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Toxic effects from nanoparticles: limits and gaps in the assessment

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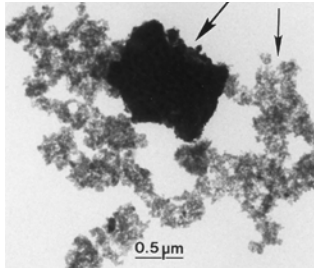
Laboratory for Particles-Biology Interactions

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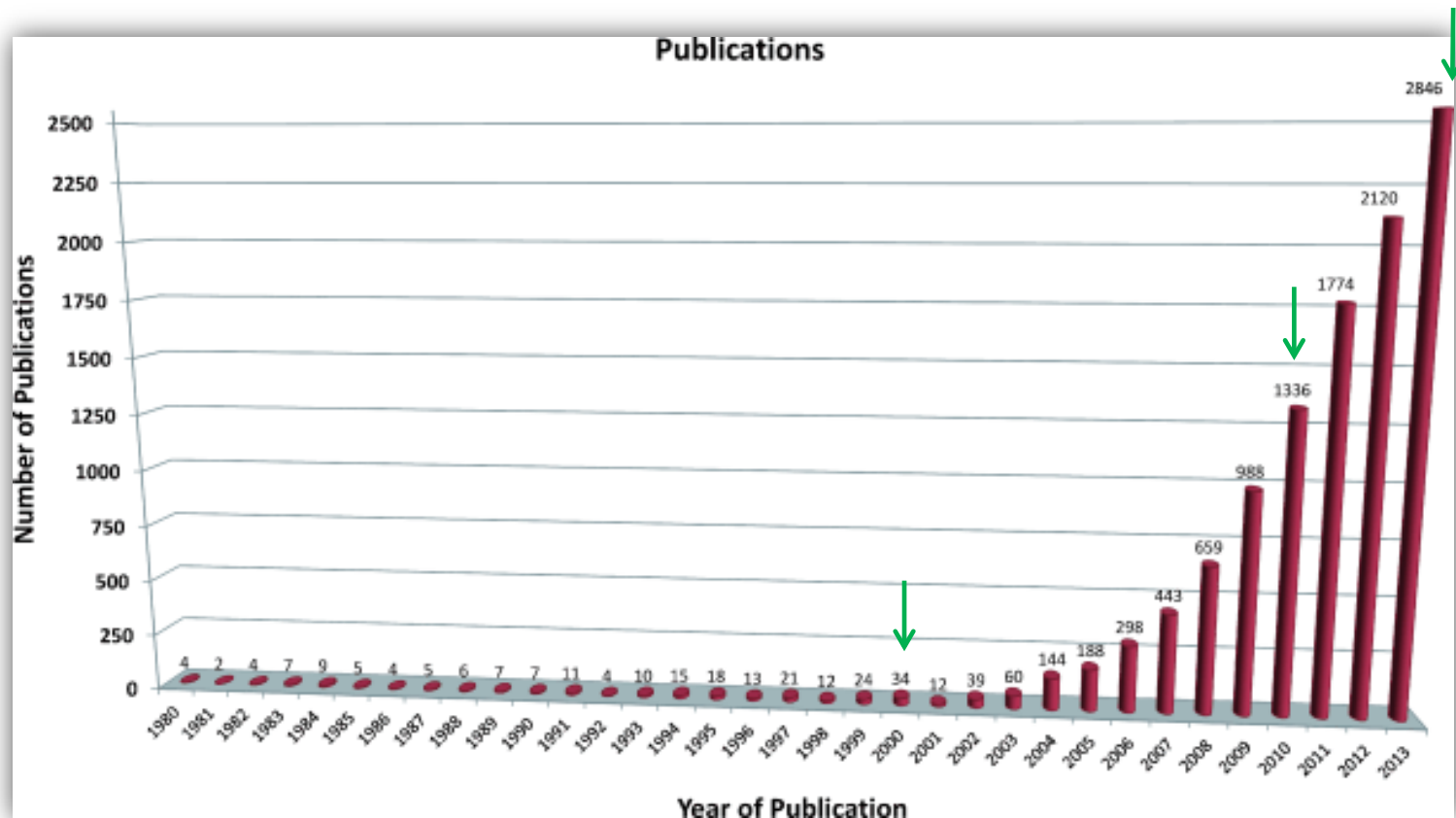
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Nanomaterials - Applications

Engineered NPs



Toxicity of nanomaterials-Publications



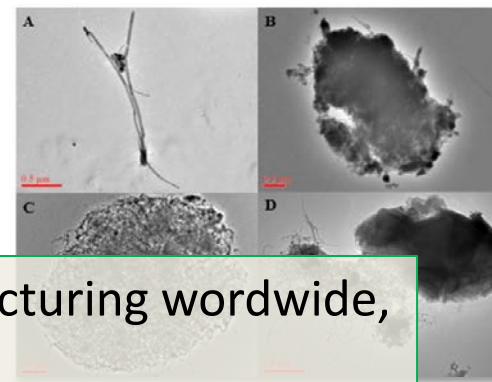
Human exposure

- Occupational



6 million of workers in nanoscience and manufacturing worldwide, by the year 2020.

Samples collected in CNTs production facilities

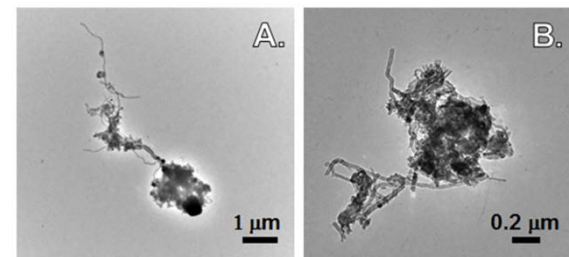


Erdelyi et al., Part Fibre Toxicol, 2014.

