

# **Magnetically responsive waste biomaterials for biotechnology and environmental technology applications**

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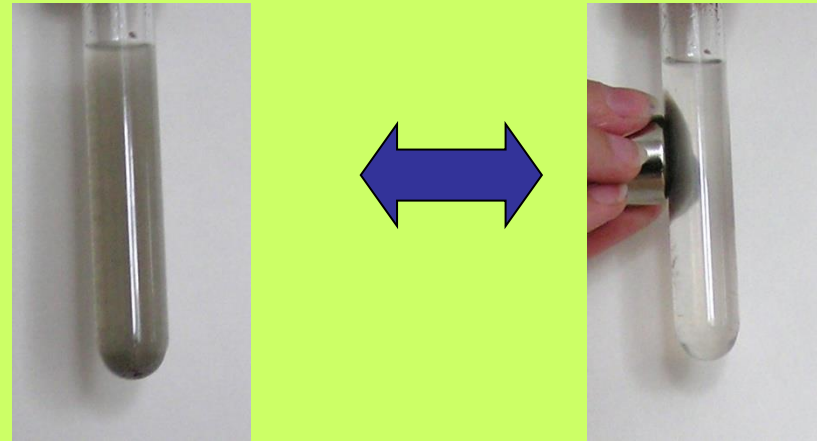
Why magnetic materials are so important  
in bio- and environmental applications?

**They are smart materials!!!!**

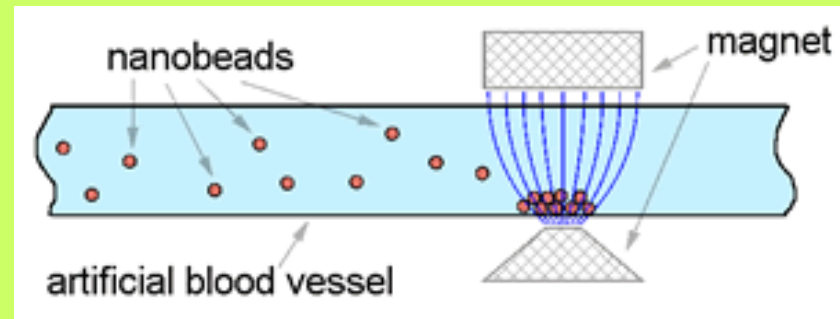
**The following typical properties of  
magnetic materials form the basis of  
their applications in biosciences,  
biotechnology, medicine and  
environmental technology**

# Important properties

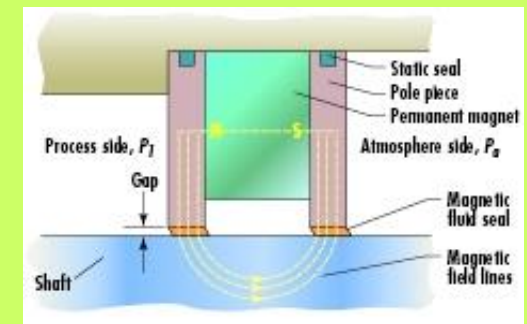
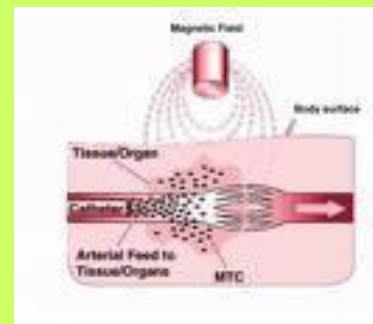
- Selective separation (removal) of magnetic particles from the system



- Targeting (navigation) of magnetic particles to desired area using magnetic field



