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SYNTHESIS OF COBALT AND IRON OXIDE NANOPARTICLES & WHAT'S IN OUR WATER AND WHERE DID IT COME FROM?

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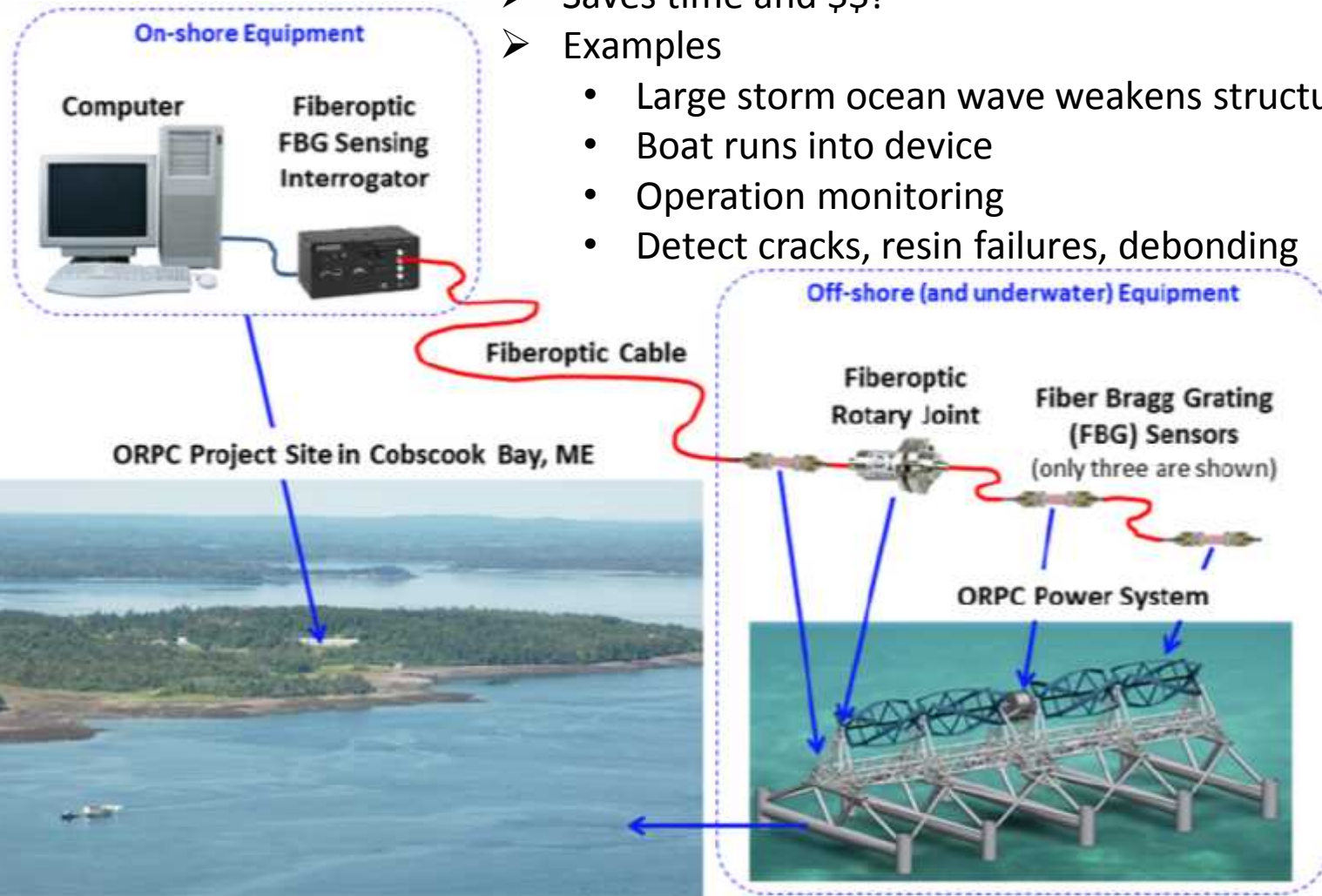
Marine Hydrokinetic Technology (MHK) Project

- Converts the energy of waves, tides, and river and ocean currents into electricity
- Some equipment also desalinates ocean water (Wave2O™ by Resolute Marine Energy, Inc.)



