
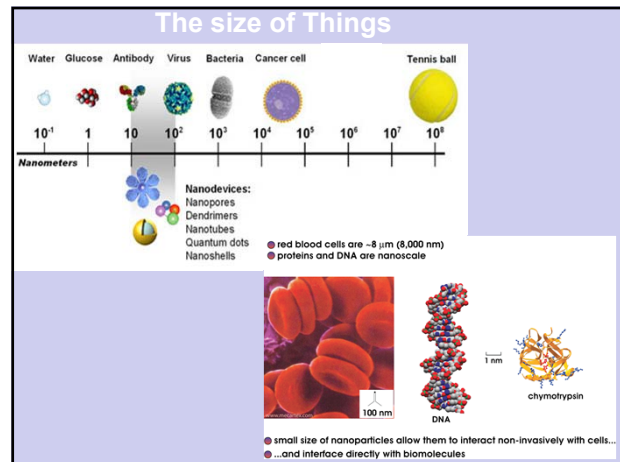


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## Nanoparticles in bioanalytical applications

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### Definition of Nanotechnology

The name “nanomaterials” is a general term that covers an extremely large group of materials. A generally accepted definition is that a nanomaterial is “any material that has an average particle size of **between 1 and 100 nanometres at least in one dimension.**”

The European Commission defines a nanomaterial as “a natural, incidental or manufactured material containing particles, in an unbound state or as an aggregate or as an agglomerate and where, for **50%** or more of the particles in the number size distribution, one or more external dimensions is in the size range **1 nm–100 nm**”

- ✗ albumin molecule is approximately 7 nm in diameter

**Richard Feynman's** famous presentation “**There's Plenty of Room at the Bottom**” was in the 1959 at the American Physical Society.

Here he asked:

- Why can't we manipulate materials atom by atom?
- Why can't we control the synthesis of individual molecules?
- Why can't we write all of human knowledge on the head of a pin?
- Why can't we build machines to accomplish these things?

The challenge involved the possibility of scaling down letters small enough so as to be able to fit the **entire Encyclopædia Britannica** on the head of a pin, by writing the information from a book page on a surface 1/25,000 smaller in linear scale

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**What is nanotechnology, and why do we care?**

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- for physicists: where quantum ends and bulk begins
- for you: faster computers, better communication, and new approaches to medicine

**Interdisciplinary area :**

Biology, Physics, Chemistry, Material science, Electronics,  
Chemical Engineering, Information technology

**Why Now?**

- New tools for atomic-scale characterization
- New capabilities for single atom/molecule manipulation
- Computational access to large systems of atoms and long time scales
- Convergence of scientific-disciplines at the nanoscale

**What's the BIG deal about something so SMALL?**

Materials behave differently at this size scale.

It's not just about miniaturization.

At this scale---it's all about INTERFACES



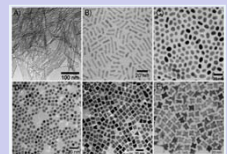
**Size Matters!**

Color depends on particle size  
Quantum dots 3.2 nm in diameter have blue emission  
Quantum dots 5 nm in diameter have red emission

**Particle types**

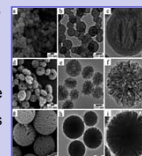
**Metal particles**

- Noble metals
- Iron oxide
- Semiconductors



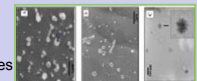
**Polymer particles**

- Silica
- Chitosan
- Polystyrene
- Dendrimers



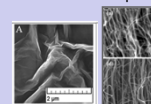
**Bioparticles**

- Liposomes



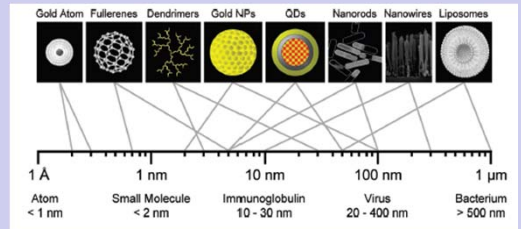
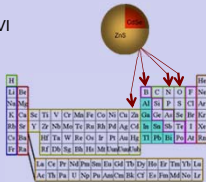
**Carbon particles**

