

Nanomaterials and dissolved

organic matter

A network perspective reveals decreasing material diversity in studies on nanoparticle interactions with dissolved organic matter

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ENP* environmental fate model



*engineered nanoparticle



the role of DOM*



diversity of studied materials

"Additional studies are also needed to assess interactions among **a broader variety of chemical** classes of macromolecules in the environment, including humic substances, polysaccharides, and proteins. "¹

"Incorporating data across **a variety of ENM types** (metals, metal oxides, etc.), will require a much larger data set and present a significant challenge."¹

"....there is a clear predominance of humic acids followed by fulvic acids, mostly standard materials. This raises the question of the environ- mental representativeness of such compounds. When used, proteins are also mostly standard materials isolated from various organisms and rarely from natural waters or soil."²

how to quantify **diversity**?

available data



~950 pairs of studied DOM and nanoparticles from 260 experimental papers

bringing it all together



research focus on certain materials



Sani-Kast et al. (2017)

a decrease in the number of newly studied materials



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focus on simplified systems





conclusions

experimental design is not explained by certain research needs









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