

Environmental Implications of Copper Nanohybrids in Natural Waters

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I. What is Nanotechnology?



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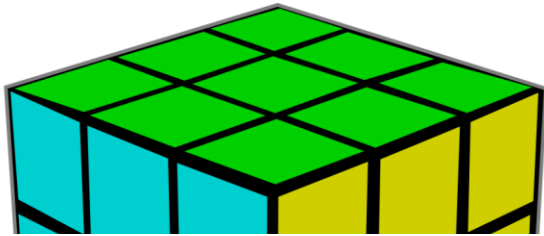
- Technology based on comprehending and manipulating matter at the nanoscale (1 – 100 nm) to create new and unique materials and products.
- Involves synthesis of nanomaterials and/or enabling products or processes with nanomaterials.



Scale of Nanotechnology?



Effect of Size



A gold slab melts around 1064 °C; 2.5 nm gold particles melt around 300 °C!

sides = 3

surface = $3^2 \times 6 = 54$

volume = $3^3 = 27$

surface/volume = 2

sides = 2

surface = $2^2 \times 6 = 24$

volume = $2^3 = 8$

surface/volume = 3

sides = 1

surface = $1^2 \times 6 = 6$

volume = $1^3 = 1$

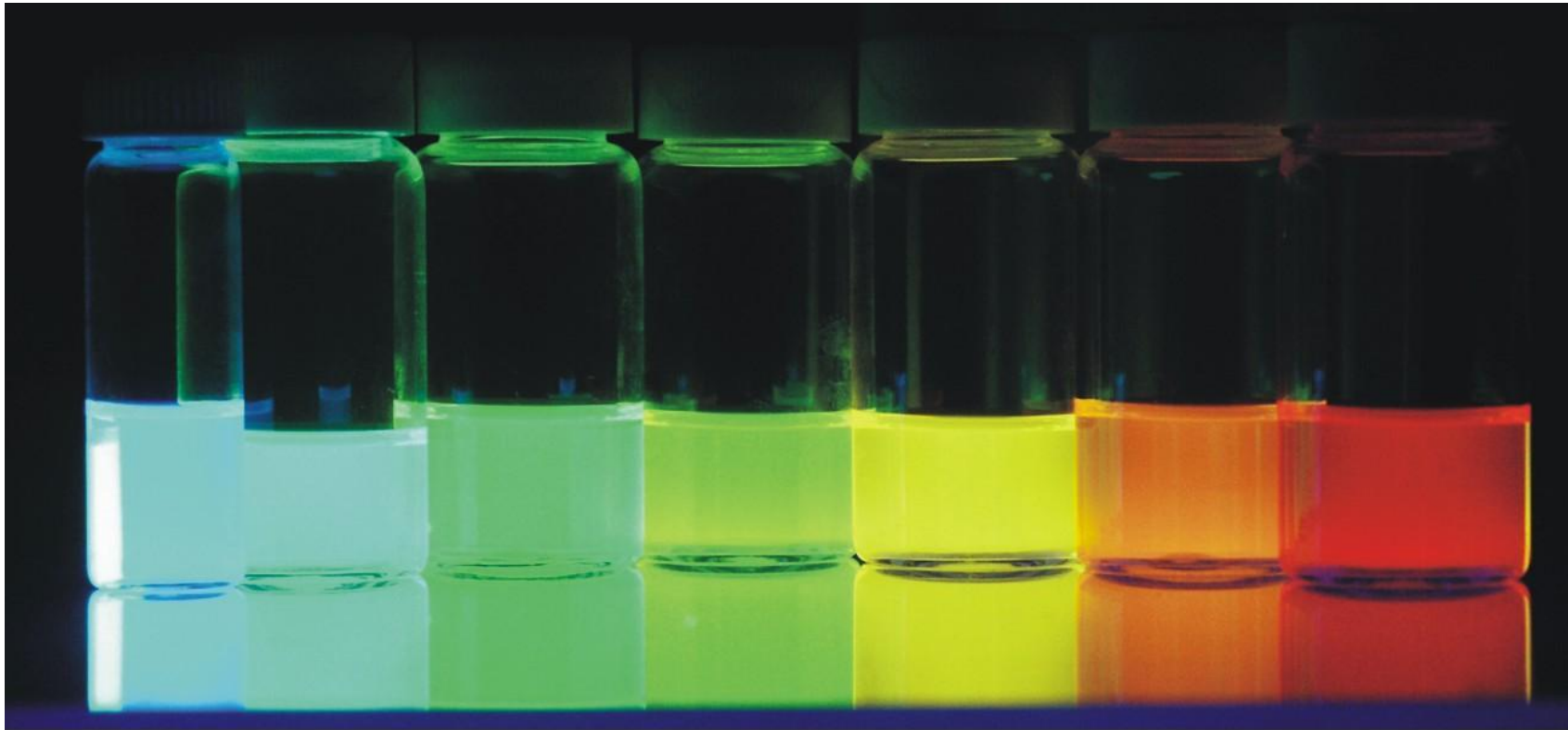
surface/volume = 6

Effects of Nanoscale Size

Properties

Examples

Catalytic	Increased catalytic efficiency through higher surface-to-volume ratio
Electrical	Increased electrical conductivity in ceramic and magnetic composites; increased electric resistance in metals
Magnetic	Increased magnetic coercivity up to a critical grain size; superparamagnetic behavior
Mechanical	Improved hardness and toughness of metals and alloys; ductility and superplasticity of ceramic
Optical	Spectral shift of optical absorption and fluorescence properties; increased quantum efficiency of semiconductor crystals
Sterical	Increased selectivity; hollow spheres for specific drug transportation and controlled release
Biological	Increased permeability through biological barriers



2.3 —————> 5.5
Size (nanometers)

Nano TiO₂





Nano Ag





Graphene

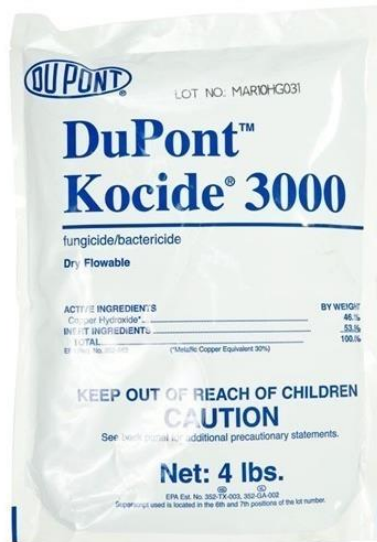




Nano ZnO



Some Uses of “Nanoscale” CuX

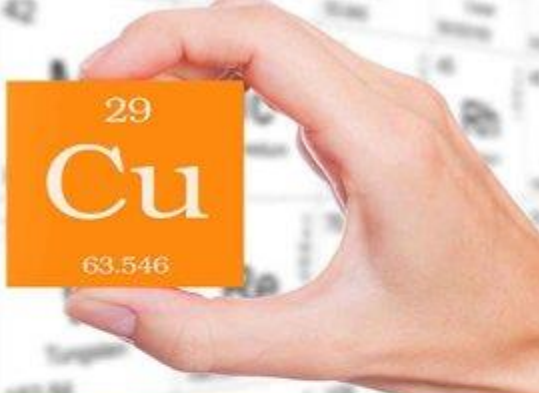




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II. Environmental Implications



