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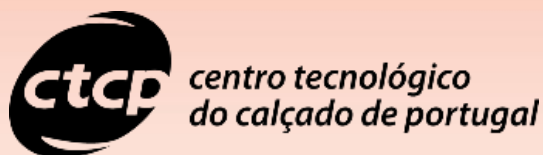


## FOOTWEAR FUNCTIONALIZED AT NANOSCALE

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# 1 | CTCP - PORTUGUESE FOOTWEAR TECHNOLOGICAL CENTRE

- PORTUGUESE REFERENCE CENTRE FOR FOOTWEAR RESEARCH AND TECHNOLOGICAL INNOVATION
- CTCP IS A PRIVATE NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATION
- FOUNDED IN 1986
- MORE THAN 400 ASSOCIATED
- MULTIDISCIPLINARY TEAM OF 50 PROFESSIONALS (INTERNAL TECHNICAL PERSONNEL & EXTERNAL CONSULTANTS)





# 1 | CTCP - PORTUGUESE FOOTWEAR TECHNOLOGICAL CENTRE



## 2 | FOOTWEAR INDUSTRY: NEW CONCEPTS OF PRODUCTS



## 2 | FOOTWEAR INDUSTRY: R&D&I

### 1. MATERIALS AND COMPONENTS

ADVANCED, **NANOMATERIALS** AND  
BIOMATERIALS

### 2. NEW PRODUCTS AND DESIGN

DIRECTED TO MARKET SEGMENTS WITH  
REQUIREMENTS IN HEALTH, WELLBEING,  
SAFETY, SUSTAINABILITY, ETC.