- Carbon nanotubes
- Graphene
- Fullerenes



### Quantum dots

- Semiconductor nanocrystals synthesized from II and VI or III and V elements of PSE
- 1970 developed first low dimensional structures quantum well (QW)
- 1980 – Ekimov, Efros – first description of quantum dots

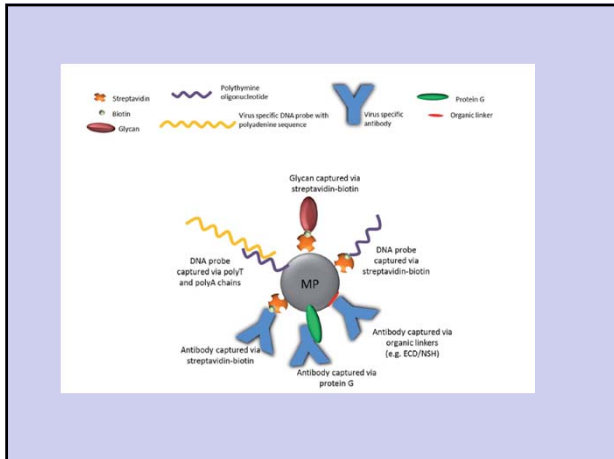


### Nanoparticles for sample pretreatment

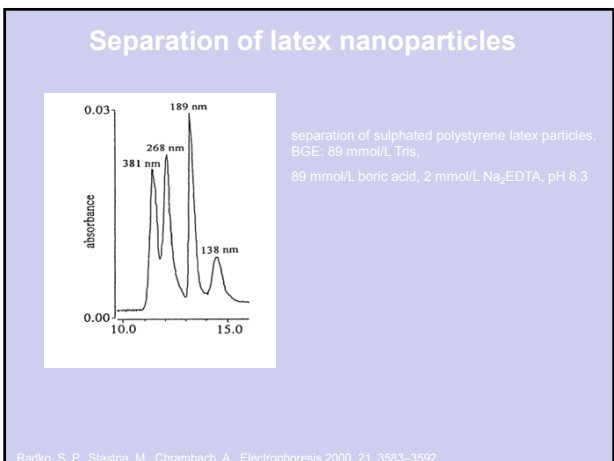
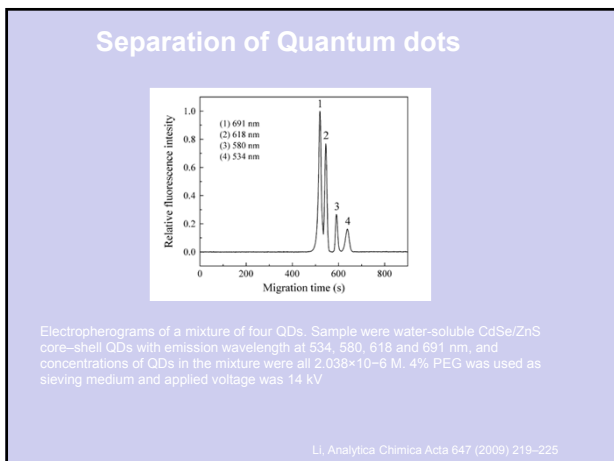
### Sample preparation

- Isolation from complex biological matrixes
  - Large surface
  - Simple functionalization
  - Magnetic properties
- Magnetic nanoparticles (Iron oxides), Carbon nanoparticles (nanotubes, graphene), gold nanoparticles

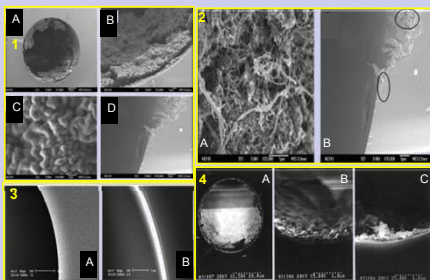
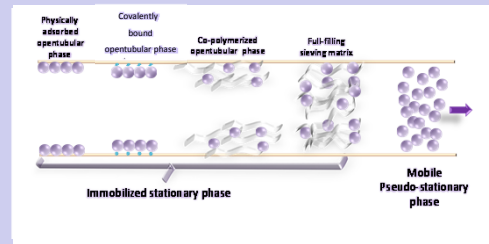




