



# Technological concepts and future applications of Ag and TiO<sub>2</sub> anatase nanoparticles produced by Green methods

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There's plenty of room at the bottom, says noted scientist as he reveals—



At 42, Richard Phillips Feynman, Ph.D., enjoys world renown as a theoretical physicist, local fame as a "marvelous" performer on the bongo drums, and campus admiration as a man with a pixyish humor that turns a lecture on quantum electrodynamics into a ball. You'll see why when you read his impassioned and witty plea to think small. This tall, slim, dark-haired scholar

**Exploring the fantastic possibilities of the very small should pay off handsomely—and provide a lot of fun, too**

**By Richard P. Feynman**

*Professor of Theoretical Physics,  
California Institute of Technology*

PEOPLE tell me about miniaturization, about electric motors the size of the nail on your small finger. There is a device on the market by which you can write the Lord's Prayer on the head of a pin. But that's nothing. That's the most primitive, halting step.

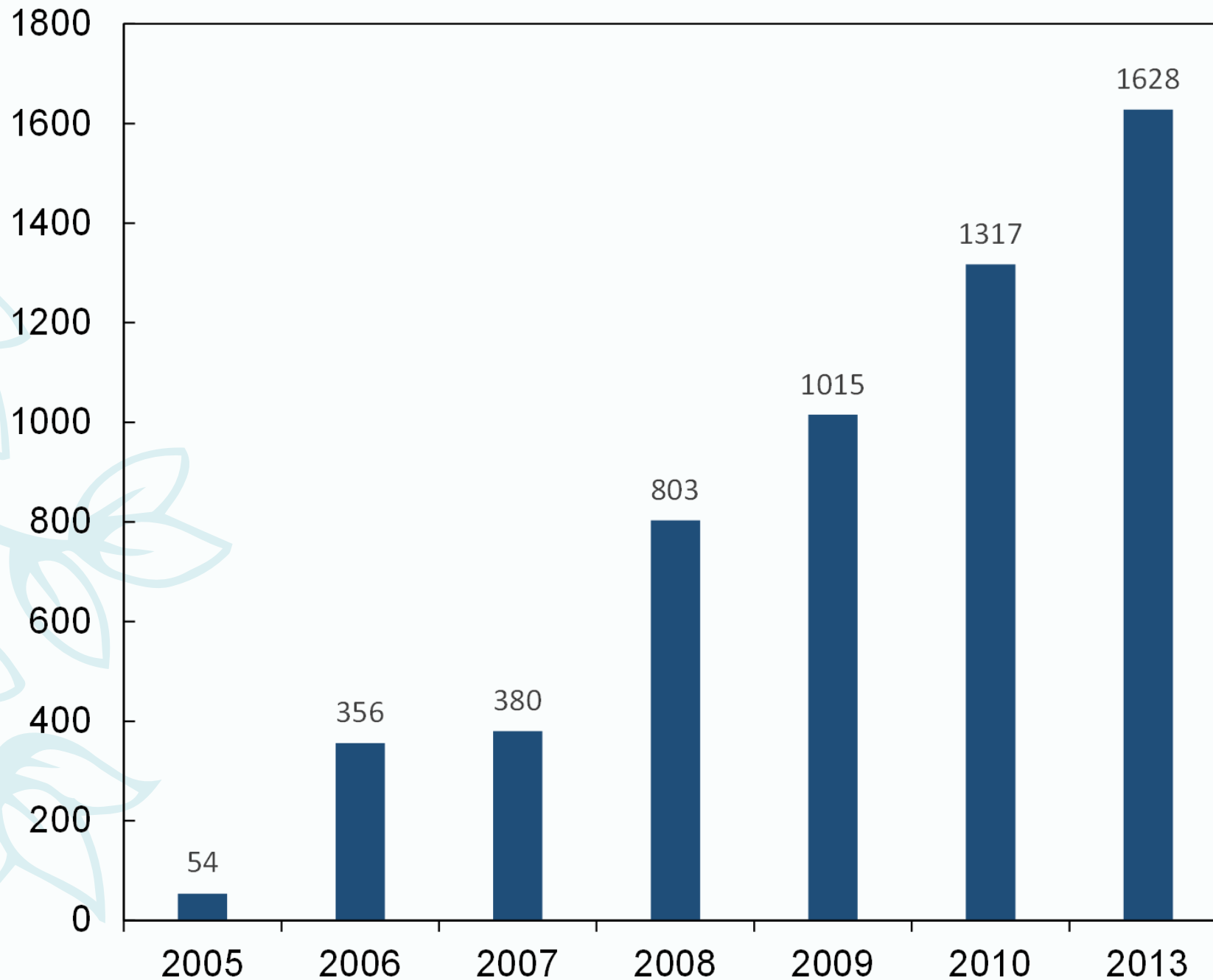
*Why not write the entire 24 volumes of the "Encyclopaedia Britannica" on the head of a pin?*

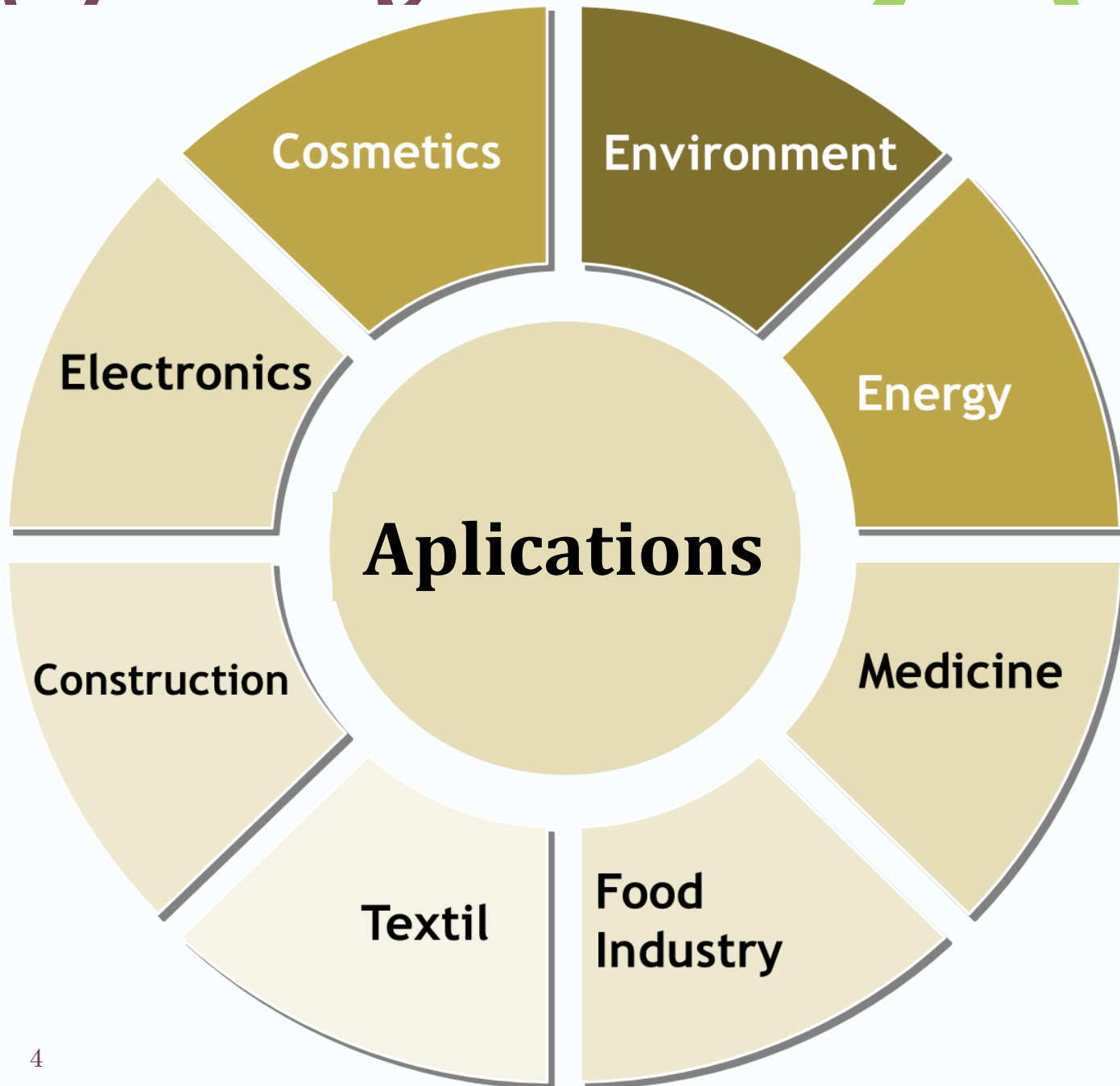
Let's see what would be involved. The

<http://www.cnano.fr/spip.php?article8&lang=en>

**"I don't know how to do this on a small scale in a practical way, but I do know that computing machines are very large; they fill rooms. Why can't we make them very small, make them of little wires, little elements, and by little, I mean little?" R.F.**

