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## PREFACE

The Seminar has called leading scientist from Russia, France and Germany in the fields of supramolecular chemistry, colloid systems stability, formation, structure and interparticle interactions, with a particular emphasis on the applications to the separation chemistry. Special attention was given to these topics in relevance to nuclear waste management and geological disposal of these wastes. The participants addressed directly the critical gaps in the understanding of processes crucial for safe nuclear waste disposal, decontamination/remediation technologies, separations in nuclear waste cycle etc.

The special objective of the seminar was to promote international collaboration and strengthen discussion in the field of supramolecular, intermolecular, interaggregate interactions and separation chemistry to fill the conceptual gaps in knowledge of formation and stability of radionuclide containing nanoparticles, both in model and in real systems, as well as the role and behavior of nanoparticles in application processes such as separation, remediation or vitrification technologies.

The Seminar has covered important topics that were related to international research efforts and covered by several EC FP-7 projects and various bilateral programs (e.g. RFBR-Helmholtz joint program). This Seminar enabled to stimulate the effective scientific discussion on the institutional level and to enhance the joint application to unique pooled facilities like synchrotrons, accelerator centers, etc.

The agreement and work plan for joint studies between Russian, German and French institutes related to supramolecular chemistry, colloid chemistry and separation sciences was the main institutional result of the Seminar. Special attention was paid to the young researches in these fields to support their research mobility to other institutes.

The Seminar has approved the Johannes Gutenberg University Mainz, Institute of Nuclear Chemistry with Prof. Tobias Reich as the principle organizer for the 8<sup>th</sup> European Summer school in 2013.

Chair of the seminar

Director of IPCE RAS, academician

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Horst Geckeis

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French delegation arrived at the hotel Ibis Paveletskaya, 20 July, 2010



O. Pecheur, V.Fisher, B.Koenig, B.Beele at the Poster session of the 7th European Summer School 22 July, 2012.

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**Friday, July 20 2012      Arrival of the participants.**

Arrivals at Domodedovo Airport

Arrivals at Sheremetyevo Airport

17-00-20-00 Info-reception at IBIS Hotel Paveletskaya

**Saturday, July 21 2012**

**First Session**

**(IPCE, Principle Building Conference Hall)**

**Session chair : Prof. L.B. Boinovich**

**9h 30      Openning ceremony.**

Welcome address by **Prof. Aslan Tsivadze, Prof. Burkhard Koenig , Dr. Stephane Pellet-Rostaing.**

**9h 55 Aslan.Yu.Tsivadze** (Russia) - “Innovative development on the basis of supramolecular systems”.

**10h 40 Burkhard Koenig** (Regensburg, Germany) - "Organic Chemistry with Visible Light: Luminescent Chemosensors and Chemical Photocatalysts".

**11h 40 Wais Hosseini** (Strasbourg, France) - "Molecular tectonics: control of porosity and molecular crystals".

**12h 25      Student presentation session.**

**1. Stephan Balk.** Dynamic analyte recognition by artificial synthetic vesicles.

**2. Susanne Dengler.** Investigation of Ion specificities via NMR.

**12h 45      Discussions in frame of SENA collaboration and Poster session.**

**Session chair: Prof. Burkhard Koenig**

**14 h 00 Boris F. Myasoedov** (Russia) - “Separation methods in solving

- the problems of radiochemistry".
- 14h 45     **Jean Weiss** (Strasbourg, France) - "Selective recognition of imidazoles: an assembling tool for highly linear molecular wires".
- 15h 45     **Ivan G. Tananaev** (Russia) - "Nanoindustry in radiochemistry and radioecology".

## 16h 30 Students presentation session

1. **Anna Sinelshchikova** - Phosphoryl-porphyrinates - new receptors for supramolecular chemistry .
2. **Pawel JEWULA.** Calix[4]arene-Based Tetrapodal Ligand Incorporating Cyclic Hydroxamic Acids as Chelating Units.
3. **Olivia Pecheur ( CEA, France).**

17h00     Discussions and Poster Session.

**Sunday, July 22, 2012**  
**Second Session**  
**(IPCE, Principle Building Conference Hall)**

**Session chair: Prof. Wais Hosseini.**

- 9h 55     **Ludmila Boinovich** (Moscow, Russia) "Surface forces as the basis for the analysis of interaggregate interactions".
- 10h 40     **Stephane Pellet-Rostaing** (Marcoule, France) - “Control in selective ion separation in molecular systems via supramolecular and colloidal interactions”.
- 11h 40     **Tobias Reich** (Johannes Gutenberg-Universität Mainz, Germany) - "Sorption and diffusion of actinides in clays".

## 12h 25     Student presentation session.

1. **Nils Stöbener.** “Developing resonance ionization mass spectrometry (RIMS) for the ultratrace analysis of neptunium” .
2. **Ugras Kaplan.** Plutonium speciation.
3. **Alesya Maruk.** Bifunctional radiopharmaceutical

12h 45 Discussions and Poster session.

**Session chair: Dr. Pellet-Rostaing.**

14 h 00 **Alexandre Varnek** (Strasbourg, France) - “Chemoinformatics: time to predict”.

14h 45 **Horst Geckeis** (Karlsruhe, Germany) - “Actinide environmental behavior – role of nanoparticle formation”.

15h 45 **Werner Kunz** (Regensburg, Germany) – “Specific ion effects in solutions, at interfaces, and in colloidal systems”.

16h 15 **Students presentation session.**

1. **Yana Obruchnikova.** Speciation and separation chemistry of Tc for SNF reprocessing.
2. **Veronika Fisher.** Deep Eutectic Solvents
3. **Michael Klossek.** Nanostructured Liquids, Colloids and Environmentally Acceptable Liquid Media
4. **Alexander Martynov.** Synthesis and conformational behaviour of phthalocyanines, bearing lateral coordinating macrocyclic substituents.

17 h 00 **Moscow Round-trip.**

**Monday, July 23 2012  
Third Session  
(IPCE, Principle Building Conference Hall + ScientificTV)**

**Session Chair : Prof. Tobias Reich.**

9h45 **Stepan Kalmykov** – “Environmental Chemistry of actinides in microparticles from different nuclear sites”.

10h25 **Björn B. Beele**, Udo Müllrich, Andreas Geist, Petra J. Panak - “Partitioning and Transmutation – BTP-type N-Donor ligands in the SANEX Process “.

10h45 Konstantin German, **Grigory Kolesnikov**. “Macro-receptors for Tc and Re : Structural predictions, supramolecular-based template synthesis and new properties”.

**Session chairs: Prof. Horst Geckeis and acad. A.Yu. Tsivadze.**

12h 00 **Daniel Meyer** - "Colloidal and supra-molecular aspects of 5f elements in solution".

12h 30 **Andrei Shirjaev** - “Speciation in radioactive Pu-waste-glassforms.”

13h 00 **Student presentation session:**

1. **Bayrita Egorova** – “Pertechnetate-ion binding by organic ligands in aqueous solutions”.
2. **Alesya Maruk** – “Bifunctional radiopharmaceuticals for nuclear medicine”.
3. **Yulia Buchatskaya**. “Sorption preconcentration of radionuclides using detonation nanodiamonds”.

13h 30 Concluding remarks. Award ceremony. Approval of the 8-th Summer school planning. Closing ceremony.

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# Innovative developments on the basis of supramolecular systems

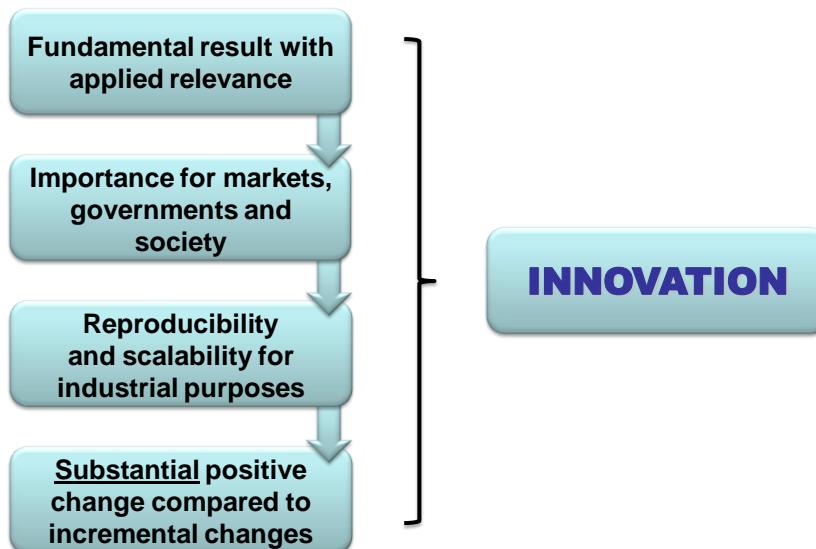
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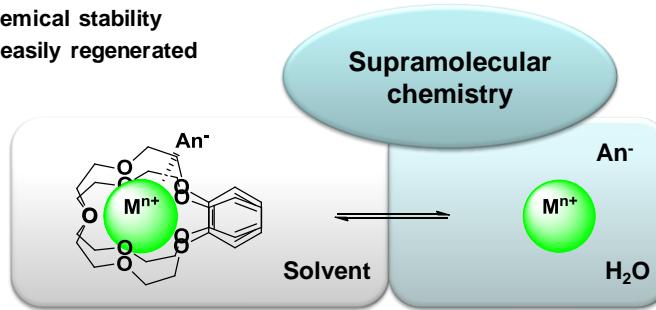
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## What is INNOVATION?



## Crown-ethers in separation processes

- High selectivity of complex formation with metal ion having similar chemical properties
- High chemical stability
- Can be easily regenerated

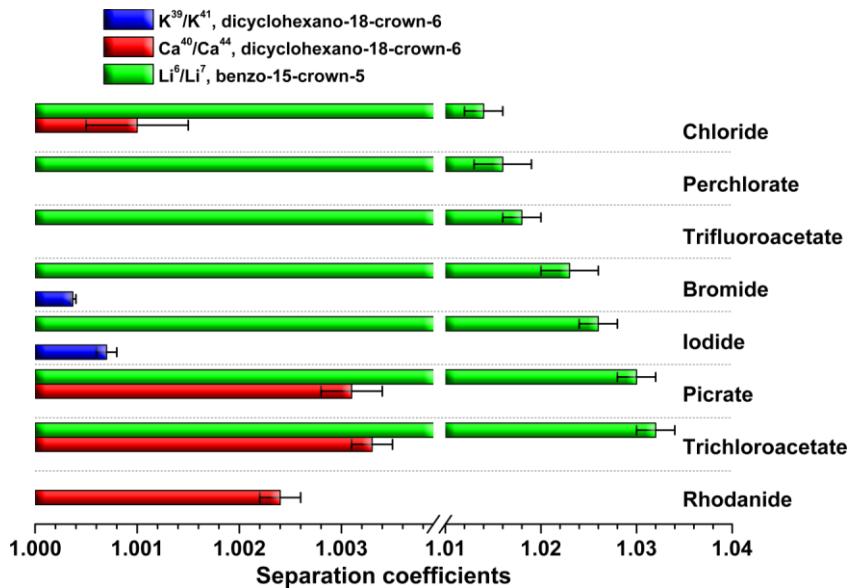


- Structure of crown-ethers, providing optimal lipophilic-hydrophylic balance
- The effect of solvent
- The effect of anion
- Conformation of crown-ether
- Substituents in crown-ether

## Separation of isotopes by crown-ethers

Crown-ether	M	Separation coefficient	Extraction system	Ref.
DCH18C6	Ca	1.001	CaCl <sub>2</sub> H <sub>2</sub> O-CHCl <sub>3</sub>	B.E. Jepson, R. De Witt, 1976
[2.2.1]	Li	1.041	LiCF <sub>3</sub> COO H <sub>2</sub> O-CHCl <sub>3</sub>	B.E. Jepson, G.A.Cairns, 1979
B15C5	Li	1.045	12M LiCl H <sub>2</sub> O-CHCl <sub>3</sub>	K.Nishizawa, T.Takano, 1988
B15C5	Li	1.030 T=293K) 1.080 (T=213K)	LiSCN H <sub>2</sub> O-CHCl <sub>3</sub>	A.Yu.Tsivadze et al., 1984, 1990
Amalgam process	Li	1.05		
DCH18C6	K	1.0007	KI H <sub>2</sub> O-CHCl <sub>3</sub>	A.Yu.Tsivadze et al., 1991
B15C5	Mg	1.0017	Mg(CCl <sub>3</sub> COO) <sub>2</sub> H <sub>2</sub> O-CHCl <sub>3</sub>	A.Yu.Tsivadze et al., 1990

## Separation of isotopes by crown-ethers



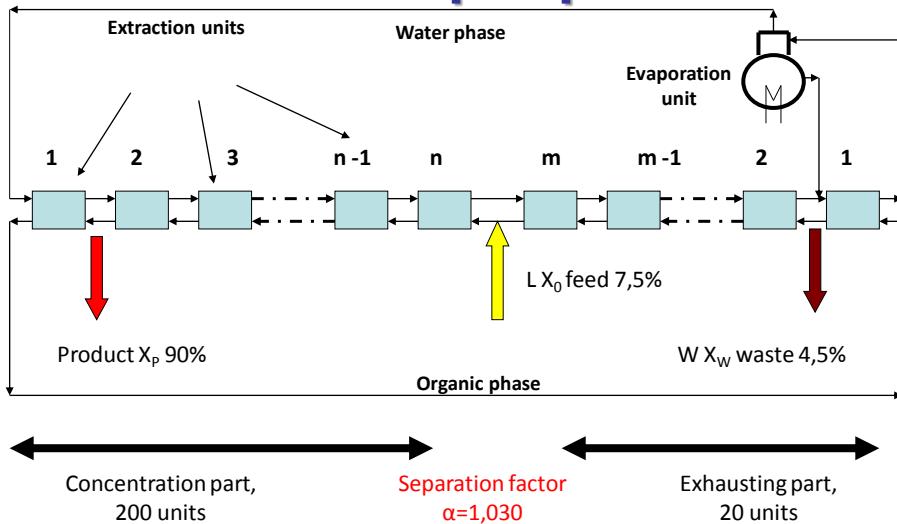
Tsivadze A.Yu., Zhilov V.I., Demin S.V., Russ. J. Coord. Chem., 996, t.22, #4

## Separation of LITHIUM isotopes by crown-ethers

N <sub>2</sub>	Crown-ether	Anion	Solvent	Separation coefficient
1	Benzo-15-crown-5	$Cl_3CCOO^-$	$CHCl_3$	1,030 1,030*
2	Benzo-15-crown-5	$ClO_4^-$	$CHCl_3$	1,016
3	Benzo-15-crown-5	$ClO_4^-$	$PhNO_2$	1,027*
4	Benzo-15-crown-5	$SCN^-$	$PhNO_2$	1,029 1,029*
5	15-crown-5	$Cl_3CCOO^-$	$CHCl_3$	1,029
6	Dicyclohexano-18-crown-6	$ClO_4^-$	$CHCl_3$	1,007

\* Determined by multistep exhausting

## Principal scheme of multi-step lithium isotope separation



## PUREX – Plutonium-Uranium EXtraction

- + Complete separation of U and Pu from fission products  $\sim 10^9$ ;
- U/Pu separation factor  $> 7 \cdot 10^5$ .
- accumulation of a great volume of radioactive liquid waste –  
*Russia now accumulated about  $1.5 \times 10^9$  Ci*

Moreover, the current extraction scheme includes:

- (1) intercycle evaporation;
- (2) nitric acid regeneration;
- (3) thermal decomposition of U and Pu nitrates;
- (4) pre-concentration of liquid radioactive wastes.

These operations leads to the exothermic heat explosions that, have already happened several times:

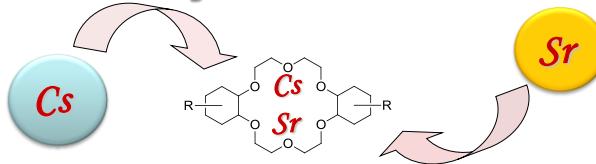
Savannah River 1953, 1975

Oak Ridge 1959

Tomsk 1993.



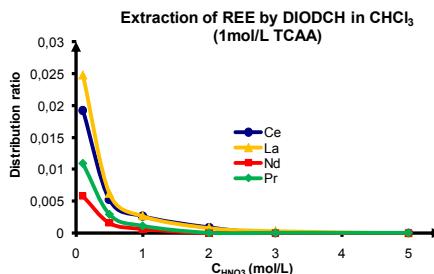
## Application of crown-ethers in recovery of nuclear waste



- The efficient extraction scheme of Sr and Cs recovery by crown-ether was developed and successfully tested in Russia, productive association "MAYAK" – mixture of 80% 18C6 and 20% 21C7 in fluorinated alcohols was used to process >90 m<sup>3</sup> of highly active waste and 10<sup>6</sup> Ci of Sr (98%) and Cs (90%) was isolated
- Similar approach is used in USA (Oak Ridge National Laboratory, Argonne National Laboratory) DB15-crown-5 and DBDCH-18-crown-6 were used for extraction of Sr from radioactive waste)

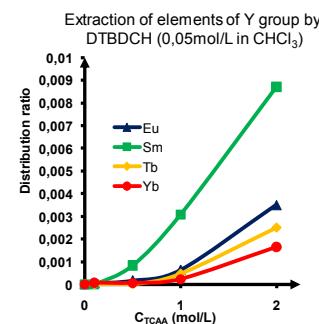
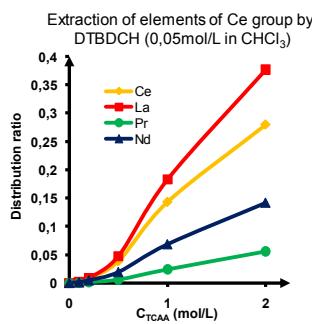
**Crown-ethers can be applied for efficient selective extraction and separation of elements with similar chemical properties (lanthanides and actinides)**

## Extraction of REE by crown-ethers



The concentrations of REE in the organic phase increases with the decrease content of nitric acid in the aqueous phase.

The elements of the cerium group are extracted better than elements of the yttrium group.



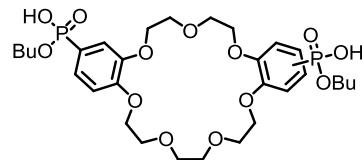
## Separation factors of REE during extraction (chloroform – H<sub>2</sub>O) from HNO<sub>3</sub> in the presence of 1M TCAA\*

\*TCAA = CCl<sub>3</sub>COOH

Crown-ether	[HNO <sub>3</sub> ] M	Separation Factors									
		La/Ce	La/Pr	La/Nd	La/Yb	Ce/Pr	Ce/Nd	Ce/Yb	Pr/Nd	Pr/Yb	Nd/Yb
DCH	0,1	0,88	1,38	2,76	300	1,57	3,14	341	2,00	217	109
	0,5	0,92	1,39	2,37	153	1,52	2,59	167	1,71	110	64,5
DIODCH	0,1	1,29	2,27	4,26	8,39	1,77	3,30	6,50	1,87	3,68	1,98
	0,5	1,19	2,15	3,88	18,7	1,80	3,25	15,6	1,81	8,69	4,81
DTBDCH	0,1	1,28	2,69	7,49	777	2,10	5,86	608	2,79	289	104

**Even for lanthanide separation the separation factors are high and reach the value up to 777 for La/Yb and other element separation.**

**It was shown that bis(butyloxyhydroxophosphoryl)-dibenzo-21C7 can selectively extract Am(III) and Eu(III). The D<sub>M</sub> values in chloroform-nitric acid system and separation factor (f<sub>Am/Eu</sub>) are extremely high.**



[HNO <sub>3</sub> ] M	D <sub>Am</sub>	D <sub>Eu</sub>	f <sub>Am/Eu</sub>
0,01	814	8,8	92,5
0,1	5,7	2,8	2,0
0,5	0,1	0,1	1,0
1,0	0,01	0,01	1,0
3,0	<0,01	<0,01	-

**Values of distribution coefficients of Am(III) and Eu(III), extracted by 0,05M solutions of CP-211 in chloroform (chelate group - (BuO)(OH)P(O)-; n = 21) in dependence on HNO<sub>3</sub> concentration**

## Extraction of metals by open-cycle analogs (podands)

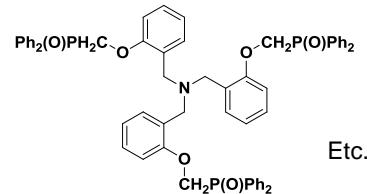
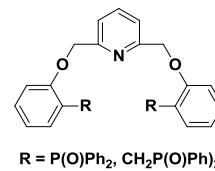
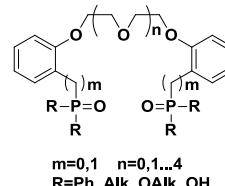
- Synthetically obtained open-cycle polyethers (podands) show unique complexation properties towards metals. They are perspective for separation and pre-concentration of metal ions ( $^{40}\text{K}$ ,  $^{87}\text{Rb}$ ,  $^{89}\text{Sr}$ ,  $^{137}\text{Cs}$ ) due to high selectivity of extraction.
  - The preparation of open-cycle analogs are more simple and economically reasonable if compared with crown-ethers.
- we studied the extraction characteristics (distribution coefficients, extraction constants, stoichiometry and stability constants of complexes) of different chemical systems with varying anion, extractant, solvent and temperature.

### Advantages of phosphorylоподандs:

- Synthetic availability (yields 70-95%, simplicity of synthesis and isolation).
- High stability constants of complexes with metals (similar or even higher with the ones of crown-ether)
- Low toxicity,  $\text{LD}_{50}$  over 800-1000 mg/kg (mouse). For dicyclohexyl-18-crown-6  $\text{LD}_{50}=250\text{-}300$  mg/kg.

### Applicability:

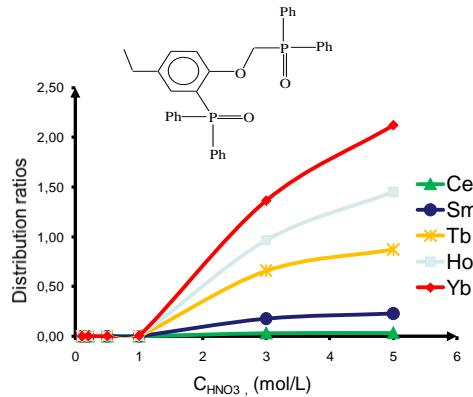
- Active components for efficient extraction, separation and concentration of s-, p-, d- and f-elements
- Efficient ionophores for various cations ( $\text{Li}^+$ ,  $\text{Ca}^{2+}$ ,  $\text{Cu}^{2+}$ ,  $\text{Pb}^{2+}$ , etc.) and also some biogenic amines through membranes of ionoselective electrodes.
- Selective sorption materials for analysis and purification of various solutions, both environmental and technological



## Extraction of REE by phosphorylpodand

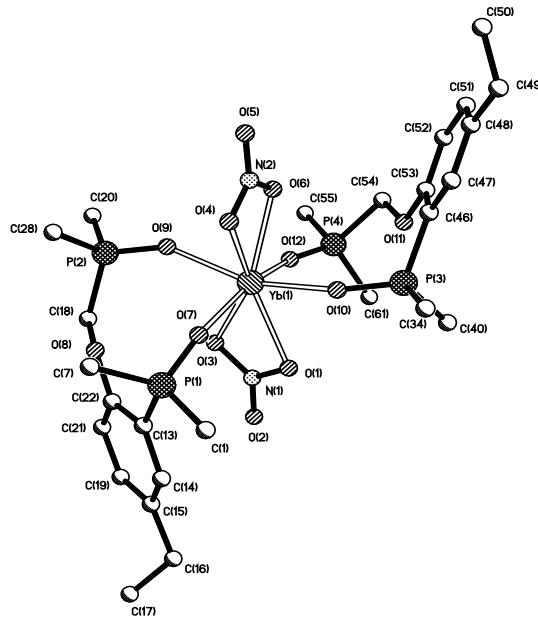
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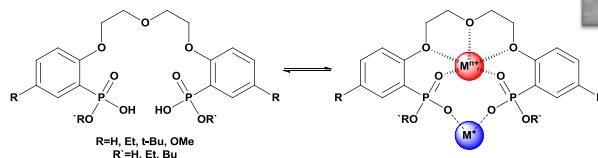


Separation factors										
Ce/La	Pr/La	Nd/La	Yb/La	Pr/Ce	Nd/Ce	Yb/Ce	Nd/Pr	Yb/Pr	Yb/Nd	
1,8	2,0	1,7	79	1,1	0,9	44	0,9	40	47	

## Structure of Yb complex



## Acyclic analogues of crown-ethers (podands) for the preparation of cation-selective sorbents



The series of efficient and selective sorbents was made in IPCE RAS, based on phosphorylated acyclic podands

The main advantages of these sorbents are their high selectivity towards lanthanides and actinides, as well as their reusability. Their extraction characteristics exceed the ones of previously developed analogues (for example, manufactured by Eichrom Technologies)

## Acyclic analogues of crown-ethers (podands) for the preparation of cation-selective sorbents



### Sorbent preparation

- The beads, made of copolymer of divinylbenzene and styrene are used (40-70mkm, 150-250mkm).
- The carrier in volatile solvent (chloroform, acetone) is mixed with the podand and the solvent is evaporated

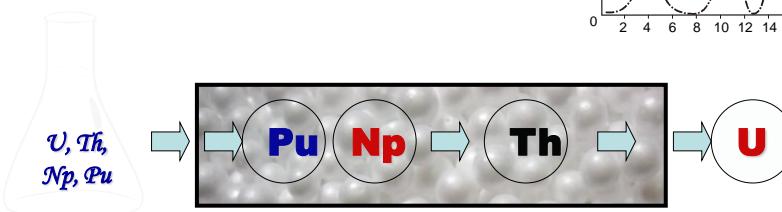
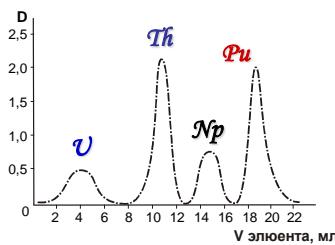
### Sorbent characteristics

• Active component:	15,5 %/1 g of a carrier
• Beads size:	40-70 mkm or 150-250 mkm
• Surface area:	700-800 m <sup>2</sup> /g
• Porosity volume	2 ml/g

## Application of phosphorylpodands-based sorbents in nuclear chemistry

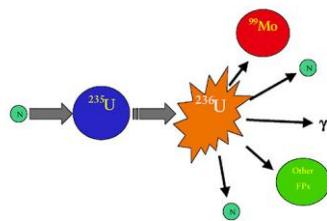
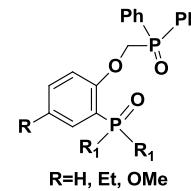
Due to the difference in dynamic distribution coefficients of actinides upon the variation of nitric acid concentration, there was developed the approach to separation of thorium, uranium, neptunium and plutonium by dynamic chromatography

Dynamic distribution coefficients			
U(IV)	Th(IV)	Np(IV)	Pu(IV)
150	300	500	620



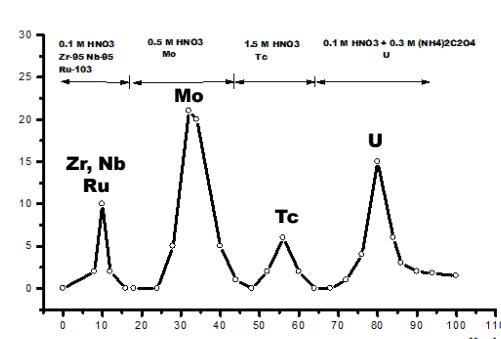
Industrial group "MAYAK" (Russia) uses this approach for the analysis of Th in  $^{238}\text{Pu}$ , used for isotope batteries

Sorbents, based on neutral phosphorylpodands are used in analytical and industrial separation and purification of  $^{99}\text{Mo}$  from neutron-exposed uranium targets.  $^{99}\text{Mo}$  is used to prepare  $^{99m}\text{Tc}$ , applied in diagnostic radio-pharmaceutical.



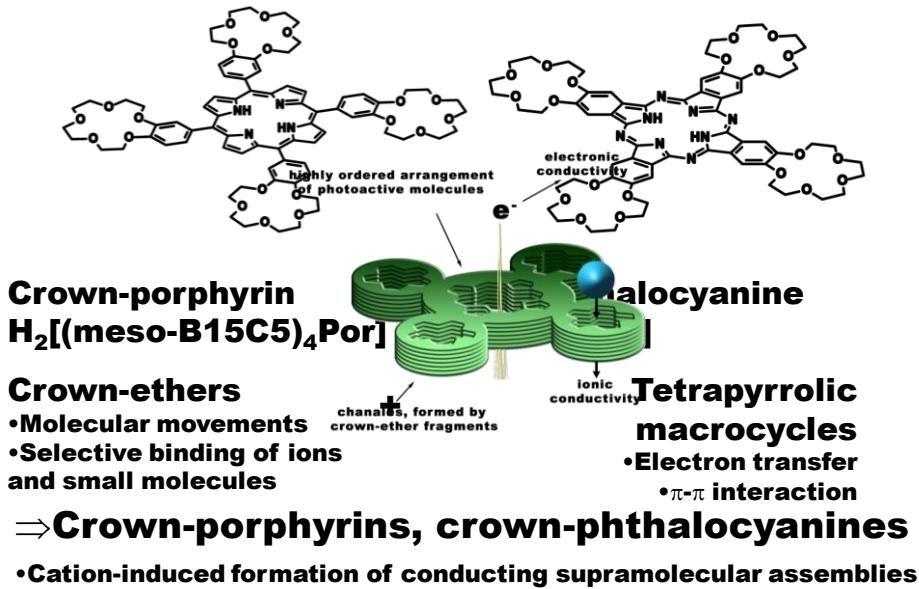
Yield of Mo-99 ~ 6%

The task: separation Mo-99 from concomitant impurities (Zr-95, Nb-95, Tc-99 и U-235) and delivery of residual U-235 to additional neutron exposure

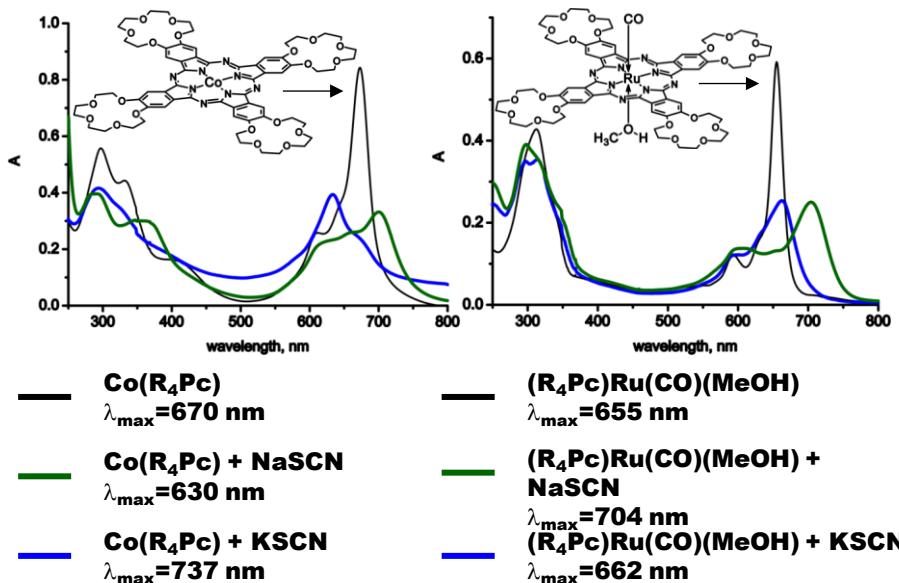


Chromatogram of separation of radionuclides, containing in neutron-exposed uranium targets

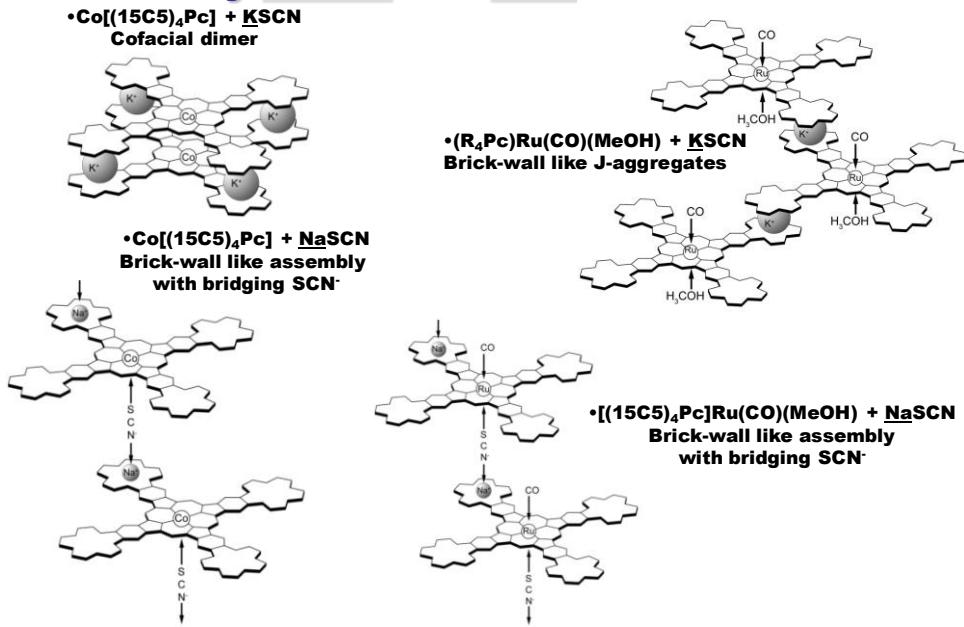
## Ion-selective sensors, based on crown-substituted tetrapyrrol compounds



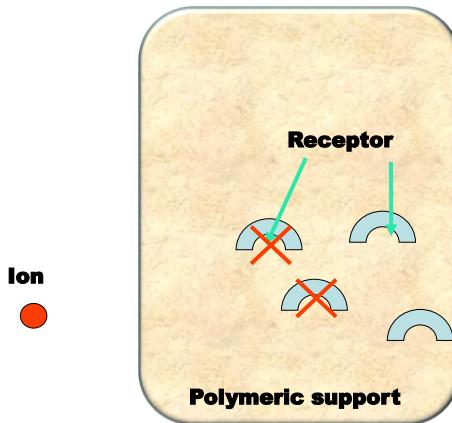
## $\text{Na}^+/\text{K}^+$ optical selectivity: determination of $\text{Na}^+$ and $\text{K}^+$ in biological liquids



## **$\text{Na}^+/\text{K}^+$ optical selectivity: Assemblies, formed by cobalt and ruthenium complexes**

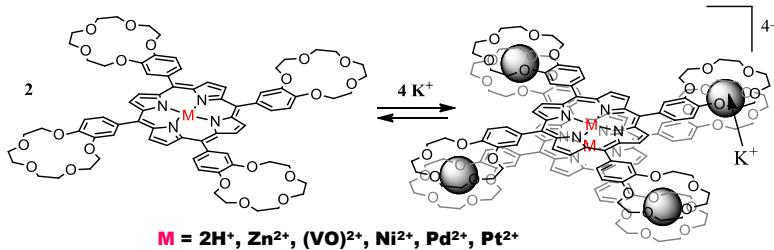


## **Drawbacks of common ionoselective membranes**



1. Low quantity of ionophore in polymeric matrix
2. Only part of receptor takes part in binding
3. Slow diffusion over large distances

## Crowned porphyrins as receptors to potassium cations in solution



**Drawbacks of these compounds as receptors for  $\text{K}^+$  cations :**

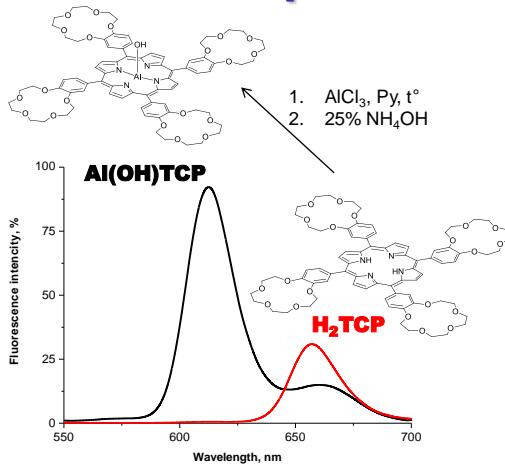
- $\text{H}_2\text{TCP}$  is insoluble in alcohols and in water,
- Porphyrinates of transition metals manifest weak fluorescence ( $\text{ZnTCP}$ ,  $(\text{VO})\text{TCP}$ ) or do not possess fluorescence ( $\text{NiTCP}$ ,  $\text{CuTCP}$ )

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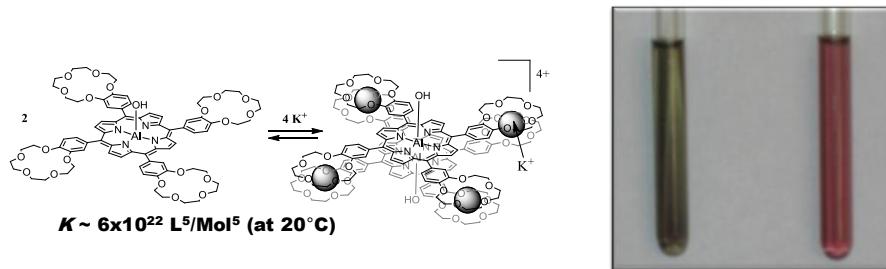
## Aluminum crowned porphyrin as fluorescent sensor to potassium cations in water



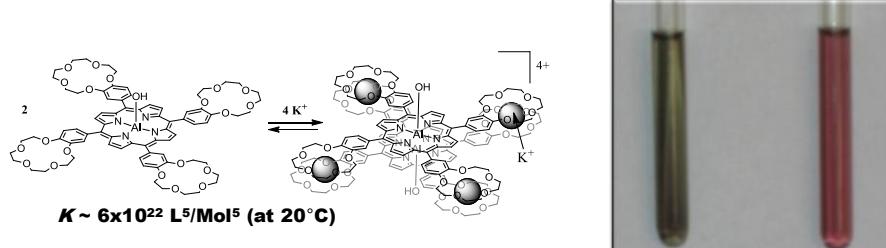
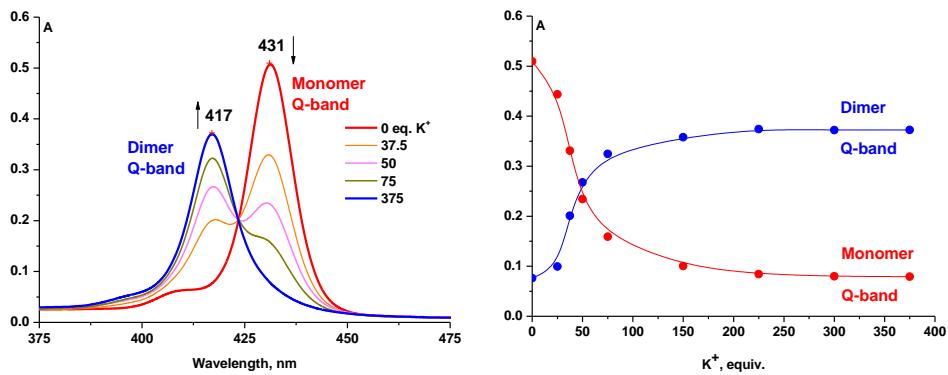
**Advantages of  $\text{Al}(\text{OH})\text{TCP}$  in comparison with free base porphyrin  $\text{H}_2\text{TCP}$ :**

- Strong fluorescence as compared to free base porphyrin  $\text{H}_2\text{TCP}$  shifted to blue region
- Solubility in water!
- Stability of aluminum(III) porphyrinate in a wide range of pH

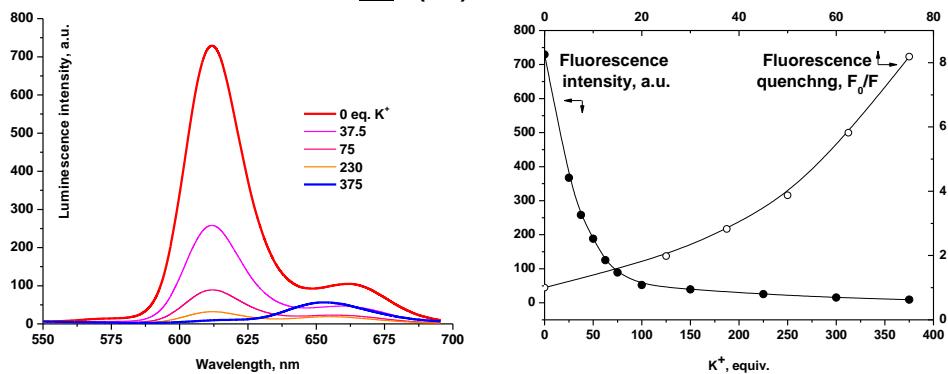
Fluorescence spectra of  $\text{Al}(\text{OH})\text{TCP}$  and free base porphyrin  $\text{H}_2\text{TCP}$  in DMF at equal absorbance of irradiating light with  $\lambda = 430 \text{ nm}$



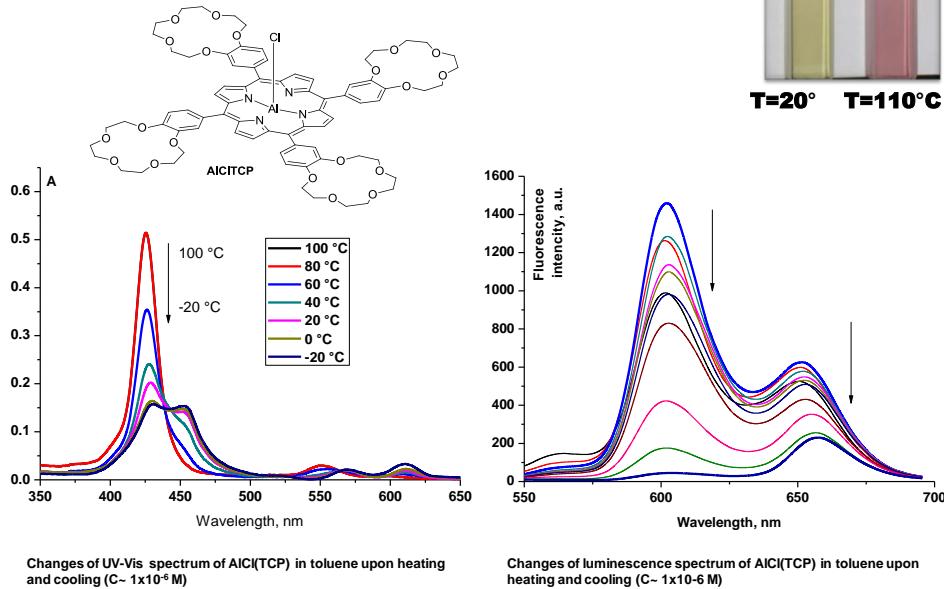
**UV-Vis spectral changes following the reaction of  $1.4 \times 10^{-6} \text{ M}$  Al(OH)TCP in water with  $\text{K}^+$**



**Luminescence spectral changes following the reaction of  $0.7 \times 10^{-7} \text{ M}$  Al(OH)TCP in water with  $\text{K}^+$**



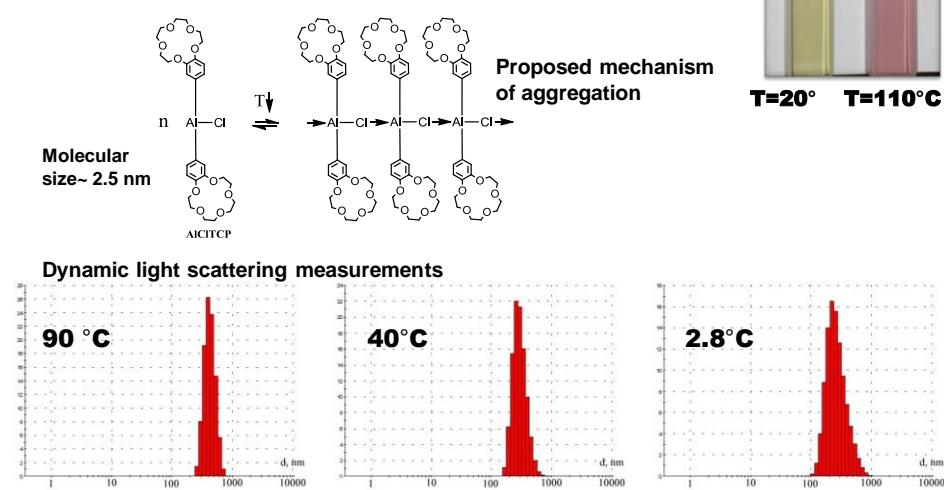
## Temperature-dependent self-assembly of (TCP)AlCl in toluene



Changes of UV-Vis spectrum of AlCl(TCP) in toluene upon heating and cooling ( $C \sim 1 \times 10^{-5} M$ )

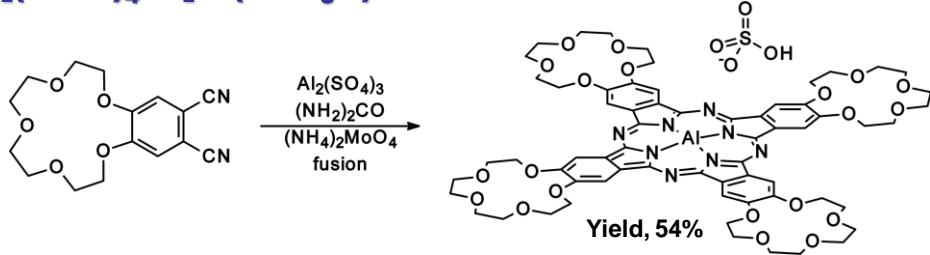
Changes of luminescence spectrum of AlCl(TCP) in toluene upon heating and cooling ( $C \sim 1 \times 10^{-6} M$ )

## Temperature-dependent self-assembly of (TCP)AlCl in toluene



Solution of AlCl(TCP) in toluene can be used as a reversible termochromic indicator due to high color contrast even at  $1 \times 10^{-6} M$  (only ~ 1.5 mg AlClTCP in 1 liter of a solution !!!)

## Tetra-15-crown-5-phthalocyaninato-aluminum [(15C5)<sub>4</sub>Pc]Al(OSO<sub>3</sub>H)



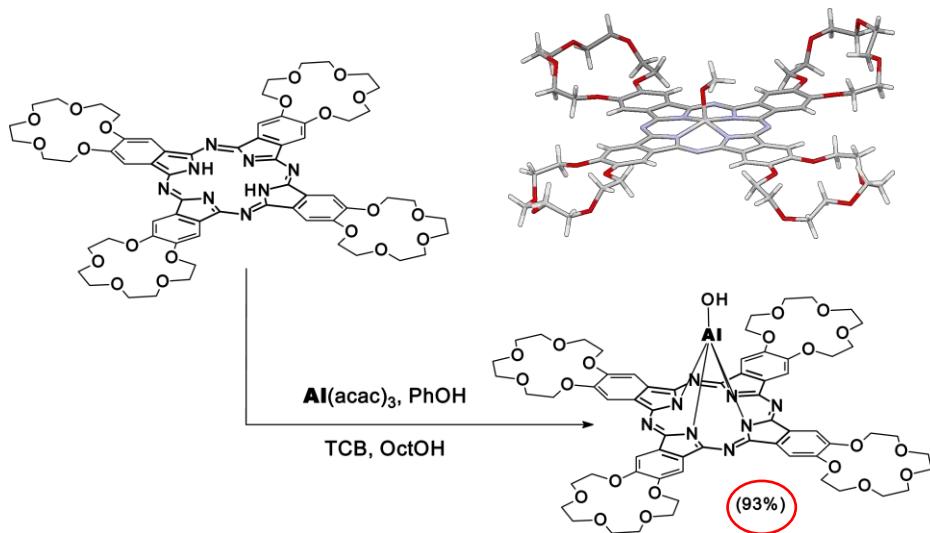
**+** Single isomer, amphiphilic and readily available. Performs high affinity to lungs, liver and spleen tumors

**-** Non-toxic upon light irradiation because of strong tendency to aggregations in aqueous media, which quenches luminescence and PDT effect

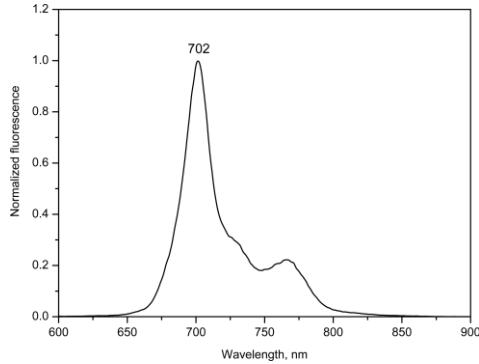
A.Yu. Tsividze et al. Patent of Russia, №2079499, 1994, November 22

E.O. Tolkacheva et al. Rus. J. of Inorg. Chem. 1995, v.40, №3, p. 449-453.

## Synthesis of aluminum Crownphthalocyaninate



## Luminescent properties of $[(15C_5)_4Pc]Al(OH)$



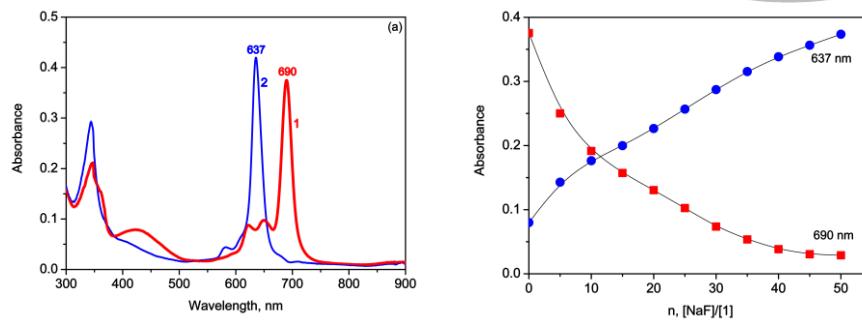
The emissive ability of **1** in MeOH ( $\lambda_{em} = 688$  nm) is of the same order that in  $CHCl_3$  solutions.

The fluorescence of **1** in DMSO ( $\lambda_{em} = 702$  nm) is almost twice as large, probably due to possible coordination of DMSO molecules as axial ligands to aluminum leading to  $[(15C_5)_4Pc]Al(DMSO)_2(OH)$ .

The process of solvent coordination prevents aggregation of complex.

### Interaction of $[(15C_5)_4Pc]Al(OH)$ with NaF in $CHCl_3$ (UV-vis)

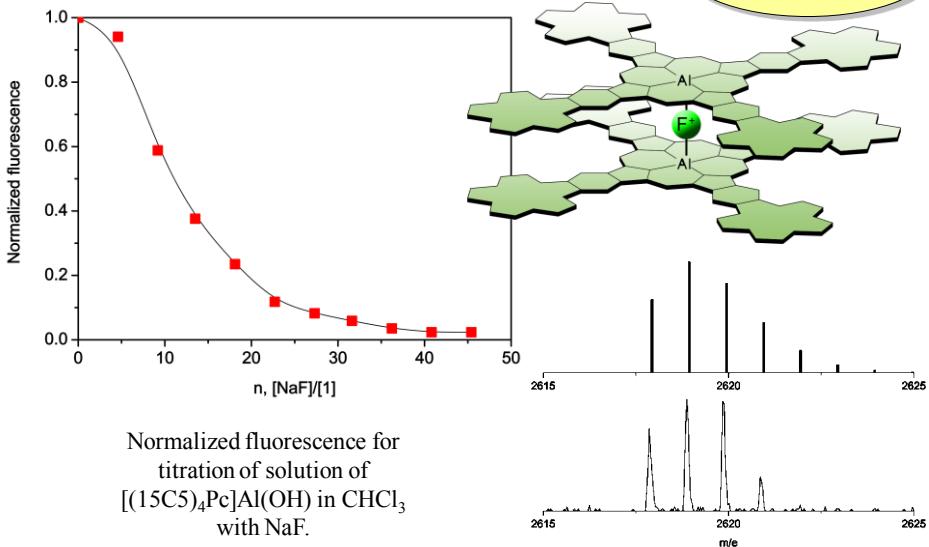
**CHCl<sub>3</sub>**



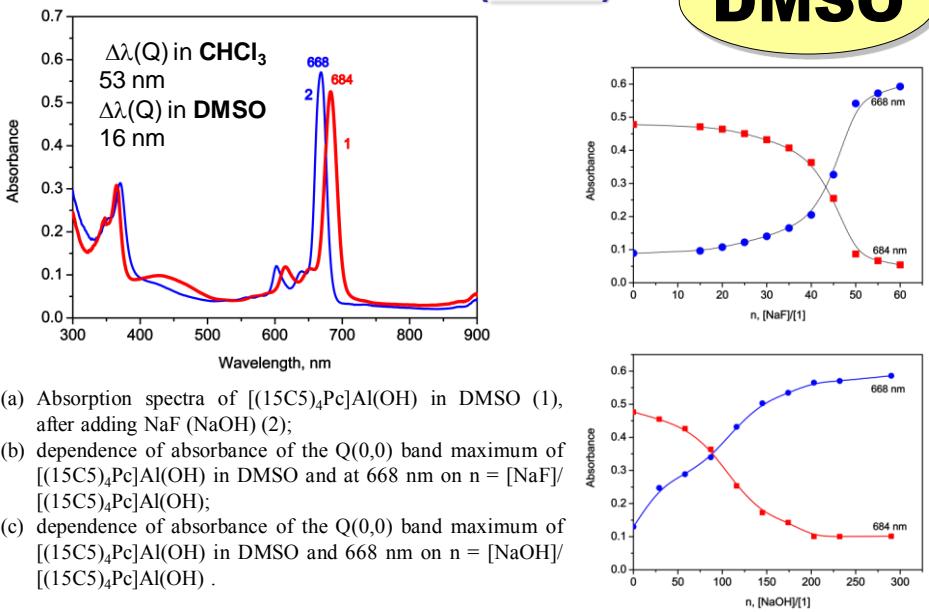
(a) Absorption spectra of  $[(15C_5)_4Pc]Al(OH)$  in  $CHCl_3$  (1), after adding NaF (2);

(b) dependence of absorbance of the Q (0,0) band maximum **1** in  $CHCl_3$  and at 637 nm on  $n = [NaF]/[(15C_5)_4Pc]Al(OH)$ .

### Interaction of $[(15C_5)_4Pc]Al(OH)$ with NaF in $CHCl_3$ (fluorescence)

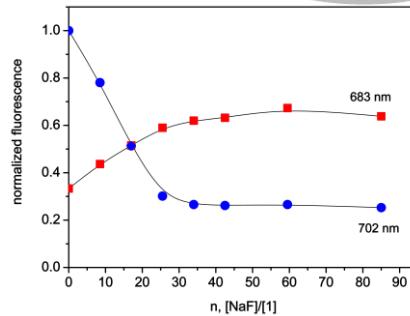
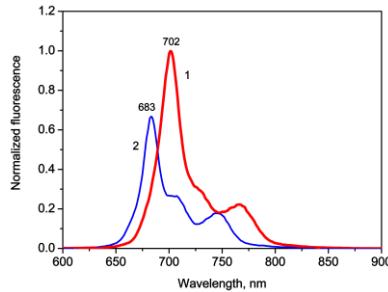


### Interaction of $[(15C_5)_4Pc]Al(OH)$ with NaF or NaOH in DMSO (UV-vis)

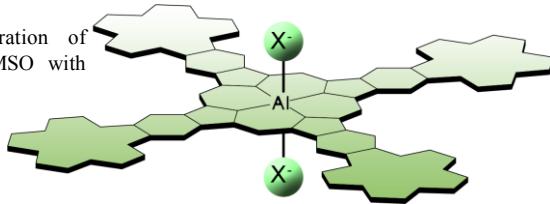


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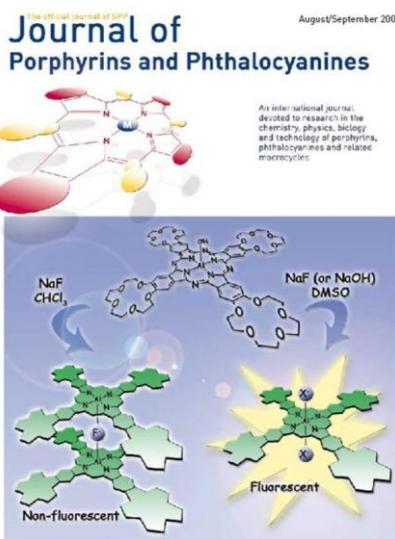
DMSO



- (a) Fluorescent spectra of  $[(15C_5)_4Pc]Al(OH)$  in DMSO (1), after adding NaF (2);
- (b) normalized fluorescence for the titration of solution of  $[(15C_5)_4Pc]Al(OH)$  in DMSO with NaF.



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**Selective sensor for the recognition of  $F^-$  and  $OH^-$  anions in organic media**

L. Lapkina, A.Tsivadze,  
Yu.Gorbunova.  
J. Porphyrins Phthalocyanines,  
2009, v.13

## What to do?

I

Institutes of RAS  
are the founders of  
start-up companies.

+ No

- Only intellectual  
properties (patents) are  
possible contributed  
stock

II

Institutes of RAS  
are partners of  
start-up companies.

+ Good inroads to  
Skolkovo project

- No

**Thank you for  
your kind  
attention!**

## **Heterogeneised crown-ethers type ligands for isotope fractionation**

**The main purpose of the project is to identify factors affecting the coefficient of separation of isotopes by chemical exchange.**

**This will be carried out processes of isotope separation of Zn, Gd and Ca in systems with crown ethers of different structure.**

- Choosing of the most effective extraction systems and study their characteristics. (2012)**
- Selection of the method of extraction chromatography multiplying of the isotope effect. (2012)**
- Determination of the coefficient of isotope separation and the influence on it various factors. (2013)**
- Immobilization of crown ethers (oxa, oxa-aza, aza) on adsorbents. The main emphasis of the work will be to determine the adsorption behaviour of organic chelating agents on Amberlite XAD resins and to apply chelating agent impregnated XAD resins to the isotope separation. (2012)**
- Synthesis of reactive crown ethers and preparation of chelating materials bearing crown ethers (oxa, oxa-aza, aza). Organic or hybrid organic/inorganic supports will be considered taking into account the control of the properties of the chelating materials and their characterisation. (2012/2013)**



Prof. W. Kunz giving invited lecture at the 7th European Summer School 22 July 2012



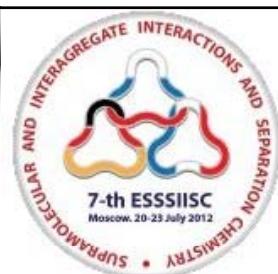
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Dr. Kolomiez, Prof. V.E. Baulin, academician A.Yu.Tsivadze,  
Prof. W. Kunz during the coffee-break in IPCE RAS 21 July, 2012



## "Organic Chemistry with Visible Light: Luminescent Chemosensors and Chemical Photocatalysts".

Burkhard Koenig (Regensburg, Germany)  
Invited lecture

Trilateral seminar on supramolecular, intermolecular, interaggregate interactions  
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# Organic Chemistry with Visible Light: Luminescent Chemosensors and Chemical Photocatalysts

Burkhard König

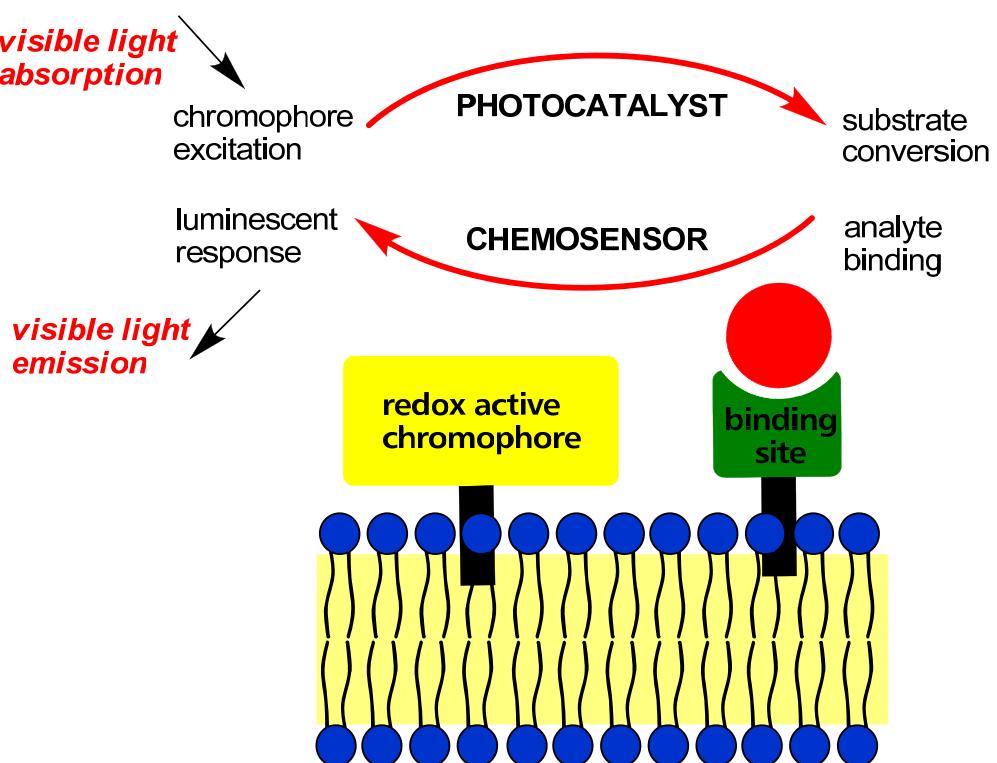


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## Molecular binding site + dye = chemosensor !

 analyte

*Selectivity ?  
Affinity ?*

binding site

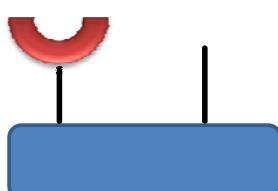


reporter dye

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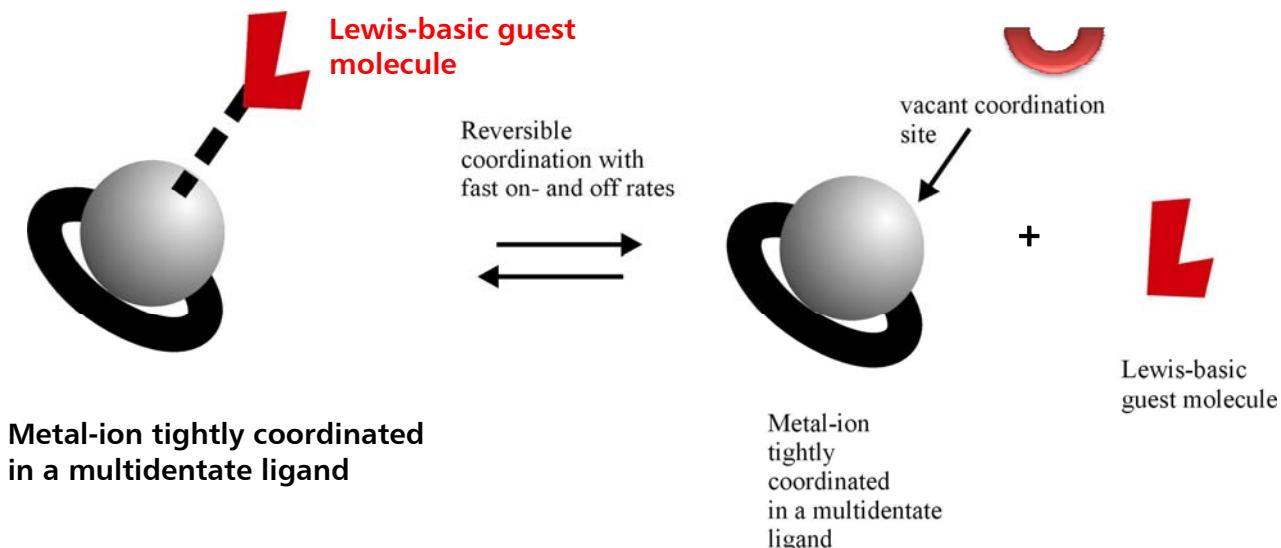


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*Sensitivity ?*

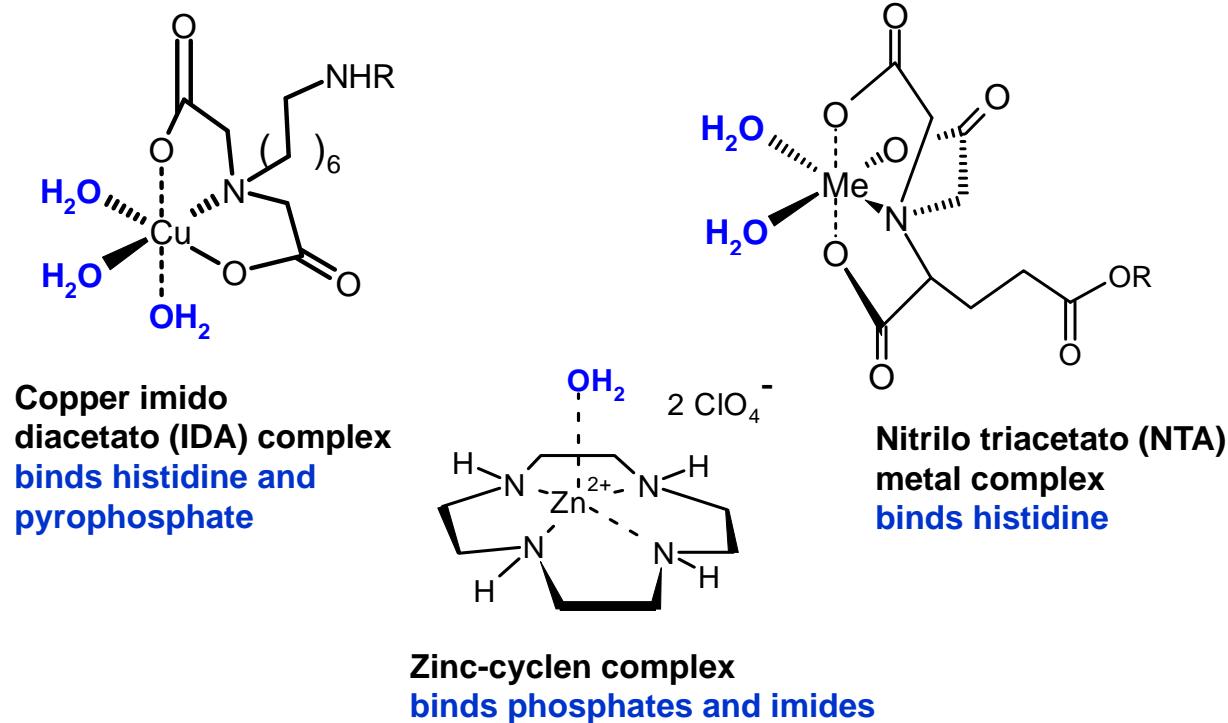
# Reversible coordinative bonds

*HSAB-guided selectivity*

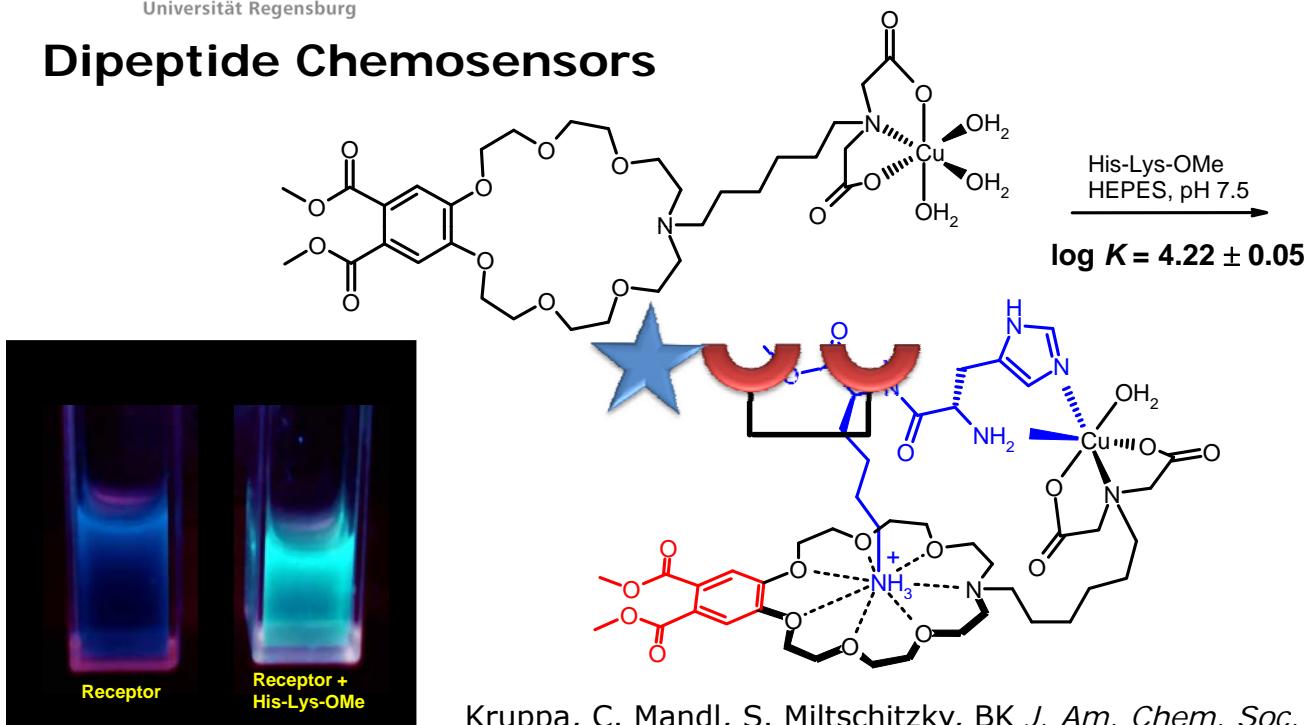


Use of reversible coordinative bonds in molecular recognition:  
M. Kruppa, BK, *Chem. Rev.* **2006**, *106*, 3520

# Reversible coordinative bonds



## Dipeptide Chemosensors

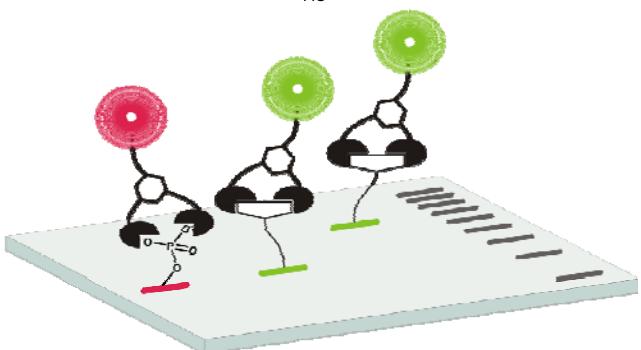
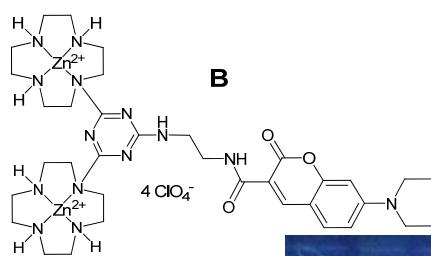
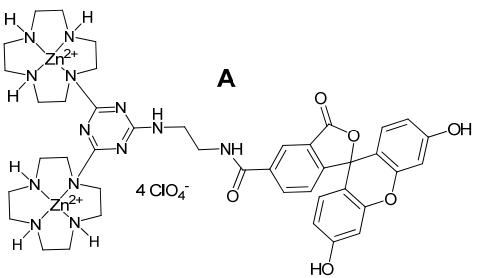


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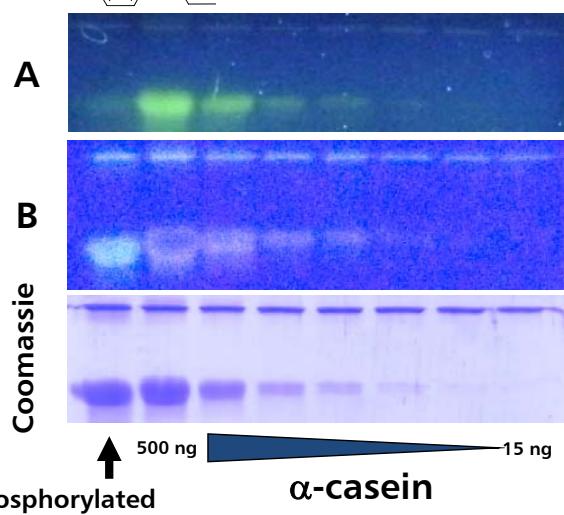
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# **SDS PAGE Phosphoprotein staining**

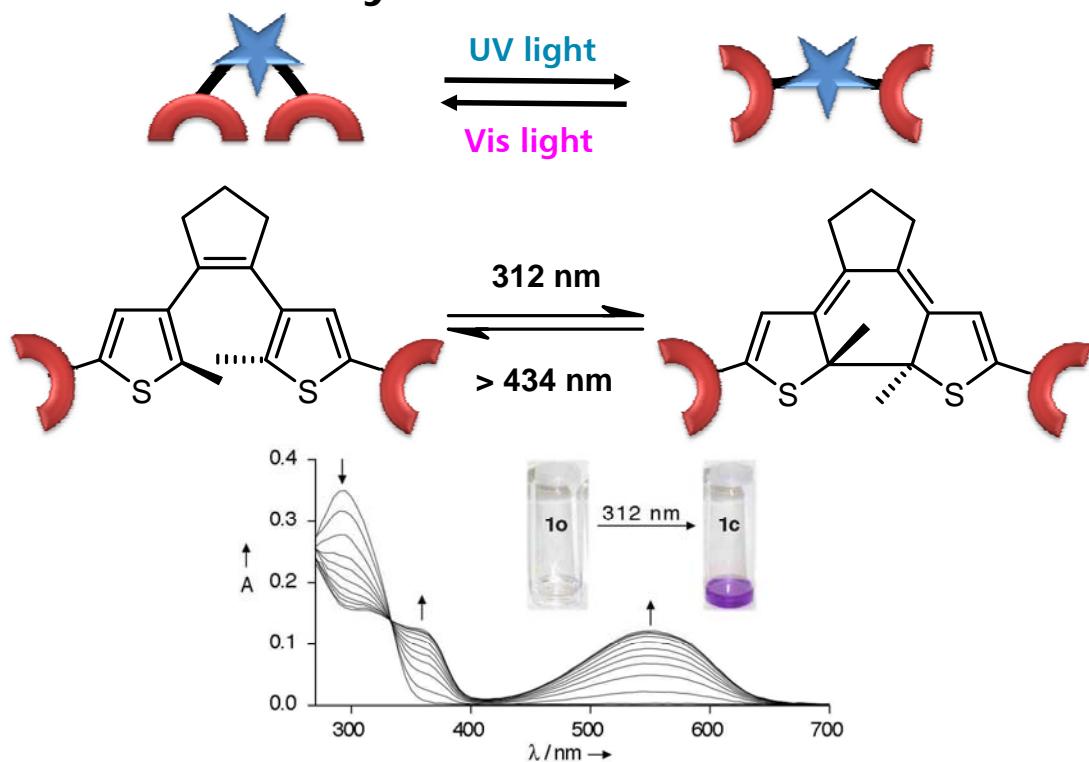


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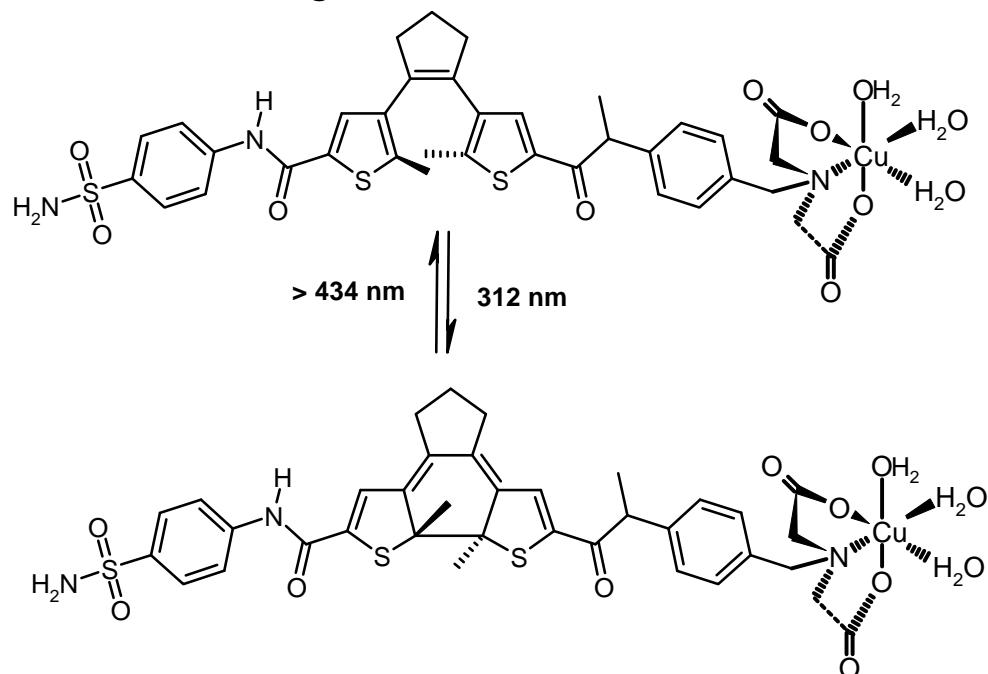


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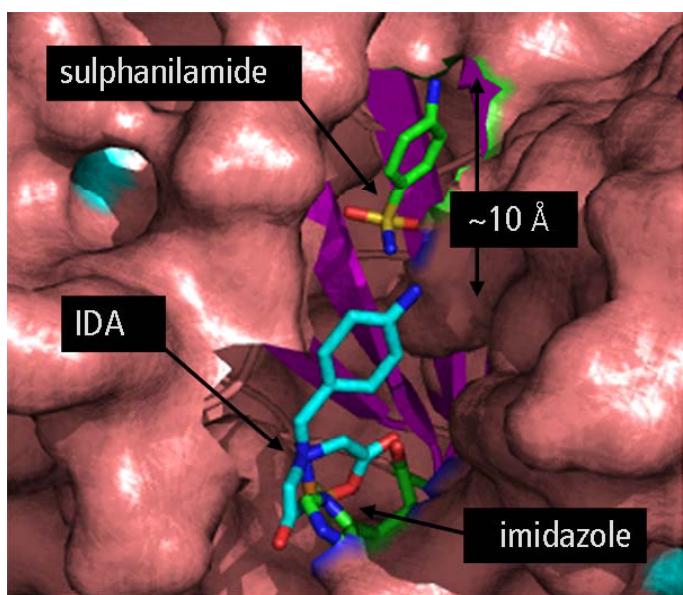
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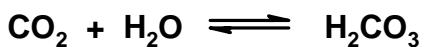
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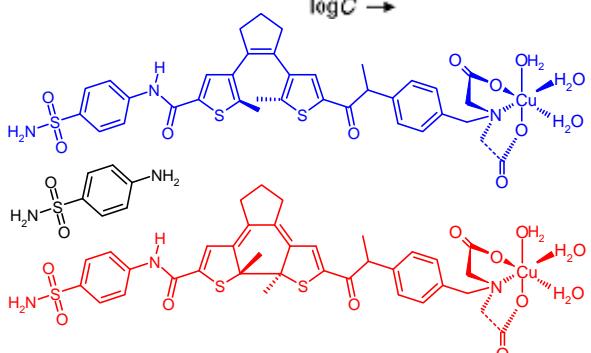
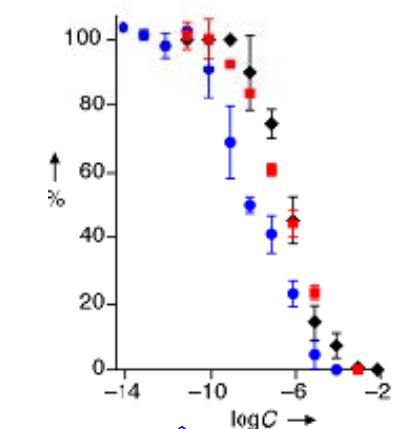
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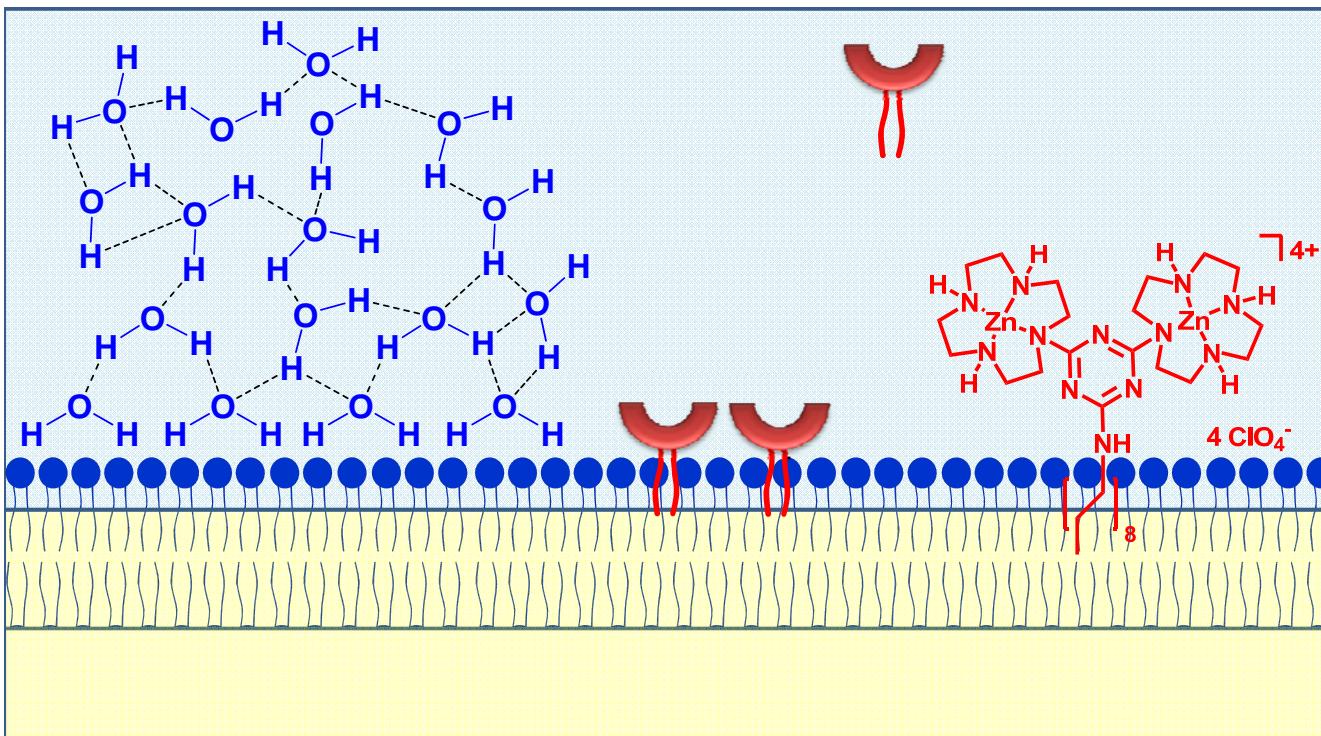
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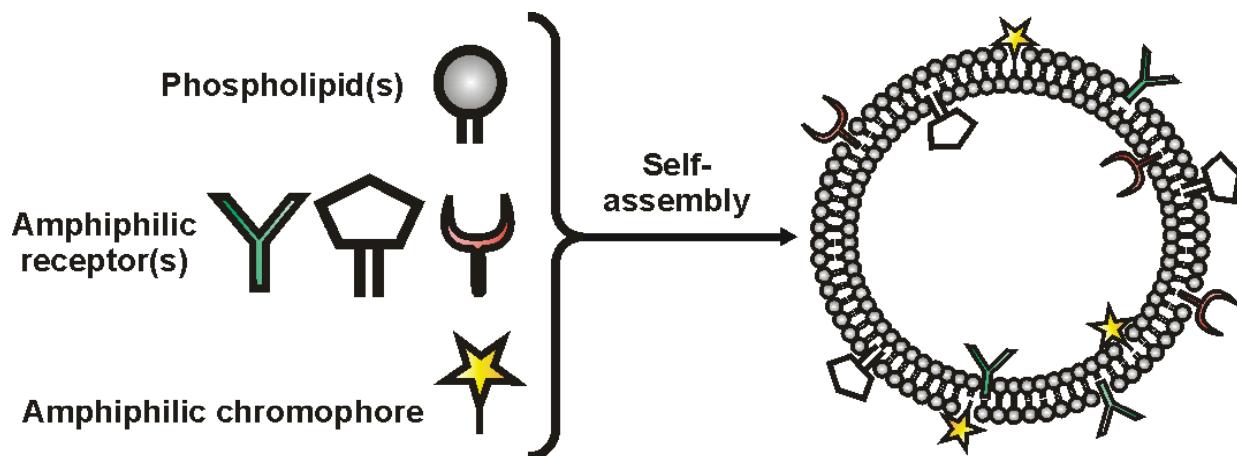
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## Assembly of binding sites in membranes

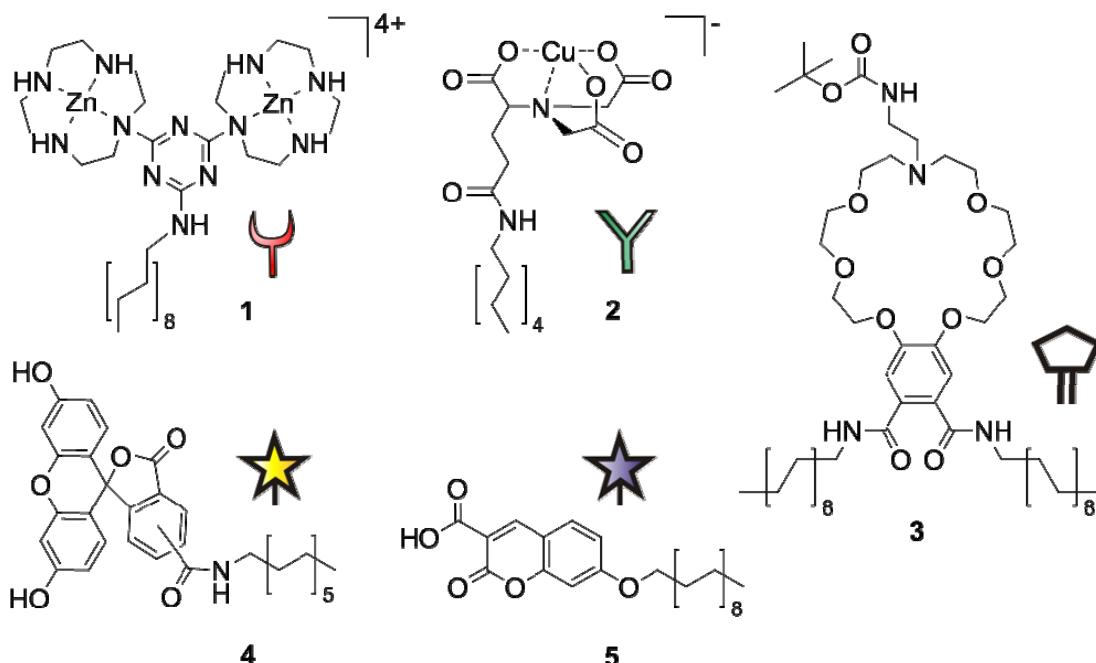


## Co-embedding of binding site and dye . . .



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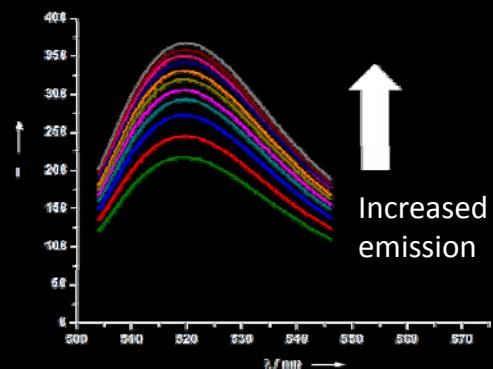
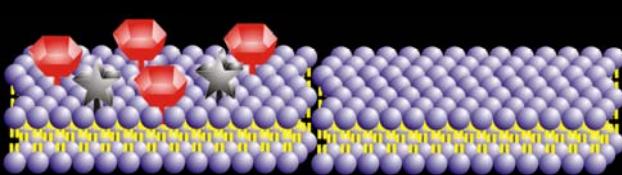
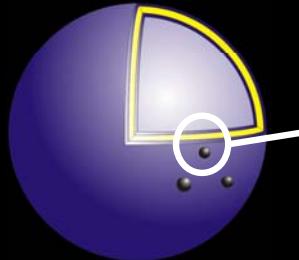
## .... facilitates quick optimization of properties



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## Sensory mechanism

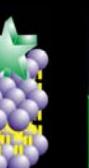
*Mixed domains of receptors and dyes formed during assembly*



*analyte binding*

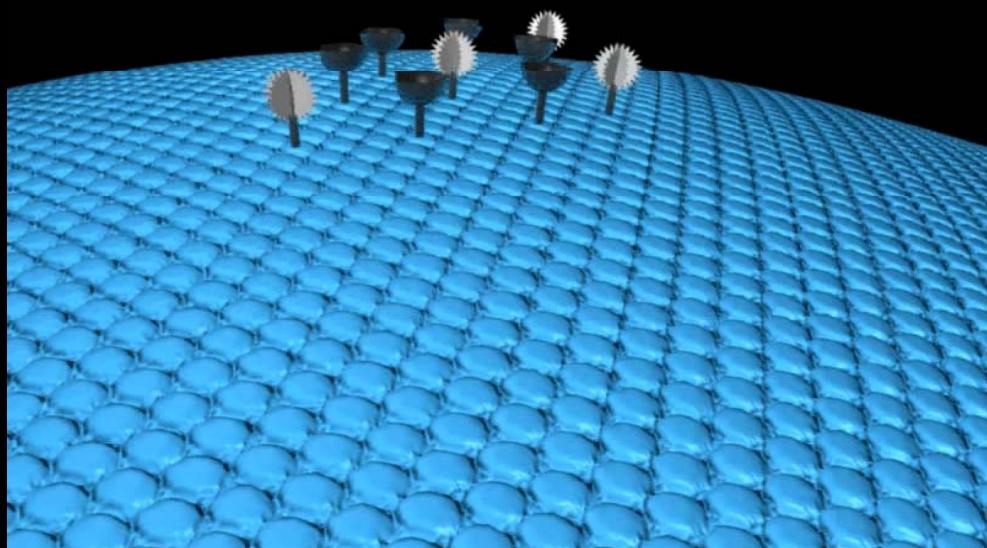


*emission "on"*

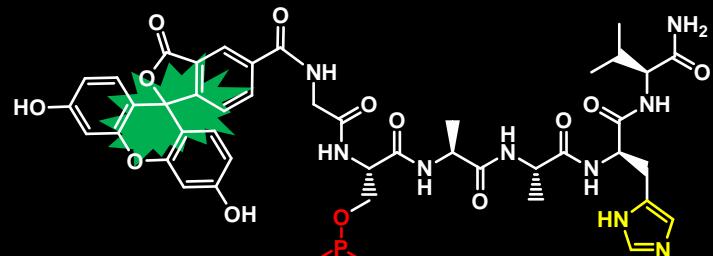
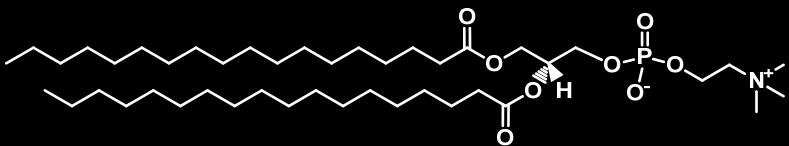


*reporter dye is extruded out of the membrane domains*

## Sensory mechanism

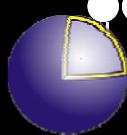
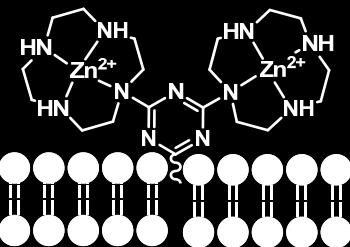


## Analyte induced arrangement of receptors



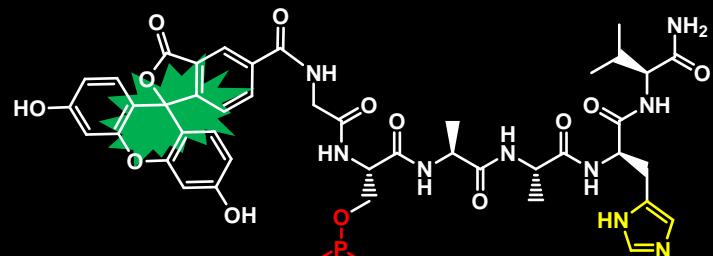
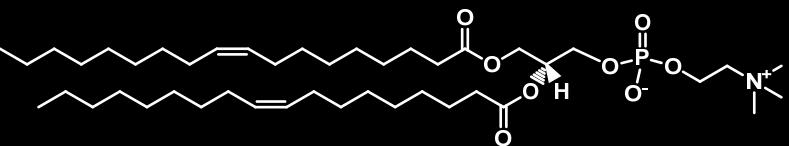
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**DSPC**  
 $T_M = 54 \text{ }^\circ\text{C}$

$T = 25 \text{ }^\circ\text{C}$



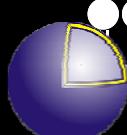
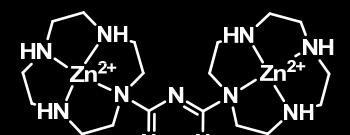
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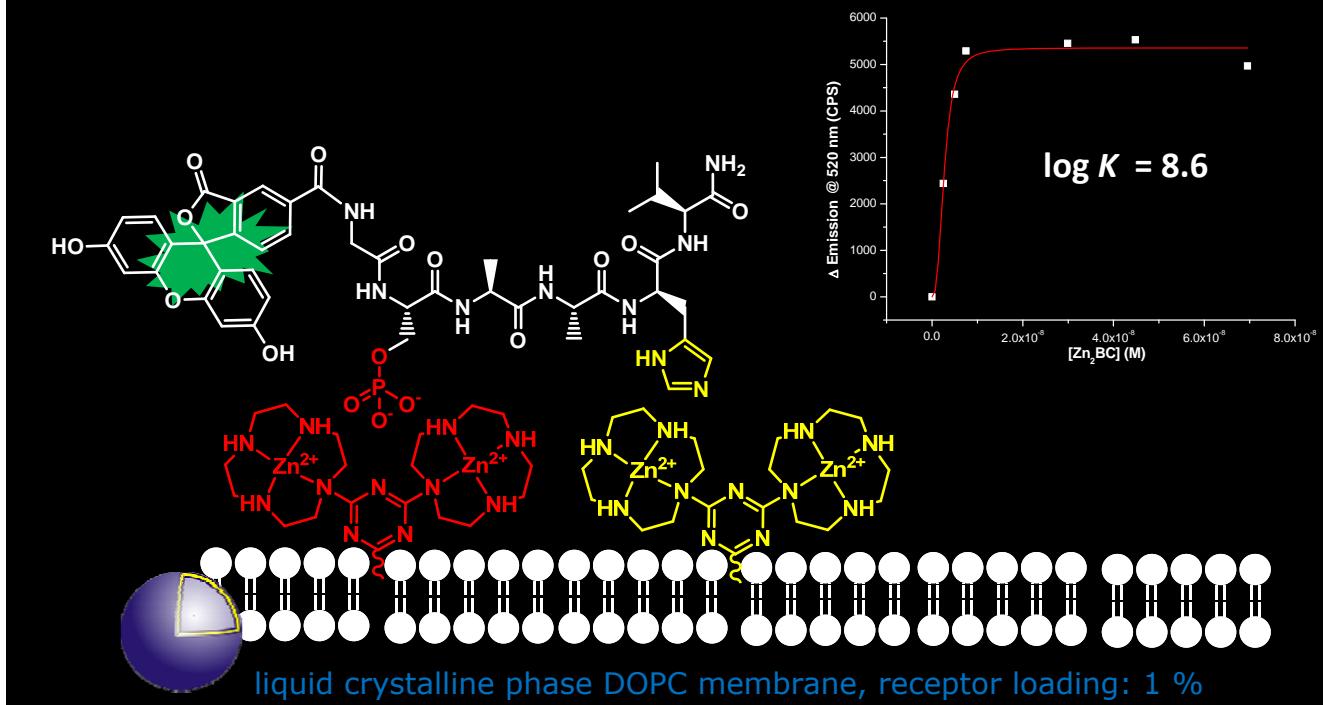
Vesicle membrane:  
**DOPC**  
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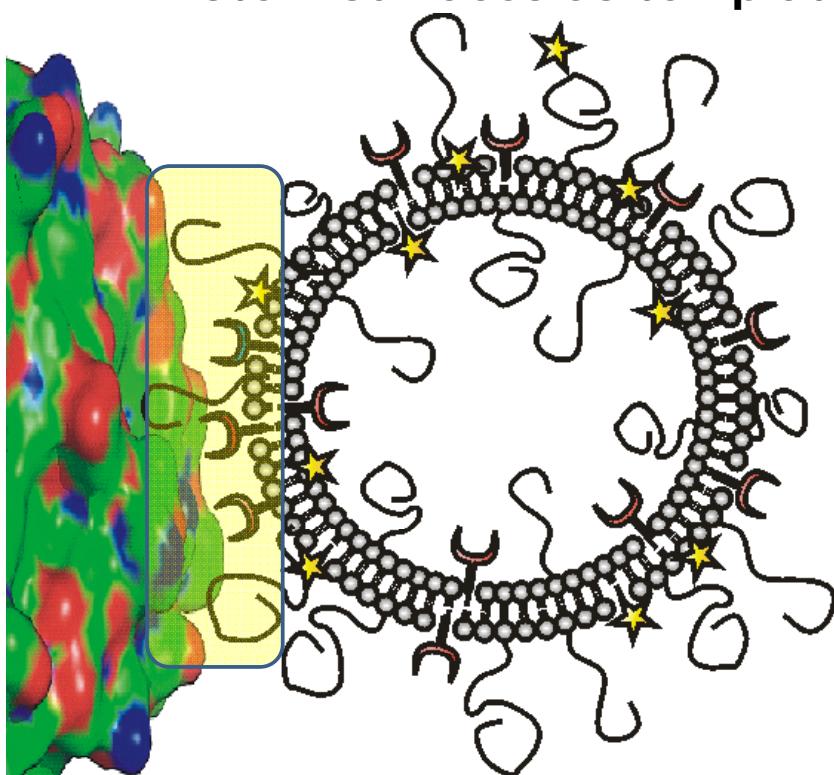
liquid crystalline phase DOPC membrane, receptor loading: 1 %

## Analyte induced arrangement of receptors

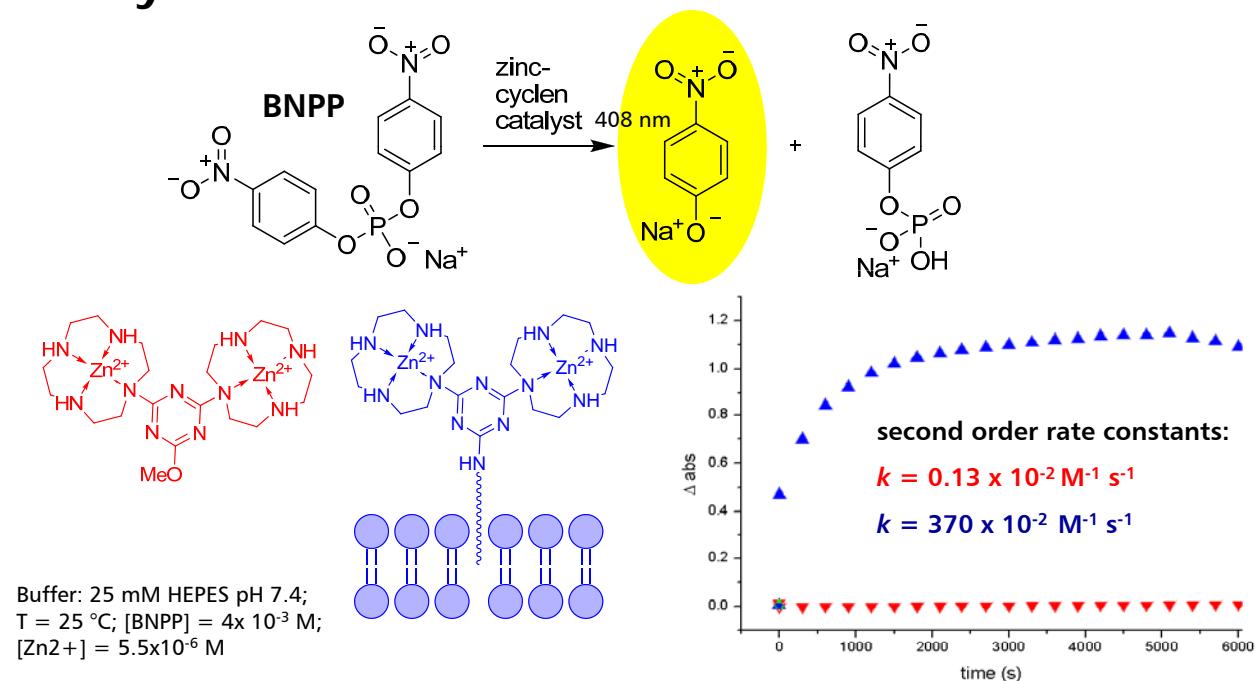


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## Protein surfaces as templates – towards artificial antibodies

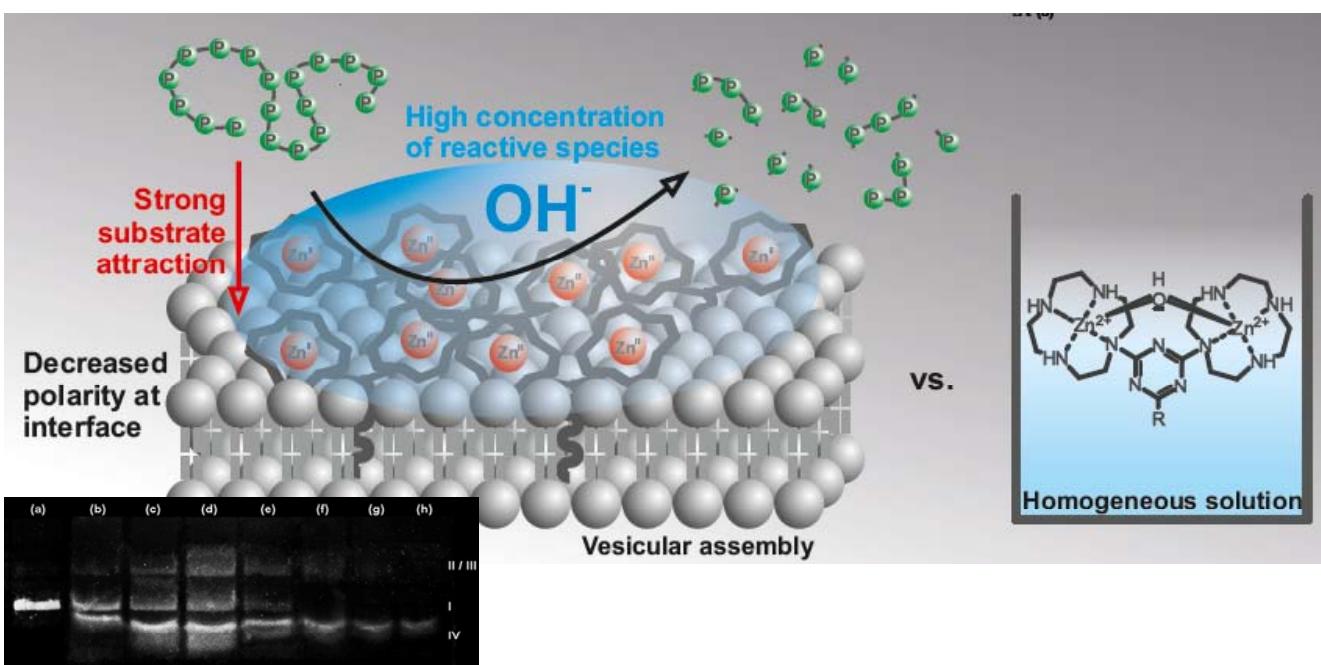


## Catalysis at the interface

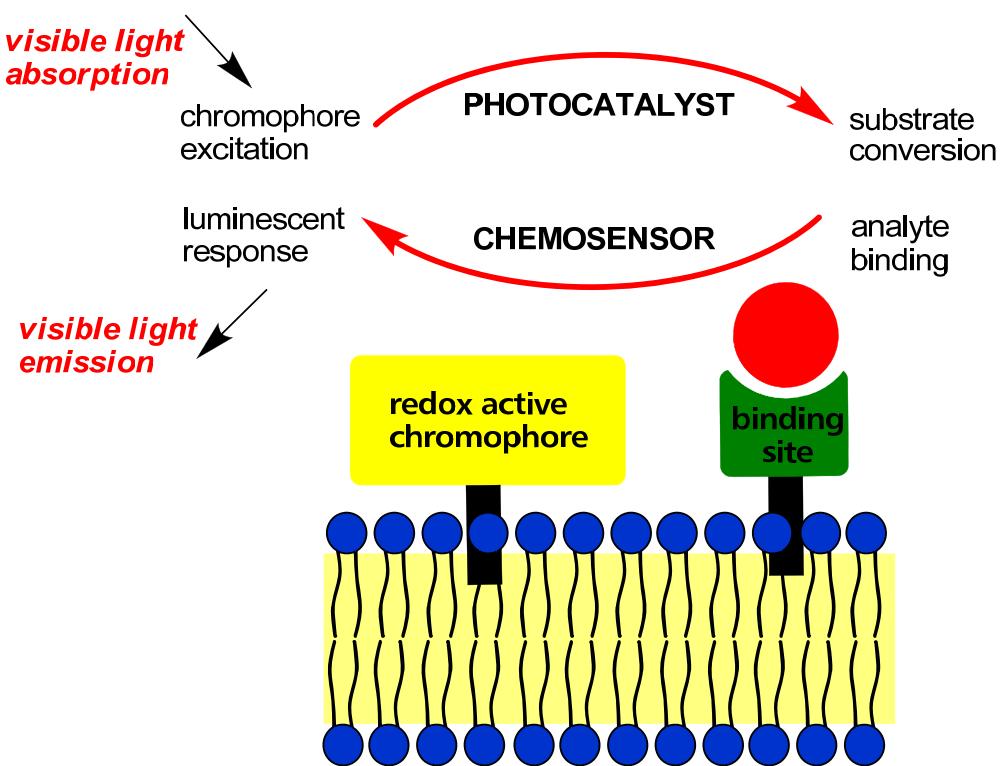


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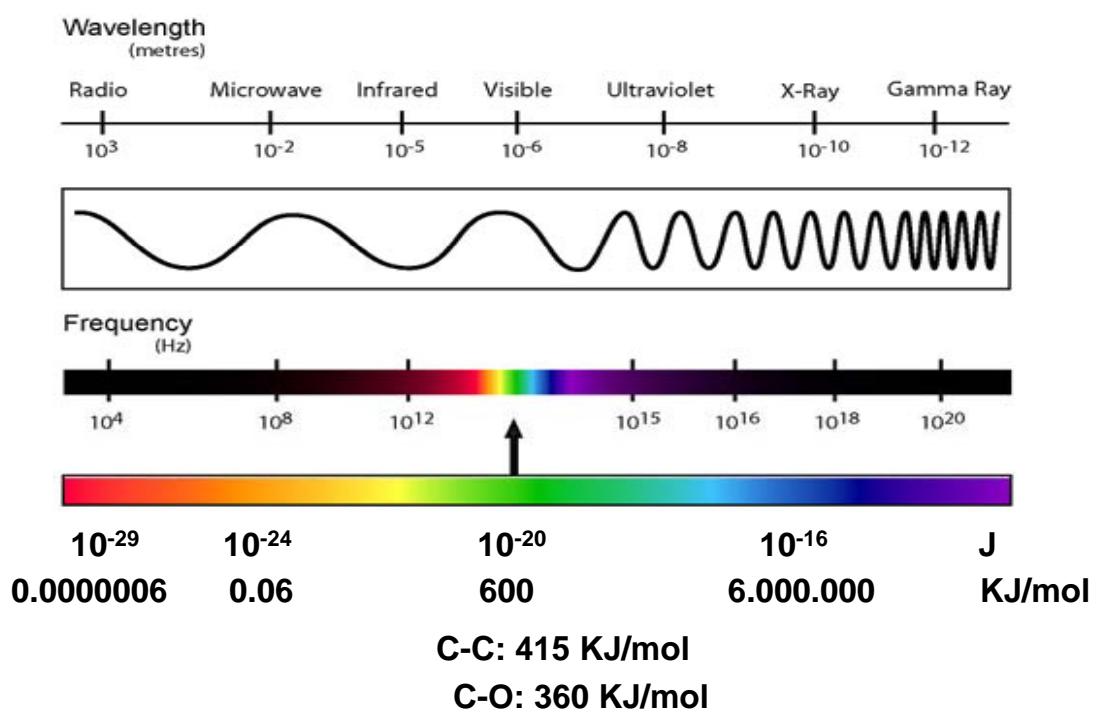
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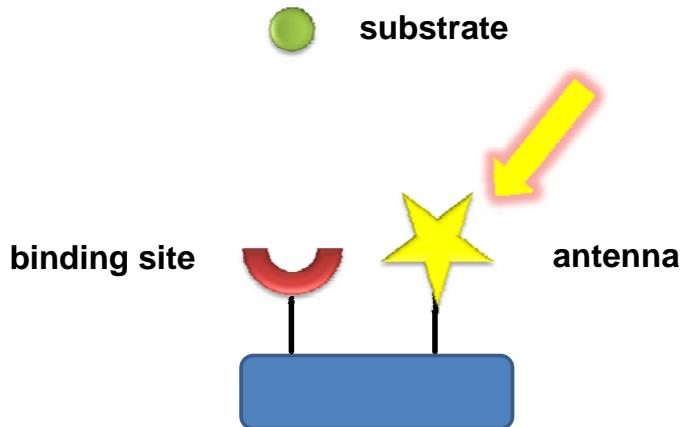
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## Visible light and chemistry

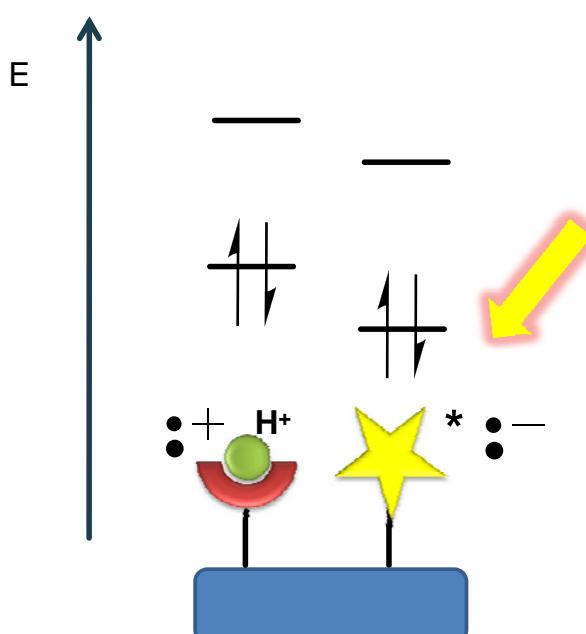


## Molecular binding site + dye = photocatalyst !

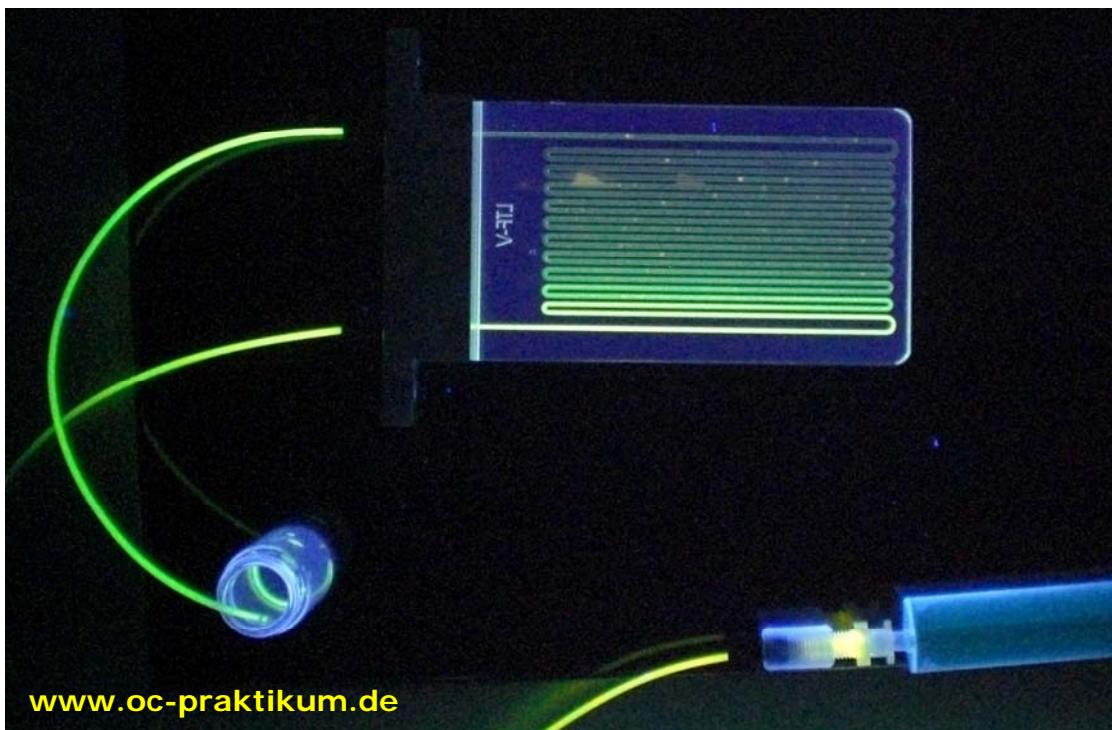


- Visible light for excitation of chromophore
- Close proximity of antenna chromophore and substrate binding site
- Control of reaction selectivity by catalyst binding site

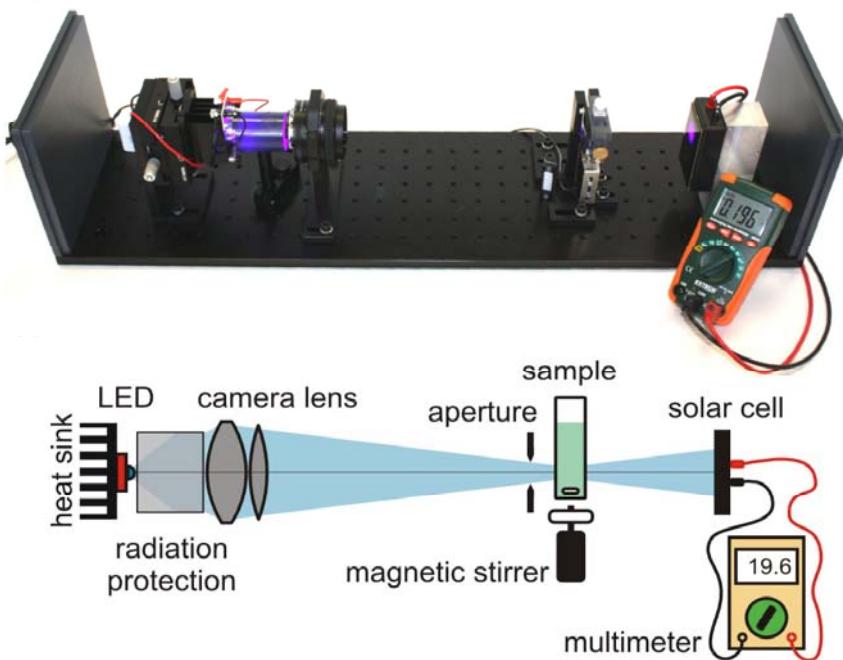
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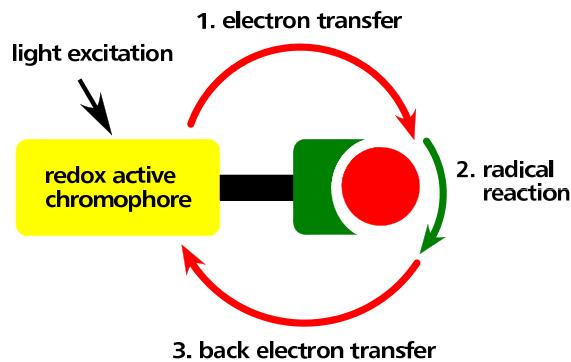
## Reaction in photomicroreactor



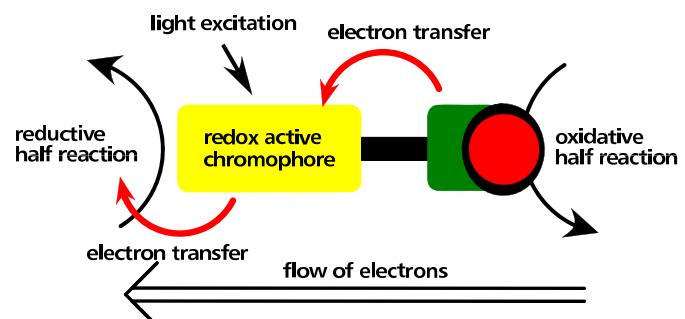
## LED/solar cell-based quantum yield determination



## Photocatalytic reaction mechanisms

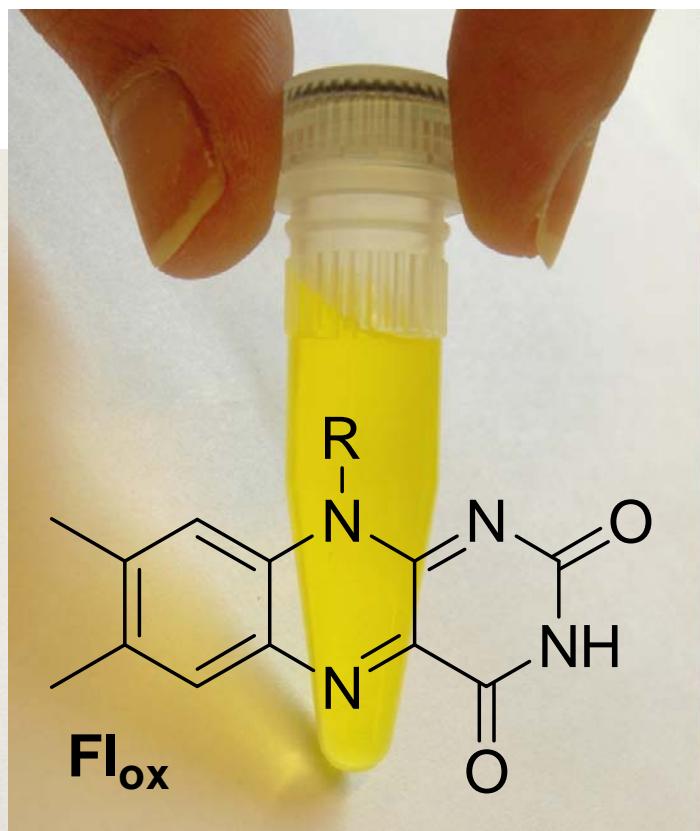


*Catalysis of chemical reactions by electrons*



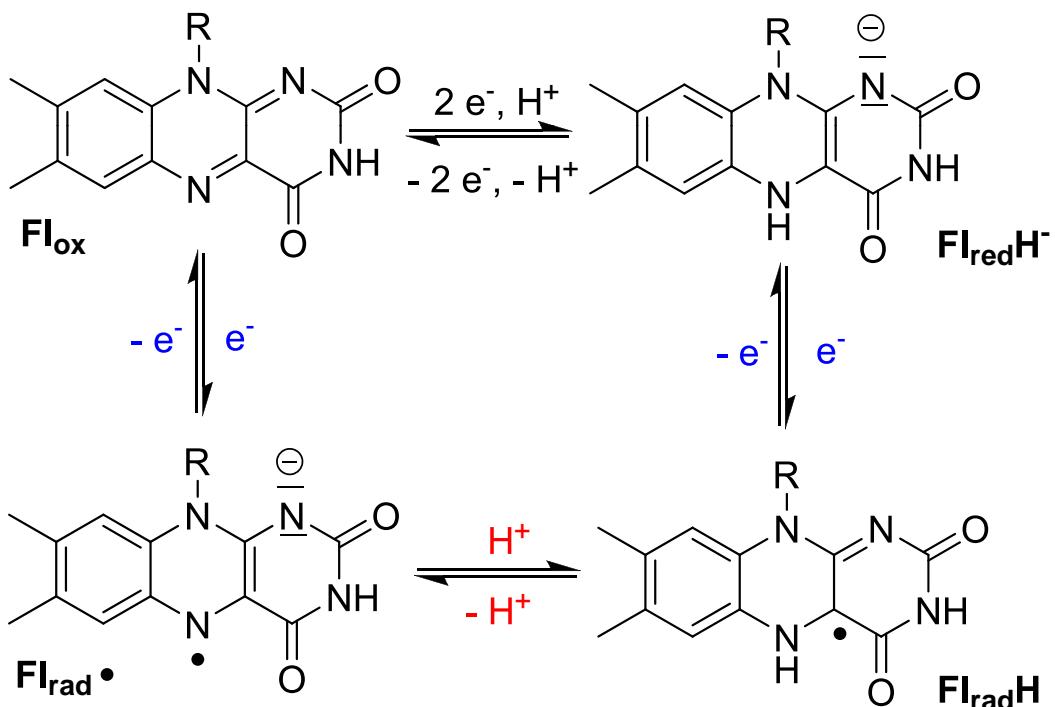
*Coupling of two redox processes*

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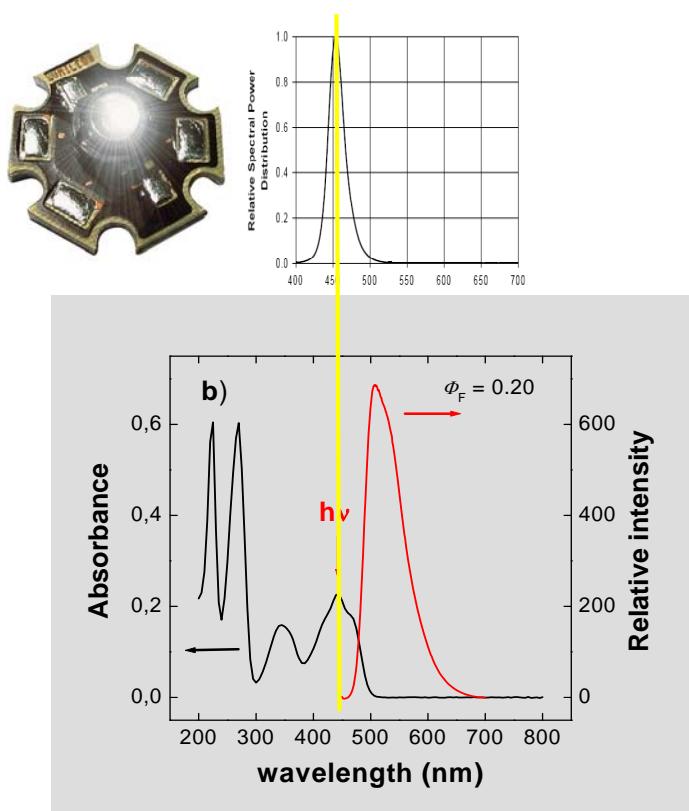
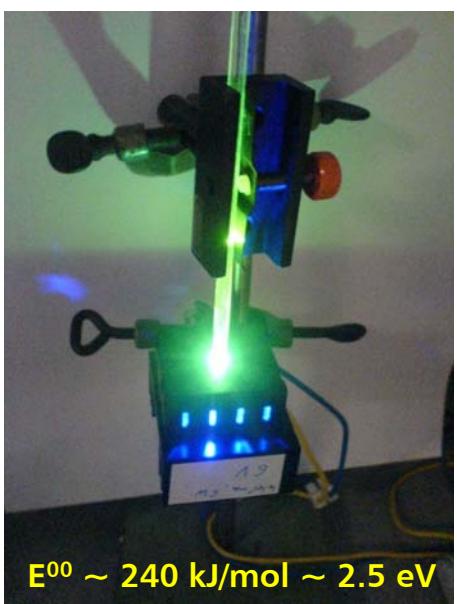




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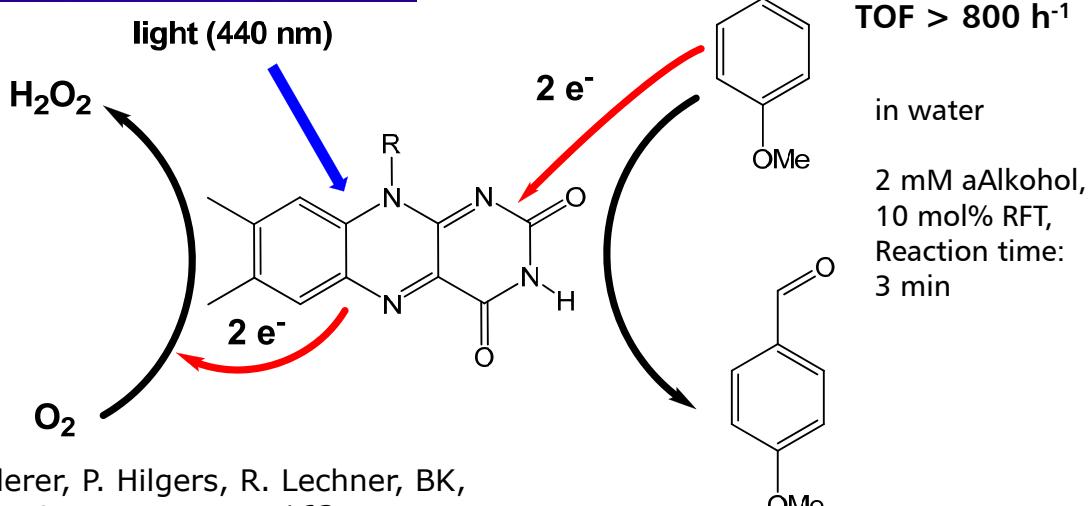
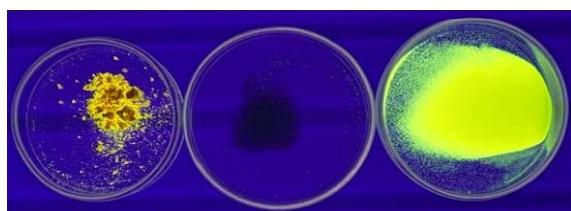


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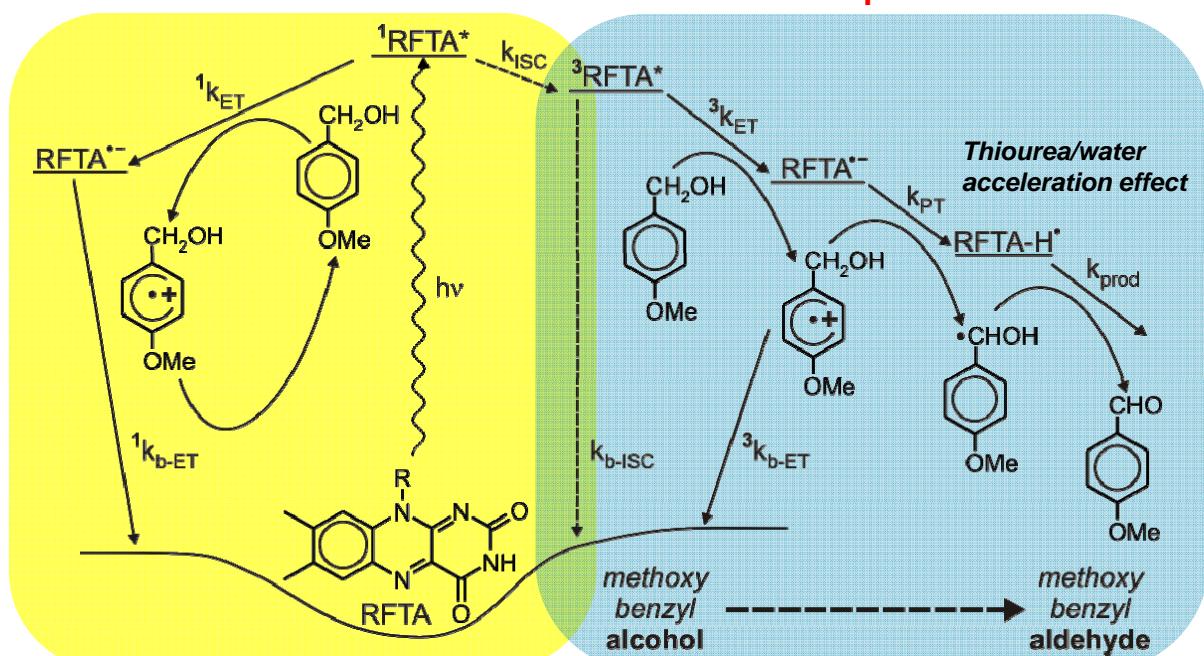
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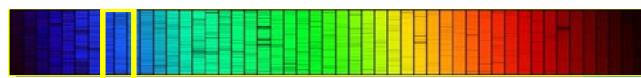
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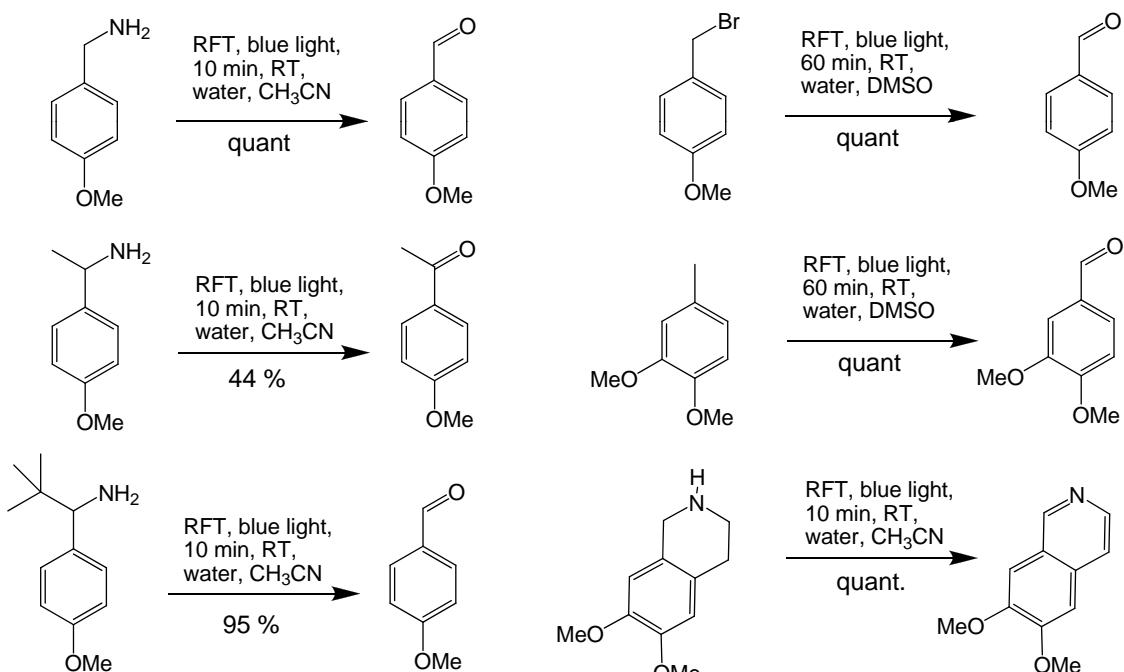
Only triplet chemistry leads to products



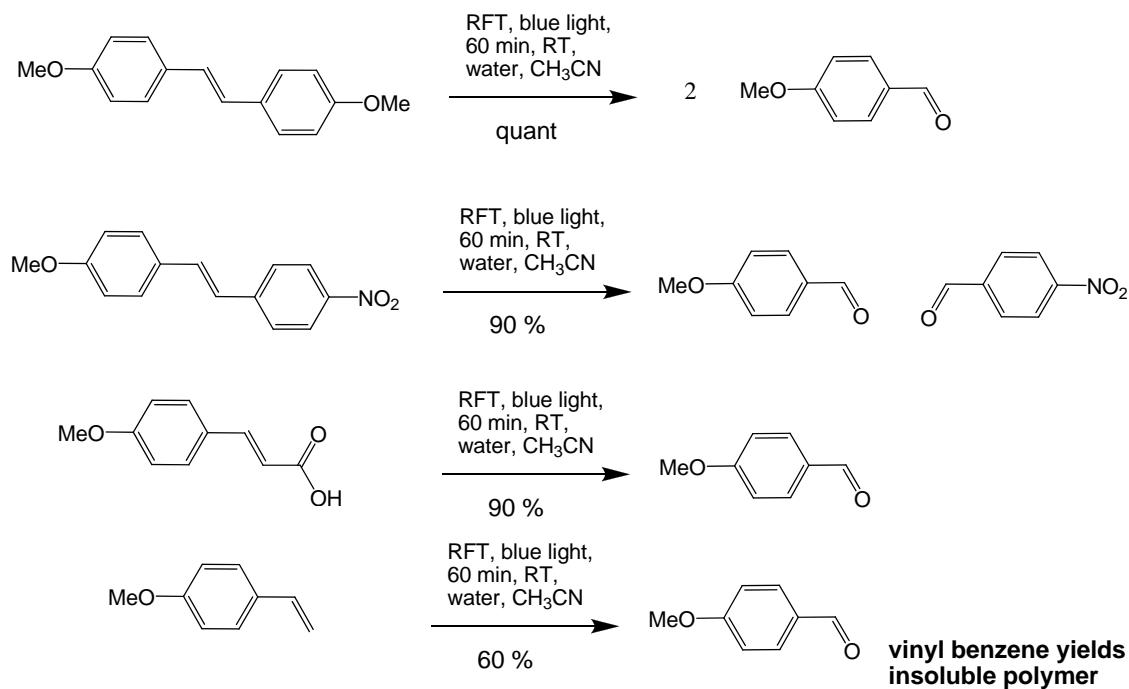
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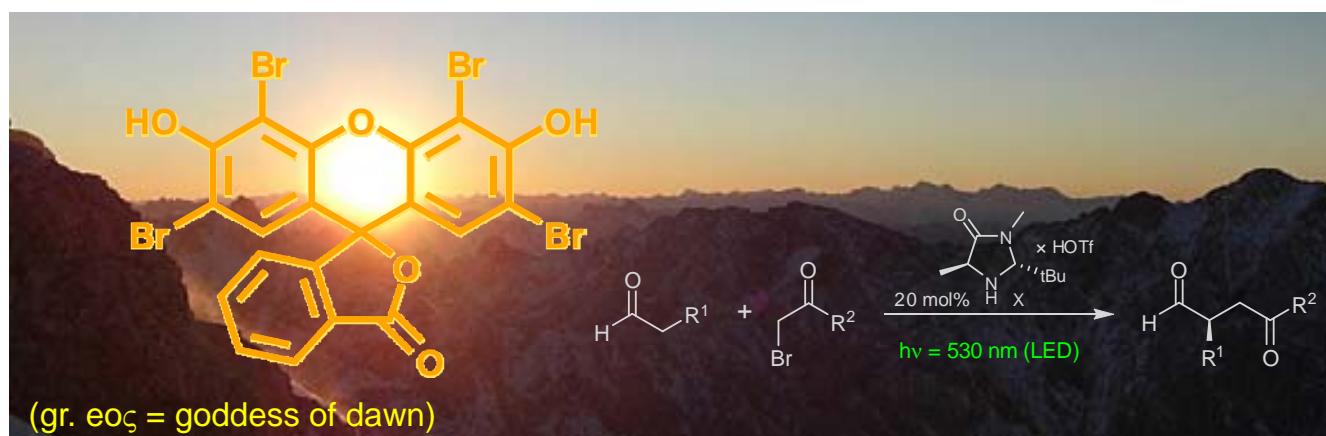


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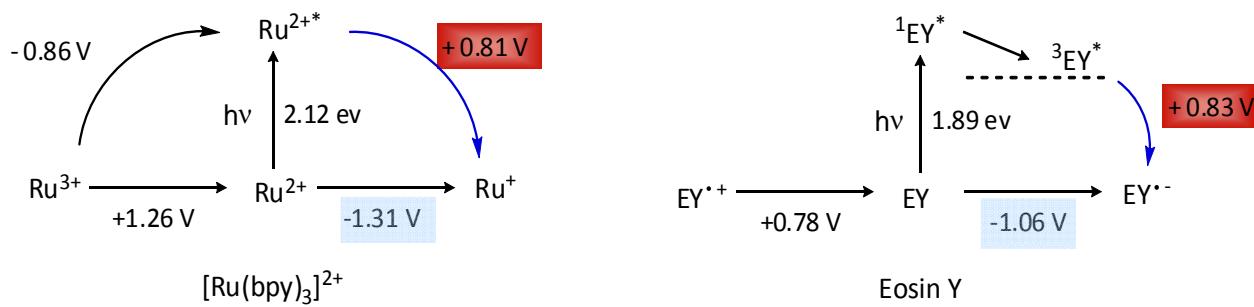


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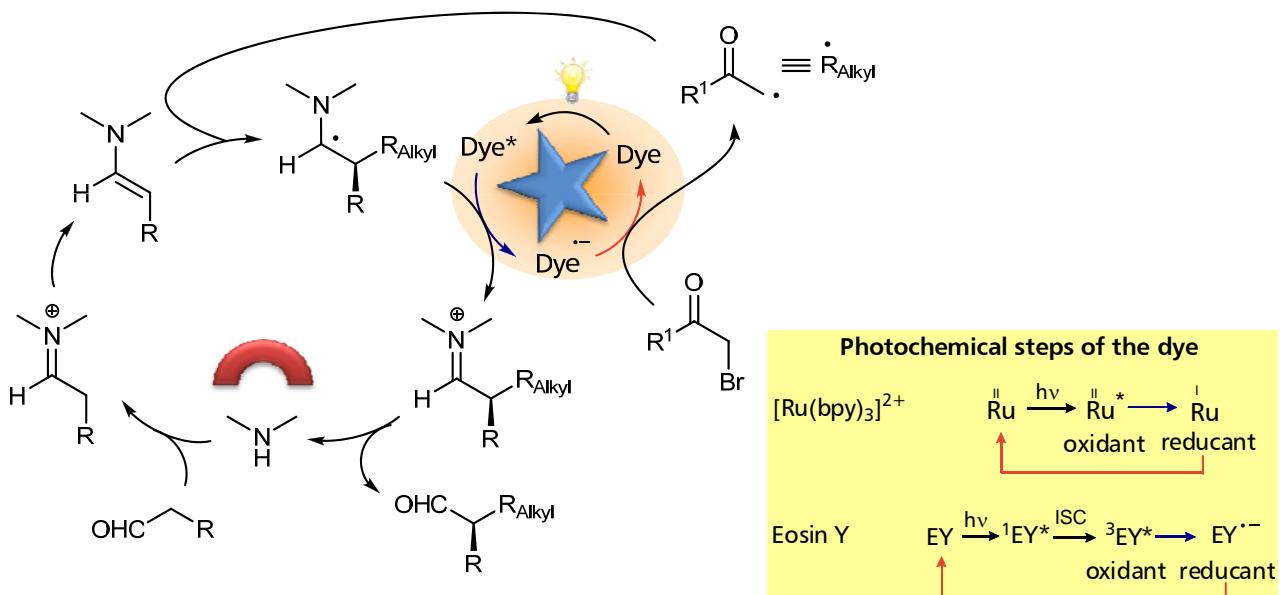
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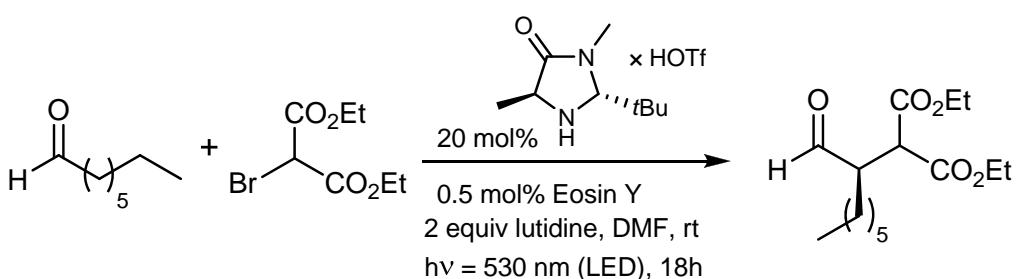
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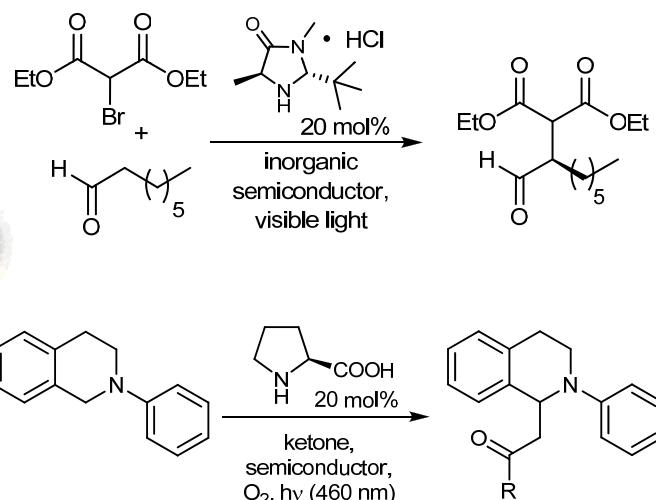
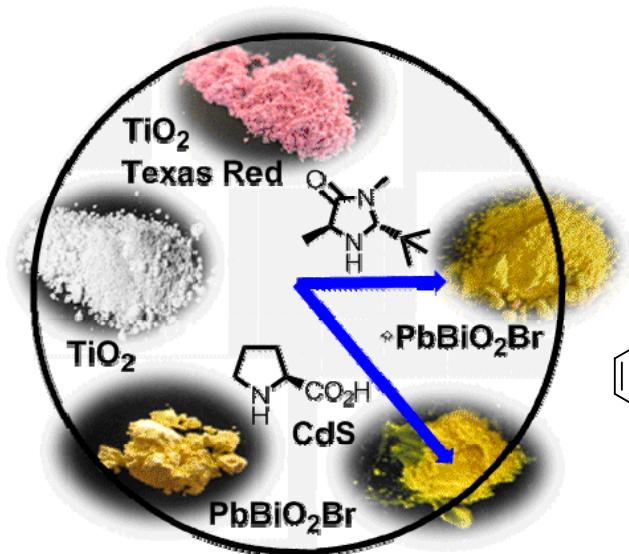


conditions	Yield [%]	ee [%]
MacMillan: white light, $[\text{Ru}(\text{bpy})_3]\text{Cl}_2$	63	77
LED, Eosin Y, $0^\circ \text{ C}$	70	81
LED, Eosin Y, $-5^\circ \text{ C}$	85	88
Sunlight, Eosin Y, $\approx 30^\circ \text{ C}$	77	76

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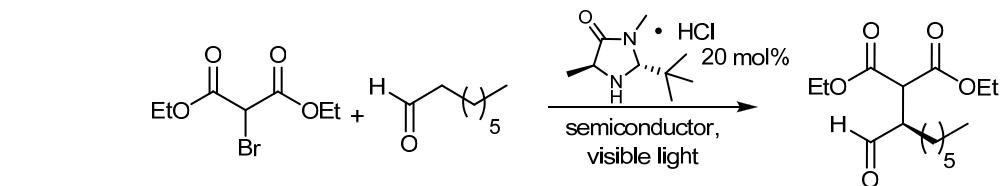
# Enantioselective heterogeneous photocatalysis

*Selection of the right semiconductor*



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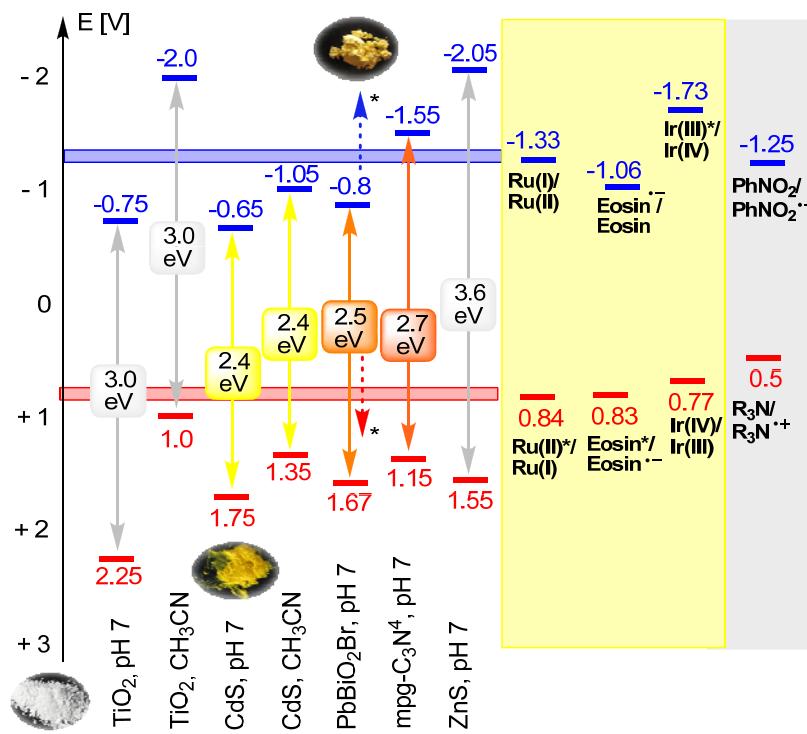
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$\text{TiO}_2$ -Texas Red	530	20	20	55	72
	530	20	-10	65	81
$\text{PbBiO}_2\text{Br}$	440	20	20	84	72
	440	20	-10	49	83
	455	3	20	41	71
	455	10	-10	69	80
$\text{CdS}$ No reaction					

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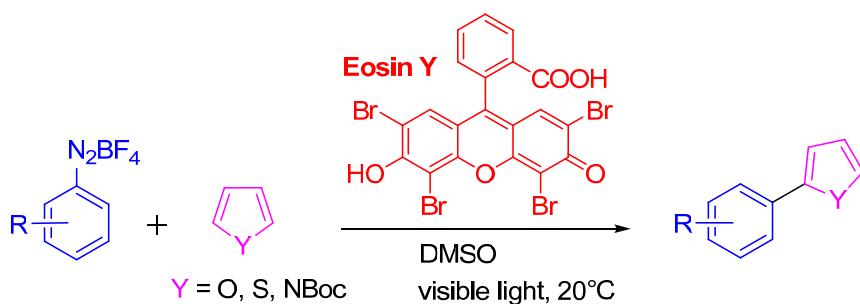
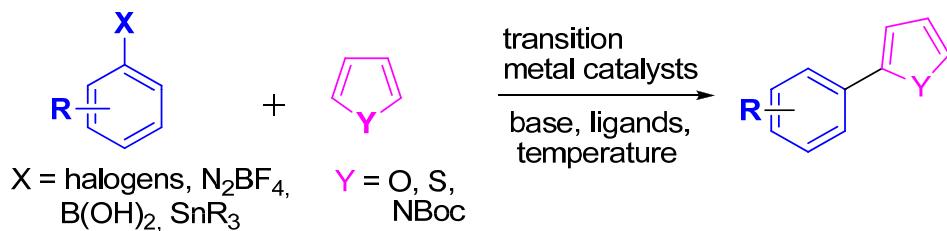
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$R^1$	Ketone	Product	Reaction time [h]	Yield [%]
H			24	87 – quant.
OMe			18	89
H			24	79
H			15	76

# Enantioselective heterogeneous photocatalysis



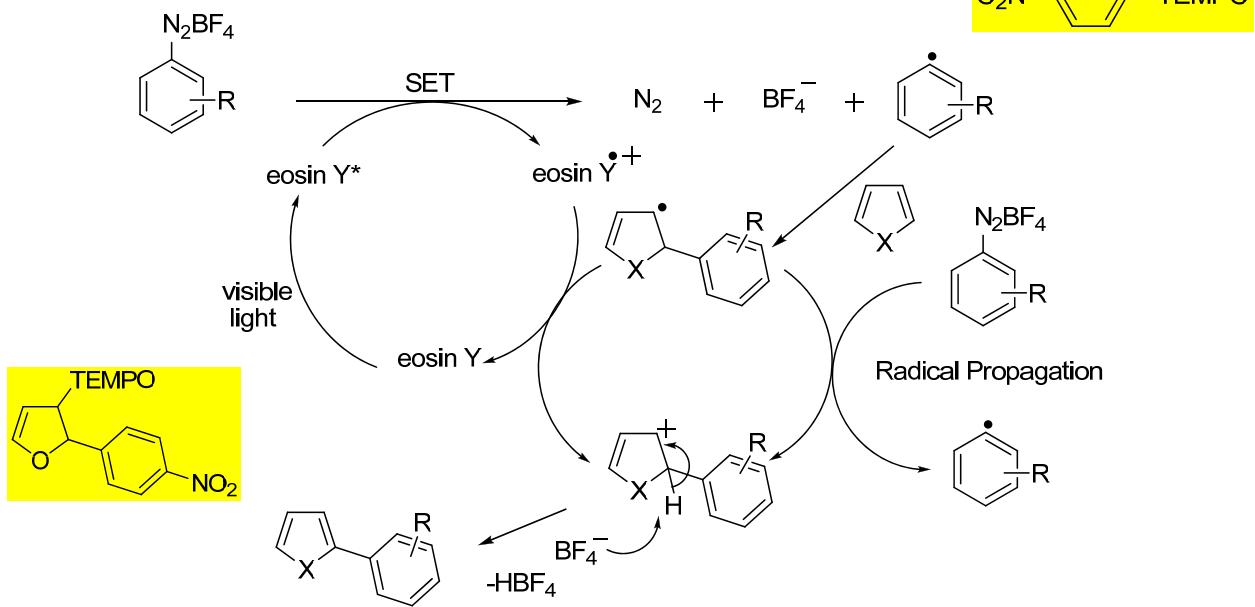
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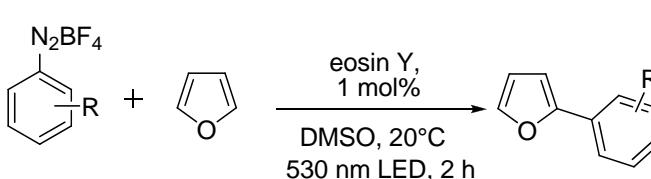
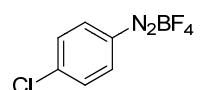
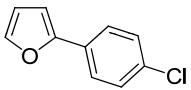
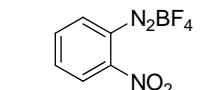
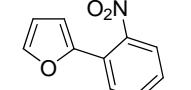
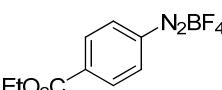
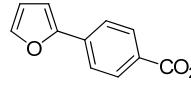
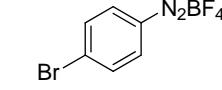
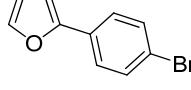
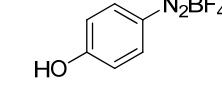
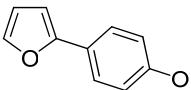
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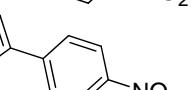
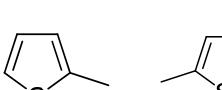
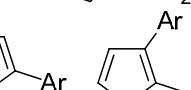
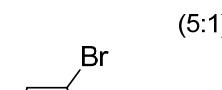
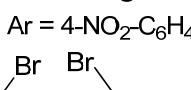
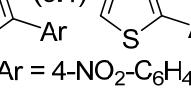
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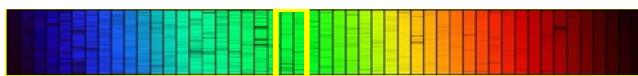
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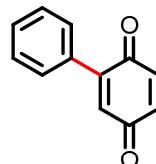
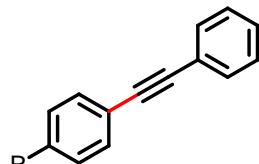
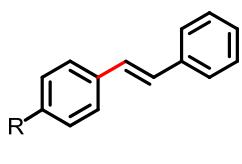
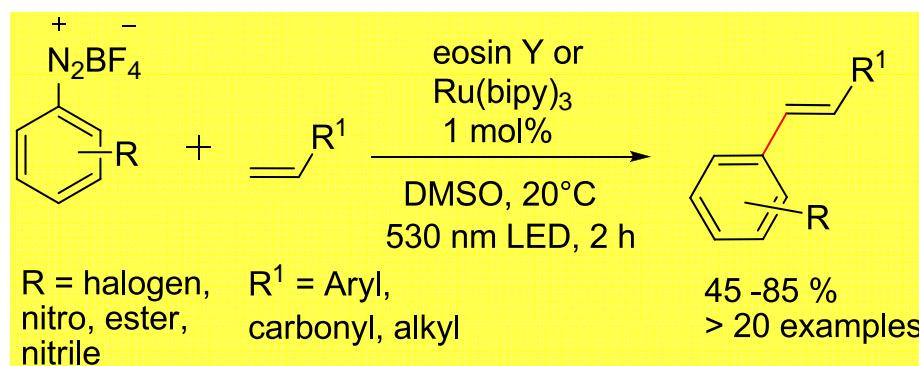
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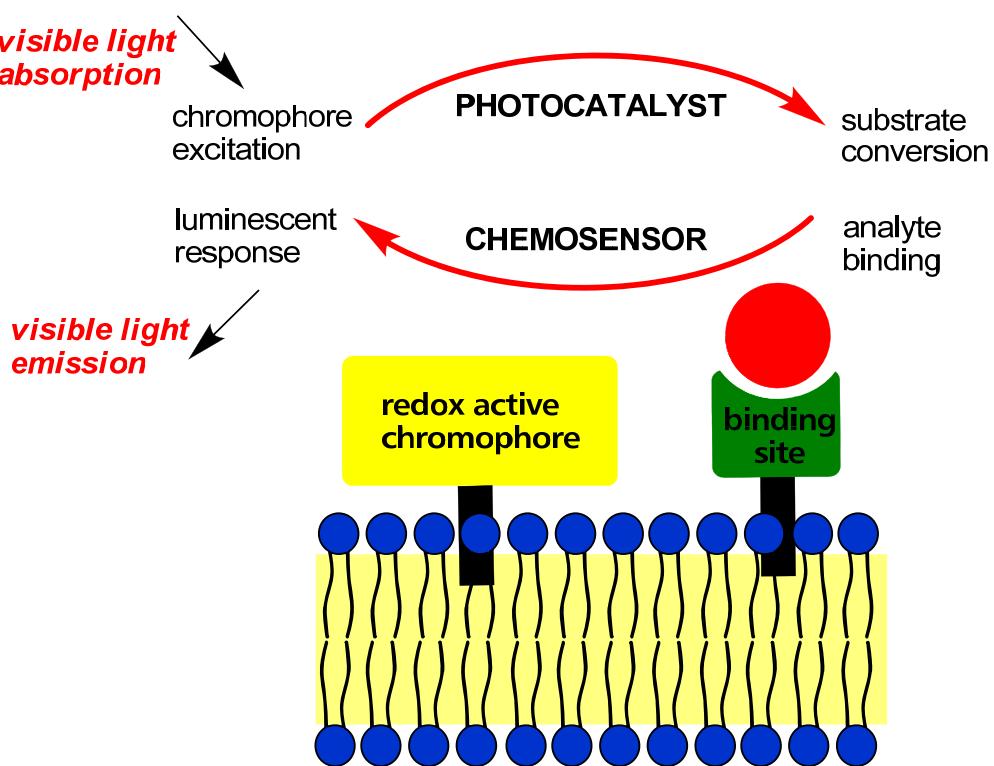
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			60



## Photo-Meerwein arylation of alkenes, alkynes and enones



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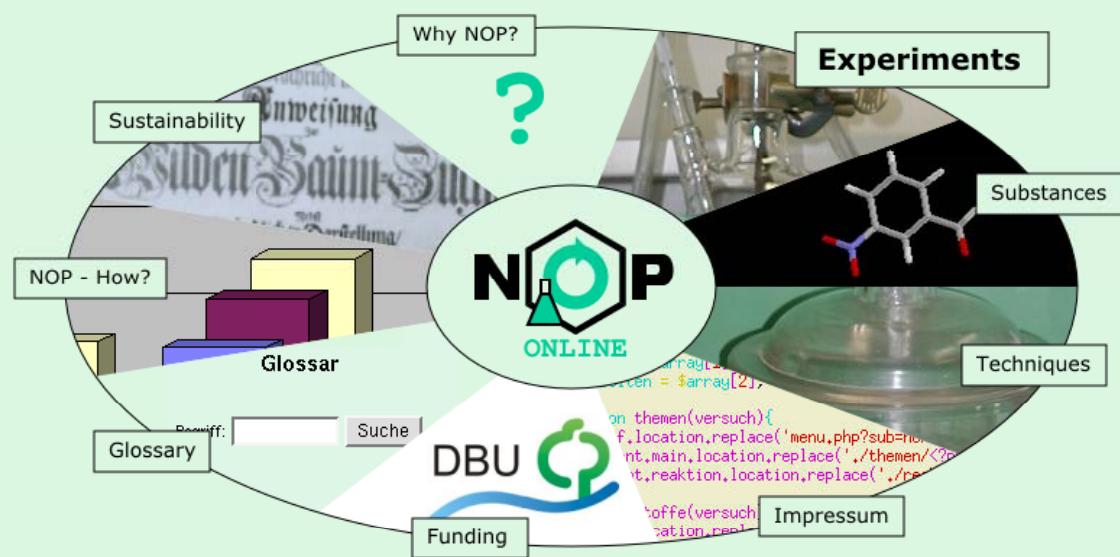
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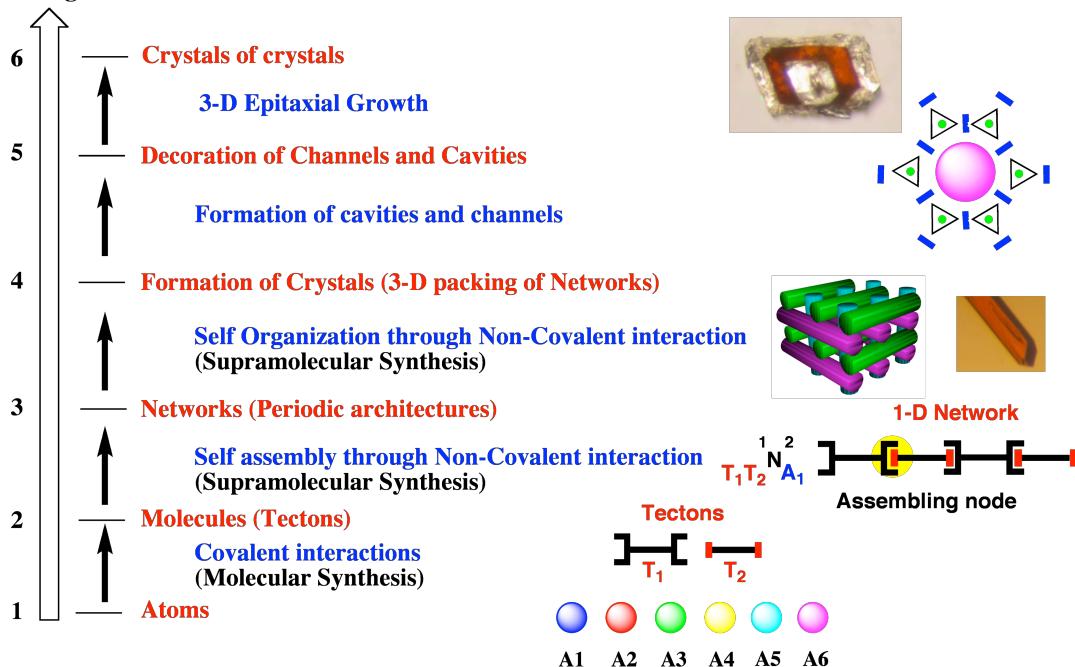
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The design and construction of periodic architectures in the crystalline phase or at surfaces are attracting considerable interest over the last two decades. For both design and analysis of molecular crystals, we have developed a strategy called molecular tectonics which is based on the formation of molecular networks through the design of complementary tectons or molecular construction units. The generation of molecular networks and subsequently of crystals is achieved by self-assembly processes based on repetitive molecular recognition events. This approach, combining supramolecular synthesis and self-assembly processes in the solid state, is operational and versatile and allows the design and construction of a variety of complex purely organic or hybrid architectures. The approach will be presented and illustrated by a variety of tectons and networks.

