



MICROSENSORS FOR BIOMEDICAL APPLICATIONS

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N cLocations: Besançon, Montbéliard and Belfort









BIOMICRODEVICES TEAM

The team BioMicroDevices

- 14 permanent staff
- Pluridisciplinary team: bio-engineering, physico-chemistry of surfaces interfaces, nanobiocharacterization, microfluids, microfabrication, biosensors, lab-on-chips; organ-on-chips
- Field of applications: health, agrofood
- Close collaboration with health actors







BIOSENSING TECHNOLOGIES?

Two widely used techniques, inexpensive, easy to use:

- lateral flow assays (LFA)

Analysis time~minutes / LOD~0.1µM / low cost / low volume

-Enzyme-linked immunosorbent assays (ELISAs) Analysis time ~ 1 hour / LOD ~ 1pM / volume (100µL)

- \rightarrow Objective of Biosensors developement:
- Analysis time~minutes / LOD <1pM
- Portable, miniaturized, real-time, inexpensive, easy to use



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A- Biosensor

Introduction Biorecognition elements Transducers Examples of application C- Lab-on chip Actuators Lab-on-chip Organ-on-chip

B-Microfluidics / Microfabrication



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BIOSENSOR INTRODUCTION

Definition and characteristics of biosensor

Biosensor = Analytical device that is able to convert a biological response into an electrical signal.

The "golden" biosensor must be:

- highly specific
- Highly sensitive
- Able to reach a low LOD
- Independent of physical parameters (e.g., pH, temperature, etc.)
- Reliable
- Reusable
- Low cost

Historical background

- 1956: Measurement of the concentration of oxygen dissolved in blood by Clark [Clark1]
- 1962: First amperometric enzyme electrode for the detection of glucose by Leland Clark and Lyons [Clark2].
- 1969: First potentiometric sensor to detect urea by Guilbault and Montalvo [Guilb].
- 1975: First commercial biosensor developed by Yellow Spring Instruments (YSI): glucose in diluted whole blood by use of an enzyme-based biosensor [Yoo].
- 1983: First surface plasmon resonance (SPR) immunosensor by Liedberg et al. [Liedberg].
- [Clark1] Clark, L. J. *Trans Am Soc Artif Intern Organs* 1956, 2, 41-48
 [Clark2] Clark, L. C.; Lyons, C. *Ann. N. Y. Acad. Sci.* 1962, 102, 29-45
 [Guil] Guilbault, G. G.; Montalvo, J. G., Jr. *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* 1969, 91(8), 2164-2165.
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Number of published papers mentioning "biosensors" derived from statistics provided by the Web of Science [Singh]

 \rightarrow Rapid developments in miniaturization and microfabrication

both at research and product developement

Singh et al., Alexandria Engineering Journal (2023) 67 673-691



BIOSENSOR INTRODUCTION

4 Fields of applications

Health Diagnosis – therapy - bioproduction Drug discovery Process monitoring *in vivo* implantable biosensor

Environment Water quality management Detergents, pesticides, heavy metals Bacteria and pathogens detection Environemental monitoring

Biosensors

Bioterrorism Toxic substances detection Germs, pathogens and toxins detection Chemical weapons Explosives Agrofood Chemical contaminants detection Foodborne pathogens detection Food product production Food quality monitoring

Mehrotra J Oral Biol Craniofac Res. (2016) 6(2) 153-159.



BIOSENSOR INTRODUCTION

Definition





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BIOSENSOR INTRODUCTION



Combinaison of Biology and Physics

[Mont] Montrose A. PhD thesis Univ. Toulouse III, march 2013



BIORECOGNITION ELEMENTS

Methods of immobilisation



Physical methods:

AI- Easy, no need for chemical compounds, not very stable, low cost, reversible
AII- AIII- not versatile, high selectivity, high sensitivity, high cost, irreversible

Chemical methods:

BI- high stability, strong binding, high cost, **irreversible**

BII- high stability, strong binding, cross-linking with or without inert protein, high cost, **irreversible**

BIII- high selectivity, high sensitivity, labelling, high cost, **reversible**

Asal et al. Sensor review (2018) 84



BIORECOGNITION ELEMENTS

- Bioreceptors \rightarrow specificity of the biosensor
- Type of bioreceptors
- Classification into 5 types of bioreceptors
 - Enzymes, nucleic acids and antibodies bioreceptors: the most widely used
 - Cells and bacteriophages
- 3 major categories of bioreceptors:
 - Bioreceptors binding the analyte without modification
 - · Bioreceptors with catalytic activity
 - Biomimetic receptors

 \rightarrow The recognition step can thus result either in a static state (affinity bioreceptors) or in a dynamic event (metabolic bioreceptors)



Different types of bioreceptors [Soto]

[Mont] Montrose PhD thesis Univ. Toulouse III, march 2013 [Soto] Soto D., *molecules* 2022 27:3841



TRANSDUCER

Definition

The transducer converts the received physicochemical reaction signal into measurable signal. The measured signal can indirectly reflect the concentration of the target.

Five types of transducers are commonly used for biosensor design:

A/ Electrochemical: electrical properties, production of redox species,

B/ Thermal: temperature accompanying a reaction,

C/ Optical: optical absorption, refractive index, fluorescence,

D/ Piezoelectric: gravimetry, physical and physicochemical

parameters,

E/ Mechanical: constraints, forces.

