



“Separation of Solids in the Surface-layers of Solutions and ‘Suspensions’ (Observations on Surface-membranes, Bubbles, Emulsions, and Mechanical Coagulation). — Preliminary Account.” By W. RAMSDEN, M.A., M.D., Oxon., Fellow of Pembroke College, Oxford. Communicated by Professor F. GOTCH, F.R.S. Received June 8,—Read June 18, 1903.

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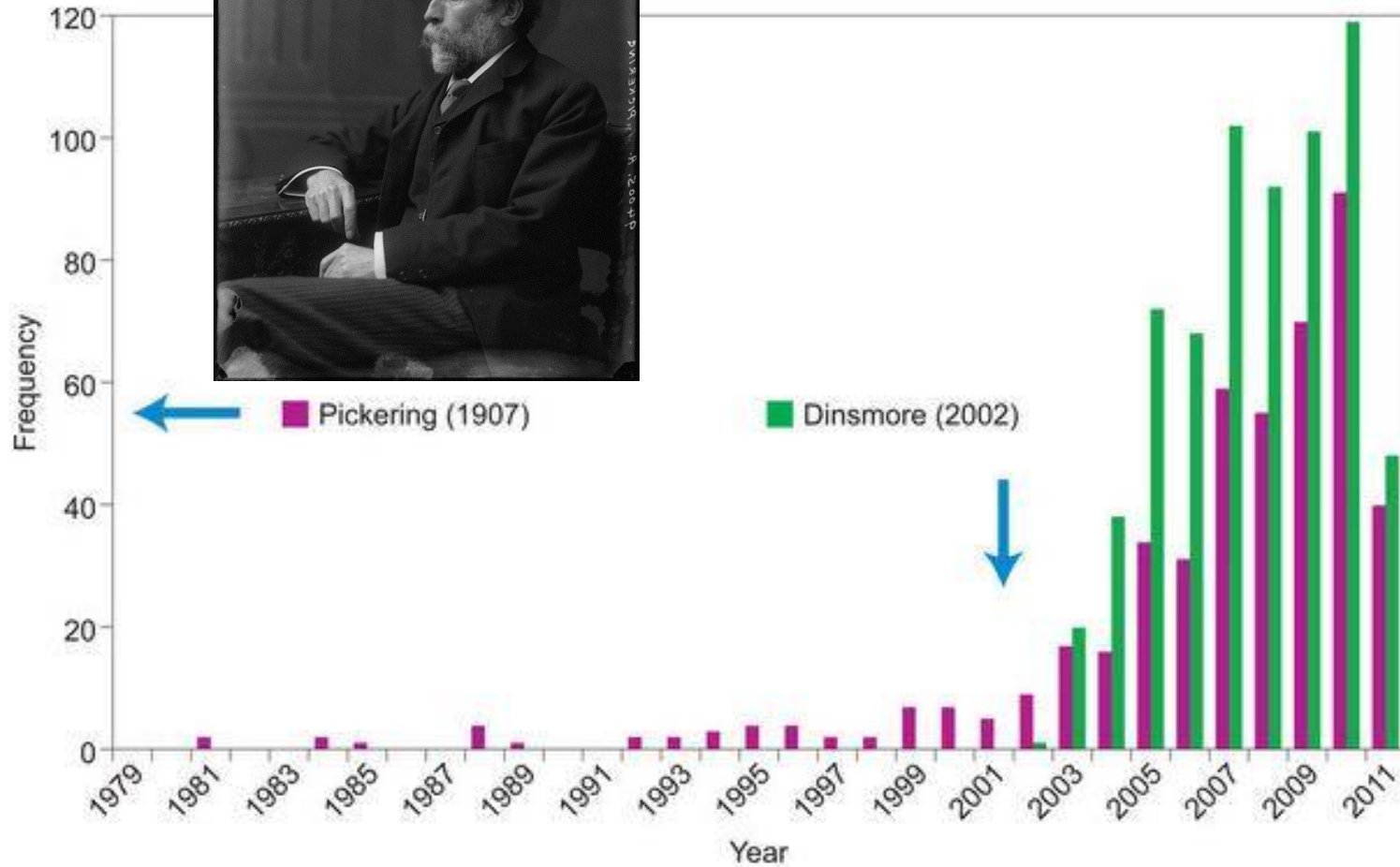
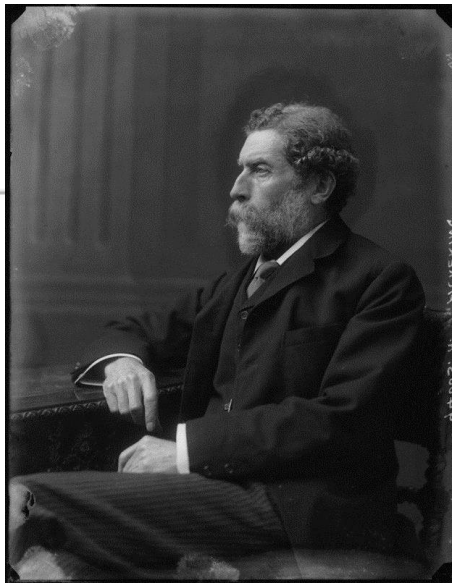
CXCVI.—*Emulsions.*

By SPENCER UMFREVILLE PICKERING, M.A., F.R.S.

IN the Sixth Report of the Woburn Experimental Fruit Farm (Eyre and Spottiswoode, 1906) were published the results of an examination of emulsions of paraffin oil in solutions of soft soap, such as are used for insecticidal purposes; this examination has now been extended with the double object of obtaining an emulsifying agent which would, for practical purposes, not be open to the objections presented by those containing soap, and also of elucidating the nature of emulsification. The subject had already been investigated by Ramsden (*Proc. Roy. Soc.*, 1903, **72**, 156), but his work, unfortunately, did not come under the notice of the writer until that here described had been completed. It is satisfactory to find, however, that Ramsden, pursuing a different line of enquiry, should have arrived at an explanation of emulsification which is essentially the same as that given here.

**Percival Spencer Umfreville Pickering (1858 –1920)**

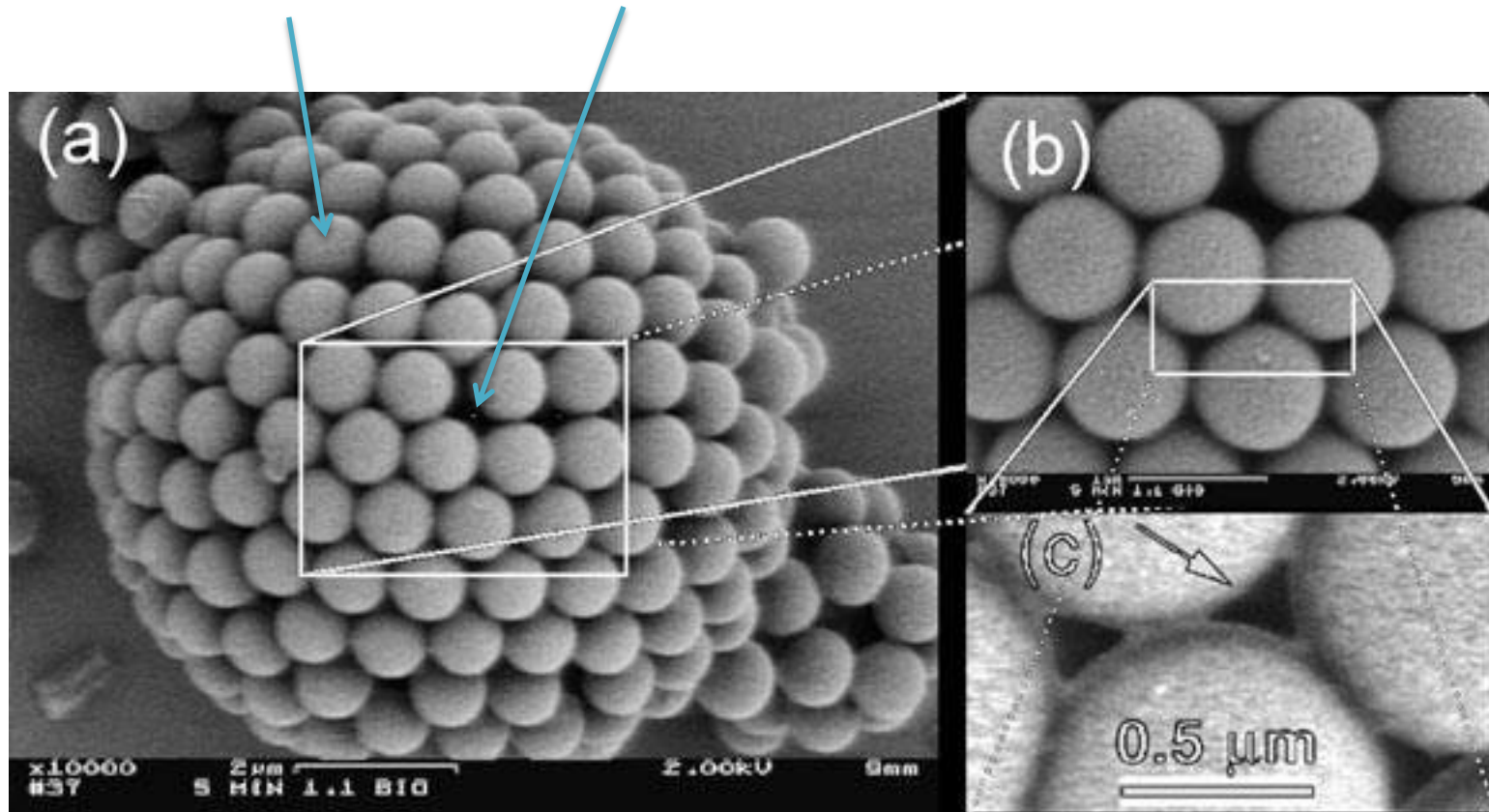
Percival Spencer Umfreville Pickering (1858–1920)



Lost history versus good science, Qian Wang, & Chris Toumey,  
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# Colloidosomes

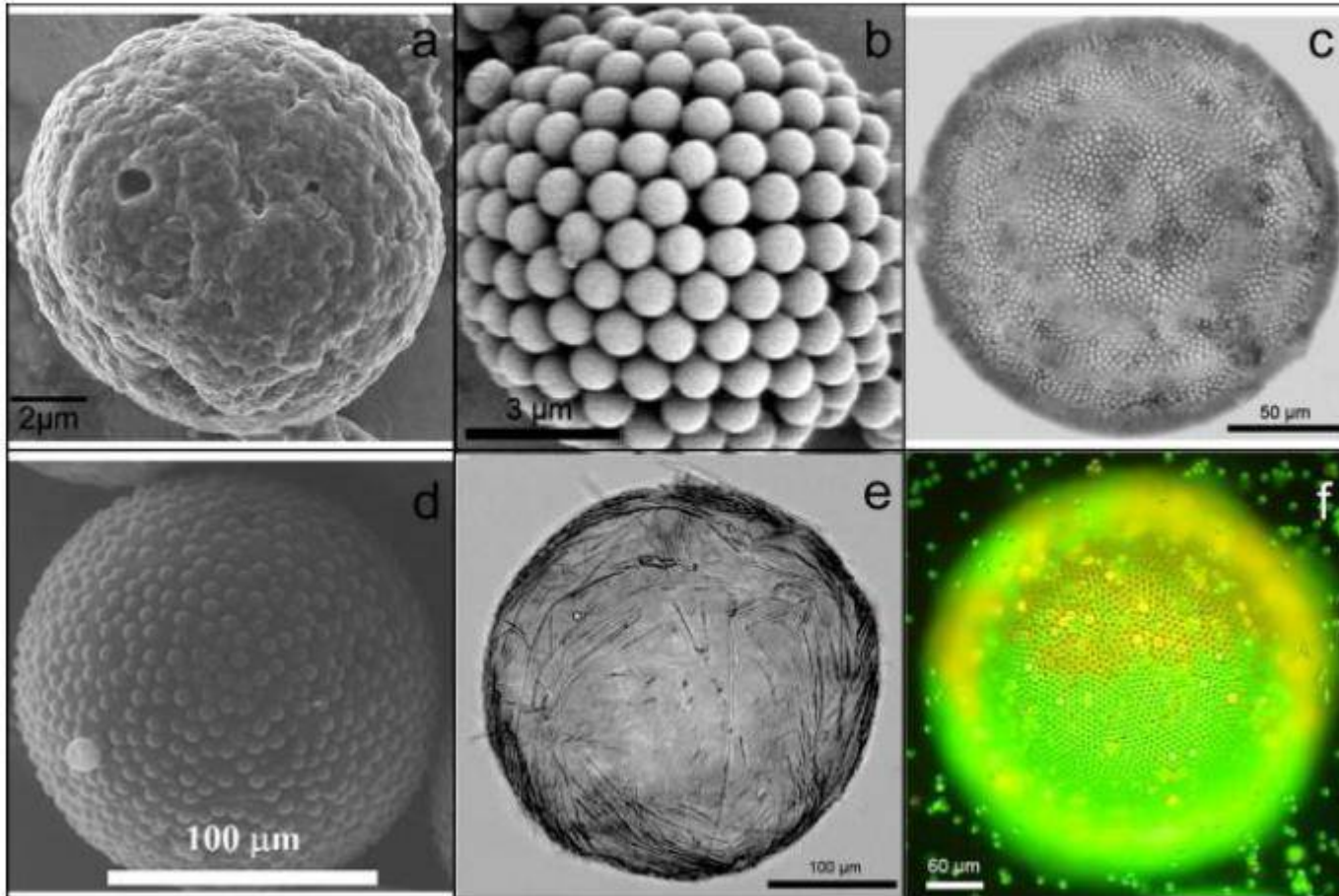
Composition and permeability



A.D. Dinsmore et. Al., Science, **298**, 1006 (2002); David Weitz group: Harvard Univ.

Pickering (1907) : Emulsions

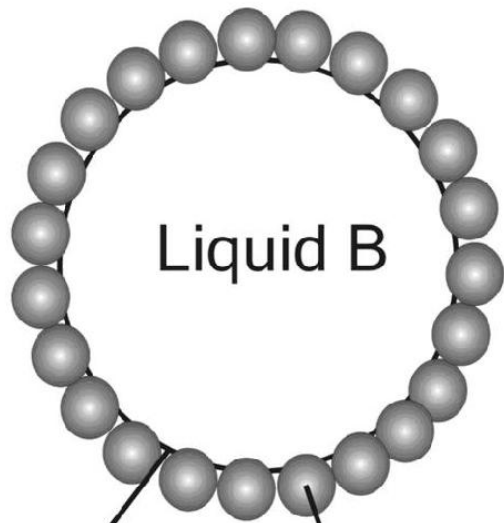
Dinsmore et al. Science (2002): "Colloidosomes"



**Dinsmore et.al.**



Liquid A



Interphase  
Solid Particle

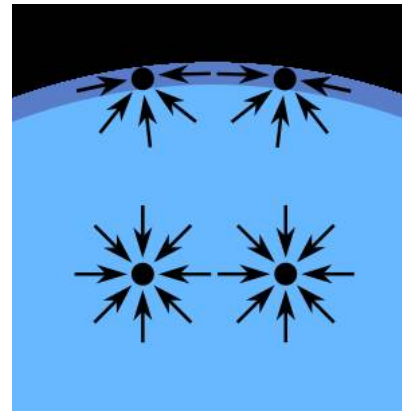
Surface Energy:  $E = \gamma A$

$A$  = Surface area     $\gamma_{WA} = 0.0073\text{N/m}$

**Capillary binding:** A particle at the interface is trapped in a capillary barrier with a substantial energy cost of moving to either side of the liquid interface.