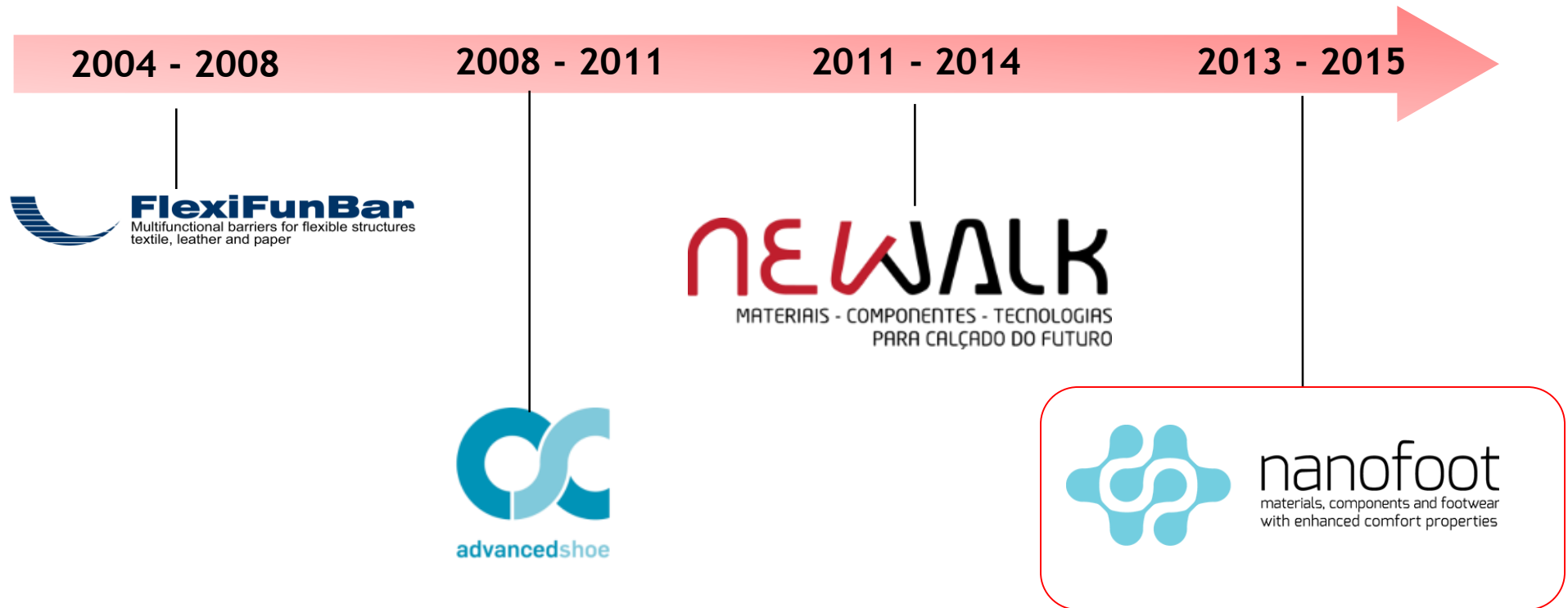
### 3. EQUIPMENT'S AND PROCESSES

**NANOTECHNOLOGIES,**  
ROBOTIZATION, BIOTECHNOLOGIES,  
FLEXIBILITY PRODUCTION,  
TECHNOLOGIES

### 4. SUSTAINABILITY & RESPONSIBLE DEVELOPMENT

MODERNIZATION AND SOCIAL  
INTEGRATION, ENVIRONMENTAL AND  
ENERGY EFFICIENCY; GLOBAL  
COMPETITIVENESS

## 2 | FOOTWEAR INDUSTRY: R&D NANO PROJECTS

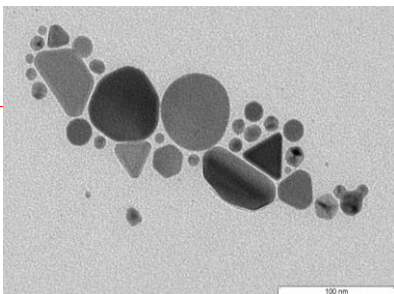


# 3 | NANOFOOT: INTRODUCTION

## WHY NANO?

### NPs CHARACTERISTICS

- SIZE BETWEEN 1 - 100 NM
- LARGE SPECIFIC SURFACE AREA
- FASCINATING AND USEFUL PROPERTIES
- STRUCTURAL AND NON-STRUCTURAL APPLICATIONS
- STRONGER, MORE DUCTILE MATERIALS
- CHEMICALLY VERY ACTIVE MATERIALS



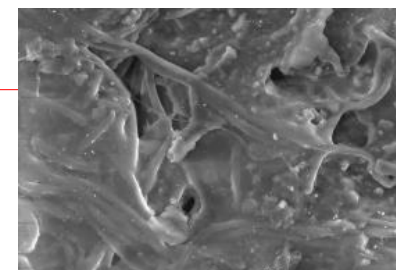
### NPs PROPERTIES

- SELF-HEALING
- SELF-CLEANING
- ANTI-STAINING
- ANTIBACTERIAL
- ANTIFUNGAL
- ANTIREFLECTION
- BONDING / ADHESION
- HYDROPHOBICITY



### MANUFACTURER OF:

- SCRATCHPROOF EYEGLASSES
- PAINTS
- CERAMIC COATINGS FOR SOLAR CELLS
- COSMETIC PRODUCTS
- FOOD PACKAGING
- MEDICAL DEVICES
- MEDICINE
- NANOCOMPOSITES
- FABRICS AND TEXTILES
- MULTIFUNCTIONAL MATERIALS





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**SHOE IS A CLOSED SYSTEM THAT SHOULD AVOID**

