

# Single particle ICP-MS as a screening tool to detect $\text{TiO}_2$ NPs in edible mussels

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## Overview

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- ***In vivo* experimentation: TiO<sub>2</sub>NPs, mussels**
- **Results: analysis of mussels (ICP-MS, spICP-MS)**
- **Conclusions**



# TiO<sub>2</sub>NPs

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## Several applications

From 2006 OECD «sustainable use of nanotechnology»  
List of 11 NMs that deserve attention (TiO<sub>2</sub>NPS)



# In vivo experimentation: *Mytilus Galloprovincialis* and $TiO_2$ NPs

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## $TiO_2$ NPs in surface waters\*

### Bioaccumulation Food Chain

\*Andreas P. Gondikas et al. 2014 *Environ. Sci. Technol.*, pp 5415–5422. Release of  $TiO_2$  NPs from Sunscreens into Surface Waters: A One-Year Survey at the Old Danube Recreational Lake.

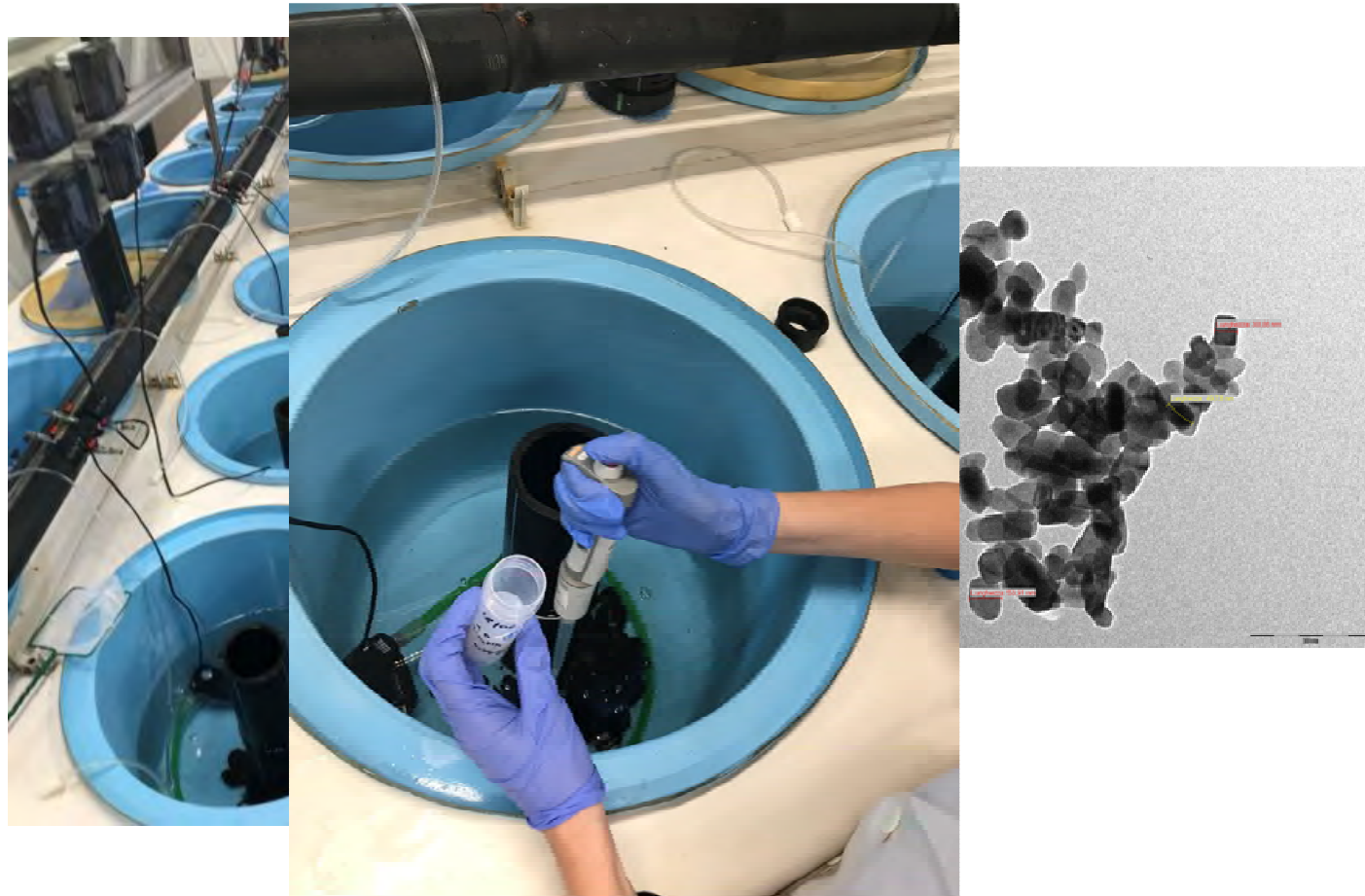
\*R. Kaegi et al. 2008. Synthetic  $TiO_2$  nanoparticle emission from exterior facades into the aquatic environment *Environmental Pollution* 156, 233–239.