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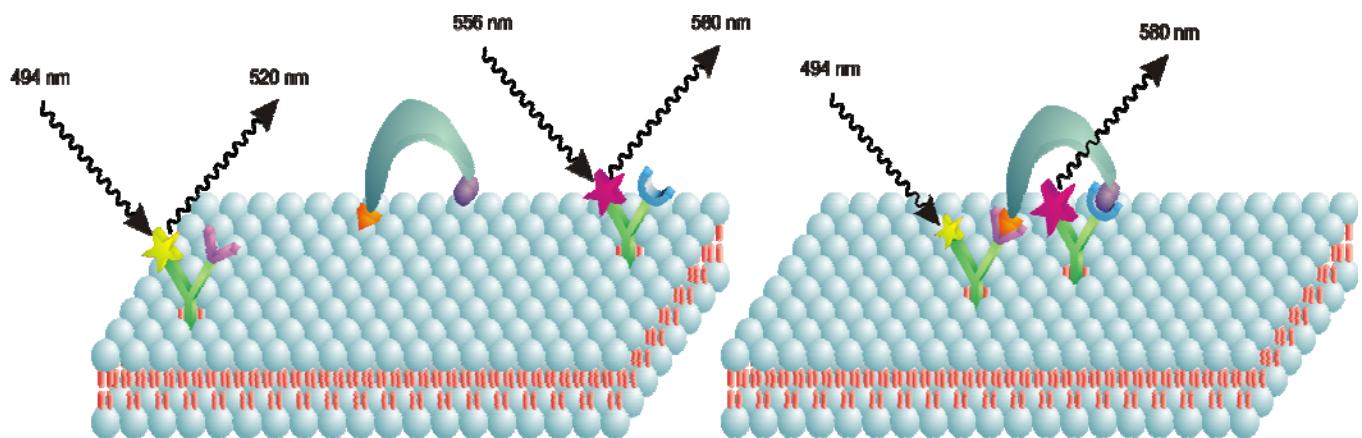
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# DYNAMIC ANALYTE RECOGNITION BY ARTIFICIAL SYNTHETIC VESICLES

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Mimicking recognition processes at natural cell membranes we recently reported synthetic vesicles with multi-receptor surfaces as chemo sensors for small biomolecules.<sup>[1]</sup> Functional phospholipid-based membranes are used for optical sensing by fluorescent labelling of embedded molecules.<sup>[2]</sup> To understand the physical interactions of vesicular anchored receptors we developed a simple model system for the dynamic recognition: bivalent target molecules spatially rearrange multiple membrane-embedded receptors equipped with FRET labels. These liposomal tethered amphiphiles are assumed to form patches and approximate with the addition of a binding partner to give a typical FRET response.



*Figure 1.* Spatial rearrangement of FRET labeled receptor molecules by analyte binding

The influence of analyte binding towards the FRET signal was investigated by emission titrations. The investigation of these dynamic interactions is part of an approach towards imprinted vesicles as soft nanoparticles with ordered surfaces that perfectly match a templating target molecule.

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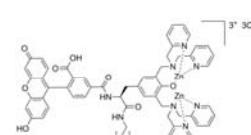
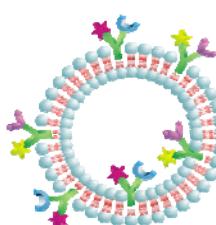
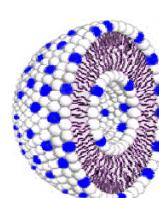
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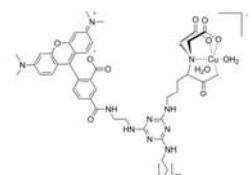
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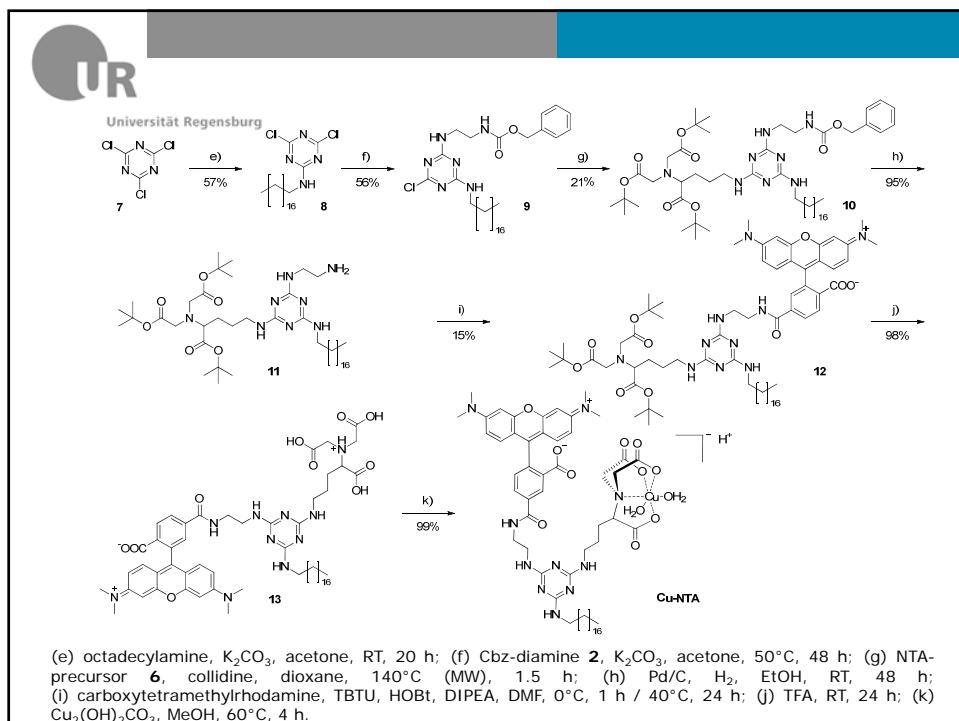
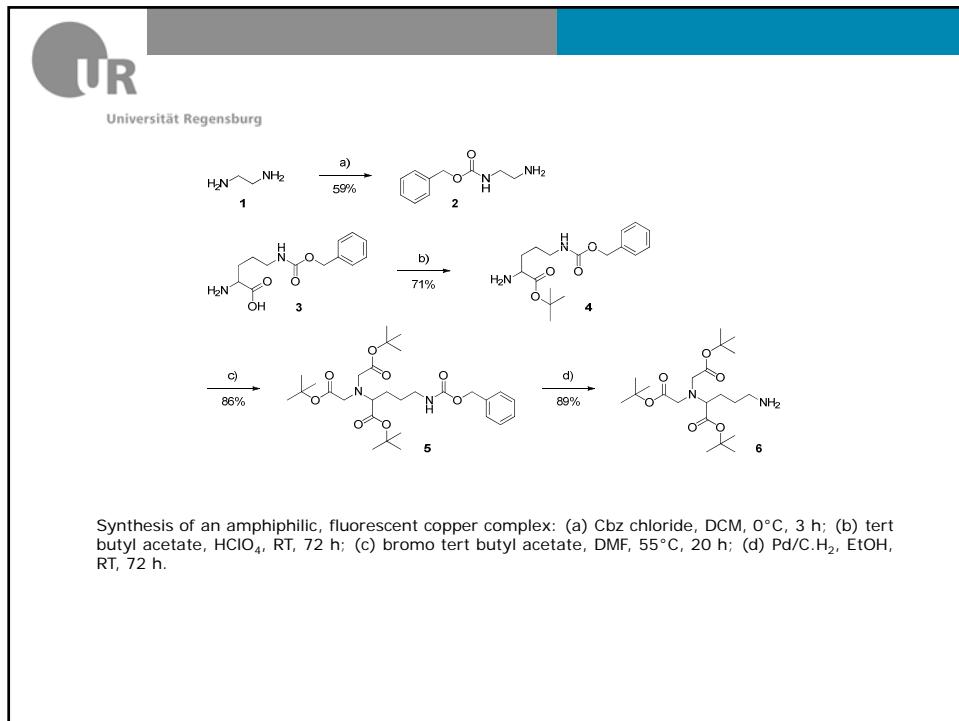


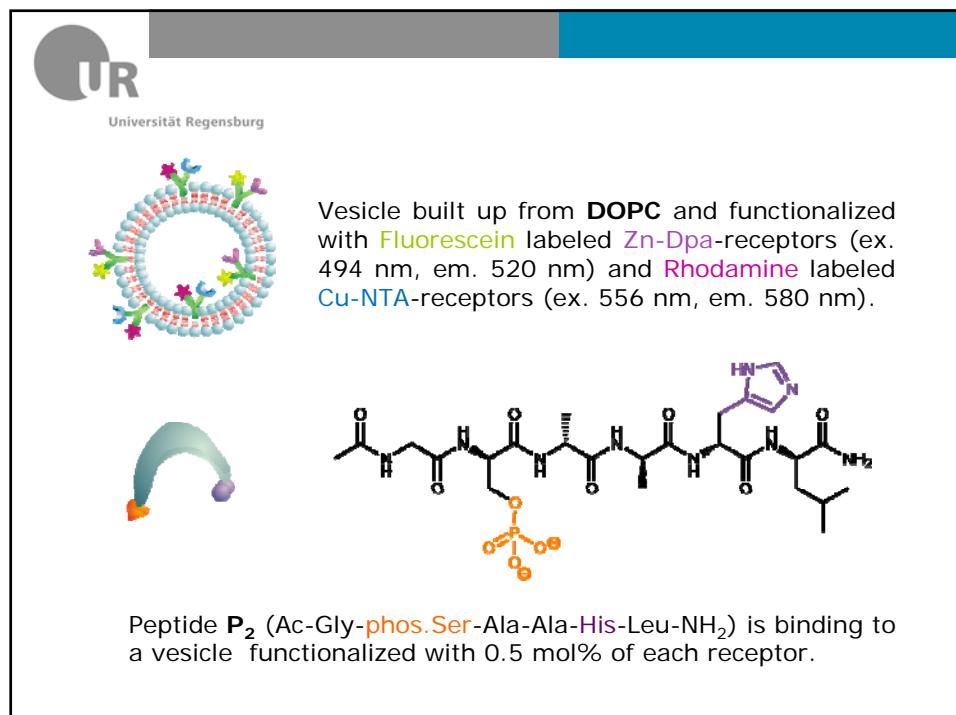
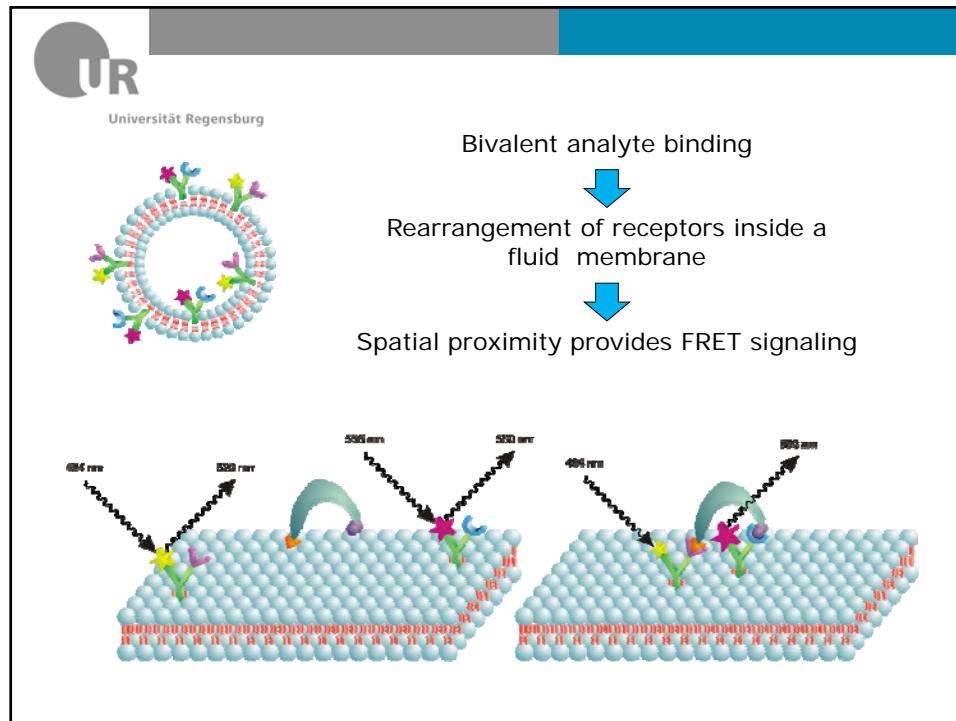
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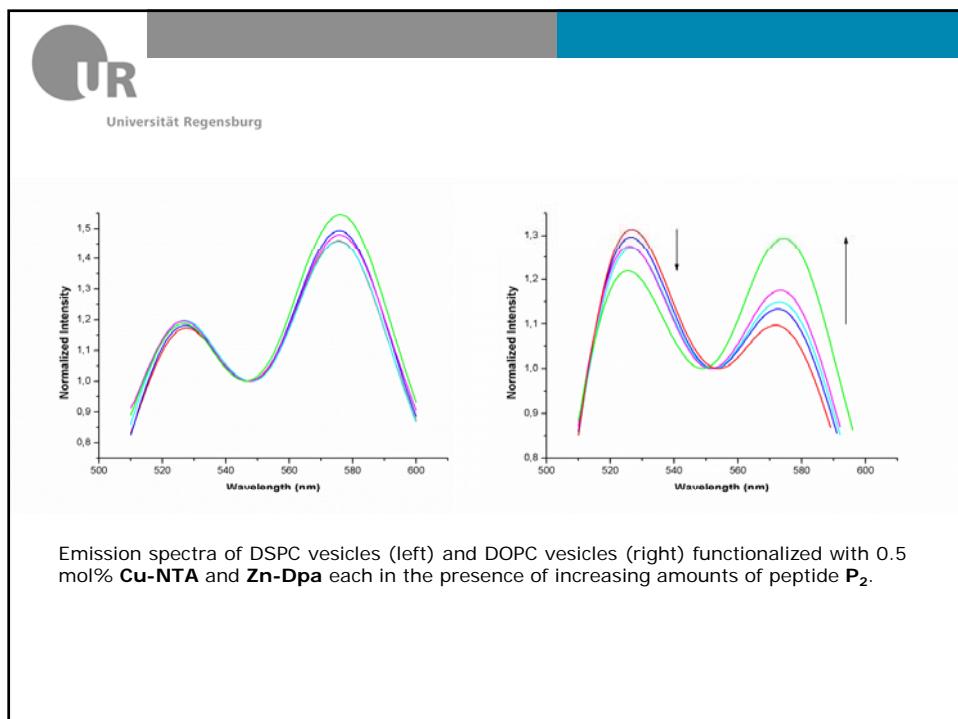
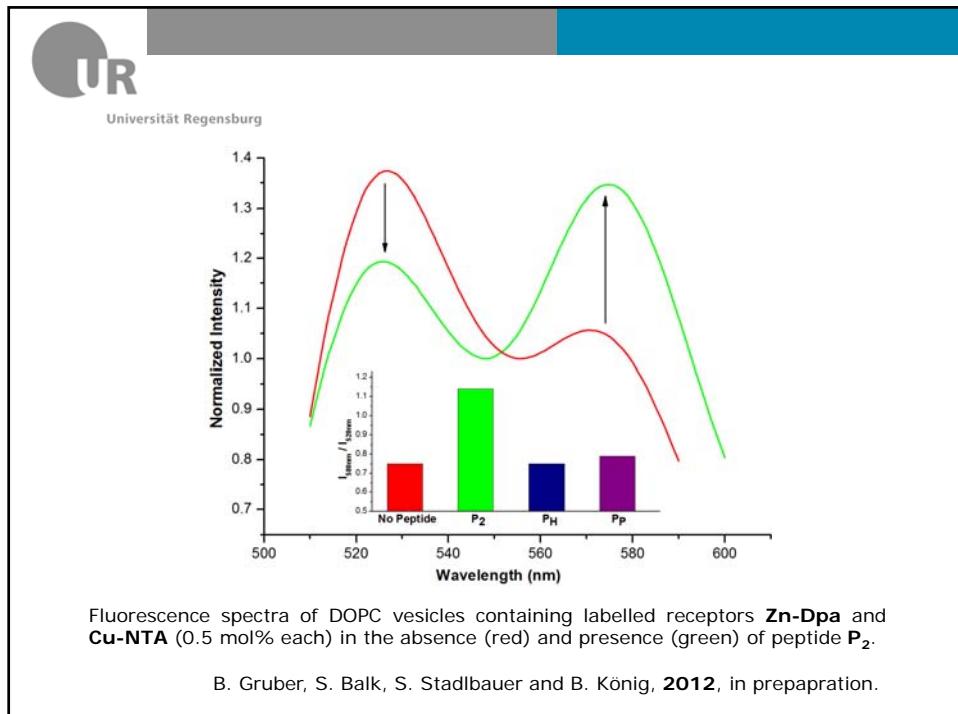


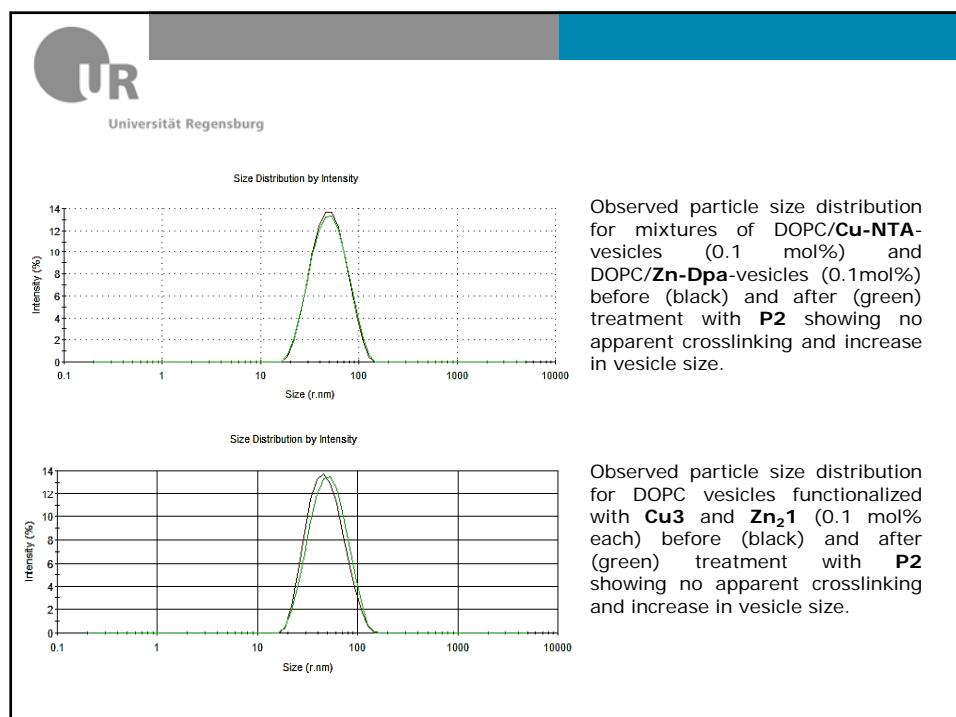
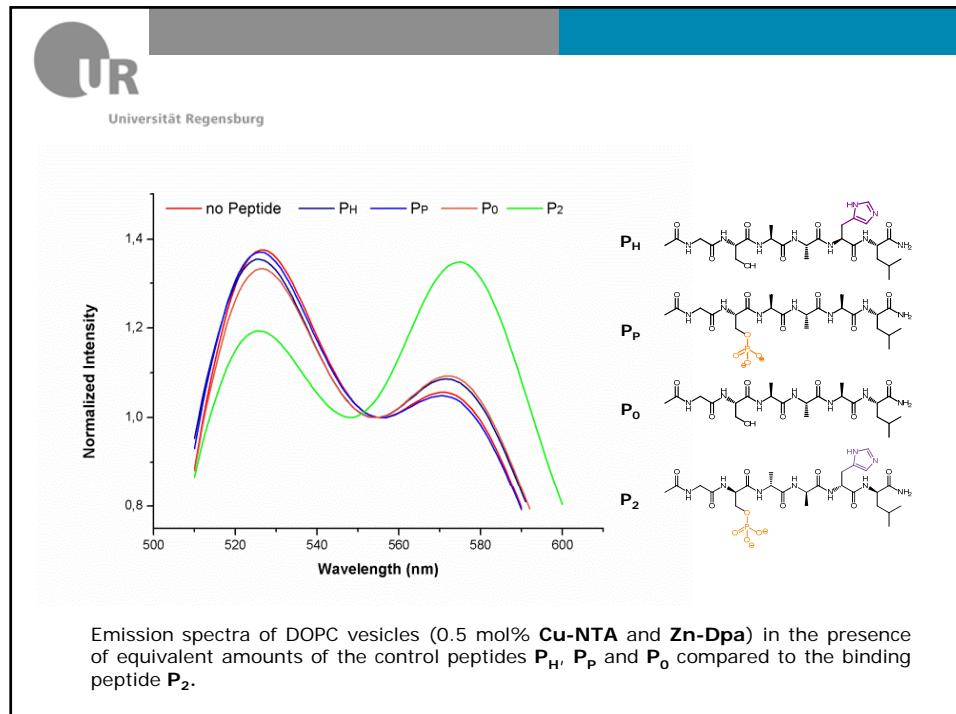
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### Summary

Artificial vesicles for bivalent analyte binding with fluorescent labeled receptors

Receptor movement inside fluid membranes to improve binding events

Rearrangement of vesicular embedded receptor molecules cause significant FRET signaling

### Outlook

Temperature influence on binding events in gel-phase membranes

Imprinting of vesicles to improve ordered surfaces



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# Investigation of Ion specificities via NMR

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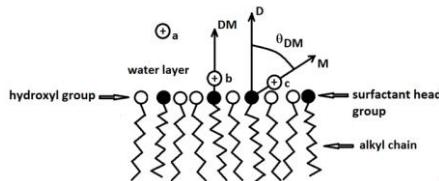
## How specific are Ion specificities

- According to Collin's concept more chaotropic ions interact more strongly with more chaotropic (oppositely charged) headgroups and more cosmotropic ions more strongly with more cosmotropic headgroups.
- For example lithium ions should interact more strongly with alkylcarboxylates (cosmotropic) than sodium ions. For alkylsulphates (chaotropic) the conversed behaviour is suspected[1].
- The aim of our work was to investigate whether the specificities are comparable strong.

→ We determined the quadrople splitting of sodium ( $\Delta_{\text{Na}}$ ) and lithium ( $\Delta_{\text{Li}}$ ) in lamellar liquid crystals.

## Theoretical Background

- Quadrupole splitting  $\Delta$  occurs only for nuclei with a spin  $I > 1/2$ .
- It results from the interaction of electric nuclear quadrupole moment and the electric field gradient at the nucleus.
- The magnitude of splitting depends beside the temperature and other factors also on the extend of anisotropy.
- In an isotropic environment the orientation dependent quadrupole splitting averages to zero.
- $\Delta$  can be positive or negative. Changes in the relative values can be taken to indicate changes in ion binding[2, 3].



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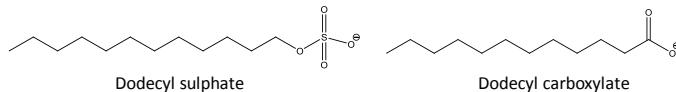
## Theoretical Background

- Sodium ions in contact with head groups ("bound", fraction  $p_b$ ) have a finite  $\Delta$  value ( $\Delta_b$ ) while those more than ca. 3-4 Å from the surface have  $\Delta$  values of zero, ("free" fraction  $p_f$ ) ( $p_f + p_b = 1$ ).
- The problem was that it was difficult to obtain absolute values of the quadrupole splitting.
- But it is ideal for the monitoring of competitive ion binding.
- In a mixture of two ions, A & B, you will observe, that if B displaces A then the  $\Delta$  values of A will decrease on addition of B. Those of B will also decrease because the highest fraction of bound B ions occurs with small additions of B. Fortunately there are several cations that possess nuclear quadrupole moments.
- We have selected  $^{23}\text{Na}$  and  $^7\text{Li}$  for study because they have high sensitivity and can easily be measured with conventional multi-frequency high resolution spectrometers. Also, they are reported to have different specific binding capabilities with different anions.

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## Investigated Samples

- We have chosen two surfactant systems for study, dodecyl sulphate/octanol and dodecyl carboxylate/octanol.



- These are thought to have very different specificities for Li or Na[1].
- Octanol is employed as a cosurfactant because it is necessary for the formation of a lamellar phase.

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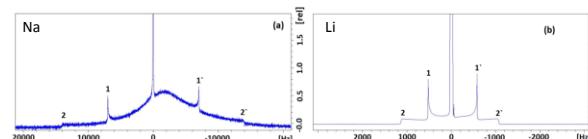
## Investigated Samples

- Each sample contains D<sub>2</sub>O, octanol and surfactant. The surfactants are either carboxylate surfactants (SDC and LiDC) or sulphate surfactants (SDS and LiDS).
- The molar ratio of the sodium surfactant to lithium surfactant varies from 0 to 100 % sodium surfactant in 20 % steps.
- In each sample the molar ratio of SDS + LiDS to octanol was 1:1, and due to the lower solubility of carboxylates in water, the molar ratio of SDC + LiDC to octanol was reduced to 1:3.
- The concentrations of SDS+LiDS+octanol and SDC+LiDC+octanol in D<sub>2</sub>O were 35 wt % to 75 wt % in 10 wt % steps.
- The carboxylate samples were measured at 300 K and 310 K.

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## Results

### Typical Na- and Li-NMR

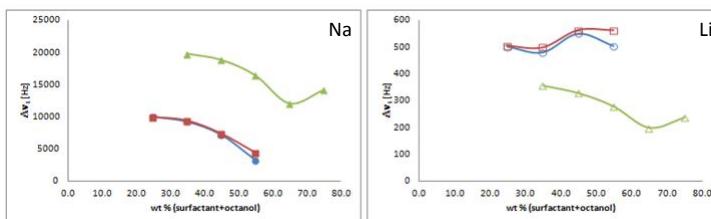


<sup>23</sup>Na-NMR spectrum of a 35 wt % sample with a composition of SDC/LiDC = 2/3 at 300 K. The relative intensity of the signals is plotted against the frequency in [Hz]. (b) <sup>7</sup>Li-NMR spectrum of a 35 wt % sample with a composition of SDS/LiDS = 2/3 at 300 K. The relative intensity of the signals is plotted against the frequency in [Hz].

- The quadrupole splitting ( $\Delta$ ) is equal to one half the distance between the signals 1 and 1' and one quarter the distance between 2 and 2'.
- These distinct features can be seen for nearly all mixtures.
- In the sulphate as well as in the carboxylate systems the <sup>23</sup>Na splitting is much larger than the <sup>7</sup>Li splitting, the values of both being in good agreement with those in the literature[4-6].

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## Results



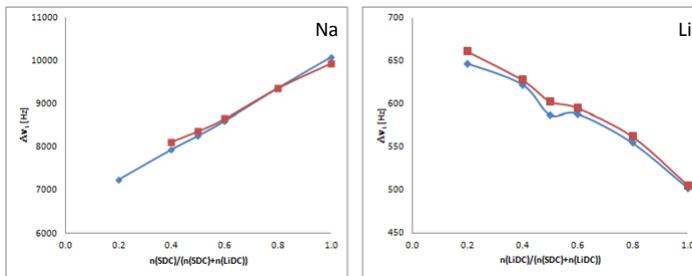
Sodium splitting with increasing concentration of surfactant and octanol (left) and lithium splitting with increasing concentration of surfactant and octanol (right). ● SDC/LiDC = 1:0 at 300 K, ■ SDC/LiDC = 1:0 at 310 K, ▲ SDS/LiDS = 1:0 at 300 K, ○ SDC/LiDC = 0:1 at 300 K, □ SDC/LiDC = 0:1 at 310 K, △ SDS/LiDS = 0:1 at 300 K.

- The lithium splittings are roughly constant for the carboxylate samples and decreases in the sulphate samples.
- The sodium splitting decreases with concentration in both the carboxylate and the sulphate samples.
- The decrease of sodium splitting for both surfactants seems to be unlikely but it is due to the different binding sites *bs* (on the surface of the head group; positive  $\Delta$  value) and *bb* (between the head groups; negative  $\Delta$  value)

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## Results

### Ion specificity of carboxylate



Sodium splitting with increasing amount of sodium (left) and lithium splitting with increasing amount of lithium (right) at 300 K and 310 K for 25 wt % SDC/LiDC/octanol in D<sub>2</sub>O. ● 300 K, ■ 310 K.

The Na splitting increasing with increasing concentration whereas Li splitting decreases.

→ changes in  $\Delta$  values reflect changes in ion binding

→ Li binding to carboxylate is stronger than Na

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## Results

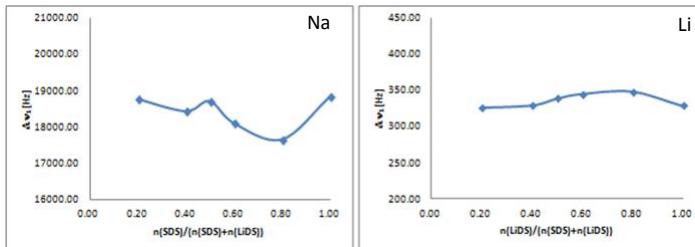
### Ion specificity of carboxylate

- The addition of Li ions displaces Na ions from the surface, decreasing the Na  $\Delta$  values.
- For the Li ions, the largest fraction of bound ions occurs at the lowest Li concentration, and this decreases with added Li ions because a larger fraction must replace the free Na ions.

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## Results

### Ion specificity of sulphate



Sodium splitting with increasing amount of sodium (left) and lithium splitting with increasing amount of lithium (right) at 300 K for 45 wt % sample.

- The  $\Delta$  values show only small changes with varying amounts of sodium and lithium.
- The marginally change of the splittings is a hint only of a slight preference of the sulphate head group to sodium.
- The non-monotonic behaviour points to a slight preferential location of Na ions in the bb site.

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## Conclusion

- The quadrupole splitting clearly reflects differences in the local environment of lithium and sodium in liquid crystalline phases.
- The ion specificity of the sulphate head group towards sodium and lithium is much less pronounced than the ion specificity of the carboxylate head group.
- Lithium has a higher propensity towards carboxylate compared to sodium.
- The specificity is more pronounced at smaller absolute surfactant/co-surfactant concentration.
- At higher temperatures the ions have a higher tendency to bind at the bs site rather than at the bb site.

→ NMR quadrupole splitting measurements are suitable for the study of specific ion effects in colloidal systems.

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## *Thank you for your Attention*

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Prof. S.N. Kolmykov giving lecture on the environmental behavior of actinide nanoparticles, 23 July 2012



Dr. B. Beele, Ms. V. Tregubova, Dr. G. Kolesnilov - 7<sup>th</sup> European Summer School.  
22 July, 2012



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Hevesy medal award lecture



# RADIOCHEMISTRY: PAST, PRESENT AND PROSPECTS

Professor Boris F. MYASOEDOV



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## History of the Russian Academy of Sciences



Peter the Great founded the Russian Academy of Sciences in 1724



Benjamin Franklin was the first American who was elected as a Foreign Member of the Russian Academy of Sciences (1789)

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## The Russian Academy of Sciences 18<sup>th</sup> century, Saint Petersburg



**Kunstkamera building, the first headquarters  
of the Russian Academy of Sciences**



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## The Russian Academy of Sciences Today



➤ Members of RAS 1 209

➤ Professors 9 785

➤ Ph.D. 26 230

**Total – 113 129, – 55 490 researchers**

➤ Research Institutes 422

➤ Scientific journals 150

➤ Scientific Councils 48

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## Organizational Structure of Russian Academy of Sciences

### Department

### Institutions

➤ Mathematical Sciences	8
➤ Energy, Mechanical Engineering, Mechanics and Control Processes	17
➤ Earth Sciences	22
➤ Physical Sciences	23
➤ Chemistry and Material Science	21
➤ Social Sciences	23
➤ Nanotechnologies and Information Technologies	15
➤ Biological Sciences	37
➤ History and Philological Sciences	16

**Regional branches** (the number of Institutions):

Siberian (77)

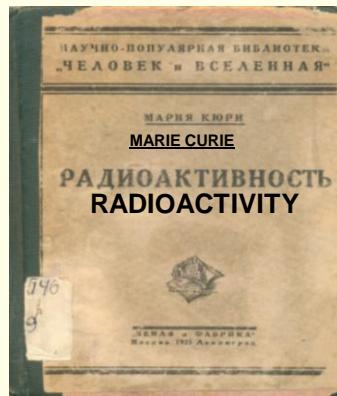
Urals (40)

Far East (33)

Regional Scientific Centers 15; Institutions 51

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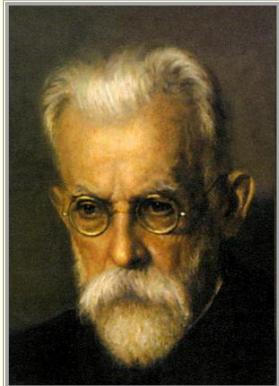
## Marie Curie – the Founder of Radiochemistry



MARIE SKŁODOWSKA CURIE was French-Polish physicist and chemist famous for her pioneering research on radioactivity. She is best known as the discoverer of the radioactive elements Po and Ra and as the first person honored with two Nobel prizes

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## V. I. Vernadsky – the famous Russian Scientist, Geochemist, Philosopher



**V. Vernadsky was the first who appreciated the importance of radioactivity in development of the human society**

*V.I. Vernadsky. "Modern problems in the field of radium." 1910*

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## Main Directions of Our Research

- **Synthesis of Md, No, Lr, Rf** (1954 – 1960)
- **Chemistry of protactinium** (1960 – 1969)
- **Actinium: preparation, chemistry** (1972 – 1982)
- **Chemistry of transuranium elements** (1969 - ...)
- **Radioanalytical chemistry for nuclear fuel cycle** (1970 - ...)
- **Radioactive waste management** (1975 -...)
- **Environmental radioanalytical chemistry** (1984 -...)

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# Synthesis of New Elements (from Past to Present)

<b>101</b> <b>Md</b>	<b>102</b> <b>No</b>	<b>103</b> <b>Lr</b>	<b>104</b>
5f <sup>13</sup>	5f <sup>14</sup>	5f <sup>14</sup> 6d <sup>1</sup>	5f <sup>14</sup> 6d <sup>2</sup> 7s <sup>2</sup>
258.0984	259.1011	262.1098	261
<b>Seaborg</b>	<b>Seaborg</b>	<b>Ghiorso</b>	
1955	1956	1961	

- **Synthesis of the new elements in the reactions of interaction of C, N, O ions accelerated in a cyclotron with U and Pu nuclei**
  - **The latest achievements in the synthesis of the new elements**

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## **Experiments on Synthesis of Nobelium (1959)**



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## Discussion on the Names of Elements 103 – 106



**G. Seaborg and D. Hoffman**

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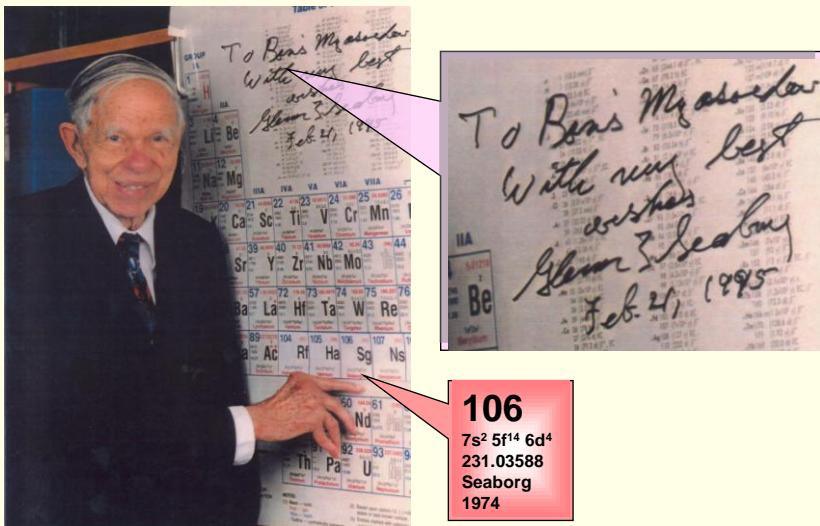
## New Synthesized Elements

### Names of the Elements Approved by IUPAC

Element	Name	Symbol
101	Менделевий	Mendelevium
102	Нобелий	Nobelium
103	Лоуренсий	Lawrencium
104	Резерфордий	Rutherfordium
105	Дубний	Dubnium
106	Сиборгий	Seaborgium
107	Борий	Bohrium
108	Хассий	Hassium
109	Мейтнерий	Meitnerium
110	Дармштадтий	Darmstadtium
111	Рентгений	Roentgenium
112	Коперниций	Copernicium
*114, 116	under approving by IUPAC	Cn

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# Glenn T. Seaborg, the Noble Prize Laureate



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## Discovery of the elements with atomic numbers greater than or equal to 113 (IUPAC Technical Report)



Pure Appl. Chem., Vol. 83,  
No. 7, pp. 1485–1498, 2011

The IUPAC/IUPAP Joint Working Party (JWP) on the priority of claims to the discovery of new elements 113–116 and 118 has reviewed the relevant literature pertaining to several claims.

It was determined that the Dubna-Livermore collaborations share in the fulfillment of those criteria both for elements  $Z = 114$  and  $116$

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# **Provisional Recommendation – Names and Symbols of the Elements with Atomic Numbers 114 and 116**

08 December 2011

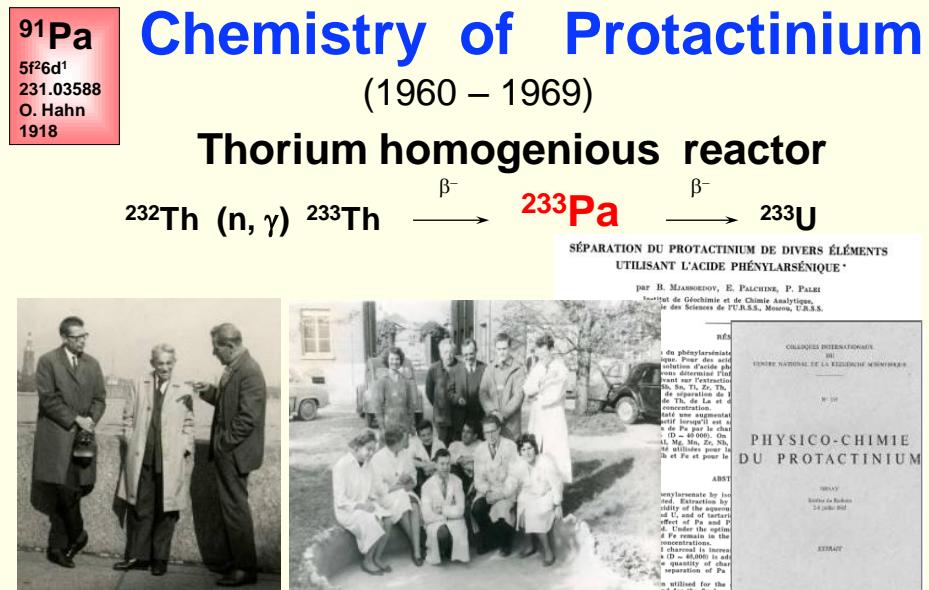
A joint IUPAC/IUPAP Working Party (JWP) has confirmed the discovery of the elements with atomic numbers 114 and 116. In accord with IUPAC procedures, the discoverers proposed names as follows:

**FLEROVIUM** with the symbol, **Fl**, for the element **114**  
**LIVERMORIUM** with the symbol **Lv** for the element **116**.

**The Inorganic Chemistry Division recommended these proposals for acceptance.**

**IUPAC seeks your comments.**

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## **Laboratory of Prof. M.Haissinsky (Institute of Radium, Paris, France, 1960)**

## The first publication

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# Recovery of Protactinium-231

(1969)

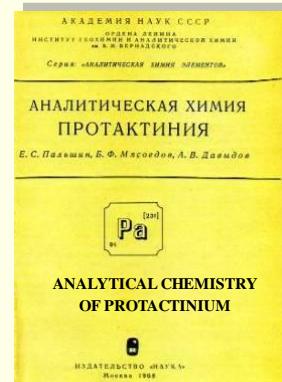
About 200 mg of Pa were recovered from ~30 tons of  $\text{U}_3\text{O}_8$  by co-precipitation with  $\text{Zr}_3(\text{PO}_4)_4$  and preconcentration on  $\text{MnO}_2$  at the uranium plant in Glazov city



Moscow



Glazov



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$^{89}\text{Ac}$

$6d^17s^2$

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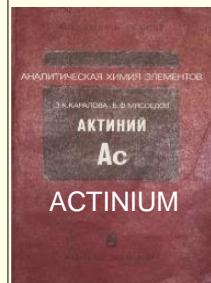
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## Actinium

Recovery of weight quantities of  $^{227}\text{Ac}$  from ~100 g  $^{226}\text{Ra}$  irradiated by neutrons

- The photometric method of actinium determination was first developed
- Extraction of  $^{227}\text{Ac}$  with Arsenazo III, PMBP, TOPO, D2EHPA from acidic solutions and with amines and quaternary ammonium salts from alkaline solutions
- Effective methods of separation of Ac from Ra, U, Th, TUE and REE were developed



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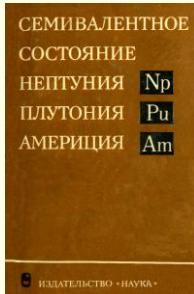
## Chemistry of Transuranium Elements

<b>92U</b> 5f <sup>6</sup> d <sup>1</sup> 238.0289 Klaproth 1789	<b>93Np</b> 5f <sup>4</sup> 6d <sup>1</sup> 237.048166 McMillan 1940	<b>94Pu</b> 5f <sup>6</sup> 244.064197 Seaborg 1940	<b>95Am</b> 5f <sup>7</sup> 243.061372 Seaborg 1945	<b>96Cm</b> 5f <sup>7</sup> 6d <sup>1</sup> 247.070346 Seaborg 1944	<b>97Bk</b> 5f <sup>9</sup> 247.0702 Seaborg 1944	<b>98Cf</b> 5f <sup>10</sup> 249.0748 Seaborg 1950
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- Stabilization of Pu, Am, Bk in unstable oxidation states
- Extraction of TUE from acidic and alkaline solutions with organophosphorous compounds and in two-phase aqueous systems
- Sorption: concentration, separation of TUE on organic and inorganic sorbents
- Behavior of TPE in gas phase and in supercritical CO<sub>2</sub>
- Methods of determination of TUE: radiometry, electrochemistry, luminescence
- Synthesis of solid compounds, including nanostructured materials

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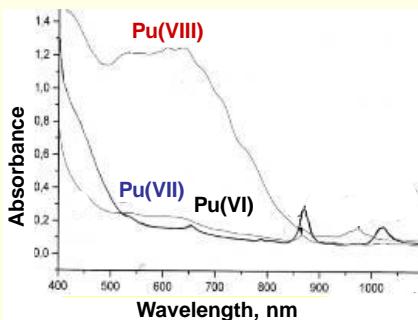
## Discovery of Heptavalent State of Np, Pu, Am



A.Gelman, G.Seaborg, V.Spitsin, N.Krot  
Institute of Physical Chemistry (1969)

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## First Evidence of Existence Pu(VIII) in Alkaline Solutions (2007)



Absorption spectra of Pu in 2M NaOH solution

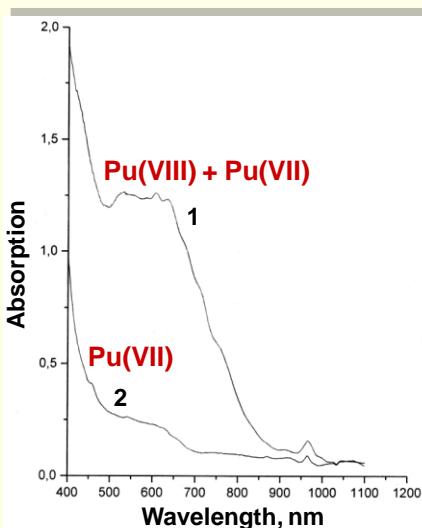
Products of reaction	Yield	$\epsilon (\text{L} \cdot \text{mole}^{-1} \cdot \text{cm}^{-1})$ in 2M NaOH
Pu(VIII)	~15%	2600 at 607 nm
Pu(VII)	~85%	

### Electrochemical oxidation

Oxidation potential of the couples, V	
Pu(VIII)/Pu(VII)	0,90
Pu(VII)/Pu(IV)	0,73

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## Interaction of Pu(VIII) with Pu(IV)



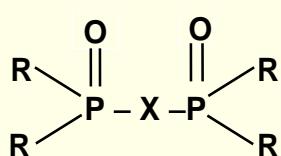
### Absorption spectra of:

1. Pu in 3,5M NaOH after ozonation of Pu(IV) for 40 min at 20°C
2. The same solution after interaction with  $\text{PuO}_3 \cdot n\text{H}_2\text{O}$

# Methods of separation and concentration

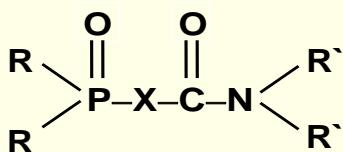
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## New Reagents for Extraction of Actinides Organophosphorus compounds



R = Ph, Bu;  
 X =  $(\text{CH}_2)_2$ ; CHCl; CHBr;  
       CHJ;  $\text{CHC}_{12}\text{H}_{25}$ ;  
        $\text{CH}-\text{CH}_2\text{CH}=\text{CH}_2$ ; C=CH<sub>2</sub>

### Dioxides of tetraaryl(alkyl)alkylenediphosphine



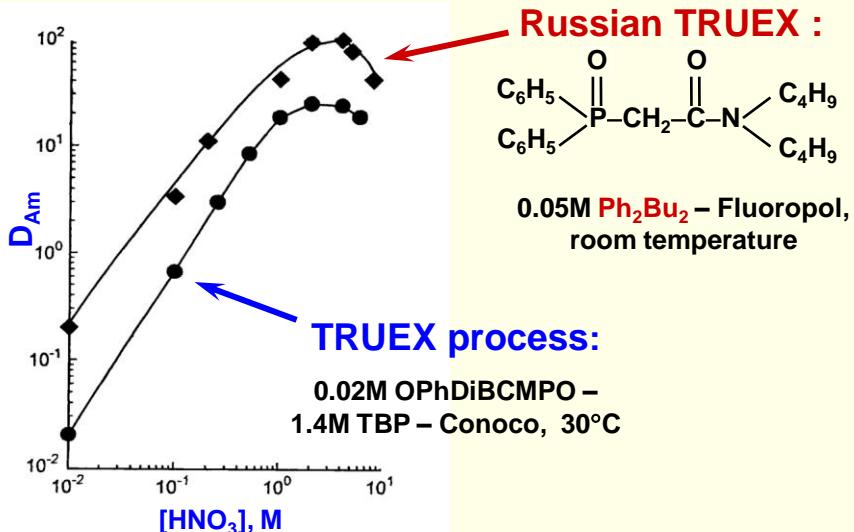
R = Tol, Ph, Hex, Bu, BuO;  
 R' = Et, Bu;  
 X = CH<sub>2</sub>, CHCH<sub>3</sub>,  $\text{CHC}_7\text{H}_{15}$   
       CHCl; CCl<sub>2</sub>

Oxides of  
dialkyl(diaryl)[dialkylcarbamoylmethyl]phosphine  
(`carbamoyls`)

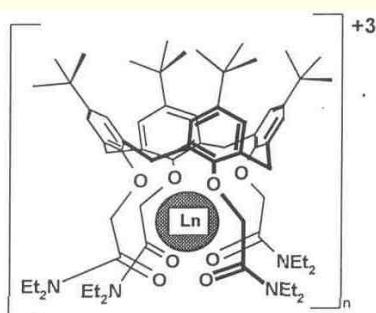
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## Russian TRUEX Process

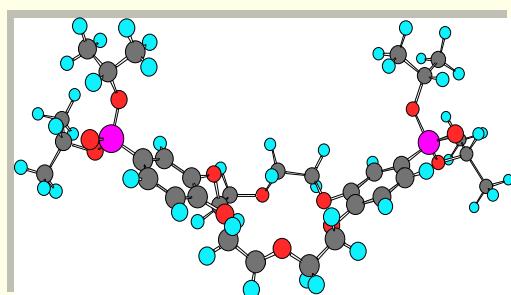
### Extraction of Americium



## New Reagents for Selective Extraction of Actinides



Calix[4]arenes for  
Tc(VII) extraction

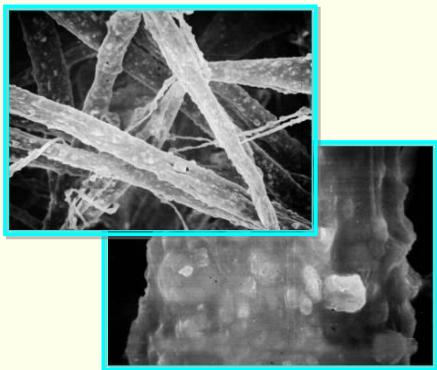


Phosphorinated Crown Ethers for  
separation of Am(III) and Eu(III)  
 $f > 90$

# Fibrous “Filled” Sorbents

Novel type of sorption materials  
composed of two polymers:

**Basis** – porous  
**polyacrylonitrile fiber**  
(inner diameter 30-40 µm)



**Filler** – high disperse  
powder of complexing or  
ion-exchange resin  
(size of particles 5-10 µm)



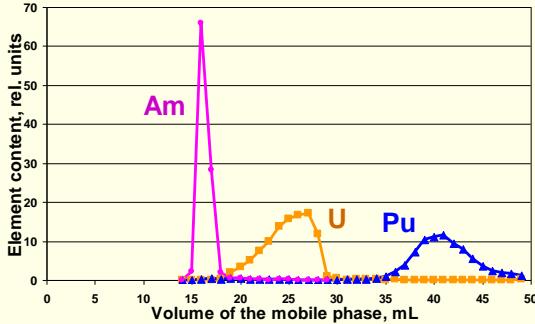
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## Application of Fibrous «Filled» Sorbents for Radionuclide Preconcentration

Filler	Functional groups	Element recovery
POLYORGS 33, 34	Amidoxime and hydrazine	Am, Pu, U, Th, Np, Pa from natural waters
POLYORGS 4	3(5)-Methylpyrazole	Pu from 1-5M HNO <sub>3</sub>
POLYORGS 17	1,3(5)-imethylpyrazole	Tc from natural and technological waters
Ionexchanger	Amine	

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## Countercurrent Chromatography for Separation of U, Pu, Am



Planetary Centrifuge

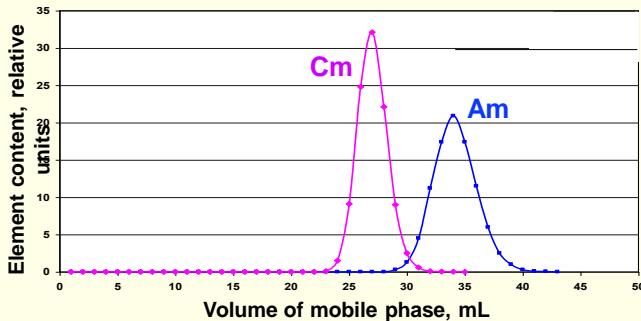
- Complete separation of Am from U and Pu is achieved in the system **0,075 M DMDOHTMA in dodecane – HNO<sub>3</sub>**
- Uranium fraction contains 100% of U and 0.7% of Pu
- Plutonium fraction contains 99.3% of pure Pu

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## CCC Separation of <sup>243</sup>Am and <sup>244</sup>Cm

Stationary phase: 0.2 M DMDBDDEMA – tetrapropylene

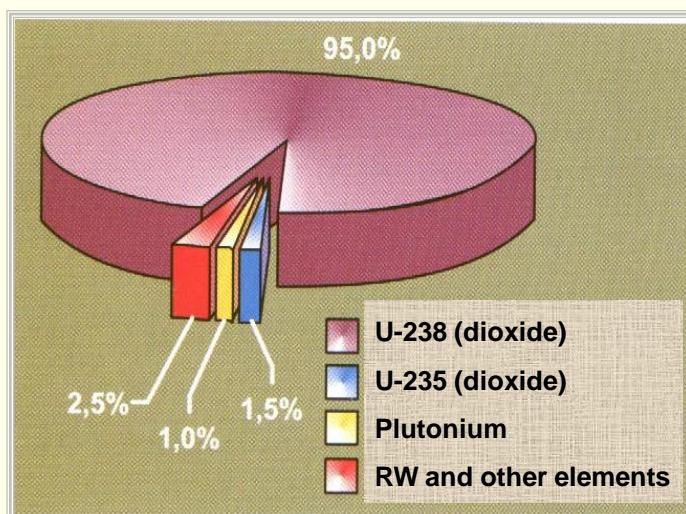
Moving phase: 3M HNO<sub>3</sub> ( $\omega=660$  rpm, F=0.5 mL/min, S<sub>f</sub>=45%)



Fraction	Content, %	
	Cm	Am
Cm (9 mL)	99.3	1.6
Am (13 mL)	0.7	98.4



## Composition of Spent Nuclear Fuel



# Ozersk City, Production Association “Mayak”



## Spent Nuclear Fuel Reprocessing, PUREX-process

- Dissolution of SNF in nitric acid solutions
- Preparation of the solutions for extraction (organic flocculants and filtration)
- Extraction and separation of U, Pu, Np by 30% TBP in hydrocarbon solven

### Main characteristics of the process

- Separation factor of U and Pu  $> 7 \cdot 10^5$
- Purification of U and Pu from fission products  $\sim 10^9$ .
- U, Pu and Np losses  $< 0.01\%, 0.025\%, 0.5\%$ , respectively
- Large volumes of radioactive waste

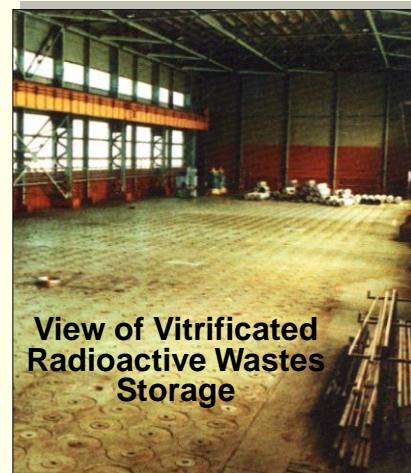
## Storage of Liquid High-level Radioactive Waste at “Mayak”

Storage type	Total volume, m <sup>3</sup>	Filled volume, m <sup>3</sup>	Radioactivity, MCi
Canyon 36 reservoirs with V=285 m <sup>3</sup>	9120	7900	290
Canyon 5 reservoirs with V=1500 m <sup>3</sup> and V=500 m <sup>3</sup>	5500	2800	57
Earth surface 20 reservoirs V=1170 m <sup>3</sup>	23400	18400	146
<b>Total</b>	<b>38000</b>	<b>29000</b>	<b>500</b>

## Amount of Vitrified Waste

Treated liquid waste – 11 460 m<sup>3</sup>

Year	Weight, tons	Activity, MCi
1987-1990	162	3.96
1991	178	28.2
1992	563	77.7
1993	448	46.8
1994	407	57.4
1995	216	31.7
1996	270	38.2
1997-2004	>600	>76
<b>Total</b>	<b>&gt;2830</b>	<b>&gt;350</b>



Analytical Control During Radioactive Waste Management

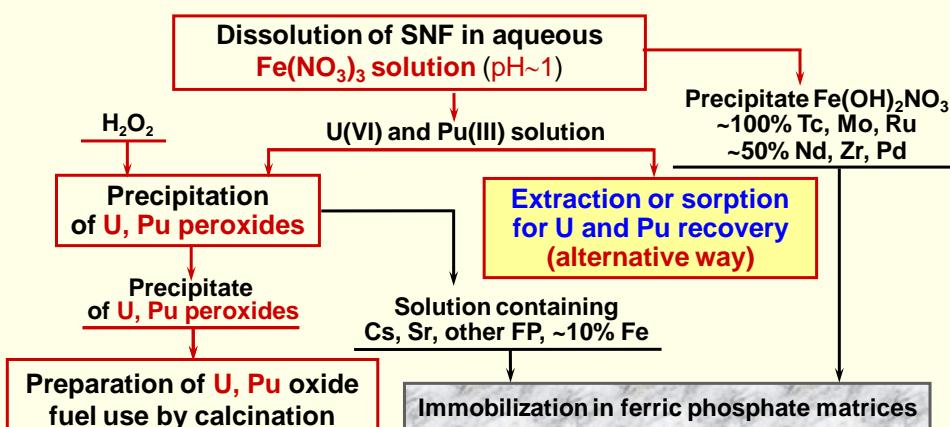
# Development of Modern Technologies for Spent Nuclear Fuel Reprocessing

## REQUIREMENTS:

- Safety of all the operations, connected with storage, transportation and utilization of SNF;
- Economy utilization of regenerated nuclear materials, taking into account the non-proliferation factor;
- Reduction of liquid HLW volume, demanded transportation and geological isolation;
- Transformation from modern nuclear energy to innovated systems of following generation

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## New Approach for Reprocessing of Oxide Nuclear Fuel



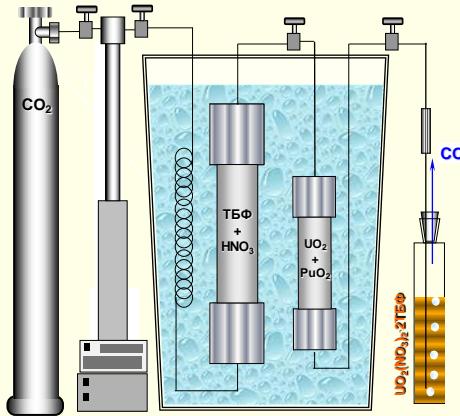
### Advantages of proposed approach:

- Decrease of the number of stages of SNF reprocessing
- Reduction of a volume of liquid radioactive wastes
- Decrease of Ecological Risks Arising on PUREX-process using

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## Dissolution of Actinide Oxides by Supercritical CO<sub>2</sub> Containing TBP·HNO<sub>3</sub>

$(t = 60^\circ\text{C}, P = 250 \text{ atm})$



Scheme of Set-up for SFE

Compounds		Actinide (mg)	Extraction (%)
Oxides	UO <sub>2</sub>	334.4	90
	UO <sub>3</sub>	175.1	92
	U <sub>3</sub> O <sub>8</sub>	177.3	85
	PuO <sub>2</sub>	50.1	<0.1
	NpO <sub>2</sub>	55.0	<0.1
Mixture of dioxides	UO <sub>2</sub> PuO <sub>2</sub>	150.5 37.4	87 <0.1
	UO <sub>2</sub> NpO <sub>2</sub>	120.6 11.5	91 <0.1
	Solid solution of dioxides		
	UO <sub>2</sub> PuO <sub>2</sub>	4.7 0.25	94 90
		6.14 2.15	89.6 93.1

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## Peculiarities of Liquid Nuclear Waste

- Disposal of nuclear waste usually involves high ionic strength solutions (e.g., salts) and high temperatures
- Organic complexants are also present in the waste from processing systems
- Such complexants can increase solubility of actinides
- Ternary complexes (e.g.,  $\text{Am}(\text{EDTA})(\text{Ox})^{3-}$ ) likely to be present in waste systems
- Data of such complexation species are absent for the most part of liquid nuclear waste, which do not allow to do valid modeling for nuclear waste repositories

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## Solidification of Liquid HLRW

### Liquid HLRW

$\text{Cs, Sr: } T_{1/2} \sim 30 \text{ years}$

$\text{U, Np, Pu, Am, Cm: } T_{1/2} \text{ thousands years}$

### Partition, solidification and isolation from Environment

Matrices currently used in technology

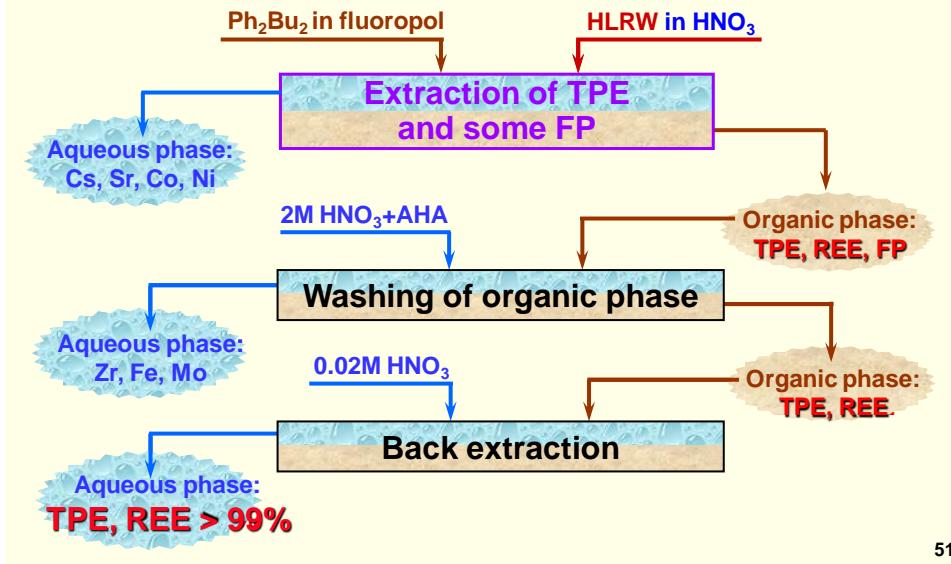
Alumophosphate,  
borosilicate glass

**Shortcomings:** low hydrothermal and  
crystallization stability

Matrices under study

Crystalline matrices  
analogues of natural  
minerals

## Recovery of TPE from HLRW with $\text{Ph}_2\text{Bu}_2$ in Fluoropol



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## Basic Methods for Immobilization of Radionuclides in Mineral-like Matrices

- Cold pressing and sintering
- Hot pressing
- Induction melting in cold crucible

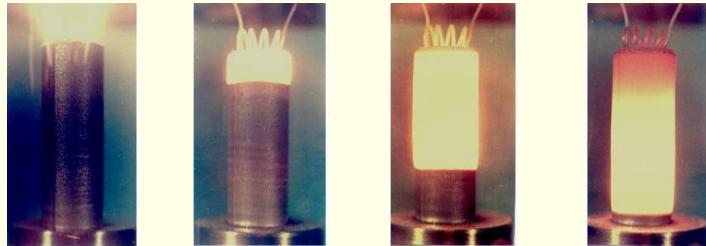
**Shortcomings:** laborious,  
power-consuming,  
high-tech operations

**Alternative:**

**Self-propagating High-Temperature Synthesis**

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# Self-propagating High-temperature Synthesis

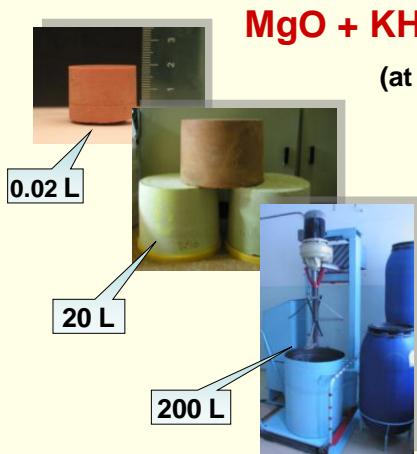


## Advantages:

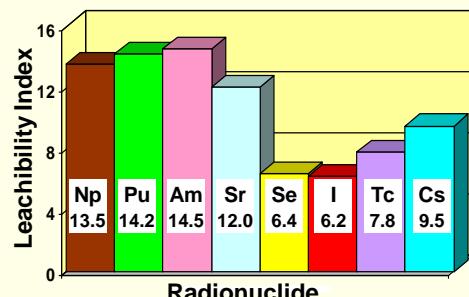
- Simplicity of an equipment
- High synthesis rates (0.1-15 cm/s)
- High quality of products
- Absence of the large power expenses and fundamental scale restrictions

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# Ceramicrete Stabilization of Radioactive Liquid and Sludge Waste on “Mayak”



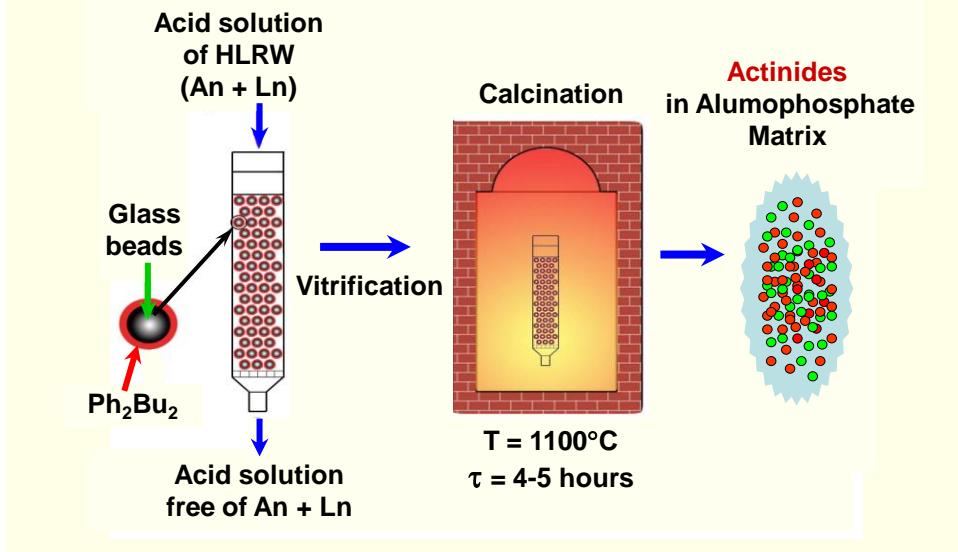
(at room temperature)



High resistance of the ceramicrete matrix to leaching of **Np, Pu, Am and Sr** by water

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## Recovery of Actinides from HLRW with Simultaneous Immobilization into the Matrix



## Main Sources of Radionuclides Impact in the Environment

- Nuclear (thermonuclear) weapons tests
- Working of radiochemical plants supporting nuclear power cycle and production of plutonium for military purposes
- Dump of radioactive wastes into oceans
- Accidents on nuclear power plants

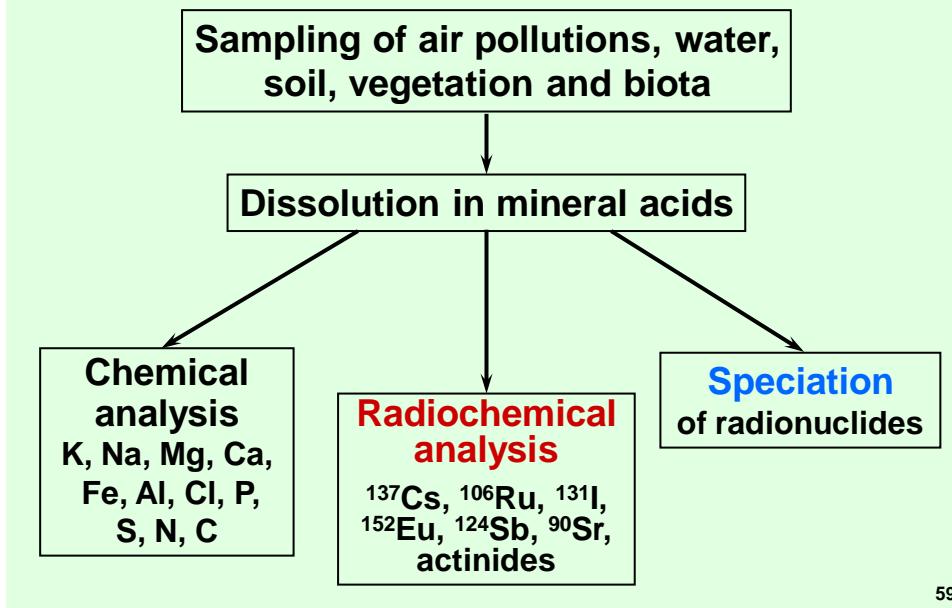
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## Actinides in the Environment Purposes and tasks

- The study and estimation of sources of radioactive contamination
- Modern methods of determination of contents and speciation of actinides in the environmental samples
- Radioanalytical control for high-level radioactive waste management
- Monitoring in the sites of HLRW disposal
- Monitoring and remediation of contaminated territories

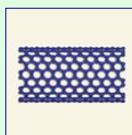
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## Radiochemical Procedures



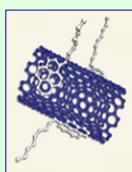
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## Novel Sorption Materials Based On Carbon Nanotubes (CNT)



### CNT «Taunit» without modification

Recovery of U, Pu, Am, Eu, Tc from natural and waste waters (pH=3-10)



### Solid-phase extractants

CNTs «Taunit» + organophosphorus ligands (e.g. CMPO, TOPO)

Recovery of U, Pu, Np, Am, Eu from nitric acid solutions (3-8M HNO<sub>3</sub>)



### Composite materials

CNTs «Taunit» + complexing polymers

CNTs «Taunit» + ferrocyanides of heavy metals

Recovery of Pd from nitric acid solutions

Recovery of Cs, Sr from neutral solutions

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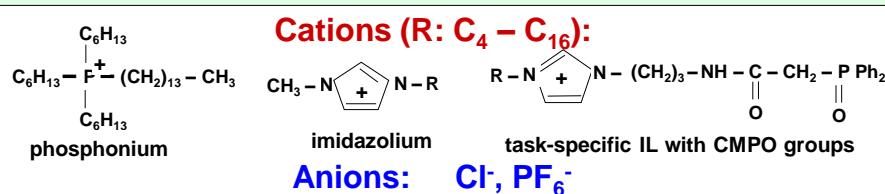
## Sorption by Solid-phase Extractants Based on Carbon Nanotubes «Taunit» from 3M HNO<sub>3</sub>

Impregnated ligands	Radionuclides	Distribution coefficients, mL/g
Diphenyldibutyl[carbamoyl-methyl]phosphine oxide <b>CMPO</b>	U(VI), Pu(IV), Np(V), Am(III), Eu(III)	<b>10<sup>3</sup> – 10<sup>4</sup></b>
Tri- <i>n</i> -octylphosphine oxide <b>TOPO</b>	U(VI), Pu(IV), Np(V)	<b>10<sup>3</sup></b>
Tri- <i>n</i> -butylphosphate <b>TBP</b>	Pu(IV)	<b>10<sup>2</sup></b>
N,N-Dimethyl-N,N-dioctylhexyletoximalonamide <b>DMDOHEMA</b>	U(VI), Pu(IV), Np(V)	<b>10<sup>3</sup> – 10<sup>4</sup></b>

Ligand content on the solid phase 0.7-1.3 mmole/g

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## Solid-phase Extractants with the Use of Ionic Liquids (IL)

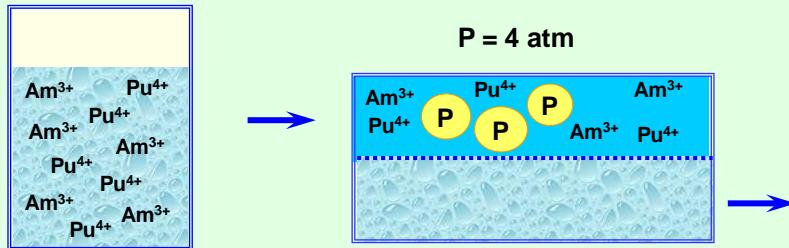


### Sorption Ability of Solid-phase Extractants in 3M HNO<sub>3</sub>

ILs and reagents	Solid supports	Recovery
Cyphos IL-101	XAD-7, «Taunit», PAN-fiber	Pu(IV) 95-96 %
[C <sub>16</sub> MIm] <sup>+</sup> PF <sub>6</sub> <sup>-</sup> + Ph <sub>2</sub> Bu <sub>2</sub>	XAD-7, «Taunit»	U(VI), Pu(IV), Am(III), Eu(III) 90-99 %
Task-Specific IL [C <sub>16</sub> MIm] <sup>+</sup> Ph <sub>2</sub> CMPO PF <sub>6</sub> <sup>-</sup>	«Taunit»	U(VI), Pu(IV), Am(III), Eu(III) 87-99 %

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## Ultrafiltration with Actinides Complex Formation

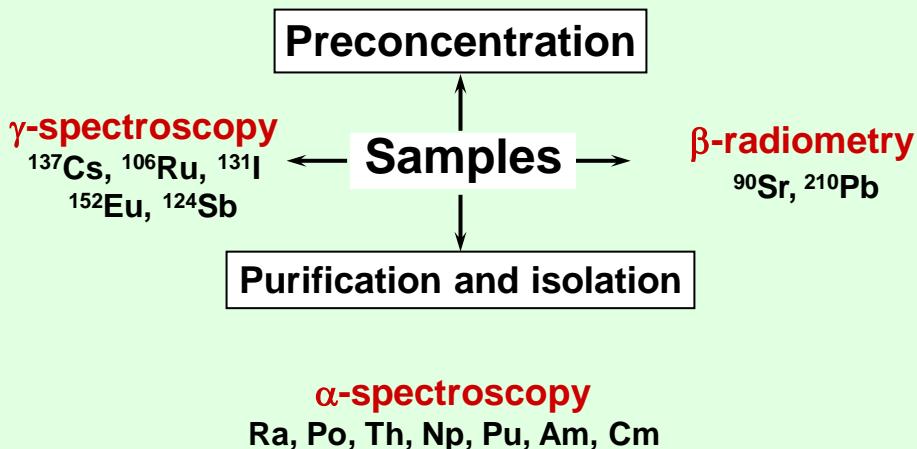


$P$  – water soluble polymers with a molecular mass  
 $20\,000 - 50\,000 \text{ D}$

(polyethylenamine; polyvinyl alcohol;  
 poly[oxyn]; poly[amylphosphate];  
 poly[ethylene diamine tetraacetate])

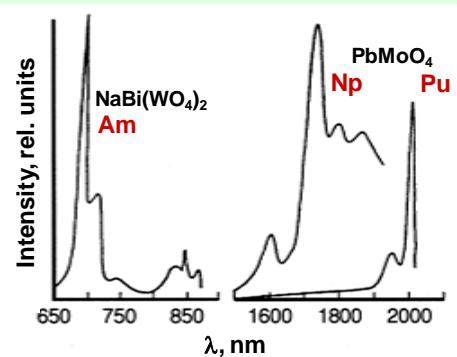
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## Methods of Radiochemical Analysis



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## Membrane Luminescence Determination of Trace Amounts of U, Np, Pu, Am



Luminescence Spectra of Crystal Phosphor with actinides

Membrane preconcentration

Sample preparation

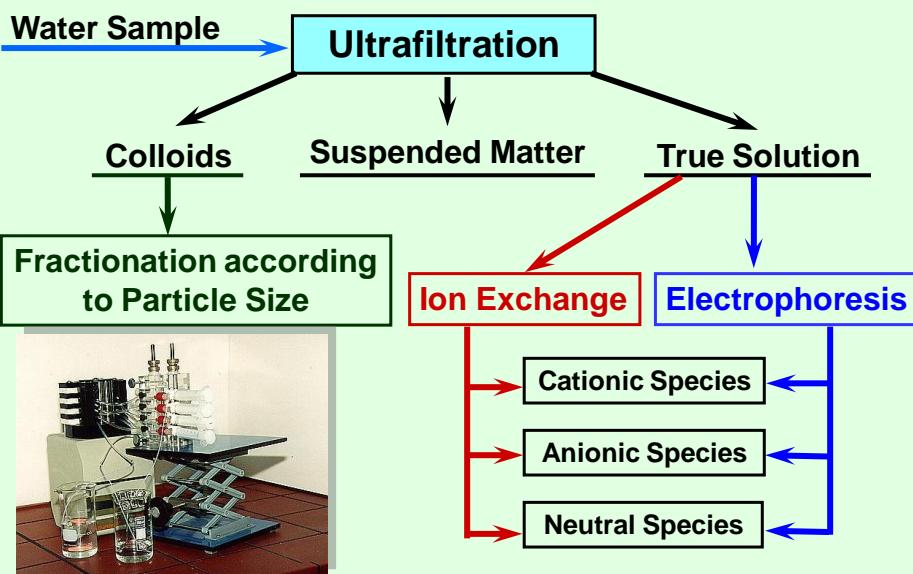
Luminescent determination

**Detection limit, g/g**

U	$5 \cdot 10^{-12}$	Pu	$2 \cdot 10^{-11}$
Np	$5 \cdot 10^{-13}$	Am	$2 \cdot 10^{-12}$

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## Speciation of Actinides in Aqueous Samples

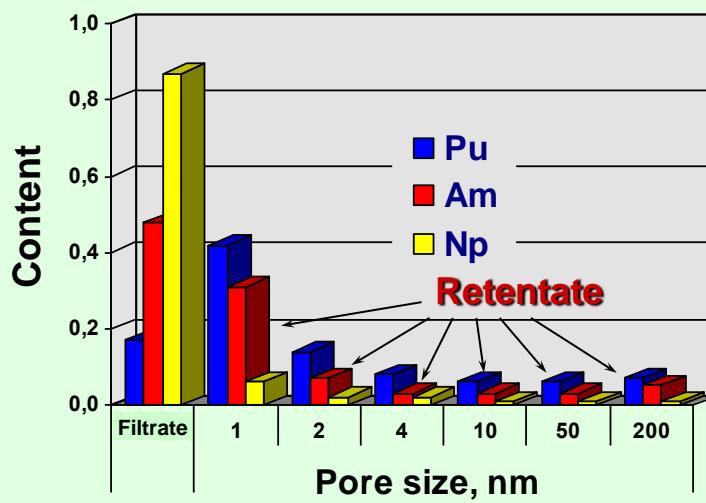


## Methods of Colloids Partitioning

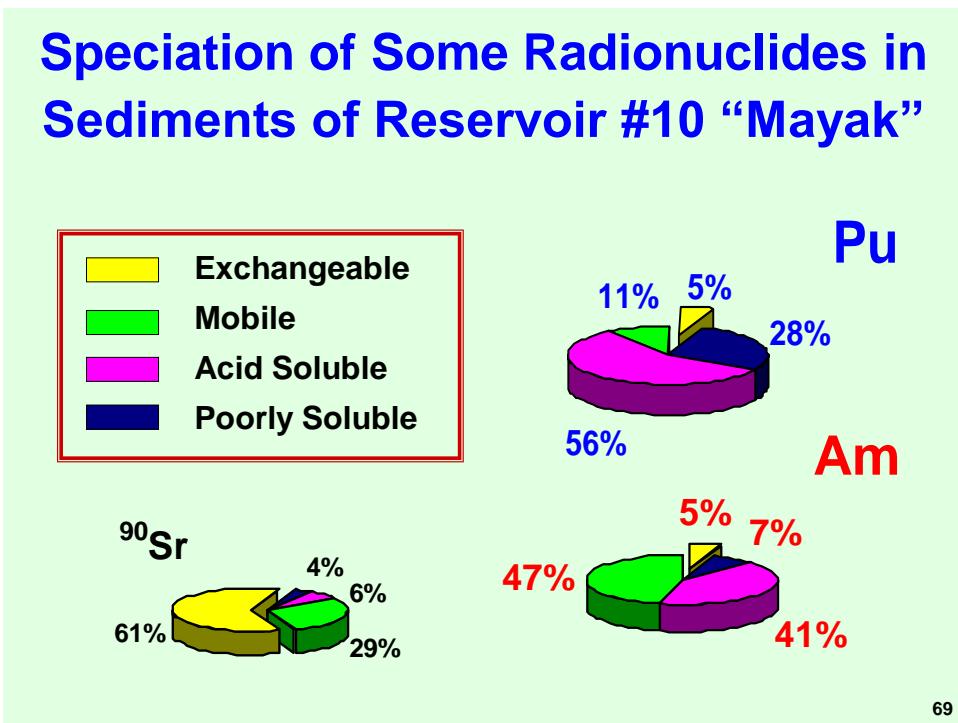
- Membrane micro- and ultra filtration
- Dialysis
- Sequential leaching
- Electrophoresis
- Membrane extraction
- Complex-forming ultra filtration

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## Distribution of Actinides During Membrane Size Fractionation

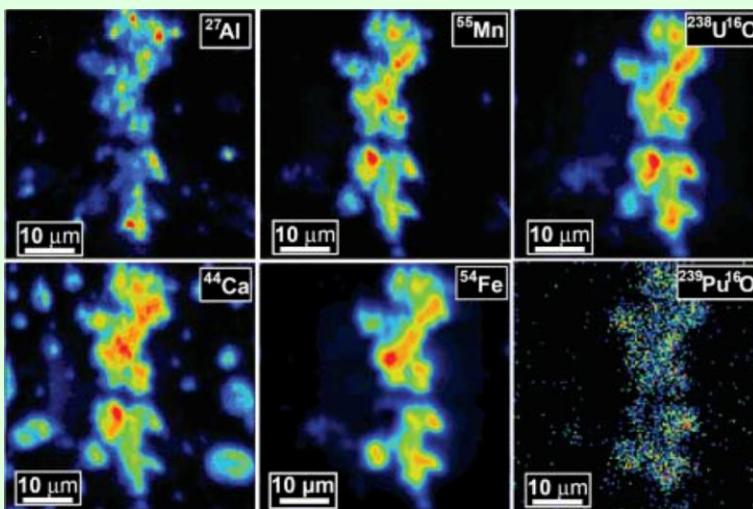


## Speciation of Some Radionuclides in Sediments of Reservoir #10 “Mayak”



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## Nano-scale Distribution of U and Pu with Fe(III) Oxide Colloids



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## Colloid Transport of Plutonium in the Far-Field of the Mayak Production Association, Russia

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Sorption of actinides, particularly plutonium, onto submicrometer-sized colloids increases their mobility, but these plutonium colloids are difficult to detect in the far-field. We identified actinides on colloids in the groundwater from the Mayak Production Association, Urals, Russia; at the source, the plutonium activity is ~1000 becquerels per liter. Plutonium activities are still 0.16 becquerels per liter at a distance of 3 kilometers, where 70 to 90 mole percent of the plutonium is sorbed onto colloids, confirming that colloids are responsible for the long-distance transport of plutonium. Nano-secondary ion mass spectrometry elemental maps reveal that amorphous iron oxide colloids adsorb Pu(IV) hydroxides or carbonates along with uranium carbonates.

**S**ubmicrometer-sized colloids, consisting of inorganic and/or organic compounds, occur at up to  $10^{17}$  particles per liter in groundwater and provide an important means of trans-

porting elements with low solubilities, including the actinides (*1–3*). The stability of these colloids is a function of the composition of groundwater and the hydrologic conditions (*4*).

The formation of actinide pseudo-colloids, in which the actinide sorbs onto actinide colloids, can stabilize actinides in mineral waters and increase their concentrations by many orders of magnitude over the values expected from stability calculations (*2, 5*). The association of Pu with colloids 25 to 450 nm in size has been observed 3.4 km from a source at Los Alamos National Laboratory (*6*). This migration distance is greater than modeled estimates (*7*). Similar transport has also been seen at the

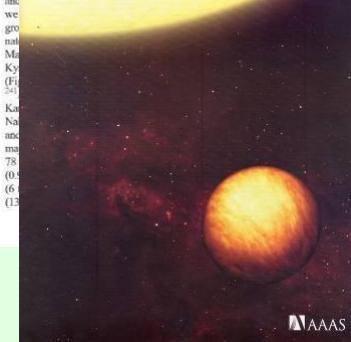
Savannah River Site (*8*). At Nevada Test Site, Pu has migrated 1.3 km in 30 years in groundwater by means of colloids with sizes of 7 nm to 1  $\mu\text{m}$  (*9*). Model results imply that colloid-facilitated transport of actinides at Yucca Mountain could lead to as much as a 60-fold increase in the total effective dose equivalent to an exposed population (*10*).

Colloid-facilitated transport is likely the mechanism for actinides' long-distance transport in groundwater. Many previous studies have experimentally demonstrated adsorption of Pu onto a variety of minerals and mineral assemblage (*11–13*). However, little is known of the speciation

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## Actual Basic Research in Radiochemistry

- The study of chemical properties of actinides and fission products (speciation in solutions, new solid compounds, gas phase behavior; redox-reactions, complex formation reactions);
- Theory of extraction, sorption, precipitation and other methods for radionuclide isolation and separation;
- Synthesis of new effective, selective and radiation-resistant extractants, solvents and sorbents;
- The study on phase equilibria in complex heterogeneous multicomponent systems;
- The study of nuclear-chemical processes in minerals, rocks and composite materials.

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Thank you very much for your attention



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# "Selective recognition of imidazoles: an assembling tool for highly linear molecular wires".

Jean Weiss (Strasbourg, France)  
Invited lecture

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## Porphyrins as building blocks

A Natural choice :

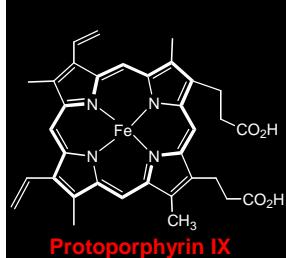


Highly stable: planar 18  $\pi$  electrons aromatic [ 4 x 4 + 2]

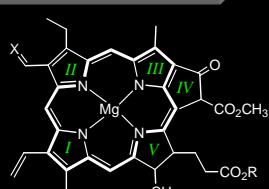
Highly Colored: 400-450 nm ~  $\epsilon$  300 000  
500-700 nm ~  $\epsilon$  30 000

Photo and electroactive species (depends usually on M)  
Functionalization known => « Molecular Building Block »

...present in : enzymes, plants, bacterium



Protoporphyrin IX



Chlorophyll

a: X=H<sub>2</sub>  
b: X=O  
R= Phytol



Bacteriochlorophyll a:  
R= Phytol  
or Geranyl

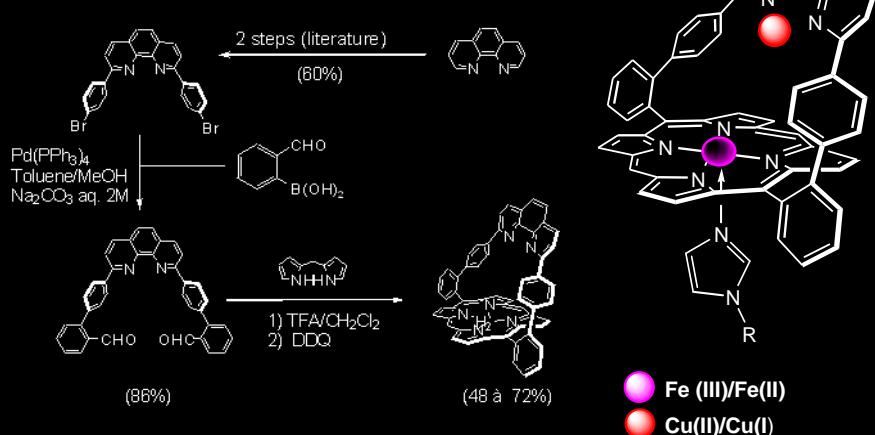
## Imidazole recognition: The Early Start

### Rigid Model for cytochrome c oxidase :

Binding Site for Fe (II/III/IV)

Binding Site for Cu (I/II)

8-9 grams in 5 weeks



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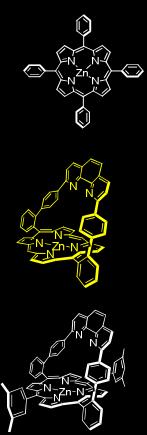
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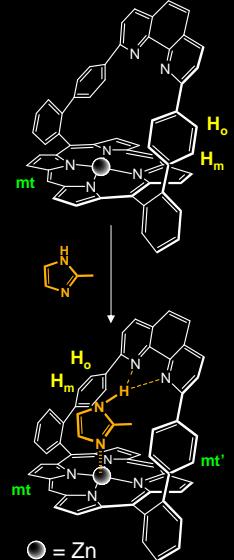
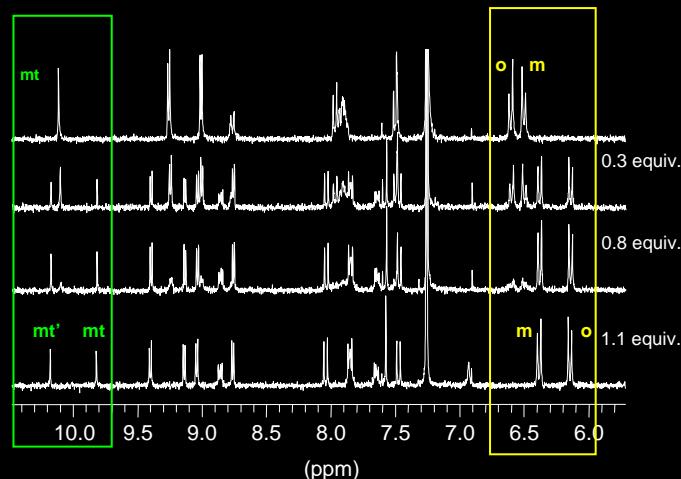
## Unusual association constants

Host	Guest	pK <sub>a</sub> (guest)	log K <sub>assoc</sub>	
	TPP-Zn	ImH	6.65	<b>4.8 ± 0.2</b>
	TPP-Zn	N-MeIm	7.33	<b>5.3 ± 0.2</b>
	TPP-Zn	2-MeImH	7.56	<b>5.4 ± 0.2</b>
	1-Zn	ImH	6.65	<b>6.1 ± 0.2</b>
	1-Zn	N-MeIm	7.33	<b>4.7 ± 0.1</b>
	1-Zn	2-PhImH	7.50	<b>6.4 ± 0.3</b>
	1-Zn	2-MeImH	7.56	<b>7.3 ± 0.3</b>
	2-Zn	2-MeBzImH	6.4	<b>5.7 ± 0.2</b>
	2-Zn	ImH	6.65	<b>5.9 ± 0.3</b>
	2-Zn	N-MeIm	7.33	<b>3.3 ± 0.2</b>
	2-Zn	2-PhImH	7.50	<b>4.4 ± 0.3</b>
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## Unusual coordination of axial bases

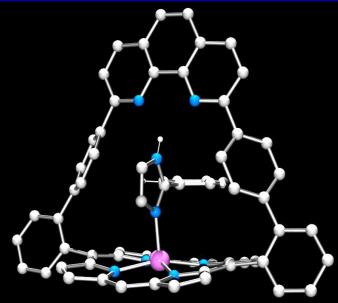
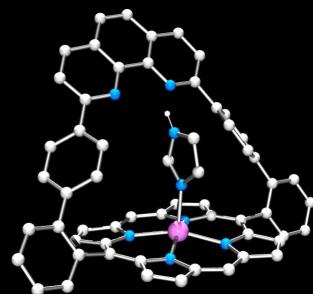
Instead of the expected open face binding  
N-unsubstituted imidazoles display only distal  
ligation



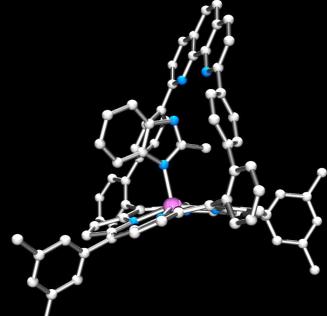
## A very efficient recognition

N-unsubstituted imidazoles

hydrogen bond  
 $\pi$  stacking  
 metal-ligand coordination



Advantages:  
 $K_{\text{assoc}} \sim 10^7 \text{ M}^{-1}$   
 Multi-gram scale synthesis  
 Simple  $^1\text{H}$  NMR monitoring of inclusion



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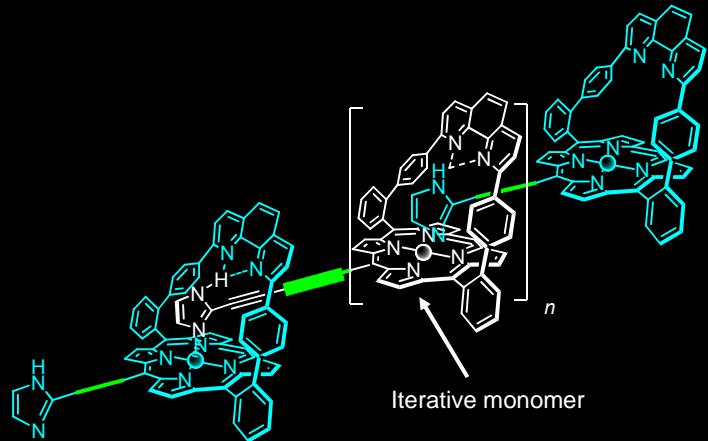
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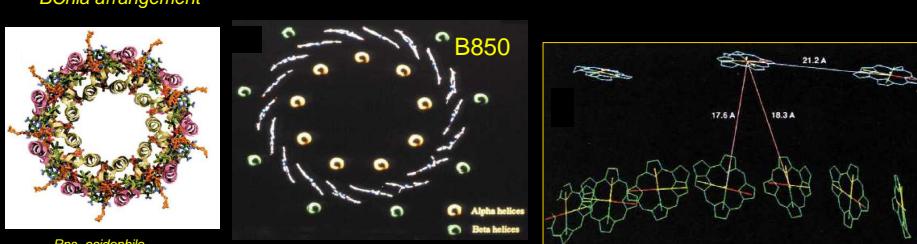
## Iterative imidazole binding



## Molecular wires: inspiration

=> Covalent dyads, triads, tetrads,... Self-assembled wires

BChla arrangement



Reproduction of the B850's arrangement using synthetic approaches?

A review on « The structural basis of light-harvesting in purple bacteria »  
Cogdell, R. J.; Isaacs Neil W.; Freer, A. A.; Howard, T. D. Gardiner, A. T.; Prince, S. M.; Papiz, M. Z.  
FEBS Lett. **2003**, 555, 35.

## Covalent synthesis and self-assembly of wires

**Covalent Wires**



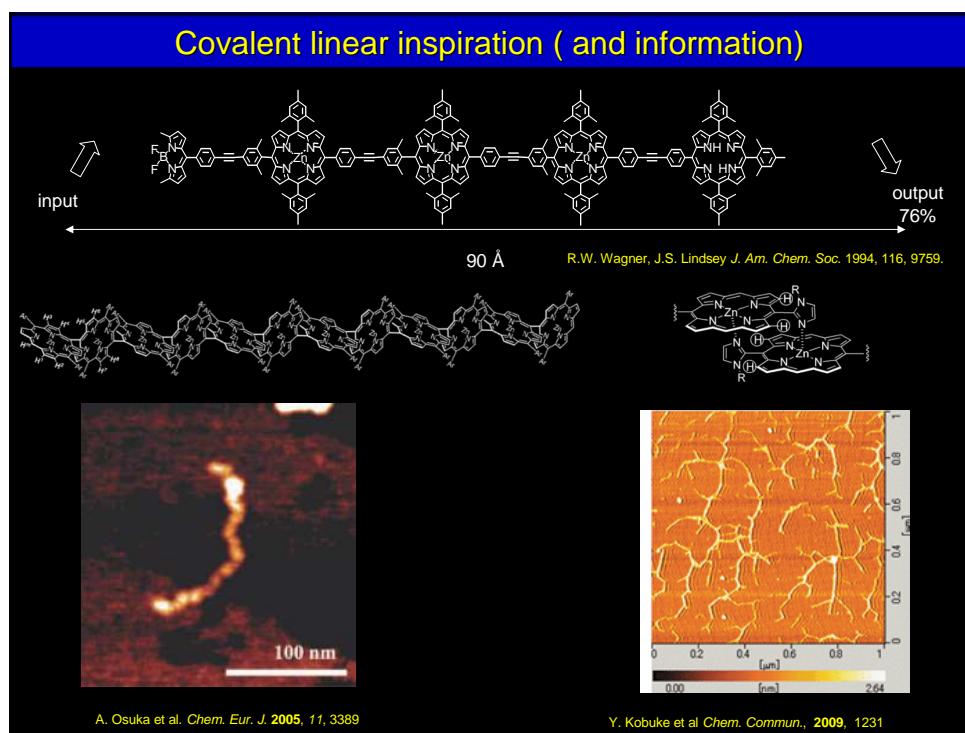
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**Self-Assembled Wires**

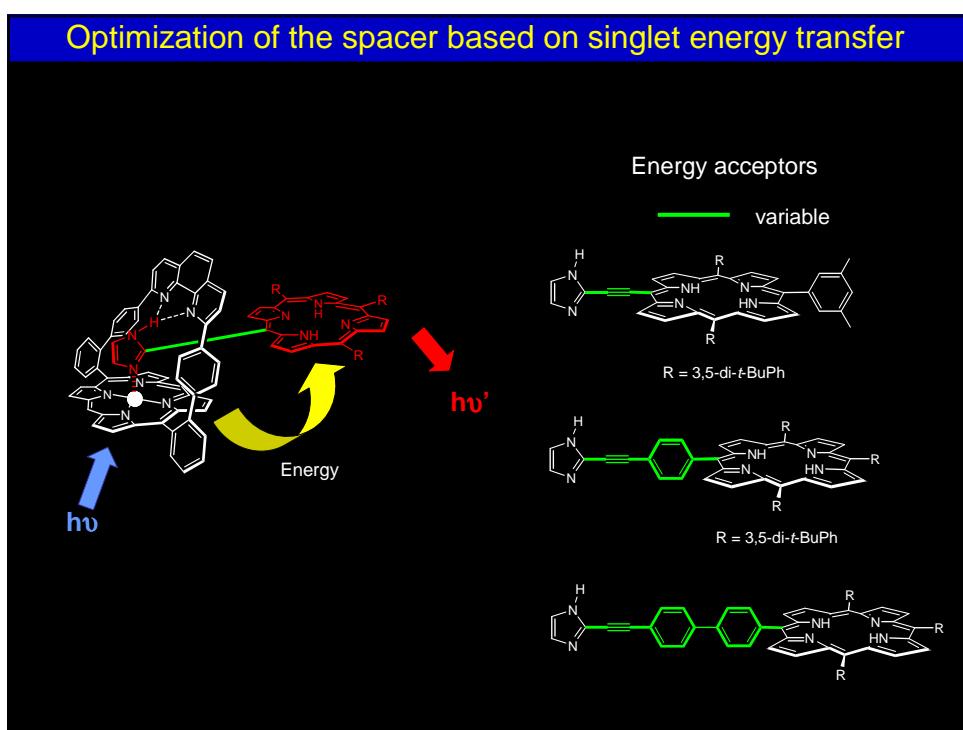


Full geometric control over of the chromophore's arrangement...  
 => **Essential information** for the design of self-assembled wires...

**Concept:** The final architecture is programmed in the monomer  
**Goals:** Linearity, Orientation, Infinite Growth  
 (doping?...)

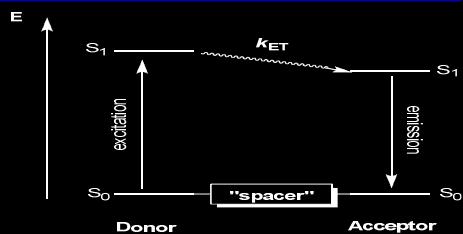


## Optimization of the spacer based on singlet energy transfer



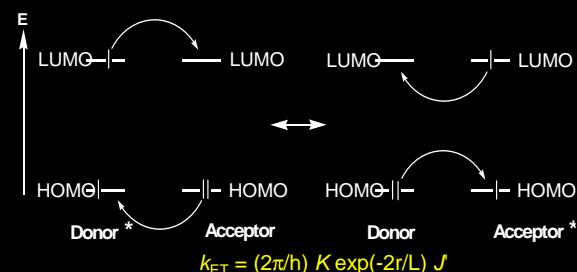
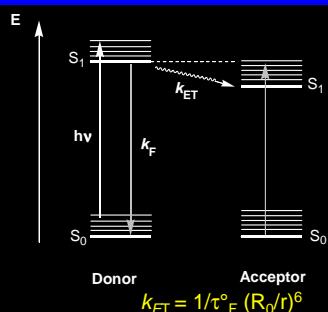
## Photoinduced energy transfer: the basics

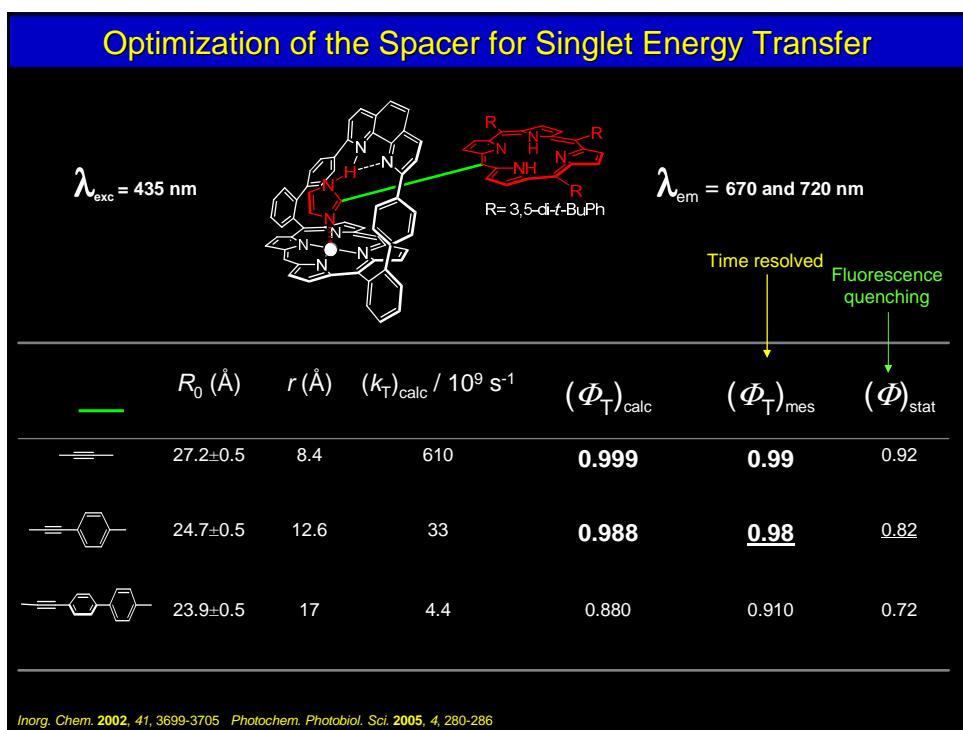
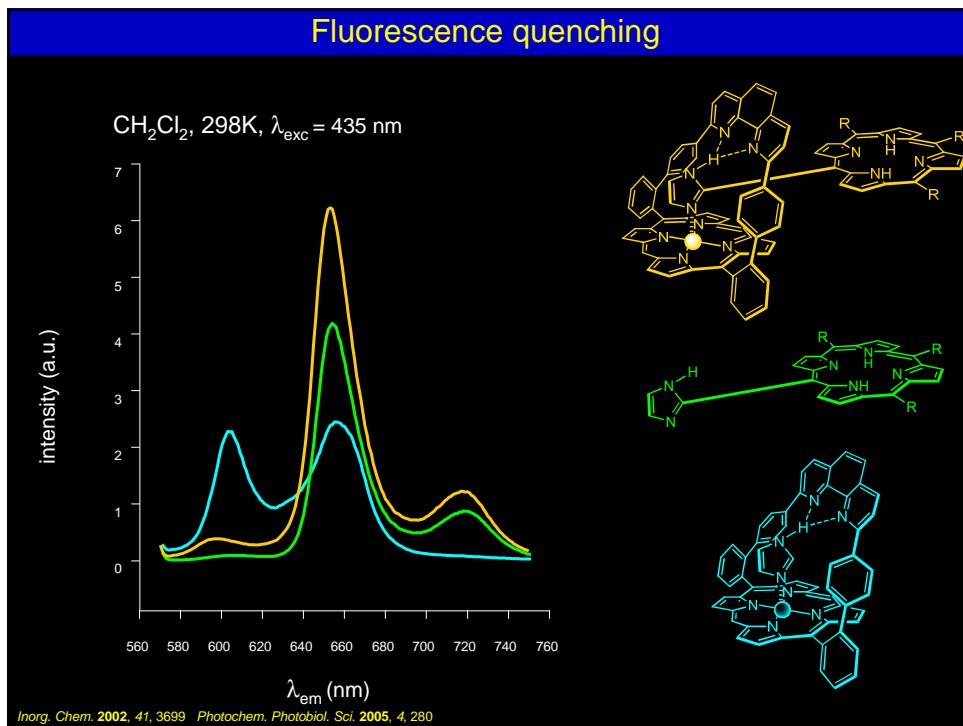
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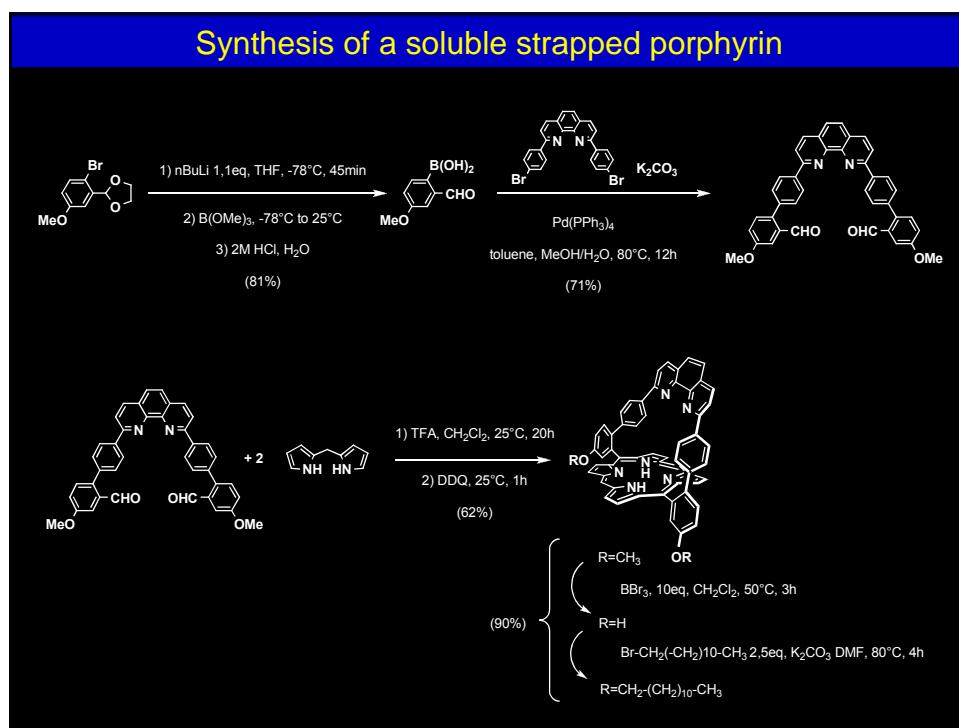
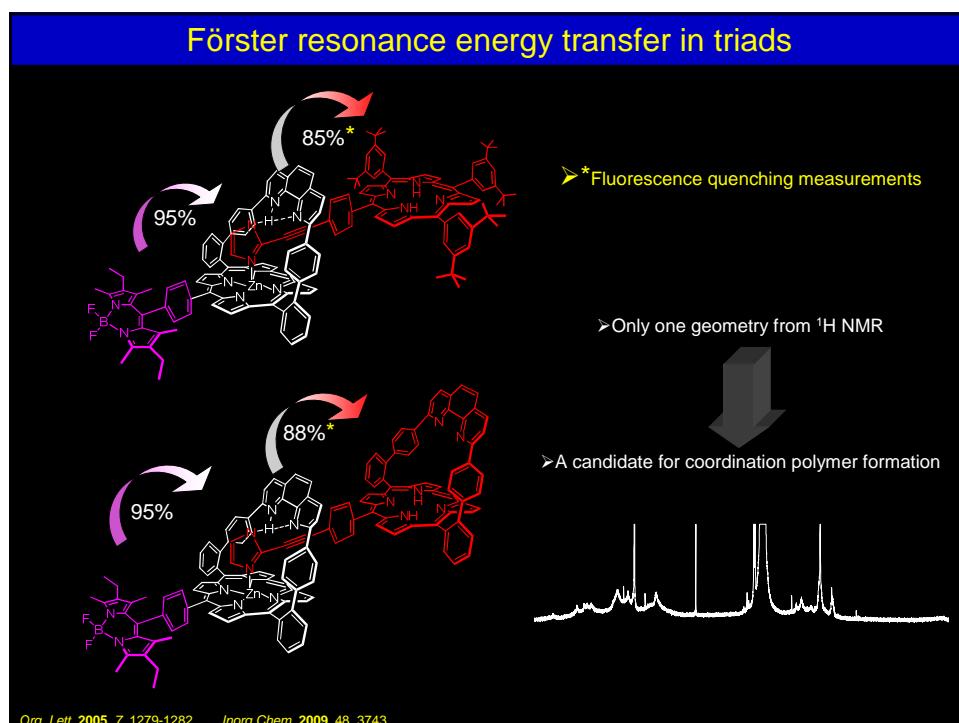


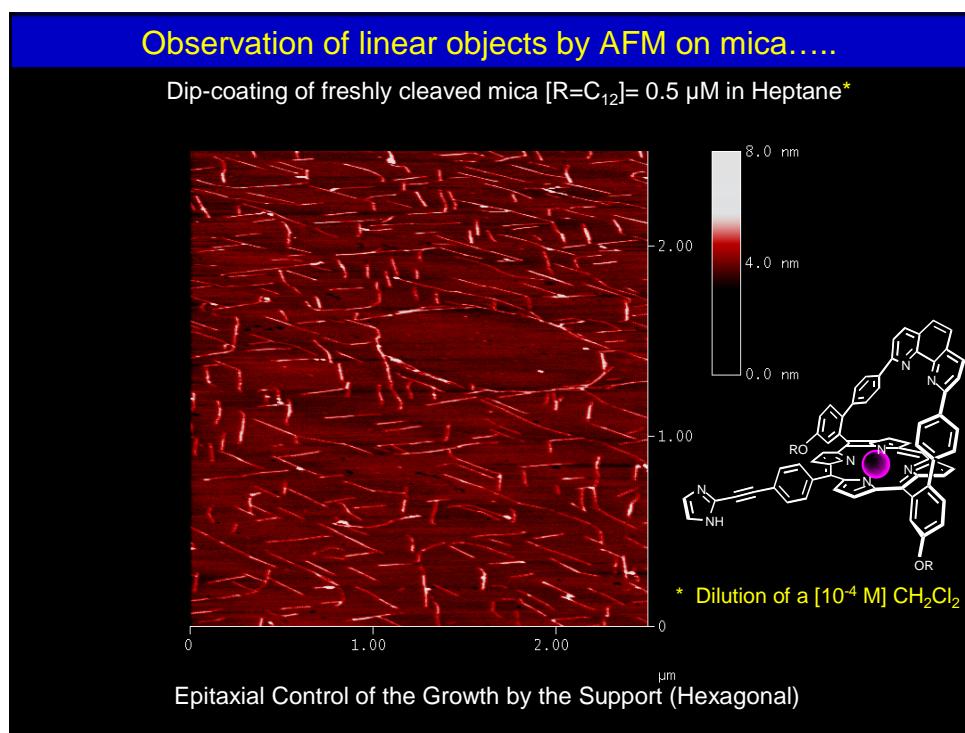
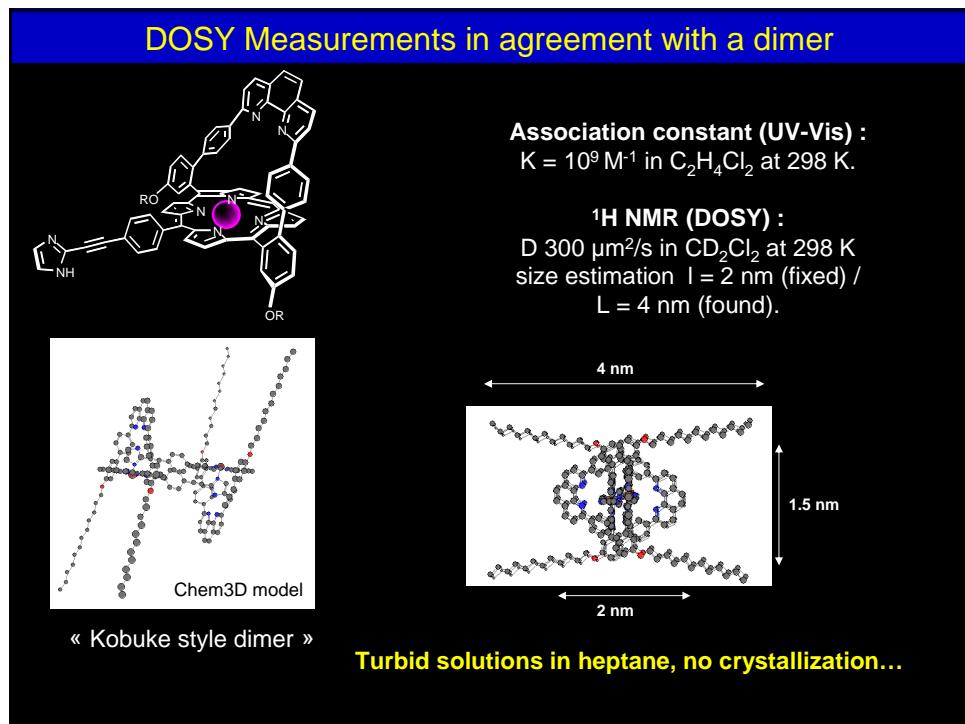
Förster (long distance):  
resonance energy transfer = vibrational process  
(emission (donor) /absorption acceptor) overlap

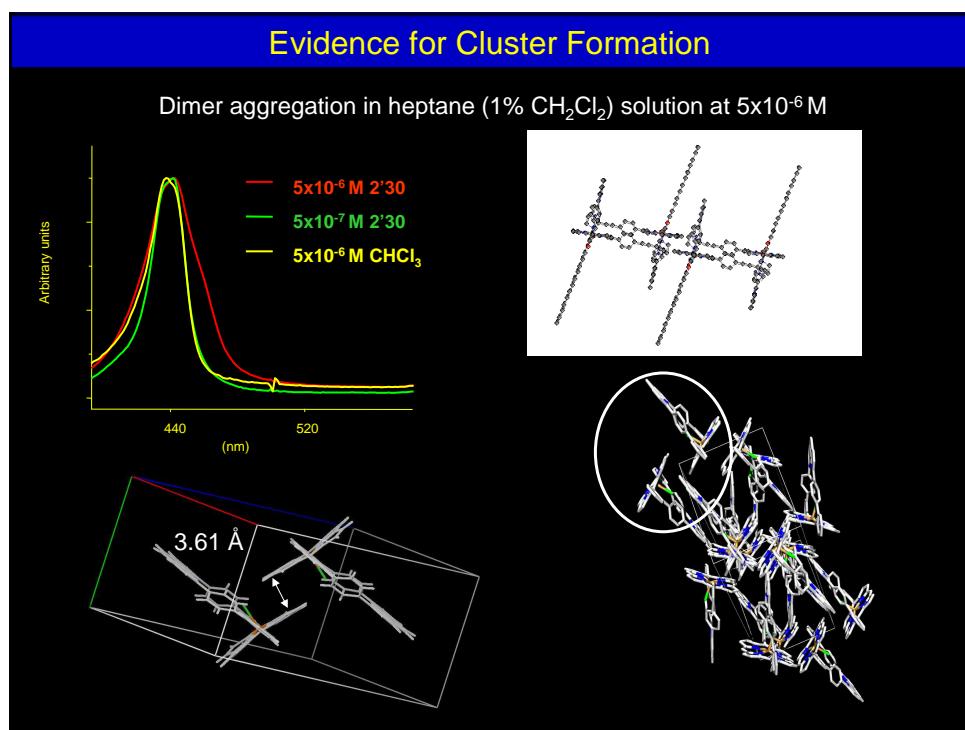
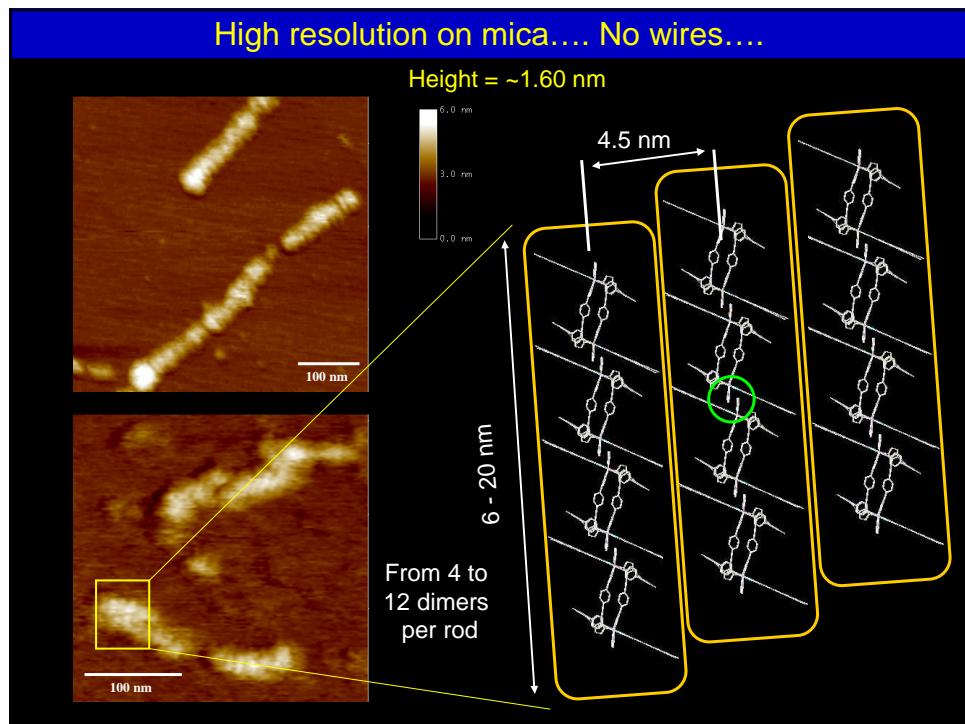
Dexter (short distance):  
Orbital overlap and electronic coupling  
are required.

