

## Nano-Silver as Interesting Material for Various Applications

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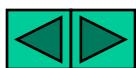
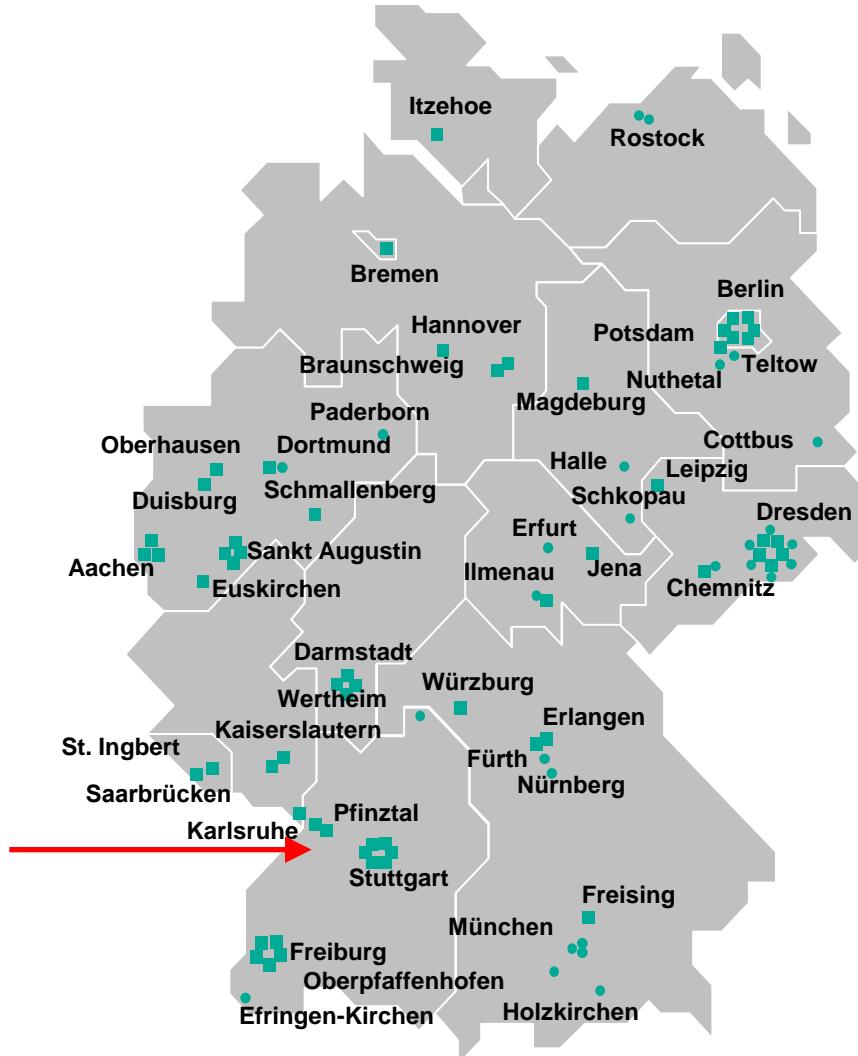


# 1 Introduction

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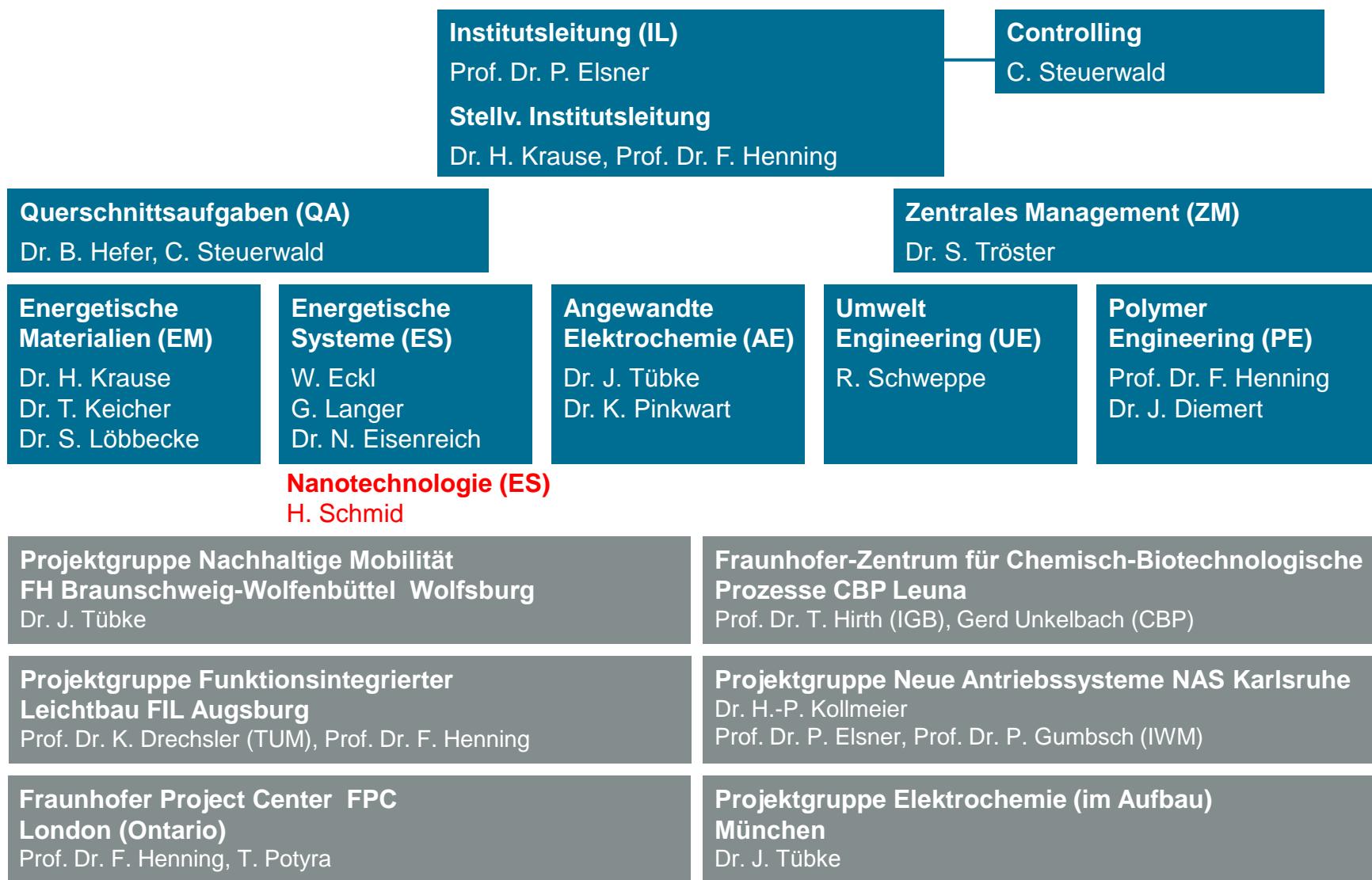
## Fraunhofer-Society Locations in Germany

- 60 Institutes
- 22 000 Staff
- More than 40 locations in Germany
- International representations