Main characteristics: Dynamic range, sensitivity, linearity, accuracy, limit of detection (S/3N), drift, reliability, Repeatability, reproductibility





OPTICAL TRANSDUCER (1/7)

Colorimetric sensing

Colorimetry is a scientific technique that is used to determine the concentration of colored compounds in solutions by the application of the Beer–Lambert law, which states that the concentration of a solute is proportional to the absorbance.

Not label-free method (calcein)

Limit of detection: 3×10^{-5} ng μ L⁻¹





[Sayad] Sayad et al. *Biosensors and Bioelectronics* 100 (2018) 96–104



OPTICAL TRANSDUCER (2/7)

Fluorescence sensing

- Fluorescence
 - Principle: Association of the target molecule with a fluorescent molecule called fluorescent marker. Affinity between fluorochrome and molecule of interest

Quantification of the presence of molecules of interest in an indirect way

- \rightarrow One of the numerous labelling techniques
- Characteristics:
 - Limit of detection: a few fg/mL
 - Expensive microscope
 - Addition of fluorochrome / denaturation
 - Decrease of fluorescence in time
- Example of detection:
 - Direct
 - Indirect
 - Amplification





OPTICAL TRANSDUCER (3/7)

Surface Plasmon Resonance (SPR) / SPR imaging

- Principle: shift in the position of the plasmon resonance angle due to the modification of the medium refringence Δθ=0.1°⇔1ng/mm²
- Label-free method
- Limit of detection 1pg/mm² SPR et 5pg/mm² SPRi
- Depth penetration: 50 to 100nm





Evanescente wave



Damborsky P. Essays in biochemistry (2016) 60 91-100



OPTICAL TRANSDUCER (4/7)

Localized surface plasmon resonance (LSPR)

- Principle: based on metallic nanostructures MNPs (Au, Ag...)
- Interaction of incident light with MNPs \rightarrow localized plasmon resonance on the structures
- Laser power: 0.5 \rightarrow 1 mW



 Application for diagnosis: more sensitive than SPR, lower limit of detection, miniaturization, less bioreceptors, multiplex

Estevez et al, Analytica Chimica Acta 806 (2014) 55-73

case

case

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OPTICAL TRANSDUCER (5/7)

Surface enhanced Raman Scattering (SERS)

- Principle: based on the amplification of the Raman response (incident light = laser) of an analyte interacting with the surface plasmon of metals such as Au, Ag, or Cu
- Label free method, non invasive, rapid
- Higher-efficiency than normal Raman spectroscopy
- Diagnosis: diagnostic specificity 97%





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Successfull differentiation of the liver cancers from the normal subjects with high-diagnostic sensitivity of 95.0% and diagnostic specificity of 97.6%

[Liu] Liu et al 2018



OPTICAL TRANSDUCER (6/7)

Interferometry

- Interoferometric method (« Dual Polarization Interferometry TM et TE» (DPI) Interference generated by two guides → Fringes
 - Principle: the immobilization of biomolecules on the surface of one waveguide modifies the effective index of the guided mode and induces Δφ between two polarizations



Laser He-Ne / polarizer/2 optical waveguides/camera

- Real time measurements
- LOD: a few pg/mm²

Thickness and density of Streptavidin binding free D-Biotin

Swann et al, Analytical Biochemistry, vol.329, pp. 190-198, (2004), D. Johnson BSc, PhD thesis, "Molecular level investigation of coiled-oil proteins" University of Nottingham, (2005).



OPTICAL TRANSDUCER (7/7)

Comparison of performances

Biosensor	Multiplexing	Commercialization	Label- free?	Selected biological applications					
SPR	+ +	+ + +	Yes	Kinetic analysis of biointeractions Antigens in clinical samples Proteins in biological samples Xepoblotics and toxins in food	Bioluminescent optical fibre	+ +	+	No*	Response of cells to genotoxic agents Multidetection of genotoxins by live cell array
				Carbohydrate-specific interactions	Waveguide	+ +	+	Yes	Study of cellular responses and
SPRi	+ + +	+ + +	Yes	Screening of biomarkers and therapeutic targets	interferometric				processes Virus detection
				Screening of drug-target protein interactions	Ellipsometric	+ +	+	Yes	Characterizing viral receptor profiles
LSPR	+ +	+	Yes	Detection of DNA hybridization Screening of antigen-antibody					Detection of serum tumour biomarker
				interactions Cancer biomarker detection Toxin detection	RIfS	+ +	+ +	Yes	Xenobiotics in food Detection of circulating tumour cells
Evanescent wave fluorescence	+ + +	+ + +	No	Clinical diagnostics, biodefence, food testing	SERS	+	+	Yes	Detection of cancer proteins Protein biomarker in environment
				Clinical biomarkers Toxin screening					



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ACOUSTIC TRANSDUCER (1/7)

Acoustic waves: Propagative perturbation of the equilibrium of a medium or a material.