Origin of capillary binding:  
**Surface tension:**

The forces on molecules of a liquid:

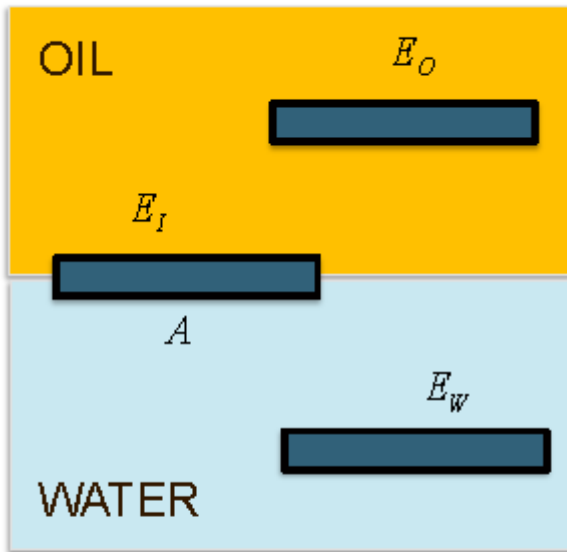


Surface tension preventing a paper clip from submerging



# Capillary binding

# Capillary binding of a flat solid particle at a liquid interface



Particle surface energy :

$$E_O = 2A\gamma_{SO}$$

$$E_W = 2A\gamma_{SW}$$

$$E_I = A\gamma_{SO} + A\gamma_{SW} - A\gamma_{OW}$$

Energy gain :

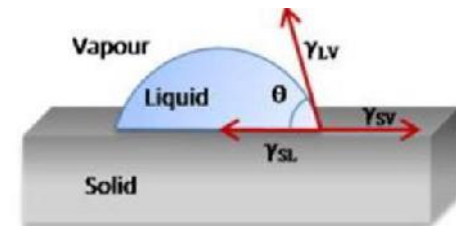
$$E_I - E_O = -A\gamma_{OW}(1 + \cos \theta)$$

$$E_I - E_W = -A\gamma_{OW}(1 - \cos \theta)$$

Wetting angle Young's relation:

$$\gamma_{SO} = \gamma_{SW} + \gamma_{OW} \cos \theta$$

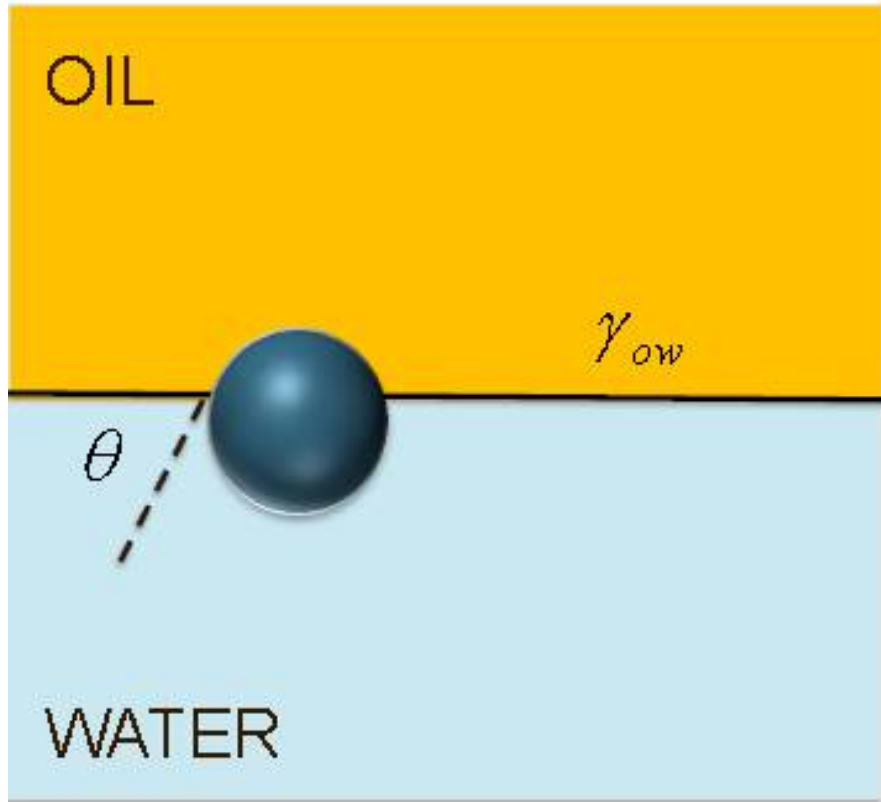
Energetically favorable to adsorb particles at the interface.



**Typically:**

**$A_p\gamma_{OW} \sim 10000 \text{ kT}$  for microparticles**

# Capillary binding of a bead is similar



Energy gain :

$$\Delta E = \pi r^2 \gamma_{ow} (1 \pm \cos \theta)^2$$

## Adsorption Energy of Nano- and Microparticles at Liquid-Liquid Interfaces

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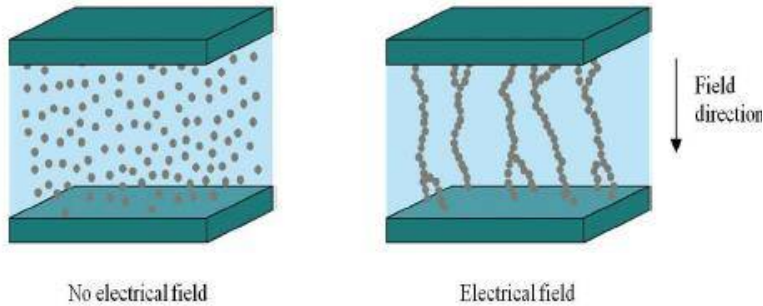
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# Electro-rheological fluids

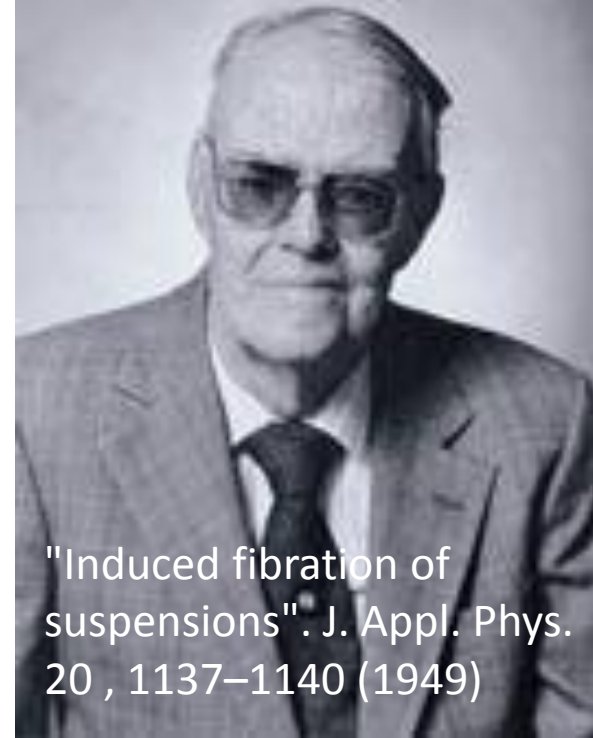
Winslow effect:



Viscosity can increase by a factor 100 000 in response to an electric field!

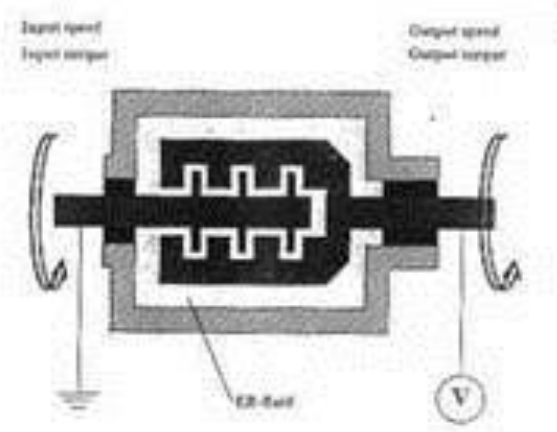
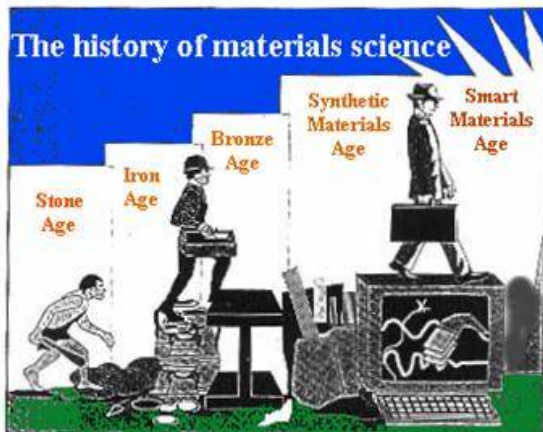
- Electric fields induce dipole attraction and chain formation
- Large yield stress -> 200 kPa or more 100 times viscosity increase (up to 100000 times according to wiki)

Winslow, Willis M.



"Induced fibrillation of suspensions". J. Appl. Phys. 20, 1137–1140 (1949)

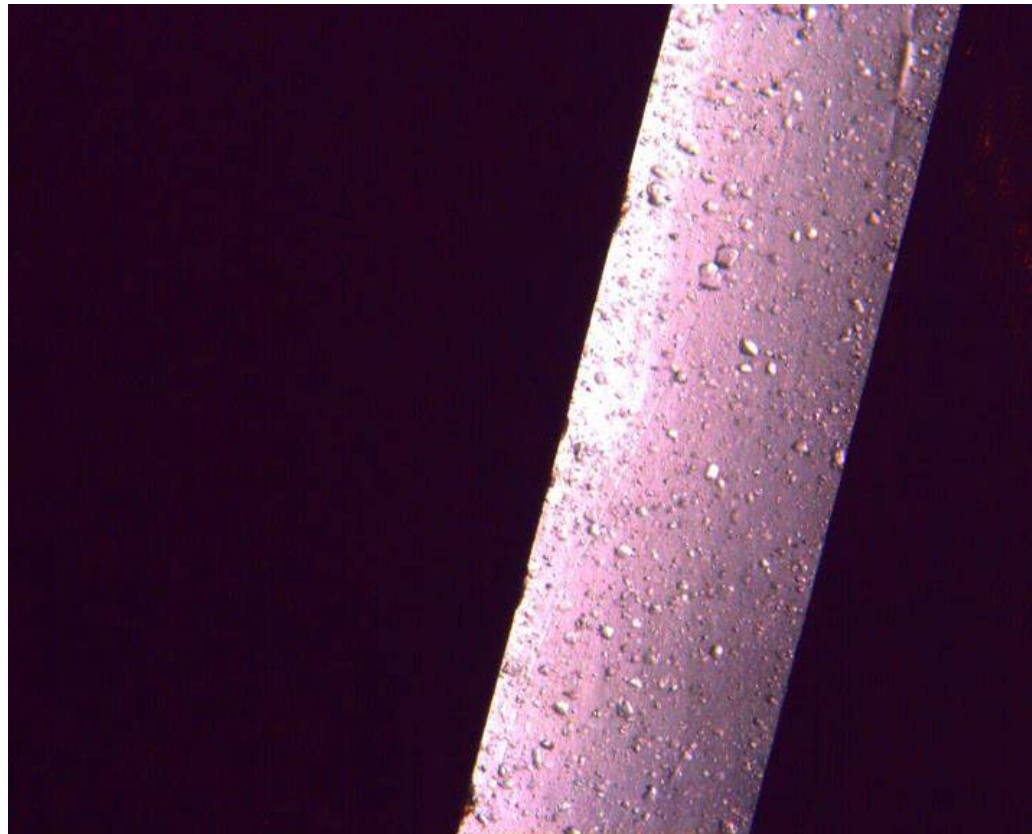
U.S. Patent 2,417,850:  
Winslow, W. M.: 'Method and means for translating electrical impulses into mechanical force', 25 March 1947



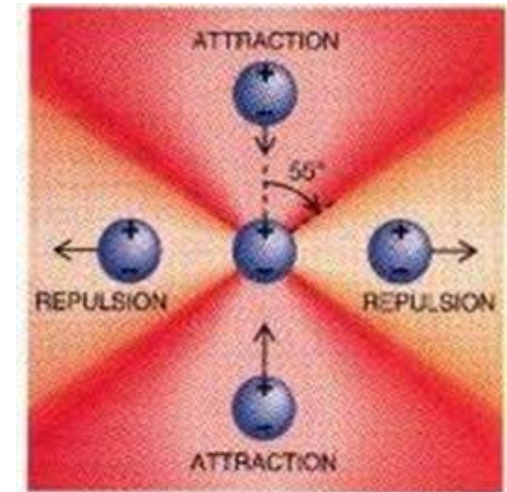
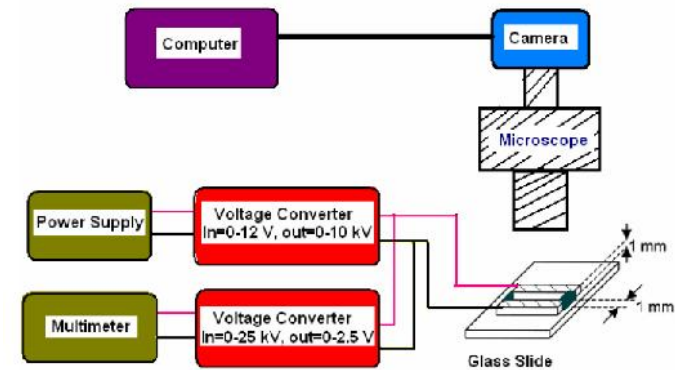


# Clay particles suspended in oil:

Video microscopy (real time):



