



# Oxidation of a ROS-indicator Dye by Inorganic Nanoparticles

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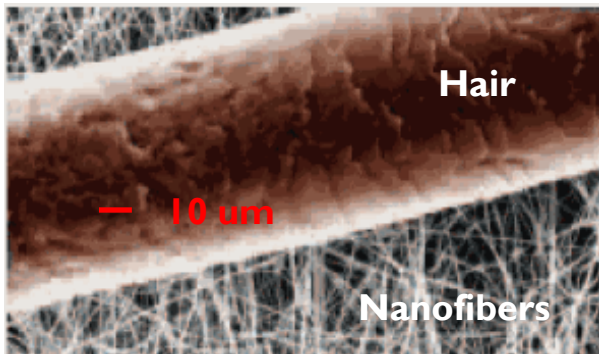
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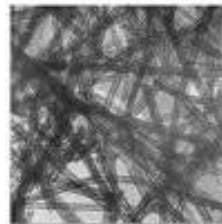
# Nanoparticles

## Nanoparticles (NPs):

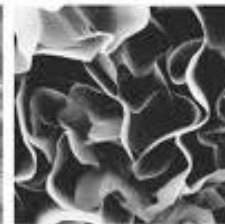
Nano-sized materials (1-100 nm)



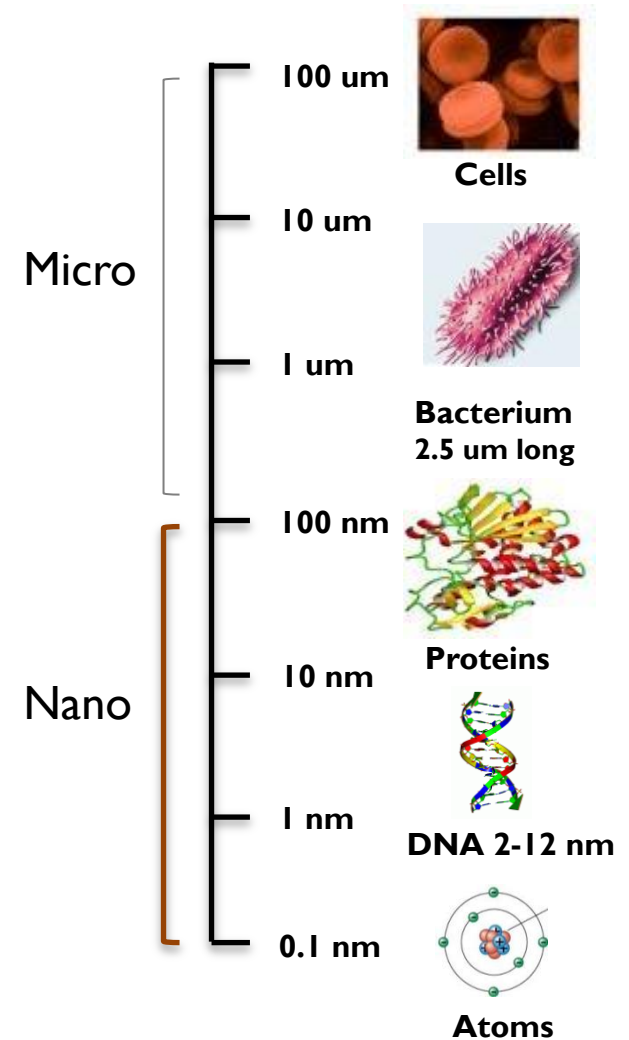
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1D- Nanotubes



2D- Nanowalls



# Nanoparticles in the Environment

## Natural



Volcanic activity, erosion, dust, biological processes.



## Incidental



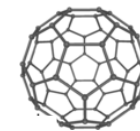
Combustion, construction, mining.



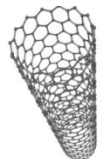
## Engineered



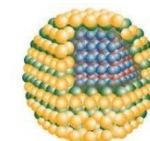
- Carbon-based (fullerene, carbon nanotubes)
- Inorganic (metal oxides & metals).
- Hybrid structures (Quantum dots, core shell structures).



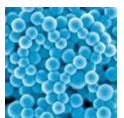
Fullerene



Carbon nanotube



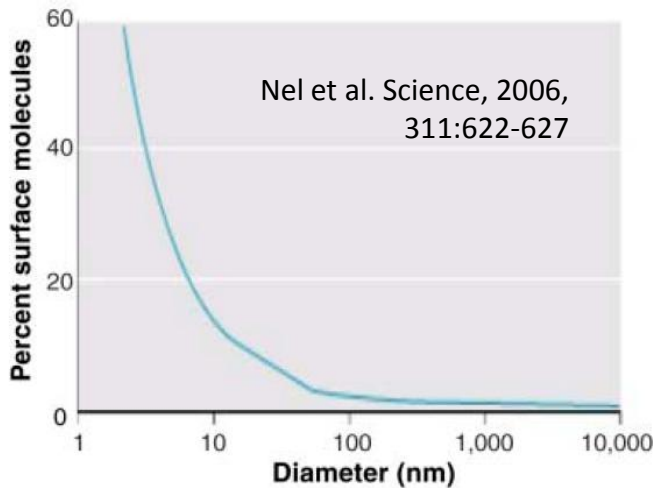
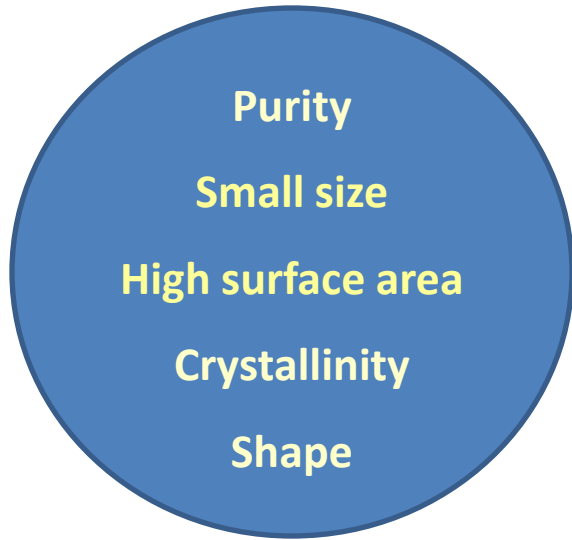
Quantum dots



Metallic oxide

# Properties & Applications

## Unique properties of NPs



## Nanotechnology applications

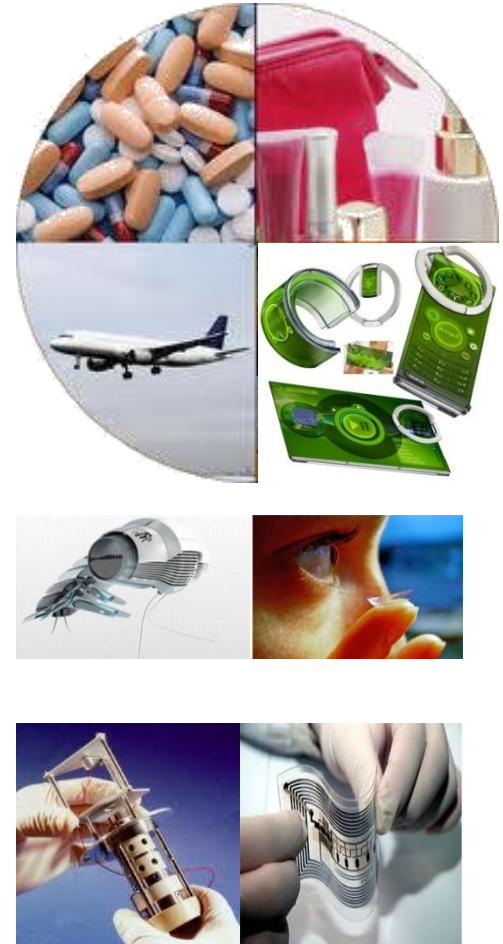
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Cosmetics

