

Nanoparticles, Nanowires and Graphene

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Controlled synthesis of colloidal silver nanoparticles in organic solutions: empirical rules for nucleation engineering



Yugang Sun, Chem. Soc. Rev., 2013, 42, 2497.

Self-Assembled Monolayers

A single, nanoscale layer of ordered molecules adsorbed on a substrate due to bonding between the surface and molecular head groups.

Importance of SAMs: ✓ spontaneous process modification of adhesion and wetting properties of surfaces; corrosion protection; chemical and biochemical sensors; insulating layers in microelectronic circuits; optoelectronic thin films; and "molecular electronics" Organic Interface: Determines surface properties Presents chemical functional groups Terminal Functional Organic Interphase (1-3 nm): Group Provides well-defined thickness Spacer - Acts as a physical barrier (Alkane Chain) Alters electronic conductivity and local optical properties Ligand or Head Group Metal-Sulfur Interface: Stabilizes surface atoms Meta

Substrate

Modifies electronic states



Two main types of SAM

1. Alkylthiol SAMs



- Adsorption best on gold
- Elimination of H to form bond



2. Chlorosilane -based SAMs



- Adsorption best on an oxide...-OH groups
- SAM is hydrolized
- Elimination of H₂O to form O-Si-O bond







Imaging Using Quantum Dots

Nanoparticle Biomolecular Tags:

Reference: Nature Biotech. 22 (2004) pp. 969.

Composition, Size, and Shape Matter









Tumor



Injection site





Multi-color experiments



Nanoparticle therapeutics: an emerging treatment modality for cancer





Figure 2–21. Molecular Biology of the Cel

Hydrophobic and Hydrophilic Surfaces



Different mechanisms by which nanocarriers can deliver drugs to tumours



Common targeting agents and ways to improve their affinity and selectivity









Davis et al., Nature Reviews, Vol. 7, Sept. 2008, pp. 771-782



Basic Pharmacokinetics

- Clearance: Another way of viewing the decrease of concentrations would be to calculate the volume that would be drug-free if the concentration were held constant. Lower clearances are indicative of higher circulation times. The longer circulation times of the nanoparticles compared with the free drug alone can improve tumour uptake.
- Circulation half-life: the time required to eliminate 50 per cent of a known quantity of nanoparticles.





Table 2 Comparisor	n of pharmacokinetic	cs (human) o	f small-m	olecule drugs	with nanoparticle the
Name	Formulation	Diameter (nm)	t _{1/2} (h)	Clearance (ml/min•kg)	Comments
Doxorubicin (DOX)	0.9% NaCl	NA	0.8	14.4	Small-molecule drug
SP1049C	Pluronic micelle + DOX	22–27	2.4	12.6	Micelle nanoparticle
NK911	PEG–Asp micelle + DOX	40	2.8	6.7	Micelle nanoparticle
Doxil	PEG–liposome +	80–90	84.0	0.02	PEGylated liposome
	No qua	ntitative comparison; however,			nanoparticle with long circulation
Taxol (paclitaxel)	Cremophor EL	NA	21.8 (20.5)	3.9 (9.2)	Small-molecule drug
Genexol-PM	PEG–PLA micelle + paclitaxel	20–50	11.0	4.8	Micelle nanoparticle
Abraxane	Albumin + paclitaxel	120*	21.6	6.5	Albumin nanoparticle before injection; status <i>in vivo</i> unknown
XYOTAX	PG + paclitaxel	Unknown	70–120	0.07-0.12	Polymer nanoparticle
Camptosar (prodrug of SN-38)	0.9% NaCl	NA	11.7	5.8	Small-molecule prodrug
LE-SN-38	Liposome + SN-38	Unknown	7–58	3.5-13.6	Liposome nanoparticle
Topotecan (camptothecin analogue)	0.9% NaCl	NA	3.0	13.5	Small-molecule drug
		 Controlled release using enzyme 			e or hydrolysis
CT-2106	PG + camptothecin	Unknown	65–99	0.44	Polymer nanoparticle
IT-101	Cyclodextrin- containing polymer + camptothecin	30–40	38	0.03	Polymer nanoparticle with extended circulation times



Size range: 10-100 nm

- A large payload of drug entity and protect it from degradation. 70 nm \rightarrow 2,000 molecules >> 10's.
- Multiple targeting ligands for multivalent binding.
- Multiple types of drug molecules.
- Controlled release of drug molecules.
- Potential to bypass multidrug resistance mechanisms that involve cell-surface protein pumps (for example, glycoprotein P), as they enter cells via endocytosis.

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Challenges

- At present, it remains unknown how nanoparticles move through tumour tissue once they have localized into the tumour area.
- There are valid concerns about nanoparticle toxicity, as little is known about how nanoscale entities behave in humans. Note: some have been approved for humans.
- Third, there are important commercial and regulatory challenges to be tackled with the emerging generation of more complex nanoparticles, in part owing to their multicomponent nature.
- Liposome → Polymer → Ligands → Multivalent binding and multiple components → Manufacturing, Cost & …?

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Growth of Nanowires (Use for Si, Ge and other NWs)





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ALD-Protected Cathodes for Li-ion Battery (Se-Hee Lee, CU-ME and S. M. George, CU-Chemistry)

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Defect-Free GaN NWs: Selective Epitaxy (Kris Bertness, NIST)



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- GaN nanowires nucleate in openings in SiN_x mask
- Nucleation condition optimization improved yield and aspect ratio (right)
- Placement and uniformity of diameter is important for integration into MEMS and resonant sensor devices



GaN NW Microwave Homodyne Detection

(J. Montague, J. Gray and C. Rogers, CU-Boulder; K. Bertness, N. Sanford, NIST)



- Multiplexed readout of single and multiple NW resonances.
- Enables the study of large ensembles of sensor NWs
- Sensitive enough to detect thermal NW motion.

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An example of university-government lab collaborations



Potential Impact: Sensors

Resonators for:

- Strain/Force
- Pressure
- Temperature
- Biosensing
- <u>Mass sensing</u>



<u>Single nanowire mass sensor.</u> Experimental sensitivity of ~0.2 attograms ($2x10^{-19}$ grams) in 1 second measurement time. Possible because of high Q (~100,000)





Single-walled



Multi-walled

Graphene

Xuesong Li, Ji Won Suk, and Rodney S. Ruoff, UT-Austin Project

Two-step growth: Investigation of growth parameter effects on domain sizes



Very low pressure CVD



Graphene suspended over through holes and wells



MINT Graphene Resonator: Tunable and Mass Sensing (Jim Hone, Columbia University)





Summary

- Many fabrication processes for various nanoparticles with or without ligands have been developed with different drug molecules encapsulated for nanoparticle therapeutics.
- Clinical trials (phase I, II & III) for nanoparticle therapeutics are ongoing with improving technologies.
- A tremendous science and technology base has been established for nanoparticles, nanowires/nanotubes and graphene → more exciting applications to be explored.