



# Applicazioni di nanotecnologie nel settore primario: Nanofertilizzanti

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- Plant ecophysiology vs abiotic stress (trace metals)
- Phytoremediation
- Engineered nanomaterials vs plants/crops

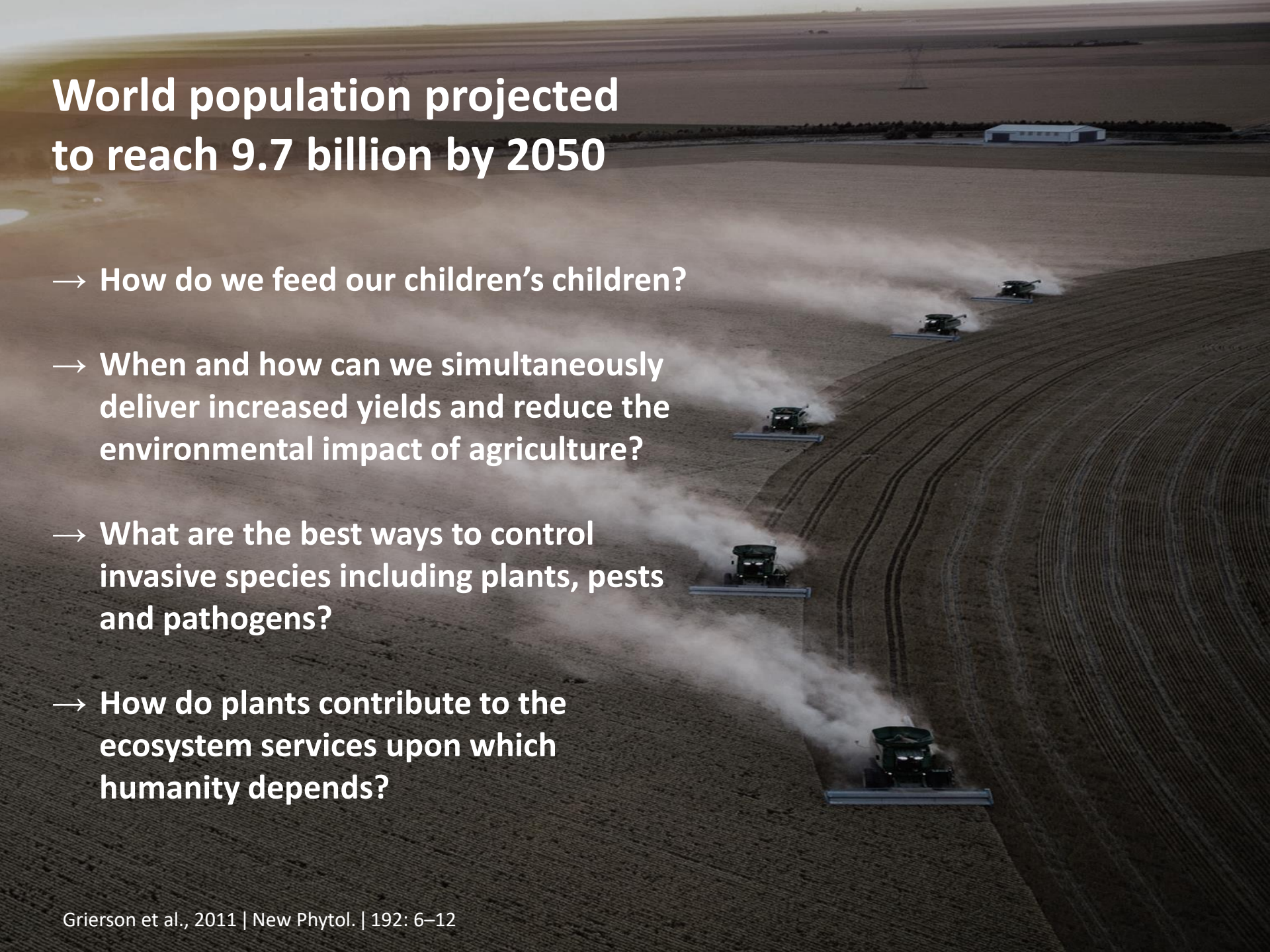
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# World population projected to reach 9.7 billion by 2050

- How do we feed our children's children?
- When and how can we simultaneously deliver increased yields and reduce the environmental impact of agriculture?
- What are the best ways to control invasive species including plants, pests and pathogens?
- How do plants contribute to the ecosystem services upon which humanity depends?





