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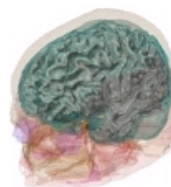
Education

Post-Doc, Neurophysiology Unit, University of Birmingham Medical School, U.K., 2003
Ph.D., Biomedical Engineering, Case Western Reserve University Cleveland, OH, 2000
B.S., Biomedical Engineering (EE Concentration), Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, MD, 1995

Research Areas and Expertise

Prof. Marom Bikson's research group studies the effects of electricity on the human body and applies this knowledge toward the development of medical devices and electrical safety guidelines.

"Our goal is to improve human health by combining engineering innovation, with cutting-edge experimental techniques, and original bio-medical insight. This challenge requires creative problem-solving, precision, and imagination. We are tremendously fortunate to access the extensive resources of the City University of New York research centers and of the New York Center for Biomedical Engineering hospital network"



Specific areas of research include:

- 1) Medical devices including biosensors, drug delivery technology, and electrotherapy devices for neurological disorders.
- 2) Medical device safety including electrical hazards, electroporation, heating damage, and safe stimulation protocols.
- 3) Electrical safety, electric shock hazards, and accidental electrocution.
- 4) Understanding the neuronal networks underlying normal brain function, including the role of endogenous electric fields.
- 5) Developing new treatments for neurological diseases including epilepsy and depression, through translational research.

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Prof. Bikson's group uses a range of research and engineering design tools including cellular and animal studies, computer simulations, imaging, and clinical evaluation. Prof. Bikson's research has received support from funding agencies including NIH (NINDS, NCI, NIGMS), The Andy Grove Foundation, The Wallace H. Coulter Foundation, and the Howard Hughes Medical Institute. Prof. Bikson is actively involved in biomedical education including outreach to underserved groups.

Prof. Bikson has provided technical support and consulting for biomedical companies (Medtronic, Boston Scientific, Nevrocorp, Ion Channel Innovations, Wyle), utility companies (Con Edison, First Energy), regulatory agencies (NASA, NY State Public Service Commission, Potomac Institute for Policy Studies), and litigation support.

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Prof. Bikson is co-director of Neural Engineering at The City College of New York and the New York Center for Biomedical Engineering. More project information at [CCNY Neural Engineering](#)



Selected Publications

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Selected Professional Activities

2009 Wallace H. Coulter Early Career Award "High-Density Transcranial Electrical Stimulation"

2009 International Workshop on Seizure Prediction "Modulation Seizure Permissive States With Weak Electric Fields" [slides](#)



2009 Design of Medical Devices Conference "High-Density Transcranial Electrical Stimulation" [slides](#)

2008 Neural Interface Conference "Rational Design of Sub-threshold Stimulation Protocols" [view the talk](#) (link, register, and link again)

Opening Lecture 2008 Third International Conference on Transcranial Magnetic and Direct Current Stimulation "From TMS to tDCS to Modulated therapies: Biophysics of electrical therapy design" [slides](#)

Experts report for Jersey Central Power & Light Company, subsidiary of FirstEnergy Corporation 2005-2007 "A review of health hazards associated with exposure to ultra low voltages"

Moderator Health Effects Group Potomac Institute for Policy Studies, 2005 [Conference on Stun Devices](#)

Consultant for Consolidated Edison of New York 2004 "A review of hazards associated with exposure to low voltage " submitted to the New York State Public Service Commission

The City College of New York/City University of New York Medical School Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee (2004-)

Co-director, Howard Hughes Medical Institute Program for Undergraduates at CCNY (2005-2009)

Teaching

Undergraduate

[Biomedical Engineering Senior Design 1 \(BME 405\)](#)
[Experimental Methods in Biomedical Engineering \(BME 310\)](#)
[Biomedical Transducers and Instrumentation \(BME 405\)](#)
[Introduction to Biomedical Engineering \(BME 101\)](#)

Graduate

Neural Engineering

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