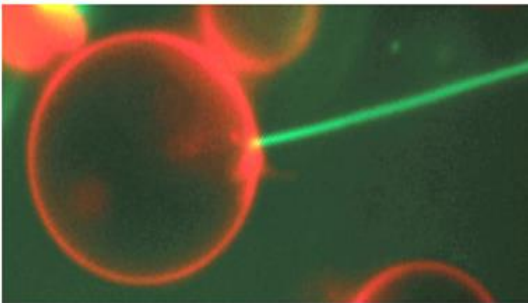
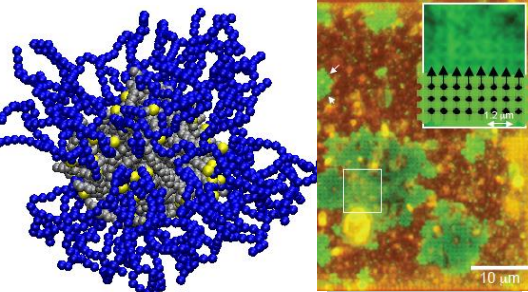


Alkylated PolyNIPAM Surfactants in Responsive Nanocomposites

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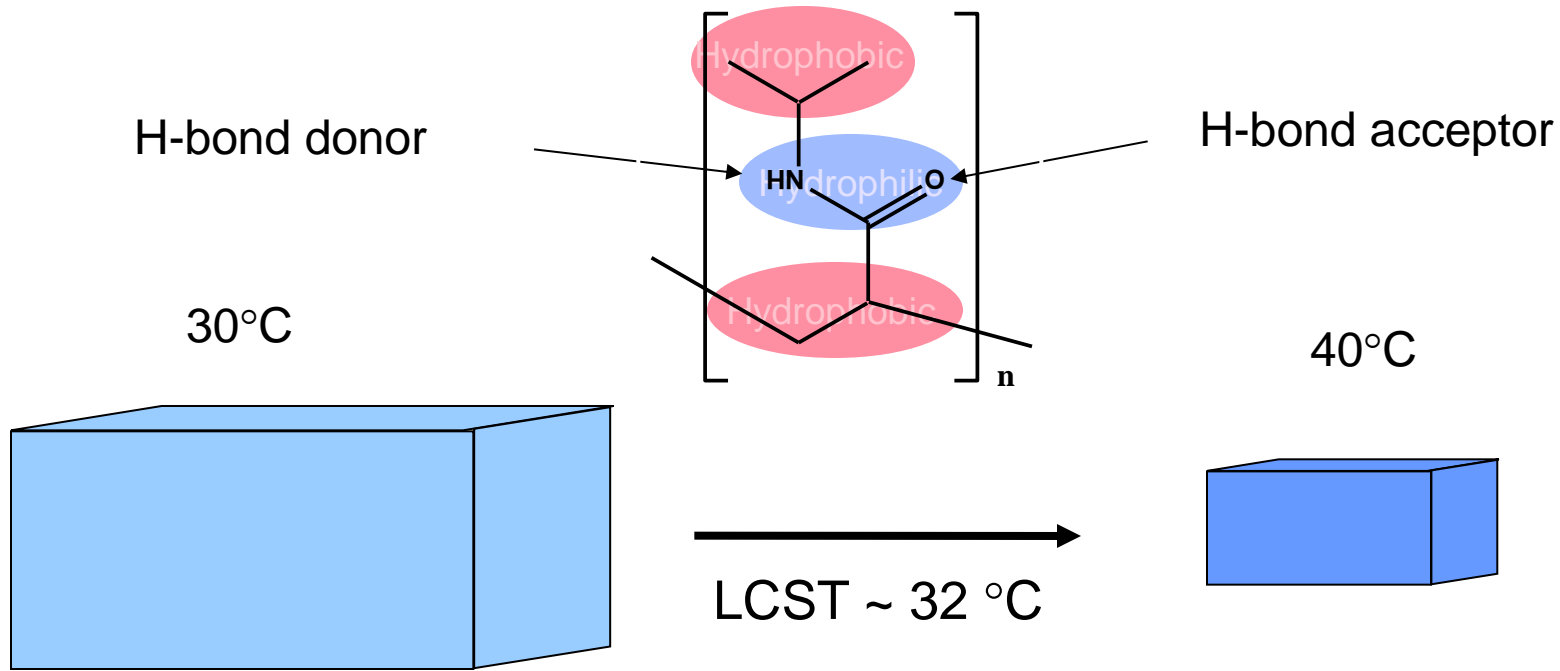
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Poly(NIPAM)

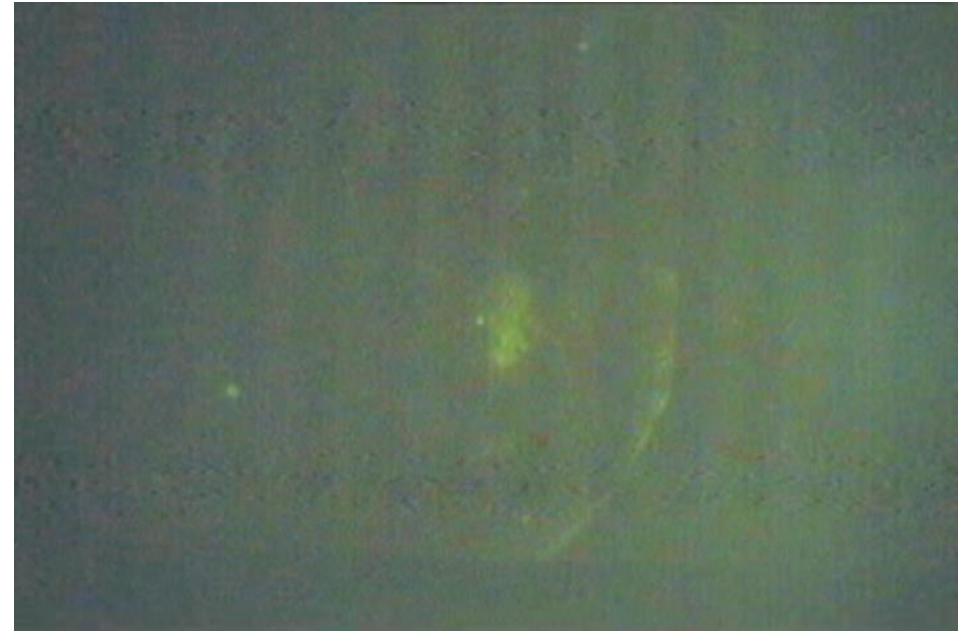
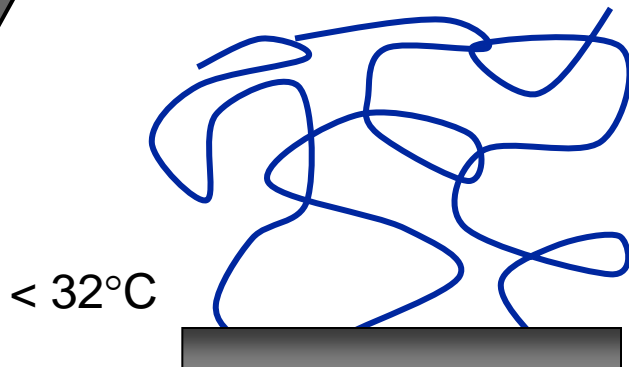
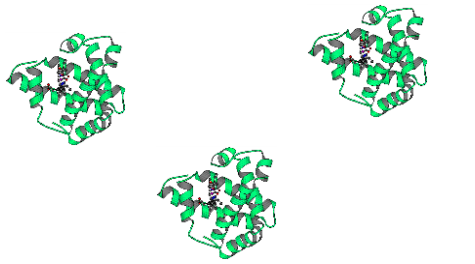
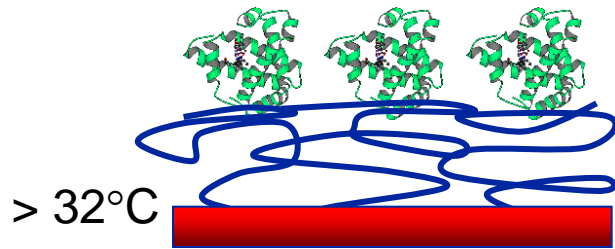


