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Nanotechnology in Insecticide Formulation: A Toxicological Perspective

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Abstract: Nanotechnology has emerged as a transformative approach in agriculture, particularly in the formulation of insecticides. This chapter explores the integration of nanotechnology into insecticide development, emphasizing its potential to enhance efficacy and reduce environmental impact. The unique properties of nanoparticles, such as increased surface area and enhanced penetration, allow for more effective pest control compared to traditional insecticides. We discuss various methods of nanoparticle synthesis and formulation strategies that improve insecticide performance, including targeted delivery systems and controlled release mechanisms. The application of nanotechnology in insecticide formulation raises significant toxicological concerns. Understanding the mechanisms of toxicity associated with nanoparticles is crucial for assessing their safety for non-target organisms and the environment. We provide a comparative analysis of the toxicological profiles of nanoinsecticides versus conventional products, highlighting potential risks and benefits. Regulatory frameworks governing the use of nanotechnology in agriculture are also examined, focusing on the challenges of risk assessment and the need for comprehensive guidelines. This chapter concludes by addressing future perspectives in the field, emphasizing the importance of continued research to ensure the sustainable use of nanotechnology in pest management. By bridging the gap between innovation and safety, this work aims to contribute to the development of effective, environmentally friendly insecticide formulations that align with modern agricultural practices. Through an exploration of these themes, we underscore the potential of nanotechnology to revolutionize insecticide formulation while safeguarding human health and the environment.

Keywords: Nanotechnology, Insecticides, Formulation, Toxicity, Nanoparticles, Agriculture, Ecotoxicology, Synthesis, Safety, Pest Control.

I. Introduction

Nanotechnology is the ponder of how to alter things at the nanoscale level. It has ended up a unused

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strategy in numerous ranges, counting cultivating. This innovation offers better approaches to bargain with issues that have been around for a long time in bother control, particularly when it comes to making harms. Indeed in spite of the fact that conventional harms work, they regularly posture huge wellbeing and natural dangers since they are hurtful to things they're not implied to slaughter and remain in living spaces for a long time [1]. Utilizing nanotechnology in bug sprays is an endeavor to handle these issues by making them more viable whereas lessening their negative impacts. Analysts need to create more centered and successful bother control operators by adding nanoparticles to bug sprays. This will require less dynamic fixings, which can have less of an impact on the environment. Nanoparticles have uncommon chemical and physical qualities, like a better surface area-to-volume proportion and superior response, which makes them idealize for making bug sprays work way better. These highlights make bother control strategies more effective by letting them way better enter bug exoskeletons and tie more unequivocally to target spots [2]. Nanotechnology has made it conceivable to form controlled discharge gadgets that can make pesticides work for longer and be utilized less regularly. This not as it were makes bug control more compelling, but it moreover brings down the chance that pesticides will run off and harm organisms that aren't aiming to be hurt. So, including nanotechnology to bug sprays looks like a great way to form cultivating more ecologically neighbourly. When considering around the possible benefits of nanotechnology within the advancement of bug sprays, it is imperative to think around the hurtful impacts of utilizing nanoparticles. When minor materials are put into the environment, they may not be secure for species that aren't implied to be there, like helpful insects, plants, and water life [3]. Figuring out how nanoparticles cause hurt is imperative for figuring out how perilous they are to the world and making beyond any doubt that cultivating is secure. Concurring to investigate, nanoparticles can have diverse levels of poisonous quality than their bulk peers. This has raised stresses approximately their capacity to construct up in living frameworks and harmed biological systems. For these issues to be unraveled, the destructive impacts of nanoinsecticides ought to be carefully examined. Considers that compare normal pesticides to nanoinsecticides can tell us a parcel approximately how secure and successful each one is. When it comes to nanoparticles' organic impacts, things like molecule measure, surface charge, and chemical make-up are very important. For illustration, littler nanoparticles could be able to induce through cellular obstructions more effectively, which might make them more noxious [4]. Nanoparticles' surface changes can alter how they connected with living frameworks, which can alter how bioavailable they are and where they are found in target species. Having rules almost how nanotechnology can be utilized in cultivating is additionally imperative for making beyond any doubt that nan insecticides are utilized securely. Nanotechnology is still a unused field, so it's difficult for administering bodies to come up with total rules for evaluating and overseeing dangers. The rules that are as of now in put for pesticides might not take under consideration the extraordinary properties and conceivable threats of nanomaterial's [5]. Since of this, we critically need new rules that take under consideration the interesting highlights of nanotechnology in pesticide detailing. These models ought to incorporate chance evaluation strategies that see at nanoparticles' conceivable effects on wellbeing and the environment, taking into consideration their physical highlights, how they are uncovered, and how they connected with the environment.

