 ... since no single property groups all materials, need a multi-perspective grouping & testing strategy

Persistence **Size** **Shape**
Uptake **Agglomeration**
Surface-charge **Solubility**
Toxicity **Zeta-Potential**
Chemistry **Surface-Chemistry**
Release **Dispersibility** **Use**

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... since no single property groups all materials, need a multi-perspective grouping & testing strategy – but how?

What they are

- Chemical composition
- Size
- Size distribution
- Specific surface area
- Crystalline phase
- Porosity
-

What they do

- Electron transfer
- Photoreactivity
- Catalytic activity
- ROS production
- Ion release
- Mechanical resistance/fibers
- Dustiness
-

Where they go

- Hydrophobicity/hydrophilicity (octanol/water partition coefficient)
- Aggregation/agglomeration
- Surface charge
- Biodegradability
- Z-potential
- Composition of the protein corona
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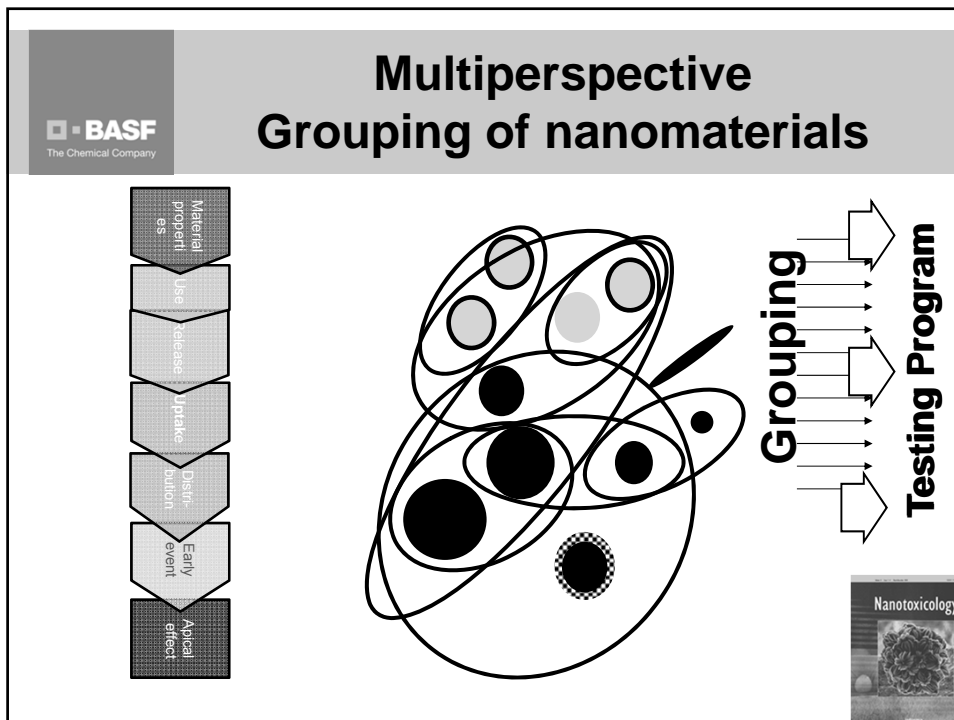
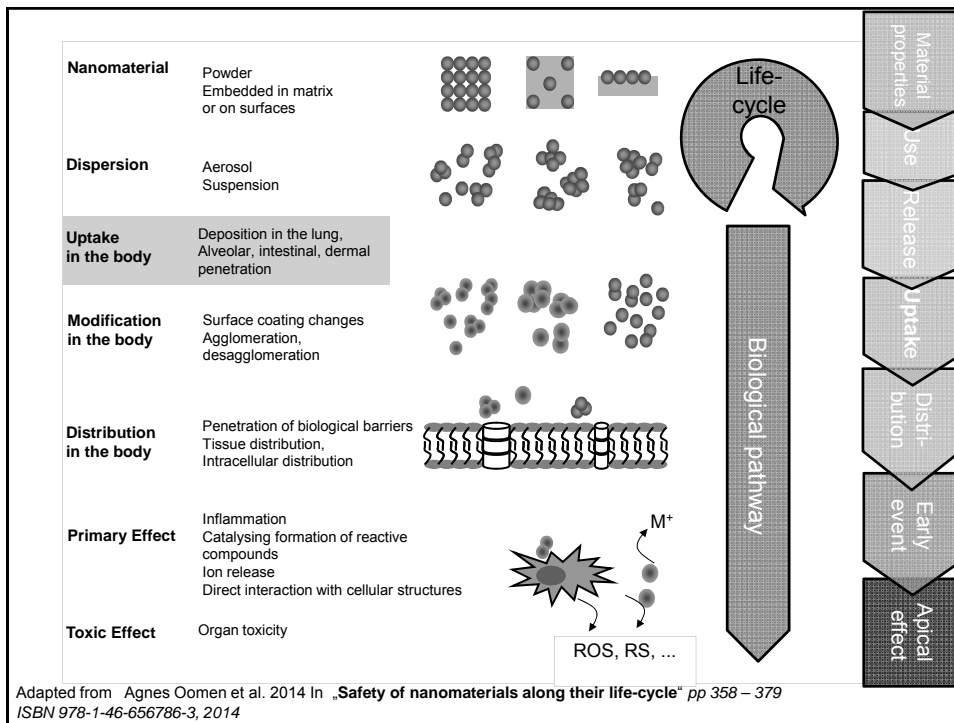
Are life cycle events changing NMs enough to trigger a new risk assessment? Are life cycle products still NMs?

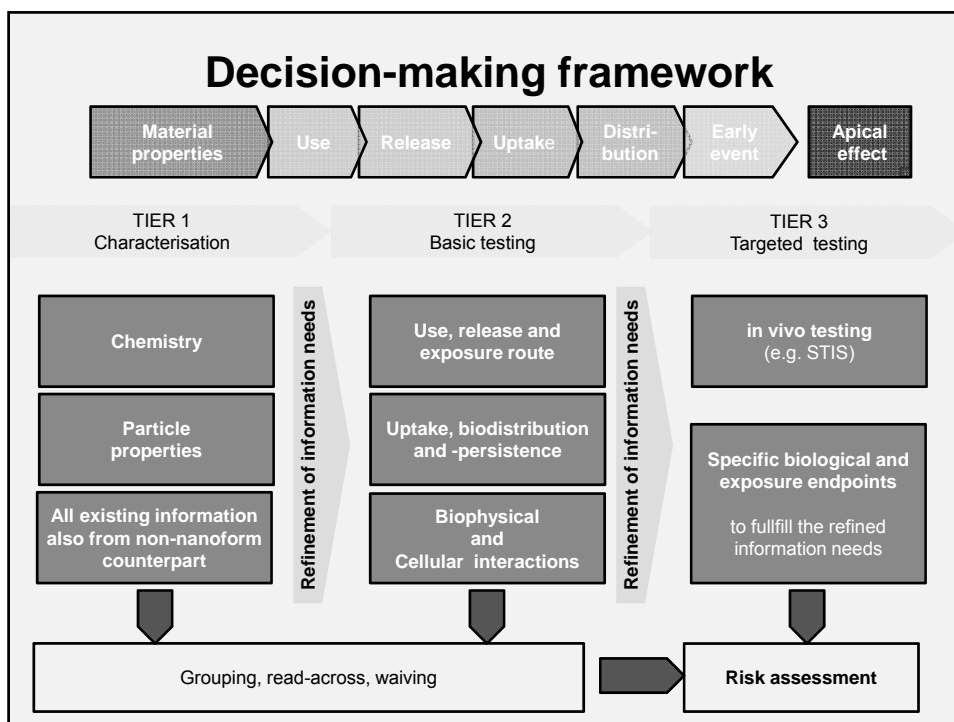
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Multiperspective Grouping of nanomaterials