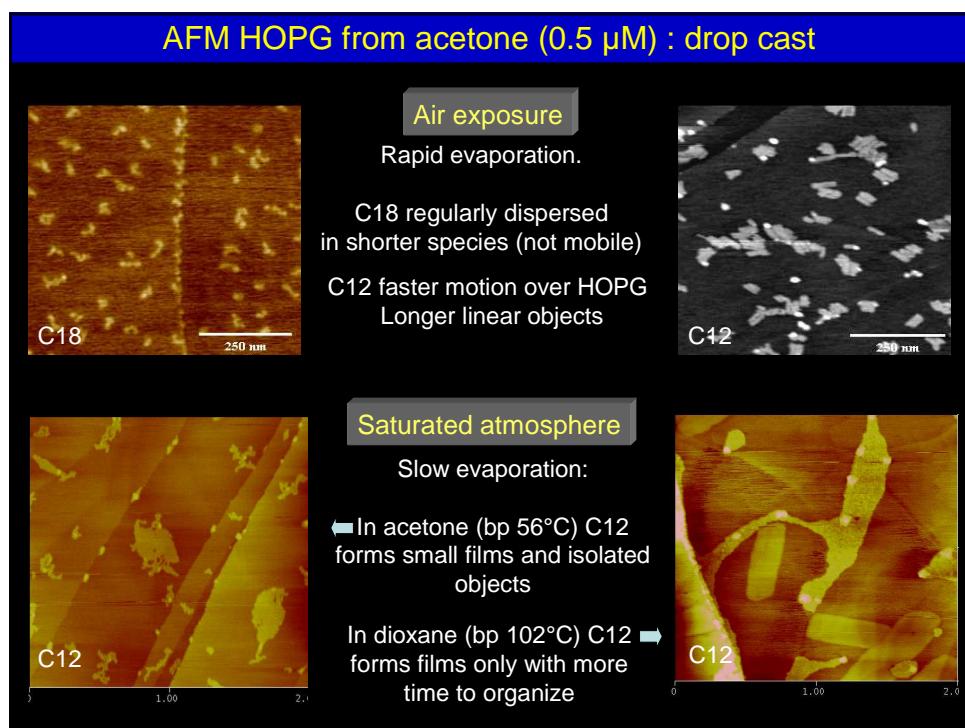
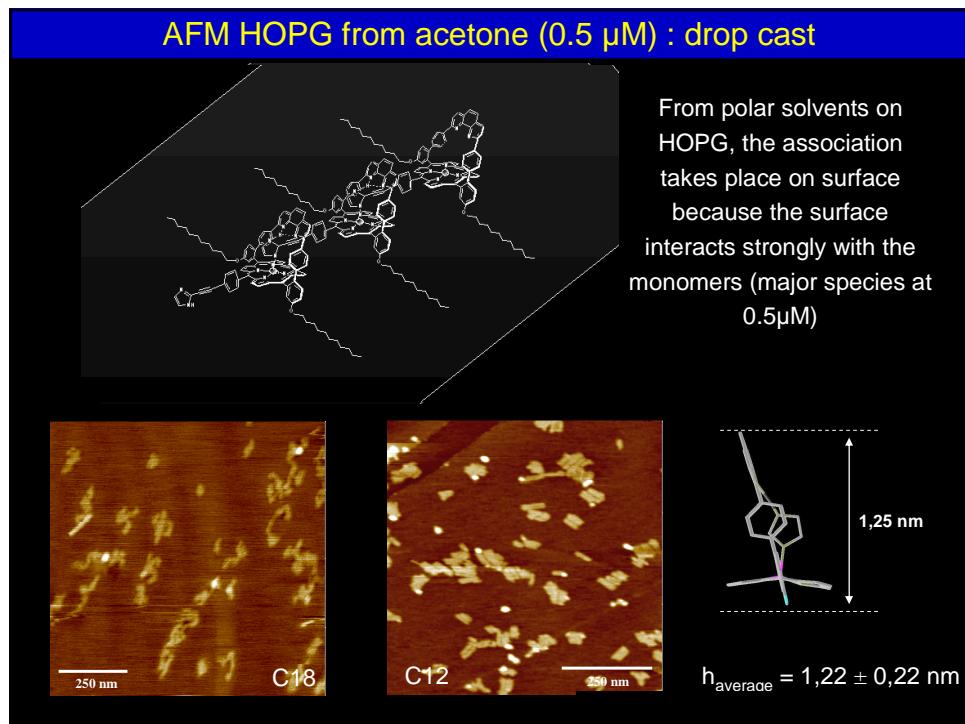


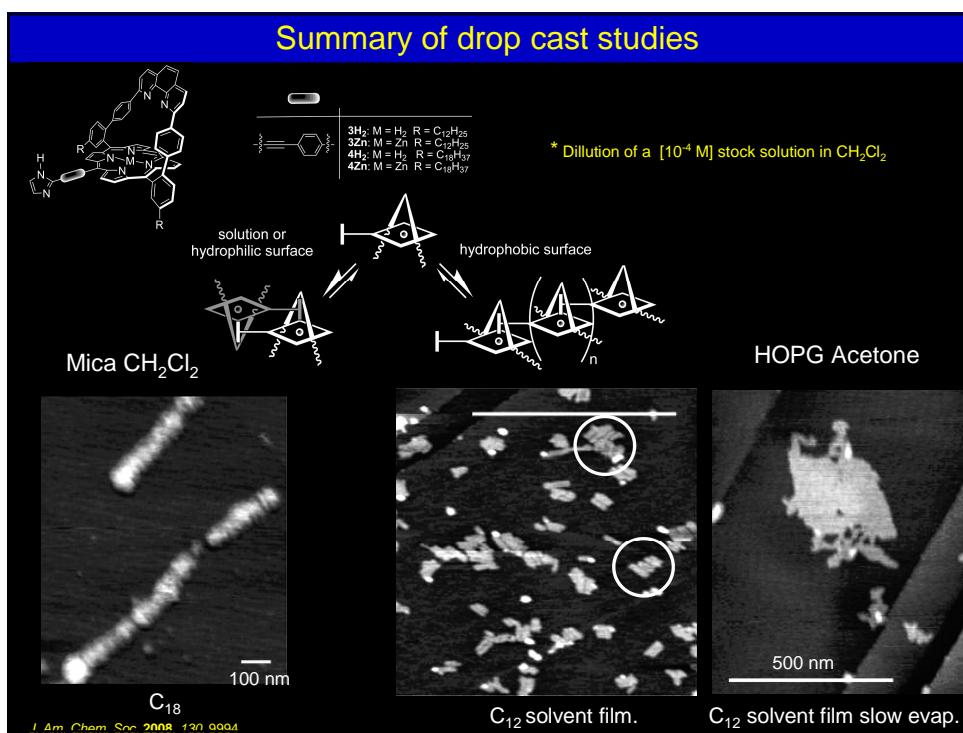
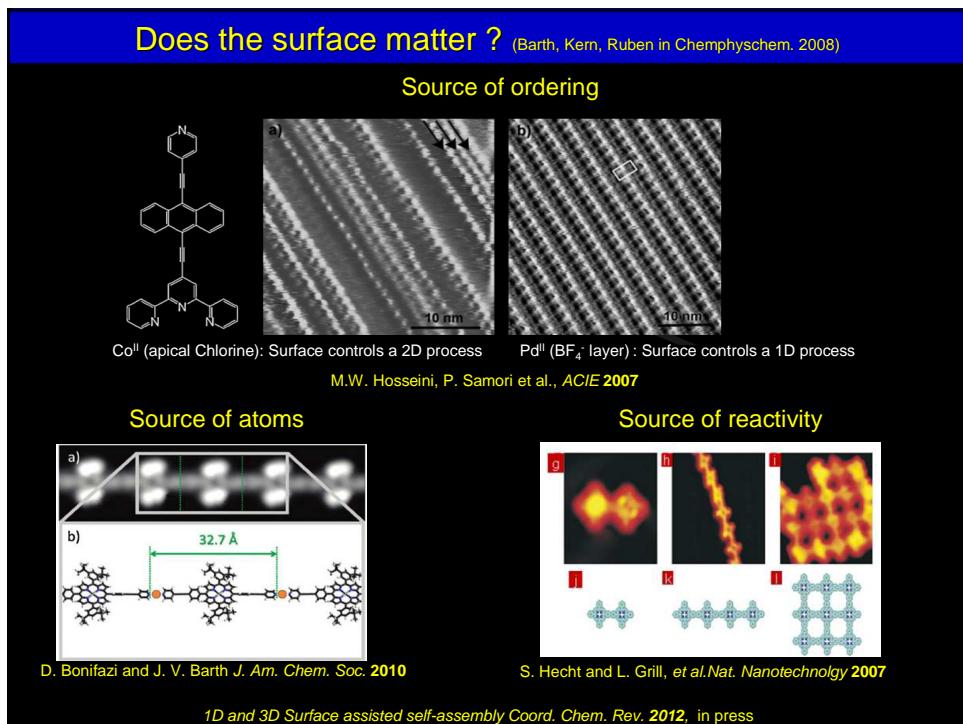


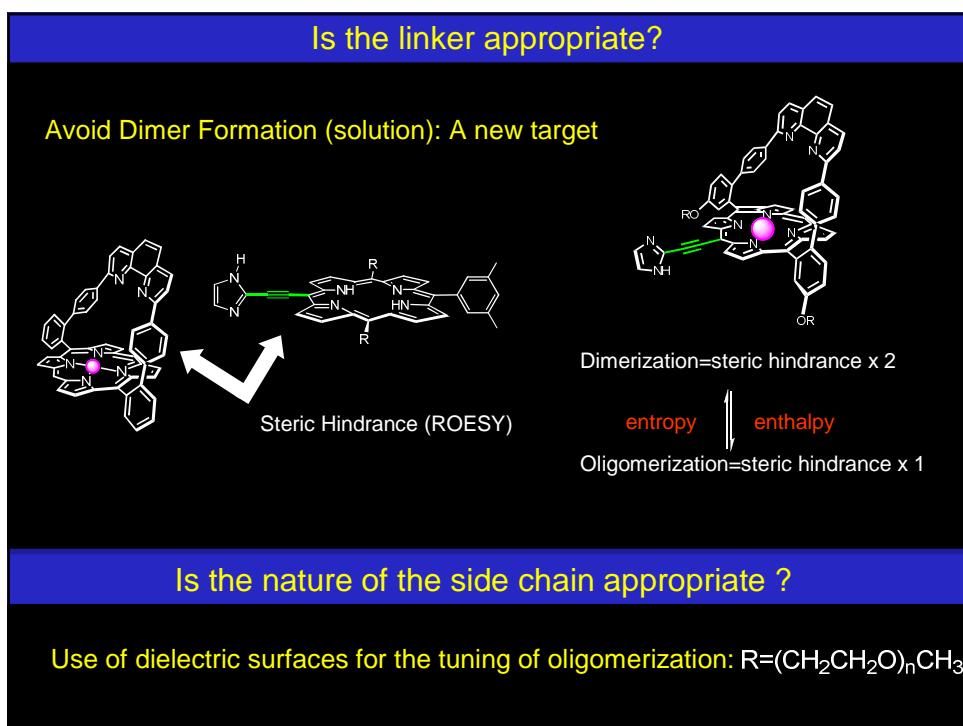
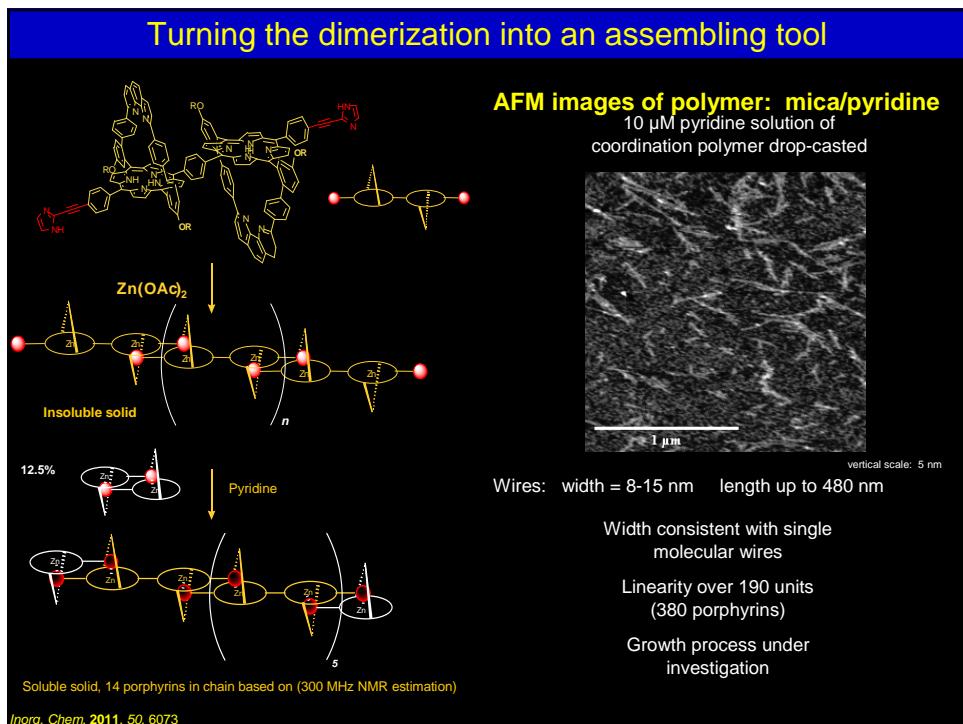






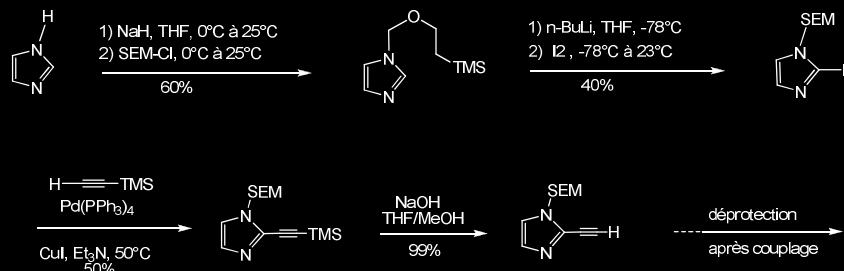




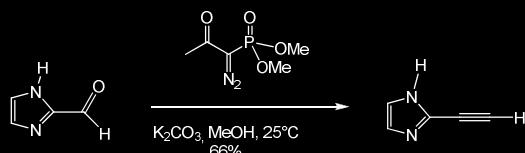


## A readily accessible imidazole: Bestmann's reagent

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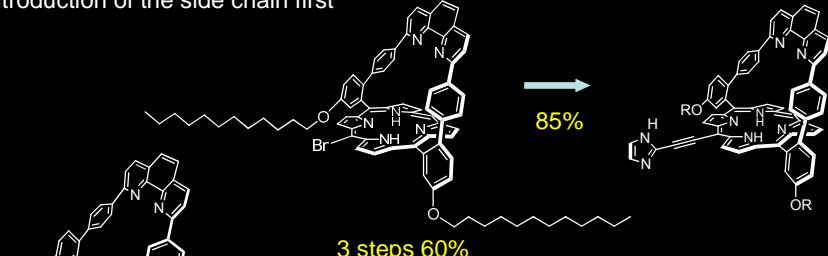


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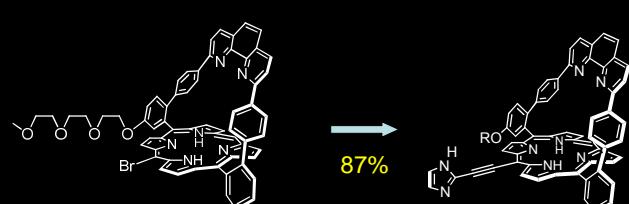


## Is the nature of the side chain appropriate ?

Introduction of the side chain first



Gram scale

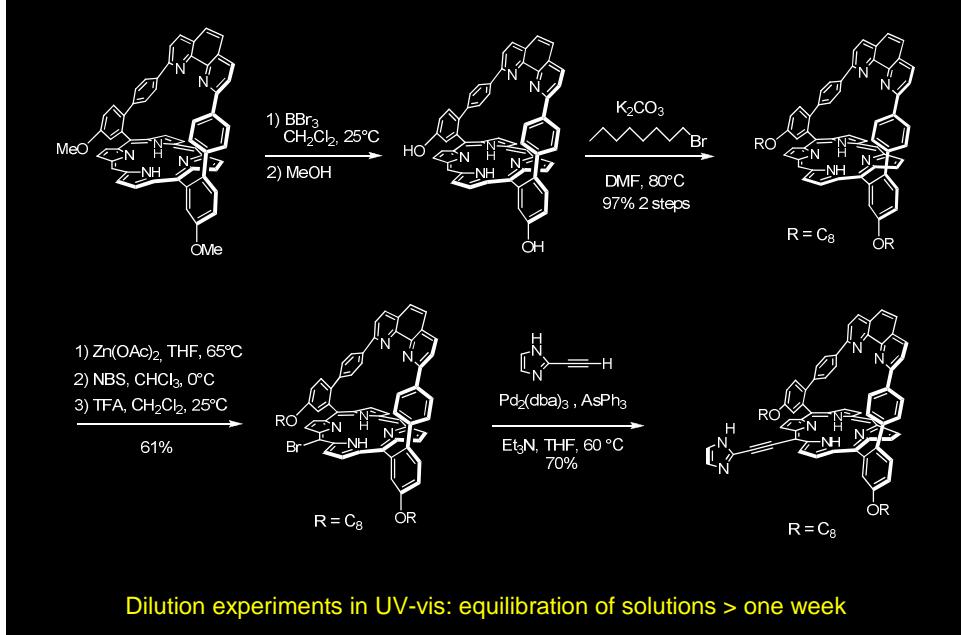


Introduction of the bromine chain first

3 steps 45%

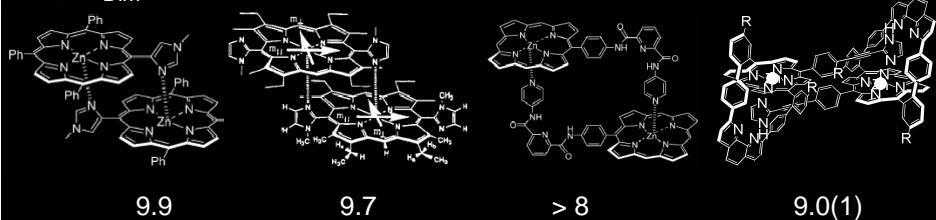
R = (CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>O)<sub>3</sub>CH<sub>3</sub>

### Short spacer synthesis



### Stability of the dimer: comparison with literature

$\log K_{\text{Dim}}$



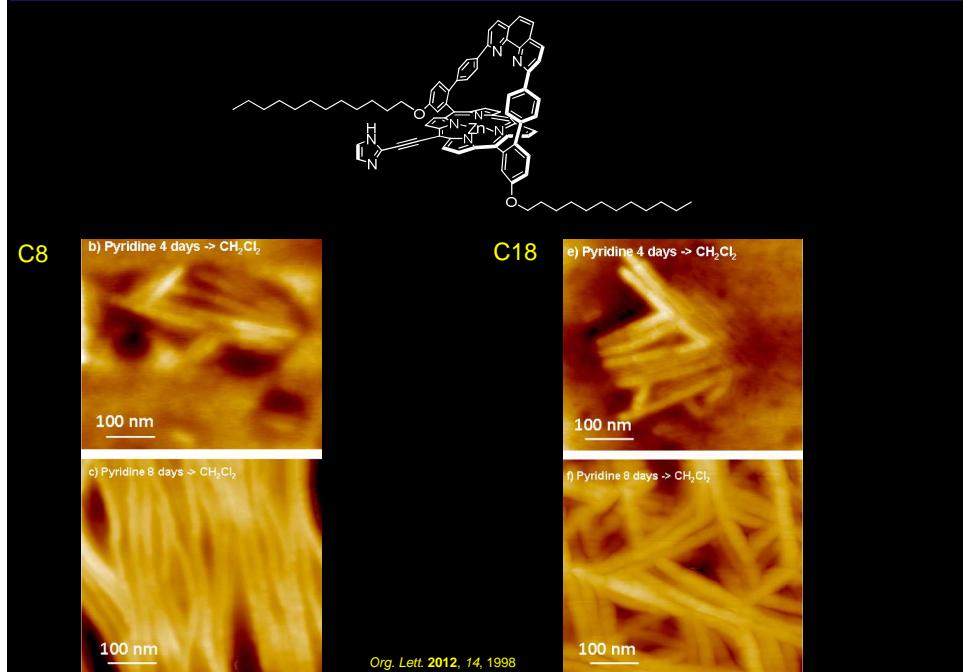
$$\log K_{\text{Assoc}} = 4.5 \pm 0.4 \text{ M}^{-1}$$

are all in the same range

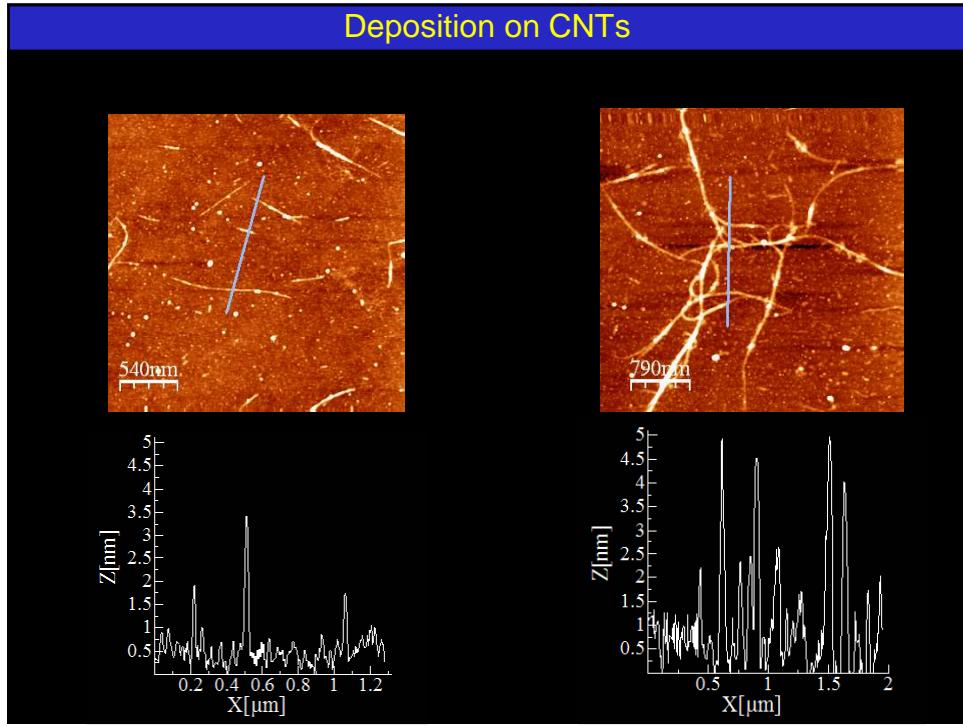
⇒ The molecule-surface interactions can differenciate the association modes

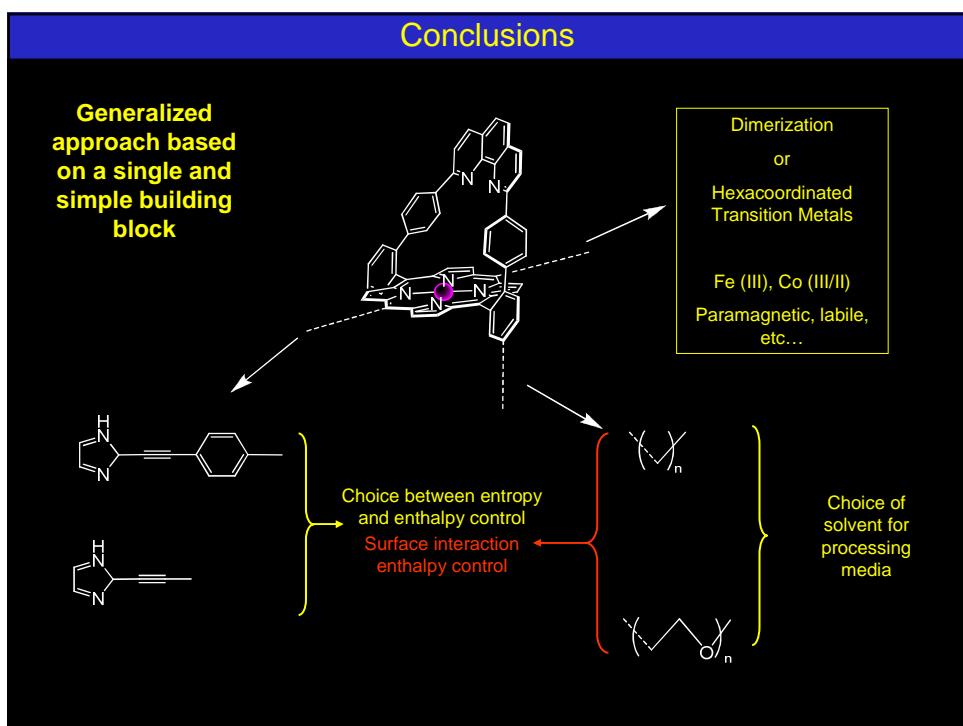
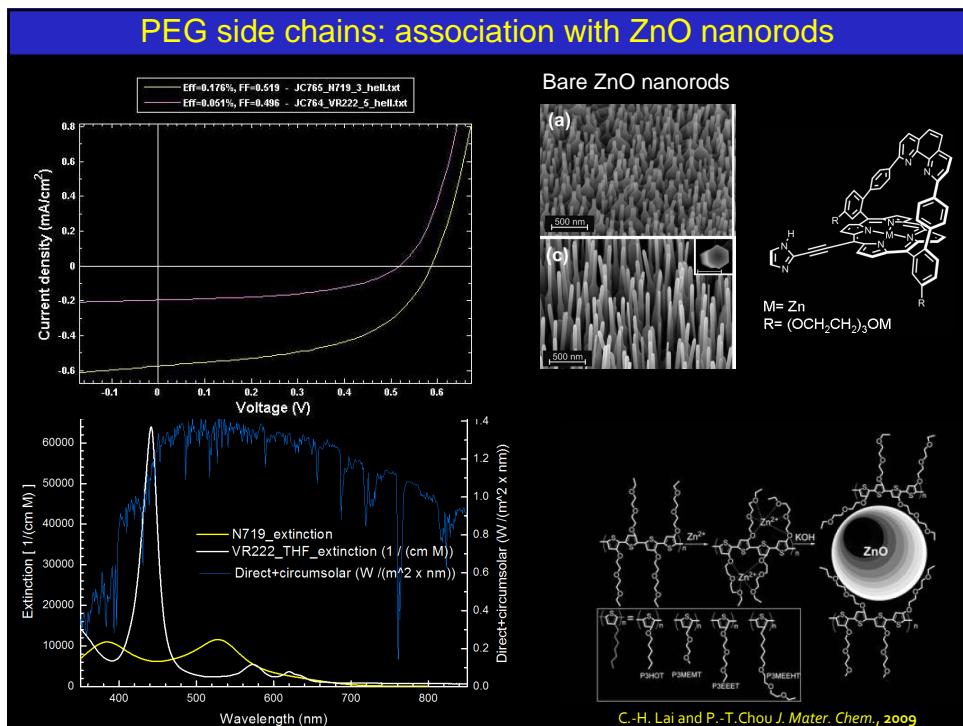
$$\log K_{\text{Dim}} = 3.7 \pm 0.2$$

## Deposition on surfaces: C<sub>8</sub> and C<sub>12</sub> on HOPG



## Deposition on CNTs





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# NanoScience in Nuclear Power Engineering & Radiochemical Technology

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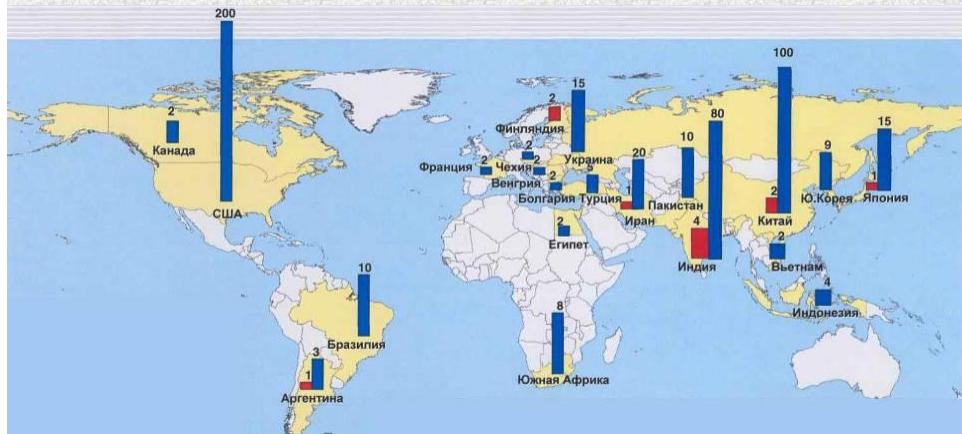
## "Nuclear Renaissance"



- In connection with growth of cost on hydrocarbon source of energy (gas, mineral oil, coal) the great interest on development of world nuclear energy is enlarged, called now as a "Nuclear Renaissance".
- Many countries that do not have a nuclear power plant are considering building one.
- Many nations that already have one are considering expanding their nuclear enterprises.



## Plans of Development of Nuclear Power Stations in the World



### Program of putting into operation APP, GWatt:

- - under construction
- - prospects

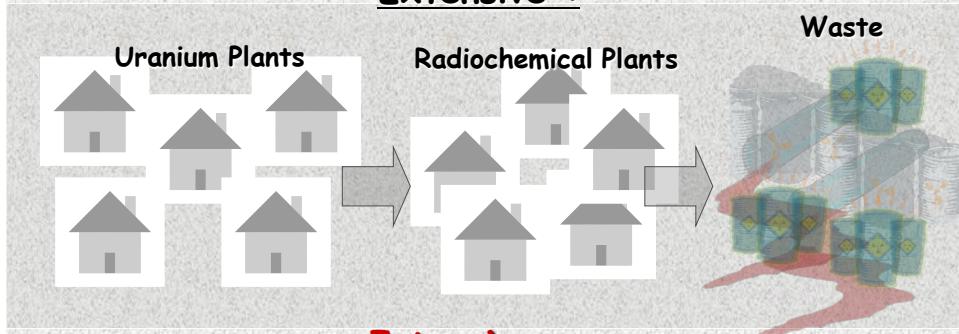
**In Russia: at present 31 power units operate at 10 Nuclear Power Plants**



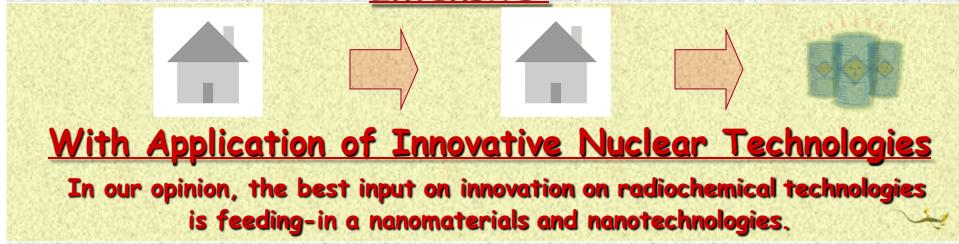
- **From 2012, at least two nuclear power units with a total capacity of 2 GW are to be founded annually.**
- **As a result, by 2018, 10 new power units will be put into operation, total installed capacity of which will make up 10 GW.**
- **Implementation of a special-purpose program will increase total installed capacity of all NPPs up to 33 GW (at present, it makes up 23 GW).**
- **It will lead to the increase of Nuclear Power Plant share in the total volume of generated electric power up to 18%.**

## The ways of Production Magnification:

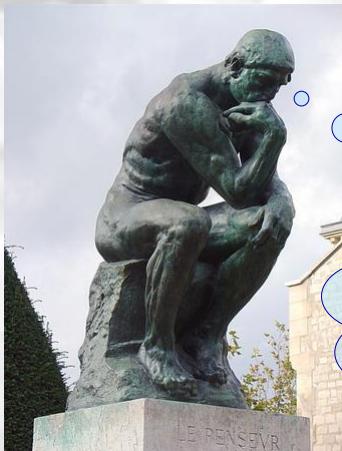
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### Intensive:



## Arises the First Question:



what is the best site for NanoTecnology implementation ?

**Production Association Mayak !**

Answer:

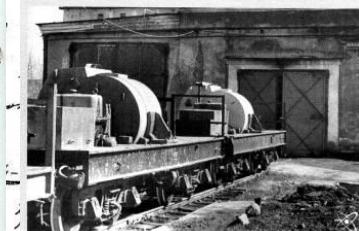
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PA Mayak was founded in June 1946



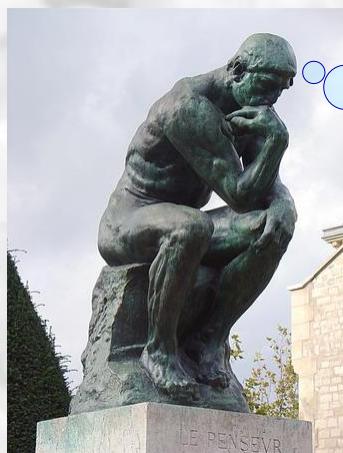
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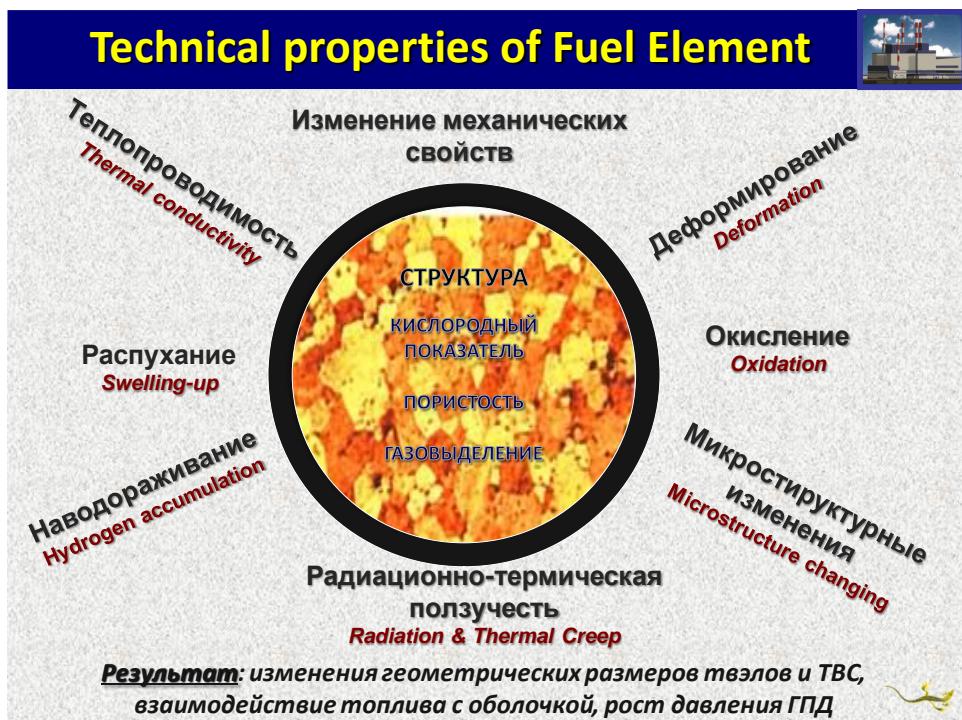
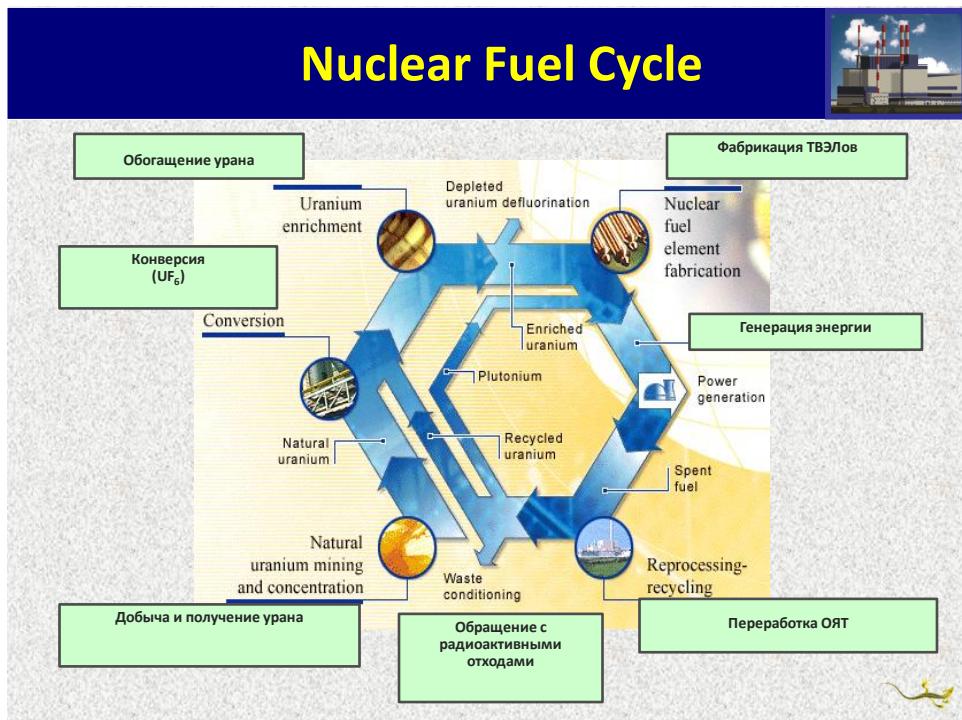


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# Functional Fuel NanoCompositions



Введение 0.2-0.6 мас.%  $\text{Er}_2\text{O}_3$  (РБМК) или 0.05-10% мас.  $\text{Gd}_2\text{O}_3$  (ВВЭР) в качестве выгорающего поглотителя нейтронов позволяет значительно улучшить экономические показатели работы реактора (форсирование на 10%), повысить его безопасность за счет уменьшения реактивности топлива до роста выгорания до 55 МВт·сут/кг U.

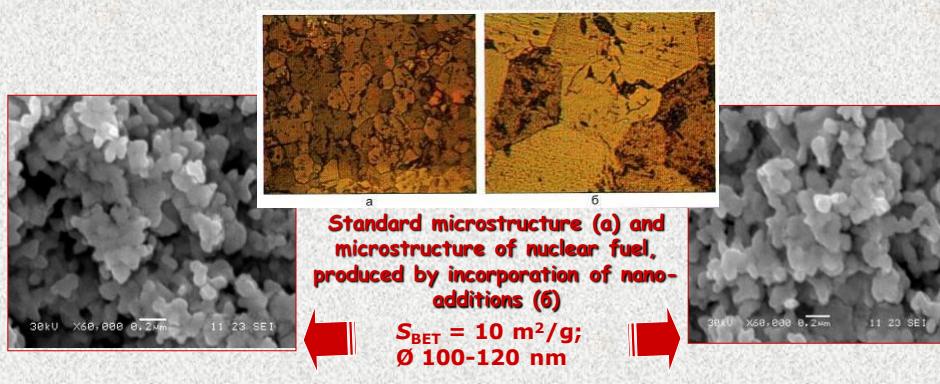


Incorporation of 0.2-0.6 mas.% of  $\text{Er}_2\text{O}_3$  (РБМК) or 0.05-10% mas. of  $\text{Gd}_2\text{O}_3$  (ВВЭР) in to a nuclear fuel tablets as a burning down absorber goes to increasing of economic characteristics and safety of nuclear reactor.

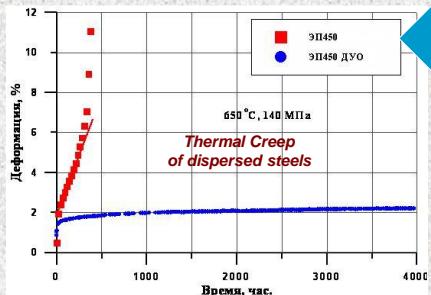
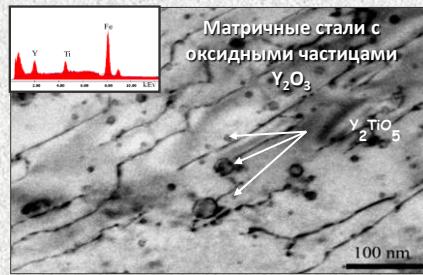


## New nuclear fuel compositions on the base of nanofractions of $\text{UO}_2$ was fabricated in the PA Mayak.

The physical-chemical properties and reactivity of nanoscale  $\text{UO}_2$  are studied. It was found that incorporation of nanoscale  $\text{UO}_2$  fractions (1-5%) goes to dramatic increasing of ceramic quality of fuel pills, homogeneity of solid solutions for dioxide mixture. This procedure raise of many times a quality of MOX-fuel for fast reactors.



## Functional NanoMaterials for producing of Fuel Elements shells from oxides-dispersed steels



Термическая ползучесть  
стали ЭП450 и дисперсно-упорядоченной  
оксидами стали ЭП450 ДУО

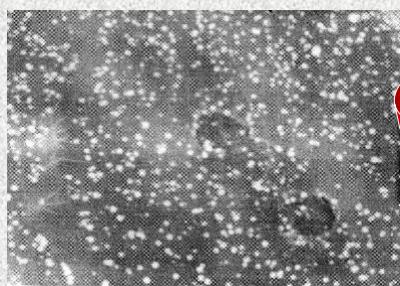
Steels	Content of Sc, % mass.	Creep, %
ЭИ-847	0	12,8
ЭИ-847-Sc	0,13	0,50



## NanoCatalysts

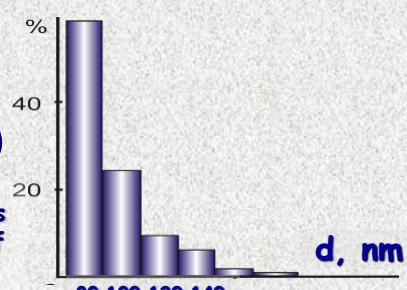


The NanoParticles of Pt, Pd, Rh, Ru, coated on a porous materials, are used as an heterogeneous catalysts in radiochemical technology for increasing of efficiency of chemical processes used, and for reducing of a volumes of radioactive waste.



The morphology of a surface of catalysts (scan electronic microscope in a beams of secondary electrons of Pt granule)

Distribution of Pt particles sizes for 1%  $\text{Pt}/\text{SiO}_2$  catalysts.  
The middle  $\varnothing$  of a clusters is ~80 nm.



**Effective methods of stabilization of actinides ions in given oxidation states were developed. The kinetic parameters of more 100 catalytic redox-reactions were calculated.**

- **Reduction of Uranium(VI) to (IV)**
  - Reducing agents:  $H_2$ ,  $N_2H_4$ ,  $HCOOH$ ,  $H_2CO$ ,  $C_2H_5OH$
- **Reduction of Plutonium(IV) to (III), Neptunium(VI,V) to (IV)**
  - Reducing agents:  $H_2$ ,  $N_2H_4$ ,  $HCOOH$
- **Oxidation of Neptunium(IV)**
  - Oxidizer:  $HNO_3$

**The main advantages of catalytic redox-processes:**  
application of «not saline» reagents in technology.

The perspective methods of decomposition of organic radioactive waste were developed :

- Decomposition of oxalic acid, EDTA at so on;
- Decomposition of  $N_2H_5NO_3$ ,  $HNO_3$ ,  $NH_4NO_3$ , carbamide.



### Examples of developed catalytic processes in radiochemical technology



#### Reduction U(VI) to U(IV)

0,1M  $N_2H_5NO_3$  in 1M  $HNO_3$  at 40°C

In the present of 1% $Pt/SiO_2$	Without of a catalysts
Выход U(IV) 98% за 45 мин	Реакция не протекает

#### Results:

a pilot device for fabrication of U(IV) at Siberian Chemical Combine (OAO «СХК», Северск) 130 kg/day was created.



#### Decomposition of oxalic acid

1% $Pt/SiO_2$ , 50°C, 60 min in 1M $HNO_3$	Without a catalysts, 90°C, 48 hours in 8M $HNO_3$
100% Decomposition	80% Decomposition

#### Results:

a pilot device for dynamic decomposition of oxalic acid was created

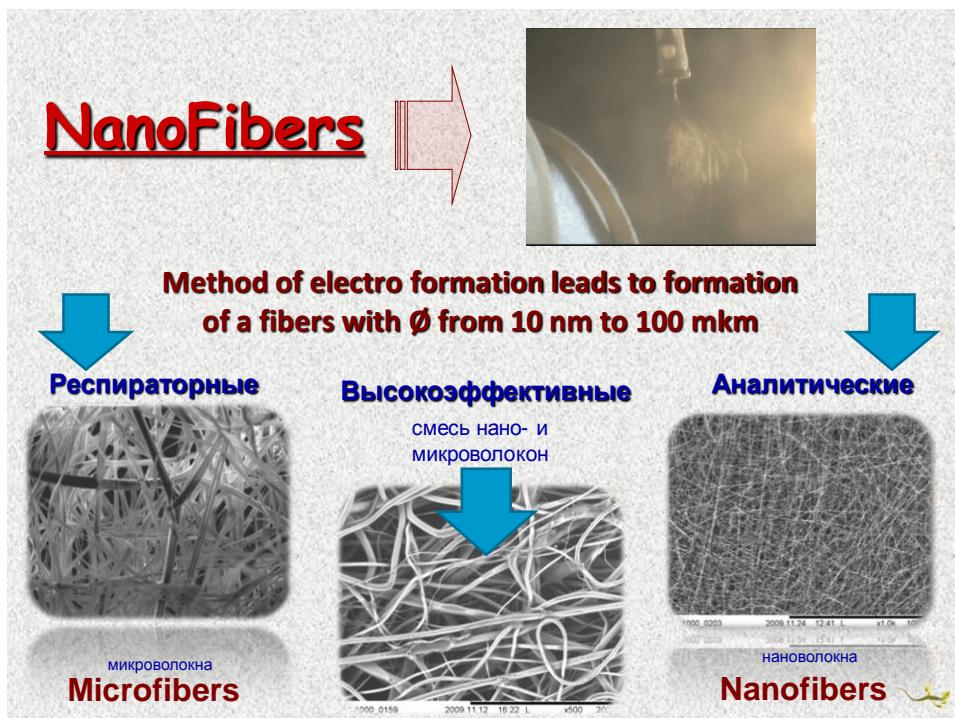


One ton of a spent nuclear fuel contains about 300 gram of radioactive nuclides of Iodine-127, 129 and 131.

A volatile aerosols of  $\text{HI}$ ,  $\text{J}_2$ ,  $\text{CH}_3\text{J}$  according a IAEA declarations should fixed and localized.

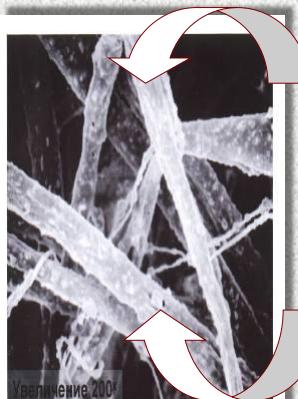


- Sorbent produced by contact of a silica gel  $\text{KCK}\Gamma$  and aqueous solutions of  $\text{Ag}^+$  and  $\text{Ni}^{2+}$  with following treatment of this matrix by  $\text{NH}_4\text{OH}$  and heating at 250–300 °C;
- Sorbent isolate a different forms of a radioactive Iodine from gas phase with the decontamination factor more than  $K_{de} > 10^4$ .
- 720 kg of the sorbent was installed in the modules of a passive filtration of an average filters in the NPP "Kudankulam" (India).



# NanoFibers

## "Filled" Fibrous Complexing Sorbents

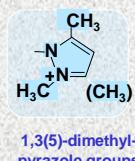
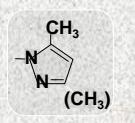
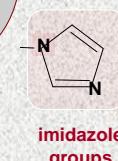


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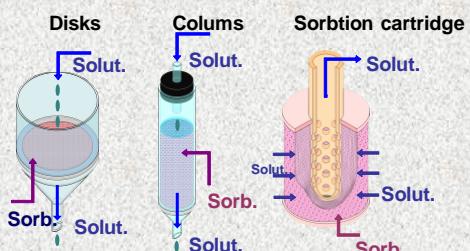
Polyacrylonitrile porous fiber (300-400 nm)

### Filler:

Complexing Sorbents ( $\varnothing \sim 100$  nm)



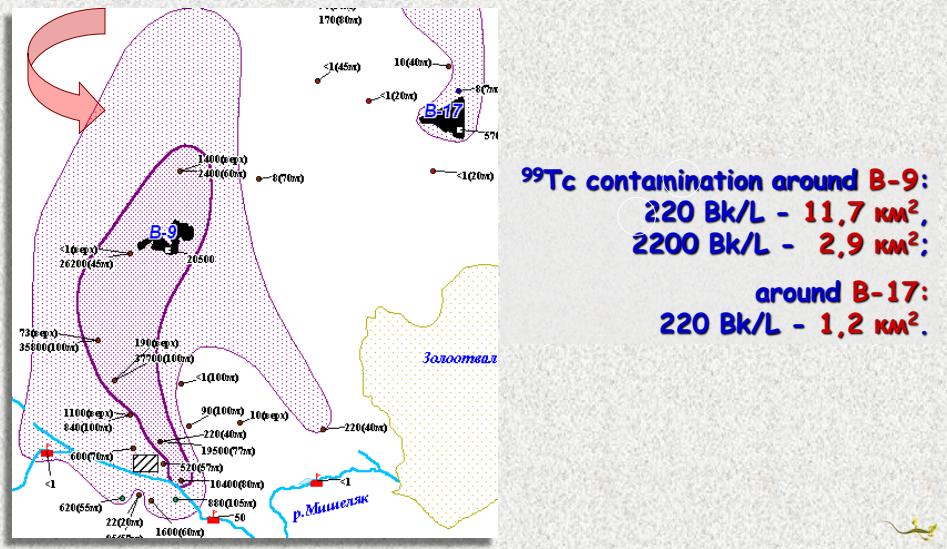
## Fibrous "Filled" Sorbents Application



Tc(VII) sorption by fibrous sorbents from underground waters (20°C; time contact 2 h; V : m = 100 cm<sup>3</sup>/g)

Sorbent	K <sub>d</sub> (cm <sup>3</sup> /g)
Poliorgs 17-n	2,8·10 <sup>5</sup>
AB-17-H	1,0·10 <sup>4</sup>

The radiometric map of Tc-99 contamination around the technical depositories were determined first time.



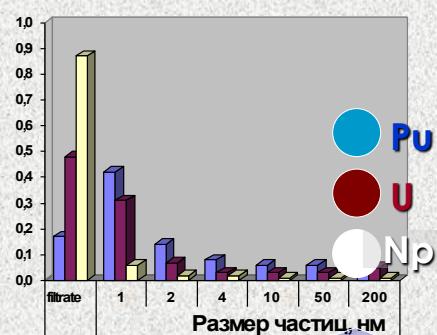
## NanoMembranes

for discovery of radionuclide species migration

Device of multistage membrane filtration



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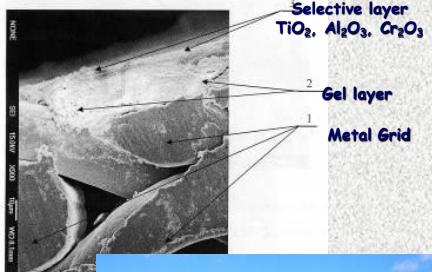


Distribution of actinides forms founded by membrane partitioning (GEOKHI RAS)

## Pilot Installation of membrane cleaning of a natural water



Membrane «Trumem»,  
Size from 2 to 250 nm.

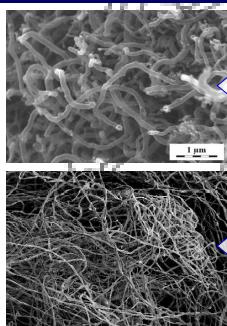


### Decontamination factor for:

$$\begin{aligned}\Sigma\alpha &= 2 \cdot 10^3; \\ \Sigma\beta &= 10^3; \\ {}^{90}\text{Sr} &= 10^4; {}^{137}\text{Cs} = 90\end{aligned}$$



## Carbonic NanoMaterials:



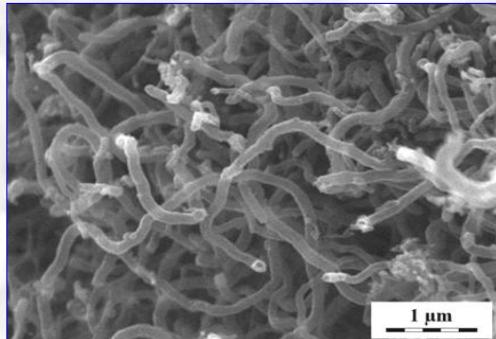
Taunit: 1D - NanoScale filous formations with inert  $\varnothing$  5-8 nm as a powder

NanoPorous coals as a powder

- as a perspective sorbents for radwaste treatment;
- as an additive for hardening of solid matrixes;
- as a NanoFuel elements;
- as a matrixes for immobilization of organic waste.



Taunit - 1D nanoscale filous formations with inert Ø from 5 to 8 nm as a powder

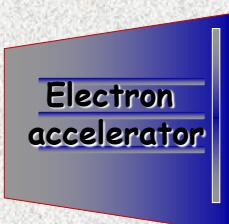


The Installation for Taunite fabrication in the Tambov State University

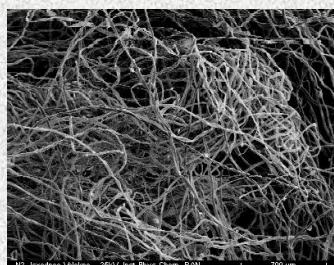
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## Fabrication of nanoporous coals in the Frumkin Institute



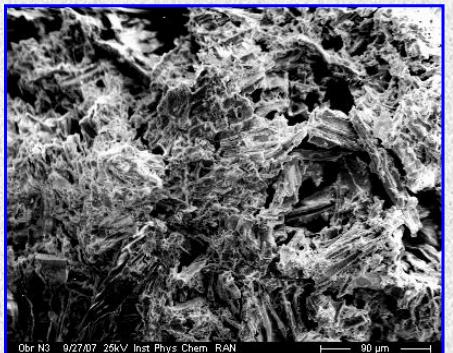
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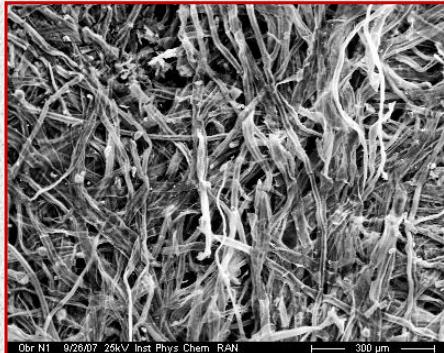
- lignin
- cellulose
- straw
- filing



## Charcoal structures



Conventional heating



Electron beam heating

C – 82.6 %

O – 16.0 %

Atomic composition

C – 89.5 %

O – 9.6 %

Such processing conserves structure of feed stock fibrils.



The high sorption ability of «Taunit» with respect of a radionuclides was found.



The degree of radionuclides isolation from model solutions, %.  
Sorbent mass 20 mg, V:m = 100, time contact 2 hour; [Me] =  $10^{-6}$ M.

Content	Am(III)	Eu(III)	Pu(IV)	U(VI)	Tc(VII)
1mM HNO <sub>3</sub>	99	99	96	99	99
Underground water	90	97	85	99	90

The effective sorbents based on the Fe,Ni ferrocyanides for Cs<sup>137</sup> and Sr<sup>90</sup> isolation from solutions were synthesized and tested

Distribution coefficient K <sub>d</sub> Cs-137 on different sorbent, cm <sup>3</sup> /g				
Type solution	ЭК-Taunite	ЭН-Taunite	ЭК-NanoCoal	ЭНС selling
Underground water	$3,2 \times 10^4$	$4,8 \times 10^4$	$3,8 \times 10^4$	$2,8 \times 10^4$
1M NaNO <sub>3</sub>	$1,5 \times 10^5$	$3,1 \times 10^5$	$1,2 \times 10^5$	$4,8 \times 10^5$
Distillation residue from Kursk NPP	$1,6 \times 10^3$	$3,6 \times 10^3$	$4,1 \times 10^2$	$8,4 \times 10^3$

The high absorption ability of carbon nanomaterials with respect of technical oils or another organic compounds (TBP, hydrocarbon diluent) was found.

For "Taunite" - 4 g/g;  
For coals - 19 g/g.



**Effective method of fixation of technical oils on a carbon NanoMaterials with following solidification by epoxy-resin or cement was developed.**

- Oil inclusion up to 25%;
- Compressing strength 570 kg/cm<sup>2</sup>;
- Oil secession was not found;
- Oil Leaching Degree <0,01 %;
- Rate Oil Leaching <1·10<sup>-5</sup> g/cm<sup>2</sup>·day;
- Diffusion Coefficient of RN is 10<sup>-12</sup> m<sup>2</sup>/s



## Chemically Bonded Phosphate Ceramics



Example: potassium-magnesium ceramic



- Formed at room temperature;
- Made by acid-base reactions;
- Hard, durable, dense, and hence
- the Ideal for macro-incorporation.

Addition of NanoSize of a nature minerals to the stock mix during solidification of a radioactive waste leads to increasing of compressive strength of a ceramic matrix :

Content composition, %					Compressive Strength, Kg/cm <sup>2</sup>
MgO	KH <sub>2</sub> PO <sub>4</sub>	HLW	Wollastonite CaSiO <sub>3</sub>	Asbestos	
14	43	43	0	0	41,7
12	40	43	0	5	364,1
12	40	43	5	0	321,1

## Conclusion:

NanoMaterials and NanoTechnologies could be used in the field of radiochemical practice.

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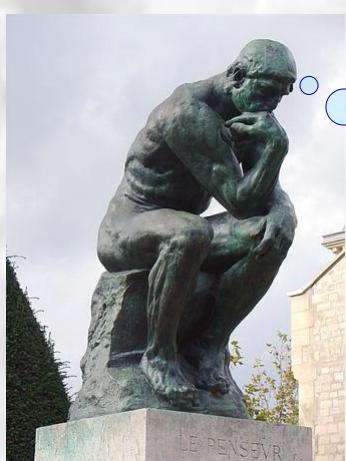
1. Nuclear Fuel Fabrication;
2. Development of modern Technologies for Spent Nuclear Fuel Reprocessing;
3. Radioactive Waste Handling;
4. Radioecology Development.

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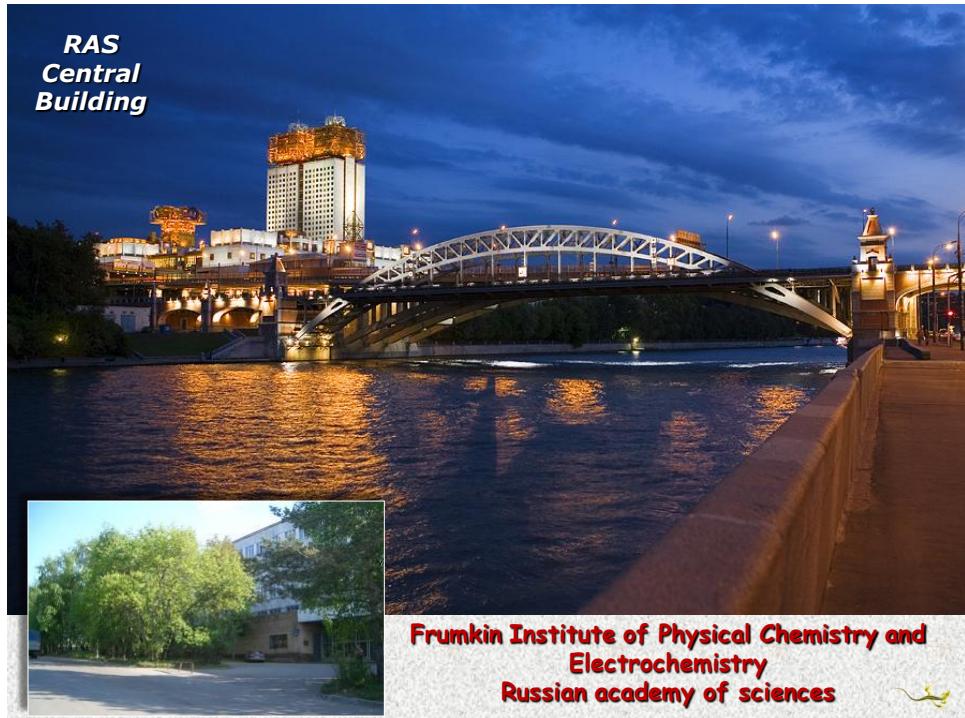
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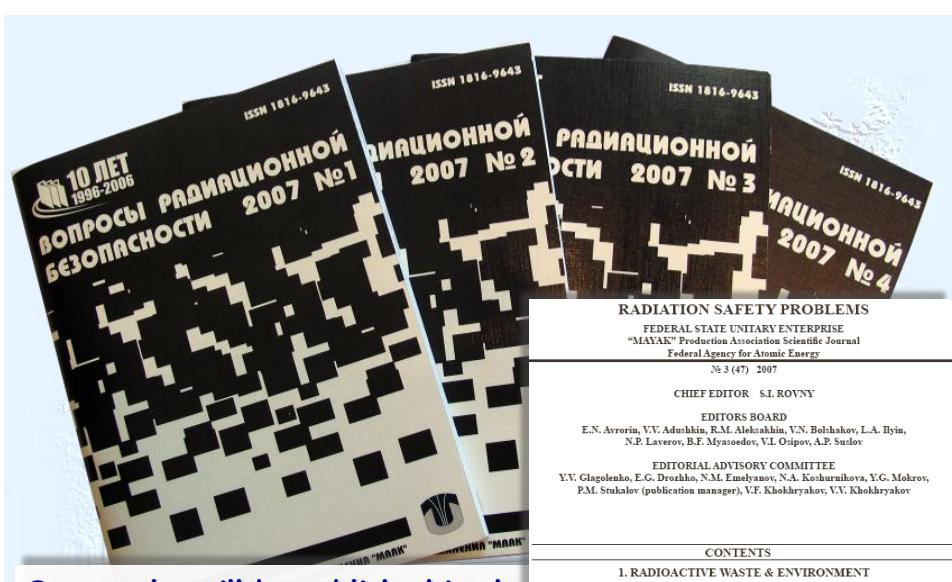
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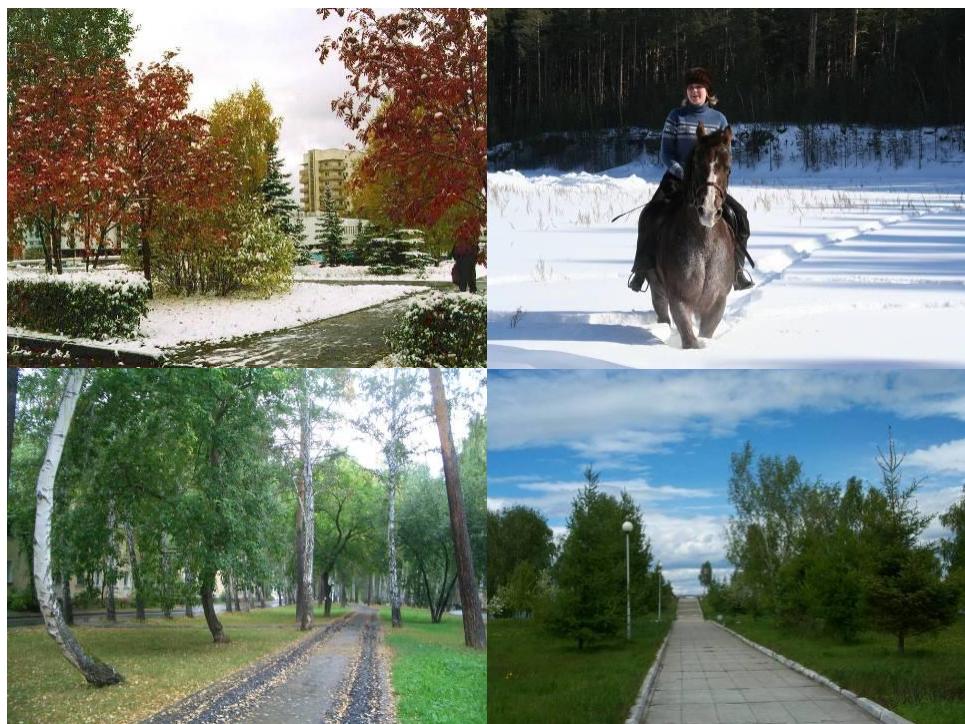




Our results will be published in the Journal, issued in the PA Mayak. RSP includes an Abstracts in English, and has many subscribers.



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# **SPECIFIC ION EFFECTS IN SOLUTIONS, AT INTERFACES, AND IN COLLOIDAL SYSTEMS**

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In this presentation, I give a general overview about specific ion effects. In an introductory example I shortly present the complexity of so-called chemical gardens. I will then say a few words about general properties of ions, how they can be described and give a short historical background. After having introduced the Hofmeister series, Collins' law of matching water affinities are discussed as a first-order and qualitative model to understand a great number of specific ion effects. I stress that not a single model or even a single parameter can describe the effects of ions. The behaviour of an ion type will rather depend on its counterion and its environment. The task of the scientist will be to identify the most important effect in a given system and to select it out of a panoply of effects that are well-known and well-described today. Several examples will illustrate this approach.

Finally, I give examples of ion effects not following the Hofmeister series, for example the bubble-bubble coalescence in salt water or the spontaneous self-organisation of carboxylates and silicates to so-called biomorphs showing helical structures without any organic template.

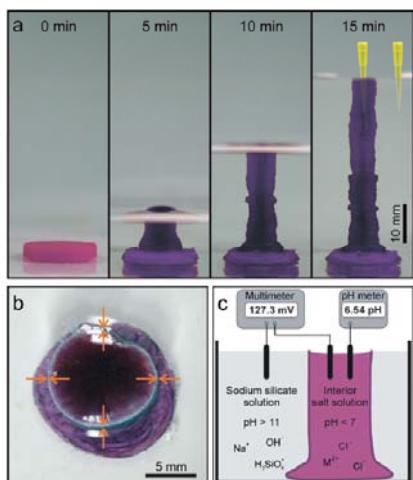
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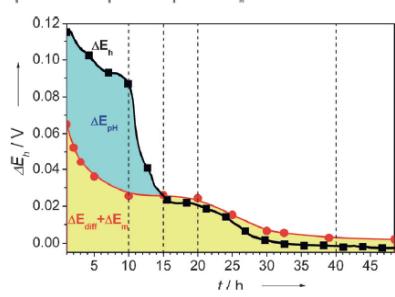
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**Figure 1.** a) Formation of a tubular membrane with defined dimensions upon slow addition of silica solution to a tablet of  $\text{CoCl}_2$ . Pipette tips indicate sampling of the inner and outer solution. b) Top view of the tube, showing its open end. Arrows mark the tube wall. c) Scheme of the experimental setup used for pH and  $\Delta E_a$  measurements.



**Figure 4.** Electrochemical potentials in  $\text{CoCl}_2$ -based silica gardens. The overall cell potential ( $\Delta E_a$ ) results from a combination of diffusion ( $\Delta E_{\text{diff}}$ ) and membrane ( $\Delta E_m$ ) potentials as well as a third pH-induced contribution ( $\Delta E_{\text{pH}}$ ).

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Chemical garden With Juan-Mael Garcia Ruiz, Granada

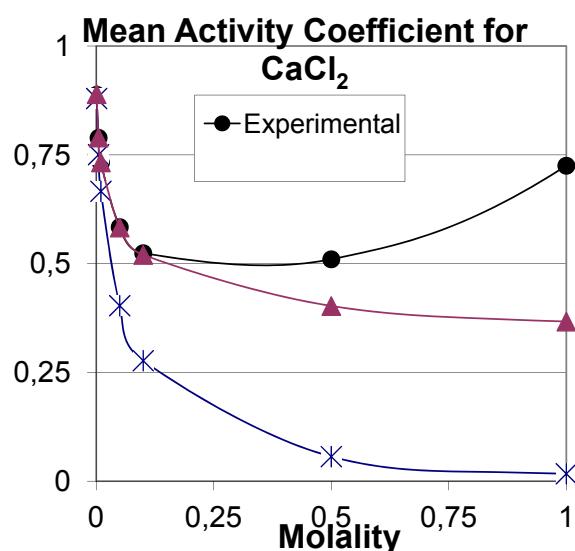
... are beautiful structures that show fascinating membrane and diaphragm properties. In their Communication on page 4317 ff., W. Kunz, J. M. García-Ruiz, and co-workers reveal that, beyond beauty, this purely inorganic biomimetic phenomenon constitutes a complex out-of-equilibrium physicochemical system of two compartmentalized distinct solutions that creates measurable potential differences over extended periods of time (cover design: M. Wyrwoll).

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## BASICS AND TRIVIALITIES

- Ion specificities are everywhere (e.g.  $\text{Na}^+$  versus  $\text{K}^+$  in nature).
- Ions are everywhere.
- They interact via electrostatic interactions.
- At low concentrations ( $< 0.01 \text{ M}$ ) Debye-Hückel (DH) theory is adequate.
- In colloidal systems, the DLVO theory often properly reproduces interactions at long distances.
- Basically, the charge of the ion (or headgroup) is considered together with DH screening.

## DEBYE-HÜCKEL

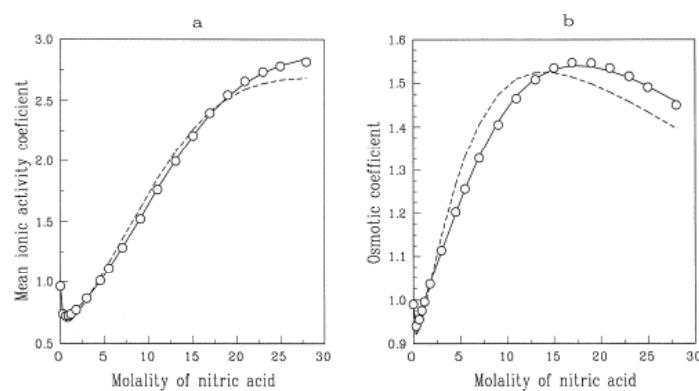


$$-\log \gamma_i = \frac{A z_i^2 \sqrt{I}}{1 + a_i B \sqrt{I}}$$

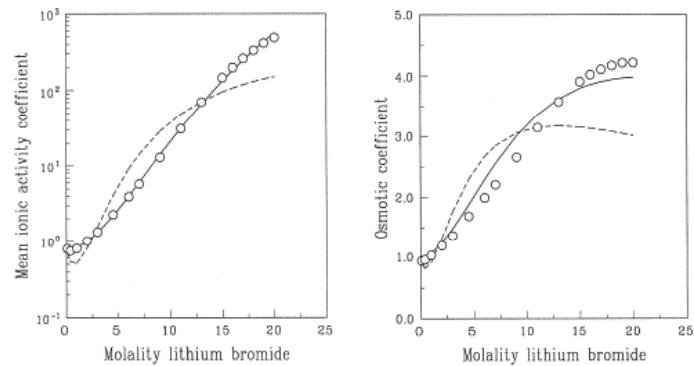
$$I = \frac{1}{2} \sum_i c_i z_i^2$$

$$\mu_i = \mu_i^0 + RT \ln m_i \gamma_i$$

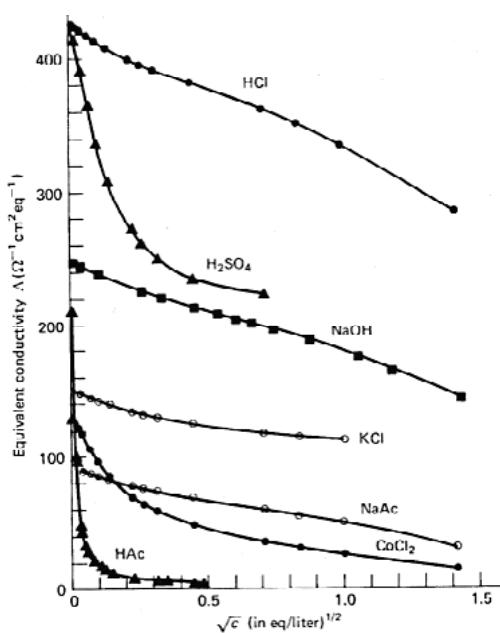
As long as activity coefficients are not too far from 1, they are not very relevant in real life.

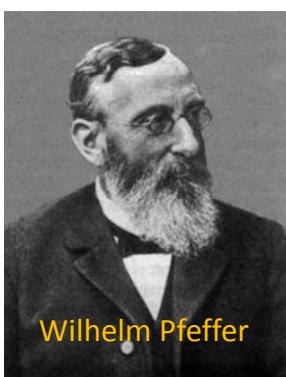


Osmotic Pressures of  
electrolyte solutions  
can be up to hundreds of  
bars!

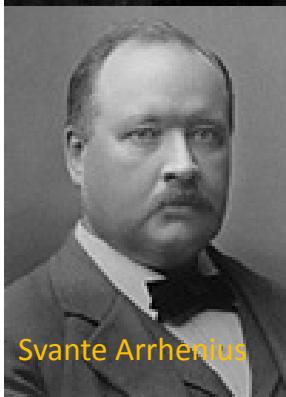


Electrical Conductivity  
can be very high





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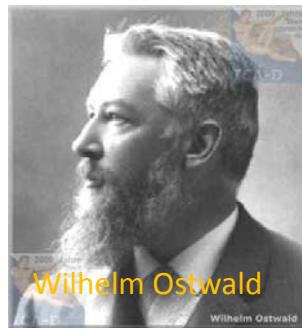


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**SPECIFIC ION EFFECTS**

Specific ion effects are important in numerous fields of science and technology. They have been discussed for over 100 years, ever since the pioneering work done by Franz Hofmeister and his group in Prague. Over the last decades, hundreds of examples have been published and periodically explanations have been proposed. However, it is only recently that a profound understanding of the basic effects and their reasons could be achieved. Today, we are not far from a general explanation of specific ion effects. This book summarizes the main new ideas that have come up in the last ten years.

In this book, the efforts of theoreticians are substantially supported by the experimental results stemming from new and exciting techniques. Both the new theoretical concepts and the experimental landmarks are collected and critically discussed by eminent scientists and well-known specialists in this field. Beyond the rigorous explanations, guidelines are given to non-specialists in order to help them understand the general rules governing specific ion effects in chemistry, biology, physics and engineering.

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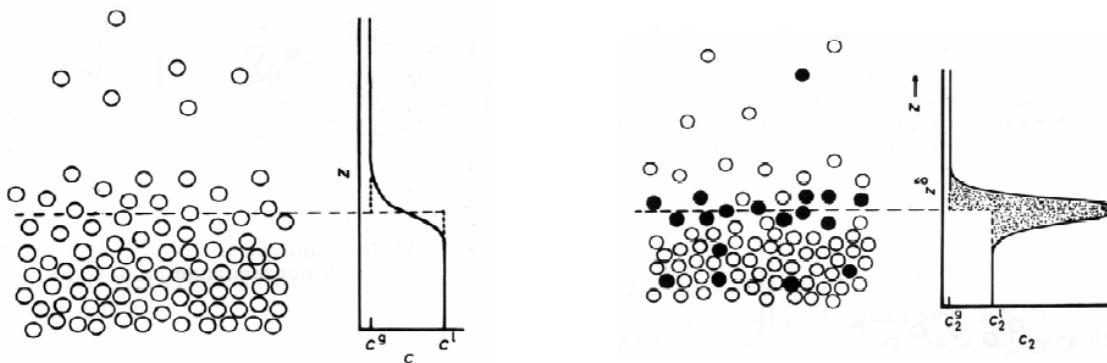
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## Gibbs adsorption isotherm

@ liquid surface, surface and subphase are in equilibrium: exchange possible

Problem: Location of a surface at a liquid/vapor interface?



**Liquid surface:** interfacial region a few molecular diameters thick ( $nm$ )

**Solid surface:** interfacial region on a  $\text{\AA}$  scale

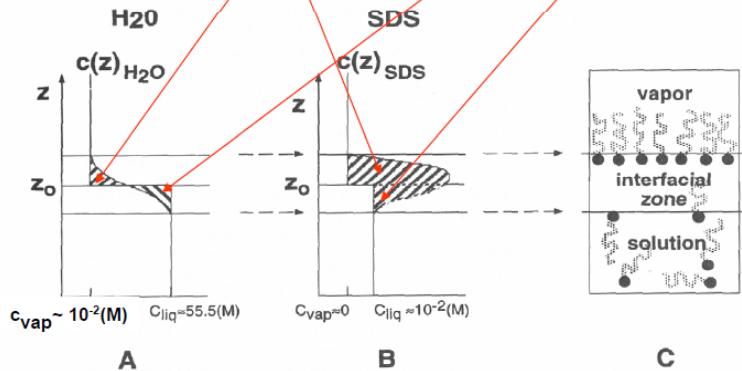
## Gibbs adsorption equation

$$\Delta c(z) = c(z) - c_{\text{liq}} \quad \Gamma = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \Delta c(z) dz$$

$$\Delta c(z) = c(z) - c_{\text{vap}} \quad \Gamma = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} (c(z) - c_{\text{vap}}) dz + \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} (c(z) - c_{\text{liq}}) dz$$

$$\Gamma_1 = \Gamma_{\text{H}_2\text{O}} = \int_{z_0}^{\infty} (c(z) - c_{\text{H}_2\text{O},v}) dz + \int_{-\infty}^{z_0} (c(z) - c_{\text{H}_2\text{O},\text{liq}}) dz = 0$$

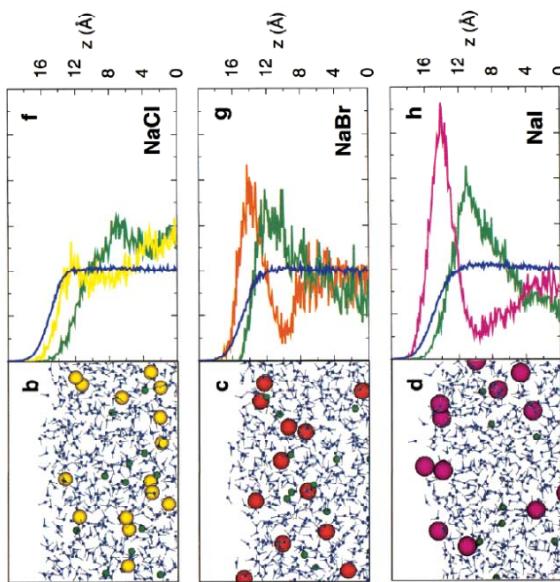
$$\Gamma_2 = \Gamma_{\text{SDS}} = \int_{z_0}^{\infty} (c(z) - c_{\text{SDS},v}) dz + \int_{-\infty}^{z_0} (c(z) - c_{\text{SDS},\text{liq}}) dz$$



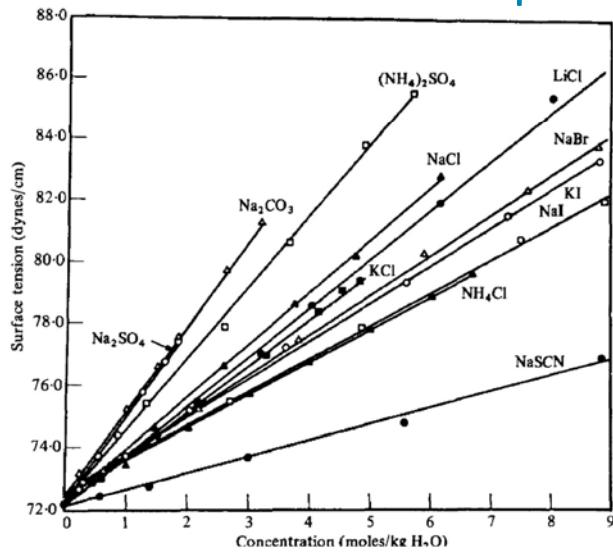
$$\frac{d\gamma}{d\mu} = -\Gamma_{\text{SDS}}$$

$$\Gamma_{\text{SDS}} = -\frac{1}{RT} \frac{d\gamma}{d \ln c_{\text{SDS}}}$$

**Molecular Structure of Salt Solutions: A New View of the Interface with Implications for Heterogeneous Atmospheric Chemistry**

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## Surface Tensions of Aqueous Salt Solutions


 Jarvis and Scheiman, *JPC* 72, 77 (1968)

Weissenborn and Pugh →

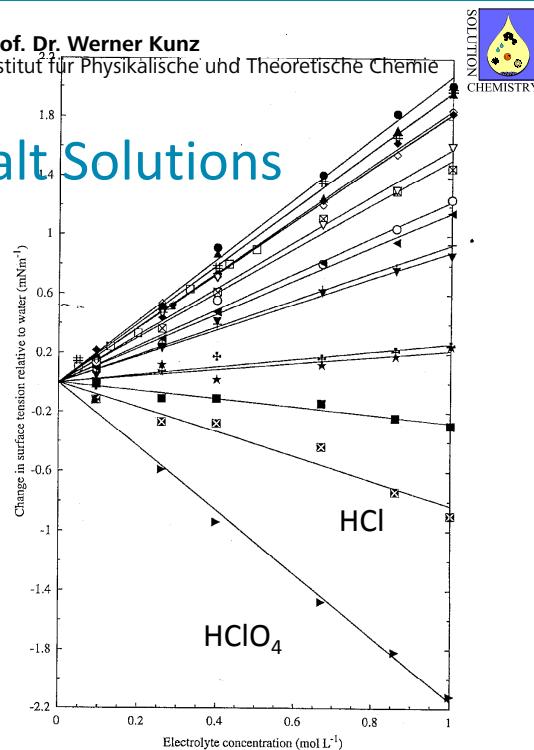
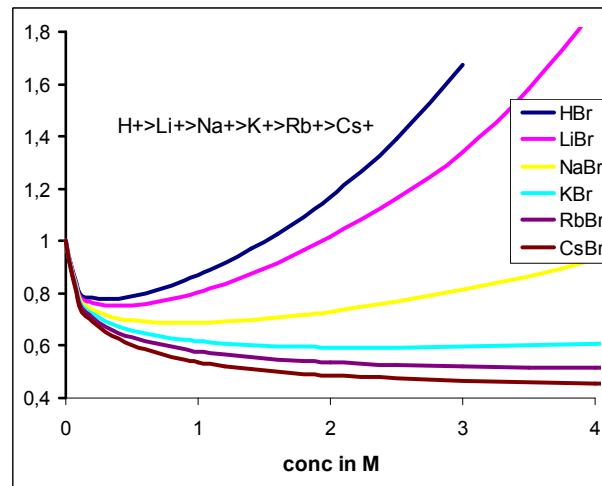
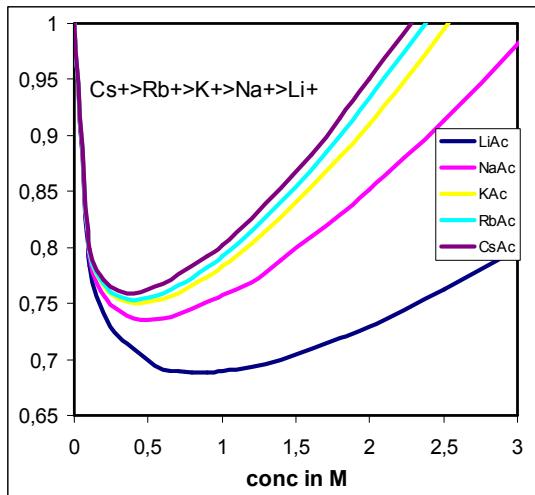


FIG. 3. Effect of electrolyte concentration on the change in surface tension relative to water for 1:1 electrolytes. Bubble interval, 1.5 s. Experimental error in data points is  $\pm 0.1 \text{ mN m}^{-1}$ . HCl (■), LiCl (▲), NaCl (●), KCl (◆), CsCl (◎), NaF (○), NH<sub>4</sub>Cl (▽), NaBr (◇), HNO<sub>3</sub> (●), (CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>4</sub>NCl (+), NH<sub>4</sub>NO<sub>3</sub> (▲), HClO<sub>4</sub> (▲), NaClO<sub>4</sub> (▽), LiClO<sub>4</sub> (■), NaClO<sub>4</sub> (●), KOH (#).

## Activity coefficients of simple electrolyte solutions



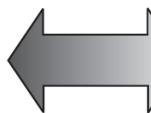
See book of Robinson and Stokes

### HOFMEISTER SERIES

	Cations														
	Anions														
	organic ions of growing size														
guanidinium										guanidinium					
Chaotropic cations	$\text{N}(\text{CH}_3)_4^+$	$\text{NH}_4^+$	$\text{Cs}^+$	$\text{Rb}^+$	$\text{K}^+$	$\text{Na}^+$	$\text{Li}^+$	$\text{Mg}^{2+}$	$\text{Ca}^{2+}$	Kosmotropic cations					
Kosmotropic anions	$\text{SO}_4^{2-}$	$\text{HPO}_4^{2-}$	$\text{OAc}^-$	$\text{cit}^-$	$\text{OH}^-$	$\text{Cl}^-$	$\text{Br}^-$	$\text{NO}_3^-$	$\text{ClO}_3^-$	$\text{BF}_4^-$	$\text{I}^-$	$\text{ClO}_4^-$	$\text{SCN}^-$	$\text{PF}_6^-$	Chaotropic anions

### Anions

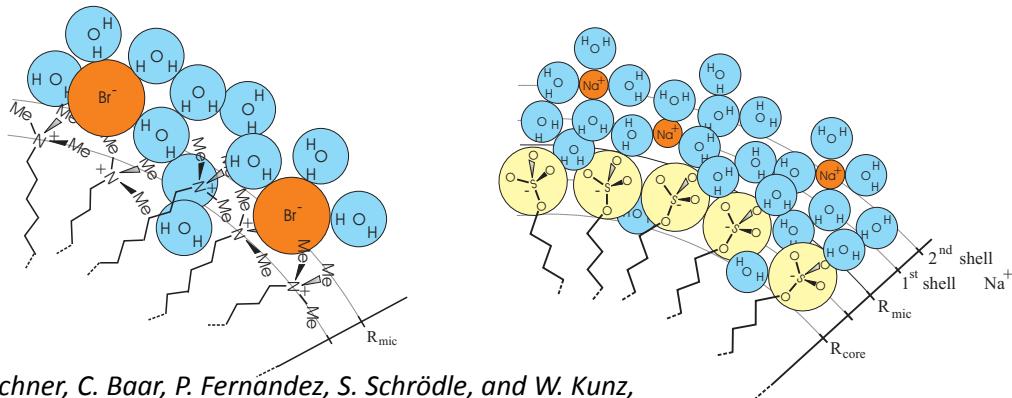
↑ surface tension  
 harder to make cavity  
 ↓ solubility hydrocarbons  
 salt out (aggregate)  
 ↓ protein denaturation  
 ↑ protein stability  
 weakly hydrated soft cations of low charge density  
 strongly hydrated hard anions of high charge density



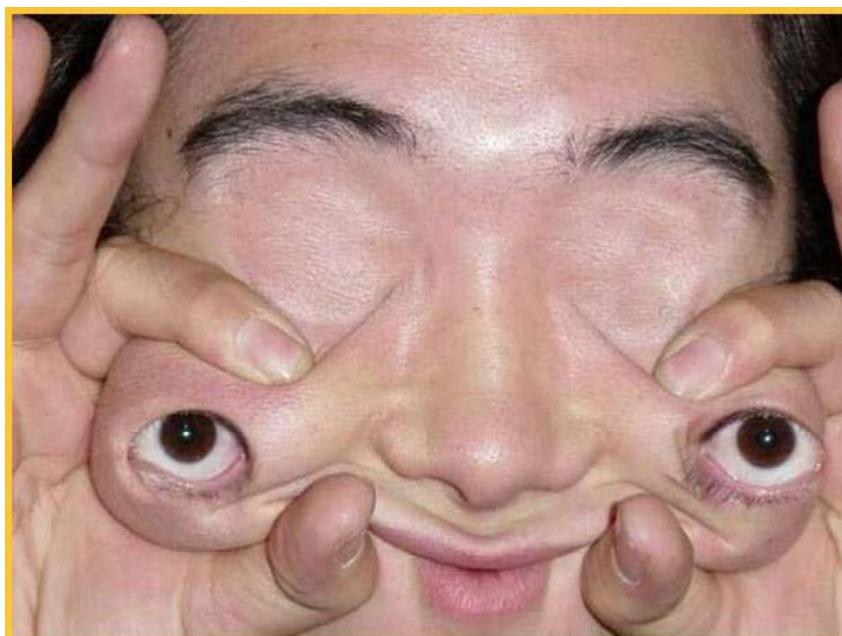
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## Why are the phase diagrams SDS/oil/water and DTAB/oil/water so different?

- ☞ Different hydration of the headgroups, as detected by Dielectric Relaxation Spectroscopy

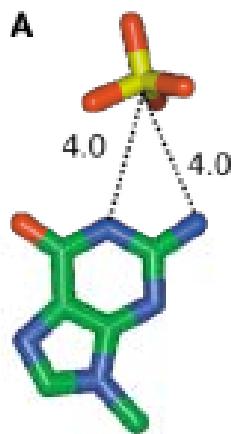


R. Buchner, C. Baar, P. Fernandez, S. Schrödle, and W. Kunz,  
Dielectric Spectroscopy of Micelle Hydration and Dynamics  
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**EXPLANATIONS**

**Kim D. Collins:** the Debye-Hückel theory is misleading and slowed down the progress of understanding biological processes

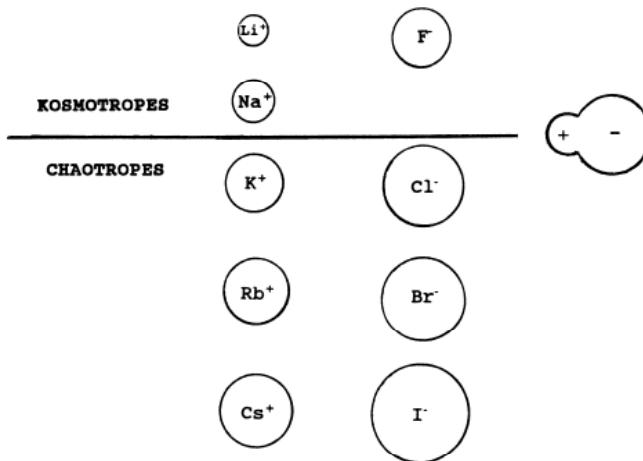


**Anions can bind directly to electronegative pockets located around amino groups in nucleic acids: (A)N6 or (C)N4 in the deep/major groove of A-U and G+C pairs and (G)N2 in the shallow/ minor groove of G=C pairs.**  
**Auffinger, Bielecki & Westhof (2004) Structure 12: 379-388.**

Ions from the Hofmeister series and osmolytes: effects on proteins  
in solution and in the crystallization process

Methods 34 (2004) 300–311

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Ion Pairing as a Possible Clue for Discriminating between Sodium and Potassium in Biological and Other Complex Environments

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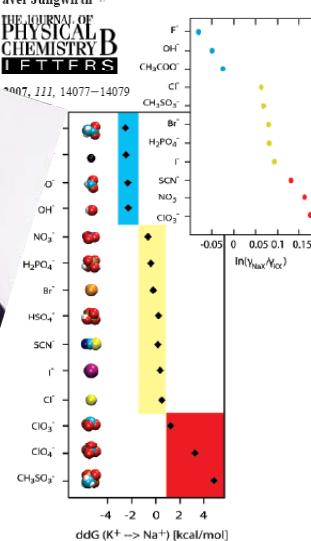
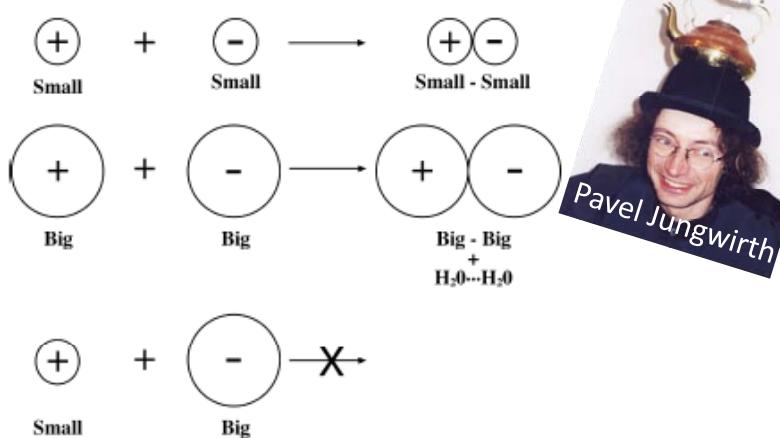
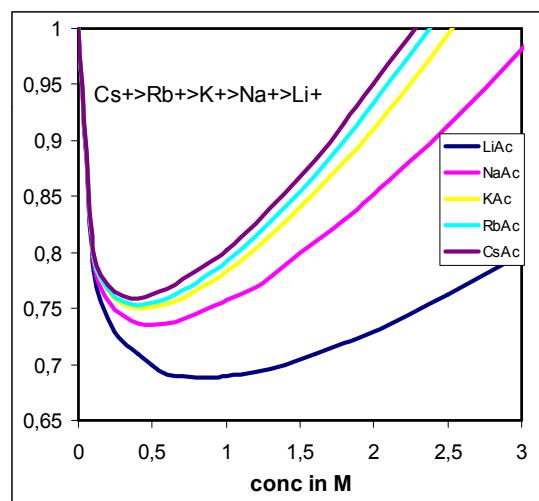
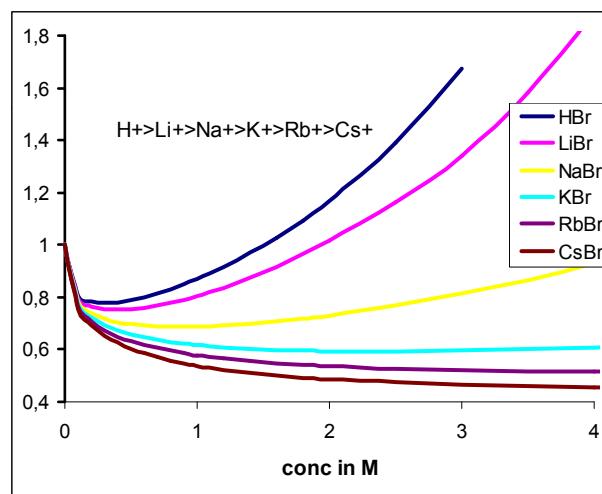


Figure 2. Free energy change upon replacing potassium with sodium in a contact ion pair with a series of anions. Inset: The corresponding differences in excess chemical potentials obtained experimentally for 0.7 M solutions.<sup>16–18</sup> Blue, red, or yellow color indicates anions preferring sodium, potassium, or having little preference between the two cations, respectively.

## Activity coefficients of simple electrolyte solutions

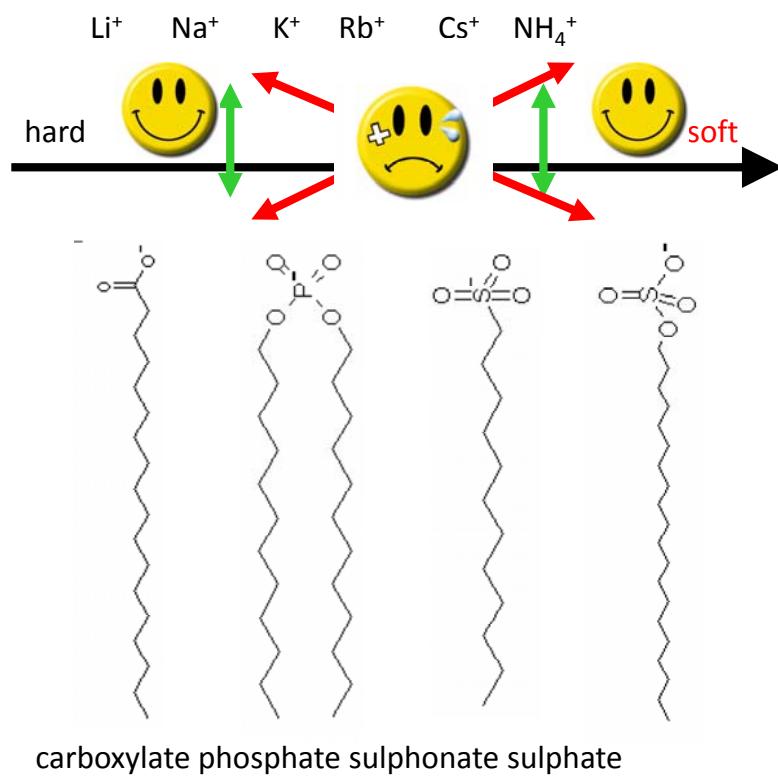


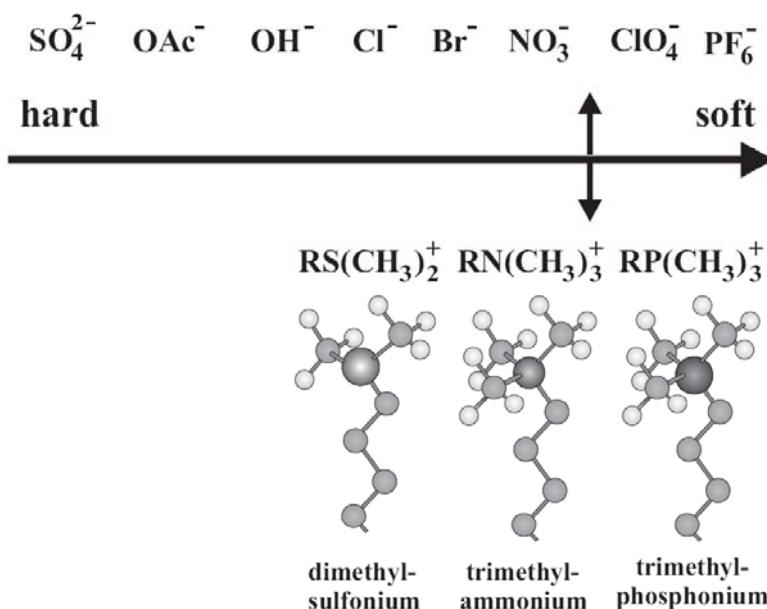
hard-hard → association



soft-soft → association

## Hans Lyklema: “like seeks like”





Dozens of experiments can be explained now and others predicted:

- cation affinity to ion-exchange resins
  - membrane potentials
  - electrophoretic mobilities of colloids
  - ion-transport phenomena
  - swelling of hydrogels
  - counter-ion binding to fatty acids
  - counter-ion binding to polyelectrolytes and phospholipids
  - counter-ion binding to micelles

### Example:

- B.W. Ninham, S. Hashimoto, J.K. Thomas  
Unusual behaviour of hydroxide surfactants  
Journal of Colloid & Interface Science 95 (1983) 594-596

cmc (DDA<sup>+</sup> OH<sup>-</sup>) ≈ 2 cmc (DDA<sup>+</sup> Br<sup>-</sup>) explained with „hydration forces“.

Our explanation:  $\text{OH}^-$  does not come into close contact with  $\text{DDA}^+$

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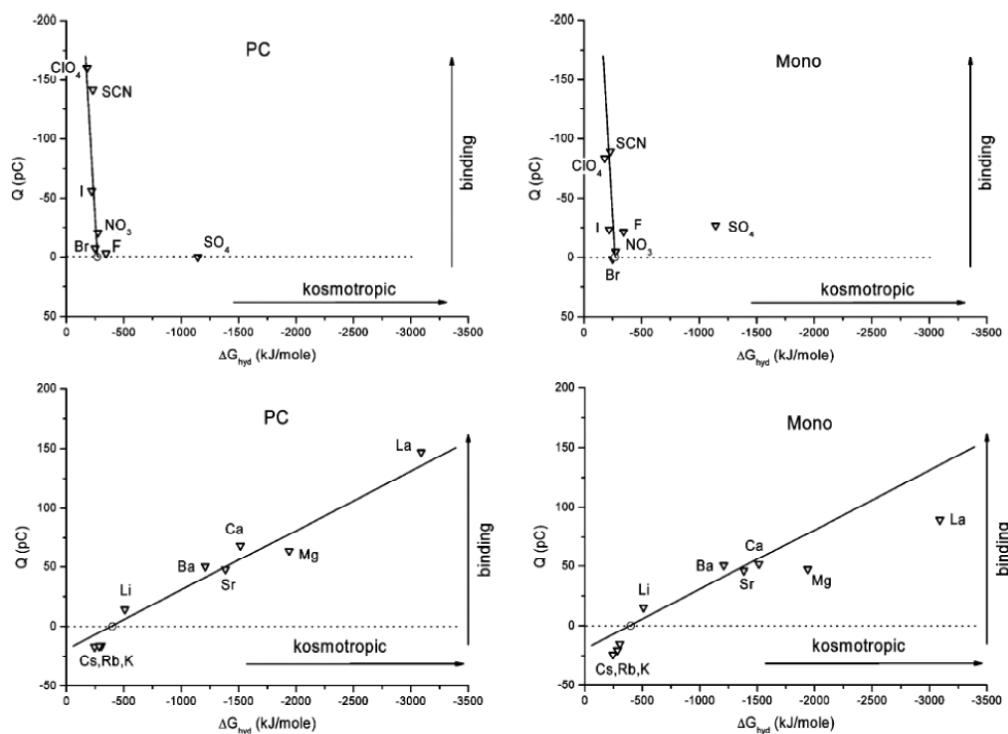
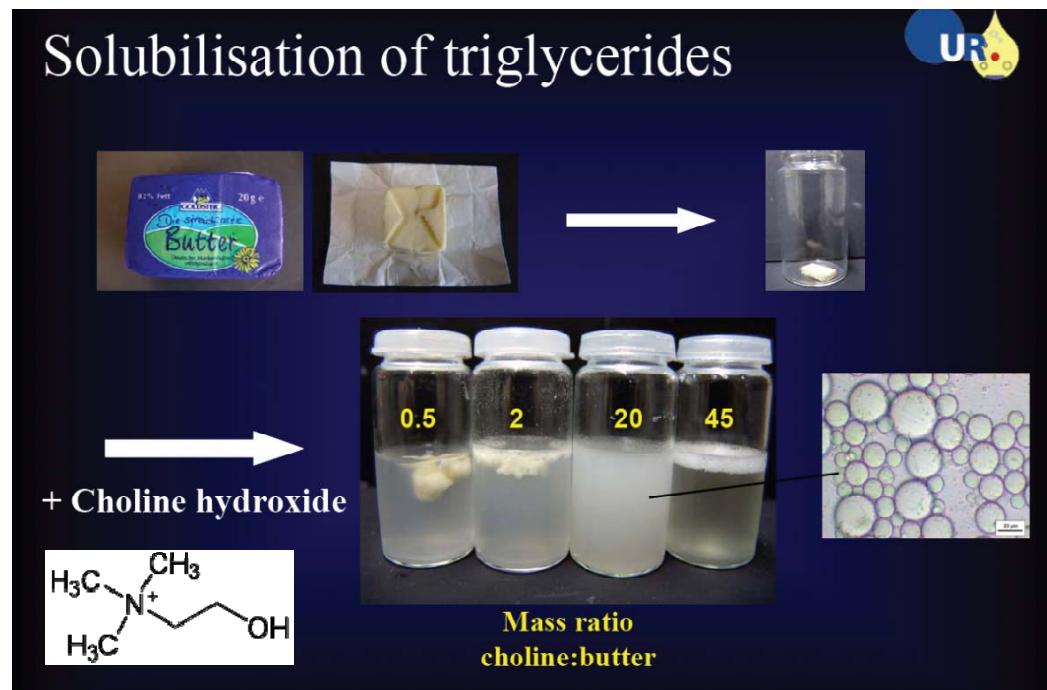


Figure 2. Charge displacements of different anions and cations on a PC (phosphatidylcholine) and a Mono (monoolein) membrane. The open circle indicates the reference ions Na or Cl. Ions are classified according to their Gibbs free energies of hydration  $\Delta G_{\text{hyd}}$ .

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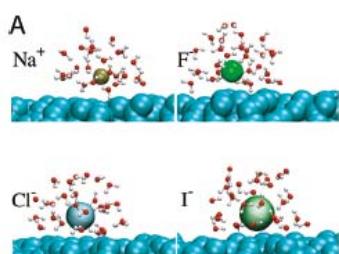
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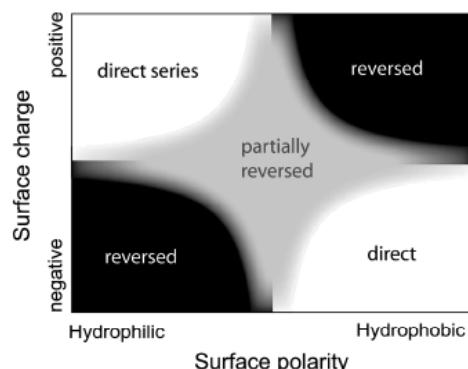
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Choline Carboxylate Surfactants: Biocompatible and Highly Soluble in Water,  
*Green Chemistry* 10(4) (2008) 433-435.

## Reversed Anionic Hofmeister Series: The Interplay of Surface Charge and Surface Polarity

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Simulation results at the hydrophobic  $\text{CH}_3$ -terminated SAM.



**Figure 1.** Schematic Hofmeister phase diagram as a function of surface charge and polarity, featuring direct and reversed (i.e., indirect) series as well as partial reversion (derived from our modeling results and in agreement with experimental results for colloids<sup>23</sup>).

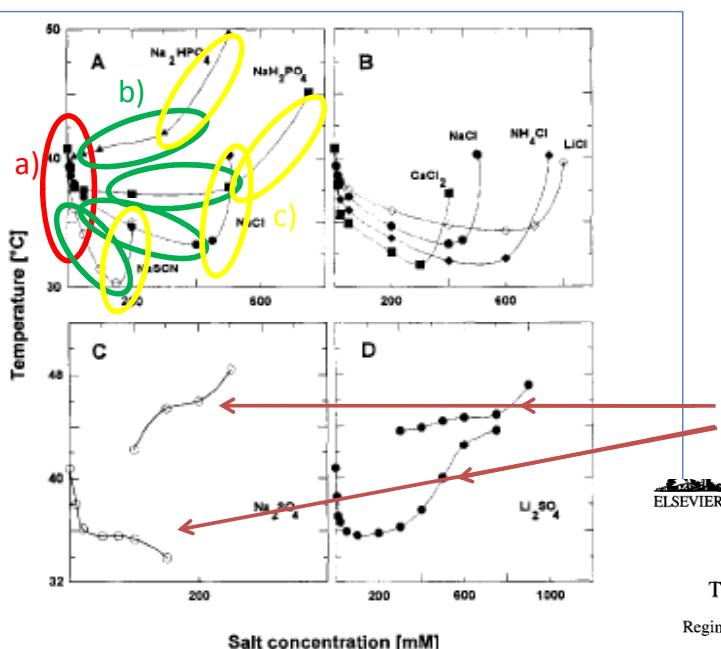


Fig. 5. Dependence of the denaturation temperature of calf skin collagen type I on the salt concentration: (A) selection of sodium salts; (B) selection of chloride salts; (C)  $\text{Na}_2\text{SO}_4$ ; (D)  $\text{Li}_2\text{SO}_4$ .

- a) small concentrations:  
all salts are salting-in.  
reason: electrostatic screening
- b) intermediate concentrations:  
ion specificity
- c) „high“ concentration:  
all salts salting-out
- d) two types of denaturation processes with sulfate ions !

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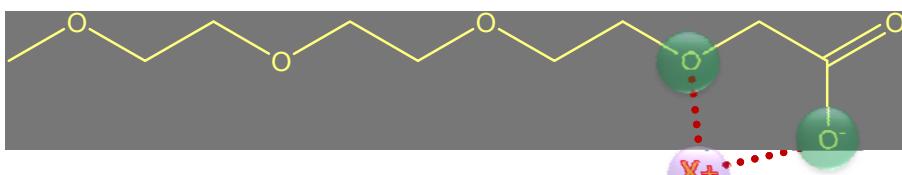
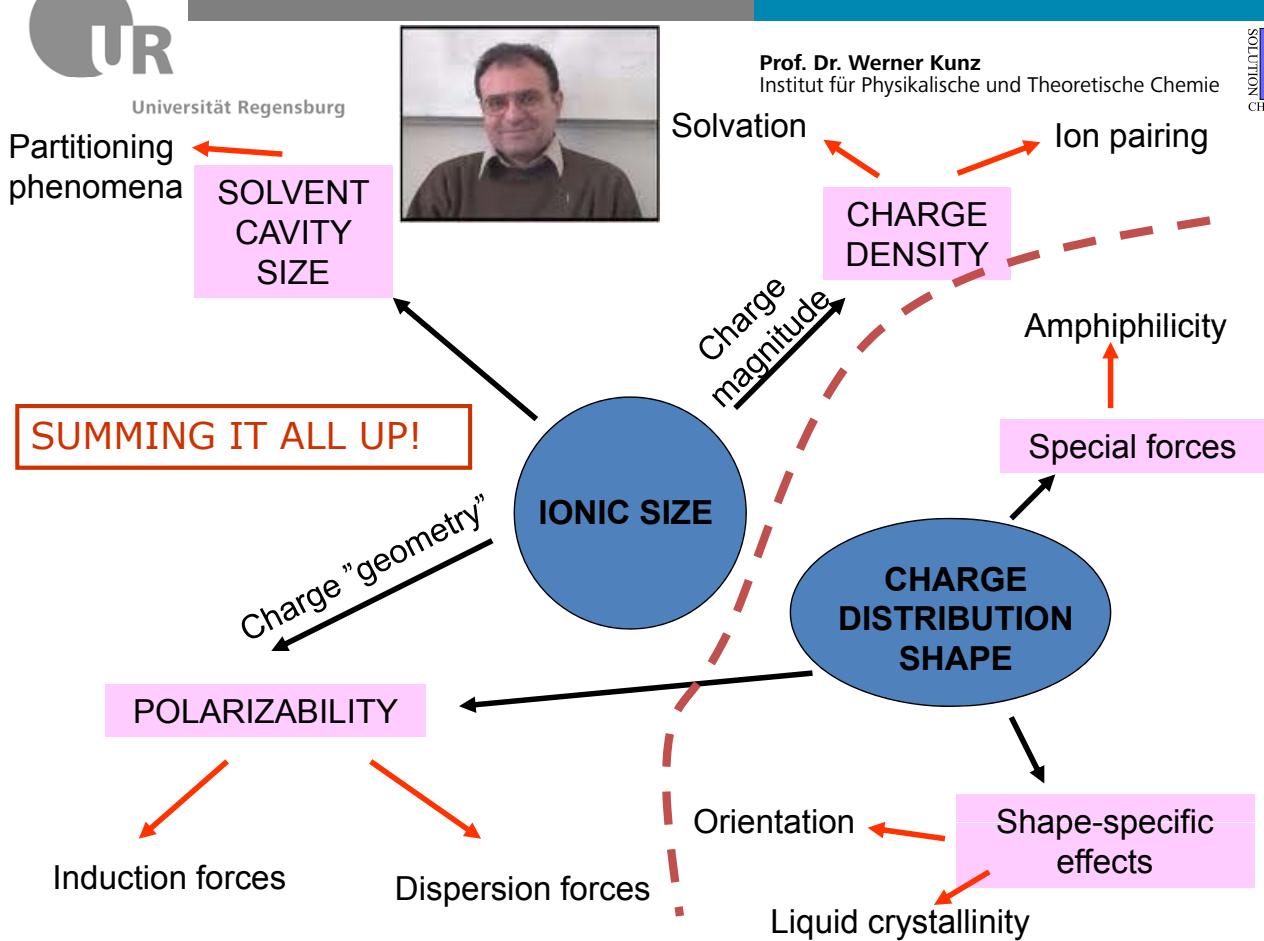
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### Thermal stability of calf skin collagen type I in salt solutions

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“Sausage Casing”



Cation	Melting- / Glass - point [°C]	$\text{H}_2\text{O}$ [ppm]	Decomposition temperature [°C]
$\text{Li}^+$	-53	103	357
$\text{Na}^+$	-57	211	384
$\text{K}^+$	60	1292	369

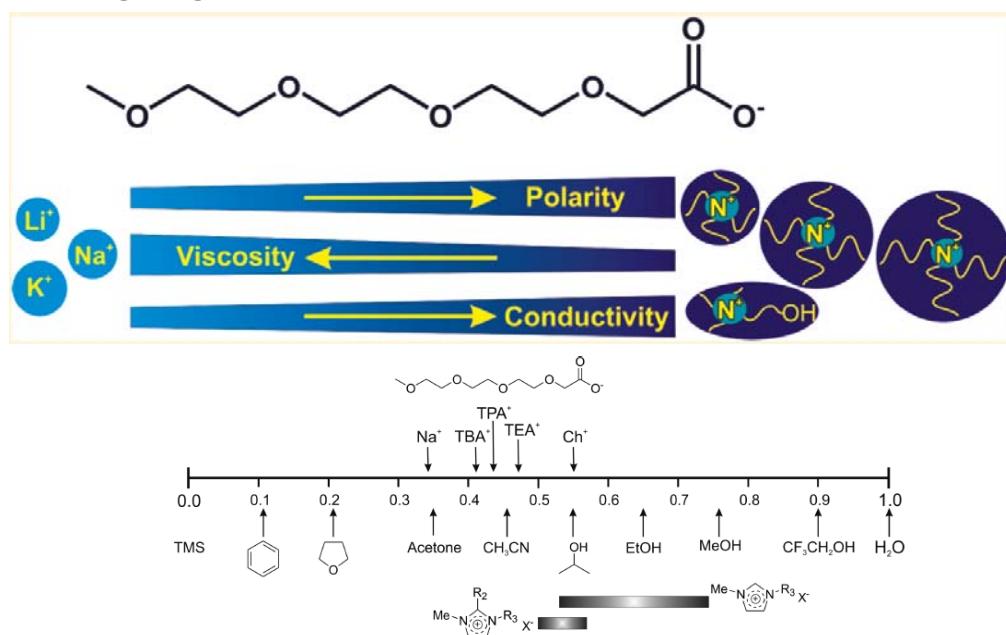
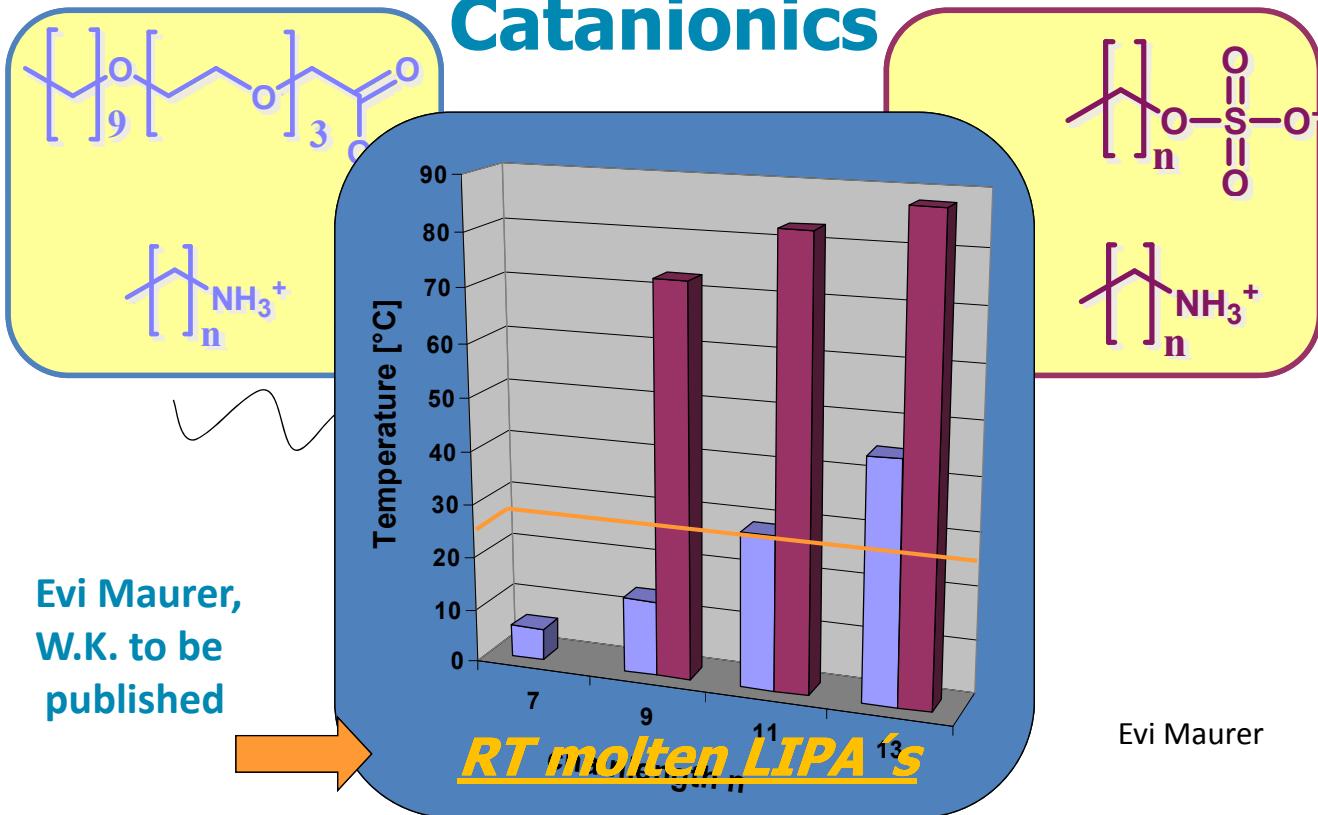


Figure 4. Classification of TOTO RTILs on the normalized  $E_T^N$  scale (25 °C) as compared with various molecular solvents and conventional ionic liquids. The scheme and the  $E_T^N$  range of imidazolium-typed ILs are partially based on a drawing by Reichardt in 2005.<sup>37</sup> Values for the molecular solvents and Na-TOTO were adapted from refs 36 and 12, respectively.

## Catanionics



## CONCLUSIONS AND SUMMARY

- At short distances electrostatic interactions are not always dominant, see example K.D. Collins.
- Ion specific effects occur at intermediate concentrations.
- The ion specificity depends on the counterpart.
- Ion specificities are usually amplified at interfaces.
- The law of matching water affinities is as useful first order approximation in biological systems.
- The appropriate explanation depends much on the given system (see Leontidis' scheme).

# Specific-Ion Effects in Bubble Coalescence

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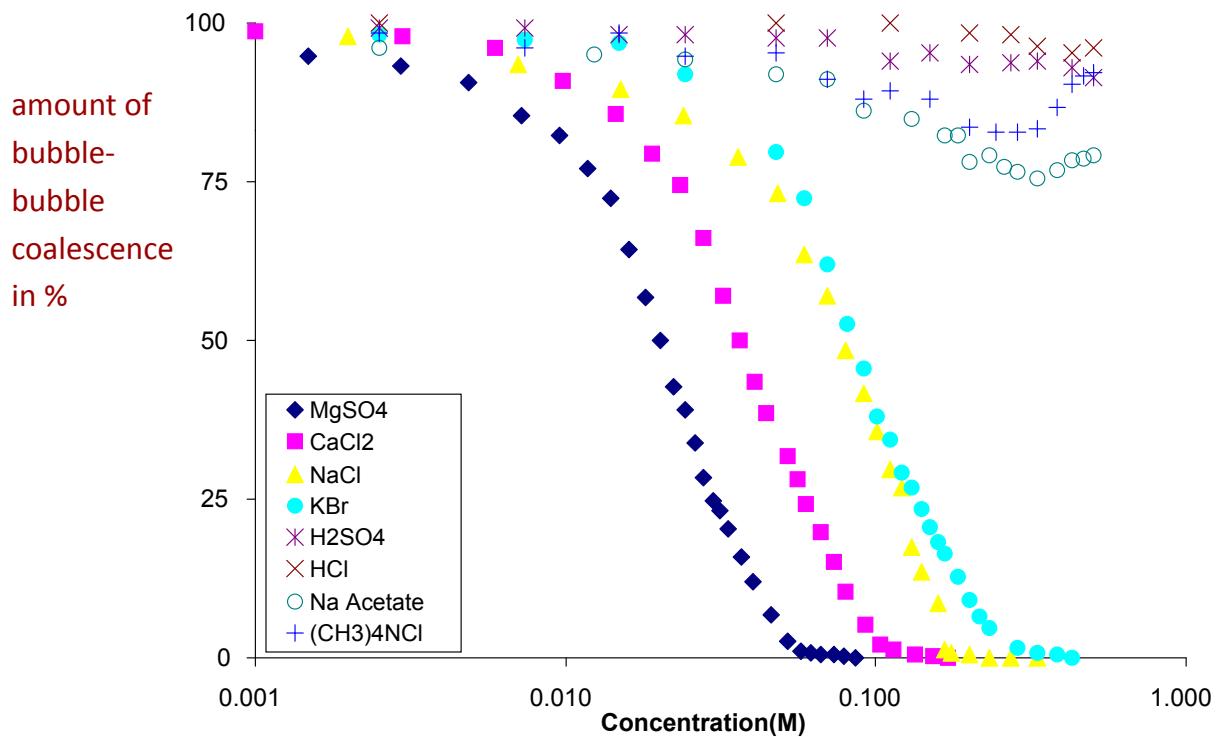
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$\alpha\alpha, \beta\beta$		Ions	Cations	$\text{Na}^+$	$\text{H}^+$	$\alpha\beta, \beta\alpha$	
		Anions	Assignment	$\alpha$	$\beta$		
	$\text{Cl}^-$		$\alpha$	✓	✗		
	$\text{ClO}_4^-$		$\beta$	✗	✓		

Ions	$\text{Li}^+$	$\text{Na}^+$	$\text{K}^+$	$\text{Cs}^+$	$\text{Mg}^{2+}$	$\text{Ca}^{2+}$	$\text{NH}_4^+$	$\text{H}^+$	$(\text{CH}_3)\text{NH}_3^+$	$(\text{CH}_3)_2\text{NH}_2^+$	$(\text{CH}_3)_3\text{NH}^+$	$(\text{CH}_3)_4\text{N}^+$
Assignment	$\alpha$	$\alpha$	$\alpha$	$\alpha$	$\alpha$	$\alpha$	$\alpha$	$\beta$	$\beta$	$\beta$	$\beta$	$\beta$
$\text{OH}^-$	$\alpha$	✓	✓					✗				
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$\text{IO}_3^-$	$\alpha$	✓										
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$\text{CH}_3\text{COO}^-$	$\beta$	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✓			
$\text{SCN}^-$	$\beta$	✗					✗					

✓ = inhibit coalescence  
 $\alpha\alpha, \beta\beta = \checkmark$   
✗ = no inhibition  
 $\alpha\beta, \beta\alpha = \times$

<sup>a</sup> Based on Craig et al.[2] with additional results.



## Origin of life

Cavitation and bubble fusion/growth inhibited above 0.175 M.

**Eukaryotic life could not evolve until salt concentration reached 0.175 M.**

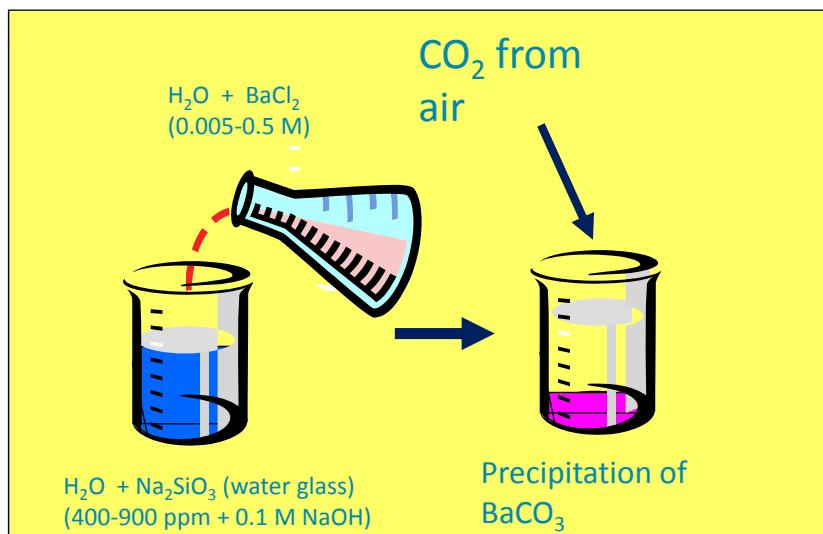
This is the concentration of Permian ocean and in all land animals that emerged.  
 (Present ocean  $\geq 0.3$  M)

Ningham, Craig  
et al.

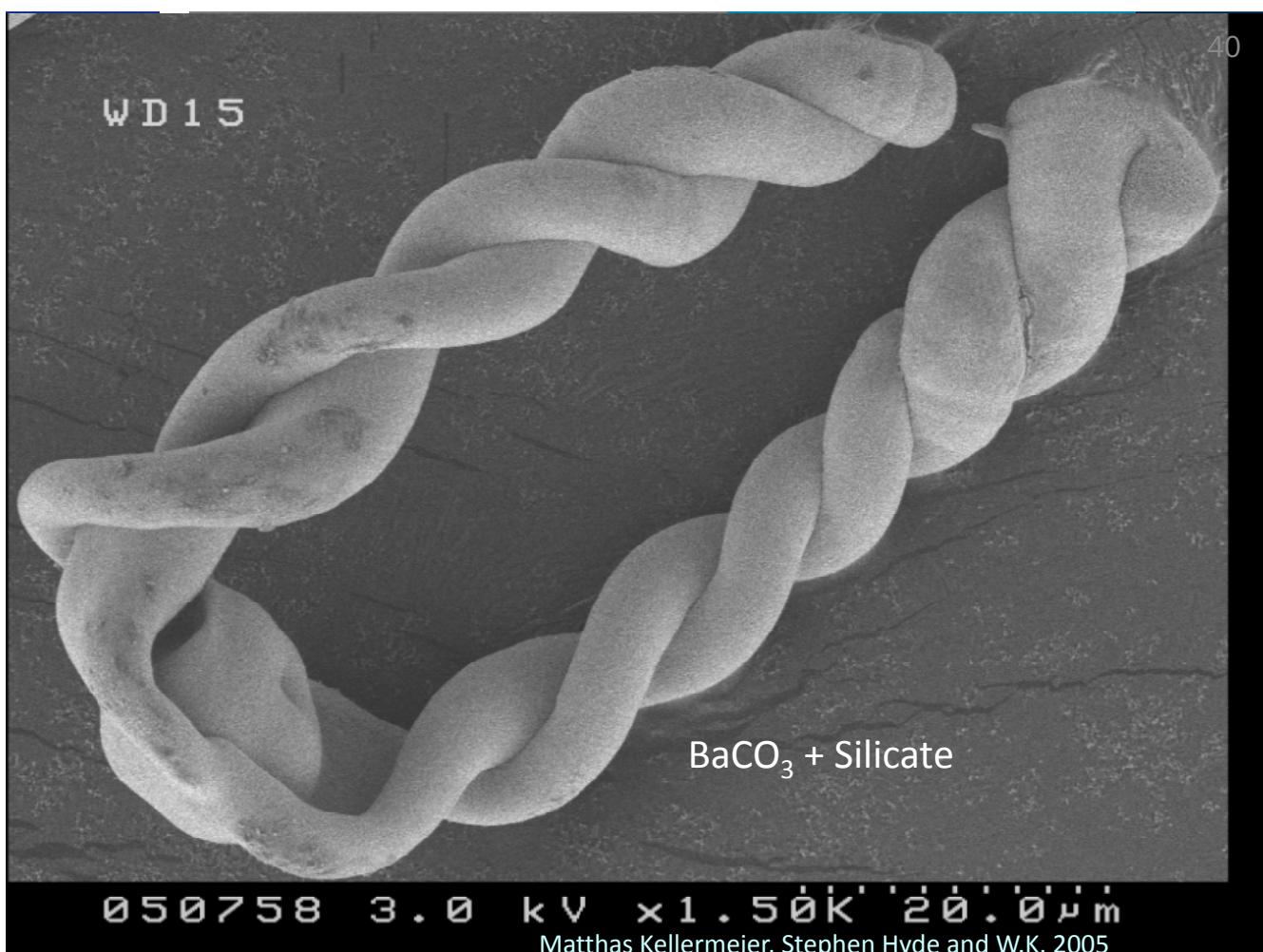
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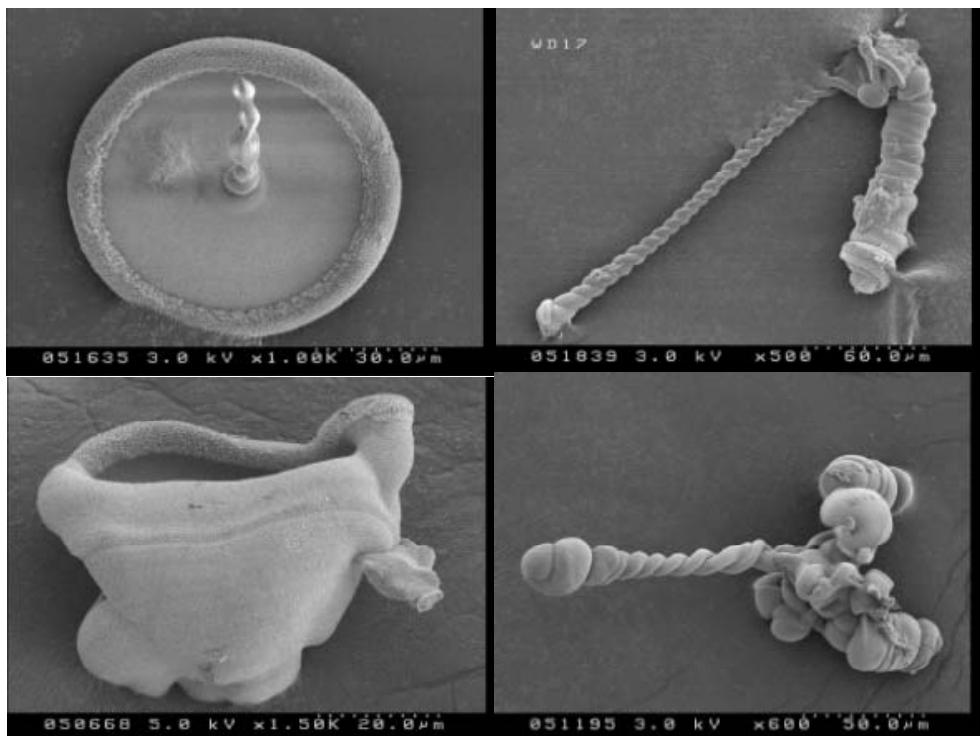
- Ediacara extinction 570 million years before present: Worldwide all multicelled animals died.
- Burgess Shales extinction 530 million years before present.
- Permian extinction 230 million years before present .  
95% of all species disappeared.
- All coincide with known CO<sub>2</sub> cycle; consequent ice ages; precipitation and removal of salt. Followed by reduction of salinity below 0.175 M after ice melts.
- Massive extinction of phytoplankton.

## Simple Experiment



first discovered by Juan Manuel Garcia-Ruiz about 15 years ago





## Beyond Biomineralization

Werner Kunz and Matthias Kellermann

**M**odern strategies to design advanced materials are often inspired by nature. For instance, during biomineralization, living organisms can impose highly complex shapes and textures with remarkable structural hierarchy upon solid inorganic matter to produce materials that often far exceed the performance of human-made counterparts (1, 2). However, crystallization in purely inorganic systems can also yield smoothly curved forms that resemble those of biomaterials (3). These so-called "biomorphs" are obtained by coprecipitation of barium carbonate (witherite) and silica from alkaline media. A concerted self-assembly process yields nanosized carbonate crystallites that arrange in a highly ordered manner over micrometer lengths, thereby shaping morphologies such as regular helicoids on scales up to millimeters—all in the absence of any complex organic additive or surface scaffold. On page 362 of this issue, García-Ruiz *et al.* use video microscopy to provide insight into several steps decisive for structure evolution and identify a chemical feed-

back process as the driving force for the observed self-organization (4).

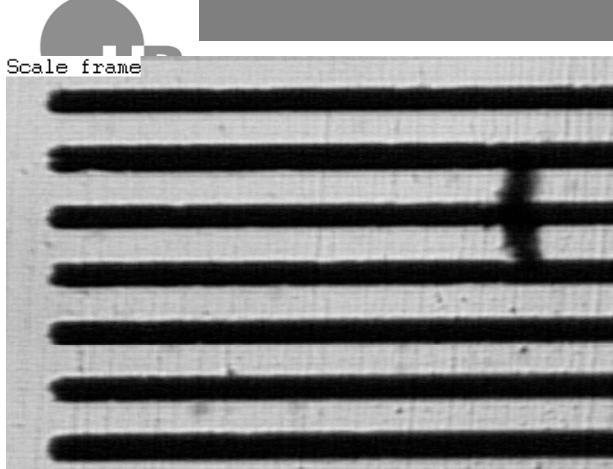
A striking similarity between these abiotic biomorphs and most actual biomimetics is their mode of construction, with hierarchical structuring over many length scales and preferential crystallographic orientation. In turn, the chemistry and preparation of the biomorphs are rather simple, thus rendering them excellent model systems to study multiscale interactive self-organizing phenomena.

One of the principles of self-organization explored by García-Ruiz *et al.* is a dynamic, pH-based coupling of equilibria, which induces alternating precipitation of the components. The sensitivity of silicate and carbonate speciation to pH fluctuations in alkaline media, together with pH gradients close to the mineralizing fronts and opposite pH trends in solubility of silica and barium carbonate, are fundamental prerequisites in this context. In other words, an acid and a base (i.e., hydrogen carbonate and silicate) are alternately subject to local neutralization, the latter being directly linked to precipitation. Neutralizing one leads to local conditions under which the other is suddenly out of equilibrium—a situation somewhat reminiscent of the famous

Belousov-Zhabotinsky reaction (5). Silica thereby acts, via precipitation, as an inhibitor for continued carbonate crystal growth first, to stimulate renewed carbonate nucleation later on.

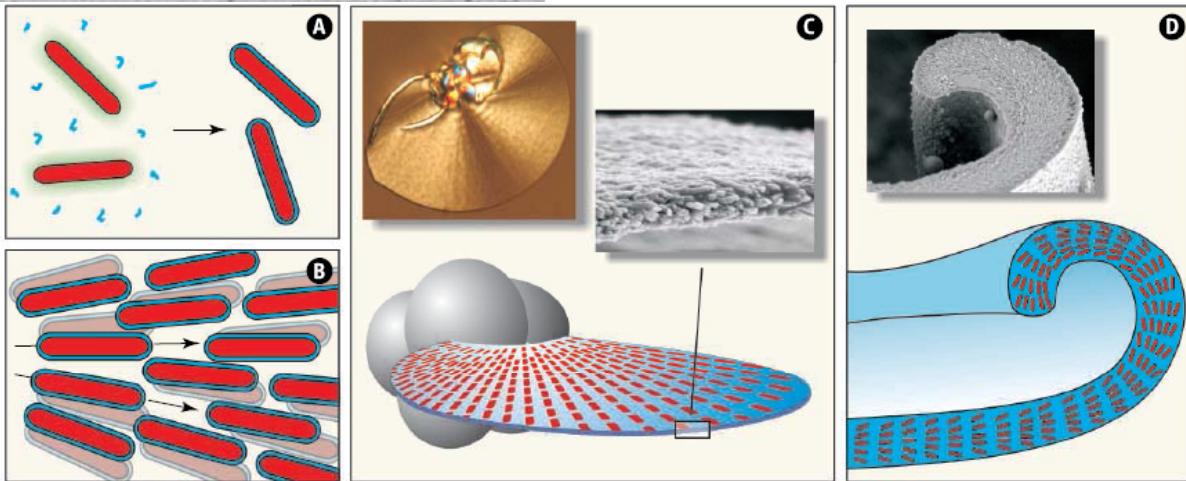
This concept has obvious potential for the design of systems that spontaneously self-assemble to yield highly organized materials. An interesting challenge will be to look for other "acid-base" pairs that would engage in a similar coupled process if conditions are adjusted properly. Simple substitutions such as replacement of barium by one of its alkaline-earth homologs have already been done with success (6, 7). However, the search for alternative reagent pairs should also extend to phenomena beyond those related to pH effects and precipitation; such pairs may be based on a principle analogous to the pH-mineralization feedback. This feedback process teaches us an important lesson: Oscillating precipitation does not necessarily imply periodic structures. The latter arise as a consequence of spatial oscillation, as observed in common banded Liesegang patterns (8). In the present case, oscillation is only of a temporal nature, resulting mainly in encapsulation of carbonate crystallites by silica rather than formation of

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## Self-assembling of transition *d*-metals complexes with *meso*-polyphosphoryl porphyrins

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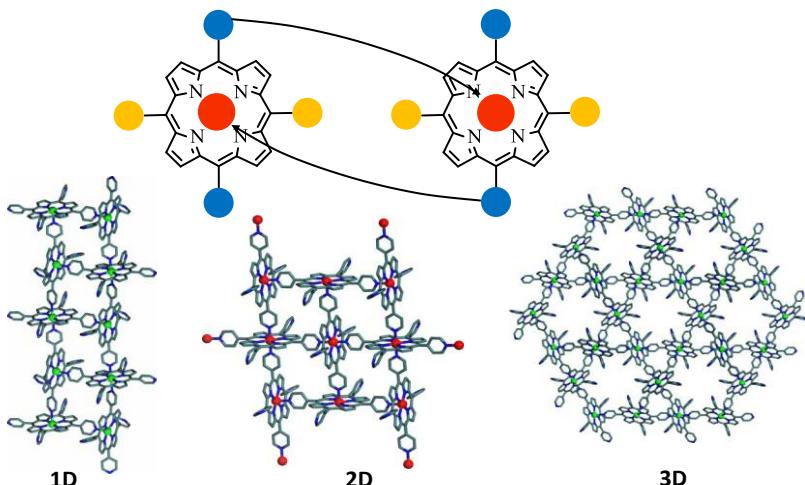
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## Noncovalent architectures – self-assembling

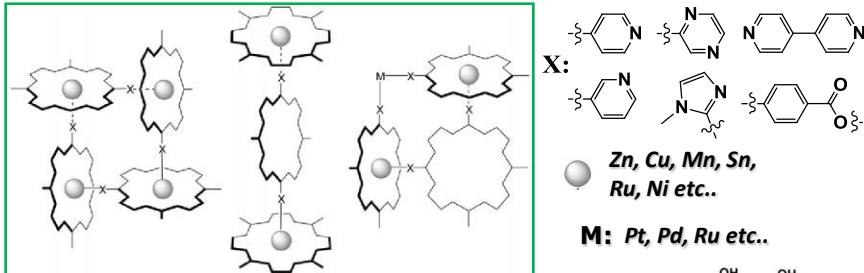
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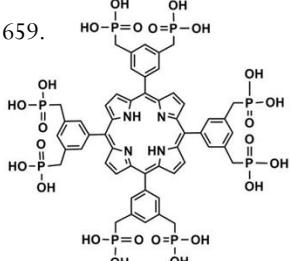
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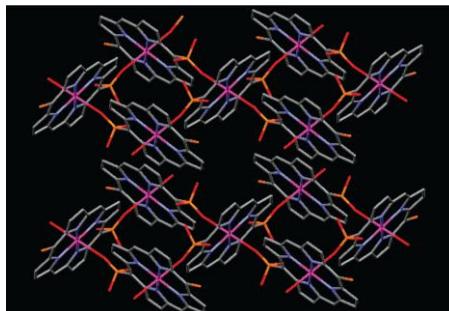
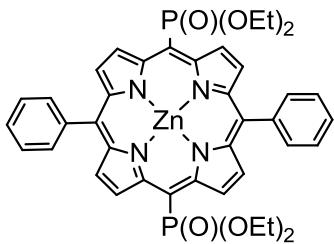
- Phosphorous porphyrins are less investigated
- -R-P(O)(OH)<sub>2</sub> form hydrogen and coordination bonds



## Meso-polyphosphorylporphyrins

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- *Meso-polyphosphorylporphyrins* were synthesised earlier in our group
- Self-assembling of zinc (II) porphyrin was demonstrated



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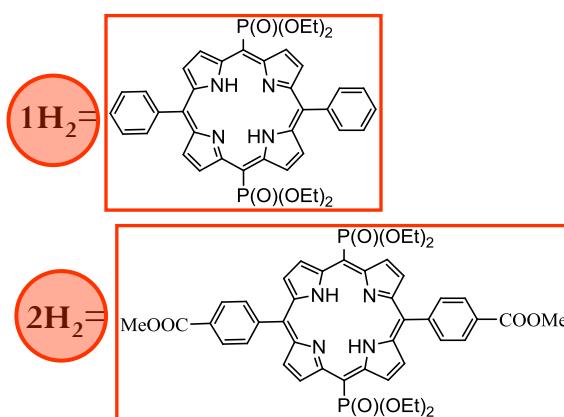
## Objective

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- Investigation of influence of *d*-metals nature on ability of *meso*-diphosphorylporphyrinates towards supramolecular self-assembling in solution and solid state

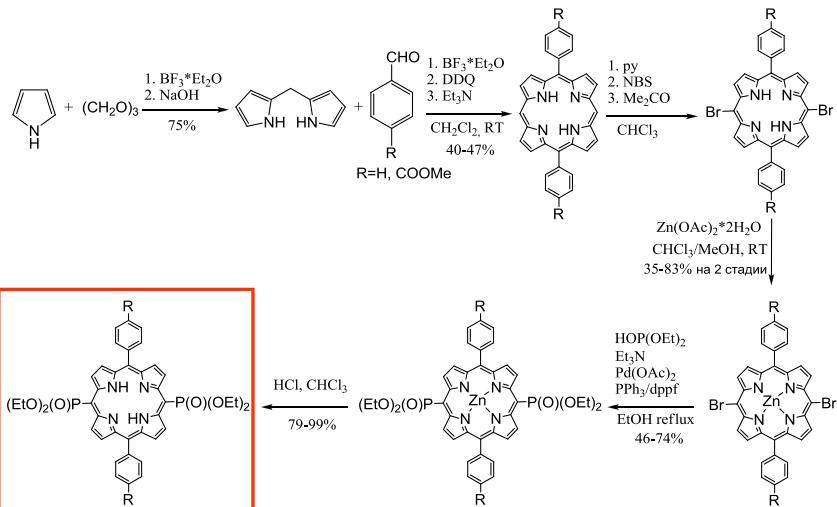
## Meso-diphosphorylporphyrins

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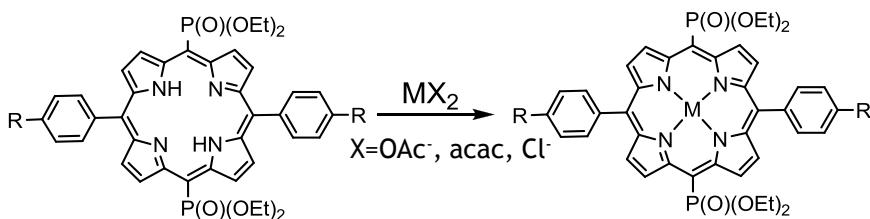
## Synthesis of free-base diphosphorylporphyrins

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## d-metal complexes

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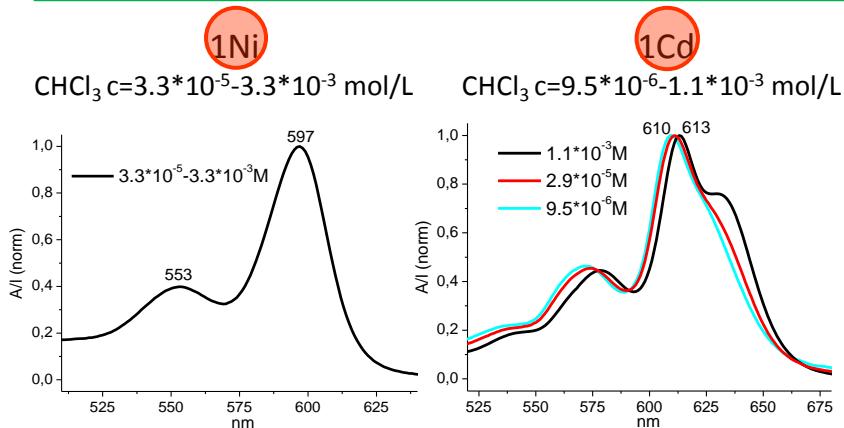


1M - R=H, 2M - R=COOMe

M = Cu(II), Cd(II), Co(II), Ni(II), Pd(II), Pt(II)

## Self-assembling in solution

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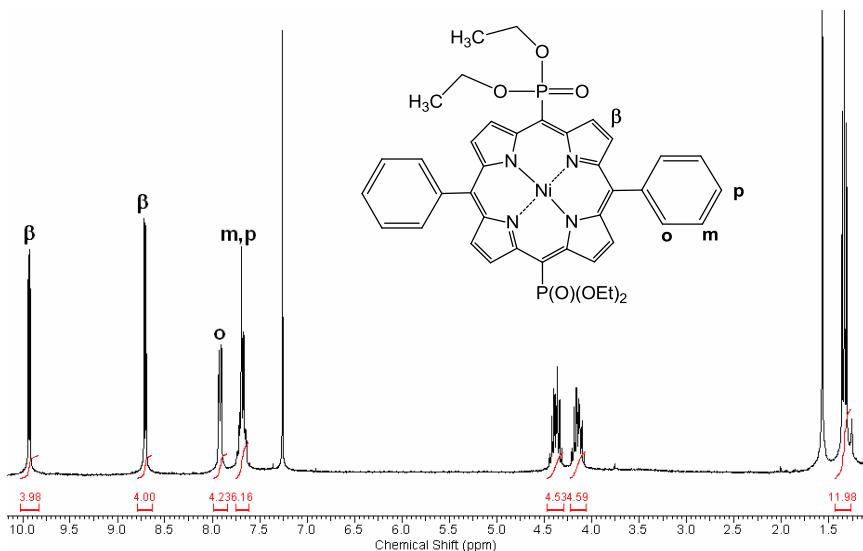


No changes in UV-vis spectra at different concentrations => no aggregation in solution

Changes in UV-vis spectra indicate aggregation in solution

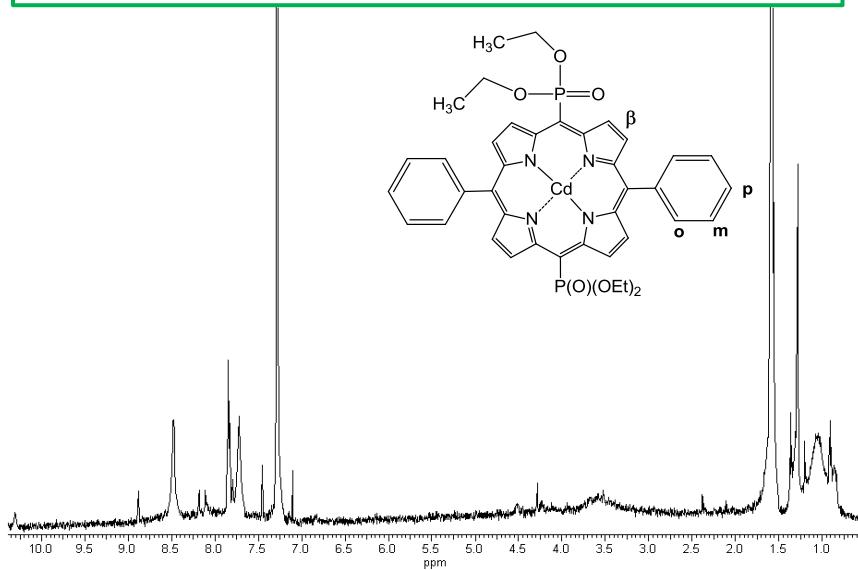
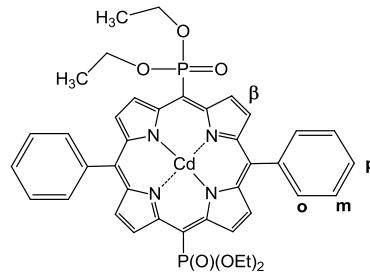
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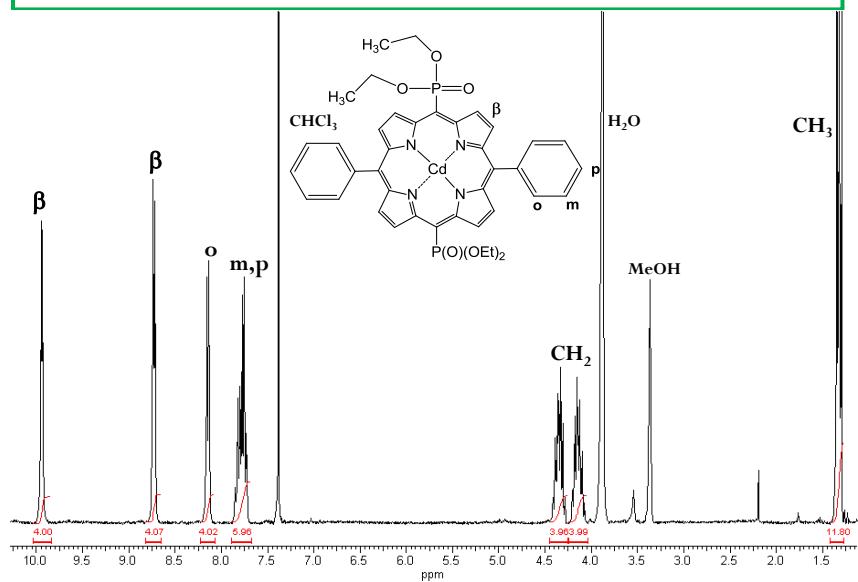
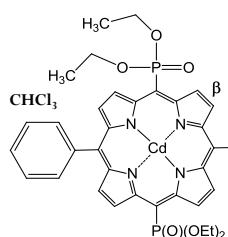
**<sup>1</sup>H NMR 1Cd (CDCl<sub>3</sub>)**

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**<sup>1</sup>H NMR 1Cd (CDCl<sub>3</sub>:CD<sub>3</sub>OD=5:1)**

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## DOSY-NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ )

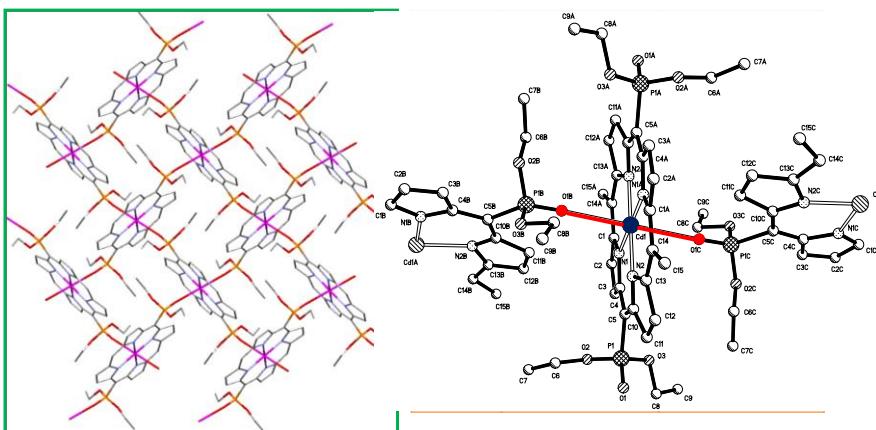


	C, mol/L	D, $\text{cm}^2/\text{sec}$	R, Å
<b>1Ni</b>	$1.04 \cdot 10^{-2}$	$7.3 \cdot 10^{-6}$	11.9
<b>1Pd</b>	$1.04 \cdot 10^{-2}$	$7.2 \cdot 10^{-6}$	12.0
<b>1Cd</b>	$1.04 \cdot 10^{-2}$	$5.5 \cdot 10^{-6}$	15.6

- The complex of UV-vis and NMR data can indicate the ability of porphyrins to self-assembling

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## XRD **1Cd**

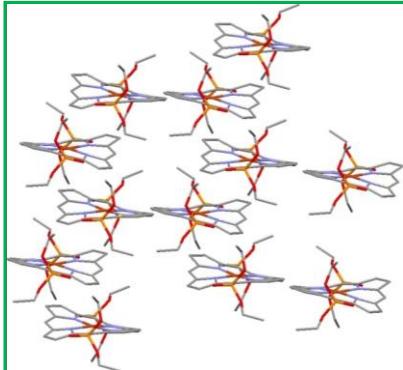


2D coordination polymer

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## XRD **1Cu**

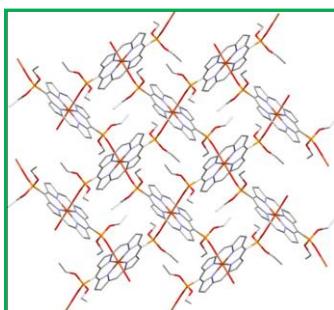


The packing of individual molecules

parameter	<b>1Cu</b>
	C2/c
a	19.565(6)
b	20.676(7)
c	9.063(3)
b	94.445(5)
V	3655(2)
N-M	1.993(3)- 2.005(3)
$\angle \text{CuN}(1)\text{N}(2)/\text{CuN}(1\text{A})\text{N}(2\text{A})$	8.2°
Displacement of N from N4 plane	+/-0.100 Å
Displacement of C from N4 plane	+/-0.665 Å

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## XRD **1Cu**



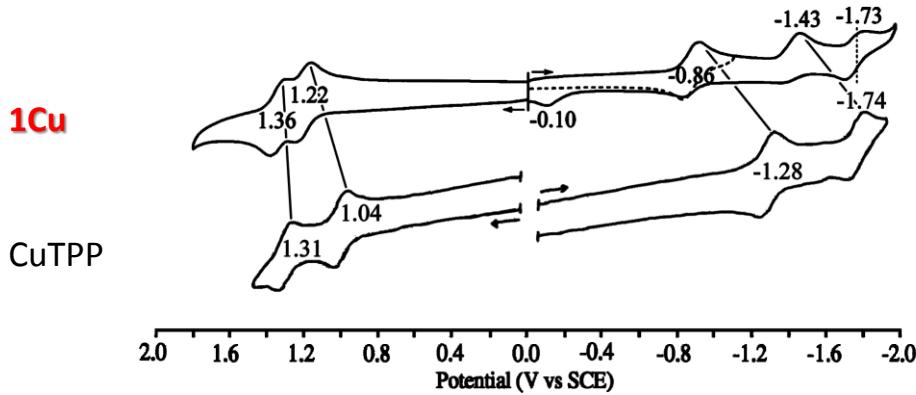
Para-meter	<b>1Cu</b>	<b>1Cd</b>	<b>1Zn</b>
	P 21/c	P 21/c	P 21/c
a	12.3787(6)	12.4567(16)	12.4759(5)
b	11.7319(5)	11.7829(15)	11.4931(4)
c	12.2028(6)	12.1147(16)	12.1459(4)
b	91.8580(10)	91.889(2)	91.4240(10)
V	1771.23(14)	1777.2(4)	1741.02(11)
N-M, Å	2.0146(16)- 2.0220(15)	2.1402(16)- 2.1517(15)	2.061(3)- 2.062(3)
M...O, Å	2.649(3)	2.6253(14)	2.467(3)

2D coordination polymer

## Electrochemistry of **1Cu**

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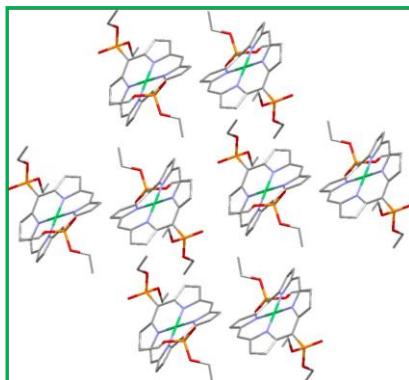


PhCN, 0.1 M TBAP

Three-electrode cell:  
 working glassy carbon electrode,  
 platinum counter electrode,  
 saturated calomel reference electrode

## XRD **1Ni**

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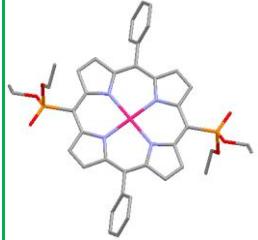


The packing of individual molecules

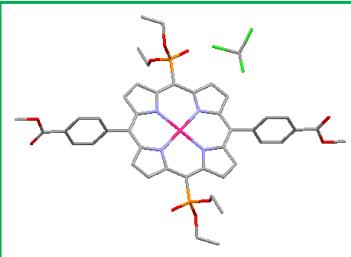
parameter	<b>1Ni</b>
	P -1
a	13.152(6)
b	13.183(7)
c	13.284(8)
$\alpha$	91.407(7)
$\beta$	110.863(6)
$\gamma$	107.160(6)
V	2034.7(18)
N-M	1.888(8) -1.913(7)
$\angle \text{NiN1N2/NiN3N4}$	1.9°
Displacement of Ni from N4 plane	+/-0.022 Å
Displacement of C from N4 plane	-0.288 ÷ +0.499 Å

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## XRD **1Pd** and **2Pd**



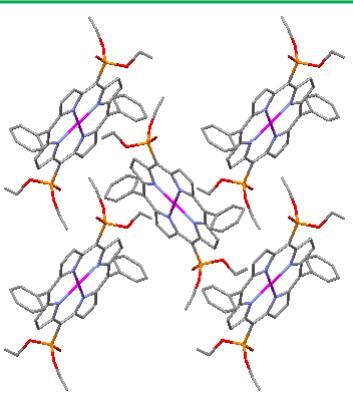
Parameter	<b>1Pd</b>	<b>2Pd</b>
	C2/c	P -1
a	16.128(4)	10.7994(17)
b	18.158(5)	10.9564(17)
c	13.503(3)	11.7583(18)
$\alpha$	90	75.860(3)
$\beta$	113.570(3)	85.800(3)
$\gamma$	90	70.708(2)
V	3624.3(16)	1273.3(3)
N-M	2.019(2)	2.019(5)- 2.025(4)



The packing of individual molecules

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## XRD **1Pt**



Parameter	<b>1Pt</b>
	P 21/c
a	12.0856(13)
b	13.6274(15)
c	11.4059(13)
$\beta$	91.489(2)
V	1877.9(4)
N-M	2.017(2)-2.018(2)

The packing of individual molecules

## Conclusion

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- *d*-metal complexes with *meso*-diphosphorylporphyrins were obtained with high yields (77-99%)
- Self-assembling in solution was detected for Cd complexes
- The single crystals of 6 compound were obtained. The self-assembling in solid state is typical for Cd and Cu complex. Ni, Pd and Pt complexes with *meso*-diphosphorylporphyrins do not form supramolecular assembly.

