

# Ecotoxicologie des nanoparticules en milieu marin

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# ENMs in estuaries and coastal waters: Relevance?

## Nanotechnology industry

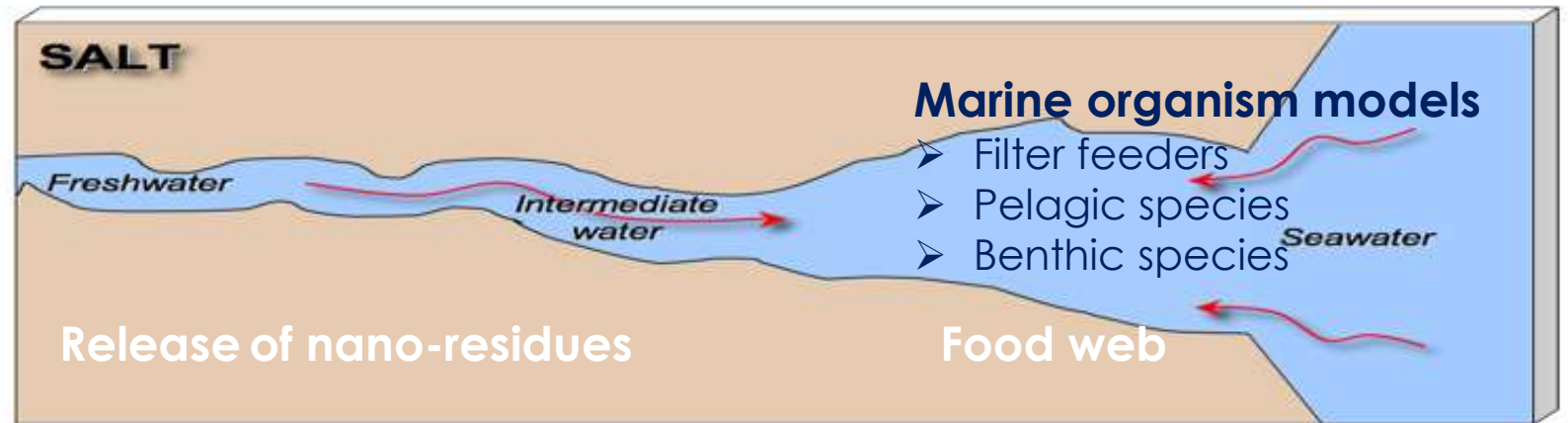


**Nano-products**  
(ex: sunscreen...)



## Three main sources of ENPs in marine ecosystems:

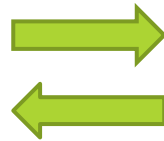
- Personal care products
- Urban and sewage plants
- Antifouling and paints



- 40 000 km<sup>3</sup>/year of freshwater flows into the worldwide oceans through the main rivers.
- The major part of this freshwater water is not treated before reaching the rivers.
- ENMs accidentally or not (usage, end of life) released in the environment reach estuarine or coastal areas.

# Key questions ?

Transformations?  
Fate and behaviour ?



Can they be transformed?  
What do they become?  
Which concentrations?  
Do transformations affect  
toxicity?

Interaction with  
living organisms?  
Uptake?  
Bioavailability?  
Bioaccumulation?  
Localization?  
Toxicity effects?

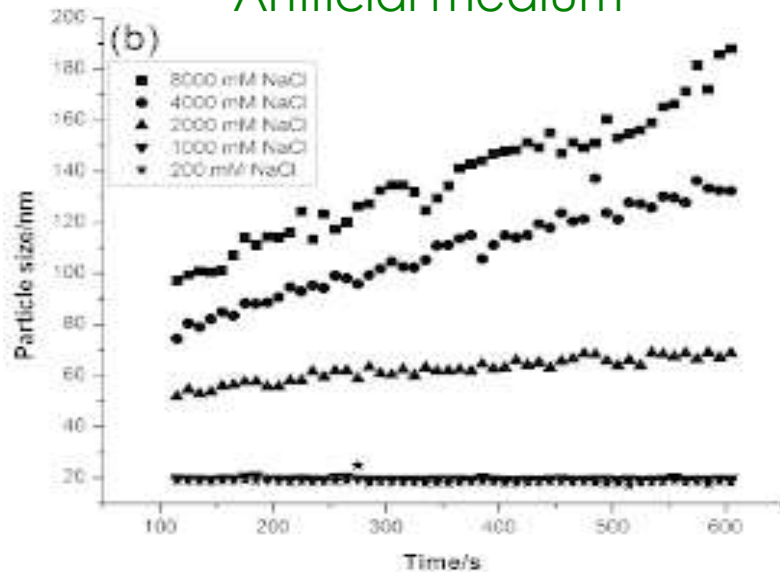


Which mechanisms ?  
Transfer in the food web?

