

Mechanistic Aspects of Nanoparticle Toxicology - Particle Deposition and Clearance

What can we learn from the ultrafine particles?

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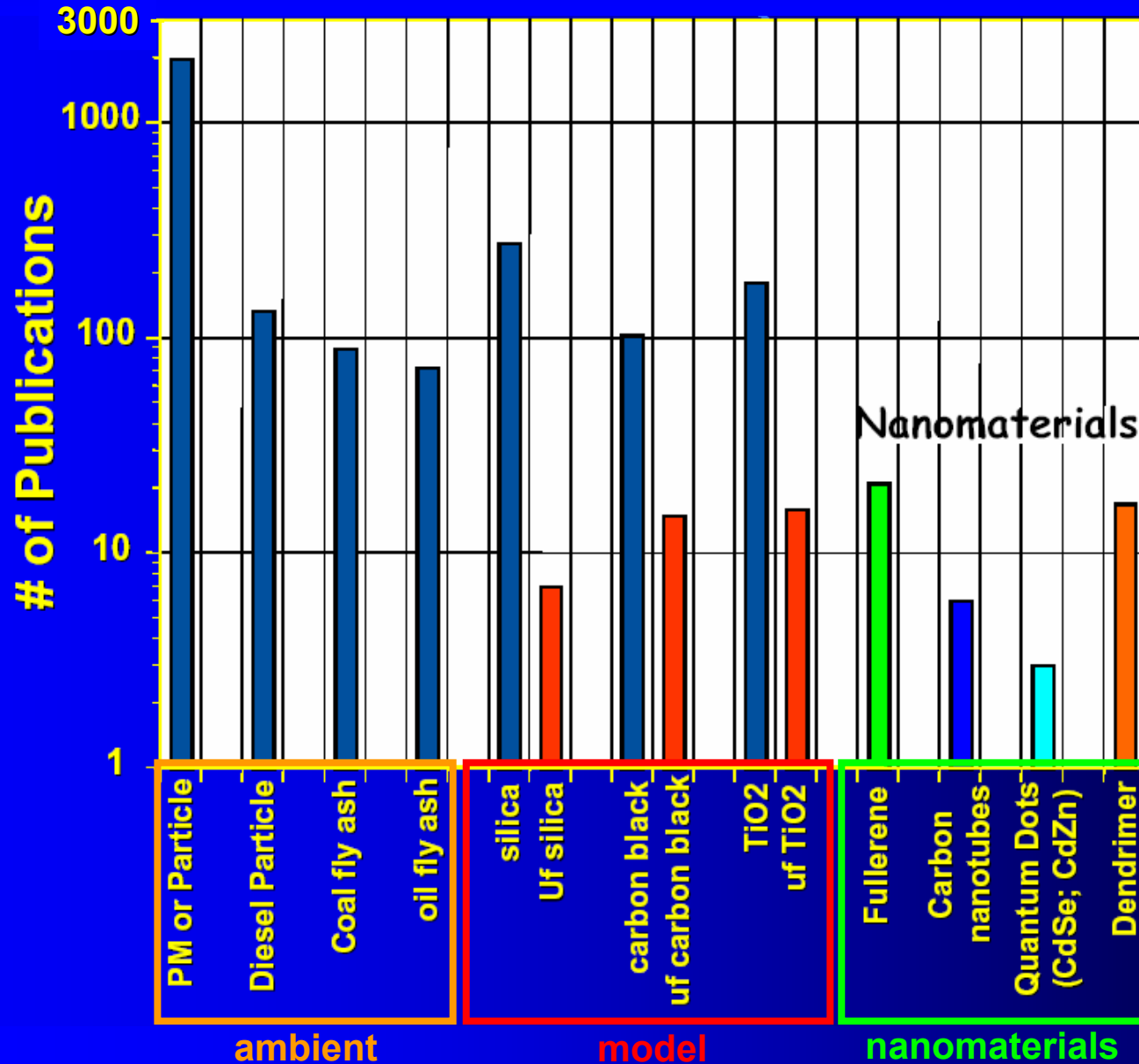
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Object: Draw parallels from NP to PM toxicity

- *Deposition & Clearance Mechanism*
- *Acute Pulmonary Effects*
- *Translocation to Secondary Organs*
- *Extra-pulmonary Effects*

What do we know about Particle-Toxicology?

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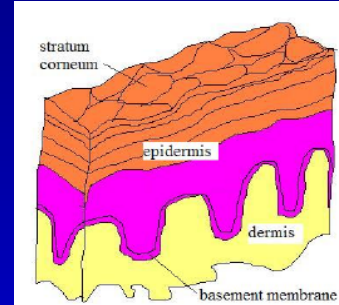
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Routes of Exposure to Ambient Particles:

Organ systems exposed:

- **Skin**

surface area: 1.5-2 m²

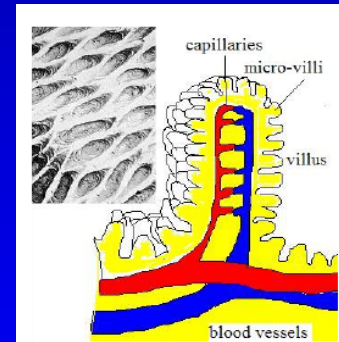


thickness: 0.05 - 1.5 mm

- **Gastrointestinal Tract**

surface area: 200 m²

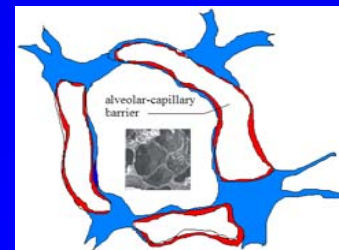
10¹²-10¹⁴ fine particles are ingested per person/day



- **Lung**

surface area: 150 m²

10¹⁰-10¹² fine particles deposit in the lung/day



“Ambient” Nanoparticles, a Fraction of Particulate Matter (PM)

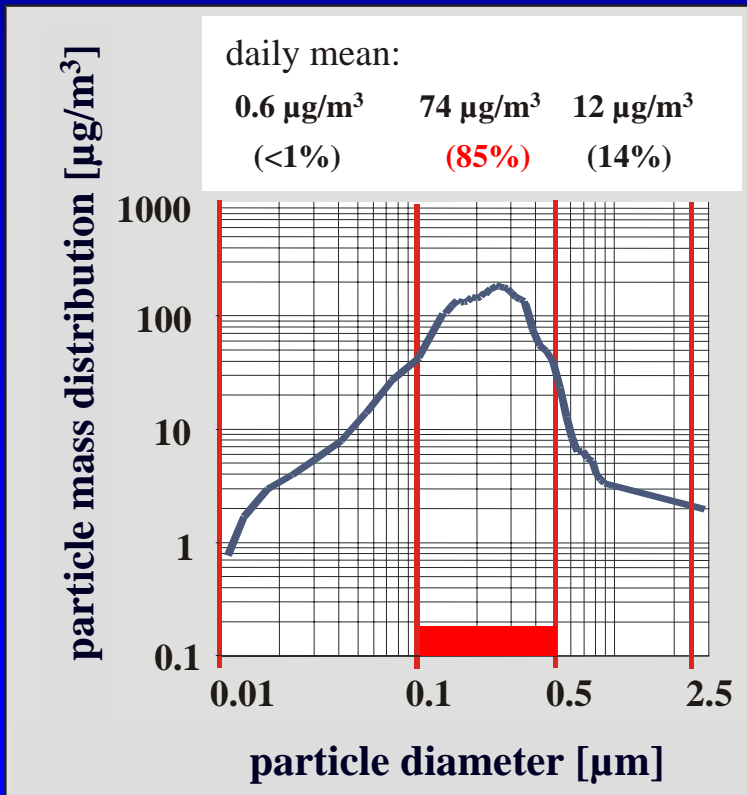
- mainly **carbonaceous** NPs, derived from **combustion** processes
- **low-solubility** in aqueous/physiological solutions
- **low-toxicity**, no cytotoxic effects below 100 $\mu\text{g/ml}$
(*“the dose makes the poison”*)

Size distribution of fine ambient particles (PM_{2.5})

10 nm – 2.5 μm

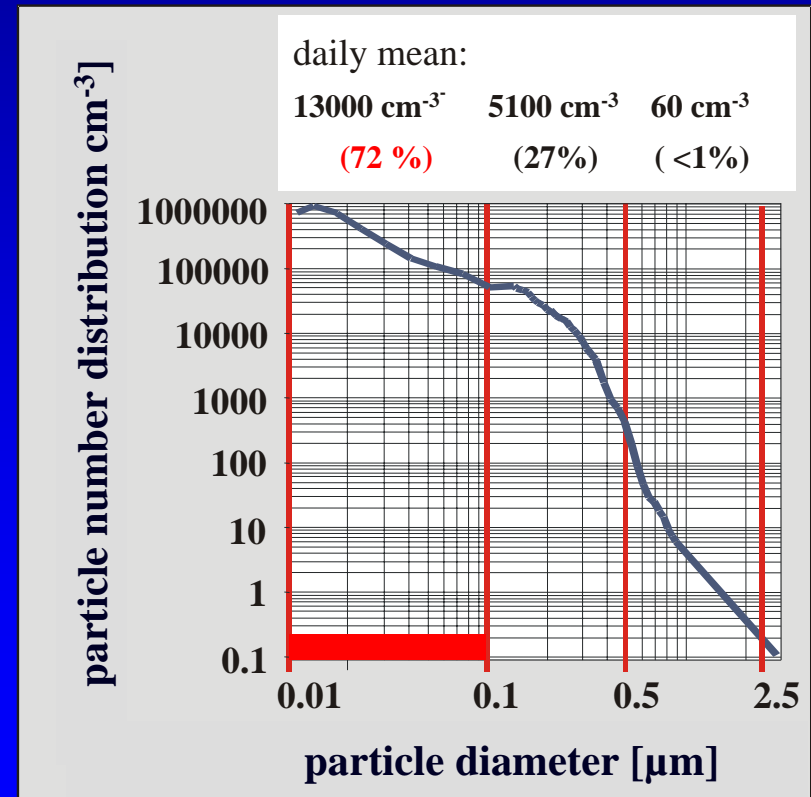
mass burden:

PM_{2.5}: 0.1 μm – 2.5 μm

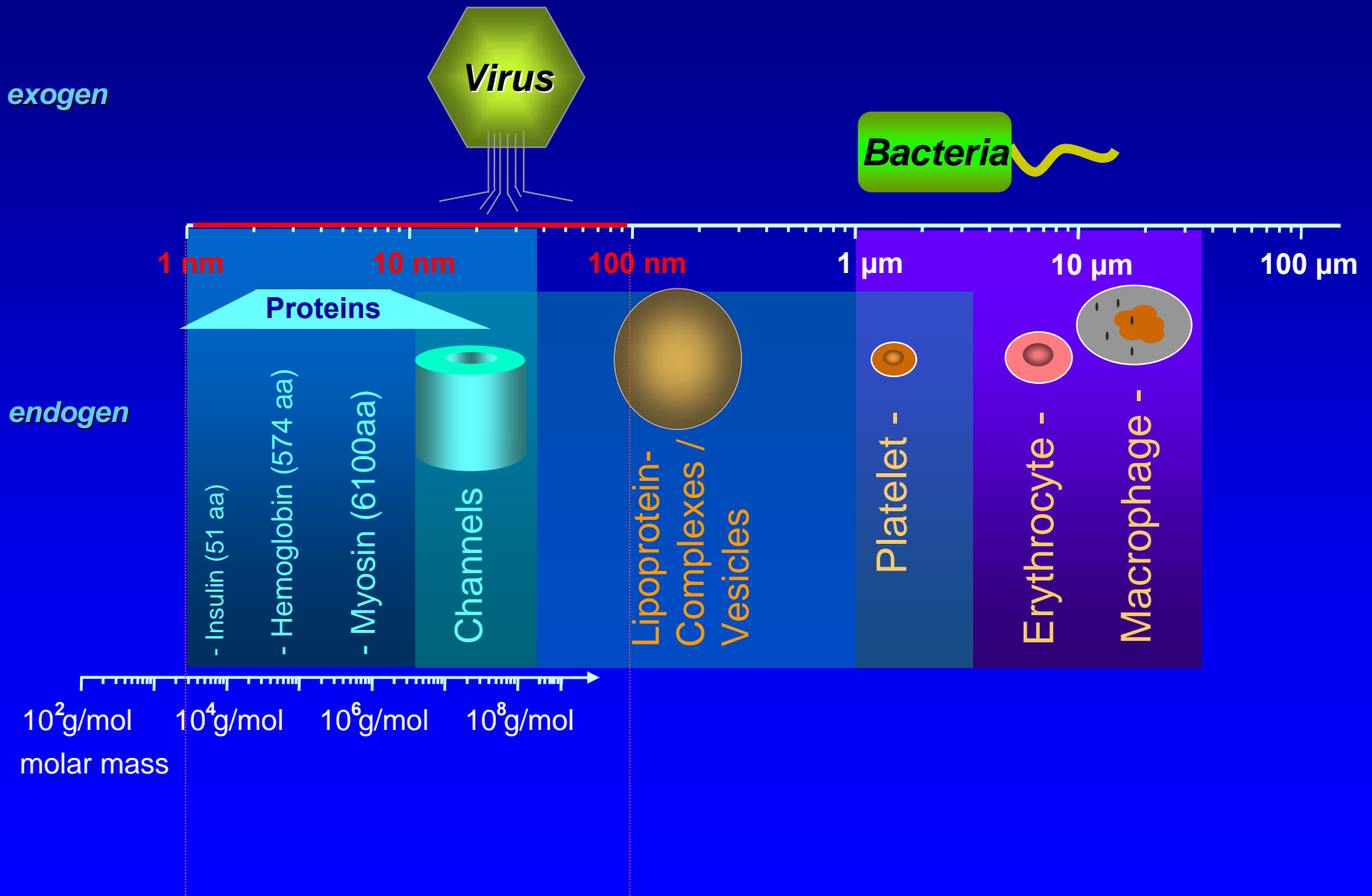


number burden:

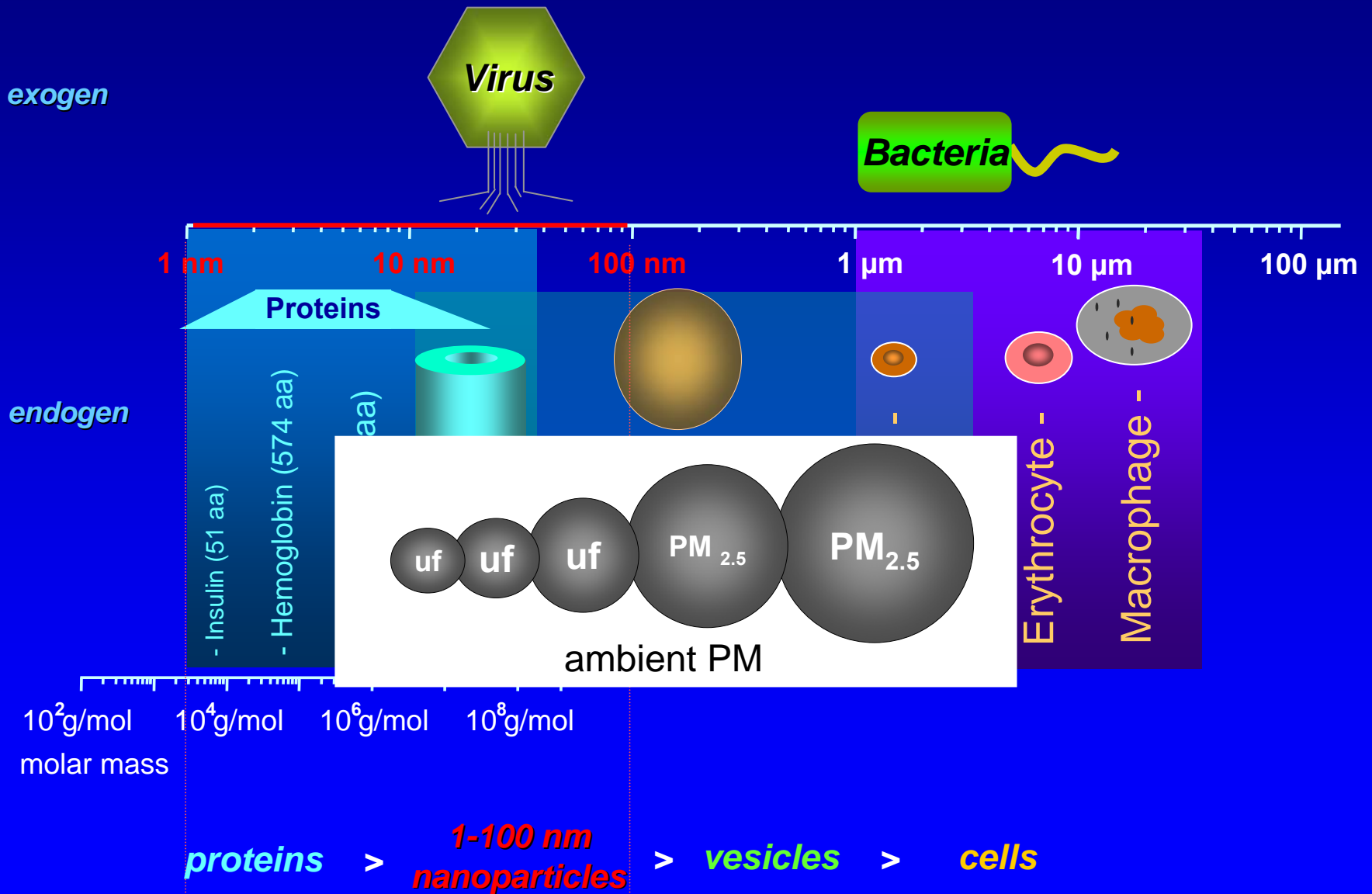
ultrafine particles < 0.1 μm



Size Relation at Cellular Scale

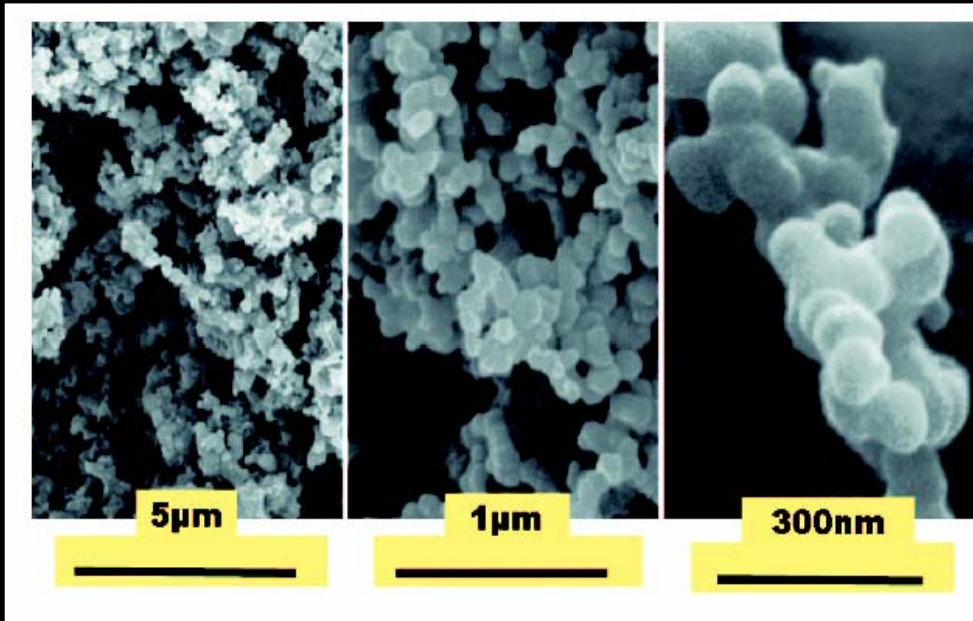


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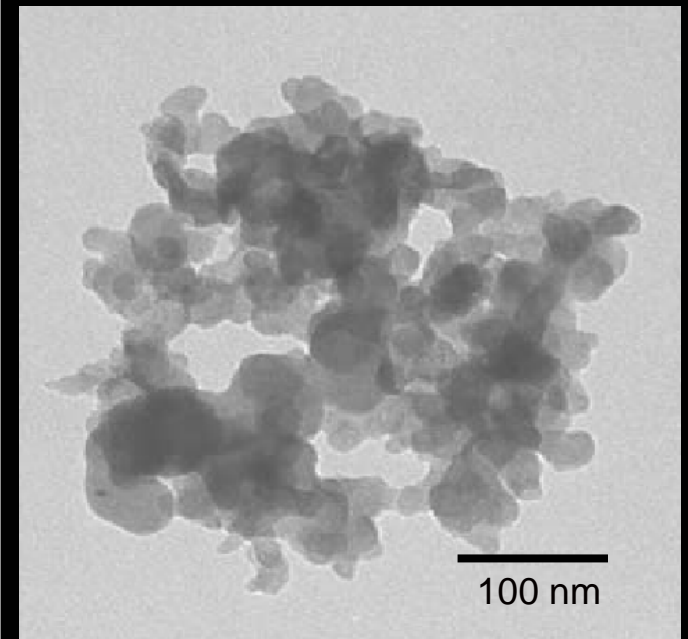


Shape of soot particles

Soot Particles

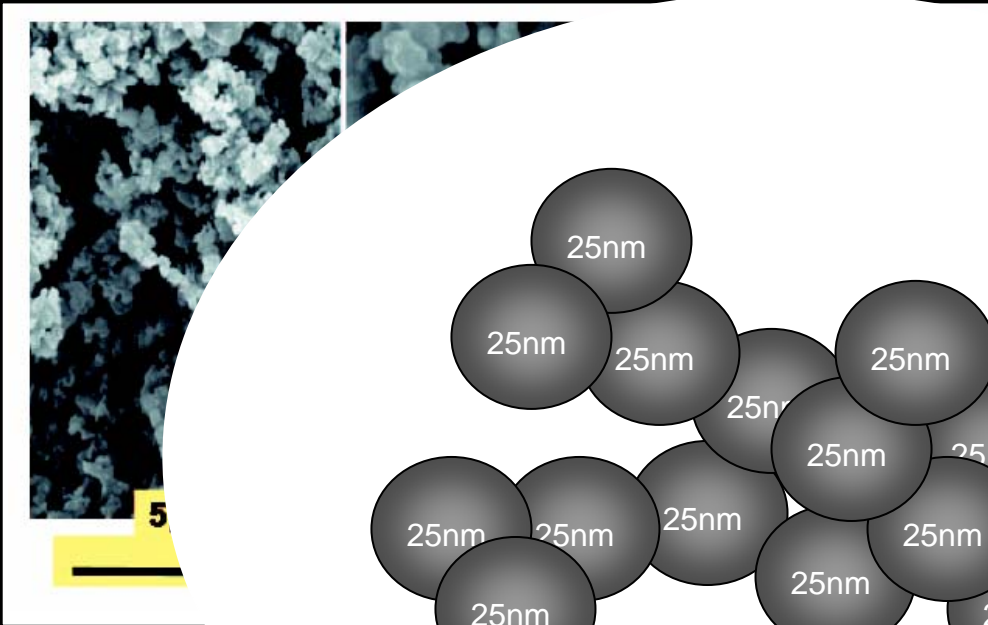


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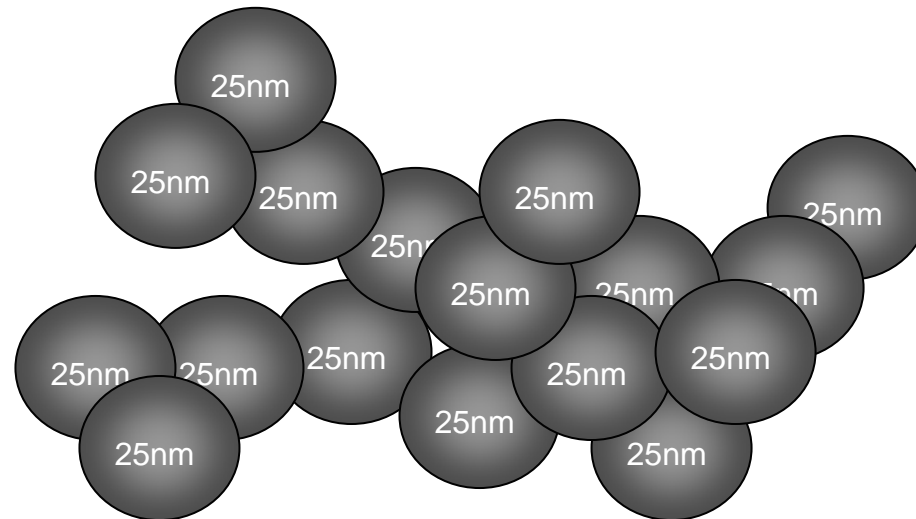
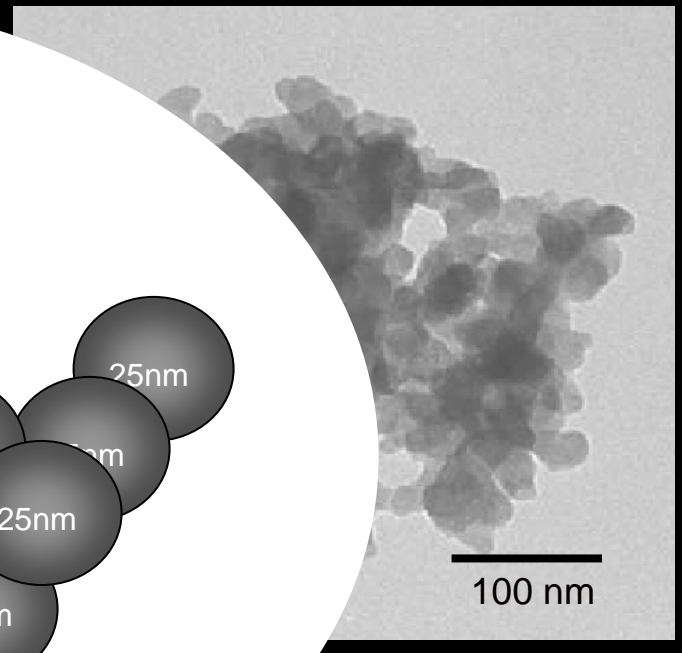


