

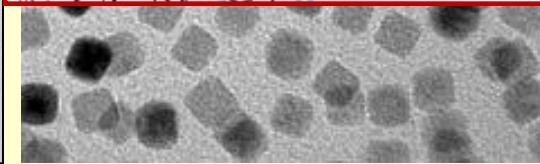
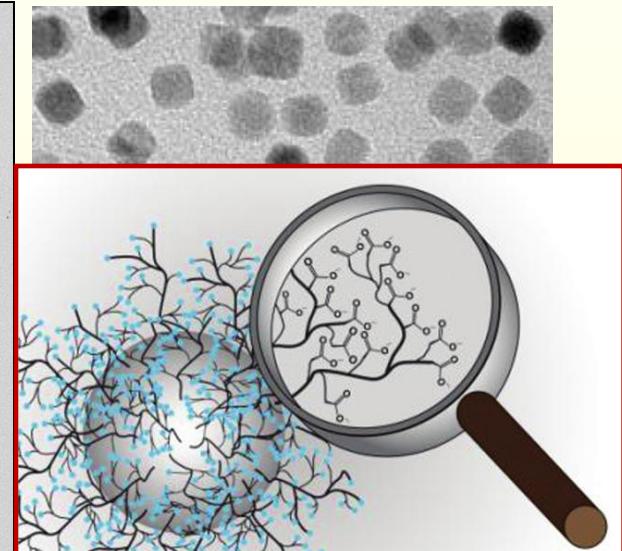
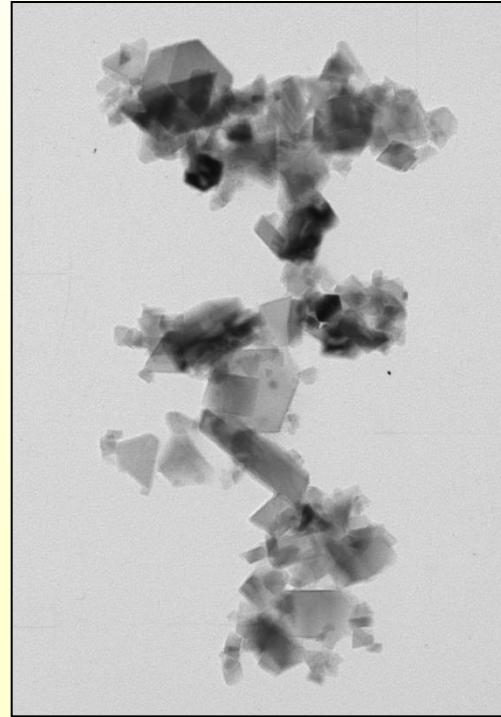
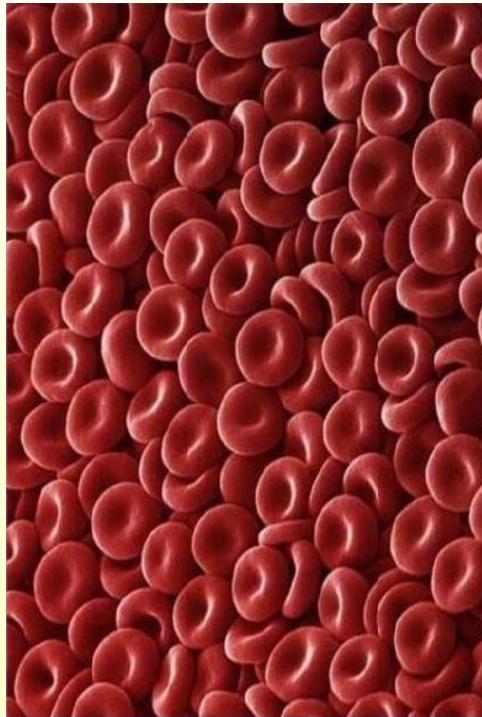
# Preparation and Biomedical Applications of Magnetic Nanoparticles

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## Summary

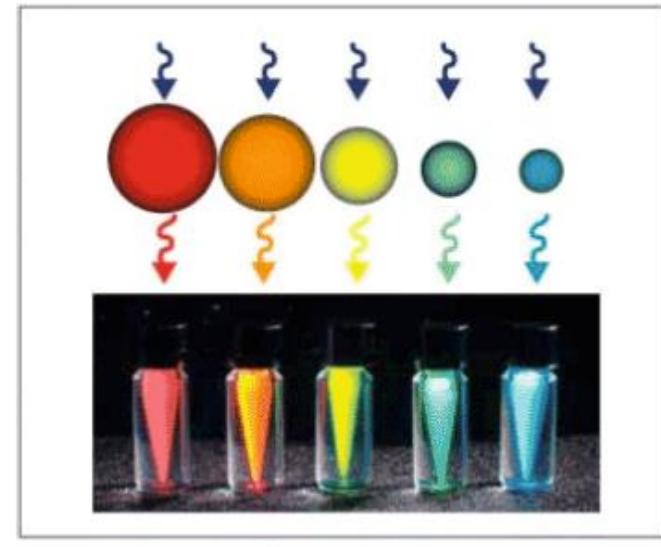
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  - 2- Requirements for biomedical applications
  - 3- Basic principles in magnetism
  - 4- Biomedical applications
    - in vitro
    - in vivo
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- 5- Synthesis routes
  - in solution
  - aerosol

- 6-Example

# Nanotechnology

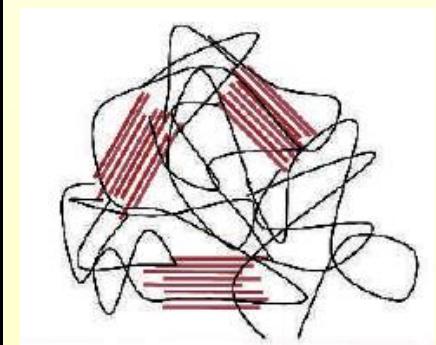
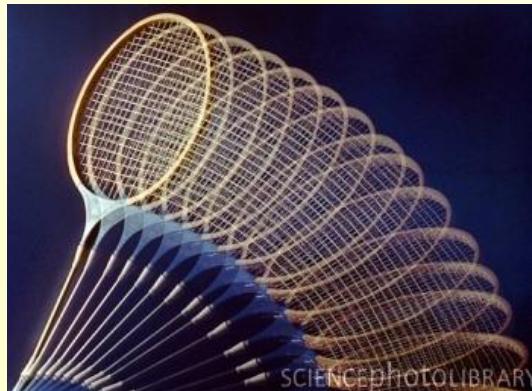
## Particles



## Films



## Composites



## Improving Smelly Socks

ARC Outdoors, ArcticShield Socks

Incorporate 19-nanometer  
antimicrobial **silver** particles within  
their fibers.

A comfortable synthetic fiber sock  
with permanent resistance to odor  
and fungus.



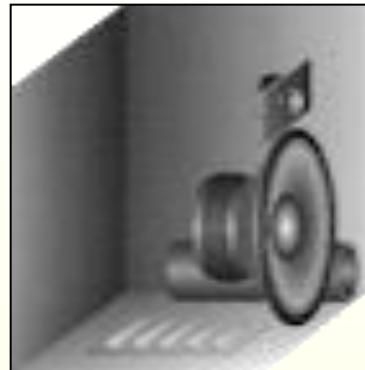
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# Magnetic nanoparticles



Inks



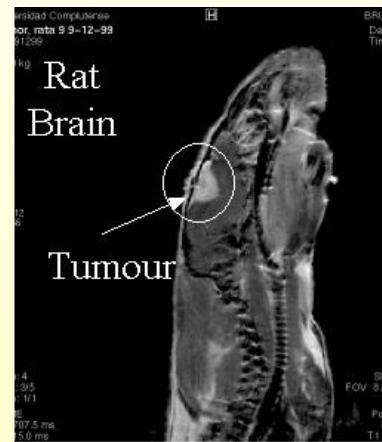
Loud speakers



Barcodes



Magnetic recording media



NMR Contrast agents



2004

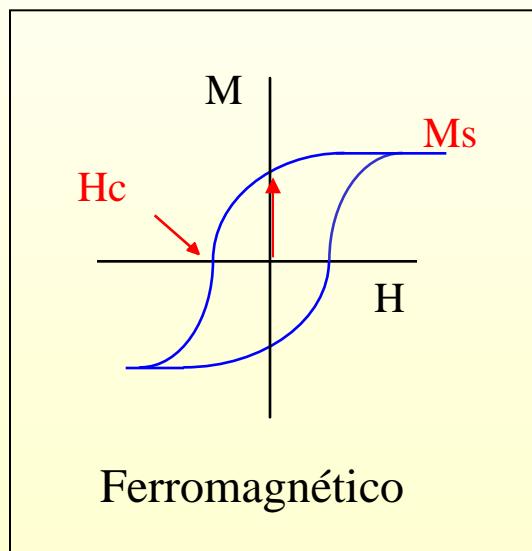
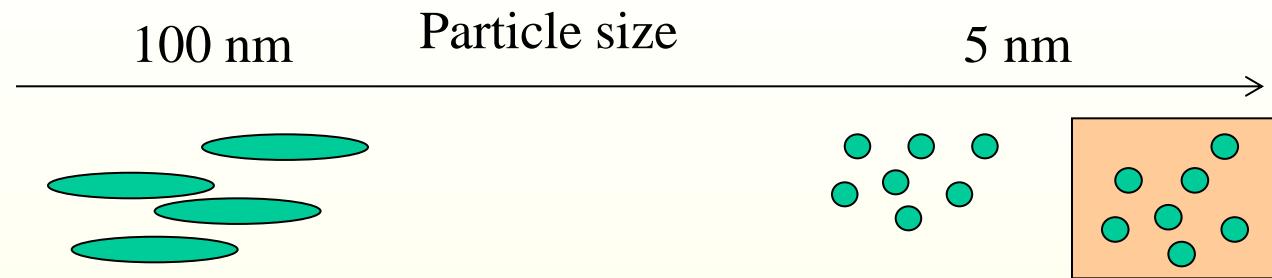
# Formulaciones aprobadas por las diferentes agencias regulatorias.

Producto	Nanosistema	Indicación	Status	Compañía
<b>Doxil <u>(Barenholz, 2012)</u></b>	Doxorrubicina encapsulada en liposomas PEGilados	Cáncer de ovarios	Aprobado 11/17/1995 FDA50718	Ortho Biotech (adquirida por JNJ)
<b>Myocet <u>(Waterhouse et al., 2001)</u></b>	Doxorrubicina encapsulada en liposomas No PEGilados	Cáncer de mama metastásico	Aprobado en Europa y Canadá, en combinación con ciclofosfamida	Sopherion Therapeutics, LLC en América del Norte y Cephalon, Inc. en Europa
<b>DaunoXome <u>(Forssen, 1997)</u></b>	Daunorrubicina encapsulada en liposomas	Tratamiento de sarcoma de Kaposi avanzado asociado al VIH	Aprobado en E.E.U.U	Galen Ltd.
<b>ThermoDox <u>(Dromi et al., 2007)</u></b>	Doxorrubicina encapsulada en liposomas (liberación mediada por calor)	Cáncer de mama y primeras etapas de cáncer de hígado	Aprobación esperada para el año 2013	Celsion
<b>Abraxane <u>(Guarneri et al., 2012)</u></b>	Nanopartículas de albúmina-paclitaxel	Diferentes tipos de cáncer	Aprobado 1/7/2005 FDA21660	Celgene
<b>Rexin-G <u>(Gordon and Hall, 2010)</u></b>	MicroRNA-122 encapsulado en liposomas	Sarcoma, osteosarcoma, cáncer de páncreas, y otros tumores sólidos	Aprobado en Filipinas, Fase II y III en E.E.U.U	Epeius Biotechnologies Corp.
<b>Oncaspar <u>(Avramis and Tiwari, 2006)</u></b>	Asparaginasa PEGilada	Leucemia linfoblástica aguda	Aprobado 24/06/2006	Enzon Pharmaceuticals, Inc.
<b>Resovist <u>(Hamm et al., 1994)</u></b>	Nanopartículas de óxido de hierro recubiertas de carboxidextrano	Agentes de contraste para hígado y bazo	Aprobado en Europa en 2001	Bayer Schering Pharma AG
<b>Feridex <u>(Weissleder et al., 1989)</u></b>	Nanopartículas de óxido de hierro recubiertas de dextrano	Agentes de contraste para hígado y bazo	Aprobado por la FDA en E.E.U.U en 1996	Berlex Laboratories
<b>Endorem <u>(Weissleder et al., 1989)</u></b>	Nanopartículas de óxido de hierro recubiertas de dextrano	Agentes de contraste para hígado y bazo	Aprobado en Europa	Guerbet

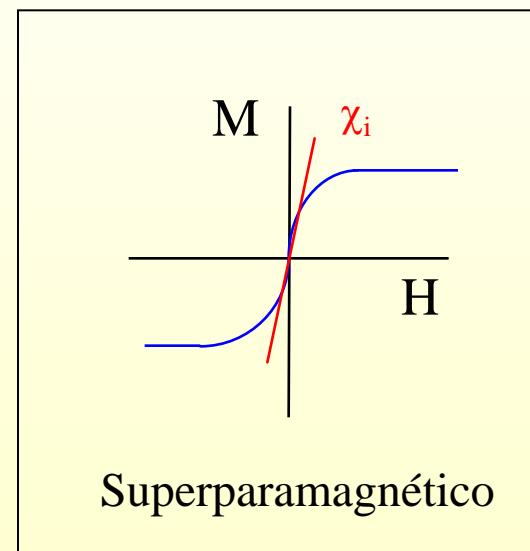
Patrick Couvreur et al., Chem. Rev. 112, 5818, 2012

He was the first to develop nanometric capsules able to penetrate cells to deliver medicine

# Magnetic nanoparticles



Magnetic recording



Sensors

# Magnetic nanoparticles

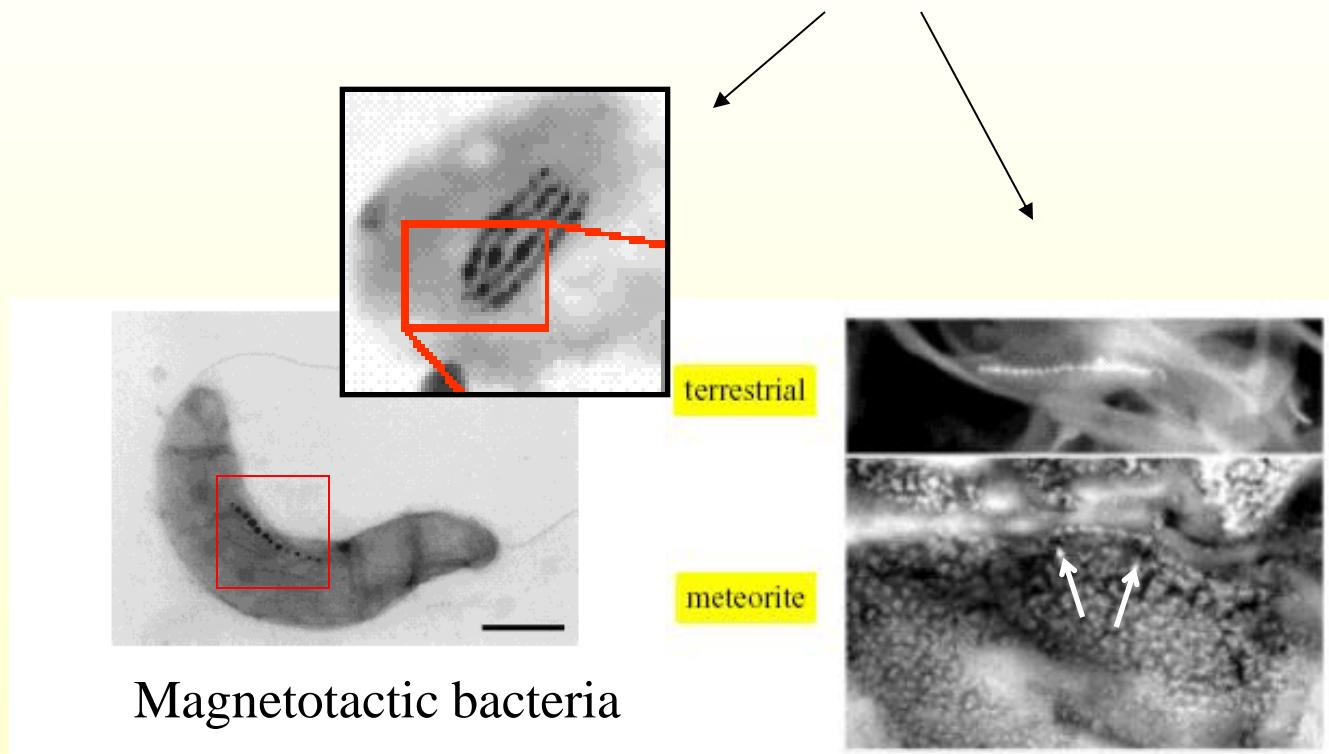
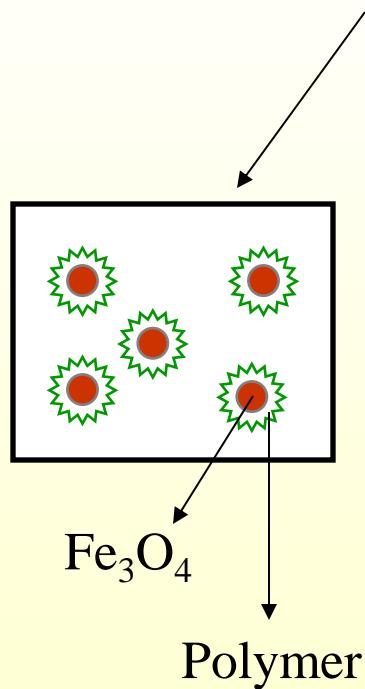
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Red = Ferromagnetic  
 Blue = Antiferromagnetic



# Magnetic nanoparticles

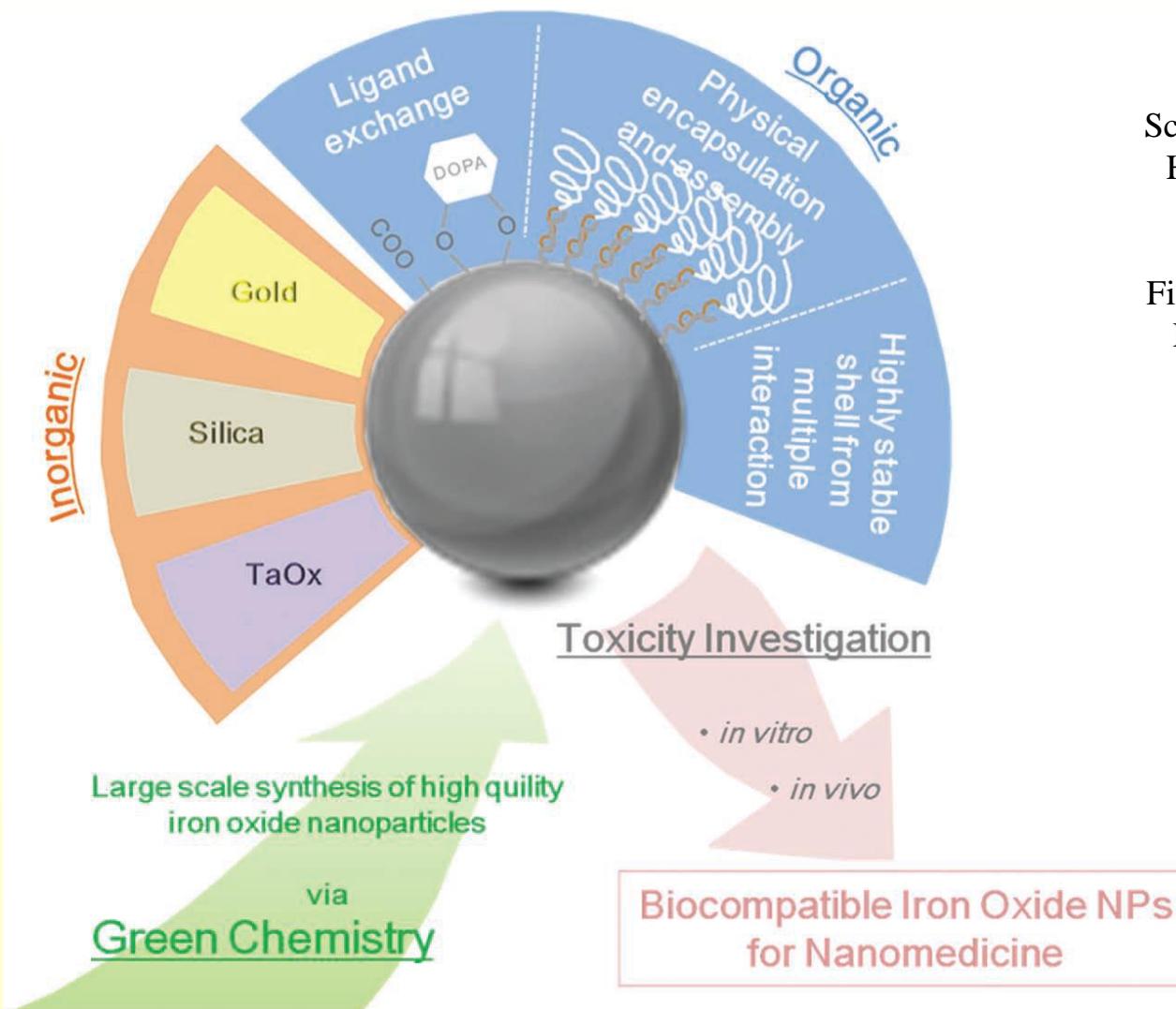
**MAGNETIC NANOPARTICLES  $\leftrightarrow$  LIVING SYSTEMS**



For orientation

Life in Mars?

# Magnetic nanoparticles

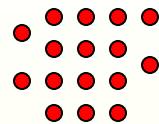


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# Magnetic nanoparticles



## Nanometer



- => **Size:** Get close to a biological entity of interest
- => **Surface:** Bind a biological entity
- => **Properties:** Manipulated by a magnet

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### Relative sizes of cells and their components



small molecule



virus



bacterium



animal cell



plant cell

cm =  $10^{-2}$  m  
mm =  $10^{-3}$  m  
 $\mu$ m =  $10^{-6}$  m  
nm =  $10^{-9}$  m  
Å =  $10^{-10}$  m

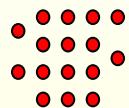


electron microscope

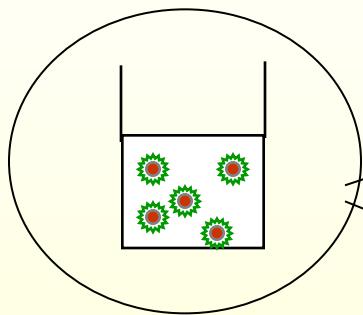
light microscope

# Requirements for biomedical applications

NANOPARTICLES



COLLOIDAL  
SUSPENSIONS



APPLICATIONS

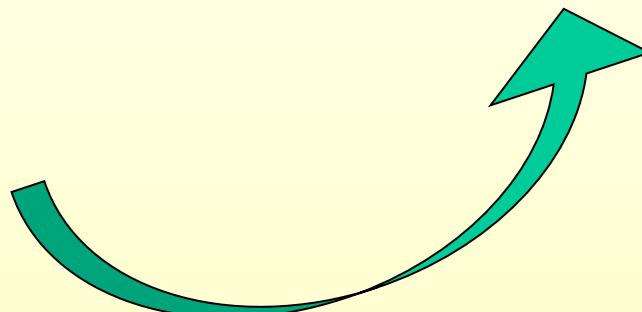
In vitro  
In vivo

REQUIREMENTS

- Size
- Surface
- Properties

No toxic!!

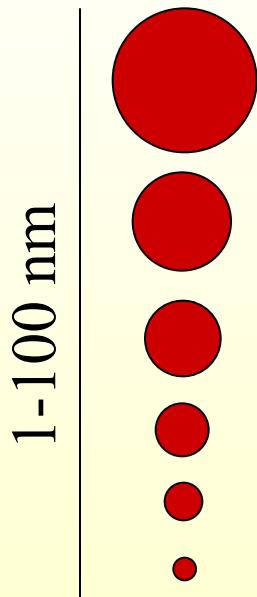
- Stable
- Biocompatible
- Reversible



# Requirements for biomedical applications

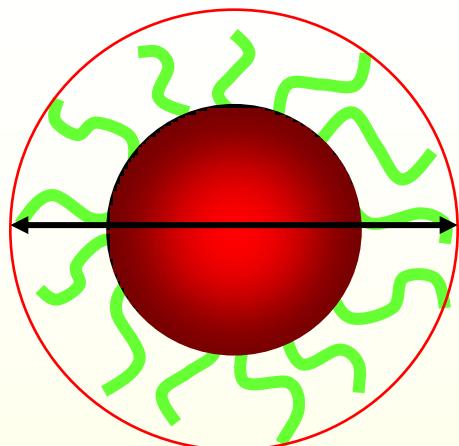
## Size

**5-50 nm** = Ideal diameter for most forms of therapy



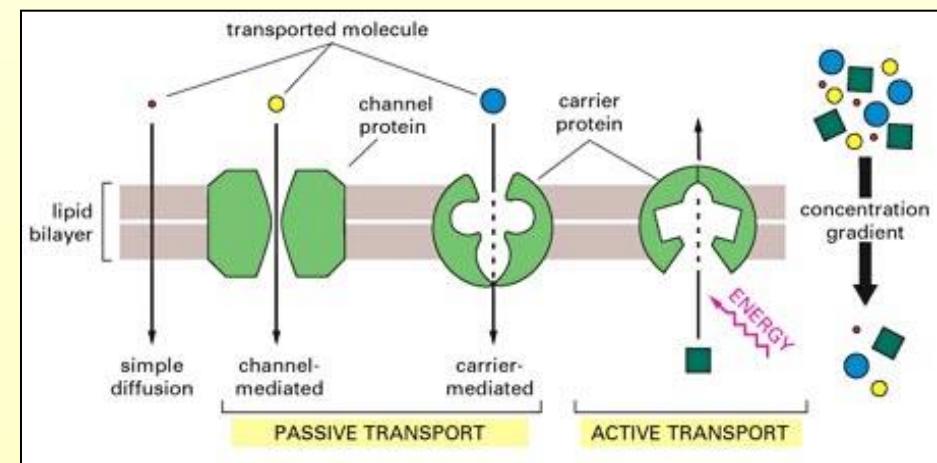
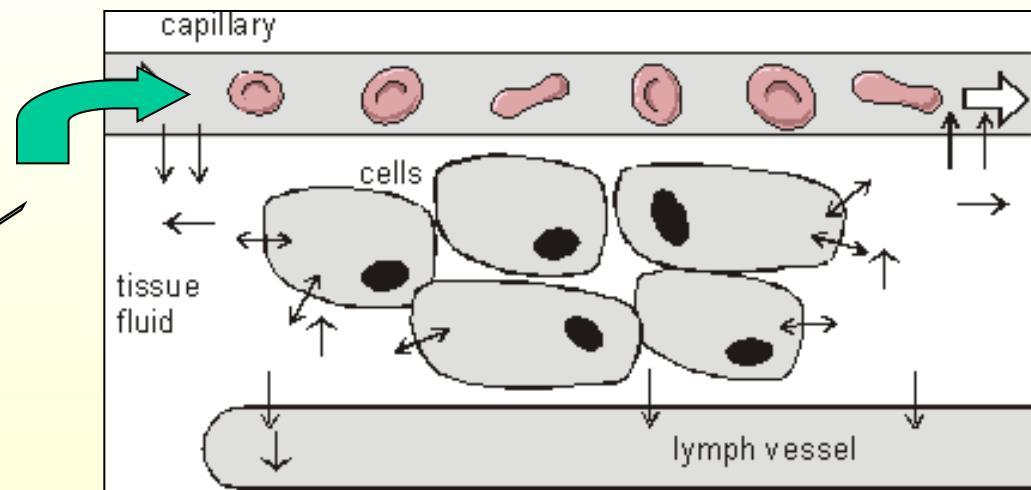
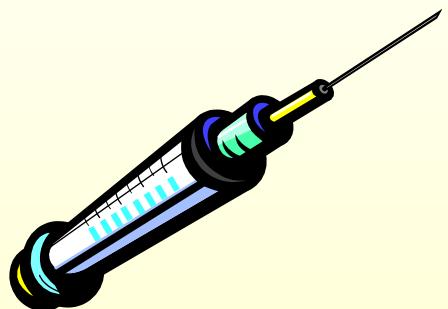
- Detected by the immune system and eliminated
- Remain in the body long enough to be circulated through the blood stream**
- Small response to a magnetic field

# Requirements for biomedical applications



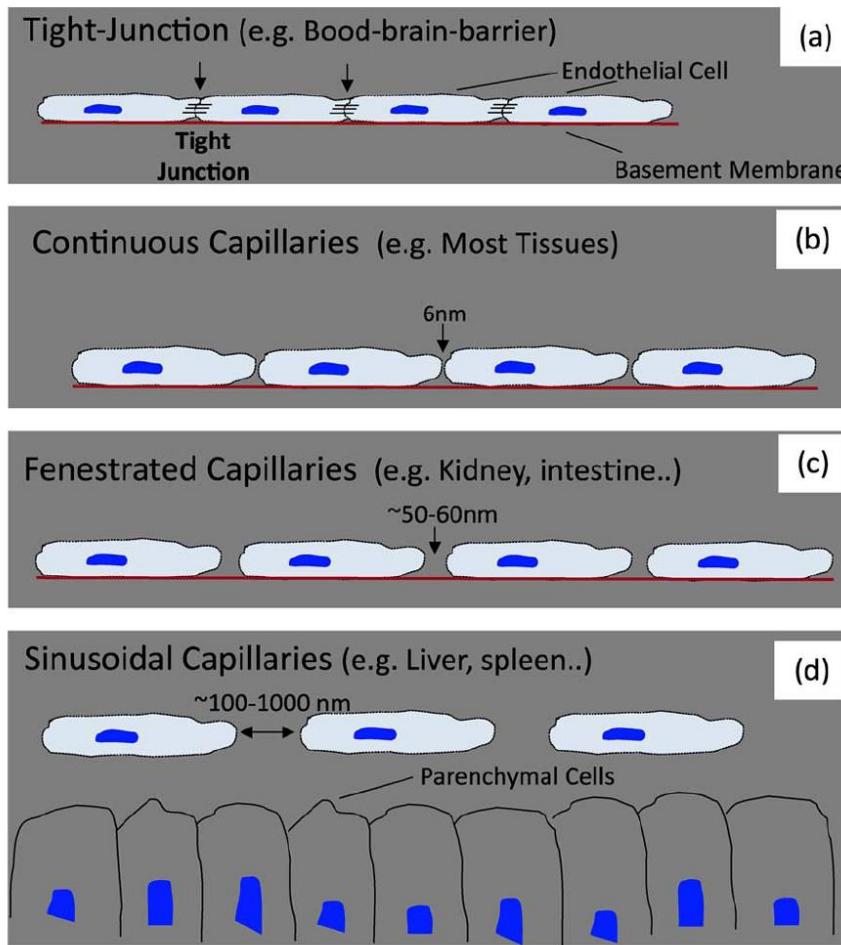
## Hydrodynamic size

Core + Molecules around



# Requirements for biomedical applications

## Biology barriers



## Blood capillaries

Gaps between endothelial cells

2 nm

6 nm

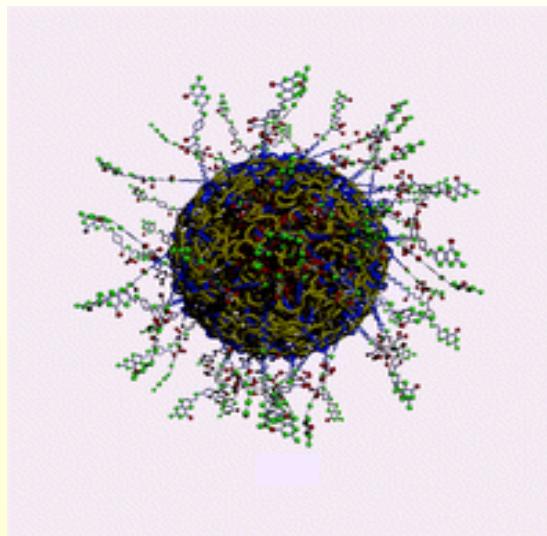
50 nm

> 100 nm

# Requirements for biomedical applications

## Surface

Modification of the particle's surface to make it biocompatible and specific



=> **Biocompatible** = **Hydrophilic coating** make the particle look friendly to the immune system

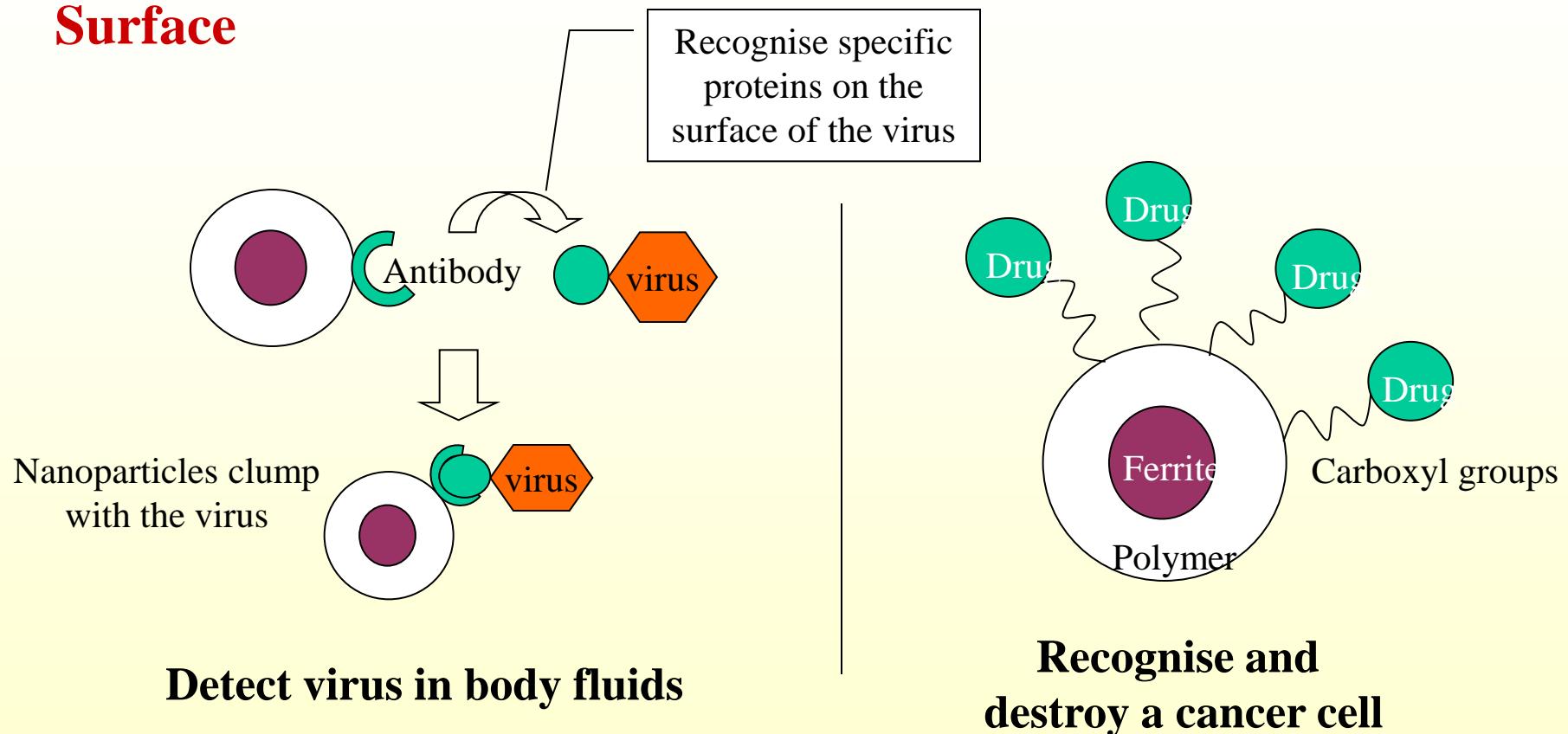
- Polymer
- Inorganic

=> **Specific** = Coated with a **biological entity** to make the particles function in a specific manner

=> **Carrier** = to transport and deliver a biological active agent

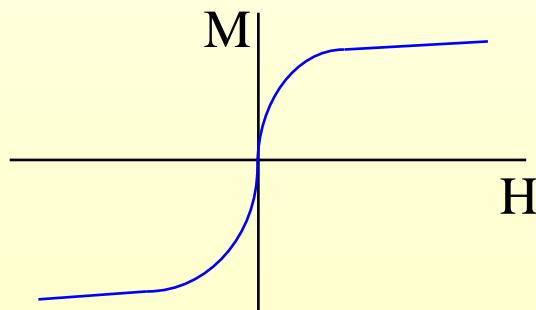
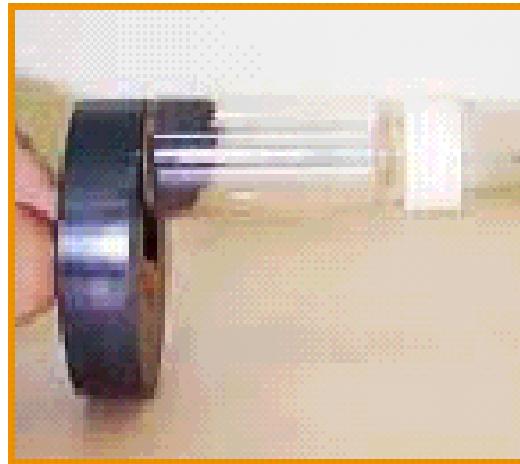
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## Surface



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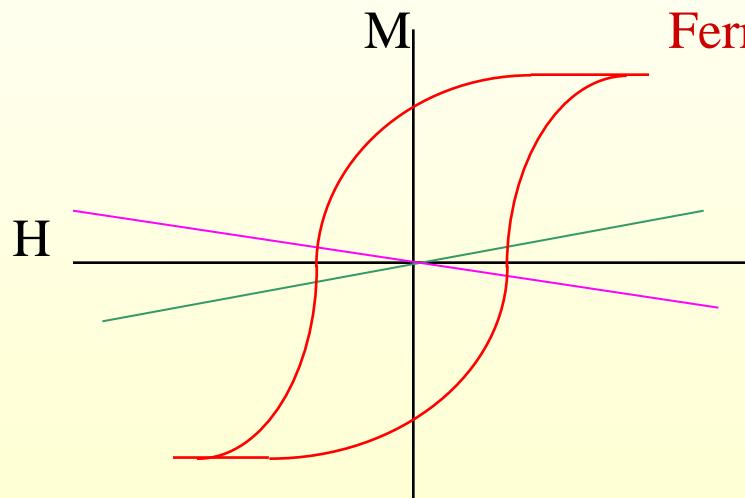
## Magnetic properties



- They must **constantly and rapidly** “flip” magnetic states.  
 $\Rightarrow \text{Mr}=0$
- **Saturation magnetisation** ( $M_s$ ) should be **strong enough** to be manipulated by an external magnetic field
- **Resonant respond** to a time-varying magnetic field should be enough to heat up.

# Basic principles in magnetism

All materials are magnetic to some extent with their magnetic response depending on their atomic structure and temperature



Ferromagnetic, ferrimagnetic and antiferromagnetic

Ordered magnetic states  
 $M = 10^4$  times larger

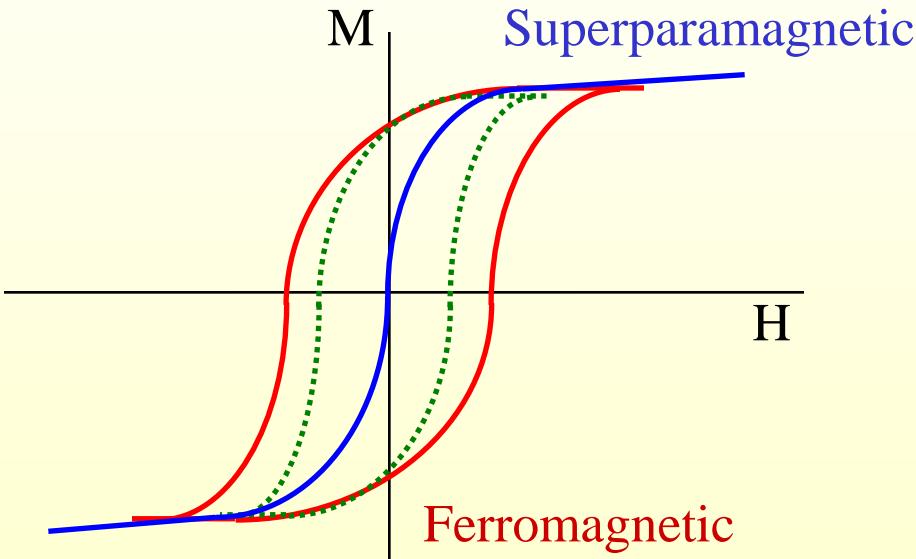
Paramagnetic

Diamagnetic

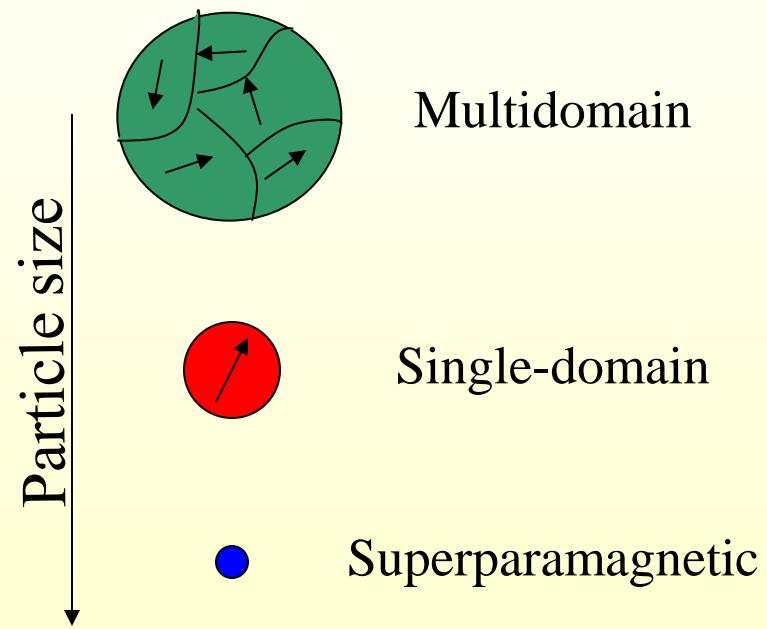
Little magnetism, only in the presence of a magnetic field

