Organic Chemistry for the Environment and Health

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We pursue two lines of research:

1. *Non-thermal* (alias *non-equilibrium*) plasmas as a novel means to induce chemical processes of interest for the environment, energy and agrifood applications

- advanced oxidation for air and water remediation
- CO₂ conversion
- conservative treatment of fresh food and stimulation of algal growth

2. Design and synthesis of mitochondria-targeted small molecules to report on or to affect mitochondrial function and dysfunction.

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