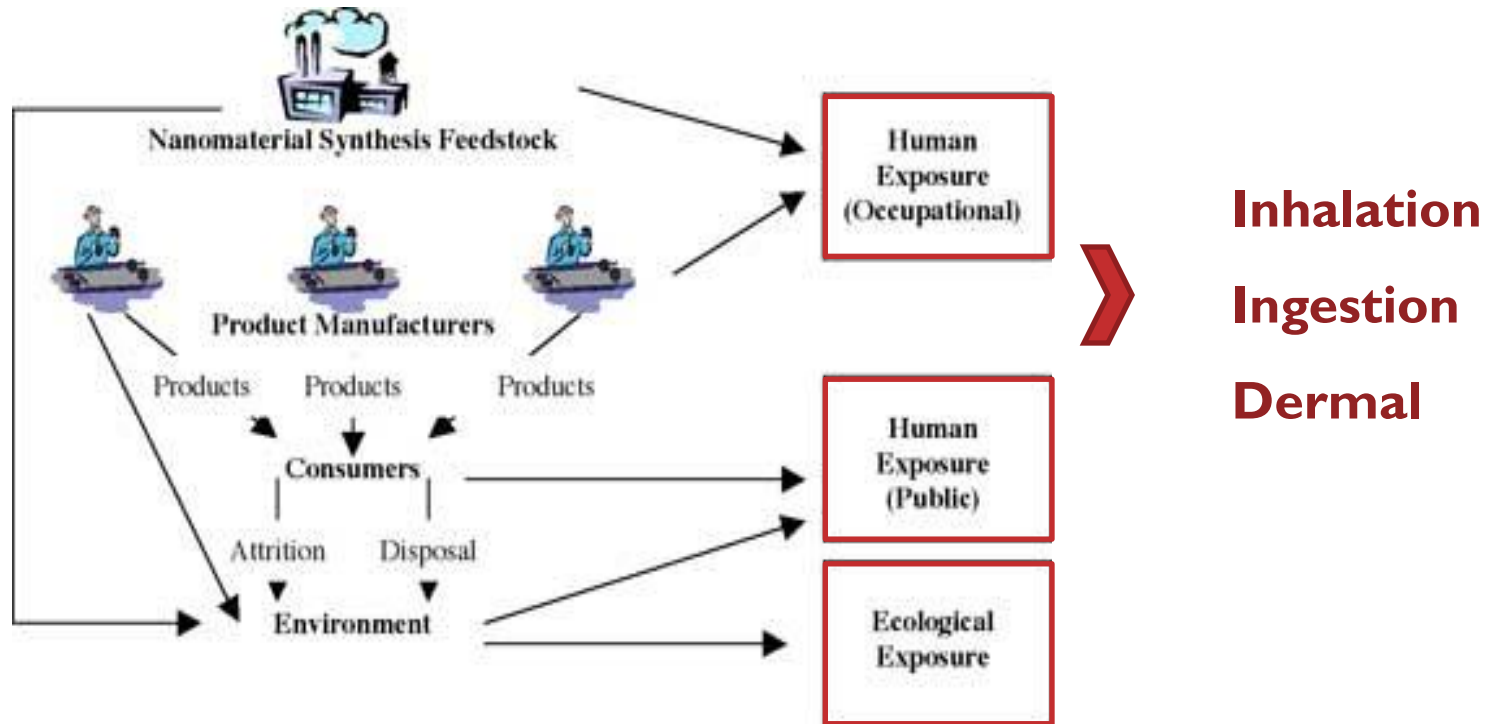
Materials science

Biomedicine

Electronics



# Environmental Health & Safety Concerns



## List of NPs for Testing

Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD)

Fullerenes

Carbon nanotubes

Silver

**Iron**

Carbon

$\text{TiO}_2$

**$\text{SiO}_2$**

**$\text{Al}_2\text{O}_3$**

**$\text{CeO}_2$**

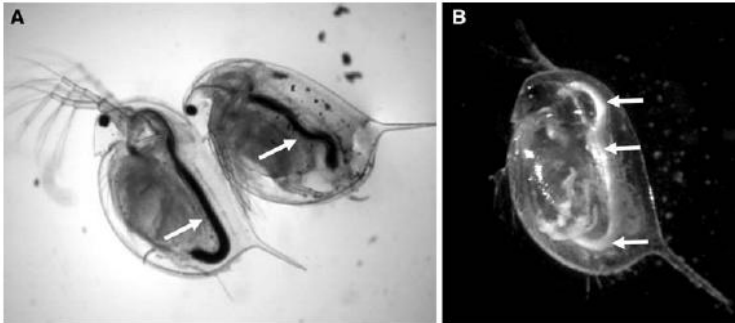
**ZnO**

Polystyrene

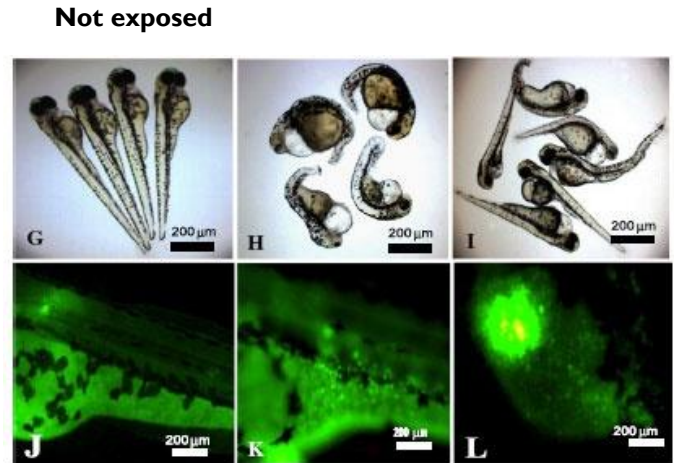
Dendrimers

Nanoclays

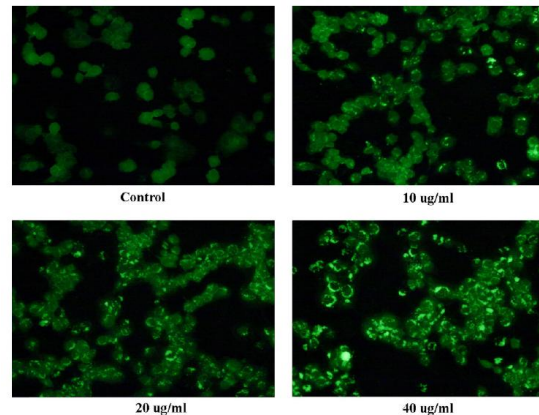
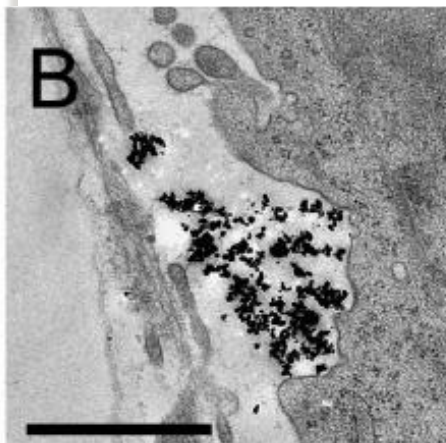
# Toxicity of Nanoparticles



<sup>1</sup>*Daphnia magna*: A)  $C_{60}$  & B)  $TiO_2$  NPs intake & translocation.



