

VL „Nanoparticle in the environment“ (Introduction)

Importance, Classification, Properties

Distribution in air and water

Aggregation

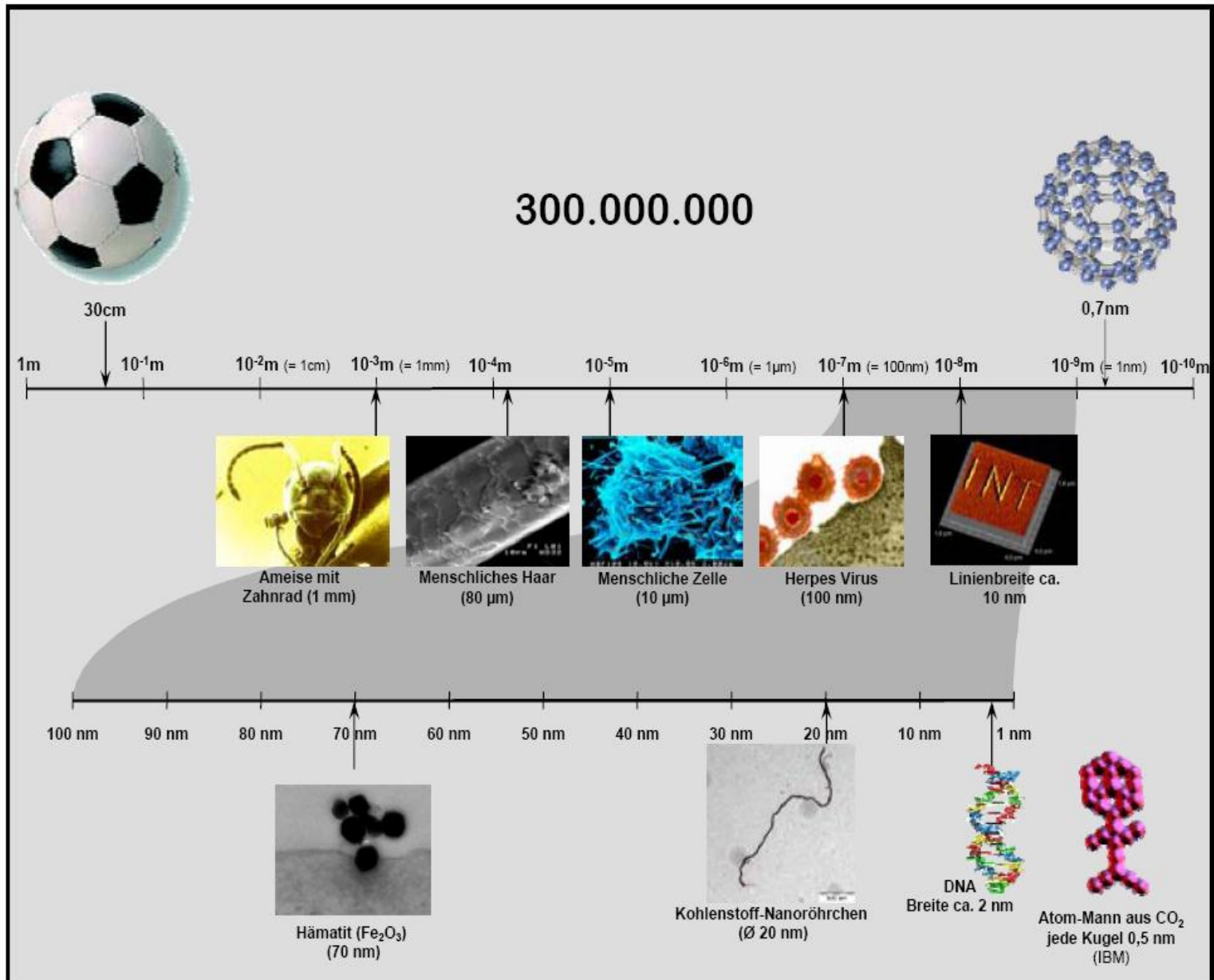
Transport

Transformation

Ecotoxicity (Toxicity)

Content of the course, literature sources

Size range of NP



Nature, November 2006:

Safe handling of nanotechnology

The pursuit of responsible nanotechnologies can be tackled through a series of grand challenges, argue **Andrew D. Maynard** and his co-authors.

When the physicist and Nobel laureate Richard Feynman challenged the science community to think small in his 1959 lecture 'There's Plenty of Room at the Bottom', he planted the seeds of a new era in science and technology. Nanotechnology,

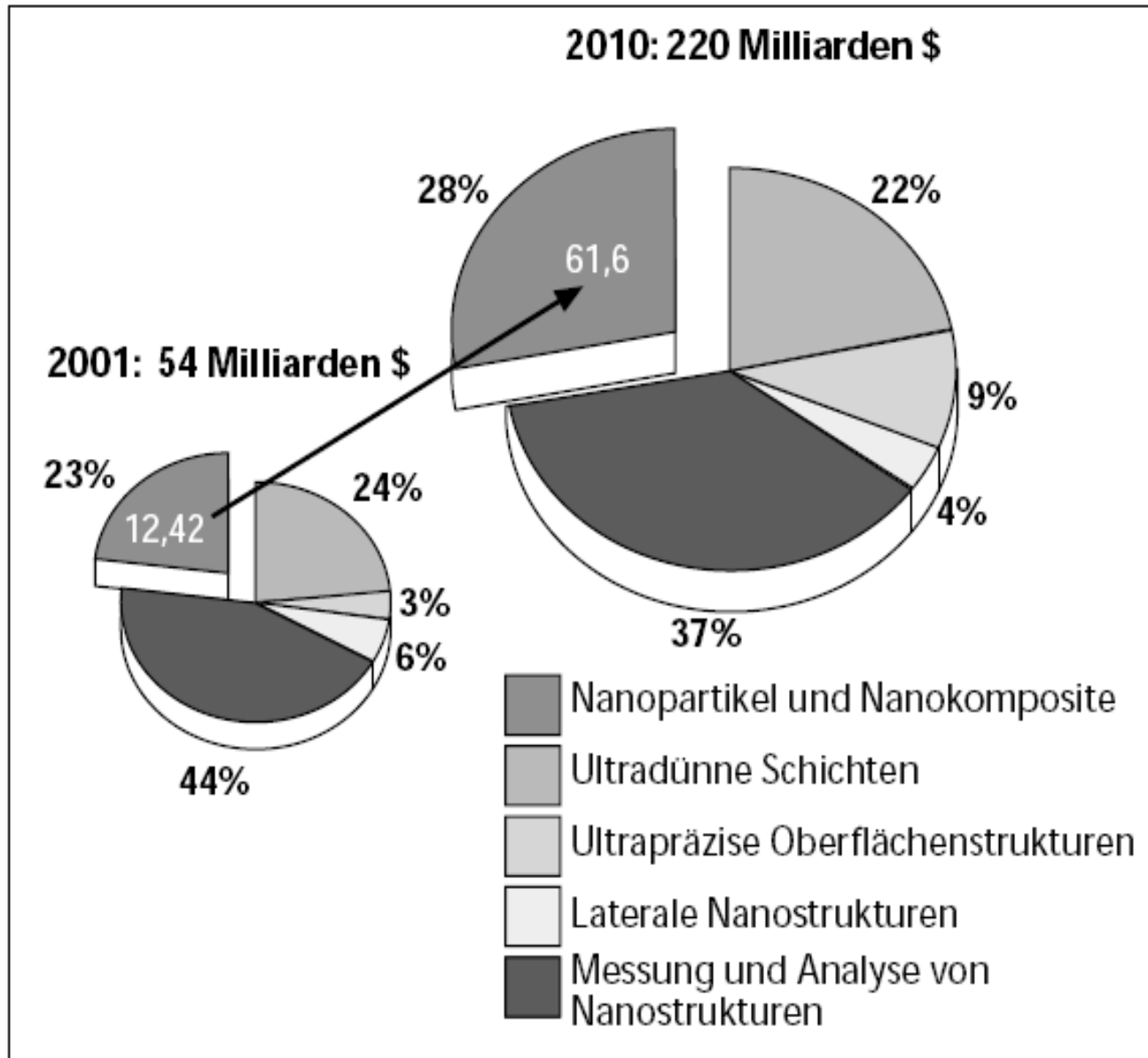
which is about controlling matter at near-atomic scales to produce unique or enhanced materials, products and devices, is now maturing rapidly with more than 300 claimed nanotechnology products already on the market¹. Yet concerns have been raised that the very properties of nanostructured materials that make them so attractive could potentially lead to unforeseen health or environmental hazards².

The spectre of possible harm — whether real or imagined — is threatening to slow the development of nanotechnology unless sound, independent and authoritative information is developed on what the risks are, and how to avoid them³. In what may be unprecedented pre-emptive action in the face of a new technology, governments, industries and research



Potential health risks from exposure to engineered nanomaterials must be understood and minimized.

Nano materials: estimated forgalmi ertek



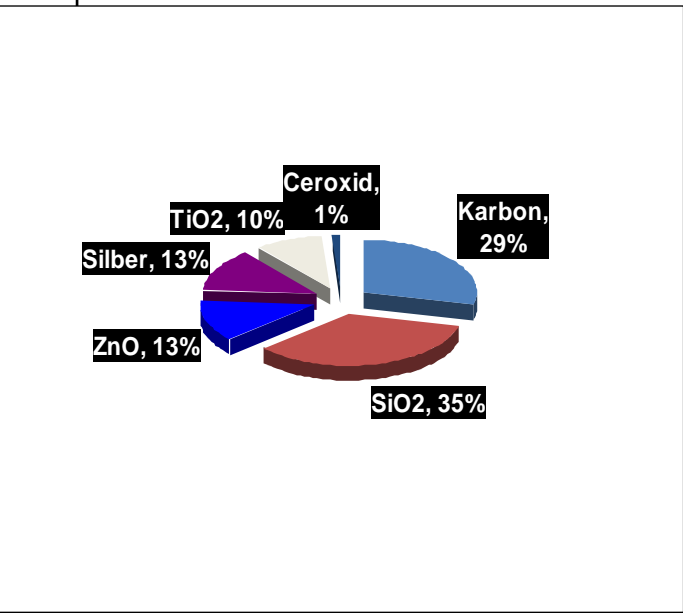
Natural und synthetic NP (NM) – Materials and applications

Natural NP: volcanic ash, black carbon, clays, viruses, ferritin, Seesprays....