- Use of consumer products/disposal



www.nanotechproject.org



Shvedova et al., Plos One, 2016.

RESEARCH ARTICLE

Integrated Analysis of Dysregulated ncRNA and mRNA Expression Profiles in Humans Exposed to Carbon Nanotubes

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- **785 genes** were **differentially expressed** in MWCNT-exposed workers
- MWCNT have the potential to trigger **pulmonary, cardiovascular and carcinogenic** effects in humans

potential human risk => chronic occupational exposure?

Nanomaterials: routes of exposure

skin:

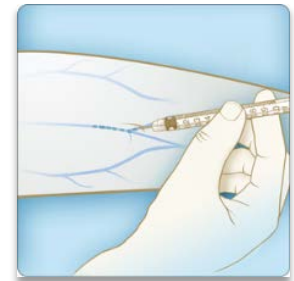
1.8 m²

barrier **very thick**,
epidermis, dermis and
subcutis



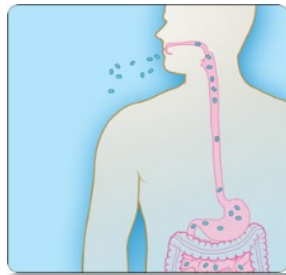
injection:

efficient distribution in
the body (4 - 5l cardiac
output per minute)



gastrointestinal tract:

surface: 2000m² incl Microvilli,
intestinal mucosa thick;
distance to blood vessels **big**



lung:

140 m²

air / blood barrier
very thin < 2 μm



Primary route of exposure

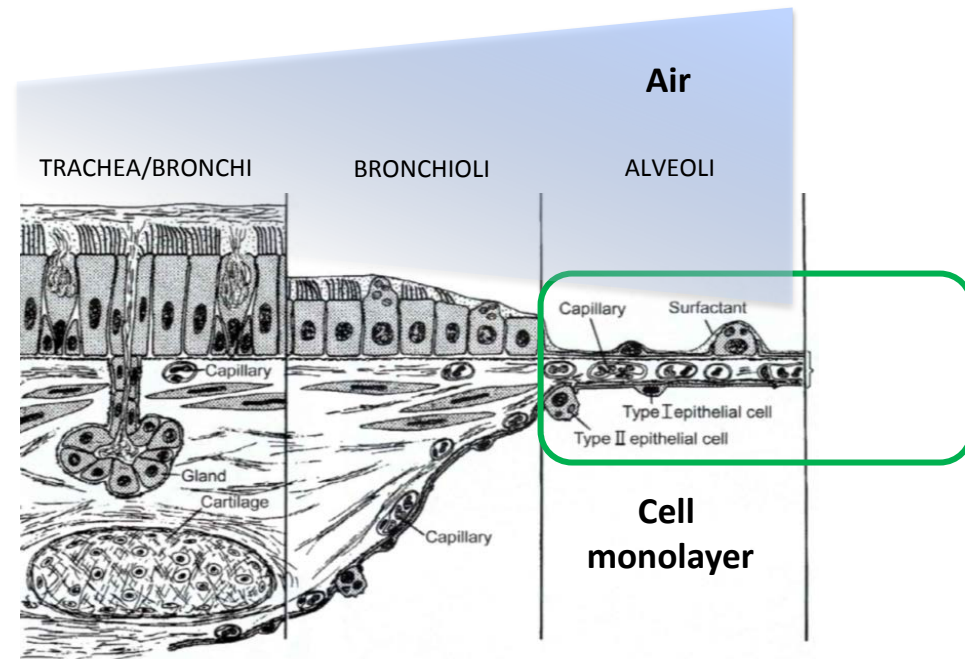
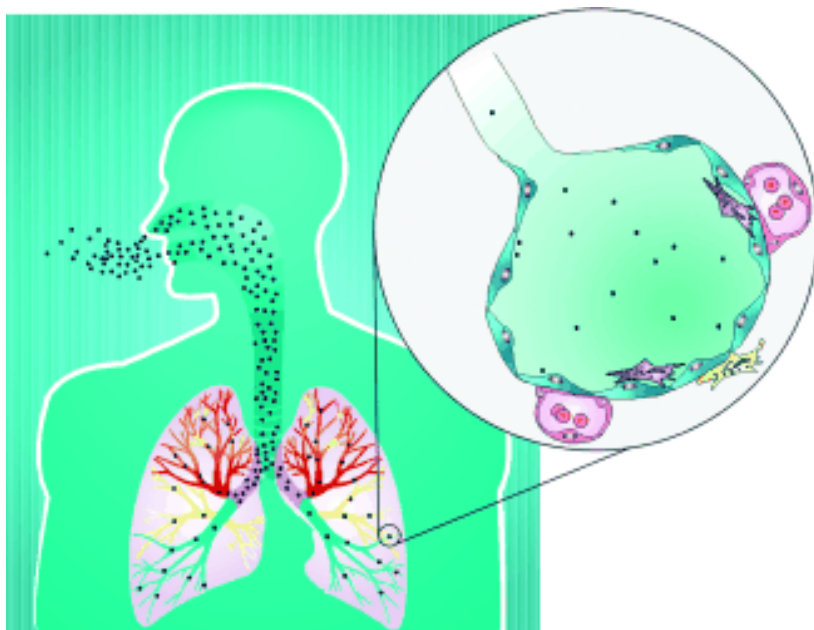
Oberdorster et al., Nanotox, 2007.