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Short-term inhalation studies (STIS)


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Short Term Inhalation Study (STIS)



Study day	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9-27	28
Study phase	x	x	x	x	x	R	R	R	R	R
Examinations					E			L		E+L

Male Wistar rats

X: Head-nose exposure to aerosols for 6 hours per day on 5 consecutive days


R: Recovery period

L: Lavage

E: Examinations

- Organ burden (lung, mediastinal lymph nodes, liver, kidney, spleen and basal brain with olfactory bulb)
- Distribution and translocation
- Particle size distribution within the lung
- Histology of selected organs, cell proliferation / apoptosis
- Cytological and biochemical parameters in the broncho alveolar lavage fluid

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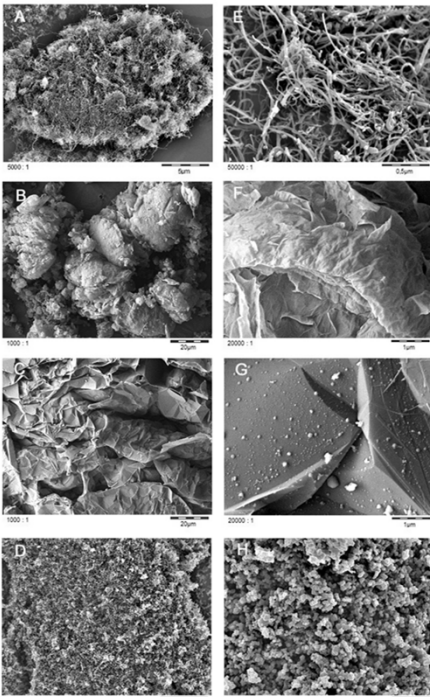
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Biological parameters

Histopathology	Cytokines <i>et al.</i>	
<p>Proliferation and apoptosis</p> <p>Clinical chemistry (lavage) Protein Lactate dehydrogenase (LDH) Alkaline phosphatase (ALP) γ-Glutamyltransferase (GGT) N-acetyl-β-Glucosaminidase (NAG) Total cell count Cell differential analysis -Macrophage (MPH) -Polymorph nuclear granulocytes (PMN) -Lymphocyte (LYMPH)</p> <p>Troponin I</p> <p>Parameters of oxidative stress Carboxymethyllysine (CML) Malondialdehyd (MDA) 8-OHdG</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Apolipoprotein A1 2. β-2 Microglobulin 3. Calbindin 4. CD40 5. CD40L 6. Clusterin 7. C-Reactive Protein 8. Cystatin 9. EGF 10. Emdothelin-1 11. Eotaxin 12. Factor VII 13. FGF-basic 14. FGF-9 15. Fibrinogen 16. GCP-2 17. GM-CSF 18. Growth Hormone 19. GST-α 20. GST-1 Yb 21. Haptoglobin 22. IFN-γ 23. IgA 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 24. IL-1α 25. IL-1β 26. IL-2 27. IL-3 28. IL-4 29. IL-5 30. IL-6 31. IL-7 32. IL-10 33. IL-11 34. IL-12p70 35. IL-17 36. Insulin 37. IP-10 38. KC/GROα 39. Leptin 40. LIF 41. Lipocalin-2 42. MCP-1 43. MCP-2 44. MCP-3 45. MCP-5 46. M-CSF 47. MDC 48. MIP-1α 49. MIP-1β 50. MIP-1γ 51. MIP-2 52. MIP-3β 53. MMP-9 54. Myoglobin 55. OSM 56. Osteopontin 57. RANTES 58. SCF 59. Serum Amyloid P 60. SGOT 61. TIMP-1 62. Tissue Factor 63. TNF-α 64. TPO 65. VCAM-1 66. VEGF 67. von Willebrand Factor

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Carbonaceous nanomaterials

Carbon black


MWCNT










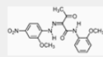

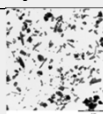
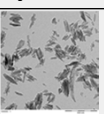


Graphene

Graphite nanoplatelets




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 STIS Carbonaceous nanomaterials					
Material	Concentrations (mg/m ³)	NOAEC (mg/m ³)	Findings in BALF	Histopathological findings	Reversibility of effects
MWCNT	0.1; 0.5; 2.5	0.1	Severely increased PMN, (total cell count), lymphocyte, total protein, GGT, LDH, ALP and NAG, increased levels of CINC-1, IFNg, IL-1a, MCP-1, M-CSF, osteopontin in BALF and lung tissue	Lung: granulomatous inflammation	No
Graphene	0.5; 2.5; 10	0.5	Increased PMN, total cell count, lymphocyte, total protein, GGT, LDH, ALP, increased levels of CINC-1, MCP-1 and osteopontin in BALF and lung tissue	Lung: granulomatous inflammation	No
Graphite nanoplatelets	0.5; 2.5; 10	10	No adverse effect	10 mg/m ³ : few intra-alveolar located multifocal aggregates of alveolar macrophages	-
Carbon black	0.5; 2.5; 10	10	No adverse effect	No adverse effect	-

 STIS Pigments				
Diketopyrrolopyrrol-Pigments (DPP-Pigments)				
				
DPP Orange 1 (bulk)	DPP Orange 2 (nano)	DPP Orange 3	Pigment Red 254-1 (bulk)	Pigment Red 254-2 (nano)
				
	30-40 nm	4 nm - 10 nm	38 < 100 nm	
		Arylide Yellow Pigment 	Copper Phthalocyanine Pigment 	Fe₂O₃
				
38 % < 100 nm		10-108 nm : D 50 30 nm (TEM)	3.8nm - 26.3 nm	100 - 300 nm

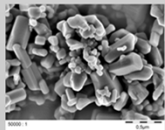
Material	Concentration (mg/m ³)	NOAEC (mg/m ³)	BALF findings	Histopathological findings	Reversibility of effects
DPP Orange 1 (bulk)	3; 10; 30	10	30 mg/m ³ : increased PMN, marginally increased total cell count, increased MCP-1 and osteopontin level	30 mg/m ³ : decreased absolute and relative thymus weight	Yes
DPP Orange 2 (nano)	1; 3; 10; 30	30	No adverse effect	No adverse effect	-
DPP Orange 3	30	-	Marginally increased PMNs	Lung: slight hypertrophy/hyperplasia: epithelial, in bronchioles, terminal bronchioles and alveolar ducts	Yes
P.R. 254 – 1 (bulk)	30	-	No adverse effect	Lung: minimal hypertrophy/hyperplasia: epithelial, in bronchioles, terminal bronchioles and alveolar ducts Adrenal glands: increase absolute and relative mean weights	Yes
P.R. 254 – 2 (nano)	30	-	No adverse effect	Lung: minimal hypertrophy/hyperplasia: epithelial, in bronchioles, terminal bronchioles and alveolar ducts	Yes
Pigment Yellow 74	1; 3; 10	10	No adverse effect	No adverse effect	
Pigment Blue 15	3; 10; 30	30	No adverse effect	Lung: 30 mg/m ³ : minimal hypertrophy/hyperplasia: epithelial terminal bronchioles	
Pigment Red 101 (nano)	10, 30	30	No adverse effect	Ongoing	
Pigment Red 101	30	30	No adverse effect	Ongoing	