Synthetische NP und NM bzw. Produkte:

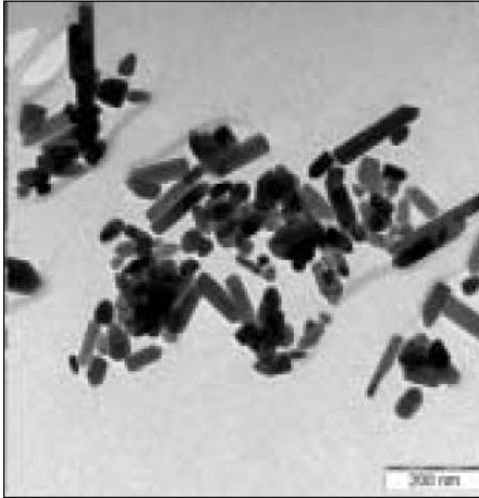
Typ	Produkte (Beispiele)
Metalloxide ♦ Siliziumdioxid (SiO ₂) ♦ Titandioxid (TiO ₂) ♦ Aluminiumoxid (Al ₂ O ₃) ♦ Eisenoxid (Fe ₃ O ₄ , Fe ₂ O ₃) ♦ Zirkonoxid (ZrO ₂) ♦ Zinkdioxid (ZnO ₂)	♦ Additive in Polymerkompositen ♦ UV-A Schutz ♦ Solarzellen ♦ Pharmazie / Medizin ♦ additive zu kratzresistenten Oberflächen
Kohlenstoffmodifikationen ♦ Carbon Black	♦ Autoreifen, Drucker, Kopierer
Fullerene ♦ Buckminsterfullerene (C ₆₀)	♦ Mechanische und tribologische Anwendungen ♦ Additive zu Schmierfetten
Kohlenstoffnanoröhrchen ♦ <i>Single-wall</i> Kohlenstoffnanoröhrchen ♦ <i>Multi-wall</i> Kohlenstoffnanoröhrchen	♦ Additive in Polymerkompositen ♦ Elektronische Feldemission Batterien Brennstoffzelle
Kohlenstoffnanodrähte ♦ verschiedene Konformationen	♦ Mechanische und tribologische Anwendungen Trägermaterial für Katalysatoren Additive in Polymerkompositen Elastische Schäume

Materials:

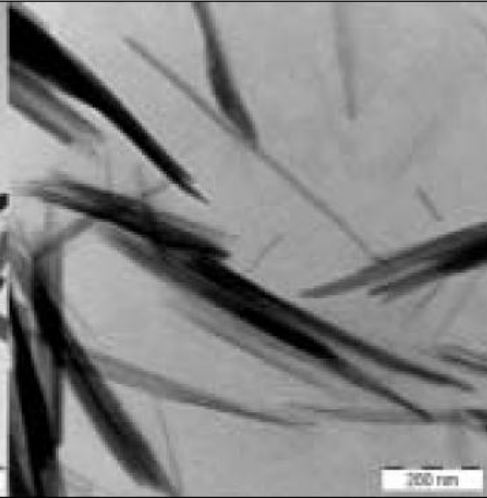


NP – different shapes

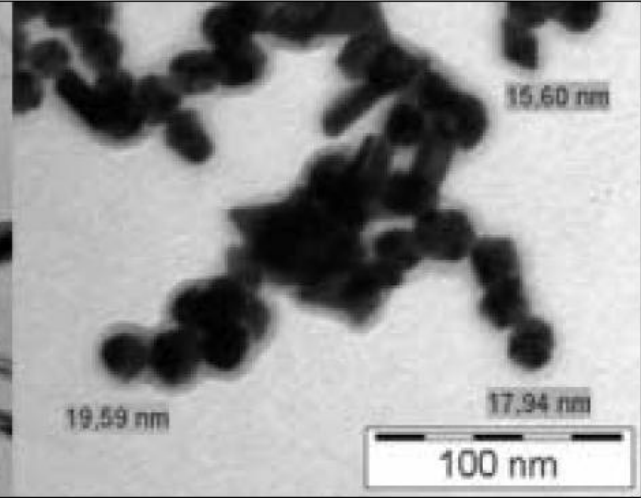
ZnO



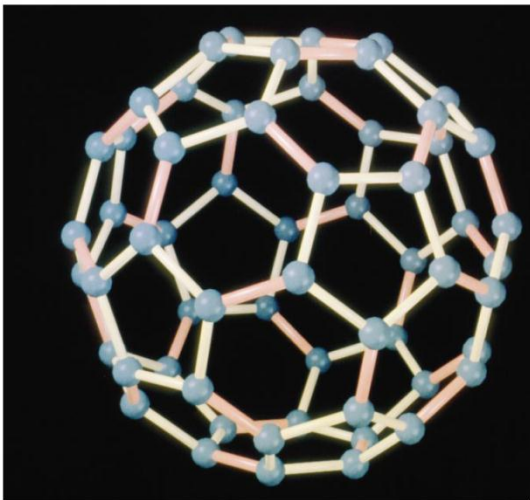
Vanadiumtrioxide



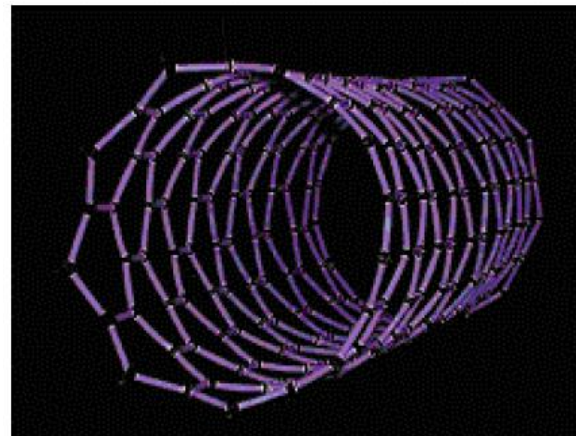
Palladium



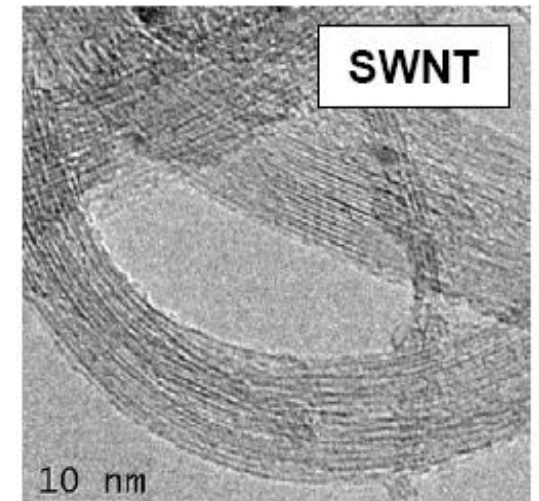
Fullerene



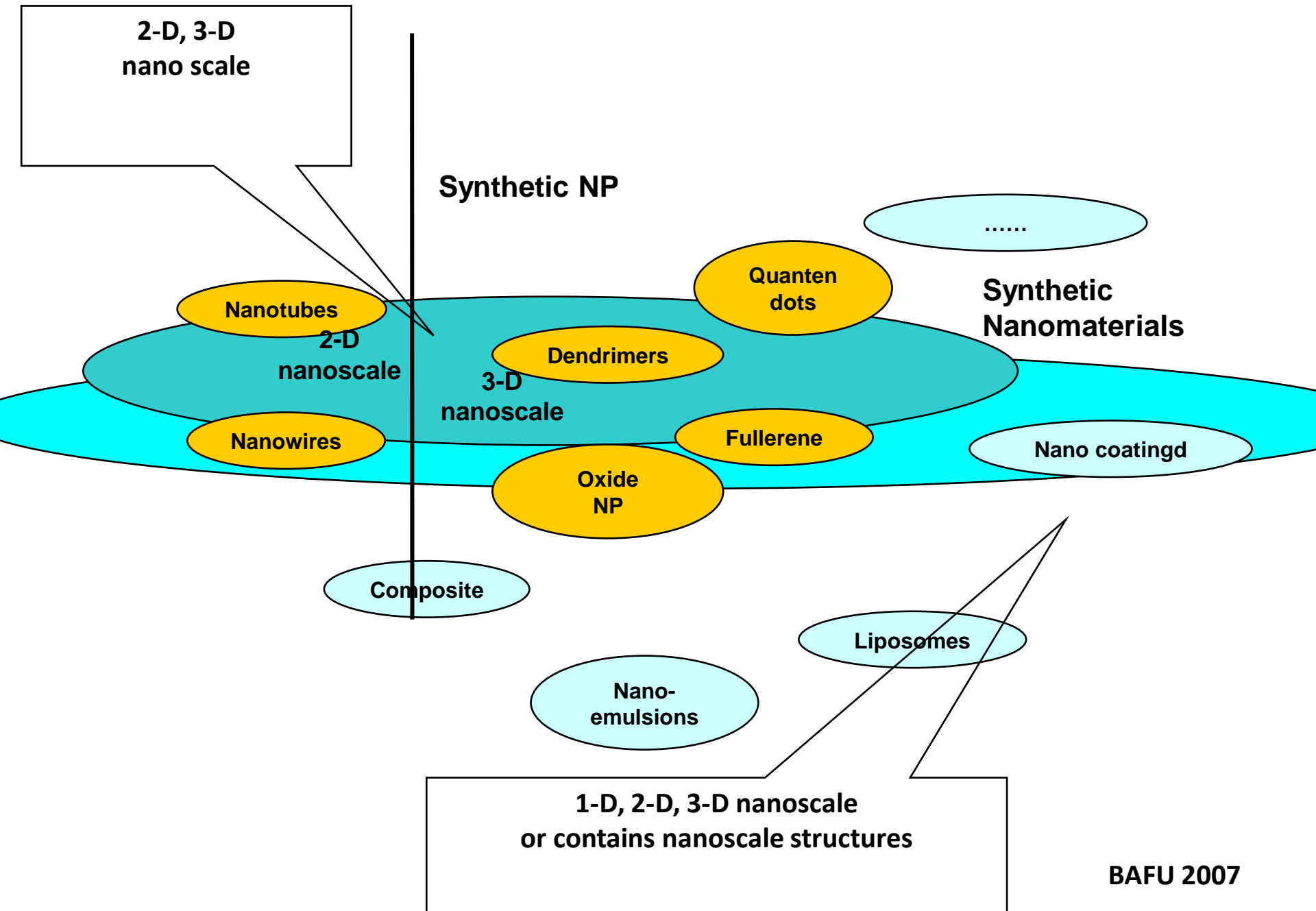
Carbon nanotubes



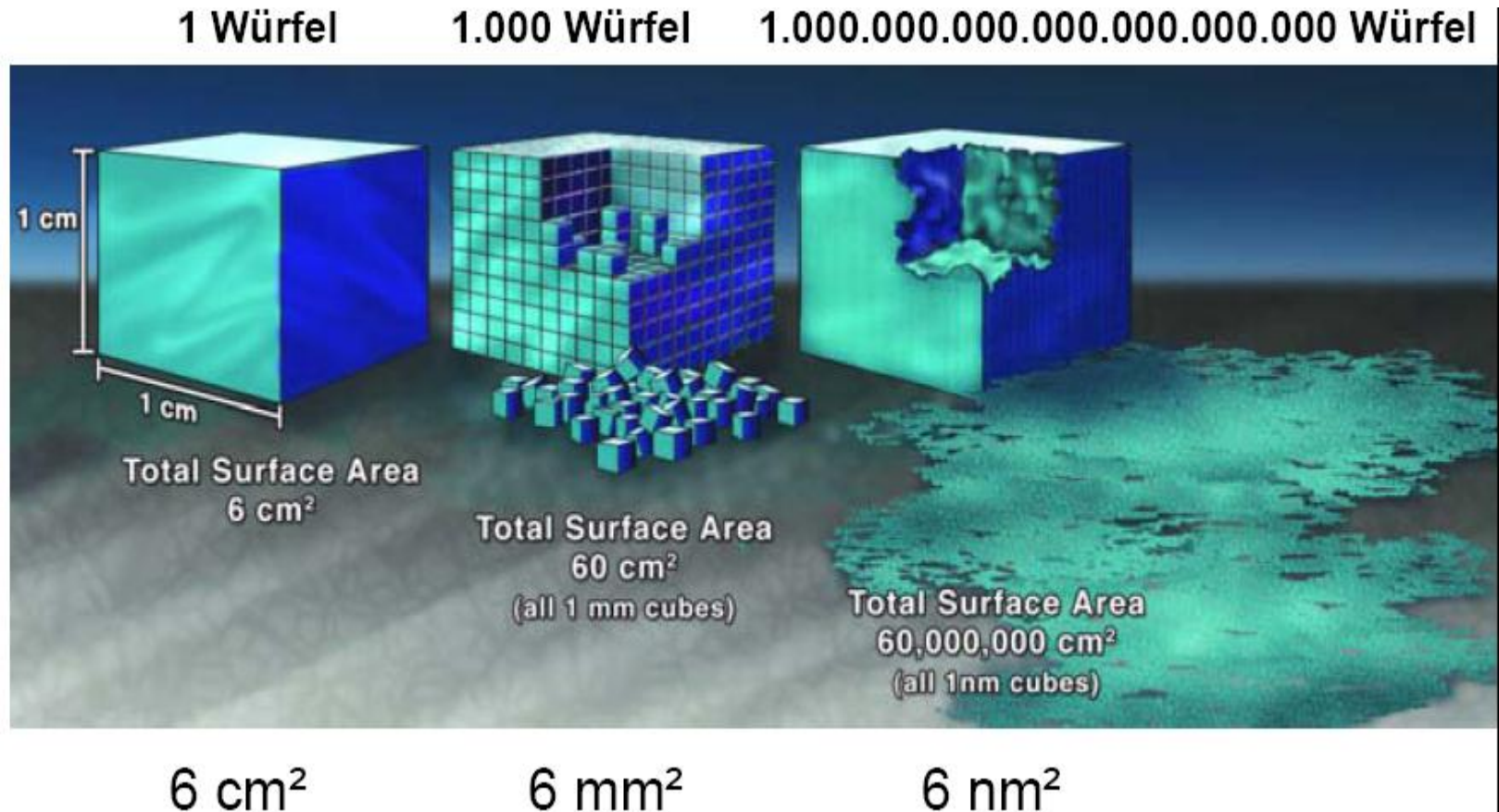
<http://www.nccr-nano.org/ncc>



Classification of nanoparticles and nanomaterials



Particle size – specific surface area



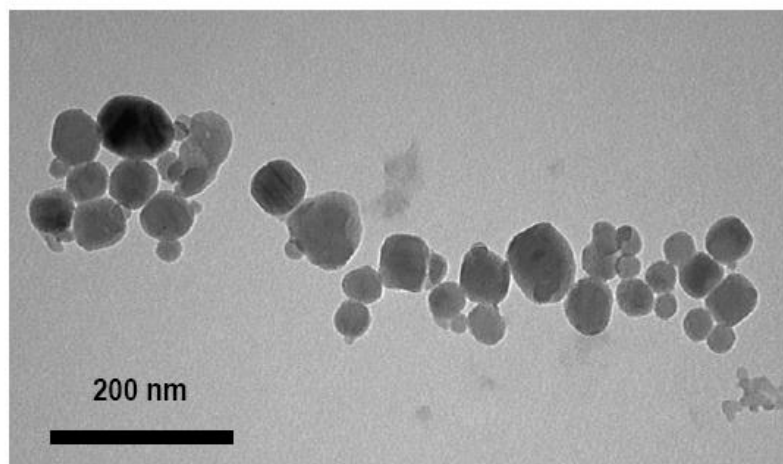
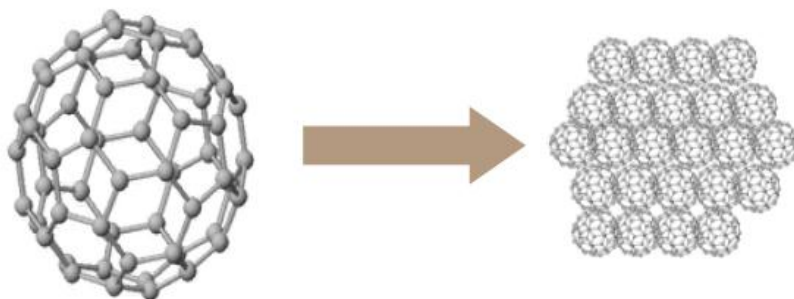
„Gott created the volume, der Teufel the surface!“ (Wolfgang Pauli)

Würfel = cube

Functionalisation – fullerene & fullerene derivatives

Buckminsterfullerene C_{60}

nC_{60}



C_{60} encapsulated in poly(vinylpyrrolidone), cyclodextrins, or poly(ethylene glycol)

Hydroxylated fullerene

Carboxyfullerene (malonic acid derivatives)

Fullerene derivatives with pyrrolidine groups

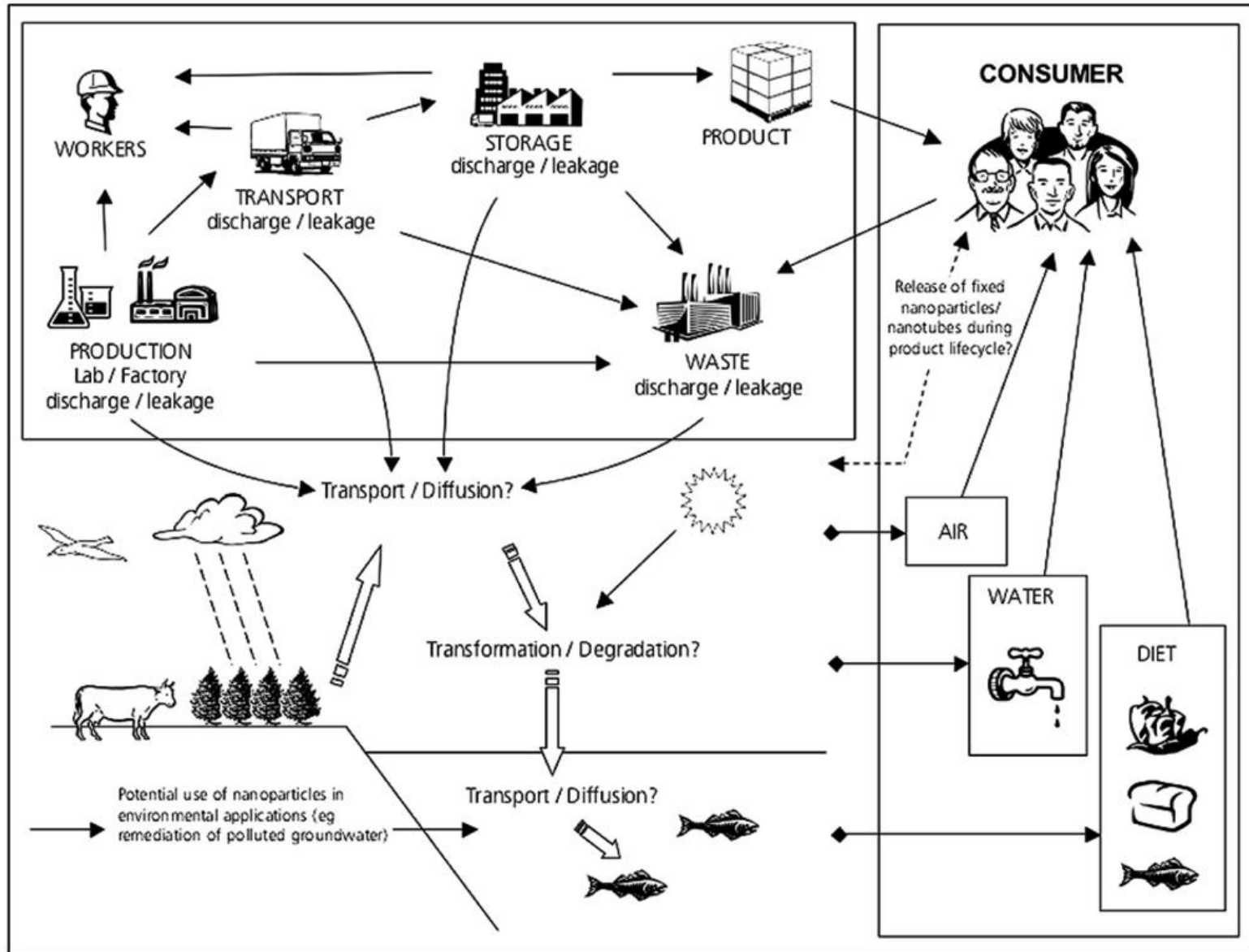
Other alkane derivatives of C_{60}

Metallofullerene

Important properties of NP

- **extremely high surface area = reactivity**
- **Quantum mechanics begins to be valid – particular optical, magnetic and electric properties**
- **strong tendency to aggregate formation**

