

Chair of Bioprocess Engineering

# Environmental friendly pigments from Fungi

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## Motivation

Circular bioeconomy

- Valuable products from agricultural waste streams by lignocellulose degrading fungi
- Natural alternatives for synthetic (sometimes harmful) colorants
- Environmental friendly production of dyed materials

## Applied techniques

Fermentation

- Submerge fermentation (shake flasks, 7 L – 70 L bioreactor) → media optimization
- Emerser fermentation (agar plate to rotating drum reactor, various solid substrates)
- Process analytics (online: pH, DO, T; offline: biomass, sugar composition/concentration, TN, TOC, pigment extraction, UV-Vis)

Enzymatic assays (cellulase, xylanase, laccase)

Microscopy

Pigment application

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## Previous research focus

- Laetiporic acids from *Laetiporus sulphureus* (Zschätzsch et al., 2021)
- Hispidin from *Inonotus hispidus* (Bergmann et al., 2022)
- Xylindein from *Chlorociboria aeruginascens* (Zschätzsch et al., 2021)
- Polyporic acid from *Hapalopilus rutilans*

## ongoing research project – cooperation with ITM + HFT (TU Dresden)

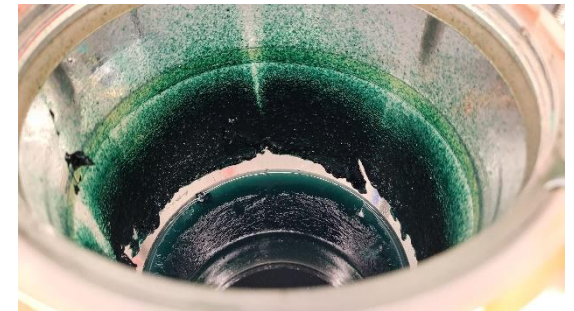
- POET - Xylindein from *Chlorociboria aeruginascens*



70 L bioreactor at harvest (laetiporic acid)



7 L bioreactor at harvest (xylindein)



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