**HUMIDITY ACCUMULATION AND TEMPERATURE  
INCREASE**

**BACTERIAL & FUNGAL GROWTH**

**GENERATION OF MALODOURS**

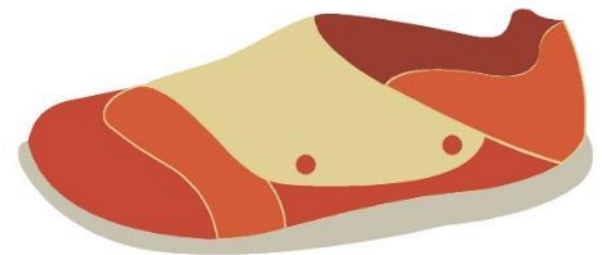
**ELECTROSTATIC CHARGES ACCUMULATION**

**SAFETY PROBLEMS**

**DISCOMFORT AND HEALTH PROBLEMS**

## **BY EXPLORING**

- NPs ON DEVELOPMENT OF NEW MATERIALS
- NEW CONCEPTS OF PRODUCTS
- NEW FOOTWEAR CONSTRUCTIONS



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## LEATHERS & MICROFIBERS

WITH ANTIBACTERIAL AND ANTIFUNGAL RESISTANCE

## NANO PROCESSING AND COATING PRODUCTS

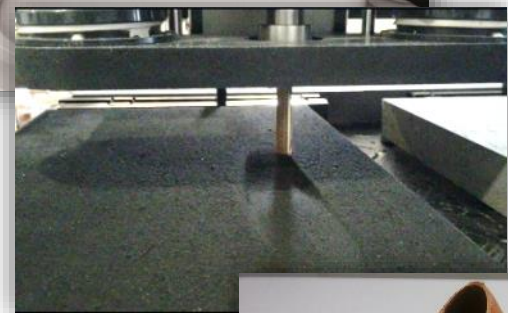
FOR LEATHER AND MICROFIBERS

## EVA POLYMERS COMPONENTS

THERMAL/ELECTRICAL CONDUCTIVITY PROPERTIES

## NANO TECHNOLOGICAL FOOTWEAR PRODUCTS

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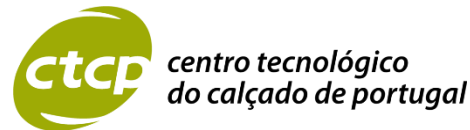


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- SME's



- RTD's



- Financial Support



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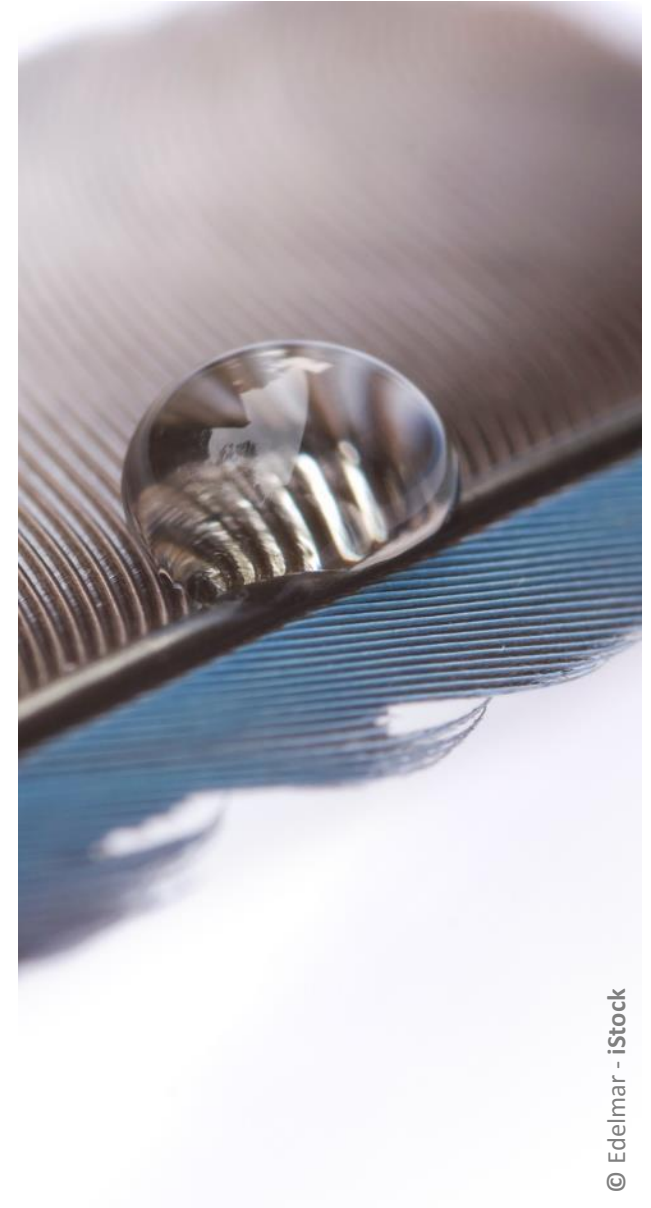
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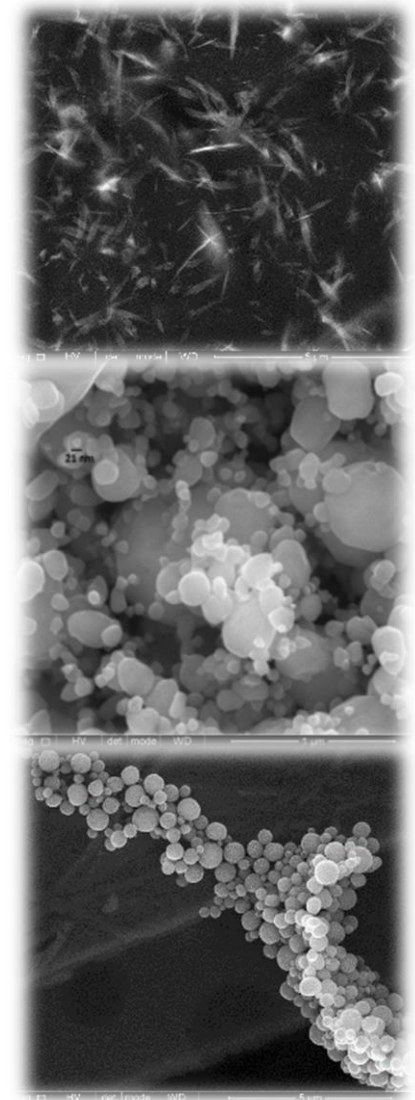




