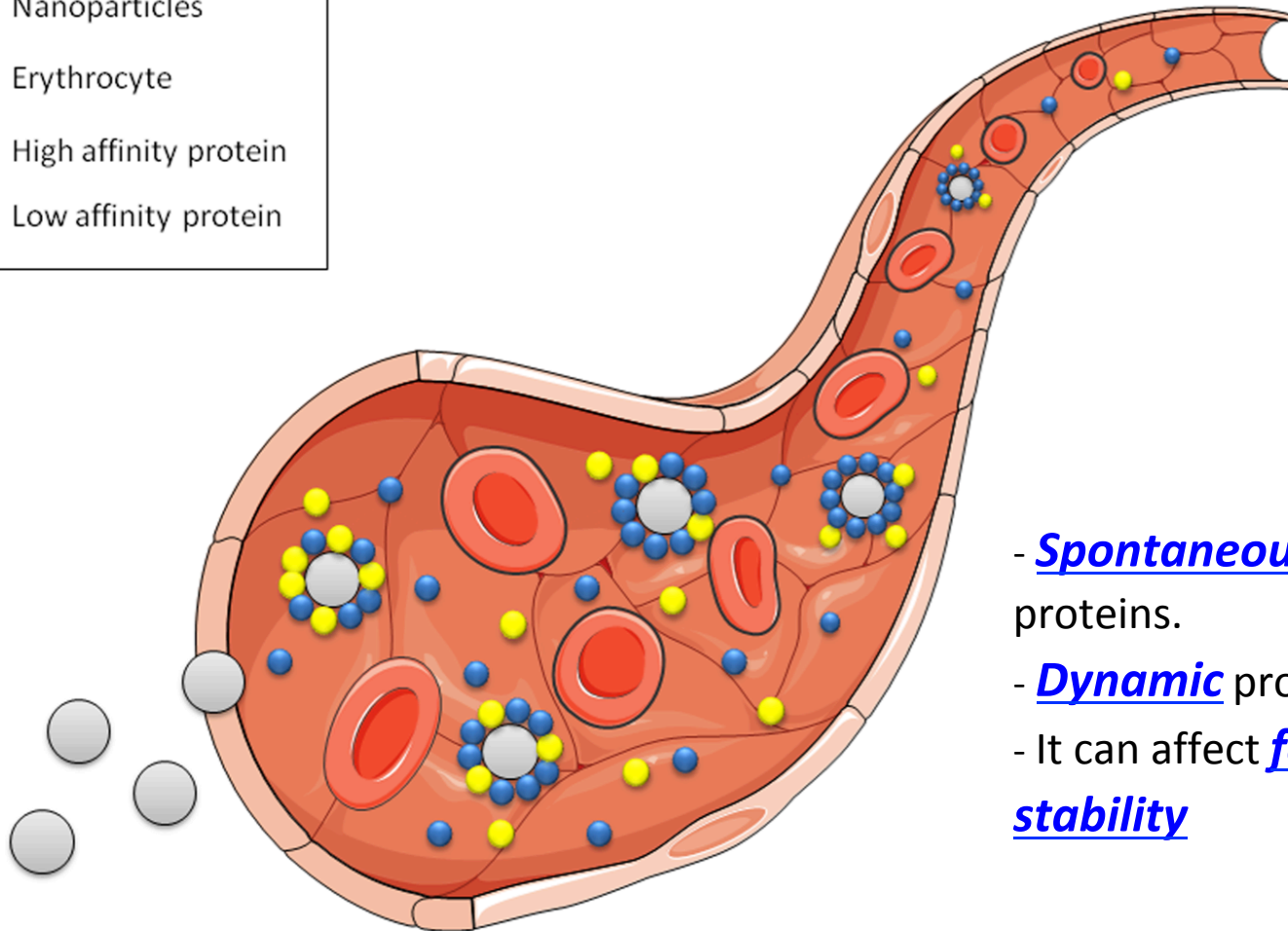
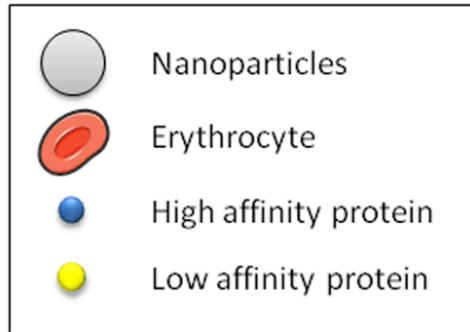


