



# Bioconjugate Materials: Nanopatterns of Biomolecules on Surfaces

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This lecture will focus on nanomaterials research, specifically combining NANO and BIO on surfaces

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# What is Nano?

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  - 1-billionth of a meter
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# **Closer Look at a Human Hair**



http://www.aber.ac.uk/bioimage/image/uwbl-0411-w.jpg

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  - New properties emerge at the nanoscale
    - Size and shape matter

#### **Super-Repellent Nano-Materials**



http://cjmems.seas.ucla.edu/members/changhwan/main.html http://www.engineer.ucla.edu/magazine/fall06/noslip.html

#### **Geckos Walk on Walls**



**Nano-Finger Tips Allow Geckos to Stick** 

# Gecko adhesive system



http://robotics.eecs.berkeley.edu/~ronf/Gecko/index.html

#### **Man-Made Geckos**



### **Super Adhesive Nano-Materials**





Synthetic nano-materials can exhibit strong adhesion similar to gecko fingers

Yurdumarkan et al, Chem. Commun. 2005, 3799-3801

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### Protein



## Protein

Protein comes from Greek word proteios meaning primary

Proteins serve many different functions

Structure of protein called myoglobin which delivers oxygen to muscle tissues



#### Examples

Hemoglobin carries oxygen through the body.
Melanin gives skin pigmentation and the iris color.
Keratin provides structure of hair and nails.
Serum Albumin maintains blood pressure.
Alcohol Dehydrogenase breaks down alcohol in the liver.

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Protein

### Why Nano and Bio on Surfaces

#### Diagnostics

- Achieve greater sensitivity
- Simultaneous detection of multiple disease markers





#### **Biomaterials**

–Better mimicry of extracellular matrix

(control of cell differentiation and behavior)

#### How to Pattern and Critical Features



Many Techniques to pattern: -scanning probe techniques -stamping -self assembly -lithography: e-beam, photolithography

Christman, Enriquez-Rios & Maynard, Soft Matter, 2006, 2, 928

Diagnostics, biomaterials, tissue engineering and most applications require bioactive proteins on the surface

Fully active proteins are especially important for nanoscale patterns of proteins

Chemoselective reactions that occur under mild, aqueous conditions with out the addition of reagents are important

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#### Introduction to AFM



### SAMS (Self Assembled Monolayers)

Alkane thiol:





http://www.ifm.liu.se/Applphys/ftir/sams.html

## AFM, Nanografting



Wadu-Mesthrige, et al. *Langmuir*, **1999**, *15*, 8580-8583



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Case, et al. Nano Lett., 2003, 3, 425-429



Nuraje, et al. JACS, 2004, 126, 8088-8089



Nuraje, et al. JACS, 2004, 126, 8088-8089



## AFM, Dip Pen Lithography



Lee, et al. Science, 2002, 295, 1702-1705



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Hyun, et al. Nano Lett., 2002, 2, 1203-1207

### Why Patterns of Streptavidin





Biotin-streptavidin complex Freitag, S. et al., *Protein Science* 1997, *6*, 1157

- Streptavidin binds four biotins with high affinity ( $K_a = 10^{15}$
- Used as adapter molecule for many applications

Patterns of streptavidin are an excellent platform for further elaboration because many biotinylated molecules are available
## Bovine Serum Albumin (BSA) as a Model Protein

- Conjugation to BSA
  - Most common protein in blood
  - One free cysteine



Carter & Ho, Protein Chem. 1994, 45, 153-204



Hyun, et al. Nano Lett., 2002, 2, 1203-1207



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# Electron Beam (E-beam) Lithography



Harnett, et al. Langmuir, 2001, 17, 178-182



Harnett, et al. Langmuir, 2001, 17, 178-182



Harnett, et al. *Langmuir*, **2001**, *17*, 178-182

# NanoStamping





Coyer, S. R. et al. *Angew. Chem. Int. Ed.* **2007** *4*6, 6837-6840

10 µm



Coyer, S. R. et al. Angew. Chem. Int. Ed. 2007 46, 6837-6840

# Self Assembly - DNA



Yan, et al. Science 2003, 301, 1882-1884



Yan, et al. Science 2003, 301, 1882-1884

# Self Assembly - Proteins



McMillan, et al. JACS 2005, 127, 2800-2801



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## **Experimental Approach**

PEGs cross-link to surfaces (Merrill J. Biomed. Mater. Res. 1998; Libera, Langmuir, 2004; Brough et al. Soft Matter, 2007)