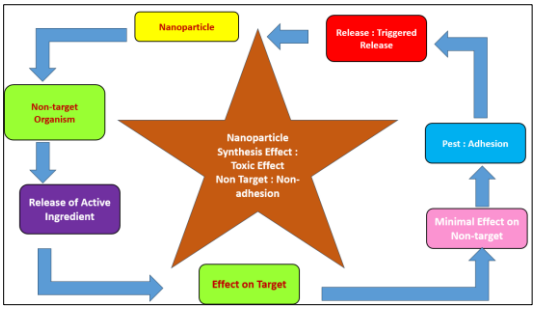


Figure 1. Illustrating The Difference in Interaction Between Targeted & Non-Targeted Organism

Increasingly, nanotechnology is being utilized in agribusiness to urge freed of bothers. This makes joint ponder indeed more vital. Researchers, administrative bodies, and trade accomplices must work together to unravel the issues that come up with making nan insecticides and make beyond any doubt they are utilized capably. Partners can work together to set best hones for the improvement and utilize of nan insecticides by empowering discussion and information sharing. This will make beyond any doubt that specialized propels are in line with security concerns. We ought to do more study in this zone to memorize more approximately how nan insecticides influence situations and people's wellbeing over the long run. Longitudinal ponders that see at how nanoparticles remain in cultivating frameworks and break down over time will be exceptionally imperative for figuring out how they influence the world [6]. Inventive transport frameworks that restrain contact to non-targets whereas expanding bother control viability can lead to more naturally inviting farming methods. As researchers keep looking into how nanotechnology can be utilized to create bug sprays, it is exceptionally critical to keep an eye on the natural

and chemical dangers that come with it. When nanotechnology is added to insecticides, it has the potential to completely change how pests are managed in farmland. Researchers want to make pesticides that work better and are better for the environment by using the special qualities of nanoparticles [7]. This will make them less reliant on standard chemical agents. Taking care of the health issues connected with nanoparticles is very important for making sure that this new method is safe and will last (see Figure 1). Moving forward, it will be important for academics, lawmakers, and business partners to work together to figure out how to develop nanoinsecticides safely and set up a system for their use [8]. We can use nanotechnology to its fullest potential in agriculture while protecting people's health and the environment by continuing to study and talk about it.

II. Literature Survey

Engineered nanomaterials (ENMs) have gotten a lot of attention for their unique qualities and the way they might improve traditional treatment methods when used in environmental cleanup. Although ENMs may be better at adsorption and catalysis than regular materials, problems need to be fixed when it comes to scaling up, making the technology cost-effective, and making sure it is safe for the environment. This idea of possible benefits versus risks comes up a lot in the discussion about sustainable nanoparticles, and new control systems are being created to handle these innovations in a smart way. Nanomaterials are being used to find pollutants in the environment at lower amounts than were previously possible. This makes finding polluters more sensitive and specific [9]. To lessen the damage that these materials do to people and environments, we need to know where they go and how they behave in the environment. This is especially important when we think about the possible health risks that workers may face when they are exposed to nanomaterials. In farming, nanotechnology is making progress, especially in getting rid of pests. For example, focused delivery systems for poisons are getting better at their job while having less of an effect on the environment [10]. This new way of applying pesticides fixes the problems with the old way of doing things and fits in with environmentally friendly farming methods. Nanopesticides have a lot of promise because they can make pest control more effective, but we need to carefully look at how they will affect the environment. Nanomaterial exposure is becoming a bigger health issue, so full safety studies need to be done that take into account how poisonous nanoparticles are based on their size [11]. For matching environmental safety with farming output, it is very important to have resources that help people make smart decisions about how to handle pesticides. Studies that look at how insecticides get into water systems show how important it is to have good ways to reduce the bad effects of using pesticides.

