

IN SEARCH FOR DIVERSITY OF BIO-PHOTOSENSOR
MOLECULES ----- ACTION SPECTROSCOPY AT THE
OKAZAKI LARGE SPECTROGRAPH

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The Okazaki Large Spectrograph (OLS) at the National Institute for Basic Biology (NIBB) is the world's largest polychromator dedicated mainly to biological action spectroscopy and has been actively used for 15 years by many scientists of various fields and various countries under the NIBB cooperative research projects to use the OLS (refs. 1-3).

Such action spectroscopy, combined with the immense bio-diversity in the algal groups, for example, provides scientists with a vast possibility to discover unknown bio-photosensor molecules and to understand the evolution of such molecules with respect to the phylogeny of these organisms (ref. 3). Some examples of such approach will also be presented for algal blue- (ref. 4), green- (ref. 5), and yellow- (ref. 6) light sensor systems.

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