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## **Nanomaterial**

‘material with any external dimensions in the nanoscale or having internal structure or surface structure in the nanoscale’. The term ‘nanoscale’ is defined as size range from approximately 1 nm to 100 nm.



Global Nano Technology Market Size USD  
(Billion)

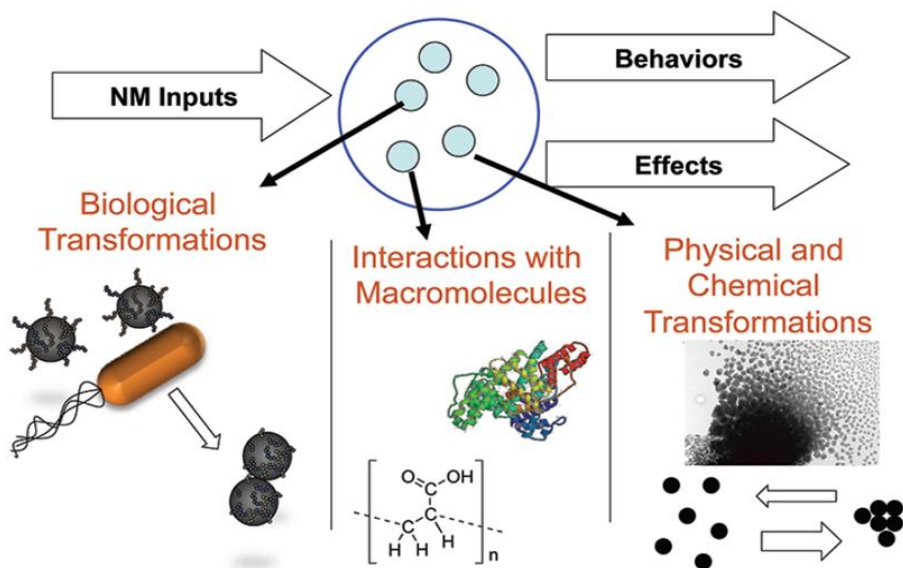


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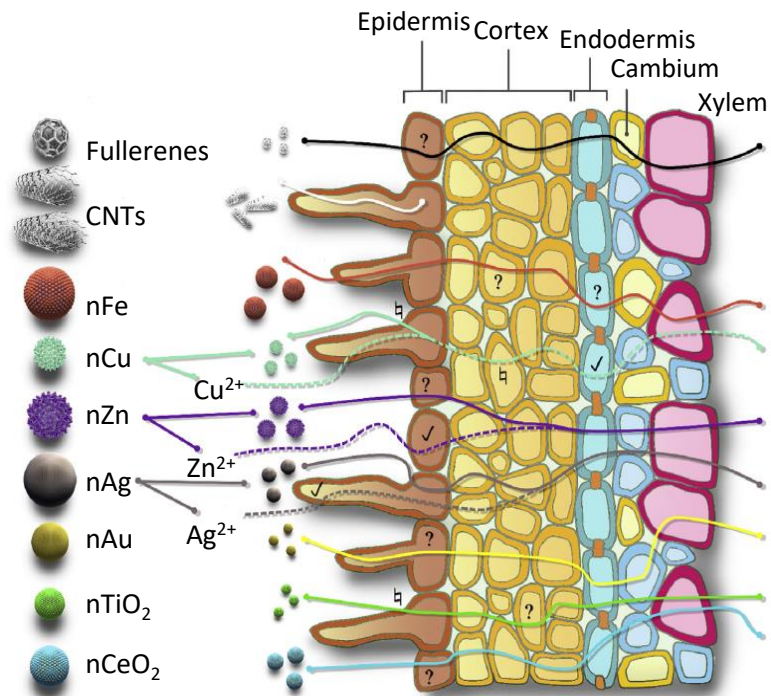
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Nanotechnology is recognized by the European Commission as one of its six “Key Enabling Technologies” that contribute to sustainable competitiveness and growth in several fields of industrial application.

