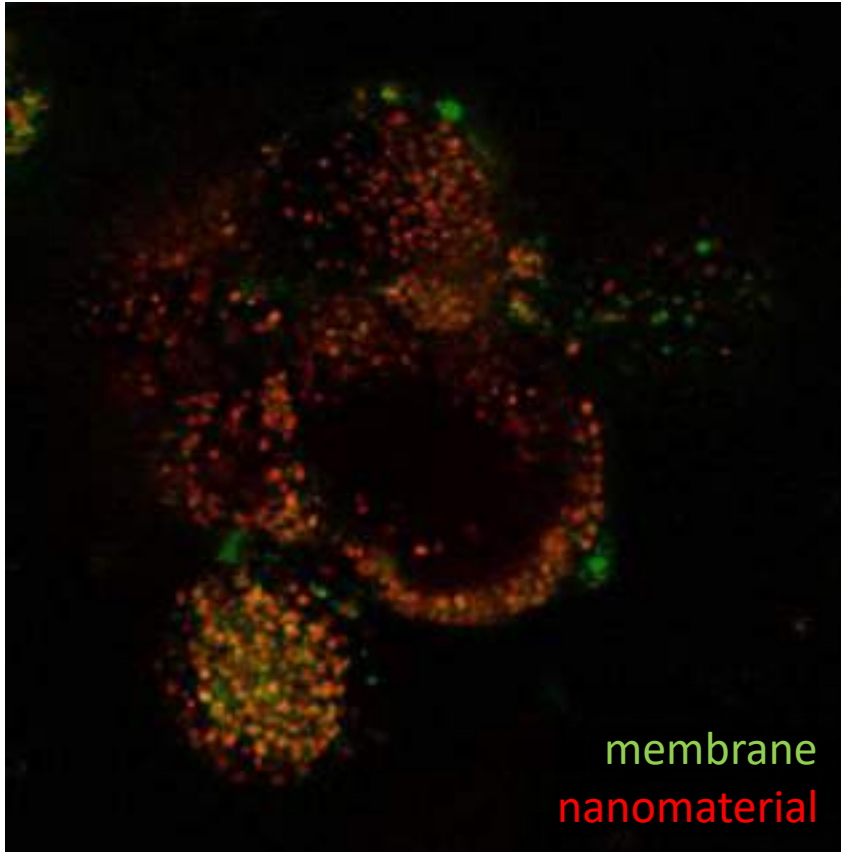


Lipid wrapping: From bio & nano interfaces to disease prediction



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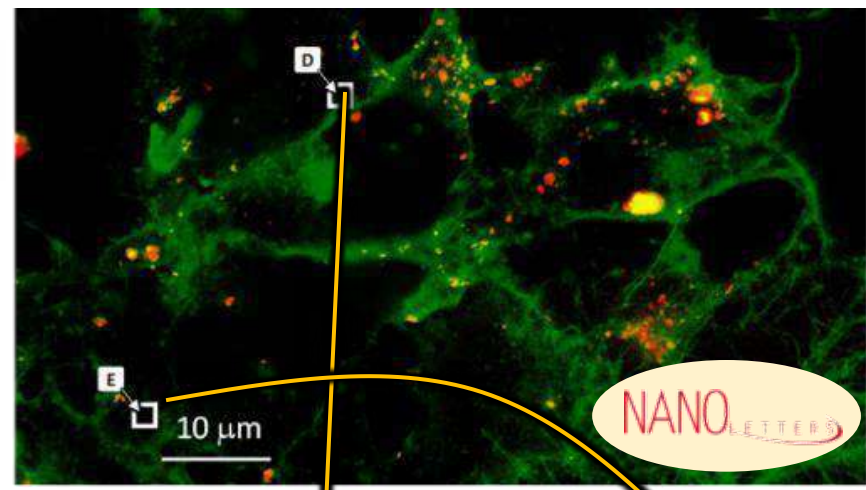
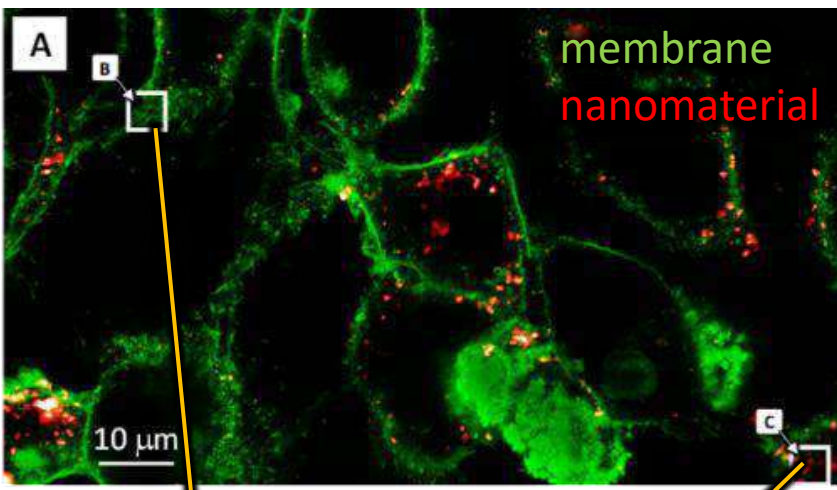
SmartNanoTox (SNT)

The civil war – macrophages attacking alveolar epithelial cell after the exposure to TiO₂ nanotubes...

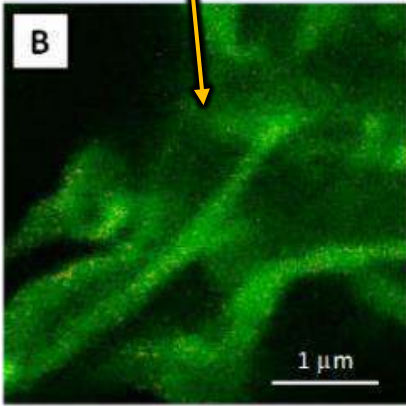


Why so much of aggression ?