Structural Health Monitoring of MHK Composite Materials

- Remote detection of flaws/damage done to underwater structure
- Saves time and \$\$!
- Examples
 - Large storm ocean wave weakens structure
 - Boat runs into device
 - Operation monitoring
 - Detect cracks, resin failures, debonding



Developing Novel Fiber Composite Sensors for Structural Health Monitoring

Current Strain Gauge Sensors
Based on fiber optics



Micron Optics, Inc.
os1100 uncoated/recoated
~150 μ m diameter



Figure 2 – Section of an ORPC-supplied foil, from which coupon substrates were cut.



Figure 3 – Cross-section of the ORPC-supplied foil showing the laminate layup.

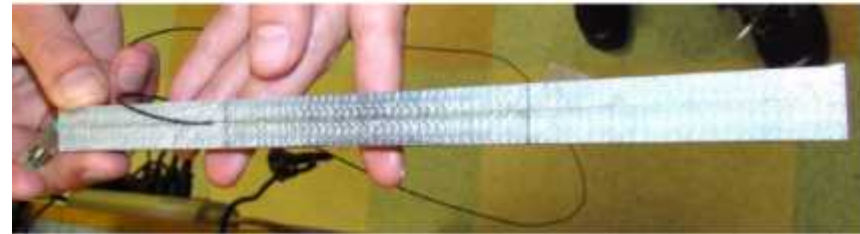


Figure 4 – Test specimen with a mounted MOI bare FBG sensor.



Problems with these sensors:

- Large fibers
- One time use
- Can act as a defect site

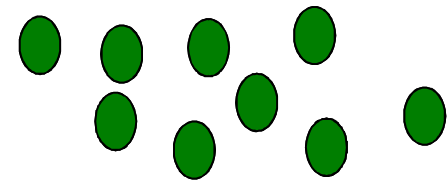
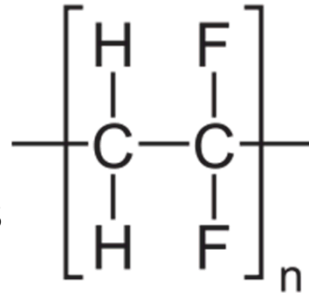
Project Goal:

To develop novel structural health sensors

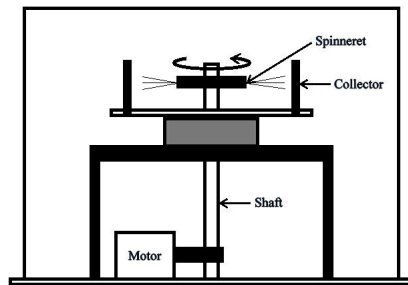
PVDF= Polyvinylidene fluoride

Piezoelectric polymer

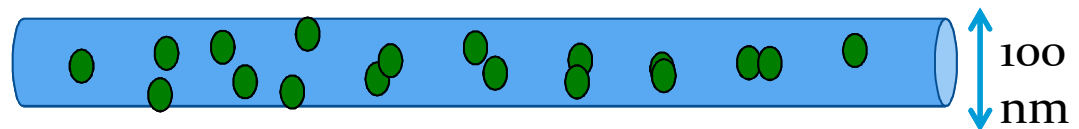
Produces charge with mechanical stress



Magnetic Nanoparticles
 Co_3O_4 or Fe_2O_3 (5-10 nm)



Force Spun Fiber Sensor



Combined polymer & Nanoparticles will be force spun into fibers that can be embedded into composite layup

To develop **cobalt oxide and iron oxide nanoparticles** to be used in non-destructive health monitoring of MHK technology

Periodic Table of the Elements

1 IA H	2 IIA He																	13 IIIA B	14 IVA C	15 VA N	16 VIA O	17 VIIA F	18 VIIIA Ne
3 Li	4 Be																	5 Al	6 Si	7 P	8 S	9 Cl	10 Ar
11 Na	12 Mg	3 IIIV Sc	4 IVB Ti	5 VB V	6 VIB Cr	7 VIIB Mn	8 Fe	9 VII Co	10 Ni	11 IB Cu	12 IIB Zn	13 Ga	14 Ge	15 As	16 Se	17 Br	18 Kr						
19 K	20 Ca	21 Sc	22 Ti	23 V	24 Cr	25 Mn	26 Fe	27 Co	28 Ni	29 Cu	30 Zn	31 Ga	32 Ge	33 As	34 Se	35 Br	36 Kr						
37 Rb	38 Sr	39 Y	40 Zr	41 Nb	42 Mo	43 Tc	44 Ru	45 Rh	46 Pd	47 Ag	48 Cd	49 In	50 Sn	51 Sb	52 Te	53 I	54 Xe						
55 Cs	56 Ba	57-71 Lanthanides	72 Hf	73 Ta	74 W	75 Re	76 Os	77 Ir	78 Pt	79 Au	80 Hg	81 Tl	82 Pb	83 Bi	84 Po	85 At	86 Rn						
87 Fr	88 Ra	89-103 Actinides	104 Rf	105 Db	106 Sg	107 Bh	108 Hs	109 Mt	110 Ds	111 Rg	112 Cn	113 Uut	114 Fl	115 Uup	116 Lv	117 Uus	118 Uuo						
6 7 La	Ce	Pr	Nd	Pm	Sm	Eu	Gd	Tb	Dy	Ho	Er	Tm	Yb	Lu	6								
Ac	Th	Pa	U	Np	Pu	Am	Cm	Bk	Cf	Es	Fm	Md	No	Lr	7								

