

Characterisation and modelling of a magnetic biosensor

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Abstract: This paper presents the characterisation and modelling of a magnetic biosensor included on a portable hand-held microsystem for biomolecular recognition (DNA hybridisation, antibody antigen interaction, etc.). The system, which is based on a fully integrated magnetoresistive biochip (fig. 1), uses magnetic field arraying of magnetically tagged biomolecules and can potentially be used to detect single or few biomolecules. The biochip is based on a matrix array of magnetic tunnel junctions and thin-film diodes (fig. 2) which are here characterised and modelled. Experimental results show the proposed models may be used for biochip characterisation and the matrix structure is adequate for the envisaged microsystem. © 2006 IEEE.

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