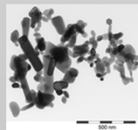
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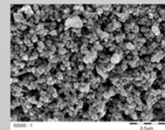
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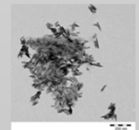
Microscale ZnO
Gloabular: 50-500 nm
BET surface: 5.6 m²/g



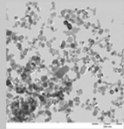
Coated nano ZnO (NM 110)
Mostly gloabular: 25-100 nm
BET surface: 41.4 m²/g



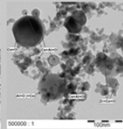
nano BaSO4 (NM 229)
Gloabular: 25 nm
BET surface: 41.4 m²/g



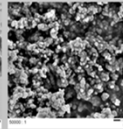
Coated nano TiO2
Needle-like: 15 x 50 nm
BET surface: 100 m²/g



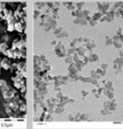
Nano-CeO₂
Gloabular: up to 200 nm
BET surface: 33 m²/g



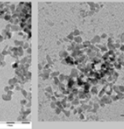
Al-doped nano-CeO₂
Gloabular: 2 to 160 nm
BET surface: 46 m²/g



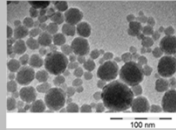
nano-ZrO₂
Gloabular: 25 to 60 nm
BET surface: 24.9 m²/g



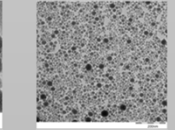
ZrO₂ acrylate-coated
Suspended in water, primary particle 9 nm



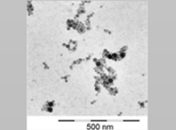
ZrO₂ TOOS-coated
Suspended in water, primary particle 9 nm



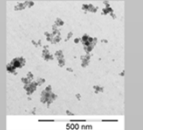
Amorphous SiO₂ naked
Suspended in water: 20 nm




SiO₂ PEG
Suspended in water: 15 nm





SiO₂ Amino
Suspension in water: 15 nm





SiO₂ phosphate
Suspension in water: 15 nm




 STIS No adverse effects observed at top concentration					
Material	Measured top concentration [mg/m ³]	NOAEC (mg/m ³)	BALF findings	Histopathological findings	Reversibility of effects
SiO ₂ -acrylate	9.7	Local effect : ≥ 10 Systemic effect: 0.5	No adverse findings	Respiratory tract: no adverse effects; Spleen: increased weight (+ 25 %) without histological correlate; particles and high numbers of thrombocytes (TEM)	Reversible
SiO ₂ -PEG	54.1	≥ 50	No adverse findings	No adverse findings	n.a.
SiO ₂ -phosphate	51.5	≥ 50	No adverse findings	No adverse findings	n.a.
SiO ₂ -amino	50.4	≥ 50	No adverse findings	No adverse findings	n.a.
Nano-BaSO ₄	53.4	≥ 50	No adverse findings	No adverse findings	n.a.
Nano-ZrO ₂	9.6	≥ 10	No adverse findings	No adverse findings	n.a.
ZrO ₂ -TODS	52.2	≥ 50	No adverse findings	No adverse findings	n.a.
ZrO ₂ -acrylate	50.5	≥ 50	No adverse findings	No adverse findings	n.a.

 STIS Adverse effects observed					
Material	Measured conc. [mg/m ³]	NOAEC (mg/m ³)	BALF (and lung tissue) findings	Histopathological findings	Reversibility of effects
Coated nano-TiO ₂ (T-Lite SF)	0.6, 2.0, 10.7	0.6	Increased PMN, total cell count, lymphocytes, monocytes, total protein, enzymes (cytokines not measured)	Lung: pigment-laden macrophages	Not complete
Micron-scale ZnO	15.3	n.a.	Increased PMN, total cell count, lymphocyte, monocyte, total protein, enzymes, cytokines	Nasal cavity: moderate multi-focal necrosis of olfactory epithelia Lung: increased absolute & relative weight, broncho-alveolar hyperplasia, histiocytosis, granulocytic infiltration; Mediastinal lymph nodes: lympho-reticulo-cellular hyperplasia	Yes
Coated nano- ZnO (Z-Cote HP1)	0.6, 2.8, 13.8	< 0.6	Increased PMN, total cell count, lymphocyte, monocyte, total protein, enzymes, several cytokines	Nasal cavity: moderate multi-focal necrosis of olfactory epithelia (less severe than ZnO); Lung: histiocytosis, granulocytic infiltration; Mediastinal lymph nodes: lympho-reticulo-cellular hyperplasia	Yes
Amorphous silica (Levasil 200)	0.5; 2.4; 10.4; 52.6	2.5	Slightly increased PMN and lymphocytes	Slightly increased neutrophils in blood after the end of exposure Respiratory tract: Multifocal macrophage aggregates; exacerbation towards a slight multifocal inflammation after 3 weeks	No, slight progression
Nano-CeO ₂	0.8, 3.0, 11.6	0.8	Changes of all cytological and biochemical parameters in BALF; increased levels of specific cytokines in BALF and lung tissue	Lung: diffuse histiocytosis	Not complete
Al-doped nano-CeO ₂	0.6, 2.1 9.2	< 0.6	Changes of all cytological and biochemical parameters in BALF, increased MCP-1 and CINC-1 in BALF, incr. IL1-α in lung tissue	Lung: single or aggregated particle-laden macrophages	Not complete

 STIS effects and biodistribution						
Material	Conc. [mg/m ³]	NOAEC [mg/m ³]	BALF (clin. Path.)	Histo-pathology	Reversibility	Translocation
TiO ₂	2; 10; 50	2	Inflammation	Histocytosis	Not complete	No indication
ZnO	0.5; 2.5; 12.5	< 0.5	Inflammation	Lung: inflammation / cell death, nasal necrosis	Yes	Yes (Zn ions)
SiO ₂	0.5; 2.5; 10	10	No effects	No effects	-	No indication
SiO ₂ coated	0.5; 2.5; 10	10	No effects	No effects	-	Spleen
CeO ₂	0.5; 2.5; 10	< 0.5	Inflammation	Histocytosis, mild inflammation	Not complete	n.d.
MWCNT (NM-402)	0.1; 2.5; 2.5	≤ 0.1	Inflammation	Inflammation	No	No indication
BaSO ₄	2; 10; 50	50	-	-	-	No indication

 STIS Toxic potency	
<p>No adverse effects observed up to highest concentration, i.e. 10-50 mg/m³</p> <p>BaSO₄, SiO₂.PEG, SiO₂.phosphate, SiO₂.amino, nano.ZrO₂, ZrO₂.TODA, ZrO₂.acrylate, SiO₂.acrylate (no lung effects up to 10 mg/m³; however systemic NOEC at 0.5 mg/m³), graphite nanoplatelets, low surface area carbon black, Pigment Orange (nano), Pigment Red 254 nano and bulk, Pigment Yellow 74, Pigment Blue 15, Pigment Red 101 nano and bulk</p>	
<p>Adverse effects observed at 10 mg/m³</p> <p>SiO₂.naked, graphene, Pigment Orange (bulk) <i>nanostructured calcium silicate hydrate seeds</i></p>	
<p>Adverse effects observed at approx. 0.5 mg/m³</p> <p>nano-CeO₂, Al doped nano-CeO₂, coated nano-ZnO, coated nano-TiO₂, uncoated nano-TiO₂</p>	
<p>NOAEC levels < 0.5 mg/m³ and effects progressive</p> <p>MWCNT, quartz</p>	



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Case study: CeO₂, BaSO₄ STIS, subacute and subchronic study

