Dear Friends,

I welcome you to the Scholarship Report for the Department of Chemical Engineering at Northeastern University – the private university which received more undergraduate applications annually than any other university in the United States (earning NU the title of the most applied-to private university in the United States). As you might have noticed, our Department has been on fire over the past three years. For example, over the past 3 years, our undergraduate student body has tripled, our graduate student body has doubled, our research expenditures have increased by over 50%, and our faculty size has grown by over 85%. This has all culminated into our recognition by the U.S. News and World Report that over this three year period, we have experienced the greatest increase in graduate school rankings for any department ever on record. It is clear that our impact in chemical engineering education and research is at a record level and is poised for continual unprecedented growth in the years ahead.

We offer degrees at all levels (bachelor of science, master of science and doctor of philosophy) and are internationally renowned for high quality classroom-based education in conjunction with industrial work experience. Our top-rated (and one of the nation’s largest) cooperative education program was one of the first in the country and the Chemical Engineering co-op program currently places students in over 55 companies spanning the areas of consumer products, plastics, biotechnology, nanotechnology, alternative energy, and petrochemicals, to name a few. We even place students in International co-op locations in the UK, France, Switzerland, China, and Vietnam. It is not hard to see why we have been ranked four times as the Best Internship/Career Service University by the Princeton Review.

Our undergraduate program is accredited by the Engineering Accreditation Commission (EAC) of ABET, Inc. ensuring that our program meets the quality standards established by the profession of Chemical Engineering. Our award-winning undergraduate student chapter of the American Institute of Chemical Engineers is very active in many outreach programs, such as the ChemE Car competition and hosting regional AIChE annual conferences. Our graduate program is very interdisciplinary and offers students opportunities to work with outstanding faculty to attain research experience and achieve their career goals in a variety of sub-fields of Chemical Engineering. Collectively, our graduate students and faculty have organized over 14 conferences in the past 3 years demonstrating our leadership across chemical engineering.

I invite you to explore the NU Department of Chemical Engineering through this Scholarship Report and find out why we have been listed among the top “up-and-coming national universities” by the U.S. News and World Report.

Sincerely,

Thomas J. Webster
Art Zafiropoulo Chair and Professor
Department Chair, Chemical Engineering
In the Webster lab, various antibacterial and anti-viral nanoparticles (such as silver, selenium, magnesium, zinc oxide, gold, etc.) have been encapsulated in polymersomes to safely and specifically target various microorganisms, including antibiotic resistant bacteria. Once attaching, the polymersome releases its content to kill the microorganism and/or can be externally excited to heat up to kill the microorganism. This was reported in Nanoscale in the paper entitled “Silver Nanoparticle-embedded Polymersome Nanocarriers for the Treatment of Antibioticresistant Infections,” 2015, 7, 3511.

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Quick Facts
Department of Chemical Engineering

**Chemical Engineering Summer Research Exchange Programs**

- **84% Increase in Tenure Track Faculty Since 2012**
- **185% Increase in Presentations Since 2012**

**Quick Facts College of Engineering**

- **12 Federally Funded Multi-Institutional Research Centers**
- **151 Tenured/Tenure-Track Faculty**
  - Including 69 Fellows of national professional societies
- **50 Young Investigator Awards**
- **36 New Hires Since 2013**
- **42 Programs**

5 Departments:
- Bioengineering
- Chemical Engineering
- Civil and Environmental Engineering
- Electrical and Computer Engineering
- Mechanical and Industrial Engineering

- **83% Graduate Student Growth Since 2012**
- **1,200% Philanthropic Growth Since 2012**
- **27 Tenured/Tenure Track Faculty**
- **50% Growth in Research Expenditures Since 2012**
- **8 Fastest-Rising Ranked Graduate Engineering Program in U.S. News and World Report History**

- **1,200% Growth in Tenure Track Faculty Since 2012**
- **185% Increase in Presentations Since 2012**

**Undergrads**
- BS: 2,700
- MS: 14
- PhD: 10
- Certificate: 1

**Graduate Students**
- 3,400
ACHIEVEMENTS

Shashi Murthy, Professor of Chemical Engineering and Founding Director of the Michael J. and Ann Sherman Center for Engineering Entrepreneurship Education, has been awarded a 4-year, $1.4M grant from the National Institutes of Health.

Vincent Harris, Professor of Chemical Engineering and Electrical and Computer Engineering, has been selected as a Fulbright Fellow at the Nano-technology Research Lab at the Wayamba University in Sri Lanka.

Thomas Webster, Professor and Art Zafiropoulo Chair in Engineering, was elected to the International College of Fellows - Biomaterials Science and Engineering.

Edgar Goluch, Assistant Professor of Chemical Engineering, was awarded a $770K grant by the National Science Foundation to create a Nano-constriction Device to automatically isolate and cultivate microbes in their own habitat.

Nasim Annabi, Assistant Professor of Chemical Engineering, has developed a new protein-based gel for wound healing, in collaboration with professor Ali Khademhosseini at Brigham and Women’s Hospital/Harvard Medical School.

Rebecca Carrier, Associate Professor and Associate Chair for Research, has been selected as this year’s recipient for the Dove Press International Journal of Nanomedicine Outstanding Researcher Award.

Matthew Eckelman, Assistant Professor of Civil and Environmental Engineering and Chemical Engineering affiliated faculty, was awarded a $503K NSF CAREER Award for “Building Chemical Synthesis Networks for Life Cycle Hazard Modeling.”

PATENTS

Vincent Harris, Professor of Electrical and Computer Engineering, was awarded a patent for creating Cobalt Carbide-based Nanoparticle Permanent Magnet Materials.

Elizabeth Podlaha-Murphy, Professor of Electrical and Computer Engineering, was awarded a patent for “Photocatalyst with enhanced stability for hydrogen production and oxidative reactions.”

