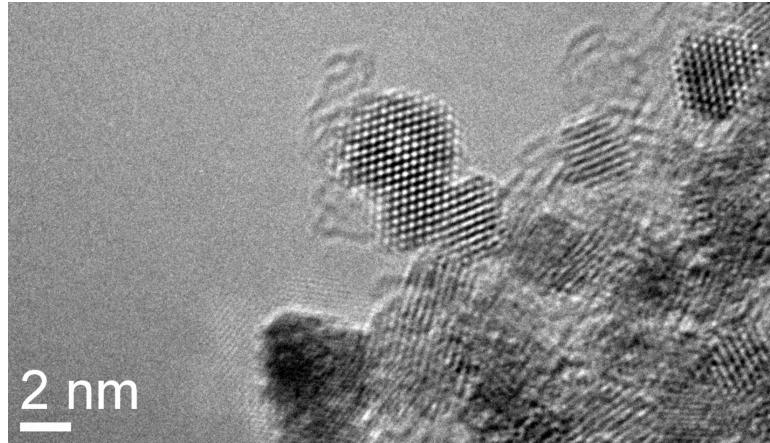


Nanoparticle coatings dominate their behavior in environmental and biological systems so we need good ways to characterize them



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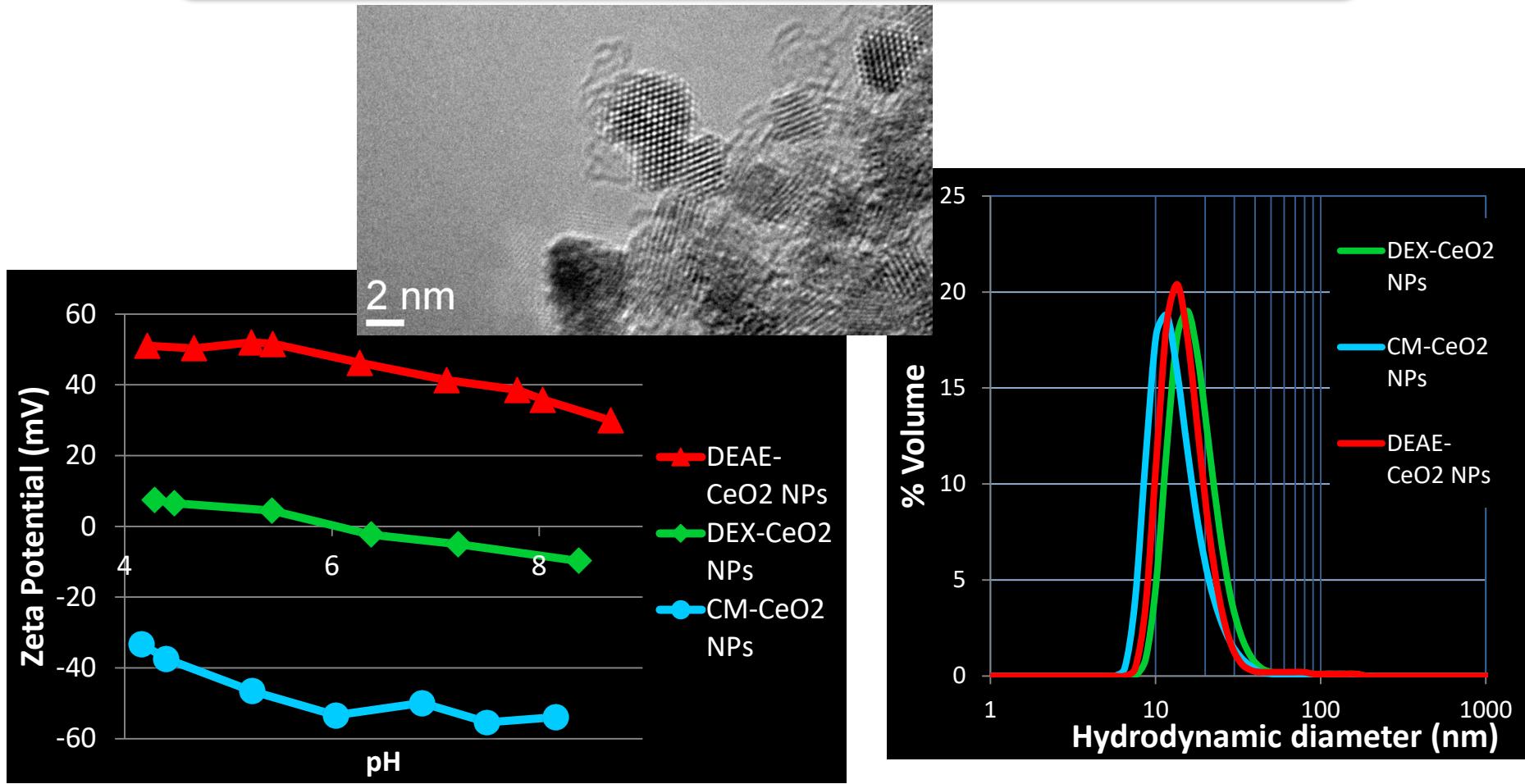
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Nanoparticle functionalization- CeO₂ synthesis