- “Keeping” magnetic particles in appropriate area using magnetic field

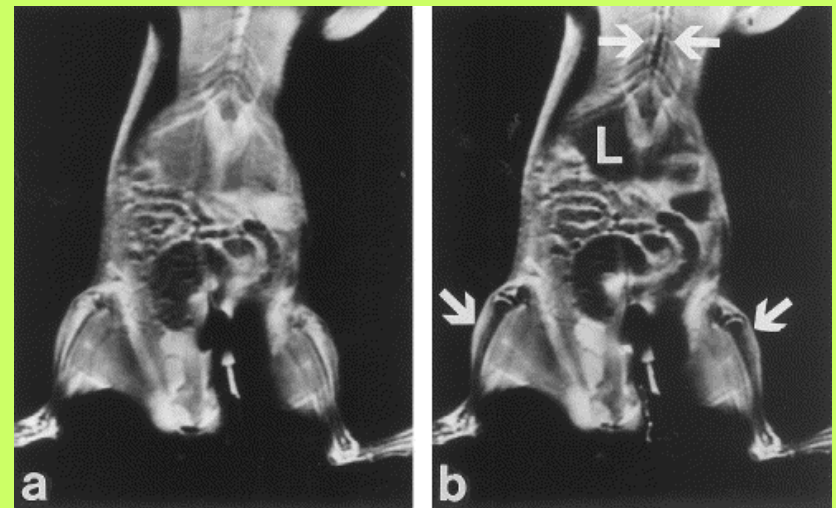


# Important properties

- Heat formation in alternated magnetic field

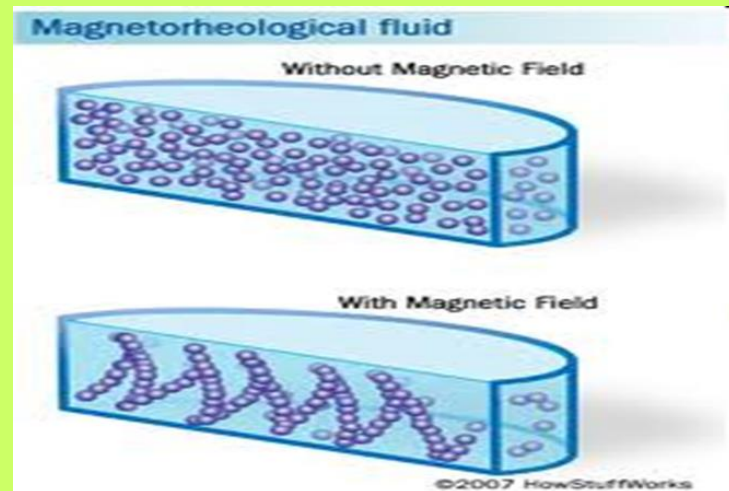
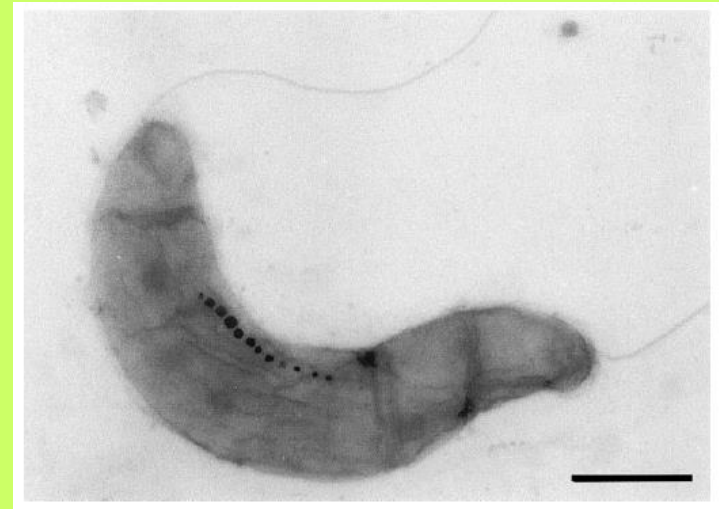


- Increasing of contrast during MRI



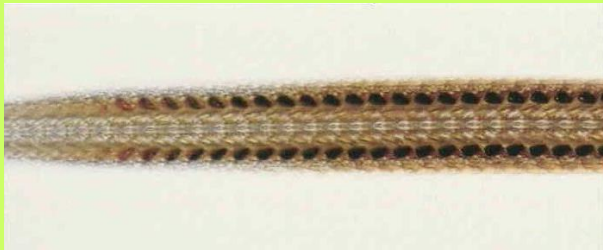
# Important properties

- Navigation in magnetic field
- Increase of viscosity (magnetorheological fluids)

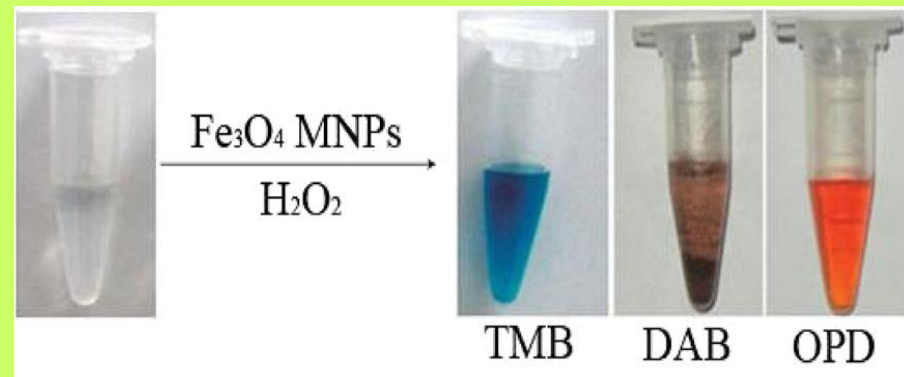


# Further important properties

- Hardening of biological structures (chiton teeth)



- Peroxidase-like activity



# Applications of magnetically responsive nano- and micromaterials

- From molecular biology to environmental technologies
- Manipulation of microliters as well as million of liters
- Manipulation in suspension systems
- Both separation and non-separation techniques are important

# Magnetically responsive biomaterials

**Magnetic modification leads to the formation of smart materials!!!!**





# Diamagnetic biomaterials for magnetic modification

Food wastes belong to the broader group of biomaterials

- Biomaterials - organic
  - inorganic (egg shells, oyster shells...)
- Character - particulate
  - high aspect ratio