Ron Willey, Professor of Electrical and Computer Engineering, was awarded a patent for his method of creating “Titania Nanotubes Prepared by Anodization in Chloride-containing Electrolytes.”

STUDENTS

Alumna Kassi Stein, ChE’14, was awarded a NSF Graduate Research Fellowship. Kassi is currently working on a PhD at MIT.

Thomas Webster, Professor and Art Zafiropoulo Chair in Engineering, along with PhD student Mian Wang and PhD graduate Wenwen Liu, have coauthored a chapter to the newly published book, Trace Metals and Infectious Diseases.

Emma Kaeli, an undergraduate in Chemical Engineering, was named a 2015 Goldwater Scholar.
MANSOOR AMIJI

Distinguished Professor and Chair, Pharmaceutical Sciences; affiliated faculty, Chemical Engineering, Bioengineering
PhD, Purdue University, 1992
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Scholarship focus: polymeric biomaterials, drug delivery systems, nanomedical technologies

Honors and awards: Fellow, American Association of Pharmaceutical Scientists; Fellow, Controlled Release Society; T. Nagai Award, Controlled Release Society

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS

M. Talekar, Q. Ouyang, M. Goldberg, M.M. Amiji
Co-silencing of PKM-2 and MDR-1 Sensitizes Multidrug Resistant Ovarian Cancer Cells to Paclitaxel in a Murine Model of Ovarian Cancer, Molecular Cancer Therapeutics, 14(7), 2015, 1521-1531

A. Singh, M. Talekar, A. Raikar, M.M. Amiji
Macrophage-targeted Delivery Systems for Nucleic Acid Therapy in Inflammatory Diseases, Journal of Controlled Release, 190, 2014, 515-530

S. Ganta, A. Singh, T.P. Coleman, D. Williams, M. Amiji

M.M. Amiji
Nanotechnology for Cancer Therapy, Published by CRC Press, LLC, Boca Raton, FL, 2007

M.M. Amiji
Polymeric Gene Delivery: Principles and Applications, Published by CRC Press, LLC, Boca Raton, FL, 2004

SELECTED RESEARCH PROJECTS

Combinatorial-designed Nano-platforms to Overcome Tumor Drug Resistance
Principal Investigator, National Institutes of Health

Multi-modal Gene Therapy for Pancreatic Cancer with Targeted Nanovectors
Principal Investigator, National Institutes of Health

IGERT: Nanomedical Science and Technology
Co-Investigator, National Science Foundation

Integrated Image-guided Targeted Therapy for Refractory Ovarian Cancer
Principal Investigator, Nemucore Medical Innovations, Inc.

Impact of Lipids on Compound Absorption: Mechanistic Studies and Modeling
Co-Investigator, National Institutes of Health

Hepatic Insulin Resistance and Metabolic Disease
Principal Investigator, National Institutes of Health

Targeted Platinites/siRNA Combination Therapy for Resistant Lung Cancer
Principal Investigator, National Institutes of Health

NASIM ANNABI

Assistant Professor, Chemical Engineering
PhD, University of Sydney, Australia, 2010
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Scholarship focus: engineering advanced biomaterials for cardiovascular tissue engineering applications

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS

25th Anniversary Article: Rational Design and Applications of Hydrogels in Regenerative Medicine, Advanced Materials, 26(1), 2013, 85-124

Elastomeric Recombinant Protein-based Biomaterials, Biochemical Engineering, 77, 2013, 110-118

Engineered Cell-laden Human Protein-based Elastomer, Biomaterials, 34(22), 2013, 5496-5505

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Extracellular Matrix Coated Microfluidic Channels for Cardiomyocyte Culture, Lab Chip, 13, 2013, 3569-3577

N. Annabi, K. Tsang, S.M. Mithieux, M. Nikkhah, A Ameri, A. Khademhosseini, A.S. Weiss
Highly Elastic Micropatterned Hydrogels for Engineering Functional Cardiac Tissues, Advanced Functional Materials, 23(39), 2013, 4950-4959
ANAND ASTHAGIRI
Associate Professor, Bioengineering; jointly appointed, Chemical Engineering
PhD, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, 1995
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Scholarship focus: elucidates design principles for engineering living cells and tissues

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS
Cell Chemotaxis on Paper for Diagnostics, Analytical Chemistry, 87(11), 2015, 5505-5510
M.L. Lalli, A.R. Asthagiri
Collective Migration Exhibits Greater Sensitivity but Slower Dynamics of Alignment to Applied Electric Fields, Cellular and Molecular Bioengineering, 8(2), 2015, 247-257
J.H. Kim, L.J. Dooling, A.R. Asthagiri
Intercellular Mechanotransduction During Multicellular Morphodynamics, Royal Society Interface, 7(3), 2010, 341-350
K.S. Kushiro, A. Chang, A.R. Asthagiri
Reprogramming Directional Cell Motility by Tuning Micropattern Features and Cellular Signals, Advanced Materials, 22, 4516, 2010, 4516-4519
C.A. Giurumescu, A.R. Asthagiri
S.A. Chapman, A.R. Asthagiri
Quantitative Role of Scaffolding on Signal Propagation, Molecular Systems Biology, 5(313), 2009
C.A. Giurumescu, P.W. Sternberg, A.R. Asthagiri
Predicting Phenotypic Diversity and the Underlying Quantitative Molecular Transitions, PLoS Computational Biology, 5(4), 2009, 1-13

SELECTED RESEARCH PROJECTS
Multi-scale Complex Systems Transdisciplinary Analysis of Response to Therapy
Co-Principal Investigator, National Institutes of Health
Quantitative Analysis of Epithelial Cell Scatter
Principal Investigator, National Institutes of Health

REBECCA CARRIER
Associate Professor, Chemical Engineering; Associate Chair of Research; affiliated faculty, Bioengineering
PhD, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, 2000
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Scholarship focus: interaction between biological systems and materials, with specific applications in drug delivery and regenerative medicine; intestinal and retinal engineering; oral lipid systems