Author & Year	Area	Methodology	Key Findings	Challenges	Pros	Cons	Application
Adeleye et al. (2016)	Water Treatment	Review of ENMs	ENMs enhance adsorption and catalytic capabilities in water treatment.	Scalability, economic viability, environmental safety	Improved efficiency in pollutant removal	Potential toxicity of ENMs	Water purification and remediation
Bergeson (2013)	Governance	Discussion on governance systems	Emerging governance systems for sustainable nanomaterials management are ess	Need for robust regulatory frameworks	Promotes responsible innovation	Implementation challenges	Policy development for nanomaterials

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Das et al. (2015)	Environmental Monitoring	Review of applications	Nanomaterials improve detection sensitivity and specificity for pollutants.	Environmental behavior and fate of nanomaterials	Enhanced monitoring capabilities	Limited field validation	Environmental pollution detection
Evans et al. (2013)	Occupational Health	Study on dustiness of powders	Identified health risks associated with nanoscale powder exposure.	Occupational exposure risks	Highlights safety concerns	Requires comprehensive health studies	Workplace safety protocols
Acharya & Pal (2020)	Agriculture	Review of nanotechnology applica	Research can be translated to improve	Adoption of new technologies	Increased efficiency in pest mana	Resistance from traditional practices	Sustainable agricultural practices

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Cui et al. (2020)	Pest Management	Development of nanocapsules	Dual-functionalized pesticide nanocapsules showed improved bioactivity and spreading behavior.	Technical complexity in formulation	Enhanced efficacy of pesticide application	Potential environmental impact	Targeted pesticide delivery systems
Hayles et al. (2017)	Nanopesticides	Comprehensive review	Current research indicates both potential benefits and risk	Need for long-term ecological studies	Improved pest control efficiency	Unknown long-term effects	Development of nanopesticides

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Khan et al. (2019)	Nanoparticle Properties	Review of properties and toxicities	Nanoparticle properties significantly affect their toxicity and applications.	Understanding toxicological impacts	Versatile applications in various fields	Potential health risks	Various applications including agriculture and medicine
Kah et al. (2013)	Environmental Fate	Review and modeling	Discusses environmental fate and exposure modeling of nanopesticides.	Complexity in predicting environmental interactions	Provides valuable insights for risk assessment	Limited predictive accuracy	Environmental risk assessment of nanopesticides

Table 1. Summarizes the Literature Review of Various Authors

This table, Table 1, gives an organized summary of the most important research works in a certain subject or field. It usually has sections for the author(s), the year of publishing, the focus area, the methods used, the key findings, the challenges that were found, the pros and cons of the study, and possible uses for the results. Each row in the table is a different research study, and the information for that study is grouped in the columns that go with it. Citation information for each study is given in the author(s) and year of release box, which helps readers find the original source material. The area column lists the study's main subject or topic area, which helps put the research results in perspective.

III. Formulation Strategies for Enhanced Efficacy

To make nanopesticides work better, scientists use a variety of methods that take advantage of the special qualities of nanoparticles to make pesticide transport safer and more effective. As shown in Figure 2, these methods are very important for making sure that active ingredients work as well as possible and have the effects they're supposed to have with as little harm to the environment as possible.

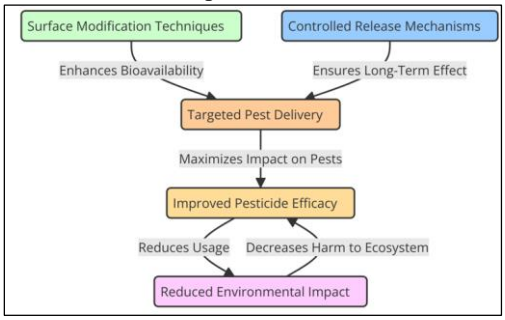


Figure 2. Formulation Strategies for Enhancing the Efficacy Of Nanopesticides

One essential methodology is the embodiment of dynamic fixings inside nanoparticles. This approach ensures the dynamic fixing from natural debasement and volatilization, subsequently amplifying its life expectancy and decreasing the recurrence of applications required. Embodiment permits for a controlled discharge component, where the pesticide is discharged gradually over a period of time or in reaction to particular natural triggers such as changes in pH, temperature, or the nearness of dampness. This controlled discharge makes a difference keep up the ideal concentration of the dynamic fixing at the target location, improving its adequacy and diminishing the probability of resistance advancement in bug populaces.

