Nano Technology for Safe Water Benefitting Bottom of the Pyramid

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Structure of Presentation

- Water Challenges facing India
- Priorities for finding out Technical Solution
- Nano sciences & Nanotechnology: Indian Scenario
- Research on Clean Water
 - Application Research
 - Developmental Research
- Thrust Areas for R&D

Water Challenges facing the Country

Water Shortage	Water Quality including Reject Management	Site Specific Water Use Management
Low per capita availability	Quality deficit of available water for specified uses	Storage capacity for seasonally available water
Evaporation loss from water bodies	Geological contamination through arsenic	Surface run-off on account of nature of geological terrain
Water winning and mining in water starved areas	Contamination through fluoride	Water body disuse
	Contamination through iron	Mismatched rates withdrawal and recharging capacity
	Contamination through multiple species	Non-optimal use of water in agriculture
	Biological contamination	Non-optimal use of water in industrial sector
	Alkali metal ion salinity	Unplanned water use and demand
	Alkaline earth metal salt salinity and hardness	River flood management
	Contamination of water on account of pesticides and other water derived residues	Wetland management
	Deficit of assurance for drinking water quality	
	Sea water intrusion in coastal areas	

Key Water issues

- Quantum deficit of water for irrigation
 - Irrigation area tripled to 330 million Ha from 1970-1999
 - GW loss of 109 km³ from 2002-2008 in North India inhabited by 114 million
 - 31% districts covering 33% land area and 35% population unsafe
- Quality deficit of water for specified use
 - 347 districts (59%) affected by biological and chemical contamination reducing water availability for drinking, irrigation, municipal use





Water Stressed< 1700 m³/yr Water Scarce< 1000 m³/yr

Water Demand and Supply in Indian Cities



Official per capita water demand

Official per capita water supply after leakage loss in 2005

Official per capita water supply in 2005

Per capita supply to non-slum population after leakage

Water Quality Scenario in India

1. Physical

High Turbidity in surface water ,Total hardness ,pH value . High Total Dissolved Solids

2. Chemical

Iron	23 provinces affected	
Arsenic	5 provinces affected	
Fluoride	19 provinces affected	
Nitrate	e Almost all hydrogeological formations have nitrate concentrations	

- Salinity
 - Inland salinity: arid and semi-arid regions of 10 provinces affected
 - Coastal salinity: 7,500 km. long coast line affected

3. Bacteriological

E coli or Thermo tolerant bacteria (present in large number in open water bodies) , Total Coliform Bacteria

4. Virological

Presence of Viruses

Water Priorities

Water Purification

Decentralized cost effective water treatment for communities and household levels Water quality monitoring: development of sensors and analytical techniques

Water Reclamation & Reuse

Integrated wastewater management for reclamation and reuse; technologies, tools and frameworks

Water Efficiency in Irrigation

Technology-rich water management for the sustainable intensification of agricultural systems

Participatory water management in smallholder irrigation projects

□ Integrated Sustainable water resource Assessment & Management

Development & testing of frameworks for integrated water resources assessment and management at different scales (present and future) experiences .

Integrated Urban Water Management

Efficient and effective planning and management of urban water systems

Technologies for meeting water quality related challenges

Type of water Contamination	Suitable Technologies	
Sali <mark>ne (1000-40,0000 ppm)</mark>	Thermal desalination Membrane techniques	
Turbidity + Pathogens	Alum + bleaching powder/ SODIS/ Ozonolysis; Microfiltration/ Image: Alum + bleaching powder/ Ultrafiltration, UV irradiation Image: Alum + bleaching powder/	
Hardness/Fluoride/ Arsenic/Iron/ Nitrate	RO or specialty membranes/ Specialty Adsorbents and resins/ Electrolytic treatment	
Natural Disasters	Disinfection/Broad-spectrum solution at mass scale	
Water Reuse	Secondary/Tertiary treatment followed by RO (large scale)	

Research for Clean Water Solutions

- Application Research on convergent Technological Solution : Technology Mission on 'WAR' for Water
 - Spotting & Scouting feasible Solutions from Industries Globally
 - Adaptation & Absorption of technologies in different social context
- Development Research in laboratories on emerging and nano-technologies



Government Initiative in Nanoscience & Nanotechnology

Department of Science & Technology (US \$ 225 m)