# Magnetic materials used for the preparation of magnetically responsive biomaterials

- **Magnetic iron oxides**

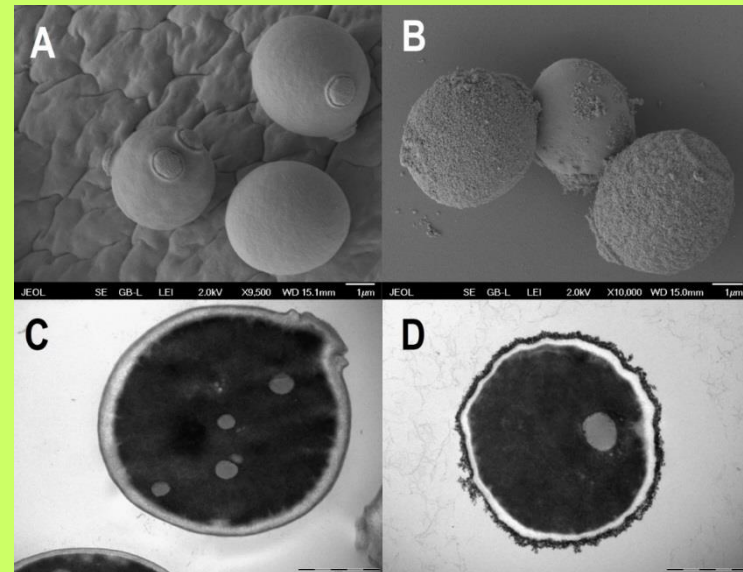
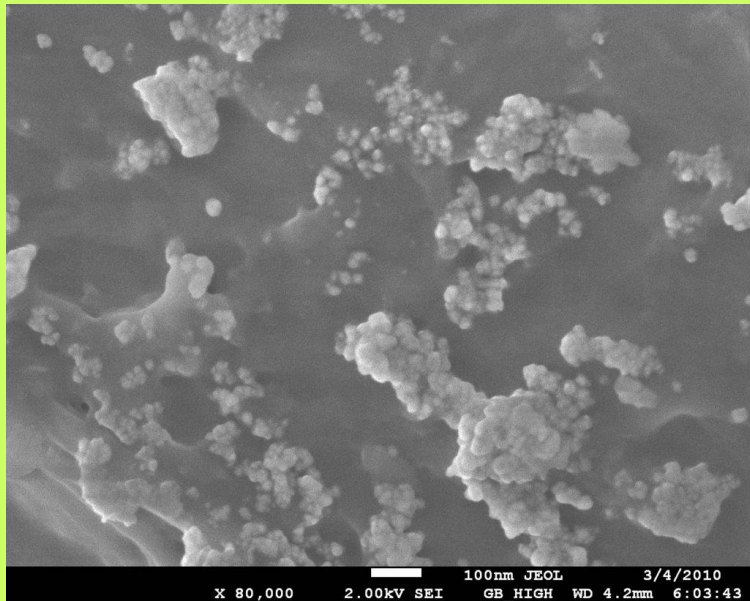
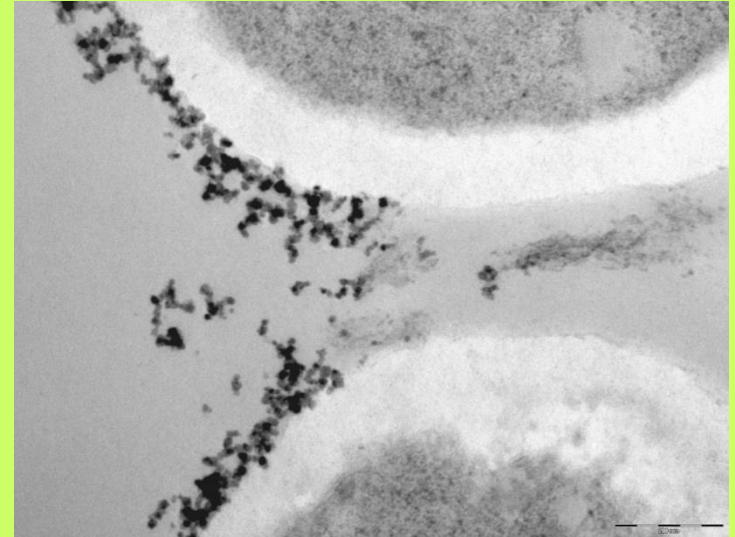
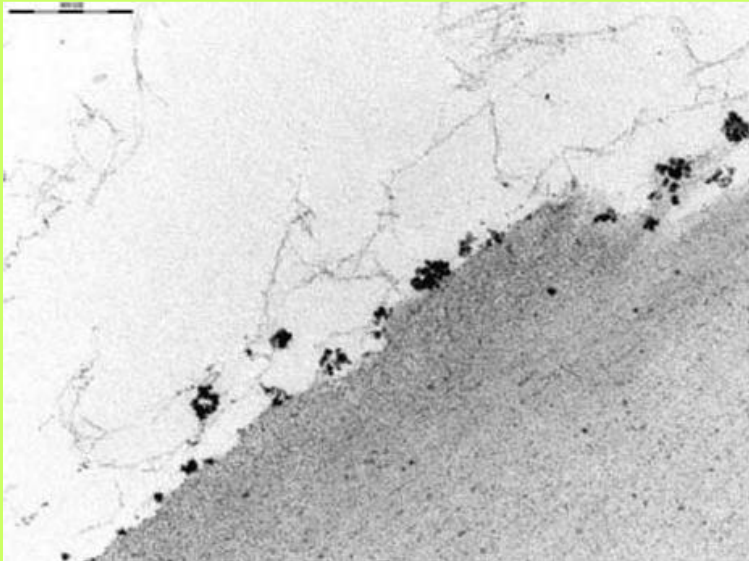
- magnetite ( $\text{Fe}_3\text{O}_4$ )
- maghemite ( $\text{Fe}_2\text{O}_3$ )
- **mixed iron oxides**