# 3.1 | NANOFOOT: LEATHER AND MICROFIBERS

## 1. SPECIFICATIONS AND SCREENING OF NANOPARTICLES WITH POTENTIAL TO BE USED IN FOOTWEAR CONSUMER GOODS

- Screening commercially available NPs currently used in health, cosmetic and other industrial sectors.
- Characterization of NPs properties (morphology and antimicrobial activity).
- Evaluation of stability (temperature, light and pH).
- Selection of the most viable NPs to be tested for footwear materials.



## 3.1 | NANOFOOT: LEATHER AND MICROFIBRES

### 2. INVESTIGATION OF PROCESSING PRODUCTS AND COATINGS/FINISHING FORMULATIONS FOR PRODUCING TAILOR-MADE PRODUCTS

- Modification and optimization of nanoparticles to improve the stability and dispersion.
- Developing of chemical processing products and coatings for leather and microfibers with antimicrobial properties.
- Evaluation of stability (time, temperature, light).
- Selection of the most viable formulations.



**IN MOST OF THE CASES, THE SUCCESSFUL APPLICATION OF NANOPARTICLES DEPENDS ON THE ABILITY TO PROPERLY DISPERSE THE NANOPARTICLES INTO A LIQUID MEDIUM AND AVOID AGGLOMERATION.**

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**NANO-MODIFIED COATING  
FILM**

### ANTIBACTERIAL ACTIVITY



**NON-MODIFIED COATING FILM**



**NANO-MODIFIED COATING FILM**

ANTIBACTERIAL TEST BASED ON STANDARDS ISO 16187:2013 - FOOTWEAR AND FOOTWEAR COMPONENTS — TEST METHOD TO ASSESS ANTIBACTERIAL ACTIVITY.

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### 3. DEVELOPMENT OF LEATHERS AND MICROFIBERS BASED IN NANOPARTICLES

- Definition of technologies to functionalize the leather and microfiber surface materials: antibacterial and antifungal properties, breathability and water resistance and advanced footwear.
- Testing, evaluation and optimization of the chosen technologies and formulations by using model systems comprising defined matrices and chosen NP agents.