State-of-the art facilities ,Human Resources Development , Regulatory Framework, Centres for Nano Science and Nanotechnology,Centre for Knowledge Mgt,International Collaborations,Institute-Industry linked projects in Public-Private –Partnership mode

Department of Information Technology (US \$70m)

Nanoelectronics, Nanometrology, Technology Development, Infrastructure Creation And Capacity Building, Human Resources, Industry Promotion

Department of Bio-Technology

Medical applications - delivery of drugs , bioseparation ,diagnostics,Toxicological studies Agriculture application for Pathogen detection, Smart delivery vehicle for pesticide,Waste management, aquaculture-nanofibres from aquatic weeds,Nanofilters for water purification,removal of VOCs from air,Effluent treatment

Council of Scientific & Industrial Research, Indian Council of Medical Research, Central Manufacturing Technology Institute

Indian Nano Scenario in Nutshell

Strengths

- An investment of about US \$ 200 million made since 2002.
- A community of about 1000 active researchers has been built.
- Good number of characterization facilities including some of the best.
- Scientific studies on nanoscale systems being performed at internationally competitive level.

Challenges

- More application-, product- and technology-oriented projects required.
- Industry and start-ups need to be attracted and involved.
- Greater networking among institutions working around specific themes required.
- Standards work needs greater push.
- Regulatory framework needs to be in place.

Application of Nanotechnology for Water and Wastewater Treatment

- Innovative sensors for detecting water contaminants at low and ultra low concentration (microbial, organic and inorganic contaminants)
- Integrating advanced materials (noble metal nanoparticles/CNT/Dendrimeric/multi-functional membranes) with existing and emerging solutions to improve their efficiency
- Disposability/reusability of advanced materials and their filtered/trapped rejects.

R&D efforts :JNCASR, Bangalore

Polymer/nano-particles system as nano-composite material for waste water treatment.

- Combination of adsorbent and catalyst
- Reusable and recoverable
- Efficient material for removal of toxins
- organic solvent and odorous compounds.

R&D efforts: IIT Kanpur

- Development of carbon nano-fibers and nano-particles as adsorbent for environment remediation of waste water
- □ Application for waste water treatment
- □ *Removal of arsenic and fluoride from waste water*
- Water-solid (adsorbent /resins) multi stage continuous contactor for removing undesirable dissolved solutes

R&D efforts: IISc, Bangalore

- Dendrimer-Functionalised Membranes for removal of Organic Pollutants in Water
- Enhancing retention potential of membranes to lipophils organic compounds
- □ Encapsulation of contaminants inside the dendrimers

R&D efforts: IIT Delhi

Hollow shells of silica as nano-membranes for entrapment of contaminants

 Designing of nano-membrane for use as nano-filter for removal toxins present in trace amounts and development of photo catalytic process to efficiently degrade toxins.

□ *Nanostructured sensors for water related safety and security.*

R&D efforts: IIT Bombay

- Surface engineered nano-particles for detection and separation of toxic metal ions and organic dyes
- Nano-composite and charged nano filtration membranes for water purification with anti-microbial and photo- reactive functionality.

R&D efforts :IIT Madras

Noble metal nano-particles for removal of halogenated organics including pesticides, heavy metals and microorganisms

Studies on ultra low concentration detection of the above contaminants

Utilisation of quantum clusters for drinking water purification.

Technology from idea to commercialization:

A technology commercialized for the removal of pesticides from drinking water



to a product for water purification

Global issues on water purification – **Currently being commercialized by IIT-M**

Unsolved technology problems: our solutions are covered in 14 patents, 15 research articles



Mercury contamination Target: 6 cents per 100 liters





Pesticide contamination

Target: 3 cents per 100 liters

For details of efforts in the area, please see: Noble metal nanoparticles for water purification: A critical review, T. Pradeep and Anshup, Special Feature, Thin Solid Films, 517 (2009) 6441-6478.



Microbial contamination

Target: 6 cents per 100 liters



Affordable solutions based on new materials is now possible

Fluoride contamination

Target: 22 cents per 100 liters

R& D Efforts: ARCI, Hyderabad

Commercial Nanosilver coated ceramic candle filters for drinking water

(Technology developed and transferred by ARCI)



ARCI-filters for drinking water





Cross section view



Antibacterial activity



Before filtration



After filtration



What Next?