Human respiratory tract

Fast clearance

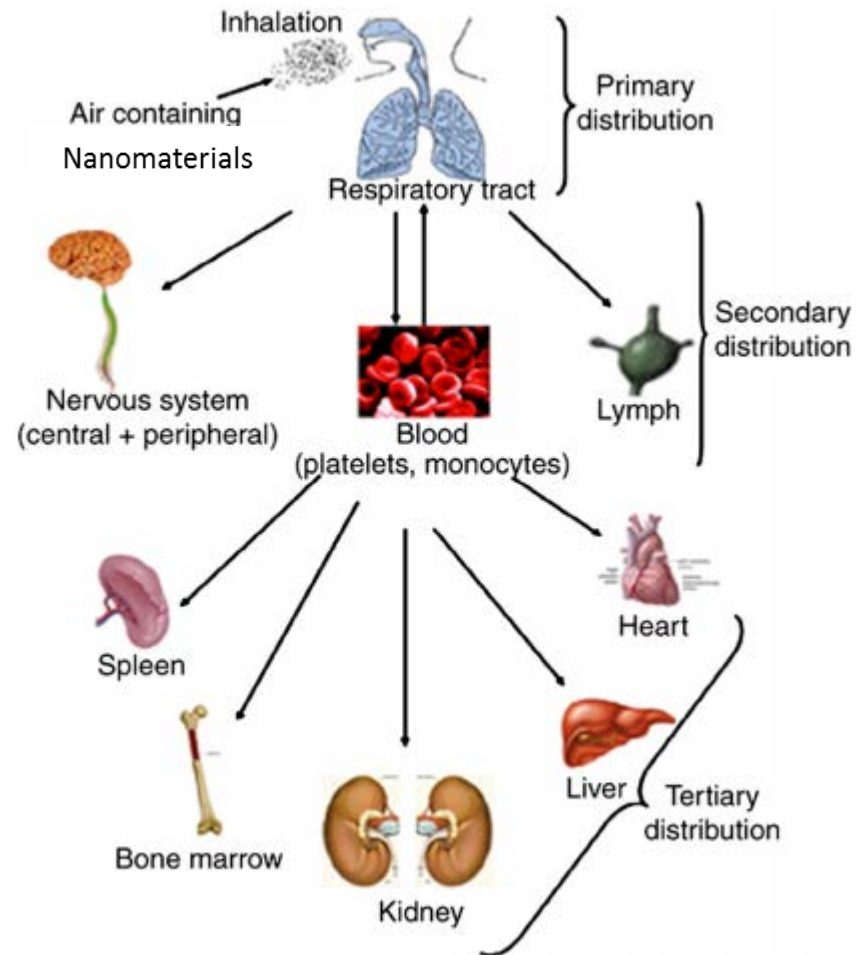
Slow clearance

Gas exchange

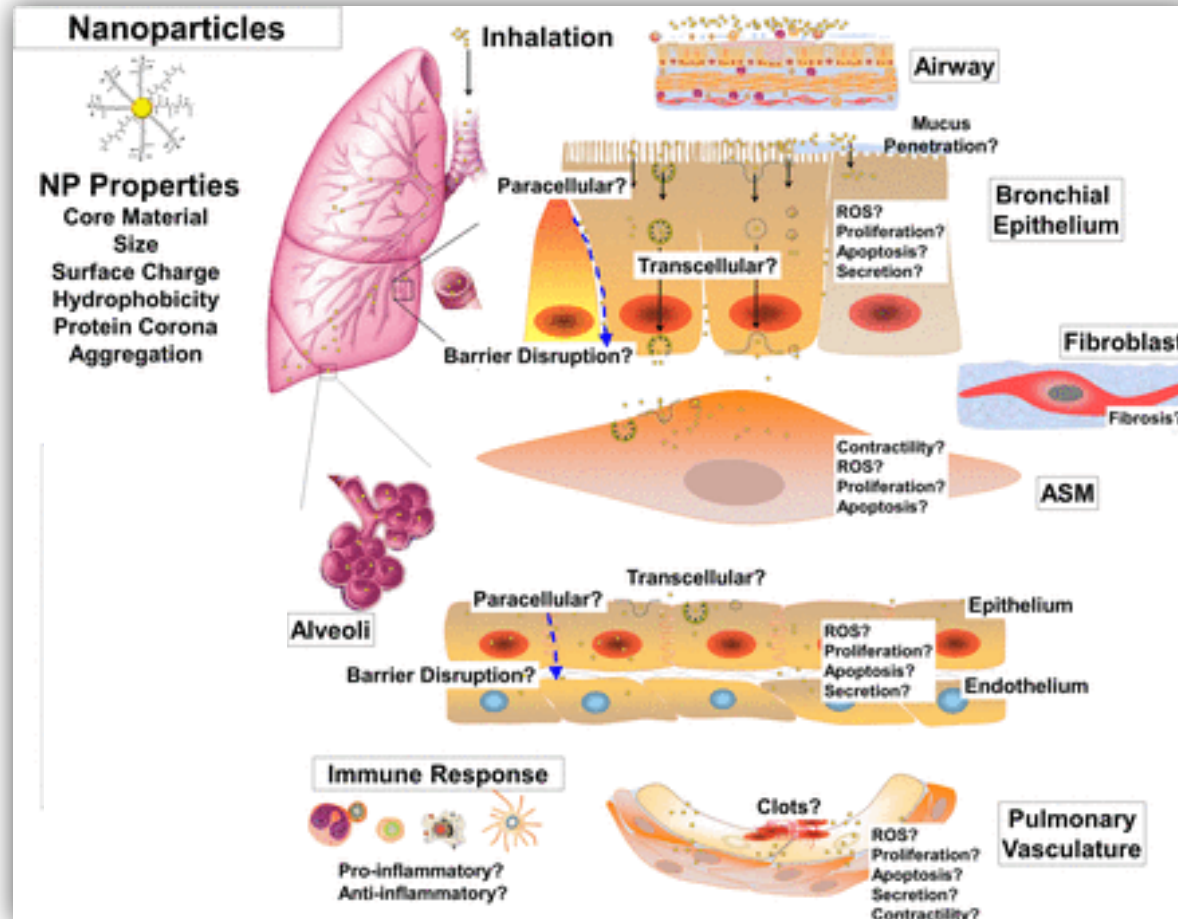