Alkali Metals

Alkali Earth Metals

Transition Metals

Other Metals

Metalloids

Other Non Metals

Halogens

Noble Gases

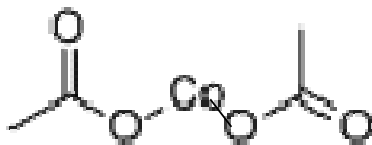
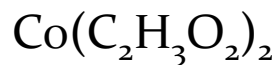
Lanthanides & Actinides

Precursors and Solvents

Precursors:

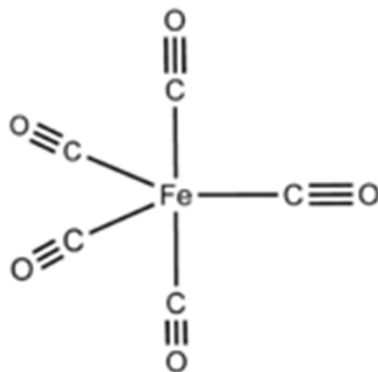
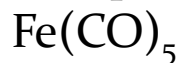
Reactions 1 & 2:

Cobalt acetate



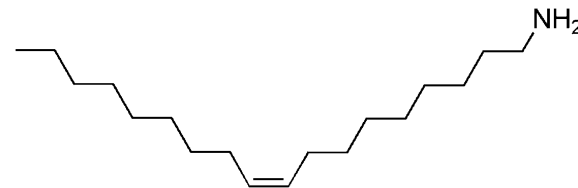
Reaction 3:

Iron pentacarbonyl

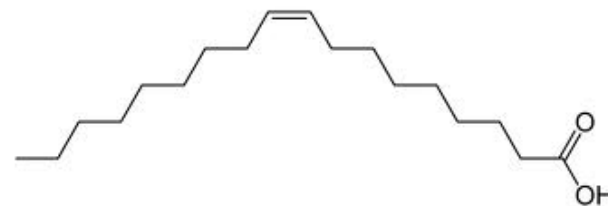


Solvents:

Oleylamine (Oly)



Oleic Acid (OA)



Dioctyl ether (DOE)



Materials and Procedures Used

Solution Precipitation Reaction Experimental Setup

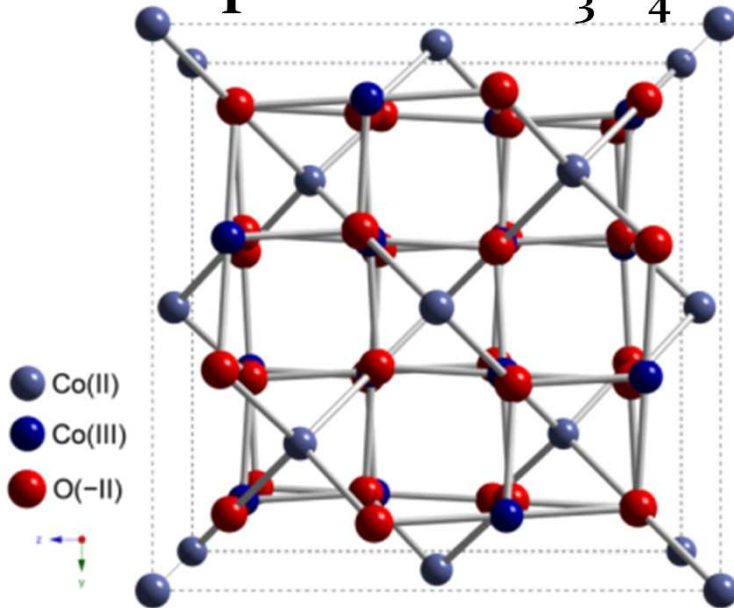
- Precursors and solvents heated, decomposition of precursor occurs
- Used to synthesize nanoparticles



X-Ray Diffraction (XRD)