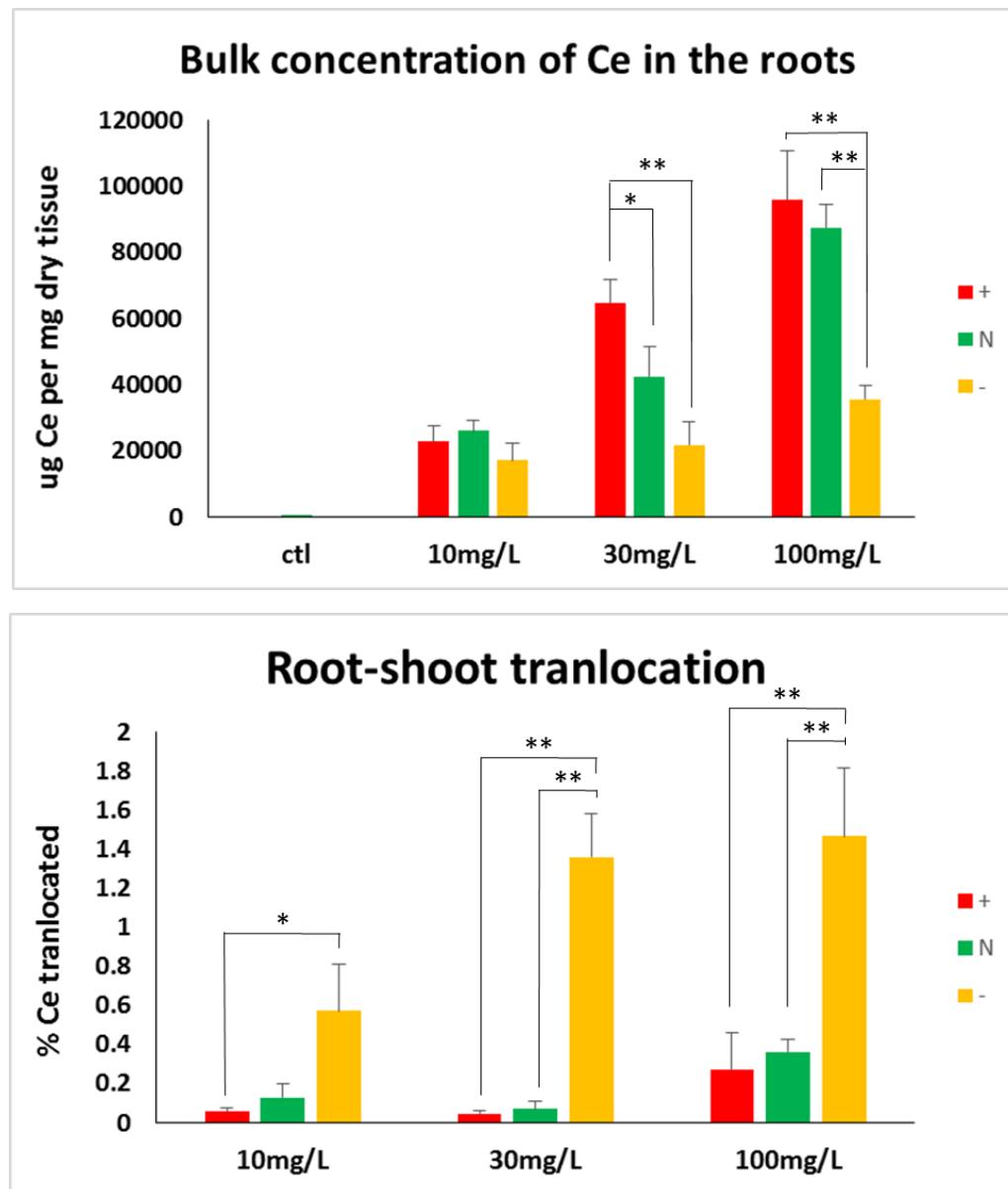
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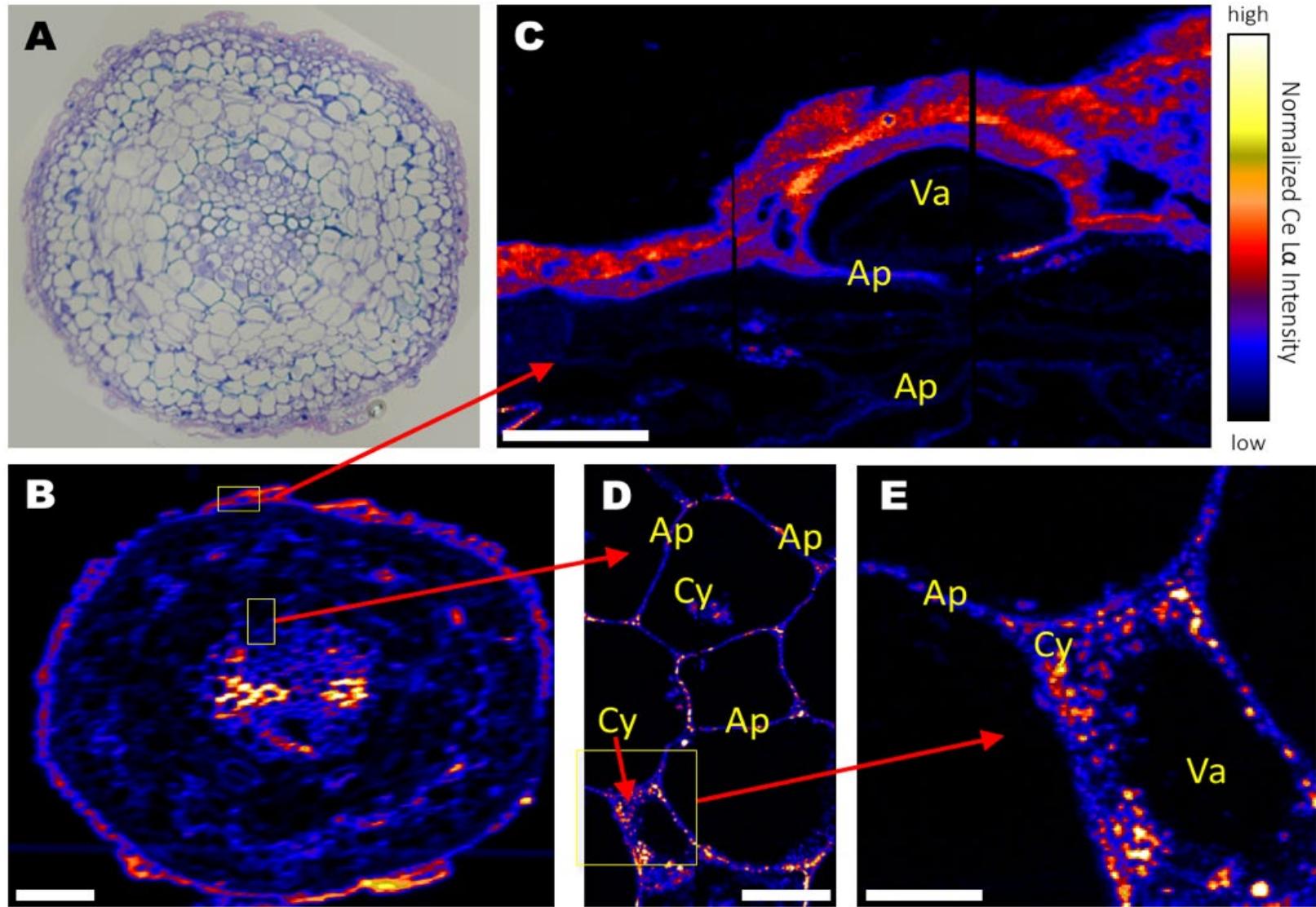
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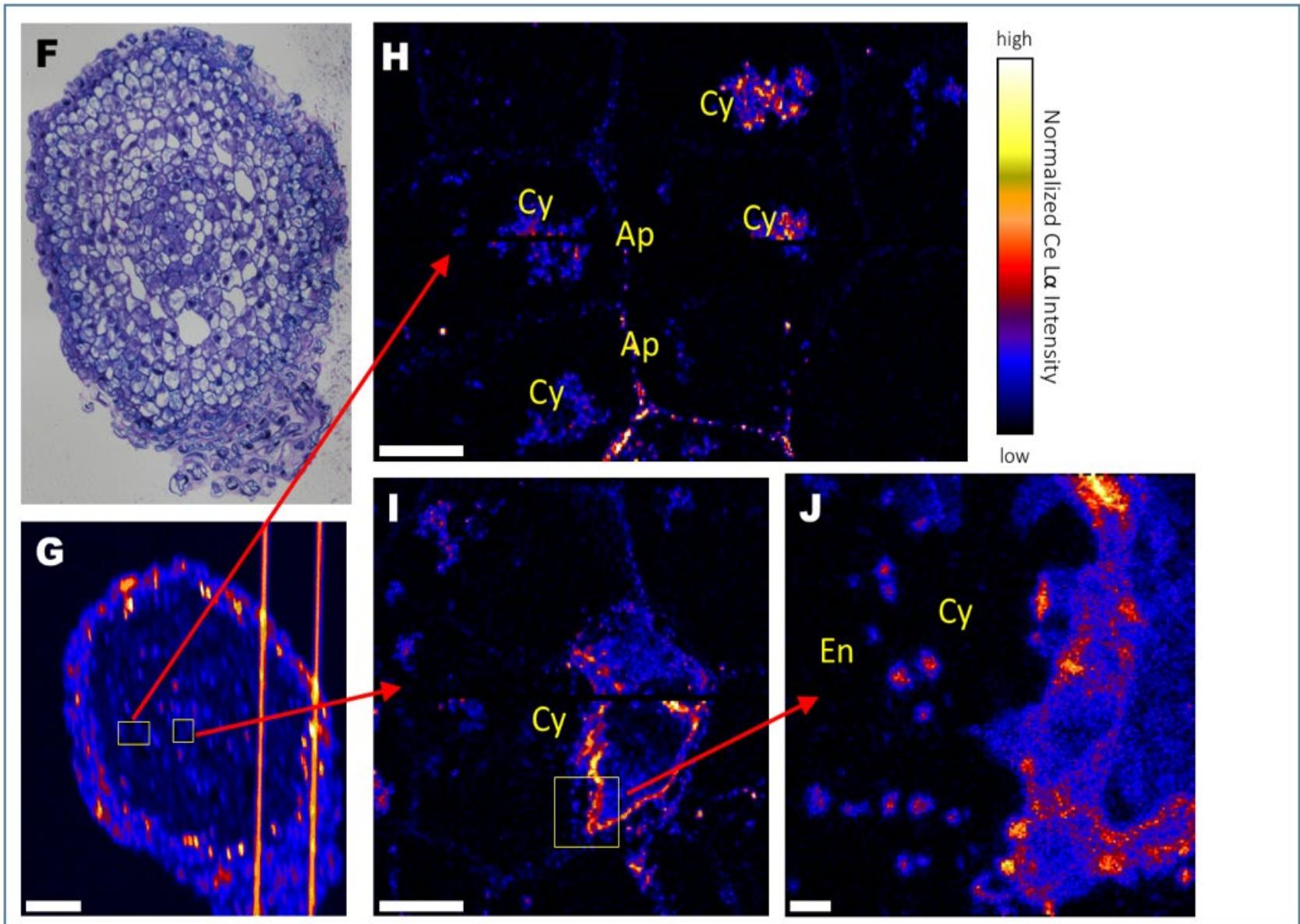
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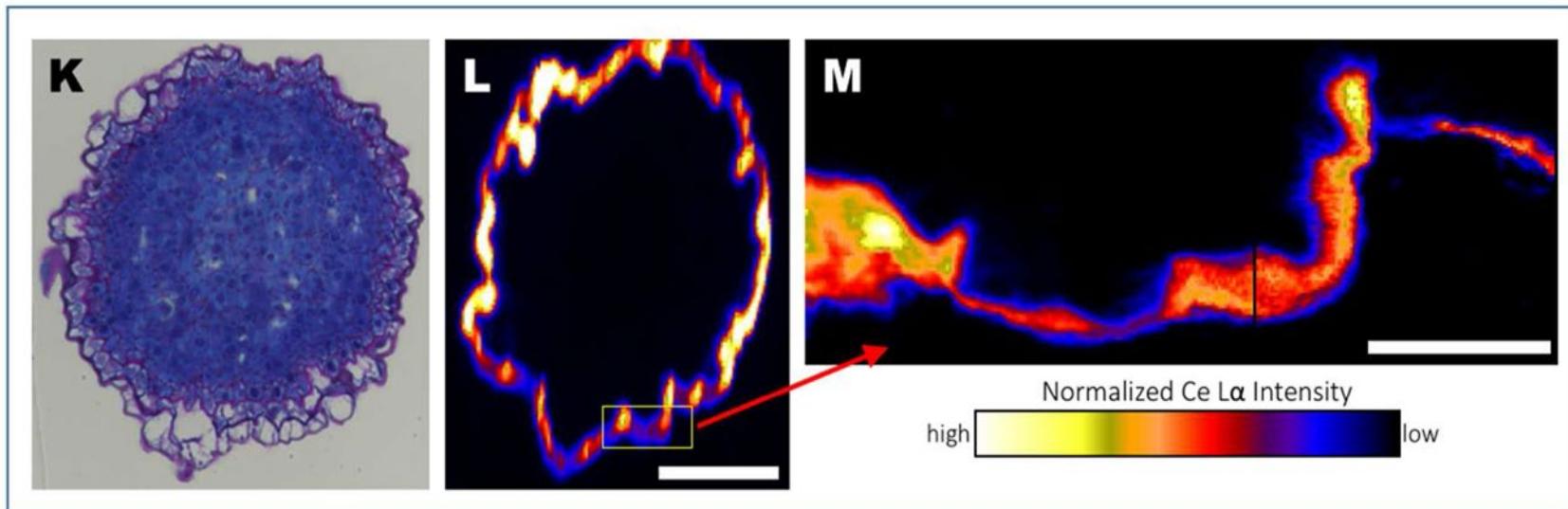
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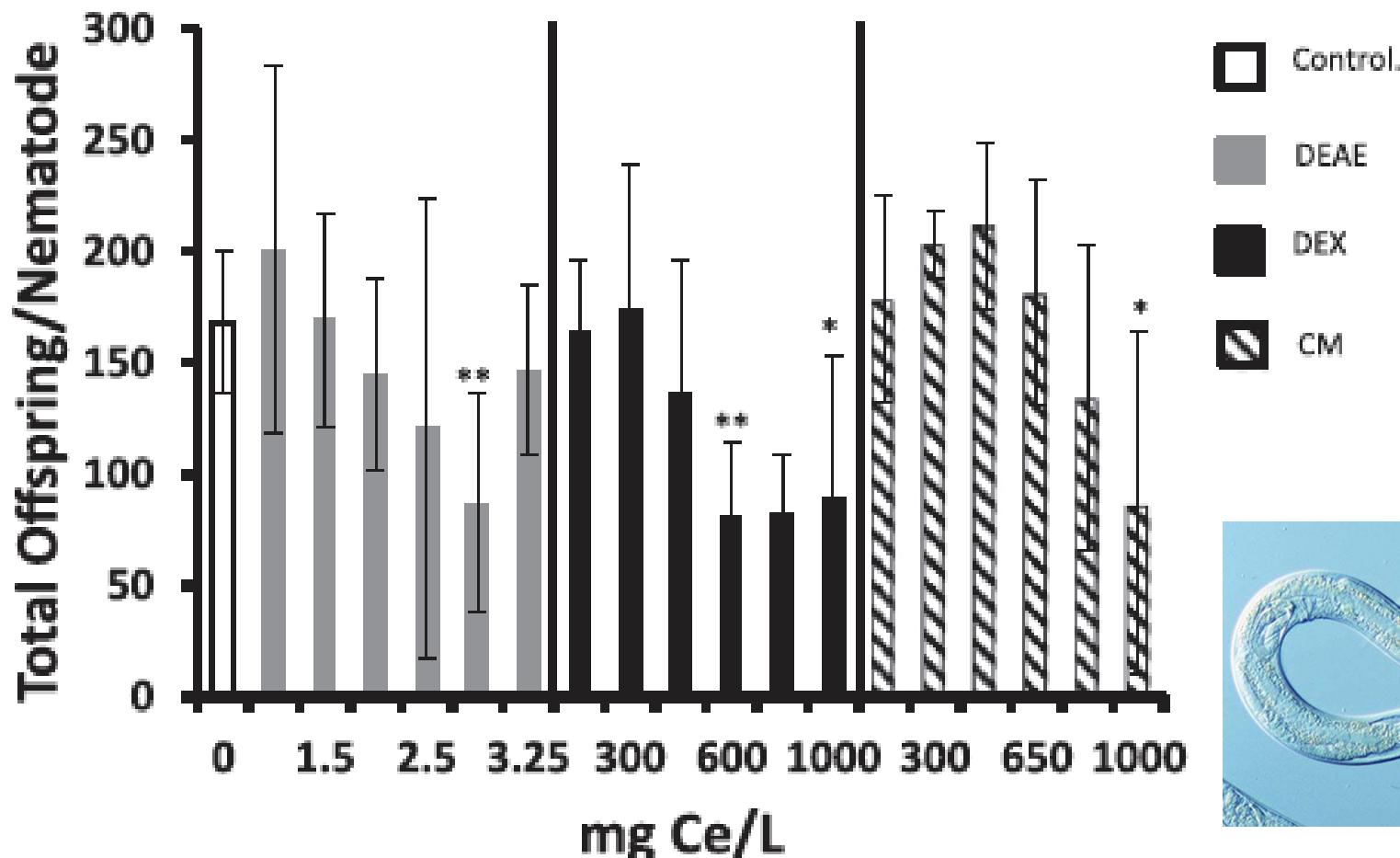
