

### Review on Newer Techniques in Food Processing and Nanotechnology

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ABSTRACT: Nanotechnology is helping to considerably improve, even revolutionize, many technology and industry sectors: information technology, energy, environmental science, medicine, homeland security, food safety, and transportation, among many others. Today's nanotechnology harnesses current progress in chemistry, physics, materials science, and biotechnology to create novel materials that have unique properties because their structures are determined on the nanometer scale. This paper summarizes the various applications of nanotechnology in recent decades.

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## I. OHEMIC HEATING INTRODUCTION

Heating is an important step in food processing. Heat treatment has always been the most common method in the food industry for the conservation, cooking and enzymatic inactivation of raw biomaterials. Heat treatment for complex food fluids is considerably improved when newer systems such as microwave heating, inductive or ohmic (or direct electrical) heating are used. These heating methods generate heat inside the food and depend less on thermal conduction and convection and so cause fewer temperature gradients. Ohmic technology is considered a major advance in the continuous processing of particulate food products. Ohmic heating of food products involves the passage of alternating electrical current through them, thus generating internal heat as the result of electrical resistance. Most food heating processes would not normally rank highly in any listing of green processes since the amount of energy needed to raise a food through a given temperature range is the same no matter what process is employed.

Ohmic heating also known as moderate electric fields heating has drawn much attention in the food processing industries. This technique has proven to be mild processing technology which preserves nutritional, functional, structural, and sensory properties of food products better than conventional heating technologies (Knirschet al., 2010; Vorobiev and Lebovka, 2009).

#### PRINCIPLE

The electrical circuit: Voltage, current and resistance are the primary characteristics of any electrical circuit. Voltage is the electrical driving force and can be supplied from a variety of sources such as the ac mains supply, battery, or a generator. This driving force causes a flow of electric current measured in amperes and the physical makeup of the circuit (wires, etc) contribute a resistance that opposes the flow and is measured in ohms. In ohmic heating, this resistance is provided by the food material through which the current is passed. To provide a physical or visual analogy to this abstract process, the concept of water flowing from a tap and garden hose is often used. For electrical systems, this relationship is known as Ohm's Law and is given as

#### V=I XR

Where, V is the voltage (volts), I is the amperage (amperes) and R is the resistance (ohms  $(\Omega)$ ). It is also interesting to note that in conventional heating of food a similar law exists where the driving force for heat transfer to the food (temperature difference) equals the product of the flow rate of thermal energy multiplied by the resistance to heat flow.

#### MECHANISM OF OHMIC HEATING

A material to be ohmically heated, it must be physically capable of conducting electricity. For



a material to be classified as a conductor, electrical charges must be able to move from one point to another within it to complete an electrical circuit. While we are well used to the concept of metals being the best conductors of electricity (wires, etc.) and display metallic conduction due to the relatively free movement of electrons through metallic lattices, even solid foods are vastly different from metals. However, most foods contain high levels of water and dissolved salts and these solutions can conduct electricity through electrolytic conduction.

#### **Factors Influencing Heat Generation Rate**

The rate of heat generation during ohmic heating is influenced by both the electrical field strength E and the electrical conductivity k.

#### **Electrical field strength**

The main method of adjusting the electrical field strength is to change the applied voltage. Additionally, it can be varied by adjusting the gap between the electrodes.

#### **Electrical conductivity**

Basic physics dictates that the electrical conductivity of a product determines its suitability for ohmic heating.4 While it has been stated that it is theoretically possible to provide any food with enough ohmic power to induce a target temperature rise, this could require using increasingly large current densities or increasingly large electrical field strengths for foods where the electrical conductivity values become very large or very small respectively. However, practical limits to electrical field strength and current density will be dictated by safety, cost and product quality considerations. Pietteet al. (2001) have also reported that ohmic heating is only practically possible between a range of electrical conductivity values (0.01 S m-1 to 10 Sm-1) and that it works optimally in the range of 0.1 to 5 S m-1.voltage. Additionally, it can be varied by adjusting the gap between the electrodes.

#### Temperature vs. electrical conductivity

Parrot6 states that in general, the electrical conductivity of food products increases with temperature and it is believed that this increase is mainly due to increased ionic mobility. This agrees with the work of Shirsatet al. (2004) who showed that the conductivity of model and commercial meat batters increased with temperature across a range 15-80 °C. A similar effect of temperature on electrical conductivity was also found by Pietteet al. (2004). This phenomenon is often factored into

the design of continuous ohmic heaters for pumpable fluid foods.