Female rats, GLP, according to OECD TG
 Test concentrations in STIS and 28 d study: 0.5 / 5 / 25 mg/m³ CeO₂; 50 mg/m³ BaSO₄
 Test concentrations in 90 d: 0.1 / 0.3 / 1 / 3 mg/m³ CeO₂; 50 mg/m³ BaSO₄

5 days of exposure

Study day	1	2	3	4	5	6-7	8	9-25	26	27-28	29		
Study Phase	X	X	X	X	X	R	R	R	R	R	R		
Examination					OB	H		L		OB	H		L

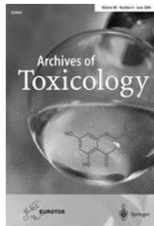
4 weeks of exposure (20 exposures)


Study day	1-28	29	30	31	32-36	37	38-61	62	63	64-92	93	94-156	157	
Study Phase	X	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	
Examination		OB	L	H	OB	OB		OB		H	OB	L		OB

13 weeks of exposure (67 exposures)


Study day	1-93	94	
Study phase	X	R	
Examination		OB	L

X: Whole body exposure to aerosol for 6 hours per day on 5 days or 5 days per weeks
 R: Post-exposure period (24 days or 129 days)
 OB: Organ burden
 L: Examination broncho-alveolar lavage fluid
 H: Histology of selected organs





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Lung burden CeO₂ NM-212

4 weeks

5 days

25 mg/m³ CeO₂ NM212

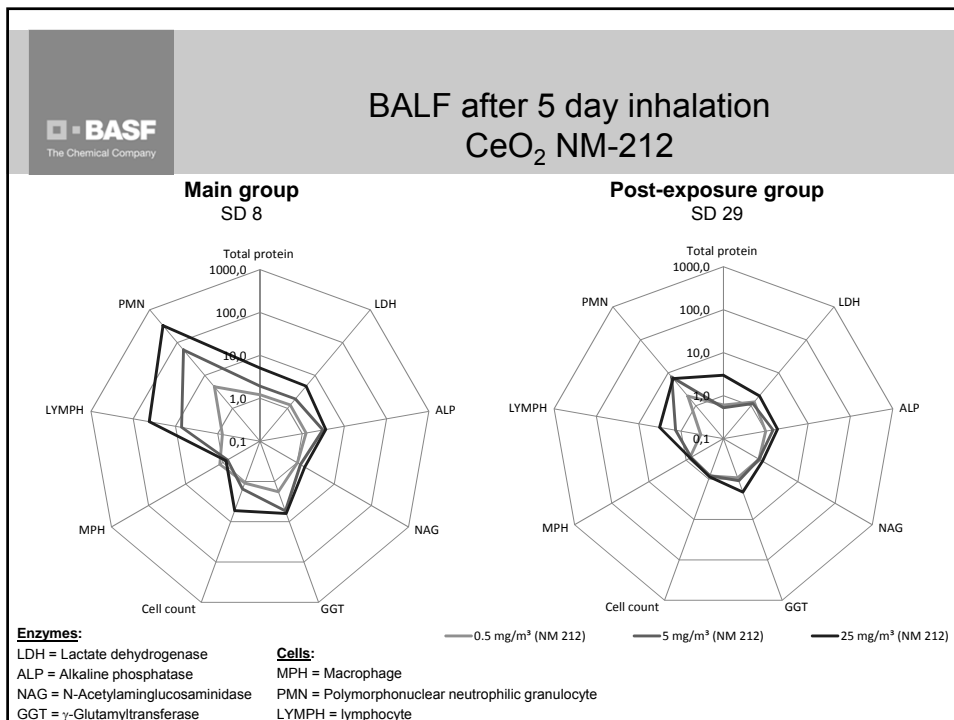
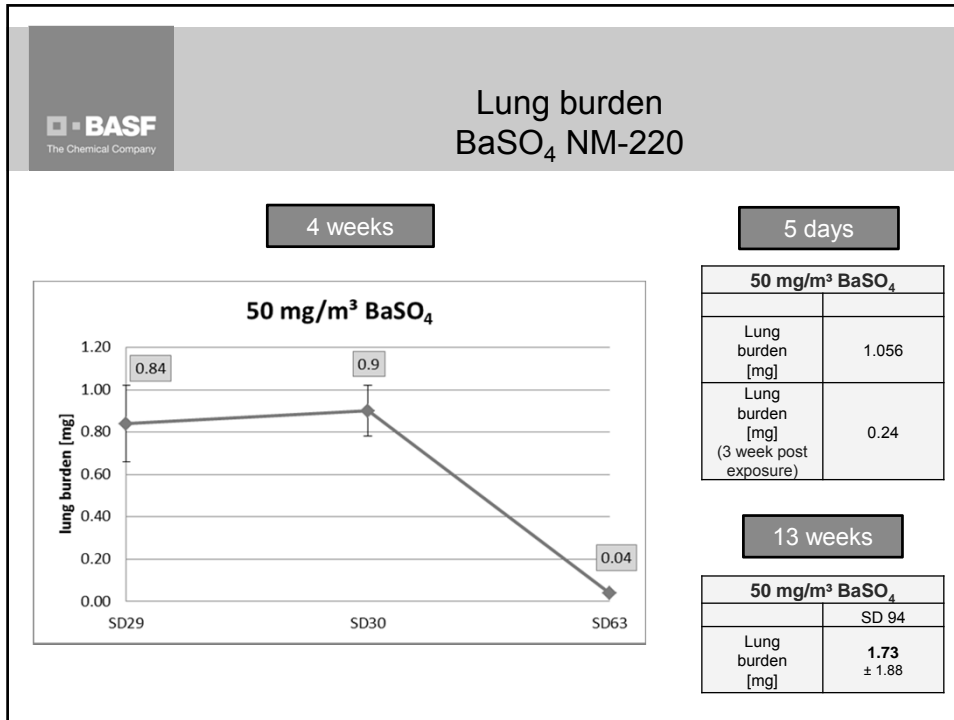
Study Day	Lung Burden [mg]
SD29	2.62
SD30	3.14
SD31	2.21
SD37	2.54
SD63	2.47
SD93	2.46
SD157	1.8