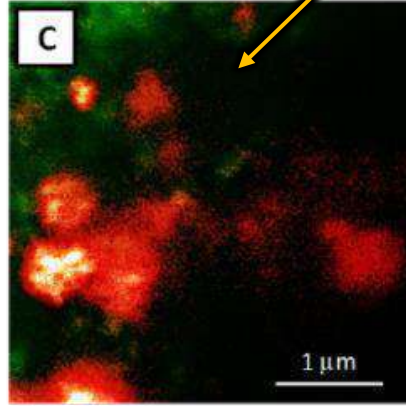
Super-resolved STED image



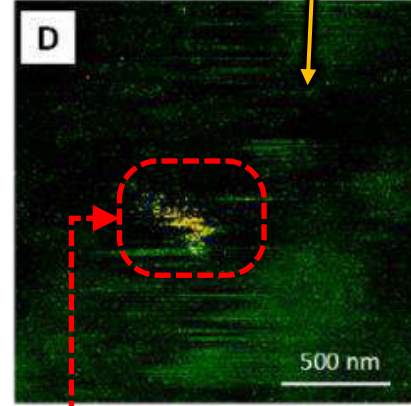
Representative zoom-in



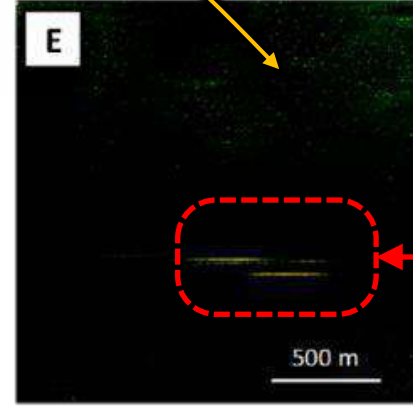
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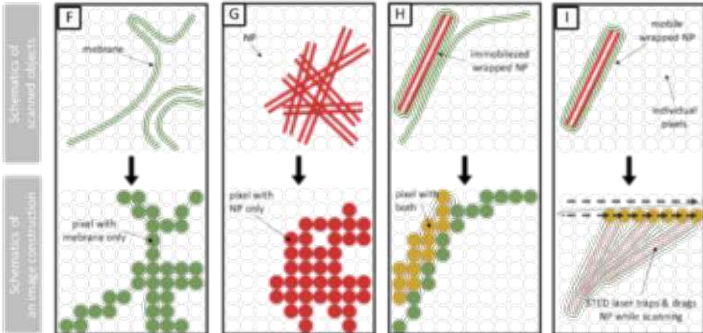
NM aggregates



wrapped NM



mobile wrapped NM



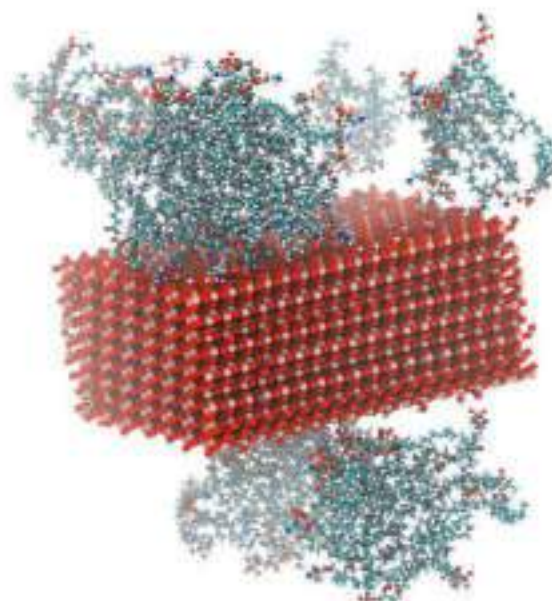
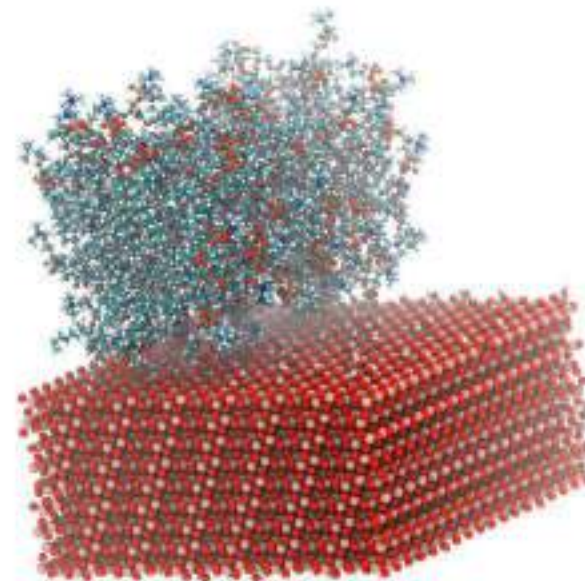
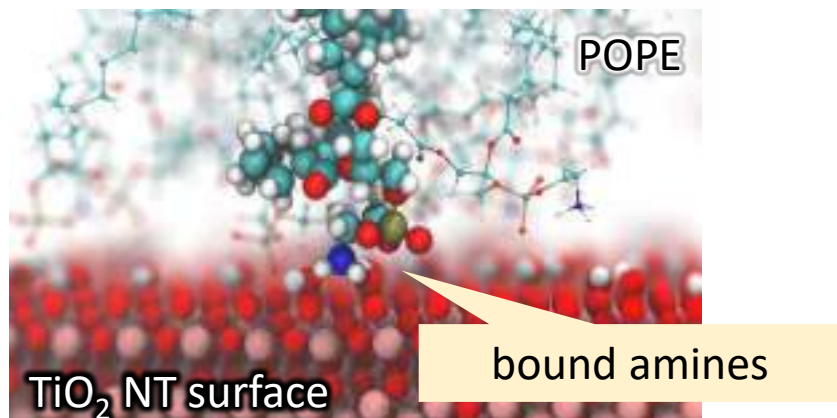
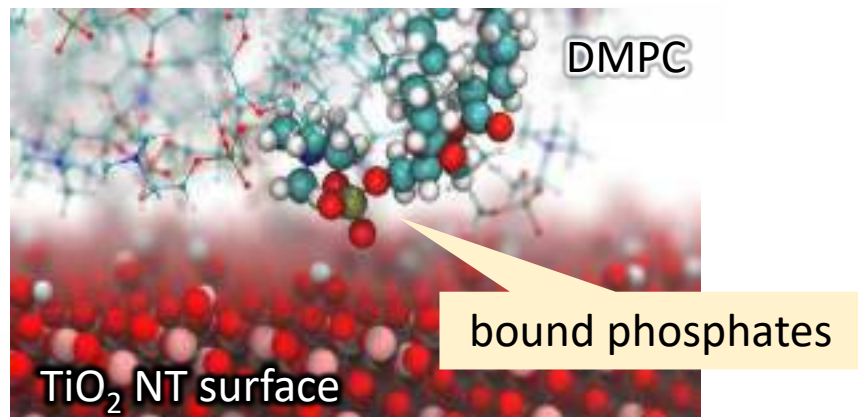
STED

Epithelial cells looks so peaceful 30 min after the exposure to TiO₂ nanotubes ...
 In reality, they are losing lipids due to wrapping and wrapped particle diffusion!



