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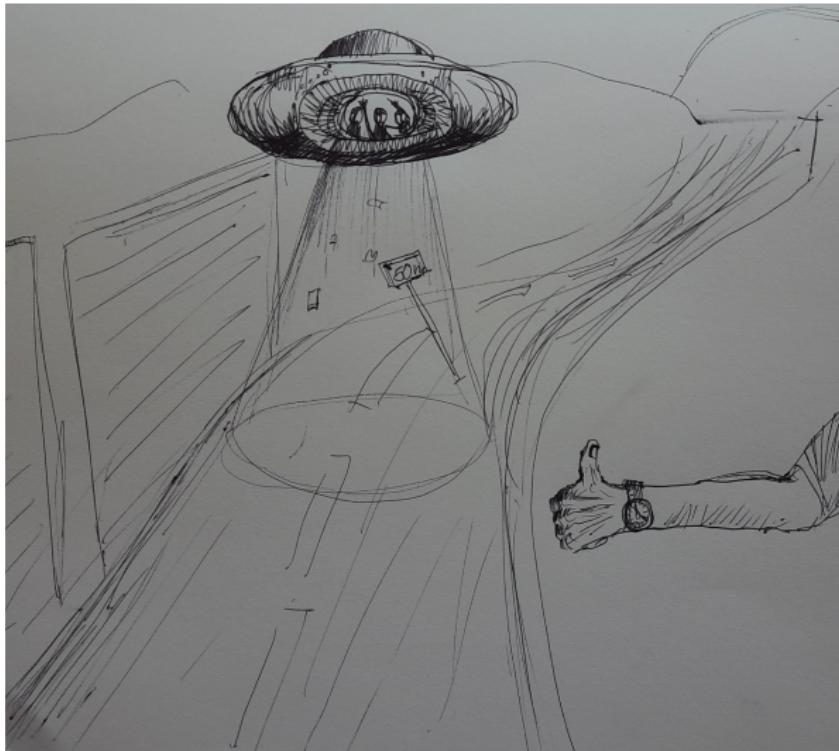
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Hitchhiking is an unstructured but primitive pivot for human quests. We have hitchhiking traits in our genes. Genetic hitchhiking (or genetic drift) is allele frequency change, caused by neighbouring genes.



Quote

"Tiny hitchhikers attack cancer cells: Gold nanostars first to deliver drug" - *Is it like requesting a UFO for a ride?*



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Failed in Bio - Created nano

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- ▶ Nanotechnology has evolved as a result of some inherent shortcoming of related branches of science e.g., biology (hitchhiking of the third kind!).
- ▶ Feynman realized, one needs a science like nanotechnology only after he was frustrated with his biology PostDoc.

Definitions

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- ▶ **Nanoscience** is the study of structures and materials on an ultra-small scale (A nanometre is one billionth of a metre).The physical and chemical properties of matter change at the nano level.
- ▶ **Nanotechnology** has the potential to revolutionise a diverse range of fields, from health care to manufacturing, agriculture to environment, textile to sensing.

Nanomaterials Database

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If 50% or more of the constituent particles of a material in the number size distribution have one or more external dimensions in the size range 1 nm to 100 nm, then the material is a nanomaterial.

- ▶ <http://www.pubvinas.com>
- ▶ <https://cananolab.nci.nih.gov/caNanoLab/#/>

Classification

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The classification of nanomaterials is based on the

- ▶ *number of dimensions of a material, which are outside the nanoscale (<100 nm) range.*

Examples of Dimensionality variations

0D

Accordingly, in zero-dimensional (0D) nanomaterials all the dimensions are measured within the nanoscale (they are essentially tiny 3D materials). **Qdots** are often termed as 0D material.

1D

In one-dimensional nanomaterials (1D), one dimension is outside the nanoscale. **Borophene, Graphene, SAM**

2D

In two-dimensional nanomaterials (2D), two dimensions are outside the nanoscale.

Nanofibres, Nanorod, Nanotube, Nanowire, Quantum wire

3D

Three-dimensional nanomaterials (3D) are materials that are not confined to the nanoscale in any dimension.

Nano-Trends

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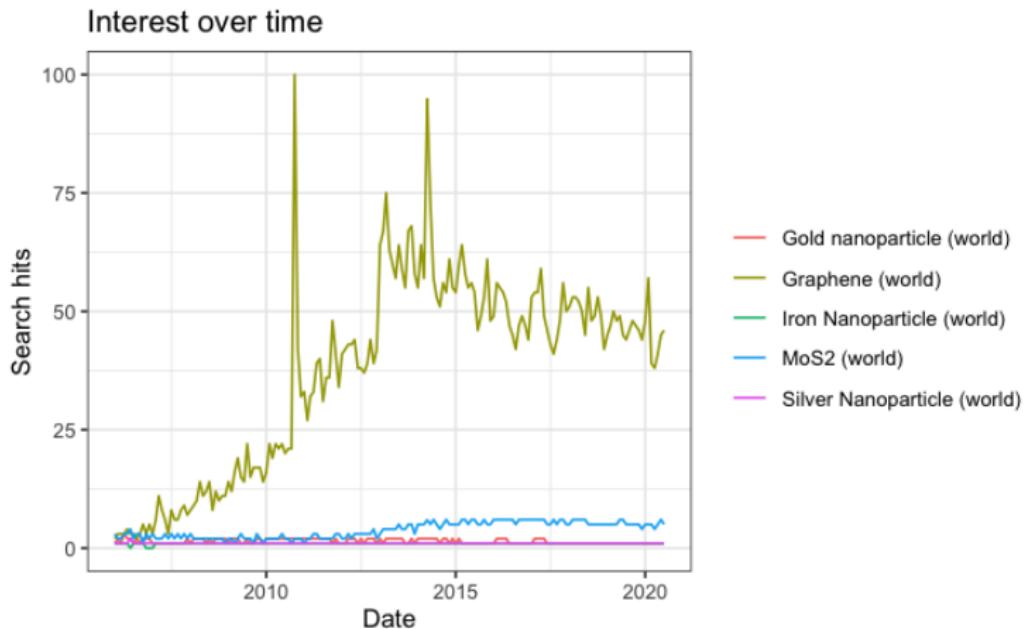


Figure 1: Nanotrend

Our Nanotour began in the year 2006

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10 June 2006

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First ever nanobio meet ever held

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The Nano center proposal

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The proposal for the nano center came out in the next year -
A significant portion of the proposal contained the small
progress that we achieved in our lab at that time.



