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## Bio-inspired Materials and System Design



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## What is "system"?

#### System='integrated whole'



## Living individual



**Figure 1.** Systems biology framework for the individual. Current systems biology methodologies take advantage of high-throughput data generated at the molecular level in the hope of one day translating these maps of molecular interactions into cellular-level responses, then intercellular responses, and finally to an organ-level response. The interconnections between organ systems will need to be elucidated to understand an organism-level system.

http://ehp.niehs.nih.gov/members/2007/10373/fig1.jpg

## **Reverse engineering**

the process of discovering the technological principles of a device, object or system through analysis of its structure, function and operation.



## System Biology

Reverse engineering of the living individual.

Inspired by
 the principles
 and functions

Design of new artificial systems



## Today's topics

## Biosystems Inspired systems

♣Ion channels ⇒ Molecular recognition ion gating membrane

## Artificial membrane

#### Separation membrane



http://www.actew.com.au/water2water/MicrofiltrationandUltrafiltration.aspx

## Ultra filtration and micro filtration



Molecular or particle sieving by the pores

http://www.homespring.com/how\_it\_works.shtml

## Biomembrane



http://www.cmu.edu/biolphys/smsl/

## Ion channel

# molecular structure of potassium channels



K<sup>+</sup> filter



Nature2001 João H. Morais-Cabral, Yufeng Zhou and Roderick MacKinnon Energetic optimization of ion conduction rate by the K+ selectivity filter

Can we make an artificial - ion channel?

#### Ion Recognition Polymer



Irie et al. Polymer 1993(34)4531

#### **Molecular Recognition Ion Gating Membrane**



#### Preparation of the membrane



#### Plasma graft polymerization



#### IR spectra



FT-IR spectra of PE-g-NIPAM-co-BCAm prepared by the peroxide plasma graft copolymerization. The weight percentage of BCAm in the total monomer were (a)15wt%, (b)10wt%, and (c)5wt%, respectively.



FT-IR peak height ratio of 1123cm<sup>-1</sup> to

1388cm<sup>-1</sup> of PE-g-NIPAM-co-BCAm. The

1388cm<sup>-1</sup> and 1123cm<sup>-1</sup> peak represents isopropyl group of NIPAM and ether group of BCAm, respectively. The peroxide radical method grafted more BCAm monomer than the plasma activation method from the same monomer solution.

#### The grafted membrane surface

#### **FE-SEM** observation





011528 8KV X20.0K<sup>\*</sup> 1.50úm

Substrate (grafting ratio: 0%)

0.45mg/cm<sup>2</sup> (6.5%) 0.72mg/cm<sup>2</sup> (10.4%)

grafting ratio = grafted polymer volume grafted polymer volume

#### **Filtration control functions**



1.Pump 2.Pressure gauge 3.Thermometer 4.Test cell 5.Permeation solution 6.Flow meter 7.Pressure valve 8.Feed Tank 9.Thermostat 10.Stirrer

Cross-flow filtration experiments

<u>Aqueous ion solution</u> BaCl<sub>2</sub>, SrCl<sub>2</sub>, CaCl<sub>2</sub> PbCl<sub>2</sub>, KCl, NaCl, LiCl

Aqueous ion and ethanol solution

Aqueous ion and dextran solution

Temperature change Concentration change Response rate Rejection control

#### LCST shift in response to ion signal



Log K of Benzo[18]crown-6

lon	LogK (poly- BCAm-co- NIPAM)	LogK (Benzo[18]c rown-6)
Ba <sup>2+</sup>	1.6	2.90
Sr <sup>2+</sup>	1.1	2.41
K+	1.0	1.74

LCST shifted to higher temperature in response to specific ions.

#### Ion concentration response



#### Response rate and reversibility



#### **Control of separation function**



#### Osmotic pressure control functions



Cross-sectional diagram of L-OROS delivery system before and during operation. Courtesy by Alza Corp., reprinted from Ref. [11] with permission of the Controlled Release Society 2000<sup>®</sup>.

#### Experiment



Solution

<u>Aqueous solution</u> BaCl<sub>2</sub>, CaCl<sub>2</sub>, SrCl<sub>2</sub> NaCl, KCl

Aqueous ion and dextran solution dextran T500,T70,4 BaCl<sub>2</sub>, CaCl<sub>2</sub>

Membrane Grafting ratio 14.6%

# Osmotic pressure generated by ion concentration gradient





Osmotic pressure generation in response to a specific ion

Osmotic pressure decreased owing to decrease of concentration gradient with diffusion.

#### Reversibility



dextranT500 0.1g/ml Ion concentration 0.1M Temperature 39.0° C constant

Osmotic pressure occurred repeatedly in response to Ba<sup>2+</sup>.

Utilization of pulsatile release in response to an ion signal.