<sup>2</sup>Zebrafish embryos exposed to Ag NPs deposition  
Deformation & apoptosis

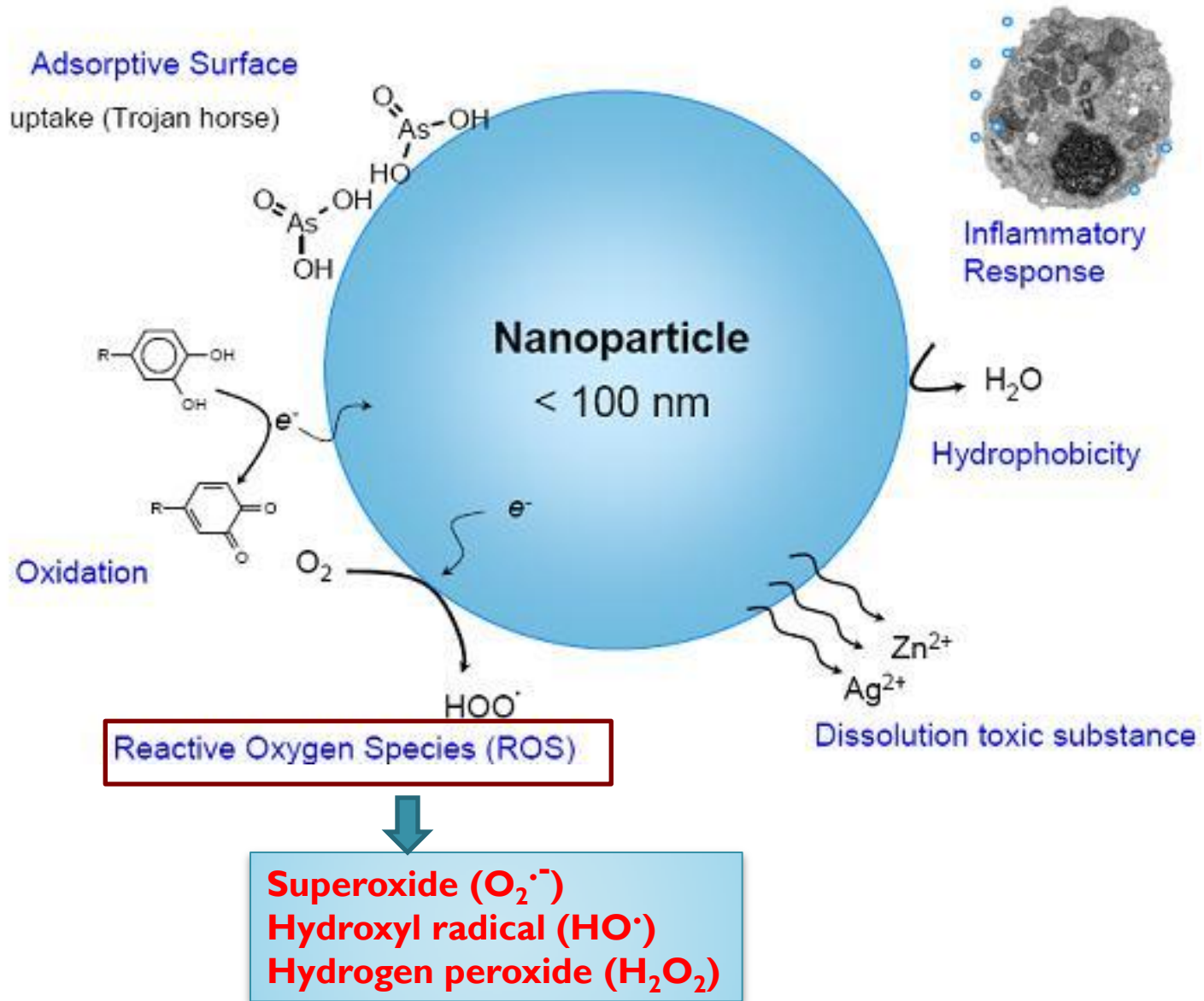


<sup>3</sup>Lung epithelial cells (BEAS-2B) exposed to  $CeO_2$   
Uptake  
Oxidative stress

<sup>1</sup>Baun et al. 2008. Ecotoxicol. 17:387-395; <sup>2</sup>Asharani et al. 2008. Nanotechnol. 19:255-102; <sup>3</sup>Park et al. 2008. Toxicol. 245:90-100.

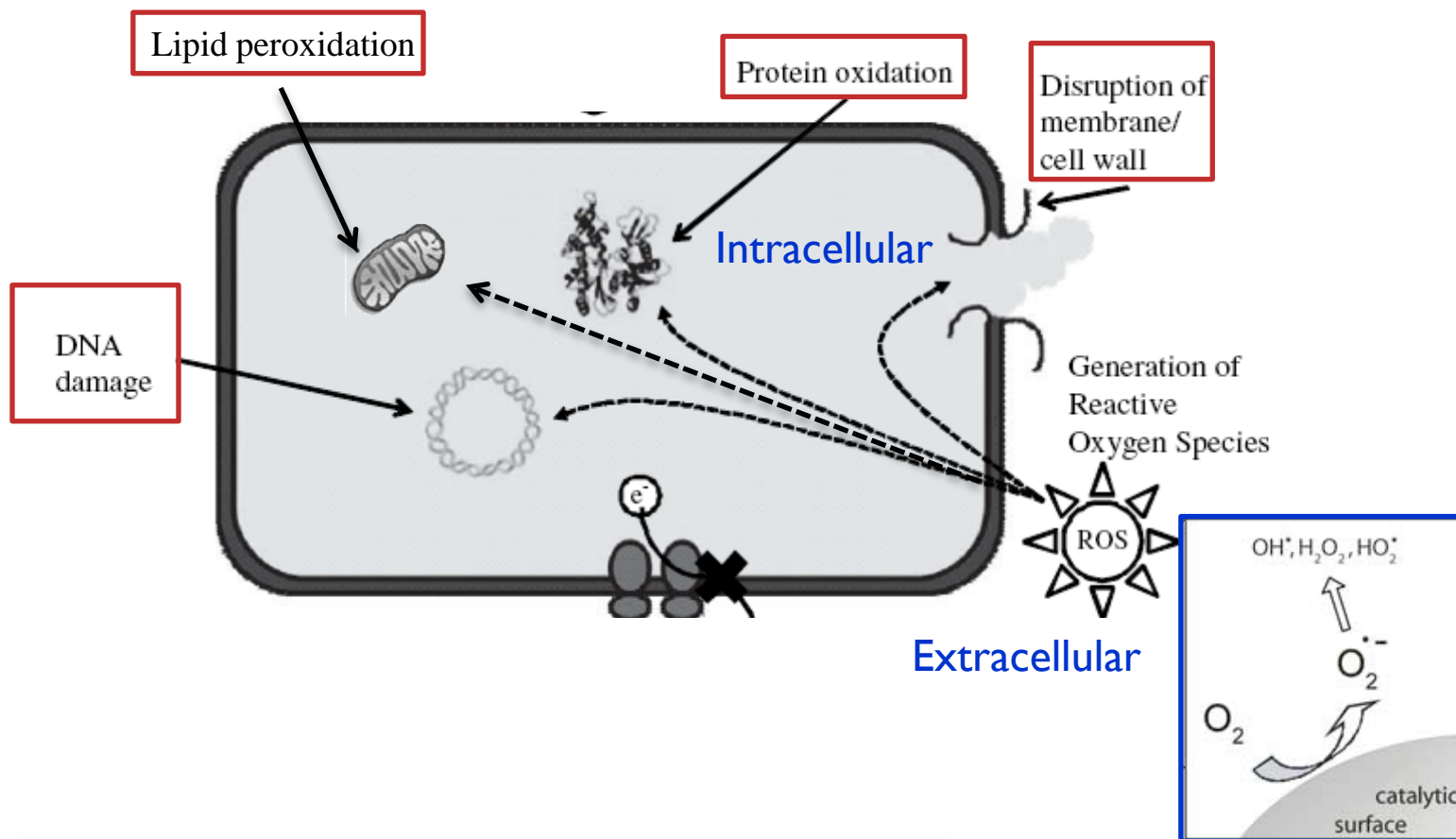


# Toxicity Mechanisms



# Toxicity by ROS

## Oxidative damage



**In vitro ROS testing might predict NPs toxicity**

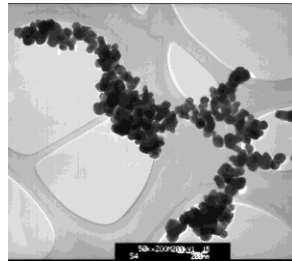


# Objectives

- Determine if the chemical reaction of NPs with dissolved oxygen together with biological molecules can cause increased formation of ROS.
- Determine if NPs can directly from ROS with dissolved oxygen or directly oxidize ROS-indicator dye in the absence of dissolved oxygen.
- Confirm and identify the ROS species formed by the NPs studied.
- Determine if the NPs studied can cause oxidation of the protein BSA.