NP in the environment

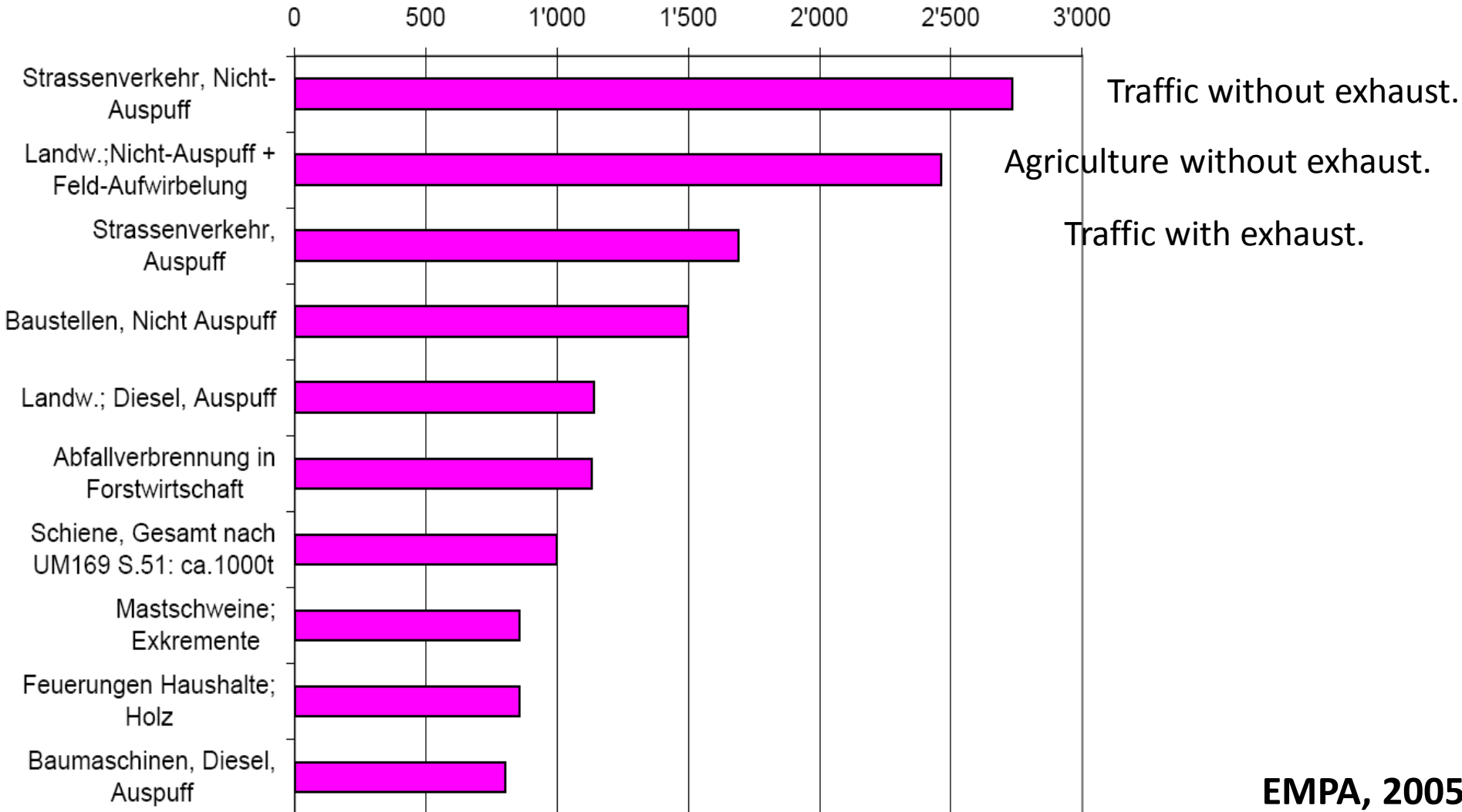


Direct input: e.g. in soil remediation, and waste water treatment

Concentrations in the air/atmosphere

Emissions of NP ????????

The „Top-10“ fine dust (<10 μ m)-Emission sources in Swiss in 2000 (t/year)



Distribution of NP via air

NP concentration in the air (in a city) = $10^{10} - 5 \times 10^{10}$ NP/m³ (Sinner, 2006; Imhof, 2007)

Behavior of NP in the atmosphere: Knowledge about soot particles can be useful

Primary particles:

High diffusion coefficients → frequent collisions → aggregation → sedimentation

Partikel Durchmesser [nm]	Halblebenszeit bei einer Konzentration von			
	1 g × m ⁻³	1 mg × m ⁻³	1 µg × m ⁻³	1 ng × m ⁻³
1	2,20 µs	2,20 ms	2,20 s	36,67 min
2	12,00 µs	12,00 ms	12,00 s	3,34 h
5	0,12 ms	0,12 s	2,00 min	33,34 h
10	0,70 ms	0,70 s	11,67 min	8,10 d
20	3,80 ms	3,80 s	63,34 min	43,98 d

Half lifes

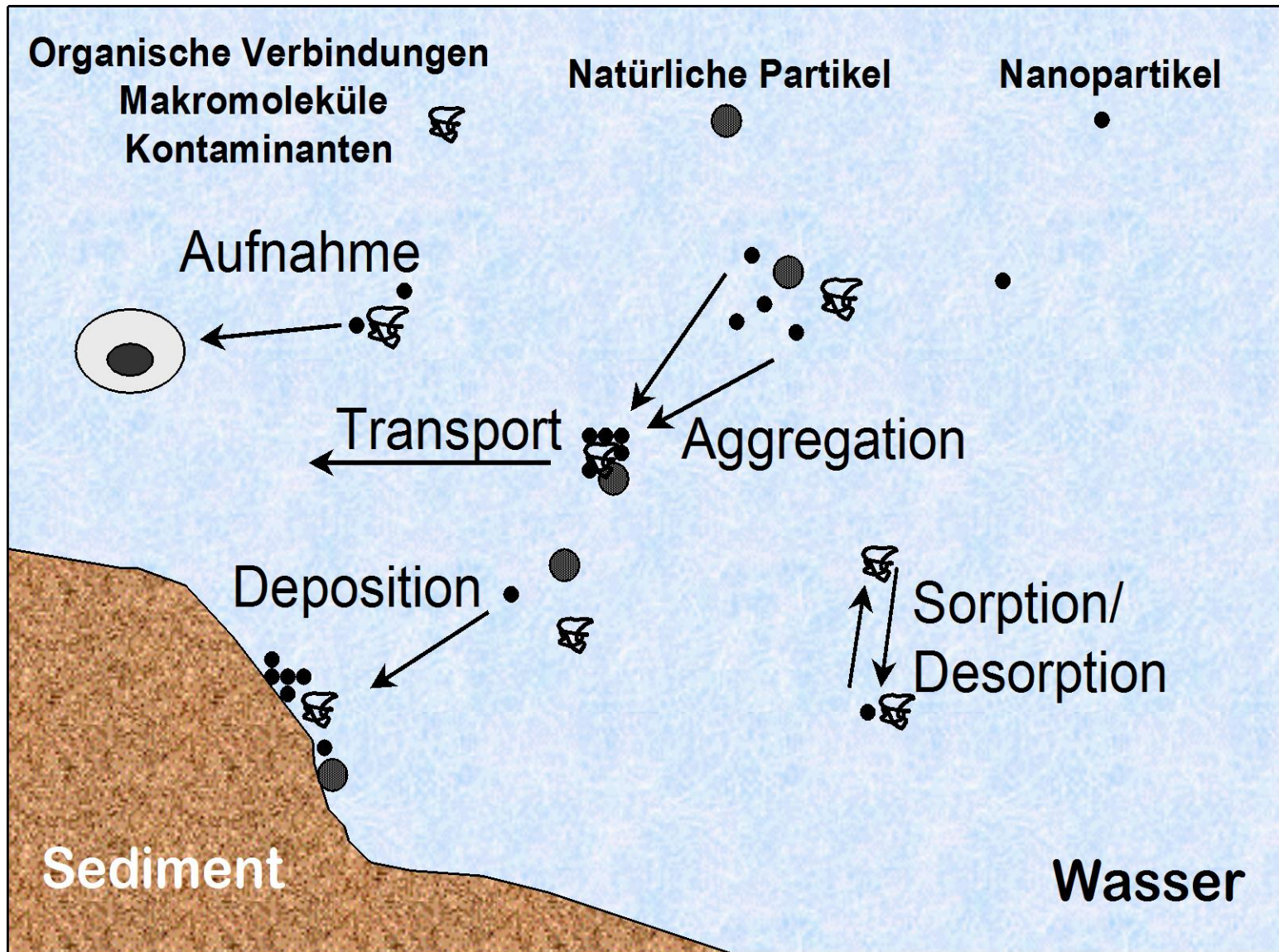
Sedimentation von Fe⁰
in air and water

size [nm]	Sedimentation rate in air [cm/h]	Sedimentation rate in H ₂ O [cm/h]
1000	3×10^{-2}	7×10^{-4}
100	3×10^{-4}	7×10^{-6}
10	3×10^{-6}	7×10^{-8}

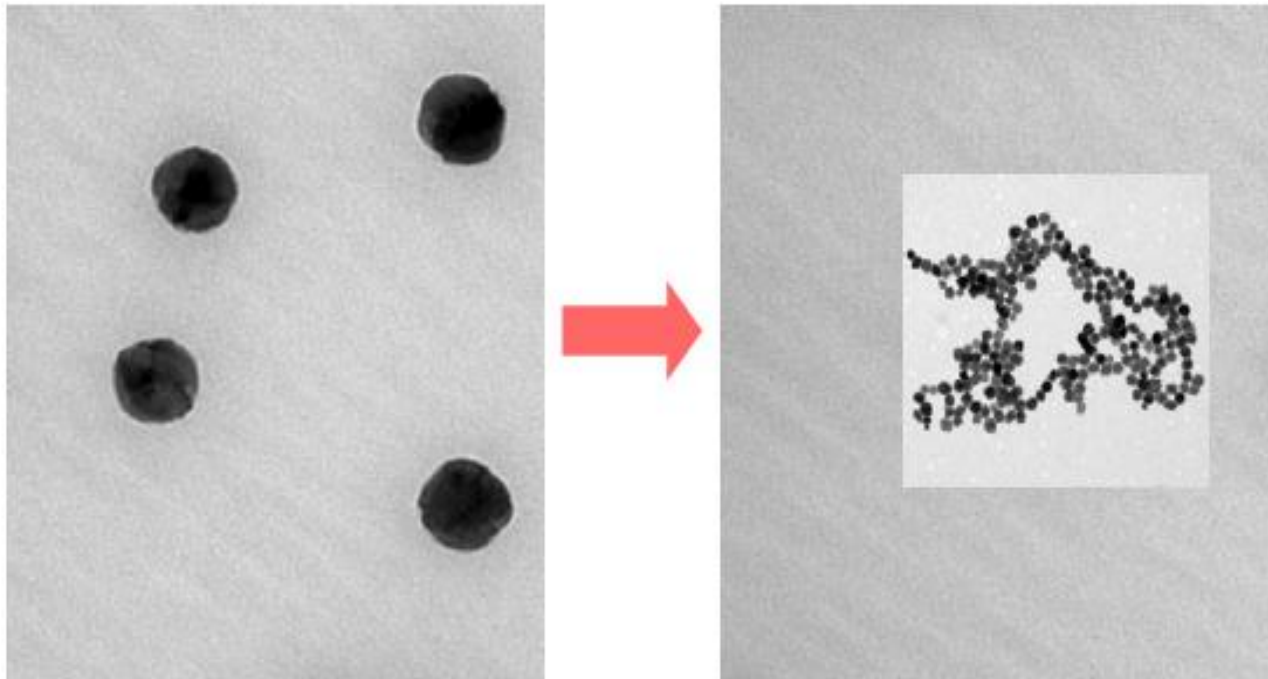
(Preining 1998)

