

# Ciência 2016

## **(Bio)nanosystems based on quantum dots, plasmonic or magnetic nanoparticles**



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# OVERVIEW

Molecular engineering is continuously being enriched by the design and exploration of molecular materials at the **nanometer scale**

Detectable properties

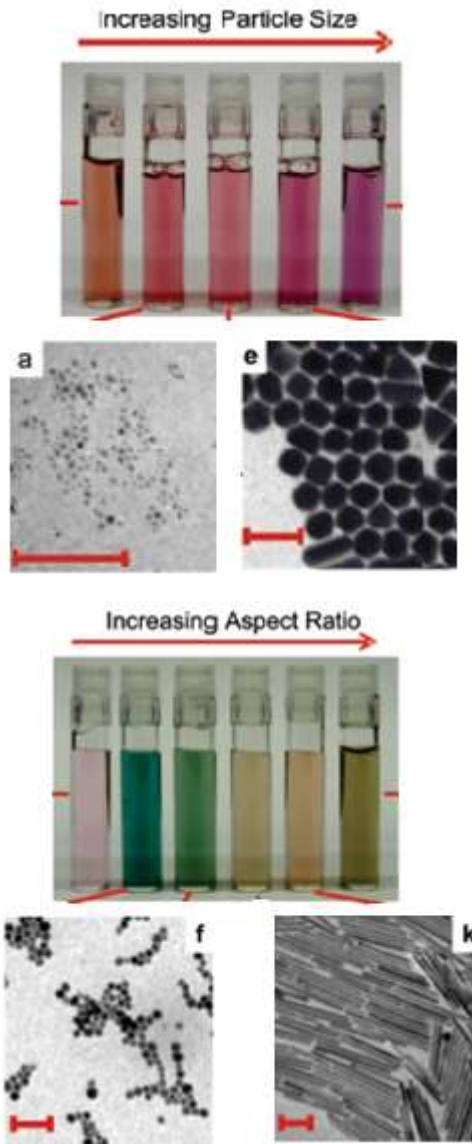
become tunable by simply controlling its  
**shape and size**



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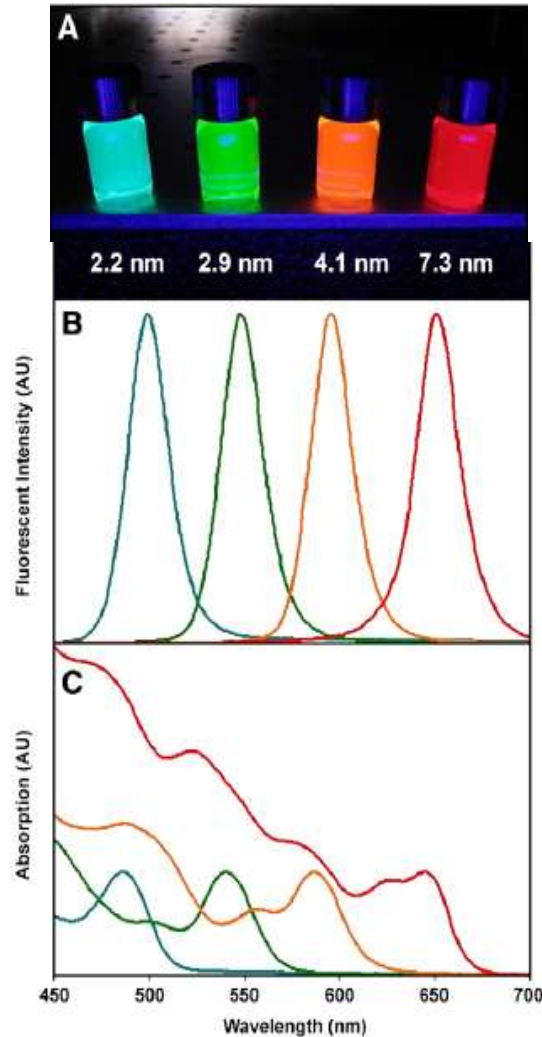
- device technology
- materials science

High electron density originating plasmonic effects (e.g. metal particles: Au, Ag, ...)

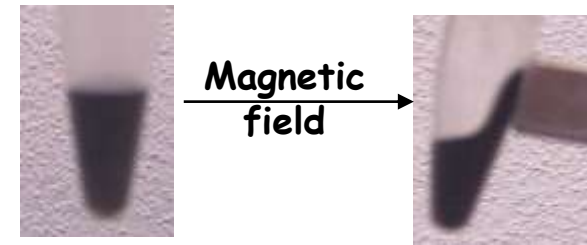


# Nanoparticles

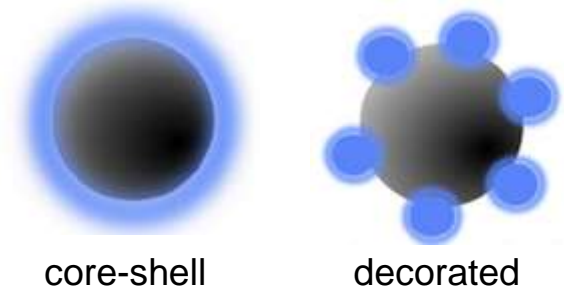
Efficient photoluminescence (semiconductor quantum dots, e.g. CdSe or CdTe)



High magnetic moment and superparamagnetism (e.g. iron oxide or ferrites)



These enhanced properties can even be combined by the use of hybrid nanostructures



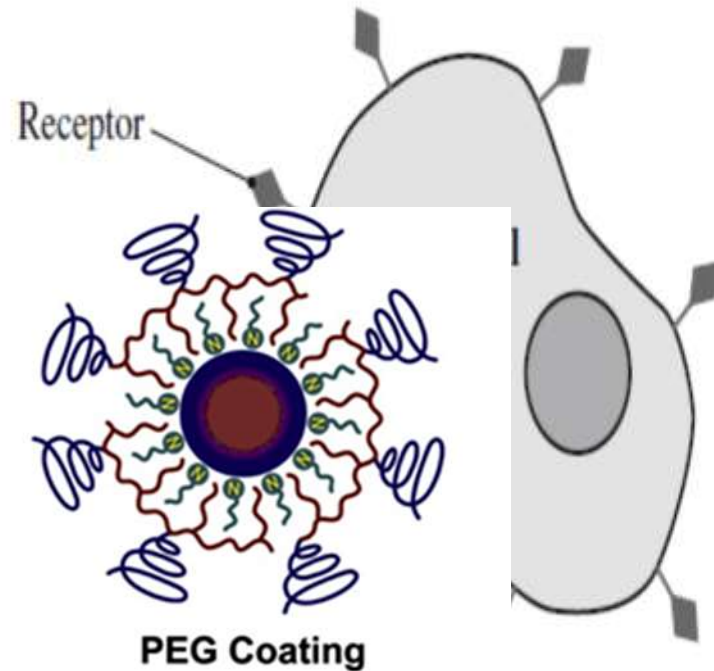
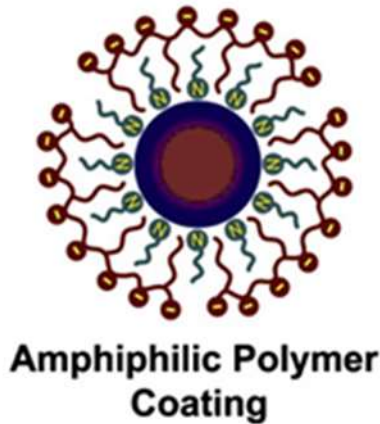
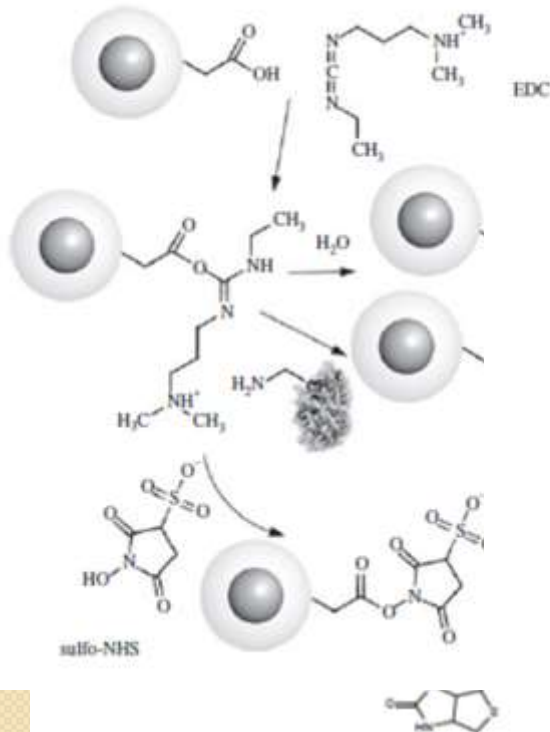
# Nanoparticles Biocompatibilization and Biofunctionalization