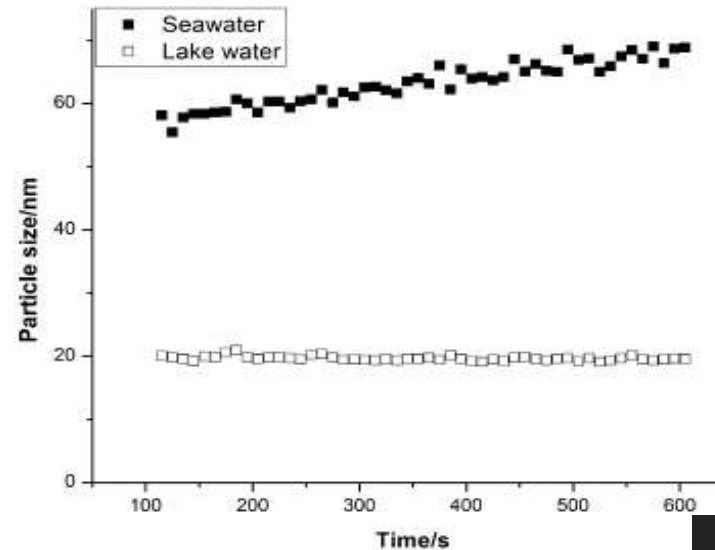


# Aggregation in seawater?

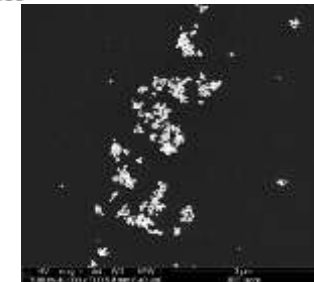
Artificial medium



Natural medium



A higher aggregation rate of Ag NPs in seawater due to the reduction of electric repulsion force and energy barrier between nanoparticles.  $\text{Cl}^-$  promote bridges between NPs

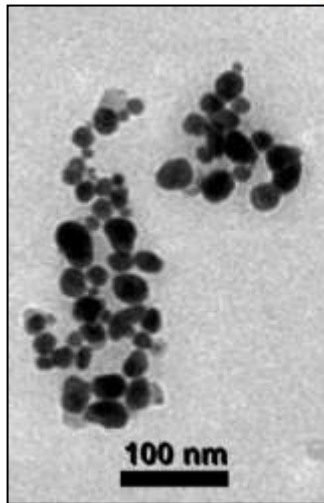


# Does aggregation reduces bioavailability?

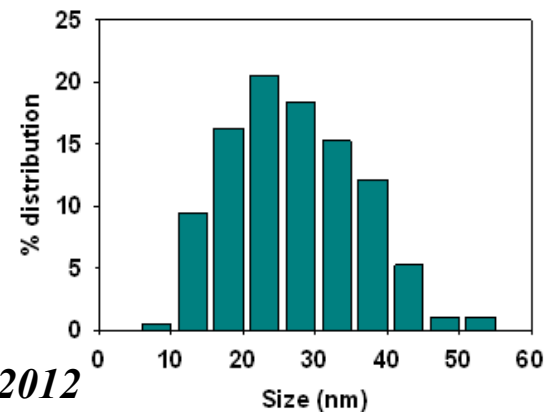
Citrate capped Ag NPs

Table 1. Ag NP Behavior Measured as Hydrodynamic Diameter (nm) and Suspension Stability (Zeta Potential in mV) in Deionized, Estuarine (17 ‰), and Marine (33 ‰) Waters over 96 h ( $n = 3$  Replicates Per Measure)<sup>a</sup>

	hydrodynamic diameter (nm)			Zeta potential (mV)		
	0 h	1 day	7 days	0 h	1 day	7 days
water						
<i>d</i> -H <sub>2</sub> O	32 ± 1	32 ± 2	31 ± 1	-41 ± 1	-32 ± 2	-28 ± 2
estuarine	79 ± 13	145 ± 6	164 ± 6	-12 ± 2	-16 ± 1	-16 ± 1
marine	162 ± 21	339 ± 6	266 ± 3	-13 ± 1	-15 ± 2	-14 ± 2



Increase in aggregation at higher salinities



*Khan et al., 2012*

## Solubility study

No detectable release of dissolved Ag over 24hr solubility in 1mM NaNO<sub>3</sub>.

