Nanowire FET Biomolecular Sensors

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What I won't talk about today







nanowire materials & devices





DNA sequencing devices



molecular electronic transport, IETS



physics of scaled devices

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Current Macromolecular Sensing Labeled sensing



DNA sequencing, radiotag



DNA array, fluor



ELISA: Indirect fluor



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Nanowire biosensors (unlabeled detection)



ISFETs detection limits typically ~ µM

$$\frac{1}{I}\frac{dI}{dQ} \sim \frac{1}{r}$$







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Silicon-on-insulator (SOI) CMOS Nanowires









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p-type accumulation mode (backgate)



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1/f noise of nanowires



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NW Sensitivity Scaling with Size : pH Sensing



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Fluid Considerations

Nano Lett **5**, 803 (2005)



Biotin-Avidin & Streptavidin Sensing

analyte receptor

- n p-type accumulation mode, biotinylated NW device
- n avidin
 - u positive charge
 - $u \Rightarrow$ current decrease
- n streptavidin
 - u negative charge
 - $u \Rightarrow$ current increase

poly(ethylene glycol) (PEG)-ylated device, quenched avidin controls





Nature, 445, 519 (2007)

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Sensitivity: Concentration Dependence



n initial S/N ~ 140 (@10fM)

> \Rightarrow <100 aM limit (< 3 fg/ml)

 $(1 \text{ aM} = 30 \text{ molecule per mm}^3)$



Debye Screening Considerations



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Protein Assay: Antibody-Antigen Specificity Surface: α-mouse-IgA



100 fM mouse-IgG/IgA in 1.5 mM bicarbonate ($\lambda_D \sim 6.8$ nm)

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Unlabeled Cellular Detection

n Most cells (including pathogenic) release H⁺ in response to specific stimulation



Nat Rev Immunol **3** (2003) 973





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Real-time live cellular response – T-lymphocyte activation





Real-time measurement of cell immune response dynamics

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Transgenic peptide-specific MHC T-cell response OT-1/2C transgenic murine CD8⁺ T-cells ■ OT-1 reacts to H-2K^b-SIIN, not H-2K^b-SIY 2C reacts to H-2K^b-SIY, not H-2K^b-SIIN





H-2K^b-SI

Model system for detecting autoimmune diseases and cancer Stern et al, Nano Lett. 8, 3310 (2008).

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2COT-1 Kp-SIIN

Summary

- n CMOS-integrable "NWs"
 - u Label-free sensing to aM resolution
 - Enables system-level integration
 - u Macromolecular assays
- n Real-time cellular immune response
 - u Applicable to simple, point-of-care diagnostics (all simple DC, ambient)
 - u Immune response dynamics
- n Rich area for novel device designs, applications

n <u>The challenge:</u> sensing with physiologic solutions (blood)