# ENMs in the environment



# ENMs vs plants



# Pathway from nanotechnology to agro-ecosystem

JOURNAL OF  
**AGRICULTURAL AND  
FOOD CHEMISTRY**

doi: 10.1021/jf104517j | J. Agric. Food Chem. 2011, 59, 3485–3498

REVIEW

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## Interaction of Nanoparticles with Edible Plants and Their Possible Implications in the Food Chain

Cyren M. Rico, Sanghamitra Majumdar, Maria Duarte-Gardea, Jose R. Peralta-Videa and Jorge L. Gardea-Torresdey



Food Research International 69 (2015) 381-400



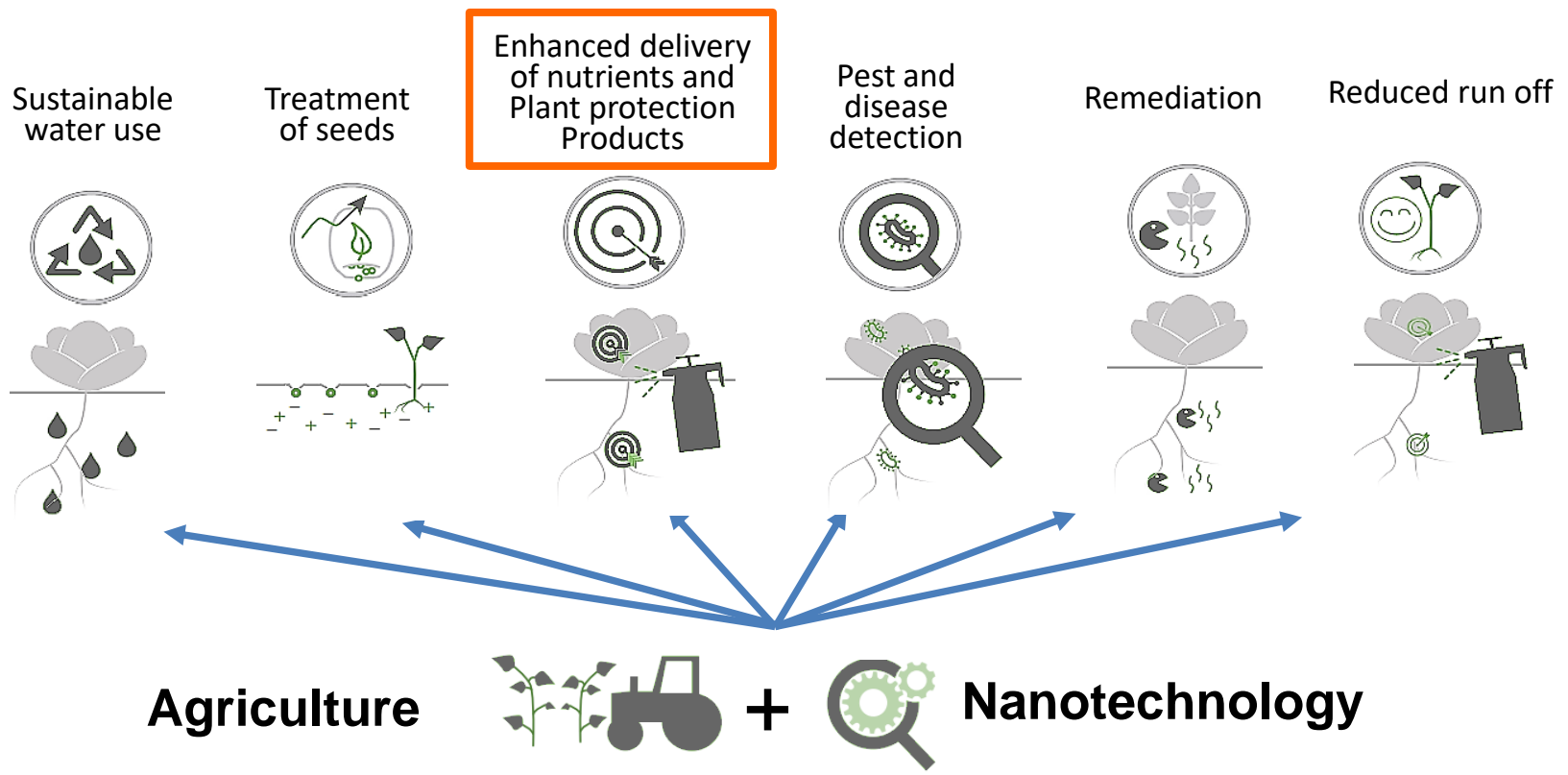
Review

## Nanotechnology in agro-food: from field to plate

Nandita Dasgupta, Shivendu Ranjan, Deepa Mundekkad, Chidambaram Ramalingam, Rishi Shanker, Ashutosh Kumar