# Materials

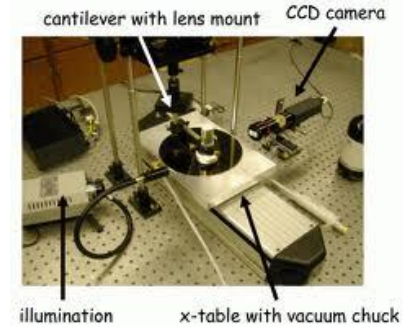
- Hafnium oxide ( $\text{HfO}_2$ )



$\text{HfO}_2$



## Immersion Lithography



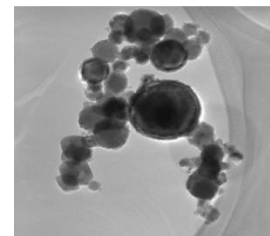
- Cerium oxide ( $\text{CeO}_2$ )
- Silicon oxide ( $\text{SiO}_2$ )
- Aluminum oxide ( $\text{Al}_2\text{O}_3$ )



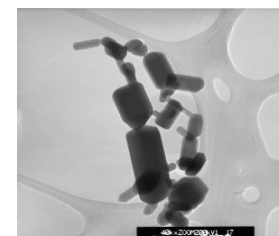
## Chemical Mechanical Planarization (CMP)



- Others:  
 $\text{Fe}_2\text{O}_3$ ,  $\text{ZrO}_2$ ,  $\text{ZnO}$ ,  $\text{Mn}_2\text{O}_3$ , etc.



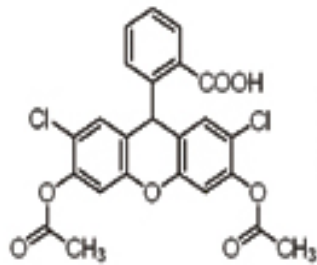
$\text{Mn}_2\text{O}_3$



$\text{ZnO}$

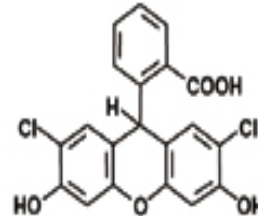
# ROS Indicator-Dye Reaction

Based on fluorescence of ROS-sensitive dye

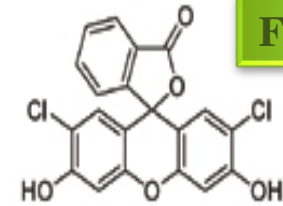


2',7'-dichlorodihydrofluorescein diacetate  
(DCFH-DA)

esterase



2',7'-dichlorodihydrofluorescein  
(DCFH)



2',7'-dichlorofluorescein  
(DCF)

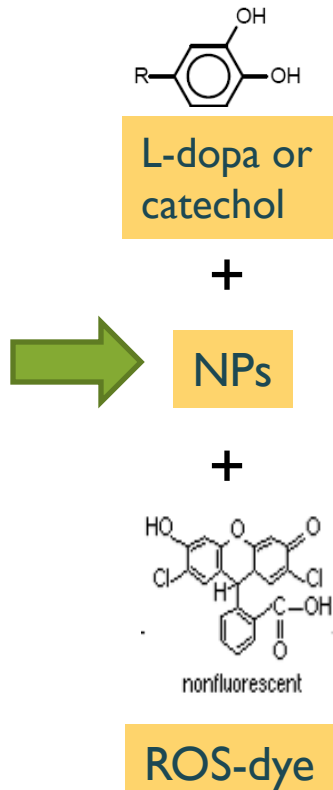
Fluorescent

# ROS Assay



Sonicated  
pH 7.2

**Controls:**  
NPs alone  
Dye alone  
L-dopa alone



**Aerobic**



**Anaerobic**



Head space  
flushed with  
N<sub>2</sub> gas

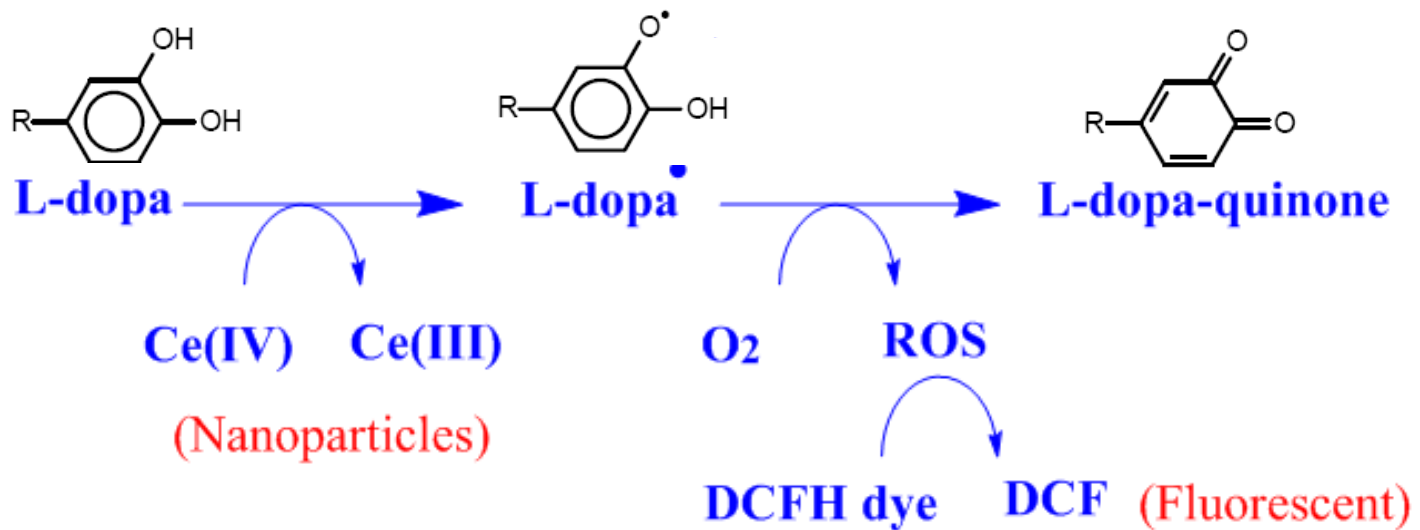
Fluorescence  
Measurements



Incubated in phosphate  
buffer pH 7.4 at 37 °C,  
Protected from the light.