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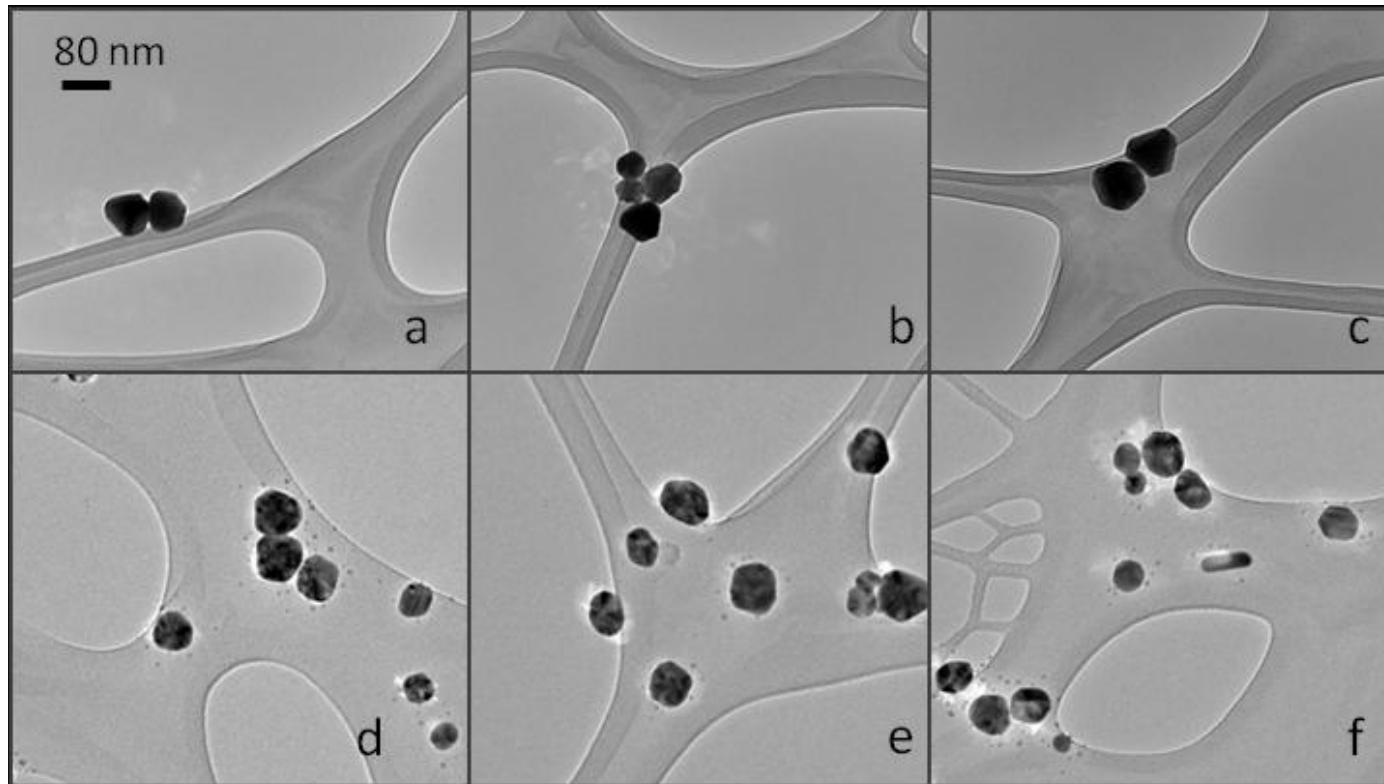
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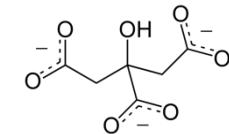
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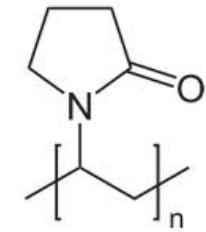
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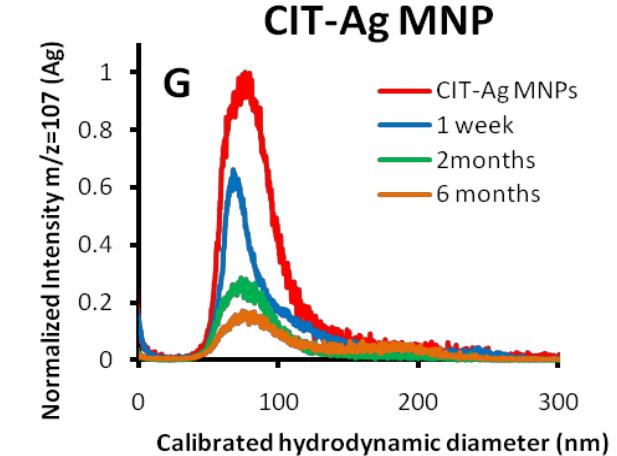
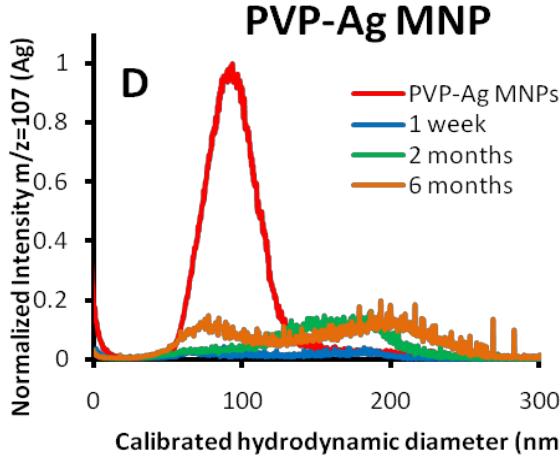
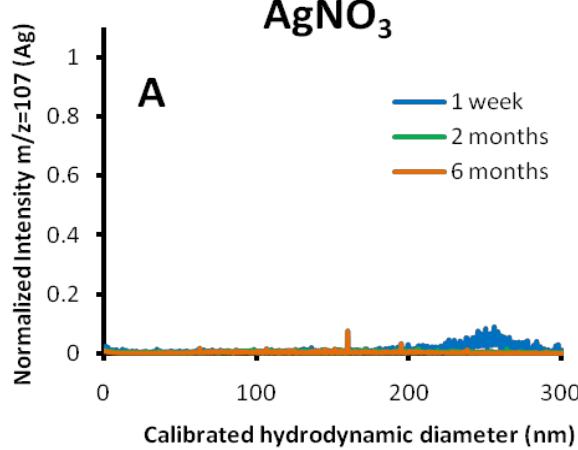