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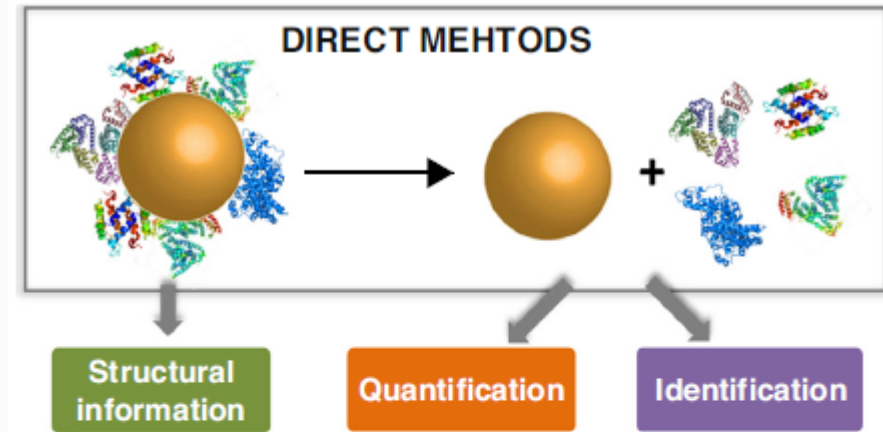
# Protein Corona



- **Spontaneous** adsorption of proteins.
- **Dynamic** process (equilibrium)
- It can affect **fate**, **uptake** and **stability**

# Protein Corona

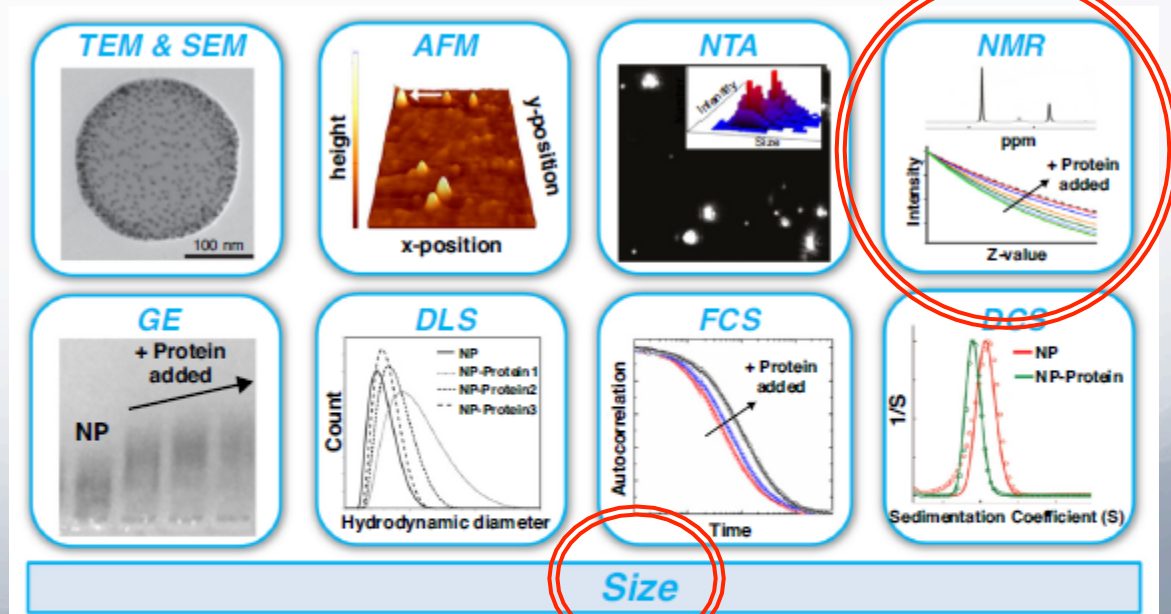
**Direct methods:** directly analyze the proteins that are adsorbed on the NP surface.  
Sample digestion or isolation.  
Non-equilibrium situation.



**Indirect methods:** analyze the changes in the properties of the underlying NPs due to the presence of a protein corona.