# Biodynamic model

## Biodynamic parameters



Table 2. Biodynamic Parameters ( $\pm$  95% C.I.) and Metal Binding Characteristics ( $\pm$  S.E.) for the Estuarine Mud Snail *P. ulvae* Derived from Exposures to Dissolved Ag and Ag NPs<sup>a</sup>

	<i>P. ulvae</i>		<i>L. stagnalis</i>	
	dissolved Ag	cit-Ag NPs	dissolved Ag	cit-Ag NPs
biodynamic parameters				
$k_u$ (L g <sup>-1</sup> d <sup>-1</sup> )	0.15 $\pm$ 0.037	0.074 $\pm$ 0.031	1.1 $\pm$ 0.1	0.35 $\pm$ 0.01
$k_e$ (d <sup>-1</sup> )	0.026 $\pm$ 0.013	0.027 $\pm$ 0.024	0.004 $\pm$ 0.0013	0.058 $\pm$ 0.019
$k_{e1}$ (d <sup>-1</sup> )	0.13 $\pm$ 0.082	0.21 $\pm$ 0.795		
$k_{e2}$ (d <sup>-1</sup> )	0.016 $\pm$ 0.004	0.017 $\pm$ 0.02		
metal binding characteristics				
$B_{max}$ (nmol g <sup>-1</sup> )	139 $\pm$ 8	62 $\pm$ 6	31 $\pm$ 5	18 $\pm$ 6
$K_{metal}$ (nmol L <sup>-1</sup> )	672 $\pm$ 91	489 $\pm$ 134	20 $\pm$ 7	29 $\pm$ 23
Log $K$	6.17	6.31	7.70	7.54

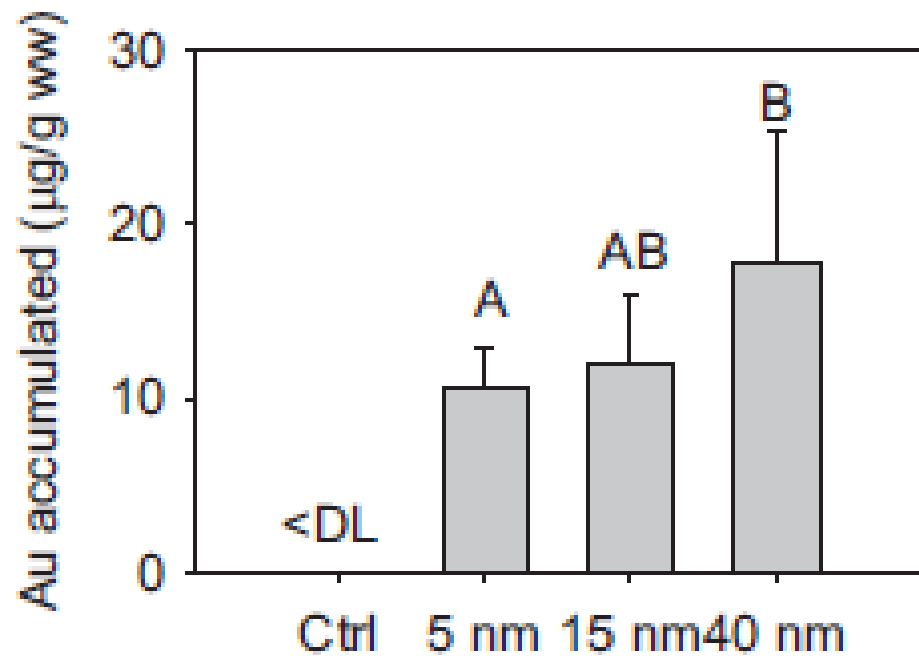
<sup>a</sup>Comparative figures for the freshwater snail, *Lymnaea stagnalis*, are also shown.<sup>4</sup>

- Dissolved Ag is more available than Ag NPs in both species
- Both forms are more bioavailable in freshwater
- Ag bioavailability is reduced by greater complexation of Ag<sup>+</sup> in seawater and increased aggregation