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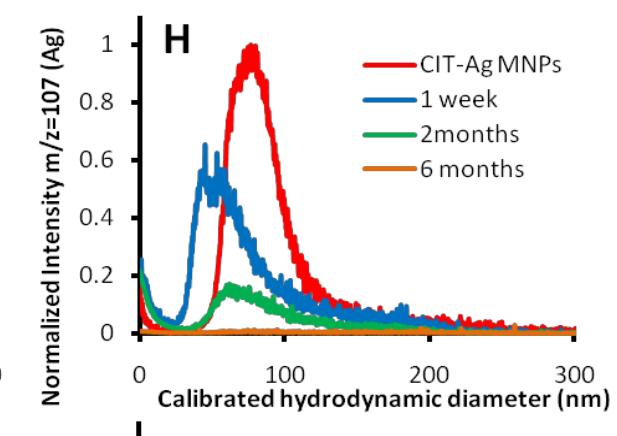
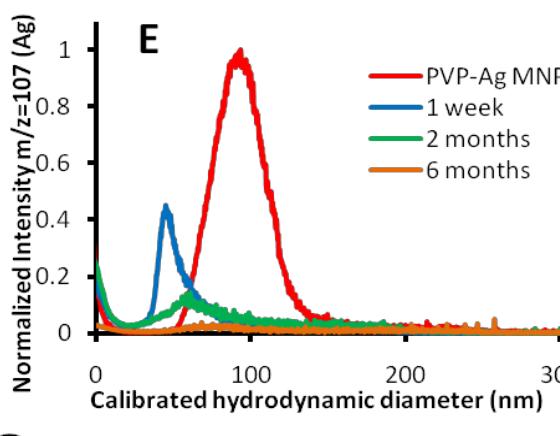
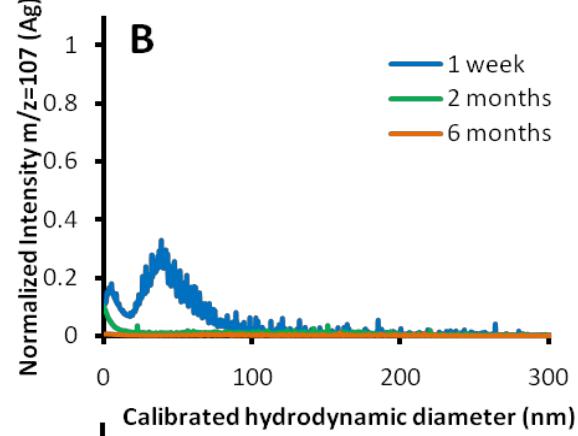
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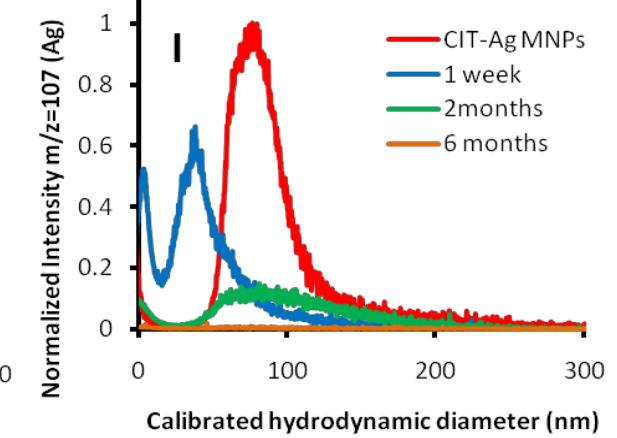
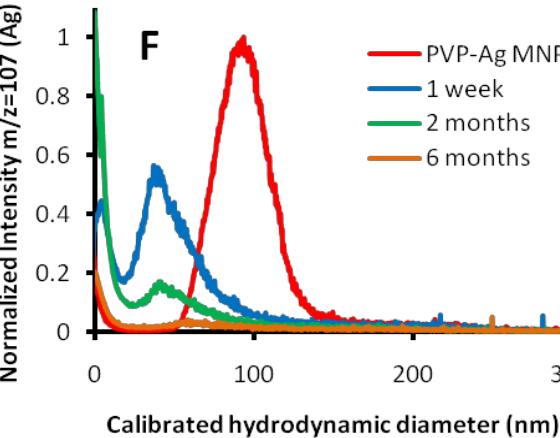
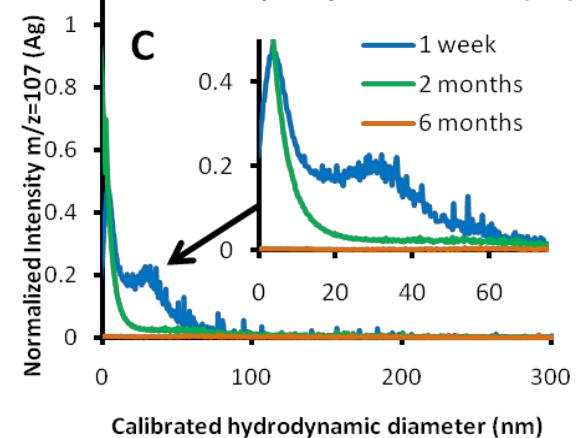
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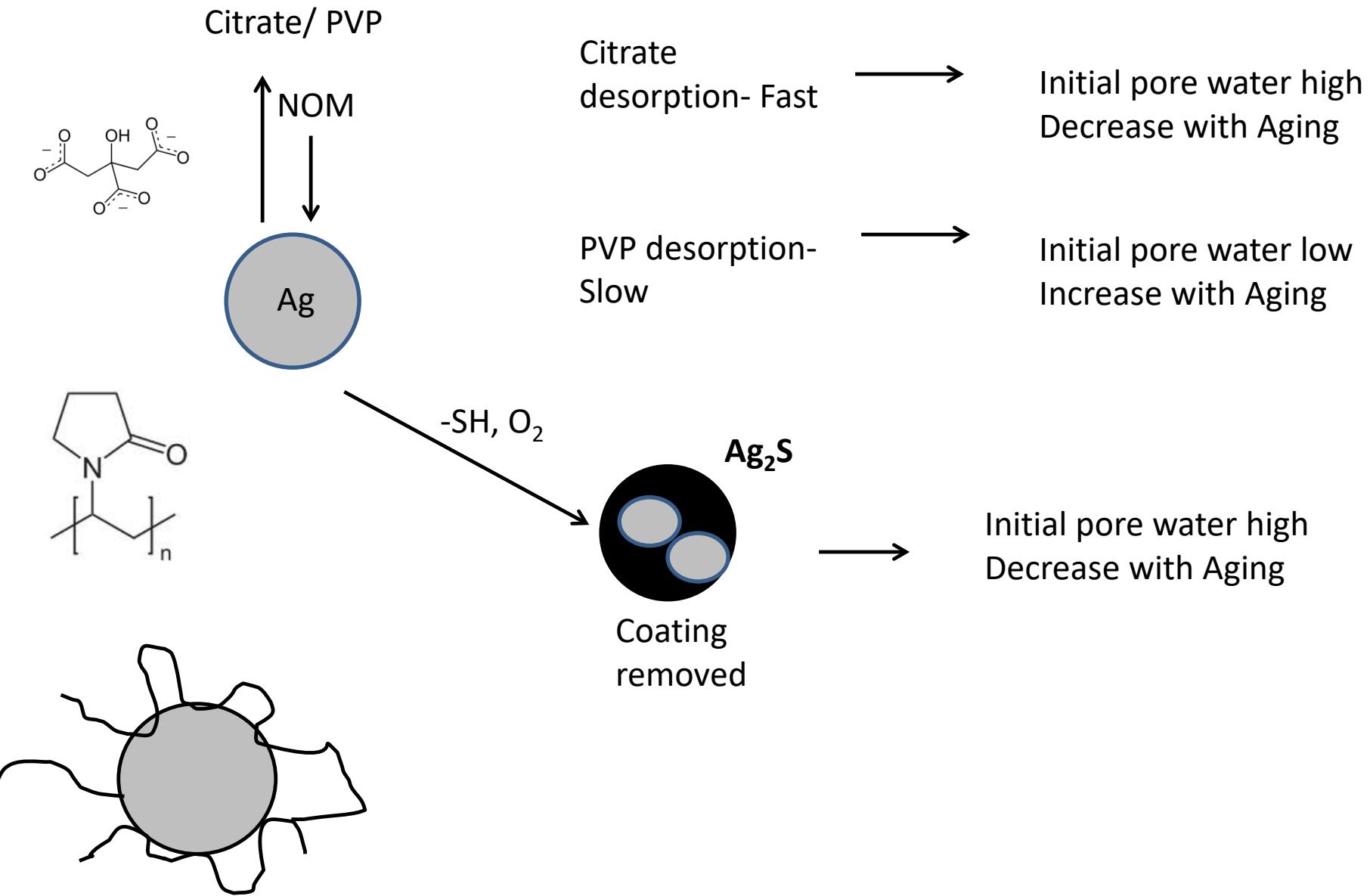


