

PhD Project

Tytuł: **Nanotoxicity of carbon nanomaterials**

Linia eksperymentalna: SOLCRY5

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Short description:

In recent years a number of novel nanosystems, based on carbon nanomaterials, has been proposed. However, the components of these systems - carbon nanofibers, graphene or fullerenes can exhibit also serious nanotoxic effects. Mainly they induce the distortion of a lipid bilayer structure within the biological membrane. Therefore the main goal of this project is a characterisation of the influence of different carbon nanomaterials on the structure of a model biomembrane systems based on phosphatidylcholine derivatives (DPPC, DMPC, DOPC). The structure will be studied by combination of small angle X-ray scattering, atomic force microscopy and spectroscopic methods.

Requirements to the candidate:

- knowledge of the topics related to the interaction of X-ray with matter
- English language skills enabling the presentation of scientific results in written and oral form
- experience with research equipment
- second degree in physics, chemistry, material sciences, or a related field
- knowledge of X-ray scattering and Atomic Force Microscopy
- knowledge of synchrotron methods, beamline components, and research equipment will be beneficial

Data rozpoczęcia:

To be agreed between the supervisor and the candidate