The conjugation of nanoparticles with biomolecules (bionanosystems) improves the biocompatibility and adds to the unique properties of inorganic nanoparticles the ability of biomolecules for highly specific binding by molecular recognition.

**Using non-covalent interactions**  
**high affinity ligand-receptor platforms or hydrophobic association**  
**Building on the particle surface**

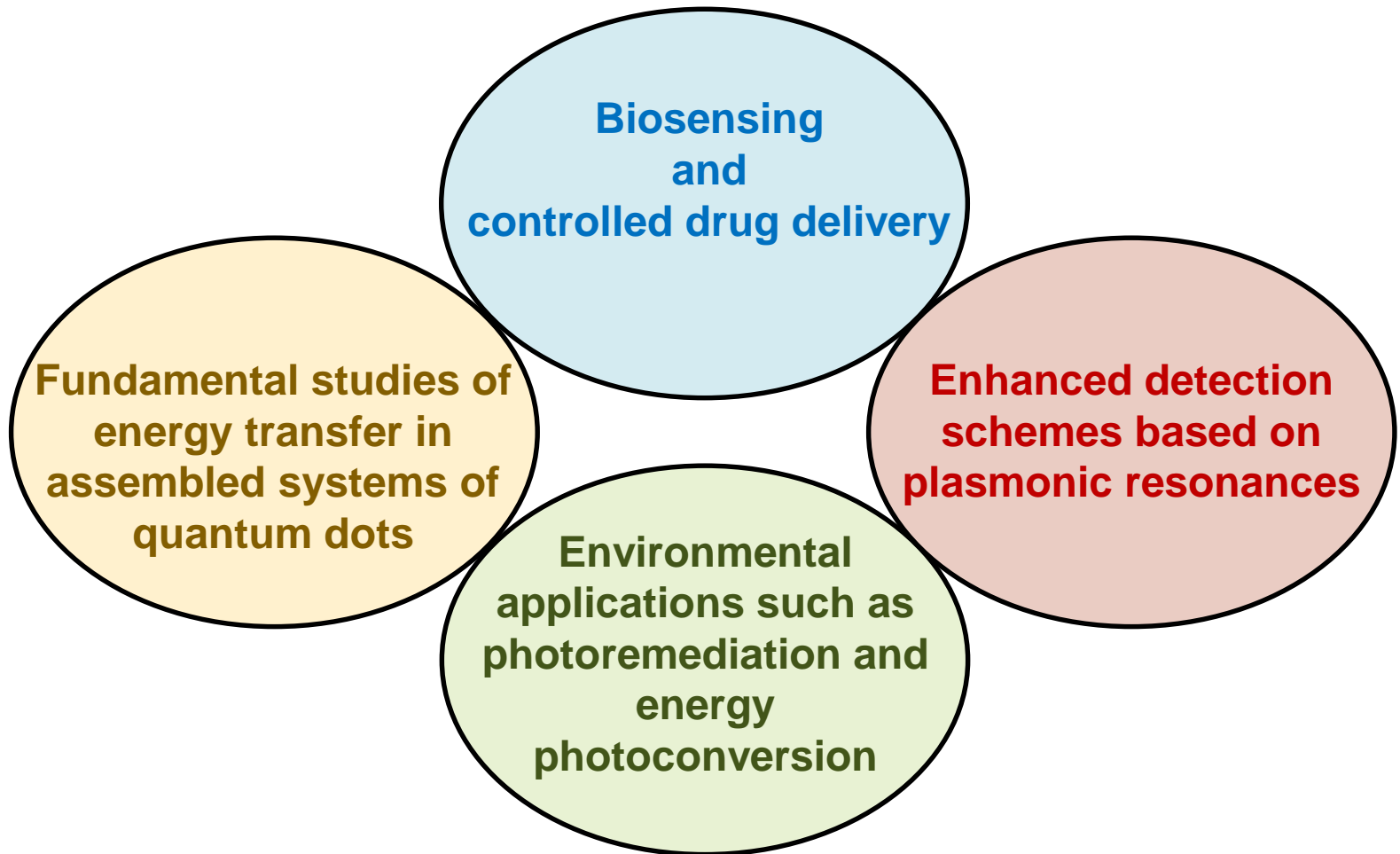
## Ligand-receptor

*By linking a biotin molecule to both a nanoparticle*



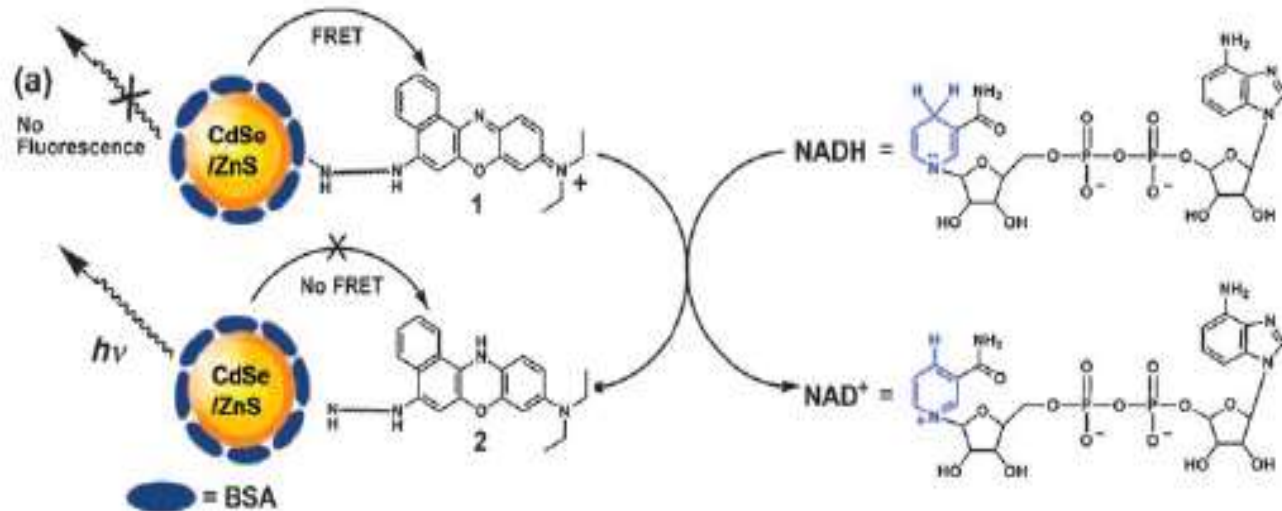
# Main areas of application @ CFUM

The general objective is exploring the potential of **custom designed (bio)nanosystems** for