Presence of immune cells

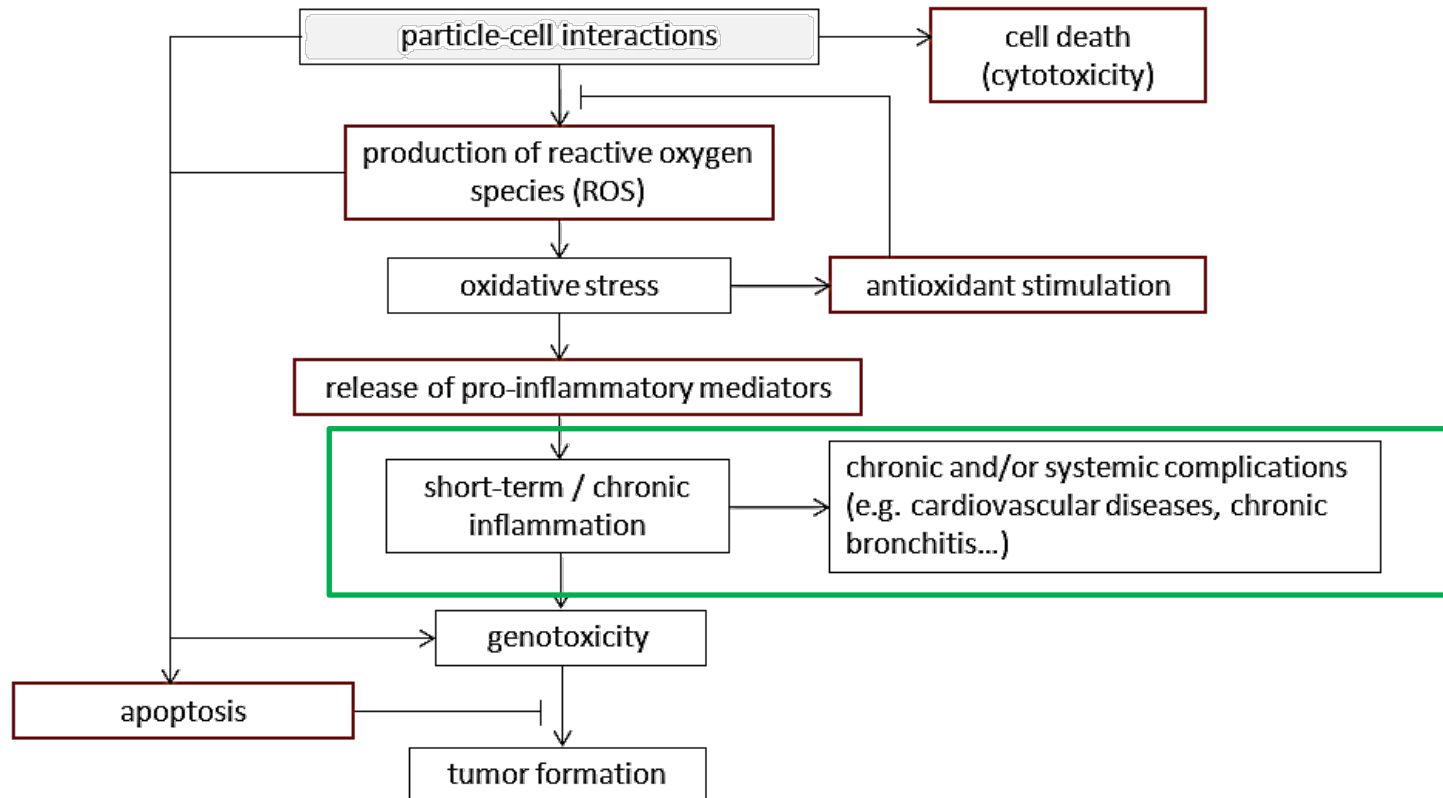
Bio-distribution of Nanomaterials



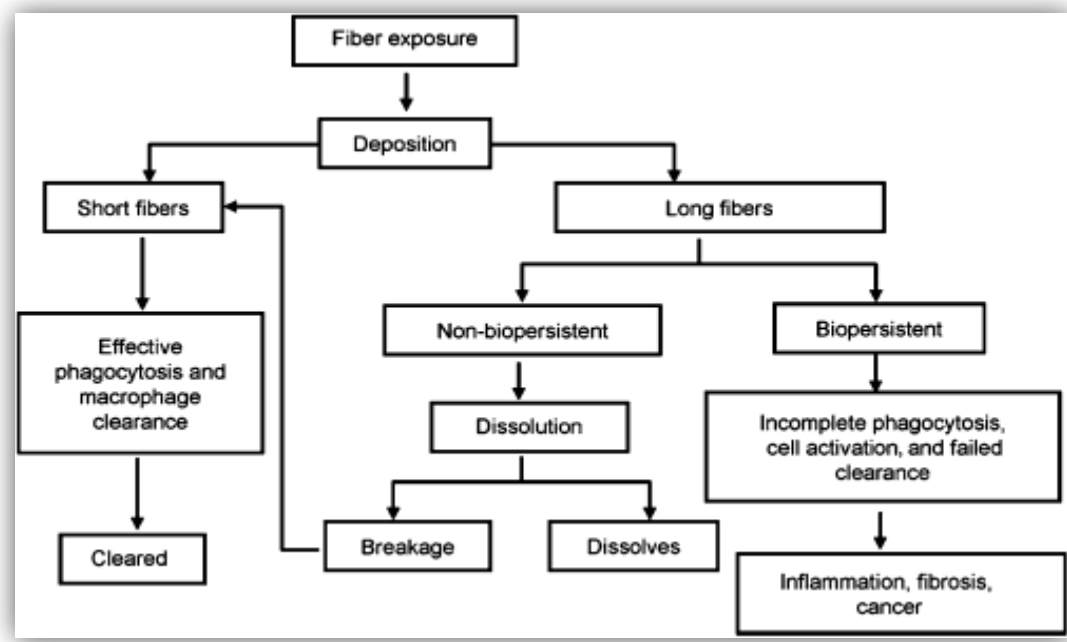