# Fourth Agricultural Revolution 2020 -2040?



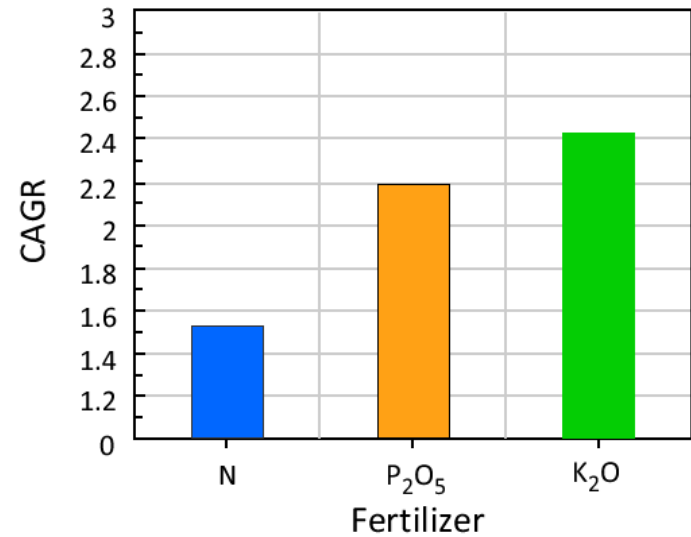
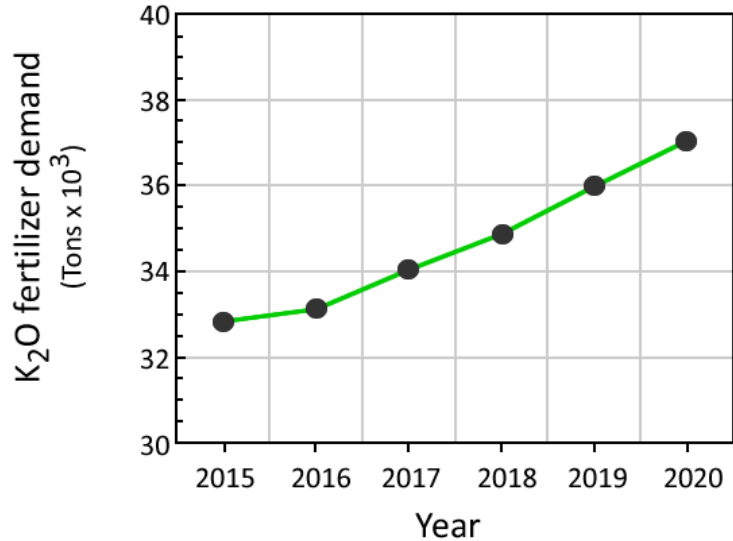
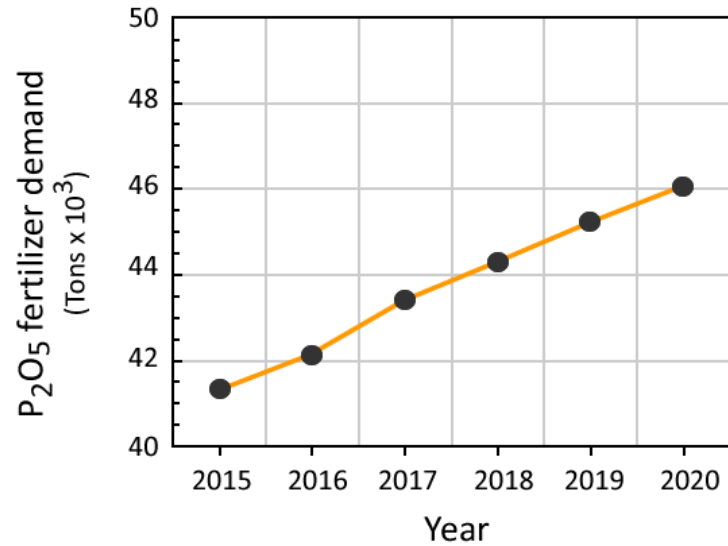
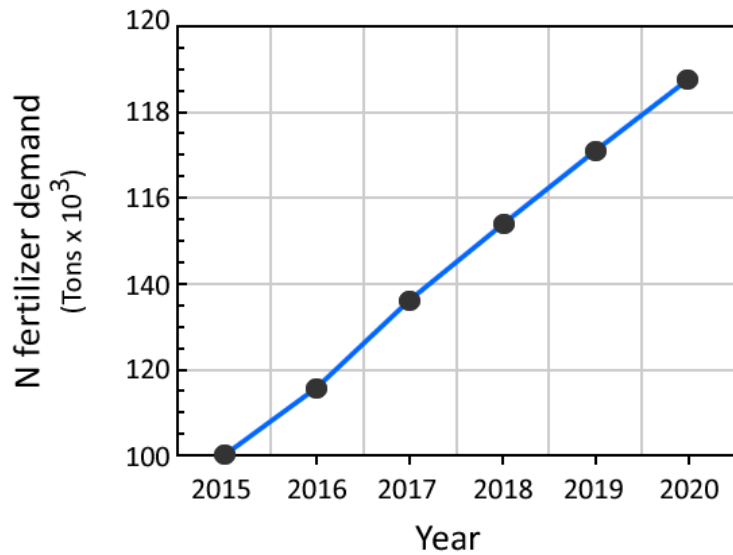
## Nutrient Use Efficiency