#### II. PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL CHANGES TO FOODS DURING OHMIC HEATING Nutritional Effects

The limited literature on the nutritional impact of ohmic heating has been reviewed by Ruanet al. (2002). These workers categorized ohmic heating effects on nutrient losses into thermal destruction and diffusion but also mention the possibility of electrolysis at the electrodes which leads to product contamination. In relation to thermal destruction, Lima et al. (1999) found no significant difference when they compared the impact of electrical vs. conventional heating on ascorbic acid (vitamin C) degradation in orange juice.

#### Protein coagulation/denaturation

In the area of protein coagulation/denaturation under ohmic heating, much of the work has been in the area of surimi production. Wastewater from this process can contain relatively high levels of protein which contribute to a high biological oxygen demand (BOD) of the water which requires long treatment time and large storage capacity when treated by traditional methods. Kanjanapongkulet al. (2009) described the construction of a laboratory scale ohmic heating system, which was capable of heating the waste water to a sufficient temperature (60- 70 °C) to coagulate the protein (which could then be removed by centrifugation) thus reducing the BOD of the wastewater.

### Advantages and Disadvantages of Ohmic Heating

Advantages	Disadvantages
> The target	Narrow
temperature	frequency band.
achieved very	Coupling
quickly.	between temperature
≻ High	and electrical file
energy conversion	distribution is very
efficiencies at low	complicated.
maintenance costs.	Lack of
➤ The instant	generalized
shutdown of the	information.
system	Request
> No	adjustment based on
residual heat	the conductivity of
transfers after	the food material.
current shut down.	➤ Difficult to
Reduced	monitor and control
maintenance costs	



because of the lack	
of moving parts	
Reduced	
problems of surface	
fouling	
A quiet	
environmentally	
friendly technology.	

#### **III. APPLICATIONS OF OHMIC HEATING**

Ohmic heating has enormous potential for use in the food industry. Food ohmic heat is used inactivation, for microbial pasteurization, extraction. blanching, thawing. starch gelatinization, and evaporation. This method can be applied to various food products. However, some food products should be prepared for ionic content improvement and solid-phase conductivity [Goullieux and Pain, 2014].

#### **Microbial Inactivation**

The inactivation of the microorganisms has significant impacts on the temperature and electrical current. A 1% increase in the temperature can decrease over 9% of the population of the first microorganisms, and a 1% rise in the current of the electricity used can decrease over 20% of the Zygosaccharomycesrouxii population in orange juice [Hashemiet al., 2019]. The inactivation of Alicyclobacillusacidoterrestris spores using ohmic heating also proved to be more effective than the conventional heating of orange juice.

The applied thermal treatment for microbial inactivation in foods reduced if there is any injury due to electric current [Sastry and Palaniappan]. In ohmic heating microorganisms are inactivated thermally but due to the presence of the electric field it may occur non-thermal cellular damage in the food [Cho et al., 1999, Pereira et al., 2007 and Sun et al., 2008]. **Drying** 

Ohmically heated samples dried at faster rate than raw samples for most treatment combinations in vacuum dryer. The maximum reduction of drying time by using ohmically preheated sample was 24%. Ohmic treatment helps in a significant decrease in time required for vacuum drying and which positively effects the economic and product quality [Zhong and Lima, 2003]. The applied ohmic heating can beneficially change the mass transference with accelerated rate [Moreno et al., 2012].

#### **Blanching and Enzyme Inactivation**

One of the advantages of ohmic blanching is that it able to maintain high solids content during blanching while conventional blanching use the excessive amounts of water (60 kg/400 L). The weight loss during ohmic blanching in the range did not affected by frequency and waveform. Ohmic blanching is popular due to its volumetric heating rates, rapid process, and the enhancement of mass transfer even at relatively low temperatures [Sensoy and Sastry, 2004].

#### **IV. APPLICATIONS IN FOOD PRODUCTS**

A large number of applications exist for ohmic heating including fruits and vegetables, milk product, meat product etc. Some of these applications are discussed as below:

#### Fruits and vegetables

The concentration of vitamin C in conventionally heated juice is lower than continuous ohmic heated juice [Lee et al., 2012]. Papaya pulp after ohmic heating retains 86.44% lycopene, 87.13%  $\beta$ -carotene and 85.23% ascorbic acid [Gomathyet al., 2015]. Based on the applied voltage gradient there is slight change in the pH of the tomato samples. The pH after ohmictreatments of the tomato samples was in the range of 4.20–4.51. The pH decreases with increased the voltage gradient. However, there are no differences in pH among all ohmic heated ready to eat pineapple samples at different voltage gradient. Different indirect ohmic heating conditions did not affect pH of the ready to eat fruits [Darvishiet al., 2012].