- Swollen with water--heavily hydrogen bonded
- Hydrophilic surface
- Resists protein adsorption

- Hydrogen bonding disrupted--deswelled
- More hydrophobic surface
- Does not resist protein adsorption

Applications: Drug delivery, temperature sensitive chromatography, cell culture, thermally triggered motion, immunoassays, etc.

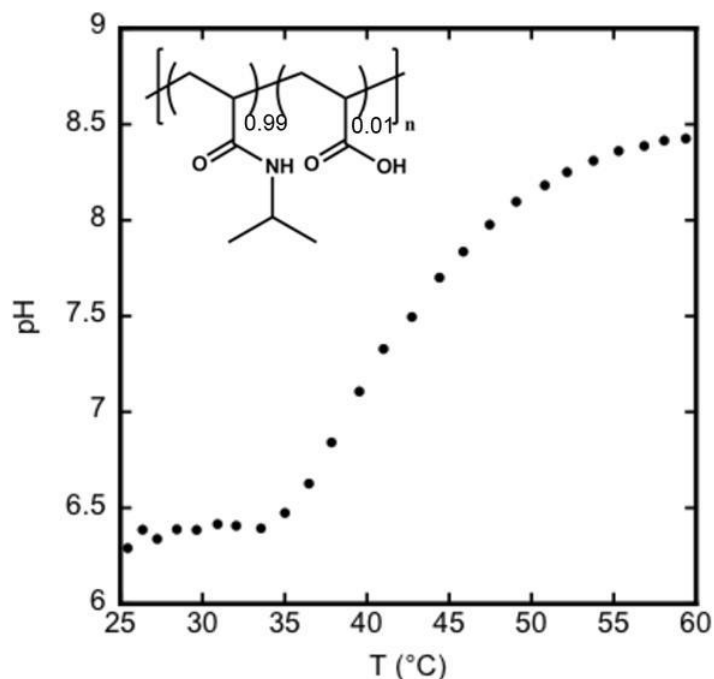
Previous Poly(NIPAM) Work



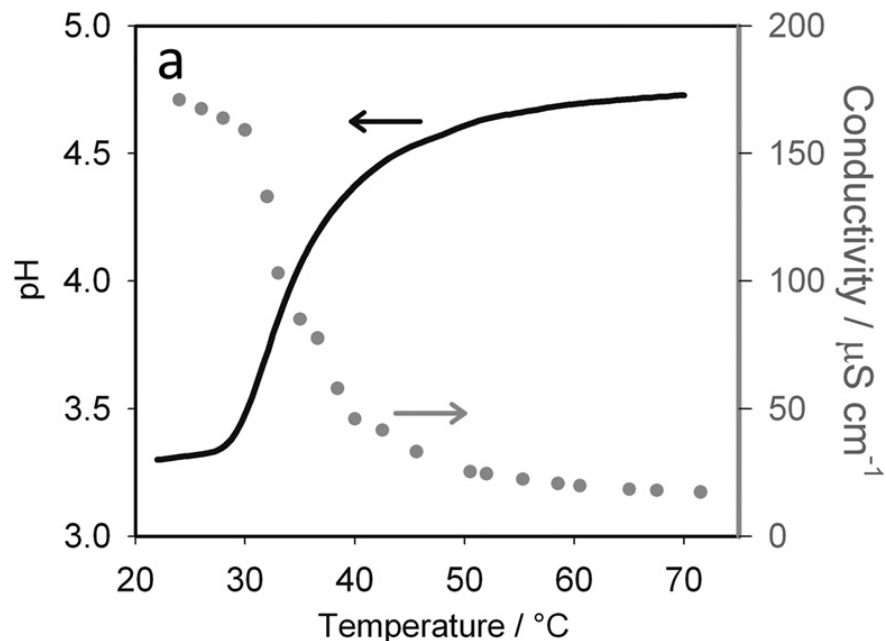
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Our Recent PNIPAM Work

