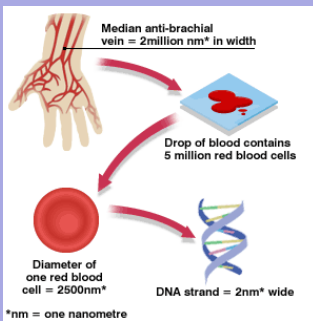




In 1959, ----- gave a speech at Caltech called "There's Plenty of Room at the Bottom". This officially started the advance of Nanotech.

<http://www.myspace.com/infinitepiral>

## What is the scale of 'Nano'?



"Nano" comes from the Greek "dwarf".

-a nanometer (nm) is a billionth of a meter.  
-1/50,000th the width of a human hair.

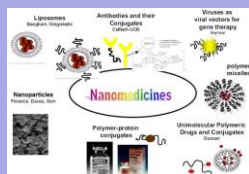
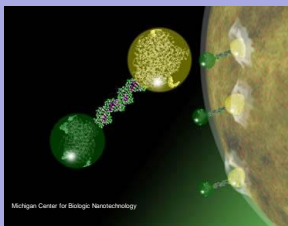
-Normal office paper is about 100,000nm thick.

BBC Website

## Nanoparticles for Cancer Therapy

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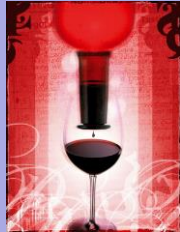


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## Gold Nanoparticles for Improved Outcome in Cancer Therapy

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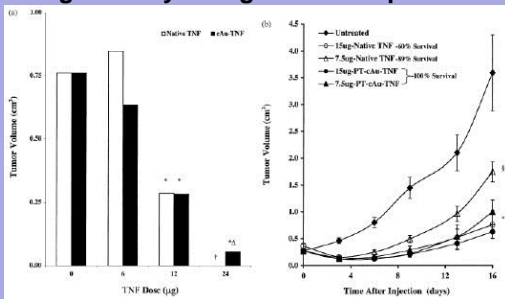
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### Why Au NPs?

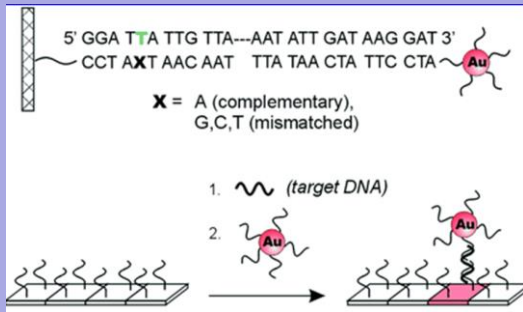
- Tunability (in size and shape)
- Easy to attach ligands
- Stability, BIOCOMPATIBILITY
- Easiness of making them
- Imaging – Hyperspectral imaging
- Therapy-radiosensitizers and anticancer drug carriers

### Drug Delivery Using Gold Nanoparticles



Paciotti, G. F., L. Myer, D. Weinreich, D. Goia, N. Pavel, R. E. McLaughlin, and L. Tamarkin. "Colloidal Gold: A Novel Nanoparticle Vector for Tumor Directed Drug Delivery." *Drug Delivery*, 2004.

## DNA Detection



Chad Merkin and co-workers, Science, 277, 1078-81, (1997)

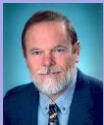
## Heating Things up



The gold coat of the nanoshell absorbs the externally applied light-energy, turning it into heat.

J. West and co-workers, Nature Reviews Cancer 3, 887 (2003)

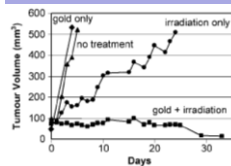
## Gold is a Better X-Ray Contrast Agent



James F. Hainfeld

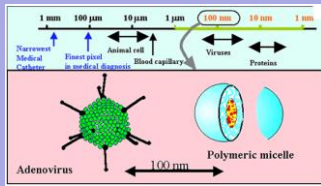


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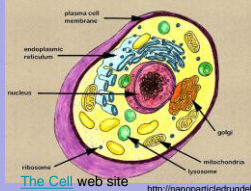


Hainfeld et al., Phys. Med. Biol. 49 (2004) N309-N315

## Can We Optimize Bio-nano Interface ?



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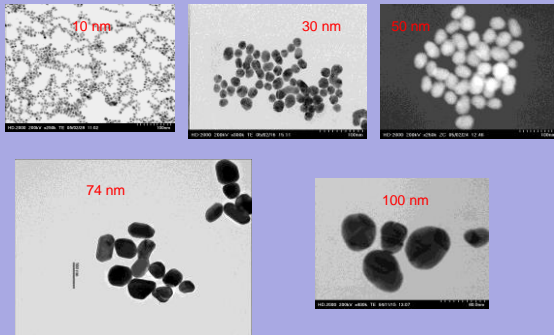


