DNA Nanostructures. Gene Vectors and Nanowires

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James Watson 1928-



Francis Crick 1916-2004



Maurice Wilkins 1916-2004







Rosalind Franklin 1920-1958



1962: Nobel Prize in Physiology and Medicine

"For their discoveries concerning the molecular structure of nucleic acids and its significance for information transfer in living material"

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DNA-based nanotechnology the utilization of unique DNA properties High specific interactions Conformational transitions in

between complementary nucleic bases Conformational transitions in tertiary and secondary DNA structures



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High charge density and exceeding chain rigidity



Nanowires

DNA condensation with the formation of ordered structures





DNA nanomotor (B-Z transition)

Z - B B - Z



DNA origami



Paul W. K. Rothemund (Departments of Computer Science and Computation & Neural Systems, California Institute of Technology, USA) Folding DNA to create nanoscale shapes and patterns Nature, Vol 440|16 March 2006| p. 297-302

Paul W. K. Rothemund





Nanomanipulation, 2008, 4, No. 4, 447–450 Dielectrophoretic Trapping of DNA Origami Anton Kuzyk, Bernard Yurke, J. Jussi Toppari, Veikko Linko, and Paivi Torma



Figure 1. Trapping DNA origami structure with dielectrophoresis. a) Schematic view of the origami trapping experiments. b) AFM image of origami structures used for DEP trapping. The image is taken on a MICA surface using tapping mode AFM in liquid. c) AFM image of a single smiley. d) Rectangular origami trapped with the optimal DEP parameters (on SiO₂ surface, tapping mode AFM in air). The scale bar is 100 nm.

Reversible conformational transitions

- Melting
- DNA packaging
- DNA bending induced by ligand binding
- B-Z transition (right-left winding)









Transformation of DNA tertiary structure can be induced by different procedures:

- Phosphate group screening
- Change in DNA charge density (by pH variation, ionic bonds with phosphates)
- Variation in solvent quality (by the addition of alcohol or other poor solvent into DNA-water solution)
- Binding with ligands (alteration in DNA hydrophility, conversion of charge density, decrease of DNA rigidity)
- Intramolecular reorganization via simultaneous influence of counterions and conversion of solvent properties







Gene vectors





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Experimental Methods

- ATOMIC FORCE MICROSCOPY NanoScope IV, Veeco
- DYNAMIC LIGHT SCATTERING
 PhotoCor, Russia
- CIRCULAR DICHROISM
- Mark IV, Jobin Ivon
- LOW GRADIENT VISCOMETRY Zimm-Crothers Type
- DYNAMIC BIREFRIGENCE
- SPECTROSCOPY

SF 56, Russia







Calf Thymus DNA (Sigma)

pFL 44/Ecol (4,4 kbp)









DNA complexes with divalent, trivalent and multivalent ions







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1: Height 1.0 µ



Cell lines Jurkat (I), U-937 (II), T-98G (III) with FITC-oligonucleotides (a), (c), (e) – PAA (b), (d), (f) – PDMAEM (g) – control (without transfection)



T-98G cells after transfection PDMAEM+(DNA with β -Gal) after reaction with X-Gal (1:360)



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Conclusions (part 1)

- Gene vectors can be formed at definite relation of polycation/DNA concentration (N/P)
- DNA condensation is realized at N+/P>1
- DNA-polycationic gene vectors (D=120 nm) can penetrate into cell and can provoke the protein production
- AFM and Dynamic Light Scattering belong to rare appropriate methods for the monitoring of condensed DNA structure.
- AFM images correctly reflect DNA conformation in complexes with polycations

DNA Nanowires



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DNA metallization on mica

2.0 nm

1.0 um

10.0 nm

1.5 µm

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10.0 mm 0.0 Неіght 1.5 µm



Plasmid DNA pFL 44 / EcoRI MM=4,4 kbp





















DNA on Silicon Surface

5.0 nm

2.5 µm

60

80

100

120

nm



Разработка способа нековалентной фиксации ДНК на поверхности монокристалла кремния,

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Polycation on mica and silicon surface



With Na2SO4 on n-silicon (a) and p-silicon (b) with light, on mica (d, e),

without Na2SO4 on mica (c). $C(Na2SO4) = 5 \cdot 10^{-4} M (a, b, d, e)$. $C(pol) = 5 \cdot 10^{-5} M (a, b, c, d)$. $C(pol) = 5 \cdot 10^{-6} M (d)$





3.0 nm

0.0 0.0 1: Height







n-Si

Without light







Without light





Wiht light (890 nm)



With light (890нм)



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Nanowires on silicon



DNA nanowires on silicon

Metallized DNA on mica



DNA nanowires on silicon: secondary-ion microscopy, transmission and scanning electron microscopy

AFM image DNA on mica

Transmission electron microscope JEM-2100F (Jeol), Secondary-ion microzonde-microscope IMS7F Cameca, UHV Scanning Tunnel icroscope

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