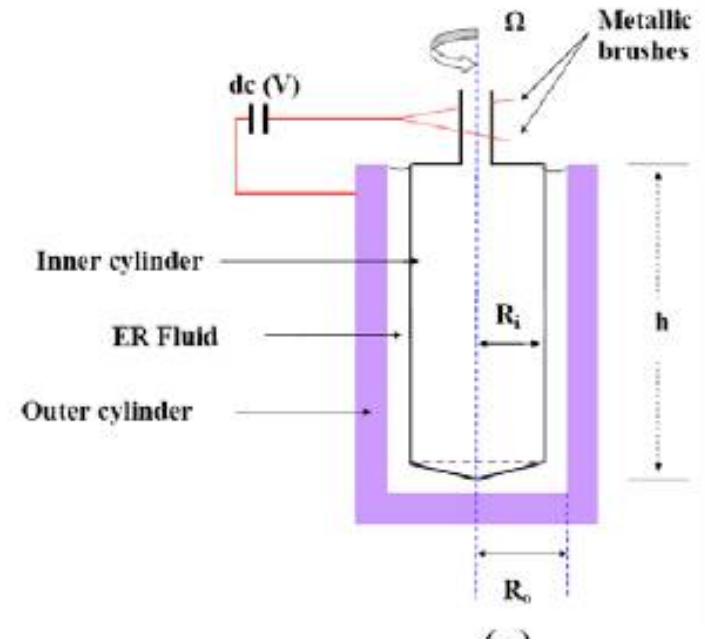
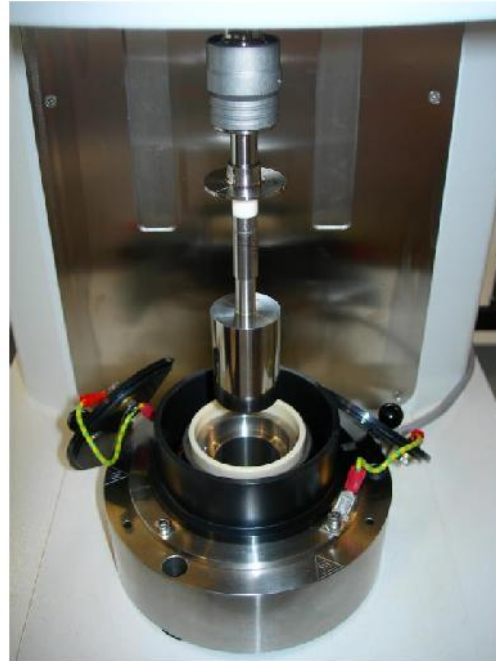
- 1 mm -



**Electrorheology:  
Smart Materials**

*Intercalation-enhanced electric polarization and chain formation of nano-layered particles, J.O. Fossum, Y. Méheust, K.P.S. Parmar, K.D. Knudsen, K.J. Måløy and D. M. de Fonseca, Europhys. Lett., 74, 438-444 (2006)*

# Our Physica MCR 300 Rheometer inl electrorheol. cell:



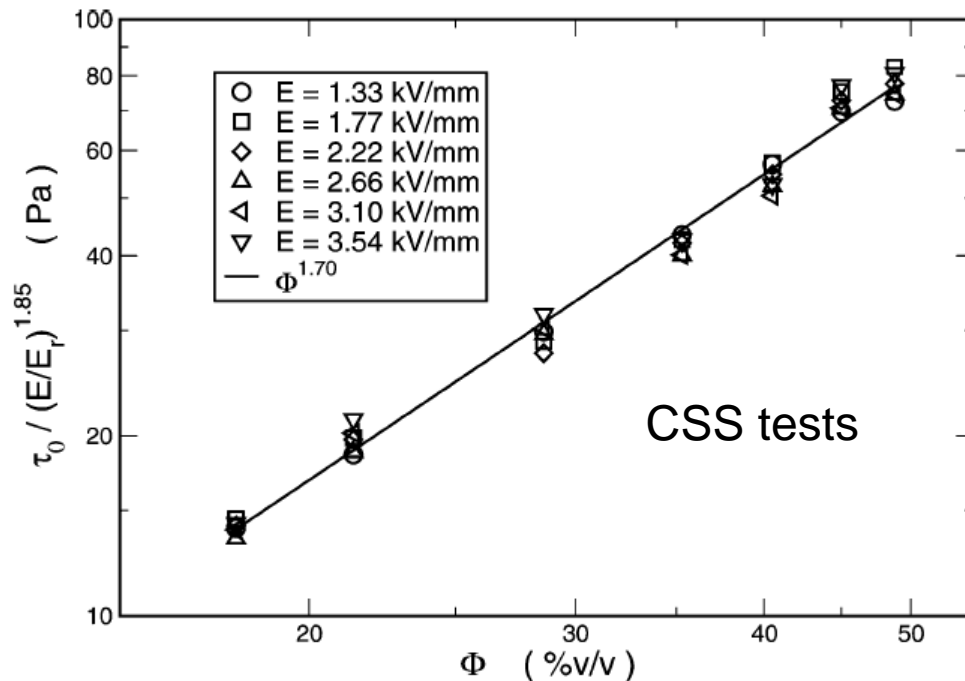
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J. Phys.: Condens. Matter 22, 324104 (2010)

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# Yield stress:

Theories predict:  $\tau \propto E^\alpha \Phi^\beta$



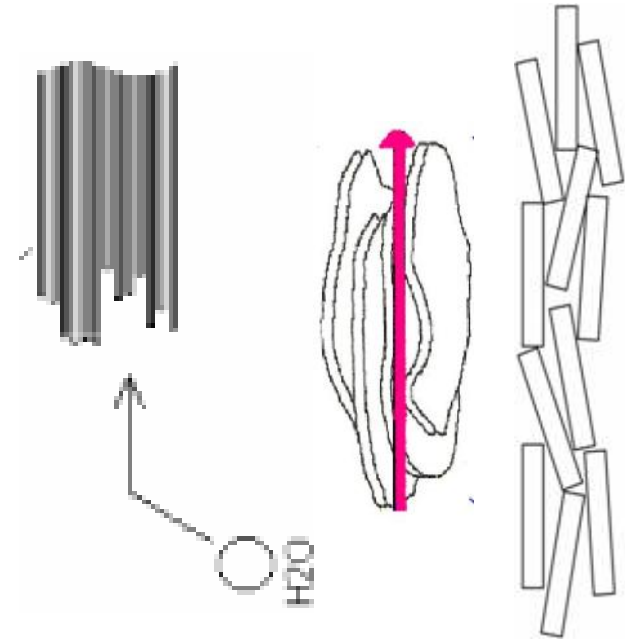
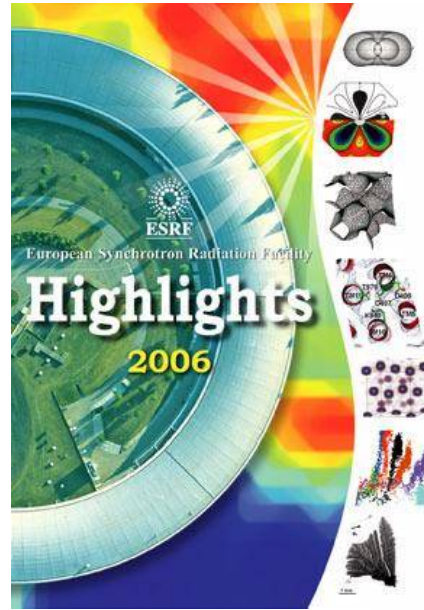
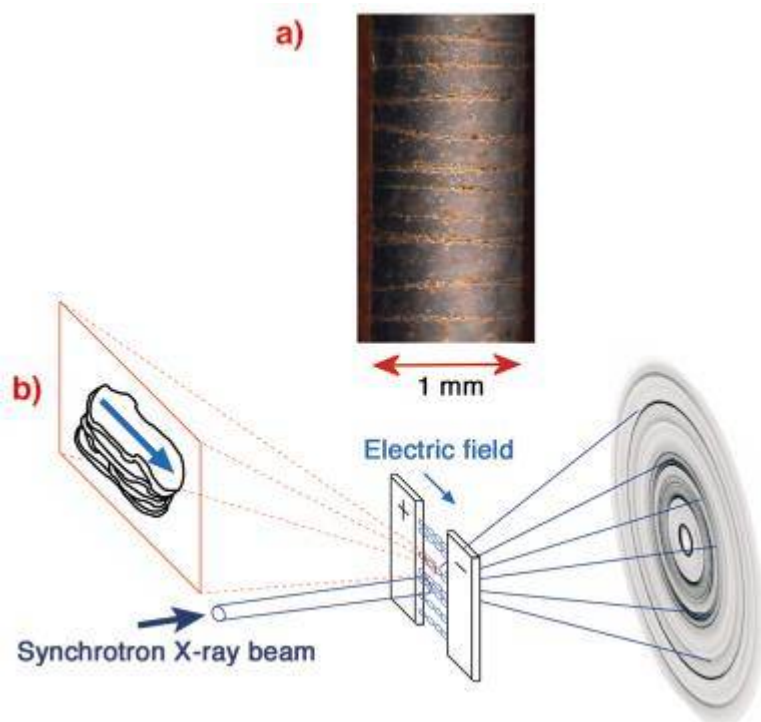
Static yield stress:  
Yield stress for an  
undisrupted ER fluid.

Log-log plot of the static yield stress, normalized by  $E^{1.86}$ , vs. the volume fraction at different strengths of the applied electric field. A power law  $\beta \approx 1.70$  fits to the whole dataset..

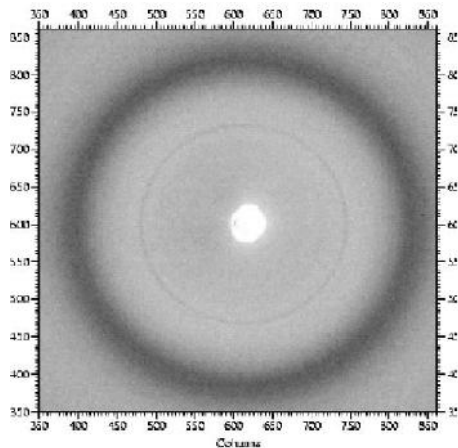
**Table 1. Comparison of Static Yield Stress Values for Various ER Fluids Including That Addressed in the Present Paper, under an Applied Electric Field of About 1.0 kV/mm**

ER fluids →	our sample	mica <sup>18</sup>	hematite <sup>43</sup>	saponite <sup>44</sup>	zeolite <sup>45</sup>	GER <sup>46</sup>
$\Phi$ →	1.9% (v/v)	15% (v/v)	15% (v/v)	0.11 g/mL	30% (v/v)	30% (v/v)
$\tau_0$ (Pa) →	~20	~100	~85	~50	~3000	~15000

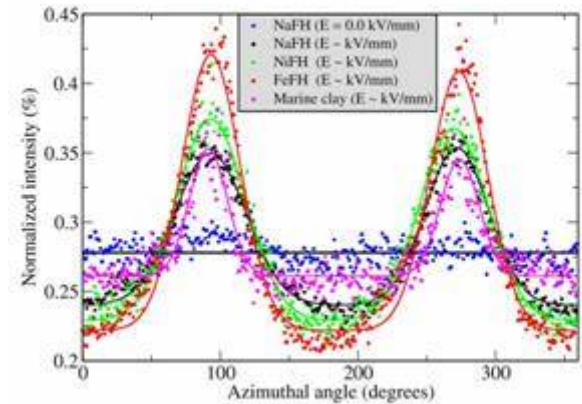
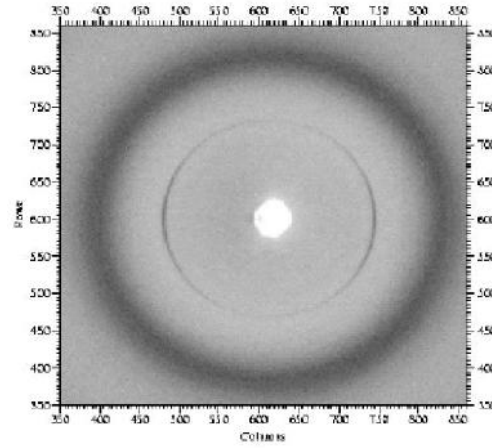
# Experiments at ESRF, Grenoble: In ESRF Scientific Highlights 2006



**Before: 0 V/mm**

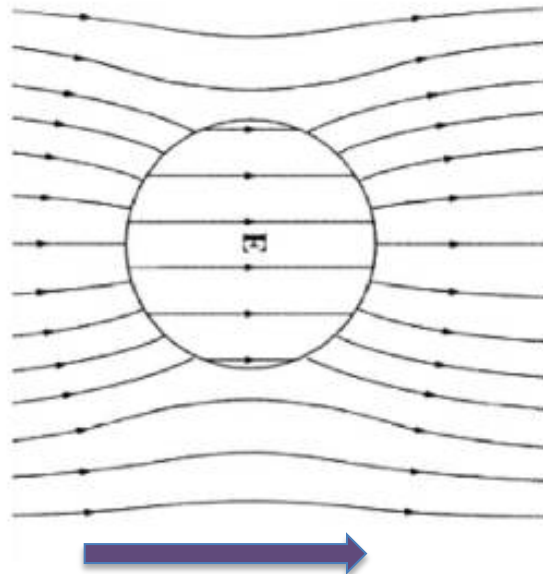


**After: 500 V/mm**

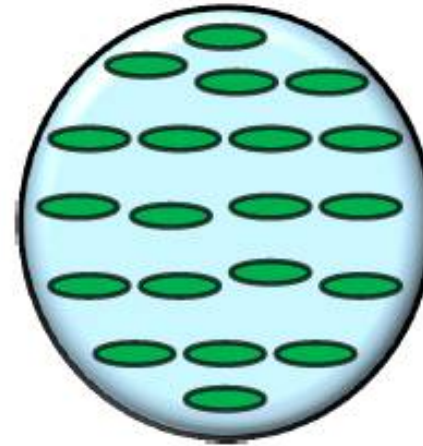


Angular distribution function  
 $= S_2 = \frac{1}{2} \langle 3\cos^2\theta - 1 \rangle$





Electric field



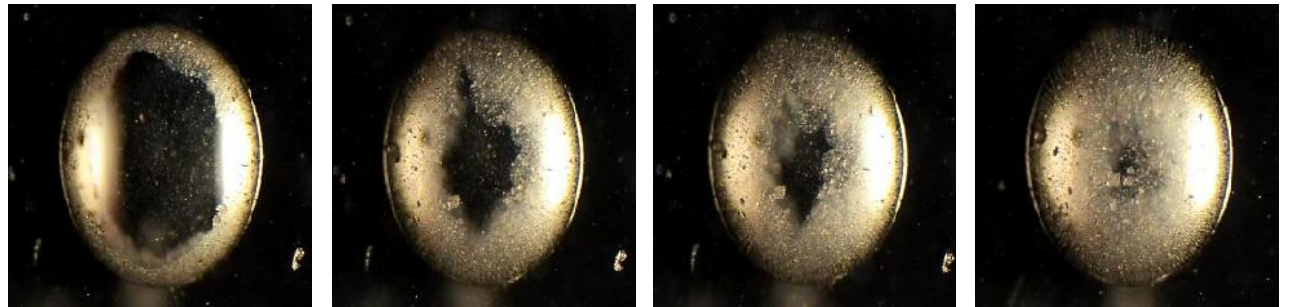
Chain formation inside a drop?