**size**, charge, mass, absorbance, and fluorescence...

**<sup>19</sup>F**



# Why $^{19}\text{F}$ -NMR

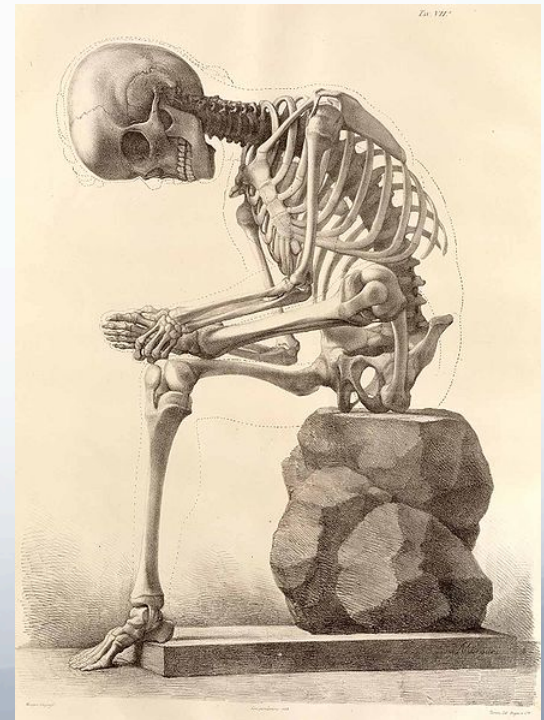
100% Natural Abundance.

$^{19}\text{F}$  is not present in physiological media.

No background signal or interference.

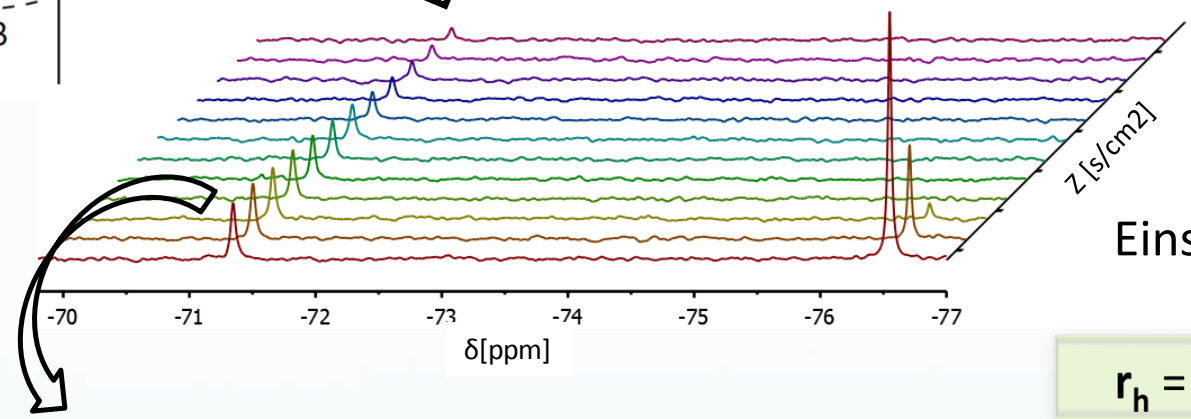
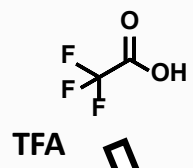
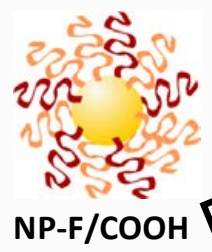
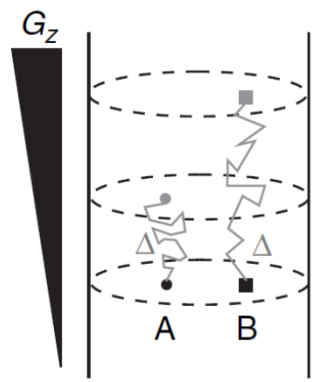
MR is technique that can be translated to *in vivo* studies.