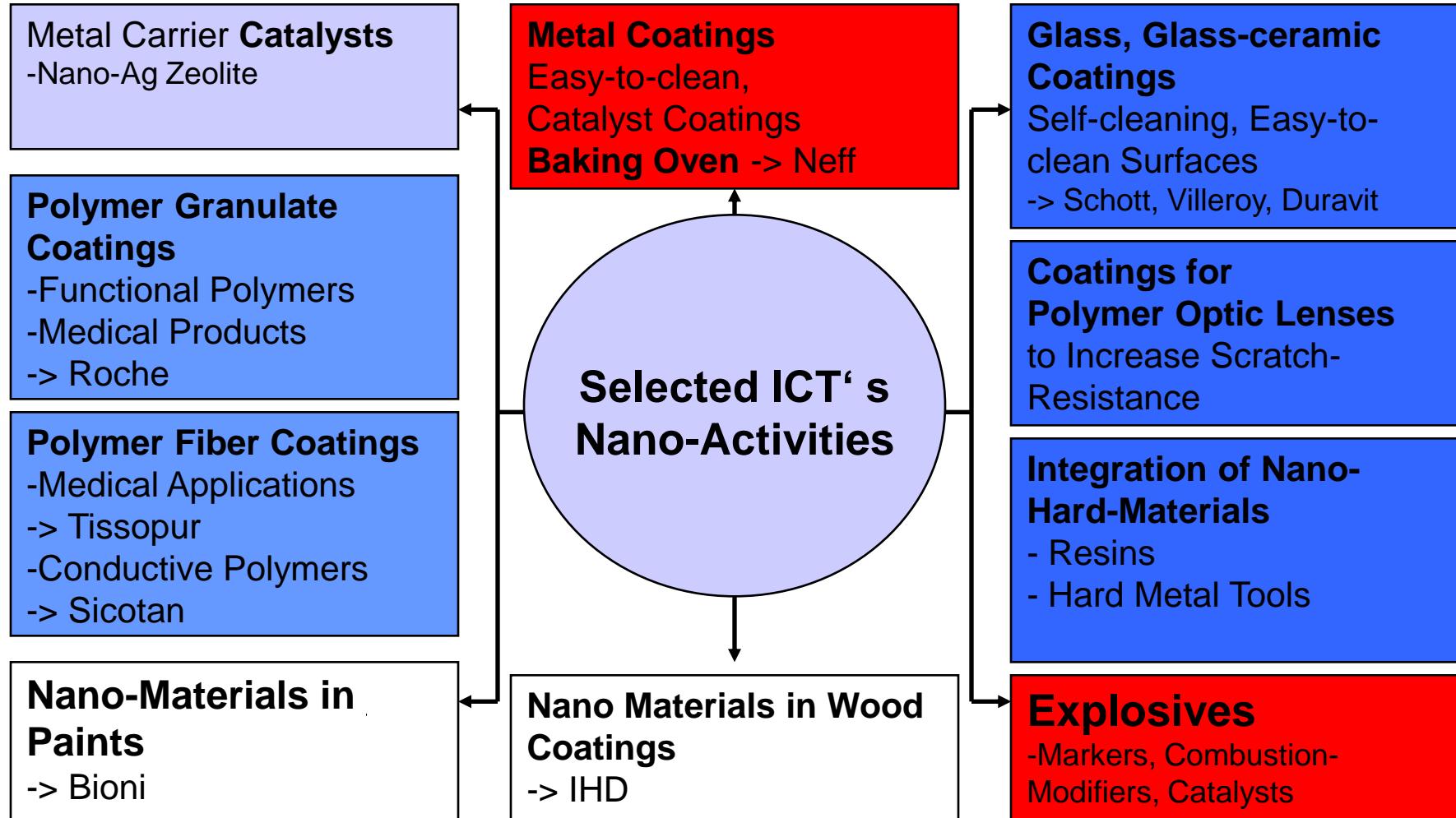


# Organigramm of Fraunhofer ICT



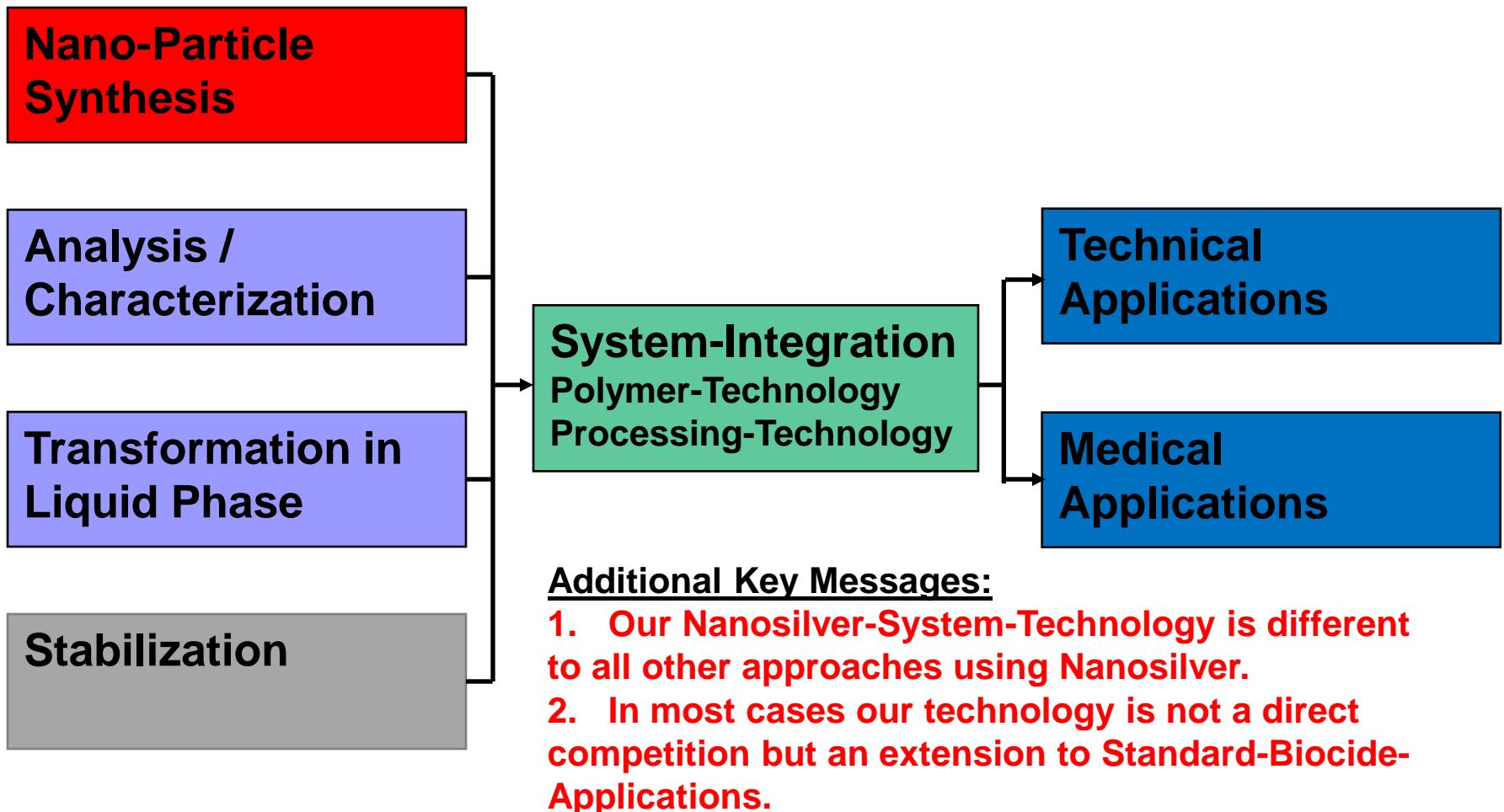
# Fields of Application

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# Main Steps from Nano-Particle-Production to Applications

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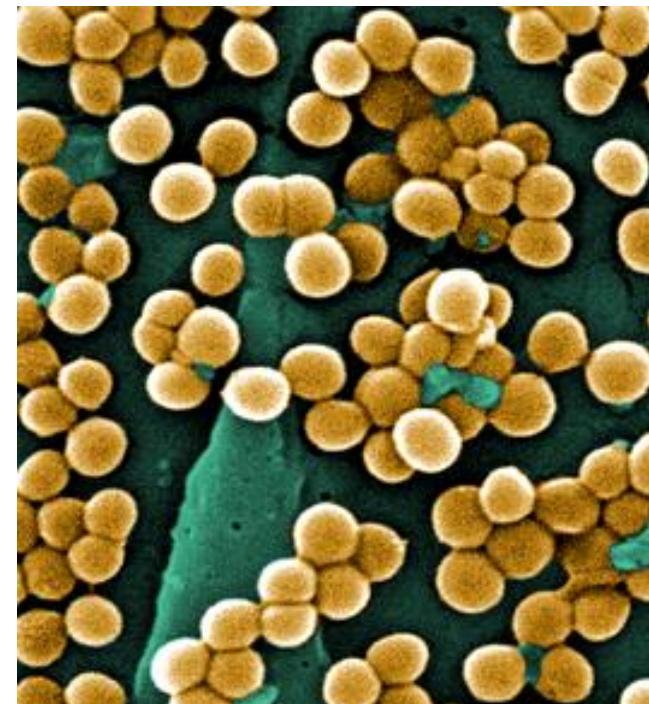


# The Problem

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Sources: Simor,

Bacterial Infections	Annual Deaths (USA)	Jahr
MRSA	19000, 1500 (D)	2005 <sup>1</sup>
AIDS	14561	2007 <sup>2</sup>
TB	644	2006 <sup>3</sup>
Viral hepatitis	5793	2002 <sup>1</sup>



1. Boucher CID 2008; 46(Suppl 5):S344-9

2. <http://www.cdc.gov/hiv/topics/surveillance/basic.htm#ddails>

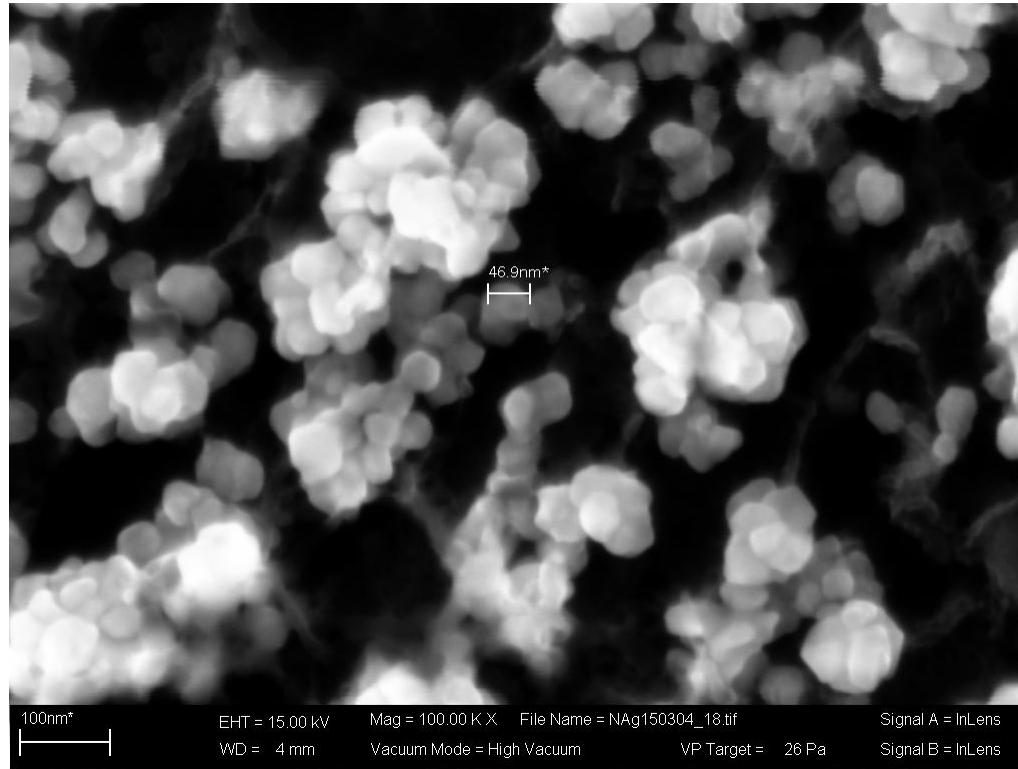
3 <http://www.cdc.gov/TB/publications/factsheets/statistics/TBTrends.htm>

**Staphylococcus aureus  
MRSA**



# The Solution: Nano-Silver with Antimicrobial Functionality

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**Figure 9.1** SEM-Record of Nano-Ag-Particles. A stable suspension was applied to an Al-plate and investigated after drying. Particle size approx. 50 nm.

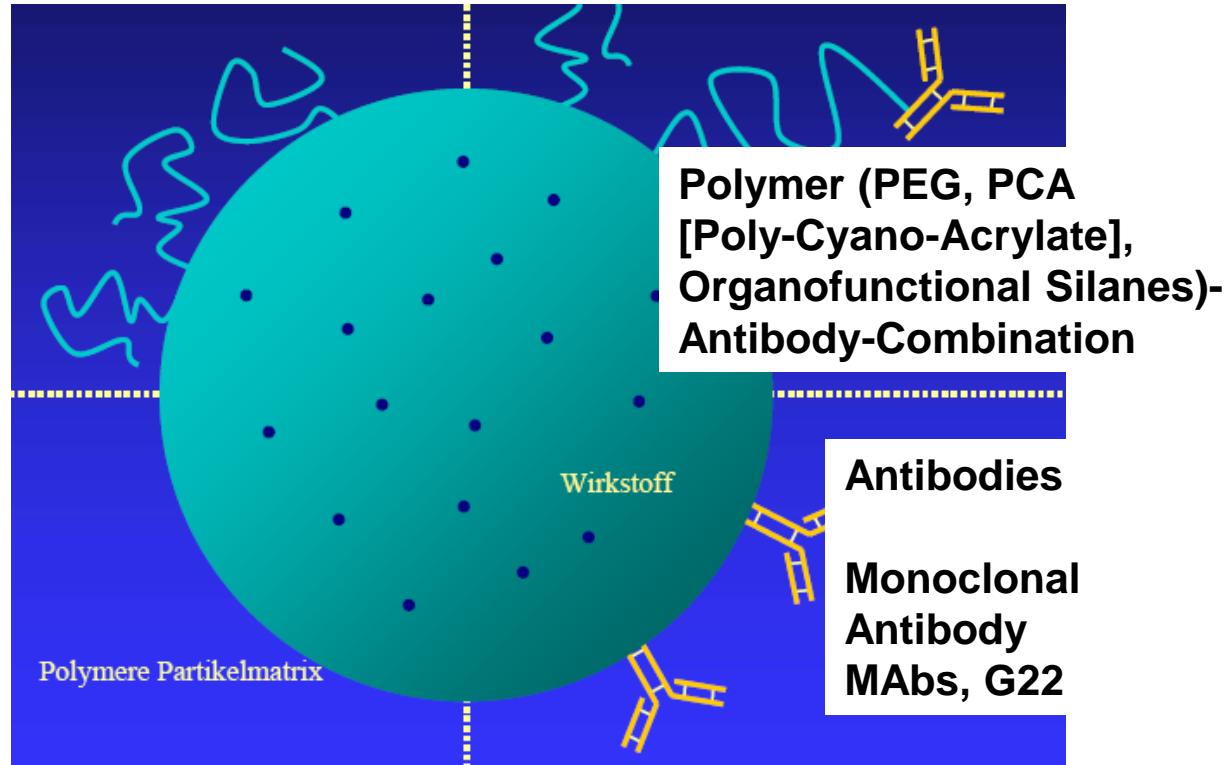
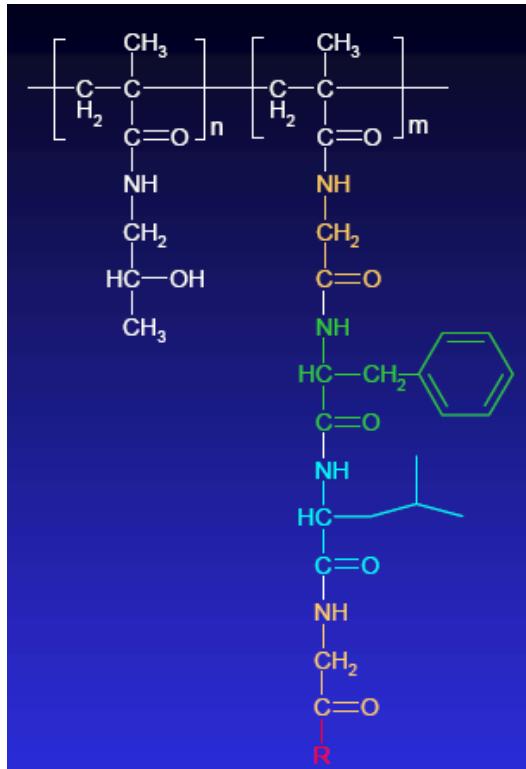