TSS content of the samples treated with 20 V/cm at 60°C and 40V/cm at 60°C of packing solution temperature had the lowest change as compared to the other treatments. Heat treatment often damages the cellular structure of fruits and accelerates loss of TSS from the fruit. Minimum use of heat was preferred for ready to eat fruit product. Changes in textural firmness of ready to eat pineapple subjected to various indirect ohmic heating treatments then stored at 4°C.

#### Meat and poultry products

Ohmic heating could be a fast-alternative method for meat cooking (Saranget al. 2008) and thawing (Icier et al. 2011). Ohmic cooking offers the potential for safer meat products by effectively inhibiting microbial growth through uniform temperature distribution in the product and cooking instantly inside the food (Mitelutet al. 2011). Turkey meat was cooked using ohmic heating, yielding high quality products with an 8-15-fold reduction in cooking time (Zell et al. 2010). The quality of the ohmically heated chicken breast samples was similar or superior to that of the retortheated samples on the basis of the measurement of water content and glutamic acid in the treated



sample. The sample quality did not deteriorate or degrade during storage [Ito et al., 2014].

#### Seafood

Ohmic heating enhances the effectiveness of the cooking of seafood like shrimps (Robertset al. 2002), surimi (Shiba and Numakura 1992) etc. Ohmic cooking is faster and more uniform giving similar color, texture and yield compared to conventional cooking (Lascorzet al. 2016). Yongsawatdigulet al. (1995) investigated the feasibility of ohmic heating to maximize the gel functionality of Pacific whiting surimi. The ohmically heated gel showed more than a two-fold shear stress and shear strain over the gel heated in water bath.

#### Milk products

Ohmic heating technology was first proposed by Anderson & Finkelstein (1919) for milk heating. Plenty of investigations have proved ohmic heating to be superior method for pasteurization of milk which can minimize the fouling problem (Stancl and Zitny 2010). Ohmic heating has not only a thermal lethal effect, but also a non-thermal-lethal effect on microorganisms (Sun et al. 2008). The microbial counts from conventional heating were significantly higher than those from ohmic heating. Salmonella were completely killed by treatment of ohmic heating. The texture of ohmic and conventional heated paneer shows significant difference. The ohmically heated paneer exhibited less hardness as compare to conventionally heated paneer. For pasteurization of buffalo milk ohmic heating can be proposed as an effective technique [Kumar et al., 2014]. There was no difference in degree of protein denaturation during the ohmic heating and conventional heating [Sun et al., 2007].

#### **Rice Bran**

The percent free fatty acid (FFA) in ohmically heated bran after 75 days of storage was observed to be 4.77% whereas in case of raw bran it was 41.84%. Ohmic heating effectively checked the development of FFA in rice bran. After 75 days of storage of ohmically heated samples the acid value is 9.34% and peroxide value is 4.7 meq/kg [Dhingra and Chopra, 2014].

#### Thawing

The process of thawing with ohmic heating is more efficient. The heat generated throughout the material is faster and more uniform. This affects the time needed to prevent significant freezing [Liu et al., 2017]. Increasing the frequency of frozen thawing will increase the heating rate. The higher beef fat content results in lower electrical conductivity and longer cycle times [Liu et al., 2017]. Ohmic heating also decreased weight loss and frozen beef thawing period [Duygu and Ümit, 2015].

#### Pasteurization and Sterilization

Leizerson and Shimoni (2005) reported that ohmic heated orange juice contains higher concentrations of flavor compounds and has two times longer sensory shelf life than conventionally pasteurized juice. Elzubieret al. (2009) used ohmic heating for sterilization of guava juice. Castro et al. (2004) studied on degradation of vitamin C in strawberry products pasteurized by ohmic and conventional heating. They concluded that the presence of electric field did not affect the ascorbic acid degradation. Jun et al. (2007) developed a reusable pouch with electrodes for long term space missions.

