# Personalized Molecular Diagnostics

# A new healthcare paradigm?

#### The Future of Diagnostics?







Point of Care Diagnostics Home-Based Diagnostics





#### New Diagnostics Paradigm

Towards personal diagnostics and personalized medicine.



### 100k Wellness Project





http://research.systemsbiology.net/100k/







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# Benefits of Microfluidics

#### Economy of Scales

- Volume reductions by several orders of magnitude over benchtop experiments
- Extreme cost reduction for biological experiments
  - ▶ ITT costs **25 CHF/rxn**, on a fluidic device the cost is **0.005 CHF/rxn**
- Rare samples (stem cells) can be studied in more detail

#### Integration

- Thousands of complex experiments can be performed in parallel
- Next generation multiwell plates
- Integration with solid state optics, MEMS, and NEMS detectors

#### Automation

- All steps can be fully automated, reducing labor costs
- Cheap Mass-production

#### Cost of biologics



# **Application Areas**

#### Basic Science

#### Synthesis

- Protein synthesis
- DNA synthesis
- Screening
  - Molecular interaction screens
  - Crystallization screens
- Cell based methods
- Health
  - Drug development
  - Drug screening
  - Diagnostics
  - Point of care devices
- Environment
- Chemistry



#### **Device Fabrication: Soft Lithography**



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#### Rapid Prototyping using PDMS

D.C. Duffy, J.C. McDonald, O.J.A. Schueller, G.M. Whitesides, Anal. Chem., 70 (1998).

### Process Overview

- Design device in a CAD program
- Write masks (DWL200, Laser printer)
- Coat wafer with photoresist
- Place mask on wafer and expose to light
- Develop wafer (now called a mold)
- Fabricate PDMS devices from mold

### Photolithography

#### Silicon Wafer



#### Patterned Wafers



#### Photolithography Masks







# Photolithography Equipment





Spin Coater



# Some EPFL Labs Using Microfluidics

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# Microfluidics



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#### Microfluidic Large-Scale Integration



#### Electronic Large-Scale Integration



Highly-integrated devices containing thousands of micro-mechanical valves (the microfluidic analog to the transistor)

# Soft Lithography



#### 1<sup>st</sup> Micromechanical Valve



M. A. Unger, H. P. Chou, T. Thorsen, A. Scherer, S. R. Quake Science 288, 113 (2000). Rapid Prototyping using PDMS D.C. Duffy, J.C. McDonald, O.J.A. Schueller, G.M. Whitesides, Anal. Chem., 70 (1998).

#### Confidential

# Complex Microfluidics



The Core contains 114 individually addressable valves.

Completely software reconfigurable architecture!



### What is measured and how?

**Protein / Small Molecule** 

**DNA / RNA** 

Immunoassay Enzymatic Mass Spectrometry Chemical

PCR Sequencing Hybridization

Optical Electrical Mechanical

### Samples...



### Samples...



Tears Nasal Swab Saliva Sputum Mouth Swab

**Cerebrospinal Fluid** 

Breast Milk Amniotic Fluid

Blood Lymph

Semen

Urine Feces

### Luminex Technology



### Multiplexed Detection



**Figure 1** Design of an integrated blood barcode chip (IBBC). (a) Scheme depicting plasma separation from a finger prick of blood by harnessing the Zweifach-Fung effect. Multiple DNA-encoded antibody barcode arrays are patterned within the plasma-skimming channels for *in situ* protein measurements. (b) DEAL barcode arrays patterned in plasma channels for *in situ* protein measurement. A, B, C indicate different DNA codes. (1)–(5) denote DNA-antibody conjugate, plasma protein, biotin-labeled detection antibody, streptavidin-Cy5 fluorescence probe and complementary DNA-Cy3 reference probe, respectively. The inset represents a barcode of protein biomarkers, which is read out using fluorescence detection. The green bar represents an alignment marker.

#### Multiplexed Detection



**Figure 2** Measurement of human chorionic gonadotropin (hCG) in sera. (**a**) Fluorescence images of DEAL barcodes showing the measurement of a series of standard serum samples spiked with hCG. The bars used to measure hCG were patterned with DNA strand A at different concentrations. TNF-α encoded by strand B was employed as a negative control. The green bars (strand M) serve as references. (**b**) Quantification of the full barcodes for three selected samples. (**c**) Mean values of fluorescence signals corresponding to three sets of bars with different DNA loadings. Broken lines indicate the typical physiological levels of hCG in sera after 1 or 10 weeks of pregnancy. Error bars, 1 s.d.

Fan, R. et al. Integrated barcode chips for rapid, multiplexed analysis of proteins in microliter quantities of blood. Nat Biotechnol 26, 1373–1378 (2008).