- Used to characterize (identify) product

Crystal structure of desired product: Co_3O_4



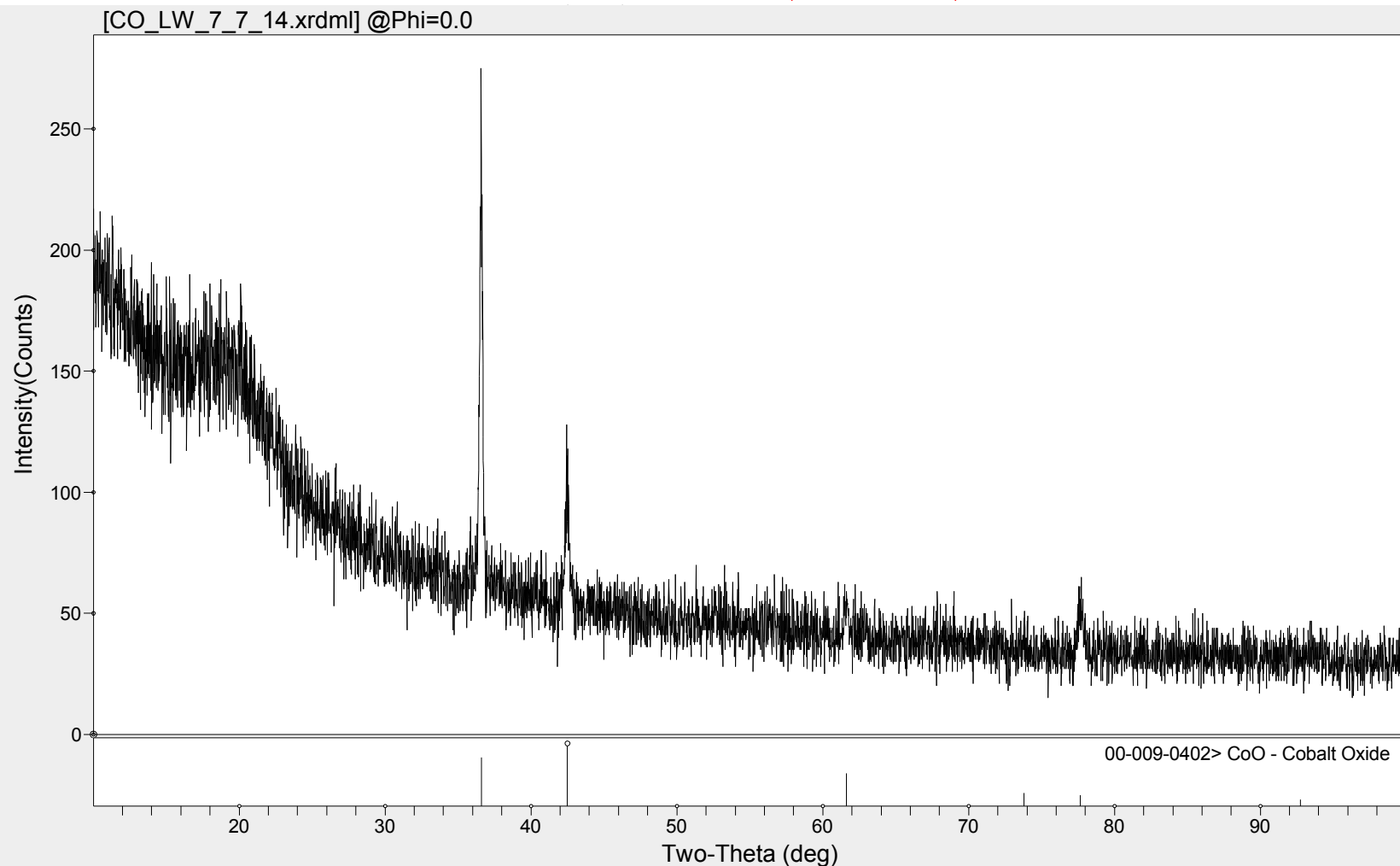
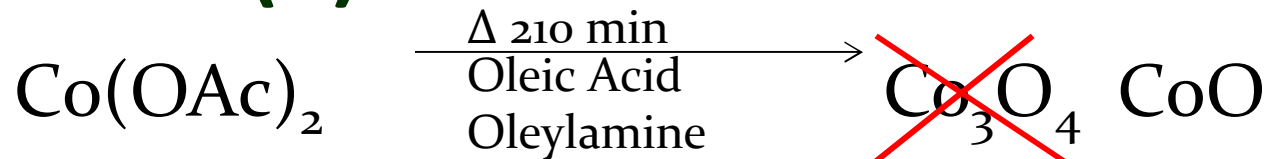
Summary: Cobalt and Iron Oxides Nanoparticle Synthesis

