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POST-DOC BIOLOGIST JSPS RESEARCH FELLOW

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## TRAINING/ EMPLOYMENT

**Post-doc Japan Society for the Promotion of  
Science (JSPS) Restart Postdoctoral Research  
Fellow**

2022-2025

**The University of Electro-Communications,**  
Graduate School of Informatics and Engineering  
*Lab Head: Prof. Daisuke Nakane*

**Post-doc Japan Society for the Promotion of  
Science (JSPS) Overseas Research Fellow**

2020-2022

**Albert-Ludwigs-Universität Freiburg,**  
Institut für Biologie III  
*Lab Head: Prof. Annegret Wilde*

**Parental Leave** (3 months)

2018

**Post-doc EMBO Long-Term Fellow**  
**Albert-Ludwigs-Universität Freiburg,**

2018-2020

Institut für Biologie III  
*Lab Head: Prof. Annegret Wilde*

**Academic Fellow**

2018-2019

**The University of Tokyo,**  
Graduate School of Arts and Sciences  
*Host Researcher: Prof. Masahiko Ikeuchi*

**Assistant Professor**

2016-2018

**The University of Tokyo,**  
Graduate School of Arts and Sciences  
*Lab Head: Prof. Masahiko Ikeuchi*

## EDUCATION

**PhD**

2013-2016

**The University of Tokyo,**  
Graduate School of Arts and Sciences  
*Dissertation: "Molecular mechanisms of  
cyanobacteriochrome signaling via c-di-GMP"*  
*Supervisor: Prof. Masahiko Ikeuchi*

**MS** **2011-2013**  
**The University of Tokyo,**  
Graduate School of Arts and Sciences  
*Thesis: "Biochemical analysis of  
cyanobacteriochromes from a thermophilic  
cyanobacterium *Thermosynechococcus*"*  
*Advisor: Prof. Masahiko Ikeuchi*

**BS** **2007-2011**  
**The University of Tokyo,**  
College of Arts and Sciences  
*Major: Biology*

**HONORS,  
AWARDS AND  
GRANTS**

JSPS Restart Postdoctoral Research Fellowship **2022-2025**  
Grants-in-Aid for JSPS Fellows, **2022-2025**  
eLife early-career reviewer **2022-**  
JSPS Overseas Research Fellowship **2020-2022**  
Associate PI of DFG priority programme SPP 1879 **2019-2022**  
EMBO Long-Term Fellowship **2018-2020**  
Grant-in-aid for Young Scientists (B) (Japan Society for the  
Promotion of Science (JSPS) KAKENHI grant No. 17K15244)  
**2017-2019**  
The president of Japanese society of young photosynthesis  
researchers **2017**  
Research Fellowships for Young Scientists by JSPS for Doctoral  
Course Students (DC1) **2013-2016**  
Grants-in-Aid for JSPS Fellows, **2013-2016**

**CONFERENCE  
PRESENTATIONS  
(INTERNATIONAL)**

**Oral**  
oGen Enomoto, Daisuke Nakane, and Annegret Wilde  
**"Light-dependent induction of cell polarity and switching  
of moving direction in a rod-shaped cyanobacterium  
*Thermosynechococcus*"**  
17th International Symposium on Phototrophic Prokaryotes  
(ISPP) (Liverpool, UK), **August 2022**

Nibedita Priyadarshini, Niklas Steube, Dennis Wiens, Rei Narikawa, Annegret Wilde, Georg K. A. Hochberg, and [Gen Enomoto](#)

**"Green light perception paved the way for the diversification of GAF domain photoreceptors"**

Young Researchers Symposium on Plant Photobiology 2020, (Online), **March 2022**

Daisuke Nakane, [Gen Enomoto](#), Annegret Wilde and Takayuki Nishizaka

**"Thermosynechococcus switches the direction of phototaxis by a c-di-GMP dependent process with high spatial resolution"**

Green Aquatic Biology, German-Japanese meeting, (Potsdam, Germany), **March 2022**

Daisuke Nakane, [Gen Enomoto](#), Annegret Wilde and Takayuki Nishizaka

**"Thermosynechococcus switches the direction of phototaxis by a c-di-GMP dependent process with high spatial resolution"**

6th Early Career Researcher Symposium on Cyanobacteria (Cyano2021), (Online), **November 2021**