Environmental Implications of Nanotechnology

Release



- ☐ Pulse/continuous
- ☐ Mass

Fate



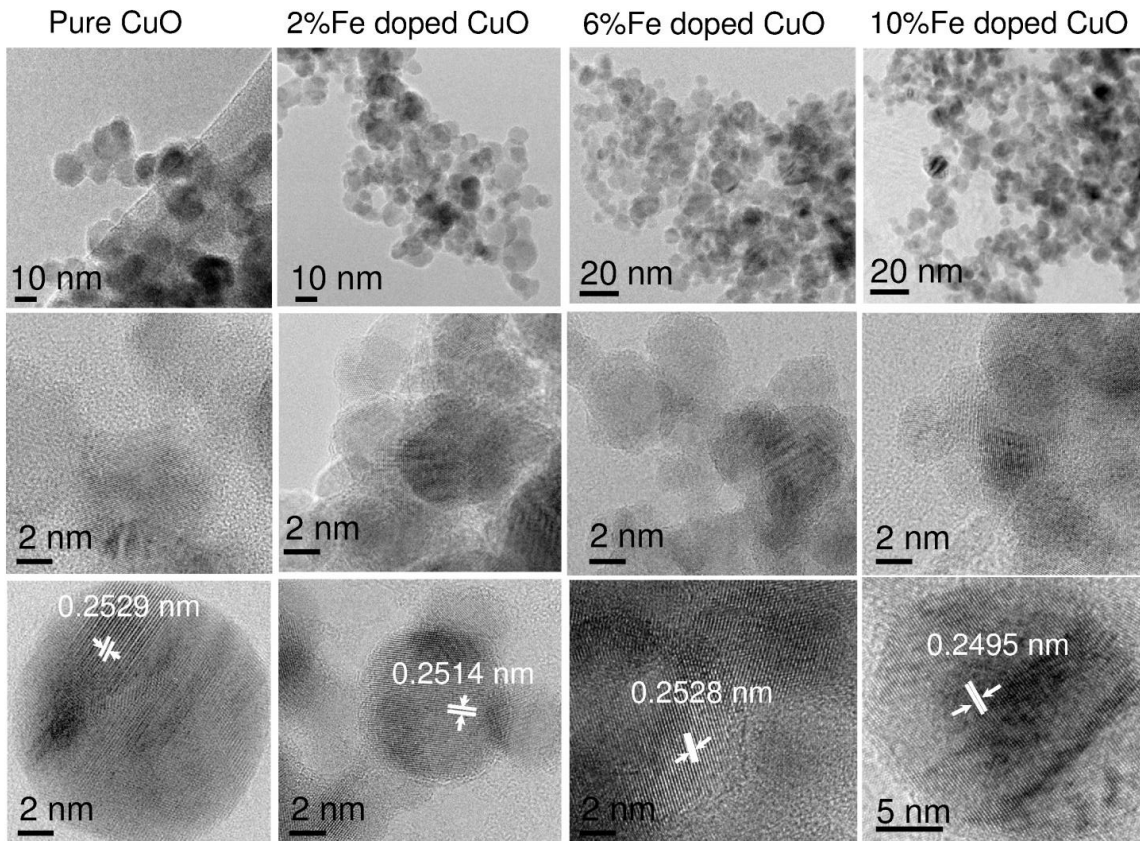
- ☐ Dissolution
- ☐ Aggregation
- ☐ Sedimentation
- ☐ Transformations
- ☐ Interactions

Effects



- ☐ Bioaccumulation
- ☐ Sub-lethal effects
- ☐ Lethal effects

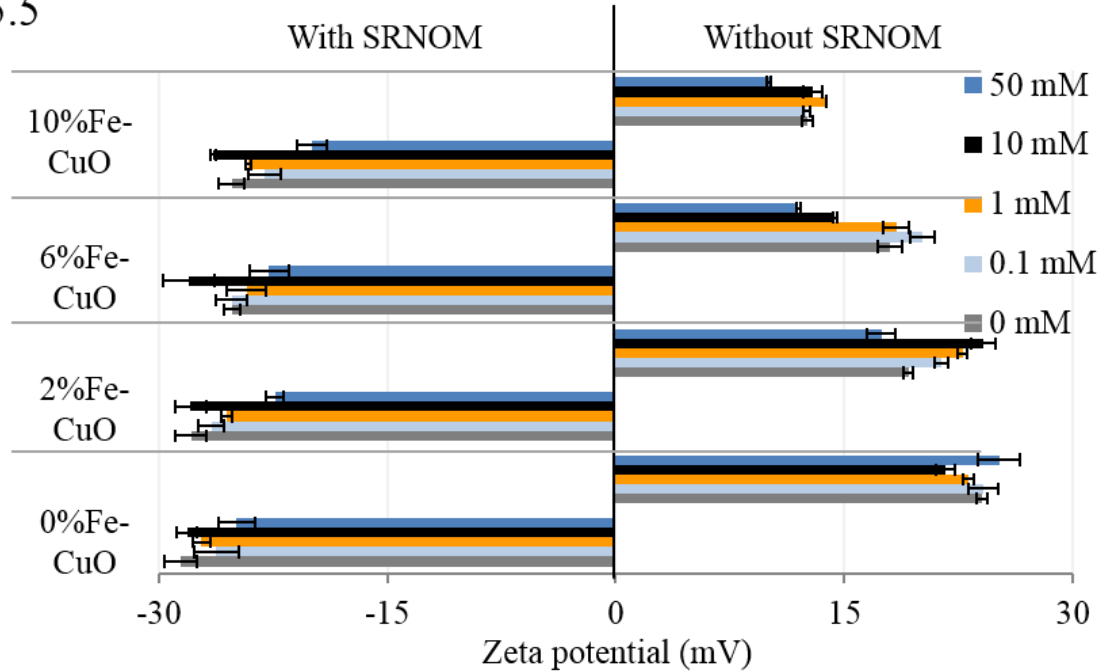
Fe-doped CuO Nanoparticles



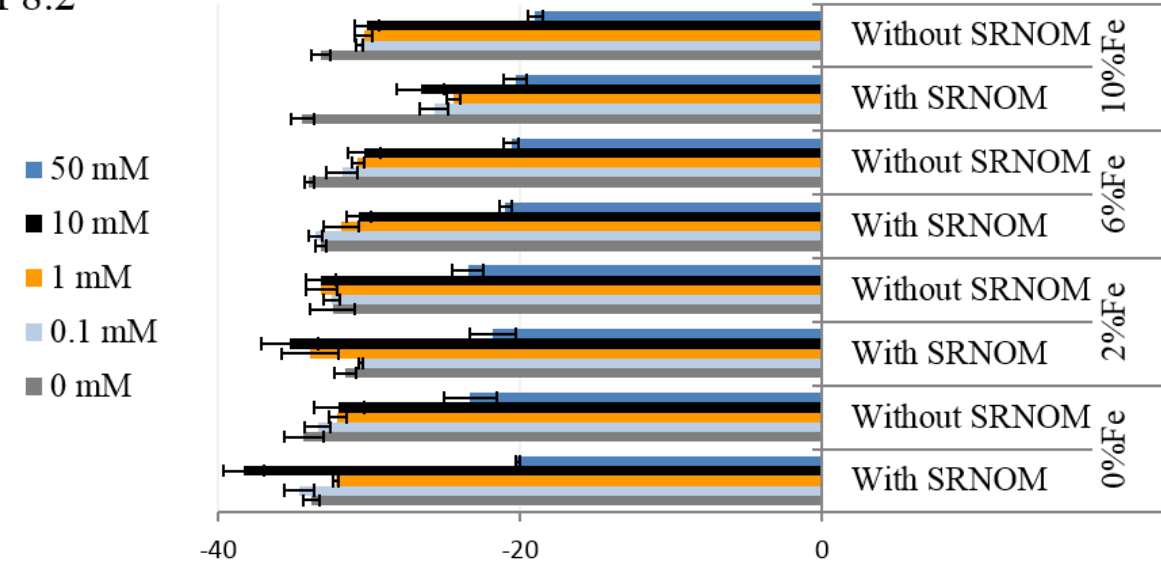
Characteristic	0%Fe-CuO	2%Fe-CuO	6%Fe-CuO	10%Fe-CuO
Crystallite size, d_{XRD} (nm)	8.9 (± 1)	92(± 1)	11.6(± 1)	11.4(± 1)
Particle size, d_{BET} (nm)	11.8(± 2)	12.3(± 2)	10.3(± 2)	10.7(± 2)
Hydrodynamic size (nm) ^a	162.9 $\pm$ 3.5	145.1 $\pm$ 6.5	165.2 $\pm$ 11.9	157.7 $\pm$ 11.4
Zeta potential (mV) ^{a, b}	-33.4 $\pm$ 0.9	-32.5 $\pm$ 0.6	-31.8 $\pm$ 1.0	-30.6 $\pm$ 0.3
Isoelectric point	~ pH 9.8	~ pH 9.5	~ pH 9.2	~ pH 9.0
Specific surface area (m ² /g)	80.9(± 5)	77.6(± 5)	92.9(± 5)	90.4(± 5)