- Technologies to meet technical, social, economic and environmental considerations
- Technologies developed globally to meet priceutility envelope of developing countries



Nanotechnologies for Safe Water

Strategies and Partnerships to Benefit the Base of the Pyramid

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The Need for Safe Water is Universal

People's health, quality of life, and life itself are at stake

The Problem and Solutions are Complex

The Context

- One in eight persons in the world lack access to safe water supply
- 3.5 million people die each year from water-related disease; 84 % are children. 98 % occur in the developing world
- 66 million people are affected by fluorosis and 10 million people are affected by Arsenicosis
- More than 60% of the population living in rural areas have no access to safe drinking (tap) water
- Poor people living in the slums often pay five to ten times more per liter of water than wealthy people living in the same city
- Waterborne diseases are costing the Indian economy 73 million working days a year

Common Water Pollutants

Microbial Heavy metal, Arsenic, Fluoride, Nitrate Salinity Pesiticdes and endocrine disrupters etc.

Still need effective treatment options

Nanotechnlogies for Water purification

Offers Revolutionary, Promising solutions : - For both purification and sensors for pollutant detection

Background to the Study

Premise of DFID NET-RC Initiative

- Research has a key role in anticipating and responding to future trends
- New and emerging, cutting edge Nanotechnologies for water purification, their relevance to the needs of poor people.
- Need for Translational research to support the longer term development agenda to ensure the benefits are derived by the poorest
- Quest for the most effective, safe and affordable approaches to reach the research benefits to poor people

Significance of Nanotechnology

Dimensions and tolerances are in the range of 0.1-100 nm

Application of these nano structures and principles behind them to make nano scale devices and to produce new materials
Offers more affordable, effective, efficient and durable ways of purification

Development Alternatives in Water Sector

Development Alternatives Group - Mission



We believe that the Key to sustainable development is the creation of sustainable livelihoods in large numbers

Water Testing - products

... Jal-TARA Portable Drinking Water Quality Monitoring Kits



Standard Kit



Iron kit



Aqua check Vials





Fluoride Kit



Arsenic kit

Nitrate kit


Ensuring Safe Drinking Water



Jal TARA Filter - a Bio-Sand Filtration System



Unique Features

- Standardized system in 1000 litre tank with output of 2500 -3000 litres per day
- Ideally suited for rural/peri-urban community application
- ✤ Removes Bacteria (99.9%) and Turbidity
- Provides continuous flow with gravity filtration No electricity required
- Provides cost effective chemical free treatment
- Low maintenance
- Allows customised fabrication and installation as per site conditions

Water Purification Systems



An Entrepreneur run

water supply enterprise

Kachipura

Village Panchayat Name	:Binwara		
Distt.	:Tikamgarh		
Total Population	:298		
Total House Hold	: 61		
Bank Facility	:Madhya Bharat Gramin Bank, Taricharkala		
Co-Operative Service Center			
Aganwari Kendra	:No		
Gram Swaraj Bhawan	:No.		
Samodayik Bhawan	:No		
School	:Primary Level 1		
Water Source	:Ground water (Well)		
Checkdam	:1		
The main occupation of the villager	: Agriculture		



The Concept

- Research has a key role in anticipating and responding to future trends
- New and emerging cutting edge Nano technologies for safe water are being developed that may have relevance to poor people.
- Need for translational research to support the longer term development agenda to ensure the benefits are derived by the poorest
- What are the most effective, safe and affordable approaches to new technology that might benefit poor people.



Findings of Risk Mapping

- There is no clear understanding on the health and environmental impacts of the technologies.
 Maximum risk was perceived during production and disposal.
- Both the severity and the probability of the risks is a direct factor of the management practices adopted by the industry.
- Operation related risks were perceived to be minimal.
- There is policy gap in terms of monitoring, production and application of nanotechnology based devices.

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Purpose of the Consultation workshops

To arrive at a consensus on market and policy barriers - affecting large scale roll out of nanotechnologies for water treatment

To prioritise Action and Initiatives to promote nanotechnologies in the water sector while attaining poverty alleviation and MDGs in India

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Purpose of the Stakeholder Consultation

- The current study seeks to identify key challenges and barriers that may reduce the impact of nanotechnologies for providing clean drinking water reaching the under privileged in developing countries
 - Possible environmental implications and remedial measures
 - Successful service delivery models
 - Absorptive capacities of the population

Current Status of Nano tech Research

- Nanotechnology research in India has grown at a very fast rate, with an emphasis on water and energy sectors.
- The government has invested in creating infrastructure and training scientists to encourage this trend.
- Noble metal based nanotechnology for water purification has been productized and reached markets.



