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WP5 DEUNET

European chemical

deuteration platform



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DEUNET Platform

- Benefit from **methods/expertise/manpower** at all facilities
 - **Cost effective platform** to share materials
- **Include University, international and industrial partners**

Goals:

1. **User access** to existing products and services of the labs
2. **Development** of new methods and products
3. **Innovative materials** synthesized in collaboration between labs
4. **Coordinated access** for all European neutron users by 2019

- **ISIS:** Chemical deuteration by catalytic H-D exchange and synthesis of surfactants
- **ILL:** Extraction and purification of molecules from deuterated cell cultures
- **FZJ:** Polymer synthesis
- **ESS:** Synthesis of complex deuterated molecules
Network coordination

Survey of European deuteration needs

Sustainability plan by 2019

D	Name	Lead	Type	Diss	Month
5.1	Webpage and user portal	ESS	DEC	PU	9
5.2	Synthesis of deuterated precursors	STFC	R	CO	12
5.3	Novel route for isoprene synthesis	FZJ	R	PU	15
5.4	Synthesis of L- and D-lactic acid	ESS	DEM,R	PU	18
5.5	Synthesis of deuterated polythiophenes	FZJ	R	PU	20

5.6	Report on DEUNET requirements (workshop)	ESS	R	PU	24
5.7	Synthesis of surfactants for non-UK users	STFC	R, DEM	PU	28
5.8	Synthesis of deuterated polylactic acid	FZJ	R, DEM	PU	30
5.9	Optimisation of purification methods	ILL	R	PU	36
5.10	Physico-chemical characterisation	ILL	R	PU	42
5.11	Synthesis of deuterated lipids/surfactants	ESS	R	PU	42
5.12	Report on DEUNET management and access	ESS	R	PU	48

- Establishment of a new chemical deuteration laboratory at ESS
 - European User Survey (2017) on deuteration use and needs:

Top requests: Lipids, surfactants and polymers ■ Access to STFC deuteration facility to European users ■ Development of methods for lipid deuteration, and separation from cell cultures at ILL

- Joint R&D and new collaborations in e.g. enzymatic + chemical synthesis of chiral biopolymers at FZJ and ESS.
- DEUNET webpages
- New members of DEUNET – worldwide deuteration network

Objectives ■ Chemical deuteration by catalytic H-D exchange and synthesis of surfactants:

Kun Ma (open end contract), >40 d-chemicals, involved actively in 4 research projects (one of them is industrial partner)

■ *Provision of starting materials:*

Successfully synthesis starting materials for user community and DEUNET partners

■ *Expanding access* to the existing compounds for *European (non-UK) researchers* (D5.7)

More than 15 Non-UK researchers have been supported by STFC under DEUNET

■ Improved syntheses for the production of deuterated *unsaturated fatty acids* (D5.7, D5.11)

The large quantities of per-deuterated and half-deuterated Oleic acid has been synthesized, and has been used for user's NR experiment at ISIS.

- ***Development of routes to novel bio-surfactants*** in collaboration with ILL and ESS (D5.11).

Supplied deuterated precursors and strategy discussion for the novel surfactant development

Other activities:

- Strong collaboration with DEUNET Partner FZJ
Synthesized d- and h- Triton-100, Jurgen Allgaier(JA), KM, PL, 10-15 June 2018
Synthesized d-PDMS, d-PEG(10) and d-PEG(50), 18-JA, PL, Jian LU, 28 September 2018
- Organized 3 DEUNET and STFC Deuteration conferences/workshops
- International conferences, such ACS spring meeting, 2019, PL, JW.

Continuation (sustainability):

- STFC WILL carry on the collaboration with DEUNET's partners, and share knowledge of Deuteration.
- Particularly interested in working on any science driven project with DEUNET partners, academia and industry.

Chemical

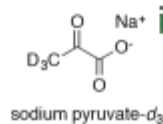
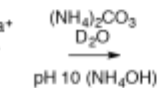
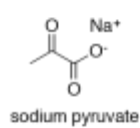
Deuteration



SINE2020 WP5: Immobilised enzyme catalysis for biopolymer synthesis

The enzymatic synthesis of perdeuterated D- and L-lactic acid-d₄ and polymerisation of their lactides to polylactic acid.