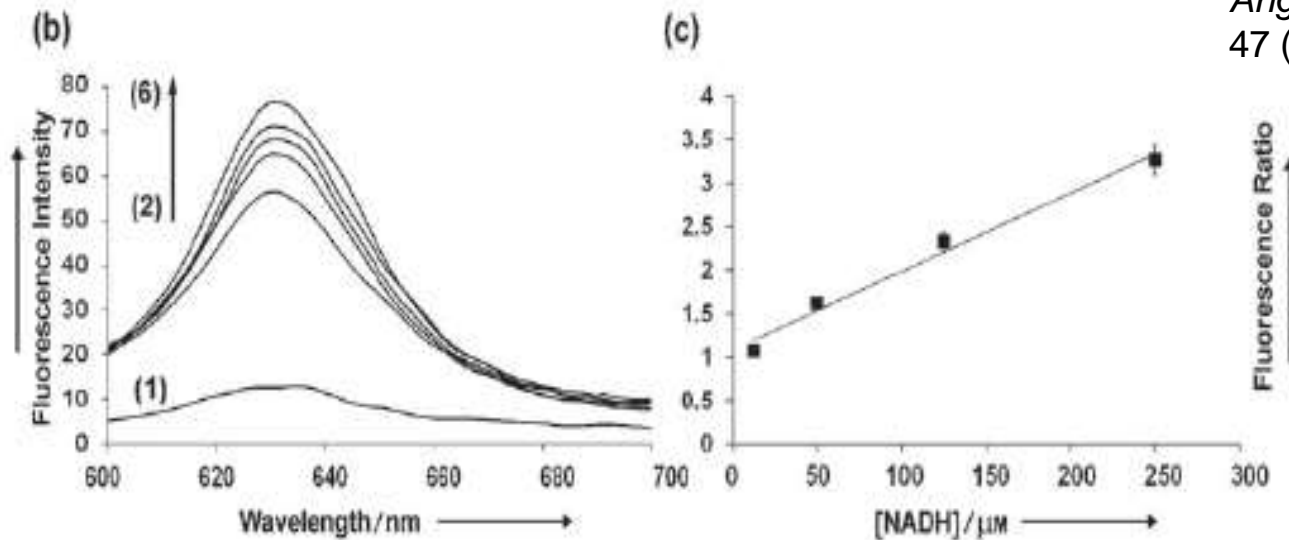


# Quantum dot based biosensor

Sensing of NADH by Nile-blue-functionalized CdSe/ZnS QDs



*Angew. Chem. Int. Ed.*  
47 (2008) 1-6

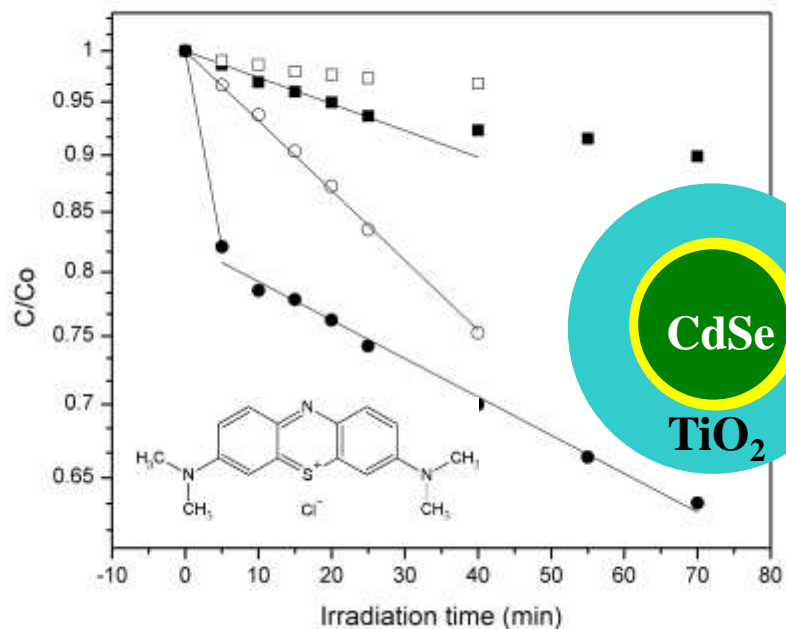


Time dependent fluorescence changes as a result of the interaction of functionalized QDs with 0.5 mM NADH:

(1) before addition of NADH; (2) to (6) after successive time intervals of 3 min.

# Quantum dots @ CFUM

## Photodegradation



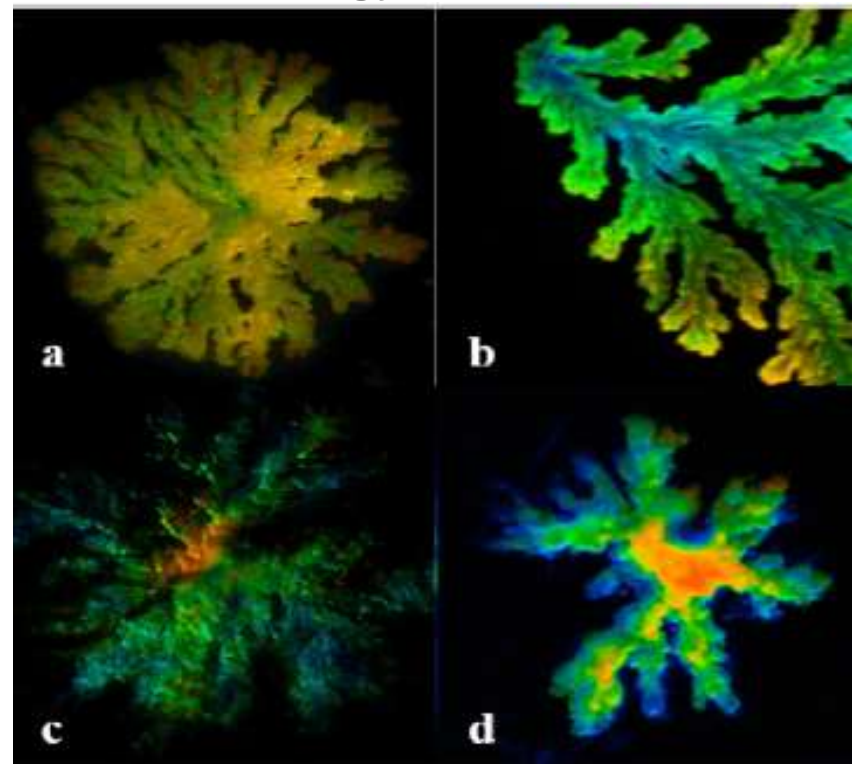
Photodegradation kinetics:

Degussa  $\text{TiO}_2$  at 340 nm ( $\circ$ ) and 405 nm ( $\square$ );  
CdSe/ $\text{TiO}_2$  core/shell nanoparticles at 340 nm  
( $\bullet$ ) and 405 nm ( $\blacksquare$ ).

