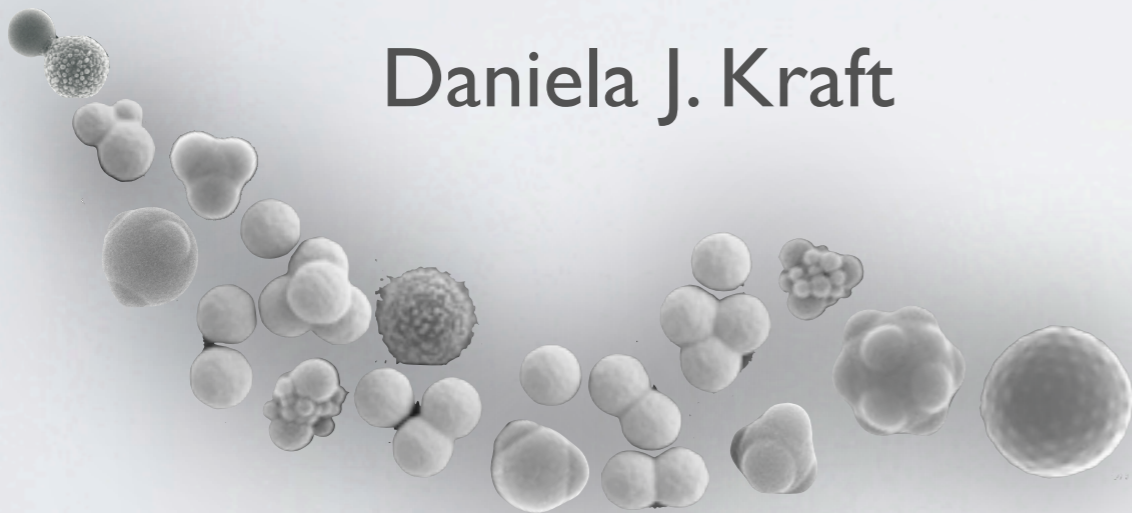
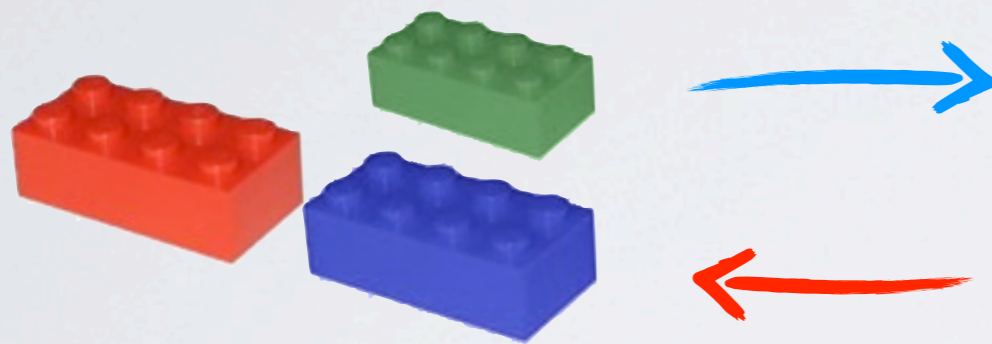


# SELF-ASSEMBLY AND DIFFUSION OF ANISOTROPIC PARTICLES

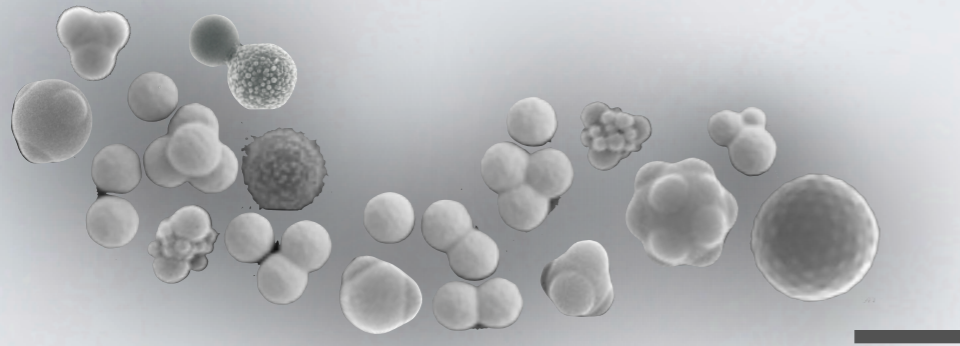
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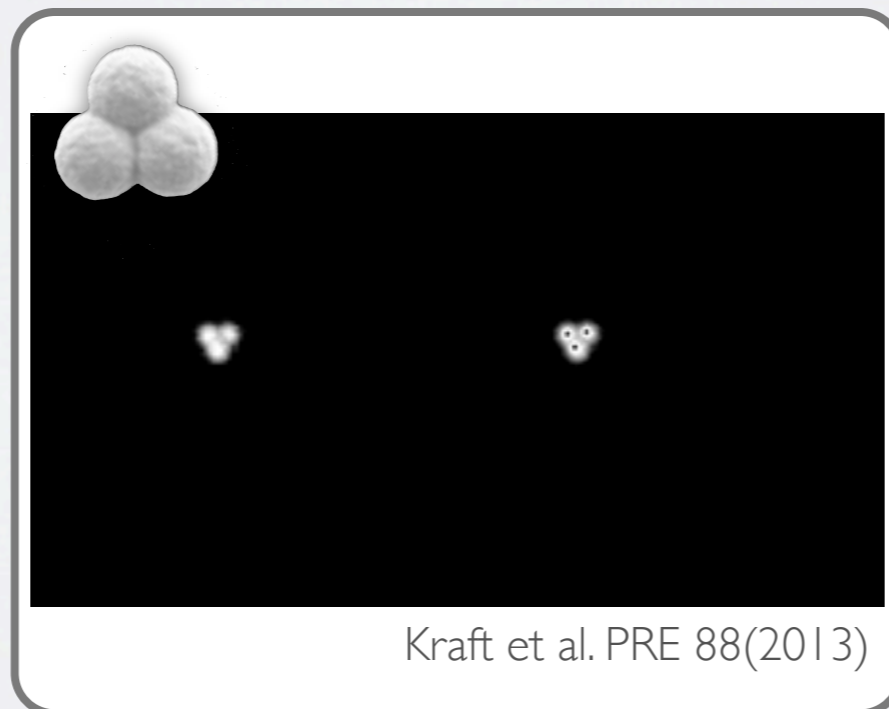
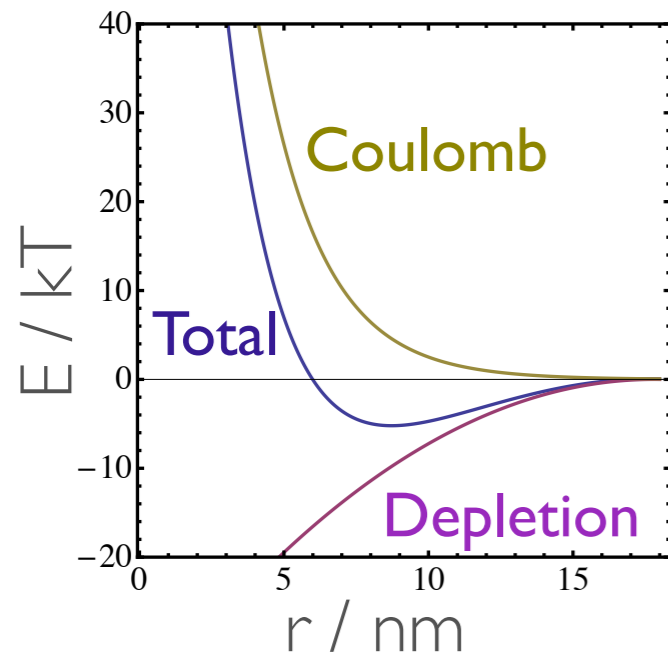
“What I cannot create, I do not understand.”  
R. Feynman

# WHY COLLOIDAL PARTICLES?



Size:  
 $\sim 10\text{nm}-10\mu\text{m}$

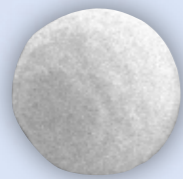
SOFT, SLOW, SEEABLE



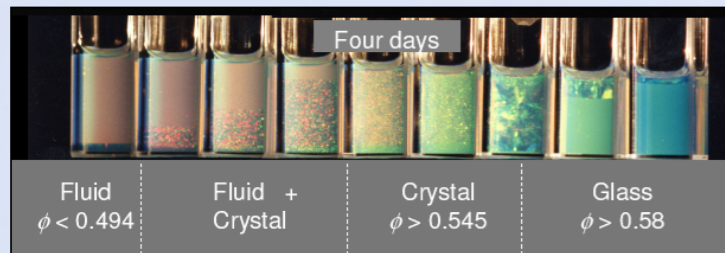
Ideal Model System  
For Doing  
Fundamental Physics

Applications

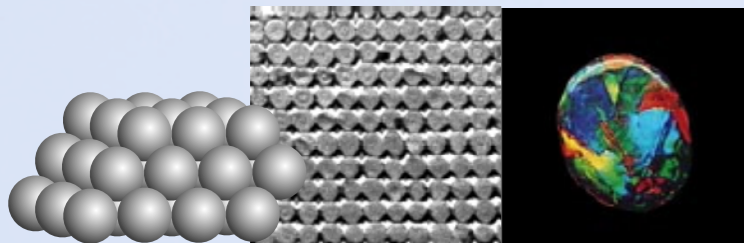
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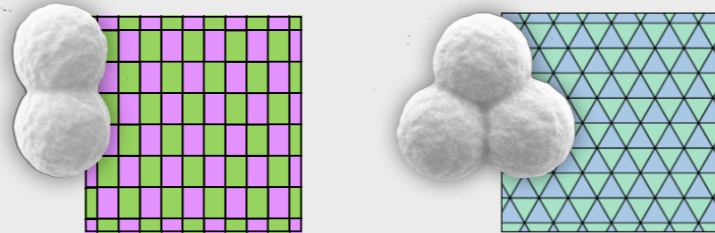
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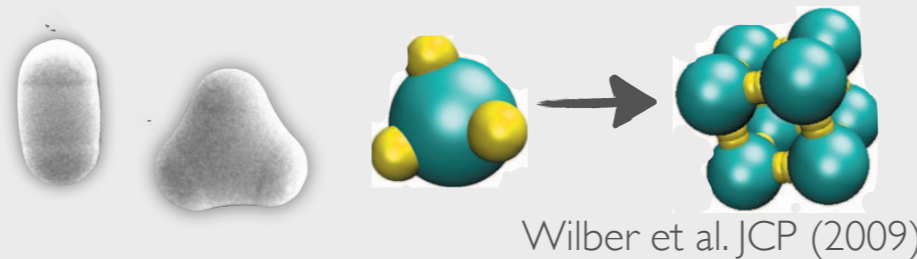
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## Anisotropic shape



## Anisotropic interactions



## Highly specific interactions



+ External guiding rules  
+ activity

Particle shape and interactions

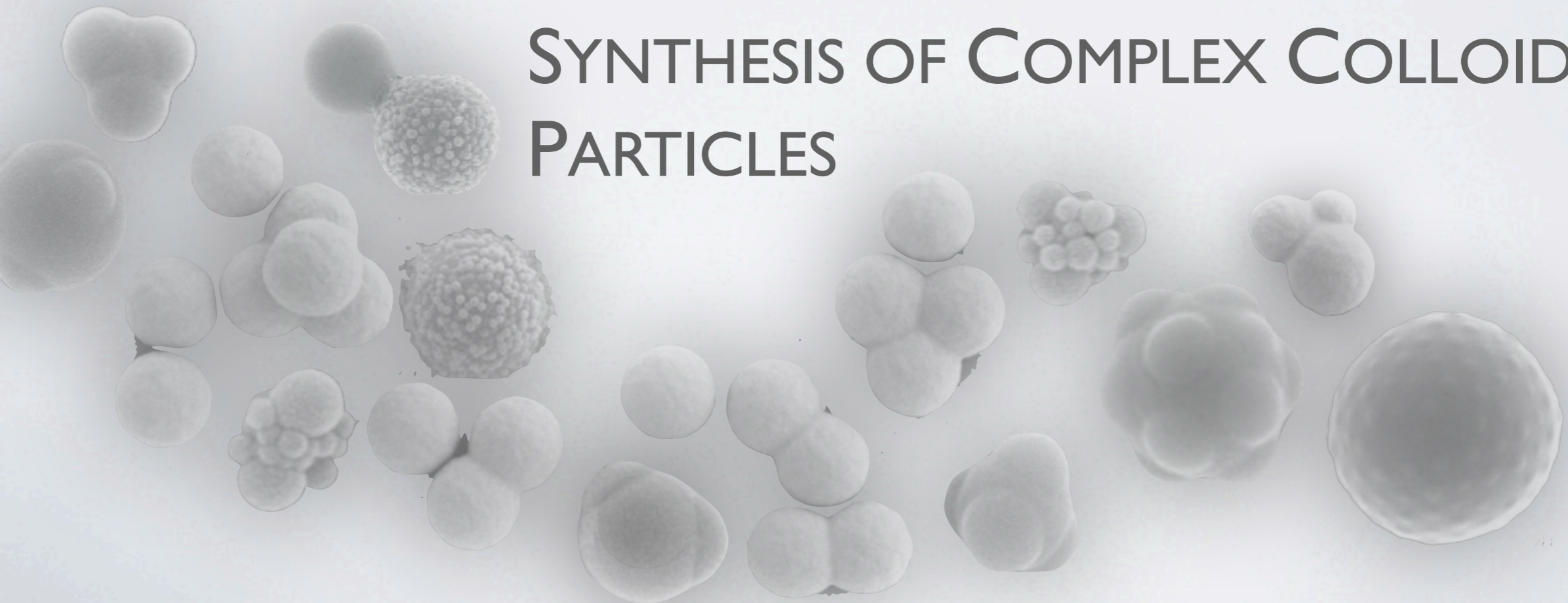


Assembled structure

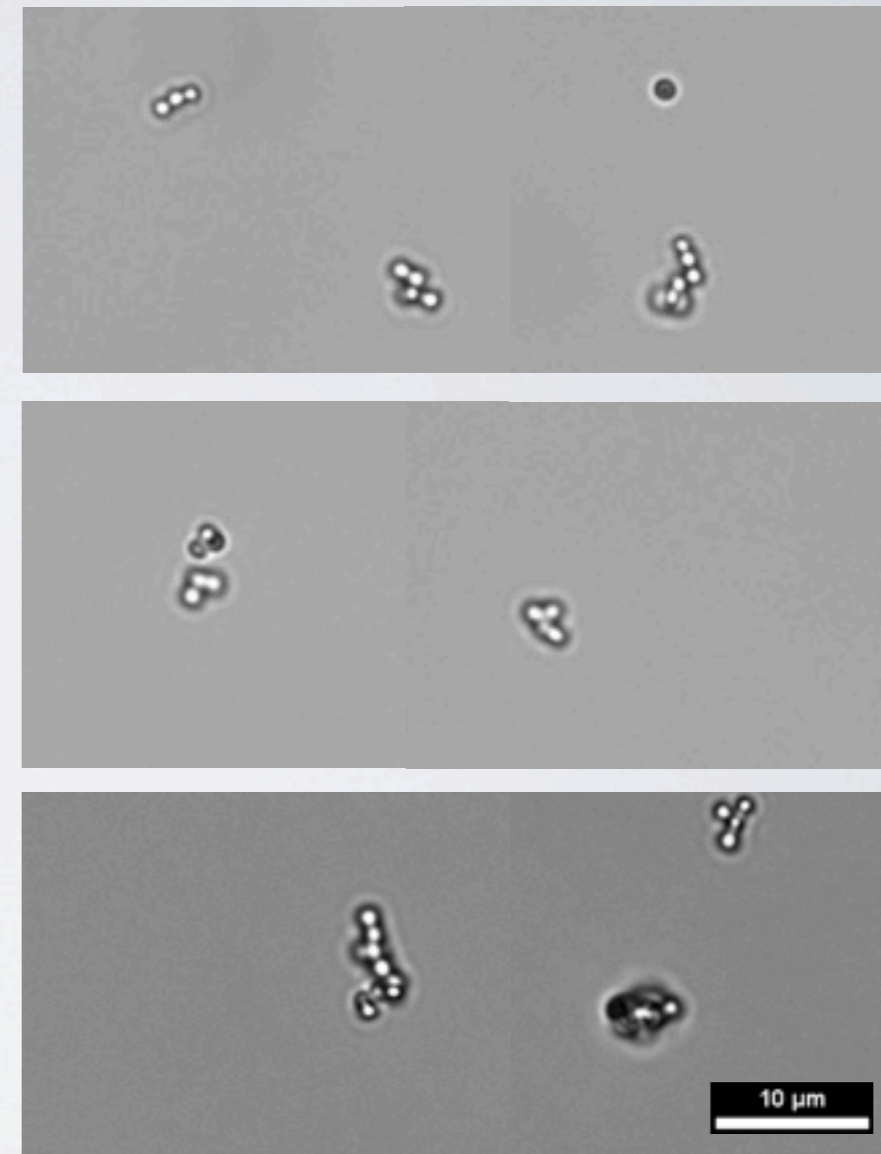
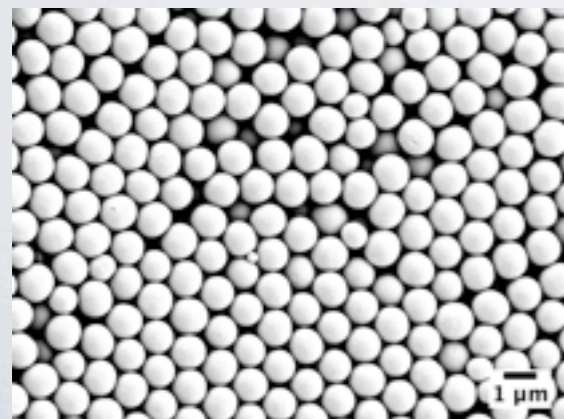
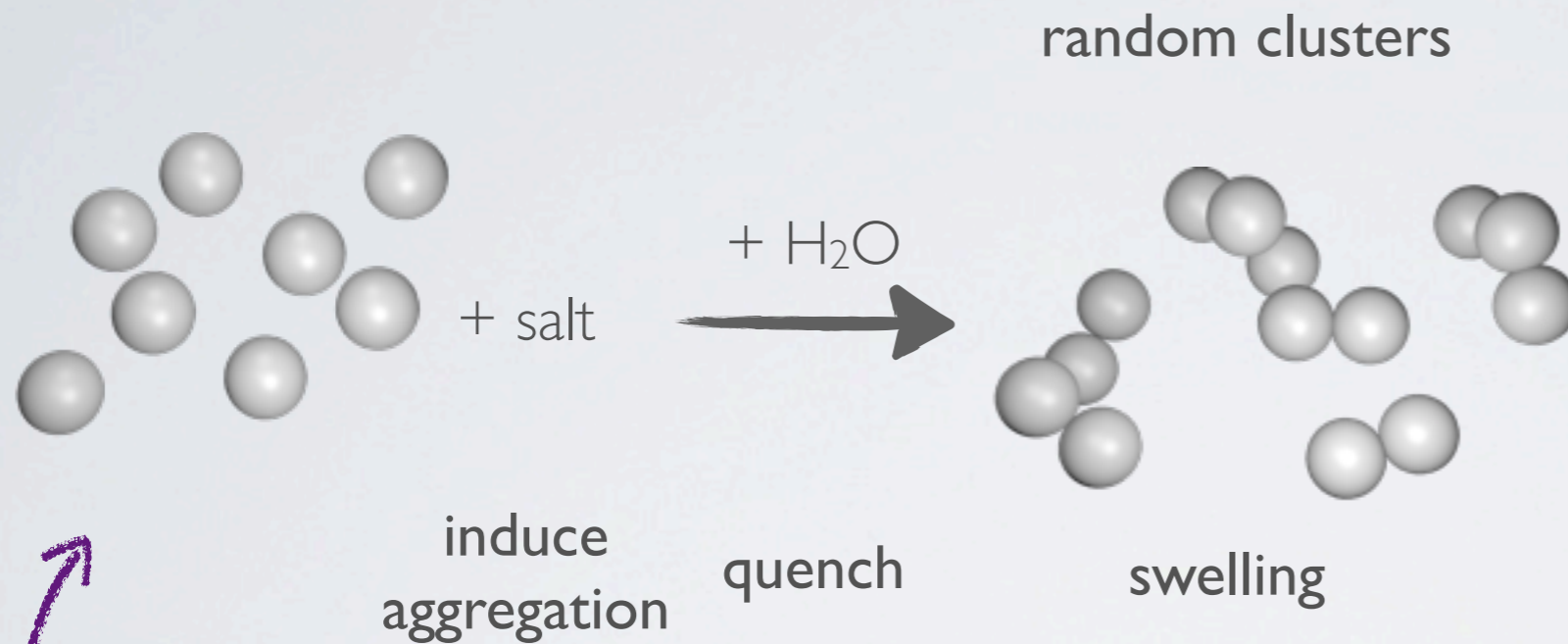