via Solution Precipitation Reaction

Reaction	Precursor	Solvents	Heat	Product
1	$\text{Co}(\text{C}_2\text{H}_3\text{O}_2)_2$	OA, Oly, DOE	210 min @ $\sim 290^\circ\text{C}$	CoO
2	$\text{Co}(\text{C}_2\text{H}_3\text{O}_2)_2$	OA, Oly, DOE	210 min @ $\sim 290^\circ\text{C}$, 60 min @ 100°C 60 min @ $\sim 282^\circ\text{C}$ Calcinated	Co_3O_4
3	$\text{Fe}(\text{CO})_5$	OA, Oly, DOE	120 min @ $\sim 300^\circ\text{C}$	Fe_2O_3

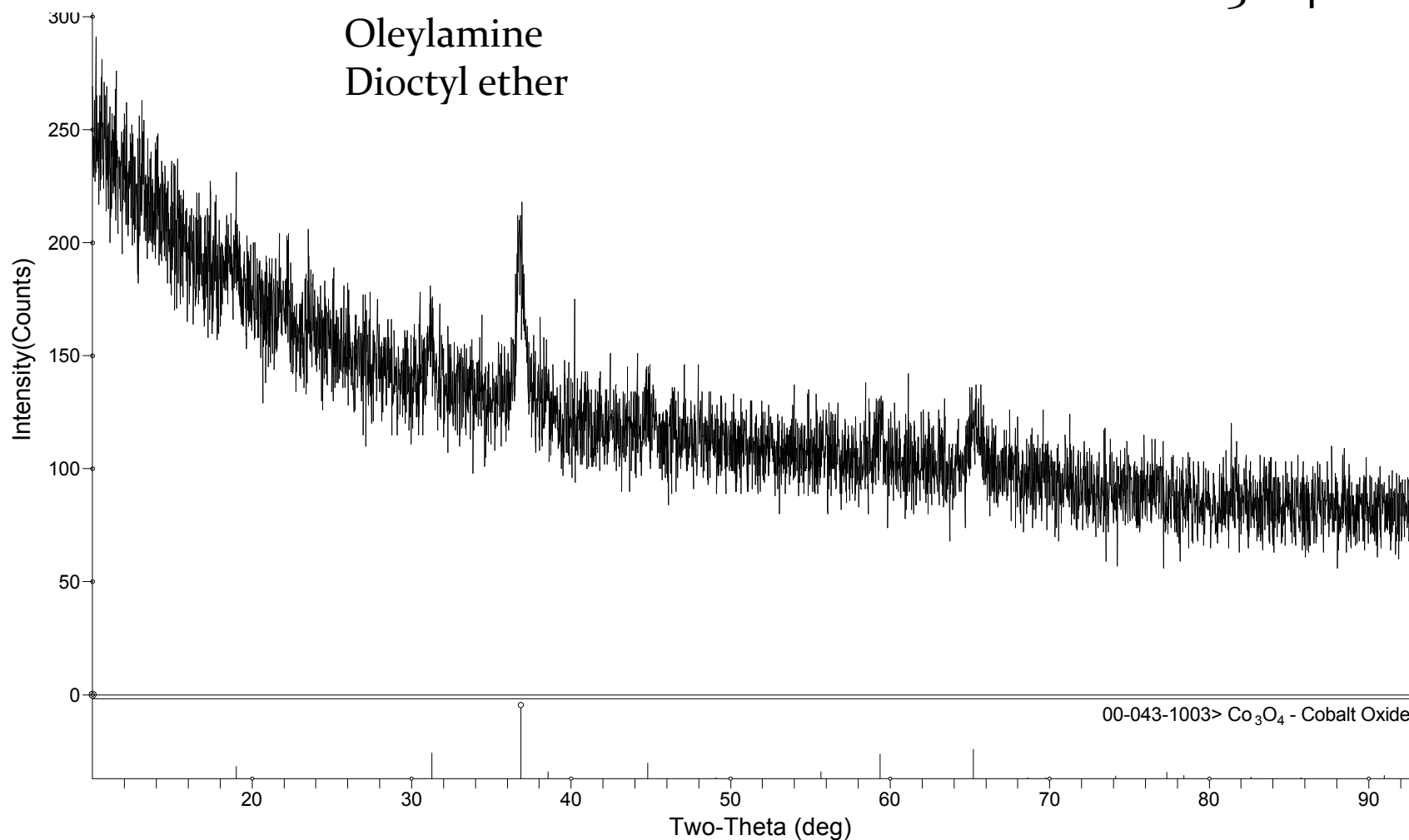
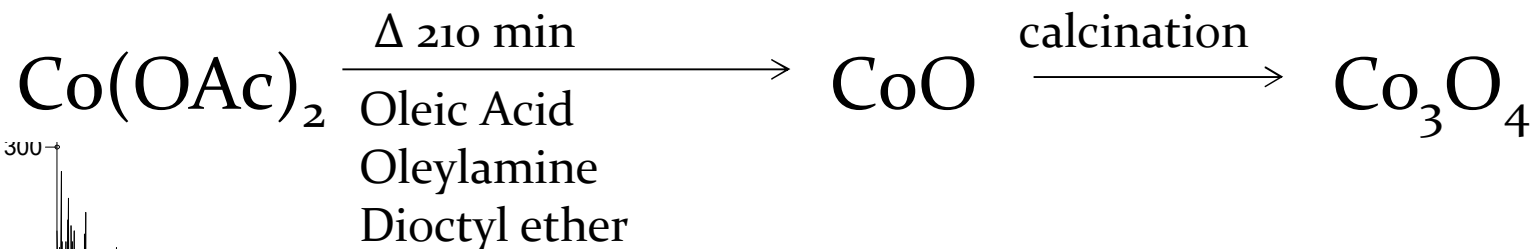
REACTION 1:

COBALT (II) OXIDE NANOPARTICLE SYNTHESIS



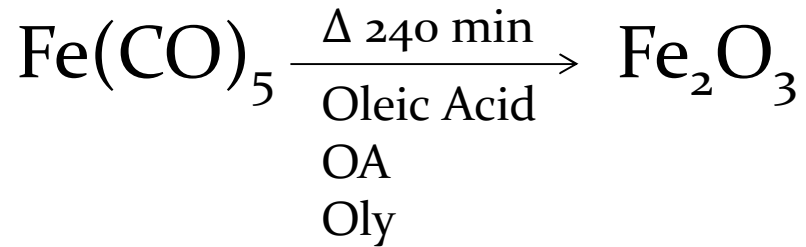
REACTION 2:

COBALT (II, III) OXIDE NANOPARTICLE SYNTHESIS

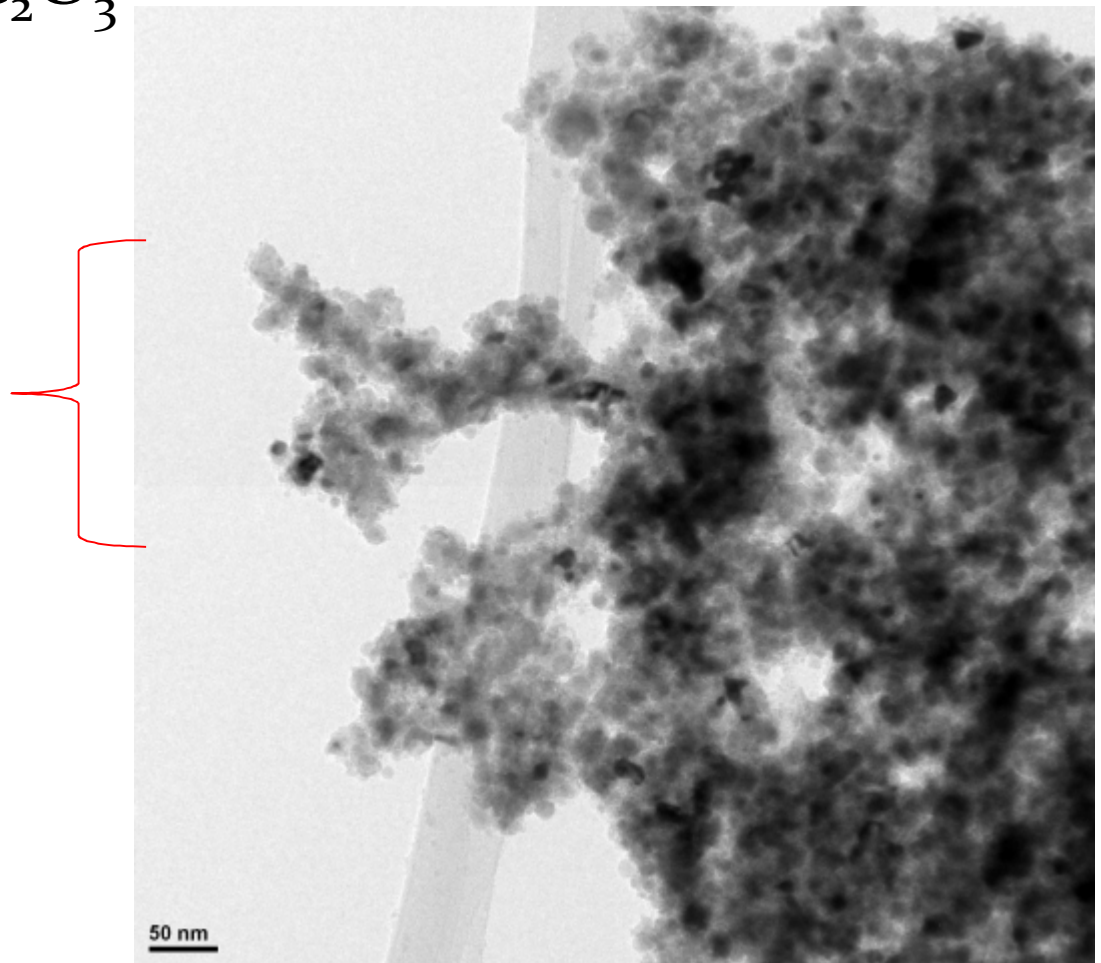


REACTION 3:

IRON (III) OXIDE NANOPARTICLE SYNTHESIS



TEM image:
Aggregated iron
oxide nanoparticles
(5-10 nm)





Taking it to nex+Gen Academy:

**What's in our water, and
where did it come from?**

What's in our water?

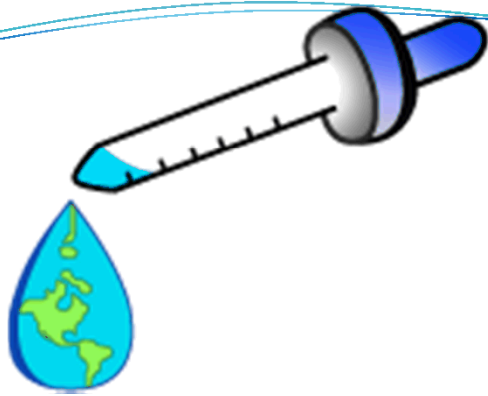


Students will sample and analyze water from our local river and irrigation ditches



Students will participate in the BEMP Stormwater Science program

- goal of this program is to help students understand that the health of the Rio Grande is directly tied to the health of the surrounding watershed and arroyos