Number of products





Ag  
and  
TiO<sub>2</sub> NPs

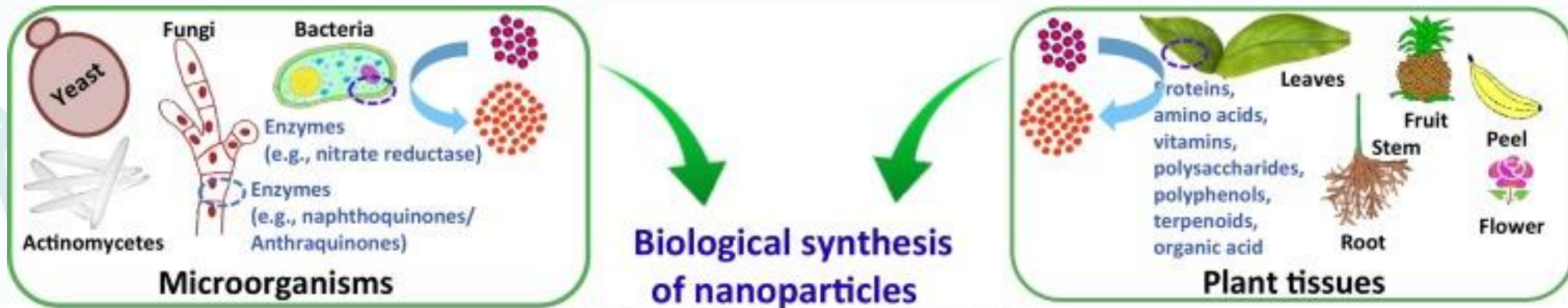
# Any given method to obtain NPs

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– **Advantages**

– **Disadvantages**

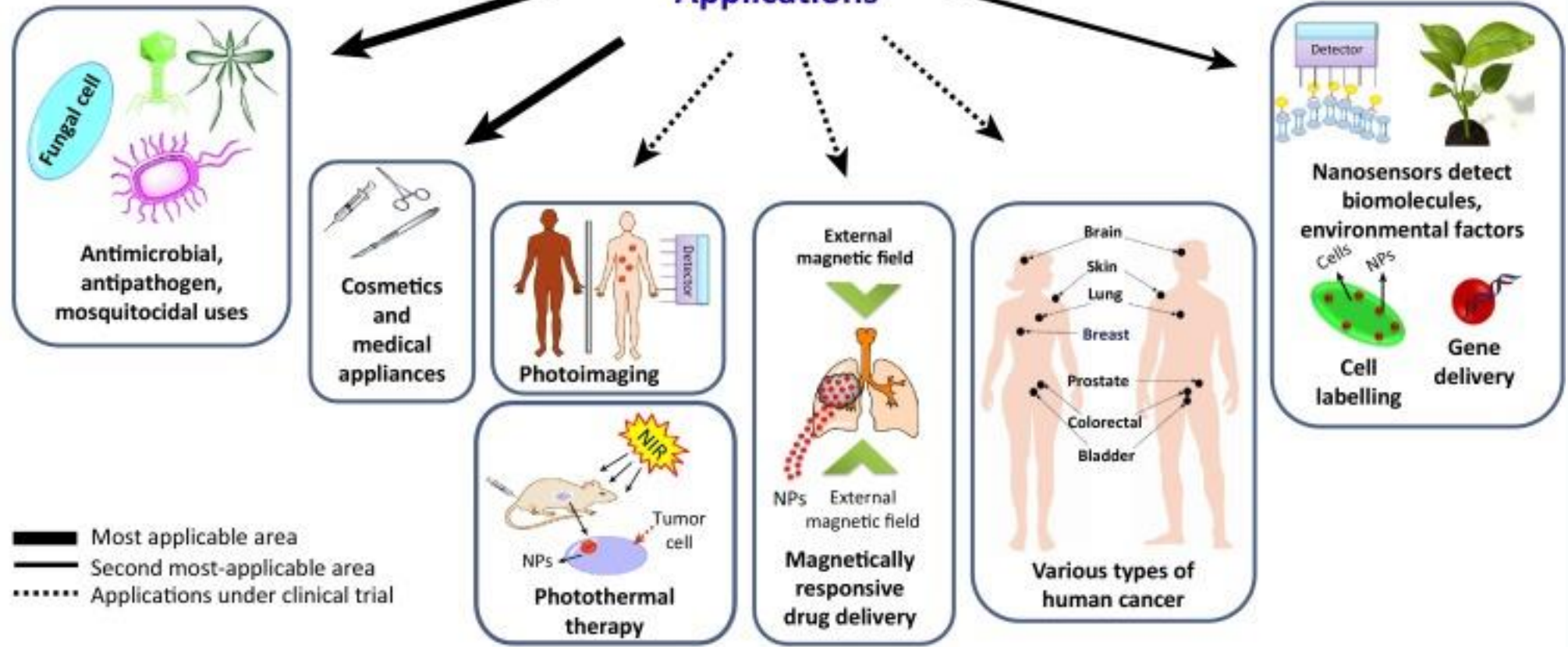




● Metal salts  
● Metal nanoparticles (NPs)



**Applications**



— Most applicable area  
— Second most-applicable area  
..... Applications under clinical trial

# Green Chemistry

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- If NPs are intended for biomedical purposes
  - No toxic chemicals
  - If medicinal plants are used.....

## **DISADVANTAGES:**

- **Available Resource throughout the year**
- **Concentration of metabolites in the plant**
- **Modification of chemical structure of metabolites during the process**
- **Reproducibility**

Using plant extracts:

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# Optimization Reproducibility

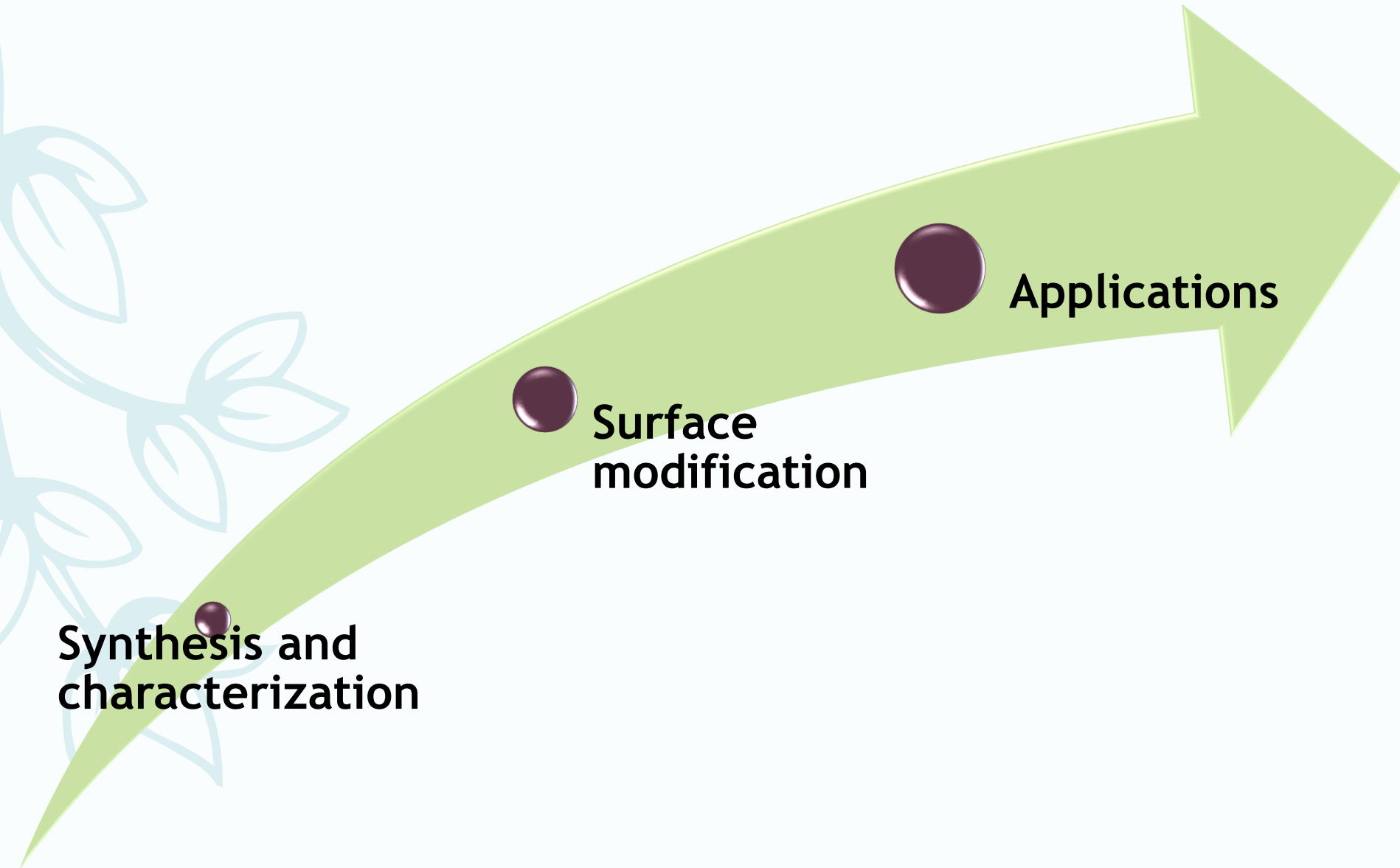
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**Target**





# Nanoparticles



**Synthesis and  
characterization**

**Surface  
modification**

**Applications**

## 1. Ag

1. Biosynthesis optimisation determining the most favorable conditions: pH, metabolite extractant, precursor concentration.