} **NO** sample isolation



Spatial mapping of each molecule (gradients)

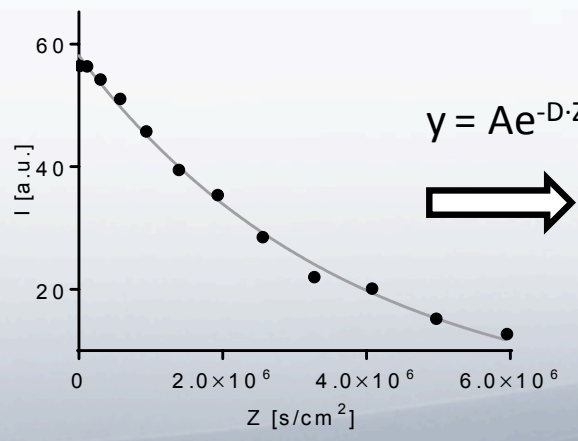
# $^{19}\text{F-NMR}$ diffusion measurement



Einstein-Stokes Relation

$$r_h = k_B T / (6\pi\eta D)$$

Z	I(Z)
16498.19	56.441
114620.00	56.341
301093.10	54.21
575822.90	51.051
938948.80	45.735
1390287.00	39.456
1930065.00	35.37
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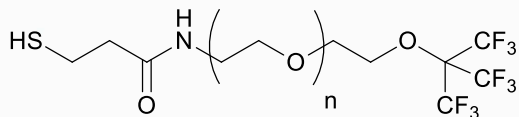


**D value**



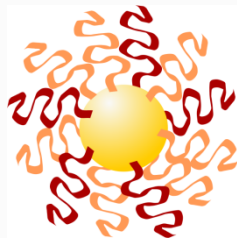
# $^{19}\text{F}$ -labelled Au NPs

## HS-PEG-F



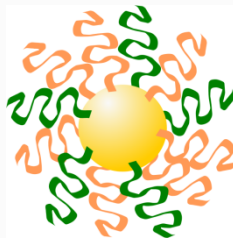
NP-F

$r_c = 1.9 \pm 0.5 \text{ nm}$



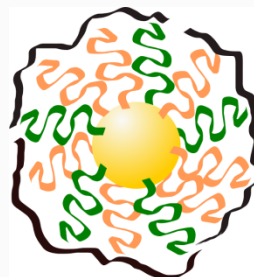
NP-F/COOH

$r_c = 1.5 \pm 0.7 \text{ nm}$



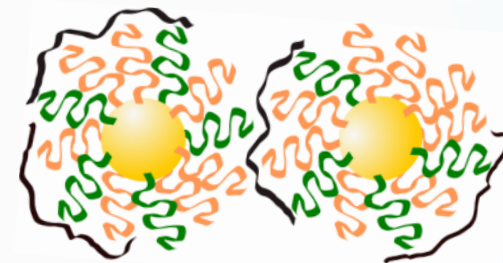
NP-F/NH<sub>2</sub>

$r_c = 1.7 \pm 0.6 \text{ nm}$



NP-F/NH<sub>2</sub>@PMA

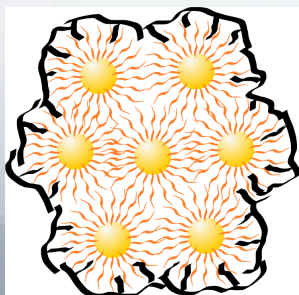
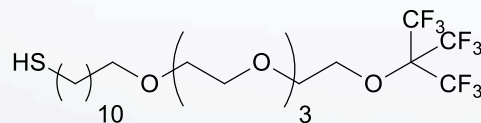
$r_c = 1.7 \pm 0.6 \text{ nm}$



[NP-F/NH<sub>2</sub>@PMA]\*2

$r_c = 1.7 \pm 0.6 \text{ nm}$

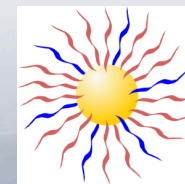
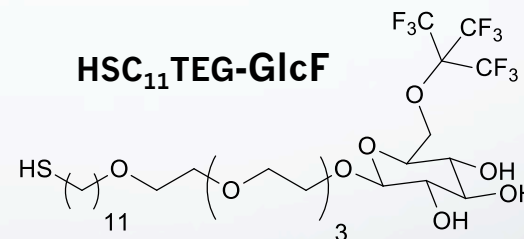
## HSC<sub>11</sub>TEG-F



