

# Testování nanomateriálů z hlediska současného vědeckého poznání a praxe

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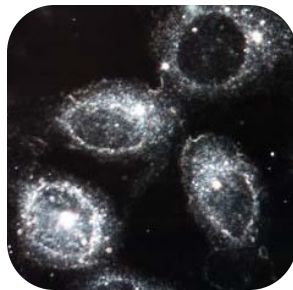
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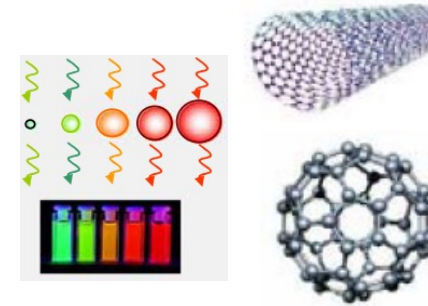
# Nanotoxikologie

- studies the interaction of nanomaterials with biological systems, and the consequences of these interactions
- takes into account specific physicochemical properties of NP

**DANGER?**  
**NANOPARTICLES**



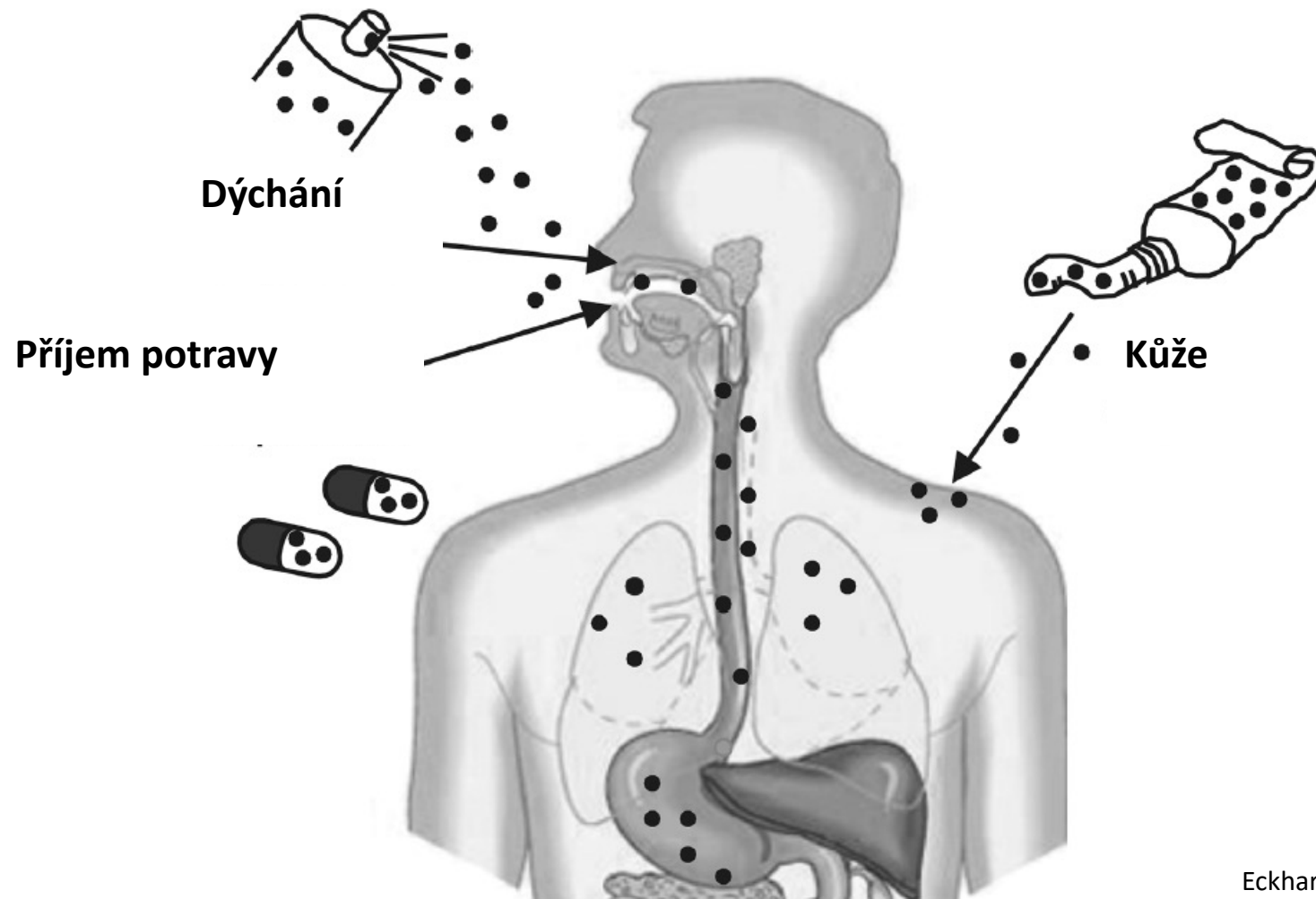
# Zdroje nanočastic



**Table 1.** UFPs/NPs (< 100 nm), natural and anthropogenic sources.

Natural	Anthropogenic	
	Unintentional	Intentional (NPs)
Gas-to-particle conversions	Internal combustion engines	Controlled size and shape, designed for functionality
Forest fires	Power plants	Metals, semiconductors, metal oxides, carbon, polymers
Volcanoes (hot lava)	Incinerators	Nanospheres, -wires, -needles, -tubes, -shells, -rings, -platelets
Viruses	Jet engines	Untreated, coated (nanotechnology applied to many products: cosmetics, medical, fabrics, electronics, optics, displays, etc.)
Biogenic magnetite: magnetotactic bacteria, protists, mollusks, arthropods, fish, birds	Metal fumes (smelting, welding, etc.)	
human brain, meteorite (?)	Polymer fumes	
Ferritin (12.5 nm)	Other fumes	
Microparticles (< 100 nm; activated cells)	Heated surfaces	
	Frying, broiling, grilling	
	Electric motors	

# Vstup nanočástic do lidského organismu

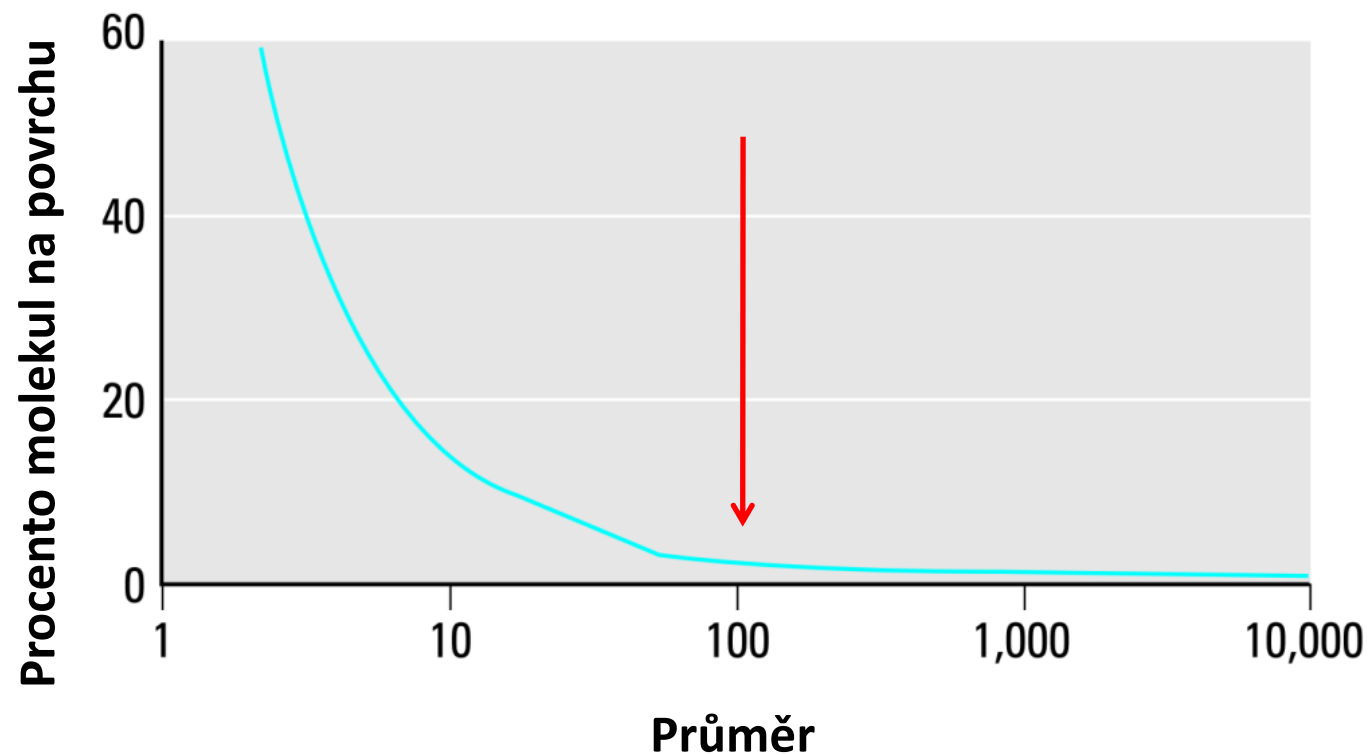




# Proč jsou nanočástice potenciálně nebezpečné?

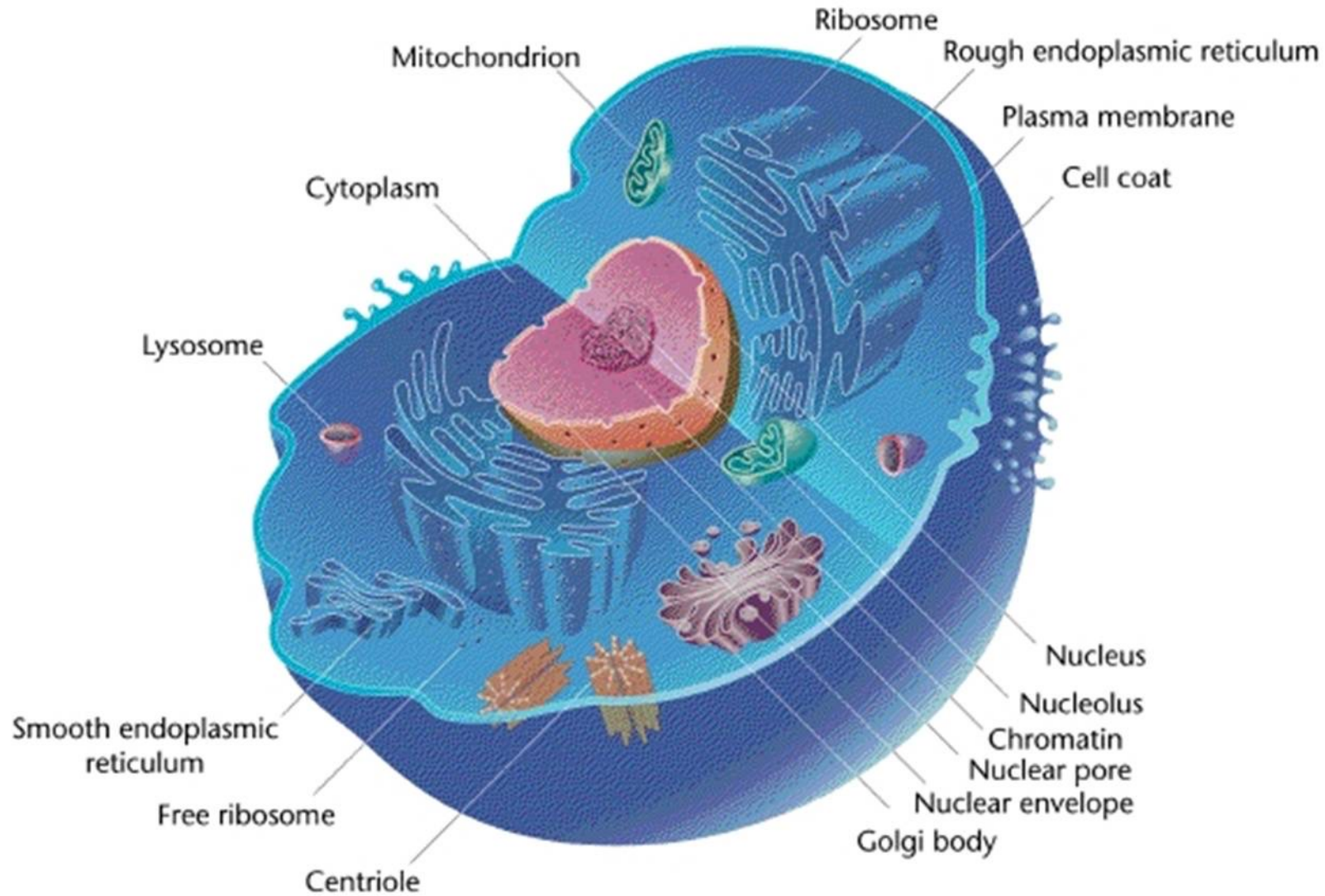
## Roli hraje velikost

Exponenciální nárůst velikosti povrchu při velikosti pod 100 nm, současně narůstá reaktivita

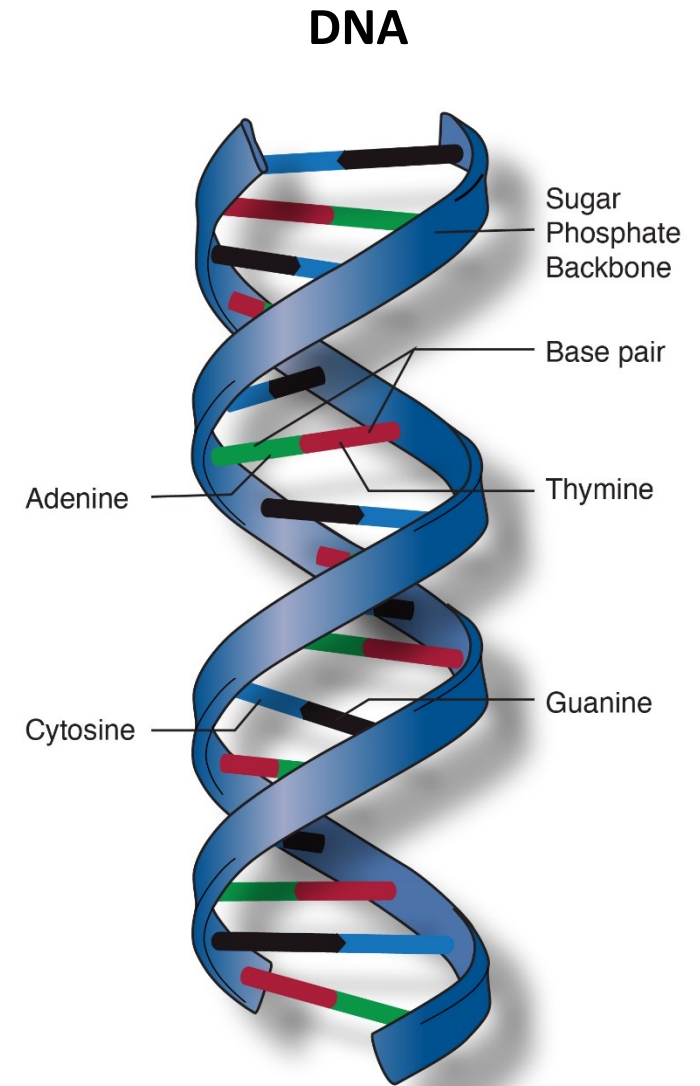
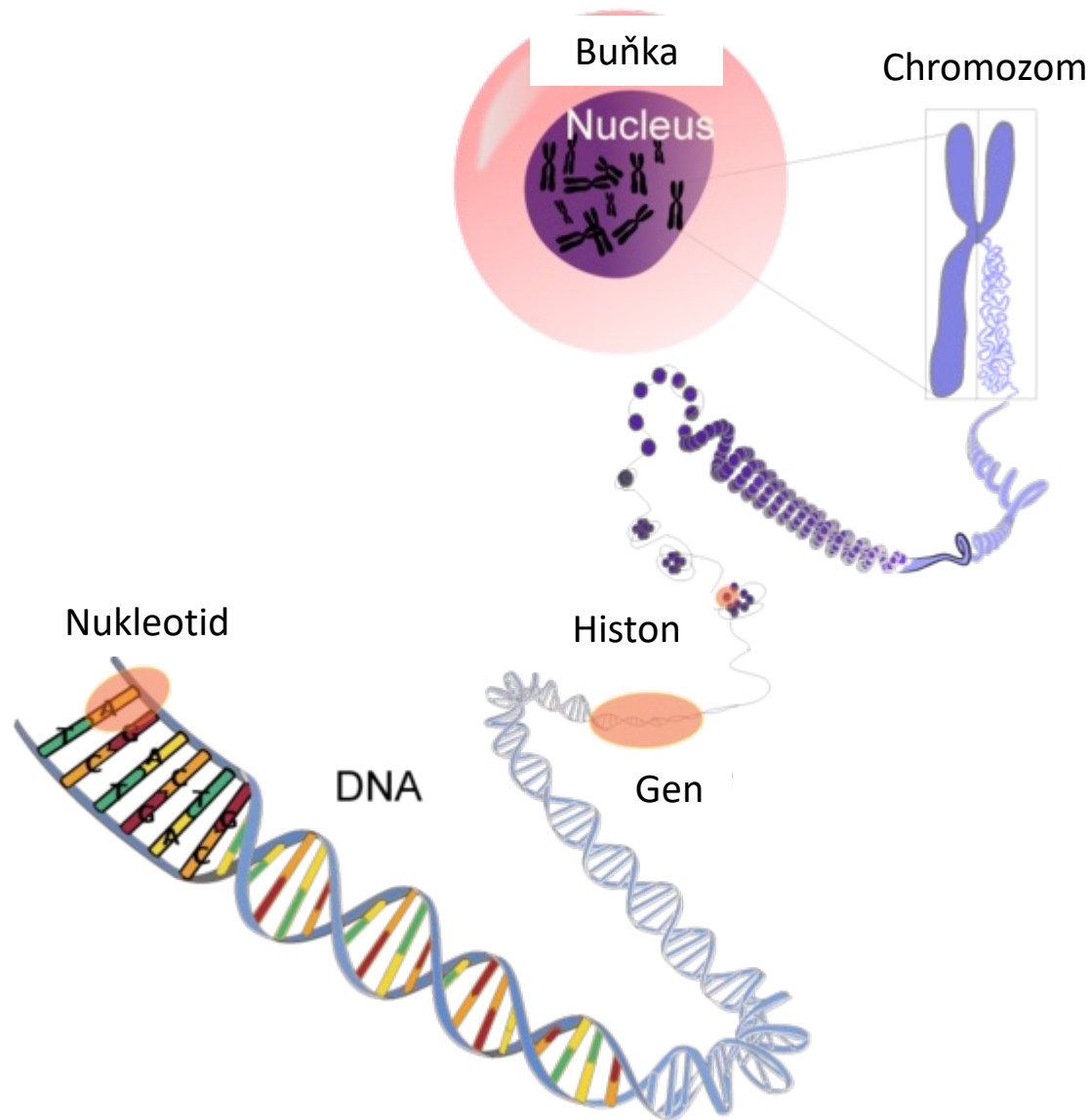