\*XiaomeiShia et al. 2015 *Nanoimpact*. Fate of  $TiO_2$  nanoparticles entering sewage treatment plants and bioaccumulation in fish in the receiving streams.

# ● ***In vivo experimentation: Mytilus Galloprovincialis***

**Mussels: water filtration, bioindicator**

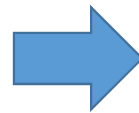
# Aim of the project



**NPs Bioaccumulation? Depuration?**

# In house preparation of TiO<sub>2</sub>NPs suspension

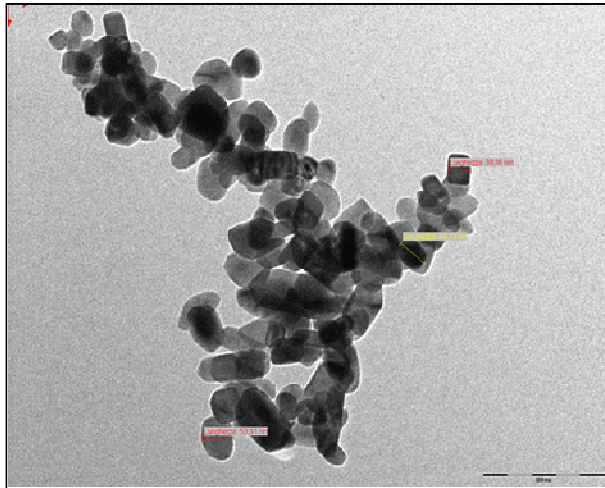
**Powder of TiO<sub>2</sub>NPs**



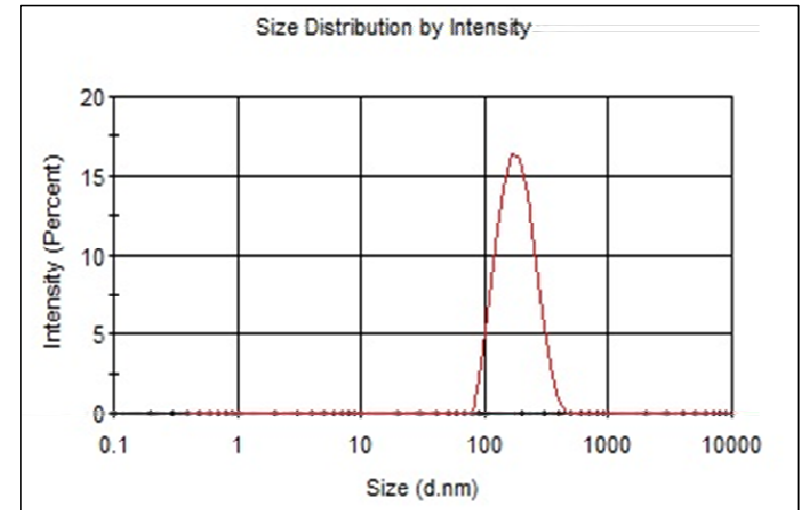
**suspension**

**Dispersion protocol**  
(stability, homogeneity)

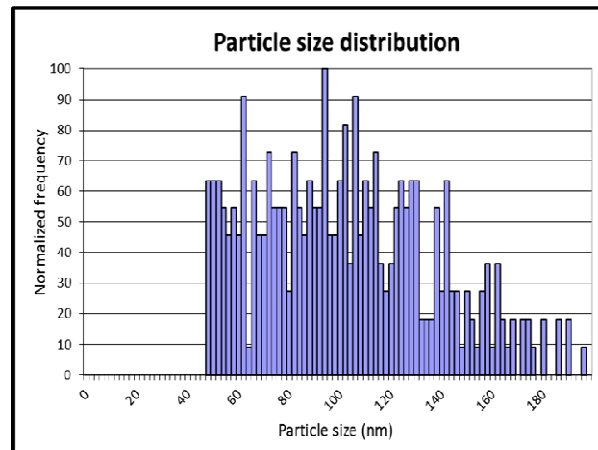
# TiO<sub>2</sub>NPs suspension characterization



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spICP/MS

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# In vivo experimentation

700 specimen *Mytilus galloprovincialis*  
Open sea (Venice)

Groups						
1 (control)	2 (control)	3	4	5	6	7
40ml (NaPO <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>6</sub> 2%	40ml (NaPO <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>6</sub> 2%	40ml <b>Ti<sup>+</sup></b> <b>65 mg/L</b>	40 ml <b>TiO<sub>2</sub>NPs 10</b> mg/L	40 ml <b>TiO<sub>2</sub>NPs</b> <b>10mg/L</b>	40ml <b>TiO<sub>2</sub>NPs</b> <b>100 mg/L</b>	40 ml <b>TiO<sub>2</sub>NPs</b> <b>100 mg/L</b>