Thermally responsive buffers



Thermally responsive electrolyte

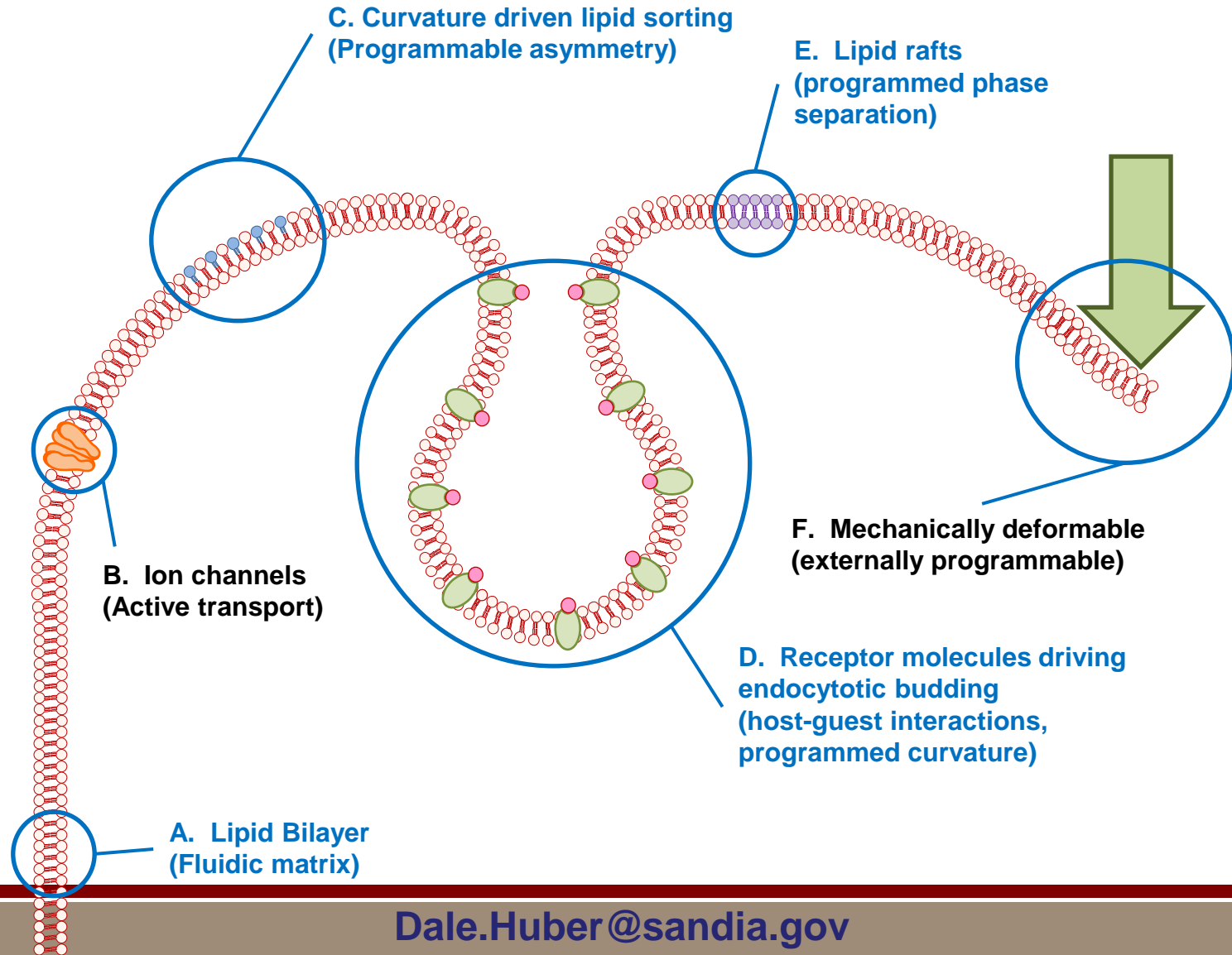


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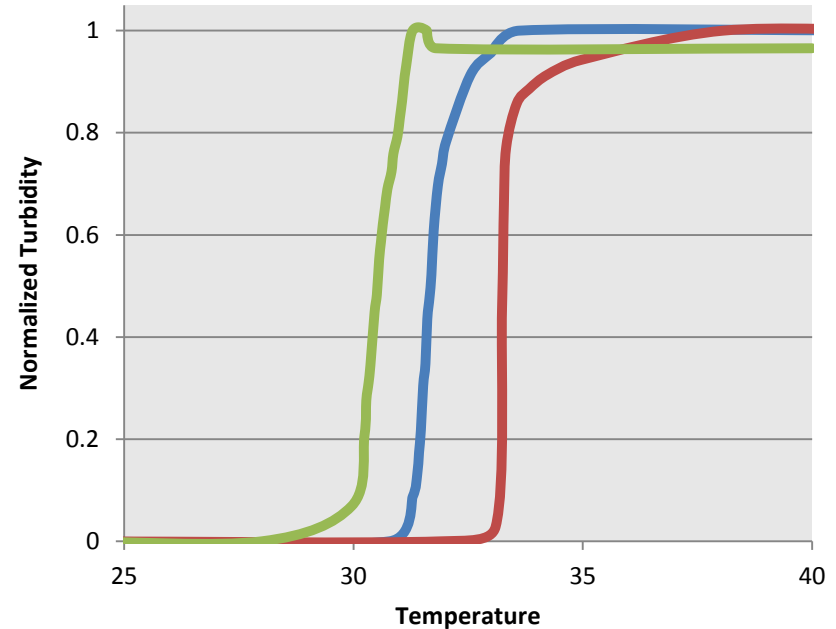
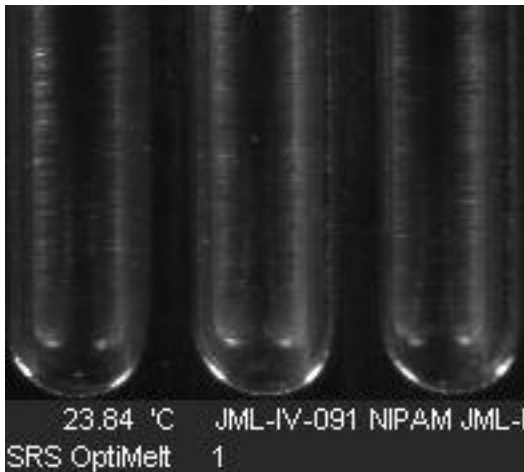
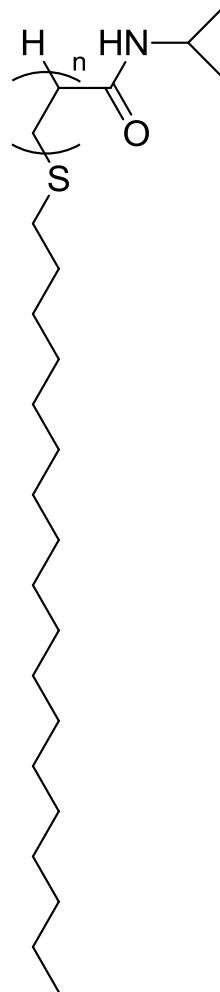
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Responsive Behaviors Inspired by the Cell

