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# STATE OF ART IN NANOCARRIERS AIMING AGRICULTURE AND ENVIRONMENTAL APPLICATIONS

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- Nanotechnology trends
- Applications in Agriculture
- Examples
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  - Botanical insecticides/acaricides
  - Botanical repellents
- Conclusions, gaps, obstacles

### **Population vs Food**





# AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT SOIL AND WATER MANAGEMENT BIOLOGICAL PEST CONTROL





**ORGANIC FERTILIZERS** 

#### PESTICIDES



MECHANIZATION

#### **INCREASED FOOD PRODUCTION**

# Nanotechnology: Current and future trends





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# Our research group

2016.



#### BENEFITS Solid Lipid Nps Lipossomes Nanoemulsions **Polymeric Nps** ✓ Increase stability and solubility; ✓ Modified/targeted release; ✓ Increase uptake/translocation; **Hydrogels** $\checkmark$ Reduce the amount of pesticide. Cvclodextrins **Carbon Nanotubes** Clays

Schematic representation of several nanocarriers

GRILLO, Renato ; ABHILASH, P. C. ; FRACETO, LEONARDO F . Nanotechnology Applied to Bio-Encapsulation of Pesticides. Journal of Nanoscience and Nanotechnology, v. 16, p. 1231-1234,

### **Controlled release systems**



- Modified release systems can:
  - change some bio/availability properties of pesticides
  - modify the pesticides release profile and consequently agricultural management practices
  - decrease the pesticides toxicity and in this way decrease their environmental impacts



### Controlled release systems



These systems may offer the following advantages for pesticides too:

- reduction of the amount of chemical substance required for pest control
- diminished risk of environmental contamination
- reduction of energy consumption, since fewer applications are needed when compared to conventional formulations
- increased safety of the people applying the product in the field.

## Types of nanocarriers





# Our research group



- Compounds
  - Herbicides
  - Insecticides
  - Botanicals (insecticides and repellents)
- Plant grown regulator factors
- Nanoparticles
  - Polymeric PCL, Alginate, Chitosan, zein
  - Lipid

## Our strategy







# (Motivation) Example - herbicide

# Triazinic herbicide case (2007 - ...)

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#### Solid Lipid Nanoparticles Co-loaded with Simazine and Atrazine: Preparation, Characterization, and Evaluation of Herbicidal Activity

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#### Evaluation of the side effects of poly(epsilon-caprolactone) nanocapsules containing atrazine toward maize plants

Halkey C. Oliveira<sup>17</sup>, Renata Stolf-Moreira<sup>1</sup>, Cidudia B. R. Martinez<sup>2</sup>, Gustavo F. M. Sousa<sup>1</sup>, Renato Grillo<sup>3,4</sup>, Marcelo B. de Jesus<sup>9</sup> and Leonardo F. Fraceto<sup>4,3\*</sup>

### Nanoparticles with triazinic herbicides





Nanopreciptation Method

Grillo et al. J. Haz. Mat. 231-232 (2012) 1-9; Oliveira et al. PLoS ONE 10(7): e0132971

### Genotoxicity





### Target organism





### Non-target organism







NC 1/10



ATZ 1/10



NC+ATZ

ATZ



Symptom evolution in Zea mays L leaves.



Shoot dry weights of Zea mays L. plants.



# Mechanism of action – labelled particles





Microscopic characterization of a healthy *Brassica juncea* leaf, showing the hydathode (1) and mesophyll (2) regions. A–D. Hydathodes on the leaf edge. Arrows in B indicate hydathodes. C. Detail of the B inset, arrows indicate water pores. D. Longitudinal section of a hydathode on the leaf edge, showing its anatomical structure. E. Transverse section of the middle region of the leaf blade (2), arrows indicate chloroplasts in the chlorophyll parenchyma. Ep = epithem, Epd = epidermis, Pp = palisade parenchyma, s = stomata, Sp = spongy parenchyma, Vb = vascular bundle.

# Mechanism of action





Confocal micrographs of hydathode regions on a *Brassica juncea* leaf, showing nanoparticle penetration after incubation with water, nanocapsules (NC), or nanocapsules containing atrazine at 0.1 mg mL<sup>-1</sup> (NC + ATZ).

Arrowheads indicate stomata on the leaf surface and arrows indicate the green fluorescent signal of the dye.