## 2. TiO<sub>2</sub>

1. Biosynthesis optimisation: pH, Relationship extractant/TIPO; Water/TIPO, using alfalfa extracts (isopropanol)

## 3. Potential applications

# Ag NPs

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- **Plant metabolite extractant**
  - **H<sub>2</sub>O**
  - **Isopropanol**
  - **Methanol**
- **pH**
- **[Ag]**



<b>ID</b>	<b>Solventes de extracción de metabolitos vegetales (PMES)</b>	<b>[Ag<sup>+</sup>] (mM)</b>	<b>pH</b>
S01	Agua	5.5	10
S02			7
S03			3
S04	Isopropanol – Agua	10.0	7
S05			
S06			
S07	Metanol – Agua	10.0	7
S08			
S09			
S10	Agua	10.0	7
S11			
S12			

(a) pH = 10, [Ag<sup>+</sup>] = 5.5 mM and agua como PMES (S01);

(b) pH = 7, [Ag<sup>+</sup>] = 5.5 mM y agua como PMES (S02);

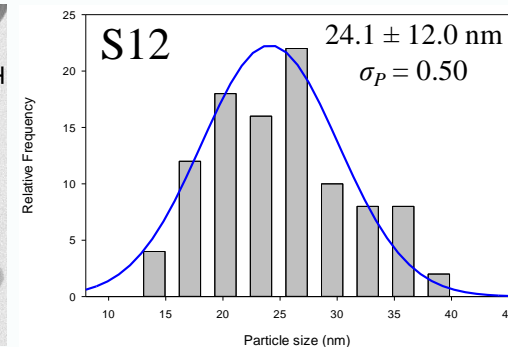
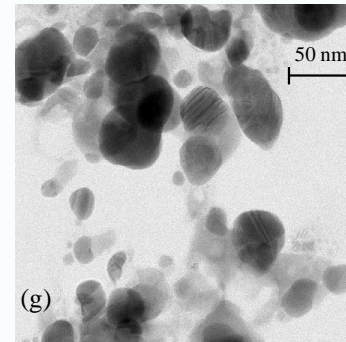
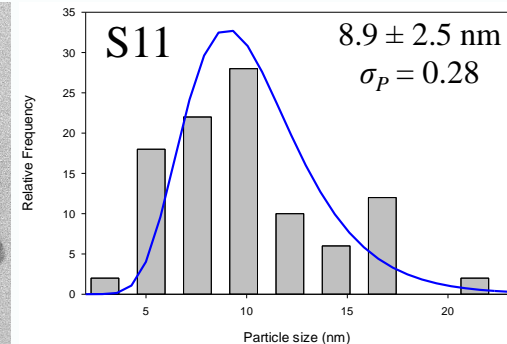
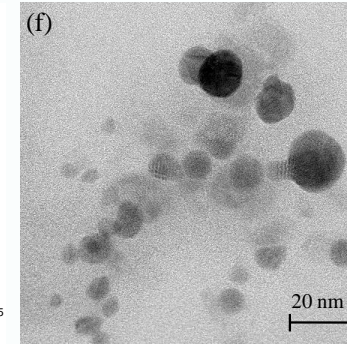
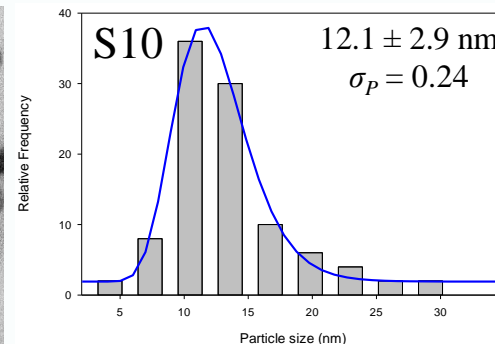
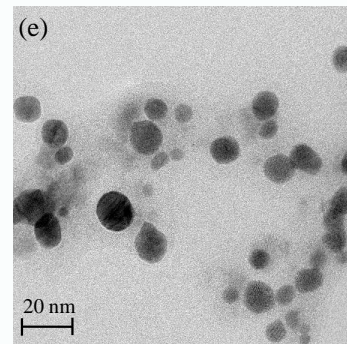
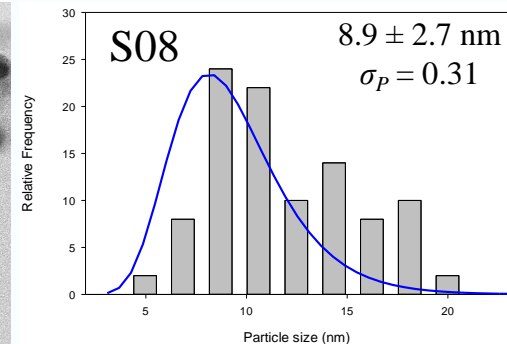
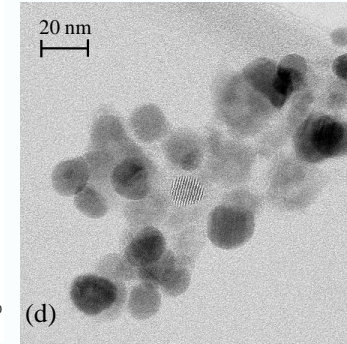
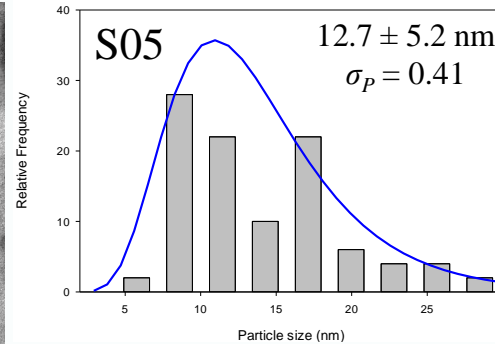
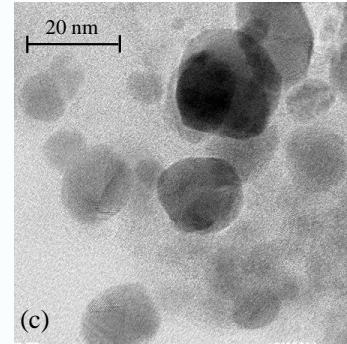
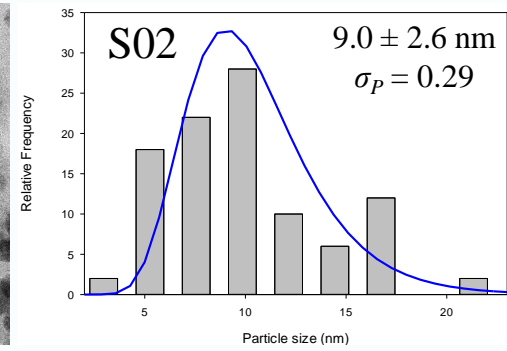
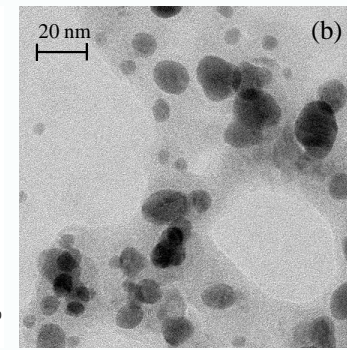
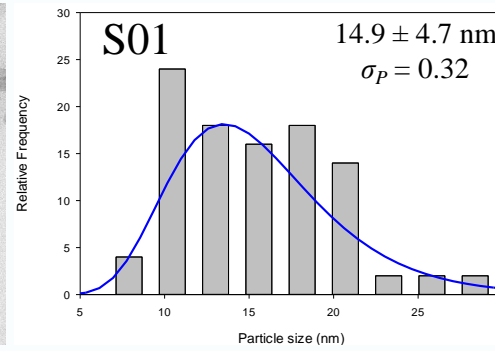
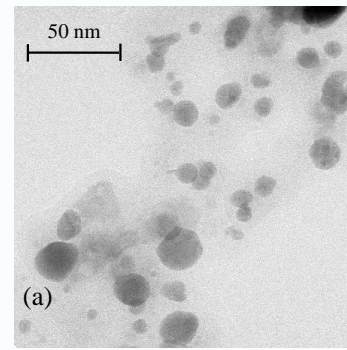
(c) pH = 7, [Ag<sup>+</sup>] = 5.5 mM e Isopropanol-Agua como PMES: (S05);

(d) pH = 7, [Ag<sup>+</sup>] = 5.5 mM, and Metanol-Agua como PMES (S08);

(e) pH = 7, [Ag<sup>+</sup>] = 10 mM y agua como PMES (S10);