- Elastic regime
- Longitudinal/ transverse propagation
- Bulk acoustic wave, surface acoustic wave, plate wave



• Piezoelectric materials: quartz, ZnO, AIN, LiNbO₃, LiTaO₃, KNTiO₃, SrTiO₃, BiFeO₃ and BaTiO₃



ACOUSTIC TRANSDUCER (2/7)

BAW: Quartz Crystal Microbalance (QCM)

Principle: Piezoelectric effect \rightarrow resonance of the device \rightarrow shift in frequency Δf and change in resonance magnitude due to a change in mass

- Generation of shear waves
- Shift in resonance frequency Δf due to Δm and to liquid

$$\Delta f = \Delta f_m + \Delta f_L = -\frac{2f_0^2}{n(C_{66}\rho_q)^{1/2}} \left[\frac{\Delta m}{A} + \left(\frac{\rho_L \eta_L}{4\pi.f_0}\right)^{1/2}\right]$$

• Penetration depth : 250nm for f_0 =5MHz, depending on the resonance frequency



- Sensitivity: : less than 1ng/cm²
- Good accurancy, reliability,
- Easy microfabrication, low power consumption

Ferreira G, Trends in Biotechnology, 27(12) 2009



ACOUSTIC TRANSDUCER (2/6)

Comparaison between Quartz crytal Microbalance and SPR

	LOD: (mass/area)	LOD _M : (total mass)	Kinetics Analysis Capability	Multiple Channels	Sample Volume	Chips
SPR	0.1 ng/cm ²	~1 fg	Excellent	Easy	10 to	Au on
					100uL	Glass
QCM	1 ng/cm ²	~1 fg	Difficult	Difficult	~50 to	Au on
	,				200 uL	Quartz

 \rightarrow Miniaturization and multiplex measurements





ACOUSTIC TRANSDUCER (3/6)

BAW FBAR: Thin-film bulk acoustic resonator

Principle: device consisting of a piezoelectric material manufactured by thin film methods between two conductive – typically metallic – electrodes and acoustically isolated from the surrounding medium.

- Two types of structures: membrane / SMR
- High resonance frequency: 200 MHz to 10 GHz
- Rather complex manufacturing
- More sensitive than QCM / Fragile / not often used in liquid

 Δf_N

Network Analyzer

Bottom

electrode

• In non Newtonian liquid $\Delta f_M = \Delta f_N + \frac{J_R \Delta D}{2}$

Top electrode

• In Newtonian liquid

Liquid

O-ring

$$= -f_R^{3/2} \sqrt{\frac{\rho_l \eta_l}{\rho_0 \mu_0 \pi}}$$

With ΔD = dissipation



Fu et al, Progress in materials science 89 (2017) 31-91Wingqvist et al, surface & coating technology 205 (2010) 1279-128624Patel R. et al, Materials today proc. 4 (2017) 10377–10382

ACOUSTIC TRANSDUCER (3/6)

BAW FBAR

- Application for diagnosis: detection of hPSA
- Resonance frequency: 1.5 GHz
- Structure Si/SiO₂/ZnO/Cr-Au
- Sensitivity in mass: 0.5ng/cm² corrélation with ellipsometry





- •Low cost, label free, possibility of integration
- Sensitivity FBAR> Sensitivity QCM
- Limit of detection FBAR < Limit of detection QCM



Zhao, Sensors and Actuators, B190(2014) 946-953



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ACOUSTIC TRANSDUCER (4/6)

SAW: Love wave \rightarrow Shear waves generated by two IDTs

- Three different materials: substrate rigid solid, a viscoelastic guiding layer, and the sensitive layer; a Newtonian liquid as the top layer
- Parameters: thickness, density, dielectric constants, piezo constants, elastic constants, viscosity
- Guided wave in a guiding layer, electric isolation of the IDTs





ACOUSTIC TRANSDUCER (4/6)

SAW: Love wave transducer

Application : uri acid measurement

- LiTaO₃ and ZnO device
- Resonance frequency: f=53MHz
- chemical reaction:

Uricacid + O_2 + $H_2O \xrightarrow{Uricase} Allantoin + H_2O_2 + CO_2$



• LOD: 5µM

Mechanically robust device



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Rana et al, Sensors and actuators B 261 (2018)169-177



ACOUSTIC TRANSDUCER (5/6)



Matthieu Desvergne, PhD thesis Univ Bordeaux, October 2007

Plate waves - Lamb waves

- Wavelength λ > plate thickness \rightarrow membrane
- Resonance frequency fr depending on the phase velocity and the geometry of the device $f_r = \frac{nv_{\varphi}}{2L}$
- Waves propagate laterally
- Two types of geometries
- With reflectors / Plates free on one side _



- Small radiation loss in the testing liquid ٠
- High sensitivity ٠
- Short response time ٠
- Low fabrication yield (<10%) ٠
- High insertion loss (>-50 dB) ٠



ACOUSTIC TRANSDUCERS (6/6)

Comparison between several acoustic wave biosensors

Key parameters of typical acoustic wave biosensors used for disease-related biomarker detection.