International Conference Nano-Bio Interface 2006

150 years of Calcutta University

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Faculty of Science, University of Calcutta
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Venue : SINP Auditorium, Kolkata, Date : 1-3 March 2006



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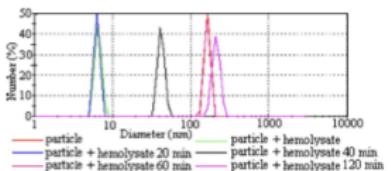
- ▶ We started our almost random nanowalk in the year 2006
- ▶ Jaydeep was working on the folding of a protein which most of the protein scientists avoid, but many medical biologists love
- ▶ It was hemoglobin
- ▶ The clinical angle came out from the fact that the hemoglobin structure varies considerably in a disease called thalassemia
- ▶ With the help of Dr. P.Sen who was in possession of copper nanoparticles (using top-down ball mill methods) we attempted to study Hb folding using CuNP

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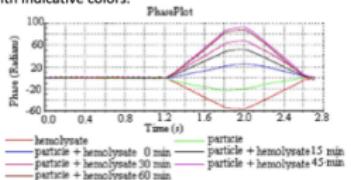
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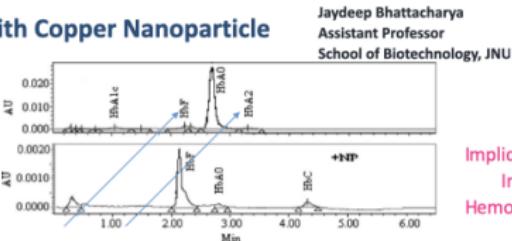
Interaction of Hemoglobin with Copper Nanoparticle



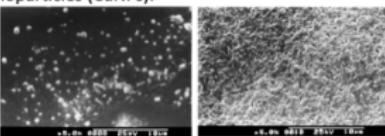
Size distribution of nanoparticles, nanoparticle–hemoglobin complex, and their respective size changes with indicative colors.



Zeta potential-dependent phase of copper nanoparticles (CuNPs), CuNPs plus hemoglobin, and their changes with time, represented in different colors.



HPLC based Comparison of soluble fraction of hemo-lysate before (upper panel) and after (lower panel) addition of copper nanoparticles (CuNPs).



SEM image of copper nanoparticles (CuNPs) and CuNPs + HbAO

Implications
In
Hemoglobinopathy

Interaction of Hemoglobin and Copper Nanoparticle: Implications in Hemoglobinopathy;
Jaydeep Bhattacharya, Utpal Choudhuri, Omprakash Siwach, Prasenjit Sen, Anjan K Dasgupta*;
Nanomedicine:nanotechnology, biology, and medicine 2(3)(2006)191-199

Patent: NOBEL METAL NANOPARTICLE SPECIFIC INTERACTIONS IN CLOSELY HOMOLOGOUS HEMOGLOBIN. 39/DEL/2006



- ▶ In the mean time a new student Tapan (late Tapan Das) synthesized AuNP in our lab.
- ▶ Jaydeep thought it worth trying to probe hemoglobin folding using AuNP

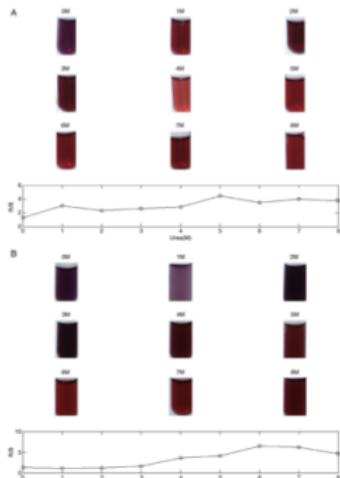
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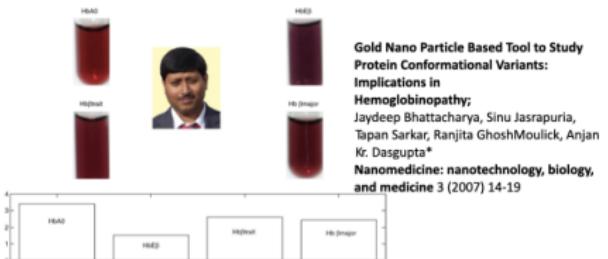
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Gold nanoparticle-based tool to study Hemoglobin conformational variants

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Unfolding of haemoglobin and BSA were compared in presence of 0-8 M urea by synthesising the gold nanoparticles from the unfolded template.



GNPs synthesized from Unfolded (4M urea) haemoglobin variants were compared. The E beta variant was more bluish, as revealed from the diagram, and this was followed by the beta major and beta trait. The normal had the maximal red colour. So the plasmonic based folding sensor can differentiate between protein variants too and can be used as carrier detection

- ▶ Ranjita was contemporary to Jaydeep and was gaining experience in a MD simulation project.
- ▶ She joined in my newly funded DST project on protein Glycation

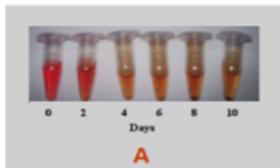
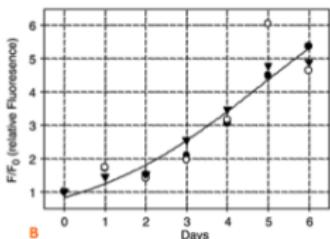
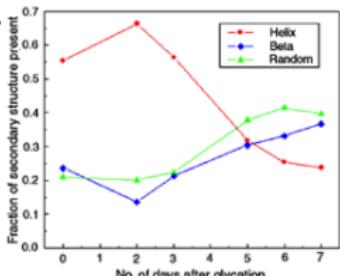
- ▶ Ranjita came out with an interesting observation that there is a **systematic but compensatory unfolding of protein** it is subjected to synthetic glycation.
- ▶ She published a comprehensive paper on this topic in the BBA.
- ▶ We thought it worth trying to probe the glycation level using Au seeding
- ▶ The result was that different levels of glycation led to different sizes of AuNP formation (showing different colors).
- ▶ A primitive glycation sensor was reported.

Dr. Ranjita Ghosh Moulick

Assistant Professor

Amity Institute of Integrative Sciences and Health & Amity Institute of Biotechnology

- In Vitro glycation of Hemoglobin and quantification of AGE products-** A. The time dependent changes in physical appearances of hemoglobin B. The increase in characteristic fluorescence emission showing AGE formation. c. Compensatory loss of alpha helix with the corresponding increase in beta and random structure.

**A****B****C**

- A
- 2. Gold nanoparticles as sensors of AGE products –** Using protein templates with different degrees of glycation, an assay technique was designed to determine the propensity of glycation, based on gold nanoparticle formation



- ▶ All of us knew that there is protein aggregation as a result of misfolding.
- ▶ But the direct proof of formation of the extended structure was rare.
- ▶ Shibsekhar's entry in my lab was simultaneous with the introduction of a UGC supported instrument zeta size analyzer (Malvern DLS). Most of my colleagues used to look at that instrument with a pinch of suspicion (how it will be useful in a Biochemistry Department).
- ▶ Shibsekhar made a direct measurement of the size of the extended structure of Cyt C.
- ▶ Eventually, that was also his entry point to the nanoworld.
- ▶ I must mention that Shib was the key to the 2006 nano-meet.

