# **Supplementary information**

# Logic gates from ion-selective bulk optodes

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# 1. Calculations of threshold values for absorbance outputs

The value chosen for 1 or 0 represents the difference between the corresponding spectra. Threshold values are determined by fix degree of deprotonation ( $\alpha$ ) at 0.6. The measured absorbance *A* at a given equilibrium can be related to  $\alpha$  by measuring the absorbances of the fully protonated (*A*<sub>*P*</sub>) and nonprotonated form (*A*<sub>*D*</sub>) of the chromoionophore:

$$\alpha = \frac{A_P - A}{A_P - A_D}$$

Table S1. Wavelength for outputs O1 and O2

Chromoiononhore	Wavelength for output	Wavelength for output		
Chronophore	O1 absorbance (nm)	O2 absorbance (nm)		
Chromoionophore I	540	665		
Chromoionophore VII	530	670		
Chromoionophore XIV	435	660		
Nile Blue-urea	540	665		

#### **Chromoionophore I**

Threshold value for output O1 (540 nm):  $A_D = 0.0957$   $A_P = 0.0256$  $A = A_D - (A_D - A_P) \alpha$  Supplementary Material (ESI) for New Journal of Chemistry This journal is © The Royal Society of Chemistry and The Centre National de la Recherche Scientifique, 2010

 $A = 0.0957 - (0.0957 - 0.0256) \times 0.6$  A = 0.0536Threshold value for output O2 (665 nm):  $A_D = 0.0979 \qquad A_P = 0.0018$   $A = A_P - (A_P - A_D) \alpha$   $A = 0.0979 - (0.0979 - 0.0018) \times 0.6$ A = 0.0402

# **Chromoionophore VII**

Threshold value for output O1 (530 nm):  $A_D = 0.0584$   $A_P = 0.0039$   $A = A_D - (A_D - A_P) \alpha$   $A = 0.0584 - (0.0584 - 0.0039) \times 0.6$  A = 0.0257Threshold value for output O2 (670 nm):  $A_D = 0.0921$   $A_P = 0.0021$   $A = A_P - (A_P - A_D) \alpha$   $A = 0.0921 - (0.0921 - 0.0021) \times 0.6$ A = 0.0381

### **Chromoionophore XIV**

Threshold value for output O1 (435 nm):  $A_D = 0.0253$   $A_P = 0.0033$   $A = A_D - (A_D - A_P) \alpha$   $A = 0.0253 - (0.0253 - 0.0033) \times 0.67$  A = 0.0105Threshold value for output O2 (660 nm):  $A_D = 0.0463$   $A_P = 0.0017$   $A = A_P - (A_P - A_D) \alpha$   $A = 0.0463 - (0.0463 - 0.0017) \times 0.6$ A = 0.0195

# Nile Blue-urea

Threshold value for output O1 (540 nm):  $A_D = 0.0528$   $A_P = 0.0098$   $A = A_D - (A_D - A_P) \alpha$   $A = 0.0528 - (0.0528 - 0.0098) \times 0.6$  A = 0.0270Threshold value for output O2 (665 nm):  $A_D = 0.0696$   $A_P = 0.0015$   $A = A_P - (A_P - A_D) \alpha$  $A = 0.0696 - (0.0696 - 0.0015) \times 0.6$  Supplementary Material (ESI) for New Journal of Chemistry This journal is © The Royal Society of Chemistry and The Centre National de la Recherche Scientifique, 2010

$$A = 0.0287$$

# 2. Details of non-logic gate operations

**Table S2.** Truth table for non-logic gates X/X' and Y/Y'

Input A $H^+$	Input B Na <sup>+</sup>	Х	X'	Y	Y'
0	0	1	0	0	1
0	1	0	1	0	1
1	0	1	0	1	0
1	1	0	1	1	0

**Table S3.** pHs and metal concentrations which operated X, X', Y, and Y' logic gates for  $Na^+$  and  $K^+$  selective bulk optodes

	$\mathrm{X}/\mathrm{X}^{,a,b,c}$			$\mathbf{Y}/\mathbf{Y}^{,a,b,c}$				
pH 1.0	(	Concentration of $Na^+(M)$			Concentration of Na <sup>+</sup> (M)			
1,0 -	10-1	10-2	10-3	10-4	10-1	$10^{-2}$	10-3	$10^{-4}$
3,5	С							
3,6	С							
3,7							С	С
3,8					bc	Bbc	BCbc	BCbc
3,9					bc	Bbc	BCbc	BCbc
3,10					bc	Bbc	BCbc	BCbc
4,6	BC	С						
4,8					b	bc	Bbc	BCbc
4,9					b	bc	BCbc	BCbc
4,10					b	bc	bc	Bc
5,8					bc	bc	bc	Bbc
5,9					bc	bc	bc	Bbc
5,10					bc	bc	bc	Bbc
6,8	AD						bc	bc
6,9	AD						bc	bc
6,10	D						bc	bc
7,9	AD	AD					с	с
7,10	D	D						с
8,10	Dd	D	D	D				

<sup>*a*</sup>A, B, C and D refer to chromoionophores I, VII, XIV and Nile Blue-urea, respectively in sodium optode. <sup>*b*</sup>a, b, c and d refer to chromoionophores I, VII, XIV and Nile Blue-urea, respectively in potassium optode. <sup>*c*</sup>X' and Y' operations were obtained from output O2 of the chromoionophores.



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**Figure S1.** Absorbance features of the X and X' of sodium optode of studied chromoionophores: (a) Chromoionophore I ( $10^{-1}$  M NaNO<sub>3</sub> pH7, pH9) (b) Chromoionophore VII ( $10^{-1}$  M NaNO<sub>3</sub> pH4, pH6) (c) Chromoionophore XIV ( $10^{-1}$  M NaNO<sub>3</sub> pH3, pH5) (d) Nile Blue-urea ( $10^{-1}$  M NaNO<sub>3</sub> pH7, pH9) Input combination 0,0: blue; 0,1: pink; 1,0: green and 1,1: orange.



**Figure S2.** Absorbance features of the Y and Y' of sodium optode of studied chromoionophores: (a) Chromoionophore VII ( $10^{-4}$  M NaNO<sub>3</sub> pH3, pH10) (b) Chromoionophore XIV ( $10^{-4}$  M NaNO<sub>3</sub> pH3, pH10) Input combination 0,0: blue; 0,1: pink; 1,0: green and 1,1: orange.

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**Figure S3.** Absorbance features of the X and X' of potassium optode of studied Chromoionophores I ( $10^{-1}$  M NaNO<sub>3</sub> pH8, pH10) Input combination 0,0: blue; 0,1: pink; 1,0: green and 1,1: orange.



**Figure S4.** Absorbance features of the Y and Y' of potassium optode of studied chromoionophores: (a) Chromoionophore VII ( $10^{-1}$  M NaNO<sub>3</sub> pH3, pH8) (b) Chromoionophore XIV ( $10^{-1}$  M NaNO<sub>3</sub> pH3, pH8) Input combination 0,0: blue; 0,1: pink; 1,0: green and 1,1: orange.