# Basic principles in magnetism

The shape of the loops are determined in part by the particle size



## Domain structure



# Basic principles in magnetism

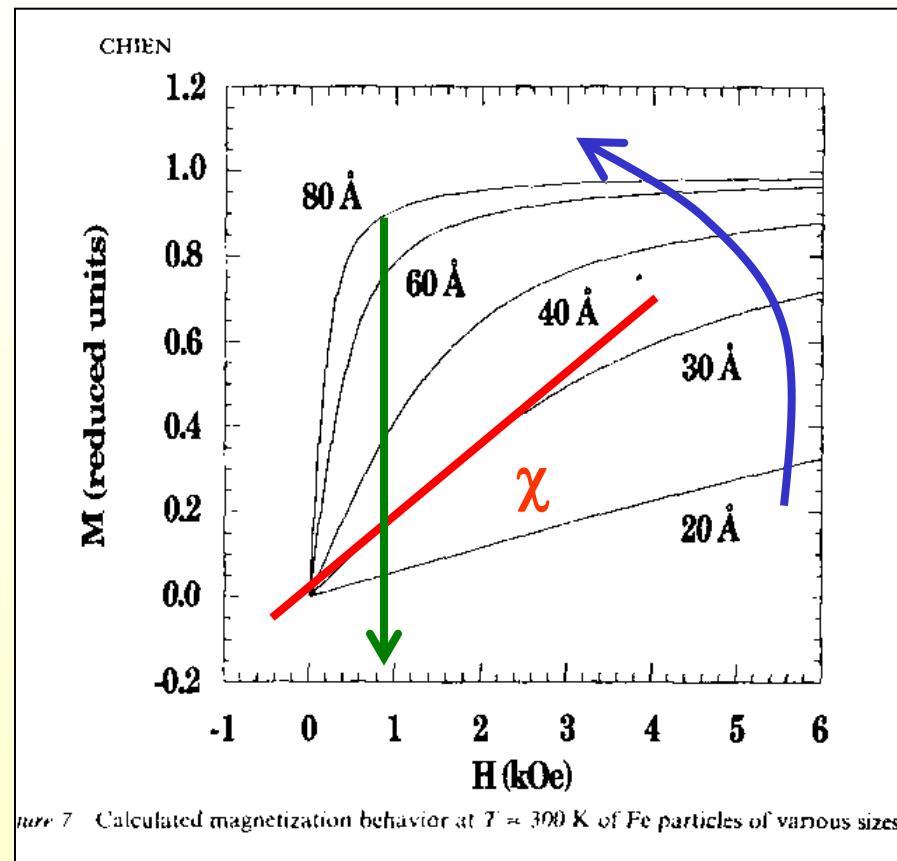
## Superparamagnetism

Particle size

Magnetic behaviour

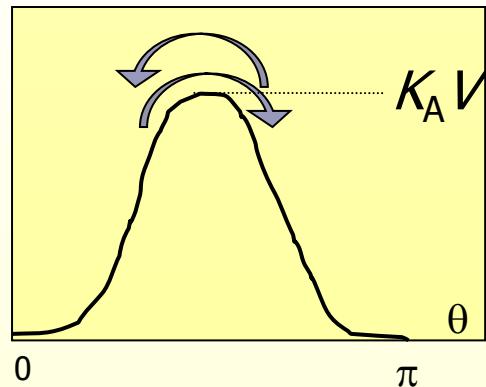
$$\chi \approx \frac{VM_s^2}{3k_B T}$$

Saturation field



# Basic principles in magnetism

## Superparamagnetism

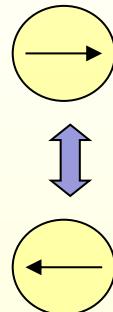


Jump frequency

$$\nu = \tau_0^{-1} \exp\left(-\frac{K_a V}{k_B T}\right)$$

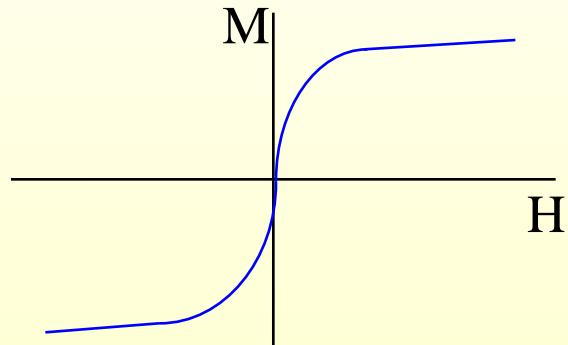
Relaxation time

$$\tau = \tau_0 \exp\left(\frac{K_a V}{k_B T}\right)$$



Small particle size

$$\Delta E = \mathbf{K}_a \mathbf{V} \approx k_B T$$

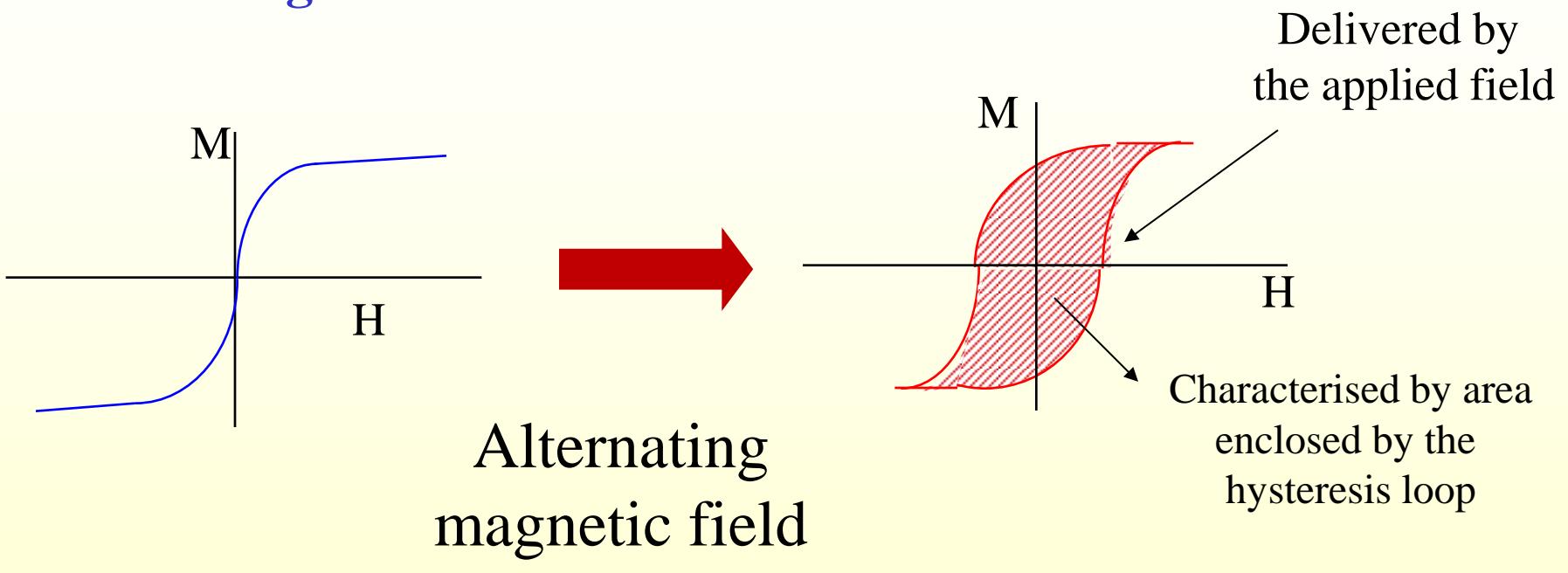


No particle aggregation

Reversible behaviour

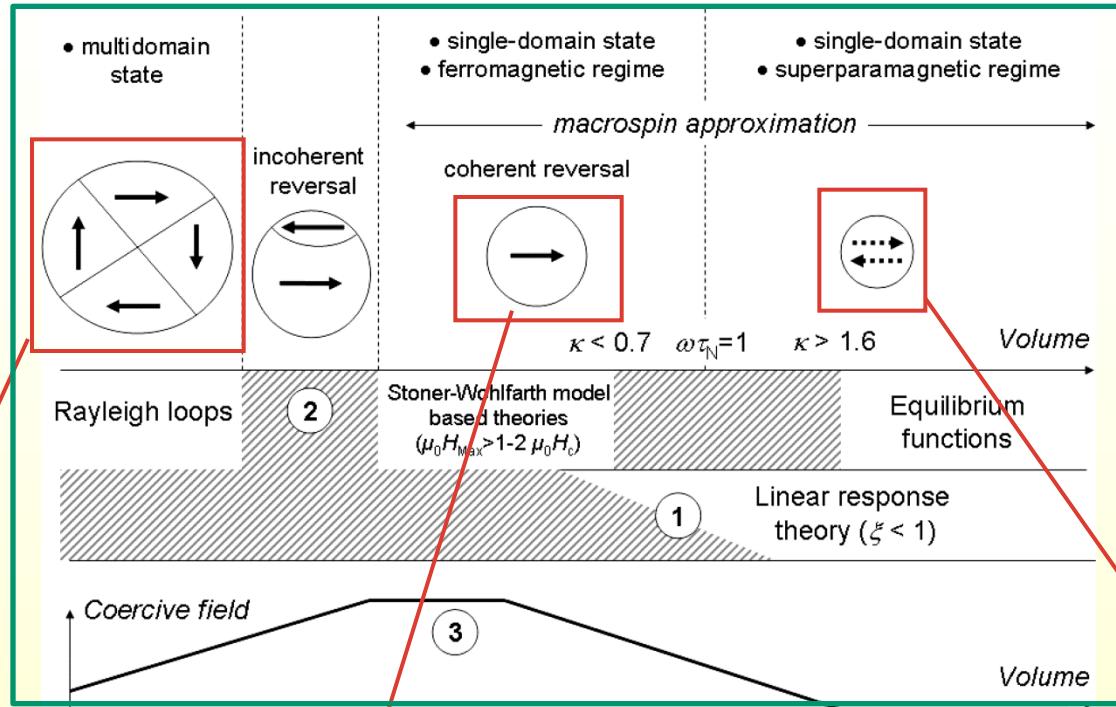
# Basic principles in magnetism

## Ferromagnetism



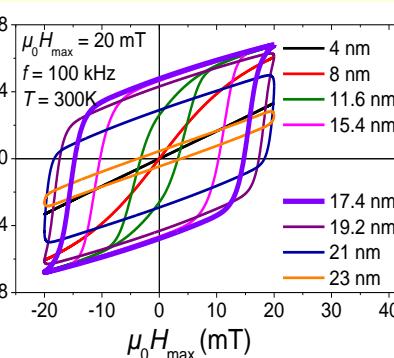
Thermal energy

# Basic principles in magnetism



- Drop of coercive field → less efficient
- No prediction possible

- Open hysteresis loops → **optimized nanoparticles**
- Analytical calculations : Stoner-Wohlfarth model



# Biomedical applications

- In vitro → Diagnostic → **Separation/selection** ←
- In vivo
  - Diagnostic → **NMR imaging** ←
  - Therapeutic
    - Drug targeting**
    - Hyperthermia**
  - Gene delivery
  - Tissue regeneration (cell labelling)

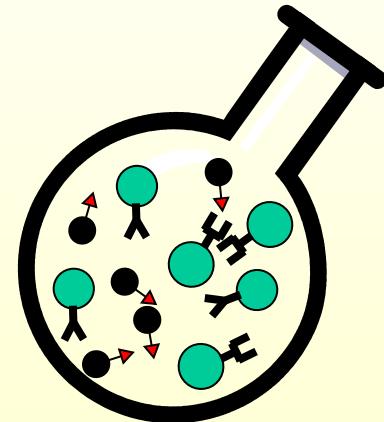
# Biomedical applications

## Separation/selection

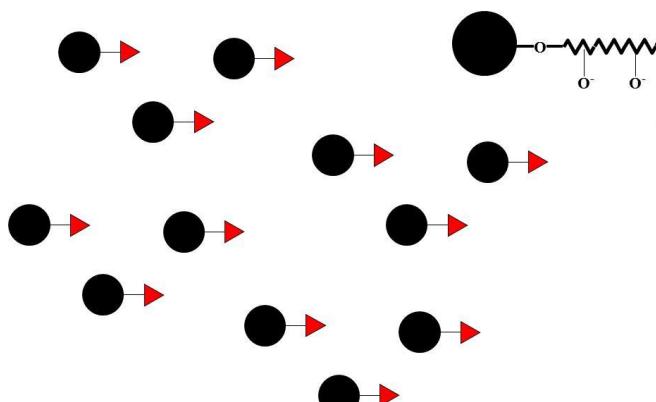
- Goal: Separate/detect/isolate one type of cell from others, often when the target is present in very small quantities



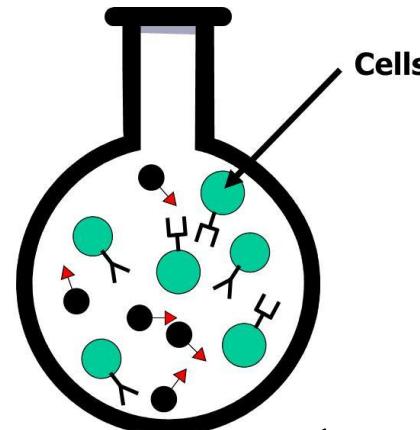
Reduce the time  
Detect lower concentrations



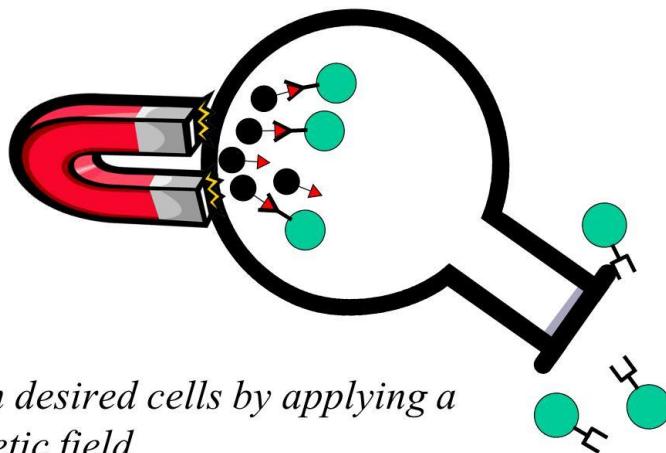
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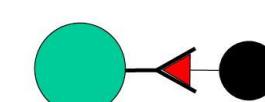
Functionalized nanoparticles



Add to sample

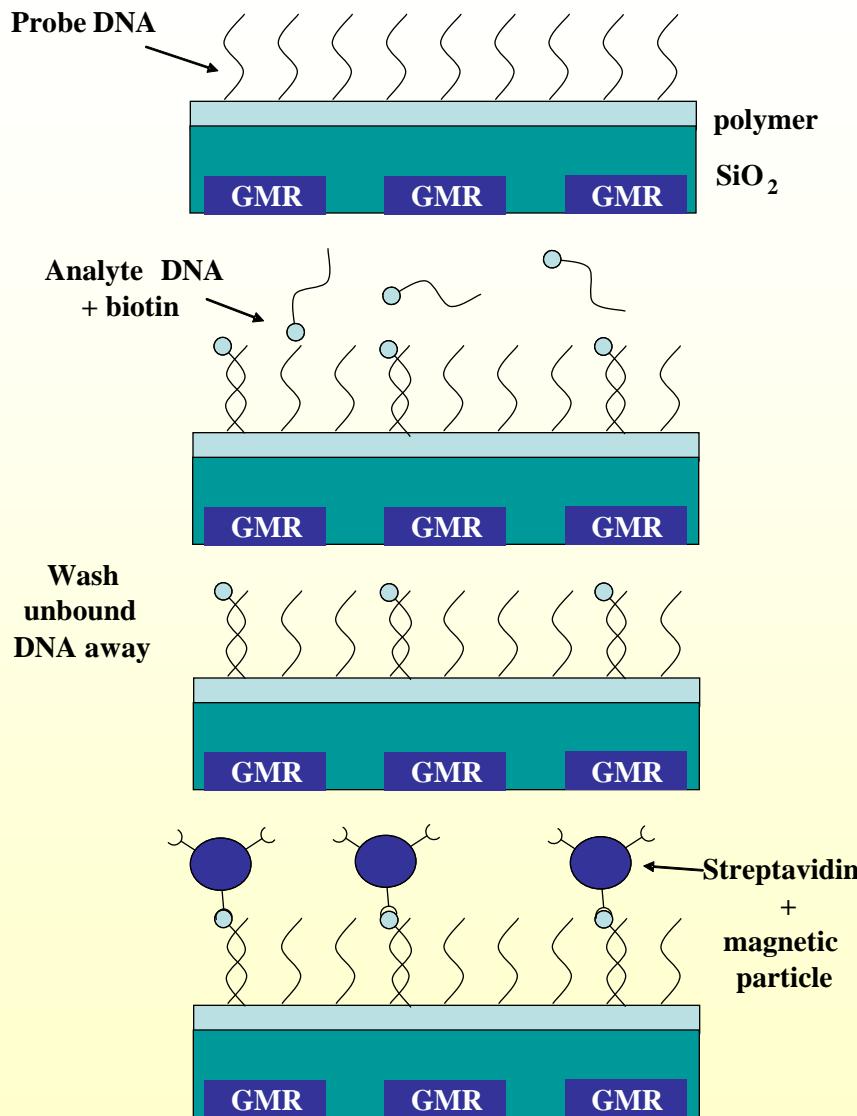


Retain desired cells by applying a magnetic field



Magnetic nanoparticles bond with targeted cells

# Separation/selection

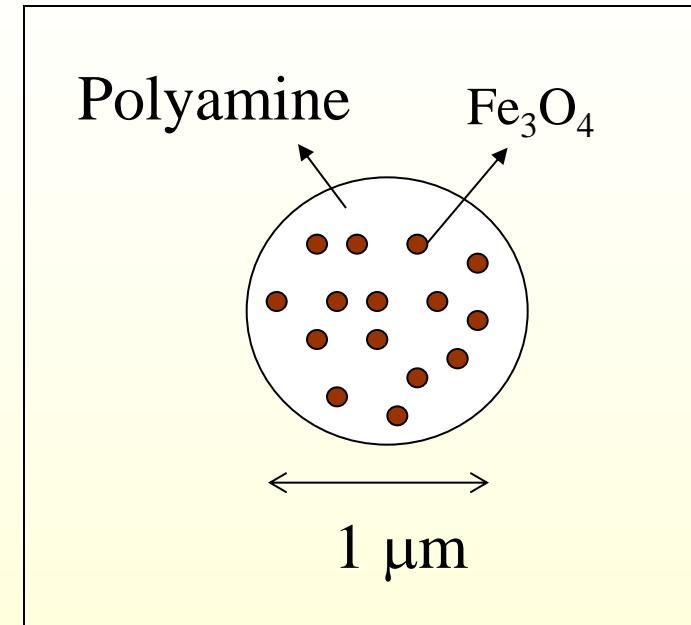
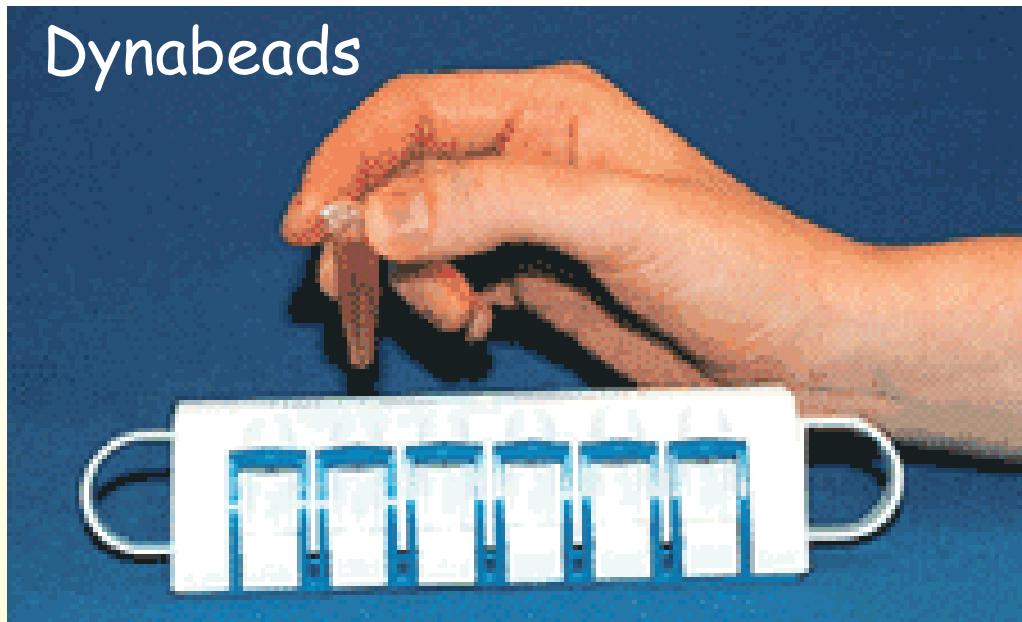


# Magnetic Sorting/Detection

- **High sensitivity**
- **Multiple analytes at one time**
- **Hand-held**
- **Lightweight**
- **Fast**
- **Potential for single-bead detection**

# Biomedical applications

## Separation/selection

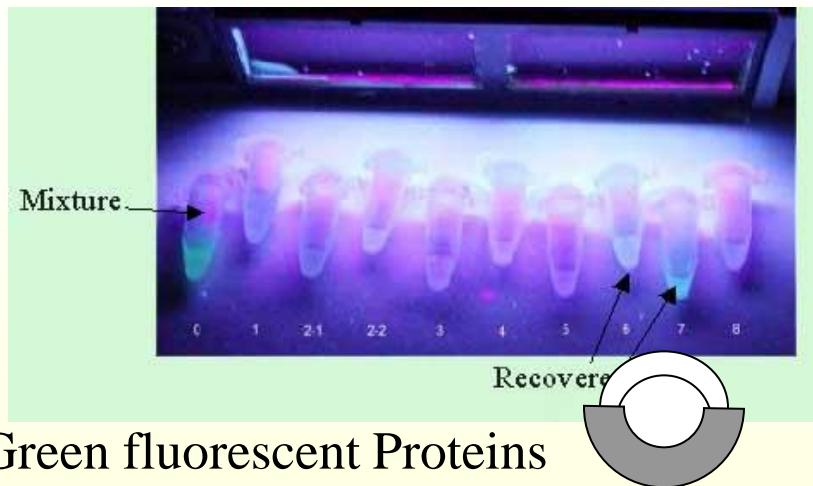


### Separación y purificación

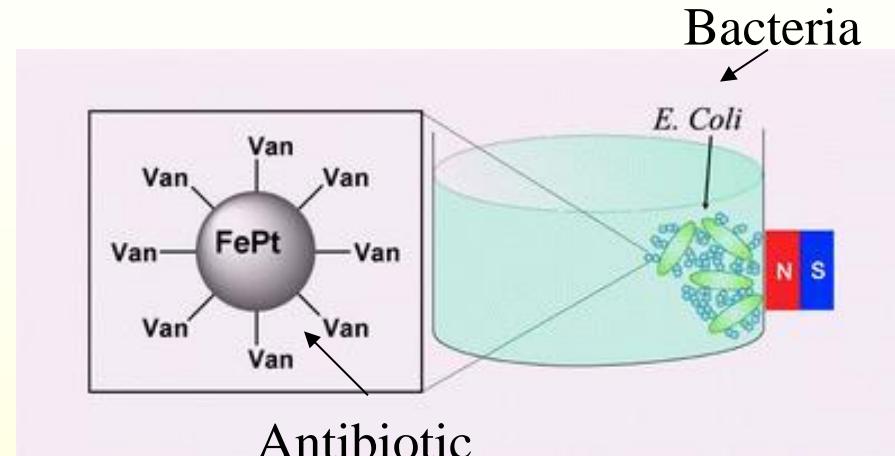
- ✓ Detection of proteins at  $10^{-18} \text{ M}$  = Prostate-specific antigen (PSA)
- ✓ Detection of DNA at  $10^{-21} \text{ M}$  **6 orders of magnitude more sensitive**

# Biomedical applications

## BIOMOLECULE SEPARATIONS



## FOOD QUALITY CONTROL



## WATER PURIFICATION (Ar, Pb...)

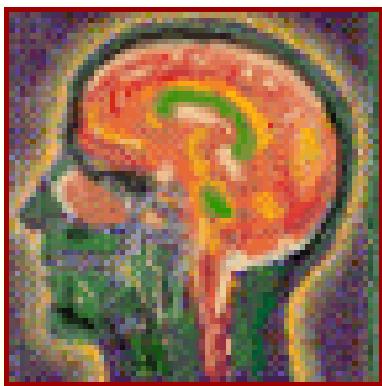
884 millones = Personas que carecen de acceso a fuentes de abastecimiento de agua potable (una de cada ocho)

Yavuz, C. T. Prakash, A. Mayo, J. T.; Colvin, V. L.  
Chemical Engineering Science 2009, 64, 2510-2521;

Yavuz, C.T., Mayo, J.T., Yu, W.W. et al. Low-field magnetic separation of monodisperse  $\text{Fe}_3\text{O}_4$  nanocrystals. *Science* 10 (2006)  
Environ Geochem Health DOI 10.1007/s10653-010-9293-y  
Mohan and Pittman 2007

# Biomedical applications

## NMR IMAGING



The most powerful technique for diagnosis

Nobel Prize 2003

Paul C. Lauterbur and Sir Peter Mansfield

*"for their discoveries concerning magnetic resonance imaging"*

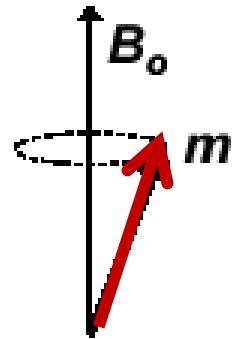
Advantage: not use X-Rays nor any other type of "ionizing" radiation

Instead: it is a technique that combines a large magnetic field and some radio frequency antennas

Measure the relaxation rate of protons in the atoms of water within the patient from their excited state to the ground state

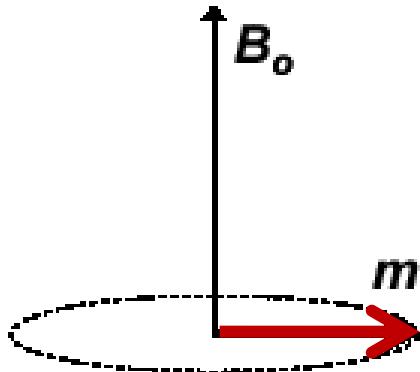
# NMR imaging

magnetic field



protons of  
water "line-up"

high-frequency  
electro-magnetic pulse



protons out of  
alignment

"resonance"  
signal as the  
proton goes back  
into alignment

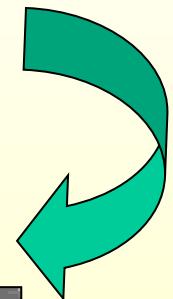
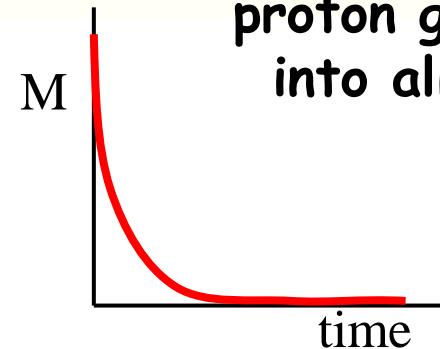


image reflects the water protons  
in the patient and their chemical  
association with proteins



# NMR imaging

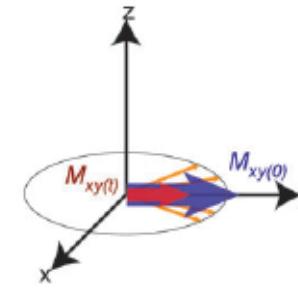
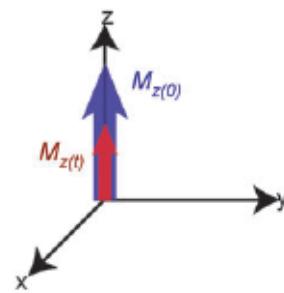
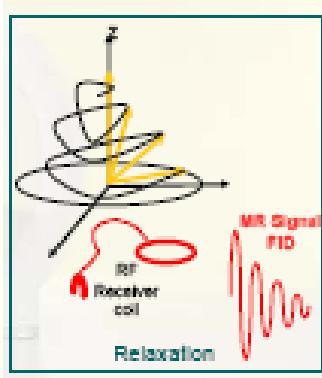


Fig. 22  
Coupling of a  $T_1$ - and a  $T_2$ -curve resembles a mountain with a slope. It takes longer to climb a mountain than to slide or jump down, which helps to remember that  $T_1$  is normally longer than  $T_2$ .

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# Contrast agents for NMR imaging

Enhance the contrast between normal and diseased tissues, indicate organ function or blood flow

M

Superparamagnetic =>

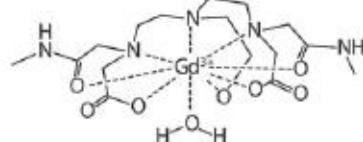
**Magnetic nanoparticles**

Paramagnetic =>

Gd, Dy

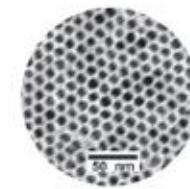
H

**T<sub>1</sub> Agents**

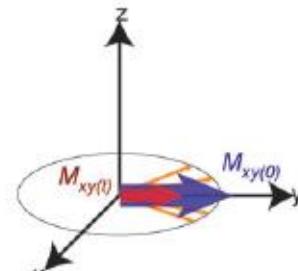
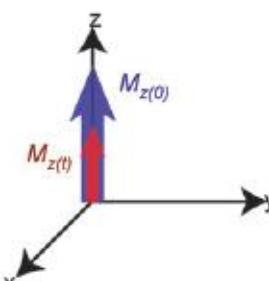


Omniscan™

**T<sub>2</sub> Agents**

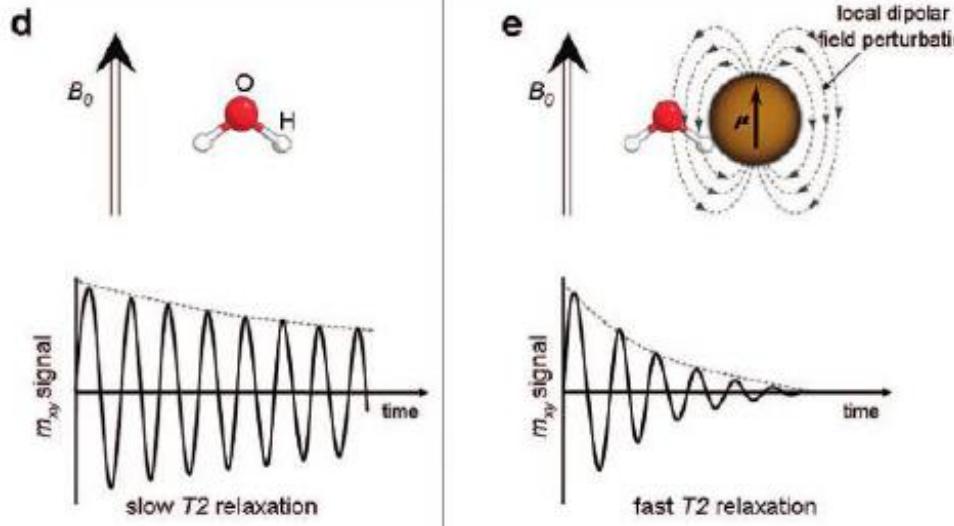


Fe<sub>3</sub>O<sub>4</sub> Nanoparticles



- Magnetic moment 10<sup>4</sup> times larger
- 80-90% saturation at lower field

# Contrast agents for NMR imaging



Cheon et al, ACCOUNTS OF CHEMICAL RESEARCH  
1630-1640 December 2008 Vol. 41, No. 12

**Shorter relaxation ( $T_2$ )**  
=> **Darker** in the MRI



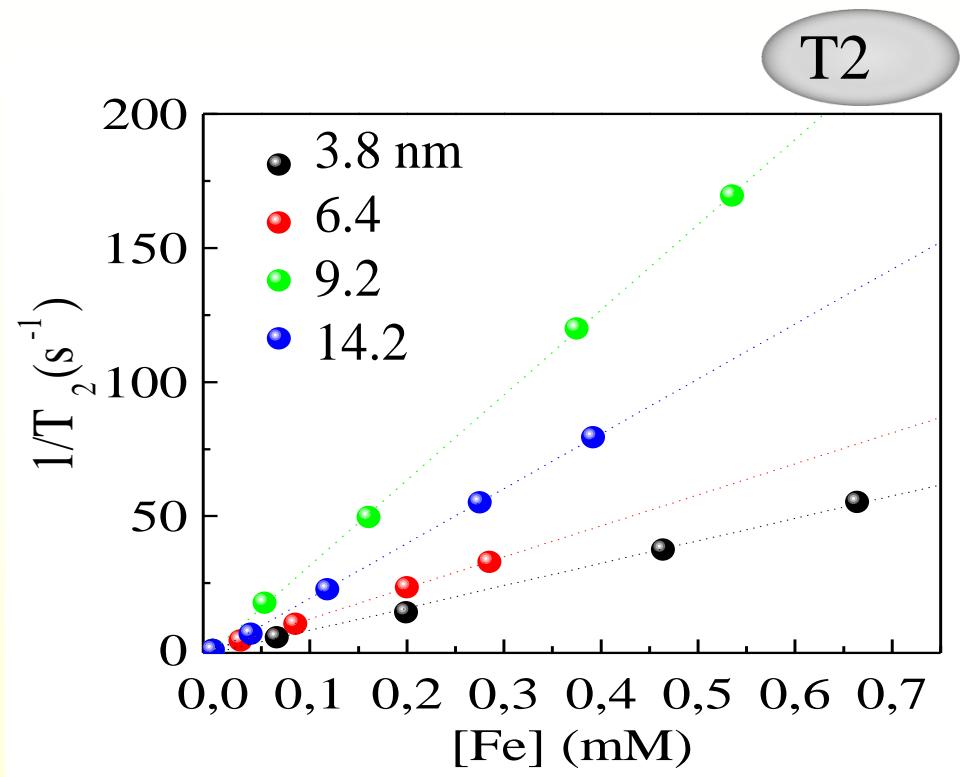
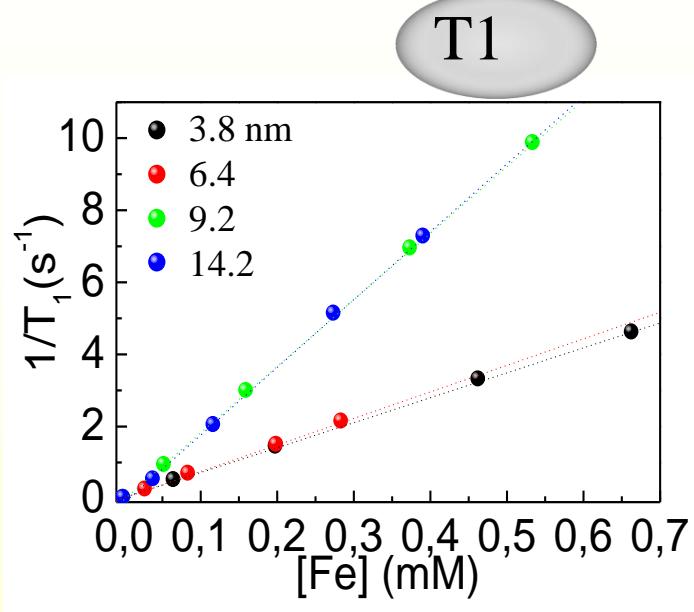
$$\frac{1}{T_2} = R_2 = \frac{\left(\frac{64\pi}{135000}\right) \gamma^2 N_A M \mu^2}{r D}$$

NP radio

NP magnetic moment  
Concentration (mole.L<sup>-1</sup>)  
Diffusion coefficient of water molecules

# Contrast agents for NMR imaging

MINISPEC MQ60 (37 ° C, 1.5 T)



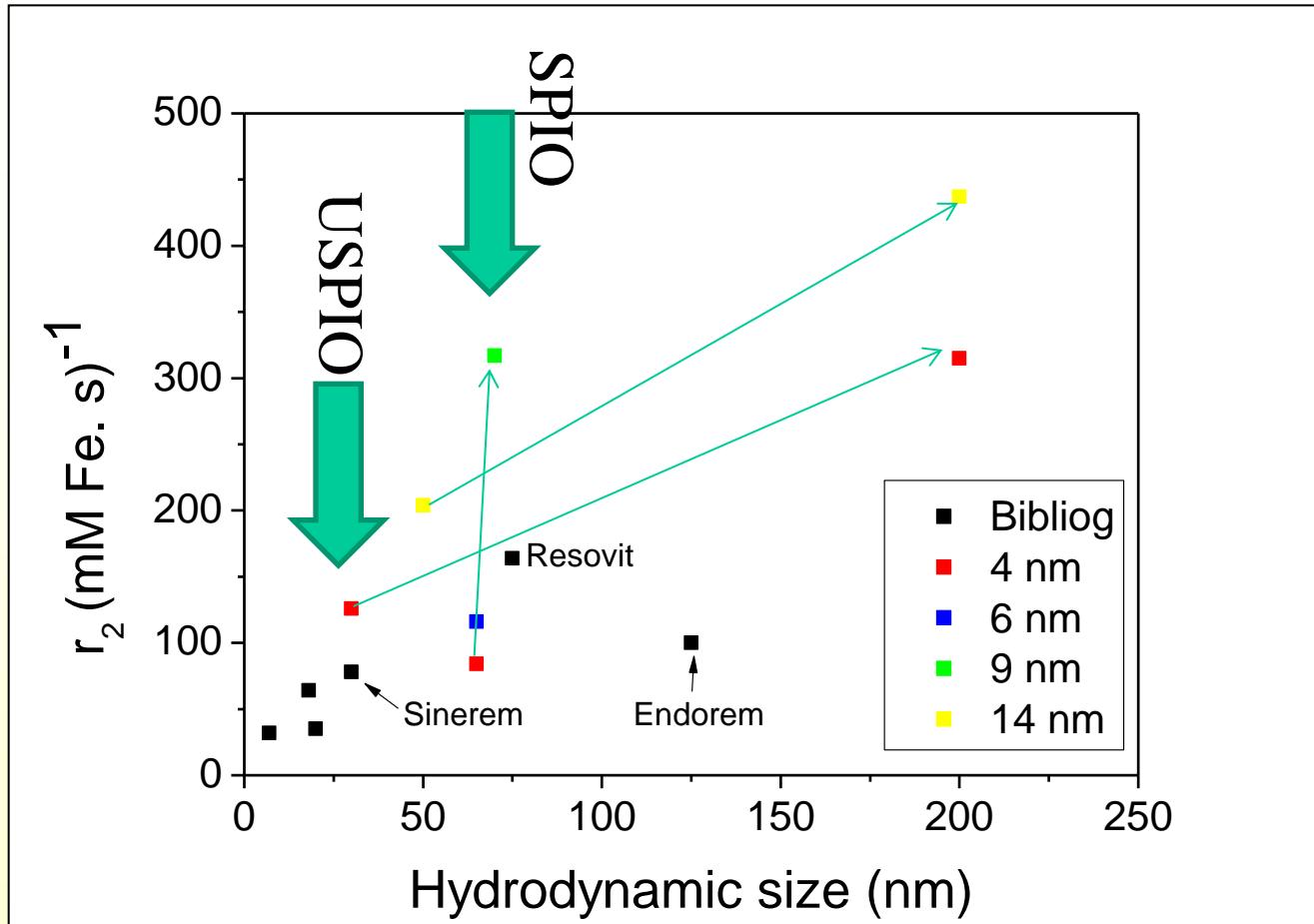
$$1/T_{1,2} = 1/T_{1,2}^0 + r_{1,2}[Fe]$$

$1/T_2 = R_{1,2}$  = Inverse of the relaxation time  
 $[Fe]$  = Concentration of iron in  $\text{mmol l}^{-1}$

$r_{1,2}$  = Relaxivity constant  
Measurement of the efficiency of the contrast agent

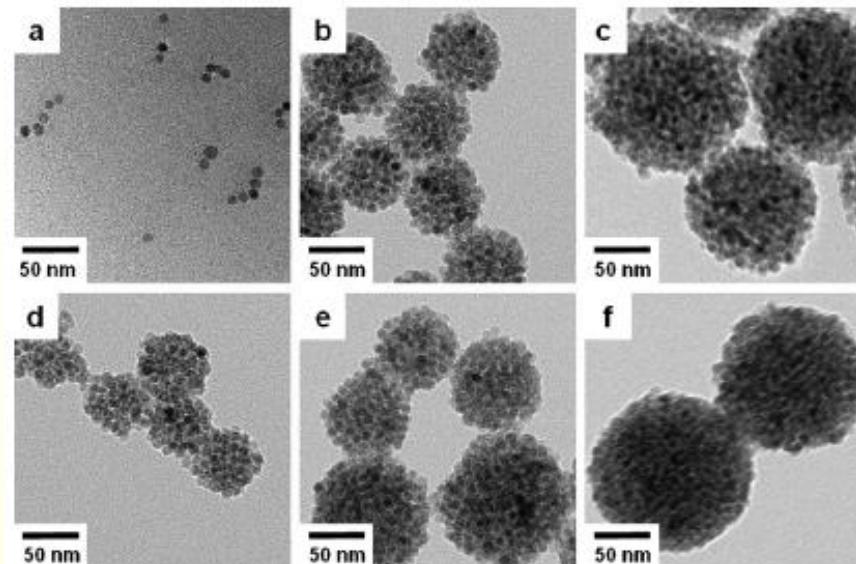
# Contrast agents for NMR imaging

Commercial  
products = 5-10 nm

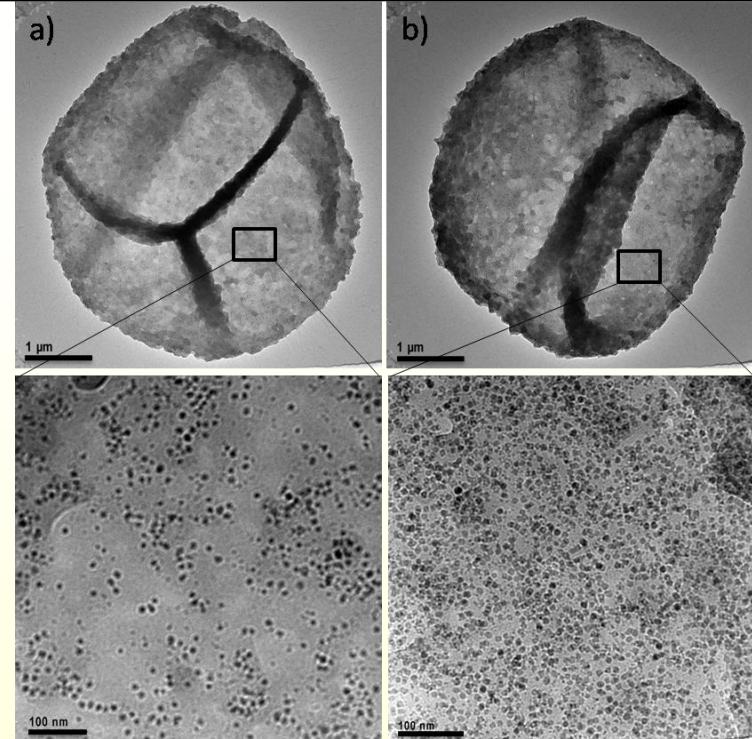
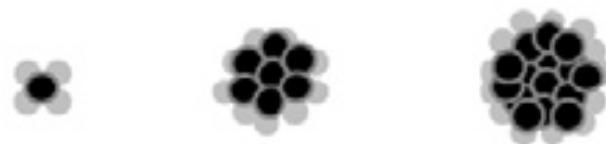


High crystalline particles lead to high relaxivity values

# Contrast agents for NMR imaging



↓ MR contrast effect ↑



↑ MR contrast effect ↓



Azhar Zahoor Abbasi J. Phys. Chem. C 2011, 115, 6257

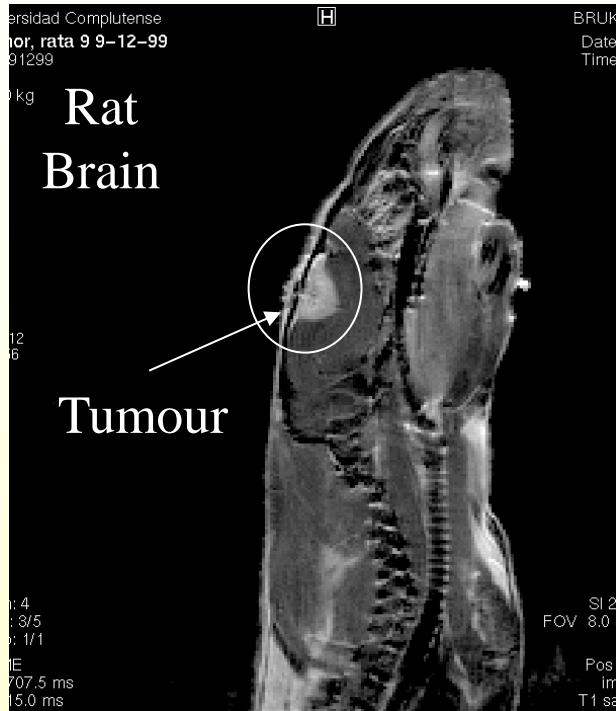
S.-B. Seo et al. / Journal of Colloid and Interface Science 319 (2008) 429–434

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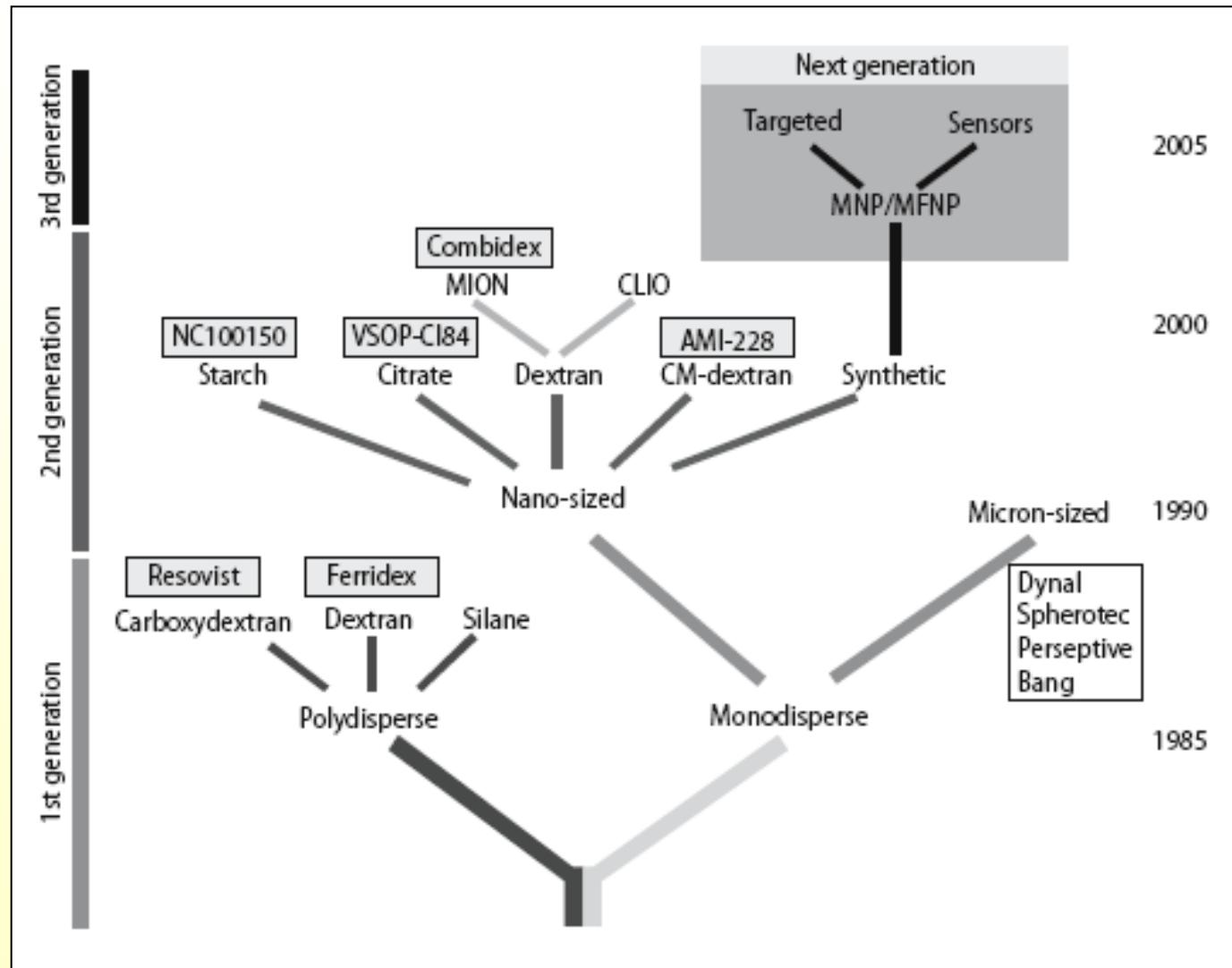
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# Contrast agents for NMR imaging



**Tumour cells** prevent the flow of macrophages and magnetic nanoparticles do not get to them  
=> no decrease in signal intensity => appeared as **bright spots**

# Contrast agents for NMR imaging

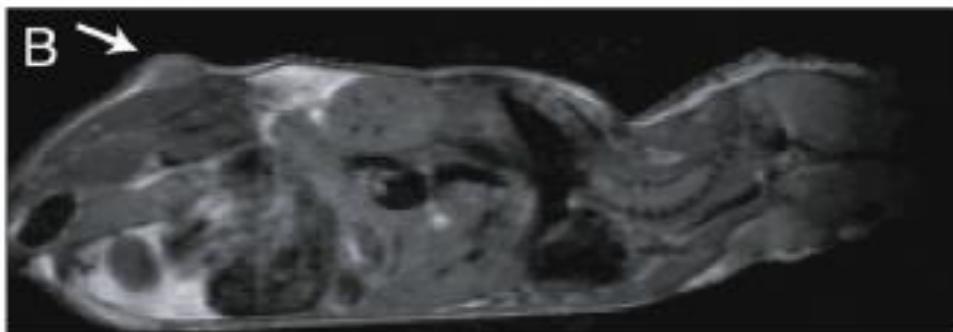
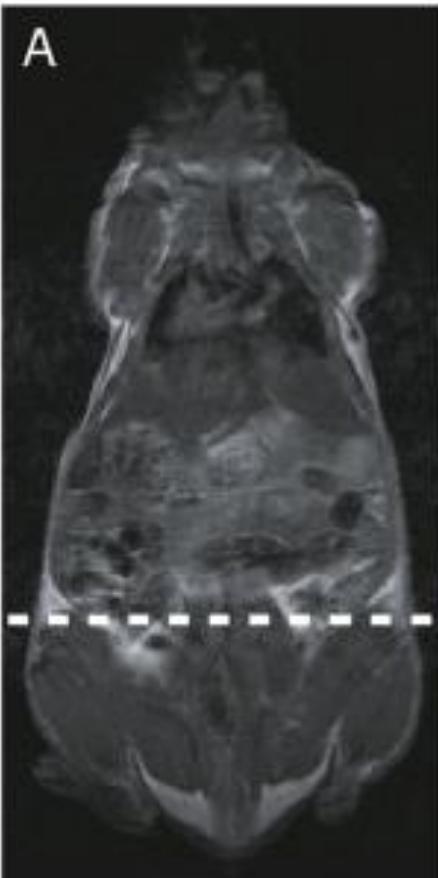