Understand & Design  
self-assembly

# COLLOIDAL RECYCLING: SYNTHESIS OF COMPLEX COLLOIDAL PARTICLES

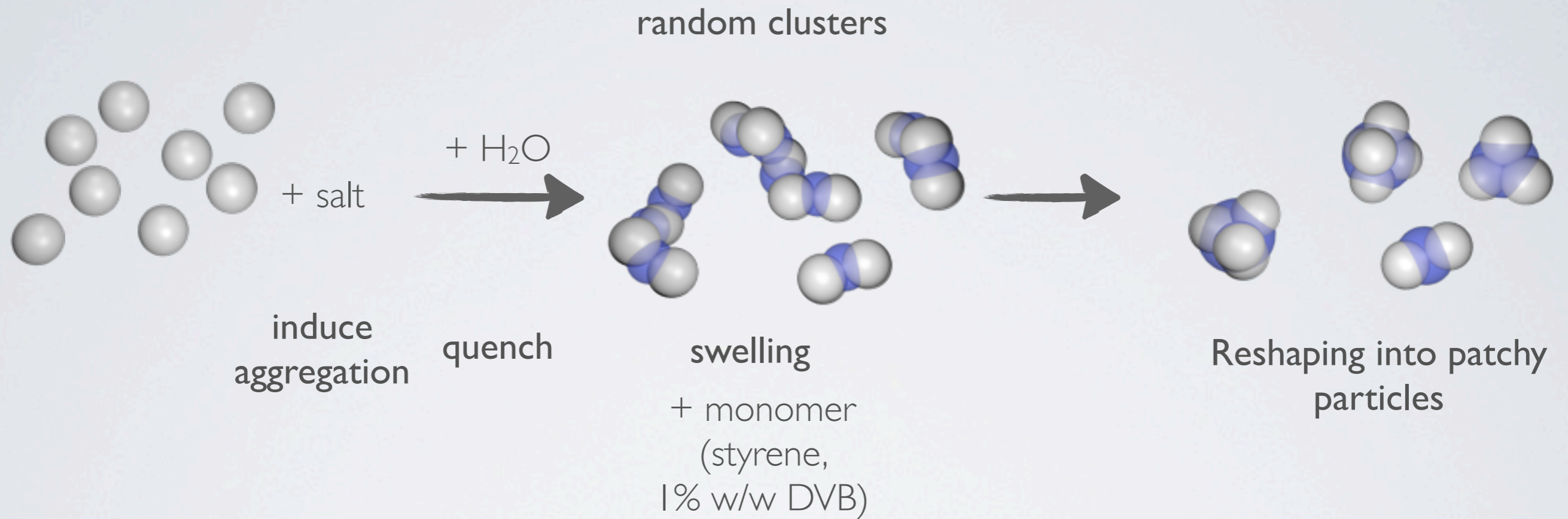


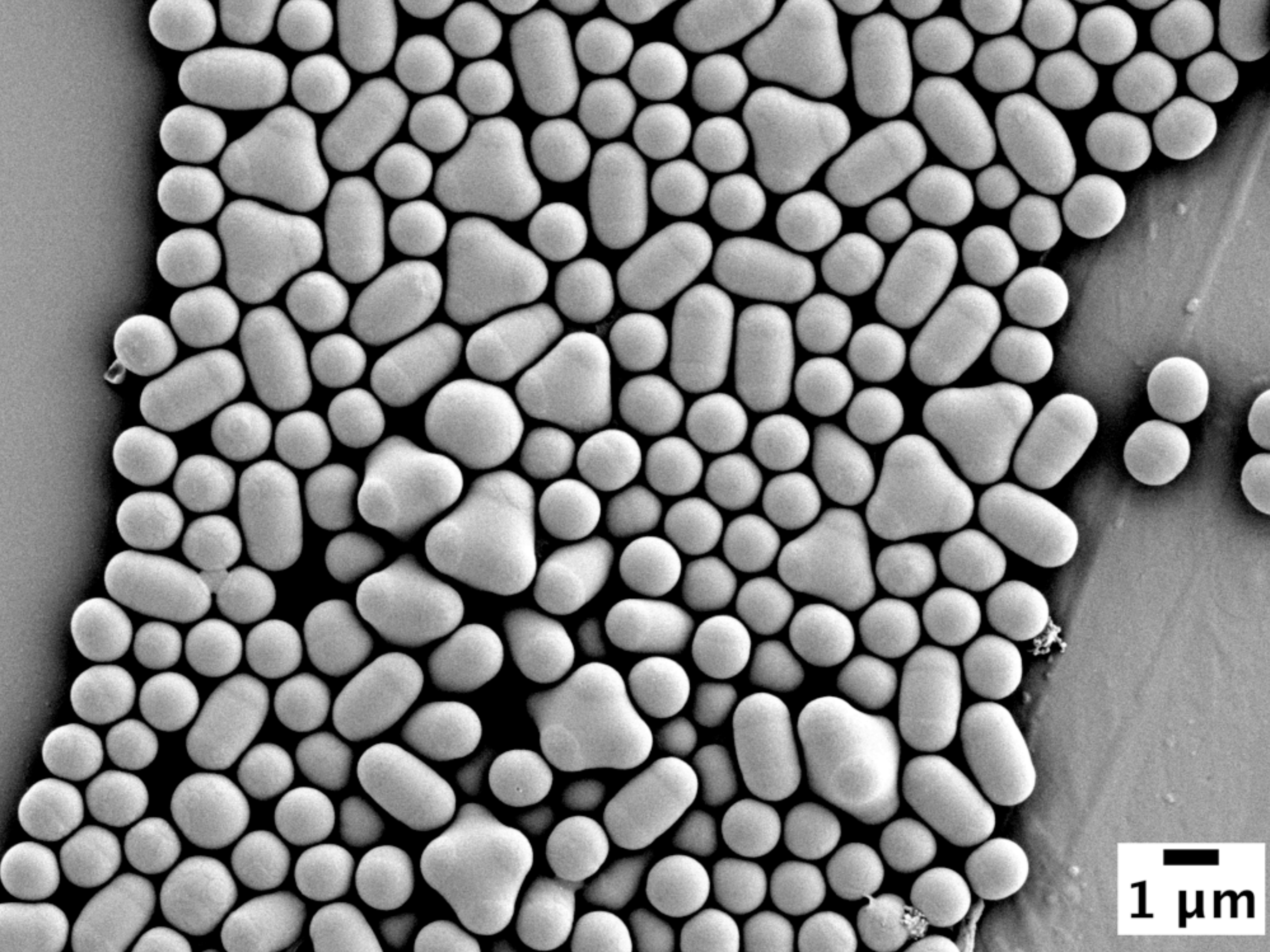
# RESHAPING RANDOM COLLOIDAL CLUSTERS



~ 1 μm diameter, 1% crosslink density,  
purchased from Magsphere

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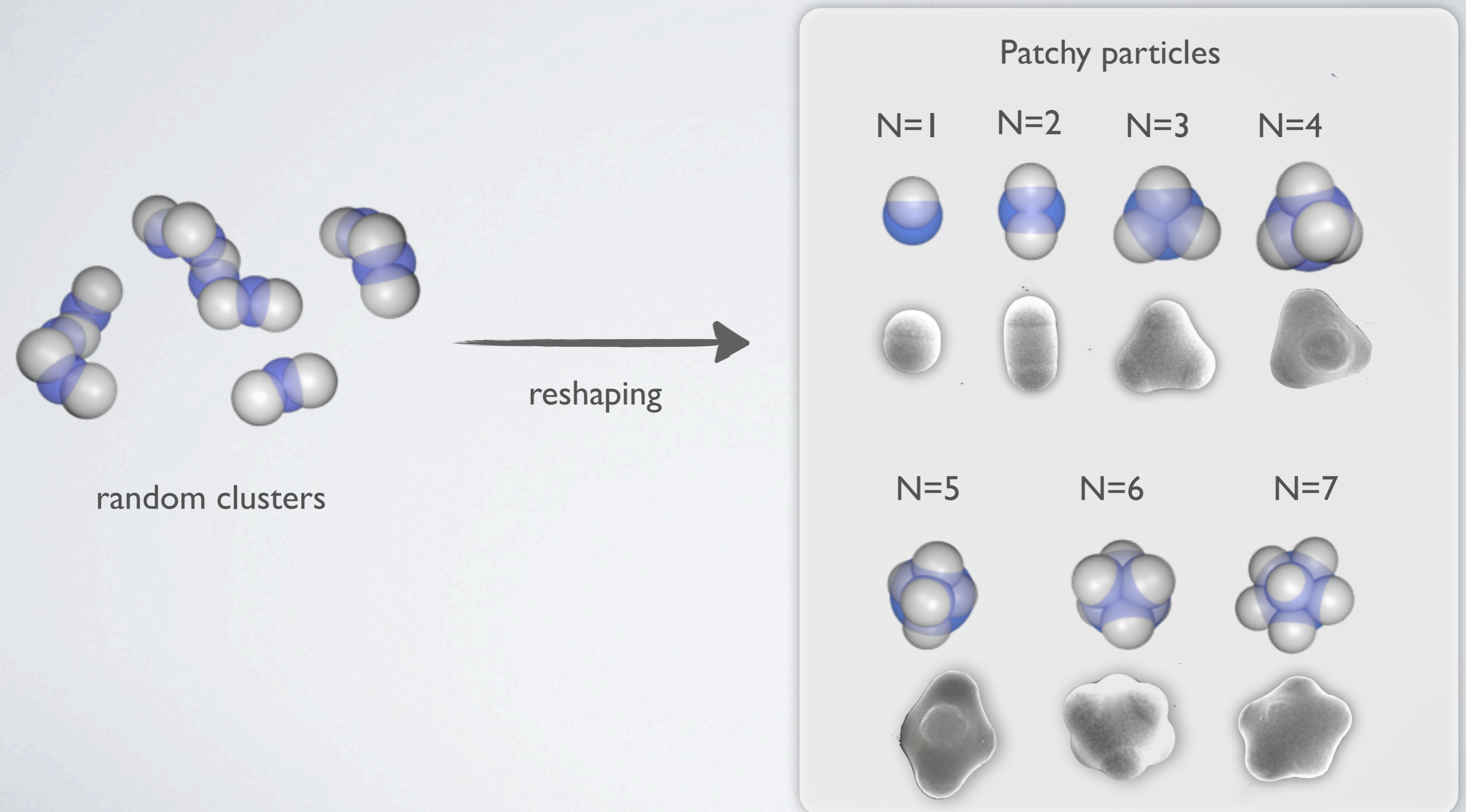




—  
1 μm

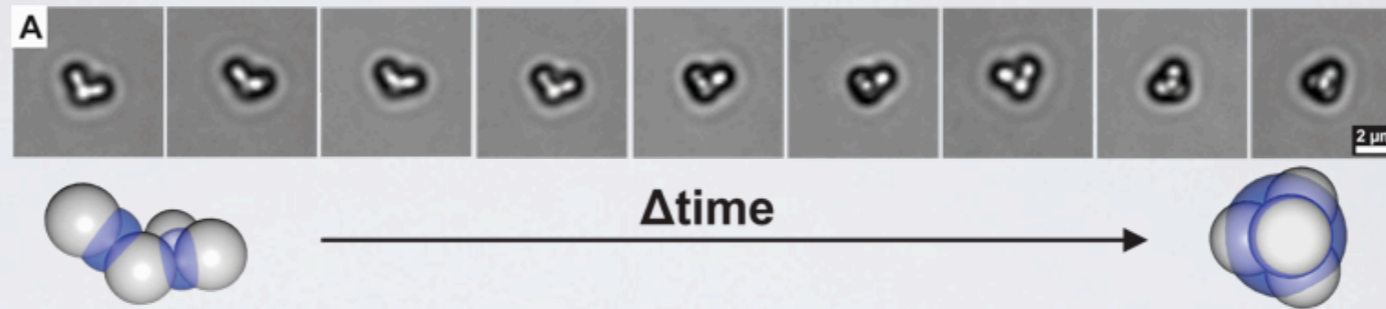


# PARTICLE SWELLING RECONFIGURES THE RANDOM CLUSTERS INTO UNIFORM PATCHY PARTICLES

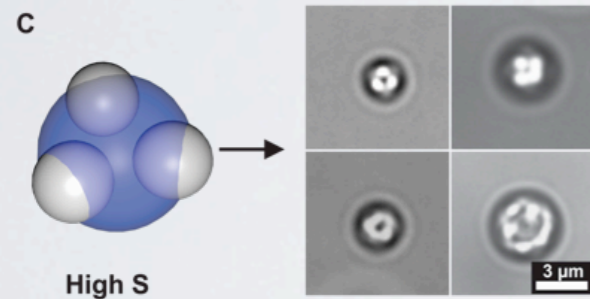


# COALESCENCE DRIVEN RECONFIGURATION

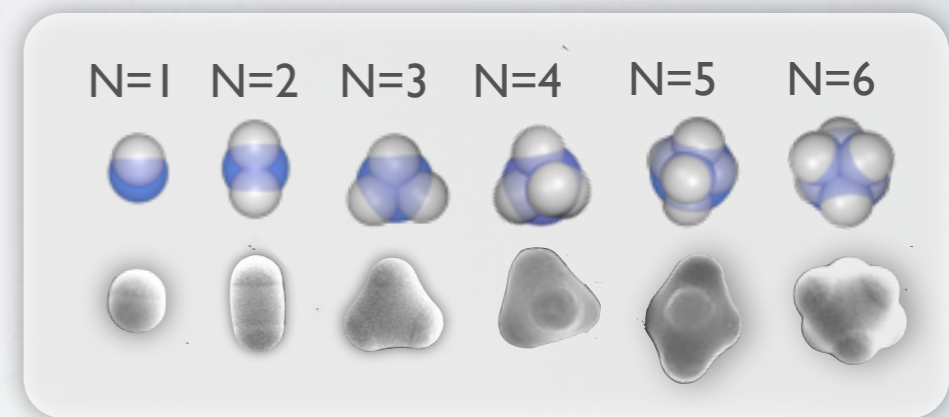
Liquid droplet coalescence drive rearrangement



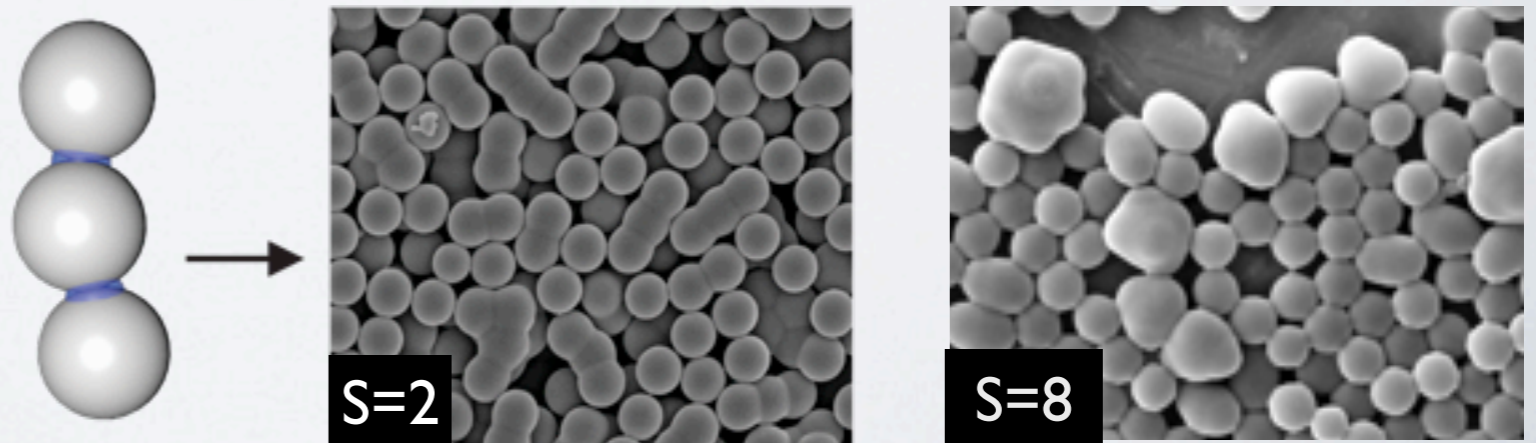
Liquid droplet confines the spheres



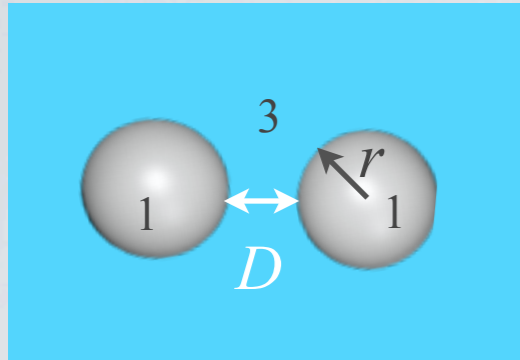
Cluster minimize the second moment of the mass distribution



Insufficient swelling  
 → no / small liquid bridges  
 → no reconfiguration!