- **Ferrites**

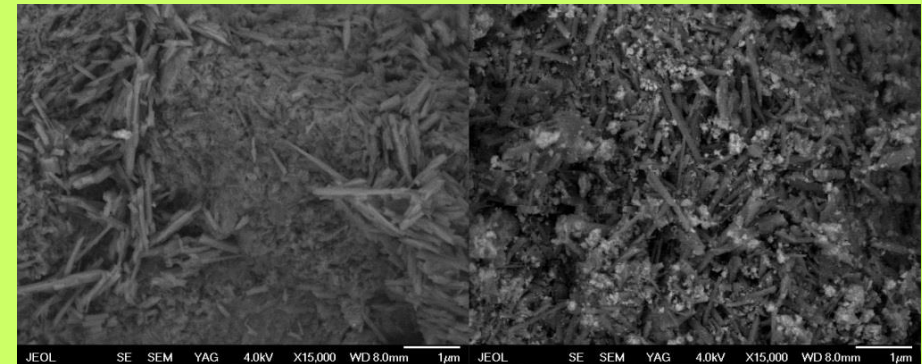
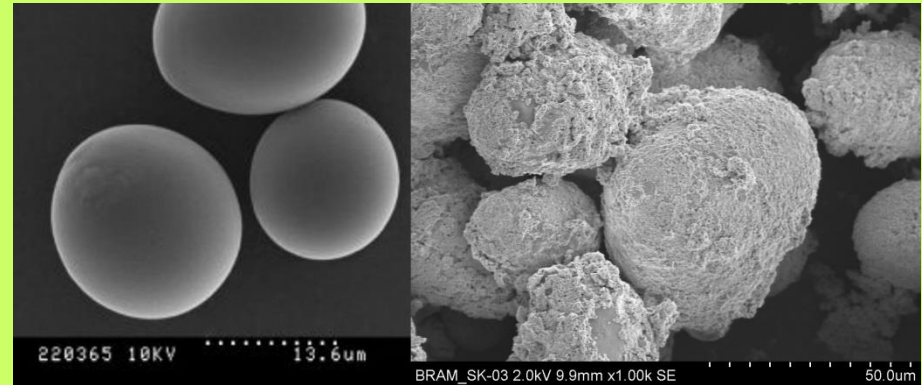
- $\text{MeO} \cdot \text{Fe}_2\text{O}_3$  , Me = Ni, Co, Mg, Zn, Mn ...

**Magnetic iron oxides are biocompatible!!**

# Postmagnetization with ferrofluids



# Mechanochemical treatment



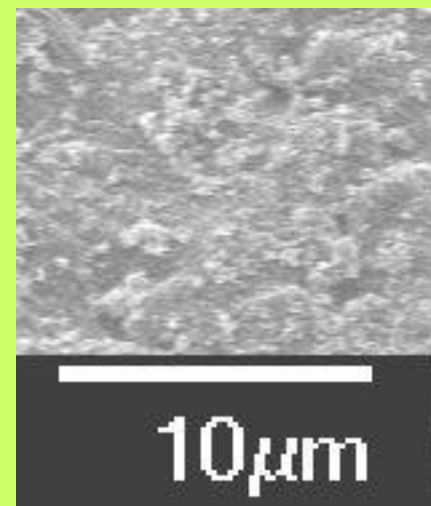
- Mechanochemical conversion of ferrous and ferric ions at the presence of alkaline hydroxide into magnetic iron oxide nanoparticles.
- The presence of powdered nonmagnetic materials during the process led to the efficient deposition of magnetic nanoparticles on the surface of the treated materials

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# Direct microwave assisted procedure