Honors and awards: College of Engineering Faculty Fellow; National Science Foundation CAREER Award

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS
Food-associated Stimuli Enhance Barrier Properties of Gastrointestinal Mucus, Biomaterials, 54, 2015, 1-8
H.M. Yildiz, T.L. Carlson, A.M. Goldstein, R.L. Carrier
Mucus Barriers to Microparticles and Microbes are Altered in Hirschsprung’s Disease, Macromol Biosci, 5(5), 2015, 712-718
P. Baranov, A. Michaelson, J. Kudru, R.L. Carrier, M. Young
C.A. Pfluger, B.J. McMahon, R.L. Carrier, D.D. Burkey
Precise, Biomimetic Replication of the Multiscale Structure of Intestinal Basement Membrane using Chemical Vapor Deposition, Tissue Engineering, 19(5-6), 2013, 649-656
S. diMaio, R.L. Carrier

SELECTED RESEARCH PROJECTS
Combinatorial-designed Nano-platforms to Overcome Tumor Drug Resistance
Co-Principal Investigator, National Institutes of Health
Impact of Lipids on Compound Absorption: Mechanistic Studies and Modeling
Principal Investigator, National Institutes of Health
Impact of Lipids on Intestinal Mucus Transport and Structural Properties
Principal Investigator, National Institutes of Health
Interphotoreceptor Matrix Based Cell Delivery Vehicle for Retinal Regeneration
Principal Investigator, National Institutes of Health
Intestinal Mucus Barrier: Role in Necrotizing Enterocolitis (NEC) and Prophylactic “Mucus-strengthening” Treatment to Prevent NEC
Principal Investigator, March of Dimes
SUNHO Choi
Assistant Professor, Chemical Engineering
PhD, University of Minnesota, 2008
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Scholarship focus: demonstrating innovative processing strategies for nanostructured materials and functional hybrids engineered for challenging applications in clean and renewable energy

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS
S. Choi, M. L. Gray, C. W. Jones
S. Choi, J. Drese, M. Gray, R.R. Chance, P. Eisenberger, C. Jones
Application of Amine-tethered Solid Sorbents for Direct CO₂ Capture from the Ambient Air, Environmental Science and Technology, 45(6), 2011, 2420-2427
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Recoverable & Recyclable Magnetic Nanoparticle Supported Aluminum Isopropoxide for Ring-opening Polymerization of e-Caprolactone, Dalton Transactions, 39(6), 2010, 1470-1472

SELECTED RESEARCH PROJECTS
Amino-pillared Nanosheet (APN) Adsorbents for High Performance CO₂ capture
Principal Investigator, Northeastern University

HEATHER CLARK
Associate Professor, Pharmaceutical Sciences; affiliated faculty, Bioengineering, Chemical Engineering
PhD, University of Michigan, 1999
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Scholarship focus: optical nanosensors for biological analysis

Honors and awards: Young Faculty Award, Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS
K.J. Cash, C. Li, L.V. Wang, H.A. Clark
Photoacoustic Imaging of Nanosensors for Therapeutic Drugs, In Vivo, 9(2), 2015, 1692-1698
M.K. Balaconis, H.A. Clark
T.T. Ruckh, A.A. Mehta, J.M. Dubach, H.A. Clark
Polymer-Free Optode Nanosensors for Dynamic, Reversible, and Ratiometric Sodium Imaging in the Physiological Range, Scientific Reports, 3(3366), 2013
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Implantable Nanosensors: Toward Continuous Physiologic Monitoring, Analytical Chemistry, 86(3), 2013, 1314-1323
K.J. Cash, H.A. Clark
In Vivo Histamine Optical Nanosensors, Sensors, 12(9), 2012, 11922-11932

SELECTED RESEARCH PROJECTS
Polymer-free Nanosensors to Visualize Biochemical Dynamics in Dendritic Spines
Principal Investigator, National Institutes of Health
ARTHUR COURY

University Distinguished Professor, Chemical Engineering
PhD, University of Minnesota, 1965
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Scholarship focus: polymeric biomaterials for medical products such as implantable electronic devices, hydrogel-based devices and drug delivery systems

Honors and awards: Fellow, American Chemical Society; Fellow, American Institute for Medical and Biological Engineering; Fellow, Biomaterials Science and Engineering; Member, National Academy of Engineering

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS

A. Coury
Forces and Imperatives in Translating Medical Concepts to the Marketplace, BE 502 “From Lab Bench to Marketplace” Department of Bioengineering, University of Pennsylvania, 2013

A. Coury
Issues in Translation of Advanced Composites from the Bench to the Medical Marketplace, MRS Conference, Boston, MA, 2013

A. Coury

A. Coury
Organic Chemistry: Passport to a “Hybrid” Career, Presentation to Department of Chemistry, University of Minnesota, upon Receipt of Distinguished Alumni Award, 2013

A. Coury
Technology, Service and Bucking Convention: A Prescription for a Rewarding Biomaterials Career, Transactions of Society for Biomaterials, 2(3), 101S-110S, in conjunction with receipt of 2013 C. William Hall Award, Boston, MA, 2013

A. Coury, P. Jarrett

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PAUL DiMILLA

Associate Teaching Professor, Chemical Engineering; jointly appointed: Chemistry and Chemical Biology
PhD, University of Pennsylvania, 1991
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Scholarship focus: chemical and engineering education; molecular cell bioengineering; biomaterials and nanotechnology; biophysical chemistry; in silico modeling

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS

The Impact of Supplemental Instruction on the Performance of Male and Female Engineers in a Freshmen Chemistry Course, Proceedings of the 122nd ASEE Annual Conference and Exposition, Seattle, WA, 2015