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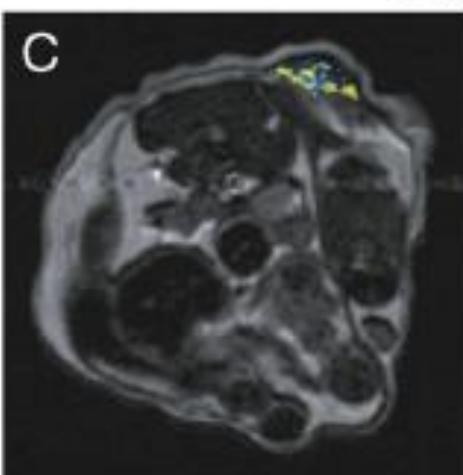
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# Contrast agents for NMR imaging

tumor



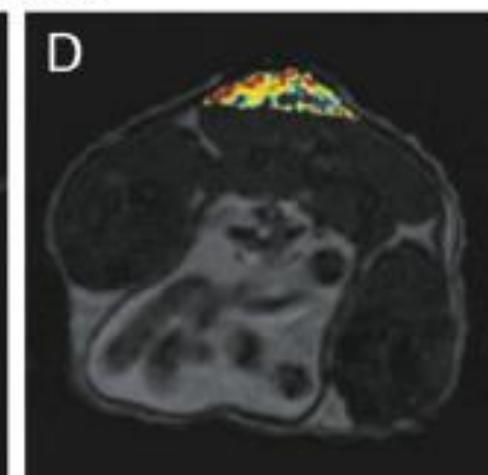
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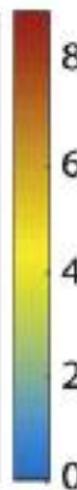
Coronal

NP-PEG-SIA

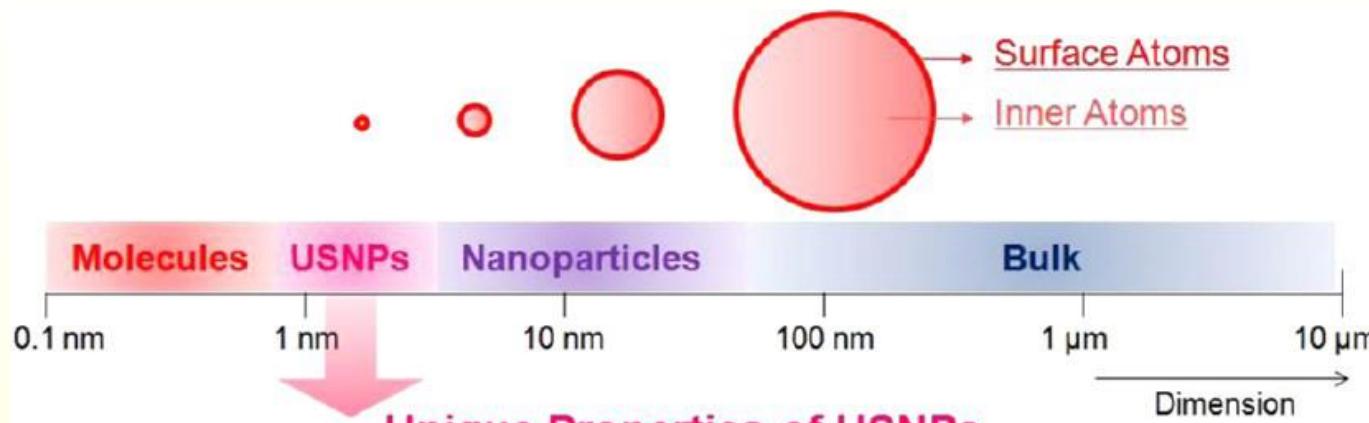
Axial



NP-PEG-CTX



# Contrast agents for NMR imaging

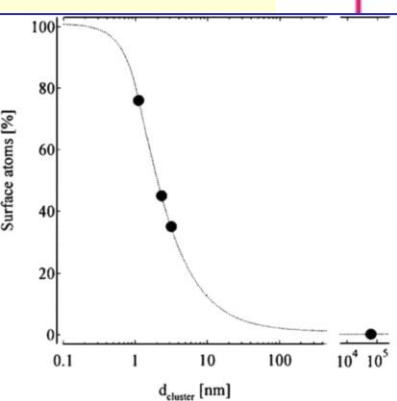


## Extremely Small Volume

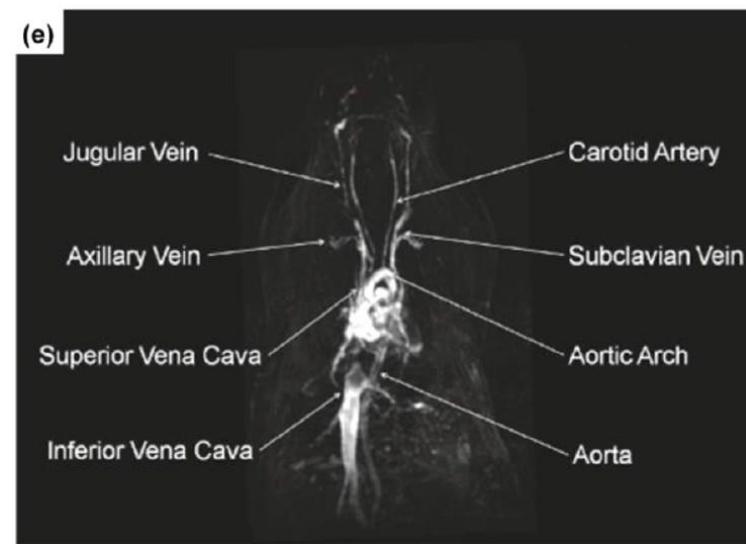
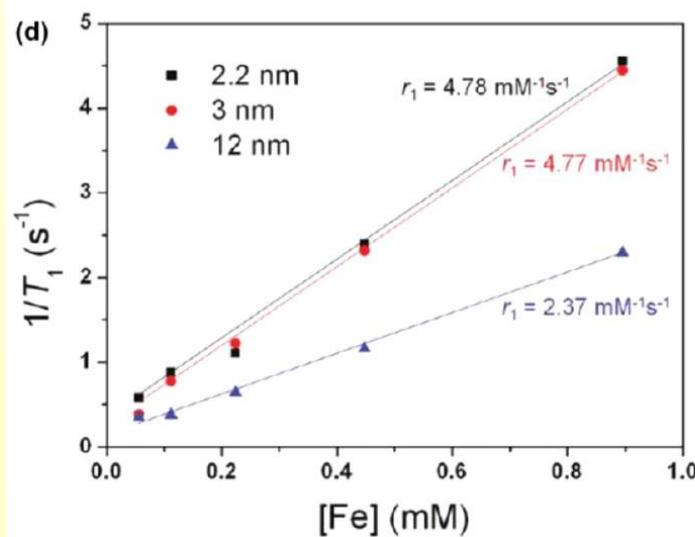
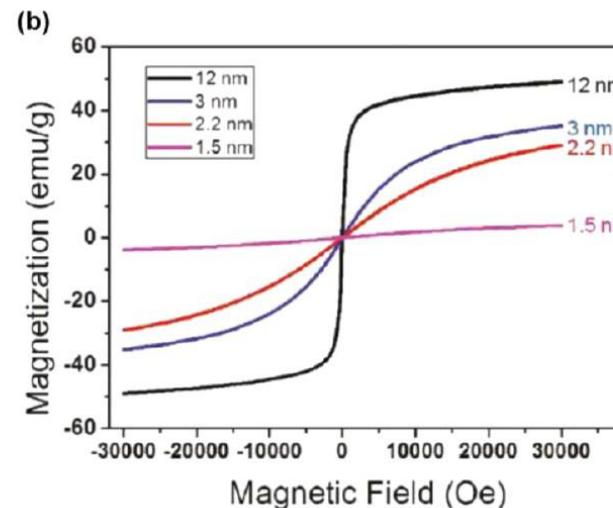
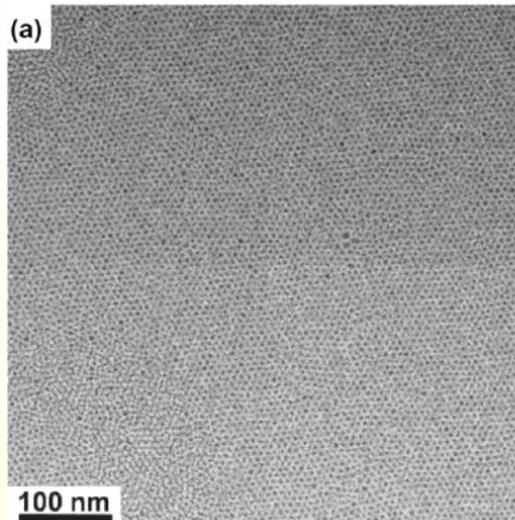
- Noble Metal USNPs
  - Fluorescence
  - Catalytic Activities
- Magnetic USNPs
  - Quantized Spin

## Large Surface Area

- Noble Metal USNPs
  - Ferromagnetic
  - Catalytic Activities
- Magnetic USNPs
  - Nearly Paramagnetic
- Semiconductor USNPs
  - Pinned Emission



# Contrast agents for NMR imaging



# NMR imaging

Table 1. Imaging techniques and related contrast agents.

Imaging technology	Contrast agents	Spatial resolution	Toxicity	Sensitivity	Time Resolution
X-ray CT MRI	Iodinated contrast material	sub-mm	Nephrotoxic	mM	1–2 s
	Gadolinium-based	sub-mm	Nephrogenic systemic fibrosis	mM for Gd-based nM for Fe-based	1–2 s
PET/SPECT	Radioactively labelled agents	mm	Dosimetric exposure	pM	min

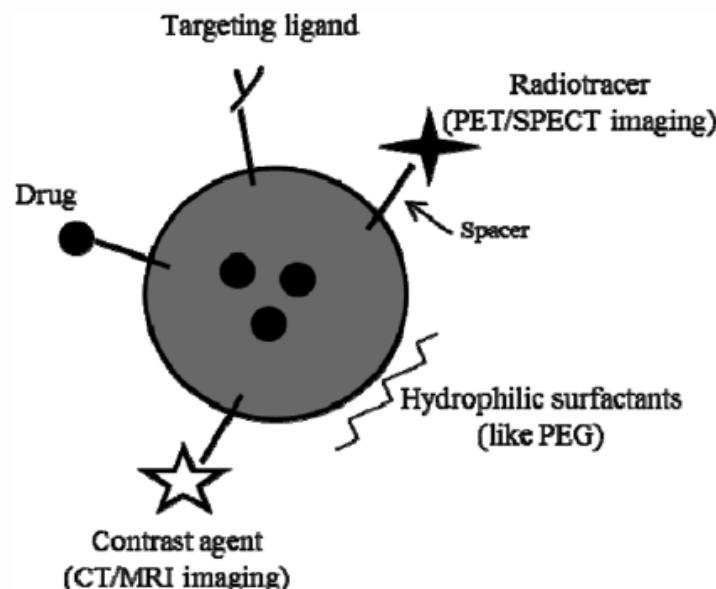
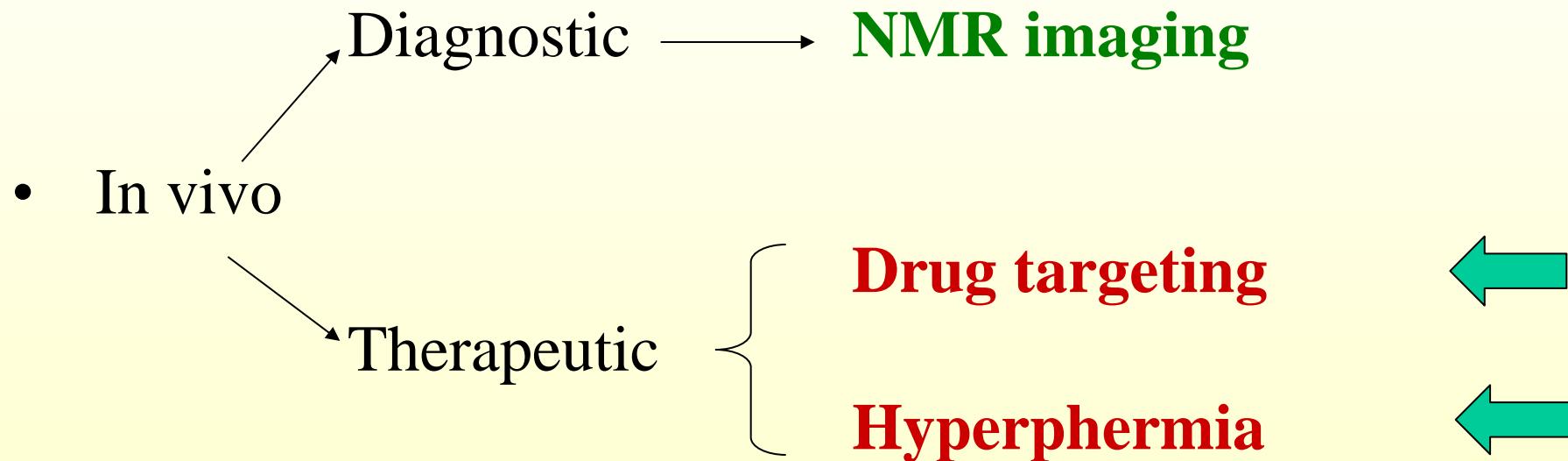


Figure 2. Multi-functionalized NPs. Graphical representation of multifunctional NP for molecular imaging (functionalized with contrast agents for CT/MRI, with radiotracer for PET/SPECT), for drug delivery (functionalized with drug molecules incorporated within the core of NP or conjugated to the surface), for specific targeting (functionalized with specific ligands) and for stealth (hydrophilic surfactants). Spacer/linker molecules are also indicated.

# Biomedical applications

- In vitro → Diagnostic → **Separation/selection**

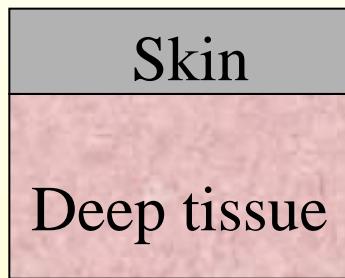
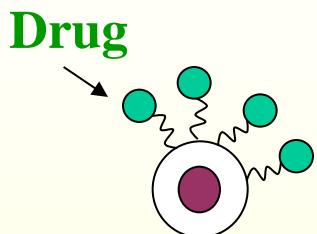


Gene delivery

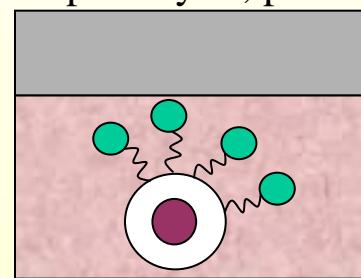
Tissue regeneration (cell labelling)

# Biomedical applications

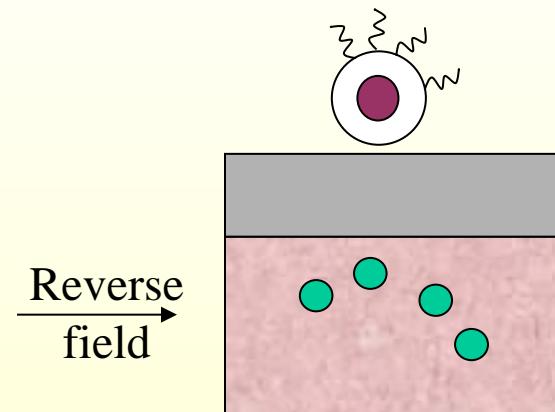
## DRUG DELIVERY



Driven  
with a  
magnet



Targeting of a drug immobilised on magnetic nanoparticles under the action of an external magnetic field.



- Specific
- High local concentration
- Problem

- > Reducing side effects
- > Reducing the dosage
- > Field strength

→ Human preliminary test

# Drug delivery

## Cytokine IFN- $\gamma$

Cancer immunotherapy : Activating immune response to removal primary tumor and prevent metastases.

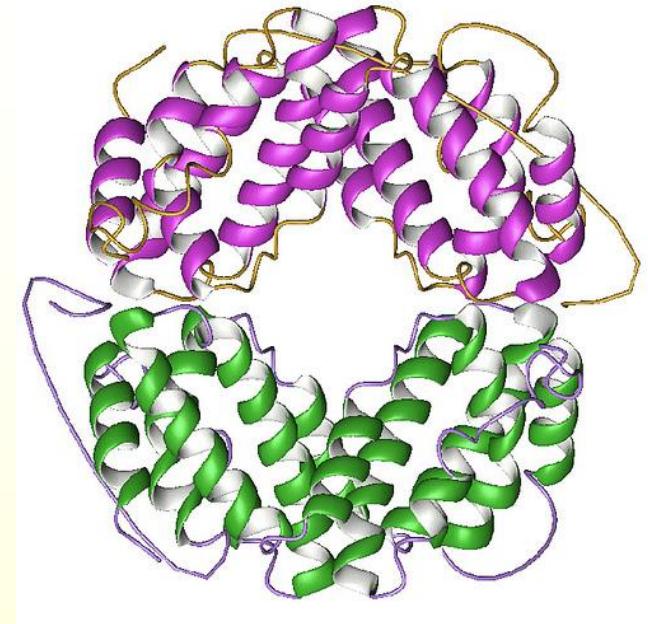
Cytokine: small protein produced by macrophages and T lymphocytes

Activity:

- Activate macrophages production
- Induce cancer cell apoptosis

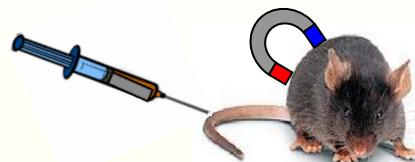
IFN- $\gamma$  the most effective cytokine in tumor elimination

Magnetic nanoparticles: Controlled local release of cytokines



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# Drug delivery



Inyección subcutánea de  
 $2,5 \times 10^6$  células Pan02

Días: -7

0

3

7

10

14



PBS (Control) + campo magnético externo

DMSA-NP (300 µg Fe) + campo magnético externo

IFN- $\gamma$  (10000 UI) + campo magnético externo

IFN- $\gamma$ -DMSA-NP (300 µg Fe + 10000 UI) + campo magnético externo

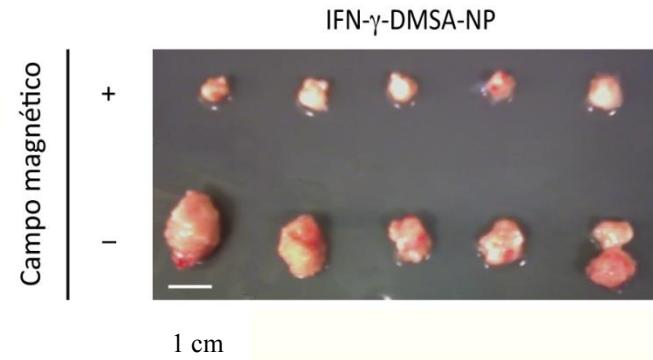
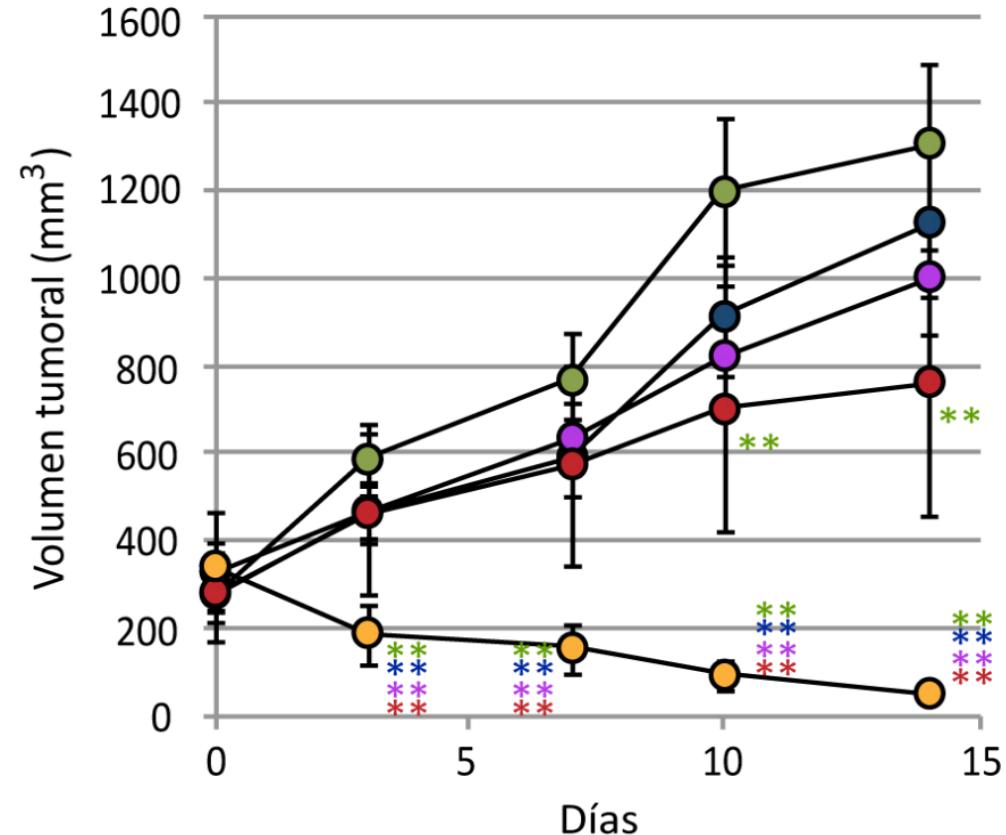
IFN- $\gamma$ -DMSA-NP (300 µg Fe + 10000 UI)

Eutanasia y extracción de tumores:  
Tamaño  
Presencia de nanopartículas  
Niveles de IFN- $\gamma$   
Inmunohistoquímica

(0,4 T; 1 h)

# Drug delivery

## Tumor size

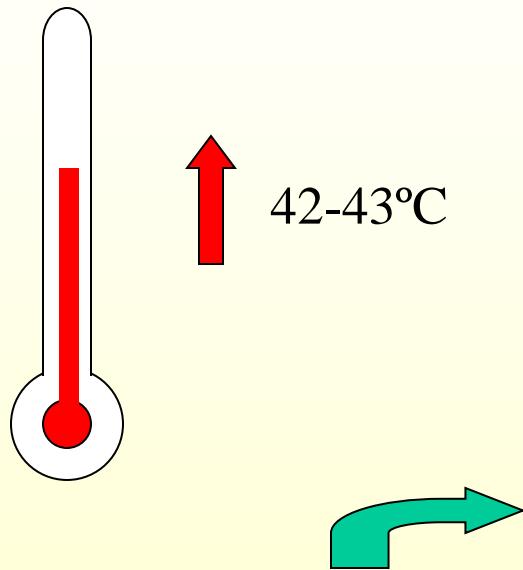


Also for induced tumours  
with 3-methylcholanthrene (MCA)

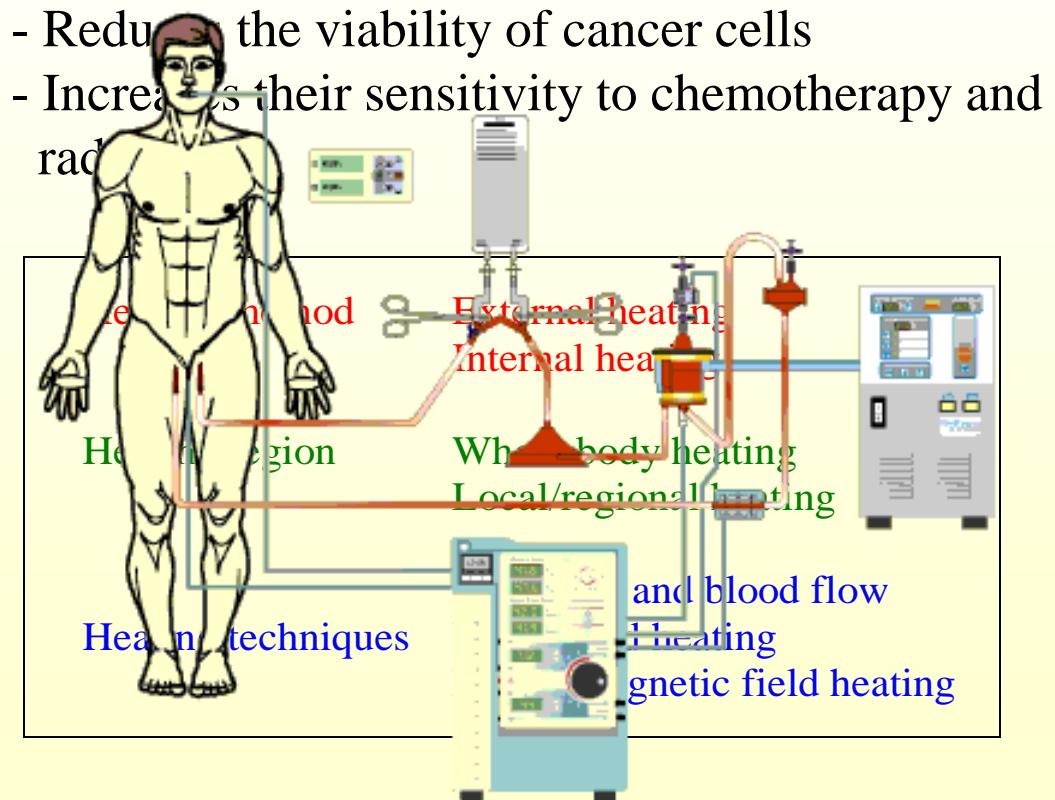
# Biomedical applications

## HYPERTHERMIA

Heating of a target tissue to the temperatures between 42-43 °C



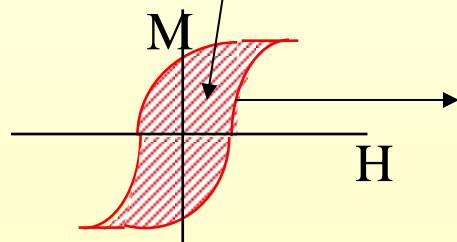
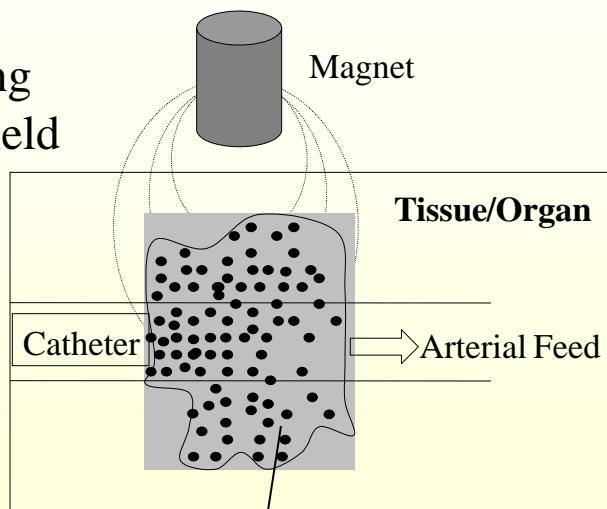
Conventional  
Hyperthermia



# Biomedical applications

## HYPERTHERMIA

Alternating  
magnetic field



$42^{\circ}\text{C} / 30 \text{ min} \rightarrow \text{Cancer is destroyed}$

Goya et al, Current Nanoscience 2008, 4, 1-16

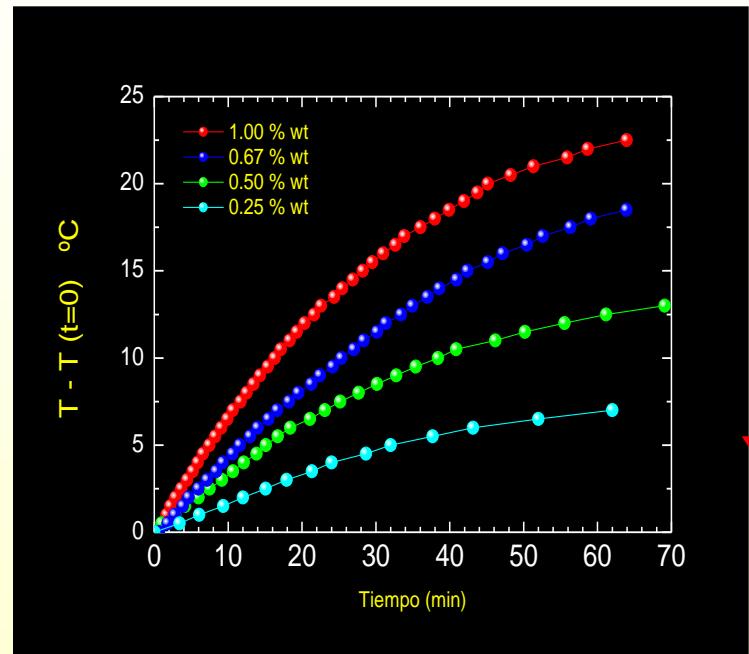
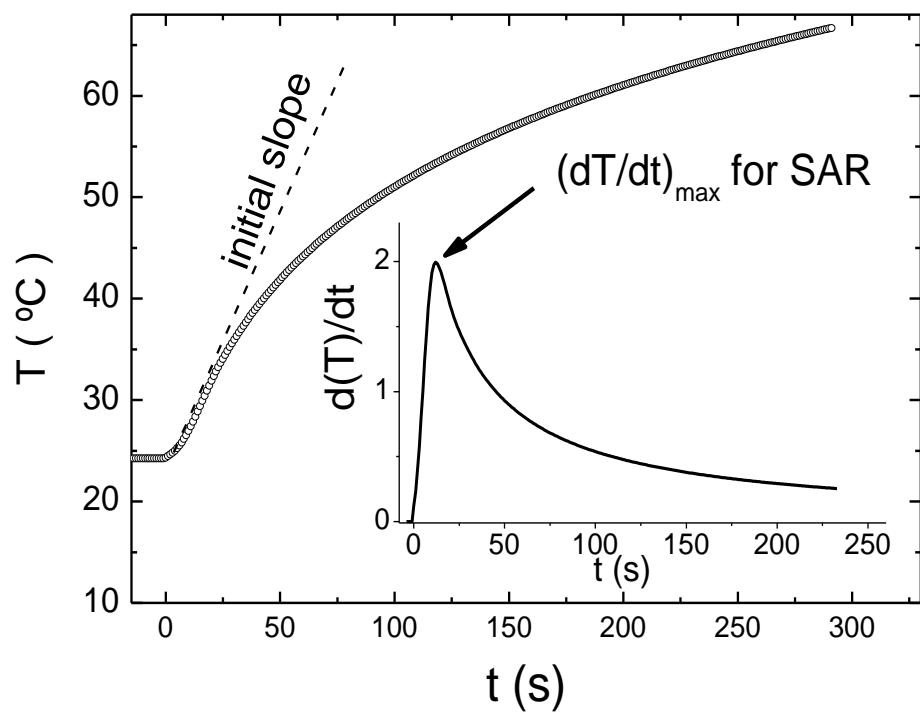
Nearly complete regression of tumors via collective behavior of magnetic nanoparticles in hyperthermia, C L Dennis et al., Nanotechnology 20 (2009)

### Advantages of using magnetic nanoparticles

- Avoid heating healthy tissues
- Combining other therapies  
Targeting radionuclides

# Hyperthermia

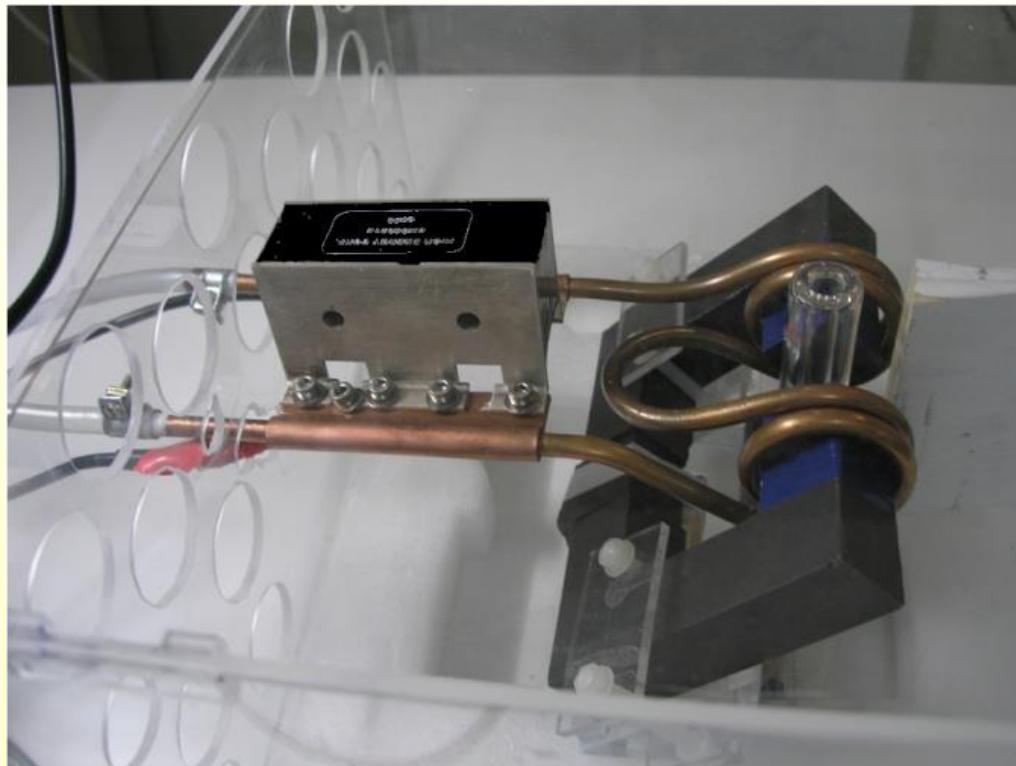
WHAT WE ACTUALLY MEASURE...



Magnetite nanoparticles 30 nm in diameter

# Hyperthermia

SAR = Specific Absorption Rate = Specific loss power  
= Power absorbed by unit mass of the magnetic material



$$\text{SAR} = C_m \phi (\Delta T / \Delta t)$$

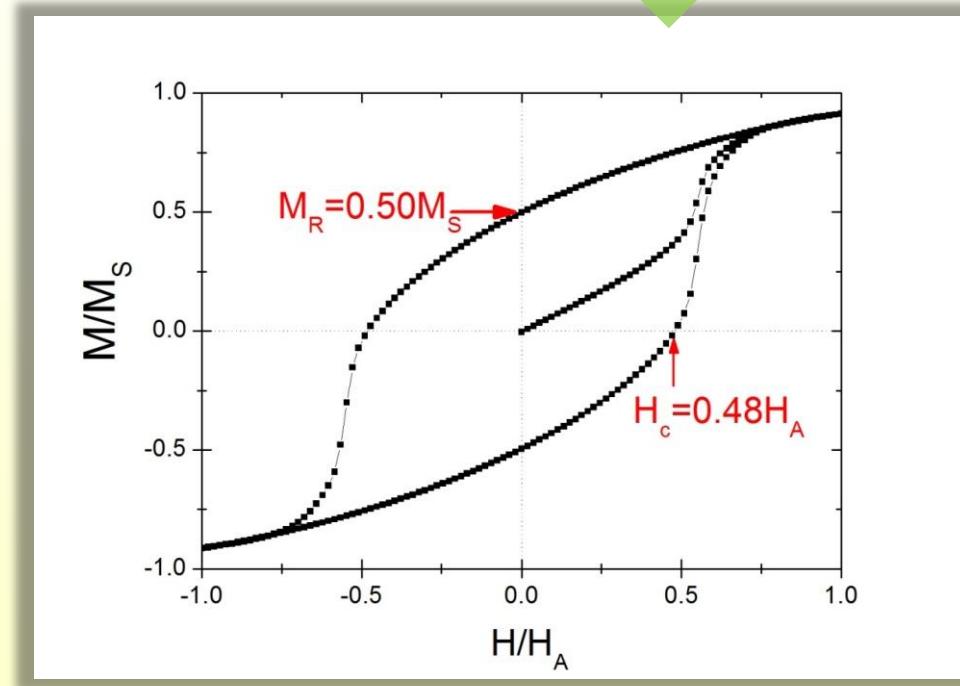
$C_m$ =specific heat capacity of the sample

$$\phi = m_{ff}/m_{ox}$$

Field Amplitude = 10kA/m  
Frequency = 249 kHz

# Hyperthermia

- Magnetic particles under an AC field will rise T
- Heat dissipated → area M(H) curve: Hysteresis Losses (HL)



Serantes et al.

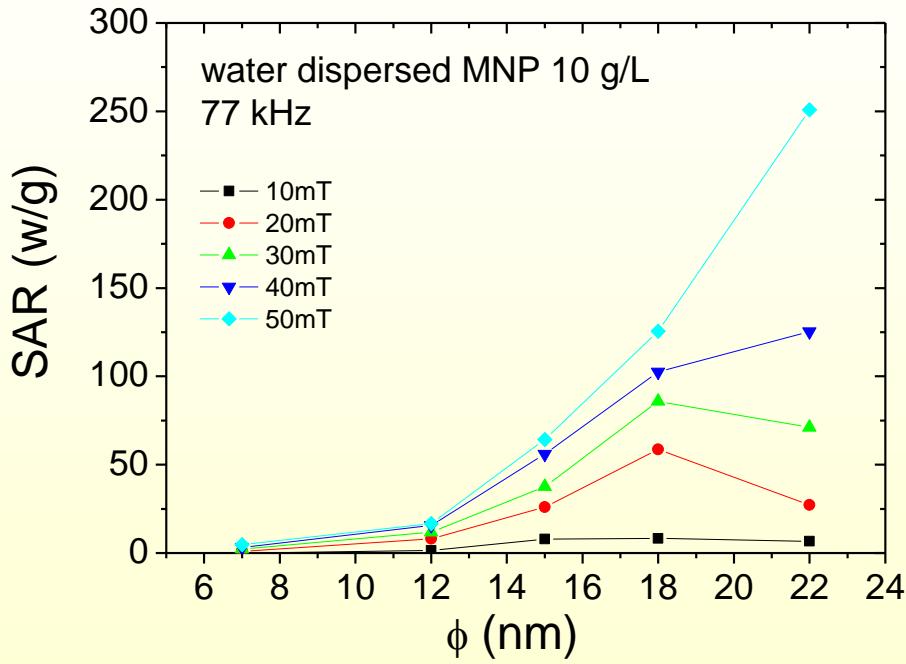


**Specific Absorption Rate (SAR)**

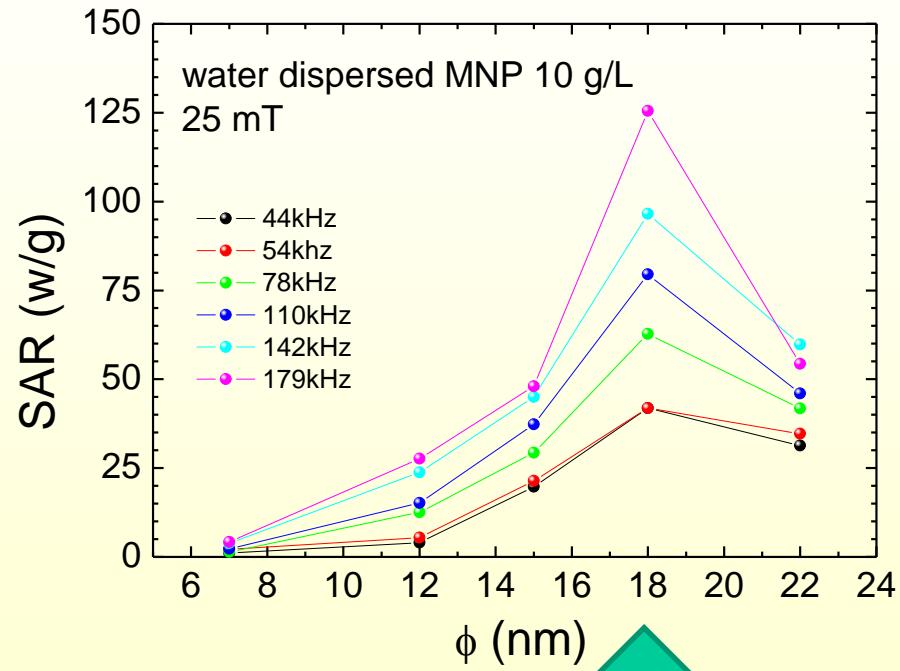
Heat can kill  
the tumour!