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Controllable self-assembly from fibrinogen–gold (fibrinogen–Au) and thrombin–silver (thrombin–Ag) nanoparticle interaction



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Abstract Fibrinogen conjugated gold nanoparticles (fibrinogen–Au) and thrombin conjugated silver nanoparticles (thrombin–Ag) were synthesized by heating (90 °C) the proteins (50 µg protein/ml) with 1 mM AgNO₃ or AuCl₃. The resultant particles were harvested and examined by flow cytometry, scanning electron microscopy (SEM), transmission emission microscopy (TEM), optical microscopy and dynamic light scattering. SEM and TEM images revealed that the fibrinogen–Au and thrombin–Ag particles interacted. The emergent bio-nanoconjugate population could be controlled by addition of thrombin–Ag. The method may be exploited in parametrizing coagulation factors and other clinically important protein–protein interac-

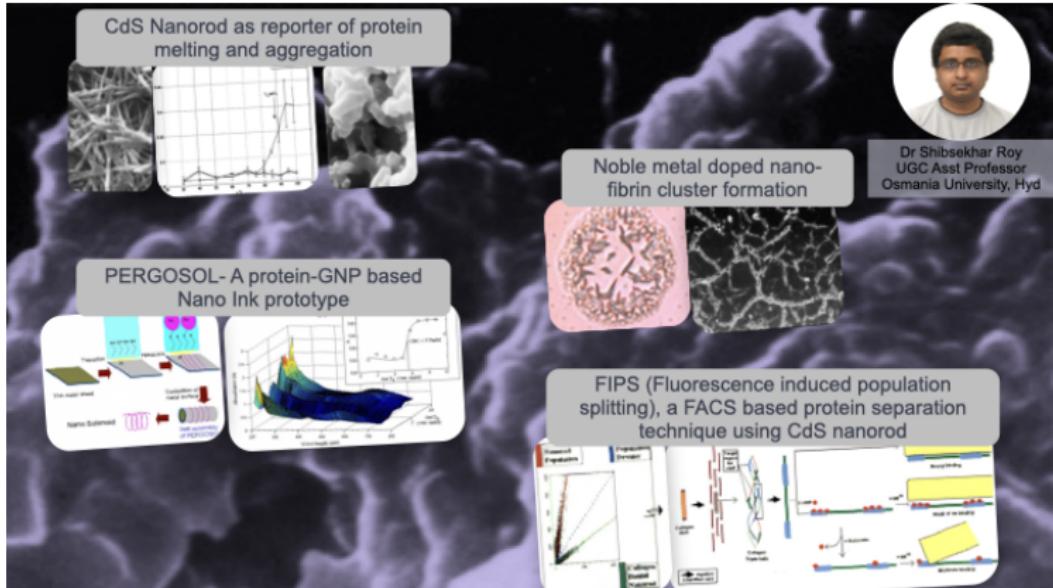
of near micron level structures the population of nanoclusters is conveniently detected by flow cytometry from the scattering behavior of interacting molecules and their proteolysis product.

The fibrinogen–thrombin interaction is a part of the physiological process of blood clotting. The reaction cascade leading to the final step comprises the chemical reaction between the serine protease thrombin and the precursor protein fibrinogen (with subunit Aα2Bβ2γ2) to form fibrin clots. The reaction involves the proteolytic cleavage of fibrinogen by thrombin. The cleavage takes place between Arg16 and Gly17 of subunit Aα and between Arg101 and Glu15 of subunit Bβ to form fibri-

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Tapan was in my lab for a short while. - Before he left us forever he made an interesting contribution. - I thank Shibleskar for completing his publication after his premature exit.



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Thermal hysteresis of some important physical properties of nanoparticles

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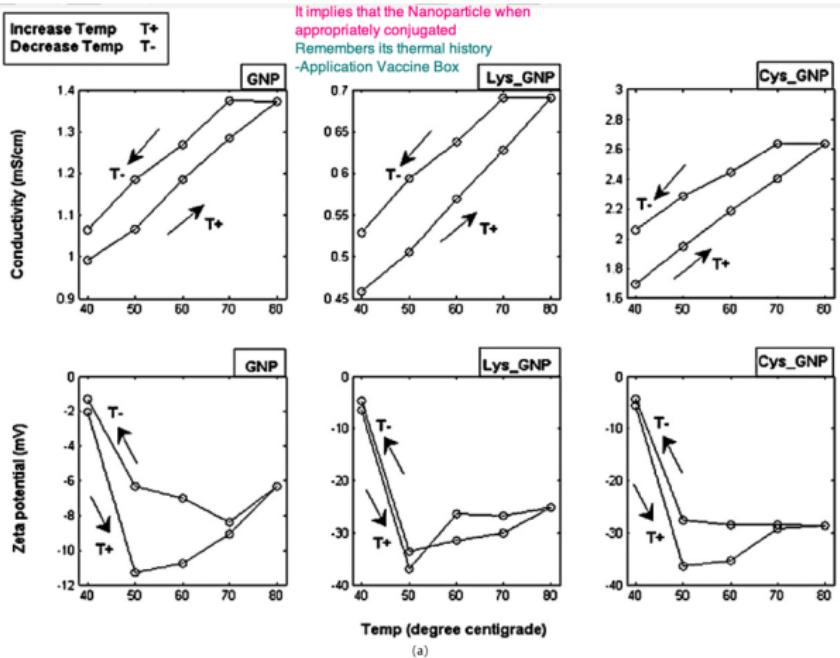
Gold nanoparticles show thermal hysteresis with properties such as surface plasmon absorption, conductivity, and zeta potential. The direction of the incremental change in plasmon peak position and its extinction depend on the nature of surface conjugation. The thermal profile of a surface plasmon resonance spectrum for nanoparticles may serve as a signature for the associated small molecule or macromolecule on which it is seeded. The thermal responses of zeta potential and conductivity profile are found to be independent of the surface conjugation with the later being subjected to a phase transition phenomenon as revealed by a temperature criticality.

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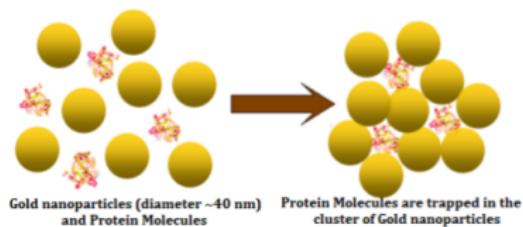
- ▶ Just when Jaydeep Ranjita and Shibsekhar were experimenting on sensing some clinically important protein phenomena, Santi joined.
- ▶ When nothing interesting was happening to him for a year long spell, he thought of exploring the possibility of chaperons properties of AuNP.