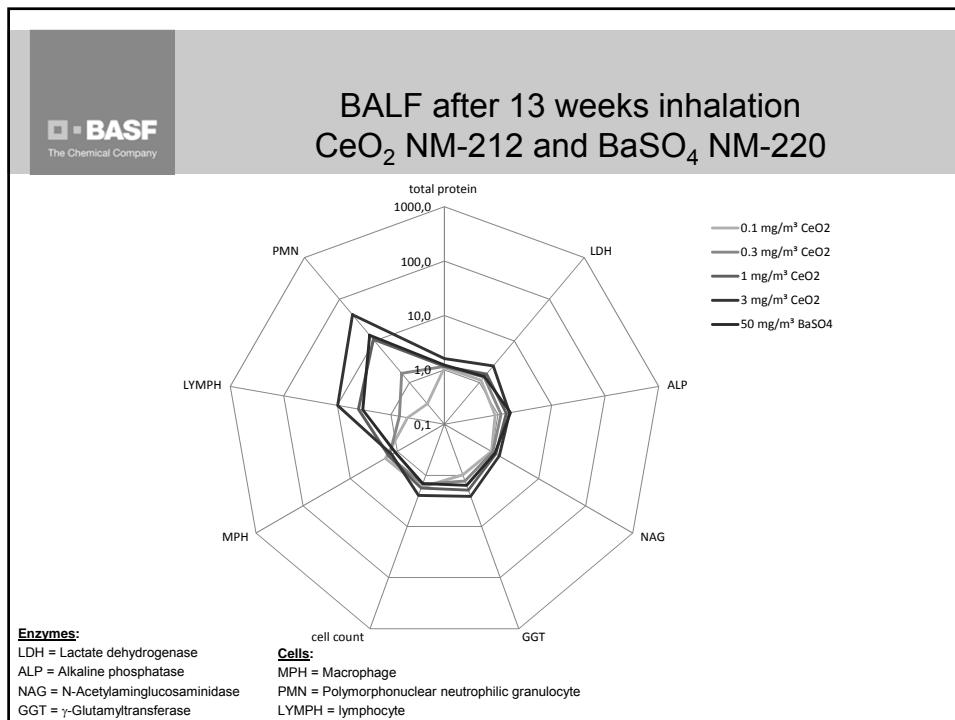
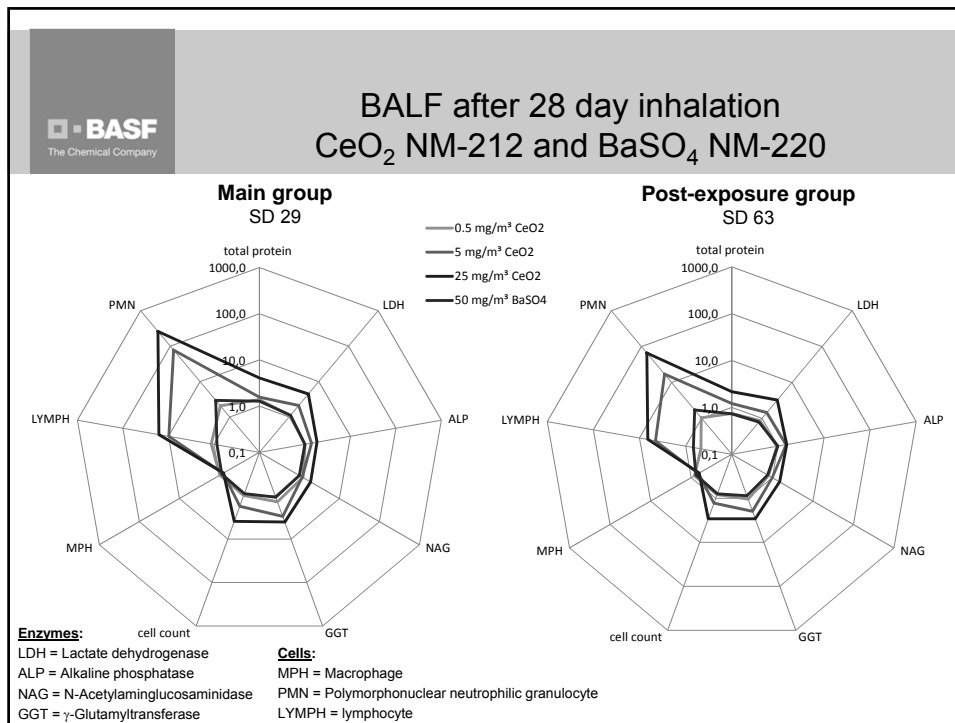
0.5 mg/m ³ CeO ₂ NM-212		
	SD 5	SD 26
Lung burden [mg]	0.011 ± 0.001	0.006 ± 0.001

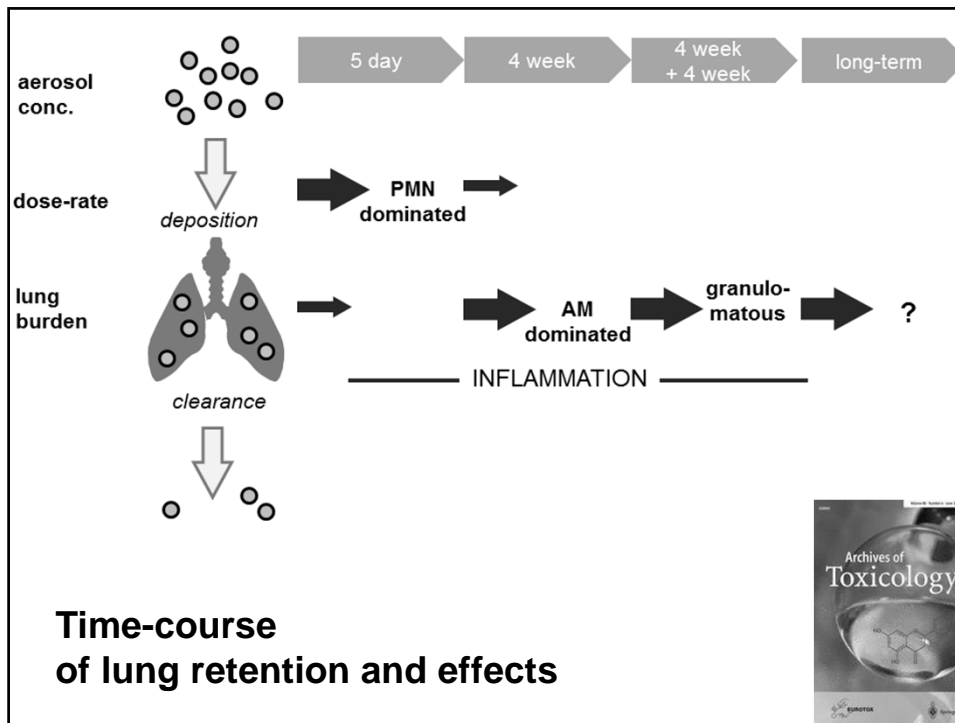
5 mg/m ³ CeO ₂ NM-212		
	SD 5	SD 26
Lung burden [mg]	0.1 ± 0.009	0.088 ± 0.009

25 mg/m ³ CeO ₂ NM-212		
	SD 5	SD 26
Lung burden [mg]	0.53 ± 0.12	0.4 ± 0.07

13 weeks		
CeO ₂ NM-212	0.1 mg/m ³	3 mg/m ³
	SD 94	SD 94
Lung burden [mg]	0.012 ± 0.0028	1.39 ± 0.16







Comparison of toxic potency in STIS and longer-term studies	
STIS	NOAEC mg/m³
BaSO ₄	50
precipitated SiO ₂ , Carbon black (low surface), ZrO ₂	10
TiO ₂ , pyrogenic SiO ₂	1
MWCNT	0.1
Long-term Studies	NOAEC mg/m³
BaSO ₄	50
precipitated SiO ₂ , Carbon black (low surface), ZrO ₂	10
TiO ₂ , pyrogenic SiO ₂	1
MWCNT	0.1



Conclusion Short-term inhalation study (STIS)

examines more ...