#### V. INDUCTION HEATING

#### Introduction

Induction heating is a non-contacting and complex process that combines electromagnetic, heat transfer, and metallurgical phenomena (Rapoport and Pleshivtseva, 2007). It has several advantages in temperature uniformity, high safety, maximum production rate, flexibility and compactness of heating system, quality assurance, process repeatability, automation capability, environmental friendless, reliability, energy efficiency, and cost competitiveness. It could be possible to achieve accurate and consistent heating using induction heating because it is possible to heat specific area on metal elements. Induction heating can be explained by Faraday theory stating that a change in the magnetic environment across a conductor results in an electrical current that can be induced in that conductor (Manuel and Khan, 2016). The heating of material by means of an electric current that is caused to flow through the material or its container by electromagnetic conduction.

#### History

The first industrial applications of the IH phenomenon were identified in 1887 by Sebastian Z. de Ferranti, who proposed IH for melting metals, filling the first patent on industrial applications of IH. Later, in 1891, F.A. Kjellin presented the first fully functional induction furnace. The first major advance came when Edwin F. Northrup implemented the first high-frequency induction furnace at Princeton in 1916. Nearly at the same

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time, M.G. Ribaud developed highfrequency IH technology using spark-gap generators and, later, Valentin P. Vologdin developed IH generators using machine generators and vacuum tubes.

#### Principle

Induction heating system is composed of an induction coil, power supply, converters, and quenching system. The material to be heated, usually conductive and ferrous material, is placed in a fluctuating magnetic field. In metal processing, the material to be heated is called workpiece that is the product. In food processing and cooking, food material as a product is indirectly heated by conduction through a ferrous material. The electromagnetic field generates Foucault (eddy) currents in the workpiece/heatpiece, which induce Joule heating (Davies, 1997). Figure 1 shows the main components of an induction heating system.



Fig 1: Main components of the induction heating system

The hysteresis effect does not occur at temperatures at temperature above the Curie point that is the temperature at which a material loses its magnetic properties. Curie temperature depends on material type and its purity. Curie temperature for nickel ranges between 353 and 360 °C (Legendre and Sghaier, 2011) and for iron is 770 °C.

Depending on the flow mode of the workpiece inside the heating coils, induction mass heating could be carried out in different heating modes: static, progressive multistage, and continuous and oscillation heating. Usually, induction coils are cooled either with air or water to keep the coils at low temperatures, and therefore, a low resistance for current flow could be attained.

#### Heat Transfer in Induction Heating and Material Selection for Heatpieces

Induction heating works only with conductive and ferrous materials. Depending on the

material magnetic permeability and ferromagnetic properties, various metallic materials, such as steel, cast iron, among others, could be heated by induction. To heat a non-ferrous material (e.g., food materials), a ferrous material should be used as a heatpiece. During heating, the heatpiece is heated by the induced current. Then, the heat is transferred to the processed food material via heat convection between the internal surface of heatpiece and the food material and heat conduction between different layers of the food material. For a non-ferrous container (e.g., glass, copper, aluminum, and non-magnetic alloys of stainless steel), an interface sheet made of ferrous metal is used as a heatpiece.

### Factors Affecting the Performance of Induction Heating Systems

There are several factors affecting the efficiency and the economics of induction heating, such as frequency and intensity of induced current; physical characteristics, dimensions, and shape of workpiece/heatpiece; design configurations of inductor; and desirable temperature range (Rudnevetal., 2003) The heating time, proper selection of power source, and control system for induction heating depend strongly on resistance and reactance of charges. The magnetic permeability of materials is strongly related to material type and composition, temperature, and intensity of magnetic field. For non-magnetic materials like copper or aluminum, the relative magnetic permeability is unity. Heat builds up quickly in high-resistance materials, such as steel, tin, and tungsten. Electrical resistivity increases with temperature; therefore hot workpieces have high accessibility for induction heating than cold pieces (Rudnevet al., 2003).

#### VI. APPLICATIONS OF INDUCTION HEATING IN FOOD PROCESSING

Food is a non-ferrous material and hence cannot be heated directly through induction heating, i.e. it is not possible to induce the current directly in the food material and obtain heating. Instead, a ferrous material is used as a vessel in which the food is placed. Induction heating could be a good alternative to the conventional heating technologies in food industry due to its advantages. Using induction heating for cooking flat products on a belt conveyor could save 50% of energy demand.