How the wrapping is driven ?

in silico MD modeling of physical interactions



MD

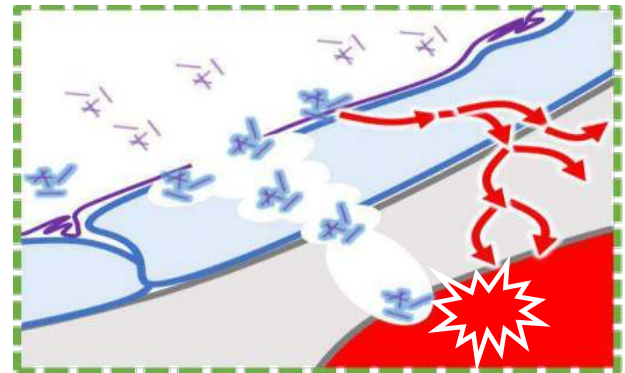
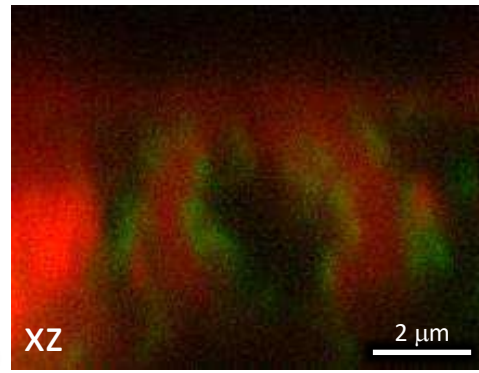
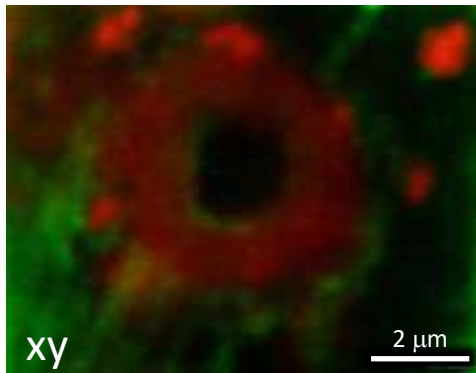
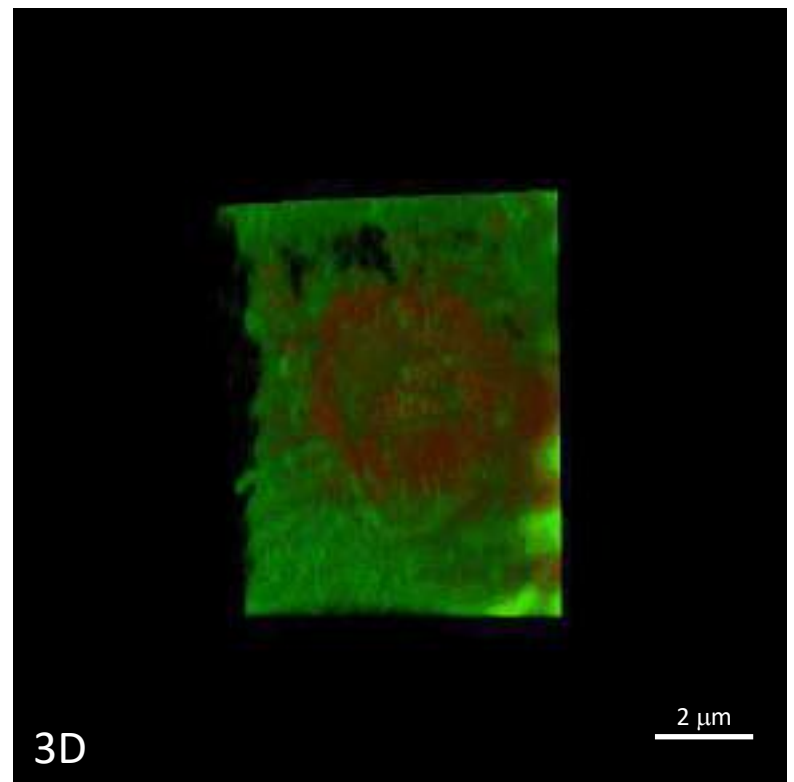
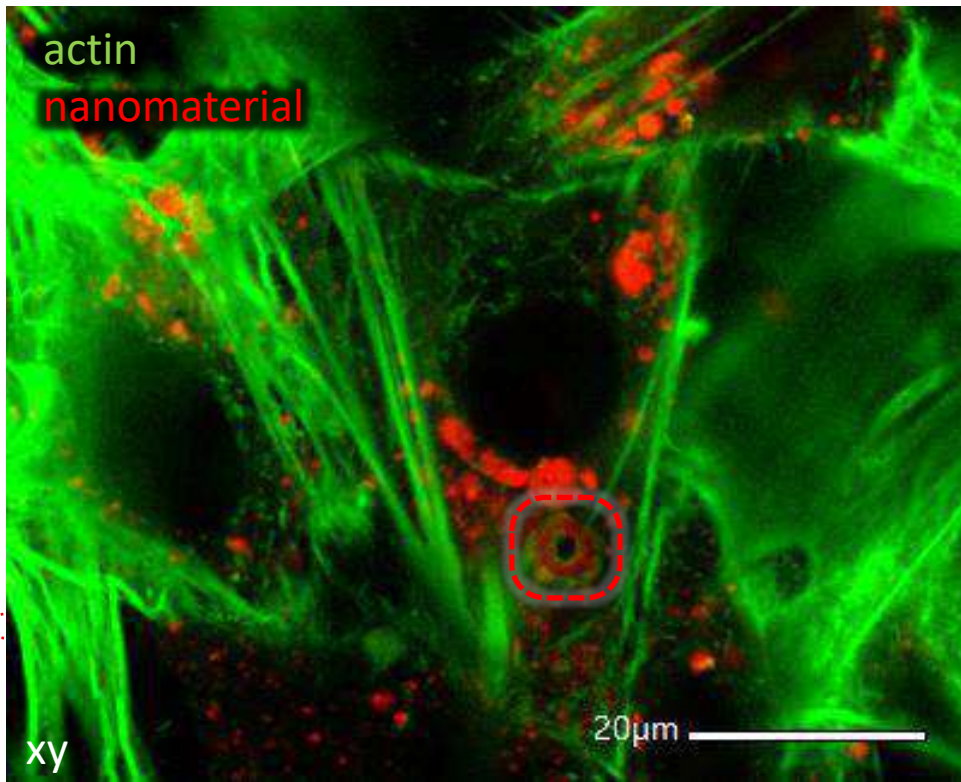
In case of metal-oxides: by binding through amines and phosphates ...
Non-standard membrane structures appear ...



Is it just lipids that are stolen?



How do they get relocated
across the epithelium ?

