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SYNTHESIS OF METAL NANOPARTICLES AND THEIR APPLICATION

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ABSTRACT:

As a result, a significant amount of scientific effort has been documented for the production of nanoparticles as well as their uses. Because of their improved and distinctive properties, which are primarily determined by their size, shape, and composition, metal nanoparticles or semiconductors are of utmost significance for a wide variety of applications in the fields of drug delivery, energy and information technology, opto-electronics, and magnetic imaging. These fields include: Despite the fact that chemical and physical procedures have the capacity to effectively manufacture clean and well-defined nanoparticles, these technologies are highly pricey and might be harmful to the environment. When it comes to the creation of nanoparticles in an environmentally responsible way, the use of biological materials as an alternative to chemical and physical procedures might be an option. Utilizing the vast diversity of biological resources that are present in the natural world is one method that shows promise for accomplishing this purpose. Over the course of the last few years, several organisms, including plants, algae, fungus, bacteria, viruses, and enzymes, have been utilised in the manufacturing of metallic nanoparticles that are nontoxic, low-cost, and energy-efficient. The incorporation of biological molecules and materials at the nanoscale has the potential to transform a wide variety of subfields within the fields of science and technology.

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INTRODUCTION

Although there has been an increasing interest in the field of nanomaterials since the 1980s, the name "nanoparticle" did not come into use until much later, around the year 1990. The phrase "nanoparticle" has become the term that is most regularly used and accepted, despite the fact that "nanoscale" and "nanosized" particles are also terminology that are frequently used by material scientists. The word "nano" originates from the Greek word "NANOS," which may be translated as "smallest" or "dwarf." To put it simply, nanoparticles are the tiniest possible units that may be produced from any given substance. These particles are clusters of atoms that have dimensions ranging from 1 to 100 nm. In comparison to macro particles, these particles are more reactive and display quite distinct chemical and mechanical behaviours. Researchers have become more interested in nanoparticles over the past several years as a result of their shift from the micro level to the nano level, which has resulted in fascinating changes in the physicochemical properties of the nanoparticles. These changes can mostly be due to the tiny size of the particles, which results in a higher surface-to-volume ratio as well as quantum confinement effects. In the past, these particles were investigated for their size- and shape-dependent physical and chemical characteristics but in modern times, the primary attention has shifted to their commercial uses.

Nanoscience is the name given to the subfield of science that focuses on the study of nanoparticles. This subfield of research is seeing tremendous development on both the scientific and technical levels. This field teaches us how to exert influence over the constituent parts of matter on a molecular level. The current rise in this area is evidence that this field will play an important role in the solutions to the challenges that modern living presents. This field is currently gaining importance and attracting interest from a variety of fields, including biomedical treatmen optics magnetic data storage electrical energy storage opto-electronic devices and catalysis amongst others.

APPLICATIONS OF NANOPARTICLES

Nanoparticles have a wide variety of uses, and these applications vary depending on the size and structure of the nanoparticles. For instance, the supercapacity of a small number of nanoparticles is contingent upon the nanoparticles having a significant ratio of surface area to volume. In a similar manner, the characteristics of various metal oxides, such as zinc oxide and titania, are size dependant. These qualities include photoluminescence, catalysis, and surface energy, amongst others. Table 1 is a listing of some of the most significant uses of metal nanoparticles that are currently known. The preparation of crack-resistant paints, scratch-proof glass, transparent sun screens, self-screening windows, separation and purification of biological samples, drug delivery, magnetic resonance imaging, power storage, removal of water and air pollutants, and semiconductor materials all make extensive use of nanoparticles. In general. Because the study of nanomaterials encompasses such a broad subject area, it is challenging to discuss all nanoparticles in a single piece of writing. As a result, this essay will only focus on a select few metal nanoparticles that are significant both scientifically and technologically. In this study, some of the efforts that have been made in the synthesis of nanoparticles are highlighted, as well as the influence that the size of nanoparticles has on their characteristics.