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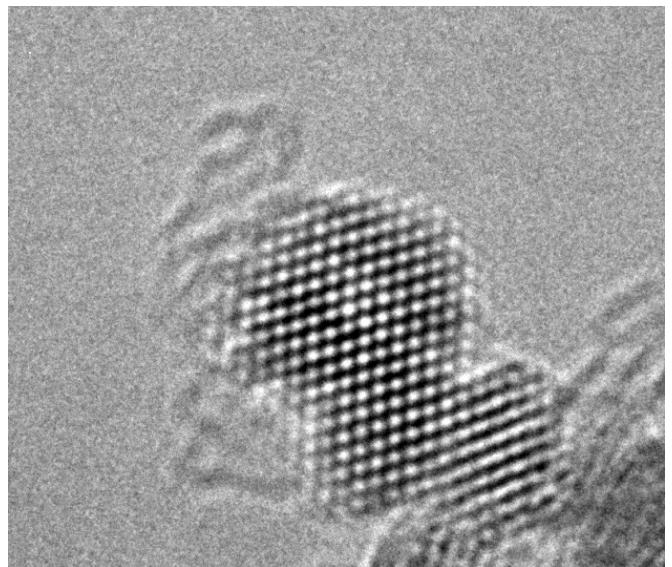
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How could we characterize the coatings in complex media?