# EFFECT OF THE PARTICLE SIZE

## Heating efficiency



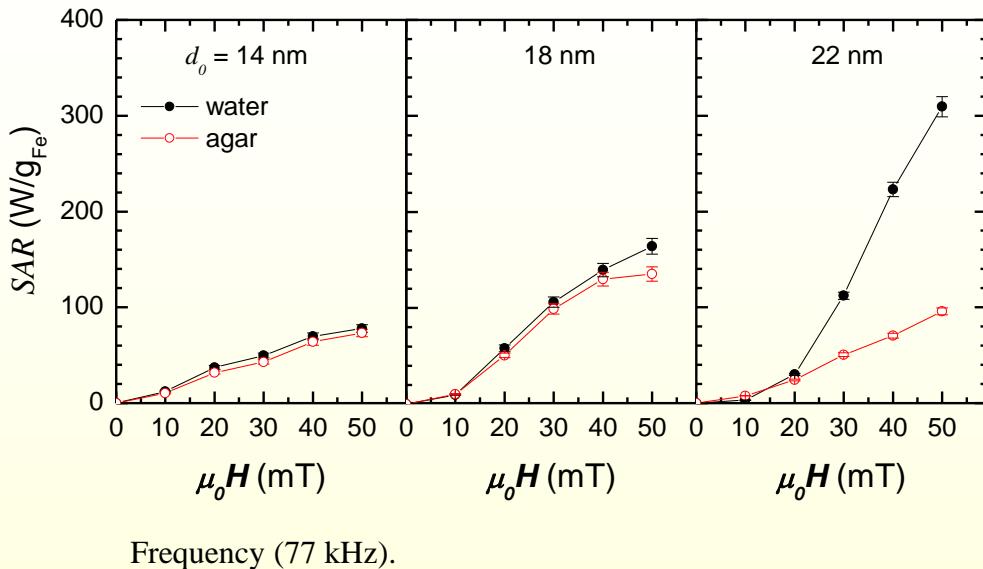
## *Specific Absorption Rate (SAR)*



100 W/g, 250 Oe, 100 kHz

# EFFECT OF THE MEDIA VISCOSITY

## VISCOSITY

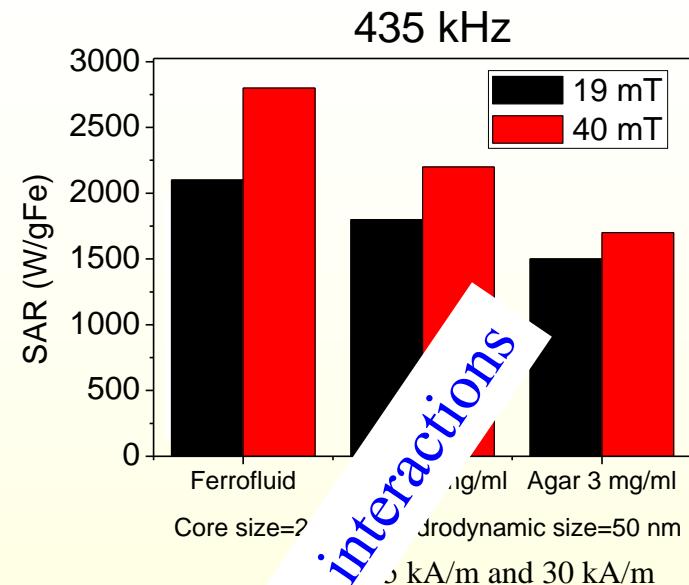


Physical rotation for sizes over 18 nm

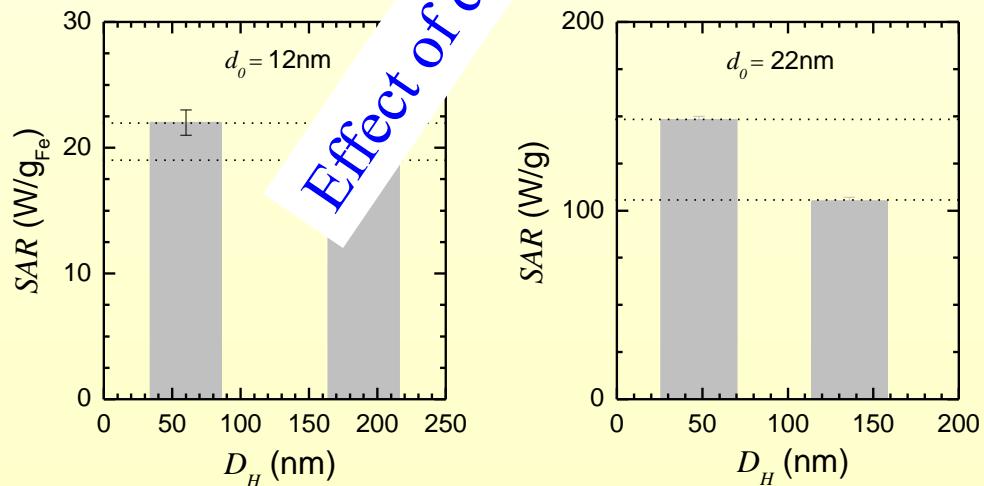
IMDEA Nanoscience (Madrid), INSA (Toulouse) and UHJ (Jena)



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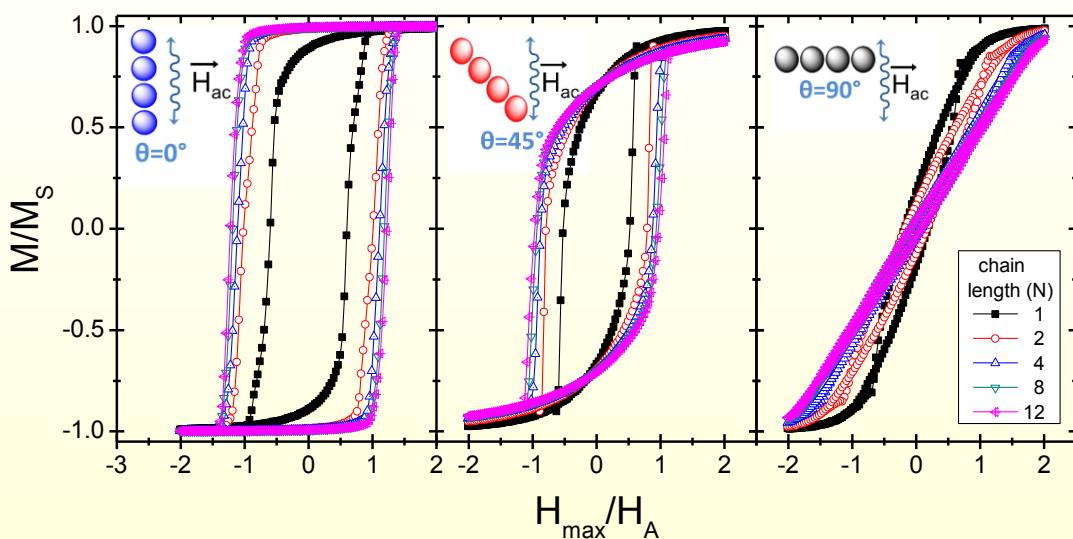
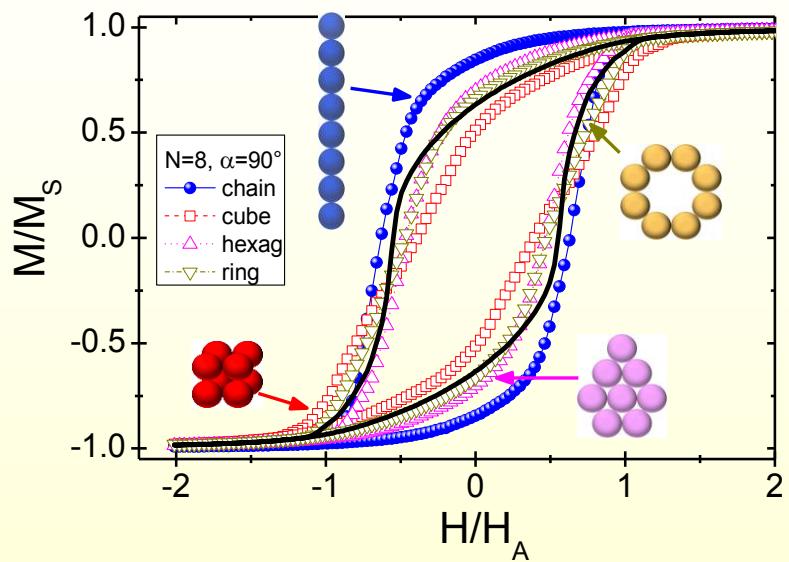
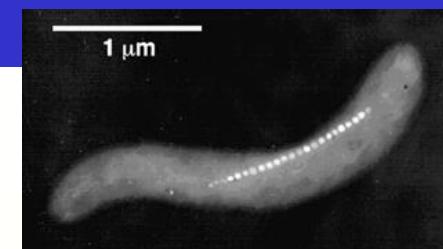


## SEGATION



# NANOPARTICLE ASSEMBLING

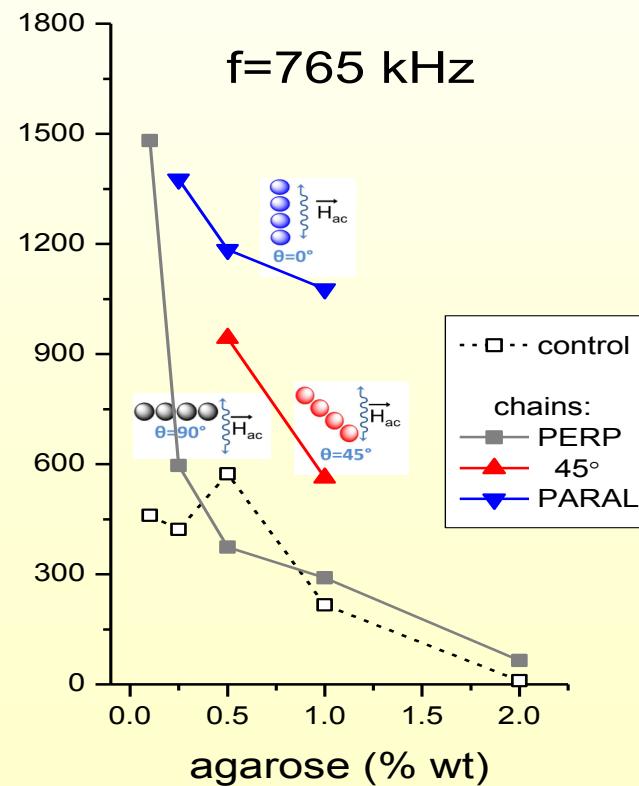
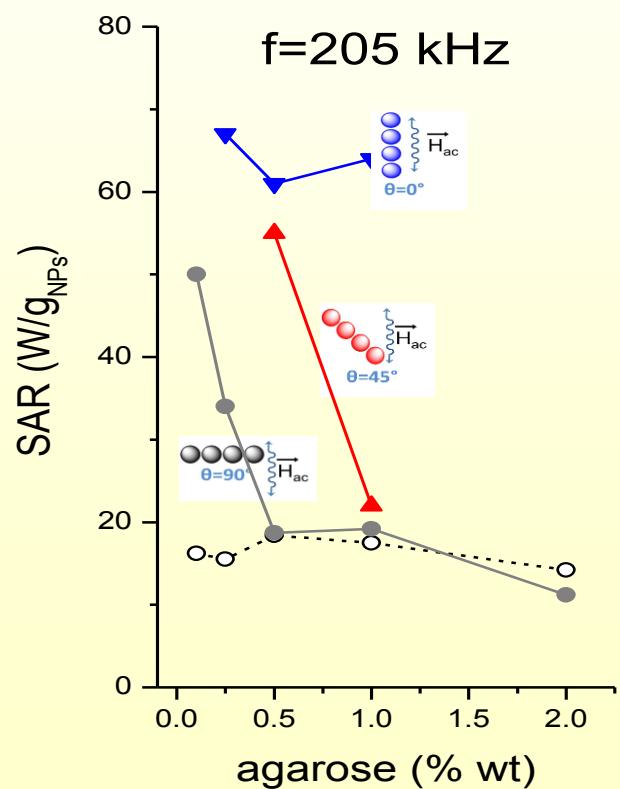
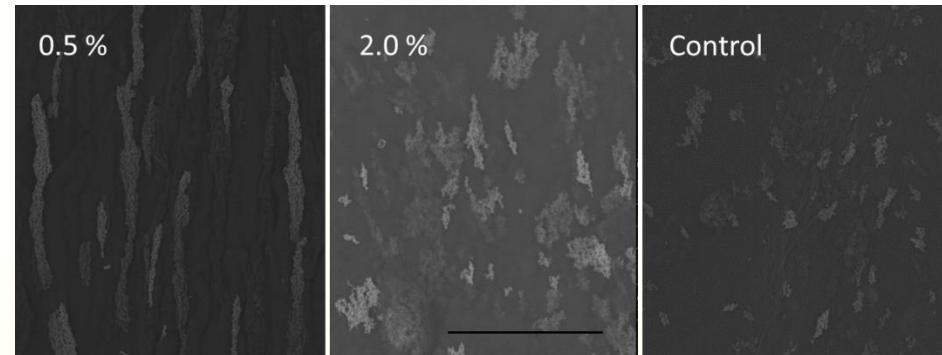
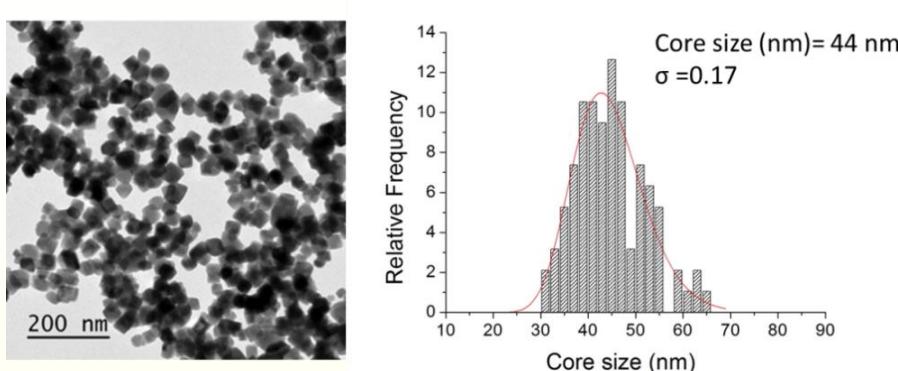
David Serantes, I. Conde-Leborán, D. Baldomir, K. Simeonidis, M. Angelakeris, Ò. Iglesias, O. Chubykalo-Fesenko and C. Martínez-Boubeta



- The highest area  $M(H)$  curve is attained for chain-like shape
- What happens in real situations, with variable viscosity conditions?

- Dependence of area  $M(H)$  curve on chain length and orientation

# NANOPARTICLE ASSEMBLING

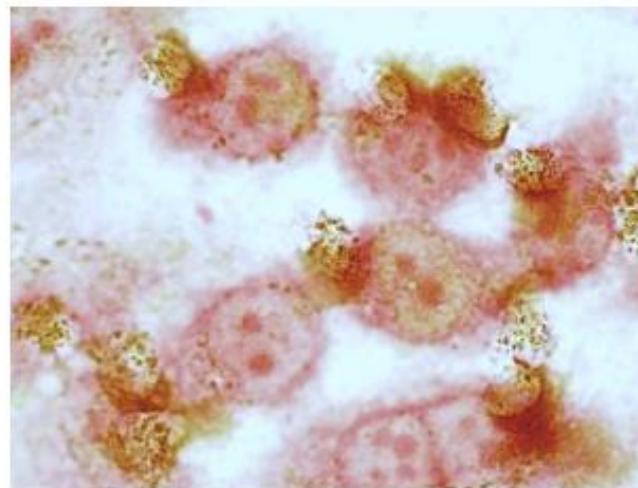
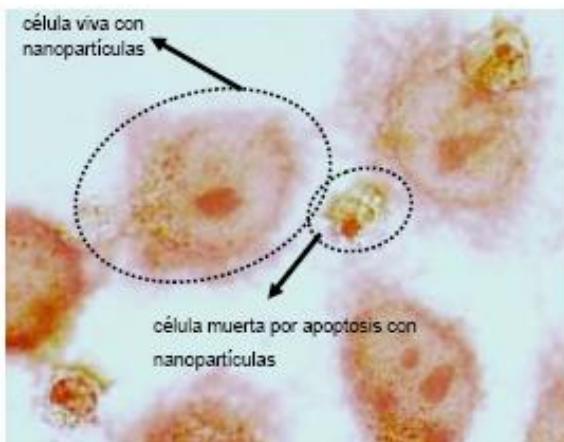


✓ chaining allows to reduce the dosage of NPs for hyperthermia treatment.

# Hyperthermia: Aminodextran coated particles

UAM-IMA

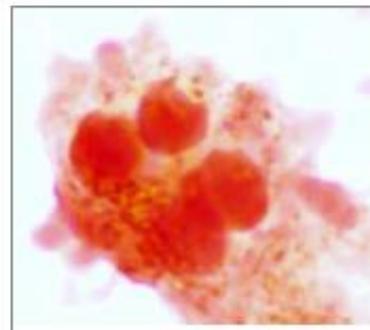
Nanopartículas ferromagnéticas recubiertas de dextrano aminado (cargadas positivamente) DX 0.5 mg/mL 3h de incubación + campo magnético 100 kHz 150 Gauss durante 30 min. Las células se mantuvieron en el incubador y se procesaron 24h después del tratamiento. Tinción con rojo neutro y Hoechst.



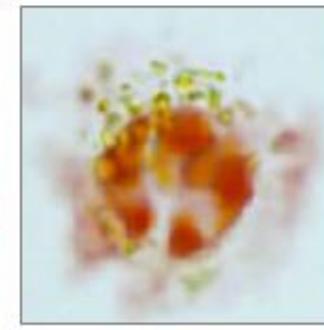
### Resultados:

Un % significativo de las células han muerto por apoptosis y se observa: disminución del tamaño celular, redondeamiento y el núcleo condensado y fragmentado.

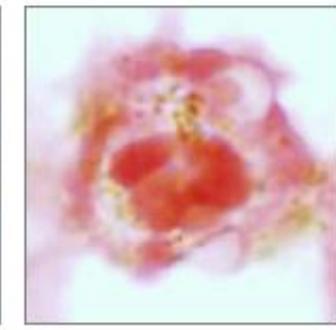
Las células contienen en su interior nanopartículas (color amarillo-marrón)



Apoptosis



Apoptosis



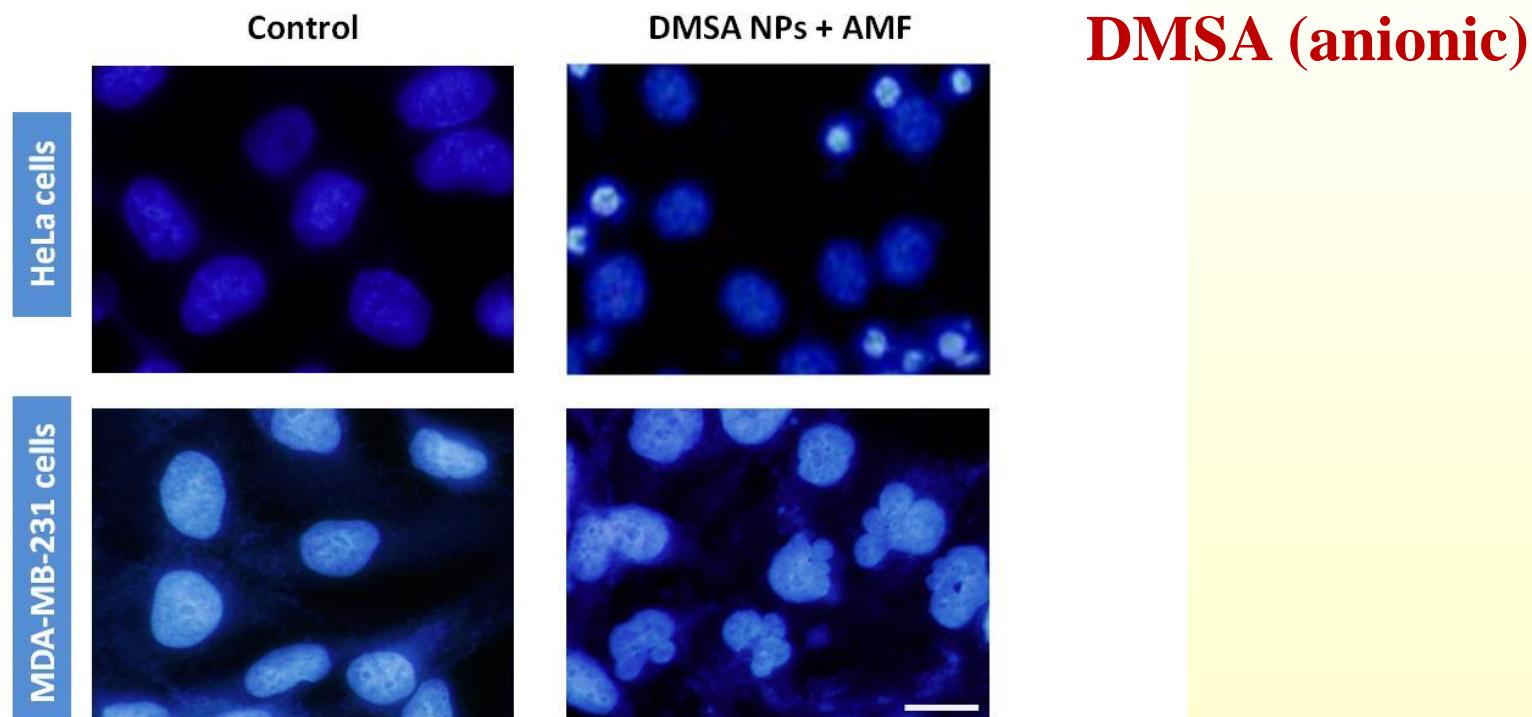
Apoptosis

# Hyperthermia: DMSA coated particles

UAM-IMDEA

HeLa and MDA-MB-231 cells (stained with Hoechst 33258) were incubated with DMSA coated NPs, and exposed to an AC magnetic field (AMF).

24 h after the treatment apoptotic cells (HeLa) and giant and multinucleated cells (MDA-MB-231) were observed.



AMF conditions: 161 kHz, 210 G, 15 min exposure (HeLa cells),  
225 kHz , 150 G , 45 minutes exposure (MDA-MB-231 cells).

# Hyperthermia

**Table 3. Summary of nanoparticle features favoring MRI and/or magnetic hyperthermia applications.**

MRI (contrast)	Nanoparticle feature	Magnetic hyperthermia (heating)
+	High magnetization (size and surface coating)	+
+	SPIO	-
+	USPIO	-
+/-	Large size (core diameter >10 nm)	+
+	Sequestration by MPS	-
-	Long plasma half-life (targeting)	+
+	Short plasma half-life (targeting)	-

+: Favoring feature/parameter; -: Disfavoring feature/parameter; MPS: Monocyte phagocytose system; SPIO: Superparamagnetic iron oxide; USPIO: Ultrasmall superparamagnetic iron oxide.

Ingrid Hilger et al., Nanomedicine 2012

<http://www.magforce.de/en>

[http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BZLmD3SOR\\_Y](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BZLmD3SOR_Y)

<http://www.clinicaltrials.gov/ct2/show/study/NCT00003052>

<http://www.mhaus.org/>

# Preparation and Biomedical Applications of Magnetic Nanoparticles

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## Summary

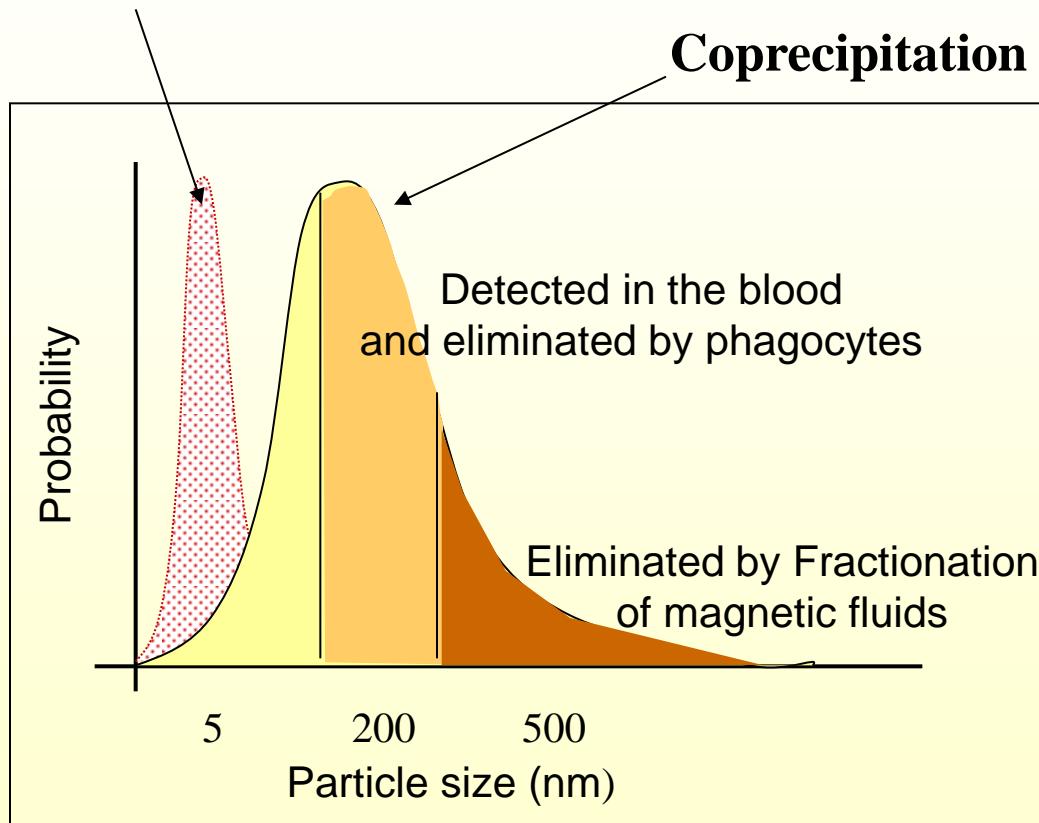
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  - 2- Requirements for biomedical applications
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  - 4- Biomedical applications
    - in vitro
    - in vivo
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- 5- Synthesis routes
  - in solution
  - aerosol

- 6-Example

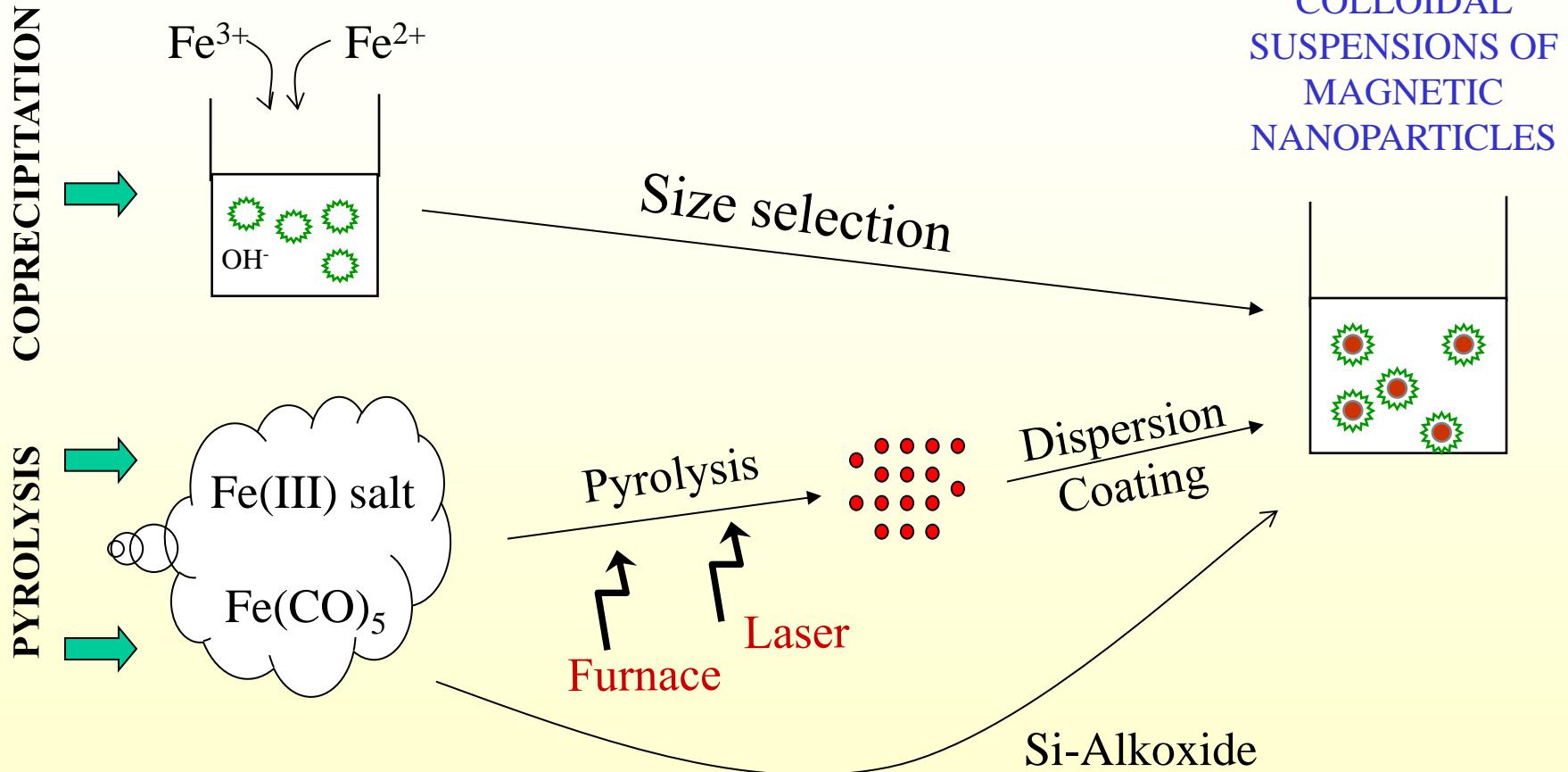
# Synthesis of magnetic nanoparticles

## UNIFORM NANOPARTICLES

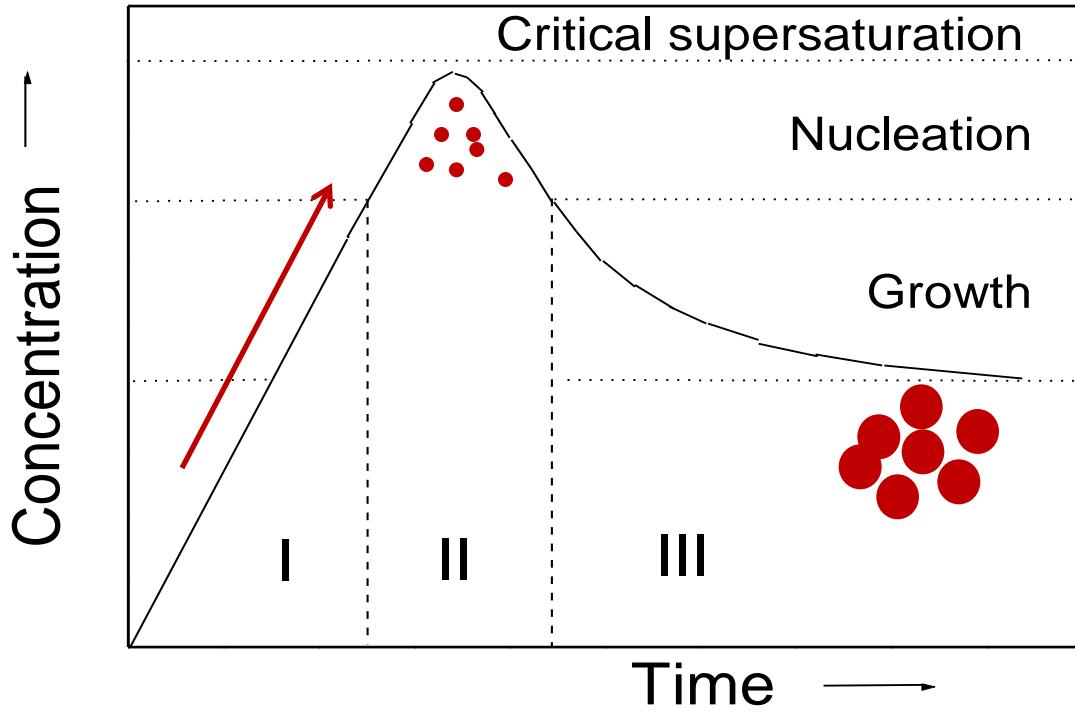


In the case of contrast agents prepared by coprecipitation, upon application, only a small number of particles contribute to the desired magnetic effect.

# Synthesis of magnetic nanoparticles



# Synthesis of magnetic nanoparticles



Modelo Clásico  
LaMer and Dinegar

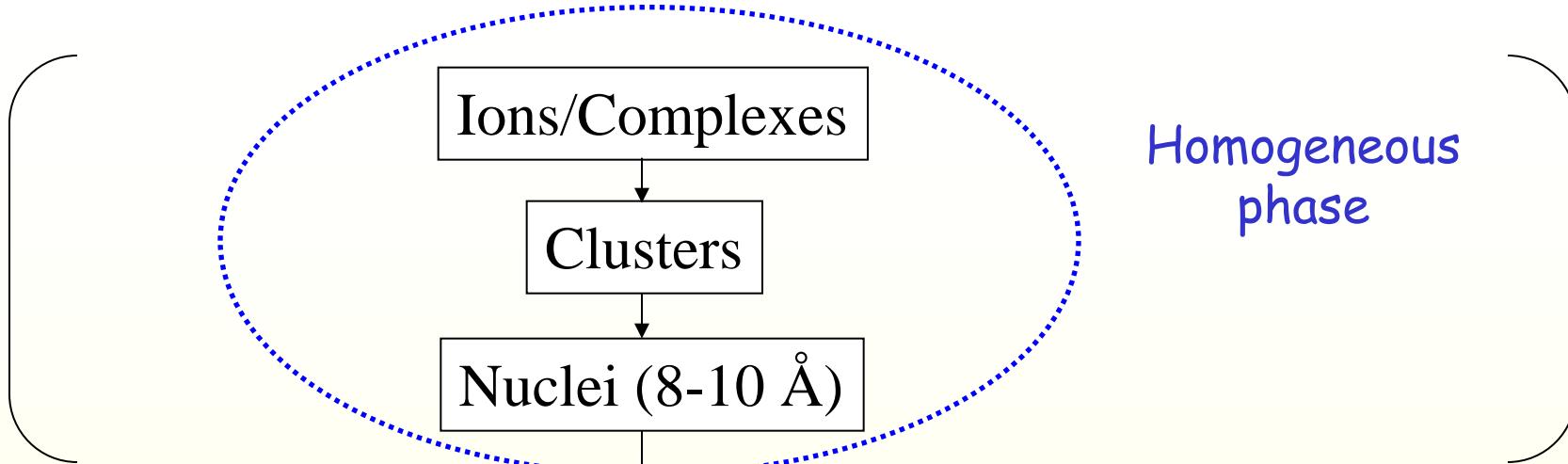
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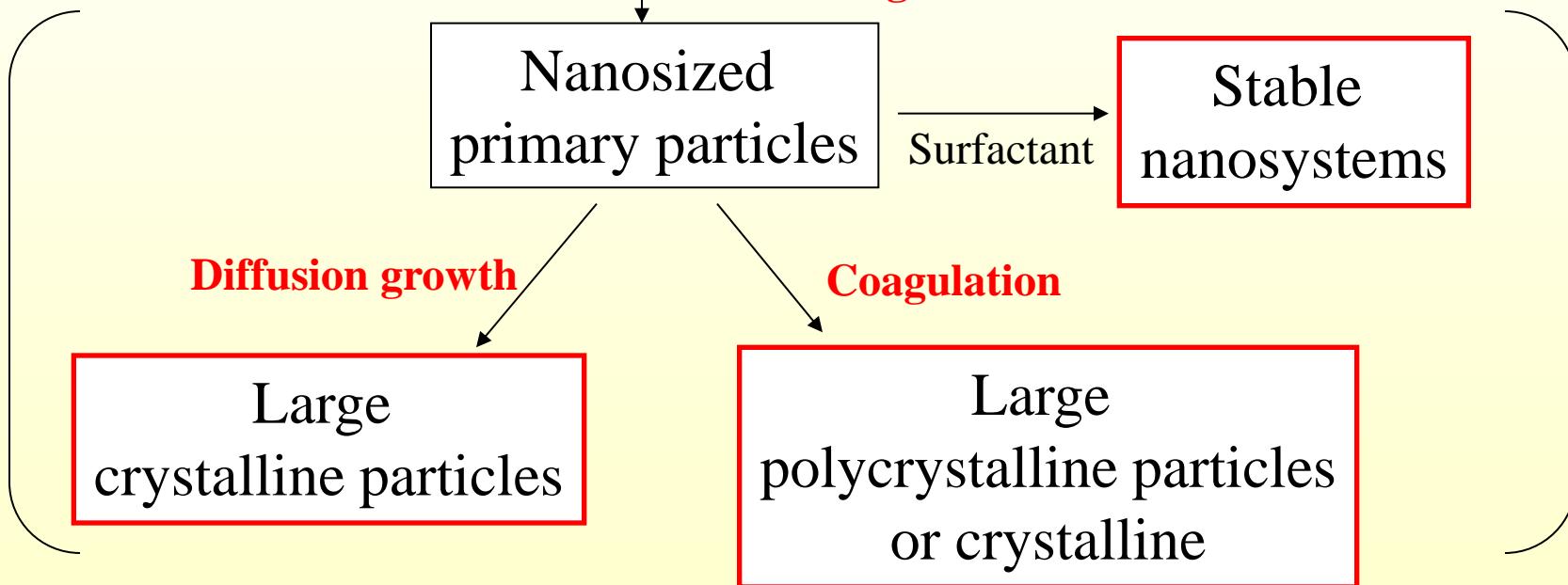


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# Synthesis of magnetic nanoparticles

**TABLE 2.1** Summary Comparison of the Synthetic Methods.

Synthesis Method	Reaction Time	Solvent	Surface-Capping Agent	Sizes	Size Distribution	Shape Control	Yield
Coprecipitation	Minutes	Water	No	2–15	Broad	Not good	Medium
Thermal decomposition	Hours–days	Organic compound	Yes	4–30	Very narrow	Very good	Medium
Polyol process	Hours	Polyglycol	Yes	5–150	Narrow–broad	Good	Medium
Microemulsion	Hours	Organic compound	Yes	5–50	Narrow	Good	Low
Spray pyrolysis	Seconds	Water and volatile solvents	No	2–10	Broad	Not good	High
Laser pyrolysis	Milliseconds	Gases	No	2–10	Very narrow	Good	High

Synthesis and Characterization of Nanoparticles: Synthesis of Inorganic Nanoparticles,

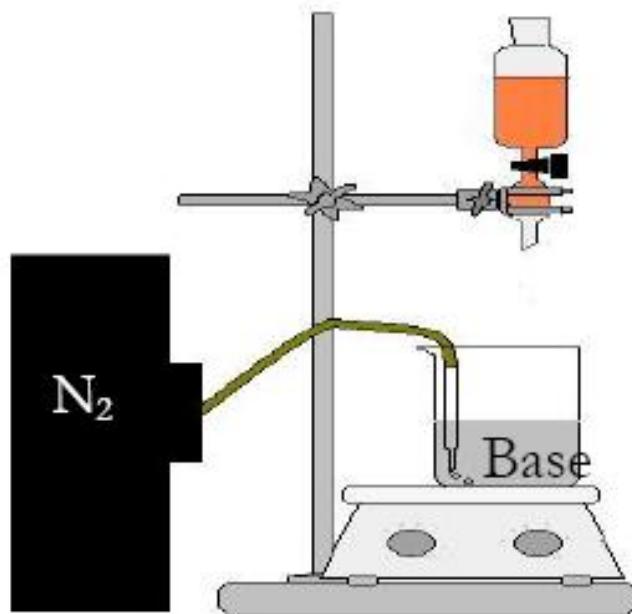
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# Synthesis by precipitation in water

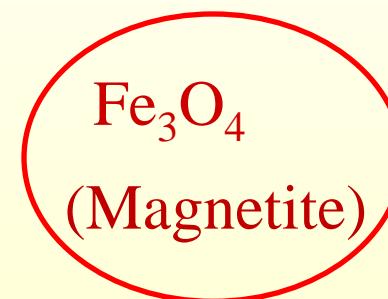
Método convencional

## Sal de Fe(II) y Fe(III)

$$\text{Fe}^{2+}/\text{Fe}^{3+} = 0.5$$

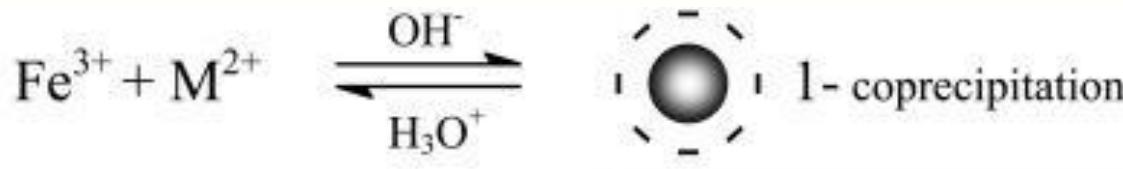


- Concentration
- Temperature
- Atmosphere
- Stirring



# Synthesis by precipitation in water

## Coprecipitation



- Salt concentration
- Nature of M ( Na, K, NH<sub>4</sub> )
- Temperature



Ferrofluid (pH = 2;  $I = 10^{-2}$  mol/L)

R. Massart, IEEE Trans. Magn. Magn., 17, (1981) 131 and  
J.Chem.Phys. 84, 967 (1987)

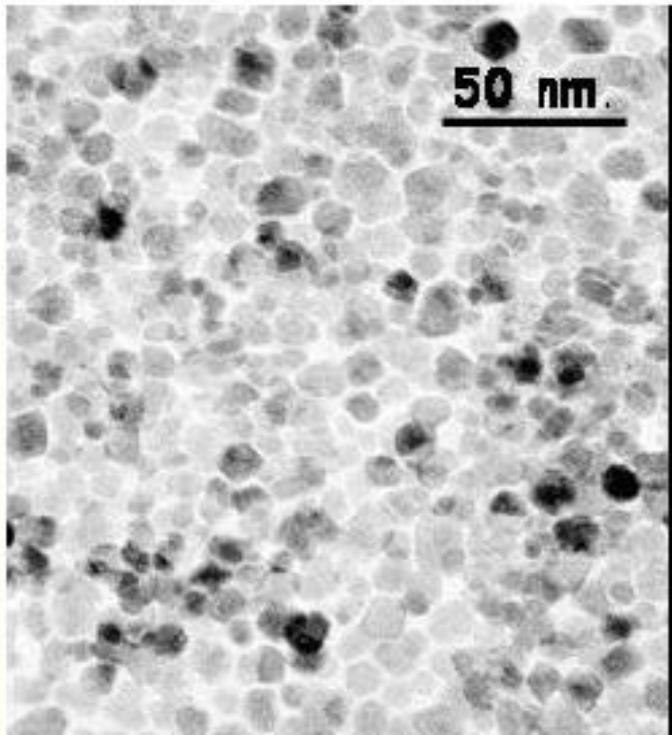
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# Synthesis by precipitation in water

## Coprecipitation



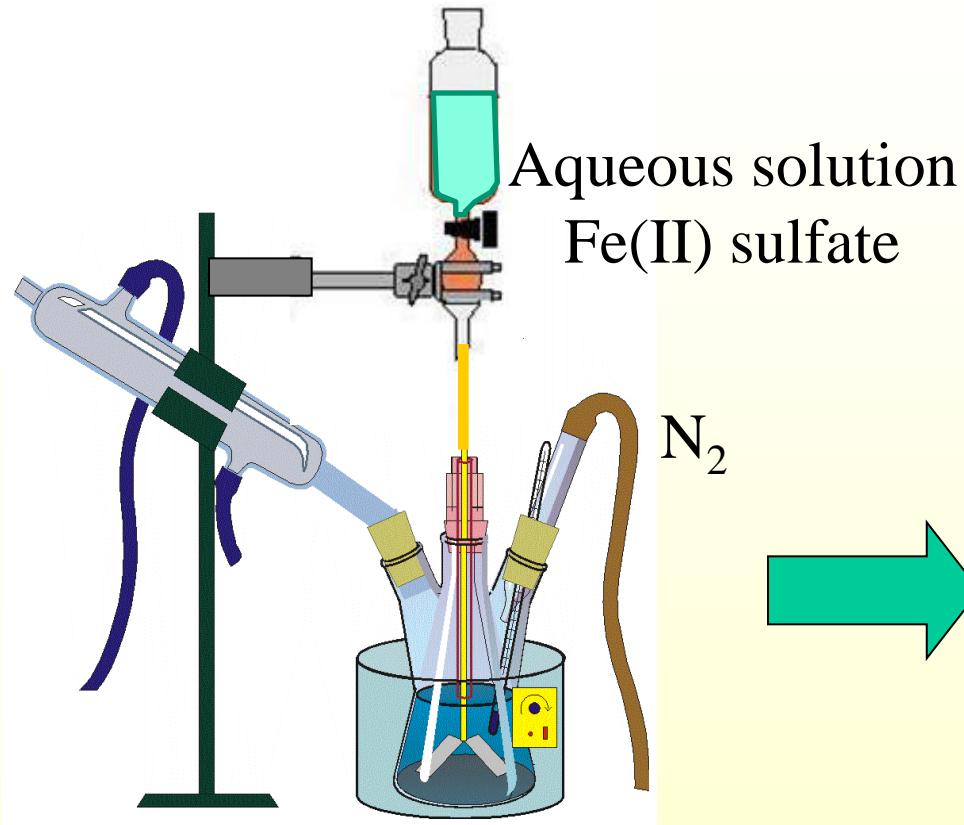
$\text{Fe}_3\text{O}_4$  Nanoparticles with sizes  
between 2-12 nm

KOH	C1
Size XRD (nm)	8.4
Size TEM (nm)	$9 \pm 3.9$
$M_{50\text{kOe}}$ (emu/g sample)	45
$\chi$ (emu/g sample · kOe)	52
Hex 5 K (Oe)	0
% C	0
% weight loss (TG)	3.5

J. P. Jolivet, in Metal Oxide Chemistry and Synthesis: From Solutions to Solid State, Wiley, New York, 2000.

# Synthesis by precipitation in water

Sal de Fe(II)

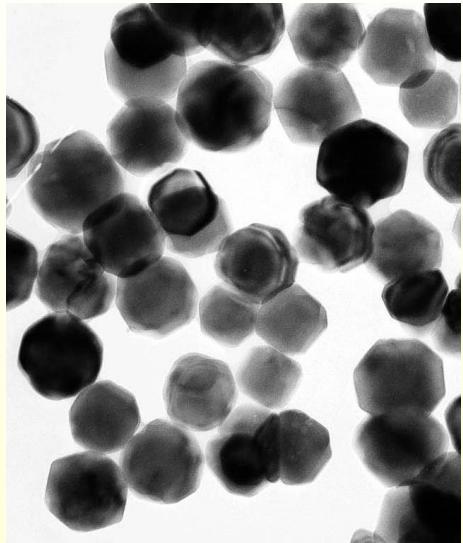


Undisturbed system

# Synthesis by precipitation in water

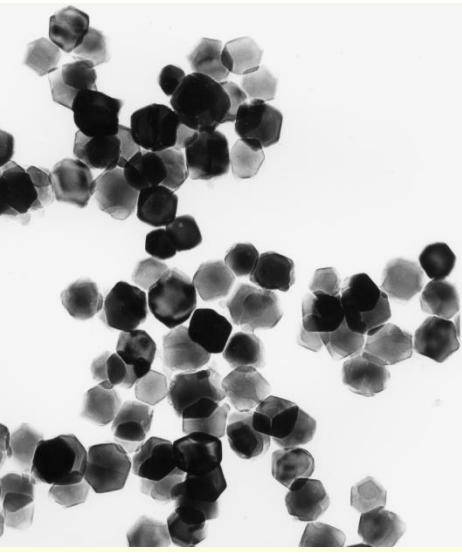
## Oxidation control

150 nm

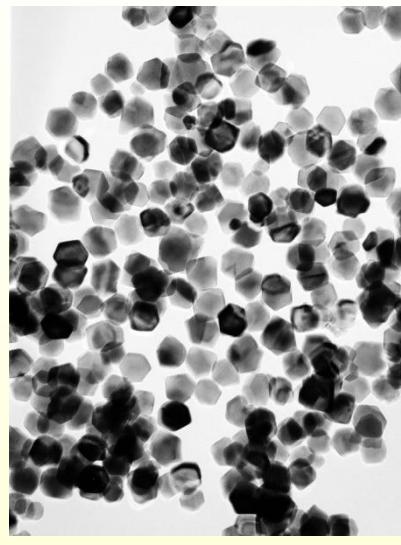


200 nm  
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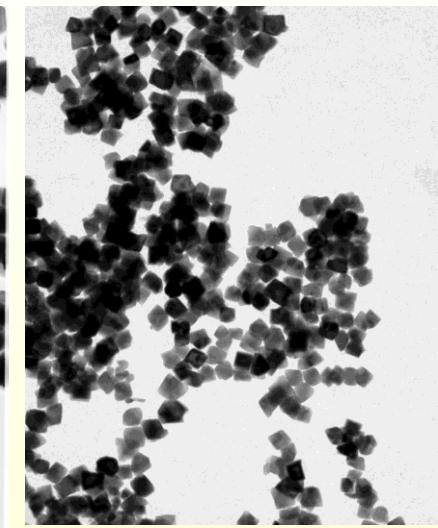
95 nm



70 nm



30 nm



[Fe(II)] concentration decreases

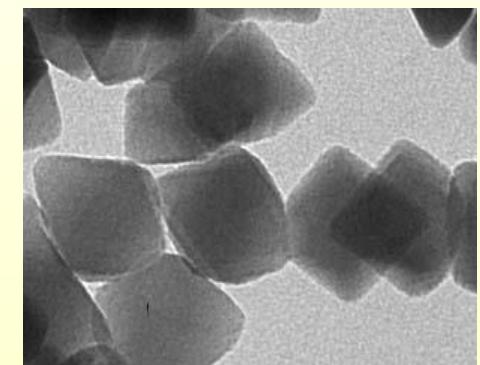
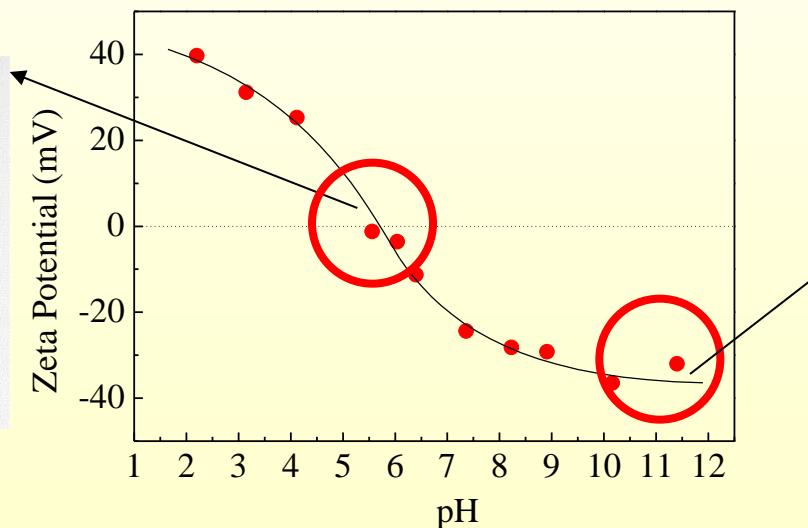
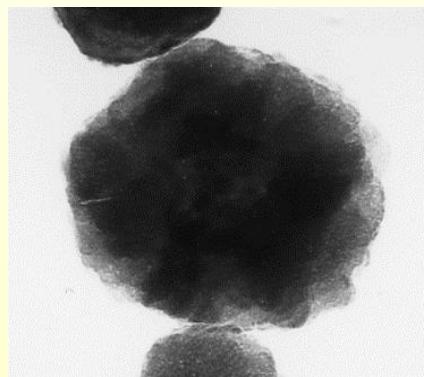
[OH]<sub>exc</sub> increases from 0.0002 M to 0.02 M

Particle size decreases from 300 nm to 30 nm

# Synthesis by precipitation in water

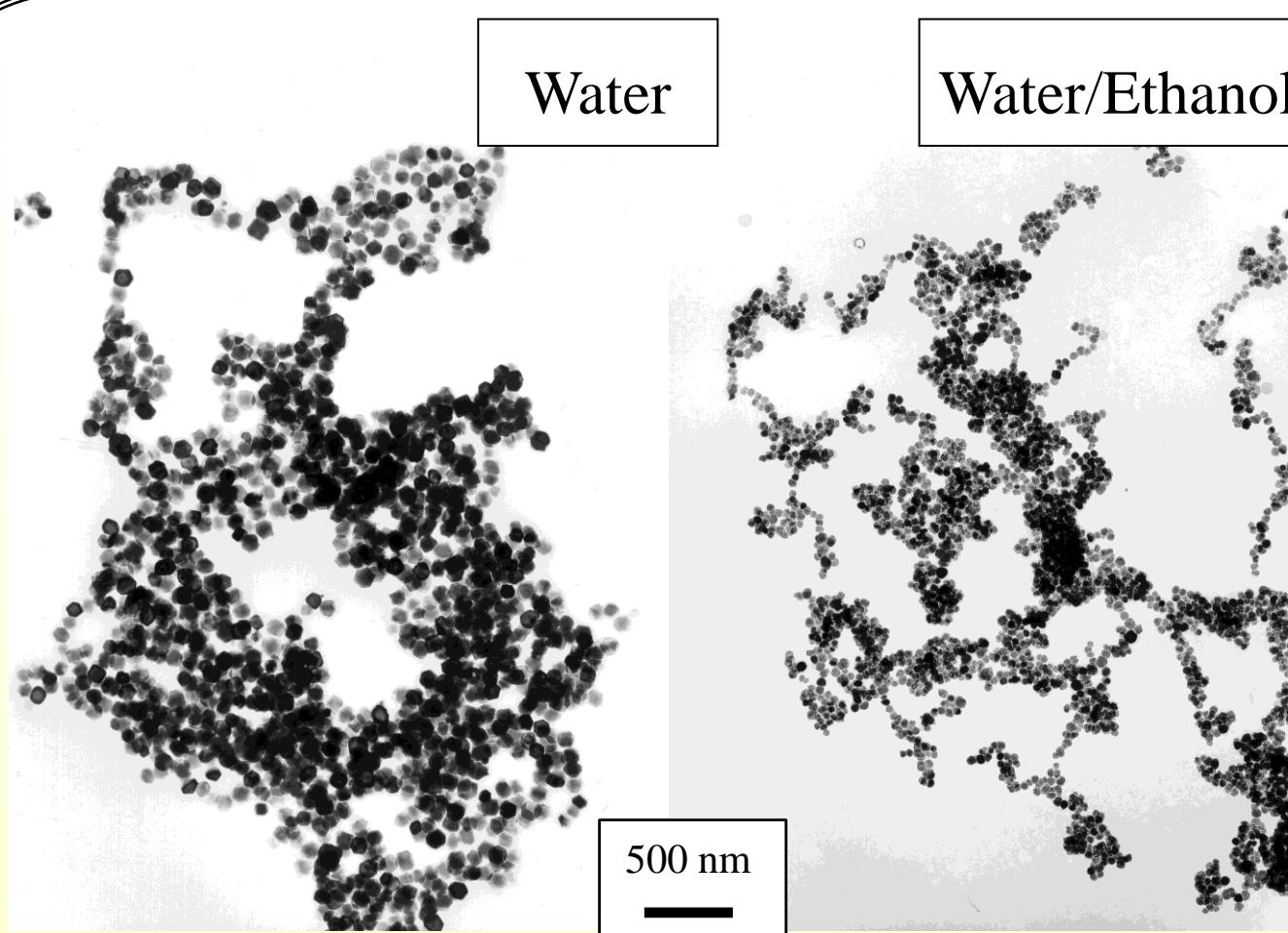
## PARTICLE SHAPE

- At pH 6, electrostatic repulsion between the primary particles is small and coagulation of the very small primary particles would be expected to take place
- However, in excess of OH<sup>-</sup>, particles are of cubic morphology with a well-defined habit, which suggests a direct crystal growth mechanism.