Sellers, 2007

Verteilung von NPn über das Wasser

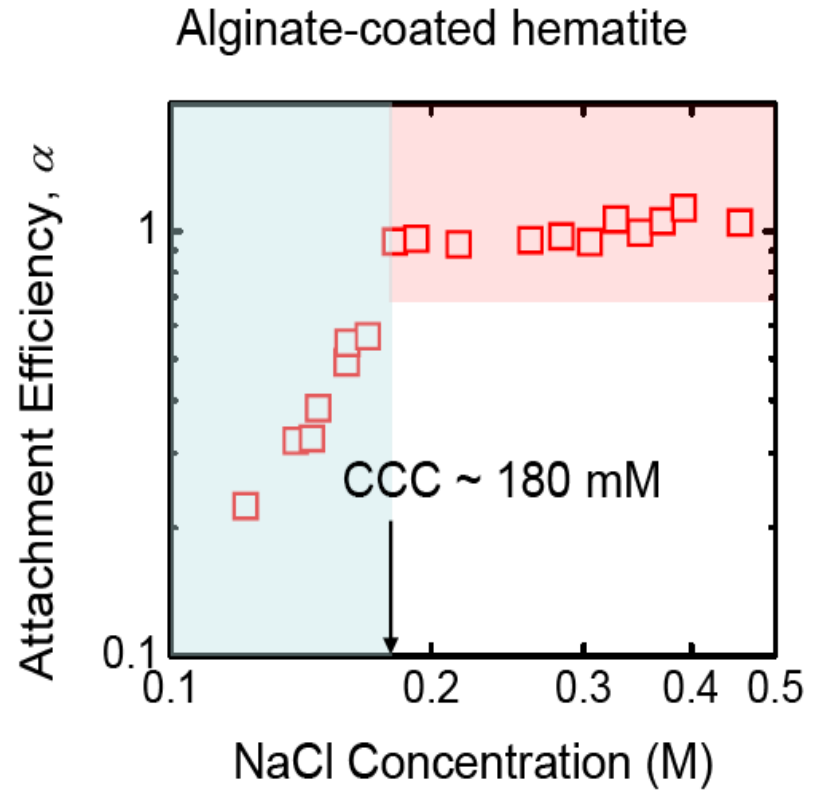
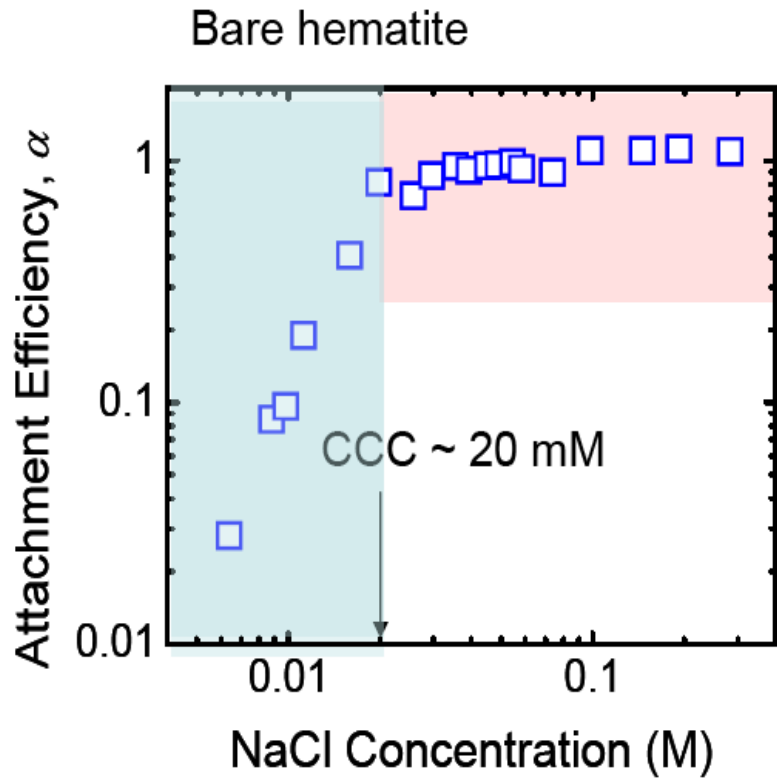


Aggregation of NP is a key process



- **Aggregation influences the sedimentation, the transport and persistence of NP in aquatic systems**
- **Aggregation can influence the reactivity and toxicity of NP.**

Aggregation behavior of hematite (70 nm) in presence of DOM

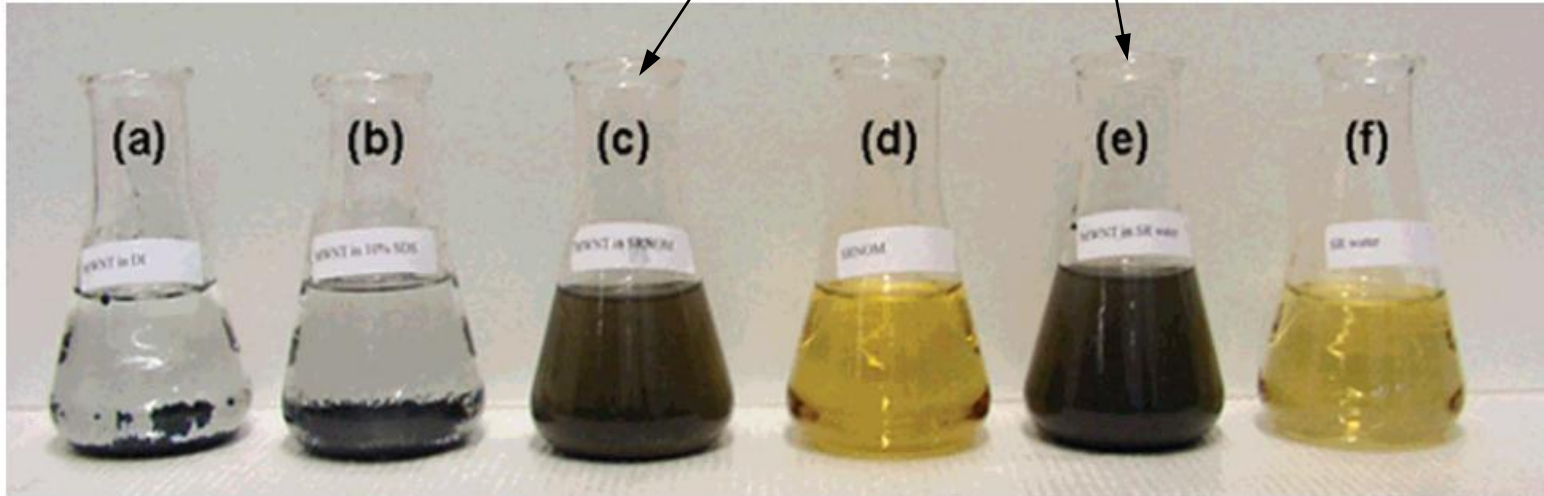


CCC (hematite) \ll CCC (alginate-hematite) \rightarrow Steric stabilisation

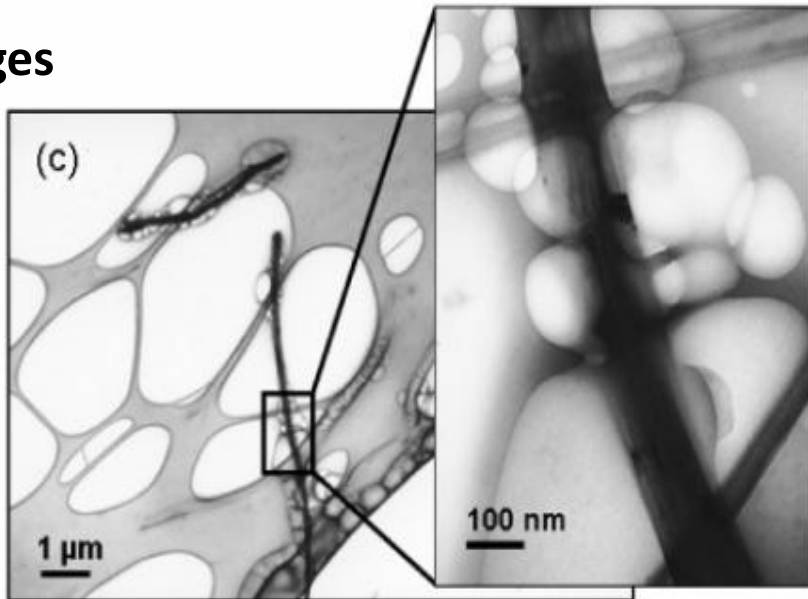


Aggregation behavior of C nanotubes in presence of DOM

100 mg/l and 500 mg/l Suwannee River organic matter



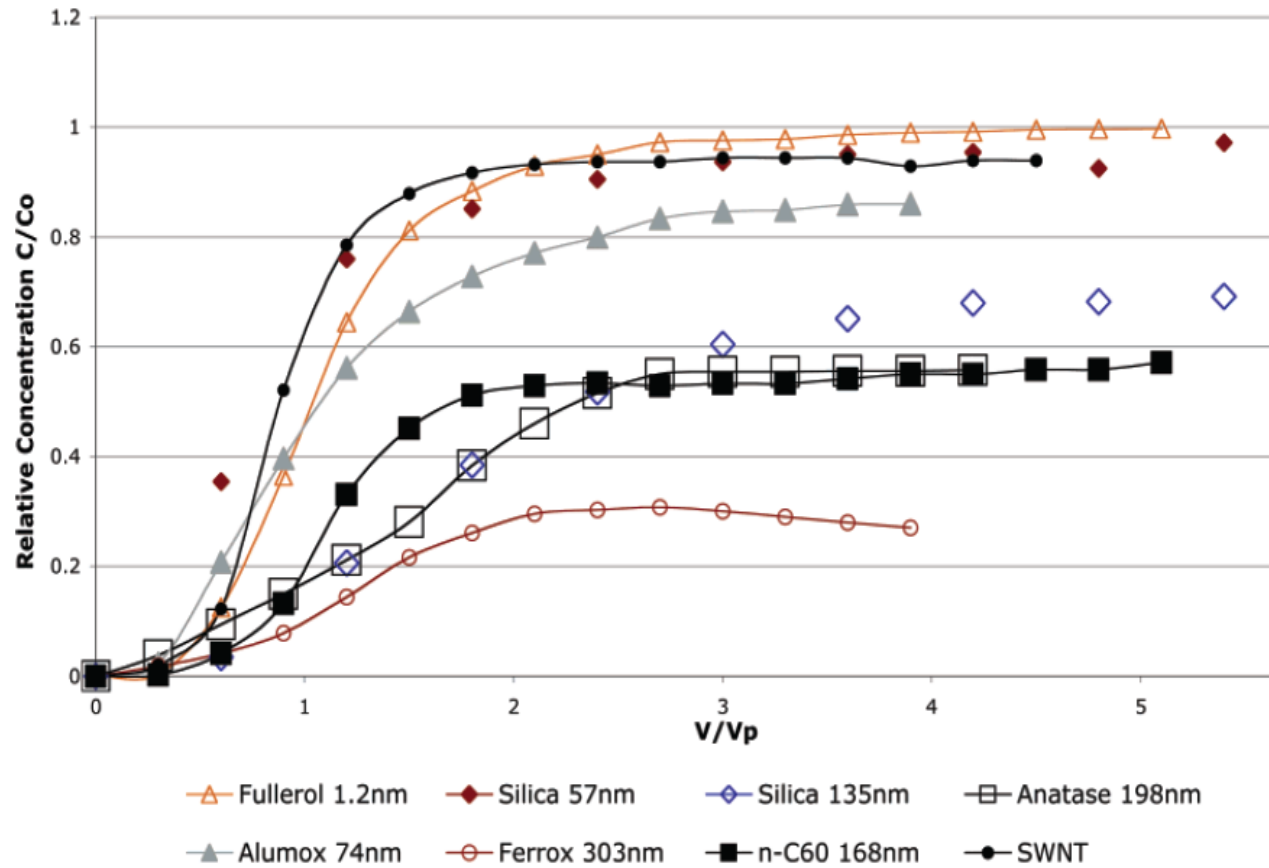
TEM images



The NP suspensions with DOM remain stable for months

Transport of NP – Breakthrough behavior in model sand

Nanomaterial	size (nm)	EM ($10^{-8} \text{ m}^2\text{s}^{-1}\text{V}^{-1}$)
Fullerol	1,2	nd
Silica	57	-1,95
Silica	135	-2,58
Anatase (TiO ₂)	198	-0,27
Alumox* [(Al(O)(OH)) _n]	74	-2,45
Ferrox* (FeOOH)	303	-0,43
n-C60	168	-1,99
C nanotubes (SWNT)	0,7x80 1,2x200	-3.98