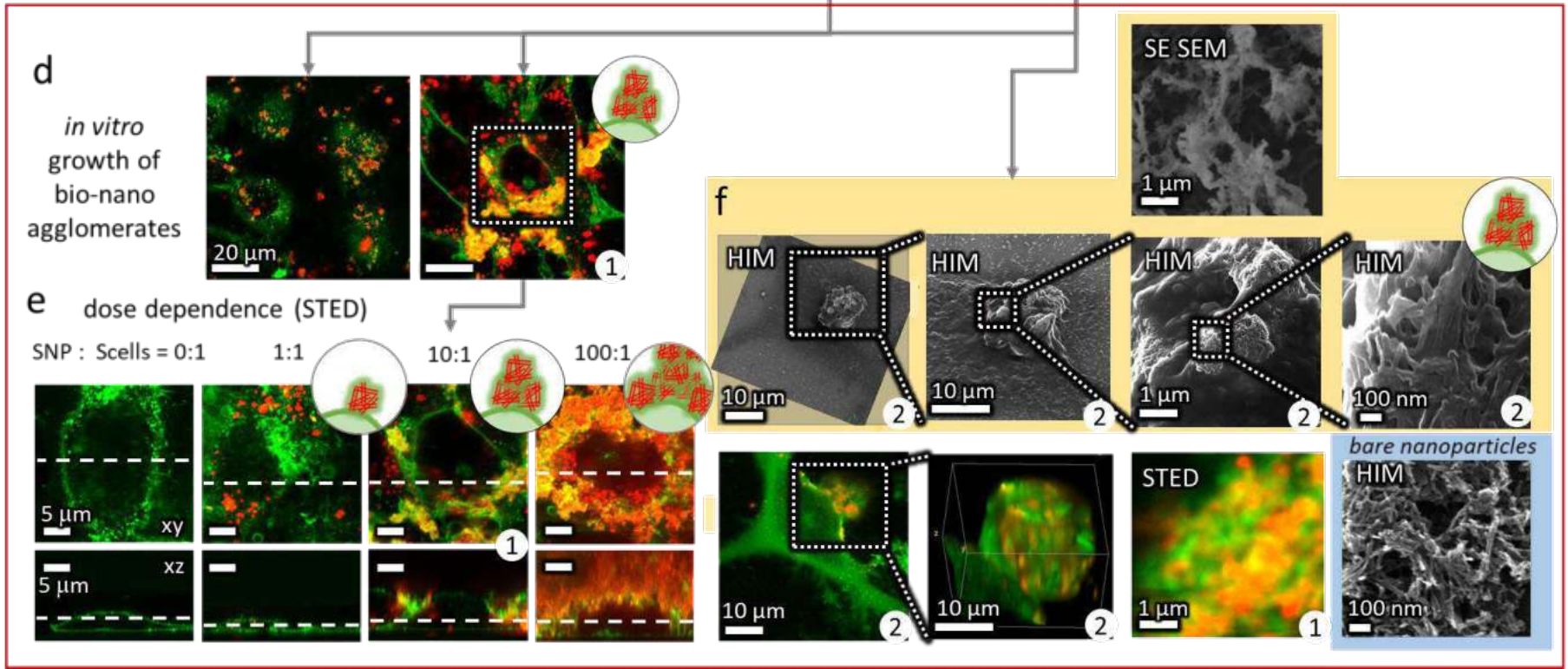


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Wrapping makes epithelium porous.
Even some self-assembled wormholes can be seen ...



What happens at higher doses?



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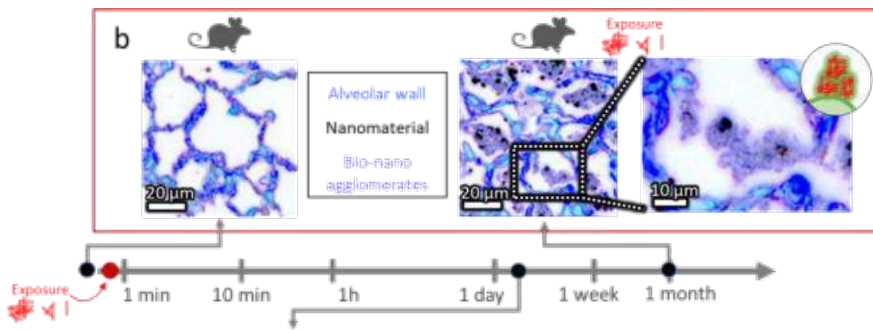
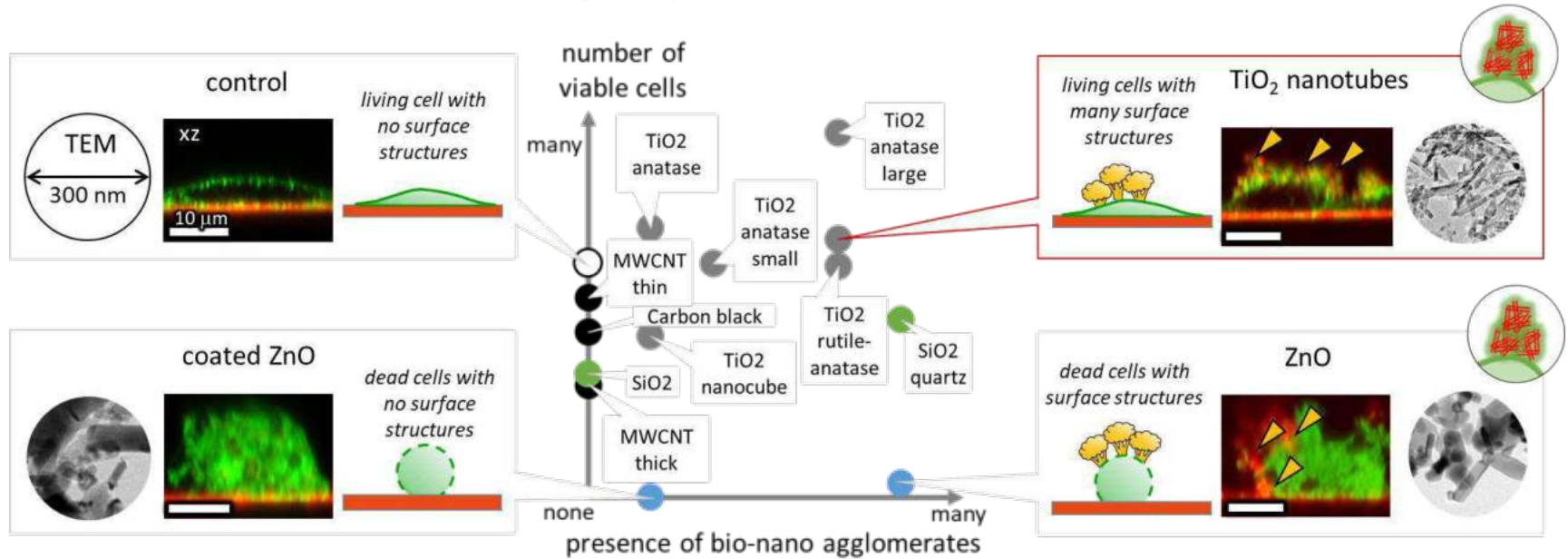
CFM, STED, SEM, HIM

Large bio-nano-composite structures start to form on the surface of epithelial cells.



It seems like a defence
mechanism...

surface structures and cell survival following a 2 day incubation with various nanomaterial



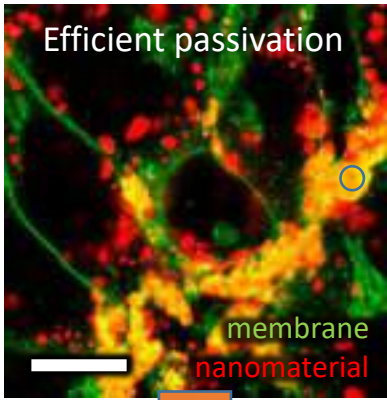
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XZ CFM, TEM, dark-field scattering microscopy