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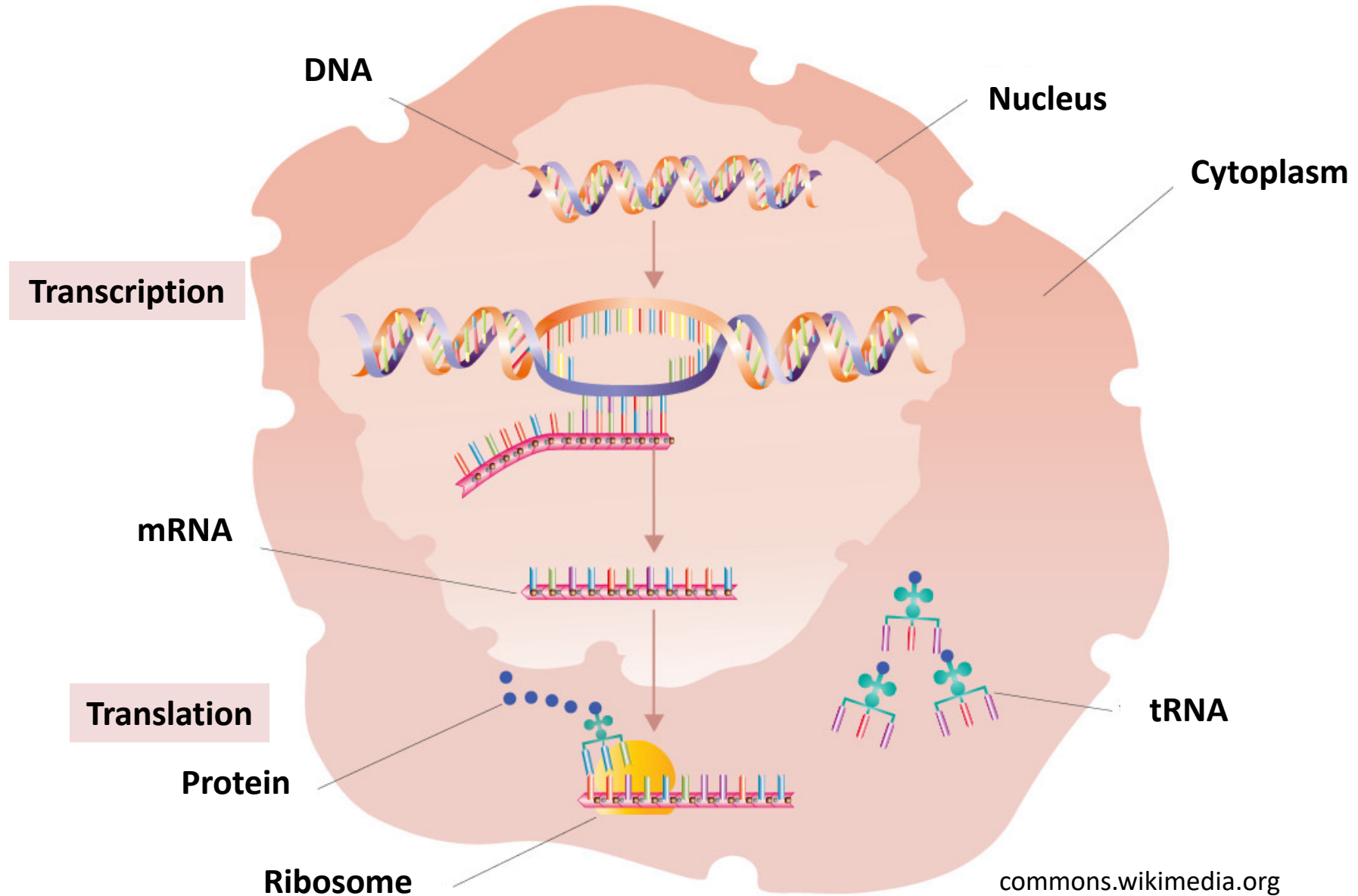
# Struktura lidské buňky