## SURFACE CHARGE FOR MAGNETITE

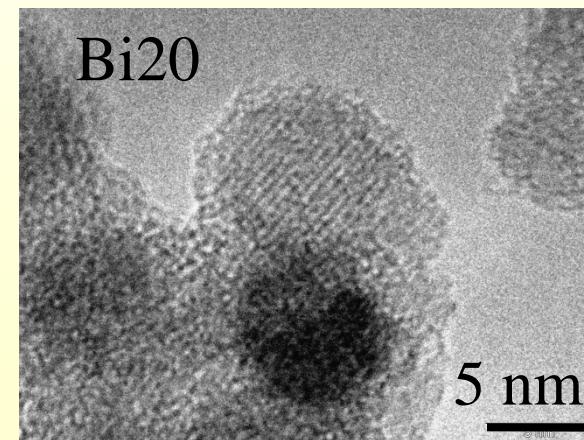
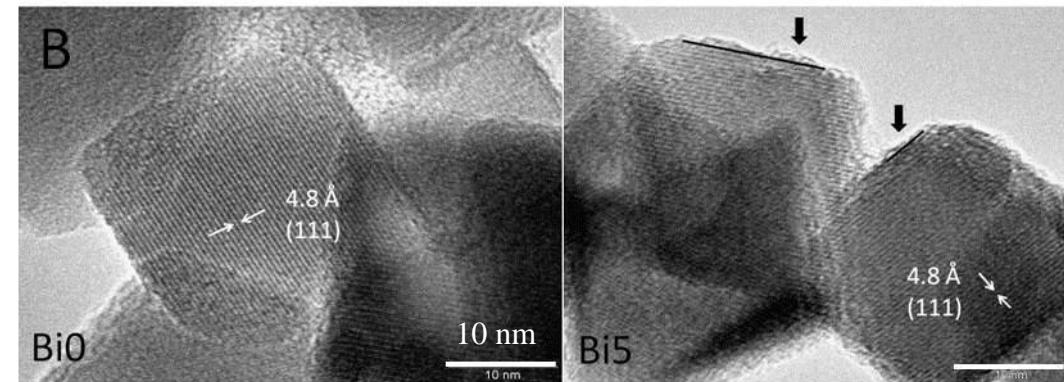
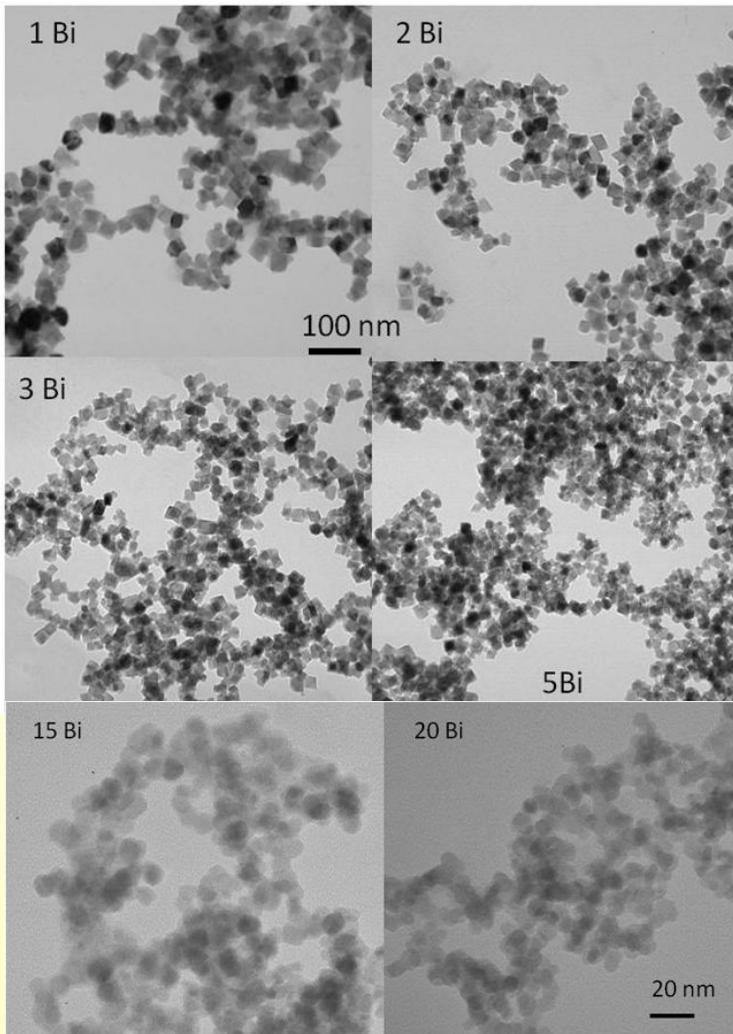
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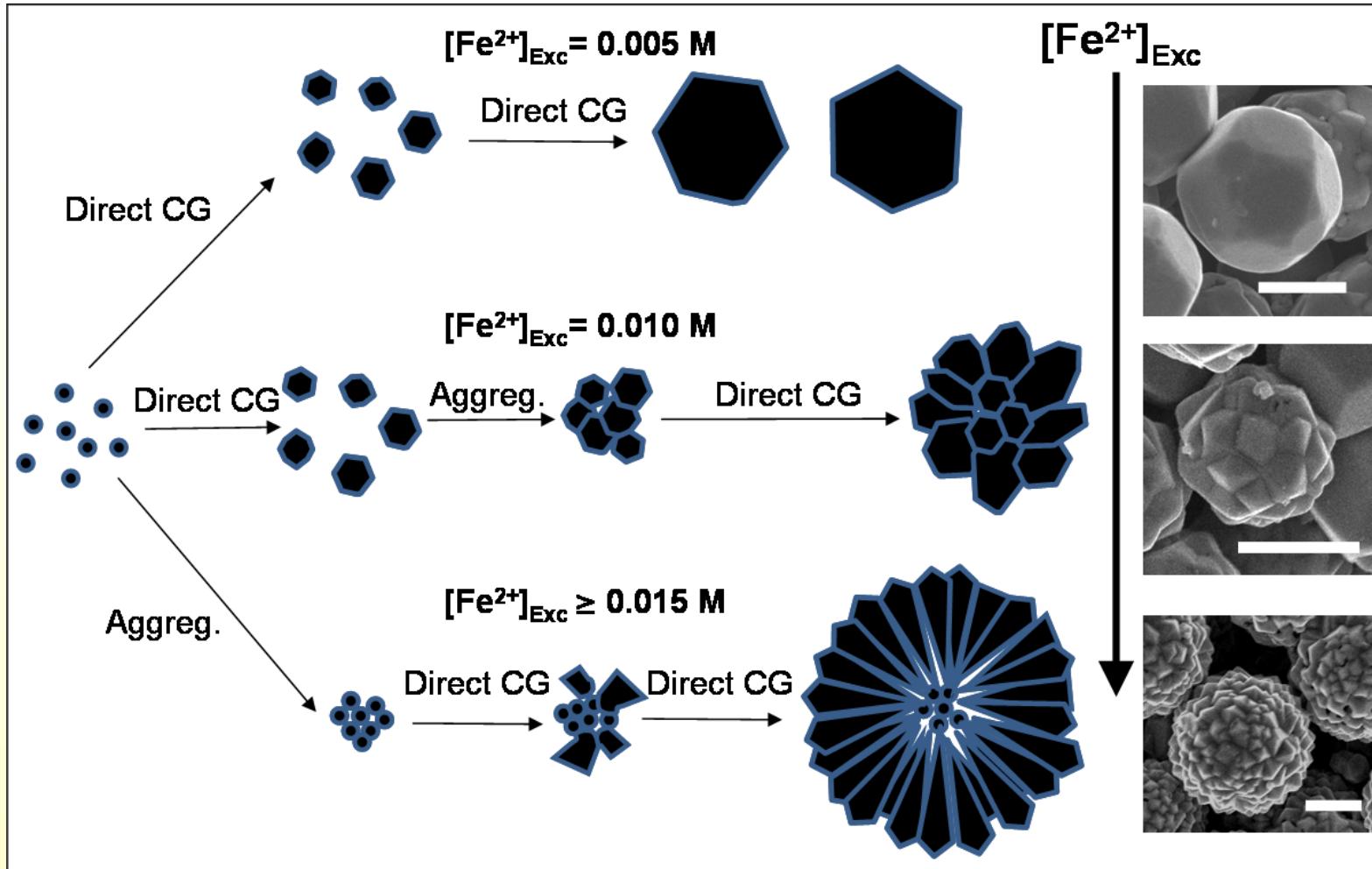
Introduction of ethanol in the media lead to a important reduction in particle size

# Hyperthermia + Dual imaging agent (NMR + CT)

Core/Shell Magnetite/Bismuth Oxide Nanocrystals with Tunable Size, Colloidal, and Magnetic Properties

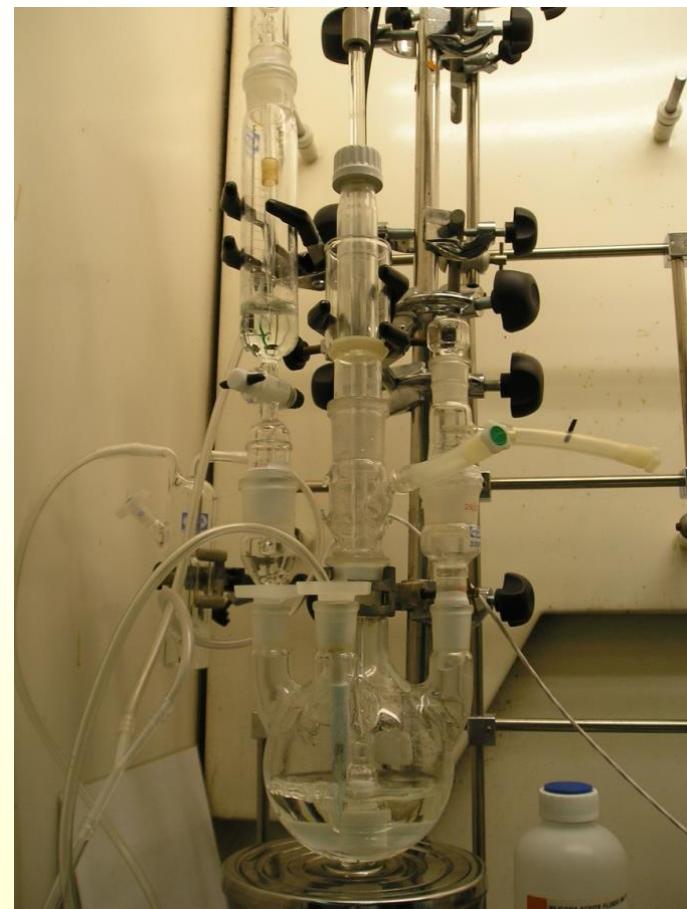
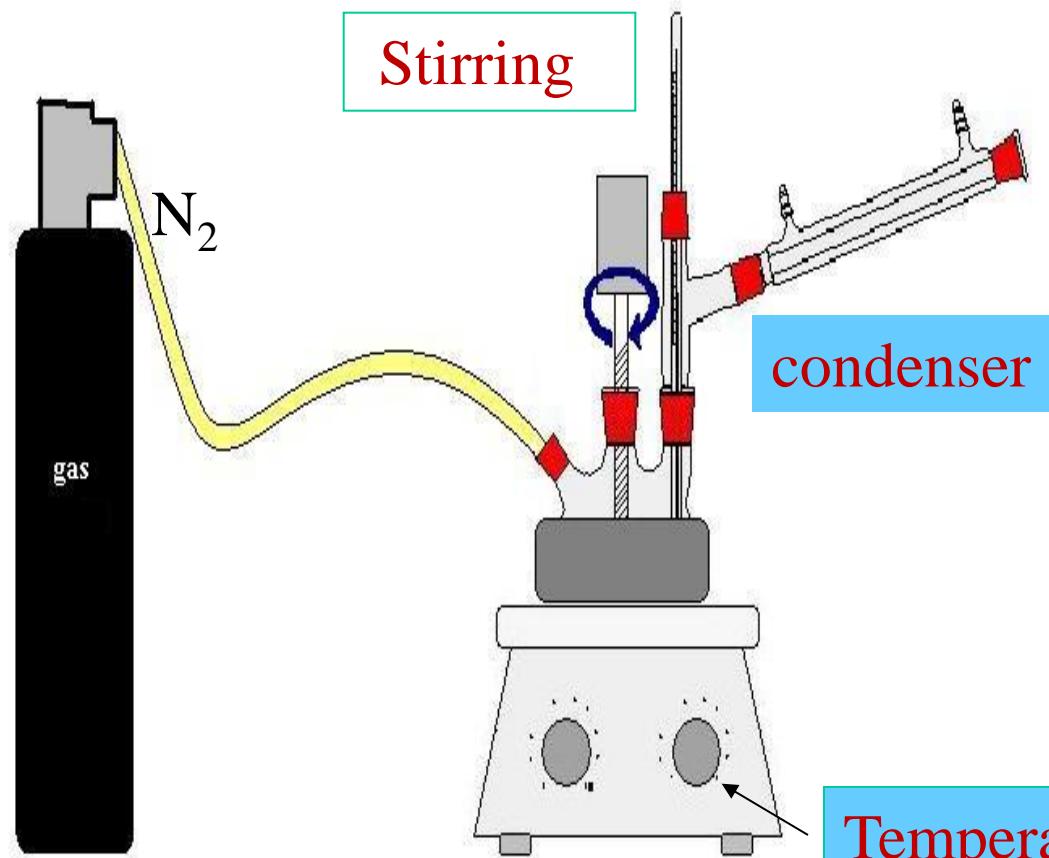


# Synthesis by precipitation in water



Rodríguez-González, B.; Vereda, F.; de Vicente, J.; Hidalgo-Álvarez, R. *J. Phys. Chem. C* **2013**, *117*, 5367

# High temperature decomposition of organic precursors



Temperature control (200-400°C)

Atmosphere control

# High temperature decomposition of organic precursors

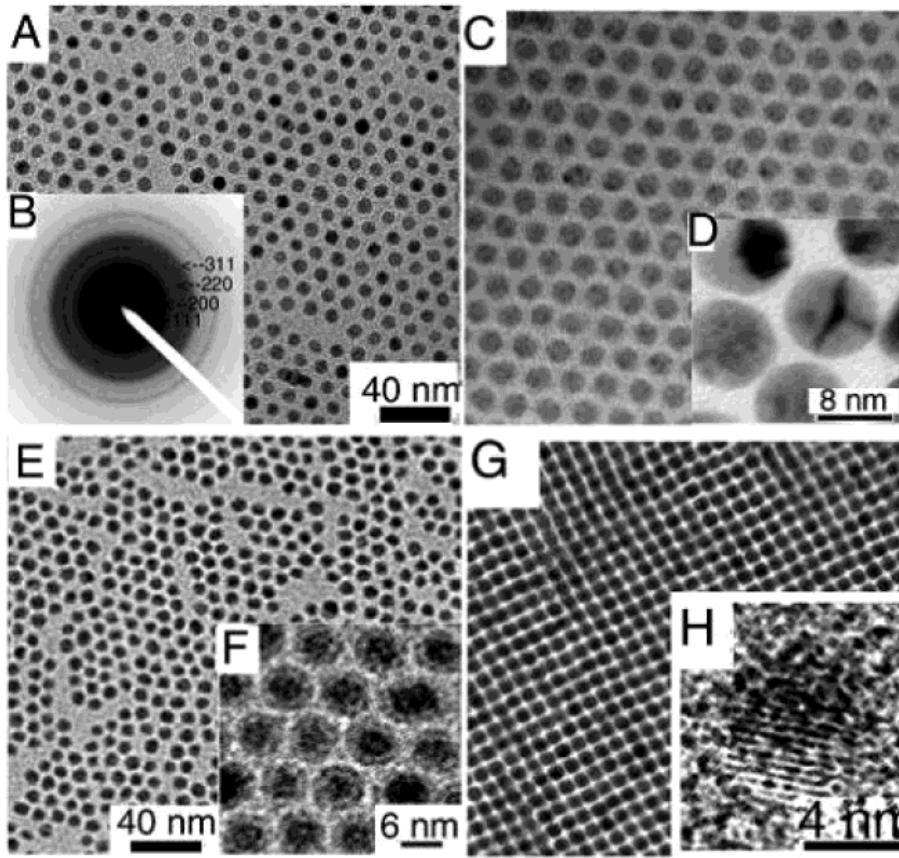
Composition	Crystal structure	Diameter [nm]	Capping agent [a]
Fe	bcc	3.0–9.3	OA, LA, HAc, HAm
c-Co	fcc	3.5–17	OA, LA, TOP
Co	hcp	2.0–12	OA, TOP, TBP, TOPO
Ni	fcc	5.0–13	OA, TOA, TOPO
FePt	fcc, fct	3.0–17	OA, OAm
CoPt	fcc, fct	7.0	ACA, HDA
$\gamma\text{-Fe}_2\text{O}_3$	fcc	3.0–25	OA, SA
$\text{Fe}_3\text{O}_4$	fcc	8.0–30	OA
CoO	fcc	~8	TOP
$\text{CoFe}_2\text{O}_4$	fcc	2.0–12	OA

## Synthesis of Monodisperse Spherical Nanocrystals

Jongnam Park, Jin Joo, Soon Gu Kwon, Youngjin Jang, and Taeghwan Hyeon  
Angew. Chem. Int. Ed. 2007, 46, 4630 – 4660

# High temperature decomposition of organic precursors

**8 nm Co-Ni  
alloy nanoparticles**



**8 nm Co  
nanoparticles**

**6 nm Fe  
nanoparticles**

**6 nm FePt  
nanoparticles**

Sun and Murray et al. 2000 Science, 287, 1989

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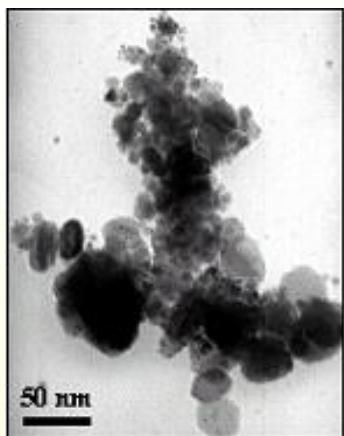
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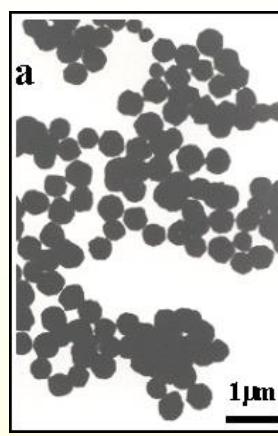
## Surfactant

Co

No surfactant



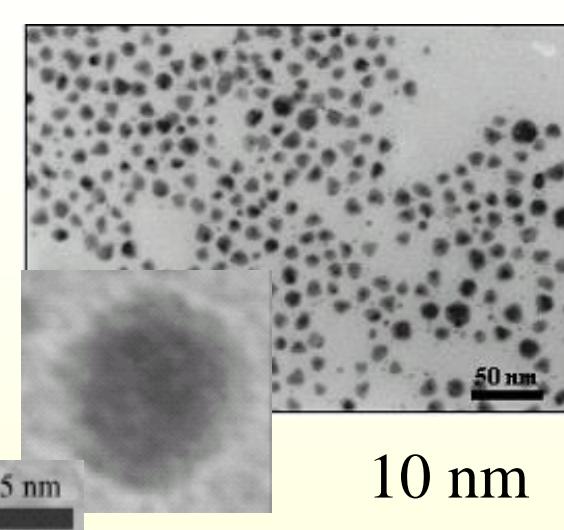
Seeds: Ag



Pt

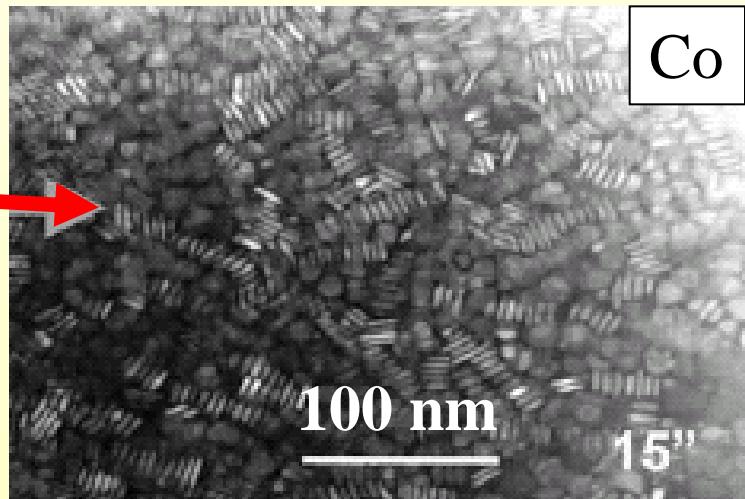


Pt + oleico



$\text{Co}_2(\text{CO})_8$

Oleic acid  
+  
TOPO



V.F. Puntes et al., Science 291 (2002) 2115

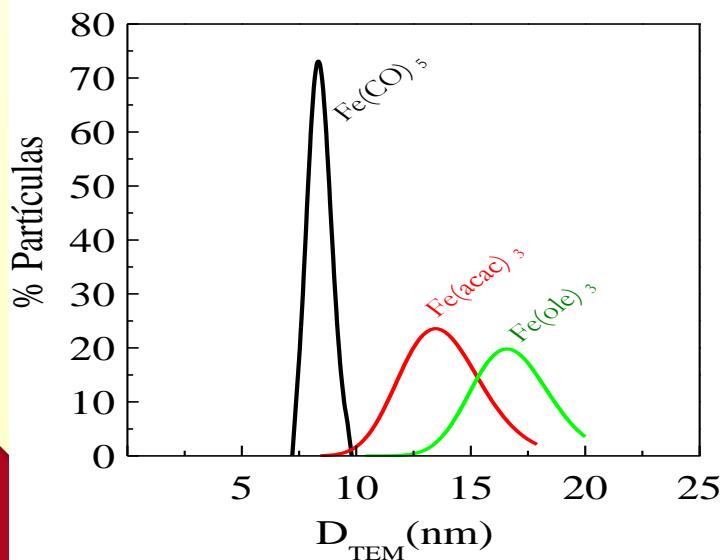
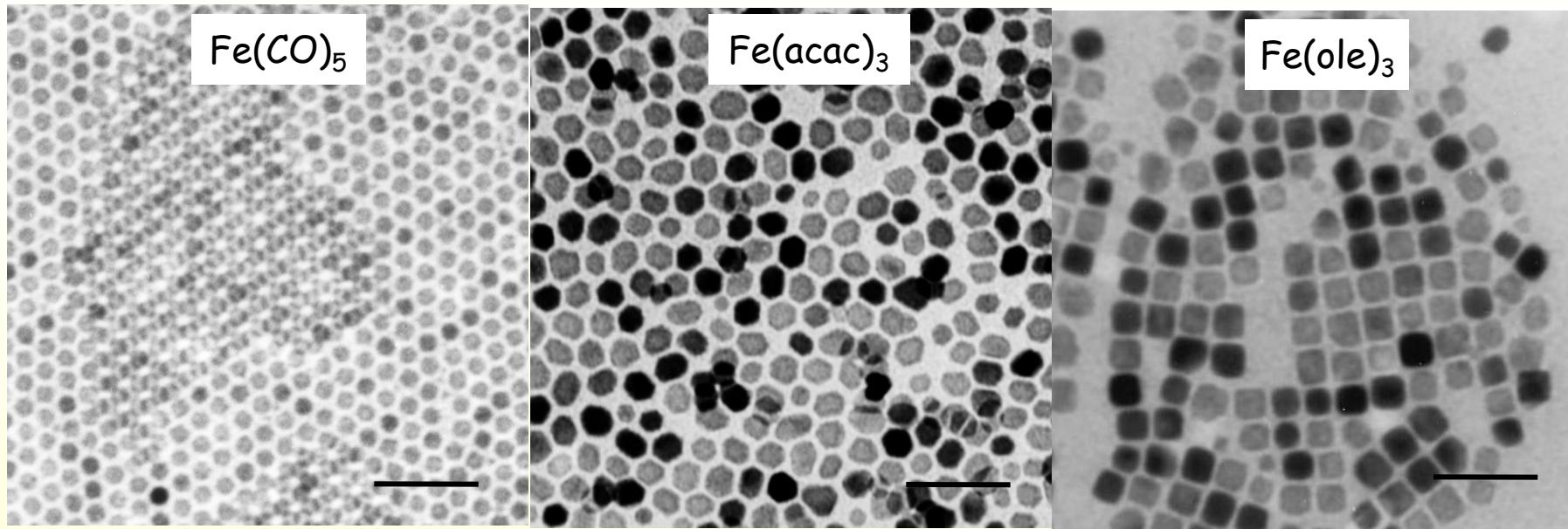
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Nanotechnology 15, S293, 2004

Effect on  
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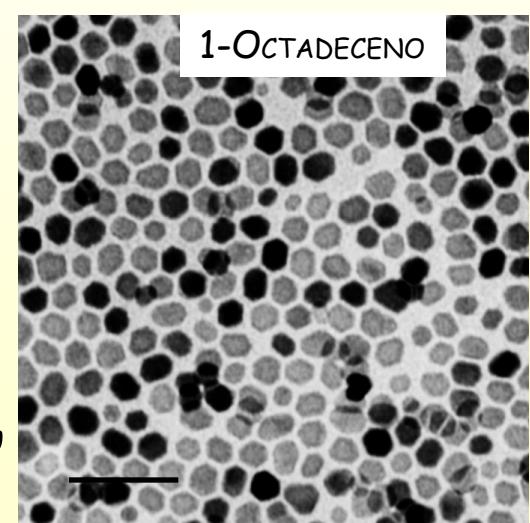
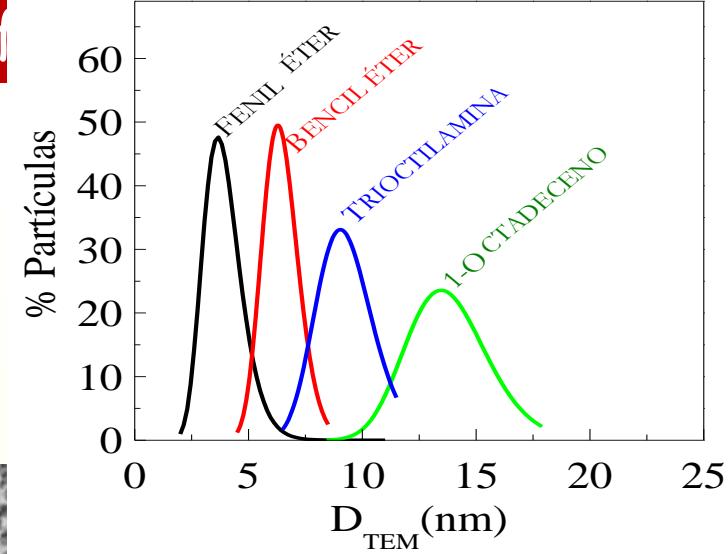
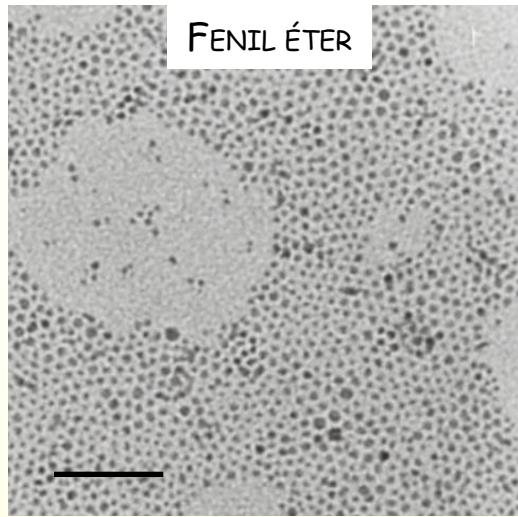
# High temperature decomposition of organic precursors

## Precursor

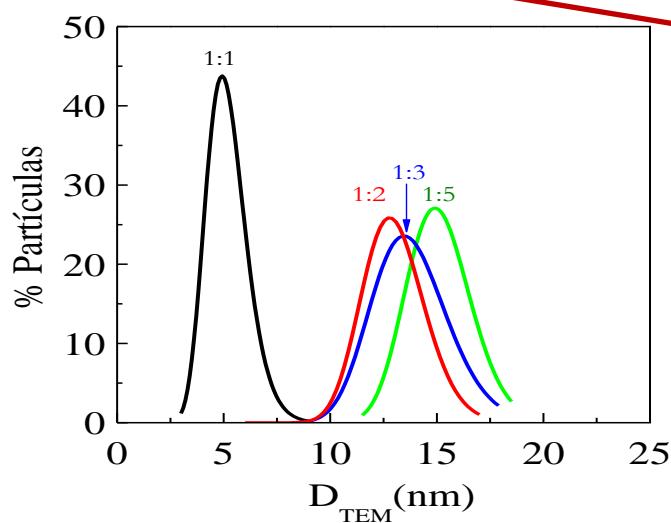
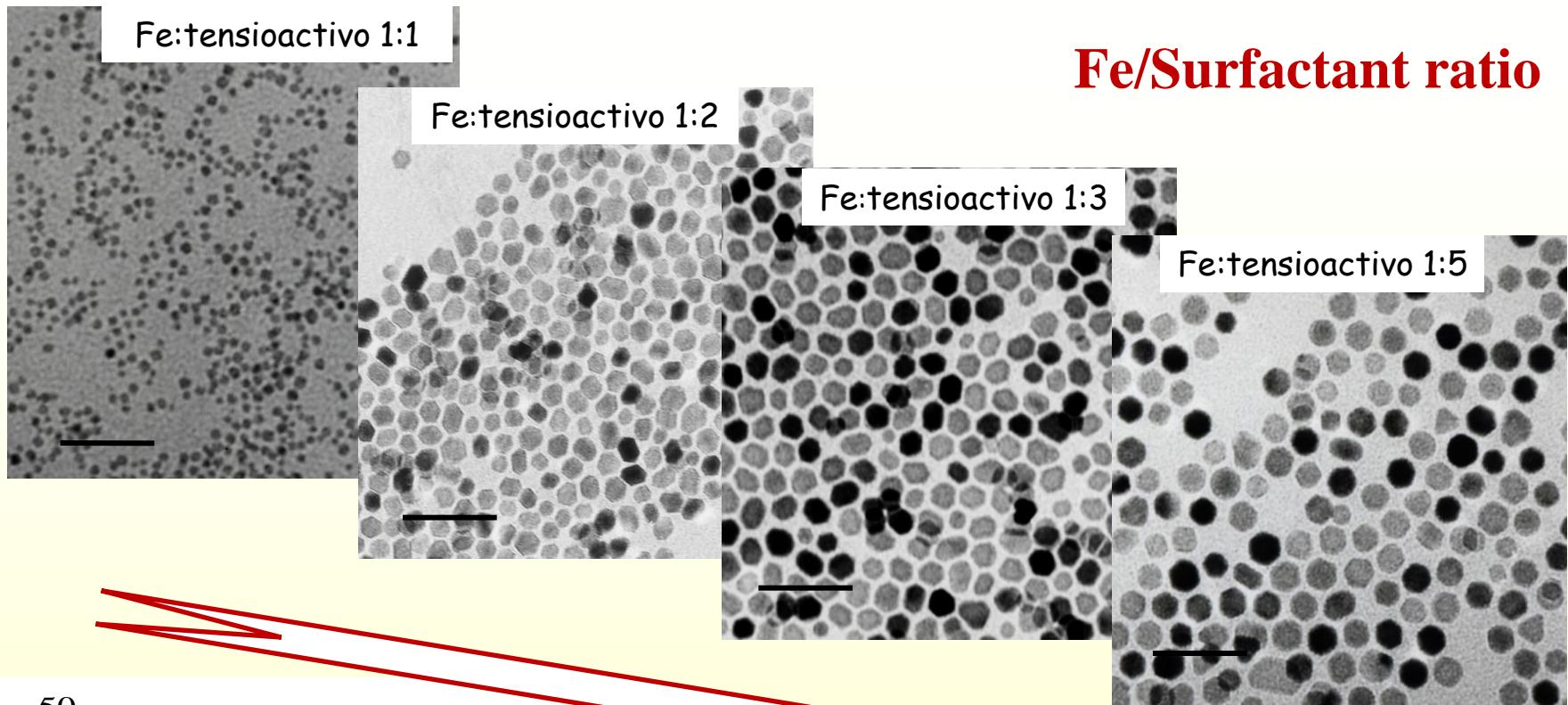
$\text{Fe}_3\text{O}_4$



# High temperature decomposition of

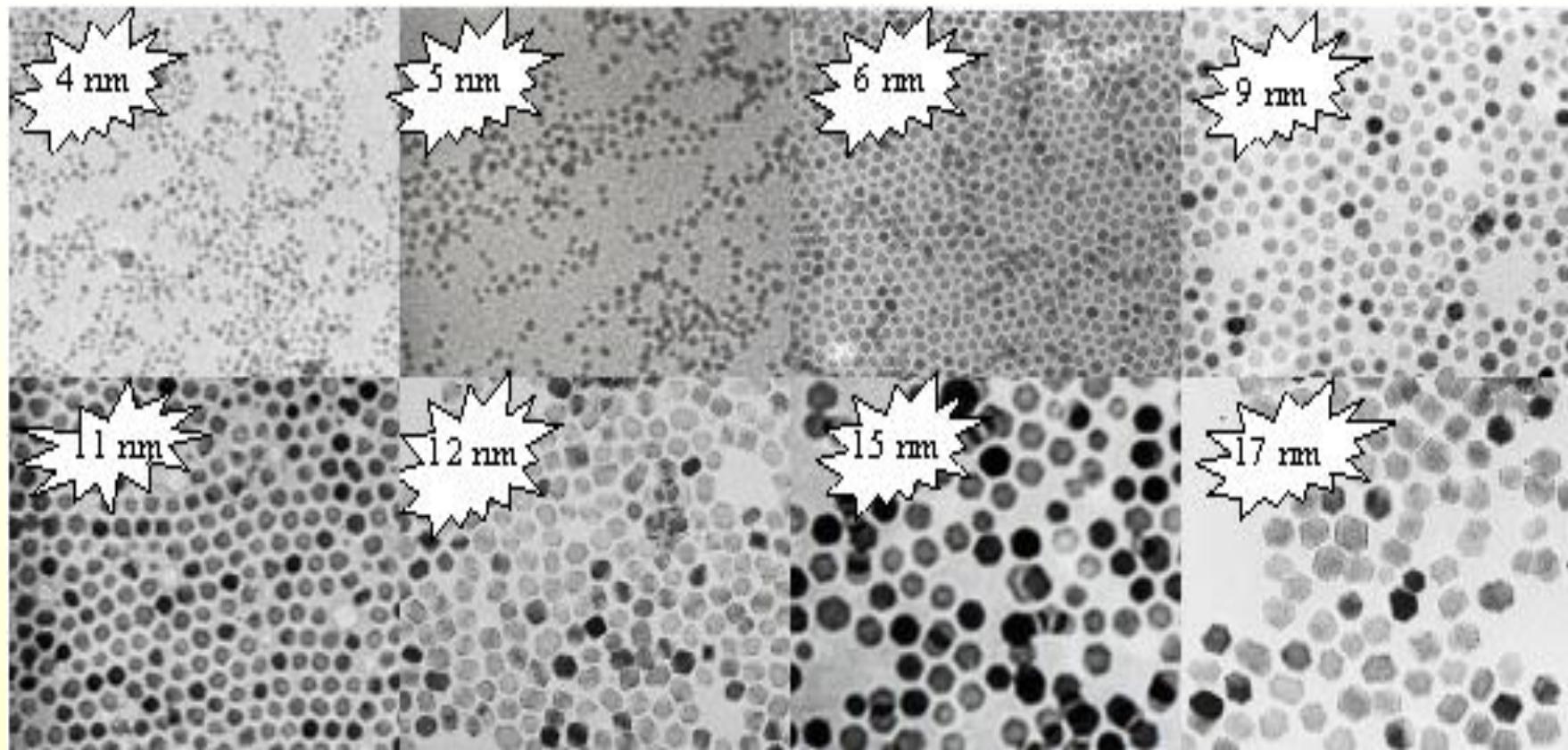


# High temperature decomposition of organic precursors



# High temperature decomposition of organic precursors

## Size control



Iron oxide nanoparticles showing one nanometer increments in diameter

Roca, A. G. et al *Nanotechnology* 2006, 17, 2783-2788.