Surface Charge of Fe-doped $n\text{CuO}$

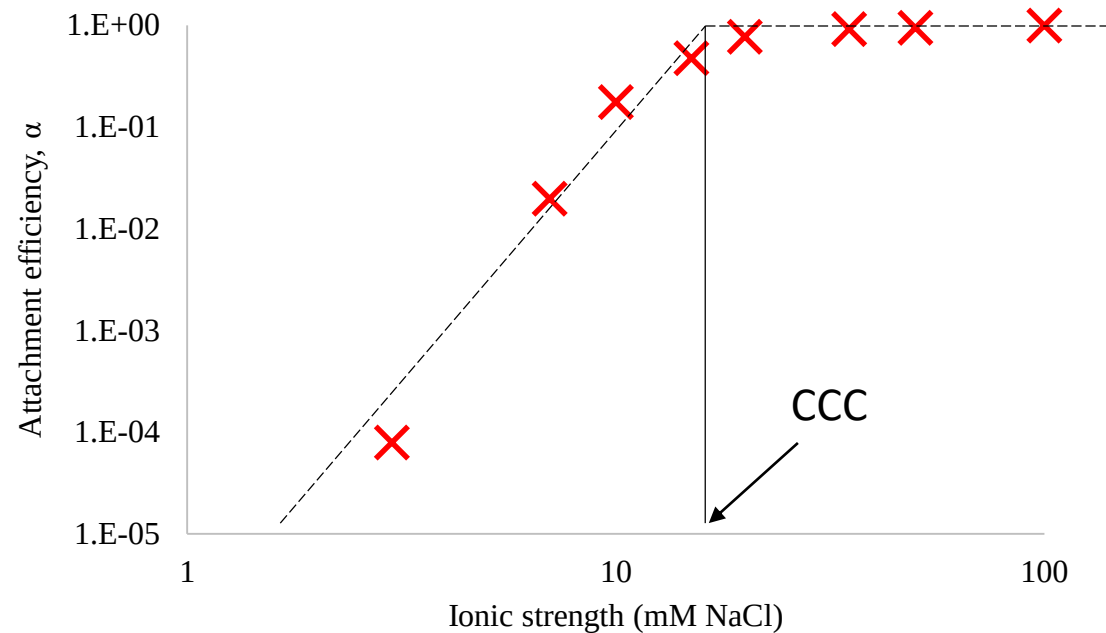
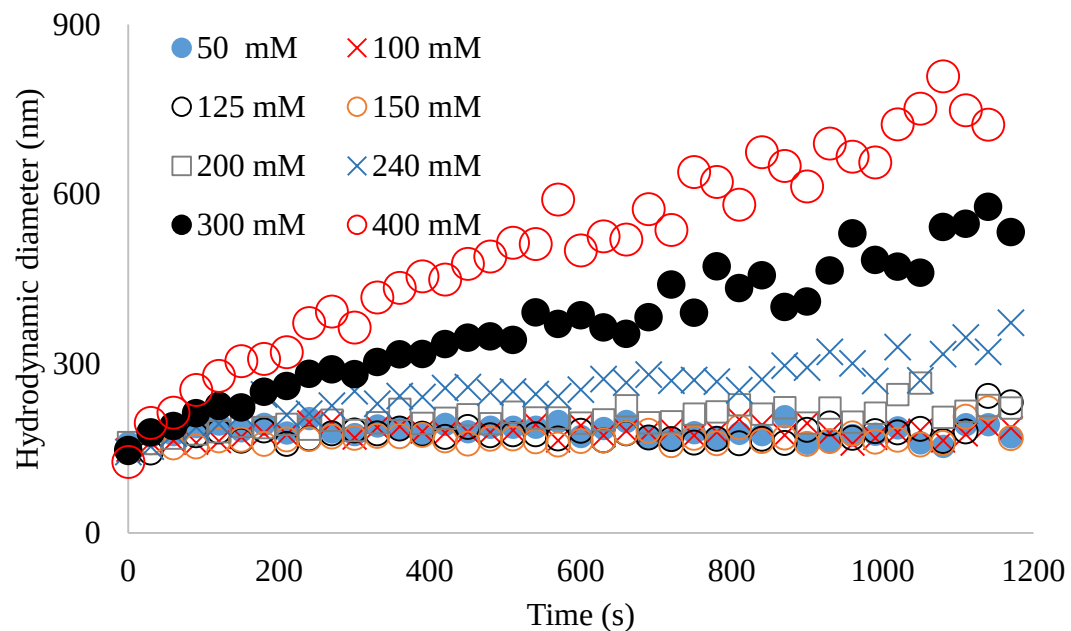
pH 5.5



