

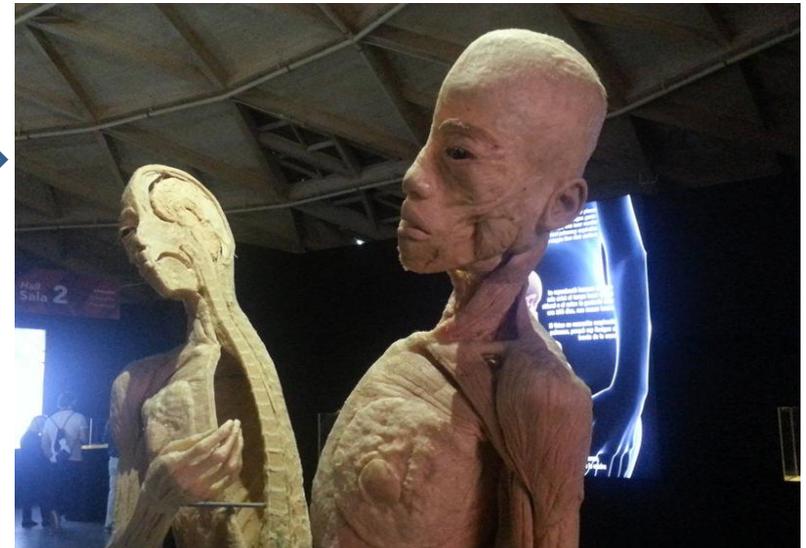
Measuring and Modeling Exposures to Nanomaterials in Complex Systems

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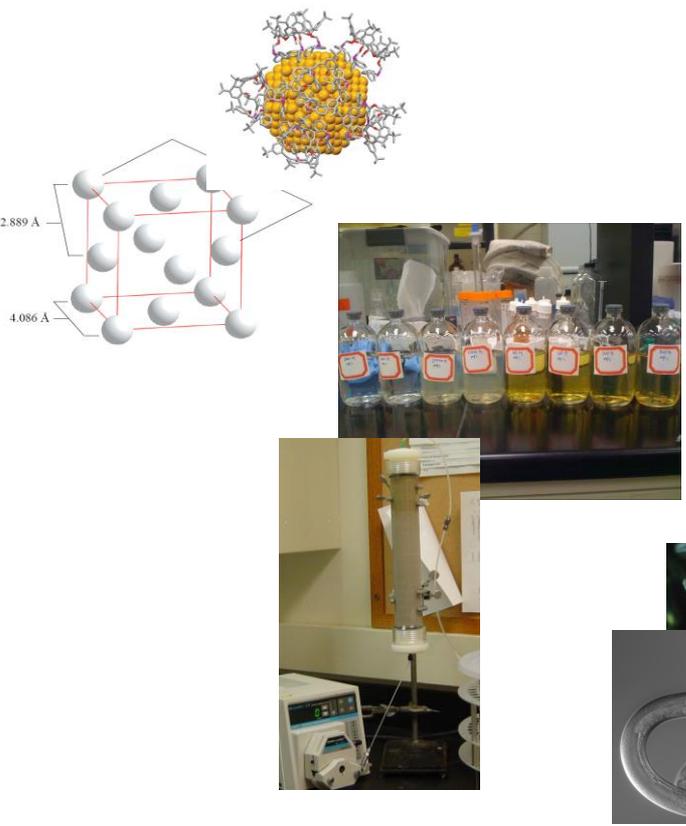
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Estimating Exposure to Nanomaterials

- What do you measure?
 - System inputs (Bernd Nowack/Westerhoff talks)
 - Key processes/factors affecting exposure
- How do you measure it?
 - New methods vs. adapting old methods
 - Transformations
- How do you get measurements into exposure models?
 - What models do you use?
 - How do you parameterize those models?

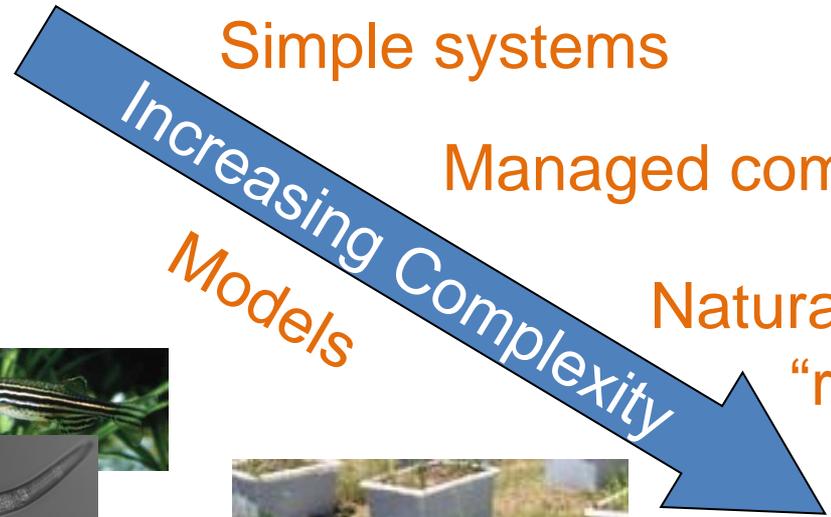
CEINT Approach



Simple systems

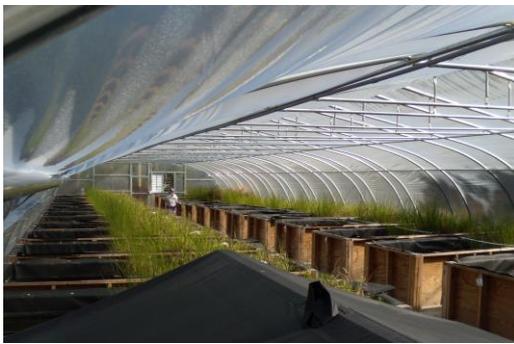
Managed complexity

Natural system
"real"



Ag, Au, CuO, Ni, ZnO, TiO₂, and CeO₂, CNT/C₆₀, 2-D materials

Iterative Method for Understanding Complex Behaviors



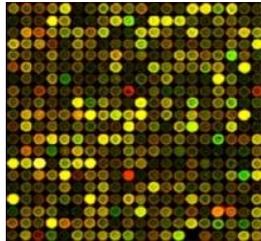
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Theory
&
Risk Forecasting

microcosm

lab

HTS



Analogous Approach for Exposures from Consumer Products

Simple systems

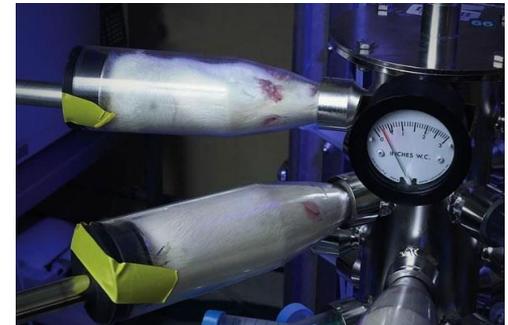
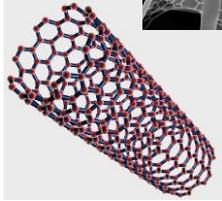
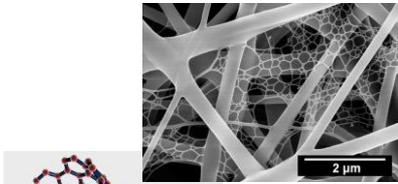
“real” products

Exposure routes

Real Exposures

Increasing Complexity

Models



Increasing Scale

Exposure Model for Diethyl phthalate in Personal Care Products

$$D_{ij} = \frac{1}{BW_i} \sum_k n_{ijk} \times A_{ik} \times wf_k \times ef_k$$

D=dose per day

n=number of products used containing diethyl phthalate

A=amount used

w=concentration of diethyl phthalate in each product

e=exposure fraction

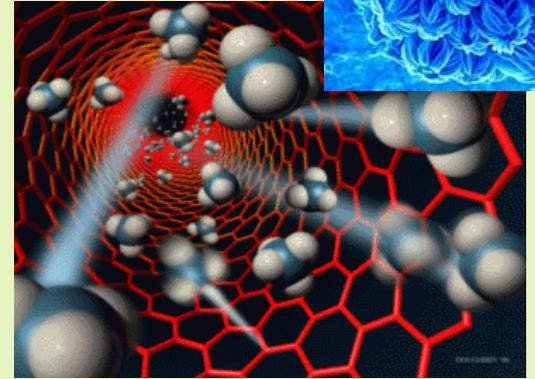
Lessons Learned from CEINT

- Mapping NM properties directly to exposure is a long term goal
 - The system matters (perhaps more than the NM itself!)
 - Consideration of value chain and exposure route
 - Transformations
 - Natural and incidental NMs are ubiquitous
 - Can affect measurements and detection
 - Measurement will need established and novel methods
 - Spatial and chemical information
 - Common experimental facilities, models, and data management are needed to focus efforts
 - Ask the right questions!!
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In the Beginning.....

What is it?

