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RESEARCH AREA

Bioelectronics has a double meaning in scientific literature. On the one hand, as a branch of basic biophysical sciences, it deals with electric phenomena appearing on any organization level of living systems. On the other hand, as a recently developed discipline of information technological science, it explores the potential of biological materials for application in molecular electronics. These two areas of research are in close interaction not only with each other, but also with other disciplines of basic applied sciences. Our main goal is to develop novel methods on integrated micro- and nanotechnological platforms for the investigation of light-induced processes in biological membranes, and utilize them in both branches of bioelectronic science. The most important scientific problems to be solved are, on the one hand, concerned with the investigation of electric properties of single cells and cellular interfaces, while on the other hand with the application of photochromic proteins in optoelectronics and photonics. Besides its impact on basic biophysical science, our research is expected to have utilizations in various branches of applied bioelectronics.

TECHNIQUES AVAILABLE IN THE LAB

Photoelectric measuring techniques, absorption kinetics, polarisation methods, electro-optics, photolithography, laser-assisted microstructure building, surface coating techniques, TIRF-microscopy, MATLAB programing, LabVIEW programing.

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS

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