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Safer-by-Design strategies in GUIDEnano

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Safety by Design

Human learning: Trial-and-error approach + bad decision

Synthesis of product



Toxic metals and environmentally unfriendly

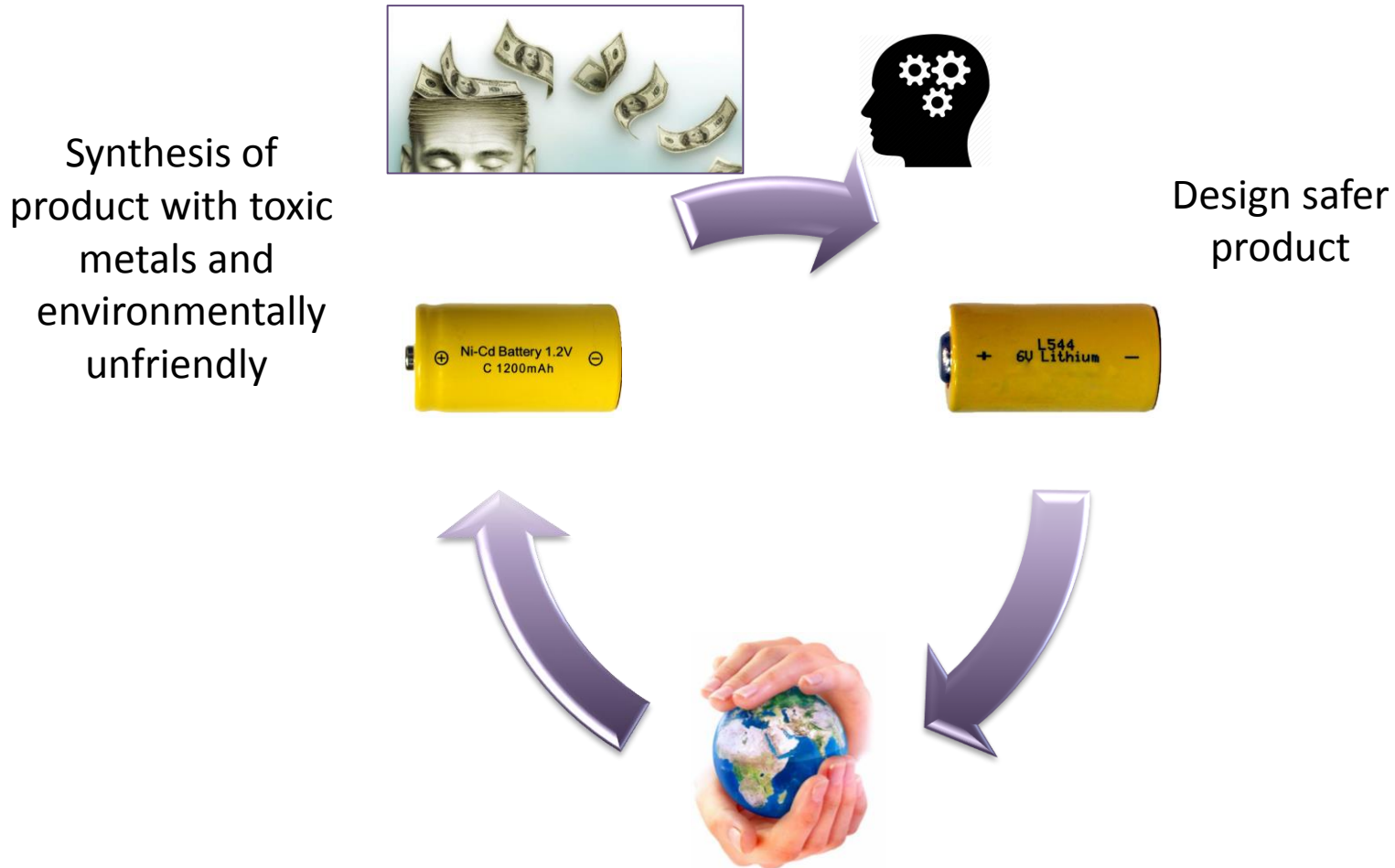
Design safer product



Change the regulatory rules



Safety by Design



1. Safety is addressed at the design stage of a process or product rather than tested after their development
2. Not develop toxic technologies
3. Design or re-design protocols to avoid make mistakes