Maximum economic yield or dry matter produced per unit of any nutrient that is applied or unit of that particular nutrient taken up.

### Factors That Influence the NUE

- Plant Factors
- Soil Factors
- Fertilizer Factors
- Agronomic/Management
- Abiotic Stresses
- Biotic Stresses





FAO 2016. World fertilizer trends and outlook to 2020

## **NUE traditional fertilizers very low**

### **Losses**

**40–70 % N**

**80–90 % P**

**50–90 % K**

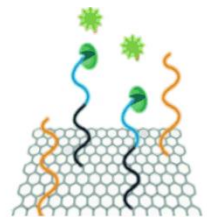
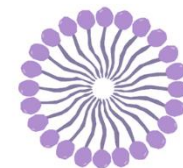
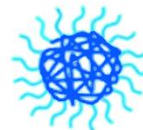


# Types of nanofertilizers

- Macro/micronutrient encapsulated by NMs
- Macro/micronutrient at nanoscale level
- NM-enhanced fertilizer
- Engineered NMs (TiO<sub>2</sub>-NPs, CNTs, Graphene)



Raliya et al. 2018. J Agric Food Chem



# Key drivers to improve efficacy of nanofertilizers



Social acceptance?



Environmental footprint

## MORE EFFICIENT APPLICATION

Stable suspensions  
Homogeneous coverage  
More precise target area  
Lower application rates



## REDUCED LOSSES

Reduced photolysis and transport to non-target area



## IMPROVED BIO-INTERACTIONS

Improved uptake  
Controlled release  
Target delivery



Scalability?



Economic viability?





21 SETTEMBRE 2017

L'Università di Udine  
partecipa a NanoInnovation  
2017

Luca Marchiol, del dipartimento di  
Scienze agroalimentari, ambientali e  
animali, parlerà di fitonanotecnologie



7 SETTEMBRE 2018

Nanotecnologie in  
agricoltura: l'Università di  
Udine a NanoInnovation  
2018

Luca Marchiol del Di4a presenterà gli  
sviluppi della ricerca nell'ambito delle  
nanotecnologie applicate al settore  
primario

