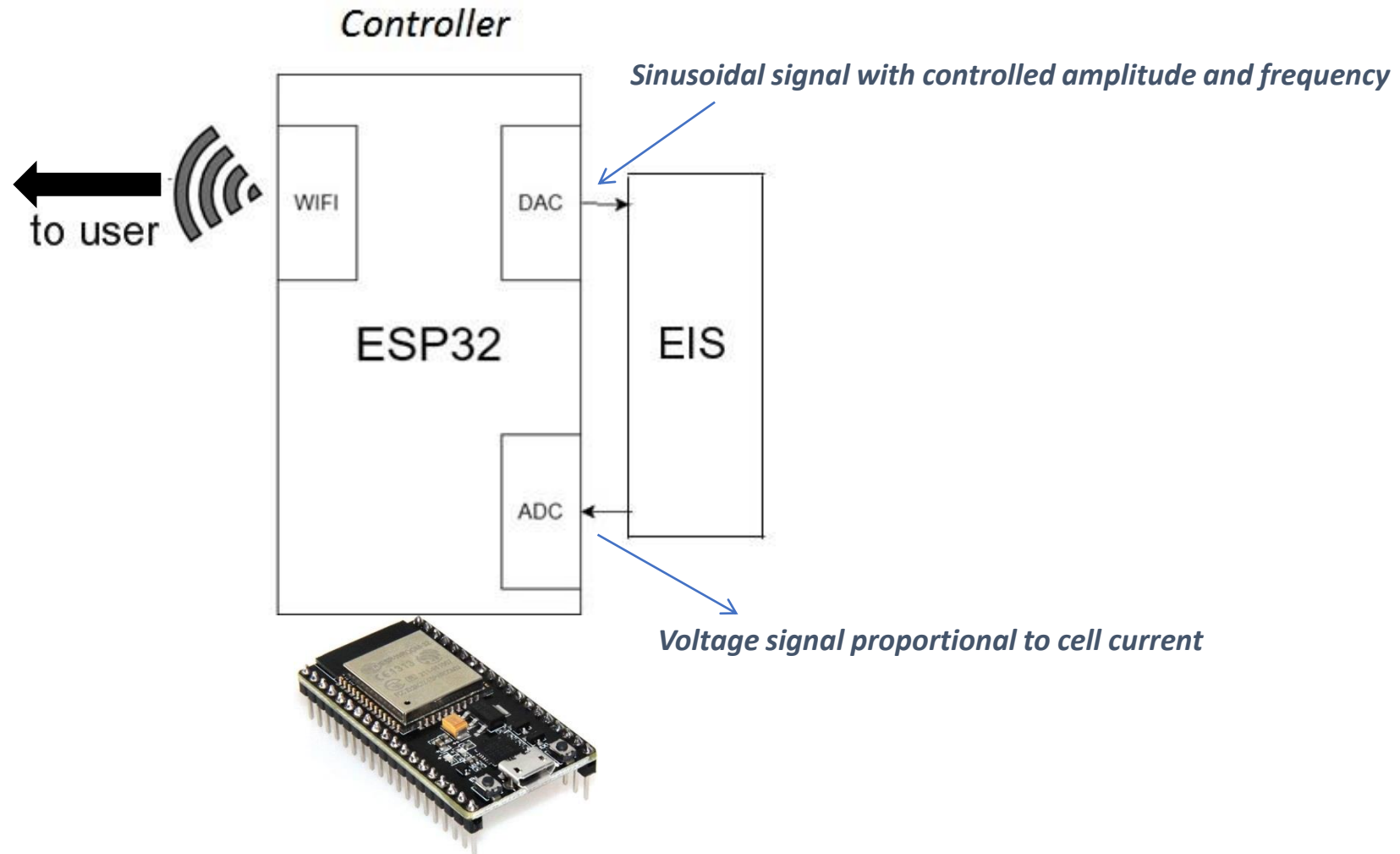
$C_d = 1\text{nF}$

ESP32 EIS sweep from 100Hz to 10KHz

Input amplitude: 200mV

ESP32

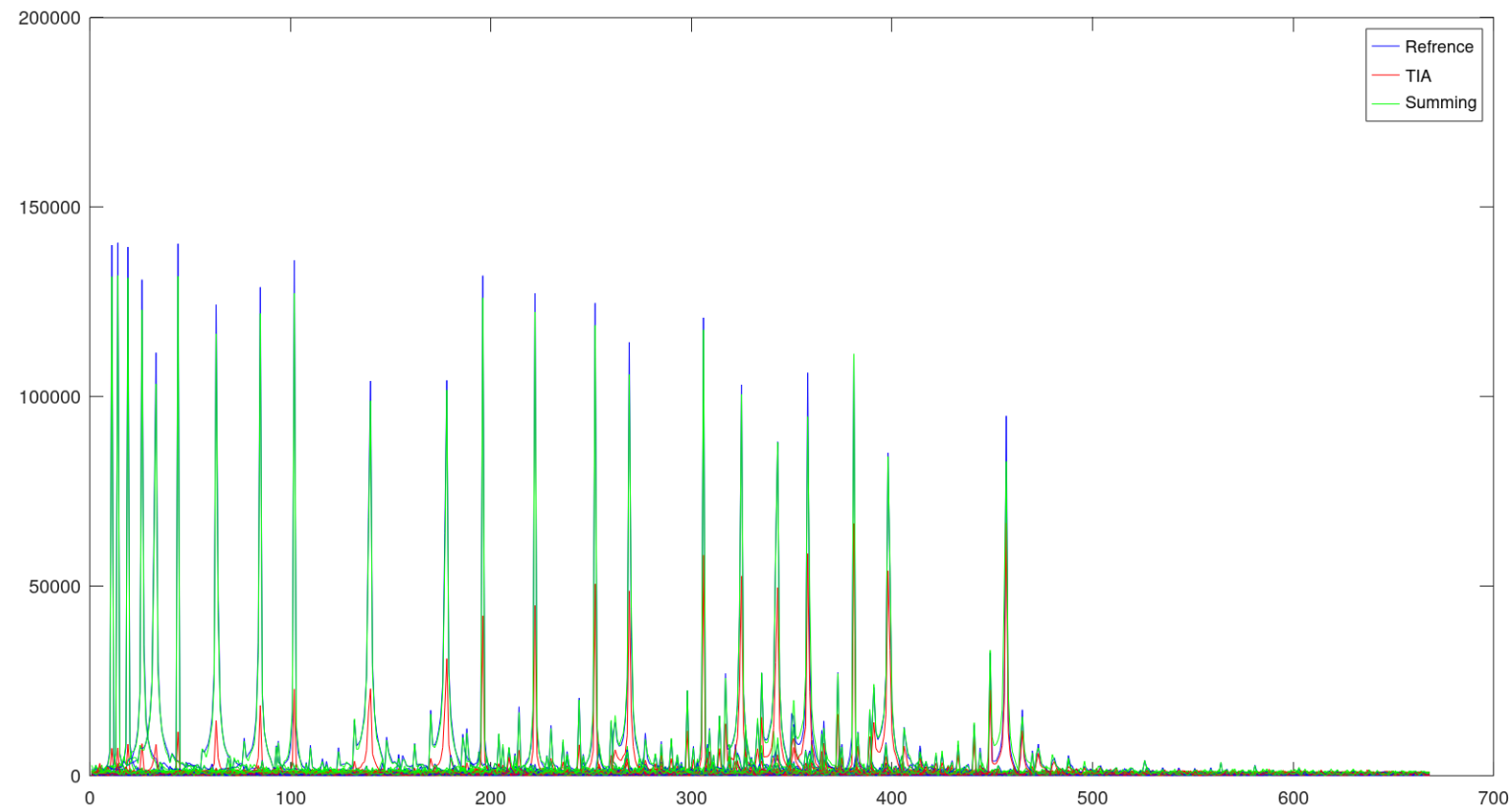
- Controls the EIS input signal frequency sweep from 100Hz to 10KHz
- Acquires the signal generated from the cell-current to voltage converter (Transimpedance Amplifier TIA)
- Wirelessly sends data to the host where it is postprocessed and displayed