State of the art

Nanotoxicology

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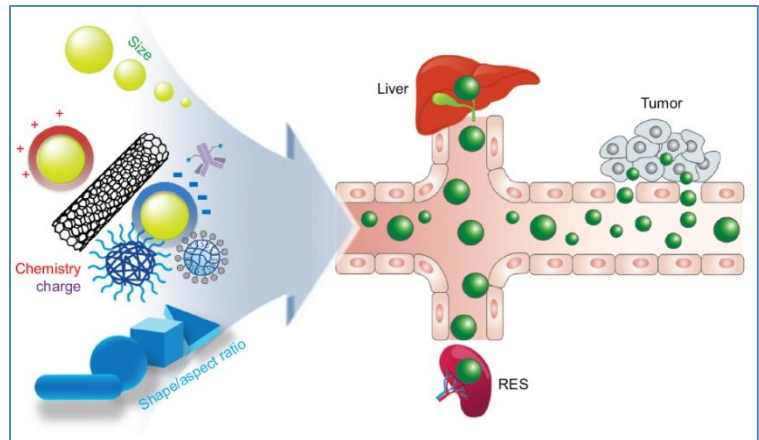
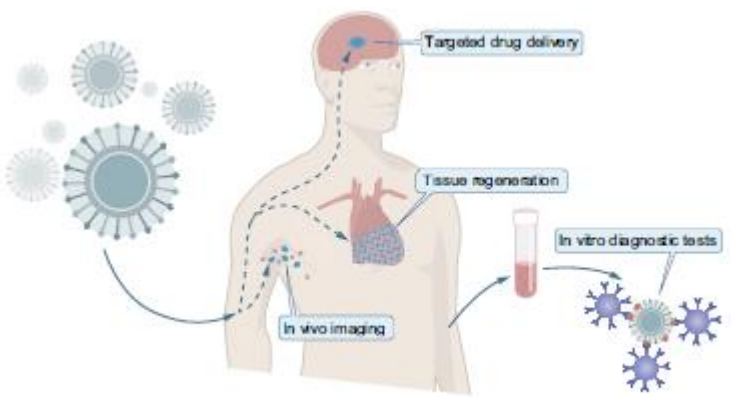
Nanosafety Research—Are We on the Right Track?

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Nanosafety: towards safer design of nanomedicines



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Safer by Design strategies

Developed to modulate the main factors determining safety of NMs:

- **Intrinsic toxicity**
- **Release/bioavailability potential**
- **Persistence**

To reduce toxicity of NMs:

- **Shape** and **size** modifications
- Increase in **hydrophilicity** to decrease the potential to cross biological membranes
- Changing **oxidation state** to mitigate reactivity

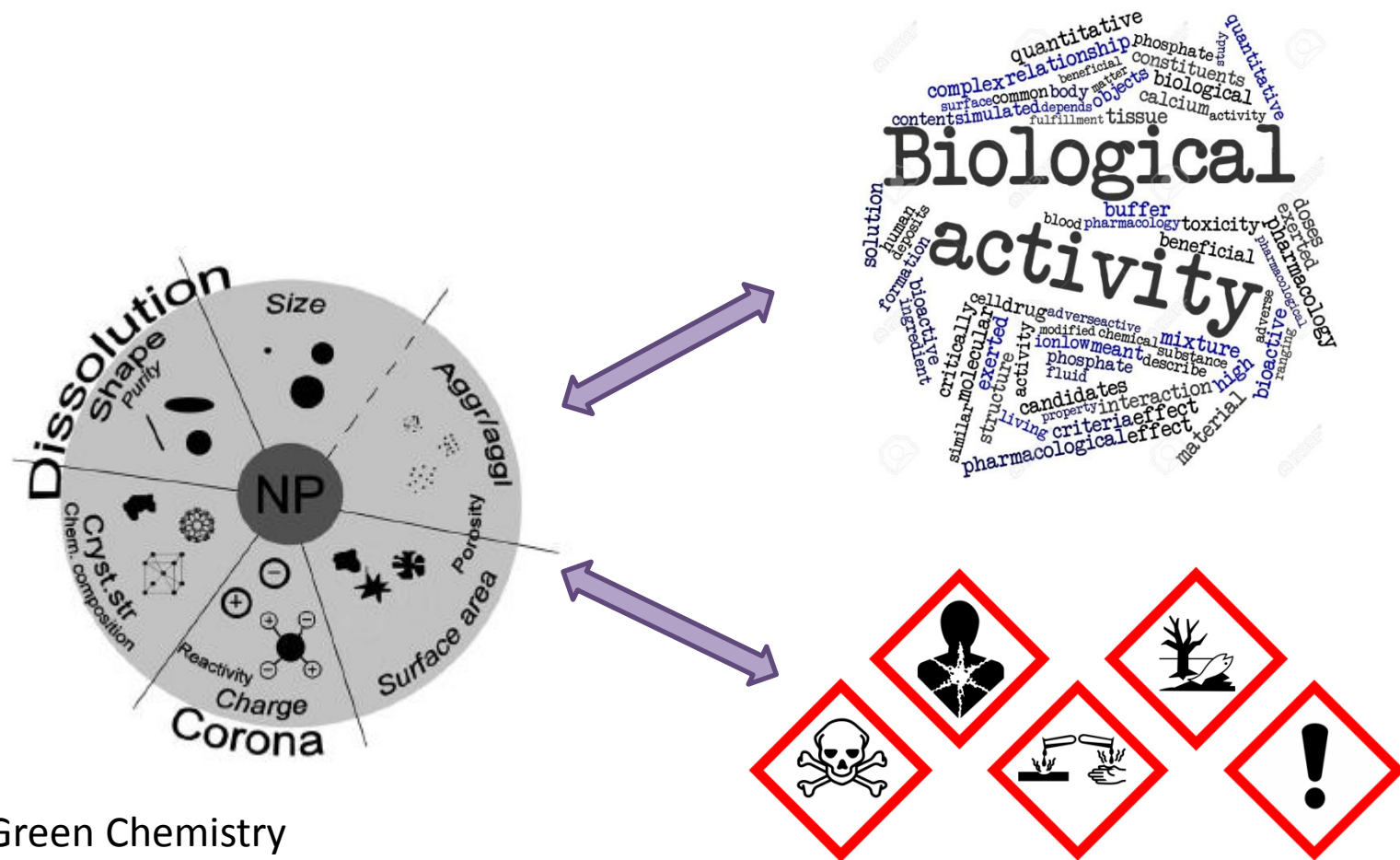
To reduce release of NMs from their matrices:

- Induction of strong **Van der Waals** and **covalent bonding** between the NMs and their matrices
- Development of barriers by multilayer approaches (multilayer films) or **multicoating** approaches
- Self-healing pairs of NM/matrix by **ionic approach** to avoid release of NMs

To reduce persistence of NMs:

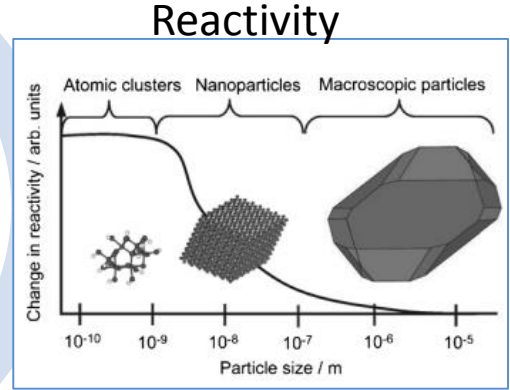
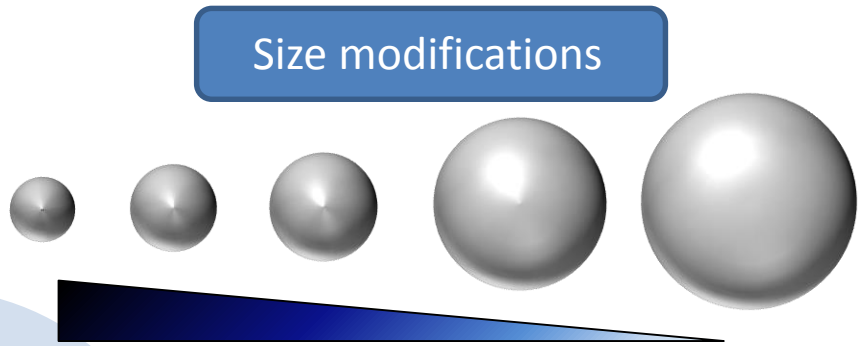
- Induction of self-assembly of NMs to increase the coalescent character of the NMs in **aqueous media** or at high temperatures to promote the **sintering** into microaggregates
- Development of **new** high **biodegradable** NMs under certain temperature or oxidative conditions