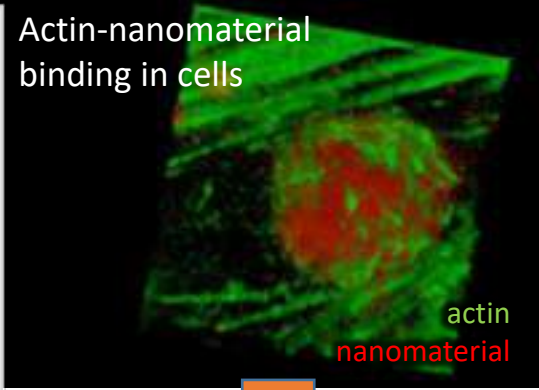
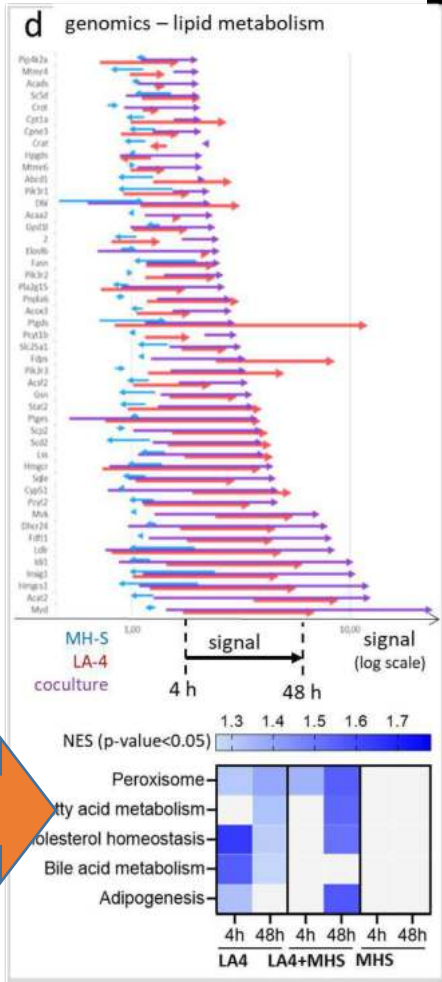
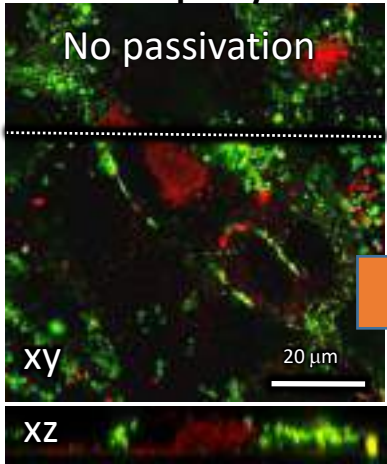
Different nanomaterials harm epithelial cells differently.
 Unfortunately, some nanomaterials triggers strong chronic inflammation in vivo.



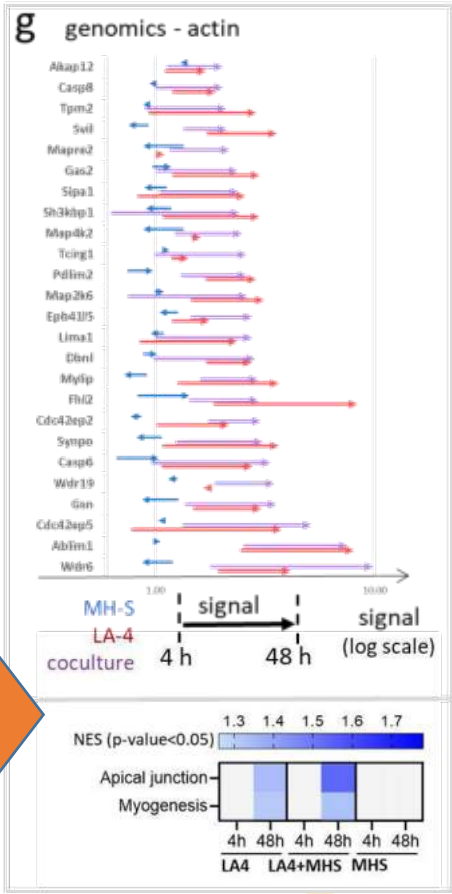
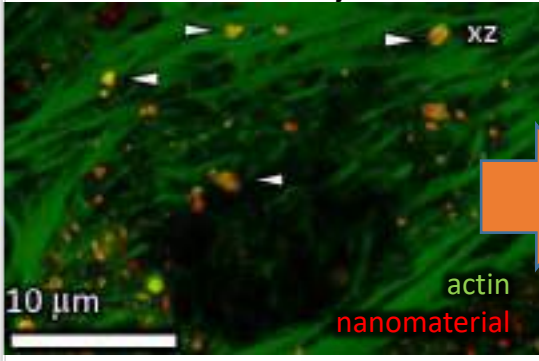
What are the mode of action?



Blocked lipid synthesis



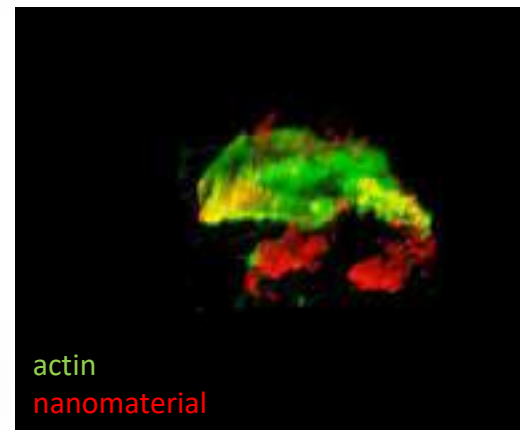
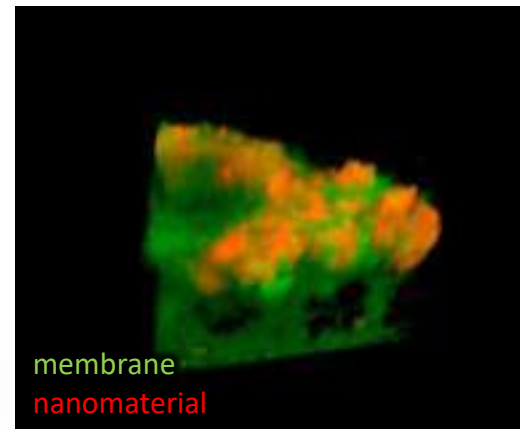
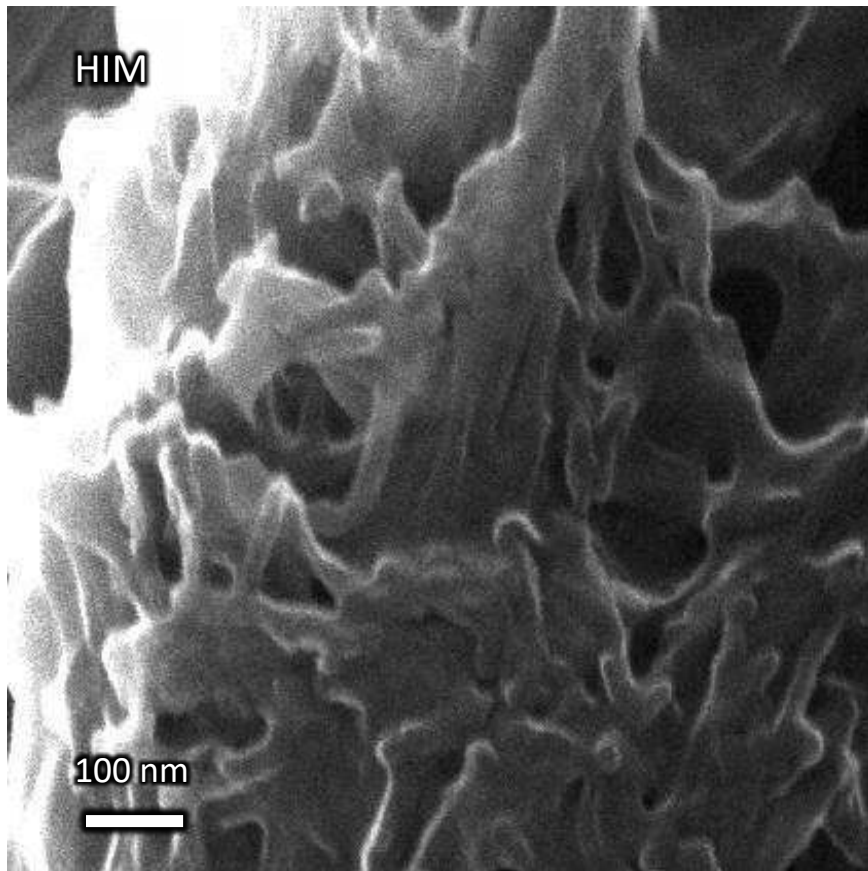
Blocked exocytosis