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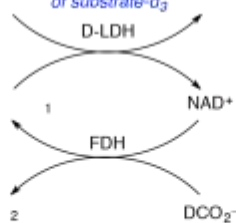
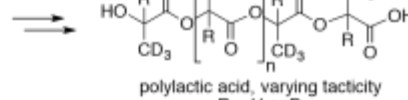
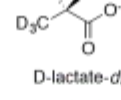
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enzyme

FZJ/RWTH: lactide & polymer

immobilization

enzymatic reduction of substrate-d₃



coupled enzymatic oxidation of formate-d₁ using deuterated cofactor

NADH-d

CO



Immobilised enzymes for lipid synthesis Combined enzymatic/chemical approach for facile POPC synthesis (100mg):

Enzymatic Synthesis

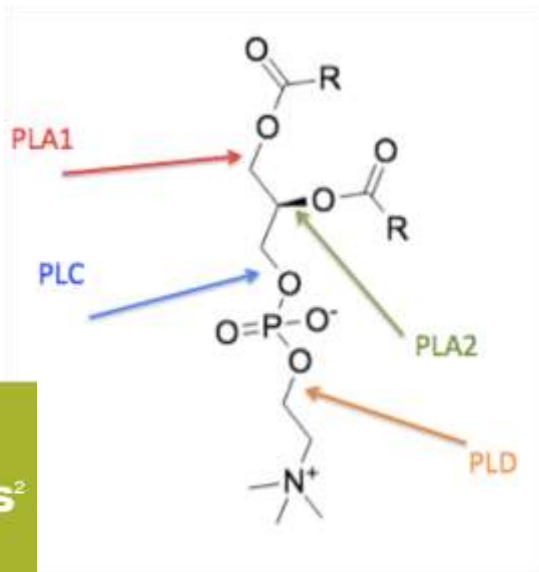
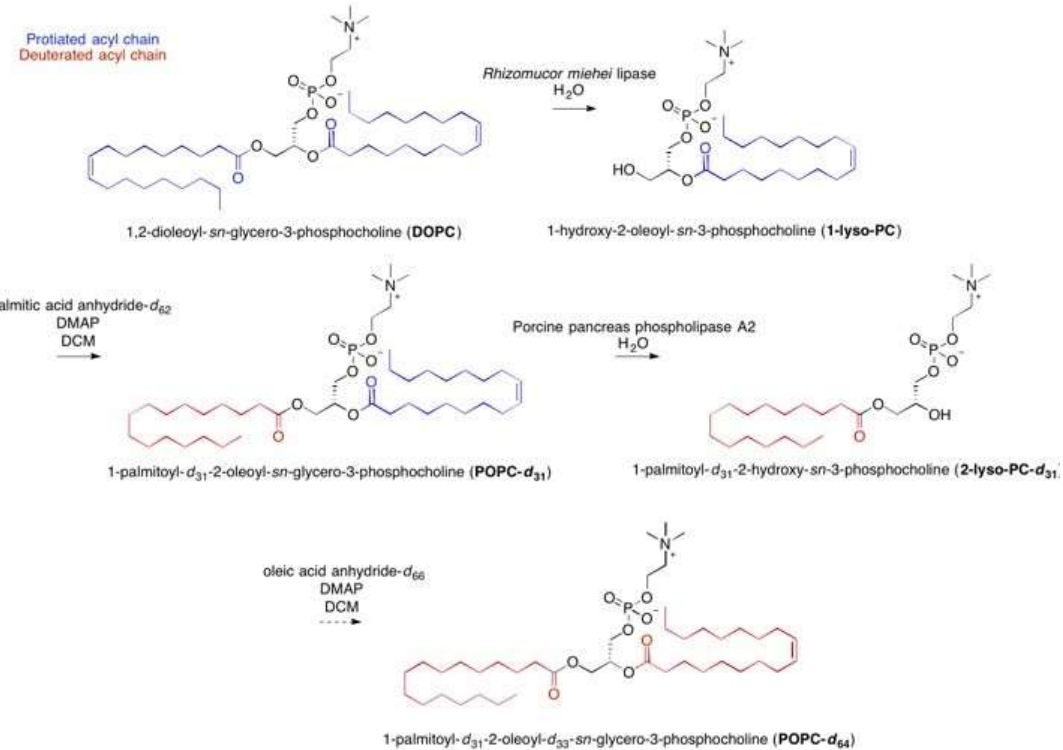
- + **CLEAN** and **GREEN** – few by products/no toxic chemicals
- + **Highly specific** – shortens reactions/purifications +
- Immobilised enzymes can be reused** – cost effective