Physico-chemical Characteristics of NMs



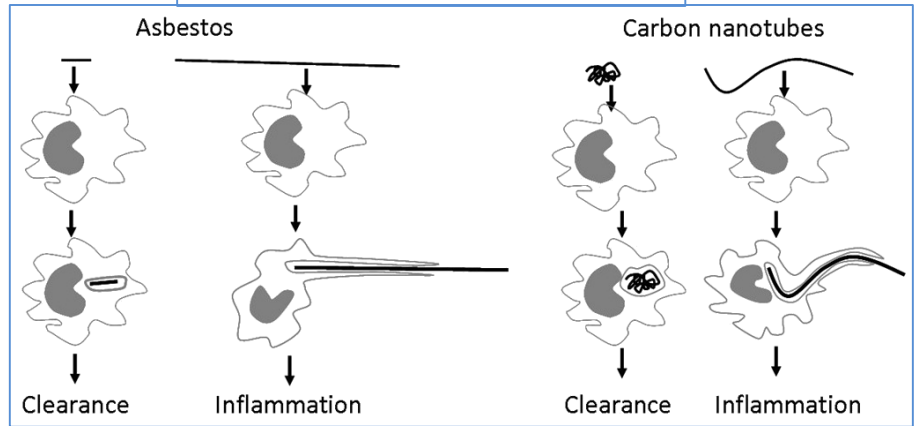
- Green Chemistry
- Design to avoid changes in the activity or properties
- Proper and extense physico-chemical characterization