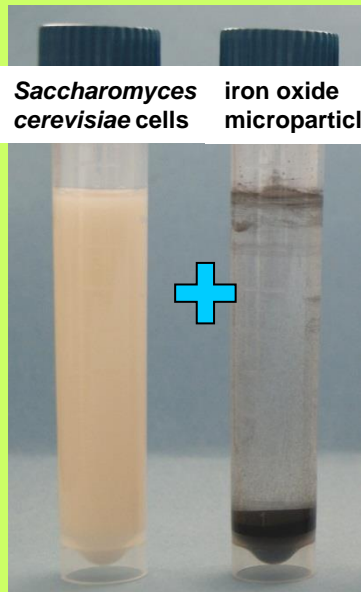
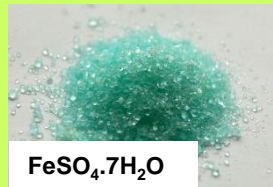
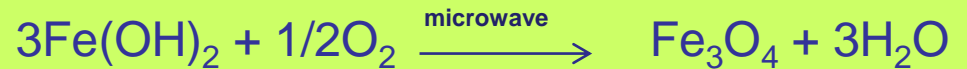
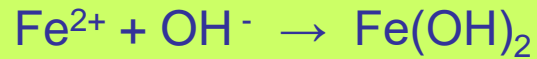
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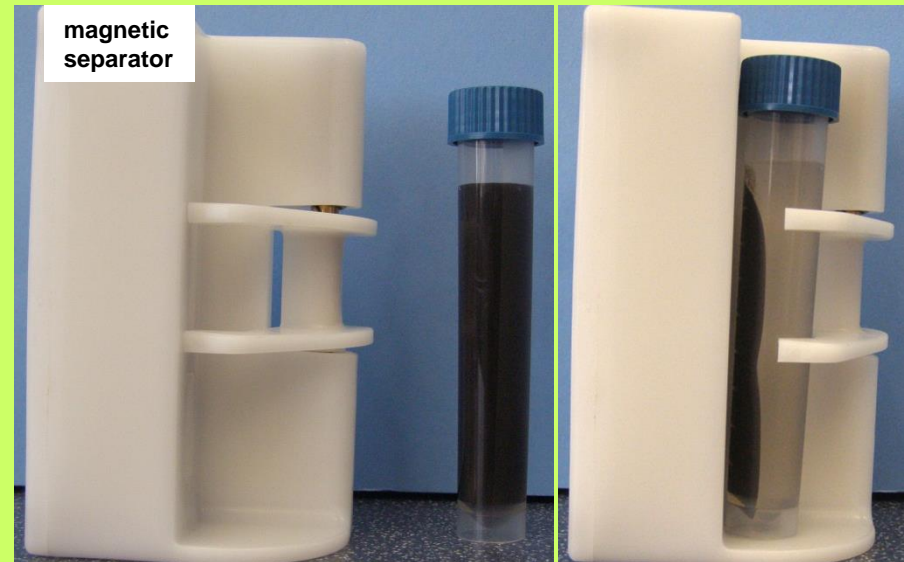
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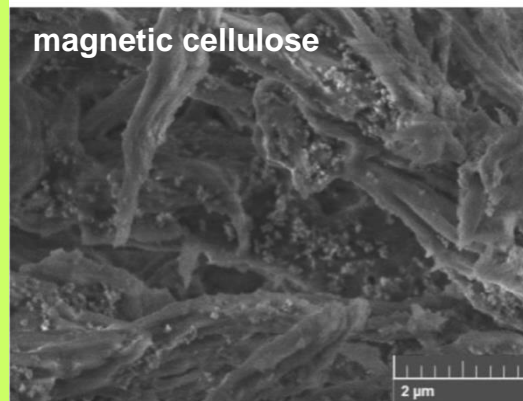
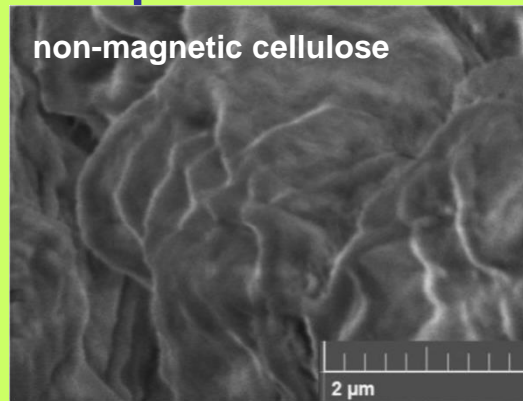
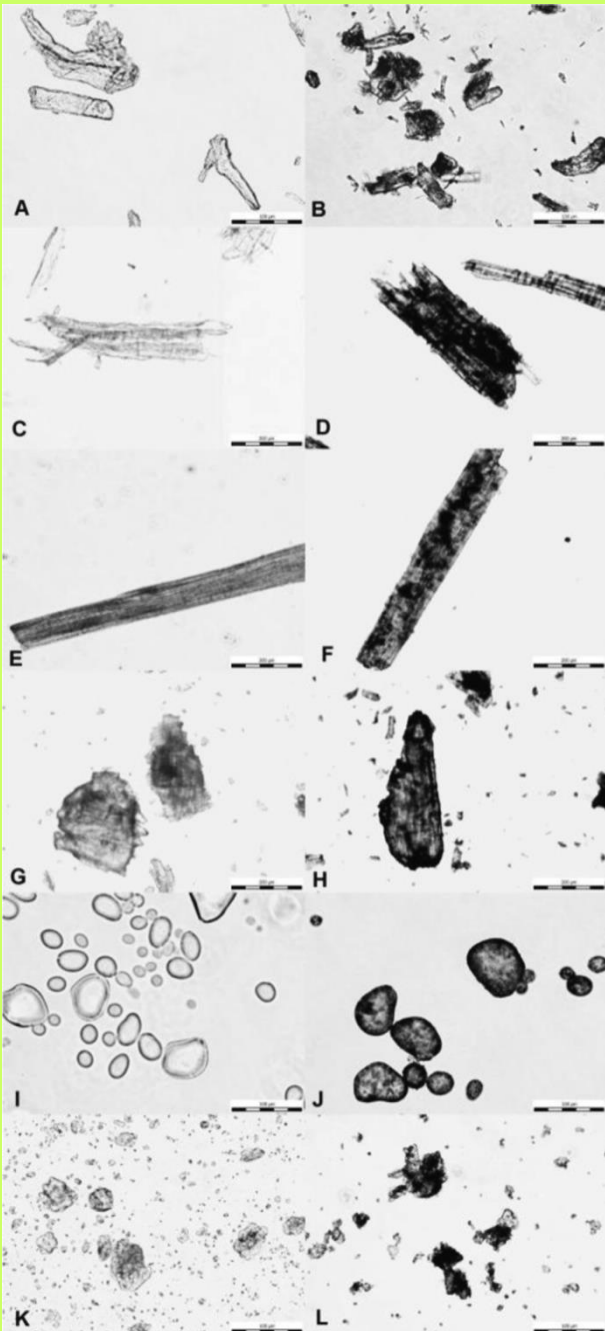