Technology	Description	Current Status
Hydrotalcite	Low-cost synthetic clay, hydrotalcite that attracts arsenic removing it from water packaged as a 'teabag' that can be dipped into household water supplies for about 15 minutes before drinking by CSIRO	Prototype developed
Silver Nanofiltration	High-speed, low-cost filter using plain cotton cloth dipped in a broth of silver nanowires and carbon nanotubes by Stanford researchers	Prototype being developed
Nanorust	Nano Iron binds with arsenic and is removed from water using a magnetic field. Technology developed by Rice University	Prototype being tested in Mexico
Nanofiber	Tea bags with ultra-thin nanoscale fibres, which filter out contaminants, and active carbon granules, which kill bacteria by Stellenbosch University	Under approval by SA Bureau of Standards
Nano Photocatalysts	Solar disinfection of water using photocatalytic nanoparticles (titanium dioxide) to remove chemical pollutants and pathogens from water being developed by NIBEC	Research
Carbon nano tubes	Simple method to produce carbon nanotube filters that efficiently remove micro- to nano-scale contaminants from water being developed by BHU	Research

Development Alternatives

Technology	Description	Current Status
Nano antimicrobials	Silver-based antimicrobial filter water bottle developed by IonArmour	Market by InnovaMaterials
Nano silver catalyst	UV disinfection with adsorption on nano silver based activated carbon blocks developed by IIT-C	Marketed by Eureka Forbes
Nano silver catalyst	Rice Husk Ash impregnated with Nano Silver particles, activated silica and carbon developed by TATA group	Marketed by TATA Chemicals
Nano silver catalyst	Coating technology for incorporation of nano silver in traditional candle filters for disinfection developed by ARCI	Field testing by SBP Aquatech Pvt. Ltd.



Barriers to BoP Reach

Low Awareness among BoP on clean water

 Logistics reach to the BoP populations needs to be improved (including delivery, servicing and disposal)

Lack of Innovative and affordable service delivery models to penetrate BoP (proven and tested at scale)

Barriers - Nanotechnology

Lack of understanding/ agreement on health & environmental impacts of nanotechnology
Disconnect between researchers and industry
Cadre of incubators/technologists are missing
Multi stakeholder cooperation (to enable service delivery models)
Policy gap in terms of monitoring, production

and application of nanotechnology based devices.

What should be our strategic responses for technology uptake by BOP and Governments., development agencies and other institutions.

What are the country priorities in fulfilling the drinking water needs?

The role and the nature of technologies that is anticipated in terms of the

- production systems,
- Technology efficacy,
- Resource use patterns,
- Models of delivery,
- required financial and institutional systems etc

- Are there any potential, environmental and health risks due to the nano chemistry to the producers, consumers and waste handlers? If there is a risk associated is it short term or long term.
- Are the general public made aware of these implications?
- What value do communities attach and how significant is the water quality in their lives in-terms of health benefits,
- Awareness levels of communities, what kind of information and demand creation aspects can be pursued.
- What are the resource implications, both in production and use of technology? (ex: wastage of water, leaching of unwanted chemicals into purified water.
- Is the waste generated adequately taken care? Whose responsibility it should fall?

Is simplicity of technologies a problem? How important is change of mindsets?

What are the avenues to overcome these barriers in terms of technological, financial, social, cultural and economic and environmental barriers?

Proposed criteria for selection of Technology for action research

- **Consumer Acceptance**: what is the level of acceptance by the wider/limited population? What are the trigger points of acceptance/ rejection?
- Ability to reach the BoP: Are the short listed technologies financially and logistically accessible for BoP customer.
- Viability: Is there willingness to pay for the services? At what scale is the model viable ex: Household, community, village/ town etc.
- What are the institutional models that are needed to ensure quality of service delivery and address issues of governance and gender issues, What kind of support systems are needed to safeguard the sustainability issues

Proposed criteria for selection of Technology for action research

- Scalability: Is there potential for scaling up? What are the systems, processes and strategies needed for scaling up? What partnerships (Govt., Corporate, Community level partnerships) and delivery models needed to scale up?)
- Environmental: Waste disposal practices? How safe is the residue to dispose off? Health hazardous due to improper way of disposal like in the case of Arsenic, Fluoride and Reverse Osmosis plants. Level of reject water, its nature, public health impacts in processing and handling, disposal practices, implications on the receiving water bodies or eco systems
- what role the stakeholders have in taking forward these measures. Any need for policy changes (ex: waste residues from fluoride treatment to be stabilised through road construction processes and policy changes needed to make it compulsory) etc.