- Effects in the lung
- Persistence, progression or regression of the effects
- Effects outside the lung
- Lung burden and potential translocation to other tissues

... with less animals and resources

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Particle and fibre toxicology in press



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Nanomaterials'
primary biological effects

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A
Redox activity and ROS
e.g., TiO_2 , CuO , CoO

B
Metal \rightarrow Metal ions
Dissolution, shedding toxic ions, e.g., ZnO , CuO

C
Cationic toxicity
e.g., cationic polystyrene, PEI-MSNPs

D
Lung Fibrosis
e.g., CNT

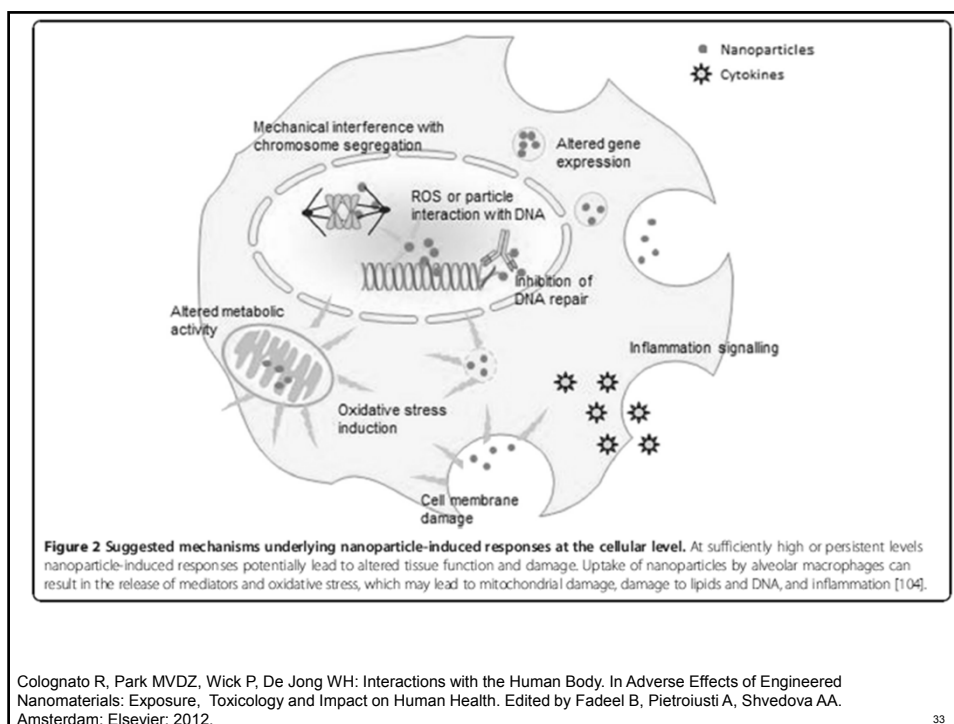
E
Inflammasome activation
e.g., CNT, CeO_2 rods

F
Photoactivation
e.g., TiO_2

G
Embryo hatching interference
e.g., CuO

H
Membrane Lysis
e.g., SiO_2 nanoparticle, Ag-plates

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Poorly soluble NM	TiO ₂ , CeO ₂
Partly soluble NM	Amorphous SiO ₂
Soluble NM (shedding toxic ions)	Ag, ZnO
Poorly soluble higher aspect ratio NM	MWCNTs

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Summary

- *In vitro* studies: multitude of cell culture conditions, exposure durations, endpoint detection methods
- *In vitro* studies: Inflammation and/or cytotoxicity:
 - Ag ~ ZnO >> TiO₂ > CeO₂ ~ SiO₂
 - MWCNT: inconsistent results
- *In vivo*, STIS:
 - Different degrees of pulmonary inflammation
 - Not fully reversible for some CeO₂ and SiO₂ NMs and MWCNTs within 3 weeks post-exposure
 - ZnO: necrosis of olfactory epithelium




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Limitations and hurdles of *in vitro* studies: Selected dosages


- *In vitro* NM doses
 - few µg/mL - several mg/mL
 - rarely correlated to aerosol concentrations for inhalation or *in vivo* lung burdens
 - Unknown effective dose (proportion reaching the cells)
- *In vitro* effects only at much higher doses than can be expected from *in vivo* exposure?
- *Caveat* NM interferences with, e.g., assays dyes



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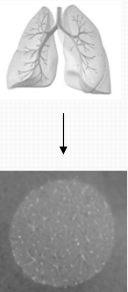
Precision Cut Lung Slices (PCLuS)







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Precision Cut Lung Slices (PCLuS)

	<p>PCLuS test system</p> 	<p>Test substance conc. 10, 50, 100, 500, 1000 µg/mL</p> <p>24h NM exposure</p> <p><u>In PCLuS:</u> WST-1</p> <p><u>PCLuS lysate:</u> caspase-3/7, GSH, IL-1a</p> <p><u>PCLuS supernatant:</u> other cytokines</p>
<p>Total protein: PCLuS Destruction</p>	<p>IL-1a, TNF- a, IL-8, MCP-1, M- CSF, OPN: Cytokine induction</p>	
<p>WST-1: Cytotoxicity</p>	<p>GSH reduction / increase: Oxidative stress</p>	
<p>caspase-3/-7: Apoptosis</p>		
<p>Histopathology</p>		



		Tissue Destr.	Cyto-toxity	Apo-ptos.	Oxidat. Stress	Inflam-mation	No Effect
TiO₂ an.	NM-100						
anatase	NM-101						
anatase	NM-102						
rutil	NM-103						
rutil	NM-104						
rut.-an.	NM-105						
ZnO	NM-110						
	NM-111						
SiO₂	NM-200						
	NM-203						
CeO₂	NM-211						
	NM-212						
Ag	NM-300K						
MWCNT	NM-400						
	NM-401						
	NM-402						



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PCLuS Conclusions

PCLuS can detect different NM early effects

But

- Comparison *in vitro* - *in vivo* effects?
- *in vitro* - *in vivo* dosage?
- Potency? Ranking?

- Variability of test substance measurements
- No adequate negative and positive controls

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Macrophage assay in vitro (vector model)

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µg/10 ⁶ cells	Toxicity classification in vitro						Over-load >120	Animal		Human epidemiology	
	3.75	7.5	15	30	60	120		mg/Lunge bei Effekt	Tox.-stufe		
Korund							ROS	> 4.8	0	—	
Nano Fe ₃ O ₄ ^{1,2}							n.d.	6	0	—	
Nano TiO ₂ ^{1,2}							n.d.	6	0	—	
TiO ₂ Ultrafein ³							n.d.	4.8	0	± ⁴	
Printex 90 ^{5,6}							ROS	n.d.	2.4	I	± ⁸
Neuburger silica earth ⁷ (85% CS)							Gluc	n.d.	4.8	(I)	-/+ (vorl. Daten)
Quartz 5/1C (99% CS)							TNF	n.d.	2.4	II	+ ... +++ ⁸
Quartz 11/1C (99% CS)							TNF	n.d.	2.4	I	+ ... +++ ⁸
Quartz 3/1C (99% CS)							TNF	n.d.	0.6	III	+ ... +++ ⁸
Quartz 2/1C (99% CS)							TNF	n.d.	0.6	IV	+ ... +++ ⁸
Quartz BC12 (97% CS)							TNF	n.d.	0.6	IV	+++ ⁸
Chinese TM; Limu (16% CS) ^{9, 10}							TNF	n.d.	0.3	V	++++ ¹¹⁻¹³
Chinese TM; Tongken (12% CS) ^{9, 10}							ROS	n.d.	0.3	V	++++ ¹¹⁻¹³

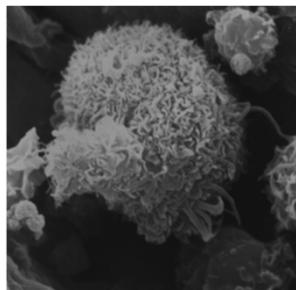


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Macrophage assay *in vitro* The vector model with NR8383 cells

