



Serious Effects of Nanostructured Materials on Several Soils and Microbiological Ecosystem

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Abstract

Soil is a porous matrix containing organic matter, minerals, and organisms that change physically, geographically, and over time. Plants select specific microbiomes from a pool of soil microbes to help them grow and stay healthy. Many ecosystem functions in agricultural systems are provided by soil microbes, similar to soil ecosystems, and the completion of cycling activities of key nutrients such as C, N, S, and P is performed by soil microbes. Soil microbes affect carbon nanotubes (CNTs), nanoparticles (NPs), and nanopesticides. These are called man-made nano-objects (MNOs) and are intentionally added to the environment or introduced into the soil in the form of nanomaterial contaminants. It is of great importance to assess the impact of MNOs on key plant-microbial symbioses, including mycorrhizae, which are important for the health, function and sustainability of both natural and agroecosystems. Toxic compounds are released into rural and urban ecosystems as a result of anthropogenic pollution from industrial processes, agricultural practices, and consumer products. When released, these pollutants can pass through air and water and lodge in matrices such as sediments and groundwater, rendering large areas uninhabitable. With the rapid growth of nanotechnology, the applications of nanoobjects manufactured in the form of nanopesticides are expanding as they can raise concerns about potential ecotoxicity and presence in consumer products. MNOs are added throughout the life cycle and accumulate in soil and other components of the environment. Most commonly, it adversely affects soil biota and processes. MNO influences not only the microbial metabolic activity of the rhizosphere soil, but also the physicochemical properties of the soil. In this review, we examine the adverse effects of MNOs on soil, the pathways used by microbes to deal with MNOs, and the fate and behavior of NPs in soil.

Keywords: nanoplastics (NPs), Nano-scale materials (NSMs), Nano-agrochemicals (NAGs)

INTRODUCTION

Nanoparticles and nanostructured materials may have been created during the Big Bang and brought to Earth by meteorites, according to some scientists (Bethel BJ 2021). In the 1990s, advances in imaging technology led to practical applications in various industries, and the term "nanotechnology" attracted a great deal of attention. Shells, skeletons, and other nanostructures later appeared in nature. Early humans used fire to create nanoscale smoke particles. The scientific history of nanomaterials, on the other hand, began much later (Hussain MG 2018). Colloidal gold particles created by Michael Faraday in 1857 were among the first scientific reports. Nanostructured catalysts

have also been studied for almost 70 years. In the early 1940s, nanoparticles of precipitated and fumed His-Silica were produced and supplied in Germany and the United States as an alternative to the ultrafine carbon His-Black for rubber reinforcement (Choudhary P 2021). These objects play important roles in biogeochemical cycles of colloidal chemical elements and organisms in environmental science. This is due to its small size, general properties, very large specific surface area, and ability to adhere to the surface of aqueous solutions for long periods of time. The need to understand the behavior and fate of minor constituents has led to the development of analytical techniques to characterize naturally occurring colloidal bodies. The ability to synthesize nanoscale objects has improved significantly

since the early 2000s. The development of nanotechnology was underpinned by this expanded knowledge. The quality of the final manufactured product is closely related to the properties of the nanocomponents. Therefore, approaches for analytical control at the nanoscale also need to be developed. Advances in nanotechnology have facilitated the fabrication of MNOs with attractive and valuable material properties such as nanoparticles (NPs) and nanofibers (NFs), defined as particles with diameters between 1 and 100 nm. Many industrial products contain hazardous substances. MNOs are widely used in medicine and have many known benefits such as improved H₂O management, improved food preservation and agricultural production, energy storage savings, and various other uses in the environment and environmental improvement. The unintended release of MNOs into the environment increases with increasing production levels that can occur throughout the life of products containing manufactured nano-objects. MNOs (nano-pesticides), which are used as pesticides and fertilizers in agriculture and can be released into the environment in large quantities, are also considered a viable approach for future food security. Has been assessing their impact on the environment, health and human safety for the past 20 years. MNO has certain negative effects at the nanoscale compared to non-NSM. This is due to its small needle-like morphology, which reduces stability and increases the surface area to volume ratio (**Hussain MG 2019**). On the other hand, MNOs offer nano-specific physicochemical properties that are advantageous for applications such as agriculture. Nano-pesticides, including nano-pesticides and nano-fertilizers, are novel nano-formulations that combine various surfactants, polymers and inorganic NPs to enhance or retard the dissolution power of poorly water-soluble substances (**Rayner R 2021**). Under nano-bio confluency, manufactured nano-objects can be used to isolate phytoviruses, serve as organic food delivery systems, or enhance the role of enzymes as antioxidants in plants. Role can be strengthened Very useful for defense (**Attri VN 2016**). Current research is focused on improving MNO efficacy and risk assessment. Because the application of engineered nano-objects in agriculture is exaggerated and direct. In addition to physical and chemical changes, biological changes occur when MNOs and nano-pesticides are added to soil. Soil pH, pore water, electrolytes, and organic matter all affect these processes. Soil properties such as pH, pore water, electrolyte composition, amount of natural organic matter (NOM), and other factors greatly influence these activities. Heteroaggregation, dissolution, and redox occur during nanobio interactions. For example, adsorption of the protein NOM to the surface of MNO can lead to the formation of coronas that increase the mobility of particles in the environment, in contrast to adsorption of electrolytes (such as Ca) that reduce particle mobility (**Karani P 2020**).