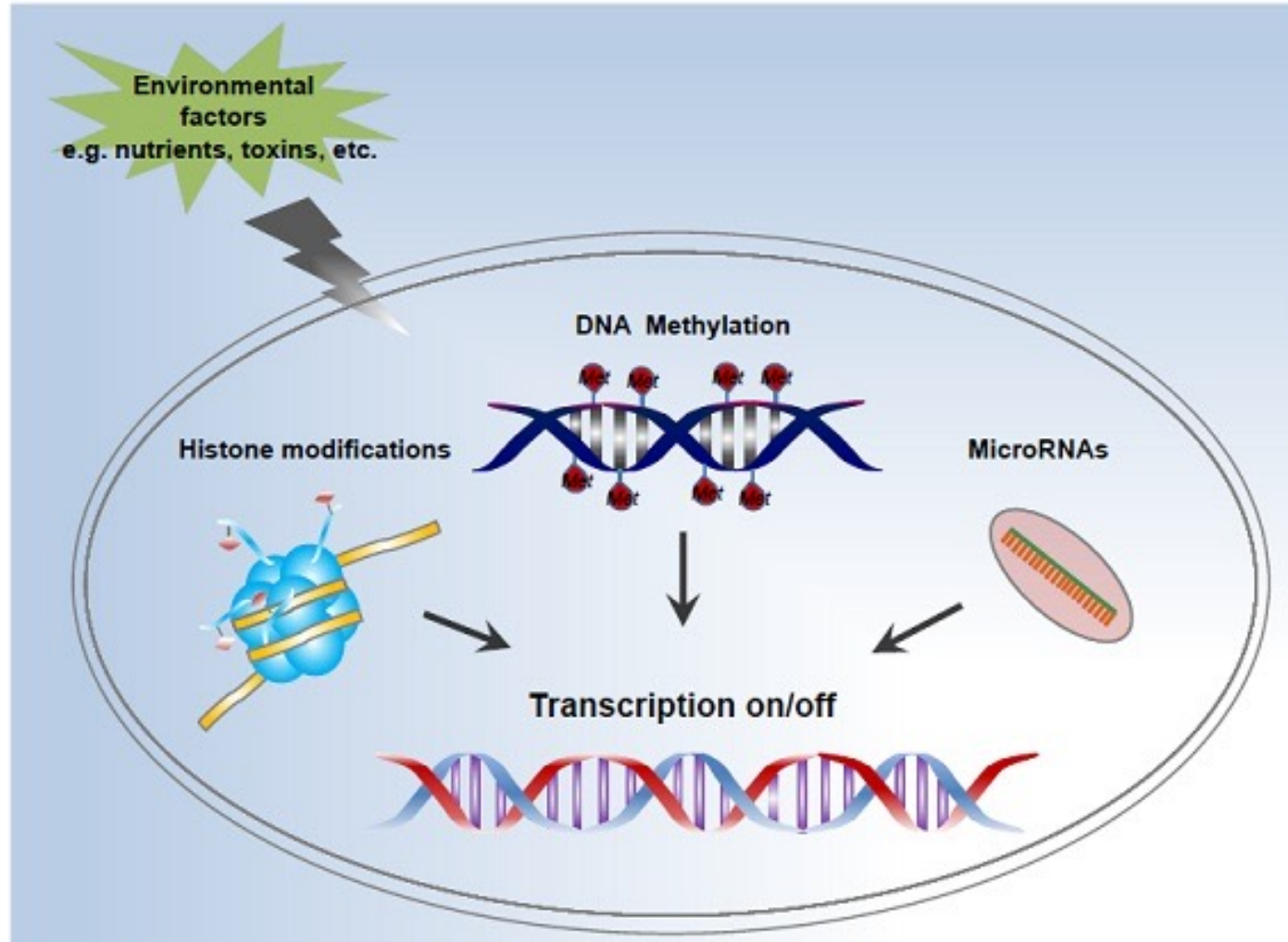
# Buněčné jádro a DNA



# Principy genové exprese

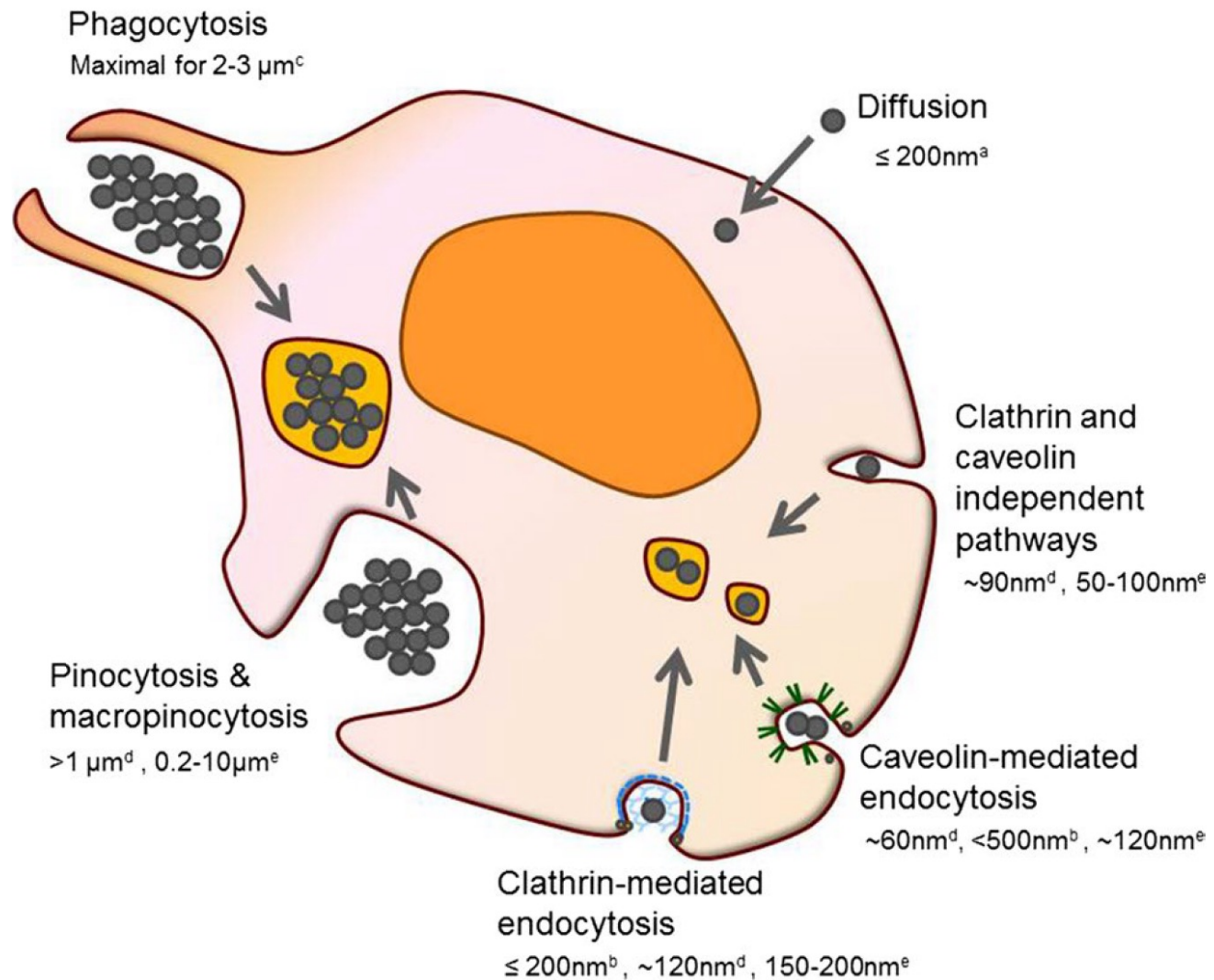


# Epigenetická regulace genové exprese

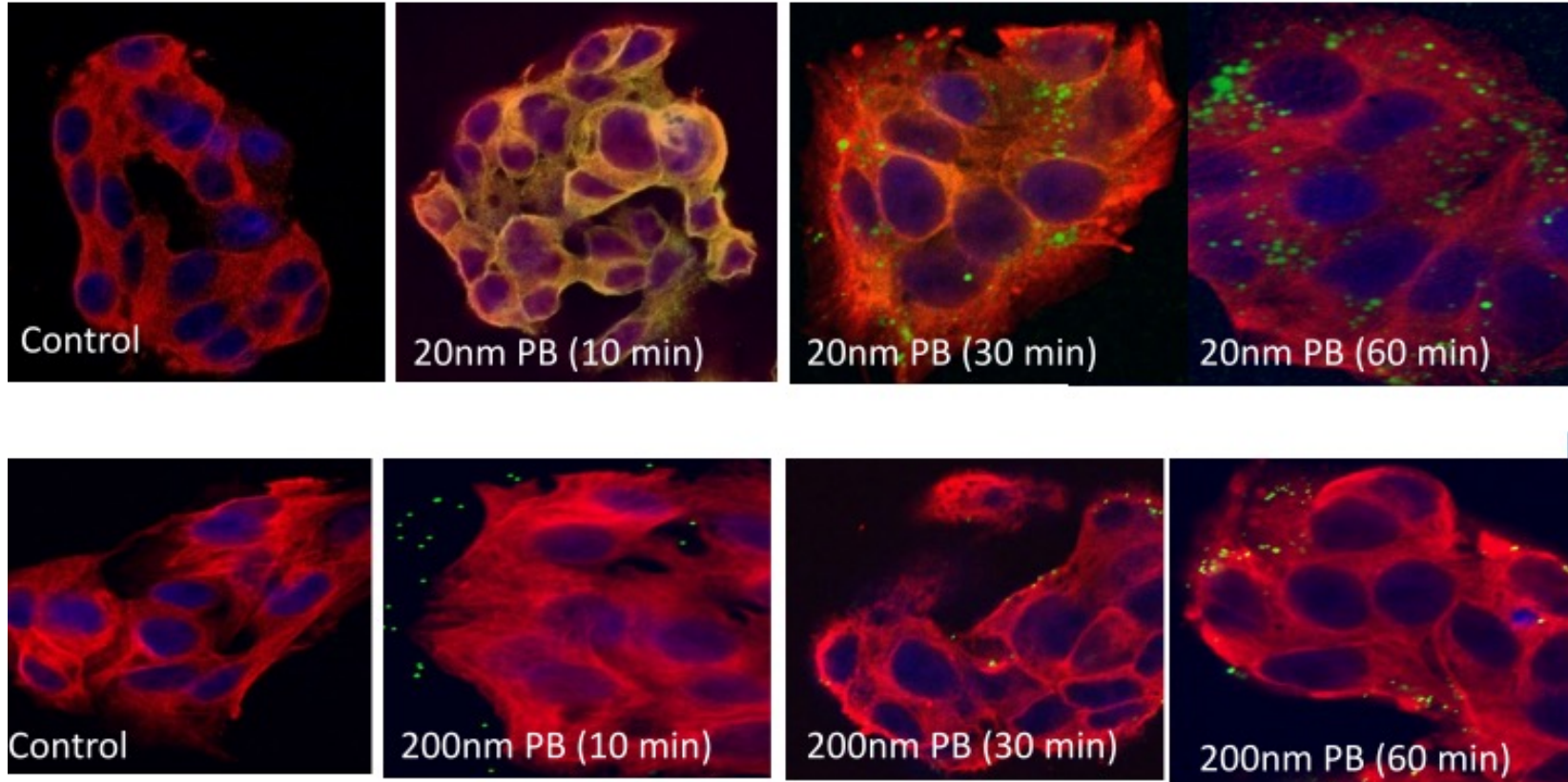




# Vstup nanočástic do buněk

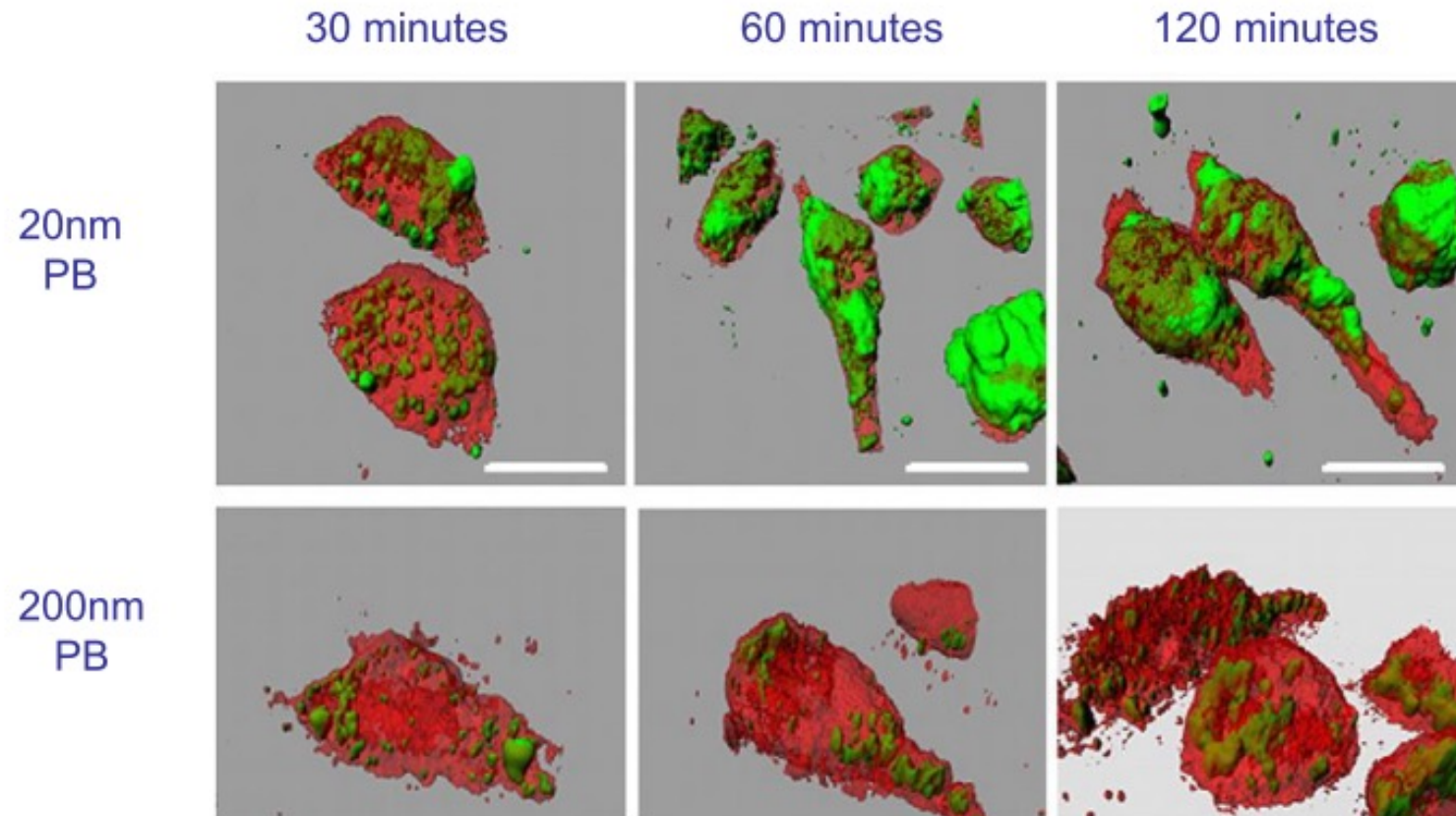


# Nanočástice v hepatocytech



Johnston et al. 2010 TAAP 242(1); 66-78.

# Nanočástice a makrofágy



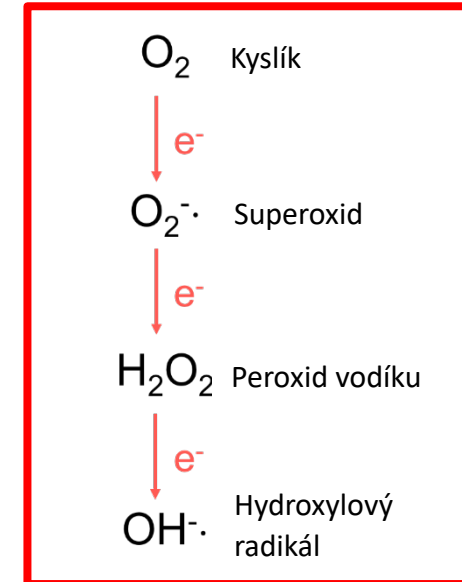
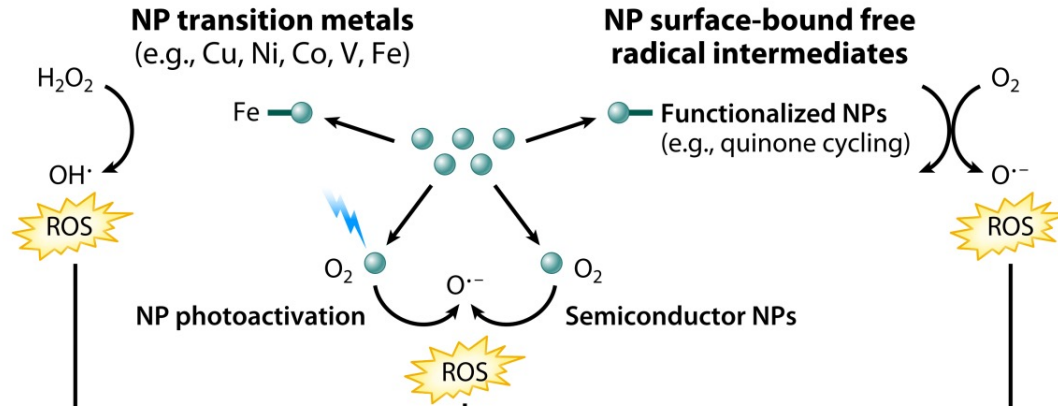
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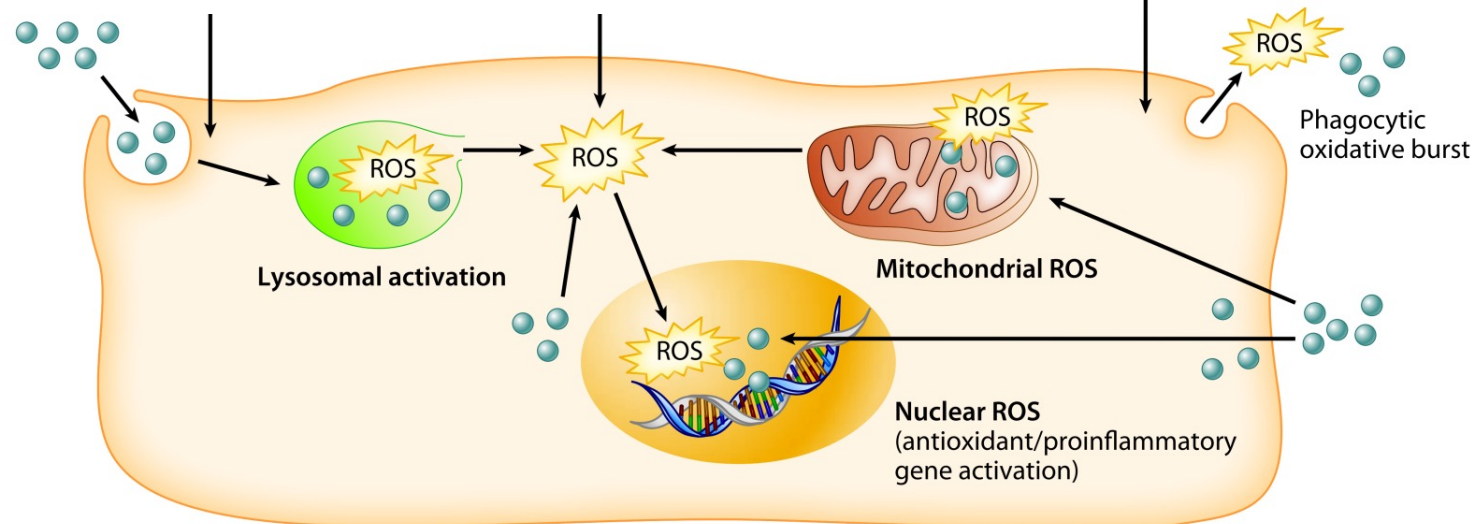
# Co se s nanočásticemi děje v buňkách?

## Oxidační vlastnosti nanočástic

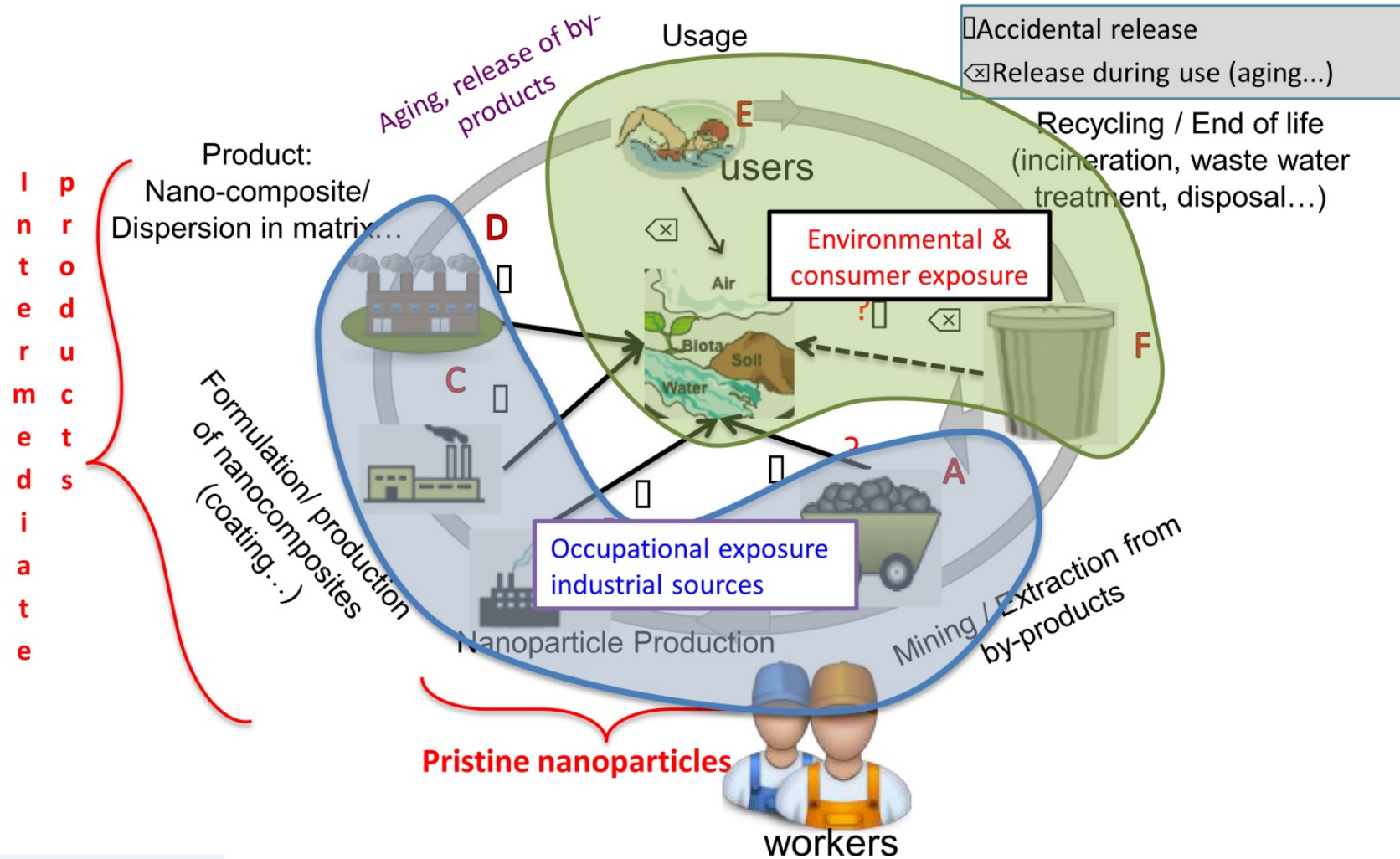
### a Související s chemickými vlastnostmi



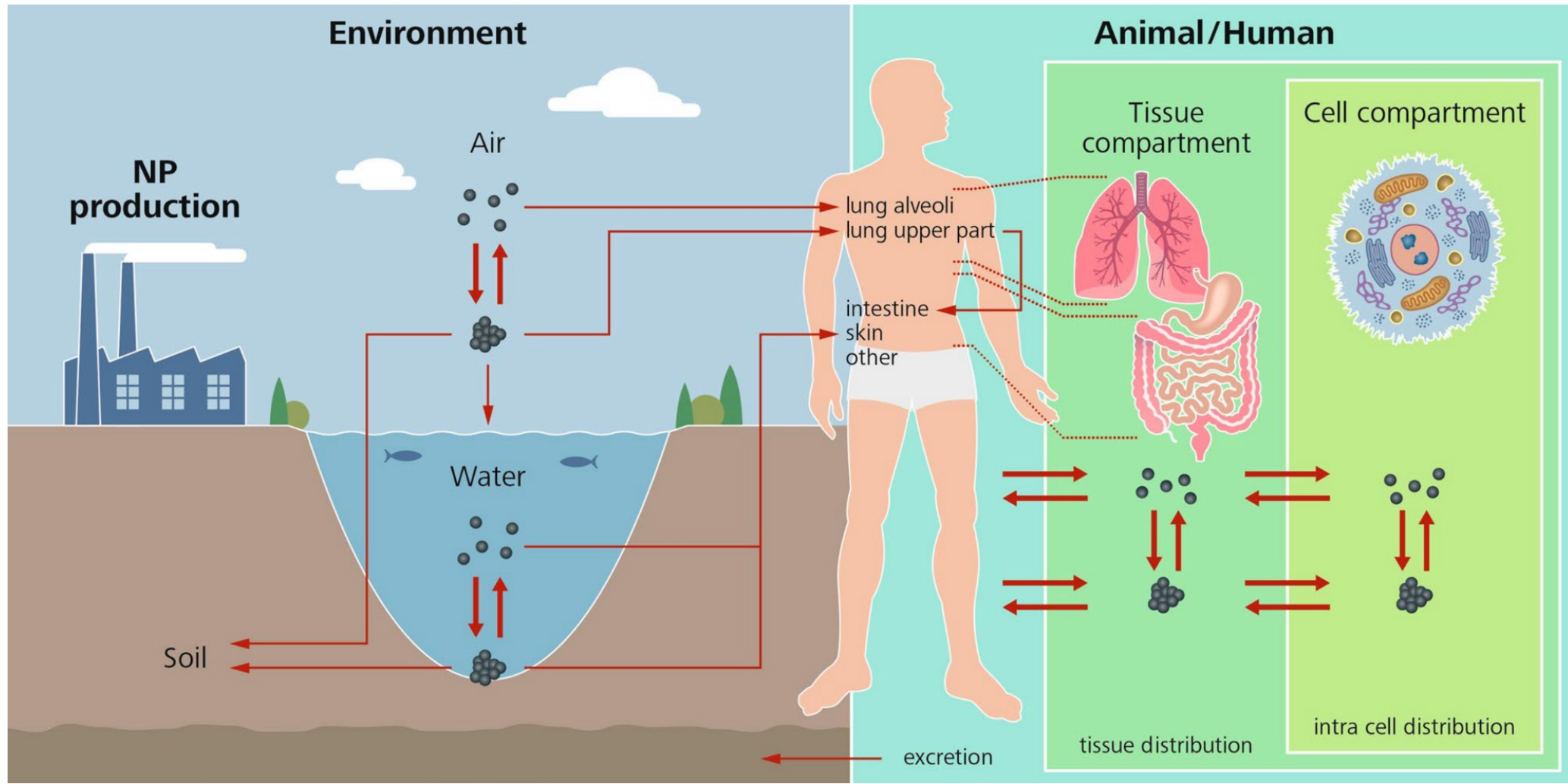
### b Související s interakcemi nanočástic s buňkou