#### Our approach:

-Synthesize 8-arm star PEGs with groups that can bind to specific sites on proteins and cross-link to the surface using electron beams



## Site Specific Conjugations

**Biotin – Streptavidin:** 





Biotin

(Freitag, S. et al., *Protein Science* 1997, *6*, 1157)

- Streptavidin binds four biotins with high affinity

**Maleimide – Free Cysteines** 



- Maleimide reacts selectively with cysteines not in disulfide bonds

### More Site-Specific Conjugations

**Ketone - Aminooxy** 



- N-terminal  $\alpha$ -oxoamide protein binds to aminooxy to form oxime bond



- Histidine tagged proteins bind to Ni<sup>2+</sup> - NTA

## Polymers for Site Specific Protein Conjugation

**Biotin Star** 



### Polymers for Site Specific Protein Conjugation

**NTA Star** 





E-beam: accelerating voltage 30kV, current 4.5 pA, dose 1.1 - 140 µC/cm<sup>2</sup>

-E-beam induced cross-linking produces patterns of functional groups

## Micron-Sized Arrays of Single Proteins



-SAv bound by ligand binding sites (biotin)

-BSA Michael addition of free thiol to maleimide

- $\alpha$ -glyoxylamide-modified myoglobin binds via oxime bond formation

-Histidine-tagged calmodulin binds to nickel (II) surface (top - SEM before protein adsorption)

All reactions are under mild aqueous solutions and do no require additional reagents that can lead to protein denaturation or reduced activity

### Multicomponent Nanopatterns

For many desired applications, multiple proteins are required

Yet this is difficult to achieve See examples by: Mirkin and coworkers, *JACS* 2003; *Angew. Chem. Int. Ed.* 2003; Zhao, Banerjee, Matsui, *JACS* 2005; Coyer, S. R. et al. *Angew. Chem. Int. Ed.* **2007** *46*, 6837-6840; Tinazli, et al. *Nature Nanotech.* **2**, 220-225 (2007).

#### Can we utilize e-beam lithography to achieve this? With ebeams, nanoscale spacings are possible.

Pattern PEGs with orthogonal reactivity side-by-side

## Multiple Proteins by E-beam Lithography



Simultaneous immobilization of multiple proteins from mixtures at the micron and nanometer scale

### Multilayer Three-Dimensional Patterning

PEG can be cross-linked to itself

Can we use this strategy to prepare 3D multilayer patterns of multiple proteins?

This would be interesting to produce multiplexed biomolecules in three-dimensional multilayer formats for a wide variety of applications such as site-isolation enzyme cascades, "nanoscale factories," mimic natural complex structures such as proteinsignaling assembles and viral capsids, present chemical and topographical cues to study and control cell adhesion

### SAv-BSA Multilayer Protein Patterns



Simultaneous immobilization of SAv and BSA from a mixture

## Other Proteins



Range of multicomponent, multilayer nanoscale patterns are possible

### **Three-Component Structures**



Modified with Sav, BSA, & a-glyoxylamide- myoglobin

Complex patterns with multiple proteins and different topographies are readily prepared

Start to explore biological questions utilizing these strategies Christman, Schopf, Broyer, Li, Chen, Maynard, *JACS*, **2009**, *131*, 521

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# Protein adsorption

- Results in bioactive surfaces that mediate cell attachment
- Causes attachment of cells
  - Sometimes advantageous: osteoblasts in a bone implant
  - Sometimes disadvantageous: platelets on the lining of an vascular graft
- How and why do cells attach to these surfaces?

# **Cell Attachment**

- Adsorbed adhesion proteins such as fibronectin, fibrinogen, and vitronectin
- Cells attach to adsorbed proteins as they do to native extracellular matrix (ECM) proteins

# There are five principal classes of celladhesion molecules (CAMs)



# Integrins

A family of membrane glycoproteins that bind to collagen, laminin, fibronectin and other ECM components.

Cell Surface Receptors for ECM Constituents

Involved in cell adhesion, migration, survival, growth, differentiation, and gene expression

# Structure of Integrins



Each consists of two different transmembrane polypeptides,  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  subunits.

Extracellular binding sites recognize RGD and other parts of glycoproteins.

The intracellular portions of integrins have the binding sites for cytoskeleton molecules.

Intracellular cytoskeleton and extracellular matrix are integrated by integrins.