The Global Water Sampling Project

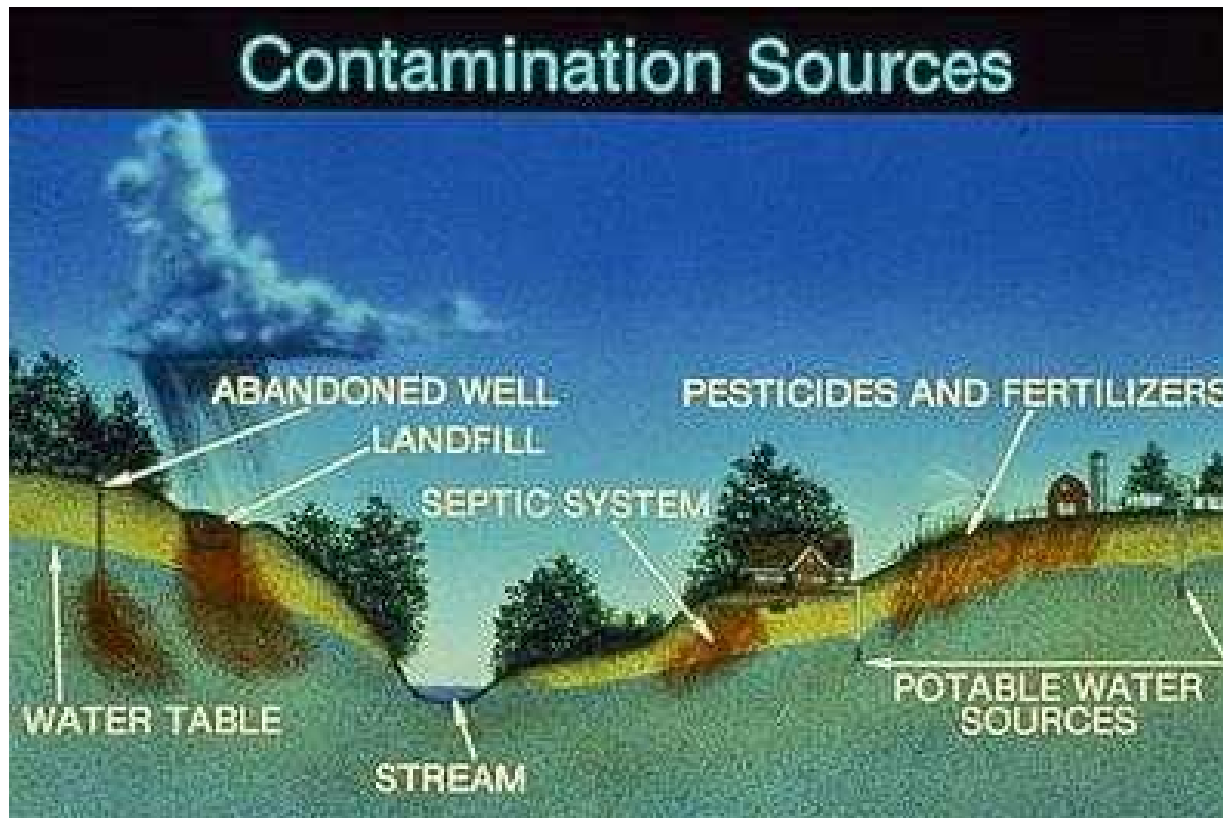
An Investigation of Water Quality

- Data will be collected, analyzed and shared with the **Global Water Sampling Project**
- International collaborative project sponsored by CIESE, The Center for Innovation in Engineering & Science Education at Stevens Institute of Technology.

...and where did it come from?

Then, students conduct research to find out the sources of and regulations on water contaminants.

➤ Deliverable:
Lab Report



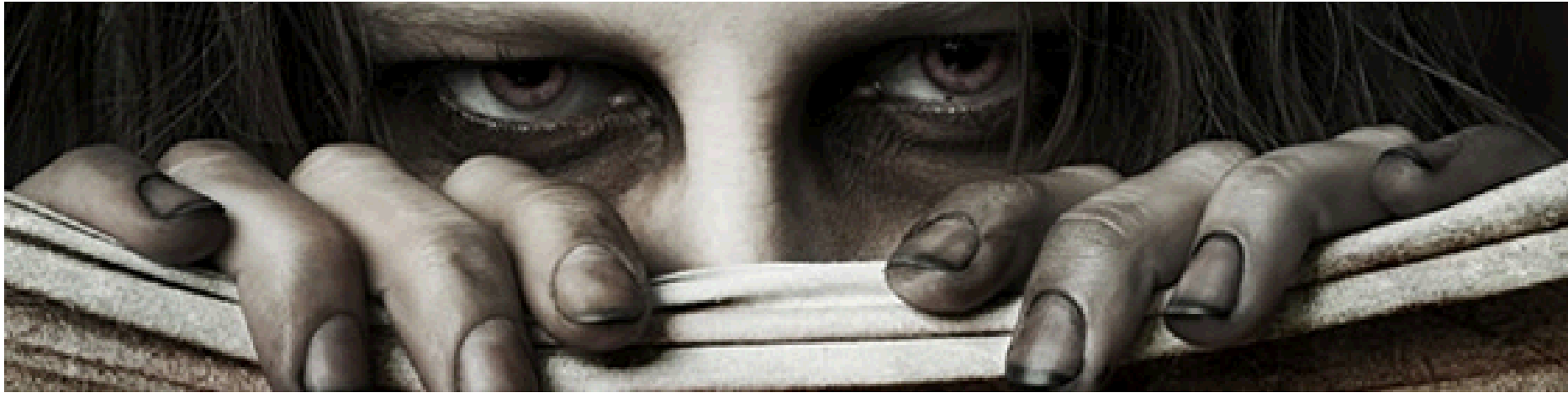
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Skills & Chemistry Concepts Students Will Learn

- Process Skills:
 - Conduct experiment
 - Analyze and interpret results
 - Convey results of investigations
- Concepts:
 - Physical and chemical properties of water
 - High melting & boiling points, high specific heat
 - Polarity, adhesion, cohesion
 - Hydrophilic / hydrophobic / superhydrophobic

PROJECT TWIST: Zombie apocalypse

Students develop a water purification system



- Water treatment plant is no longer functioning
- How can we produce clean water without the use of electricity?
- Deliverable: Lab report, presentation of prototype

Skills & Chemistry Concepts Students Will Learn

- Process skills:

- Design and conduct experiment
- Analyze and interpret results
- Convey results of investigations

- Concepts:

- Physical & chemical separation of mixtures
- Types of chemical reactions



Questions?