Serum-free testing of (nano)particles possible

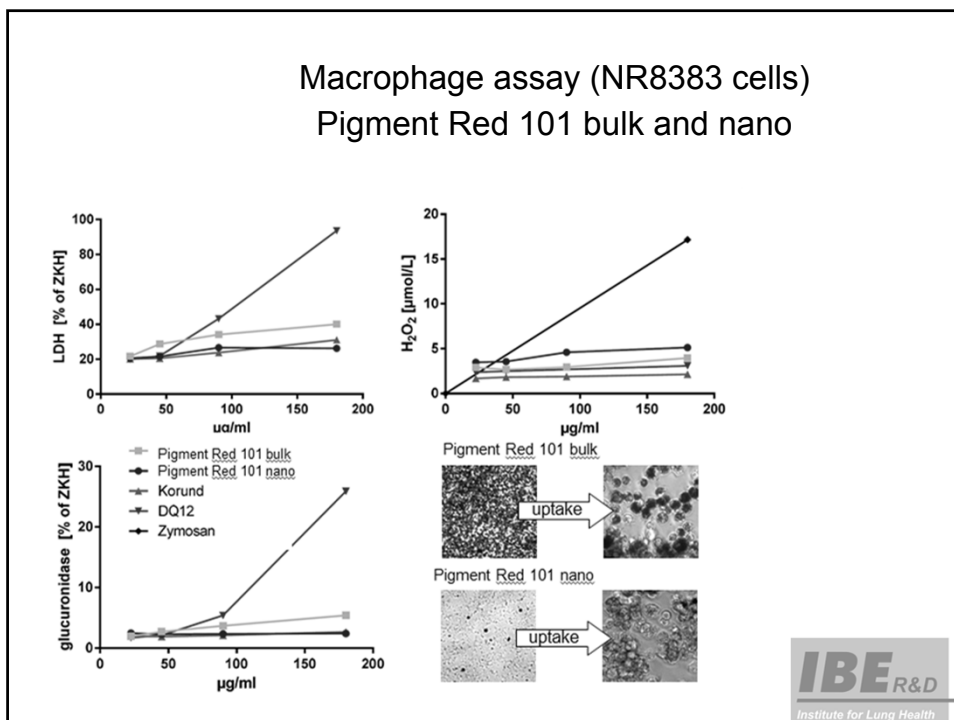
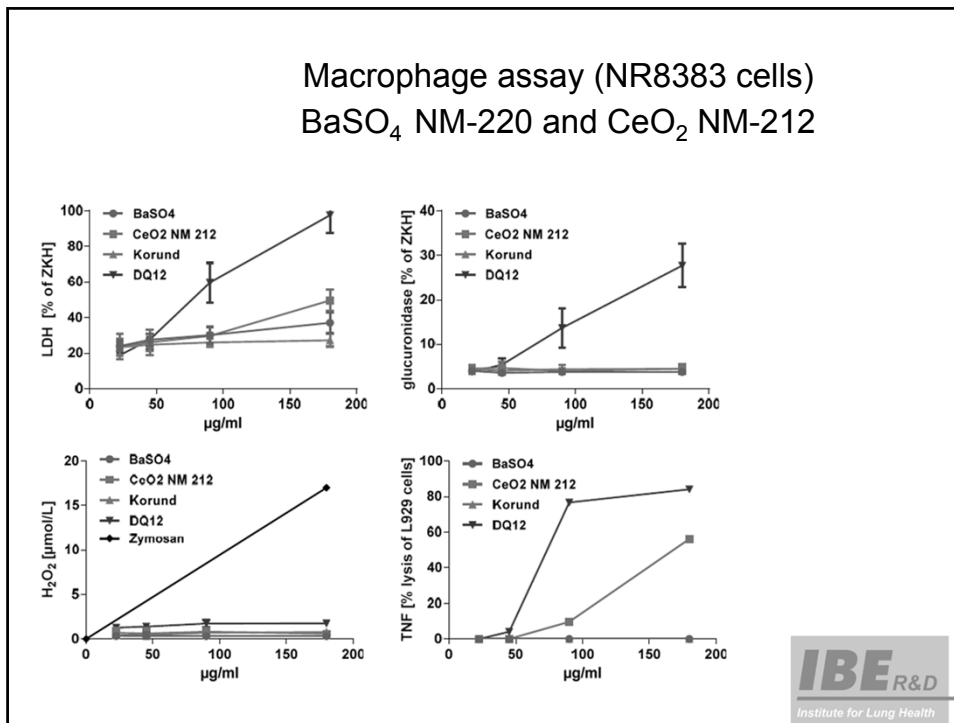
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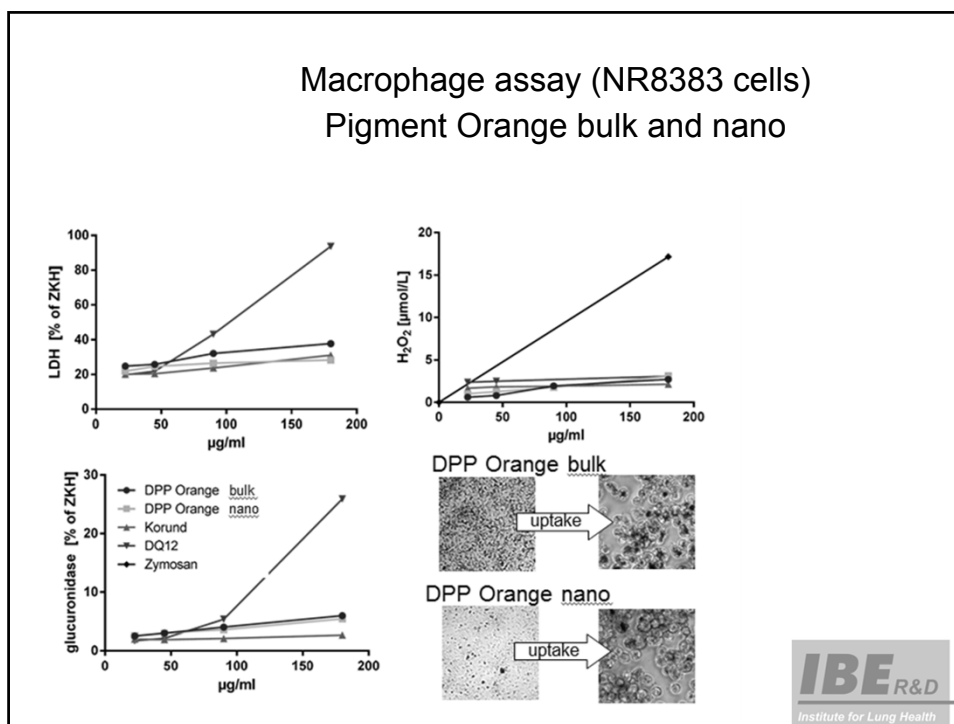



- ➔ Cytotoxicity and tissue damage (Release of LDH, WST-1)
- ➔ Oxidative Stress (Release of H₂O₂)
- ➔ Macrophage activation (Release of lytic enzyme)
- ➔ Inflammation/immunomodulation (Release of biologically active TNFα)