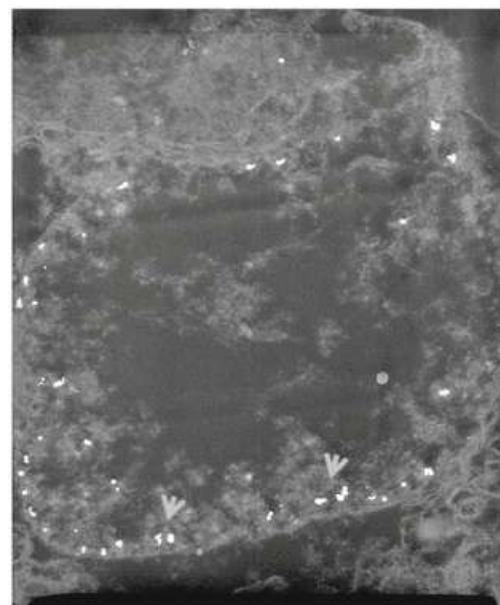
*Khan et al., 2012*

# Do NPs can be incorporated in biological tissues?

Bioaccumulation of gold nanoparticles in the clam *Scrobicularia plana*



*Pan et al., 2012, Environmental Pollution*

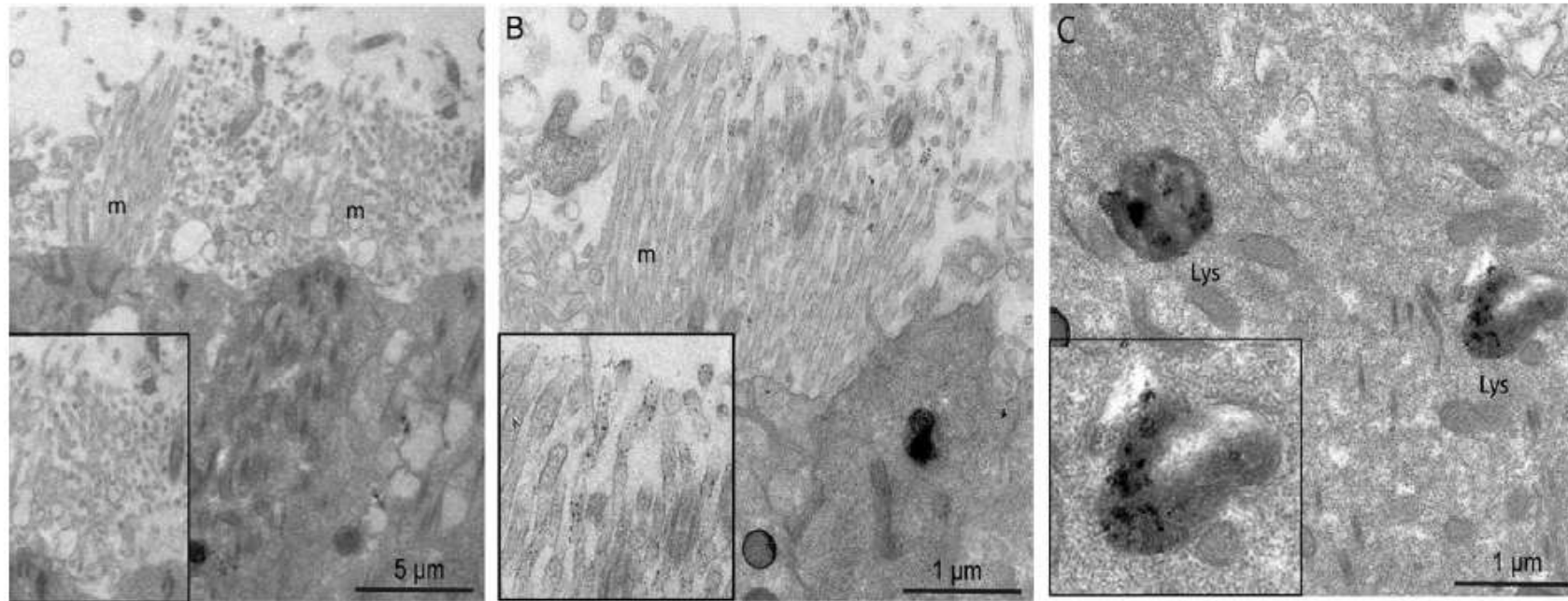


Localization within the nuclei  
colocalized with DNA

*Joubert et al., 2013  
Gold Bulletin*



# Uptake and localization of TiO<sub>2</sub> NPs on mussels?



Uptake of TiO<sub>2</sub> NP  
by microvilli of digestive cells,  
lysosomal localization

**Fig. 5.** Electron microscopy of *M. galloprovincialis* digestive glands. Representative images obtained from control (A) and n-TiO<sub>2</sub>-exposed mussels (100 μg L<sup>-1</sup>, 96 h) (B and C). (A) Low magnification image of the epithelium of a digestive tubule from control digestive gland. Digestive epithelium shows the typical features of polarised epithelia. The apical surface is decorated with several microvilli, which represent extensions of the apical plasma membrane towards the lumen of the tubule. Microvilli increase the membrane surface for nutrient uptake. The cytoplasm is enriched with dark lysosomal granules; (B) apical surface of an epithelial cell from mussels exposed to n-TiO<sub>2</sub>. Note several n-TiO<sub>2</sub> particles on microvilli (see enlargement); (C) n-TiO<sub>2</sub> particles within lysosomes (Lys) of epithelial cells.