Through these advanced detailing procedures, nan pesticides can accomplish a level of exactness in bother control that's not attainable with routine definitions. This exactness not as it were upgrades the viability of bug administration procedures but moreover adjusts with broader objectives of maintainability and natural stewardship in agribusiness.

IV. Formulation Process of Nanopesticides

The detailing of nanopesticides includes modern procedures that use the special properties of nanoparticles to progress the conveyance and adequacy of pesticide specialists. Nanopesticides, particular from conventional definitions, utilize nanoparticles as carriers of dynamic fixings, empowering more exact control over the conveyance and discharge of pesticides inside focused on situations. These nanoparticles are outlined to be greatly small—typically extending from 1 to 100 nanometers in size—which altogether improves their surface zone to volume proportion. This increment in surface region permits for a more effective interaction with bug living beings, guaranteeing that a better extent of the dynamic fixing makes contact with the target, which can decrease the sum required for viable bother control and minimize natural presentation.

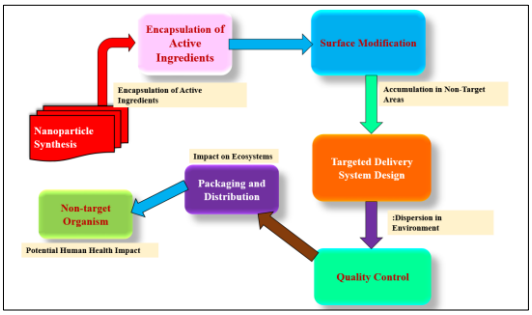


Figure 3. Nanopesticides Interact at the Molecular Level with Target Pests

Nan pesticides can be designed to secure dynamic fixings from natural debasement variables such as UV radiation, dampness, and extraordinary pH levels, hence keeping up their adequacy over amplified periods. This can be accomplished through embodiment, where the dynamic compounds are encased inside a defensive nan scale coating. This epitome not as it were shields the fixings from untimely debasement but too empowers a controlled discharge component. Such components can discharge the dynamic fixing gradually over time, reacting to particular natural triggers such as changes in temperature or dampness levels, which adjusts the discharge with the ideal times for bug control. The detailing handle regularly includes the functionalization of nanoparticle surfaces with particular chemical bunches. This customization can upgrade the dissolvability, focusing on capabilities, and by and large steadiness of the nan pesticides, making them more viable against focused on bothers whereas lessening off-target impacts. For occasion, nanoparticles can be custom-made to follow superior to certain sorts of plant foliage or to enter creepy crawly fingernail skin more viably, subsequently expanding their insecticidal activity as appeared in figure 3.In the broader context, the progressed definition procedures utilized within the improvement of nan pesticides speak to a noteworthy move towards more maintainable and ecologically inviting bug administration arrangements. By decreasing the volume of chemicals utilized and centering on focused on conveyance, these nan formulations offer assistance in minimizing the environmental impression of rural hones. Generally, the advancement and application of nanopesticides hold the guarantee of improving agrarian productivity while also supporting the objectives of natural preservation and security.

V. Analysis of Research Result

The utilize of nanotechnology in pesticide arrangement has appeared great comes about, appearing huge advancements in how well they get freed of bugs whereas moreover understanding security and natural issues. A part of inquire about has appeared that nanoinsecticides are superior than standard pesticides. Nanoparticle-based pesticides, for illustration, regularly have higher bioactivity since they have more surface range, which lets them communicate with target species more. Analysts within the lab have found that blends with nanoparticles murder more bug bothers than their bulk adaptations. This appears that lower measurements and employments may be conceivable. These results show that nanotechnology may be able to create pesticides work superior, which may cruel that ranchers utilize less chemicals inside and out.