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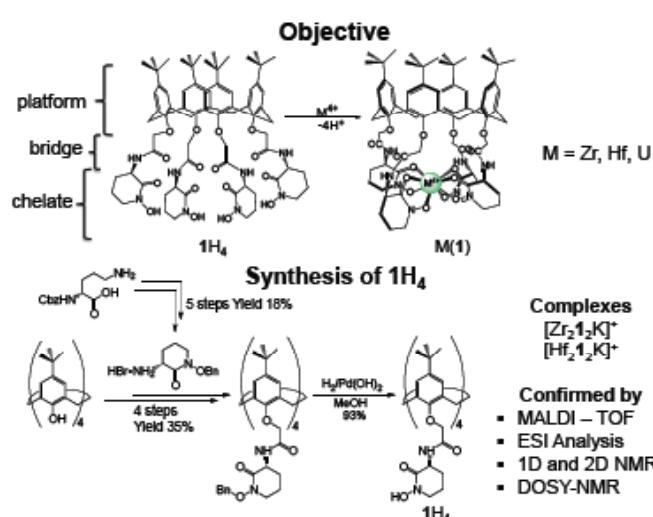
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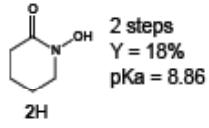


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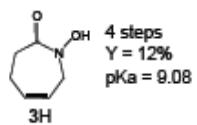
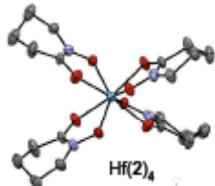




### Simple models



**Complexes:**  
 $Zr(2)_4 \gamma = 57\%$   
 $Hf(2)_4 \gamma = 38\%$   
 $U(2)_4 \gamma = 90\%$   
 $Fe(2)_3 \gamma = 41\%$   
 $Ga(2)_3 \gamma = 54\%$



**Complex:**  
 $Zr(3)_4 \gamma = 59\%$



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## COMPREHENSION OF SYNERGISTIC MECHANISMS FOR URANIUM EXTRACTION FROM PHOSPHORIC MEDIA

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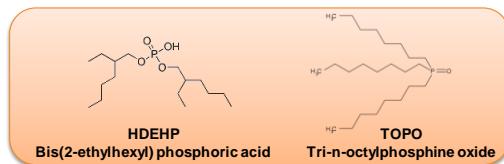
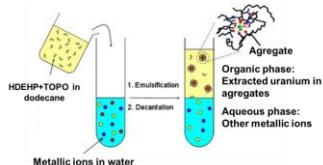
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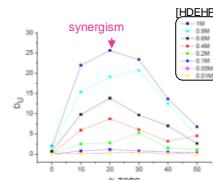
Context: Recovering uranium from phosphoric ores

Process: designed in the 80's, two molecules (HDEHP/TOPO) extracting uranium in synergism, reference system, based on liquid-liquid extraction



$$D_U = \frac{[U]_{org}}{[U]_{aq}}$$

Synergism :  $D_{U-HDEHP/TOPO} \gg D_{U-HDEHP} + D_{U-TOPO}$



Objectives: Get a better comprehension of the mechanisms of synergism



Possible improvements:

- Increase  $D_U$  for a one-step extraction cycle
- Avoid the extraction of iron as a by-product

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### MOLECULAR SCALE

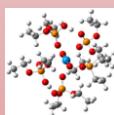
During liquid-liquid extraction process, extractant molecules form several complexes with uranium, water, acid and other ions inside. The aim of the molecular approach is to study the structure of such complexes.

**Objective:** What is the influence of synergism on the complexation ?

#### EXPERIMENTAL APPROACH

Methods used to probe the complexes stoichiometry:

- Raman/Infra-Red spectroscopy; functional groups responsible for the extraction. Study of the changes in the chemical bondings when the extractants are put together with ions.
  - NMR (Nuclear Magnetic Resonance); interactions between the particles (by studying the auto-diffusion coefficients of  $^{31}\text{P}$ )
  - ESI-MS (Electro-Spray Ionisation Mass Spectroscopy); stoichiometry of species
  - EXAFS (Extended X-ray Absorption Fine Structure); local structure and neighbour atoms around one peculiar element
- Theoretical chemistry is complementary to the experiments:
- by molecular dynamics, investigation on the molecular organisation, optimization of molecular structures
  - then molecular structures are used to interpret experimental data such as IR-Spectra



Uranyl surrounded by 2 (HDEHP-DEHP) and 1 TOPO (optimized structure):

### SUPRAMOLECULAR SCALE

The complexes formed by HDEHP, TOPO and the cations are considered as small aggregates with peculiar properties :

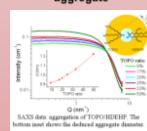
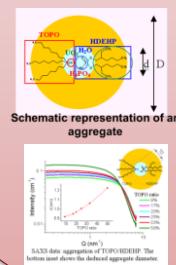
- CAC (Critical Aggregation Concentration): Concentration of extractants above which aggregates form.
- $N_{\text{ag}}$  (Aggregation number): Number of molecules in one aggregate
- $d$  (diameter of the core) and  $D$  (diameter of the aggregate)

**Objective:** What is the influence of synergism on these properties ?

#### EXPERIMENTAL APPROACH

Several methods are used to investigate these properties:

- SAXS: Small-Angle X-ray Scattering; study of the polar core of the aggregates
- SANS : Small-Angle Neutron Scattering; study of the non-polar shell of the aggregates



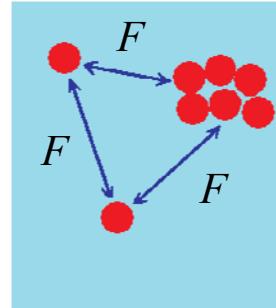
SANS experiments performed at the Laboratoire Léon Brillouin (CEA Saclay)



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## Surface forces as the basis for the analysis of interparticle and interaggregate interactions

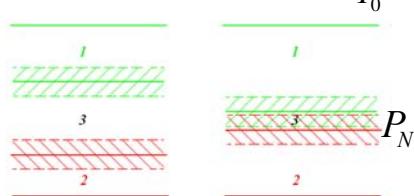
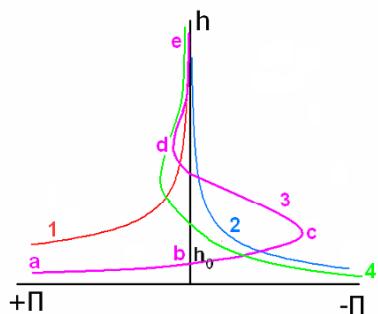
Ludmila Boinovich



### Disjoining pressure in thin liquid films

(B.V.Derjaguin, Acta Physico-Chim.URSS, 1939, v.10, №1, p. 25-44)

$$\Pi(h) = P_N - P_0$$

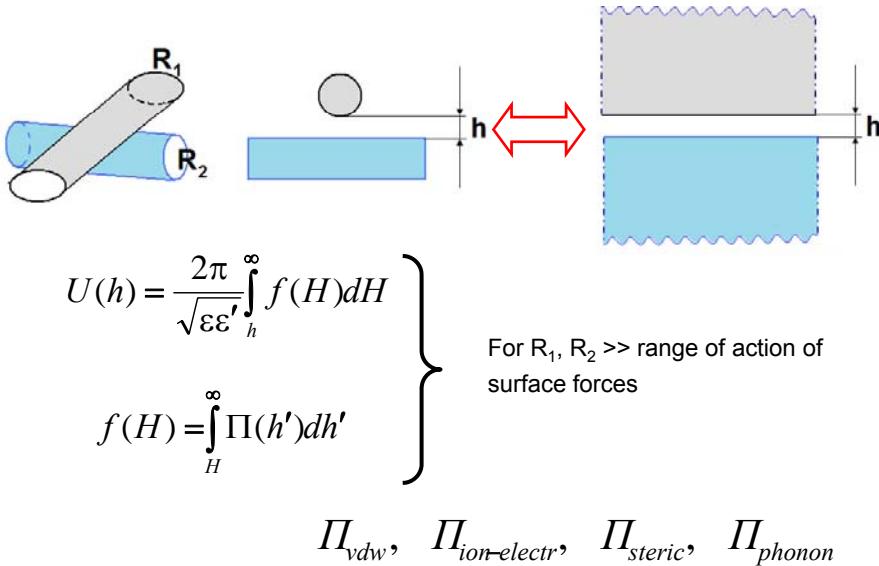


The dependence of the disjoining pressure on the thickness of the liquid film is the key thermodynamic characteristic of thin interlayer that differentiates it with the bulk liquid.

$$\Pi(h) = \Pi_{vdw} + \Pi_{ion-electr} + \Pi_{steric} + \Pi_{phonon} + \dots$$

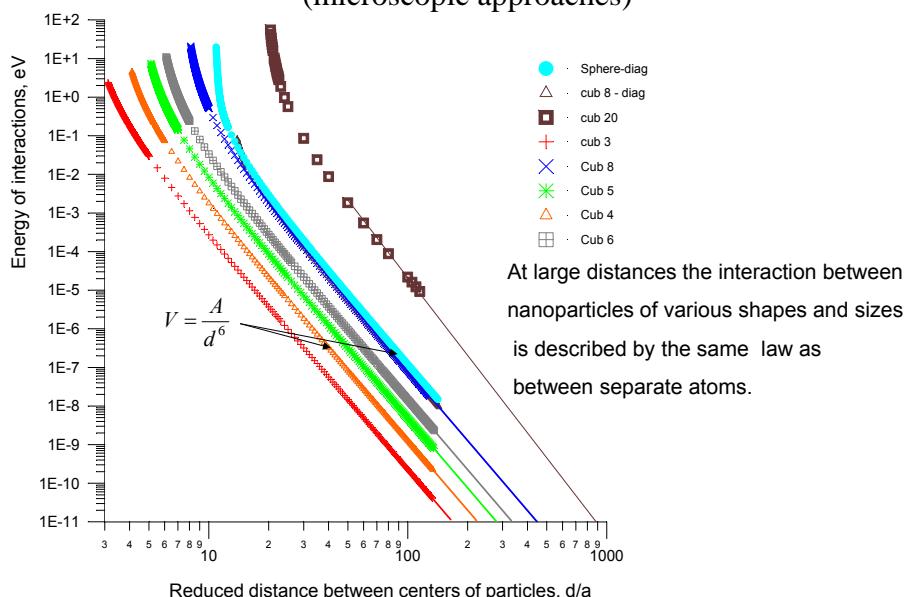
## Derjaguin's approximation

(B.V.Derjaguin, *Kolloidn.Z.*, 1934, v.69, p. 155)



## The interaction between similar cubic nanoparticles

(microscopic approaches)

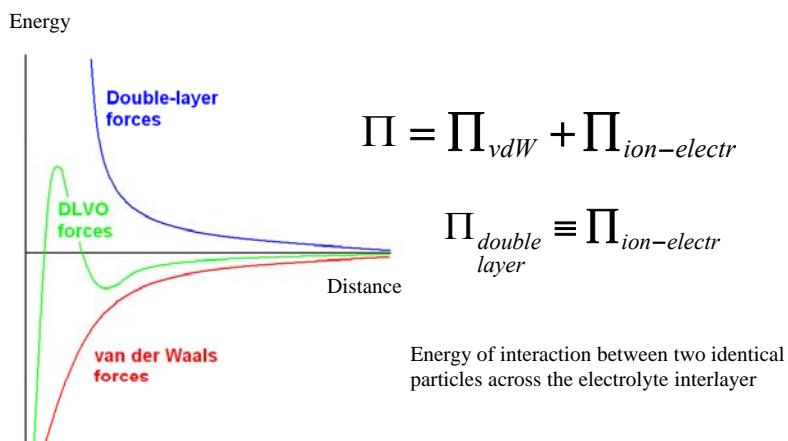


## Van der Waals interactions in nanosystems

Character of the dependence of the energy of the van der Waals interaction on separation, $h$ , for various systems in non-retarded and retarded limits		
system	non-retarded limit	retarded limit
<b>crossed nanowires</b>	$1/h^4$	$1/h^5$
<b>parallel nanowires (per unit length)</b>	$1/h^5$	$1/h^6$
<b>nanoparticle / half-space</b>	$1/h^3$	$1/h^4$
<b>nanoparticle / nanoparticle</b>	$1/h^6$	$1/h^7$
<b>foil / foil (per unit area)</b>	$1/h^{5/2}$	$1/h^{7/2}$
<b>parallel macrocylinders (per unit length), for <math>h \ll R</math>, where <math>R</math> is cylinders radius</b>	$1/h^{3/2}$	$1/h^{5/2}$
<b>large (compared to separation <math>h</math>) spherical particle / large spherical particle</b>	$1/h$	$1/h^2$
<b>large spherical particle / half-space</b>	$1/h$	$1/h^2$
<b>half-space / half-space</b>	$1/h^2$	$1/h^3$

L.B. Boinovich, A.M. Emelyanenko, Langmuir (2009)

## DLVO theory



## van der Waals forces in electrolyte interlayers

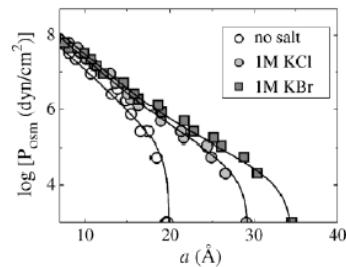
### 1. Screening of zero frequency contribution of forces

$$G_{\xi=0}(h) = \frac{k_B T}{4\pi} \int_0^\infty k \ln \left[ 1 - \left( \frac{\varepsilon_1 - \varepsilon_3}{\varepsilon_1 + \varepsilon_3} \right) \left( \frac{\varepsilon_2 - \varepsilon_3}{\varepsilon_2 + \varepsilon_3} \right) \exp(-2hk) \right] dk \quad \varepsilon_i = \varepsilon_i(\xi=0)$$

$$G_{\xi=0}(h) = \frac{k_B T}{4\pi} \int_0^\infty k \ln \left[ 1 - \left( \frac{\varepsilon_1 k - \varepsilon_3 \sqrt{k^2 + \kappa^2}}{\varepsilon_1 k + \varepsilon_3 \sqrt{k^2 + \kappa^2}} \right) \left( \frac{\varepsilon_2 k - \varepsilon_3 \sqrt{k^2 + \kappa^2}}{\varepsilon_2 k + \varepsilon_3 \sqrt{k^2 + \kappa^2}} \right) \exp(-2h\sqrt{k^2 + \kappa^2}) \right] dk$$

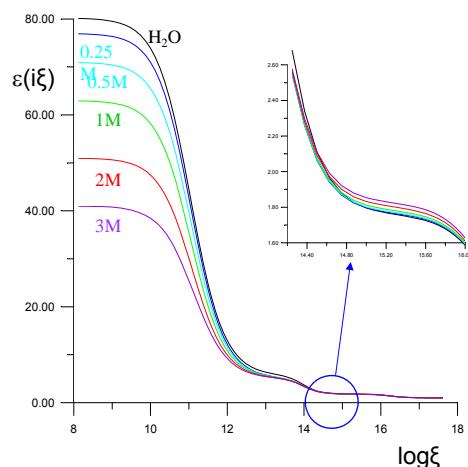
Osmotic pressure of multilamellar DLPC samples versus the water spacing ( $a$ ) that was determined for that sample as the D-spacing minus the steric bilayer thickness

Horia I. Petrache et al. J. Lipid Research 2006, 47, 302

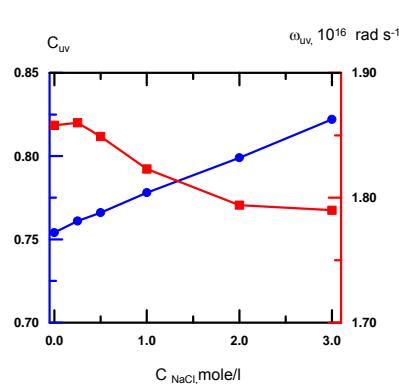


## van der Waals forces in electrolyte interlayers

### Effects of ions on the behavior of dielectric permittivity



Dielectric permittivities of aqueous NaCl solutions



The parameters of effective ultraviolet oscillators in NaCl aqueous solutions.  $C_{UV}$  (circles) is the constant associated with the strength of oscillator in ultraviolet (UV) region,  $\omega_{UV}$  (squares) is the characteristic relaxation frequency in UV region.

Boinovich LB, Emelyanenko AM. Adv Colloid Interface Sci 2009;147–148:44.

## Distribution of potential in the vicinity of interface

$$\operatorname{div}(\epsilon \operatorname{grad} \psi) = -4\pi\rho$$

$$\rho = \sum_i ez_i \tilde{n}_i \quad \tilde{n}_i = n_i \exp(-z_i e \psi / kT)$$

Poisson-Boltzmann equation:

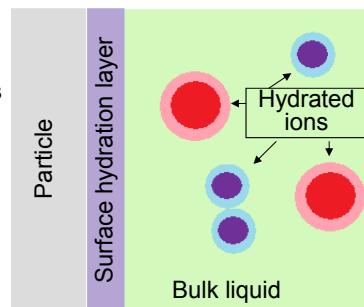
$$\Delta\psi = -\frac{4\pi}{\epsilon} \sum_i z_i e n_i \exp\left(-\frac{z_i e \psi}{kT}\right)$$

$$\Delta\psi = -\frac{4\pi}{\epsilon} \sum_i z_i e n_i \exp\left(-\frac{z_i e \psi + U_{vdW} + U_{ion-ion} + U_{ion-solv} + U_{specific} + U_{image}}{kT}\right)$$

## Ion-electrostatic interactions beyond conventional consideration

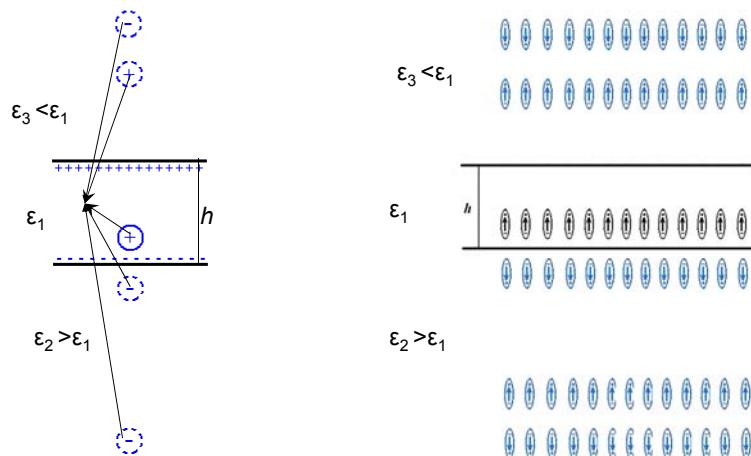
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1. charge inversion
2. presence of DEL near uncharged interfaces
3. attraction of likely charged surfaces
4. ion specific effects
5. image charge forces



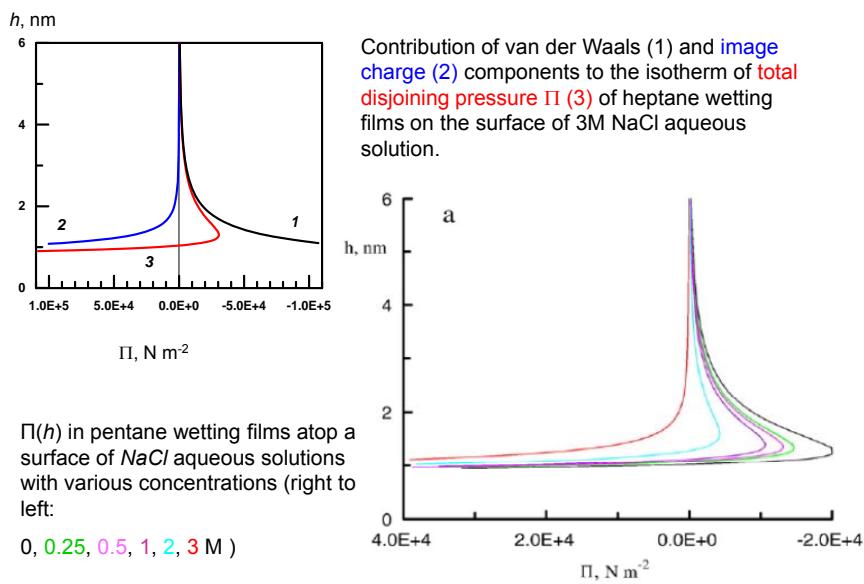
Boinovich L.B., COCIS 2010

## Discrete charges and their influence on surface forces



Boinovich LB, Emelyanenko AM. Adv Colloid Interface Sci 2003, 104,93

## Discreteness of surface charge. Image forces



## Interaction forces, caused by modified structure of liquid interlayer

Forces due to static and dynamic structure of liquid in the film

Boinovich LB, Emelyanenko AM Z.Phys.Chem. 1992, 178, 229

Forces, associated with the presence of long-chain surfactants and high molecular mass polymers inside the liquid film

For review of experiments see:

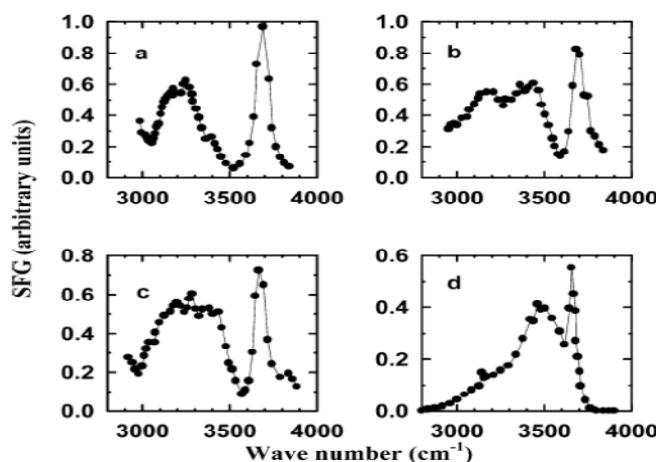
Kleshchanok D, Tuinier R, Lang PR. J Phys Condens Matter 2008, 20,073101.

Forces due to nonhomogeneous distribution of solution components across the film

Derjaguin B.V., Churaev N.V. J. Coll.Interf.Sci., 1977, 62,369

Boinovich LB, Adv.Coll.Int.Sci.1992. 37, 177

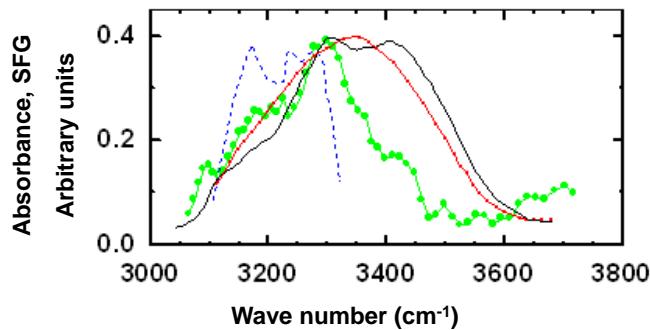
## Surface induced dynamic structuring



Sum-frequency-generation (SFG) spectra from (a) the quartz–octadecyltrichlorosilane–water interface, (b) the air–water interface, (c) the hexane–water interface and (d) the carbon tetrachloride– water interface

Quan Du, Freysz E, Shen YR Science, 1994, 264:826,  
Scatena LF, Brown MG, Richmond GL, Science, 2001 292:908

### Surface induced dynamic structuring



IR spectra for ethanol in the OH stretch region. The red and blue curves are the bulk liquid and the bulk crystalline phases, respectively; the solid curve corresponds to the 25-nm film of liquid ethanol, confined by fluorite plates. The green curve represents SFG spectrum for the liquid surface.

[Boinovich LB, Gagina IA, Emelyanenko AM](#) Colloid J, 1995, 57:851

### Phonon component of disjoining pressure

The dynamic structure difference between bulk liquid and the liquid in the film are related to the facts that:

[localization of collective motions,](#)  
[mutual orientations of molecules and relative to interface,](#)  
[intermolecular distances in thin layer](#)

are changed due to the interaction between molecules and surfaces.

In addition, the confining surfaces induce [changes in the conformational states of molecules](#).

All these factors affect the normal-mode spectrum and give rise to an additional contribution to the film energy, which depends on the film thickness  $H$

$$F^E = \sum_j \int_0^\infty kT \ln \frac{\text{sh}(\hbar\omega/kT)}{\text{sh}(\hbar\omega_{j0}/kT)} Z_j(\omega) \exp(-H/L_j(\omega)) d\omega$$

[Boinovich LB, Emelyanenko AM](#). Adv Colloid Interface Sci 2002, 96:37

## Phonon component of disjoining pressure in thin liquid films

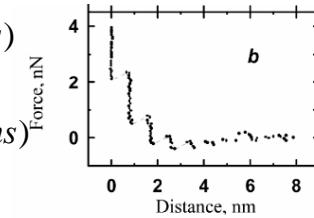
$$\Pi(h) = \sum_j \int_0^{\infty} \left[ -\frac{dK_j}{dh} \frac{K_j h}{L_j^2(\omega)} \frac{dL_j(\omega)}{dh} + \frac{K_j}{L_j(\omega)} \right] \exp(-h/L_j(\omega)) d\omega$$

$$K_j = Z_j(\omega) k_B T \cdot \ln \frac{\text{sh}(\hbar\omega / 2k_B T)}{\text{sh}(\hbar\omega_{j0} / 2k_B T)}$$

$$\Pi_1(h) = \sum_j \frac{\overline{K}_j}{\overline{L}_j} \exp(-h/\overline{L}_j) \quad (\text{thick films})$$

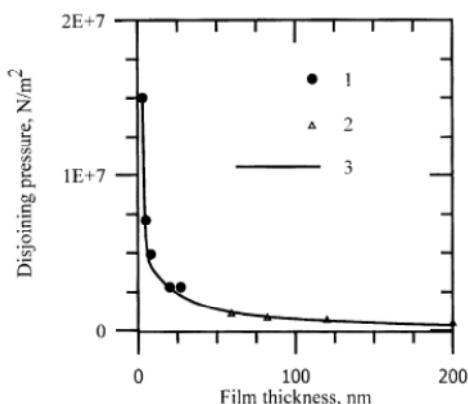
$$\Pi_2(h) = \sum_j -\frac{d\overline{K}_j}{dh} \exp(-h/\overline{L}_j) \quad (\text{thin films})$$

$$\Pi_3(h) = \sum_j \frac{\overline{K}_j h}{\overline{L}_j^2(\omega)} \frac{d\overline{L}_j}{dh} \exp(-h/\overline{L}_j)$$



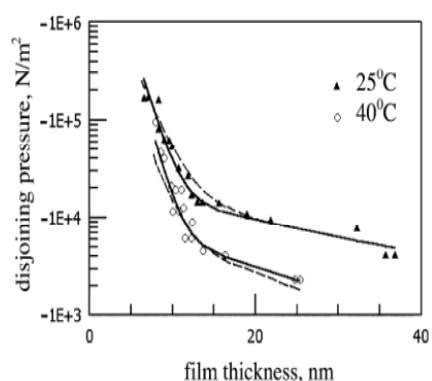
**Boinovich LB, Emelyanenko AM. Adv Colloid Interface Sci 2002, 96:37**

## Repulsive and attractive exponential forces



$$\Pi(H) = 2 \cdot 10^7 e^{-\frac{H}{1.0}} + 4 \cdot 10^5 e^{-\frac{H}{20}} + 1.5 \cdot 10^5 e^{-\frac{H}{130}}$$

Three-exponential fit for experimental data of  
R.M. Pashley, J.A. Kitchener, J. Colloid Interf. Sci. 1979, 71, 491  
L.R. Fisher, R.A. Gamble, J. Middlehurst, Nature 1981, 290, 575.  
for the disjoining pressure of water wetting films on quartz



Interaction between mica surfaces covered by dihexadecyltrimethylammonium acetate in water.  
Y. Tsao, S.X. et al, Langmuir, 1991, 7, 3154.

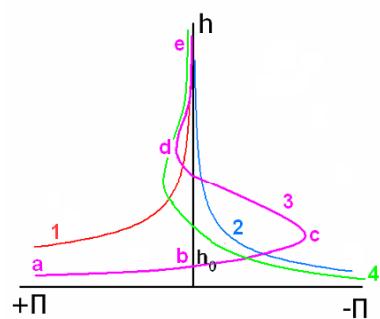
Solid lines: fits obtained as a result of minimization of root-mean-square difference between the experimental points and biexponential curves:

$$\text{for } 25^\circ\text{C} \quad \Pi(H) = -2 \cdot 10^7 e^{-\frac{H}{1.5}} - 2.4 \cdot 10^4 e^{-\frac{H}{23}}$$

$$\text{for } 40^\circ\text{C} \quad \Pi(H) = -2.2 \cdot 10^7 e^{-\frac{H}{1.3}} - 10^4 e^{-\frac{H}{17}}$$

## Surface forces in complex fluids

$$\Pi(h) = \Pi_{vdw} + \Pi_{ion-electr} + \Pi_{steric} + \Pi_{phonon} + \dots$$



***Thank you  
for the  
attention!***

## Oscillating behaviour of the force–distance curve

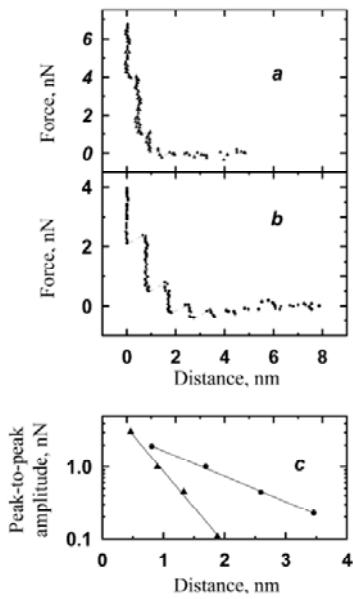
$$\Pi_2(h) = \sum_j -\frac{d\bar{K}_j}{dh} \exp(-h/\bar{L}_j)$$

[Boinovich LB. Prog Colloid Polym Sci 2004;128:44–51.](#)

The force–distance curves for

- a) highly oriented pyrolytic graphite and
- b) mica substrates immersed in n-dodecanol and
- c) peak-to-peak amplitudes versus distance on a log scale. The exponential decay length is 1.23 nm for mica (circles) and 0.43 nm for HOPG (triangles)

[Nakada T, et al, Jpn J Appl Phys 1996 35:52](#)





## Trilateral Seminar on supramolecular, intermolecular, interaggregate interactions and separation chemistry

**Control in selective ion separation in  
molecular systems via supramolecular  
and colloidal interactions**

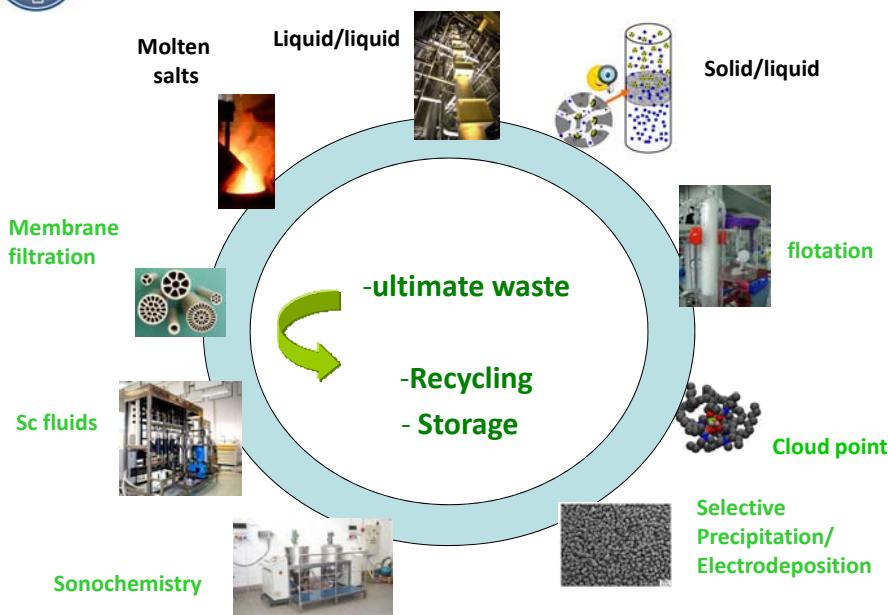


S. Pellet-Rostaing

Moscow, 20 – 23 July 2012



## Optimize the Separation Processes for decontamination and recycling



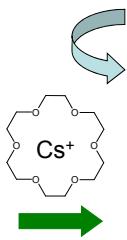
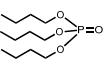
**ICSM**

Alfred Werner – late 1800's the father of coordination chemistry



- Studied in Switzerland at the University of Zurich
- He lectured in both organic and inorganic chemistry
- **He developed the theory of coordination chemistry**
- He prepared and studied coordination compounds and discovered optically active forms of 6-coordinate octahedral complexes
- His coordination chemistry extended through a whole range of systematic inorganic chemistry and into organic chemistry and he was awarded the **Nobel Prize in Chemistry in 1913**

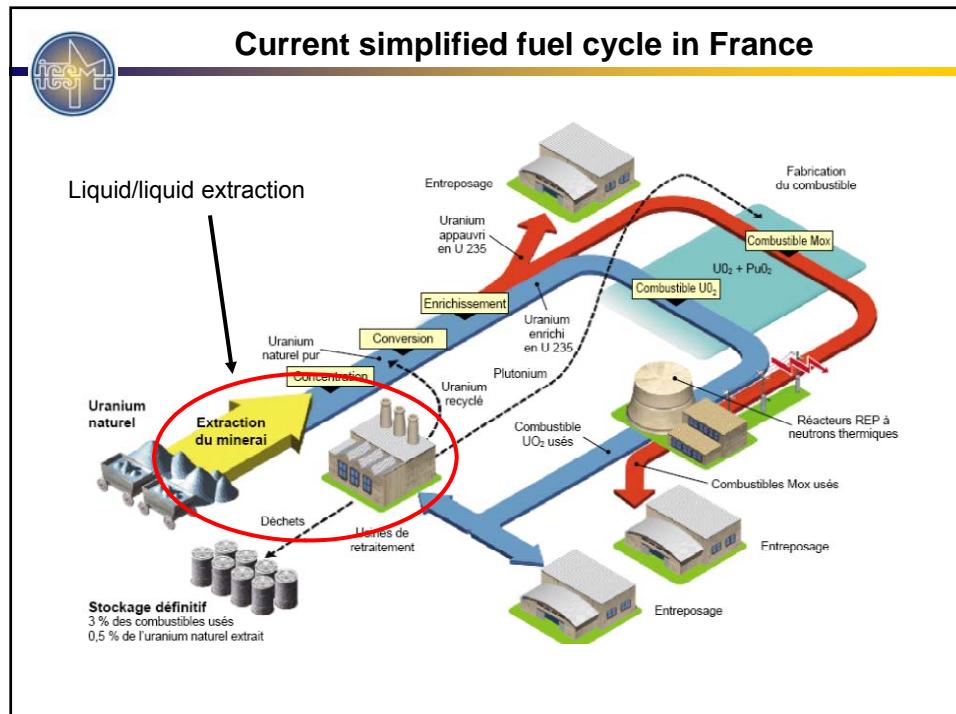
1949: first successful solvent extraction for recovery of both uranium and plutonium (PUREX process) at Oak Ridge National Laboratory

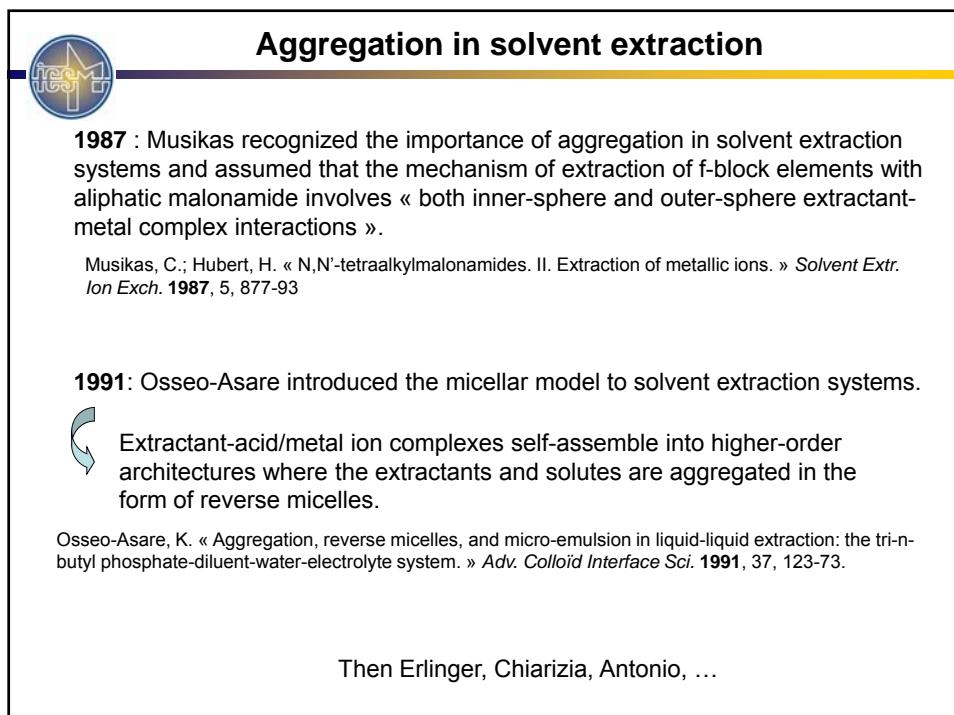
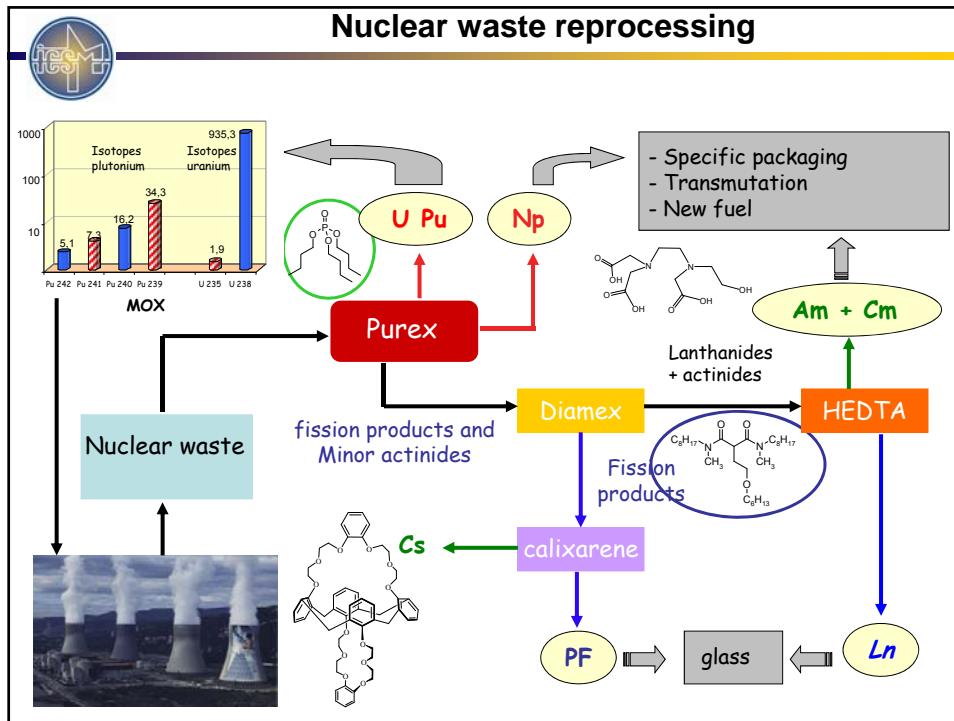



D. J. Cram      J.-L. Lehn      C.J. Pedersen

Nobel prize awarded in 1987

Macrocyclic chemistry





**In liquid/liquid separation the question is**

What drives ion selectively from a concentrated solution into an organic solvent?

- binding sites (hard/soft, solvating, ion exchange)
- Ligand/metal interactions (electrostatic...)
- Volume/steric hindrance
- Structure of the complex

But also : hydrophobic/hydrophylic (amphiphilic)

*extracting agent*

*targeted solution*

*medium effect*

$M^{m+} + nX^- + qE + yH_2O \rightleftharpoons M(X)_n(E)_q(H_2O)_y$

Solvating  
Cation exchange  
Anion exchange  
Chelating

Supramolecular approach

- Valency
- Oxidation state
- Size
- Hydration number
- Hard/Soft
- Counter ion

- pH (neutral/acidic/basic)
- nature of the acid
- Ionic strength
- Solvent/co-solvent
- Temperature

**Molecular scale approach of Solvent extraction**

**Design and synthesis of the ligand**

**From the knowledge of the binding sites**

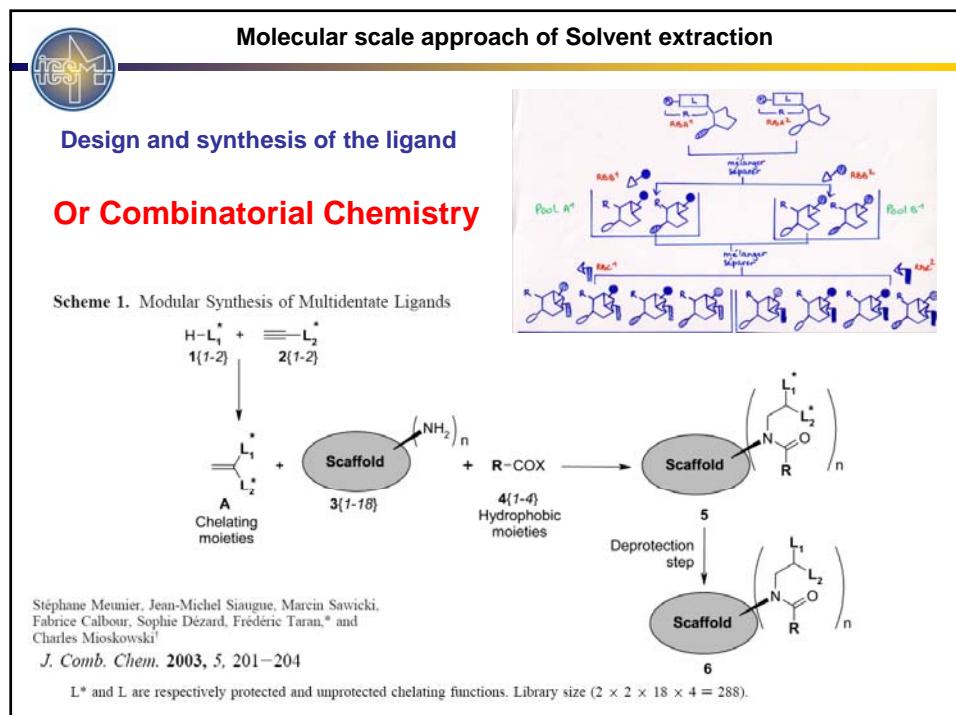
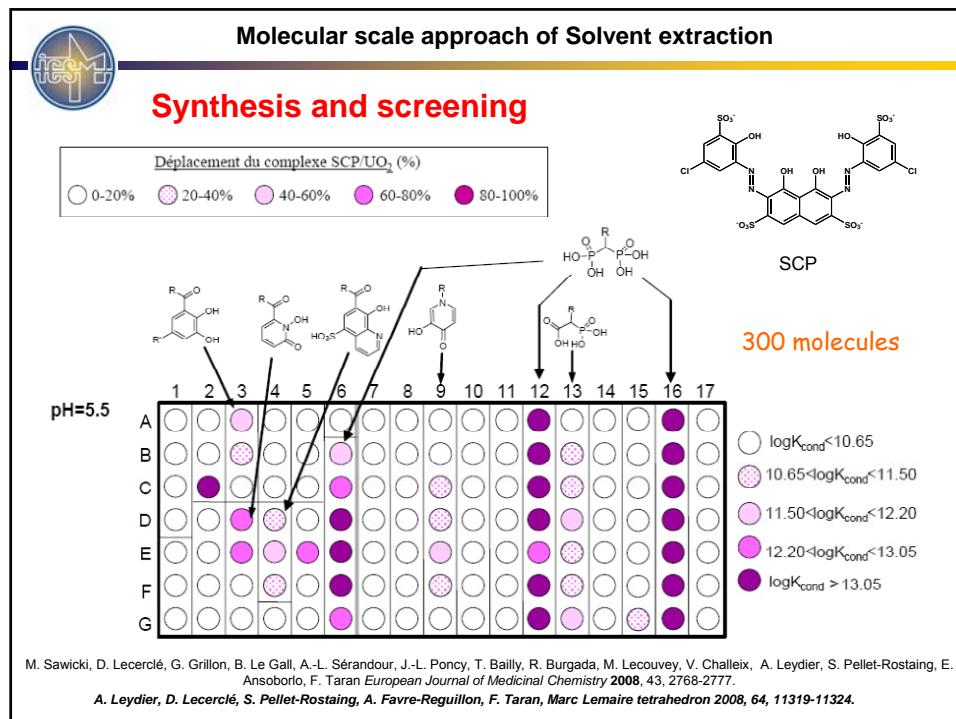
**Chelating sites for Uranyl**

A. E. V. Gorden, J. Xu, K. N. Raymond, and P. Durbin, *Chemical Reviews* **103**, (11), 4207-4282 (2003)

M. Sawicki, J.-M. Siague, C. Jacquin, C. Moulin, T. Bailly, R. Burgada, S. Meunier, P. Baret, J.-L. Pierre, and F. Taran, *Chemistry--A European Journal* **11**, (12), 3689-3697 (2005)

A. Leydier, Y. Lina, G. Arrachart, R. Turgis, D. Lecerclé, A. Favre-Reguillon, F. Taran, M. Lemaire, S. Pellet-Rostaing *Tetrahedron* **2012**, **68**, 1163-1170.

then



**Molecular scale approach of Solvent extraction**

**Or Combinatorial Chemistry**

Modular synthesis of **288 new multidentate metal ligands**, incorporating four sources of diversity.

Modulation of:

- Architecture
- Denticity
- Nature of the chelating functions
- lipophilicity

**Molecular scale of Solvent extraction**

**Quantitative Structure-Property Relationships (QSPR)**

$Y = f(\text{structure}) = f(\text{descriptors})$

**Experimental evaluation**

**TPY type ligands**

**BTP type ligands**

**Synthesis**

**(Q)SPR**

**Molecular scale of Solvent extraction**

**ICSM Quantitative Structure-Property Relationships (QSPR)**

**Descriptors**

Constitutional	(mol. Weight, number of N, S, O...)
Topological	(cyclic, bicyclic...)
Geometrical	(molecular size, distances between functional groups...)
Electrostatic	(electrostatic potential, charges...)
Quantum-Chemical	(énergies of molecular orbitals, reactivity index...)
Thermodynamical	(heat of formation, logP...)
Fragments	(sequences of atoms and bonds, number of atoms...)

**Ligand behavior** Hancock equation  $\log K(ML) = E_A E_B + C_A C_B - D_A D_B$

**Drug activity**

Hansch Equation  $\log (1/C) = -k_1(\log P)^2 + k_2 \log P + k_3 \pi + k_4 \sigma + k_5 ES + k_6$

**A. VARNEK (ULP, Strasbourg) → CoMet PREDICTOR 1.0** →

**Molecular scale of Solvent extraction**

**ICSM Quantitative Structure-Property Relationships (QSPR)**

**Extraction of  $UO_2^{2+}$  by monoamides**

**21 new amides**  
*logD values were predicted BEFORE experimental tests*

$\log D_{pred}$

$\log D_{pred} = (0.0 \pm 0.1) + (0.94 \pm 0.15) \log D_{exp}$

$n = 21, R^2_{pred} = 0.573, RMSE_{abs} = 0.16$

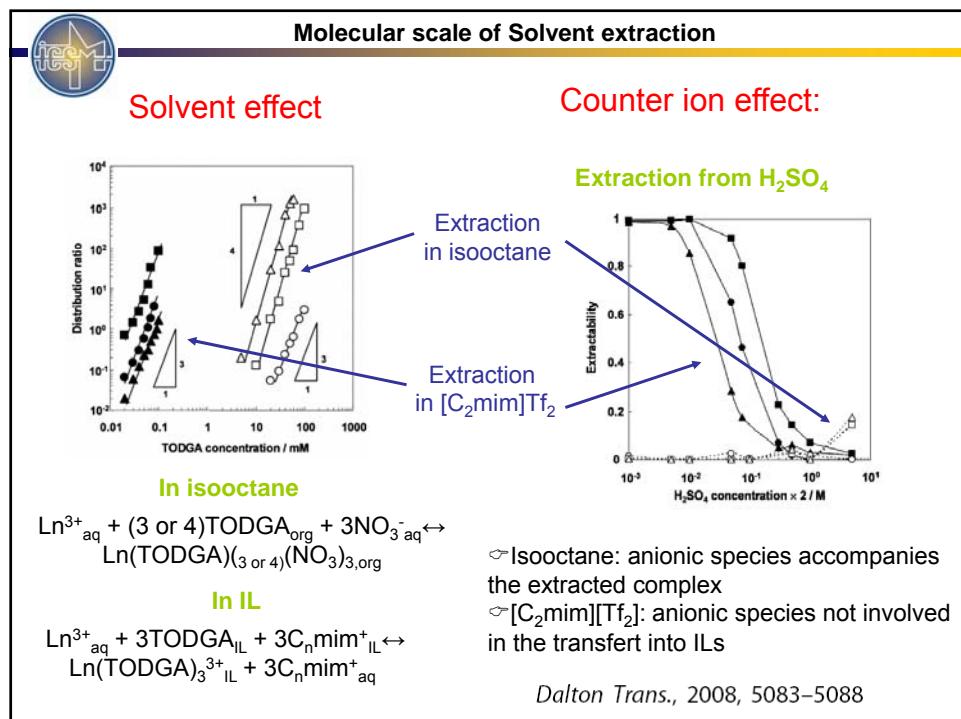
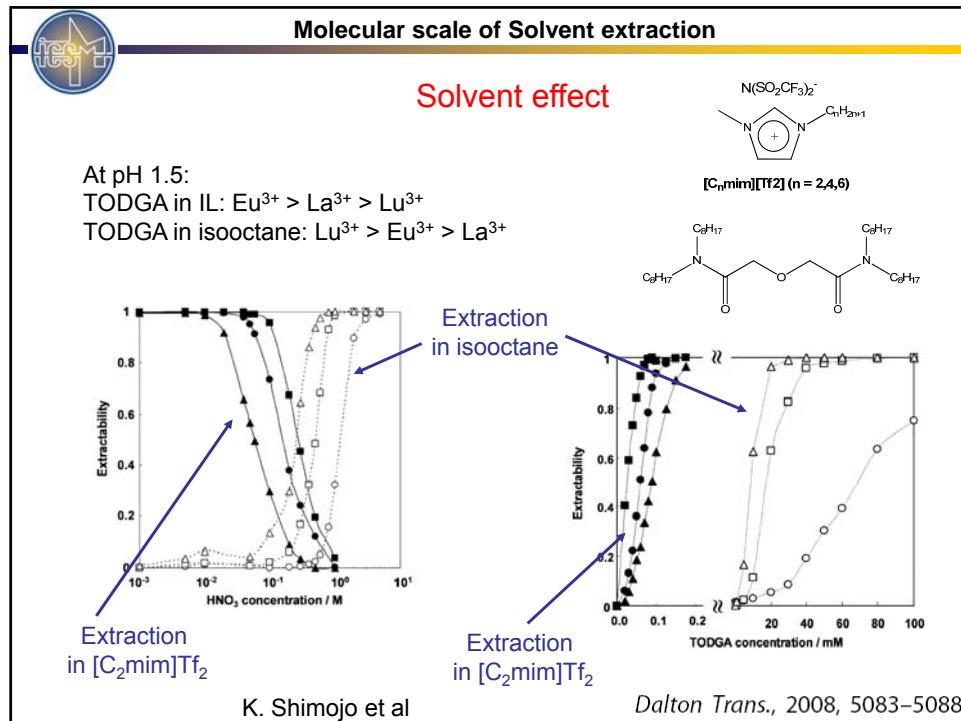
$D = \frac{[U]_{org}}{[U]_{aq}}$

**Experimental conditions**

- Solvent: Toluene
- Temperature: 22°C
- Metal:  $UO_2^{2+}$
- $HNO_3$ : 3M

What happens when the conditions Change ?

A. Varnek, D. Fourches, V. Solov'ev, O. Klimchuk, A. Ouadi, I. Billard *J. Solv. Extr. Ion Exch.*, 2007, **25**, N°4, 433–462



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### Coordination Structures and Supramolecular Architectures in a Cerium(III)–Malonamide Solvent Extraction System

Ross J. Ellis and Mark R. Antonio\*

Supramolecular Structures based on  $E_{\text{pol-pol}}$  and  $E_{\text{h-h}}$

Tools:

- ICP-AOS
- FT-IR
- EXAFS
- SAXS

Third phase

Langmuir 2012, 28, 5987–5998

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### Molecular and supra-molecular scales of Solvent extraction

**Extraction**

- Cations,  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$ , acid extraction
- X ray Fluorescence, ICP
- Karl Fisher, Titration

**Chelation**

- nb ligands / extracted cation : ICP-Slope Method
- IR – Raman – NMR
- Mass Spectro metry
- UV-Vis, SLRT, EXAFS

**Supramolecular aggregation**

- Presence, size, shape of aggregates
- CMC/CAC, free energy of micellization
- Aggregation number
- SAXS - SANS - Light Scattering – Surface Tension

**Solvent extraction & aggregation**

**Are extractants also surfactants ?**

**Ion separation**

**Extractant molecules:**

**Hydrophobic      Hydrophilic**

**Chelation & Aggregation**

**Small Reverse Micelles**

Can Colloids theories help to understand and predict solvent extraction mechanisms?

**Solvent extraction & aggregation**

**Extracting agents are also surfactants**

**DMDBTDMA: C<sub>14</sub>**

**DMDOHEMA: C<sub>2</sub>OC<sub>6</sub>**

**Polar part**

**TBP**

2 phases towards 3 phases ?

Is this a Winsor II/Winsor III transition ?

METHOD: PHASE DIAGRAM

Characterization methods at the Supra - molecular scale

**Characterization methods at the Supra - molecular scale**

**Organisation**

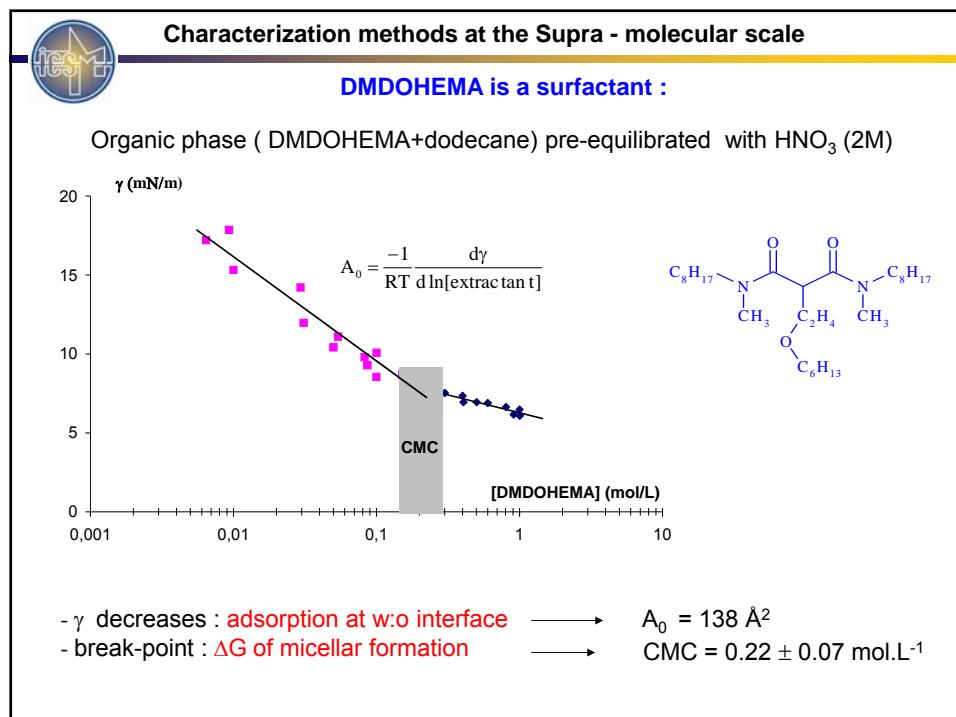
Surface tension  $\gamma$

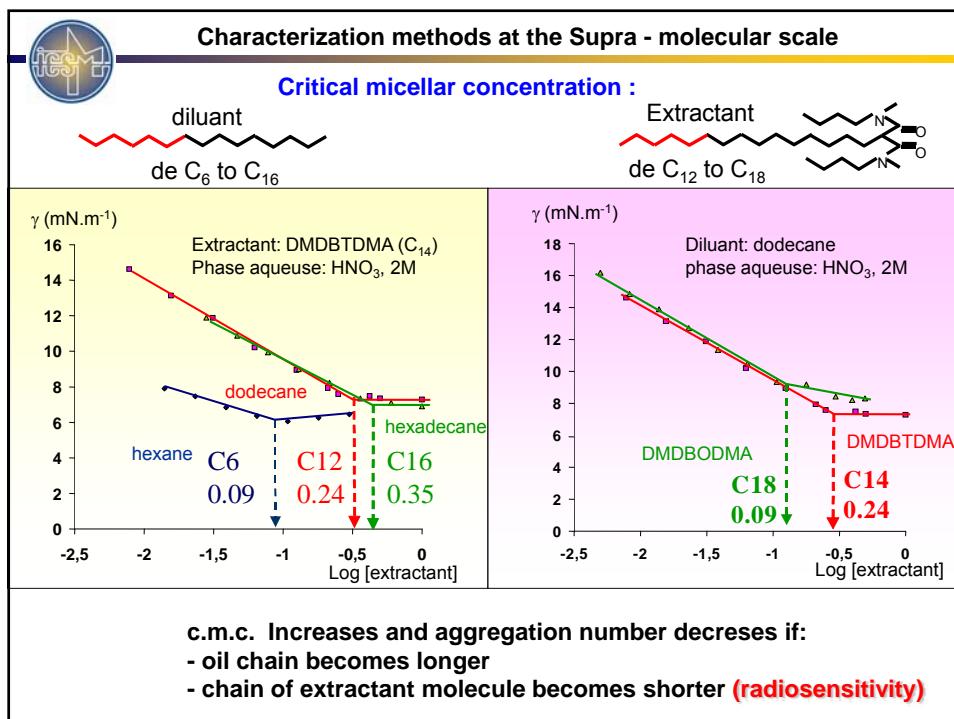
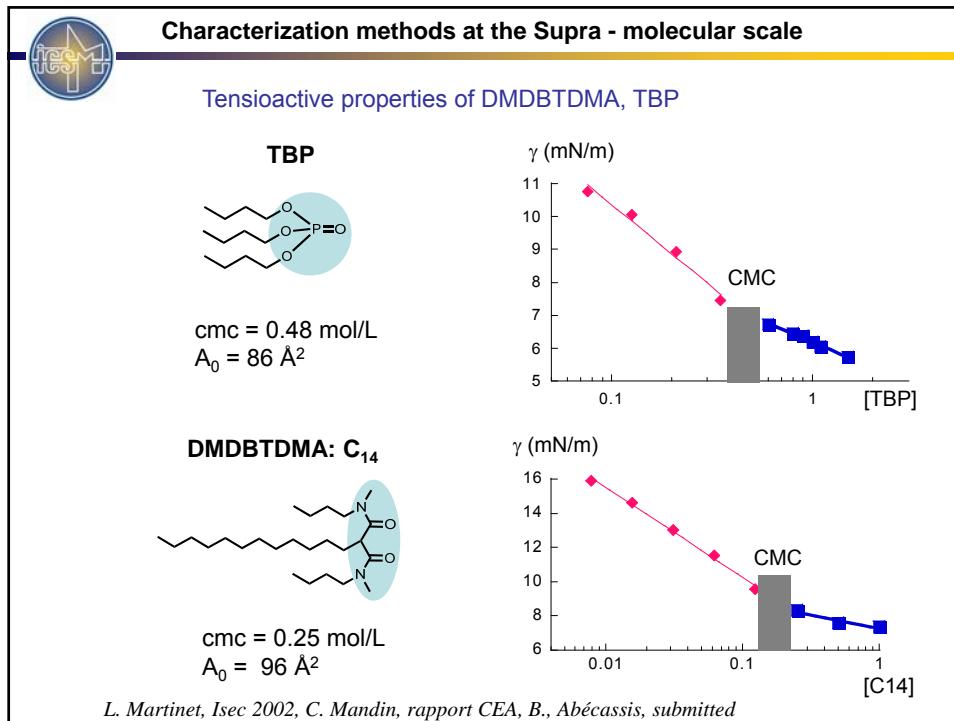
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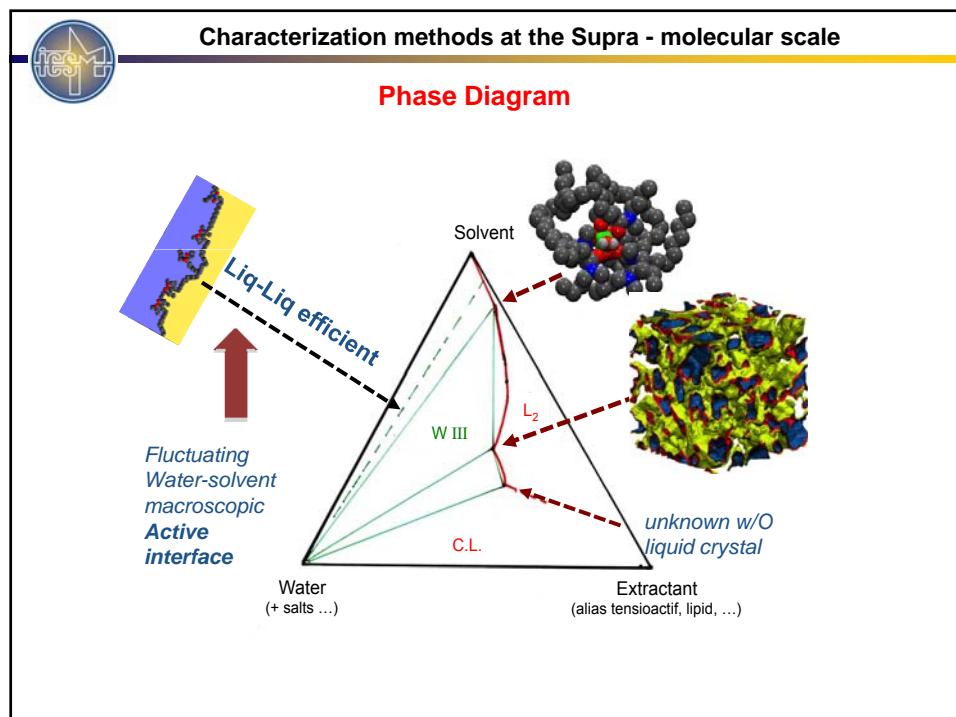
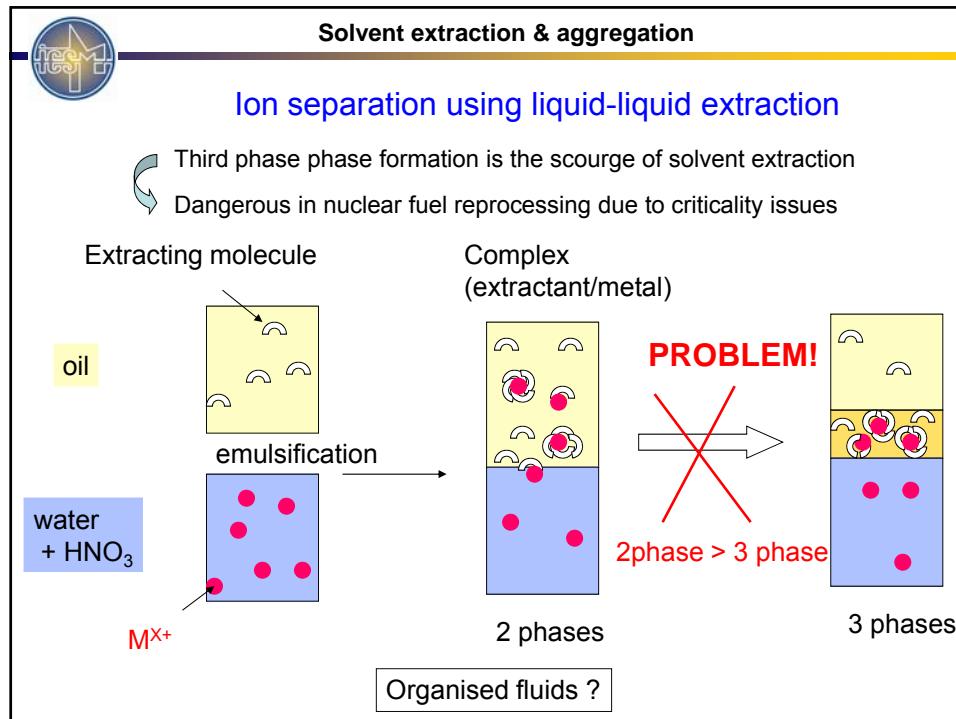
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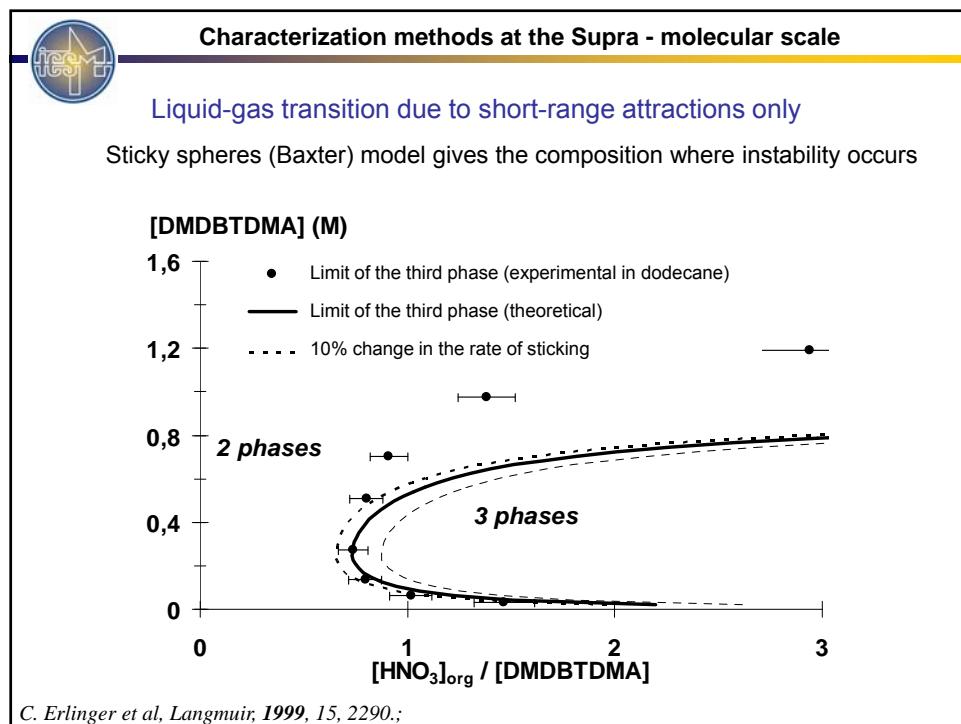
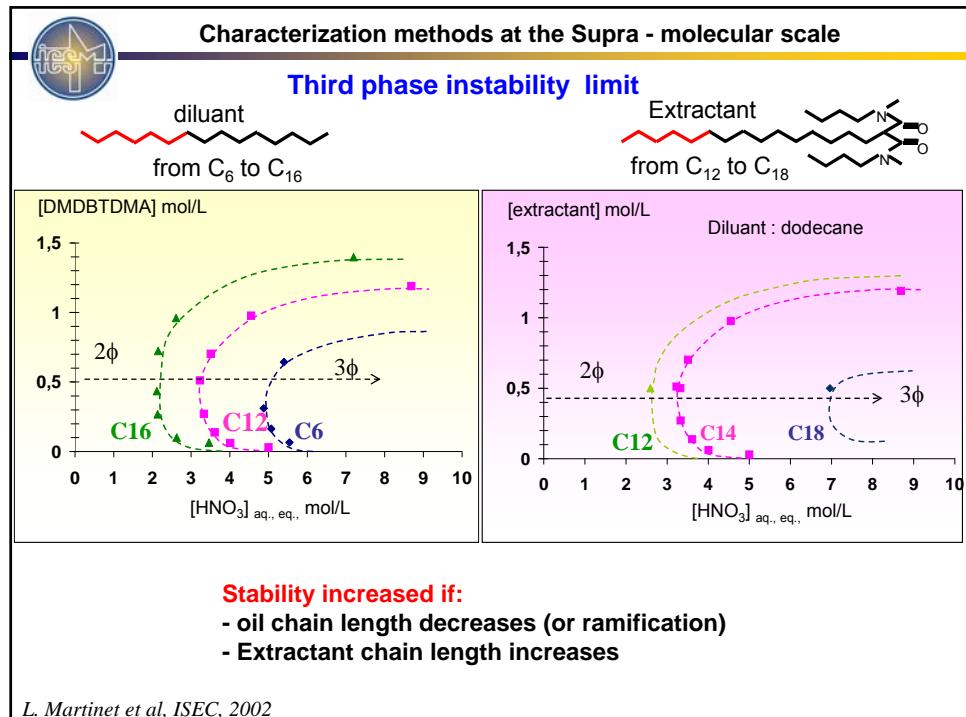
Drop of oil in water: organic phase in aqueous phase

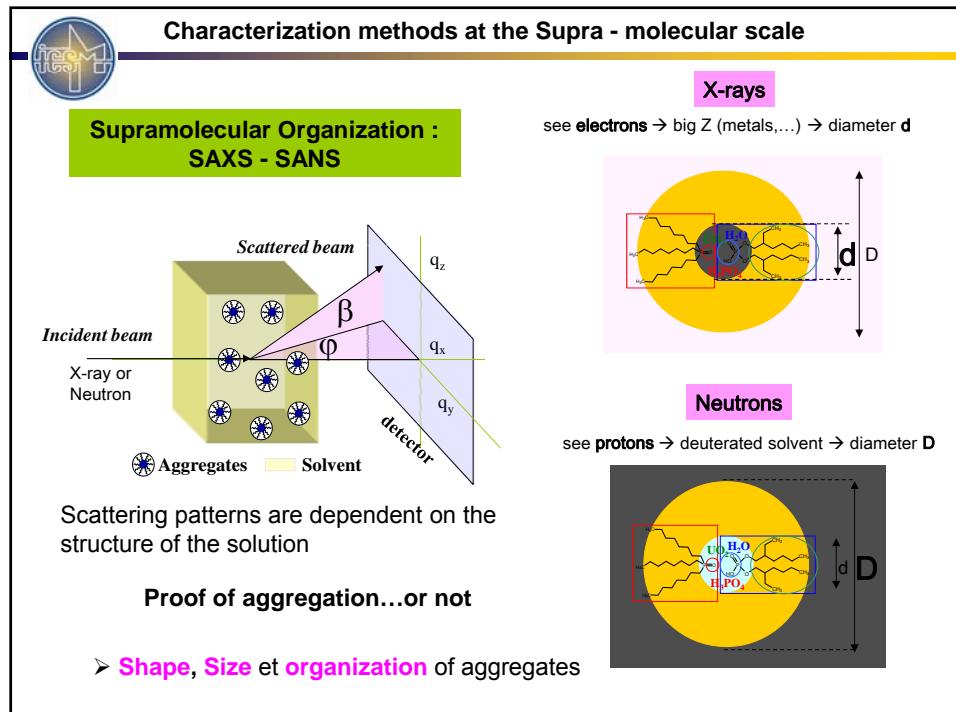
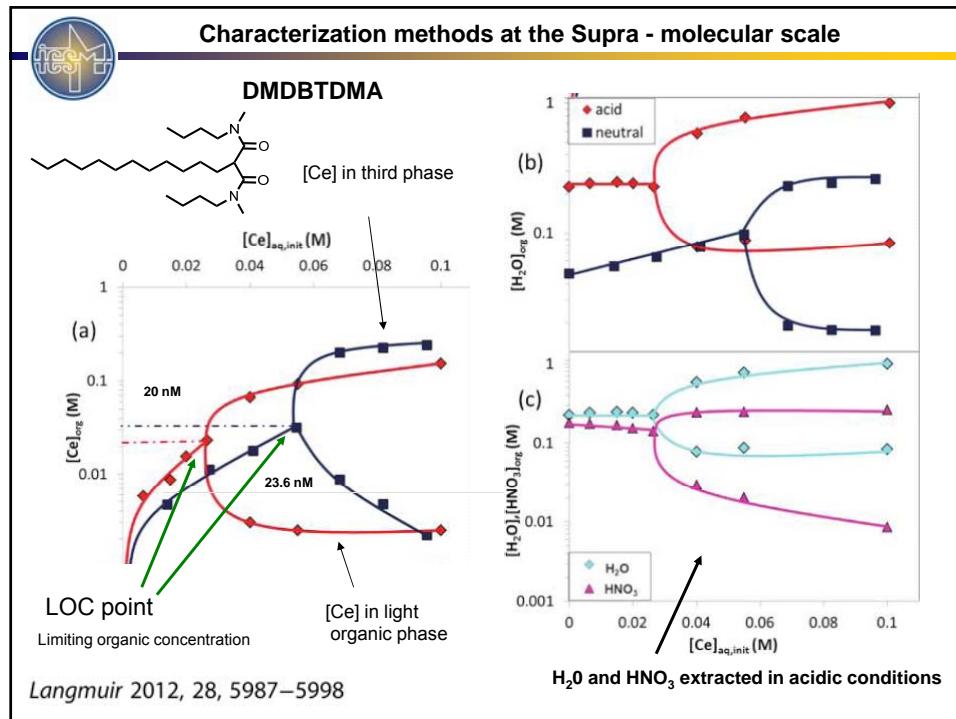
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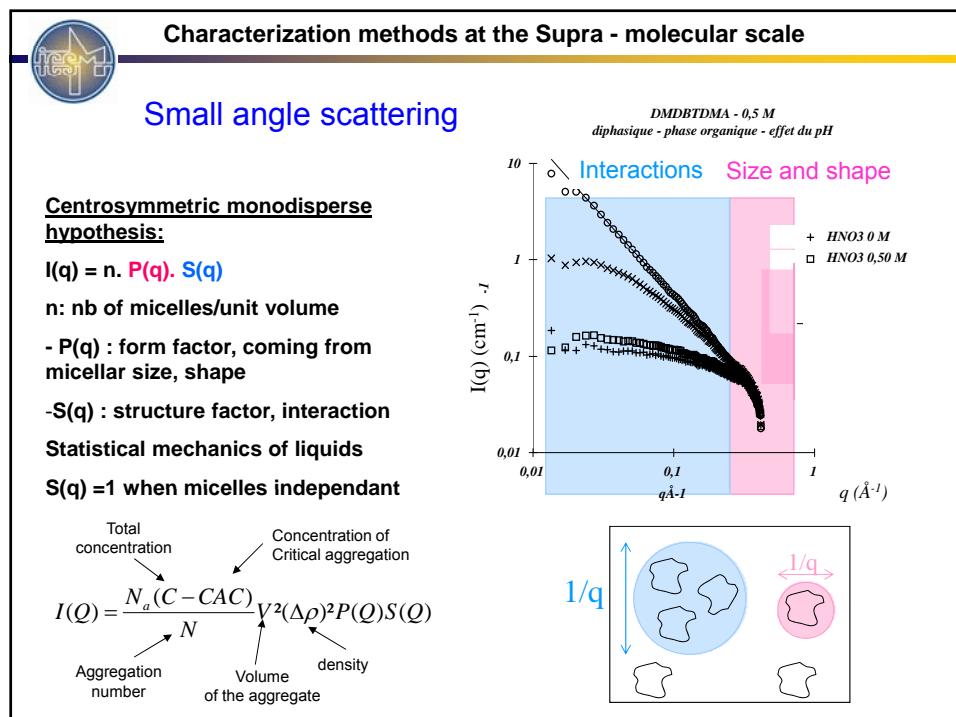
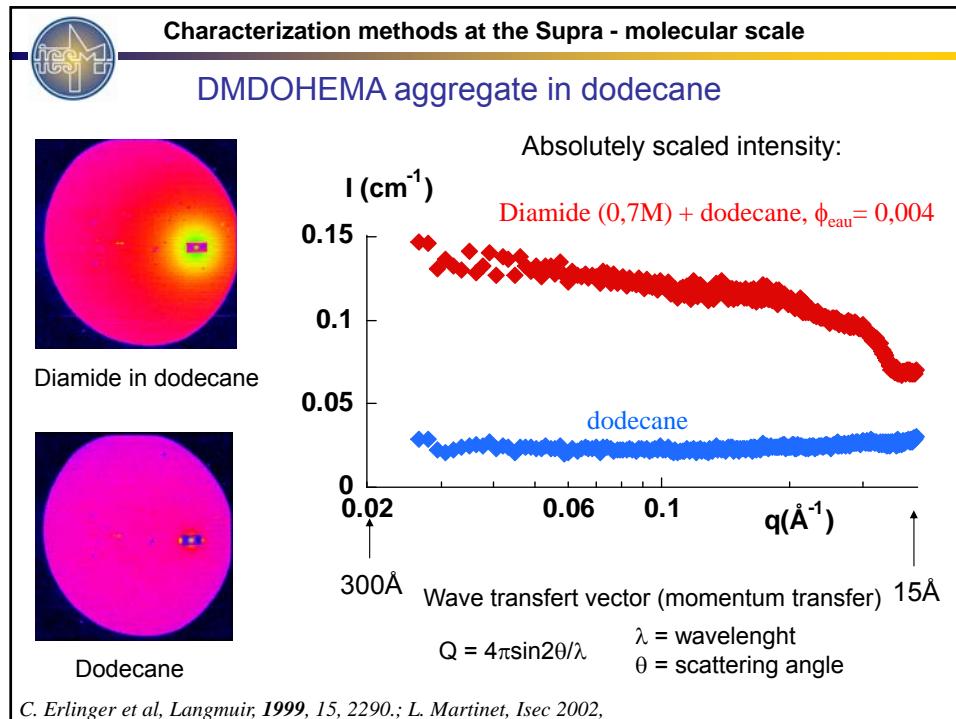
$$\Delta G_{\text{micellisation}}^0 = RT \ln CMC$$


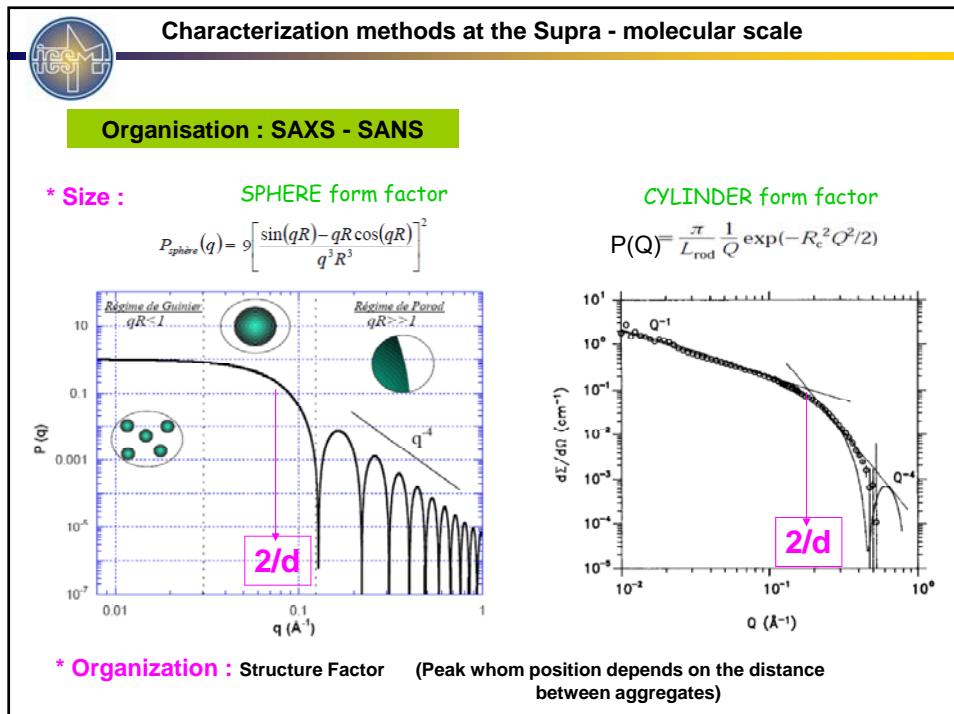
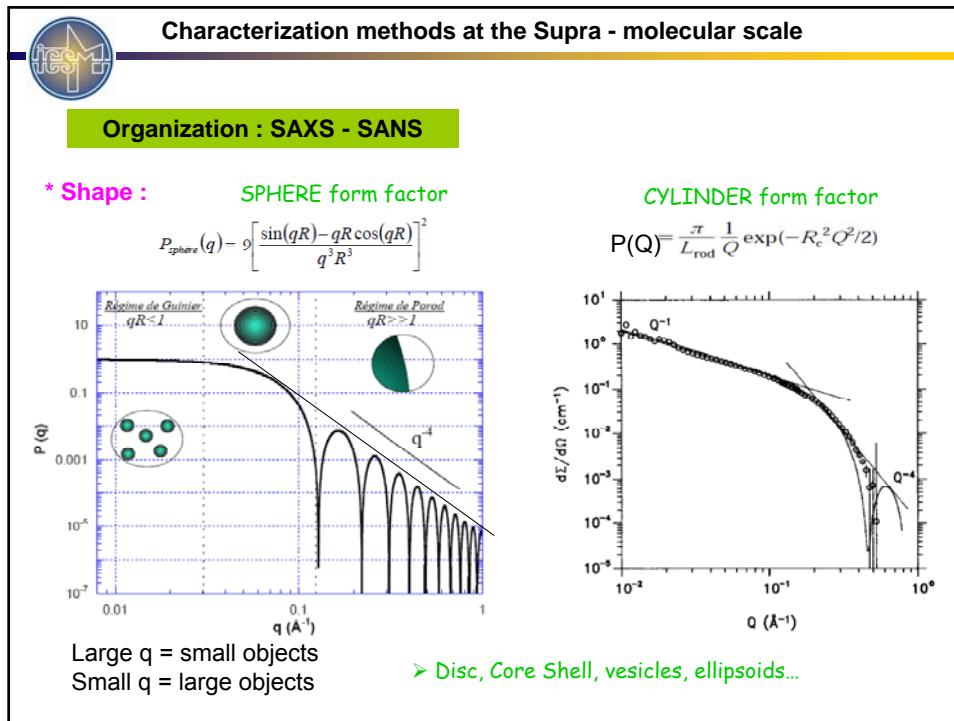


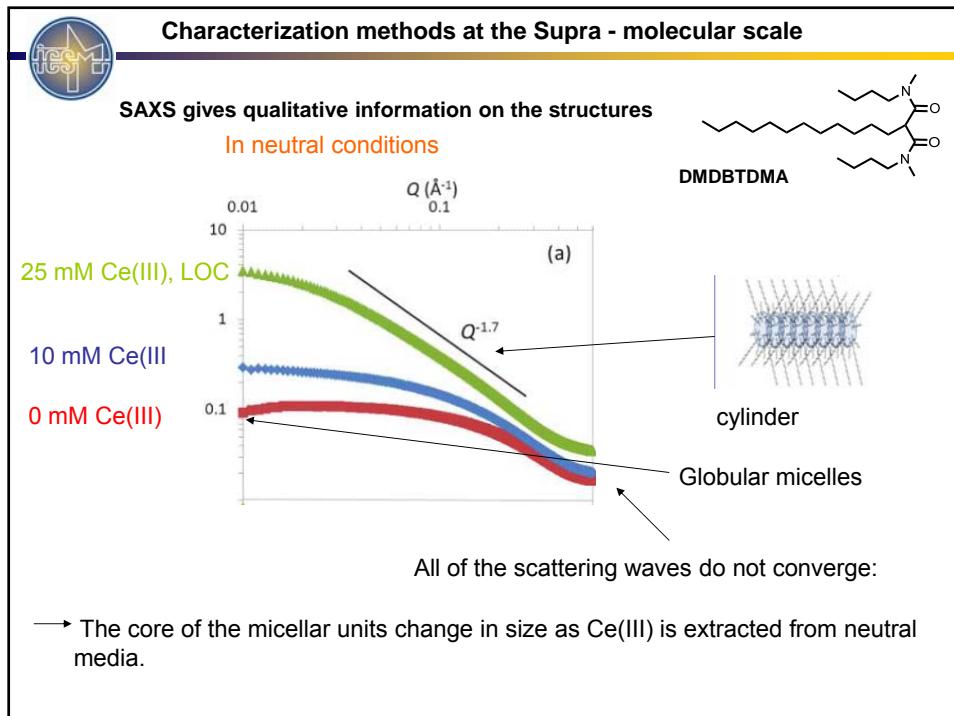
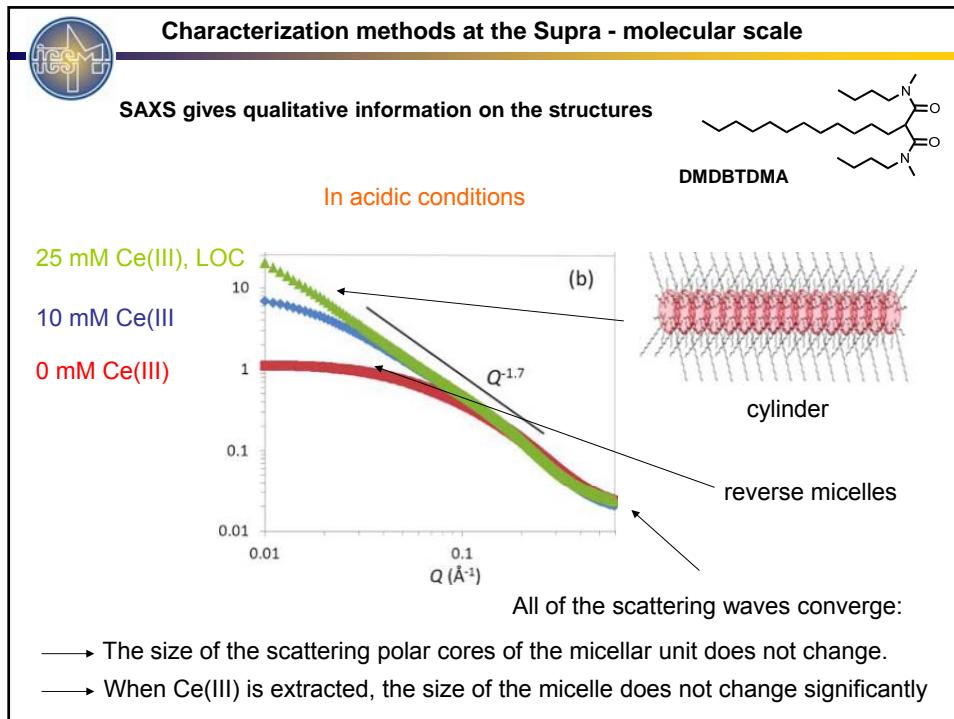


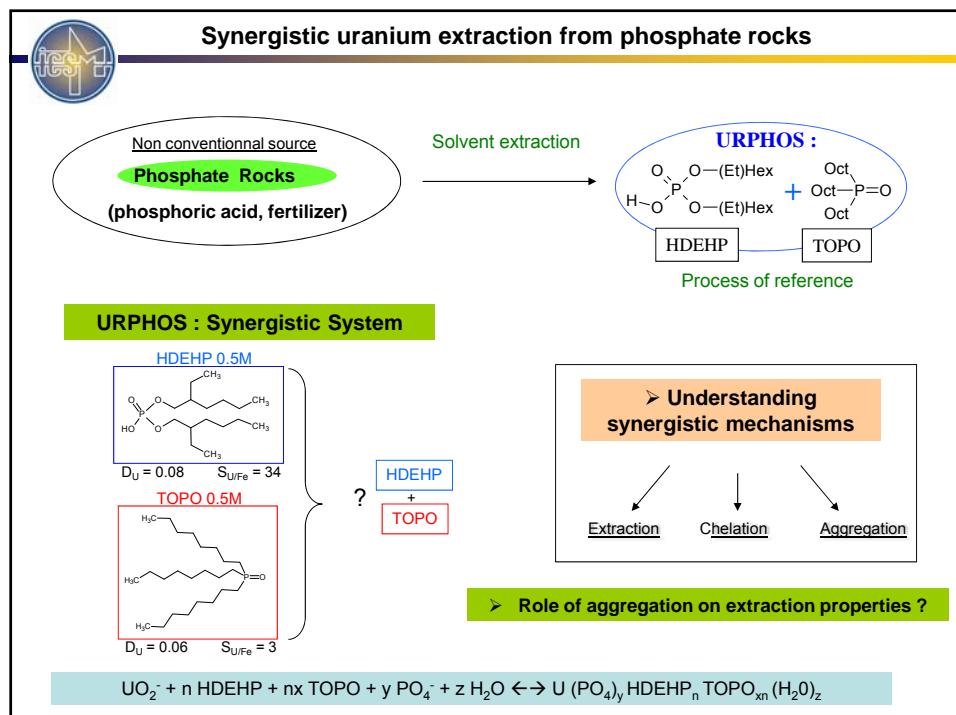
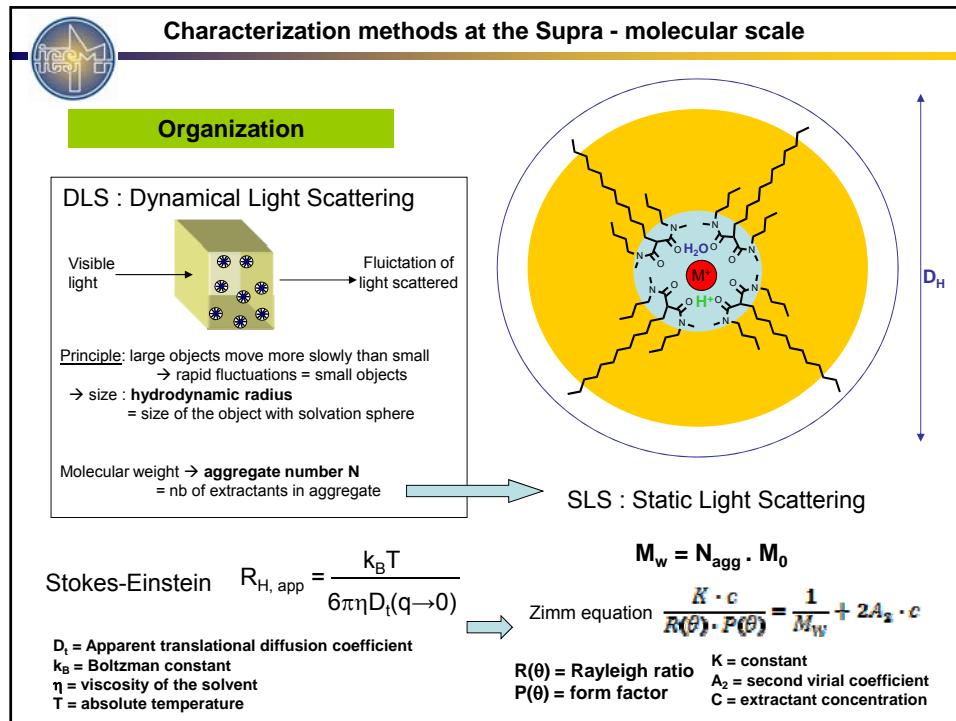


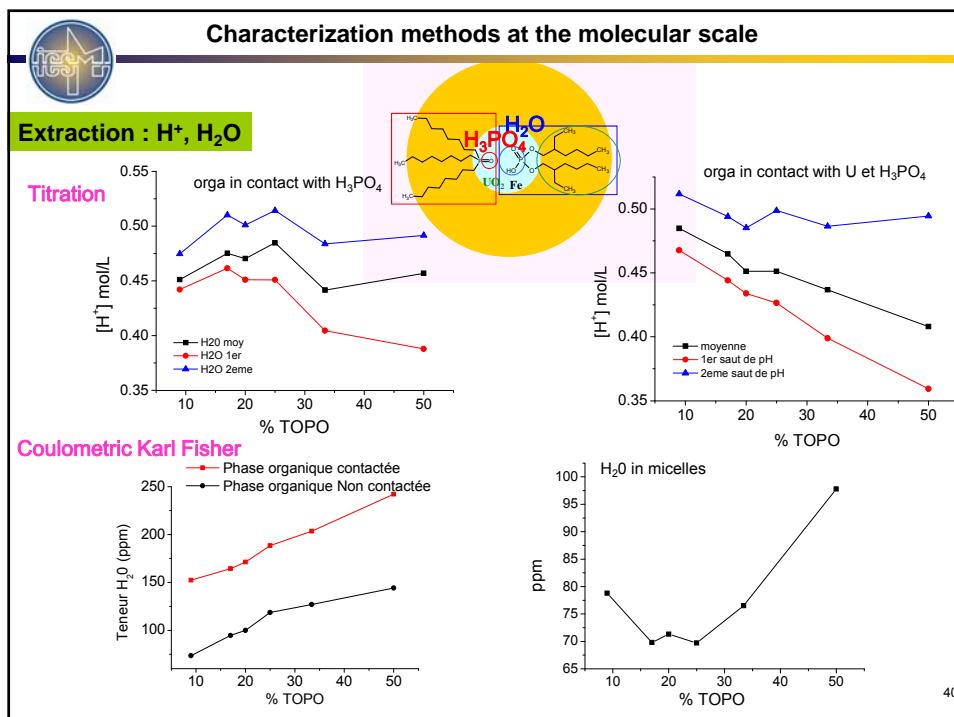
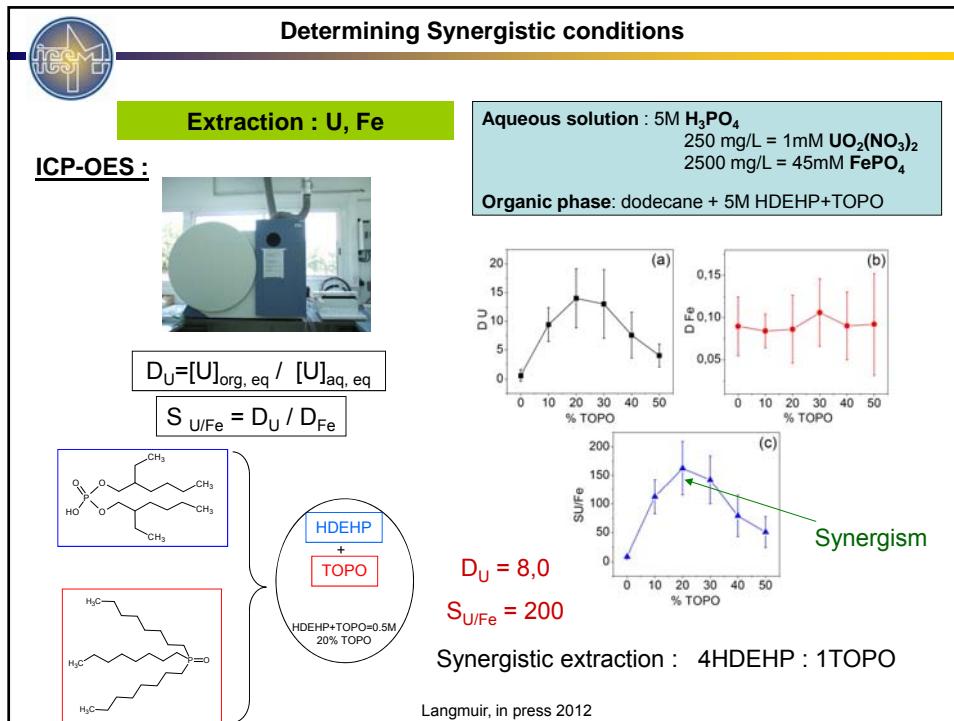












**Characterization methods at the molecular scale**

**Chelation**      **The Slope Method**

$$\text{UO}_2 + n \text{ HDEHP} + nx \text{ TOPO} + y \text{ PO}_4 + z \text{ H}_2\text{O} \leftrightarrow \text{U} (\text{PO}_4)_y \text{ HDEHP}_n \text{ TOPO}_{xn} (\text{H}_2\text{O})_z$$

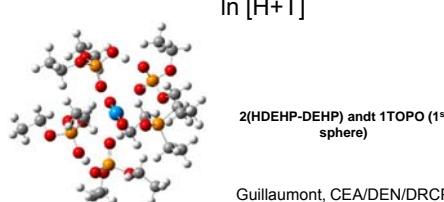
$$K = [\text{U} (\text{PO}_4)_y \text{ HDEHP}_n \text{ TOPO}_{xn} (\text{H}_2\text{O})_z]_{\text{eq. org}} / [\text{HDEHP}]^n [\text{TOPO}]^{nx} [\text{UO}_2]_{\text{eq.aq}} [\text{PO}_4]^y$$

$$D_U = [\text{UO}_2^+]_{\text{eq. org}} / [\text{UO}_2^+]_{\text{eq. aq}}$$

$$\ln D_U = \ln K + n \ln [\text{ligands}]$$

$n = 5$  for 20% of TOPO (1 : 4 ratio)

$n$  : number of ligand per U

Molecular modeling → 

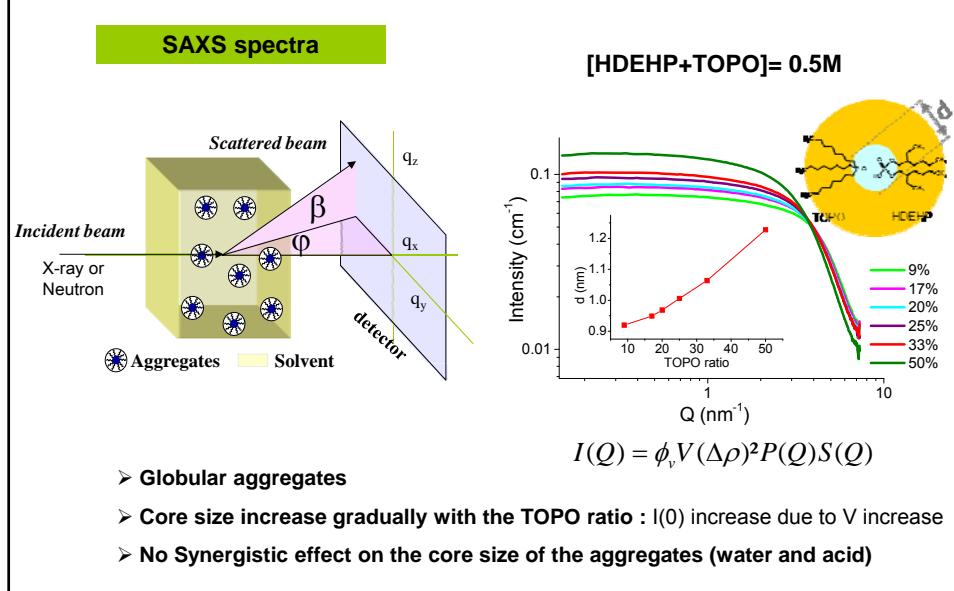
$\ln D_U$  vs  $\ln [\text{H}+\text{T}]$  plot: slope  $n = \text{Stoichiometry of the complex}$

Guillaumont, CEA/DEN/DRCP

**Aggregation in the organic phase**

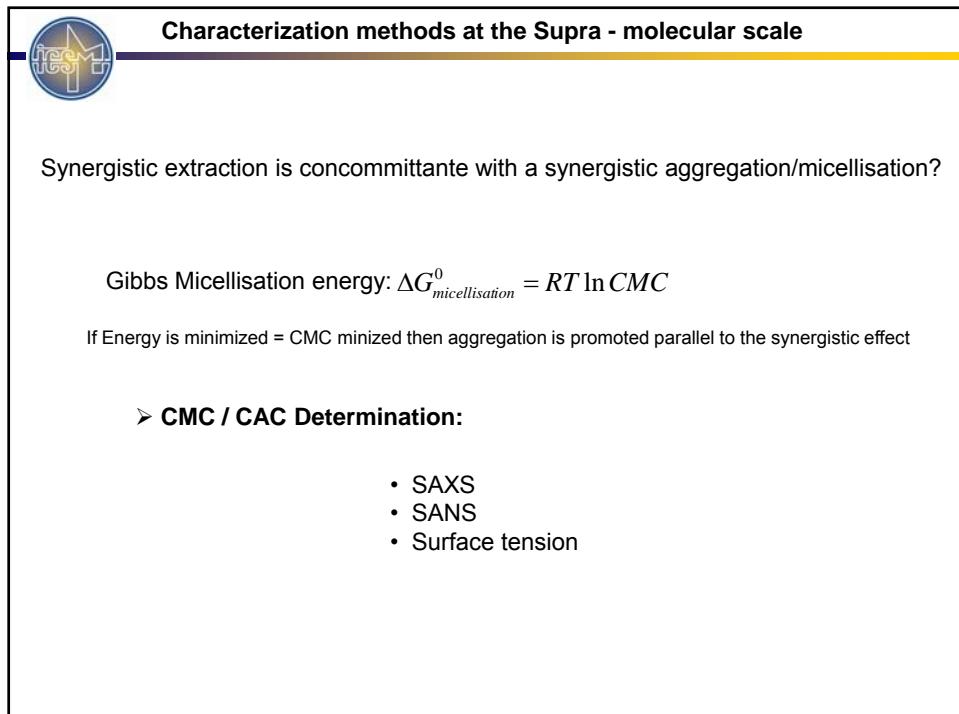
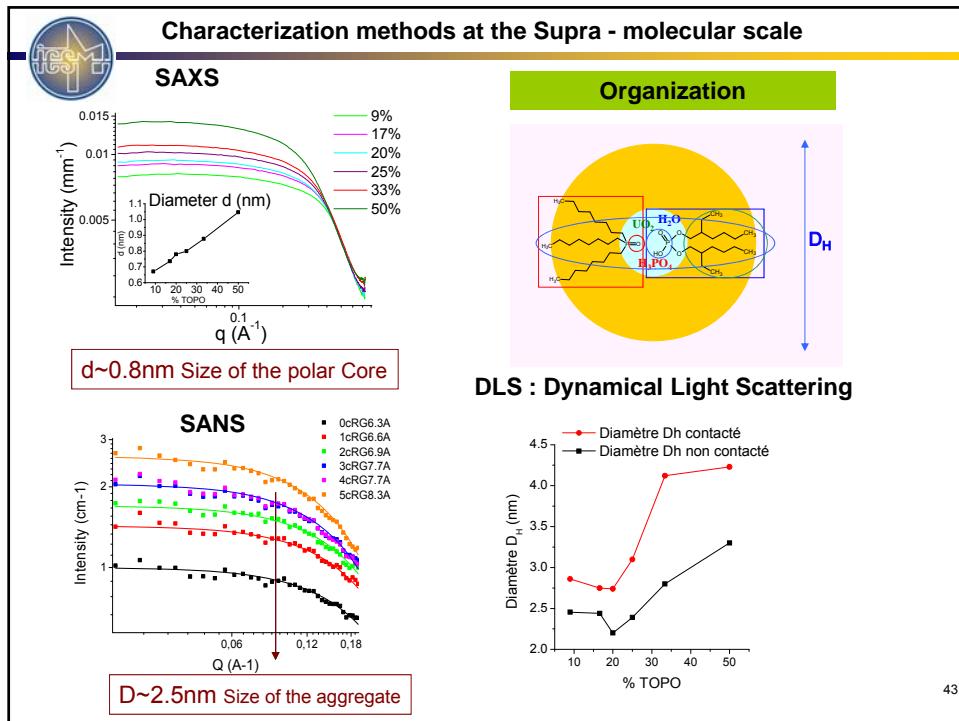
**SAXS spectra**

$[\text{HDEHP+TOPO}] = 0.5\text{M}$



$$I(Q) = \phi_v V (\Delta\rho)^2 P(Q) S(Q)$$

- Globular aggregates
- Core size increase gradually with the TOPO ratio :  $I(0)$  increase due to  $V$  increase
- No Synergistic effect on the core size of the aggregates (water and acid)



**Characterization methods at the Supra - molecular scale**

**CAC : Tensiometry**

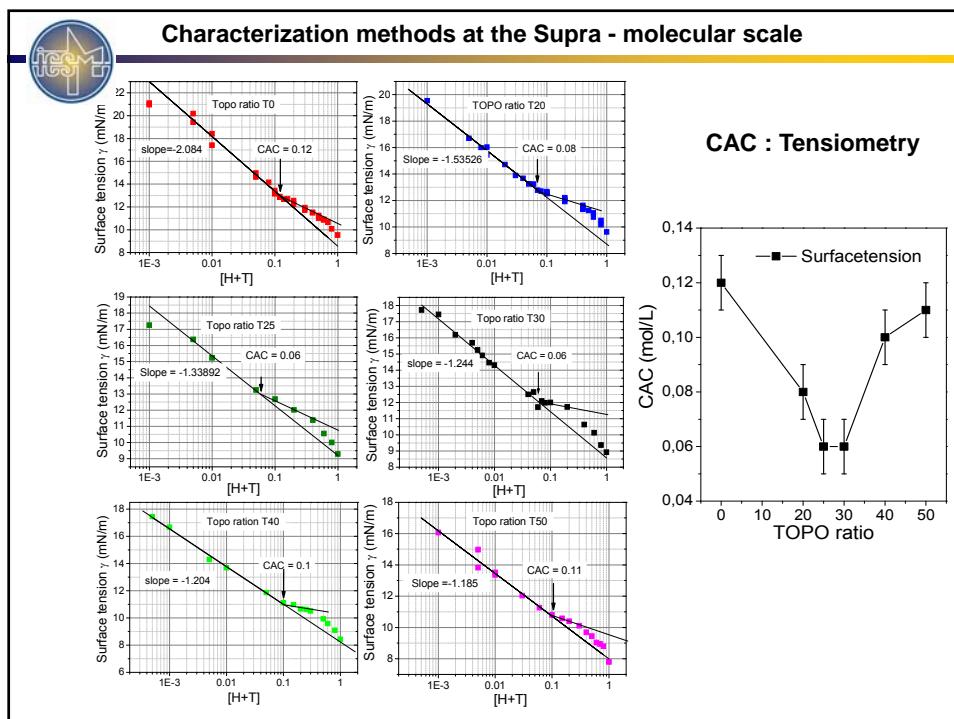
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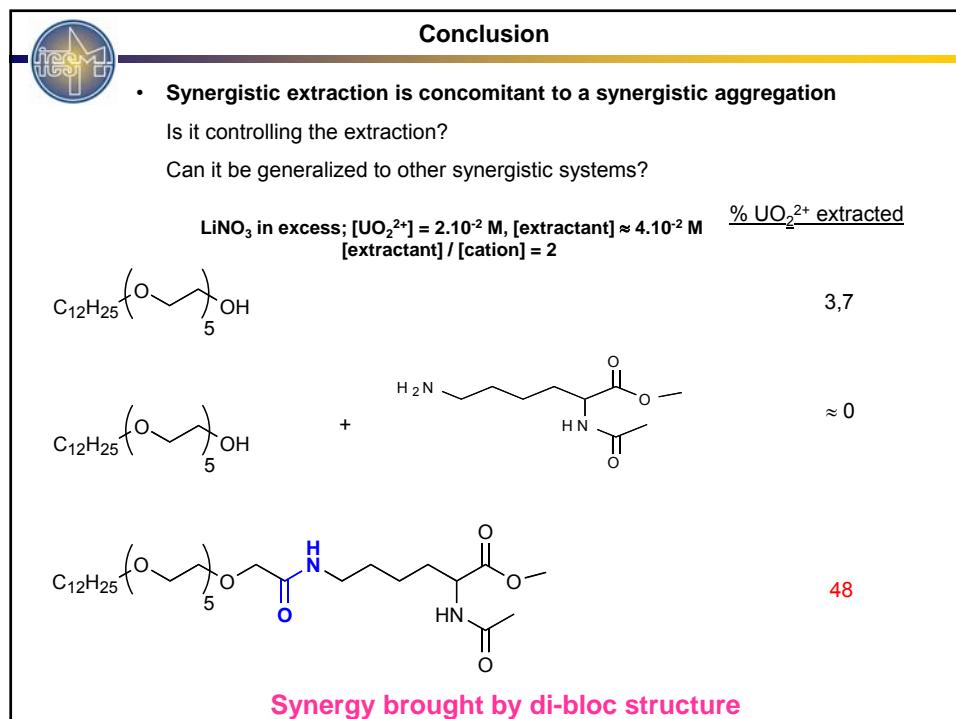
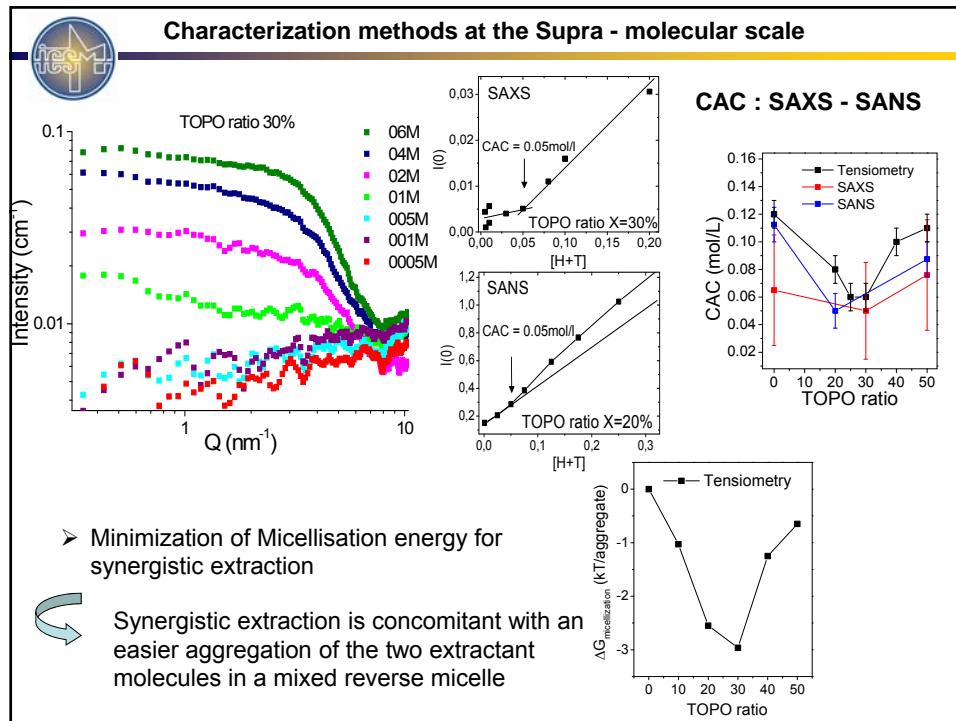
$$\gamma = (\rho_{\text{org}} - \rho_{\text{aq}}) V g / (2\pi r f)$$

f : drop shape  $\sim r/V$   
Harkins and Brown empirical correction factor

Drop of organic phase in aqueous phase

➤ CAC Comparison with different TOPO ratios  
➤ In contact with acidic aqueous solutions of U/Fe





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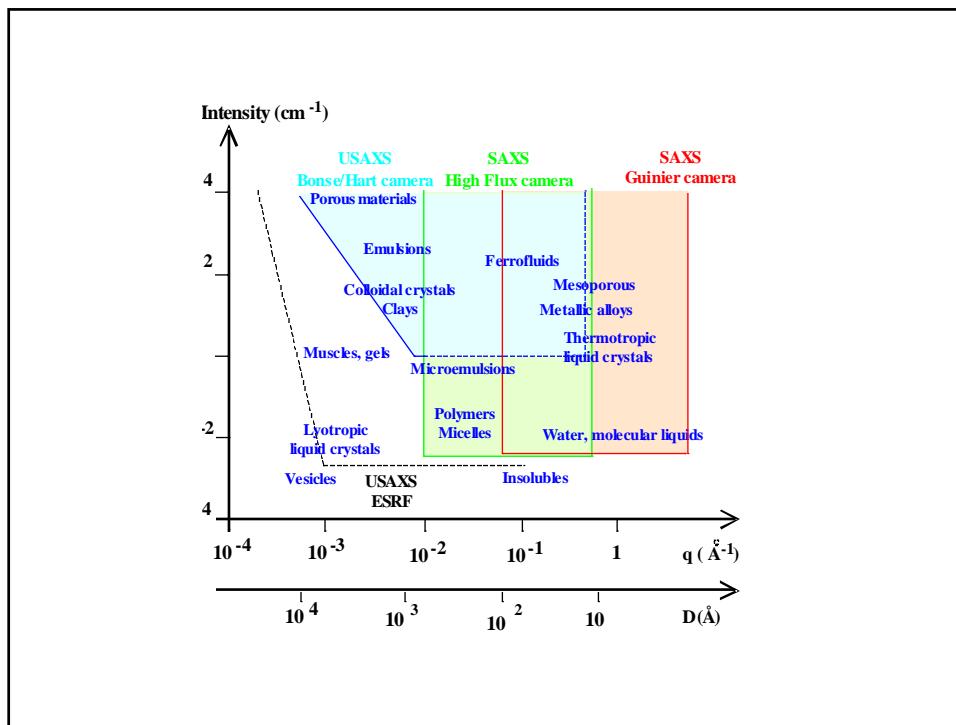
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# Sorption and diffusion of actinides in clays

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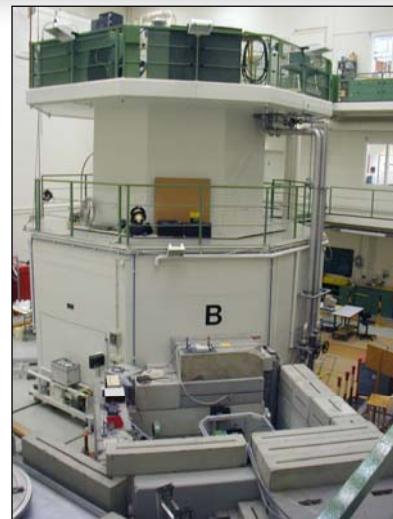


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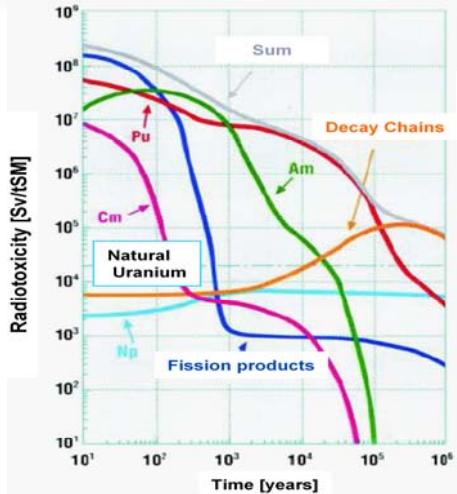
## Outline

- Motivation
- Introduction to X-ray Absorption Fine Structure (XAFS) spectroscopy
- Overview of EXAFS studies on U, Np, and Pu sorption on clay minerals
  - Kaolinite
  - Montmorillonite
- Np and Pu interaction with Opalinus Clay (OPA)
  - Sorption and diffusion experiments
  - Spectroscopic investigations
    - XAFS
    - $\mu$ -XAFS,  $\mu$ -XRF,  $\mu$ -XRD
- Summary

## Motivation

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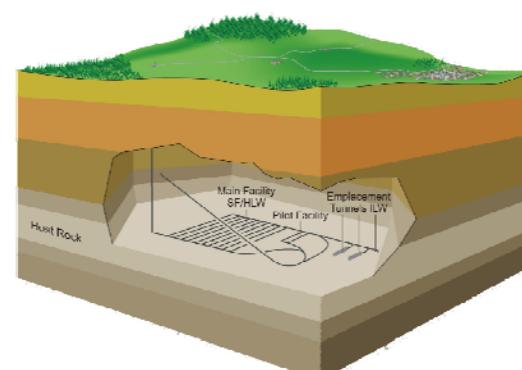
- The radiotoxicity of spent nuclear fuel after a storage time >1,000 years will be determined by Np, Pu, Am and Cm



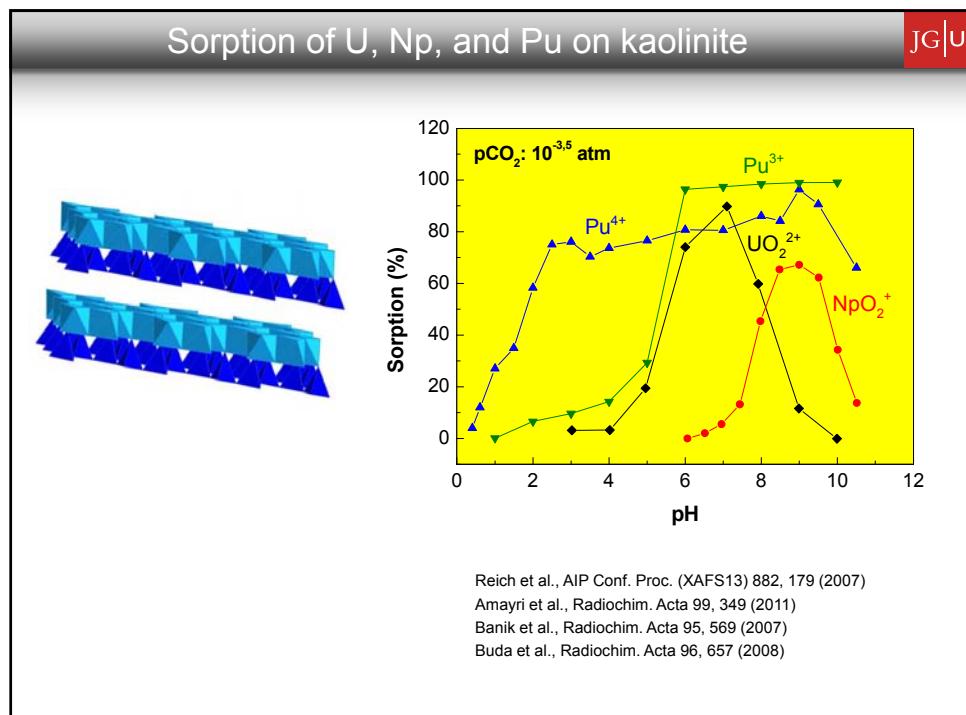
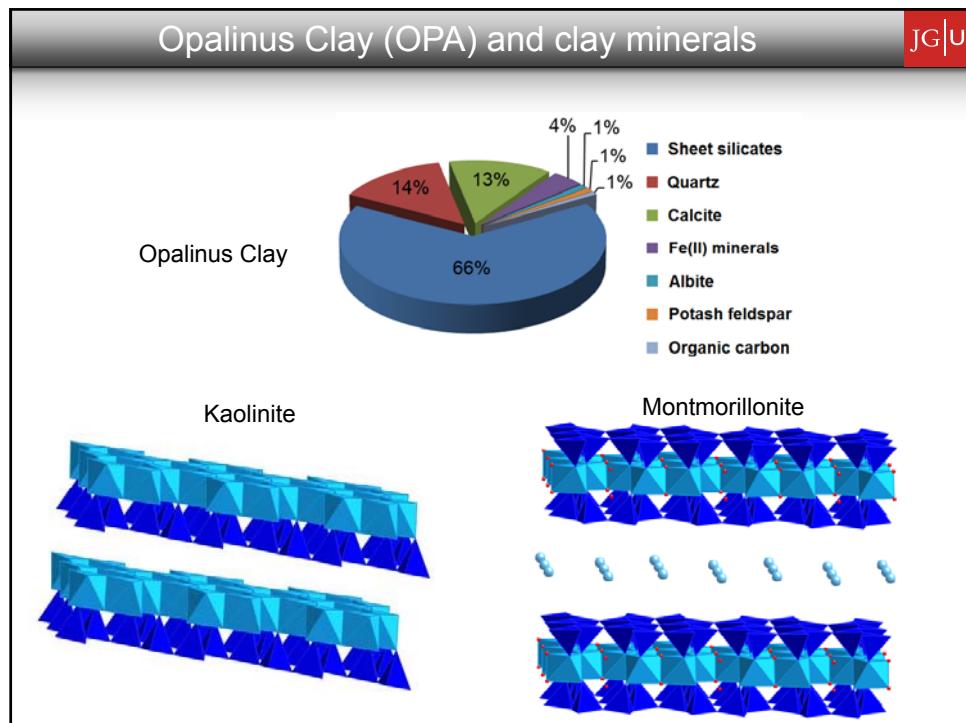
Radiotoxicity of 1 ton burned nuclear fuel (4 %  $^{235}\text{U}$ , 40 GWd/t burn up)

K. Gompper et al. (2001), Radioaktivität und Kernenergie, FZK

- Clay formations are discussed as potential host rock formations
- Migration behaviour of long-lived radionuclides in the host rock has to be studied in detail
- Retardation and transport of the actinides in clay rock are dominated by sorption and diffusion
- X-ray absorption spectroscopy is a powerful tool to provide information about the interaction mechanisms on a molecular level

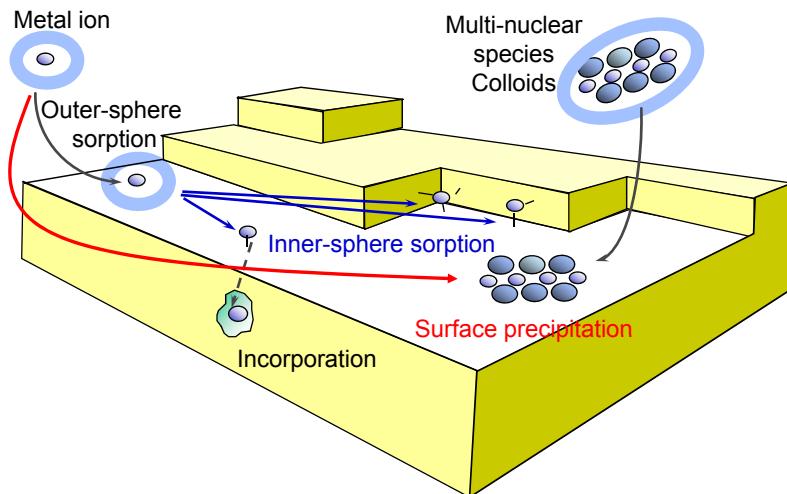


Nagra, NTB 02-03, 2002



## Interactions of metal ions with mineral surfaces

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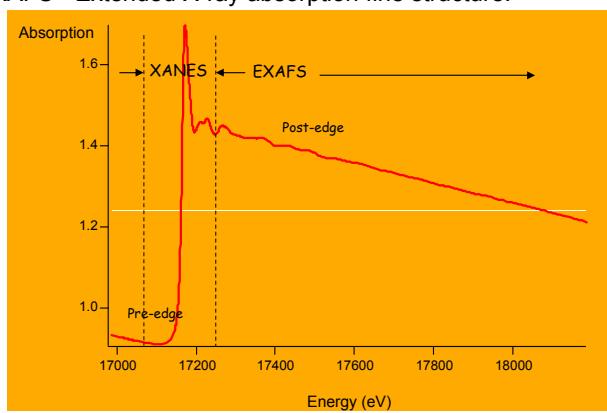


Manceau et al., Rev. Mineral. Geochem. 49, 344 (2002)

## Introduction to XAFS spectroscopy

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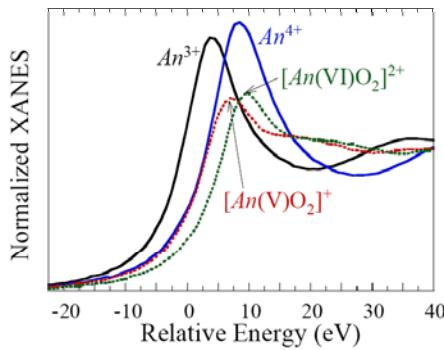
- XAS is often artificially divided into two experiments:
  - XANES - X-ray absorption near-edge structure
  - EXAFS - Extended X-ray absorption fine structure.



## Main features of XANES

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- XANES provides information about the valence of the central ion by comparison to standards of known oxidation state.



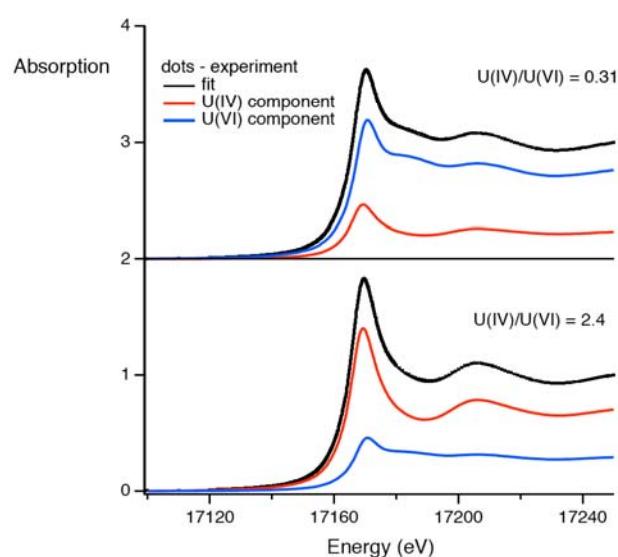
Sample	2nd der. crossing (eV)
$Pu^{3+}$	18060.1
$Pu^{4+}$	18063.2
$Pu(V)O_2^+$	18062.6
$Pu(VI)O_2^{2+}$	18064.8

Conradson et al., Polyhedron Vol. 17, No. 4, 599 (1998)

Representative XANES spectra as function of oxidation state and coordination environment (Antonio and Soderholm, 2006).

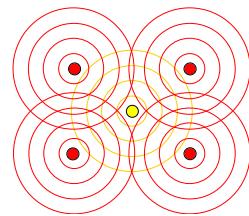
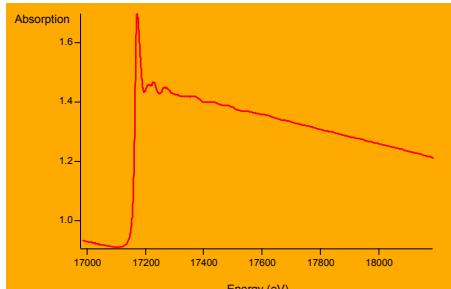
## U L<sub>III</sub>-edge XANES of mixtures of U(IV) and U(VI)

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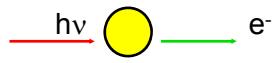


## Absorption spectrum of a uranium complex

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Oscillations in the absorption spectrum  
above the absorption edge

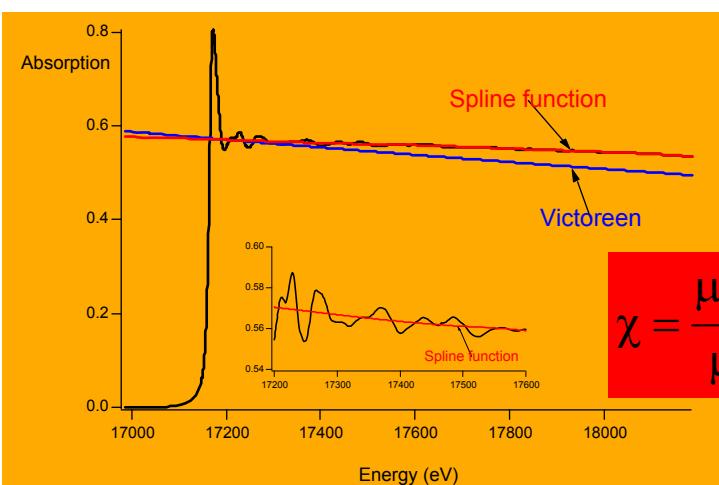


Scattering of photoelectrons at neighboring atoms

Interference between outgoing and  
backscattered electron waves

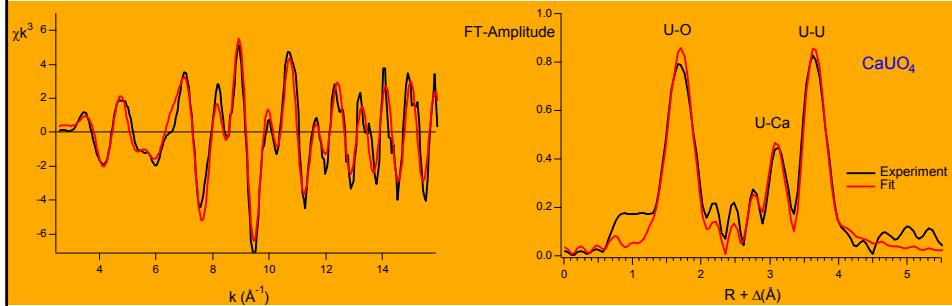
## EXAFS data analysis

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## EXAFS spectrum and Fourier transform magnitude

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## Aim of EXAFS measurement

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Determination of structural parameters for the neighboring atoms

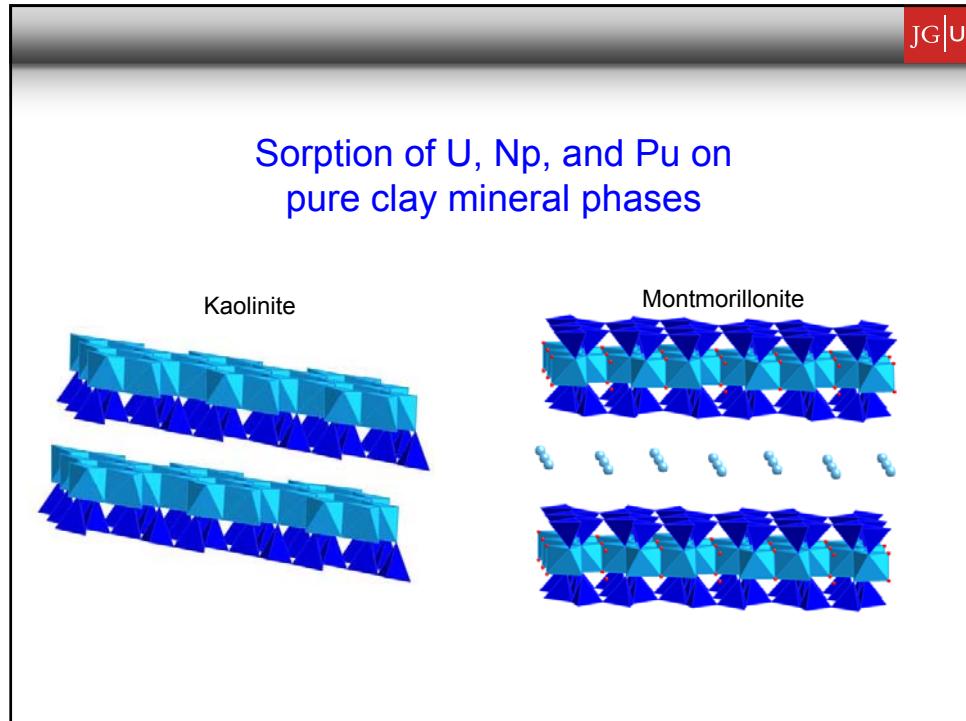
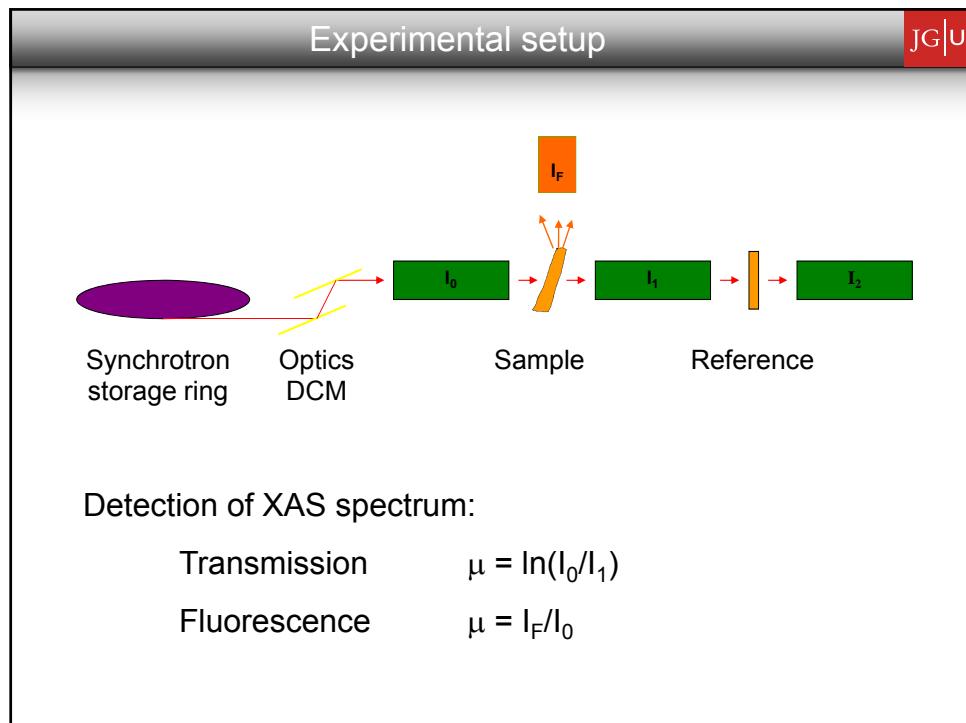
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|----------------------------|---|
| • Coordination number      | N ( $\pm 20\%$ )                          |
| • Interatomic distance     | R ( $\pm 0,02$ Å)                         |
| • Debye-Waller factor      | $\sigma^2$ ( $\pm 0,005$ Å <sup>2</sup> ) |
| • Type of neighboring atom | Z ( $\pm 4$ )                             |

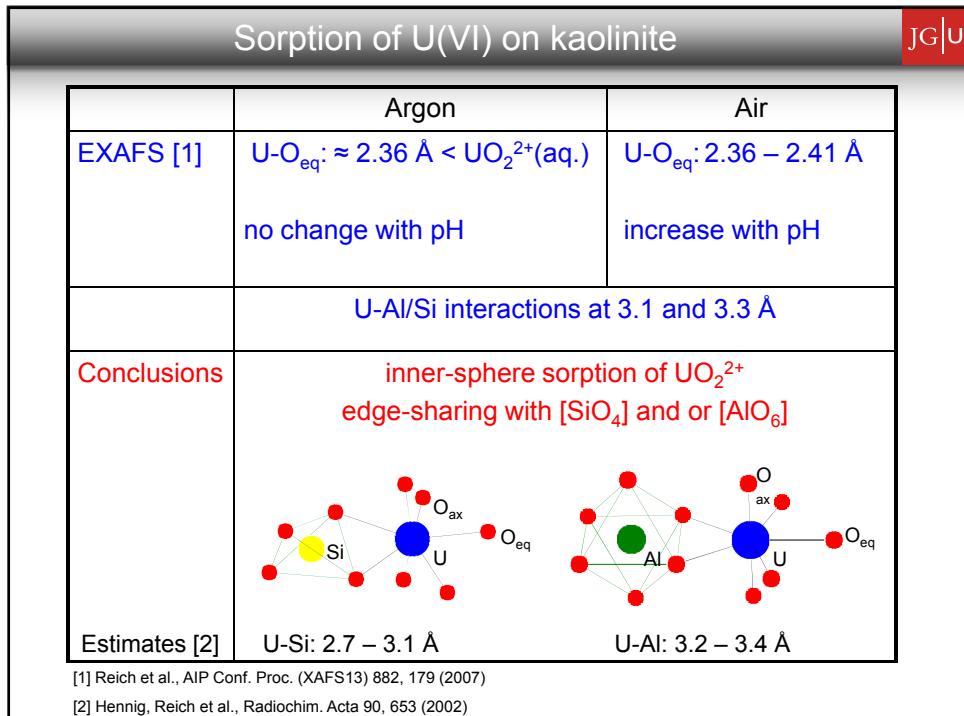
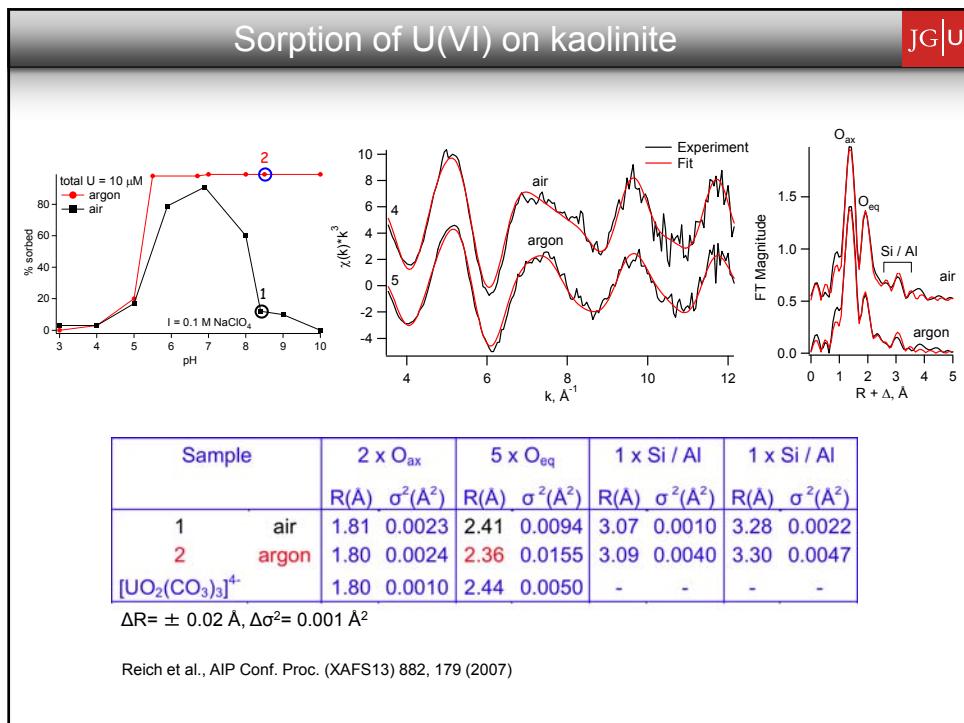
Condition for the interpretation:

Species is present in the sample to > 80%

Concentration limits:

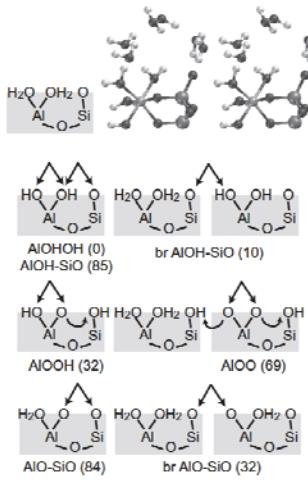
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| • XANES spectroscopy | 10 <sup>-5</sup> mol/L                |
| • EXAFS spectroscopy | 5x10 <sup>-4</sup> mol/L / 50-100 ppm |





## Quantum chemical modeling of U(VI) on kaolinite

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Sketches of various sites of bidentate U(VI) sorption on solvated (010) edge surface sites [2]

### A few conclusions from [1]:

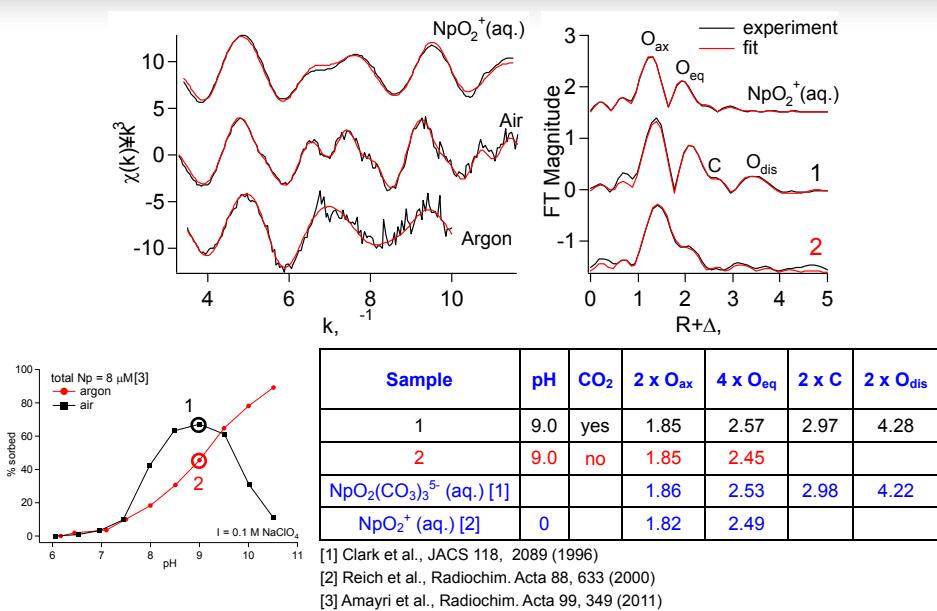
- Sorption on the (010) surface is energetically favorable compared to sorption on equivalent sites at the Al(o) (001) surface.
- Bidentate sorption at alumina related sites is favored over adsorption complexes that involve silica tetrahedra (AlOH-SiO).
- U(VI) hydroxide was obtained as adsorbed species.
- Several sorption complexes may be consistent with EXAFS data.