Glas-perls $d=355\mu\text{m}$

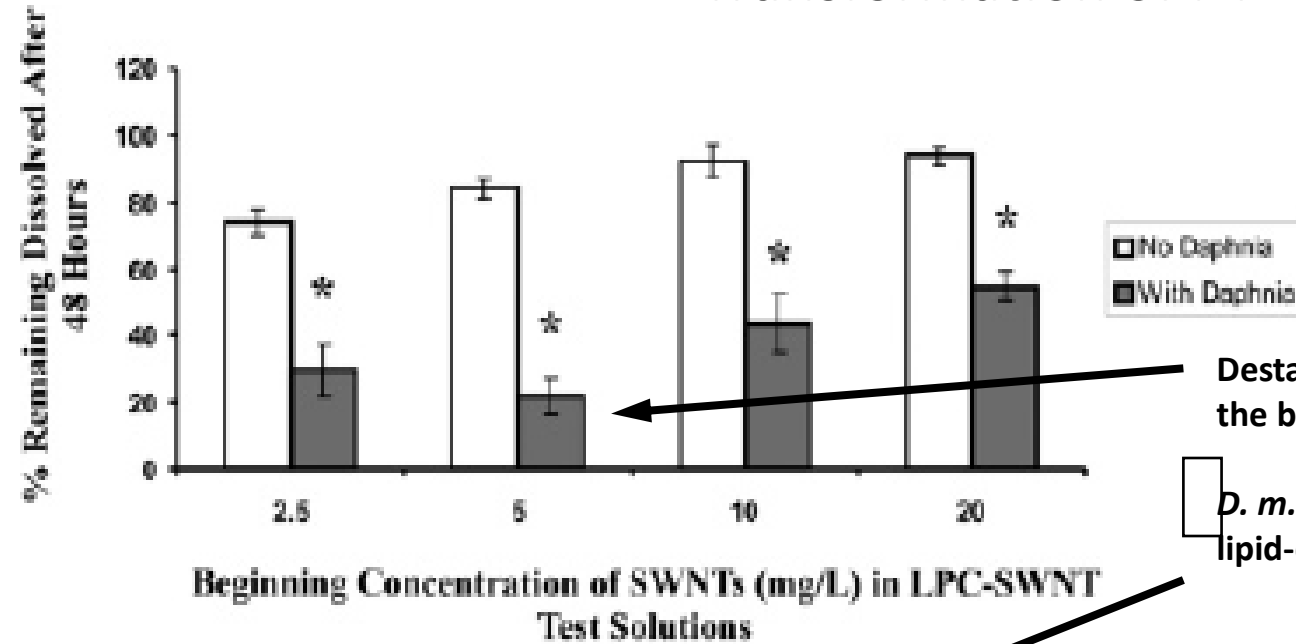
Column $L= 10\text{cm}$, $D=2,5 \text{ cm}$

Darcy velocity.: $2,4 \text{ cm/min}$

Zeta-Potential: $-29,8 \text{ mV}$

EM = electrophoretic mobility
*coated by acetic acid

Transformation of NP

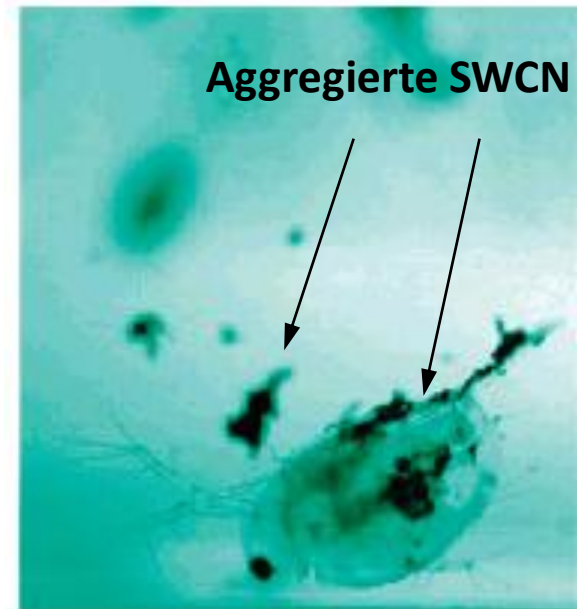
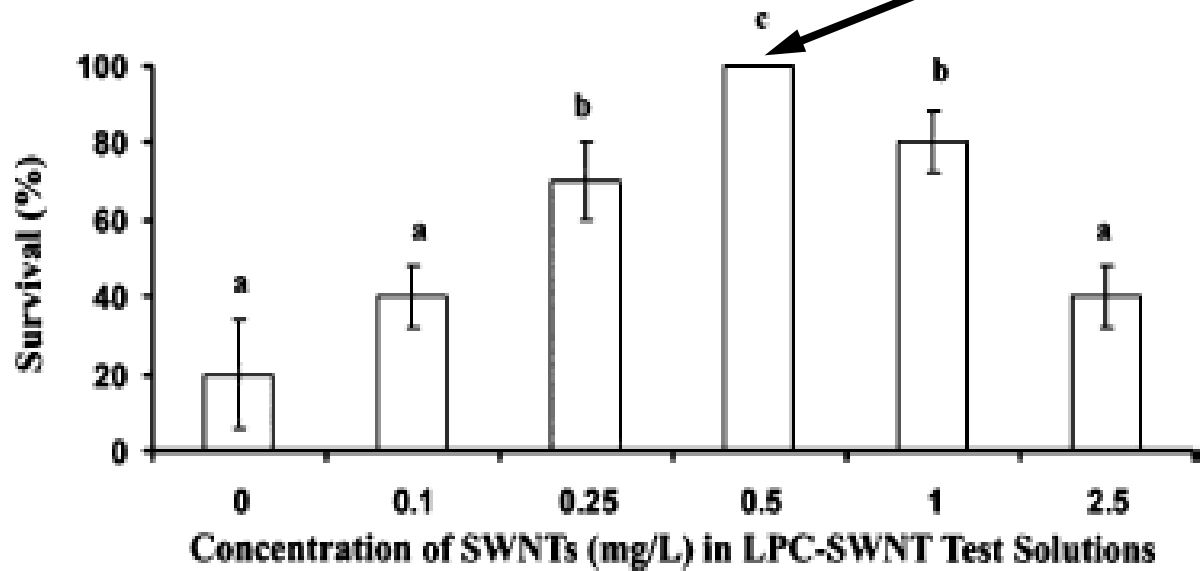


D. magna modifies in vivo lipid-coated C-Nanotubes

Roberts, ES&T 2007

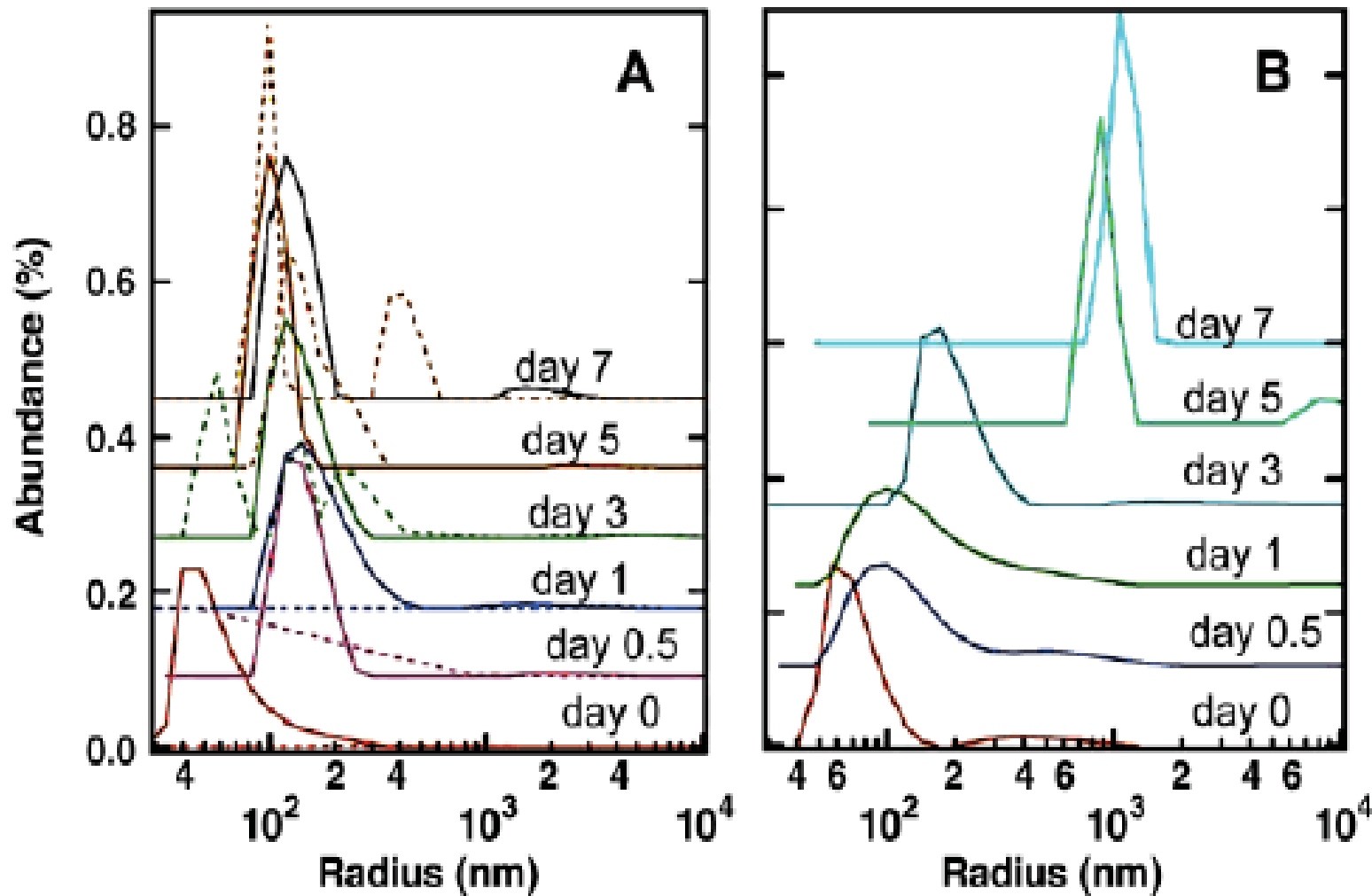
Destabilisation of dispersed SWCN through the biodegradation of lipid coating