Membrane



Programmable Poly(NIPAM) Based Surfactants

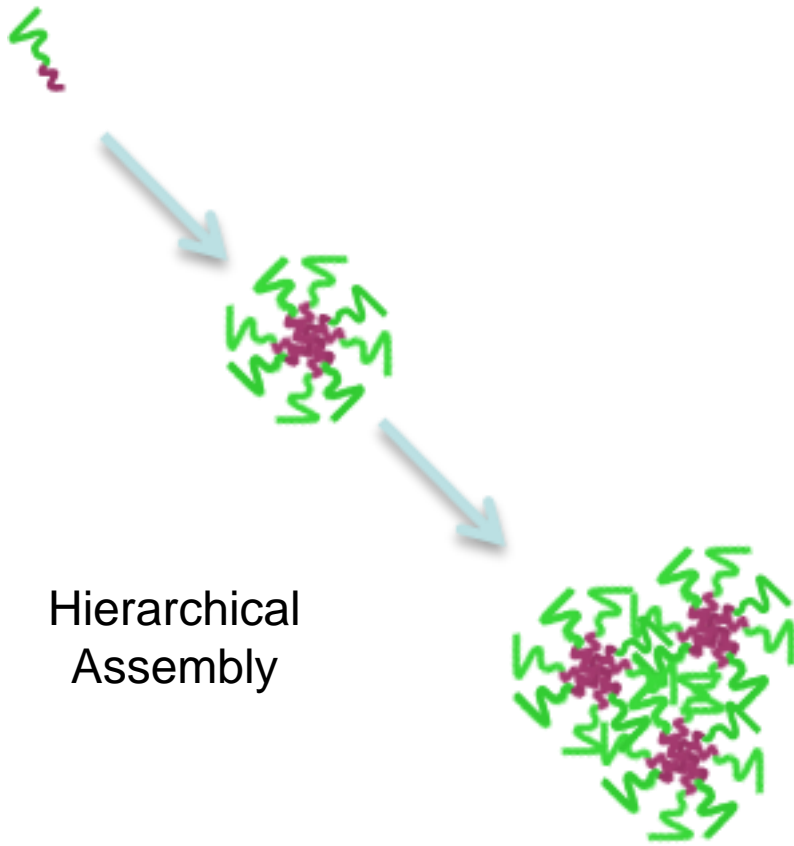


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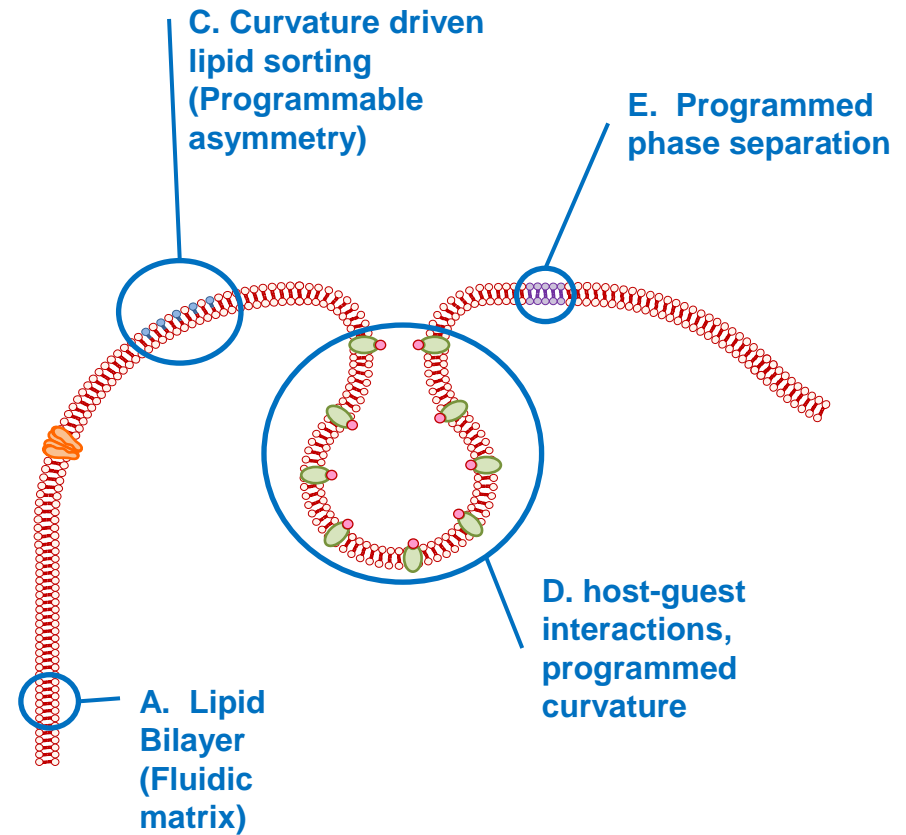
- Phase transitions are sharp
- Transition temperature (LCST) depends on headgroup size (value of n).

Behaviors Studied

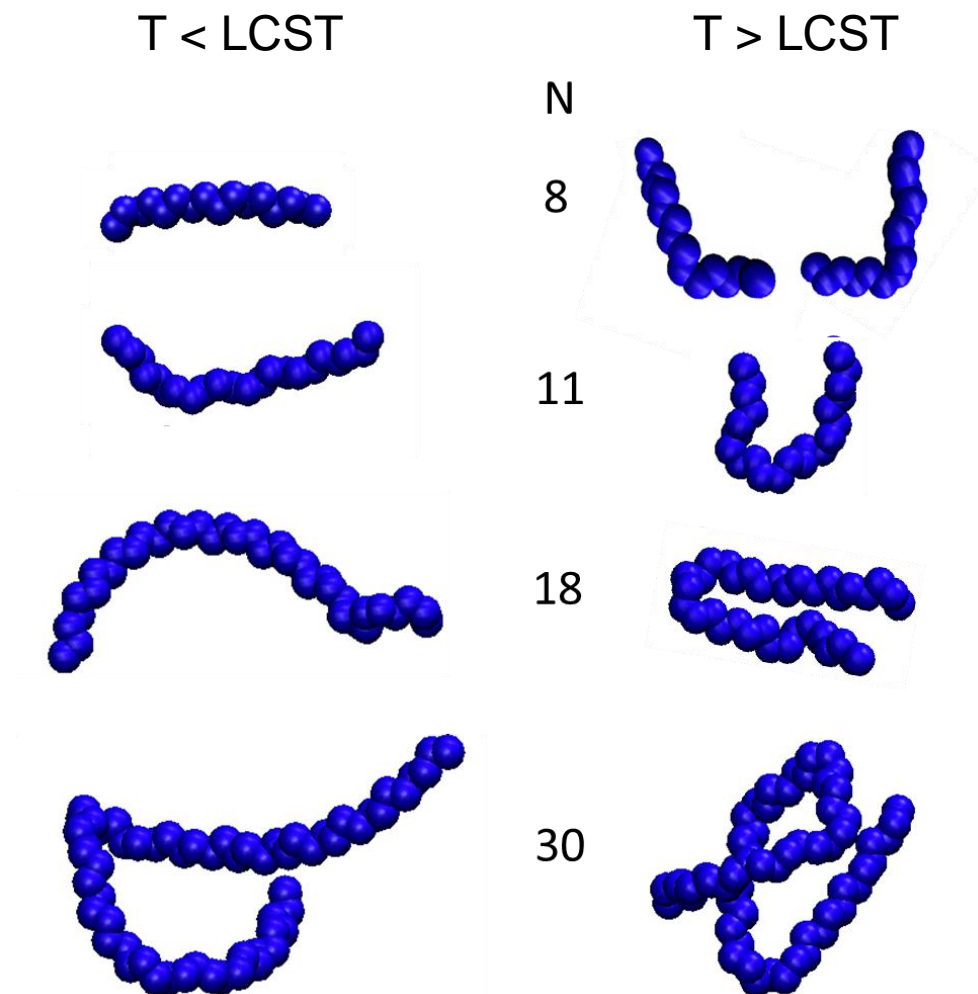
Solution Behavior



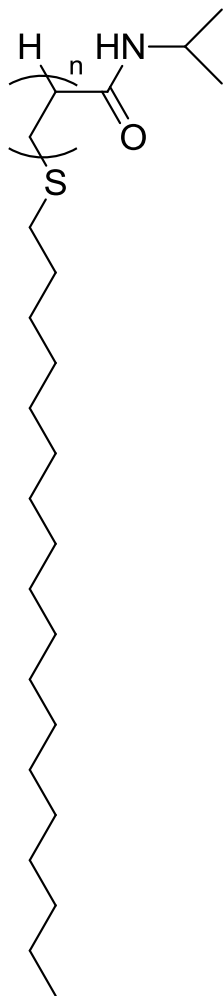
Membrane Behavior



Molecular Dynamics Simulations of Oligo-NIPAM



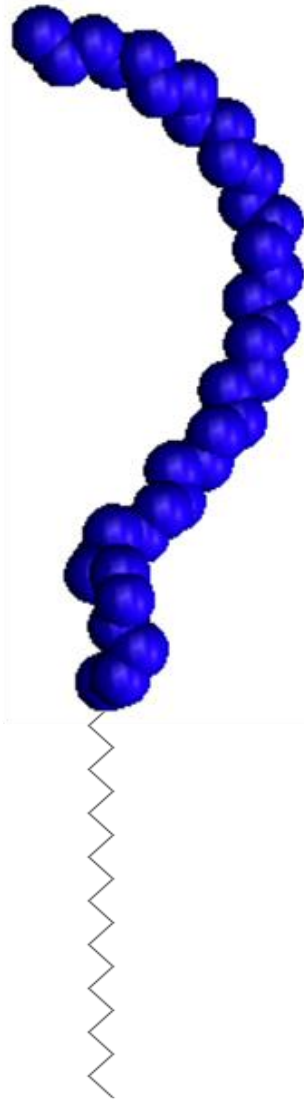
PNIPAM Surfactant



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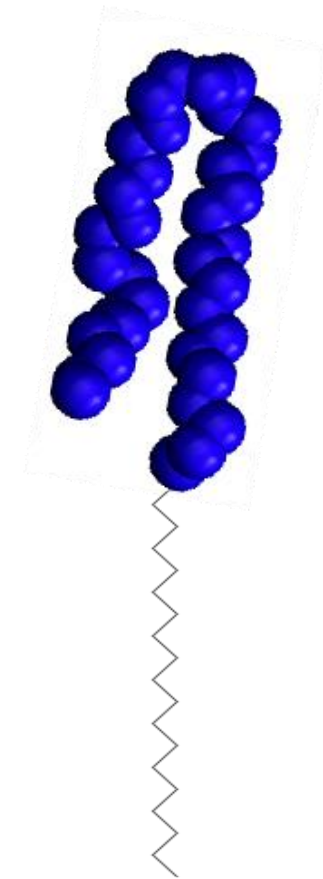
- 18 Carbon alkyl chain matches length of POPC lipid bilayer
- 18 NIPAM repeat units (number average)
- 36 backbone carbon chains in pNIPAM chain
- Hydrogen terminated