# Suggested Combination of Principles for Drug-Functionalization

## Polymer-Protein-Conjugates

Hydrolyzed-Polymaleic-Anhydride (HPMA)-Copolymer-Gly-Phe (Phenylalanine)-Leu-Gly-R

Source: Uni Frankfurt

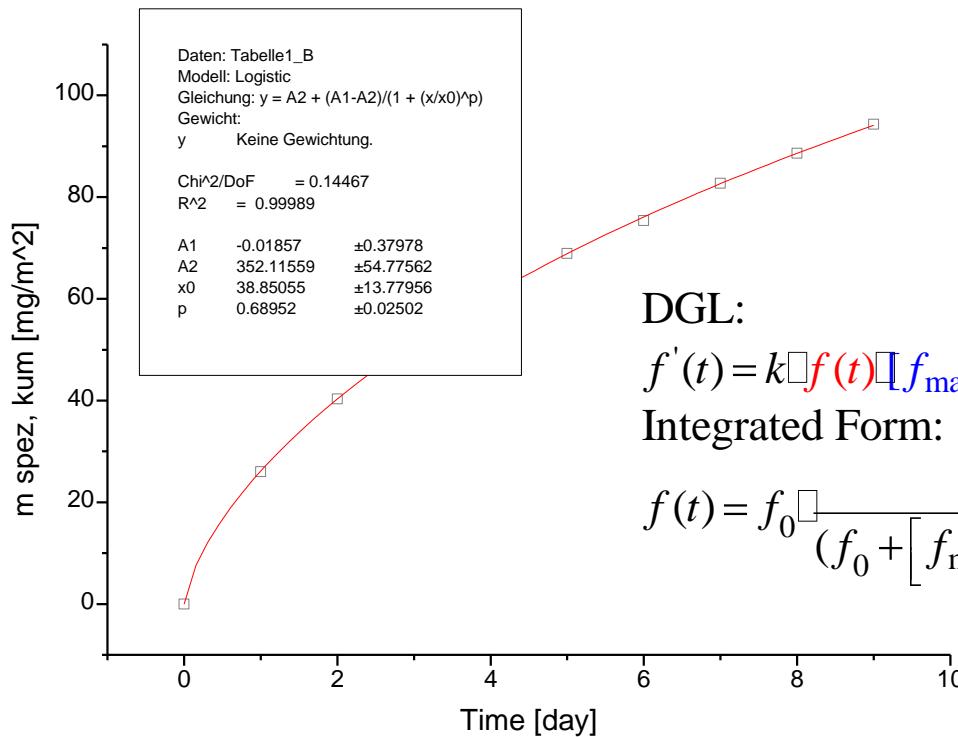


R: Doxorubicin -> Apoptosis, Programmed Cell Death (PCD), Galactosamin



# Mathematical Modeling of Cumulative Drug-Release

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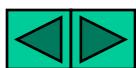
DGL:

$$f'(t) = k[f(t)(f_{\max} - f(t))]$$

Integrated Form:

$$f(t) = f_0 \frac{f_{\max}}{(f_0 + [f_{\max} - f_0] e^{-f_{\max} k t})}$$

**Figure 11.1** Example for Mathematical Modeling of Drug-Release under Consideration of a Superimposed Solution and Diffusion Process using an Exponential-Function representing „Logistic Growth“.

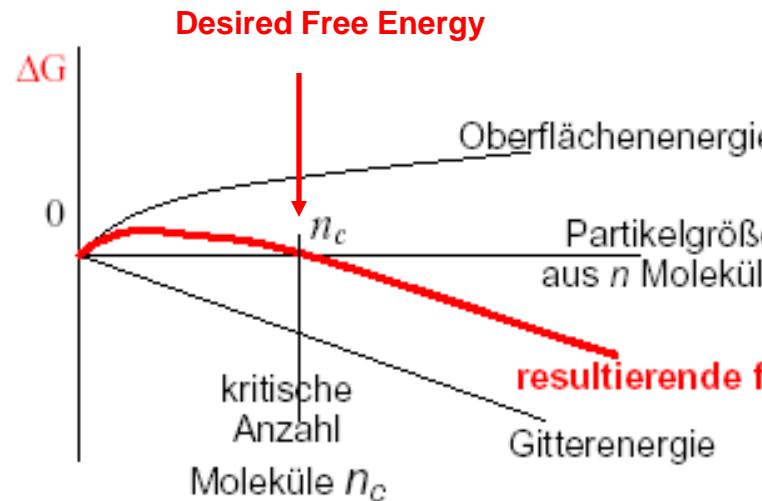


## 2 Methods and General Tools, Nano-Production, Stabilization

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Source: Penth

### Thermodynamic Effect

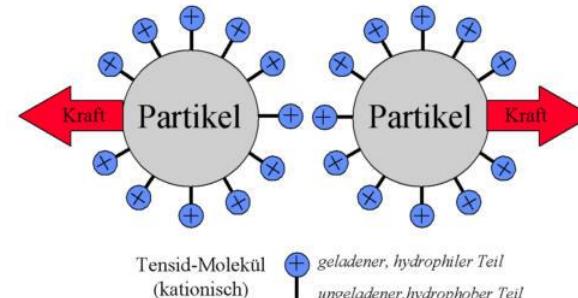


### Kinetic Aspect

$r$  (Nano-Formation)  $>>$   $r$  (Growth, Agglomeration)

Necessity for Stabilization ->

Surface Treatment



# Theoretical Aspects – Potential and Field-Theory

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$$\nabla^2 U(\eta, \theta) = \frac{(\cosh \eta - \cos \theta)^2}{B^2} \frac{\partial^2 U}{\partial \eta^2} + \frac{(\cosh \eta - \cos \theta)^2}{B^2} \frac{\partial^2 U}{\partial \theta^2} - \frac{\sinh \eta (\cosh \eta - \cos \theta)}{B^2} \frac{\partial U}{\partial \eta} + \\ \left( \frac{(\cosh \eta - \cos \theta)^2}{\tan \theta} - (\cosh \eta - \cos \theta) \sin \theta \right) \frac{1}{B^2} \frac{\partial U}{\partial \theta} = \sinh(U(\eta, \theta)) \quad (1)$$

U: Reduced Electrostatic Potential, B: Constant in Bispheric System of Coordinates

## Equation 1

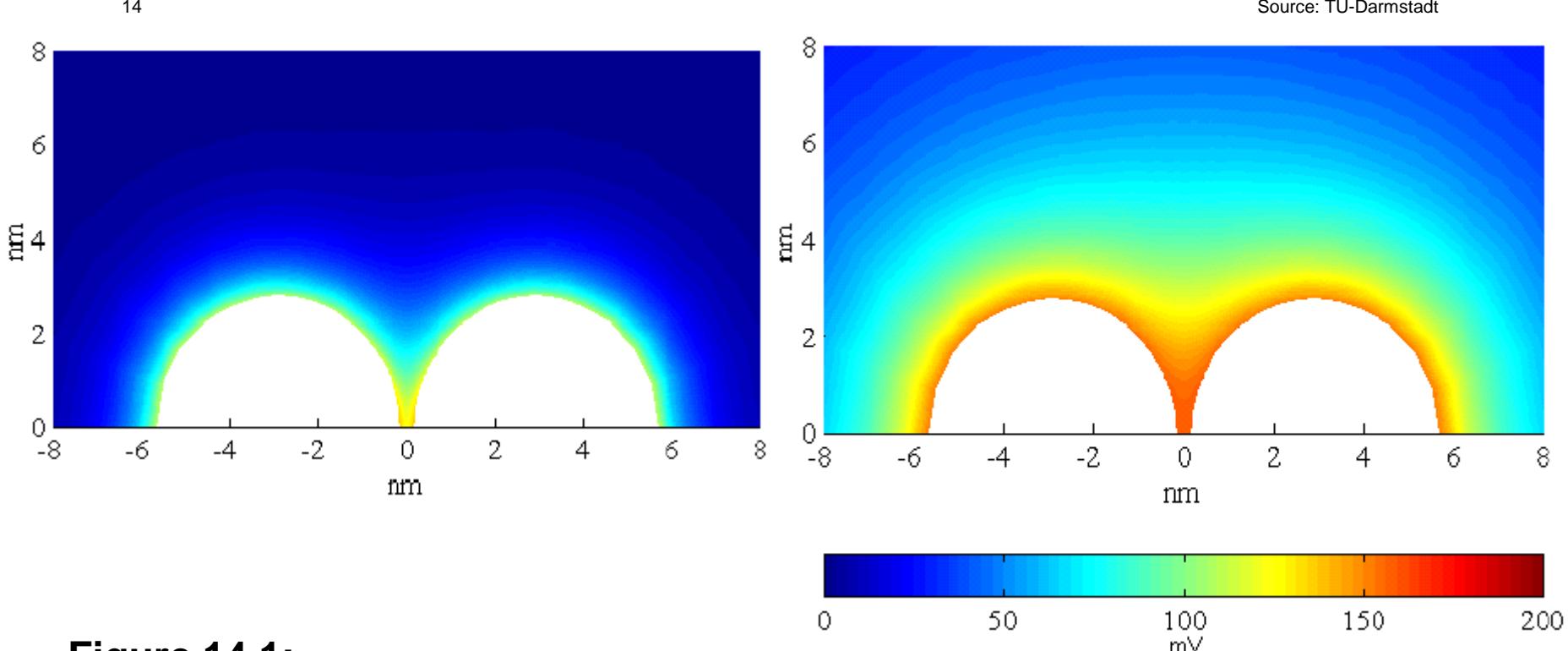
Calculation of **Surface Potential U** according to  
**Poisson-Boltzmann-Equation (1)** in order to make a suitable  
selection of chemical additives enabling stabilization and  
preventing from reagglomeration. B correlates with  $k_H$  (Hamaker Constant)  
of Van der Waals Interaction. This type of interaction has to be reduced.