# Hypothetical Mechanisms for ROS Reaction

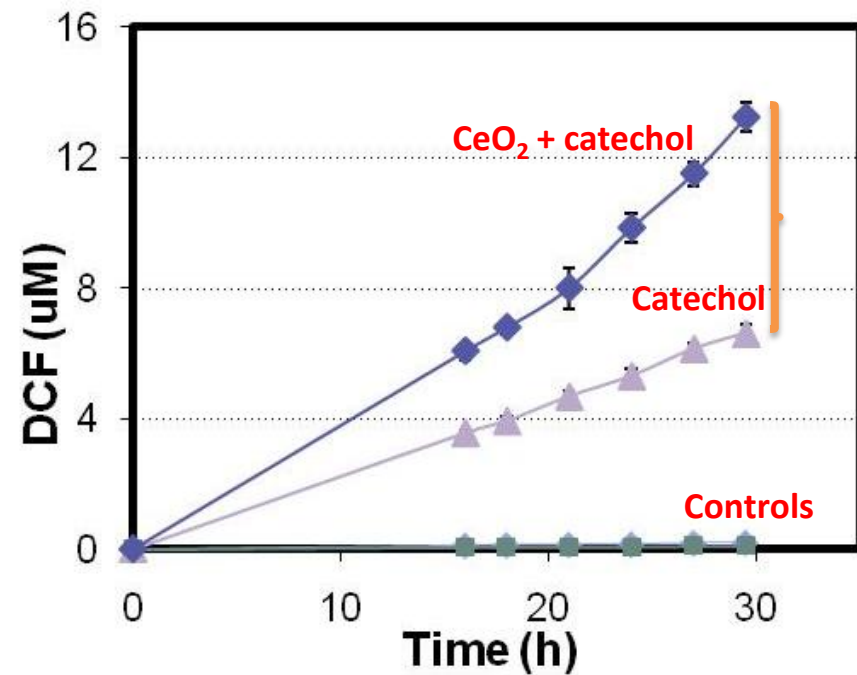
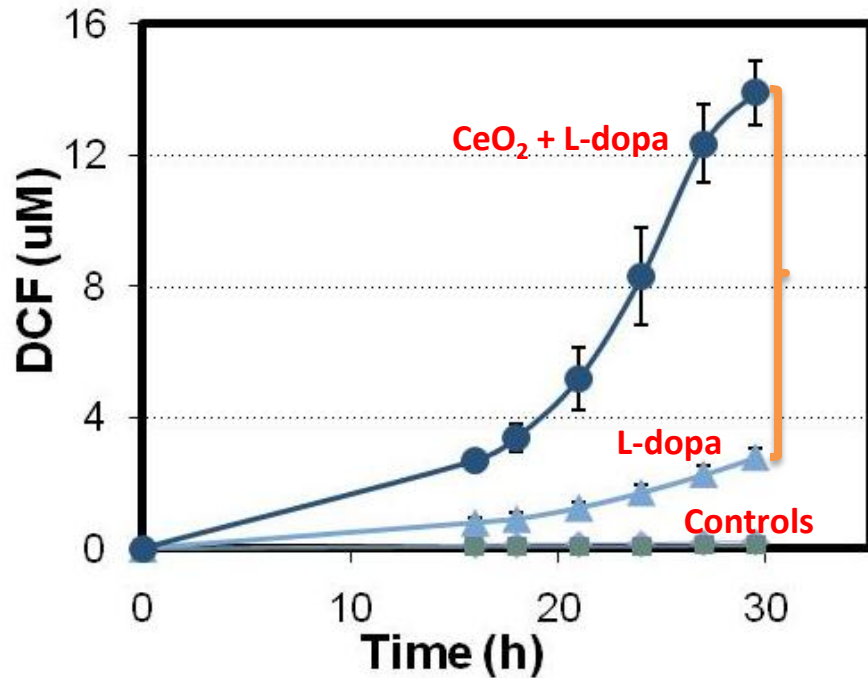
Formation of ROS by NPs in the cell-free assays



- Interaction of phenolic biomolecules with NPs increases ROS formation
- ROS formation requires oxygen



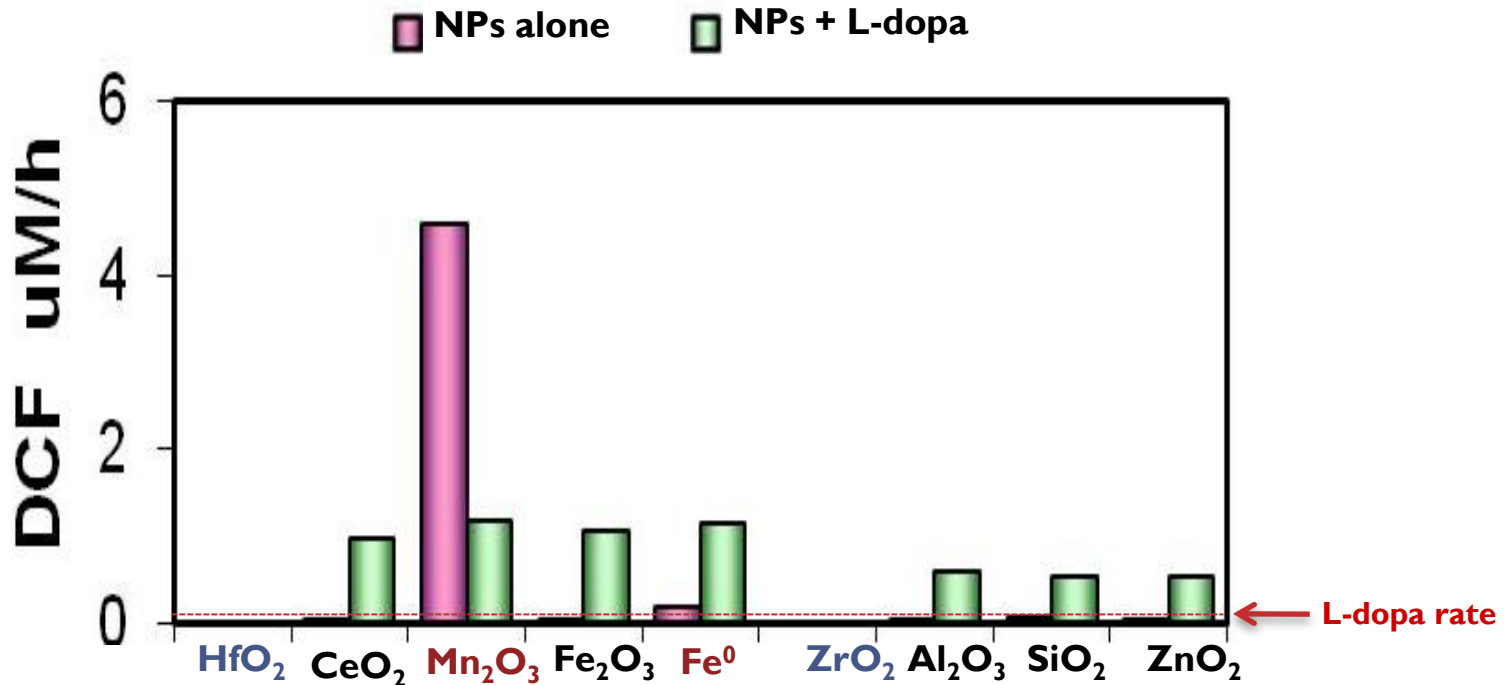
# ROS Formation: CeO<sub>2</sub> NPs (20 nm)



CeO<sub>2</sub> NPs increased ROS production during oxidation of L-dopa & catechol with dissolved oxygen.