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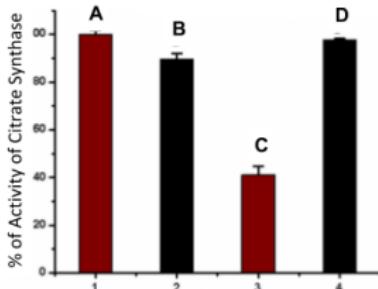
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Size dependent chaperone-like activity of gold nanoparticle



- A Citrate Synthase (without heat treatment)
- B Citrate Synthase in presence of gold nanoparticle (without heat treatment)
- C Citrate Synthase (after heat treatment for 1 hr)
- D Citrate Synthase in presence of gold nanoparticle (after heat treatment for 1 hr)



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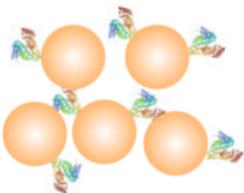
- ▶ But this was not all. He looked into protein glycation from another perspective.
- ▶ Not as glycation sensor
- ▶ But as antiglycating agent

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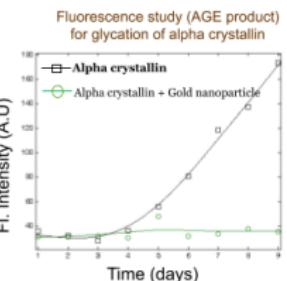
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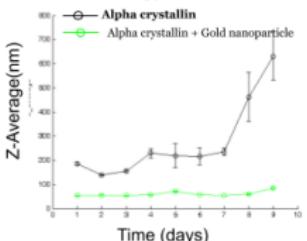
Anti-glycation activity of gold nanoparticle



Gold nanoparticle blocks the primary amine of proteins and prevents the glycosylation



Change of hydrodynamic diameter (Z_{average}) of alpha crystallin during glycation



- ▶ While this lab was comfortable with protein problems a talented biologist, Suryyani Deb joined.
- ▶ As a matter of coincidence, I just started a Calcutta Medical college collaboration.
- ▶ She joined the newly initiated platelet aggregation project.
- ▶ She did initial work on agonist thresholding and then switched over to nano-bio.
- ▶ Needless to say, she did pioneering work in the field of nanotoxicology
- ▶ Her investigations proved the type and size of nanoparticles that would be safe for a nano-drug.

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Dr. Suryyani Deb
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Major Outcome of her Ph.D Dissertation :

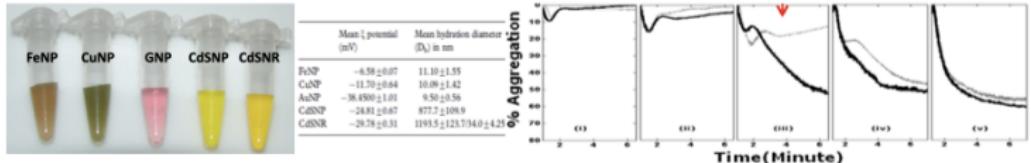
- Her work has been documented as the first ever report on effect of metallic nanoparticles on platelet aggregation
- She reported for the first time the critical dependence on physiological conditions apart from nanoparticle dimension (e.g., lower size can induce more pro-aggregatory effect) on the aggregation phenomenon.
- This in turn open up the possibilities to explore gold nanoparticle as a probe to discriminated anti-platelet drug responder and non responder.
- She has also shown how surface modification of a nanoform can alter its pro-aggregatory effect.

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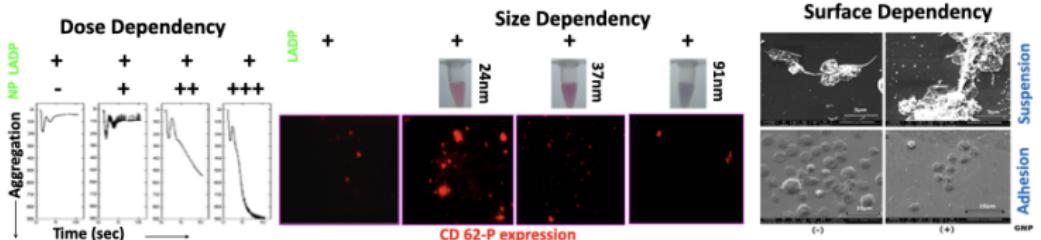
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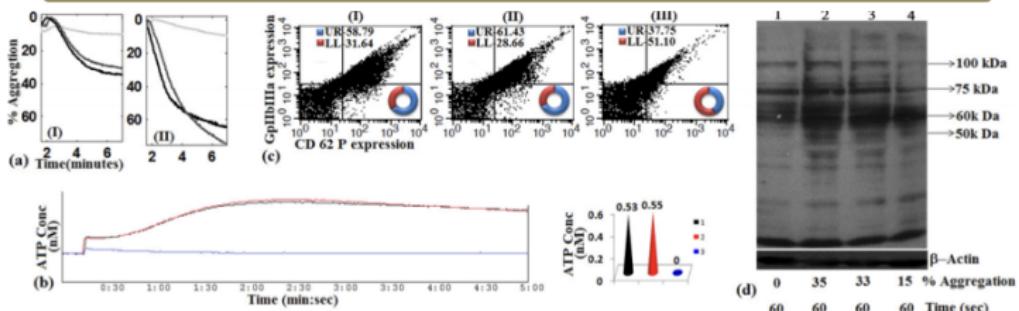
Effect of Metallic Nano-Forms on Platelet Function



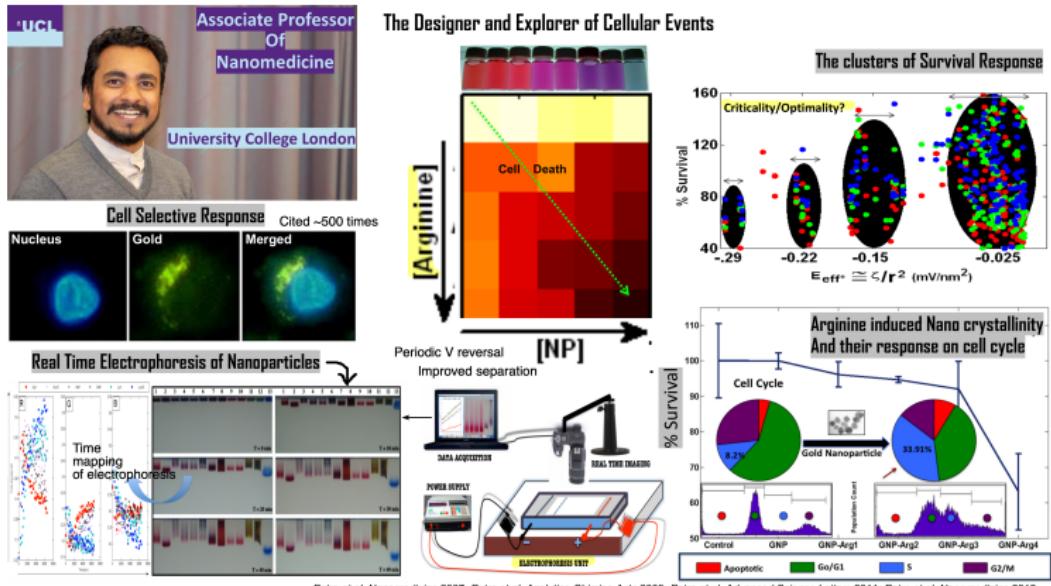
Size, Surface and Dose Effect of Gold Nanoparticles on Platelet Function



Size Modification of Iron Oxide Nanoparticles on Platelet Function



- ▶ Our first tryst with cancer cell nanoparticle interaction started with Hirak.
- ▶ What became a solid new finding by Hirak was the cell specificity of the nanoparticle interaction.
- ▶ The other new finding was the selectivity of the size distribution - some nano-sizes were more probable than others.