Electrorheological droplets for microfluidics  
Electrorheological emulsions

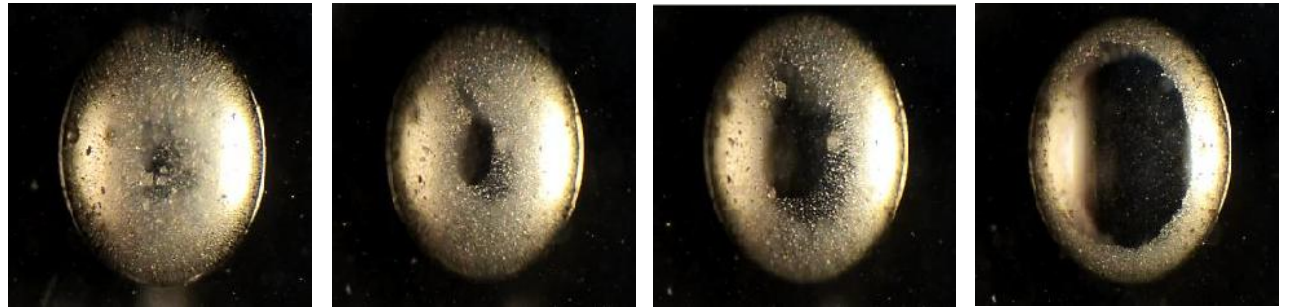
Is it possible to make electrorheological drops?



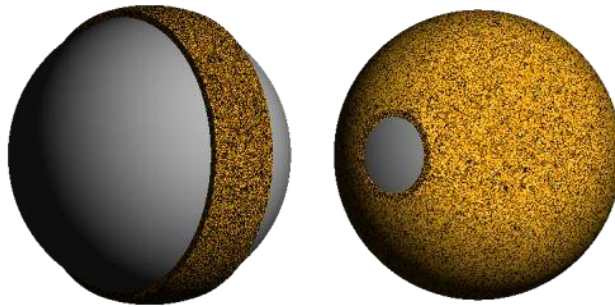
200  $\longrightarrow$  500 V/mm



200  $\longleftarrow$  500 V/mm



Electro-hydrodynamic flow



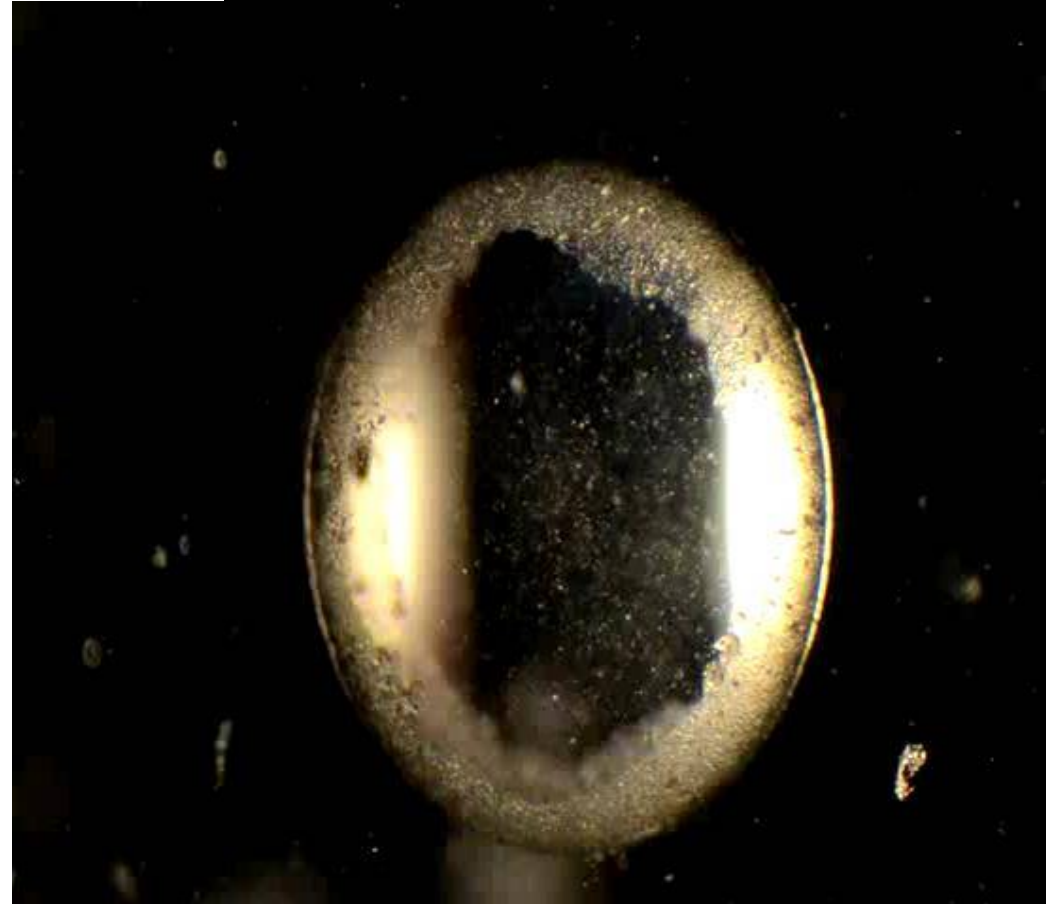
Dipole-dipole interactions

Active pupil-like colloidal shell (opening - closing)

## Active structuring of colloidal armour on liquid drops

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Active pupil-like colloidal shell (opening - closing)

# Oil + particles in E-fields



PE beads

$$\epsilon_{oil} \sim \epsilon_{particles}$$

$$\sigma_{oil} \sim \sigma_{particles}$$

***Very high E-field***

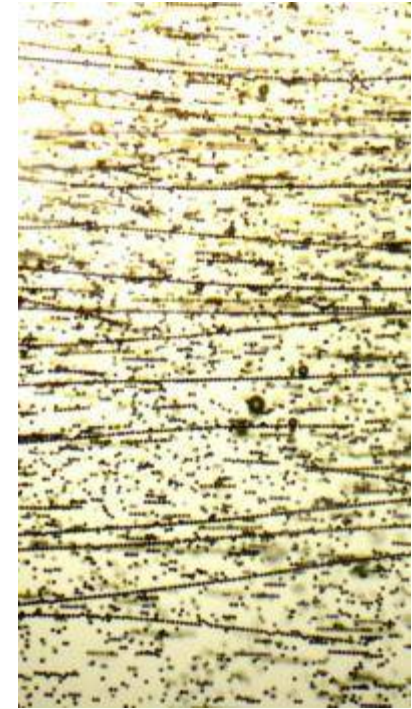


Clay particles

$$\epsilon_{oil} < \epsilon_{particles}$$

$$\sigma_{oil} < \sigma_{particles}$$

***Hundreds V/mm***



Ag coated beads

$$\epsilon_{oil} \ll \epsilon_{particles}$$

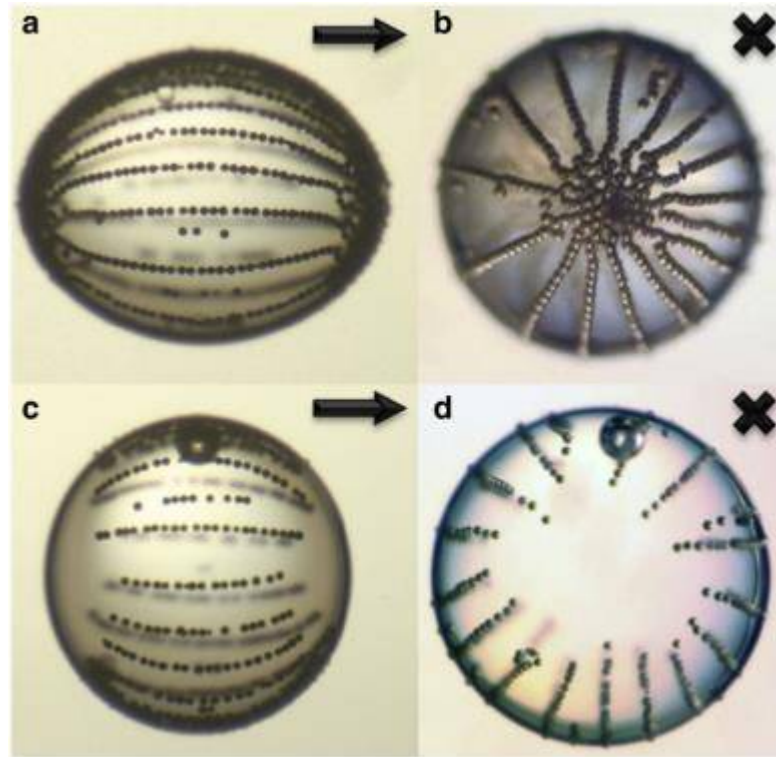
$$\sigma_{oil} \ll \sigma_{particles}$$

***Tens V/mm***

**Particle dipole-dipole interactions**

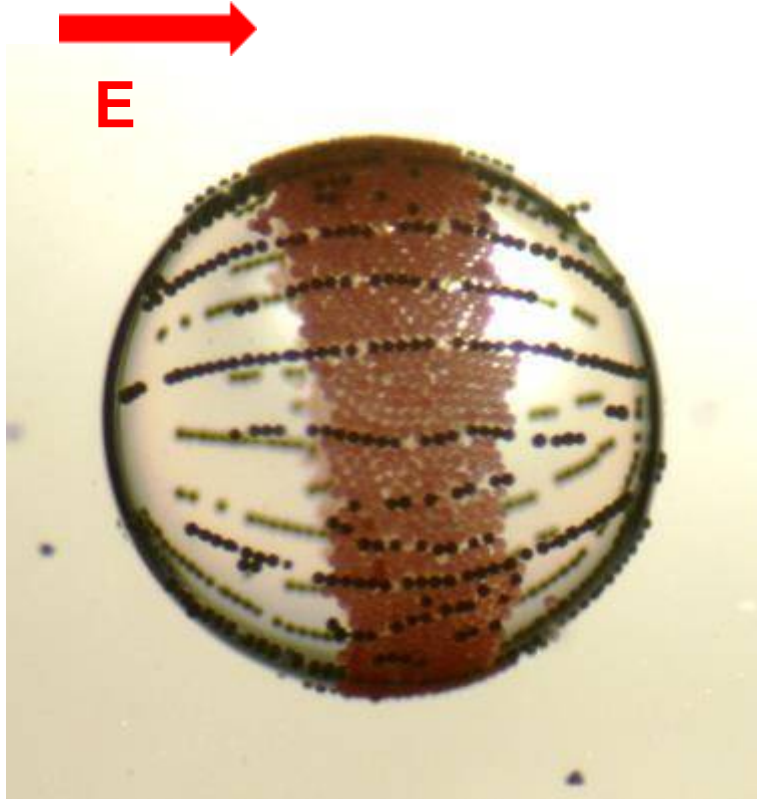


# Drop “behind bars”



Metallic conducting beads on the surface of a silicone drop with a radius of about 1 mm embedded in castor oil

NOT POSSIBLE TO OBTAIN the Pupil-like effect  
using either non-conductive PE beads or silver coated glass beads



$E = 250 \text{ V/mm}$

**No pupil-like colloidal shell for insulating or high conductive particles**

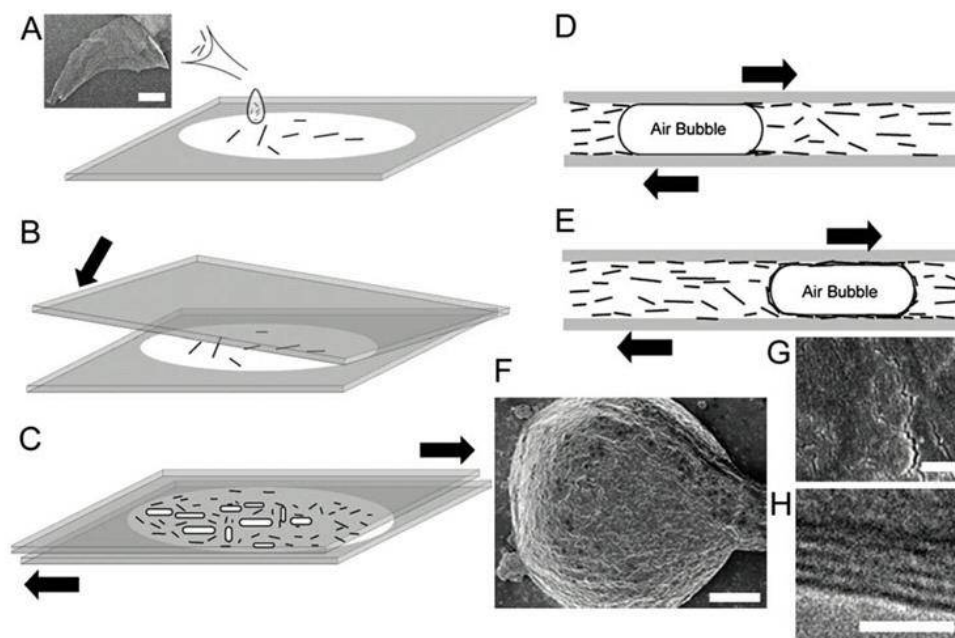


# Semi-permeable vesicles composed of natural clay†

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**Fig. 1** Formation of clay armored bubbles. (A, inset) TEM image demonstrating the plate-like structure of the clay montmorillonite. (A) An aqueous suspension of clay is placed on a glass slide. (B) A second glass slide is engaged on the first glass slide, trapping pockets of gas in the process. (C) The slides are pressed together manually and sheared relative to each other. Conceptualization: (D) The air bubble is deformed in the narrow gap, the clay nanoplates align in the direction of shear and some are trapped at the wedges between the air–water interface and the glass slide. (E) Eventually the bubble picks up enough particles to be fully armored. (F) SEM images of a dried clay armored bubble. (G) Higher magnification view of the clay layer, which appears smooth and continuous with no pores. (H) HRTEM image of the clay armored bubble wall showing the multilayer structure. Scale bars: (A, inset) 100 nm, (F) 20  $\mu\text{m}$ , (G) 200 nm and (H) 10 nm.



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"Sorry. I thought a joke  
would break the tension."