SYNTHESIS OF NANOPARTICLES

Even if the production of nanoparticles is a complicated process, there are a great variety of methods that may be utilised in order to accomplish this goal. The first way is known as the physical approach, while the second is known as the chemical approach. Both of these approaches are traditional manufacturing methods for the synthesis of nanoparticles. Methods such as condensation, evaporation, and laser ds have also been used for the production of metal nanoparticles . These methods involve the reduction of metal salts, which is carried out by using reducing agents such as sodium citrate 1-hydroxyalkyl radical sodium borohydride citric acid and various amines . The physical approach involves these processes. These methods allow for the synthesis of not just phase pure materials but also a large number of composite materials that may be customised to a particular purpose. At the beginning of nanoscience, unidirectional particles were the focus of attention because it was believed that they had superior properties. However, as nanoscience has developed, composite, heterogeneous, and colloidal semiconductor particles have also become the focus of investigation because of their more versatile properties. The ability to easily manipulate the main structures of nanoparticles, such as their form, size, and composition, is one of the numerous benefits that chemical approaches have over physical ones. These techniques usually involve the utilisation of stabilising chemicals, surfactants, additives, or dispersion agents in order to exert control over the nanoparticles' size, degree of agglomeration, and form. During the process of manufacturing nanoparticles, it is essential to distribute the reactants in an efficient manner so as to get the desired regulated particle size. They quickly recombine to form large size groups because to the activity on the surface, and these groups have a variety of weak interfaces. Dispersing agents are polymeric species that contain two base groups; a hydrophilic group attaches itself to the surface of the metal particle, while a hydrophobic group is exposed to the solution. In this way, the metal particle is dispersed throughout the solution. When done in this manner, the surface of the metal atom particle is coated with a thin organic coating, which, in turn, lowers the rate of collusion among the powder cores. Because of this, these modifications not only serve to increase the pace at which particles are dispersed but also aid to slow down the rate at which particles come back together. In addition, the dispersion agents prevent any further oxidation of the metals by impeding the action of the metals when combined with oxygen. Even if these additives, surfactants, or templates are helpful in managing the growth and nucleation phases that are involved in the synthesis of nanoparticles, the correct selection of these additives, surfactants, or templates is still an issue. However, in this review, only size and shape dependent properties will be emphasised in detail. Particle size, shape, morphology, thermal stability, pore size, and their distribution are all important characteristics that affect the physical and chemical properties of nanoparticles. However, only size and shape dependent properties will be discussed in detail. Full characterization of the nanoparticles is required in order to have a comprehensive understanding of their properties. In the past, the characterisation of nanoparticles posed a significant challenge and was one of the primary roadblocks in the way of gaining an understanding of the numerous innovative features and uses of nanoparticles. However, as characterisation methods have progressed, it is now possible to comprehensively describe nanoparticles and investigate the extent to which they are suitable for particular applications in a manner that is quite straightforward.

Synthesis of Metal Nanoparticles

Physical, chemical, and biological synthesis are the three primary methods that are utilised in the production of metal nanoparticles. In a general sense, the nanoparticles can be manufactured using either a top-down or a bottom-up methodology. The top-down technique is based on the mechanical method of size reduction, which involves gradually breaking down the bulk materials into nanoscale structures. This method is the foundation of the top-down method. The bottom-up method involves the construction of atoms or molecules into molecular structures on a nanoscale scale. This method is also known as the "bottom-up technique." The bottom-up methodology is utilised in the production of nanoparticles by chemical and biological synthesis The synthesis of metallic nanoparticles can be accomplished by a variety of physical techniques, such as UV irradiation sonochemistry radiolysis laser ablation and so on. During the process of physically fabricating the nanoparticles, metallic atoms are first vaporised, then condensed on a variety of supports. There, the atoms are reorganised and formed into a cluster of nanoscale metallic particles. The ability to selectively generate nanoparticles of the appropriate size and purity using the physical technique is the primary benefit of using this method. Nevertheless, these procedures typically call for expensive instrumentation, electrical and radiative heating, and significant power consumption, all of which can lead to substantial operational expenses. Although currently available chemical and physical approaches have been effective in producing well-defined nanoparticles, these procedures are often quite costly and entail the utilisation of substances that are hazardous to human health. The chemical synthesis method may result in the presence of some toxic chemical species adsorbed on the surface of nanoparticles, which may result in adverse effects in medical applications; these nanoparticles may even have direct contact with the human body, in which case the associated toxicity of the nanoparticles becomes critical. One of the key aims of nanotechnology in the United States is to establish a production technique that is favourable to the environment and can offer nanoparticles with a low level of toxicity. Researchers have focused their attention on biological techniques of synthesis of metal nanoparticles as a means of accomplishing this objective since these approaches are efficient in terms of both cost and environmental impact. Because of this, biosynthesis, which is mediated by living organisms and utilises their enzymes, proteins, DNA, lipids, and carbohydrates, among other components, plays a significant role in the manufacture of metallic nanoparticles. In order to accomplish this goal, we have available to us a wide range of creatures found in nature, including viruses, bacteria, fungus, algae, plants, and products derived from plants. Figure 1 provides a graphical illustration of the process of synthesising metal nanoparticles utilising biomolecules harvested from living creatures as the raw material.