- What are the key elements of technology incubation that need to be tested and what do these depend on
- some successful models and some areas of shortfall
- Why are some of the models not in large scale-are there any challenges/barriers something to do with local government policies, etc
 - At what stage in the Development one needs to start interacting with key players
 - Who are the drivers in the market
 - Key players who will mainstream the policy

- What is the best way to build on nanotechnology research for development outcomes?
- What Processes/Systems/ Policies needed to manage the associated risks
- What is the scale of the commitment to longer term funding to be made in areas that are likely to have a high probability of high impact? Are they affordable?
- How can we support research that improves the uptake of this research?

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The Bop Market & water purifier

An overview

Genesis of BoP in India..

o Coined by C.K. Prahalad & Allen L. Hammond

o Refers to around 4 billion people in India at the bottom of economic pyramid

o With a purchasing power of \$1500 a year or less

o Over \$1.2 trillion market of a \$5 trillion global BoP market ..(minus China)

The 4 conditions ..

- The innovation must achieve substantial price reduction-at least 90% of a cost of a comparable product or service in the west
- o The innovation must be scalable: must be able to be produced, marketed and used in many locales and circumstances
- The innovation must be affordable at the bottom of the economic pyramid, reaching people with the lowest level of income in any given society
- o The innovation must result in a product or service of world class quality

Pilot ...BoP market ...

o Conducted in BoP markets in UP, Punjab & Haryana

o 14 towns ...560 households ...140 retailers

o Find out .. need, triggers and barriers for water purifier ..

Take out from the study ..

o Most use hand pump in UP, while most in Punjab & in Haryana use tap water

o Majority are not satisfied with their drinking water

 Awareness about traditional methods of purification is high..but awareness about purifier is not very high

o Practice is very low ...need behavior change

Take out from the study ...

o About 6% were using purifiers ..

Among users ..1% use filter with candles, 2% UV/RO & 3% non-electric purifiers

o Among non-users about one-third felt the need for purifier

 Major barrier ..price is perceived to be unaffordable ..lack of knowledge about purifiers

Take out from the study ..

o Most retailers stock non-electric purifiers ..

 Non-electric purifier also found to have highest shelf movement

o Need ...penetrative communication ..attractive price points and schemes ..

OPPORTUNITIES AND CHALLENGES OF NANOTECHNOLOGY FOR PROVIDING ACCESS TO SAFE DRINKING WATER TO BOTTOM OF THE PYRAMID POPULATIONS

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Everyone is talking about nanoscience and nanotechnology Google search for 'nano' gets 100,000,000 hits Bill Clinton, APJ Abdul Kalam, Baba Ramdev..... Governments and industries across the globe are pumping millions of dollars in nanotechnology research Is it the next 'IT' which can get me a huge salary? Can it stop ageing and cure cancer? Can it get me safe water? Is Nanotechnology factual or a figment of imagination? Is nanotechnology risky? ('Prey' Michael Crichton) NEED TO SEPARATE FACT - FICTION

HYPE - HOPE

SAFE DRINKING WATER :GLOBAL SCENARIO



Populations without access to safe drinking water.

(From *The World's Water* 1998–1999 by Peter H. Gleick. Copyright © 1998 Island Press.

Pathogenic microorganisms

Waterborne diseases such as

diarrheal disorders, salmonellosis, shigellosis, cholera, amebiasis, giardiasis, and non-diarrheal disorders, such as infectious hepatitis, viral Hepatitis, typhoid fever, leptospirosis, etc.

Toxins produced by aquatic algae and bacteria can also cause severe health problems.