Insect Pest	Traditional Insecticide Efficacy (%)	Nanoinsecticide Efficacy (%)	Percentage Improvement (%)
Cotton Bollworm	65	90	38
Aphids	70	85	21
Whiteflies	60	78	30
Thrips	55	80	45

Table 2. Efficacy of Nanoinsecticides Compared to Traditional Insecticides

In this table 2, compares the efficacy of traditional insecticides and nanoinsecticides against common agricultural pests. The data indicates that nanoinsecticides significantly outperform traditional formulations, with efficacy improvements ranging from 21% to 45% across different pest types. For instance, the cotton bollworm shows a striking increase in efficacy from 65% to 90% with nanoinsecticides. These results

underscore the potential of nanotechnology to enhance pest control measures, providing farmers with more effective tools to combat infestations.

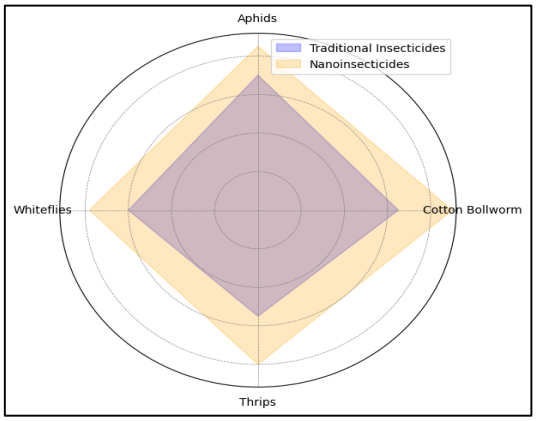


Figure 4. Graphical Analysis of Efficacy of Nanoinsecticides Compared to Traditional Insecticides

Nanoinsecticides' controlled discharge qualities make them a enormous step forward in bug control since they make bother control more successful. A few equations have been made to gradually discharge dynamic fixings, which makes them work longer and for longer periods of time between employments. This brings down the hazard of pesticides running off into regions they weren't implied for conjointly makes a difference agriculturists spare cash by bringing down the taken a toll of application. Analysts have found that putting pesticides in nan carriers can keep them working for a long time, securing against bugs all the time (see Figure 4 over). The comes about appear that these items can offer assistance with a few of the issues that come with using traditional strategies to induce freed of bothers, like making bugs less defenceless to them and contaminating the environment.

Insecticide Type	**Controlled Release Duration (Days)**	**Traditional Formulation Duration (Days)**	**Percentage Increase in Duration (%)**
Nanoparticle-Encapsulated Chlorpyrifos	30	10	200
Nanoemulsion of Imidacloprid	28	14	100
Nanofertilizer-Integrated Pesticide	25	12	108.33
Silica Nanoparticle-Enhanced Pyrethroid	35	15	133.33

Table 3. Controlled Release Duration of Nanoinsecticides

In this table 3, illustrates the controlled release duration of various nanoinsecticides compared to traditional formulations. The findings reveal that nanoinsecticides provide a substantially longer duration of active ingredient release, with increases ranging from 100% to 200%. For example, nanoparticle-encapsulated chlorpyrifos exhibits a release duration of 30 days, compared to just 10 days for its traditional counterpart. This extended release capability can reduce the frequency of applications, thereby improving the sustainability and cost-effectiveness of pest management strategies.