*Barmo et al., Aquat. Toxicol., 2013*



# Do bioaccumulated NPs have noxious effects?

## Classic and recent biomarkers

- ▶ **Multi-marker approach:** Endpoints at different levels of the biological organization
  - ▶ Individual level: survival/mortality, growth, reproduction, behaviour (burrowing, feeding rate)
  - ▶ Sub-individual level: biochemical biomarkers (oxydative stress, genotoxicity, lysosomal membrane destabilization, neurotoxicity)
- ▶ « **omics** » approaches to unravel toxicity mechanisms

Ecological  
Relevance

# Do bioaccumulated NPs have noxious effects?

**Table 1**  
In vitro and in vivo effects of different NPs in different species of bivalve mollusks.

Bivalve species	Type of NP	Effect	Characterization of primary particles	Agglomeration/ aggregation in media	Reference
<i>In vitro</i> <i>M. edulis</i>	sucrose polyester nanodroplets	Uptake in digestive cells	–	–	Moore, 2006
<i>M. galloprovincialis</i>	NCB	In hemocytes: uptake, LMS, immune parameters, ROS production, mitochondrial parameters, MAPK signalling	+	+	Canesi et al., 2008
<i>M. edulis</i>	C60 fullerene, carbon nanotubes	Hemocyte LMS	–	–	Moore et al., 2009
<i>M. galloprovincialis</i>	C60 fullerene, n-TiO <sub>2</sub> , n-SiO <sub>2</sub>	In hemocytes: LMS, immune parameters, ROS production, mitochondrial parameters, MAPK signalling	+	+	Canesi et al., 2010a
<i>M. edulis</i>	n-Fe <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	In excised gills: uptake, hemocyte LMS, lipid peroxidation	+	–	Kadar et al., 2010a
<i>In vivo</i> <i>M. edulis</i>	Glass wool (SiO <sub>2</sub> )	Tissue uptake, subcellular localisation, dig. gland LMS and lipofuscin	–	–	Kohler et al., 2008
<i>E. complanata</i>	Cd–Te quantum dots	Immunocompetence, tissue oxidative stress (lipid peroxidation) and genotoxicity (DNA strand breaks)	–	+	Gagnè et al., 2008
<i>M. edulis</i>	AuNP	Tissue protein ubiquitination and carbonylation; catalase activity	–	–	Tedesco et al., 2008
<i>M. edulis</i>	polystyrene beads	and neutral red retention time assay in hemolymph	–	–	Ward and Kach, 2009
<i>M. edulis</i>	AuNP	Ingestion/egestion rate	+	+	Tedesco et al., 2010
<i>M. galloprovincialis</i>	NCB, C60 fullerene, n-TiO <sub>2</sub> , n-SiO <sub>2</sub>	Tissue accumulation, hemocyte LMS, dig. gland lipid peroxidation and protein-thiol oxidation	+	+	Canesi et al., 2010b
<i>S. plana</i>	n-CuO	Hemocyte LMS, dig. gland lysosomal and oxidative stress parameters, gill antioxidant enzyme activities	+	+	Buffet et al., 2011
<i>C. virginica</i>	C60-fullerene	Whole tissue accumulation and oxidative stress parameters, burrowing behavior	+	+	Ringwood et al., 2009
<i>M. edulis</i>	n-Fe <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	LMS <i>in vitro</i> and <i>in vivo</i> in digestive cells, lysosomal uptake of aggregates	+	+	Kadar et al., 2010b
		Larval development	+	+	

Oxydative stress, lipid peroxydation, genotoxicity, lysosomal membrane destabilization, immunotoxicity, inflammation, neurotoxicity, behaviour