# Theoretical Aspects – Potential and Field-Theory

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Source: TU-Darmstadt



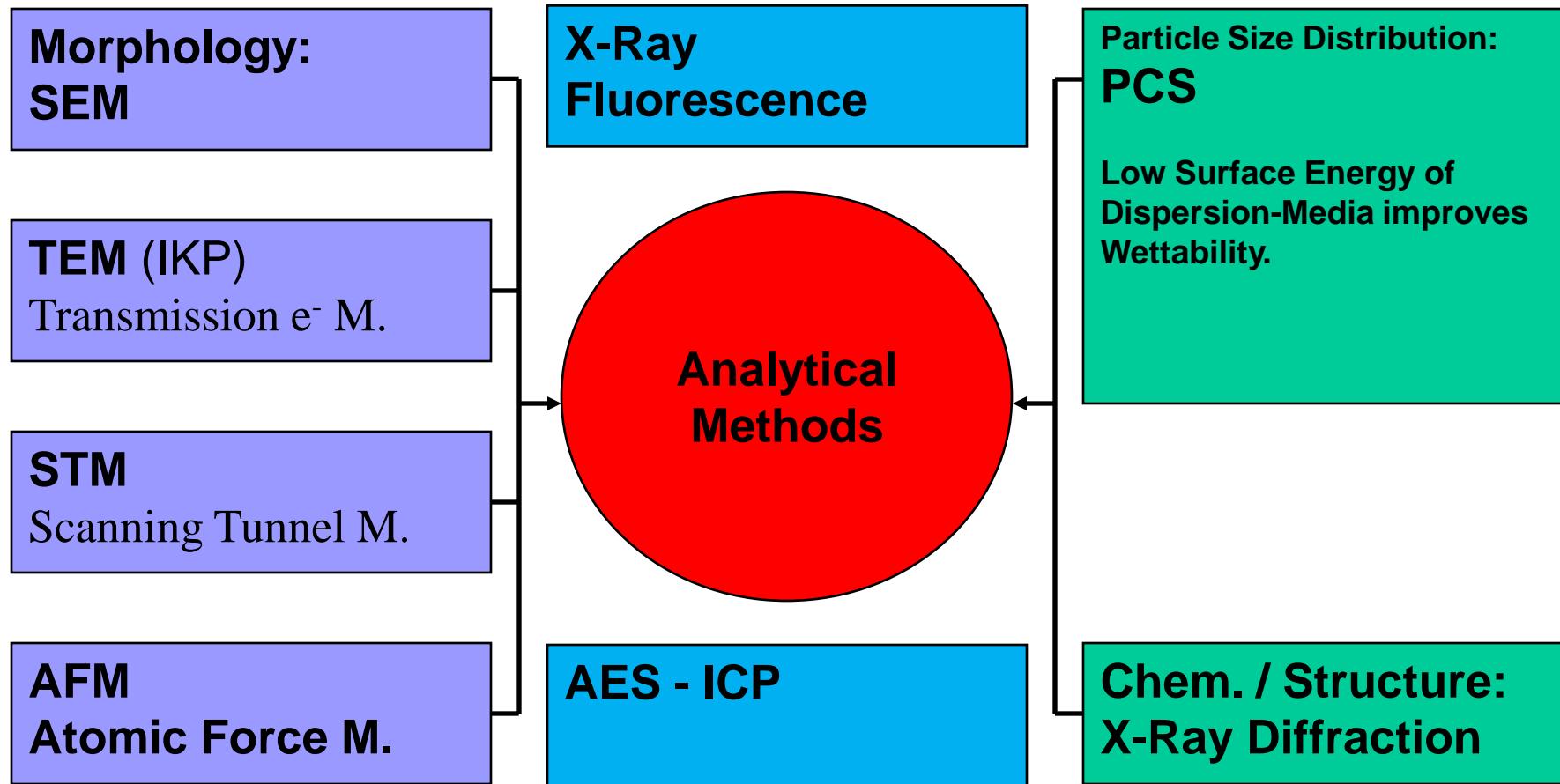
**Figure 14.1:**

Theory of Nano-Particle-Stabilization:  
FE-Calculation of Electrostatic-potential-gradient between two  
 $\text{Al}_2\text{O}_3$ -Particles (5 nm) as a Function of pH and Electrolyte-concentration  
(left pH2, 0.1 M NaCl, right pH4, 0.001 M NaCl)



# Nano-Analysis, Characterization

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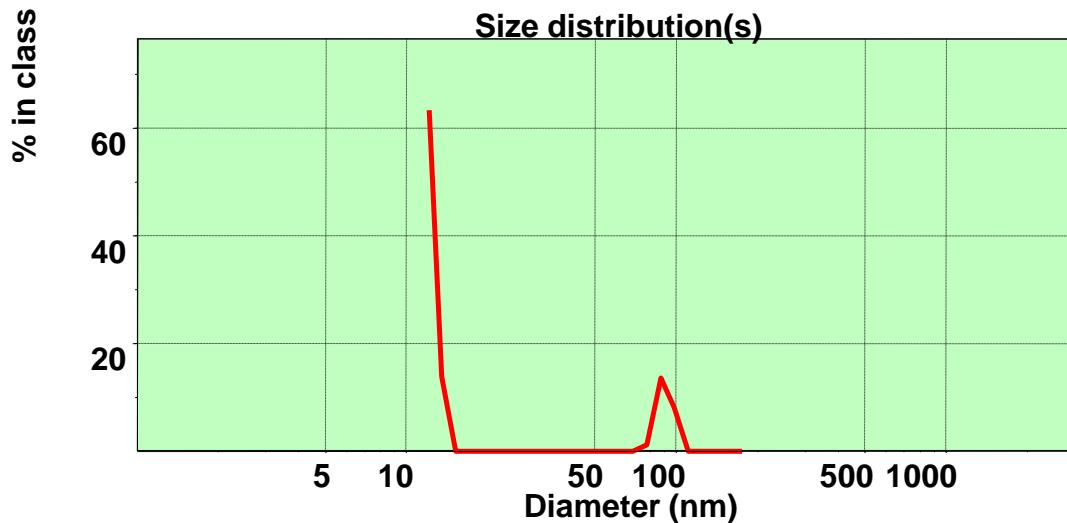
Zetasizer 3000

Data taken on 22/07/04 at 17:07:06

Temperature 25.0 Viscosity 0.890 cP Angle 90.0 deg

RI medium 1.33 RI particle 1.92 + Abs. 1.00

Cumulant Z Ave 46.3 nm Polydispersity 0.599



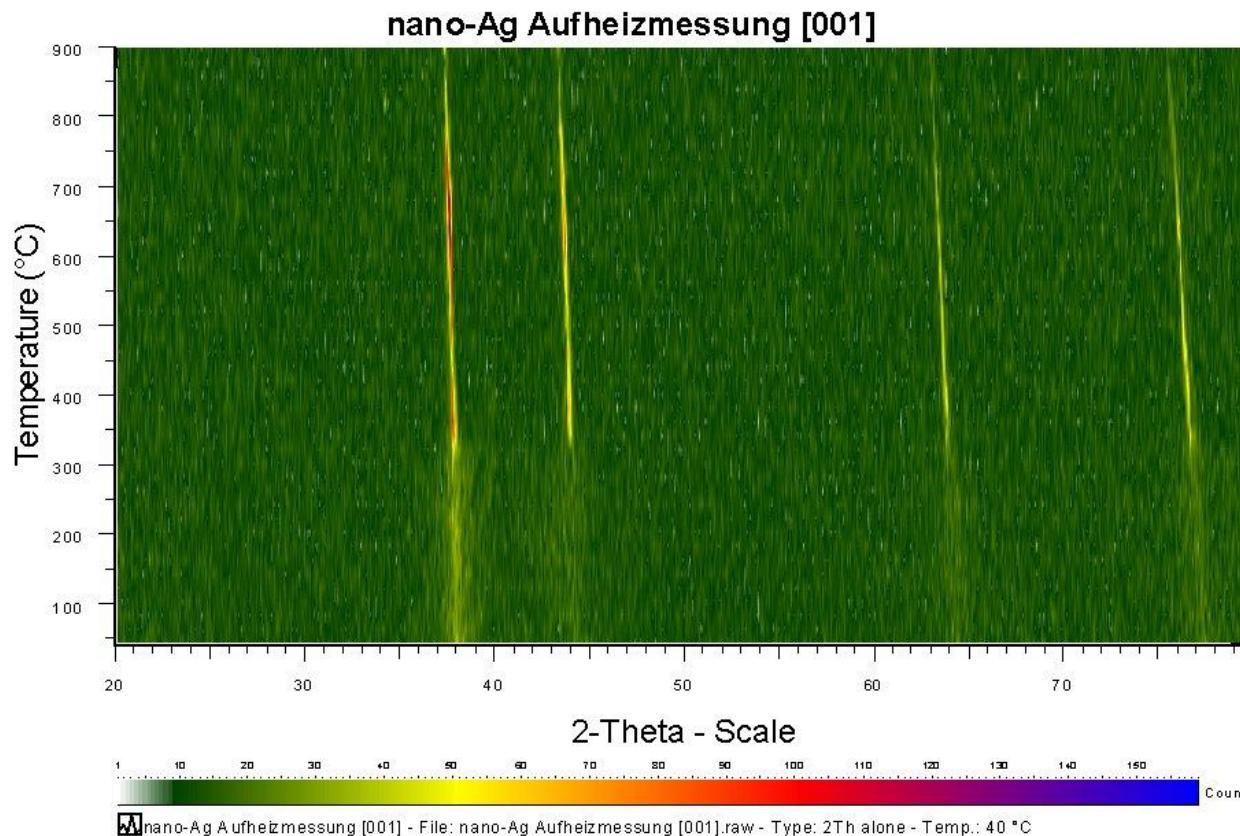
**Figure 16.1**  
**Particle Size Distribution**  
Results of PCS-Analysis  
of Nano-Ag, 1 Vol.-%  
Suspension in H<sub>2</sub>O  
(CAg00103).

Size (nm)	% Intensity	Size (nm)	% Intensity	Size (nm)	% Intensity
12.1	63.3	30.8	0.0	78.2	1.2
13.6	13.8	34.6	0.0	87.8	13.6
15.3	0.0	38.9	0.0	98.7	8.1
17.2	0.0	43.7	0.0	110.9	0.0
19.3	0.0	49.0	0.0	124.6	0.0
21.7	0.0	55.1	0.0	140.0	0.0
24.4	0.0	61.9	0.0	157.3	0.0
27.4	0.0	69.6	0.0	176.8	0.0

Peak : Mean 12.4 width 0.5

# Temperature-resolved X-Ray Diffraction

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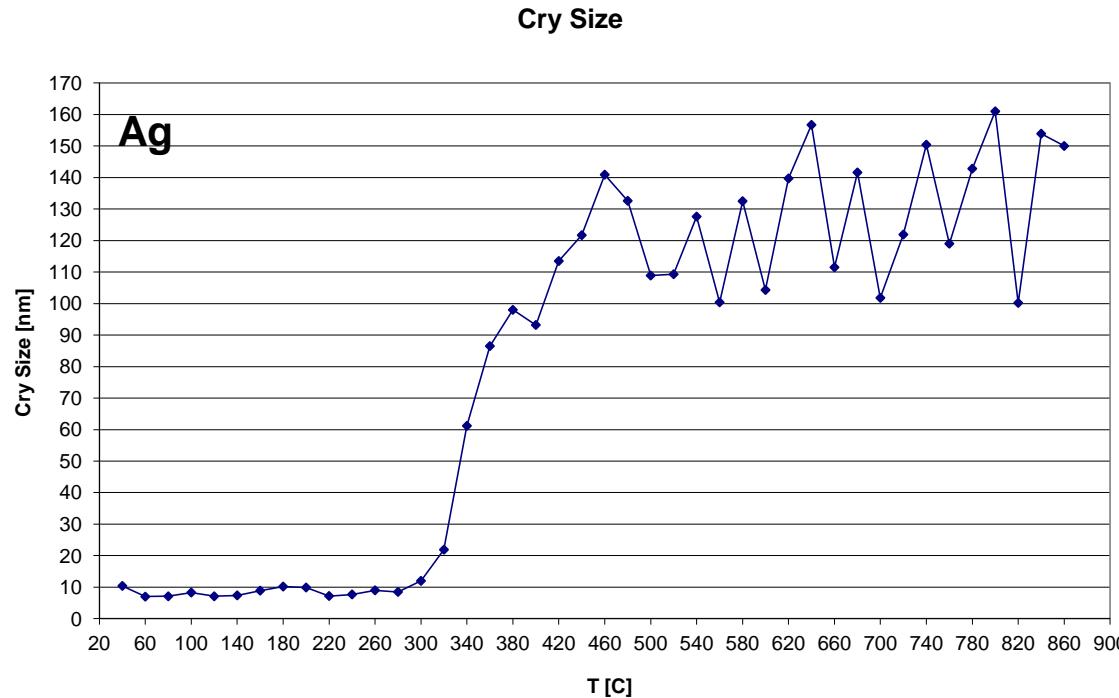


**Figure 17.1** Temperature-resolved **X-Ray Diffraction** Diagrams of a Nano-Ag sample in air in a temperature-range from 40 – 900 °C,  $\chi = 10$  K/min (Fp Ag: 961.9 °C) [Nano-Ag Aufheizmessung\_02.jpg]. Peaks represent Ag-reflexes in different phases.