Expected Solution Behavior

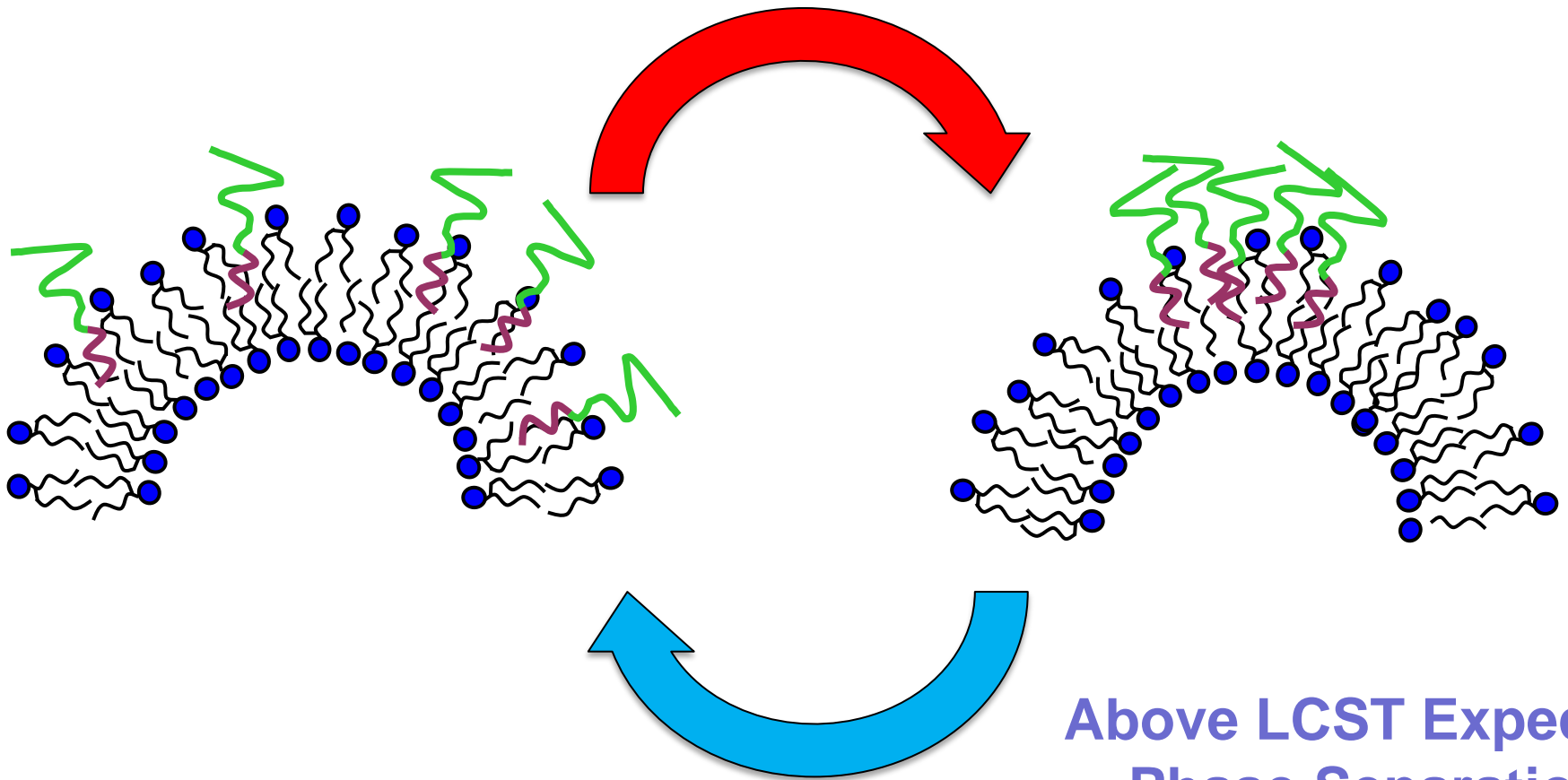


Above the LCST, the polymer is less soluble, so we expect:

- Polymer collapse
- Precipitation
- Decrease in CMC



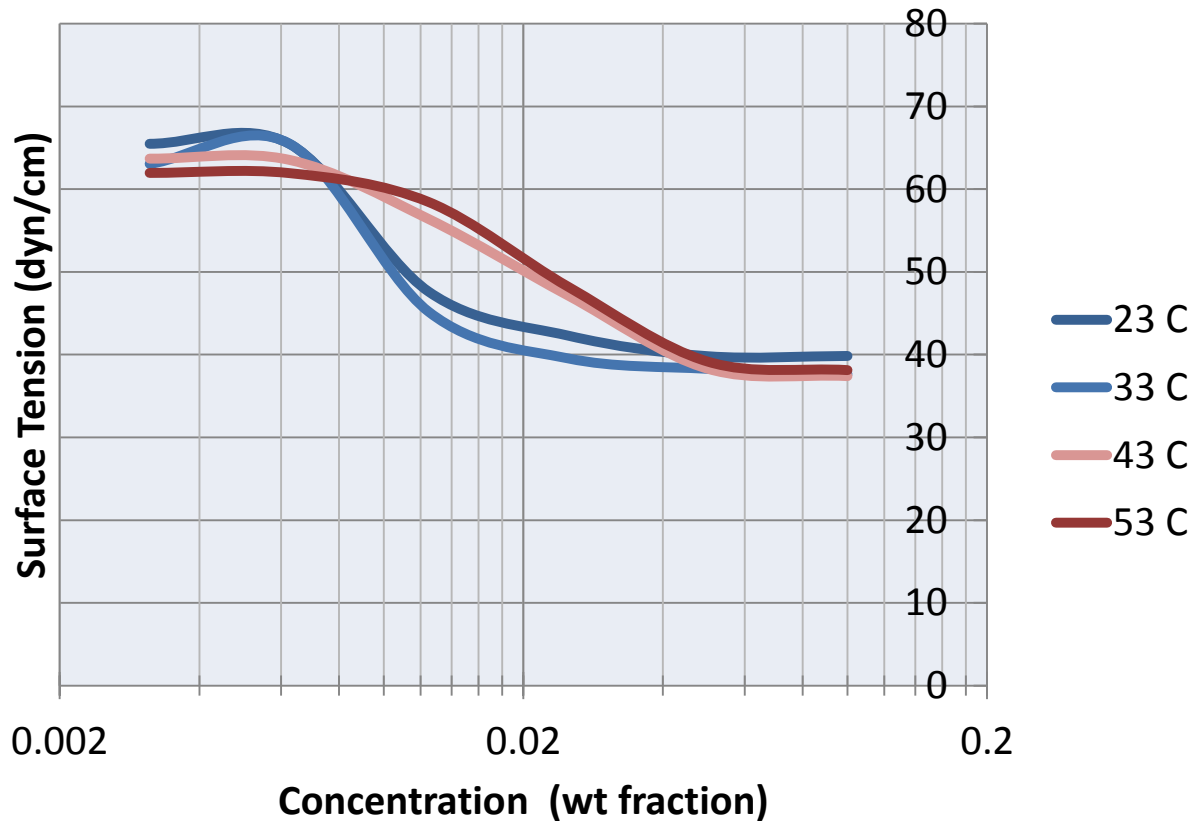
Expected Membrane Behavior



Above LCST Expect:

- **Phase Separation**
- **Induce curvature**
- **Become sticky**

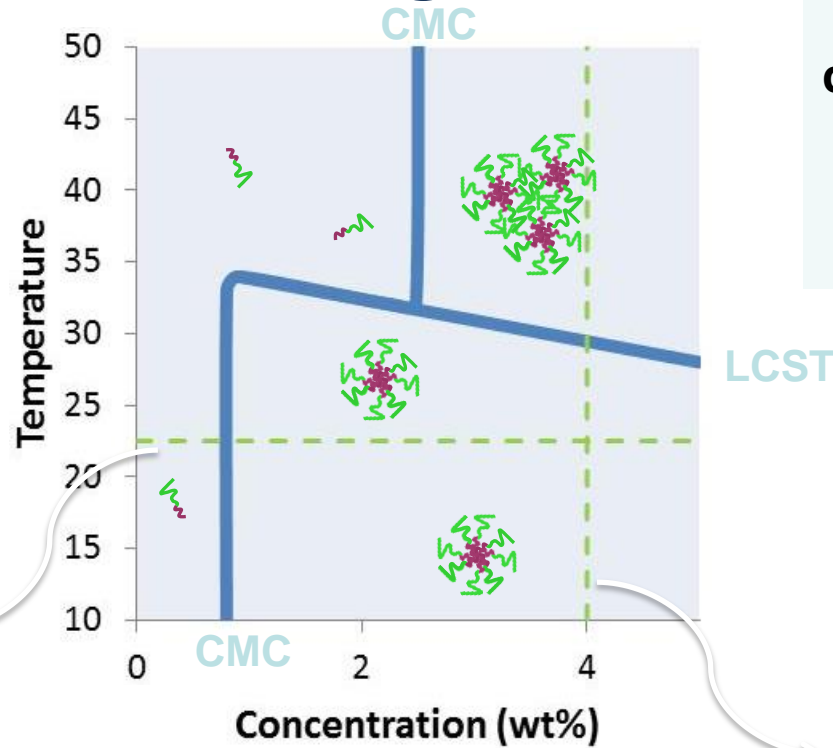
CMC as a Function of Temperature



The surfactant CMC is higher above the LCST

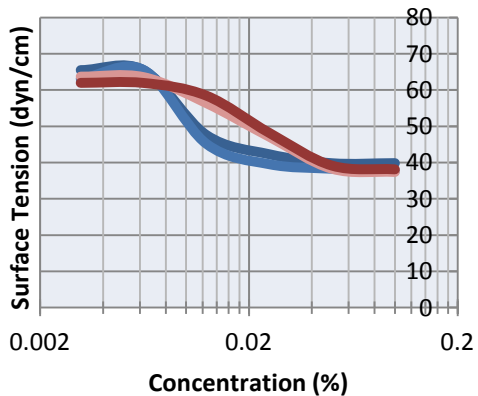
Poly(NIPAM) Surfactant Phase Diagram

Diagram

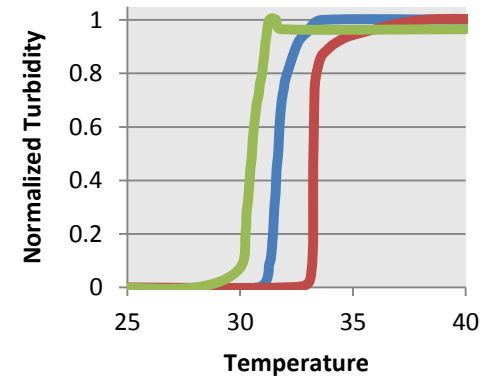


Surfactant phase diagram is perturbed by head group programming.

Surface Tension Measurements to Determine CMC



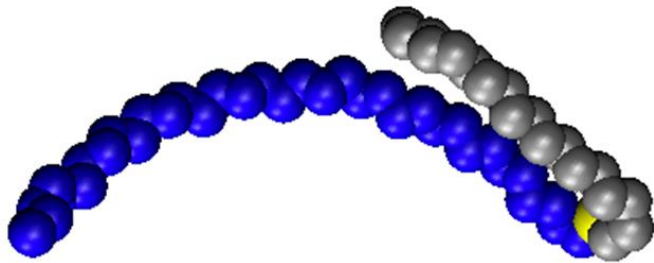
Cloud Point measurements to determine LCST



- Transition temperature depends weakly on concentration
- CMC varies above and below thermal transition

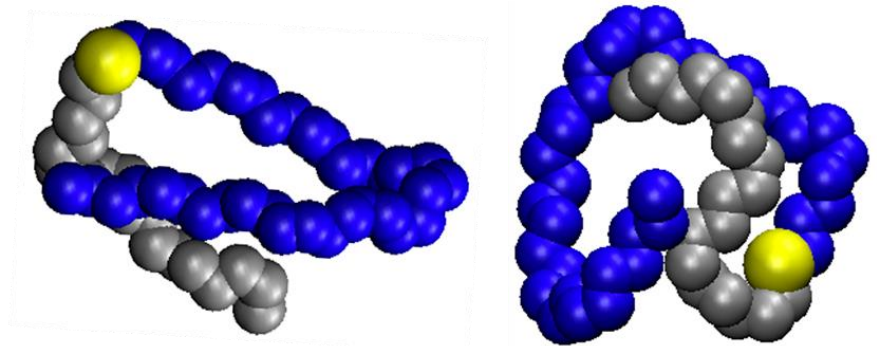
Surfactant Conformation as a Function of Temperature

$T < LCST$



- Hydrophobic regions of PNIPAM associate with alkyl chain
- Still looks like a micelle former