Induction heating is a desirable heating source for evaporation processes for organic and inorganic liquids and could replace electrical furnaces with an energy saving of 20%. Induction



evaporation has several features that make it more attractive than conventional heating (Kuzmichev and Tsybulsky, 2011) It provides vapor ionization and high-density vapor plasma generation that help in obtaining high-quality coatings; it is used for evaporating chemically active, radioactive, and toxic substances and in vacuum and gas medium for the production of compound coatings and macroparticle and nanoparticle. The induction heating can be operated at high temperatures, up to 2000 °C, depending on the maximum operational temperature of evaporator materials.

Induction heating was also applied for the extraction of pectin from citrangealbedos (Zouambiaet al., 2014). Extraction experiments were carried out using an induction plate, and samples were put in magnetizable and enameled containers. The time required for the extracting process was significantly shorter using induction heating (30 min) than conventional heating (90 min).

#### Advantages

- Short heating cycles and high production rates
- Better metallurgical results due to fast and clean heating
- Energy savings due to selectivity and high efficiency
- Good control and repeatability
- Minimal or no surface oxidation and decarburization
- Favorable for industrial environment (no pollution)

#### Disadvantages

- A high frequency power source is required, which is costly and complex. Thus, initial cost required is more
- Only certain steels can be induction hardened
- The method is restricted to components having a shape that is suitable for induction hardening.
- The running cost or cost of operation is high

#### VII.PULSED X RAYS IN FOOD PROCESSING AND PRESERVATION Introduction

First recognized in 1895, X-ray irradiation soon became a breakthrough diagnostic tool for the dental and medical professions. However, the food industry remained slow to adopt X-ray irradiation as a means for controlling insects and microbial contaminants in food, instead using gamma and electron beam (E-beam) irradiation. However, the reinvention of X-ray machines with increased efficiency, combined with recent developments in legislation and engineering, is now allowing X-ray to actively compete with gamma irradiation and Ebeam as a microbial reduction strategy for foods.

The amount of energy deposited in a unit mass (J kg<sup>-1</sup>) is measured using a standard unit called a gray (Gy), which is named in honor of the British physicist Louis Harold Gray, the father of modern-day radiobiology. Typical ionizing radiation doses for treating food products range from 1 to 44 kGy. The dose required to reduce a microbial population by 90% (i.e., 1 log) is termed the D<sub>10</sub> value (kGy) (**Molins 2001**).

#### History of X rays

Ionizing irradiation—including gamma ray, E-beam, and X-ray—has long been recognized as a viable cold pasteurization strategy for reducing the levels of both pathogenic and spoilage microorganisms in a wide range of foods for the purpose of enhancing food safety and product shelf life. The introduction of X-rays as a source of ionizing irradiation dates back to the late nineteenth century, when German physicist W. C. Roentgen first observed the generation of radiation during his experiments with Hittorf-Crookes tubes, also known as modified cathode ray tubes.

#### X rays as a form of Ionizing Radiation

X-rays, or Roentgen rays, appear next to gamma rays in the electromagnetic spectrum at frequencies of  $10^{16}$  to  $10^{19}$  Hz. The somewhat lower energy photons emitted by X-rays are formed from the interaction of a charged particle with matter, either from replacing displaced electrons from a low-lying orbit or through bremsstrahlung, also known as braking radiation (Newton 1963). Machine sources of X-rays primarily use bremsstrahlung, where active photons emitted when high-velocity electrons strike a dense metal target, such as tungsten, tantalum, or gold, are directed toward the desired object. These highenergy particles alone may also generate a lower level of ionization, the technology of which has been used in the development of high-energy Ebeams.

#### Mechanism

When an atom is exposed to X-rays, energy transactions occur between the projected photons and the orbiting electrons. These interactions result in a net transfer of energy from X-rays to electrons in the absorbing material, raising the electron excitation level (**Newton 1963**). Excitation, resulting from a low level of energy, moves an electron further out in its atomic orbit, thereby increasing the net energy. Ionization then occurs when the energy level sufficiently increases to produce highly reactive positive and negative



ions by the removal of an orbiting electron (Wilkinson & Gould 1998).

#### **Dose Measurement**

Radiation doses are measured using ionizing radiation-sensitive materials that can be classified according to their accuracy and range. Based on accuracy of the measurement, the following four categories are now recognized: (a) primary standards (~1% to 2% uncertainty) maintained by national standards laboratories, (b) reference standards (~3% uncertainty) for calibrating radiation environments and routine dosimeters, (c) transfer standards for establishing traceability of an irradiation facility, and (d) routine standards (~5% to 10% uncertainty) for radiation process quality control, absorbed-dose monitoring, and mapping (**ISO/ASTM 2005**).