# WHAT ENABLES RECONFIGURATION?

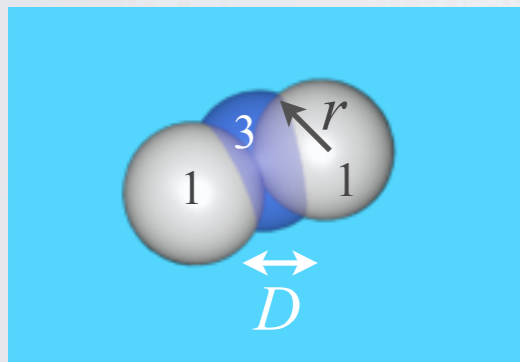


Van der Waals interaction energy  $W(D) = -\frac{Ar}{12D}$   
with the Hamaker constant  $A$  (Lifshitz theory)

$$A = \frac{3}{4}k_B T \left( \frac{\epsilon_1 - \epsilon_3}{\epsilon_1 + \epsilon_3} \right)^2 + \frac{3h\nu_e}{16\sqrt{2}} \frac{(n_1^2 - n_3^2)^2}{(n_1^2 + n_3^2)^{3/2}}$$

polystyrene spheres:  $\epsilon_{PS} = 2.55$   $n_{PS} = 1.557$

polystyrene spheres in water:  $\epsilon_w = 80$   $n_w = 1.333$   $A_{PS-w} = 1.5 \cdot 10^{-20} J$

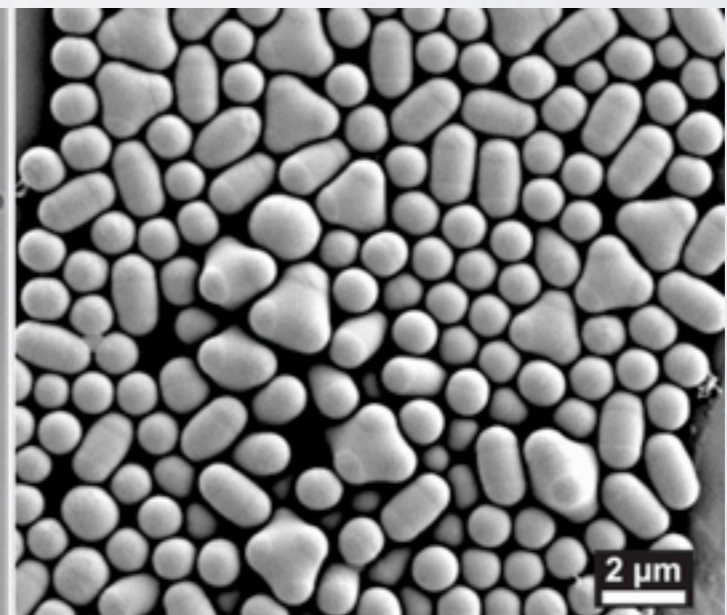
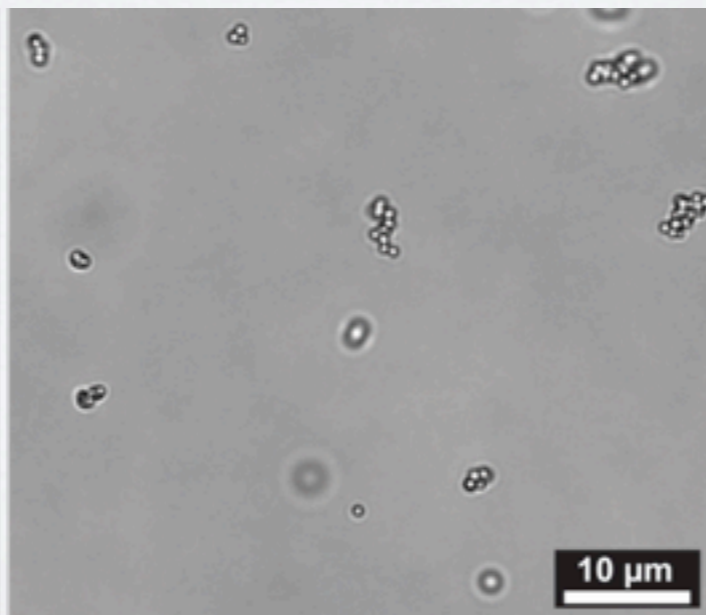
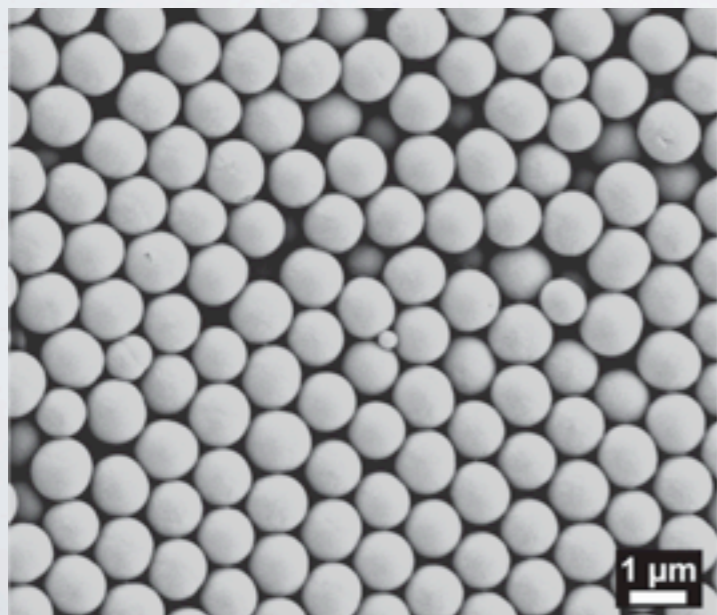
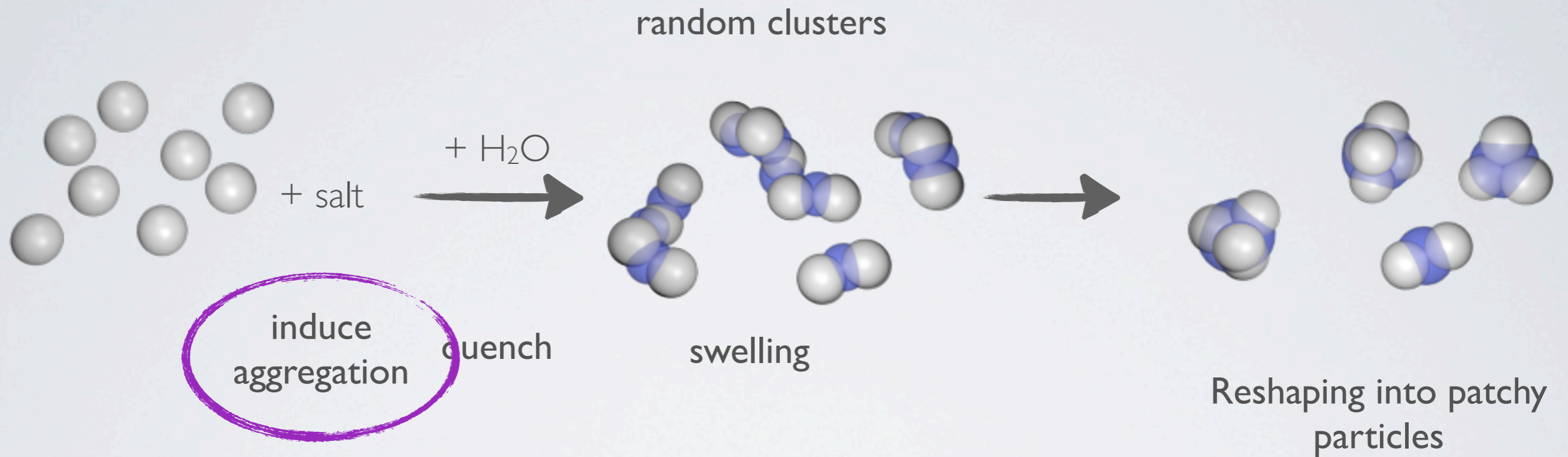


polystyrene spheres in styrene:

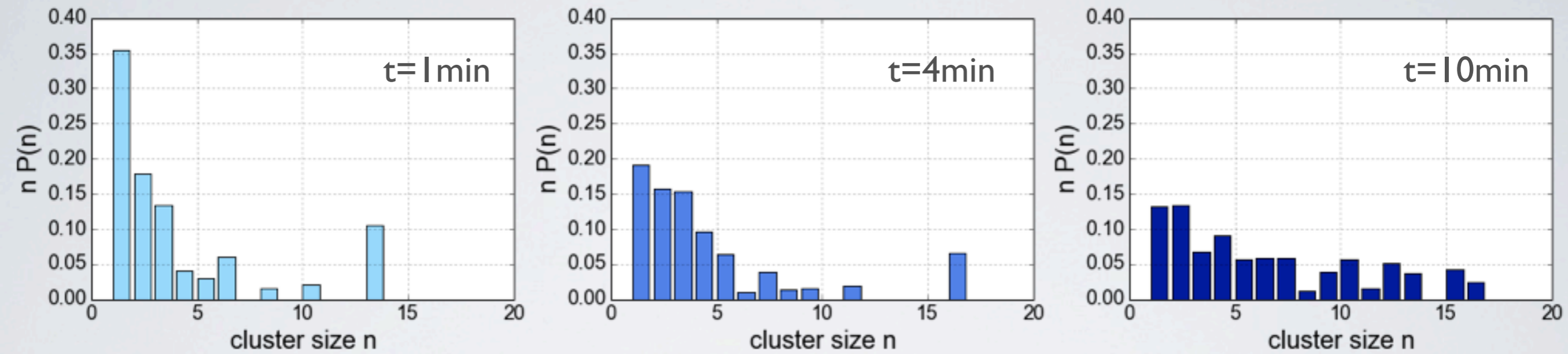
$\epsilon_{st} = 2.47$   $n_{st} = 1.547$   $A_{PS-st} = 2.5 \cdot 10^{-23} J$

600x reduction of van der Waals attraction due to liquid bridges!

