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Design and synthesis of medicines and new, more effective therapies for disease, together with responsive molecular systems in order to solve biological challenges (Dr. John Stephens, Dr. Robert Elmes, Prof. Frances Heaney and Dr. Trinidad Velasco-Torrijos).



Synthesis and testing of new metal based drugs in the search for anti-cancer and anti-microbial candidates. Quantum chemical methods, such as density functional theory, and theoretical spectroscopy are used to study bonding and reaction mechanisms. (Dr. Denise Rooney, Dr. Diego Montagner, Dr. Tobias Krämer).



Preparation of nano and functional redox active materials for environmental/biomedical testing scenarios together with design of microelectrochemical sensors/biosensors for real-time studies of neurochemical phenomena. Use of luminescence spectroscopy and quantum chemical methods to study interactions of atoms and molecules with their environments when isolated in the solid state (Dr. John McCafferty, Prof. John Lowry, Prof Carmel Breslin, Dr. Eithne Dempsey).



Study of bonding, reaction mechanisms, and molecular recognition of poorly structured biomolecules; Understanding the chemical and physical forces driving self-assembly of proteins and soft materials (Dr. Jennifer McManus, Dr. Elisa Fadda, Dr. Tobias Krämer).



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