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Faculty of Engineering Research for a Sustainable Future

Projects for the BBSRC DTP



Faculty of Engineering at Uni of Nottingham

- Sustainable manufacturing
- Sustainable energy
- Next generation materials
- Enhanced healthcare technologies

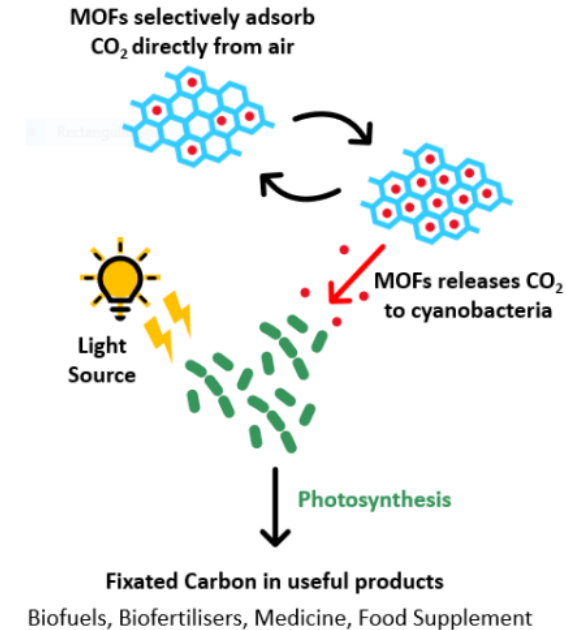
Inter / transdisciplinary research at the interface with biology



Microbial biotechnologies - 1

Carbon capture with metal organic frameworks and cyanobacteria

PI: Andrea Laybourn,
expertise in MOFs



Bioleaching to recover precious metals from waste

PI: Helena Gomes,
expertise in bioleaching



- isolation of microorganisms from the environment
- solubilisation of metals



Microbial biotechnologies - 2

Life on plastic: microbial communities for plastic degradation

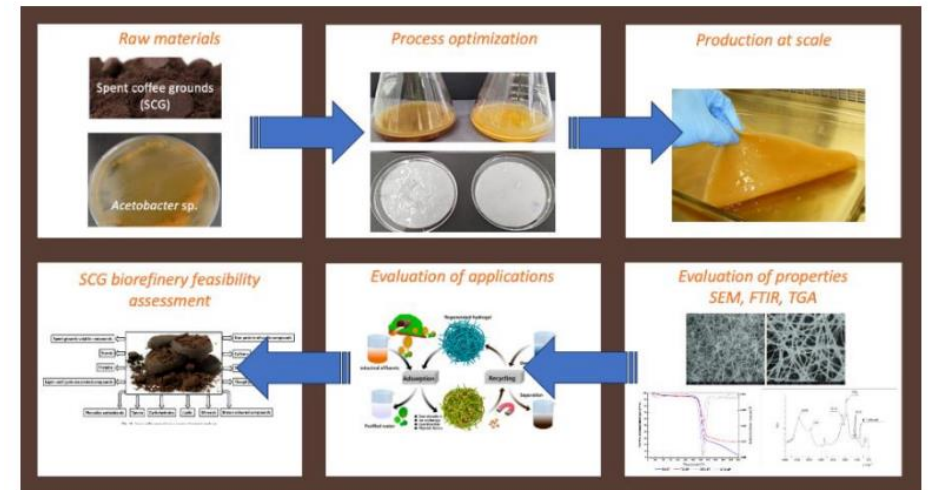
PI: Samantha Bryan,
expertise in microbiology



- identify and characterise bacterial communities from the environment, which can survive on plastic as carbon source

Bacterial cellulose production from spent coffee grounds

PI: Konstantina (Nadia) Kourmentza, expertise in bio-based and biodegradable polymers

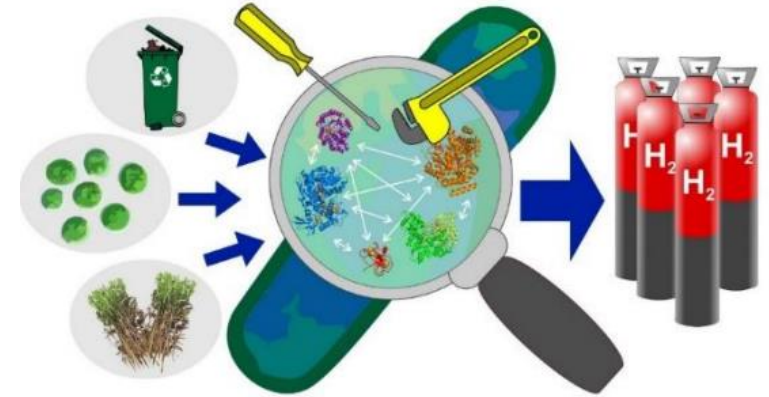




Enzymes as sustainable catalysts - 1

Green hydrogen

PI: Simone Morra,
expertise in hydrogenases,
enzyme engineering



Also check out Simone's
CASE project!