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3D STED, transcriptomics

Nanomaterial is uptaken. Lipid synthesis is triggered. Actin is rearranged. Nanomaterial is excreted.

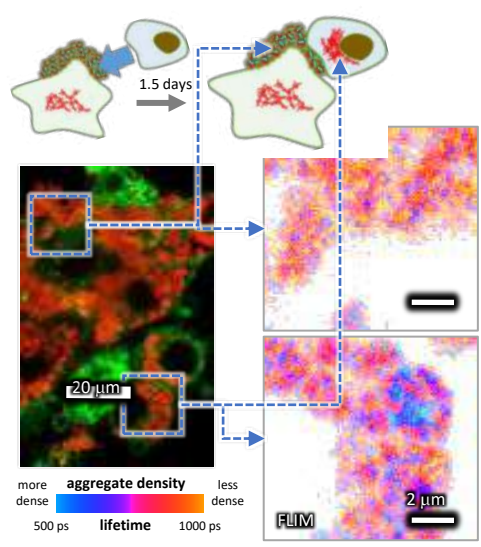


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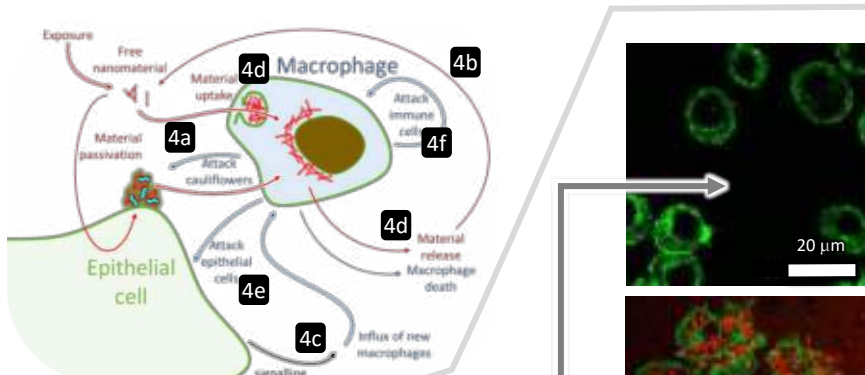
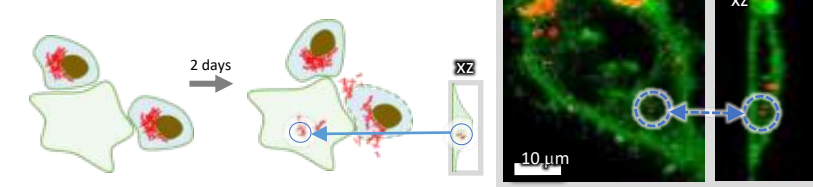
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Nano-bio-composites contain lots of lipids, actin and other proteins...

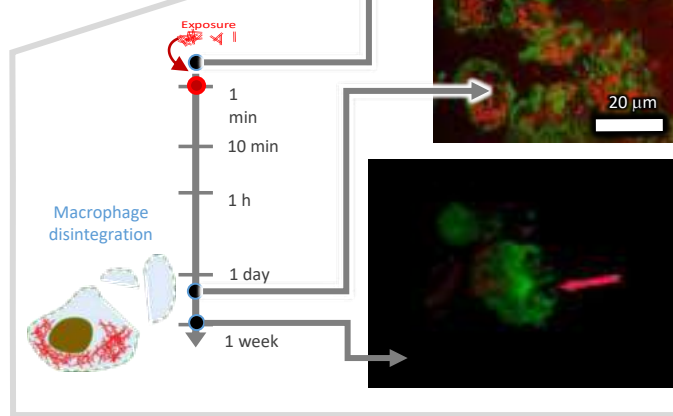
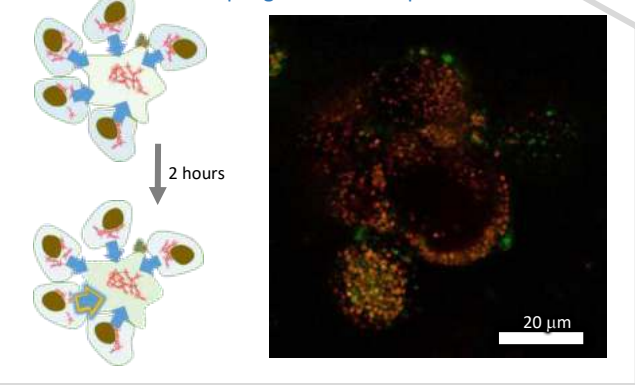
Macrophages eat cauliflowers on epithelial cells



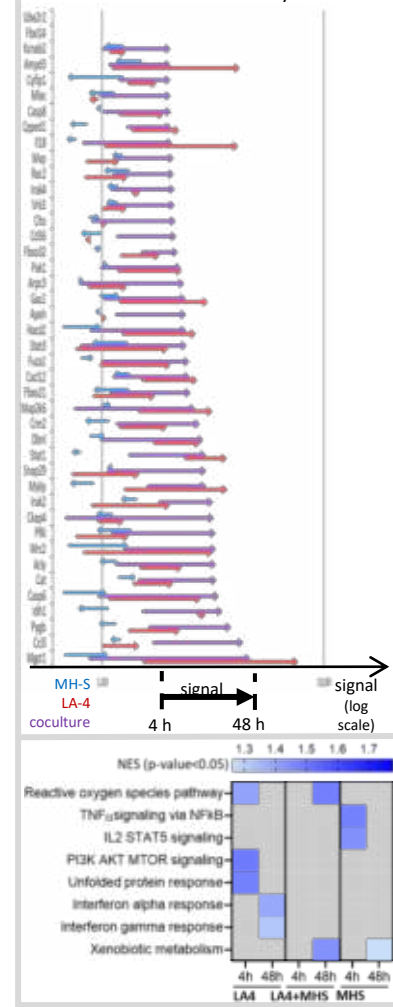
NM from macrophages uptaken by epithelial cells