ELECTROCHEMICAL TRANSDUCER (1/6)

Analyte binding \rightarrow redox reaction/ electrical conductivity change at the interface

- some of the most used biosensors in the market, mainly due to glucose monitoring
- easily miniaturised, inherently inexpensive and require simple electronics for conditioning and read-out, making them ideal for point-of-care applications
- 5 types of transducers



Components and measurement formats associated with electrochemical biosensors [Cesewski]

[Cesewski] Cesewski et al., *Biosensors and bioelectronics* 159 (2020) 112214





ELECTROCHEMICAL TRANSDUCER (1/6)

Types of electrochemical transducers

Measurement type	Transducer	Transducer analyte
1. Potentiometric	ion-selective electrode (ISE) glass electrode gas electrode metal electrode	K^+ , Cl^- , Ca^{2+} , F^- H^+ , Na^+ CO_2 , NH_3 redox species
2. Amperometric	metal or carbon electrode chemically modified electrodes (CME)	O ₂ , sugars, alcohols sugars, alcohols, phenols, oligonucleotides
3. Conductometric, impedimetric	interdigitated electrodes, metal electrode	urea, charged species, oligonucleotides
4. Ion charge or field effect	ion-sensitive field effect transistor (ISFET), enzyme FET (ENFET)	H ⁺ , K ⁺

Type of electrochemical transducers for classified type of measurements, with corresponding analytes to be measured [Thevenot]

sciences & Technologies [Thevenot] Thevenot et al., *Biosensors and bioelectronics* 16 (2001) 121–131

ELECTROCHEMICAL TRANSDUCER (2/6)

Conductometry

Conductivity change in the solution via the production or consumption of charged species

- Principle: Generation of an alternative voltage (fixed voltage) between two electrodes. Measurement with an impedance meter, Z= voltage/current ratio.
- Measurement: variations (consumption or production) of charged species during enzymatic reactions.
- Conductance G : $G=\gamma A/\lambda$

γ (S.cm-1): conductance or specific conductivity of the product; A (cm): geometrical constant of the cell

- High sensitivity
- Miniaturization (only 2 electrodes)
- Differential measurement (with and without enzyme)



Electrical current (A)





ELECTROCHEMICAL TRANSDUCER (3/6)

Amperometry

- Current change due to a redox reaction in the solution pA < I < nA
 - Principle: measuring currents due to the oxidation or reduction of electroactive species occurring locally in contact with a working electrode. Consumption of one of the products of the reaction.
 - Selectivity governed by the redox potential of the electroactive species present in the solution
 - fast, more sensitive, more accurate and more precise than potentiometric biosensors
 - Example: Glucose
 - Amperometric measurement of H₂O₂





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ELECTROCHEMICAL TRANSDUCER (4/6)

Potentiometry

- Principle: measuring variations in open circuit potential, of which biologically sensitive field-effect transistors Voltage is a special type
- Potential change between an ionosensitive electrode (transducer) and a reference electrode Cal or Ag/AgCl
 - Local equilibrium at the transducer surface → potential proportional to the logarithm of the concentration of the sample according to Nernst's law :
 - E : potential redox couple
 - E⁰: normal potential redox couple
 - R: constant ideal gaz
 - a_{Ox}/a_{Red}: ratio of species activity dominating the potential in oxidized and reduced states
 - T: Temperature in Kelvin
 - Two methods: ISE (Ion Sensitive Electrodes: metallic electrode)/ ISFET (H+, K+, Na+, Ag+, F-, Br-, I-, Ca²⁺, NO₃⁻)



$$E = E^0 + 2, 3\frac{RT}{nF} \lg \frac{a_{Ox}}{a_{Red}}$$



ELECTROCHEMICAL TRANSDUCER (4/6)

- ISE: ion sensitive electrodes (pH or monovalent ions)
 - Macroscopic device, analysis in 30 minutes
- ISFET (Ion sensitive Field Effect Transitor) based on MOSFET principle
 - Miniaturized, analysis in a few minutes, low cost, robust



(1) Rsivakumarsamy R. et al, nature materials 17(2018) 464-470
(2) 2) Bergveld P. et al, IEEE Trans. on Biomedical Engin. 17(1970)
(3) Singh A. et al, proc. 3rd Int. Conf. NANOCON, oct 2014



ELECTROCHEMICAL TRANSDUCER (4/6)

0D ISFET: sensor ⇔ Si nanotransistor

Principle: measurement of ionic effects independent of pH.

- Technological development at nanoscale: nanotransistor Si technology
- •No selective coating for ionogram measurements in blood/ independant of pH

• Clinical application: dépistage (for hyperkalemy or renal insufficiency) or therapeutic monitoring

- Low cost, subnanoliter volume, miniturization, portable, reusable, label-free





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ELECTROCHEMICAL TRANSDUCER (5/6)

Impedimetry

Principle: measuring the ratio: impedance = AC potential / AC current.

- Electrochemical impedance spectroscopy (EIS)
- Impedance is measured over a wide range of AC potential frequencies, typically from 100 kHz to 1 MHz
- \rightarrow useful information about the physico-chemical changes that take place when an analyte binds
- → Application: detection of cancer and other disease biomarkers, bacteria, polluting agents, toxins
- → Attomolar concentration



Detection of S Typhimurium

[Cesewski] Cesewski et al., *Biosensors and bioelectronics* 159 (2020) 112214



ELECTROCHEMICAL TRANSDUCER (6/6)

Nanomaterial based electrochemical biosensors

Principle: nanomaterial modified electrodes for the construction of biosensors compared with planar electrodes

- \rightarrow Lowering the limit of detection to unparalleled levels
- → Better accessibility of analyte molecules to reach immobilised biomolecules
- → Direct electronic wiring of redox enzymes allowing direct electron transfer between the modified electrode and active site of the enzyme making such enzymatic biosensors more selective
- → Graphene oxide much cheaper compared with other nanomaterials
- \rightarrow ultrasensitive affinity-based electrochemical biosensors