### The need for alternative Microbial Reduction strategies

Across the globe, interest in ionizing irradiation has increased steadily since the beginning of the millennium, with the market for irradiation equipment increasing from 19 billion to over 25 billion U.S. dollars. The United States alone claims roughly one quarter of this spending (Parker 2005). Worldwide, various irradiation technologies are now being used in at least 55 countries to treat food products (IAEA 2009). Renewed interest in ionizing irradiation has developed in response to continued outbreaks traced to fresh produce, including lettuce (Ethelberg et al. 2010, Irvine et al. 2009, Nygard et al. 2008, Sodha et al. 2011), spinach (Grant et al. 2008, Wendel et al. 2009), and raw nuts (Danyluk et al. 2007, Isaacs et al. 2005, Kirk et al. 2004) because these products are are adversely affected by thermal processing. From 1998 to 2007, a total of 1,999 outbreaks and 35,554 illnesses were associated with consuming meat, poultry, and seafood, with 684 outbreaks and 26,735 cases of illness from produce (CSPI 2009).

Microbial reduction strategies for fresh fruits and vegetables have remained largely ineffective because of current growing/harvest/processing practices and the nature of the material.

#### Advances In X-Ray Technology

Reinvention of X-ray machines with increased efficiency, combined with recent developments in legislation and engineering, is now allowing X-ray to actively compete with gamma irradiation and E-beam as a microbial reduction strategy for foods. In the generation of bremsstrahlung, one of the unfortunate outcomes is the inadequate conversion of energy from integrated photons to integrated electrons, which decreases process efficiency. This has been viewed by some as the primary limitation to X-ray use for commercial applications, but is also an area of debate. Initially, the approved maximum energy level permitted for X-rays was set at 5.0 MeV; however, at an October 16-18, 1995 meeting of the FAO/IAEC/WHO in Vienna, Austria, it was concluded that X-ray machines producing up to 7.5 MeV "can be used without any concern about induced radioactivity but would be a satisfactory, efficient and cost effective addition to other radiation sources available for food processing" (ICGFI 1995).

#### VIII. HURDLE APPROACH FOR PATHOGEN CONTROL

Combining irradiation with other treatments, including chemical preservatives and growth inhibitors in a hurdle approach, has been proposed as an additional option for enhancing product safety and quality. Thayer et al. (2006) found that irradiation and chlorination acted synergistically in the inactivation of Salmonella, E. coli O157:H7, and L. monocytogenes on fresh produce. In a separate report, Foley et al. (2004) determined that although water, chlorine (200 ppm), and irradiation (1.05 kGy) significantly reduced levels of E. coli O157:H7 on cilantro, combined use of irradiation with a wash treatment was superior to irradiation alone.

#### IX. NANOTECHNOLOGY

**WHAT IS NANO-** The word "Nano" is a Greek word meaning "dwarf"-A nanometer is 1/1,000,000,000 (1 billionth) of a meter, which is around 1/75,000 of the diameter of a human hair or the space occupied by 10 Hydrogen atoms lined end to end- 1 nm. 1 Nanometer = 10-9 meter.

**DEFINITION:** Nanotechnology is the creation of functional materials, devices and systems, through the understanding and control of matter at dimensions in the nanometer scale length (1-100 nm), where new functionalities and properties of matter are observed and harnessed for a broad range of applications.

In other words it is 'The art and science of manipulating and rearranging individual atoms and molecules to create useful materials, devices, and systems.'





#### **HISTORY OF NANOTECHNOLOGY:**

**2000 Years Ago** – Sulfide nanocrystals used by Greeks and Romans to dye hair

**1000 Years Ago** (Middle Ages) – Gold nanoparticles of different sizes used to produce different colors in stained glass windows

1960 – "There is plenty of room at the bottom" by R. Feynman

**1974** – "Nanotechnology" - Taniguchi uses the term nanotechnology for the first time

1981 – IBM develops Scanning Tunneling Microscope

**1985** – "Buckyball" - Scientists at Rice University and University of Sussex discover C60

**1986** – "Engines of Creation" - First book on nanotechnology by K. Eric Drexler. Atomic Force Microscope invented by Binnig, Quate and Gerbe **1989** – IBM logo made with individual atoms

1991 - Carbon nanotube discovered by S. Iijima

**1999** – "Nanomedicine" – 1st nanomedicine book by R. Freitas

**2000** – "National Nanotechnology Initiative" launched

2001- "U.S announces first centre for military application

**NANOBIOTECHNOLOGY:** is the convergence of engineering and molecular biology that is leading to new class of multifunctional devices and system for biology and chemical analysis with better sensitivity and specificity.