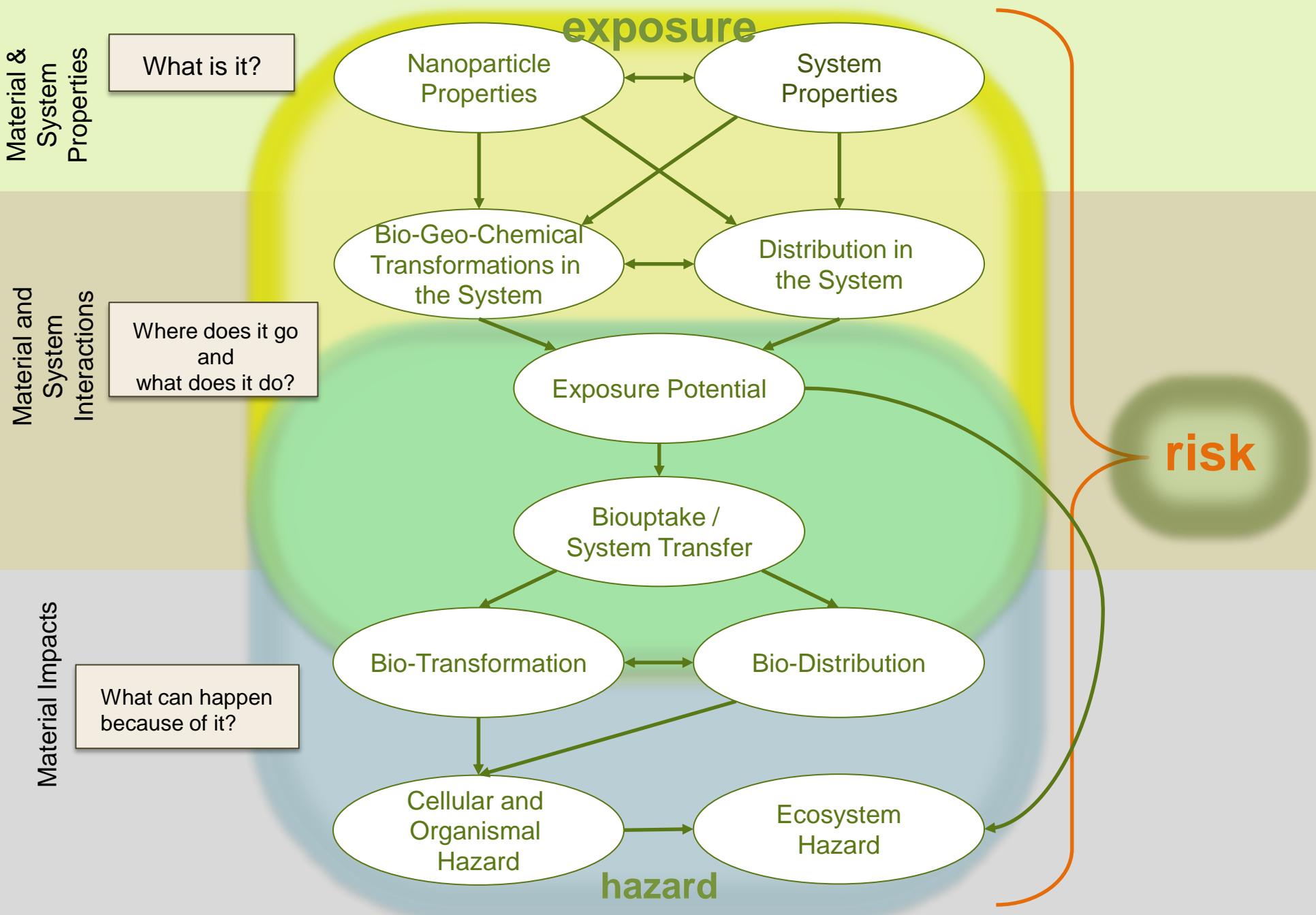
Nanomaterial
Descriptors



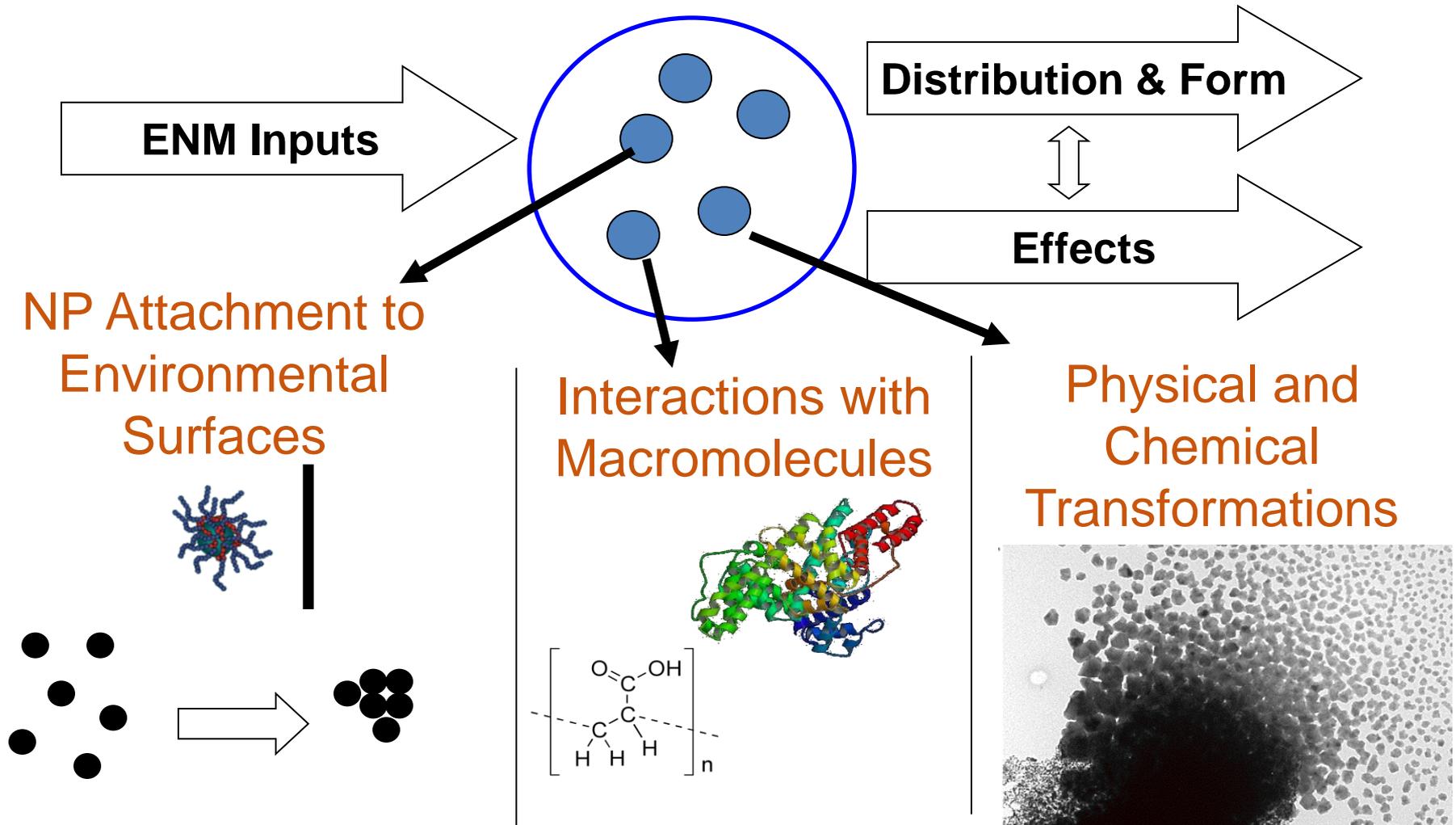
What can happen
because of it?

Nanoparticle
Impacts



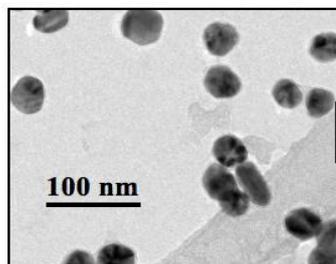


The System Matters!!

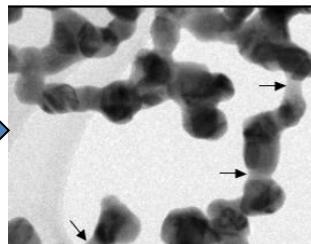


Sulfidation of Ag, ZnO, and CuO NPs

Ag

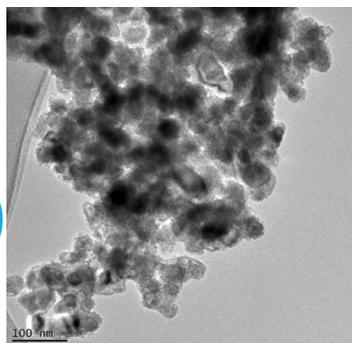


+HS⁻

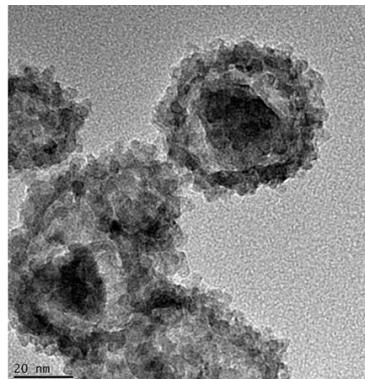


Ag₂S

ZnO

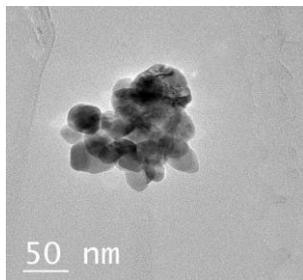


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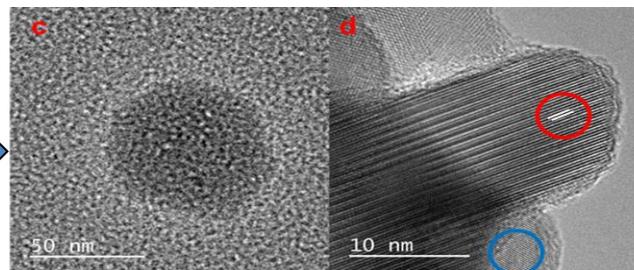


ZnS

CuO



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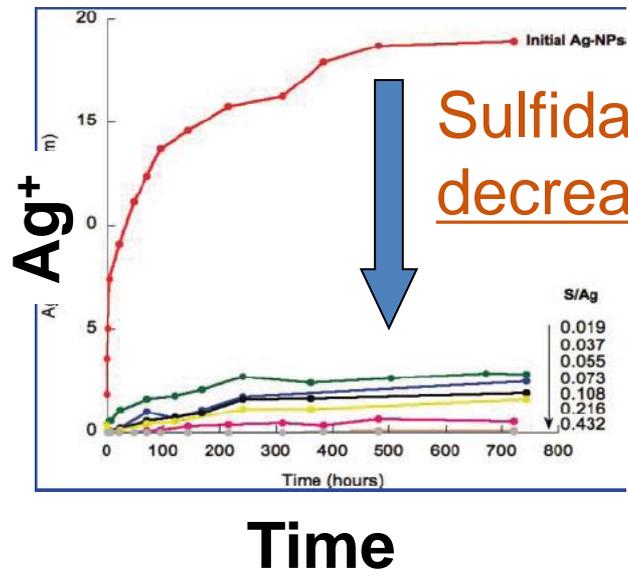


Cu_xS_y

Ma et al., 2013 *ES&T* 47 (6), pp 2527–2534; Levard et al., *ES&T* 2011 45 (12), 5260.

Ma et al., 2014 *ES Nano* 1, 347-357

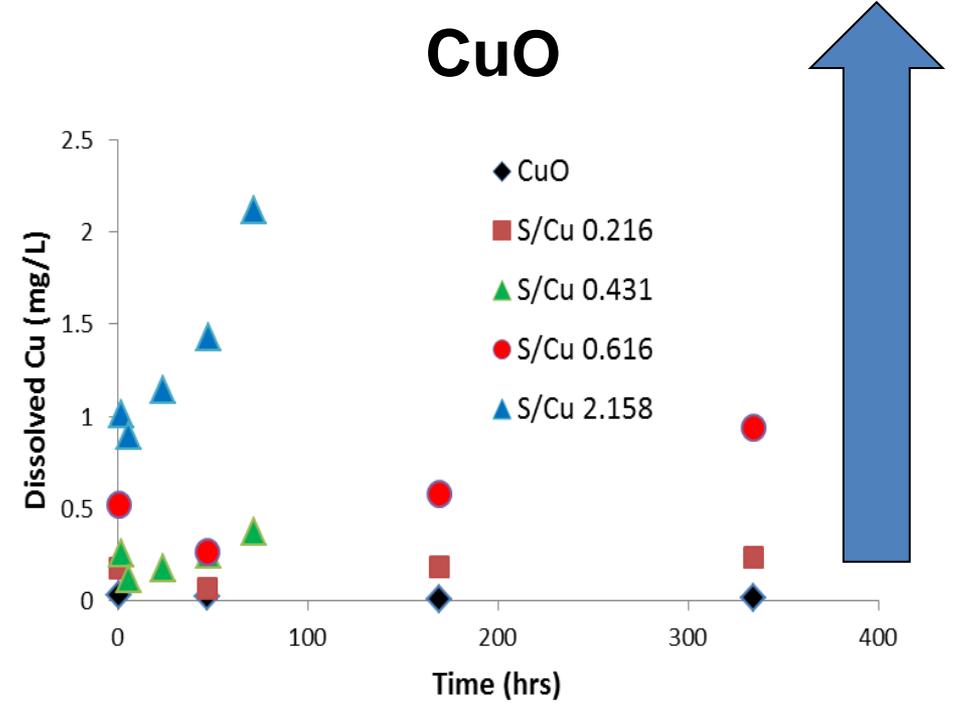
Sulfidation Affects Dissolution Rate



Sulfidation greatly decreases Ag⁺ release

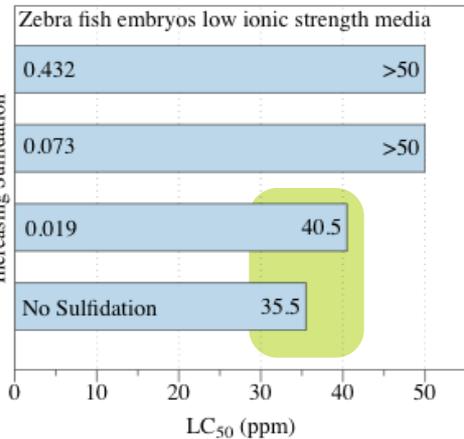
Sulfidation Increased apparent Cu solubility

Levard et al., *ES&T* 2011 45 (12), 5260.