New graphene biosensor can detect SARS-CoV-2 in under a minute

Hammond et al., *Essays in Biochemistry* (2016) **60** 69–80 Xu et al., *Biosensors and Bioelectronics* (2020) **170** 112673

ELECTROCHEMICAL TRANSDUCER (6/6)

Nanomaterial based electrochemical biosensors

Nanomaterial	Hybrid ^a	Target b	Analytical Characteristics		Comments	
Manomaterial	,	langer	Linear Range	LOD	Comments	
	3D hybrid graphene-GNR.	H_2O_2	0 to 50 mM	2.9 µM	Metallic nanostructures have high catalytic activity,	
	TiO ₂ nanoparticles encapsulated ZIE-8	Glucose	2 to 10 mM	80 nM	easy preparation, and relatively low cost. However, this kind of nanomaterial can change its oxidation state	
Metallic nanostructures	Nanohybrid of VS ₂ /AuNP and CoFe ₂ O ₄ nanozyme	Kana	$1 \ pM$ to $1 \ \mu M$	0.5 pM	due to variations in conditions of the medium, such as pH, ionic strength, and temperature upon time.	Proteins Glycoproteins Antibodies Aptamens Cells Microorganisms
	Ag and hybrid Ag–Fe ₃ O ₄ metallic nanoparticles.	AA	0.2-60 µM	74 nM		
	mSiO2@MWCNT. MSF/APTES/AgNP	Thrombin STR	0.0001 nM and 80 nM 1 to 6.2 ng/mL	50 fM 0.33 fg/mL	These nanomaterials have high mechanical resistance, thermal stability, long functional life, and versatility;	
Silicon nanomaterials	Ap-GA-NH2MCM-41-GCE	hemin and Hb	1.0×10^{-19} to $1.0\times 10^{-6}~M$	7.5×10^{-20} M and 6.5×10^{-20} M	nonetheless, they require long synthetic processes, and their application is limited to certain analytes.	Biomarkers
	AuNPs loaded in functionalized MSNPs	CEA	1.0×10^{-3} to 100 ng/mL	9.8×10^{-4} ng/mL	II ,	
Carbon nanostructures	MWCNTs and GQDs. GQDs/AuNPs. CQDs/AuNps CoCu-ZIF@CDs	IL-13Rα2 P53 Glucose B16-F10 cells	2.7 to 100 ng/mL 0.000592–1.296 pM 0.05 mM to 2.85 mM 1 × 10 ² to 1 × 10 ⁵ cells/mL	0.8 ng/mL 0.065 fM 17 μM 33 cells/mL	These nanomaterials enjoy thermal stability, large surface area, and a wide range of nanostructures and functional groups. They are the main nanomaterials used in the preparation of electrochemical biosensors.	Electrode
Polymers	(Chi-Py) mixture, AuNPs, and MWCNT PANI/ active carbon and n-TiO2	Escherichia coli Glucose	3×10^1 to 3×10^7 cfu/mL	~30 CFU/mL	These have high biocompatibility, high affinity, strong adsorption ability, low molecular permeability, physical rigidity, and chemical inertness in biological processes. However, functionalizing their surface is necessary for the anchorage of bioreceptors, and some polymers oxidize due to changes in medium conditions.	
	PEG/AuNPs/PANI	alpha-fetoprotein	10^{-14} to 10^{-6} mg/mL	0.007 pg/mL		NPs Silicon CNTs Graphene QDs Polymers Others nanomaterials nanomaterial
Other nanostructured nanomaterials	WSe ₂ and AuNPs MoS ₂ /Ti ₃ C ₂ nanohybrids AuNPs/Ti ₃ C ₂ MXene 3D	Thrombin miRNA miRNA155	0–1 ng/mL 1 fM to 0.1 nM 1.0 fM to 10 nM	190 fg/mL 0.43 fM 0.35 fM	Other hybrid nanostructures have a large specific surface area, excellent electrical conductivity, and electrocatalytic properties.	

^a GNR, graphene–gold nanorod; AuNPs, gold nanoparticles; Ap, aptamer; GA, glutaraldehyde; GCE, glassy carbon electrode; MSNPs, mesoporous silica nanoparticles; MWCNTs, multiwalled carbon nanotube; MSF, mesoporous silica thin film; APTES, (3-aminopropyl) triethoxysilane; AgNP, silver nanoparticles; CDs, carbon-dots; Chi-Py, pyrrole branched chitosan; PEG, polyethylene glycols; PANI, polyaniline. ^b AA, ascorbic acid; STR, streptomycin; miRNA; micro-RNA.

[Soto] Soto et al., *Molecules* (2022) 27, 3841



MECHANICAL TRANSDUCER (1/4)

Static cantilever deflection (MC)

Principle: optical detection of displacement linked to the variation of the surface energy: intermolecular bonds in cantilever surface

- •Length L=200µm, width I=20µm, thickness d=0.5µm, silicon nitride
- Deflection $\Delta h = 3\sigma(1 v)/E (L/d)^2$, $\sigma = surface stress$



→Multiplex technique, miniaturization, label-free technique, specificity of capture

 \rightarrow Response time to be improved (3-4h) – due to diffusion

→Clinical use

• PSA 0,2 ng/ml \rightarrow 60 µg/ml in HSA and human plasminogen (1mg/mL)

Wu et al, nature Biotechnol., 2001(19), 856-860



MECHANICAL TRANSDUCER (2/4)

Resonant microdevices (RM)