magnetic modification procedure

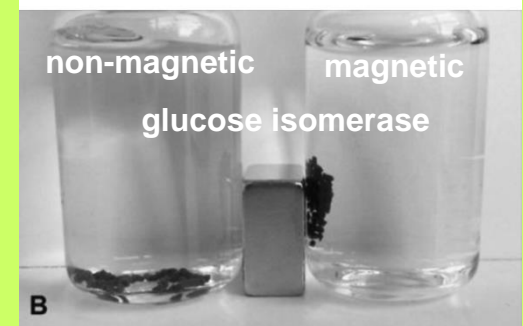
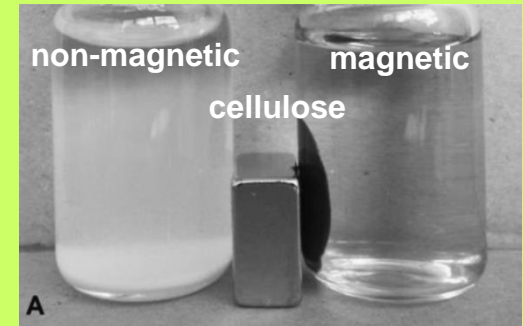


Yeast cells + Magnetic material

# Subzero temperature modification



non-magnetic (A) and magnetic (B) cellulose  
non-magnetic (C) and magnetic (D) spruce sawdust  
non-magnetic (E) and magnetic (F) marinegrass *Posidonia oceanica*  
non-magnetic (G) and magnetic (H) powdered peanuts  
non-magnetic (I) and magnetic (J) starch  
Non-magnetic (K) and magnetic (L) montmorillonite K10



magnetic separation

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# Magnetically modified biomaterials in our lab

## Typical food, agricultural and forest wastes and related biomaterials

- Spent grain, spent coffee, spent tee, peanut husks, straw, sawdust
- Chitin, chitosan, alginate, bacterial cellulose, starch, wheat bran, moss, erythrocytes, egg white

## Microbial and microalgae cells

- *S. cerevisiae*, *S. uvarum*, *Kluyveromyces fragilis*, *Leptothrix* sp., *Chlorella*

## Macroalgae

- *Sargassum*, *Ulva*, *Cymopolia*

## Seagrass

- *Posidonia oceanica*

## Biochars !!!

# Removal of important pollutants

- **Organic dyes**

- Many different types of biomaterials

- **Bisphenol A**

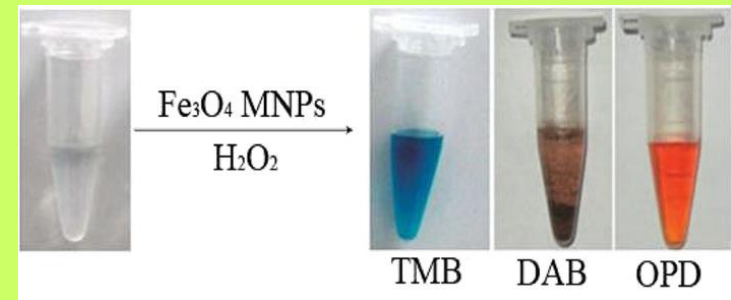
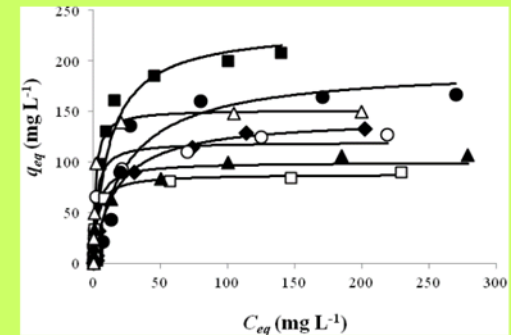
- Spruce chip biochar