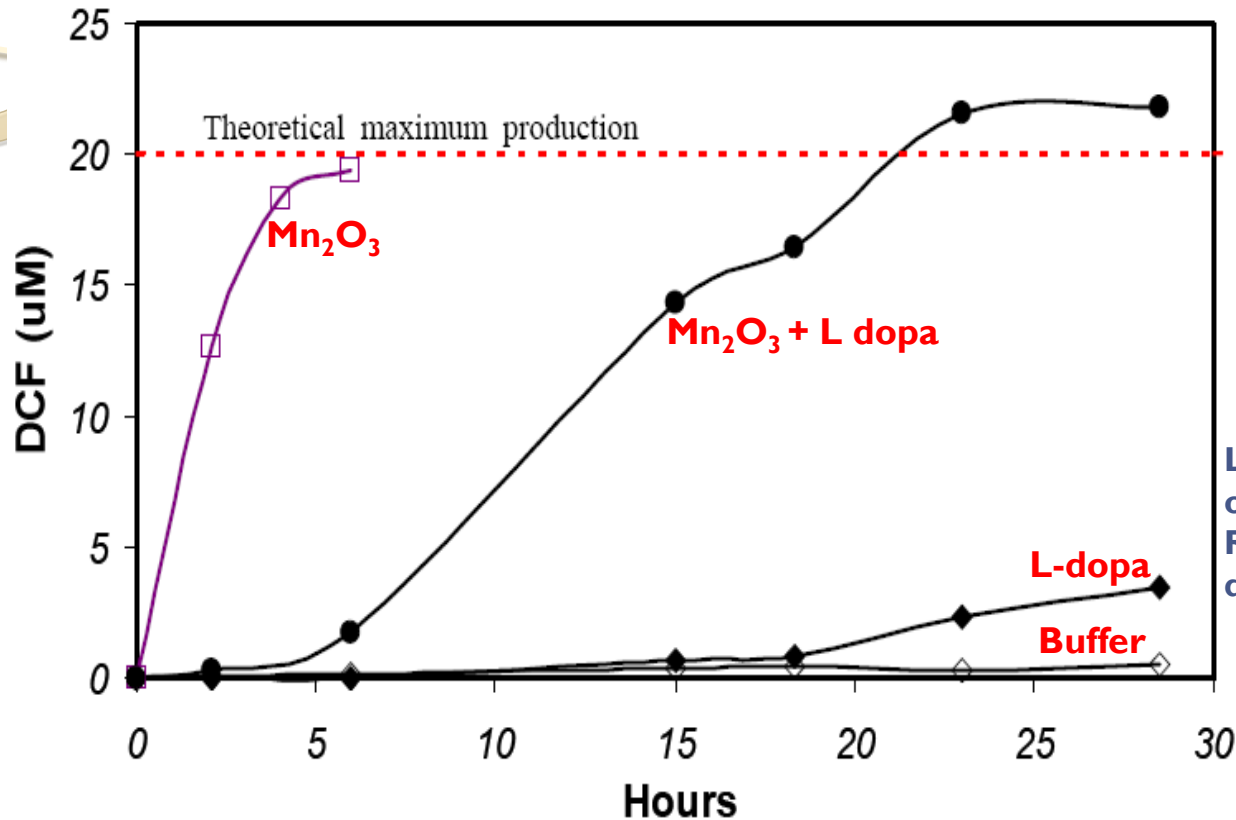
# ROS Indicator-Dye Oxidation by Inorganic NPs



CeO<sub>2</sub>, SiO<sub>2</sub>, Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> ZnO & Fe<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> increased ROS production rate during the oxidation of L-dopa.

Direct reaction of Mn<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> and Fe<sup>0</sup> NPs with either ROS-dye or with dissolved Oxygen to produce ROS.

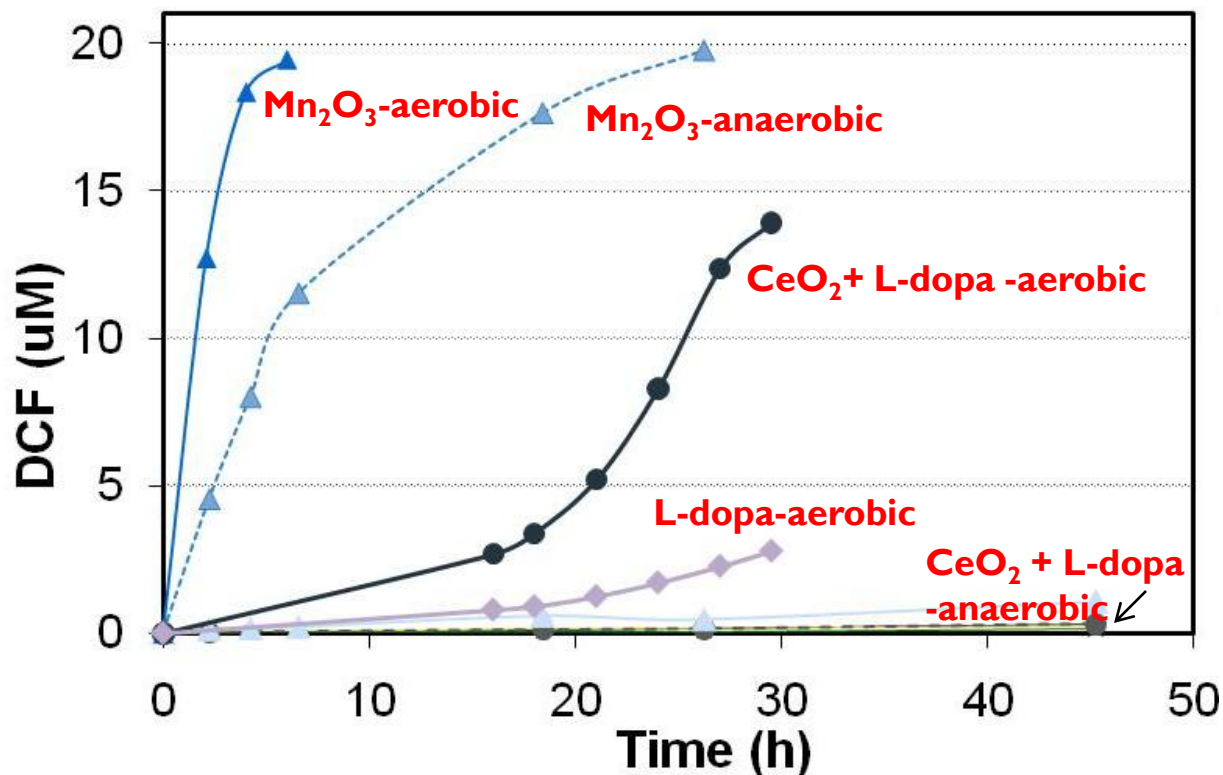
# ROS Indicator-Dye Oxidation by $Mn_2O_3$ NPs (40-60 nm)



Direct reaction of  $Mn_2O_3$  NPs with either ROS-dye or with dissolved oxygen to produce ROS.

L-dopa inhibits the formation of ROS or oxidation of ROS-dye by  $Mn_2O_3$ , possibly due to competitive oxidation.

# Aerobic vs Anaerobic ROS Indicator-Dye Oxidation by Inorganic NPs

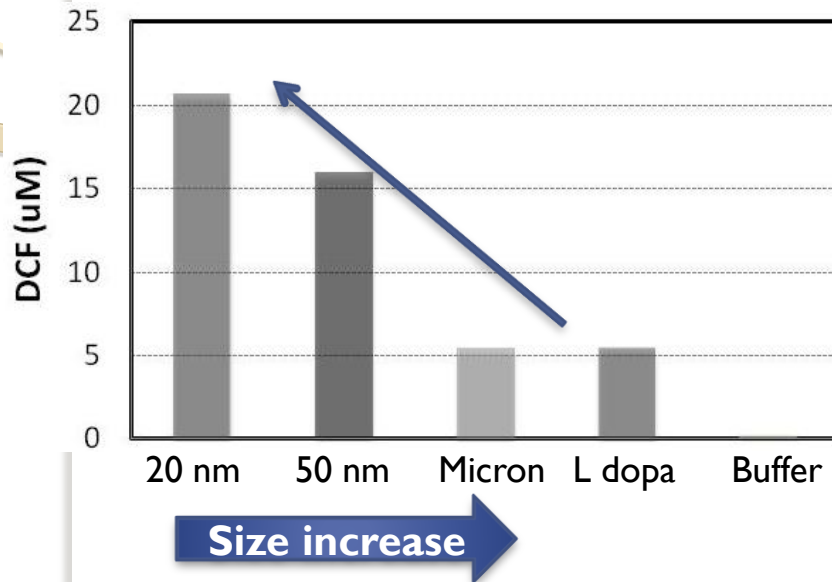


Mn<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> NPs directly oxidizes ROS indicator-dye, dissolved oxygen not required.

