Our mission is the development of new photoactive nanomaterials (polymer nanofiber membranes and nanoparticles) generating highly antimicrobial species ($^{1}$O$_2$ and/or NO radical) for visible light-activated sterilization and other antibacterial and antiviral applications in medicine (surgical masks, wound covering etc.).

Herein we offer you our expertise within a several range of issues related to the design, preparation, and characterization/evaluation of photoactive nanomaterials with anti-microbial photodynamic inactivation.

The recent research of the group lays in chemistry and photophysics of porphyrin-type photosensitizers, in the formulation of new photofunctional (nano) materials and self-assembled structures with potential impact in medicine, light-harvesting, and sensing.

- Synthesis and characterization of porphyrinoid photosensitizers.
- Preparation of photoactive nanofiber materials by electrospinning generating $^{1}$O$_2$ and/or NO radicals.
- Preparation of photoactive nanoparticles from nanofiber materials releasing $^{1}$O$_2$ and/or NO radical.
- Characterization of photoactive nanomaterials (nanofibers, nanoparticles).
- Detection methods for evaluation of (photo)generation of $^{1}$O$_2$ and/or NO radical in several media.
- Antimicrobial photodynamic inactivation in the field of photodynamic therapy and photodisinfection (PDT).
MAIN CAPABILITIES

Controlled irradiation by several light sources (lasers, lamps), steady state and time-resolved absorption and emission spectroscopy, synthesis of porphyrinoid photosensitizers, electrospinning, chemical methods of \( ^1\text{O}_2 \) and/or NO detection, detection of \( ^3\text{O}_2 \) in aqueous media.

RESEARCH EQUIPMENT

Steady state as well as time-resolved absorption and emission spectroscopy, electrospinning device, standard equipment for synthesis and characterization of porphyrinoids.

CURRENT PROJECTS

- EU project OPVVV “Excellent Research Teams”, project No. CZ.02.1.01/0.0/0.0/15_003/0000417 – CUCAM, starting in 2016.

ACHEEIVEMENTS

- In the last 10 years, more than 40 papers in impacted international journals.

PARTNERS AND COLLABORATIONS

ACADEMIC PARTNERS

- Cooperation with many academic research groups in the Czech Republic as well as in Europe through collaborative projects.
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- Important cooperation with J. Heyrovský Institute of Physical Chemistry and Institute of Inorganic Chemistry from Academy of Science, Prague, Czech Republic.
- Participation on the EU project OPVVV “Excellent Research Teams” – Charles University Centrum of Advanced Materials (CUCAM).

PUBLIC AND PRIVATE SECTOR

- Elmarco, s.r.o., Liberec.

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