# CE characterization of nanoparticles



# Separation



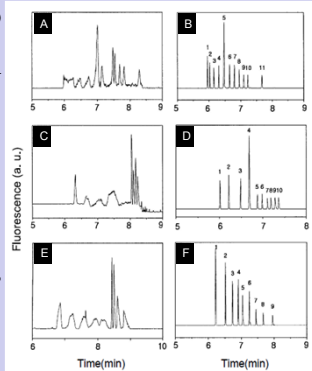
Scanning electron micrographs of various nanomaterials immobilized on the capillary wall. 1) Scanning electron micrographs images of prepared CNTs-polymer composites. (A) Mono-(2-(methacryloyloxy)ethyl) succinate carbon nanotubes (MES-CNTs) coated on capillary wall. (B) five-fold magnification of (A); (C) the MES-CNTs formed on aluminum foil; (D) butyl methacrylate carbon nanotubes (BMA-CNTs) coated on capillary wall. 2) SEM images of (A) the BMA-CNTs composite, and (B) as a coating on a capillary wall. 3) Scanning electron micrographs of (A) bare fused-silica capillary, (B) fused-silica capillary coated with 0.02% PEO, and (C) fused-silica capillary coated with 0.02% YNP. 4) Scanning electron micrographs of **TiO<sub>2</sub> NPs** coated column. (A) Cross section of the column prepared by two-cycle coating procedures. (B) Edge of the column prepared by two-cycle coating procedures. (C) Edge of the column prepared by a single coating procedure.

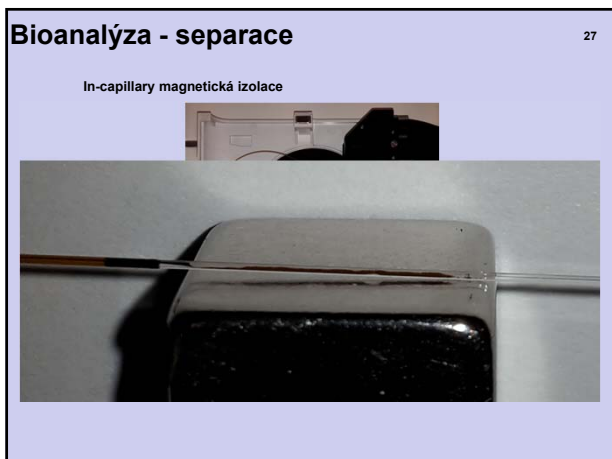
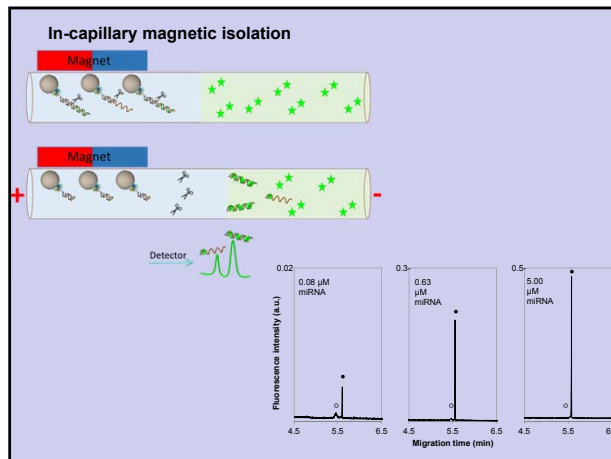
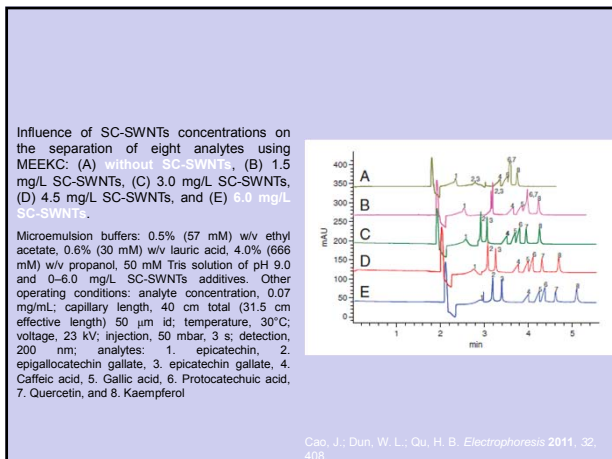
Separation of 100 bp DNA step ladder using (a) 0.10% PEO only and (b) 0.02% yttrium oxide nanoparticles and 0.10% PEO, peak assignment: 1 = 100 bp, 2 = 200 bp, 3 = 300 bp, 4 = 400 bp, 5 = 500 bp, 6 = 600 bp, 7 = 700 bp, 8 = 800 bp, 9 = 900 bp, 10 = 1000 bp, 11 = 1500 bp.