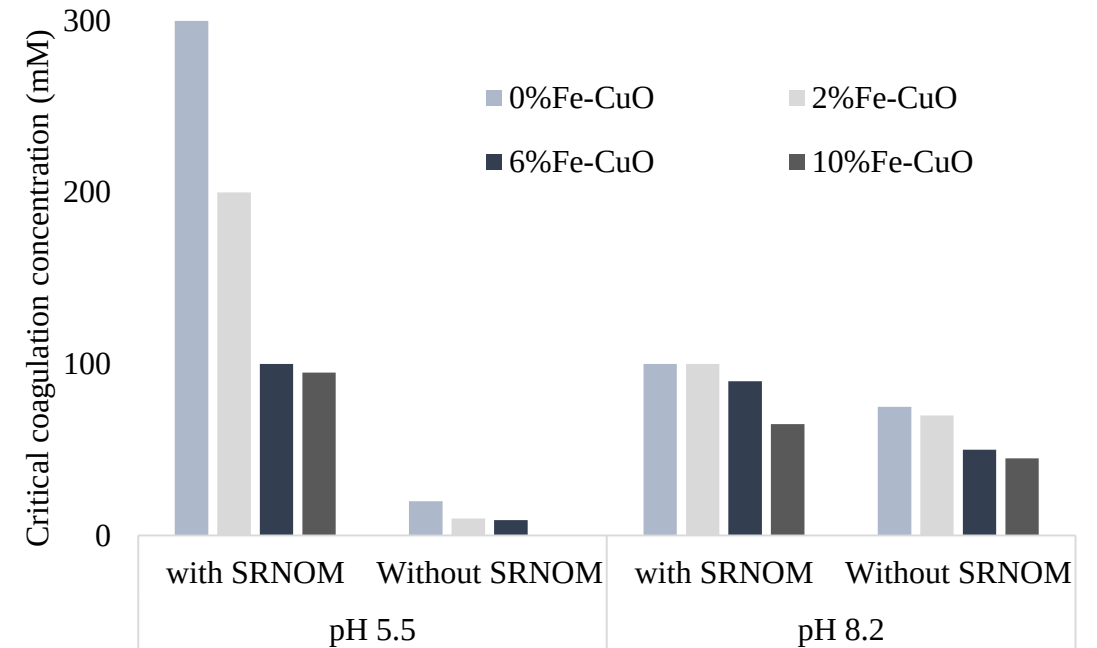
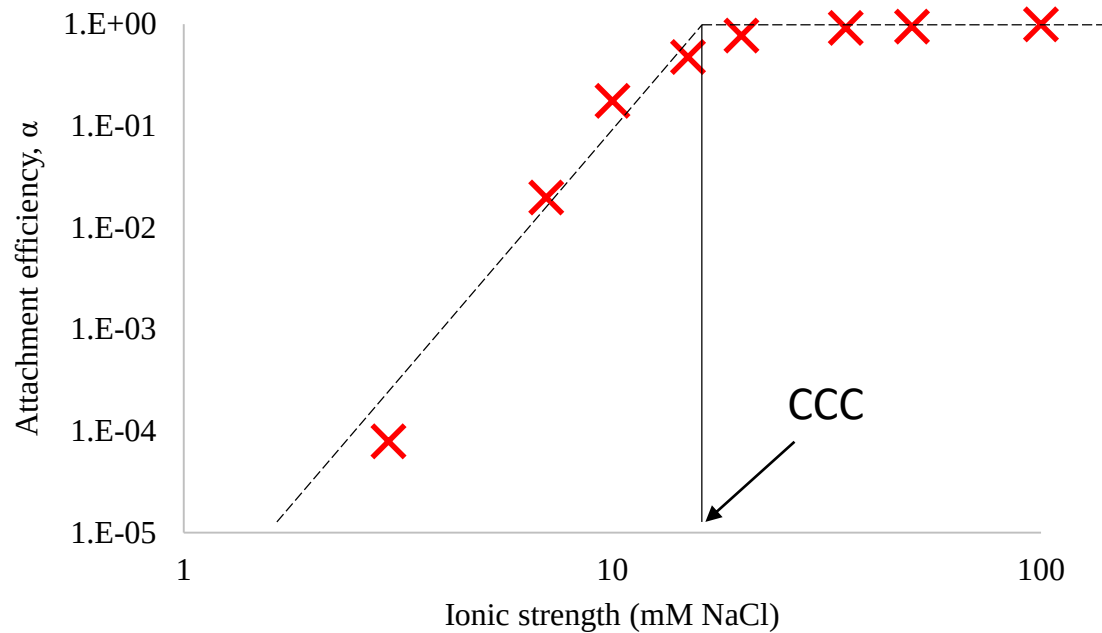
pH 8.2



Aggregation Kinetics

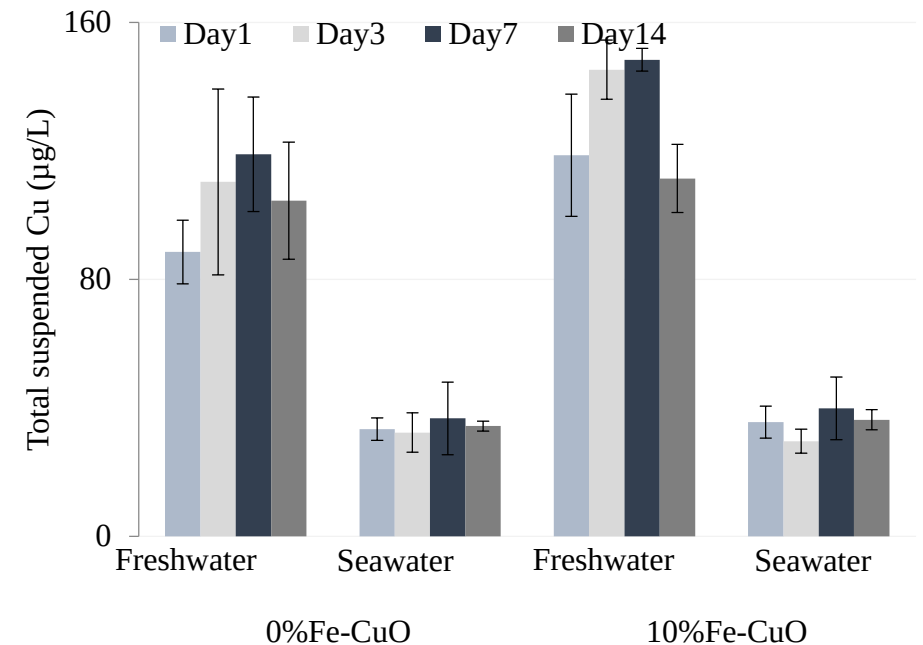
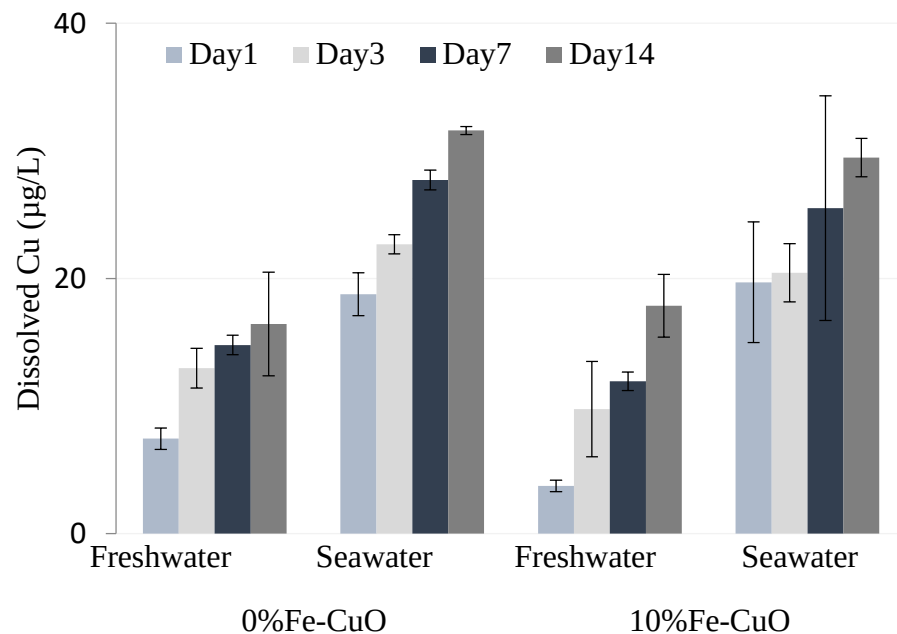