NP-TEGF@PMA

$r_c = 12.6 \pm 3.8 \text{ nm}$

## HSC<sub>11</sub>TEG-GlcF

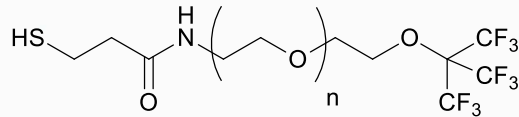


NP-GlcF/OH

$r_c = 0.9 \pm 0.6 \text{ nm}$

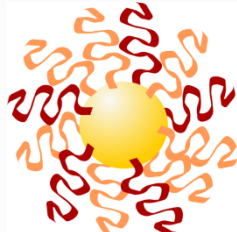
# $^{19}\text{F}$ -labelled Au NPs

## HS-PEG-F



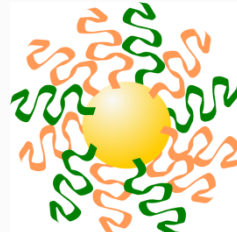
NP-F

$$r_c = 1.9 \pm 0.5 \text{ nm}$$
$$r_h = 8.7 \pm 0.3 \text{ nm}$$



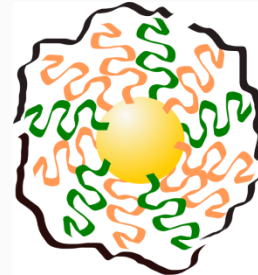
NP-F/COOH

$$r_c = 1.5 \pm 0.7 \text{ nm}$$
$$r_h = 9.0 \pm 0.1 \text{ nm}$$



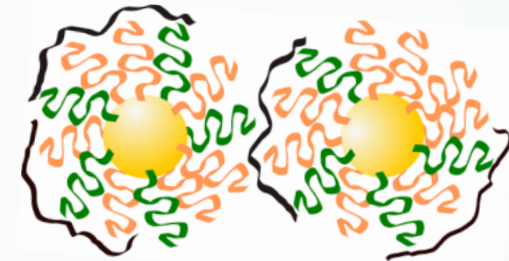
NP-F/NH<sub>2</sub>

$$r_c = 1.7 \pm 0.6 \text{ nm}$$
$$r_h = 8.6 \pm 0.1 \text{ nm}$$



NP-F/NH<sub>2</sub>@PMA

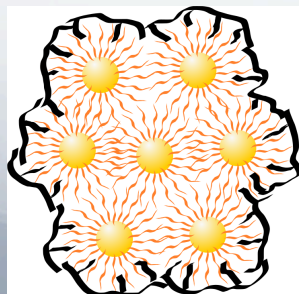
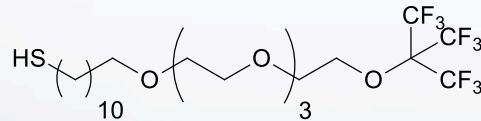
$$r_c = 1.7 \pm 0.6 \text{ nm}$$
$$r_h = 7.3 \pm 0.6 \text{ nm}$$



[NP-F/NH<sub>2</sub>@PMA]\*2

$$r_c = 1.7 \pm 0.6 \text{ nm}$$
$$r_h = 20.2 \pm 1.0 \text{ nm}$$

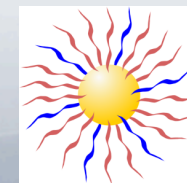
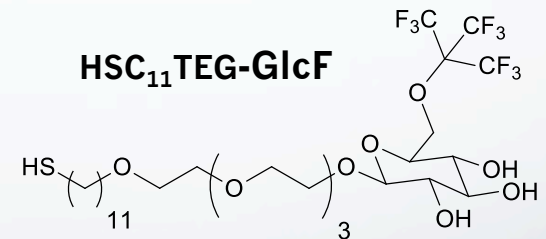
## HSC<sub>11</sub>TEG-F



NP-TEGF@PMA

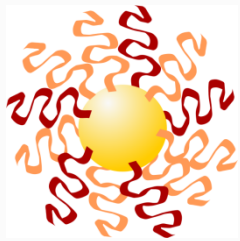
$$r_c = 12.6 \pm 3.8 \text{ nm}$$
$$r_h = 12.6 \pm 1.3 \text{ nm}$$