Principle: Dynamic deflection of nanocantilevers linked to stress generated by the interaction between helicase HCV and aptamer ARN \rightarrow shift in resonance frequency

- PZT nanocantilevers Array, length L, fonctionnalized
- Shift in resonance frequency due to added mass negligeable compared to surface stress $\omega_i = \left(\frac{\lambda_i}{L}\right)^2 \sqrt{\frac{\xi}{\mu}}$
- \rightarrow stress

$$v_i \equiv \omega_i + \Delta \omega_i = \left(\frac{\lambda_i}{L}\right)^2 \sqrt{\left[\frac{\xi}{\mu + \Delta \mu}\right] \left[1 + \frac{2}{\pi^2} \frac{\tau L^3}{\xi}\right]}$$

$$\tau = \frac{\tau_0}{2} \left[2 \left(\frac{\Delta \omega_i}{\omega_i} \right) + \left(\frac{\Delta \omega_i}{\omega_i} \right)^2 \right]$$









- Resolution = concentration 100pg/mL in liquid, higher resolution compared to static cantilevers
- Label-free
- Intregration

sciences & Technologies Hwang et al, Biosensors and Bioelectronics 23 (2007) 459-465

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MECHANICAL TRANSDUCER (3/4)

Resonant microdevices (RM): cantilevers (30nm width)

Principle: mass sensing of biological elements in physiological environment \rightarrow frequency shift

- Poly-L-lysine molecules coated on the surface of cantilever
- •Measurements of adherent living cells HeLa: MC + confocal microscope

• Positive dielectrophoresis trapping (6V, 1MHz) \rightarrow High speed displacement (0.5 – 1mm/s)

Change in resonant frequency





- In physiological environment (measurement at a single cell level)
- In real time, resolution a few ng
- Complementary characterization (microscopy)

Park et al, lab on Chip 2008 (8) 7, 993-1228



MECHANICAL TRANSDUCER (4/4)

22 nM 70 nM .2 uM

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Suspended microchannel resonator (SMR)

Principle: resonant device out of fluid \rightarrow high Q factor (no attenuation due to viscosity)

- Electrostatic excitation, optical detection
- microcantilever in a SOI substrate, 200*33*7 μm^3
- Channel with biological sample in the MC 3*8 μ m², by-pass channel 30*100 μ m²









- Limit of detection: 300ag
- Enhanced sensitivity compared to resonant devices in liquid
- In flow
- Small volume of sample

Burg et al, Nature 446 (2007) 1066 Arlett J. et al, Journ. Appl. Phys. 108 (2010) 084701



TRANSDUCERS





Arlett J. L. et al DOI: 10.1038/nnano.2011.44



Limit of detection vs analysis time for the quantification of proteins using mechanical biosensors



MICROFABRICATION (1/6)





MICROFLUIDICS (2/6)

Technology based on Si/ SiO₂/ thin layers (examples SEM images)

Cantilever with a single E. coli bound near the cantilever tip. Actuated in air, this cantilever measured the mass of a single cell to be 665 fg. Scale bar corresponds to 5 µm







Specialized cantilever fabricated to specifically bind analytes near the tip of the cantilever in order to maximize the effect of added mass. The nanoscale gold dot can be used with thiol-based binding chemistries to localize analyte binding → Detection at attogram quantities. Scale bar represents 2µm.

Arrays of bridge oscillators. Scale bar corresponds to 2 µm





Several cantilevers in a "Millipede" cantilever array, which contains an array of 32 X 32 fully integrated devices. Each cantilever is 50 µm in length

A 15 μm long, doubly-clamped nanomechanical resonator. Electrospun fibers are used as an etching mask in order to define the nanostring resonators.

llic et al, Journal of Applied Physics **95**, 3694 (2004) Waggoner et al, Lab Chip, 2007, 7, 1238–1255



MICROFABRICATION (3/6)

Soft technology based on polymers: nanoimprint lithography

New substrates for flexibility, new features, miniaturized Polymer is cast in a structured mold

- Common polymers: PDMS, PMMA, etc.
- Moulding materials: SU-8, thick photoresist
- Nanoimprint: pattern micro/nano



Nanoimprint lithography for LSPR sensing

- Advantages of soft lithography:
- 1/ rapid prototyping
- 2/ low cost, biocompatible, disposable



Schematic illustration of the step and flash imprint lithography (S-FIL) process



MICROFABRICATION (4/6)

Microstructures obtained by replication





MICROFABRICATION (5/6)

Examples of microfluidic circuits



Chip made by hot embossing



Electrophoresis system by thermoforming



Microfluidic chip in soft lithography (PDMS)



3D Microfluidic in SU8



Filter obtained using tilted lithography



Lab on chip made by injection



Microfluidic connector microsterolithography

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Abgrall P. PhD Thesis Univ Toulouse, February. 2006



MICROFABRICATION (6/6)