Production of pharmaceutical intermediates

PI: Parimala Shivaprasad,
expertise in reactor design
for process intensification



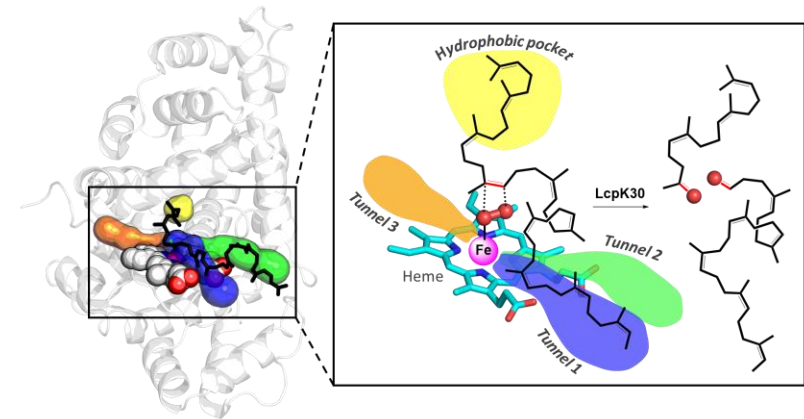
Immobilisation of an
enzyme – chemical catalyst
cascade on a spin disk
reactor



Enzymes as sustainable catalysts - 2

Degradation of rubber

PI: Anca Pordea, expertise
in biocatalysis

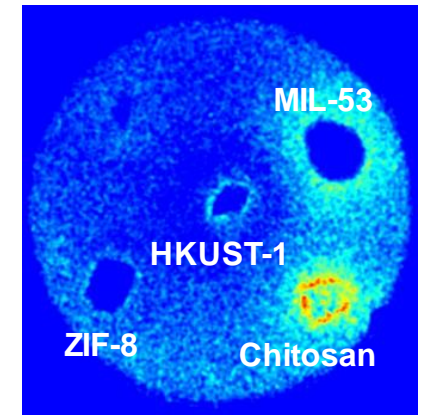
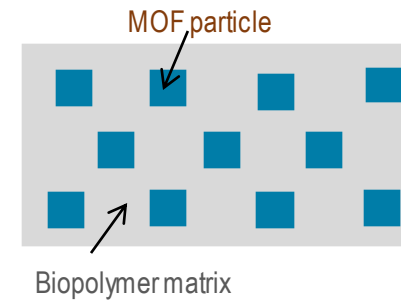




Bioactive molecules

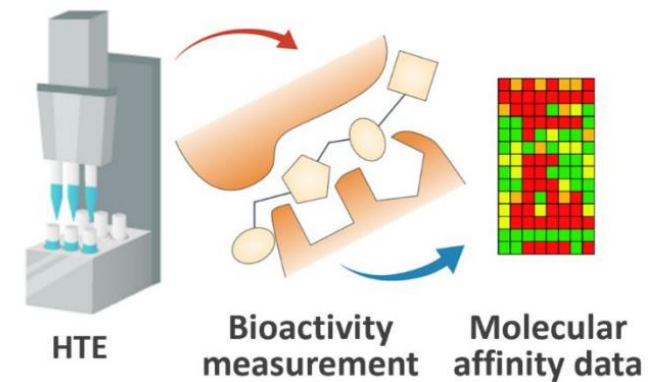
Antimicrobial films based on metal organic frameworks combined with biopolymers

PI: Begum Tokay, expertise in composite materials



Machine learning combined with high throughput screening for the discovery of bioactive molecules

PI: Connor Taylor, expertise in automated experimentation





Agriculture and Bioscience for Health

Smart adsorbent materials to mitigate antimicrobial resistance in dairy farm wastewaters (SAM-FARM)

PI: Rachel Gomes, expertise in wastewater treatment



Optimise signal and functional performance in genetically expressed fluorophores

PI: Kevin Webb, expertise in applied optics and electrophysiology



- characterise and optimise the response of genetically expressed fluorophores

Also check out Kevin's CASE project!