Application to lipid deuteration:



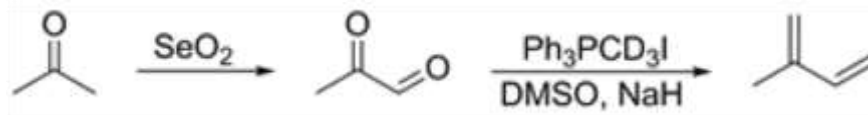
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- different enzymes attack selectively in different positions
- Can be used to swap d-fatty acids h-fatty acids



WP2 Task 2.3B: Deuteration For Soft Matter and Life Sciences ESS-STFC

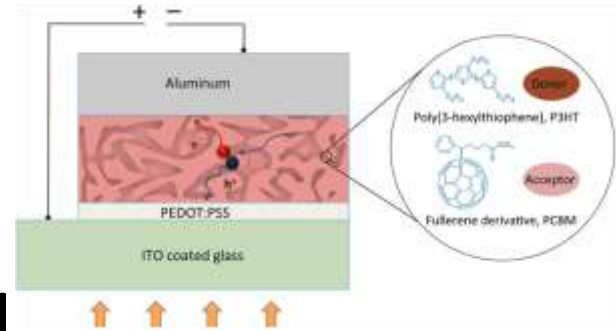
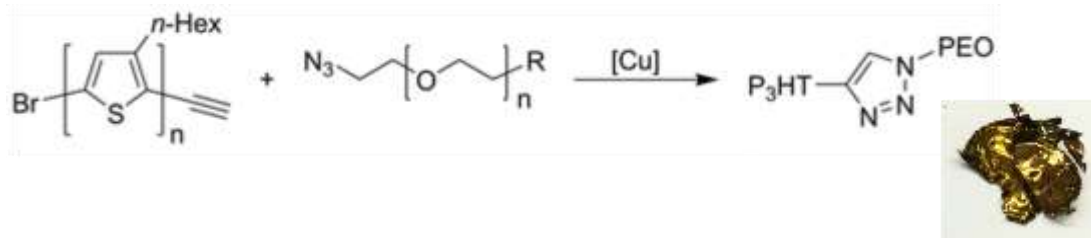
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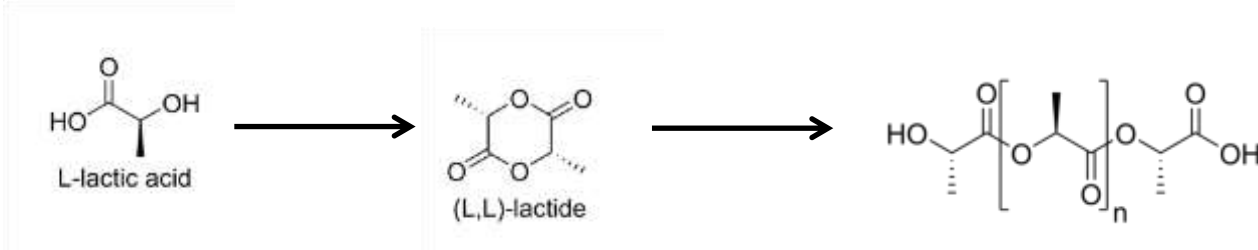
Novel route
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■ Task 5.5 D-labelled polythiophene



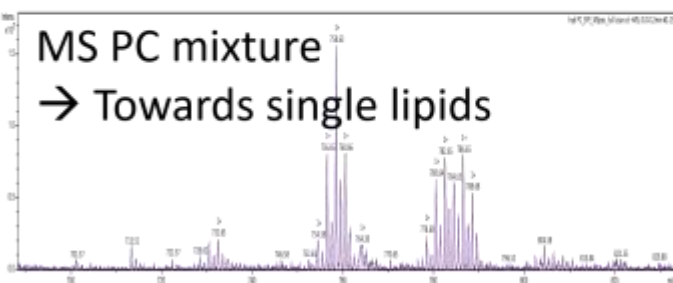
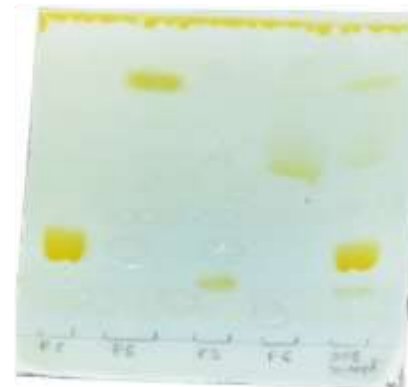
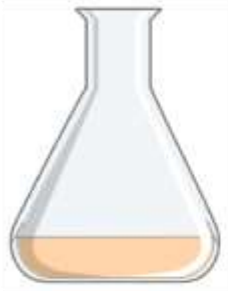
■ Task 5.8 D-labelled polylactic acid