Biosynthesis of Metal Nanoparticles by Microbes

Since roughly 30 years ago, it has been common knowledge that many organisms, whether intracellular or extracellular, are capable of producing inorganic compounds. It has also been reported in the past that microorganisms can be used in the process of bioremediating metals. Toxic metal ions including Ag(I), Hg(II), Cd(II), Pb(II), and Au(III) attach strongly to thiol- or oxygen-containing groups, which causes them to displace important metals like Mg, Na, Fe, and Zn from their natural binding sites. Microorganisms such as bacteria have devised a system that detoxifies the local cell environment by converting hazardous metal species into metal nanoparticles. This process was discovered by scientists. Therefore, a wide variety of microorganisms have been identified as potential candidates for the creation of nanoparticles. Up to this point, it has been established that a vast majority of unicellular as well as multicellular organisms are capable of producing metallic nanoparticles either inside or outside of their cells. Table 1 provides a concise rundown of the many microorganisms that are utilised in the process of producing metal nanoparticles. As a result of

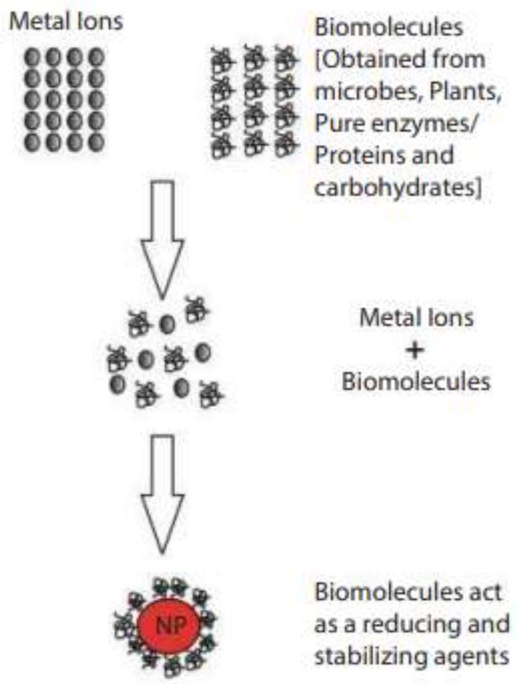

Figure 1 Graphical representation of the biosynthesis of Metal NPs using Biomolecules.

Table 1 Biosynthesis of Metal NPs using microorganisms.

Name of organism	NP	Size of NPs	References
Bacteria			
Actinobacter spp.	Au	10 nm	[34]

Bacillus cereus	Ag	5 nm	[35]
Bacillus flexus	Ag	12 and 65 nm	[33]
Bacillus licheniformis	Ag	40–50 nm	[36]
Bacillus licheniformis	Au	10 to 100 nm	[37]
Bacillus subtilis	Au	5 to 50 nm	[38]
Bacillus thuringiensis	Ag	10–20 nm	[39]
Brevibacterium casei	Ag	10–50 nm	[40]
Corynebacterium	Ag	5–15 nm	[41]
Desulfovibrio desulfuricans	Pd	50 nm	[42]

Table 1 (*Cont.*)