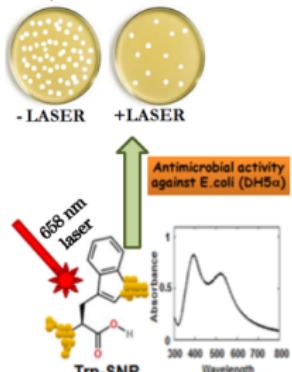
- ▶ Then came Sarita
- ▶ Sarita wanted to try silver nanoparticle
- ▶ The rule of the thumb was that she wanted to do something totally different - Being from chemistry she was fascinated by the chirality concept.
- ▶ She started studying chirality of AgNPs.

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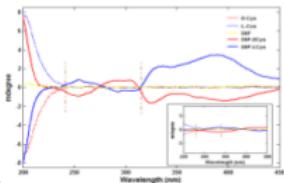
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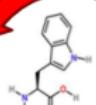
Chemically designed double plasmonic silver nanoparticles as a smart antimicrobial agent



Amplification and emergence of nanoscale chirality upon preadsorption of nanoparticle with biomolecules mainly amino acids



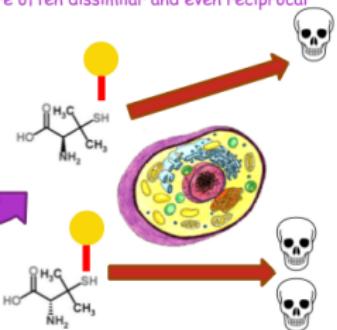
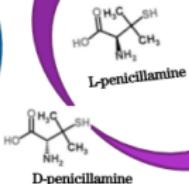
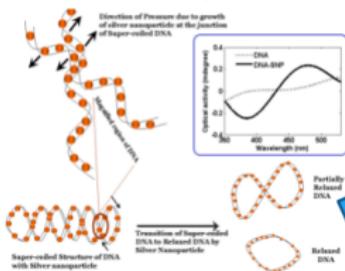
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Chirality and the amplified chirality induced reciprocal responses are often dissimilar and even reciprocal

DNA template silver nanocluster and appearance of chirality at nanoscale



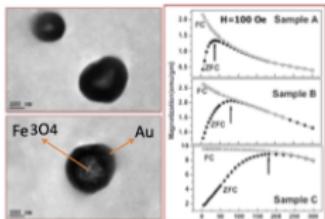
- ▶ It was a memorable moment in the lab when Raja joined
- ▶ like everyone else in the lab, he wanted to do something new and totally different.
- ▶ I asked him to probe into a challenging problem in biology
- ▶ Role of a static magnetic field.

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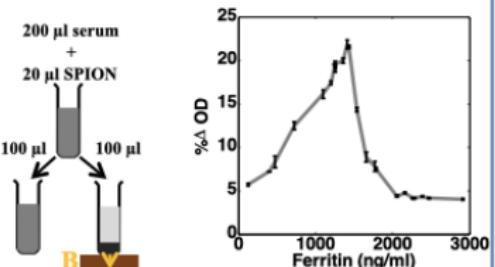
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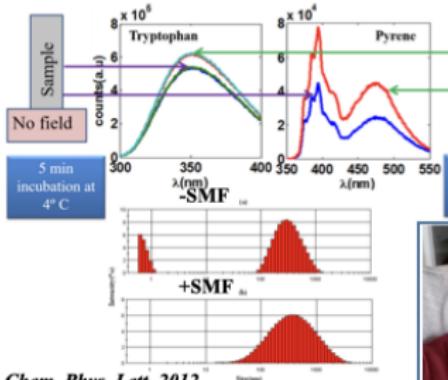
Emergent properties due to interfacial effects-gold coating induced increase in magnetic moment of iron oxide nanoparticle (*J. Appl. Phys. 2011*).



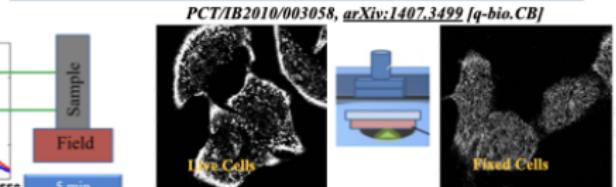
Crosstalk between synthetic and natural iron oxide nanoparticle-an approach towards antibody free serum ferritin detection assay (*WO 2011/141766 A1, bioRxiv 10.1101/211102*)



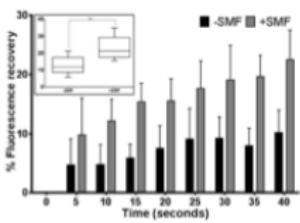
Magnetic memory of biological systems-key to quantum biology



Chem. Phys. Lett. 2012



Dr. Sufi O Raja
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Duke University,
USA



- ▶ Tamoghna was the first person in the lab to try a carbon nanomaterial
- ▶ He got himself trained in IIT Kanpur to an expert in carbon nanomaterial
- ▶ After some efforts, he came up with the idea of studying the interaction of SWNT and lipids.

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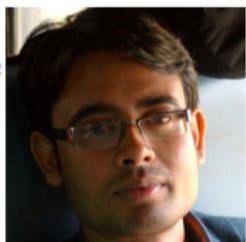
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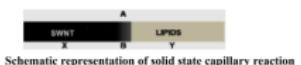
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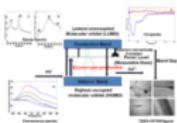
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Schematic representation of solid state capillary reaction

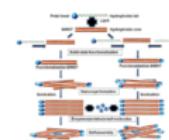
- A new insight in characterization of solid state functionalized carbon nanotubes in terms of intrinsic properties of semiconducting singlewall carbon nanotubes and interplay in-between topological and geometrical chirality at nanoscale.
J. of Mater. Chem. A 2 (2014) 3759-3765.

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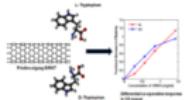
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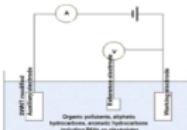
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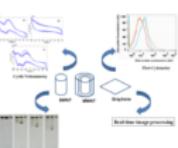
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- ▶ Shounik initially worked in Medical college.
- ▶ At one stage he became interested in nanoparticle effects.
- ▶ His work on platelet cancer cell interaction is getting citations even today.
- ▶ His work on MON (microparticles of nanoparticles) is also an interesting concept.