# Temperature-resolved X-Ray Diffraction

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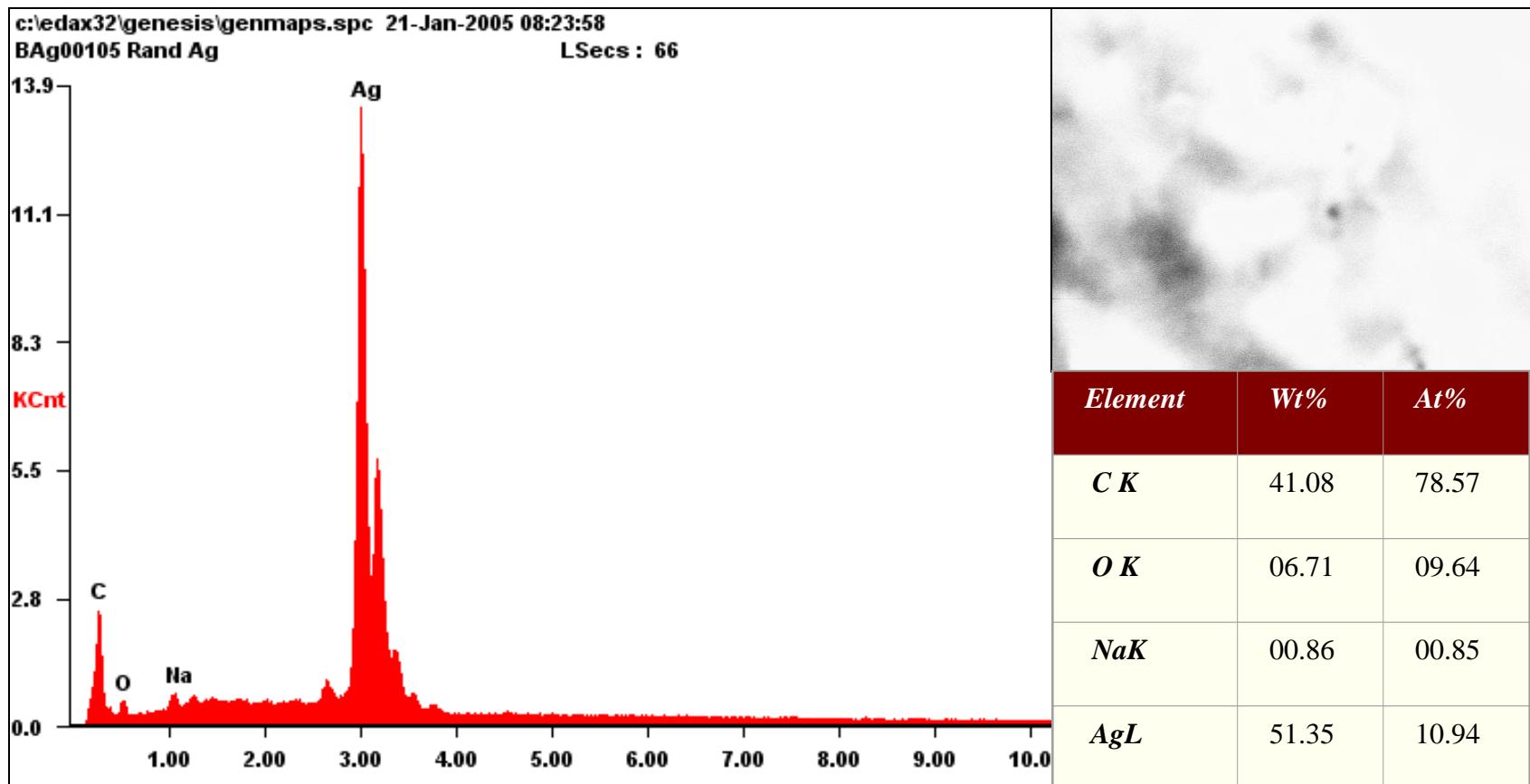


**Figure 18.1** By means of **temperature-resolved** X-Ray Diffraction evaluated primary crystallite dimension of Nano-Ag as a function of temperature. Grain growth starting from 300 °C.



# Energy Dispersive X-Ray Spectroscopy (EDX)

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**Figure 19.1** Quantitative Ag-Analysis in Sample BAg00105 with X-Ray Fluorescence

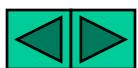


# Processing-Technology

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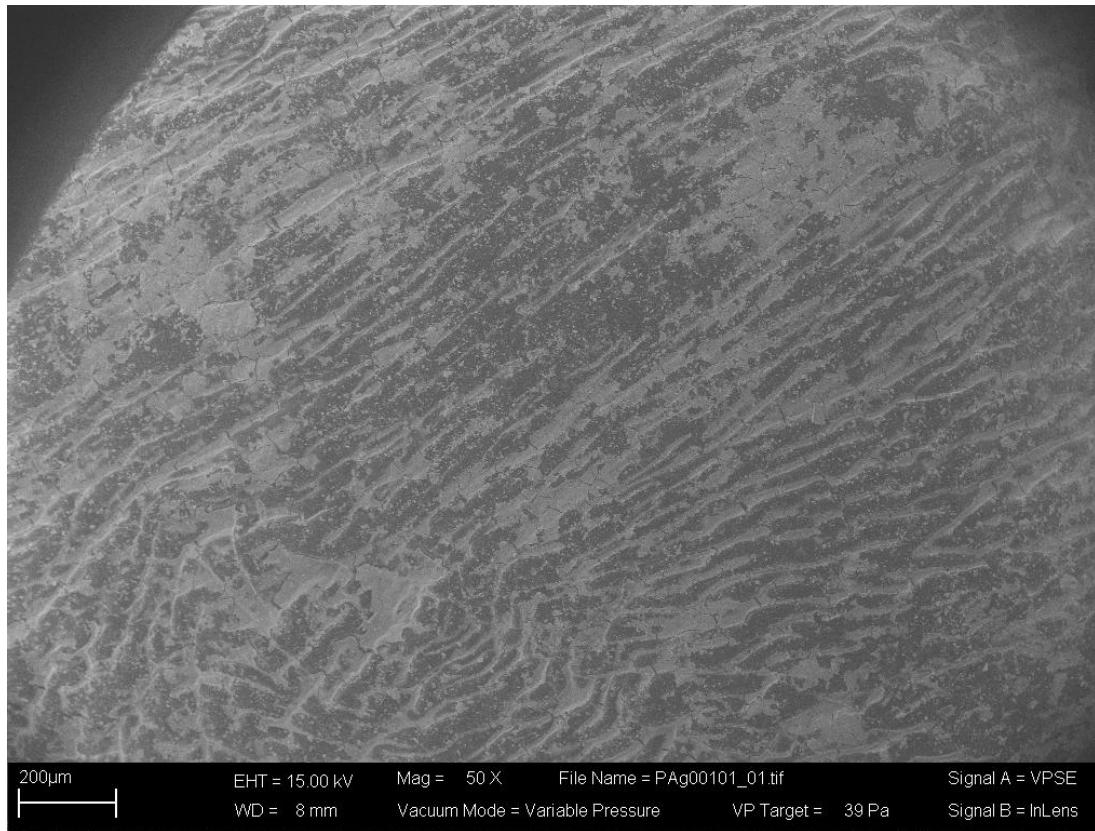


**Figure 20.1 Mini-Twin-screw-extruder** for sample-production in lager scale (500 g / h)



# Nano-Strukturing / Coating of Polymer-Granulate to Achieve System Functionality

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**Figure 21.1** SEM-Data of Nano-Ag-Particles on PP-Granulate (PAg00101).

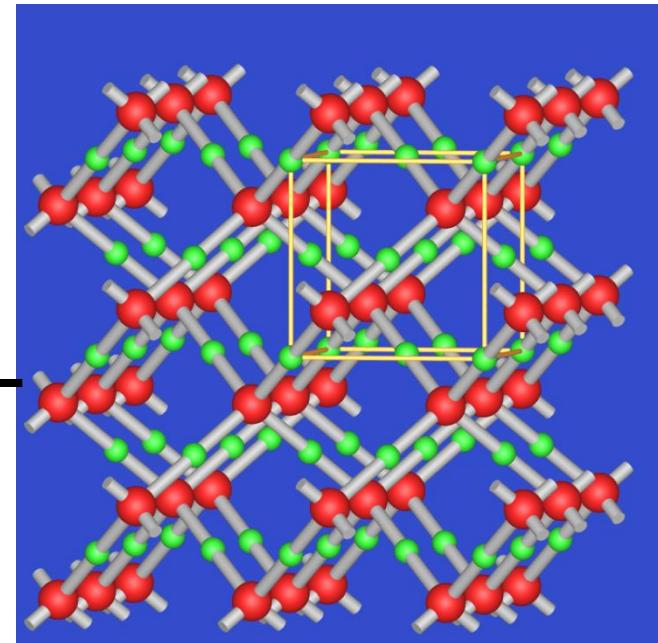
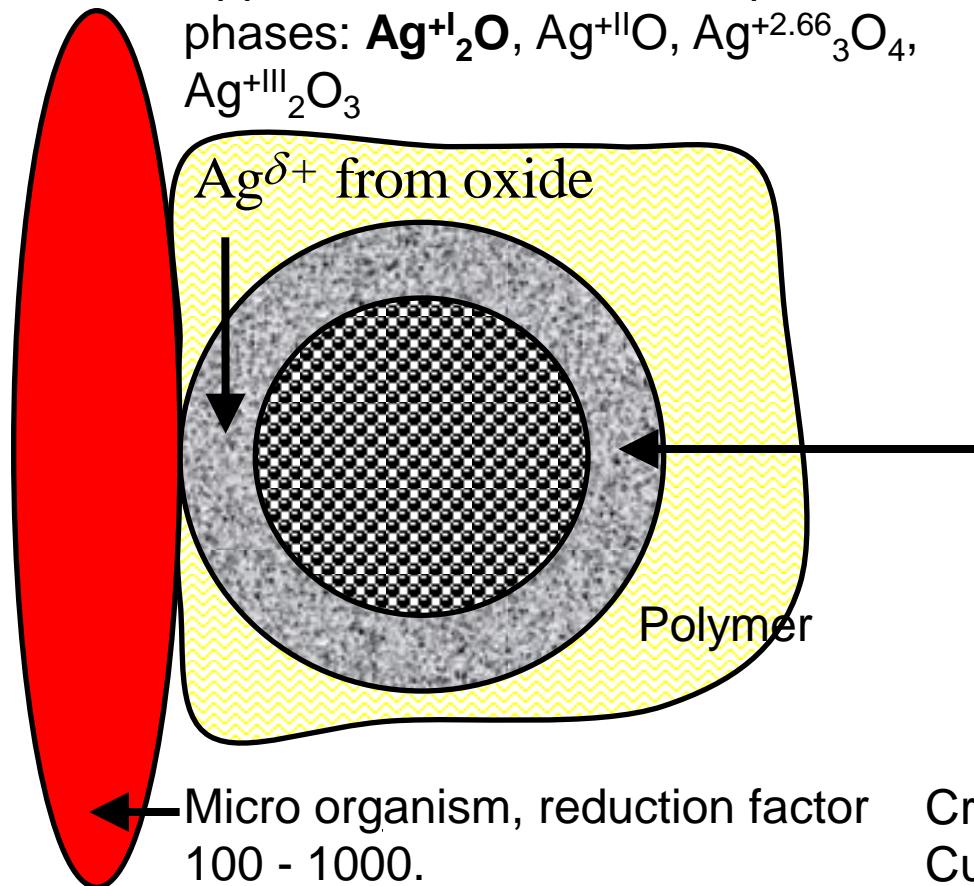


### 3 Results / Discussion, Selected Applications, Nano-Silver-Technology

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Approx. 25-30 mass-% as porous oxide-phases:  $\text{Ag}^{+I}_2\text{O}$ ,  $\text{Ag}^{+II}\text{O}$ ,  $\text{Ag}^{+2.66}_3\text{O}_4$ ,  $\text{Ag}^{+III}_2\text{O}_3$

Source: Uni Freiburg



Crystal structure  $\text{Ag}_2\text{O}$ :  
Cubic closest packed  $\text{Ag}^+$ ,  
 $\text{O}^{2-}$  occupy  $\frac{1}{4}$  of tetrahedral gaps.