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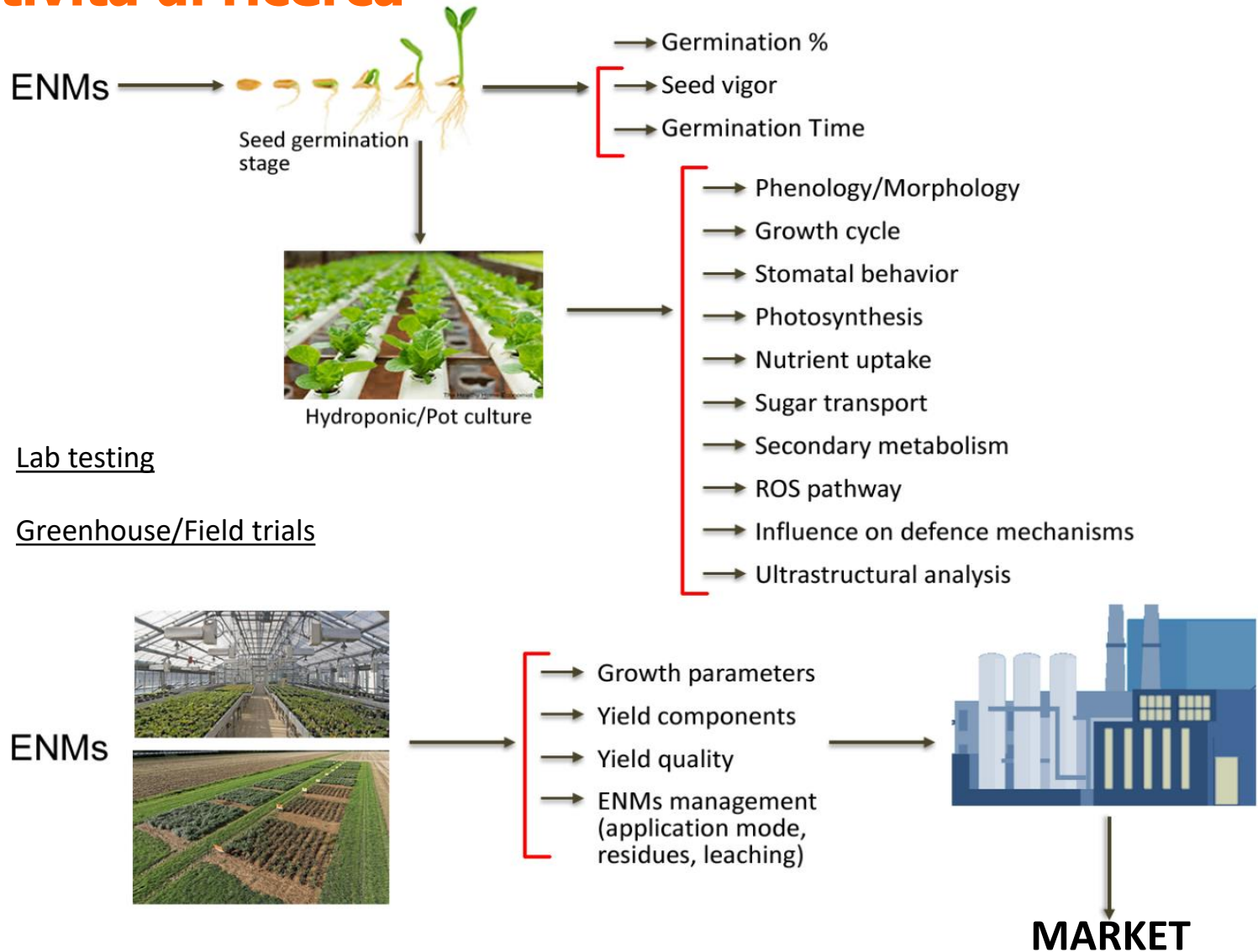
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in agriculture**