- **Heavy metal ions**

- Microbial cells
- Spent coffee grains

- **Radionuclides**

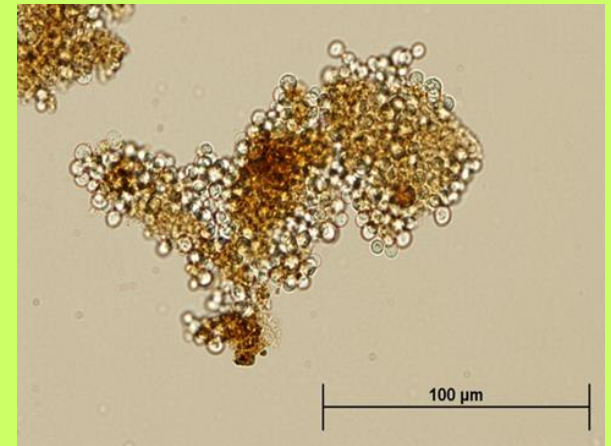
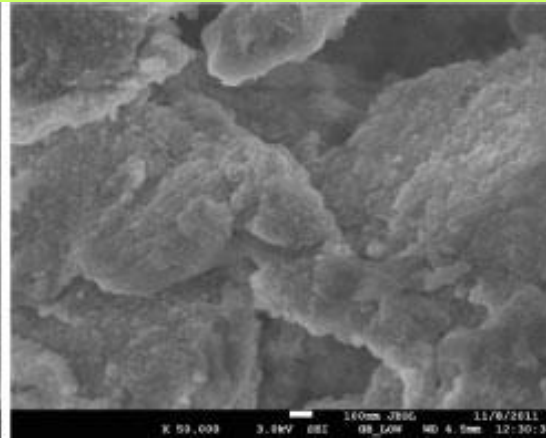
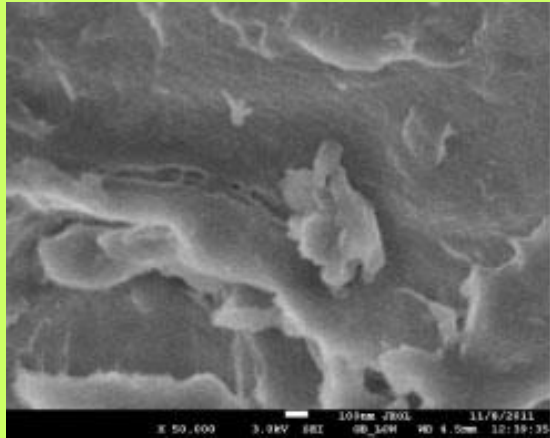
- Strontium (*Kluyveromyces fragilis*)
- Uranium (wheat bran)



# Isolation of biologically active compounds

- **Potato lectin** (chitosan)
- **Chitinase III** in *Euphorbia characias* latex (chitin)
- **Lysozyme** (chitosan)
- **Proteases** (erythrocytes)
- **Amylases** (alginate)
- **Cyclodextrin glucanotransferase** (porous corn starch)