# Biocides, Sub-group Micro-Biocides – Working Mechanism

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Source/Autorization: Wortundbildverlag, 08.02.06

## Golgi-Apparatus

Last modification of proteins produced by Endoplasmic Reticulum

## Microtubuli

Internal transport channels, mechanic reinforcement

## Peroxisom

Waste disposal, degradation of internal pollutants (RCOOH, ROH)

## Ion Channel

Two-directional  $\text{Na}^+$  channel  
50 – 99 pm

## Endoplasmic Reticulum

Protein production guided by nucleus in order to control metabolism

## Nucleus

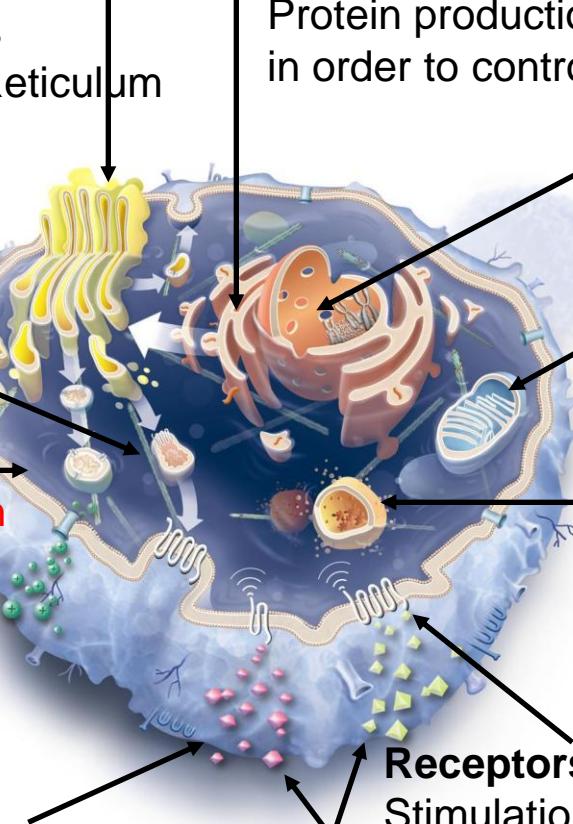
Location of genetic informations and control center

## Mitochondrium

Energy delivery by glucose degradation

## Lysosom

Waste disposal, acid degradation of foreign substances

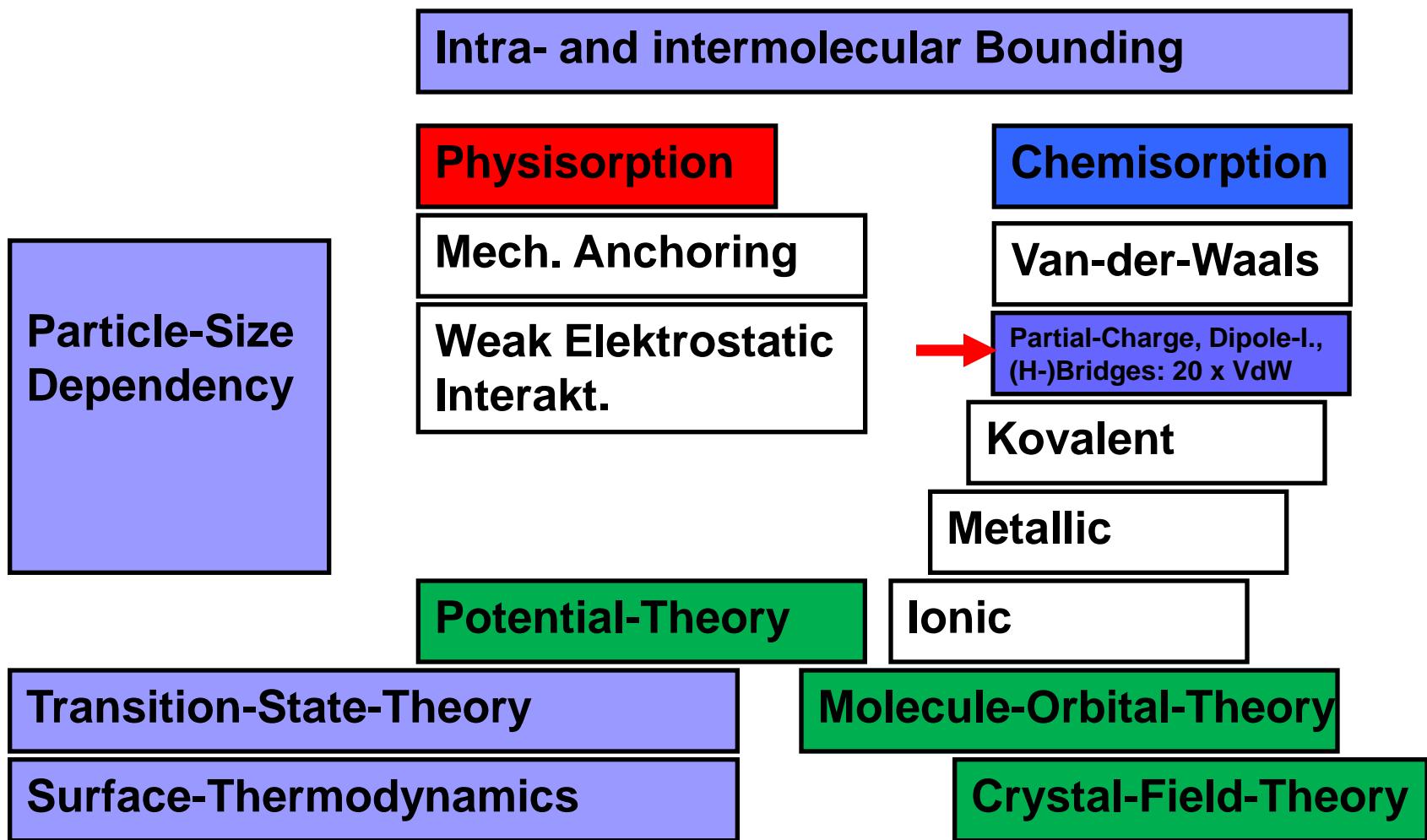


**External Hormons** signal generation and transmission in to the cell, protein production, action



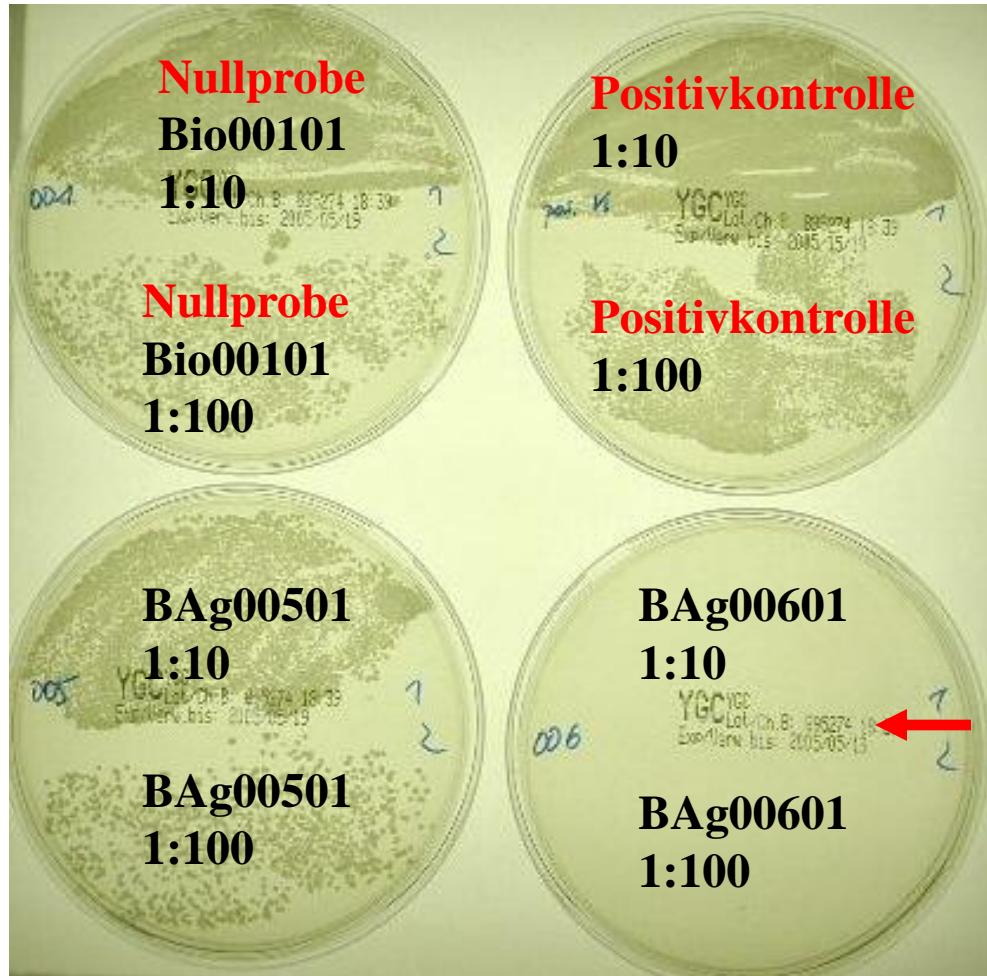
# Theoretical Aspects – Safety Concept

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# Result of Biocide Treatment

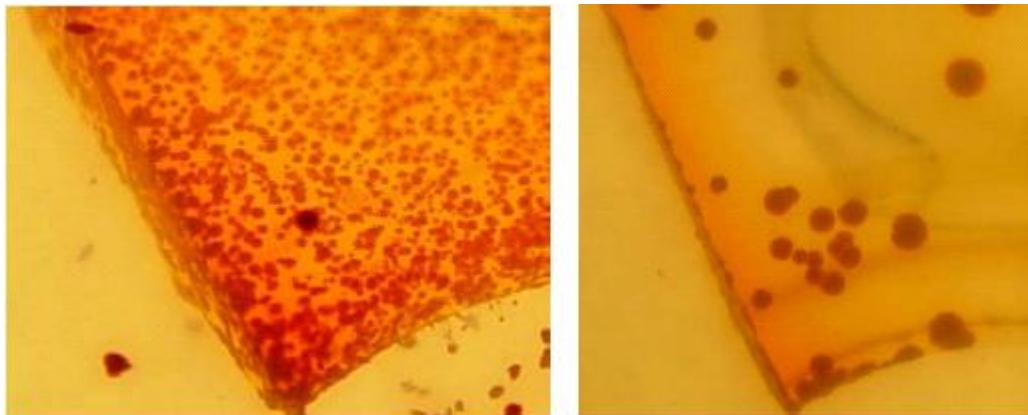
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**Figure 25.1 Result of breded diluted crop-out of the samples ( $mP/mNL=\text{const.}$ )**

# Antimicrobial Coatings

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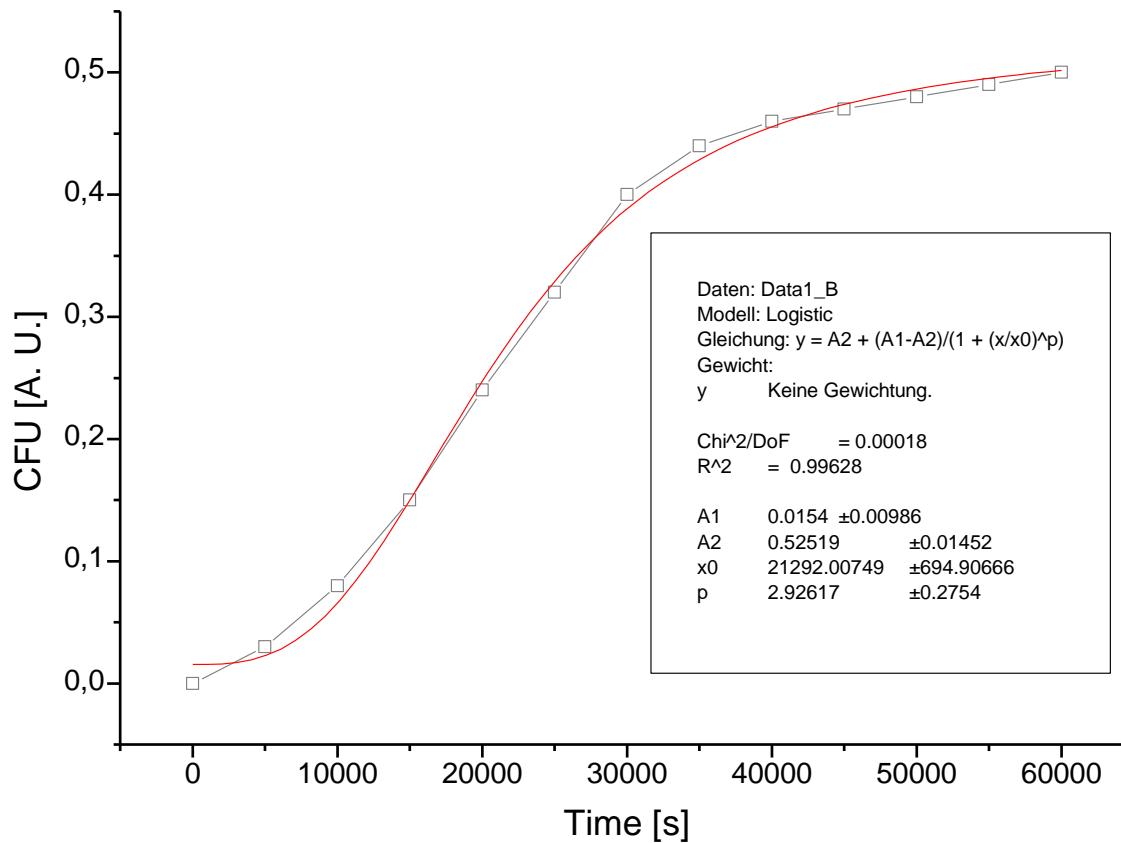
**Figure 26.1** Example of a Nano-Ag-coated Silicon-Polymer (on the right) compared to a untreated sample (on the left) with colonies of **Staphylococcus Aureus**.