*Canesi et al., 2012, MER*

# Proteomic analysis of mussels exposed to CuO NPs

Cu form	Spot n <sup>o</sup> a	Name	PDQuest	Accession number	Theor. Mr/pI	BLAST			Function
			Av. Ratio <sup>b</sup> (CuO NPs/Cu <sup>2+</sup> )			Score <sup>d</sup>	% Coverage	E value	
<b>GILLS</b>									
<b>CuO NPs</b>	1701	Glutathione S-transferase GSTpi1	4↑	gi 22094809	23717.2/5.9	23.5	5	0.027	Oxidative stress
<b>Common</b>	2217	Nuclear receptor subfamily 1G	2/10 ↓	gi 345971942	59.49/5.74	22.7	12	1.1	Transcription regulation
	3715	ATP synthase F0 subunit 6	3/2 ↑	gi 227002086	25.79/6.68	20	31	1.9	Energy metabolism
	5107	Putative C1q domain containing protein	4/3 ↓	gi 325504419	26.18/6.30	26.2	2	0.002	Stress response
<b>DIGESTIVE GLAND</b>									
<b>CuO NPs</b>	7710	Caspase 3/7-1	10 ↓	gi 325516443	35.41/6.04	25	19	0.26	Apoptosis
	1502	Paramyosin	3 ↓	gi 42559342	99.57/5.25	62	53	3e <sup>-12</sup>	Cytoskeleton and cell structure
	4802	Cathepsin L	7 ↑	gi 55710282	17.81/5.75	43.1	40	1e <sup>-7</sup>	Proteolysis
<b>Cu<sup>2+</sup></b>	5408	Cytochrome C oxidase subunit III	19 ↓	gi 306441545	31.71/8.07	20.4	28	0.26	Energy metabolism
	5808	Precollagen-D	22 ↑	gi 21105303	80.75/10.02	30.8	4	0.046	Adhesion and mobility
<b>Common</b>	3502	α-tubulin	30/32 ↑	gi 302029718	41.69/5.11	698	80	0	Cytoskeleton and cell structure

- CuO NPs altered the expression of three proteins involved in apoptosis (caspase 3/7-1), oxidative stress responses (GST) and proteolysis (cathepsin L),
- Cu<sup>2+</sup> increased the expression of one protein related to adhesion and cell mobility (precollagen-D).

# Combine effects of NMs and other pollutants ?

Table III. The combined effects of NMs with other xenobiotics on aquatic organisms.

Taxa	Species	Chemicals	Results (after NM addition)	Source	
Algae	<i>Pseudokirchneriella subcapitata</i>	Fullerene (C <sub>60</sub> ), atrazine/phenanthrene	Increased toxicity	229	
		C <sub>60</sub> , methyl parathion	No difference in toxicity		
		C <sub>60</sub> , pentachlorophenol	Decreased toxicity		
		Nano titanium dioxide (nTiO <sub>2</sub> ) (Degussa P25), Cd <sup>2+</sup>	Increased toxicity	147	
		nTiO <sub>2</sub> (Hombitan LW-S), Cd <sup>2+</sup>	Decreased toxicity		
Crustaceans	<i>Ceriodaphnia dubia</i>	nTiO <sub>2</sub> , AsO <sub>4</sub> <sup>3-</sup>	Increased toxicity	271	
		C <sub>60</sub> , methyl parathion	No difference in toxicity	229	
	<i>Daphnia magna</i>	C <sub>60</sub> , pentachlorophenol/ phenanthrene	Decreased toxicity		
		C <sub>60</sub> , bifenthrin	Increased toxicity	278	
		C <sub>60</sub> , tribufos	Decreased toxicity		
			nTiO <sub>2</sub> , Cu <sup>2+</sup>	Increased toxicity	272
			Single-walled carbon nanotube (SWCNT), Cu <sup>2+</sup>	Increased toxicity	273
Mollusc	<i>Haliotis diversicolor</i>	nTiO <sub>2</sub> , tributyltin (TBT)	Increased toxicity	153	
Fish	<i>Cyprinus carpio</i>	nTiO <sub>2</sub> , AsO <sub>4</sub> <sup>3-</sup>	Increased bioaccumulation	274	
		nTiO <sub>2</sub> , Cd <sup>2+</sup>	Increased bioaccumulation	275	
		<i>Danio rerio</i>	C <sub>60</sub> , 17 $\alpha$ -ethinylestradiol	Decreased bioavailability	276
		<i>Oryzias latipes</i>	C <sub>60</sub> , $\alpha$ -hexachlorocyclohexane (HCH)/ $\gamma$ -HCH/ $\delta$ -HCH	No difference in bioaccumulation	277
		C <sub>60</sub> , hexachlorobenzene	Increased bioaccumulation		
		C <sub>60</sub> , p,p'-DDE/p',p'-DDD/p,p'-DDT/ PCB77	Decreased bioaccumulation		