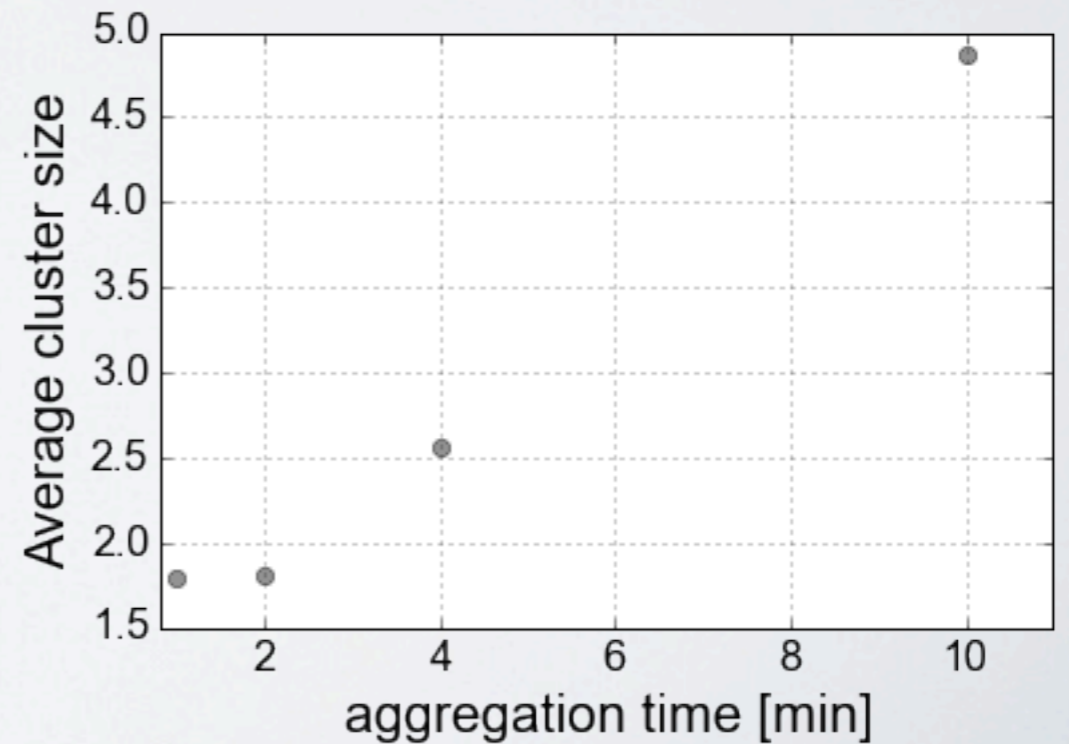
# COLLOIDAL RECYCLING



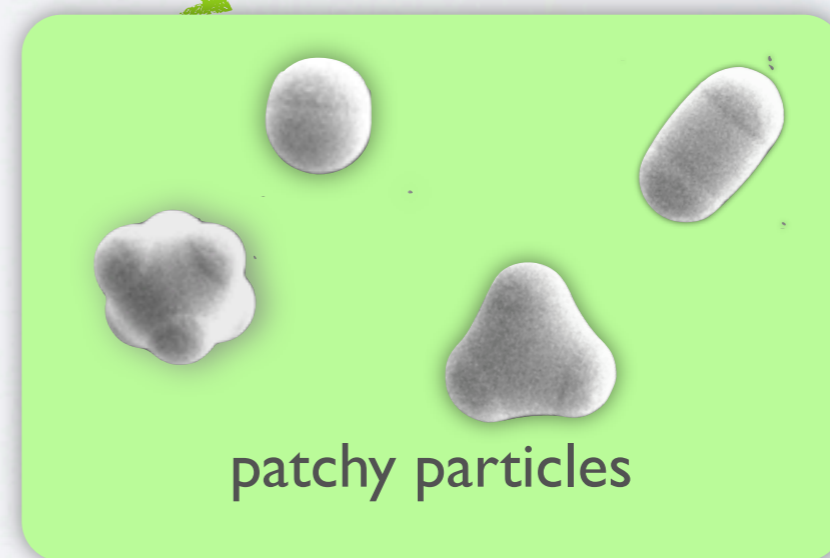
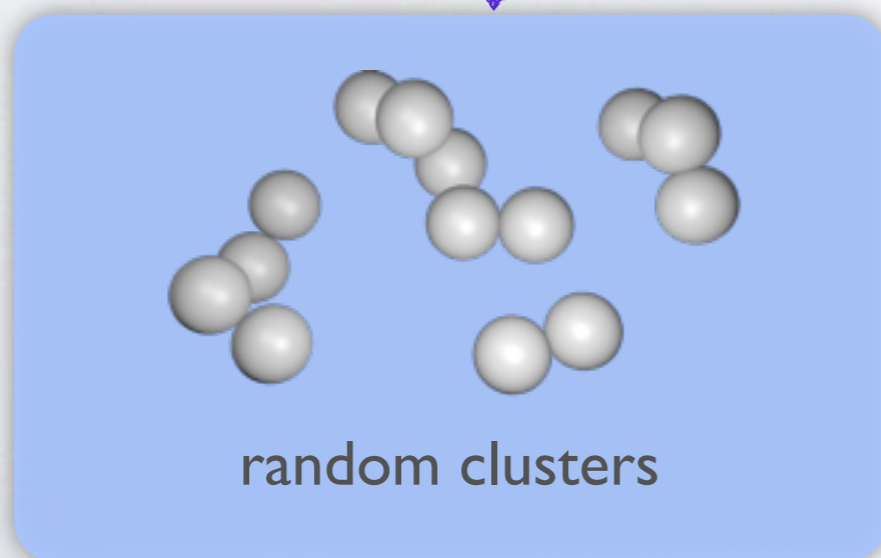
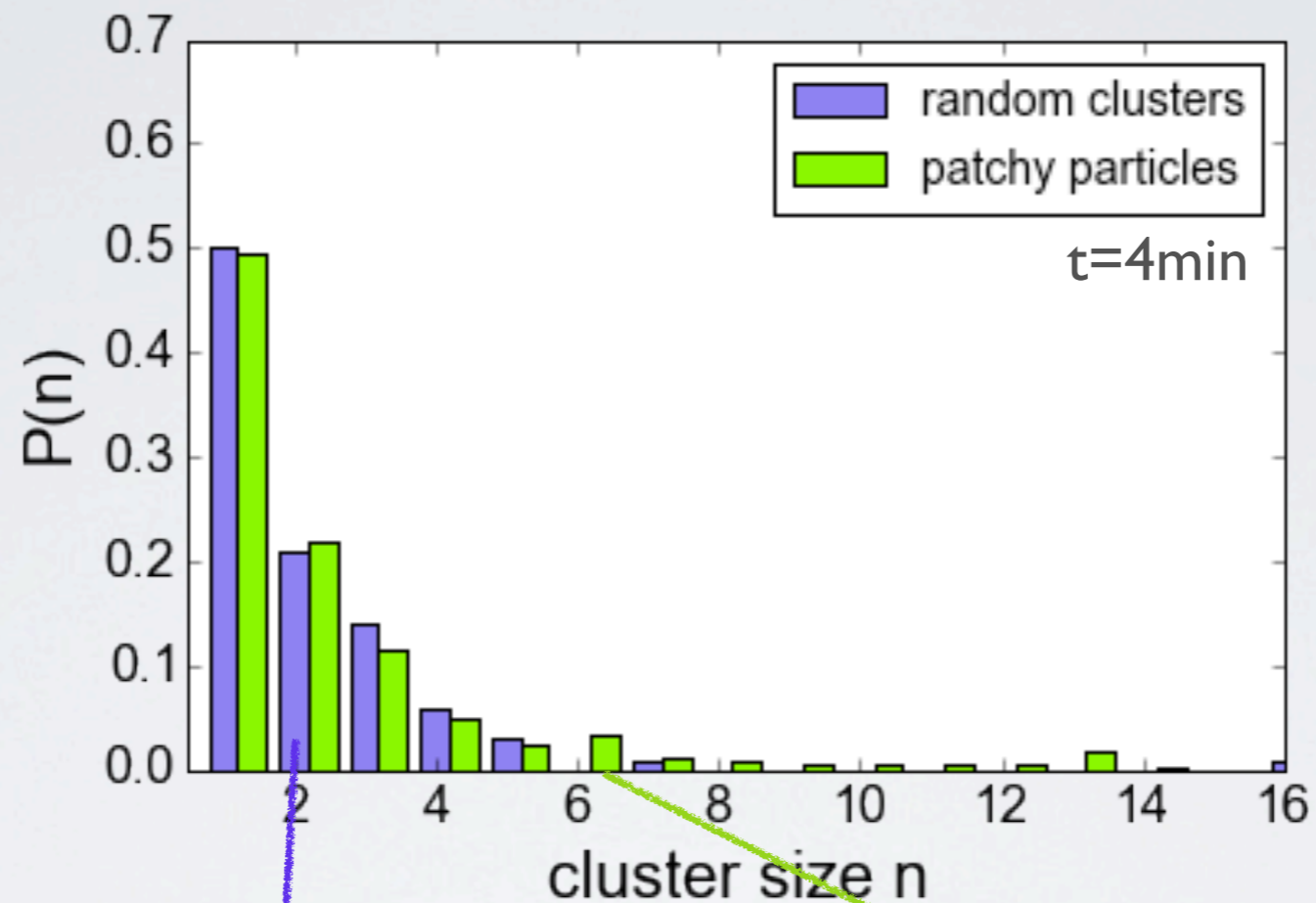
# CLUSTER SIZE IS TUNABLE BY AGGREGATION TIME



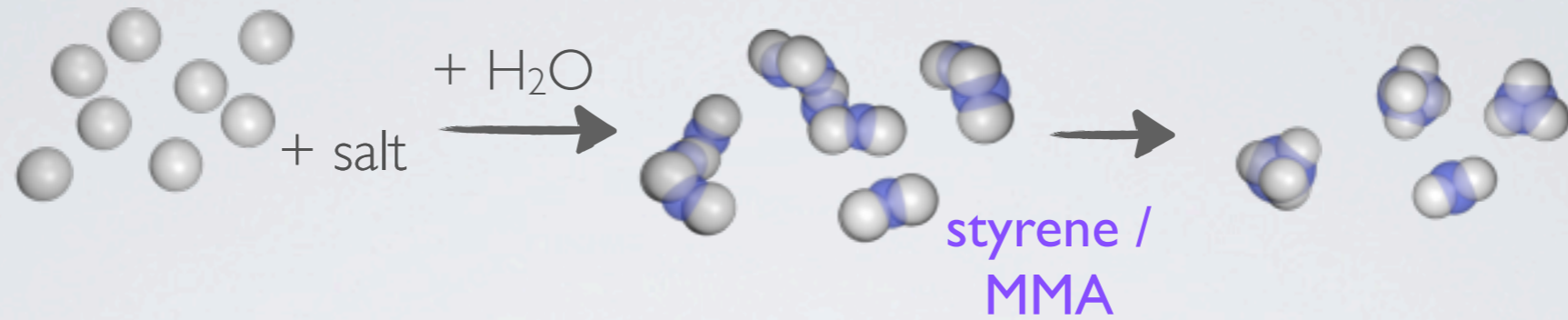
time



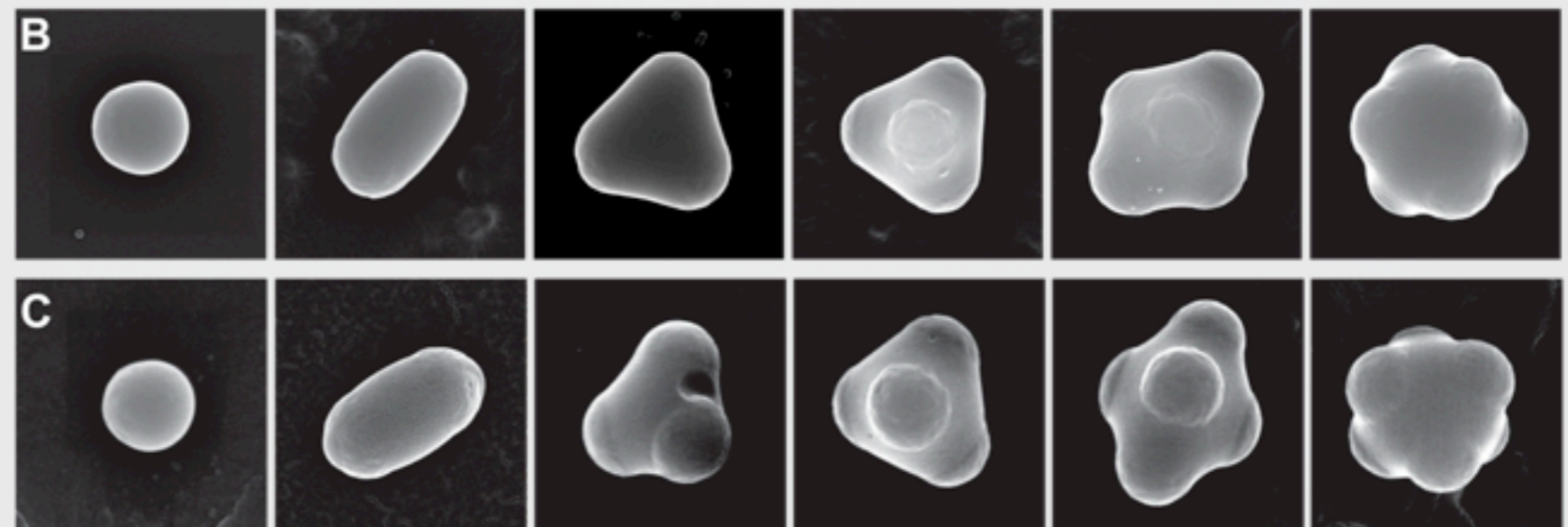
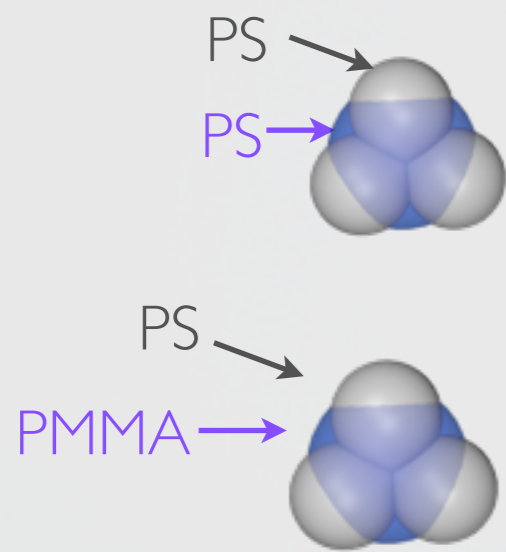
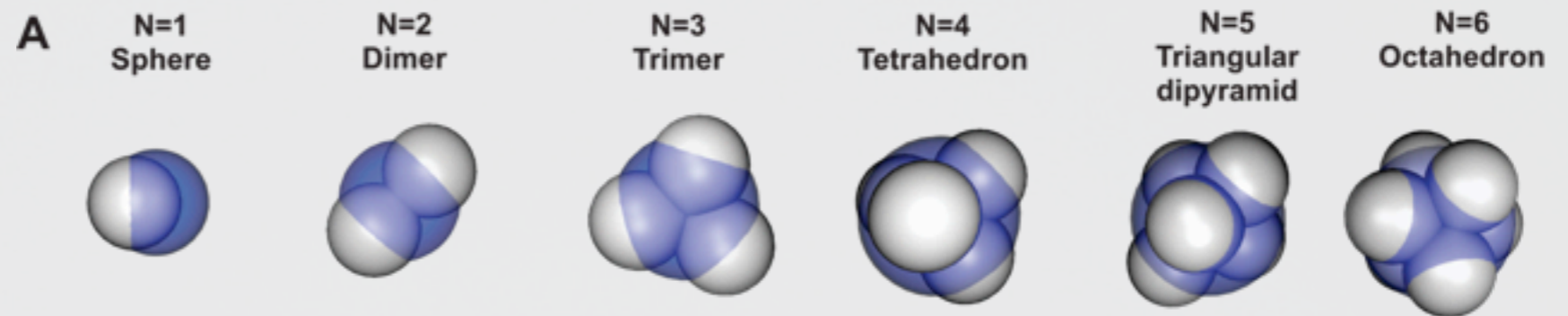
# ONLY RESHAPING DURING SWELLING, NO FURTHER AGGREGATION



# COMPOSITE PS / PMMA COLLOIDAL MOLECULES

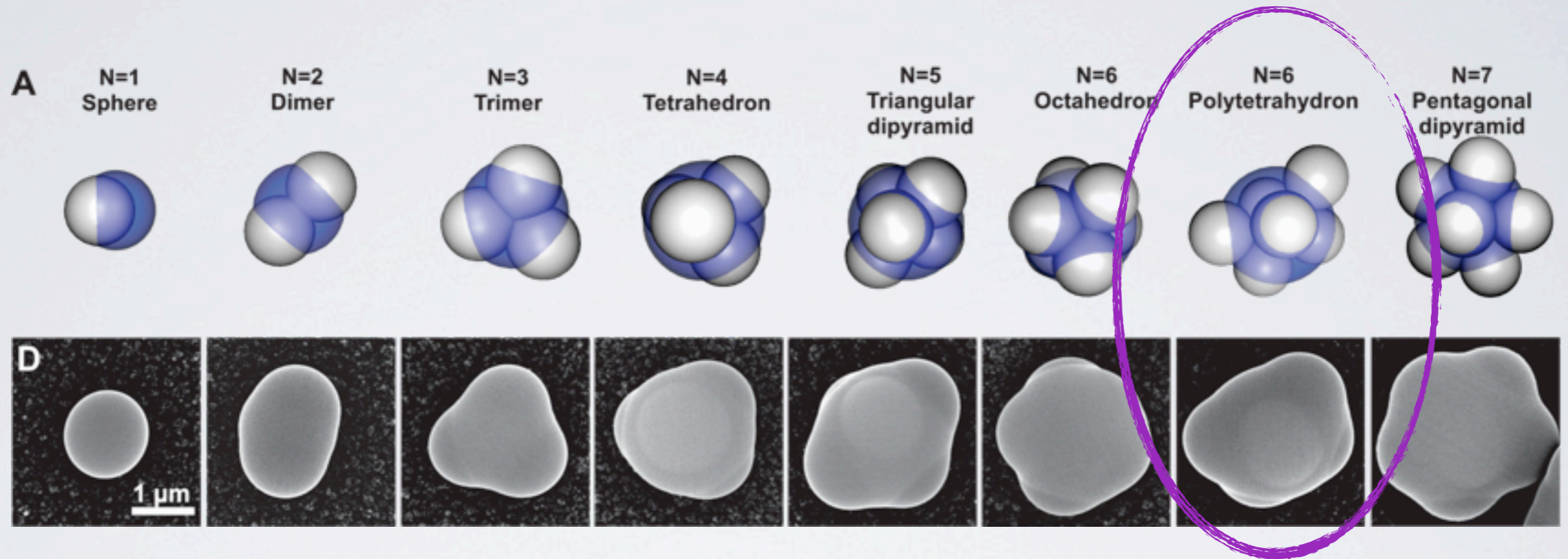


## Patchy particles



# BEYOND DROPLET CONFINED CLUSTERS

“homemade” soft PS swollen with toluene

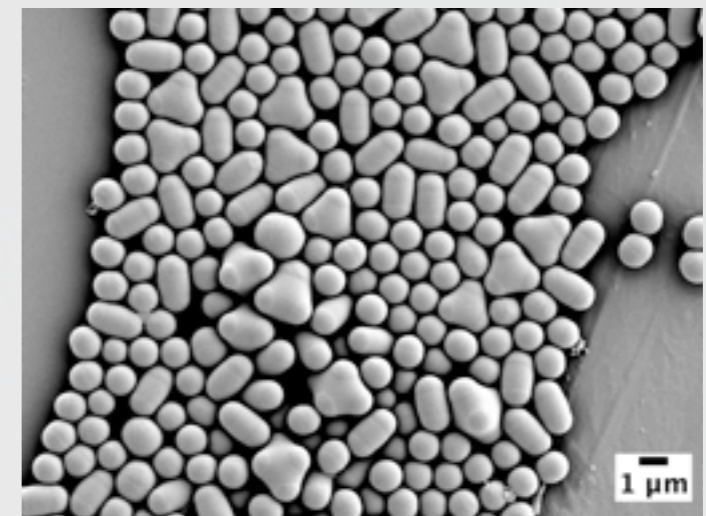
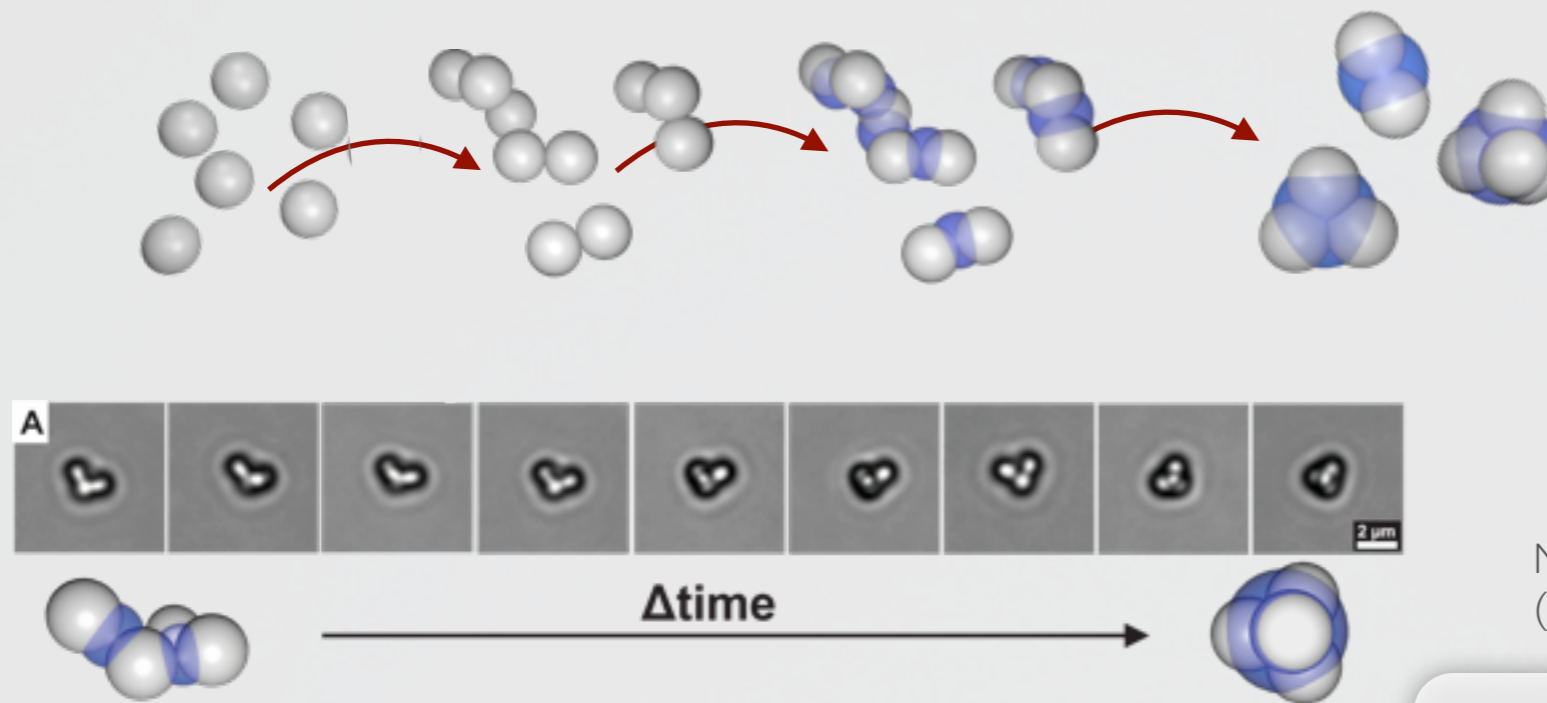


In clusters made up of softer particles and in the absence of cluster spanning droplets, **entropy** becomes important in determining the cluster shape!