A reduction rate of factor 100 was detected based on the applied Nano-Ag-content (Test-setup: Spray-test).

Depending on Nano-Ag-content reduction rates of 99,999 % (5 log-levels) are possible.

# Mathematical Modeling of Microbial Growth

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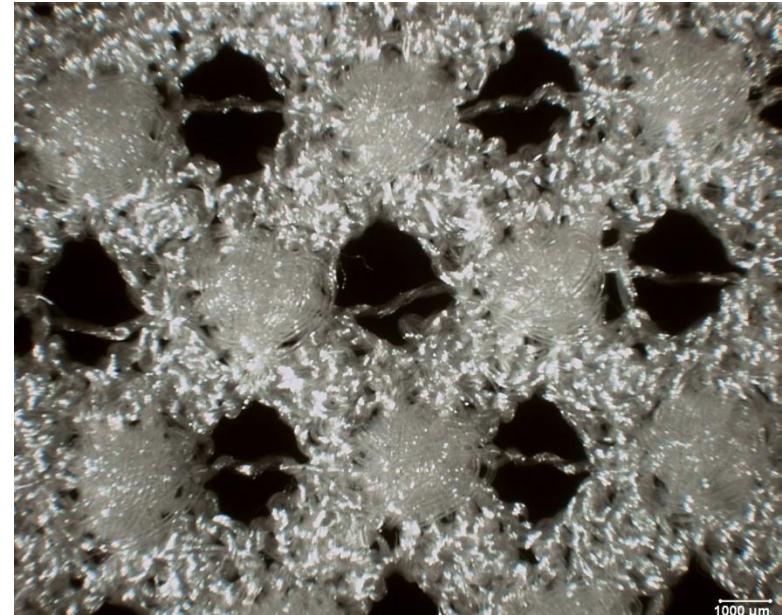
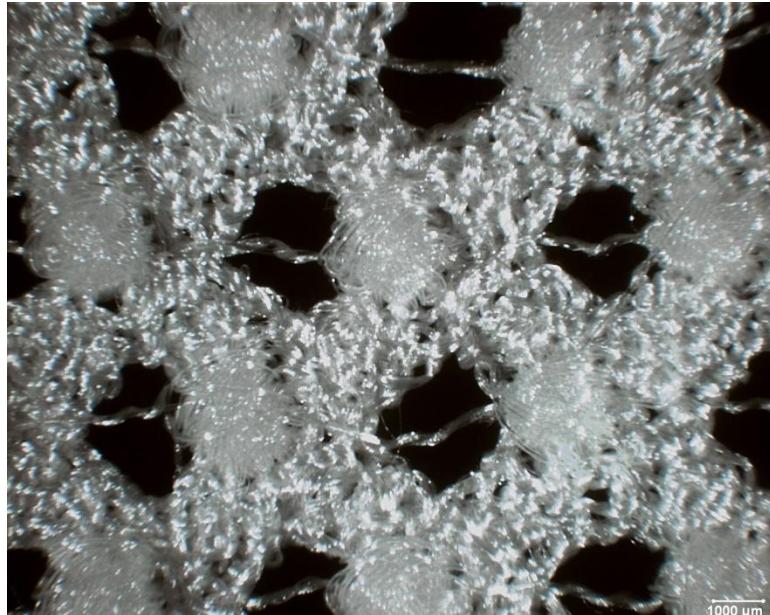


**Figure 27.1** Example for Mathematical Modeling of **Microbial Growth** (Exp. Data) with an Exponential-Function representing „Logistic Growth“.



# Wound-Pad Application

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**Figure 28.1 Macroscopic Image of a PE-Biopad NURPES-001 (Wound-Pad). Left sample uncoated, right sample Nano-Ag-coated,  $x < 100 \text{ ppm}$  (GAg00001, GAg00101).**

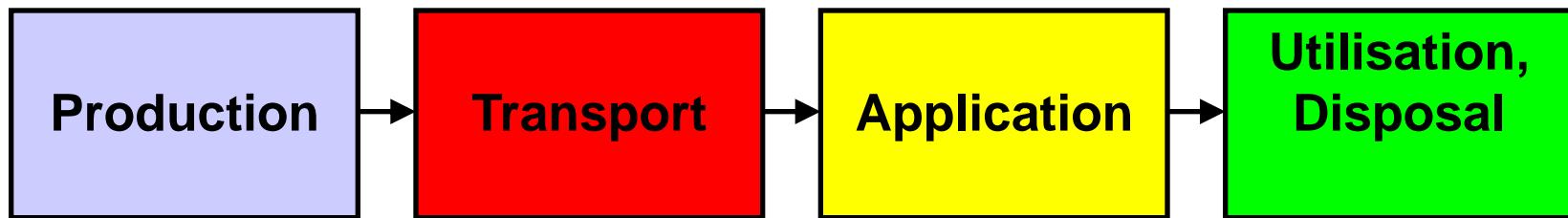
Goal: Medical Device Class 2b.



# Product Example: Antimicrobial Nano-Silver-Dispersion-Paint

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## Product Safety by Life Cycle Analysis



- Waste water
- Factory wastes

- Emission  
in case of  
accidents

- Abrasion
- Aging
- Wash out

- Recycling
- Therm. utilization
- Dumping



## Product Example: Antimicrobial Nano-Silver-Dispersion-Paint

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**Figure 30.1** Al Wasl Hospital, **Dubai**, U.A.E.



## Product Example: Antimicrobial Nano-Silver-Dispersion-Paint

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**Figure 31.1** Al Wasl Hospital (Building 2), **Dubai**, U.A.E.



## Product Example: Antimicrobial Nano-Silver-Dispersion-Paint

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**Figure 32.1** Hospital in **Moscow** which was equipped with the developed Nano-Silver-Dispersion-Color as a protection against *Staphylococcus Aureus* (MRSA).

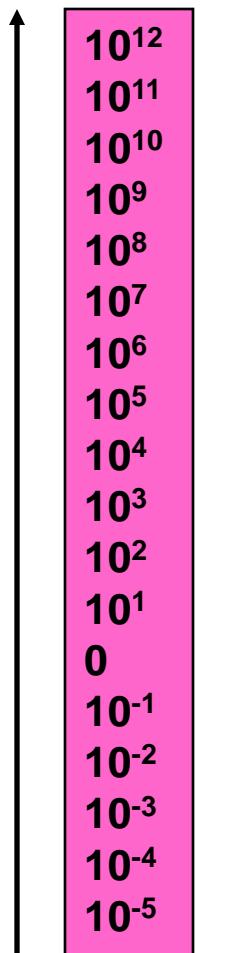


# Electrically Conductive Surfaces

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Source: N.N

## Surface Resistance [Ohm]



Static Dissipation

Conductive

Metals

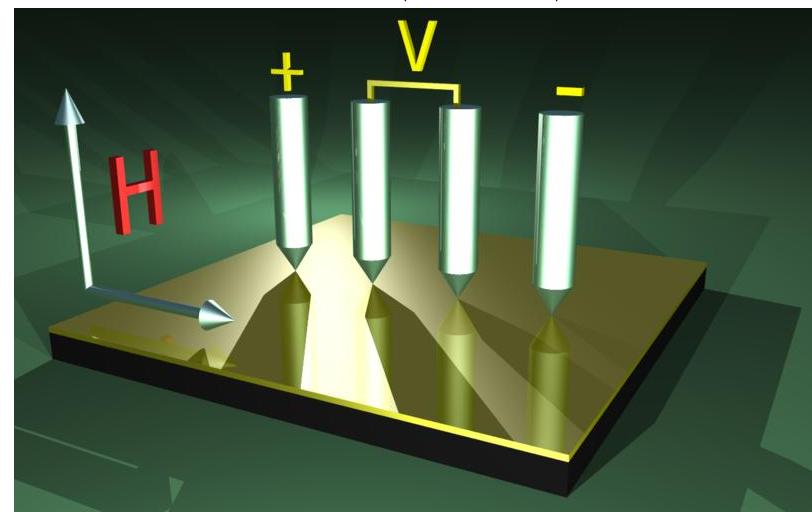
Polymers  
Antistatic

Spezifischer Flächen-Widerstand  
bei quadratischem Meßfeld (vgl. Bild)  
Specific Surface Resistance

$$R_O = \rho_{\square} [\Omega] = \frac{\pi}{\ln 2} \frac{U [V]}{I [A]}$$

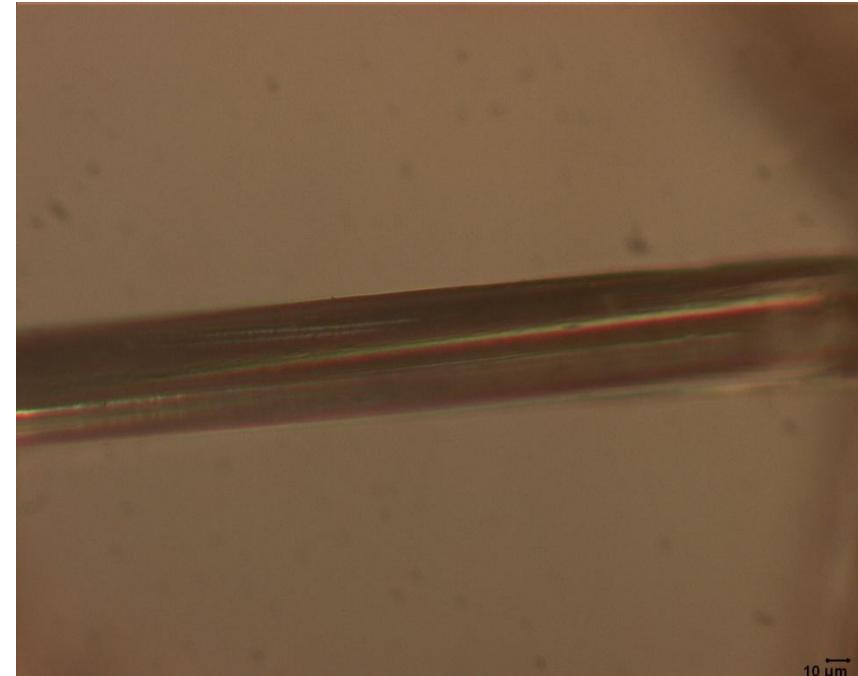
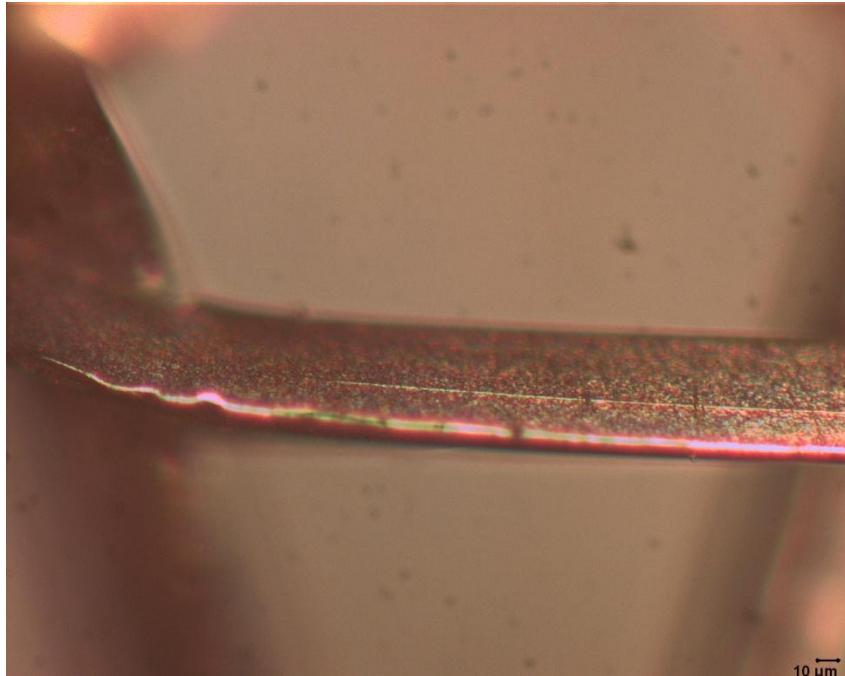
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# Nano-Structuring / Coating of Fibers