Stability of Fe-doped $n\text{CuO}$



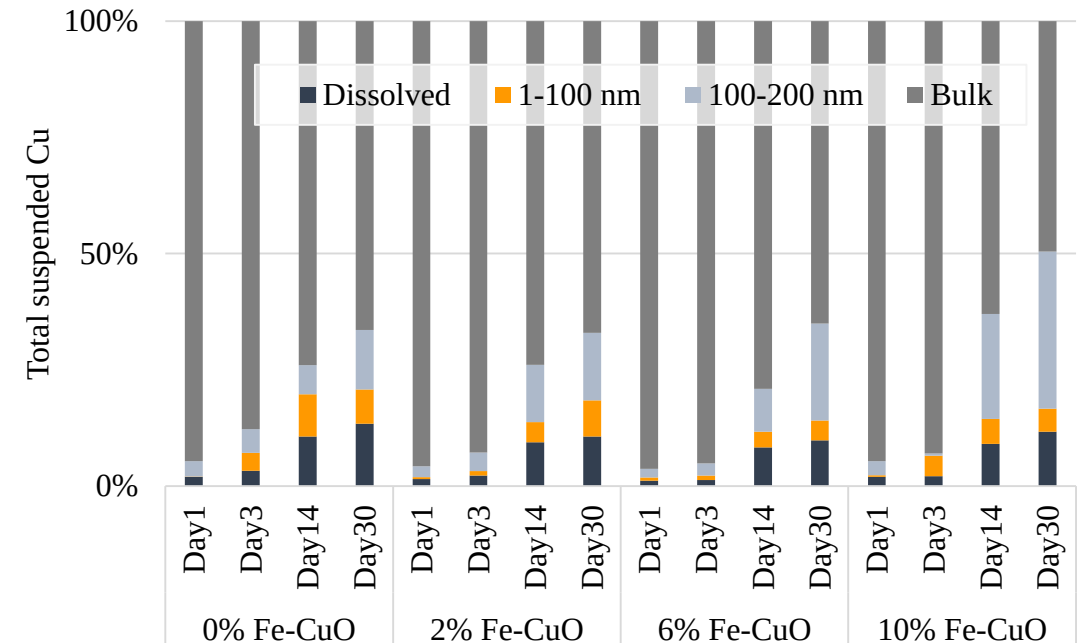
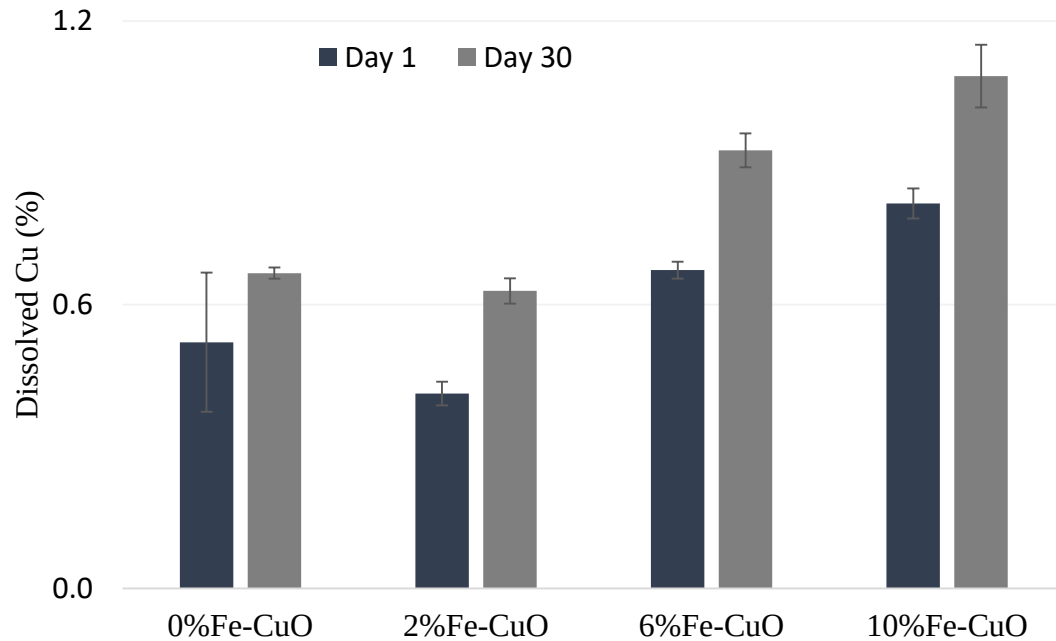
Dissolution and settling of Fe-doped $n\text{CuO}$

Initial concentration = $500\text{ }\mu\text{g/L}$

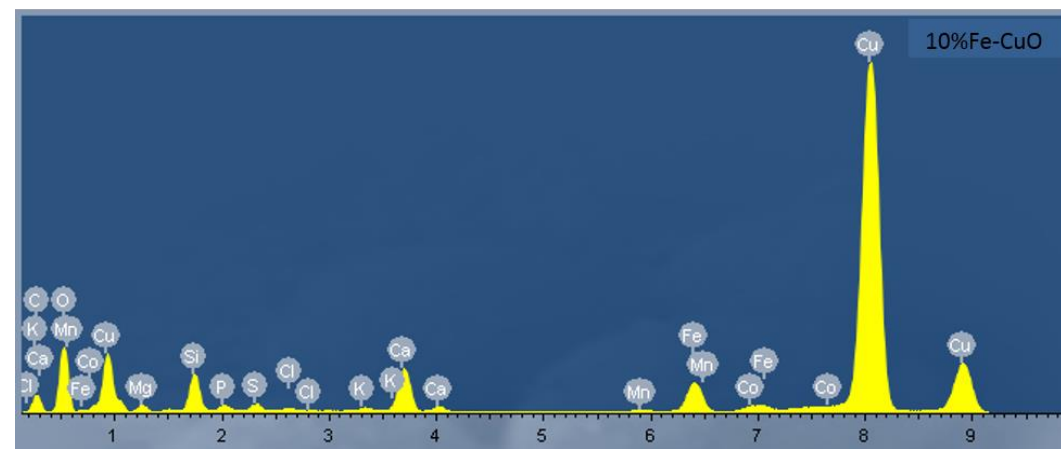
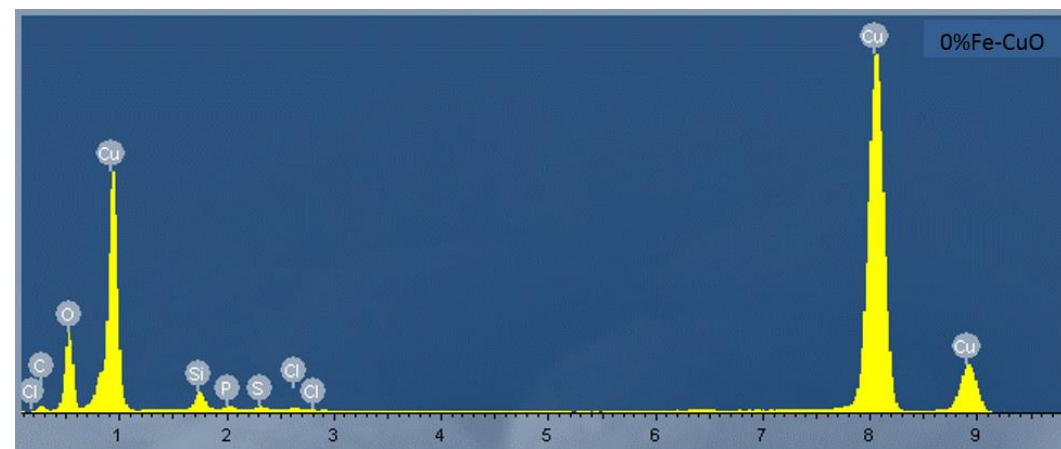
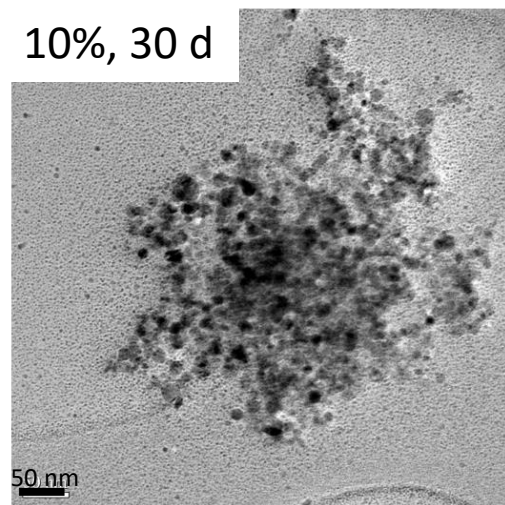
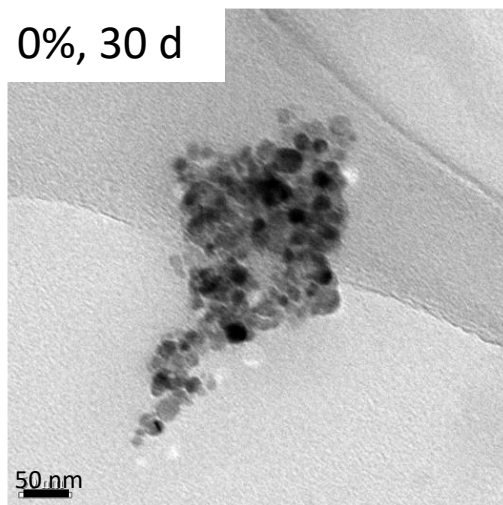
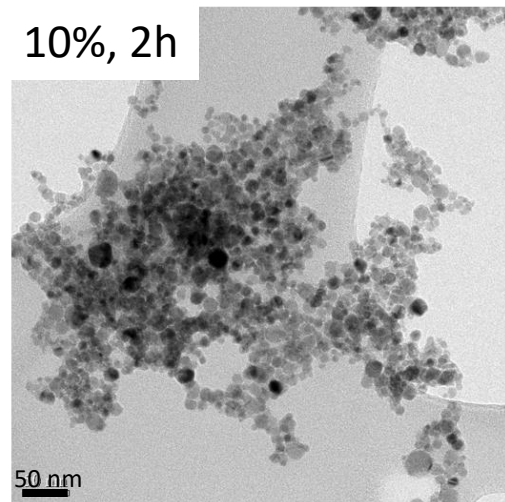
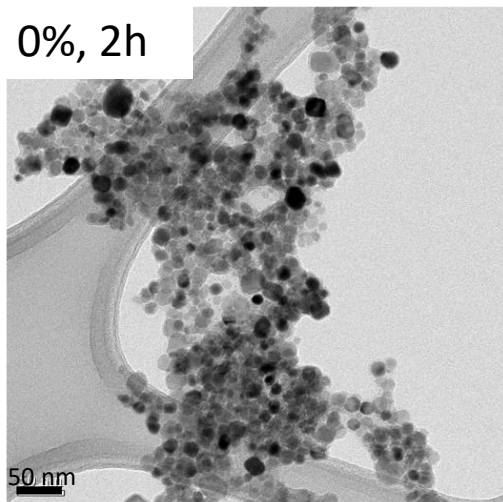


