

Modeling external stimulation of excitable cells using a novel light-activated organic semiconductor technology

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TEMPORARY AMNESIA **IRRITABILITY**

Traumatic Brain Injury

HEAD INJURY

SPEECH VIOLATION

INTERNAL BLEEDING

STRONG HEADACHE

WEAKNESS















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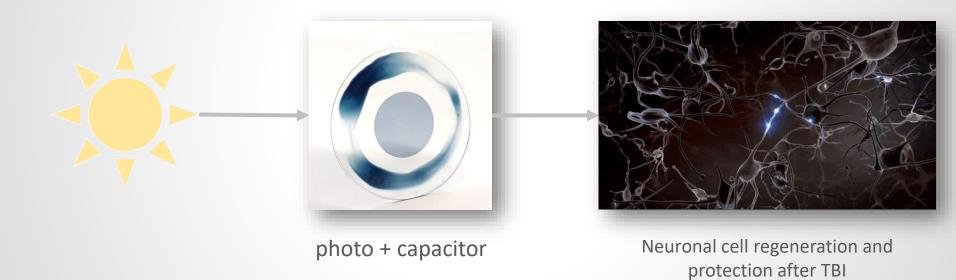
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What Is a Photocap?

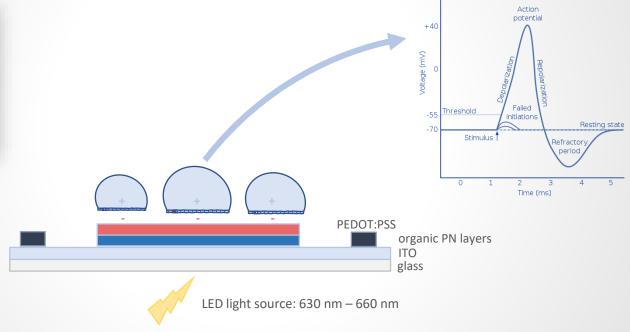




How Does the Photocap Work?

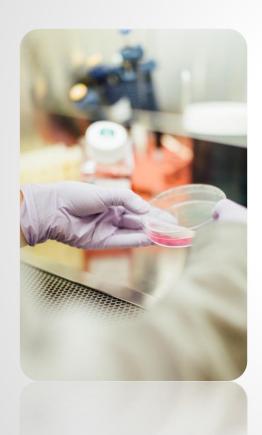






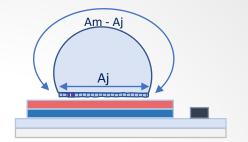
A Simulation Model - the Road to Results



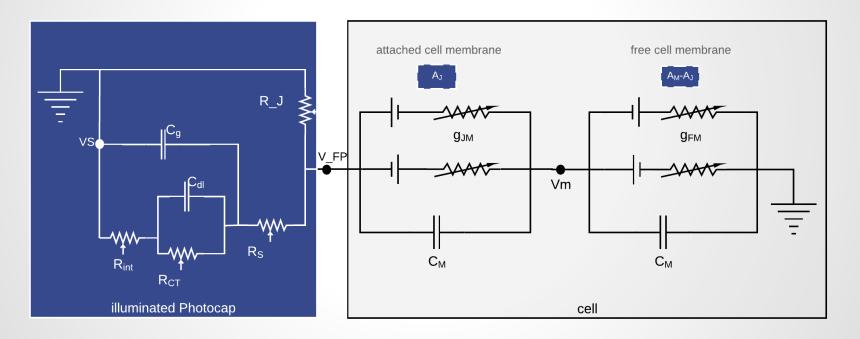


- Understand processes and the interaction between Photocap + single cells
- Check hypothesis
- Save precious time
- Representation of novel device behavior
 - Characterization + External simulation

The Simulation Model

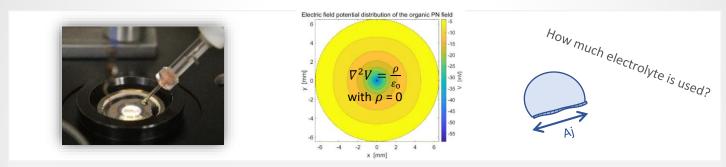




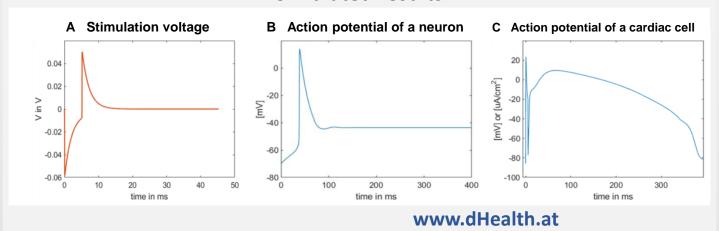








Simulated results



Achievements



Broad Photocap knowledge

- ✓ Characterization
- √ Reproducible measurements

Verification and validation

- Based on literature (EIS, TDS, ...)
- Reproducible experimental results

Next steps

- Cell measurements with different cell types
- Simulation of cell compounds
- Technical improvements

Less Invasive Treatments and Effective Results

Simulation model with high validity

- ✓ Knowledge about the Photocap and single cell interaction
- ✓ Check hypothesis early
- ✓ Saves time (time-consuming experiments)
- ✓ Simulate different single cell types
- ✓ Due to parameterization -> Find technical improvements

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