K. Coletti, E.O. Wisniewski, R. Shapiro, P.A. DiMilla, R. Reisberg, M. Covert
Correlating Freshman Engineers’ Performance in a General Chemistry Course to Their Use of Supplemental Instruction, Proceedings of the 121st ASEE Annual Conference and Exposition, Indianapolis, IN, 2014

P.A. DiMilla

K. Coletti, M. Covert, P.A. DiMilla, L. Gianino, R. Reisberg, E.O. Wisniewski
Improving Student Retention, Academic Success, and Satisfaction Using Persistence Advising and Structured Peer Tutoring, Proceedings of the 120th ASEE Annual Conference and Exposition, Atlanta, GA, 2013
ENO EBONG

Assistant Professor, Chemical Engineering
affiliated faculty, Bioengineering
PhD, Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, 2006
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Scholarship focus: studying the means by which endothelial cell mechanotransduction occurs in order to prevent or promote atherosclerosis

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS


M. Thi, E. Ebong, D. Spray, S. Suadicani

E. Ebong, N. Depaola

Y. Zeng, E. Ebong, B. Fu, J. Tarbell

E. Ebong, F. Macaluso, D. Spray, J. Tarbell
Imaging the Endothelial Glycocalyx In Vitro by Rapid Freezing/Freeze Substitution Transmission Electron Microscopy, Arteriosclerosis Thrombosis and Vascular Biology, 31(8), 2011, 1908-1915

E. Ebong, F. Macaluso, D. Spray, J. Tarbell

SELECTED RESEARCH PROJECTS

Atheroprotective vs Atherogenic Glycocalyx Mechanotransduction Mechanisms
Principal Investigator, National Institutes of Health

MATTHEW ECKELMAN

Assistant Professor, Civil and Environmental Engineering; affiliated faculty; Chemical Engineering, Public Policy and Urban Affairs
PhD, Yale University, 2009
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Scholarship focus: environmental engineering and sustainability; life cycle assessment; energy efficiency and emissions modeling; environmental assessment of bio and nanomaterials; material and energy use in urban buildings and infrastructure

Honors and awards: National Science Foundation CAREER Award; International Laudise Prize in Industrial Ecology

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS

P. Nuss, M.J. Eckelman

M.J. Eckelman, M. Altonji, A. Clark, M. Jenkins, B. Lakin

M. Saha, M.J. Eckelman
Urban Scale Mapping of Concrete Degradation From Projected Climate Change, Urban Climate, 9, 2014, 101-114

R. Wang, M.J. Eckelman, J.B. Zimmerman
Consequential Environmental and Economic Life Cycle Assessment of Green and Gray Stormwater Infrastructures for Combined Sewer Systems, Environmental Science and Technology, 47(19), 2013, 11189-11198

M.J. Eckelman
Life Cycle Assessment in Support of Sustainable Transportation, Environmental Research Letters, 8, 2013, 021004

M.J. Eckelman, M.S. Mauter, J.A. Isaacs, M. Elimelech
New Perspectives on Nanomaterial Aquatic Ecotoxicity: Production Impacts Exceed Direct Exposure Impacts for Carbon Nanotubes, Environmental Science and Technology, 46(5), 2012, 2902-2910

SELECTED RESEARCH PROJECTS

CAREER: Building Chemical Synthesis Networks for Life Cycle Hazard Modeling
Principal Investigator, National Science Foundation

Ethics Education in Life Cycle Design, Engineering, and Management
Principal Investigator, National Science Foundation

Designing and Integrating Life Cycle Assessment Methods for Nanomanufacturing Scale-up
Co-Principal Investigator, National Science Foundation
ADAM EKENSEAIR
Assistant Professor, Chemical Engineering; affiliated faculty, Bioengineering
PhD, University of Texas at Austin, 2010
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Scholarship focus: synthesis and application of novel polymeric biomaterials for tissue engineering and regenerative medicine applications

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS
A.K. Ekenseair, F.K. Kasper, A.G. Mikos
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Network Structure and Methanol Transport Dynamics in Poly(methyl methacrylate), AIChE Journal, 58(5), 2012, 1600-1609
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A.K. Ekenseair, R.N. Seidel, N.A. Peppas
Tuning the Transport Dynamics of Small Penetrant Molecules in Glassy Polymers, Polymer, 53(18), 2012, 4010-4017

HICHAM FENNIRI
Professor, Chemical Engineering
PhD, Université Louis Pasteur, 1994
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Scholarship focus: nanotechnology for biomedical applications, nanoscale materials for drug delivery, and cell therapeutics and regenerative medicine

Honors and awards: National Science Foundation CAREER Award; Cottrell Teacher-Scholar Awardee

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS
E. Fine, L. Zhang, H. Fenniri, T.J. Webster
Macrophage Inflammatory Response to Self-assembling Rosette Nanotubes, Small, 5, 2009, 1446–1452
S.S. Singh, F. Rakotondradany, A.J. Myles, H. Fenniri, B. Singh
The Role of RGD-Tagged Rosette Nanotubes in the Induction of Inflammation and Apoptosis in Human Adenocarcinoma Cells Through p38 MAP Kinase, Biomaterials, 30, 2009, 3084–3090
Low Inflammatory Activation by Self-assembling Rosette Nanotubes in Human Calu-3 Pulmonary Epithelial Cells, Small, 4(6), 2008, 817–823

SELECTED RESEARCH PROJECTS
Assembling Functional Organic Nanomaterials Using Novel Supramolecular Synthetic Strategies
Principal Investigator, Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council of Canada
NCC-Reinforced Foam-core Sandwich Composite Structures
Principal Investigator, American Institute of Biological Sciences
Raman Flow Cytometry for Diagnostics and Drug Discovery
Co-Principal Investigator, National Institutes of Health
Targeted Delivery of Oligonucleotides into Plant Cells Using Self-assembled Rosette Nanotubes
Principal Investigator, Nuclear Regulatory Commission
EDGAR GOLUCH