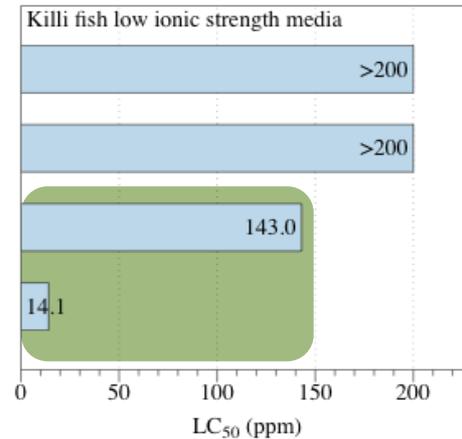


Sulfidation Decreases Toxicity

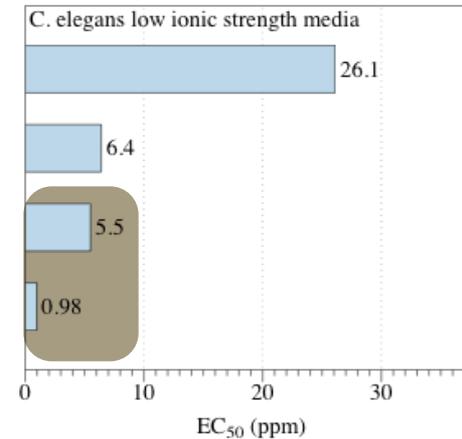
Zebrafish



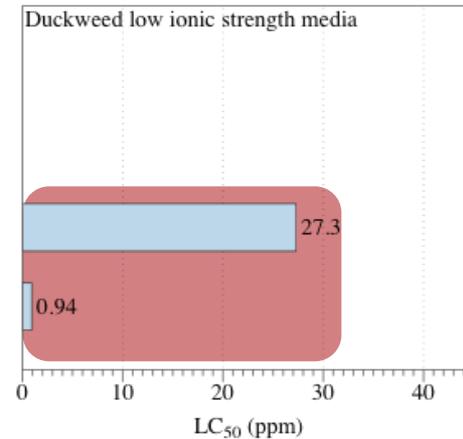
Killifish



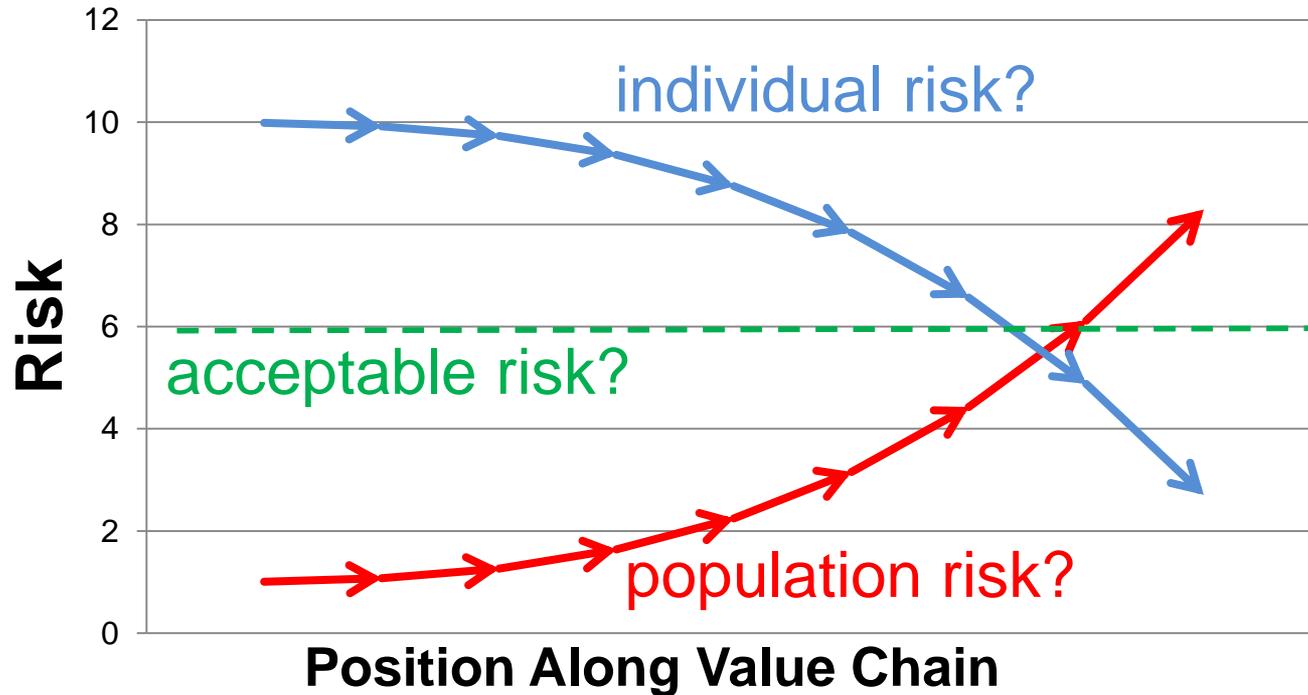
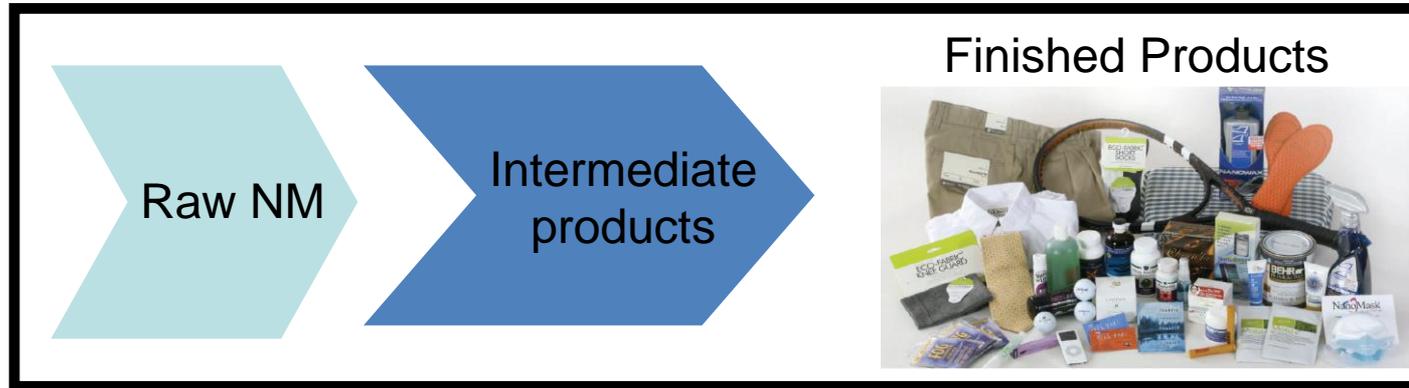
C. Elegans



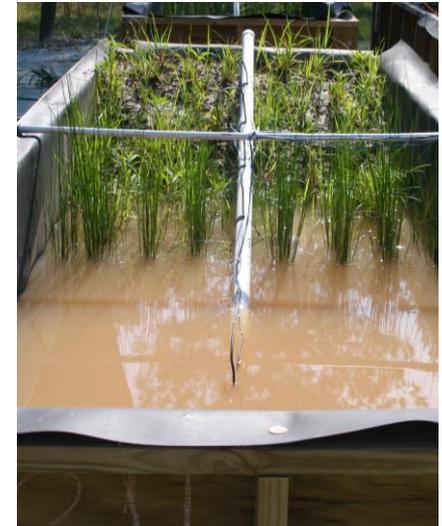
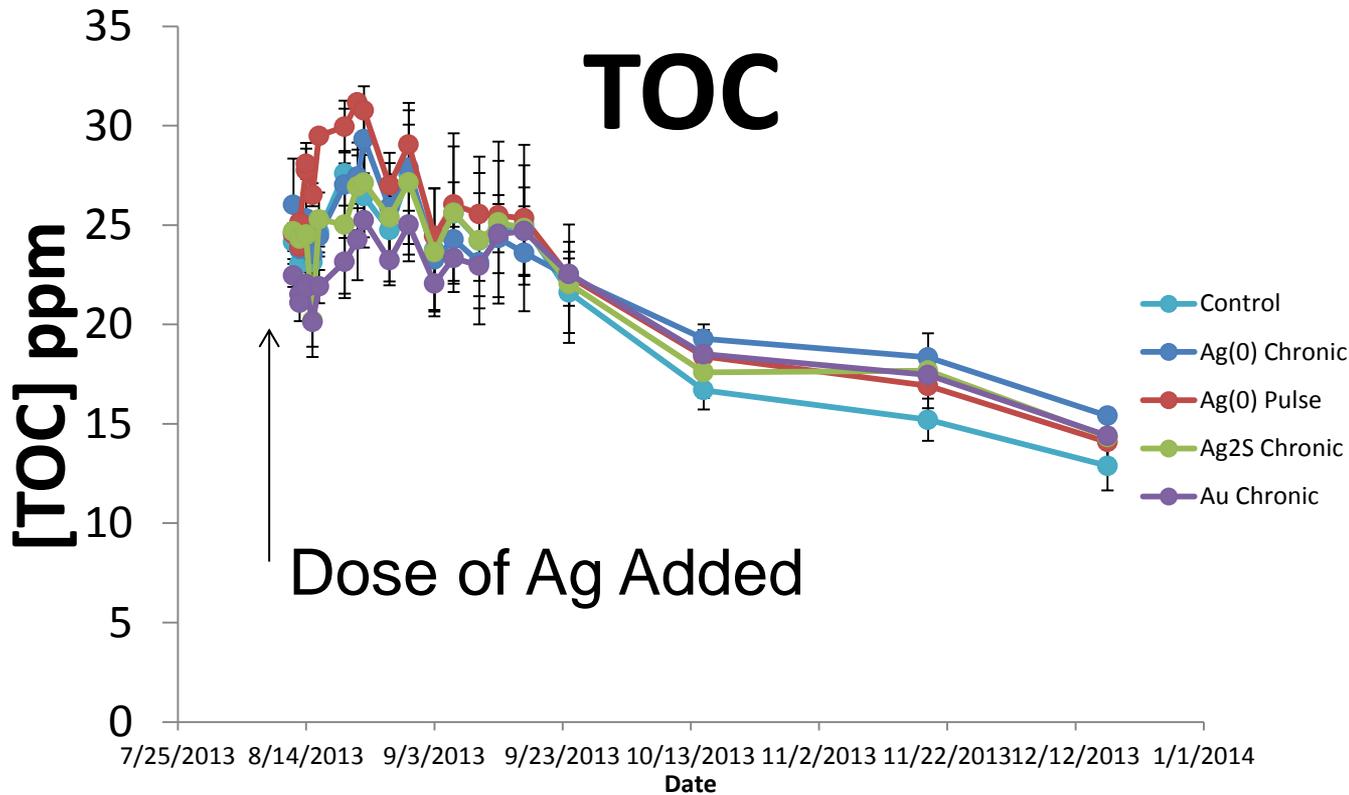
Duckweed



Consumer Exposure Potential Across the Value Chain

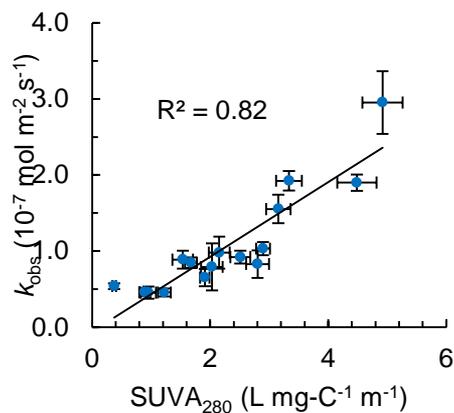
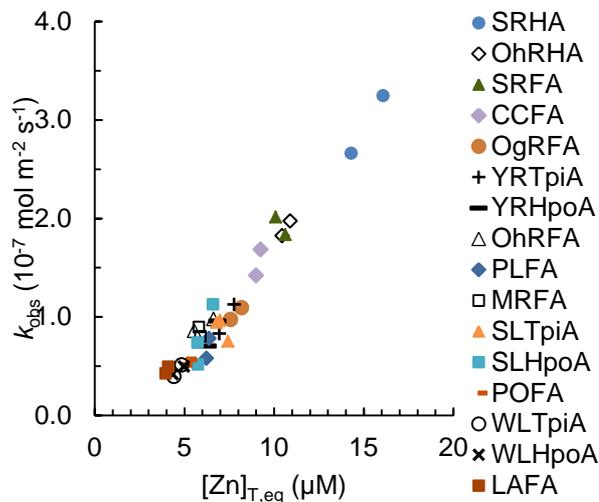


System Complexity Complicates Exposure Assessment

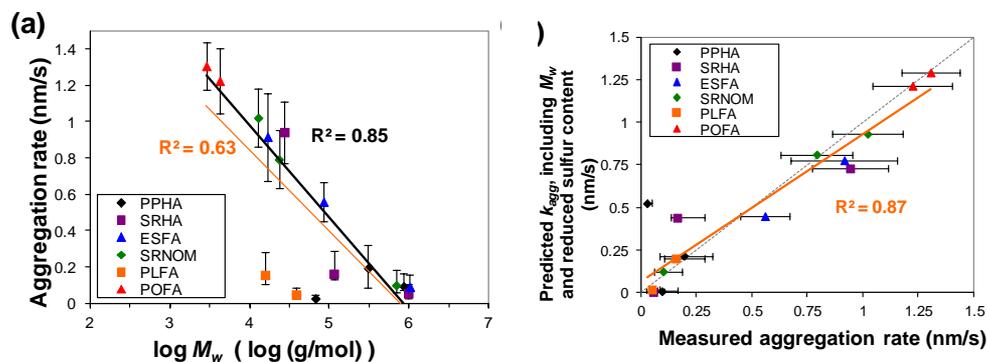
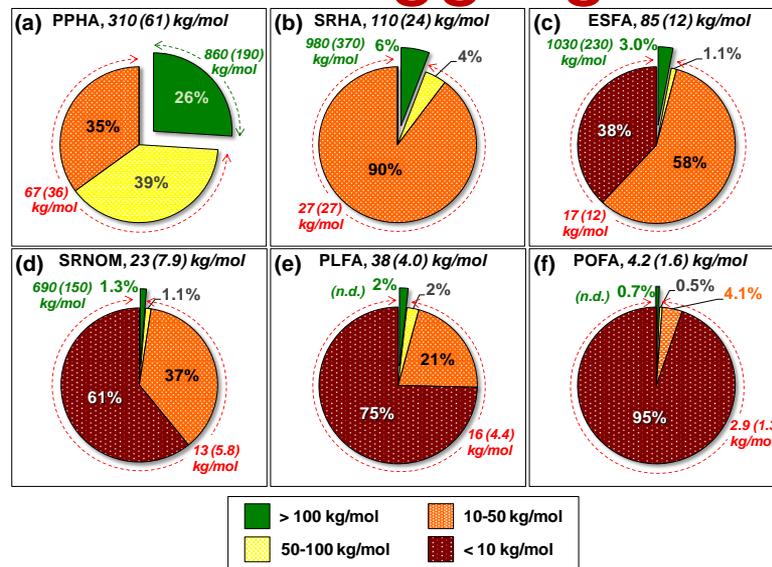