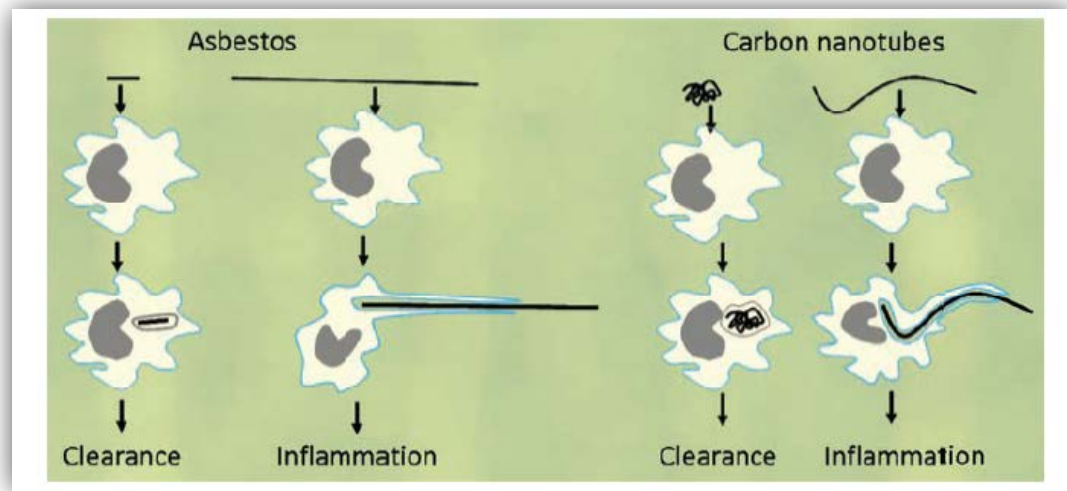
Nanoparticle potential effects



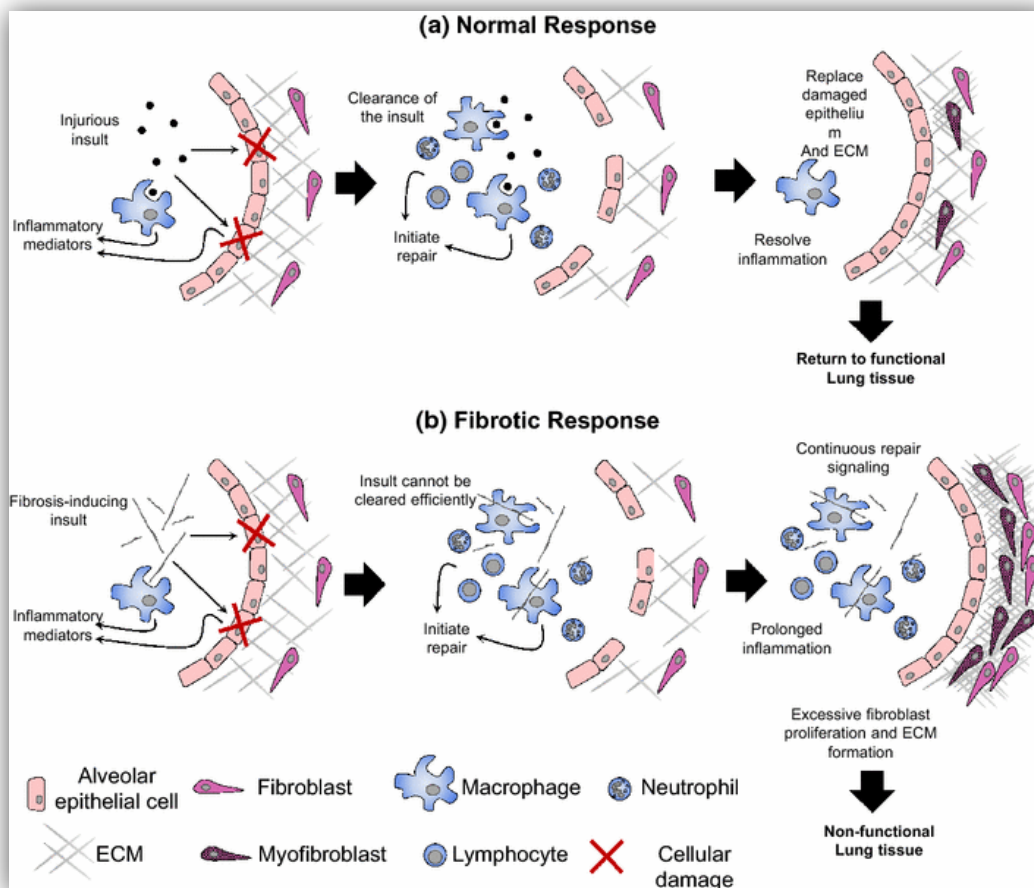
Nanosafety assessment- Oxidative stress paradigm