## HSC<sub>11</sub>TEG-GlcF




NP-GlcF/OH

$$r_c = 0.9 \pm 0.6 \text{ nm}$$
$$r_h = 3.0 \pm 0.1 \text{ nm}$$



NP-F/COOH

1. EDC/NHS
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2. HSA or aTR

**Covalently bound corona**

**HSA**

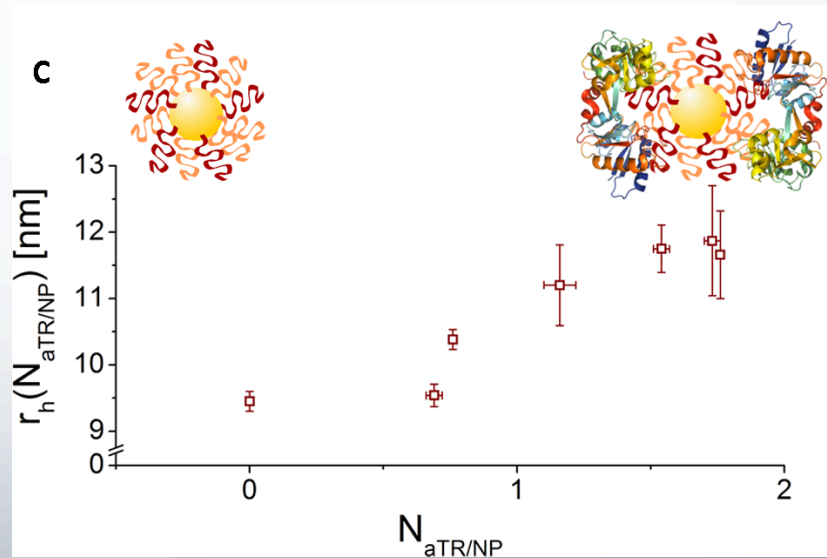
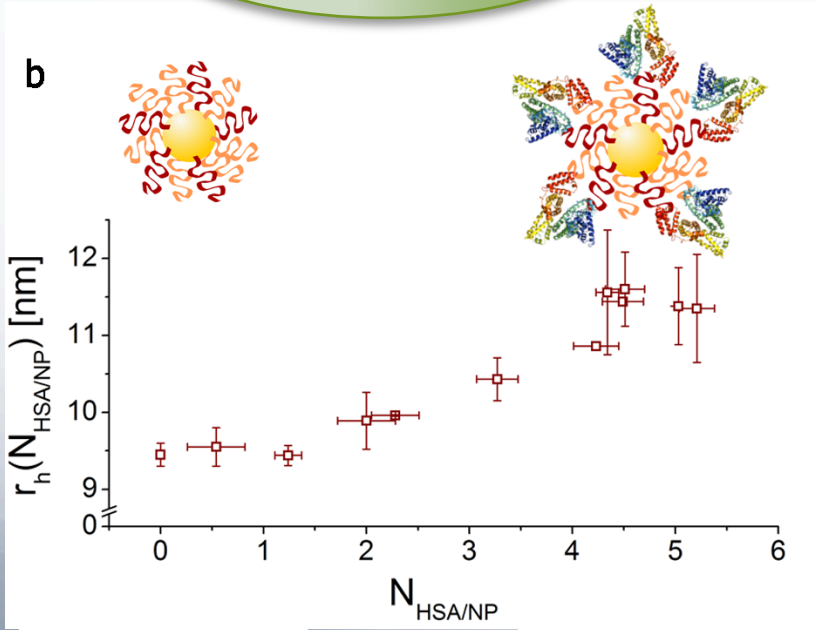
$N_{\text{HSA/NP}} \text{ max } \approx 5$

$\Delta r_h = 1.9 \pm 0.2$

**aTR**

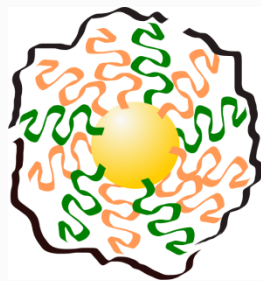
$N_{\text{aTR/NP}} \text{ max } \approx 2$