- Dissimilar between species and NMs
- TiO<sub>2</sub> NPs enhance bioaccumulation and toxicity

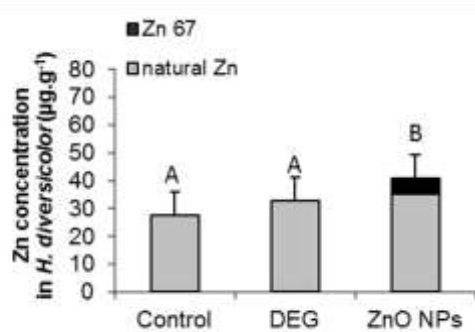
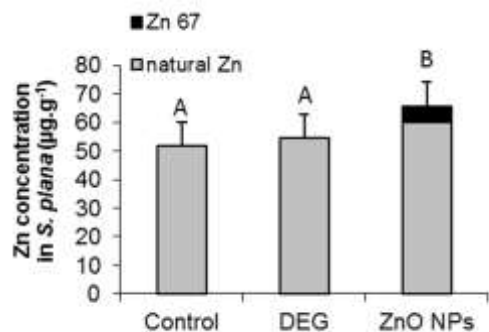
*Wong et al., 2013, Reviews in Nanoscience and Nanotechnology*

# Fate and toxicity effects $^{67}\text{ZnO}$ NPs

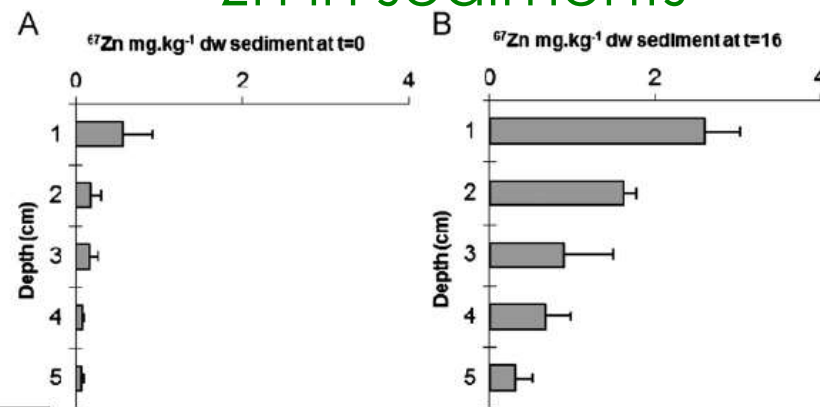
Sediment Exposure: Environmental realistic dose:  $3 \text{ mg.Kg}^{-1}$  (Tiede et al. 2009)

$^{67}\text{Zn}$  Natural abundance: 4.1%

## ✓ $^{67}\text{Zn}$ Bioaccumulation



## ✓ $^{67}\text{Zn}$ in sediments

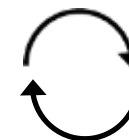


*Scrobicularia plana*



*Nereis diversicolor*

Labeled  $^{67}\text{Zn}$  on sediment surface and migration in the first centimeters



Bioturbation processes operated by benthic species could contribute to this migration