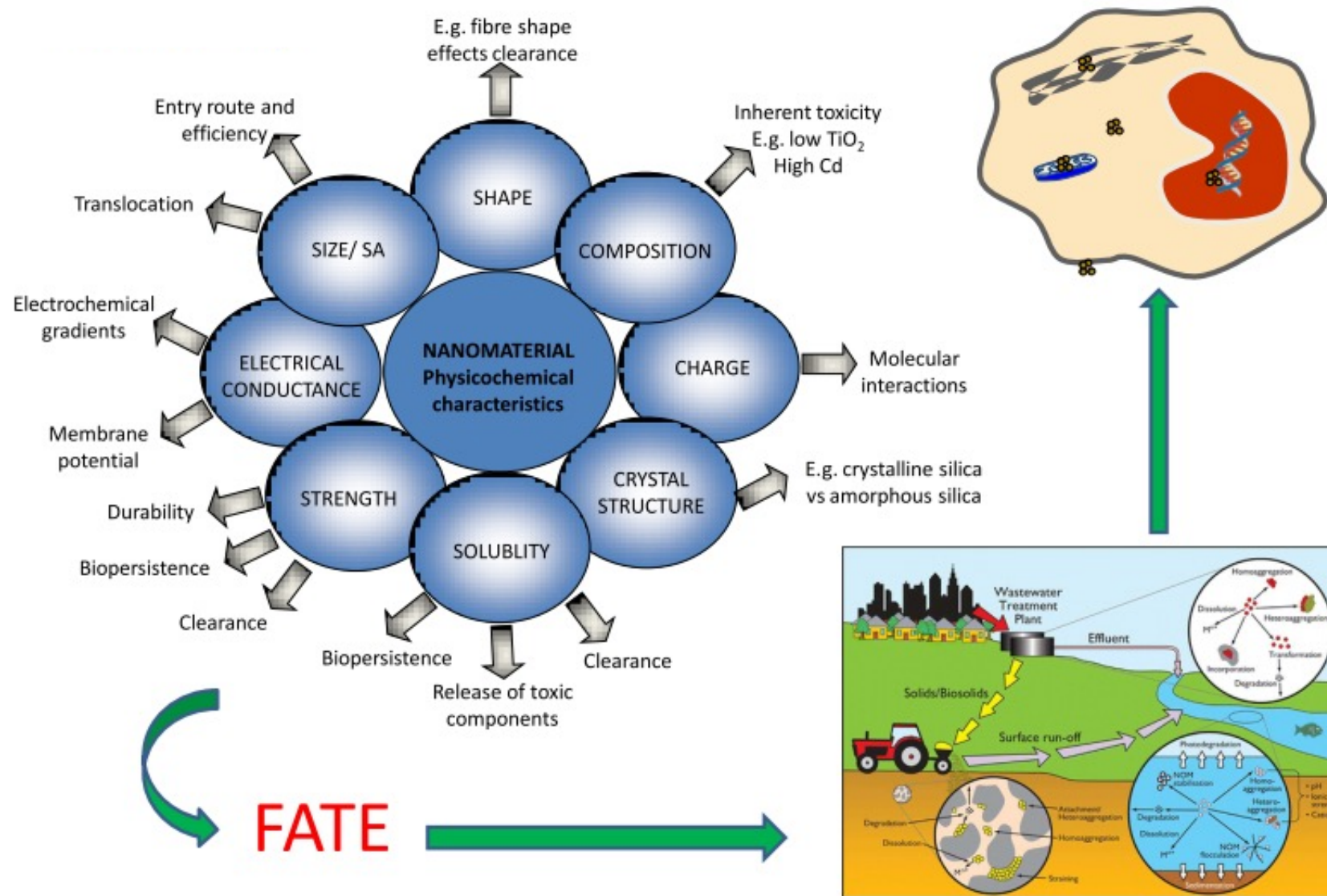
# Životní cyklus nanomateriálů



# Nanomateriály v životním prostředí – vliv na člověka

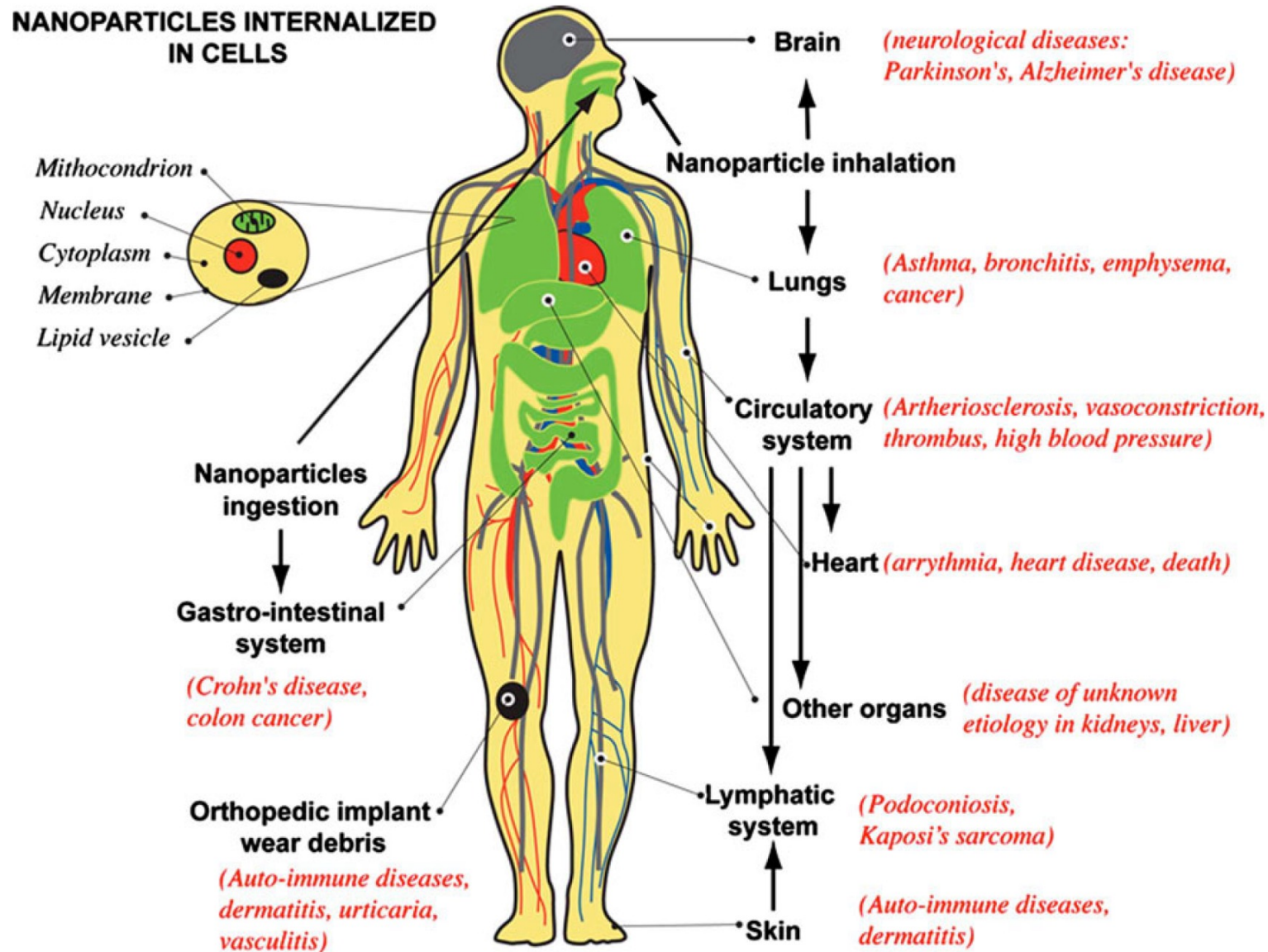


# Fyzikálně-chemické vlastnosti nanočástic a biologické účinky

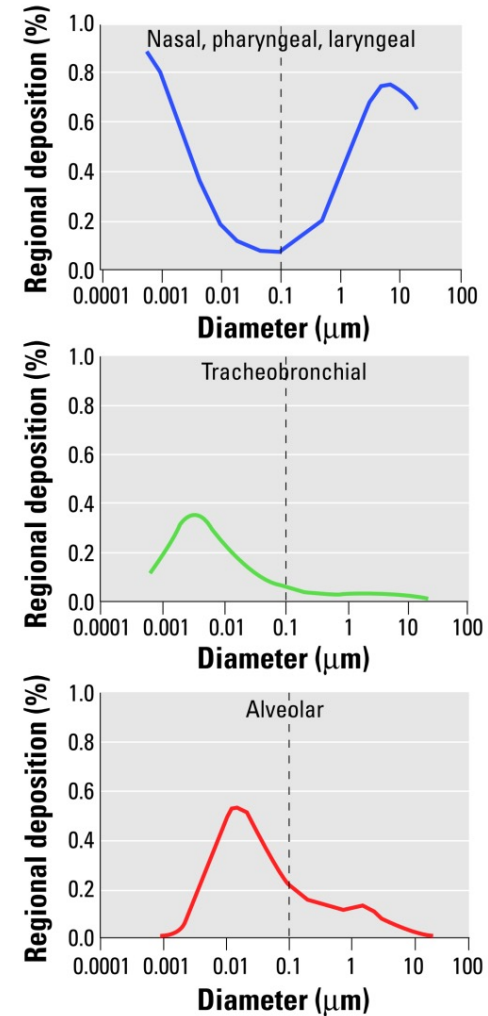
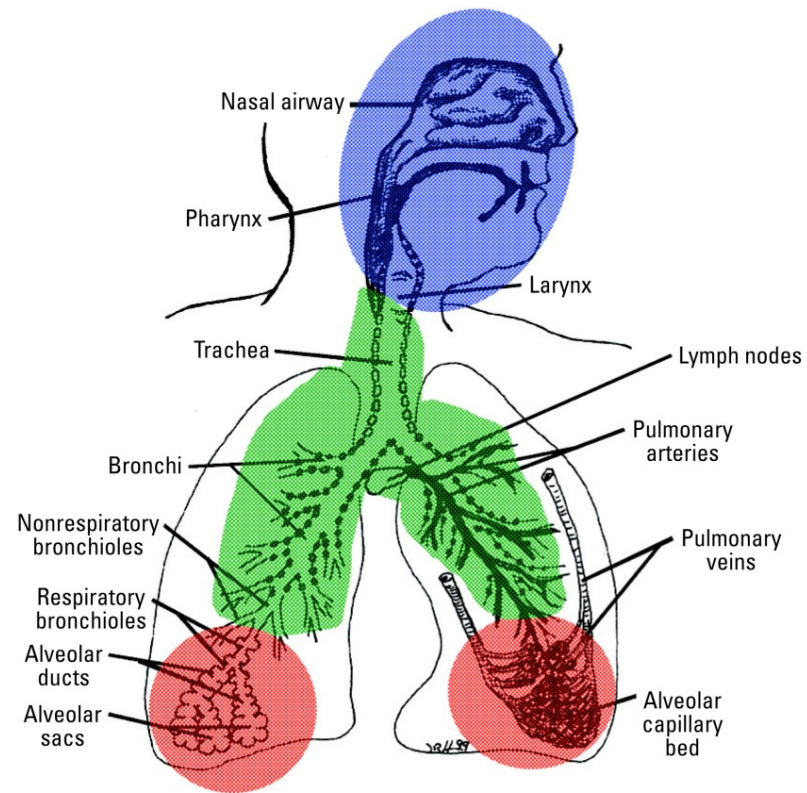




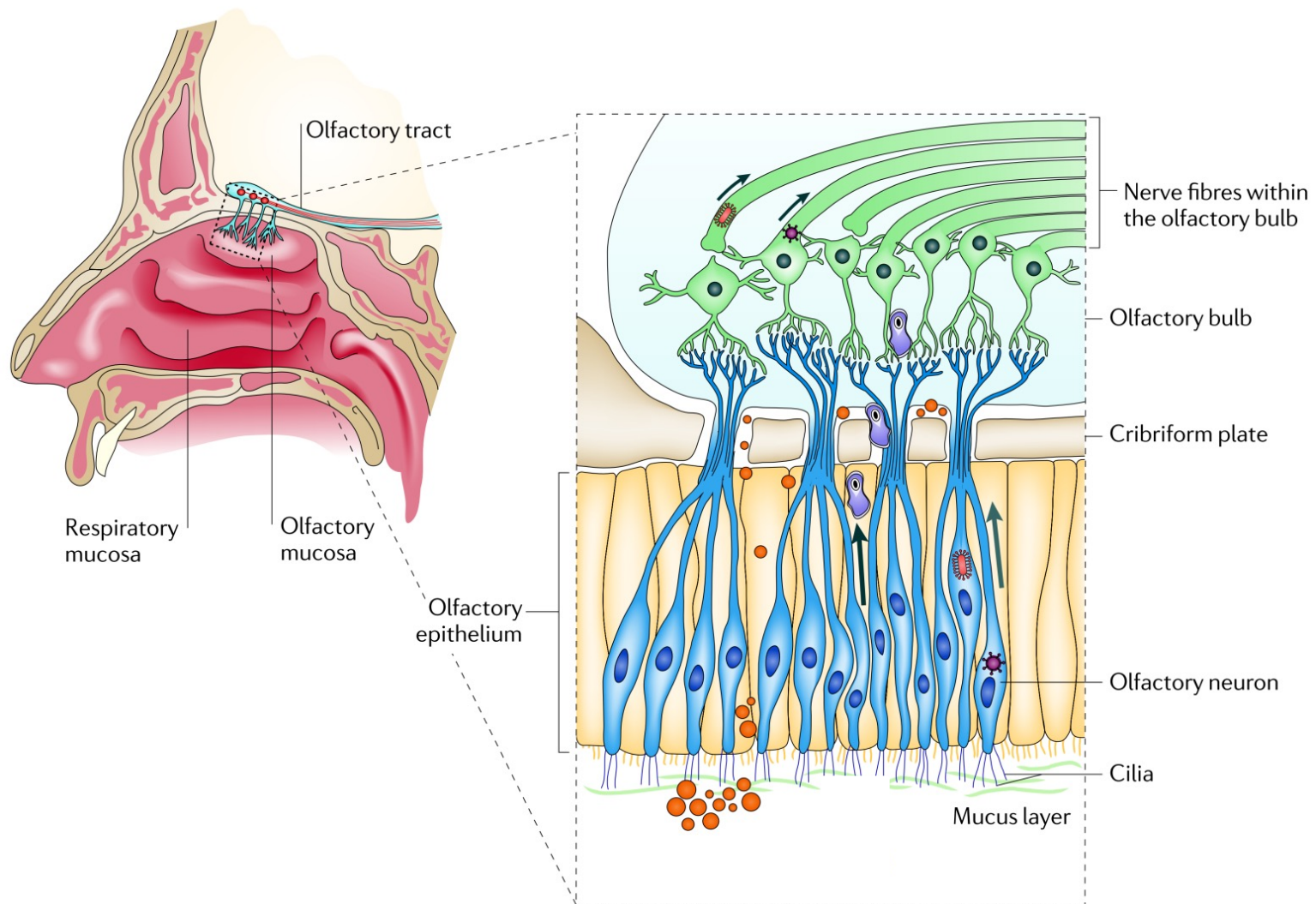
# Potenciální zdravotní dopady působení nanočástic