[1] Kremleva et al., Radiochim. Acta 99, 635 (2010)

[2] Kremleva et al., GCA 75, 706 (2011)

## Sorption of Np(V) on kaolinite

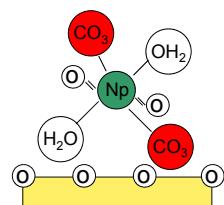
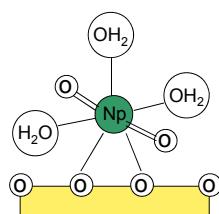
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## Sorption of Np(V) on kaolinite

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	Argon	Air
EXAFS [1]	Np-O <sub>eq</sub> distance similar to or shorter than in $\text{NpO}_2^+$ (aq.), Np-Al/Si at 3.2 and 3.8 Å	bidentate coordination of two $\text{CO}_3^{2-}$ ligands
Conclusions	inner-sphere sorption of $\text{NpO}_2^+$	inner-/outer-sphere sorption of $\text{NpO}_2(\text{CO}_3)_2^{3-}$

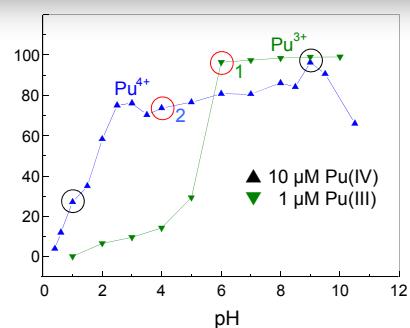
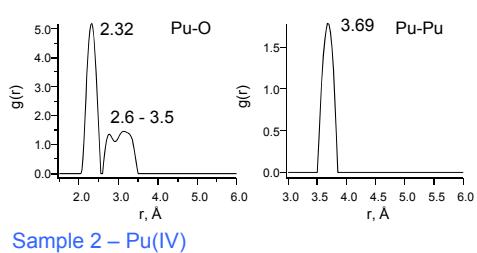


Reich et al., AIP Conf. Proc. (XAES13) 882, 179 (2007)

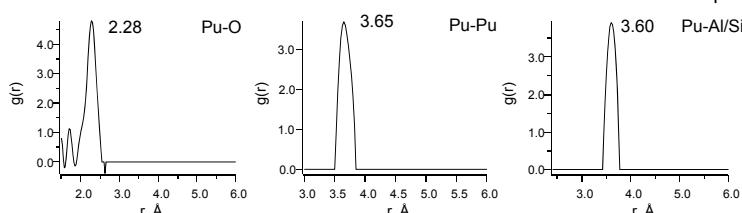
## Sorption of Pu(III) and Pu(IV) on kaolinite

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Partial pair distribution functions  
Sample 1 – Pu(III)

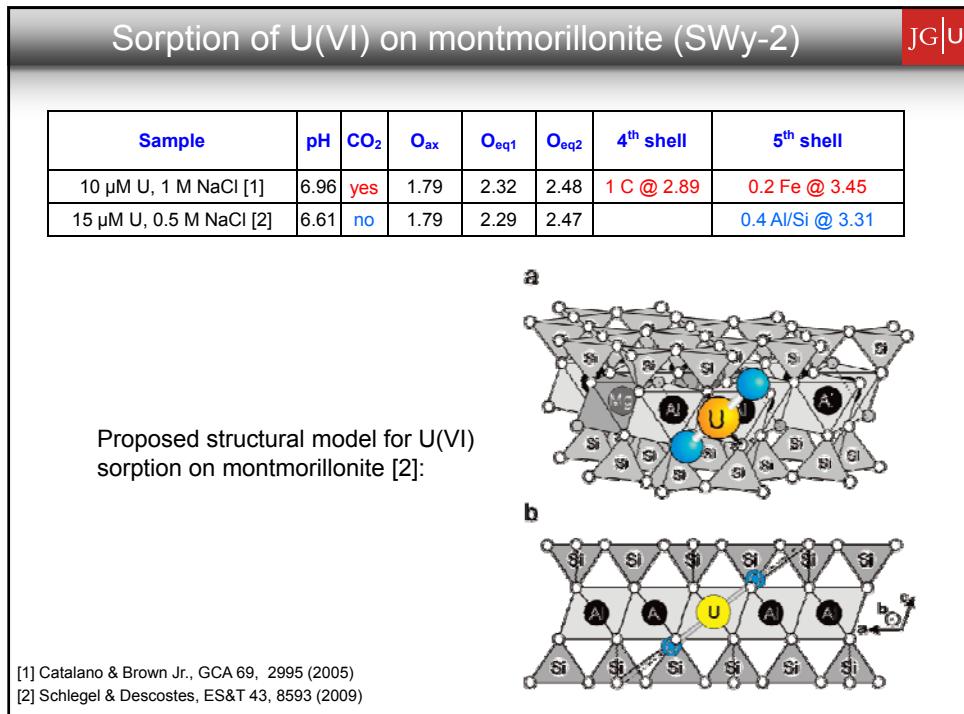
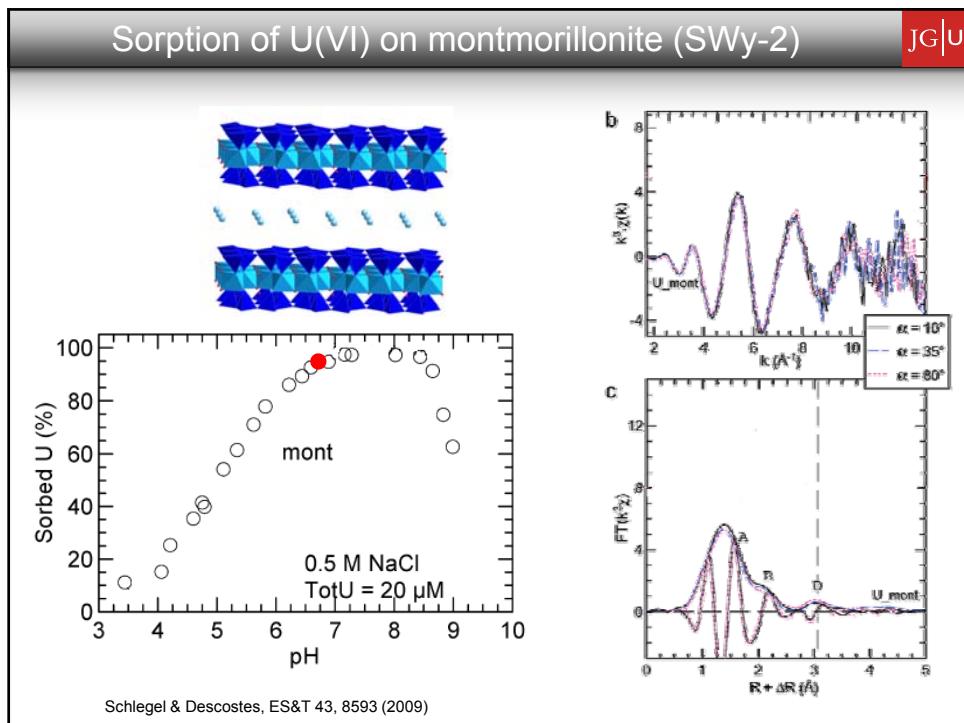


Sample 2 – Pu(IV)



- Oxidation of Pu(III) to Pu(IV)
- Pu(IV): inner-sphere sorption of polynuclear Pu(IV) species

Ta. Reich, Dissertation, Johannes Gutenberg University Mainz (2008)



## Sorption of Np(V) on montmorillonite / without CO<sub>2</sub>

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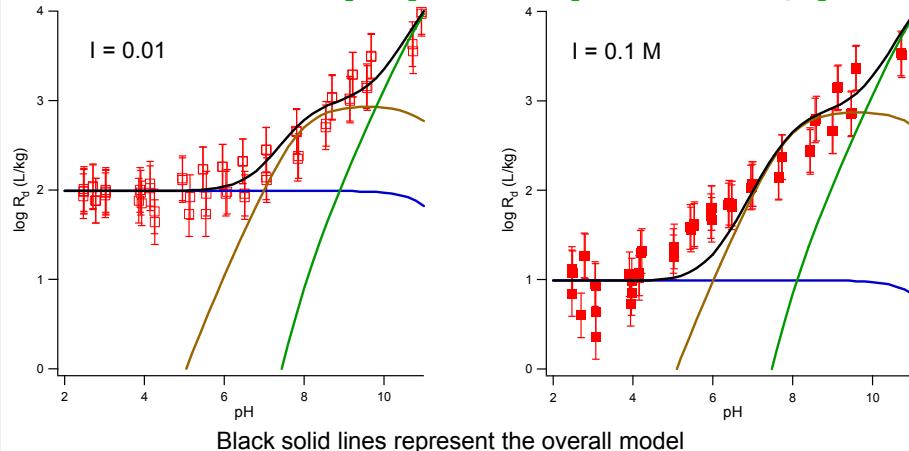
$$K_c = 1.1$$



$$\log K_1 = -2.2$$



$$\log K_2 = -12.0$$



Bradbury & Baeyens, J. Contam. Hydrol. 27, 223 (1997)

## Sorption of Np(V) on montmorillonite / p<sub>CO<sub>2</sub></sub> = 10<sup>-3.5</sup> atm

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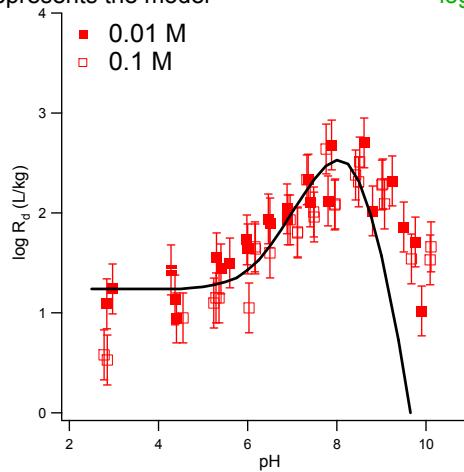


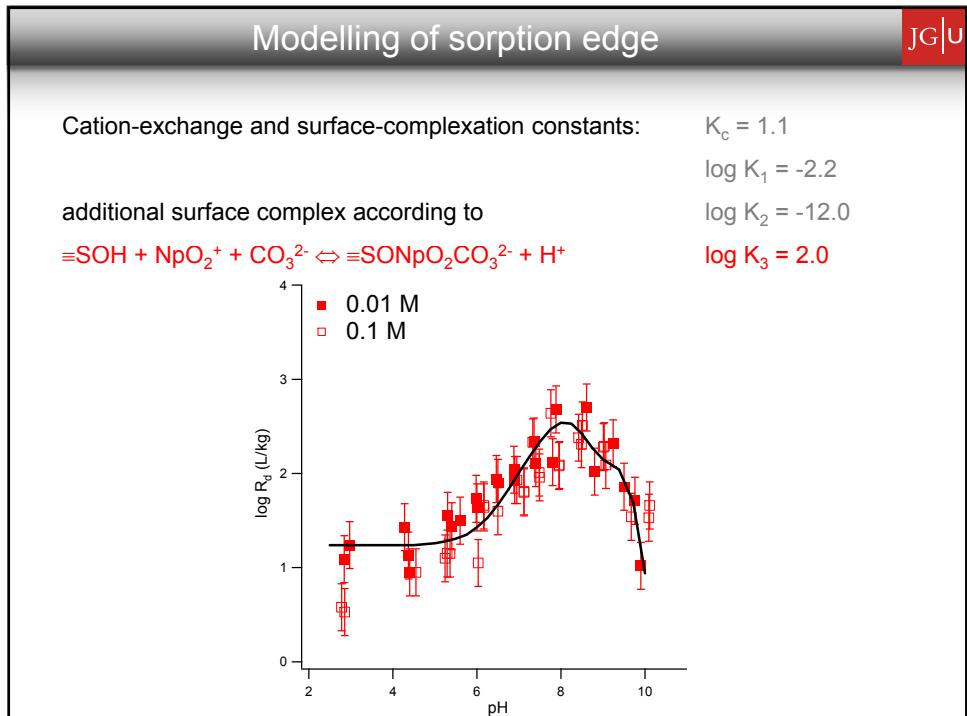
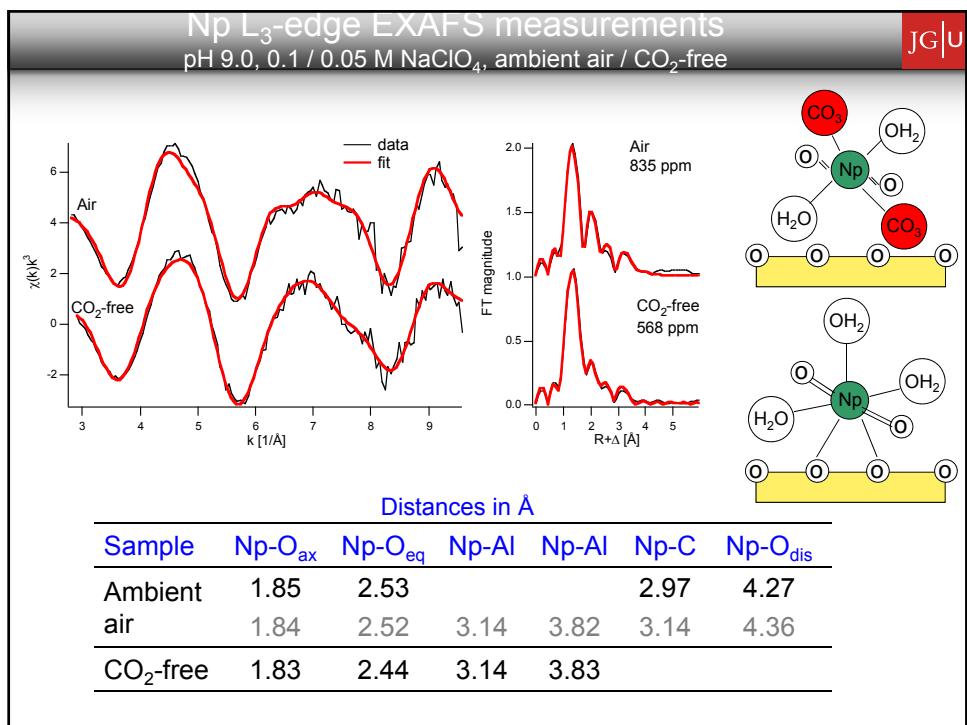
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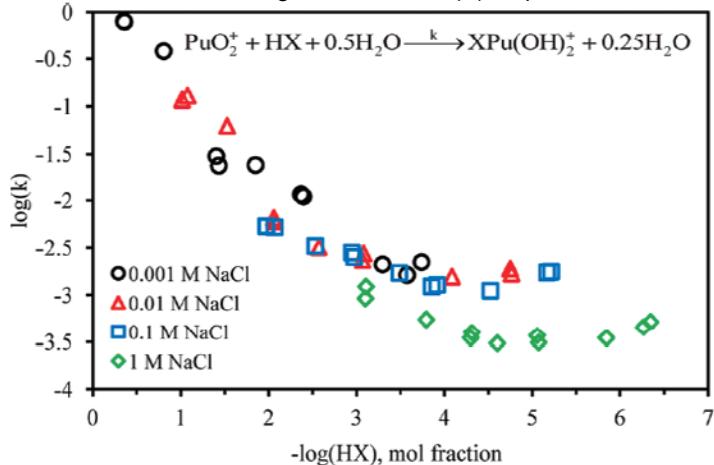
Black solid line represents the model





## Sorption of Np(V) and Pu(V) on montmorillonite (SWy-1) JG|U

Dependence of apparent sorption rate constant on mol fraction of exchangeable H<sup>+</sup> for Pu(V) sorption



Differences in Np(V) and Pu(V) sorption behavior are indicative of surface-mediated transformation of Pu(V) to Pu(IV).

Zavarin et al., ES&T 46, 2692 (2012)

## Characterization of OPA JG|U

OPA from Mont Terri (Switzerland) was used as a reference for natural clays.

- ✓ Low hydraulic conductivity
- ✓ Strong retention of RN
- ✓ Selfsealing

### OPA

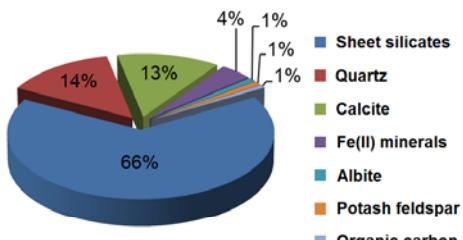
- CEC:  $9 \pm 2$  meq/100 g
- Spec. surf. area:  $38.0 \text{ m}^2/\text{g}$
- TOC:  $\leq 1\%$

### OPA pore water [2]

- pH 7.6
- I = 0.39 M

[2] Pearson (1998), PSI Technical Report TM-44-98-07.

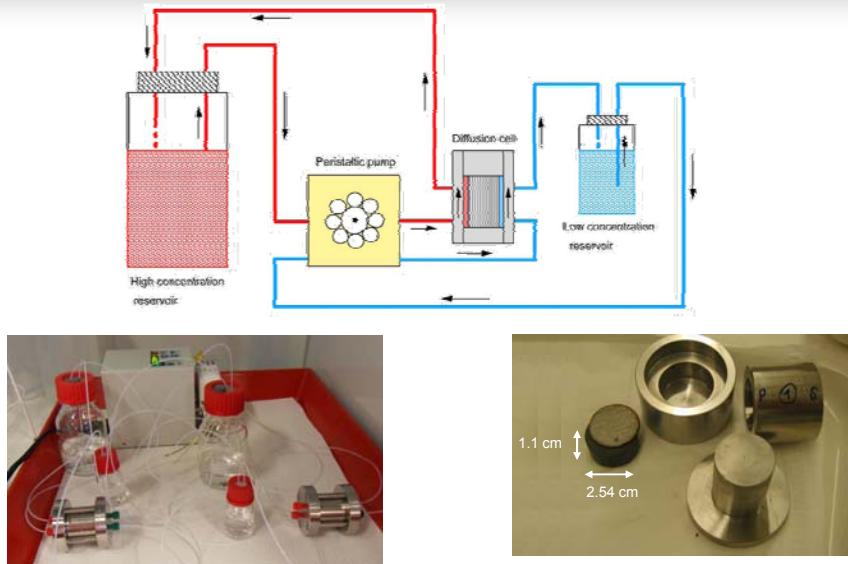
### Average mineralogy of OPA [1]



[1] Nagra, NTB 02-03, 2002

## Diffusion experiments with Np(V)

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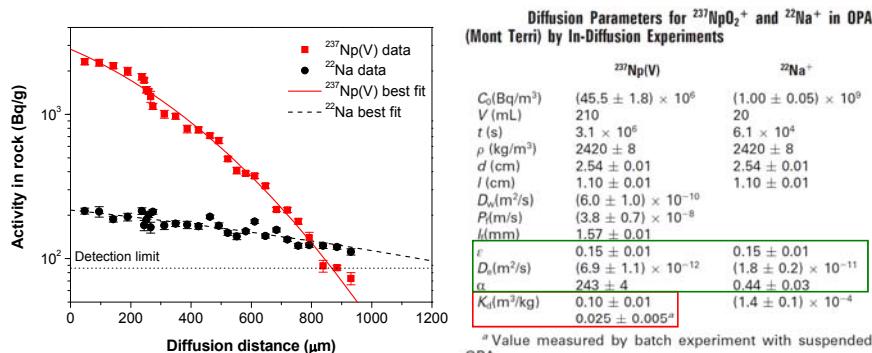


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## Diffusion experiments with $^{237}\text{Np(V)}$ and $^{22}\text{Na}$

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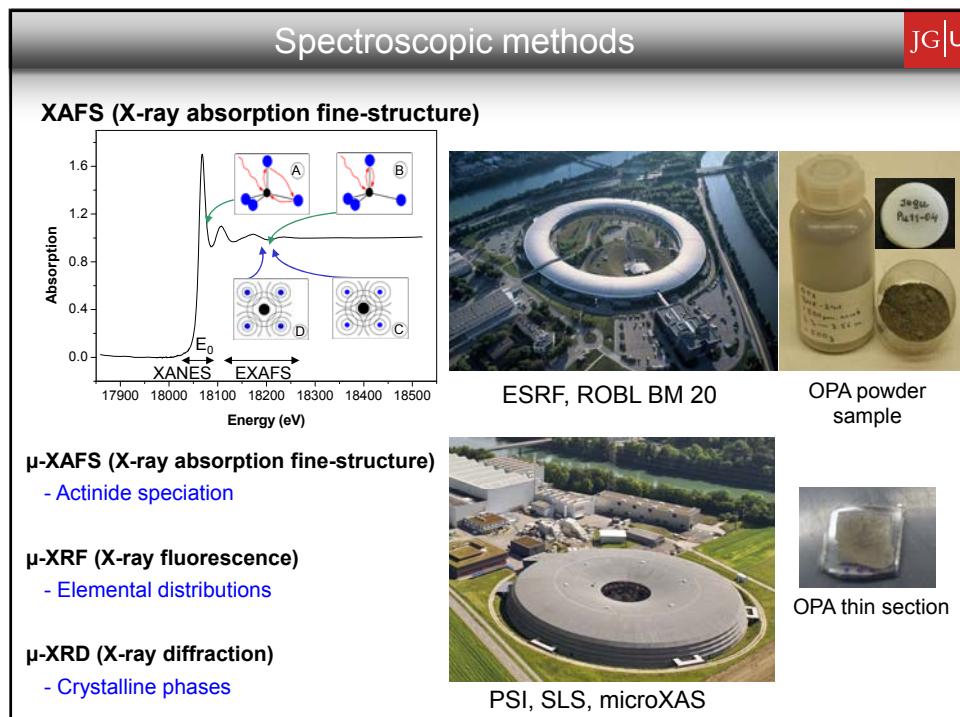
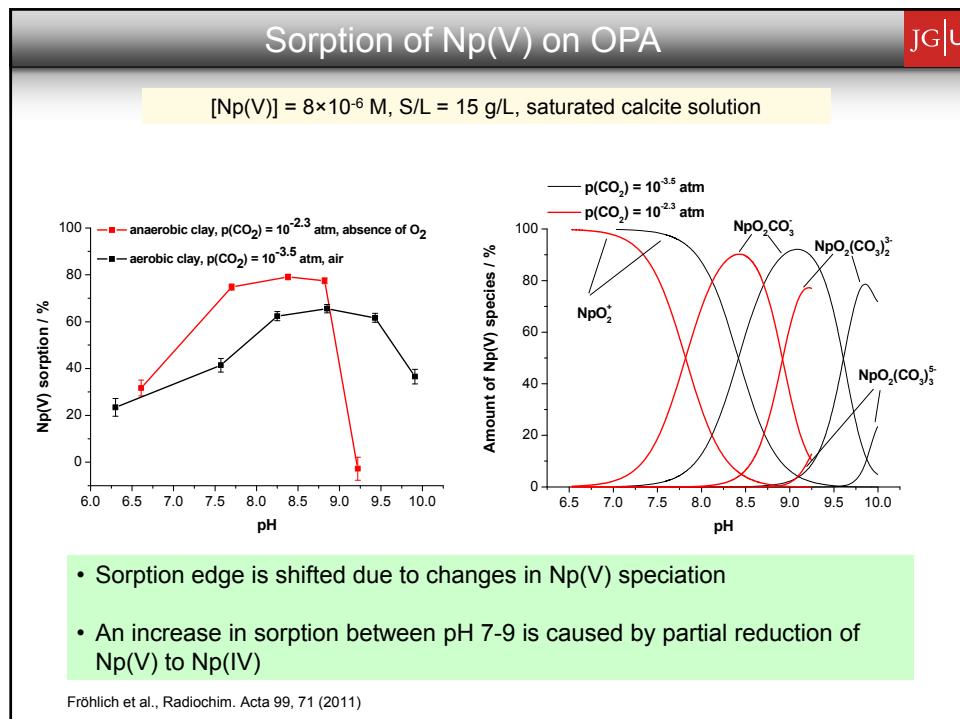
Synth. pore water, pH 7.6,  $p_{\text{CO}_2} = 10^{-3.5}$  atm

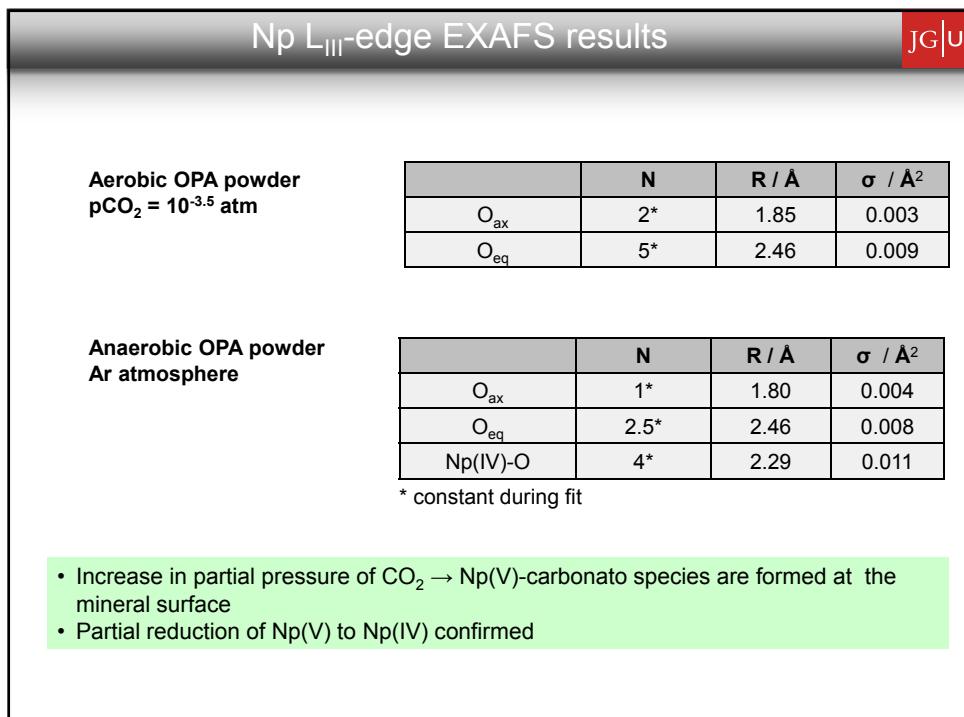
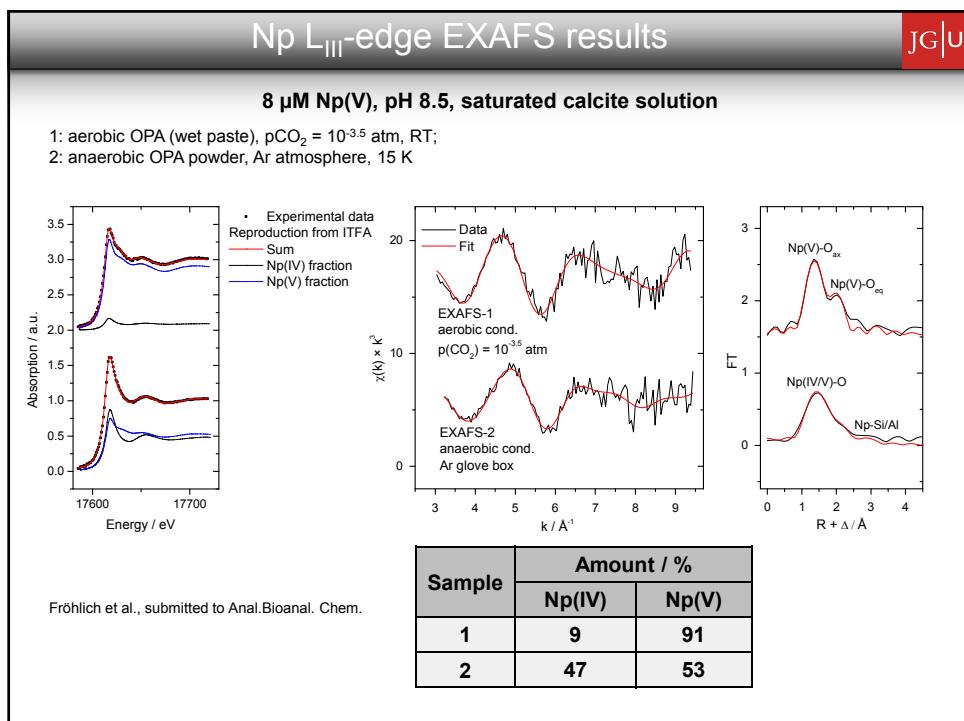


Very slow diffusion of Np in OPA under aerobic conditions in comparison with  $^{22}\text{Na}$  or HTO

clay formations are suitable materials for high level waste repository

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## $\mu$ -XAFS, $\mu$ -XRF and $\mu$ -XRD studies of Np/OPA samples JG|U

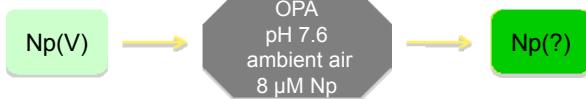
- Locally resolved XANES measurements of Np hot spots on OPA thin sections and diffusion samples
- Combination with  $\mu$ -XRF and electron microprobe to measure the local distribution of Np and the main elements of OPA



Preparation of diffusion sample

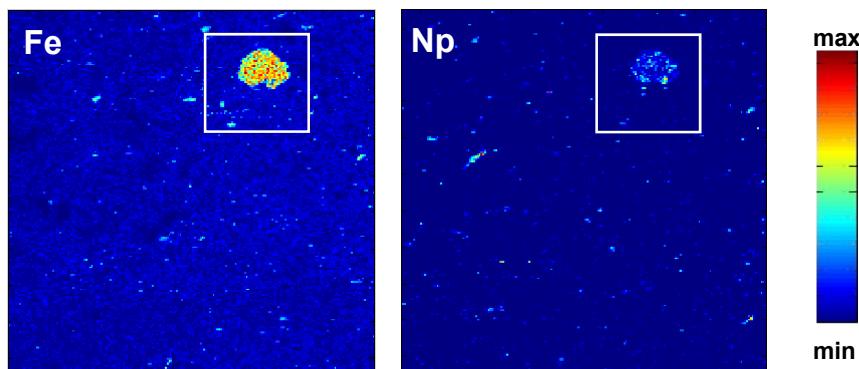
Thin sections:  
Surface < 1 cm<sup>2</sup>  
Thickness: 20-30  $\mu$ m  
70-1840 ng  $^{237}\text{Np}/\text{mm}^2$

Diffusion samples: 1x1 cm<sup>2</sup>



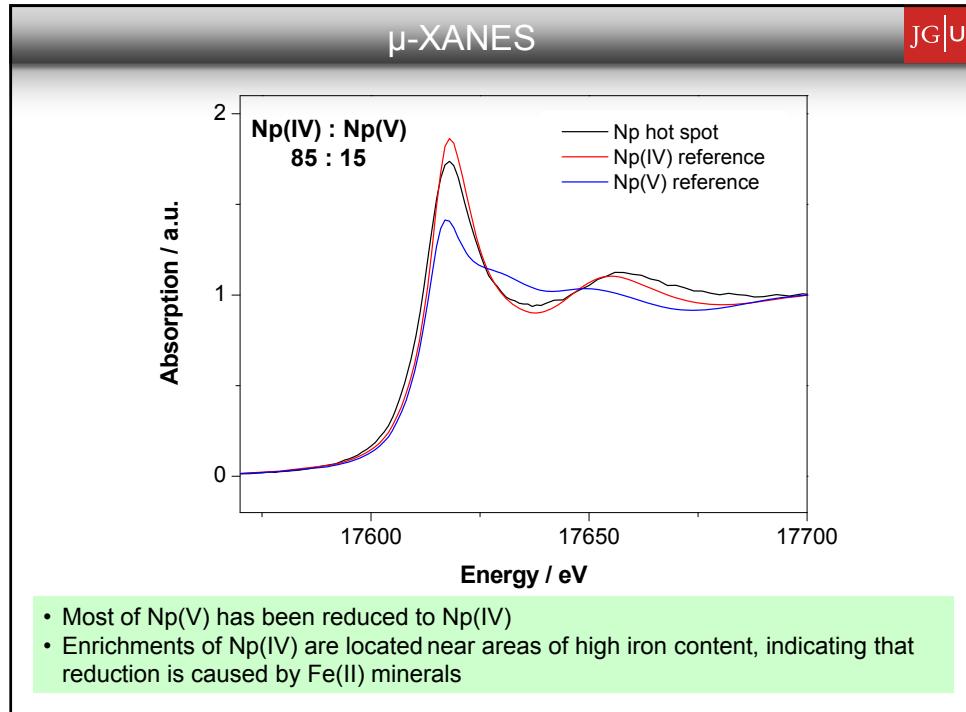
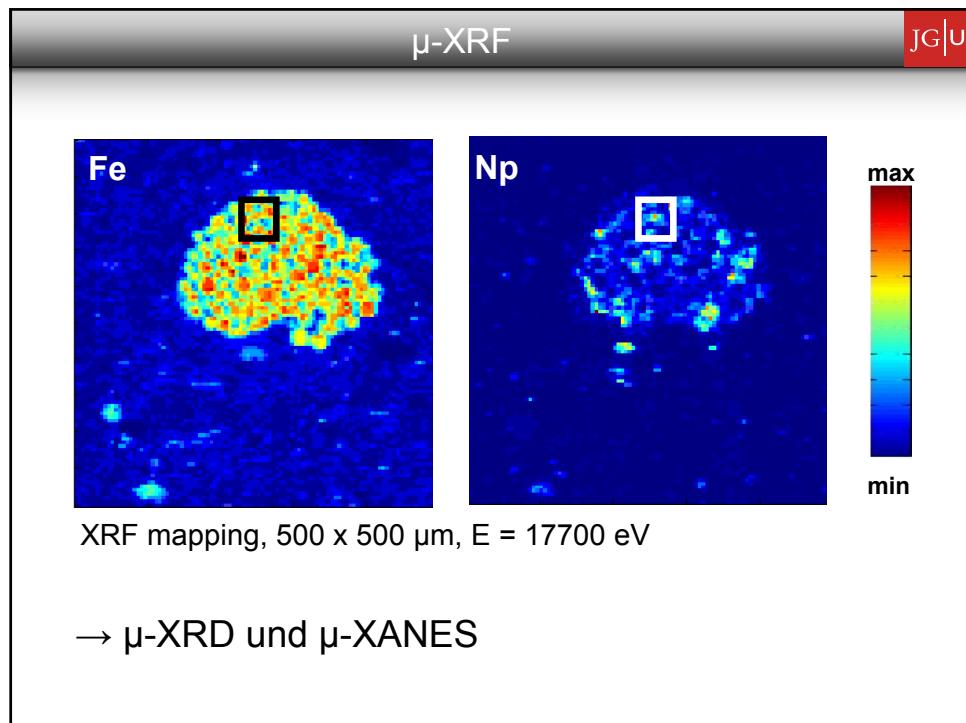
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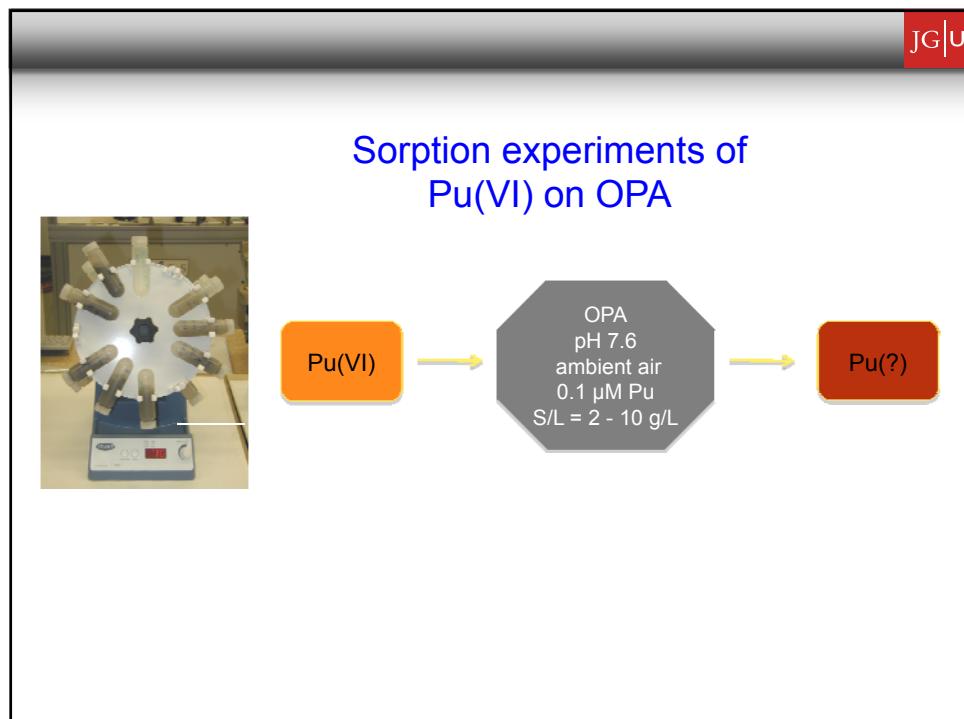
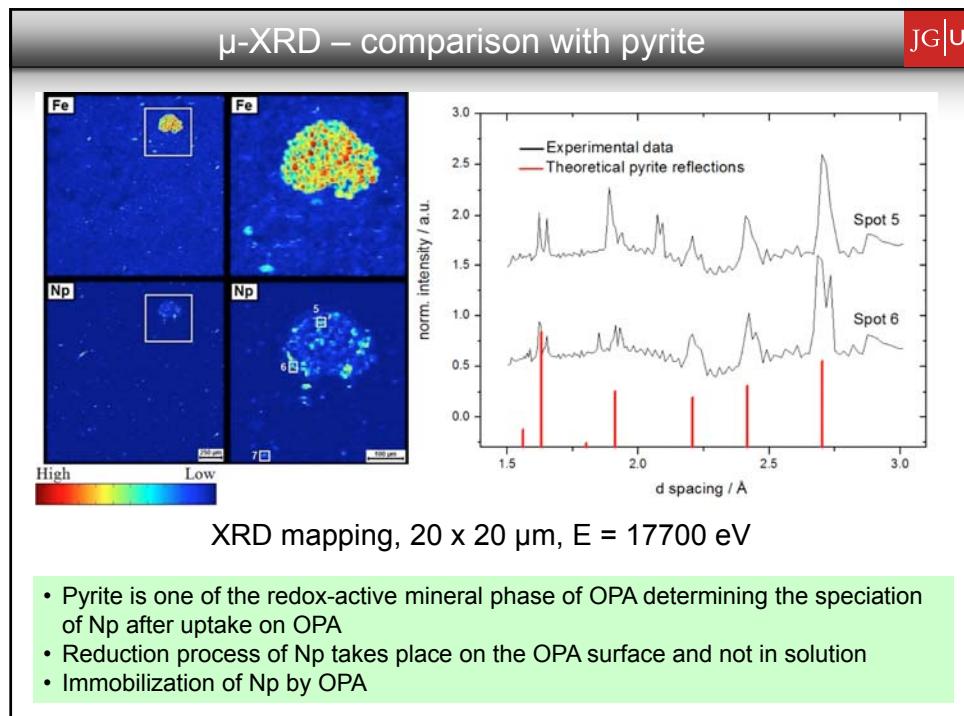
### Sorption of 8 $\mu\text{M}$ $^{237}\text{Np(V)}$ on OPA under anaerobic conditions



XRF mapping, 2 x 2 mm, E = 17700 eV

Fröhlich et al., submitted to Anal.Bioanal. Chem.





## Summary

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- Wet-chemistry experiments are useful for obtaining  $K_d$  values or diffusion parameters that are needed for the safety assessment of future nuclear waste repositories.
- However, these experiments cannot provide a molecular-level understanding of the underlying processes.
- Natural clays are heterogeneous with respect to mineralogy. Therefore, synchrotron radiation is a unique tool for determining chemical speciation with high spatial resolution.
- Sorption of Np on OPA  
The increase in  $K_d$  under anaerobic conditions is caused by partial reduction of Np(V) to Np(IV).

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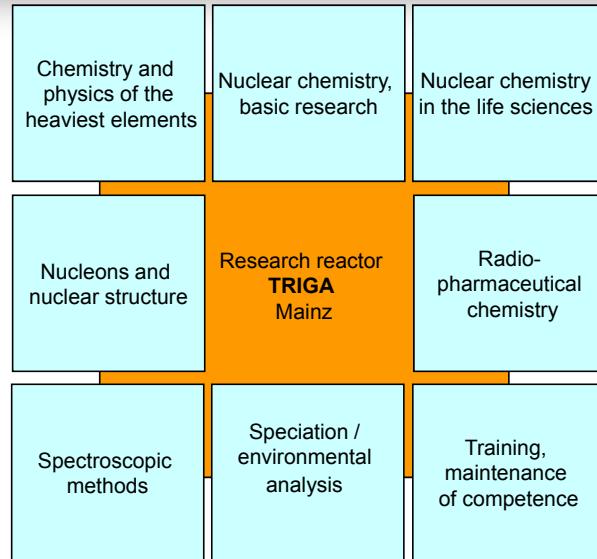
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# Resonance ionization mass spectrometry (RIMS) - a powerful tool for ultratrace analysis of long-lived radionuclides

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- Introduction
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  - Motivation
  - Challenges for analytical chemistry
- RIMS
  - Idea
  - Setup
- Applications
  - $^{239-242}\text{Pu}$ ,  $^{237}\text{Np}$ ,  $^{99\text{g}}\text{Tc}$

## Introduction

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- Nuclear energy (civil/military) produces radionuclides (RN):

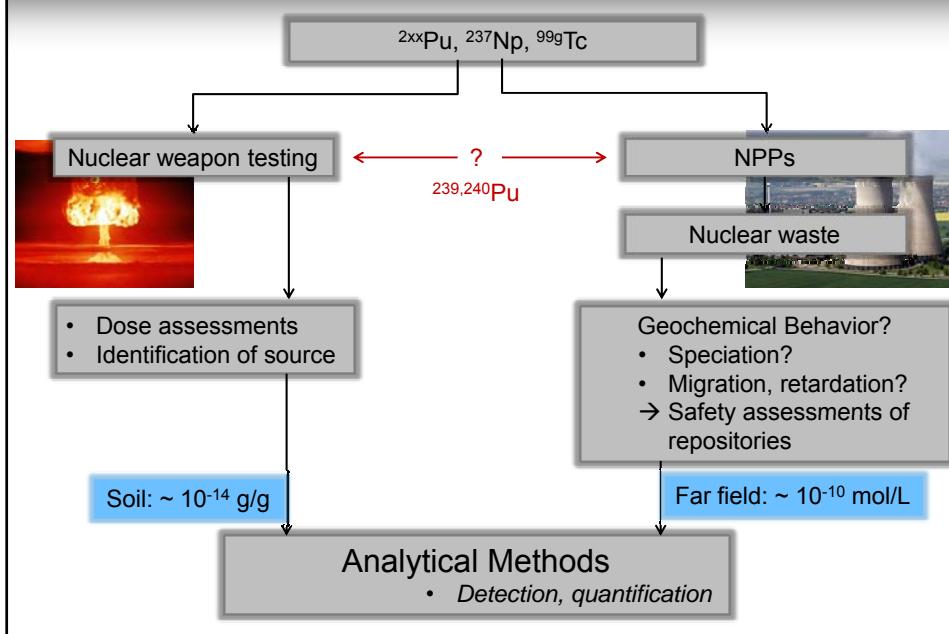
- Short-lived:  $^{131}\text{I}$  ( $T_{1/2} \sim 8$  d)
- Long-lived:  $^{239}\text{Pu}$  ( $T_{1/2} \sim 2 \times 10^4$  a)  
 $^{99}\text{Tc}$  ( $T_{1/2} \sim 2 \times 10^5$  a)  
 $^{237}\text{Np}$  ( $T_{1/2} \sim 2 \times 10^6$  a)

long half-lives  
+ high mobility in aquatic systems

→ long term hazards for the environment

## Motivation

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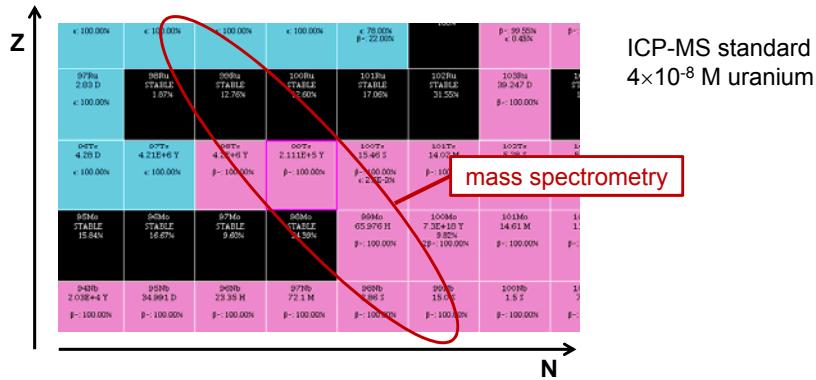
## Detection of long lived RN

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- Ultratrace analysis of long lived radionuclides:

### mass spectrometry (ICP-MS, TIMS, ...)

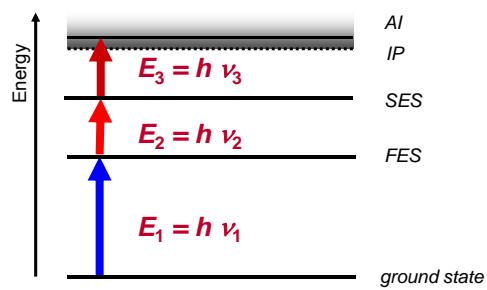
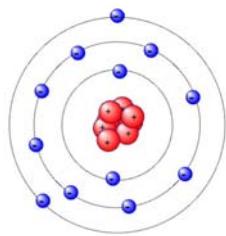
- Problem: isobaric Interferences



## RIMS: Principle

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- RIMS: Resonance ionization mass spectrometry  
Introduces **element selectivity** ionization

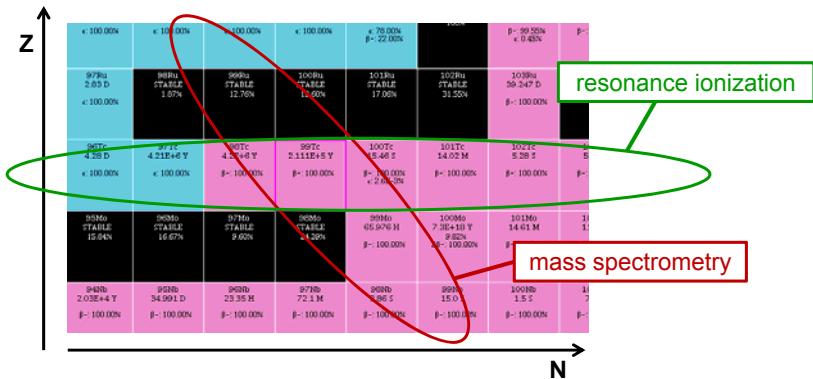


- **Resonant, multistep** excitation and ionization of sample atoms with laser radiation
- Uniqueness of optical transitions → **element selectivity**

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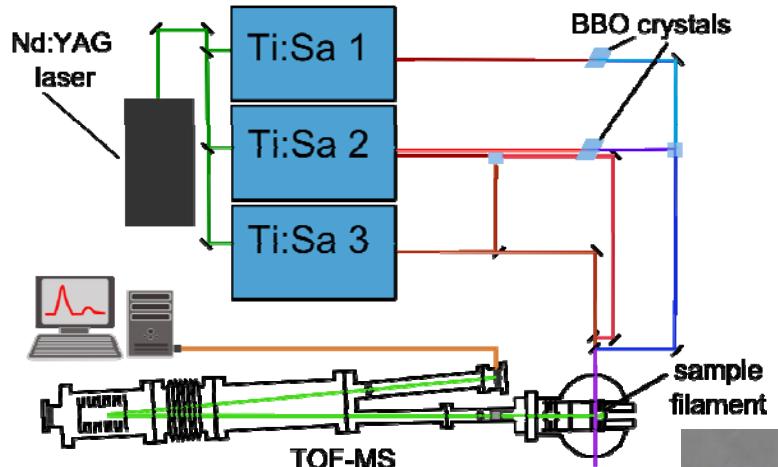
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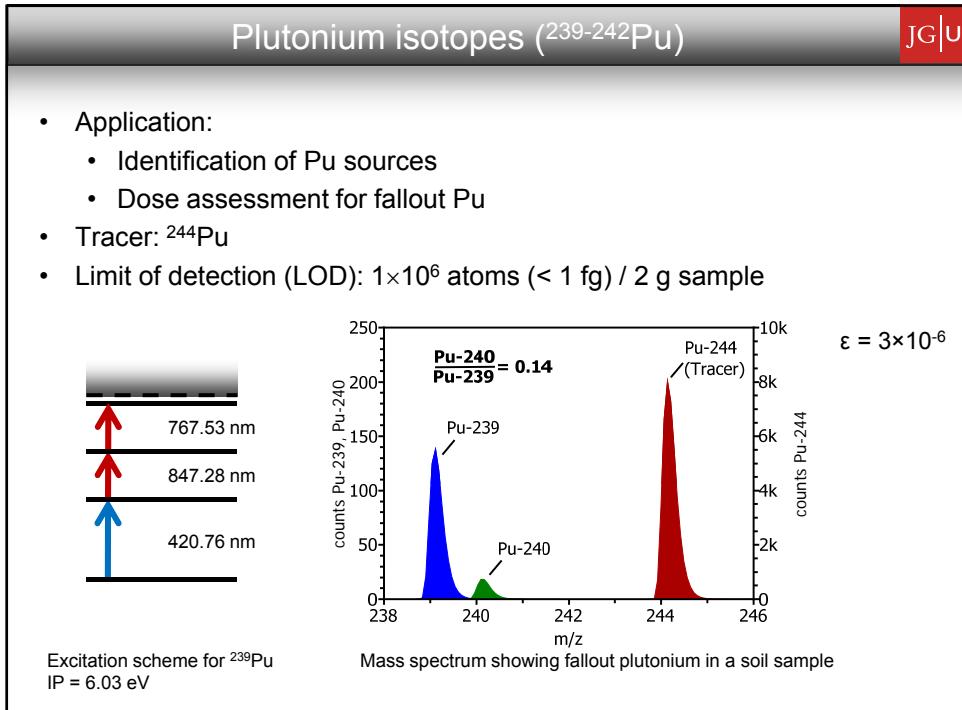
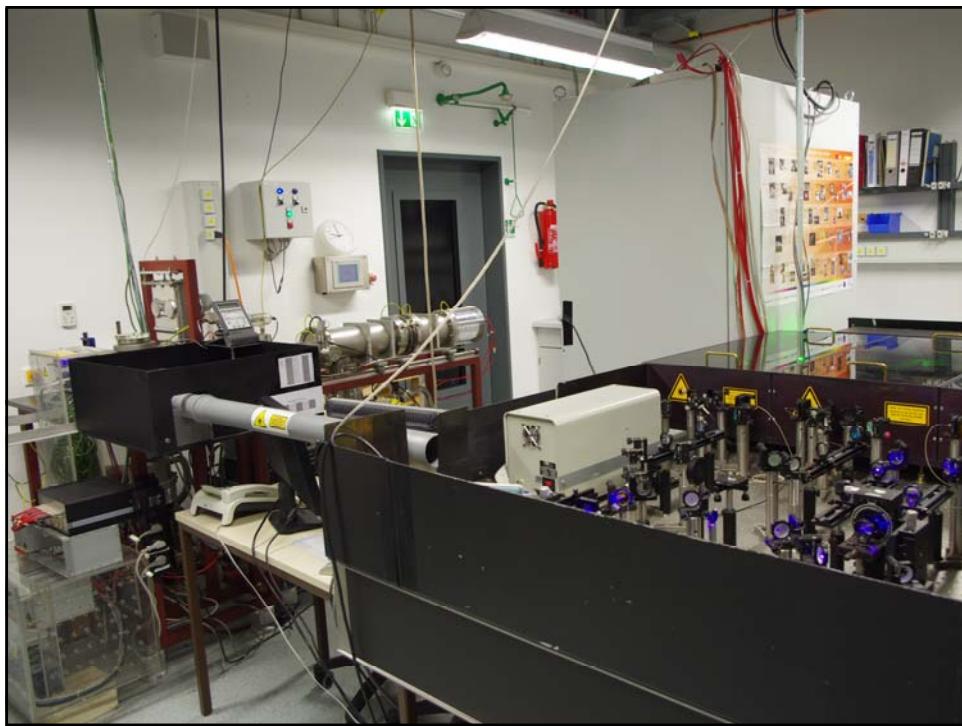


- No isobaric interferences!

## RIMS: Setup

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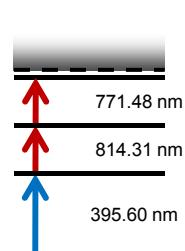




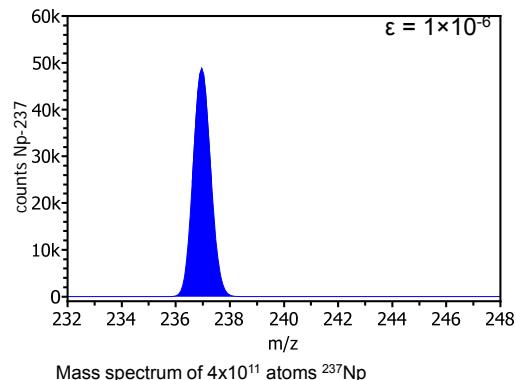
## Neptunium-237

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- Application:
  - Migration studies
  - Np(IV,V) redox speciation studies (CE-RIMS)
- Tracer:  $^{235}\text{Np}$  (under development)
- LOD:  $2 \times 10^7$  atoms ( $< 10$  fg)



Excitation scheme for  $^{237}\text{Np}$   
IP = 6.27 eV

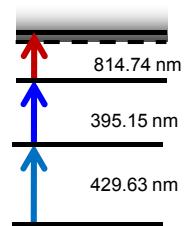


Mass spectrum of  $4 \times 10^{11}$  atoms  $^{237}\text{Np}$

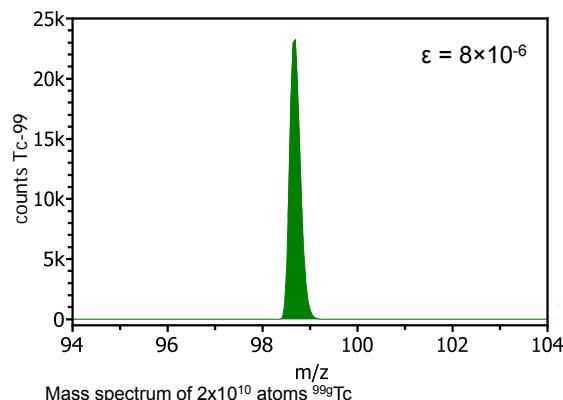
## Techneium-99g

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- Application:
  - Migration studies
- Tracer:  $^{97}\text{Tc}$ ?
- LOD:  $3 \times 10^6$  atoms ( $< 1$  fg)



Excitation scheme for  $^{99g}\text{Tc}$   
IP = 7.12 eV



Mass spectrum of  $2 \times 10^{10}$  atoms  $^{99g}\text{Tc}$

## Conclusion

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- RIMS: Sensitive Method for the detection of **stable or long-lived isotopes**
- **Element selective** mass spectrometric method due to optical ionization
- Strength: **Suppression of isobaric interferences**

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# Interaction of Plutonium with Natural Clay

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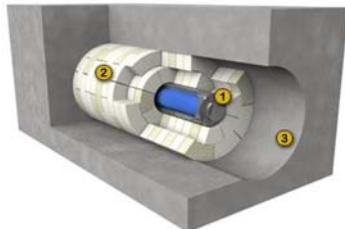
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- Characteristics of Opalinus Clay (OPA)
- Aqueous chemistry of Pu
- Pu interaction with OPA
  - Sorption experiment
  - Spectroscopic investigations
    - μ-XANES [X-ray Absorption Near Edge Structure]
    - μ-XRF [X-ray fluorescence analysis]
    - μ-XRD [X-ray diffraction analysis]
- Summary

## Motivation

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❖ Repository based on a multi-barrier concept

- i-) Technical barrier [spent nuclear fuel, container and glass-HLW].
- ii-) Geotechnical barrier [depending on the geological repository].
- iii-) Geological barrier [salt, granite or **clay**].



1-technical barrier  
2-geotechnical barrier  
3-geological barrier

❖ Detailed sorption studies of Pu are needed to predict its migration behaviour in the geological barrier after a leakage of Pu from the repository.

❖ Macroscopic experiment (sorption and diffusion) within microscopic investigations combined to determine the speciation of Pu.

[1] K. Gompper et al., Radioaktivität und Kernenergie, FZK (2001)

## Characteristics of Opalinus Clay (OPA)

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OPA from Mont Terri, Switzerland was chosen as a representative natural clay to study the migration behaviour of Pu.

Average mineralogy of OPA [2]

Mineral	Amount / %
Sheet silicates	66 ± 11
Quartz	14 ± 4
Calcite	13 ± 8
Fe(II)-bearing minerals	4.1 ± 2.3
Albite, feldspars, org. matter	2.8 ± 3.1

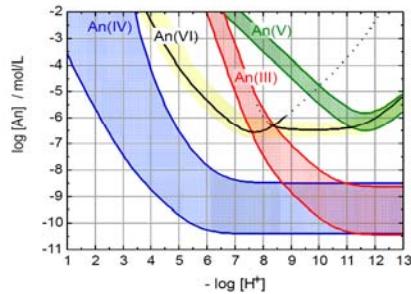
- high sorption capacity
- low hydraulic conductivity
- very low permeability

- CEC: 9 ± 2 meq/100 g
- Spec. surf. area: 38.0 m<sup>2</sup>/g
- TOC: ≤ 1%

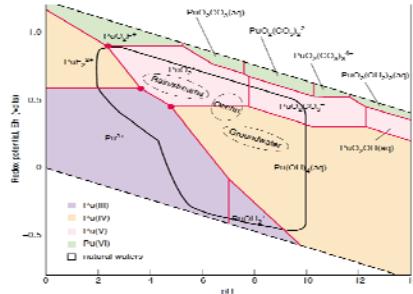
[2] Nagra (2002), NTB 02-03

## Chemical properties of plutonium

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[3] Neck et al., C. R. Chimie 10 (2007) 959



[4] Runde, Los Alamos Sci. 26 (2000) 392

- ❖ In solution, up to three oxidation states of Pu can coexist.
- ❖ Pu(III) and Pu(IV) have quite high sorption ability and low dissolution properties.
- ❖ Pu(V) and Pu(VI) have low sorption and higher dissolution properties.

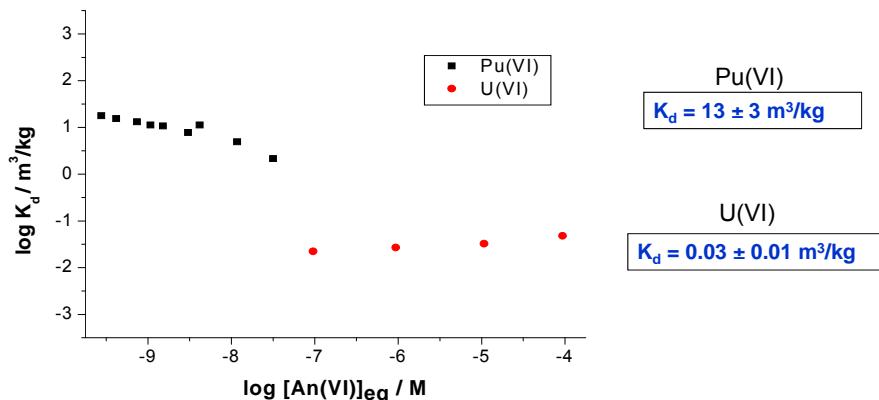
## Sorption of $^{238}\text{U(VI)}$ and $^{239}\text{Pu(VI)}$ on OPA

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Ambient air, OPA pore water (pH 7.6)

$[\text{Pu(VI)}] = 1 \times 10^{-7} \text{ M}$ , S/L = 2 - 10 g/L

$[\text{U(VI)}] = 2 \times 10^{-4} - 1 \times 10^{-7} \text{ M}$ , S/L = 15 g/L



The uptake of Pu by OPA is more than 400 times higher than for U(VI), indicating a change in Pu oxidation state.

## Micro beam studies at SLS

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$\mu$ -XAS Beamline Environmental & Materials Sciences [5].

Investigation methods:

- ✓  $\mu$ -XRF → Distribution of elements [Pu and other elements contained in OPA]?
- ✓  $\mu$ -XRD → Correlation between Pu and OPA-mineral phases?
- ✓  $\mu$ -XANES → Oxidation state of sorbed Pu?

[5] www.psi.ch

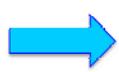
## Diffusion and thin section samples

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Samples	Method	$^{242}\text{Pu}$ (VI) in Mol/L	Contact time	$^{242}\text{Pu}$ (ng/mm <sup>2</sup> )
$\mu$ -XAES 1	Sorption, Millipore water, pH=7.6	20 $\mu\text{M}$	5 days	311
$\mu$ -XAES 2	Deposition, Millipore water, pH=7.6	20 $\mu\text{M}$	-	96
$\mu$ -XAES 3	Diffusion, OPA/Pore water, pH=7.6	20 $\mu\text{M}$	30 days	7

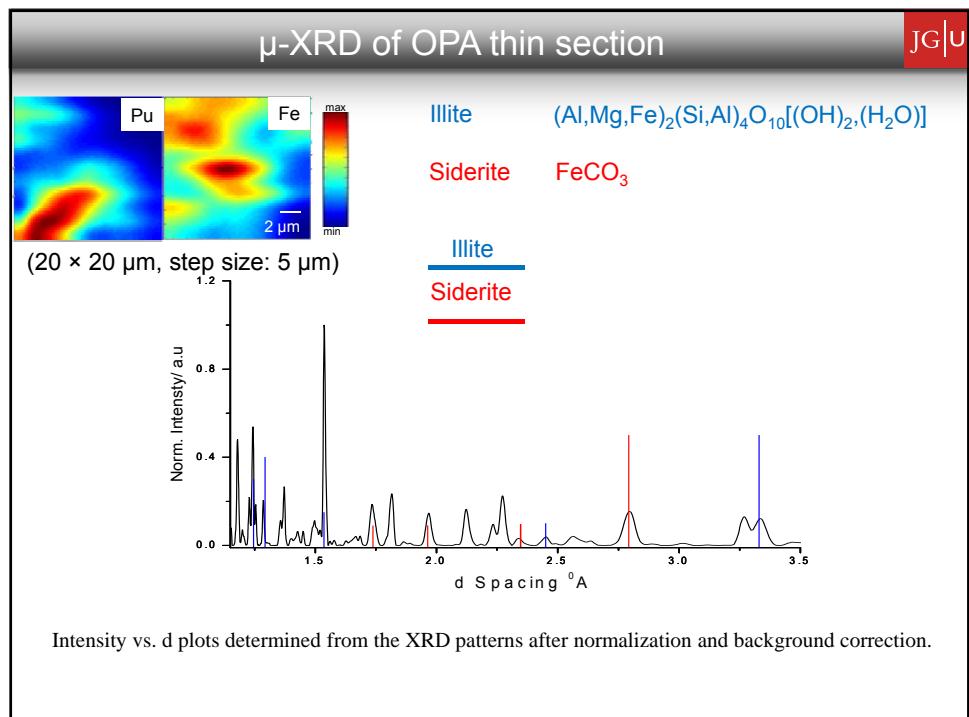
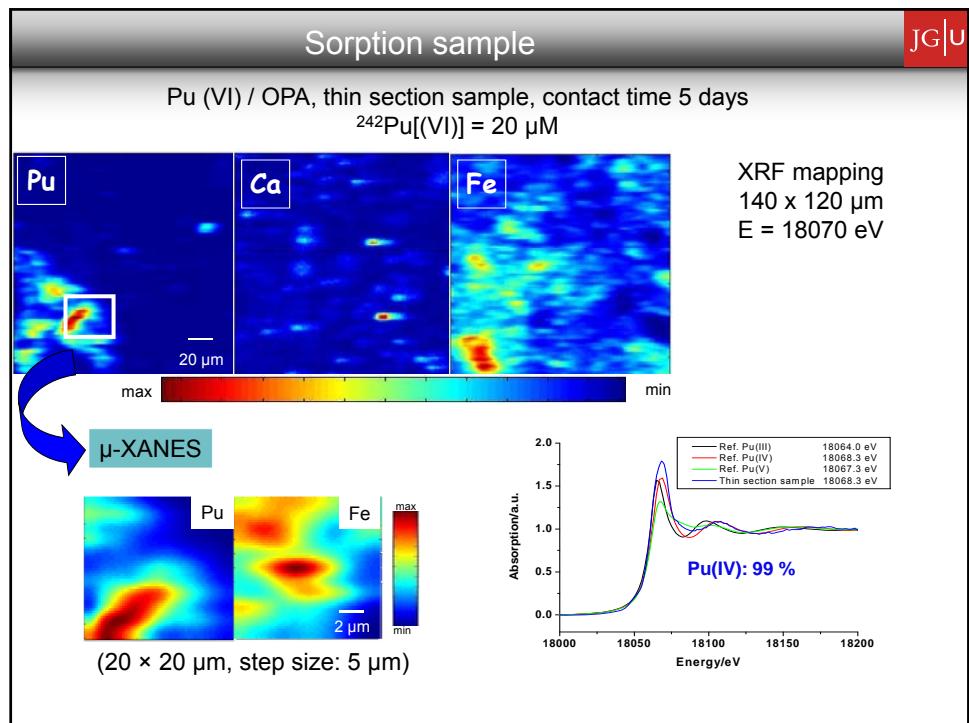


OPA thin section



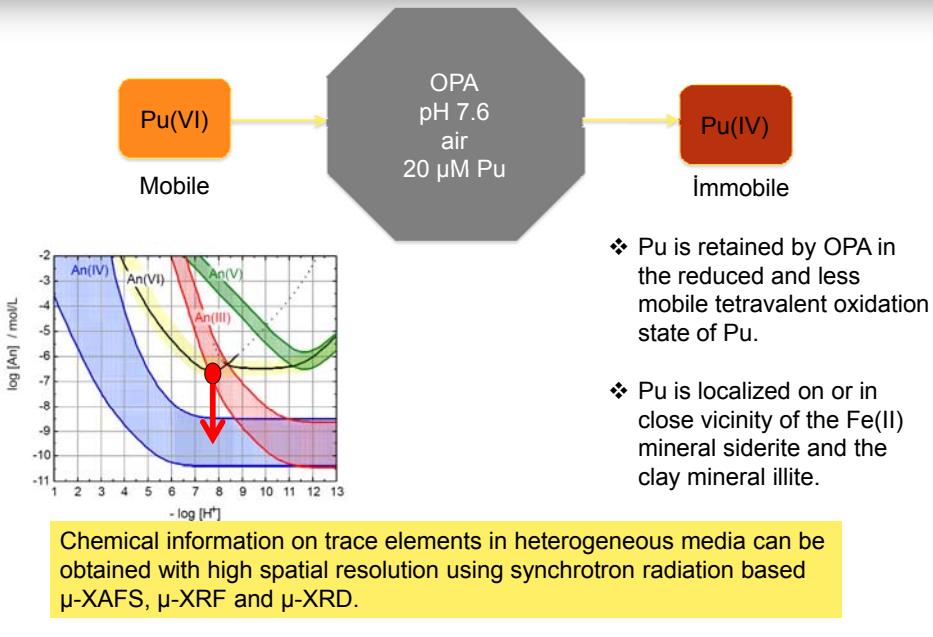
Thin section thickness= 20 - 30  $\mu\text{m}$

Surface area < 1 cm<sup>2</sup>



## Conclusions

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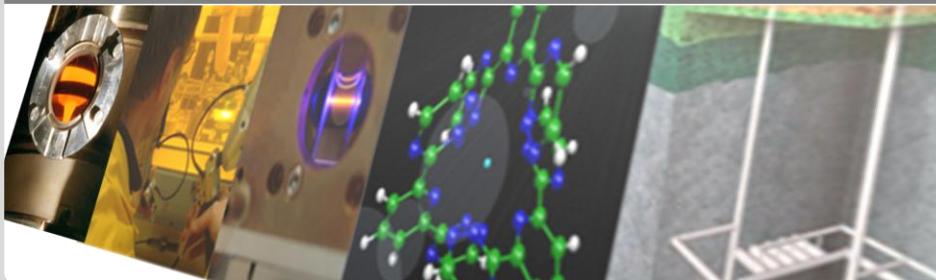
## Actinide environmental behavior- role of nanoparticle formation



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### The relevance to study actinide nanoparticles/colloids in natural systems:

*Novikov, Kalmykov et al.:*

Colloid Transport of Plutonium in the Far-Field of the Mayak Production Association, Russia, Science, 314, 2006

*Kersting et al.:*

Migration of plutonium in groundwater at the Nevada Test Site, Nature, 397, 1999

*Kim:*

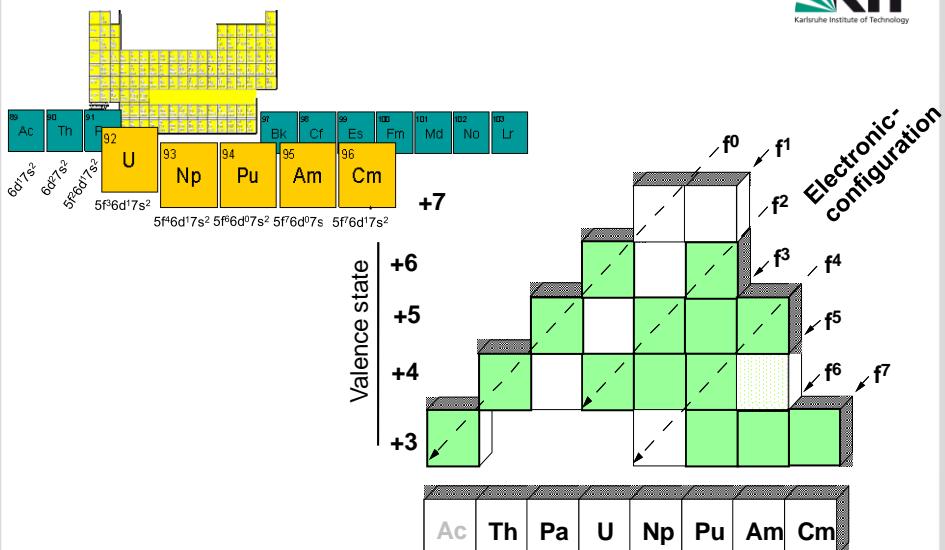
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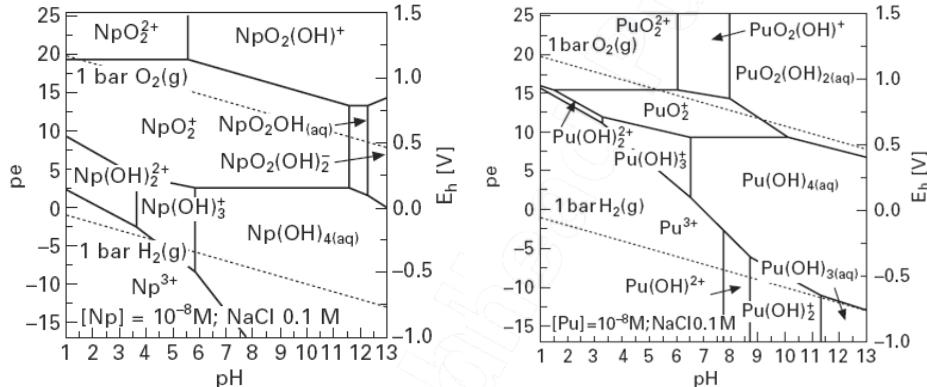
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### Actinide redox chemistry



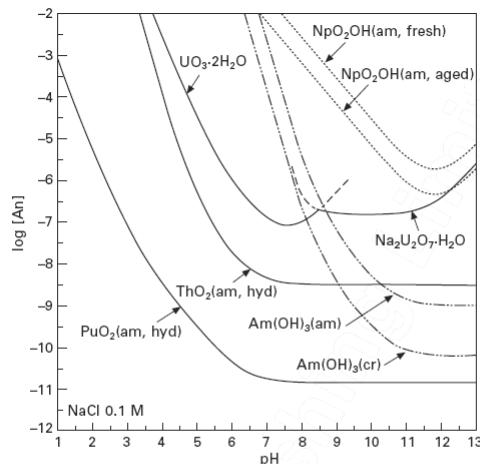
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## Actinide solubility



3.4 Solubility curves corresponding to selected actinide solid phases at RT, calculated using NEA-TDB recommended data, except for americium for which analogous neodymium data are used from Neck *et al.* (2009), and for thorium for which only monomeric complexes are considered (Neck and Kim, 2001).

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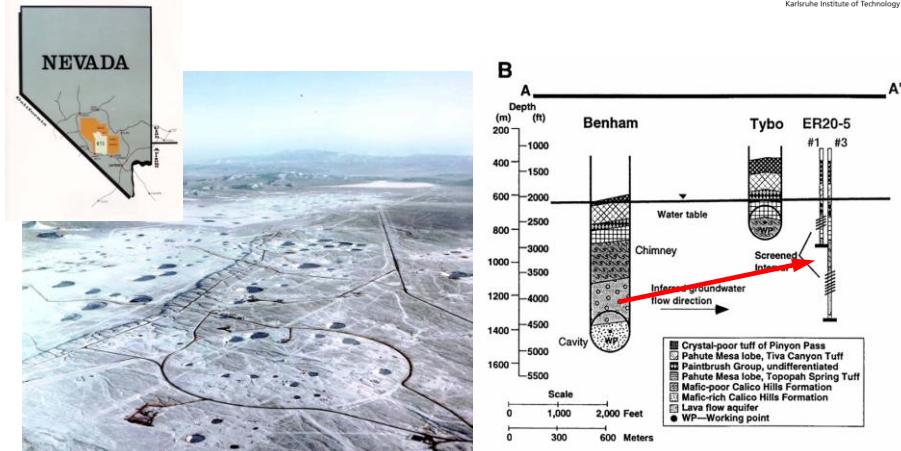
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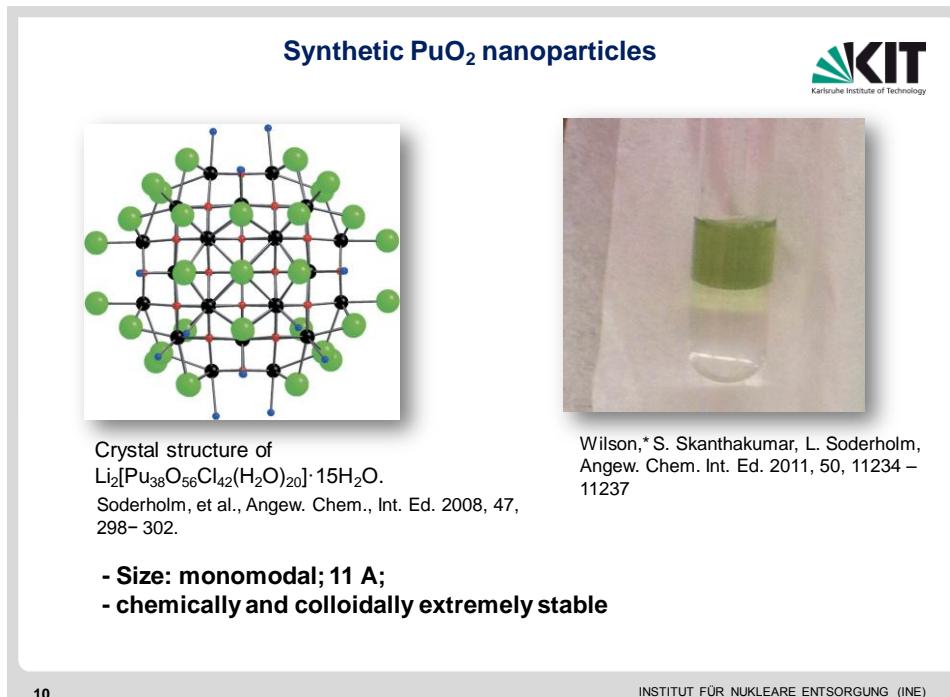
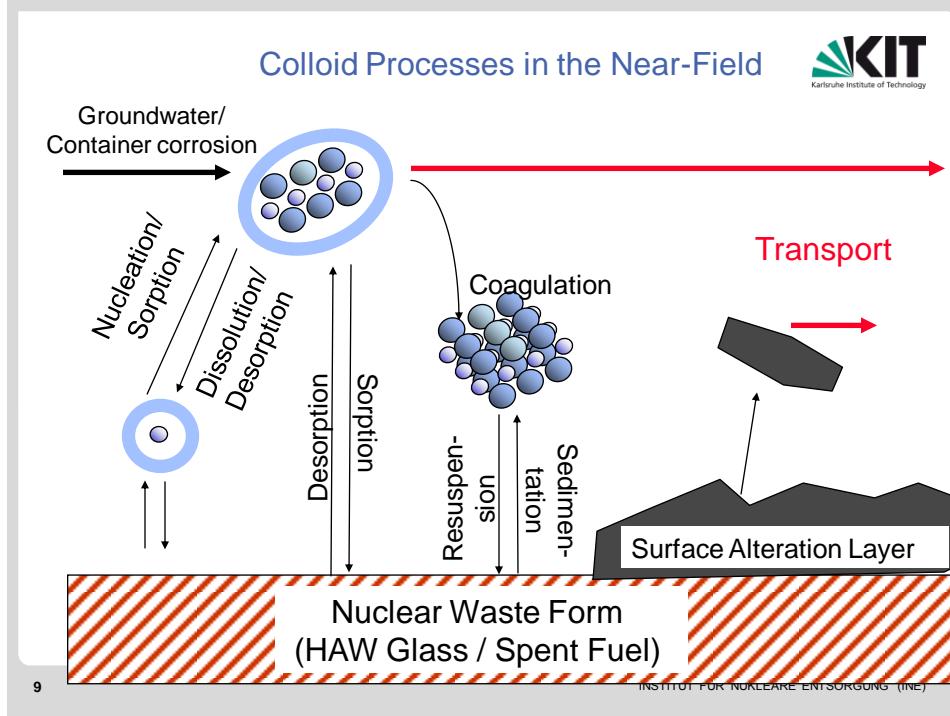
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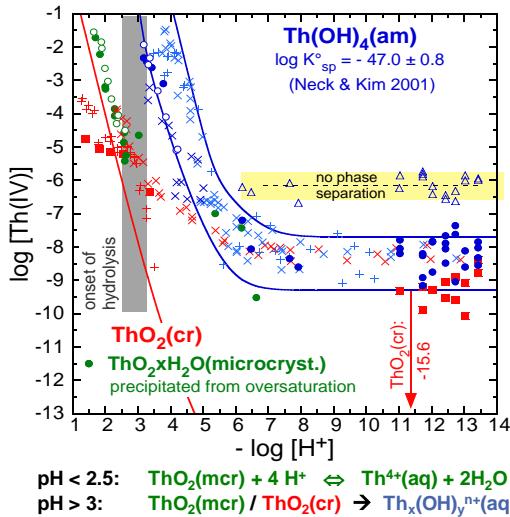
### Colloid-mediated RN migration Observation at the Nevada Test Site (NTS)



$^{60}\text{Co}$ ,  $^{137}\text{Cs}$ ,  $^{154/155}\text{Eu}$ ,  $^{239/240}\text{Pu}$  have been analyzed in the groundwater as colloid-borne

Kersting et al. (1999) Nature 397, 56.



**Colloid formation of tetravalent actinides**


**Thorium(IV) in 0.5 M NaCl**  
**At 25 °C**

$$\log k_{\text{colloid}} (\text{ThO}_2) = -6.2 \pm 0.5$$

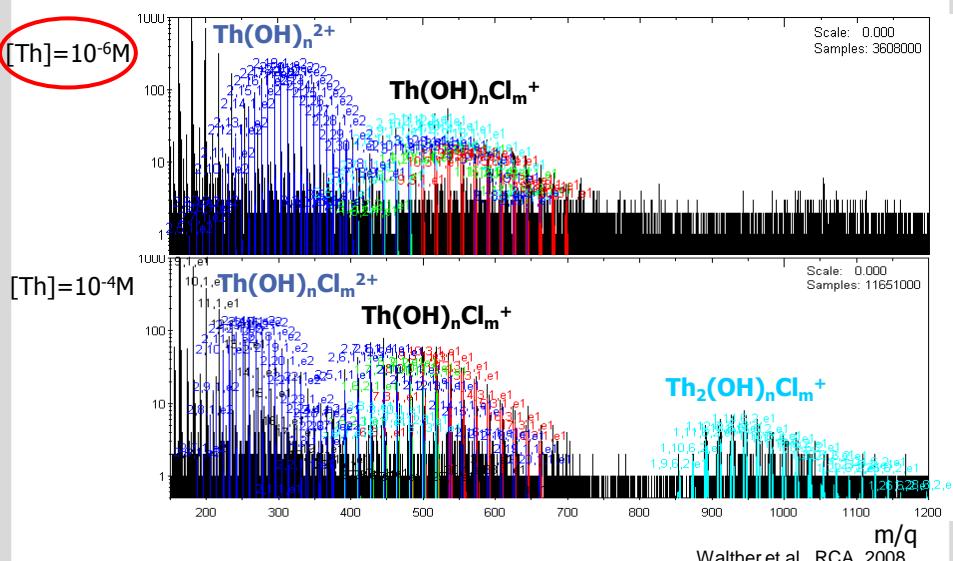
$$\log k_{\text{colloid}} (\text{PuO}_2) = -8.3 \pm 1$$

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**pH 2.0**

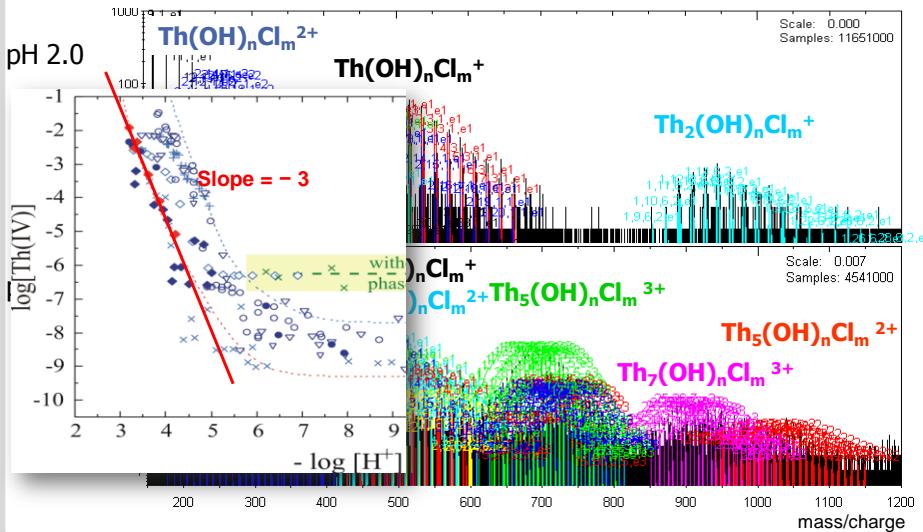


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**Colloid formation of tetravalent actinides**

- By polymerization -

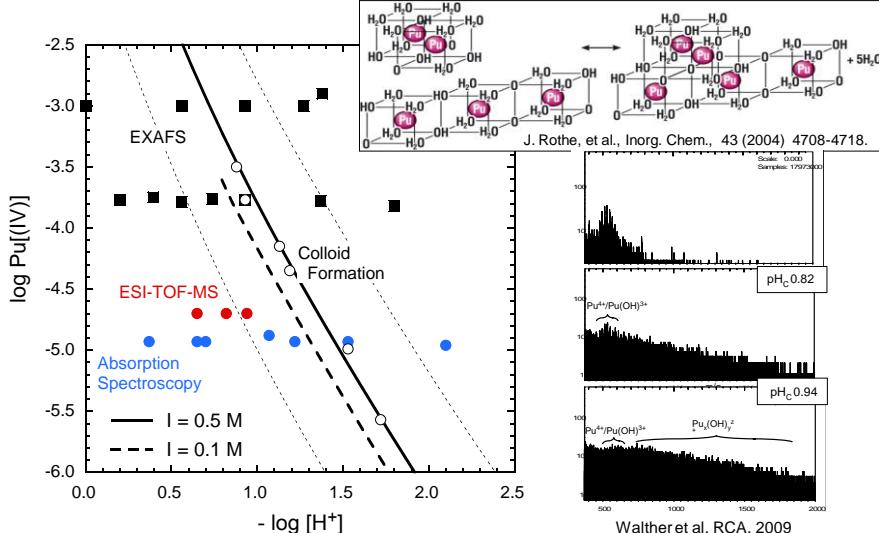
**[Th] = 0.1 mM**


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### An(IV) colloids/nanoparticles are described in the literature as

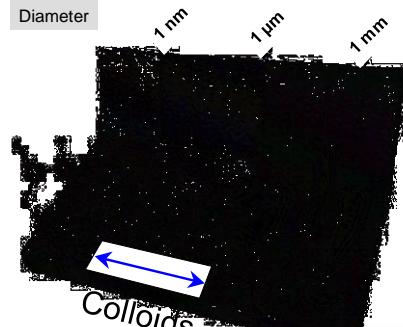
- as inert (rigid) nanoparticulate solution species
- aquatic An-species in equilibrium with mono/oligomeric/solid species
  - ➔ can be quantified by a thermodynamic equilibrium constant

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**Aquatic colloids**

Diameter



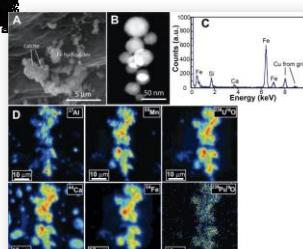
**Humic colloids in a sandy aquifer (Gorleben, Germany)**  
 [M. Piaschke et al., Environ. Sci. Technol. (2002)]

**Colloidal Particles in a granitic groundwater (Grimsel, Switzerland)**  
 [Degueldre et al., Appl. Geochem., (1996)]



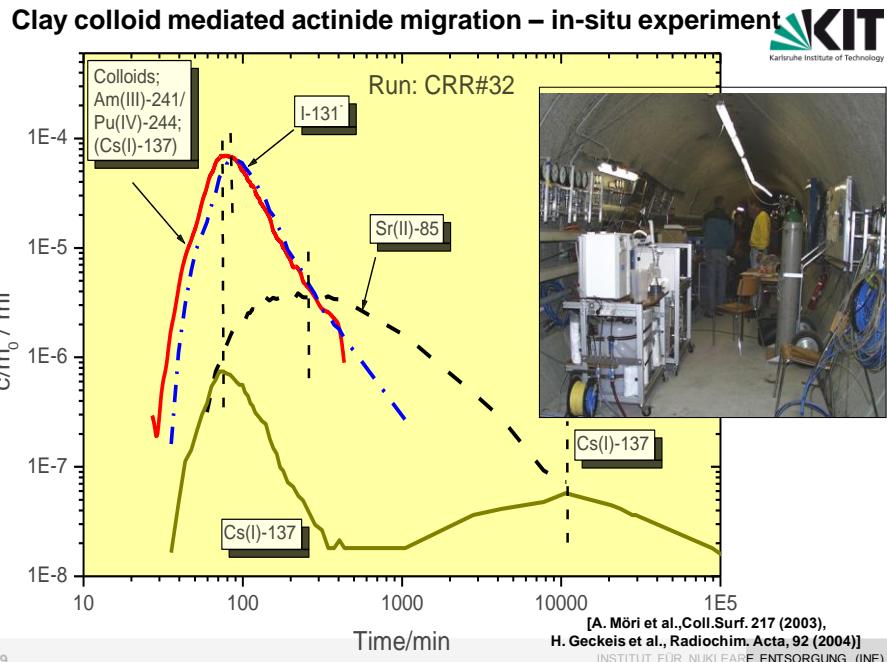
**Possible groundwater colloids:**  
 Mineral particles (FeOOH, Clay etc.)  
 Humic matter, bacteria, virus

**Amorphous iron hydroxide colloids (Mayak, Russia)**  
 [Novikov et al., Science, 314, (2006)]

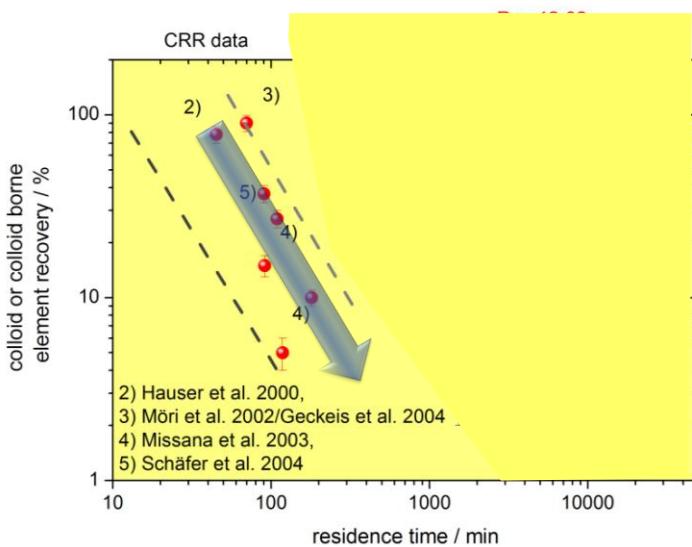


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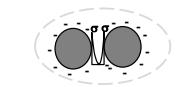
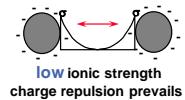




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## Clay colloid stability in aqueous solution

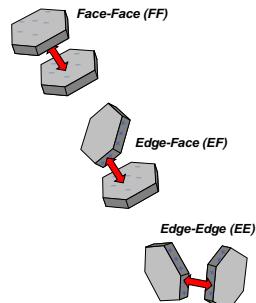
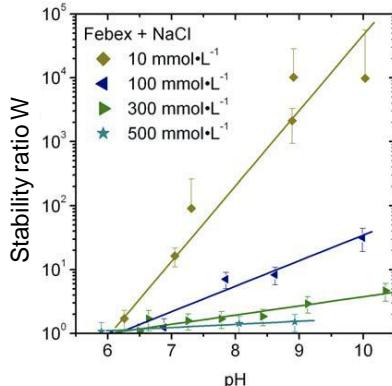


$$\alpha = \frac{n_{\text{agglom.}}}{n_{\text{tot.}}} : \text{"sticking factor"}$$

$$W = \frac{1}{\alpha} : \text{"Stability ratio"}$$

$$W = \frac{k_0}{k} = \exp\left(\frac{V_{\max}/kT}{2\kappa\alpha}\right)$$

$$\kappa = \sqrt{\frac{2F^2}{\epsilon_r \epsilon_0 RT}}$$

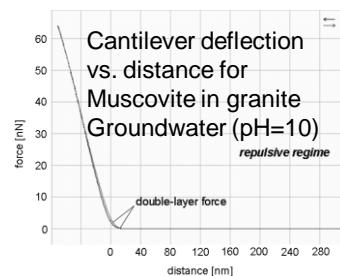
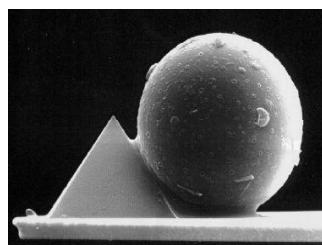
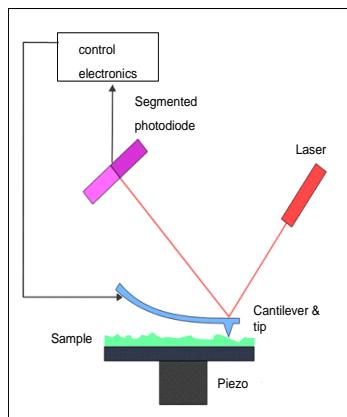


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## Colloid interaction with rock surfaces – colloid probe



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Table 1: Grimsel granodiorite bulk composition

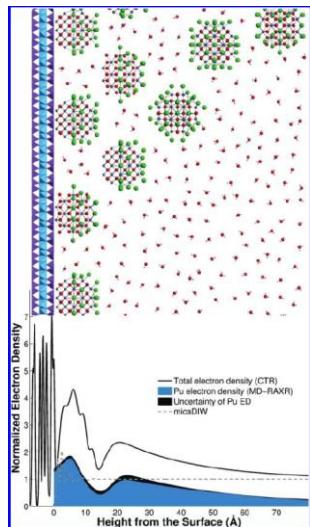
Mineral	Vol.-% pH <sub>pzc</sub>
quartz, SiO <sub>2</sub>	15 2 <sup>a</sup> - 3.8
plagioclase/albite, CaAl <sub>2</sub> Si <sub>2</sub> O <sub>8</sub> /NaAlSi <sub>3</sub> O <sub>8</sub>	28 2 <sup>a</sup> , 5.25 <sup>b,c</sup>
K-feldspar, KAlSi <sub>3</sub> O <sub>8</sub>	7 2-2.4 <sup>a</sup> , 5.6 <sup>b</sup>
biotite, K(Mg,Fe) <sub>3</sub> [(OH) <sub>2</sub> /Si <sub>3</sub> AlO <sub>10</sub> ]	41 6.5 <sup>d</sup>
muscovite, KAl <sub>2</sub> [(OH) <sub>2</sub> /Si <sub>3</sub> AlO <sub>10</sub> ]	4 4 <sup>d</sup> , 6.6 <sup>c</sup>
epidote, Ca <sub>2</sub> Al <sub>2</sub> (Al, Fe <sup>3+</sup> )OOH[Si <sub>2</sub> O <sub>7</sub> ][SiO <sub>4</sub> ]	3 ?
titanite, CaTiOSiO <sub>4</sub>	2 ?
chlorite, (Mg,Fe,Al) <sub>3</sub> (Si,Al) <sub>4</sub> O <sub>10</sub> (OH) <sub>2</sub> (Mg,Fe,Al) <sub>3</sub> (OH) <sub>6</sub>	< 1 ?
apatite, Ca <sub>5</sub> [(F,Cl,OH)/(PO <sub>4</sub> ) <sub>3</sub> ]	trace 7.6 <sup>e</sup> , 8.1 <sup>f</sup>
rutile, TiO <sub>2</sub>	trace ?
zircon, ZrSiO <sub>4</sub>	trace ?
ilmenite, FeTiO <sub>3</sub>	trace ?
orthite, (Ca,Mn,Ce,La,Y,Th) <sub>2</sub> Al(Al,Fe <sup>3+</sup> )(Fe <sup>2+</sup> ,Fe <sup>3+</sup> ,Ti)OOH[Si <sub>2</sub> O <sub>7</sub> ][SiO <sub>4</sub> ]	< 1 ?
Clay minerals	0-1 5-6 (edges)

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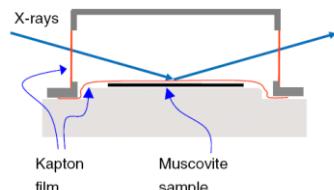
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## Electrostatic attachment of PuO<sub>2</sub> nanoparticles at the muscovite surface



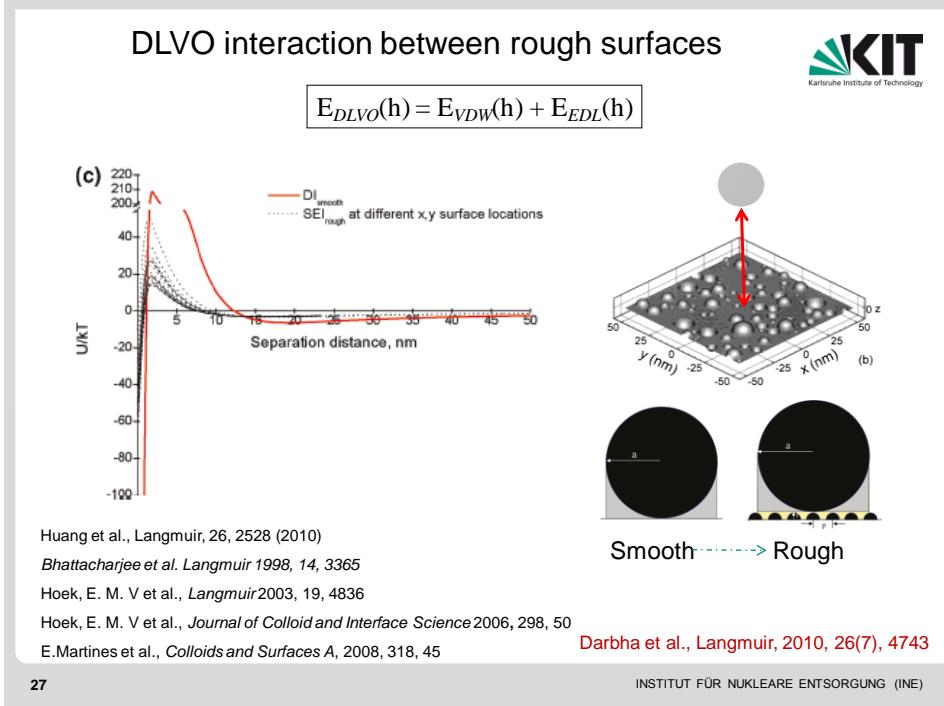
- studied by resonant anomalous X-ray reflectivity (RAXR)



Schmidt et al., Langmuir, 2012, 28, 2620

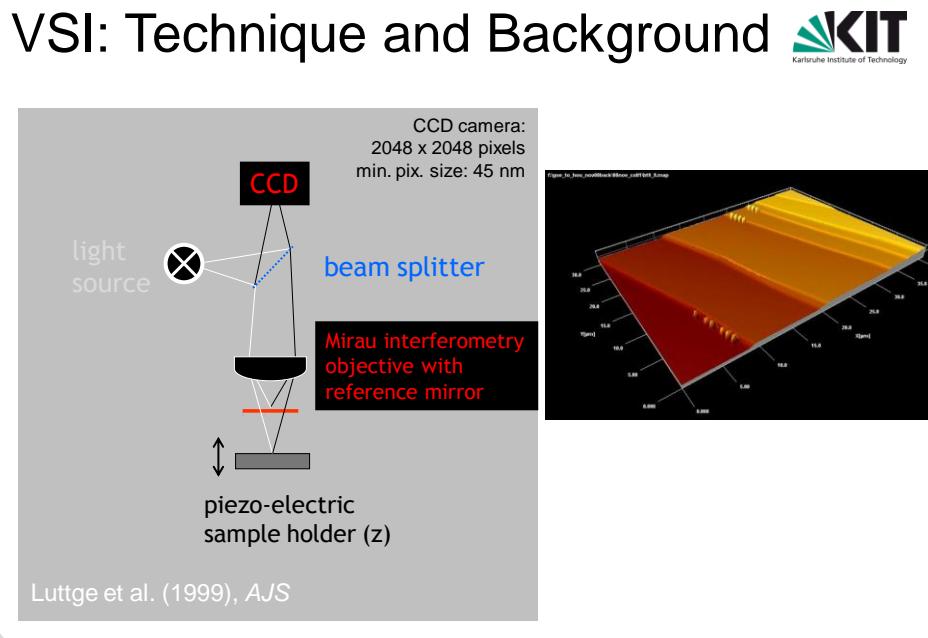
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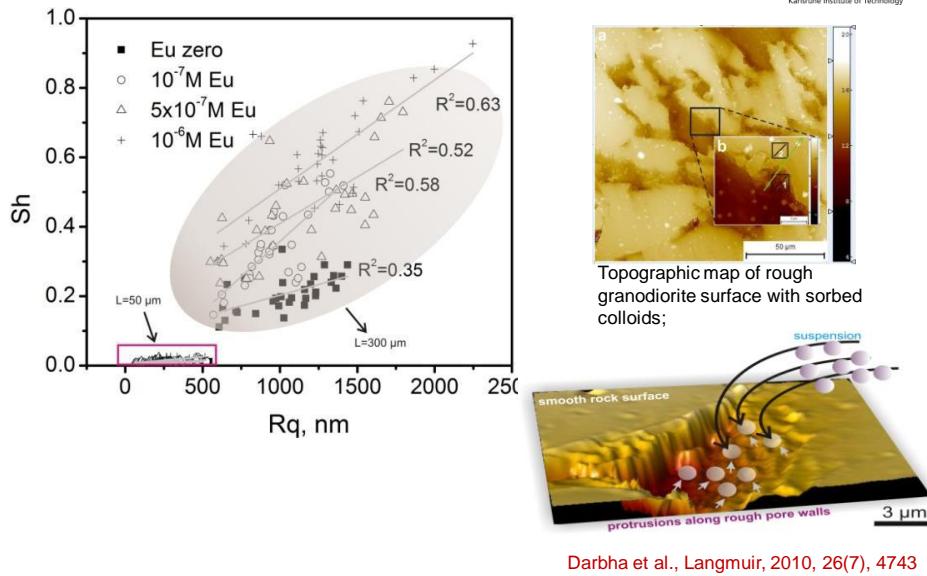
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## Surface topography influenced colloidal deposition

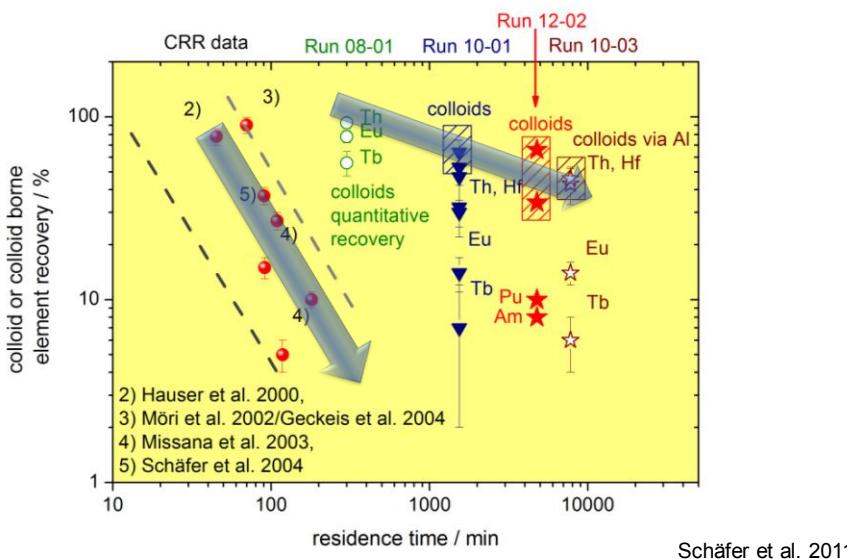


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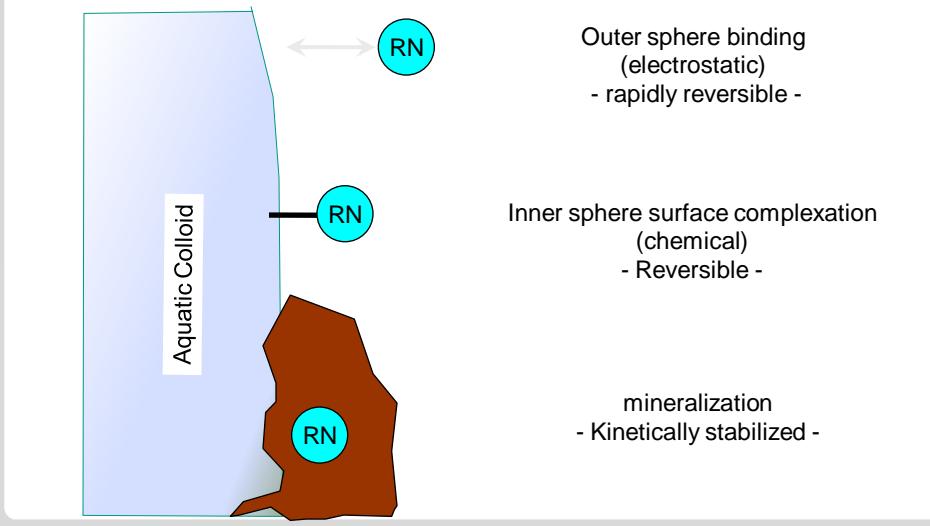
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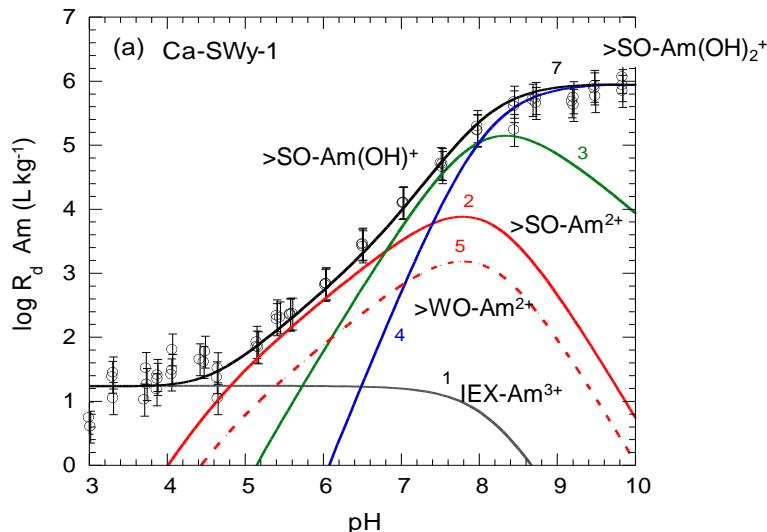
## Interaction of metal ions with aquatic colloids: mechanisms



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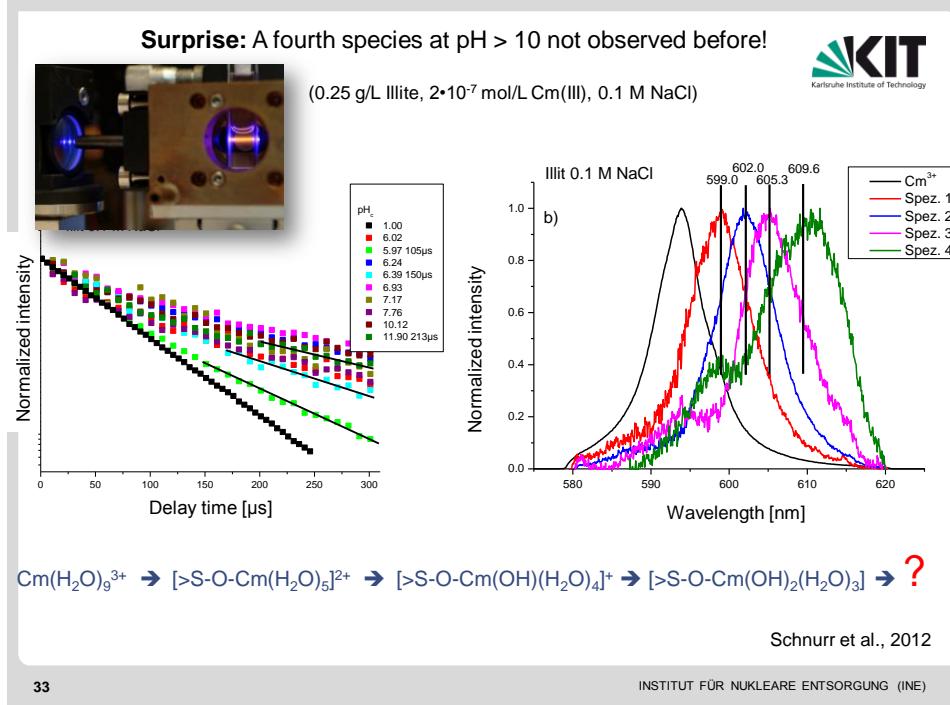
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### Actinide/lanthanide sorption to clay minerals



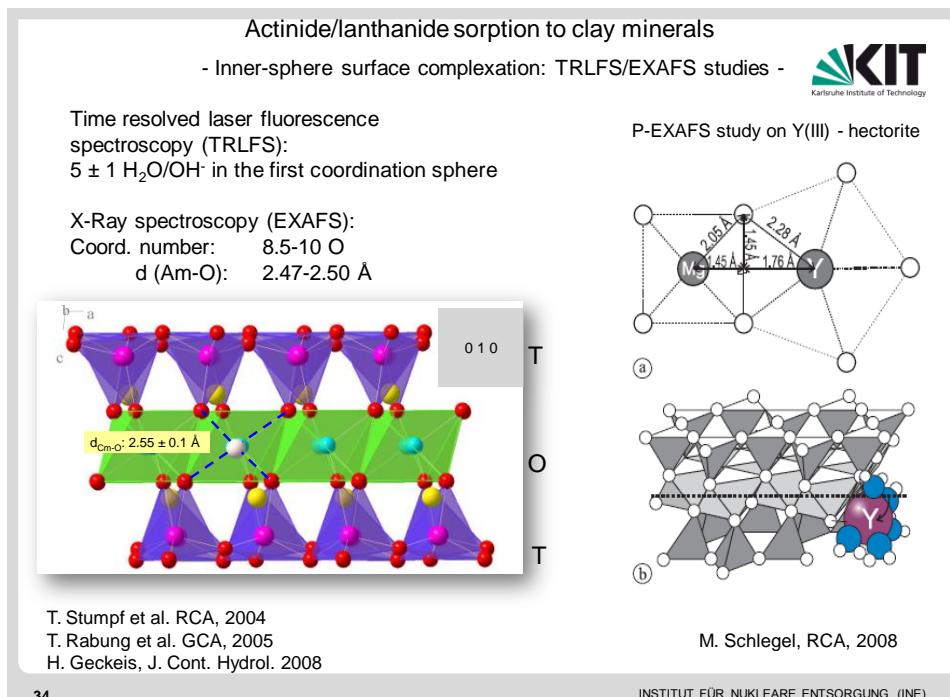
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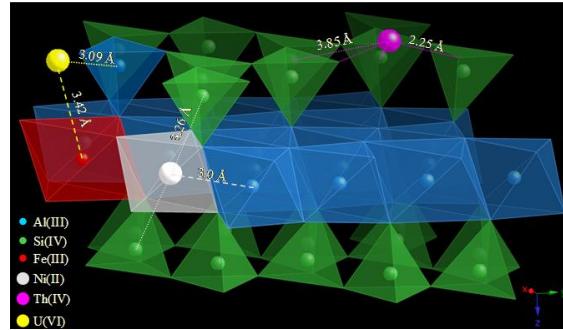
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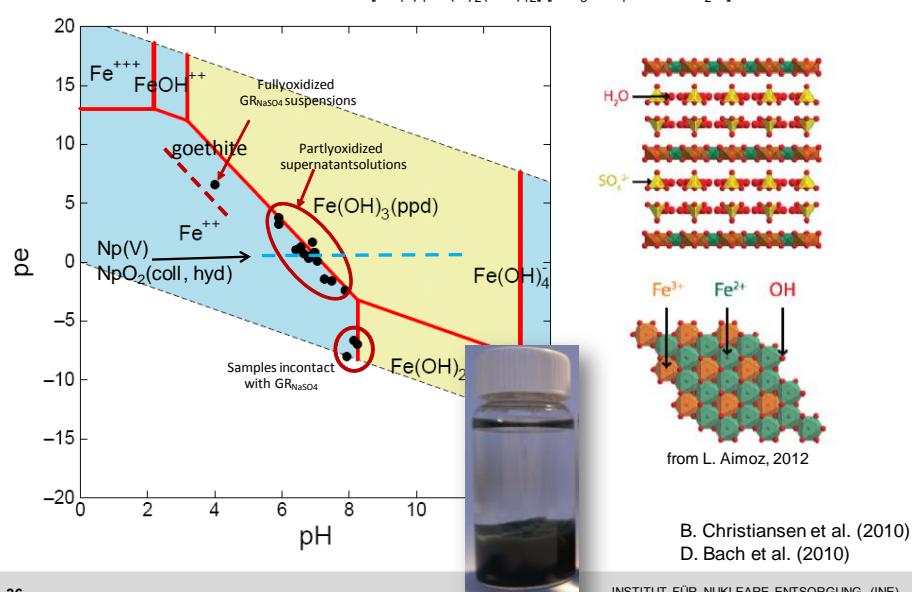
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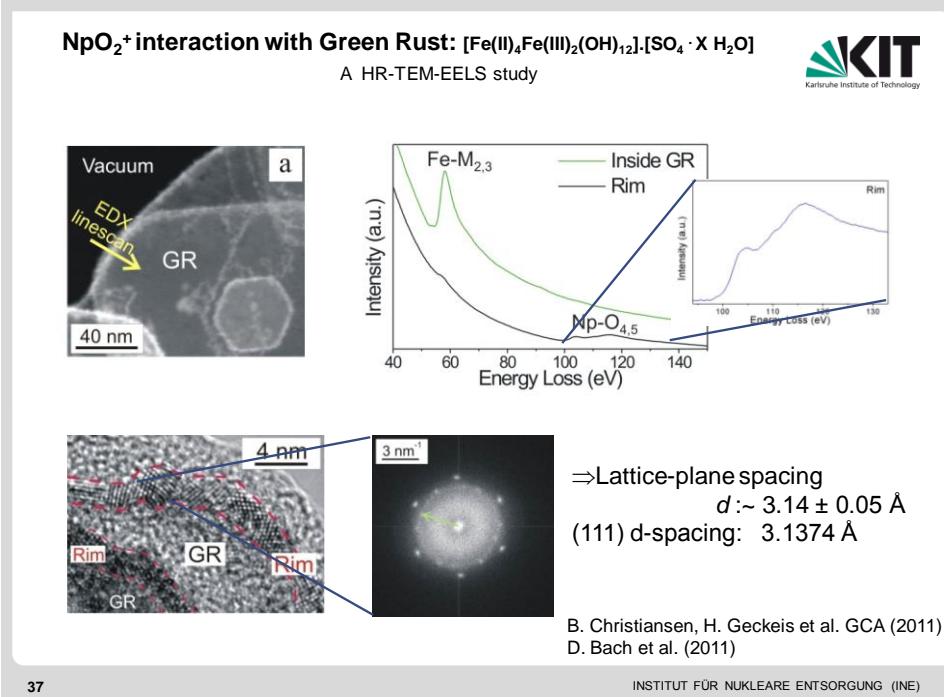
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Specific adsorption sites for metal ion surface complexation to clay minerals  
 Daehn et al., (PSI-LES), progress report, 2009

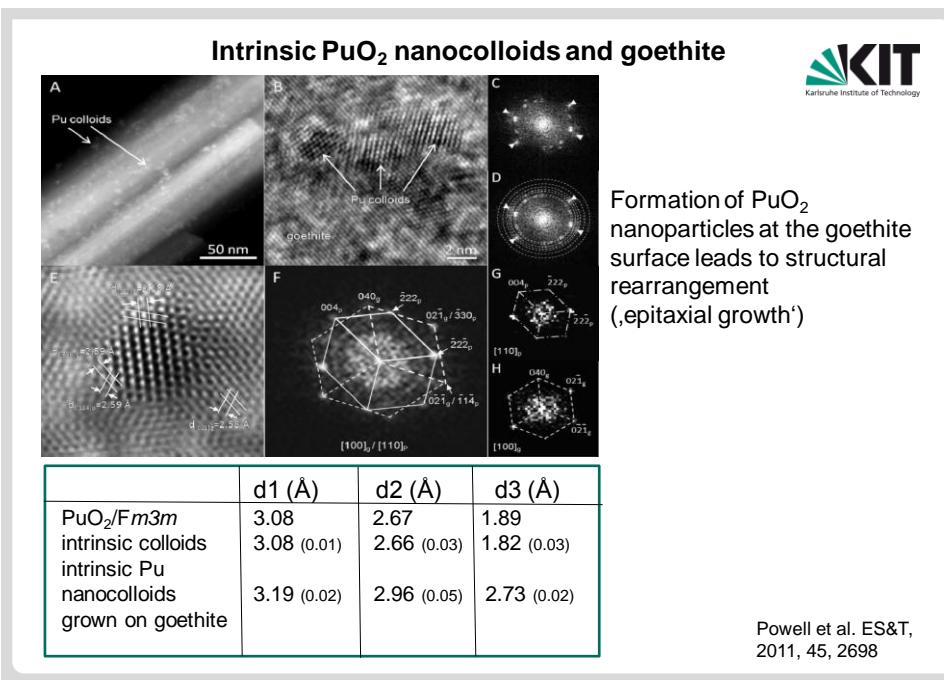
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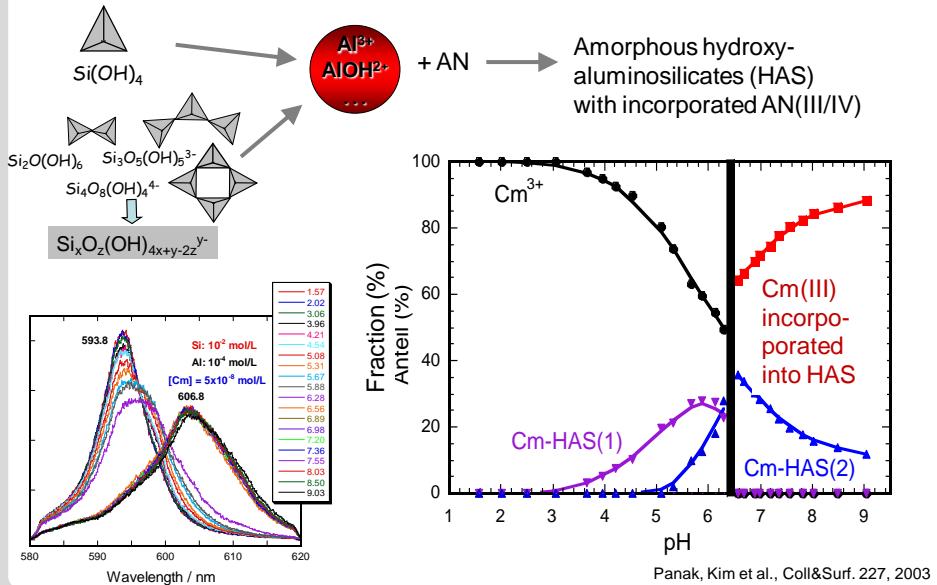
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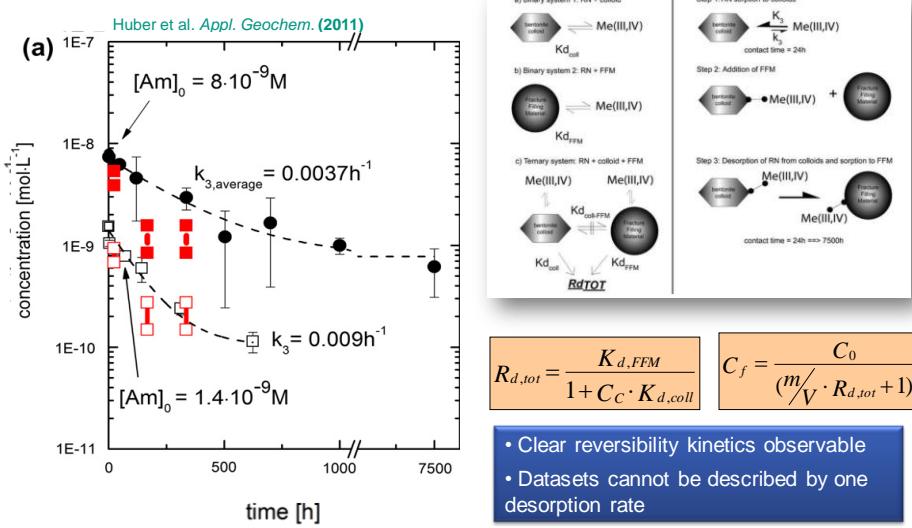
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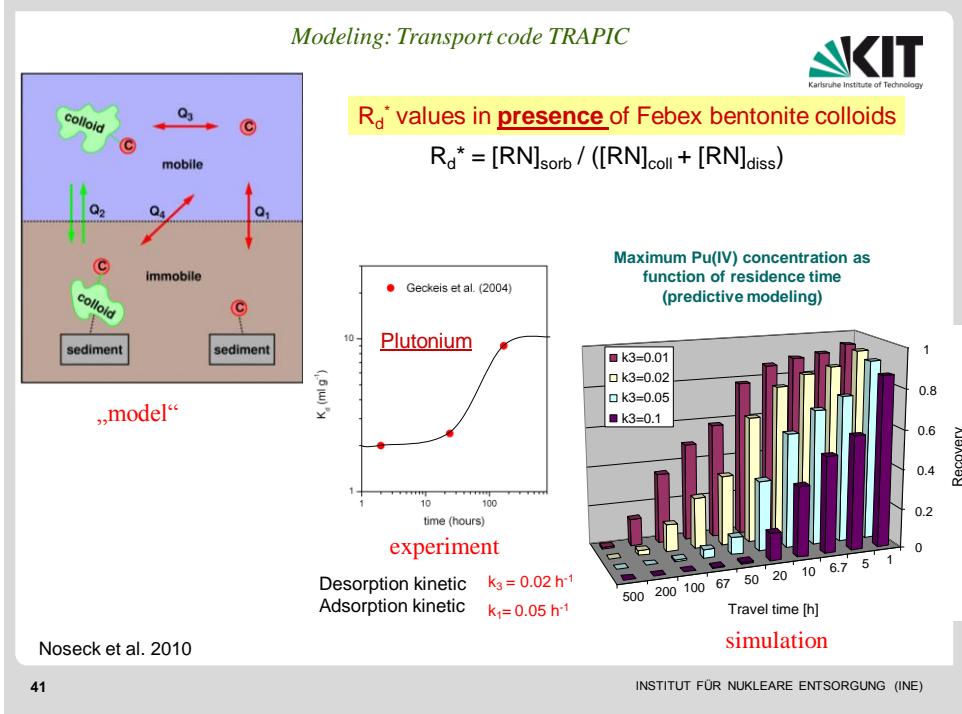
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## RN - colloid sorption reversibility kinetics Comparison binary ⇔ ternary system

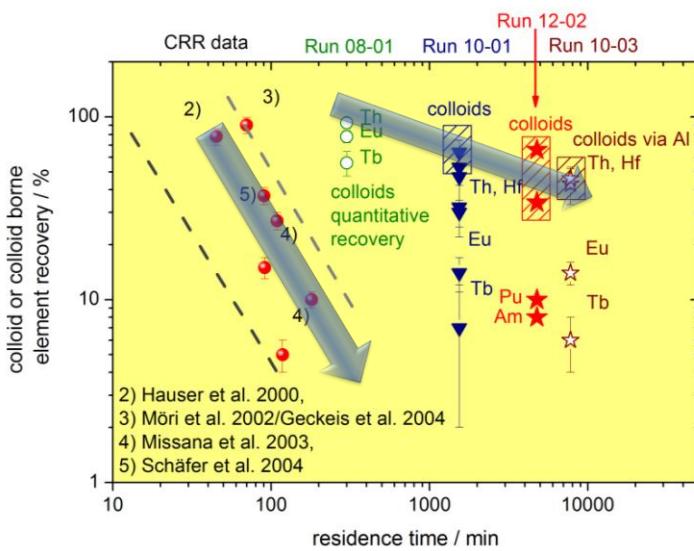


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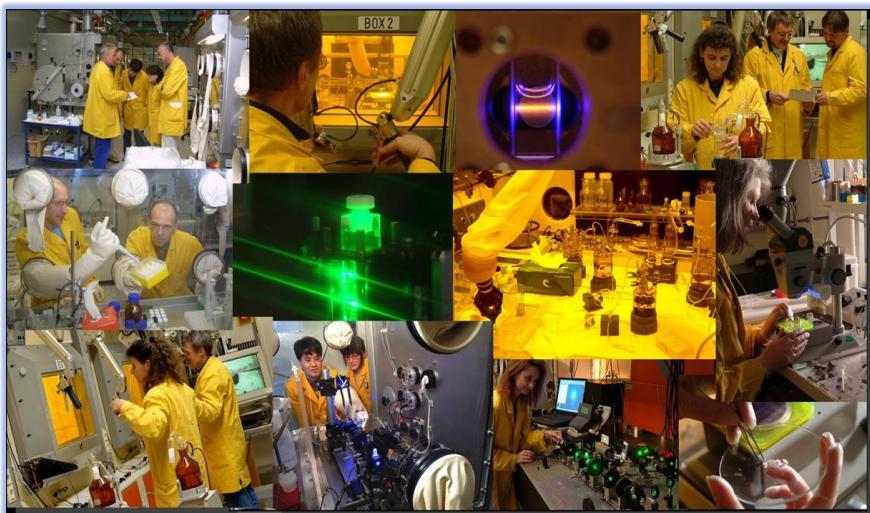
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## Short conclusions

- AN nanoparticles have different properties depending on their generation (or synthesis mode)
- Mobility of AN bearing colloid/nanoparticles decreases
  - depending on pH/ionic strength conditions which determine colloid/nanoparticle stability and surface attachment due to electrostatic attraction
  - with increasing surface roughness (even under unfavorable conditions)
  - with decreasing strength of AN binding (incorporation/surface induced redox/surface sorption)

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# SPECIATION AND SEPARATION CHEMISTRY OF Tc FOR SNF REPROCESSING

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One of the most important stages of reprocessing of spent nuclear fuel is uranium – plutonium separation. In this stage there are the following substances: U, Pu, Np, Tc, nitric acid, hydrazine and other fission products.

As is known Tc catalyzes the oxidation reaction of hydrazine by nitric acid. And of course that influence is negative because the reductive separation of uranium and plutonium in PUREX-process can be disturbed.

For successful separation of uranium and plutonium in PUREX-process technetium must be in its reduced condition Tc(IV). But somehow Tc comes with U(VI) in organic phase.

Intermediate oxidation states Tc(VI) and Tc(V) and various corresponding species also participates in catalytic cycles. However they rest unidentified due to small  $\epsilon$  or lifetimes and the information about their behavior in such systems can hardly be found in the available literature or is contradictory. Tc influence is a real disaster for reprocessing of spent nuclear fuel. Its harmful effect lead to closure of Sellafield for several years and operation problems on Mayak and French UP-plant. Using spectrophotometric method we have found out what happens among Tc, Zr or Th, nitric acid and reducing agent, e.g. hydrazine nitrate in the stage of reductive separation of U and Pu. It takes us more than 2 hours to get the equilibrium state. Tc(IV) was measured by the shoulder at 400 nm. And for the first time the peak at 470 nm probably corresponding to Tc(V) complex was observed in such a system due to its important time needed for reaction complete development that was missed by previous researchers.

The reaction consists of 3 stages. On addition of hydrazine to Tc(VII)+Th(IV) solution in nitric acid the reaction first proceeds as a Tc(VII) reduction to Tc(IV) thus developing the shoulder at 400 nm and following the zero order kinetics, initiating the hydrazine decomposition

with gas evolution. Then, the decomposition of Tc(IV) takes place in similar zero order kinetics with formation of *unidentified TcX species*. Then finally Tc(V)-Th(IV) complex is formed characterized with a peak at 470 - 475 nm in first order kinetics.

Obtained solutions are pink or brown depending on Tc concentration. It is necessary to emphasize that this complex rests stable for several days at 55 °C.

We can see that this system forms a quite stable compound with Tc(V). Because of the presence of different species, to analyze all spectra we used deconvolution method. Hundreds spectra were deconvolved during the investigation. On the right side a wide variety of reactions taking place in studied system could be found.

The influence of zirconium was studied as well. Since the kinetics has been studied by example of thorium, we decided to consider equilibrated solutions. And it helped us to find out the ratio between Tc and Zr in the complex at 470 nm which is 2 to 1.

In the case of Zr - Tc diagram, concentration of Tc(V) complex increases in these limits of Tc concentration to be boud in the complex. But further increase of Tc concentration leads to appearance of excess Tc(IV) which restars the catalytic decomposition of hydrazine providing forming oxidizing conditions in the finally resulting solution. So oxidation of the Tc(V) complex to Tc(VII) occurs at the excess of Tc.

The ratio between Tc and Th in a complex was also found as 2 to 1. After such a complicated separation of U and Pu it's still needed to get rid of Tc from obtained solutions.

For this purpose its precipitation in form of  $\text{Pr}_4\text{NTcO}_4$  (pertechnetate tetrapropylammonium) was suggested. It's possible to use this compound to convert Tc into slightly soluble form and remove Tc from the solution. The obtained data on the coefficients of Tc purification from  $^{239}\text{Pu}$  and  $^{106}\text{Ru}$  also suggest  $\text{Pr}_4\text{NTcO}_4$ , as a promising precipitating agent in technology of Tc transmutation.

# Speciation and separation of Tc for SNF reprocessing

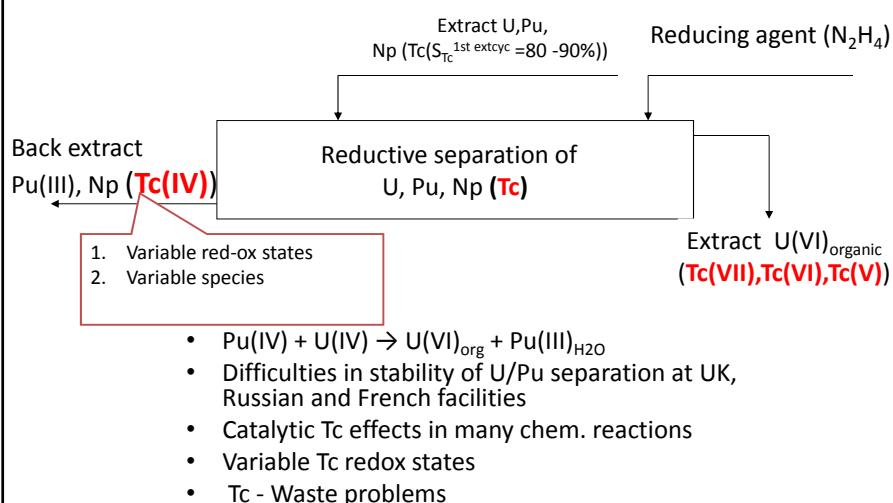
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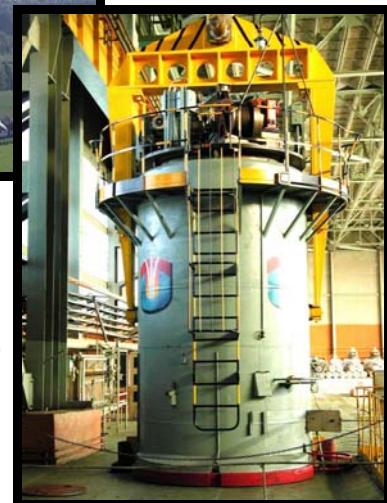
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## Technetium interfering role in the scenario of PUREX development



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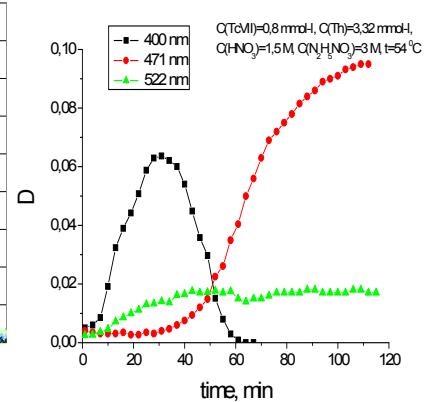
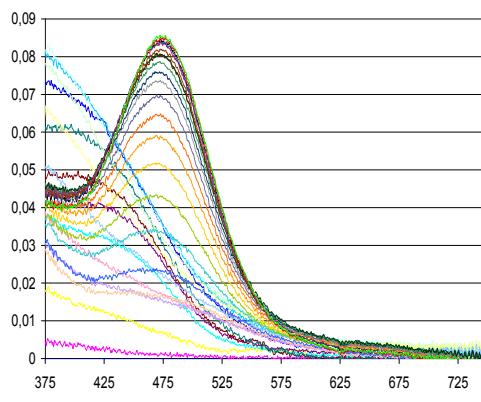
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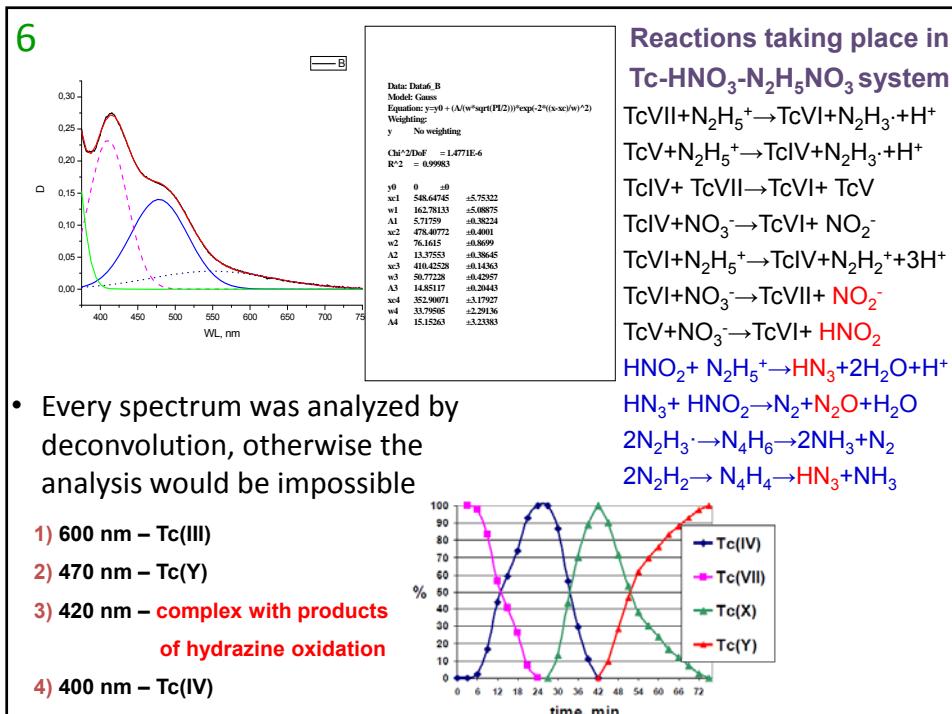
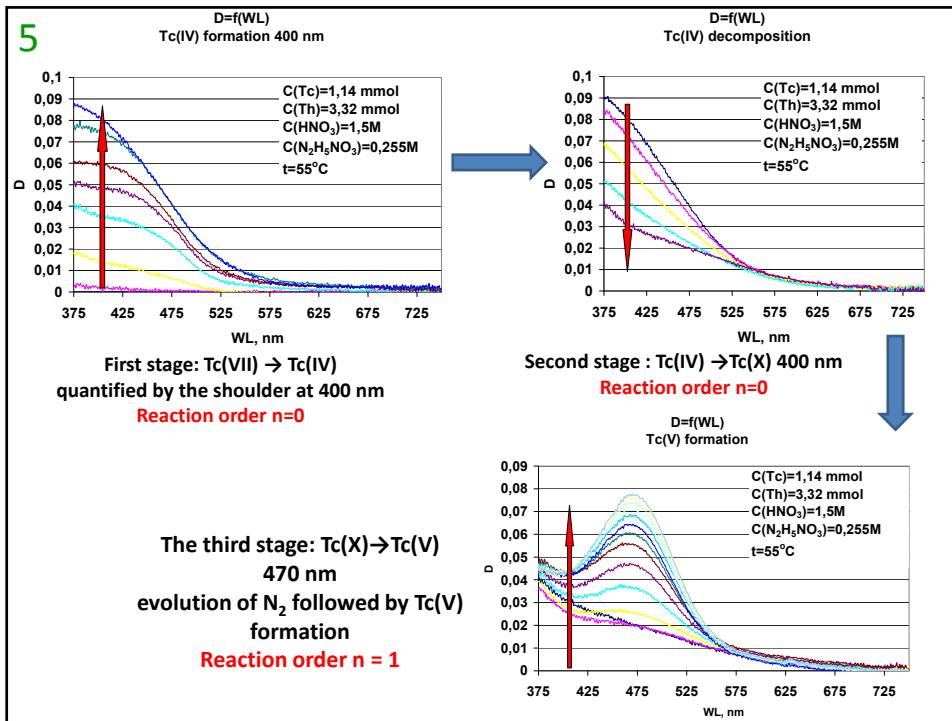


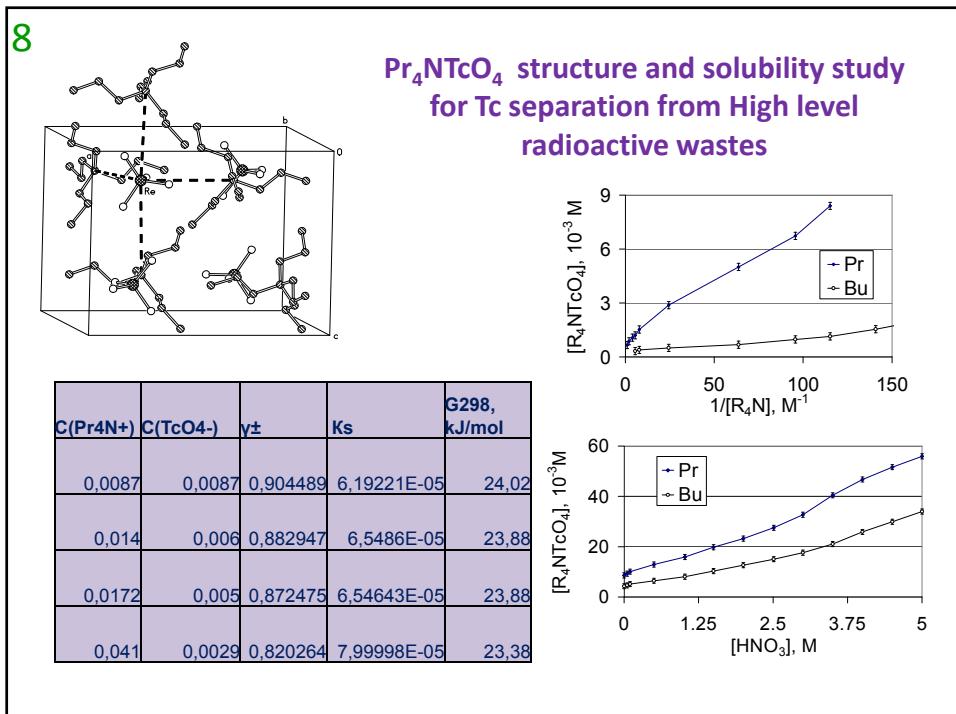
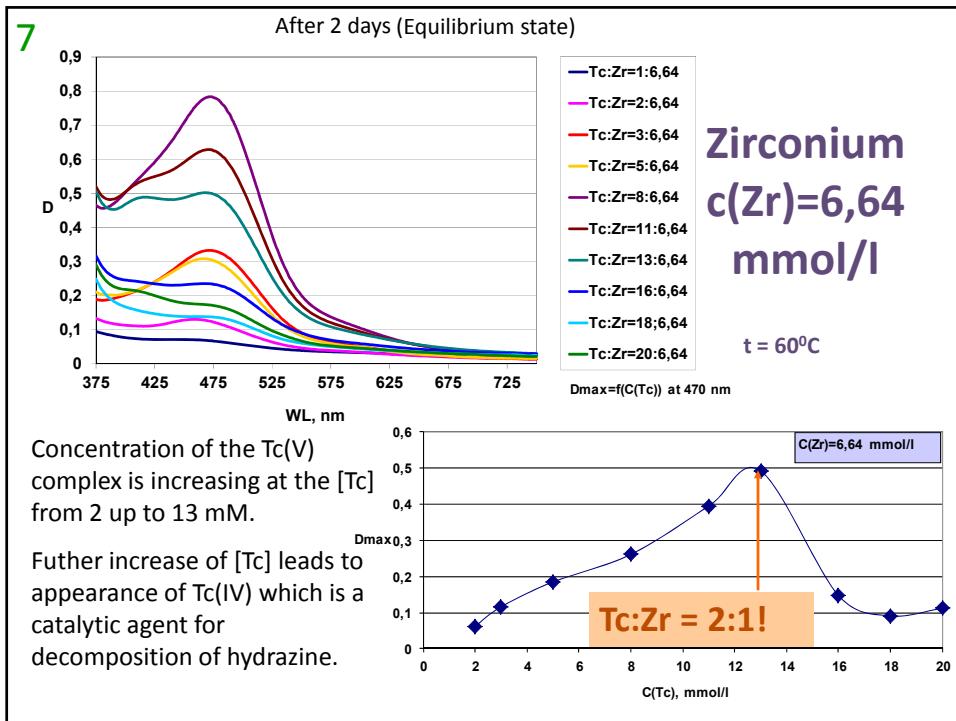
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#### Kinetics of Tc(VII) reduction with $\text{N}_2\text{H}_5\text{NO}_3$ in presence of Th(4+)







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## Conclusions

- 4 Tc species were characterized kinetically and spectrophotometrically in PUREX-like solutions. Tc(V) forms stable complexes with M(IV) ( $M=Th,Zr$ ) in 1.3 M  $HNO_3$  when  $Tc:Zr(Th)=2:1$
- The system  $Th(Zr)-Tc-N_2H_5NO_3$  ( $NH_2OH^*HCl$ )- $HNO_3$  is so complicated that to answer all the questions we need supplementary study of the solid phases
- $Pr_4NTcO_4$  can be used to precipitate Tc from solutions to further transmutation. **We have determined  $\Delta G$  as 23 kJ/M.** For TdS term temperature dependence is needed.

Thank you for  
attention!

***And be careful with Technetium!***



# DEEP EUTECTIC SOLVENTS

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Mixtures of environmentally friendly salts, sugars and urea form deep eutectic solvents (DES) with melting points below 25 °C. These are completely new, green solvents whose properties are widely unexplored. In general, the structure of DES depends on the formation of hydrogen bonds between the molecules<sup>1,2</sup>. These mixtures offer certain advantages. They are easy to prepare by simply mixing the components<sup>3</sup>. The purity is only dependent on the purity of its individual components<sup>4</sup>. Furthermore the mixtures are biodegradable, non-toxic, non-volatile, non-reactive with water and can be accomplished with low cost materials<sup>1,3,4</sup>. In our study, we examine ternary mixtures with high sugar contents. The sugar causes a further depression of freezing point compared to the binary mixture.

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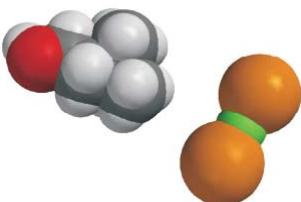
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## General Information

- The term deep eutectic solvents (DESs) has been coined as the mixtures are effectively eutectics formed between two components → very large depression of the melting point in the region of 200 °C[1]
- Eutectic mixtures of salts: Formed to decrease the temperature for molten salt applications (e.g. mixing quaternary ammonium salts with metal salts)[1]
- The deep eutectic results from the formation of complex anions → depression of the lattice energy → depression of the melting point[1]



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## Advantages

- Easy to produce [1,2]
- Purity of the resulting DES simply depends on the purity of its individual components[1, 2]
- Low costs[1, 2]
- Nonreactive with water[1, 2]
- Non-volatile, non-inflammable and biodegradable[1, 2]



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## Types of DES

There are three types of DES [1]

- Type 1: Metal salt + organic salt
- Type 2: Metal salt hydrate + organic salt
- Type 3: Hydrogen bond donor + organic salt

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First deep eutectic solvent without metal salt[1]:

Hydrogen bond donor (HBD) = Urea ( $mp = 133\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$ )

Organic salt = Choline chloride ( $\text{ChCl}$ ) ( $mp = 302\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$ )

→ Liquid at ambient temperature

**Figure 1.** Melting point of choline chloride/urea mixtures as a function of composition[1].

mol % Urea	$T_f / ^{\circ}\text{C}$
0	320
10	150
20	120
30	80
40	50
50	30
60	20
70	30
80	50
90	80
100	100

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- Depression of the melting point must arise from an interaction between urea molecules and the chloride ion[1]
- Homogeneous liquids are only formed with compounds capable of forming hydrogen bonds with chloride ions[1]



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## Other DES

The principle of DES is not limited to amides. It can be applied to a wide variety of other HBD such as acids, amines and alcohols[1, 3].

HBD	$T_m$ in °C	$T_m^*$ in °C
Urea, $(\text{NH}_2)_2\text{CO}$	12	134
1-Methyl urea, $\text{CH}_3\text{NHCONH}_2$	29	93
Acetamide, $\text{CH}_3\text{CONH}_2$	51	80
Malonic acid, $\text{CH}_2(\text{COOH})_2$	10	135
Oxalic acid, $\text{HO}_2\text{CCO}_2\text{H}$	34	190
Phenylacetic acid, $\text{C}_6\text{H}_5\text{CH}_2\text{CO}_2\text{H}$	25	77
Ethylene glycol, $\text{HOCH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{OH}$	-91	-13

**Table 1.** Melting point temperature of various ChCl:HBD DES at eutectic composition together with the melting point of the pure HBDs



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## DES with sugar content

Ternary mixtures of sugar/sugar alcohol-urea-inorganic salt as a solvent for organic transformations[4, 5].

But: Melting points in the range of 65 to 85 °C



Optimization of the melting point by varying the components and the composition of the mixtures



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Mixture	Molar ratio	Melting point
Urea-ChCl	2:1	12 °C
Glucose-Urea-NaCl	2:1.3:1	78 °C
Glucose-Urea- ChCl	1:1:1	< 0 °C
Sorbitol-DMU-NH <sub>4</sub> Cl	2:1.2:1	67 °C
Sorbitol-Urea-ChCl	1:1:1	< 0 °C

**Table 2.** Melting points of mixtures containing glucose/sorbitol, urea/DMU and salt

→ The melting point decreases by changing the composition and replacing the inorganic salt with ChCl

→ The sugar/sugar alcohol causes a further depression of melting point compared to the binary mixture

Thank you for your Attention

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# NANOSTRUCTURED LIQUIDS, COLLOIDS AND ENVIRONMENTALLY ACCEPTABLE LIQUID MEDIA

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In order to investigate the influence of the chemical structure of renewable feedstock oils (RFOs) on the domains of existence and nanostructure of microemulsions we have chosen to study the pseudo-ternary system water/SDS/1-Pentanol/renewable oil.

The domains of existence were determined by recording pseudo-ternary phase diagrams (PTPD) with a melt of SDS/1-Pentanol as pseudo component in a constant mass ratio of 1:2 and limonene and/or rapeseed biodiesel as renewable oil. The nanostructures of the formulated microemulsions were studied using conductivity measurements.

All the results were compared to those obtained by using n-alkanes as oils with a carbon chain length between 6 and 16.

We can show that the use of limonene gives a similar phase diagram as octane or nonane. The domain of existence of the microemulsion obtained with rapeseed biodiesel is more like the one observed in presence of hexadecane.

By mixing both oils we were able to screen more or less the whole spectrum of phase diagrams beginning with octane and ending with hexadecane. For this reason we examined the phase diagrams for the

limonene-to-biodiesel mixtures with the mass ratios 1:3, 1:1 and 3:1 further to those with pure components. For the behavior of the oil not the hydrophobicity plays an important role on the domain of existence of the microemulsion but the number of carbon atoms in the molecule.

The ultimate goal of this study is the proposition of “green” alternatives to alkanes that are still widely used in product formulations.



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## What are Microemulsions

Microemulsions are thermodynamically stable, isotropic, transparent mixtures of at least one hydrophilic, one hydrophobic, and one amphiphilic component.