## What do K+ channels work in biosystems?

#### Self-excited nonlinear oscillation of biomembrane





Spontaneous discharge of Peronia verruculata neuron (Hayashi et al. J. Theor.Biol. 1992)

# Nonlinear self-excited ion recognition oscillator



Pores open and close autonomously and repeatedly.

## Bistability of hydrostatic-pressure driven flow and osmotic-pressure driven flow





# Mathematical modeling of ion recognition oscillation

#### "Shishiodoshi"



#### **Relaxation oscillation**

slow mode with energy accumulation + fast mode with energy release

#### Equation of state

$$V\frac{dc}{dt} = A(1-\sigma)(c_{in}-c)L_{p}|(\Delta P - \sigma\Delta\Pi)|$$

$$\frac{ca}{g}\frac{d(\Delta P)}{dt} = -maL_{p}(\Delta P - \sigma\Delta\Pi)$$

$$\frac{d\sigma}{dt} = \frac{1}{\tau_{\sigma}}(\sigma_{\infty} - \sigma)$$

$$\frac{dL_{p}}{dt} = \frac{1}{\tau_{L_{p}}}(L_{p_{\infty}} - L_{p})$$

$$\sigma_{\infty} = \sigma_{0}$$

 $L_{p\infty} = L_{0} \left(1 - \frac{\frac{c_{1}}{c_{1}}}{a + (\frac{c}{c_{1}})^{n}}\right)$  $\frac{\left(\frac{(c - c_{3})}{c_{1}}\right)^{m}}{\frac{c_{2}}{b + (\frac{(c - c_{3})}{c_{2}})^{m}}}$ 

First order simultaneous ordinary differential equation

#### Water level





## Regenerable cell culture dish



Okajima S et al. Langmuir 2005(21)4043

### Detachment of dead cells



## After partial irradiation

a) PE-g-NIPAM film



Partial irradiation Diamter:3mm

30 hours







### Time course of the detachment area



## Picture of the detachment area



Low-magnified pictures on the 10th day after UV irradiation



PE-g-NIPAM-co-BCAm film



#### PE-g-NIPAM film

Regeneration rate increased due to the detachment of dead cells.

## Inflammation

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Cell derived inflammation mediators

Name	Туре	Source
Histamine	Vasoactive amine	Mast cells, basophils, platelets
IFN-Y	Cytokine	T-cells, NK cells
IL-8	Chemokine	Primarily macrophages
Nitric oxide	Soluble gas	Macrophages, endothelial cells, some neurons
Prostaglandins	Eicosanoid	Mast cells
TNF-α and IL-1	Cytokine	Primarily macrophages

## Time course of IL-6 level

#### IL-6 $\Rightarrow$ Inflammation mediator



Inflammation was inhibited by the detachment of dead cells.

## **Artificial Energy Conversion**



## Energy metabolism of biosystem



## **Biofuel cell**

### System of biofuel cell



## Problems of biofuel cells

Low power density

Limited amount of enzymes effectively used on electrodes

• Redox polymer <sup>1)</sup>

 $\rightarrow$  Low conductivity (~10<sup>-4</sup> S/cm)

• Porous carbon electrodes <sup>2), 3)</sup>

 $\rightarrow$  Pore size: several tens of  $\mu m$ 

< Rate limiting factor > Electron conduction via the redox polymer





2) S. C. Barton, J. Phys. Chem. B, 105, 11917(2001)
3) S. Tsujimura et al., *Electrochem. commun.*, 5, 138(2003)

1) N. Mano, F. Mao, *Chembiochem.*, **5**, 1703(2004),

## Design of a new system

1. Increase in the Current density - Overcome the rate-limiting step

 Dividing the electron conduction into carbon and redox polymer

Carbon: Main role in electron conduction Redox polymer: Enzyme → Carbon

- Increasing the real surface area
   Use of carbon black (diameter ~ 30 nm)
- 2. All solid-type biofuel cell

Membrane (polymer electrolyte) electrode assembly

- 3. Increase in the cell voltage
- 4. Model calculation to evaluate the effectiveness of electrodes



## **Graft Polymerization**



 Vinylferrocene(VFc) Mediator
 Acrylamide(AAm) Hydrophilicity

Radical graft polymerization on Carbon<sup>1)</sup>



1) N. Tsubokawa, Prog. Polym. Sci., 17, 417(1992)

#### **Electrochemical Characterization of Redox Polymer**

< Cyclic Voltammetry >



Redox polymer grafted Anodic and cathodic peaks  $E^{0'} = 0.3$  V vs. Ag|AgCl Assigned to oxidation and reduction of VFc\* Grafted redox polymer Electrochemically active

\*) A. E. G. Cass et al., Anal. Chem., 56, 667(1984)