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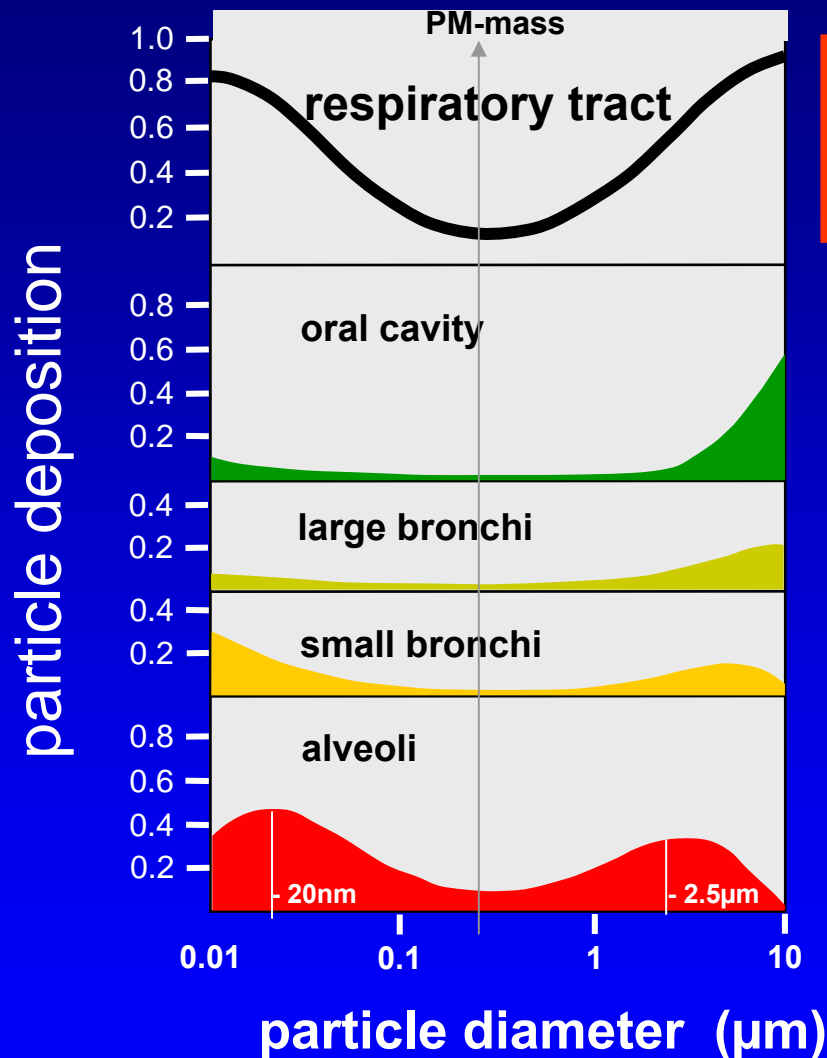
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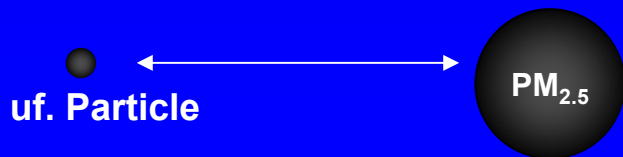
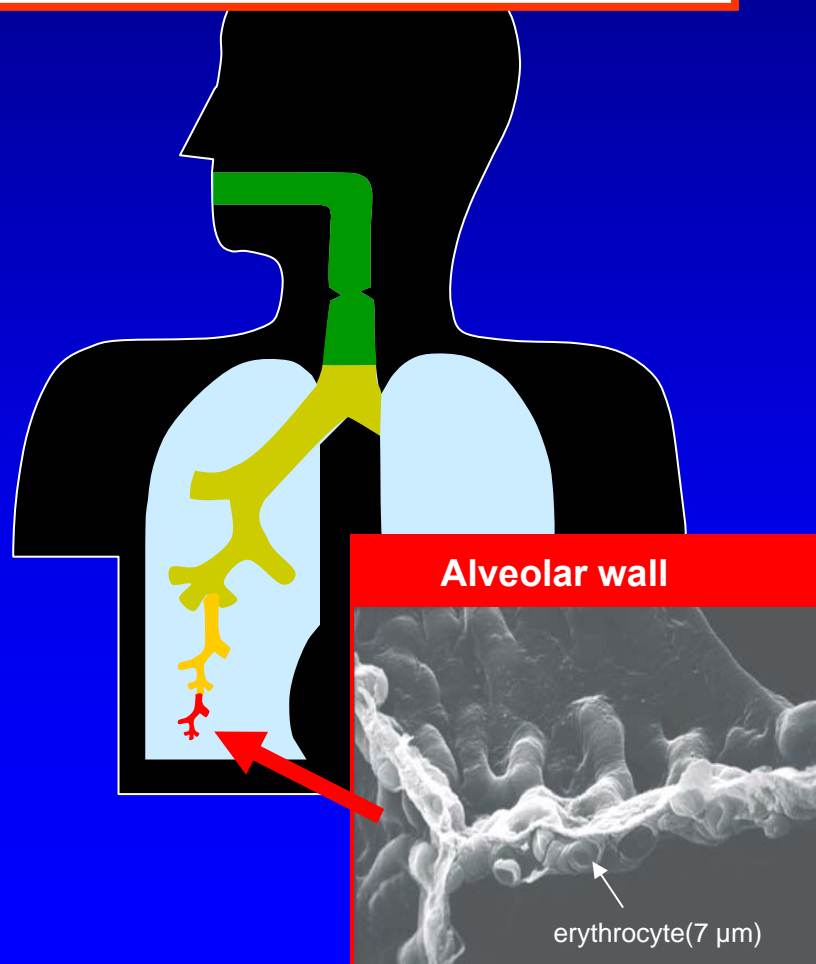
Soot:
aggregates from carbonaceous
primary particles

Deposition & Clearance

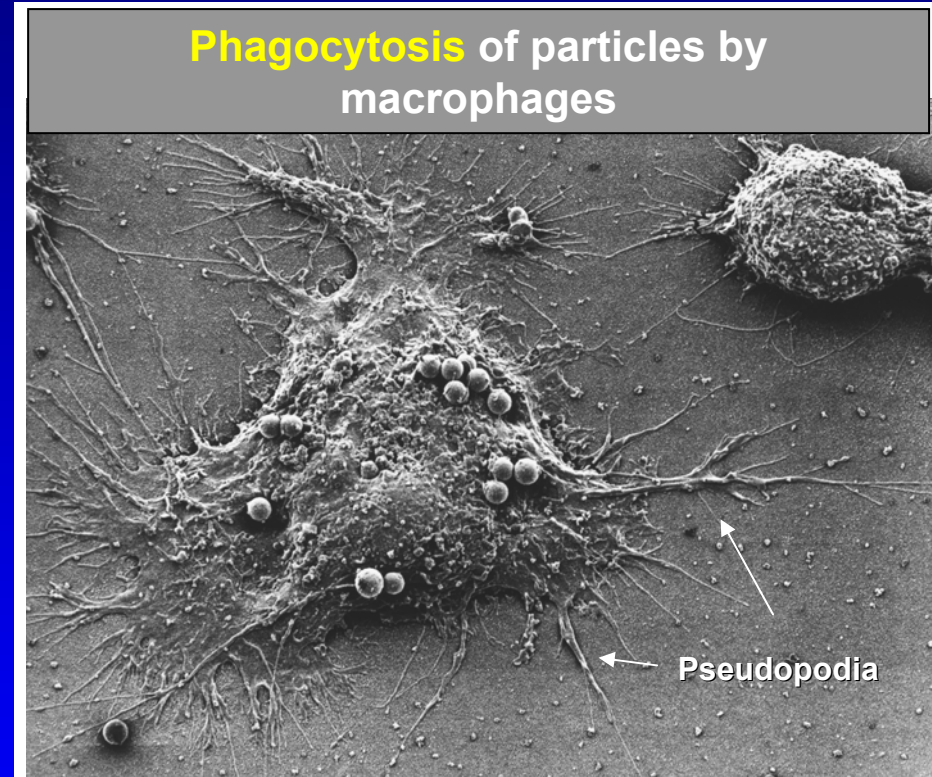
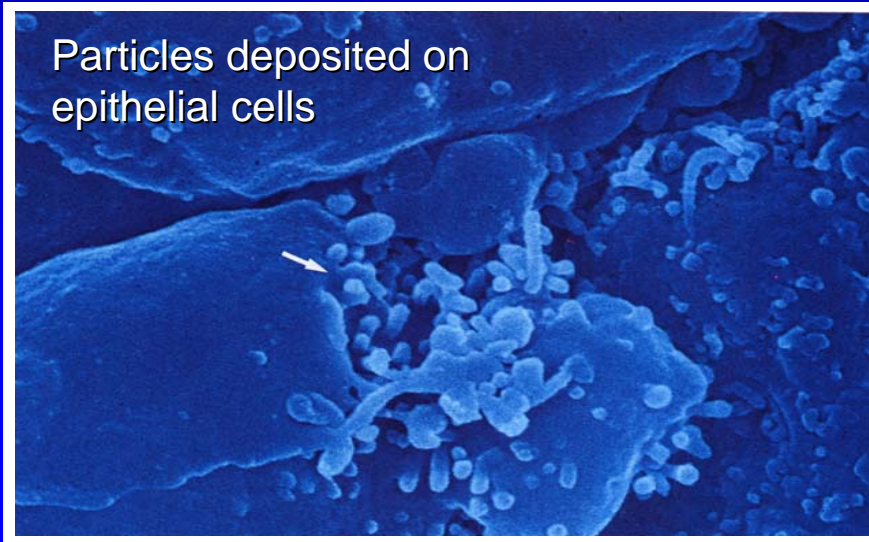
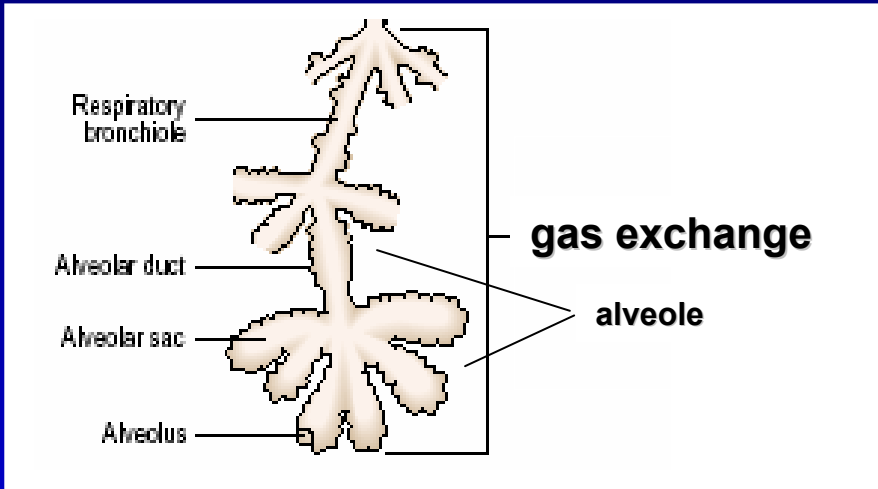
Particle Deposition in the Respiratory System



ultrafine particles cause the highest burden to the small bronchial and alveolar region!



Mechanisms of Defense – Alveolar Region



Morgenroth & Takenaka

Pathways of Particle Clearance

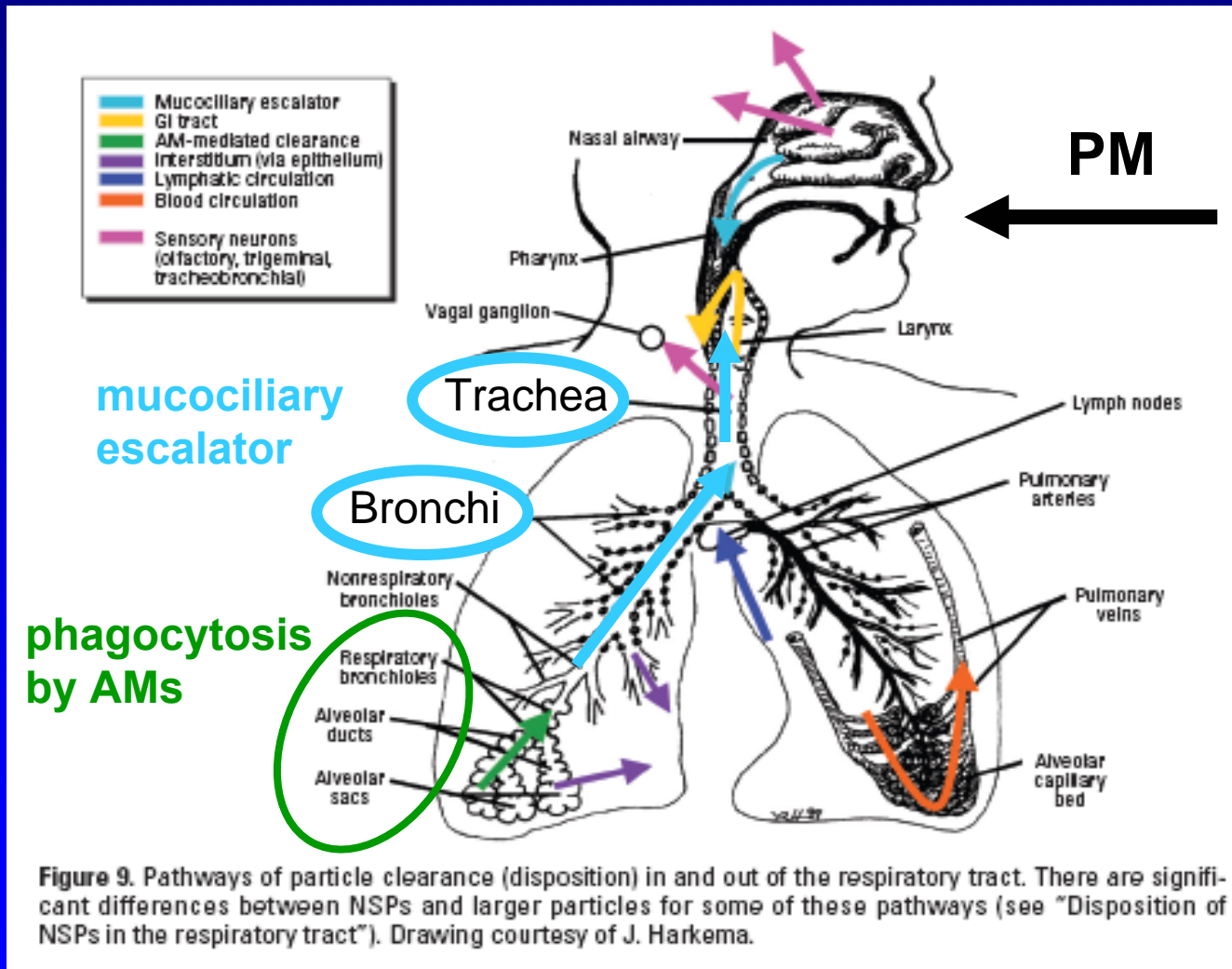
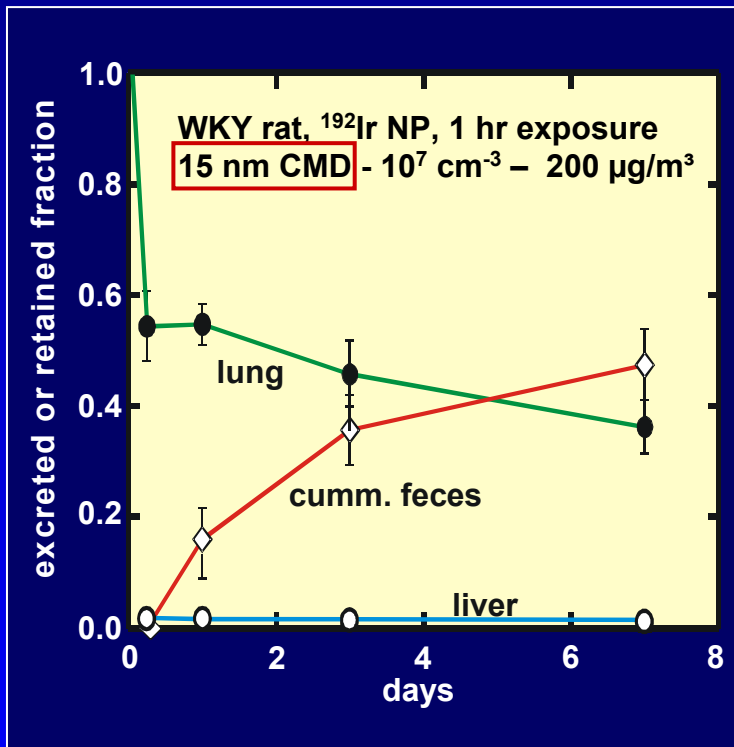


Figure 9. Pathways of particle clearance (disposition) in and out of the respiratory tract. There are significant differences between NSPs and larger particles for some of these pathways (see "Disposition of NSPs in the respiratory tract"). Drawing courtesy of J. Harkema.