A great variety of structures of single phase microemulsions is known in literature ranging from water-in-oil (w/o) over bicontinuous to oil-in-water (o/w) structures. In the case of a w/o microemulsion, oil is the continuous phase with water droplets stabilized by surfactant molecules and vice versa for o/w structures. Bicontinuous structures, which are networks of oil and water nanodomains separated and stabilized by a surfactant interfacial film with a net curvature close to zero can be found at almost equal amounts of water and oil.<sup>1</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Agnes Harrar, Dissertation, 2011, Regensburg

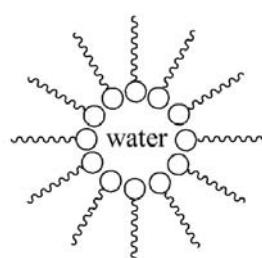


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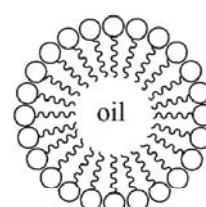
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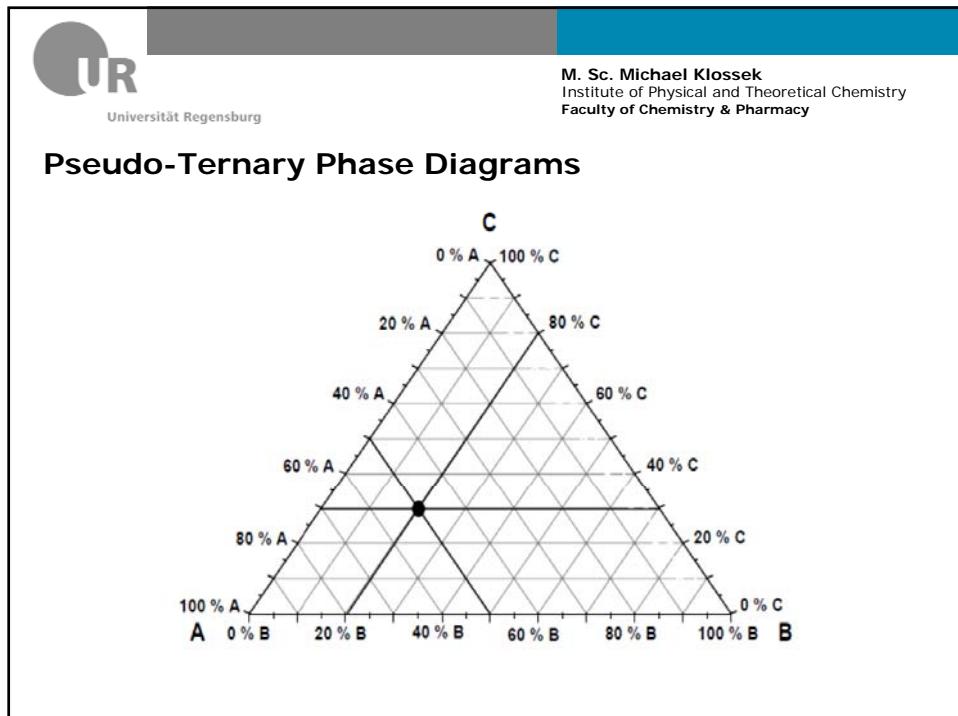
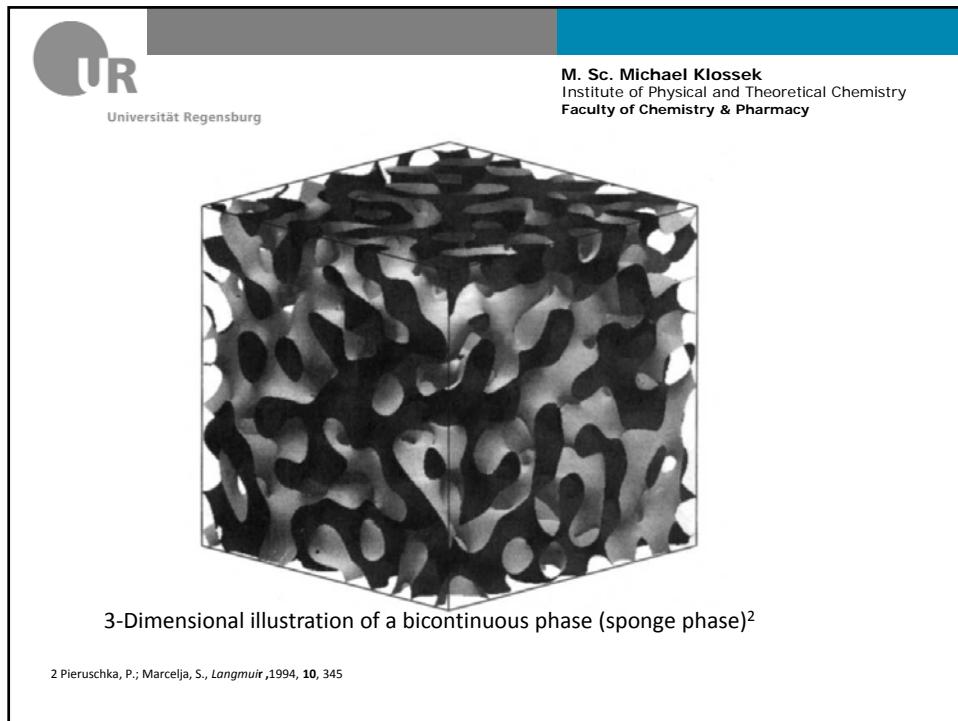


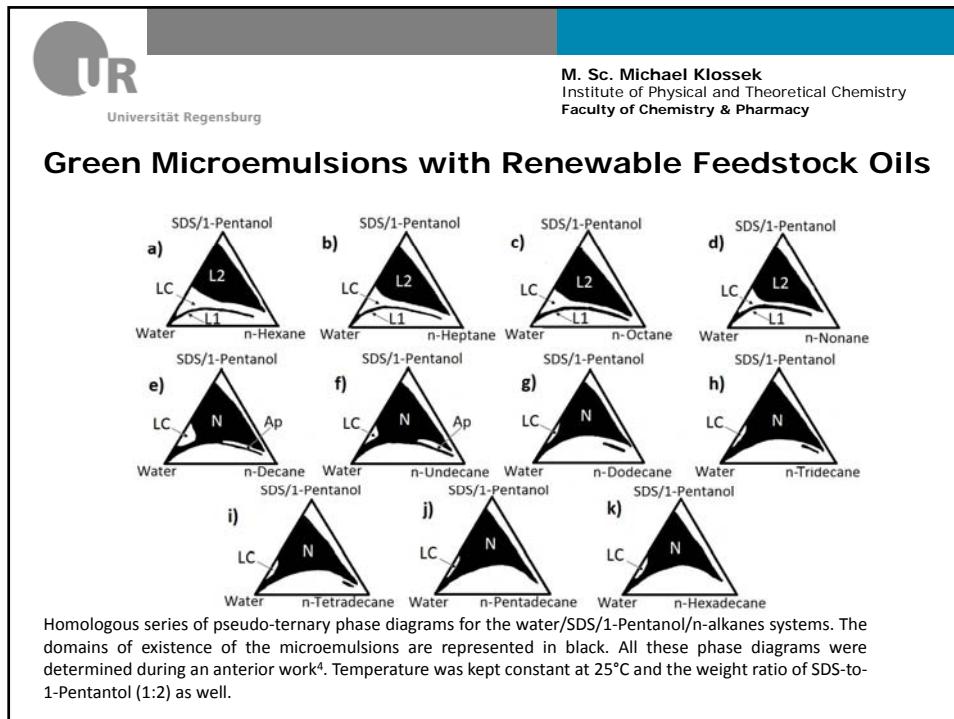
**water in oil  
(w/o)**

#### high water content



**oil in water  
(o/w)**





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### Green Microemulsions with Renewable Feedstock Oils

- Biodiesel
  - Rapeseed Biodiesel
 

Obtained by transesterification of rapeseed oil with methanol to give fatty acid methyl esters (FAME)
  - TBK Biodiesel
 

TBK-Biodiesel is made by partial transesterification of triglycerides with alkyl esters of carboxylic acids
  - Cuphea Biodiesel
 

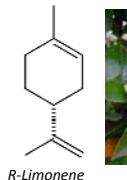
Cuphea is proposed as a source of fatty acids with medium chain length, mostly decanoic acid
- Limonene (1-methyl-4-(1-methylethenyl)-cyclohexane)
  - major constituent in citrus oils (peel oil contains 95% R-Limonene)
  - nowadays widely used as biogenic solvent (e.g. can be used to dissolve polystyrene, and is a more ecologically friendly substitute for acetone or toluene)
  - Limonene is considered as a skin irritant and sensitizer in high concentrations but not allergenic



*Brassica napus*  
Origin: Mediterranean Area

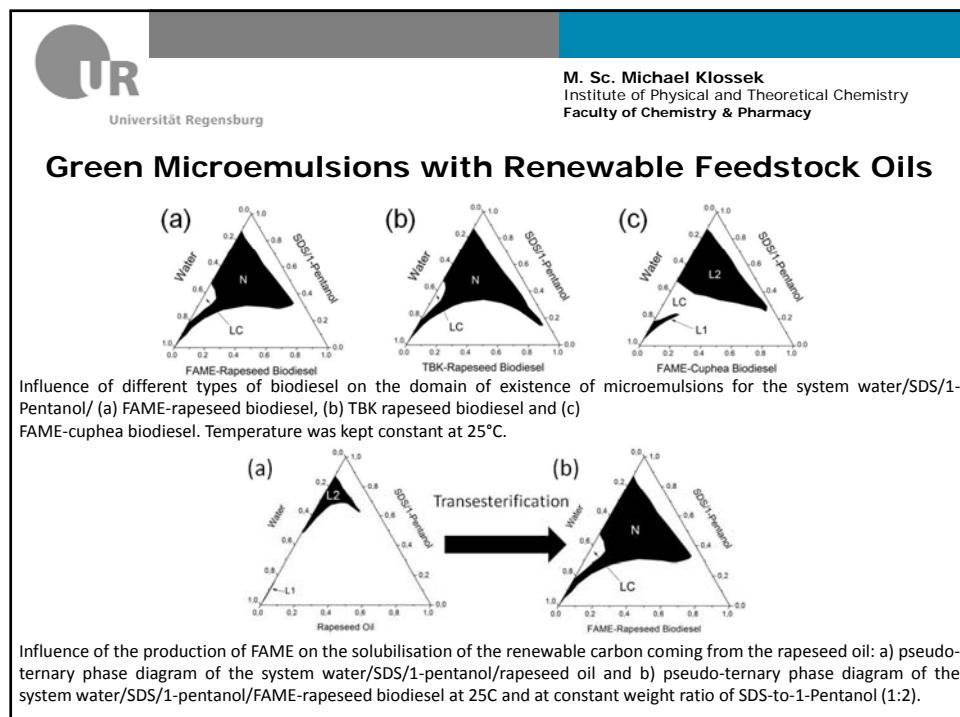
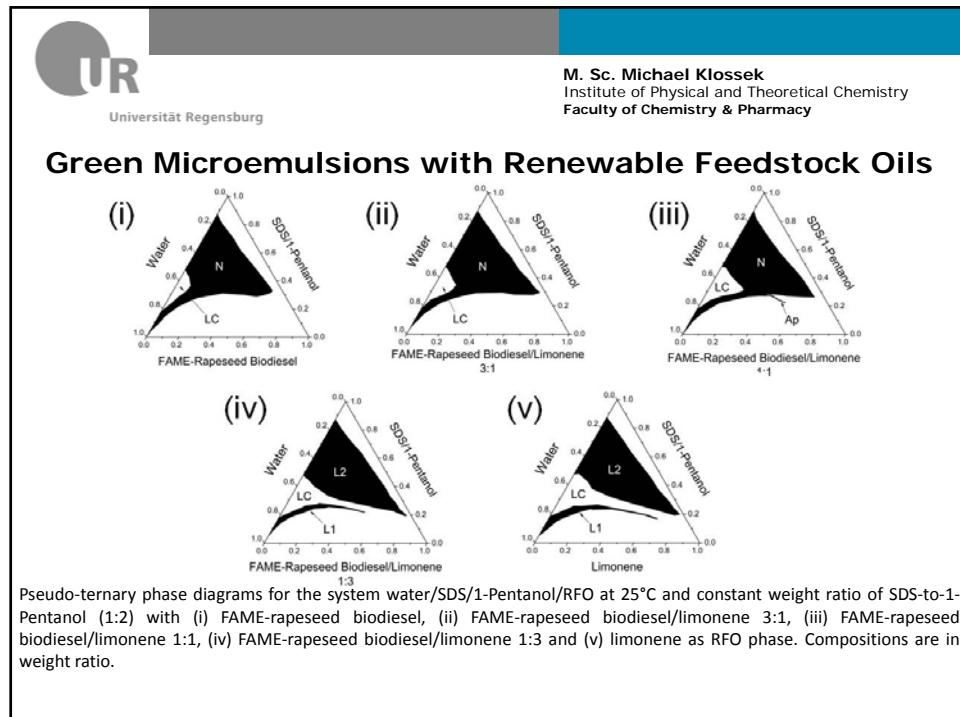


*Cuphea ignea* A. DC.,  
Origin: South America



*R*-Limonene







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## Green Microemulsions with Renewable Feedstock Oils

### Characterization of Microemulsions – Electrical Conductivity

Measurement of electrical conductivity is one of the key methods to study the microstructure of microemulsions, especially in the case of w/o systems. In this case conductivity shows a significant change over many orders when the volume fraction of dispersed matter, here water, is increased above a certain value. Corresponding to several studies this sharp increase is the consequence of the percolative behavior of formed nanostructure in the system<sup>5</sup>. The percolation is induced when droplets in the microemulsion come close enough for an ion exchange from one to another or when the droplets coalesce and form clusters leading to an exchange of material<sup>6</sup>. This phenomenon can be observed when the specific conductivity of the polar phase is some orders of magnitude higher than the one of the oil.

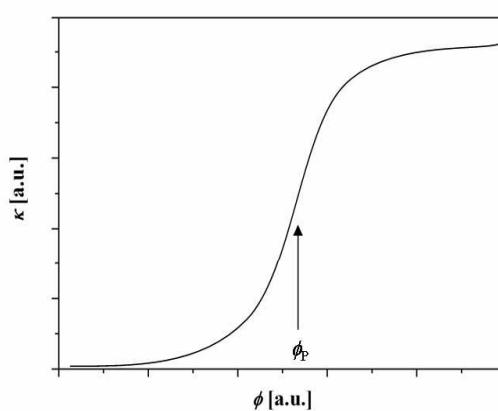
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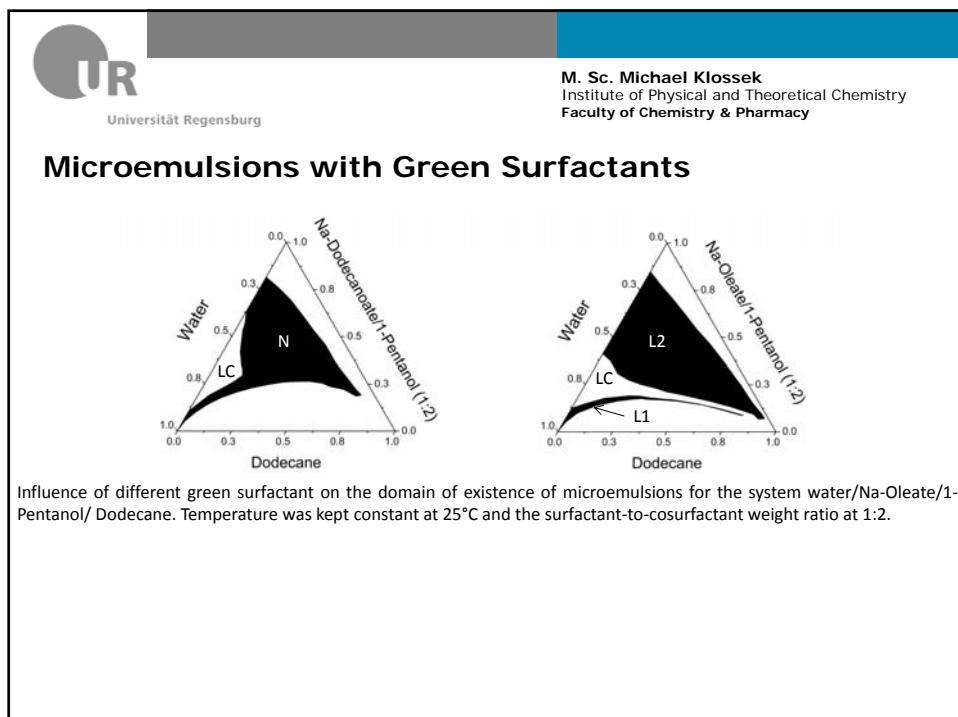
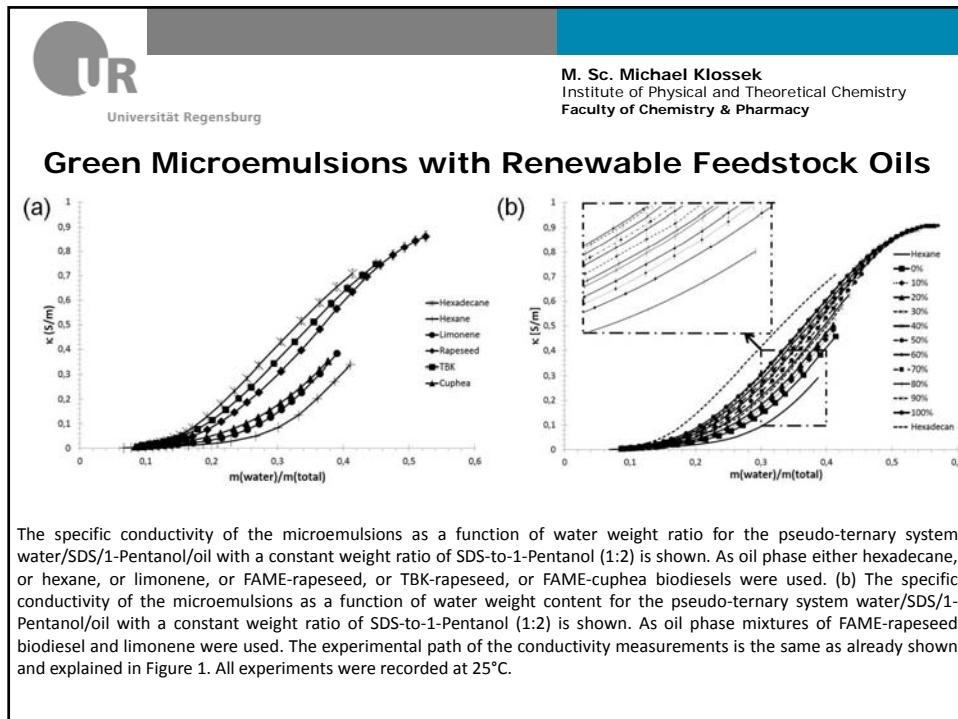


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## RFO-Microemulsions with Green Co-Surfactants

- Heptanol/Ethanol Mixtures
- Citronellol/Ethanol Mixtures
- *Replace Ethanol by 1,5-Pentanediol (Planned)*
- Dodecanol/Ethanol Mixtures
- Guerbet-Alcohols



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## Conclusion

- Replacing of NFOFS by pure or ROF mixtures is possible
- Limonene and Cuphea Biodiesel act like short-chain alkanes
- TBK- and FAME-rapeseed biodiesel oil can substitute long-chain
- The extent of the microemulsion domains and the organization of the nano-droplets could be predicted by the average number of carbon pro molecules (or the average molecular volume) of the RFO or RFOs mixtures.
- Percolative behaviour of the studied systems is kept whatever the molecular volume or the polarity of the oil



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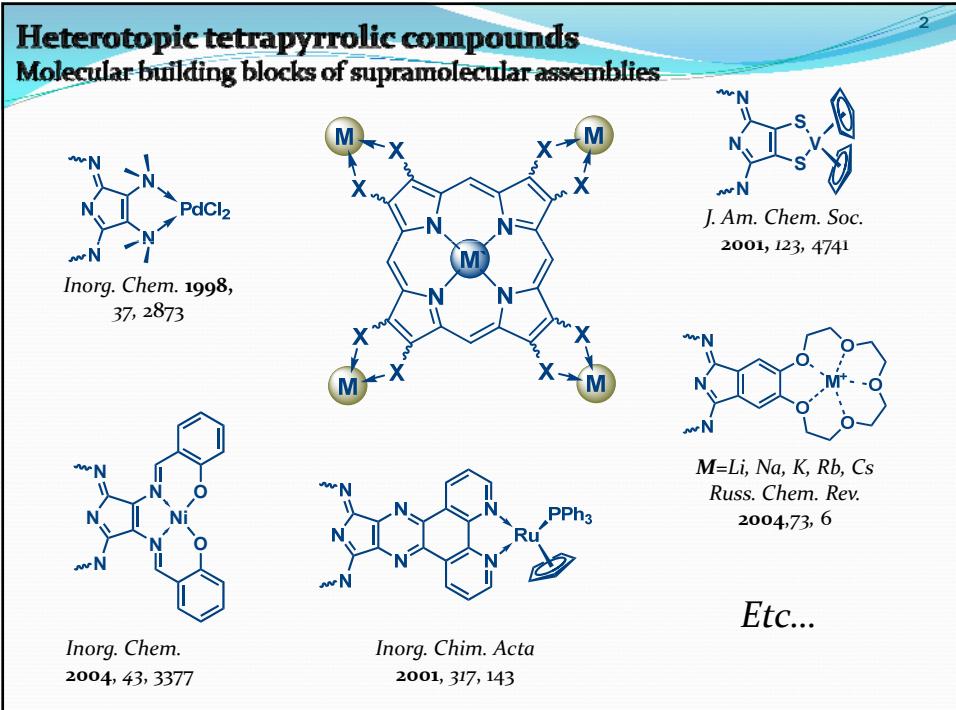
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# SYNTHESIS AND CONFORMATIONAL BEHAVIOUR OF PHTHALOCYANINES, BEARING LATERAL COORDINATING MACROCYCLIC SUBSTITUENTS

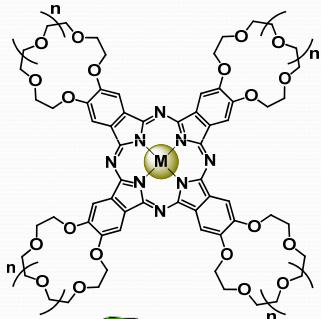
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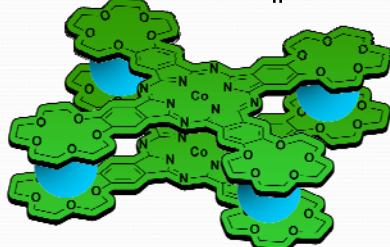
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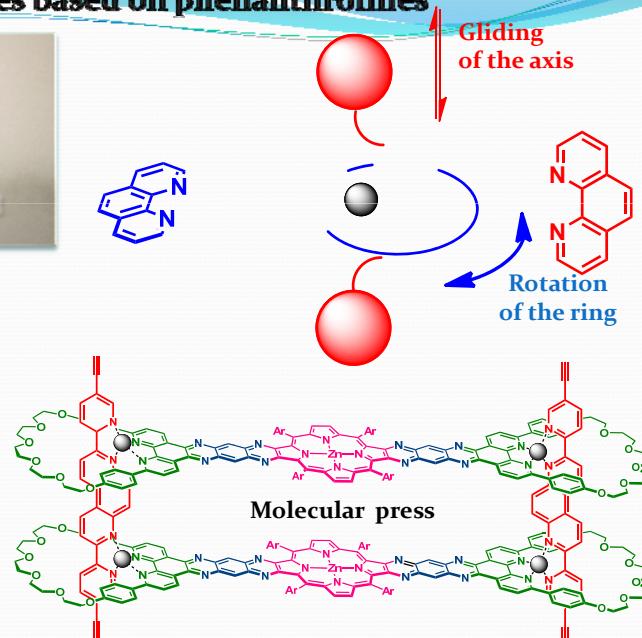
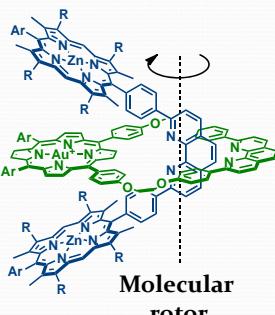
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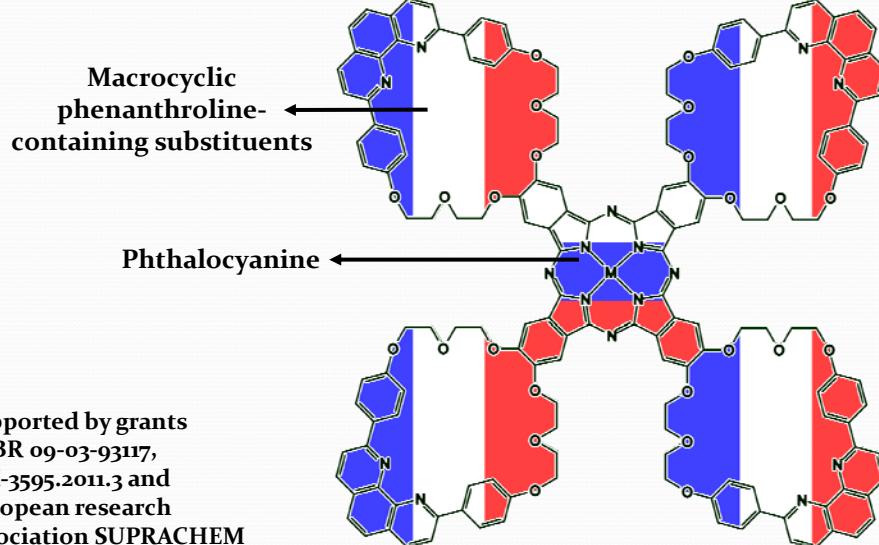
## Molecular machines based on phenanthrolines



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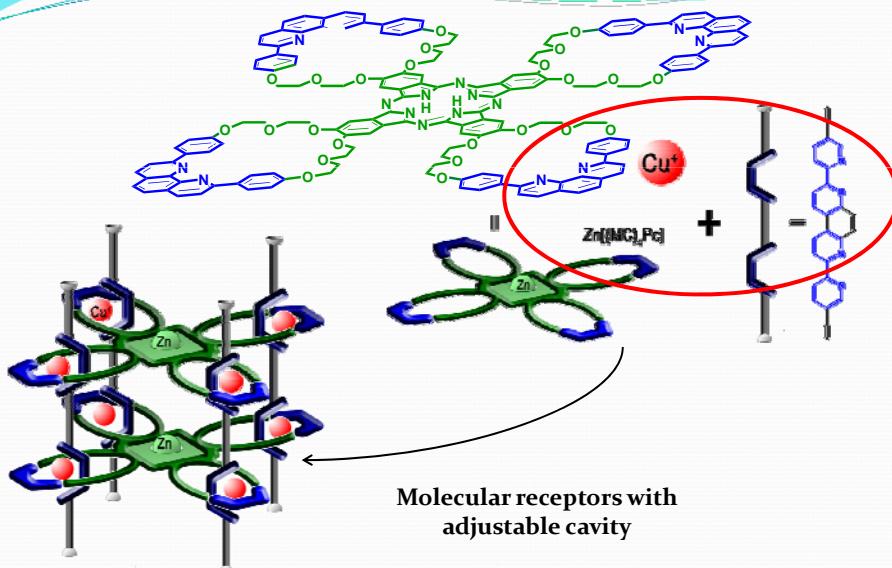


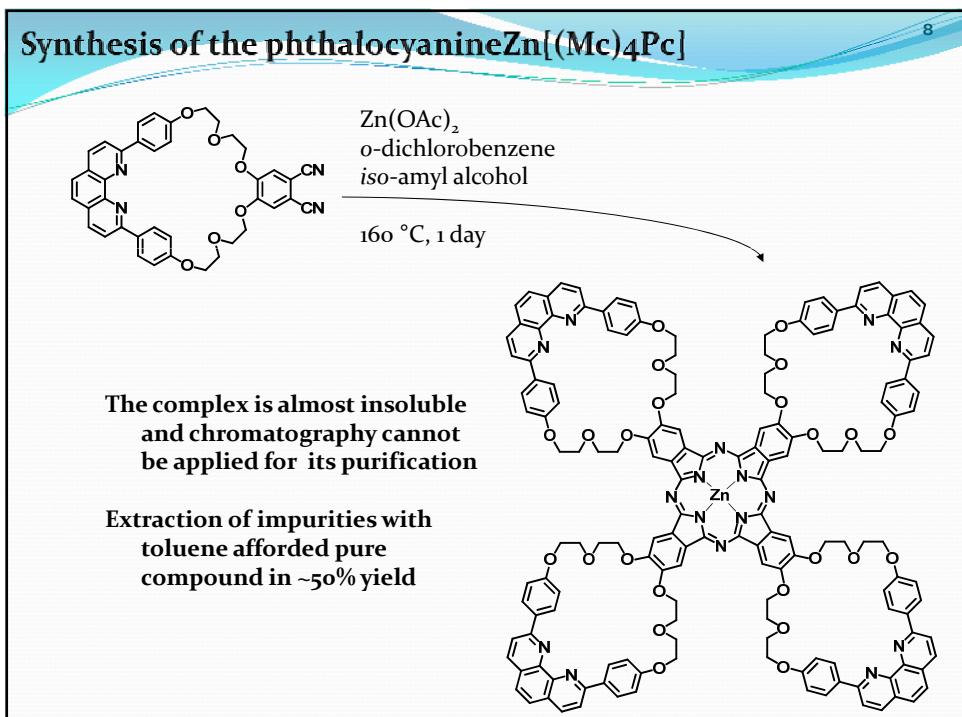
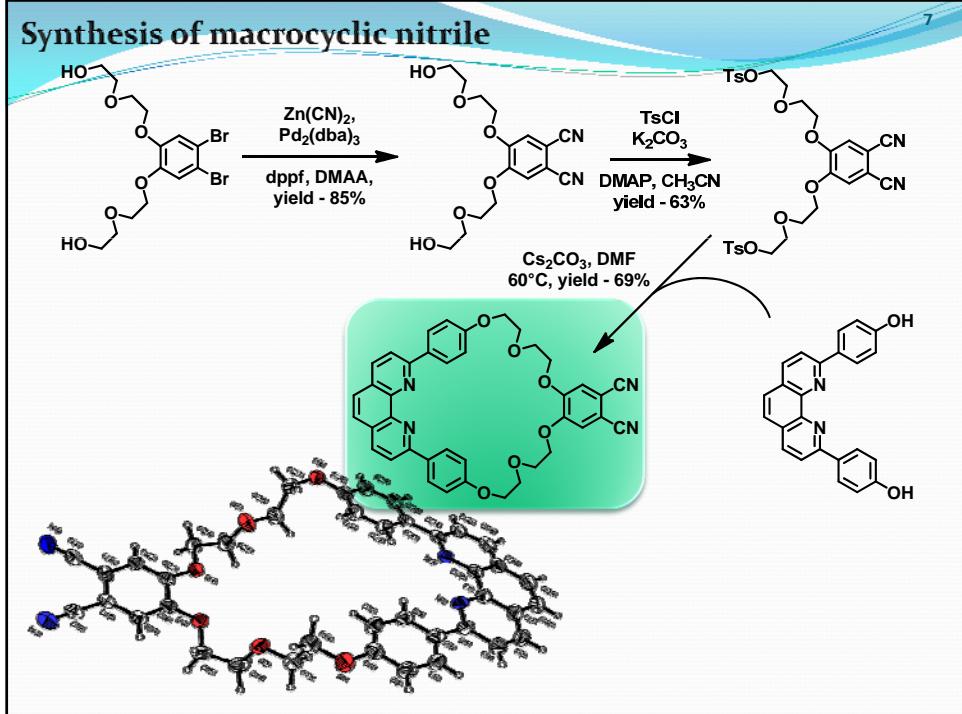
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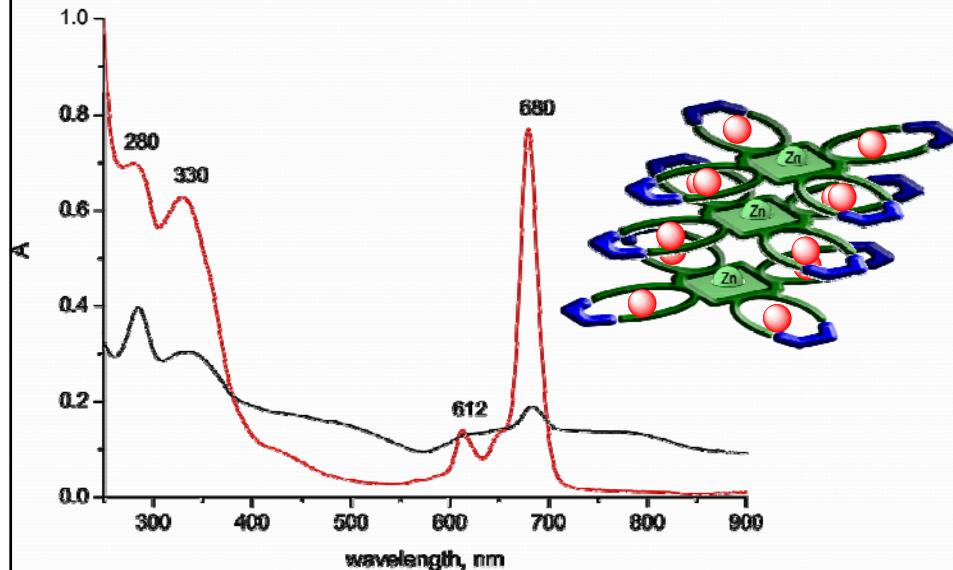
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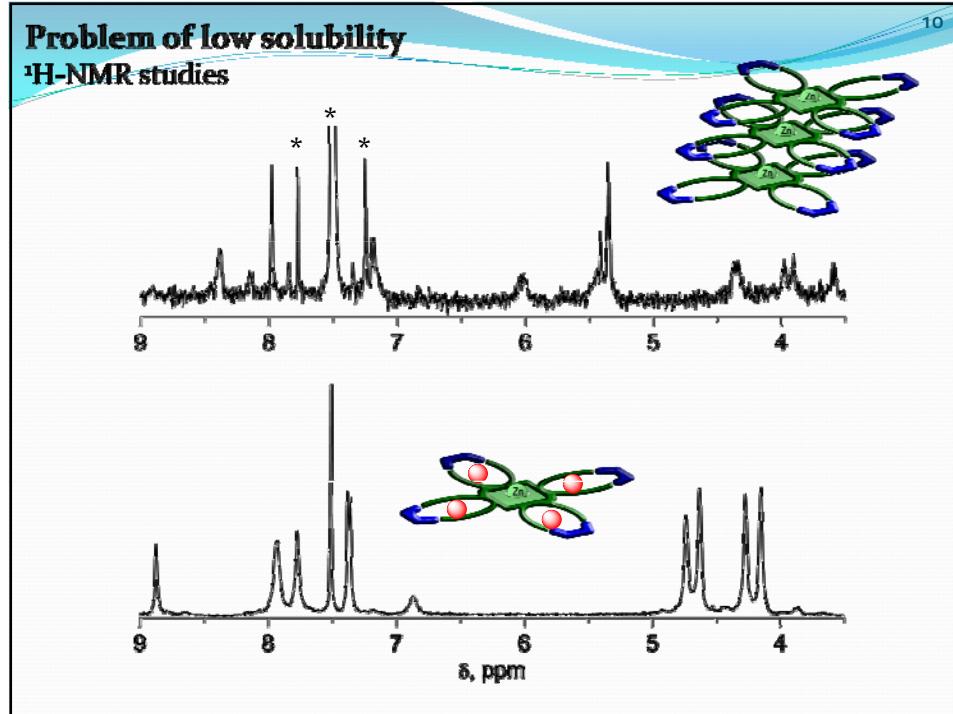


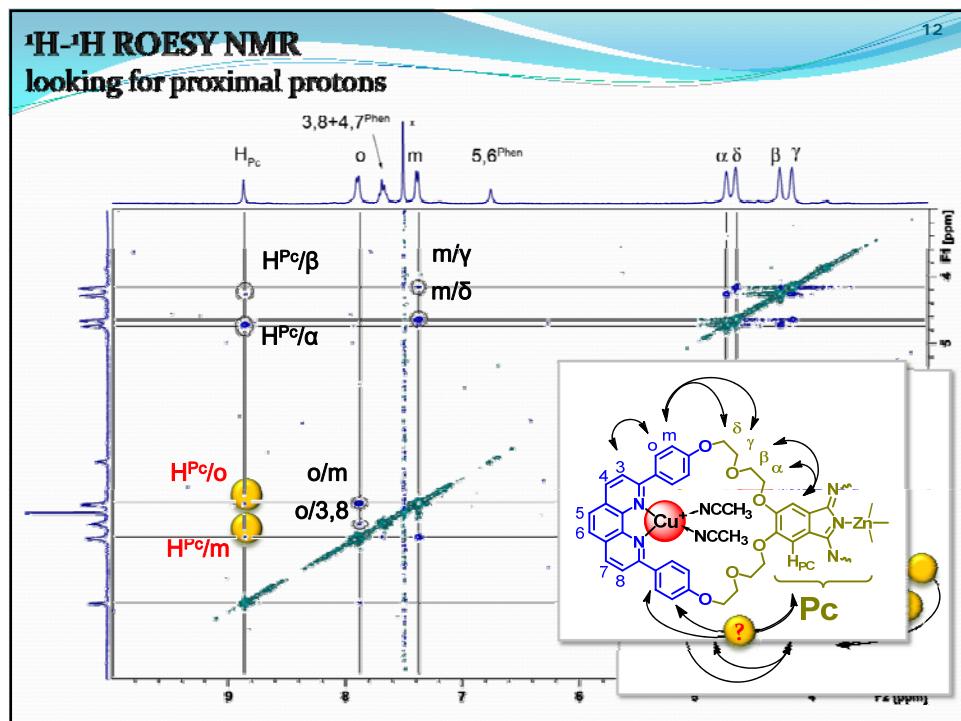
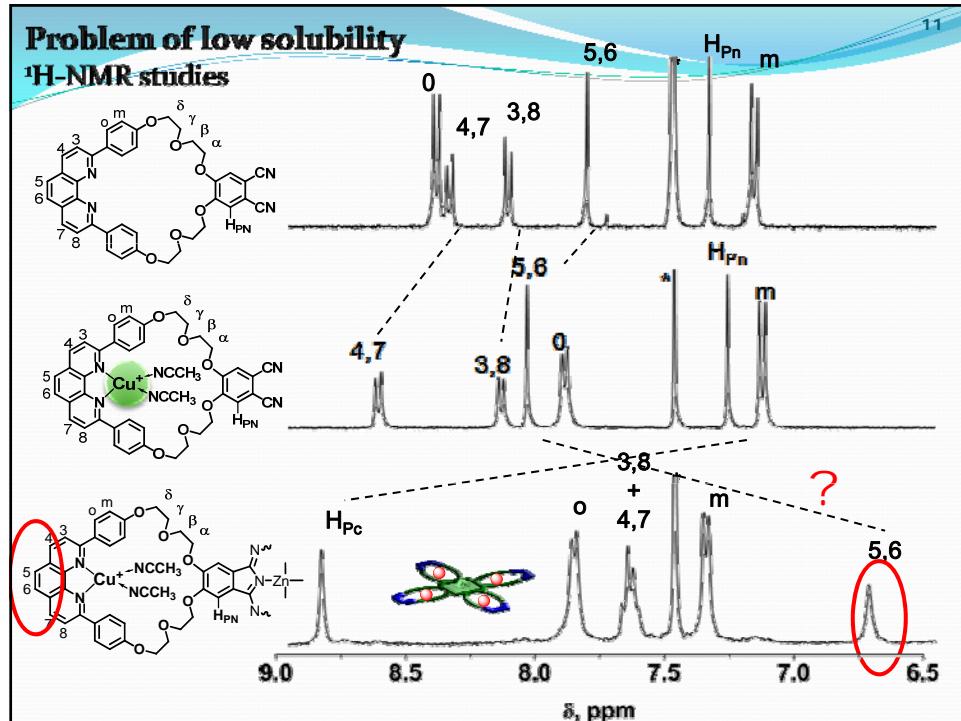


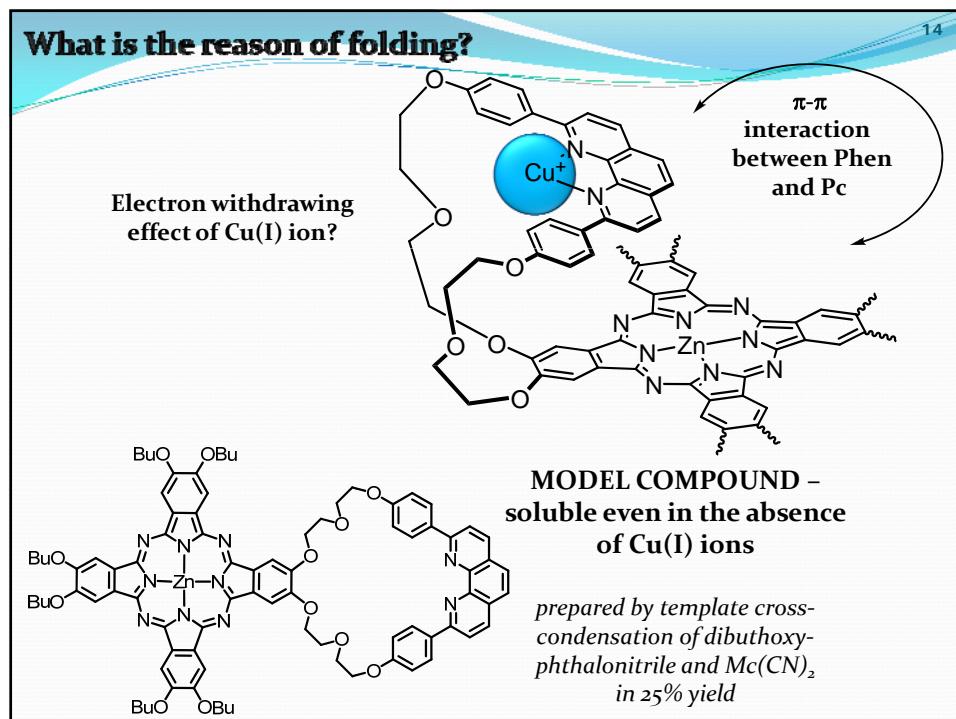
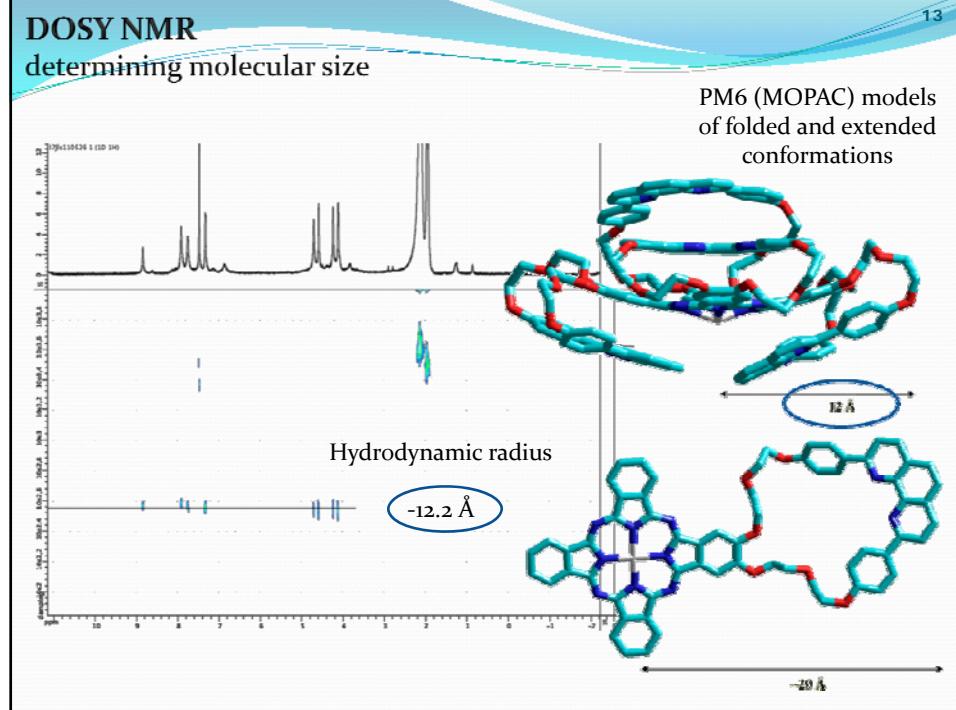
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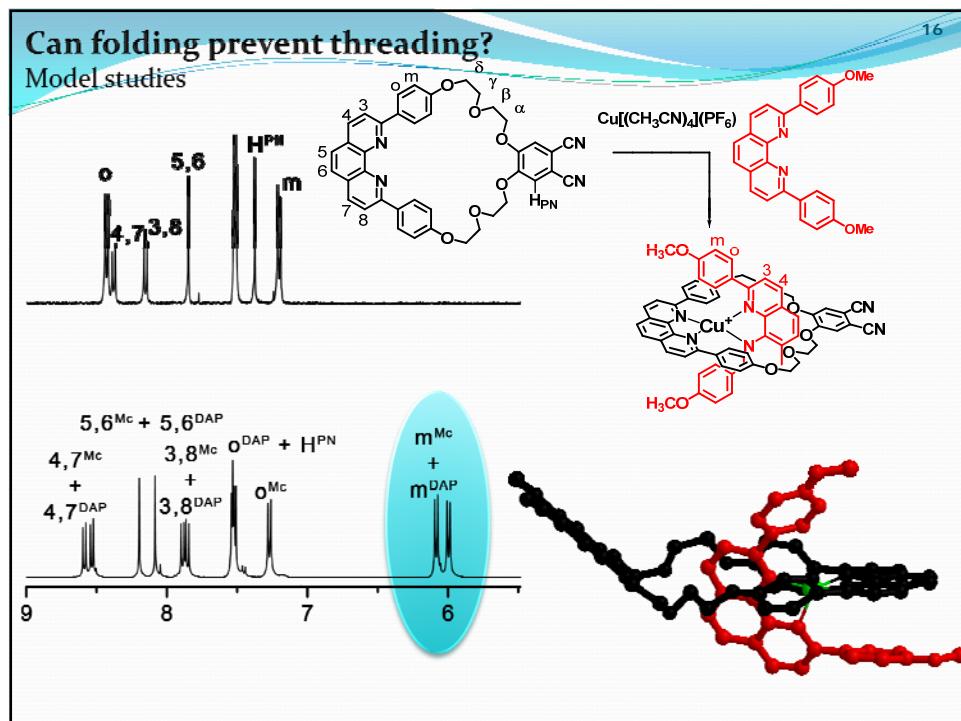
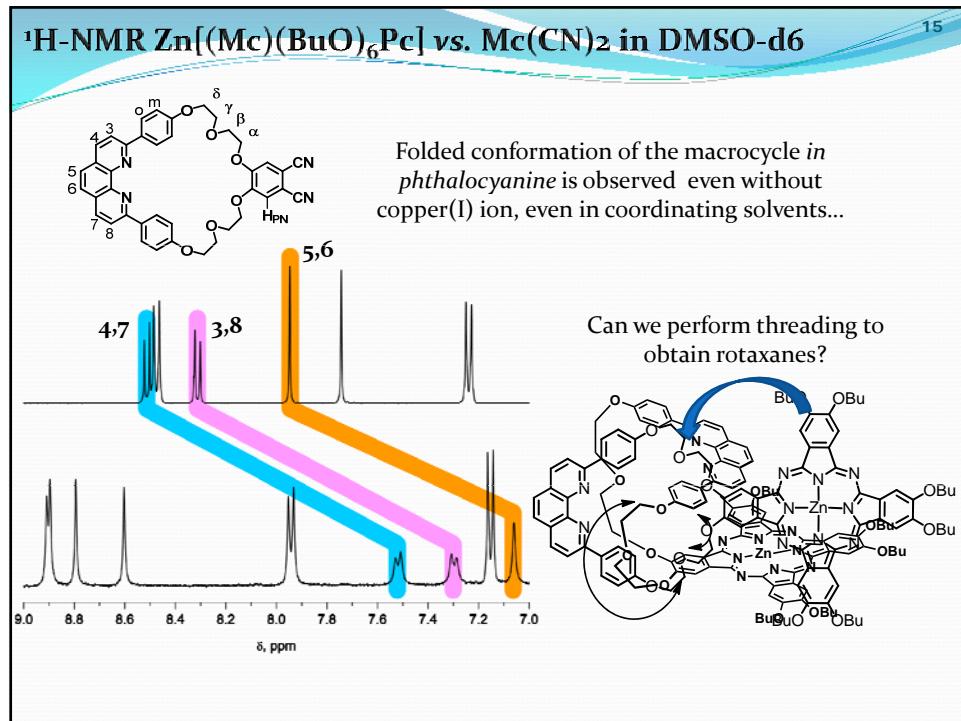


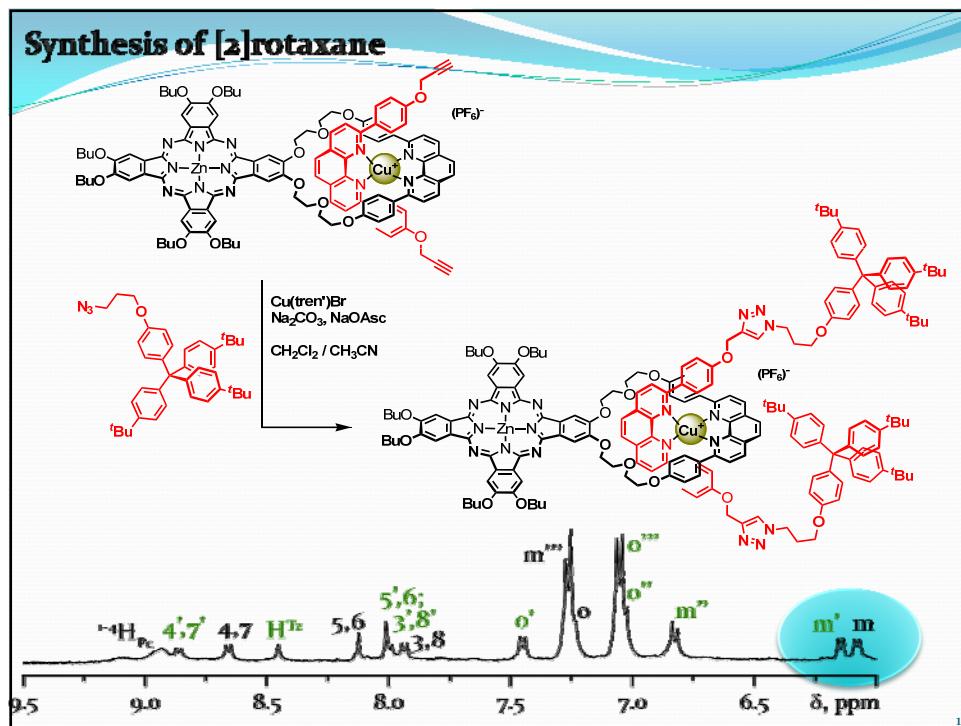
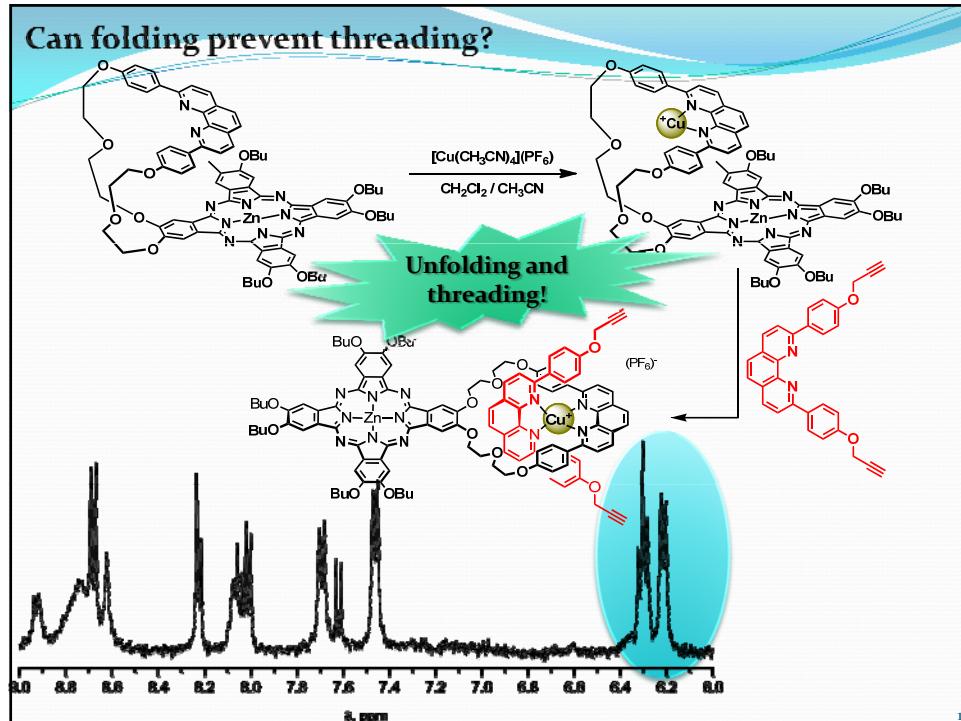
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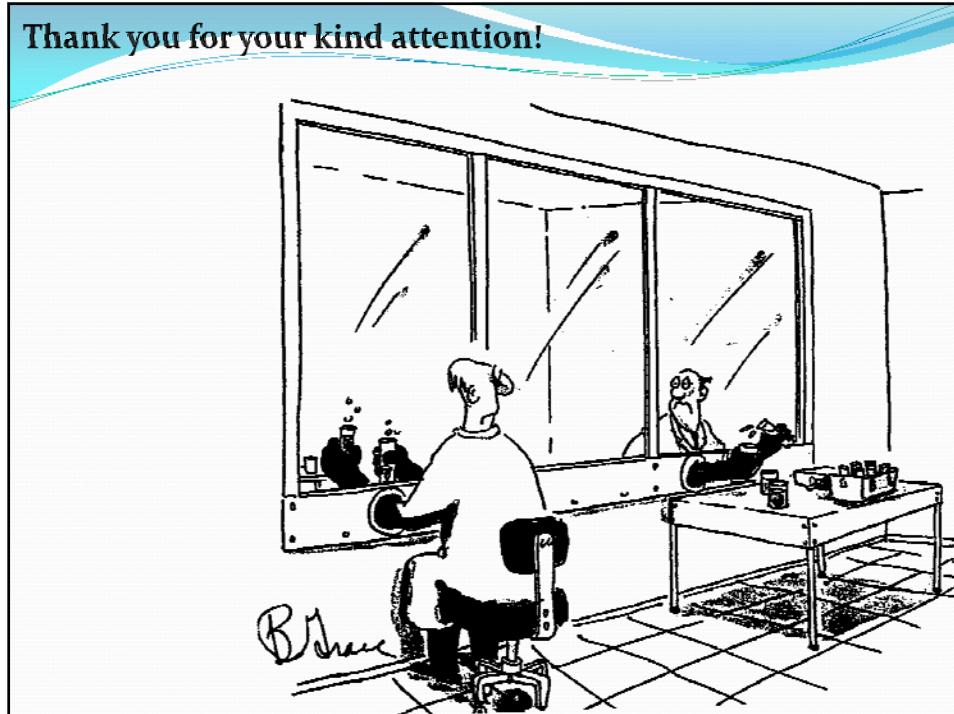
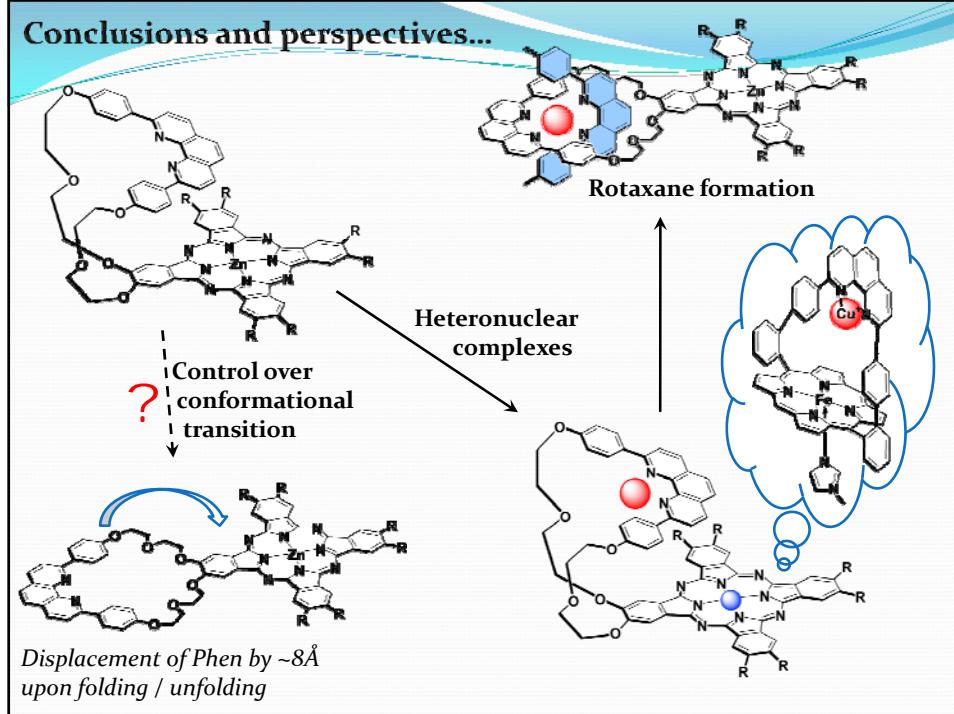






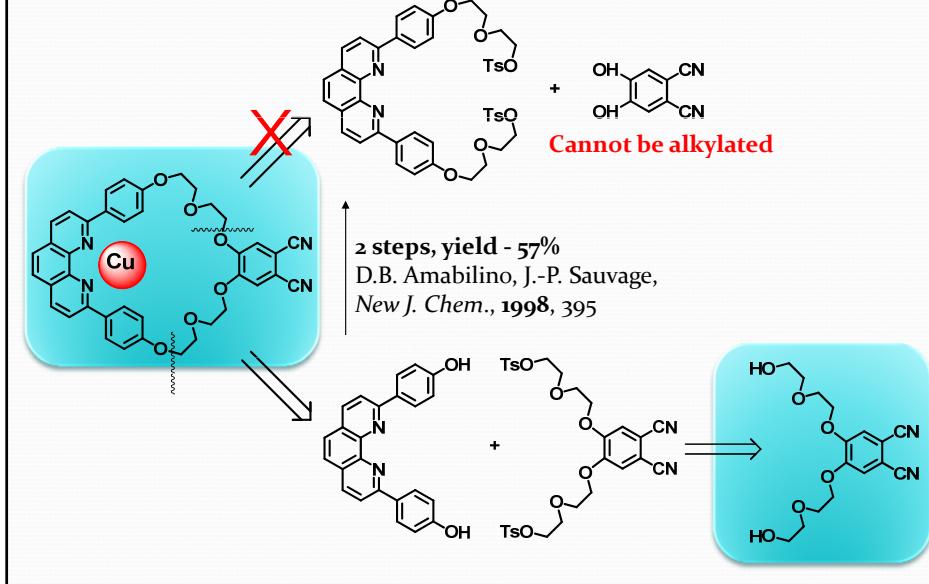


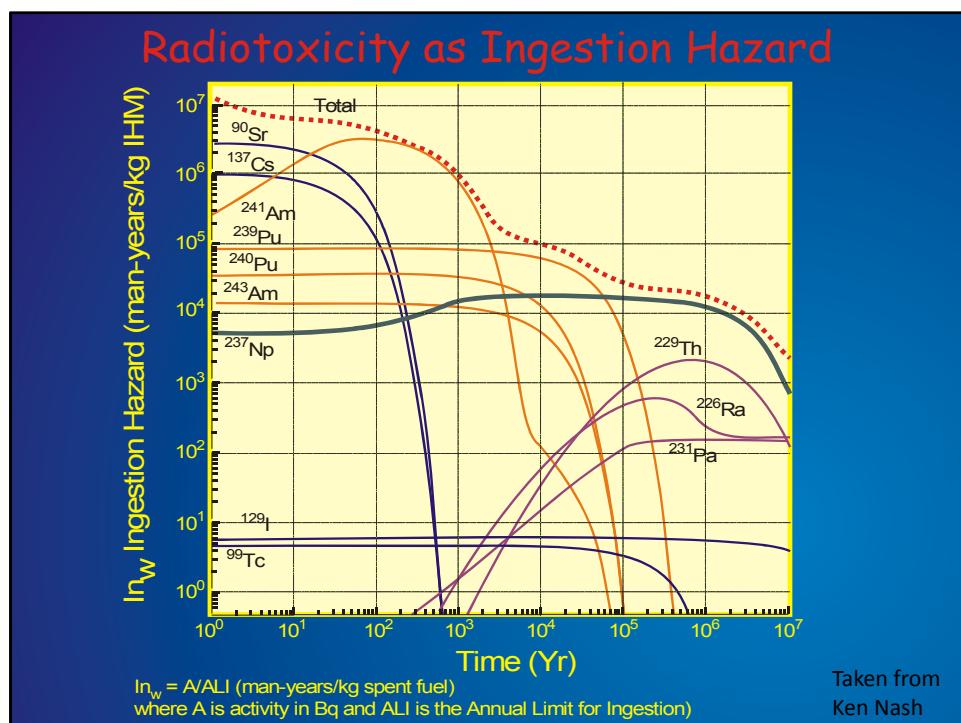
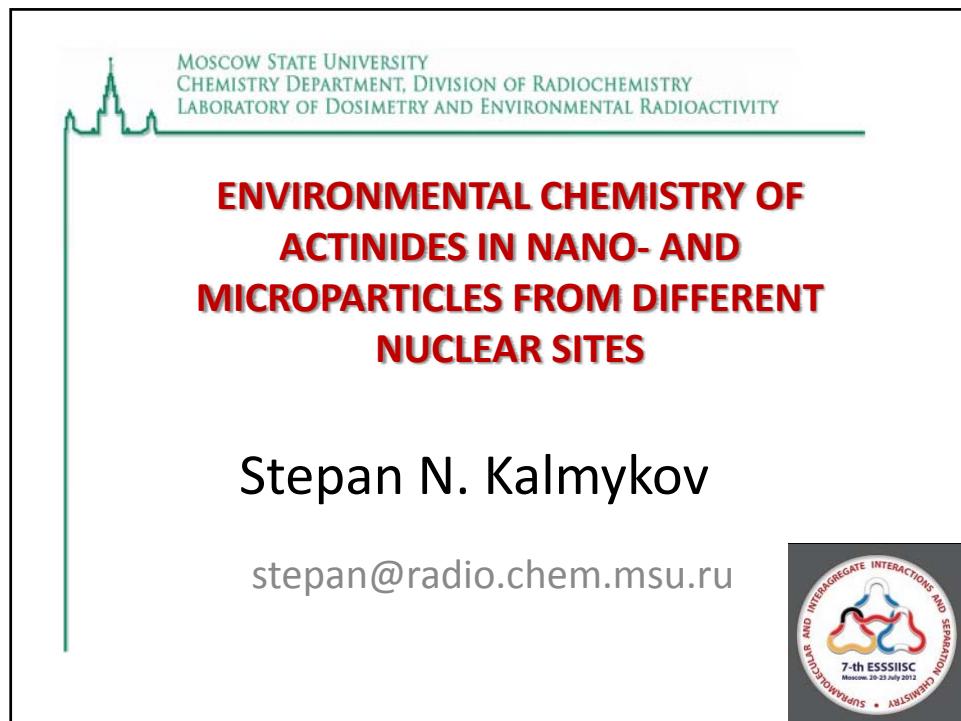




## Retrosynthetic analysis of macrocyclic nitrile

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## Radionuclide speciation / partitioning needs:

### Development of spent nuclear fuel (SNF) or nuclear wastes (NW) geological disposal

Very different in geology/geochemistry

Granites vs. Tuffs vs. Clays vs. Salts      unoxic vs. oxic

#### Clays



Switzerland,  
Mont Terri (Opalinus Clays)



France,  
Bure, Mudstone

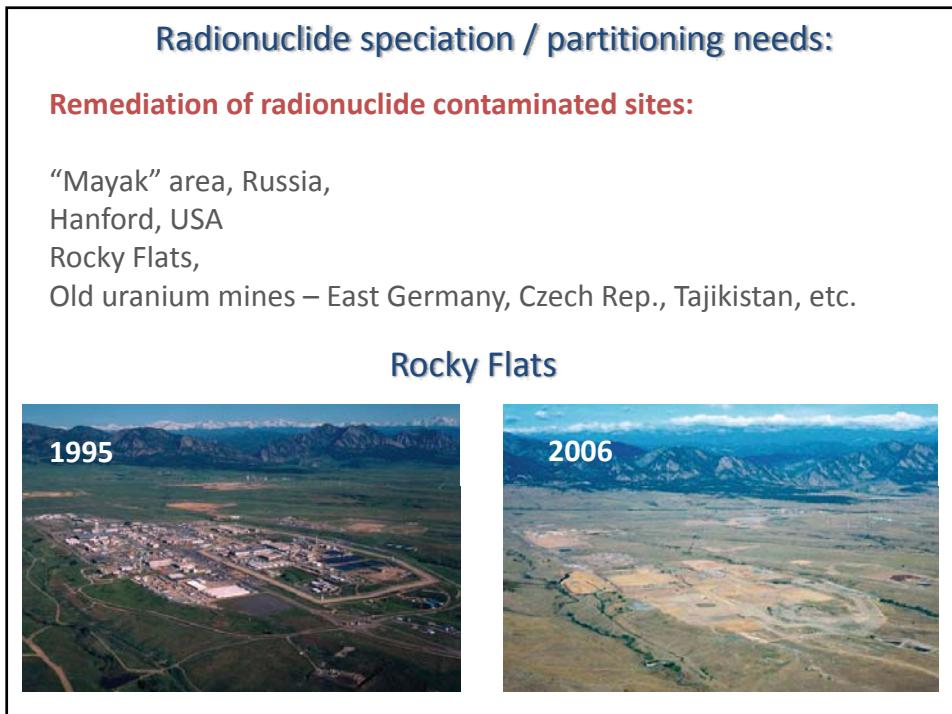
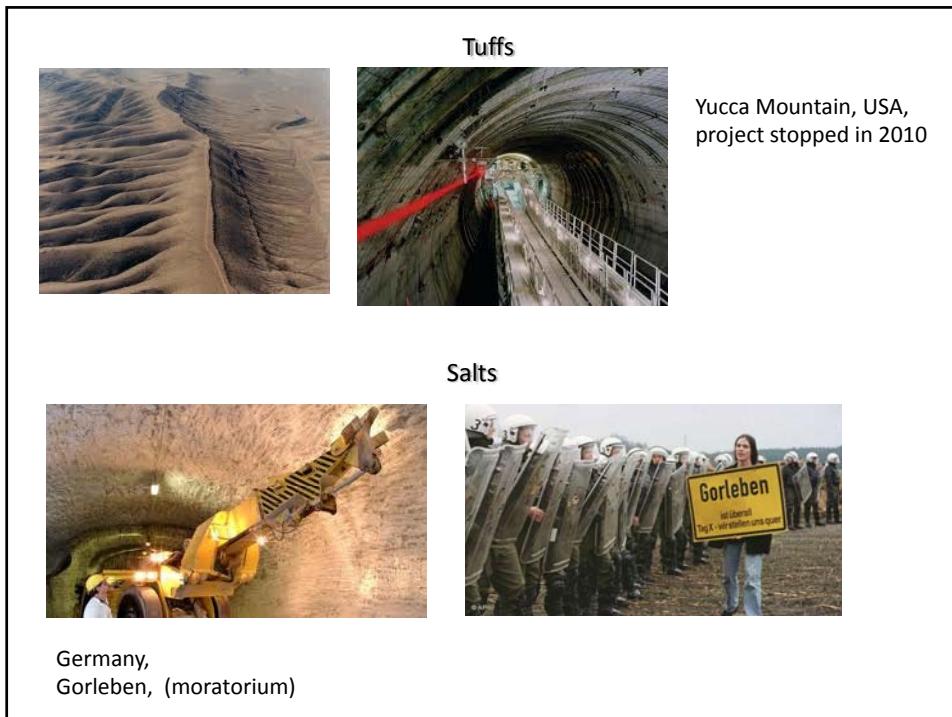
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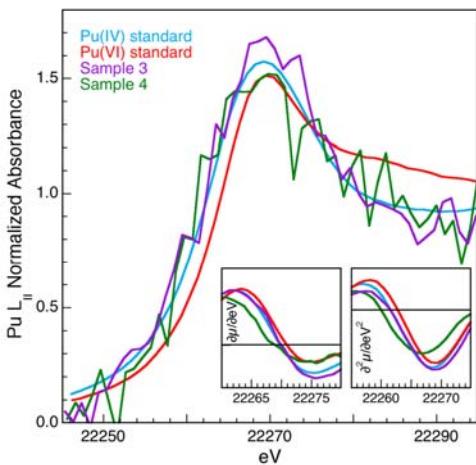
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Grimsel Test Site



Russia,  
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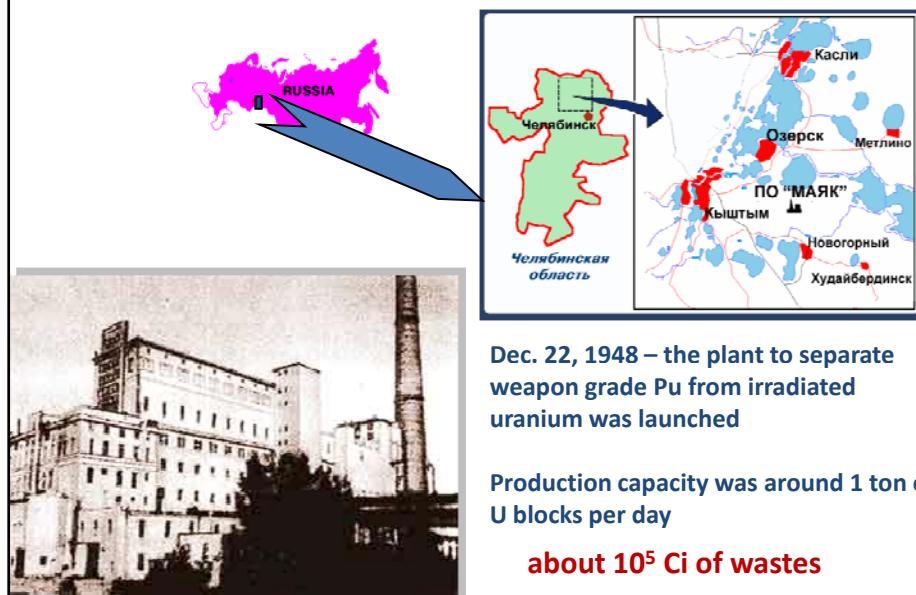
In 1995, DOE estimated that the cleanup for Rocky Flats would cost in excess of \$37 billion and take 70 years to complete. By 1996, DOE and Kaiser-Hill initiated a massive accelerated closure effort that resulted in a plan to reach closure by December 31, 2006, at a contracted cost of \$7 billion.



XAFS was used to determine the speciation and the remediation strategy was based on these data

## “Mayak” site

### Sources of radioactive contamination of South Ural



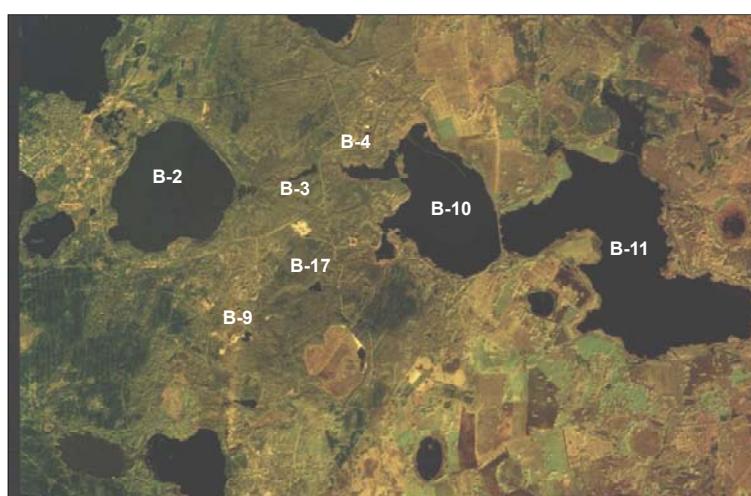
Year before the plant was launched, complex "C" was constructed that is the assembly of tanks for HLW. The capacity was estimated around **15000 m<sup>3</sup> per year**. However the real volume of wastes was **200 m<sup>3</sup> per day**.

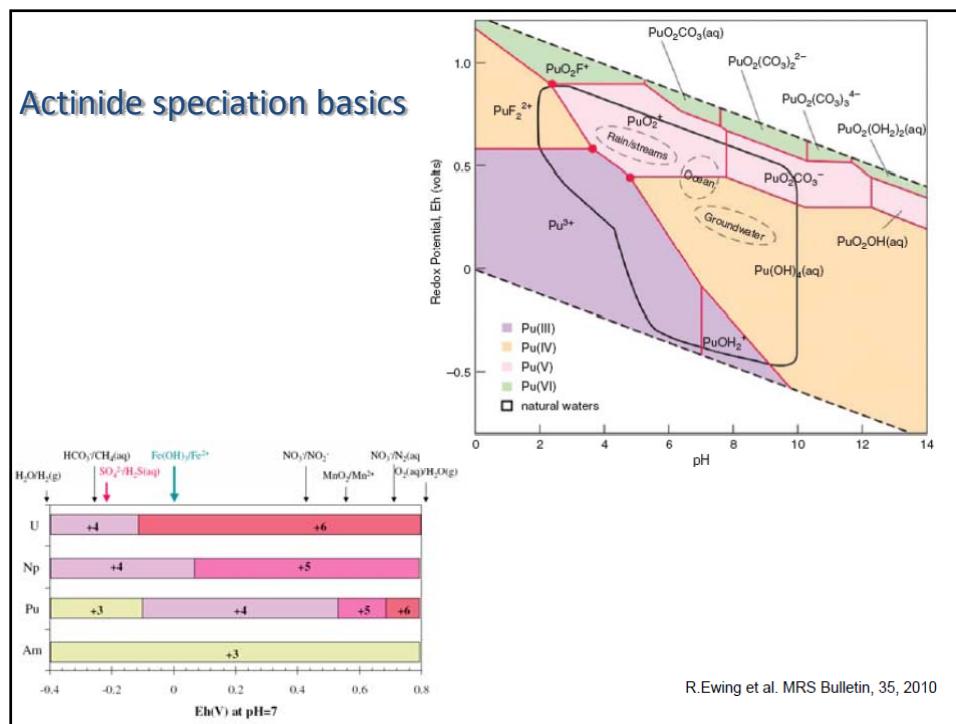
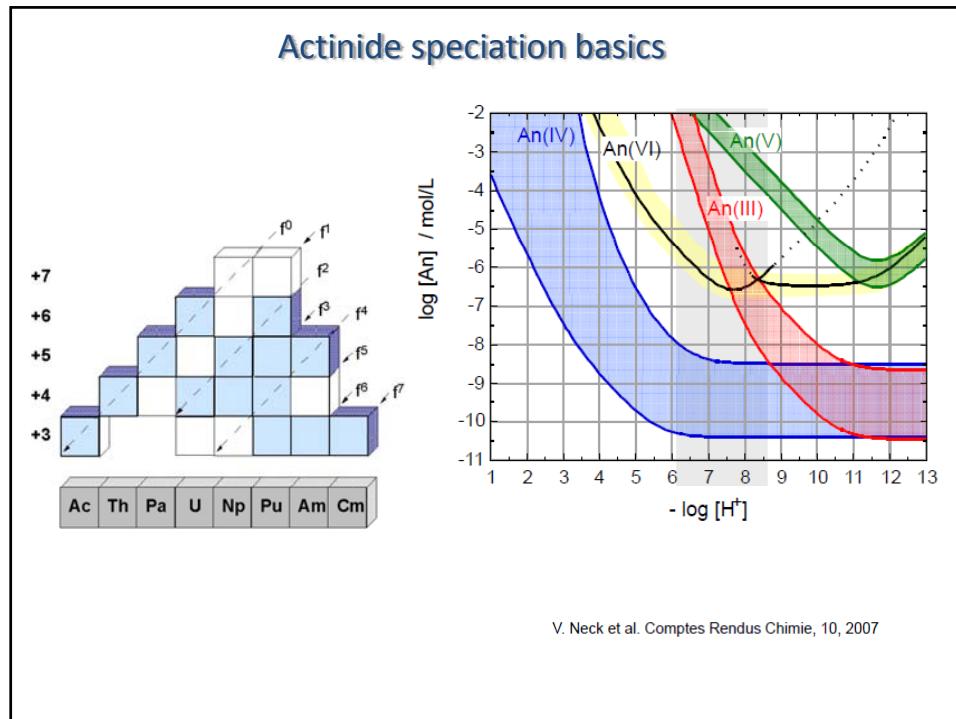
All tanks were filled with HLW before 1950 (about a year after the plant was launched).  
The construction of new tanks for HLW was too expensive.

From 1949 till 1951 wastes were disposed to Techa river. During this period c.a. **76 Mm<sup>3</sup>** of waste solutions were disposed equal to 2.8 MCi.



### Industrial reservoirs at PA "Mayak"

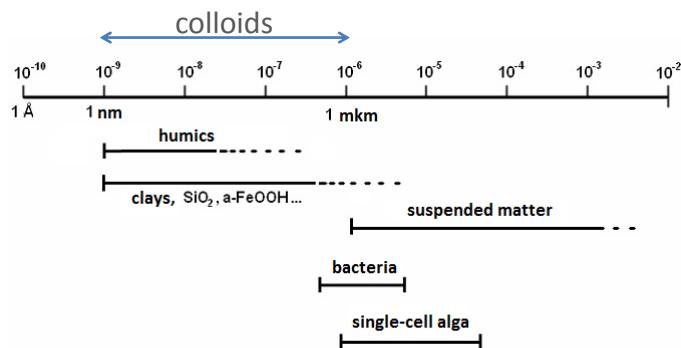




Reduced species, An(III), An(IV) have low solubility and strong sorption affinity

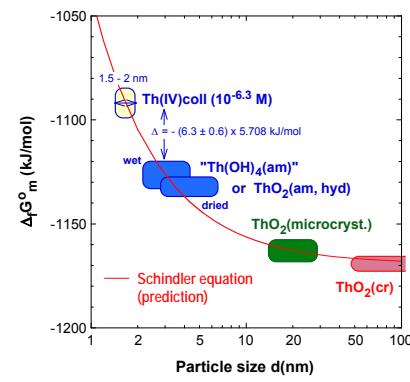
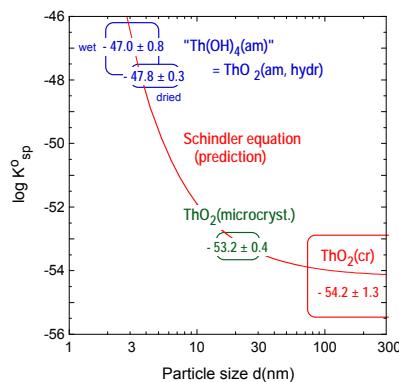


Their migration in geologic conditions is defined by PARTICLES:



Nanoparticles – particles with the size in the order of  $10^{-9}$  m for which size effects are observed (difference in properties with larger size particles)

### Example of nano

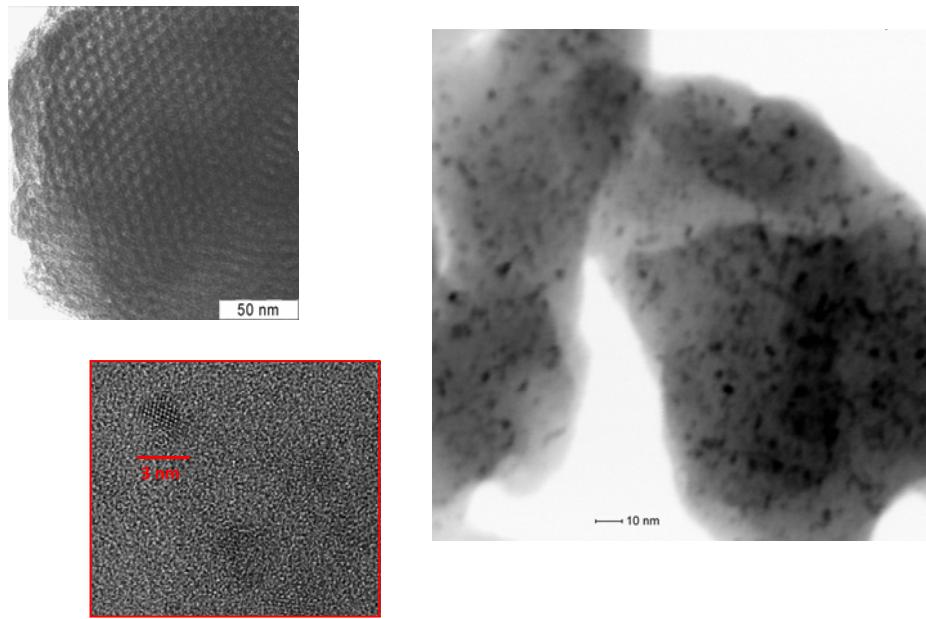


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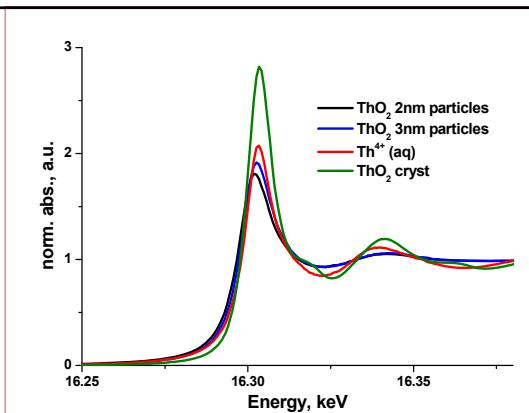
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Batuk, Kalmykov

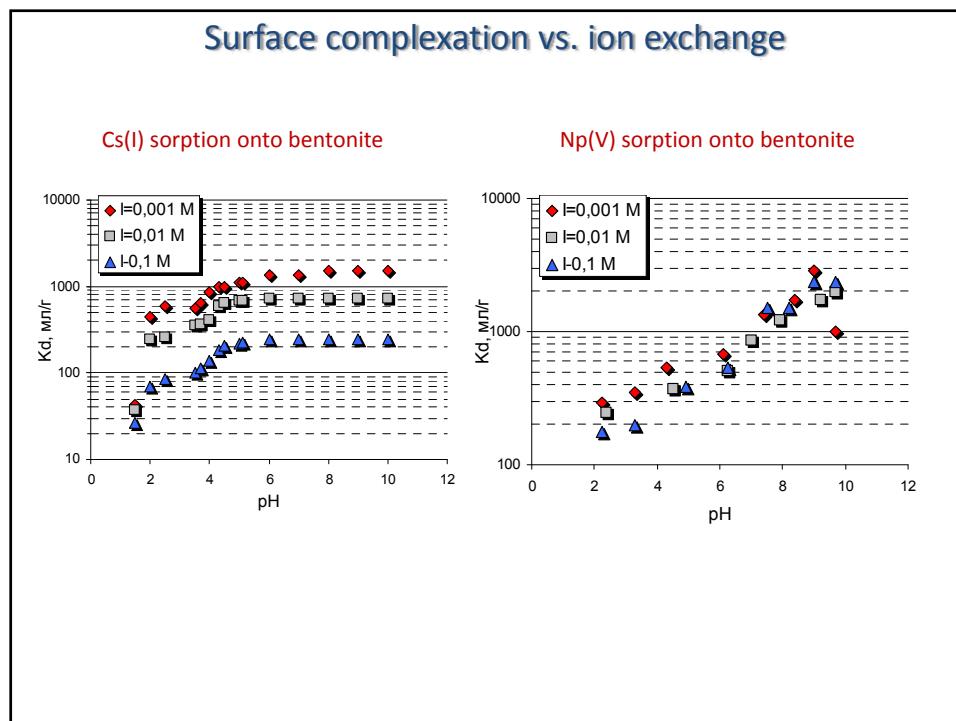
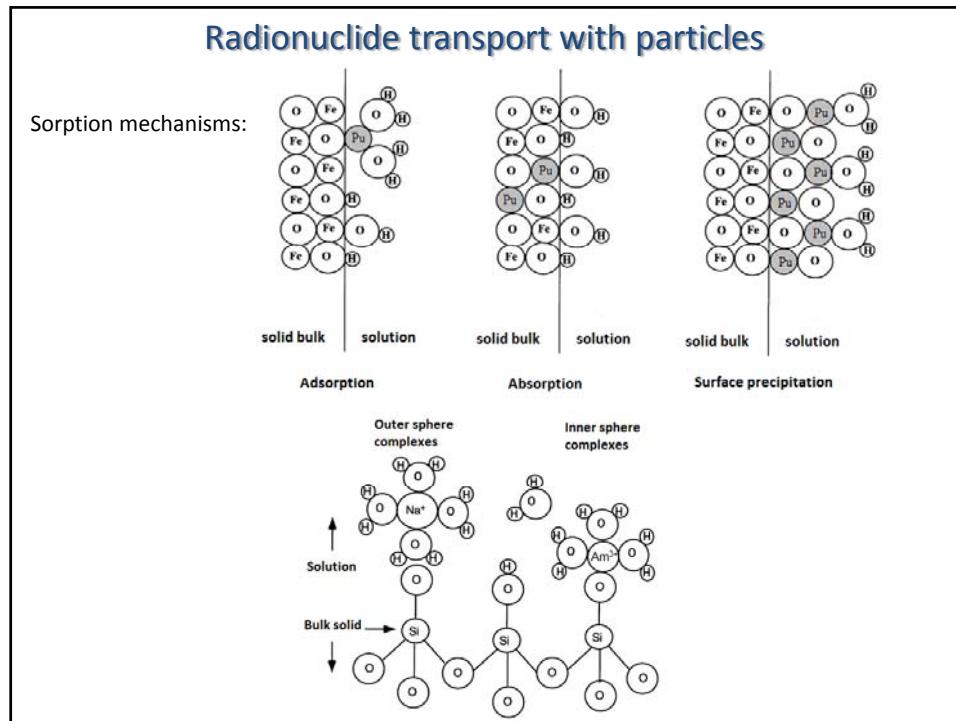
**Synthesis of mesoporous  $\text{SiO}_2$**   
**Modified Stoeber reaction**



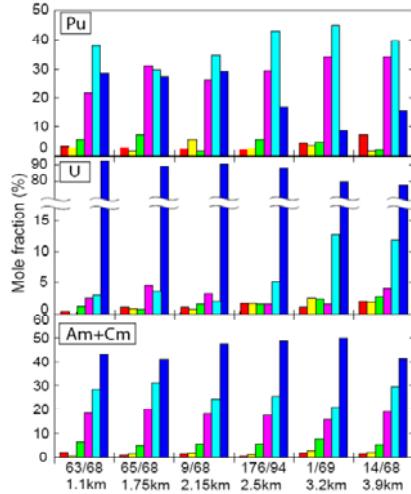
Crystolographic plane	(111)	(110)	(220)
Measured for nanoparticles	3.15	3.8	2.7
Bulk crystalline	3.234	3.94	2.80



- Shift in XANES resonance to higher E could be explained by interatomic distance decrease compared to microcrystalline particles,
- Amplitude decrease → smaller average coordination number and increased static disorder (larger surface-bulk ratio),
- Lower WL-I → transition probability decrease due to 6d band broadening (larger surface-bulk ratio).

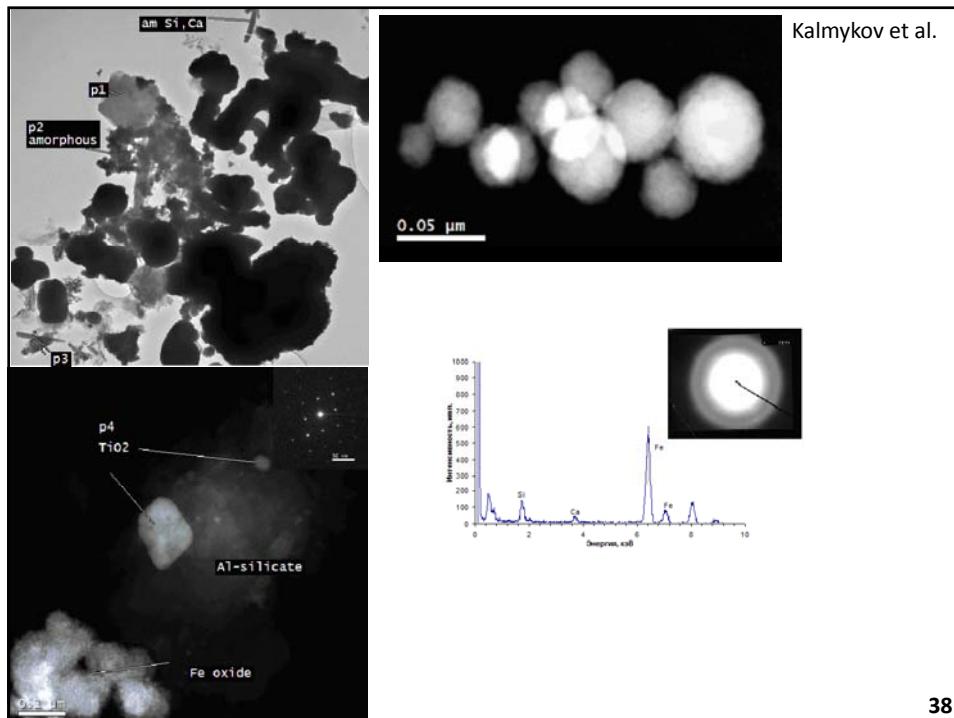


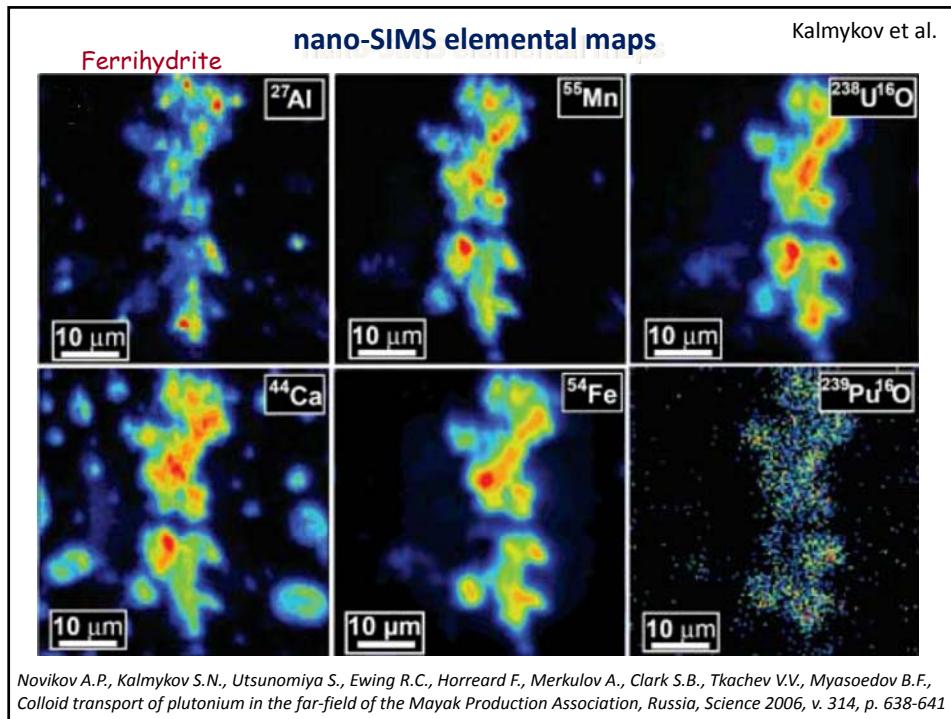
Various mineral particles have different properties (pH<sub>iep</sub>, ξ-potential, ΔG of “XO-Cat” bond formation, ...) the distribution of radionuclides is very heterogeneous.



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■ 200nm ■ 15nm ■ 3kD  
■ 50nm ■ 10kD ■ Soluble

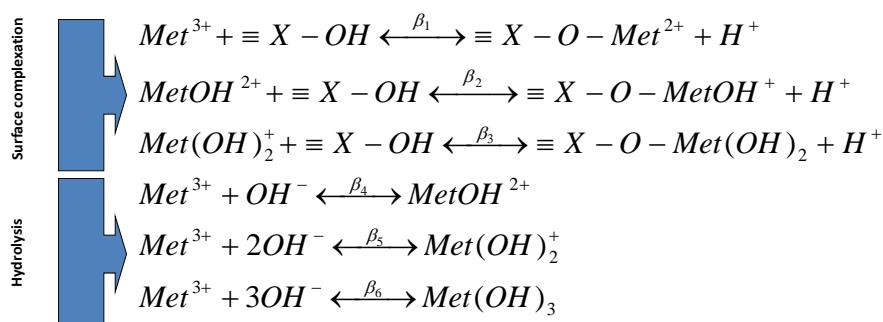




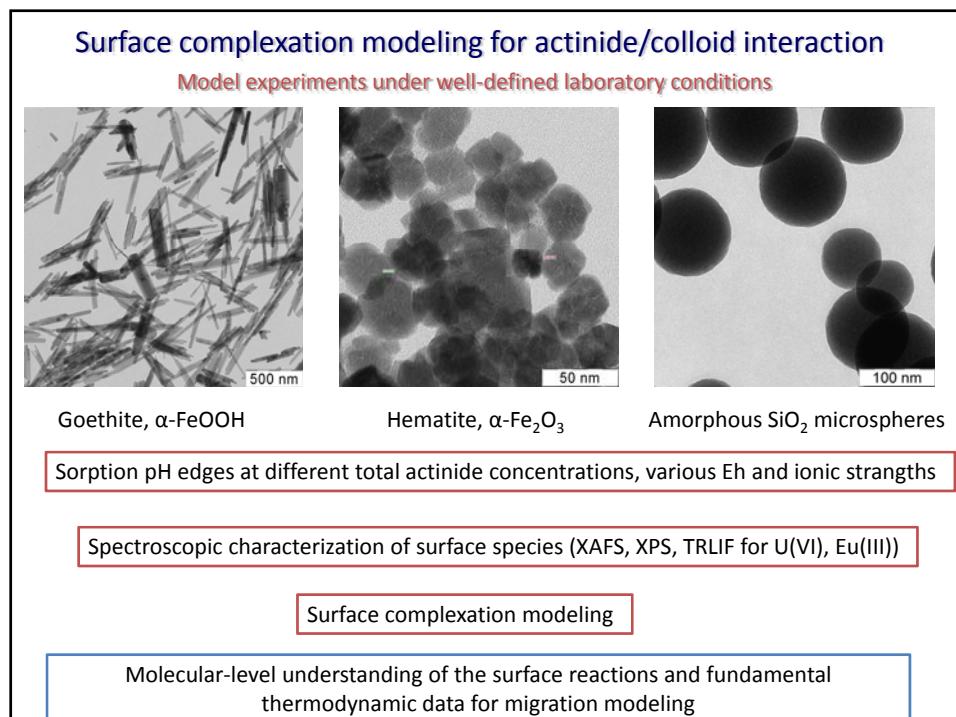
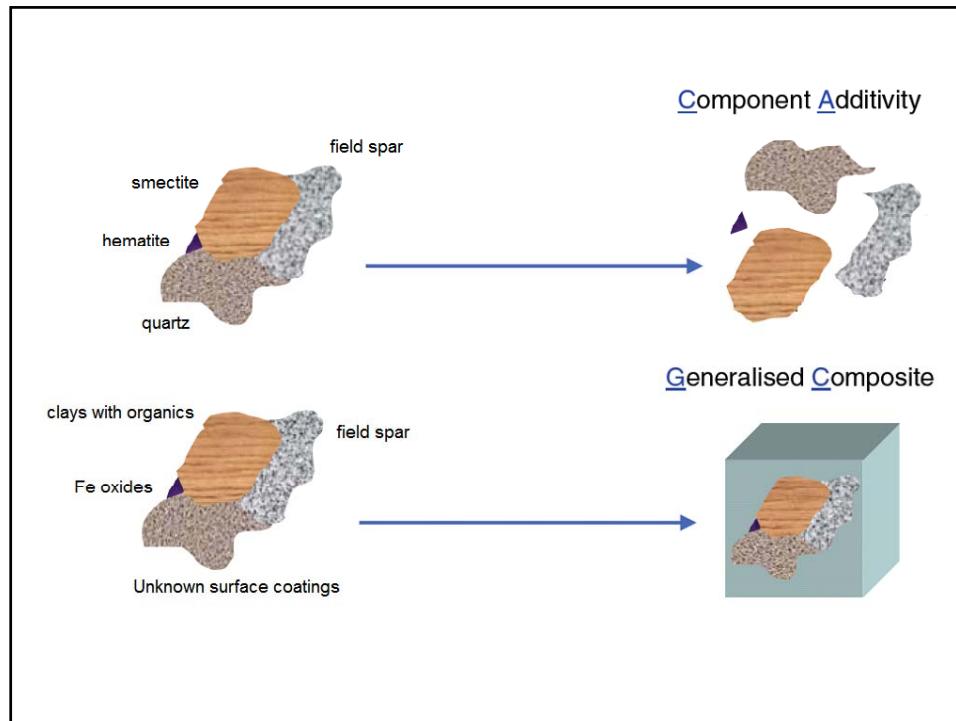
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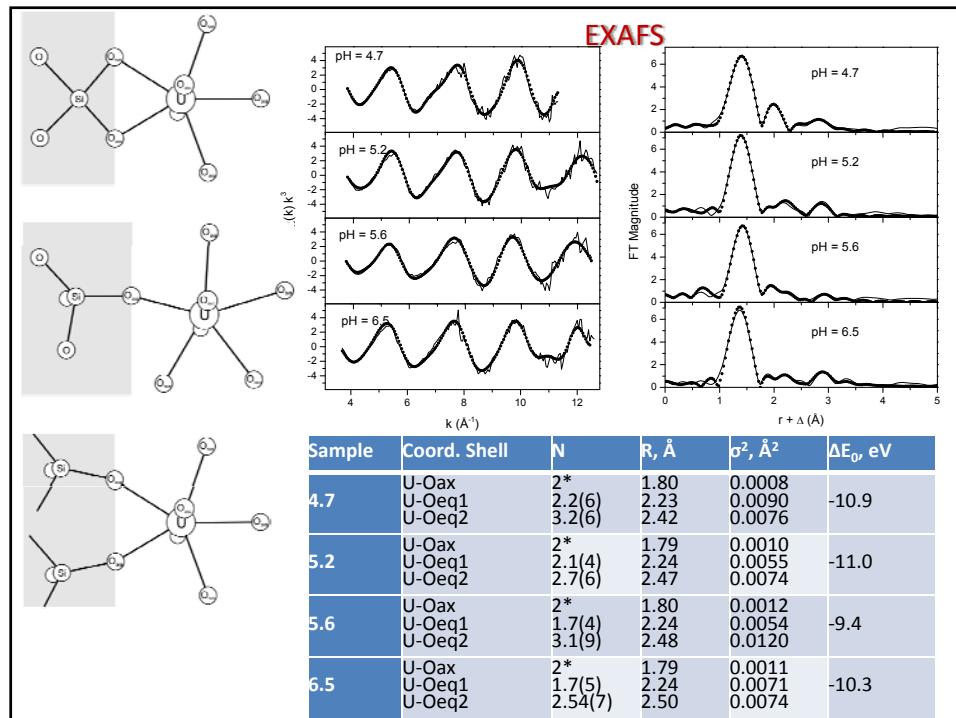
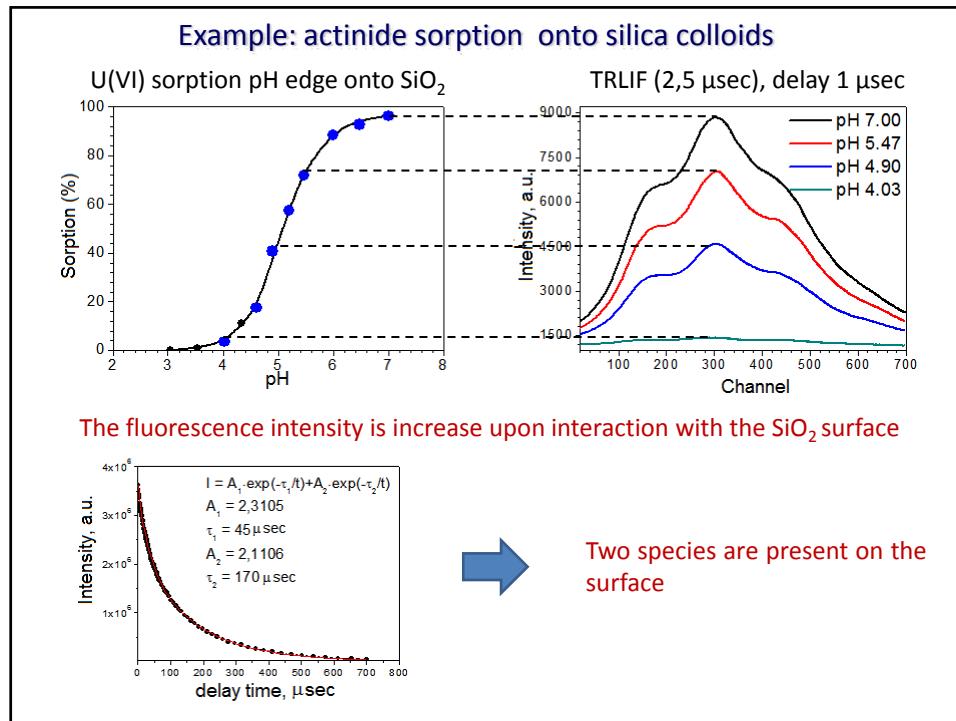
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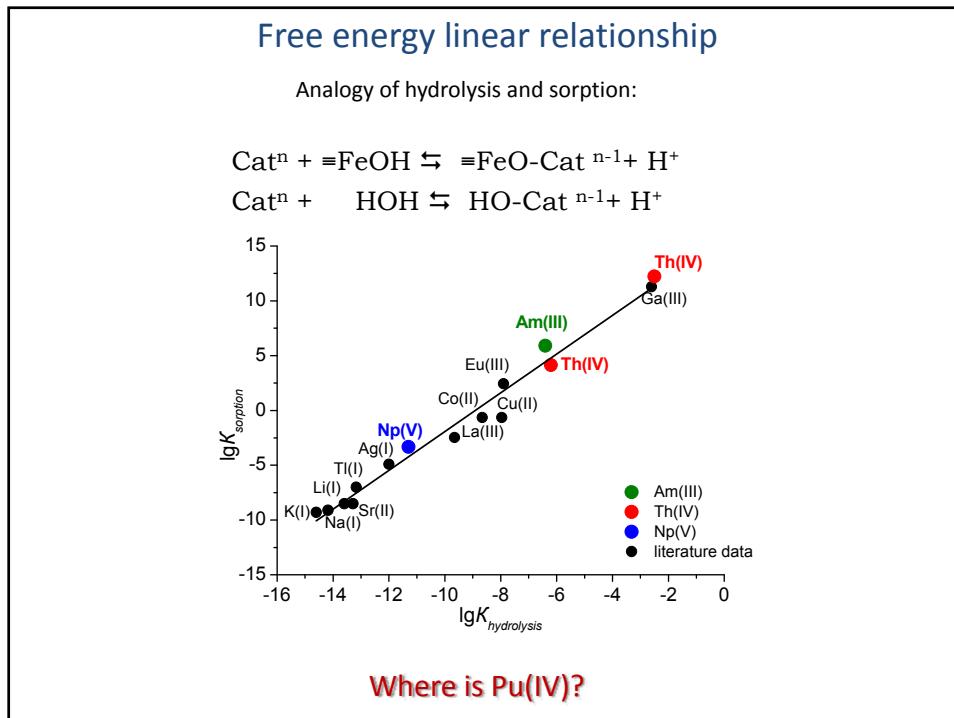
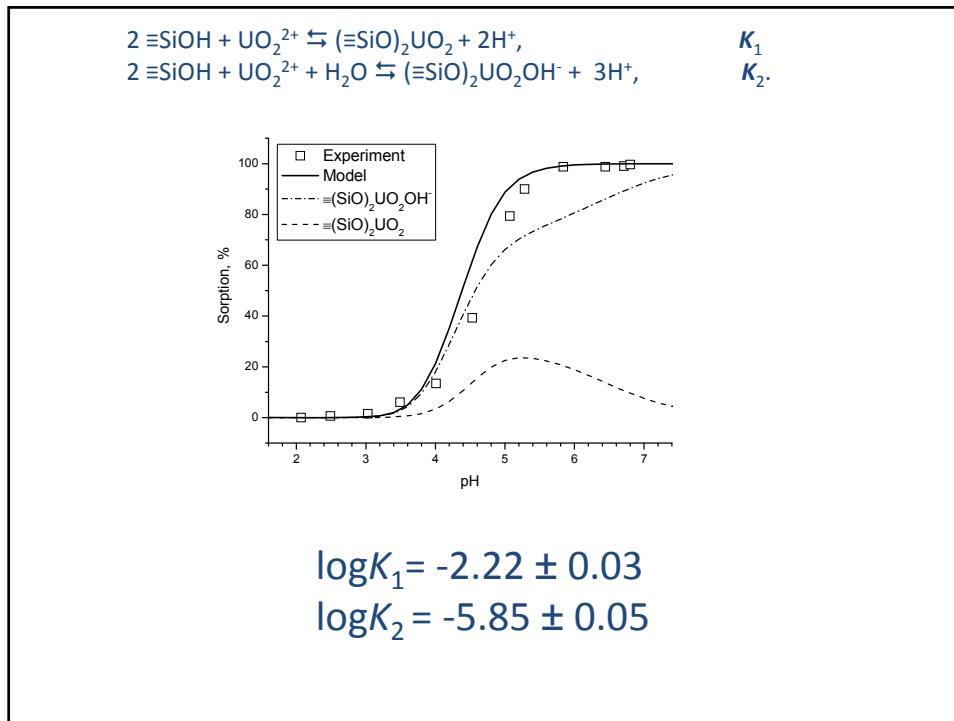
$$Kd = \frac{C_{\text{sorbed}}}{C_{\text{solution}}}$$

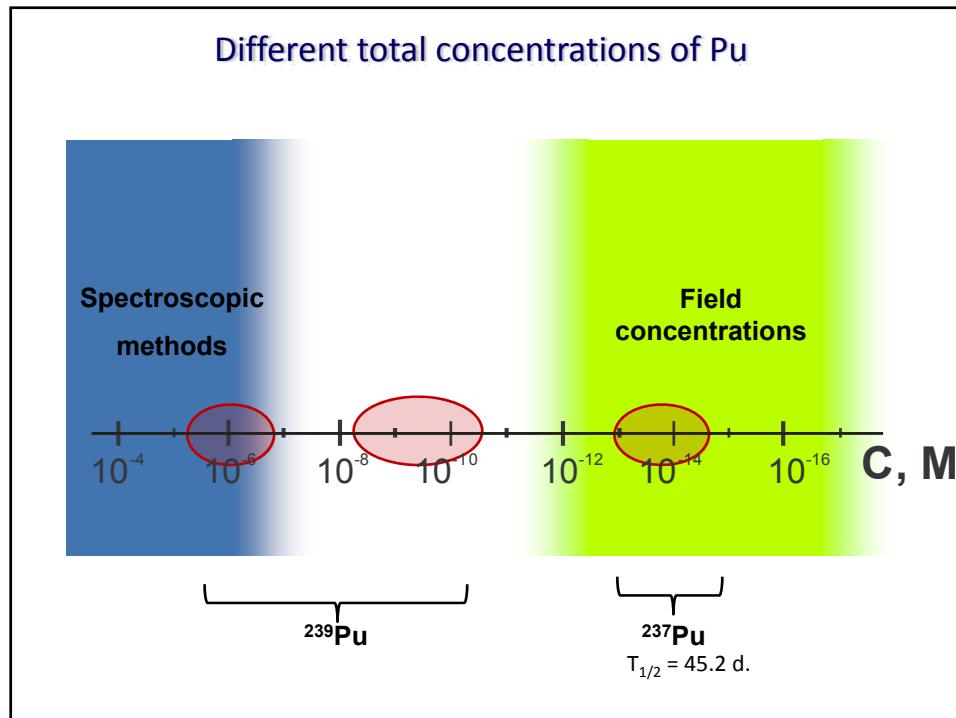
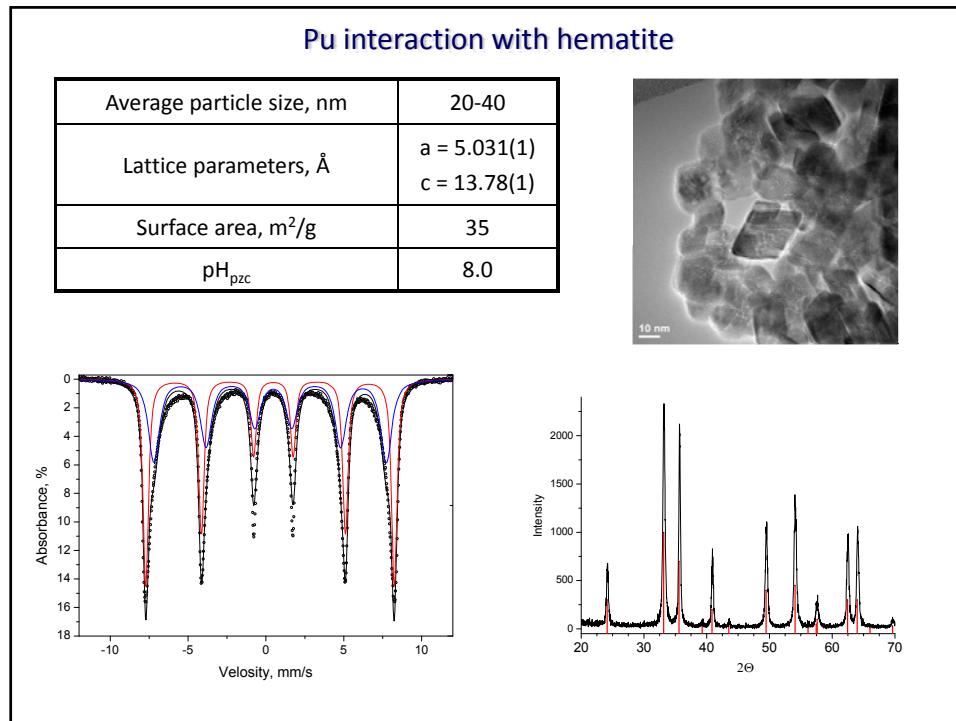


$$Kd = \frac{[\equiv X - OH] \{ \beta_1 + \beta_2 \beta_4 [OH^-] + \beta_3 \beta_5 [OH^-]^2 \}}{[H^+] \{ 1 + \beta_4 [OH^-] + \beta_5 [OH^-]^2 + \beta_6 [OH^-]^3 \}}$$

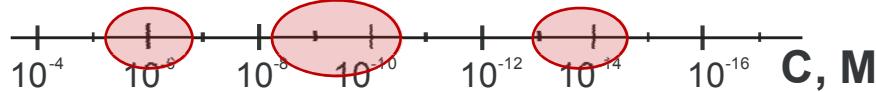




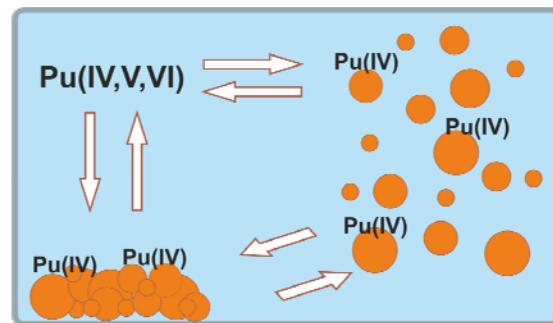




## Reduction of Pu(V,VI) to Pu (IV) upon sorption onto hematite surface

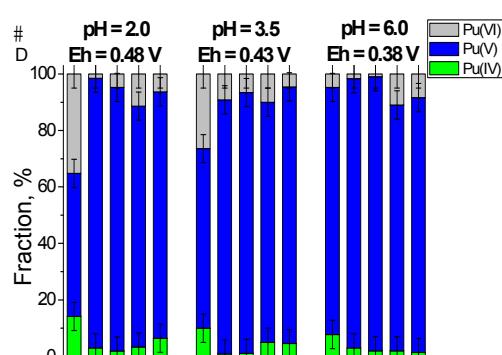


Stabilization of Pu(IV) onto hematite surface upon sorption is observed at different Pu total concentrations

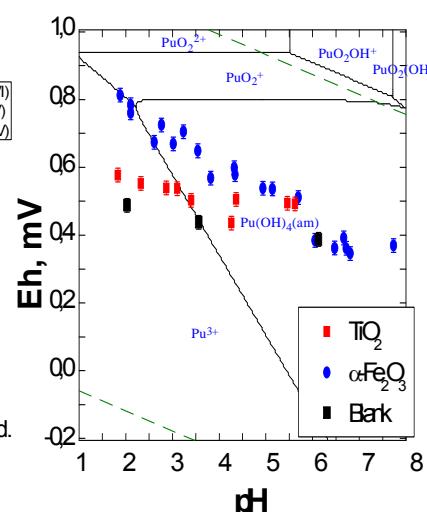


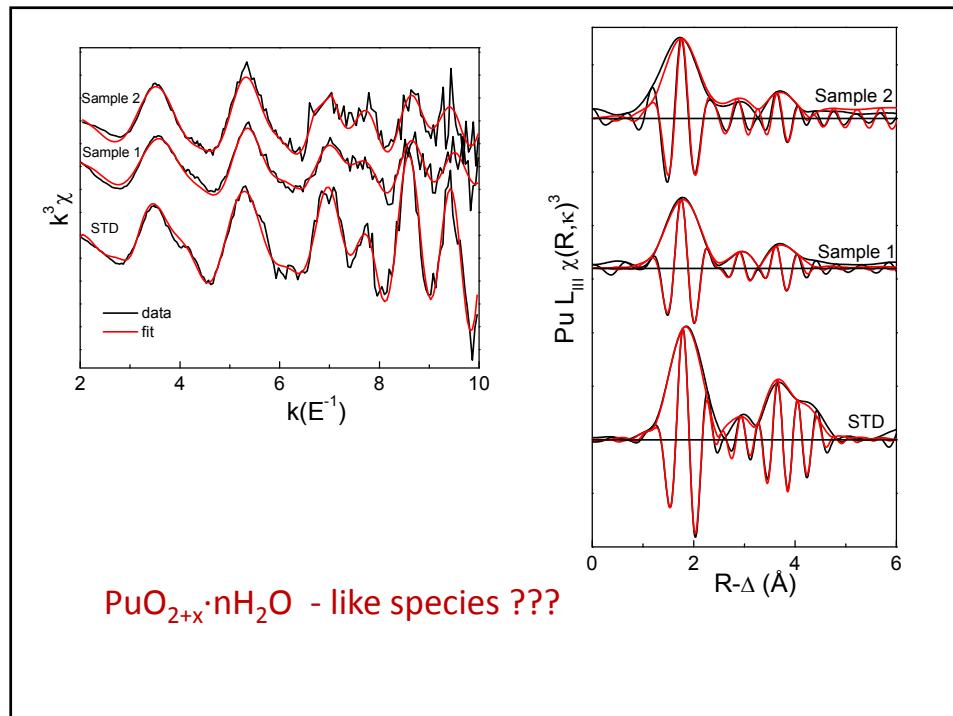
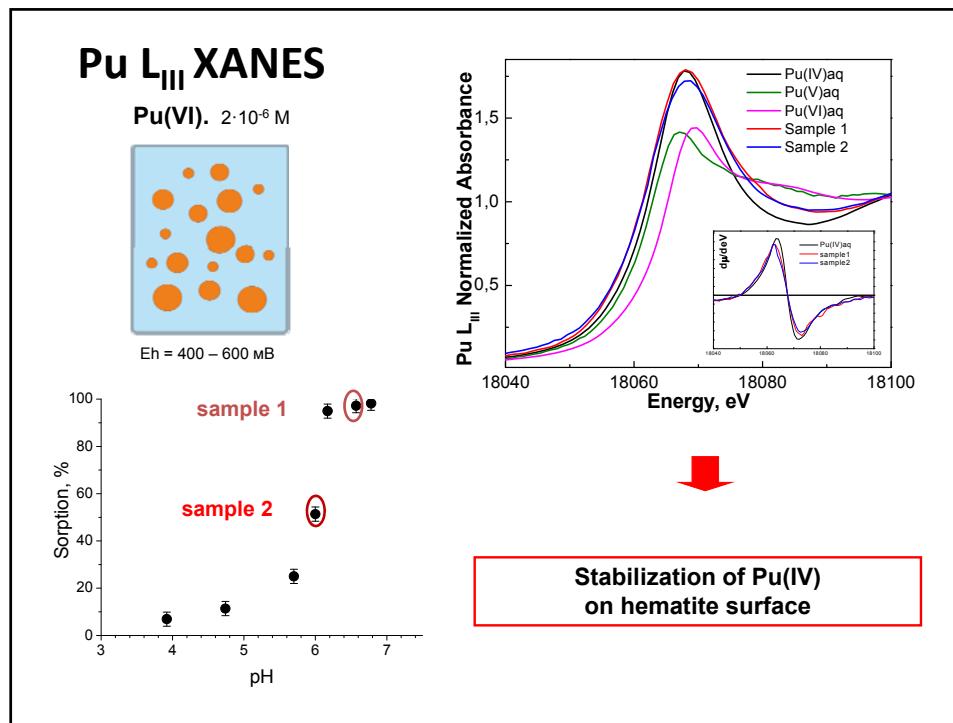
### Experiment: Starting from soluble Pu(VI) at $C_{\text{tot}}(\text{Pu}) > 10^{-9} \text{ M}$

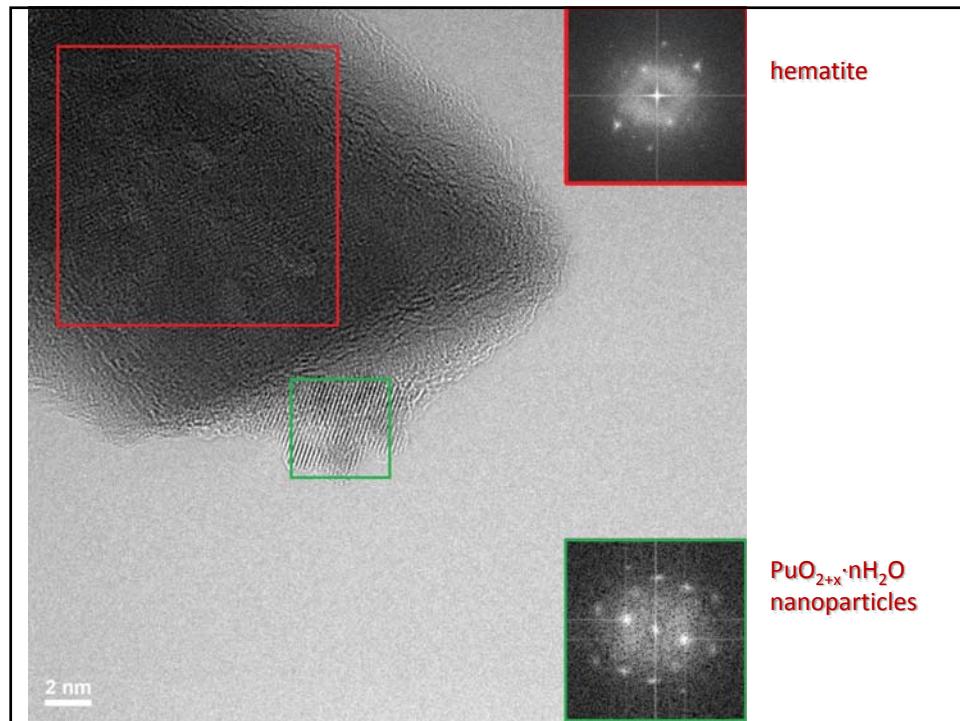
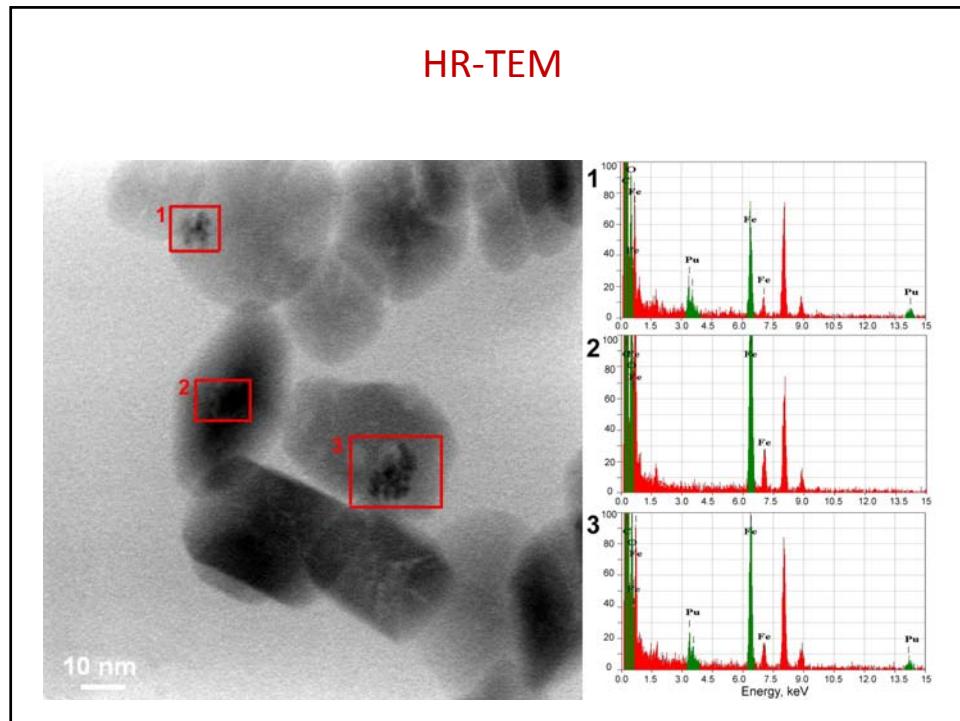
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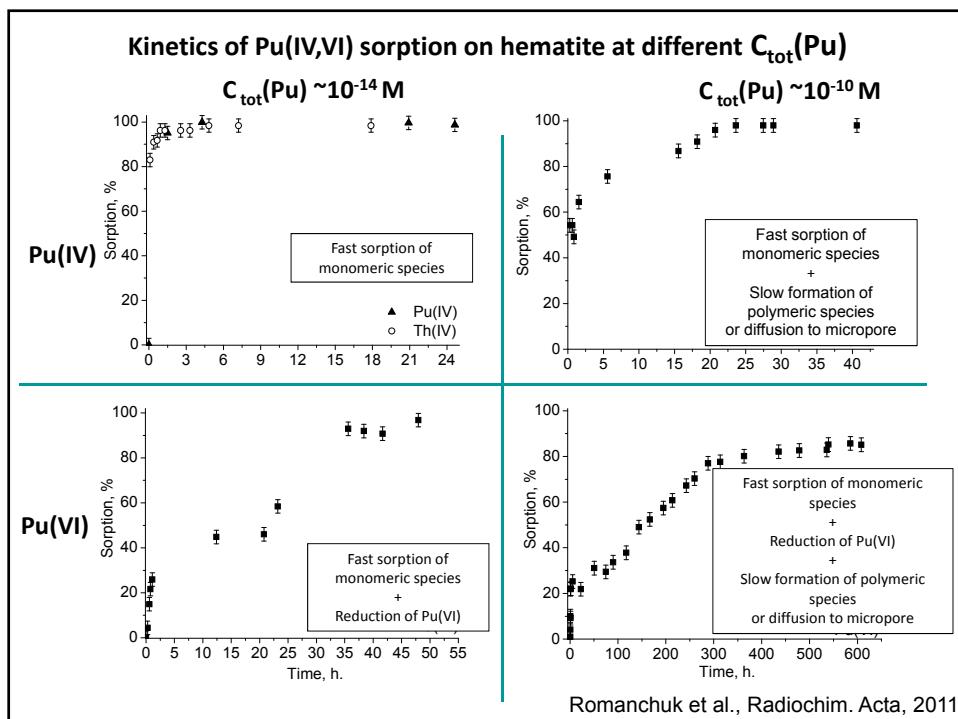
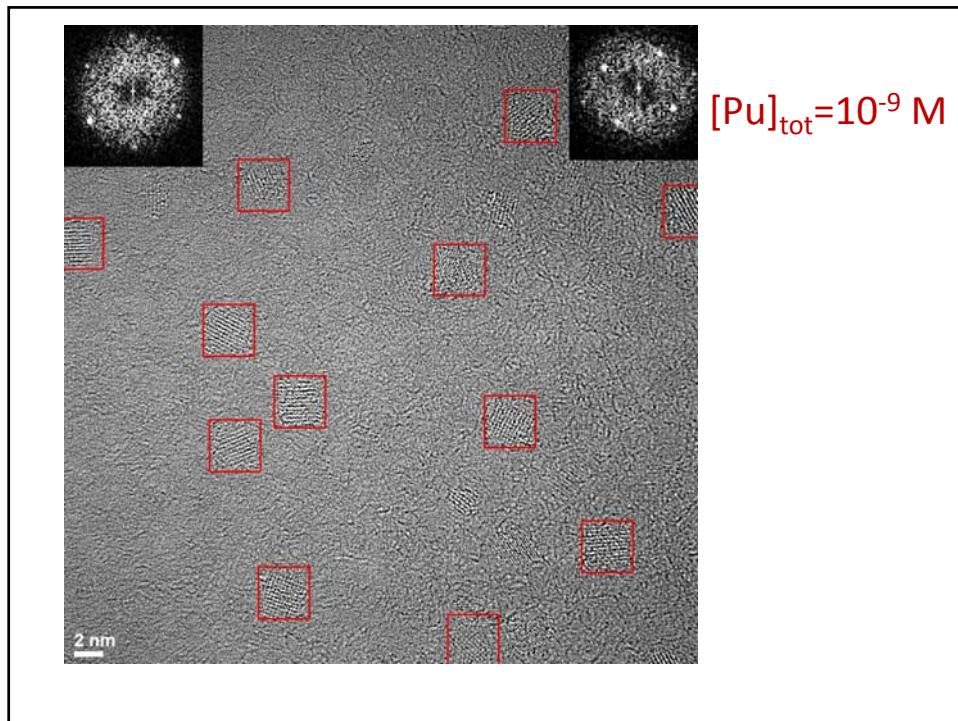


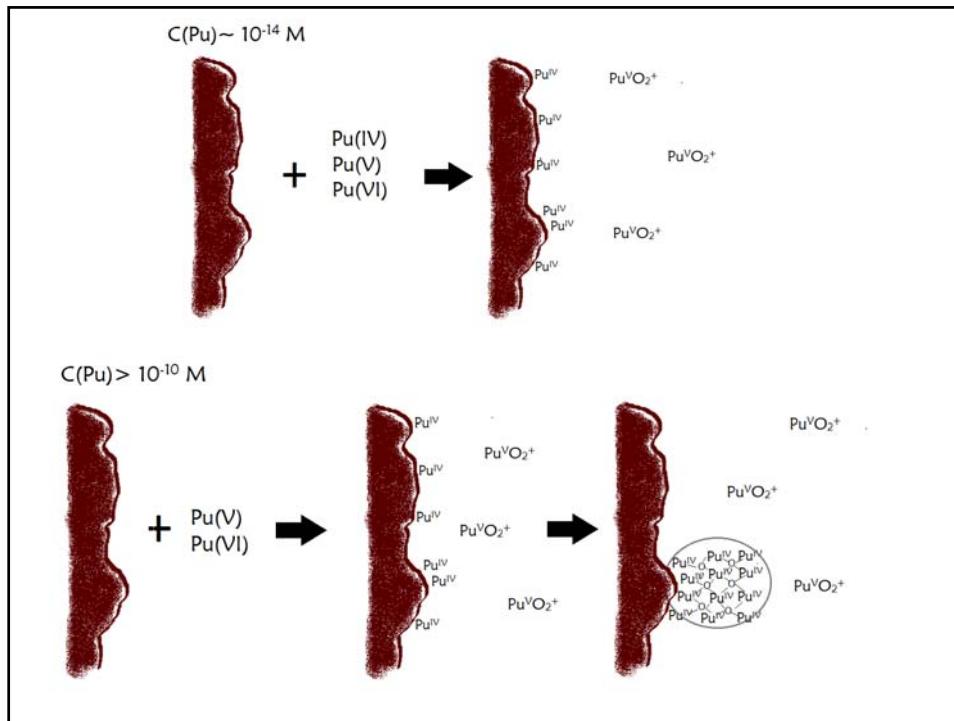
Pu(V) shows high kinetic stability in pure solution (despite thermodynamics)







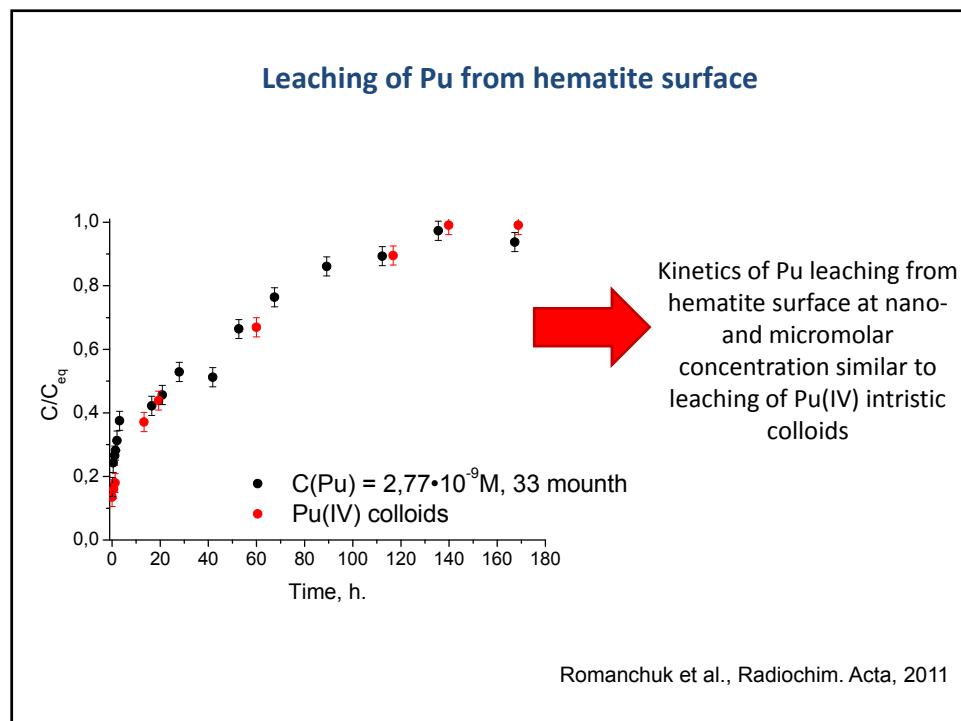
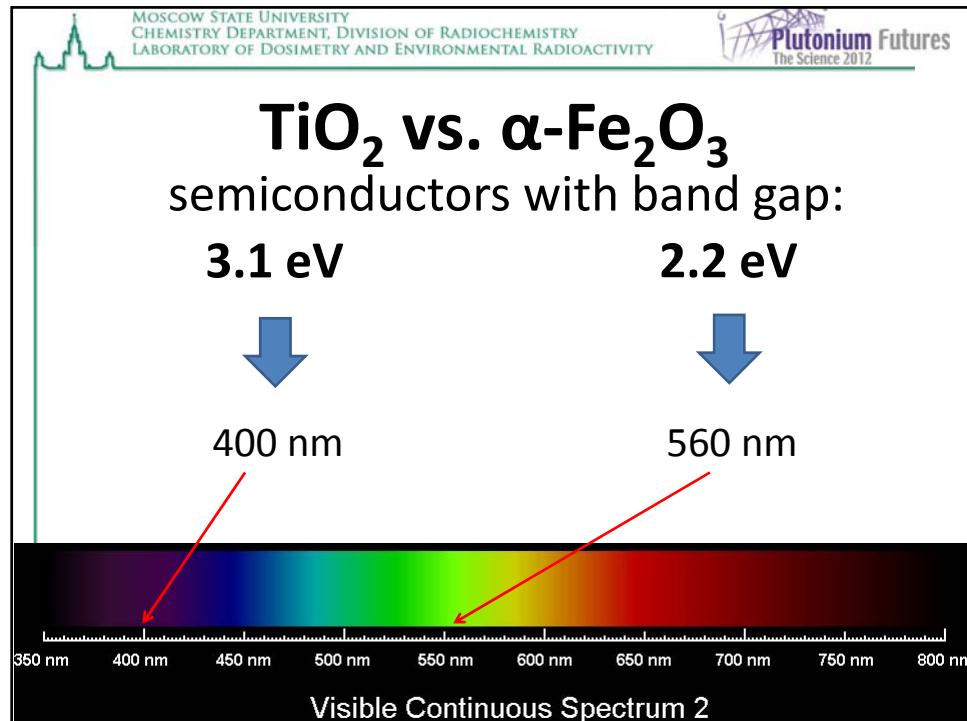


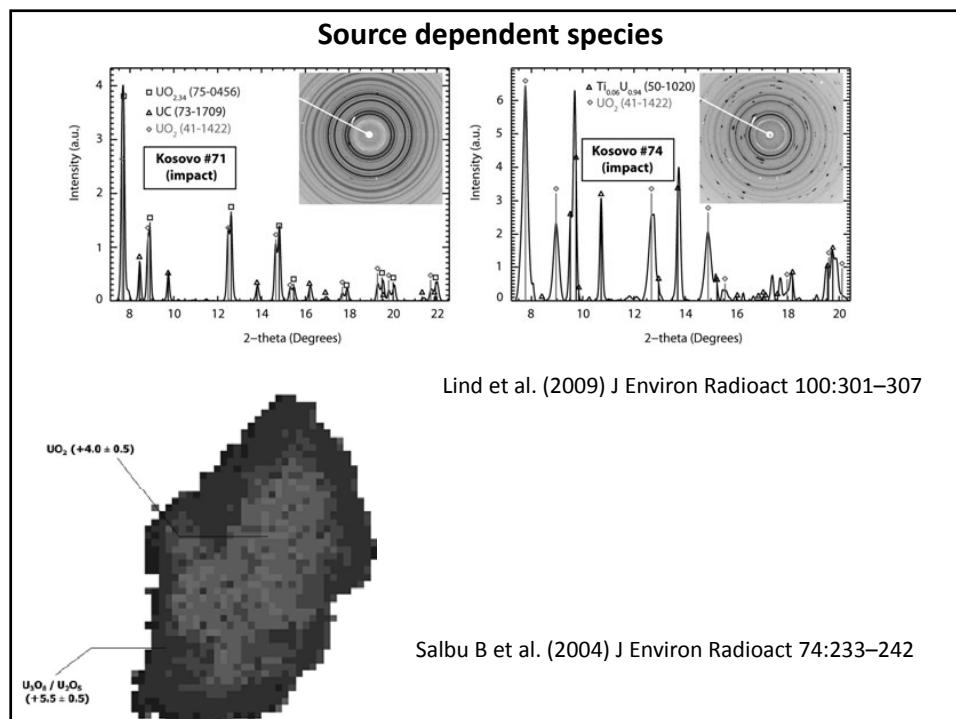
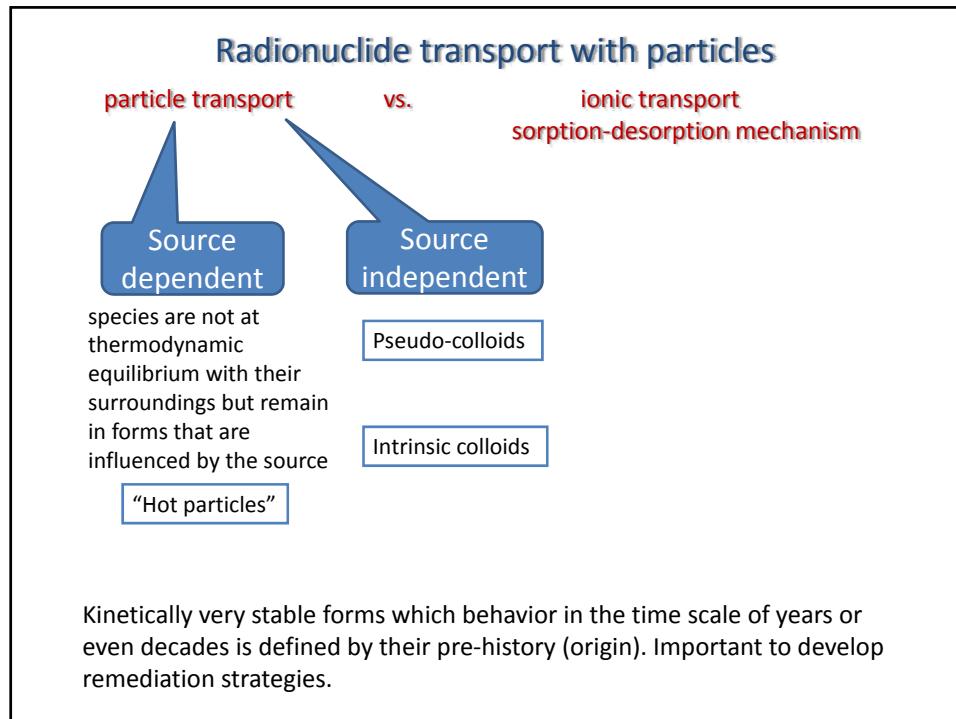


What is the mechanism of reduction of Pu(VI)?

Possible mechanism of Pu(V,VI) reduction onto hematite:

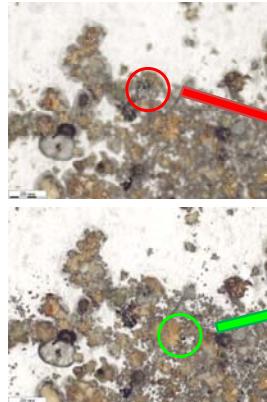
- Disproportionation ~~in EDL of hematite~~
- Self reduction
- Trace amount of Fe(II)
- Semiconductors properties of hematite
- .....





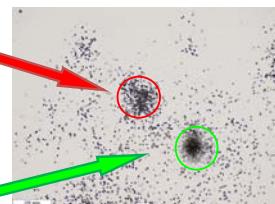
## "Hot" particle characterization

Optical microscope

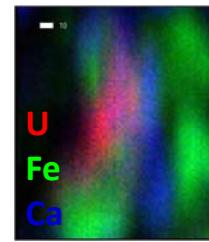
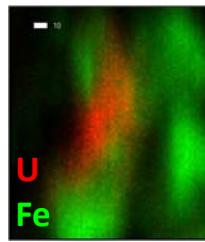
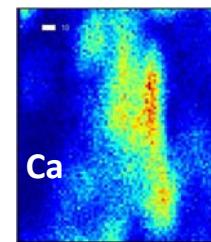
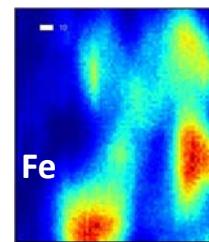
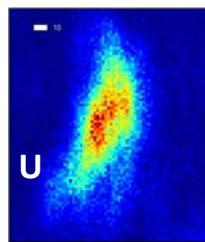


Bottom sediments from "Mayak"

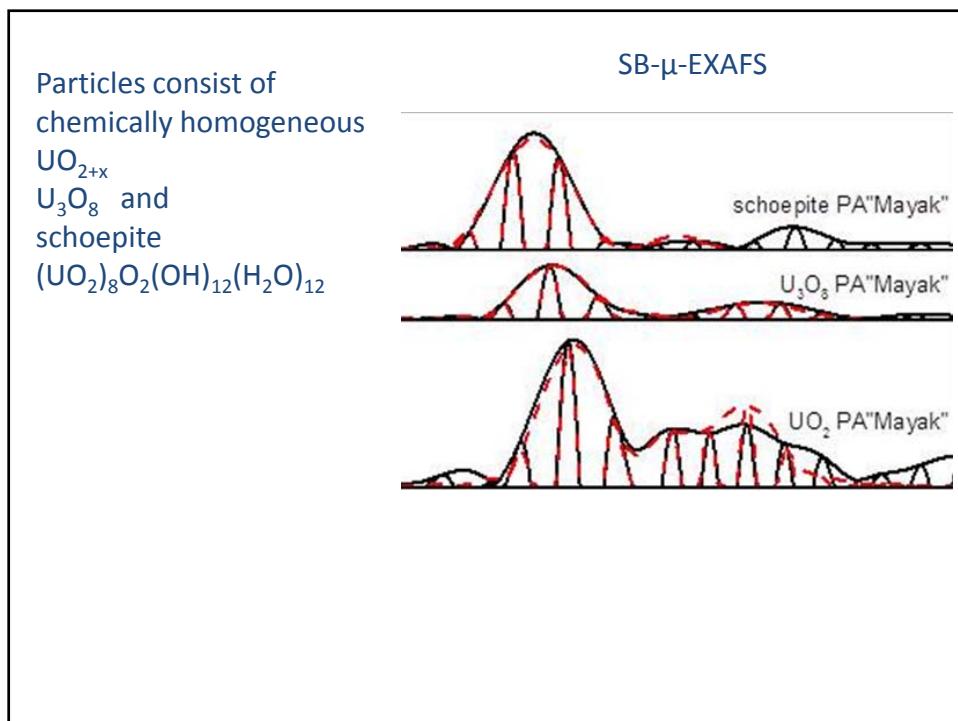
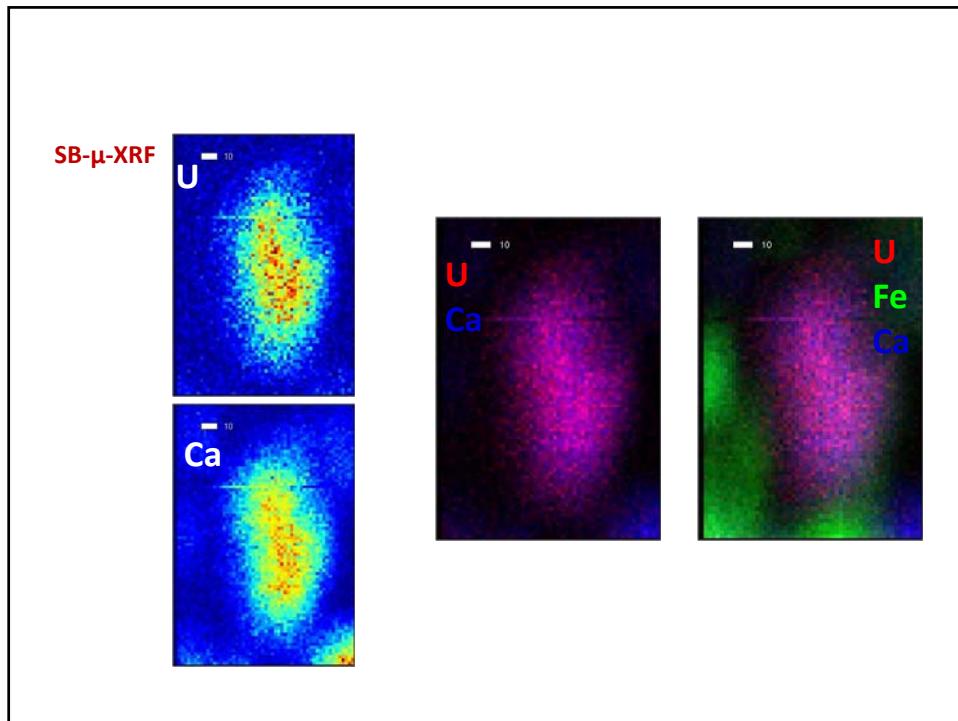
ATA (alpha track analysis)



Lot of discrete alpha-containing particles were found

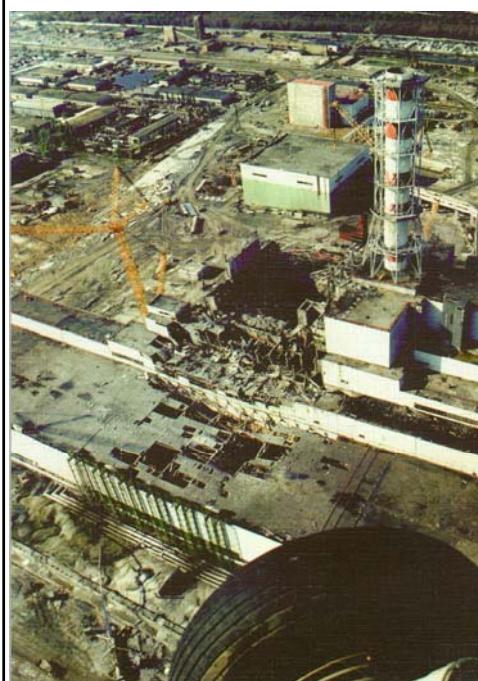
SB- $\mu$ -XRF

Elemental mapping shows only isolated uranium particles with no associations with other elements  $\geq$ Ca, neither evenly distributed within the particles nor as an agglomerate that would imply U sorption on a mineral surface that nucleated further growth of a U-containing precipitate on the surface.