Nanosafety assessment – fibre paradigm



Nanosafety assessment- Lung fibrotic effects



Challenges in nanomaterial safety assessment

Unrealistic exposure conditions

Suspension exposures



Air-Liquid Interface

Doses



Hinderliter et al., PFT, 2010



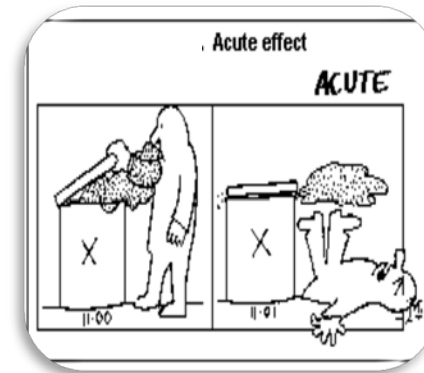
Realistic doses

2D cultures



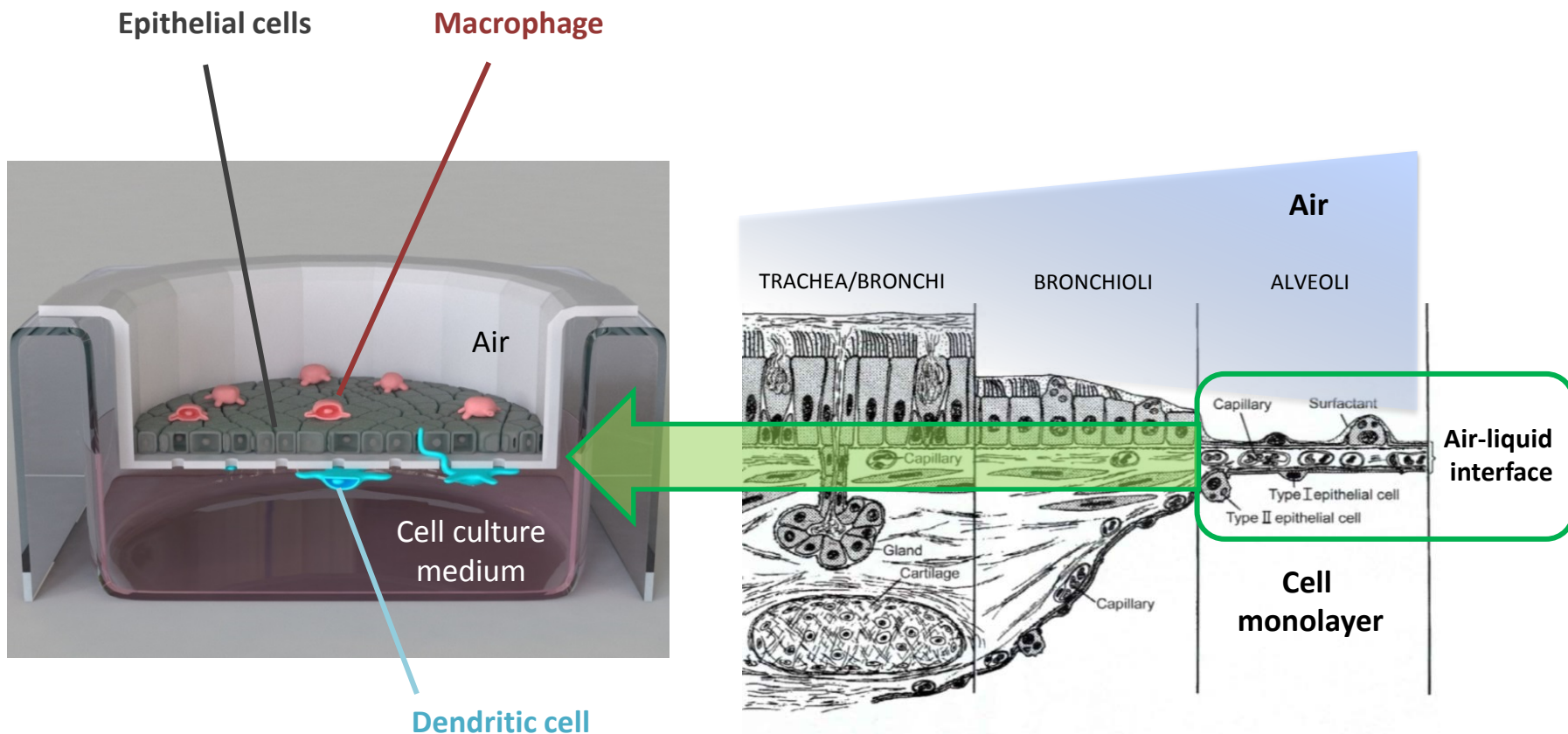
3D advanced cultures

Acute exposures



Short-, long-term exposures





3D advanced human alveolar epithelium model



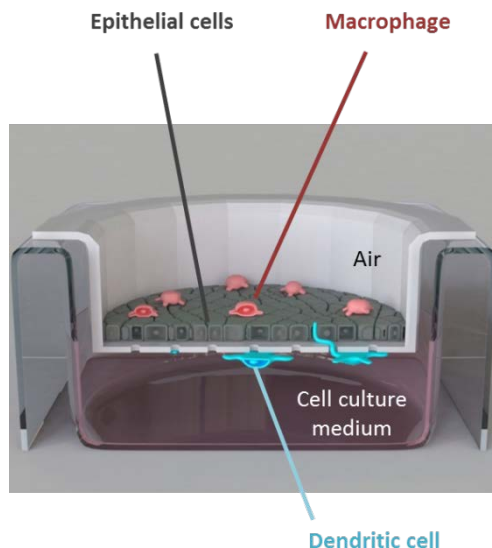
3D lung model: Rothen-Rutishauser et al. *Am J Respir Cell Mol Biol*, 2005
 Scheme: Fytianos and Drasler et al. *Nanomedicine (Lond)*, 2016,