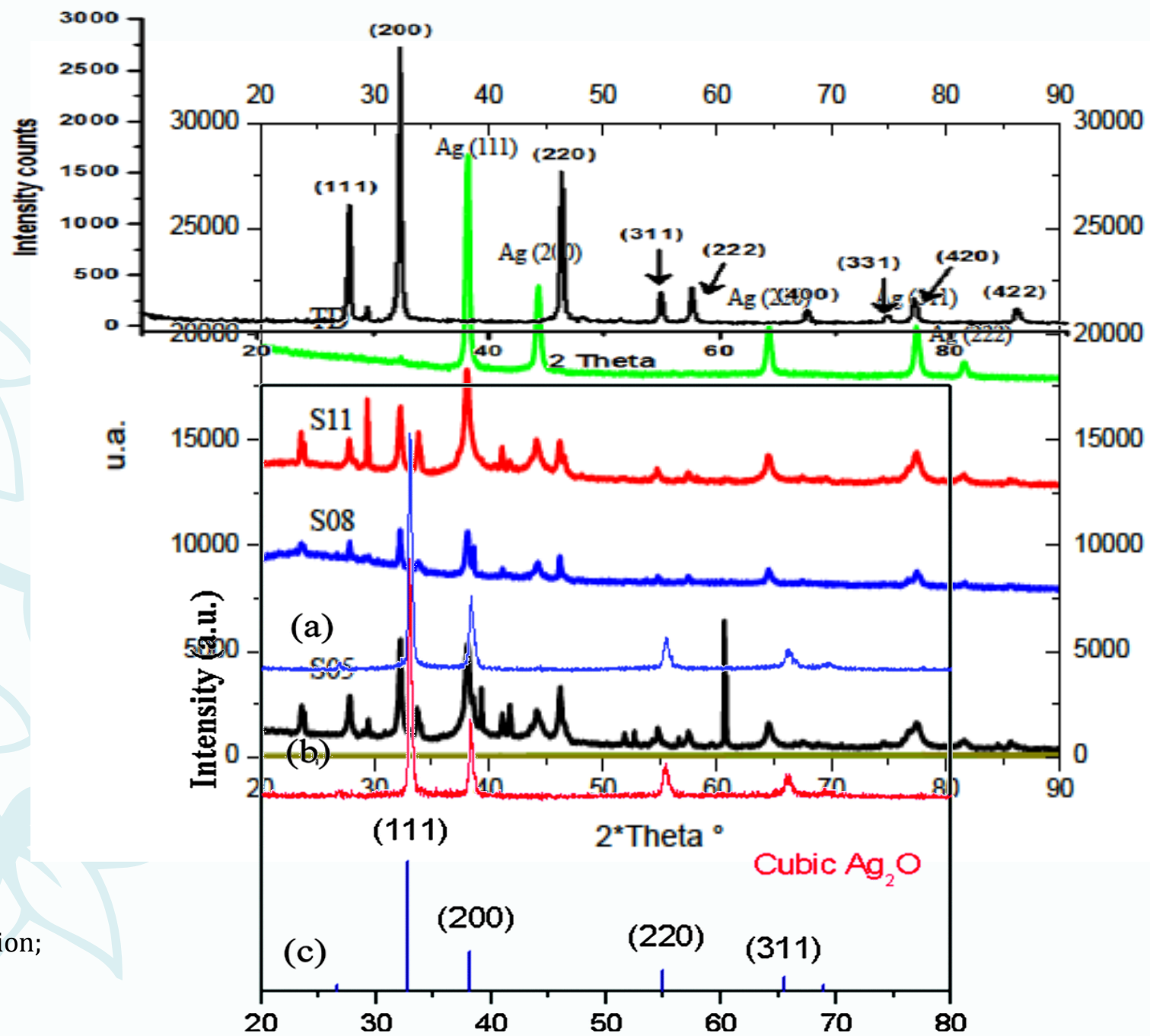
(f) pH = 7, [Ag<sup>+</sup>] = 5.5 mM y agua como PMES (S11);

(g) pH = 7, [Ag<sup>+</sup>] = 1 mM y agua como PMES (S12).



# Ag NPs synthesis

<b>ID</b>	<b>D<sub>TEM</sub> (nm)</b>	<b>σ<sub>P</sub> (σ/D<sub>TEM</sub>)</b>
S01	14.9 ± 4.7	0.32
S02	9.0 ± 2.6	0.29
S03	—	—
S04	8.6 ± 4.2	0.49
S05	12.7 ± 5.2	0.41
S06	20.6 ± 7.3	0.35
S07	18.4 ± 5.2	0.28
S08	8.9 ± 2.7	0.31
S09	7.2 ± 2.8	0.38
S10	12.1 ± 2.9	0.24
S11	8.9 ± 2.5	0.28
S12	24.1 ± 12.0	0.50



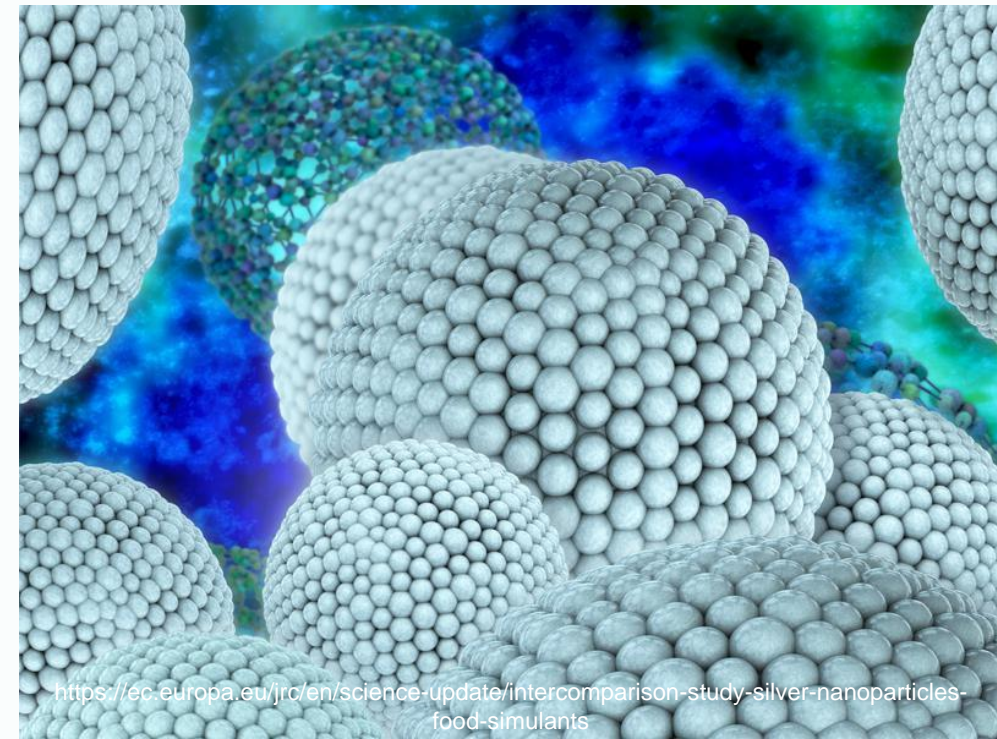
TD: Thermal decomposition;  
 S11: H<sub>2</sub>O  
 S08: Methanol  
 S05: Isopropanol



# 18 Preliminary micro XAS/EXAFS

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- Mixture AgCl, Ag, Ag<sub>2</sub>O
- Different proportions
- Reproducibility to be determined





# Ag NPs

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– Leather fungi

– Cancer cells

# TiO<sub>2</sub>

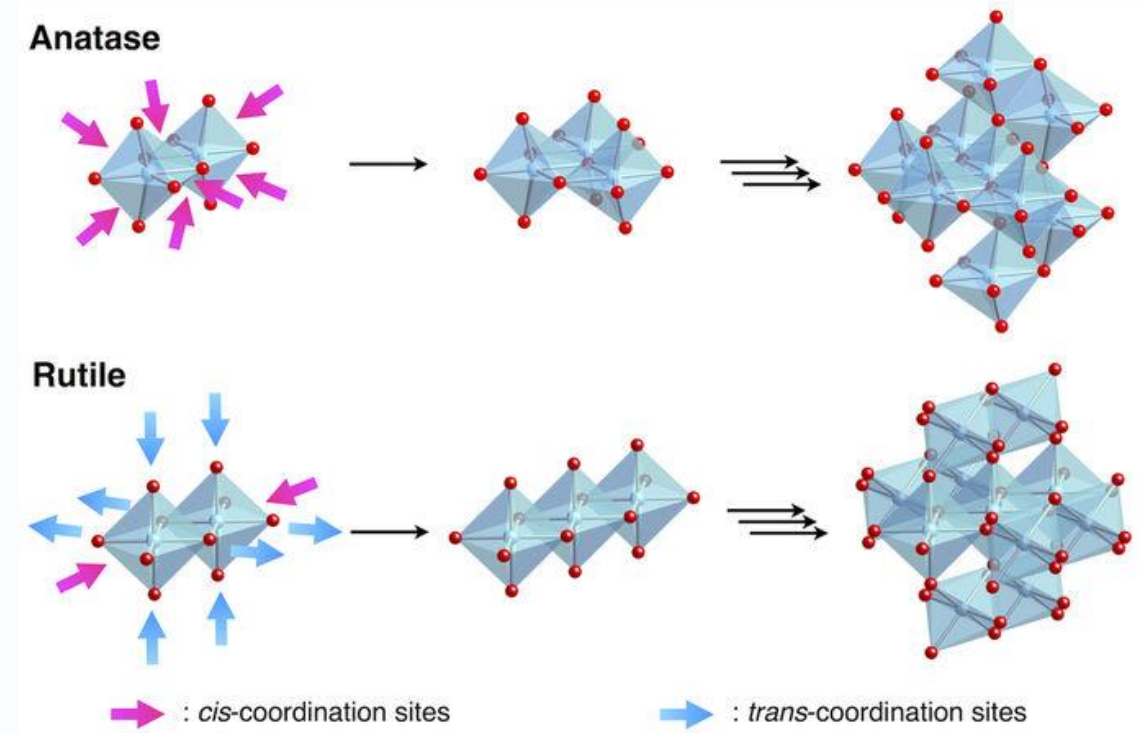
– Anatase

– Patents:

– TiCl<sub>4</sub>

– Ti hydroxide

– PMES, TIPO/H<sub>2</sub>O



# 21 Conditions

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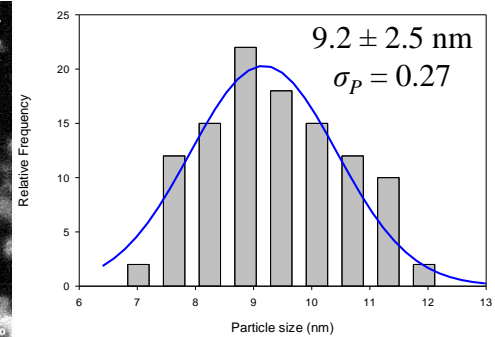
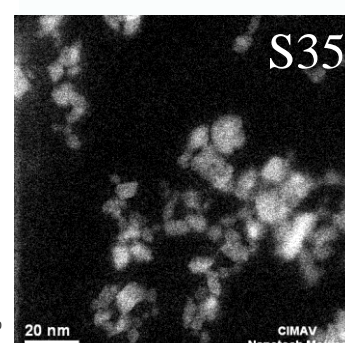
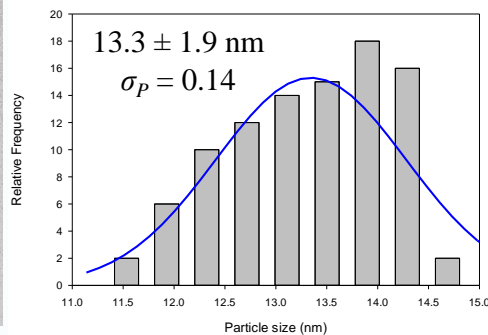
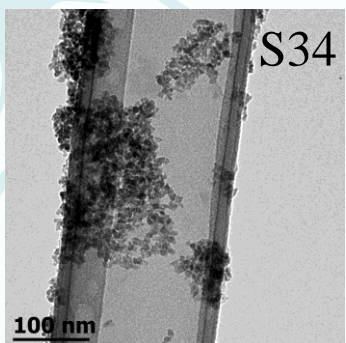
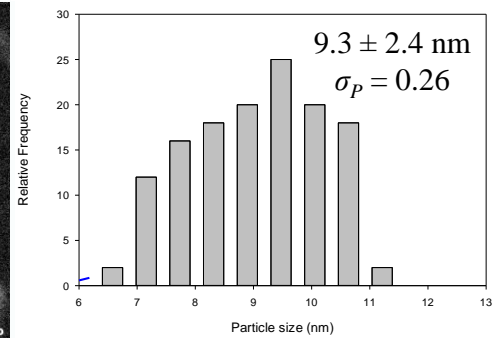
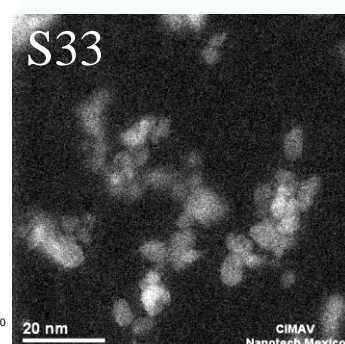
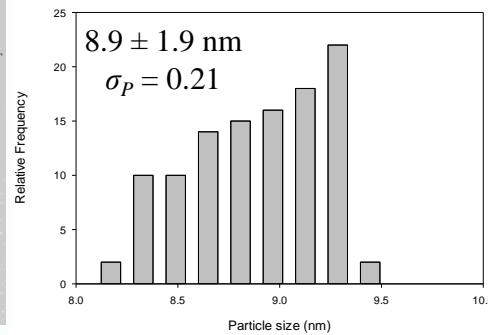
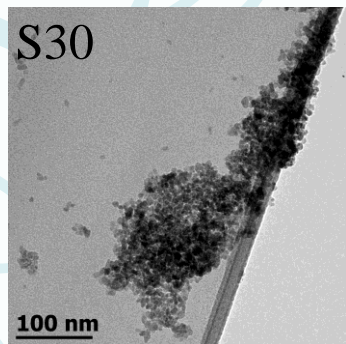
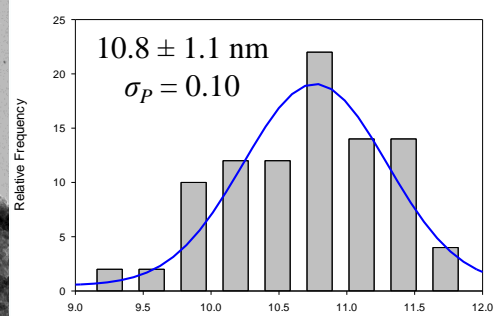
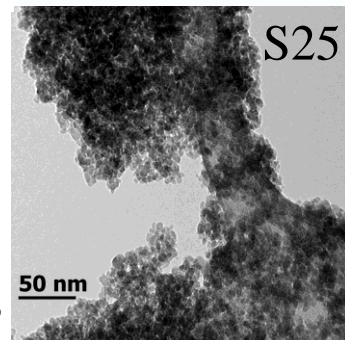
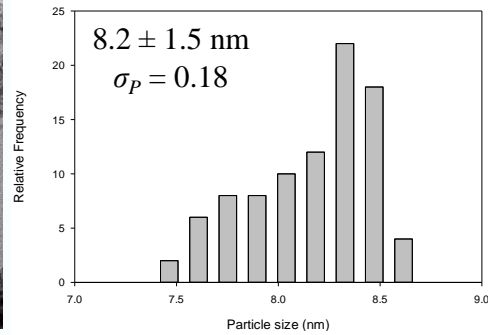
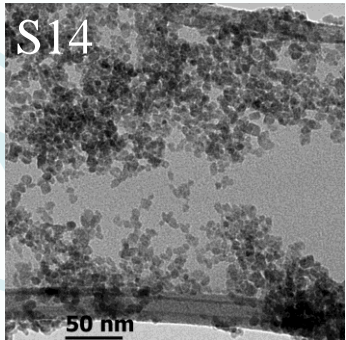
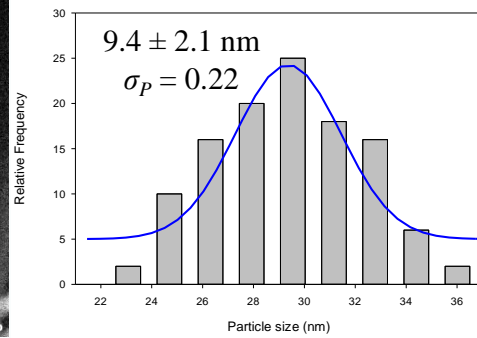
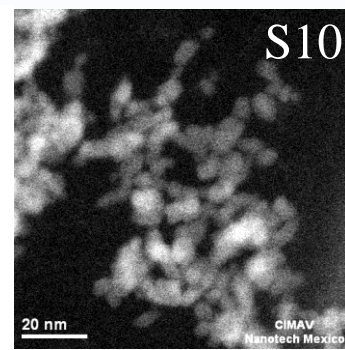
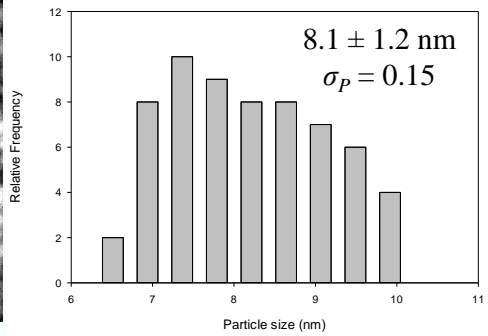
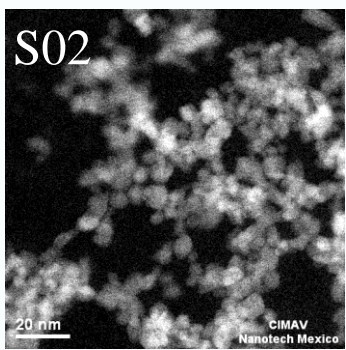
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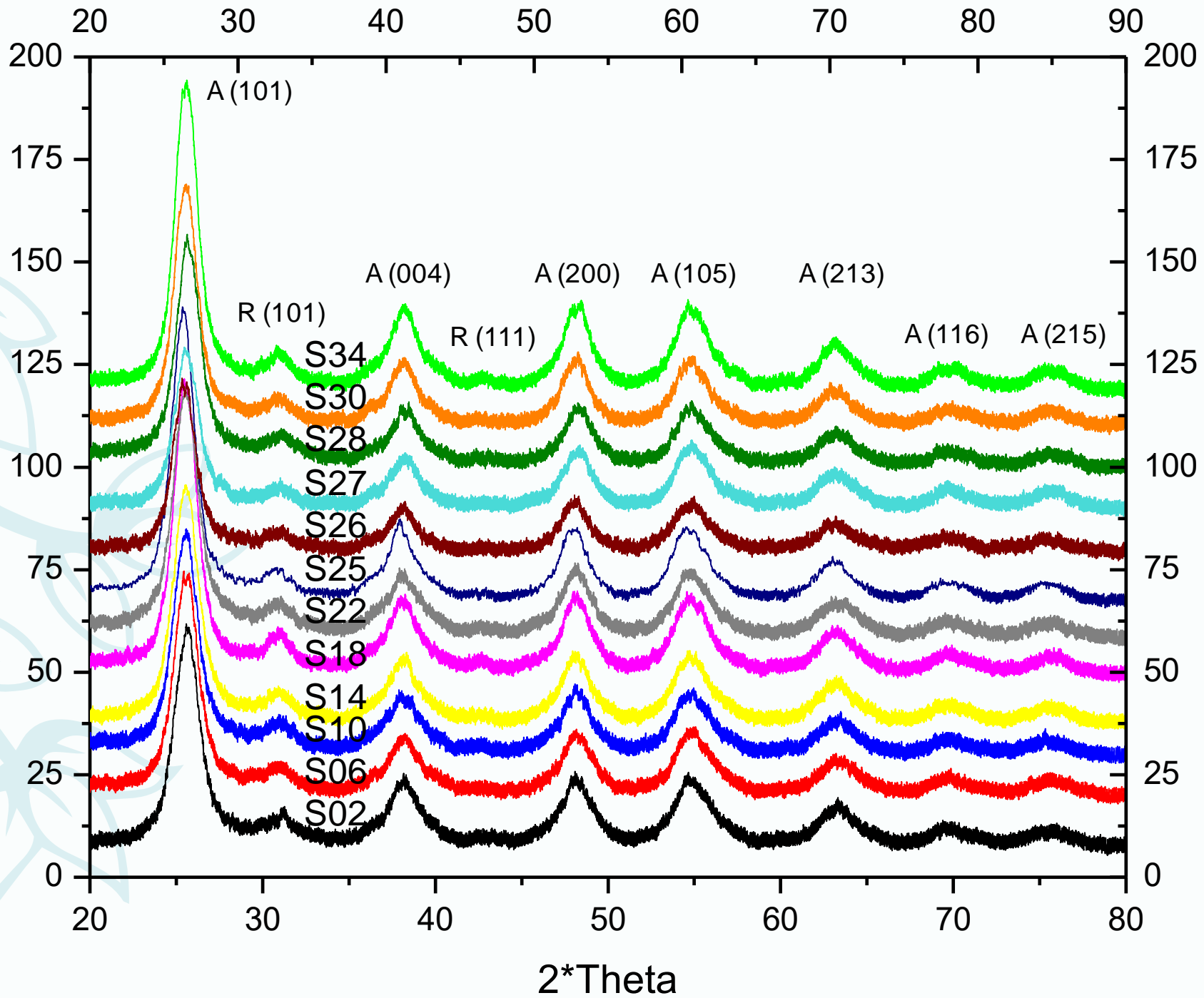
**(b) IsOH/ TIPO; 1.5:1**