Case 1: Partly covered drops  $\Rightarrow$  Coalescence  
Case 2: Fully covered drops  $\Rightarrow$  No coalescence

**Fully covered drops do not coalesce  $\Rightarrow$  Pickering emulsions:  
Experiments at NTNU Trondheim**

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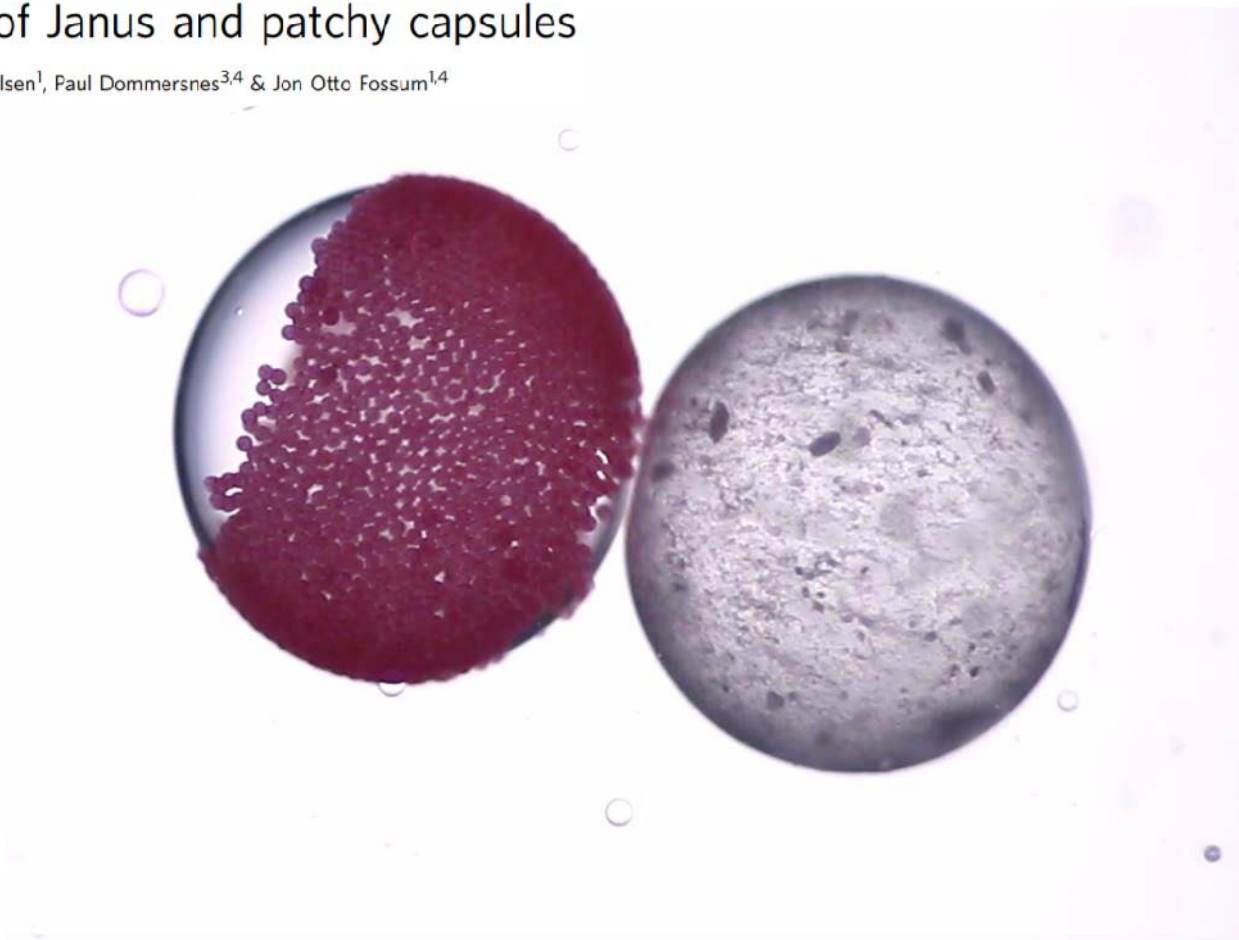
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# Electroformation of Janus and patchy capsules

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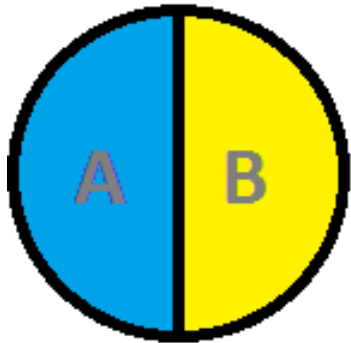
**Janus shells with clay and PE particles, Experiments at NTNU Trondheim**





In ancient Roman religion and myth, Janus is the god of beginnings and transitions, thence also of gates, doors, passages, endings and time.

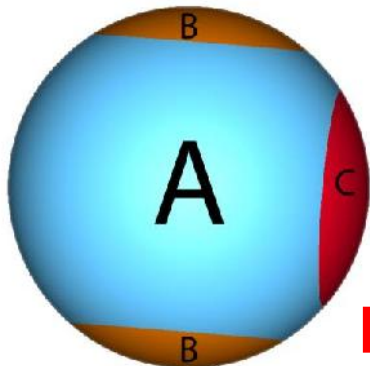
Usually depicted with **two faces**, looking to the future and to the past



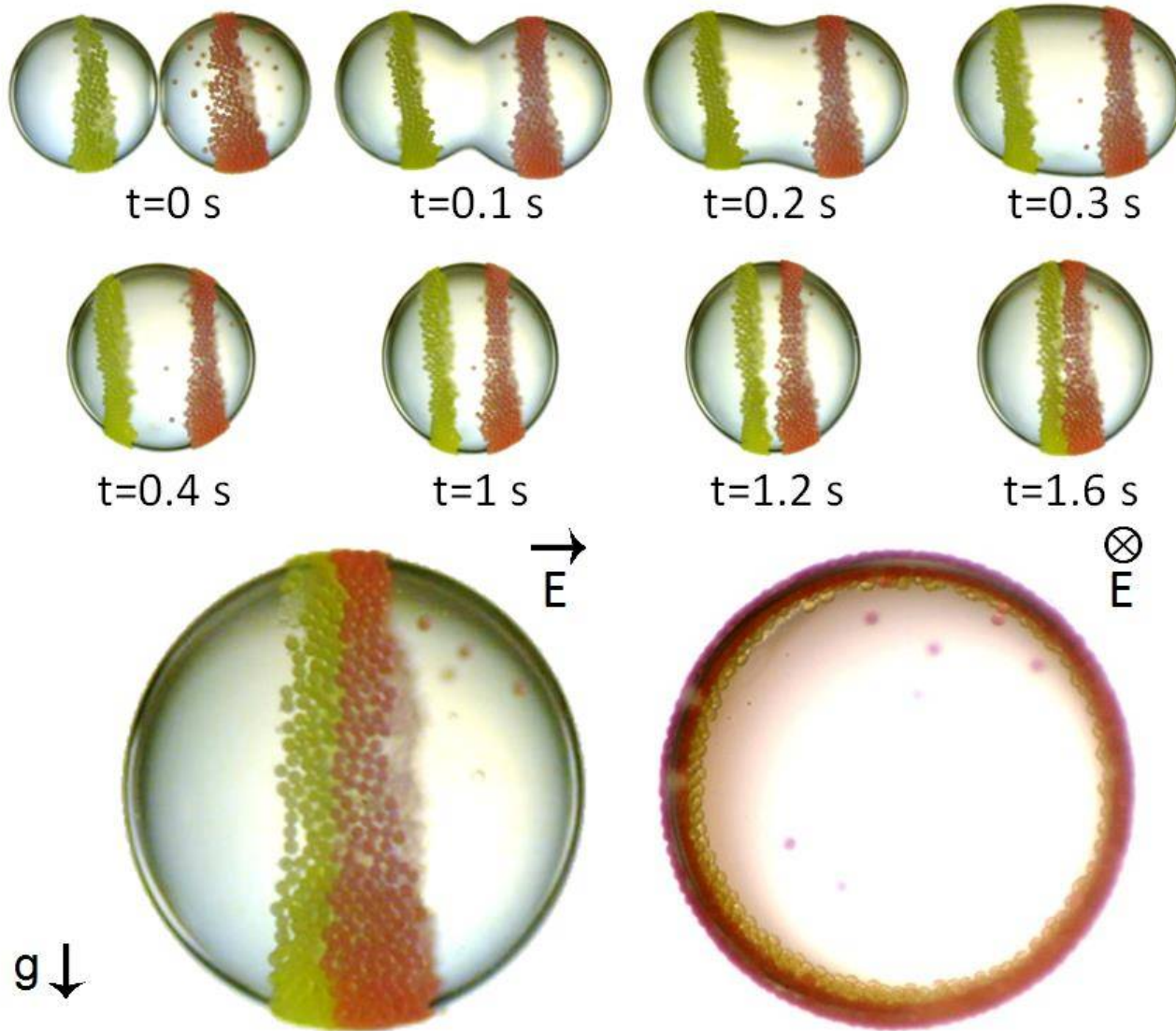
Pierre-Gilles de Gennes Nobel Prize lecture, 1991

## Janus particles or capsules

*The god Janus had two faces. The grains have two sides: one apolar, and the other polar. Thus, they have certain features in common with surfactants. But there is an interesting difference if we consider the films which they make, for instance at a water - air interface. A dense film of a conventional surfactant is quite impermeable. On the other hand, a dense film of Janus grains always has some interstices between the grains, and allows for chemical exchange between the two sides; "the skin can breathe".*



## Patchy particles or capsules

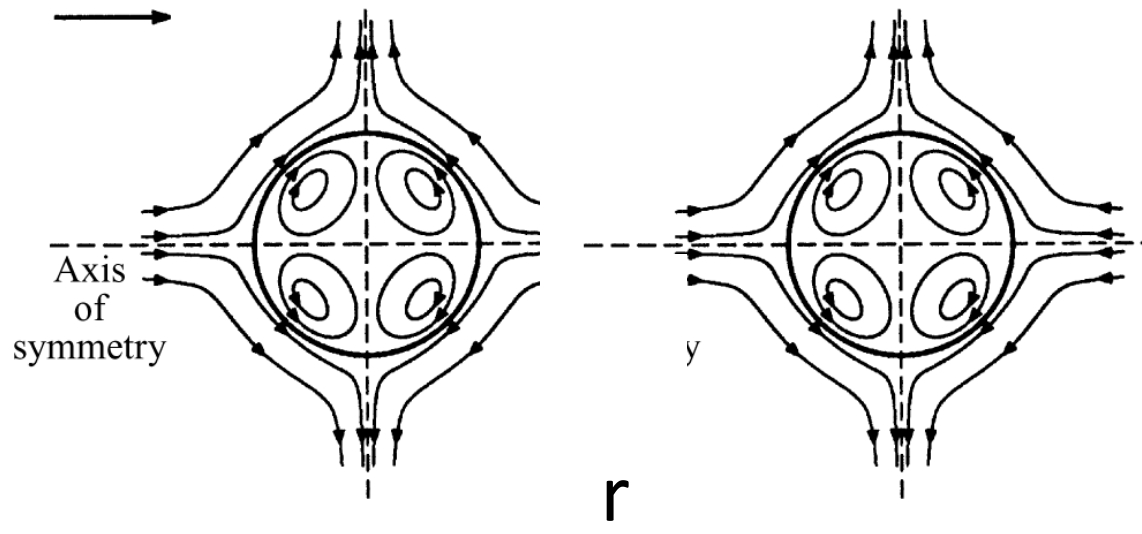


Final state viewed perpendicular and parallel to the E-Field

Fabrication of Janus ribbon: Experiments at NTNU Trondheim

## Electrohydrodynamic deformation and interaction of drop pairs

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$$V_{hydro} \propto \frac{1}{r}$$

$$V_{dipole} \propto \frac{1}{r^3}$$

$$\hat{\tau} > \tau$$

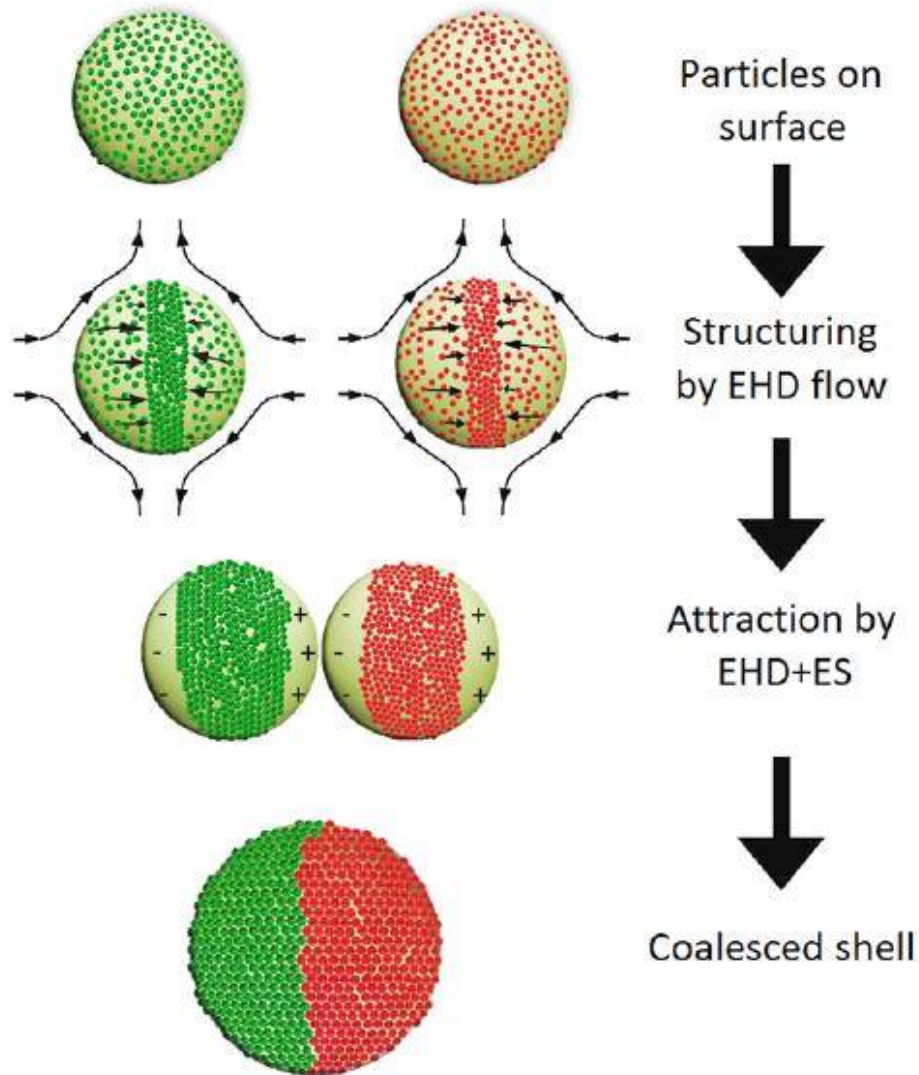
Attractive hydrodynamic interaction

$$\hat{\tau} < \tau$$

Repulsive hydrodynamic interaction

**Hydrodynamic interactions are stronger than dipole-dipole interactions**

## Sketch



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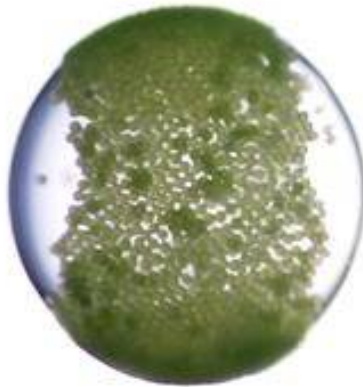
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$t=0$  s