IEEE TRANSACTIONS ON MAGNETICS, 42, 3025 (2006)

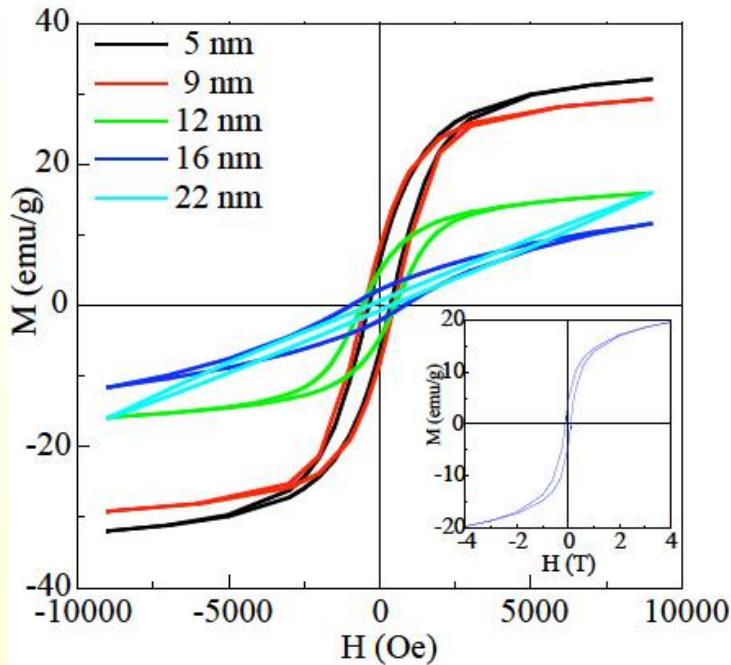
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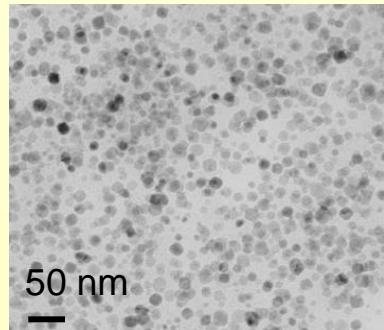
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# High temperature decomposition of organic precursors

## Problems: low Ms at larger sizes

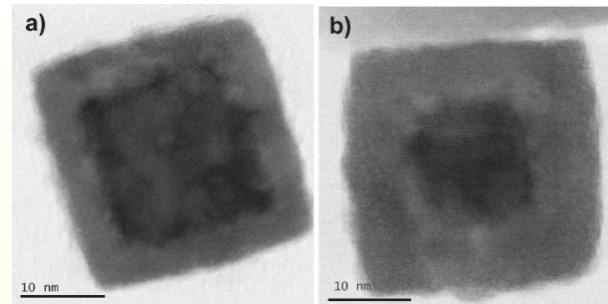


Park, J. et al. *Nat. Mater.* 2004, 3, 891-895



Broad size-distribution

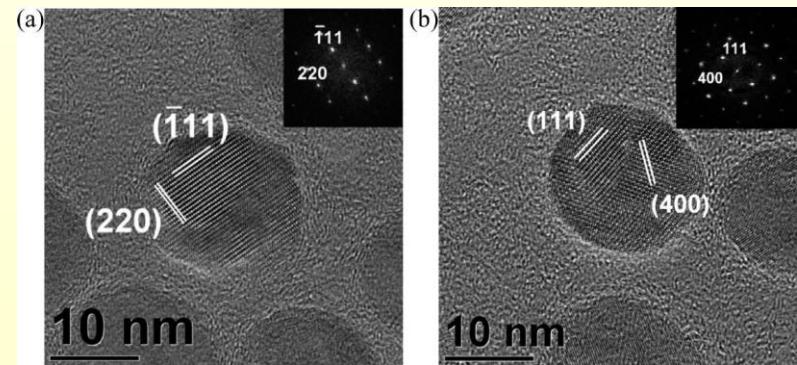
## Other phases



wüstite-spinel core-shell structure  
 $\text{FeO}$   $\gamma\text{-Fe}_2\text{O}_3/\text{Fe}_3\text{O}_4$

Pichon et al *Chem. Mater.* 2011, 23, 2886-2900

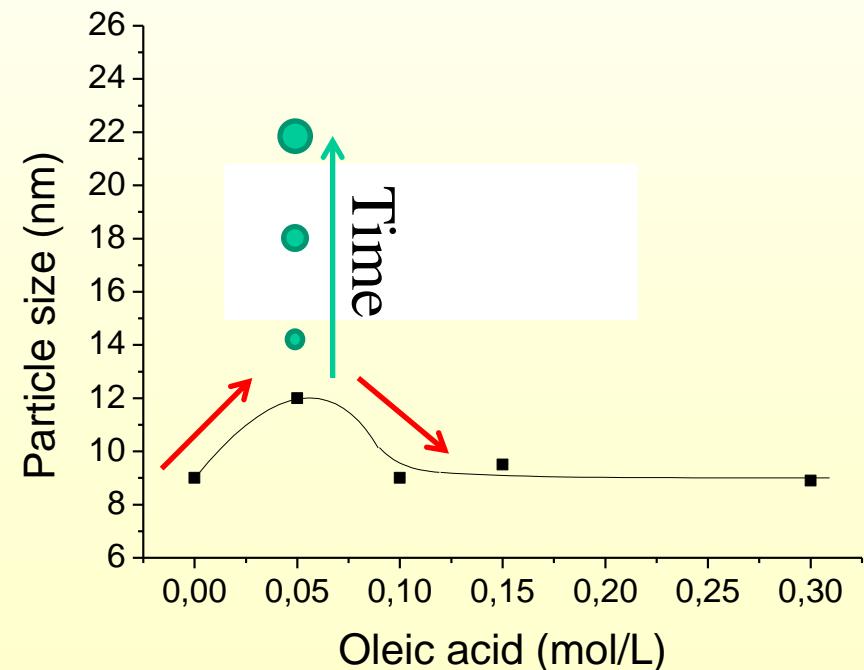
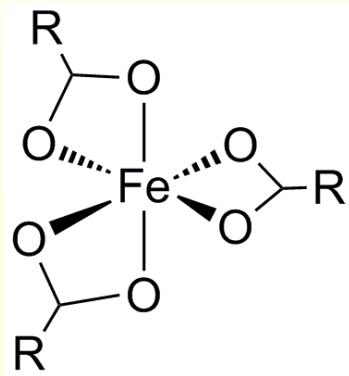
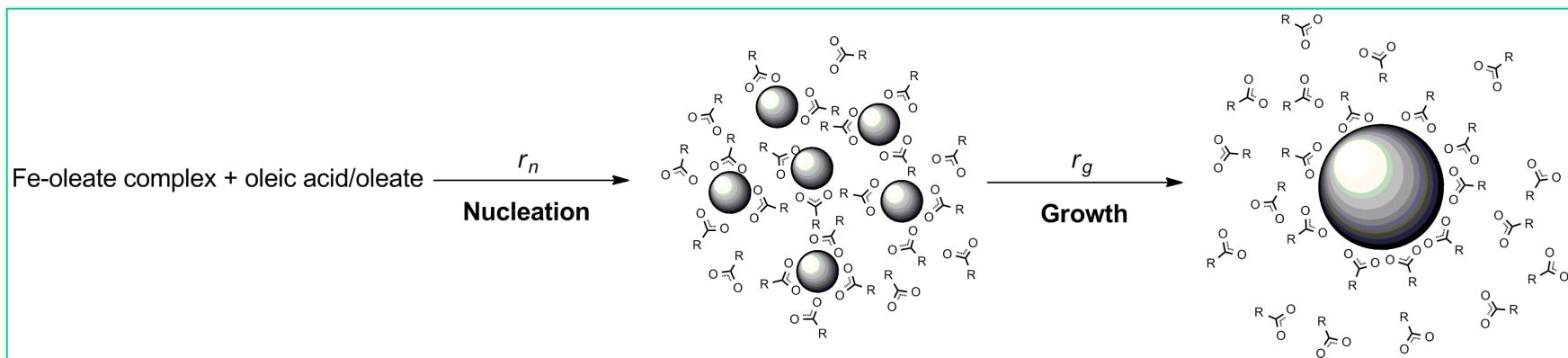
## Structural imperfections



|*Chem. Mater.* 2011, 23, 4170–4180

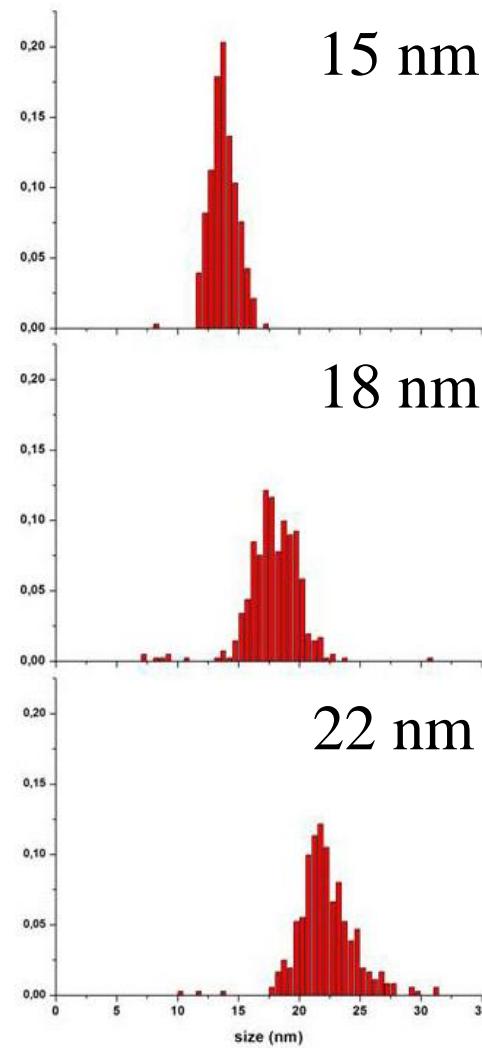
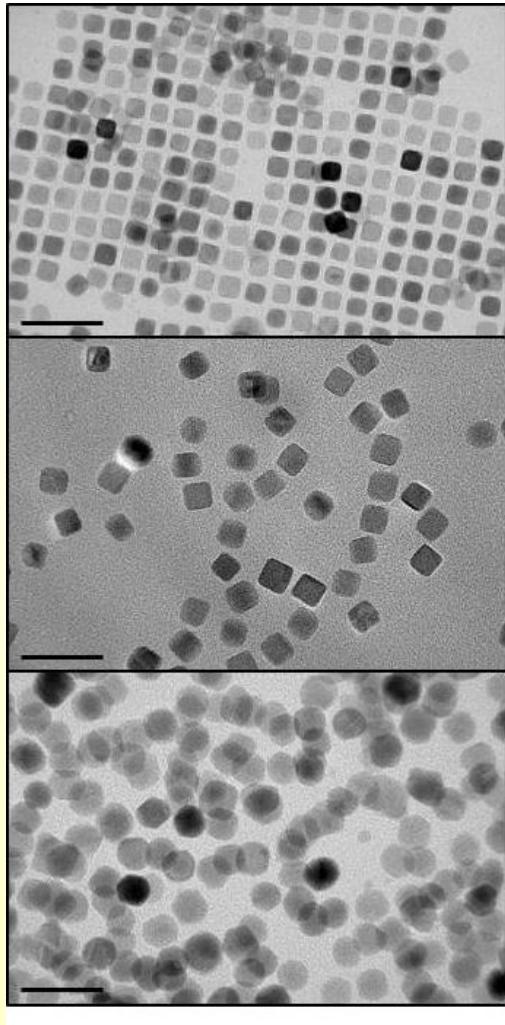
# High temperature decomposition of organic precursors

## Iron oleate as precursor



# High temperature decomposition of organic precursors

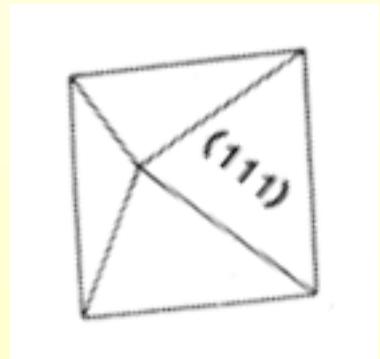
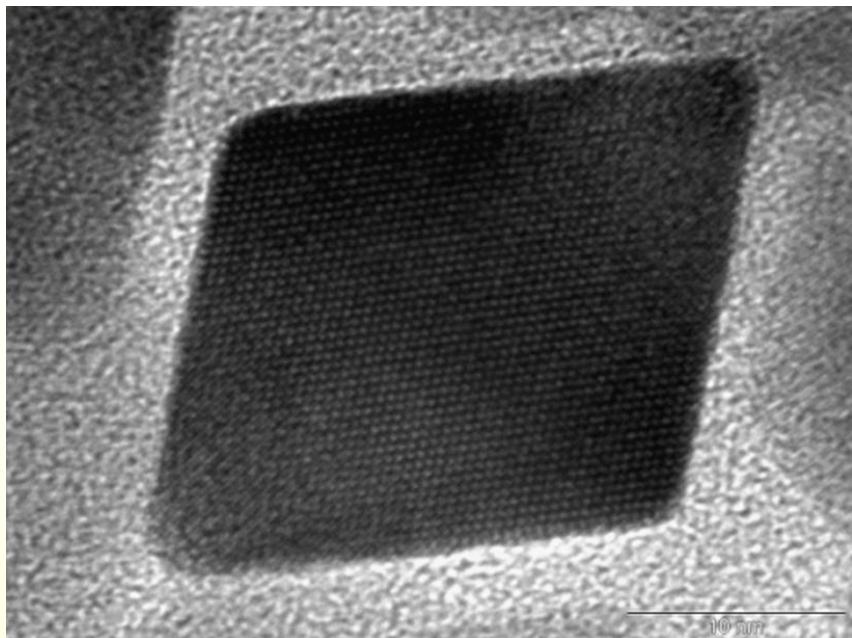
Iron oleate as precursor + longer reaction times + No stirring



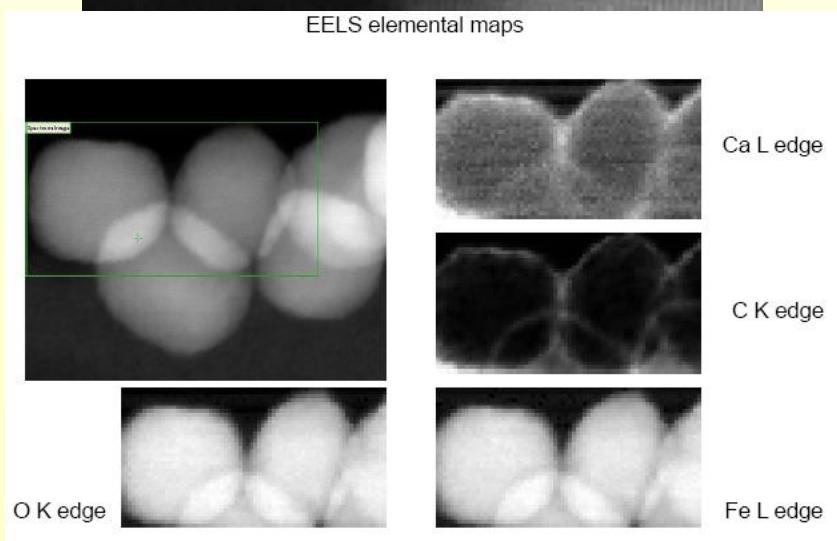
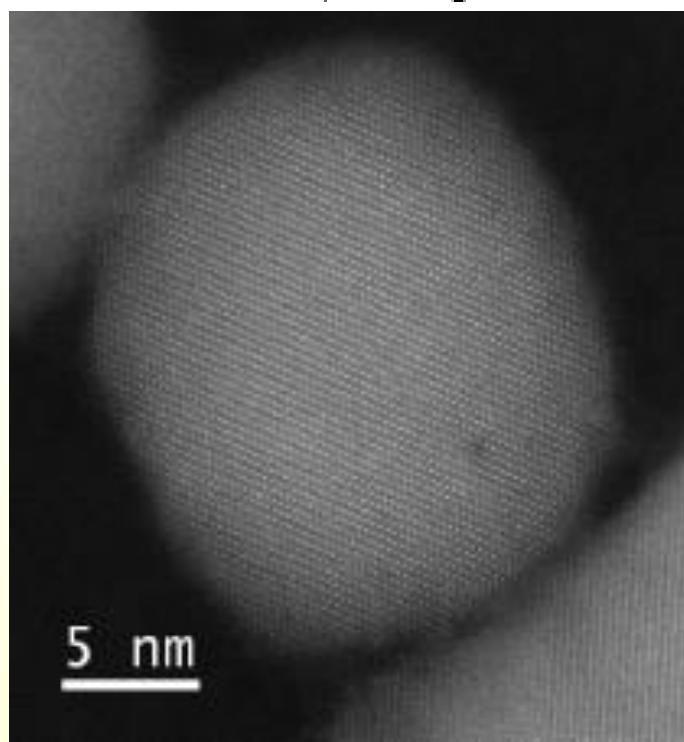
$$\sigma = 9\%$$

# HIGH QUALITY NANOCRYSTALS

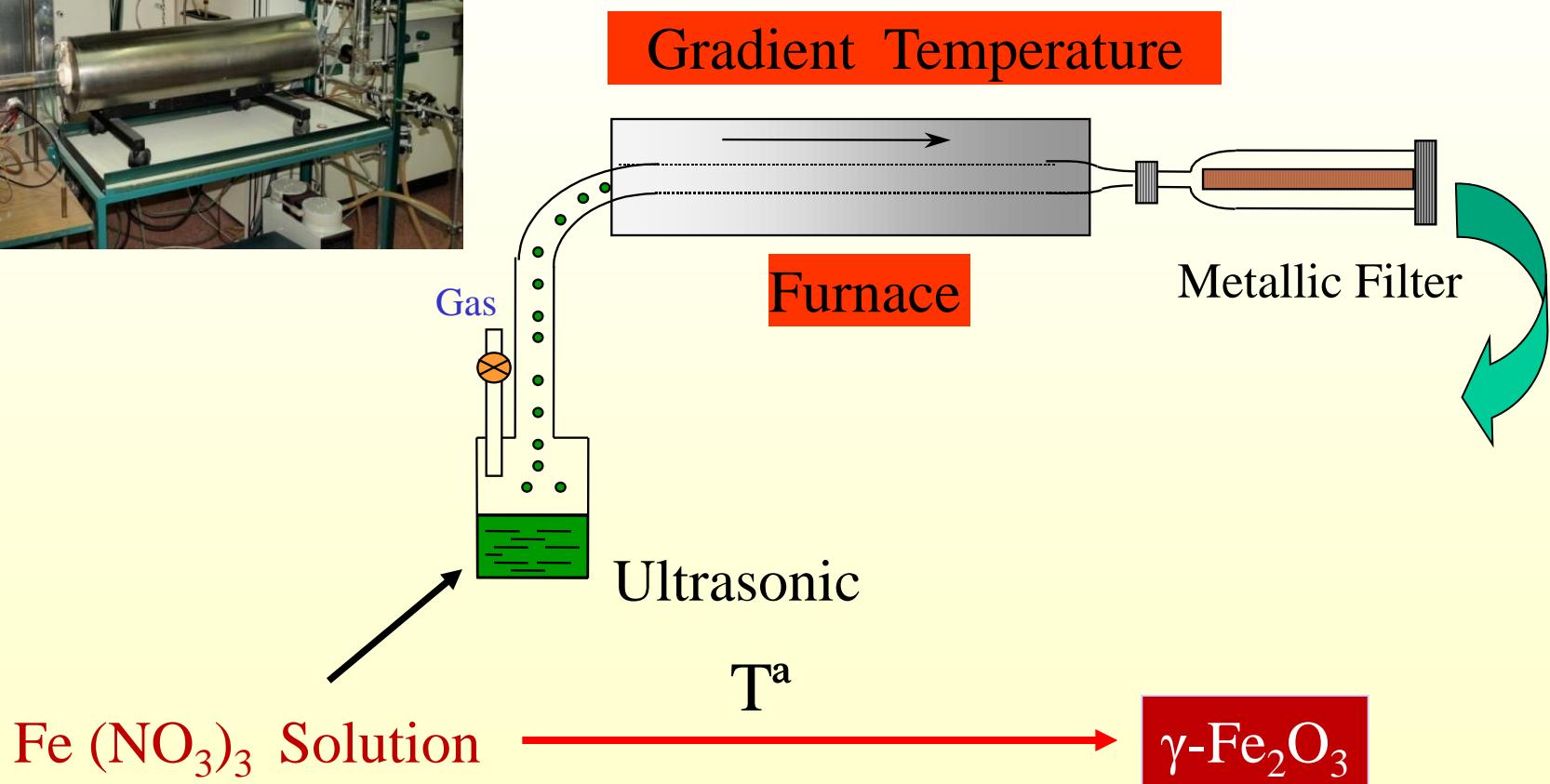
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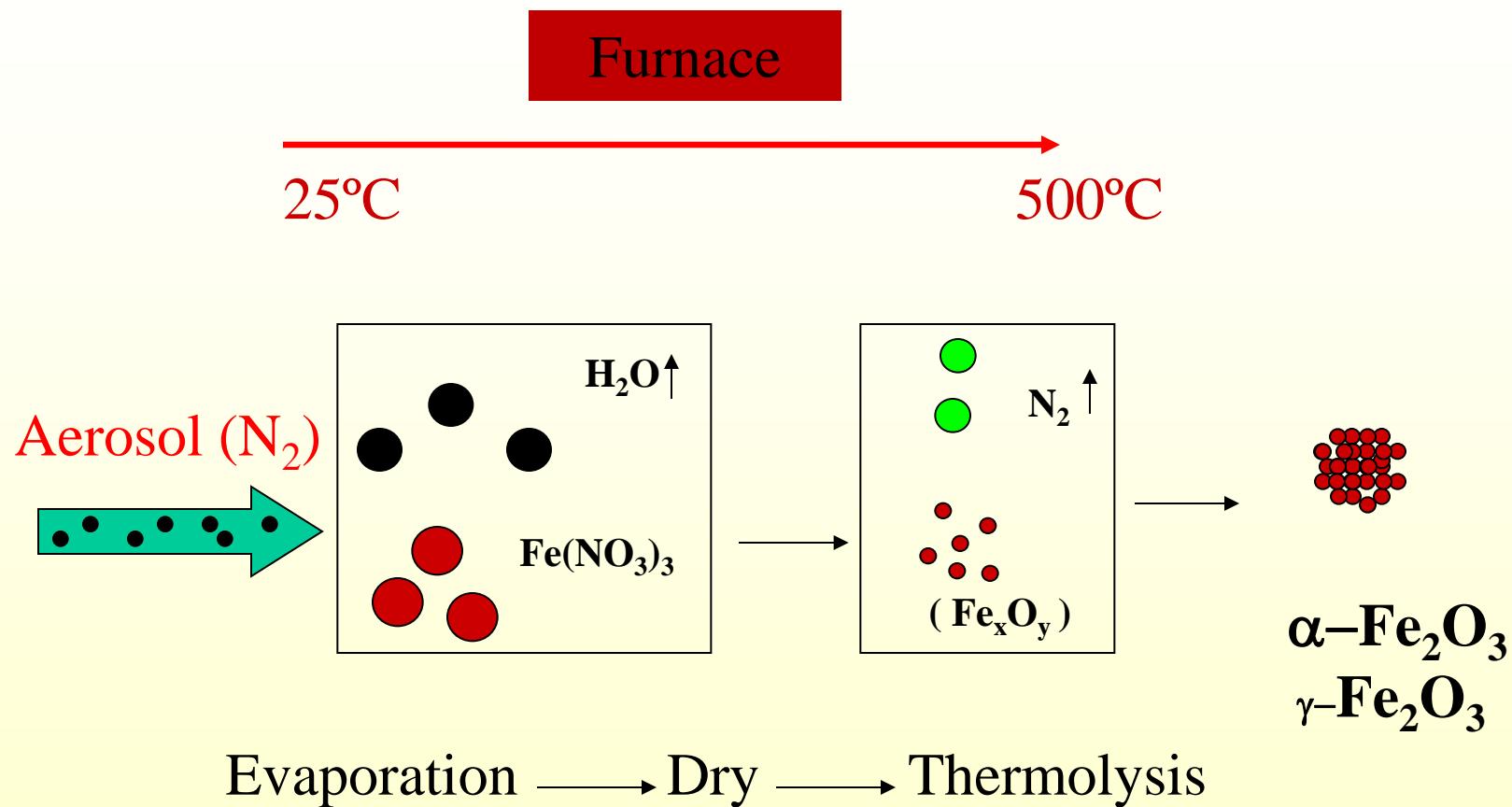
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Cerro Huañaquino (Bolivia)



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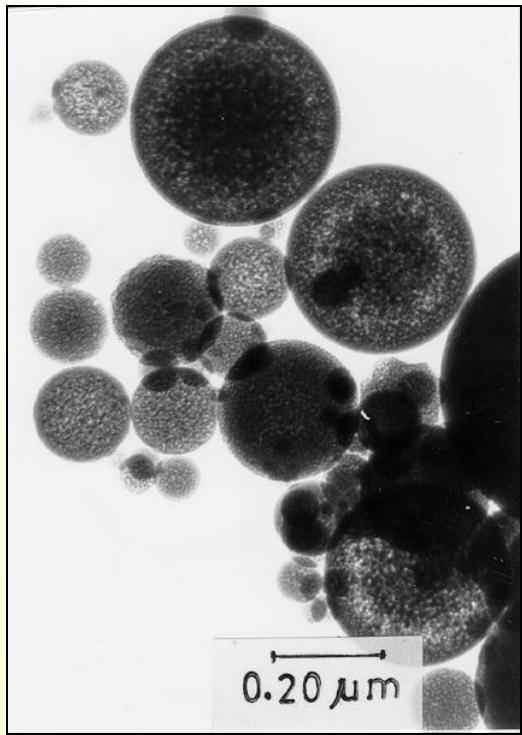


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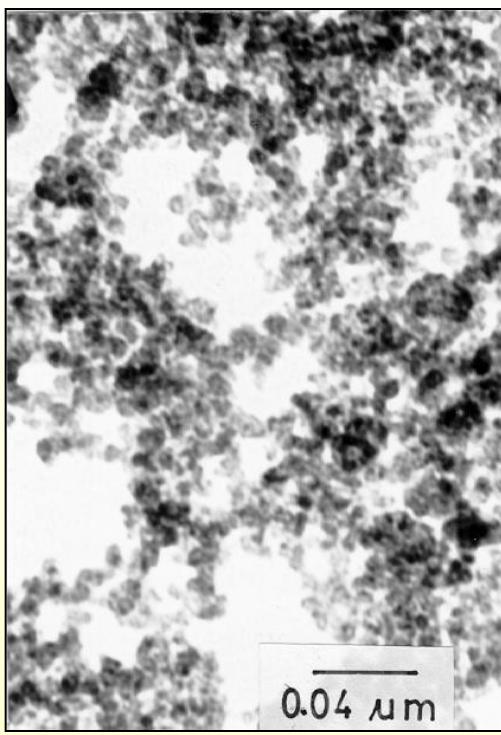


# SPRAY PYROLYSIS METHOD

$\gamma\text{-Fe}_2\text{O}_3$

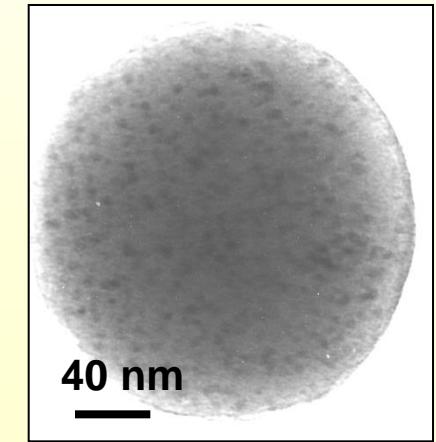
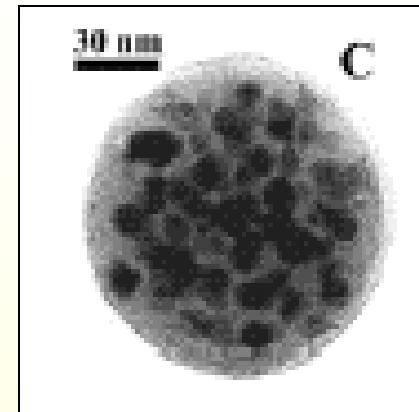


Nitrates

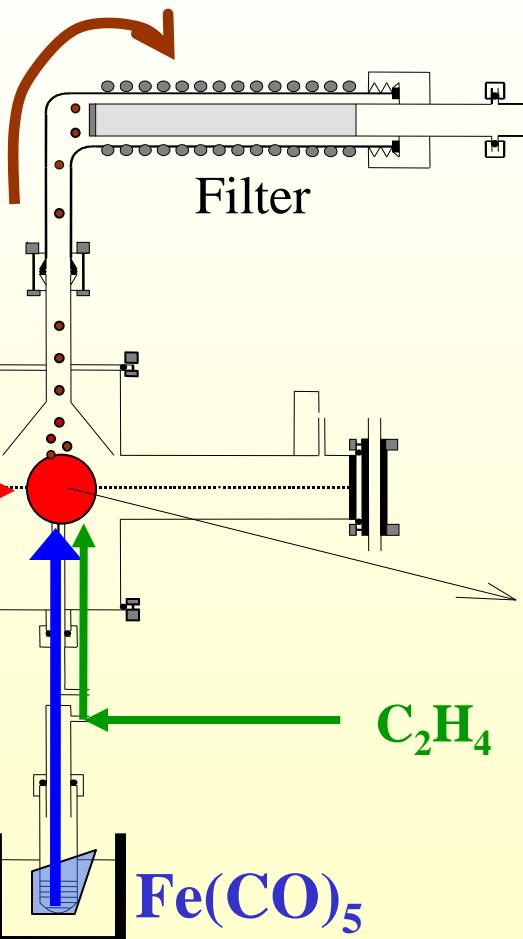


Acetylacetone

$\gamma\text{-Fe}_2\text{O}_3/\text{SiO}_2$



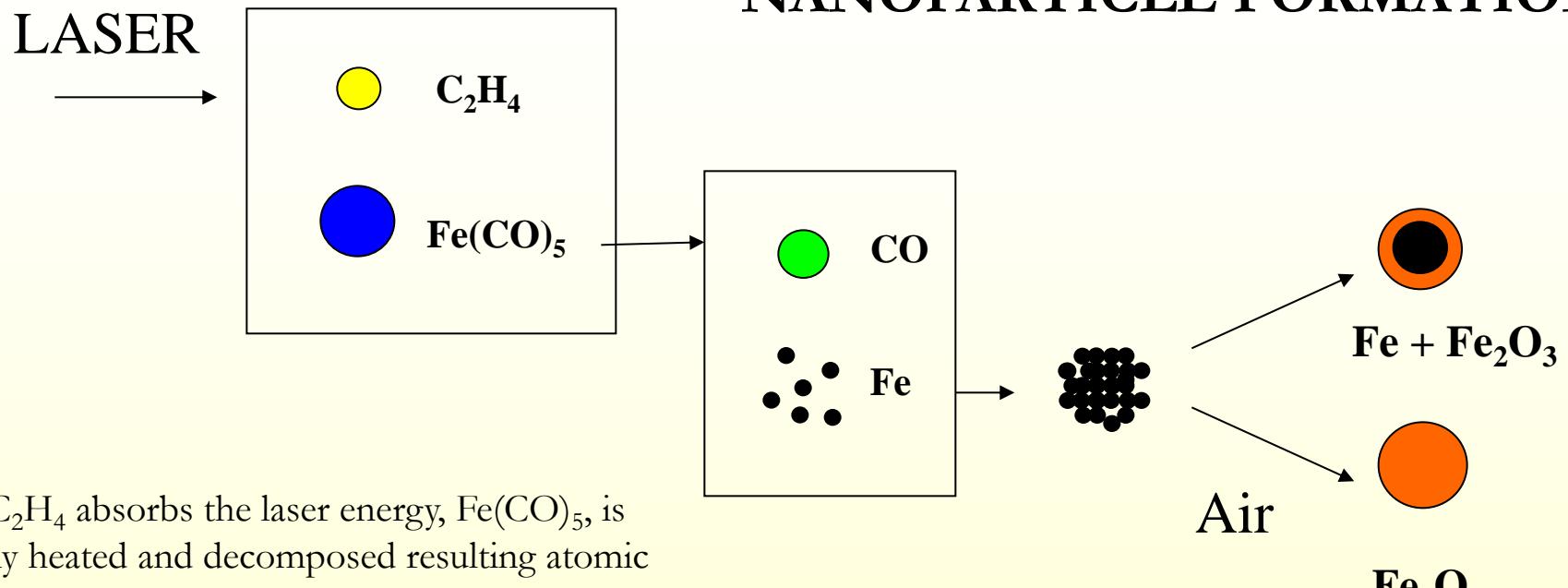
# Laser Pyrolysis



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# Laser Pyrolysis

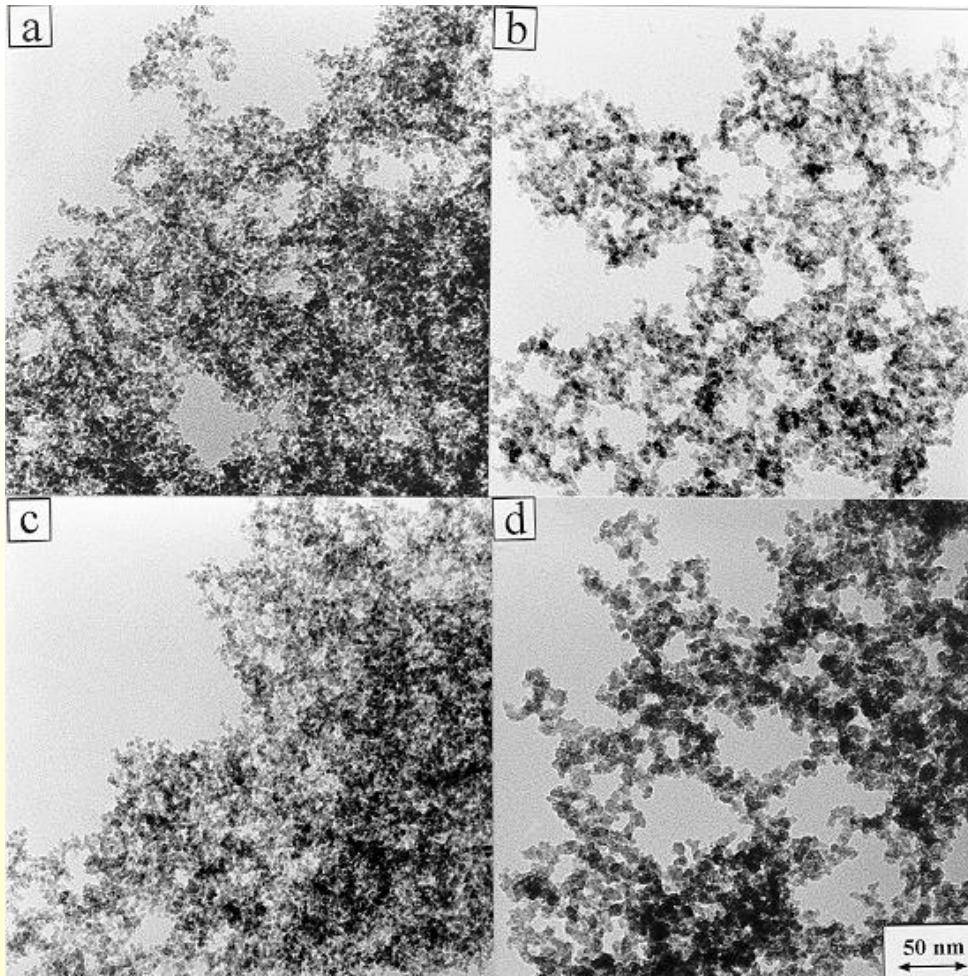
## MECHANISM OF NANOPARTICLE FORMATION



The  $C_2H_4$  absorbs the laser energy,  $Fe(CO)_5$ , is rapidly heated and decomposed resulting atomic  $Fe$  saturated vapour and leads to the nucleation and growth of iron metal nucleus

To stabilise the powders, a mixture of air and ethylene can be introduced together with the iron pentacarbonyl (hard oxidation) or after the laser pyrolysis (soft oxidation).

# Laser Pyrolysis



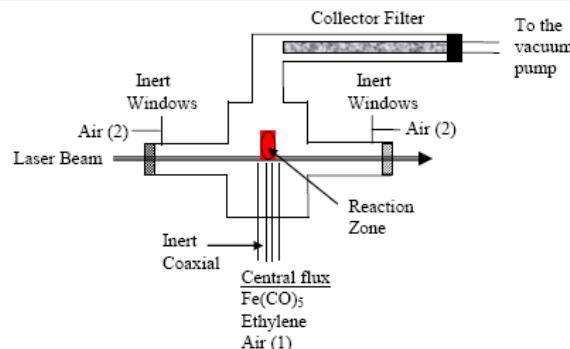
Increasing size  
as increasing  
precursor  
temperature and  
therefore the  
concentration of  
iron atoms in  
the reaction cell

$\gamma\text{-Fe}_2\text{O}_3$  Nanoparticles with sizes between 3-5 nm

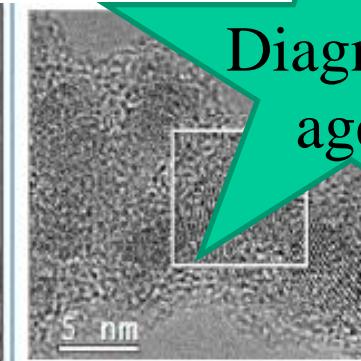
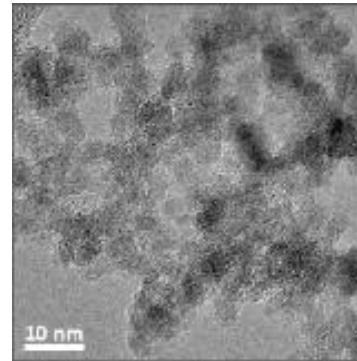
# FP VI/ BONSAI: Bio-imaging with Smart Functional Nanoparticles



## Preparation of magnetic iron oxide nanoparticles by laser pyrolysis



The Laser Pyrolysis technique enables the continuous production of uniform iron oxide nanoparticles induced by the fast laser heating of iron pentacarbonyl in an oxidant environment.



< 5 nm

Acid treatment

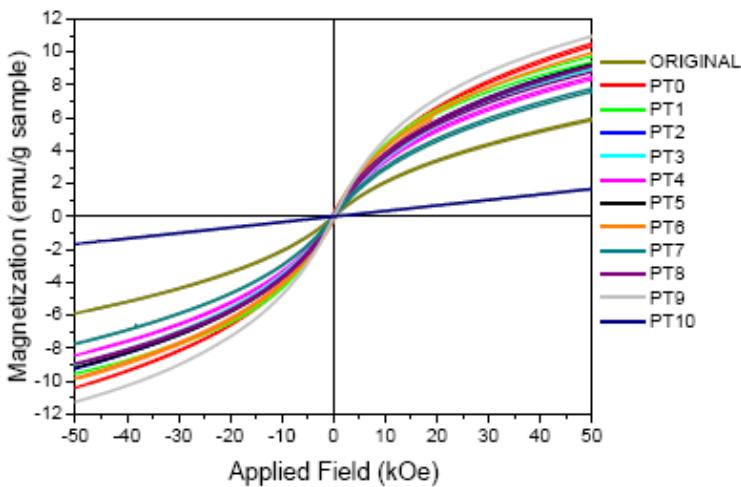


Figure 4.10: Magnetic curves at room temperature for all the samples. Sample named PT10 corresponds to PT10-30. . Sample PT11 presents a large amount of akaganeite and it has not been included in the graph.

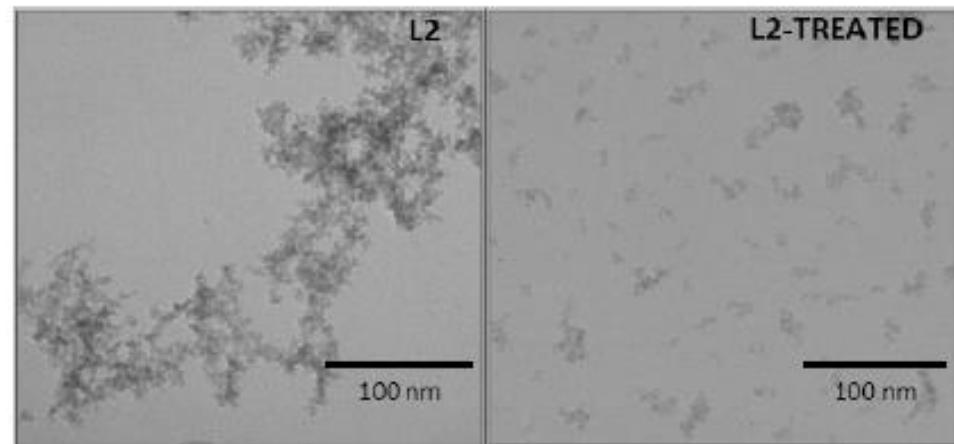


Figure 4.20: Low resolution TEM images of the original sample (L2) on the left and the sample after the acid treatment (L2-TREATED) on the right.

## Hydrophilic coating (polar - H<sub>2</sub>O)

- ✓ Avoid aggregation
- ✓ Avoid no specific adsorption of proteins
- ✓ Low toxicity
- ✓ Selectivity
- ✓ Allow further functionalization

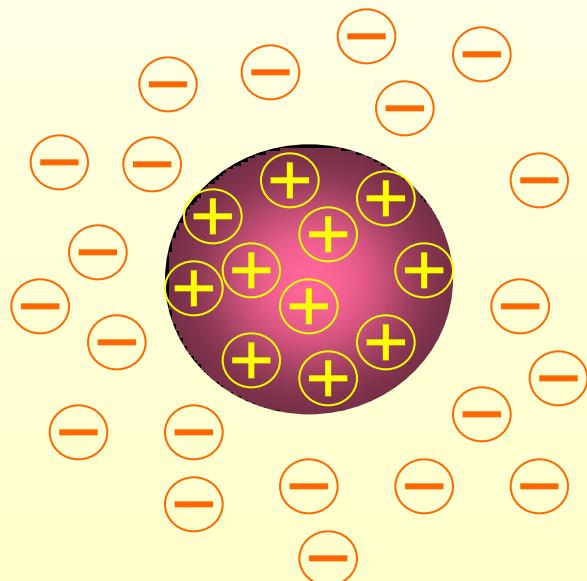
In general,  
small, neutral, hydrophilic  
=> Longer blood circulation times

# Surface Modification

## Electrostatic and Steric Stabilisation

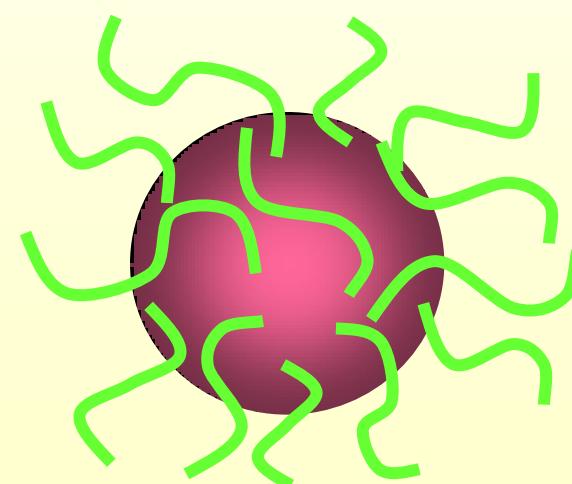
### ELECTROSTATIC

- ▶ Easy to measure the controlling parameter (zeta potential)
- ▶ Reversible
- ▶ May only require change in pH or ion concentration



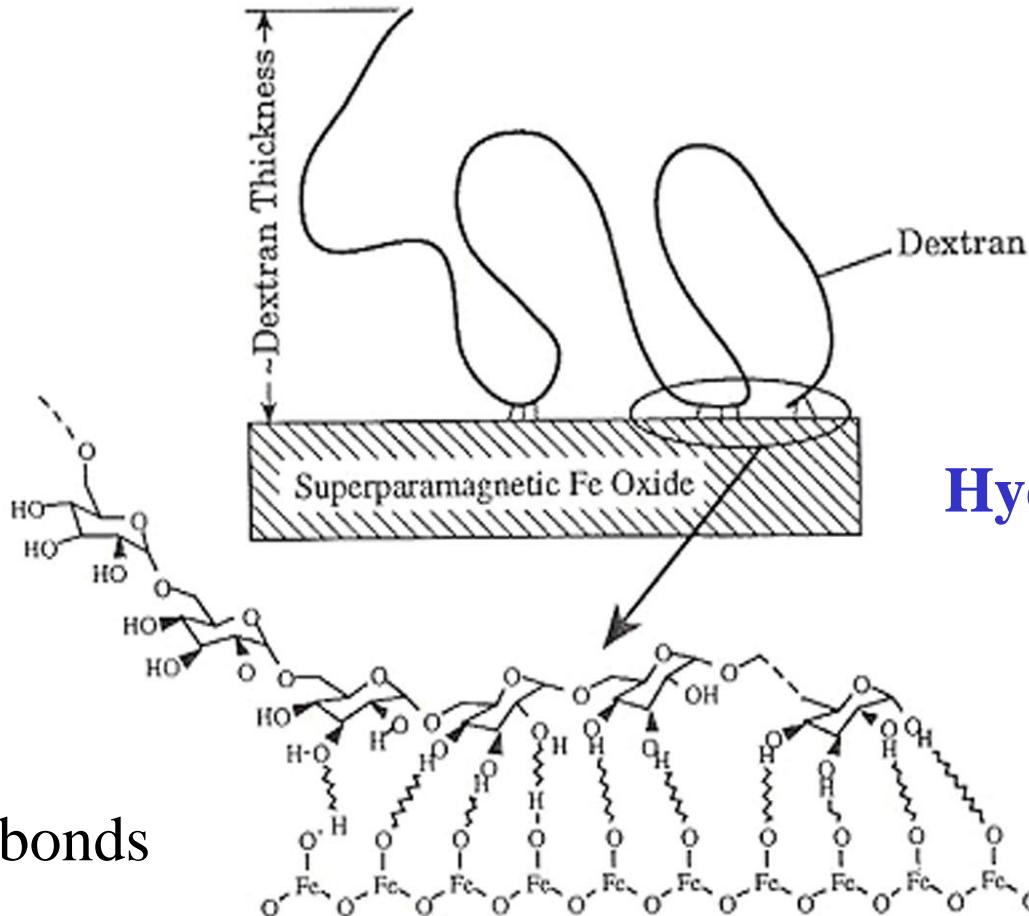
### STERIC

- ▶ Simple, but limited options
- ▶ Irreversible
- ▶ An extra component



# Surface Modification

## Adsorption

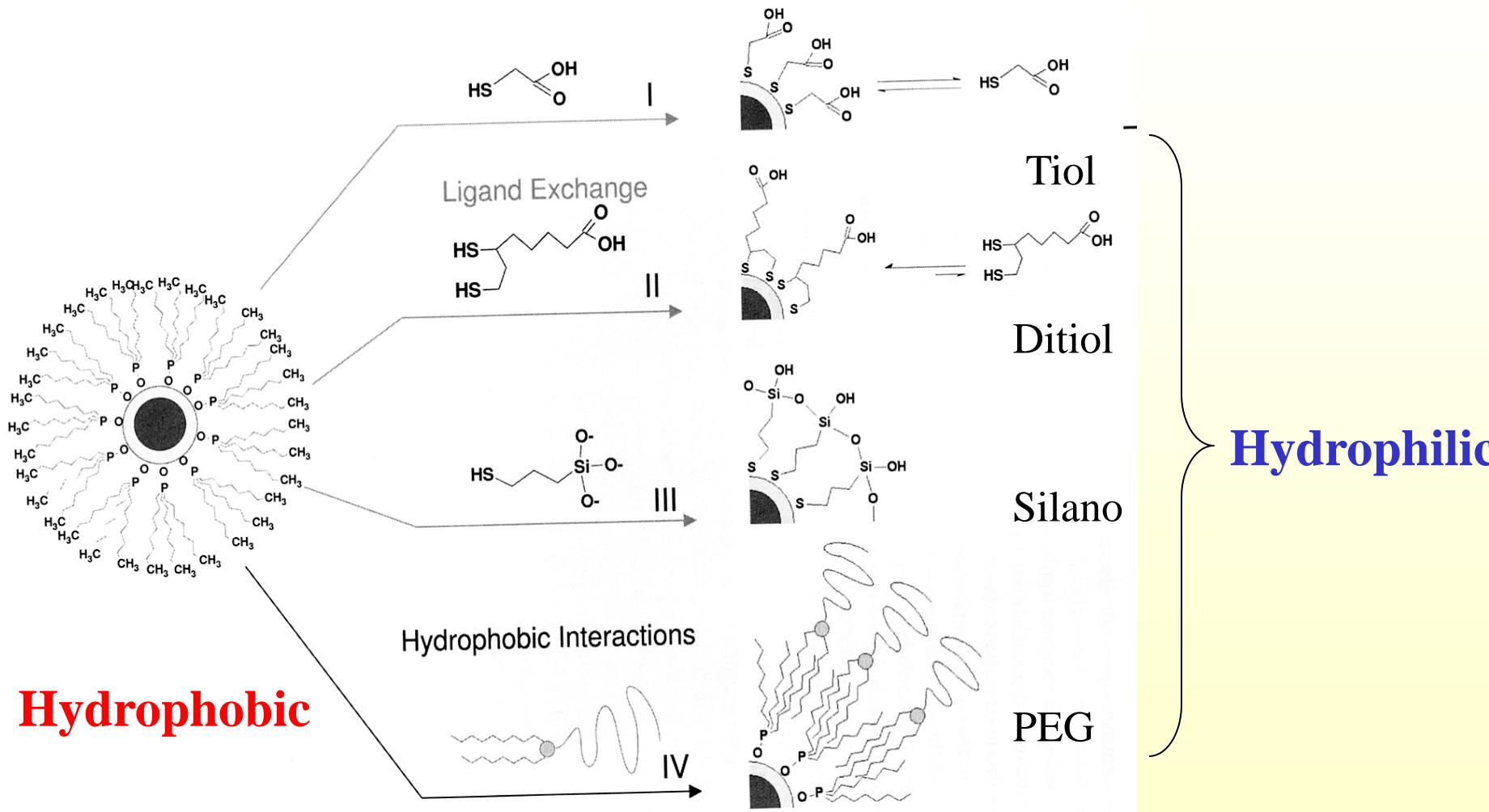


Hydrogen bonds

Hydrophilic

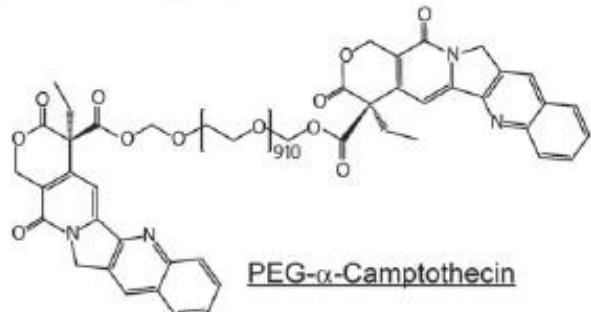
# Surface Modification

## Ligand exchange or amphiphilic molecules

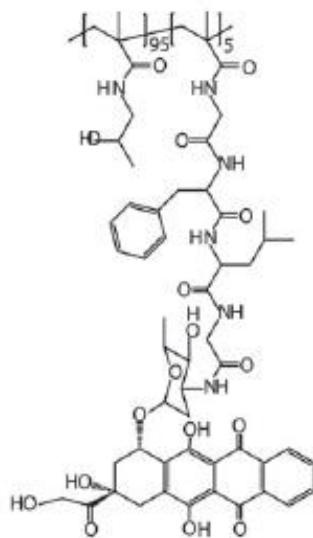


# Surface Modification

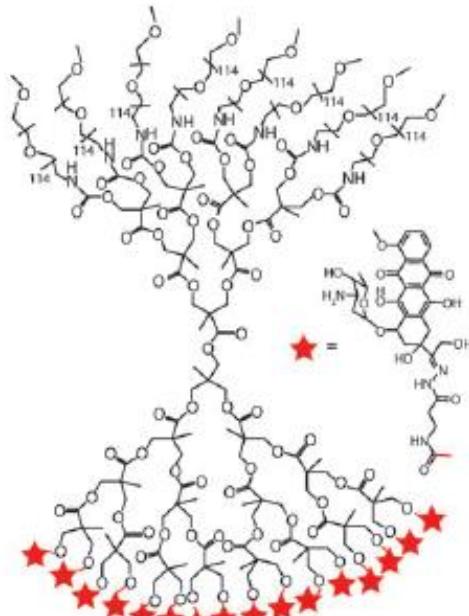
## Polymer conjugates and dendrimers



PEG- $\alpha$ -Camptothecin

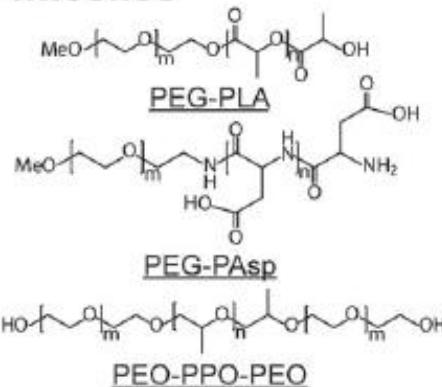


HPMA-Doxorubicin (PK1)



Dendrimer-Doxorubicin

## Polymeric micelles



## Liposomes and polymersomes

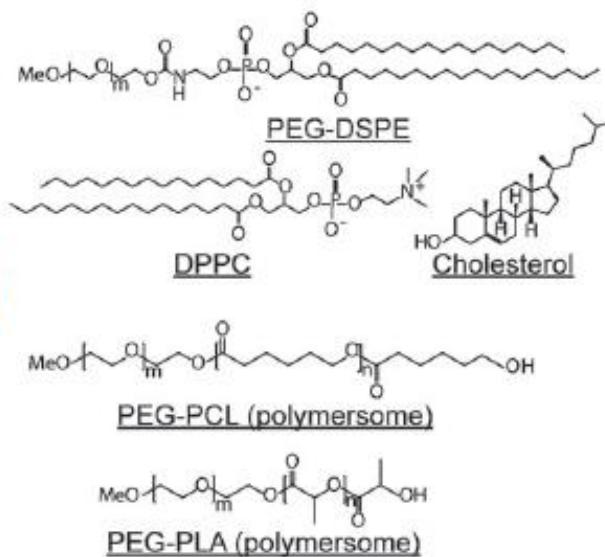


Fig. 4 Schematic illustration of chemical structures of representative polymer conjugates and dendrimers (*left*), polymeric micelles (*top right*), and liposomes and polymersomes (*bottom right*).