Biphasic Clearance Kinetics



Kreyling 2004

Impact of Particle Size

Particles lavaged or retained 24h post exposure

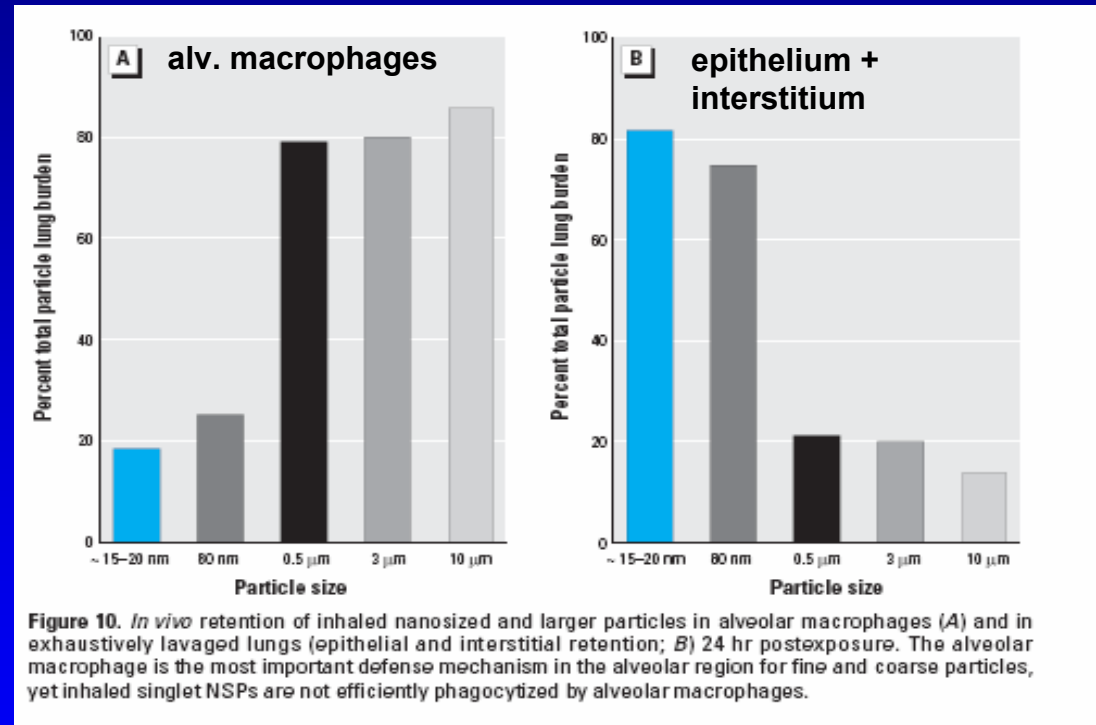
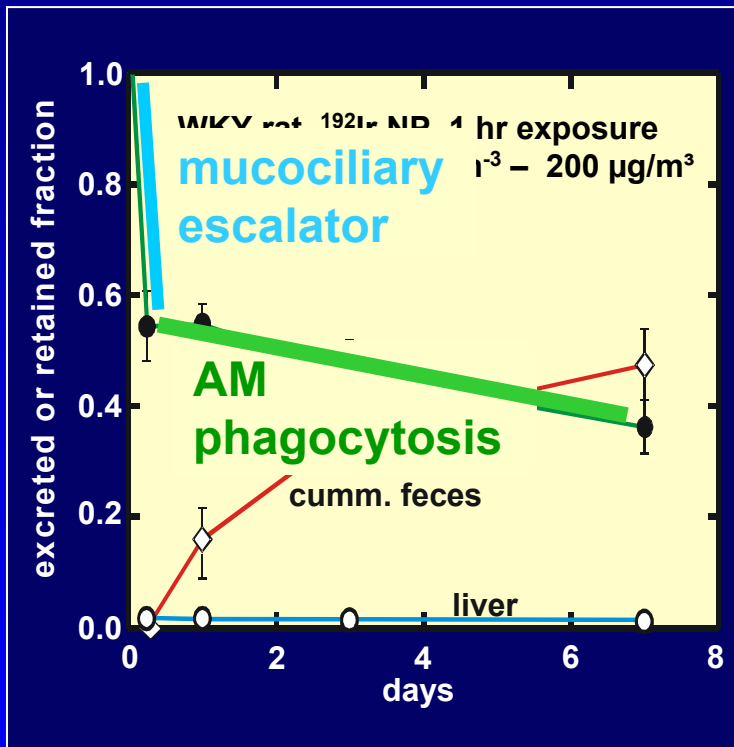


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Oberdörster 2005

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upper airways: fast clearance
 alveolar region: slow clearance

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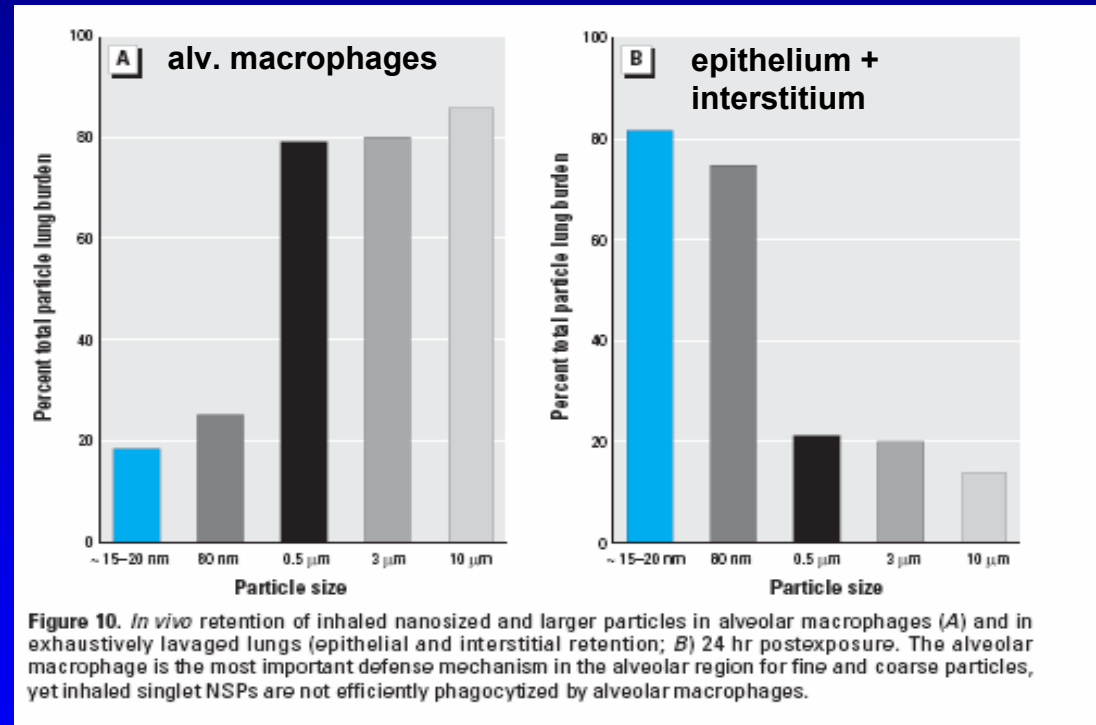


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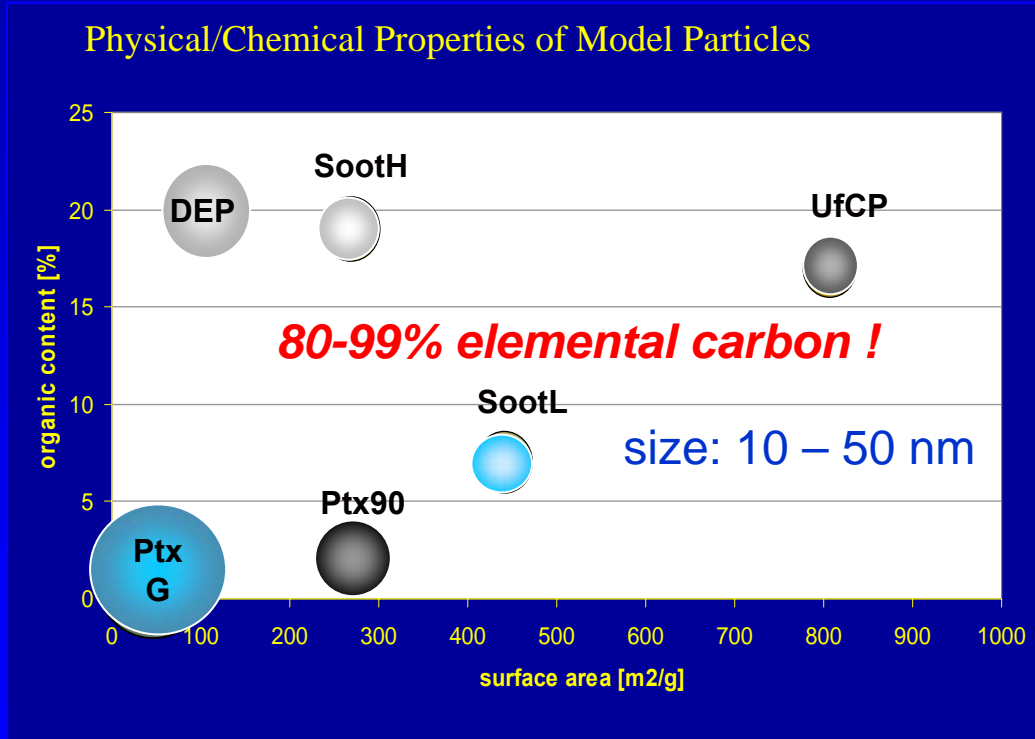
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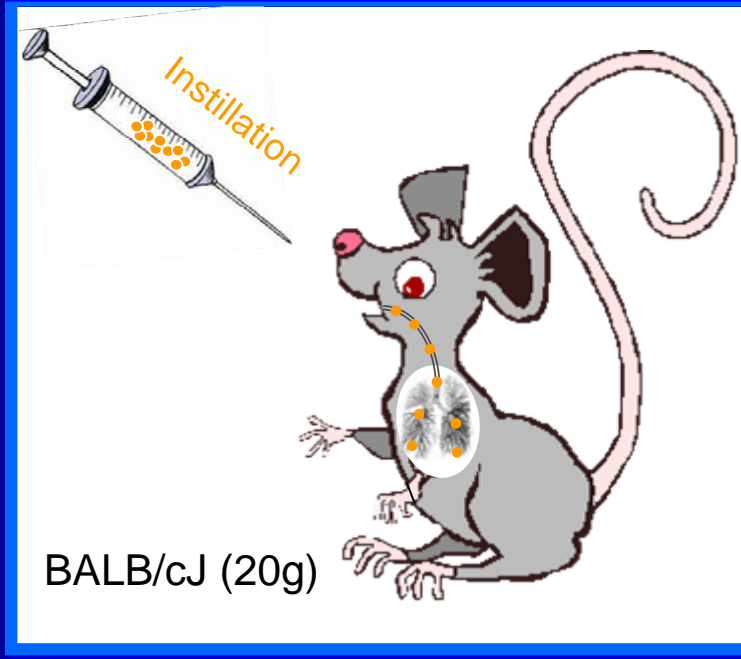
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Acute Effects of Pulmonary Deposited Particles?

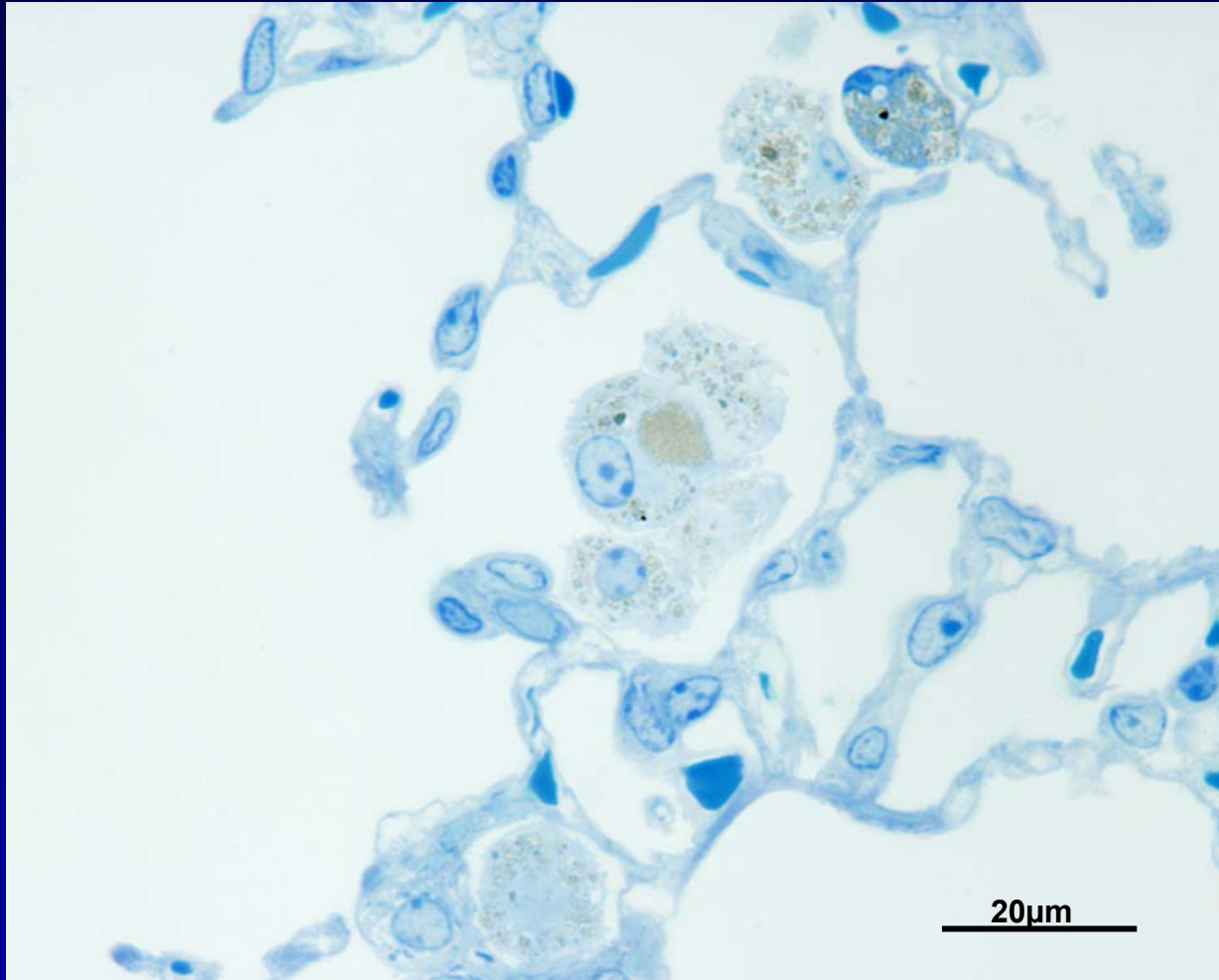
Particle Exposition:



Intratracheal Instillation in Mice



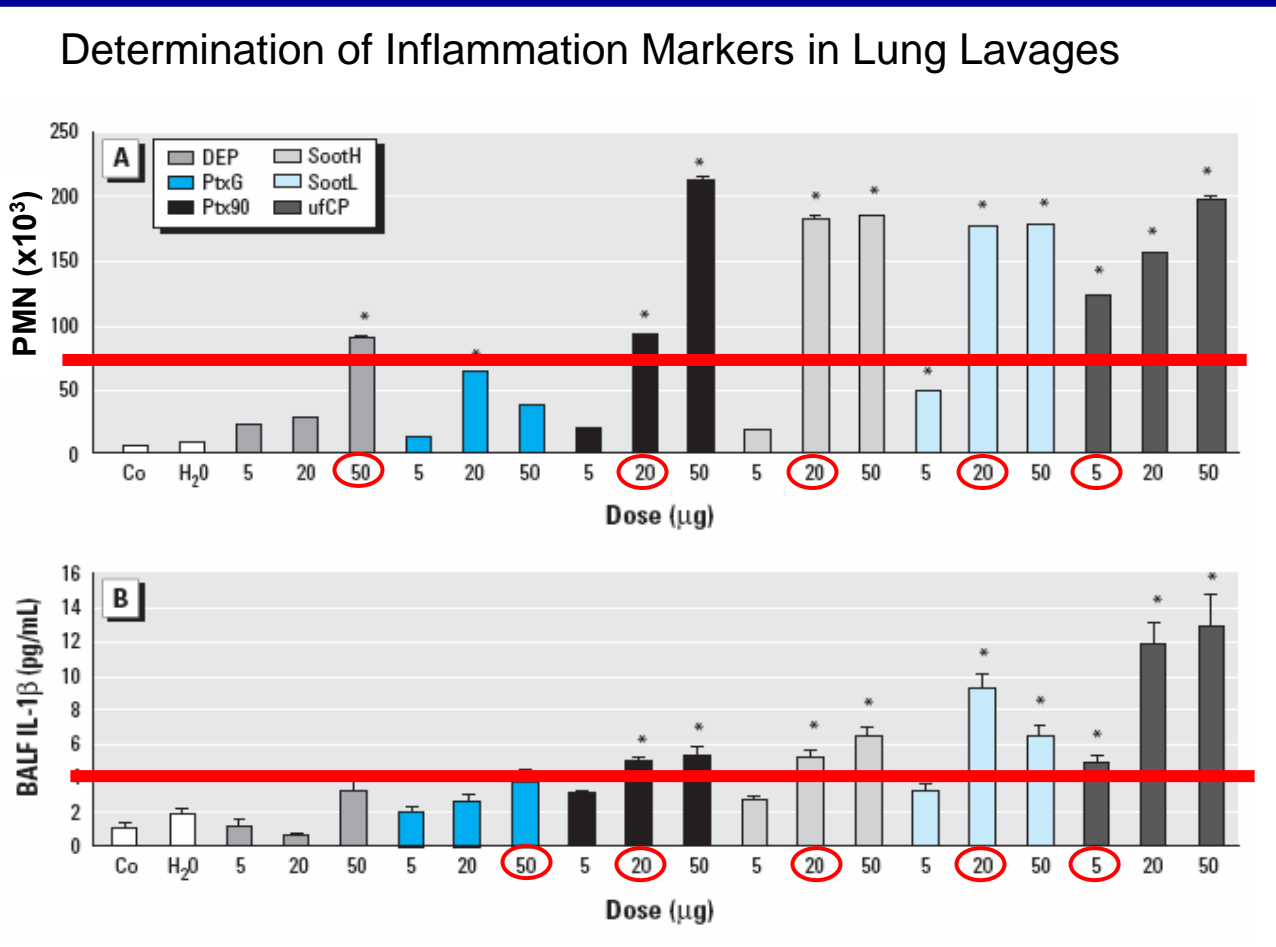
Lung of a mouse 24h after intratracheal instillation
of 20 μg ufCP



Semithin section, Staining: toluidine blue, x 63,
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Carbonaceous nanoparticles induce acute pulmonary inflammation 24h after instillation

PMN-Influx

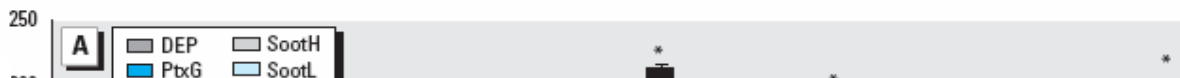


Cytokine conc.

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Determination of Inflammation Markers in Lung Lavages

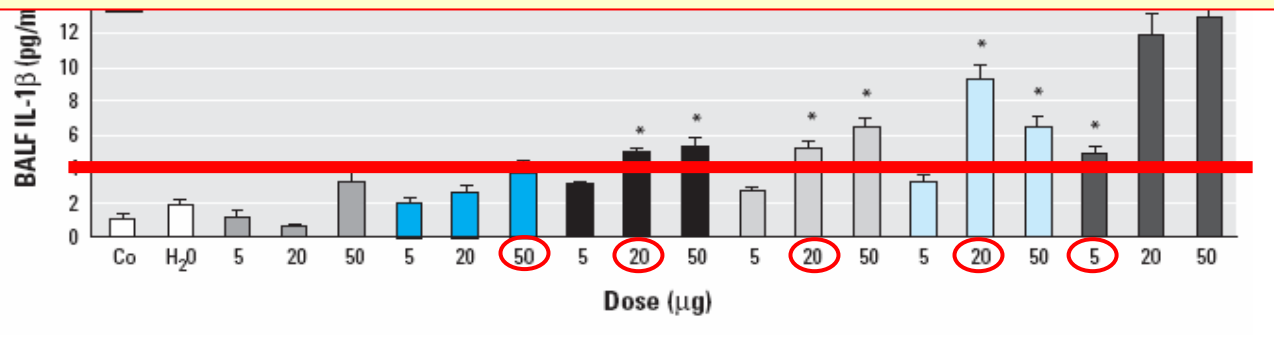
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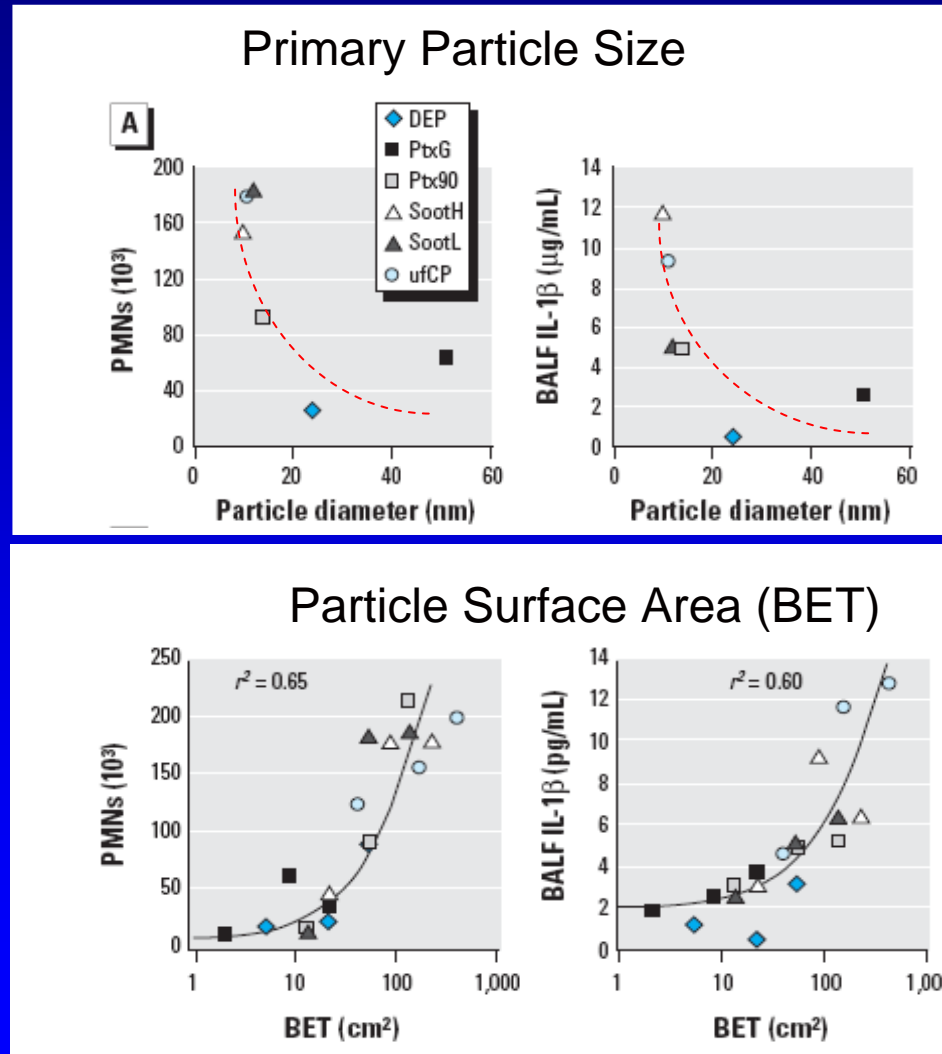
Dose Response Relation:

Deposited **mass** is not a sufficient dose metric for poorly soluble nanoparticles!

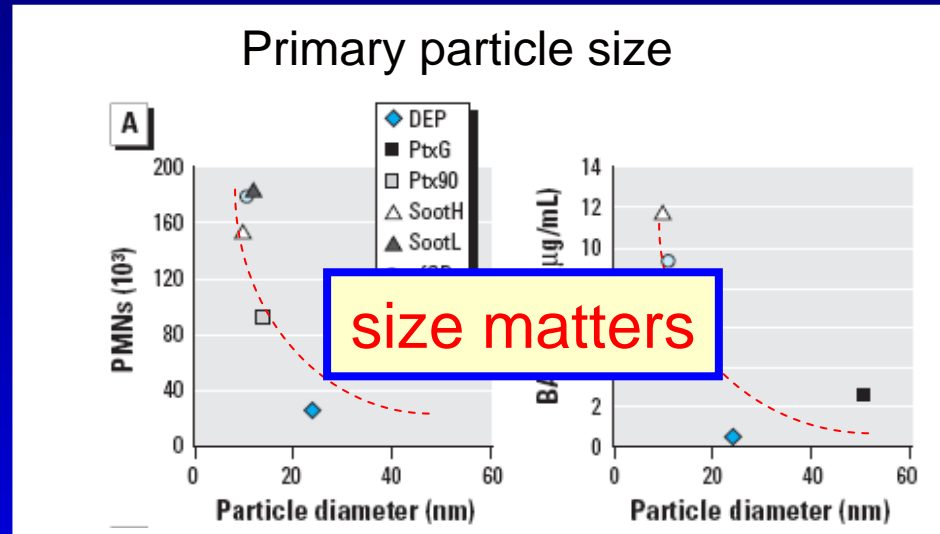
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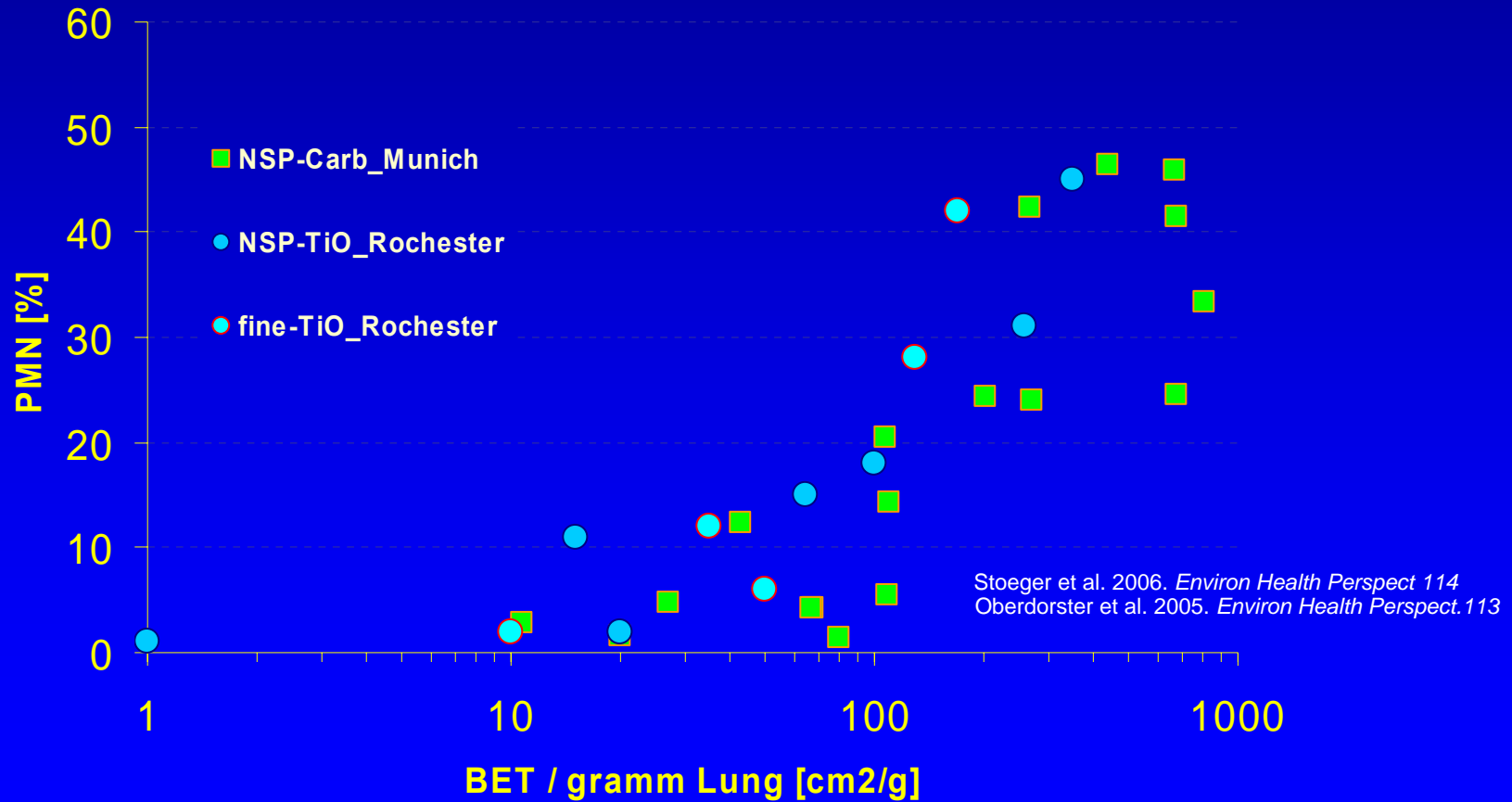
For the poorly soluble nanoparticles the deposited
particle surface area
serves as a suitable dose metric!