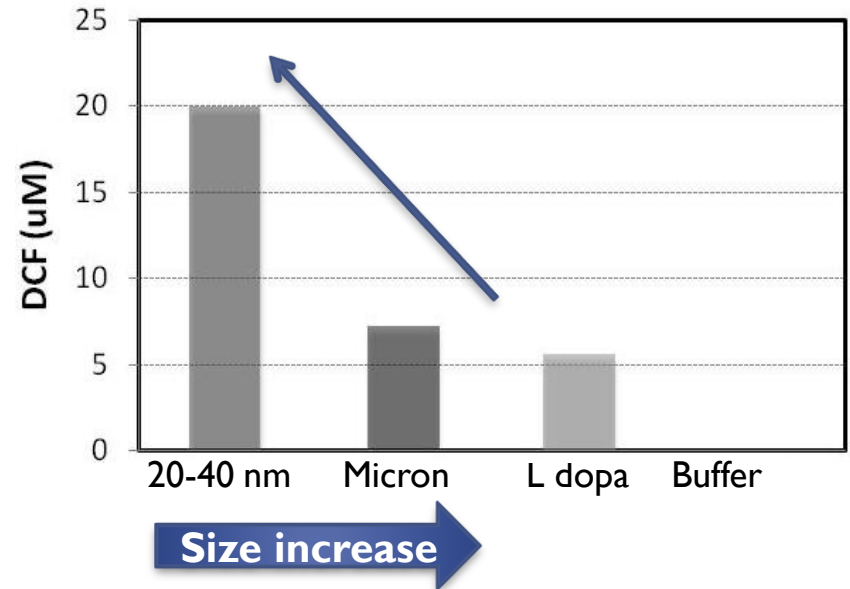
CeO<sub>2</sub> NPs produce ROS through the oxidation of L-dopa in the presence of dissolved oxygen

# Size Effect on ROS Formation: $\text{CeO}_2$ & $\text{Fe}^0$

$\text{CeO}_2$



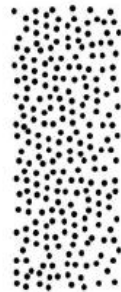
$\text{Fe}^0$



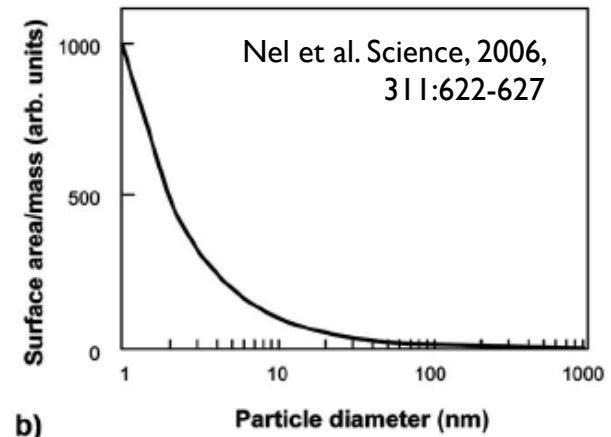
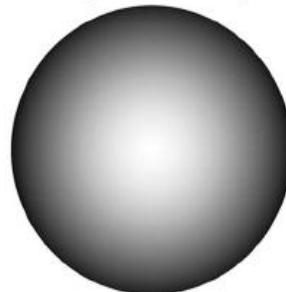
1 billion nanoparticles  
60 nm diameter



1 million particles  
600 nm diameter

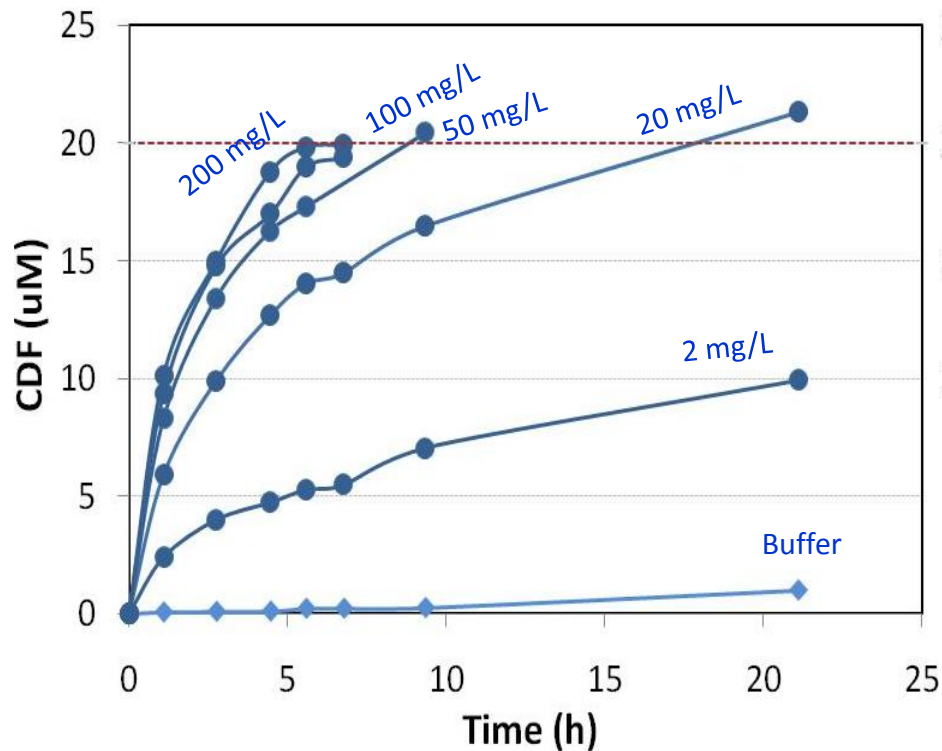


1 microparticle  
60 μm diameter  
(size of human hair)



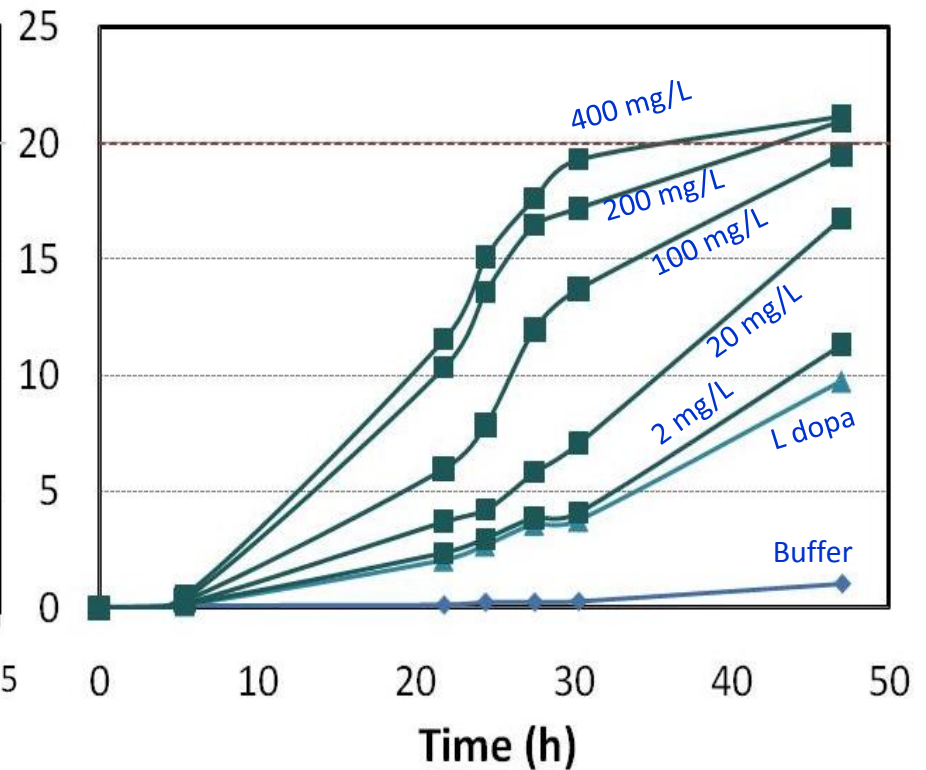
# Dose-Response: $Mn_2O_3$ & $CeO_2$ NPs

$Mn_2O_3$  40-60 nm



$Mn_2O_3$  effectively oxidizes ROS-dye at low concentrations.