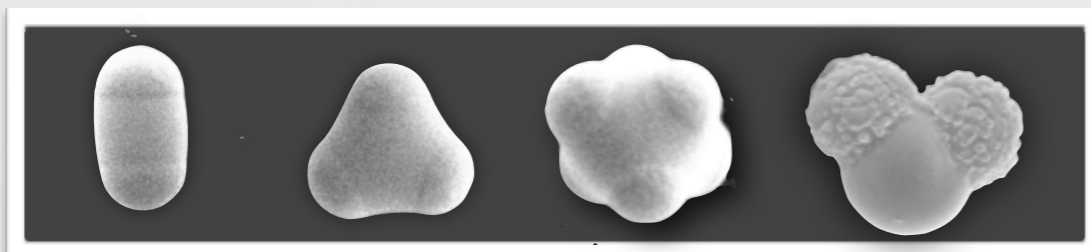
# SUMMARY - RECYCLING COLLOIDAL AGGREGATES INTO PATCHY PARTICLES

Reorganization of random clusters of spheres

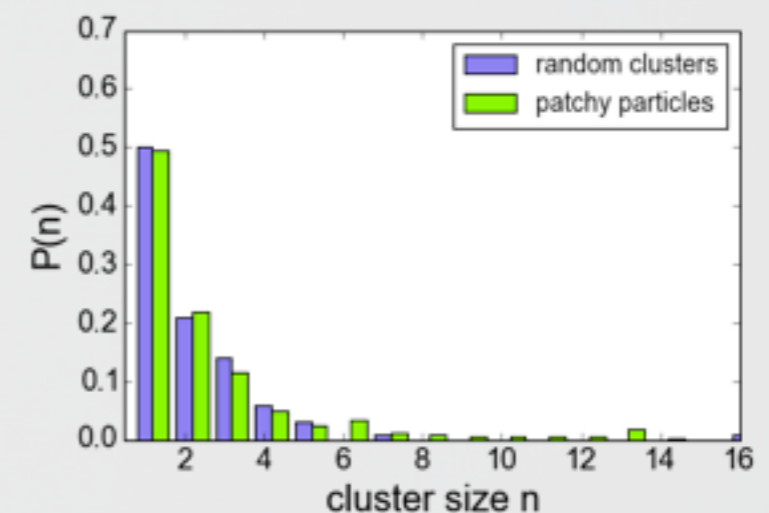


Meester, Verweij, van der Wel, Kraft, ACSNano (2016)

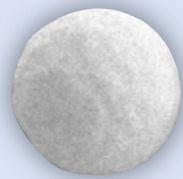
Variety of complex patchy particles



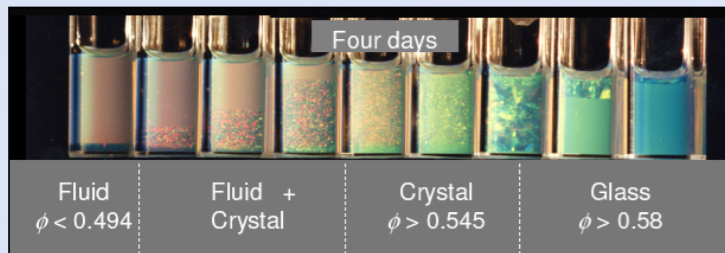
Control over size distribution



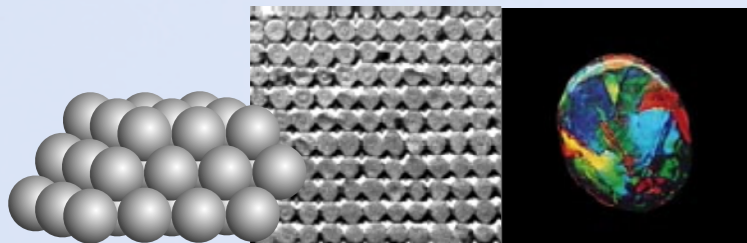
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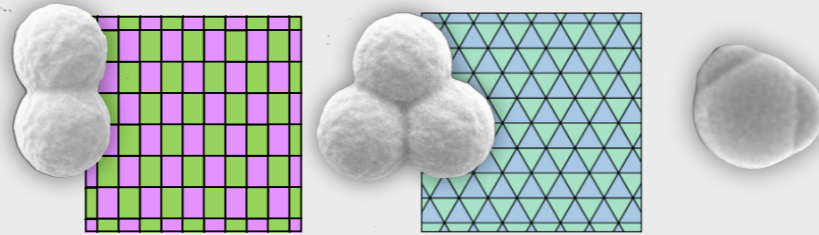
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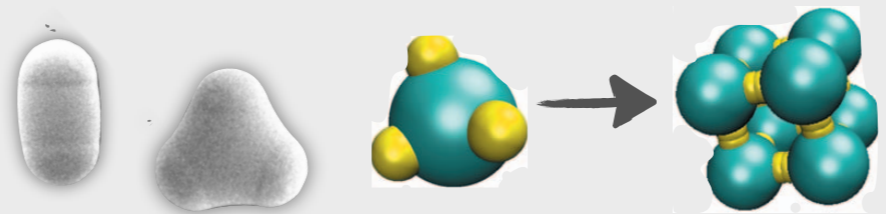
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Wilber et al. JCP (2009)

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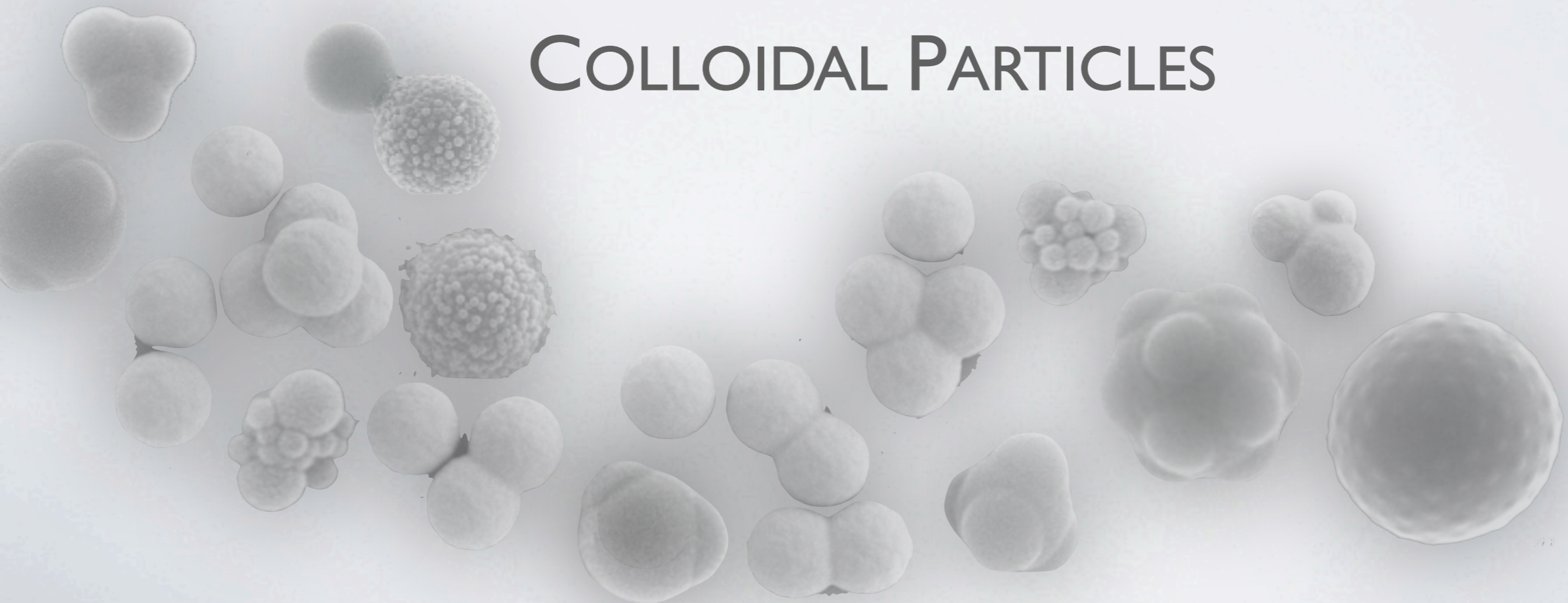


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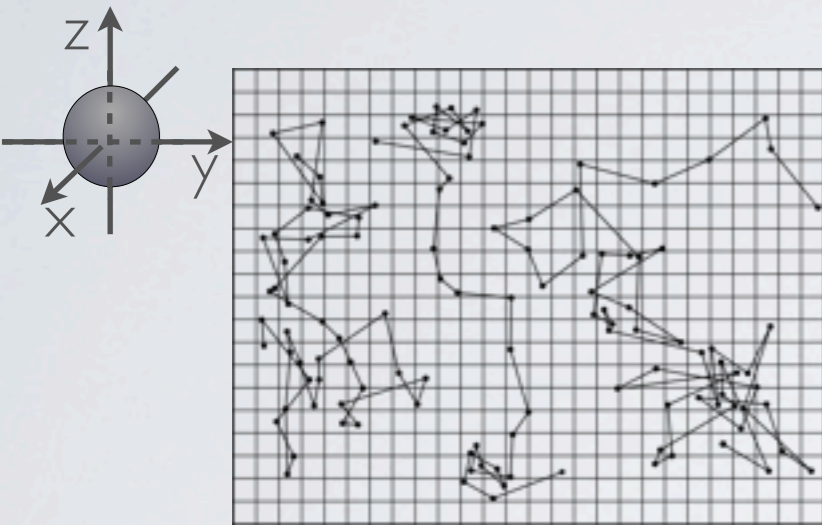
“Design and understand self-assembly”

# BROWNIAN MOTION OF ANISOTROPIC COLLOIDAL PARTICLES



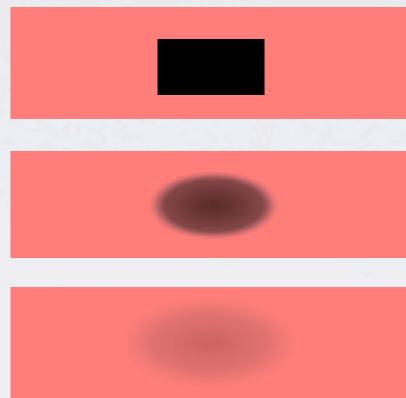
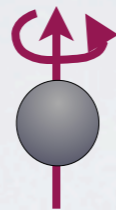
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**Translation**



J.B. Perrin, Les Atomes

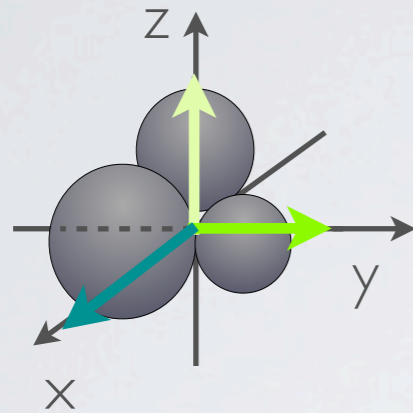
**Rotation**



polarized FRAP

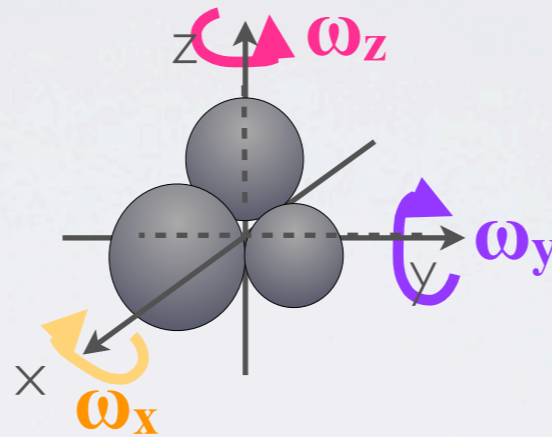
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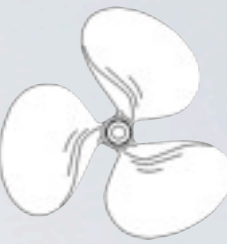
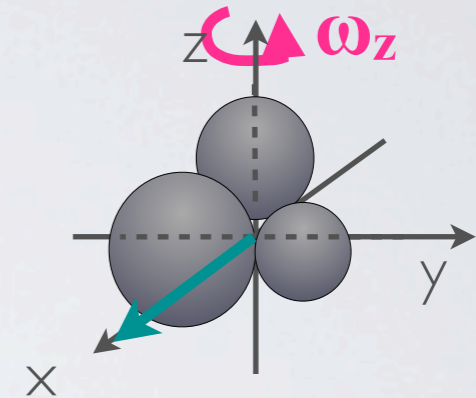