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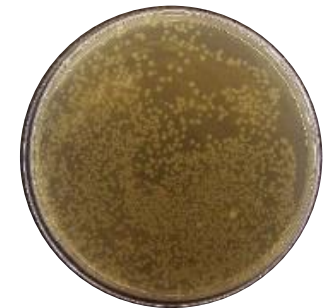
**THE RESULTS INDICATE THAT THE DISPERSION OF NANOPARTICLES ON THE MATERIALS SURFACE IS RELATIVELY GOOD.**

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### ANTIBACTERIAL ACTIVITY



NON-MODIFIED MICROFIBER



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## 3. DEVELOPMENT OF LEATHERS AND MICROFIBERS BASED IN NANOPARTICLES

### OTHER PROPERTIES

- MECHANICAL RESISTANCE PROPERTIES
- WATER VAPOUR PERMEABILITY
- ODOUR EVALUATION
- THERMAL COMFORT



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## 3.2 | NANOFOOT: EVA NANOCOMPOSITES

### 1. MANUFACTURE OF NANOCOMPOSITE SHEETS



NO SUBSTANTIAL DIFFERENCES HAVE BEEN FOUND DURING NANOCOMPOSITE FORMULATION AND PROCESSING, WHEN COMPARED WITH CONVENTIONAL EVAS.



## 3.2 | NANOFOOT: EVA NANOCOMPOSITES

### 2. MANUFACTURE OF ORTHOPAEDIC INSOLES BY MILLING



NO SUBSTANTIAL DIFFERENCES HAVE BEEN FOUND DURING INSOLE MACHINING, WHEN COMPARED WITH CONVENTIONAL EVA SHEETS.



### 3.3 | NANOFOOT: NANO TECHNOLOGICAL FOOTWEAR



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materials, components and footwear  
with enhanced comfort properties

#### LEATHER ORTHOPAEDIC AND MICROFIBER VEGAN SHOES



(TPSP, CAMMINA, CTCP, INESCOP, CNR-ITIA)

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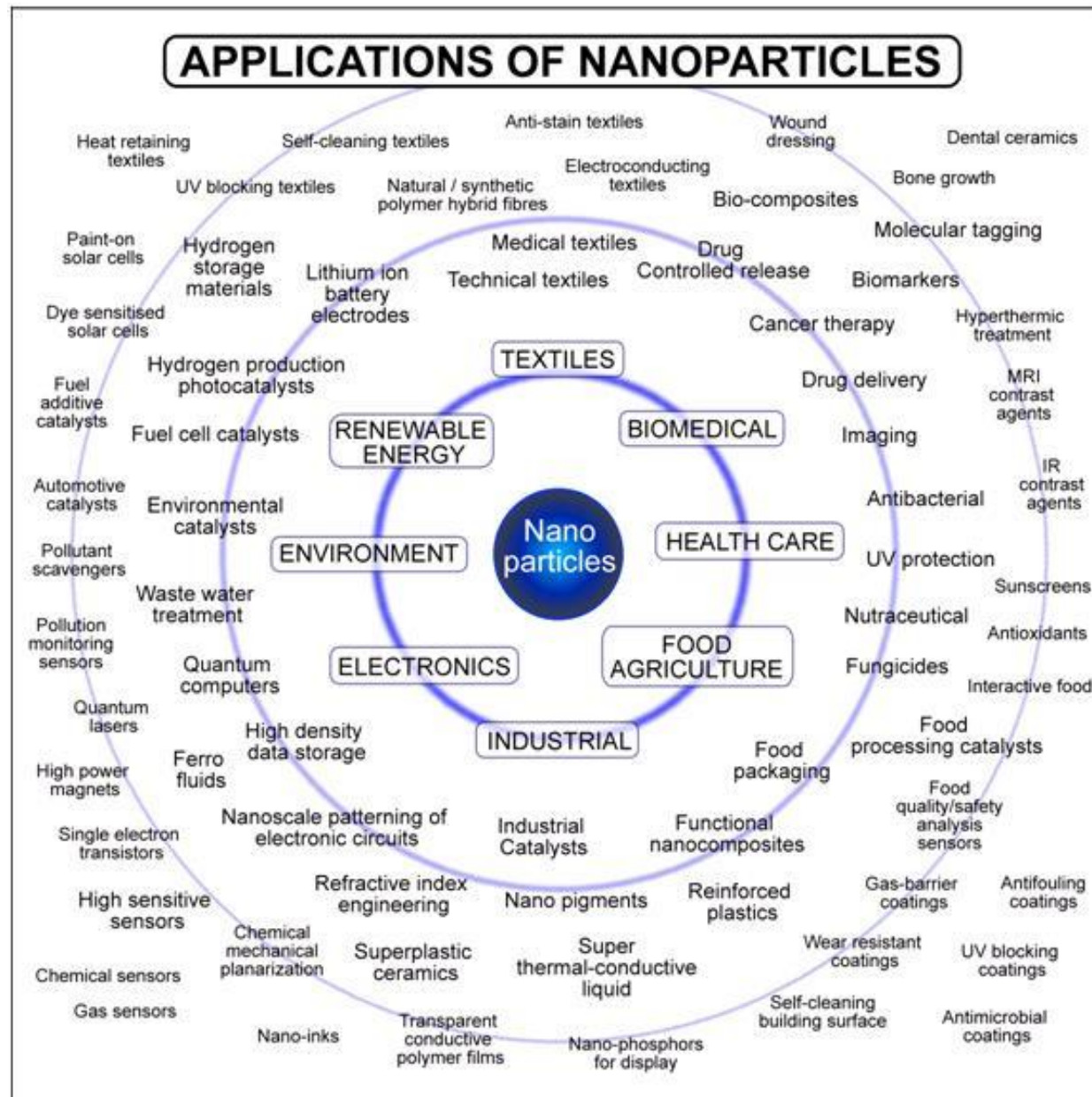