The lines represent first order exponential kinetics.

A. Fontes-Garcia *et al.*, *Nanoscale Res. Lett.* 6 (2011) 426

## Energy transport



FLIM images of four representative superstructures obtained from CdSe/ZnS (a, b) and CdTe (c, d) QDs capped with thioglycolic acid, deposited on glass coated with polylysine. The color scale ranges from low (blue) to high lifetime values (red).

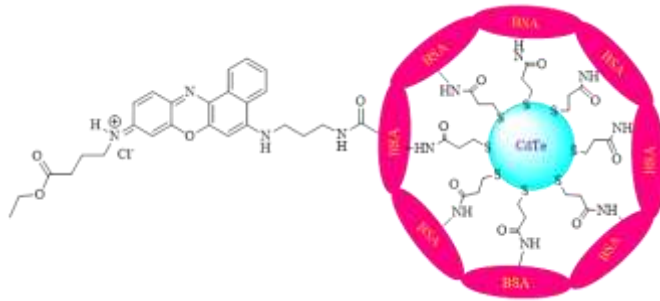
C. Bernardo *et al.*, *J. Phys. Chem. C* 118 (2014) 4982.

More details in poster “Energy transfer via exciton transport in quantum dot based self-assembled superstructures”, by C. Bernardo

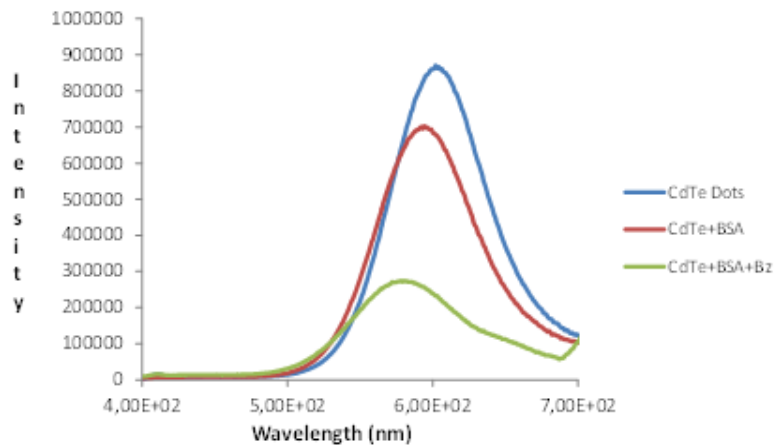
# Quantum dots

## Bionanoconjugates @ CFUM

CdTe/BSA/Dye bionanoconjugate



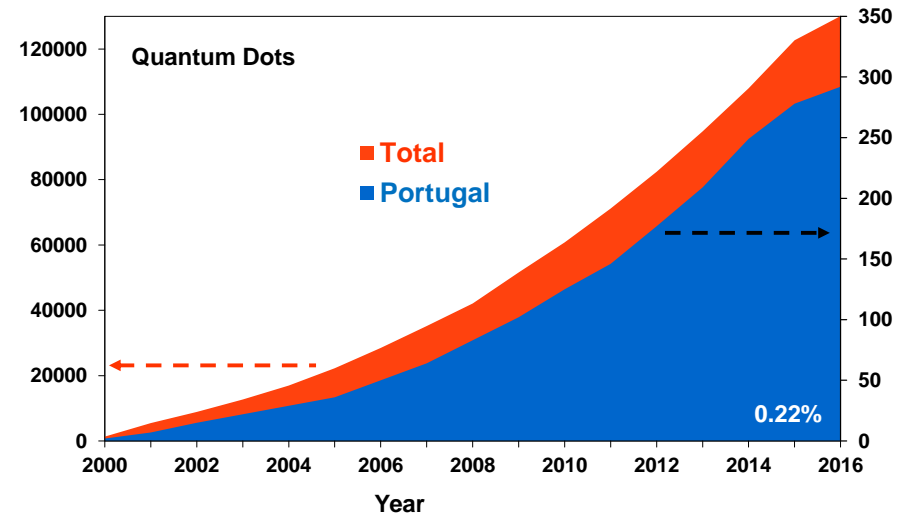
Emission spectra at 360nm excitation



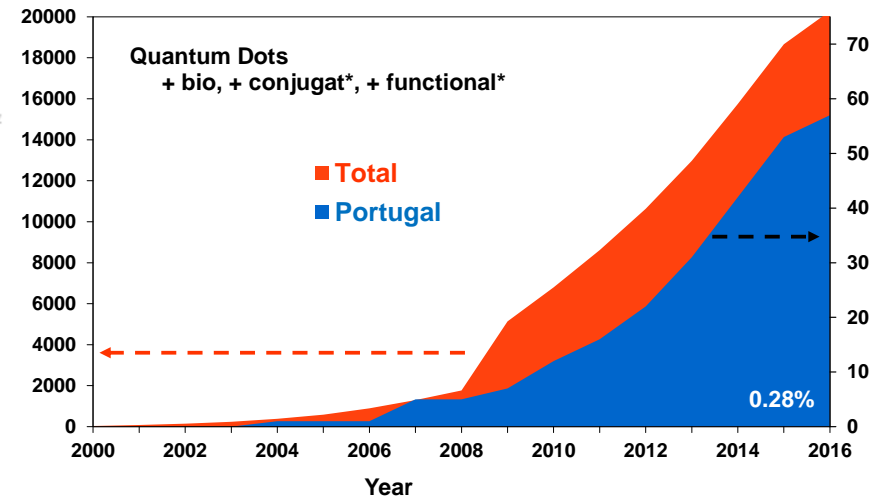
B. Raju *et al.*, *Dyes Pigments* 110 (2014) 203