Collaborative work of ESS and JCNS



- Deuteration (polymers) support of users in Garching is in progress
- Planned collaboration with ESS on polymerlipid interactions



Extraction, Separation, Characterization of biodeuterated lipids



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The Deuteration Network provides neutron scattering users with access to deuterated materials and crystallisation support.

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Joined December 2016

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Institut Laue-Langevin @ILLGrenoble · May 20
 "Here, small-angle #neutron scattering and tailored #deuteration have been used to follow the molecular lipid exchange between human lipoprotein particles and cellular #membrane mimics made of natural, "neutron invisible" phosphatidylcholines."

Selma Maric @DrSelmaMaric
 New science out using #neutrons to probe #dynamics of #fat #exchange. Great collaboration involving @MalmoUniversity @biofilms_mau @ILLGrenoble @isisneutronmuon @lunduniversity @unioslo @NUSingapore nature.com/articles/s4159...

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EU Neutron @EUNeutron · May 9
 Our next location on The Road to the ESS is Jülich. Here they are looking into deuterated polymers for #neutron techniques: sine2020.eu/about/the-road... #sine2020 #polymers #roadtoESS



The DEUNET is growing! Our most recent meeting was held in Lund last week and included several new members. The Lund Protein Production



New members: ANSTO NDF, JPARC-MLZ, LP3-LU

New possible collaborations with ORNL/NIST/UMD chemical and biodeuteration

Larodan Lipids first industrial partner interested in distributing deuterated (and nondeuterated) products

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Each deuteration laboratory operates within the framework of its home facility

- Access provision to deuteration service varies from national/international to none

Coordinated user access requires facility agreement & support for cross-facility provision of materials/access

Minimum staffing identified for sustainable access to chemical deuteration in Europe:

ESS	FTE	STFC	FTE	ILL	FTE	FZJ	FTE
3 scientists	1	4 scientists	4	1 scientist	1	2 scientists	2
1 technician	1	1 technician	1	1 technician	1	1 Post-doc	1
1 Post-doc	1	2 Post-docs	1	1 Post-doc	1	1 PhD student	1
1 PhD student	1	2 PhD student	2	1 PhD student	1		
Currently funded	FTE		FTE		FTE		FTE
2 scientists	2	3 scientists	3	1 technician	0.2	-	-
		1 technician	1				
		2 Post-docs	2				
		3 PhD students	2				
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1 postdoc	48	1 postdoc	24	1 postdoc	36	1 postdoc	18

The continuation of DEUNET partner activities depends on facility investment in dedicated staff and agreement

Additional costs of consumables/chemicals also need to be considered

Conclusions and recommended actions:

- 1) Continued staffing resources for a sustainable DEUNET**
- 2) Inclusion of biodeuteration/macromolecular crystallisation facilities in DEUNET
- 3) Continued R&D and international networking to facilitate innovation in neutron science
- 4) A cross-facility working group on inter-facility access to deuteration

Sample deuteration is as significant to soft matter & life science experiments as e.g. a cryogenics service or helium to other user groups.

LENS WG3 : Synergies in technological development and operation

- Task Deuteration Technologies (Chem, Bio, Xtal) ESS, ILL, STFC, FZJ

4 Pillars:

- chemical deuteration
- biological deuteration
- macromolecular crystallisation
- networking and synergies **Priorities:**

1. Identifying new R&D projects and collaborations aligned to future research themes and priorities in Europe
2. Networking with international deuteration facilities
3. Cross-facility working group on deuteration user access in Europe



WP2 Task 2.3B: Deuteration For Soft Matter and Life Sciences (ESS-STFC)

- i) chemical and/or microbial production of perdeuterated fatty acids and lipids
- ii) enzymatic synthesis of complex novel deuterated compounds.

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Thank you for your attention

Questions?