Complexity can be Managed (Modeled)

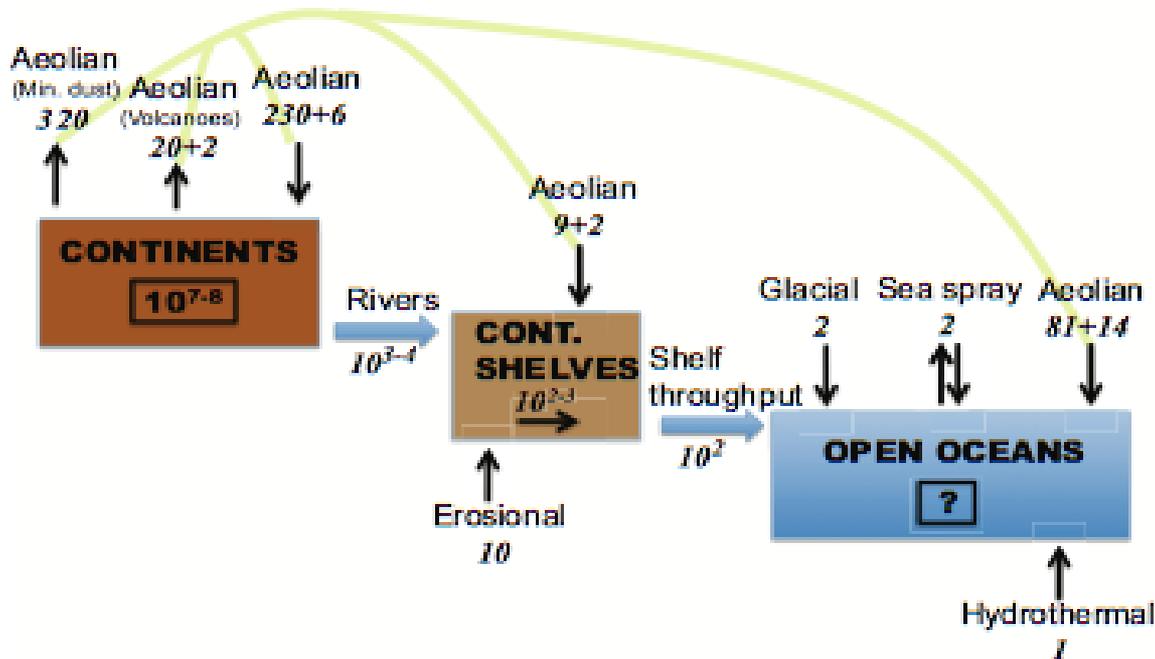
ZnO dissolution



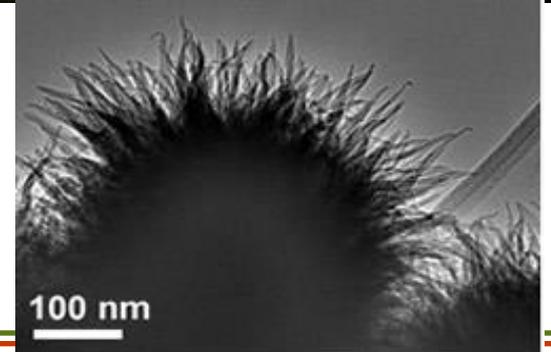
Au NP Aggregation



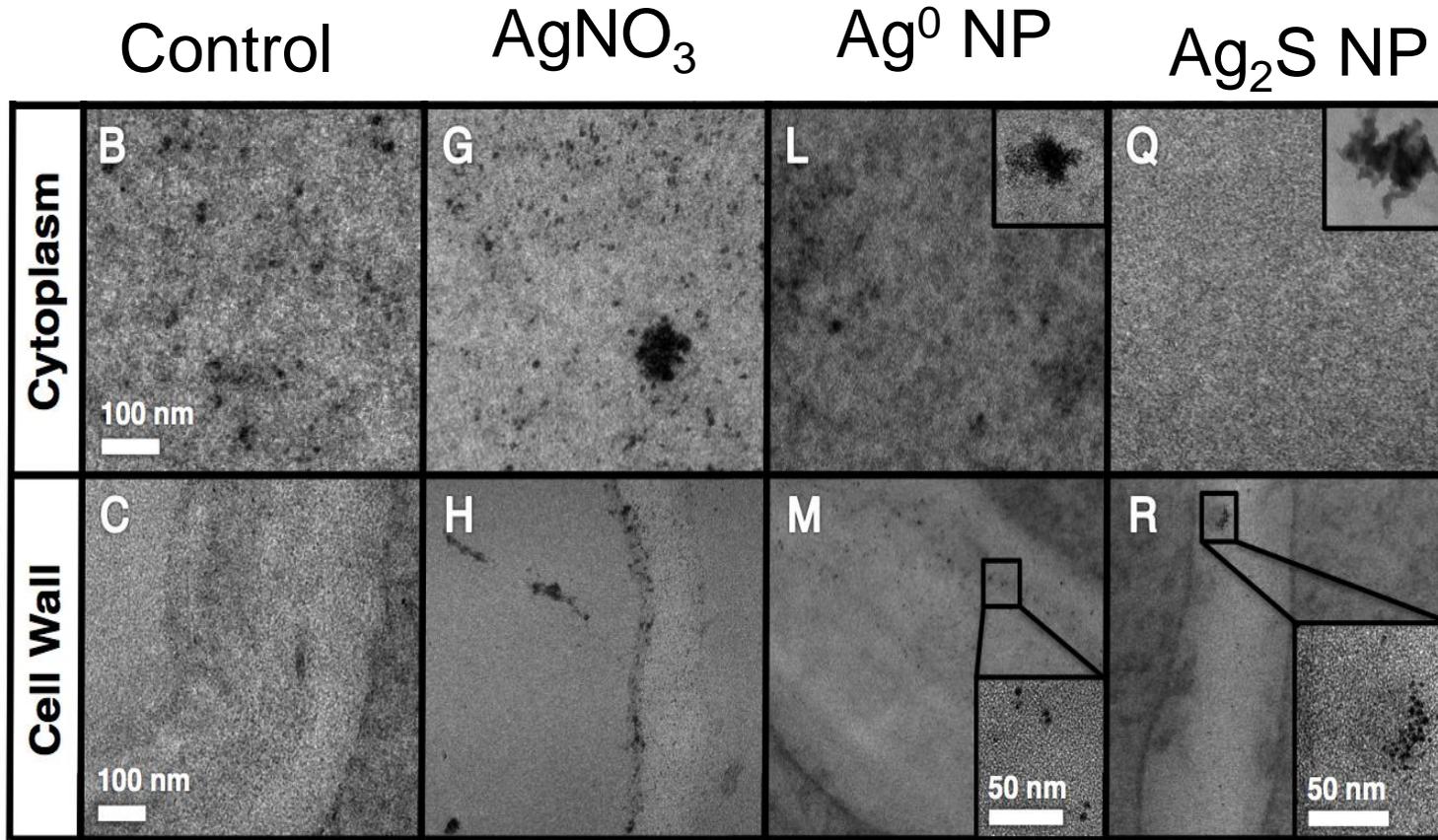
Natural, Incidental, and Manufactured Nanoparticles are ubiquitous



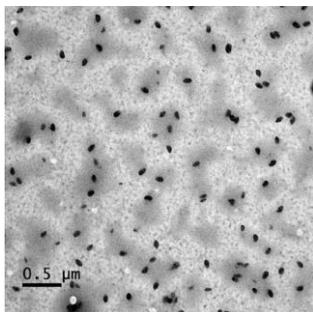
Values are in Tg/yr



Nanomaterials are Ubiquitous in Plants



Measurement of NMs in Consumer Products and the Environment



- Need to measure distribution and chemical speciation of NMs
 - *In situ* measurements
- Distinguish between individual NPs and populations of NPs
 - NM property vs. average properties
 - Understand effects of heterogeneity
- Distinguishing between NMs and background
 - “Big Ten”-SiO₂, TiO₂,

X-ray Characterization Methods

Solids/Tissue Characterization



Expose NPs to various conditions



Wet or Dry Solids/Tissue



Solids



XAS/XRF

Filter (3kD)

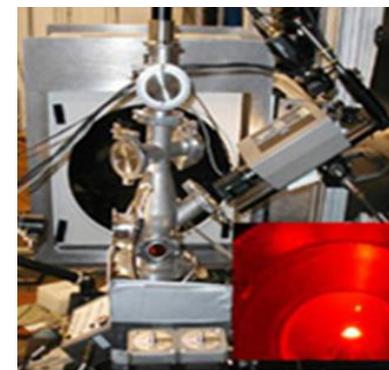
Supernatant



Dissolved species

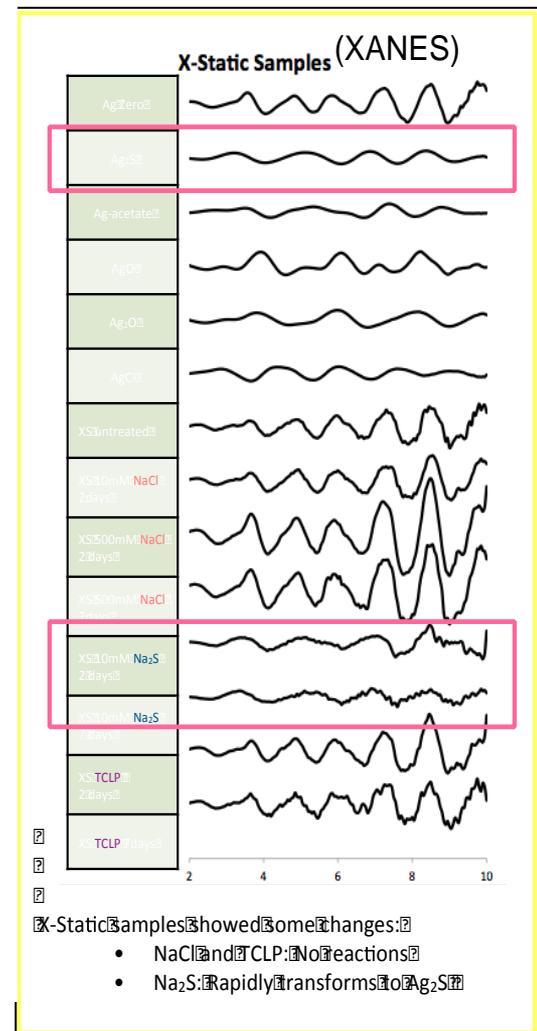
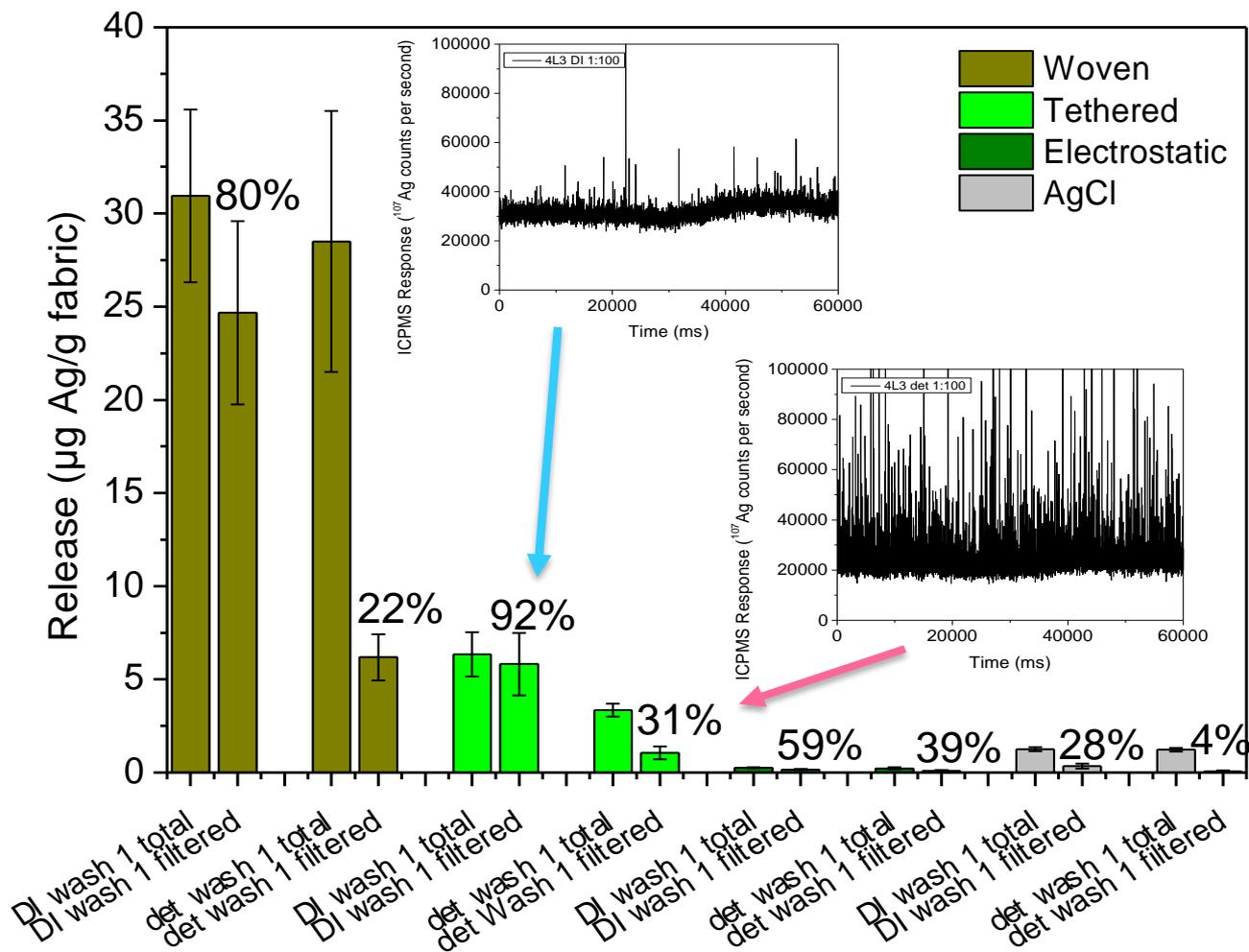