Separation of 500 bp DNA ladder using (c) 0.02% PEO only and (d) 0.02% yttrium oxide nanoparticles and 0.02% PEO.

Separation of 1 kbp DNA ladder using (e) 0.02% PEO only and (f) 0.02% YNP and 0.02% PEO, peak assignment: 1 = 1000 bp, 2 = 2000 bp, 3 = 3000 bp, 4 = 4000 bp, 5 = 5000 bp, 6 = 6000 bp, 7 = 7000 bp, 8 = 8000 bp, 9 = 9000 bp.

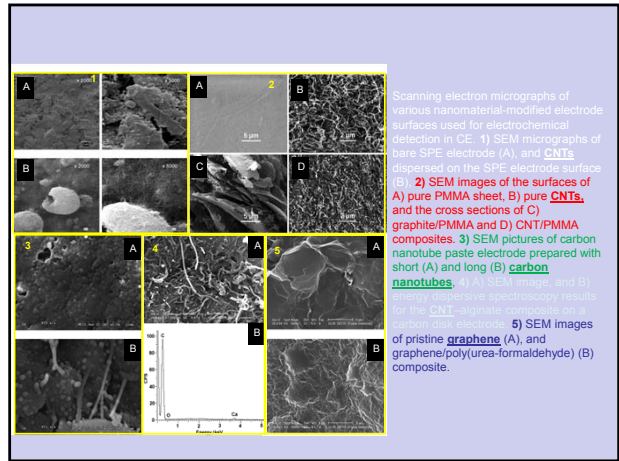
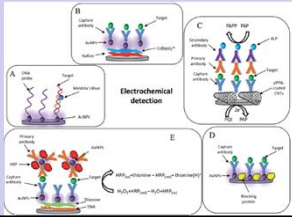
Electrokinetic injection at 4 kV for 3s; separation at 5.4 kV, fused-silica capillary, 360 μm o.d., 75 μm i.d., 30 cm total length, and 22 cm effective length.



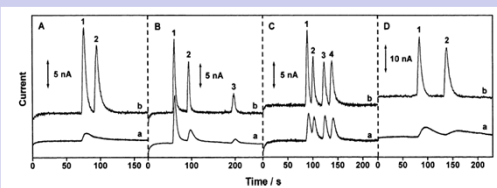


## Analyte Detection

**Nanomaterials in electrochemical detection**  
**Nanoparticle modified electrodes**  
**Nanoelectrodes**  
**High surface → high adsorption capacity → increased sensitivity**  
**Carbon nanotubes, Au and Pt nanowires**



Scanning electron micrographs of various nanomaterial-modified electrode surfaces used for electrochemical detection in CE. 1) SEM micrographs of bare SPE electrode (A), and CNTs dispersed on the SPE electrode surface (B). 2) SEM images of the surfaces of A) pure PMMA sheet, B) pure CNTs, and the cross sections of C) graphite/PMMA and D) CNT/PMMA composites. 3) SEM pictures of carbon nanotube paste electrode prepared with short (A) and long (B) carbon nanotubes. 4) Raman spectroscopy results for the CNT-alginate composite on a carbon disk electrode. 5) SEM images of pristine graphene (A), and graphene/poly(urea-formaldehyde) (B) composite.



Electrochromatograms for hydrazines (A), dopamine, catechol, and ascorbic acid (B), phenols (C), and purines (D) at the bare (a) and CNT-modified (b) screen-printed carbon electrodes.

