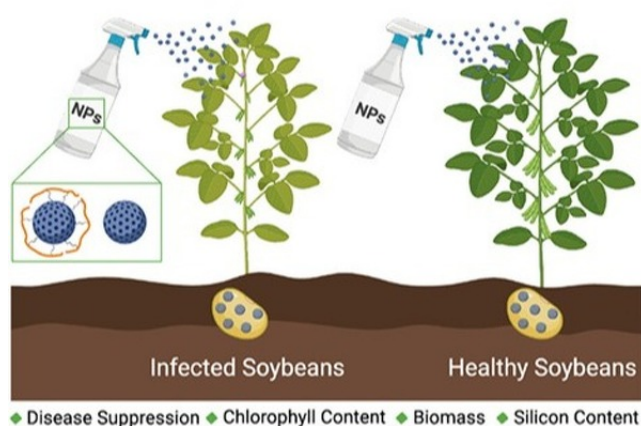




Chitosan-coated mesoporous silica nanoparticles for disease suppression in soybeans

A novel method of applying chitosan-coated silica nanoparticles to soybeans for disease suppression, improved health, and enhanced nutrition.



IP Status: US Patent Pending

Applications

- Disease management
- Crop biofortification

Technology Overview

Sudden Death Syndrome (SDS), caused by *Fusarium virguliforme*, is a major threat to soybean yields, and current management strategies like fungicides and crop rotation have shown limited success. Researchers at the University of Minnesota have developed a novel method for applying chitosan-coated mesoporous silica nanoparticles to soybeans, using either seed or foliar treatments to enhance disease resistance, plant health, and micronutrient content. This nanoparticle-based approach provides an environmentally friendly alternative to conventional treatments while also promoting sustainable agriculture and food security.

Phase of Development

TRL: 5-6

Validated in greenhouse and field trials

Desired Partnerships

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