ICP-MS



XRD

How does Ag release from textiles vary with aging and transformation of NPs?

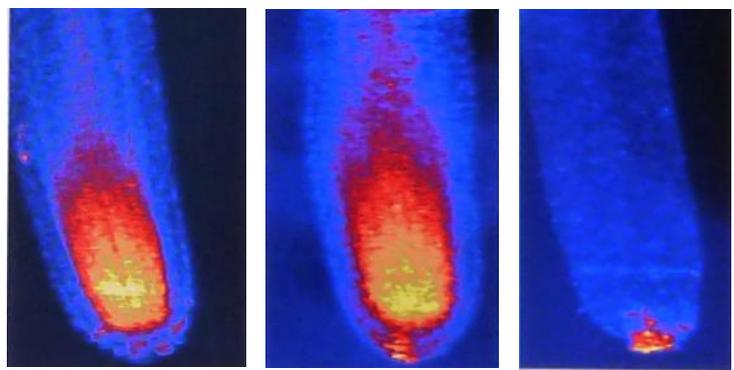


Mode of Uptake of Ag by Duckweed

Duckweed
Landoltia punctata



18 h

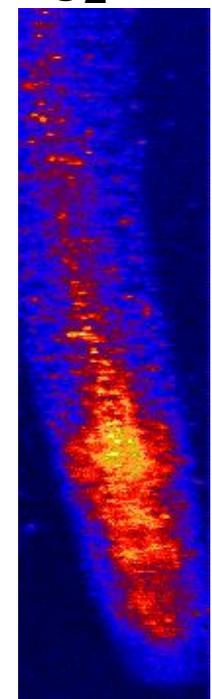
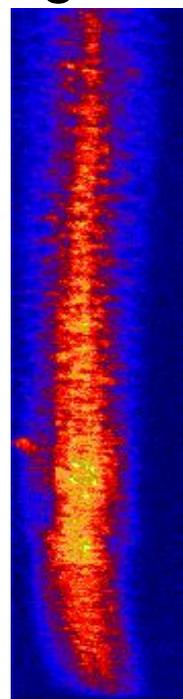
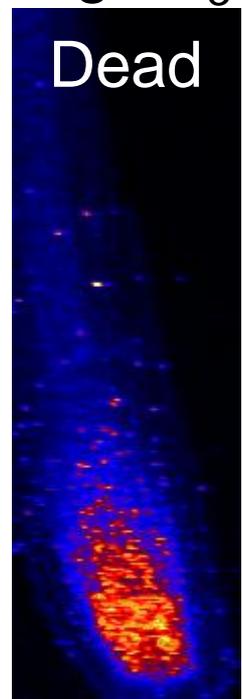


AgNO₃

AgNPs

Ag₂S-NPs

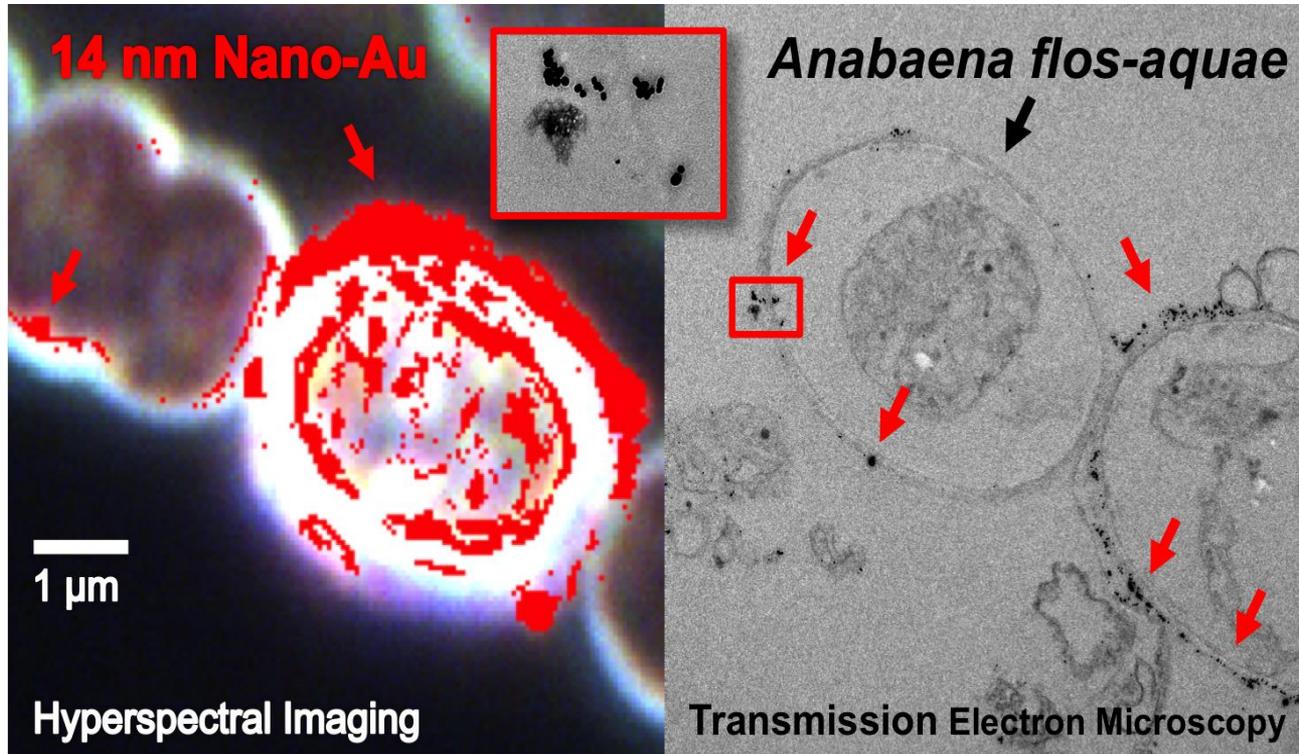
~60 h



Visualization Methods for ENM Uptake by plants

Dark-field microscopy

TEM/EDS



Accumulation of Au NPs in the cyanobacteria *Anabaena flos-aquae*.

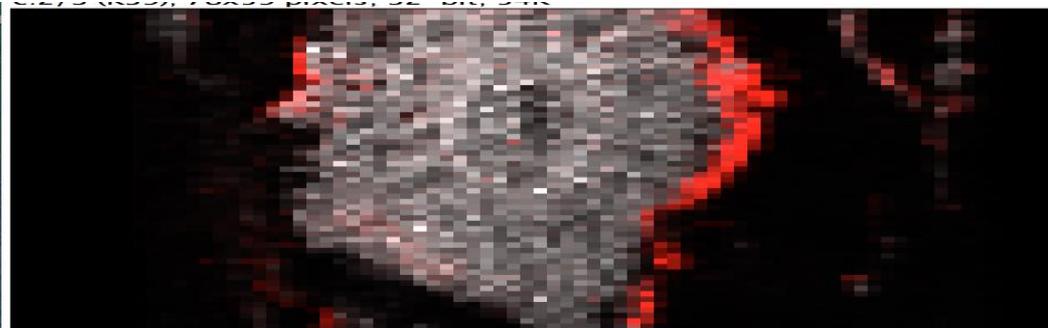
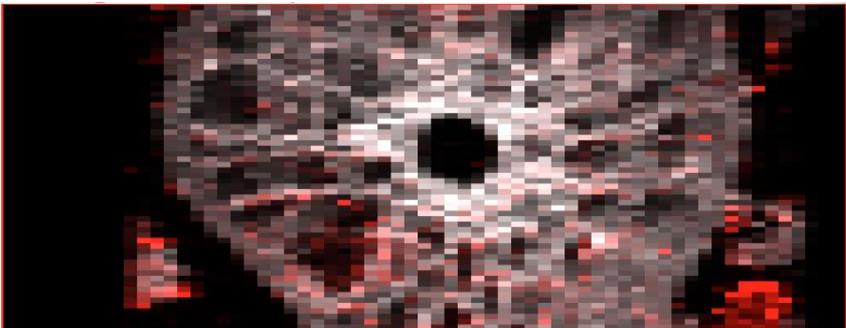
Metal NP Exposures to *Egeria densa*