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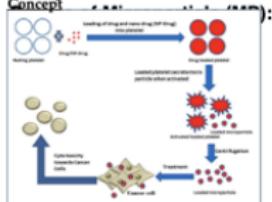
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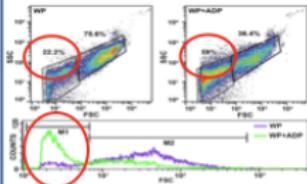
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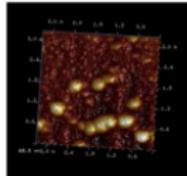
MOD- Microparticle of Drug MON: Microparticle of nanoparticle Concept



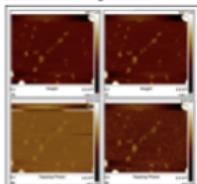
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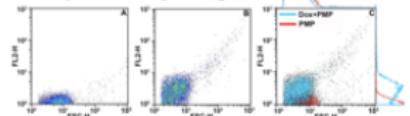
Size of the MPs: AFM Study
300- 500 nm



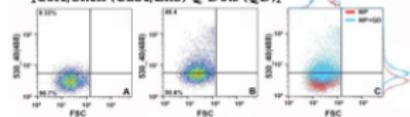
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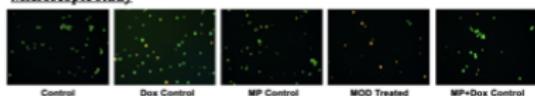
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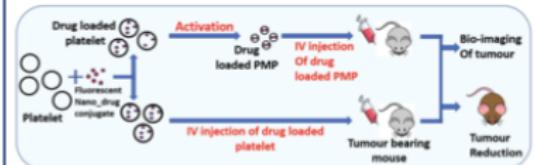


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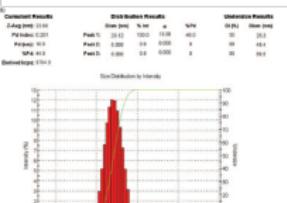
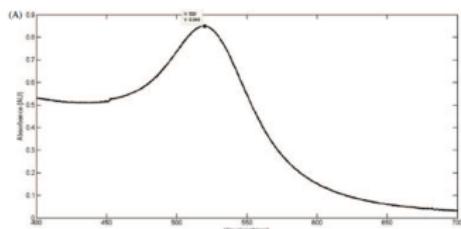
Future Perspective

Establishing platelet/ platelet derived microparticle as the delivery vehicle for **Theranostically** active molecules to treat cancer

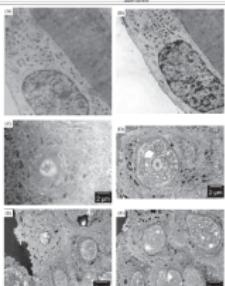
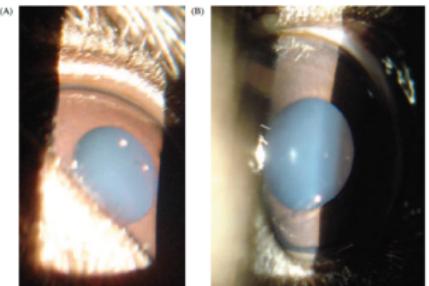


- ▶ Azhar used nanotechnology of eye disease.
- ▶ He is still doing something related to the nanotechnology of the cornea.
- ▶ But here is what he did during his PhD

Thesis title: Nanoscale Interactions in Mammalian Eye



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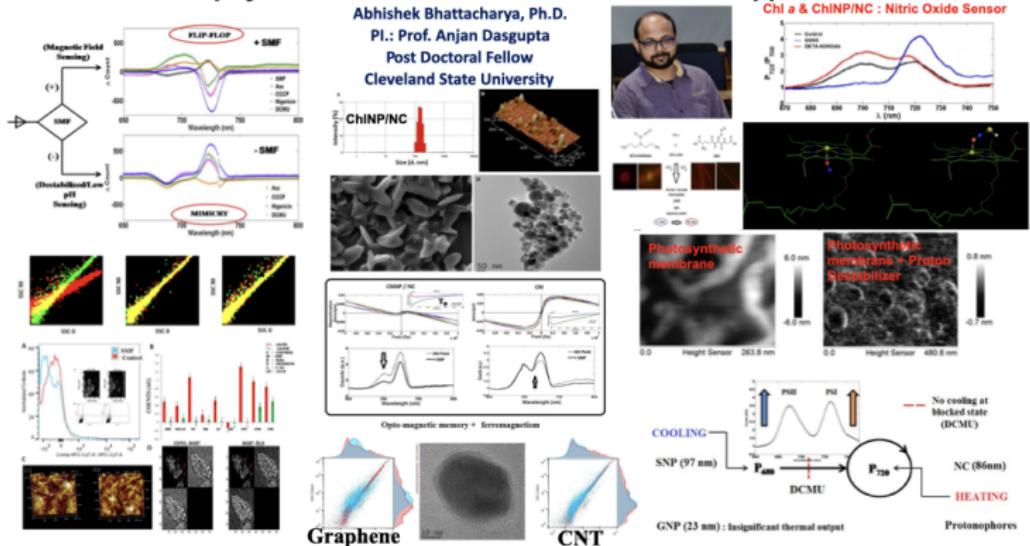
- ▶ Abhishek was one student who made me nervous as he was a plant science student, a background unfamiliar to me.
- ▶ Abhishek started working on the spectroscopic studies on plant photosynthetic system
- ▶ In the process he came up with an interesting sensing behaviour of Chl A Nanoparticle.

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Chlorophyll a - Membrane Bound / Nano Scale - Applications



- ▶ Jyoti was the first microbiologist in my lab
- ▶ She almost completed a PhD in genetics of mental health
- ▶ But suddenly she became interested in nanobiology.
- ▶ She made an interesting observation that normal cells are affected less by Static magnetic field as compared to cancer cells.

Shaw et al. *Cancer Nanotechnology* 2014, **5**:2
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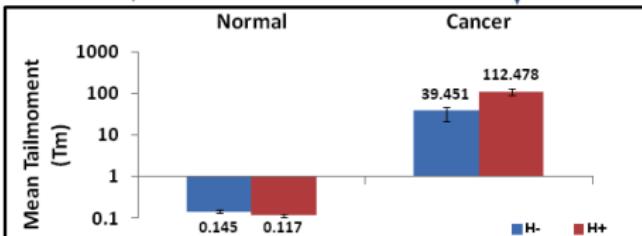
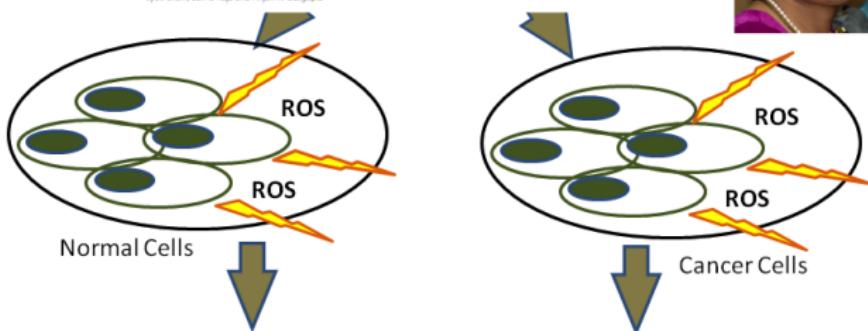
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Modulation of cytotoxic and genotoxic effects of nanoparticles in cancer cells by external magnetic field

Jyoti Shaw, Sufi O Raja and Anjan Kr Dasgupta*



- ▶ Sanhita started working on an entirely different problem, namely biofilms.
- ▶ She looked into the nanointerface of biofilm with nano-materials.
- ▶ She also came out with the POC of an oxygen sensor
- ▶ Her next contribution was nano-inspired synthetic biology. By conjugating the microbial surface with magnetic NP, and then using SMF.
- ▶ Interaction with biofilms with 2D Dirac material (graphene) led to emergence of a new electrical and optical property.