The Cell web site

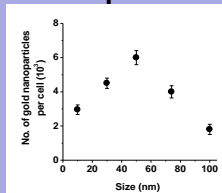
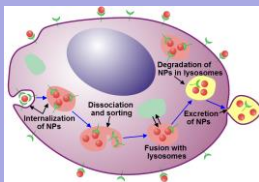
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Size of the NPs matters!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

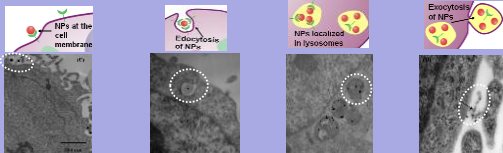
## Gold Nanoparticles with Different Sizes



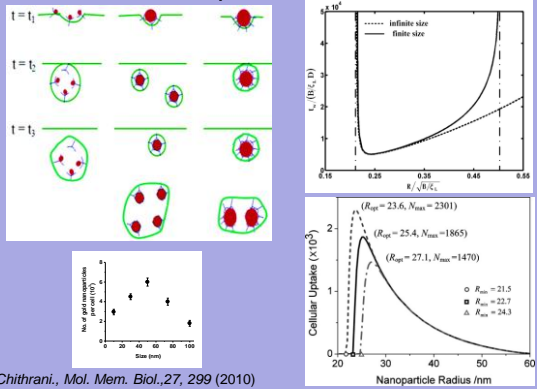
## Intracellular Uptake of Nanoparticles



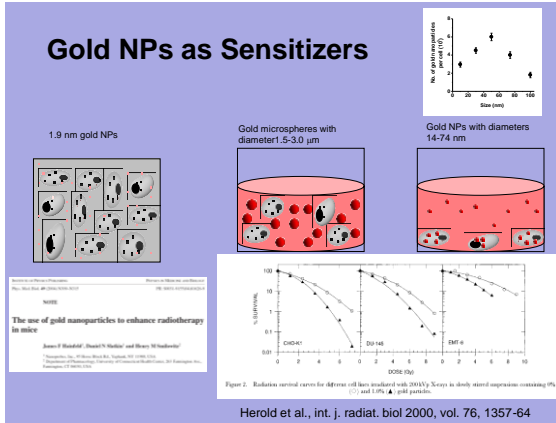
Chithrani et al., Nano Lett. 6, 662-668



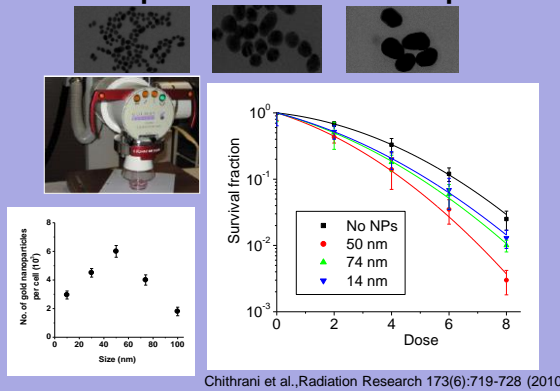
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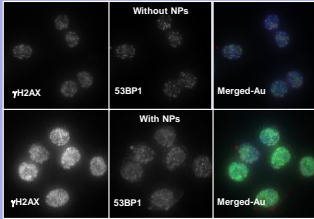
## Gold NPs as Sensitizers



## Size Dependent Radiation Response



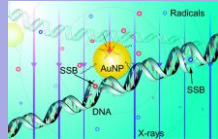
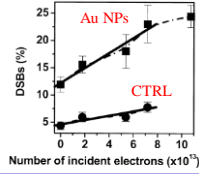
## Probing of DNA Damage at X-ray Energies



Chithrani et al., Radiation Research 173(6):719-728 (2010)

Carter et al. *J Phy Chem B* 2007; 111, 11622-5.