#### High-throughput Biomarker Quantitation

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#### 4,096 Immunoassays on a Single Device





#### Programming Microfluidic Devices

Use a std. DNA microarrayer to solve the world-to-chip interface problem!



# MITOMI







#### **High-Content Diagnostics**



- 1,024 samples on 10 cm<sup>4</sup>
- Multiplexed 4 biomarkers per sample
- 4,096 assays per device
- Sensitivity 100's fM from nL-volume samples (zmol)
- Matrix insensitive human serum, cell culture media, buffers, etc.
- Total cost of reagents per assay = € 0.0001
- Total cost per chip (reagents) = € 0.1





#### Large-Scale Adjuvant Screening





#### Multiplexed Biomarker Quantitation





### Localized Surface Plasmon Resonance



Acimović, S. S. et al. LSPR Chip for Parallel, Rapid, and Sensitive Detection of Cancer Markers in Serum. Nano Lett 140422102938004 (2014). doi:10.1021/nl500574n

# Mechanical Based Detection (optical/electrical)







### Real-Time Monitoring



**Fig. 1. MEDIC overview.** MEDIC achieves real-time quantitative measurement of specific molecules in the blood of living animals. (**A**) Envisioned setup, where the MEDIC chip is connected to the patient's bloodstream to measure drug pharmacokinetics. (**B**) The aptamer probe is tethered to the gold electrode. Binding of target (green) induces a reversible conformational change in the probe, increasing the rate of electron transfer between an electrochemical redox reporter (blue) and a microfabricated electrode, yielding a measurable current change, shown in (A) as a func-

tion of time. (**C**) The continuos-flow diffusion filter (CDF), formed by vertically stacked laminar flow of buffer (blue) and blood (red), as shown in the microfluidic device in (A), permits access to the target molecules while selectively excluding blood-borne interferents. (**D**) Signal-on (red) and signal-off (blue) both exhibit significant drift in response to a pulse of target (purple). Kinetic differential measurement (KDM; green) improves accuracy of real-time current measurements by minimizing drift and enhancing SNR.

Ferguson, B. S. et al. Real-Time, Aptamer-Based Tracking of Circulating Therapeutic Agents in Living Animals. Science Translational Medicine 5, 213ra165–213ra165 (2013).

### Paper Diagnostics



Martinez, A. W., Phillips, S. T., Whitesides, G. M. & Carrilho, E. Diagnostics for the Developing World: Microfluidic Paper-Based Analytical Devices. Anal Chem 82, 3–10 (2010).

### Single Molecule Detection





Rondelez, Y. et al. Microfabricated arrays of femtoliter chambers allow single molecule enzymology. Nat Biotechnol 23, 361–365 (2005).

# Digital ELISA

Figure 1 Digital ELISA based on arrays of femtoliter-sized wells. (a,b) Single protein molecules are captured and labeled on beads using standard ELISA reagents (a), and beads with or without a labeled immunoconjugate are loaded into femtoliter-volume well arrays for isolation and detection of single molecules by fluorescence imaging (b). (c) Scanning electron micrograph of a small section of a femtoliter-volume well array after bead loading. Beads (2.7  $\mu$ m diameter) were loaded into an array of wells with diameters of  $4.5 \,\mu\text{m}$  and depths of  $3.25 \,\mu\text{m}$ . (d) Fluorescence image of a small section of the femtoliter-volume well array after signals from single enzymes are generated. Whereas the majority of femtolitervolume chambers contain a bead from the assay, only a fraction of those beads possess catalytic enzyme activity, indicating a single, bound protein molecule. The concentration of protein in bulk solution is correlated to the percentage of beads that carry a protein molecule.



# Digital ELISA



**Figure 3** Subfemtomolar detection of proteins in serum using digital ELISA. (**a**,**b**) Changes in the percentage of active beads with changes in analyte concentration for human prostate-specific antigen (PSA) spiked into 25% serum (**a**) and human tumor necrosis factor- $\alpha$  (TNF- $\alpha$ ) spiked into 25% serum (**b**). The concentrations plotted on the *x* axes refer to the final concentration of spiked protein in the diluted sample. The plots on the left-hand side show the assay response over the concentration range tested in log-log space. The plots on the right-hand side show the assay response in the femtomolar range in linear-linear space to illustrate the limit of detection (LODs) and linearity of response. LODs were determined by extrapolating the concentration from the signal equal to background signal plus 3 s.d. of the background signal. Broken lines, signal at the LOD. Error bars, s.d. over three replicates.

### Digital PCR



#### Artificial Organs (Organs-on-Chip)



#### In vitro Emulation of Organs (Organs-onChip)



Huh et al. LOC (2012).