**Sample A:** 100 μM hydrazine (1) and 200 μM dimethylhydrazine (2).

**Sample B:** 100 μM dopamine (1), 100 μM catechol (2), and 100 μM ascorbic acid (3).

**Sample C:** 100 μM phenol (1), 100 μM 2-chlorophenol (2), 200 μM 2,4-dichlorophenol (3), and 200 μM 2,3-dichlorophenol (4).

**Sample D:** 200 μM guanine (1) and 200 μM xanthine (2).

Conditions: run buffer, phosphate buffer (20 mM, pH 7.5) (A); 20 mM MES (pH 6.5) (B); 10 mM borate/20 mM phosphate buffer, (pH 8.0) (C); 5 mM borate/10 mM phosphate buffer (pH 8.0) (D). Separation voltage, +1000 (A) + 1500 (B-D) V; injection voltage, +1000 (A) +1500 (B, C), +2000 (D) V; detection potential, +0.6 (A), +0.7 (B), +0.9 (C), and +0.8 V (D) (vs Ag/AgCl wire).

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## Representative examples of analytical performance of CNT-film detectors in microchip electrophoresis

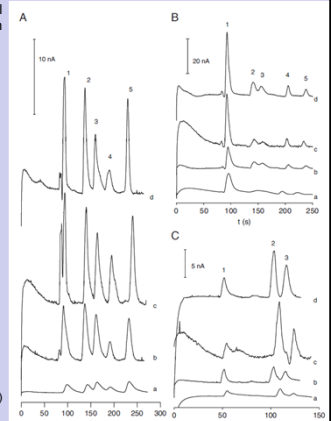
- (a) Bare SPE
- (b) SPE-SWCNT,
- (c) SPE-MWCNT-A
- (d) SPE-MWCNT-B

(A) antioxidant standard

peaks: (1) arbutin, (2) phloridzin, (3) catechin, (4) rutin, (5) ascorbic acid

(B) flavor standard peaks: (1) vanillic alcohol, (2) ethyl maltol, (3) maltol, (4) ethyl vanillin, (5) vanillin

(C) water-soluble vitamin standard peaks: (1) pyridoxine, (2) vitamin C, (3) folic acid.

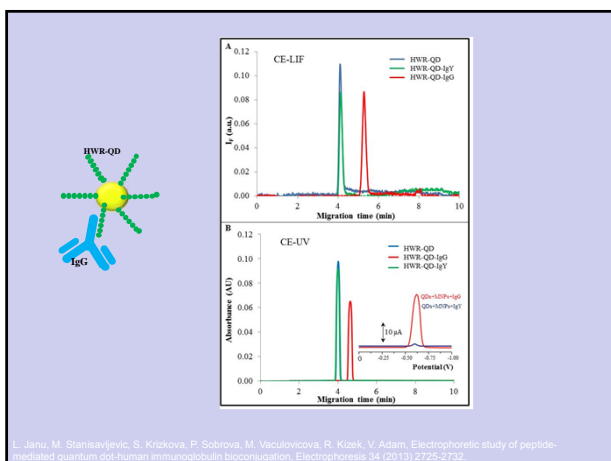
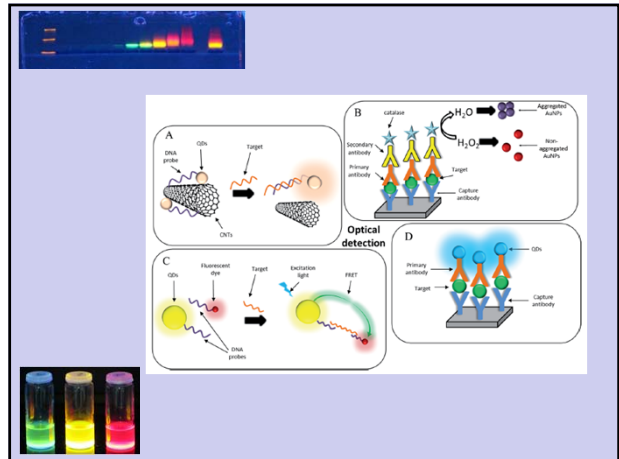