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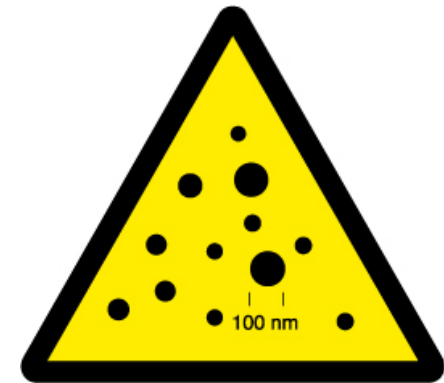
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#### RISKS ASSOCIATED TO USE OF NPs

- RELATIVELY CHEAP AND CAN BE MANUFACTURED IN LARGE QUANTITIES
- ALREADY USED IN CONSUMER PRODUCTS
- PROPERTIES CAN BE VERY DIFFERENT TO THE LARGER FORMS OF THE MATERIAL THEY ARE MADE FROM
- CAN BE HIGHLY REACTIVE
- OFTEN HAVE UNKNOWN TOXICITY
- TOXICITY CAN BE DIFFICULT TO QUANTIFY
- CAN DISPERSE EASILY IN AIR OR WATER



**NANO HAZARD**

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#### POTENTIAL RISK OF USING NPs IN CONSUMERS PRODUCTS



INHALATION  
ABSORPTION THROUGH SKIN  
INGESTION BY DRINK, FOOD

ACCUMULATION IN WATER,  
SOIL, AIR

**NPs CAN AGGLOMERATE OR AGGREGATE ORIGINATING LARGER PARTICLES, REDUCING ANY PROPERTY THAT IS RELATED WITH ITS SIZE OR CHEMICAL REACTIVITY.**



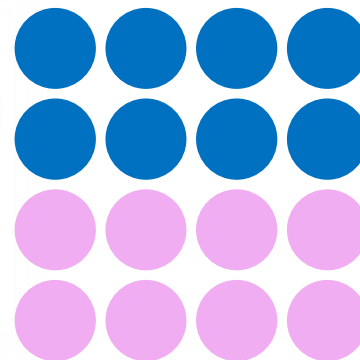
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### 1. HUMAN SAFETY TESTS

- Evaluation of solvent effect on NPs toxicity.
- Evaluation of NMs toxicity to human cell lines: Caco-2, HepG2, SV-80 and HaCaT.