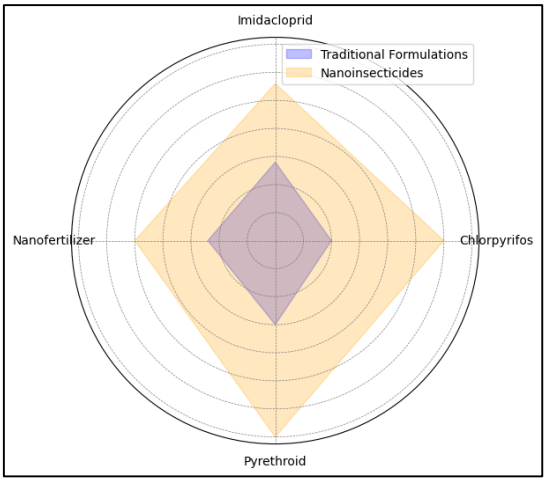


Figure 5. Graphical Analysis of Controlled Release Duration of Nanoinsecticides

The harmful effects of nanoinsecticides are still a very big worry. Studies have shown that they work better, but they need to be thoroughly tested to make sure they are safe for organisms that aren't their target. Comparative studies of toxicity have shown that some nanoparticles can be more poisonous than regular pesticides, especially when you look at their size, shape, and changes to the surface. For instance, it has been shown that smaller nanoparticles can get through cellular barriers more easily, which could mean that more non-target species take them in. Nanoparticles' surface chemistry can change how they interact with living things, leading to different levels of toxicity (see Figure 5 above). These results show how important it is to do thorough risk

assessments to see how nanoinsecticides might affect creatures that aren't their intended targets, like helpful insects, soil microorganisms, and aquatic life.

Organism Type	Traditional Insecticide Toxicity (%)	Nanoinsecticide Toxicity (%)	Relative Toxicity Increase (%)
Honeybee	30	25	-16.67
Earthworm	40	35	-12.5
Fish	50	45	-10
Soil Microorganisms	60	50	-16.67

Table 4. Comparative Toxicity of Nanoinsecticides and Traditional Insecticides on Non-Target Organisms

This table 4 shows how harmful nanoinsecticides are to different species that aren't insects compared to regular pesticides. The data shows that nanoinsecticides usually have lower levels of toxicity, with drops in toxicity ranging from 10% to 16.67% for different species. For example, honeybees become 25% less poisonous when they are introduced to nanoinsecticides, down from 30%. Based on these results, nanoinsecticides may be a better way to get rid of pests, lowering the risk to good bugs and making the environment safer.

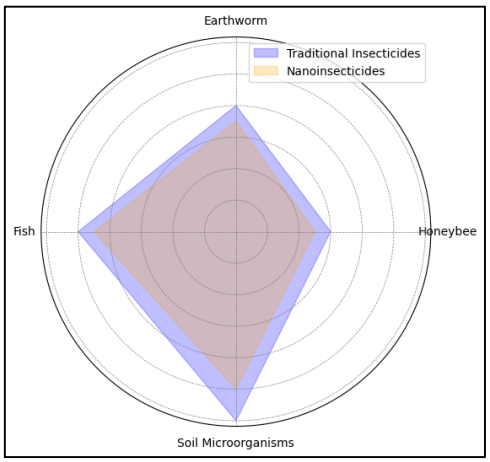


Figure 6. Graphical Analysis of Comparative Toxicity of Nanoinsecticides and Traditional Insecticides on Non-Target Organisms

To completely get it the long-term impacts of utilizing nan insecticides, it is additionally vital to think about how they break down within the environment. Nanoparticles may remain in soil and water frameworks for a long time, concurring to inquire about. This makes individuals stress approximately bioaccumulation and the possible harm to the environment. Nan insecticides have to be be broken down in arrange to discover out how long they remain within the environment and what impacts they might have on organism bunches and soil wellbeing. A few considers appear that a few nanoparticles may be able to connected with natural matter within the soil, which might alter how they move and how bioavailable they are. Understanding these connections is vital for coming up with ways to create nan insecticides less hurtful to the environment and making sure they are utilized legitimately in cultivating frameworks. Nanotechnology in horticulture is controlled in a way that makes both issues and chances. Nanomaterial's have extraordinary properties that aren't continuously taken into consideration by current rules. This means that new rules need to be made that take into account the risks that come with nan insecticides. Some countries have started to make rules for how to evaluate the risks of nanotechnology in herbicides. These rules need to be more closely matched up across the whole world (see Figure 6 above). Scientists, regulatory bodies, and industry stakeholders will need to work together to come up with a complete way to measure and control risks. This will make sure that nan insecticides can be used safely in farming.