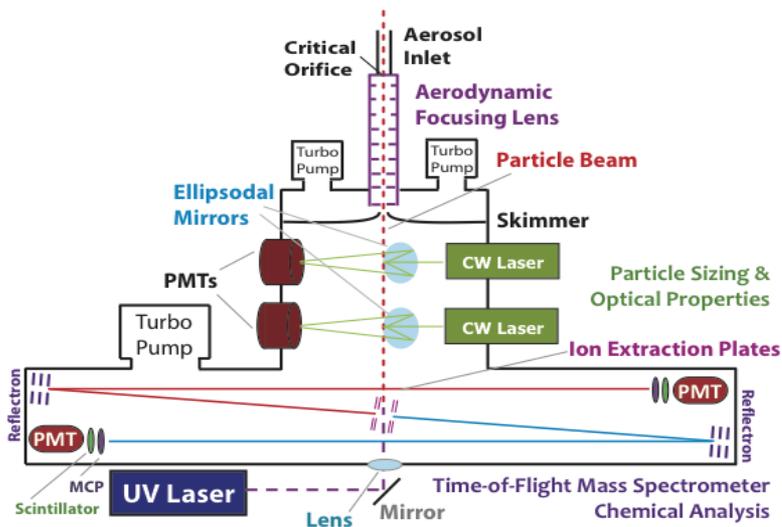
Laser Ablation-ICPMS Maps of Ag

Ag_2S

Ag°



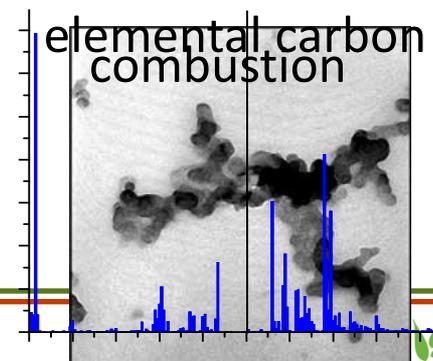
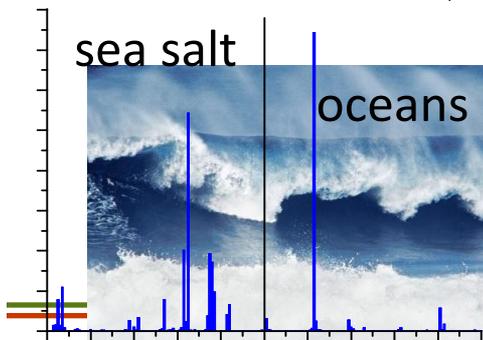
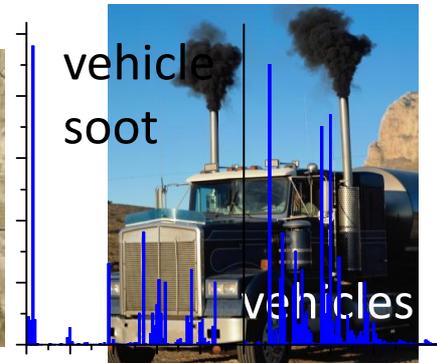
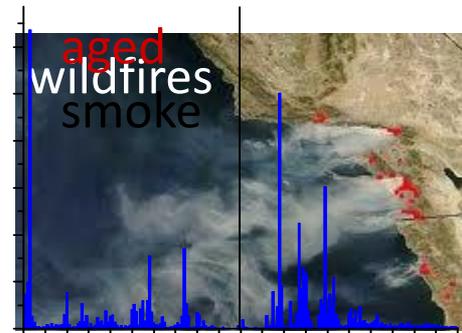
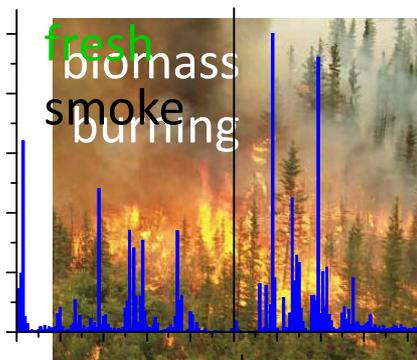
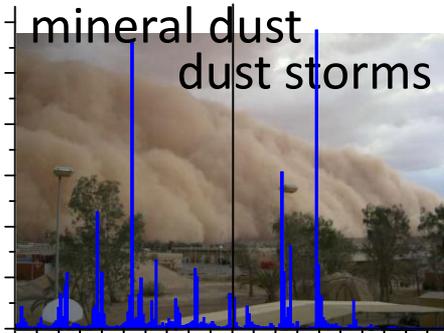
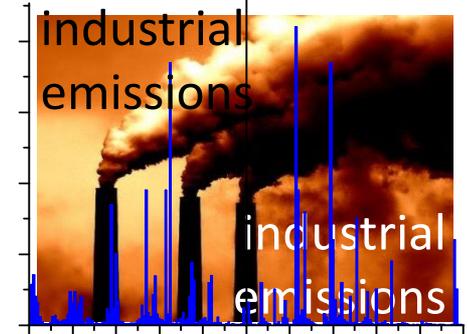
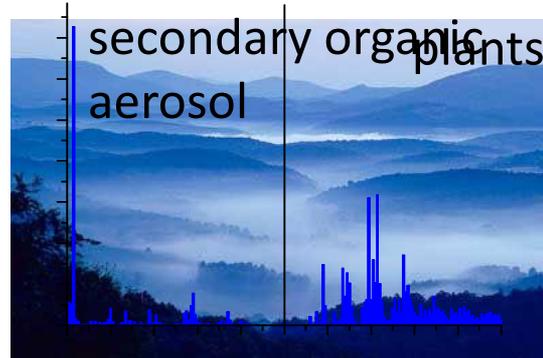
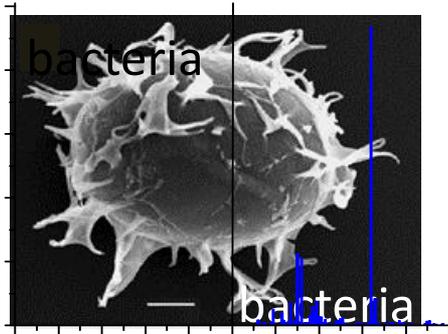
Single-particle measurements



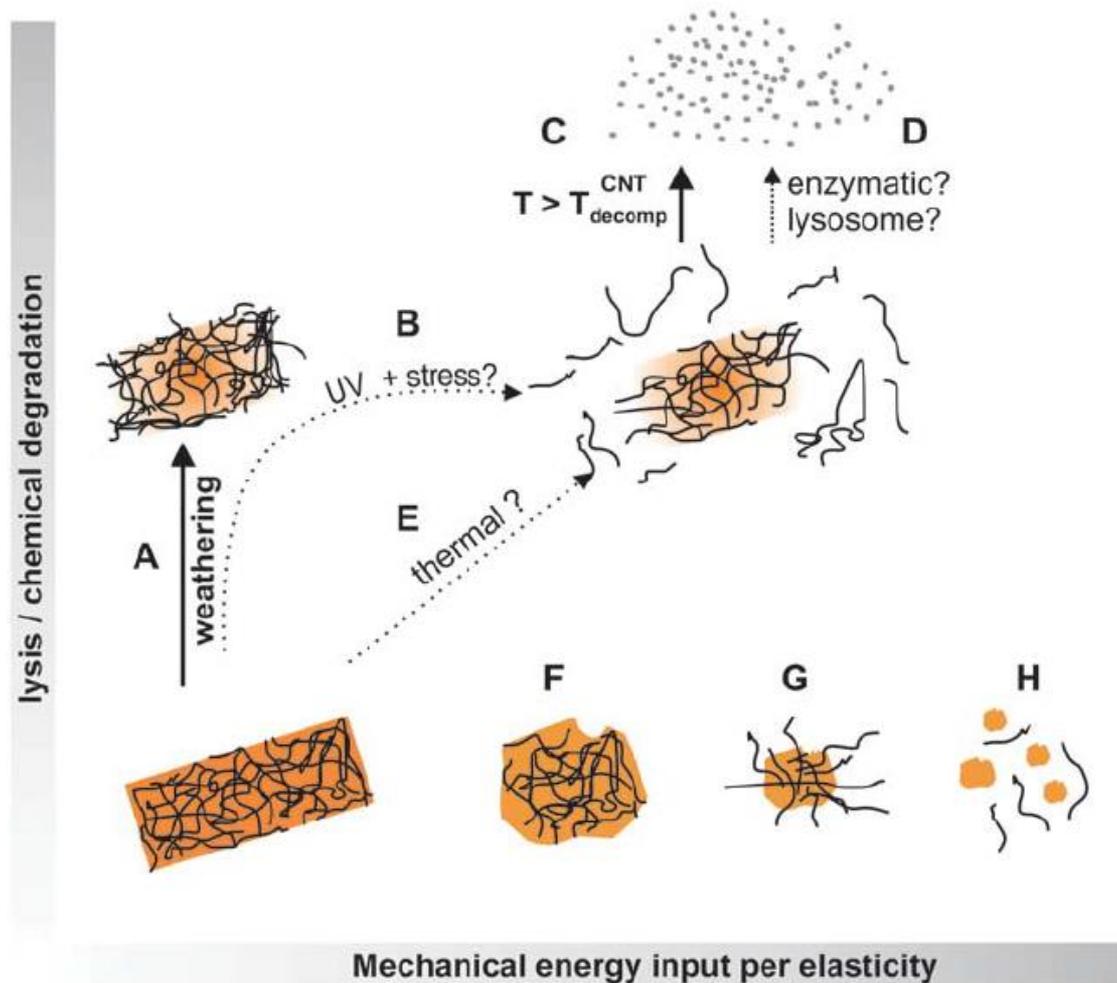
SP-MS measures individual particle size and chemical composition in real-time

- Can analyze particles with:
 - Diameters from 50 to 3000 nm
- Measure **ag** amounts of individual compounds
- Detection rate:
 - > Several particles/second
- Semi-quantitative composition

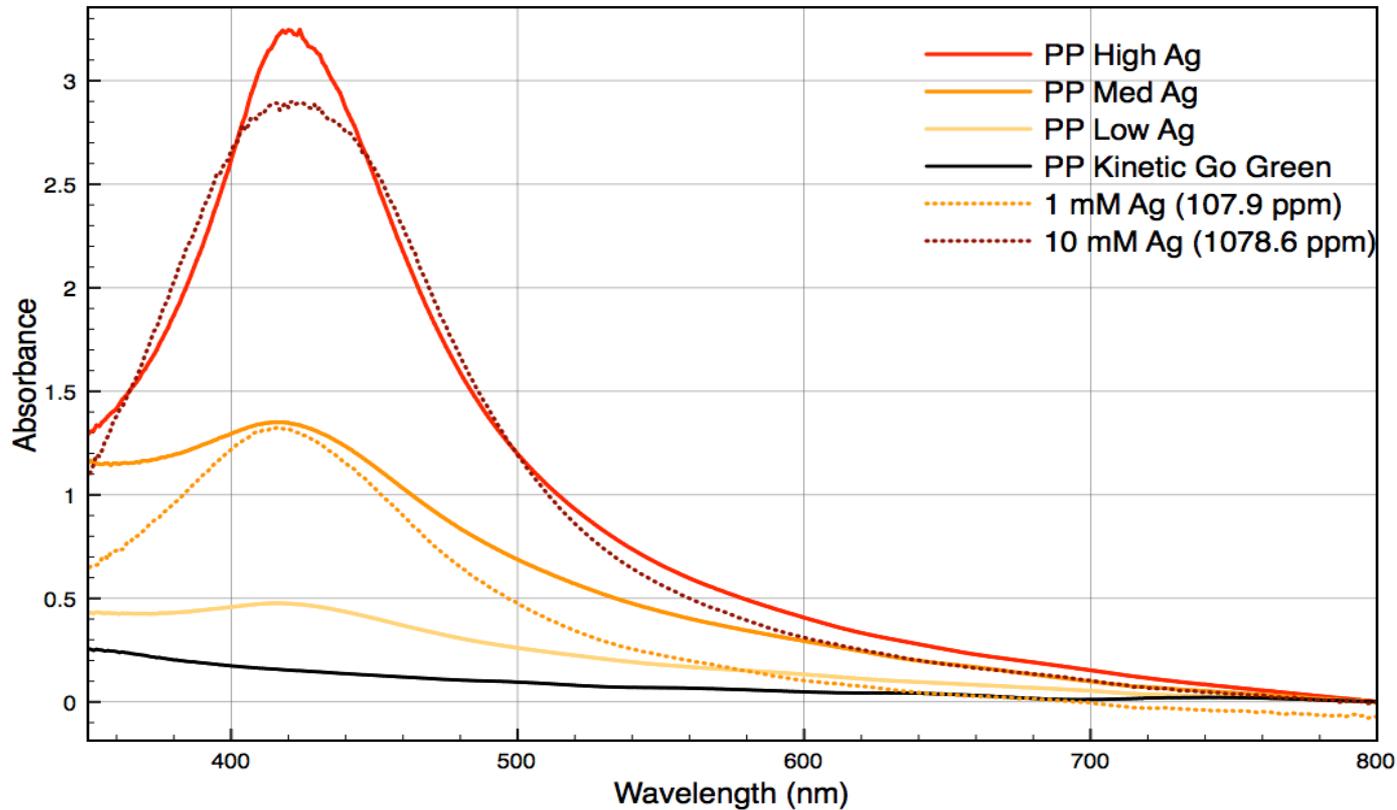
Identifying individual particle sources



Heterogeneity of Materials Released from CNT Polymer Nanocomposites



UV/Vis Spectroscopy of AgNP-Polypropylene PNCs

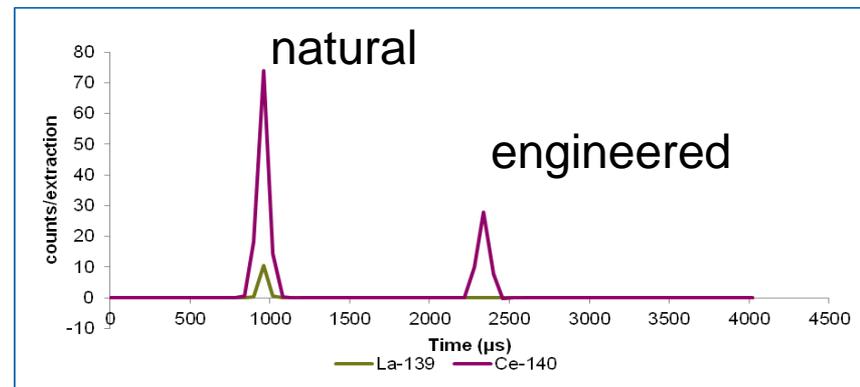
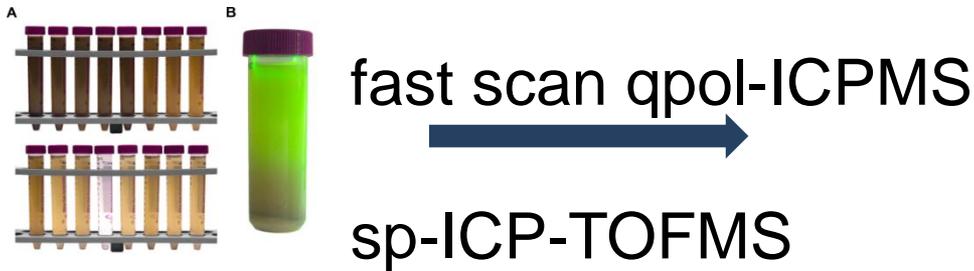