BET (cm^2)

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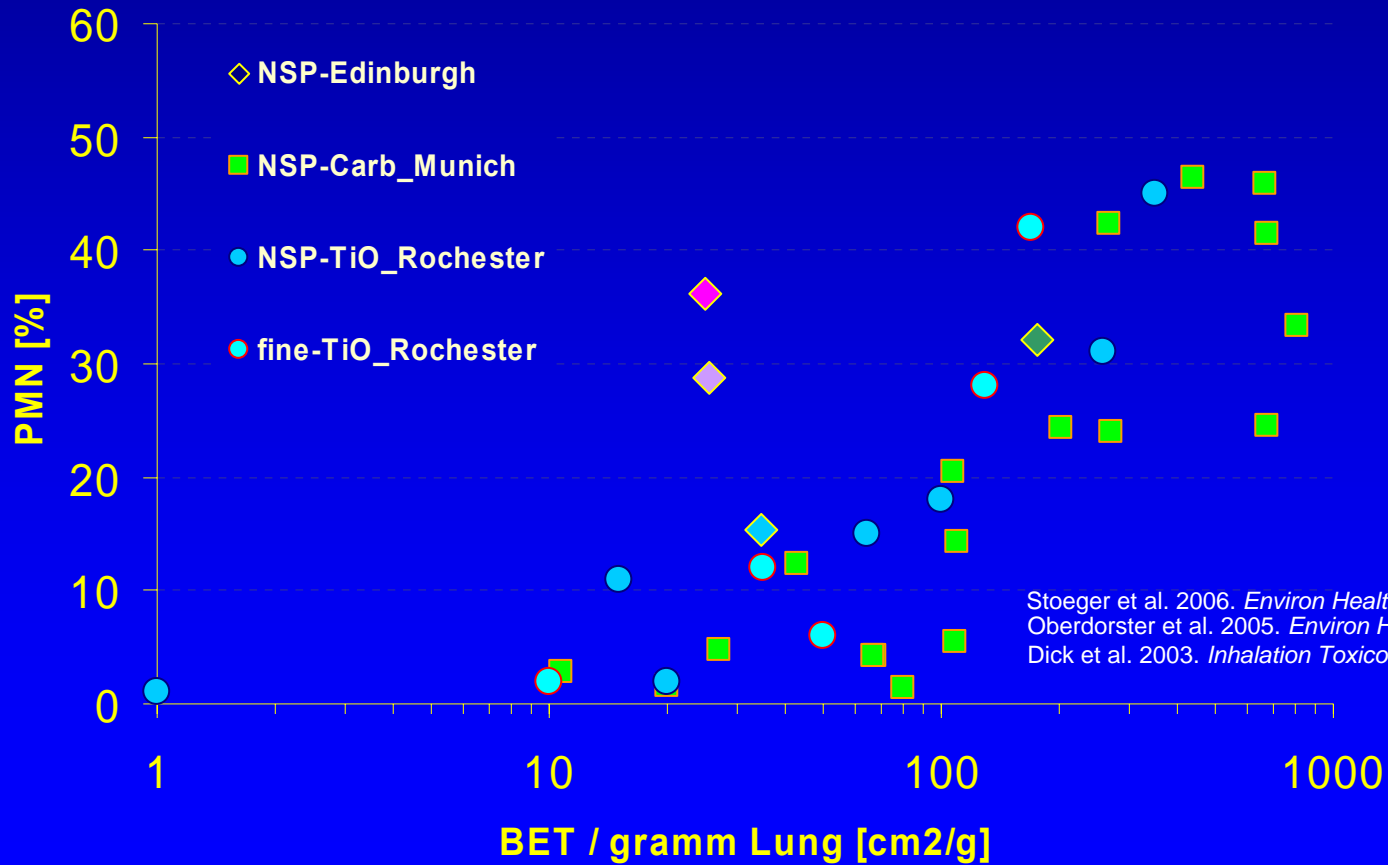
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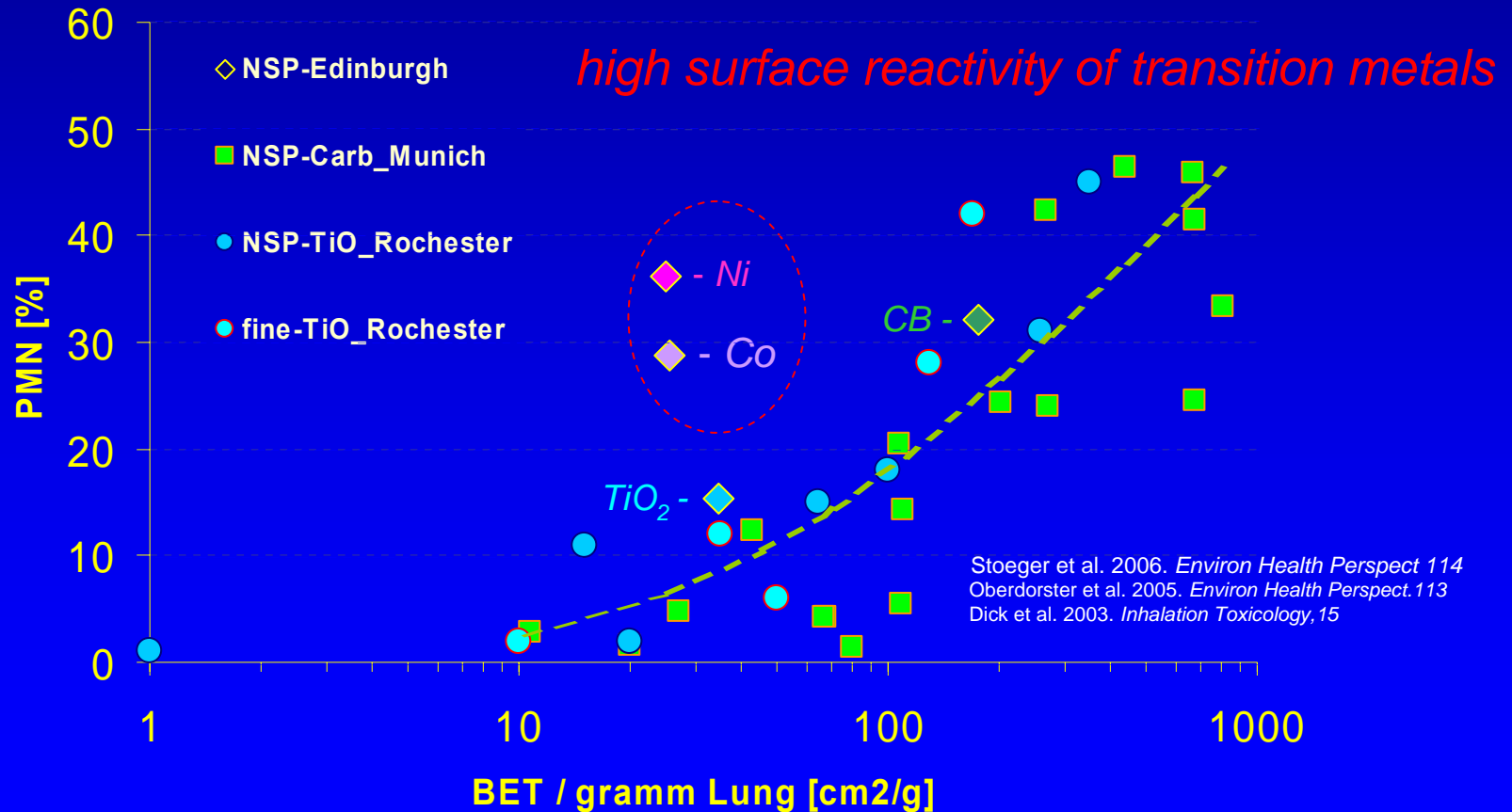
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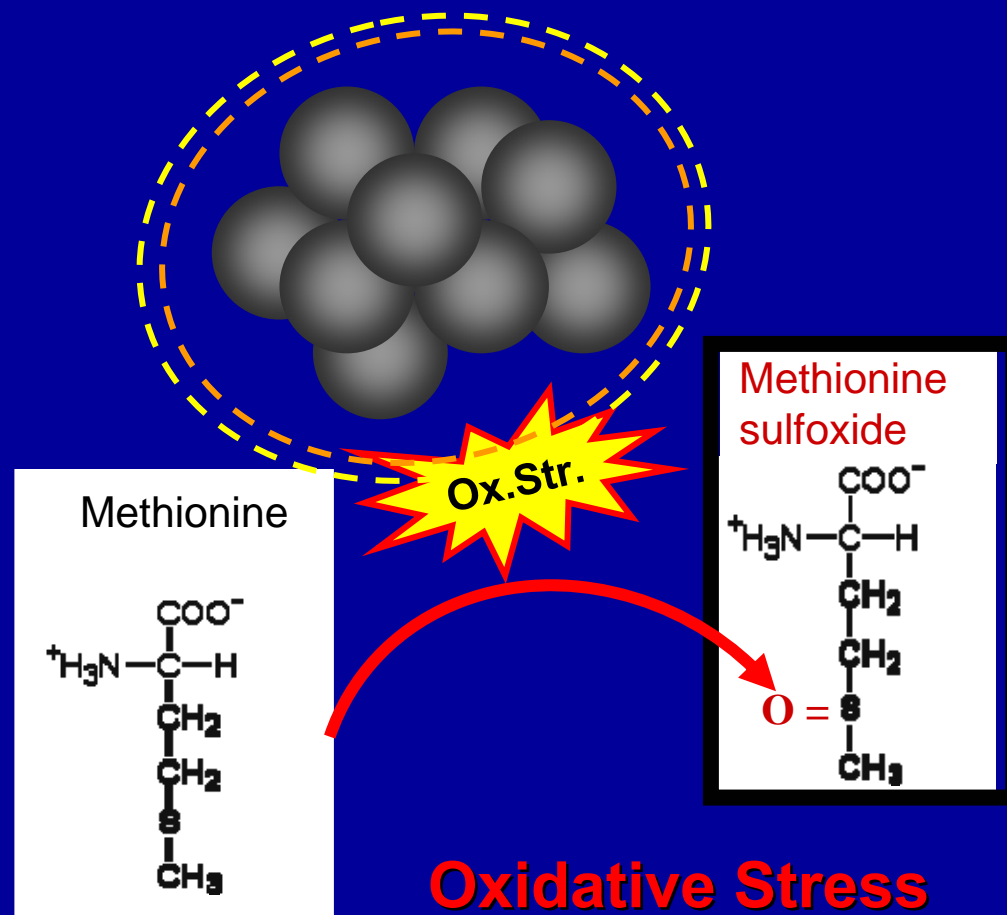
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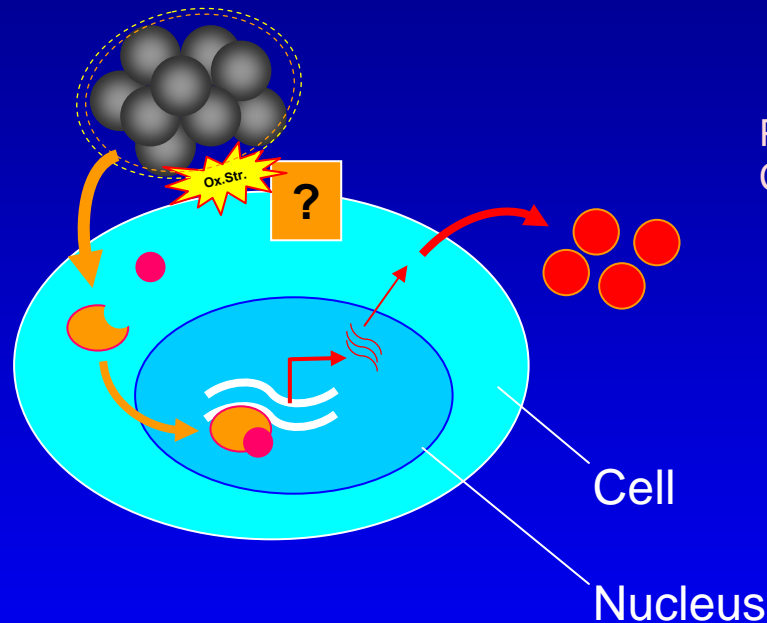


Oxidative Surface Reactivity of Carbon-Nanoparticles



Hypothesis of Particle Induced Inflammation

(Particle – Cell Interaction)