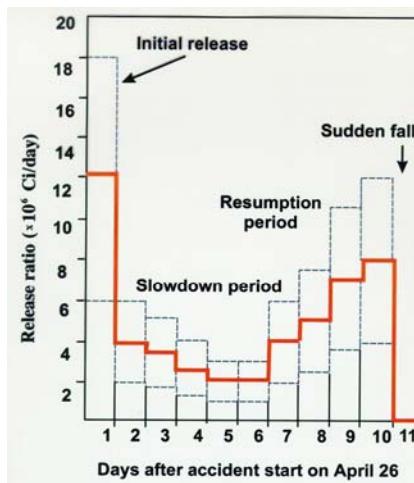


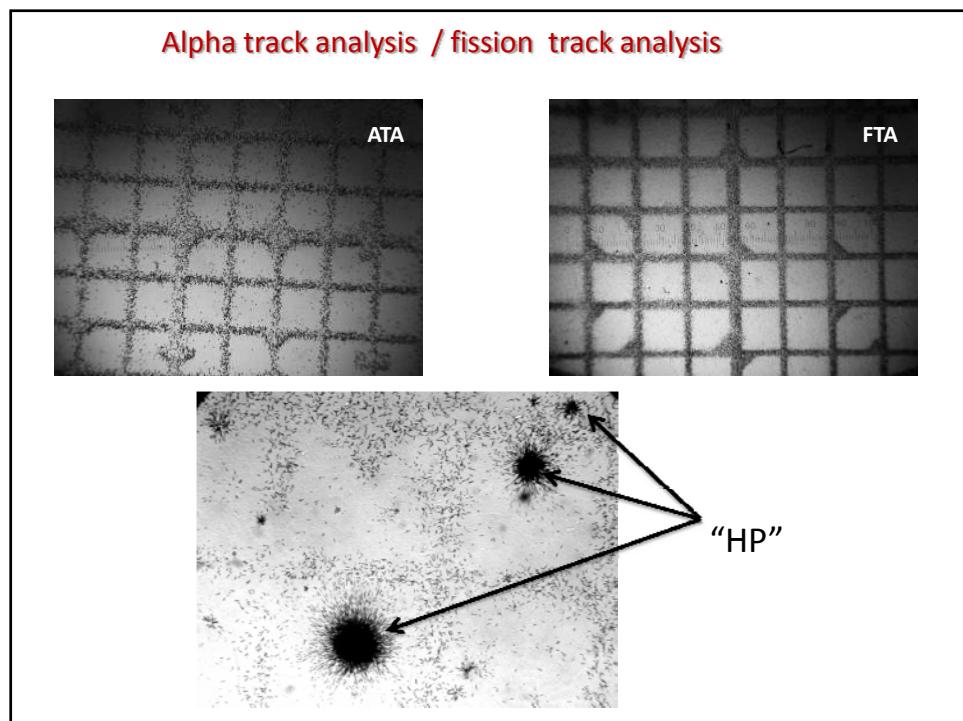
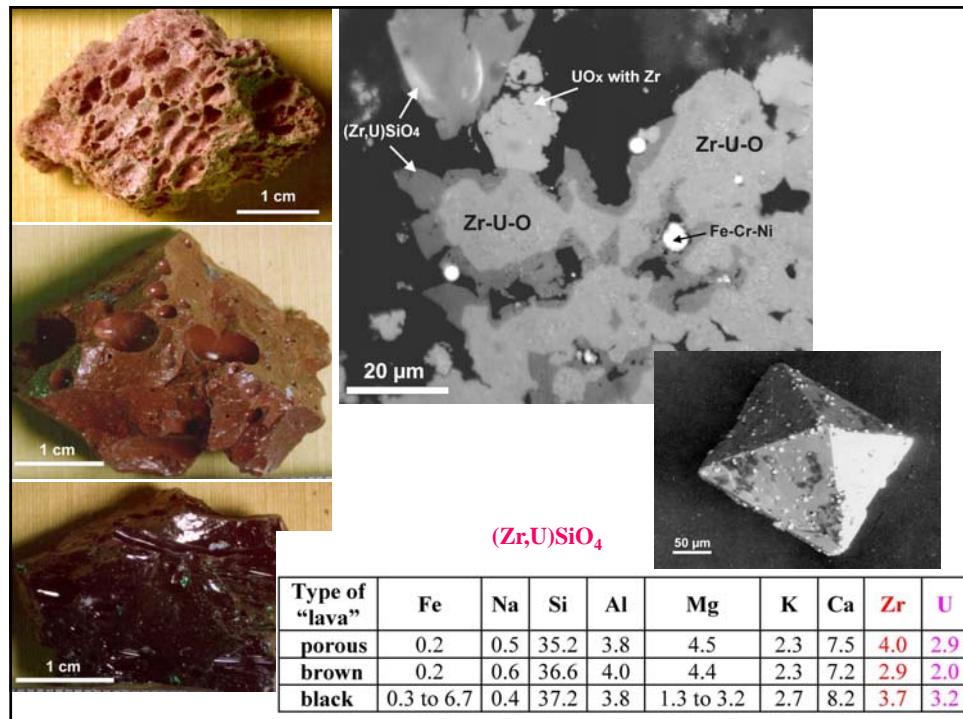
## Particle characterization

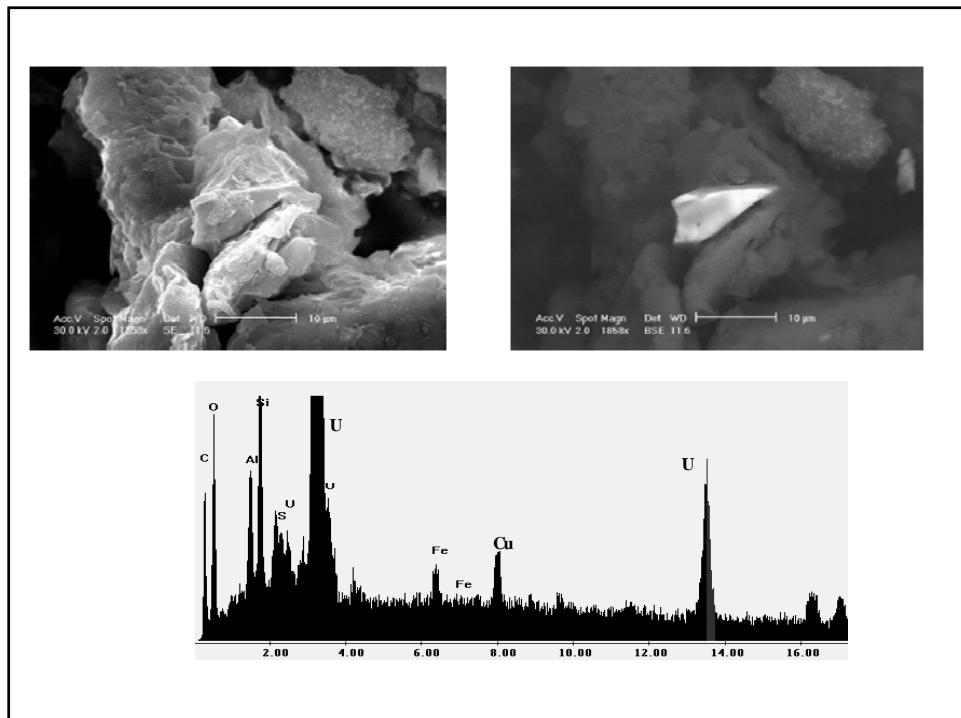
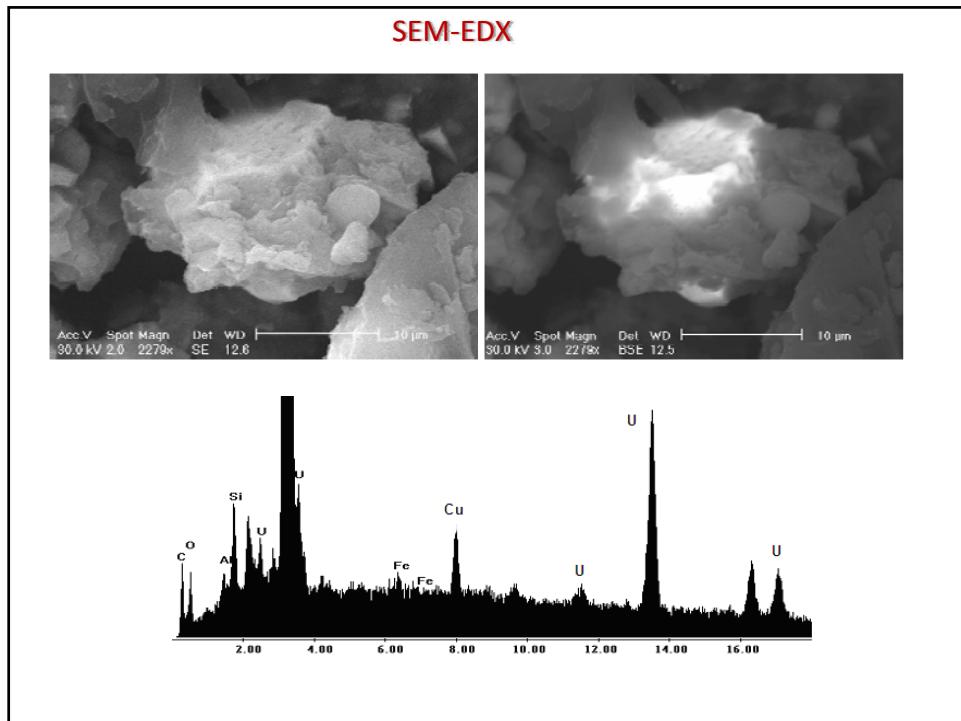
Alpha track analysis	Search for HP
SEM/ EDX	Morphology, major element composition
SIMS	Isotope composition
SB- $\mu$ -XRF	Elemental mapping
$\mu$ -XANES/EXAFS	Chemical speciation
$\mu$ -XRD	Phase composition
Single particle chemical analysis	Trace element, radionuclide composition

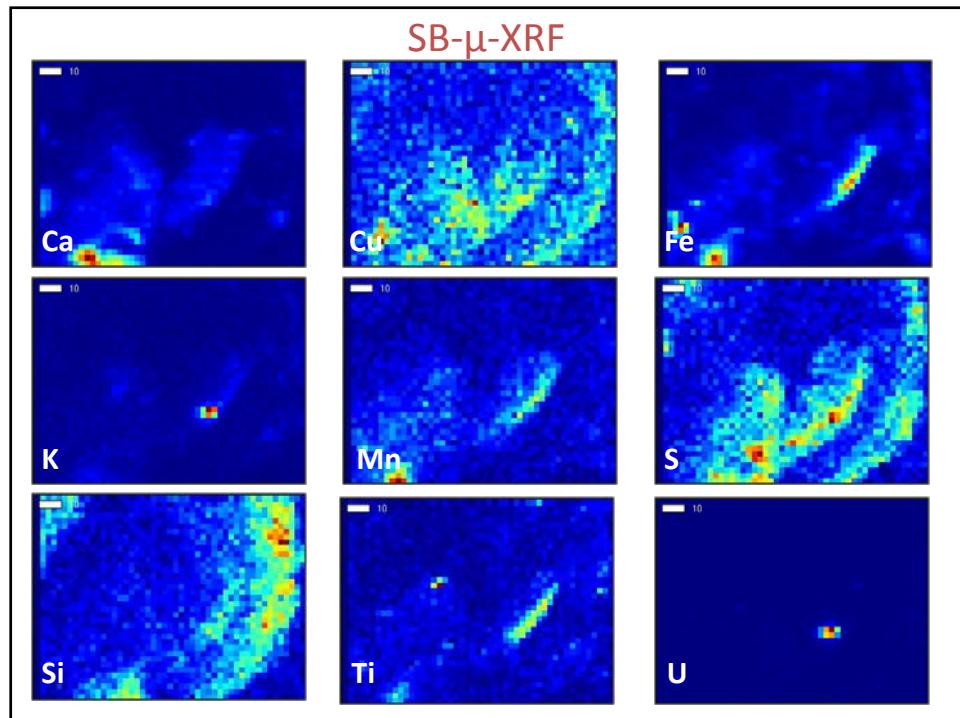
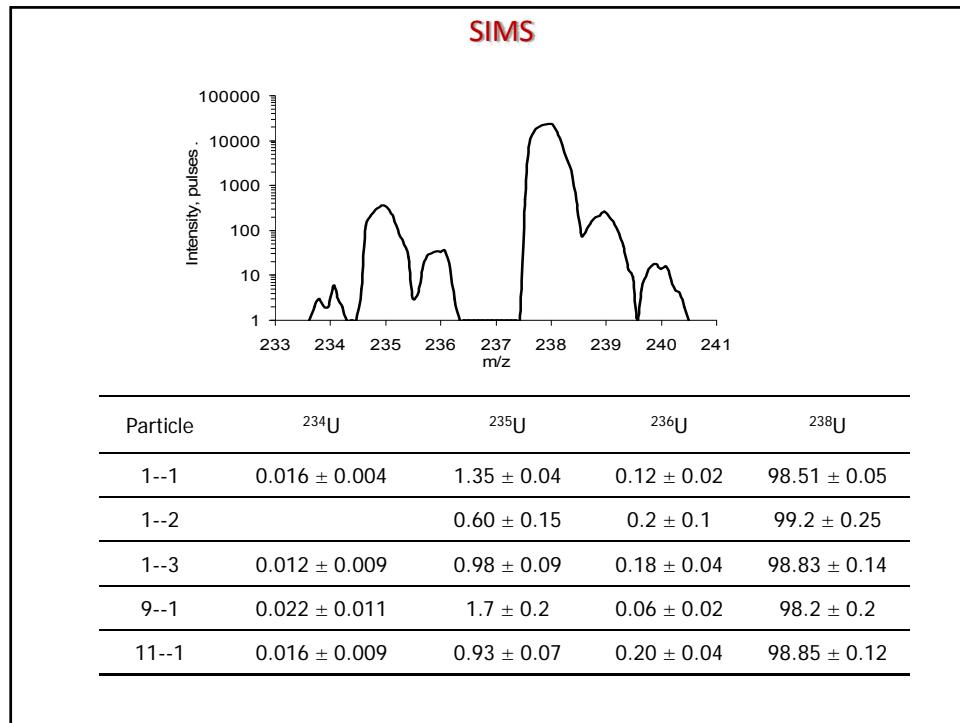


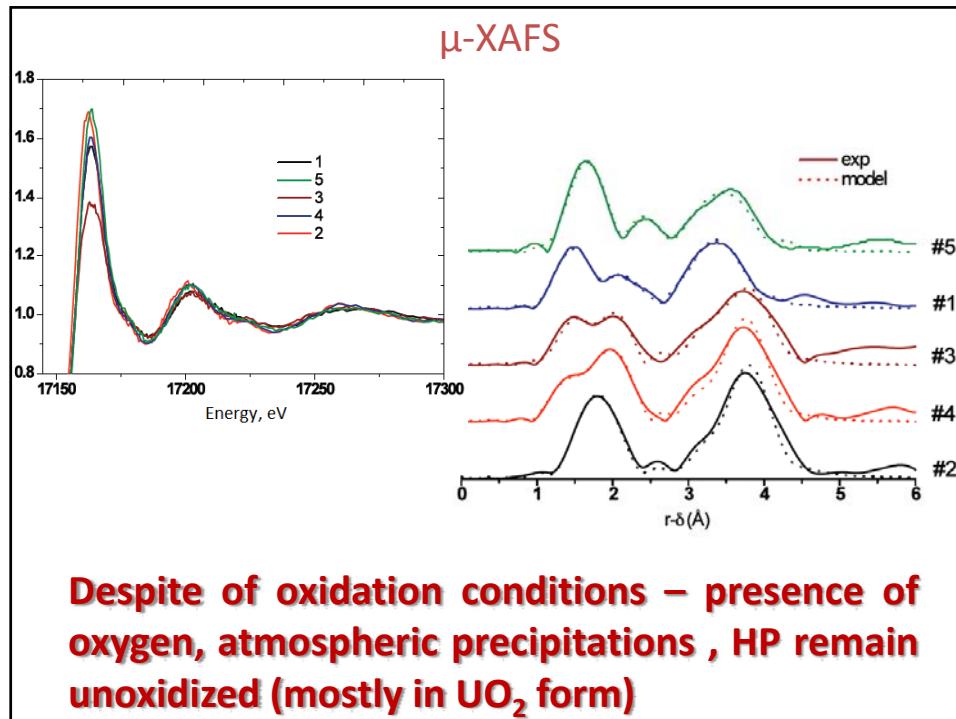
**EXAMPLE 1**  
**“Hot” particles from Chernobyl**











## Conclusions

The need for molecular-scale radionuclide speciation is needed for performance assessment of geological repositories of SNF or NW,

Generally radionuclide behavior (sorption, precipitation, complexation) could be relatively easily described thermodynamically,

Plutonium – “the element of surprise” could form oxide-like particles even in diluted solutions that show high kinetic stability,

In the environment, actinide speciation could be governed by their origin rather than (or as well as) local geochemical conditions. This remains a huge field of research on formation and properties of actinide containing particles, their kinetic stability.

# PARTITIONING AND TRANSMUTATION – BTP-TYPE N-DONOR LIGANDS IN THE SANEX PROCESS

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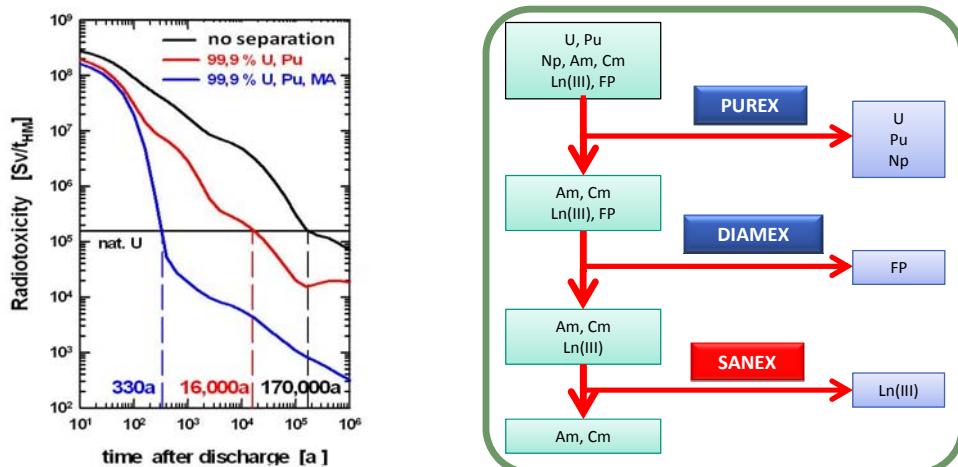
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## Abstract:

Partitioning and transmutation (P&T) is a strategy to reduce the long-term radiotoxicity and heat load of waste generated in nuclear power facilities.<sup>1,2</sup> Hereby Plutonium and the minor actinides are separated from the nuclear waste (partitioning) and converted into shorter-lived or stable elements (transmutation).

The long-term toxicity of nuclear waste and how the residual toxicity of nuclear waste is reduced by removing Plutonium and the MA from nuclear waste is shown in fig. 1, left.

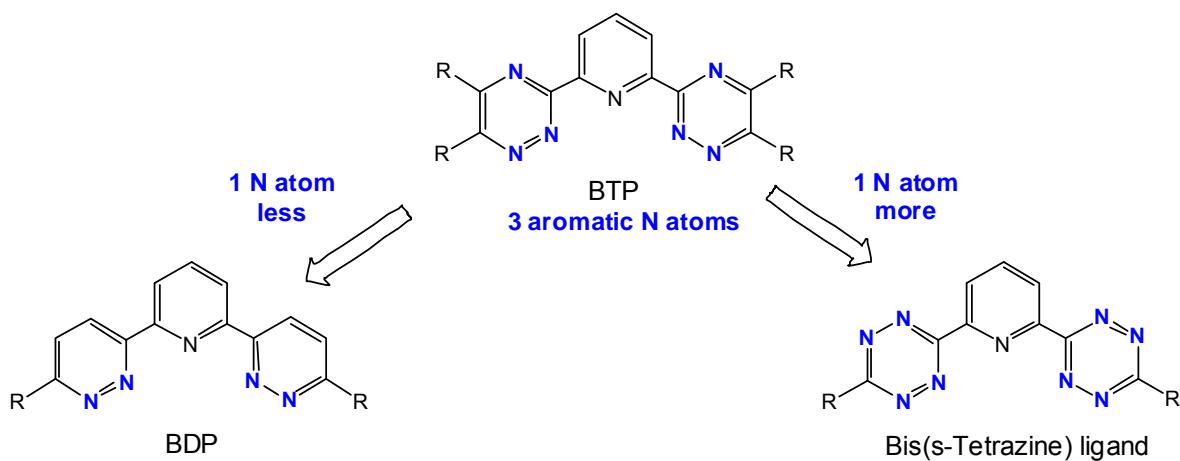


**Fig. 1.** left: Development of the radiotoxicity of spent fuel with time. Right: Schematic draft of the P&T strategy.

The separation of trivalent actinides, An(III), from the lanthanides, Ln(III), in the so-called SANEX (Selective ActiNide EXtraction) process is a crucial part of the partitioning process. This separation is extremely demanding due to the high similarity of An(III) and Ln(III) in both chemical property and ionic radius.

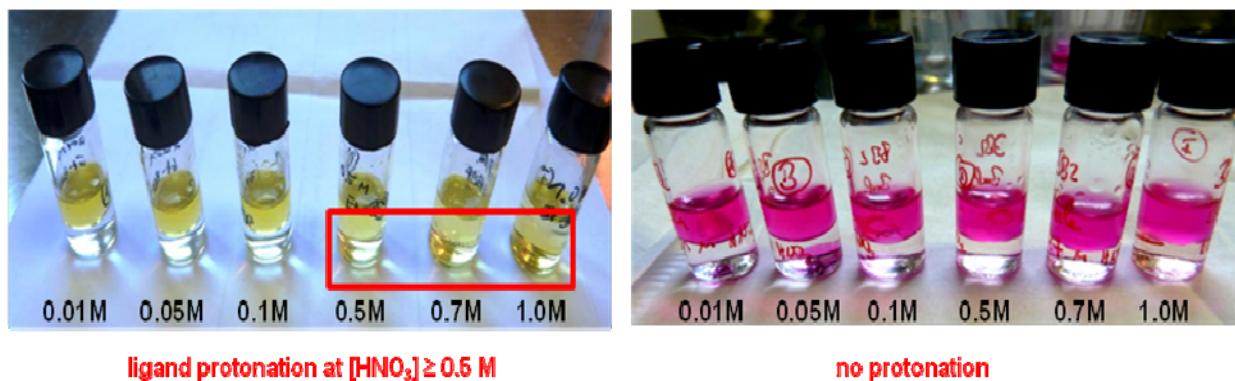
It has been demonstrated that this separation can be realized by selective liquid-liquid extraction using soft donor ligands such as aromatic, N-heterocyclic compounds. Among these ligands 2,6-bis(1,2,4-triazin-3-yl)pyridines (BTPs) are promising compounds.<sup>3-5</sup> They act as tridentate ligands and form 1:3 complexes with both An(III) and Ln(III). For an application in an industrial process these ligands require optimization and the driving force behind the selectivity for An(III) and Ln(III) has not yet been completely understood.

In a synthetic approach the number of nitrogen atoms in the lateral rings of the BTP ligand is changed and the resulting effect on extraction properties is studied. 2,6-bis(4-ethyl-pyridazinyl)pyridine (Et-BDP) with a lower amount of nitrogen atoms in the aromatic ring of the substituents has already been synthesized at University of Reading and tested at CEA-Marcoule. Extraction tests have been performed in 1,1,2,2,-tetrachloroethane as solvent within the EUROPART project. The second ligand (2,6-bis(4-<sup>n</sup>propyl-2,3,5,6-tetrazine-1-yl)pyridine, <sup>n</sup>Pr-Tetrazine) is synthesized as a BTP-type ligand containing a higher number of nitrogen atoms in the lateral rings (fig. 2).



**Fig. 2.** Molecular structures of Et-BDP (**1**)<sup>6</sup> (left), <sup>n</sup>Pr-BTP (middle)<sup>3,7</sup> and <sup>n</sup>Pr-Tetrazine (**2**) (right).

The separation of Am(III) from Eu(III) using both ligands is tested by two phase liquid-liquid separation tests. For both ligands significantly smaller separation factors  $SF_{Am/Eu}$  in comparison to <sup>n</sup>Pr-BTP ( $SF_{Am/Eu} \approx 130$ ) are observed using Et-BDP ( $SF_{Am/Eu} \approx 5$ ) or <sup>n</sup>Pr-tetrazine ( $SF_{Am/Eu} \approx 9$ ), respectively. Furthermore, in liquid-liquid extraction tests with Et-BDP protonation of the ligand and dissolution in the organic phase is observed (Fig. 3).



**Fig. 3** Two phase liquid-liquid extraction experiments of Am(III) and Eu(III) using 3.2 mM Et-BDP (left) and 6.5 mM <sup>n</sup>Pr-Tetrazine, (right) respectively, in kerosene/0.5 M 2-bromodecanoic acid and various concentrations of nitric acid.<sup>8</sup>

These extraction studies in combination with theoretic, thermodynamic and spectroscopic studies endeavor to give a detailed understanding about the extraordinary selectivity of the <sup>n</sup>Pr-BTP ligand.

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### Outlook



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## Introduction



- Radiotoxicity of spent nuclear fuel is governed over long periods of time by plutonium and the minor actinides (**neptunium, americium, curium**).
- The content of these elements in the spent fuel is altogether in the range of **1 %**.
- The **partitioning & transmutation** concept aims at **separating** plutonium and the minor actinides and **transmuting** them into short-lived or stable nuclides.
- This would lead to a **drastic reduction** of the radiotoxicity and the heat load of the nuclear waste.

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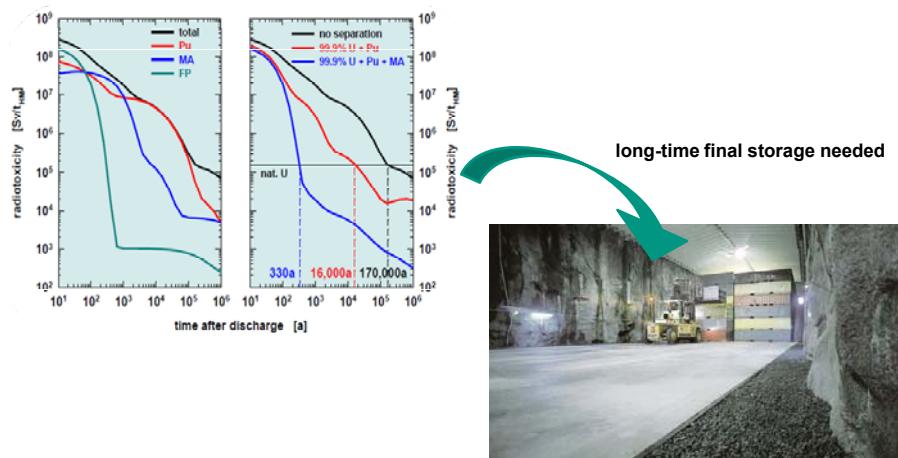
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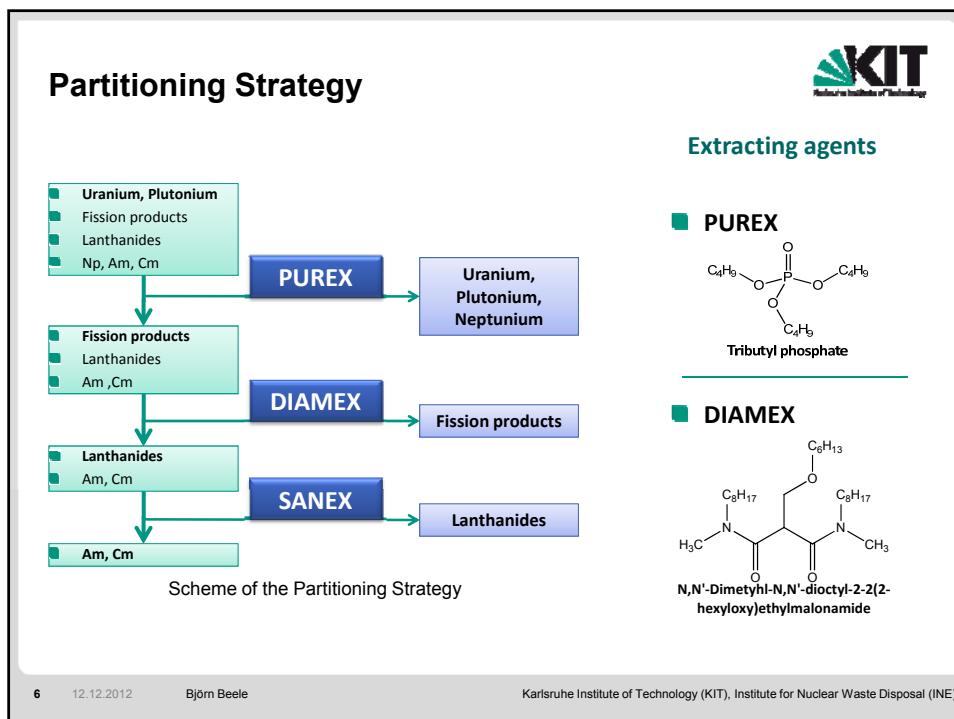
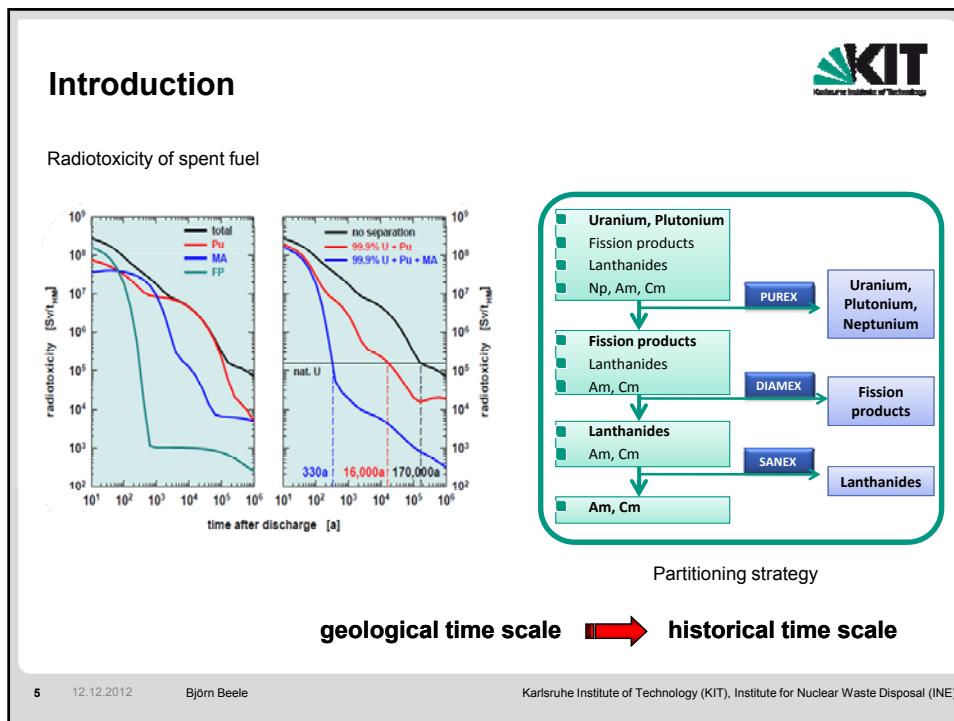
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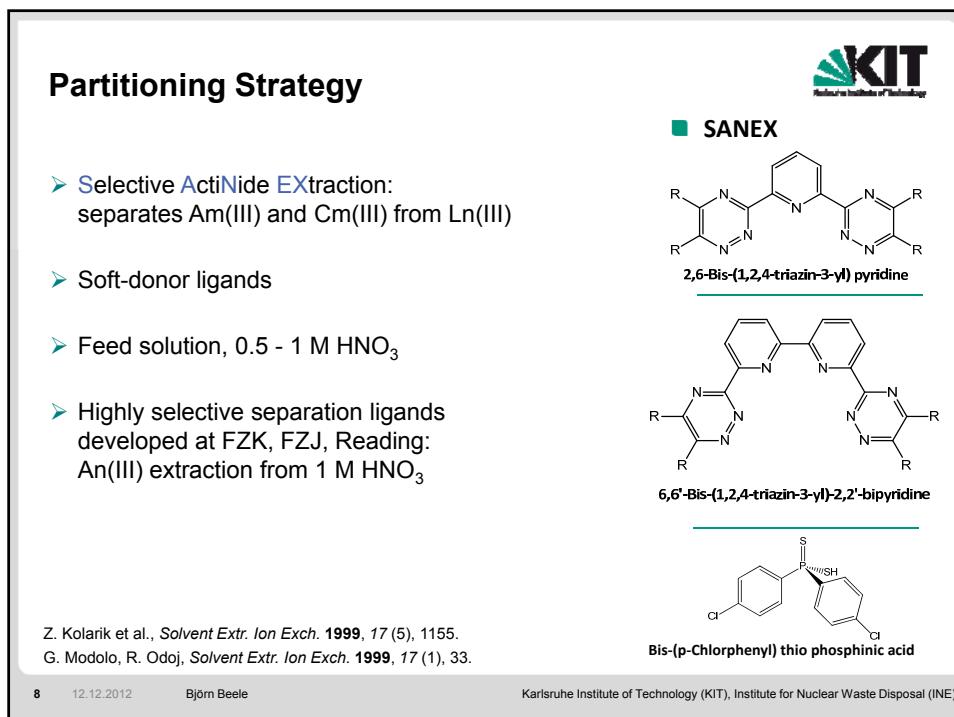
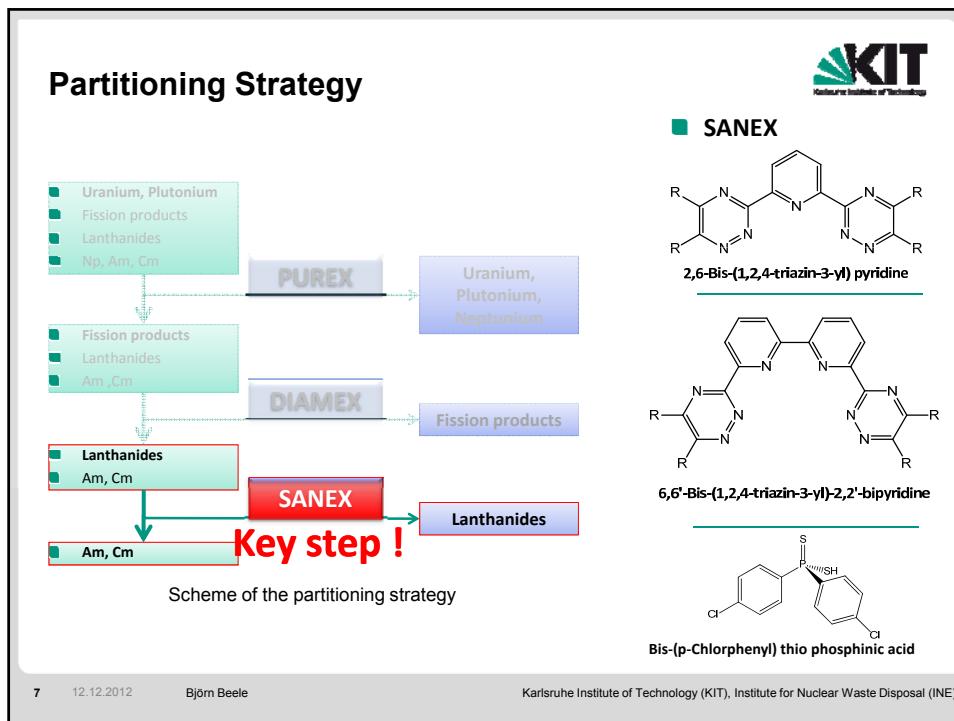


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## Partitioning Strategy



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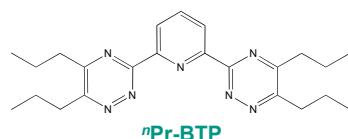
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BUT P&T eases the requirements of a final repository

## Selectivity of N-Donor Ligands



- ✓ Fast kinetics
- ✓ High complexation constant (14.4 in H<sub>2</sub>O:MeOH)
- ✓ High separation factor SF(D<sub>Am</sub>/D<sub>Eu</sub>) > 130
- ✓ Modifications possible at many positions
- ✓ Synthesis in multi 100g scale
- ✗ Instability against hydrolysis and radiolysis
- ✗ Synthesis requires 6 (2) steps



→ Breakthrough in the field of actinide separation

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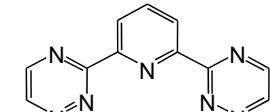
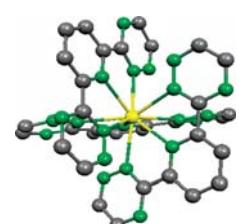


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**Thermodynamics**

M(ClO<sub>4</sub>)<sub>3</sub> + 3  → 

Thermodynamic data for complexation of Cm(III) and Eu(III) with nPr-BTP

	$\Delta H$ [kJ/mol]	$\Delta S$ [J/(molK)]	$\Delta G$ (20 °C) [kJ/mol]	$\log K$
Cm(III)	-36.5	148	-79.9	14.4
Eu(III)	-26.4	138	-66.8	11.9
$\Delta$	<b>10.1</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>13.1</b>	<b>2.5</b>

→ Difference in  $\Delta G$  results mainly from difference in  $\Delta H$   
 →  $\Delta\Delta G$  of 13.1 →  $\Delta\log K$  of 2.5 →  $SF_{An(III)/Ln(III)} = K_{Cm} / K_{Eu} = 316$

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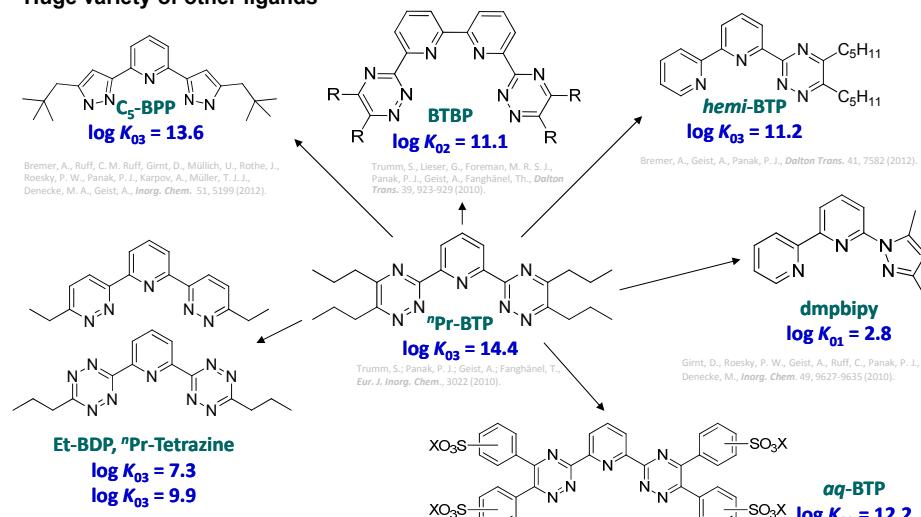
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## Selectivity of N-donor ligands

Huge variety of other ligands



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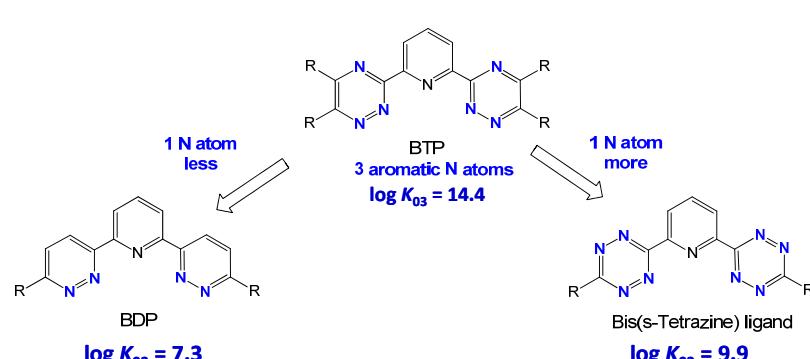
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## Selectivity of N-donor ligands

Preparative approach



BDP  
 $\log K_{03} = 7.3$

BTP  
3 aromatic N atoms  
 $\log K_{03} = 14.4$

Bis(s-Tetrazine) ligand  
 $\log K_{03} = 9.9$

1 N atom less

1 N atom more

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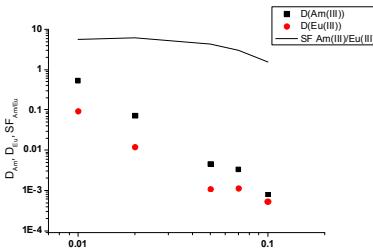
## Selectivity of N-donor ligands

**Liquid-liquid extraction**

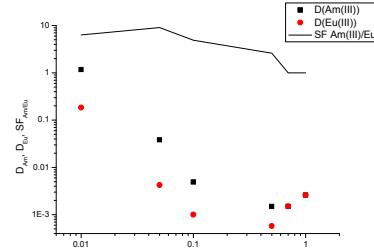
- no extraction of nitrates, lipophilic anion needed.
- $SF_{Am/Eu} = 5$  with Et-BDP,  $SF_{Am/Eu} = 9$  with  $^{n}Pr\text{-Tetrazine}$
- no separation at  $[HNO_3] > 0.5$

$$\text{Distribution factor } D_M = \frac{c_{ps,org}}{V_{org}} \cdot \frac{V_{aq}}{c_{ps,aq}}$$

$$\text{Separation factor } SF_{M1M2} = \frac{D_{M1}}{D_{M2}}$$



Liquid-liquid extraction with Et-BDP (3.2 mM) in kerosene/2-bromodecanoic acid



Liquid-liquid extraction with  $^{n}Pr\text{-Tetrazine}$  (6.5 mM) in kerosene/2-bromodecanoic acid

B. B. Beele et al., ATALANTE 2012 proceedings, accepted.

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## Selectivity of N-donor ligands

**Liquid-liquid extraction**

Liquid-liquid extraction using Et-BDP and  $^{n}Pr\text{-Tetrazine}$  in kerosene / 2-Bromodecanoic acid and  $HNO_3$

**Et-BDP**



ligand protonation at  $[HNO_3] \geq 0.5$  M

**$^{n}Pr\text{-Tetrazine}$**



no protonation

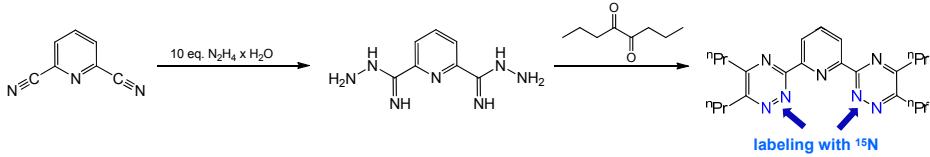
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## Selectivity of N-donor ligands

### 1D $^{15}\text{N}$ NMR spectroscopy

Synthesis of  $^n\text{Pr-BTP}$



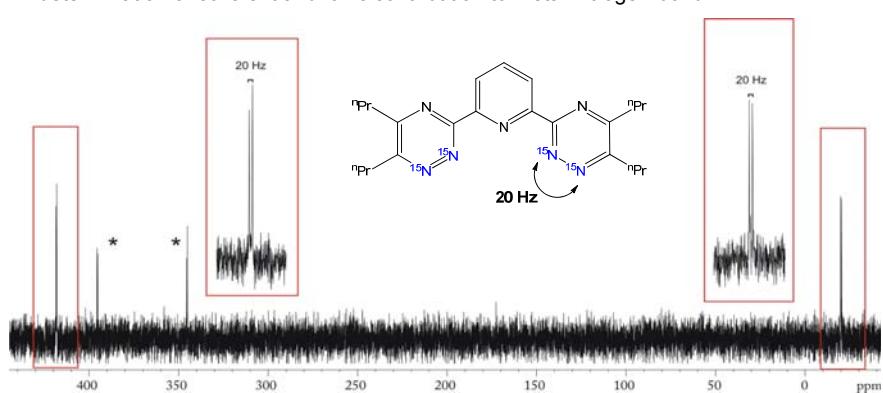
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 synthesis and measurements with  $^{15}\text{N}$ -enrichment: KIT-INE: C. Adam, P. Kaden B. Beele

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## Selectivity of N-donor ligands

### 1D $^{15}\text{N}$ NMR spectroscopy

- Synthesis of  $^{15}\text{N}$ -labeled ligand
- NMR study on  $^n\text{Pr-BTP-Ln(III)}$ - and  $\text{An(III)}$  complexes
- determination of covalent and ionic contribution to metal-nitrogen-bond



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## How to approach the problem of unknown selectivity?

- Thermodynamics
- Preparative approach, extraction
- NMR spectroscopy
- Structural investigation
- Computational chemistry

## Selectivity of N-Donor Ligands



EXAFS study of An(BTP)<sub>3</sub> and Ln(BTP)<sub>3</sub>

M(III)	$R_{M(III)-N}$	$r_{M(III)}$	$R - r$ [Å]
U(III)	2.57	1.214	1.356
Pu(III)	2.561	1.177	1.384
Am(III)	2.562	1.160	1.402
Cm(III)	2.568	1.148	1.420
Eu(III)	2.559	1.120	1.439
Gd(III)	2.554	1.107	1.447

Cm(III) → U(III);  
increasing softness

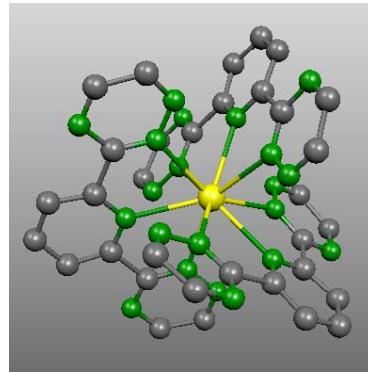
- Ln(III) and An(III) show essentially the same coordination structure
- An(III)-N distances are slightly shorter

→ evidence of bond length contraction ?

## Quantumchemical calculations



- Experimental structure and bond lengths are obtained on DFT level
- No obvious indications for differences in the bonding for Eu(III) and Cm(III) complexes (difference under 0.01 Å)
- Data in good agreement with EXAFS



M. Denecke et al., *Inorg. Chem.* 2005, 8418.

## Summary



- P&T is a strategy to reduce radiotoxicity of radioactive waste.
- Most demanding task: Separating Ln(III) from An(III) in the SANEX process
- The reason for the N-donor ligands' selectivity is still not understood.
- Complexation of Cm(III) and Eu(III) with <sup>n</sup>Pr-BTP:  
Complexation with Cm(III) is more exergonic.  
Difference in  $\Delta G$  results mainly from difference in  $\Delta H$
- Changing the lateral rings of the <sup>n</sup>Pr-BTP ligand severely degrades complexation and extraction properties
- Theoretic calculations and EXAFS give access to bond length and complex symmetry
- NMR experiments and theoretic calculations can give an insight into the covalent and ionic nature of the nitrogen-metal bond.

## Outlook



Sounds easier than it is:

**Combining results from synthesis, liquid-liquid extraction, spectroscopy and theoretical calculation to a general understanding of the relationship of molecular structure and extraction properties.**

**Some things are comprehended, yet the big picture is still not understood.**

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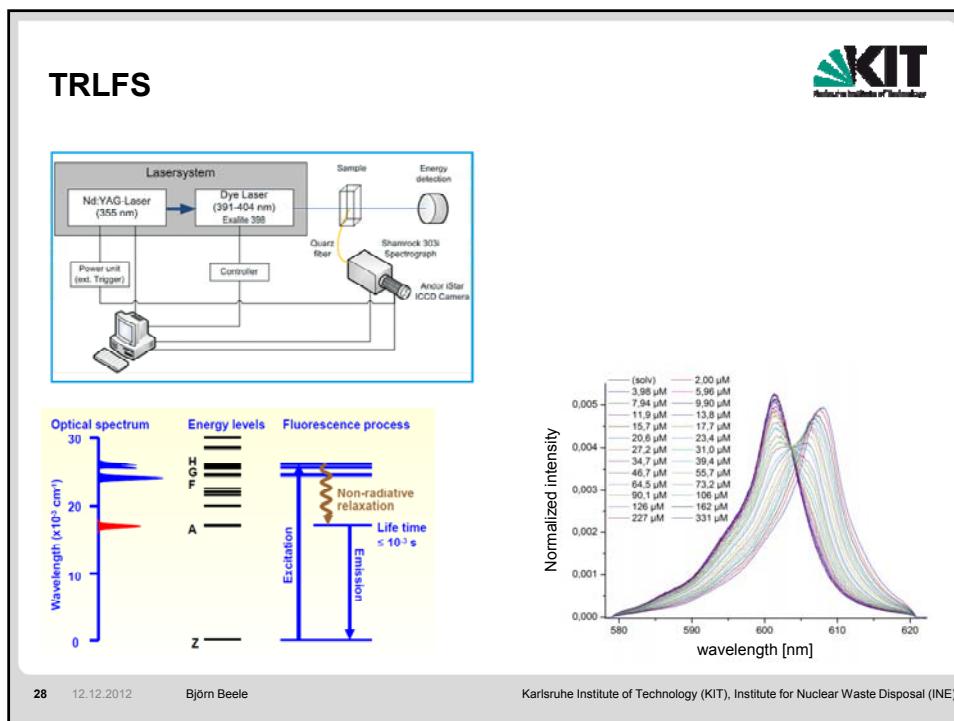


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# Artificial receptors for $\text{TcO}_4^-$ , $\text{ReO}_4^-$ recognition

## (Selected works)

G.V. Kolesnikov, K.E. German, E.A. Kataev, G.A. Kirakosyan,  
Khrustalev, Yu. A. Ustynyuk, I.G. Tananaev, B.F. Myasoedov

Problem of Tc binding is urgent  
 $\text{TcO}_4^-$  is the most stable form

➤ **Nuclear fuel cycle:**

high yields, more than 800 g per 1 t  $^{235}\text{U}$   
facilitates reductant decomposition during treatment  
forms precipitates

$\text{TcO}_4^-$  needs to  
be extracted  
before  
treatment

➤ **Ecology:**

$^{99}\text{Tc}$  ( $E_{\beta^-} = 293.8 \text{ keV}$ ,  $\lambda_{1/2} = 2.13 \times 10^5 \text{ years}$ )  
 $\text{TcO}_4^-$  salts are poorly fixed with natural minerals  
 $\text{NaTcO}_4$  solubility in water — 11.3 M

Concentration  
control is  
necessary

**TcO<sub>4</sub><sup>-</sup> и ReO<sub>4</sub><sup>-</sup> are extensively used  
in nuclear medicine**

- **99m**Tc ( $E_{\gamma} = 141.0$  keV,  $\lambda_{1/2} = 6$  h)

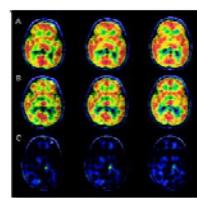
Diagnostic application

80% from 30 mln. injections yearly



- **188**Re ( $E_{\beta^-} = 763.9$  keV,  $\lambda_{1/2} = 17$  h)

Therapeutic application



- **W**hat is common for both nuclides:

are produced as MO<sub>4</sub><sup>-</sup> (M = Tc, Re)

then reduced with SnCl<sub>2</sub>, NaBH<sub>4</sub>

injected as M(III)-(V) complexes

**It is difficult to bind hydrophobic TcO<sub>4</sub><sup>-</sup> и ReO<sub>4</sub><sup>-</sup>**

Anion	$\Delta H_{hydr}^0$ kJ/mol*	R <sub>H<sub>2</sub>O</sub> , nm	S <sub>ion</sub> , Å <sup>2</sup>	Q/S × 10 <sup>2</sup> , Å <sup>-2</sup>
H <sub>2</sub> PO <sub>4</sub> <sup>-</sup>	-522	0.20	50.3	2.0
H <sub>3</sub> CCOO <sup>-</sup>	-425	0.16	33.0	3.0
Cl <sup>-</sup>	-367	0.18	41.2	2.4
NO <sub>3</sub> <sup>-</sup>	-312	0.18	40.3	2.5
I <sup>-</sup>	-291	0.22	60.8	1.6
ClO <sub>4</sub> <sup>-</sup>	-246	0.25	78.5	1.3
ReO <sub>4</sub> <sup>-</sup>	-244	0.26	85.0	1.2
TcO <sub>4</sub> <sup>-**</sup>	-247	0.25	78.5	1.3
MnO <sub>4</sub> <sup>-</sup>	-250	0.24	72.4	1.4

**Increase**

- hydrophobicity
- size

**Decrease**

- surface charge density

R<sub>H<sub>2</sub>O</sub> – ionic radius in water

S<sub>ion</sub> – surface of an ion

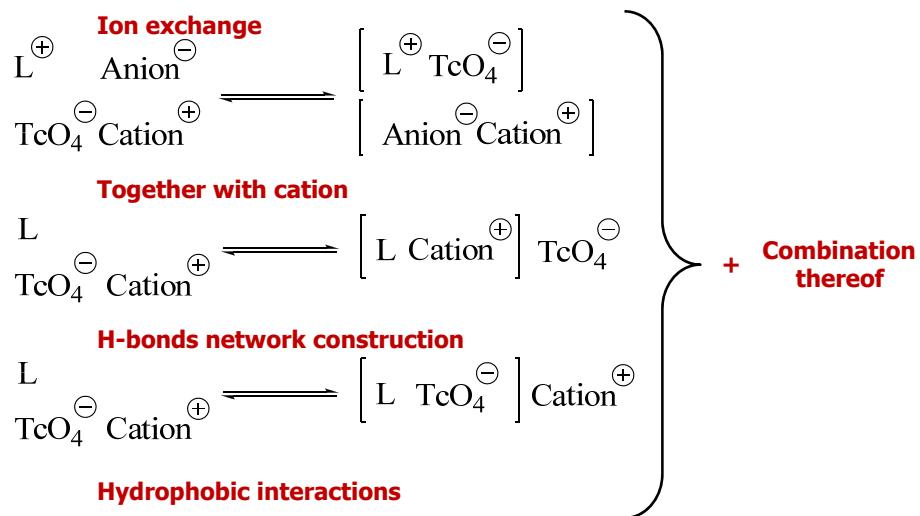
Q/S – surface charge density of an ion

\* ΔH<sub>hydr</sub><sup>0</sup> и R<sub>H<sub>2</sub>O</sub> obtained experimentally. Other data is calculated.

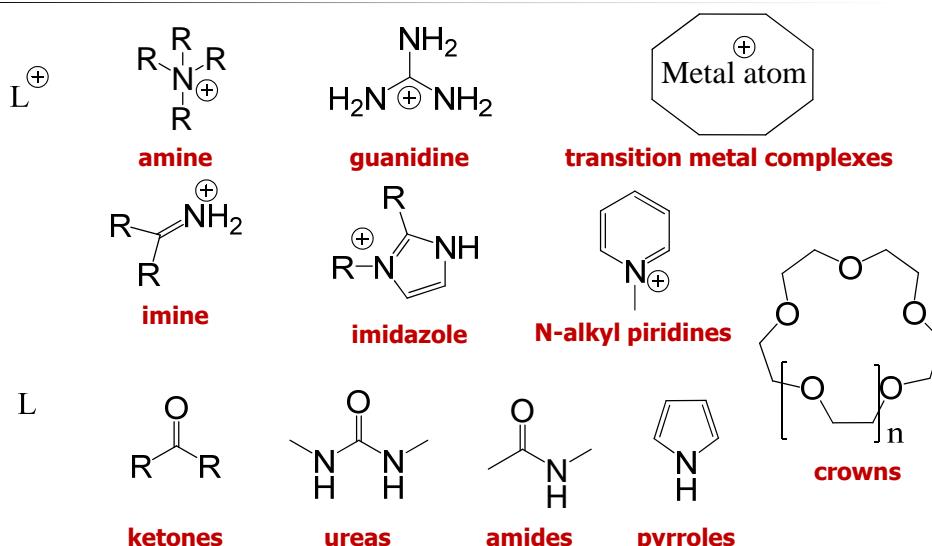
\*\* for TcO<sub>4</sub><sup>-</sup> data was produced by linear interpolation in the row: MnO<sub>4</sub><sup>-</sup> - TcO<sub>4</sub><sup>-</sup> - ReO<sub>4</sub><sup>-</sup>.

Marcus Y. The thermodynamics of solvation of ions. Part 2. // J.Chem.Soc.Faraday Trans. 1. – 1987.

### Approaches for binding of $\text{TcO}_4^-$ and $\text{ReO}_4^-$



### Some organic moieties for binding of $\text{TcO}_4^-$ and $\text{ReO}_4^-$



### Known methods for investigating interactions between $\text{TcO}_4^-$ and $\text{ReO}_4^-$ and organic receptors

- Extraction – the most popular method
- UV-Vis – easy to do, but Tc and Re are UV active
- $^1\text{H-NMR}$  – precise, but concentration must be higher than in objects of interest
- X-ray – luck is needed
- $^{99}\text{Tc-NMR}$  – exotic

### Solubility\* of some $\text{TcO}_4^-$ salts in $\text{H}_2\text{O}$

- More hydrophobic cation produces less soluble salt with  $\text{TcO}_4^-$

$^{99}\text{TcO}_4\text{Na}$	11.3	$\text{Cl}(\text{NBu}_4)$	20.53
$^{99}\text{TcO}_4(\text{NMe}_4)$	0.14	$\text{Br}(\text{NBu}_4)$	21.48
$^{99}\text{TcO}_4(\text{NBu}_4)$	$4 \times 10^{-3}$	$\text{I}(\text{NBu}_4)$	$7 \times 10^{-2}$
$^{99}\text{TcO}_4(\text{TPG})$	<b><math>4 \times 10^{-3}</math></b>		
$^{99}\text{TcO}_4(\text{NHept}_4)$	<b><math>1 \times 10^{-5}</math></b>		

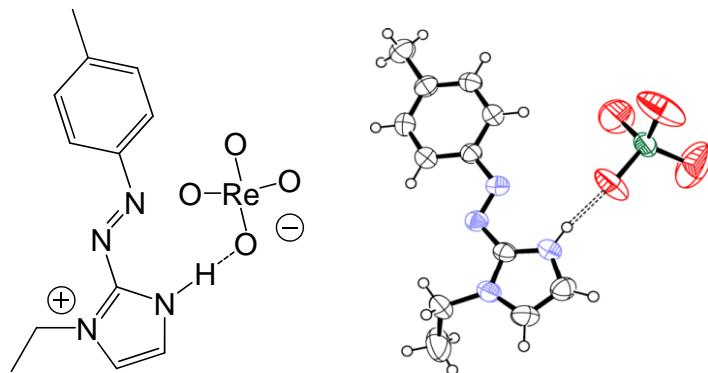
**TPG** = triphenylguanidinium

\*the concentration is given in mol/L

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### Imidazole based smaller organic receptor

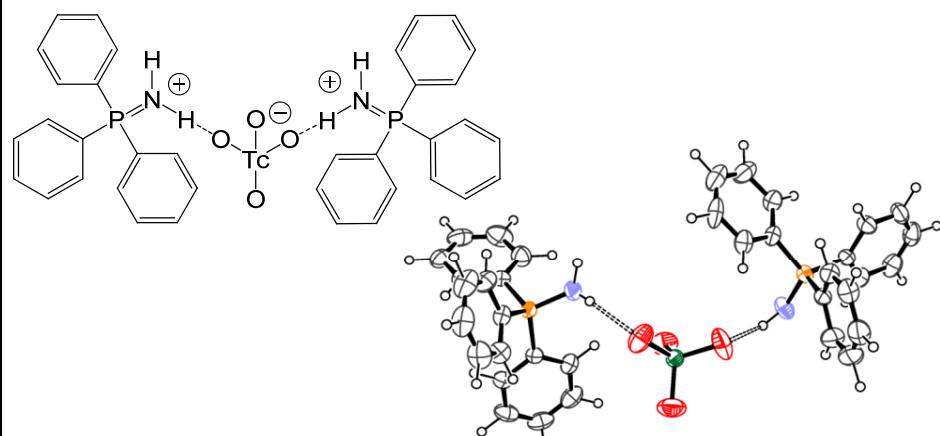
- Positive charge from N-alkyl imidazole
- Acidic N-H from imidazole



Ray U., Mostafa G., Lu T., Sinha C. Hydrogen bonded perrhenate-azimidazoles. // Cryst. Eng. – 2002.  
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### Phosphineimine bearing organic receptor

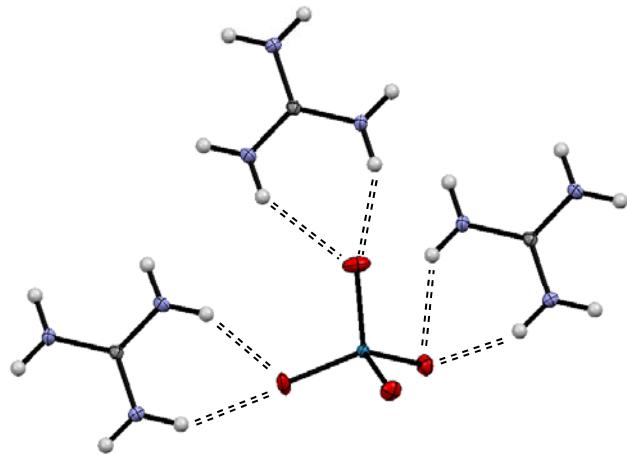
- Positive charge from protonated imine
- Acidic N-H from protonated imine



Eble B., Berning D., Barnes C.L., Katti K.V., Jurisso S. // J. Chem. Cryst. – 1999.

### Guanidinium tetraoxidorhenate(VII)

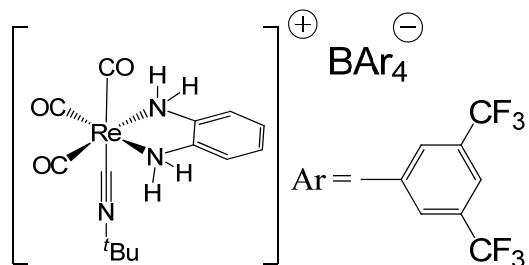
- Protonated guanidinium bears positive charge
- 3 oxygen atoms of  $\text{ReO}_4^-$  are coordinated



Grigoriev M.S., German K.E., Maruk A.Ya. // Acta Crystallogr., Sect. E. – 2007.

### Metal complexes bind $\text{ReO}_4^-$ . Re-complex.

- Positive charge from metal
- Acidic N-H from organic moiety

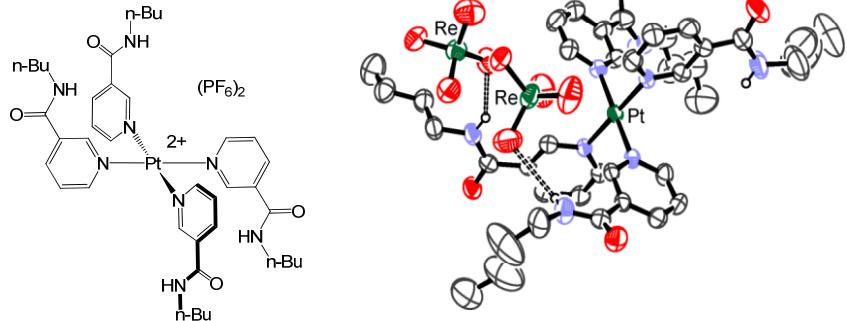


$K_a$ , $^1\text{H-NMR}$ in MeCN	$\text{HSO}_4^-$	$\text{Cl}^-$	$\text{Br}^-$	$\text{NO}_3^-$	$\text{ClO}_4^-$	$\text{ReO}_4^-$
	19	77	48	26	18	24

Nieto S., Pérez J., Riera L., Riera V., Miguel D. // New J.Chem. – 2006.

**Metal complexes bind  $\text{ReO}_4^-$ . Pt-complex.**

- Positive charge on metal
- Acidic N-H from amide

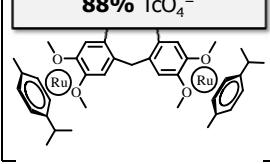


$K_{\alpha}$ , $^1\text{H-NMR}$ in MeCN	$\text{HSO}_4^-$	$\text{CF}_3\text{SO}_3^-$	$\text{H}_3\text{CCOO}^-$	$\text{NO}_3^-$	$\text{ReO}_4^-$
	149	129	230 (1:1) 491 (1:2)	526 (1:1) 132 (1:2)	<b>150</b>

Bondy C.R., Gale P.A., Loeb S.J. // Chem. Comm. – 2001.

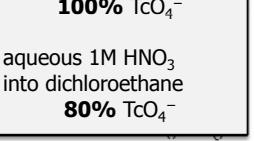
**More complicated compounds for  $\text{TcO}_4^-$  and  $\text{ReO}_4^-$**

**Extraction**  
0.9% NaCl in H<sub>2</sub>O  
into  $\text{MeNO}_2$   
**88%**  $\text{TcO}_4^-$



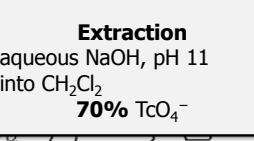
**Extraction**  
1M NaOH in H<sub>2</sub>O  
into dichloroethane  
**100%**  $\text{TcO}_4^-$

aqueous 1M  $\text{HNO}_3$   
into dichloroethane  
**80%**  $\text{TcO}_4^-$

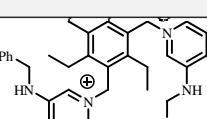


**$^1\text{H NMR CDCl}_3$**   
 $K(\text{ReO}_4^-) = 40 \text{ M}^{-1}$   
 $K(\text{ReO}_4^-) = 840 \text{ M}^{-1} (+\text{Na}^+)$

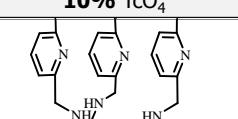
**Extraction**  
aqueous NaOH, pH 11  
into  $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$   
**70%**  $\text{TcO}_4^-$



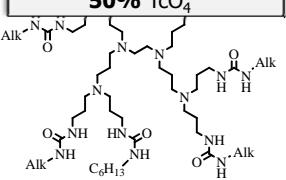
**$^1\text{H NMR MeCN}$**   
 $K(\text{ReO}_4^-) = 112 \text{ M}^{-1}$



**Extraction**  
HEPES/NaOH, pH 7.4  
into  $\text{CHCl}_3$   
**10%**  $\text{TcO}_4^-$

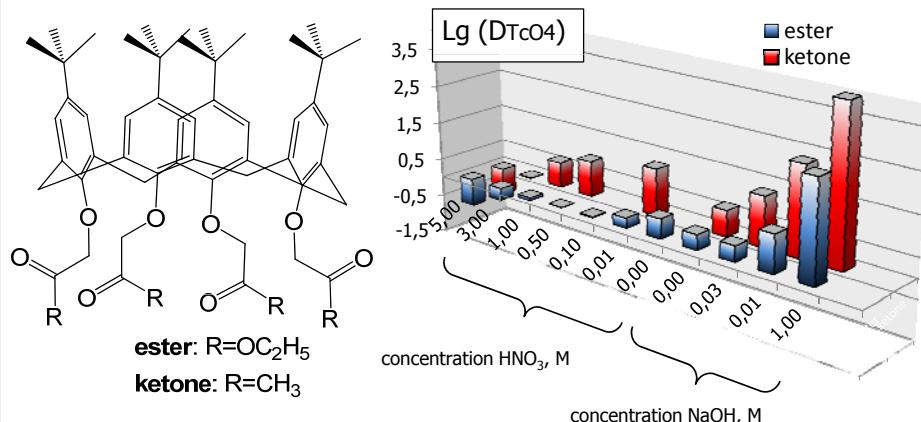


**Extraction**  
HEPES/NaOH, pH 7.4  
into  $\text{CHCl}_3$   
**50%**  $\text{TcO}_4^-$



Probably the most efficient receptor for  $\text{TcO}_4^-$  known

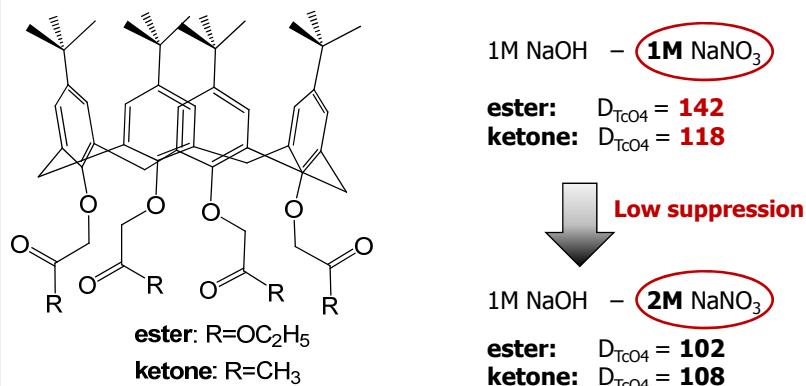
- **$\text{Na}^+$  goes inside the moiety and pulls  $\text{TcO}_4^-$**



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Probably the most efficient receptor for  $\text{TcO}_4^-$  known

- **$\text{Na}^+$  goes inside the moiety and pulls  $\text{TcO}_4^-$**
- **Presence of  $\text{NO}_3^-$  influences slightly on extraction efficiency**

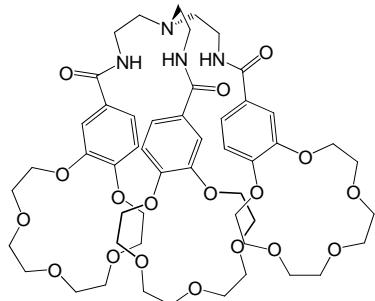


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## Effect of $\text{Na}^+$ precoordination is substantial

**Na<sup>+</sup> coordination with receptor influences greatly:**

- $K_a$  increased
- Selectivity improved



$K_a, {}^1\text{H-NMR}$ in MeCN	Cl <sup>-</sup>	I <sup>-</sup>	ReO <sub>4</sub> <sup>-</sup>
	60	30	40

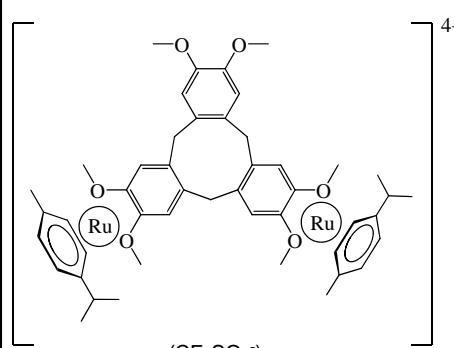
1 eq.:  $\text{Na}^+$

$K_a, {}^1\text{H-NMR}$ in MeCN	Cl <sup>-</sup>	I <sup>-</sup>	ReO <sub>4</sub> <sup>-</sup>
	520	390	840

Beer P.D., Hopkins P.K., McKinney J.D. // Chem.Comm. – 1999.

## Hydrophobic cavitand with positively charged fragments

- 4<sup>+</sup> charge from two ruthenium atoms
- Hydrophobic cavity



Extraction	TcO <sub>4</sub> <sup>-</sup>	ReO <sub>4</sub> <sup>-</sup>
0.9% NaCl in H <sub>2</sub> O	12%	29%
MeNO <sub>2</sub>	88%	71%

No suppression

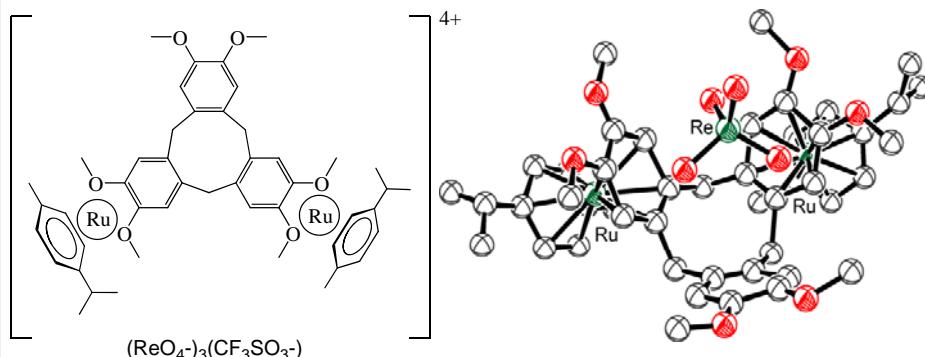
Extraction	TcO <sub>4</sub> <sup>-</sup>	ReO <sub>4</sub> <sup>-</sup>
0.9% NaCl in H <sub>2</sub> O	---	94%
MeNO <sub>2</sub>	---	6%

TcO<sub>4</sub><sup>-</sup> > ReO<sub>4</sub><sup>-</sup> > ClO<sub>4</sub><sup>-</sup> >> NO<sub>3</sub><sup>-</sup> > SO<sub>4</sub><sup>2-</sup> > Cl<sup>-</sup>

Holman K.T., Halihan M.M., Jurisson S.S., Atwood J.L., Burkhalter R.S., Mitchell A.R., Steed J.W. // J.Am.Chem.Soc. – 1996.

### Hydrophobic cavitand with positively charged fragments

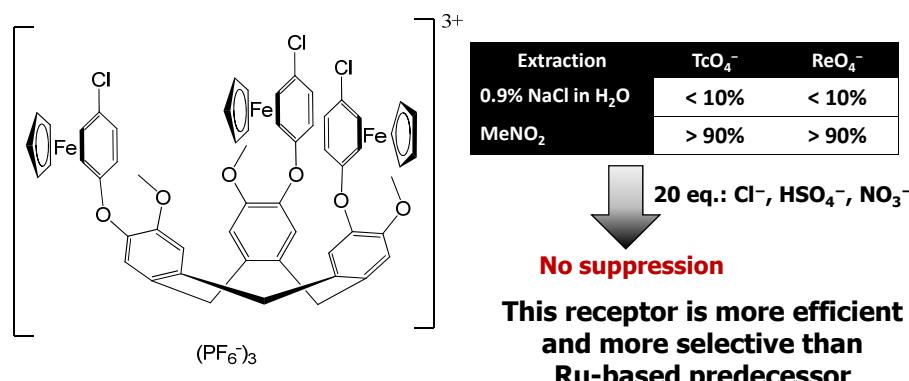
- **4<sup>+</sup> charge from two ruthenium atoms**
- **Coordination due to hydrophobic cavity and  $\pi$  interactions**



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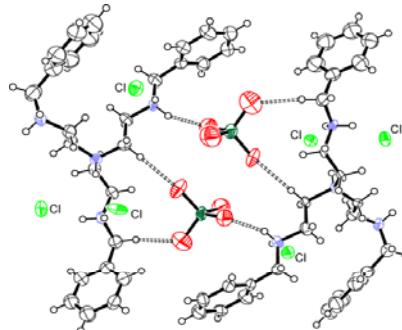
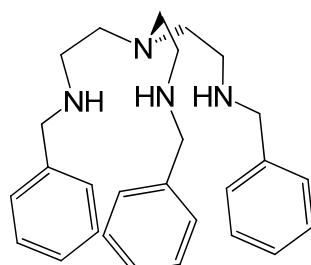
- **3<sup>+</sup> charge from three iron atoms**
- **More uniform charge distribution**
- **The same hydrophobicity**



Gawenis J.A., Holman K.T., Atwood J.L., Jurisson S.S. // Inorg.Chem. – 2002.

### $C_3$ -symmetric ligands bind $\text{ReO}_4^-$ after protonation

- Protonation makes the receptor more rigid
- $\text{ReO}_4^-$  coordinates with amino NH- and benzylic CH-groups



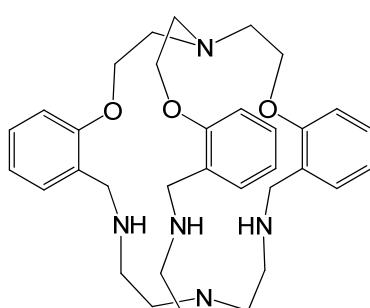
Extraction	$\text{TcO}_4^-$	$\text{ReO}_4^-$
$\text{H}_2\text{O}$ , pH 5.5	18%	24%
$\text{CHCl}_3$	82%	76%



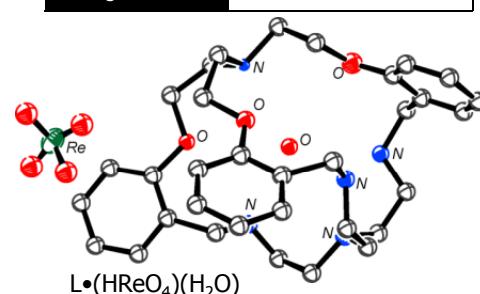
Antonioli B., Gloe K., Gloe K., Goretzki G., Grotjahn M., Heßke H., Langer M., Lindoy L.F., Mills A.M., Söhnle T. // Z.Anorg.Allg.Chem. – 2004.

### $C_3$ -symmetric macrobicycles bind $\text{ReO}_4^-$ outside cavity

- Protonation of receptor is important for strong binding
- $\text{ReO}_4^-$  coordinates outside the cavity



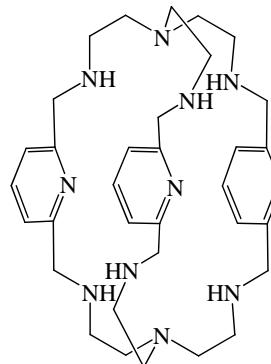
Extraction	$\text{TcO}_4^-$	$\text{ReO}_4^-$
$\text{H}_2\text{O}$ , pH 7.4	18%	24%
$\text{CHCl}_3$	82%	76%



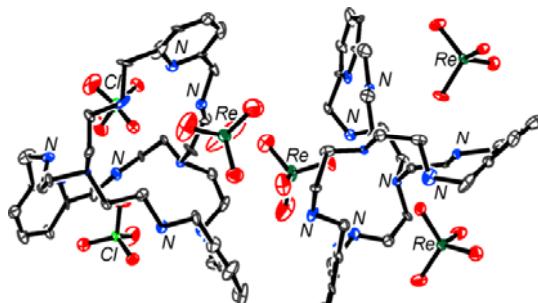
Stephan H., Gloe K., Kraus W., Spies H., Johannsen B., Wichmann K., Chand D.K., Bharadwaj P.K., Muller U., Muller W.M., Vogtle F. In «Fundamentals and applications of anion separations». Ed. by Singh R.P., Moyer B.A. Kluwer: New York; 2004.

$C_3$ -symmetric macrobicycles bind  $\text{ReO}_4^-$  outside cavity

- Larger cavity still does not allow  $\text{TcO}_4^-$  to go inside
- More hydrophilic ligand extracts worse



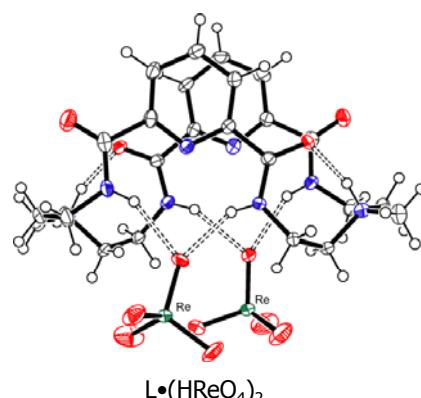
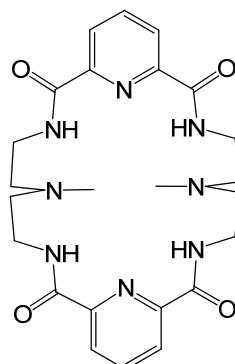
	Extraction	$\text{TcO}_4^-$	$\text{ReO}_4^-$
$\text{H}_2\text{O}$ , pH 7.4	86%	90%	
$\text{CHCl}_3$	14%	10%	



$[\text{L} \bullet (\text{HMO}_4)_3]_2(\text{H}_2\text{O})_3$ , M=Cl, Re

It is rational to reduce macrobicycle cavity to macrocyclic

- Amino groups are protonated but...
- Amides coordinate  $\text{ReO}_4^-$

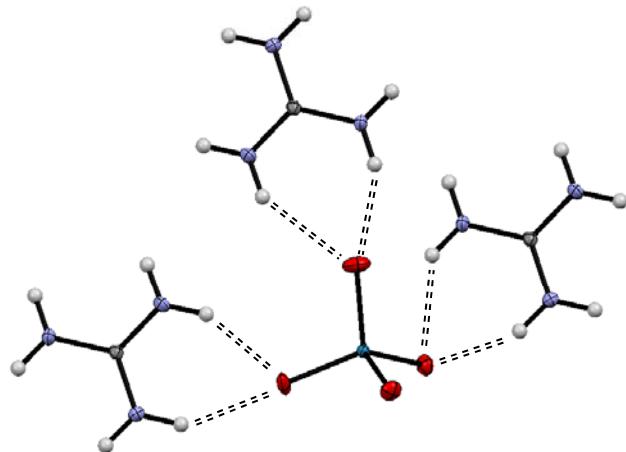


$[\text{L} \bullet (\text{HReO}_4)_2]$

Ghosh S., Roehm B., Begum R.A., Kut J., Hossain Md.A., Day V.W., Bowman-James K. // Inorg.Chem. – 2007.

### Guanidinium tetraoxidorhenate(VII)

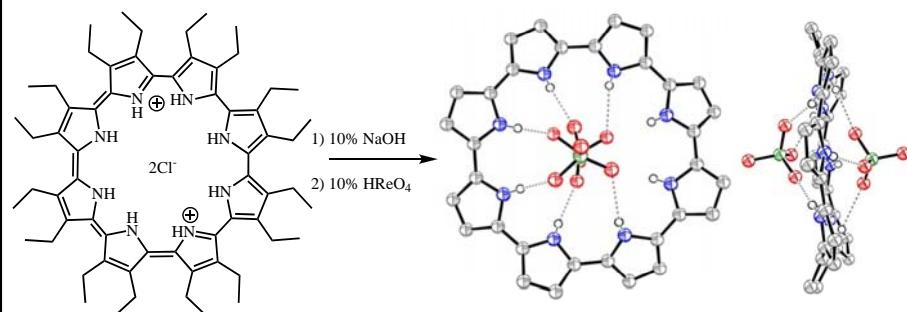
- Protonated guanidinium bears positive charge
- 3 oxygens of  $\text{ReO}_4^-$  are coordinated



Grigoriev M.S., German K.E., Maruk A.Ya. // Acta Crystallogr., Sect. E. – 2007.

### Rigid macrocyclic receptors are promising

- Two positive charges, three H-bonds for each  $\text{ReO}_4^-$
- Rigid planar macrocyclic core

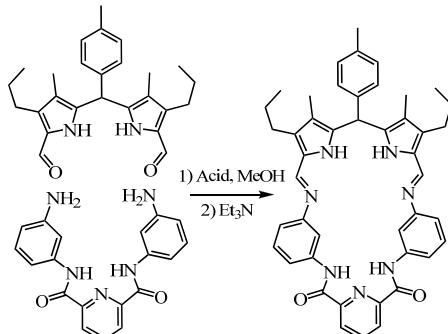


$K_{\alpha'}$ , $^1\text{H-NMR}$ in MeCN	$\text{H}_2\text{PO}_4^-$	$\text{HSO}_4^-$	$\text{OAc}^-$	$\text{NO}_3^-$	$\text{I}^-$	$\text{ReO}_4^-$	$\text{TcO}_4^-$
	9.7	6.5	6.7	9.8	5.0	5.9	6.0

Seidel D., Lynch V., Sessler J.L. // Angew.Chem.Int.Ed. – 2002.  
Kolesnikov G. PhD Thesis. 2011.

## HReO<sub>4</sub> as a good template for macrocycle synthesis

- Chloride is small and volatile, anything suits**
- ReO<sub>4</sub><sup>-</sup> is highly complementary to the rigid macrocyclic core**



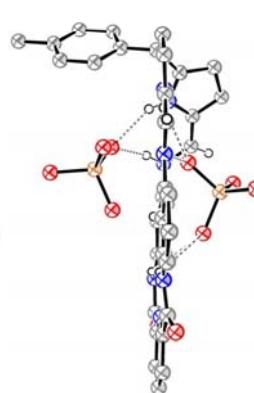
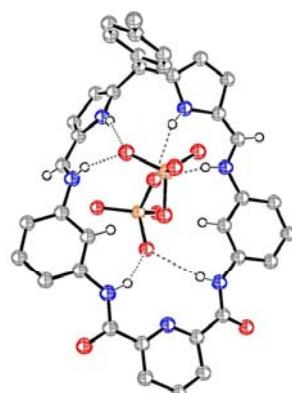
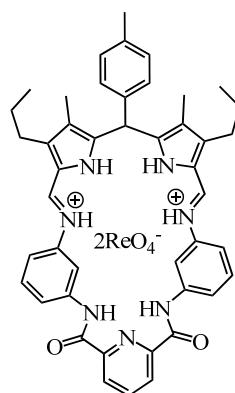
Acid-template	Product	
	[1+1]	[2+2]
H <sub>3</sub> PO <sub>4</sub>	+	+
H <sub>2</sub> SO <sub>4</sub>	+	+
<b>HCl</b>	+	-
<b>HReO<sub>4</sub></b>	+	-

	H <sub>2</sub> PO <sub>4</sub> <sup>-</sup>	HSO <sub>4</sub> <sup>-</sup>	Cl <sup>-</sup>	NO <sub>3</sub> <sup>-</sup>	I <sup>-</sup>	ReO <sub>4</sub> <sup>-</sup>	TcO <sub>4</sub> <sup>-</sup>
K <sub>a</sub> , UV in DMSO	3.7	3.8	3.9	3.0	<b>5.3</b>	<b>4.8</b>	<b>5.1</b>

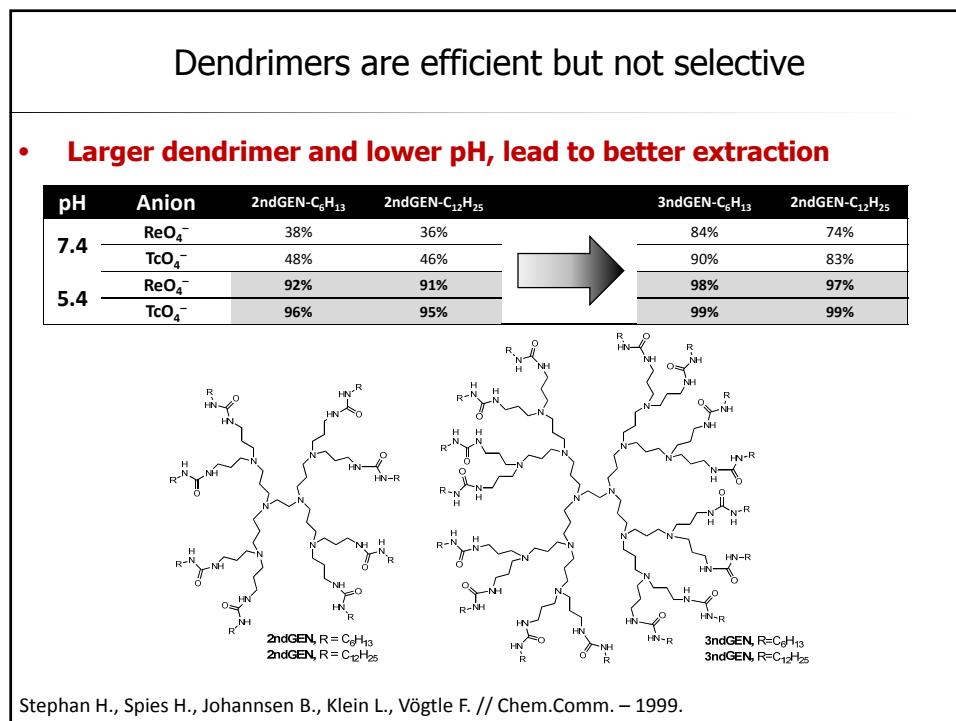
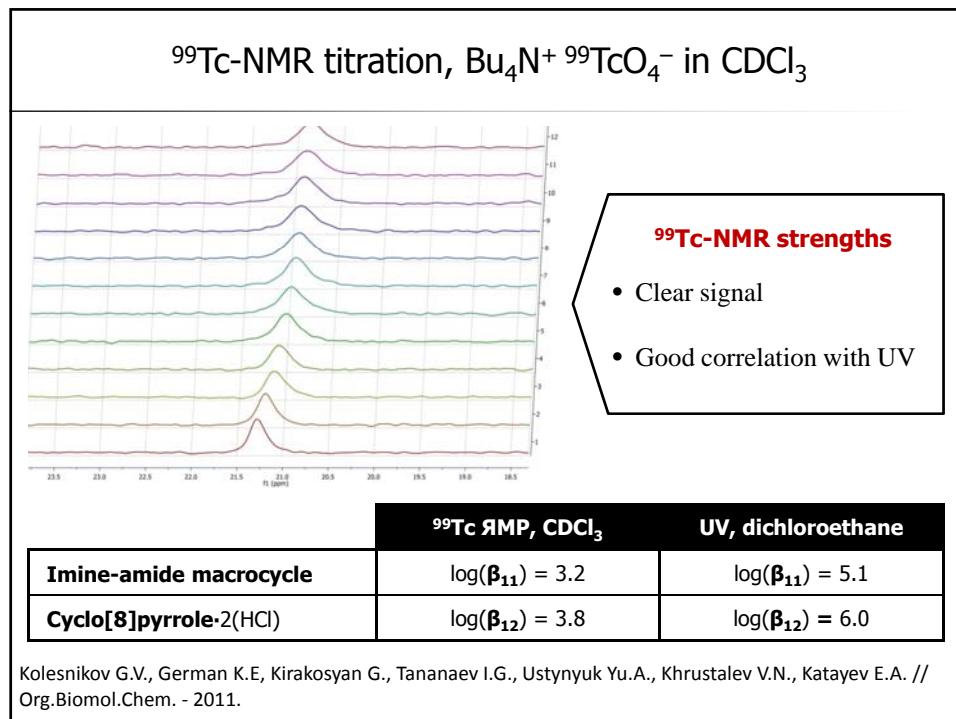
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## HReO<sub>4</sub> as a good template for macrocycle synthesis

- Two positive charges due to protonated imine fragments**
- Pyrrolic and amide H-bonds bind each ReO<sub>4</sub><sup>-</sup>**



Kolesnikov G.V., German K.E., Kirakosyan G., Tananaev I.G., Ustyynyuk Yu.A., Khrustalev V.N., Katayev E.A. // Org.Biomol.Chem. - 2011.



## The nature of the filler influences the extraction

- **More hydrophobic filler is more efficient**

Sorbent	Functional groups	Degree of extraction, %		
		0,1 M HNO <sub>3</sub>	0,1 M NaNO <sub>3</sub>	0,1 M NaOH
<b>AV-17</b>	NR <sub>4</sub>	<b>92</b>	<b>91</b>	<b>91</b>
<b>AN-31</b>	NHR <sub>2</sub> + NR <sub>3</sub>	88	61	23
<b>POLYORGS-17</b>	1,(3)5-dimethylpyrazole	<b>96</b>	<b>98</b>	<b>96</b>
<b>POLYORGS-33</b>	Hydrazidine+Amidoxime	67	20	6
<b>POLYORGS-35</b>	Hydrazidine	79	9	0

N.N. Popova, I.G. Tananaev, G.V. Myasoedova, B.F. Myasoedov  
 7-th International Symposium on Technetium and Rhenium – 2011.

## ISIDA property prediction WEB server [infochim.u-strasbg.fr/webserv/VSEngine.html](http://infochim.u-strasbg.fr/webserv/VSEngine.html)

Name	Log P
NOct <sub>3</sub>	9.50
NOct <sub>4</sub>	8.44
NBu <sub>3</sub>	4.16
NH <sub>2</sub> Oct <sub>2</sub>	2.77
NHBu <sub>2</sub>	2.45
NBu <sub>4</sub>	1.32
NHBu <sub>3</sub>	0.66
1,5 pyrazole	0.60
1,3 pyrazole	0.53
NH <sub>2</sub> Bu <sub>2</sub>	-0.79
Me-amidoxyime	-0.96
H-amidoxyime	-1.01
Hydrazine	-1.03
NEt <sub>4</sub>	-2.54

Some important rules for hunting the  $\text{TcO}_4^-$  and  $\text{ReO}_4^-$

<i>Receptor property</i>	<i>Binding</i>	<i>Selectivity</i>
• Bigger size	=> better	better
• More (+) charge	=> better	worse
• More hydrophobic cavity	=> better	better
• Excess of H-bond groups	=> no clear answer	
• Harder to synthesize	=>	usually better

Thank you for your kind attention!



## Weak Interactions - Actinides

D. Meyer, J.F. Dufrêche, T. Zemb

ICSM

CEA

CNRS

Introduction

Chemistry of Systems

- Examples (Liquid-Liquid system, multiscale matter)

The Weak forces

Actinides

## Chemistry: Art of Changing, Tuning the Matter

High Temperature Chemistry

Metallurgy

Glass

Ceramics

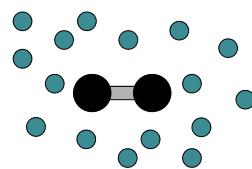
Low Temperature Chemistry

Minerals, elements, Metal

complexes, extraction chemistry

Controlling more and more  
weaker interactions

19th Century  
Inorganic, Organic  
Chemistry



20th Century  
Modern Biochemistry  
Polymers

Thermodynamics:  
Decreasing of the internal Energy cutoff

*Physical Description  
of soft Matter and  
weak interactions*

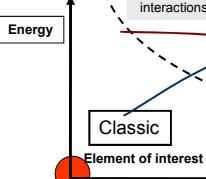
20th-21th Century  
Supramolecular  
Chemistry

## Main Considerations – Approaches CHEMISTRY OF SYSTEMS

Properties <->  
**Energy Grid**  
of the interactions



**Classical Multiscale Static structure**  
- Molecules in fluids  
- Condensed matter



**New – Dynamics Energy Pattern**  
- Overall reactivity from complex fluid  
- to organised matter  
- to higher order molecules  
- Energy Grid Variation

## Reactivity of SYSTEMS: Mesoporous systems

**Organisation in solution**

**Add-ons in solution**

**Synthesis of Mesoporous Materials**  
Material Matters 2008, 3.1, 17.

## Reactivity of SYSTEMS : From Biology

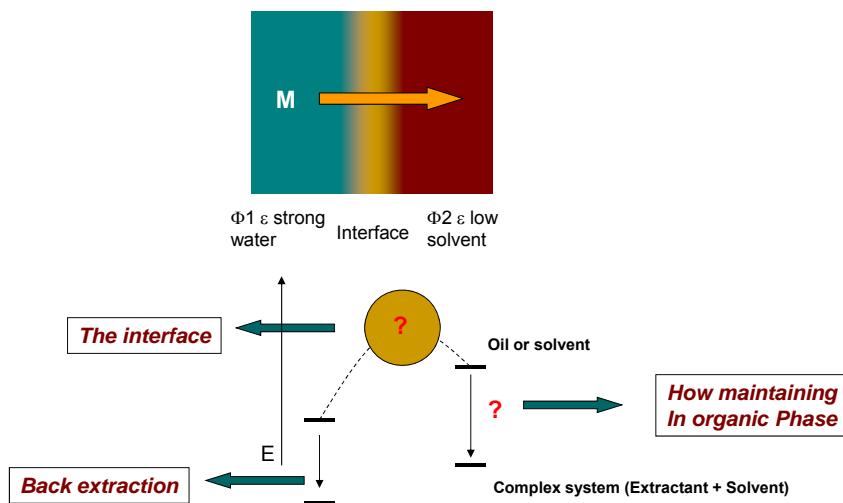
**chromatin remodeling**  
Prof. Dr. Timothy J. Richmond,  
Institute of Molecular Biology and Biophysics,  
ETH Zurich

The supramolecular structure in the form of a porous ladder was designed to model a class of nucleosomes. In 2005 a publication based on work performed in this field at the Section of Chemistry and Biochemistry received the Oscar of the Chemical Society Berlin as the article most consulted by the international scientific community.

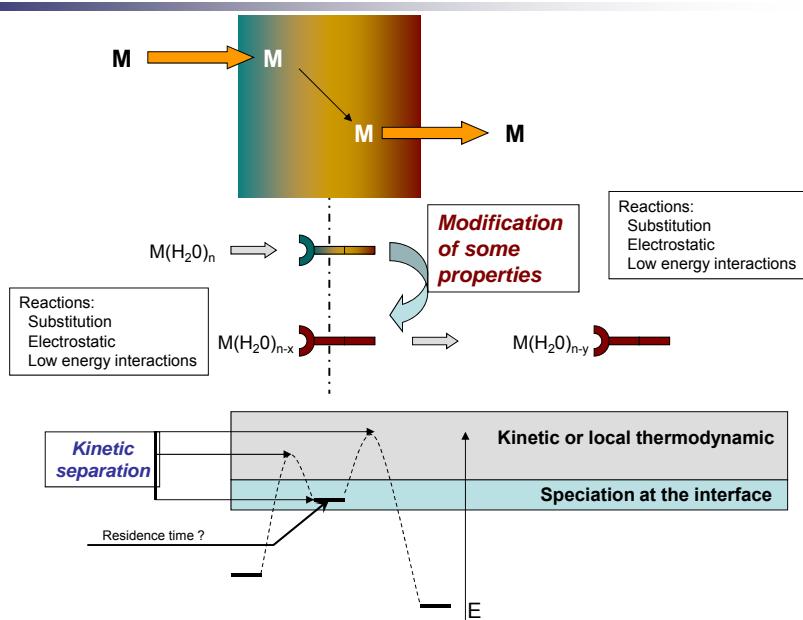
**Colloids and biomolecule assembly**  
University of Geneva

**Functional devices from DNA and proteins**  
Christof M. Niemeyer , Nano Today Volume 2, Issue 2, April 2007, Pages 42–52

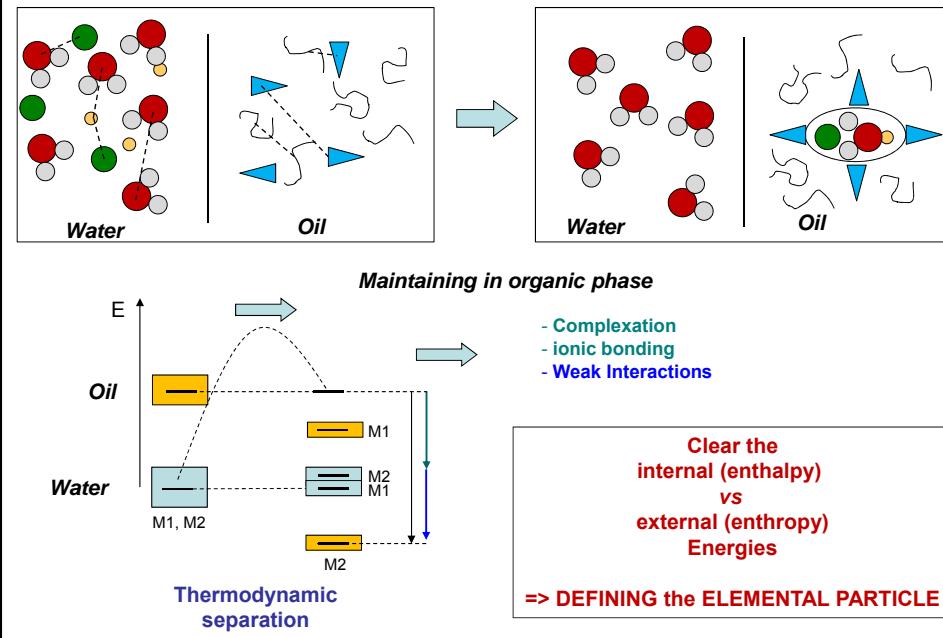
## Liquid-Liquid Separation Problematics



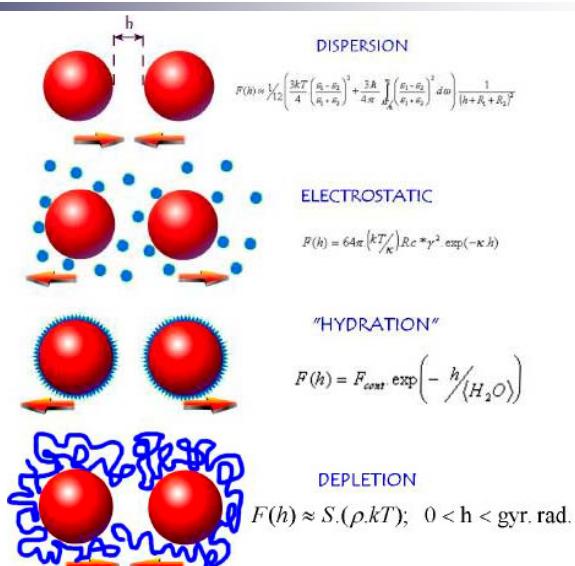
## The interface: A dynamical problem, kinetic consideration



## The organic phase: a complex fluid



## The Weak Interactions : 4 forces (T .Zemb)



« Complexation » is considered in the supra-molecular part

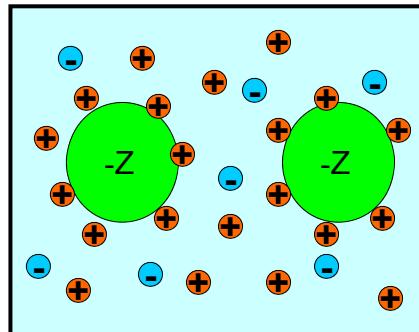
R G French and V A Parsegian, Rev Mod. Phys. 2010 2010, 82, 1887.

## Electrostatic interaction

Forces between 2 particles with the same charge

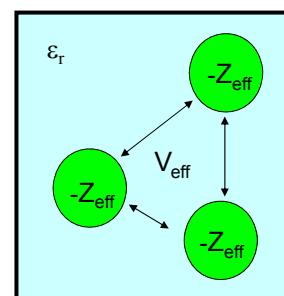
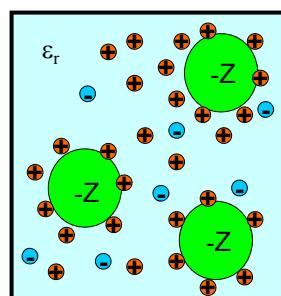
- Globally repulsive
- Depending on the small ions

Mean force over all small ions configurations



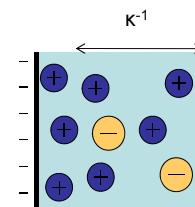
## Electrostatic interaction

Calculation



Theory of the [Double Diffusion Layer](#) around each particle

Debye Length  $L_D = \kappa^{-1}$  size of the layer, depending on the concentration of small ions



## Electrostatic interaction: Description

Force électrostatique : bilan

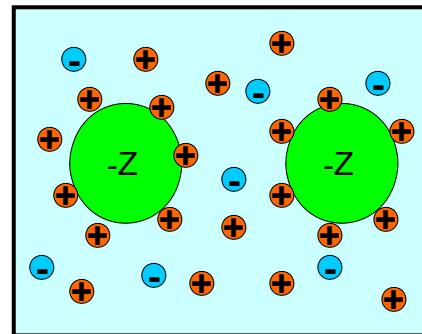
$$V_{\text{elec}}(r) = V_{\text{DLVO}}(r) = \frac{Z_{\text{DLVO}}^2 e^2}{4\pi\epsilon_0\epsilon_r} \frac{e^{-\kappa r}}{r} \quad \text{avec} \quad Z_{\text{DLVO}} = Z_{\text{eff}} \frac{\exp(\kappa R)}{1 + \kappa R}$$

⇒  $\exp(-\kappa r)/r$  au lieu de  $1/r$

⇒ electrostatic Shielding

⇒ Repulsive force

⇒ Zeff Effective charge (different from Z)



Approximation:  
Direct Addition ionic atmosphere  $r \gg \kappa^{-1}$

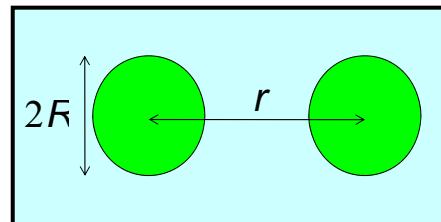
## Van der Waals forces

Forces between two (macro)-particules identical charges

⇒ Van der Waals forces

$$\begin{aligned} V^{vdW}(r) &= -\frac{A}{6} \left[ \frac{2R^2}{r^2 - 4R^2} + \frac{2R^2}{r^2} - \ln \frac{r^2}{r^2 - 4R^2} \right] \\ &= -\frac{16}{9} A \frac{R^6}{r^9} \quad \text{si} \quad r \gg r \end{aligned}$$

$A > 0$   
Attractive Interaction



## Van der Waals

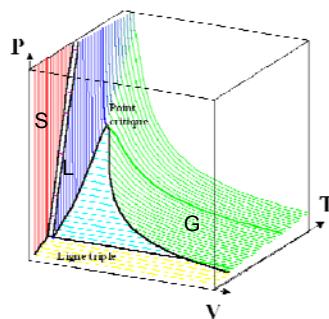


Johannes Diderik van der Waals  
(1837-1923)

1873  
Attractive forces exist  
between atoms and molecules

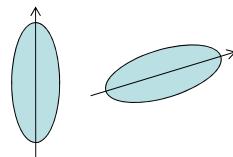
Liquid – Gas separation

$$P + \frac{A}{V^2} (V - b) = kT$$



## Van der Waals interactions

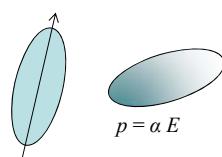
**Keesom**  
Mobil dipole/  
Mobil dipole



$$V(r) = -\frac{\rho_1^2 \rho_2^2}{3(4\pi\epsilon_0)^2 kTr^6}$$

< kT (weak)

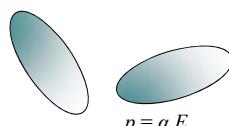
**Debye**  
Mobil dipole /  
Induced dipole



$$V(r) = -\frac{\rho_1^2 \alpha_2}{(4\pi\epsilon_0)^2 r^6}$$

< kT (weak)

**London**  
Induced dipole/  
Induced dipole



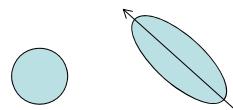
$$V(r) = -\frac{3h\nu\alpha^2}{(4\pi\epsilon_0)^2 r^6}$$

$I = h\nu$

$\approx kT$

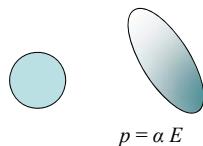
### In the presence of ion

**Ion /  
Mobile dipole**



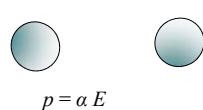
$$V(r) = -\frac{Q^2 p_2^2}{6(4\pi\epsilon_0)^2 k T r^4} \approx kT$$

**Ion /  
Induced dipole**



$$V(r) = -\frac{Q^2 \alpha_2}{2(4\pi\epsilon_0)^2 r^4} \approx kT$$

**Ion/  
Ion**



$$V(r) = \frac{Q_1 Q_2}{4\pi\epsilon_0 r} + \frac{Q_1^2 \alpha_2 + Q_2^2 \alpha_1}{2(4\pi\epsilon_0)^2 r^4} \approx kT$$

### London Forces : Steric Hindrance

Classical Molecular modelling and dynamics

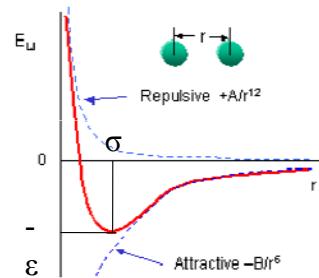
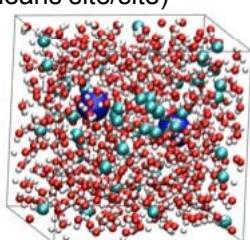
**London Forces (Induces dipoles) => Steric Hindrance**

$$V_{ij} = 4\epsilon_{ij} \left[ \left( \frac{\sigma_{ij}}{r_{ij}} \right)^{12} - \left( \frac{\sigma_{ij}}{r_{ij}} \right)^6 \right]$$

Lorentz-Berthelot rules

$$\begin{cases} \sigma_{ij} = (\sigma_i + \sigma_j)/2 \\ \epsilon_{ij} = \sqrt{\epsilon_i \epsilon_j} \end{cases}$$

Interaction atom/atom  
(means site/site)

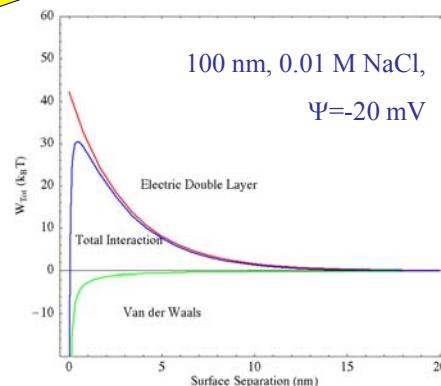


## DLVO Theorie

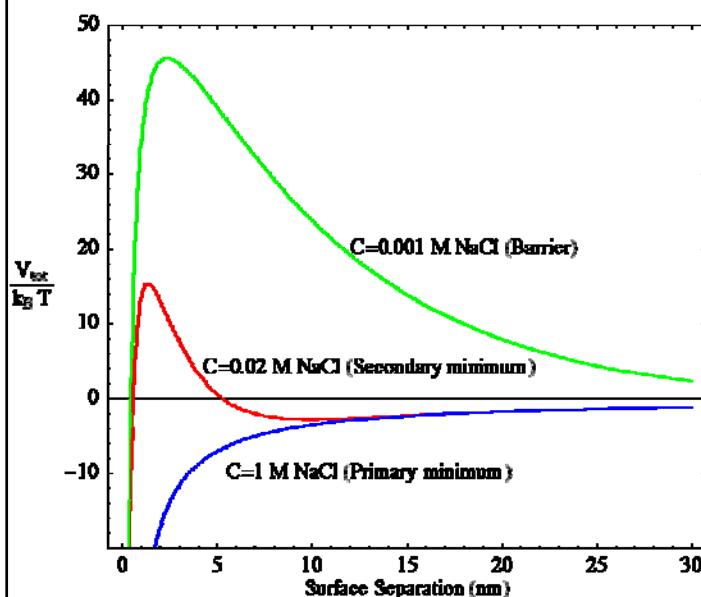
Derjaguin, Landau, Verwey and Overbeek (1939-1945)



We can ADD Electrostatic and VanDerWaals forces



## DLVO Theorie: Salting Effects



Add salt increase shielding.

Electrostatic decreases

Flocculate particles by adding salts

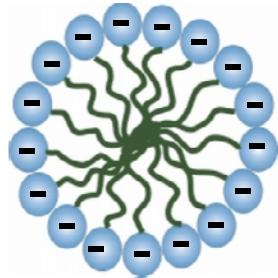
Schultz – Hardy  
 $C_{\text{flocculation}} \propto 1/\sqrt[6]{v}$   
 v salt valency

## Solvent and Depletion : Micelles considerations

Amphiphilic Molecule

Hydrophobic Tail/ Hydrophilic Head

Who looks like the same goes together...

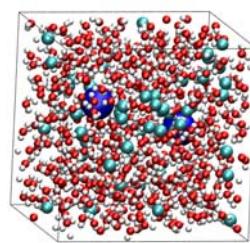
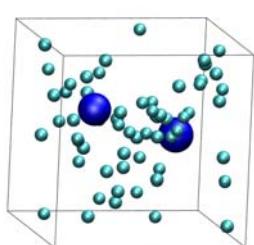


Be careful Strong Electrostatic Repulsion !

Something is missing...

## Role of the Solvent

Cannot be neglected in some cases

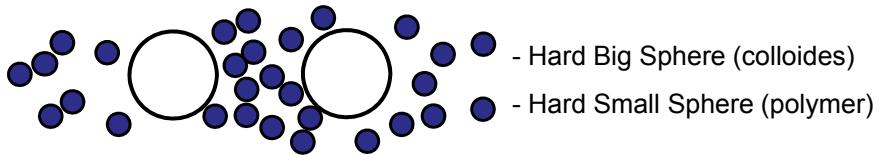


Solvent interaction cannot be described by a continuum in some cases

Take into account the Entropy of the solvent

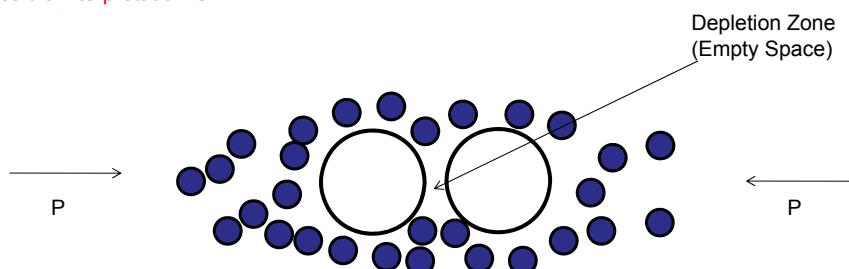
## Depletion Phenomena

Mixing small and big spheres



Usually this system is repulsive but .... It's attractive

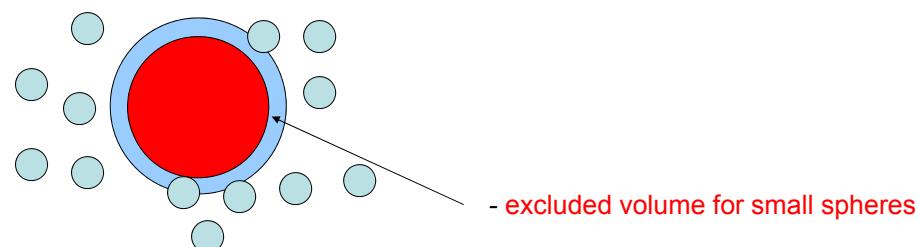
Possible Interpretation is:



## Depletion Phenomena

Statistical thermodynamics

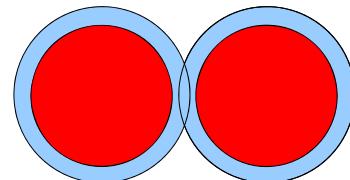
Potentiel of Asakura et Oosawa



2 Close colloids

- Overlapping of excluded volumes
- no space for small spheres
- entropy increases

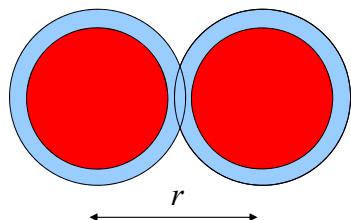
⇒ attraction



## Depletion Phenomena

Statistical thermodynamics

Potentiel de Asakura et Oosawa



$$\begin{aligned} Z &= \int dr \int dr^N e^{-\beta V} \\ &= \int dr \int dr^N (V - V_{\text{excl}})^N \\ F(x) &= -kT \ln Z = F^{id} + V_{\text{eff}}(r) \end{aligned}$$

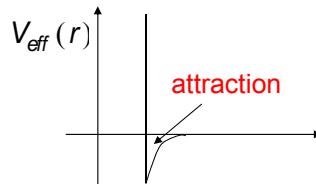
D'où :

$$V_{\text{eff}}(r)/kT = \rho \frac{\pi D^3}{6} \left[ 1 - \frac{3r}{2D} + \frac{r^3}{2D^3} \right]$$

$$2R < r < 2R + \sigma = D$$

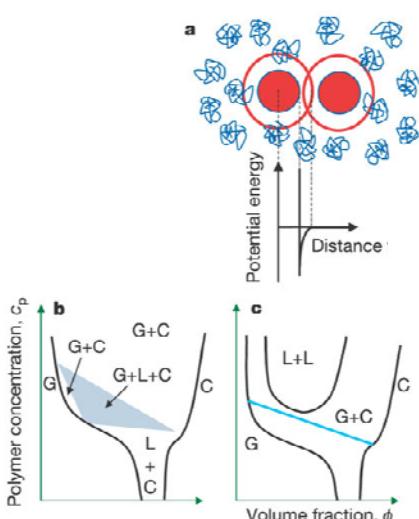
Effective Potential

Mean potential over Solvent configurations



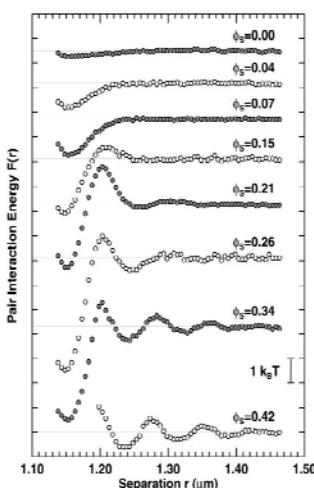
## Practical Aspects of Depletion

Phase séparation



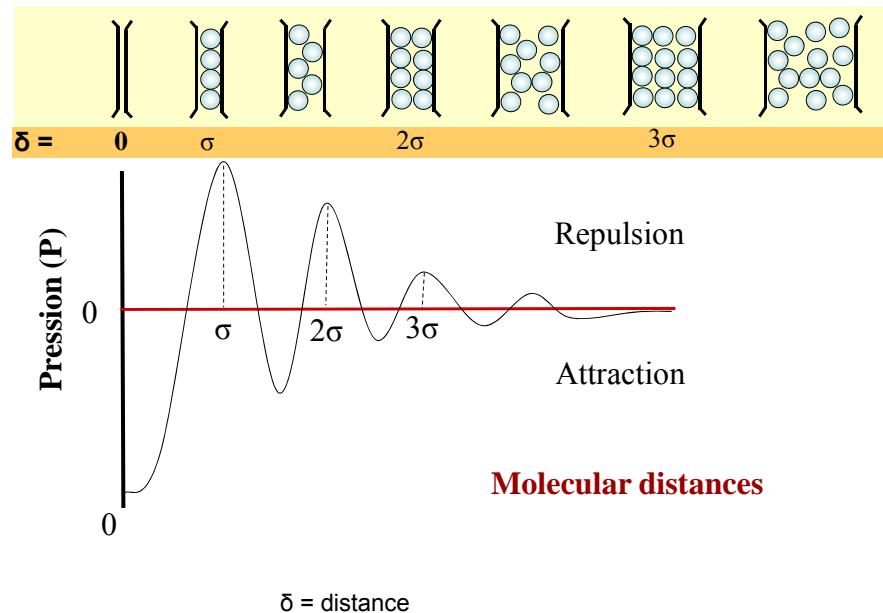
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Direct measure

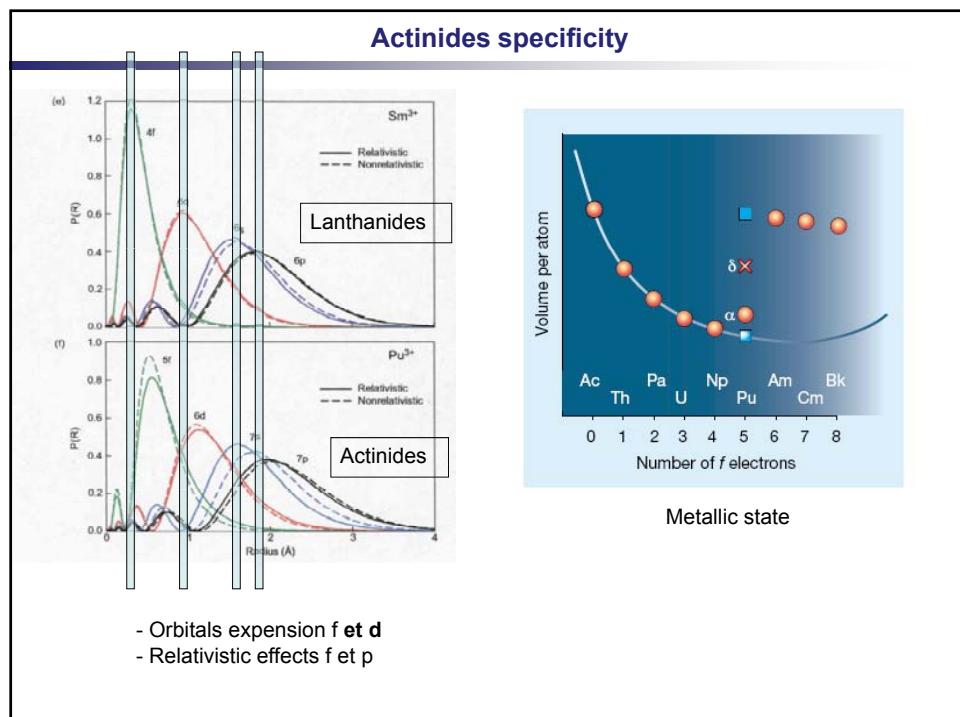
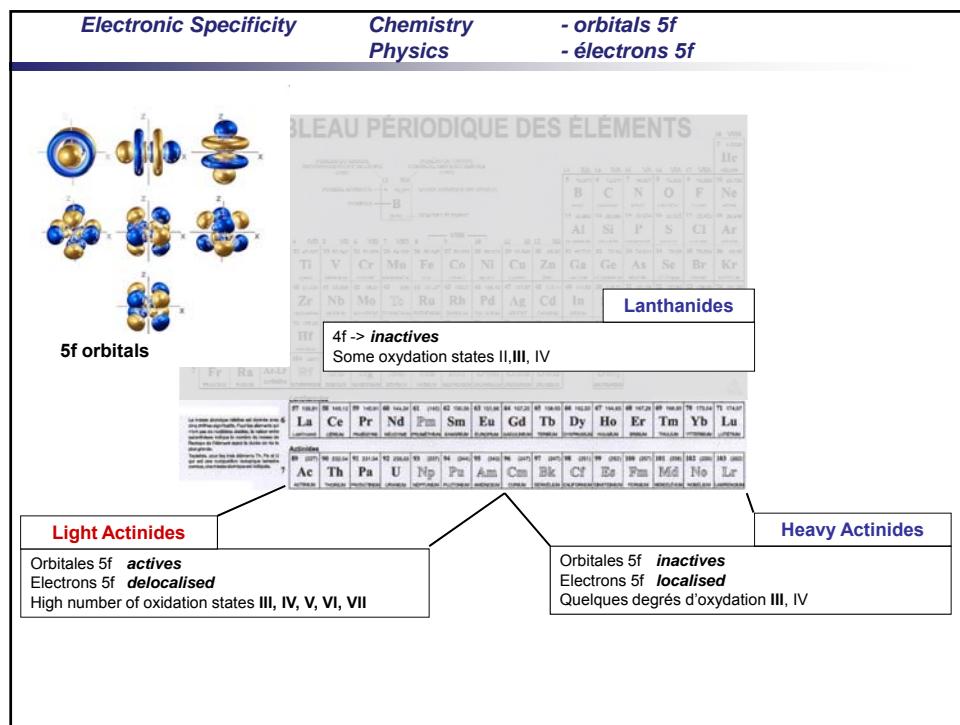


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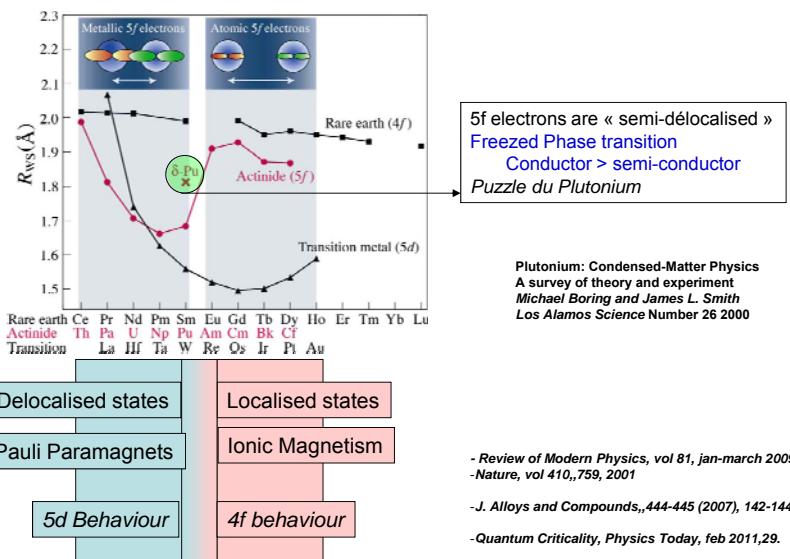
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**Actinides**



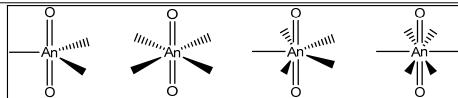
## Actinides and condensed metallic matter



## General Coordination Chemistry (Most Common)

### High Oxidation states (V et VI)

5-coordinate (2 + 3)	6-coordinate (2 + 4)	7-coordinate (2 + 5)	8-coordinate (2 + 6)
$[\text{UO}_2\text{N}(\text{SiMe}_3)_3]^-$	$\text{Cs}_2[\text{UO}_2\text{Cl}_4]$ $(\text{Me}_4\text{N})_2[\text{UO}_2\text{Br}_4]$	$\text{UO}_2\text{Cl}_2$ $\text{UO}_2$ (superphthalato) $[\text{UO}_2(\text{NO}_2)_2(\text{Ph}_3\text{PO})]$ $[\text{UO}_2(\text{L})_5]^{2+}$ (L, $\text{H}_2\text{O}$ , DMSO, urea)	$\text{UO}_2\text{F}_2$ $\text{UO}_2\text{CO}_3$ $[\text{UO}_2(\text{NO}_3)_2(\text{H}_2\text{O})_2]$ $\text{CaUO}_4$ $\text{SrUO}_4$ $\text{Rb}[\text{UO}_2(\text{NO}_3)_3]$

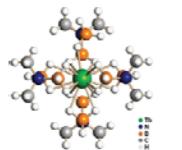


### Low Oxidation states (III et IV)

Formula	Thorium species present	Coord. No.
$\text{MTh}(\text{NO}_3)_6$ (M = Mg, Ca)	$[\text{Th}(\text{NO}_3)_6]^{2-}$	12
$\text{Ph}_3\text{P}^+ [\text{Th}(\text{NO}_3)_6(\text{OPMe}_3)_2]^-$	$[\text{Th}(\text{NO}_3)_6(\text{OPMe}_3)_2]^-$	12
$\text{Th}(\text{NO}_3)_4 \cdot 4.5\text{H}_2\text{O}$	$[\text{Th}(\text{NO}_3)_4(\text{H}_2\text{O})_3]$	11
$\text{Th}(\text{NO}_3)_4 \cdot 2.67\text{Me}_3\text{PO}$	$\{[\text{Th}(\text{NO}_3)_3(\text{Me}_3\text{PO})_2]\}^{2-} [\text{Th}(\text{NO}_3)_6]^{2-}$	10, 12
$\text{Th}(\text{NO}_3)_4 \cdot 2\text{Ph}_3\text{PO}$	$[\text{Th}(\text{NO}_3)_4(\text{OPPh}_3)_2]$	10
$\text{Th}(\text{NO}_3)_4 \cdot 5\text{Me}_3\text{PO}$	$[\text{Th}(\text{NO}_3)_2(\text{OPMe}_3)_5]^{2+}$	9



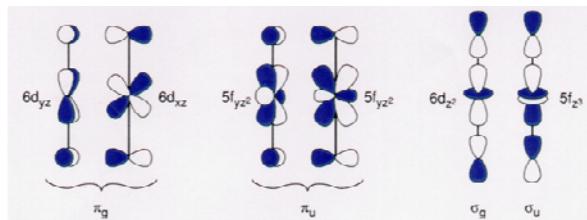
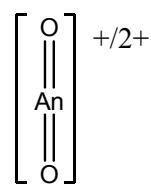
Structure of  $\text{Th}(\text{NO}_3)_4(\text{H}_2\text{O})_3$ .



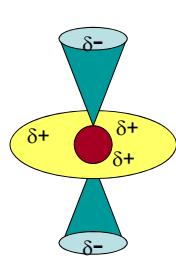
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Lanthanide and Actinide Chemistry, Simon Cotton, Wiley 2006.

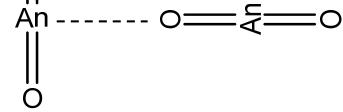
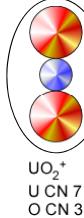
## Actinyl Moity



Complex ion Multipolar



Molecular Orbitals => Bonding An-O is covalent  
An(5f, 6d) + O(2p)



$$R_{SP1976}(\text{UVI}) = 81 \text{ pm}$$

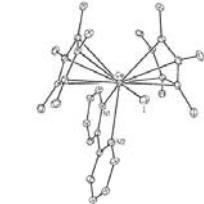
$$R_{SP1976}(\text{UV}) = 84 \text{ pm}$$

## Redox Potentials

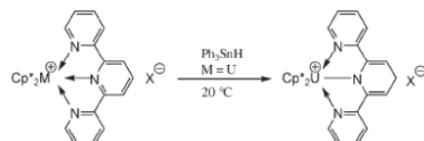
	Th	U	Np	Pu	Am	Cm
M <sup>3+</sup> / M		-1.8	-1.79	-2.03	-2.32	
M <sup>4+</sup> / M	-1.83	-1.38	-1.3	-1.25	-0.9	
M <sup>4+</sup> / M <sup>3+</sup>	-3.7	-0.63	0.15	0.98	2.3	3.1
MO <sub>2</sub> <sup>2+</sup> / M <sup>4+</sup>		0.32	0.94	1.04		
MO <sub>2</sub> <sup>2+</sup> / M <sup>3+</sup>			0.68	1.03	1.69	
MO <sub>2</sub> <sup>+</sup> / M <sup>4+</sup>		0.58	0.74	1.17	1.04	
MO <sub>2</sub> <sup>+</sup> / M <sup>3+</sup>			0.45		1.74	
MO <sub>2</sub> <sup>2+</sup> / MO <sub>2</sub> <sup>+</sup>		0.06	1.14	0.91	1.6	

Formal redox Potentials (V) 25° C, 1M HClO<sub>4</sub>

### Differences U(III) Ce(III) Electron 5f vs 4f

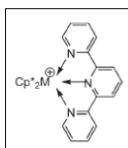


$[(\text{Cp}^*)_2\text{M(III)}\text{Terpy}]^+$   
M=Ce et U  
Diff of M-N distance 0.2 Å

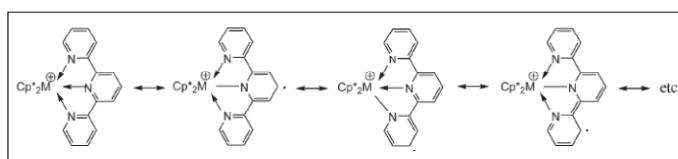


Reaction with  $\text{Ph}_3\text{SnH}$   
(Gives H radicals)

Only with U



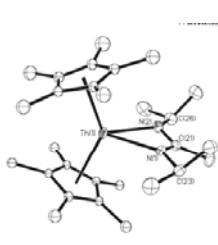
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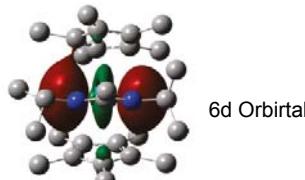
Better Described as  $[(\text{Cp}^*)_2\text{U(IV)}\text{Terpy} \cdot]^+$

T. Mehdoui, J. C. Berthet, P. Thuery, L. Salmon, E. Riviere and M. Ephritikhine, *Chem.-Eur. J.*, 2005, **11**, 6994

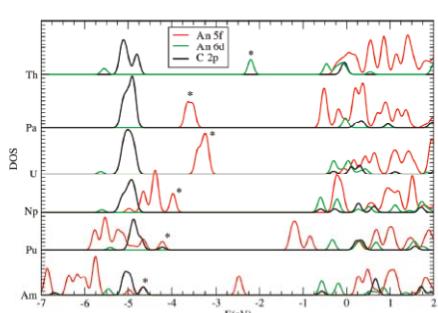
### Th(III) Electronic configuration



X-ray structure



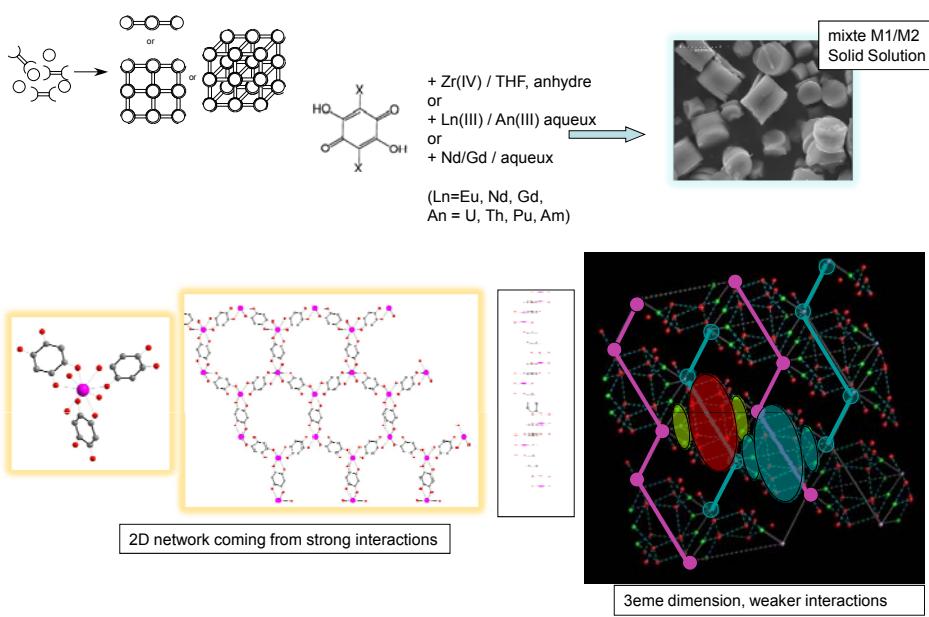
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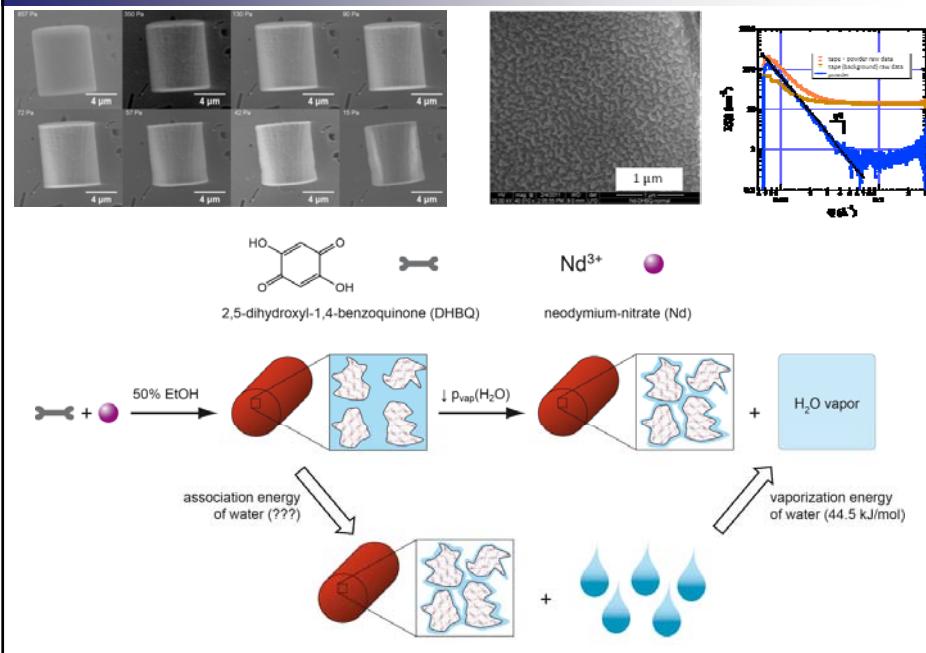
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## 4f 5f - Micro and Nano

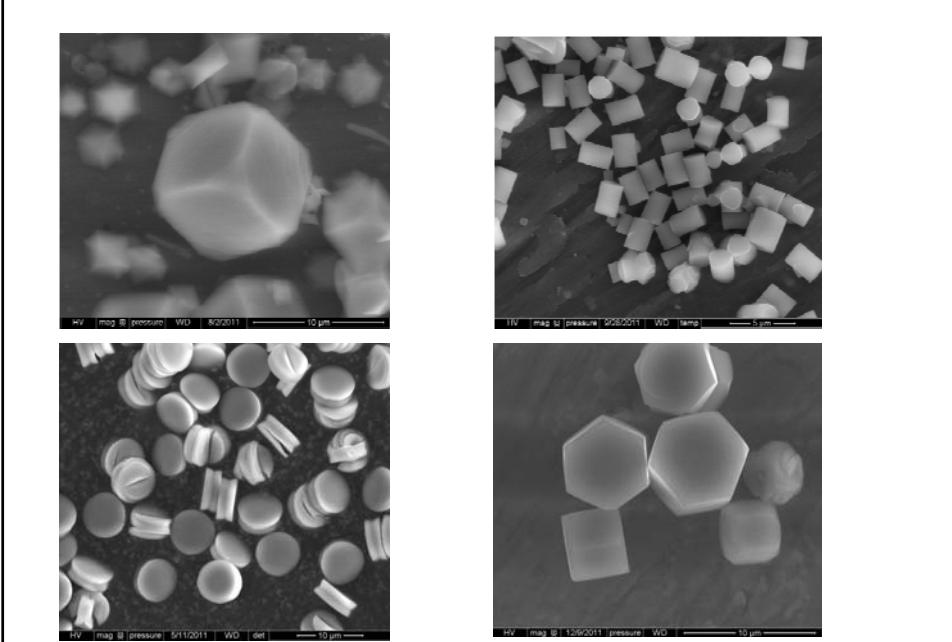
### 4f Coordination Polymer



### Micrometric scale: Weak interactions and the crystal over-structure

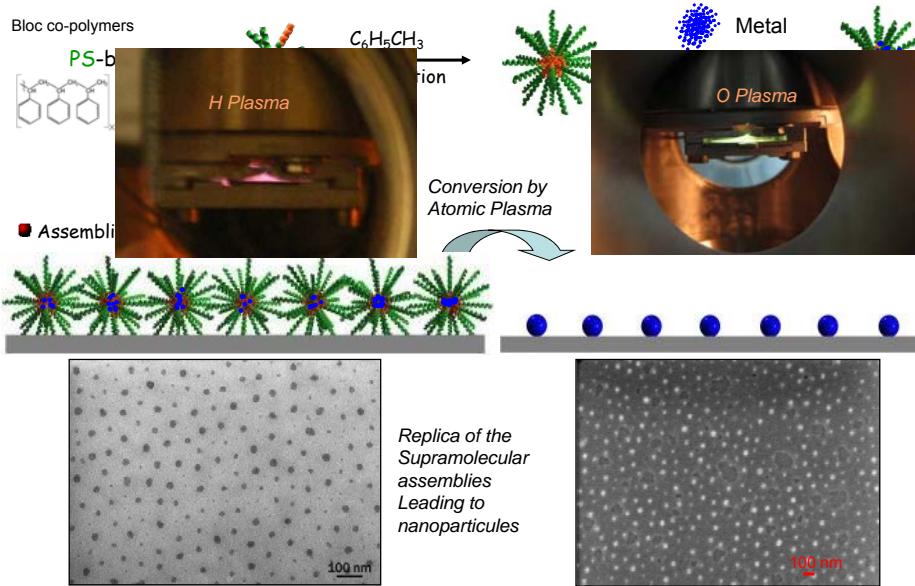


### Micrometric : Morphology controlled by Kinetics of weak interactions

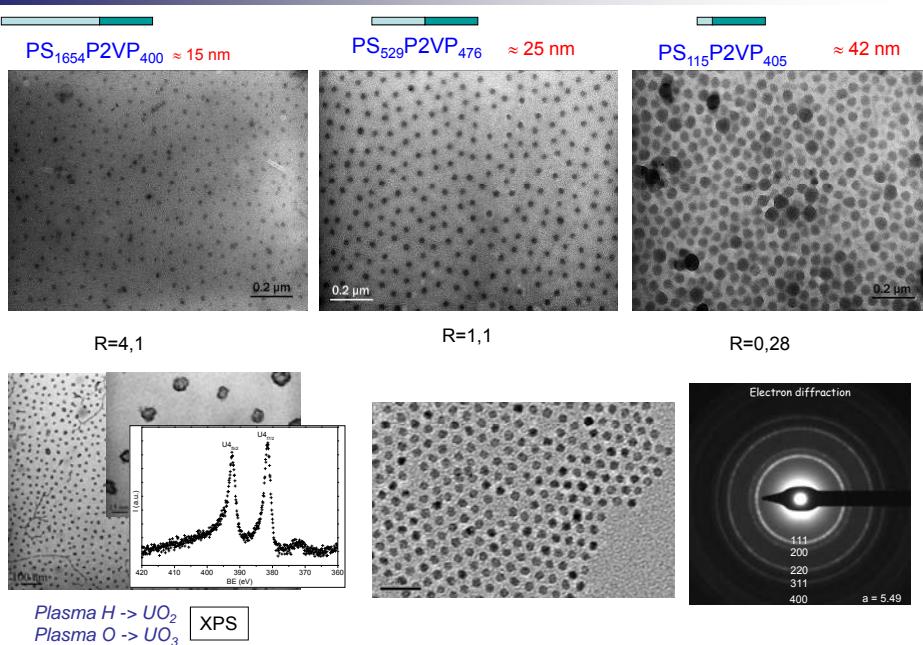


## Supramolecular Chemistry and Nanoparticles

ICSM/LCPA - ITU



## NP: Size, Morphology and Repartition



## Actinides Nanoparticles

UO<sub>2</sub>(acac)  
BnOBn  
Oleic Acid  
Oleic Amine

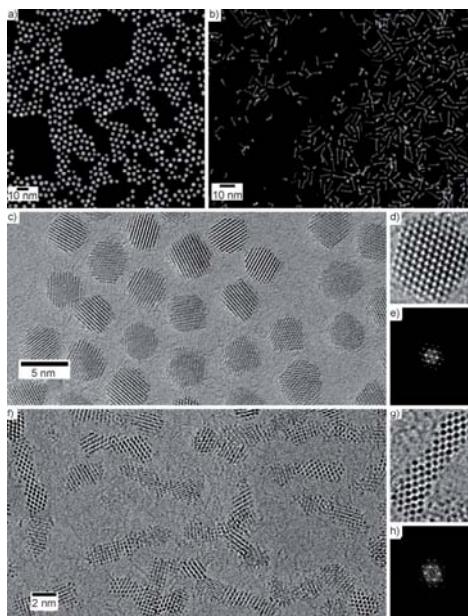


UO<sub>2</sub>

Th(acac)  
BnOBn  
Oleic Acid/  
OP(Oct)3  
N(Oct)3



ThO<sub>2</sub>



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# SEM and Raman study of devitrification of Lanthanide-Borosilicate glass

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## Immobilisation of actinides

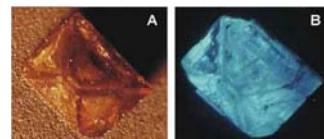
- 17% of electricity in the world is generated by Nuclear Power Plants (NPP).
- Average civilian NPP produces 10-12 kg of plutonium per year per MWt + several kilogramms of “minor” actinides (Am, Np, Cm).
- Half-life of  $^{239}\text{Pu}$  is 24100 years. “Full” decay requires 10 half-lives...
- Plutonium is highly dangerous due to high specific activity and chemically toxic.
- Danger of proliferation (~6 kg of  $^{239}\text{Pu}$  metal is sufficient for a bomb...).

## Immobilisation of actinides

- High-purity Pu (weapons-grade) can be used in new generation of power plants in MOX (mixed oxide) fuel.
- However, lower quality Pu, “scrap” etc. is not suitable for MOX  
=> must be safely immobilised (in US ~20 metric tons...+ Russia, UK, France, China...).

## Forms for immobilisation

- Ceramics
- Glass-ceramics
- Glasses (e.g., borosilicate, phosphate)



Courtesy by B.Burakov

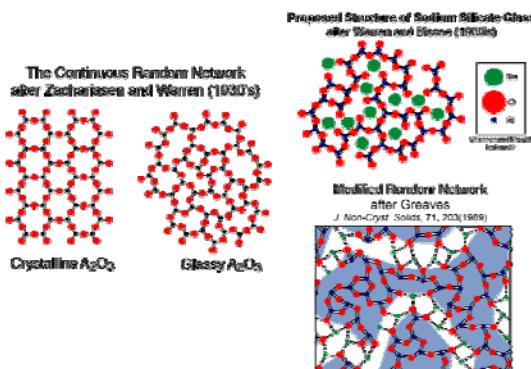


VITRIFICATION Pouring glass to immobilize radioactive waste.

## Lanthanide-Borosilicate glass

- Maximum  $\text{PuO}_2$  concentration in conventional borosilicate glasses is ~2-3 wt.%. Lanthanide-Borosilicate (LaBS) glasses were designed to incorporate up to ~10 wt.%  $\text{PuO}_2$  (Strachan *et al.*, 1998).
- *Behaviour of Pu and of some other constituents in LaBS glasses and its long-term stability is still poorly constrained.*

**Proposed Oxide Glass Structures**



<http://www.grandinetti.org/Research/Applications/GlassStudies/>

## Glass preparation

- $\text{PuO}_2$  powder mixed with chemicals, heated to 1500 °C at a rate of 10 °C/min, kept for 30 min and quenched.
- In contrast to Pu-free glasses of the same composition ( $\text{Pu} \rightarrow \text{Hf}$ ) it is very difficult to obtain homogeneous glass if high  $\text{PuO}_2$  loads are used. In some runs the sample is clearly segregated into crystal-like and glassy parts.

### Range of target chemical compositions (wt%)

$\text{Al}_2\text{O}_3$	$\text{B}_2\text{O}_3$	$\text{Gd}_2\text{O}_3$	$\text{HfO}_2$	$\text{La}_2\text{O}_3$	$\text{Nd}_2\text{O}_3$	$\text{PuO}_2$	$\text{SiO}_2$	$\text{SrO}$
8-20	10-22	8-12	4-14	11-18	11-14	0-9.5	18-28	2.5

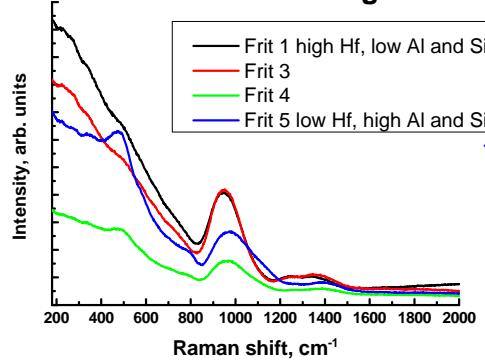
## Characterisation methods

- XAFS spectra of Pu, Hf, REE (La, Gd, Nd) in fluorescence and transmission geometries from powdered sample. Data treatment with FEFFIT8 package and wavelet analysis with program HAMA ([www.esrf.fr/exp\\_facilities/BM20/Software/Wavelets.html](http://www.esrf.fr/exp_facilities/BM20/Software/Wavelets.html))
- XRD using 2D Imaging Plate detector; energy 17 keV ( $\lambda = 0.688 \text{ \AA}$ ; Zr edge).
- TEM
- Raman spectroscopy ( $\lambda = 488 \text{ nm}$ )
- Rutherford Backscattering (RBS)
- Leaching in natural water at 75 °C for 45 days
- SEM/EDS before and after leaching
- ICP-MS of solution

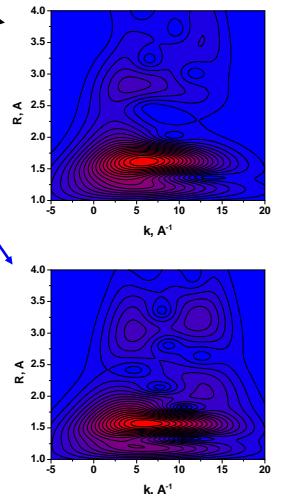
**Pu-free glass**

## Hf in Pu-free glass

### Raman scattering



### Amplitudes of wavelet transforms of Hf XAFS spectra

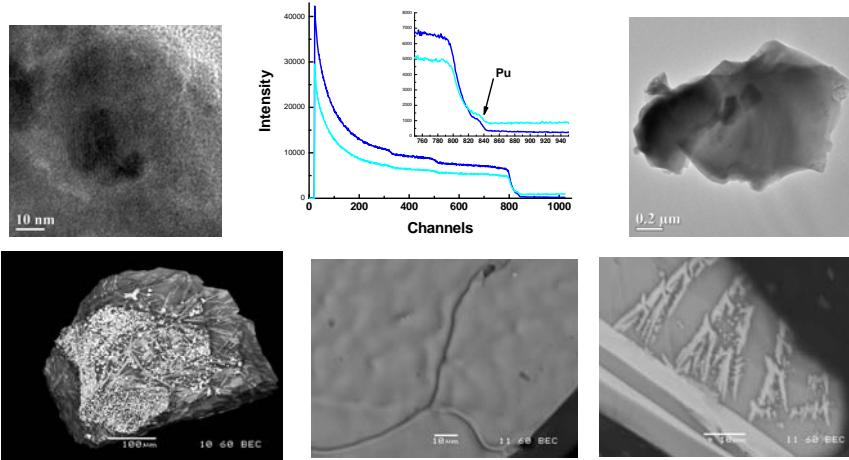


No spectral manifestations of  $\text{HfO}_2$  as a separate phase.  
 Hf is mostly in vitreous environment with  $\text{CN} \approx 6$   
 Weak second coordination sphere is present and strongly  
 depends on glass composition.

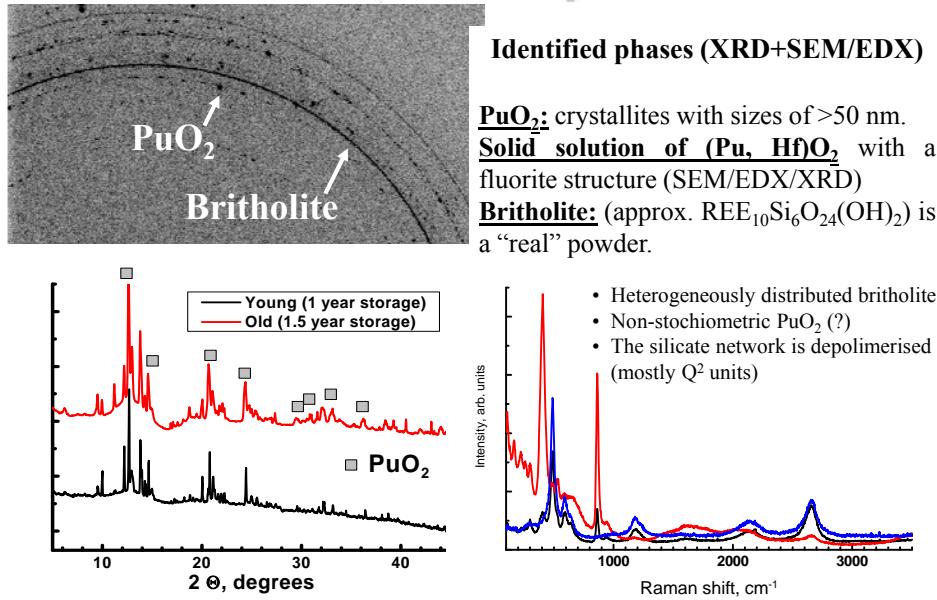
**No evolution of Hf environment with storage time.**

## Pu-loaded glass

The glass seems to be homogeneous on mm-scale (RBS data), but is **markedly** heterogeneous on sub-mm scale if high  $\text{PuO}_2$  loads are used!

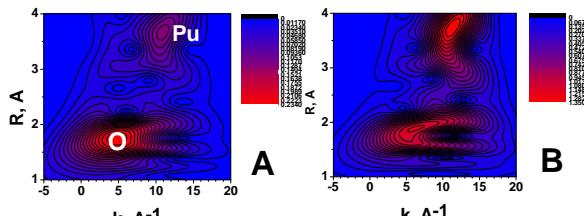


## Phase composition of the LaBS glass (9.5 wt% $\text{PuO}_2$ )

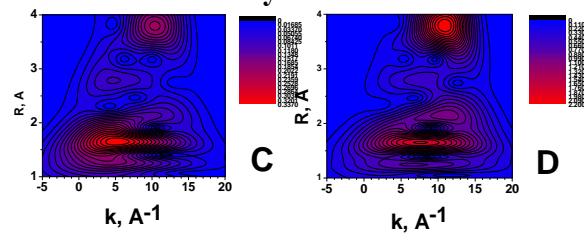


## Evolution of Pu environment with glass aging: XAFS data

1 year



1.5 years



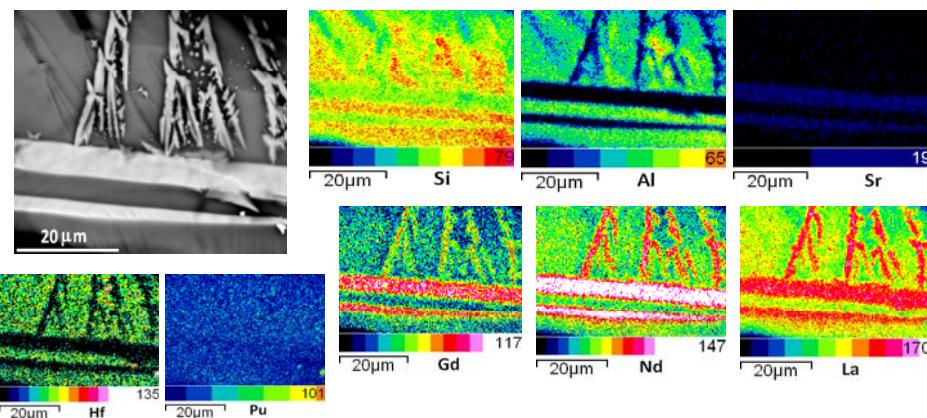
k<sup>2</sup>-weighting

k<sup>3</sup>-weighting

Shiryaev et al., MRS Proc. 2010

- Precipitation of (Pu, Hf)O<sub>2</sub> and britholite; the grain size and crystallographic perfection increases.
- Sharpening of the maxima in R-space indicates better separation of contributions from glassy and crystalline phases.