Dissolution and Settling of Fe-doped $n\text{CuO}$

Initial concentration = 5000 $\mu\text{g/L}$

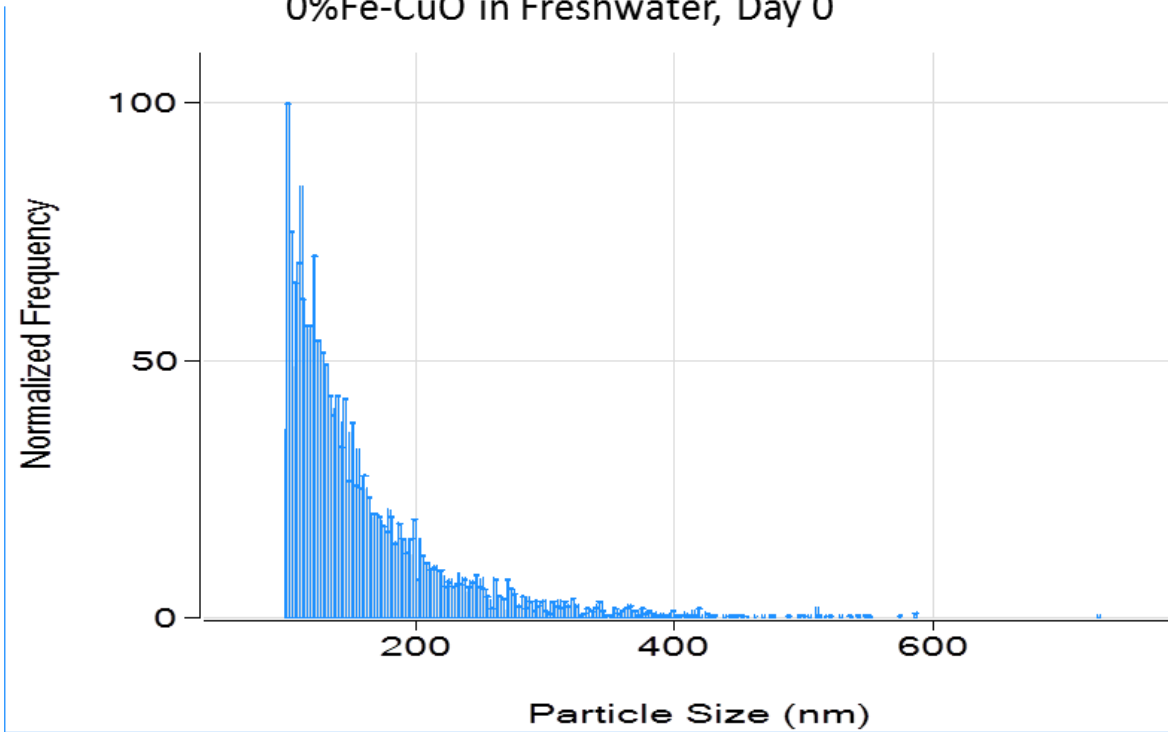


“Bulk Cu”?