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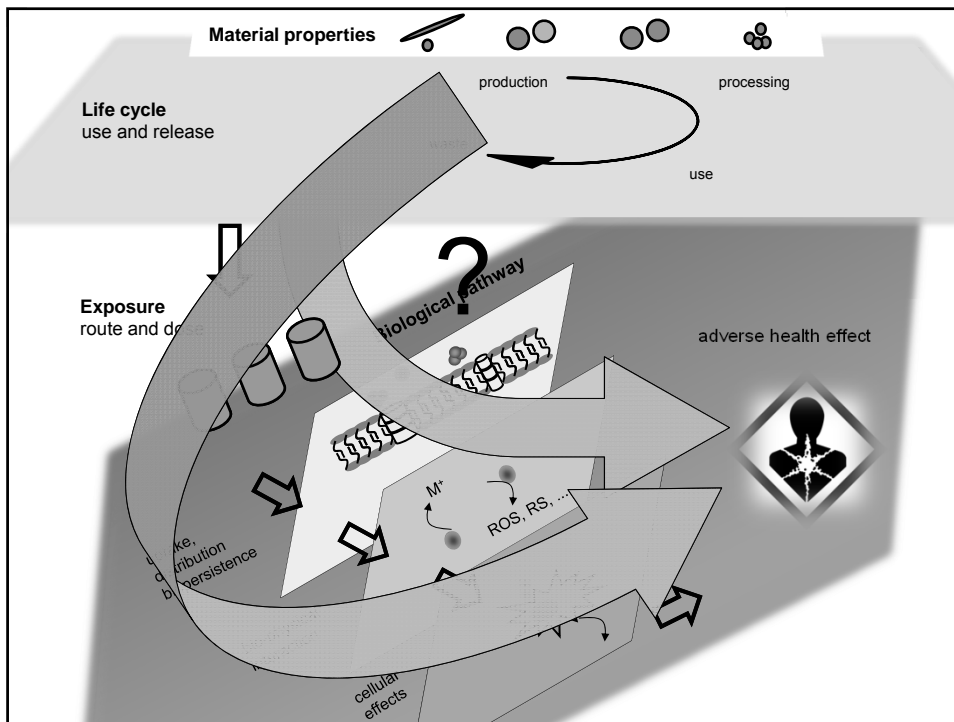
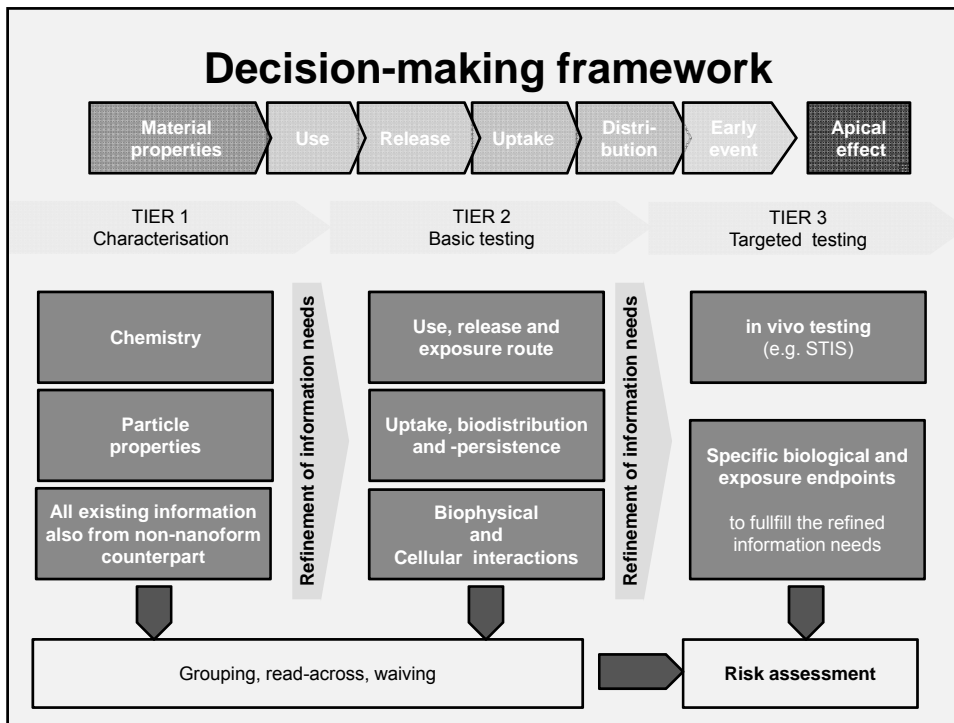


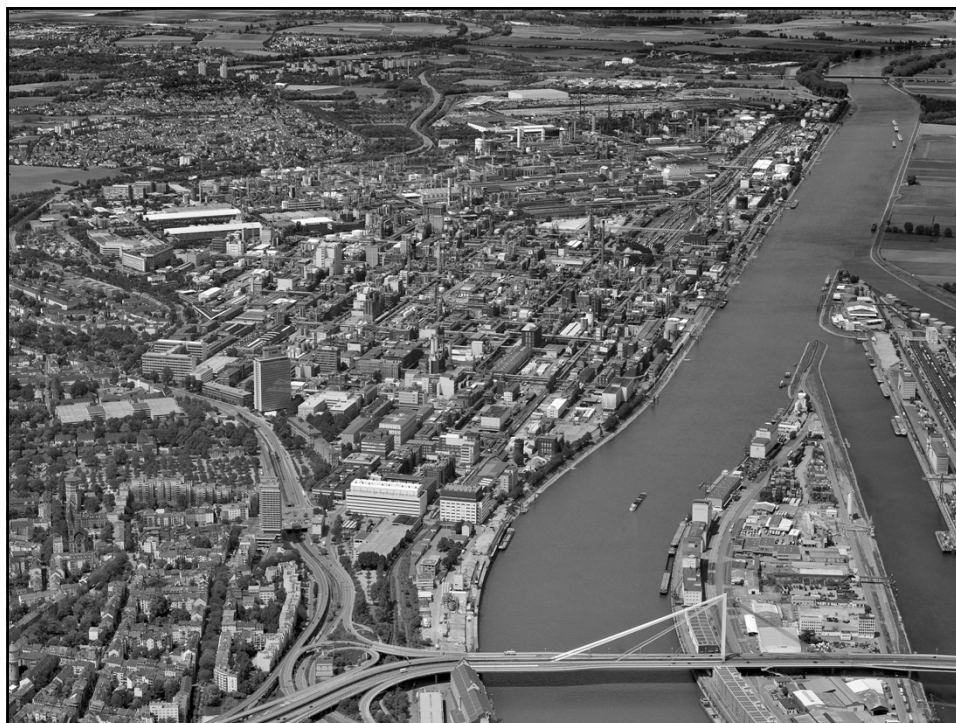
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Macrophage assay *in vitro*

Conclusions

- Cultured NR8383 cells are able to differentiate between particles' toxicity
- A ranking based on sum indices or single parameters correlated with *in vivo* data from both intratracheal instillation and short term inhalation studies
- The model is applicable for subsets of similar particles (SiO₂) but also for the range of particles (poorly soluble, partly soluble and soluble ion shedding particles)
- Particle coating in culture media and unusual lung deposition may result in discrepant results
- The macrophage *in vitro* model is helpful to study effects of nanoparticles according to their biologic activity, which is necessary for grouping and ranking





 Characterization of reference nanomaterials						
OECD No. / Test substances	1ary NM size [nm]	Dispersed [nm] *	OECD No. Test substances	1ary NM size [nm]	Dispersed [nm]*	
NM-100 TiO ₂ , anatase	42-90 (TEM)	262	NM-211 CeO ₂ , uncoated	10.3	146 & 309*	
NM-101	8	428	NM-212 CeO ₂ , uncoated	33	107	
NM-102	22	495	NM-300K Ag <20 nm; colloidal, 10% w/w	15 (TEM)	11	
NM-103 TiO ₂ , rutile	20	118	NM-300K DIS Ag dispersant	-	-	
NM-104	20	105	NM-400 MWCNT	9.5 nm x 1.5 μm	30	
NM-105 TiO ₂ , rutile-anatase	21	79	NM-401 MWCNT	10-30nm x 5-15 μm	219	
NM-110 ZnO, uncoated	70-200	176	NM-402 MWCNT	5-15nm x 0.1-10μm	36	
NM-111 ZnO, coated	33 (XRD)	310				
NM-200 SiO ₂ , amorphous	20 (TEM)	65				
NM-203	20 (TEM)	58				

* all NM: dispersed in DMEM/F-12 containing 5% Bovine Serum Albumin to reduce agglomeration; characterisation of dispersed NM: Analytical Ultracentrifugation (AUC)