Ochs and Weibel. In: *Fishman's Pulmonary Diseases and Disorders*, New York, 2008

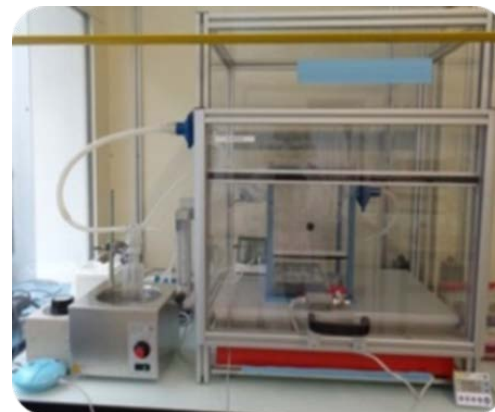
Advanced 3D cell culture models

<i>In vitro</i> system								
	SWCNTs	MWCNTs	SWCNTs	MWCNTs	SWCNTs	MWCNTs	SWCNTs	MWCNTs
Nanofibre								
Cytotoxicity (LDH release)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
TNF- α ELISA	++	++	++	++	N/A	N/A	++ (Upper+Lower)	++ (Upper+Lower)
IL-8 ELISA	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	++	++	++ (Upper) - (Lower)	++ (Upper) - (Lower)
GSH content	-	++	-	++	++	++	++ (Upper+Lower)	++ (Upper+Lower)