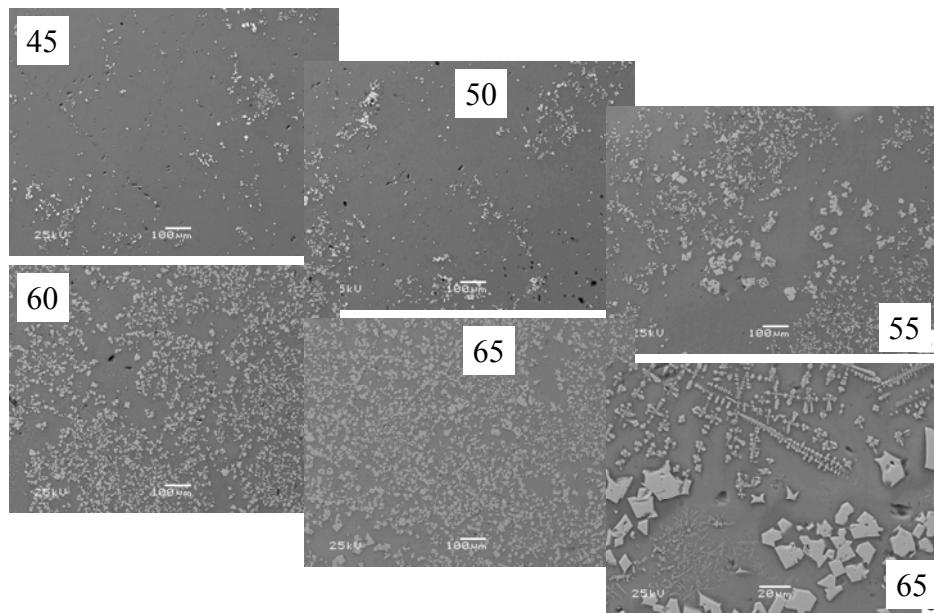
## LaBS glass with 9.5 wt% PuO<sub>2</sub>: SEM of partly crystallized sample



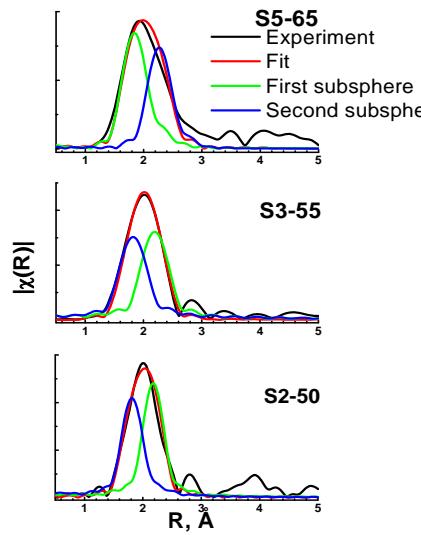
- Precipitation of britholite (?) REE<sub>10</sub>Si<sub>6</sub>O<sub>24</sub>(OH)<sub>2</sub>. The glass retains Al, Hf (supports XAS).
- REE, Sr and Si partition to the precipitate.
- Pu concentrations are roughly similar for the glass and the precipitate.

**The Pu-rich sample is glass-crystalline ceramics. Britholite is resistant to radiation. May we use this material for safe long-term immobilisation of Pu?**

**Scanning Electron Microscopy of Uranium-loaded glass**



## X-ray Absorption Spectroscopy



Despite obvious presence of  
crystalline precipitates  
uranium remains in the  
vitreous fraction

**What happens if the LaBS glass contacts  
with hot water?**

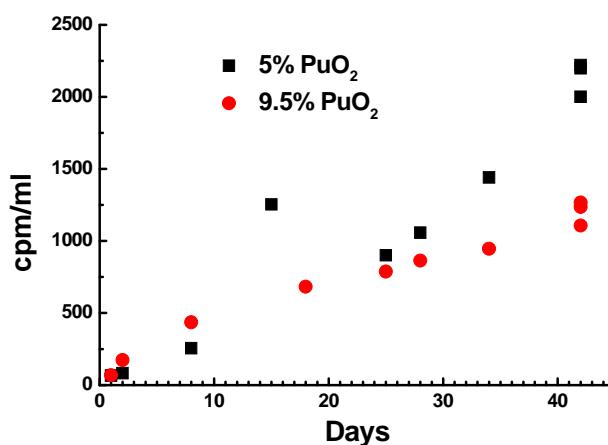
## Leaching experiments

- Small pieces of glass in water
- Water composition similar to some relevant natural locations:  
 $\text{CaHCO}_3 - 187.5 \text{ mg/l}$ ,  $\text{NaHCO}_3 - 62.5 \text{ mg/l}$ ,  $\text{pH} = 6.7$
- 42 days at  $75^\circ\text{C}$
- (Quasi)-Static conditions (minor shaking of the vials on extraction of the solution aliquot for ICP-MS)

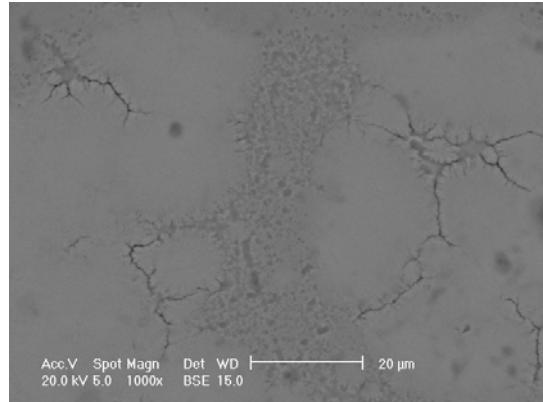
### Main goal:

investigation of surface alteration

## No saturation of Pu release in 42 days experiment

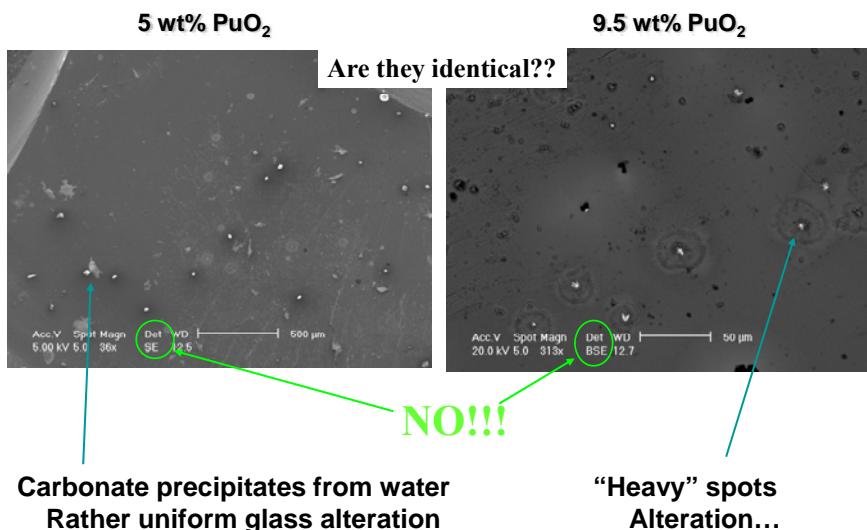


## Surface alteration: Pu-free glass

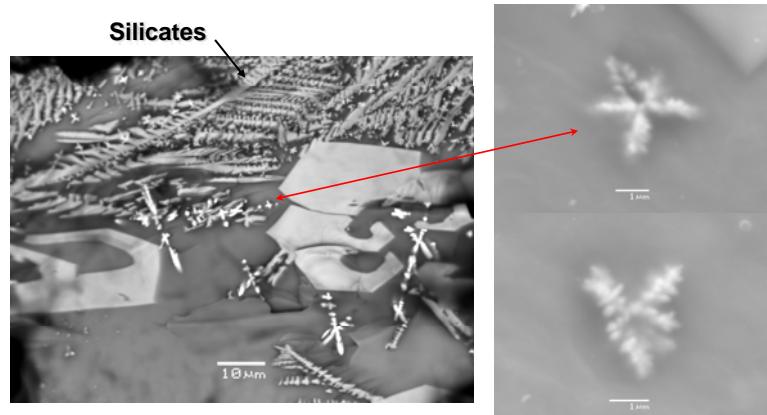


**Formation of altered layer, which may crack and detach from underlying bulk  
Rather uniform process on the whole glass surface**

## Surface alteration: Pu-loaded glass

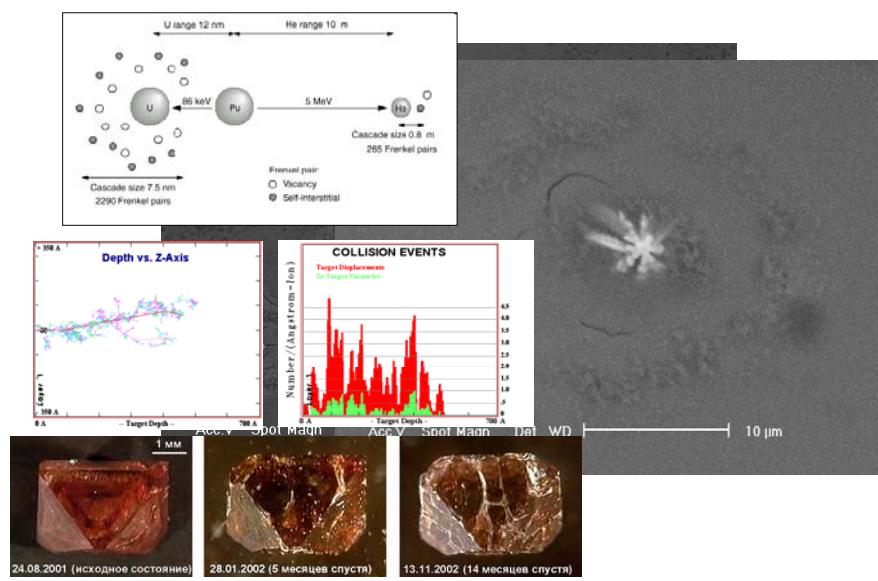


## The “heavy spots”: a closer look



Precipitates of  $(\text{Pu}, \text{Hf})\text{O}_2$  solid solution and of REE-Al phase!!  
 Dendritic morphology consistent with  $\text{CaF}_2$ -structural type dendrites  
 Exsolution (rapid?) of excess  $\text{PuO}_2$ ?

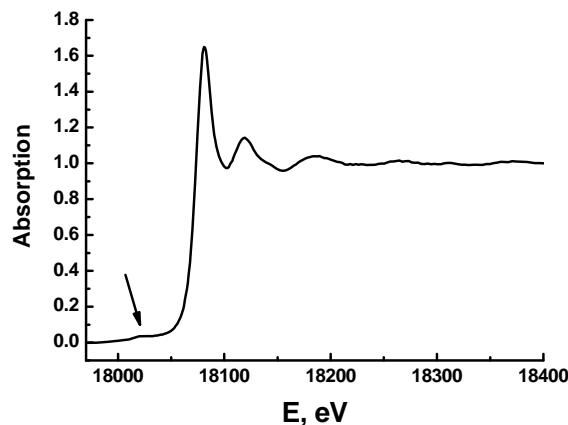
## Alteration of Pu-rich glass



## Conclusions

- The solubility of PuO<sub>2</sub> in LaBS glass may reach 5-6 wt%.
- In the vitreous phase oxygen environment of Pu resembles axially squeezed tetragonal pyramid.
- Hf enters predominantly the vitreous phase and is stable in time.
- At higher loads exsolution of fluorite-type (Pu, Hf)O<sub>2</sub>, britholite and REE-Al-phase occurs.
- Highly Pu-loaded glass dissolves in water with pronounced pitting and cracking around PuO<sub>2</sub> precipitates.

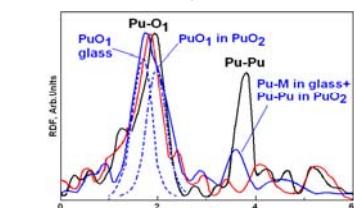
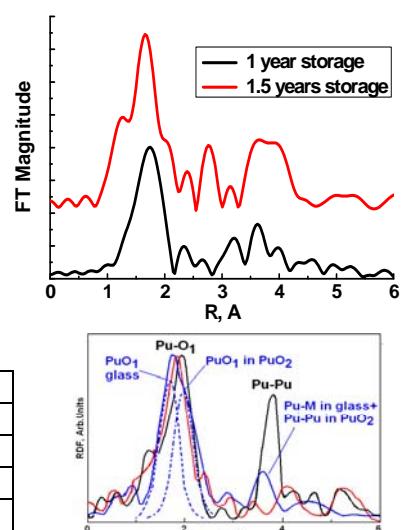
## XAFS at the Pu L<sub>3</sub> edge



## XAFS results I: Pu L<sub>III</sub>-edge

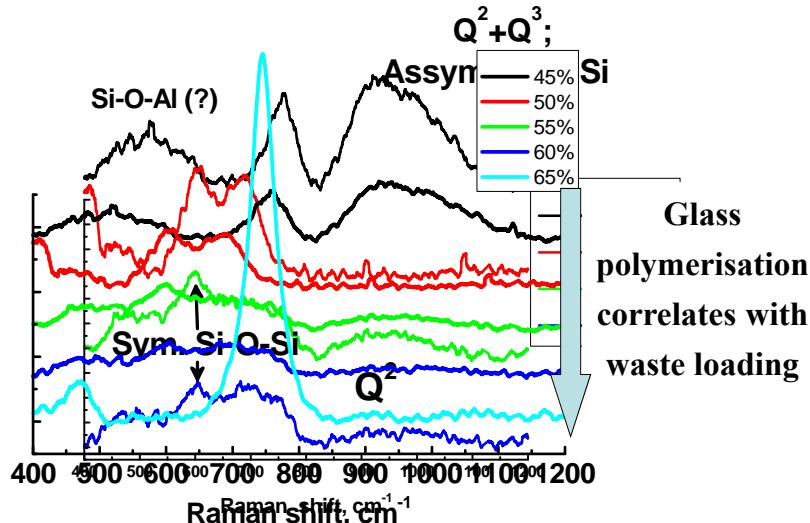
- Pu is mainly tetravalent (XANES and XPS)
- First shell shows similarity to PuO<sub>2+x</sub> (PuO<sub>2.2?</sub>)
- Weakness of the Pu-Pu peak at 3.7 Å suggests that the main fraction of Pu is in the vitreous phase.
- With increasing storage time the splitting of the first sphere becomes more pronounced. In the fresh glass it can be fitted by two subspheres, whereas for the 2 years old glass the first sphere is best fitted by 3 components (similar to Conradson *et al.*, JACS, 126, 13443, 2004).

Sample	Atom	Distance, Å	Occupation
2 y.o. glass	O	1.87-1.92	0.15-0.47
	O	2.09-2.12	~1.2
	O	2.20-2.27	4±1
	Pu	3.74	2±0.5
Fresh glass	O	2.13	1.3
	O	2.25-2.28	5
	Pu	3.66-3.69	2.5±0.5



FT peak of the first coordination shell is asymmetric – superposition of contributions from various phases.

## Structure of the glass: Raman scattering



## Summary of Raman results

The glass with the smallest amount of waste:  
the silicate network mostly consists of Q<sup>2</sup> silicate units with minor Q<sup>1</sup>.

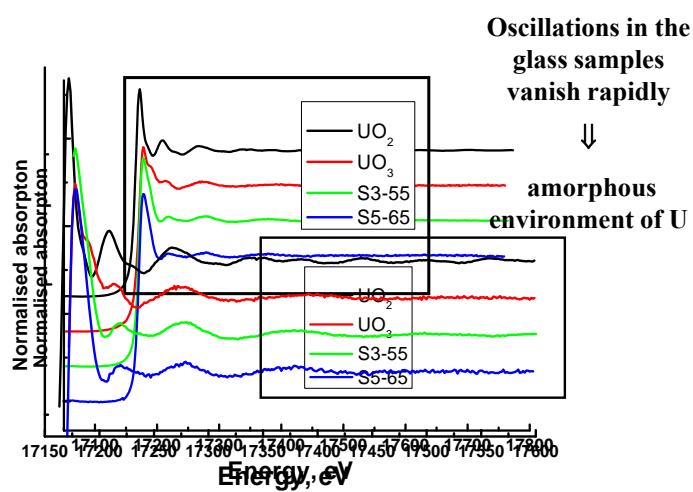
Increase of the waste loading leads to decrease of Si/Al ratio => development of aluminosilicate network. At high waste loadings the glass consists of rather depolymerised silicate network (mostly Q<sup>2</sup> units) and increasing fraction of polymerised aluminosilicates (Q<sup>4(mAl)</sup>). Such process lead to precipitation of nepheline and of other minerals.

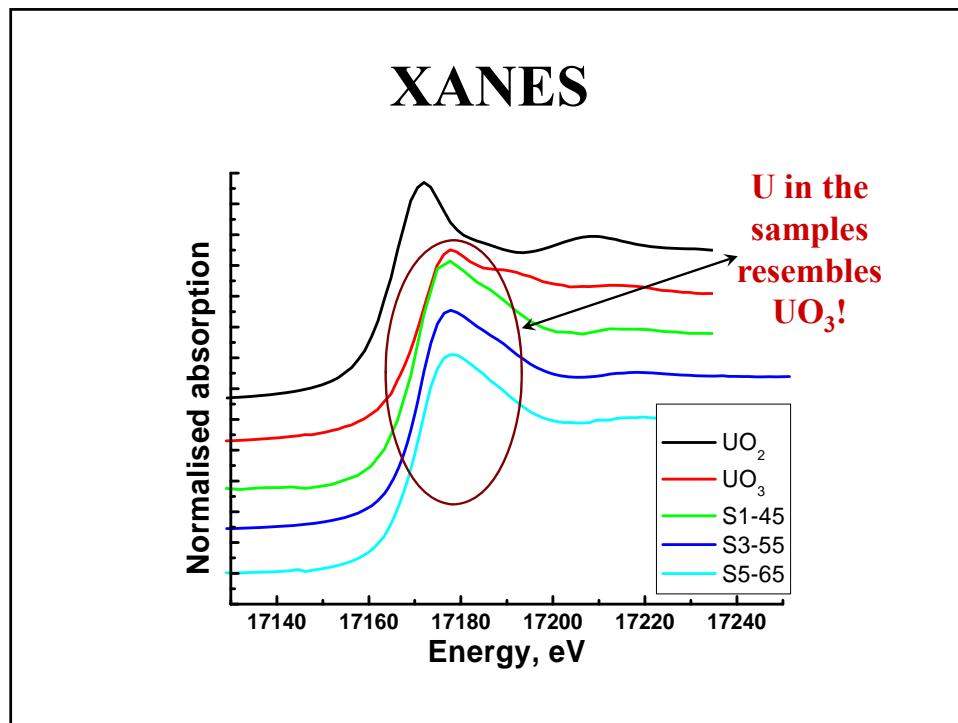
This scenario is consistent with XRD and SEM data, showing higher degree of crystallinity and precipitation of separate phases with increase of the waste loading.

## Summary of structural and compositional data

- Samples are glass-crystalline: a U-bearing matrix glass depleted with iron and a Fe-rich spinel structure phase.
- Vitreous phase is enriched with Na, Al, Si, Zr, U.
- U enters vitreous phase only. No U was found in spinel phase within measurement error.
- Magnetite-type spinel is strongly enriched with Fe, Cr, Mn, Ni, Zn. Minor Cu and Mg.
- Two spinels of first and second generations with somewhat different compositions crystallized at early and later stages of melt solidification were found in the samples with 50 and 55 wt.% waste loading.
- Nepheline is present in glass at high waste loadings (60 and 65 wt.%).

## EXAFS





# PERTECHNETATE-ION BINDING BY ORGANIC LIGANDS IN AQUEOUS SOLUTIONS

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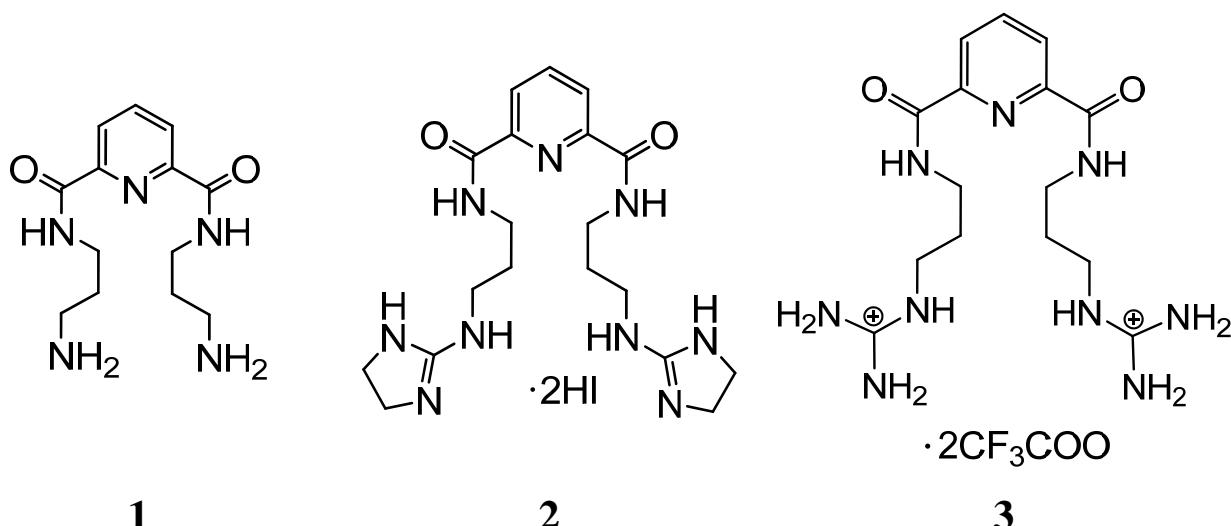
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<sup>99</sup>Tc is produced in nuclear power stations as a fission product of <sup>235</sup>U and <sup>239</sup>Pu in relatively large quantities. Pertechnetate, TcO<sub>4</sub><sup>-</sup>, is the most stable under oxidizing conditions of the first step of PUREX reprocessing and the main form of <sup>99</sup>Tc in liquid nuclear wastes. Co-extraction of TcO<sub>4</sub><sup>-</sup> with U and Pu is followed by important Tc catalytic interference at the actinide separation stage and leads to formation of highly insoluble precipitates if reductive separation of plutonium is stabilized by chelate addition at some variants of PUREX process [1-2]. Precipitates formed make serious difficulties for effective fuel reprocessing. Thereby it is very important to remove technetium before plutonium separation. In addition macro concentrations of nitrate-ion make selective and effective separation of TcO<sub>4</sub><sup>-</sup> from nuclear waste solutions even more difficult.

On the other hand isotope <sup>99m</sup>Tc is considered as ideal imaging agent in nuclear medicine. Typically <sup>99m</sup>TcO<sub>4</sub><sup>-</sup> is reduced to Tc (III-V) to form stable covalent complexes with organic substances. These complexes are used directly for imaging purposes. Development of selective anionic receptors for pertechnetate could lead to the new generation radiopharmaceuticals, where <sup>99m</sup>TcO<sub>4</sub><sup>-</sup> is strongly and non covalently bounded in aqueous solutions. Elimination of reduction step is highly desirable.

This work presents experiments of pertechnetate extraction by acyclic ligands **1-3** from organic into aqueous media. Ligands under consideration possess positively charged moieties:



Extraction experiments were carried out to study pertechnetates anion complex at ion inaqueous solutions.

A  $10^{-6}$ M stock solution of tetrabutylammonium pertechnetates in dichloroethane and  $10^{-4}$  M aqueous solution of ligands **1-3** were used to investigate extractability of  $\text{TcO}_4^-$  from organic phase into aqueous. pH level was maintained by addition of HCl or NaOH, with pH-meter control.

The highest efficiency 80-90% was found for ligand **2** in pH range from 2 to 6 while others were not efficient when compared with blank test (distilled water without any ligand).

Ligand **2** efficiency was confirmed by competitive extraction experiments of  $\text{TcO}_4^-$  with Aliquat-336 in organic phase.

We have found that presence of ligand with  $\text{NH}_4\text{TcO}_4$  ( $10^{-6}$  M) in aqueous phase leads to decrease of  $\text{TcO}_4^-$  transfer into dichloroethane promoted by Aliquat-336. Increase of ligand 2 concentration from 0 to  $10^{-3}$  M led to decrease of pertechnetate transfer from 100 to 34 %.

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## Pertechnetate-ion binding by organic ligands in aqueous solutions

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### Nuclear fuels: U, Pu compounds

#### Tc in spent nuclear fuel

*PUREX process*

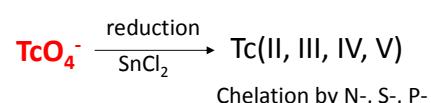
$\text{TcO}_4^-$       Oxic conditions:  
High solubility,  
High mobility

1. Environmental contamination
2. Problems in Pu, U extraction

#### Tc in nuclear medicine

$^{99m}\text{Tc}$        $E=140 \text{ keV}, T_{1/2}= 6 \text{ h}$

Diagnostic agent      SPECT



**Effective extraction of  $\text{TcO}_4^-$  on first steps of spent fuel treatment**  
**Water soluble receptors for detection and medical application**

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### Properties of pertechnetate

anion	$\Delta H_{hyd}, \text{kJ/mol}$	$Q/S \cdot 10^2, \text{\AA}^{-2}$	$Q/V \cdot 10^2, \text{\AA}^{-3}$
TcO <sub>4</sub> <sup>-</sup>	-247	1.27	2.04
NO <sub>3</sub> <sup>-</sup>	-312	2.48	5.55
Cl <sup>-</sup>	-367	2.43	5.37

### Extraction of TcO<sub>4</sub><sup>-</sup>

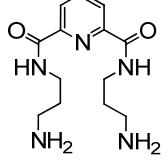
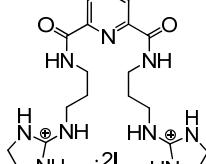
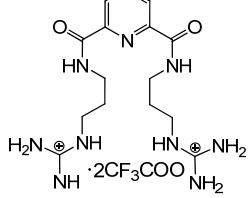
Cationic agents	Neutral extractants
$NR_4^+, PR_4^+, AsR_4^+$	TBP

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### Positively charged ligands

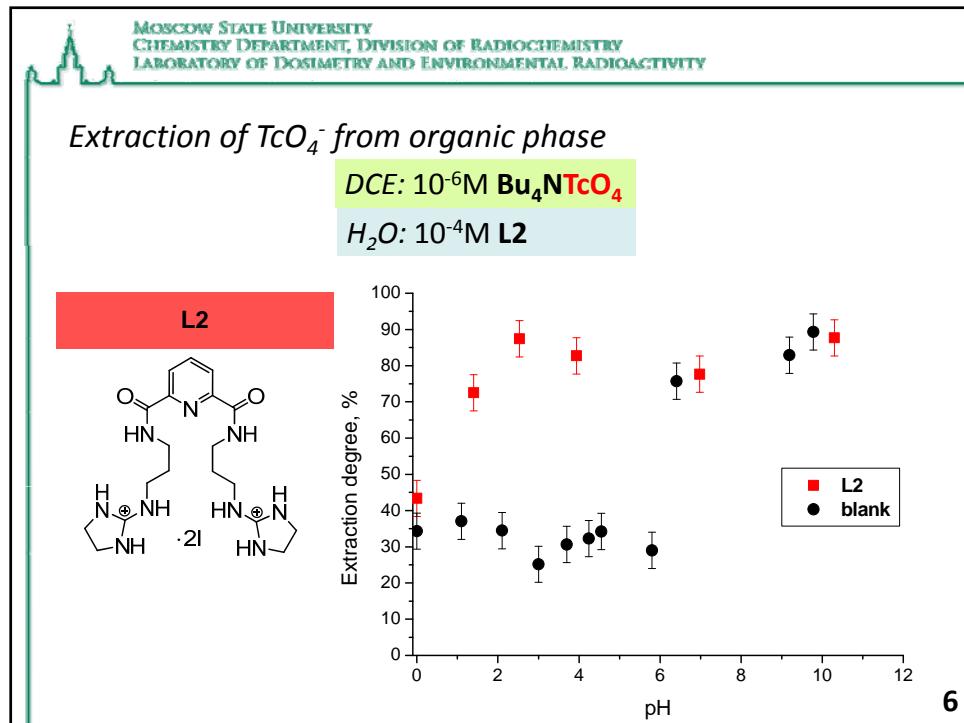
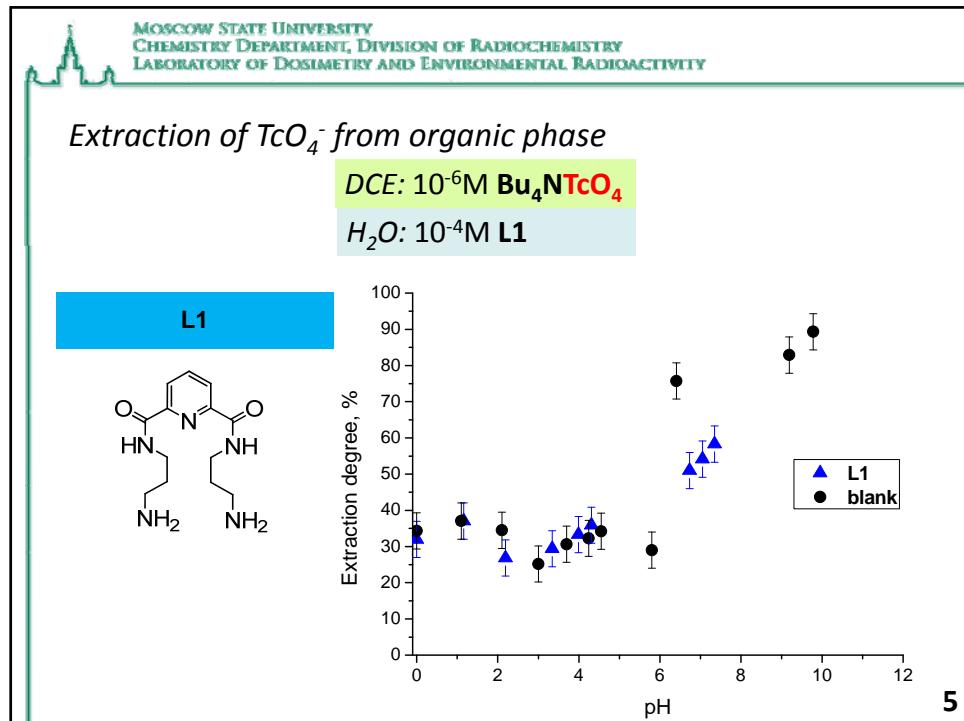
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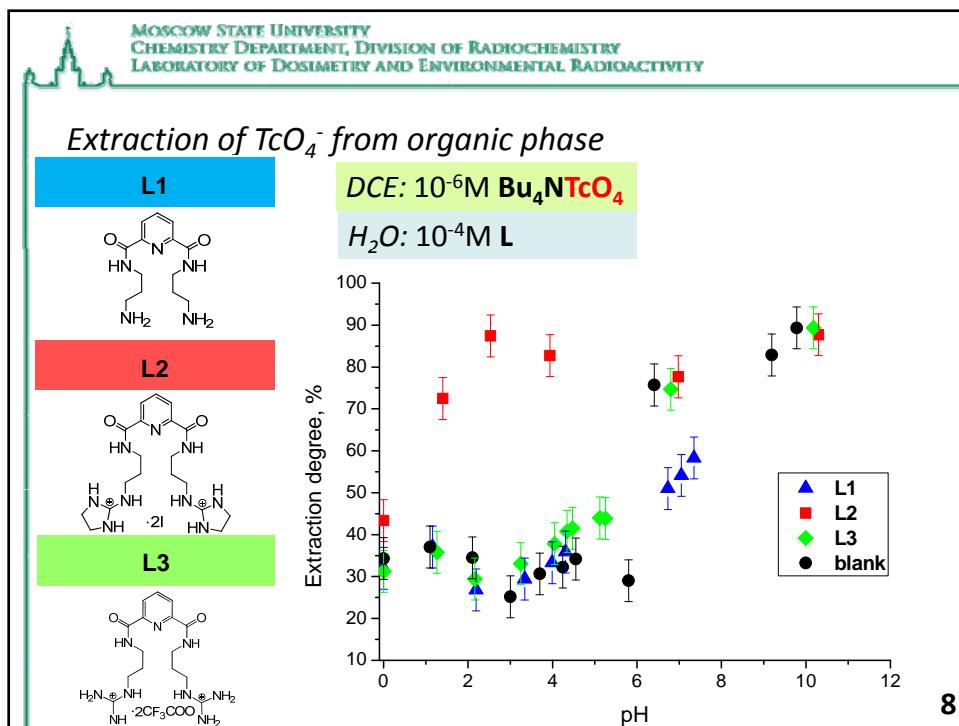
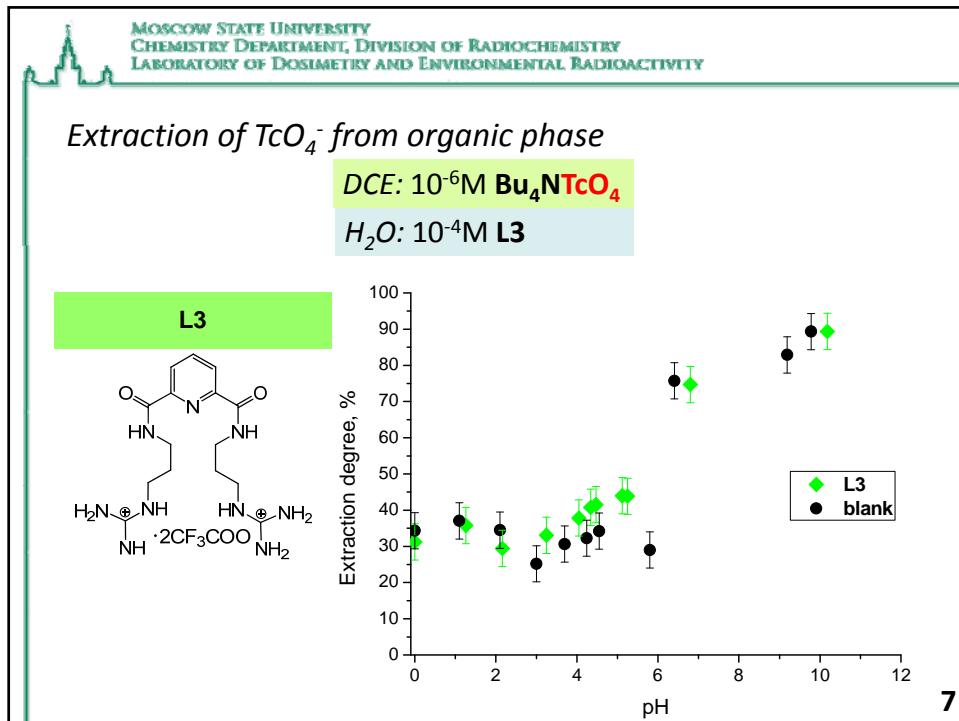




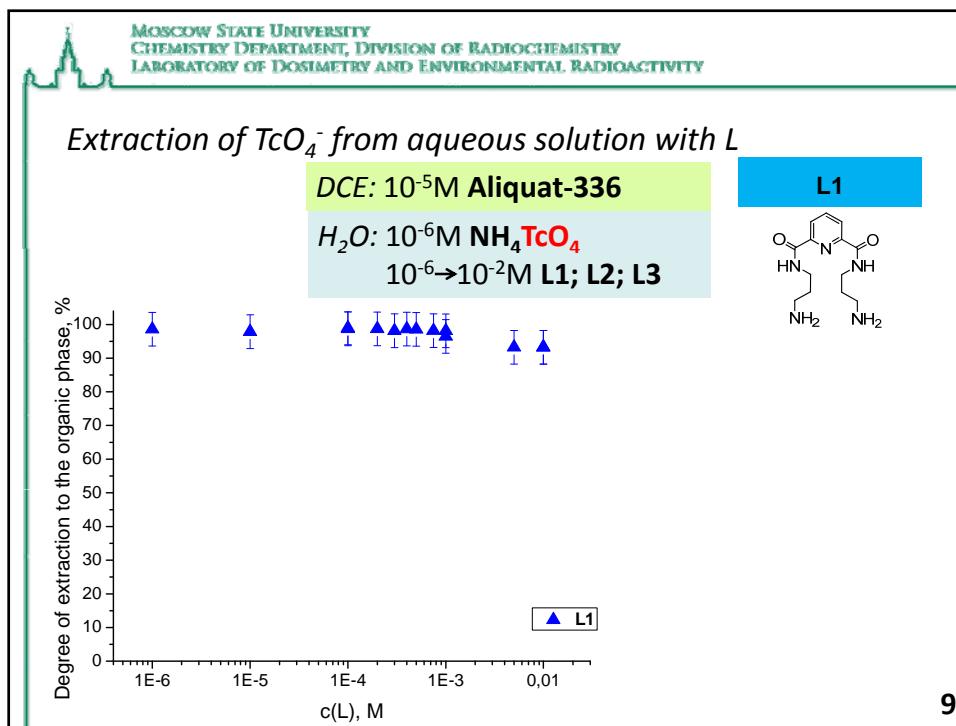
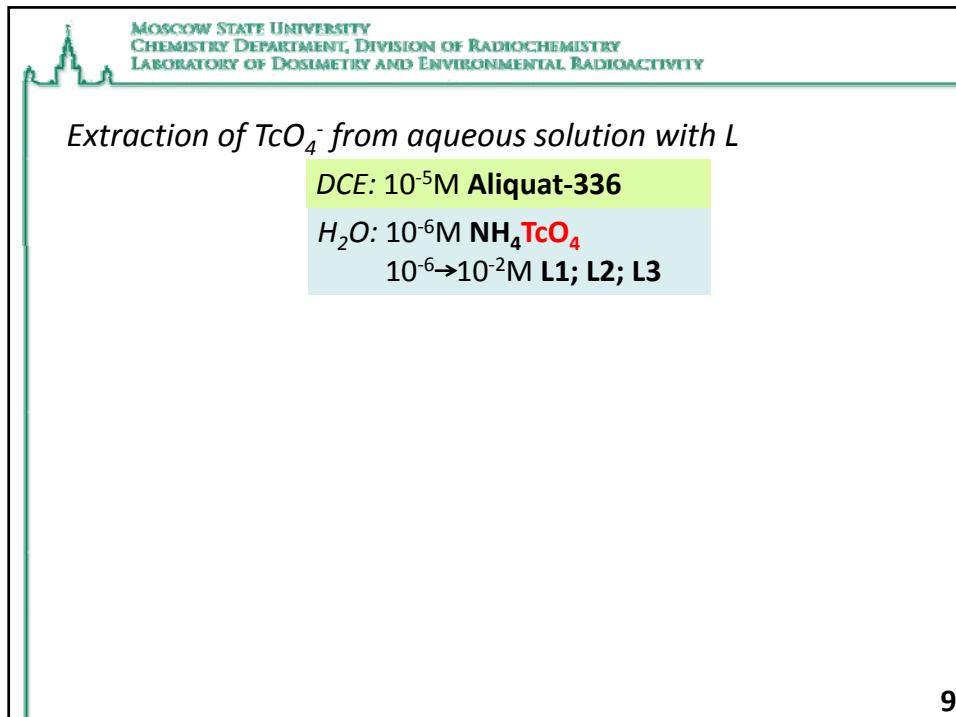
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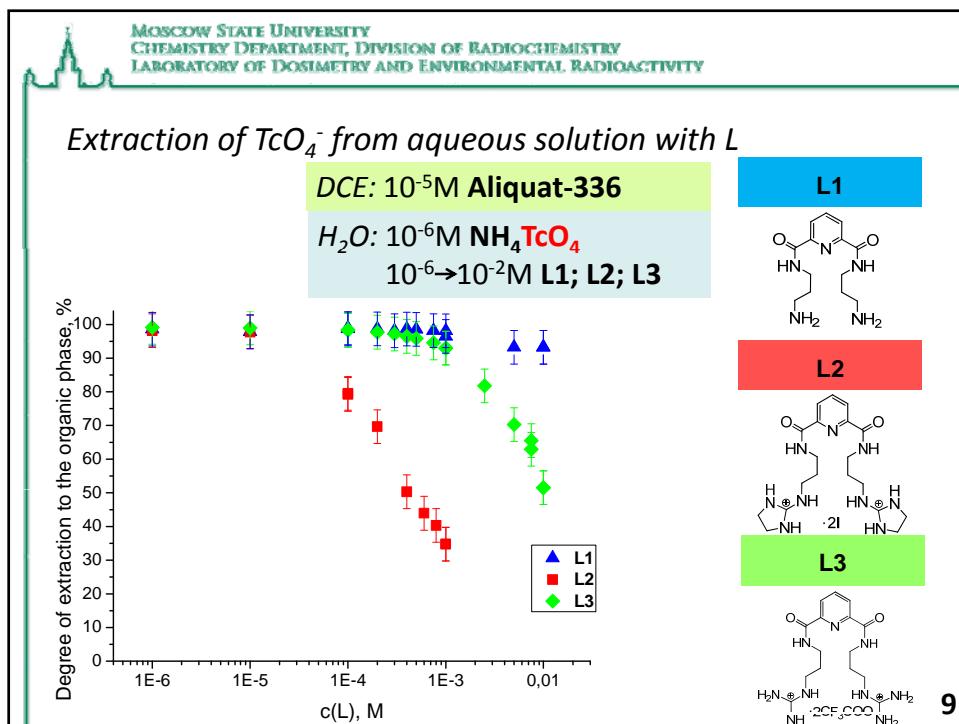
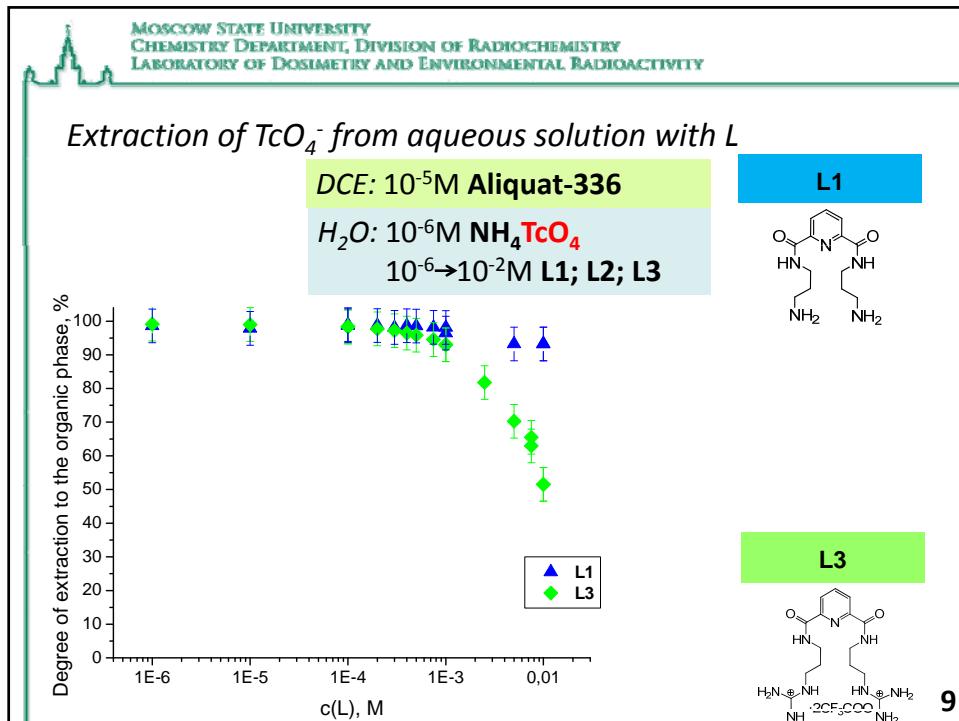
- 1) Extraction of TcO<sub>4</sub><sup>-</sup> from organic phase to water
- 2) Transfer of TcO<sub>4</sub><sup>-</sup> from aqueous solution with L to organic phase by Aliquat-336

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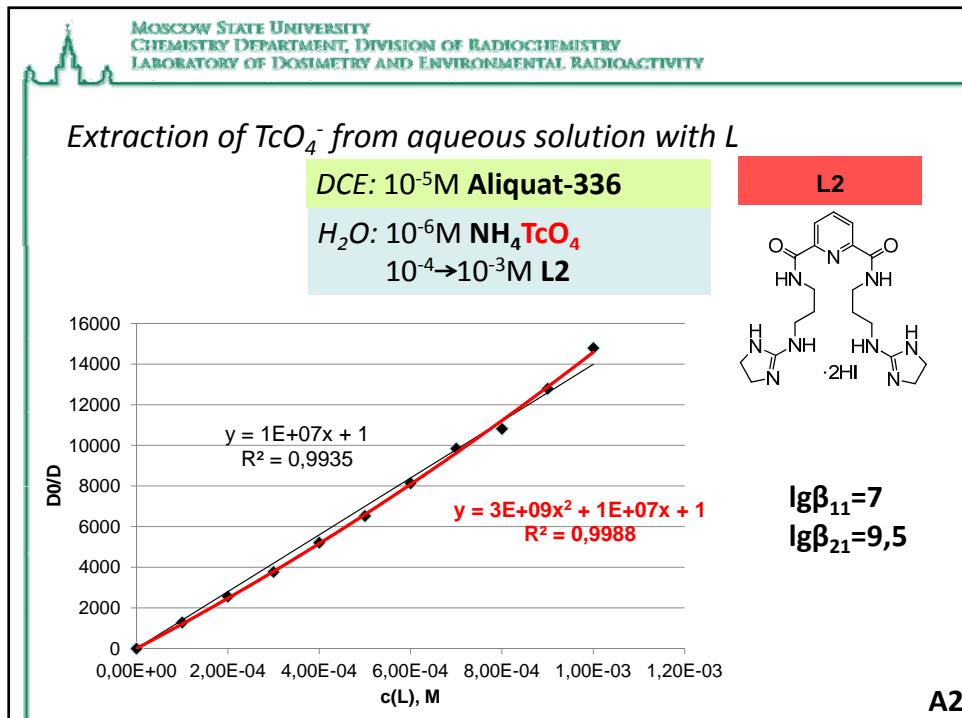
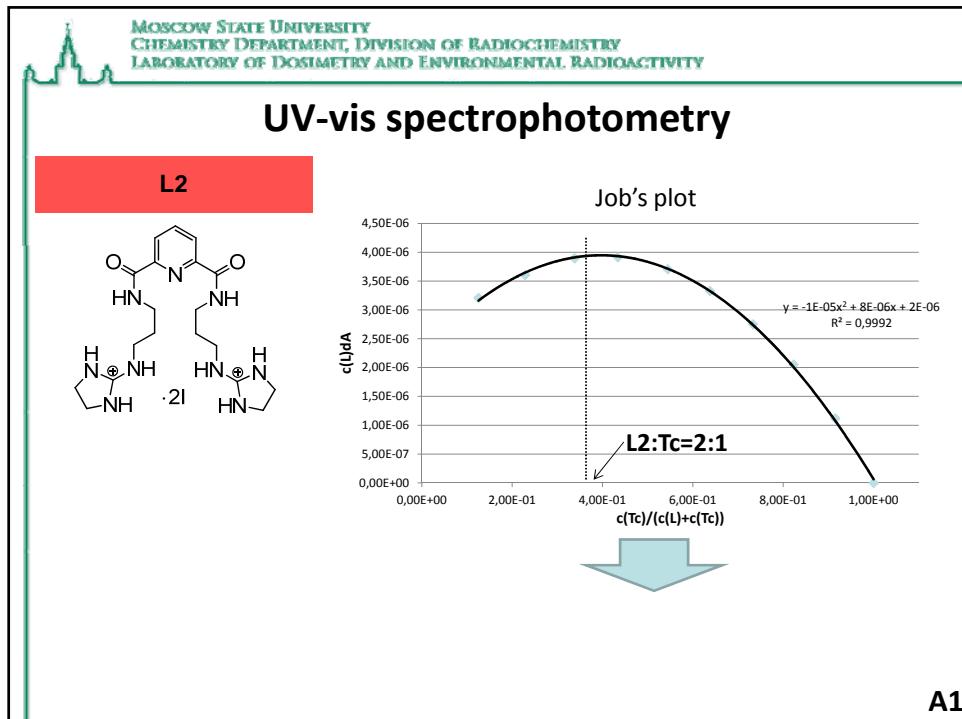
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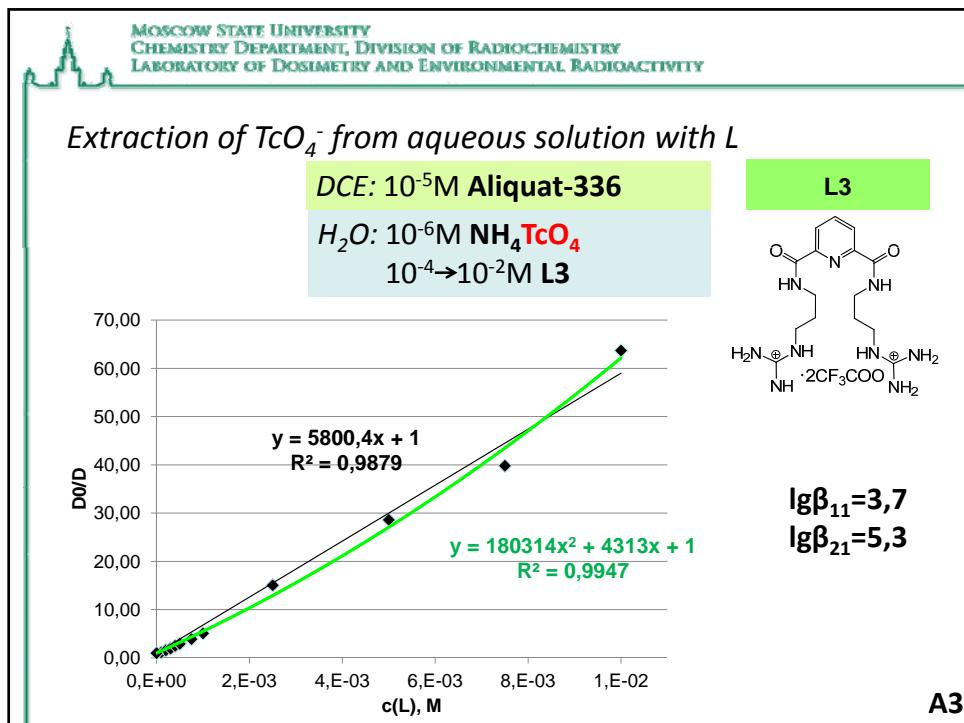
- ✓ They can transfer pertechnetate-ion from organic phase into water
- ✓ They can retain pertechnetate-ion in water in the presence of Aliquat-336

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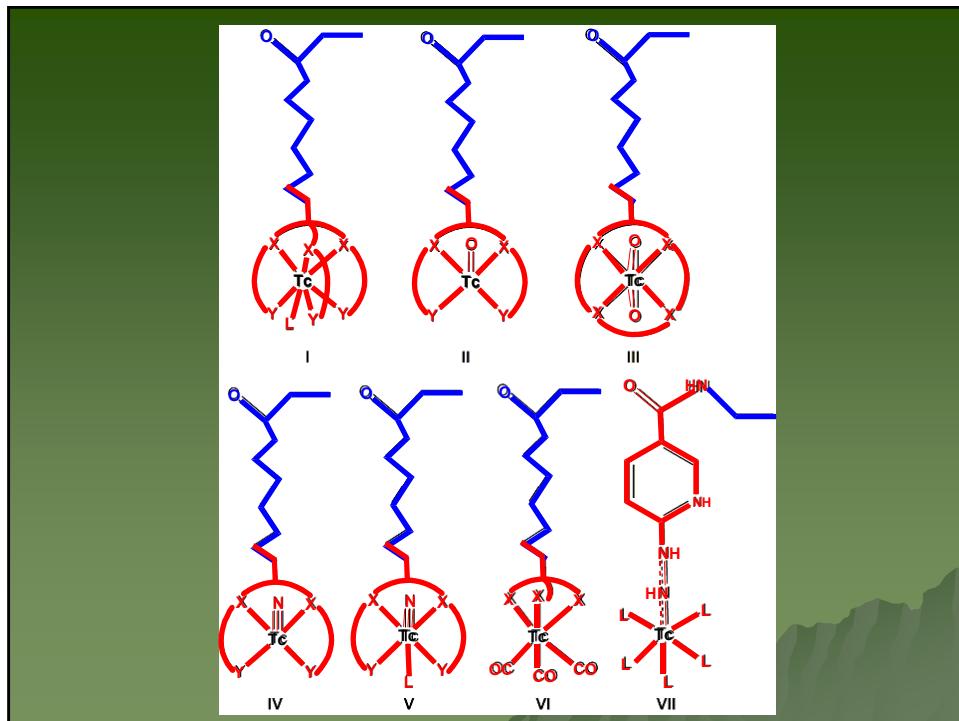
# New radiopharmaceuticals based on technetium-99m with bifunctional chelating agents

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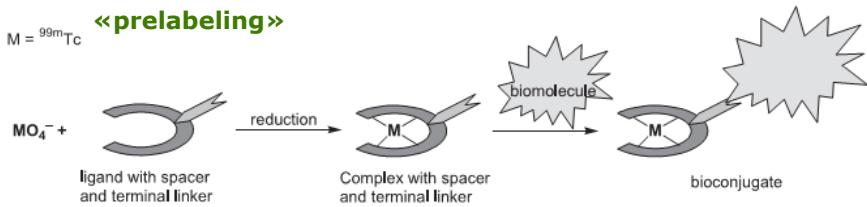
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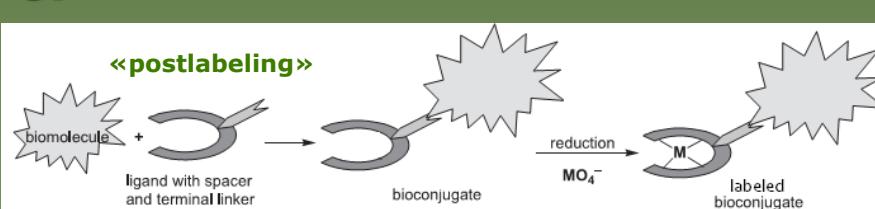
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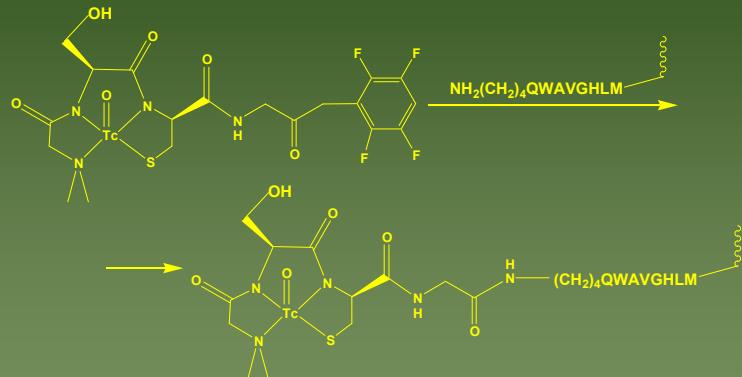


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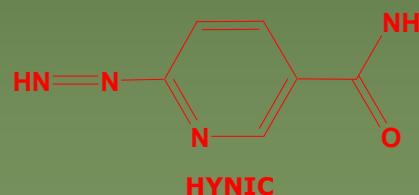
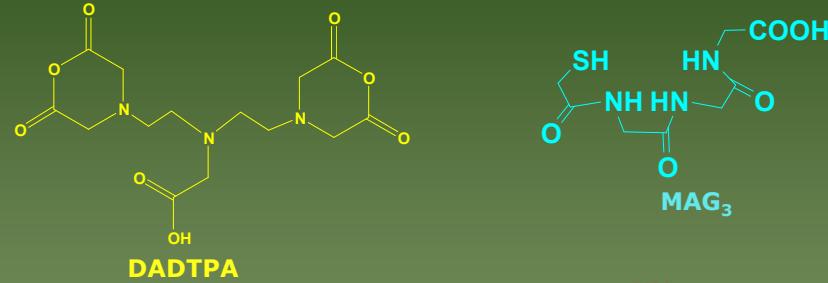
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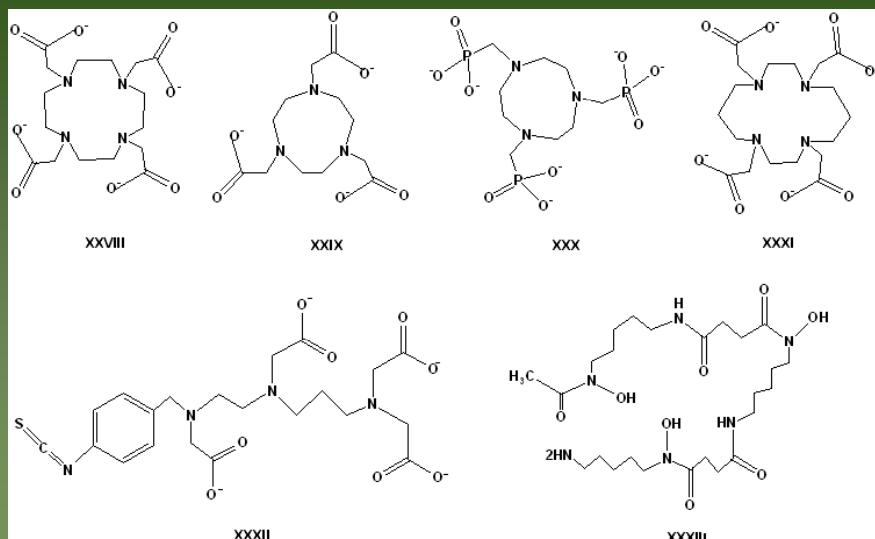
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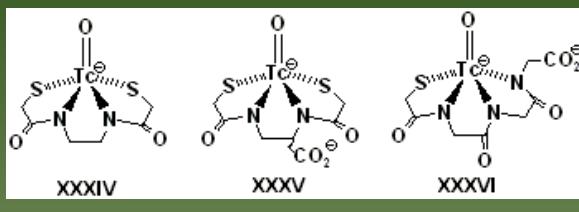
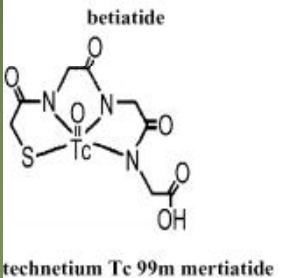
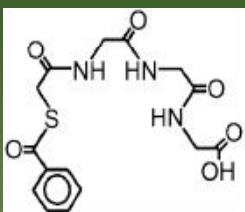


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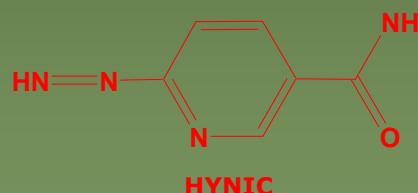
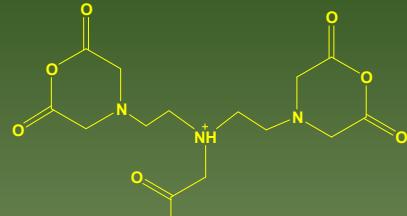
**Table 1** Affinity profiles of DOTA-octapeptides ( $\text{IC}_{50}$ ) for hsst1–5 receptors

Compound	hsst1	hsst2	hsst3	hsst4	hsst5
Somatostatin-28	3.8±0.3 (10)	2.5±0.3 (11)	5.7±0.6 (10)	4.2±0.3 (11)	3.7±0.4 (11)
Ga-DOTA-NOC	>10,000 (3)	1.9±0.4 (3)	40.0±5.8 (3)	260±74 (3)	7.2±1.6 (3)
In-DOTA-NOC	>10,000 (3)	2.9±0.1 (3) <sup>b</sup>	8.0±2.0 (3) <sup>b</sup>	227±18 (3)	11.2±3.5 (3)
Lu-DOTA-NOC	>10,000 (3)	3.4±0.4 (3) <sup>b</sup>	12.0±3.3 (3) <sup>b</sup>	747±47 (3) <sup>b</sup>	14.0±3.5 (3) <sup>b</sup>
In-DOTA-BOC	>1,000 (2)	4.4±0.4 (3) <sup>b</sup>	6.8±0.3 (3) <sup>b</sup>	ND	10.5±1.5 (3) <sup>b</sup>
Lu-DOTA-BOC	>1,000 (2)	4.0±0.4 (3) <sup>b</sup>	6.3±0.2 (3) <sup>b</sup>	591±88 (2)	6.5±0.1 (3) <sup>b</sup>
Ga-DOTA-BOC	700±300 (2)	1.7±0.2(3)	10.5±0.5 (3)	ND	4.4±1.2 (3)
Y-DOTA-NOC-ATE	>1,000 (2)	4.2±2.0 (3)	47±1 (3)	ND	12±1 (3) <sup>b</sup>
Lu-DOTA-NOC-ATE	>1,000 (2)	3.6±0.3 (3) <sup>b</sup>	30±2 (3)	ND	15±1 (3) <sup>b</sup>
Ga-DOTA-NOC-ATE	>1,000 (2)	2.6±0.3 (3)	113±80 (2)	53±30 (2)	25±4 (3)
Y-DOTA-BOC-ATE	>1,000 (2)	2.9±0.3 (3) <sup>b</sup>	23±1 (3)	ND	7.8±2.0 (3)
Ga-DOTA-BOC-ATE	>1,000 (2)	2.0±0.2 (3)	33±23 (2)	35±24 (2)	19.5±13.0 (2)
Somatostatin-28 <sup>a</sup>	5.2±0.3 (19)	2.7±0.3 (19)	7.7±0.9 (15)	5.6±0.4 (19)	4.0±0.3 (19)
Ga-DOTA-TOC <sup>a</sup>	>10,000	2.5±0.5	613±140	>1,000	73±21
Y-DOTA-TOC <sup>a</sup>	>10,000	11.0±1.7 <sup>b</sup>	389±135	>10,000	114±29
Ga-DOTA-OC <sup>a</sup>	>10,000	7.3±1.9	120±45	>1,000	60±14
Y-DOTA-OC <sup>a</sup>	>10,000	20±2 <sup>b</sup>	27±8 <sup>b</sup>	>10,000	57±22
Ga-DOTA-TATE <sup>a</sup>	>10,000	0.20±0.04	>1,000	300±140	377±18
Y-DOTA-TATE <sup>a</sup>	>10,000	1.6±0.4 <sup>b</sup>	>1,000	523±239	187±50 <sup>b</sup>

## MAG<sub>3</sub> and its analogues



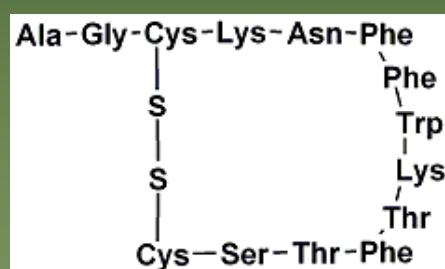
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## Peptides for 3<sup>rd</sup> generation RP

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Leu-Met-NH<sub>2</sub>

BOMBEZIN



## Somatostatin synthetic analogues

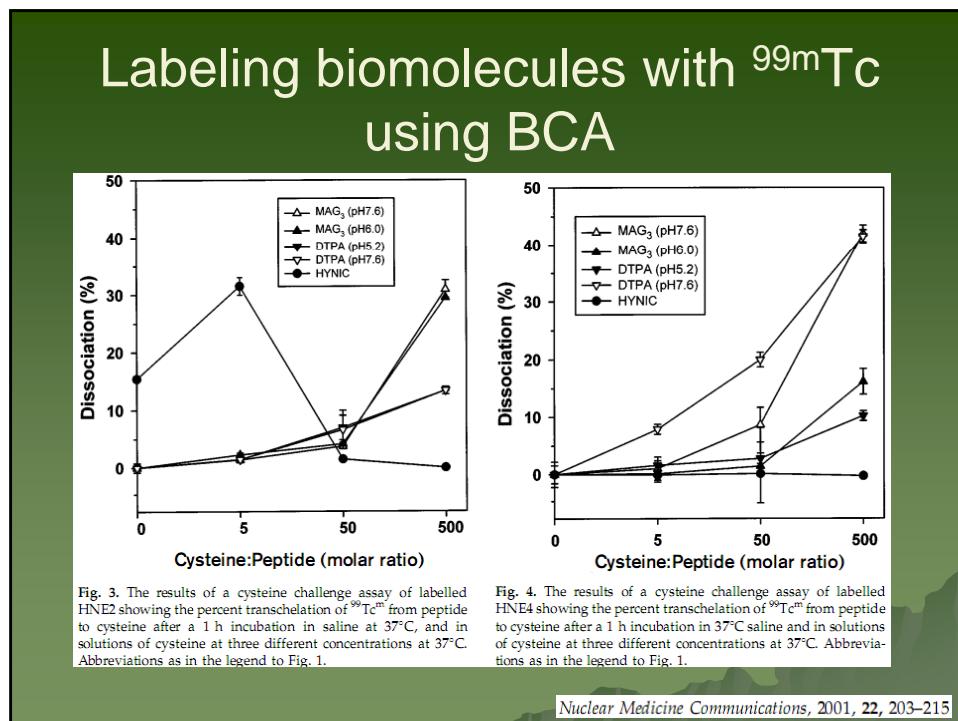
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D-Phe-Cys-Tyr-D-Trp-Lys-Thr(OH)-Cys-Thr

**OCT**

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**Vaptreotide**

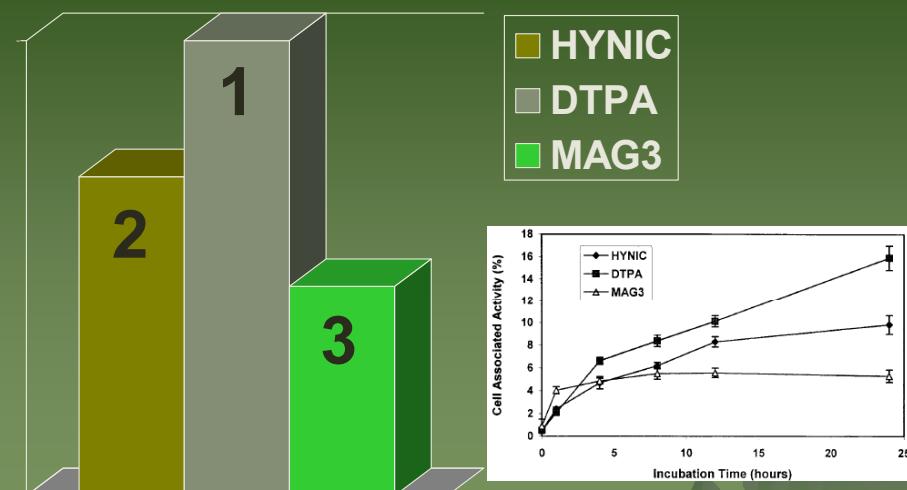
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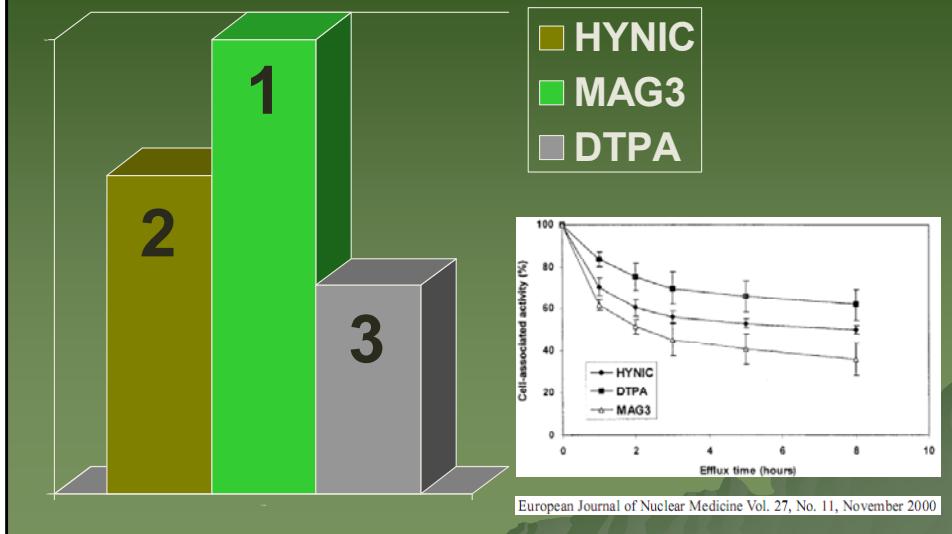
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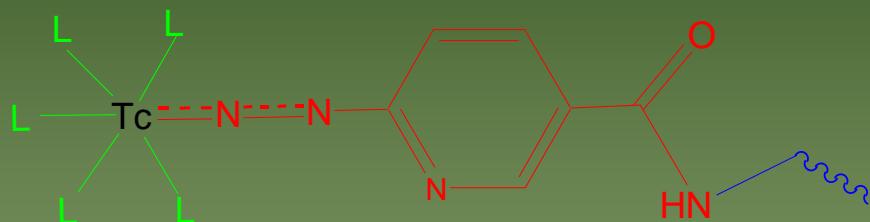
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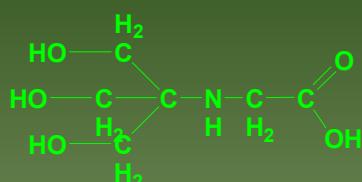
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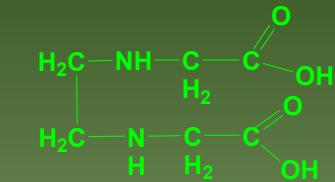
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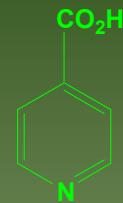
## HYNIC co-ligands



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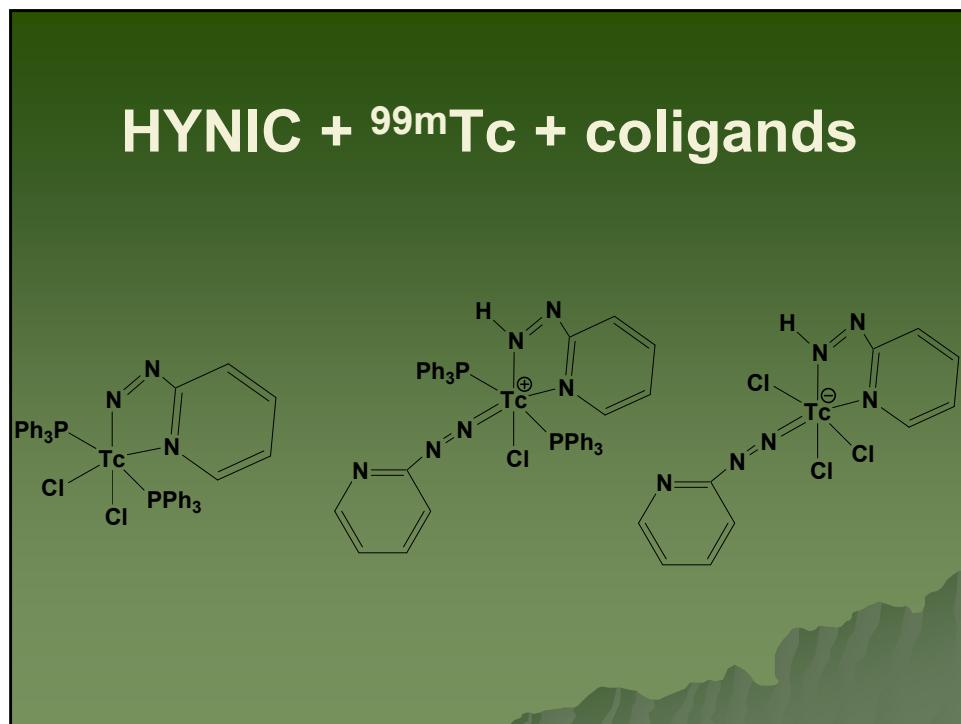
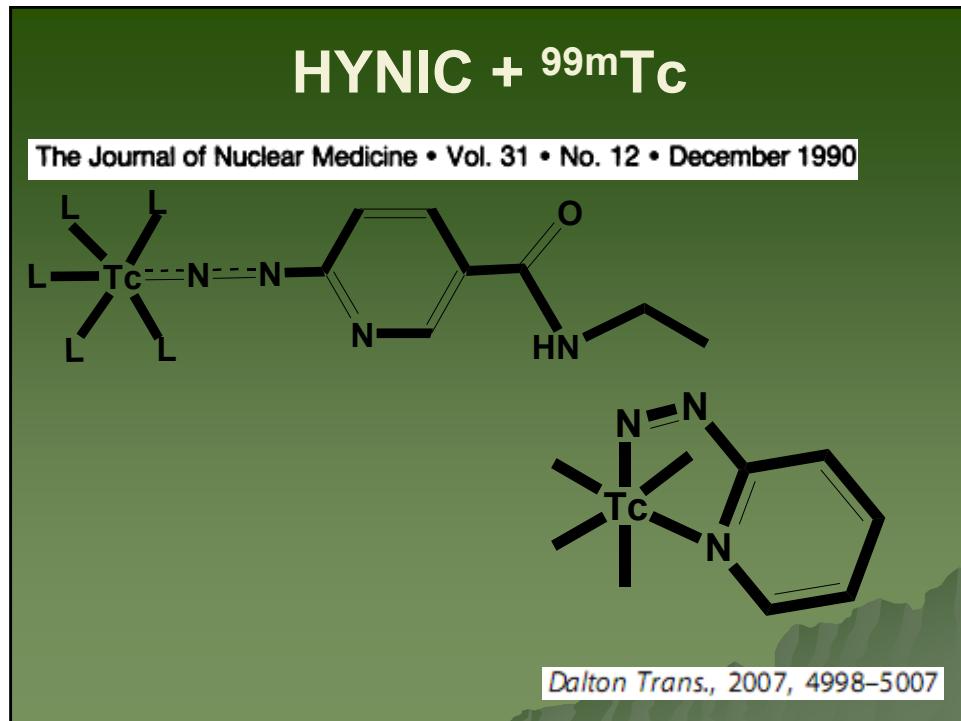


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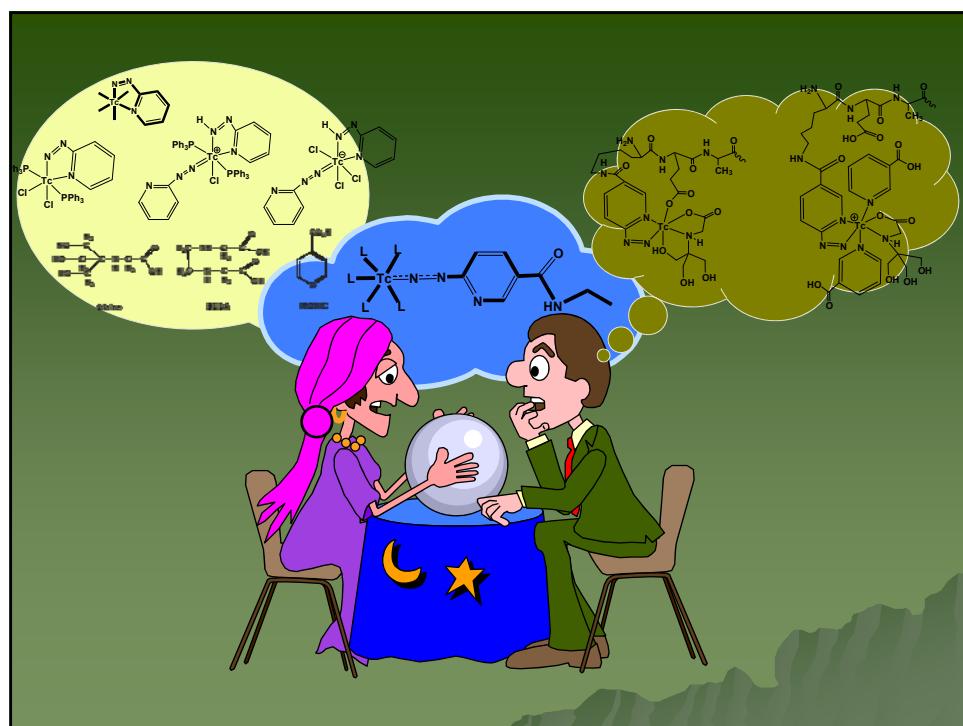
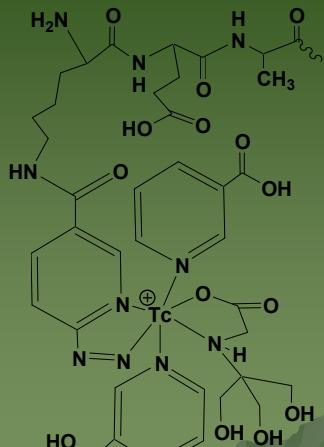
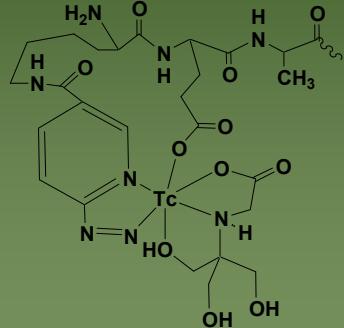
## Biodistribution: peptides and coligands

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Tumor	3,5±0,5*[30]	2±1*[30]	~1*[27] 10±1*[30] ~3,5*[40]	10±2*[30] ~3*[40]	~2,5*[40]	2±1*[40]
Kidneys	~6*** [20] 8±1** [28] 13±2* [29]	11±5* [30]	~1*** [21] ~9* [27] ~14** [27] 15±3* [30] 11±1* [40] ~2,5**** [41]	5±1* [30] 9±1* [40]	13±2** [28] 11,5±1* [40]	9±1* [40]
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\* - mice with tumor, \*\* - normal mice, \*\*\* - normal rats



## HYNIC + $^{99m}$ Tc + coligands + peptide



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Evaluation of somatostatin receptors in large cell pulmonary neuroendocrine carcinoma with  $^{99m}\text{Tc}$ -EDDA/HYNIC-TOC scintigraphy

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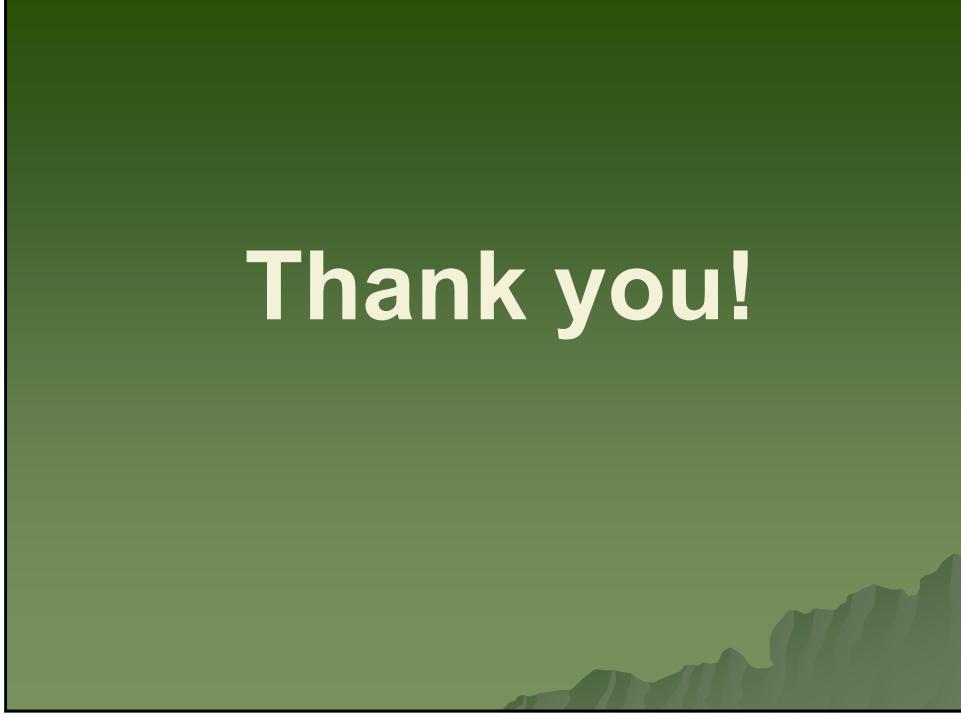
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### Abstract

**OBJECTIVE:** Large cell pulmonary neuroendocrine carcinoma (LCNEC) is a poorly differentiated and high-grade neoplasm. It is positioned between an atypical carcinoid and small cell neuroendocrine carcinoma of the lung in a distinct family of pulmonary neuroendocrine tumors. The aim of our study was to detect somatostatin receptors in this uncommon malignancy and to evaluate the sensitivity of somatostatin receptor scintigraphy (SRS) in LCNEC staging. **METHODS:** We analyzed data of 26 patients (mean age: 61.5±7.9 years) with histologically confirmed diagnosis of LCNEC, including 18 cases not treated surgically and eight patients after the resection of the primary tumor. SRS was carried out with technetium-99m ethylene diamine-diacetic acid/hydrazinonicotinyl-Tyr3-octreotide ( $^{99m}\text{Tc}$ -TOC). A visual analysis of scintigraphic images was done with reference to conventional imaging modalities (computed tomography and bone scintigraphy). **RESULTS:** SRS sensitivity for the detection of primary lesions, supradaphragmatic metastases, and infradiaphragmatic metastases was 100, 83.3%, and 0%, respectively. Five out of 13 metastases

## Conclusions

- ◆ BCA are the future of modern nuclear medicine
- ◆ BCA radiopharmaceuticals with  $^{99m}\text{Tc}$  must take part to routine medical studies
- ◆ The most promising BCA for today are DTPA,  $\text{MAG}_3$  and HYNIC
- ◆ Giving a little preference between these agents to HYNIC
- ◆ Choice of coligand(s) – the way to improve biokinetic properties radiopharmaceuticals with HYNIC
- ◆ Best coligands for today are tricine and EDDA
- ◆ way to choose coligand(s) - studying the structure of complexes



Thank you!

# SORPTION PRECONCENTRATION OF RADIONUCLIDES USING DETONATION NANODIAMONDS

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Nanodiamonds (ND) obtained by detonation of explosives (eg, TNT and RDX) with a negative oxygen balance, are potentially promising carbon nanomaterial with a highly developed surface ( $250\text{-}300 \text{ m}^2 / \text{g}$  or more), a large number of oxygen-containing functional groups on it, chemical and radiation resistance, economically viable and relatively easy production [1].

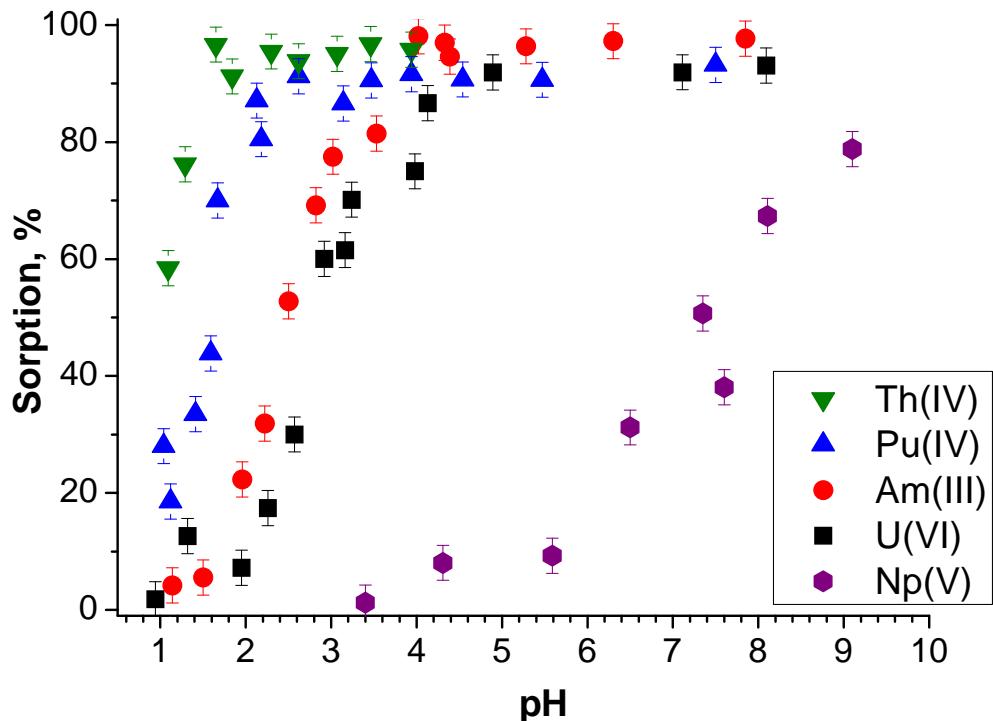
These unique properties of ND can be used to isolate alpha-emitting radionuclides from liquid radioactive waste for further vitrification and actinides subsequent separation for analytical purposes.

The aim of this work was to establish the sorption behavior of radionuclides (Tc(VII), U(VI), Np(V), Th(IV), Pu(IV), Am(III), Eu(III) and Sr(II)) on detonation ND and to determine the effect of functionalization of the surface on the sorption.

Kinetics of sorption shows that steady state condition is achieved within first 30 minutes of interaction.

. Figure 1 shows dependence of actinide sorption on pH suspension. The sorption is very high for U(VI), Th(IV), Am(III) and Pu(IV) even in the range of pH 1-3. The high sorption of Tc(VII) on ND in solutions of

hydrochloric and nitric acids was obtained. The sorption capacity of ND was defined. It is comparable with respect to U(VI) to the values typical for other carbon materials.



**Fig. 1. pH-dependence of actinide sorption on non-modified ND.**

In our experiments different types of ND were used: treated with hydrogen ( $800\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$ , 5 h) ozone, air ( $400\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$ , 5 h) and ND functionalized with different groups by covalent grafting (glycine and CN-group).

The different types of ND were characterized by IR spectroscopy, X-ray photoelectron spectrometry and measurements of  $\zeta$ -potential at different pH of the suspensions and the particle size using Dynamic Light Scattering.

It was observed that sorption of U(VI) on non-modified ND is higher than on modified ND at the same pH. This effect can be explained by presence of more carboxylic acid groups on the non-modified ND surface.

Efficiency of Tc(VII) sorption onto ND functionalized by different groups is very similar. This effect can be explained by resistance of effective sorption sites to modification. Such similarity contrasts the

results reported in [2], where type of the surface treatment was shown to be important.

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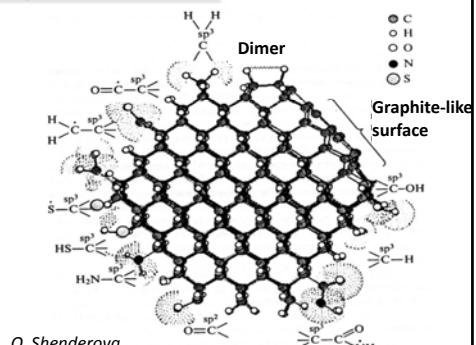
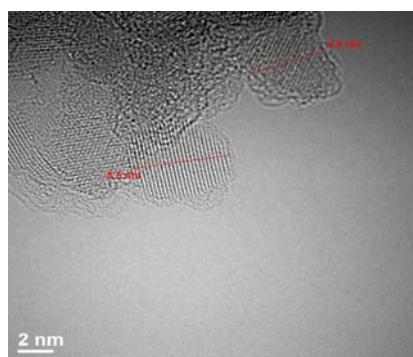
# Sorption preconcentration of radionuclides using detonation nanodiamonds

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## Detonation nanodiamonds – Production methods and properties

### Detonation of O-poor explosives (TNT/hexogen...) in a closed volume



- Narrow size distribution 4-5 nm
- Aggregation into larger very stable clusters (100-200 nm)



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### Detonation nanodiamonds

**Advantages:**

- ✓ Small size (4-5 nm)
- ✓ Mass production and relatively low price
- ✓ Chemical and radiation resistance
- ✓ To establish the sorption behavior of radionuclides on detonation ND
- ✓ Biological compatibility (virtually nontoxic)

**Problems:**

Very strong aggregation of nanograins: difficult (but possible!) to separate individual particles

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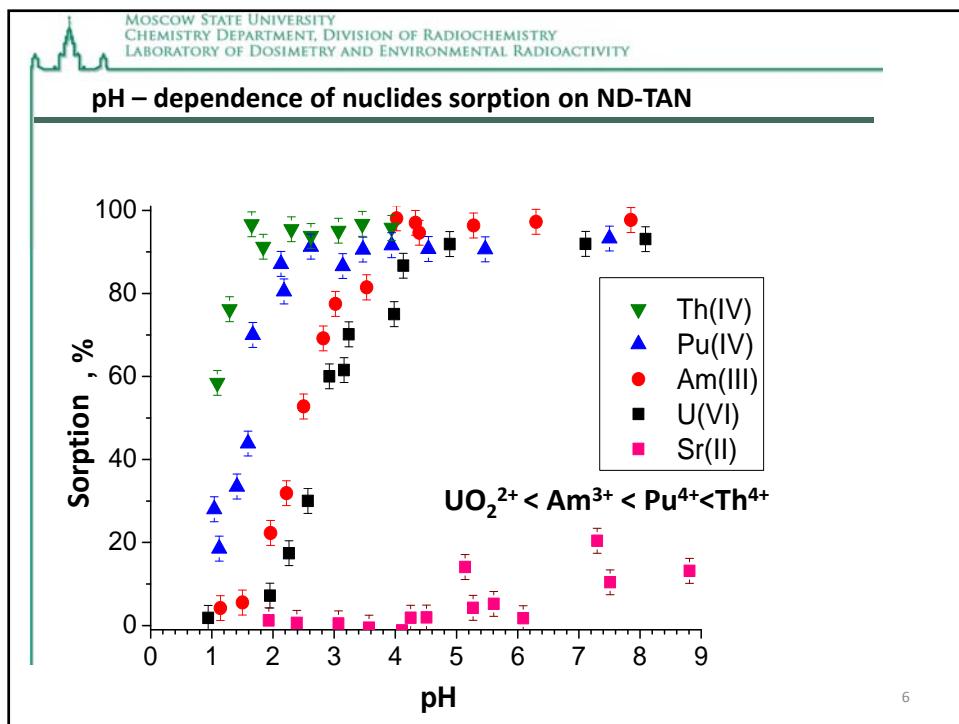
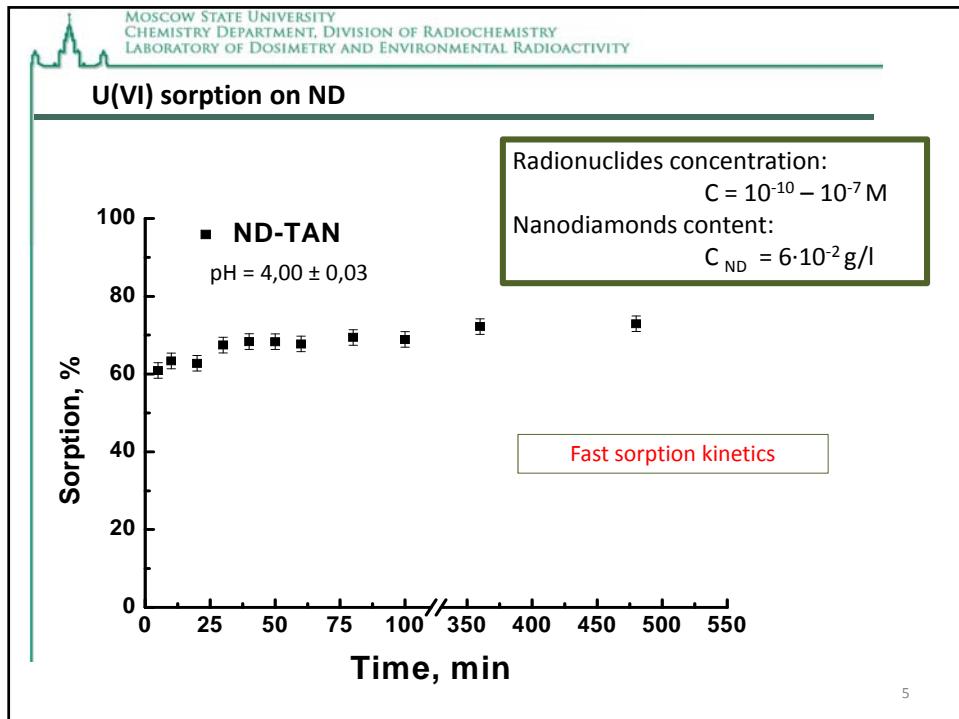
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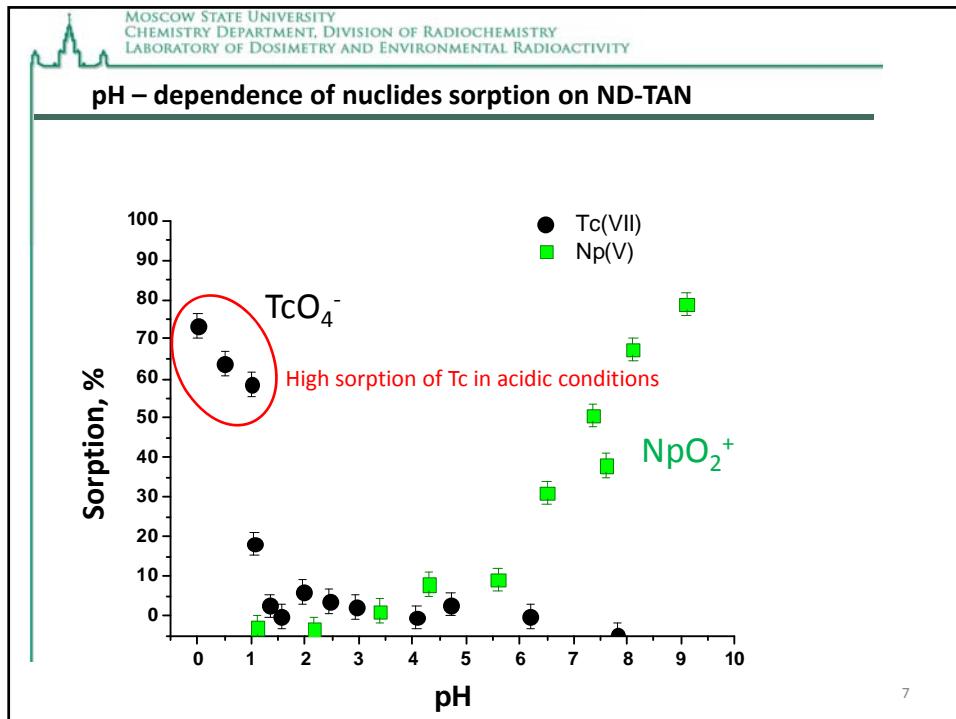
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IR-spectroscopy plot showing Absorption versus Wavenumbers,  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ . Labeled peaks include OH, H<sub>2</sub>O (~3450), C=O, COOH, H<sub>2</sub>O (~1700), and a complex cluster between 1500 and 1000.

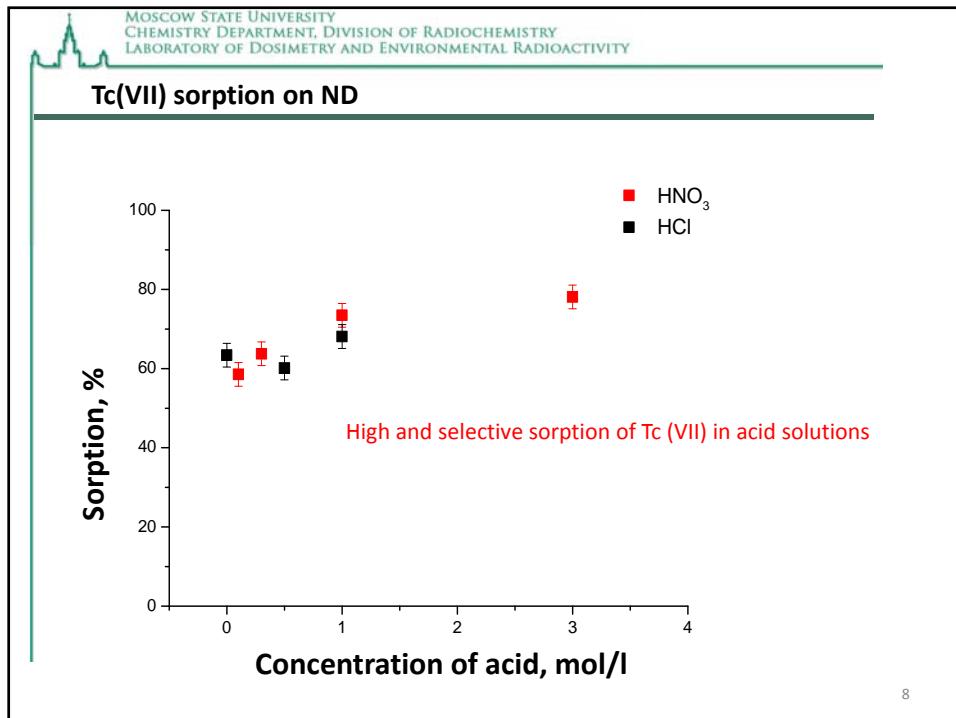
X-ray photoelectron spectroscopy plot showing Intensity, CPS versus Binding energy, eV. Labeled peaks include O=C-O (~288.5), C-C (~286.7), C-C (~285.9), C-N (~285.0), and C-C (~284.7).

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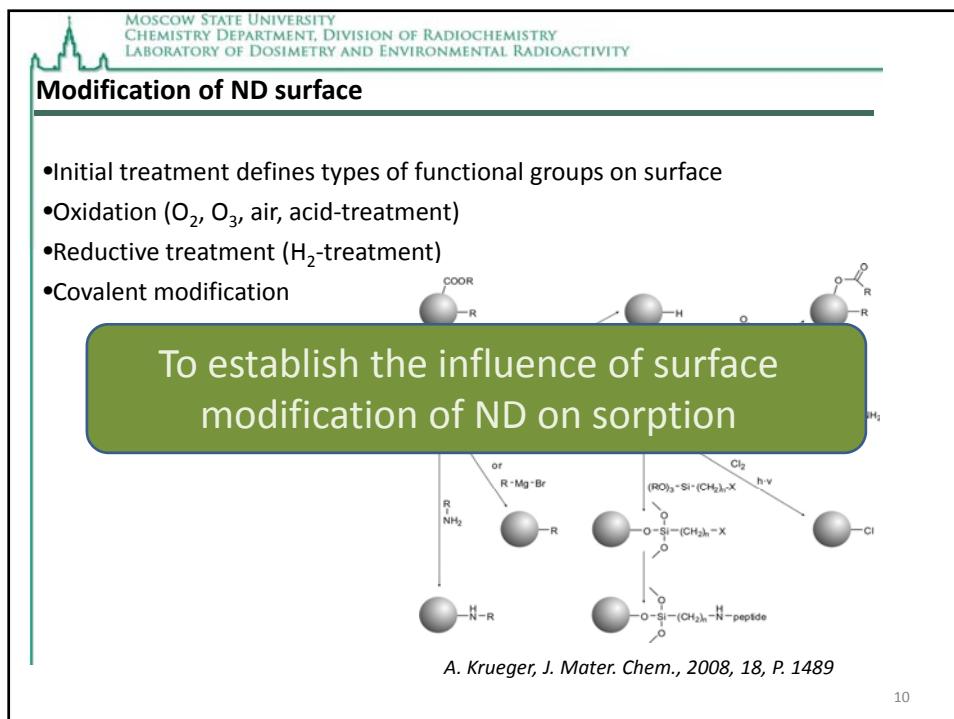
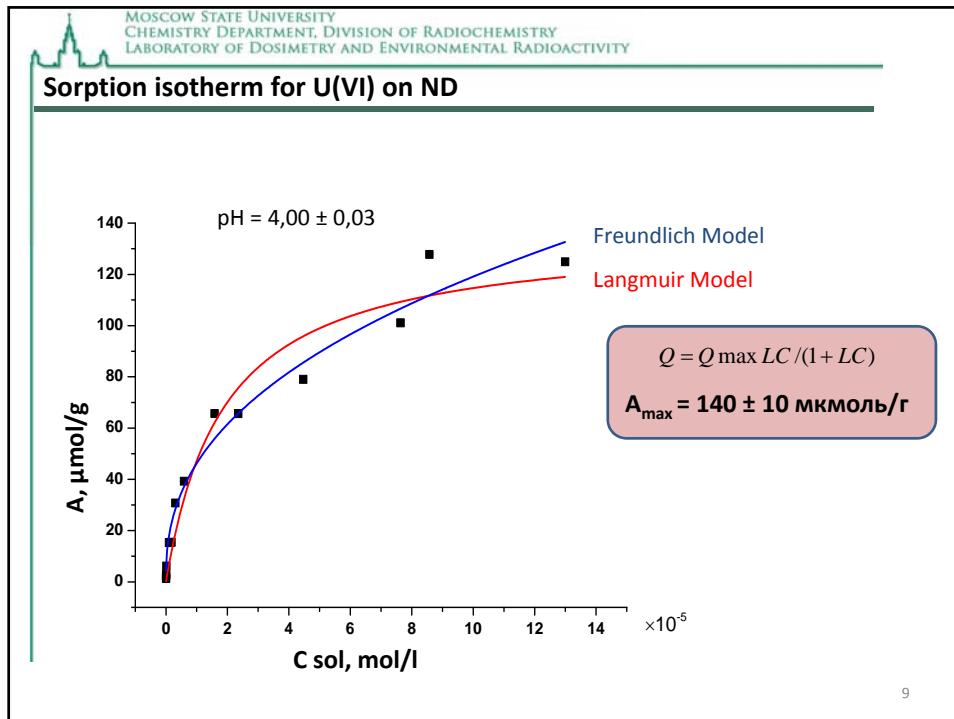


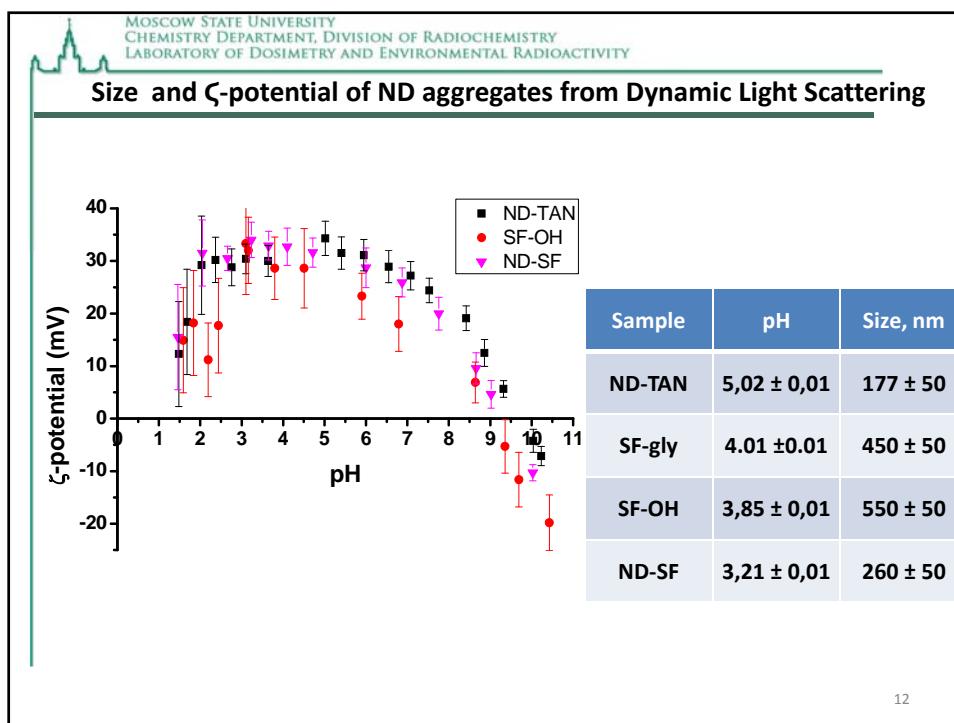
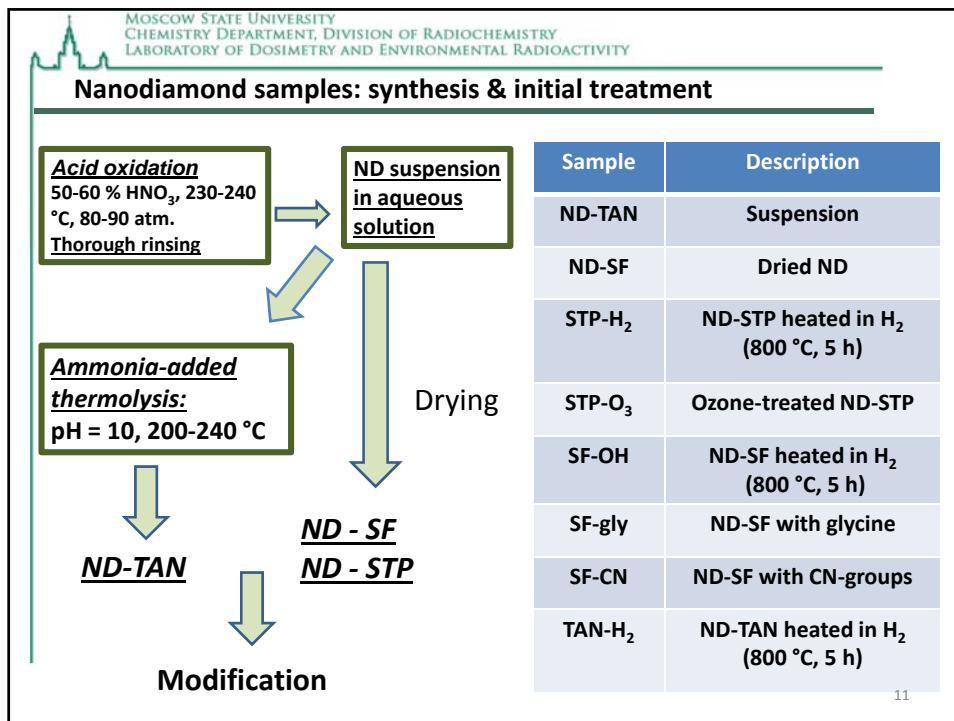


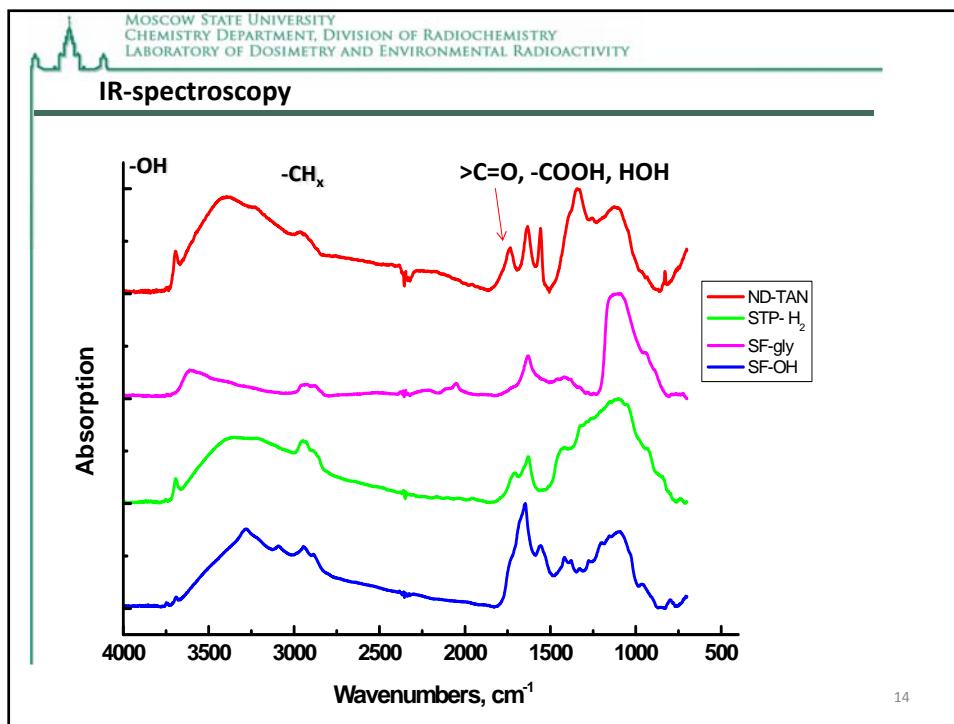
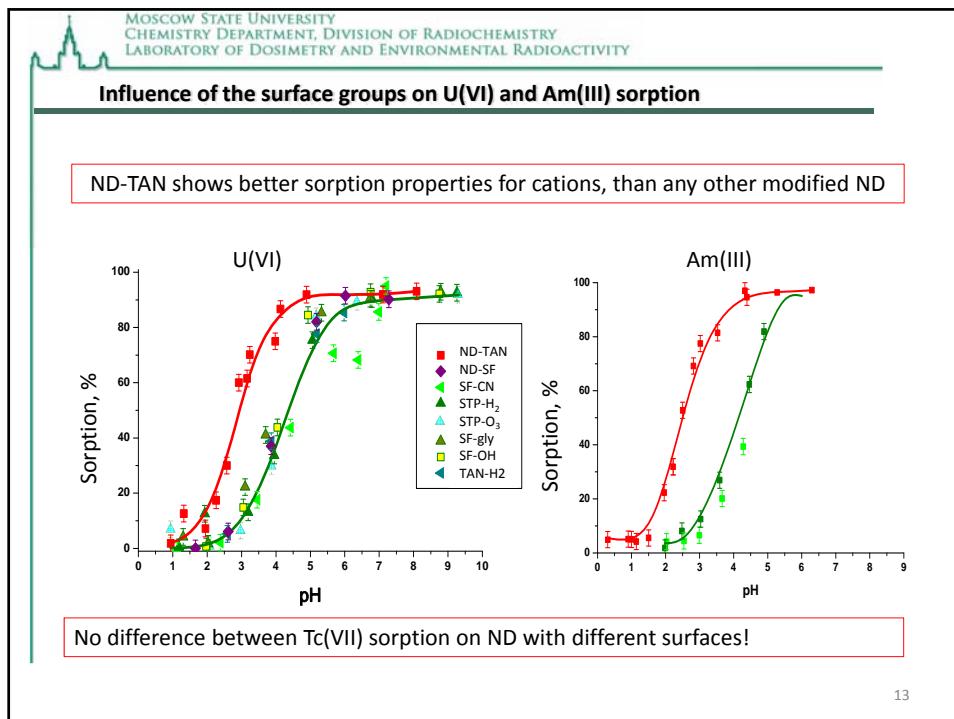
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## Conclusions

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# **SUPRAMOLECULAR POLYMER SYSTEMS BASED ON IONIC LIQUIDS - TETRADECYL PHOSPHONIUM SALTS AS ION SELECTIVE ELECTRODE MEMBRANES FOR THE DETERMINATION OF CLOSO- BORATE ANIONS**

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Potentiometric methods based on ion selective electrodes (potentiometric sensors) refer to the methods of non-destructive testing of solutions and due to comparative simplicity, rapidity and high selectivity these methods are widely used in the practice of chemical analysis [1-2]. At present there are many different types of potentiometric sensors for the determination of various ions in water solutions [3].

For determination of the lipophilic anions, ion selective potentiometric sensors which are based on ion associates are widely used [4-5]. The ion selectivity for this class of sensors depends on the energy of ionic hydration. Therefore, the selectivity to anions can be arranged in the Hofmeister series [4]. Typical polymer membrane of such sensor minimum has three components of the polymer - plasticizer - carrier ions (ionophore) and it is common supramolecular system, where the electroanalytical properties are highly dependent on the ratio of the components.

The research has shown that some ionic associates, based on onium salts (ammonium and phosphonium), form the ionic liquid compositions with  $T_m < 0^\circ C$  and thus are good plasticizers of polyvinyl chloride (PVC), mixable with it in a wide range of concentrations. So it is possible to obtain a polymer membrane with ion permeability, which contain only two components: polymer (PVC) and the

ionic liquid, which served two functions simultaneously: ionophore and PVC plasticizer [6-7]. Originally, the first such ionic liquids were suggested in 1982 by the team of scientists headed by academician E. Pungor (Budapest Technical University). They tested the liquid salts of tetradecylphosphonium trichloromercurate [8, 9] and tetradecyl phosphonium tetrachlorotallate [10-11] successfully for the development of  $[\text{HgCl}_3]^-$  - and  $[\text{TlCl}_4]^-$  - selective electrodes. It was shown that ionic liquids were well compatible with PVC in various weight ratios at room temperature. Using this property of tetradecylphosphonium salts (such as PVC plasticizers), it was managed to get the polymer compositions, which help to make the first electrodes with ionic liquids, that are also served as a plasticizer and elektrodoaktive component. This developed electrodes have several advantages over traditional (PVC plasticizer-exchanger), in particular for the limit detection [8-11]. The identified advantages of membrane electrodes based on ionic liquids were confirmed for  $[\text{Au}(\text{CN})_2]^-$ -selective electrodes, which are based on ionic liquid dicyanoaurate tetradecyl phosphonium [12].

Nowadays the salts with cluster boron anions - *closo*-borates, are widely used in various fields of science and technology. In particular, it is due to the high boron ability of isotope  $^{10}\text{B}$  to capture of neutrons. One of the most important practical applications of these compounds is the  $^{10}\text{B}$ -neutron capture therapy ( $^{10}\text{B-NCT}$ ) of tumors [13-14]. For the successful actualization of  $^{10}\text{B-NCT}$  it is necessary to have express-monitoring boron content of the drug in the tissue (tumor) and fluids (blood), which can be done with using of ion selective sensor with high selectivity towards anions *closo*-borates. Our research has shown that many quaternary onium bases with such anions are ionic liquids that are compatible with the entire range of PVC-weight ratios.

Below we consider some properties of the self-organized supramolecular systems, which contain polyvinylchloride and liquid ion exchanger based on different ionic liquids with *closo*-borates anions, in terms of their using as an ion selective membrane of potentiometric sensors.

## EXPERIMENTAL PART

### Preparation of elektrodoaktive membranes components (ionophores)

Ionophores – are the salts of tetradecyl phosphonium with the *closo* - borate anions obtained by the extraction method (ion exchange extraction). For this purpose, a water solution of 0.01 M  $[(C_{10}H_{21})_4P]Br$  in chloroform (liquid ion exchanger) contacts with 0.01 M water solutions of cesium salts of the corresponding *closo* - borates:  $Cs_2[B_{10}H_{10}]$ ,  $Cs_2[B_{12}H_{12}]$  in the phase ratio of the Waters: Organic component = 1: 1. As a result of ion exchange the *closo* – borate anions will transfer in the organic phase. As the research work has shown that one contact is sufficient for a complete substitution (> 99%) of bromide - ions in liquid ion exchanger for *closo* – borate anions. The completeness replacement controlled by content  $Br^-$  - ions in the water phase after extraction by ionometric method (using bromide - selective electrode). The organic phase was separated and washed by distilled water and then chloroform was removed by evaporation at room temperature. As a result, it was produced a ductile oils - ionic liquids with freezing point <0 ° C.

The resulting ionic liquids were identified by elemental analysis, infrared spectroscopy (IR) and nuclear magnetic resonance (NMR)  $^{11}B$ :

$((C_{10}H_{21})_4P)_2[B_{10}H_{10}]$  (98% yield) – IR:  $2444\text{ cm}^{-1}(v_{B-H})$ , NMR  $^{11}B$ : -0,6 (d, 2B), -28,7 (d, 8B );

$((C_{10}H_{21})_4P)_2[B_{12}H_{12}]$  (98% yield) - IR:  $2462\text{ cm}^{-1}(v_{B-H})$ , NMR  $^{11}B$ : -15,9 (d, 12B).

Elemental analysis for carbon and hydrogen was carried out on automatic gas analyzer CHNS-3 FA 1108 Elemental Analyser (Carlo Erba). The containing of boron and phosphorus in the samples was determined by atomic absorption spectrometry with electrothermic atomization on spectrometers Perkin Elmer, model 2100 (with HGA-700) and 403 (with HGA-72). IR-spectrums of compounds were recorded on IR Fourier – spectrometer **Infralum FT-02** in the

field 400-4000 cm<sup>-1</sup>. The samples were prepared by suspending of the substance in nujol or in «Fluorolube». <sup>11</sup>B, <sup>11</sup>B-{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR spectra of compounds (in CH<sub>3</sub>CN) were recorded on the spectrometer Bruker AVANCE II-300 (frequency 96.32 Hz). The external standard was a boron trifluoride etherate.

## Membrane preparation and their research

For the membrane preparation it was added to 1 ml of the corresponding solution of *closo*-borate salts tetradecyl phosphonium in o - nitrophenyloctyl ester the PVC and cyclohexanone (CH). The mixture was stirred until complete dissolution of the PVC. The resulting solution was placed in a glass ring, located on the glass slide with a 3 cm diameter. After the evaporation of CH polymer film by the thickness about 0.5 mm was made, which was cut out the indicator membrane, which was mounted in a standard package IS561 by Philips.

In the study of electrode function for membranes it was used the cell circuit with transfer:



Reference solution contained 1.10<sup>-3</sup>M cesium salt defined ion and 1.10<sup>-2</sup>M KCl. Before measurements, the electrodes were conditioned in 10<sup>-3</sup>M solutions of the corresponding *closo*-borate salts of cesium during the day. For the preparation of membranes were used reagents for ionometry (Selectofore ®) «Fluka» company: 81392 PVC 73732- o - nitrophenyloctyl ester , 87580 (C<sub>40</sub>H<sub>84</sub>BrN)and 29,132 CH. Cesium salts with *closo*-borate anions prepared as methods [15,16]. As a reference electrode used silver chloride electrode OP - 0821R (Radelkis, Hungary). The potential measurements were carried out on potential microprocessor ionometer OR-300 (Radelkis, Hungary). It was used the combination electrode OP - 0808P (Radelkis, Hungary) for the determination of the solutions. Standard 1.10<sup>-2</sup>M and

$1.10^{-3}M$  solutions cesium *closo*-borate salts were prepared by accurately weighed, and the other - by successive dilution.

## **The determination of electro analytical parameters of ion selective potentiometric sensors**

The limit detection and determination of selectivity coefficients were performed in accordance with the recommendations of the IUPAC. In this work, it was used the direct method of determining the coefficient of selectivity by mixed solutions [17]. For this purpose, the solutions with different ratios of  $[B_nH_n]^{2-}$  anions and  $j$  (interfering ion) were prepared, in which case the concentration  $C_j$  was constant  $/C_j = \text{const.}$ . Concentration of  $[B_nH_n]^{2-}$  was varied in the range of  $10^{-2}M - 10^{-7}M$  [8]. Salt concentrations of interfering anions selected in each type of test electrode in accordance with its interferences. The selectivity of the electrodes was determined by mixing solutions at a constant concentration of interfering ions. Selectivity coefficient was assumed to be  $<10^{-6}$ , if the potential of the electrode in the  $0.1\text{ M}$  solution of foreign ion concentration corresponded to  $\leq 10^{-7}\text{ M}$  of  $i$ -ion.

## **Results and Discussion**

In developing anionoselektive electrodes often use quaternary ammonium or phosphonium salts with different radicals. If the number of carbon atoms increase, it will be the decrease of lower limit detection [18].

The limit detection depends on the distribution constant ionophore between the water and organic phases, which depends on the lipophilicity of the compound. Search quantitative correlation between lipophilicity and molecular structure led to the additivity Hunch [19-20]: the distribution of matter in normalize two-phase system, for example, water - octanol formed separately of all structural groups of compounds. Moreover, if the parameter is in the range of 4 - 8, the organic

compound has the properties of poorly soluble in water, which is well kept in the phase of the membrane. If the Hunch parameter is less than 4, the substance will be washed out of the membrane, and if more than 8, it will be increase of the fixing of standing potential time , due to reduced the mobility of the gegenion in the membrane phase. Calculation of Hunch parameters for quaternary phosphonium salts bases showed that the optimum parameter ( $\log P_{\text{oct}}$ ) is reached when using symmetric salts of the phosphonium bases a tetradecyl phosphonium (5,11) and a tetraundecyl phosphonium (7,11). In the real work used salts of tetradecyl phosphonium with of *clos*o – borane anions.

Figure 1 shows the electrode characteristics of the developed electrode for determination of different anions *clos*o – borates anions, on the basis of which set the limits detection of anion  $[\text{B}_{10}\text{H}_{10}]^{2-}$  ( pH = 6,8 or  $1,6 \times 10^{-7} \text{ M}$  ) and  $[\text{B}_{12}\text{H}_{12}]^{2-}$  ( pH = 7,2; or  $2,0 \times 10^{-8} \text{ M}$  ).

With the increasing number of boron atoms in the cluster compounds of boron  $[\text{B}_n\text{H}_n]^{2-}$  the lower limit detection is improved. The change of pH in the range of 2 to 10 has no influence on the potentials of the studied electrodes.

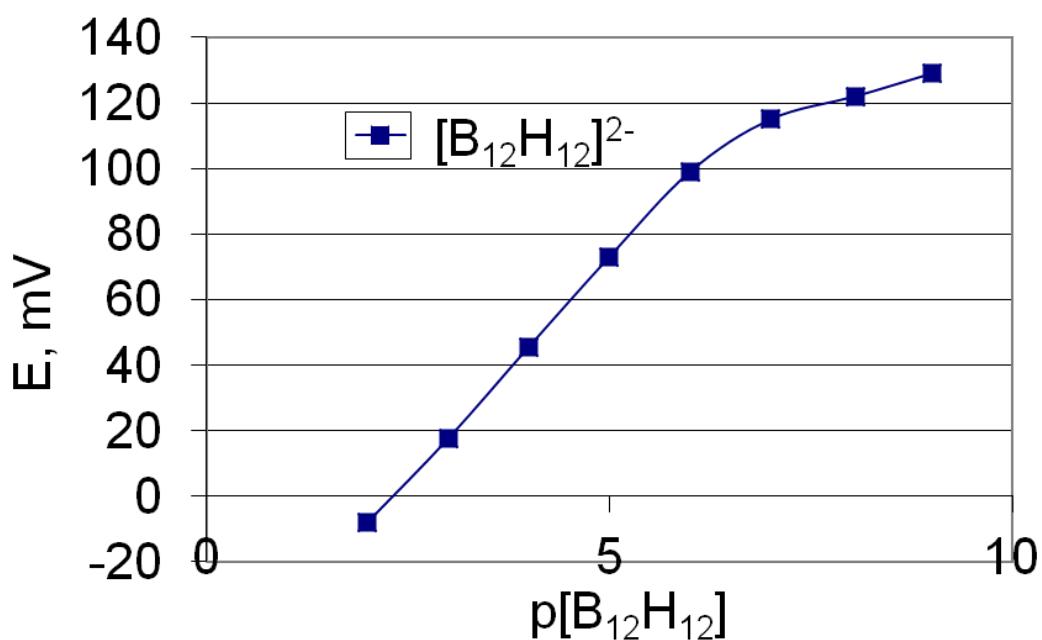
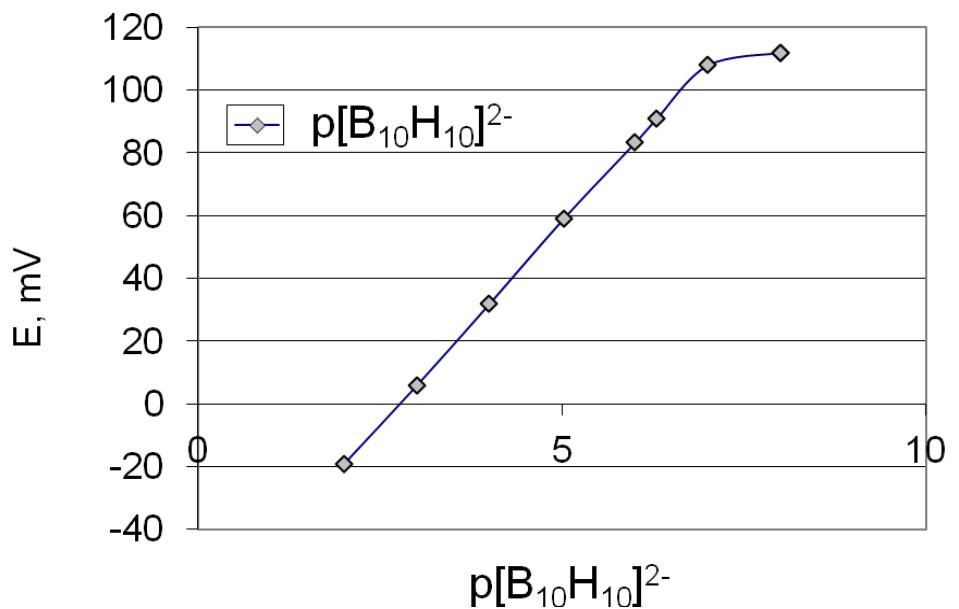
Selectivity coefficients developed electrodes are shown in Table 1, 2. The values of selectivity coefficients permit to locate ions analyzed in the following series  $\text{ClO}_4^- > [\text{B}_{12}\text{H}_{12}]^{2-} > [\text{B}_{10}\text{H}_{10}]^{2-} > \text{NO}_3^-$ . The selectivity of the *clos*o-dodecaborate anion is about  $10^2$  times higher than the *clos*o-decaborate anion. Using electrodes on the basis of liquid ionophore in a phase of a membrane it is not observed selective interaction of a defined ion with a lipophilic anion. Therefore changes of selectivity of definition cluster anions can be connected with change of energy of hydration of ions in water solutions.

Table 1

Anion	$[\text{B}_{10}\text{H}_{10}]^{2-}$	$\text{ClO}_4^-$	$\text{CNS}^-$	$\text{BF}_4^-$	$\text{J}^-$	$\text{NO}_3^-$	$\text{Br}^-$	$[\text{B}_{12}\text{H}_{12}]^{2-}$
Lg K	1	-1,7	-3,3	-3,2	-3,3	-4,5	--5,1	1,8

Table 2

Anion	$[B_{12}H_{12}]^{2-}$	$ClO_4^-$	$CNS^-$	$BF_4^-$	$J^-$	$NO_3^-$	$[B_{10}H_{10}]^{2-}$
Lg K	1	-1,1	-2,7	-2,4	-3,2	-5,0	-2,0



Developed are the ion selective potentiometric sensors (ion selective electrodes) for determination *closo* – borates ions  $[B_{12}H_{12}]^{2-}$  and  $[B_{10}H_{10}]^{2-}$ . The sensors are based on the membranes prepared with use of ionic liquids (IL) as the ionophore. At the same time these IL play the role of PVC plasticizers. The main electroanalytical characteristics of the developed sensors are defined (fig. 1 and 2).

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## MICROBIOLOGICAL DECOMPOSITION OF RADIONUCLIDE CONTAINING TRANSFORMATOR OIL

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Large amount of radioactive waste oil is accumulated from processing nuclear fuel cycle, nuclear power plants and fleet. Oil's radionuclide contamination is a result of contacting with both radioactive aerosols and gas-or vapor volatile radioactive compounds, such as iodine and cesium, during the operation of nuclear power plant 134Cs, 137Cs and 60Co were shown to be the main radionuclides, defining activity of oil waste.

This research purpose is to develop an effective and inexpensive way of degradation oil waste products by microorganisms. Depending on the type of oil and the degree of physical destruction there is a significant variation of chemical composition: in average, oil contains at least three dozen different organic and inorganic compounds. Biological approach of disposal is determined primarily by component composition of oils.

Biological process is carried out a number of enzymes catalyzing the transformation of various petroleum hydrocarbons, n-alkanes, aromatic compounds and heteroatomic compounds. In addition, biosurfactants play an important role in the degradation of hydrocarbons.

During the work, different microorganisms were selected of genera *Pseudomonas*, *Flavobacterium*, *Acinetobacter* *Aeromonas*, *Arthrobacter*, *Rhodococcus*, living in oil reservoirs and reservoir fluid of different underground ecosystems. Based on strains there were made five physiologically different consortia (microbial communities) working in both aerobic and anaerobic conditions, OD 1-5.

All microorganisms were able to destruct n-alkanes in the temperature ranges from 15 to 35 0C, many of them form biosurfactants. Most bacteria have a high resistance to ionizing radiation.

The bacteria were cultivated for a month on an organic medium with the addition of transformer oil 1:10. Over month of incubation at 20 0 C and pH values of 7.5 there was an abrupt change in the solubility of the organic phase compared to the original model (Figure 1). Mass-spectrometric analysis of the oil after microbiological treatment showed a decrease in the n-alkane fraction from 18 to 50%, izoalkene by 20 - 25%, which has greatly reduced the volume of the organic phase. A comparison of the weight of the oil sample without adding microorganisms with a weight of control sample were shown 10-67% degradation, which suggests the possibility of using enzymatic processes for the degradation of radionuclide containing petroleum oils.



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Fig.1. appearance of oil samples with (1-5) and without bacteria (K) after 30 days of cultivation

Table 1. The mass of 1 cm<sup>3</sup> oil after cultivation

Culture	The mass of 1 cm <sup>3</sup> oil (g)	% of destruction
OD1	0,81	10,98
OD2	0,3	67,03
OD3	0,52	42,85
OD4	0,54	40,65
OD5	0,66	27,47
K without	0,90	0,98

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# THE STUDY OF BIO-SORPTIONAL PROCESSES FOR BIOREMEDIALTION OF CONTAMINATED AREA

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The main sources of contamination are nuclear explosions for military or civilian purposes, technological and accidental releases at facilities of the nuclear fuel cycle (NFC), nuclear facilities naval and civilian fleets, radiation accidents, mining and processing of uranium, production and processing of waste from nuclear reactors, materials nuclear power plants (NPPs), disposal of solid and liquid radioactive waste. A wide range of man-made radionuclides, including long-lived, into the environment remains an environmental hazard for hundreds and thousands of years.

Microbial populations can affect the geochemical parameters of radionuclides with biosorption, bioaccumulation and dissimilyation recovery of metals and metalloids such as U<sup>VI</sup>, Tc<sup>VII</sup> and others. Microorganisms can accelerate radionuclide's migration during transport or slow migration by the concentration in the biofilm formation of dominant types of radionuclides and mineral phases, including new mineral formations, production of complexing agents, the change of pH and Eh.

In this paper we study the processes of radionuclide biosorption by biomass of microorganisms isolated from the deep repository of liquid radioactive waste. For the experiment, were obtained pure culture of *Pseudomonas Putida* (put), Native culture, containing a wide range of microorganisms (nat) and a mixture of the above two cultures.

Activity of radionuclides (except for 137Cs), remaining in the liquid phase was measured by liquid-scintillation spectrometer SCS-07P-B11 (Russia) using a scintillator «Opti Phase HiSafe-3." Most solutions containing 137Cs, were measured using a semiconductor gamma spectrometer with a coaxial detector of purity germanium (Ge-2520, Canberra).The microorganisms were cultivated in a mineral Adkins medium following composition: NH4Cl - 1 g / l, NaCl - 0,8 g / l, CH3COOH - 2 g / L, NaNO3 - 1 g / l, KCl, MgSO4, Na2SO4 - 0,1 g / l, in

anaerobic conditions, at neutral pH, 20 ° C for 10 days with the addition of the following concentrations of radionuclides: Cs (195Bk/ml) -, Sr (38 Bq / ml) -, U (as UO<sub>2</sub>-1 mg / ml) -, Th (1 mg / ml), -Tc (253,9 Bq / ml). The final biomass concentration was 1.5 -2 g / l.

The experiment found that 1 g of biomass to sorb

0.177 g UO<sub>2</sub>;

0.217 g of Th;

10.16 Bq Sr;

10.42 Bq Cs;

31.47 Bq-Tc.

The results of the percentage of sorption are shown in Fig. 1.

According to the study, the sorption of Th was almost 100%, U - 85%, the sorption of Cs, on average - 10%, Sr - 50%, and Tc - 25%.

Thus, studied microorganisms living in natural ecosystems, were found to be able to reduce the migration of artificial radionuclides in the environment, sorbing them on their surface, which can be used to develop the technology for bioremediation of contaminated sites by theory.

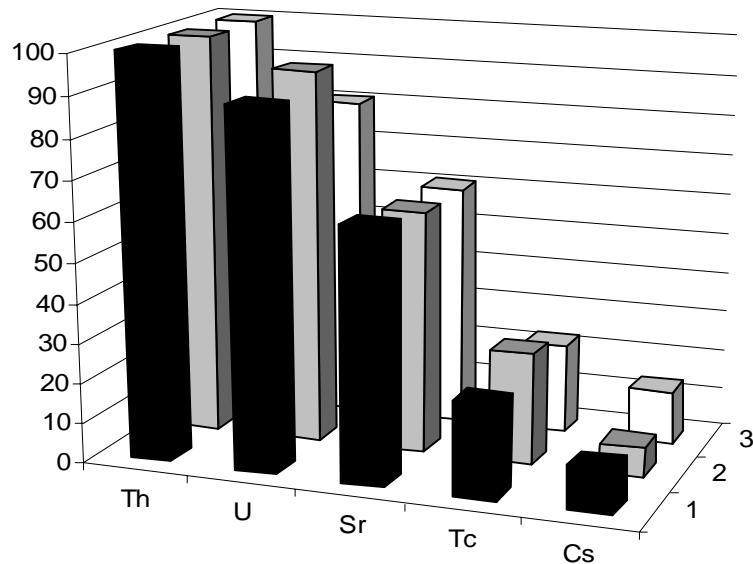


Fig 1. Percentage of sorption of radionuclides by microorganisms □ - Put, ■ - Nat, ■ - Mix1.

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# **FORMATION OF NANOCLUSTERS IN NITRIC ACID SOLUTIONS CONTAINING MOLYBDENUM AND ZIRCONIUM (IV)**

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During the process of dissolution of spent nuclear fuel, and a first cycle of extraction of uranium and plutonium, Mo is capable of forming Mo residues of variable composition, which, in turn, are determined by the chemical state of molybdenum in solutions of nitric acid. This work was intended to determine the possible chemical state of molybdenum in solutions 0.5-6.0 M HNO<sub>3</sub> using the small-angle X-ray scattering technique (SAXS).

The state of solutions which were obtained by the dissolution of metallic molybdenum, Na<sub>2</sub>MoO<sub>4</sub>, nitrate, and zirconium (IV) in 0.5-6.0 M HNO<sub>3</sub> of different composition was investigated. It was shown that solutions contain nanosized aggregates (3 -25 nm) and monodisperse small particles (0.2-0.4 nm), which is believed may be the nucleation centers of precipitation ZrMo<sub>2</sub>O<sub>7</sub>(OH)<sub>2</sub>·2H<sub>2</sub>O [1]. Boundary Mo and Zr concentrations of nanoparticles formation were defined. Dependence of the nanoparticles sizes on conditions was investigated. At concentrations of Mo and Zr, less than 0.01 M, all solutions are true. In weak acid (0.5-1.5 M) at concentrations of Mo and Zr, equal to 0.02 M, the solutions are characterized by strong scattering, there is formation of small monodisperse particles and large aggregates. At concentrations of Mo and Zr is higher than 0.02 M, there is a sufficiently strong scattering in all solutions, aggregates and monodisperse particles are formed regardless of acid concentration. Analysis of solutions containing dissolved metallic molybdenum with a concentration of 0.01 M Mo, did not show the presence of aggregates and small particles. The dissolution of metallic molybdenum in solutions 0.5-6.0 M HNO<sub>3</sub> with concentrations of 0.03-0.04 M Mo resulted to the formation of colored solutions (from yellow to brownish-red color). Also, the precipitation of brown residues occurred in 0.5-3.0 M HNO<sub>3</sub> solutions. This experimental fact indicates the formation

of Mo in the oxidation state lower than (+6) during the dissolution, as evidenced by the results of previous work in the Table. 1 [2]. Analysis of these solutions revealed the presence only the small monodisperse particles. Probably, the produced molybdenum aggregates precipitate instantly in the form of insoluble polymeric chains of Mo (VI)-Mo (V). Therefore, in these solutions aggregates are not observed by SAXS.

**Table 1. Material balance of the dissolution of metallic Mo in solutions of 0.5 - 3.0 M HNO<sub>3</sub>**

[HNO <sub>3</sub> ], mol/l	Dissolution rate Mo * mg /cm <sup>2</sup> /hour	Accumulation rate Mo(VI) ** mg /cm <sup>2</sup> /hour	Yield, Mo(VI), %
0,5	0,03788	(72,2±1,4)*10 <sup>-5</sup>	2,0
3,0	4,4924	1,58±0,03	35,2

Mixed solutions containing dissolved metallic molybdenum and zirconium (IV) in 1.5-3.0 M HNO<sub>3</sub> also show the presence of only a monodisperse particle of 0.3-0.5 nm size . When Na<sub>2</sub>MoO<sub>4</sub> was used for preparing of mixed nitric acid solutions with zirconium (IV) in 1.5-3.0 M HNO<sub>3</sub> the formation of solutions containing aggregates (17-19 nm) and monodisperse particles (0.3-0.6 nm) was observed. The size of the resulting monodisperse particles and aggregates in nitric acid solutions containing both Mo, and Zr, exceeded the size of the particles obtained in nitric acid solutions of individual elements.

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# ***SEPARATION OF RADIONUCLIDES FORMED IN THORIUM TARGET***

## ***IRRADIATED WITH PROTONS***

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As a result of irradiation of natural thorium with high-energy protons various fission and activation products of  $^{232}\text{Th}$  are formed. Among them  $^{225}\text{Ac}$  is formed, which has characteristics that enable to use it in radiotherapy of cancer. There is a growing demand for this radionuclide, while current methods for producing actinium have significant limitations and cannot satisfy it completely. Production of actinium from  $^{233}\text{U}$  is limited by its inaccessibility. In addition the formation of  $^{223}\text{Ra}$  should be noted, which is also a promising  $\alpha$ -emitter for medicine.

For fast effective isolation of actinium and radium from the thorium target the separation of macroscopic quantities of thorium is conducted. For this purpose method of solvent extraction is proposed.

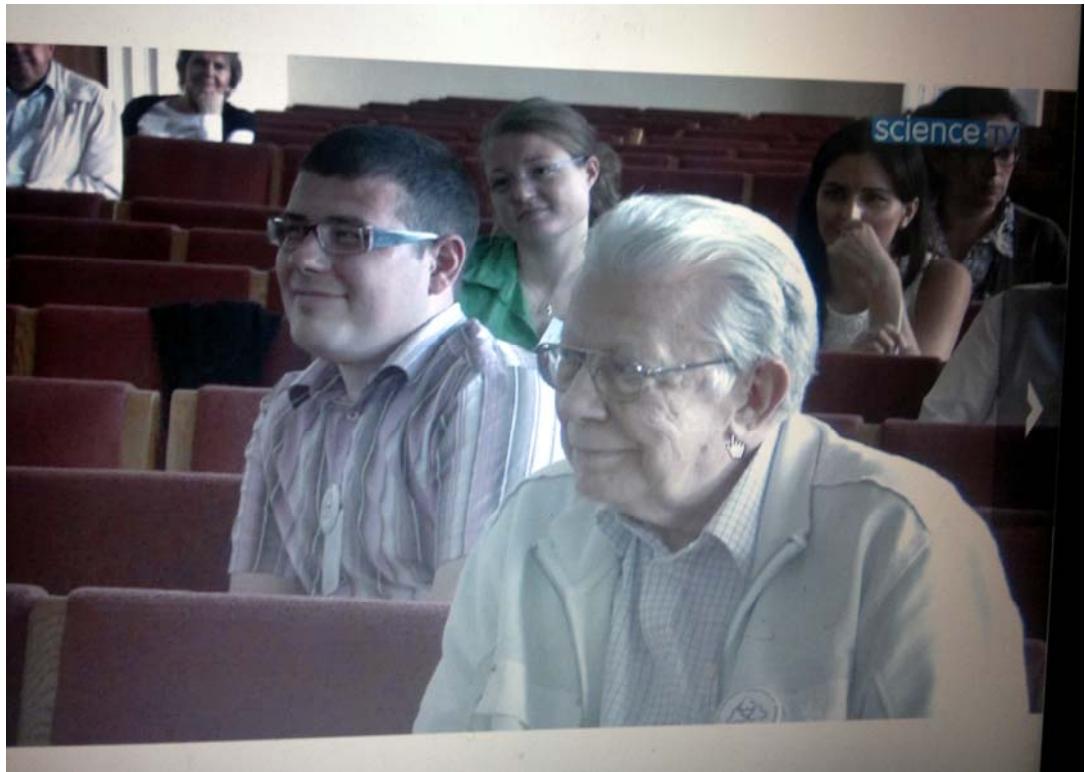
Irradiated thorium is dissolved in a mixture of concentrated hydrochloric and nitric acids, or in concentrated nitric acid with the addition of catalytic amounts of hydrofluoric acid.

Tributylphosphate and trioktylphosphinoxide (TOPO) were used in extraction experiments. The behavior of radionuclides, depending on the composition of the aqueous phase is studied. By both extractants the principal amount (80%) of thorium was transferred in the organic phase. Disadvantage of TOPO is its low extraction capacity.  $^{95}\text{Zr}$  (70%),  $^{223}\text{Ra}$  (40%),  $^{230}\text{Pa}$ , and  $^{233}\text{Pa}$  (75%),  $^{99}\text{Mo}$  (22%), etc was transferred along with thorium in the organic phase.  $^{103}\text{Ru}$ ,  $^{126}\text{Sb}$ ,  $^{132}\text{Te}$ ,  $^{136}\text{Cs}$ ,  $^{140}\text{Ba}$ ,  $^{140}\text{La}$ ,  $^{144}\text{Ce}$ ,  $^{147}\text{Nd}$  remain in the aqueous phase. Loss of actinium is 4%. The conditions of  $^{223}\text{Ra}$  back extraction from an organic solution after extraction of thorium macroamounts are obtained.

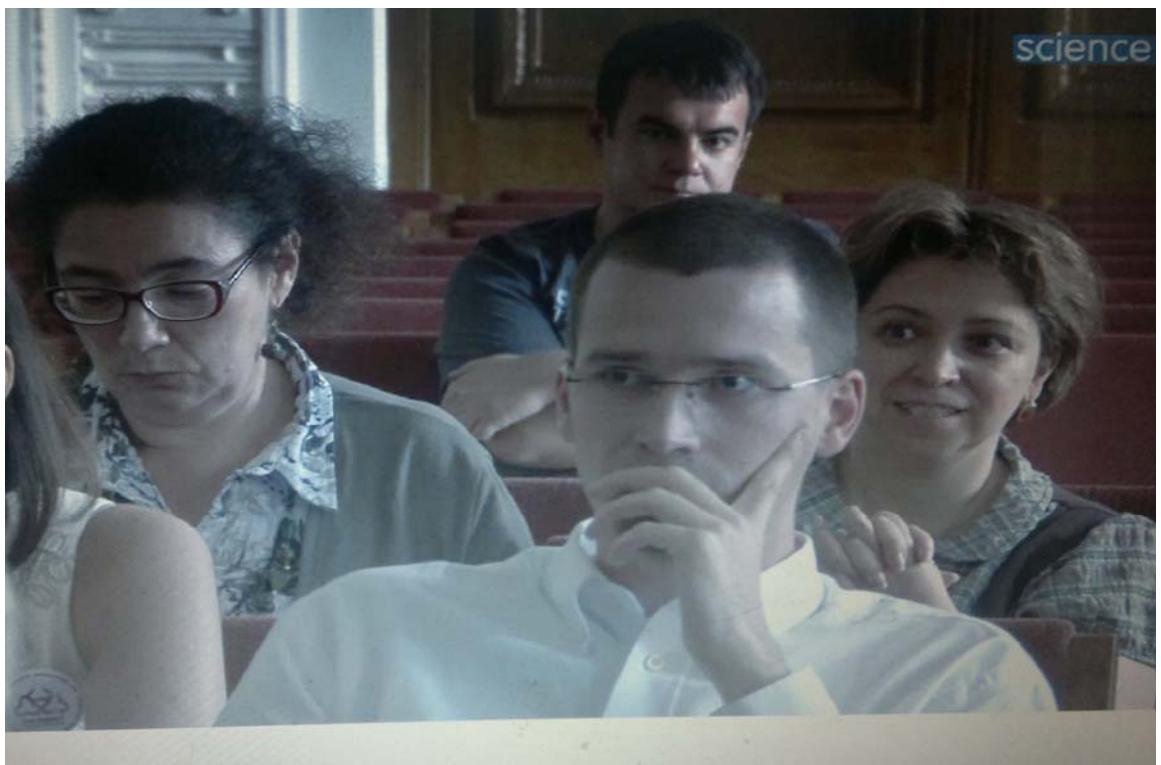
Sorbents AG-1 (BioRad), Ln Resin (Eichrom), TRU Resin (Eichrom), TDi-2 (Karpov Institute) were taken for further chromatographic separations. The sorption capacity of AG-1 towards thorium is investigated. The sorption behavior of radionuclides, depending on the parameters of the column is given. It is shown that  $^{225}\text{Ac}$  quantitatively

adsorbed on Ln Resin and TDi-2 from dilute nitric acid (0.05 M HNO<sub>3</sub>). Desorption was carried out with acid of higher concentration (3 M). Significant difference in the sorption behavior of <sup>225</sup>Ac for Ln Resin and TDi-2 was not observed. Actinium is eluted together with cerium and lanthanum. Therefore, for further separation the 3 M nitric acid was passed through the sorbent TRU Resin.

The possibility of separation of the radionuclide <sup>103</sup>Ru, which makes some difficulties for the production of final preparation <sup>225</sup>Ac, by extraction with carbon tetrachloride in comparison with other methods of its isolation is observed.



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