Macrophages attack an epithelial cell



Genomics - immune system



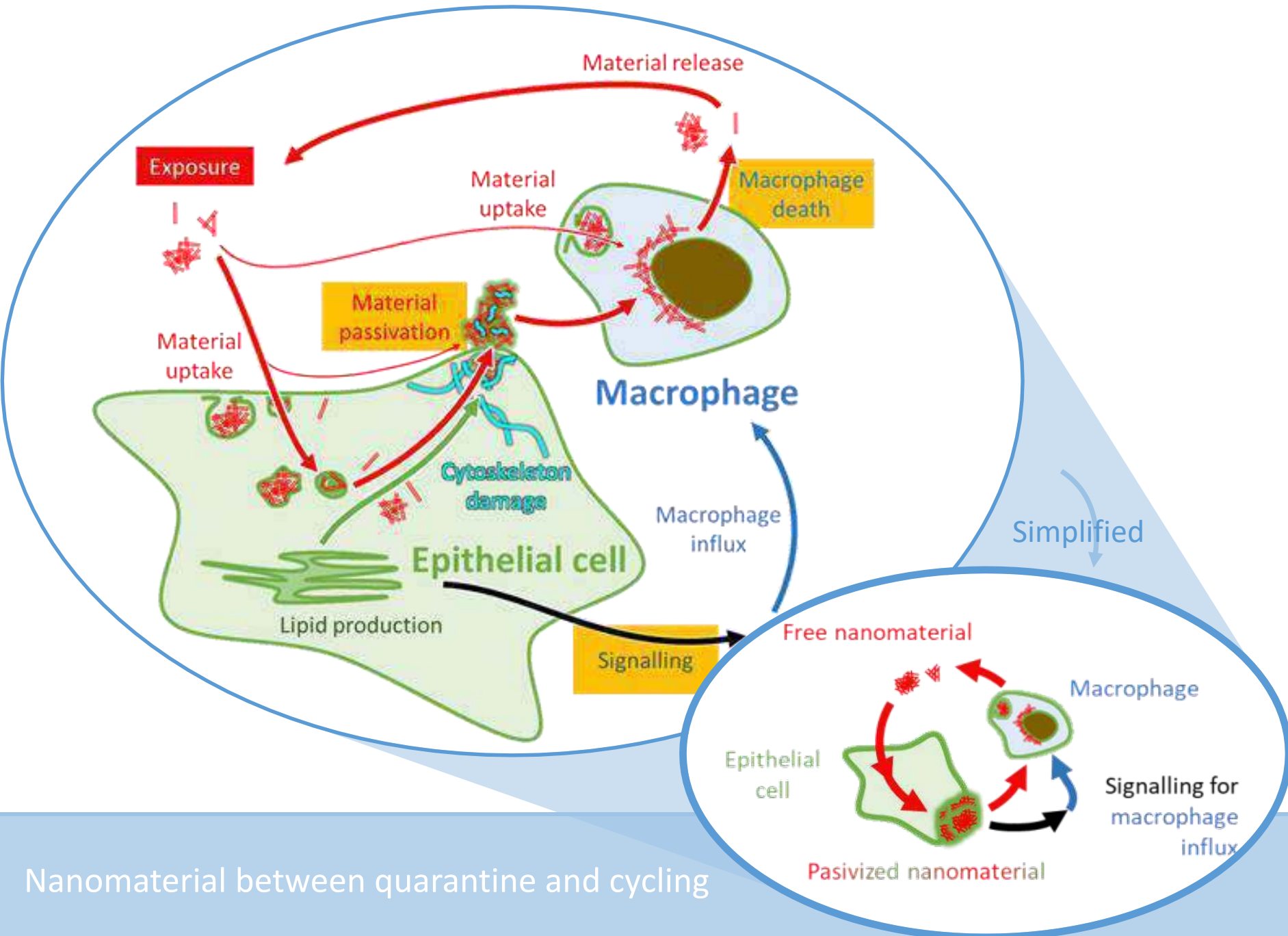
Time-lapse / 3D STED, transcriptomics

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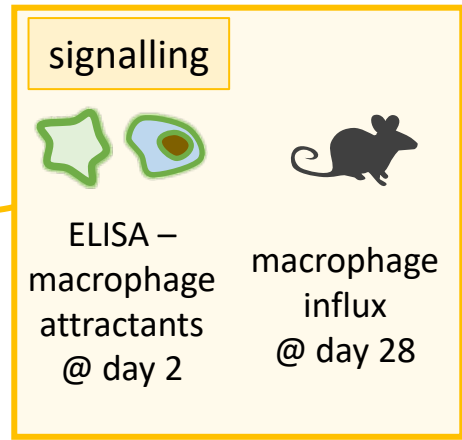
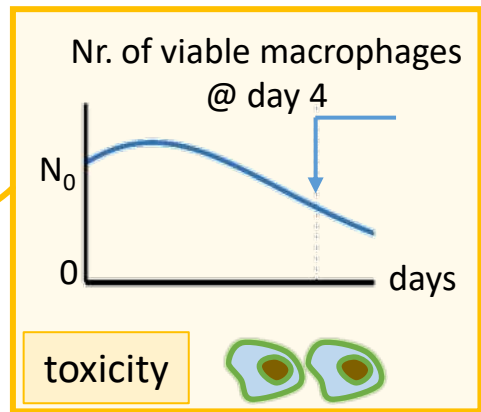
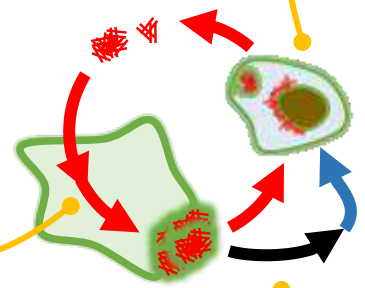
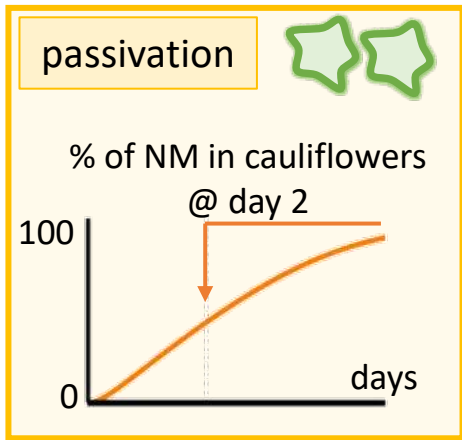
Nanomaterial cycles between different type of lung cells ...



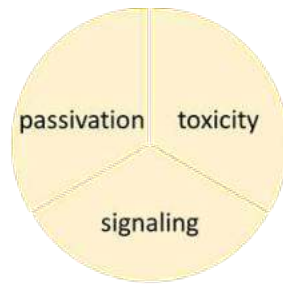
Can we employ new knowledge
to predict diseases?