D. m. growth at < 0,5 ppm lipid-coated SWCN.



Transformation of NP

Extracellular proteins limit the dispersal of biogenic NP

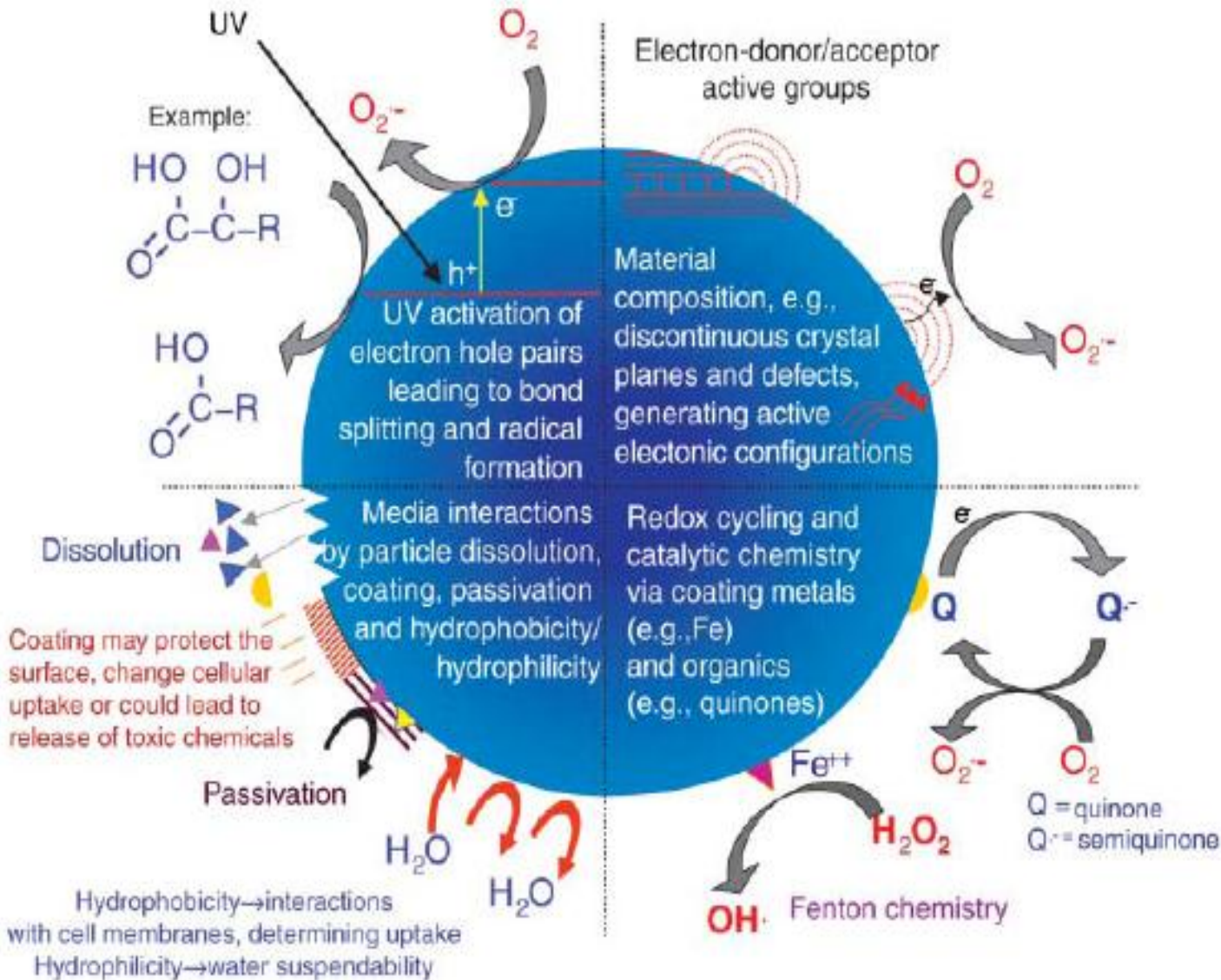


A) ZnS NP suspension forms aggregates after 0.5 day.

B) Destabilisation of 10 μM dispersed ZnS NP through 100 μM Cystein.

Toxicity of NP: „great potential“ (review in Science 2006, Nel et al.)

Possible interaction mechanisms of NP with biological tissue



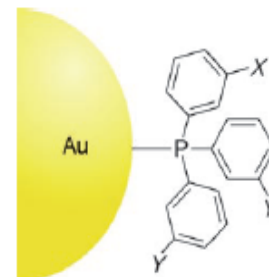
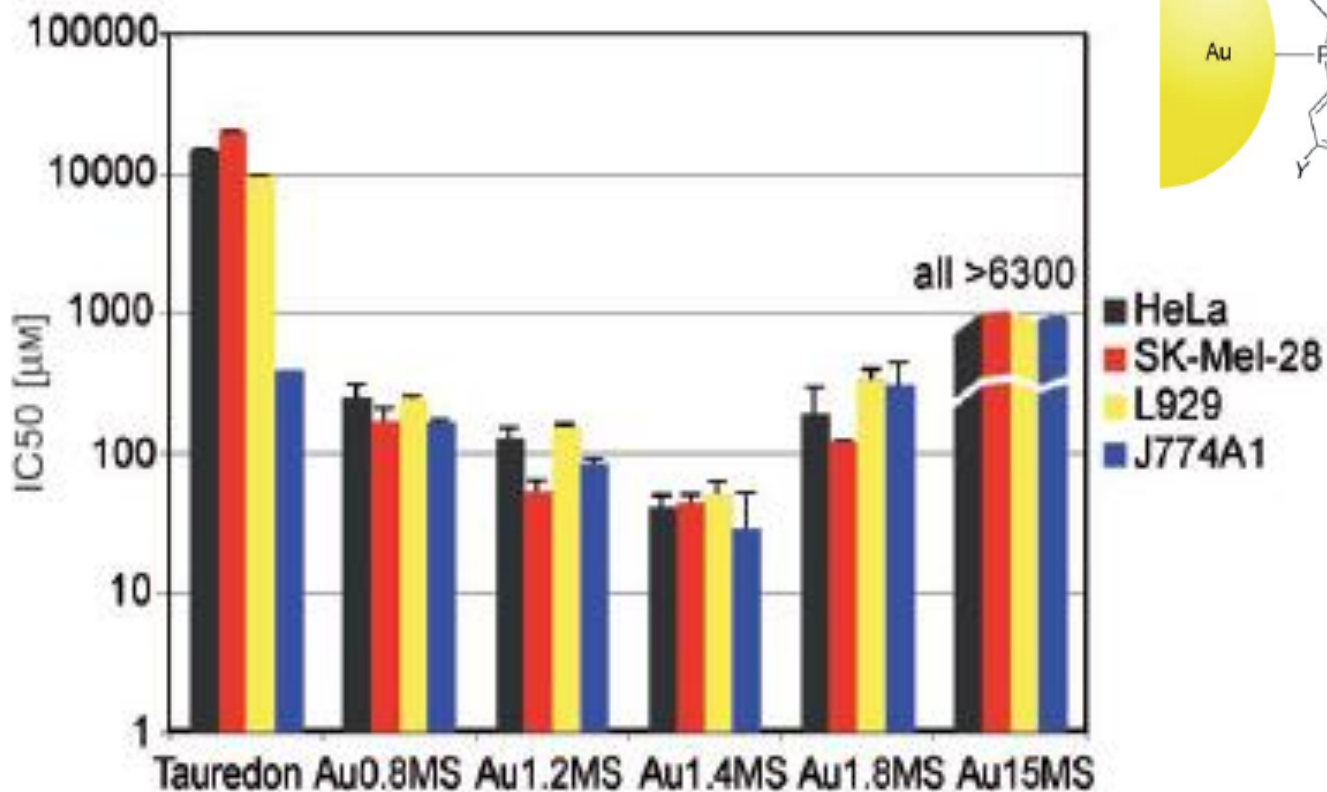
Important factors:

- composition
- Electric structure
- Bond species
- Coating (passiv/activ)
- Solubility
- Interaction with UV

size??? shape???

Toxicity - Role of particle size

Size-dependant toxicity of Au-NP



- (1) TPPMS: X = SO₃⁻Na⁺, Y = H
- (2) TPPTS: X = Y = SO₃⁻Na⁺

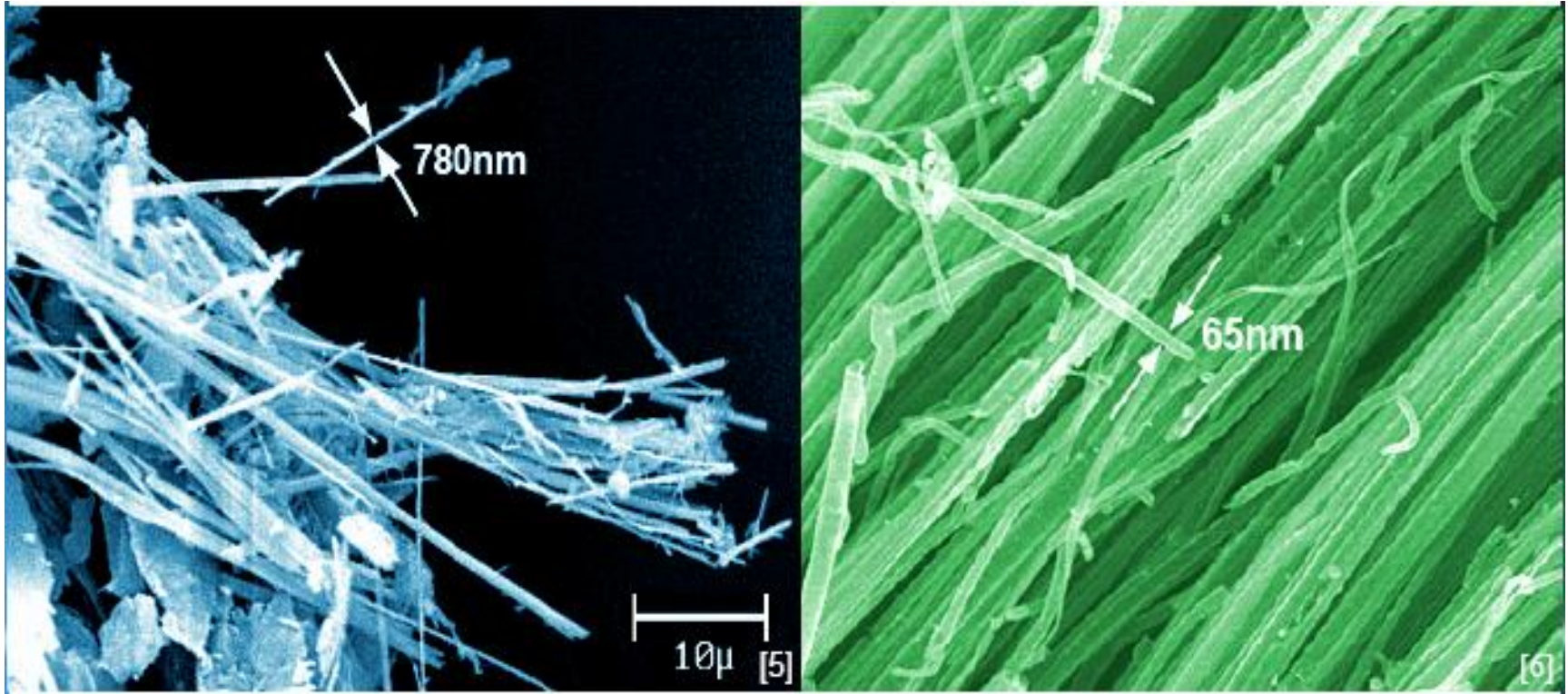
Triphenylphosphine

Highest toxic impact (IC₅₀) in the size range 1-2 nm.