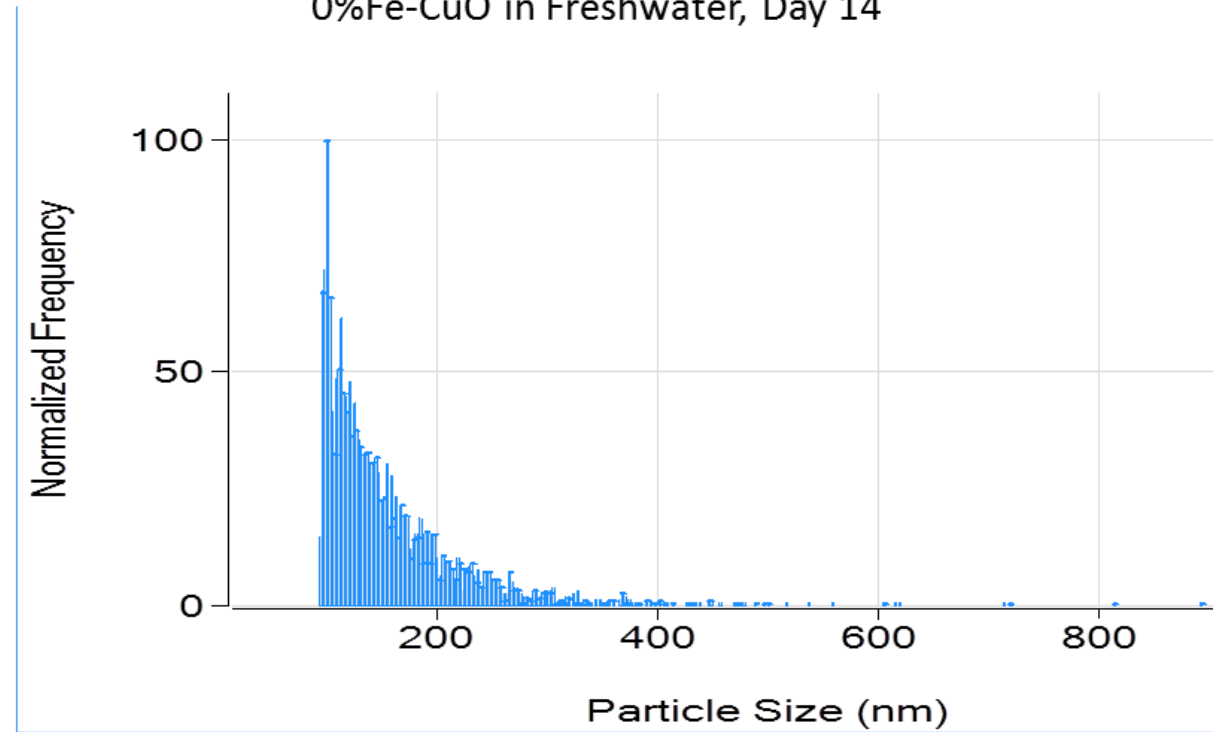


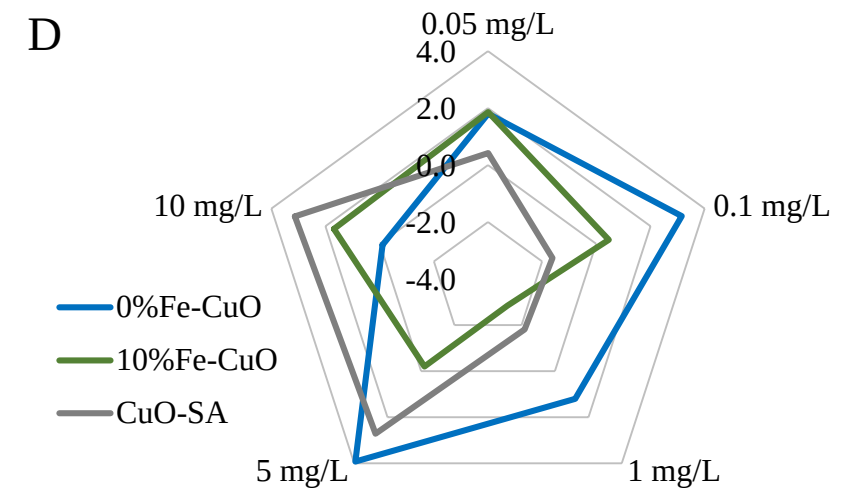
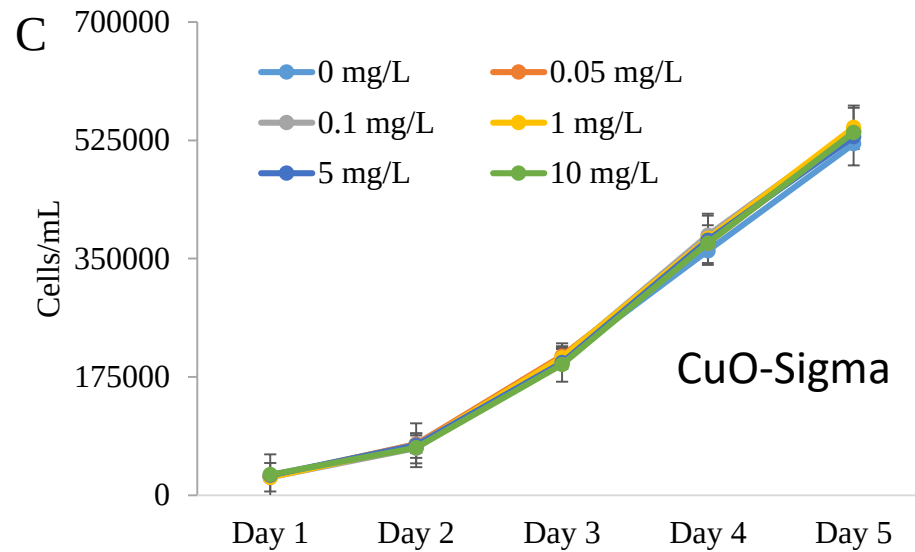
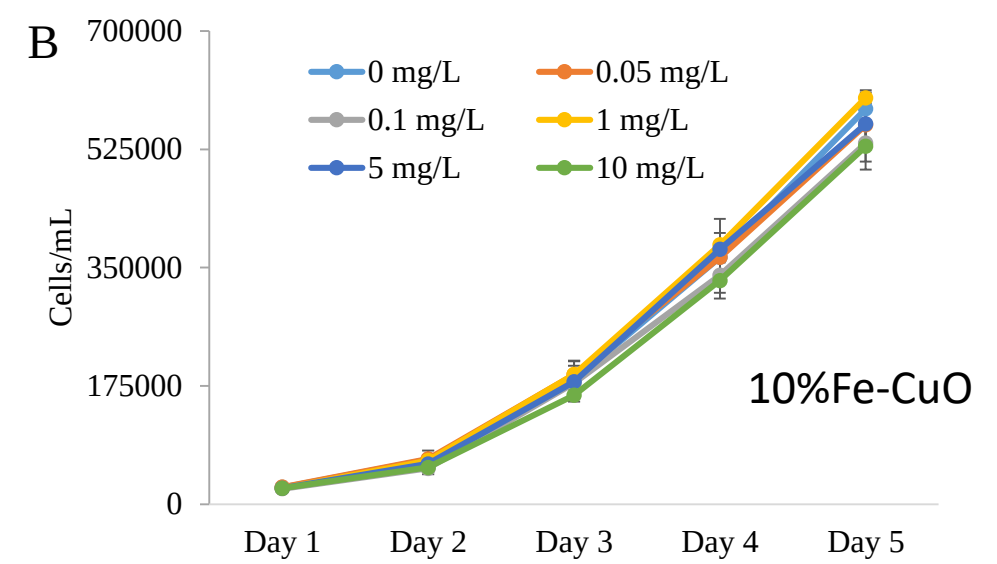
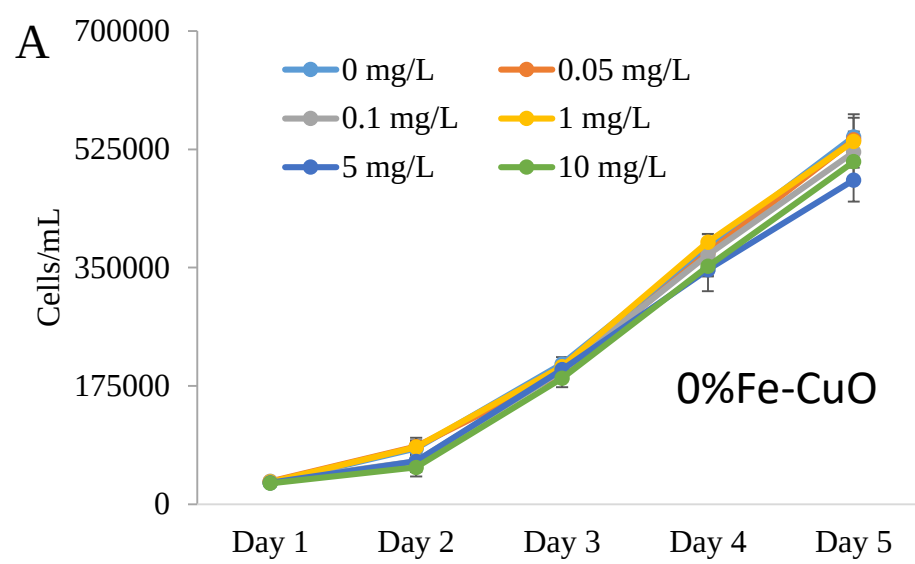
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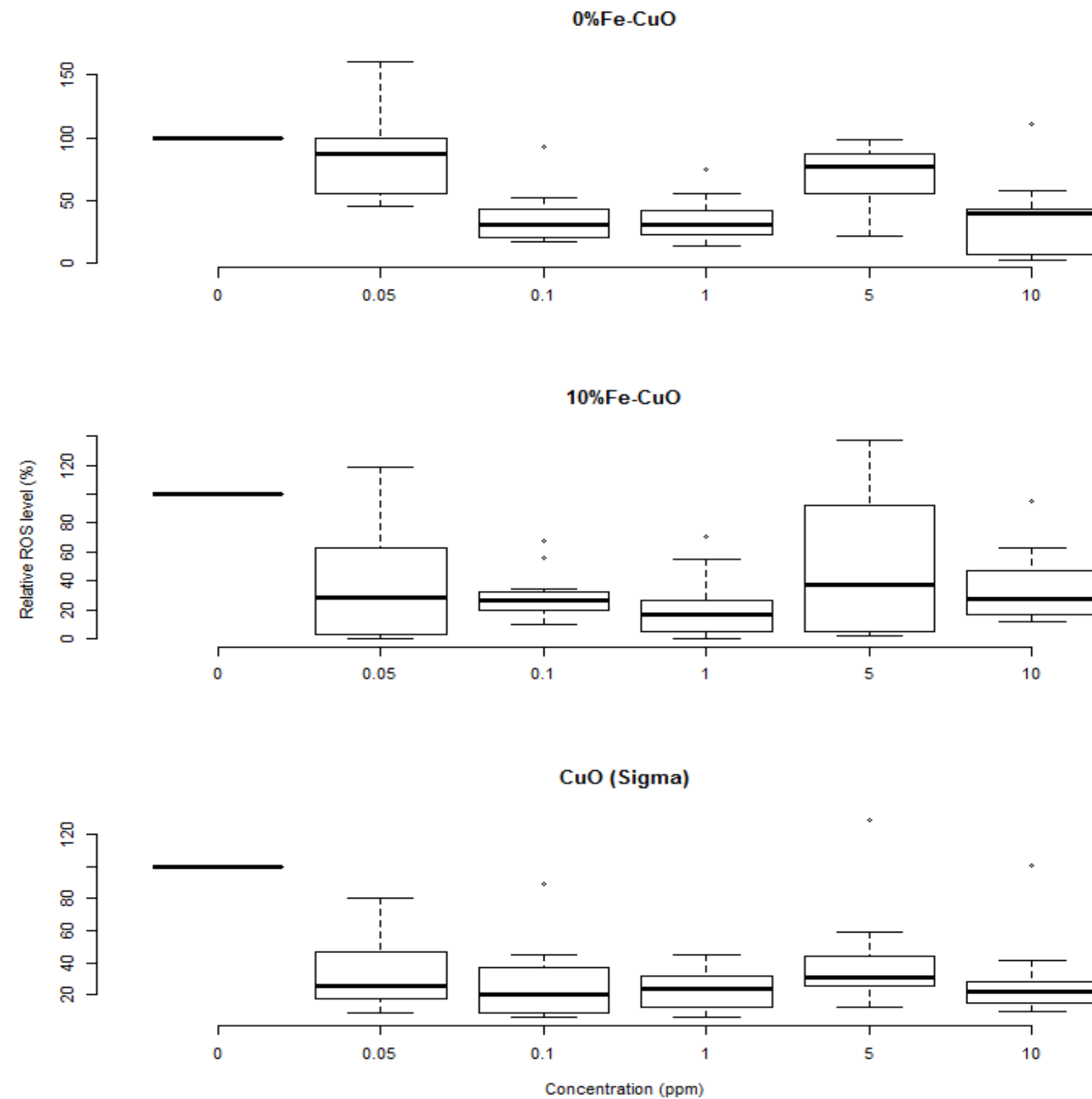
0%Fe-CuO in Freshwater, Day 0