Reducing toxicity of NMs

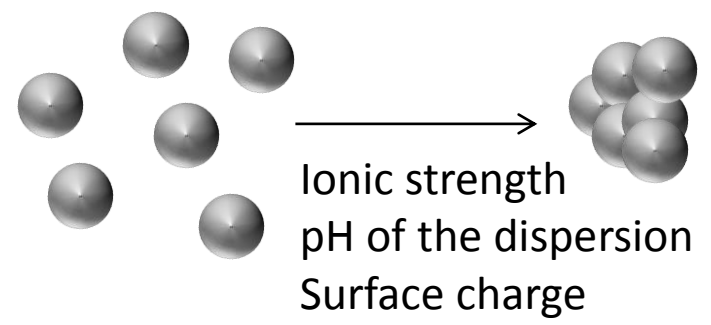


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Frustrated phagocytosis

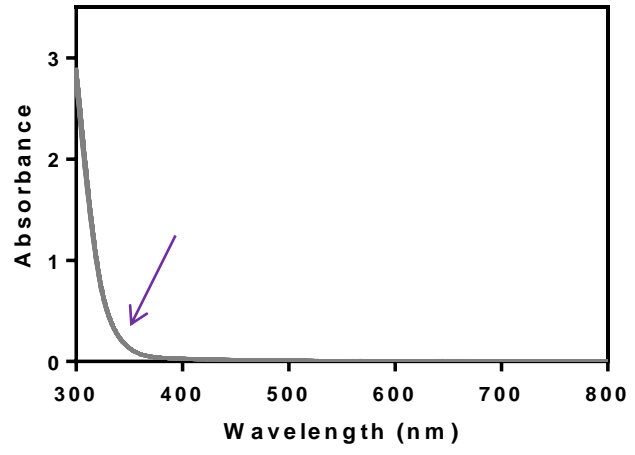


Control of Nanoparticle aggregation

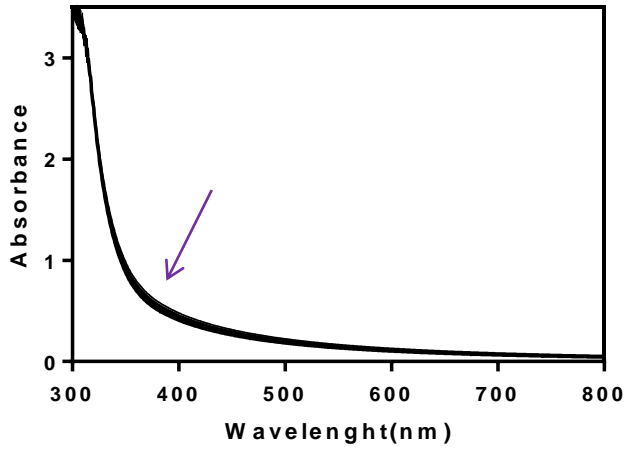


Sedimentation of TiO_2

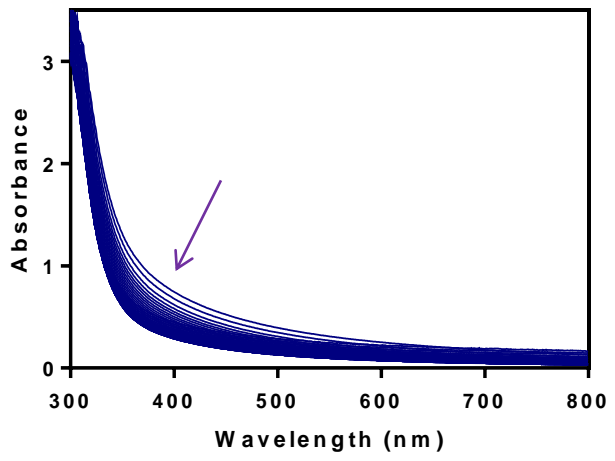
TiO_2 _Individual_15 nm



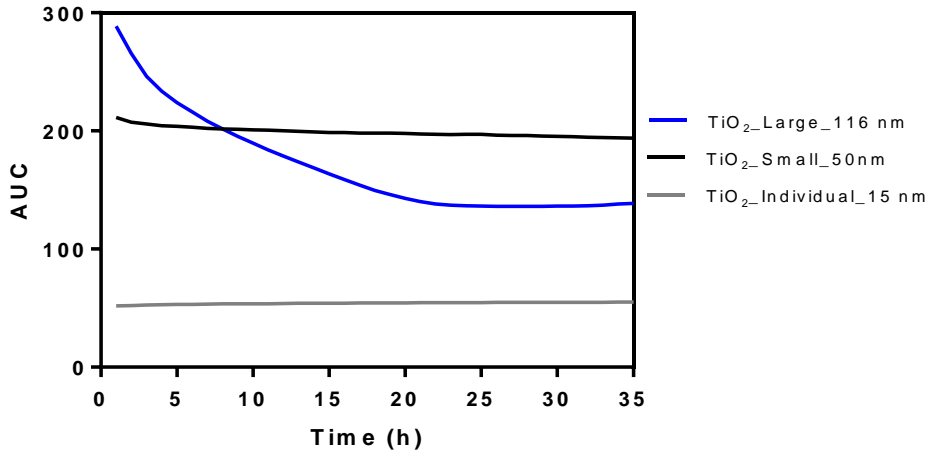
TiO_2 _Small_50 nm



TiO_2 _Large_116 nm

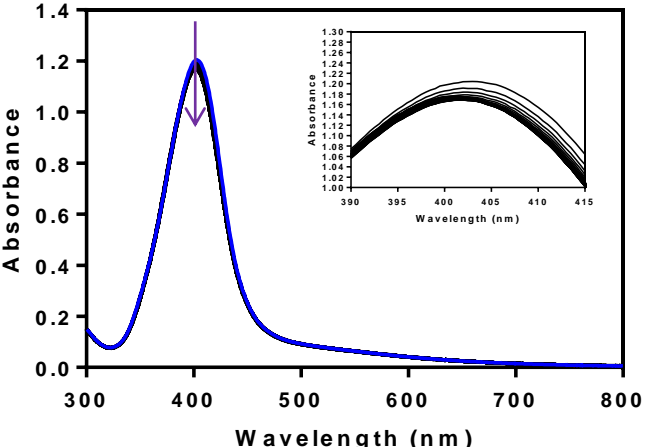


AUC TiO_2 300-800 nm

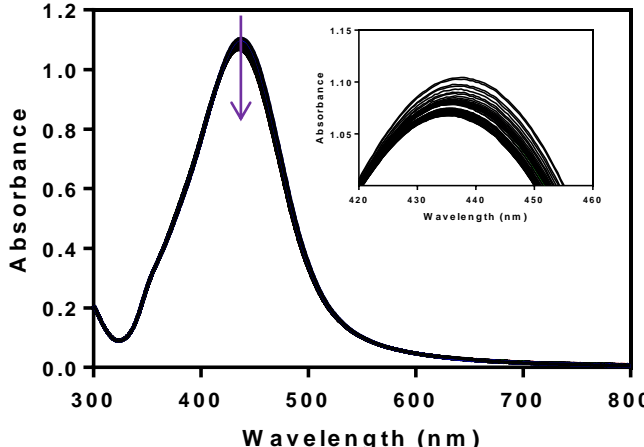


Sedimentation of Ag

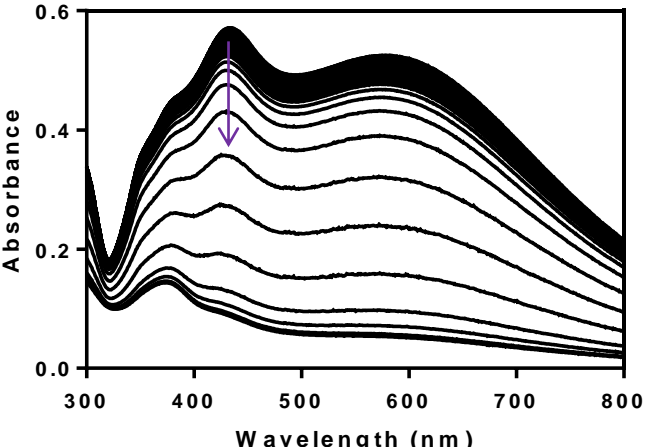
AgNP_15nm



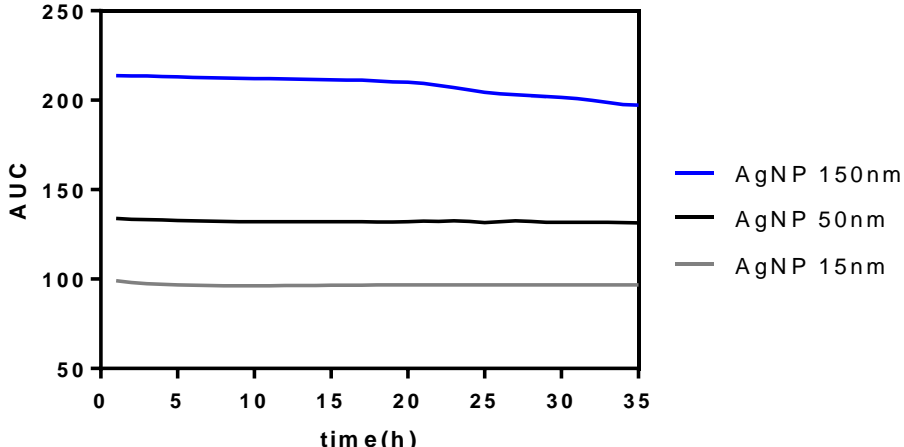
AgNP_50nm



AgNP_150nm



AUC AgNP 300-800nm_48h



Reducing release of NMs

Risk assessment: The release of NMs from their matrices. **Objective:** avoid the release of the NM or release as ions. **Procedure:** Protect the NP using polymer coatings (PVP)