**(c) Extract/ TIPO; 0.1, 0.2, 0.3**

**(d) TIPO**

**Reflux**







# 24 Yield

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S02	97.58	S25	88.95
S06	95.75	S26	84.94
S10	99.67	S27	89.52
S14	<b>66.99</b>	S28	84.25
S18	95.37	S30	80.46
S22	<b>99.99</b>	S34	79.97



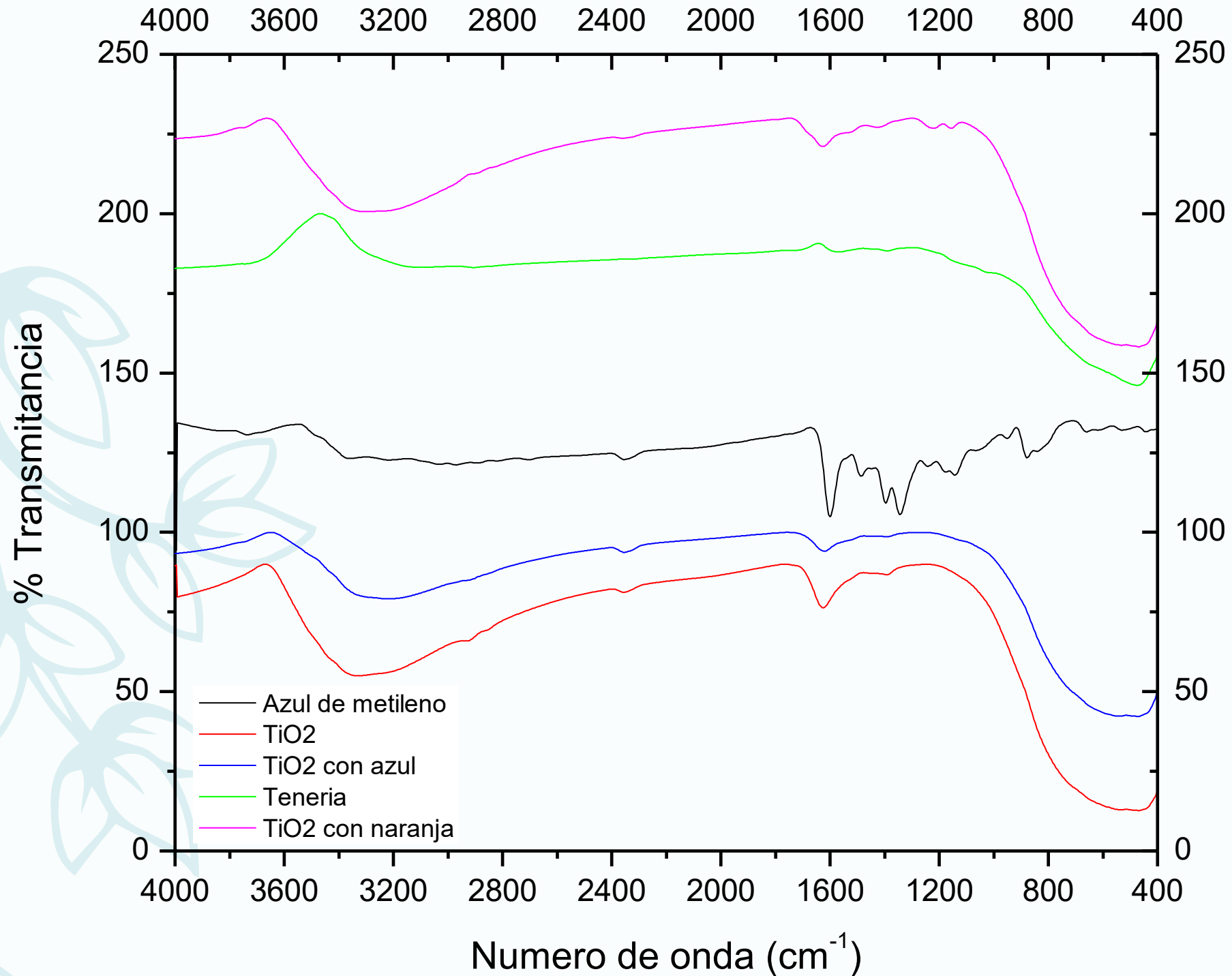
- 1. Removal of colorants in water using NPs de TiO<sub>2</sub>**
- 2. Tannery effluent treatment**
- 3. Kinetic studies**

NP size (nm)	Concentration (mg/L)			
	500		1500	
	Average	SD	Average	SD
300	97.9967	0.4179	95.2967	0.2701
560	95.7267	1.1091	93.2833	0.6035
WTHT NPs	3.7633	0.6258		

% orange methyl removal

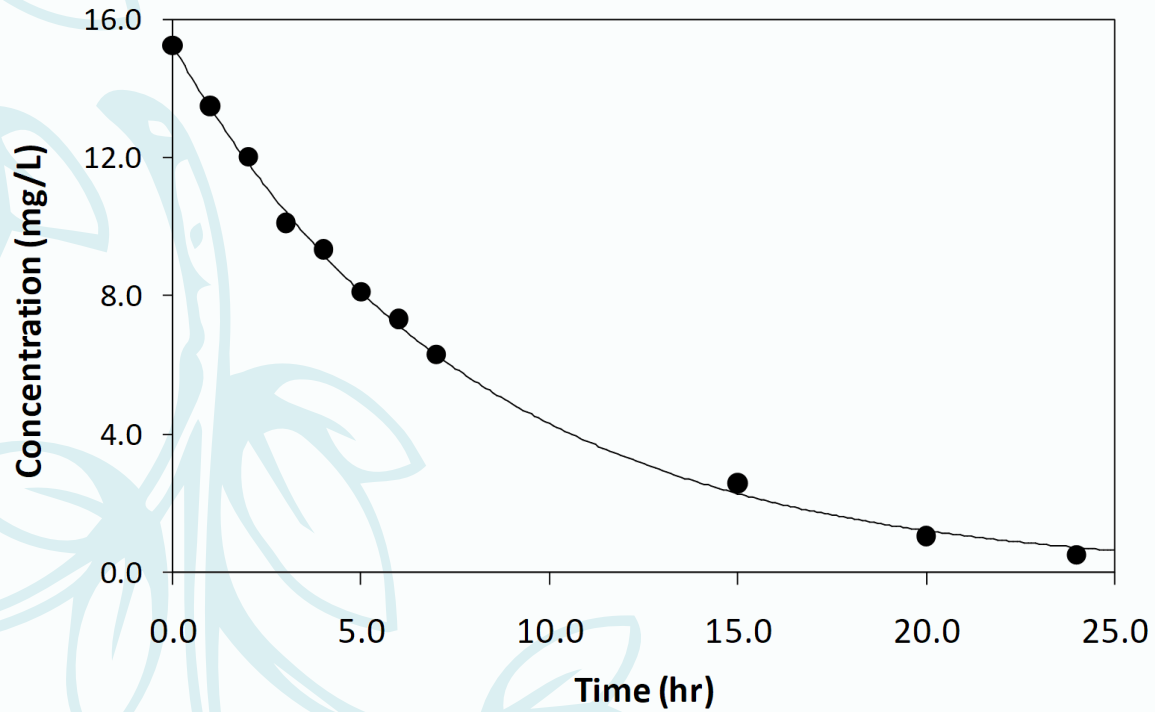
NP size (nm)	Concentration (mg/L)			
	500		1500	
	Average	SD	Average	SD
300	97.7300	0.4004	97.7533	0.4315
560	55.4367	1.4981	95.2367	0.1274
Wtth NPs	5.6300	3.2509		