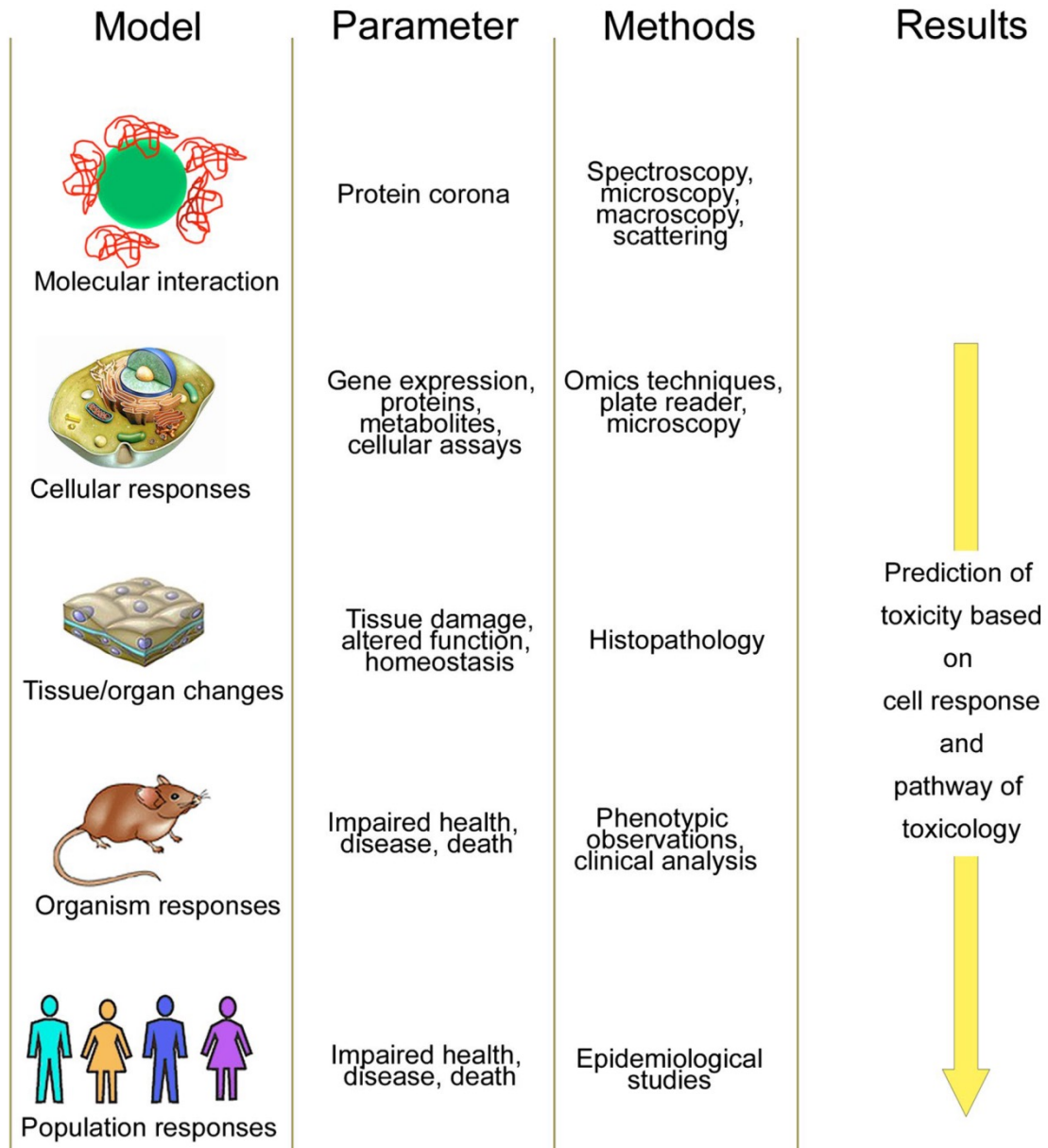
# Depozice částic v dýchacím systému



# Vstup nanočastic do mozku



# Metodické přístupy v (nano)toxikologii





# Testování biologických účinků nanočástic

V úvahu je potřeba vzít:

Volba vhodného modelu

Testovaná dávka

Způsob aplikace

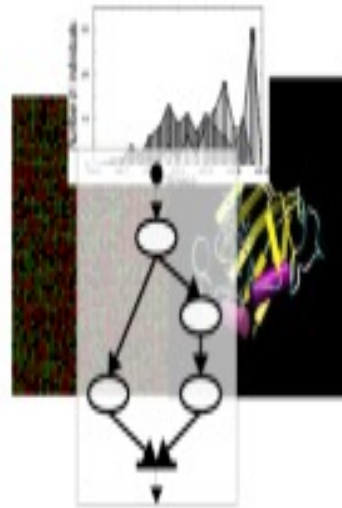
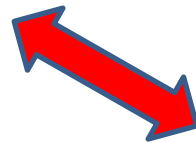
Doba působení

Měřené parametry



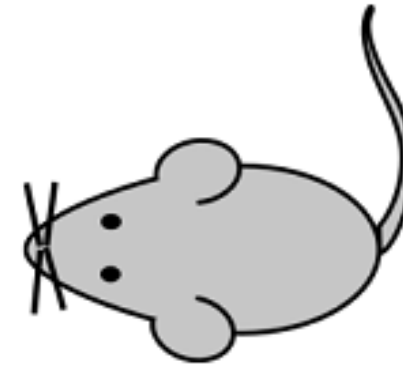
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Buněčné kultury



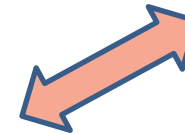
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Počítačové modelování



**IN VIVO**

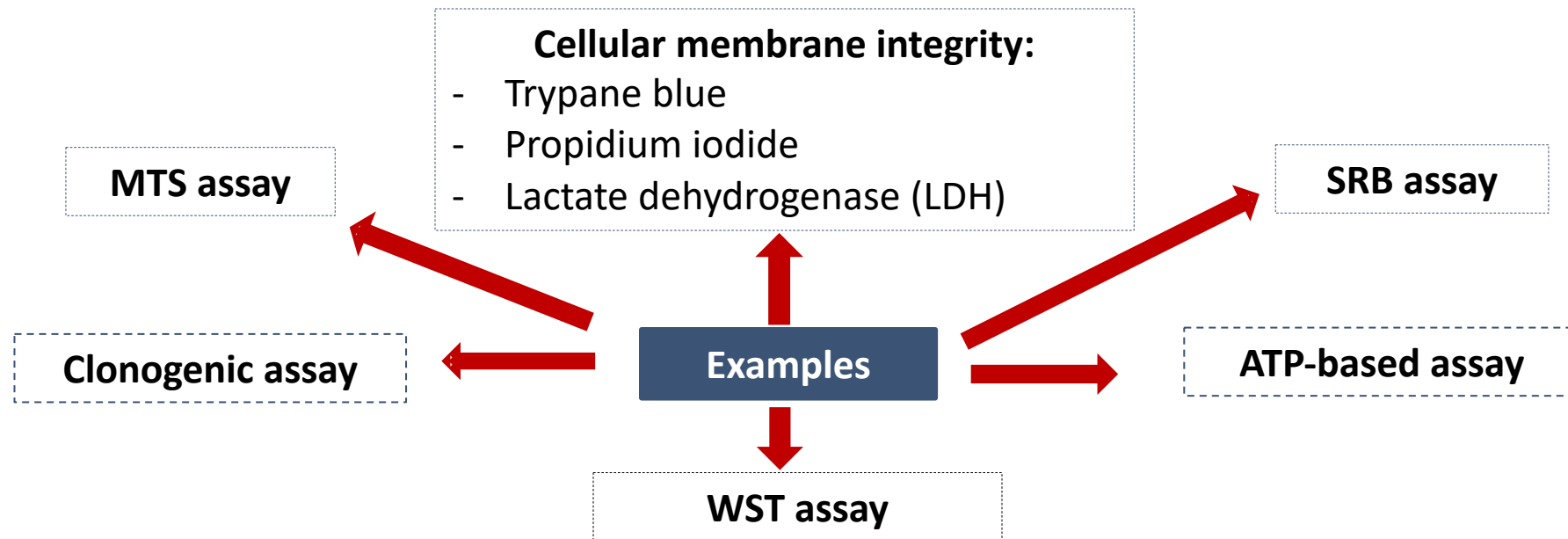
Modelové organismy/lidské populace



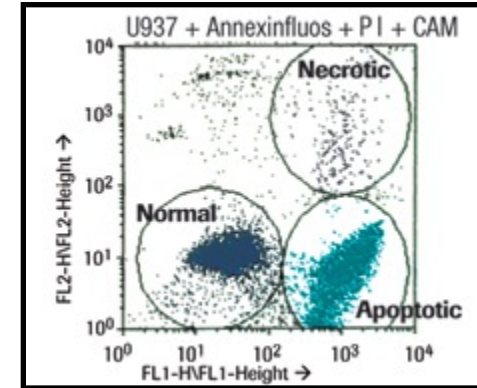
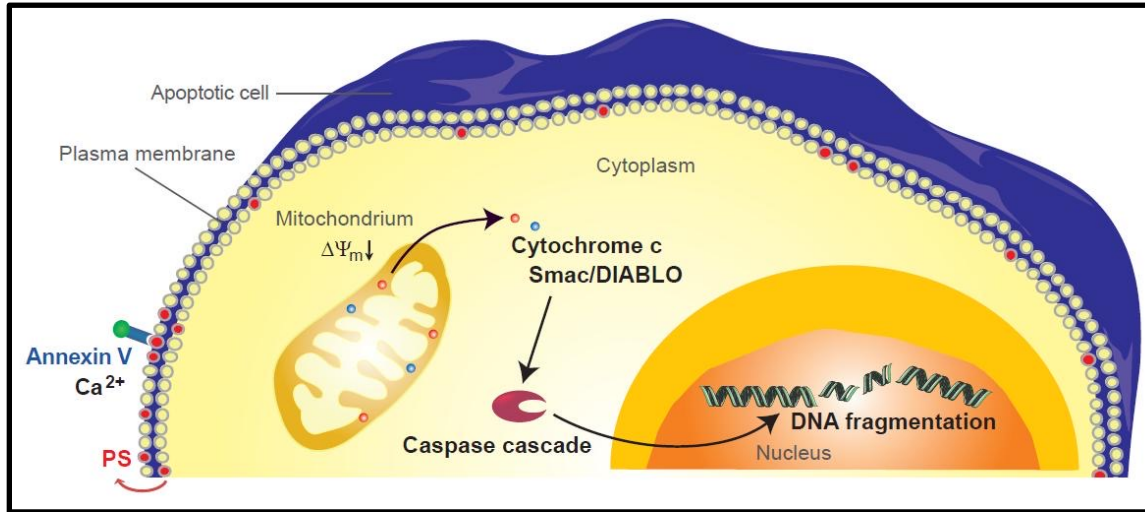
# *In vitro* testing: Cytotoxicity

Detection of cells with reduced viability

Metabolic activity of the cells, protein content, proliferation, membrane integrity



# *In vitro* testing: Apoptosis

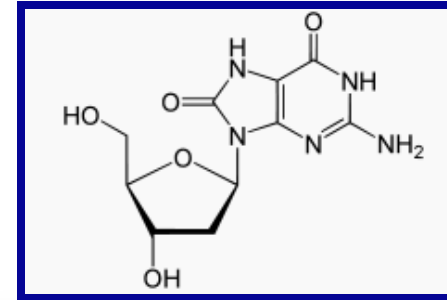


In early apoptosis stages phosphatidylserine (PS) translocates to outer membrane

Annexin V is a protein with high affinity to PS. Annexin V conjugated with fluorescent compounds is used to detect apoptotic cells

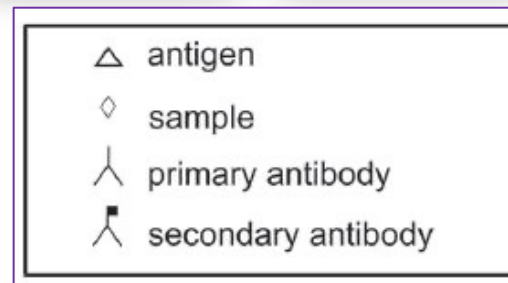
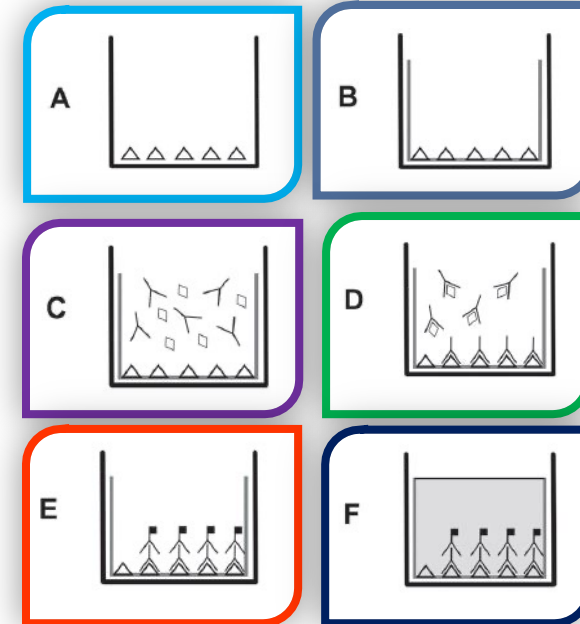
# *In vitro* testing: Oxidative DNA damage

**8-oxodeoxyguanosine** – the most common oxidized DNA nucleoside; its presence may induce mutations



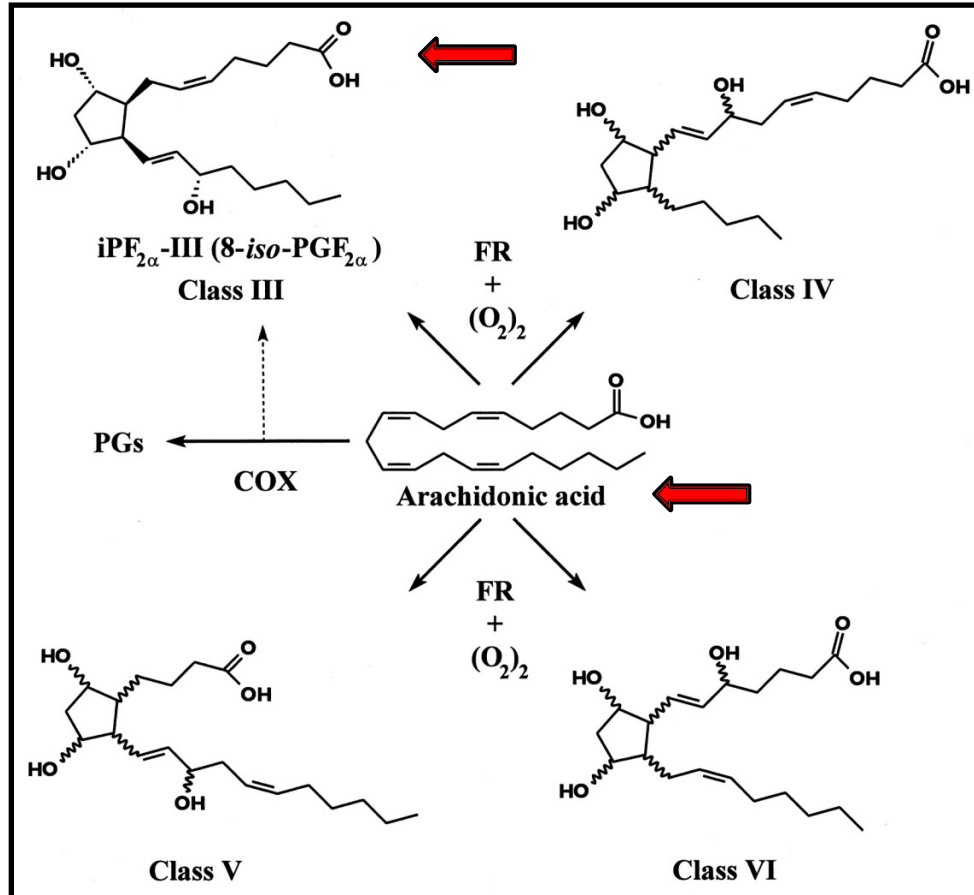
Detection: ELISA; chromatography

2. A-coating with 8-oxoG-BSA
3. B-blocking with FCS
4. C-incubation with samples and primary anti-8-oxoG antibody
5. D-competition
6. E-incubation with secondary antibody conjugated with enzymes
7. F-incubation with chromogenic substrate and color development

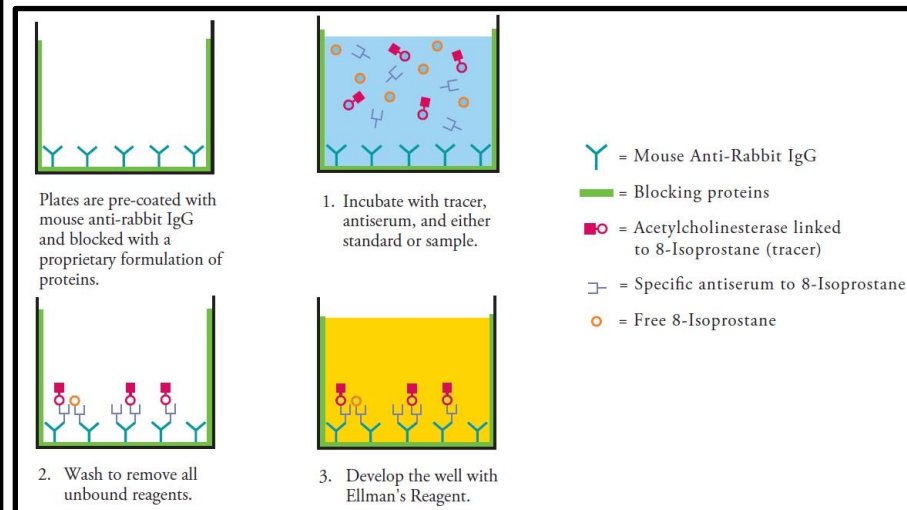


# *In vitro* testing: Lipid peroxidation

**15-F<sub>2t</sub>-isoprostane** – formed by ROS attack on arachidonic acid in cellular membranes



**Detection:**  
**ELISA**  
**Chromatography**



# *In vitro* testing: Protein oxidation

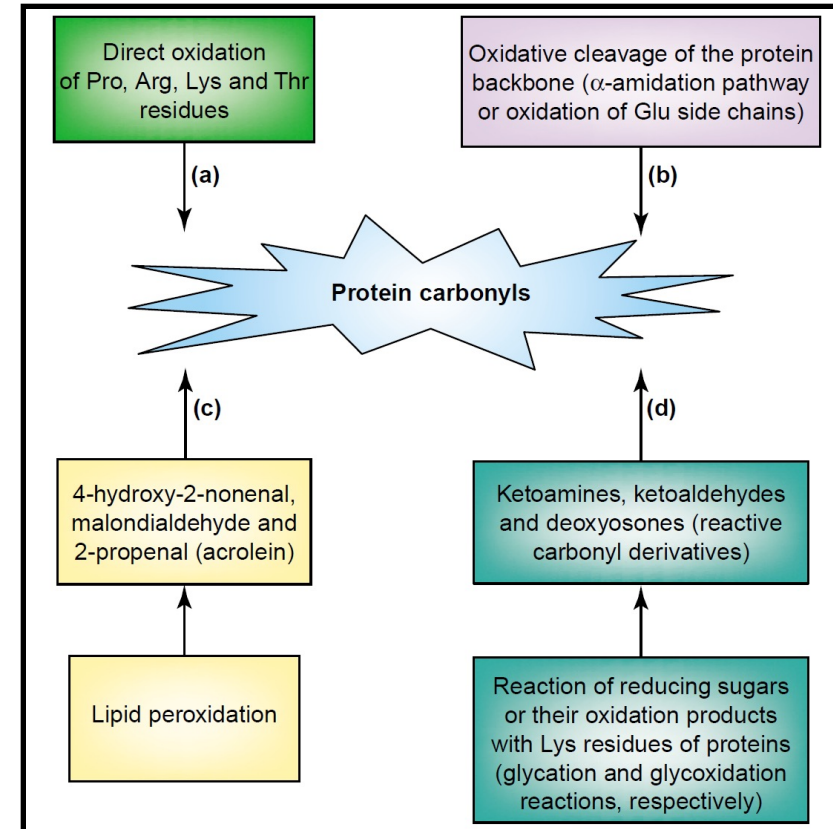
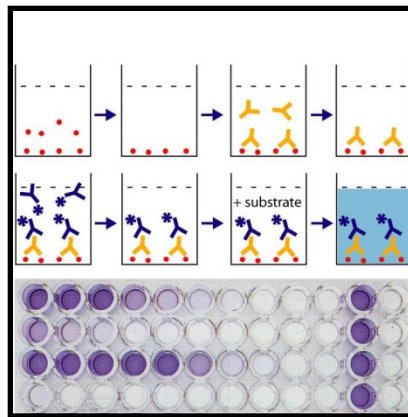
## Carbonyl groups in proteins