$\Delta r_h = 2.4 \pm 0.2$



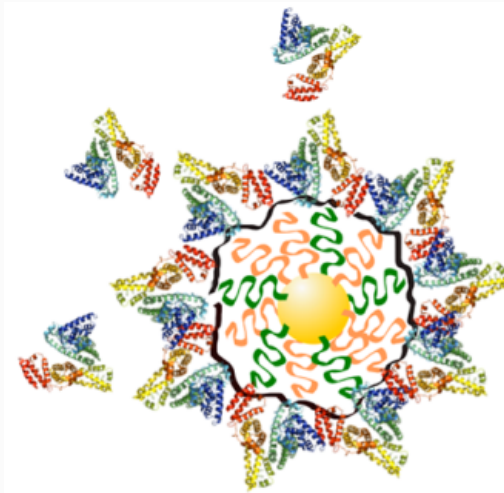


# Spontaneous corona



NP-F/ $\text{NH}_2$ @PMA

HSA or TR

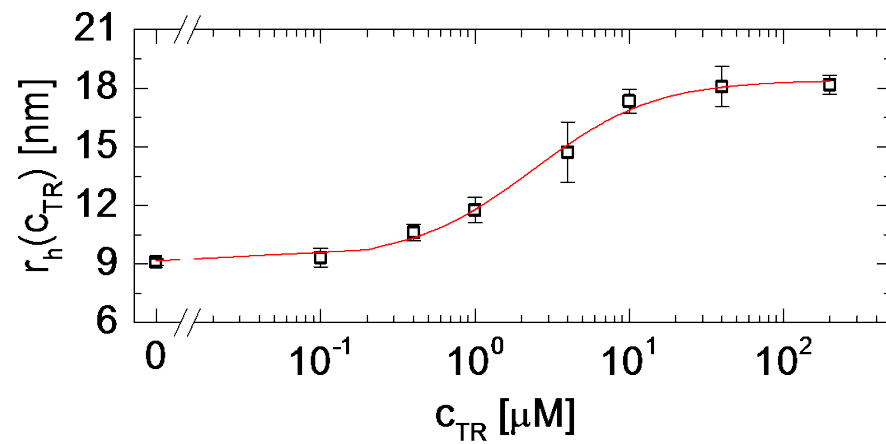
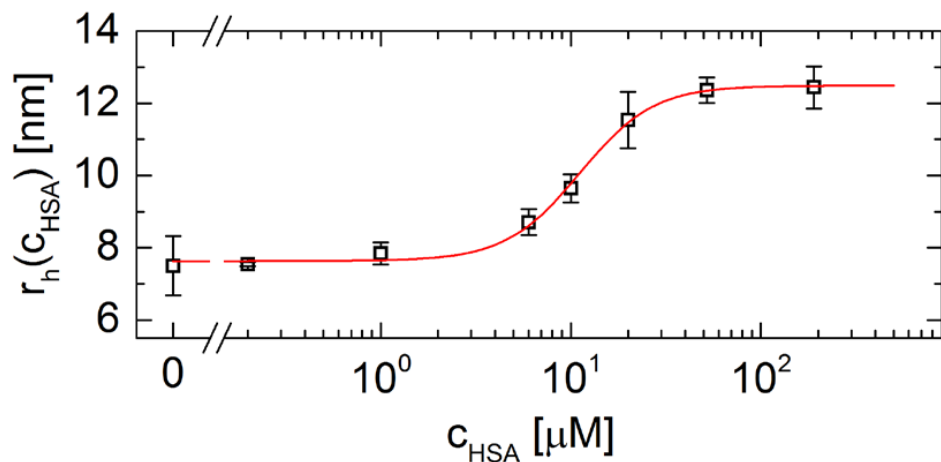


## HSA

$$N_{\text{HSA/NP}} \text{ max } \approx 65.6 \pm 2.6$$
$$\Delta r_h = 4.9 \pm 0.1$$
$$K'_D = 13.6 \pm 0.9$$