% removal methylene blue



Before and after degradation



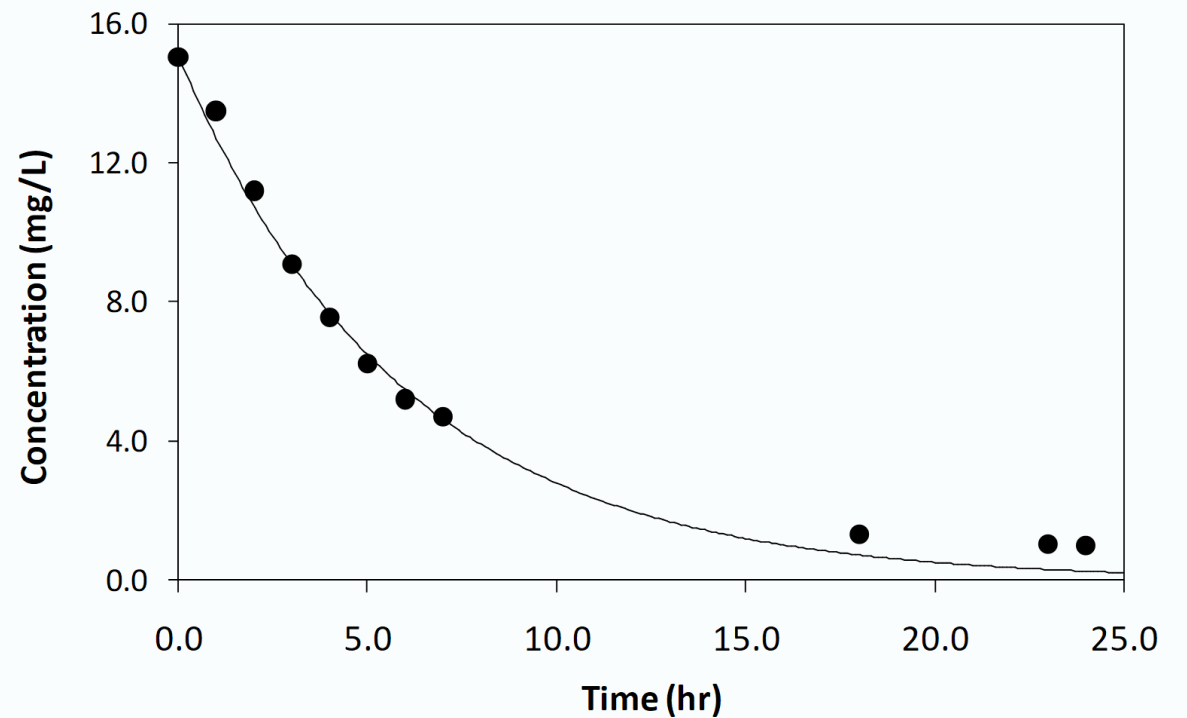


**Methylene blue**

$$k = 0.1682 \text{ hr}^{-1}$$

**Methyl orange**

$$k = 0.1262 \text{ hr}^{-1}$$



## ■ Summary of findings, Ag

- Size and size distribution depend on pH, PMES, and initial Ag concentration
- best numbers were obtained when PMES was water, pH 7 ( $8.9 \pm 2.5$  nm,  $\sigma_p = 0.28$ )
- Kinetics indicated a complex reaction
- NPs contain a mixture of Ag, AgCl, Ag<sub>2</sub>O

- **Summary of findings, TiO<sub>2</sub>**

- Size and size distribution depend on pH, H<sub>2</sub>O/TIPO, Extracts/TIPO

- Crystal phase may be controlled (mostly, anatase is obtained)

- Best conditions to obtain anatase are pH 6, hydrolysis ratio 500, Extract/TIPO ratio of 0.1

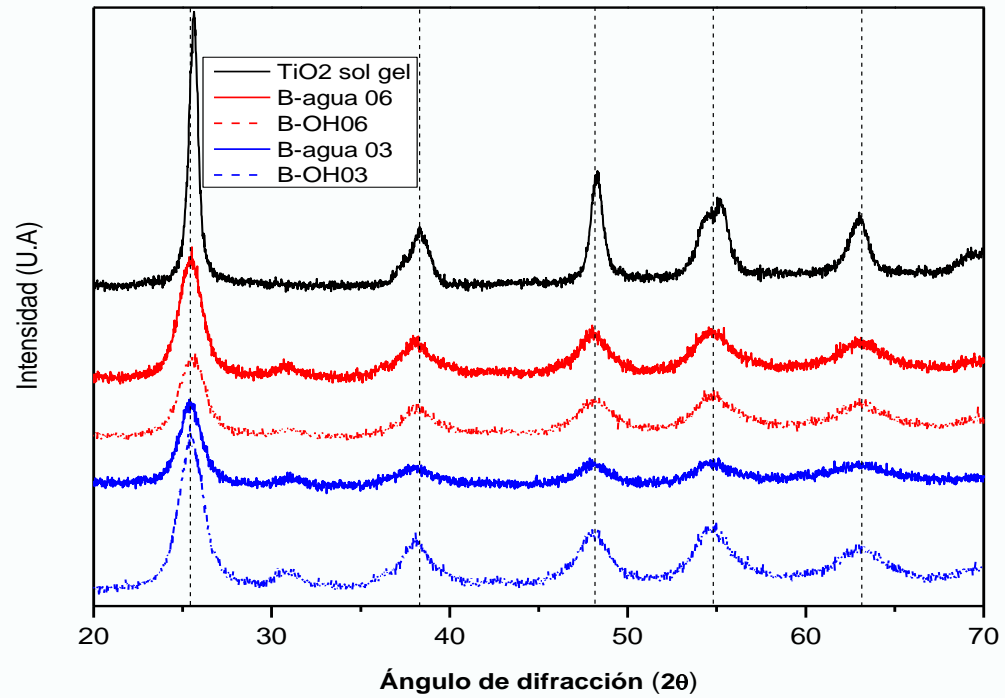
- Colorant degradation depends on particle size

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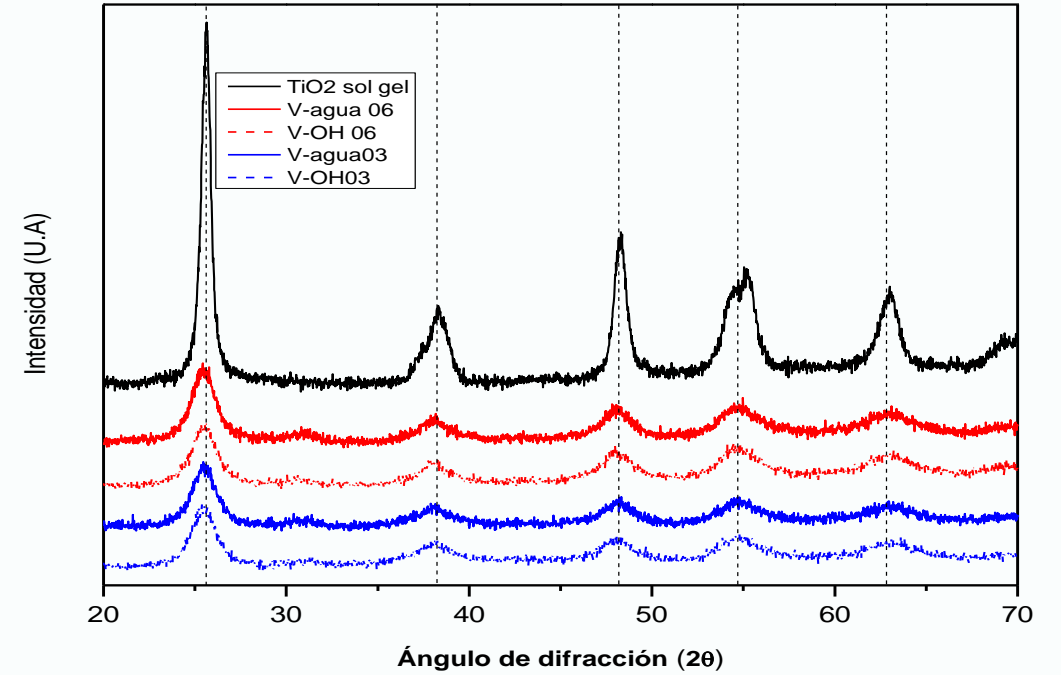
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- Bouganvillea
- Vainillin
- guayacol