Formed by the ROS attack on side chains of amino acids or protein backbone

Negatively affect protein functions

Associated with a number of diseases

Detection:  
ELISA



Dalle-Donne et al., Trends Mol Med 9 (2003) 169-176

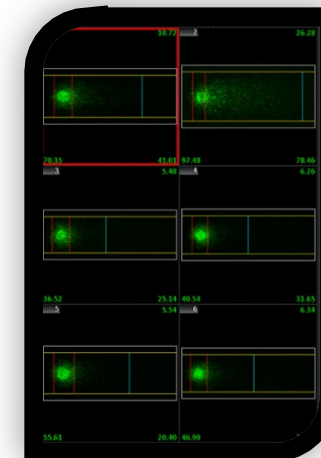
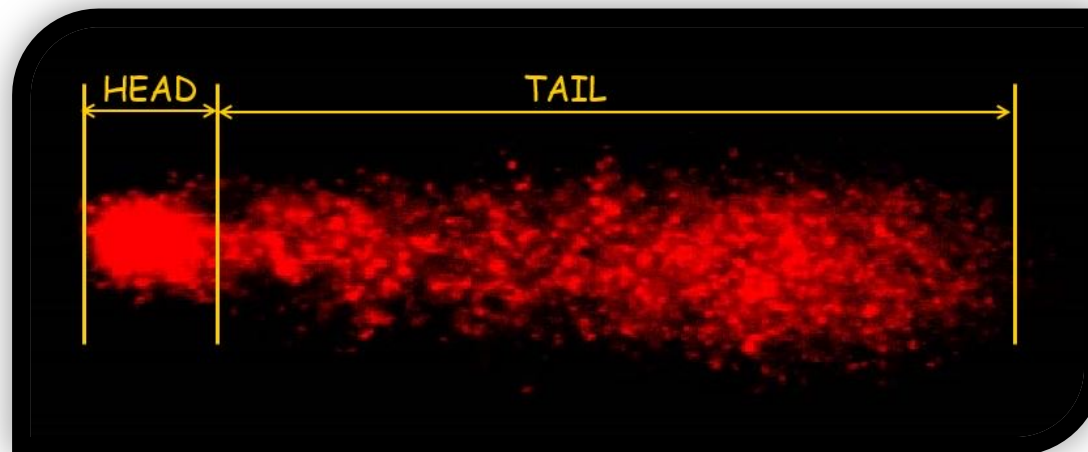
# *In vitro* testing: Comet assay

Commonly used method for genotoxicity testing

DNA damage is expressed as a percentage of DNA in the comet tail relative to the total DNA content

Comet assay variants: neutral, alkaline

Oxidative DNA damage detection: DNA breaks are formed at the sites of activity of endonuclease (ENDO III) and glykosylase (FPG)





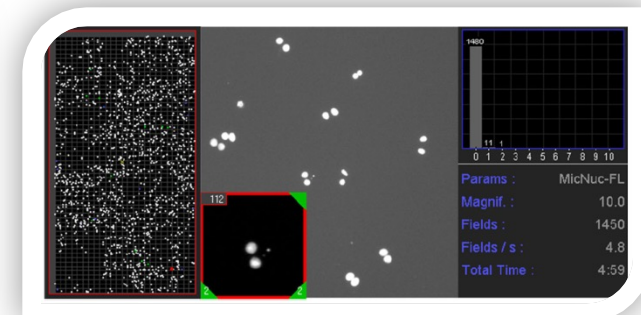
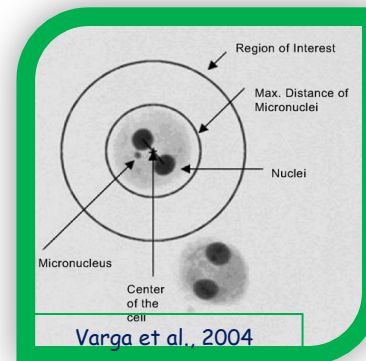
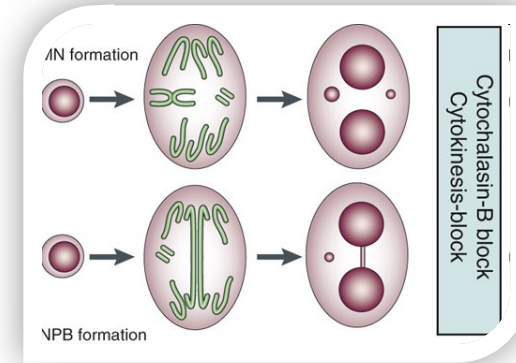
# *In vitro* testing: Micronuclei analysis

Detection of chromosome breaks or losses

Methods of analysis:

manual – cheap, time-consuming

automated – analysis of a large number of cells; higher quality of data, faster





# OMICS approach in toxicology: toxicogenomics

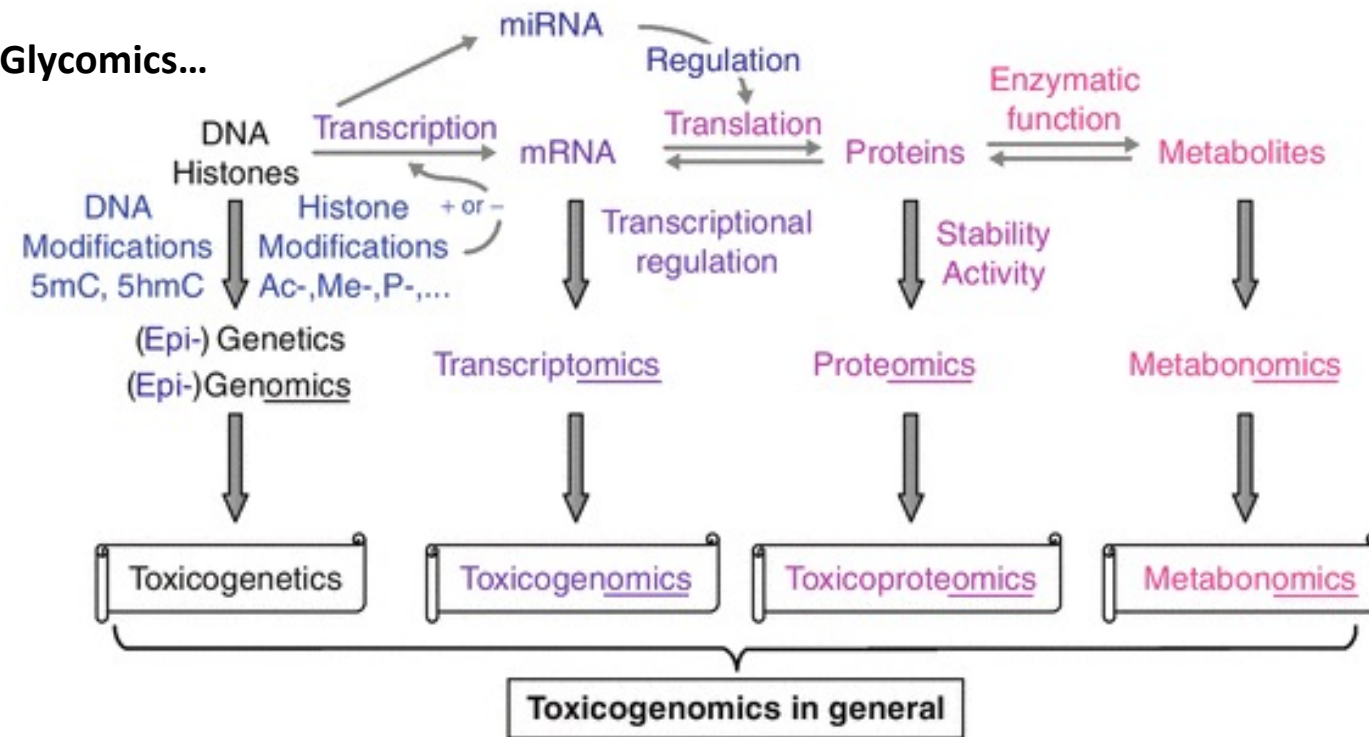
**Genomics** – DNA sequencing, genetic profiling, genetic mapping, structural and functional analysis of genome

**Transcriptomics** – RNA sequencing, expression profiling, transcriptional regulation

**Proteomics** – protein identification, quantification, post-translational modification

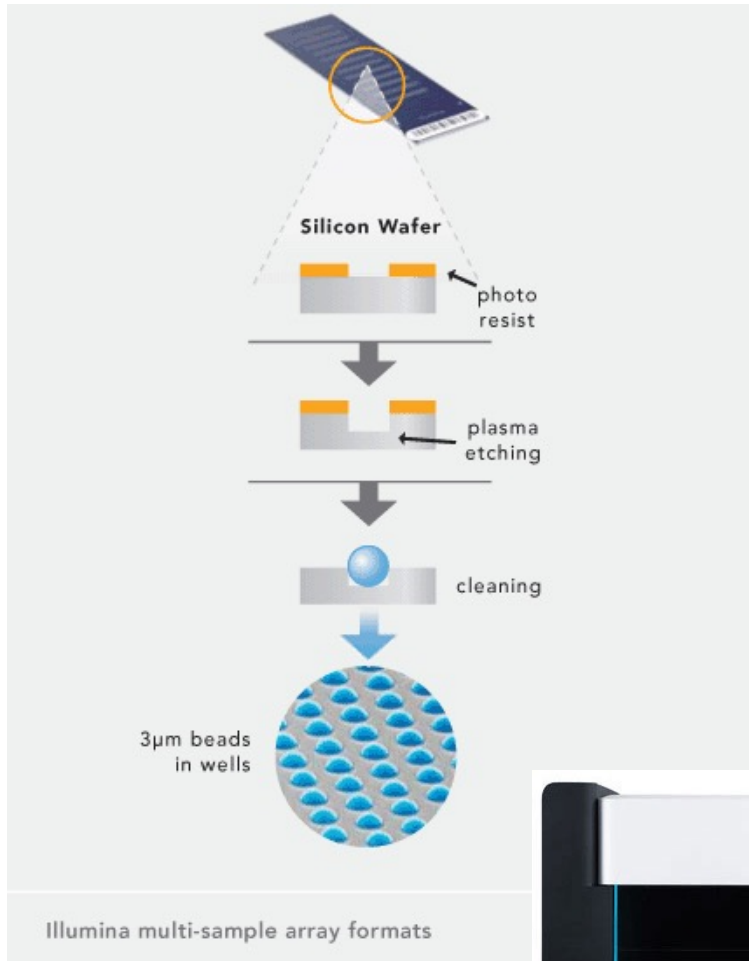
**Metabolomics** – study metabolite profiles, metabolic intermediates, hormones and other signaling molecules

**Epigenomics, Lipidomics, Glycomics...**

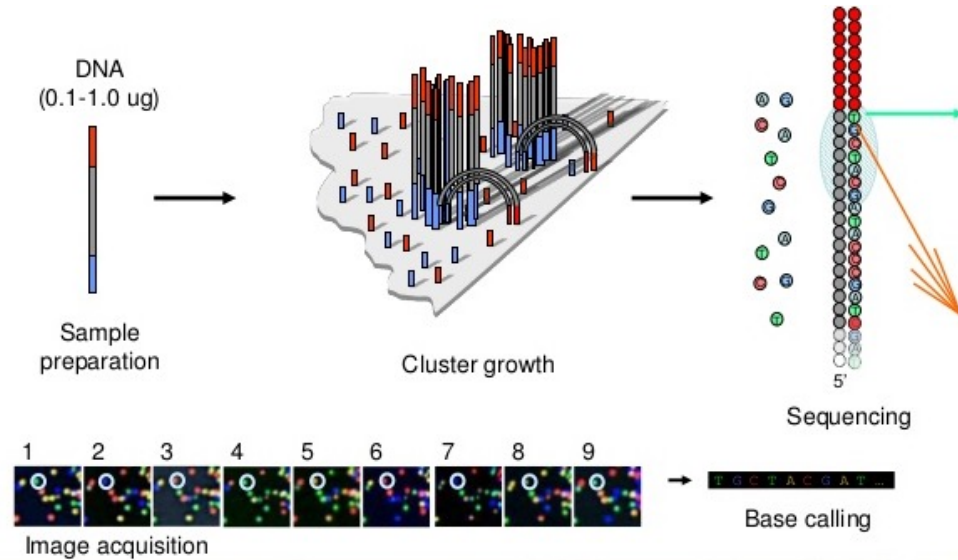


# Advanced genomics methods

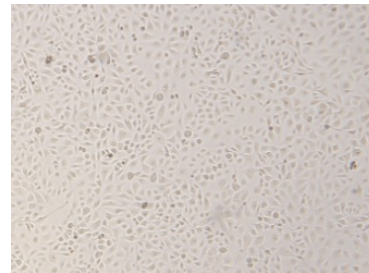
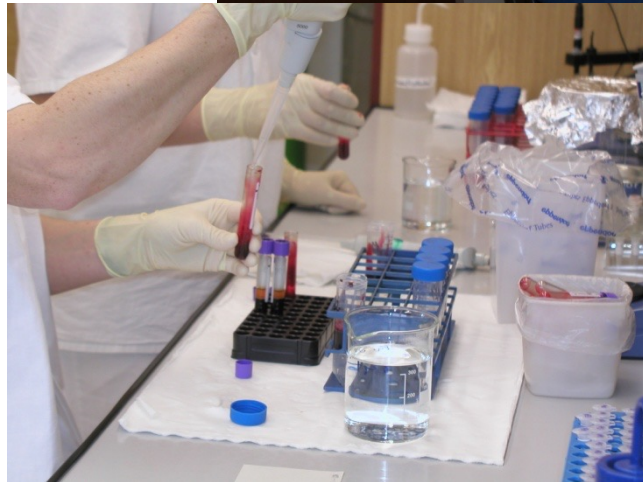
## Microarrays