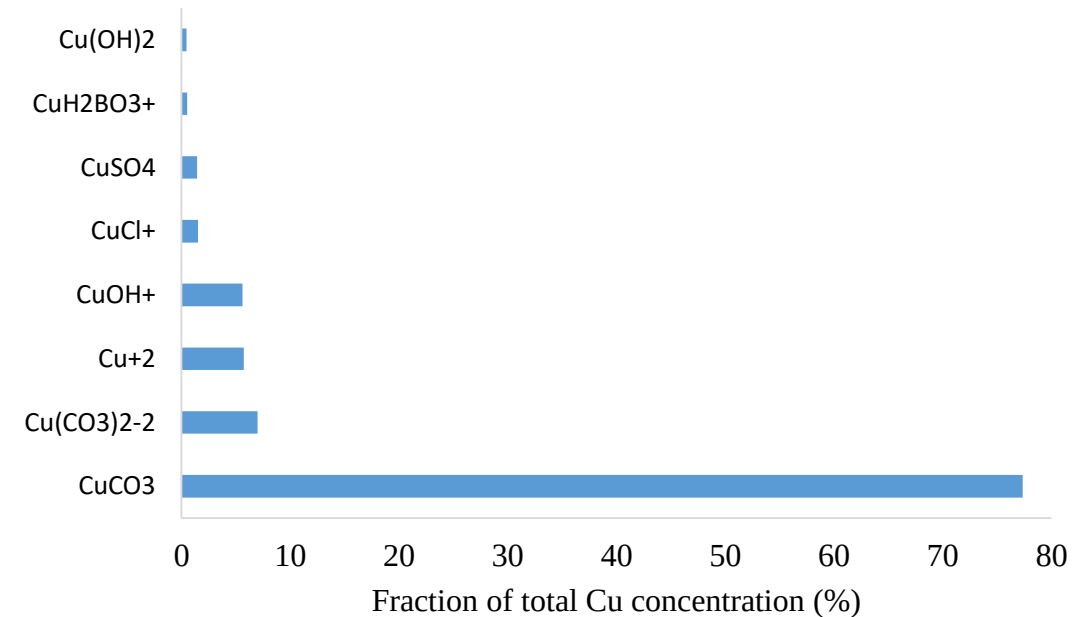
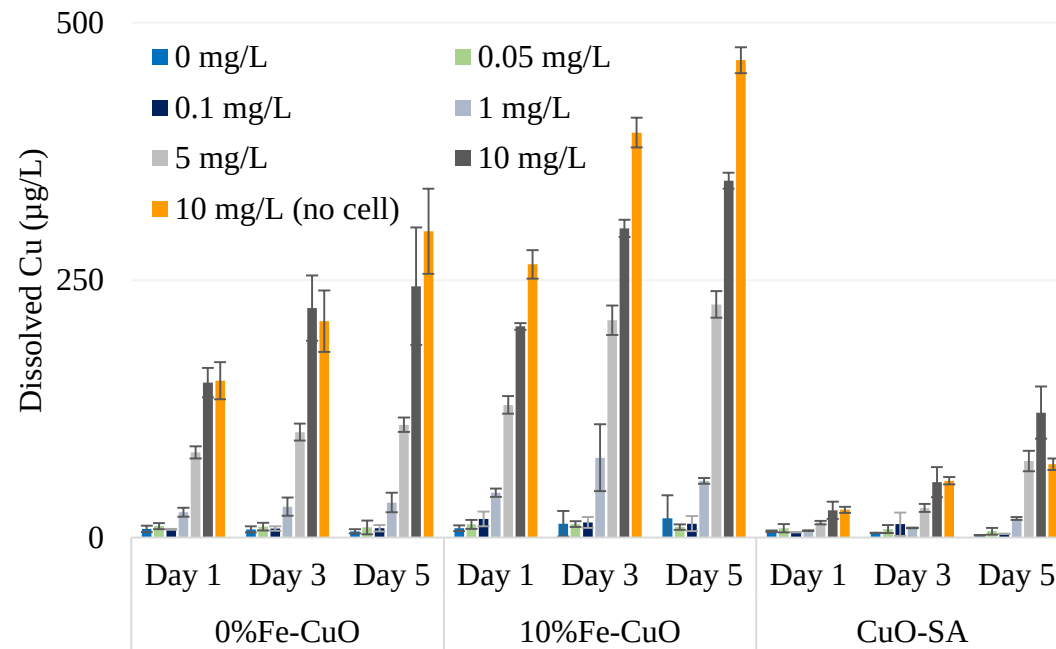
0%Fe-CuO in Freshwater, Day 14







Dissolved Cu and Cu Species in Seawater



Conclusion

- Doping of CuO nanoparticles with Fe affected the surface charge and colloidal stability of the nanoparticles
- Fe-doping increased release of Cu from CuO nanoparticles into both freshwater and seawater.
- The effect of CuO (pure and Fe-doped) on the growth of marine phytoplankton was enhanced or inhibited by less than 4%

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