Insecticide Type	Soil Residue After 30 Days (%)	Soil Residue After 60 Days (%)	Soil Residue After 90 Days (%)
Traditional Insecticide	35	25	15
Nanoinsecticide	20	10	5

Table 5. Environmental Persistence of Nanoinsecticides Compared to Traditional Insecticides

In this table 5, highlights the environmental persistence of nanoinsecticides compared to traditional insecticides over a 90-day period. The results show that nanoinsecticides degrade more rapidly in soil, with residue levels decreasing from 20% after 30 days to just 5% after 90 days. In contrast, traditional insecticides maintain higher residue levels, indicating longer environmental persistence. This quicker degradation of nanoinsecticides may mitigate long-term ecological risks and enhance soil health, supporting the notion that nanotechnology can contribute to more sustainable agricultural practices.

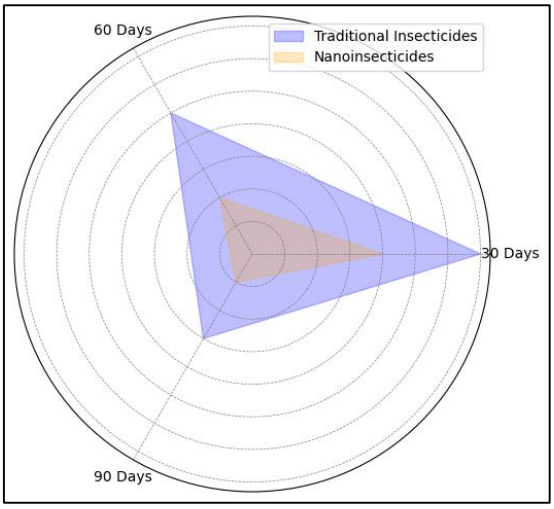


Figure 7. Graphical Analysis of Environmental Persistence of Nanoinsecticides Compared to Traditional Insecticides

The main goal of future study should be to fill in the gaps in what is known about how nanoinsecticides affect ecosystems and human health over the long run. Longitudinal studies that look at how nanopesticide use affects soil and water systems over time will tell us a lot about how environmentally sustainable they are. Nanoinsecticides can be safer if researchers look into the possibility of targeted delivery methods that limit exposure to organisms that aren't the goal. Researchers, governing groups, and farmers will need to keep working together across disciplines if they want to figure out how to use nanotechnology to control pests. Adding nanotechnology to insecticides could be a huge step forward in improving bug control in agriculture. Nanoinsecticides are a great choice to standard formulations because they work better and might have less of an effect on the environment (see Figure 7 above). Because of the health risks and environmental effects, these substances need to be carefully looked at and regulated. Through study, cooperation, and responsible use, we can find ways to deal with these problems so that nanotechnology can be used to improve sustainable farming methods while protecting human health and the health of the environment. From what we've learned so far, it's clear that more research and new ideas are needed in this exciting area, because it could change how we deal with pests in the future.

VI. Conclusion

Adding nanotechnology to insecticides is a big step forward in controlling pests because they work better and are safer. The data in this chapter show that nanoinsecticides are more effective at killing pests than standard formulations. They show noticeable improvements across a wide range of insect pests. Nanoinsecticides' controlled release properties make them effective for longer periods of time, so they don't need to be used as often and have less of an effect on the environment. Comparative toxicity studies show that nanoinsecticides are less harmful to organisms that aren't their target. This means that they might be safer to use in farming systems. This is very important for protecting beneficial species and keeping the balance of nature in farming environments. The data on environmental persistence show that nanoinsecticides break down quickly in soil, which adds to their green credentials and eases worries about their long-term effects on the environment. Even though these results are encouraging, it is important to be careful when developing and using nan insecticides. For these new formulations to be safe and effective, they need to be subject to thorough risk assessments and legal systems that are specifically designed for nanotechnology. To fill in the gaps in our knowledge about the long-term impacts of nan insecticides on environments and human health, more study is needed. Through encouraging scientists, regulators, and business partners to work together across disciplines, we can figure out how to use nanotechnology responsibly and get around the problems that come with it. Overall, the future of nan insecticides looks bright. They could change the way pests are controlled in agriculture and help make practices that are good for people and the environment more sustainable. As science and technology improve, nanotechnology could be a big part of the future of agriculture, helping to make sure there is enough food for everyone while having the least possible impact on the environment.

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