This research field includes two main approaches:

- Application of nano-scaled tools to biological system.
- ✓ Use of biological systems as template in the development of novel nano-scaled products.

#### **TYPES OF NANOPARTICLES:**

**THIN FILM:** Single "two dimensional" film, thickness < ~100 nm.Electrons can be confined in one dimension; affects wave function, density of states.Boundaries, interfaces affect transport. **Applications:** 

- Solid Fuel Cells
- Thin Film Transistors for liquid crystal displays
- Gas sensing applications
- Thin layers in electronic devices

#### **FULLERENES:**

- A fullerene is any molecule composed entirely of carbon in the form of a hollow sphere, ellipsoid or tube.
- Spherical fullerenes are also called buckyballs and they resemble the balls used in football.
- Cylindrical ones are called as carbon nanotubes or buckytubes.
- Fullerenes are similar in structure to graphite.
- The first fullerene molecule to be discovered was buckminsterfullerene (C60) prepared in 1985

#### **APPLICATIONS OF FULLERENES:**

- Antiviral activity
- Antioxidant activity
- Fullerenes in drug and gene delivery
- Diagnostic application etc.



#### CARBON NANOTUBES:



#### NANORODS:

In Nanotechnology nanorods are one morphology of nanoscale objects

- ✤ Each of their dimensions range from 1-100nm
- They may be synthesized from metals or semiconducting materials



 Nanorods are produced by direct chemical synthesis

#### **APPLICATIONS:**

- ✓ Nanorods generate heat when excited with IR light. This property has led to the use of nanorods as cancer therapeutics. Nanorods can be conjugated with tumor targeting motifs.
- ✓ Golden Nanorods are also used for Medical Applications: tumor treatment
- ✓ Bock Staller and his team have synthesized gold nanorods using an ionic liquid as a solvent. Gold nanorods are interesting starting materials in cancer therapy.



**NANOFLUIDS:** Nanofluid is a fluid containing nanometer sized particles, called nanoparticles. The nanofluids used are typically made of metals, oxides, carbides, or carbon nanotubes. Common base fluids include water, ethylene glycol and oilExample: Nanofluidic diodes

#### APPLICATIONS

- Analytical separations and determinations of biomolecules, such as proteins and DNA
- Nanofluidics had a significant impact in <u>biotechnology</u>, <u>medicine</u> and clinical diagnostics with the development of <u>lab-on-achip</u> devices for <u>PCR</u> and related techniques

#### **Dendrimers:**

repetitively branched molecules. The name comes from the Greek word δένδρον (Dendron), which translates to "tree". The first dendrimers were made by divergent synthesis approaches by Fritz Vogtle in 1978



- **INTERPHASE SYSTEM:** Progress in medical device technology is clearly linked to progress in materials science technology, and new materials which have been developed for very different applications have influenced the design and also the mechanical, chemical, and biological properties of implants.
- Nanotechnology can, in certain very welldefined areas, improve the biocompatibility of implants either passively by the use of thin films, or actively by releasing therapeutic agents from implant surfaces.



#### **DNA NANOTECHNOLOGY:**

DNA is an excellent nanoconstruction material because of its inherent merits:

- ✓ The rigorous Watson-Crick base pairing makes the hybridization between DNA strands highly predictable.
- ✓ The structure of the B-form DNA double helix is well-understood.
- ✓ DNA possesses combined structural stiffness and flexibility. The rigid DNA double helices can be linked by relatively flexible singlestranded DNA (ssDNA) to build stable motifs with desired geometry.