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## Receptors

- Specific amino acid sequences in ECM molecules bind to cell surface receptors (integrins)
  - arginine-glycine-aspartic acid (RGD)
    tripeptide: 1<sup>st</sup> discovered in fibronectin
    (Pierschbacher and Ruoslahti, 1984)

## Fibronectin



Soluble plasma and fibrillar ECM protein

Fibrin – blood clotting protein

Heparin – anti-clotting protein

RGD binding sequence

There are separate domains for Type I, II, and III collagen

## Cytoskeleton-ECM

The influence between cytoskeleton and ECM is mutual.

By binding to integrin, fibronectin can trigger the reorganization of cytoskeleton inside the cell, which affects cell shape and motility.

Intracellular cytoskeleton can also influence the attachment and orientation of ECM.

#### Cell Adhesion to Surfaces via Integrins



(Tirrell, et al. Surface Science, 500 (2002) 61-83

## Focal Adhesion Formation – Integrin Clustering



Petit & Thiery, Biology of the Cell, 92 (2000), 477-494

## **Focal Adhesions & Stress Fibers**



Petit & Thiery, Biology of the Cell, 92 (2000), 477-494

## **Bioengineering Surfaces**

- Coat surfaces with ECM molecules (for example, fibronectin)
- Design ligands and ligand-bearing surfaces to optimize attachment (and/or cell function) by mimicking the ECM

## **Integrated Implant Materials**



An inert surface allows one to control the biological response

#### **RGD-Promotes Cell Adhesion**



- Soluble peptide inhibits cell adhesion to fibronectin
- Surfaces coated with RGD peptide promote cell attachment and spreading
  - Utilized in numerous biomaterials

## Relevant Scales of Cell Adhesion



Nanoscale presentation of ligands is critical for cell adhesion – yet few examples







28 nm - RGD

58 nm - RGD

73 nm - RGD

85 nm - RGD

58 nm – no RGD

Arnold et al. *ChemPhysChem* **2004**, *5*, 383-388

#### Table 1. Surface-pattern and cell-adhesion characteristics.

PS(x)- <i>b</i> - P2 VP(y) <sup>[a]</sup>	Au dot diameter <sup>[b]</sup> [nm]	Au dot separation <sup>[c]</sup> [nm]	Au <sub>µ</sub> dot density [dots/ m²]	Cell spread ing <sup>[d]</sup>	Focal adhesion formation <sup>[e]</sup>	Actin fiber formation <sup>[e]</sup>
190- <i>b</i> -190	3±1	28±5	1100	yes	yes	yes
500- <i>b</i> -270	5±1	58±7	280	yes	yes	yes
990 <i>-b</i> -385	6±1	73±8	190	no	no	no
1350- <i>b</i> -400 micro- nanostruct ures	8±1	85±9	100	no	no	no
with 500- <i>b</i> -270	5±1	58±7 <sup>[f]</sup>	<b>90</b> <sup>[f]</sup>	yes	yes	yes

Arnold et al. ChemPhysChem 2004, 5, 383-388

Self Assembly or **E-beam** lithography – Polymers to probe cell adhesion at the nanoscale

#### Cell Adhesion to Surfaces via Integrins



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Pattern components of the extra cellular matrix (ECM): peptide RGD and polysaccharide heparin

### Fibronectin-Primary Component of ECM



- RGD peptide binds to cells via cellular integrins
- Heparin is polysaccharide found in the ECM and on cell surfaces that binds to growth factors such as basic fibroblast growth factor (bFGF) and vascular endothelial growth factor (VEGF)

#### Stable Heparin Mimics by RAFT



M:CTA:I = 100:2:1, DMF:H<sub>2</sub>O = 1:1

SH NH<sub>2</sub> χ  $M_n$  (GPC) = 24,000 :0 MeOH PDI = 1.17 30 ŚO₃ Na⁺ 4-5 20 uRIU 10 -Polymer readily synthesized and reduced 10 20 30 40 to free thiol Minutes

-20

-10

uRIU

#### Sulfonated Polymer Binds bFGF & VEGF



SPR results demonstrate that both bFGF and VEGF bind to polystyrene sulfonate via the heparin binding domain

### Pattern Heparin Mimic Polymer

Utilize e-beam radiation to cross-link heparin mimic polymer to surface at the micron scale:



Features =  $5 \times 5 \mu m^2$ 

### Nanoscale growth factor patterns

dose of 60 nC/cm beam current 4.8 pA



# VEGF and bFGF can be patterned at the micron and nanometer scale using e-beam lithography on a heparin mimicking polymer

Christman, Vazquez, Schopf, Kolodziej, Li, Broyer, Chen, Maynard, JACS, 2008, 130, 16585

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Combining NANO and BIO on surfaces provides exciting opportunities for engineering development, as well as application

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