## Bouganvillea

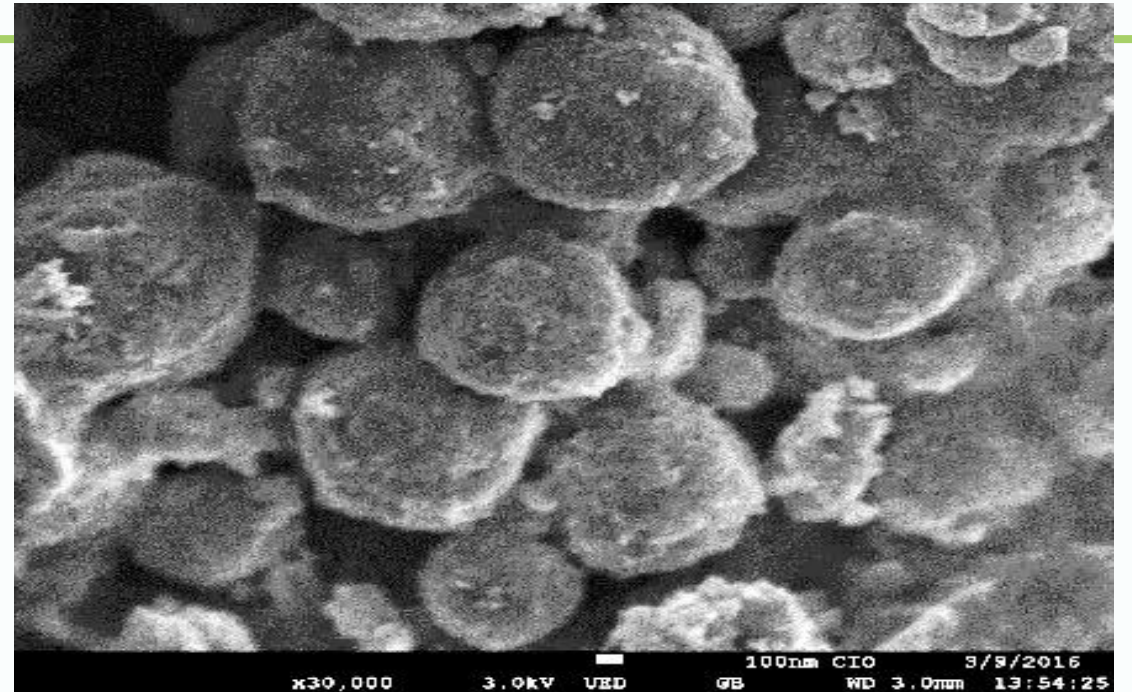
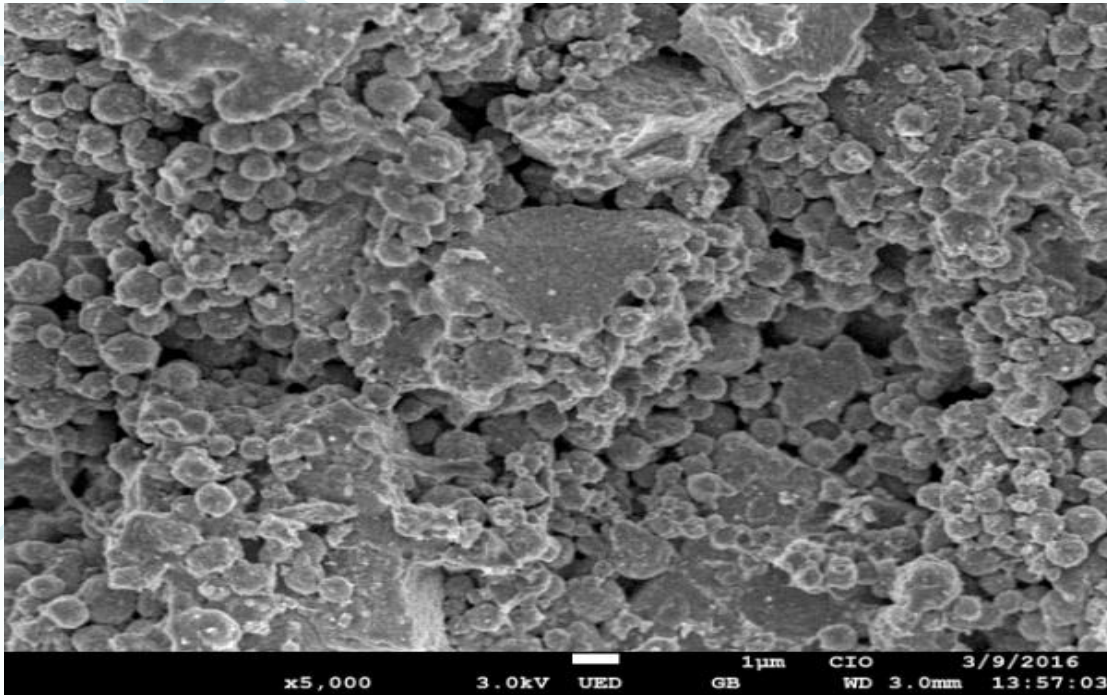


## Vainillin



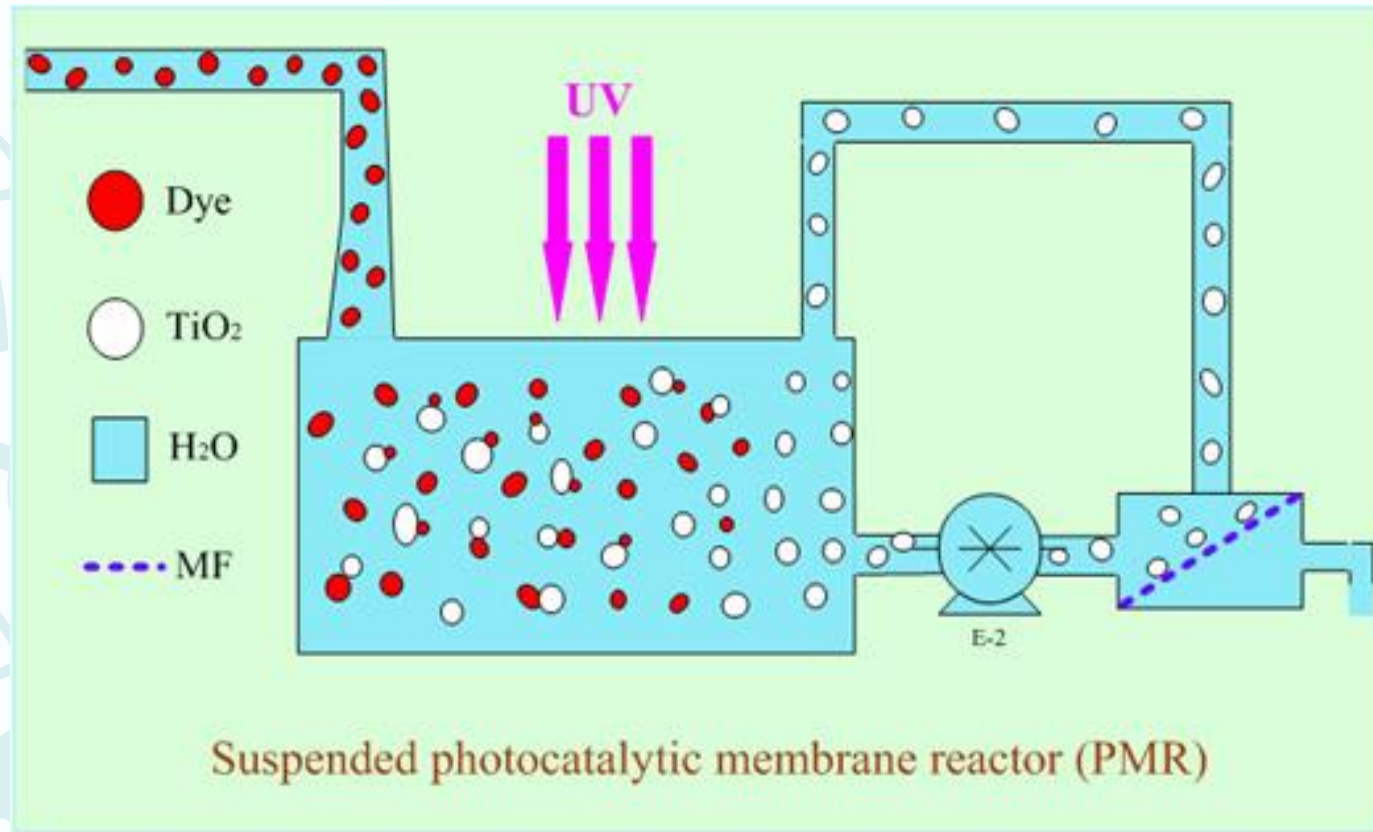


# SEM



**VANILLIN**

# 35 Tannery effluent



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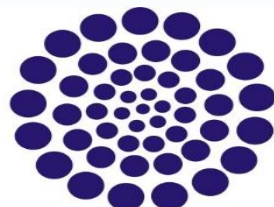
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QUESTIONS?

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Tabla 2.5. Costo de las SNPs para diversas rutas de síntesis.

<b>Reductor</b>	<b>Costo (\$ (pesos)/g de Ag)</b>
Alfalfa	279.762
Sacarosa	7948.374
Maltosa	23090.326
Azúcar morena	340.606
Citrato de sodio	1457.806
Ted Pella®	680000.00
Descomposición térmica	562.982