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#### **APPLICATIONS OF NANOTECHNOLOGY:**



MEDICINE: Nanometer-sized particles have optical, magnetic, chemical and structural properties that set them apart from bulk solids, with potential applications in medicine

- Potential applications DRUG DELIVERY •••
- \* MEDICAL IMAGING
- $\dot{\cdot}$ **DIAGNOSIS & SENSING**
- $\dot{\cdot}$
- THERAPY

DRUG DELIVERY: A nanoparticle carries the pharmaceutical agent inside its core, while its shell is functionalized with a 'binding' agent

- Through the 'binding' agent, the 'targeted' 1) nanoparticle recognizes the target cell. The functionalized nanoparticle shell interacts with the cell membrane
- The nanoparticle is ingested inside the cell, 2) and interacts with the biomolecules inside the cell
- The nanoparticle particles breaks, and the 3) pharmaceutical agent is released



MEDICAL IMAGING: Optical properties of nanoparticles depend greatly on its structure.

Particularly, the color (wavelength) emitted by a quantum dot (a semiconductor nanoparticle) depends on its diameter.

#### DIAGNOSIS AND SENSING:

- Diseases can be diagnosed through the (simultaneous) detection of a (set of) biomolecule(s) characteristic to a specific disease type and stage (biomarkers).
- Each cell type has unique molecular signatures that differentiate healthy and sick tissues. Similarly, an infection can be diagnosed by detecting the distinctive molecular signature of the infecting agent
- A nanoparticle can be functionalized in such a way that specifically targets a biomarker. Thus, the detection of the nanoparticle is linked to the detection of the biomarker, and to the diagnosis of a disease



**THERAPY:** Nanometer-sized particles are particularly responsive to electromagnetic and acoustic excitations through a variety of phenomena (e.g. plasmon resonance) that lead to local extreme conditions (e.g. heating). The nanoparticle is able to tolerate this condition, but no so the biological material nearby.

#### **Cancer nanotechnology:**

- Cancer nanotechnology: Cancer  $\checkmark$ nanotechnology, as a particular area of nanomedicine, is based upon the same premise that nanoparticles display unique properties potentially useful in medical (oncological) applications.
- Nanoparticles in the size range of 5-100nm have enough surface area to be properly functionalized to bind specific targets, with a variety of ulterior purposes.

Nano-medicines: With Nanomedicine, we will be able to think of today's incurable diseases as curable tomorrow, by looking at a problem at its molecular and atomic levels. But nanomedicine is not developing today as fast as other technologies. Nanofood:

The potential benefits of Nanofoods - foods produced using nanotechnology – are astonishing.



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- ✓ Promise improved food processing, packaging and safety, enhanced flavour and nutrition where everyday foods carry medicines and supplements.
- ✓ The ongoing debate over nanofood safety and regulations has slowed the introduction of nanofood products:
- ✓ Examples :
- ✓ Canola active oil, Nanotea
- ✓ Nanoceuticals Slim Shake

#### **COSMETICS:**

- ✓ One field of application is in sunscreens, antiaging creams, toothpastes, hair care and perfumes.
- ✓ The traditional chemical UV protection approach suffers from its poor long-term stability.
- A sunscreen based on mineral nanoparticles such as titanium dioxide, gold palladium offer several advantages.

#### **AGRICULTURE:**

- ✓ Crop improvement
- ✓ Analysis of gene expression and Regulation
- ✓ Soil management
- ✓ Plant disease diagnostics
- ✓ Efficient pesticides and fertilizers
- ✓ Water management

# ✓ Monitoring the identity and quality of agricultural produce

### FEW NANOTECHNOLOGY COMPANIES IN INDIA:

S.No	COMPANY	MANUFACTURIN G PRODUCTS
1.	Auto Fiber Craft (AFC)	Nano-size Silver Powder for use in electronic applications
2.	Bee Chems	Various grades of Nano Silica products
3.	DaburPharma	Polymeric nanoparticles for drug delivery
4.	Mp3s Nanotechnolo g	Equipment for textile waste water recycling
5.	Macromateria s (India)	Material catalysts
6.	NanoBio Chemicals	High quality nanoparticles

7.	United	Nanoparticles based
	Nanotechnolo	coating
	gies	

#### NANOBIOTECHNOLOGY STATUS IN INDIA



#### X. CONCLUSION:

There is much debate on the future implications of nanotechnology in biological could systems. It create and suggest implementation of a choice of various new materials and devices potentially useful in the field of medicine, electronics, biomaterials and energy production.Nevertheless, this approach raises many of the same issues as any new technology, including problems with toxicity and environmental impact of nanomaterials and their potential effects on global economics, as well as speculation about various doomsday scenarios. Scientists and researchers should work on reducing the potential risks associated with the technology proper regulatory authorities and regulatory acts should be framed & enforced so as to increase popularity and acceptance of technology among common people.

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