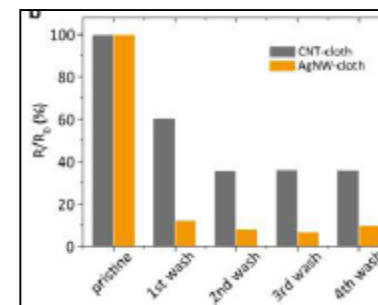
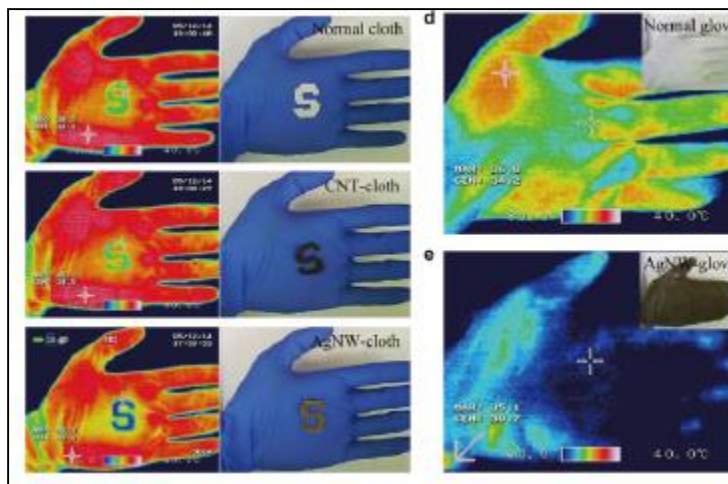
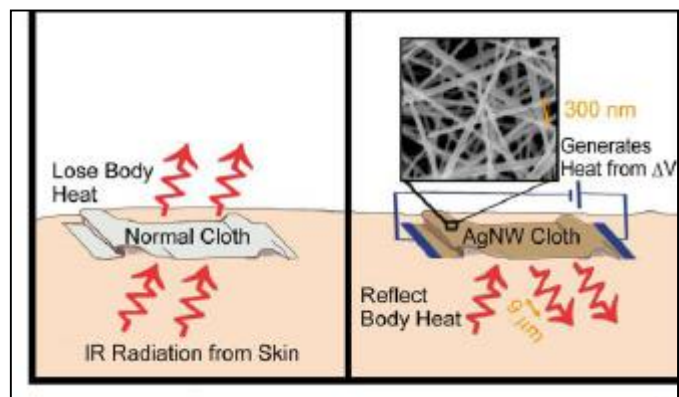
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Personal Thermal Management by Metallic Nanowire-Coated Textile

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AgNW-cloth overall emissivity is much less than that of normal cloth and provides great insulation against radiative heat loss (higher IR reflectance and thermal insulation capability)

Reducing release of NMs

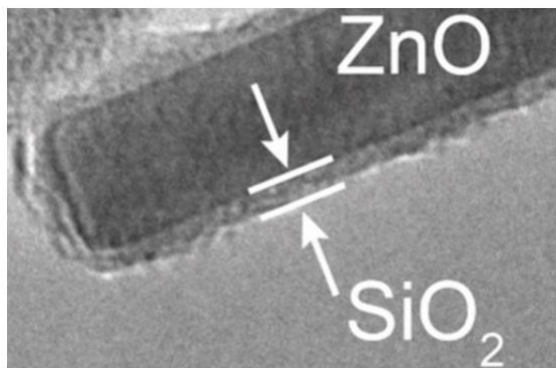
Risk assessment: The ion release is more toxic than the NP. **Objective:** avoid the degradation of the NM. **Procedure:** Protect the NP using coating ligands

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Toxicity of silver nanoparticles—Nanoparticle or silver ion?