### Reality? Long way....





### In progress...











OLIVEIRA, J.L.; CAMPOS, E. V.; FRACETO, L F. Recent developments and challenges for nano-scale formulation of botanical pesticides for use in sustainable agriculture. JOURNAL OF AGRICULTURAL AND FOOD CHEMISTRY, v. 66, p. 8898-8913, 2018.

# Sustainable Agriculture





# **Botanicals insecticides**



Chitosan- $\beta$ -cyclodextrin nanoparticles for sustained release of carvacrol and linalool for applications in agriculture



Avadi et al., Nanomedicine: nanotechnology, biology and medicine, 6, 58 (2010); Tan et al., Anal. Methods 4, 2784 (2012)

# **Chitosan nanoparticles**









CAMPOS, et al. Scientific Reports, v. 8, p. 2067, 2018.

# Toxicity (cyto and phyto)



#### 3T3 cells



CAMPOS, et al. Scientific Reports, v. 8, p. 2067, 2018.



# Insecticide activity





Helicoverpa armigera

Agricultural pest of major global importance

Its occurrence has already been recorded in more than 200 species of host plants, cultivated and wild



Feed on leaves, fruits and pods Adapting to seasonal climate changes

# Botanicals repellents – Case I



Zein nanoparticles as eco-friendly carrier systems for botanical repellents aiming sustainable agriculture



Oliveira et al., Journal Agricultural and Food Chemistry, v.66, 1330-1340, 2018.



# Zein nanoparticles





Oliveira et al., Journal Agricultural and Food Chemistry, v.66, 1330-1340, 2018.

# **Biological Activity**





Oliveira et al., Journal Agricultural and Food Chemistry, v.66, 1330-1340, 2018.

# Botanical Repellents – Case II



Convergence of botanical compounds with nanotechnology for effective pest control systems



## Characterization





# **Biological Activity**





Table 1: Area values on the curve for the repellent activity assays of the formulations containing the mixture of the active compounds, as well as the respective controls.

Formulation	Area under the curve
	(repellency x time)
Control	1.7 ± 0.3
NP	$2.8 \pm 0.4$
EM_GRL+EGL	19.9 ± 1.4 °
NP_GRL+EGL	$24.2 \pm 1.1$ <sup>a,b</sup>
EM_GRL+CND	16.2 ± 1.1 °
NP_GRL+CND	$25.5 \pm 0.9$ a,c



# **Botanicals attractives**



Geraniol encapsulated in chitosan/gum arabic nanoparticles: a promising system for pest management in sustainable agriculture



Oliveira et al., Journal Agricultural and Food Chemistry, v.66, 5325-5334, 2018.









# **Conclusions and perspectives**



- Nanotechnology has potential to be used in agriculture (in special in sustainable) since:
  - Toxicity (cyto and phyto) studies showed that the encapsulation decreased the active ingredient toxicity
  - Botanical insecticides/repellents and nanotechnology showed promising results in target organisms

However.... We need more and more and more regarding to non target organisms toxicity studies, fate of pesticides, mechanism of action, food security etc.

# Challenges



- Production costs
- Scale-up
- Regulatory markers
- Adequate techniques/methodology to evaluate the environmental risks
- Fate of nanomaterials
- Mechanisms of action and toxicity of biopesticides based on nanomaterials



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#### http://www.unesp.br/portal#!/eng

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# In Sorocaba there aren't good soccer teams....



### There aren't famous samba schools



### ... neither beautiful beaches





### ... neither beautiful falls











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## **Facilities**





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### Paraquat case



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#### Chitosan/tripolyphosphate nanoparticles loaded with paraquat herbicide: An environmentally safer alternative for weed control

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Review

Engineered nanoparticles and organic matter: A review of the state-of-the-art



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Chitosan nanoparticles loaded the herbicide paraquat: The influence of the aquatic humic substances on the colloidal stability and toxicity



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# CS/TPP:Paraquat case





Size distributions of the CS/TPP nanoparticles, with and without AHS (20 mg L<sup>-1</sup>), at pH 5: A) Nanoparticles without AHS (NP) and with AHS (NP-AHS); B) nanoparticles associated with PQ in the absence of AHS (NP:PQ) and with AHS (NP:PQ-AHS). The values represent the average of three experiments performed at 25 °C.

### Paraquat case







### Genotoxicity





# Hypothesis...





Schematic representation of the chromosomal damage observed for: I) free PQ, II) Paraquat with AHS (PQ-AHS); III) Paraquat combined with the NPs (NP:PQ) and IV) NPs with PQ and AHS (NP:PQ-AHS). Symbol (+) represent increased of the chromosomal damage to *Allium cepa* cells.