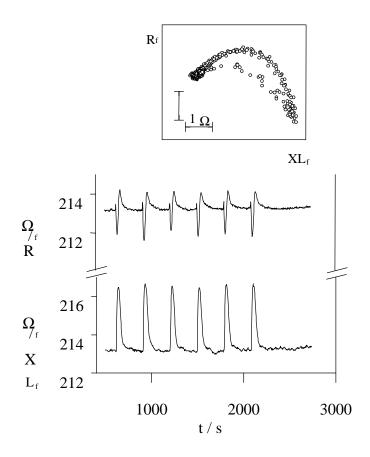
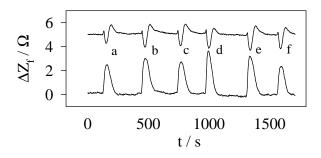
## SUPPORTING INFORMATION

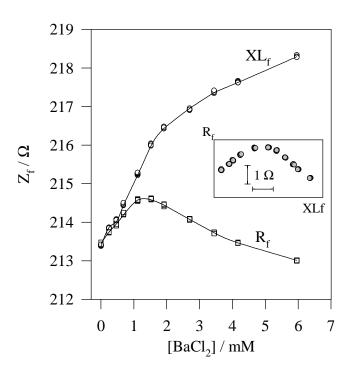
QCM impedance components  $R_f$  and  $XL_f$  for 6 injections of 50  $\mu$ L of KCl 0.3M showing excellent repeteability. Inset: parametric plot of  $R_f$  vs.  $XL_f$ , [KCl] is the parameter and increases clockwise. Note that all the injections lay on the same parametric curve, showing a strong hysteresis.



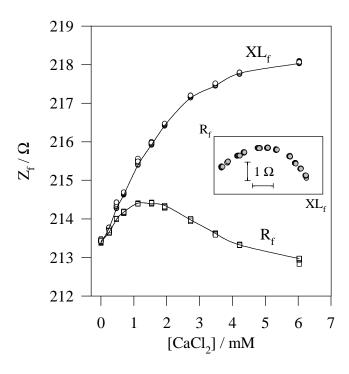
Variation of  $R_f$  and  $XL_f$  for injections of NaCl solutions buffered at different pH. The solutions were injected directly in the flow system. The gold electrode was previously derivatized with aminoethanethiol. a) pH=6.4, b) pH=5.0, c) pH=6.1, d) pH=9.2, e) pH=3.7, f) pH=6.4. pH was measured close to the QCM cell. Note that the  $XL_f$  variation (open circle diameter) is greater for higher pH.



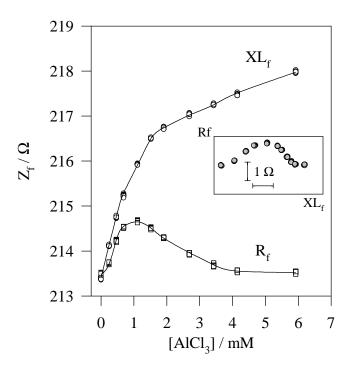
QCM impedance components  $R_f$  and  $XL_f$  vs.  $BaCl_2$  concentration. Inset: parametric plot of  $R_f$  vs.  $XL_f$ , [BaCl<sub>2</sub>] is the parameter and increases clockwise.



QCM impedance components  $R_f$  and  $XL_f$  vs.  $CaCl_2$  concentration. Inset: parametric plot of  $R_f$  vs.  $XL_f$ , [CaCl<sub>2</sub>] is the parameter and increases clockwise.



QCM impedance components  $R_f$  and  $XL_f$  vs.  $AlCl_3$  concentration. Inset: parametric plot of  $R_f$  vs.  $XL_f$ , [AlCl<sub>3</sub>] is the parameter and increases clockwise.



QCM impedance components  $R_f$  and  $XL_f$  vs.  $ZnSO_4$  concentration. Inset: parametric plot of  $R_f$  vs.  $XL_f$ , [ZnSO<sub>4</sub>] is the parameter and increases clockwise.