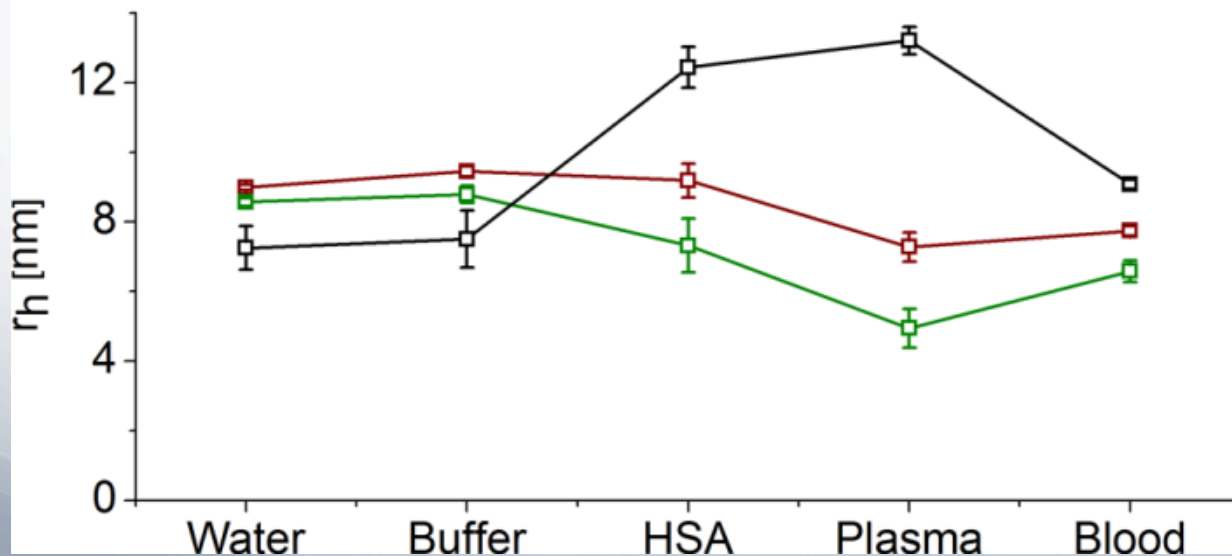
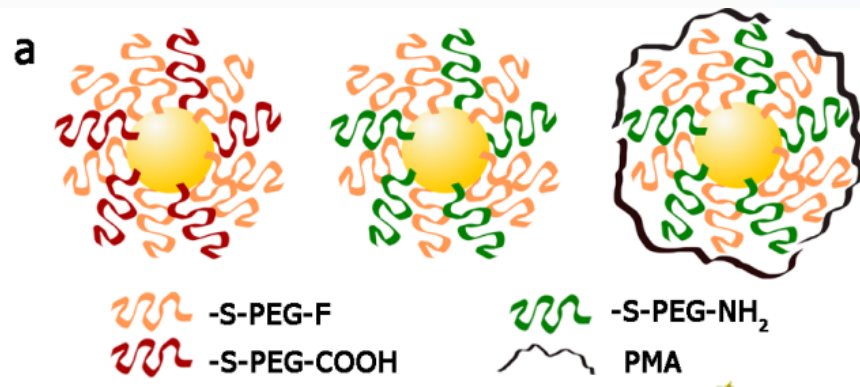
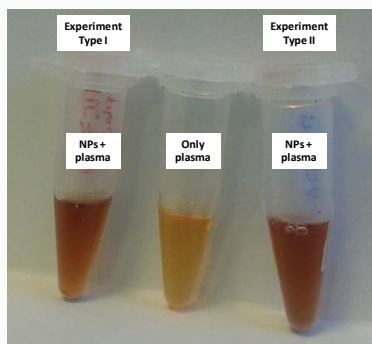
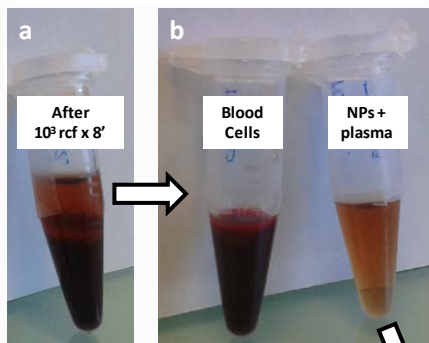
## TR

$$N_{\text{TR/NP}} \text{ max } \approx 191 \pm 11.4$$
$$\Delta r_h = 9.2 \pm 0.3$$
$$K'_D = 4.1 \pm 0.7$$



# Measurements in blood/plasma

Experiment type I: NPs incubation with whole blood



- NP-F/COOH
- NP-F/NH<sub>2</sub>
- NP-F/NH<sub>2</sub>@PMA

- It is possible to measure *diffusion* of fluorinated NPs in *complex media* without isolation by  $^{19}\text{F}$  NMR.
- This technique can be used to study *size changes* due to *protein corona* formation.



- Expand the *scope* of proteins studied.
- Evaluate protein corona *in vivo* by  $^{19}\text{F}$  MRS.

# Thank you for your attention

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