# Biodegradable poly(D,L-lactic-co-glycolic acid) (PLGA)

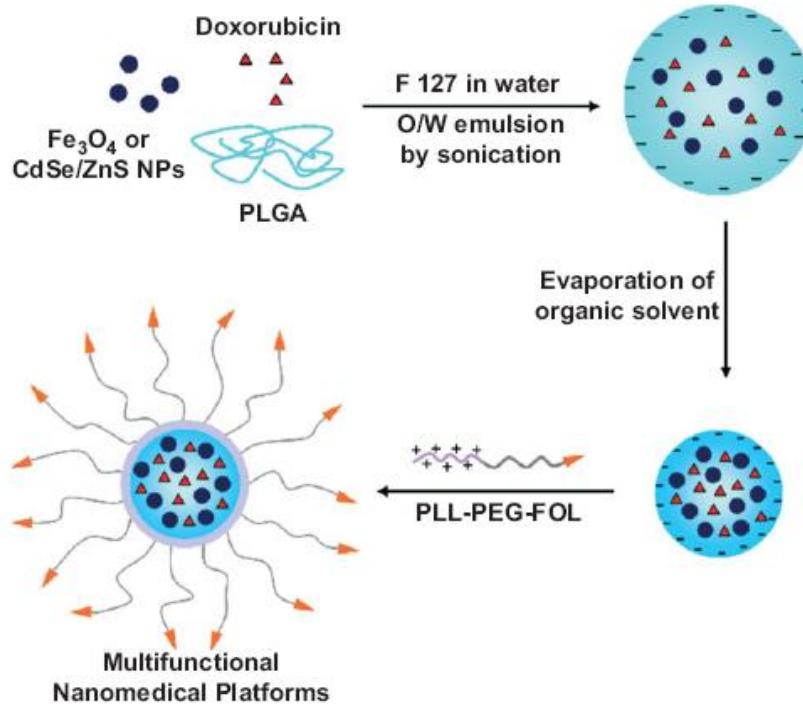


Figure 1. Synthetic procedure for the multifunctional polymer nanoparticles.

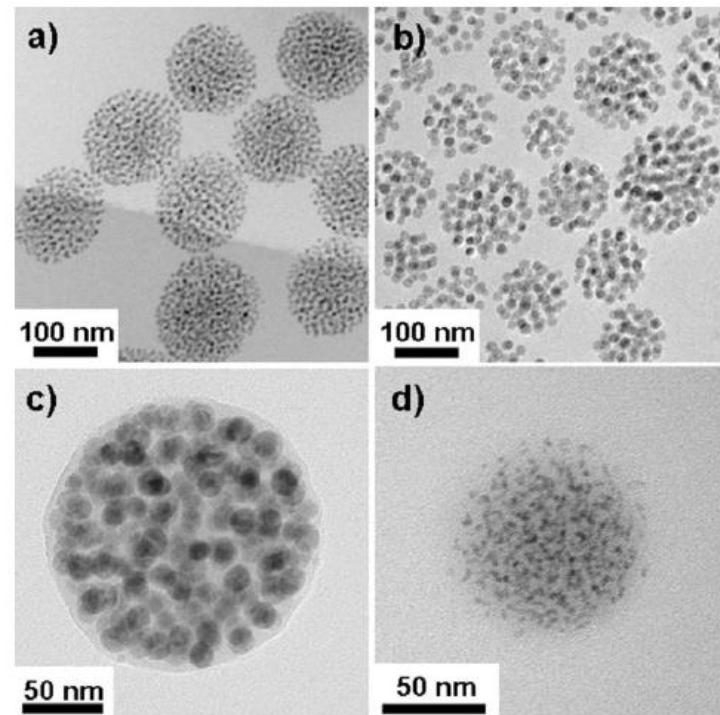


Figure 2. TEM images of PLGA(MNP/DOXO) nanoparticles embedded with a) 7-nm, and b), c) 15-nm  $\text{Fe}_3\text{O}_4$  nanocrystals, and d) PLGA(QD/DOXO) nanoparticles embedded with 3-nm  $\text{CdSe/ZnS}$  nanocrystals.

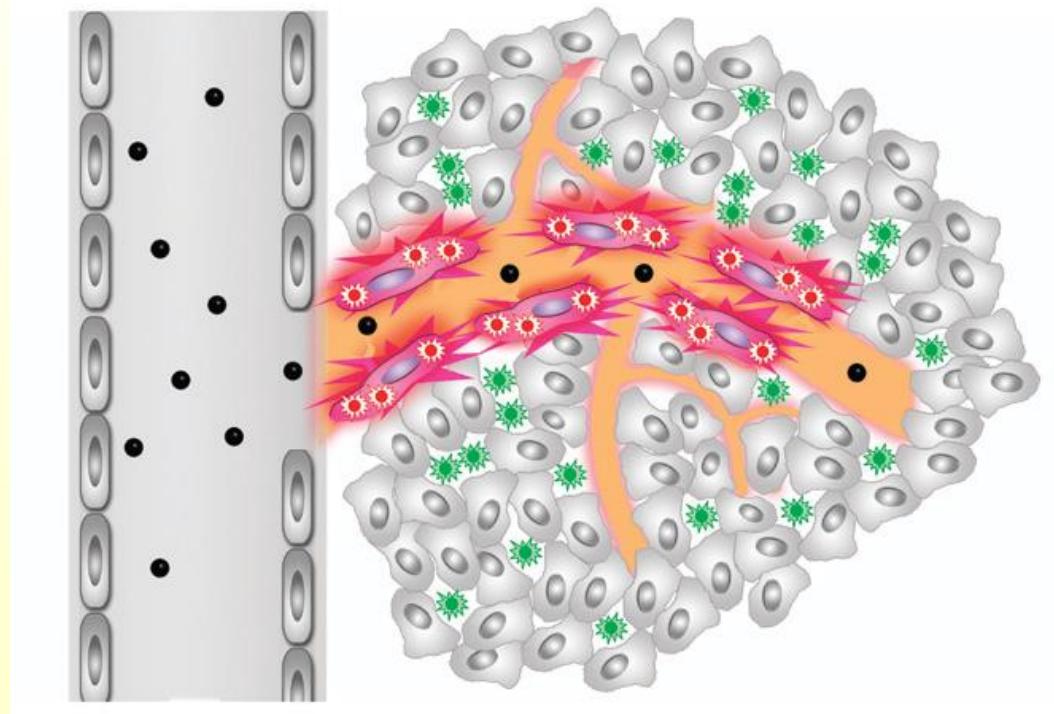
Hydrophobic nanocrystals, DOXO, and PLGA in methylene chloride was poured into an aqueous solution containing F127, ultra-sonication, organic solvent was evaporated at room temperature by mechanical stirring and subsequently washed with deionized water several times.

# Surface Modification

**Lighting up tumours :** Detection of a wide range of tumours remains a challenge in cancer diagnostics.

## pH-responsive polymeric nanomaterial

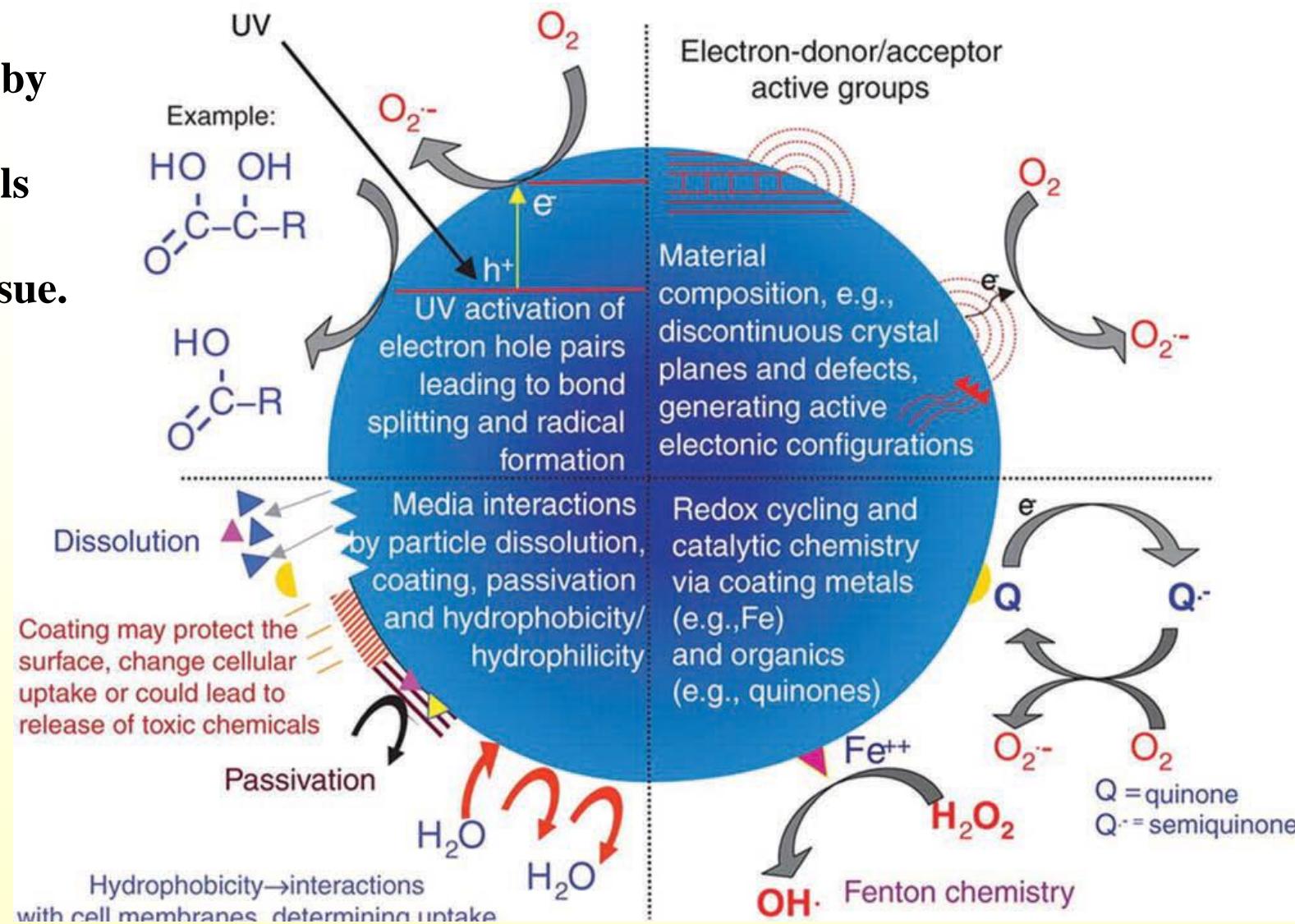
Highly fluorescent monomers within the acidic milieu of tumours ( $\text{pHe}$ , 6.5–6.8) or endocytic vesicles ( $\text{pHi}$ , 5.0–6.0) of the tumour endothelium.



## PROBLEMS

- Nanoparticle-cell interactions
- Biodistribution

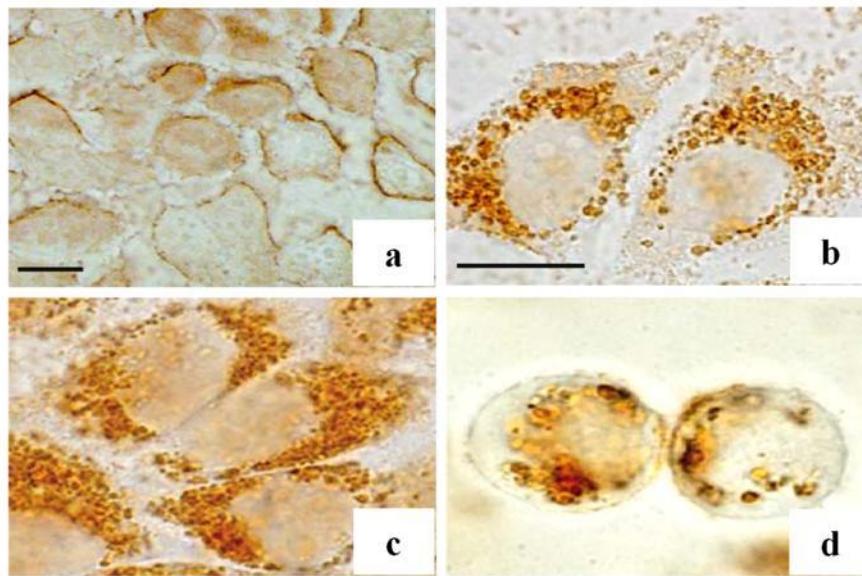
# Possible mechanisms by which nanomaterials interact with biological tissue.



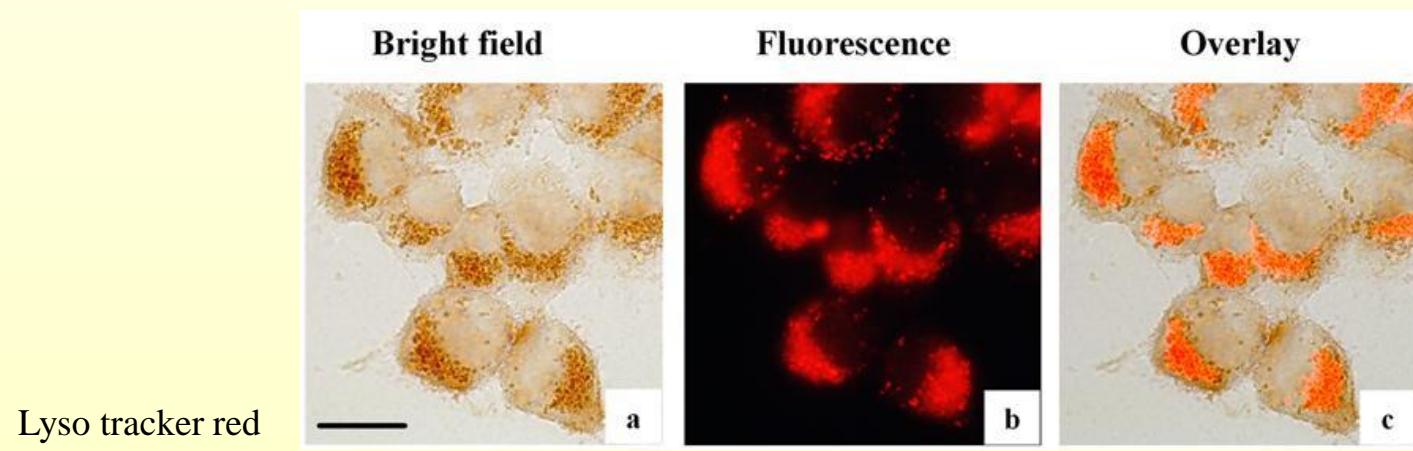
Material composition, electronic structure, bonded surface species (e.g., metal-containing), surface coatings (active or passive), and solubility, including the contribution of surface species and coatings and interactions with other environmental factors (e.g., UV activation).

# Interaction with cells

## Internalization



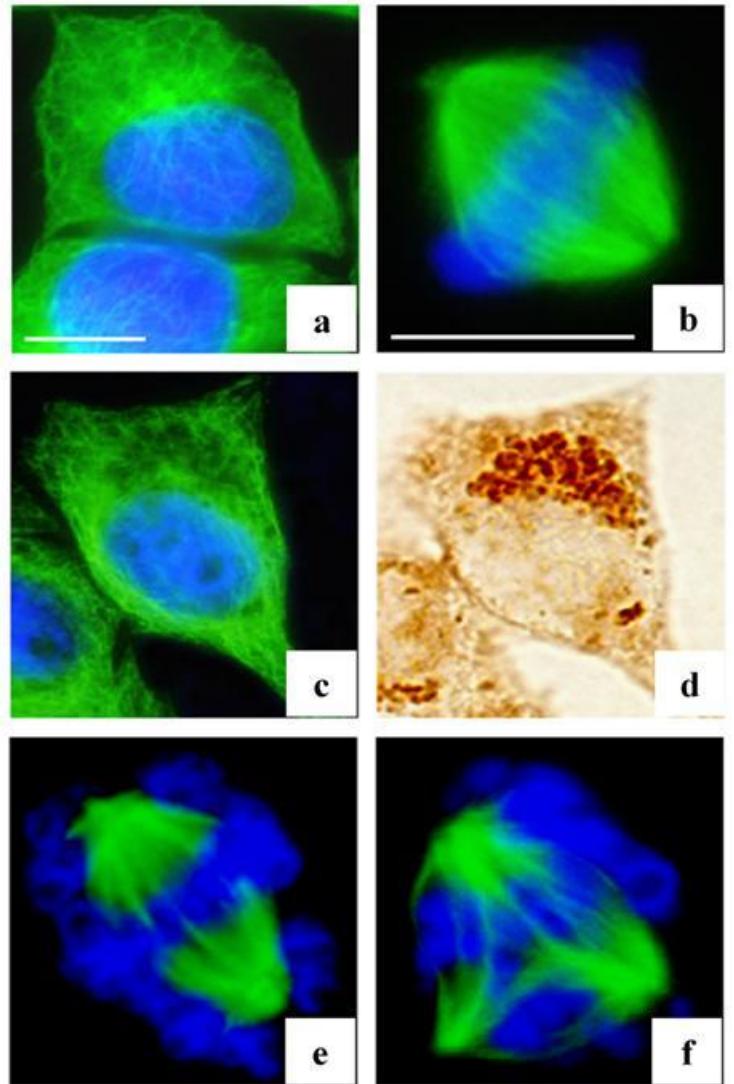
In endocytic compartments



Lyso tracker red

# Cytotoxicity

Depending on the coating



Stained with  $\alpha$ -tubulin

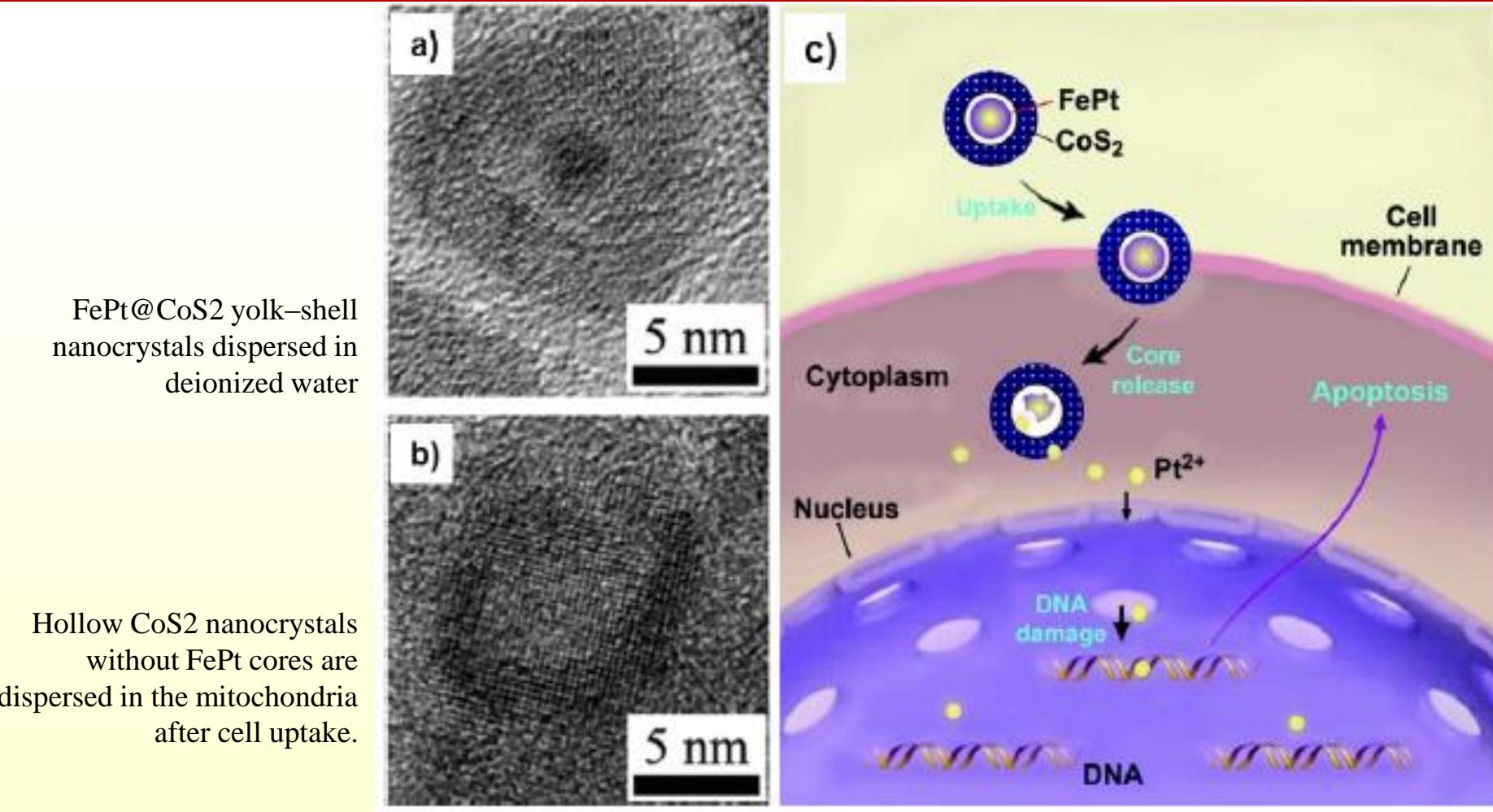
Microtubules (green)  
DNA (blue)

CONTROL

DMSA (-) , APS (+)

HEPARINE

# Interaction with cells

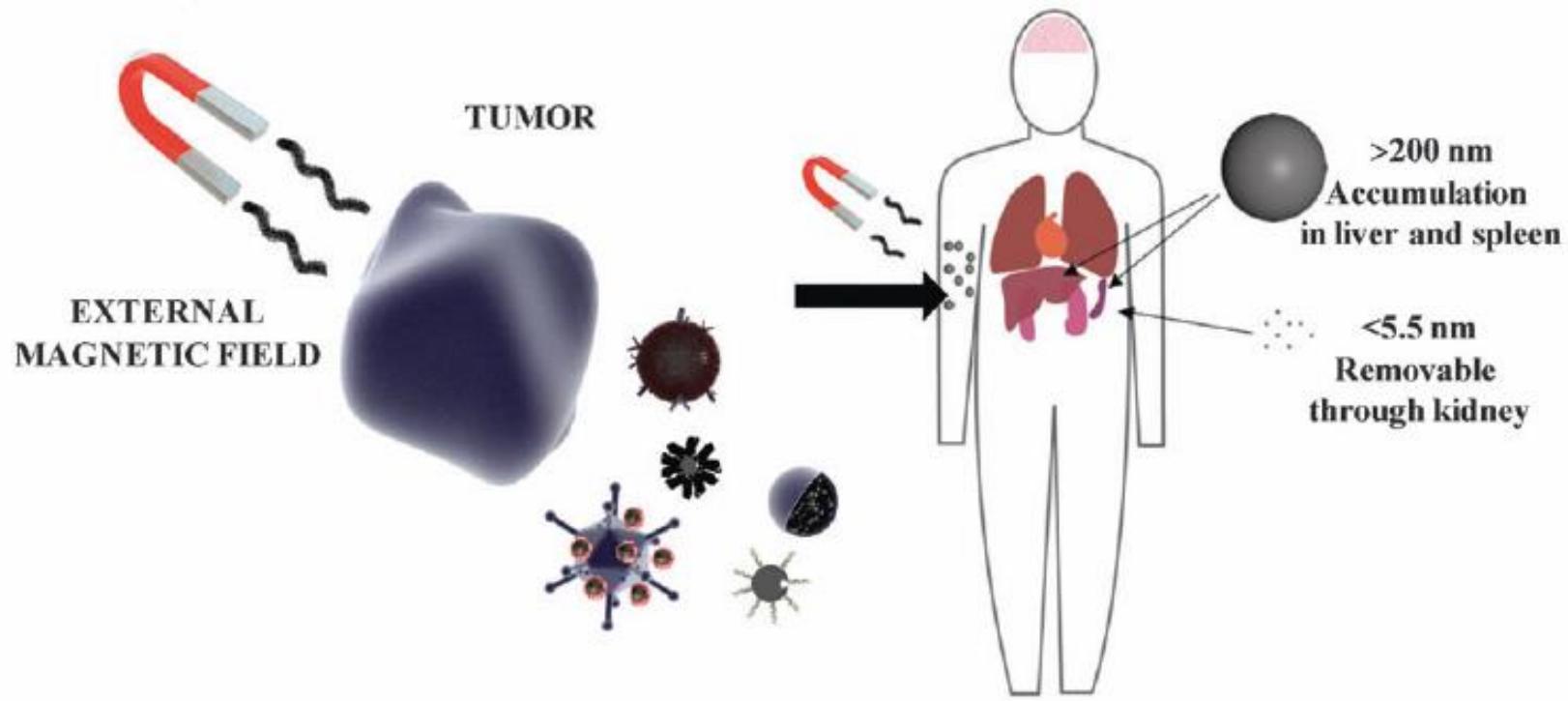


Hollow CoS<sub>2</sub> nanocrystals  
without FePt cores are  
dispersed in the mitochondria  
after cell uptake.

After cellular uptake, FePt nanoparticles are oxidized to give Fe<sup>3+</sup> and Pt<sup>2+</sup> ions (yellow). The Pt<sup>2+</sup> ions enter the nucleus and mitochondria, bind to DNA and lead to apoptosis.

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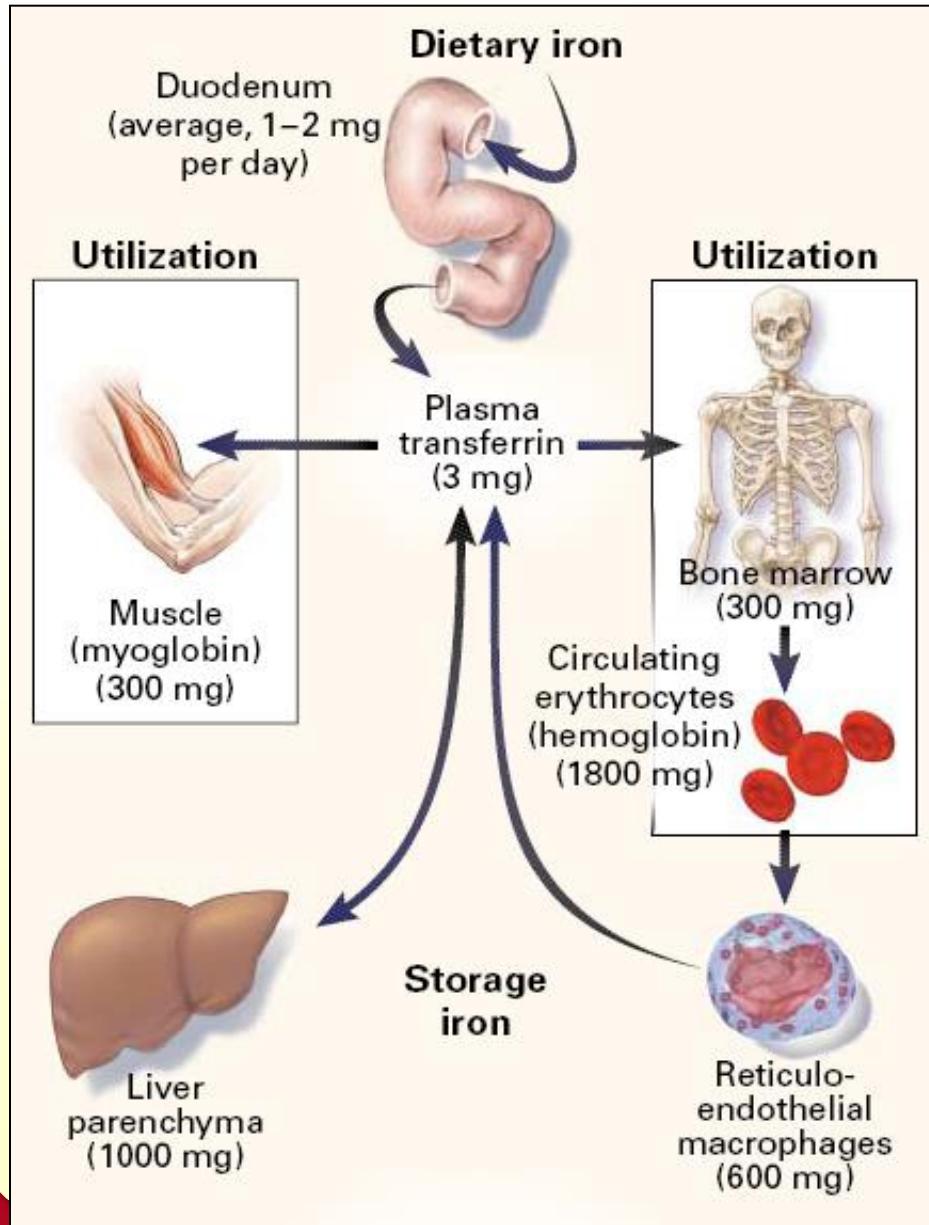
# Problem: Biodistribution



Specific Targeting with Magnetic Fields → 100-10 nm MNPs

A SYSTEM FOR CONTROLLED  
LOCAL DRUG RELEASE IN  
CANCER THERAPY

# Problem: Biodistribution



100 mg Fe => Endorem  
(1-5 mg/Kg)

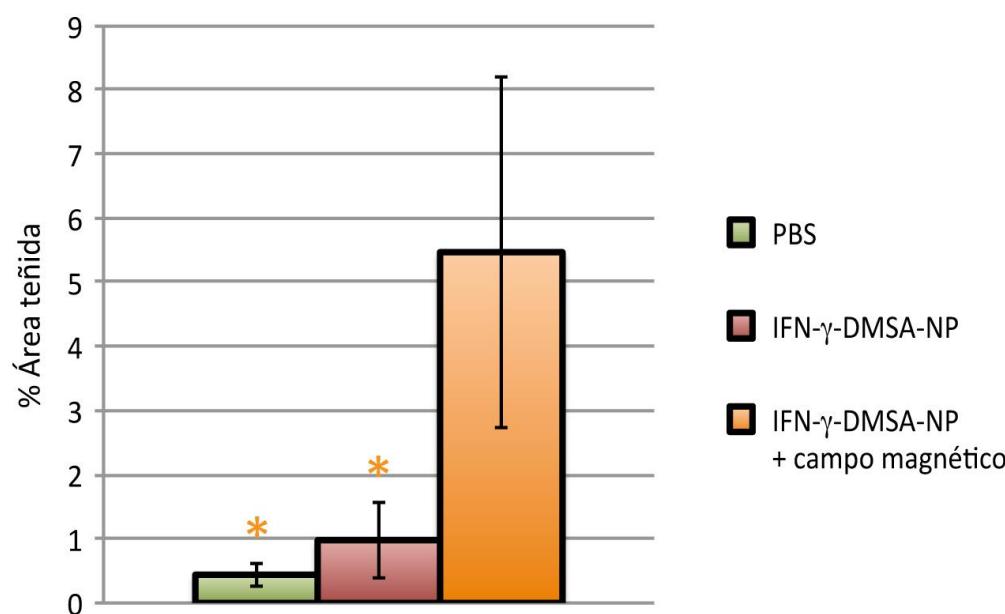
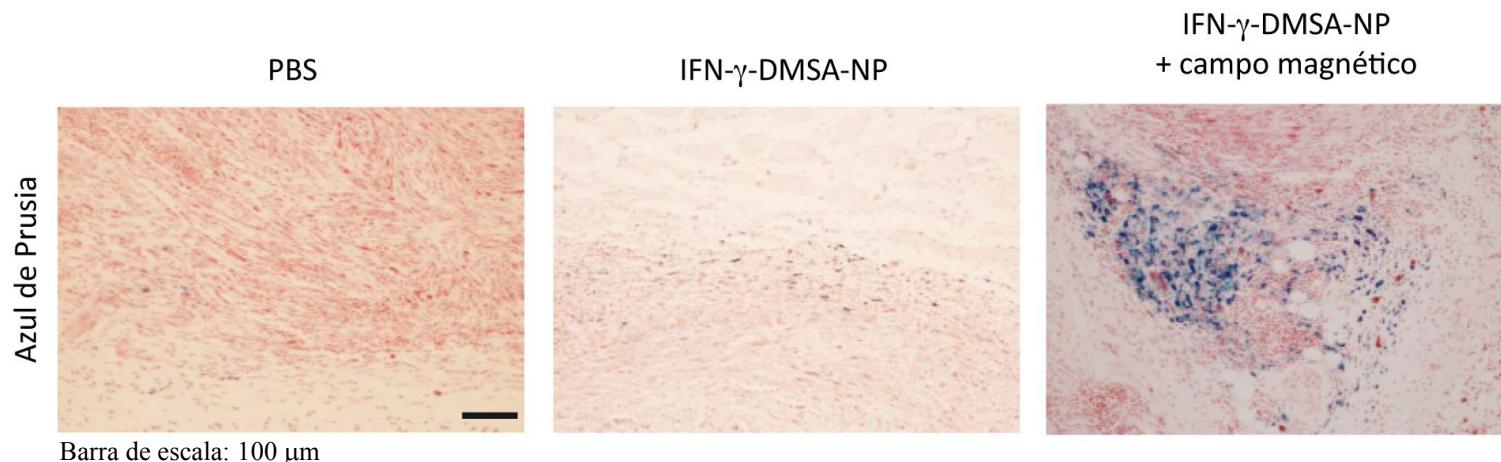
## Distribution of Iron in Adults

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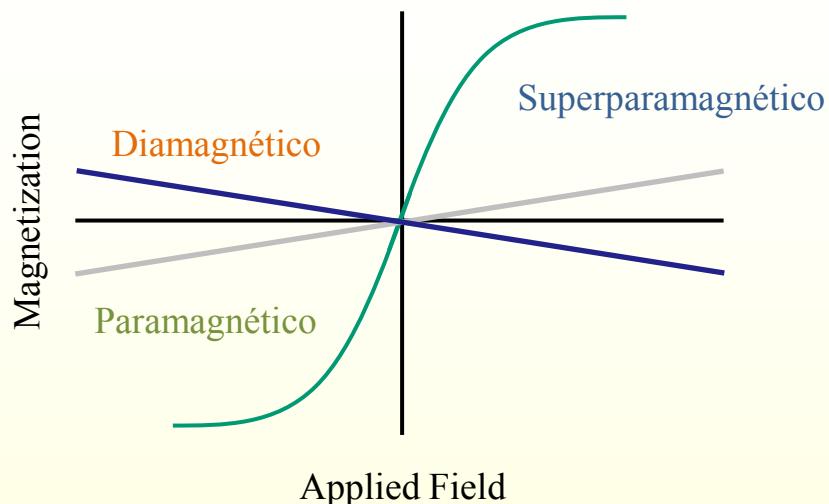
# Detection, identification and quantification of NP in biosystems

## NP in the tissue Prusian blue



# Detection, identification and quantification of NP in biosystems

## Magnetization curves



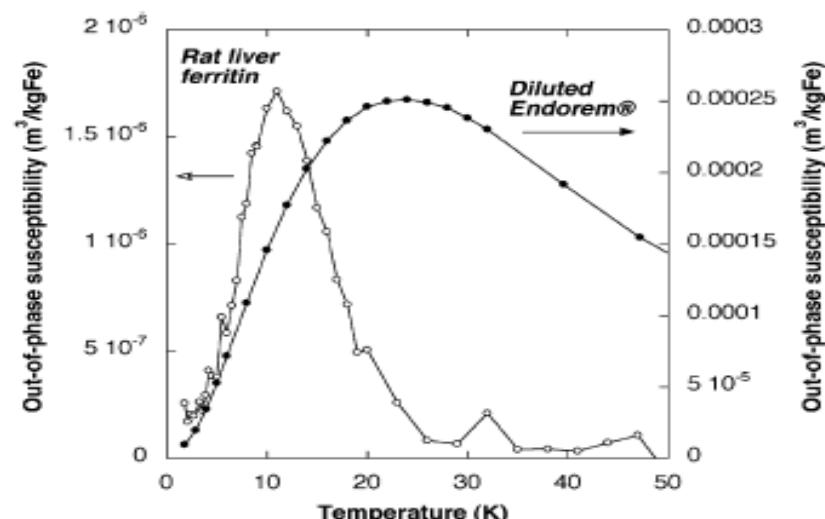
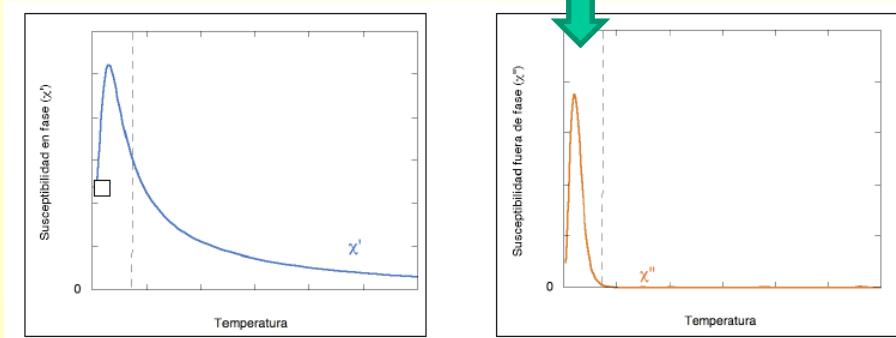
NP

Ferritin, hemoglobine

Tissues...

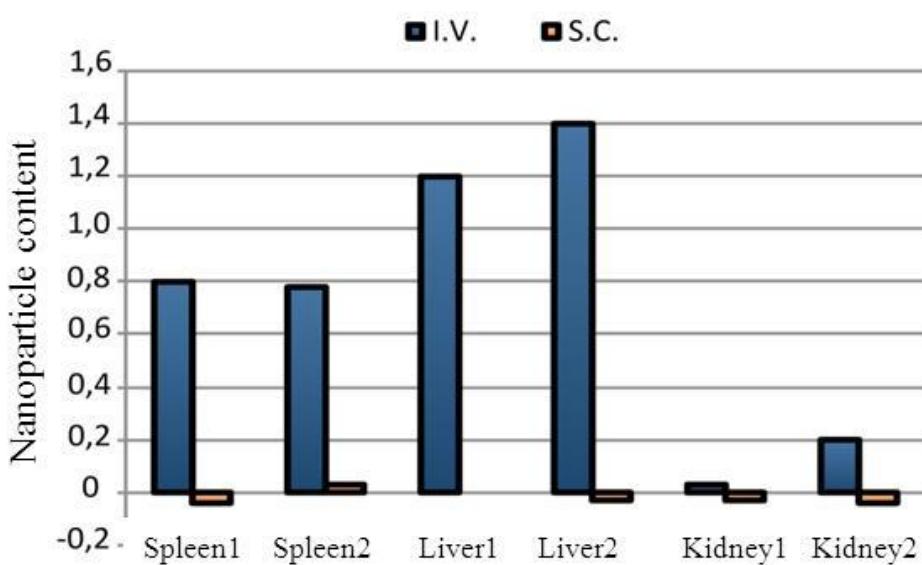
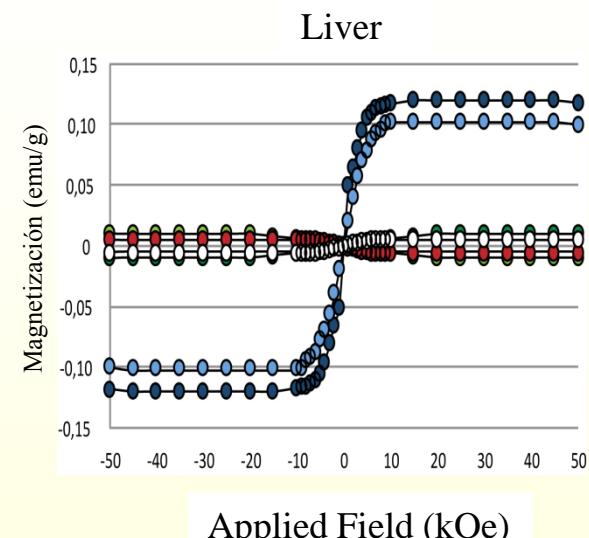
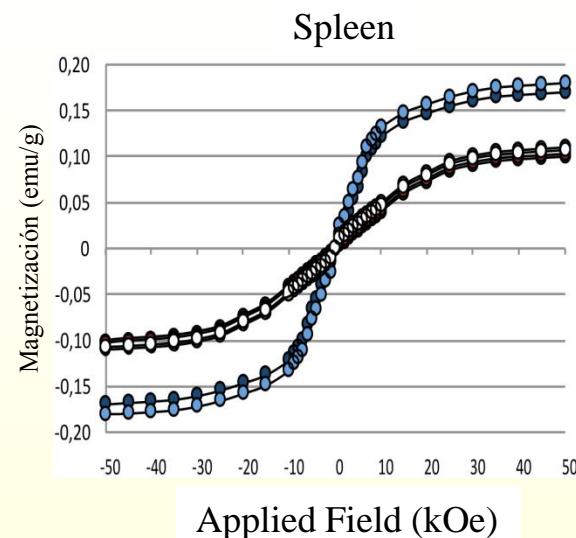
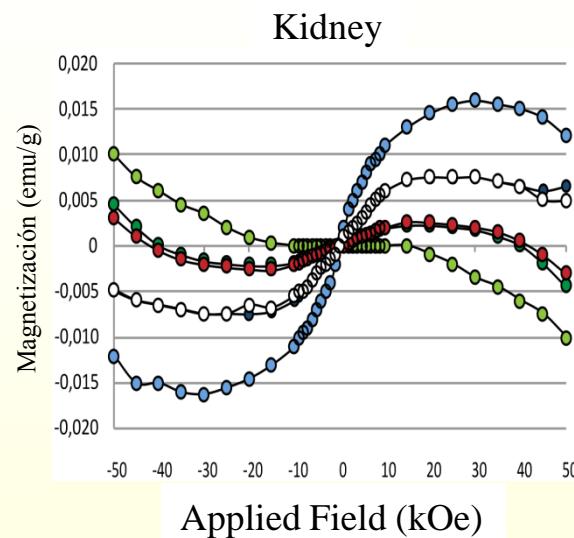
## AC Susceptibility

NP



# Detection, identification and quantification of NP in biosystems

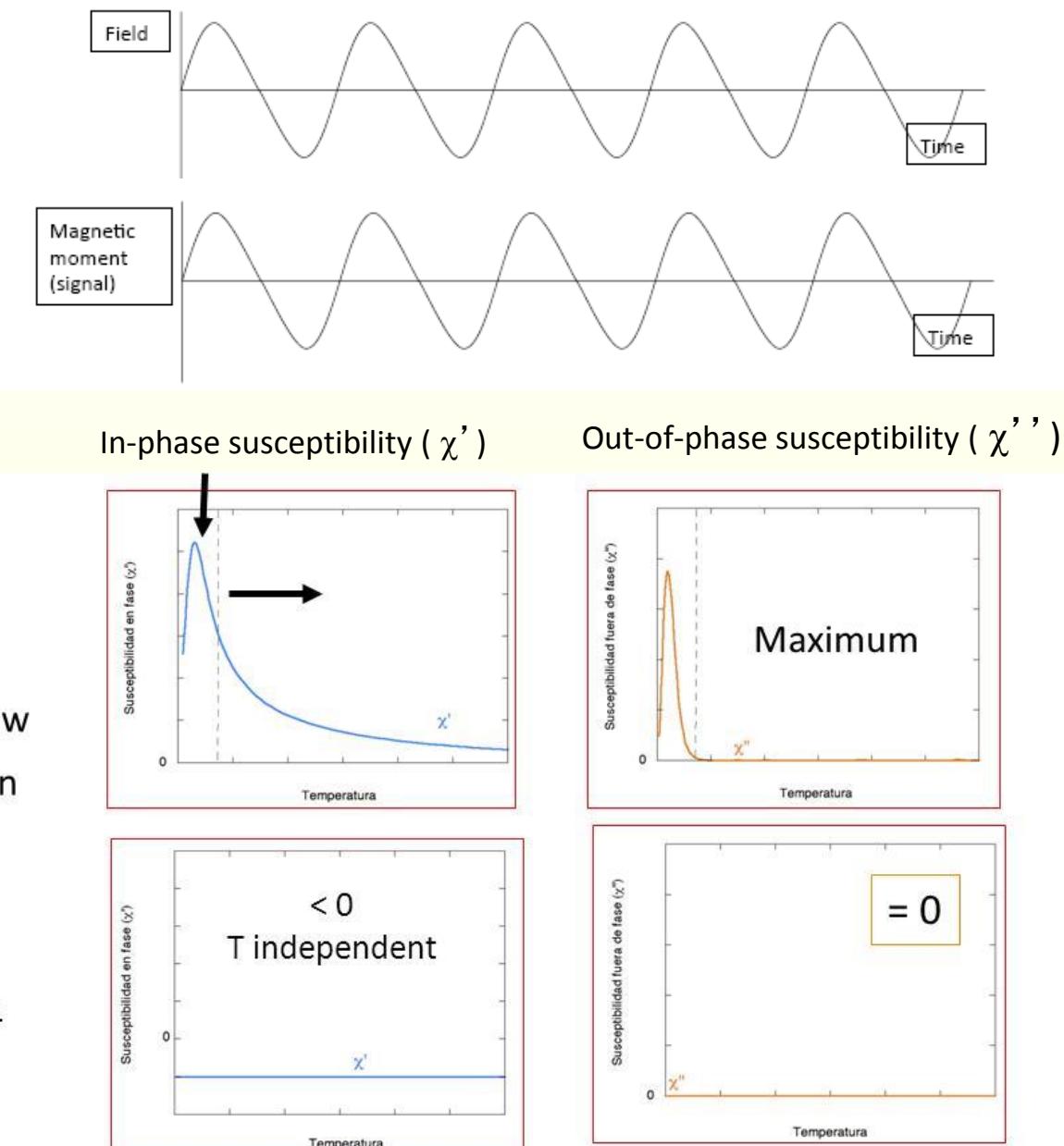
■ I.V.1 ■ I.V.2 ■ S.C.1 ■ S.C.2 ■ Control 1 ■ Control 2