Key Difference - path of light through sample is much shorter in PP samples (~1-2mm for plastic vs 10 mm for sols)



Distinguishing NPs from Background

Approach




 natural nanoparticle no signal
 (~70 ppm Ce^{4+} & 35 ppm La^{3+})


 engineered CeO_2 NP 


 natural Ce-mineral 

Common Systems and Models as an Integrator



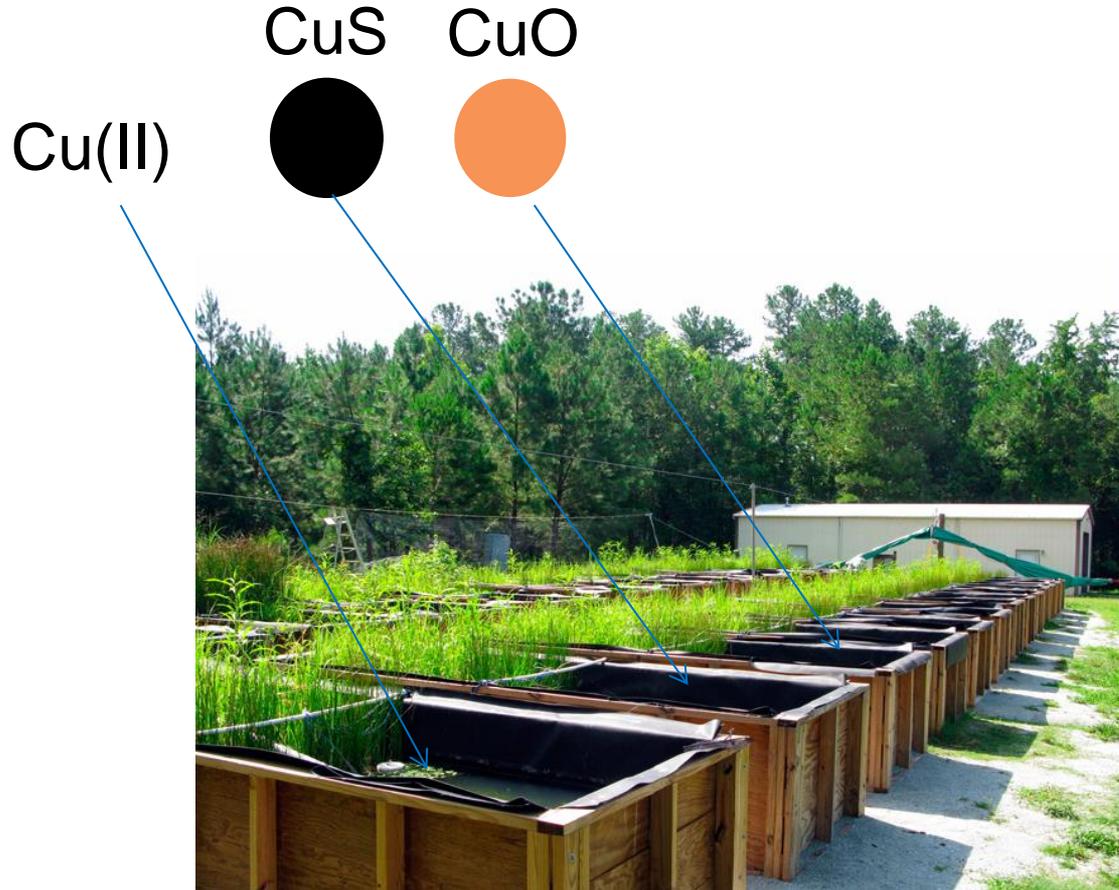
◎ 30 mesocosms

◎ year-long experiments

◎ Release from commercial productions

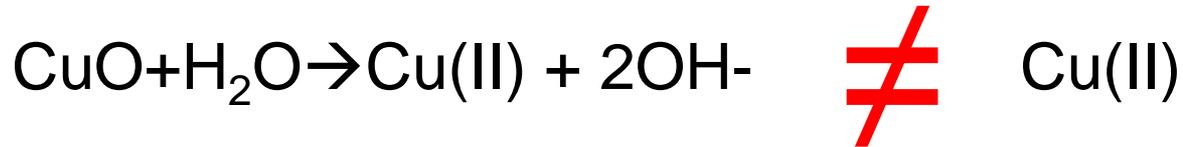
◎ Nano- Ag, CeO₂, Cu, Au, TiO₂, SWCNTs

Provides the ability to study many aspects of the system in unity



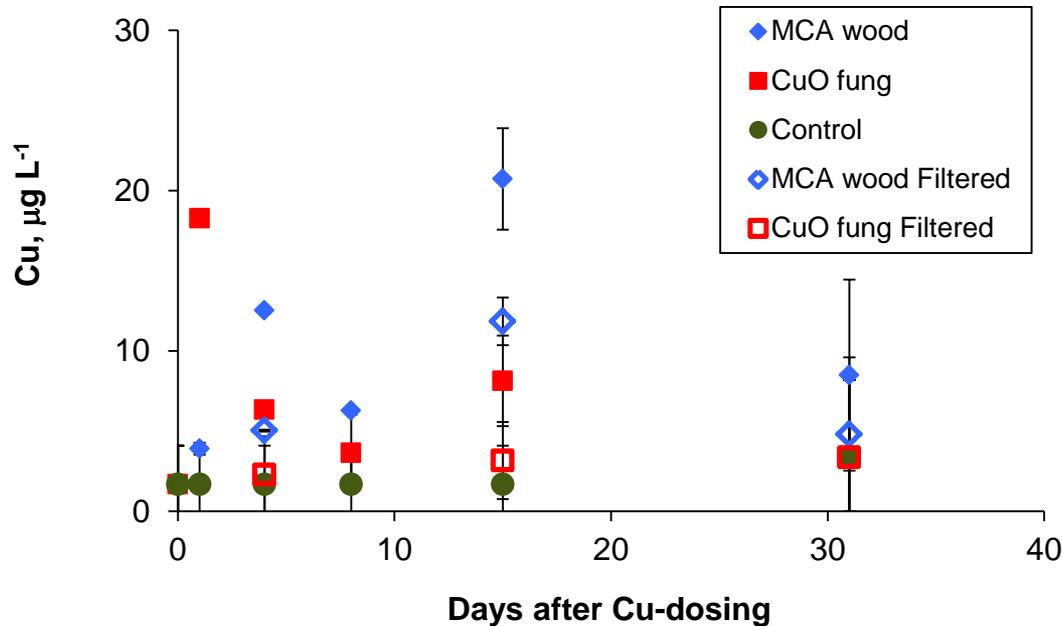
- Does initial dosed form of NP affect fate, biouptake and effects?
- How quickly do they transform?
- What do they transform into?
- Are organism effects dependent on form of the metal dosed?

CuO NPs Transform rapidly....but



Input Metal	1 month	6 month
Cu(II)	Cu-S-R (65%) Cu-FeOOH (34%)	Cu-S-R (77%) Cu-FeOOH (23%)
CuO	CuS (96%) Cu-FeOOH (4%)	CuS (85%) Cu-FeOOH (14%) Cu(0) (1%)
CuS	CuS (66%) Cu-FeOOH (23%) Cu(0) (10%)	CuS (60%) Cu-FeOOH (30%) Cu(0) (10%)
Ag(0)	Ag(0) (<10%) Ag ₂ S (>90%)	Ag(0) (<3%) Ag ₂ S (>97%)
Ag(s)	Ag ₂ S (100%)	Ag ₂ S (100%)

Metal Releases from Cu NP-containing Products



- Cu release occur rapidly
- Cu released is ~3% of total Cu added
- Still working to determine form of Cu released

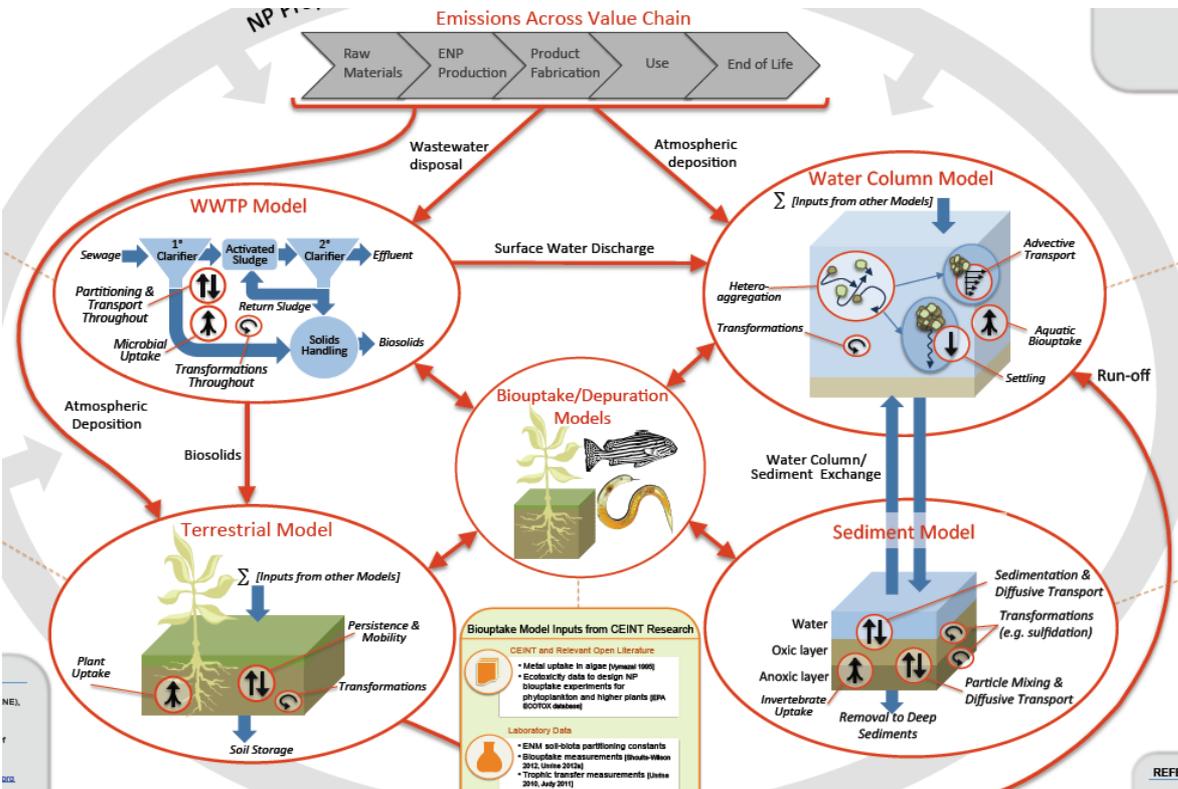
Common Models as an Integrator

$$\frac{dn_{ki}}{dt} = \pm \alpha \beta n_i \gamma_j - k_{dissolution} n_k + k_{formation} n_k + k_{transformation} n_k + k_{biouptake} n_k + k_{deperation} n_k$$