Microbial community inspired nanotechnology

Sanhita Ray

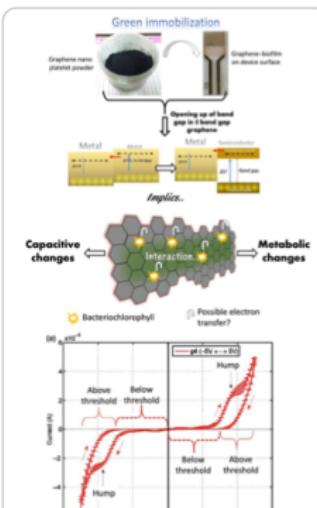
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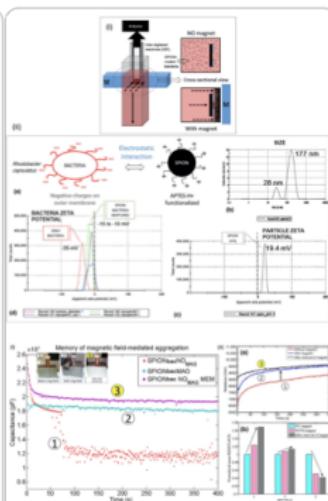
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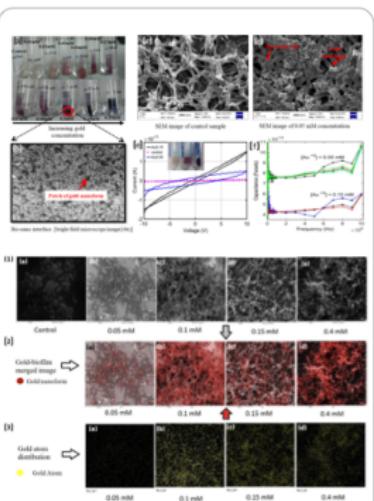
Graphene + bacteria



SPION + bacteria

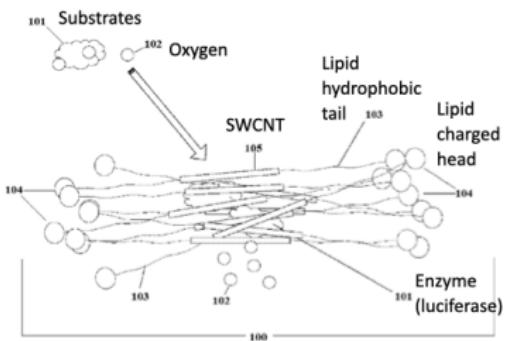


Gold nanonetworks + bacteria



Microbial community inspired nanotechnology

Oxygen sensor



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- ▶ I am now describing almost the concluding part of my nano tour.
- ▶ Anirban's work was about microbe graphene interaction.
- ▶ He was part of the oxygen sensing work initiated by Sanhita
- ▶ He reported amplification of fluorescence by photosynthetic bacteria under some critical parameter windows
- ▶ His nano-work involved material-cognition by photosynthetic microbes (bacterial specificity for interaction with graphene, and graphene specificity for interaction with microbes)

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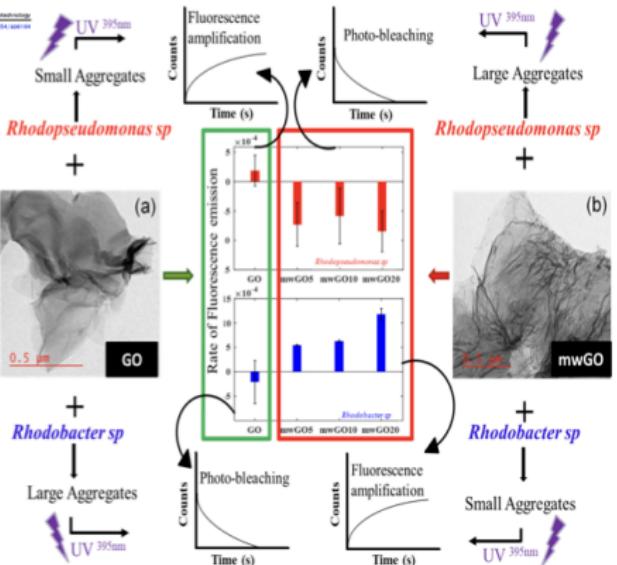
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Differential graphene functions on two photosynthetic microbes

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Back to basics

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- ▶ After this hectic tour a few thoughts haunted me
- ▶ Do we understand nano-science?
- ▶ Let us try to explain the plasmon.

Plasmonic extinction

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The equation expressing the extinction cross section of a spherical nanoparticle within the quasistatic approximation is given by:

$$C_{ext} = 24\pi^2 R^3 \frac{\epsilon_m^{1.5}}{\lambda} \cdot \frac{\epsilon_2}{(\epsilon_1 + 2\epsilon_M)^2 + \epsilon_2^2} \quad (1)$$

Why this simple explanation fails?

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- ▶ The equation predicts that the resonant condition will be independent of the particle size i.e., $\epsilon_1 = -2\epsilon_M$ is independent of R.
- ▶ But we know that the plasmon resonance changes as the particle size becomes smaller
- ▶ Drude equation that overcomes the limitations of the free electron gas approximation.

Modified Drude

If γ is a medium dependent damping factor,

$$\omega_p = \sqrt{\frac{me^2}{m_{eff}\epsilon_0}} \quad (2)$$

$$\epsilon(\omega, k) = 1 - \frac{\omega_p^2}{\omega(\omega + i\gamma) - \beta^2 k^2} + \epsilon_{IB}(\omega) \quad (3)$$

The resonance then becomes size-dependent.

A particle in a box approach - The size & shape effect

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Spherical nanoparticle:

$$E_{nl} = \frac{\hbar^2 \chi_{nl}^2}{2m_e R^2} \quad (4)$$

where, χ_{nl} in the n-th root of the i-th order spherical Bessel function.

Cubic nanoparticle:

