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Advanced sensor technologies for biomedical and health sciences

- 1. Cavitas sensors: Detachable bioinformation monitoring systems for body cavities
- 2. Bio-sniffers & Sniff-cams: Biochemical "odor" sensors and imaging systems
- 3. Regeneratable immunosensors for medical treatment and environmental medicine
- 4. Organic Engine: A chemo-mechanical energy conversion system for artificial pancreas
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Our group pursues interdisciplinary research on biosensors and bio-Micro Electro Mechanical Systems (MEMS) by combining knowledge from a broad range of fields, such as electrochemistry, mechanical and electrical engineering, material science and information technology, to develop new and advanced medical and healthcare sensing devices.

Cavitas sensors for bioinformation monitoring

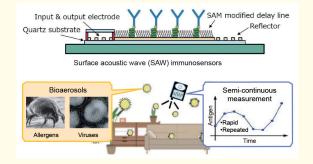
Cavitas sensors such as contact-lenses and mouthguard biosensors for biomonitoring are being developed using advanced polymer MEMS techniques.



Contact lens-type biosensor

Immunosensors relying on light or surface acoustic waves are being developed for rapid and repeated - semi-continuous measurement of antigens, such as mite allergens.

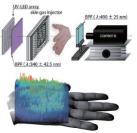
Mouthguard-type biosensor



Biochemical sensors and imaging systems for non-invasive health evaluation

A sensitive and selective "Bio-sniffer" and "Sniff-cam" are being developed utilizing drug-metabolizing enzymes from liver for noninvasive and simple medical screening and healthcare sciences.





Bio-sniffer

Sniff-cam and a gas image on a palm

An artificial pancreas using a chemo-mechanical energy conversion system (Organic Engine)

An Organic Engine that directly converts the chemical energy of biological components into mechanical energy is being developed for the artificial pancreas, resulting in an autonomous drug-release system

