Integration of biology and engineering at the micro and nanoscale: From integrated biochips to self-assembly of electronics

The areas of BioMEMS and bionanotechnology can have significant impact on many fields such as electronics, sensing, medicine, and life-sciences. The ability to fabricate micro and nano-structures and electromechanical systems with scales and dimensions similar to biological entities has paved the way to new concepts and systems for a variety of cellular diagnostic and therapeutic applications, such as intelligent biochips and biosensors. In this talk, we will present an overview of our work towards an integrated biochip for detection and characterization of microorganisms and other biological entities such as viruses and DNA. We will present the use of electrical and mechanically based phenomena at the micro and nano-scale to perform characterization and various functions needed for integrated biochips including concentration, sorting, growth and detection of cells, viruses, DNA, etc. We will also present an update on our work towards heterogeneous integration of materials to assemble silicon electronic devices using ac and dc electric fields and biomolecules. These devices and systems can provide the technology needed to further advance systems biology and synthetic biology.

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