Short-term *in vitro* MWCNT exposure

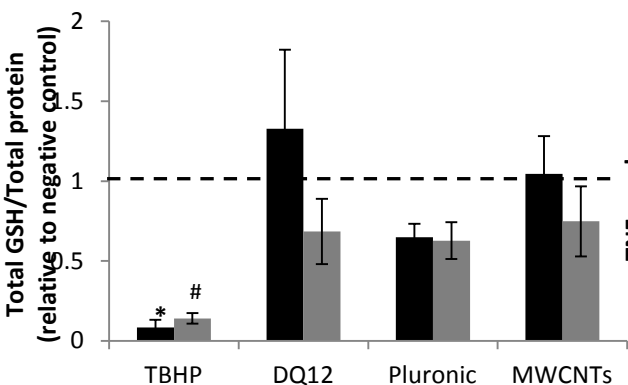


ALICE Exposure System

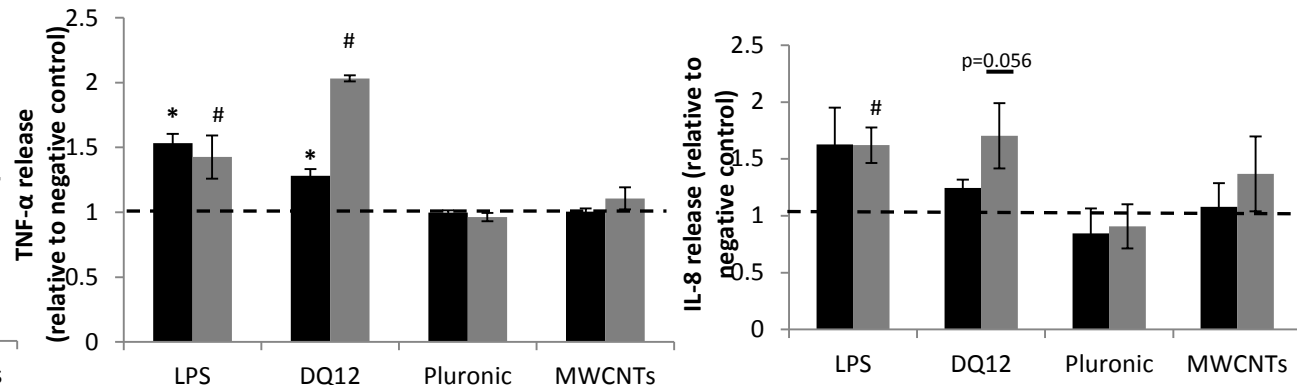


- 1 Day repeated exposure
- 3 Day repeated exposure

Oxidative Stress



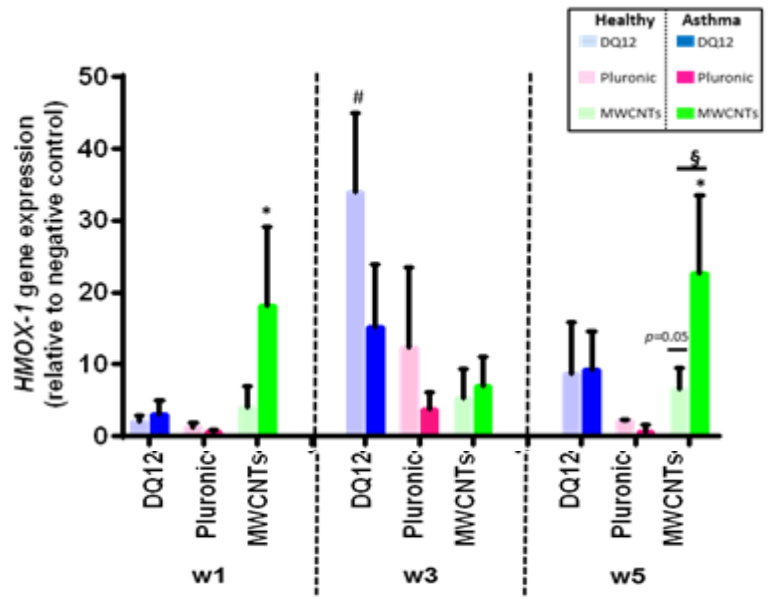
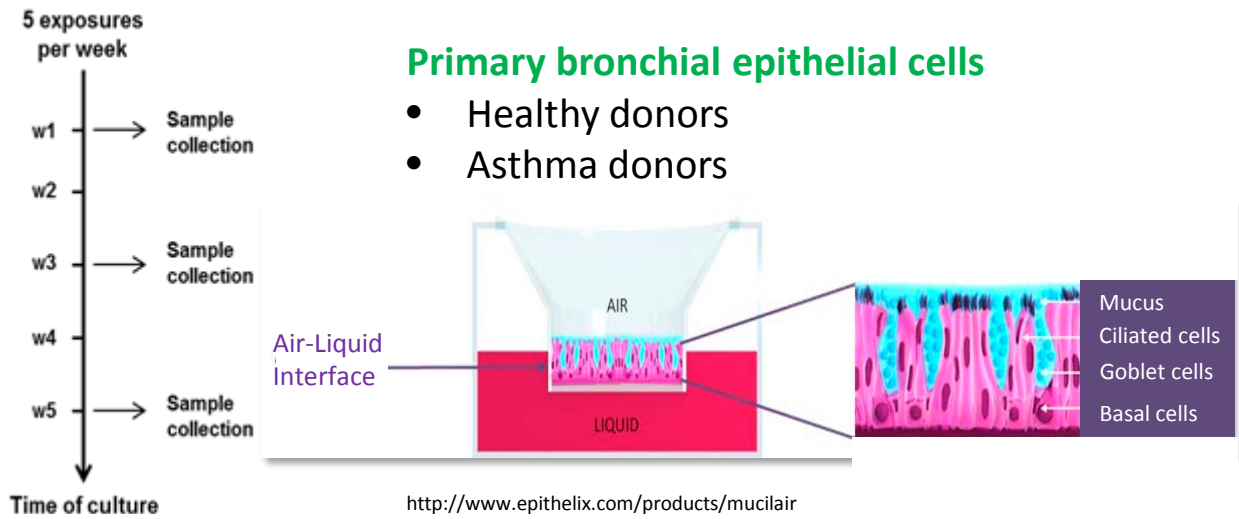
(Pro-)inflammatory Response



Repeated MWCNT exposures to lung cell cultures at the ALI elicit a **limited biological impact** over a three day period.

n=4, Error Bars: SEM
(- - -): Negative Control

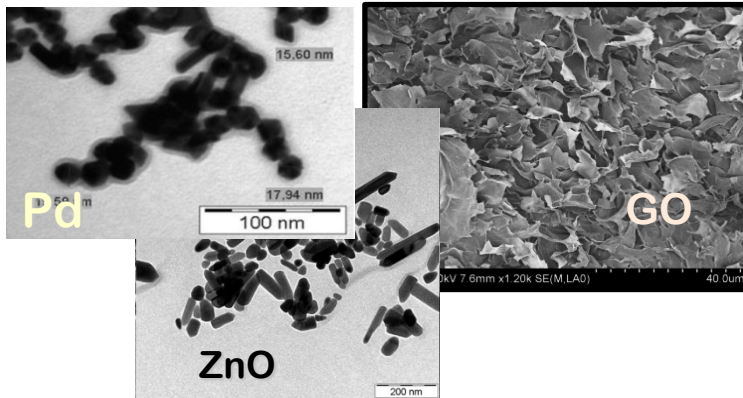
Long-term effects of MWCNTs at occupationally relevant doses



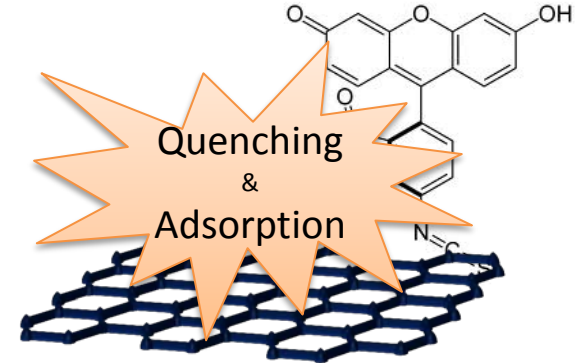
- **Alterations** in mucociliary clearance
- **Substantial** expression of oxidative stress and (pro-)inflammatory markers
- **Asthma cells** more **susceptible** than healthy cultures

Challenges in nanomaterial safety assessment

Insufficient material characterization



Interference with biological assays

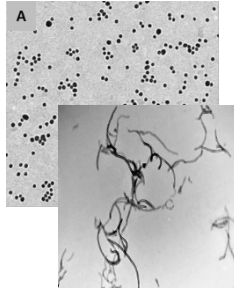


Lu et al. 2009 Angew Chem

Non-standardized protocols and no appropriate reference materials

Where to go from here...

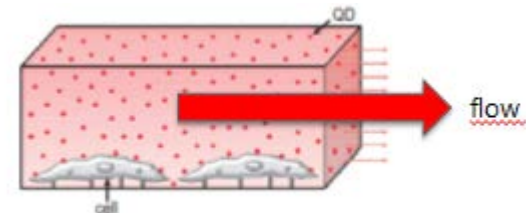
- Obligatory and **sufficient material characterisation** (before and after exposure)
- **Standardization** of protocols based on SOPs
- Use of **reference materials** for comparability
- **Realistic** doses and conditions
- Appropriate choice of **biological models**



from phenomenological analysis
towards mechanistically-based *in vitro* testing with reliable and relevant cell models

Hartung T, 2009 Nature

More **complex models** : breath pattern, blood flow



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Thank you for your attention!



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