Zheng et al. Rad. Res. 169 (2008)



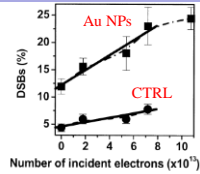
## Radiosensitization of DNA by Gold Nanoparticles Irradiated with High-Energy Electrons

Yi Zheng,<sup>1,2</sup> Darel J. Hunting,<sup>2</sup> Patrick Ayotte<sup>2</sup> and Léon Sanche<sup>2</sup>

<sup>1</sup>Département de Chimie, Faculté des Sciences, and <sup>2</sup>Groupe en Sciences des Radiations, Faculté de Médecine, Université de Sherbrooke, Sherbrooke, Québec, Canada J1H 5N4

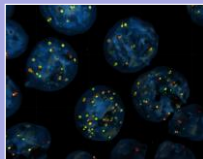
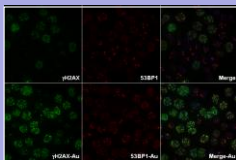
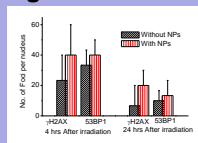
"Since short range low-energy secondary electrons are produced in large amounts by any type of ionizing radiation...targeting the DNA of cancer cells with gold nanoparticles may offer a novel approach that is generally applicable to radiotherapy treatments."

"...suggest that the radiosensitization of DNA by gold NPs is essentially caused by SE, most of which have energies below 200 eV."

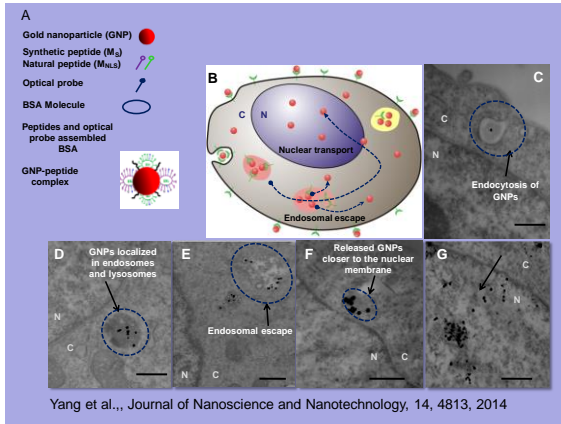


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## Radiation response at clinically relevant energies



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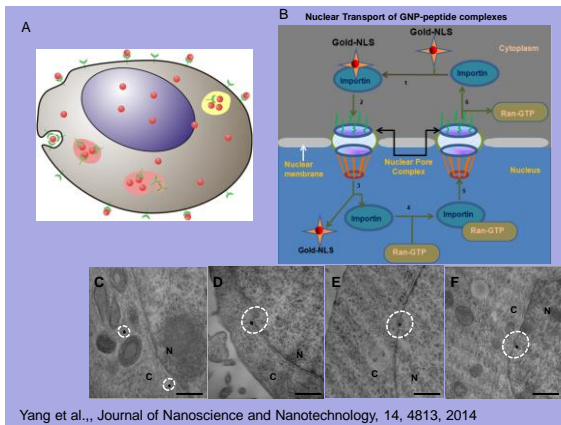
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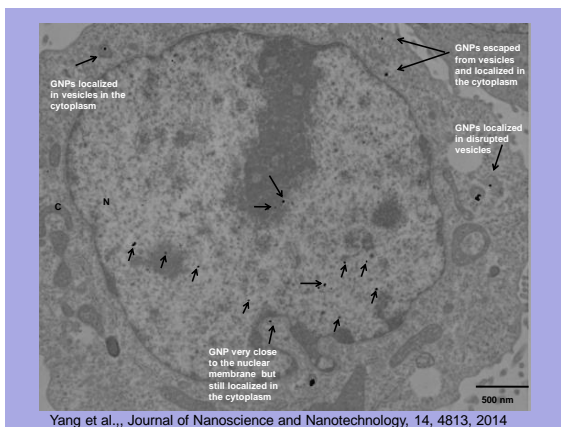
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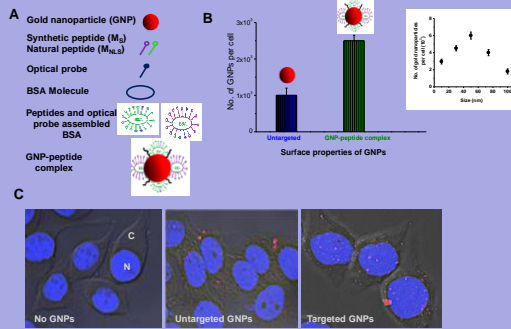
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## Improved uptake of smaller NPs