Origin of coordinate system determines 'meaning' of diffusion coefficients

## Rotation



## Coupling

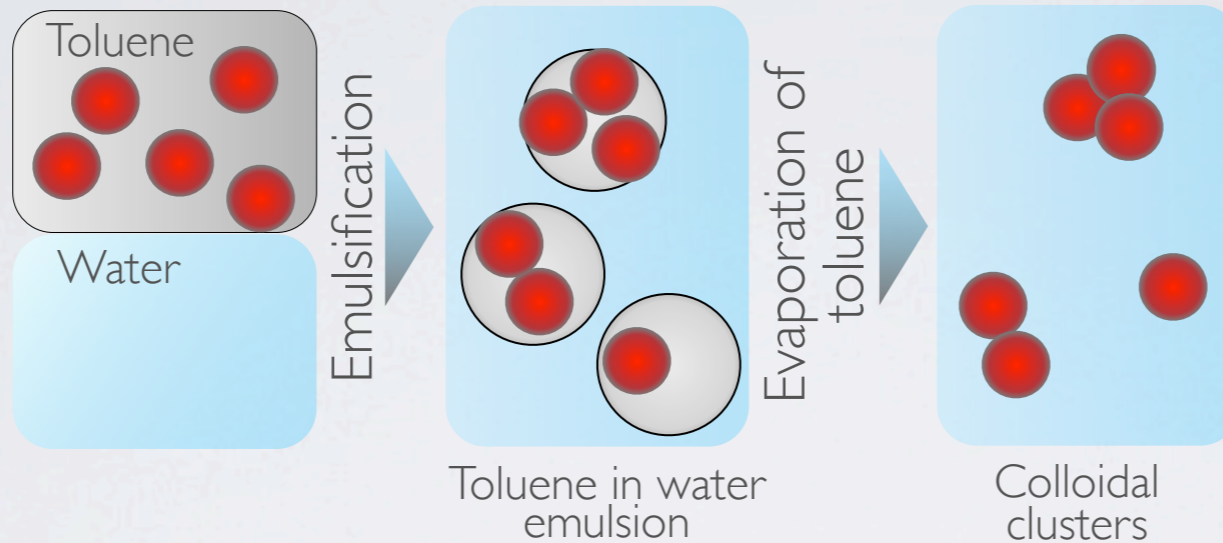


**Can we measure the shape-dependent diffusion coefficients?**

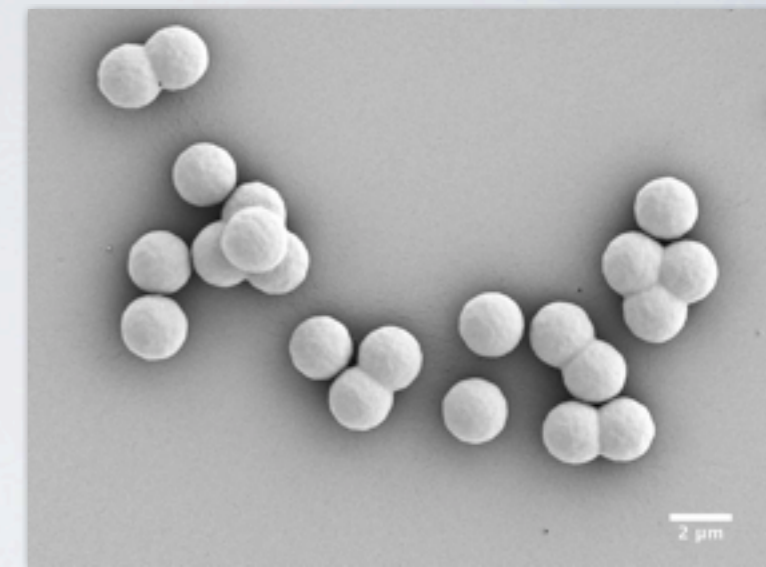
# SYNTHESIS OF ANISOTROPIC PARTICLES

## “Symmetric” particles

RITC dyed PMMA  $r=1.1\ \mu\text{m}$

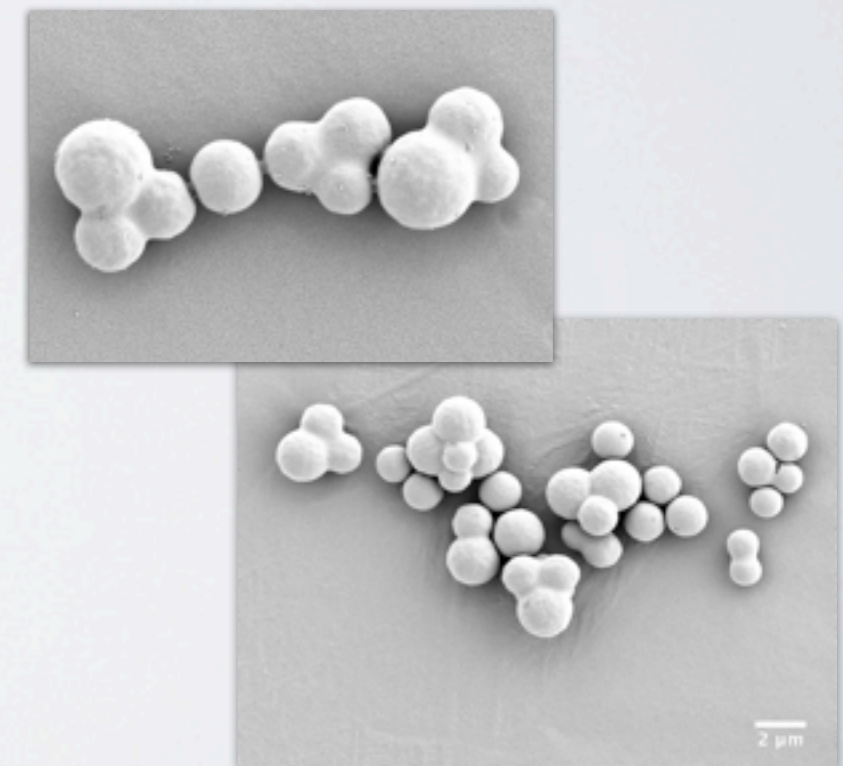
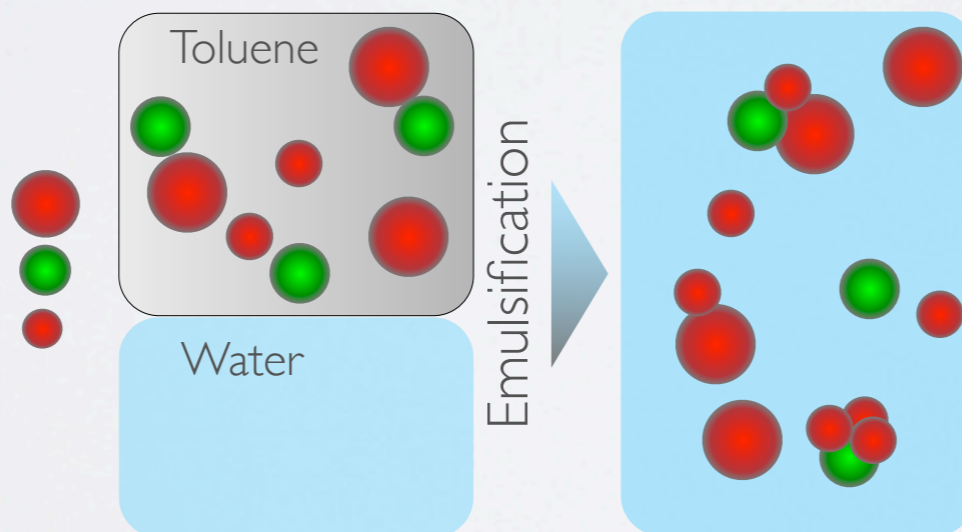


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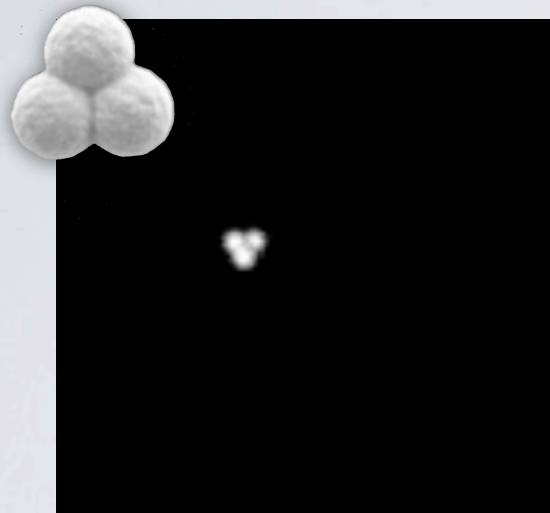
## Asymmetric particles

- RITC dyed PMMA  $r=1.15\ \mu\text{m}$
- NBD dyed PMMA  $r=830\ \text{nm}$
- RITC dyed PMMA  $r=650\ \text{nm}$



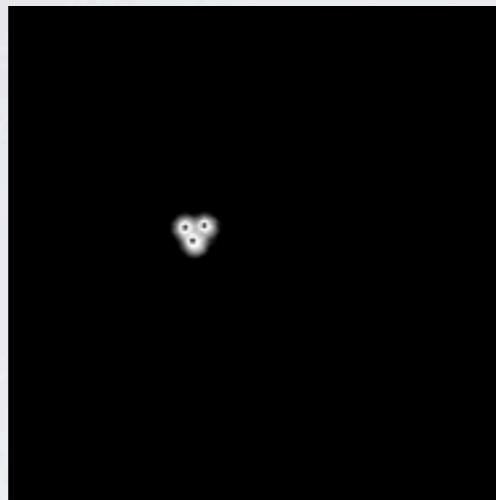
# DETERMINATION OF THE DIFFUSION CONSTANT MATRIX FROM 3D CONFOCAL MICROSCOPY

Confocal microscopy of fluorescent PMMA particles

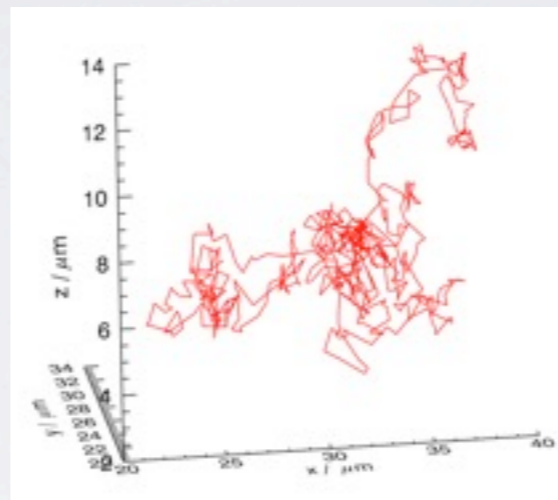


10x real speed

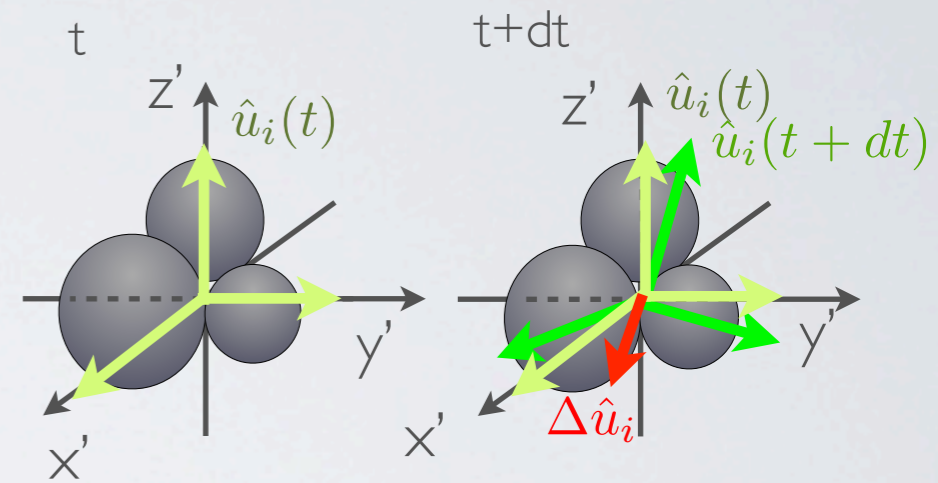
Track particle positions using IDL or Trackpy



Analyze trajectory and rotations using IDL  
Center of mass motion  
 $\vec{x} = (x, y, z)$



Change in body fixed axes



- center of mass position

$$\Delta \vec{x}(t) = \vec{x}(t) - \vec{x}(0)$$

- orthonormal orientation vectors  $\hat{u}_i(t)$

$$\Delta \hat{u}(t) = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^3 \hat{u}_i(0) \times \hat{u}_i(t)$$

$$\vec{\xi}(t) = (\Delta \vec{x}(t), \Delta \hat{u}(t))$$

Calculate diffusion constant matrix from cross-correlations

$$\mathcal{D} = \frac{1}{2} \lim_{t \rightarrow 0} \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \langle \vec{\xi}(t) \otimes \vec{\xi}(t) \rangle$$

or

$$\mathcal{D}_{i,j} = \frac{1}{2} \lim_{t \rightarrow 0} \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \langle \xi_i(t) \xi_j(t) \rangle$$

**Translation** **Coupling trans. & rotation**

$$\mathcal{D} \begin{matrix} \Delta x & \Delta y & \Delta z & \Delta u_x & \Delta u_y & \Delta u_z \\ \Delta x & * & * & * & * & * \\ \Delta y & * & * & * & * & * \\ \Delta z & * & * & * & * & * \\ \Delta u_x & * & * & * & * & * \\ \Delta u_y & * & * & * & * & * \\ \Delta u_z & * & * & * & * & * \end{matrix}$$

**Coupling trans. & rot.** **Rotation**

# THE HYDRODYNAMIC FRICTION MATRIX

Diffusion constant matrix still depends on temperature and viscosity

$$\mathcal{D}_0 = \frac{1}{2} \lim_{t \rightarrow 0} \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \langle \vec{\xi}(t) \otimes \vec{\xi}(t) \rangle$$



Hydrodynamic friction matrix

$$\mathcal{H} = \frac{1}{\beta \eta} \mathcal{D}_0^{-1}$$

Only particle **shape and size** define the hydrodynamic friction matrix

- $\beta$  inverse thermal energy
- $\eta$  viscosity
- $k_B$  Boltzmann constant

$$\mathcal{H} = \begin{pmatrix} * & * & * & * & * & * \\ * & * & * & * & * & * \\ * & * & * & * & * & * \\ * & * & * & * & * & * \\ * & * & * & * & * & * \\ * & * & * & * & * & * \end{pmatrix}$$

Translation (top-left 3x3)     Coupling trans. & rotation (top-right 3x3)     Rotation (bottom-right 3x3)

Coupling trans. & rot. (bottom-left 3x3)

**Symmetries** in the particle shape reduce the complexity of the matrix

Orthotropic particle  
(3 planes of symmetry)



$$\mathcal{H}(\text{iso}) = \begin{pmatrix} * & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & * & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & * & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & * & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & * & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & * \end{pmatrix}$$

One plane of symmetry  
(x-y plane)



$$\mathcal{H} = \begin{pmatrix} * & * & 0 & 0 & 0 & * \\ * & * & 0 & 0 & 0 & * \\ 0 & 0 & * & * & * & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & * & * & * & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & * & * & * & 0 \\ * & * & 0 & 0 & 0 & * \end{pmatrix}$$

Rotational symmetry  
about x axis



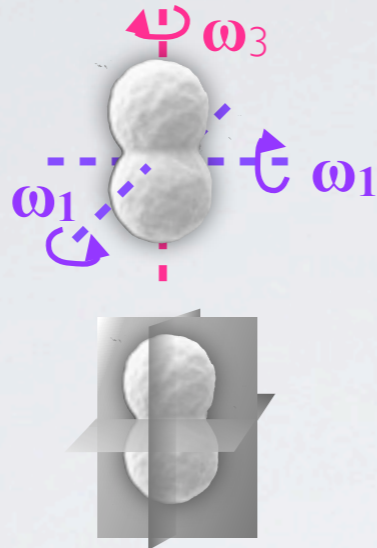
$$\mathcal{H} = \begin{pmatrix} \mathcal{H}_{11} & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \mathcal{H}_{22} & 0 & 0 & 0 & -\mathcal{H}_{53} \\ 0 & 0 & \mathcal{H}_{22} & 0 & \mathcal{H}_{53} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \mathcal{H}_{44} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \mathcal{H}_{53} & 0 & \mathcal{H}_{55} & 0 \\ 0 & -\mathcal{H}_{53} & 0 & 0 & 0 & \mathcal{H}_{55} \end{pmatrix}$$



# DIMERS: UNIAXIAL PARTICLES

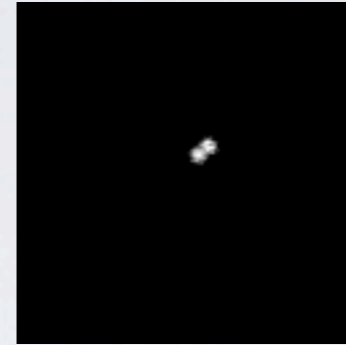
## Symmetries

- **Rotational** symmetry and **discrete rotational** symmetry
- **Mirror** symmetries for three perpendicular planes (orthotropic shape)

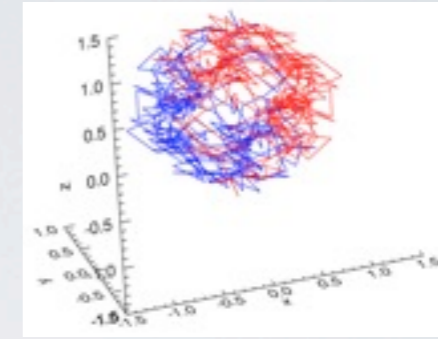


## Experiments

Confocal data



10x real speed



$$\mathcal{H}^{exp}(\text{dimer}) = \begin{pmatrix} 25.2 & 0.8 & -1.2 & -0.4 & -1.8 & - \\ 0.8 & 25.7 & 0.7 & -5.6 & -1.1 & - \\ -1.2 & 0.7 & 19.7 & -1.5 & -0.2 & - \\ -0.4 & -5.6 & -1.5 & 128.8 & 1.7 & - \\ -1.8 & -1.1 & -0.2 & 1.7 & 114.5 & - \\ - & - & - & - & - & - \end{pmatrix}$$

$D_{t,\perp} = 0.073 \mu\text{m}^2/\text{s}$   
 $D_{t,\parallel} = 0.093 \mu\text{m}^2/\text{s}$   
 $D_{t,\parallel}/D_{t,\perp} = 1.28$   
 $D_r = 0.016 \text{ rad}^2/\text{s}$

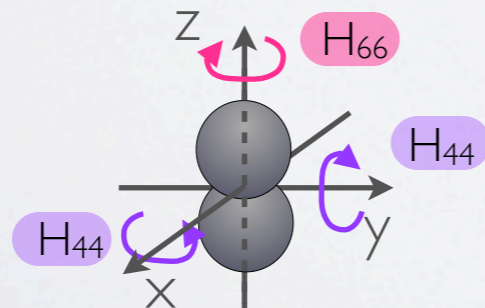
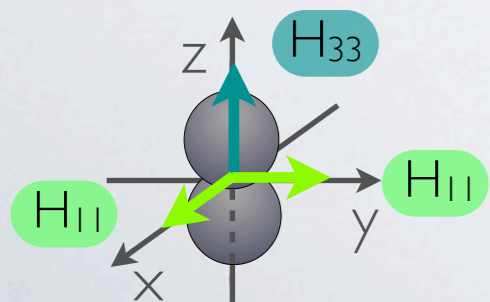
## Hydrodynamic friction matrix

$$\mathcal{H} = \begin{pmatrix} \mathcal{H}_{11} & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \mathcal{H}_{11} & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \mathcal{H}_{33} & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \mathcal{H}_{44} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & \mathcal{H}_{44} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & \mathcal{H}_{66} \end{pmatrix}$$

no coupling

Translation

Rotation



## Numerical calculation (HydrosuB code)

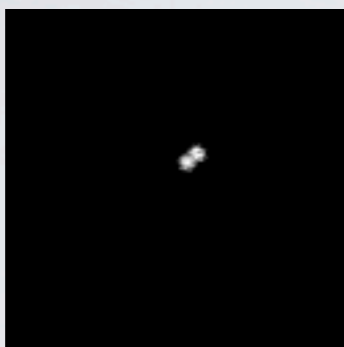
$$\mathcal{H}^{th}(\text{dimer}) = \begin{pmatrix} 28.7 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 28.7 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 26.2 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 100.6 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 100.6 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 62.7 \end{pmatrix}$$

Shape symmetries are well represented in the hydrodynamic friction matrix!