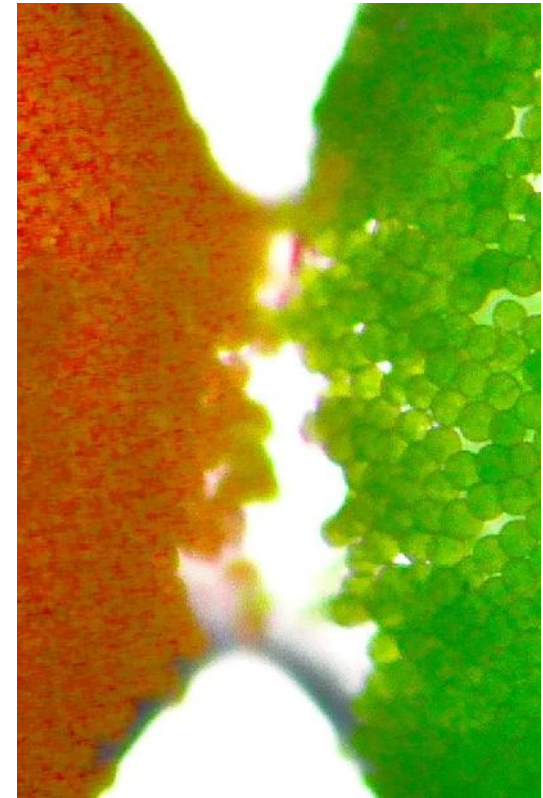
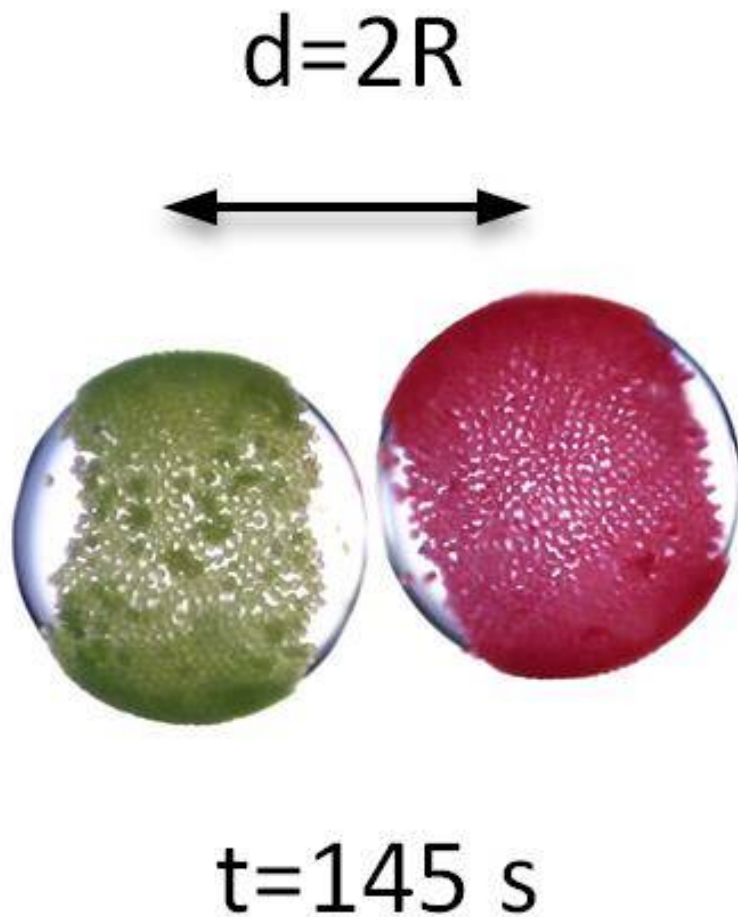
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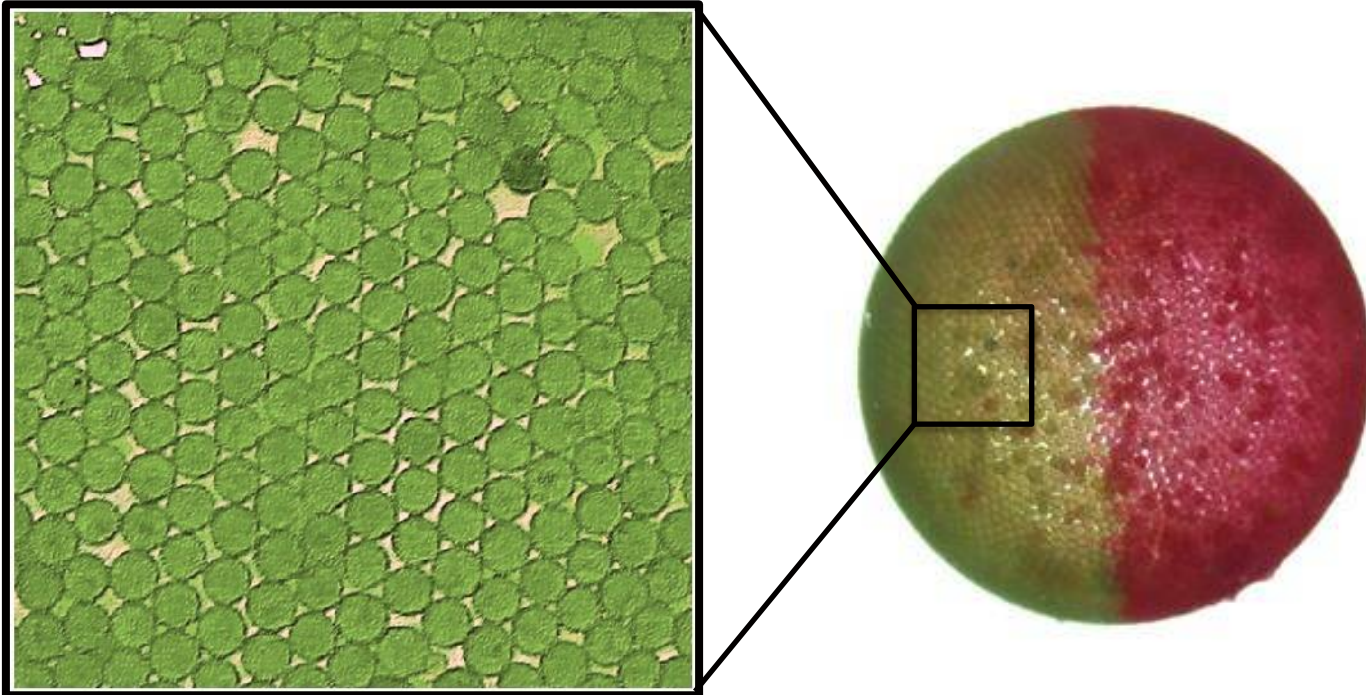
$$t=75 \text{ s}$$

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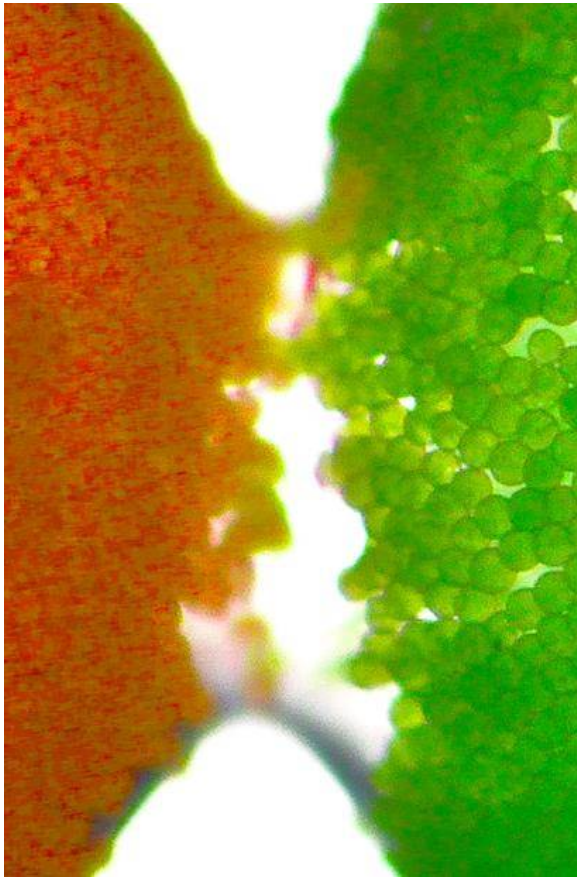
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# Janus shell



Hexagonal packing: Experiments at NTNU Trondheim

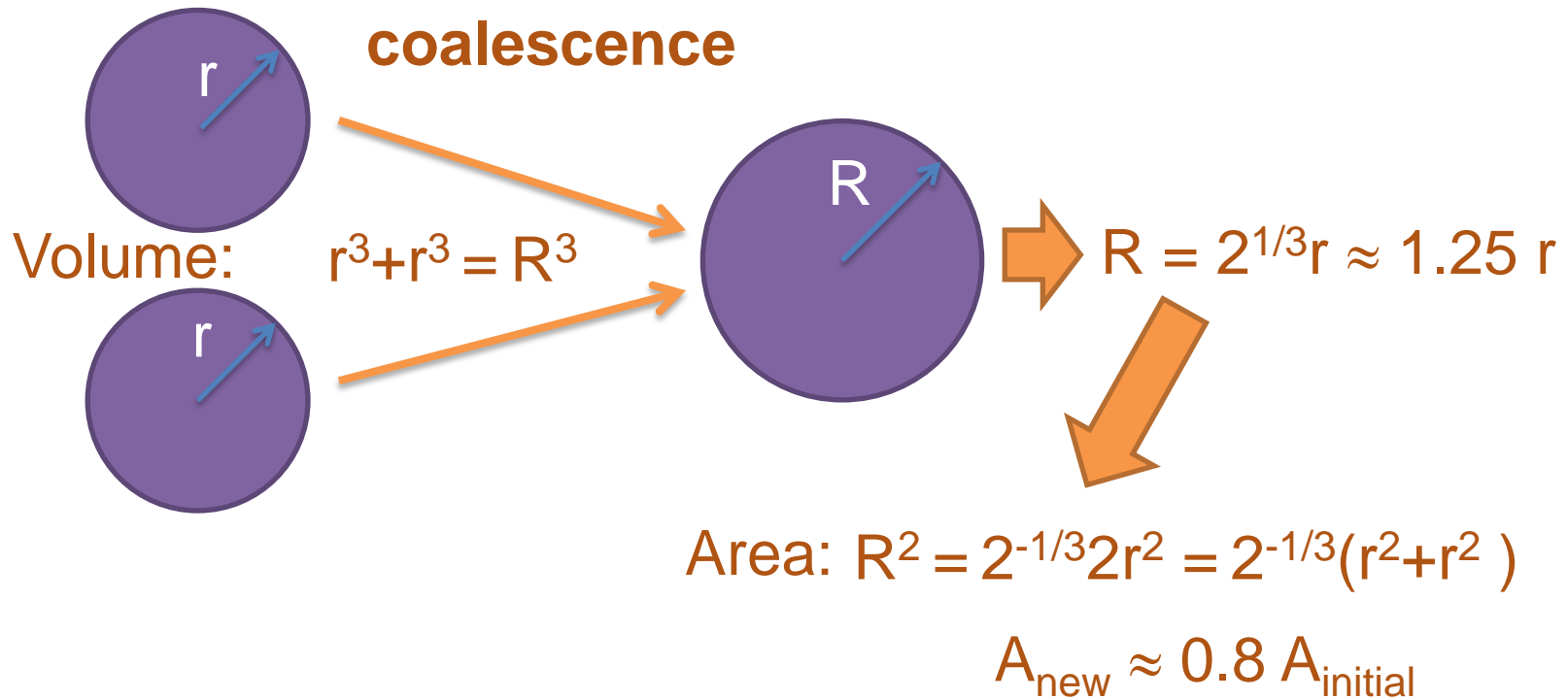




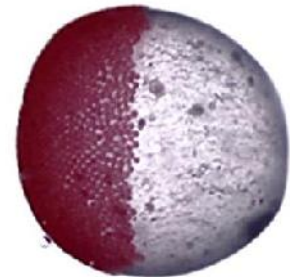
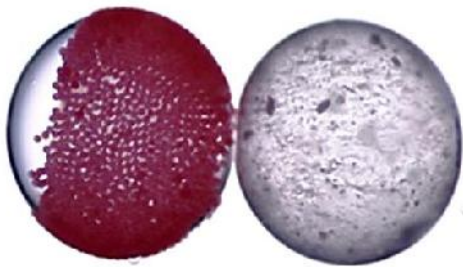
The ribbon formations bring the particles «**away from**» the «electric polar areas» of the drops, i.e. enabling coalescence.