# Immobilization of enzymes and cell on magnetically modified biomaterials

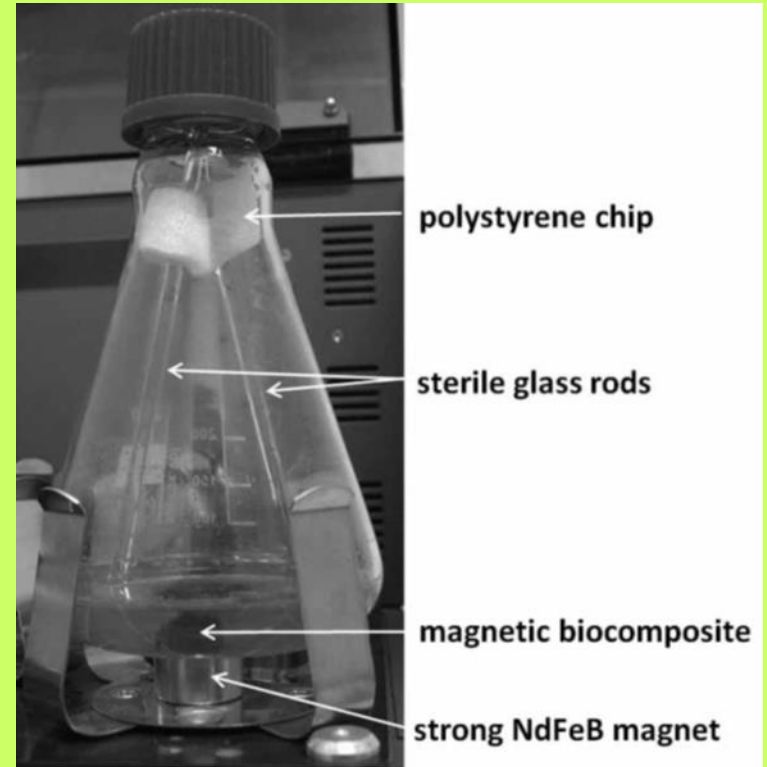


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# Decrease of biofilm formation

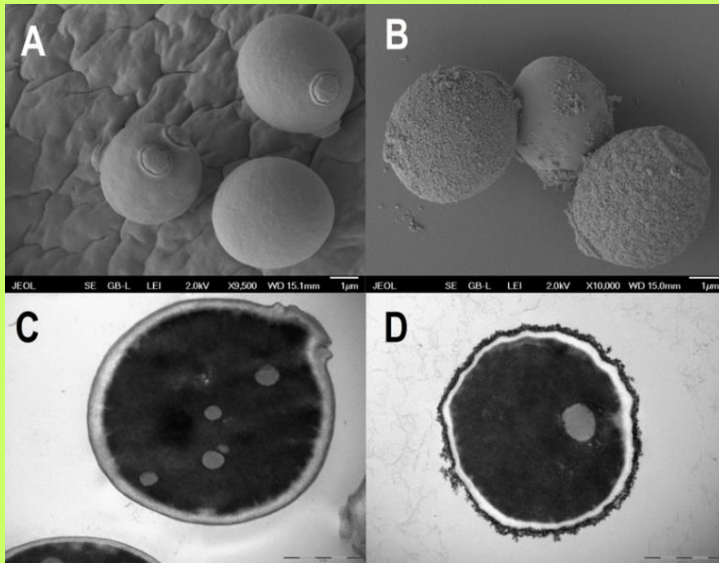
Efficient removal of signal molecules using magnetically modified spent grain → decrease of biofilm formation



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# Catalytical applications

- Hydrogen peroxide removal (*S. cerevisiae*)
- Saccharose hydrolysis (*S. cerevisiae*)



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Biochars and their magnetic derivatives exhibit  
peroxidase-like activity

# Biotechnology

- **Magnetically responsive materials for**

- **circular economy**

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- **biorefinery concepts**

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# Review papers and book chapters

## Magnetically Modified Agricultural and Food Waste: Preparation and Application

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**ABSTRACT:** The annual food and agricultural waste production reaches enormous numbers. Therefore, an increasing need to valorize produced wastes arises. Waste materials originating from the food and agricultural industry can be considered as functional materials with interesting properties and broad application potential. Moreover, using an appropriate magnetic modification, smart materials exhibiting a rapid response to an external magnetic field can be obtained. Such materials can be easily and selectively separated from desired environments. Magnetically responsive waste derivatives of biological origins have already been prepared and used as efficient biosorbents for the isolation and removal of both biologically active compounds and organic and inorganic pollutants and radionuclides, as biocompatible carriers for the immobilization of diverse types of (bio)molecules, cells, nano- and microparticles, or (bio)catalysts. Potential bactericidal, algicidal, or anti-biofilm properties of magnetic waste composites have also been tested. Furthermore, low cost and availability of waste biomaterials in larger amounts predetermine their utilization in large-scale processes.

**KEYWORDS:** *agricultural and food waste, magnetic modification, magnetic biosorbent, magnetic carrier, magnetic (bio)catalyst*










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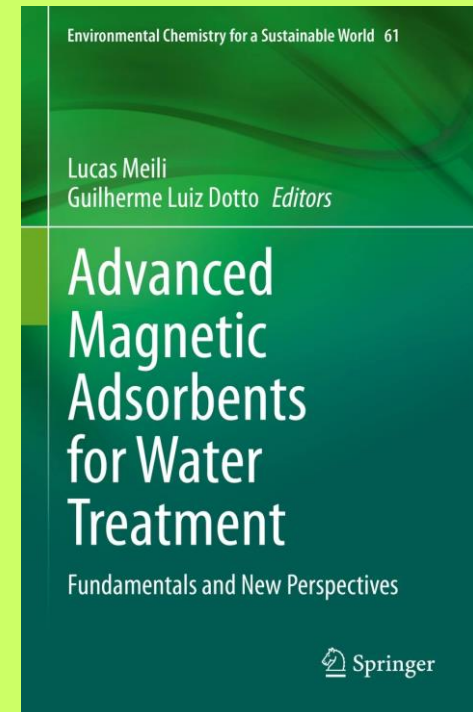
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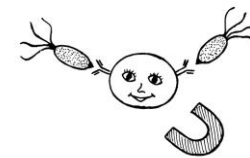
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