Yang et al., Journal of Nanoscience and Nanotechnology, 14, 4813, 2014

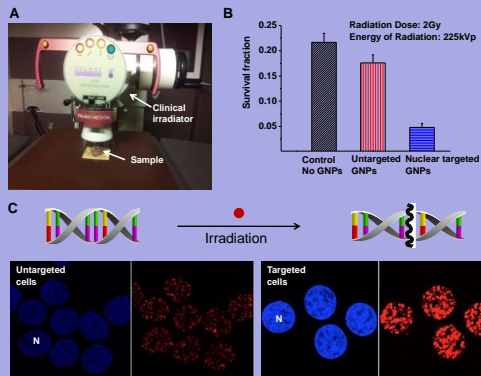
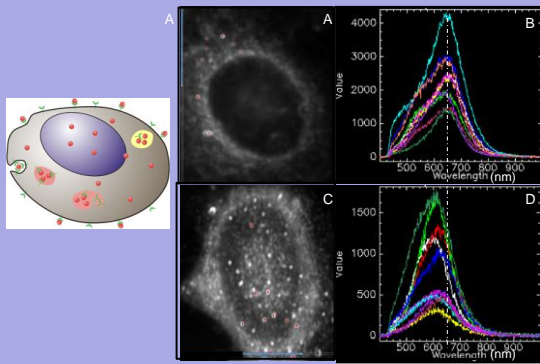


Figure 5



Yand et al., Journal of colloids and interface communications, in press, 2014



## Summary

- Gold nanoparticles can be used as a model system to study their uptake, transport, organelle distribution.
- Information can be incorporated to nanoparticle-based research for improved outcome.
- Use of GNPs as radiosensitizers is promising.

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## Challenges

- Tumour microenvironment (Hypoxia)
- Lower uptake of PEGylated NPs

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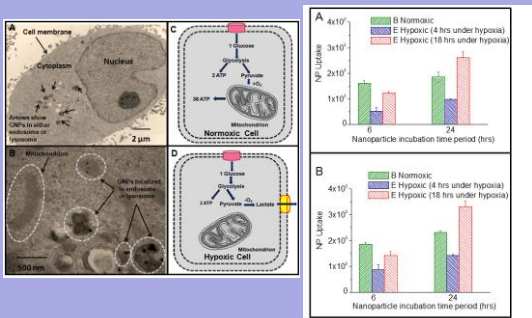
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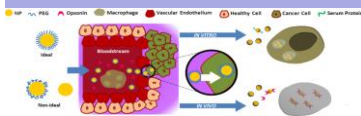
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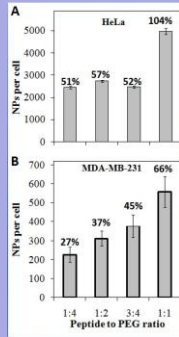
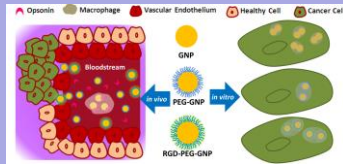
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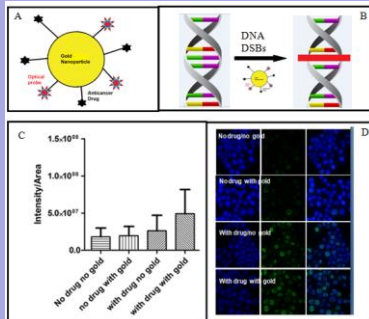
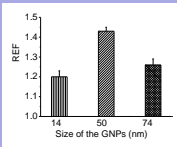
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## Gold NPs as anticancer drug carriers




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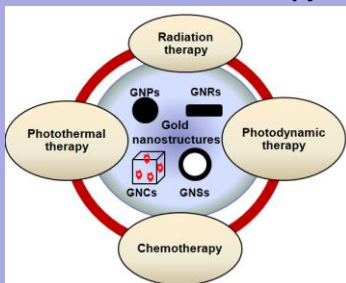
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## Future Direction

### Combinational Therapy



Salomeh Jelveh, B. Devika Chithrani, Cancers, 3, 1081, 2011

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## Challenges

- Desire to increase the therapeutic ratio (TR)
  - Sensitization of both normal and tumor tissues will not improve the TR
- Sensitization needs to be targeted to improve the TR
- Systemic application of sensitizer requires low toxicity

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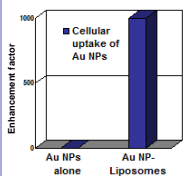
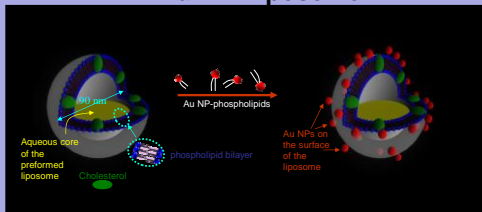
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## Au-NP Liposome



Chithrani et al, Nanomedicine, 6, 161 (2010)

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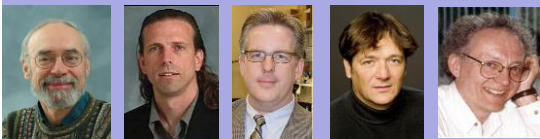
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