Activated coalescence

# Reduction of surface area by coalescence:



⇒ Final drop can be fully covered even if the original drops are not



t=0 s

t=0.5 s

t=1 s

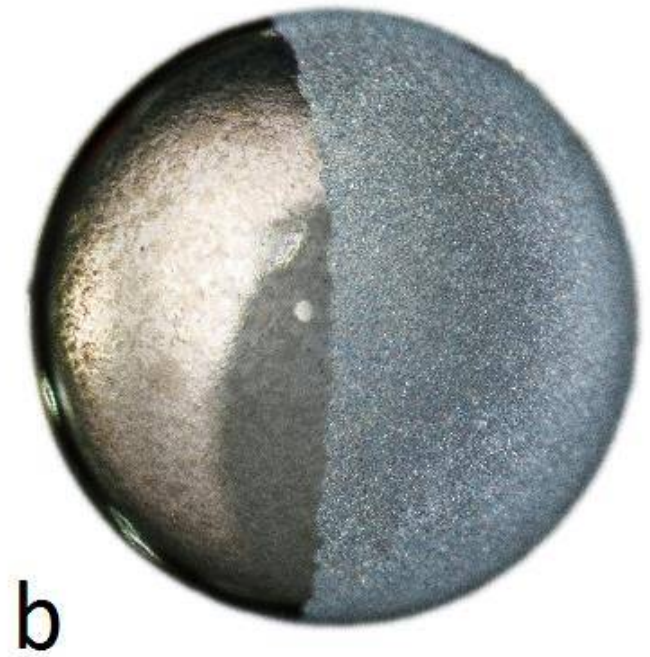
t=2 s

Janus shells with clay, PE or PS particles:  
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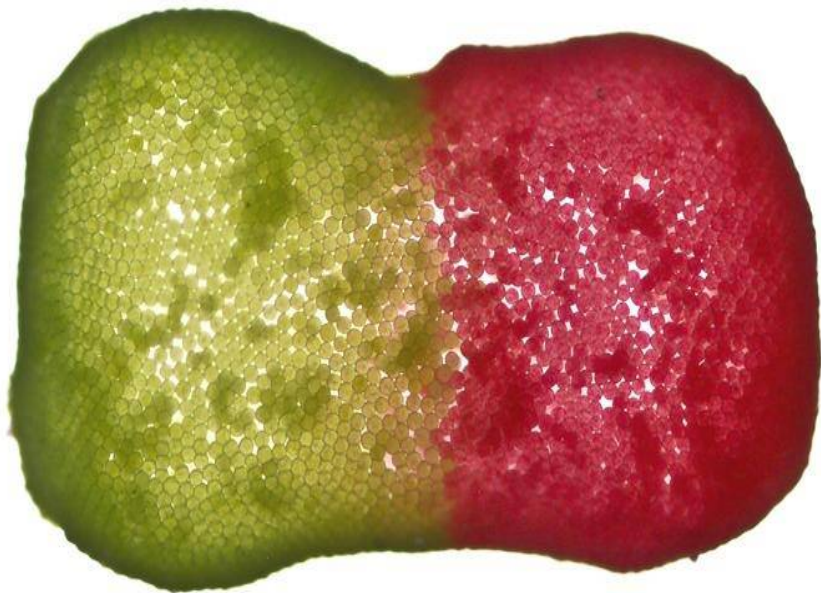


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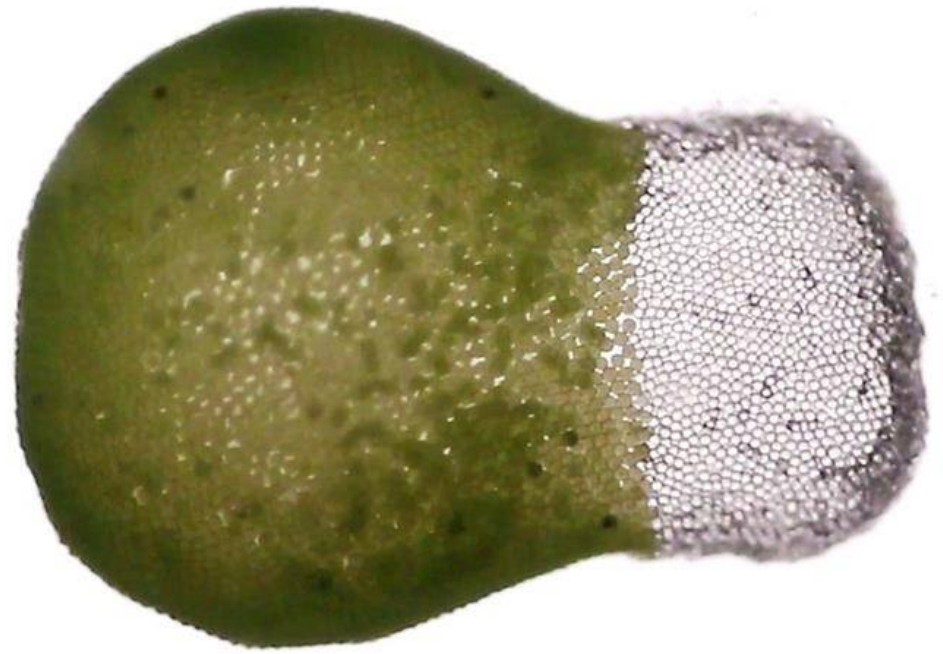
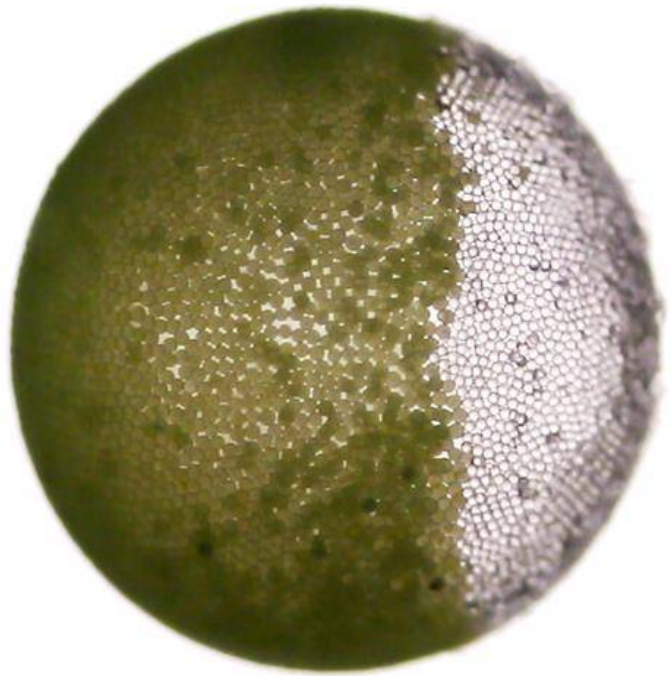




Spherical Janus shell: 1  $\mu\text{m}$  and 500 nm particles:  
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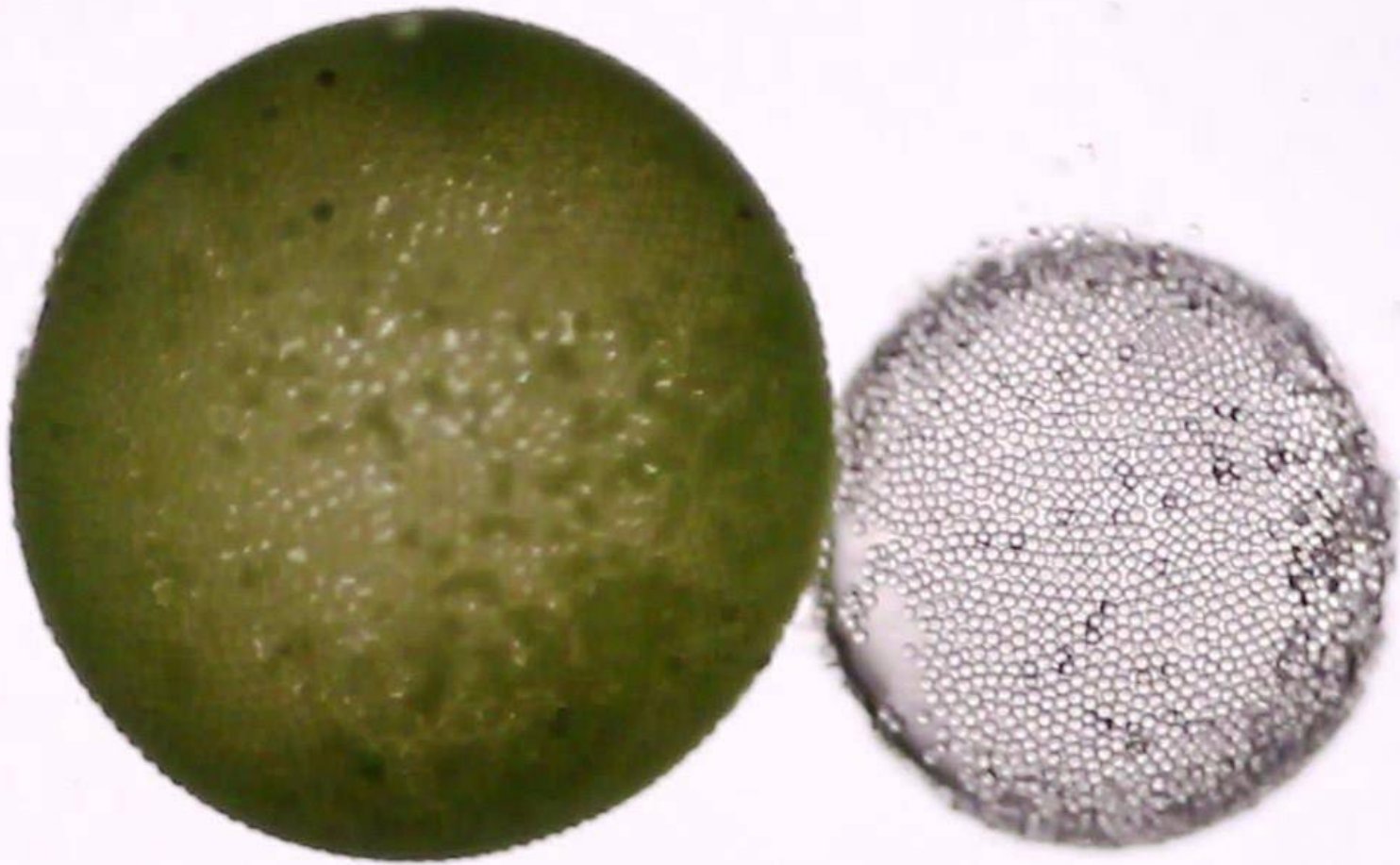


Arrested shells – symmetric:  
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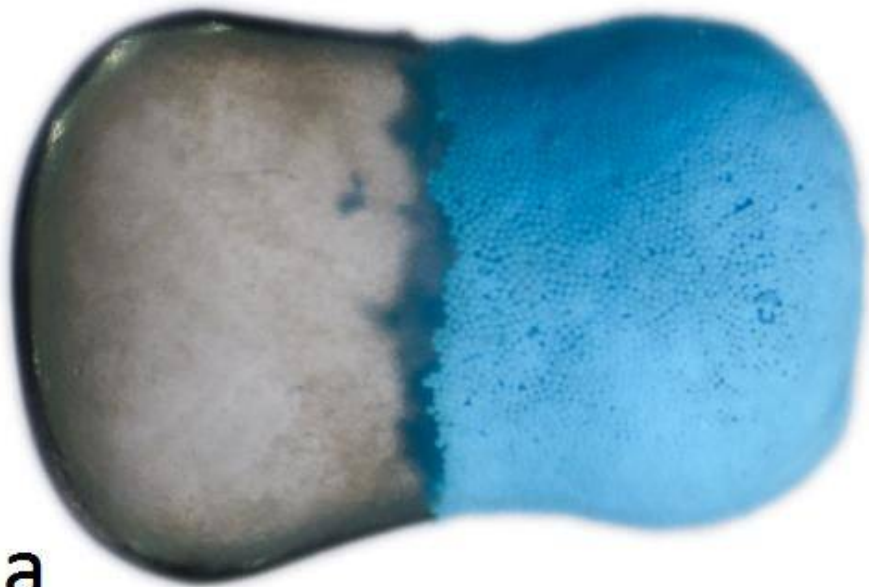
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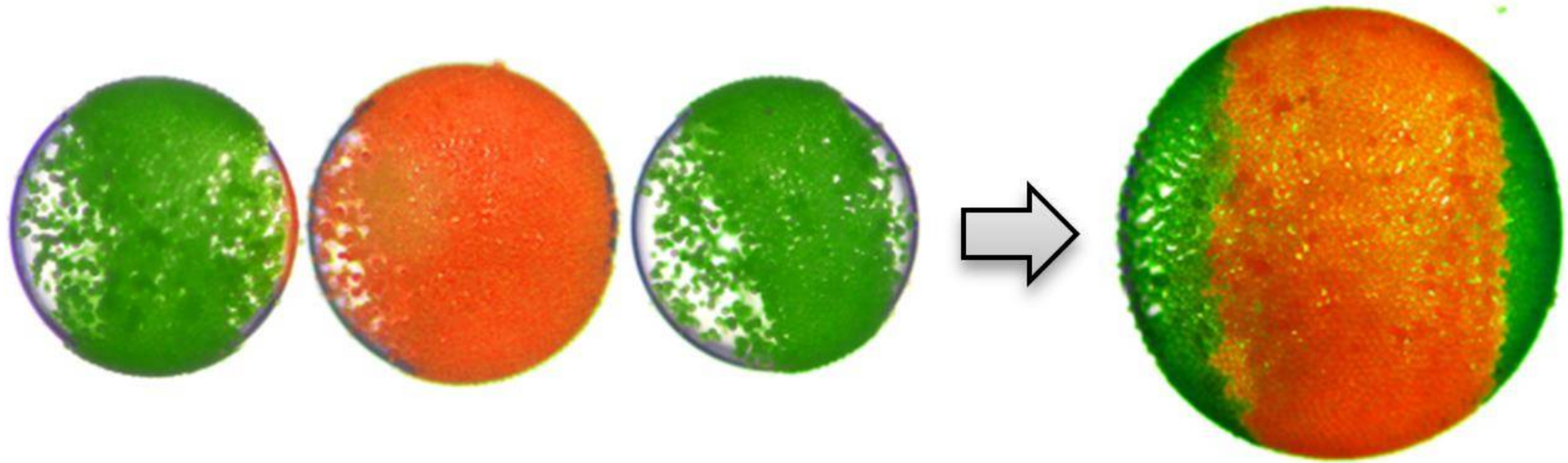
glass (500 nm) and blue PE (20  $\mu\text{m}$ ) particles