Occurrence of Soil

Soil is a porous matrix containing organic and inorganic

matter and organisms that is well organized and dynamic in all respects physically, geographically and temporally. For example, the soil microbiome acts as a reservoir that seeks out specific microflora that help plants thrive and stay healthy. Soil microorganisms are also involved in several ecosystem functions in agricultural systems, such as nutrient recycling in soil ecosystems. Nanopesticides are active ingredients developed using nanotechnology and nanoformulations to improve the properties and quality of active molecules used in pesticides such as pesticides. Biocides, herbicides, nutrients (**Hoerterer C 2020**). The promise of using nanotechnology to improve pesticide, nutrient and delivery efficiency is exploding in the field of agronomy and could lead to reduced agricultural use. However, the impact of these nanopesticides as non-target organisms on soil microbiota has been underestimated until recently. Nanotechnology allows us to manipulate matter, atoms and molecules to change the properties of materials. This important new technology has enabled the development of nanocrystalline semiconductors, nanopesticides and nanotherapeutics, which are used in cancer therapy and many other applications. 267,000-318,300 tonnes of MNOs are produced worldwide, including Ag, Al₂O₃, CNT, CeO₂, Cu, Fe, SiO₂, ZnO, TiO₂ and nanoclays. Market research shows that 50% of MNOs are from the US, 19% from the EU, 12% from China, 6% from South Korea, 4% from Japan, 3% from Canada, 2% from Taiwan, and 4% from Canada (**Bir J 2020**). According to current market forecasts, in 2020, global he MNO production is expected to be 400,000-3,150,000 tons for nano-SiO₂ and 2-4 tons for nano-Ag. MNO production is only a small fraction of the total ore production of the mining industry. B. As 1% of total silver production or 0.000002% of total iron production, it has little effect on the overall lifetime of the toxic element in the extraction and synthesis or production areas. Further studies are needed to assess the mass concentration of nano-objects produced in universal cycles of treated or untreated materials, as previously published quantities vary widely and are sometimes inaccurate (**Haselkorn R 1973**).

Interaction among nanoparticles and mycorrhizal fungi/rhizobia

The physical properties of NPs have a significant impact on root mycorrhizal colonization or nodule formation (e.g., species, speciation, size). AgNPs appear to be more toxic to mycorrhizae than ZnO NPs, as they adversely affect root colonization at 5600-fold lower soil concentrations. In *Rhizobium leguminosarum* commensal peas, exposure to 6 g L⁻¹ Fe₂O₃ nanoparticles had no effect on nodule formation. In the symbiosis of soybean and *Bradyrhizobium japonicum*, 50 g kg CEO NPs had no effect on nodule formation, whereas the same concentration of His-ZnO NPs increased nodule formation. Depending on the NP types and coating, the bioavailability and effects of NPs on mycorrhizas and rhizobia may differ. For instance, functionalized silver nanoparticles (PVP-AgNPs) were sown to reduce arbuscular

mycorrhiza (AM) growth in tomato roots when applied at the same treatment rate of 100 mg/kg in tomato roots when applied at the same treatment rate of 100 mg/kg soil, however, silver sulphide NPs had no discernible effect. The authors of the reference used functionalized Fe₃O₄ NPs with positive and negative surface charges (carrying an amine and a carboxylic acid, respectively) to study NPs and rhizobia interactions and discovered that positively charged Fe₂O₄ NPs improved nodulation in soybean more than negatively charged Fe₂O₄ NPs. This demonstrates that NP surface coating and modification may affect their toxicity towards mycorrhizas and rhizobia before exposure, and as a result, NP physicochemical characteristics can be changed to achieve acceptable results or avoid unwanted results in NP interactions with rhizobia and mycorrhiza. It was also found that NP size affects interactions between NP and mycorrhiza. Tomato root colonization was reduced when exposed to 2 nm-AgNPs at the same dosage of 12 mg/kg soil but was unaffected when exposed to larger AgNPs of 15 nm. Furthermore, soils spiked with TiO₂ NPs showed significantly higher Ti concentrations in microcosm infiltration than soils spiked with P25 TiO₂ NPs, suggesting that the shape and size of NPs may affect their bioavailability. Further research is needed as our knowledge of how NP size affects the interaction between NPs and rhizobia is currently relatively limited. Chemical modification of NPs may affect rhizobia, as partially or fully transformed NPs may have different potential toxicities than their pure counterparts. The amount of NPs in soil influences the interaction between mycorrhizal fungi and rhizobia. At low concentrations of ZnO NPs, no adverse effects on tomato arbuscular mycorrhizal (AM) colonization in 25 or 400 mg/kg soil or corn plants were observed, whereas higher doses (500–3200 mg/kg soil) prevented maize colonization. In white clover (*Trifolium repens*) root colonization compared too high and low AgNP concentrations.

CONCLUSIONS

There is no denying that scientific breakthroughs in nanotechnology have become very important. However, it has some negative effects on the ecosystem. Abundant production of nanoproducts and leaching and persistence of nanoproducts in soil ecosystems influence beneficial microbes and soil composition. Positive interactions between soils, plants and bacteria are hindered by surface charge, area, size and reactivity. For example, some of them attach to or invade microbial cells and cause significant damage. A comprehensive review of the literature indicates that MNO can have detrimental, beneficial, or neutral effects on soil

microbiota. An extensive literature review indicates that MNO can have negative, neutral and even positive effects on soil microbiota. In order to maintain ecosystem function and resilience, there is a need to intensify the study of the interactions between MNOs and the root symbiosis of these important microorganisms. Safe disposal methods in agro-soil ecosystems are widely used and should be developed to avoid contact with soil microbiota, given the structural and functional ecotoxicity of NPs. In other words, the article should be tailored to its purpose. Carrying out microcosm studies on their basis has yielded many wonderful results and opened new avenues in this field. These studies are of great importance for a complete understanding of this topic and ecosystem conservation.

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