## Research area evolution @ PT

Accumulated number of scientific articles



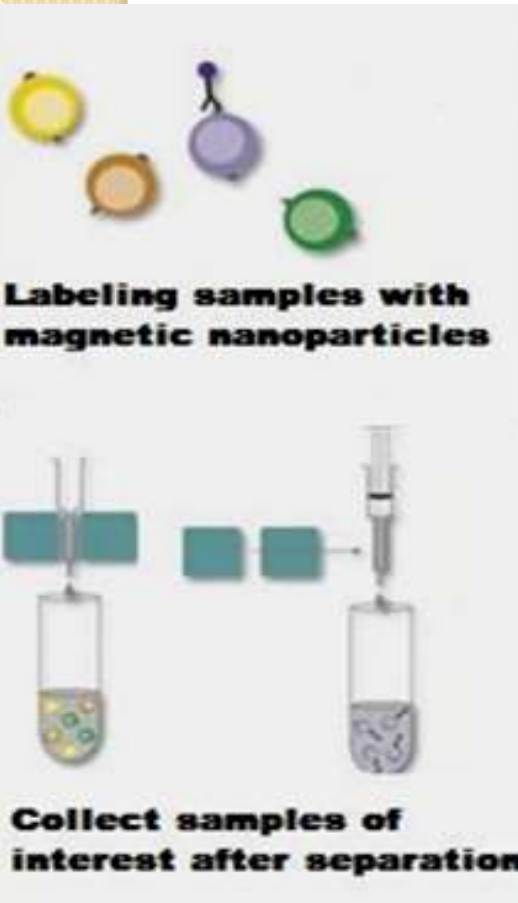
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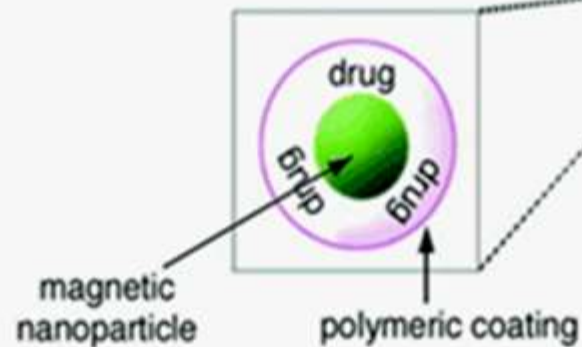
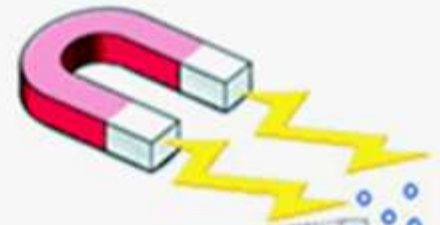
# Magnetic nanoparticles

Biomagnetic separations of DNA, proteins, etc.

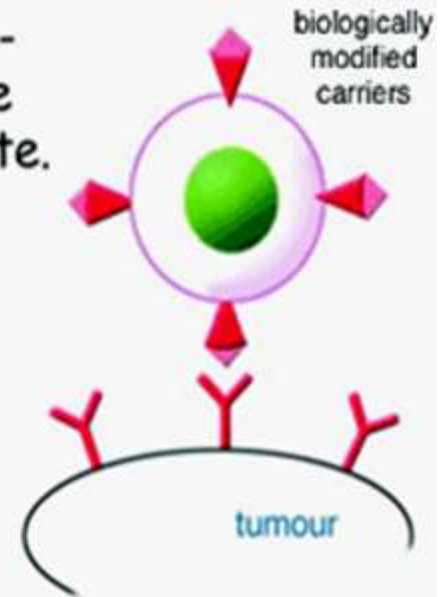


Targeted drug delivery in vivo

1. External magnetic field - guiding the magnetic drug carriers near the tumour.

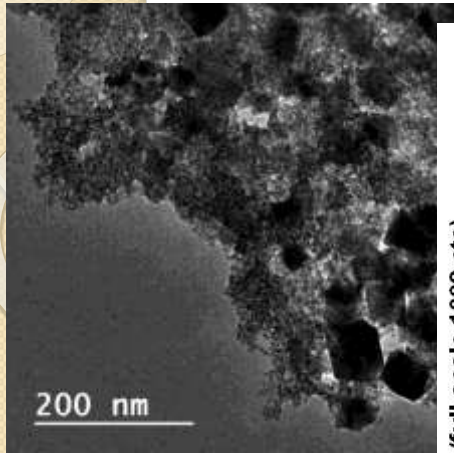


2. Surface antigen recognition - attaching the carriers to the tumour for drug release on site.

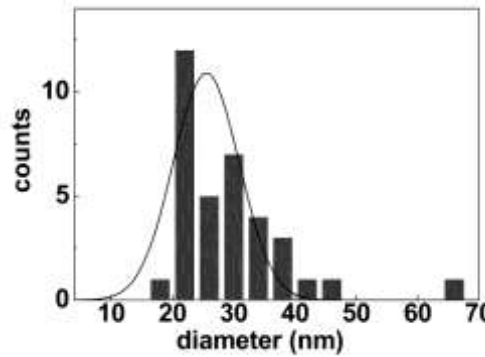
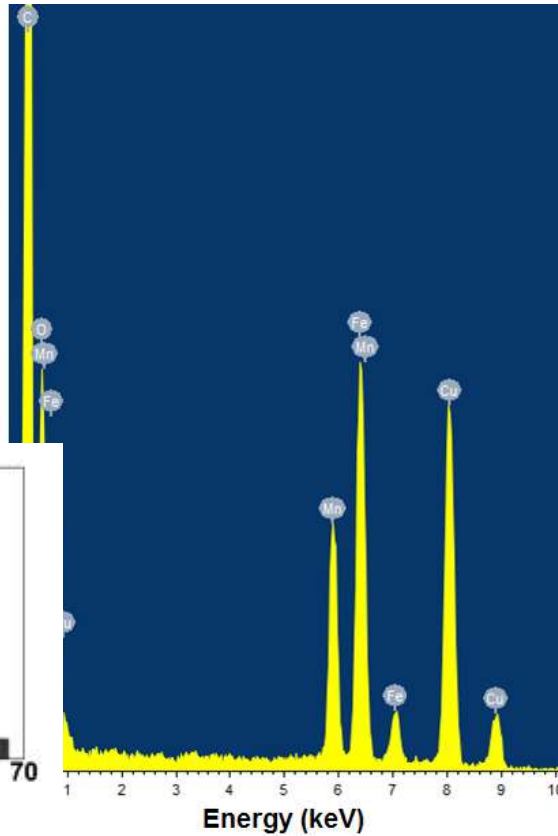


# Magnetoliposomes @ CFUM

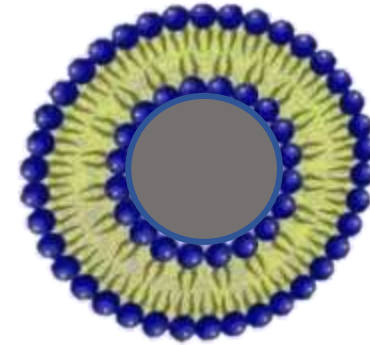
MnFe<sub>2</sub>O<sub>4</sub> MNPs



(full scale 1098 cts)

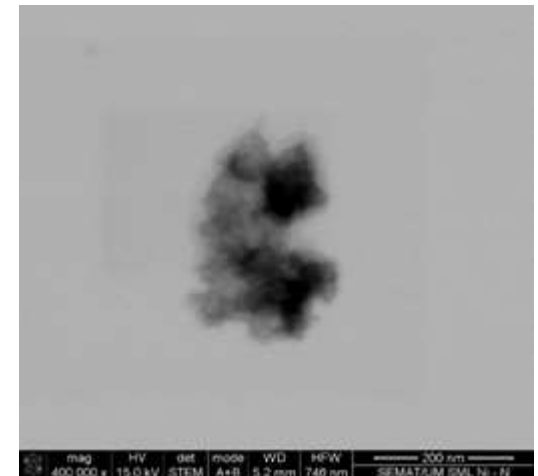


Solid Magnetoliposomes (SMLs)