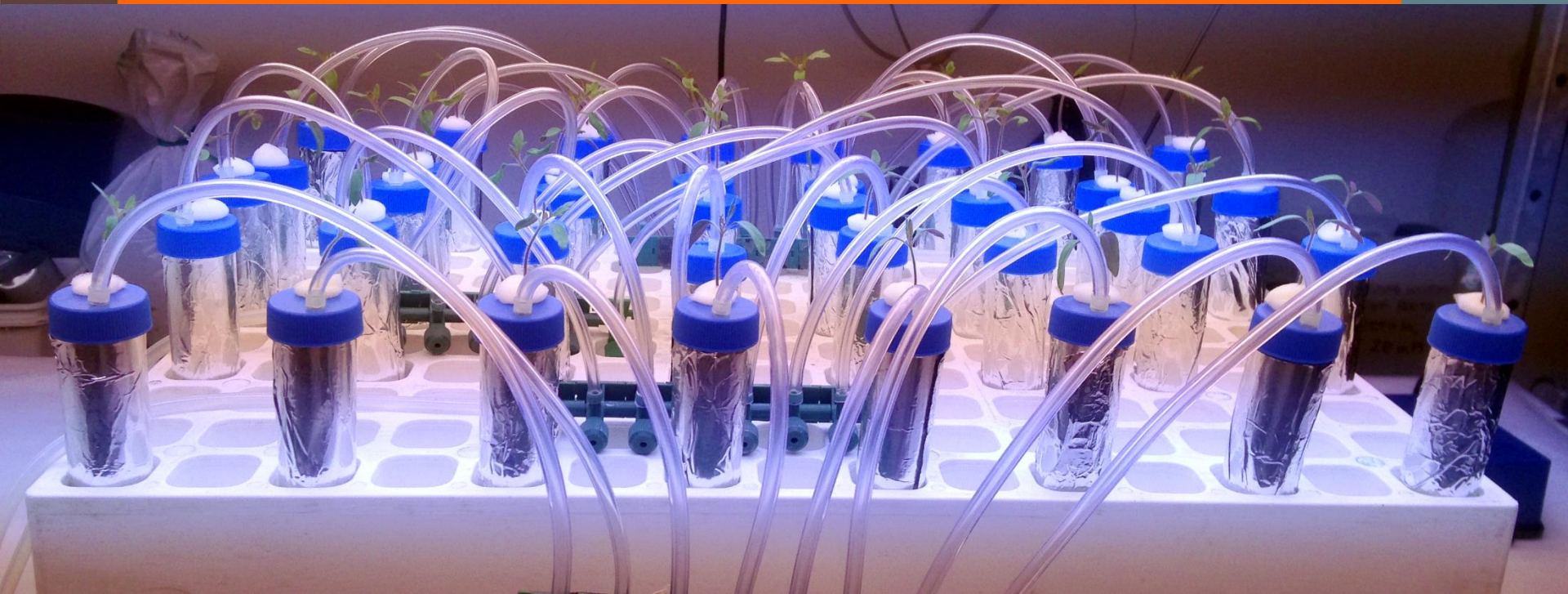
## DI4A – Facilities and collaborations

- sp-ICP-MS Perkin Elmer
- ICP-OES (Varian Vista Pro)
- TEM PHILIPS CM 10
- ESEM FEI 200
- Microscopio a fluorescenza (Zeiss)
- NMR Bruker 400
- Spettrofotometro (Agilent)
- Spettrofluorimetro (Perkin Elmer)
- HPLC (Agilent)
- Ultracentrifughe (Beckman)
- Marta Marmioli et al. – Univ. Parma;
- Cristina Gonnelli – Univ. Firenze;
- Elettra Sincrotrone;
- ESRF Grenoble (F);
- CNR ISTECC, Faenza;
- CNR IOM, Area Science Park (TS)
- JRC – ISPRA, Nanobiotechnology Laboratory
- Marco Vittori Antisari – NanoItaly
- Francesco Cubadda – Ist. Sup. Sanità, Roma
- Iseult Lynch – Univ. Birmingham (UK);
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Article

# Influence of Hydroxyapatite Nanoparticles on Germination and Plant Metabolism of Tomato (*Solanum lycopersicum* L.): Preliminary Evidence

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## Obiettivi dell'attività di ricerca del dottorato multi impresa

- Interazioni nanomateriali-pianta: influenza sul ciclo colturale e variabili produttive;
- Comportamento dei nanomateriali nell'agroecosistema: fato e soglie di tossicità;
- Potenziale dei nanomateriali nella nutrizione delle piante: efficienza e strategie di applicazione.



# Vantaggi per le imprese

## In generale:

- Aggiornamento semestrale sulle ricerche condotte dal dottorando.
- Appartenenza a un network che coinvolge anche altre imprese.
- Possibilità di prendere contatto con giovani studiosi altamente qualificati.
- Contatto con il mondo accademico che può portare all'azienda ulteriori opportunità future (come ad esempio la partecipazione a progetti congiunti su bandi europei).
- Accedere a benefici fiscali per le erogazioni liberali in favore della ricerca universitaria.
- Ritorno di immagine per aver collaborato con l'Università.

## Per la specifica tematica:

- Progetto e sviluppo di nanoformulati fertilizzanti
- Altri nano-carriers
- Brevetti

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