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**Figure 34.1**

Microscopic image (incident-microscopy) of a **metal-coated PA-fiber**  
(File: TüllA.Jpg, 33%)

**Figure 34.2**

Microscopic image (incident-microscopy) of a **nano-metal-coated PA-fiber**  
(File: TüllRohA.Jpg, 33%)

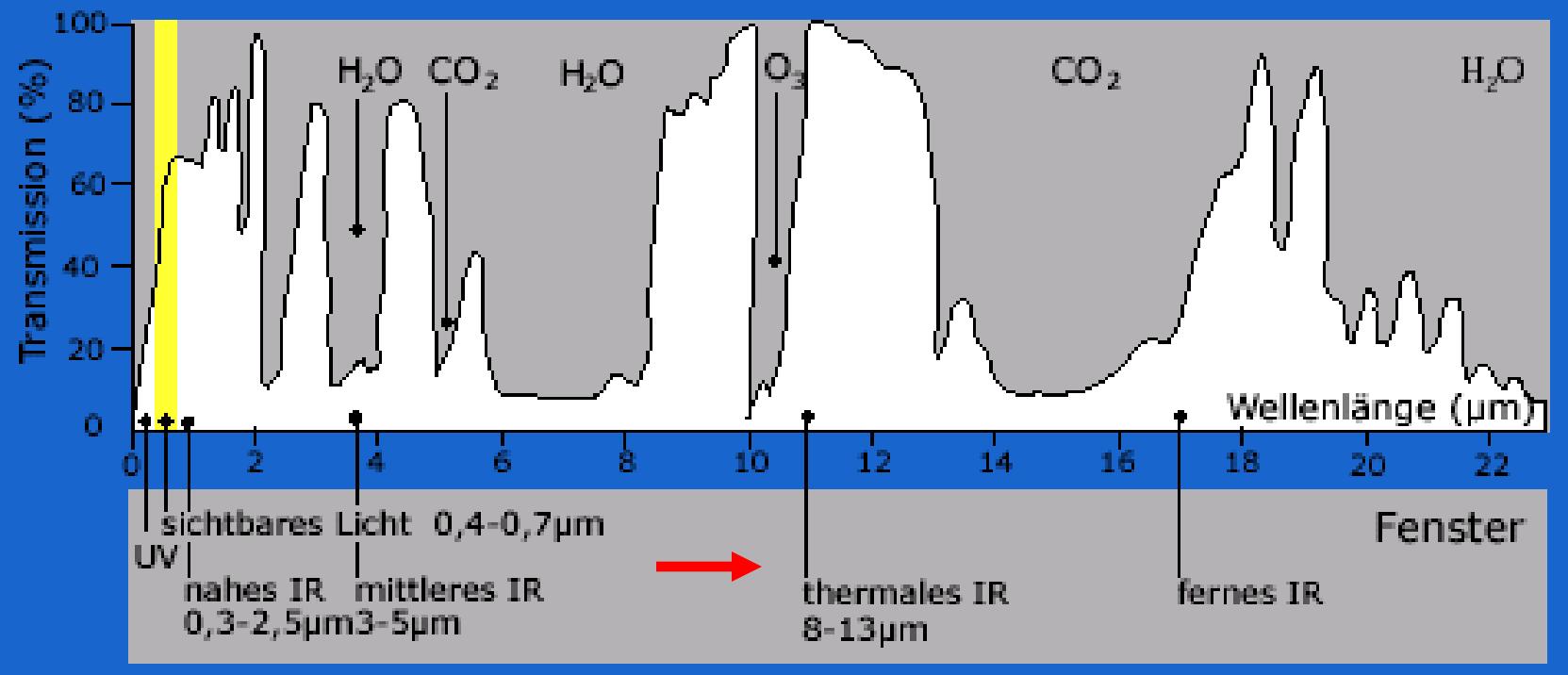
# Functional Surfaces for Heat Reflection

## Spectral Range of Thermal Infrared

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Source: Uni Potsdam

► spektraler Transmissionsgrad/ atmosphärische Fenster

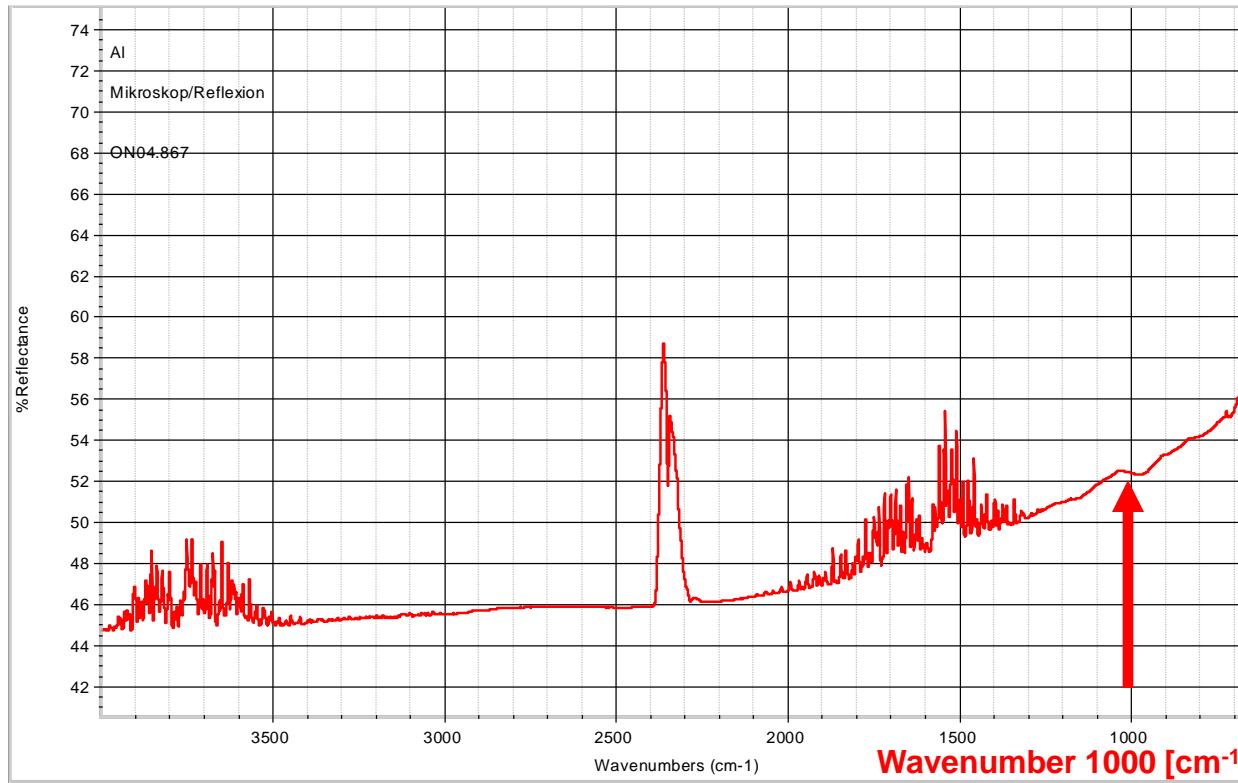


$$\lambda = 10 \text{ [\mu m]} = 10 * 10^{-4} = 10^{-3} \text{ [cm]}$$
$$\tilde{\nu} = 1 / \lambda = 10^3 = 1\,000 \text{ [1/cm]}$$



# IR-Reflection -> Improvement of Thermal Insulation and „Comfort“

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**Figure 36.1** IR spectrum of a mixture to increase the average reflection rate. For example, by increasing the average reflection rate from 2,5 to 11 % - energy in an order of magnitude of 4,5 % could be saved (File: AI.Wmf, 65%).



# IR Reflection as a Contribution to Fire Protection

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Source: N.N.

Chemisch-technische und physikalische Aspekte  
(Flächenspezifische) **Wärmefluss-Dichte** der Reaktionszone

$$q_{rz}^{\bullet} = q_{ext}^{\bullet} + q_{fl}^{\bullet} - \varepsilon \sigma (T_s^4 - T_u^4) - k (T_s - T_u) \quad (10)$$

$q_{ext}^{\bullet}$  : Surface-specific heatflux-density from external source

$q_{fl}^{\bullet}$  : Surface-specific heatflux-density from flame

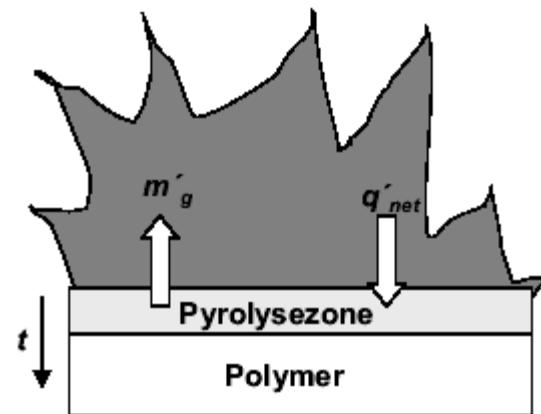
$\sigma$  : Boltzmann-constant

$\varepsilon$  : Emission-constant

$k$  : Convection-constant

$T_s$  : Surface-temperature

$T_u$  : Ambient-temperature



## 4 Abstract / Summary

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<sup>38</sup> Nano-silver has many beneficial properties that enable a high number of different applications.

- 1. The antimicrobial properties** can be used for product applications in medicine, the construction and sanitary sector, coating of handles, controls and worktops up to antifouling coatings for ships – to name just a few.
- 2. Excellent electrical conductivity** predestinate to applications for conductor pathways and printed electronic circuits. This effect can be even further improved in combination with CNT's.
- 3. A high reflection rate** in the range of thermal-IR is suitable for indoor as well as for outdoor applications. Heat insulation surfaces can help to save energy and improve indoor comfort. External applications help to avoid excessing heating of facades which leads to cool buildings.

The paper is focussed to product applications in the described areas showing research and development activities of FhG-ICT and covers all steps from nano-particle-synthesis, stabilization, analysis and system-integration under special consideration of nano-safety throughout the entire product life-cycle.

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## 5 Prospective

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- **Further Nano-Products with additional antimicrobial effect, will be put to market soon**
- **Numerous promising systems are still under development**
- **Nanomedicine is identified as an outstanding field of application**
- **Recognizing the overall benefit, investments in this technology makes sense. Fraunhofer-ICT is looking for further cooperations and product applications especially in Poland**



Спасибо за ваше внимание!

Dziekuje za uwage!

Děkuji za pozornost!

Σας ευχαριστώ για την προσοχή σας! Takk for oppmerksomheten!

非常感谢您的关注

ご清聴ありがとうございました

Danke für die Aufmerksamkeit!

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Tak for din opmærksomhed!

Tack för er uppmärksamhet!

Dank u voor uw aandacht!

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Grazie per l'attenzione!

Merci pour votre attention!

Thanks for your attention!

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