Name of organism	NP	Size of NPs	References
Escherichia coli	Ag	40–60 nm	[43]
Escherichia coli	Au	20 nm	[44]
Klebsiella pneumoniae	Ag	52.5 ± 35 nm	[45]
Lactobacillus	Au	20 to 50 nm	[46]
Lactobacillus farciminis	Ag	17.0 ± 2.7 nm	[47]
Lactobacillus fermentum	Ag	11.2 ± 0.9 nm	[47]
Lactobacillus plantarum	Ag	19.4 ± 2.6 nm	[47]
Lactobacillus rhamnosus	Ag	15.7 ± 2.1 nm	[47]
Lactobacillus sp.	Ag	15–500 nm	[46]
Pseudomonas aeruginosa	Au	10 to 40 nm	[48]
Pseudomonas stutzeri	Ag	<200 nm	[49]
Rhodobacter capsulatus	Au	50 to 400 nm	[50]
Rhodopseudomonas capsulata	Au	10 to 20 nm	[51]
Staphylococcus aureus	Ag	160–180 nm	[52]
Stenotrophomonas maltophilia	Ag	~93 nm	[53]
Stenotrophomonas maltophilia	Au	40 nm	[54]
Ureibacillus thermosphaericus	Ag	1–100 nm	[55]
Fungus			
Aspergillus niger	Ag	20 nm	[56, 57]
Aspergillus niger	Au	50 to 500 nm	[58]
Aspergillus ochraceus	Ag	20 nm	[59]
Aspergillus oryzae var. viridis	Ag	5–50 nm	[60]
C. albicans	Au	20–40 nm	[61]

Cladosporium cladosproides	Ag	10–100 nm	[62]
Colletotrichum sp.	Au	8 to 40 nm	[63]
Name of organism	NP	Size of NPs	References
Fusarium oxysporum	Ag	1.6 nm	[64]
Fusarium oxysporum	pt	5–30 nm	[65]
Fusarium oxysporum	Au	20 to 40 nm	[66]
Fusarium oxysporum (enzyme)	Ag	25 nm	[67]
Fusarium semitectum	Au	25 nm	[68]
Fusarium solani	Ag	16.23± 10 nm	[69]
Helminthosporum solani	Au	2 to 70 nm	[70]
Neurospora crassa	Ag	11 nm	[71]
Penicillium fellutanum	Ag	5–25 nm	[72]
Penicillium sp.	Au	10 to 75 nm	[73]
Phaenerochaete chrysosporium	Ag	50–200 nm	[74]
Phoma glomerata	Ag	60–80 nm	[75]
Plerurotus sajor-caju	Ag	5–50 nm	[76]
Rhizopus oryzae	Au	10 nm	[77]
Trichoderma viride	Ag	10–40 nm	[1]
Trichothecium sp.	Au	5 to 200 nm	[78]
Verticillium sp.	Au	20±8nm	[79]
Verticilliumluteoalbum	Au	<10 nm	[80]
Volvariella volvacea	Ag	15 nm	[81]
Yeasts			
Silver-tolerant strain MKY3	Ag	2–10 nm	[82]
Yarrowia lipolytica	Au	10–100 nm	[83]
cyanobacteria			
Oscillatoria willei	Ag	100–200 nm	[84]
Plectonema boryanum	Ag	1–15 nm	[85]

the rich diversity of microbes, their potential as biological materials for nanoparticle synthesis is yet to be fully explored.

Bacteria

The production of nanoparticles that are based on specific bacteria can be accomplished with the help of specific bacteria. Some well-known examples of bacteria include magnetic bacteria, which are used in the production of magnetic nanoparticles; S-layer bacteria, which are used in the production of gypsum; and silver mine-inhabiting Psuedomonase species, which convert silver ions to generate silver nanoparticles. Pseudomonas stutzeri AG259 was used to create the first study on the biosynthesis of silver nanoparticles .

In this research, the silver nanoparticles were generated as single crystals and had well-defined compositions and forms. These silver-containing crystals were encased in the organic matrix of the bacterium, expanding to a size of up to 200 nm and taking the form of equilateral triangles and hexagons. The transmission electron microscope (TEM), the energy dispersive X-ray analysis (EDX), and the electron diffraction all revealed distinct forms of crystals. According to the findings of Klaus et al. [49], when bacteria are cultivated in an environment with a high concentration of AgNO3, a significant amount of silver is produced. Using Rhodopseudomonas capsulate, He and colleagues [51] were able to describe the extracellular production of gold nanoparticles with a variety of sizes and forms. In addition, nanocrystals of gold, silver, and their alloys have been produced inside the cells of lactic acid bacteria [46]. [Citation needed] The extracellular manufacture of silver nanoparticles was documented by Parikh et al. [86], who used Morganella species as their starting material. According to the findings of previous research [87], NADH- and NADH-dependent nitrate reductase enzymes are crucial components in the creation of metal nanoparticles. In a nutshell, the basic mechanism for the detoxification of gold or silver from bacteria is most likely the biological process for the reduction and deposition of gold or silver nanoparticles by live bacteria. This will be discussed in more detail later. The molecular cell biology of gold or silver resistance, as well as the gene products produced by these metals' resistance genes, are intimately engaged in the intracellular or extracellular creation of gold or silver nanoparticles. microorganism capable of lowering sulphate It has been demonstrated that the bacterium Desulfovibrio desulfuricans NCIMB 8307 is capable of producing palladium nanoparticles Under anaerobic circumstances, found that sulfate-reducing bacteria produce spherical aggregates of ZnS nanoparticles with sizes ranging from 2 to 5 nanometers. Klebsiella aerogens, when exposed to Cd2+ ions, results in the creation of CdS nanoparticles within the cell. The size range of these nanoparticles is between 20 and 200 nanometers. This was proven by Holmes and colleagues [89]. Another example that is particularly fascinating is the production of iron oxides that is mediated by the tobacco mosaic virus (TMV) .