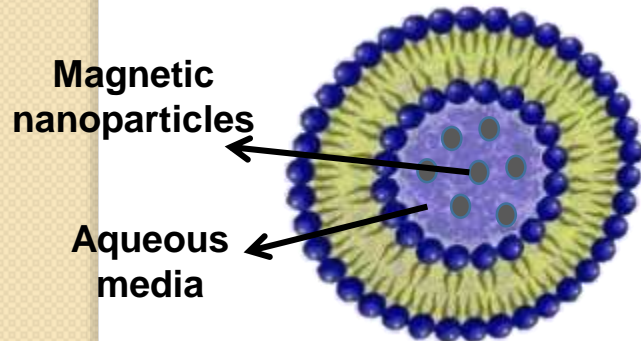


Magnetic nanoparticles cluster covered by a lipid bilayer

Cluster of NiFe<sub>2</sub>O<sub>4</sub> SMLs (negative staining)

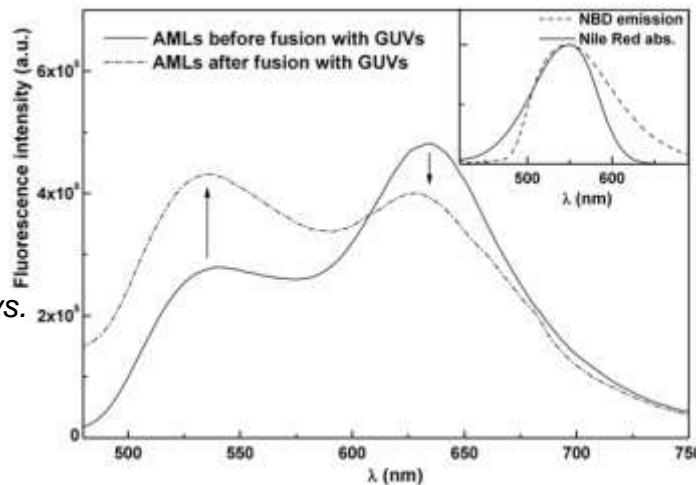
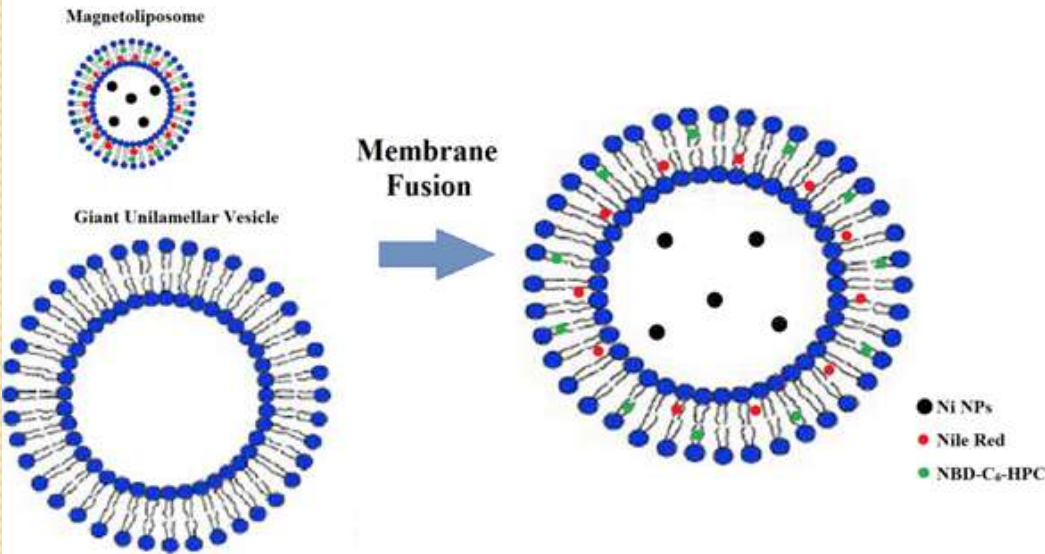


Aqueous Magnetoliposomes (AMLs)



# Magnetoliposomes @ CFUM

Fusion of magnetoliposomes of Ni/SiO<sub>2</sub> NPs with biological membrane models



A.R.O. Rodrigues *et al.*,  
*Mat. Chem. Phys.* 148  
(2014) 978.

A.R.O. Rodrigues *et al.*,  
*Phys. Chem. Chem. Phys.*  
17 (2015) 18011.

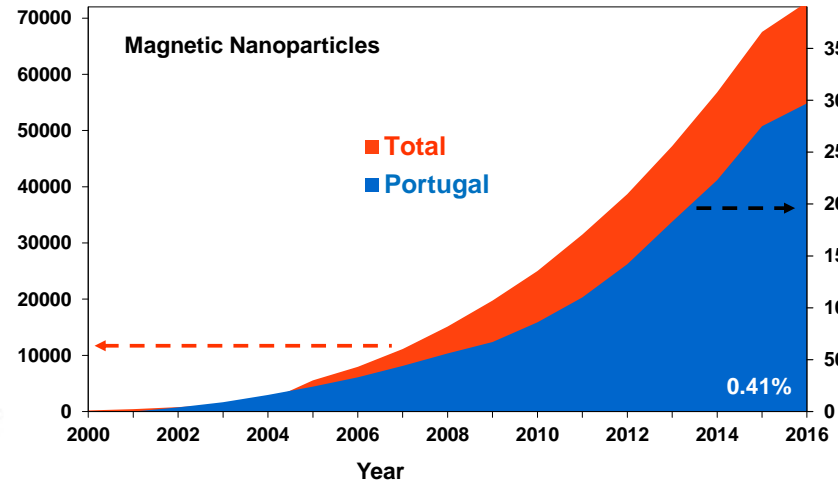
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*RSC Advances* 6 (2016)  
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More details in poster “Magnetic liposome-based nanocarriers for dual cancer therapy”, by A. R. O. Rodrigues

