Modeling Nanomaterial Fate and Exposure

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Environmental Fate Modeling

NM Sources/Inputs





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Some Key Models Required (CEINT 2008)



Engineering models must <u>compromise</u> between *simplicity* and *realism*.

"The best solution emphasizes the former without undue violence to the latter"

Dominic Di Toro, 2001



Key Questions to Address?

- What modeling frameworks make sense?
 - Spatial and temporal resolution
- What processes and parameters are essential?
 - Chemistry, chemistry, chemistry!!
- How do we parameterize models in complex systems?
 - Model sensitivity to each parameter
- How can we validate our models?

How Important is Spatial and Temporal Resolution in models?



River Model Framework



- Meteorology
- •Land simulation (crop runoff)
- Stream hydrology
- Point sources (WWTP effluent)

WASP7: Water Quality Analysis Simulation Program

• River simulation

Dale et al., 2015 ES&T 49 (12), pp 7285

Model Framework

What is NP distribution in river?

What controls the distribution?

<u>Key assumption</u>: NPs moved with larger particles (α=1)





Spatial variation is very high! (hot spots!) PECs never exceed EPA regulatory thresholds for total metals



- Hydrology, sediment transport, chemical transformations, and spatial variation in loads strongly impact NP fate.
- Models that exclude these features may be limited in their ability to characterize environmental risks.

- Runoff is roughly a quarter of total stream loads
- Metal mobility is surprisingly high (<6% accumulation)
 - NP-derived Zn is twice as mobile as Ag



Setting deposition and resuspension rates to commonly used <u>average</u> <u>constant</u> values dramatically overpredicted accumulation

Dale et al., 2015 ES&T 49 (12), pp 7285



How can we model the effects of Ag NP transformations on metal bioavailability?





Dale et al., 2013 ES&T 47 (22) 12920

Modeling Ag ion Efflux from Sediment



Dale et al., 2013 ES&T 47 (22) 12920



Transformations of ENMs in soil



Kinetics of dissolution is needed to model NP fate

Relationships between soil properties and dissolution parameters



- Organic carbon correlated with solubility of the CuO NPs
- Soil pH correlated with dissolution rate constant when at pH <6.3

Gao et al., 2019

Most Important Questions to Consider

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Modeling Nanomaterial Environmental Fate in Aquatic Systems

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Table 1. Proposed Next-Generation Enhancements of Nanoparticle F&T Models Possible through Collaboration of Modelers and Experimentalists

improvements to	examples	
descriptions of NM heteroaggregation and transport	 Apply kinetic descriptors of heteroaggregation rather than equilibrium descriptors Model heteroaggregate breakup/disaggregation Express heteroaggregation as a function of environmental drivers (e.g., natural organic matter, pH, ionic strength) and NM properties (e.g., particle size, engineered coating, pH_{PZC}) Include bedload shift and other relevant sediment transport processes in stream models 	
descriptions of reactive NM chemistry	 5. Express reaction rates as a function of environmental drivers (e.g., oxygen, temperature, pH) and particle properties (e.g., surface area, size) 6. Express rates as a function of particle transformations (e.g., NM dissolution rate as a function of NM sulfidation) 7. Determine rates for both heteroaggregated and unaggregated nanoparticles 8. Determine rates in complex environmental media (e.g., microbially mediated oxidation rates) 9. Track formation and speciation of reaction byproducts	

Key Knowledge Gaps

- Spatially-resolved source characterization
 - MFA models
- Identify and capture all KEY PROCESSES affecting ENM behaviors
 - Heteroaggregation, disaggregation, resuspension, etc.
- Comparison of model frameworks
 - Steady-state vs. spatially-temporally resolved models
- Linking experimental work to modeling needs (parameterization)
- Linking models to bioaccumulation and toxicity
- Model validation



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Determination of nanoparticle heteroaggregation attachment efficiencies and rates in presence of natural organic matter monomers. Monte Carlo modelling



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HIGHLIGHTS

GRAPHICAL ABSTRACT

- A novel and original approach is developed to study heteroaggregation between NPs and NOM molecules.
- Heteroaggregation rates and attachment efficiencies are calculated in contrasting conditions.
- NPs and NOM interactions are playing key roles in controlling the balance between homo and heteroaggregation.
- A clear distinction should be made between individual, primary and global heteroaggregation rates.

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Considering the forms of released engineered nanomaterials in probabilistic material flow analysis[☆]



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ENGINEERED NANOMATERIALS

Inching closer to realistic exposure models

Engineered nanomaterials are often highly reactive and readily transform to new species. New modelling capabilities incorporate these transformations into estimates of environmental exposure concentrations and associated risks more accurately.

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Sector for the Environments Implications of Marchieltenbergy A model sensitivity analysis to determine the most important physicochemical properties driving environmental fate and exposure of engineered nanoparticles†

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Comparing predicted environmental concentrations from SimpleBox4nano and NanoFASE-WSO

Decision making??



Model consistency is not validation!

5 x 5 km grids?



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Core-Shell NaHoF₄@TiO₂ NPs: A Labeling Method to Trace Engineered Nanomaterials of Ubiquitous Elements in the Environment

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Models for assessing engineered nanomaterial fate and behaviour in the aquatic environment

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"ENM-specific processes represented in models are mainly limited to aggregation and, in some instances, dissolution. <u>Transformation processes (e.g. sulphidation)</u>, the role of the manufactured coatings, particle size distribution and particle form and state <u>are still usually excluded</u>. "





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