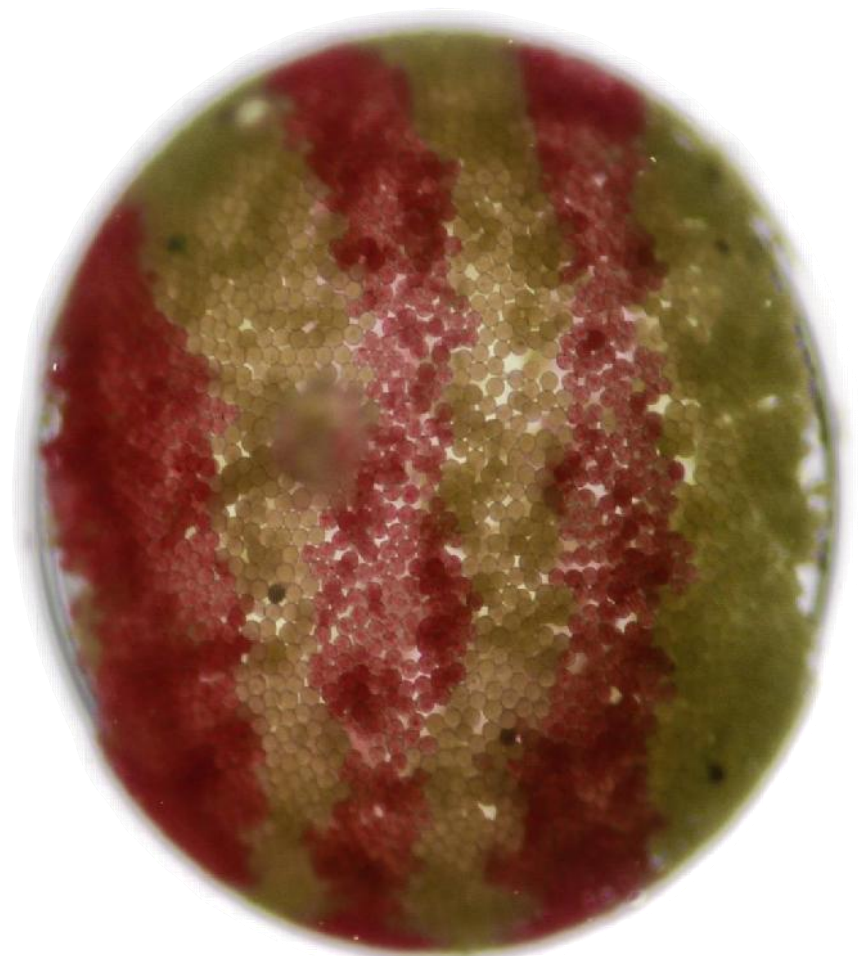
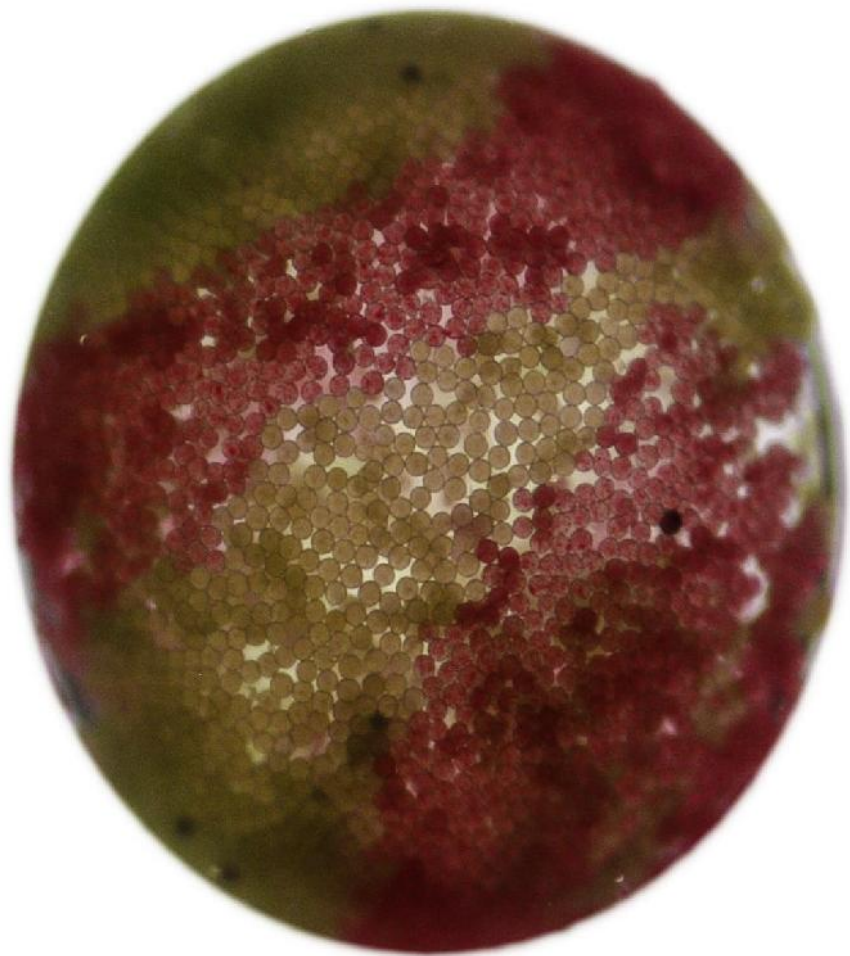
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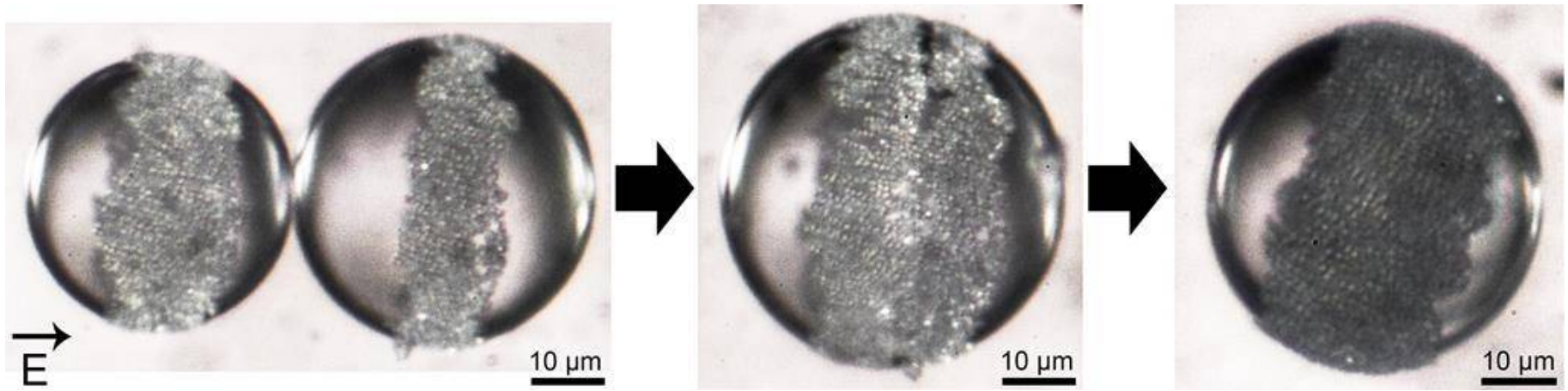
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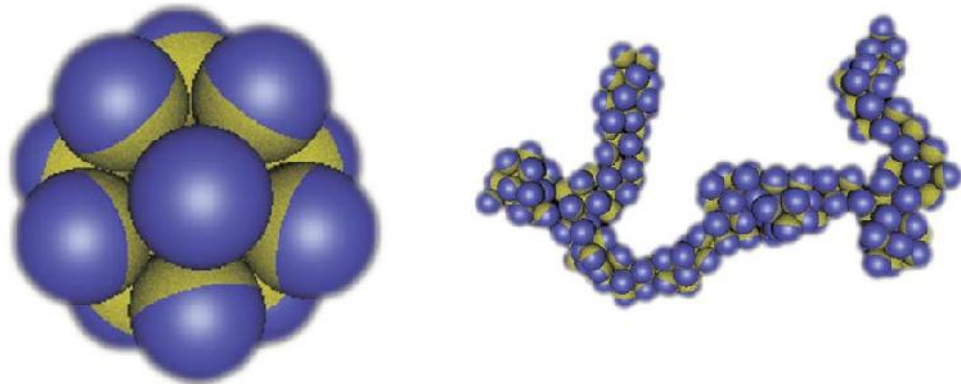
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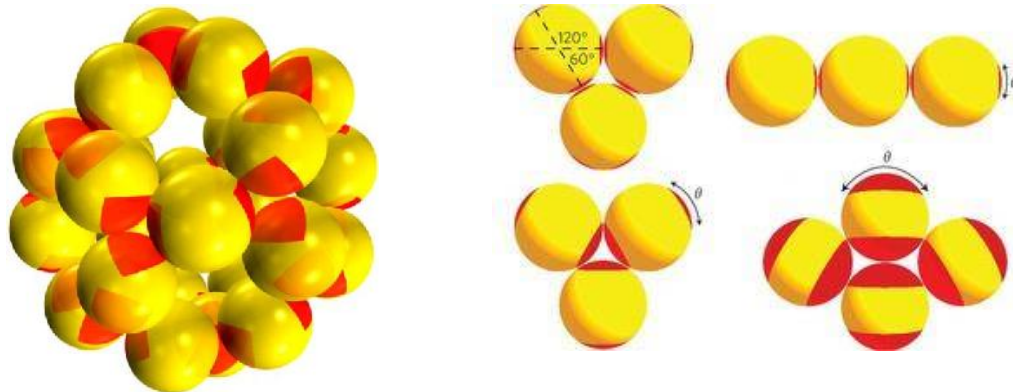
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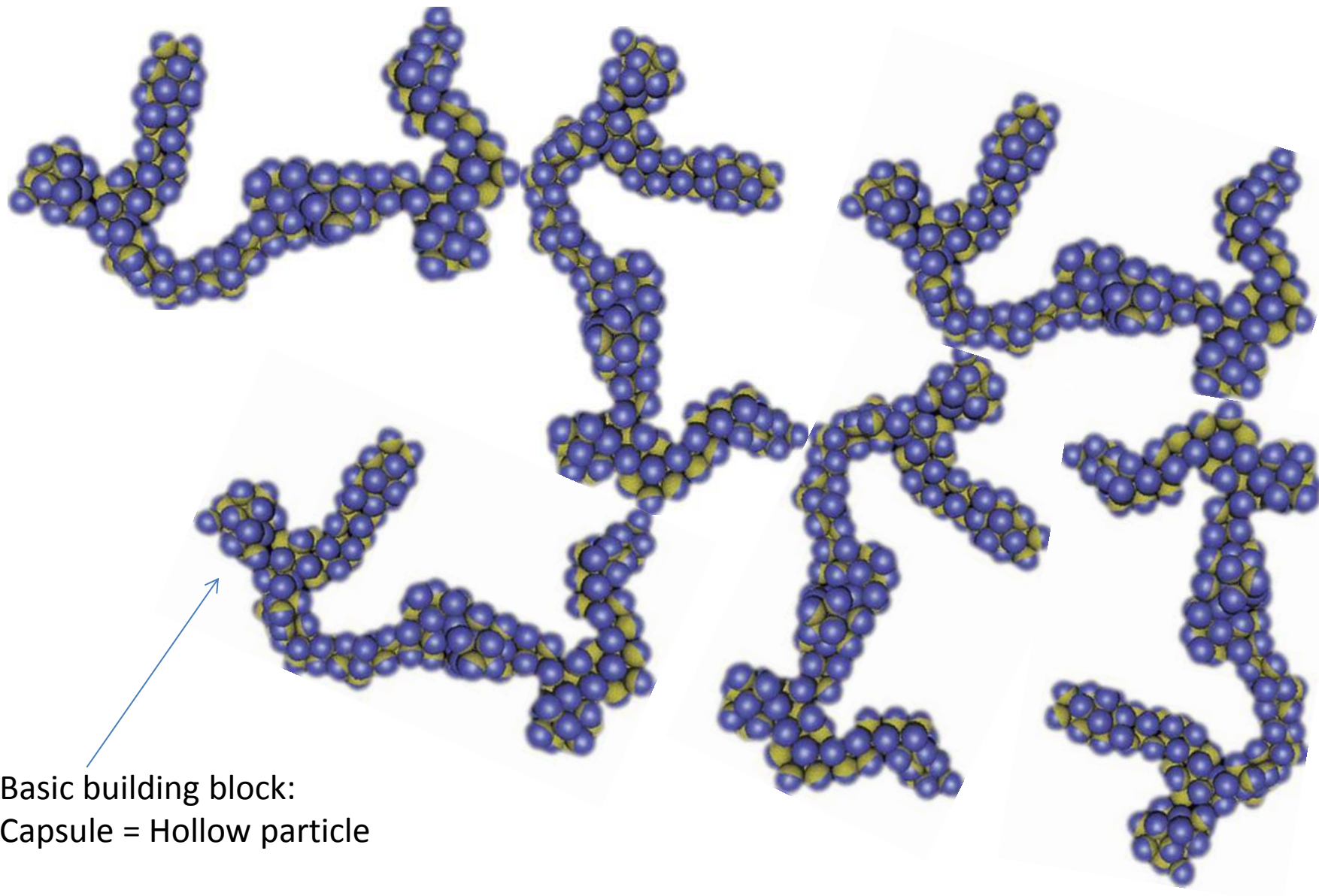
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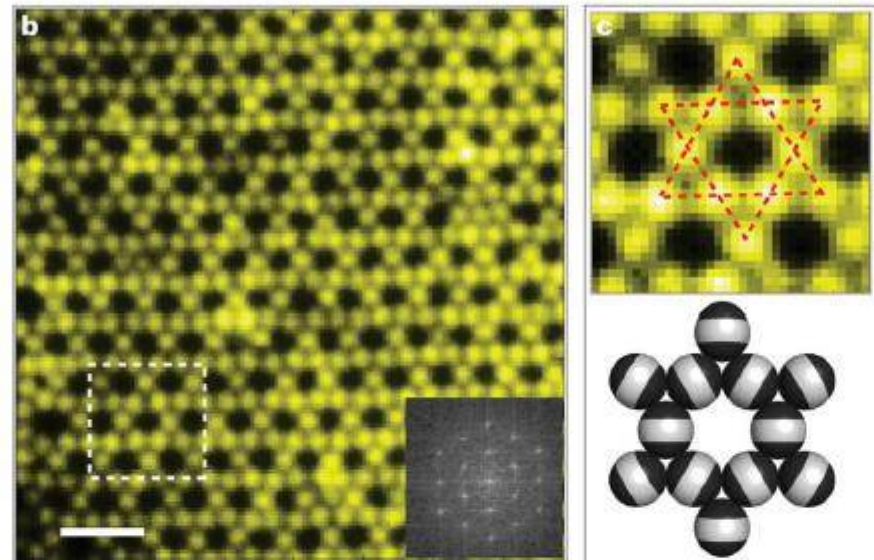
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Future fabrication of **hollow structures?**

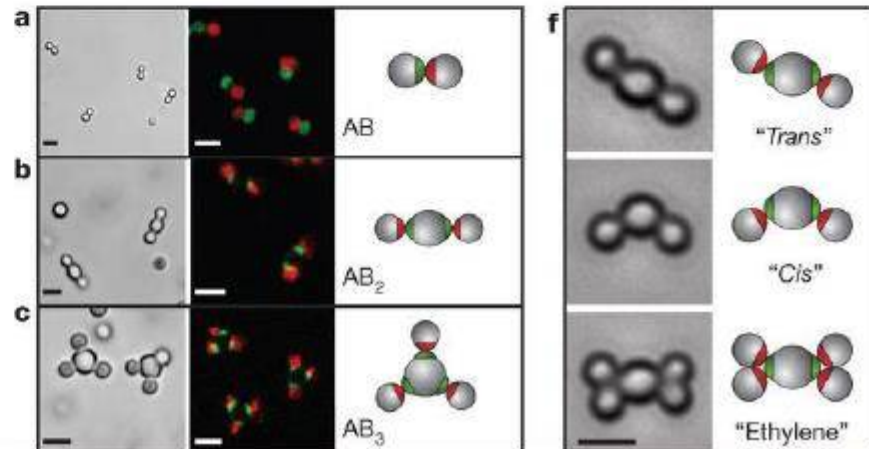


**Example of complex hollow structure**



Patchy colloidal “molecules”  
David Pine Group, Nature 2013

“Kagome lattice”  
Q. Chen, S. C. Bae & S. Granick,  
Nature 2012



**Self-assembly into (ordered) structures**