Di Pietro Assistant Professor, Chemical Engineering; affiliated faculty, Bioengineering
PhD, University of Illinois, 2007
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Scholarship focus: detection of biomolecules at the nanoscale, specifically inside micro and nanofluidic channels. This is applied to a broad range of scientific fields including: biophysics, micro and systems biology, ecology, environmental sensing, and analytical instrumentation

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS


P.N. Abadian, E.D. Goluch
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P.N. Abadian, C.P. Kelley, E.D. Goluch

T.A. Webster, H.J. Sismaet, J.L Conte, I.J. Chan, E.D. Goluch
Detection of Pseudomonas aeruginosa in Human Samples via Pyocyanin, Biosensors and Bioelectronics, 60, 2014, 265-270

N. Tandogan, P.N. Abadian, S. Epstein, Y. Aoi, E.D. Goluch
Isolation of Microorganisms using Sub-micrometer Constrictions, PLoS ONE, 9(6), 2014, e101429

H.J. Sismaet, T.A. Webster, E.D. Goluch
Up-regulating Pyocyanin Production by Amino Acid Addition for Early Identification of Pseudomonas aeruginosa, Analyst, 139, 2014, 4241-4246, *featured as a hot article in the Analyst

P.N. Abadian, N. Tandogan, J.J. Jamieson, E.D. Goluch
Using Surface Plasmon Resonance Imaging (SPRI) to Study Bacterial Biofilms, Biомicrofluidics, 8(2), 2014, 021804

SELECTED RESEARCH PROJECTS

Breath and Saliva Based Nano-bio Sensing System for Disease Diagnosis and Monitoring
Co-Investigator, Northeastern University
IDBR: TYPE A Nano-constriction Devices for Isolation and Cultivation of Environmental Microbes
Principal Investigator, National Science Foundation

ANDREW GOULDSTONE

Associate Professor, Associate Department Chair and Program Director of Mechanical Engineering; affiliated faculty, Bioengineering, Chemical Engineering
PhD, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, 2001
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Scholarship focus: biomechanics; material science; engineering mechanics

Honors and awards: College of Engineering Faculty Fellow; National Science Foundation CAREER Award

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS


C.T. Nguyen, H.M. Gonnermann, Y. Chen, A. Gouldstone
Film Drainage and the Lifetime of Bubbles, Geochimica and Cosmochimica Acta, 14(9), 2013, 3616-3631

J.H. Kim, A. Gouldstone, C.S. Korach
Analysis of Spherical Indentation of an Elastic Bilayer Using a Modified Perturbation Approach, MEMS and Nanotechnology, 4, 2011, 53-57

B. Choi, Y. Wu, S. Sampath, A. Gouldstone
Modified Indentation Techniques to Probe Inelasticity in Ni5%Al Coatings from Different Processes, Journal of Thermal Spray Technology, 18(1), 2009, 65-74

L.H. Weng, A. Gouldstone, Y.H. Wu, W.L. Chen
Mechanically Strong Double Network Photocrosslinked Hydrogels from N,N-Dimethylacrylamide and Glycerol Methacrylated Hyaluronan, Biomaterials, 29(14), 2008, 2153-2163

SELECTED RESEARCH PROJECTS

Fundamentals of Bonding in Kinetic Consolidation Processes
Co-Principal Investigator, National Science Foundation
Garde: An Interdisciplinary Approach to Accommodate Fine Motor Control Disorders
Co-Principal Investigator, National Science Foundation
IDR/Collaborative Research: Activities in Thermal Spray Processing and Volcanoogy
Principal Investigator, National Science Foundation
VINCENT G. HARRIS

University Distinguished Professor, William Lincoln Smith Professor, Electrical and Computer Engineering; jointly appointed, Chemical Engineering
PhD, Northeastern University, 1990
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Scholarship focus: design and processing of advanced materials with emphasis on high frequency device applications for radar, communication, and sensing

Honors and awards: Fellow, Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers; Fellow, American Physical Society; Fellow, Institute of Physics; Fellow, Institute of Engineering and Technology; Institute of Metal Research’s Lee Hsun Lecture Award; Fulbright Senior Fellow; Søren Buus Outstanding; Research Award, College of Engineering

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS

SELECTED RESEARCH PROJECTS
Accelerated Development of Magnetodielectrics Having Equivalent Permeability and Permittivity for RF Applications
Principal Investigator, Rogers Corp
Design and Development of Multifunctional Electromechanical Ceramics
Principal Investigator, Army Research Office
Magnetodielectric Heterostructures and Composites
Principal Investigator, Rogers Corp
Nonlinear Properties of Ferrite Materials
Principal Investigator, Raytheon
The Northesestern University Program in Strategic Materials
Co-Principal Investigator, Army Research Office

BARRY L. KARGER

Professor and James L. Waters Chair in Analytical Chemistry; affiliated faculty, Bioengineering, Chemical Engineering
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Scholarship focus: analytical chemistry, bioanalysis, proteomics

Honors and awards: Arnold O. Beckman Medal; Csaba Horváth Memorial Award; Heyrovsky Medal (Czech Republic); Michael Widmer Award of the New Swiss Chemical Society; 3 American Chemical Society Awards

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS

SELECTED RESEARCH PROJECTS
Development of an Analytical Platform for Comprehensive Characterization of Biotherapeutic Proteins Top down, middle down and bottom up LC and CE-MS of Biopharmaceuticals
Principal Investigator, Biogen Idec
Proteomic Analysis of Cell Lines, Drug Target Identification and Host Cell Impurity
Principal Investigator, Industrial Collaborations
ABIGAIL KOPPES

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Scholarship focus: bioelectric medicine, development of novel interventions and tissue engineered platforms for nerve regeneration and repair