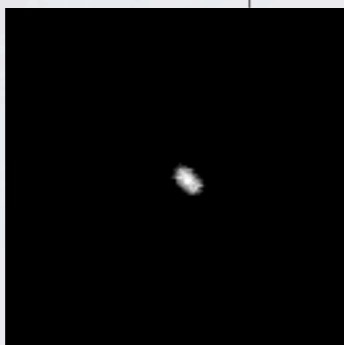
# UNIAXIAL PARTICLES - DIMERS WITH LONGER BOND LENGTH

Particles

Experiments



10x real speed



$$\mathcal{H}^{exp}(\text{dimer}) = \begin{pmatrix} 25.2 & 0.8 & -1.2 & -0.4 & -1.8 & - \\ 0.8 & 25.7 & 0.7 & -5.6 & -1.1 & - \\ -1.2 & 0.7 & 19.7 & -1.5 & -0.2 & - \\ -0.4 & -5.6 & -1.5 & 128.8 & 1.7 & - \\ -1.8 & -1.1 & -0.2 & 1.7 & 114.5 & - \\ - & - & - & - & - & - \end{pmatrix}$$

$$D_{t,\parallel} = 0.073 \mu\text{m}^2/\text{s}$$

$$D_{t,\perp} = 0.093 \mu\text{m}^2/\text{s}$$

$$D_{t,\parallel}/D_{t,\perp} = 1.28$$

$$D_r = 0.016 \text{ rad}^2/\text{s}$$

$$\mathcal{H}^{exp}(\text{dimer},2) = \begin{pmatrix} 25.4 & 0.5 & -0.7 & -1.4 & -1. & - \\ 0.5 & 26.1 & 0.1 & 0. & 1. & - \\ -0.7 & 0.1 & 22.3 & 0.6 & 3.8 & - \\ -1.4 & 0. & 0.6 & 180.3 & -1.5 & - \\ -1. & 1. & 3.8 & -1.5 & 186. & - \\ - & - & - & - & - & - \end{pmatrix}$$

$$D_{t,\parallel} = 0.071 \mu\text{m}^2/\text{s}$$

$$D_{t,\perp} = 0.082 \mu\text{m}^2/\text{s}$$

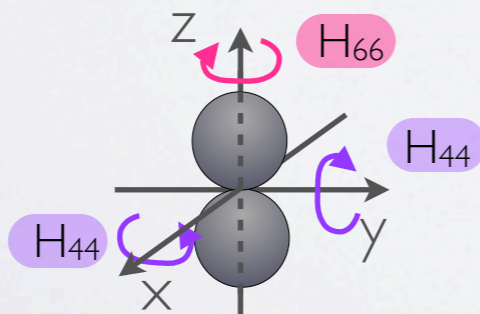
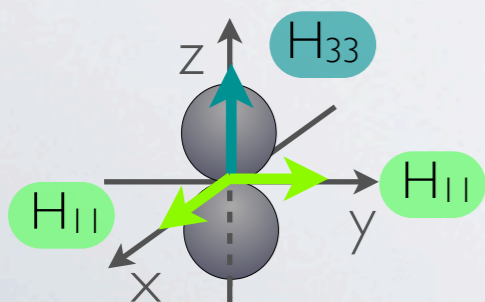
$$D_{t,\parallel}/D_{t,\perp} = 1.15$$

$$D_r = 0.010 \text{ rad}^2/\text{s}$$

Larger aspect ratio yields slower rotational diffusion constant

Translation

Rotation



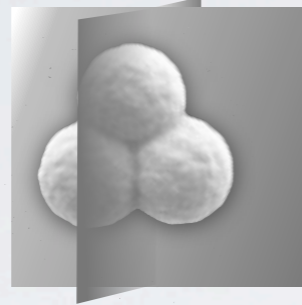
# BIAXIAL PARTICLES

## Symmetries

- Discrete rotational symmetries

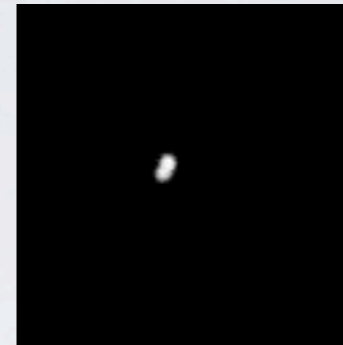


- Mirror symmetries for two perpendicular planes



## Experiments

Confocal data



10x real speed

$$\mathcal{H}^{exp}(\text{trimer}) = \begin{pmatrix} 27.2 & -0.1 & 0. & 6. & 0. & 0. \\ -0.1 & 27.6 & 0. & -0.6 & -2.7 & 0. \\ 0. & 0. & 27. & 0. & 0. & -2.6 \\ 6. & -0.6 & 0. & 82.8 & 0.5 & 0. \\ 0. & -2.7 & 0. & 0.5 & 76.7 & 0. \\ 0. & 0. & -2.6 & 0. & 0. & 75.4 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$D_{t,y} = 0.0685 \mu\text{m}^2/\text{s} \quad D_{r,x,y} = 0.023 \text{ rad}^2/\text{s}$$

$$D_{t,x} = 0.0665 \mu\text{m}^2/\text{s} \quad D_{r,z} = 0.024 \text{ rad}^2/\text{s}$$

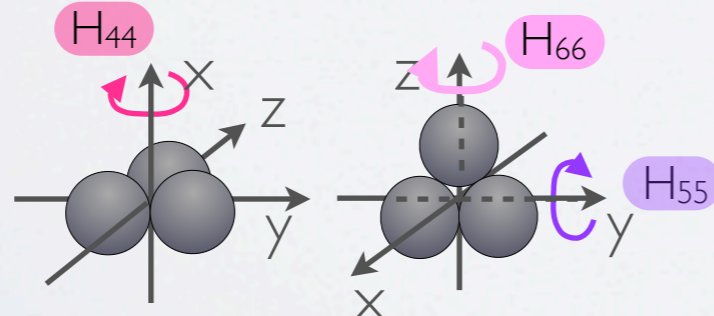
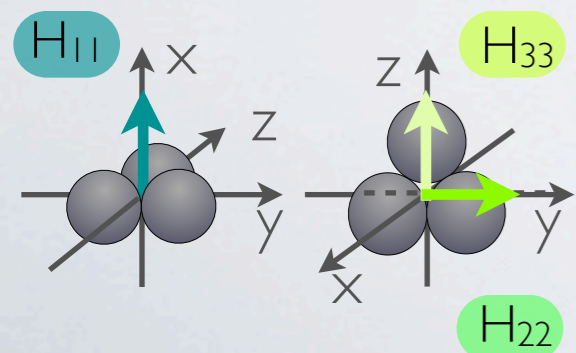
$$D_{t,z} = 0.068 \mu\text{m}^2/\text{s}$$

## Hydrodynamic friction matrix

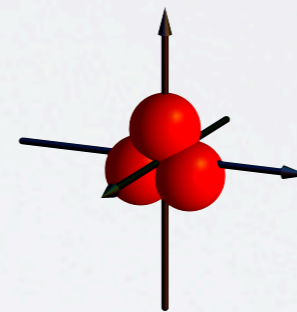
$$\mathcal{H} = \begin{pmatrix} \mathcal{H}_{11} & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \mathcal{H}_{22} & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \mathcal{H}_{33} & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \mathcal{H}_{44} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & \mathcal{H}_{55} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & \mathcal{H}_{66} \end{pmatrix} \quad \text{no coupling}$$

Translation

Rotation



## Numerical calculations



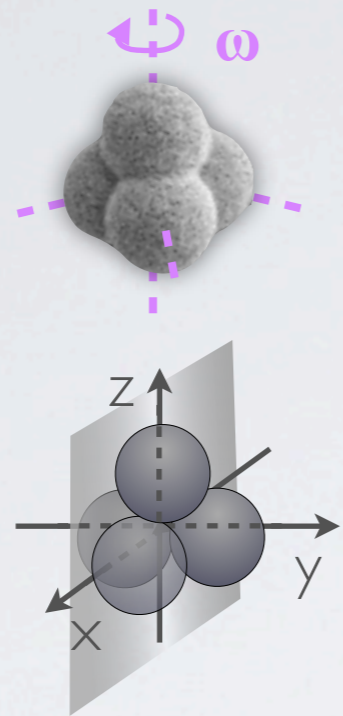
$$\mathcal{H}(\text{trimer}) = \begin{pmatrix} 29.1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 27.1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 27.1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 100.2 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 79.2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 79.7 \end{pmatrix}$$

Shape symmetries are well represented in the hydrodynamic friction matrix

# BIAXIAL PARTICLES WITH DISCRETE ROTATIONAL SYMMETRY

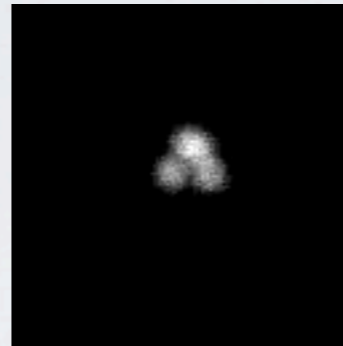
## Symmetries

- Discrete, helicoidal rotational symmetries ( $\varphi \rightarrow \varphi + \Delta\varphi$ , with  $0 < \Delta\varphi < \pi$ )
- Mirror symmetry



## Experiments

Confocal data



10x real speed

$$\mathcal{H}^{exp}(\text{tetramer}) = \begin{pmatrix} 41.8 & 0 & 0 & -0.9 & -1.5 & 0 \\ 0 & 42.6 & 0 & 1.6 & -0.5 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 43.1 & 0 & 0 & -0.6 \\ -0.9 & 1.6 & 0 & 212.6 & 0 & 0 \\ -1.5 & -0.5 & 0 & 0 & 212.2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -0.6 & 0 & 0 & 210.4 \end{pmatrix}$$

- Translational diffusion:  $D_t = 0.043 \mu\text{m}^2/\text{s}$
- Rotational diffusion:  $D_r = 8.7 \cdot 10^{-3} \text{rad}^2/\text{s}$

## Hydrodynamic friction matrix

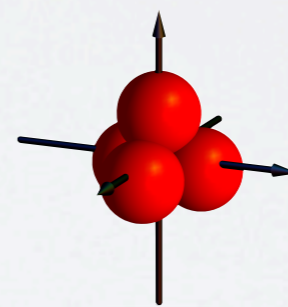
$$\mathcal{H} = \begin{pmatrix} \mathcal{H}_{11} & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \mathcal{H}_{22} & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \mathcal{H}_{33} & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \mathcal{H}_{44} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & \mathcal{H}_{55} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & \mathcal{H}_{66} \end{pmatrix}$$

no coupling

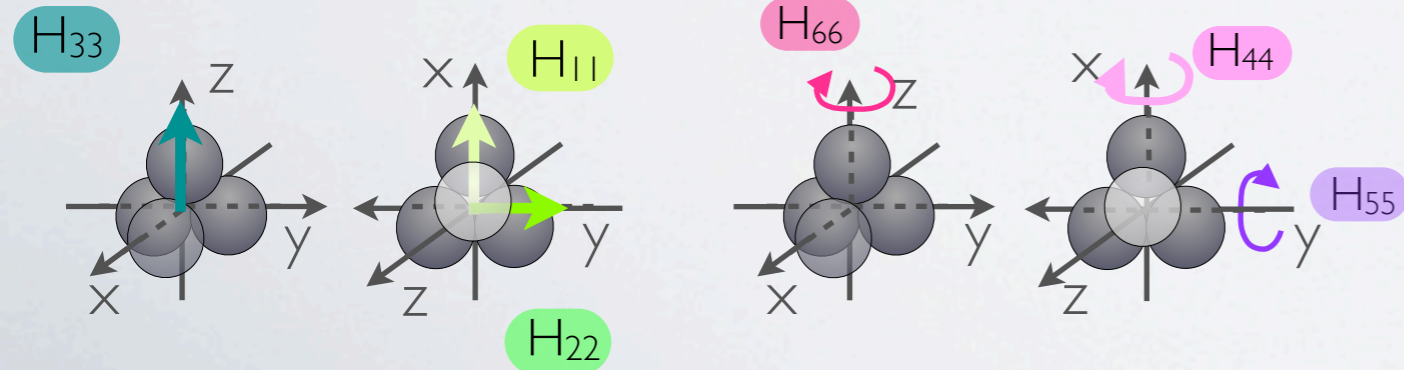
Translation

Rotation

## Numerical calculations



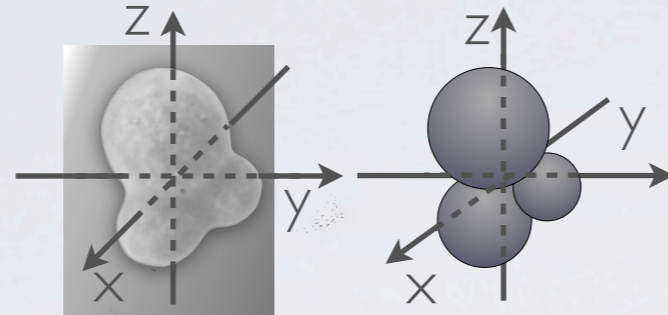
$$\mathcal{H} = \begin{pmatrix} 39.3 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 39.3 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 39.4 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 244.0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 244.1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 244.4 \end{pmatrix}$$



# ASYMMETRIC PARTICLES

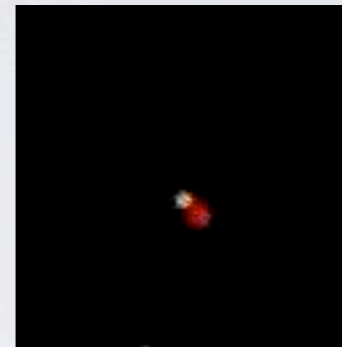
## Symmetries

- No rotational symmetries
- Mirror symmetry only



## Experiments

Confocal data



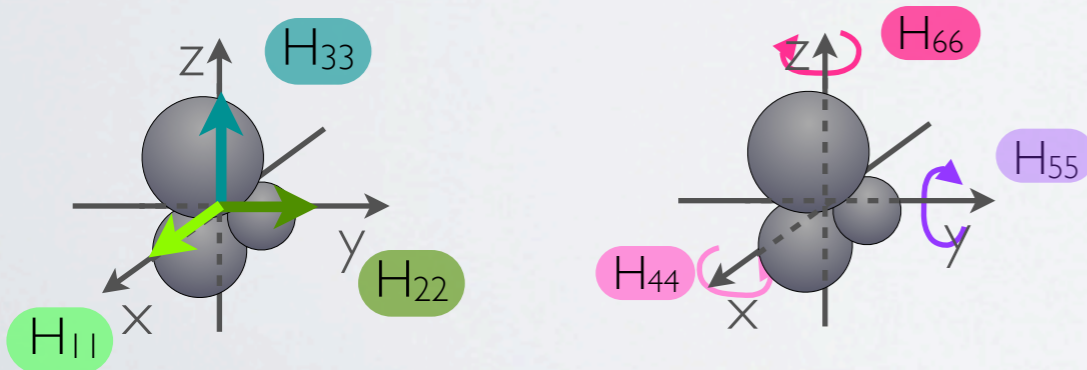
5x real speed

## Hydrodynamic friction matrix

$$\mathcal{H} = \begin{pmatrix} \mathcal{H}_{11} & 0 & 0 & 0 & \mathcal{H}_{51} & \mathcal{H}_{61} \\ 0 & \mathcal{H}_{22} & \mathcal{H}_{32} & \mathcal{H}_{43} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \mathcal{H}_{32} & \mathcal{H}_{33} & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \mathcal{H}_{42} & \mathcal{H}_{43} & \mathcal{H}_{44} & 0 & 0 \\ \mathcal{H}_{51} & 0 & 0 & 0 & \mathcal{H}_{55} & \mathcal{H}_{65} \\ \mathcal{H}_{61} & 0 & 0 & 0 & \mathcal{H}_{65} & \mathcal{H}_{66} \end{pmatrix}$$

coupling

Translation                      Rotation



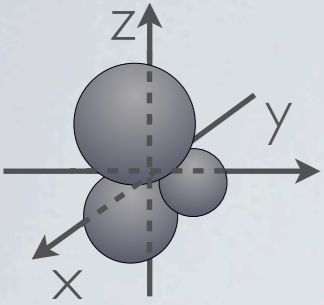
$$\mathcal{H}^{exp}(\text{irreg.}) = \begin{pmatrix} 27.2 & 3.9 & 0.7 & 6.0 & -7.2 & -6.1 \\ 3.9 & 29.2 & -2.4 & 9.9 & 0.8 & -9.7 \\ 0.7 & -2.4 & 21.7 & -4.1 & 4.0 & 0.6 \\ 6.0 & 9.9 & -4.1 & 137.0 & -4.8 & 8.9 \\ -7.2 & 0.8 & 4.0 & -4.8 & 102.4 & 19.5 \\ -6.1 & -9.7 & 0.6 & 8.9 & 19.5 & 61.2 \end{pmatrix}$$

## Numerical calculations

$$\mathcal{H} = \begin{pmatrix} 27.9 & 0 & 0 & 0 & -12.6 & -7.2 \\ 0 & 26.1 & 0.3 & 11.0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0.3 & 24.8 & 6.0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 11.0 & 6.0 & 104.4 & 0 & 0 \\ -12.6 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 90.2 & 11.2 \\ -7.2 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 11.2 & 58.9 \end{pmatrix}$$

- Coupling between translation and rotation
- Coupling between rotational diffusion directions
- Particle shape is reflected in the hydrodynamic friction matrix