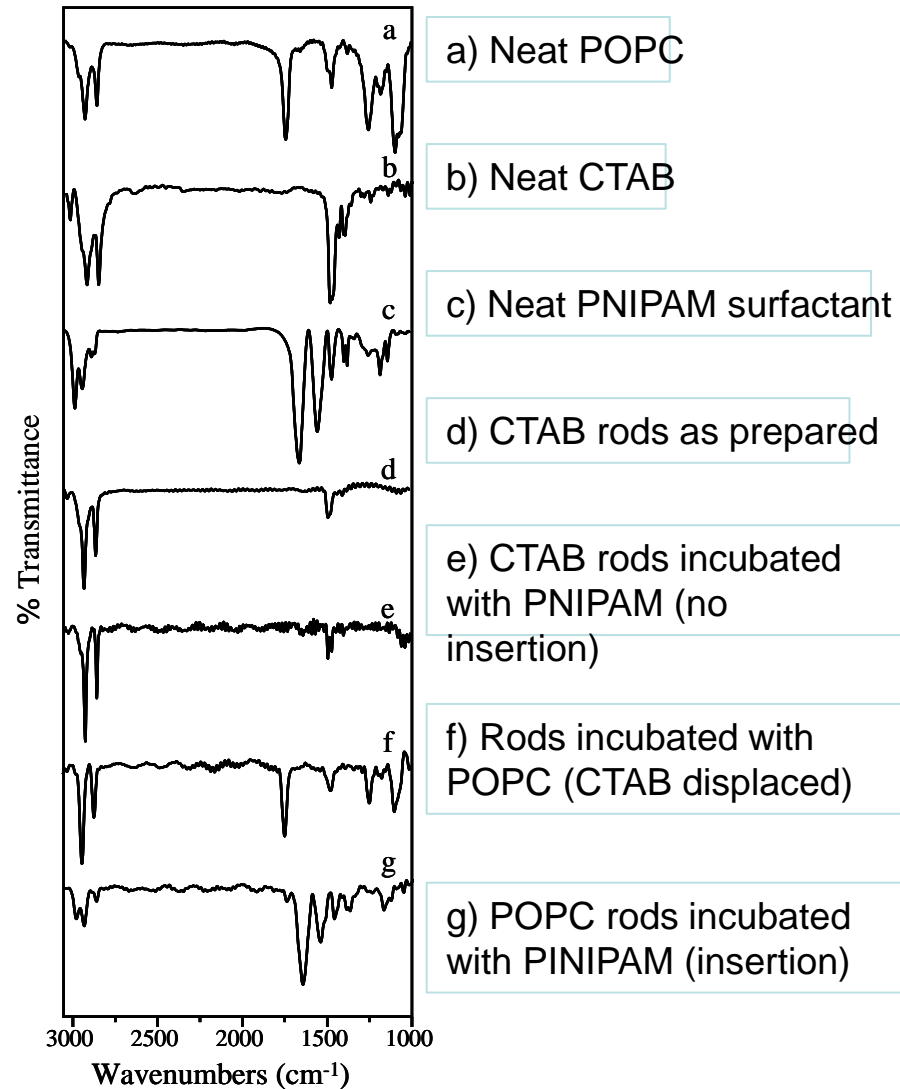
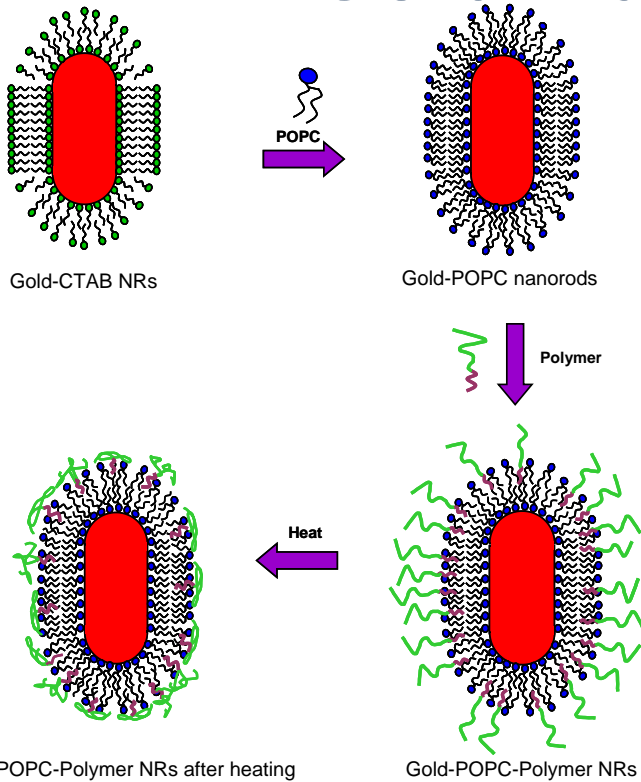
$T > LCST$



- PNIPAM collapses around alkyl chain
- Stabilizes individual monomer, destabilizes micelle

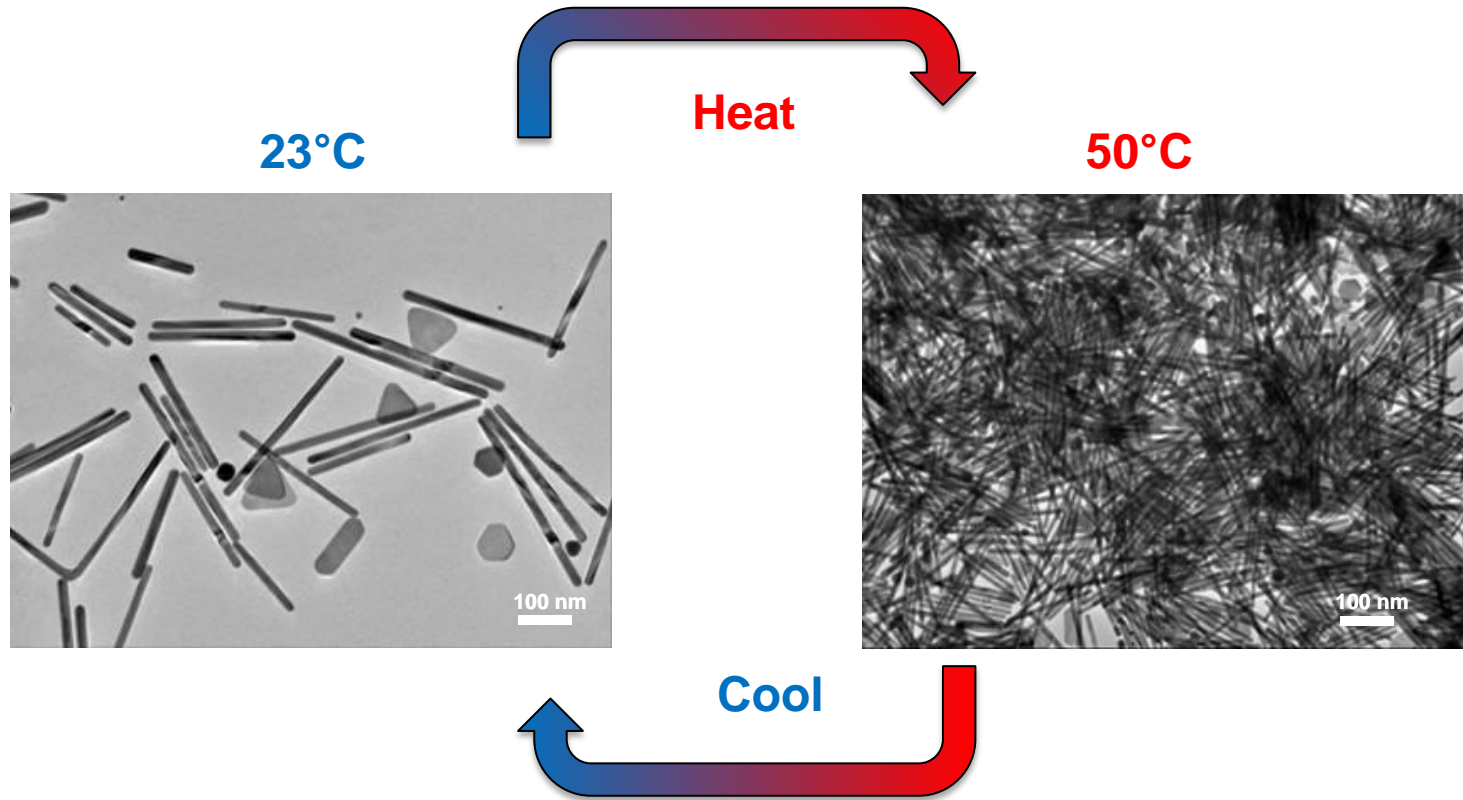
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Poly(NIPAM) Surfactant Supported on Gold Nanoparticles