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS

D. Thompson, A. Koppes, J. Hardy, C. Schmidt
Electrical Stimuli in the Central Nervous System Microenvironment, Annual Review of Biomedical Engineering, 16, 2014, 397-430

Neurite Outgrowth on Electrospun PLLA Fibers is Enhanced by Exogenous Electrical Stimulation, Journal of Neural Engineering, 11(4), 2014, 046002

Electrical Stimulation of Schwann Cells Promotes Sustained Increases in Neurite Outgrowth, Tissue Engineering A, 20(3-4), 2014, 494-506

B. Behan, D. DeWitt, D. Bogdanowicz, A.N. Koppes, et al.

A.N. Koppes, A.M. Seggio, D.M. Thompson
Neurite Outgrowth is Significantly Increased by the Simultaneous Presentation of Schwann Cells and Moderate Exogenous Electric Fields, Journal of Neural Engineering, 8(4), 2011, 046023

RYAN KOPPES

Assistant Professor, Chemical Engineering

PhD, Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, 2013
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Scholarship focus: neural interface technology; tissue engineering; and musculoskeletal biomechanics

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS


Polymer Fiber Probes Enable Optical Control of Spinal Cord and Muscle Function in Vivo, Advanced Functional Materials, 24(42), 2014, 6594-6600 *Cover Art

N. Schiele, R. Koppes, D. Chrisey, D.T. Corr

Optogenetic Control of Nerve Growth, Scientific Reports, 5(9669), 2015

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CAROLYN LEE-PARSONS
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Honors and awards: National Science Foundation CAREER Award; College of Engineering Outstanding Teaching Award

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Principal Investigator, National Science Foundation
Zinc Finger Transcription Factors: Regulators of Growth, Development, and Alkaloid Biosynthesis
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L.J.T. Landherr, W. Zhang, C. Cohen, L.A. Archer
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Multiscale Development of L1₀ Materials for Rare-Earth-Free Permanent Magnets
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Honors and awards: College of Engineering Faculty Fellow; National Science Foundation CAREER Award; Søren Buus Outstanding Research Award, College of Engineering

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS

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Separation of Two Phenotypically Similar Cell Types via a Single Common Marker in Microfluidic Channels, Lab on a Chip, 12, 2012, 3399-3407

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Development of Microfluidics as Endothelial Progenitor Cell Capture Technology for Cardiovascular Tissue Engineering and Diagnostic Medicine, FASEB Journal, 23, 2009, 3309-3314

J.V. Green, S.K. Murthy
Microfluidic Enrichment of a Target Cell Type from a Heterogeneous Suspension by Adhesion-Based Negative Selection, Lab on a Chip, 9, 2009, 2245-2248


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CAREER: Understanding the Role of Cell Surface Markers in Microfluidic Cell Separation-An Integrated Research and Education Program
Principal Investigator, National Science Foundation

Cleavable Surface Coatings for Microfluidic Devices
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Identification and Measurement of Biomarkers to Predict and Prevent Behavioral Mental Illness
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Microfluidic Cell Separation for Tissue Engineering and Regenerative Medicine
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S. Sun, E.J. Podlaha
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Electrodeposition of NiFeMoW Alloys
Principal Investigator, National Association for Surface Finishing
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Induced Electrodeposition of Molybdenum and Tungsten Alloys
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Localized Combined Chemoradiation Therapy, International
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Parp Inhibitors: A New Era of Targeted Therapy, Maturitas,
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the Treatment of Antibiotic-resistant Infections, Nanoscale, 7(8),
2015, 3511-3519
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Ultra-dense EEG Sampling Shows Two-fold Increase of
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SELECTED RESEARCH PROJECTS
CaNCURE: Cancer Nanomedicine Co-ops for Undergraduate
Research Experiences
Principal Investigator, National Institutes of Health
Integrative Graduate Education and Research Training
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Nanoscale Magnetism In Next Generation Magnetic Nanoparticles
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biomarker detections, nanoparticle-
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Honors and awards: National Science Foundation CAREER
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Covert Thermal Barcodes Based on Phase Change
Nanoparticles, Scientific Reports, 4, 5170, 2014
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M. Hossain, M. Su
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Orders of Concentration Difference Using Phase Change
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Transfers, Applied Materials and Interfaces, 2(6), 2010,
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CaRCURE: Biosensing in Thermal Space
Principal Investigator, National Science Foundation
Enhanced Radiation Therap with Nanoscale Frequency Modulator
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Honors and awards: Fellow, Biomaterials Science and Engineering; Fellow, American Institute for Medical and Biological Engineers; Fellow, American Society for Nanomedicine; Fellow, Biomedical Engineering Society; Fellow, Ernst Strungmann Foundation; Wenzhou 580 Elite Scientist Award, China

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G. Balasundaram, T.J. Webster

A. Chun, J. G. Moralez, H. Fenniri, T.J. Webster

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Increased Osteoblast Adhesion on Nanophase Metals, Biomaterials, 25, 2004, 4731-4739

SELECTED RESEARCH PROJECTS

Development and Commercialization of Nanostructured Resorbable Urogenital Grafts
Principal Investigator, National Institutes of Health

Developing Injectable Materials for Cartilage Applications: Part 1
Principal Investigator, Audax, Inc.

