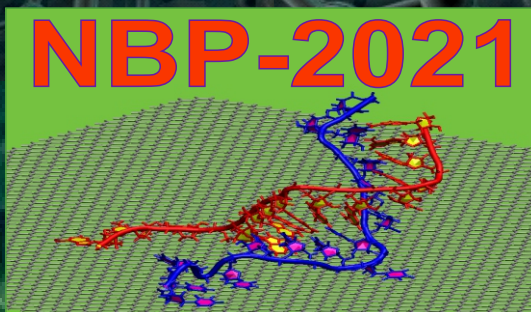




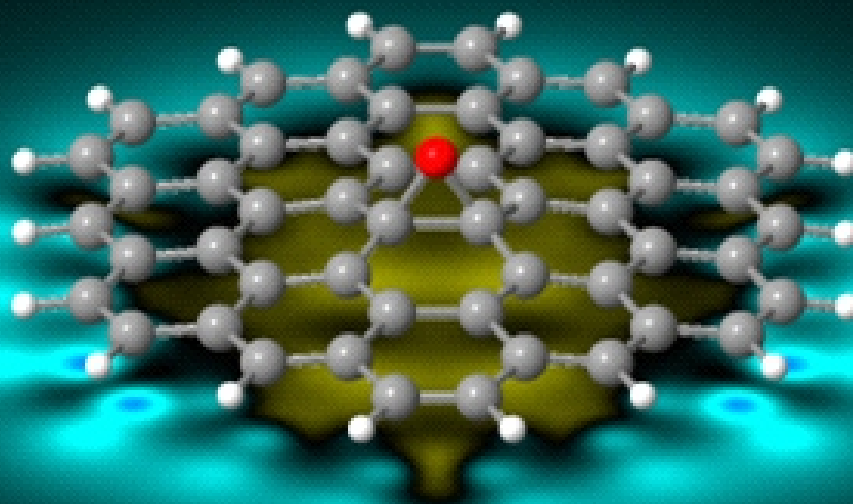
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DIELECTRIC CHARACTERISTICS OF BLOOD CELLS AS BIOMARKERS FOR DIAGNOSTICS: EXPERIMENTAL DATA AND MATHEMATICAL MODELING

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In this study a comprehensive review of recent experimental materials published on dielectric properties of RBCs and their membranes is presented [1-3]. Molecular and cellular components of human blood exhibit dielectric properties that can be described by complex dielectric permittivity: $\varepsilon^* = \varepsilon' - i\varepsilon''$, where ε' is the relative permittivity, ε'' is the loss factor. It was shown, the both ε' and ε'' values of the red blood cells (RBCs) and their ghosts at different frequencies differ significantly in healthy blood of donors and in the cancer and stroke patients [1], that can be used in medical diagnostics and estimation of the individual treatment success including the use of nanodiamonds [2]. The measurement data are systematized by electric parameters, frequency limits, and diseases. Mathematical models of RBCs as fluid-filled multilayer viscoelastic shells are discussed. A generalized model of RBC accounted for bound water layer of different structure and density depending on the disease type/stage is proposed. The blood is considered as a concentrated suspension of aggregating microparticles suspended in the complex fluid containing the nanoparticles with additional degrees of freedom is developed. Complex dielectric properties of the single RBC model and blood suspension of different concentrations are computed. It is shown, the dielectric properties of RBCs, their membranes (water-filled shells) and blood with different RBC concentrations can be considered as biomarkers that are unique for the breast and lung cancer, different disease stage and treatment applied (chemotherapy or X-ray therapy).

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