Proinflammatory mediators:
Chemokines/Cytokines,
Prostaglandins ...

particle
deposition
on cell
surface



induction of
oxidative
stress



signalling
Cascade
(NFkB/AP1)



proinflammatory
gene expression



release of
proinflammatory
mediators

Gene Expression Analysis at “threshold level”: Inhalation of Carbon Nanoparticles Induces Proinflammatory Response

TABLE 1
Changes in gene expression after inhalation of ultrafine particles

Identifier	Name/Description	Gene symbol	Fold Induction	
			4h inhalation	24h inhalation
M12571	Heat shock protein, 1A	Hsp1a	4	1,2
L40406	Heat shock protein, 105 kDa	Hsp105	2,6	1,1
AF101164	CEA-related cell adhesion molecule 2	Ceacam2	2,2	1,3
AW124318	suppression of tumorigenicity 13	St13	2,2	1
U27830	stress-induced phosphoprotein 1	Stip1	2	1,2
U16162	prolyl 4-hydroxylase alpha(I)-subunit	P4ha1	2	1,1
U2392	osmotic stress protein 94	Osp94	2	0,9
X03505	Serum amyloid A 3	Saa3	1,1	5,4
X69620	Inhibin beta-B	Inhbb	2,5 ^a	3,8
X13986	osteopontin, secreted phosphoprotein	Spp1	1,1	3,4
M34141	Prostaglandin-endoperoxide synthase 1	Ptgs1	1	3
AW230891	leucine-rich alpha-2-glycoprotein 1	Lrg1	1,4	2,8
V00755	TIMP-1	Timp1	1,3	2,4
M64086	spi2 proteinase inhibitor (spi2/eb4)	Serpina3n	1,1	2,4
M62470	Thrombospondin 1	Thbs1	3,0 ^b	2,4
X81627	24p3, lipocalin2	Lcn2	1	2,4
L41352	Amphiregulin	Areg	1,2	2,4
AV300608	SH2 domain binding protein 1	Sh2bp1	0,8	2,2
M26071	Coagulation factor III	F3	1,1	2,2
AF023919	PK-120 precursor	itih-4	0,9	2,2
M15131	Interleukin 1 beta	Il1b	0,9	2
M36120	Keratin complex 1, acidic, gene 19	Krt1-19	1	2
M35970	expressed in non-metastatic cells1	Nme1	0,8	2
X16834	Galectin-3, Mac-2	Lgals3	1	2
			Fold Repression	
K02588	Cytochrome P450, 1a1	Cyp1a1	1,2	2,6
X58289	Protein tyrosine phosphatase, receptor typeB	Ptprb	1,6	2,4
Y07693	Nuclear factor I/C	Nfic	1,2	2,4
D38216	RyR1 skeletal muscle ryanodine receptor	Ryr1	1	2,2
X84037	E-selectin ligand-1, golgi apparatus protein 1	Glg1	1,4	2
A1152867	eukaryotic translation initiation factor 2C	Eif2c2	1,6	2

Numbers in bold indicate genes induced or repressed twofold or more after 4h or 24h uFCB particle inhalation

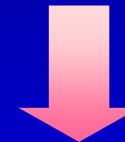
^a excluded from analysis because absent in test sample (see methods)

^b excluded from analysis because fold change between clean air controls (4h and 24h) twofold or more

Biphasic reaction:

1. Stress response:

Heat shock proteins (*hsp70*)



2. Proinflammatory response:

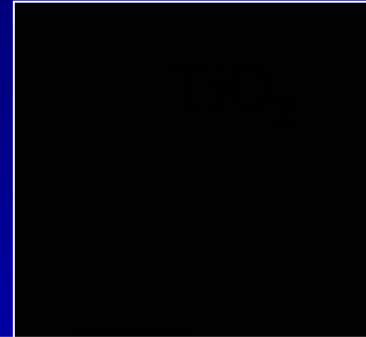
- *Interleukin 1 beta*
- *Cyclooxygenase 1*
- *Serum amyloid A3*
- *Osteopontin*
- *TIMP 1*
- *Lipocalin 2*
- *Galectin 3*
- *Amphiregulin*
- *Coagulation factor III*
- *Thrombospondin 1*
- ...

Translocation to Secondary Organs

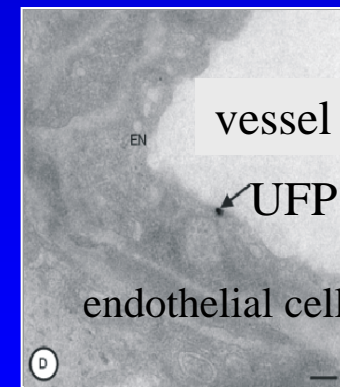
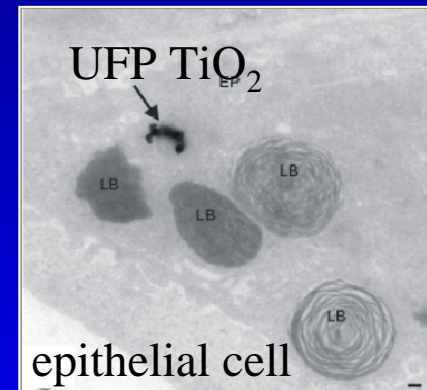
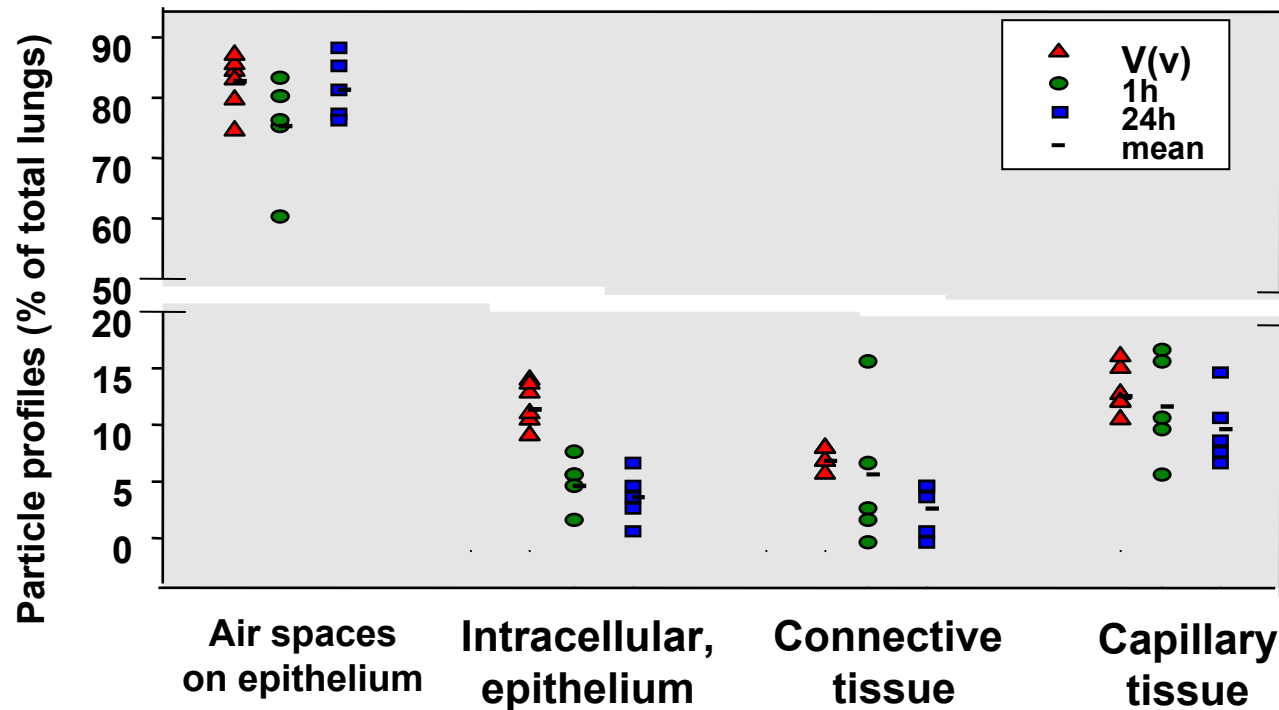
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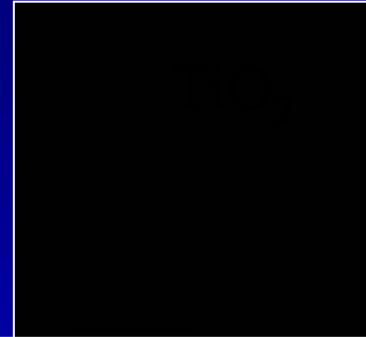
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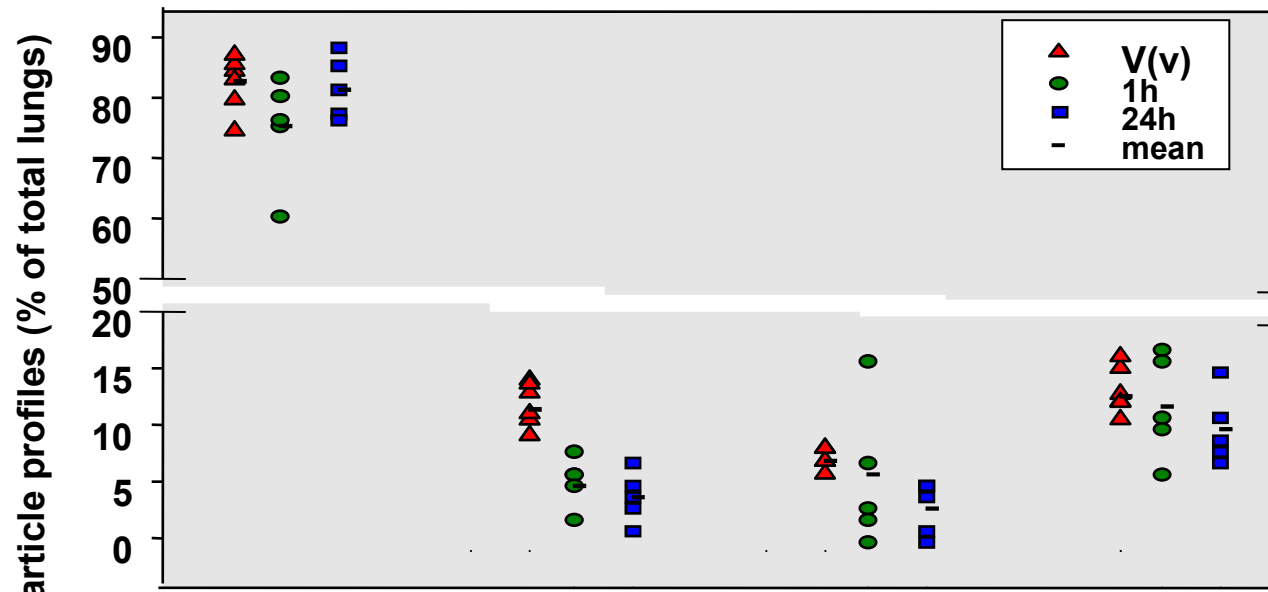
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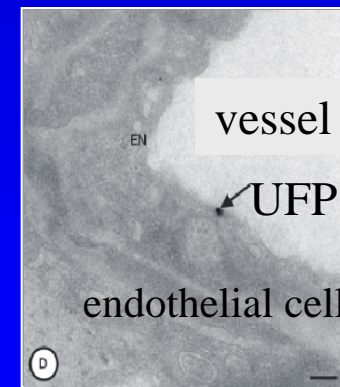
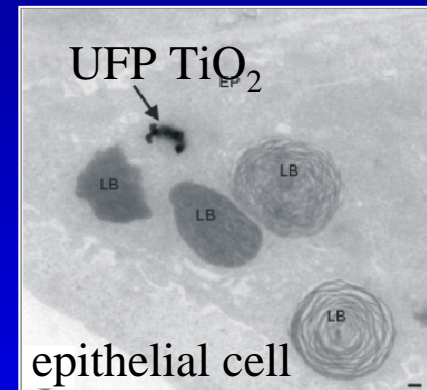


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→ Fast translocation for ~20% of deposited NP

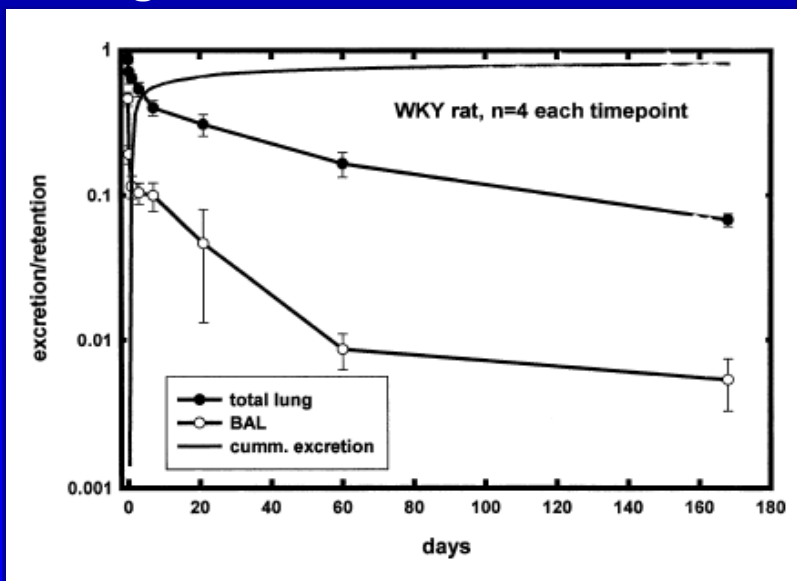
→ Volume proportional: stochastic process (“diffusion”)?



