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# Bioinspired Nanomaterials

From Discovery to Market Pipeline





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### **Discovery to market pipeline for** bioinspired nanomaterials

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#### City

- "Natural amphitheatre" created by 7 hills & 5 rivers
- 61% area is green space (~2 million trees)
- 1/3<sup>rd</sup> within the Peak District national park
- >250 parks, woodlands & gardens in the city
- Highest ratio of *trees : people* of any city in Europe







University

Founded in 1879

Academic departments: 54







### What You Will Learn

- The need for bioinspired functional nanomaterials
- Design of bioinspired nano-products
- The importance of integrating scale-up at discovery stage in reaching the markets







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### Nanomaterials Production

- · Green chemistry has started to see impact on organic chemistry
- · But, nanomaterials have not received much attention, despite their multi-billion £ market
- Traditional methods for nanomaterials production are environmentally damaging

Why green manufacturing?

E\_factor\*

* Mass of waste pro	duced per	r mass of	product
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J. Chem. Technol. Biotechnol. 68, 381-388, (1997).







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J. Ind. Ecol., **12**, 316, 2008.

industry sector	tonnes	
Oil refining	10 <sup>6</sup> - 10 <sup>8</sup>	~0.1
Bulk chemicals	10 <sup>4</sup> - 10 <sup>6</sup>	<1-5
Fine chemicals	10 <sup>2</sup> - 10 <sup>4</sup>	5-50
Pharmaceuticals	10 - 10 <sup>3</sup>	25 to >100
Nanomaterials	10 <sup>2</sup> - 10 <sup>3</sup>	100-100,000





#### Audience Survey Question

ANSWER THE QUESTION ON BLUE SCREEN IN ONE MOMENT

# Nanomaterials production is so wasteful because of the high precision needed and the difficulty in controlling at the nanoscale.

- True
- False

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#### Reasons for wastefulness





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# Case study of silica for illustration

Specialty silicas are worth \$2-4 billion per annum



### The needs for emerging applications



#### Controlled

release

- These depend on complex pore **structure** and **functionality**.
- This leads to more **uneconomical** and/or **unsustainable** synthesis.
- Hence high-value nanomaterials are difficult to manufacture.

➔ There is a tension between functionality, sustainability and scalability





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#### How can wastefulness of nanomaterials production be fully addressed?

- Reducing reaction temperature
- Using renewable feedstock
- Using plant extracts as catalysts
- Consider downstream processing e.g. separation or purification
- Taking a systems approach

### Bioinspiration at rescue

Biology produces functional nanomaterials under eco-friendly conditions and at large scale!





Cur. Opin. Green Sus. Chem., 2018, 12, 110.



### Biosilica









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0 8 6 4 2 **G** Silica yield (mol%)

80

60

40

20



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### Gaining molecular understanding



# Designing synthetic *additives*





heptide: n-SSKKSGSYSGSKGSKRSIL-c. ()n peptide: n-AEAEAKAKAEAEAKAK-c. ymes and proteins: Lysacyme, typsina, Papain, Bromelain achum album proteinase K. Candida antarchca lipase A, mbinant proteins, collagen, protamine, gelatine.



Chem. Commun. 2011, **47**, 7567



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### **Bioinspired synthesis**

The use of additives enabled the invention of a green method that is:

- Simple,
- rapid,
- all-aqueous
- at room temp.
- *pH7* and
- offers control.







J. Vis. Exp., **138**, e57730, 2018. Cur. Opin. Green Sus. Chem., **12**, 110, 2018





# **Application-driven product design**



A	pplications	Quality attributes/ performance	>	Propertie	
	Pharma Excipient	Pure Nontoxic Hydrophilic,	Purity Safet <mark>Surfa</mark> 	/ y i <mark>ce area</mark> and ch	emistry,
	Rubber filler	Blends well Good friction and heat stable, Competitive price	Surfa Wear <mark>Yield</mark>	ce chemistry & thermal testi & cost	ng,

#### Materials design & Synthesis





### Statistical approach to design

- A unique sequential Design of Experiments strategy was developed
- It enabled reliable models connecting synthesis with properties
- Used for optimisation of synthesis for desired products







Mol. Syst. Des. Eng., 2021, 6, 293.



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### Discovery of "green" colloidal & mesoporous silica









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### Energy intensive purification



- Low porosity
- Additive impurities
- High porosity
- 100% purity
- Energy intensive
- >10<sup>3</sup>-10<sup>6</sup>× wasteful and 1000× costly
- · Not always effective
- Energy intensive (reflux)
- Hard to transfer between systems

# E.g. Mesoporous silica: invented in 1992, they cannot be manufactured at large

Patarin, Angew. Chemie Int. Ed., 2004 (43), 3878



#### Avoiding calcination THEMSUSCHEM Current synthesis of any porous silica **Synthesis** Calcination / 🗲 1-2 days Templated silica New process chemistry Acidification **Synthesis** 20°C, 5 min. pH7 - 220°C, 5 min **Bioinspired silica** Up to 95% solvent & additive recycling The University 42 WO/2017/037460. ChemSusChem, 2017, 10, 1683 Sheffield.

### Scale-up







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#### Audience Survey Question

ANSWER THE QUESTION ON BLUE SCREEN IN ONE MOMENT

#### What is ONE key way to ensure effectively scale-up a reaction?

- Using flow chemistry
- Maintaining equipment geometry
- Maximize the stirring speeds
- Trial and error when going up in scale stepwise
- No meddling by chemists

### Process Design

#### As product discovery follows scale-up, we need to:

- design a process flow diagram,
- perform techno-economic analysis,
- [refine the synthesis]...





### Economic feasibility

#### Technoeconomic analysis is performed to answer these Qs:

- Is the process economically favorable, and for which products/markets?
- Is it more sustainable (energy, waste, feedstock, ...)?
- Are there any improvements needed?





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#### Audience Survey Question

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#### With scale-up, the time needed to achieve the same mixing is?

- does not change
- changes linearly with the scale
- changes non-linearly with the scale
- changes but independent of the scale



### Scale-up challenges



## A simple way to study effects of mixing

An established protocol can be used to identify mixing mechanisms.



### Scale-up by design

The mixing mechanisms can help design scale-up, yet attaining desired product attributes.





Batch: **1-40L** (~1 kg) Continuous : ≈200 kg/day.m<sup>3</sup>

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#### **Battery anodes** Metal organic framework materials (porous silicon) **HKUST-**"Direct Loss of porosity scalert ontrolled" cale-up Retained MOF-5 porosity 1.0 Steady state 2302 m<sup>2</sup> g<sup>-1</sup> **MOF Fraction** 0.8 0.6 0.4 MOF-5 0.2 0.0 15 20 2θ (°) 8 5 6 10 25 3 4 Time (h) The University Chem. Eng. J., **326**, 570, 2017. Chem. Eng. J., **285**, 718, 2016. RSC Adv., **11**, 3801, , Of Sheffield. 51 2021

### Other scale-up examples from the group

### Summary









## Future challenges – digital twins

#### Quantification and integration of

- process chemistry,
  - Critical Quality Attributes =  $f(\tau_M, \tau_R)$
- materials discovery and kinetics,  $\tau_{R_i} = f(C, k_i, pH, T, ...)$
- scale-up design.









### Future challenges – on-demand manufacturing



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- How antiviral polymers were discovered, how the field has developed and what the future may hold for the field of antiviral materials
  What structural features give a polymer antiviral properties.
- · How four key aspects contribute to successful decontamination (decontan ation efficacy, safety for the wearer, filtration efficiency, and respirator fit)
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