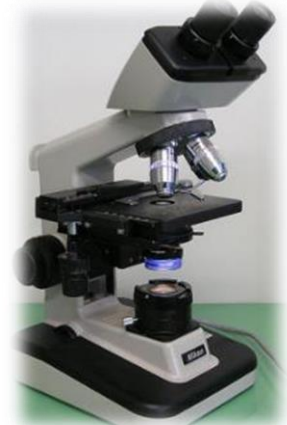
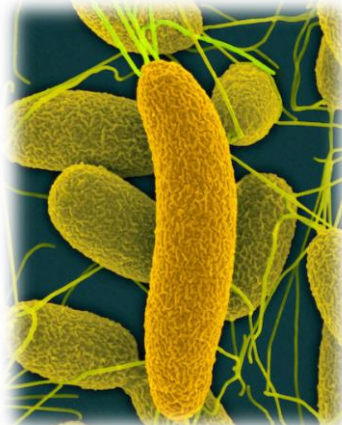
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## 2. ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT TESTS

- Identification of potential hazard of single nanoparticle.
- *Vibrio fischeri* NRRL B-11177 bacteria toxic effects.
- Microalgae *P. supcapitata* toxic effects.
- Microalgae *D. magna* acute toxic effects.
- "Standard" soil arthropod *F. candida* toxic.



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### 3. NPs RELEASE FROM MATERIALS TESTS

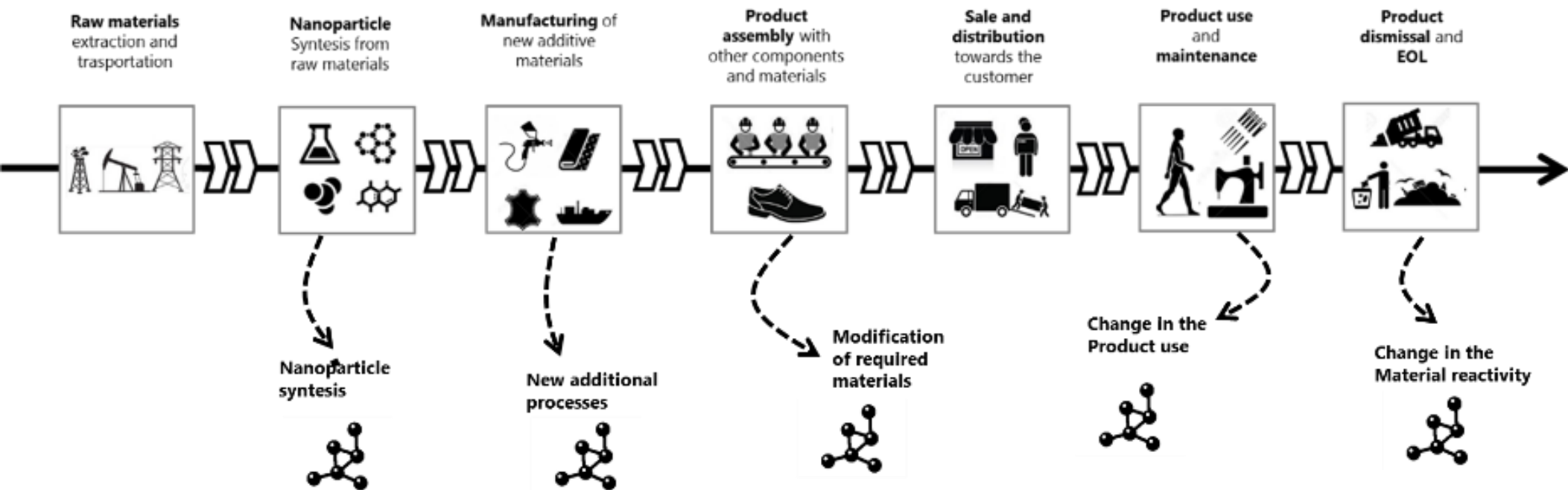
- Mobilization of NPs to acid and alkaline synthetic sweat for direct contact to material samples.
- Mobilization of NPs to acid and alkaline synthetic sweat and transference of NPs to multifiber material by contact.
- Removal of NPs from the materials surface by friction.
- Footwear Wear trials.

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## 4. LIFE-CYCLE PERSPECTIVE



THE LIFE CYCLE-PERSPECTIVE OF A NANOMATERIAL REQUIRES TO FULLY IMPLEMENT THE MONITORING OF CONSUMPTION AND EMISSION DURING THE WHOLE LIFE CYCLE OF A SPECIFIC SYSTEM.

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