Buffet et al., 2012

NanoReTox

Biomarkers		<i>S. plana</i>			<i>H. diversicolor</i>		
		Control (n=5)	DEG (n=5)	ZnO NPs (n=5)	Control (n=5)	DEG (n=5)	ZnO NPs (n=5)
Behaviour Defence	Feeding rate	2507 (510) <sup>a</sup>	240 (106) <sup>b</sup>	1420 (69) <sup>c</sup>	88 (9) <sup>a</sup>	84 (11) <sup>a</sup>	80 (7) <sup>a</sup>
	CAT ( $\mu\text{mol min}^{-1} \text{mg}^{-1} \text{protein}$ )	71 (13) <sup>a</sup>	86 (11) <sup>a</sup>	137 (35) <sup>b</sup>	61 (9) <sup>a</sup>	97 (26) <sup>a</sup>	76 (11) <sup>a</sup>
	GST ( $\text{nmol min}^{-1} \text{mg}^{-1} \text{protein}$ )	237 (52) <sup>a</sup>	323 (72) <sup>a</sup>	264 (52) <sup>a</sup>	84 (20) <sup>a</sup>	119 (26) <sup>a</sup>	158 (50) <sup>b</sup>
	SOD (U SOD $\text{mg}^{-1} \text{protein}$ )	45 (7) <sup>a</sup>	35 (6) <sup>a</sup>	49 (16) <sup>a</sup>	81 (13) <sup>a</sup>	59 (17) <sup>a</sup>	67 (12) <sup>a</sup>
	MT ( $\mu\text{g g}^{-1} \text{tissues}$ )	1505 (227) <sup>a</sup>	1904 (195) <sup>b</sup>	1618 (283) <sup>a</sup>			
Damage	LDH ( $\text{nmol min}^{-1} \text{mg}^{-1} \text{protein}$ )	42 (12) <sup>a</sup>	41 (9) <sup>a</sup>	59 (14) <sup>b</sup>	683 (216) <sup>a</sup>	652 (289) <sup>a</sup>	578 (272) <sup>a</sup>
	TBARS ( $\text{nmol MDA mg}^{-1} \text{protein}$ )	0.64 (0.11) <sup>a</sup>	0.63 (0.14) <sup>a</sup>	0.93 (0.27) <sup>a</sup>	0.66 (0.15) <sup>a</sup>	0.59 (0.19) <sup>a</sup>	0.43 (0.05) <sup>b</sup>
	AChE ( $\text{nmol min}^{-1} \text{mg}^{-1} \text{protein}$ )	22 (6) <sup>a</sup>	21 (5) <sup>a</sup>	29 (7) <sup>a</sup>	66 (15) <sup>a</sup>	70 (15) <sup>a</sup>	61 (27) <sup>a</sup>
	CSP-3 like ( $\text{pmol min}^{-1} \text{mg}^{-1} \text{protein}$ )	1.86 (0.47) <sup>a</sup>	2.83 (0.63) <sup>a</sup>	3.90 (2.17) <sup>b</sup>	1.17 (0.21) <sup>a</sup>	1.08 (0.28) <sup>a</sup>	0.67 (0.19) <sup>b</sup>

Moderate toxicity effects (oxidative stress, behavior)



# What happens in the real life?



## Lab conditions

- Natural sea water

complexity,  
medium/long term,  
ecological relevance

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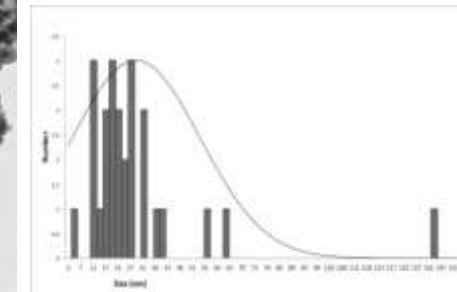
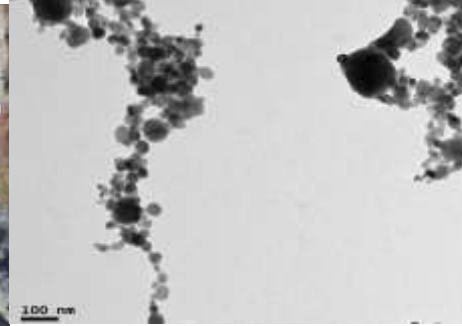
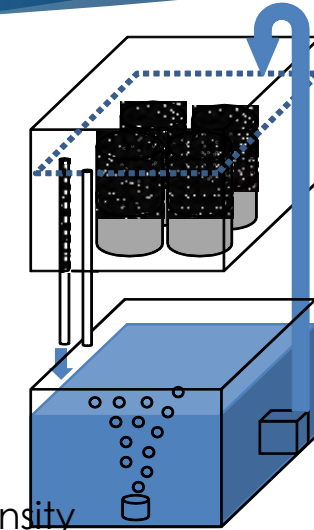
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replicability, low cost



## Outdoor Mesocosm

- Tidal cycle
- Microalgae migrations
- Environmental animal density



# Future research needs...

- The development of new and more robust methods and techniques for the detection and characterization of nanomaterials in complex environmental matrices (water, soil/sediment).
- Need of standardized protocols/ NM references
- What metric provides the best measure of dose? Progress with the relationships between NM physico-chemical properties (aggregation, surface modifications, dissolution mechanisms, redox processes) and ecotoxicological effects
- What are realistic environmental concentrations ?
  - Development and validation of exposure estimation models allowing the determination of realistic exposure scenarios (intensity/frequency) through NM life-cycle.

# Future research needs...

- Toxicity effects: classical approach, new specific approach?
- Environmental modulations on toxicities of NMs
  - Ionic strength/salinity
  - Temperature
  - pH
  - UV light
  - NOM
  - Other pollutants
- Influence of ageing and non ageing of NPs on their behaviour and biological effects
- Bioaccumulation/Food chain transfer: Mesocosm approach