Toxicity depends mostly on the size and not on the functional group

Toxicity - Role of NP-shape

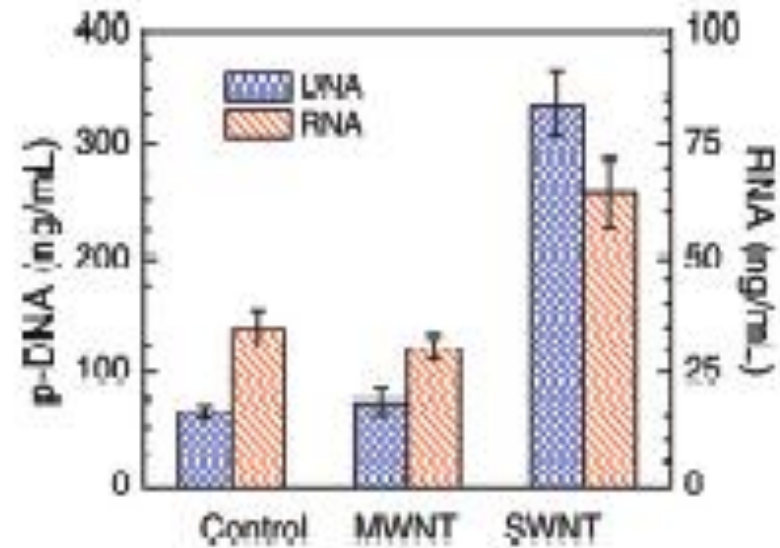
Symbolic comparison: Asbestos versus carbon nanotubes



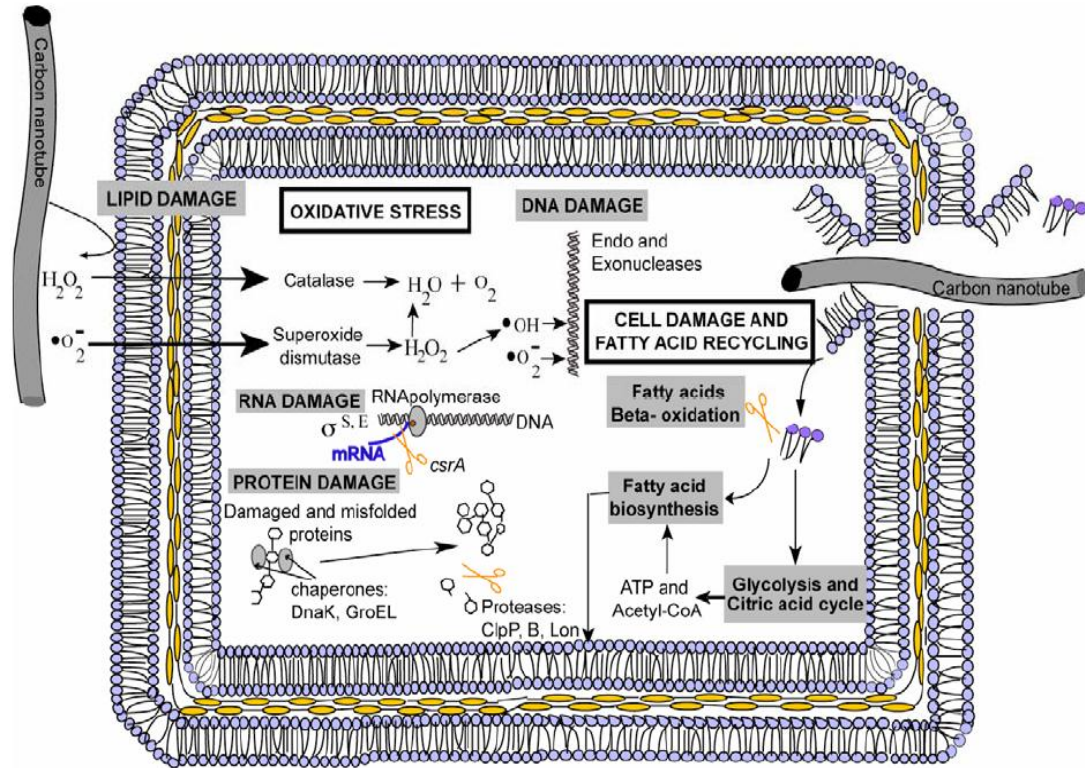
Asbestos: Vorbidden after 100 years use

Nanotubes: „more toxic than quartz dust“ (NASA (3/2003)) – long term effects???

Ecotoxicity - Role of NP shape und size



Concentrations of plasmid DNA and RNA in solution in the presence and absence of CNTs.



Schematic summary of *E. coli* K12 gene expression stress responses under exposure to SWNTs and MWNTs.

Ecotoxicity - Toxicity

Ecotoxicity: practically unknown

Toxicity: hardly known, long term observation and investigation are needed

Important factors of NP toxicity/ecotoxicity:

Size

Composition

Shape

reactivity

Elektrical structure and properties

Catalytic activity

Bound species

Coating (passive/active)

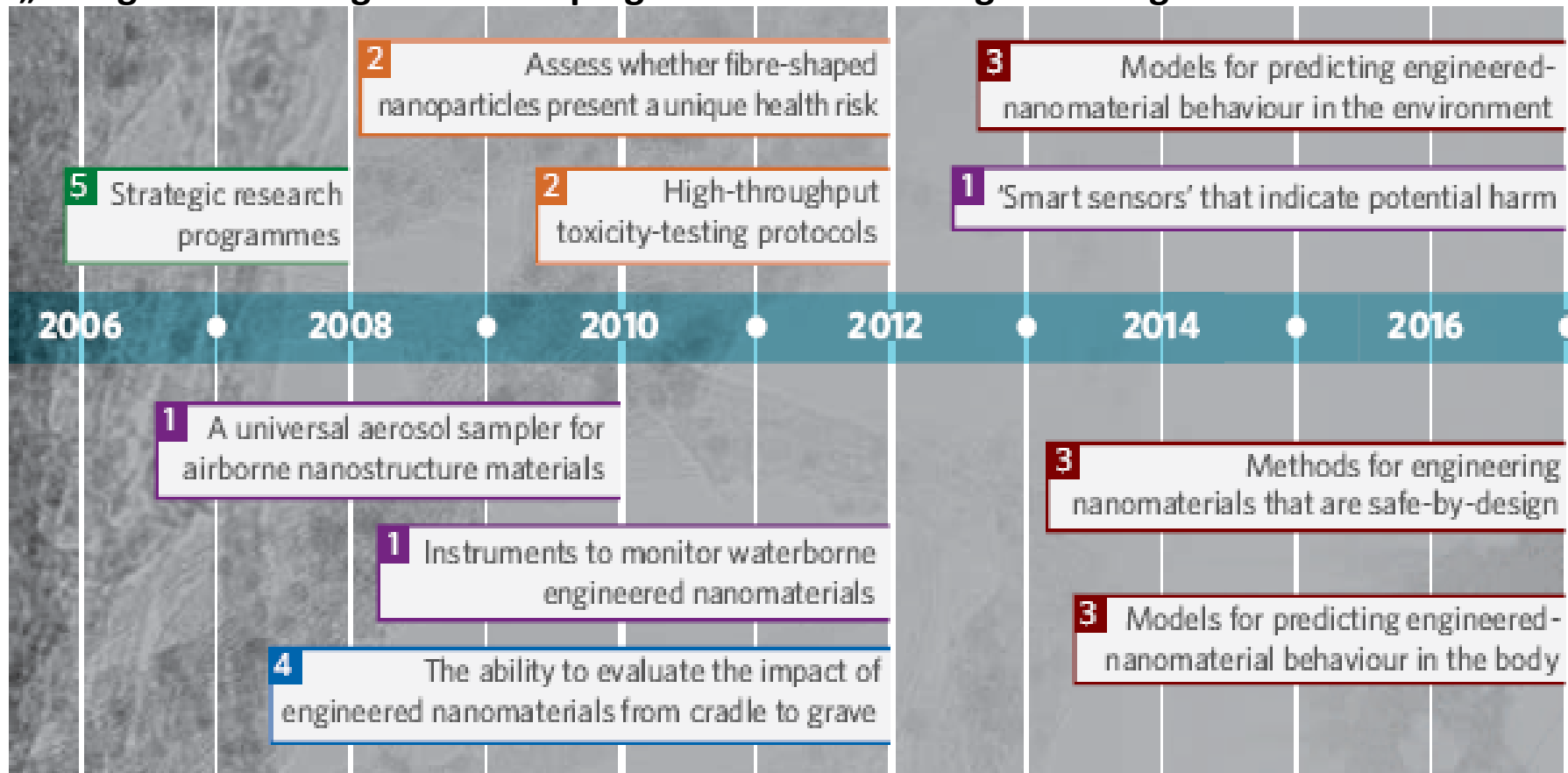
Solubility(Dissolution)

Interactions with the surrounding (e.g. UV)

Aggregation behavior

Research Needs- Nature, November 2006, Maynard et al.

„Five grand challenges – Developing safe nanotechnologies through sound science“



NP in the environment

Main focuses: natural and engineered nanoparticles (NPs) in water, soil, and atmosphere (80%); 2) Nanotechnologies in environmental protection (20%).

- Introduction, NP classification, application, and future application
- NP properties: morphology, specific surface area, colloidal stability and stabilization
- Natural NPs and colloids in waters and soils: inorganic and organic NMs/colloids and their stability, DLVO interaction forces, aggregation kinetics, NP fate and behavior in soils
- NPs in the air: formation, composition, behavior and determination methods
- Analysis and characterization of engineered NPs in waters: shape, size, concentration, composition; Scattering techniques, fractionation and separation methods, microscopy
- Ecotoxicology of NPs: mechanisms, interactions with cells, bioaccumulation, case studies
- Exposure and risk assessment
- Nanotechnologies in water purification and soil remediation: membrane-based techniques, adsorbents
- Case studies

VL „NP in the environment“ – literature sources

Lead, Smith (editors): Environmental and Human health impacts of Nanotechnology, Wiley, 2009

Frimmel, Niessner (editors): Nanoparticles in the water cycle, Springer, 2010

Cloete, de Kwaadsteniet, Botes, Lopez-Romero (editors): Nanotechnology in Water Treatment Applications, Caister Academic Press, 2010

Grassian, Wicki H., Nanoscience and Nanotechnology, Environmental and Health Impacts, Wiley, 2008

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NP in the environment