Chemical constituents - chloride, magnesium - create a risk of dehydration caused by acute laxative action and/or by decreasing the palatability of the water

Fluoride, arsenic, heavy metals have toxic effects

Pesticides – lindane, endosulfan

Potential of nanotechnology-based methods for water purification

Three major categories of nanomaterials based on applications

Nanomaterials as sorbents : Removal of heavy metals and inorganic contaminants

Nanomaterials as filtering agents: Removal of contaminants by filtration

Nanomaterials as catalysts : Removal of pesticides and other organic matter including toxins

Nanoparticles as antimicrobial agents for water disinfection : killing of disease causing bacteria, viruses and protozoa

Nanomaterials as sorbents



Nanomaterials as sorbents

Metal-Oxide Nanoparticles



Carbon Nanotubes





Dendrimers



Zeolites



NANOTECHNOLOGY BASED MEMBRANE MATERIALS

Types of membranes that are possible low energy replacement for conventional RO membranes applied to desalination

(1)inorganic-organic nanocomposite membranes,

(2) hybrid protein-polymer biomimetic membranes,

(3) aligned-carbon nanotube membranes



- Thin film (2000 Å)
- Porous polysulfone support (60 µm)
- Non-woven fabric (150 µm)

e.g. thin film nanocomposite membranes containing silver and titania nanoparticles with the goal of producing potentially antimicrobial and ultraviolet (UV)-active nanofiltration membranes

Schematic of hybrid membrane



Lipid bilayer/triblock copolymer membrane formed around teflon film with incorporated aquaporins



Porous Teflon film or other hydrophobic membrane material



Planner lipid bilayer/block copolymer membrane with incorporated aquaporins



Aquaporin molecule

Phospholipid molecule, block copolymer or other amphiphilic molecule
NANOCATALYSIS IN DEGRADTION OF POLLUTANTS

Problems of dyes, heavy metals, hydrocarbons can be tackled using nanoparticles catalyzing rapid degradation

Materials with size 1-100 nm (1 nm = 1×10^{-9} m) and properties dominated by surface



Nanomaterials as catalysts



Schematic representation of nZVI and the reactions that occur on its surface

DEGRADATION OF DYES





Control Bulk Iron Nano-FePd (15 mins) (5 mins)

Bismarck Brown Azo Dye

✤ 50 % degradation in 2 mins using nano-sized Fe-Pd

- \checkmark Fast and efficient degradation
- Cheap material due to small quantity requirement
- Easily removable using magnetic separation





Natural Red 4 (Non-Azo Dye)

DEGRADATION OF CHLORINATED PESTICIDES

Serial No.	Amount of Fe/Ni	Time of Sampling	% Lindane degradation
1	10 mg	1 min	Nil
		3 min	Nil
		5 min	12.0
		7 min	55.0
2	50 mg	1 min	10.0
		3 min	84.0
		5 min	99.0
		7 min	99.0
3	100 mg	1 min	92.1
		3 min	94.0
		5 min	100.0
		7 min	-

TECHNOLOGY READY FOR SCALE-UP AND COMMERCIALIZATION

Catalytic degradation of a recalcitrant chlorinated pesticide- lindane using biopolymer-stabilized ironsulfide nanoparticles

Sci. Technol. Adv. Mat. 6:370, 2005 Indian Pat. No. 1242/MUM/2006

Reductive dechlorination of lindane with Fe-Pd bimetallic nanoparticles and azo dyes with Fe-Ni nanoparticles

J. Haz. Mater, 175, 680, 2010 Env. Sci. Technol. 41:7437, 2007 Appl. Catal. B 79:270, 2008

NANOMETALLIC PARTICLES FOR WATER DISINFECTION

- Silver (Ag),
- Copper (Cu),
- Zinc (Zn),
- Titanium (Ti)
- Cobalt (Co)
- New combinatorial oligodynamic materials
 - Ag deposited on titanium oxide Ag-coated iron oxide



SEM: Silver deposited on activated carbon



SEM : Silver impregnated Glass fibres

MODE OF ACTION OF SILVER

- 1. Reaction with thiol groups.
- 2. Reaction with amino acids and proteins.
- 3. Binding to critical enzyme functional groups.
- 4. Inhibition of the cellular respiratory chain.
- 5. Inhibition of cellular phosphate uptake.
- 6. Binding/densification of DNA.