Yeast

Yeast has been used successfully in the synthesis of CdS and PbS nanoparticles [82]. Recently, Silver nanoparticles obtained by using silver-tolerant yeast strain MKY3 have been reported .

Fungi

It has been discovered that fungus are highly good candidates for the production of metal nanoparticles, and this discovery was made after investigating a number of different species of fungi for the purpose. Fungi may be used to produce nanoparticles that not only have high monodispersity but also have dimensions that can be precisely controlled. This was first shown who used the fungus Verticillium species to carry out bioreduction of aqueous Aucl4 –. This resulted in the creation of gold nanoparticles with pretty well-defined dimensions and excellent monodispersity. In a separate piece of research a number of different strains of the fungus Fusarium oxysporum were employed to create extracellular silver metal nanoparticles in the range of 20–50 nm. a nitrate-dependent reductase and an extracellular shuttle quinone were shown to be responsible for the reduction of the metal ion by the use of UV-Visible, fluorescence, and enzymatic activity study . This was verified by the results of these analyses. Using the enzyme nitrate reductase purii ed from Fusarium oxysporum, phytochelatinin, and 4-hydroxyquinoline in the presence of cofactor, produced in vitro silver nanoparticles (10–25 nm) that were stabilised by a capping peptide. These nanoparticles were stabilised by a capping peptide (NADPH). described the extracellular creation of gold nanoparticles by Rhizopus oryzae and used FTIR to analyse the particles. Researchers have discovered that the fungus

Fusarium oxysporum is capable of the production of platinum nanoparticles. The nanoparticles ranged in size from around 100 to 180 nm. It has been demonstrated that the fungus Verticillium sp., Fusarium oxysporum sp., and Aspergillus l avus are capable of producing nanoparticles either extracellularly or intracellularly . h e fungus When challenged with silver nitrate in an aqueous solution, Aspergillus l. avus, Aspergillus funigatus, and Phanerochaete chrysoparium, as well as the white rot fungus Coriolus versicolar [96], create persistent silver nanoparticles. The transition from bacteria to fungus as a technique of generating natural nanofactories has the extra benefit of making downstream processing and handling of biomass considerably simpler. This would be an advantage if the goal is to establish natural nanofactories.

Conclusions

The biological production of metal nanoparticles has been analysed and addressed in this particular piece of research. For the most part, the synthesis can be carried out using either a cell-based system (living organisms or inactivated biomass) or a cell-free system (mixtures of biomolecules from the organisms or metabolic products produced by the cells). Despite the fact that many biosynthesized nanoparticles are the same as or very comparable to the results of conventional chemical synthesis, several unique architectural features have been discovered that are not present in chemical synthesis. Today, research into biological synthesis has shifted from an understanding at the phenomenological level to a quest for scientific principles in order to seek a better understanding of the reaction pathways in both the cell-mediated and the bimolecular-mediated formation of metal nanoparticles. Previously, the focus of this research was on gaining a phenomenological understanding of biological synthesis. The general process of detoxification of metals by living organisms is the most likely biological mechanism for the reduction and deposition of metal nanoparticles in vivo. This pathway is represented by the word "detoxification." Proteins are the most active bimolecular components in the synthesis of metal nanoparticles because they can operate either directly on the metal (as multifunctional reducing and capping agents) or through a mediated process, such as enzyme catalysis. In this regard, proteins are the most important component in the synthesis of metal nanoparticles. In addition, the information that was gained through the biological production of metal nanoparticles led to recent advances in biosynthesis, which, in theory, would be more cost-effective and efficient.

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