$CeO_2$  20 nm + L dopa



Low mass of  $CeO_2$  NPs did not produce significant ROS

# Conclusions

- The interaction of  $\text{CeO}_2$  NPs with biological molecules (L-dopa & catechol) increased the oxidation of the ROS indicator-dye.
- Inorganic NPs used in semiconductor industry ( $\text{CeO}_2$ ,  $\text{SiO}_2$ ,  $\text{Al}_2\text{O}_3$ ) enhanced the oxidation of the ROS indicator-dye through its reaction with L-dopa and dissolved oxygen.
- $\text{Mn}_2\text{O}_3$  NPs caused direct oxidative reaction with the fluorescent dye (DCF), suggesting that the Mn oxide could potentially react with some cell components.



# Conclusions

- The lack of oxygen totally inhibited the oxidation of the ROS indicator-dye by all NPs assayed (via oxidation of L-dopa), except in the case of  $\text{Mn}_2\text{O}_3$  NPs.
- The enhancement of ROS formation by nano-sized  $\text{CeO}_2$  and  $\text{Fe}^0$  showed a direct correlation with the particle size.

# Ongoing Work: Identification of ROS Produced by NPs

## Inhibiting Oxidation of the ROS-indicator Dye

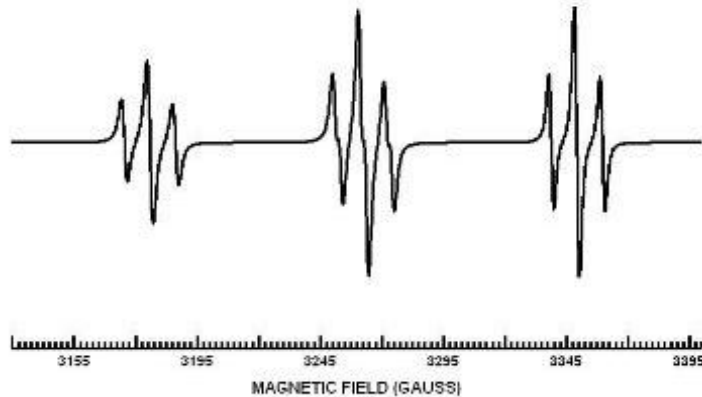
Scavengers/ Quenchers	ROS	ROS inhibition (%)
SOD & Catalase	Superoxide & H <sub>2</sub> O <sub>2</sub>	0
DMSO	Oxygen radicals	0
NaN <sub>3</sub>	Singlet oxygen	0
*Ascorbic Acid	Antioxidant	100

**\*not specific**

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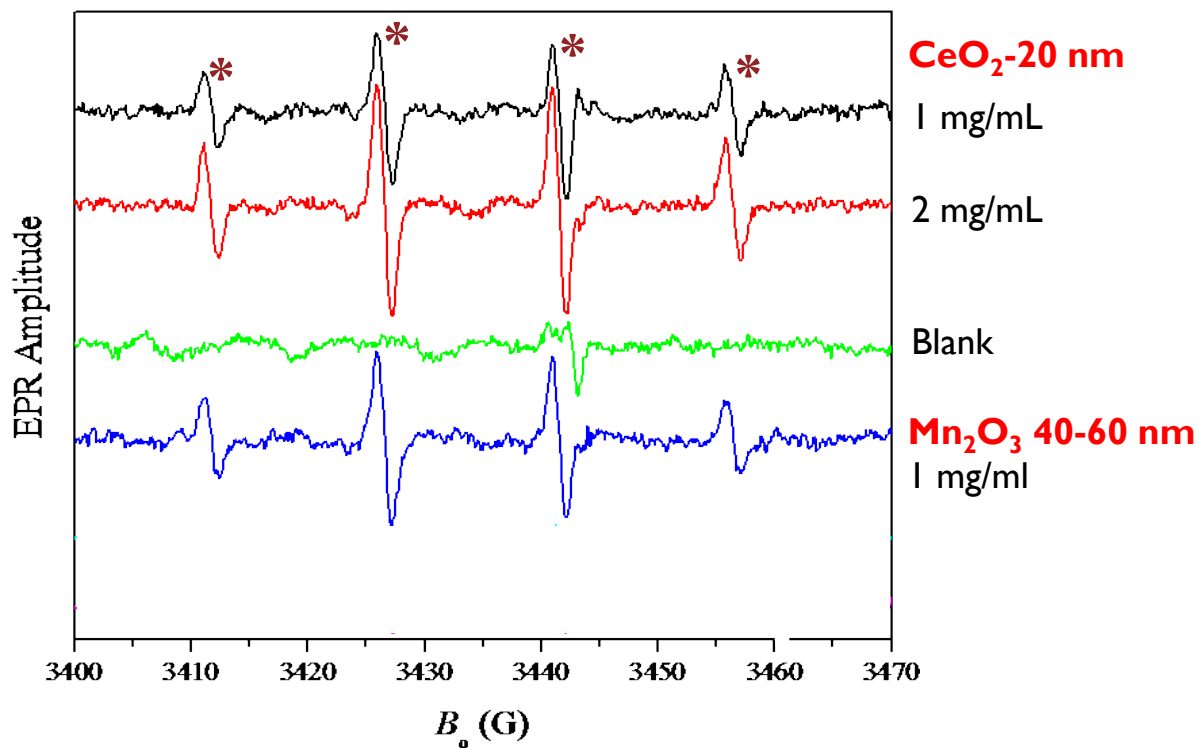
## Electron Paramagnetic Resonance (EPR)

Based on the resonant absorption of microwave radiation by paramagnetic ions or molecules, with at least one unpaired electron spin, and in the presence of a static magnetic field.



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## DMPO+OH spin adducts



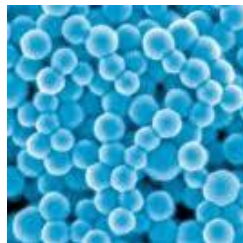
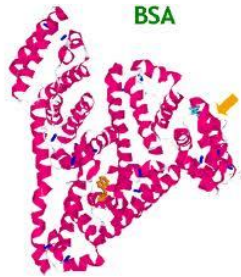
“\*” denote lines of the DMPO+OH spin adduct.

**CeO<sub>2</sub> and Mn<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> produce OH<sup>•</sup> radicals in water**

# Future Work: Oxidation of Proteins by NPs

## In vitro test

### ❖ BSA protein



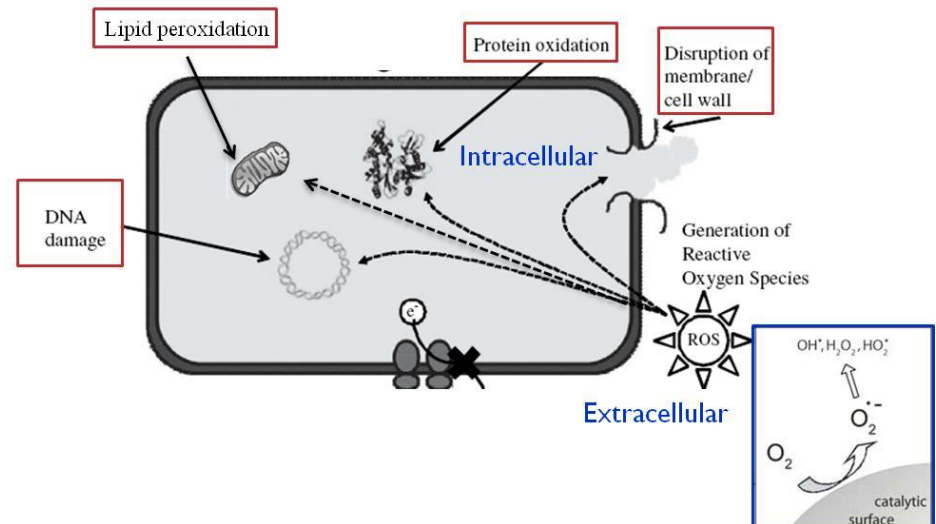
NPs

Incubation

## Oxyblot test:

Sensitive and rapid detection of proteins (in a western blot format) modified by ROS and other reactive species.

**ELISA (Protein carbonyl kit):** Rapid detection and quantification of protein carbonyls.



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