Sensing systems designed with applying patterning techniques

Patterning Technique	Patterned Material	Pattern Shape	Detected Biomolecule	Detection Methode	Detection Limit	Literature
Soft Lithography	PS/PSMA	Micropillar	Anti-IgG	Fluorescence	0.03 µg.mL ⁻¹	Lee et al. (2011a, 2011b)
Stencil Lithography	Sillicon Nitride	Au squar nanodot	Streptavidin	SPR	100 nM	Vazquez-Mena et al. (2011)
Wet Ethcing	ITO	Whell-like	Glucose, Cholin, Lactate	ECL	14, 40, 97 µM	Zhou et al. (2014)
Nanoimprint Lithography	Glass	Au elliptical nano-disc	PSA	SPR	0.0012 ng.mL ⁻¹	Lee et al. (2011a, 2011b)
Nanoimprint Lithography	PET	NanoDome	IgG	LSPR	3.4 nM	Endo et al. (2010)
Nanoimprint Lithography	Photonic Crystal	Nanohole	Influenza Virus	Reflectometry	10 pg.mL ⁻¹	Choi and Semancik (2013)
Soft Lithography	PEG Hydrogel	pH responsive-Circular	Streptavidin	Fluorescence	-	Lee et al. (2008)
Non-contact Robotic Printer	APTES-coated glass slide	Spot	Escherichia coli	Fluorescence	25 bacteria each have 1 nl volume	Melamed et al. (2011)

ECL: Electrochemiluminescence SPR: Surface Plasmon Resonance ITO: Indium-Tin Oxide PSA: Prostate Specific Antigen IgG: Immunoglobulin G PET: Polyethylene Terephthalate PEG: Polyethyleneglycole PS: Polystyrene PSMA: Poly (styrene-alt-maleic anhydride).

- •New materials
- New technologies
- Biocompatible
- •Low cost
- Disposable

Derkus, Biosensors Bioelectronics, 79(2016) 901-913



MICROFLUIDICS (1/5)

- The main benefits of such a technology consists in:
 - Reduced volume of reagents
 - Lower costs
 - Fine control over parameters (size, shape)
 - \rightarrow Reproduce *in vivo* condition
- Through miniaturization & automation, microfluidics are a great tool to:
 - Improve the precision of experiments
 - Lower limits of detection
 - Confine molecules produced by a cell in a nanometric space for detection purpose
 - Follow the kinetics of chemical reaction
 - Faster analyses due to the shorter reactions and/or separation times
 - Run multiple analyses simultaneously
 - Manipulate molecules (unique cell scale) directly and physically
 - Apply local or intense electric or magnetic fields without increasing voltage
 - Design portable devices for point-of-care applications



MICROFLUIDICS (2/5)

Fluid flow and microfluidic chip

Flow equation for microfluidics F=my incompressibility / Newtionan fluid $\frac{D\mathbf{u}}{\mathbf{Dt}} = \frac{\partial \mathbf{u}}{\partial \mathbf{t}} + (\mathbf{u}\nabla)\mathbf{u} = -\frac{1}{\rho}\nabla P + \nu\Delta \mathbf{u} \qquad \mathbf{u} = \text{velocity} \\ P = \text{pressure} \\ \text{Inertia forces are small in miniaturized devices} \end{cases}$

 $0 = -\nabla P + \mu \Delta \mathbf{u}$

Approximation valid for microfluidics

Exceptions : microechangers spotters, inertial microfluidics

Reynolds number Re

Ratio between the inertial and viscous forces acting on a fluid

- \rightarrow Indicator of whether fluid flow is turbulent or steady
- \rightarrow Re<2000 the fluid is considered to exhibit a laminar flow



An example of laminar and turbulent flow in the macroscale





MICROFLUIDICS (3/5)

Case of Re<2000: laminar flow

- \rightarrow Profil of velocity in a channel (Poiseuil)
- \rightarrow Diffusion time vs convection time
- \rightarrow Competition between T_C et T_D to reach the surface









Diffusion time

Convection time

 $t_{_{D}} \approx L_{_{D}}^{_{2}}/D$







MICROFLUIDICS (4/5)

 $\frac{\text{diffusive time}}{\text{convective time}} \sim \frac{H^2/D}{H^2 W_c/Q} \sim \frac{Q}{DW_c} \equiv \text{Pe}_H$



Example: D=40 μ m²/s, u=1000 μ m/s \rightarrow Pe=2500

→ Mixing after 25cm and 4 minutes **Figure 1** Model system studied here. Solution with target concentration c_0 flows with velocity U and volumetric flow rate $Q \sim HW_cU$ through a channel of height *H* and width W_c over a sensor of length *L* and width W_s that is functionalized with b_m receptors per unit area. The kinetic rate constants for the (first-order) binding reaction are k_{on} and k_{off} , and the diffusivity of the target molecules is *D*.

Zone of depletion δ / Comparison with $\tau = L^2/D$ Region i: full collection, diffusion phenomenon prevails Region ii: depletion zone <H et L Region iii:depletion zone<H et >L convection phenomenon prevails



Simulation results multiphysics in channel

Arlett et al, nature nanotechnology, 44 (2011) Squires et al, nature biotechnology 26 (2008)



MICROFLUIDICS (5/5)

Microfluidic structures (soft matter, silicon, GaAs,...)