- Step 1- Isolate (individual) particles
- Step 2- Measure particle size
- Step 3- Collect spectral data (MS, FTIR, Raman, UV-Vis).
- Step 4- Analyze the spectral data (hardest part; machine learning/AI)



Optical trapping - spectroscopy

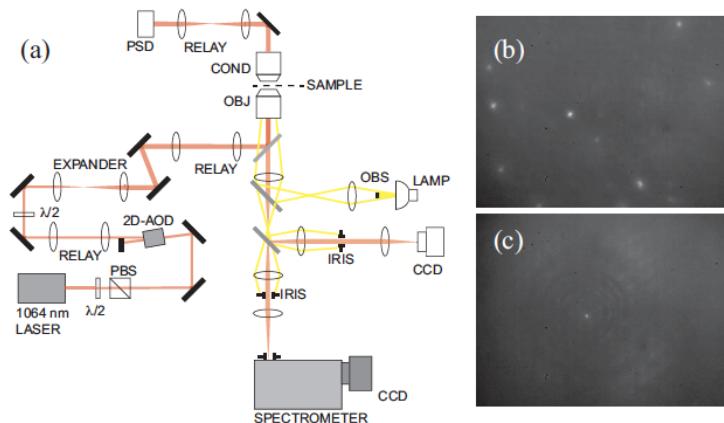
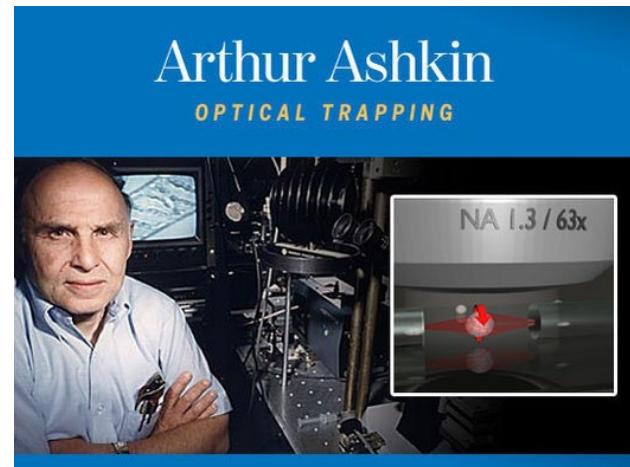
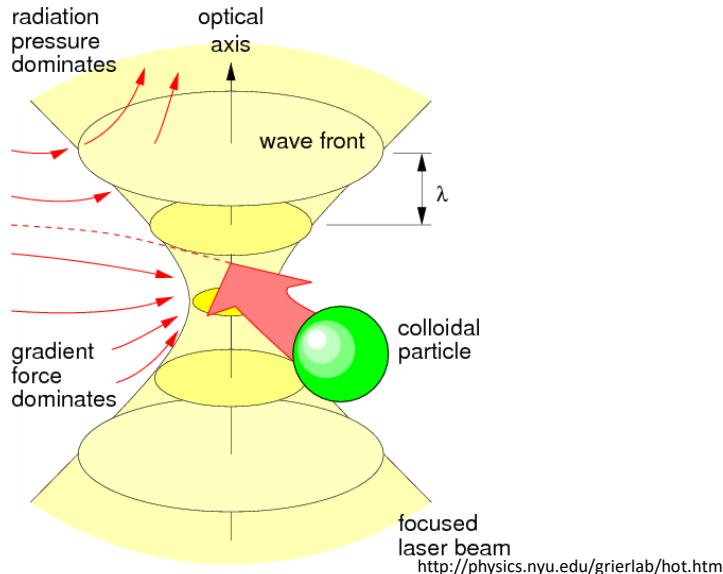


Fig. 1. (a) Optical tweezers setup that incorporates dark-field microscopy / spectroscopy. The illuminating light is formed into a ring by placing a custom-made block after the light source. The image of this ring is projected onto the sample; its reflection is blocked from entering the CCD camera by using an aperture, allowing only the scattered light to pass. (b) Dark field images of freely moving 200nm particles, (c) a trapped 100nm particle.