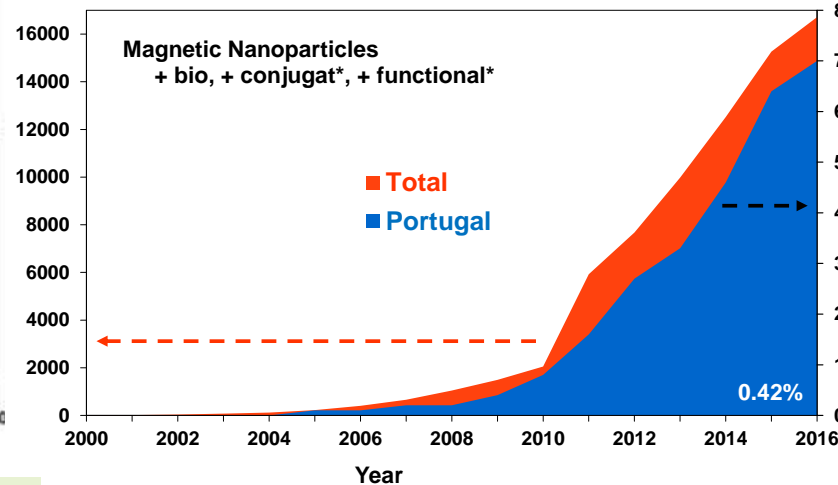
# Magnetic Nanoparticles

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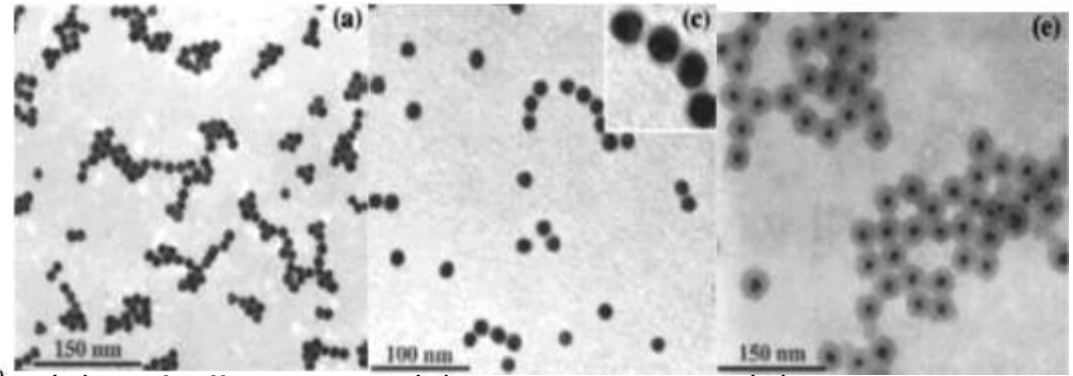
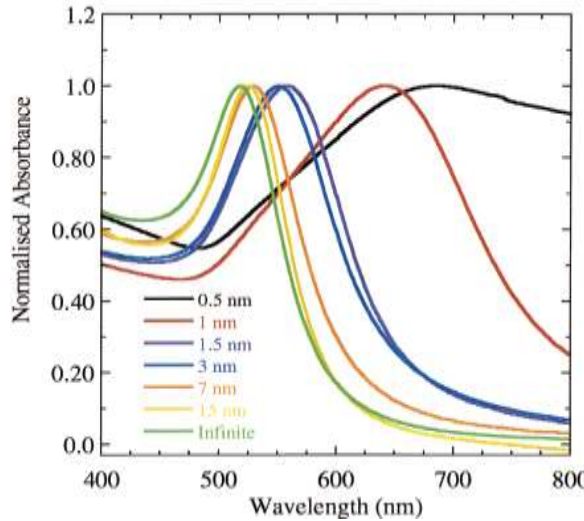


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# Plasmonic nanoparticles

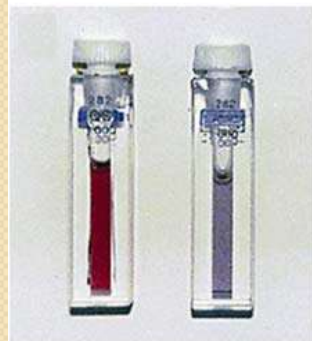
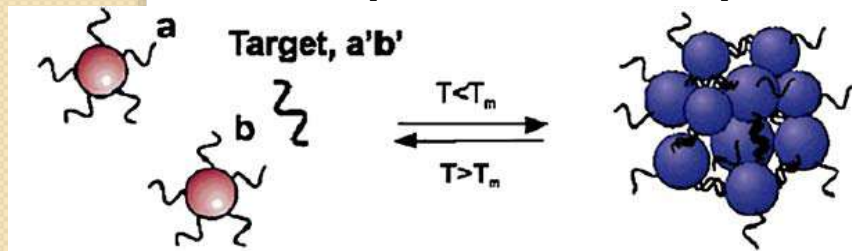
## Gold nanoparticles with silica shell



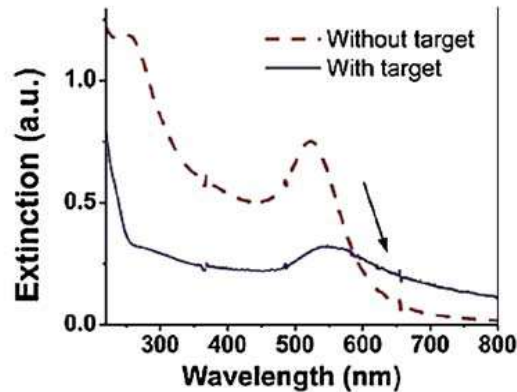
(a) shell = 0 nm (c) shell = 4.6nm (e) shell = 12.5nm  
(size of Au core is 13.2 nm)

*J. Phys. Chem. B* 105 (2001) 3441-3452

## Detection of a specific DNA sequence

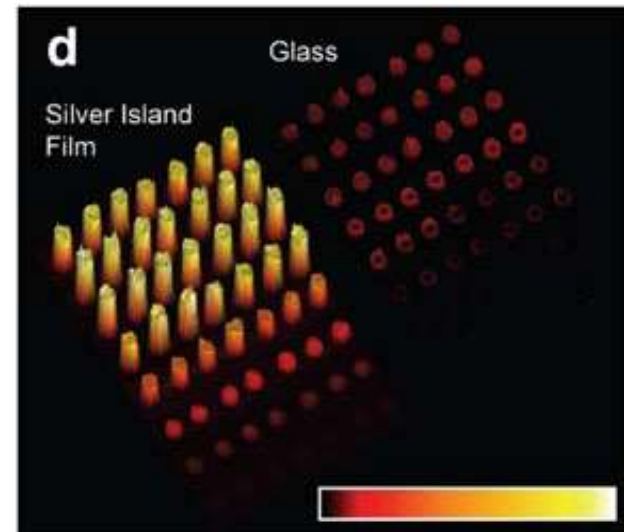


Without target With target



*J. Am. Chem. Soc.* 125 (2003) 1643-1654

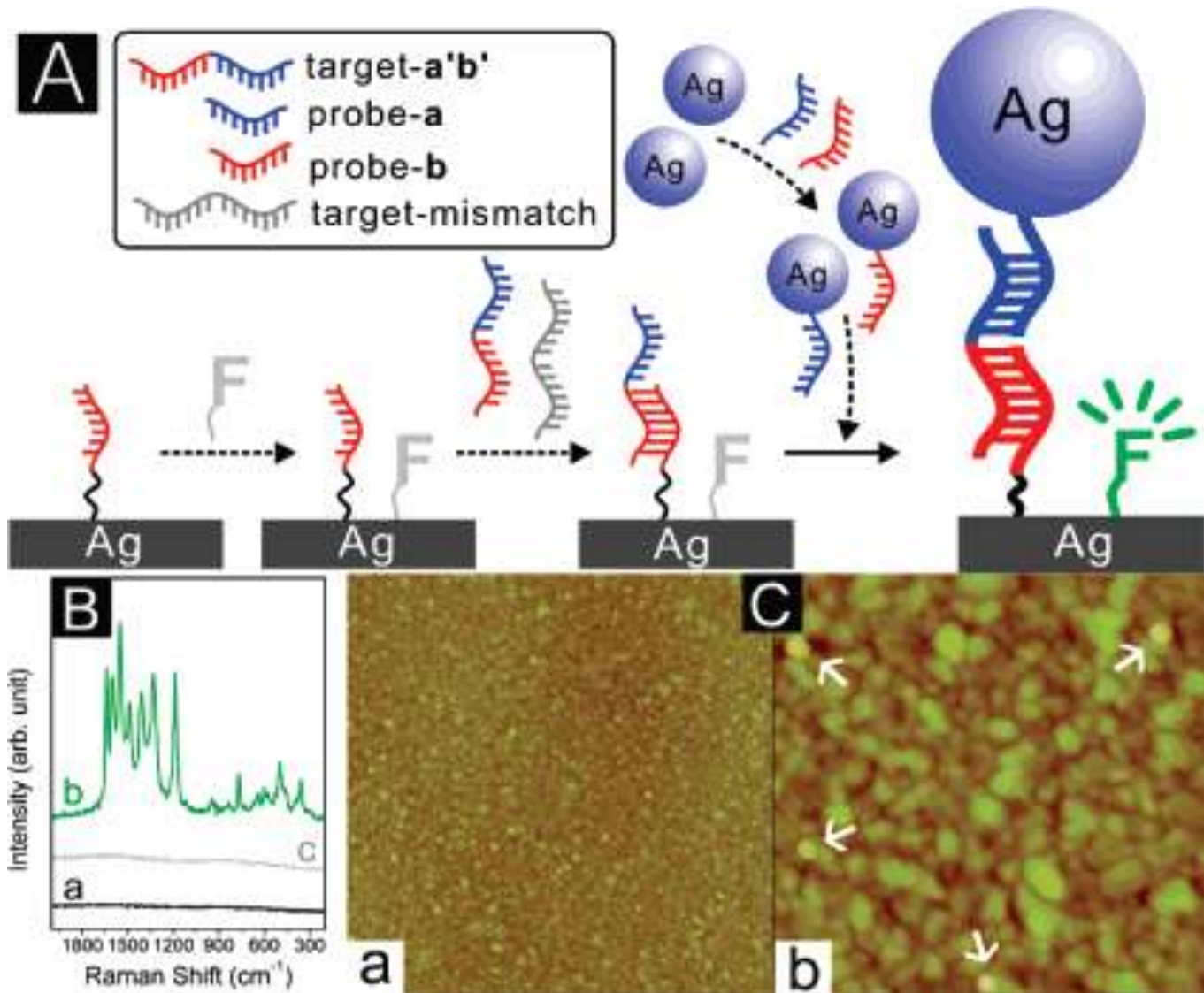
## Metallic Surface Plasmon Enhanced Fluorescence