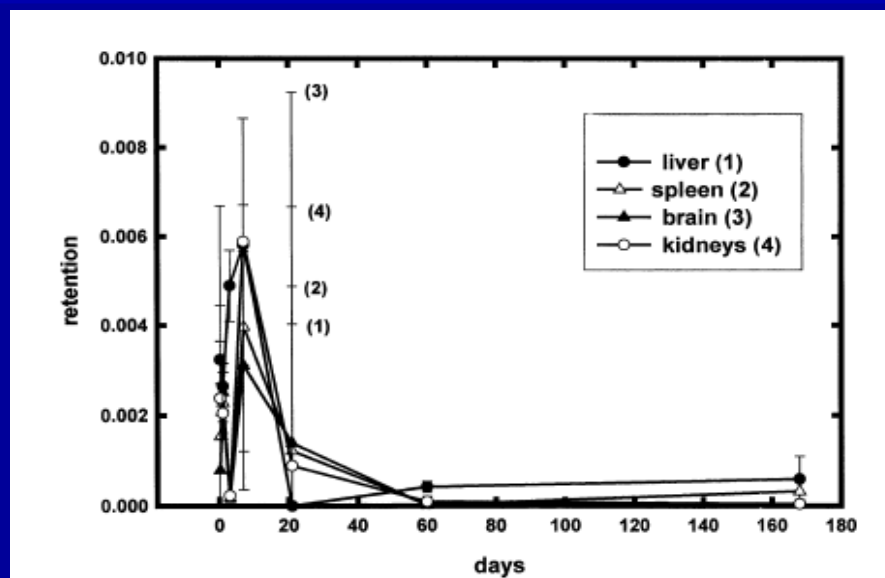
Translocation into secondary target organs

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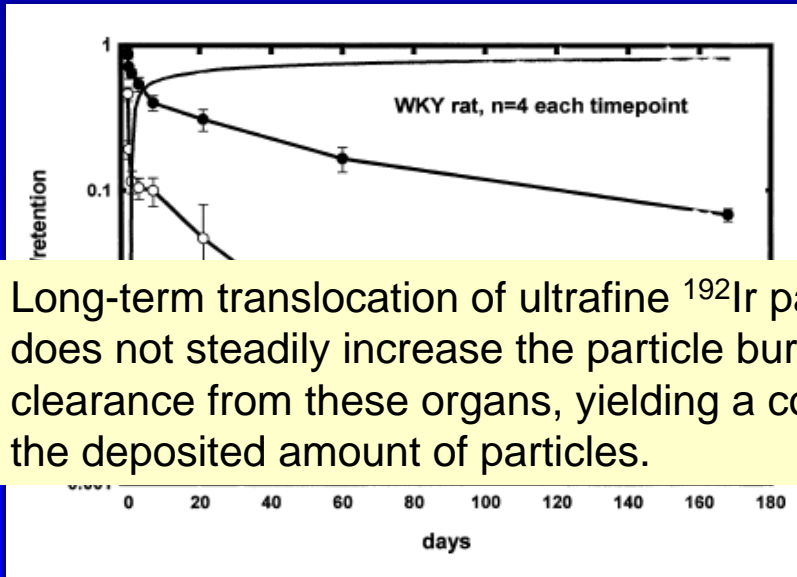
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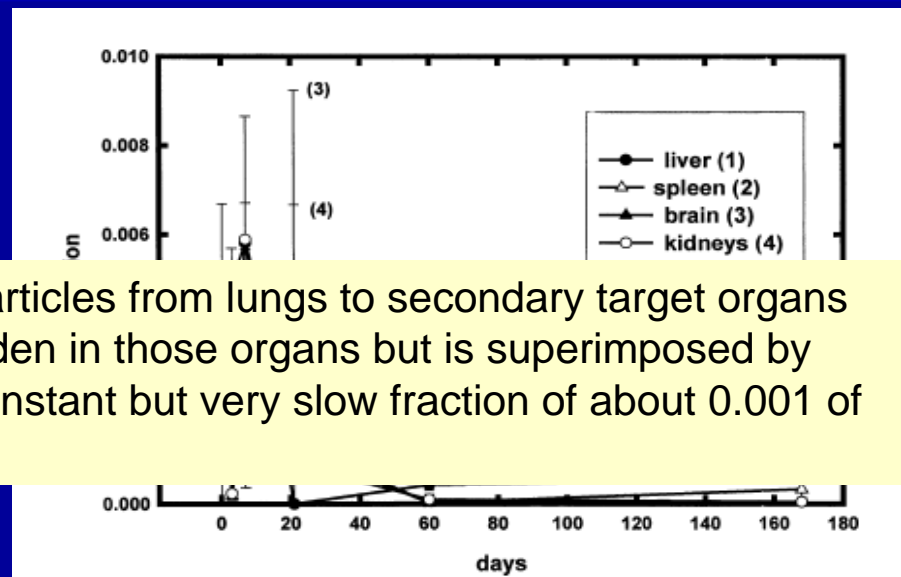
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Long-term translocation of ultrafine ^{192}Ir particles from lungs to secondary target organs does not steadily increase the particle burden in those organs but is superimposed by clearance from these organs, yielding a constant but very slow fraction of about 0.001 of the deposited amount of particles.

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Extra-pulmonary Effects

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 - Cardiac **Arrhythmia**
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 - Endothelial dysfunktion
 - Aggravation of **atherosclerotic** process
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ApoE-Modell + Mexico City Daten



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- ⇒ reduced heart rate variability

sympathetic stress response ?

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Elder 2004:

On-Road Exposure of Aged Rats

⇒ Increased plasma levels of Endothelin

Dvonch 2004:

Rats exposed to $\text{PM}_{2.5}$ (Detroit, $354\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$, 3 days, 8h/day)

⇒ Increased plasma levels of ADMA

(asymmetric dimethylarginine, eNOS inhibitor)

! vasoconstriction, endothelial dysfunction !

glia cells)

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Khandoga 2004:

intra-arterial infusion of UfCP in healthy mice (10⁷/ mouse)

⇒ induced platelet adhesion

⇒ increased fibrin deposition and vWF expression on the endothelial surface

! Prothrombotic effect !

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Sun 2005:

ApoE^{-/-} mice (+ high fat diet) exposed to 85 µg/m³ PM_{2.5} for 6 month

- ⇒ increased atherosclerotic plaque development
- ⇒ increased vascular inflammation
- ⇒ increased vasomotor tone

! potentiated atherosclerosis !



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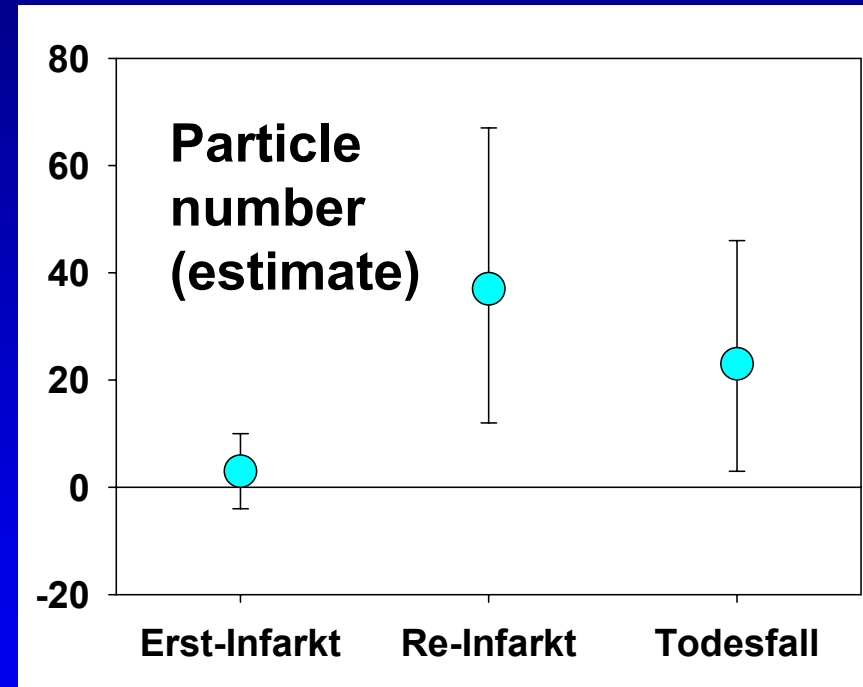
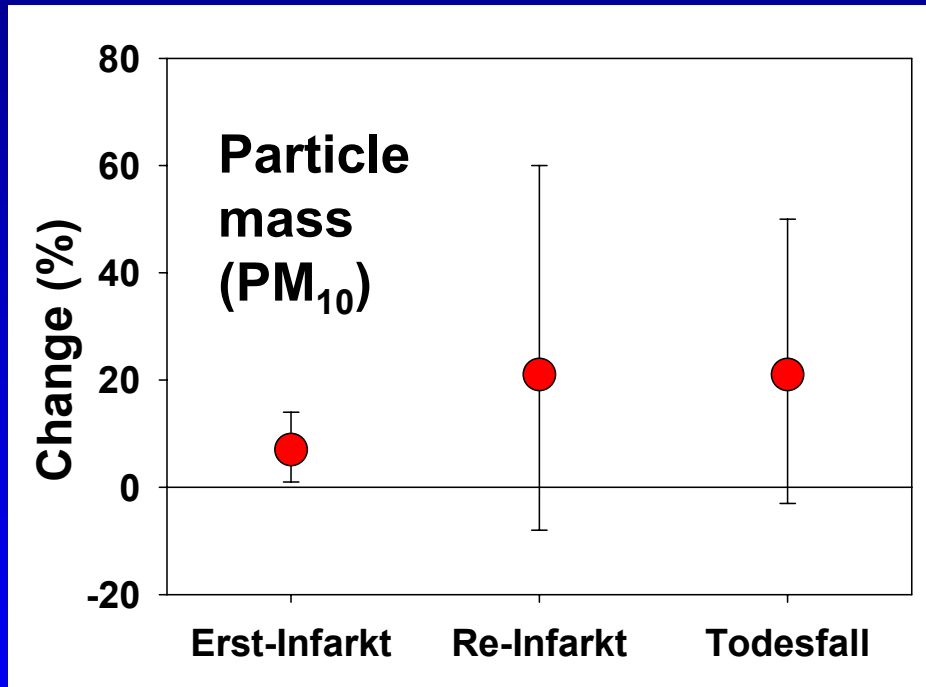
Central Nervous System (CNS)

- Inflammation / neurodegeneration (activation of microglia cells)

ApoE-Modell + Mexico City Daten



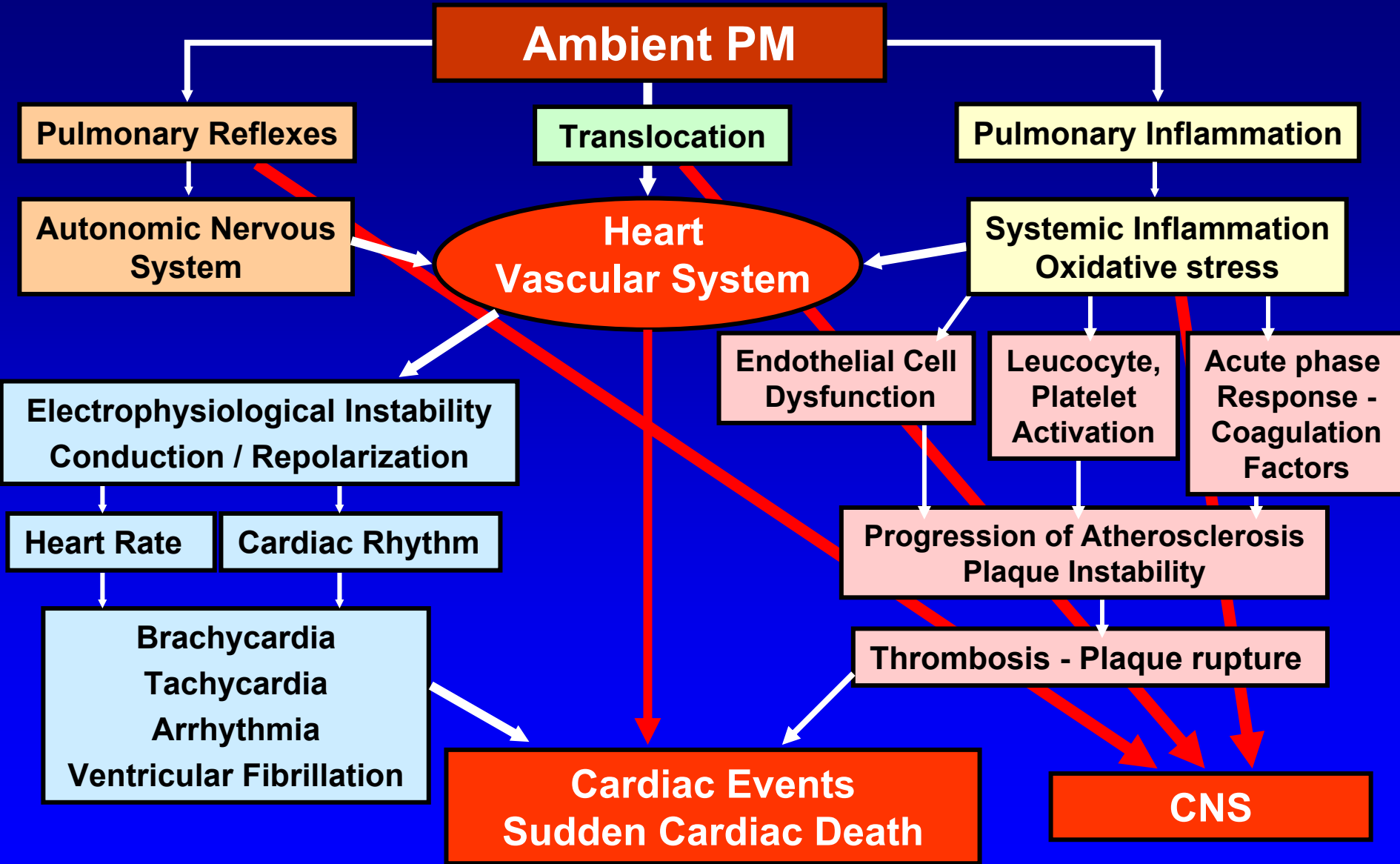
PM and frequency in heart attacks (Augsburg 1995-2000)



Association of particle mass - or number-concentration with infarct rate



Mechanism of cardiovascular effects



Mechanistic Aspects of Nanoparticle Toxicology - Particle Deposition and Clearance

1. *Deposition & Clearance Mechanism*

- *high alveolar deposition*
- *ineffective clearance*

2. *Acute Pulmonary Effects*

- *surface area as dose metric*
- *NP cause oxidative stress to cellular structures*

3. *Translocation to Secondary Organs*

- *translocation efficiency ~0.1%*

4. *Extra-pulmonary Effects*

- *aggravation of inflammatory & cardiovascular diseases*

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