Oligodynamic nanometallic particles may prove cost effective disinfection agents

ANTIMICROBIAL ACTION OF SILVER NANOPARTICLES



AFM topographic and phase images and corresponding surface profile

Rapid detection of bacteria and their toxins



Nitrocellulose paper spotted with antibody 1-anti *S. typhi*, 2- anti *V. cholerae*, 3- anti *Shiga* toxin, 4- anti *Clostridium* toxin, 5- anti-*E.coli*, 6- control



Color development indicates presence of E. coli in water

DEVICES FOR THE DETECTION OF PATHOGENS

Lateral flow immunochromatographic device for **point-of-care testing** Visual detection with **gold nanoparticles** as label





Advantages

- Does not usually require extensive and destructive sample preparation
- Simple
- Robust
- Fast (detection time ~20 min)
- Visible reaction

PROTOTYPE DEVELOPED

Our collaborators at NIV, Pune have successfully used nanogold conjugates (synthesized at ARI) in detection of Chandipura and Chicken guinea virus (1000 PFU/ml serum) from samples in disease affected areas.

MICROFLUIDIC IMMUNOSENSOR



Fabrication steps: a) Device used for clamping micro-dimensional wires and molding PDMS; b) Copper wires clamped in the device; c) For microchannel fabrication liquid PDMS is poured; d) Cured PDMS with wires is demolded form the device and e) 3D microchannels fabricated after drawing the wires out from PDMS



SEM of 3D microchannel (inset higher magnification)

On Nitrocellulose



Control Experiment



 a) CAD image of the 3D microchannel; b) Optical image of fabricated 3D microfluidic device in PDMS; and c) Optical image of the 3D microchannel moulded in PDMS-higher resolution



Fluorescence image of different concentration of E. coli captured PDMS-IgG labeled with QD-antibody conjugates in different microchannels. The overlap graph shows increase in fluorescence intensity with increase in cell count.

Biosensors & Bioelectronics 26: 3050 (2011)

Personal water treatment system



AN OPEN MIND NURTURES SCIENTIFIC THINKING



THANK YOU !

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Nanosilver-coated Ceramic Candle Filters for Drinking Water Disinfection

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Responsible Nanotechnology

"With Great Power, Comes Great Responsibility" Uncle Ben to Peter Parker in Spider Man



Which Sunscreen Should You Use???



Toxicity of common nanomaterials to bacteria



Bacteria are very diverse



E.g. Salmonella typhi – Gram-negative, enteric, causes typhoid fever





E.g. Enterococcus faecium – Gram-positive, causes skin and wound infections



E.g. Vibrio cholerae – Gram-negative, causes Asiatic cholera

Bacterial Toxicity Mechanisms



Potential Leapfrogging Opportunities for Microbial Control and Disinfection

Consumption of Nanomaterials in products



Major Materials

Nanosilver in home appliances SAMSUNG, KOREA





Other applications Tooth Paste



Nanogist Co., Ltd., Korea

*Nanosilver incorporated tooth paste

*prevents gums inflammation, periodontitis, periodontal disease



Pogene Co., Korea
It prevents pollutants including nicotine stick to the teeth.
It also eases toothache penetration when we eat something cold.

Nanosilver in cosmetics





Dongyang Nano Tech Co., Ltd., Korea
Including nano silver particle
Super sterilizing effect

Face wash appropriable beauty soap
Impact upon dimple and skin trouble
Natural sterilizing by silver corpuscle, harmless to human

Nanogist Co., Ltd., Korea

- Maintains hair and scalp healthy and clean.
- Vanishes scalp infection caused by epiphyte.
- Diminish bacteria and inflammation.
- Eliminates dandruffs and relieve itching.



p-scaling of nanosilver synthesis for antibacterial textile applications (ARCI-RESIL project)

Resil's Requirement

- •0.01 0.05 wt % nanosilver suspension stable for 9 months
- •Stability of the suspension at 6000 rpm centrifuge
- •Suspension stability with tap water dilution
- •Stability in contact (reaction) with the plastic containers
- •Stability upon tansport (shaking and foaming) conditions
- •Upscaling of the production <u>tons/month</u> level

UV- Visible spectra for nano silver suspension before and after 6000 centrifuge (no change in spectrum)



Reactor design ARCI-Sigma Scientific)



Batch type reactor with 15 L/h production capacity at ARCI (Produced **1000 L** suspension and supplied to Resil at cost)