Long-term Prevention of Peri-implantitis via Nano-textured, TiO/Ag Surfaces
Co-Principal Investigator, National Institutes of Health

Nanomedicine Academy of Minority Serving Institutions
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Honors and awards: American Chemical Society Doctoral New Investigator

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A Detailed Kinetic Model forCombustion Synthesis of Titania from TiCl4, Combustion and Flame, 156(9), 2009, 1764-1770

SELECTED RESEARCH PROJECTS

Identifying and Resolving Discrepancies in Kinetic Models of Hydrocarbon Combustion
Principal Investigator, National Science Foundation

Transition-State Prediction for High-throughput Calculation of Accurate Chemical Reaction Rates
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SELECTED PUBLICATIONS

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The Safety and Chemical Engineering Education Committee—Broadening the Reach of Chemical Engineering Process Safety Education, Process Safety Progress, 32(2), 2013, 113-118

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SELECTED PUBLICATIONS

G.M. Uddin, K.S. Ziemer, B. Sun, I. Zeid, S. Kamarthi

The Role of Silver Nanoparticles on Silver Modified Titanosilicate ETS-10 in Visible Light Photocatalysis, Applied Catalysis B: Environmental 102, 2011, 323–333

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SELECTED RESEARCH PROJECTS

STTR Phase 2: The Use of Hydrogen for Defect Reduction in Large Format Infrared Detectors
Principal Investigator, Department of Defense
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PhD 2014, Chemical Engineering; Advisor, Thomas Webster

LUBRICIN AND NANO-BaSO₄: NOVEL METHODS TO PREVENT SURFACE BIOFOULING

This dissertation addresses the issue of biofouling by proposing novel surface preparation methods using lubricin and/or nano-BaSO₄ as non-toxic agents to prevent biofouling by inhibiting initial cellular adhesion to surfaces. Preventing initial unwanted cellular attachment and accumulation will dramatically improve outcomes and reduce instances of life threatening infections and bio-adhesions.

Lubricin is an anti-adhesive glycoprotein that is found in the synovial fluid, which acts as a natural barrier within the body, lubricating surfaces and preventing undesirable cellular adhesion on cartilage. BaSO₄ is a common additive used to make medical plastics radio opaque. Nano-formulations would retain similar radiopaque properties while imbuing the medical plastic with nano surface features which would change surface interactions with biological agents.

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PATHWAYS FOR TAILORING THE MAGNETOSTRUCTURAL RESPONSE OF FeRh-BASED SYSTEMS

In this work, the near-equiatomic phase of FeRh serves as a test bed for understanding the magnetostructural phenomena in intermetallic alloys due to its relatively simple crystal structure (cubic with B2 (CsCl)-type ordering) and its reported ability to undergo a first-order magnetic phase change from antiferromagnetic (AF) to ferromagnetic (FM) ordering, with an accompanying 1 % volume expansion in the unit cell near room temperature (Tₜ ~ 350 K). Overall, three interrelated but largely unexplored aspects concerning the FeRh system have been examined here: (1) influence of nanostructuring on the magnetostructural response; (2) influence of simultaneous application of pressure and magnetic field on the magnetostructural response; (3) correlations between chemical modification of the lattice and the magnetostructural response. Bulk FeRh-based samples in this study were synthesized using the arc-melting technique and nanostructuring of the system was achieved via rapid solidification processing (melt-spinning) of the arc-melted precursor.

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MECHANISTIC STUDIES AND MODELING OF EFFECTS OF INGESTED LIPIDS ON ORAL DRUG ABSORPTION

The specific four aims of the proposed experimental approach were the followings. 1) Design and characterize biorelevant in vitro lipid digestion models able to simulate fundamental features of human intestinal contents in post-prandial conditions. Basic back-titration has been used to establish associated chemical composition characterizing products of the lipolysis process. 2) Investigate the ultra-structure and composition of colloidal species existing in the GI tract upon ingestion of lipids and their dynamic behavior. Dynamic light scattering (DLS), and small angle neutron scattering (SANS) have been employed to characterize the colloidal structures (emulsion droplets, vesicles, micelles) present throughout digestion. 3) Establish kinetics and thermodynamics of drug transport into and out of colloidal structures in the GI tract, based on a model drug that was selected to represent poorly water-soluble drug compounds.

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MICROFLUIDIC ISOLATION OF ENDOTHELIAL PROGENITOR CELLS FOR VASCULAR TISSUE ENGINEERING

The principal goal of this dissertation is to create microfluidic cell separations systems to isolate or enrich key cell types for tissue engineering applications. In tissue engineering functional cell types must be enriched prior to seeding onto scaffolds. In cell based approaches to tissue repair and regeneration stem and progenitor cells present in certain types must be isolated and characterized prior to use. The adhesion of cells to a functionalized surface is the basis for this type of separation. This work demonstrated the viability of using a PEG-alginate hydrogel for the purification of EPCs. Further it was shown that the coating is agnostic to substrate type. Cells isolated via this hydrogel behaved as expected both in vitro and in vivo. This demonstrates the ability to use this platform for tissue engineering applications, basic research, and cellular based therapies to isolate EPCs in a rapid, rigorous, and inexpensive fashion. This represents a step forward in cell purification methods.
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A MICROFLUIDIC CAPTURE AND RELEASE METHOD FOR ISOLATION INTESTINAL PROGENITOR AND STEM CELLS FROM NATIVE RAT TISSUE ENABLING ADVANCES IN VASCULOGENIC CO-CULTURES

This dissertation describes a novel microfluidic cell capture and release platform to enrich for rare tissue specific stem and progenitor cells within native conditions without the need of a FACS instrument. The platform incorporates the use of a microfluidic post array coupled with an alginate-PEG moiety containing a bound capture protein which allows for selective capture and release of target cells with a simple chelation step. Illustrated in chapter 3, incorporates anti-CD133 into the hydrogel for selective intestinal progenitor cell enrichment where as chapter 4 demonstrates stem cell isolation implementing anti-GPR49 as the capture protein. This approach has lead to a novel cell separation prototype to isolate intestinal stem cells from native tissue digestate without the need for conventional genetic hybridization techniques. In addition, the approach provides a greater throughput (35,000 cells/min) and higher viability (93%) in comparison to the state of the art.