7 tanks  
100 mussels/tank

(mussels were daily fed, water was daily changed)



# **TiO<sub>2</sub>NPs ICP-MS Analysis**

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**LOQ: 50 µg/kg**

**TiO<sub>2</sub>NPs and Ti treated group contain Titanium**

**Disadvantages: difference between Ti<sup>+</sup> and TiO<sub>2</sub>NPs ?**



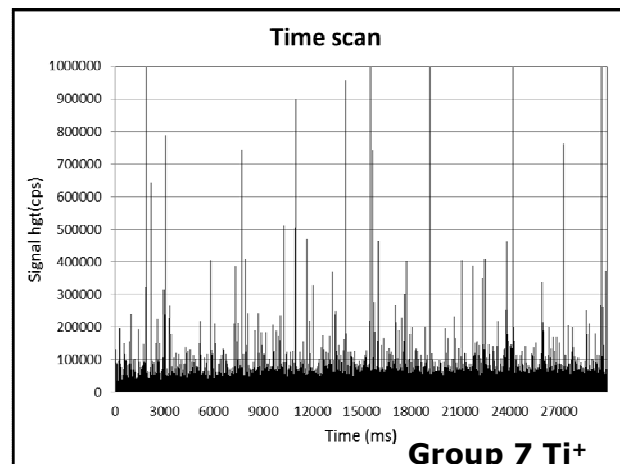
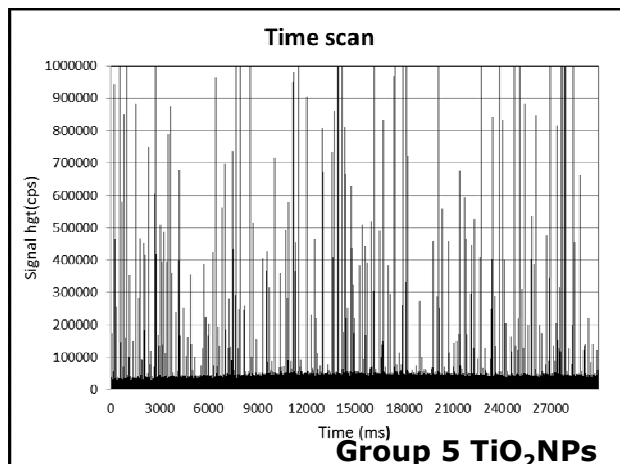
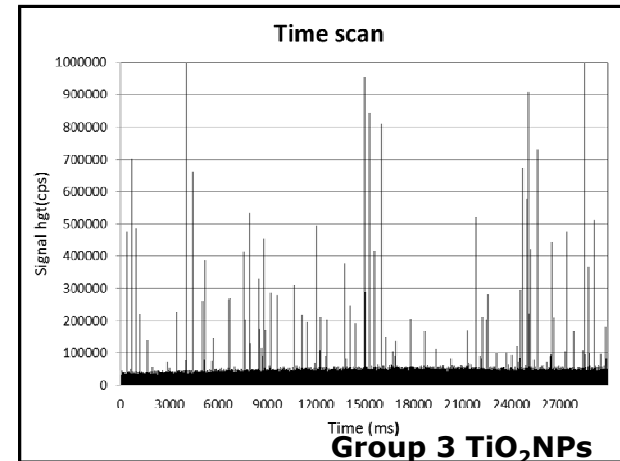
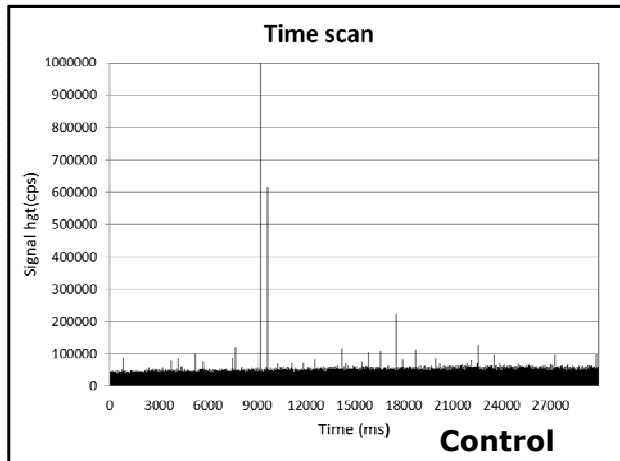
# spICP-MS Analysis

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**LOQ: 50 µg/kg**  
**LOD size: 40 nm**

**Groups 3-6 contains TiO<sub>2</sub>NPS**  
**..also mussels of group 7 contains NPs (*in vivo* formation?)..**

# spICP-MS Analysis





# TEM-EDX Analysis

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**Qualitative confirmation: presence of Ti containing NPs in group 7**



## Conclusion

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- **Mussel can bioaccumulate TiO<sub>2</sub>NPs**
- **NPs *in vivo* formation**
- **SpICP-MS as a screening tool for NPs detection in routine analysis**



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