- Settling
- Aggregation
- Deposition

- Precipitation
- Bioproduction

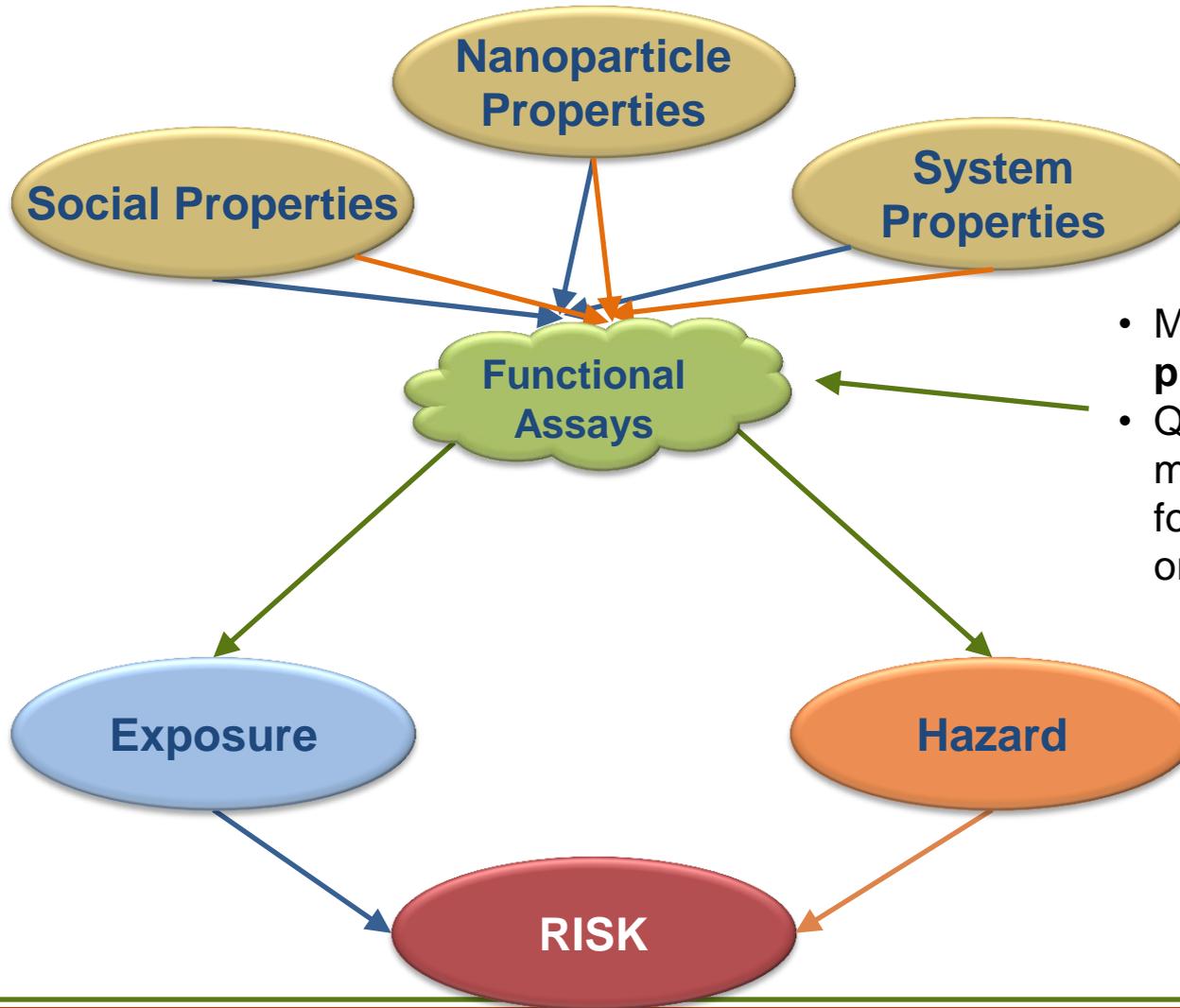
- Sulfidation
- Complexation
- Hydroxylation
- Oxidation/ Reduction ...



- Key functional Assays:
- Surface affinity
 - Dissolution rate
 - Transformation rates
 - Bioüptake/ deperation

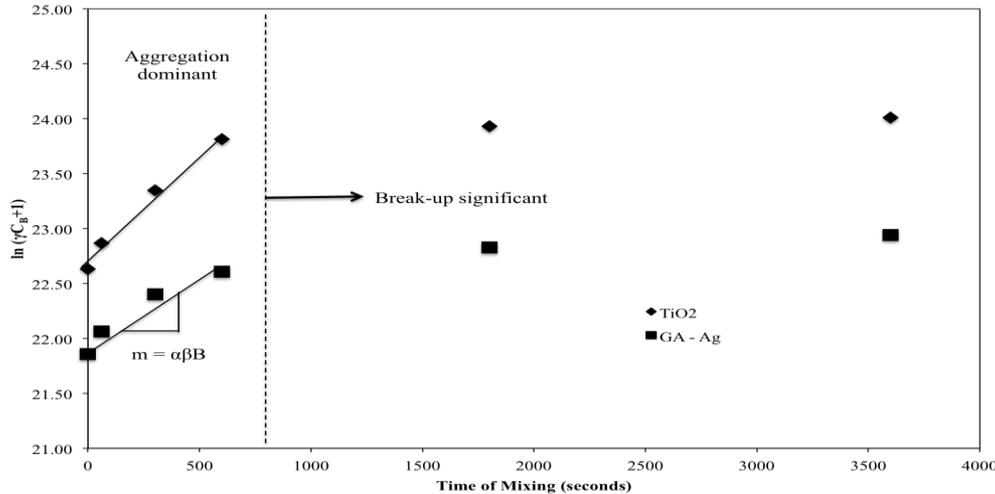
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Functional Assay Approach



- Measurement in **prescribed system**
- Quantifies a meaningful process for exposure, hazard or both

Developing functional assays for parameterizing models



α for biosolids to predict behavior in WWTPs

Dissolution rate, k_d , to predict bioavailability to plants and toxicity



Data Management and Modeling Tools

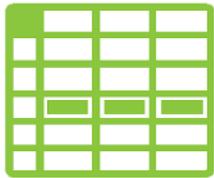
- NanoInformatics Knowledge Commons (NIKC) database to support data analyses and modeling
- Nano Product Hazard and Exposure Assessment Tool (NanoPHEAT)



Database

- Database infrastructure design
- Data curation from toxicity studies in the literature
- Data quality control

Query



- Database query to extract dataset for nanomaterial type and dose, tested organism, measured endpoint, and biological response
- Queried dataset as data input for dose-response modeling

Dataset

Input



- Estimate the effective dose of nanomaterial released from product
- Predict responses based on existing toxicity data
- Smart user interactive interface for data handling and modeling



Modeling

Dose-response model for NMs

Parameter manipulation

Model selection

Plot

Fitting method

logistic

Logistic model is described by a common S-shape curve. The initial stage of response is approximately exponential; then, as dose increases, the response slows and finally reaches the maximum.

Formula

$$f(x) = \frac{k}{1 + e^{-\alpha(x-\beta)}}$$

Fit this model

Plot and fit **Statistics**

Parameter initial value

k

0.1

α

1

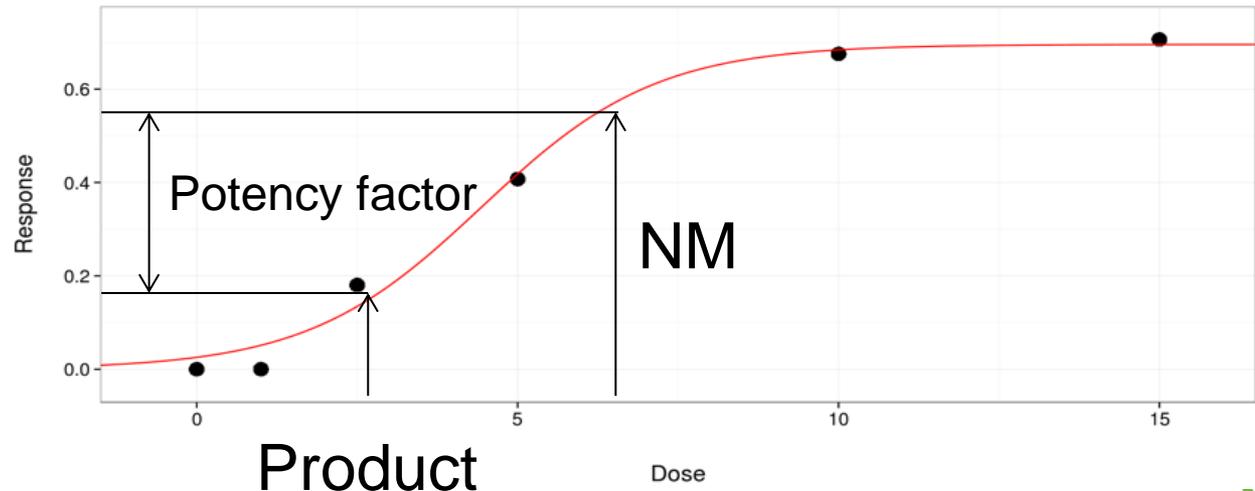
β

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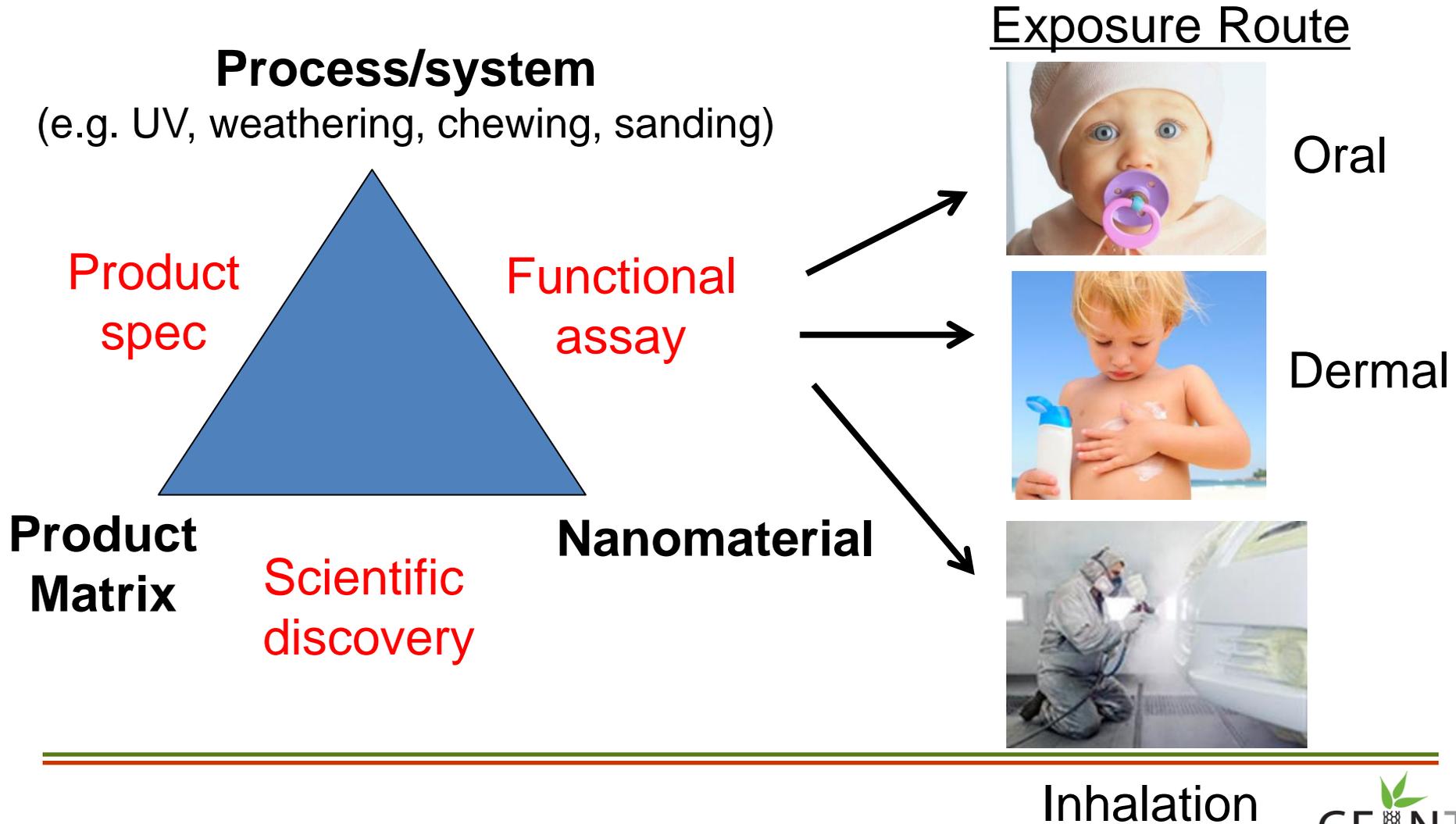
The value of dose for the midpoint in the sigmoid curve

Show curve using these values

Dose-response curve



Framework for Assessing Exposures to Consumer Products



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