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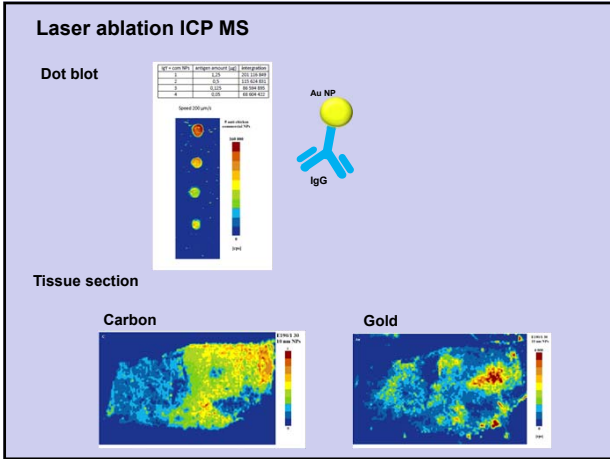
**Nanomaterials in optical detection**  
 Nanoparticles as labels for fluorescent labeling  
 Nanoparticles for colorimetric detection (i.e. pregnancy test)  
 Simple surface modification → applicable for different analytes  
 Quantum dots (semiconductor, carbon)  
 Gold nanoparticles



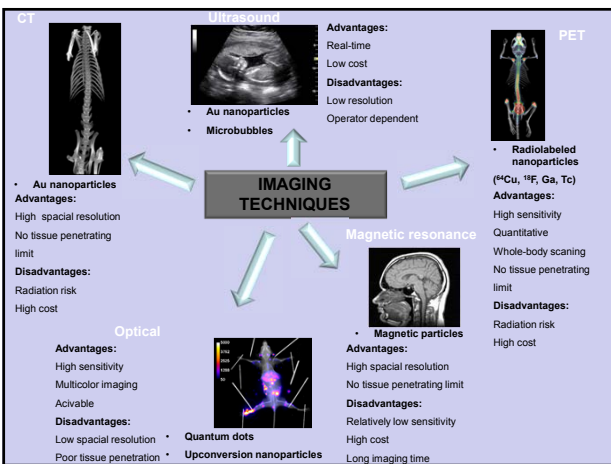
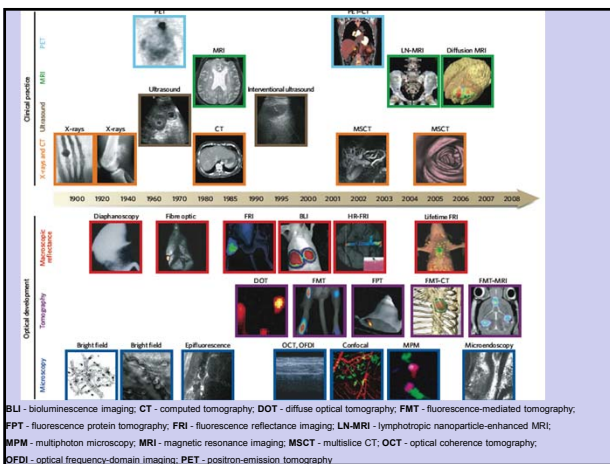
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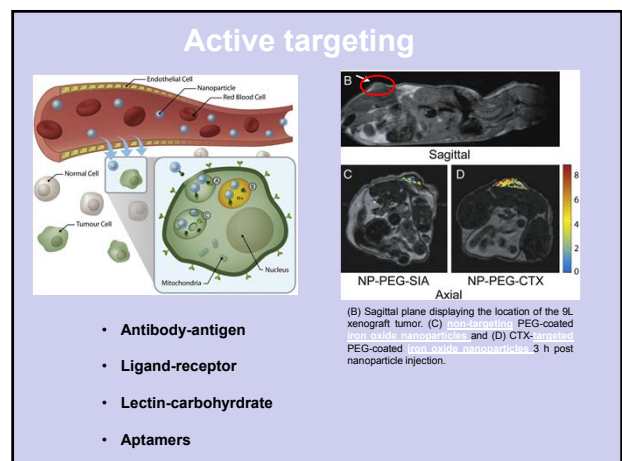
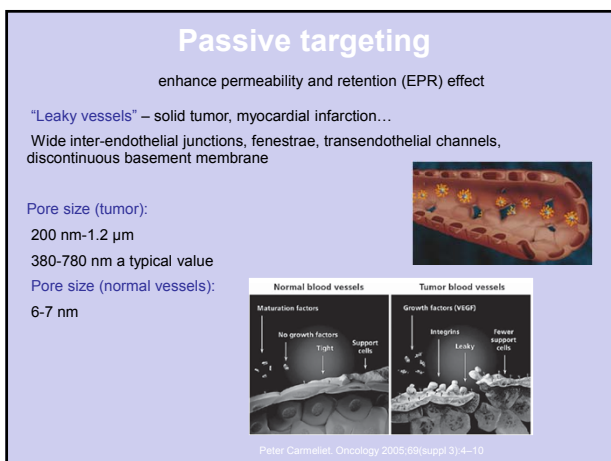
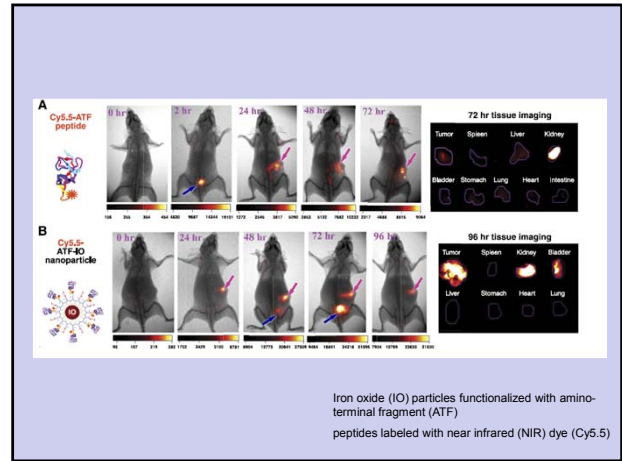
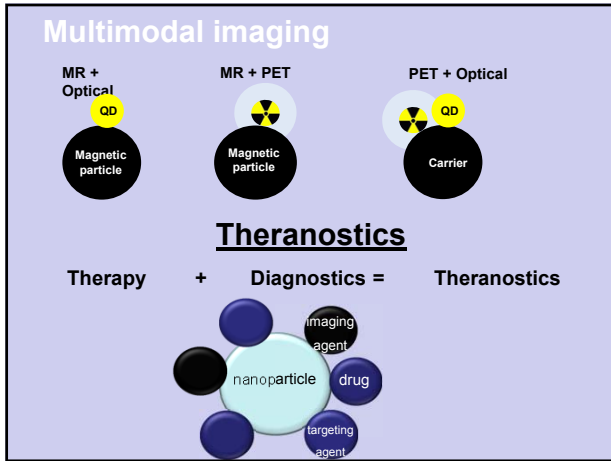
### Analyte Detection