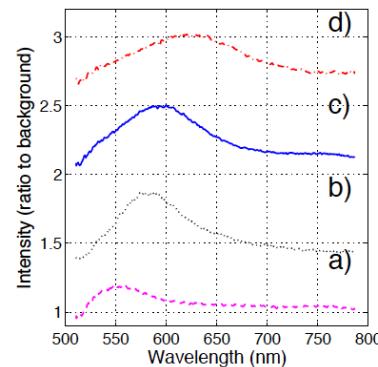
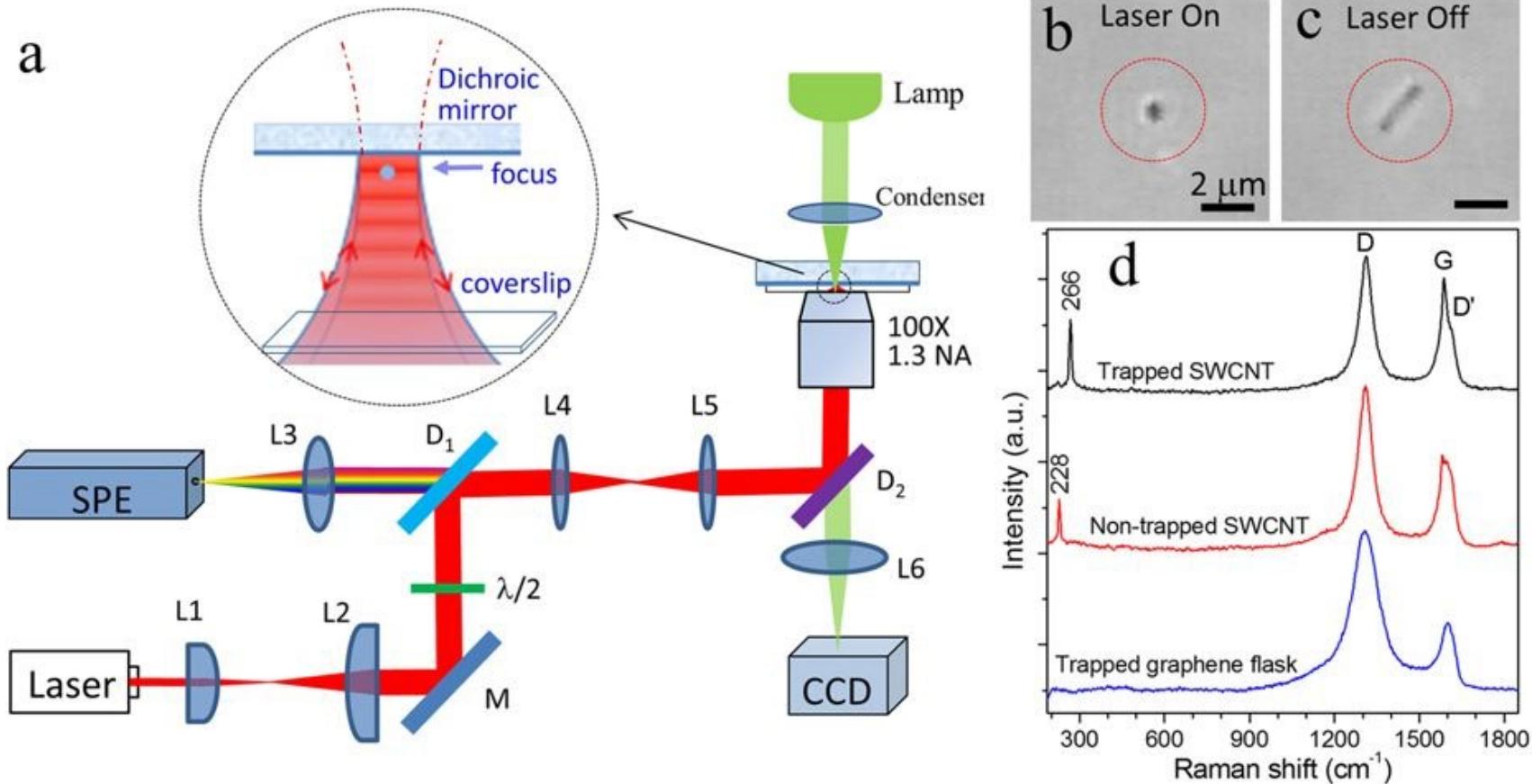


Fig. 3. Spectra obtained from trapped gold particles found in samples with nominal sizes 60, 80, 100 and 150nm (a-d). In the case of (d) the peak is at a shorter wavelength than expected, however, this can be explained by the observed distribution of particle sizes within each sample. With increasing particle size a redshift and broadening of the spectra can be seen.

Optical trapping of a SWCNT with Raman spectroscopy



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Single particle laser ablation TOF MS – “SPLAT”

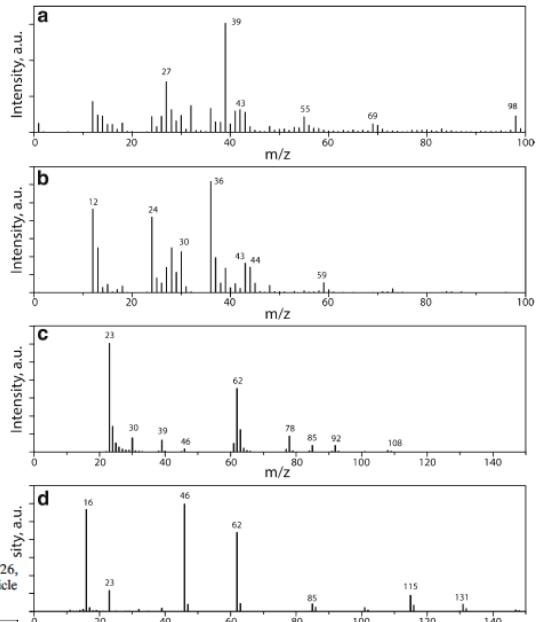
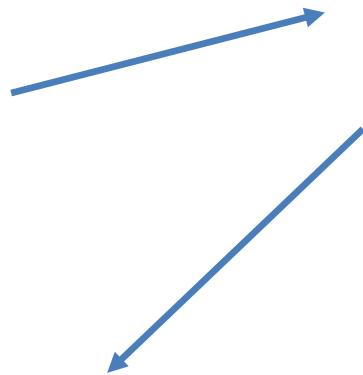
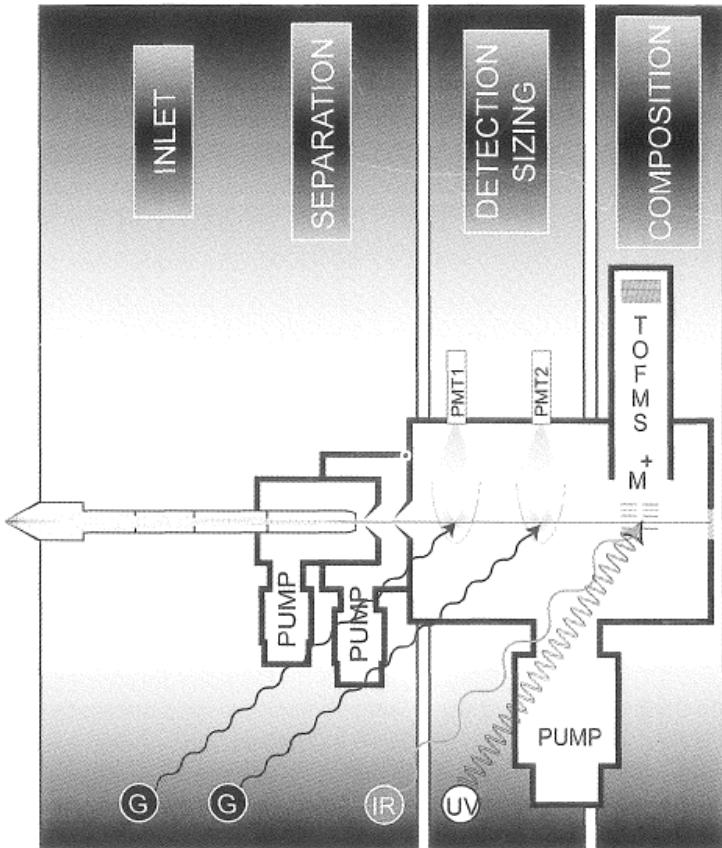
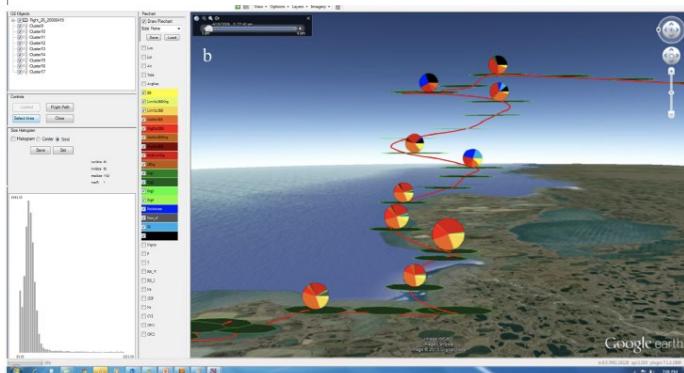