“Several studies have shown that AgNP suspensions are toxic. However, there have been no systematic studies, which analyze to which degree varying amounts of silver ions present in AgNP suspensions contribute to their toxicity”

Safer-by-design nanostructured materials

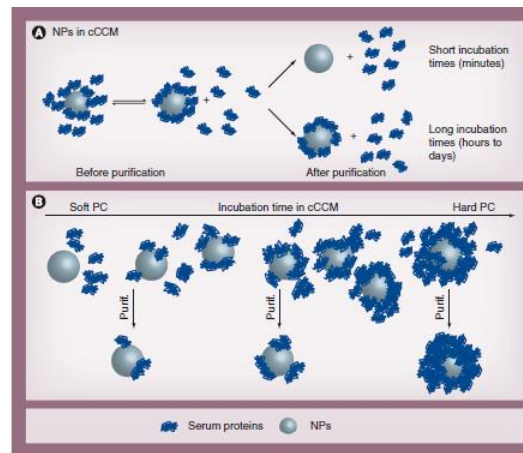


- ZnO NPs absorb UV wavelengths ranging from 280 to 400 nm (ideal component in cosmetic creams and sunscreens)
- Generation of reactive oxygen species (ROS) which led to DNA damage, cell viability reduction, and apoptosis (released ions and direct particle interactions with cells)
- SiO₂ shell exhibits less DNA damage in comparison to the uncoated ones
- Minimizing the ZnO nanoparticle dissolution and direct contact with the cells inhibiting toxicity

Reducing persistence of NMs

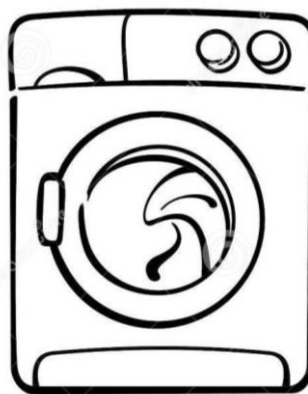
Controlling and monitoring the evolution of NMs

- The addition of protective agents to avoid the spontaneous transformation of NMs, for instance using albuminization strategy.



- Studying the transformation of NMs and their corresponding toxicity by changing the NM composition, such as Ag^+ and Ag_2S in the presence of S^{2-} ions.