**Nanomaterials in elemental detection**  
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# Imaging

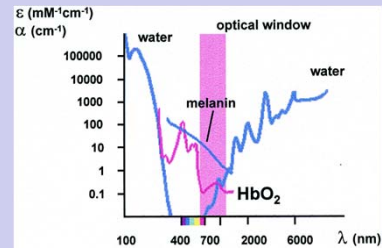




### Future prospective

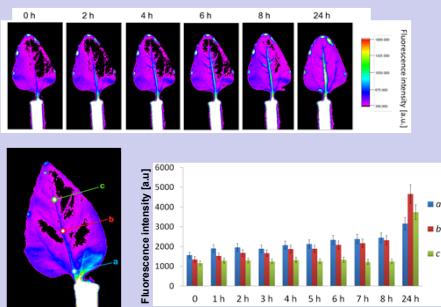
- To meet the requirements for nanotheranostic agents, nanoparticles must be developed with high stability in **extreme conditions** (high salt concentrations and wide pH and temperature ranges) and retain minimum active interaction with serum proteins, which would allow the nanoparticles to conjugate alternative or additional biomolecules without substantially alternating its colloidal stability.
- The **biocompatibility and toxicity** of theranostic nanoparticles need to be thoroughly evaluated as addition of each component material would potentially alter the pharmacokinetic profiles of the nanoparticle.
- To further identify new **molecular targets** that are fully correlated with diseases and discover new targeting ligands with high specificity, small molecular footprint, and good stability.
- Future improvement will also need to focus on development of **innovative strategies** to allow efficient tissue penetration of nanoparticles and offer controlled delivery of therapeutics to a particular type of tissue or subcellular compartments