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Ismail Serageldin, Wo

Environmental Affairs



ARCI-filters for drinking water





Antibacterial activity



Before filtration

After filtration





Cross section view

Porosity of the ceramic candle filter



Water throughput is 1-2 L / h
No significant change in porosity due to silver
Very good adherence of silver to candle
Long time antibacterial activity



ARCI-Byrraju cooperation for field-testing of filters



Byrraju Foundation:

- •A non-profit organization dedicated to rural transformation
- •Working in 152 villages in Andhra Pradesh
- •Provides access to safe drinking water
- •Tests carried out by the foundation in 150 villages showed 94% of them failed in quality standards
- •Ozonization, UV treatment and membrane filtration have been used for water treatment









DATA from field trials

Name of the village	Date	Filter	Source	28h	48h	72h
Vempadu	2-01-07	Filter1 Filter2	Tap Tank	OK OK	OK OK	OK OK
	2-02-07	Filter1 Filter2	Tap Tank	OK OK	OK OK	OK OK
	2-03-07	Filter1 Filter2	Tap Tank	OK OK	OK OK	OK OK
	2-04-07	Filter1 Filter2	Tap Tank	OK OK	OK OK	OK OK
	2-05-07	Filter1 Filter2	Tap Tank	OK OK	OK OK	OK OK
	2-06-07	Filter1 Filter2	Tap Tank	OK OK	OK OK	OK OK
	28-07-07	Filter1 Filter2	Tap Tank	OK OK	Present OK	Present OK
	30-07-07	Filter1 Filter2	Tap Tank	OK OK	OK OK	OK OK

Accelerated test for silver leaching



WHO allowed limits: 0.1 mg/Lit

1	Byraju foundation	Ppm	0.01476
2	after one year	Ppm	0.01432
3		Ppm	0.01413
4		ppm	0.01443

Freshly	prepared	candles

Sample code 5 - D

1	First filtered water	ppm	0.067
2	Second filtered water	ppm	0.020
3	Third filtered water	ppm	0.036
4	Fourth filtered water	Ppm	0.056
5	Fifth filtered water	Ppm	0.045

WHO allowed limits: 0.1 mg/Lit (high doses cause argyria) The EPA's critical dose for (Colloidal silver) a 160 lb. adult is 1.09 milligrams daily.

MASS SCALE PRODUCTION










'TERAFIL'- Red clay filtration media (disc)

Institute of Mineral and Material Technology (IMMT), Bhubaneswar

TERAFIL – Burnt porous red clay media (disc), used for filtration and treatment of both surface & ground raw water into clean drinking water.

Materials of TERAFIL: Red clay (pottery clay), sand, wood saw dust

For treatment of ground water:-

Quality of product water:-

Turbidity
Bacteria
Iron
pH

- Turbidity : Within BIS limits
 Bacteria : Within BIS limits
 - : Within BIS limits
 - : Within BIS limits

Cost of product water: Rs.2/- per ton
 Life of Terafil filtration disc: 5 years
 Life of Terafil stand-alone plant: 10 yr.















ARCI TiO₂ suspension

Nano-titania for self-cleaning textiles

Self-cleaning cotton

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It's a fact of life: your clothes get dirty and *smelly* and they need to be washed.

"What a boon it would be to college life if your clothes would keep themselves clean"

Perhaps one day soon, college students will be able to do their laundry just by going for a walk in the sun.

H2S- STRIP TEST: PROCEDURE



1 Fill the vial with water to be tested, up to the arrow mark, and replace the cap.

- 2 Keep in a warm place, preferably 30-37° C, for 24-36 hr.
- 3 Observe for blackening of the contents.

4 If turns black, it is likely that water is not fit for

drinking.

COMPOSITION OF H₂S-STRIP MEDIUM*

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- Peptone
- Dipotassium Hydrogen PO₄...
- Ferric Ammonium Citrate ...
- Sodium thiosulphate
- Teepol
- L- Cystiene HCl
- Water
 - * Concentrated 20x

20 g 1.5 g 0.75 g 1 g $1 \, \mathrm{ml}$ 0.25 g 50 ml

H₂S-STRIP TEST

- EASY TO PERFORM
- USER-FRIENDLY
- SCREENING TEST
- SUITABLE FOR HANDLING
 - BY UNTRAINED PERSONNEL
- FOR COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION
- AS A SCREENING TEST IN MONITORING OF RURAL DRINKING WATER SOURCES
- LOW-COST RAPID TEST