$$E_{nml} = \frac{\hbar^2 \pi^2}{2m_e a^2} (n^2 + m^2 + l^2) \quad (5)$$

Miepython

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We use a simulation perspective of Mie scattering is a pure Python module to calculate light scattering by non-absorbing, partially-absorbing, or perfectly conducting spheres.

```
import numpy as np
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
import miepython

# wavelength in microns

radius = 0.1          # in microns
num = len(ref_lam)
m = ref_n-1.0j*ref_k
x = 2*np.pi*radius/ref_lam

qqabs = np.zeros(num)
qqsca = np.zeros(num)

for i in range(num) :
    qext, qsca, qback, g = miepython.mie(m[i],x[i])
    qabs = qext - qsca
    qqabs[i]=qabs*np.pi*radius**2
    qqsca[i]=qsca*np.pi*radius**2

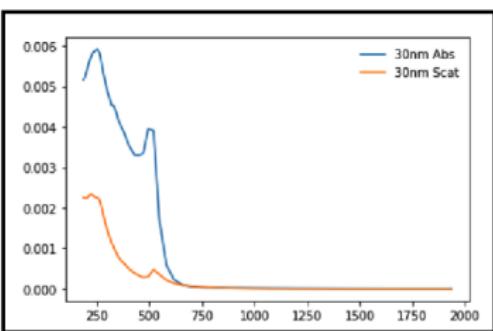
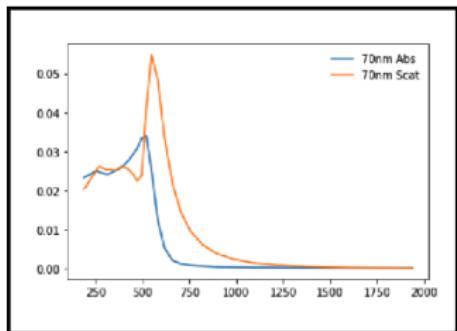
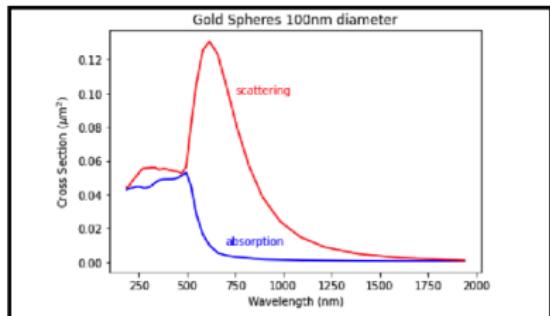
plt.plot(ref_lam*1000, qqabs, color='blue')
plt.plot(ref_lam*1000, qqsca, color='red')

plt.title(r"Gold Spheres 100nm diameter")
plt.xlabel("Wavelength (nm)")
plt.ylabel(r"Cross Section ($\mu m^2$)")
plt.annotate("absorption", xy=(700,0.01), color='blue')
plt.annotate("scattering", xy=(750,0.1), color='red')
plt.show()
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Plasmon simulation

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A note for the “unsmarts”

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When size of the NP is reduced from 100 nm to 30 nm -
Scattering intensity is lowered relative to the absorbance -
The intensity of both scattering and absorbance lowers - With
higher wavelength scattering is red-shifted to a significant
extent,absorbance slightly blue shifted.

The Sensing lies in the eye of the detector

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- ▶ Why there is a Difference between the Absorbance and Fluorescence detections system?
- ▶ Those who have tried to measure plasmon resonance using different detection systems will realize that we often get significant variations in the plasmonic frequency when we use a spectrophotometer (abs based) as compared a fluorimeter (scattering based).
- ▶ The design of nanosensors may be enriched if these basics of nanoscience are clearer to us.

Future Directions

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- ▶ The main challenges in nanotechnology are the following:
- ▶ Existential; Will the technology will merge with other sister disciplines or it will retain an independent existence
- ▶ How nanotechnology can merge with other trending disciplines like chip development and/or big data
- ▶ How nanoscience can contribute to the emerging disciplines of quantum biology/quantum computation.
- ▶ It is however important for us to realize that we will never have a technology that is sub-nano but would retain the identity of molecules constituting a given material.
- ▶ Below nanoscale, the atoms are no more atoms, and the science therein belongs to a different world of physics (subatomic).

Deep learning the Nanoworld

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- ▶ We are poor in **nano-aerosol** interaction. It will be interesting to probe how nanoforms can be exploited in sanitizing the air quality or removing the undesirable toxicants from the air.
- ▶ Nanotechnology may be used in the **pulp and paper** industry
- ▶ **Medical textiles** for Nanofiber-based ‘smart’ dressings.
- ▶ Printed papers using **nanoparticle-based electronic component** (inks of graphene, gold, and silver is already available)
- ▶ We may use **nanomaterials for developing effective sanitations** (important post-COVID step).
- ▶ A deeper understanding of biomaterials nanomaterial interaction would enable us to fabricate smarter sensors.

Gunther Stent's Prediction & a Ray of Hope

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- ▶ By 1969, Dr. Stent “was bored with molecular biology.”.
- ▶ It was just after that, the restriction enzymes were discovered and molecular biology underwent a second revolution.
- ▶ Nanotech is perhaps waiting for such a second generation revolution.
- ▶ Planck had the similar experience when he joined in a physics lab at 16. He was told by Jolly that all one needs in physics is filling up a few holes. Rest are all known.

Nanosmart to NanoGate

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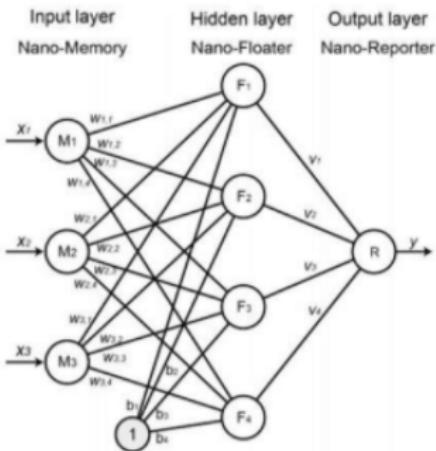
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<https://phys.org/news/2020-09-nanoparticle-based-architecture-nanoparticle-neural-networks.html>

Their story

- ▶ Then they calculated the number of nanoparticle nodes needed to functionally complete Boolean logic operators on the neural network.
- ▶ The hardware relied on covalently modified nanostructures on a lipid chip for multiple executions.
- ▶ They tested the reset function of the system for reusability by de-hybridizing all DNA assemblies after exchanging the buffer solution in the setup.
- ▶ The reset allowed thiolated DNAs alone to remain on the nanoparticles, thereby returning to the initial state for the next function.



$$x_i = \{0, 1\} \quad w_{i,j} = \{1, 0, -1\}$$

$$b_j = -h \quad (h \text{ is the number of } w_{i,j} \text{ equal to 1})$$

$$v_j = \begin{cases} 1 & \sum_{i=1}^n w_{i,j} \cdot x_i + b_j \geq 0 \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

$$y = \begin{cases} 1 & \sum_{j=1}^m v_j > 0 \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

Nanoparticle neural network (NNN) for a functionally complete 3-input system. ...

Last but not the least

- ▶ Right now an NEP convention is going on in the PMO office
- ▶ One important aspect of NEP is bridging the gap between the traditional wisdom emerging technology.
- ▶ How nanotechnology is connected to tradition ?
 - ▶ Traditional drugs e.g., bhasmas (Dr. Jayesh Bellare) and kajal/surma are special nanoforms.
 - ▶ Iron utensils by tribals are known to have an edge over Al-utensils. Thanks to iron nanoforms.
 - ▶ The Inca guarded their gold mines, not because of love of gold but assumed that there are health benefits.
 - ▶ <https://edition.cnn.com/2017/11/10/world/wonder-list-bill-weir-peru-amazon-illegal-gold-mining/index.html> Gold rush that is destroying amazon.
 - ▶ The color of the butterfly wing are naturally occurring nanomaterial

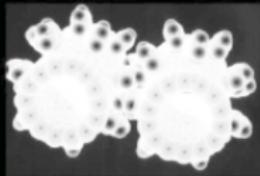
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