### Fluorescence imaging



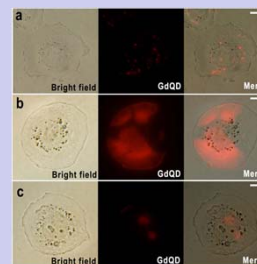
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### Fluorescent imaging of plants



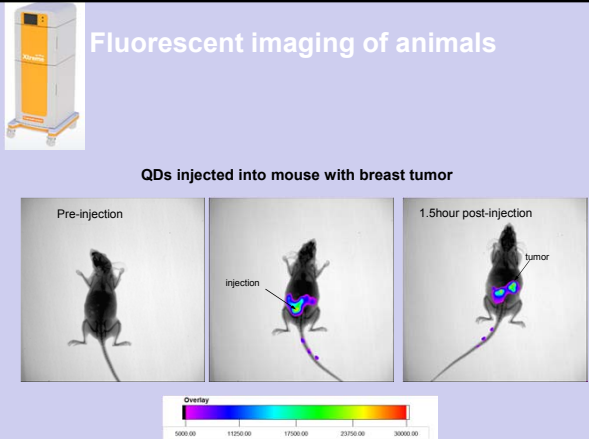
CdTe-PVP QDs ( $\lambda_{exc}$  480 nm,  $\lambda_{em}$  535 nm). Fluorescence intensity was analyzed in 3 leaf regions (a-c) of the main venation as illustrated in the picture (left). Graph (right) shows the mean fluorescence intensity in these regions.

### Fluorescent imaging of cells



(a) Micrograph of PC3 cells that had been cultured in Ham's F12 medium for 5 days and stained with GdQDs. The red fluorescent spots indicate the presence of damage on the plasma membrane caused by the old medium, in which most of the nutrients had already been consumed by the cells. Micrographs of PC3 cells treated with carboplatin (b) or cisplatin (c) and subsequently stained with GdQDs. Different amounts of red fluorescence indicate different effects of the chemotherapeutic drugs on the plasma membrane.

### Fluorescent imaging of animals



**QDs injected into mouse with breast tumor**

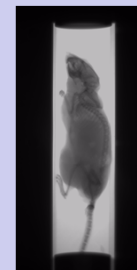
Pre-injection      injection      1.5 hour post-injection

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Overlay

Detailed description: This slide shows the process of fluorescent imaging in a mouse. It includes three panels: 'Pre-injection' showing a normal mouse, 'injection' showing a mouse with a fluorescent spot at the injection site, and '1.5 hour post-injection' showing the fluorescent signal concentrated in a tumor. A color scale legend at the bottom indicates intensity levels from 0000.00 to 30000.00.

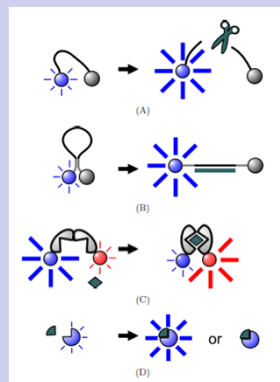
### Fluorescent imaging of animals



Detailed description: This slide shows a mouse inside a vertical imaging tube, used for non-invasive fluorescent imaging of the animal.

### Cleavable probes

- Enzymes
- Nucleic acids
- Reactive Oxygen Species
- pH
- Ions
- External stimuli (ultrasound, temperature, light, etc.)



(A) (B) (C) (D)

> Lower background signal  
> Higher sensitivity

Detailed description: This slide illustrates various cleavable probes. (A) shows a probe with a cleavable linker being cut by an enzyme. (B) shows a probe with a cleavable linker being cut by a nucleic acid. (C) shows a probe with a cleavable linker being cut by a reactive oxygen species. (D) shows a probe with a cleavable linker being cut by an external stimulus like light or temperature. The probes are represented as blue star-like structures with various linkers.

### Summary

- Nanomaterials are great 😊

**Analytical tools for characterization of nanomaterials → Nanomaterials as tools for improvement of analytical methods**

Thank you for your  
attention

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