AgNP

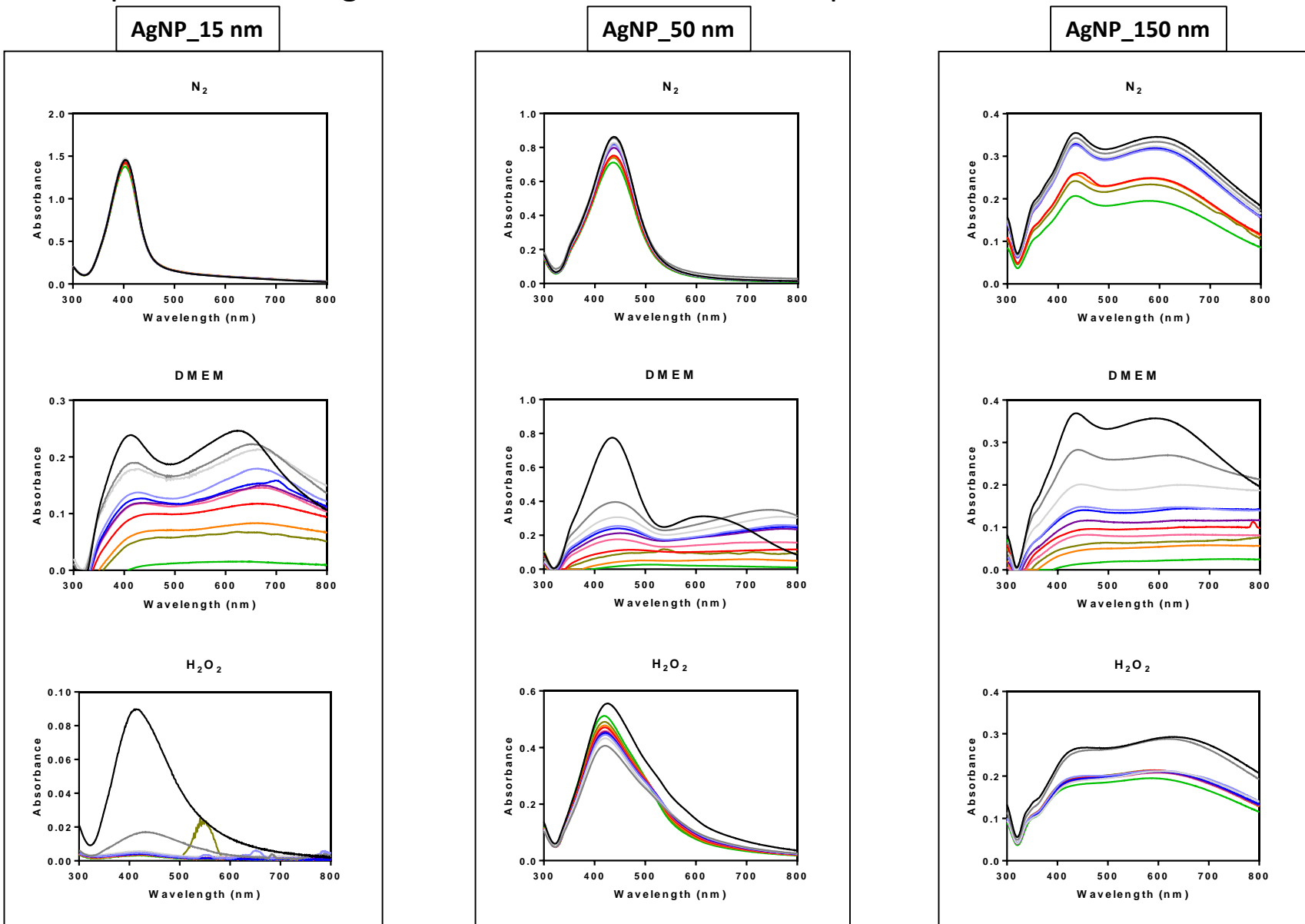


Ag_2S



Corrosion of Ag

Development of biodegradable NMs under certain temperature or oxidative conditions

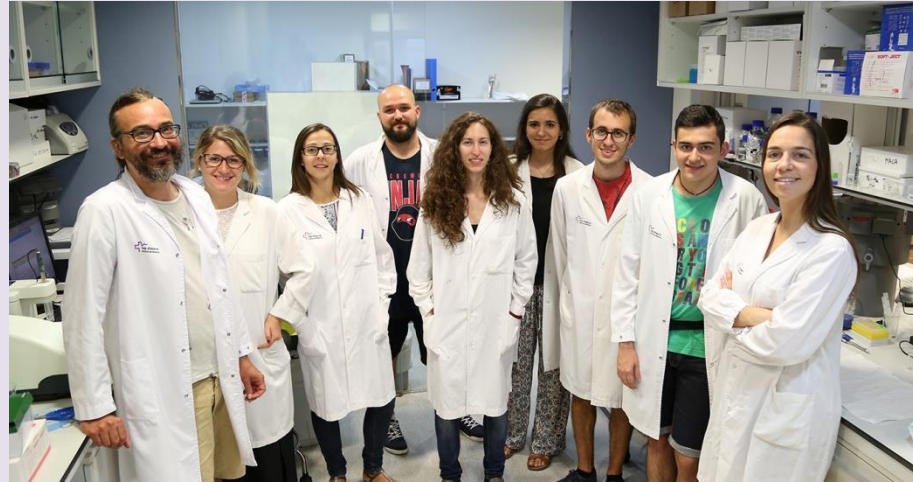


— t10 — t120 — t240 — t360 — t24h — t160 — t1180 — t300 — t21h — t28h — t48h

Conclusions

- ✓ **Safer** not Safe or safety by design
- ✓ **Proper** and extense **characterization** of NMs to obtain an optimal design
- ✓ Controlling and monitoring our NMs “**from cradle to grave**”
- ✓ Controlling the size, shape, possible oxidation states during lifecycle....
- ✓ Controlling the release of the NM from the solid/of the ions from the NM
- ✓ Controlling the persistance of NMs: transformation, corrosion,...
- ✓ Solid is a **friend**, aqueous solution is an **ally** but airborne is the **enemy**
- ✓ **Safety** aspects should inform about the design of a product or process at the **inception point**, along with other key concepts such as function, quality and cost

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