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UNDERSTANDING THE MAGNETOSTRUCTURAL TRANSFORMATION IN FERH THIN FILMS

In this dissertation, sputter deposited FeRh thin films have been grown to study the role of intrinsic (chemical modification by thermally driven Au-capping layer diffusion) and extrinsic (strain/film lattice distortion and nanostructuring) factors on the FOPT character. Further, magnetic studies coupled with kinetic analysis have been employed to develop an understanding of the phase transformation kinetics (energy barriers and nucleation and growth mechanism associated with the AF-FM FOPT) in FeRh thin films. Results exposed in this dissertation have been obtained with laboratory and synchrotron-based magnetic and structural probes to advance the understanding of the spin-lattice coupling in the FeRh system with information that allows FOPT tailoring. Specifically, results obtained in this dissertation reveal that thermally-driven Au diffusion, out-of-plane lattice distortion, and nanostructuring lead to a stabilized FM phase in the (bulk) AF regime.

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STRUCTURE-MAGNETIC PROPERTY CORRELATIONS IN TiO₂ NANOTUBE ARRAYS

This Dissertation aims at investigating the correlations of the morphology, crystallinity, crystal structure, electronic structure and magnetic properties of TiO₂ nanotubes, with potential relevance to their functionality. Self-ordered arrays of amorphous TiO₂ nanotubes (pure and Fe-doped with cationic concentration of ~2.1 at%) were synthesized by the electrochemical anodization technique, followed by subjecting them to thermal treatments up to 450 °C to crystallize these nanostructures. A variety of probes—morphological, structural, magnetic and spectroscopic—were used to characterize the properties of these nanostructures as functions of their processing conditions and the dopant content. Structure-functionality relationships in these nanostructures were verified by examining the photodegradation rate of methyl orange (a model water pollutant) in presence of TiO₂ nanotubes under UV-Visible light irradiation.

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SELF-ASSEMBLED ROSETTE NANOTUBES FOR BONE TISSUE ENGINEERING AND DRUG DELIVERY APPLICATIONS

This thesis will first cover recent advances in fabricating and using nanostructured metals, ceramics, and polymers for numerous orthopedic applications and discuss future research that is needed for the field to progress. Then, this thesis elucidates several promising tissue engineering applications of rosette nanotubes (RNTs), a biomimetic self-assembled nanomaterial composed of DNA base-pairs. Rosette nanotubes have unique properties, including self-assembling into stable nanotubes in physiological environments, forming a viscous gel at body temperatures, and having a great affinity and enhanced bioactivity with many types of tissues (e.g., bone, cartilage, skin, heart, blood vessels, etc.). With a similarity to collagen molecules in bone and extracellular matrices in other organs, rosette nanotubes were used in this thesis for orthopedic applications in terms of enhancing bone cell functions, promoting in-vivo bone growth, delivery of bone morphogenetic protein (BMP) 7 derived short peptides, and anti-cancer drug delivery for bone cancer treatment.

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INDUCED CODEPOSITION OF Mo AND W FROM AQUEOUS ELECTROLYTES

In the work presented here, Mo induced codeposition with Ni was explored when the concentration of nickel ions in the electrolyte was much lower than molybdate. Their composition and deposit thickness were characterized by X-ray fluorescence. Mo-rich alloys were obtained, setting a new record, with > 80 wt. % Mo content. Catalytic properties were investigated and exhibited Tafel behavior consistent with their hallmark feature as a catalyst for electrolytic hydrogen evolution. NiMoW alloys were also electrodeposited, where the nickel preferentially induced the deposition of molybdenum over that of tungsten. The tungsten partial current density, hence reaction rate, was inhibited when deposition was compared to a molybdenum free electrolyte. A mechanism to describe this observation was raised for both Mo and W induced codeposition...In this work, the composition range of electrodeposited NiMo from aqueous solution was expanded to a new limit, 80 wt.%. Also, a new mechanism of Mo and W induced codeposition was suggested, where adsorbed intermediates was identified as the key species that induces molybdate and tungstate ion reduction.

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FOOD-ASSOCIATED STIMULI ENHANCE BARRIER PROPERTIES OF MUCUS

The main objective of this project was to examine the impact of physicochemical changes occurring upon food ingestion on gastrointestinal (GI) mucus barrier properties. The motivation for studying these phenomena includes understanding how drug delivery and microbe transport through mucus may change upon food exposure, and how these effects may be exploited to enable more efficient drug delivery or block pathogen transport. Lipid content associated with fed state intestinal contents significantly enhanced mucus barrier properties, as indicated by 10 - 140-fold reduction in the transport rate of 200 nm microspheres through mucus, depending on surface chemistry. Physiologically relevant increases in [Ca2+] resulted in 3-fold, 4-fold and 2-fold reduction of amine-, carboxylate- and sulfate modified particle transport rates, respectively, likely due to binding of [Ca2+] to mucin glycoproteins and thus enhanced cross-linking of the mucus gel network. Reduction of pH from 6.5 to 3.5 also affected mucus viscoelasticity, reducing particle transport rates approximately 5-fold for amine-modified particles and 10-fold for carboxylate- and sulfate modified microspheres.

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MONITORING OF PSEUDOMONAS AERUGINOSA TOXINS VIA MINIATURIZED ELECTROCHEMICAL ASSEMBLIES

In this dissertation the production of pyocyanin from the opportunistic pathogen Pseudomonas aeruginosa was probed using a variety of miniaturized electrochemical systems. Goal 1 used disposable screen printed carbon electrodes to measure pyocyanin in medically relevant samples showing for the first time that pyocyanin can be detected at medically relevant concentrations (1-100 µM) without sample processing. Goal 2 coupled these same electrodes with Polydimethylsiloxane growth chambers to expose P. aeruginosa biofilms to varying concentrations of colistin sulphate...Goal 3 addresses the question of detecting P. aeruginosa in patient samples if the concentration of pyocyanin is initially low/non-existent in patient samples...Goal 4 looks at the miniaturization of the reference electrode using palladium as a novel pseudo reference material. The reference electrode was fabricated in a nanofluidic chamber housing a gold working electrode.

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