Table 1. A legend of the compositions of particle classes observed during F26, the colors used to represent them in Figures 3, 4 and 6, their measured particle densities, and sulfate weight fraction, measured with uncertainties of $\pm 5\%$

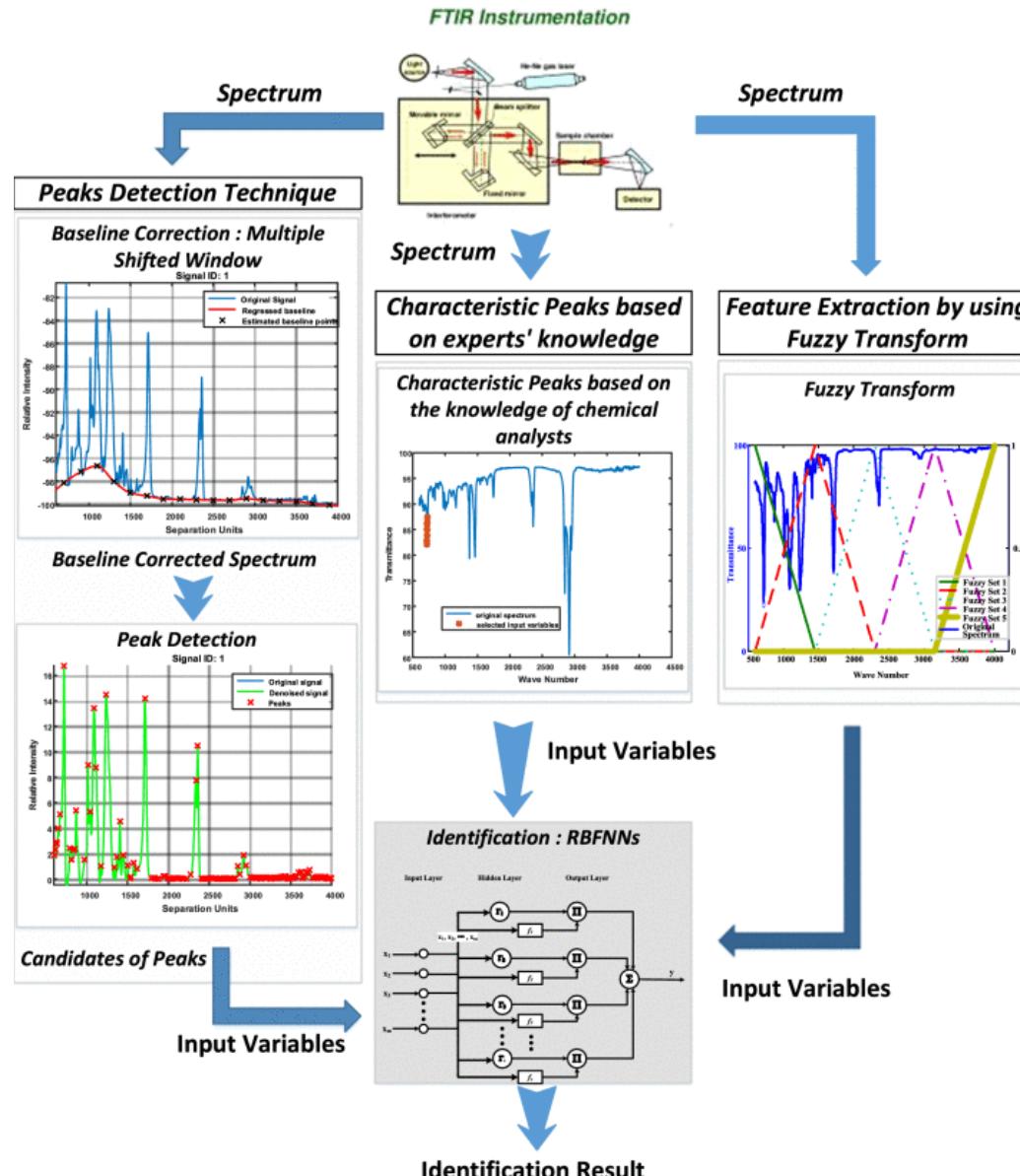
Color	Class	Density, g·cm ⁻³	Sulfate WF, %
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[Yellow]	LowSulfBB	1.38	15
[Orange]	MedSulfBB	1.47	40
[Red]	HighSulfBB	1.58	60
[Dark Red]	SulfBBorg	1.45	40
[Dark Green]	SootSulfBB	-	-
[Red]	SulfLowOrg	1.47	50
[Orange]	SulfOrg	1.30	20
[Green]	Org1	1.22	0
[Dark Green]	Org2	1.24	0
[Dark Green]	Org3	1.24	0
[Dark Green]	Org4	1.24	0
[Blue]	Pyridinium ion	1.5	0
[Grey]	Soot_org	1.25	0
[Light Blue]	SS	1.5	0
[Black]	Mineral dust	-	-



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Neural networks for compound identification



Summary and Research Needs

- Coatings have a dominant influence on nanomaterial behavior in environmental and biological systems.
- Tools for characterizing coatings *in situ* have lagged far behind tools for characterizing core chemistry.
- Instrumentation which can manipulate single particles in complex media for collection of spectral data coupled with advanced computational methods is one possible path forward.