*Anal. Bioanal. Chem.* 394 (2009) 47-59

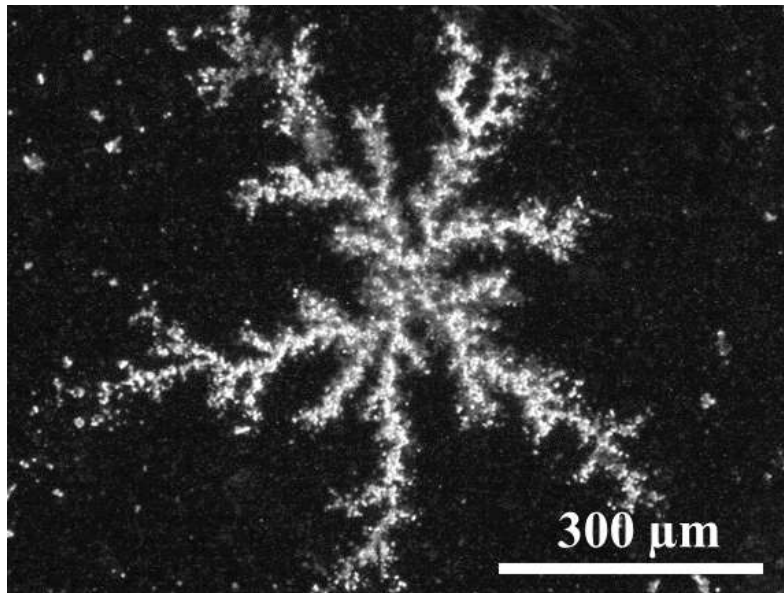
# Plasmonic nanoparticles

## Surface Enhanced Raman Scattering



# Plasmonic nanoparticles

Ag fractals on top of TiO<sub>2</sub> matrix  
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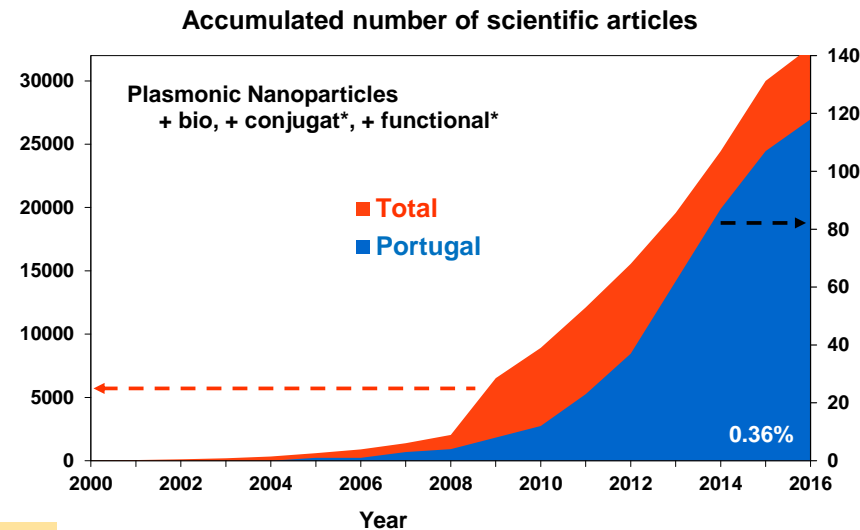
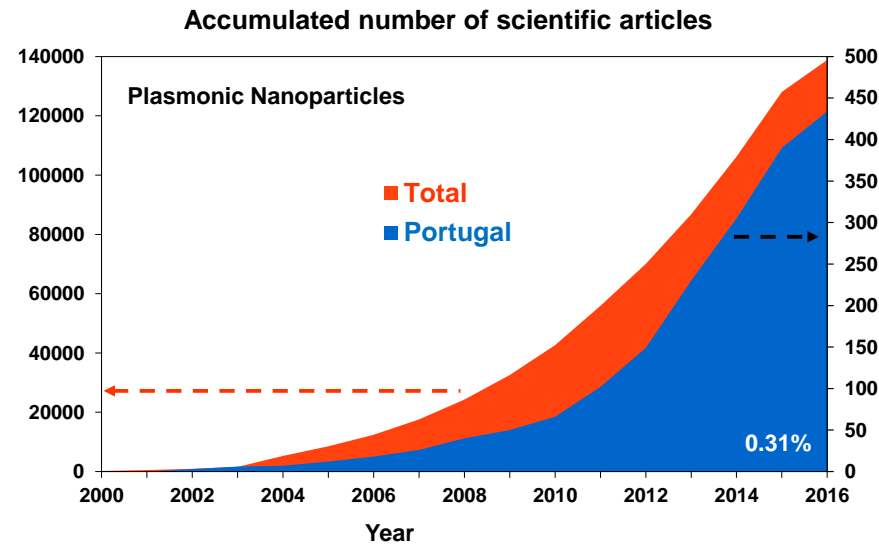


The dendrite-type objects emerged from a homogeneous and highly transparent Ag:TiO<sub>2</sub> nanocomposite, via the mechanism of diffusion-limited-aggregation (DLA) of Ag atoms, during heat-treatment at 500 °C.

J. Borges *et al.*, *Phys. Status Solidi RRL* (2016)  
(DOI: 10.1002/pssr.201600131)

More details in poster “Nanoplasmonic thin films for LSPR-(Bio)sensing applications”, by J. Borges

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