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Transport and spectroscopy in illuminated molecular junctions

The interaction of light with molecular conduction junction is attracting growing interest as a challenging experimental and theoretical problem on one hand, and because of its potential application as a characterization and control tool on the other. From both its scientific aspect and technological potential it stands at the interface of two important fields: molecular electronics and molecular plasmonics. I shall review the present state of the art of this field and our work on optical response, Raman scattering, temperature measurements, light generation and photovoltaics in such systems.

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