Liver and brain imaging through  
dimercaptosuccinic acid-coated iron  
oxide nanoparticles  
Nanomedicine 5(3), 397- 408, 2010

# Detection, identification and quantification of NP in biosystems

## AC Magnetic Susceptibility



Nanometric particles

High Temperature: Curie Law

Low Temperature: Relaxation

Diamagnetic contribution

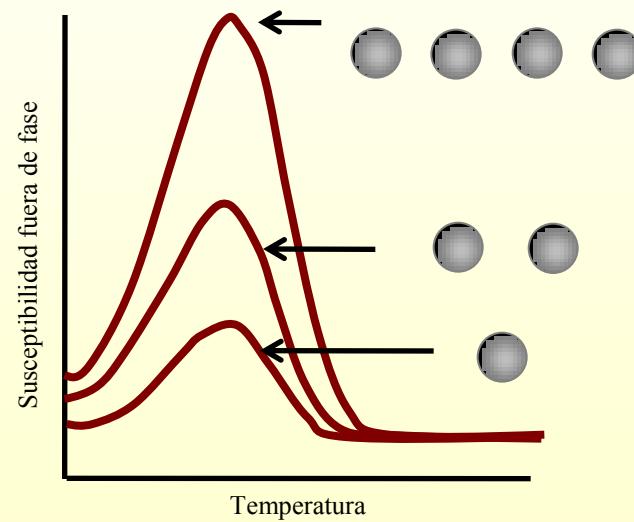
# Detection, identification and quantification of NP in biosystems

## AC Magnetic Susceptibility

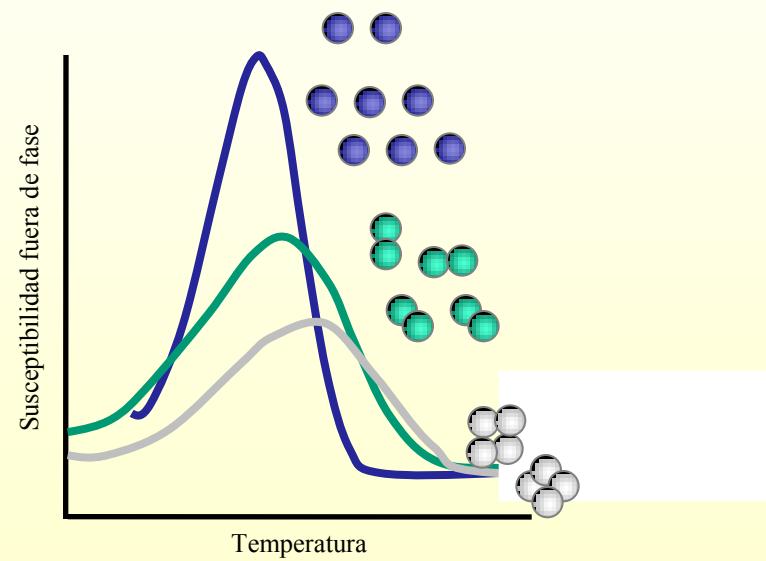
Out-of-phase susceptibility ( $\chi''$ )

Size, Crystallinity, Aggregation

### Quantification



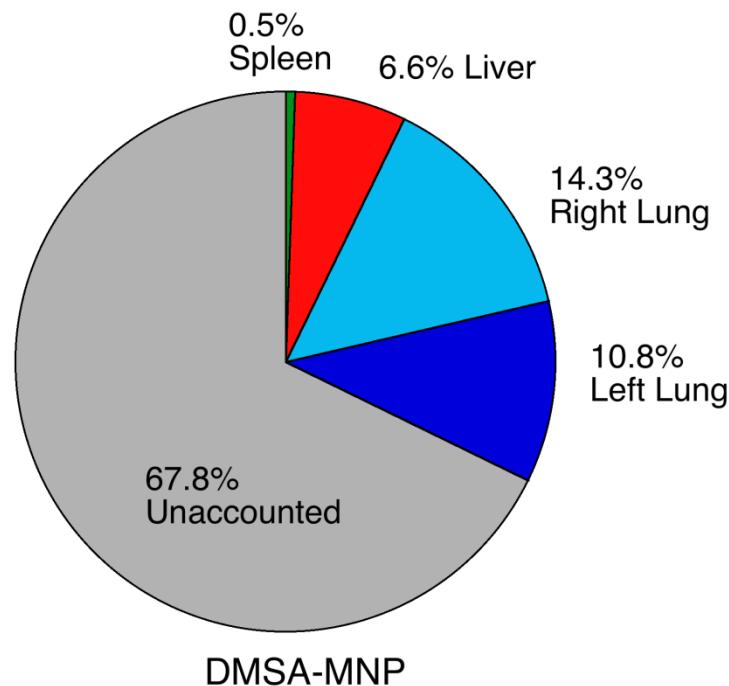
### Aggregation state



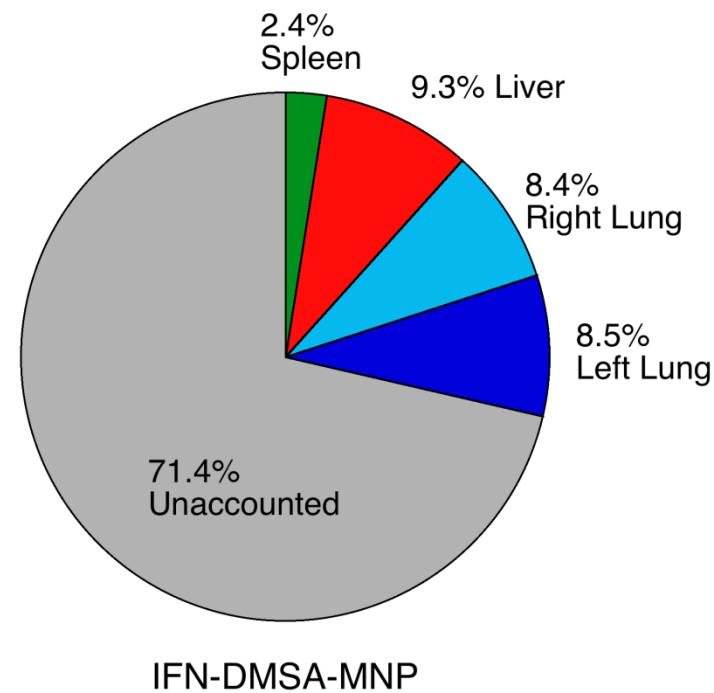
With the appropriated standards it is possible to calculate the amount of the total iron that is in the form of the magnetic nanoparticles.

# Detection, identification and quantification of NP in biosystems

a)



b)



Percentage of the magnetic nanoparticles from the last MNP administration found in each organ. Values have been calculated from the total amount of iron found in each whole tissue in the form of MNP and the total amount of injected iron in the last administration.

*AC Magnetic susceptibility study of in vivo nanoparticle biodistribution,*

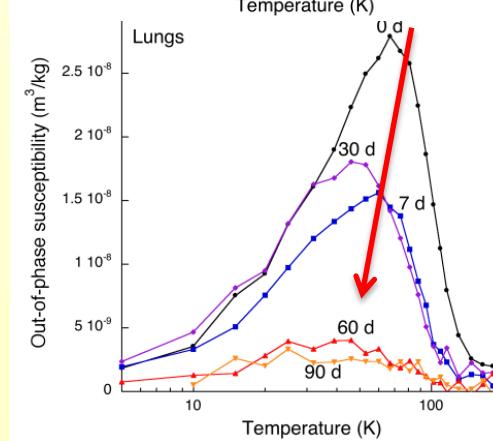
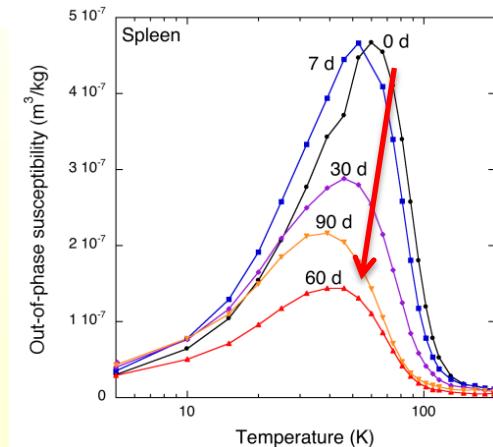
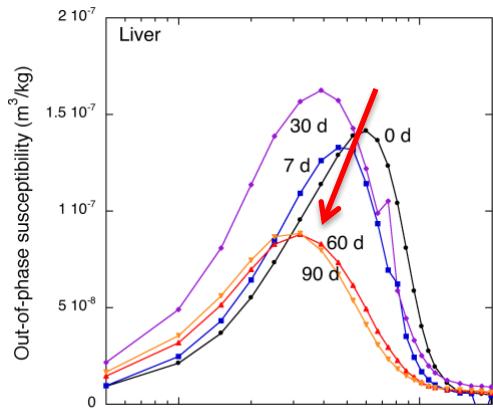
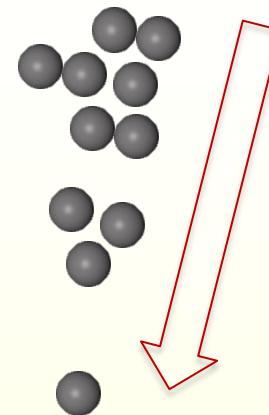
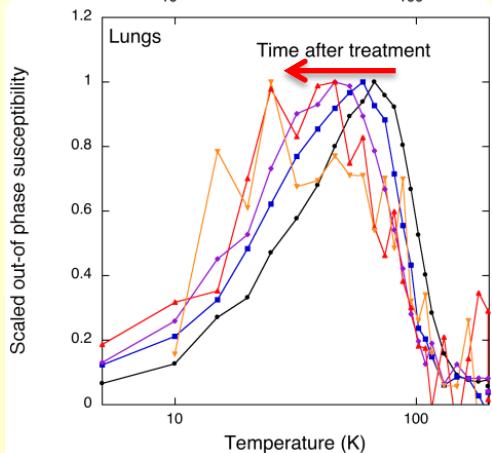
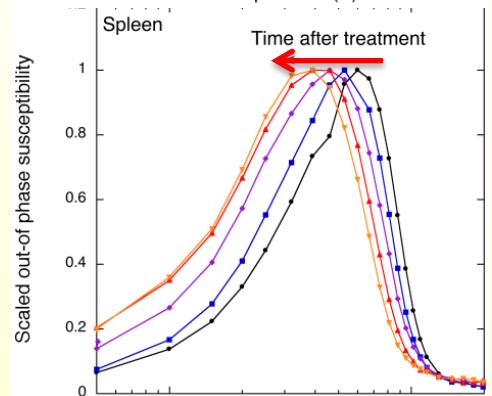
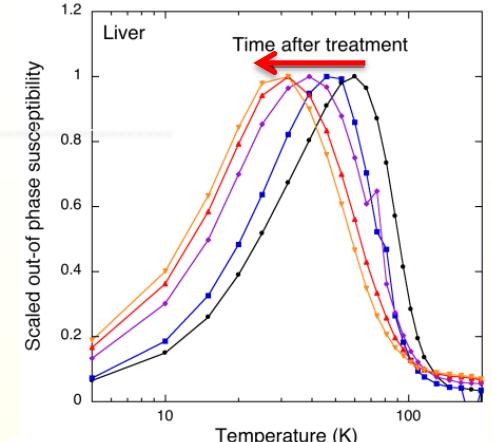
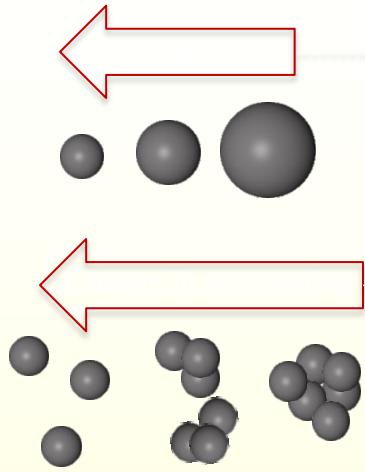
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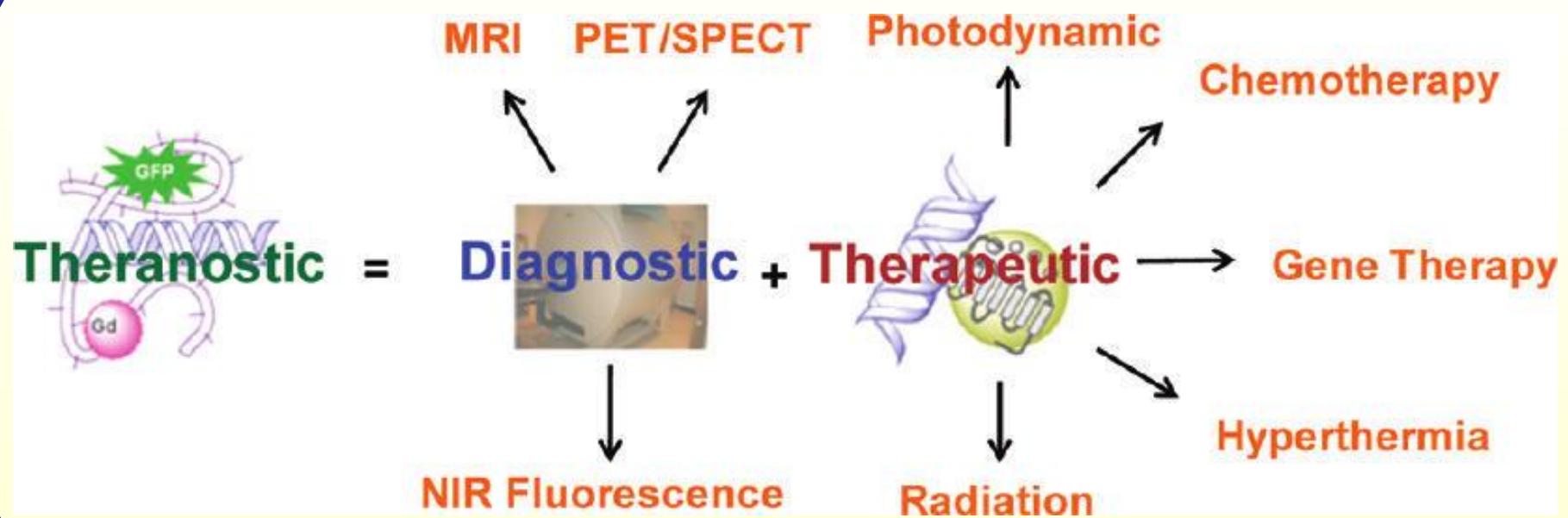
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# Long term particle transformations



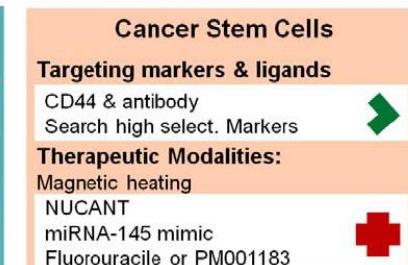
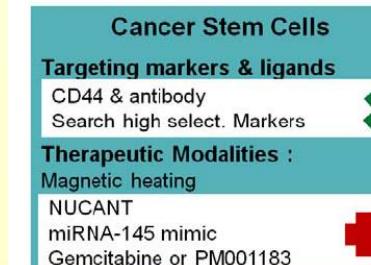
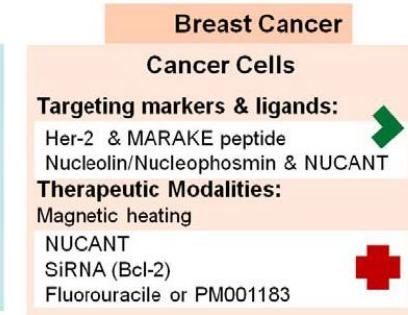
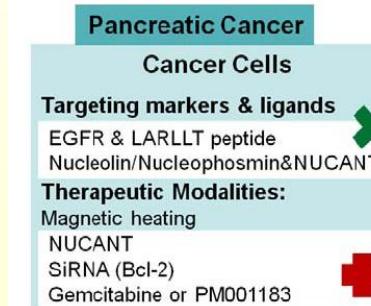
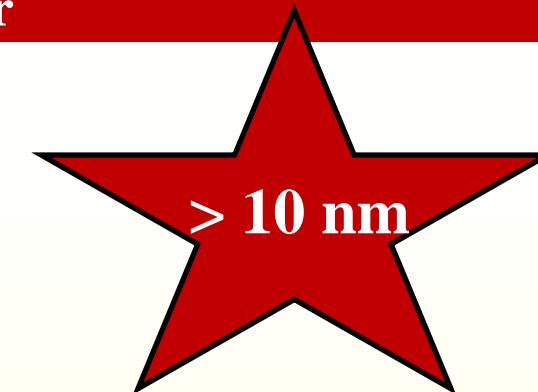
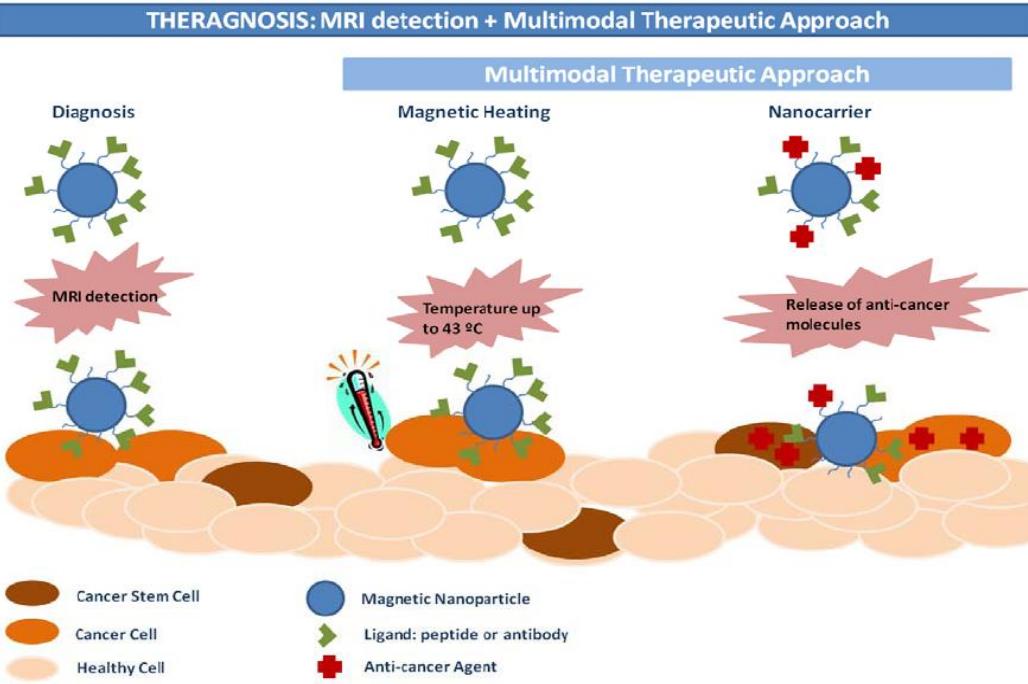
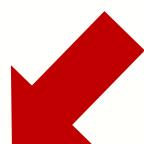
# Final remarks

## Ideal



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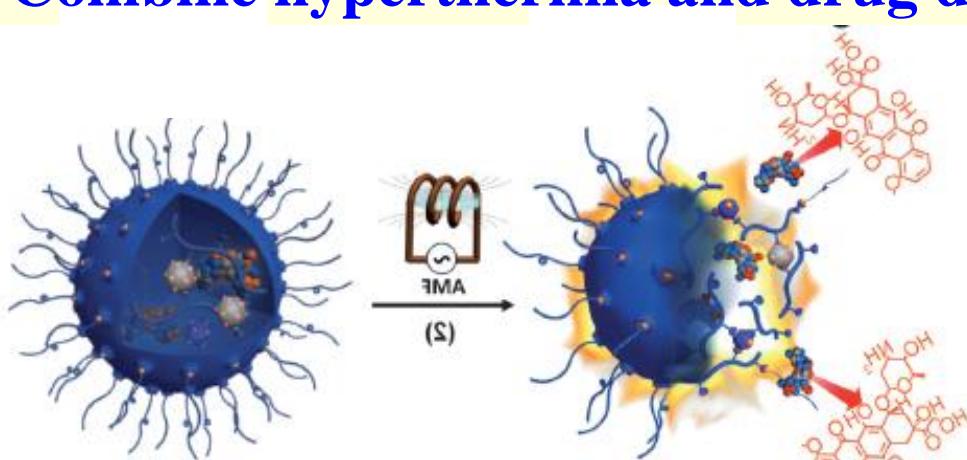
# FP VII/ MULTIFUN: Multifunctional nanotechnology for selective detection and treatment of cancer



# MAIN THEMES TACKLED IN MULTIFUN

- Large scale production of biocompatible iron oxide nanoparticles with optimal magnetic features.
- Functionalization of nanoparticle for selective targeting and for carrying different anticancer agents (i.e. drugs, sRNA, peptides)
- Implementation of multimodal nanoparticle-based therapeutic approach by combining heating capabilities and anticancer agents.
- Toxicity and biodistribution of nanoparticles in animal models (mice and pigs).
- Development of new equipments for heat treatment and the detection-quantification of nanoparticles in tissues, blood and urine.

## Combine hyperthermia and drug delivery

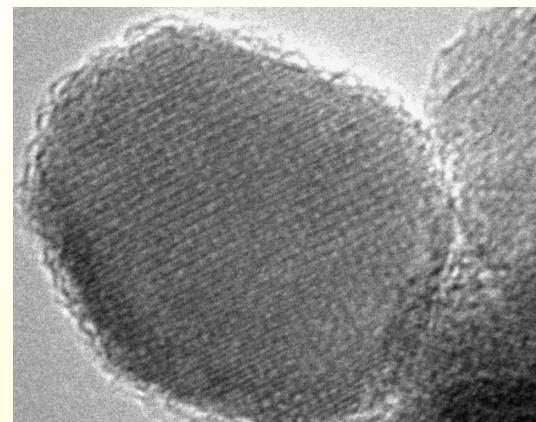
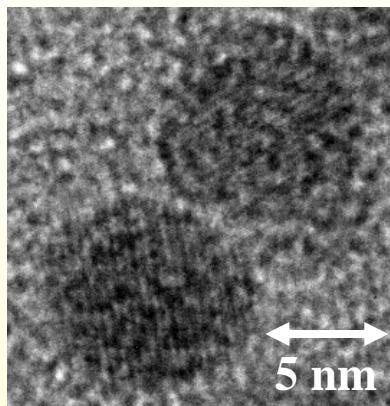


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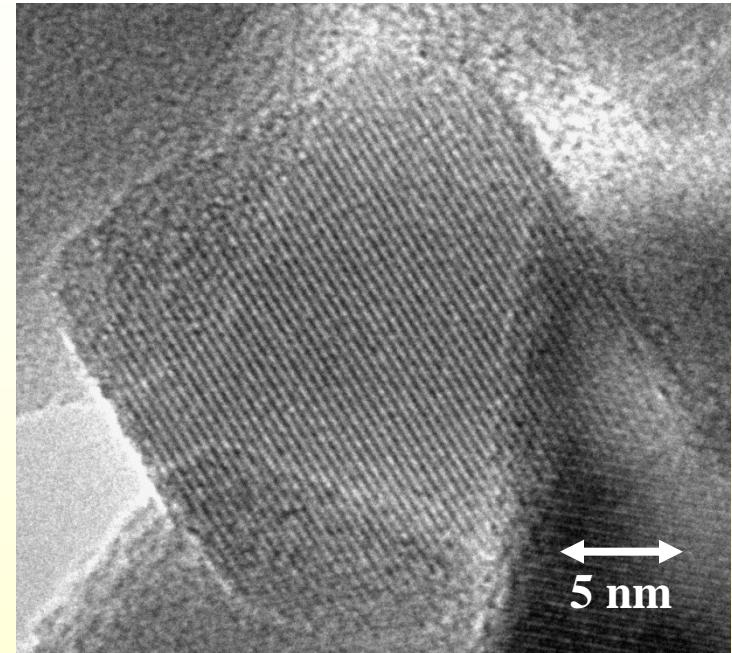


# NANOPARTICLES AND NANOCRYSTALS OF IRON OXIDE

## NANOPARTICLES



## NANOCRYSTALS

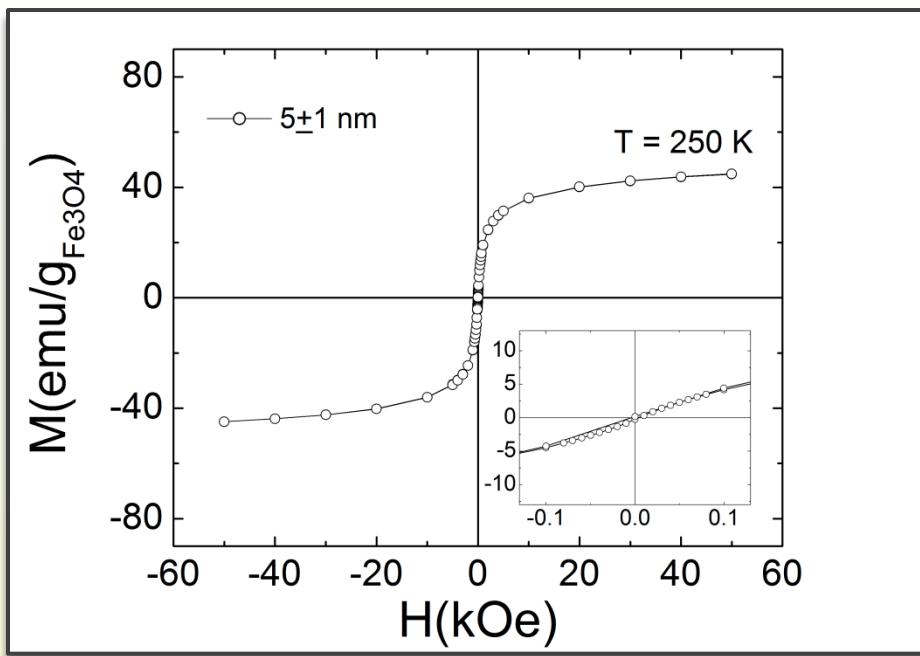


High surface energy  
Round shapes

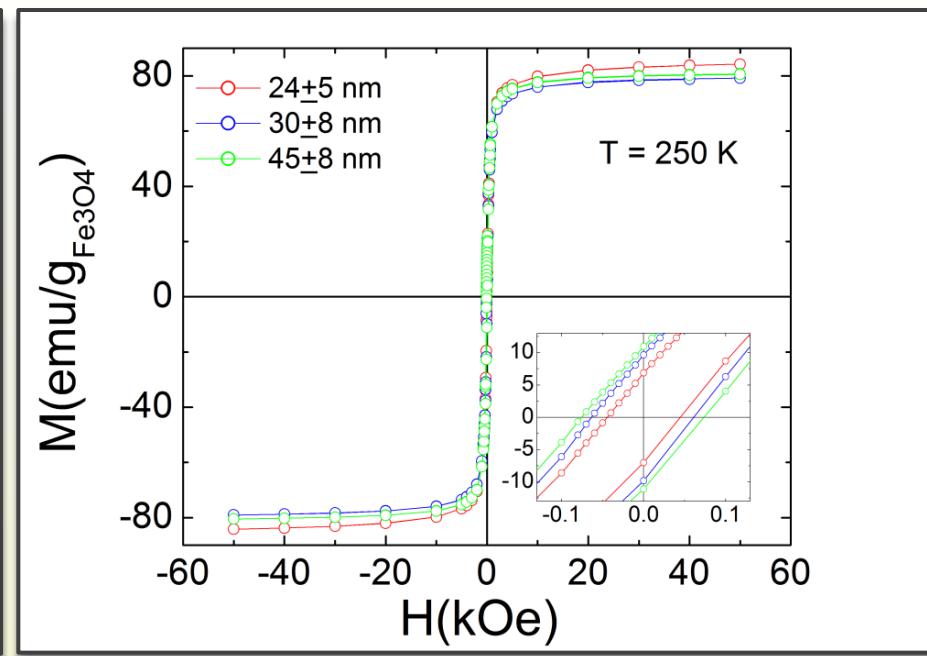
MORE  
ORDERED

Lower surface energy  
Less rounded shapes

# NANOPARTICLES AND NANOCRYSTALS OF IRON OXIDE



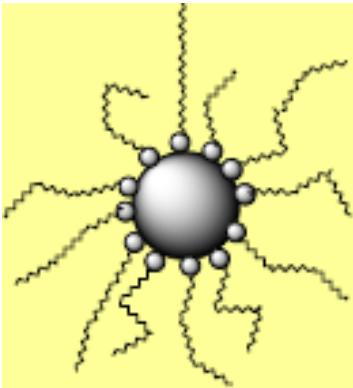
Nanoparticles



Nanocrystals

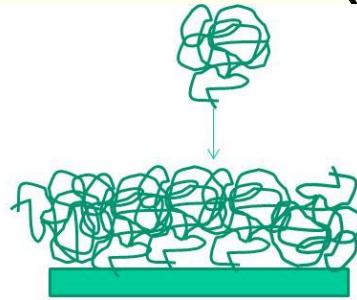
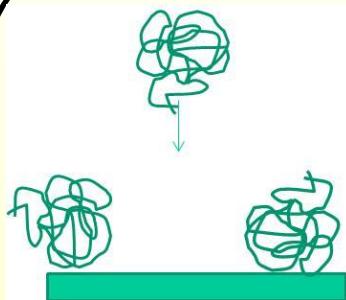
**BETTER MAGNETIC RESPONSE  
Maximum Heating efficiency and NMR contrast**

# LONG CIRCULATING AGENTS = POLYMERS = PEG

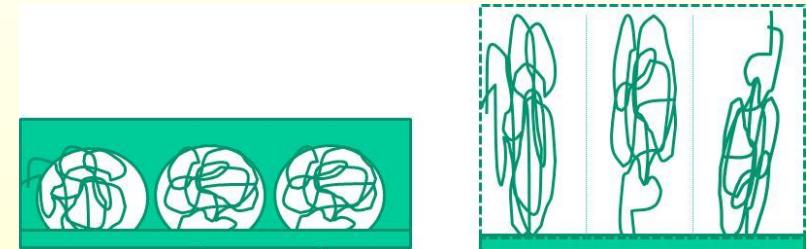


## PROBLEMS

Polymerizability  
End-group reactivity  
Aggregation/Stability



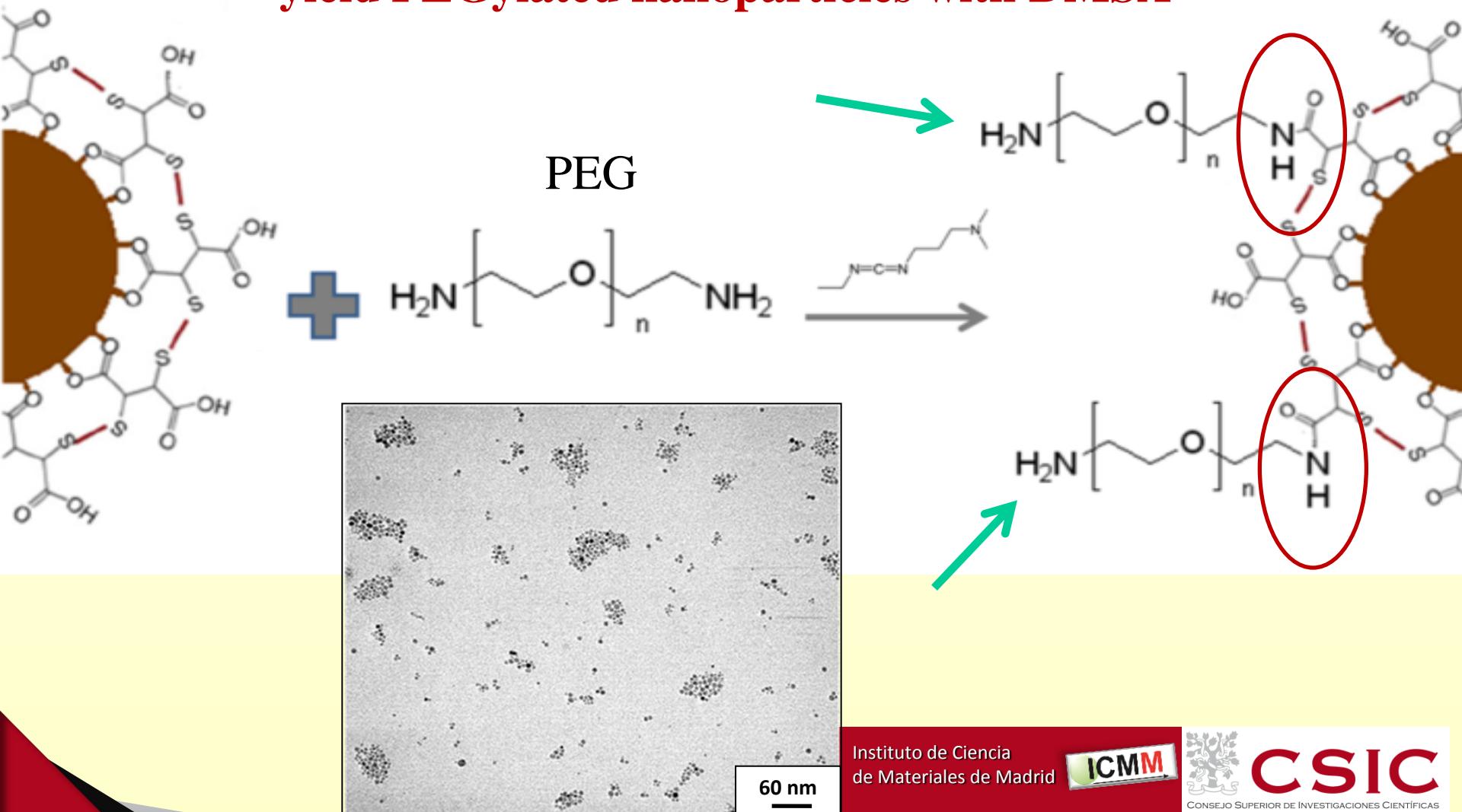
Grafting Density  
(in the case of NPs  
depend on geometry)



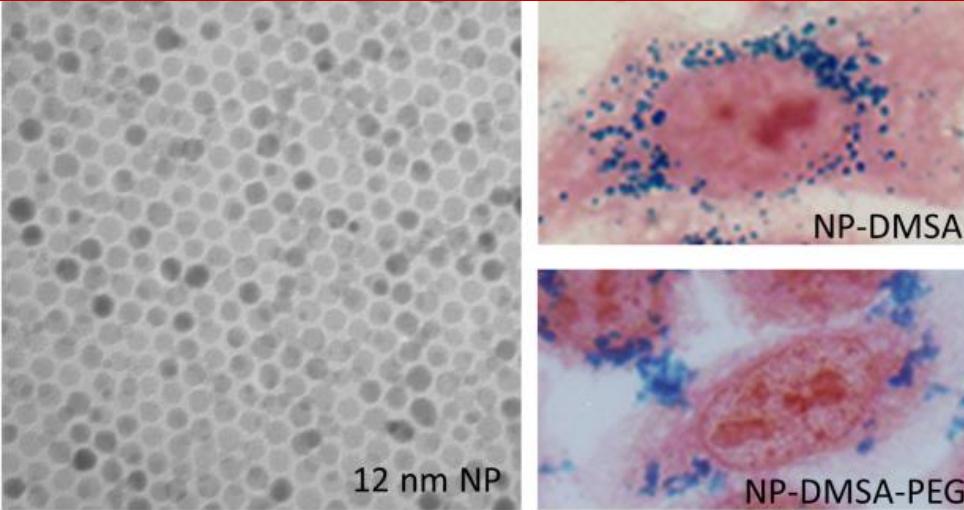
Conformations of  
surface-attached polymers

# LONG CIRCULATING AGENTS = POLYMERS = PEG

The different amine functionalized PEGs were attached to NP(Fe)-DMSA via EDC-mediated coupling reaction to yield PEGylated nanoparticles with DMSA

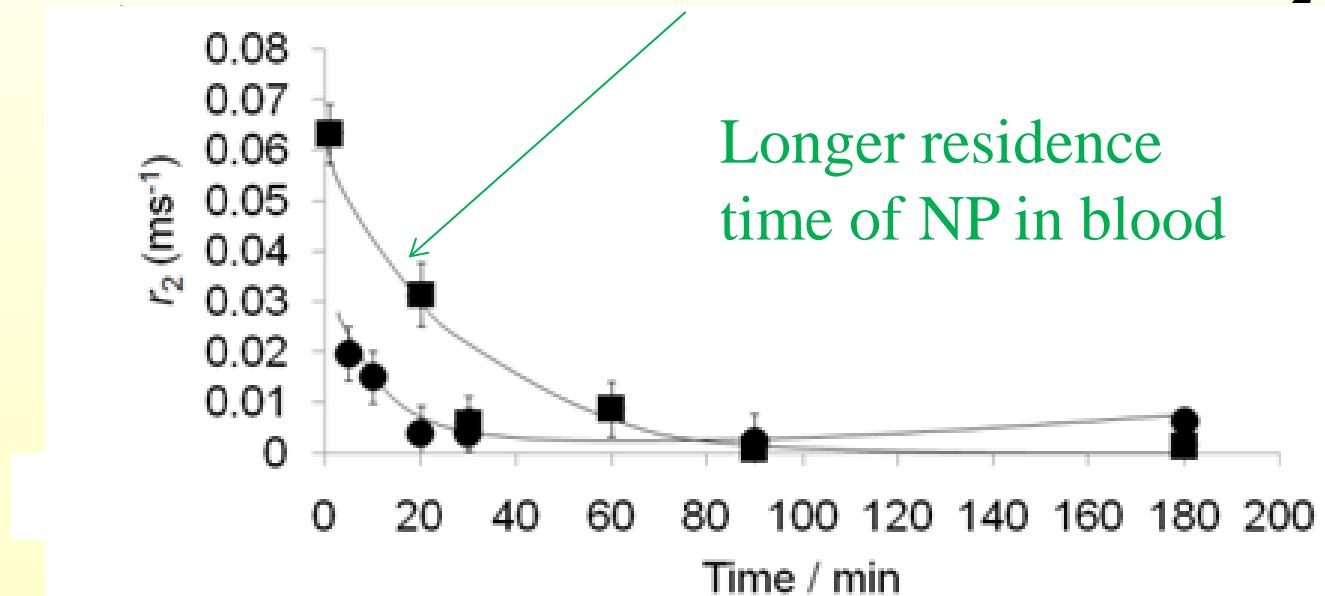


# LONG CIRCULATING AGENTS



No cell uptake

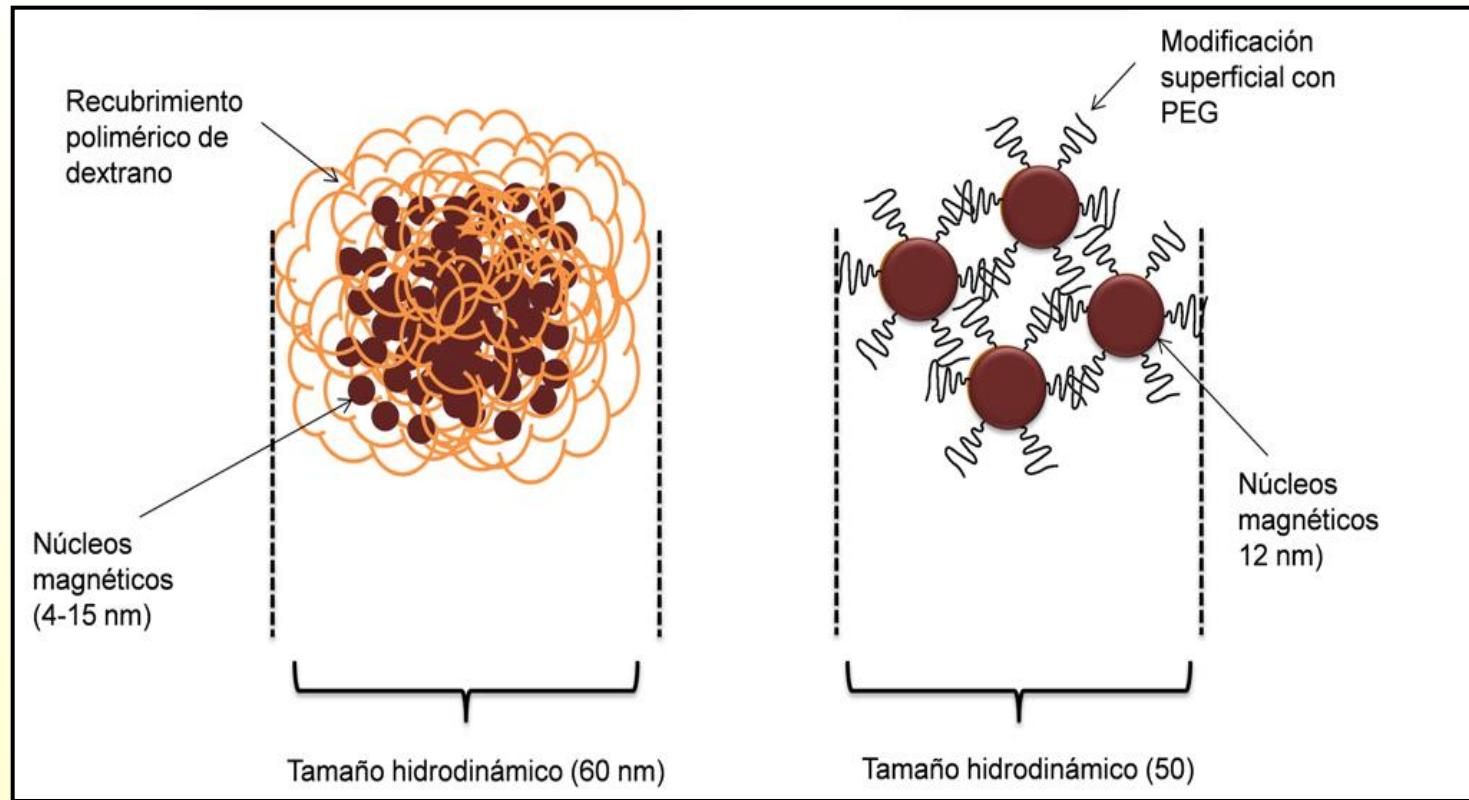
**NP-DMSA-PEG-(NH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>2</sub>**



Longer residence  
time of NP in blood

# NanoMag:

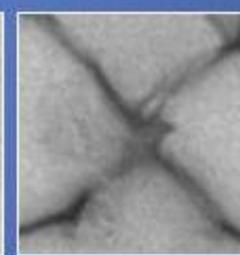
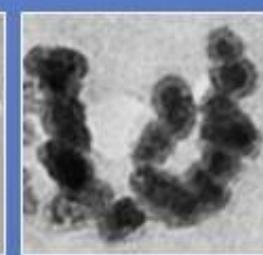
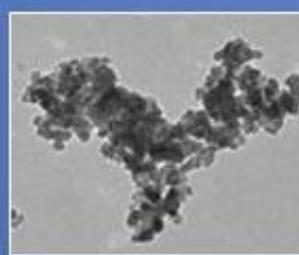
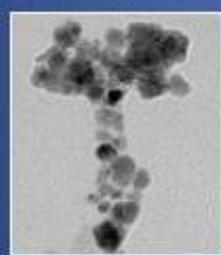
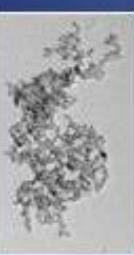
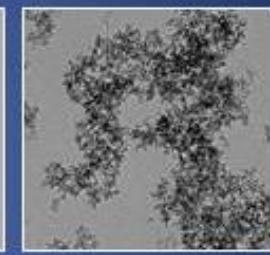
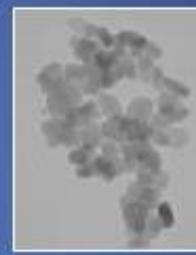
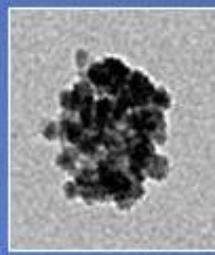
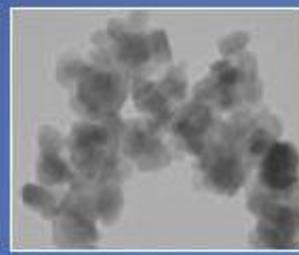
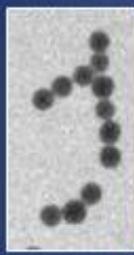
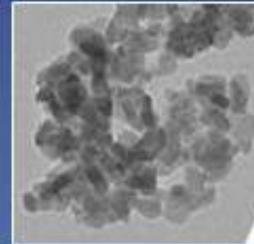
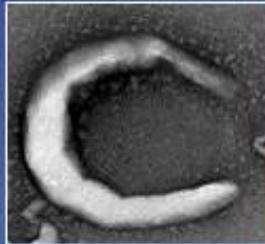
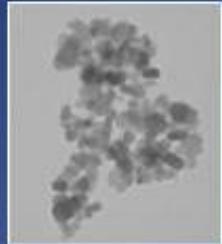
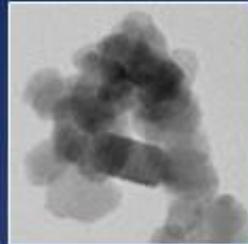
## Nanometrology Standardization Methods for Magnetic Nanoparticles (Nov 2013-2017)



The NanoMag project is to improve and redefine existing analyzing methods and in some cases, to develop new analyzing methods for magnetic nanostructures.

## CONCLUSIONS

- **Magnetic nanoparticles could help to improve clinical practice in the treatment of cancer**, most probably in synergy with other conventional treatments. Significant advances in the field have been made.
- There already exist methods to obtain magnetic nanoparticles with the appropriate properties, bearing in mind that these **properties must be optimized** to suit the magnetic field and application frequency that will be used.
- We have developed not only magnetic nanoparticles with **good heating capacities**, but also with good colloidal properties, **long blood circulation time** and grafted ligands able to facilitate their specific internalization in tumor cells.
- More systemic and **long-term toxicological studies** are required before the translation of any nanoprobe to clinical adaptation.
- **Other applications of magnetic nanoparticles** are in gene therapy and cell labelling for tissue regeneration.



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