Microfabrication of a microfluidic multiplexer



Microfabrication of a microfluidic cell on silicon wafer



microfluidic cell on (110) silicon wafer / GaAs wafer



Microfabrication of microfluidic cells on silicon wafer



Microfabrication of microfluidic circuit on silicon wafer-T junction to obtain a two-phase mixture

Azzopardi, C.-L et al, Micromachines 8 (2017): 308



MICROFLUIDIC CHIPS

Timeline on microfludic technology





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LAB-ON-CHIP ACTUATION (1/3)

Acoustophoresis: acousto fluidic interaction

Principle of acoustophoresis for particles concentration / sorting





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LAB-ON-CHIP ACTUATION (2/3)

Acoustophoresis

Design of the microdevice developped for acoustic sorting



Acoustic interaction area



LAB-ON-CHIP ACTUATION (3/3)

Acoustophoresis: acoustic sorting / separation of biological particles in a channel (w=375µm)





LAB-ON-CHIPS DETECTION (1/2)

Microdevice for the global assessment of primary haemostasis with flowing whole blood \rightarrow detection of Willbrand's disease

Primary hemostasis = dynamic processus, in flow

- \rightarrow Mimic *in vivo* conditions
- \rightarrow Real time
- \rightarrow multiplex
- \rightarrow Low volume of sample



PMMA	
PDMS	
Quartz	
Silicon	

- Rectangular parallel plate perfusion chamber
- Width 5mm / Height 50µm
- Flow rate / Shear rate is in accordance with published recommendations



Microfabrication acoustic transducer

Oseev A., IEEE Transaction on biomedical engineering, 2020 3031542



C- Lab-on-chip

LAB-ON-CHIPS DETECTION (2/2)



Experimental set up

Biointerface protocol:

Gold surface -> C11C16 -> SE -> HORM collagen 50µg/mL -> BSA 0.1% -> Ethanolamine

Conditions:

Whole blood Shear rate: 1500 s⁻¹ Perfusion time: 5min Real time Temperature: 23°C ± 1°C





AFM image: collagen and platelets





Oseev et al., nanomaterials 2020 10(10), 2079



ORGAN-ON-CHIPS (1/6)

Lab-on-chips towards organ-on chips





ORGAN-ON-CHIPS (2/6)

Milestones in the development of organs-on-chips and experimental techniques

Organ-on-a-chip milestones	Experimen	ital focus					
Miniaturized total analysis system	3D (Bio)Prin	ting					
	Scaling						
 Cell patterning in microchannels 	Dosing expe	eriments; ADME	E-Tox				
 Cell handling in microchannels 	Control of ir	ncubation parar	meters				
Cell culture in microchannels	Surface mod	lification for ce	ll patterning				
 Single OoC 	Mechanical	and material cu	Jes				
 Multiple OoCs 	Introductior	n of PDMS a <mark>nd</mark> s	soft lithography				
 Spheroid/iPSC-derived OoC 	Cell seeding	ı — good p <mark>ract</mark> i	ice/cell lines, prim	nary cells, iPSCs	5		
• 3D cultures	Microfluidic	cell perfusion:	pumping, media,	etc.			
	Mixing and	generation of g	radients				
Today	Microfabrica	ation of microcl	hannels				
 OoC for regenerative medicine 	Chip design						
 OoC disease models 				De	gree of complexity		
 Personalized OoC models 	Late 1980s	1990s	2000s	2010)s 2020	ls	
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ORGAN-ON-CHIPS (3/6)

Most common materials used for fabricating OoCs, their advantages and drawbacks and their main purpose in OoC devices

Materials	Advantages	Drawbacks	Experimental model
PDMS ^{10,315,316}	Gas-permeability	Absorption of small molecules	Disease modelling
	Optical transparency	Difficulty in mass production	Mechanical and chemical stimuli
	Elasticity		Electrode patterning
	Biocompatibility		
Thermoplastics ^{277,317}	Optical transparency	Rigidity	Drug screening
	Mass production	Difficulty in producing complex	Large-scale experimentations
	Cost-effective	structures	
	Low absorption	Low permeability	
3D printing resins ^{318,319}	High mechanical and thermal properties	Autofluorescence	3D design modelling
	Low cost	Opacity	Rapid prototyping
	Complexity and design freedom	Toxicity	
		Low permeability	
		Surface roughness	
Glass ³²⁰	Optical transparency	Laborious fabrication	Electrode patterning
	Inert	Fragile	
	Biocompatibility	Expensive	
	Low autofluorescence		
Silicon ^{321,322}	Low absorption	Laborious fabrication due to need	On-chip sensors
	Generation of high-resolution channels on the	for clean-room facilities	Formation of diffusive barriers
	nanoscale	Expensive	

OoC, organ-on-a-chip; PDMS, poly(dimethylsiloxane).



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ORGAN-ON-CHIPS (3/6)

Experimental set-up for a generic two-organ system with supporting peripheral equipment



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Schematic drawings of multiple -OoCs





Multi-OoC developed consisting of several OoC compartments together in one device

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ORGAN-ON-CHIPS (6/6)

- OoCs can represent a single tissue unit or multi-tissue units linked by microfluidic flow to recapitulate complex physiological functions such as cancer metastasis, inflammation and infection.
- OoCs are able to **approximate one or few organ- level functions**: barrier function of the lung, contractile function of the heart or filtration in the kidney.
- OoC systems that are based on the use of iPSCs and organoids offer an unprecedented opportunity to study **patient diversity** (racial and ethnic background, sex, age, state of health or disease) as a biological variable, and to conduct patient-specific studies of the progression of disease and effects of treatment.
- By using OoCs we can identify early-stage biomarkers, monitor disease progression and determine optimal therapeutic treatment regimens in a personalized manner.
- OoCs are poised to **become broadly accepted** in biological research, as they offer biologic fidelity along with experimental control in human tissue settings



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