[Gen Enomoto](#) and Masahiko Ikeuchi

**"Cyanobacteriochrome-mediated blue/green light signaling is a population density-sensing system under photosynthesis-driving red light"**

10th European Workshop on the Molecular Biology of Cyanobacteria, (Cluj-Napoca, Romania), **August 2017**

[Gen Enomoto](#), Rei Narikawa, and Masahiko Ikeuchi

**"Cyanobacteriochrome trio as color-sensitive light input module for c-di-GMP signaling"**

9th European Workshop on the Molecular Biology of Cyanobacteria, ORAL3-6, (Texel, The Netherlands), **September 2014**

**Poster**

Nucleotide Second Messenger Signaling in Bacteria SPP 1879 International Symposium 2022, P09, (Berlin, Germany), **May 2022**

Bacterial Locomotion and Signal Transduction (BLAST) XVI meeting, (Online), **January 2021**

Photosensory Receptors and Signal Transduction (GRC) Gordon Research Conference, #8, (Lucca (Barga), Italy), **March 2018**

Photosensory Receptors and Signal Transduction (GRS) Gordon

Research Seminar, #22, (Lucca (Barga), Italy), **March 2018**  
 Nucleotide Second Messenger Signaling in Bacteria SPP 1879  
 International Symposium, P13, (Berlin, Germany), **September 2018**  
 3rd Early Career Researcher Symposium on Cyanobacteria, P11,  
 (Freiburg, Germany), **September 2018**  
 17th International Congress on Photosynthesis Research (ICPR),  
 3D.25, (Maastricht, The Netherlands), **August 2016**  
 15th International Symposium on Phototrophic Prokaryotes  
 (ISPP), ID:169, (Tübingen, Germany), **August 2015**  
 11th Workshop on Cyanobacteria 2013, no.24, (St. Louis, MO,  
 USA), **August 2013**  
 Internacional Symposium on Phototrophic Prokaryotes (ISPP)  
 2012, P49, (Porto, Portugal), **August 2012**  
 International Conference On Tetrapyrrole Photoreceptors Of  
 Photosynthetic Organisms (ICTPPO) 2011, P-D3, (Berlin,  
 Germany), **July 2011**

## Teaching Experience

*Albert-Ludwigs-Universität Freiburg Germany, 2018-  
 Post-doc*

- Supervised one Bachelor student, one SPl student and one master student. Half-supervised one PhD student.

*The University of Tokyo, Japan, 2016-2018*

**Assistant Professor**, Graduate School of Arts and Sciences,

- Taught *Experimental course of Basic biology*, an undergraduate course averaging 120 students per day in summer semester in cooperation with 7~8 assistant professors, covering the following topics: molecular biology, microbiology, plant biology, cell biology, etc.

## LANGUAGES

**Japanese:** Native Language

**English:** (TOEFL result: 93, **2016**), B2

**German:** A2

## PUBLICATIONS

\*Corresponding Author

**Enomoto, G.**, Wallner, T., and Wilde, A. \* (2023)

"Control of light-dependent behaviour in cyanobacteria by the second messenger cyclic di-GMP"

**microLife**, 4, uqad019.

Priyadarshini, N., Steube, N., Wiens, D., Narikawa, R., Wilde, A., Hochberg, G.\* , and **Enomoto, G.\*** (2023)

Evidence for an early green/red photocycle that precedes the diversification of GAF domain photoreceptor cyanobacteriochromes.

**Photochem. Photobiol. Sci.** in press.

Nakane, D.\*<sup>1</sup>, **Enomoto, G.\*<sup>1</sup>**, Bähre, H., Hirose, H., Wilde, A., and Nishizaka, T. (2022)  
*Thermosynechococcus* switches the direction of phototaxis by a c-di-GMP dependent process with high spatial resolution.

**eLife**, 11, e73405

<sup>1</sup>equal contribution

Maeda, K., Okuda, Y., **Enomoto, G.**, Watanabe, S., and Ikeuchi, M.\* (2021)

Biosynthesis of a sulfated exopolysaccharide, synechan, and bloom formation in the model cyanobacterium *Synechocystis* sp. strain PCC 6803.

**eLife**, 10, e66538.

Fushimi, K., Hasegawa, M., Ito, T., Rockwell, N. C., **Enomoto, G.**, Lagarias, J. C., Ikeuchi, M., and Narikawa, R.\* (2020)

Evolution-inspired design of multicolored photoswitches from a single cyanobacteriochrome scaffold.

**Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci. USA** 117(27), 15573-15580

**Enomoto, G.**, Kamiya, A., Okuda, Y., Narikawa, R., and Ikeuchi, M.\* (2020)

Tlr0485 is a cAMP-activated c-di-GMP phosphodiesterase in a cyanobacterium *Thermosynechococcus*.

**The Journal of General and Applied Microbiology** 66(2), 147-152

**Enomoto, G.\*** and Ikeuchi, M. (2020)

Blue/green light-responsive cyanobacteriochromes are cell shade sensors in red-light replete niches.

**iScience** 100936

**Enomoto, G.**, Wilde, A., and Ikeuchi, M\*. (2020)

Light-Regulated Nucleotide Second Messenger Signaling in Cyanobacteria.

**Microbial Cyclic Di-Nucleotide Signaling** (book chapter) 311-327

**Enomoto, G.\***, Okuda, Y., and Ikeuchi, M. (2018)

Tlr1612 is the major repressor of cell aggregation in the light-color-dependent c-di-GMP signaling network of *Thermosynechococcus vulcanus*.

**Scientific reports** 8, 5338

Hasegawa, M., Fushimi, K., Miyake, K., Nakajima, T., Oikawa, Y., **Enomoto, G.**, Sato, M., Ikeuchi, M., and Narikawa, R.\* (2018)

Molecular characterization of DXCF cyanobacteriochromes from the cyanobacterium *Acaryochloris marina* identifies a blue-light power sensor.

**J. Biol. Chem.** 293, 1713-1727

Fushimi, K., **Enomoto, G.**, Ikeuchi, M., and Narikawa, R.\* (2017)

Distinctive properties of dark reversion kinetics between two red/green-type cyanobacteriochromes and their application in the photoregulation of cAMP synthesis.

**Photochem. Photobiol.** 93, 681-691

Fushimi, K., Rockwell, N. C., **Enomoto, G.**, Ni Ni, W., Martin, S. S., Gan, F., Bryant, D. A., Ikeuchi, M., Lagarias, J. C., and Narikawa, R.\* (2016)

Cyanobacteriochrome photoreceptors lacking the canonical Cys residue.

**Biochemistry** 55, 6981-6995

Fortunato, A. E., Jaubert, M., **Enomoto, G.**, Bouly, J. P., Raniello, R., Thaler, M., Malviya, S., Bernardes, J. S., Rappaport, F., Gentili, B., Huysman, M. J., Carbone, A., Bowler, C., d'Alcala, M. R.\*, Ikeuchi, M., and Falciatore, A.\* (2016)

Diatom phytochromes reveal the existence of far-red-light-based sensing in the ocean.

**Plant Cell** 28, 616-628

**Enomoto, G.**, Ni Ni, W., Narikawa, R., and Ikeuchi, M.\* (2015)

Three cyanobacteriochromes work together to form a light color-sensitive input system for c-di-GMP signaling of cell aggregation.

**Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci. USA** 112, 8082-8087

Narikawa, R.\*, Nakajima, T., Aono, Y., Fushimi, K., **Enomoto, G.**, Ni Ni, W., Itoh, S., Sato, M., and Ikeuchi, M. (2015)

A biliverdin-binding cyanobacteriochrome from the chlorophyll *d*-bearing cyanobacterium *Acaryochloris marina*.

**Scientific reports** 5, 7950

**Enomoto, G.**, Nomura, R., Shimada, T., Ni Ni, W., Narikawa, R., and Ikeuchi, M.\* (2014)

Cyanobacteriochrome SesA is a diguanylate cyclase that induces cell aggregation in *Thermosynechococcus*.

**J. Biol. Chem.** 289, 24801-24809

Narikawa, R.\*, **Enomoto, G.**, Ni Ni, W., Fushimi, K., and Ikeuchi, M. (2014)

A new type of dual-Cys cyanobacteriochrome GAF domain found in cyanobacterium *Acaryochloris marina*, which has an unusual red/blue reversible photoconversion cycle.

**Biochemistry** 53, 5051-5059

**Enomoto, G.**, Hirose, Y., Narikawa, R., and Ikeuchi, M.\* (2012)

Thiol-based photocycle of the blue and teal light-sensing cyanobacteriochrome Tlr1999.

**Biochemistry** 51, 3050-3058