Nanomaterial between quarantine and cycling

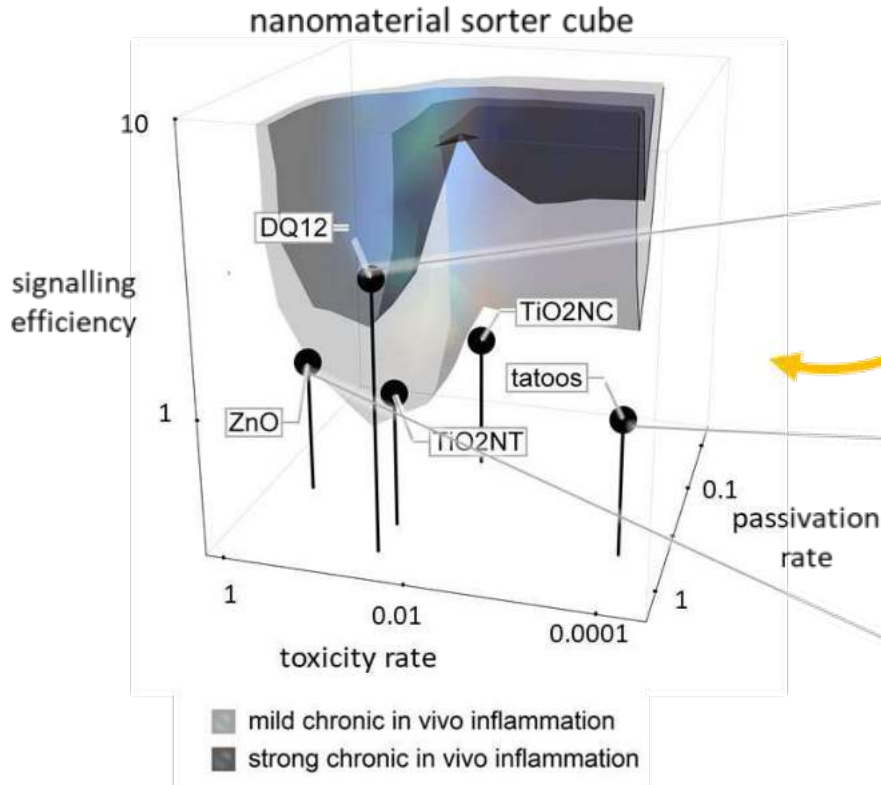


Simplified model is converted into an assay with measurable rates in vitro

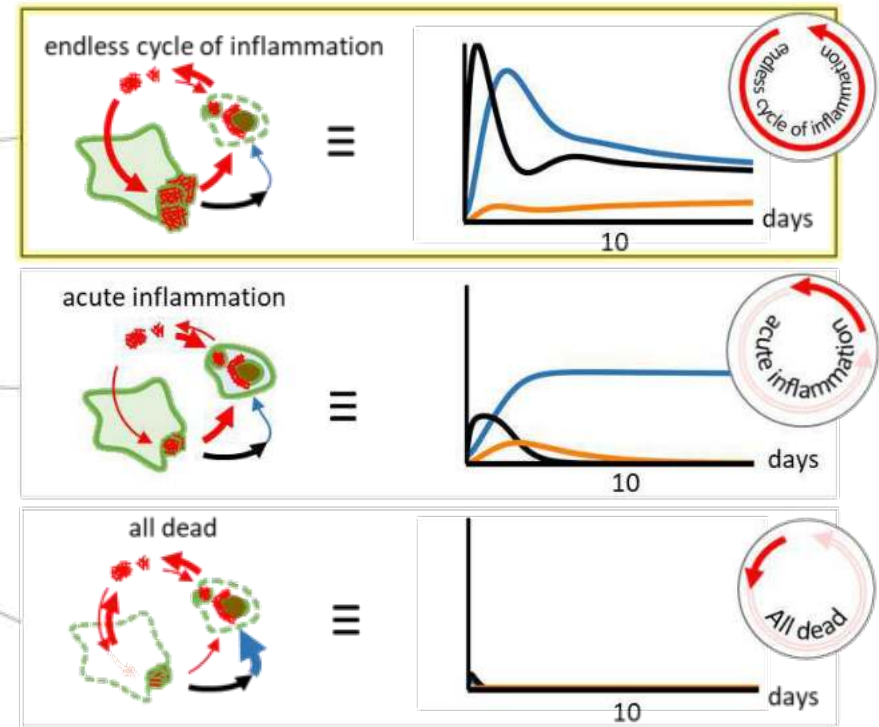


theoretical model

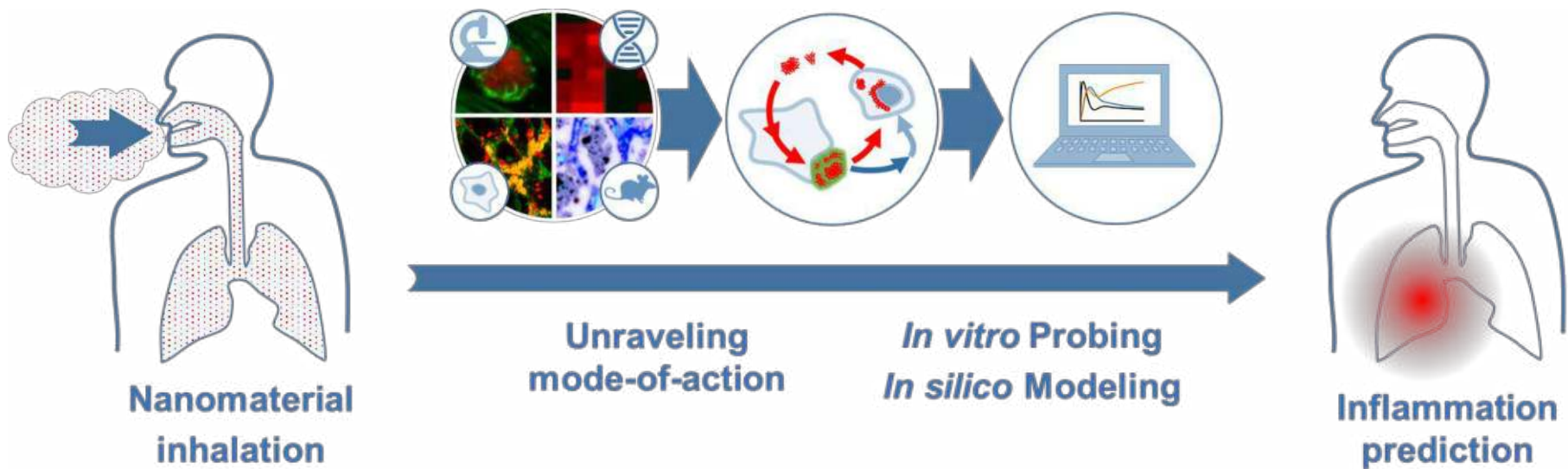
- # viable macrophages
- signal for macrophage influx (≡ inflammation)
- % of NM in cauliflowers



predicted *in vivo* time course



The measured rates are used to model *in vivo* time courses and to estimate the type of inflammation by positioning the nanomaterial in a sorter cube.



By identifying complex mode of action, *in vitro* probing and time evolution prediction type of inflammation is predicted (at least) for metal-oxide nanomaterial.

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