T. Tamaki et al., Ind. Eng. Chem. Res., 45, 3050(2005)

#### **Enzyme Incorporation** 1-2. Immobilization of Enzymes Vacuum 100 nm GOD solution Carbon electrode Glutaraldehyde solution Potentiostat Cyclic voltammetry(CV) Agar Solution: 0.1 M phosphate buffer Platinum Ag|AgCl black Reference Scan range: $0 \sim 0.6 V$ Counter electrode (vs Ag|AgCl) electrode Saturated Scan speed: 5~50 mV/s KCl Working electrode

#### **Electrochemical Characterization of GOD Electrode**



T. Tamaki et al., Ind. Eng. Chem. Res., 45, 3050(2005)

## All-Solid Type Biofuel Cell

#### < Previous studies >

Electrolyte: Solution

< This study >

Electrolyte: Proton conducting polymer





## Fabrication of MEA Type Biofuel Cell

MEA Fabrication



#### Fuel Cell Experiment



## **Cell Performance**

Anode: GOD-incorporated electrode Cathode: Pt/C ( $Pt = 1.0 \text{ mg/cm}^2$ ) Polymer electrolyte: Nafion112 Fuel: 0.1 M glucose aq. (10 ml/min) Oxidant: O<sub>2</sub> (100 ml/min)



# Cell Performance after Incorporation of Nafion



# Effect of Proton Conducting Polymer on GOD Activity

GOD activity: Measured by O<sub>2</sub> consumption rate



## Increase in the Cell Voltage





T. Tamaki et al., J. Phys. Chem. B, 111, 10312(2007)

## Comparison of HQ and VFc

— HQ grafted carbon

-- VFc grafted carbon



Current density

Increase in the same order

Regardless of mediators, the electrode is effective

Potential

Negative shift in about 0.2 V

Correspond to the increase in cell voltage by about 0.2 V

## Model Calculation

- To Evaluate the Effectiveness of Electrodes

#### < Previous Research>

#### < This Study>





Reaction and diffusion processes to be considered





- <Assumption >
  - Concentration of Mediator ( $C_{MT}$ ) and Enzyme ( $C_{ET}$ ) : Constant at  $x = 0 \sim l$
  - Electron conduction through redox polymer:
  - Expressed by apparent electron diffusion coefficient  $(D_M)$  in redox polymer

Not considered

- •Mass transport of glucose outside of the polymer film
- Proton conduction

## **Enzyme Reaction**

#### < Glucose oxidase >



## **Reaction-diffusion equations**

Reaction-diffusion equation

$$\begin{cases} \frac{\partial C_{MR}}{\partial t} = D_M \frac{\partial^2 C_{MR}}{\partial x^2} + 2 \frac{k_{cat} C_{ET}}{K_s / C_s + K_M / C_{MO} + 1} & \text{(Reduced form of Mediator)} \\ C_{MO} = C_T(const) - C_{MR} & \text{(Oxidized form of Mediator)} \\ \frac{\partial C_S}{\partial t} = D_S \frac{\partial^2 C_S}{\partial x^2} - \frac{k_{cat} C_{ET}}{K_s / C_s + K_M / C_{MO} + 1} & \text{(Substrate = Glucose)} \end{cases}$$

Boundary condition 1: 
$$x = 0$$
  

$$\begin{cases}
C_{MR} = \frac{C_T}{1 + \exp\left\{\frac{nF}{FT}\left(E - E^0_{med}\right)\right\}} \\
C_{MO} = C_T - C_{MR} \\
\frac{\partial C_S}{\partial x}\Big|_{x=0} = 0
\end{cases}$$
Boundary condition 2:  $x = l$  Initial condition  

$$\begin{cases}
\frac{\partial C_{MR}}{\partial x}\Big|_{x=l} = 0 \\
\frac{\partial C_{MO}}{\partial x}\Big|_{x=l} = 0 \\
C_S = C_{Sb}
\end{cases}$$
Initial condition  

$$\begin{cases}
(t = 0, x \ge 0) \\
C_{MR} = C_T \\
C_{MO} = 0 \\
C_S = C_{Sb}
\end{cases}$$

T. Tamaki et al., Fuel Cells, accepted

#### Results of Calculation (Example)



#### Rate Limiting Step in Previous Study

Effect of electron (apparent) diffusion



#### Effect of Diffusion (Electron) in Redox Polymer



In the electrode with thin redox polymer: This study Rate-limiting factor: Not Diffusion of electron = Reaction -High current density can be obtained even with low D<sub>M</sub>

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#### Effect of Surface Coverage of Enzyme ( $Q_{ET}$ )



Considering  $A_{rp}$  (Real surface area per projected area)= 2300,  $Q_{ET}$  might be improved T. Tamaki et al., *Fuel Cells*, accepted

## Summary

## **Biosystems: complex and dynamic** e.g. ion channels and energy metabolism New artificial device

Ion gating membrane and biofuel cell

<Powerful tool>

Combination of Material Fabrication and Mathematical Modeling