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Implantable Neural Interfaces

Message from the Guest Editor

Neural interfaces are connections that enable the twoway exchange of information with the nervous system. These connections can occur at multiple levels, including with the peripheral nerves, the spinal cord, or the brain; in many instances, fundamental biophysical and biological challenges are shared across these levels. There are several issues to be considered: selectivity, stability, resolution versus invasiveness, implant-induced injury, and the host-interface response. The engineered solutions to these challenges include electrode designs and geometry, stimulation waveforms, materials, and surface modifications. The emerging opportunities to improve neural interfaces include cellular-level silicon to neuron connections, optical stimulation, and approaches to control inflammation. Overcoming the biophysical and biological challenges will enable effective high-density neural interfaces for stimulation and recording. This Special Issue will promote new ideas, approaches, and paradigms toward the development of the next generation of implantable neural interfaces.

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