## Next generation sequencing



# *In vitro* tests – incubation of cells

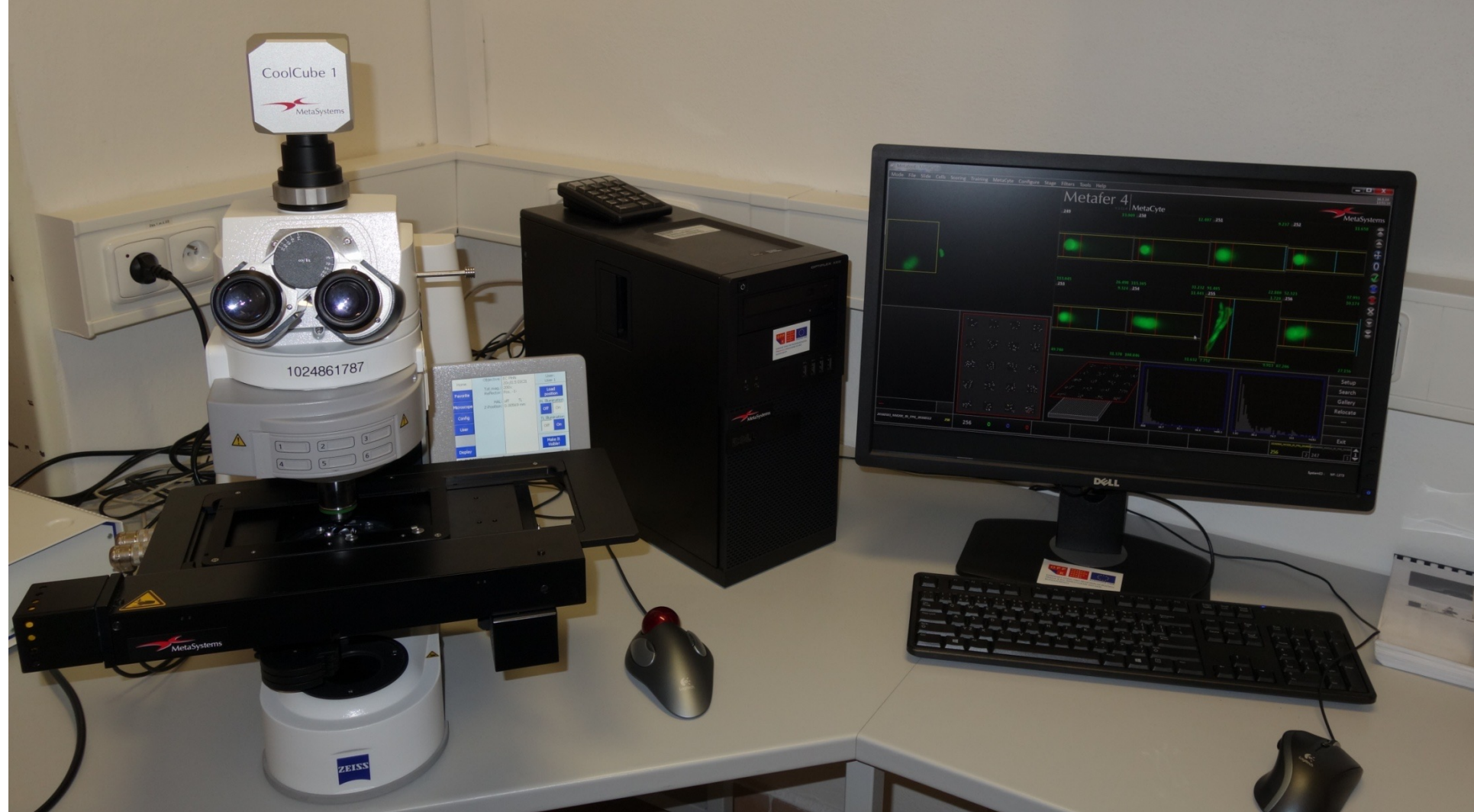




# Spectrophotometer (cytotoxicity...)



# Comet assay





# Micronuclei analysis



# Genomics techniques



**Microarray scanner**

**MiSeq system**



# Overcoming the limitations: computational modeling?

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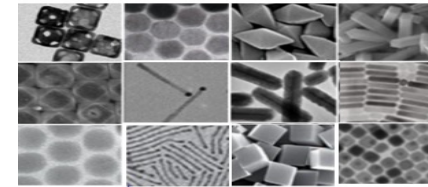
increased use of NM



ethical issues



variety of NM (physicochemical properties)



a great number of NM interactions with biological systems

**TOO MANY VARIABLES TO BE TESTED IN THE LABORATORY**

Laboratory testing may be replaced by mathematical modeling



# Ultimate goal of computational modeling: safe-by-design NM

Safe by design



production of NM with properties that minimize negative biological and environmental impact of NM application and use

Limitations of computational modeling

*in vitro* tests may not cover all possible negative biological impacts

selection of the model system

# **Occupational exposure to NPs - examples**

# Occupational exposure to (nano)TiO<sub>2</sub>

**Workers exposed to (nano)TiO<sub>2</sub> pigment during production (36 subjects)**

**40% of the shift spent in the close vicinity of units emitting NP  
60% of the shift in the separate control room**

**Researchers from the same factory**

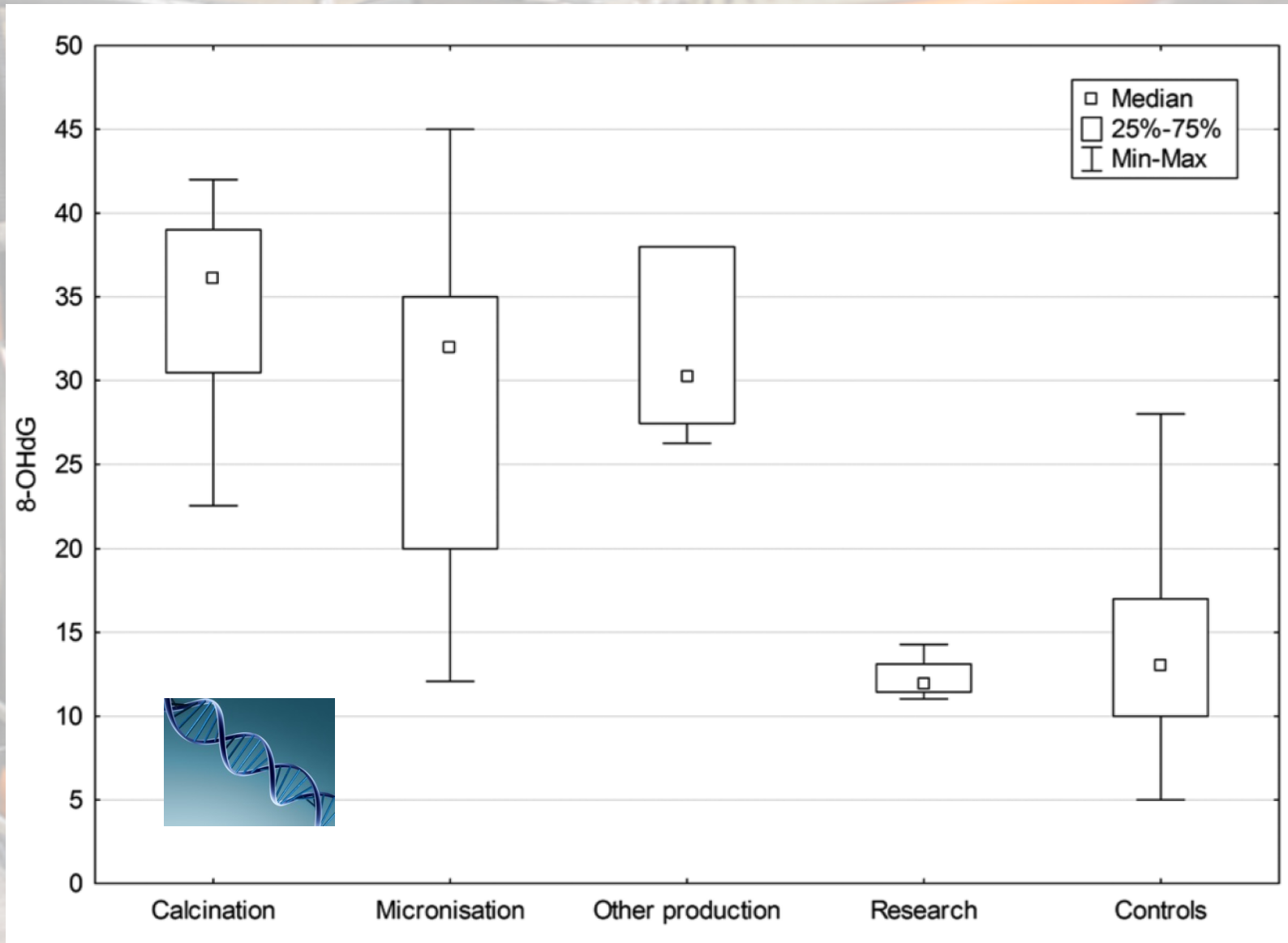
**Controls not employed in the plant (healthcare workers, 45 subjects)**

**NP measurement:**

**scanning mobility particle sizer  
aerodynamic particles sizer**



# Occupational exposure to (nano)TiO<sub>2</sub>: DNA oxidation





# Occupational exposure to (nano)TiO<sub>2</sub>: conclusions

Exposure to (nano)TiO<sub>2</sub> during the production results in elevated **oxidative damage to DNA, proteins and lipids**

Dose-dependent effect of occupational (nano)TiO<sub>2</sub> exposure was observed

The exposure has possible **chronic or subacute effect**

# Occupational exposure to iron oxide pigments

Workers exposed to iron oxide aerosol (14 subjects)

exposure for  $10 \pm 4$  years

Controls not employed in the plant, no occupational exposure to dust (14 subjects)

NP measurement:

scanning mobility particle sizer  
aerodynamic particles sizer



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# Occupational exposure to iron oxide pigments

Biological analyzes in exhaled breath condensate and urine:

oxidative DNA damage:

8-hydroxy-2-deoxyguanosine

8-hydroxyguanosine

5-hydroxymethyl uracil

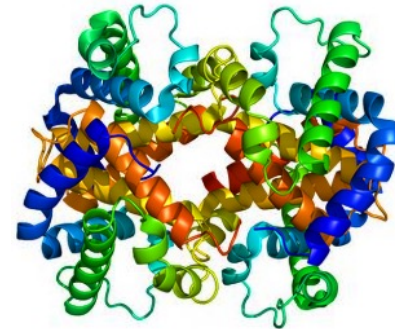


protein oxidation:

o-tyrosine

3-chlorotyrosine

3-nitrotyrosine

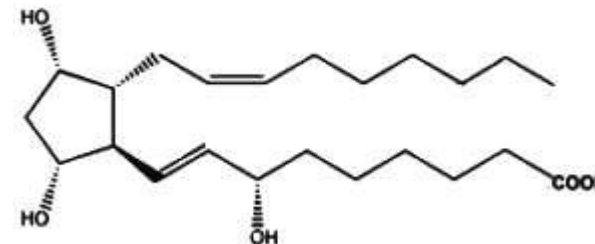


lipid peroxidation:

malondialdehyde

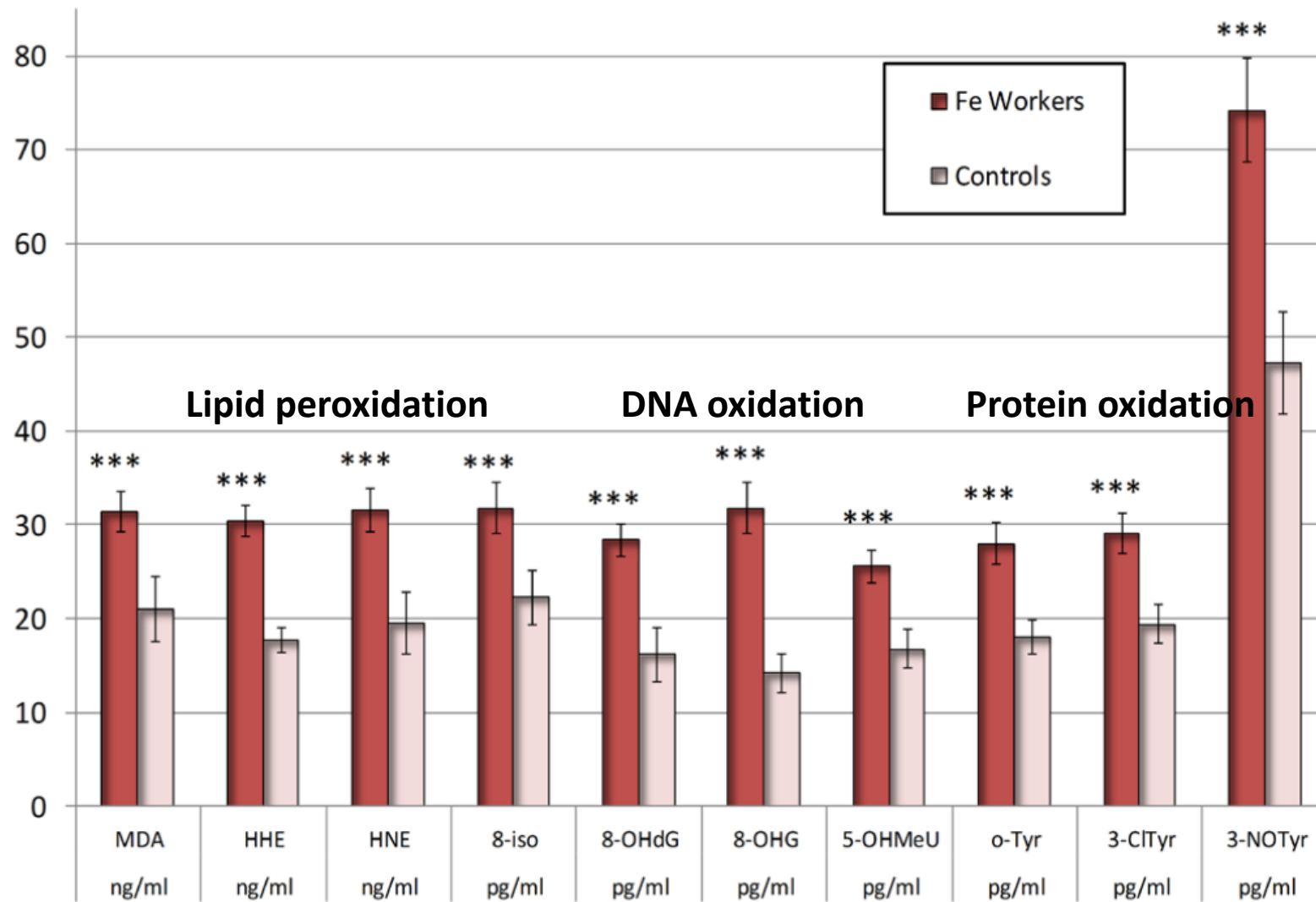
15-F<sub>2t</sub>-isoprostane

4-hydroxynonenale...





# Occupational exposure to iron oxide pigments





# Occupational exposure to iron oxide pigments

Exposure to iron oxide pigments during the production induced **oxidative damage to DNA, lipids and proteins** in exhaled breath condensate

No effects for markers in urine were observed

The exposure **does not result in systemic induction of oxidative stress**

# Occupational exposure to nanocomposites

Workers exposed to nanocomposites during material processing  
(20 subjects)

exposure for  $17.8 \pm 10$  years

Controls from the same location, not exposed to nanocomposites  
(21 subjects)

NP measurement:  
scanning mobility particle sizer  
aerodynamic particles sizer

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## The genotoxic effects in the leukocytes of workers handling nanocomposite materials

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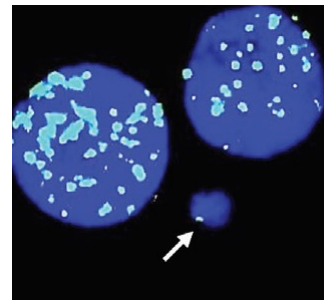
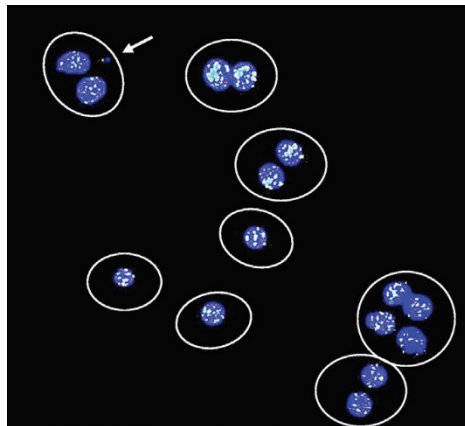
# Occupational exposure to nanocomposites

Biological analyzes in blood samples:

## 1. Micronuclei detection (losses and breaks)

centromere positive

centromere negative

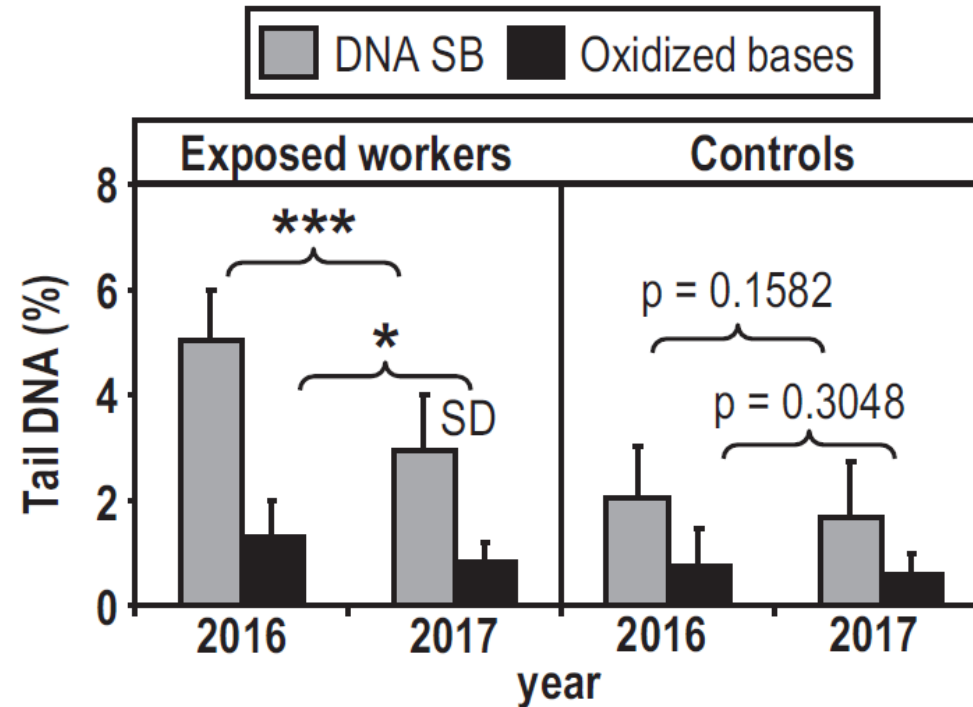


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## Biological analyzes in blood samples:

### 2. DNA breaks and oxidative damage



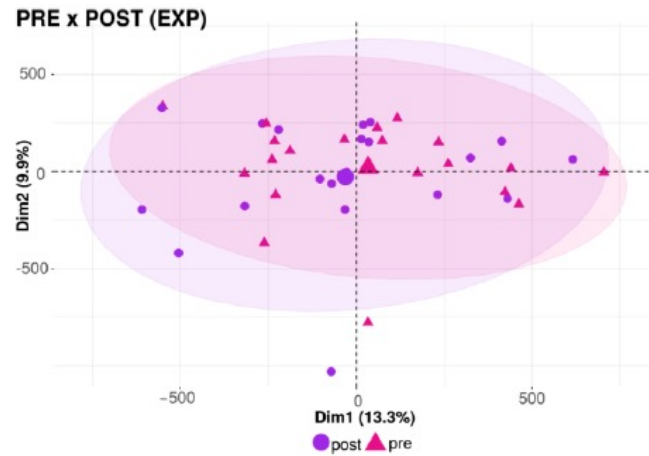
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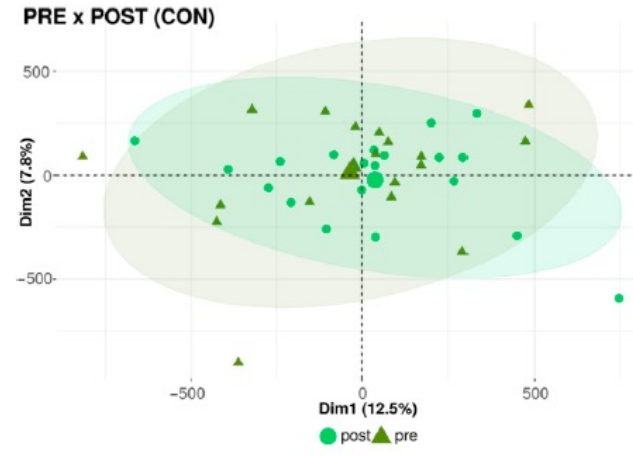
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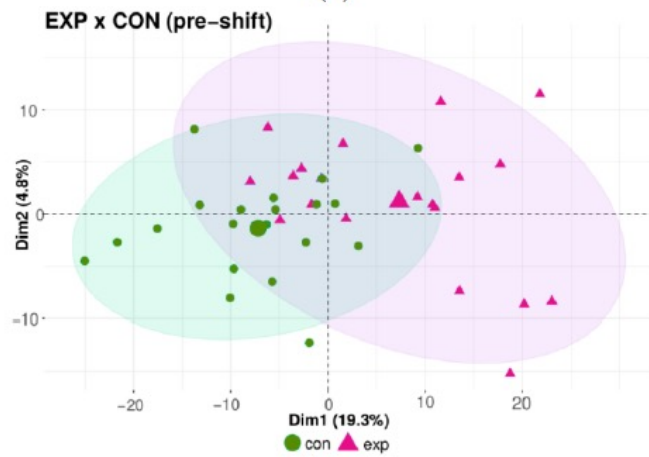
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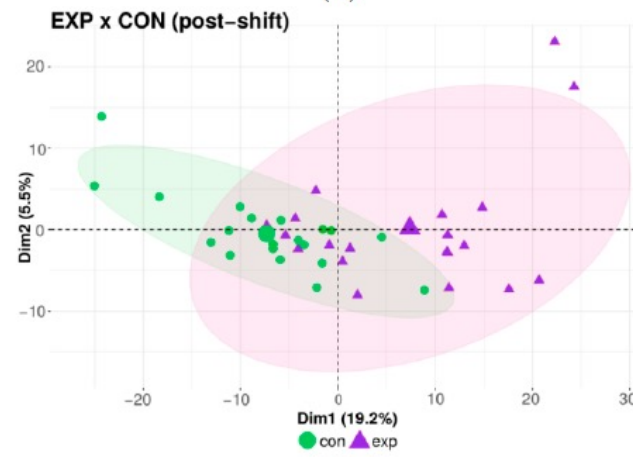
(a)



(b)



(c)



(d)

# Occupational exposure to nanocomposites

## Results:

**Increased MN frequency after short-term**, but not long-term exposure

**DNA breaks and oxidative damage** were increased after NP inhalation, particularly after acute exposure

**DNA methylation profiles significantly differed** between the exposed and control subjects when long-term exposure was considered

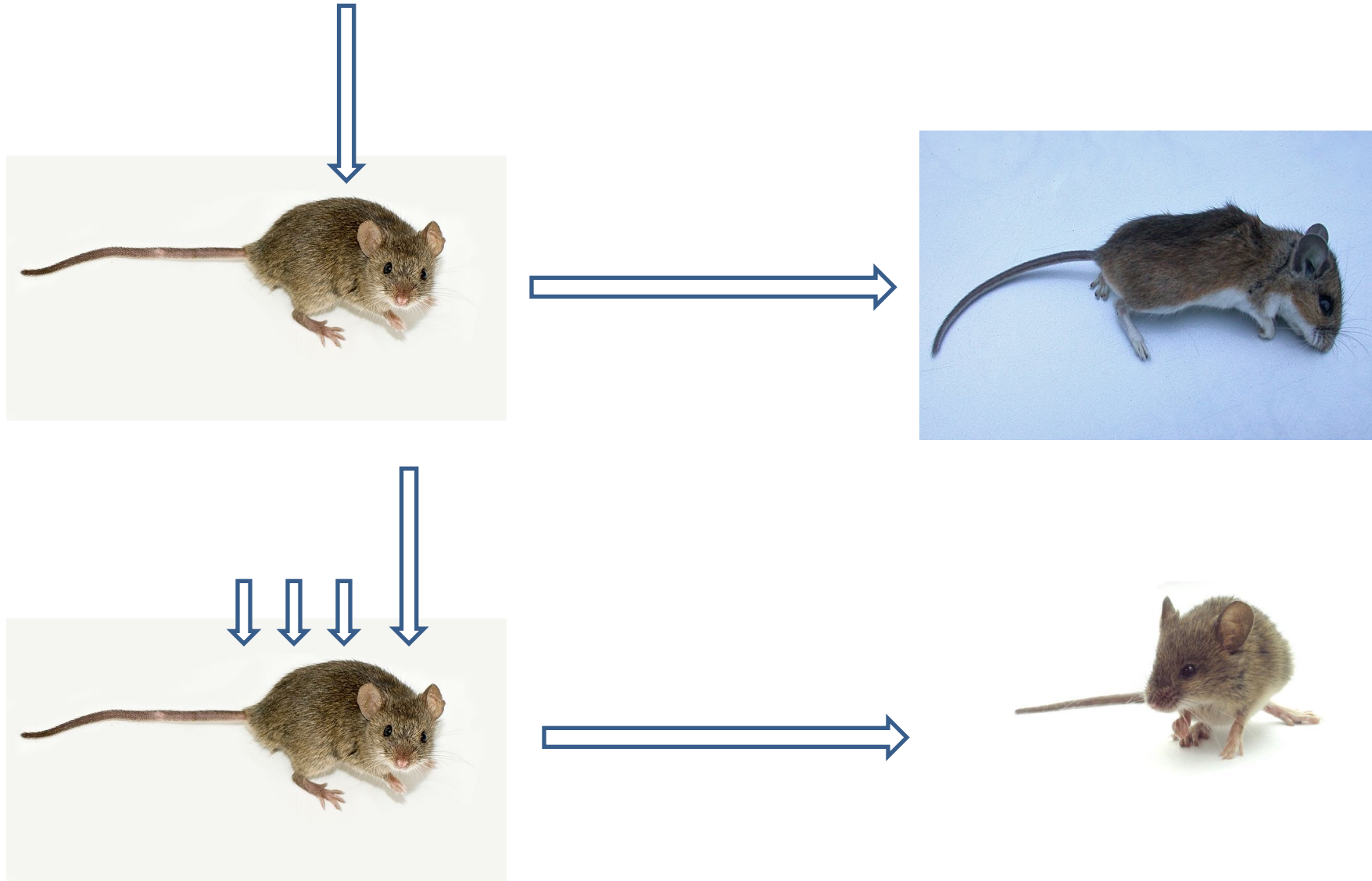
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**The exposure to nanocomposites causes DNA damage and affects DNA methylation profiles**

**For some parameters, the effect was observed after acute (short-term), but not chronic (long-term) exposure suggesting adaptation to NP exposure**

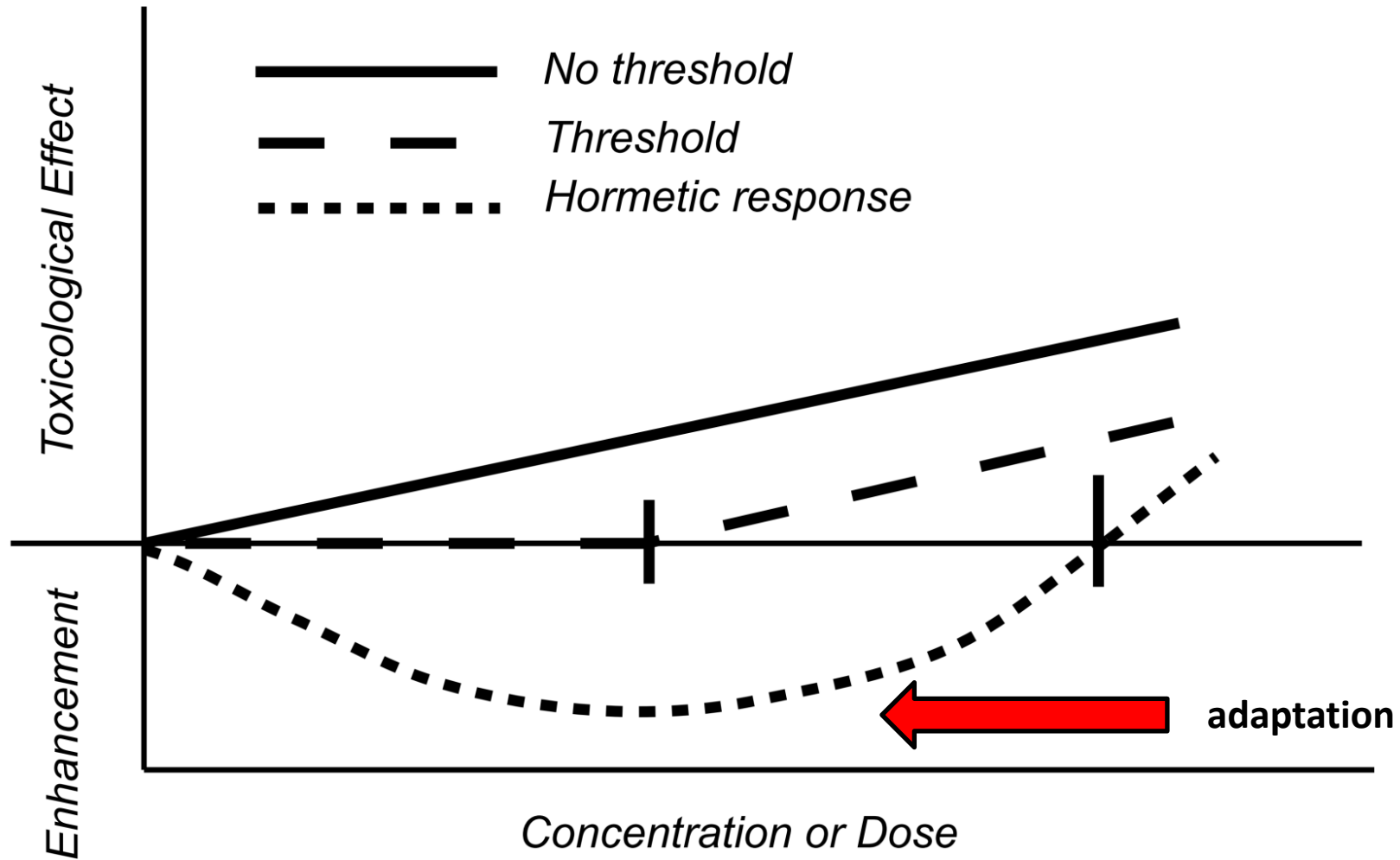
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# Adaptive response: a clue to (human) adaptation?



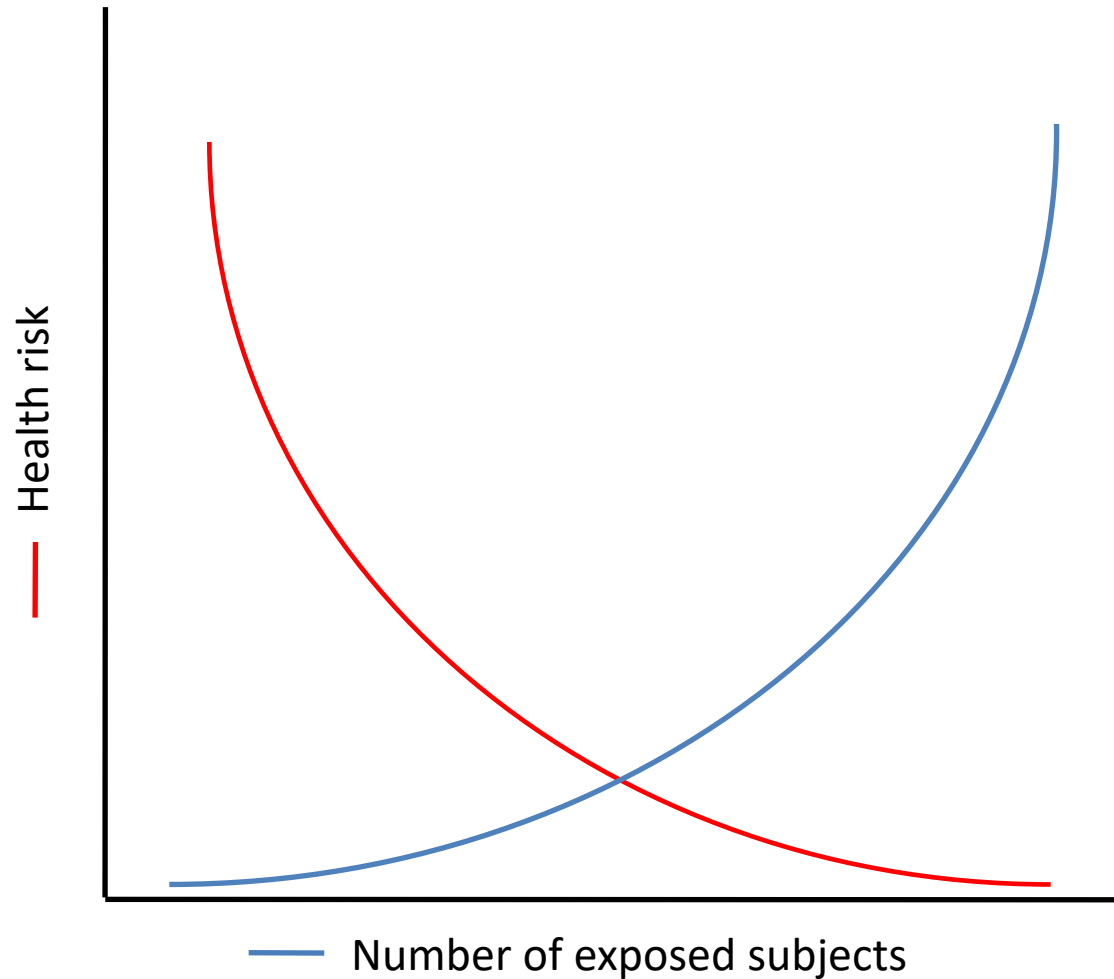


# Effect of xenobiotics in the organism: Dose-response curves



# Take-home message

Be careful but use common sense



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**The principal aim is to provide infrastructure for external and internal partners (research institutions, industry) to achieve the following goals:**

1. Development of new NM and technologies applicable in:
  - a. degradation of environmental pollutants
  - b. transformation of solar energy to hydrogen
  - c. production of biosensors
  - d. catalysts for production of next generation fuels and chemical products
2. **Assessment of (eco)toxicity of NM, construction of predictive models of the effect on NM on the environment and application of the models to design eco-friendly materials**



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## **NanoEnviCZ at the Institute of Experimental Medicine:**

Cytotoxicity analyses

Oxidative damage assays

DNA damage (comet assay, micronuclei analysis)

Gene expression analyses and next-generation sequencing

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