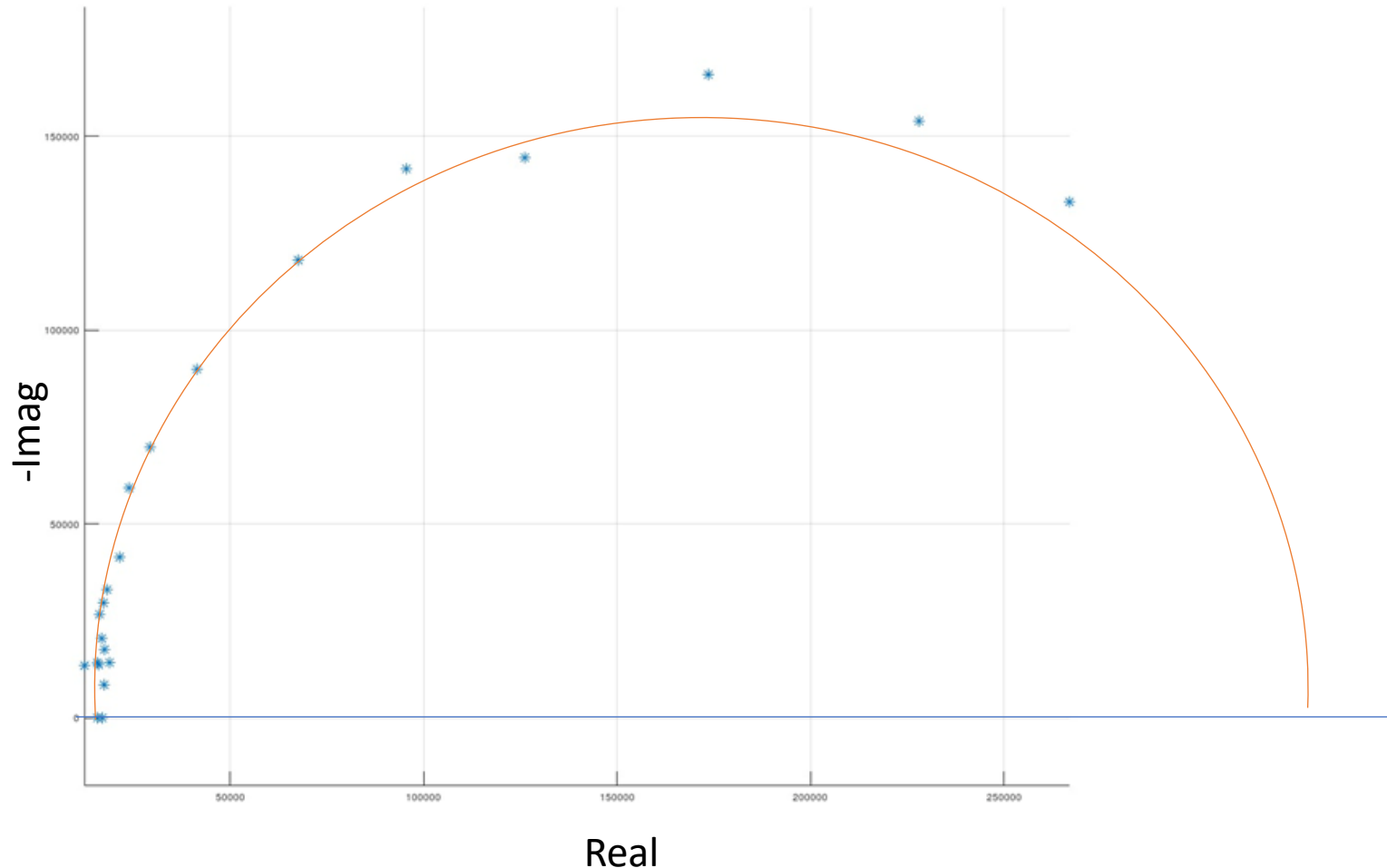
MATLAB Postprocessing

A MATLAB script running on the host side calculates the parameters of the analyte (R_p & R_s) to extract brucella concentration

The Real and Imaginary components can be calculated by utilizing the Fast Fourier Transform (FFT) magnitudes of the Reference, TIA, and summing signals.



Preliminary Measurement Results (Nyquist Plot)



This test was run using the values

$R_p = 360\text{K} \pm 10\% \Omega$

$R_s = 10\text{k} \pm 10\% \Omega$

$C_d = 1\text{nF}$

ESP32 EIS sweep from 100Hz to 10KHz

Input amplitude: 200mV

The semi-circle is slightly skewed at high frequencies

R_s (measured) $\approx 10 - 20 \text{ k}\Omega$

R_p (measured) $\approx 330 \text{ K}\Omega$

R_p is the only parameter that depends on the Brucella concentration in this non-Faradaic scenario.

Next

- Tweak design parameters to get better semi-circle fit
- Replace the sensor equivalent circuit by the 3-electrode cell
- Calibration

Estimated BOM Cost

Unit	Number	Price
ESP32	1	10\$
CA3140	2	4x2 = 8\$
LM358	2	3x2 = 6\$
PCB	5	4 \$
Laptop	4GB Ram/Intel corei3/ Win10	30\$
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