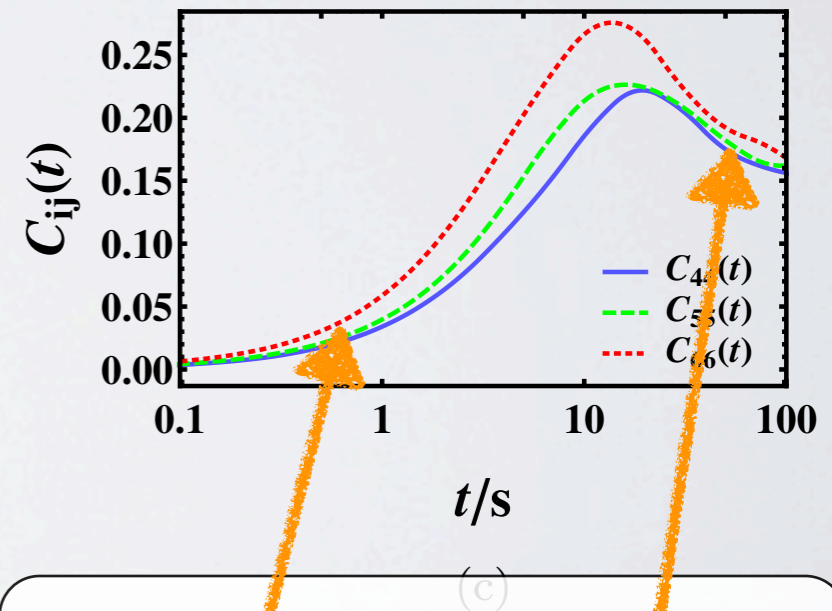
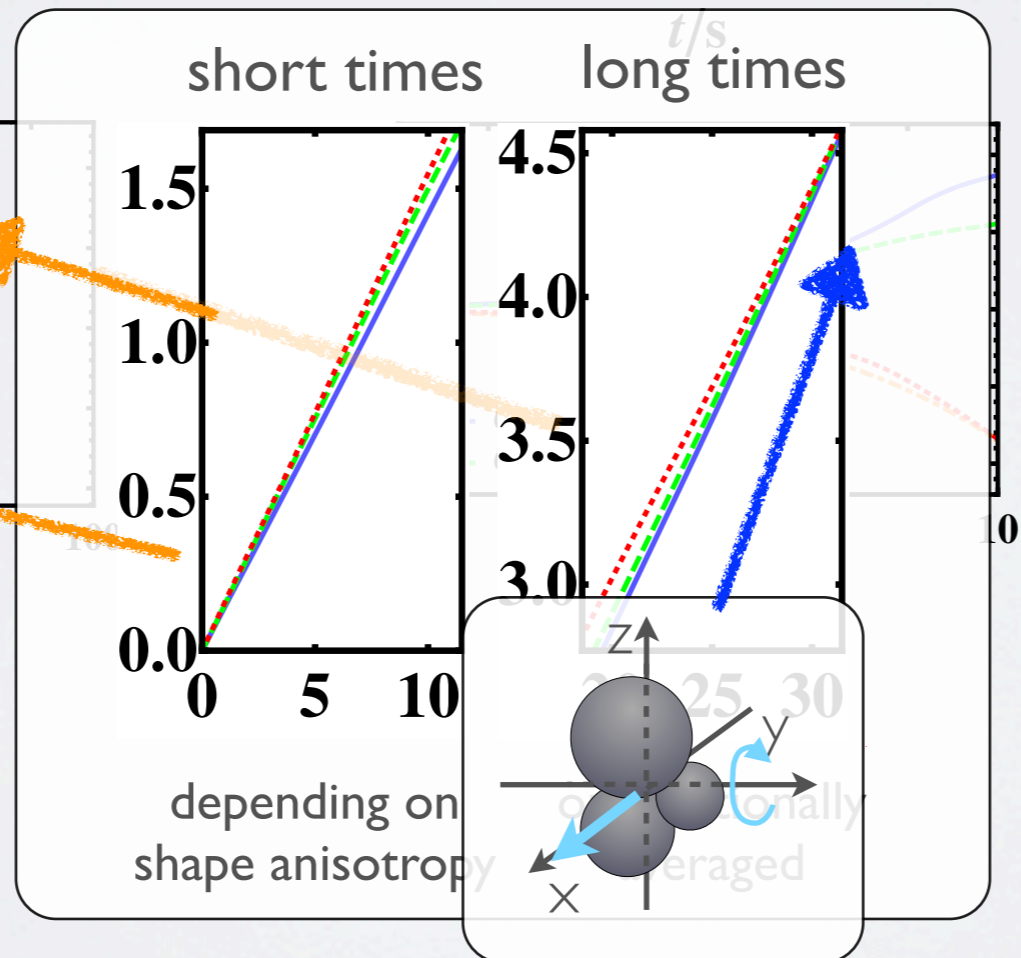
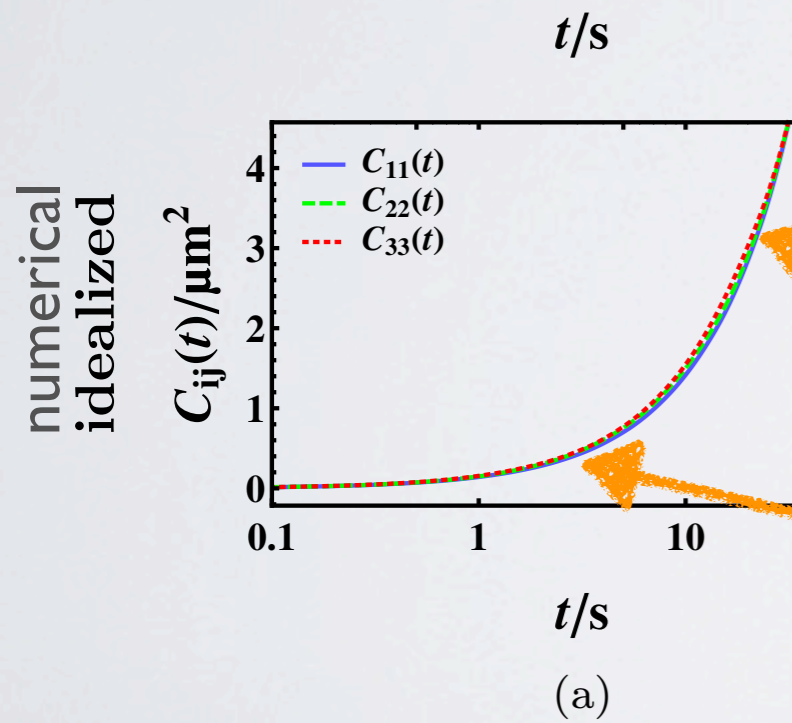
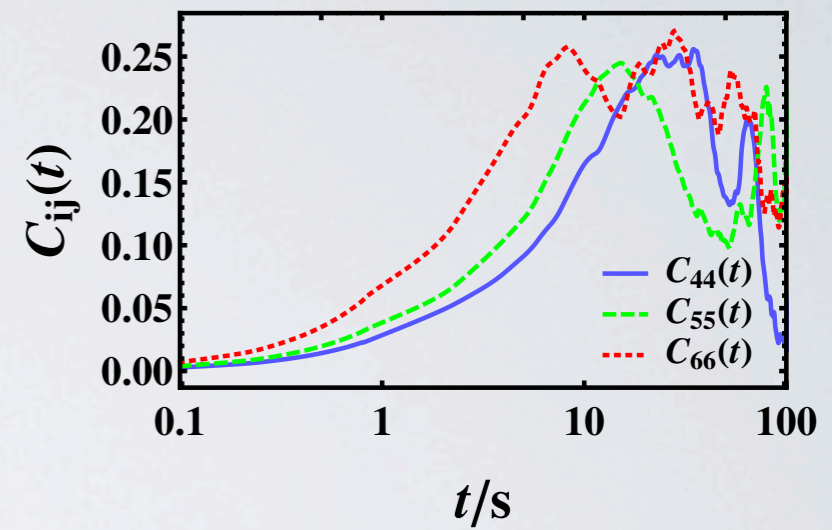
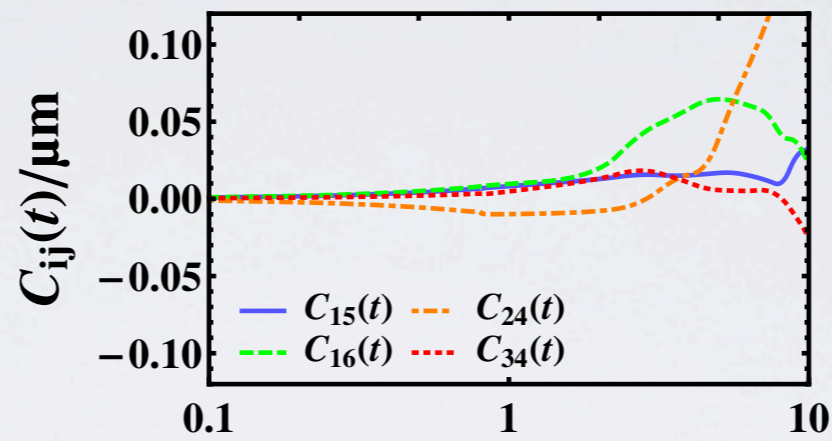
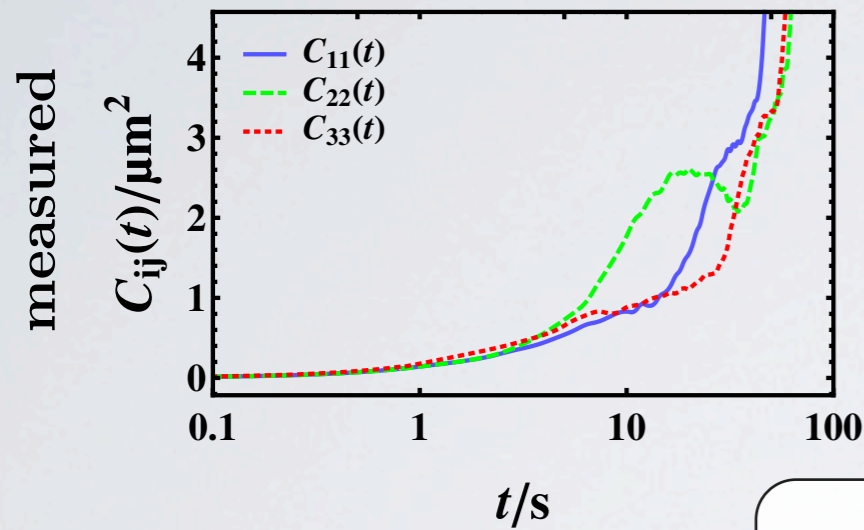
# TIME EVOLUTION OF CORRELATION FUNCTIONS OF THE ASYMMETRIC PARTICLE



t-t coupling

t-r coupling

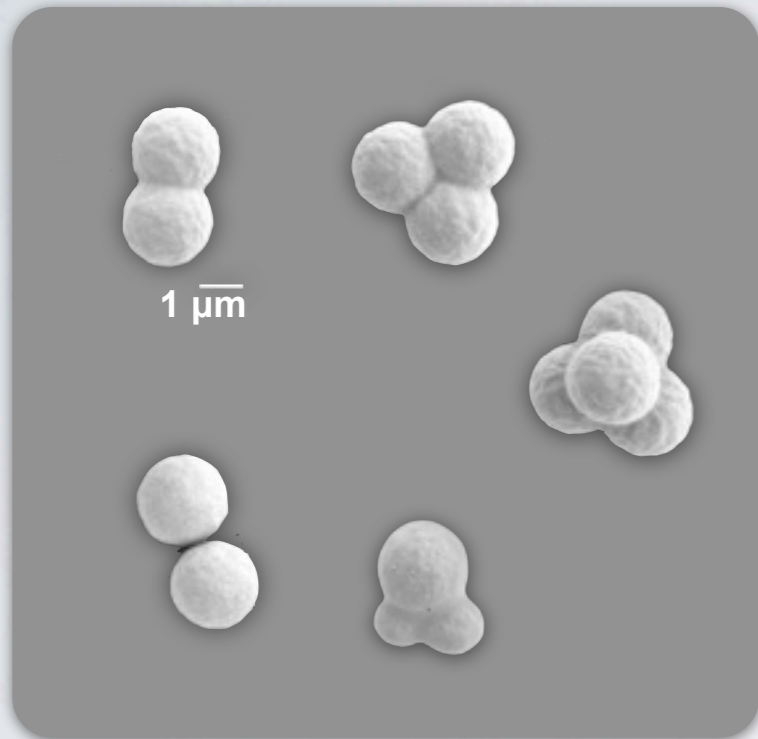
r-r coupling



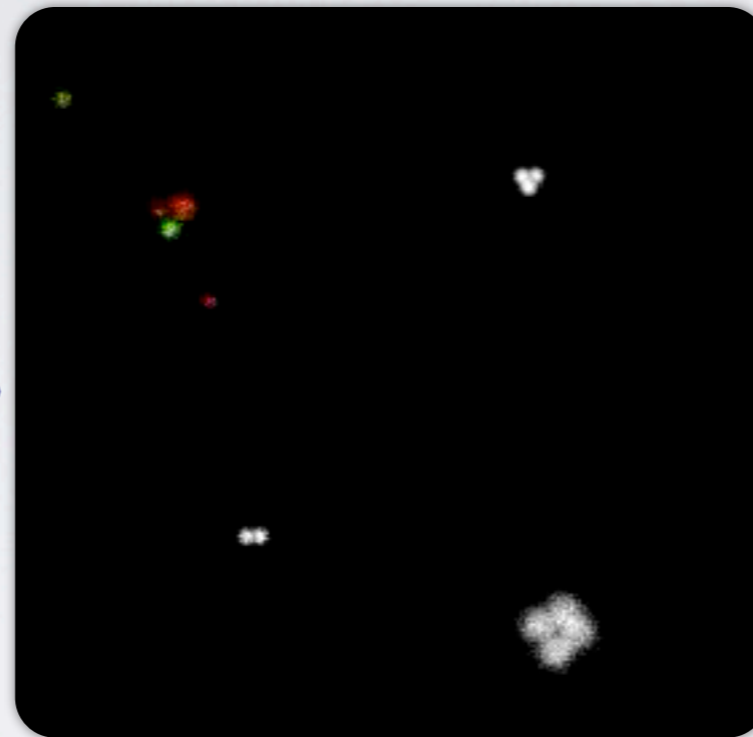
depending on shape anisotropy      orientationally averaged

# EXPERIMENTAL DETERMINATION OF THE HYDRODYNAMIC FRICTION MATRIX

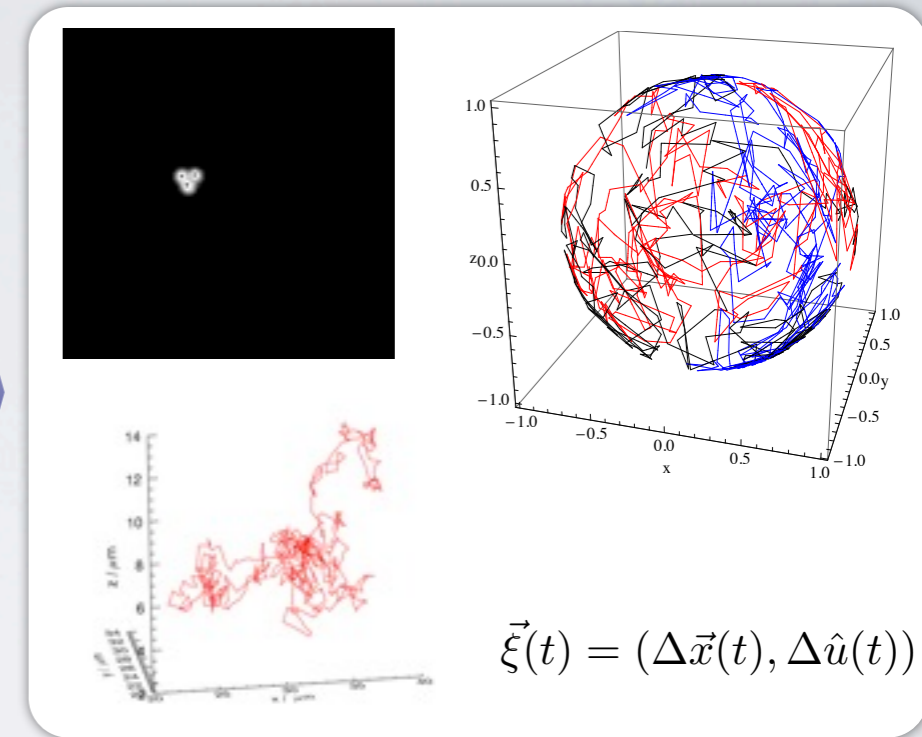
Colloids



Confocal microscopy



Particle tracking



## Hydrodynamic friction matrix

Translation

Coupling trans. & rot.

$$\mathcal{H} = \begin{pmatrix} * & * & * & * & * & * \\ * & * & * & * & * & * \\ * & * & * & * & * & * \\ * & * & * & * & * & * \\ * & * & * & * & * & * \\ * & * & * & * & * & * \end{pmatrix}$$

Coupling trans. & rotation

Rotation

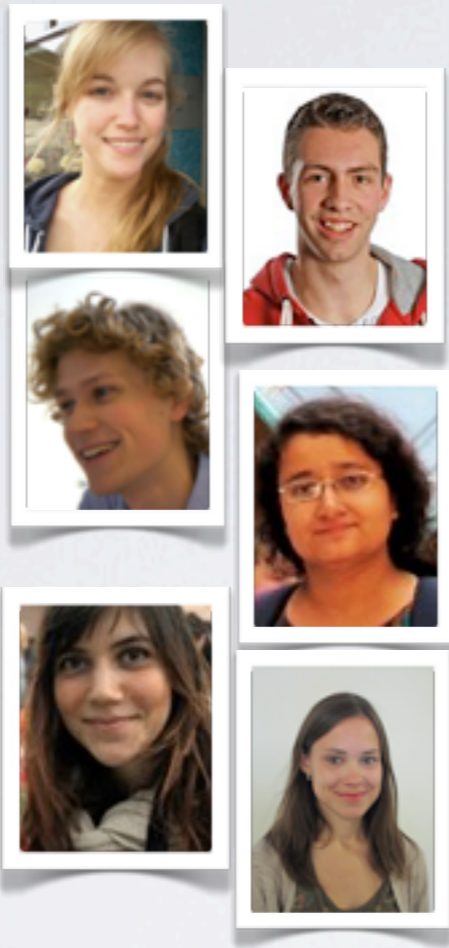
Depends only particle **shape and size**

- ✓ First\* 3D measurement of the **full hydrodynamic friction matrix** and diffusion matrix of anisotropic particles with different symmetries
- ✓ **Particle symmetries** determine symmetries in hydrodynamic friction matrix
- ✓ Good **agreement** between experiments and numerical predictions

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