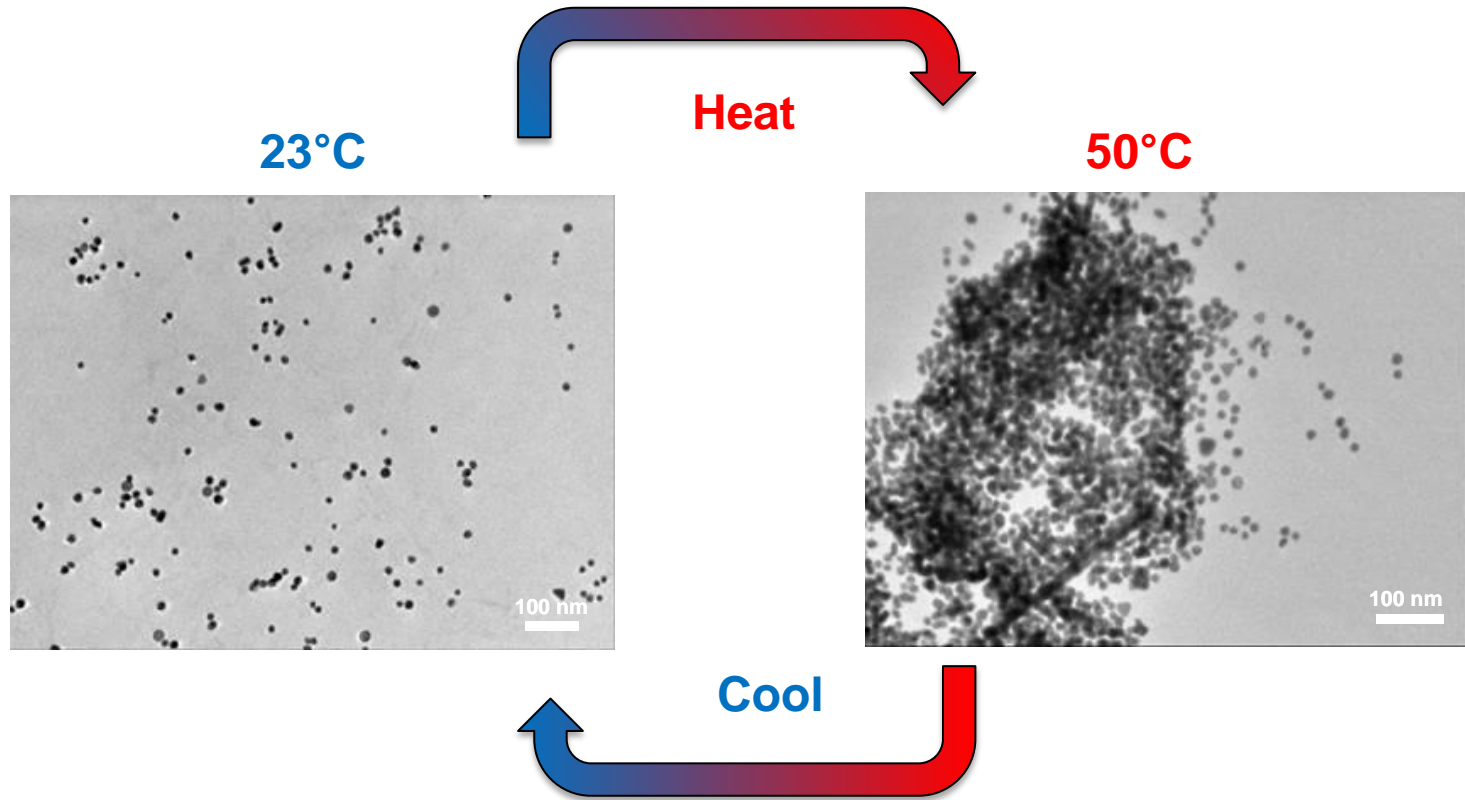
- **PNIPAM surfactant fails to insert in native capping layer (CTAB).**
- **Lipid bilayers displace native capping CTAB.**
- **Poly(NIPAM) surfactants insert into lipid films.**
- **Any active molecule with a hydrocarbon tail can insert into lipids to create programmable films.**

Responsive Behavior of Gold Nanocomposites



- Fast, dramatic, and reversible programming of the PNIPAM head group leads to switching in solubility and aggregation state.

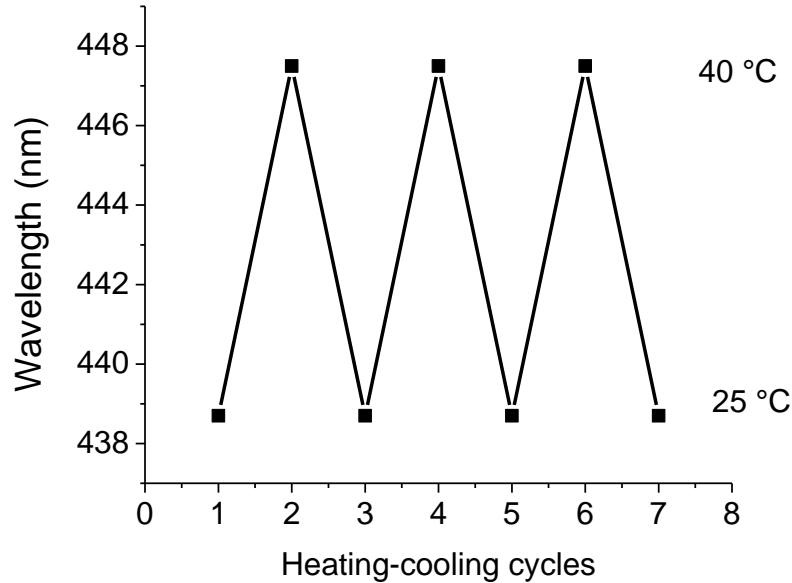
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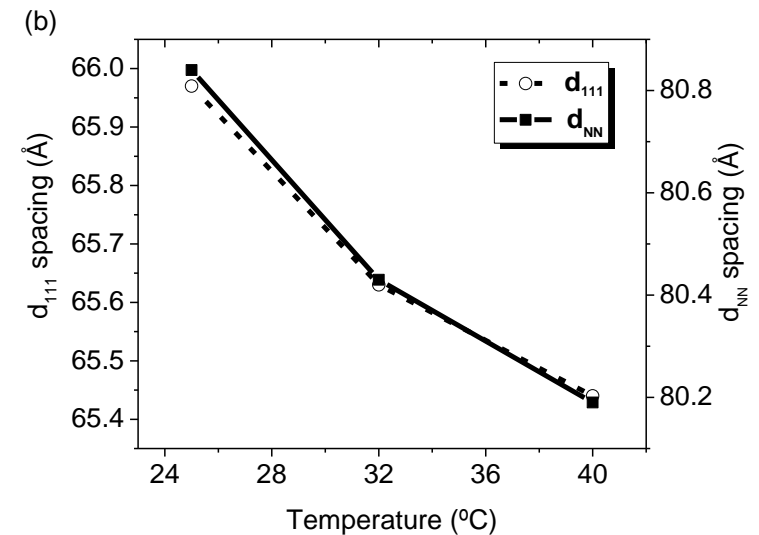
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Ag Nanocomposites Also Show Programmable Behavior

Reversible Switching of Plasmon Frequency in Aqueous Solutions



Reversible Switching of Interparticle Spacing of Bulk Nanocomposite in Humid Air (by GISAXS)



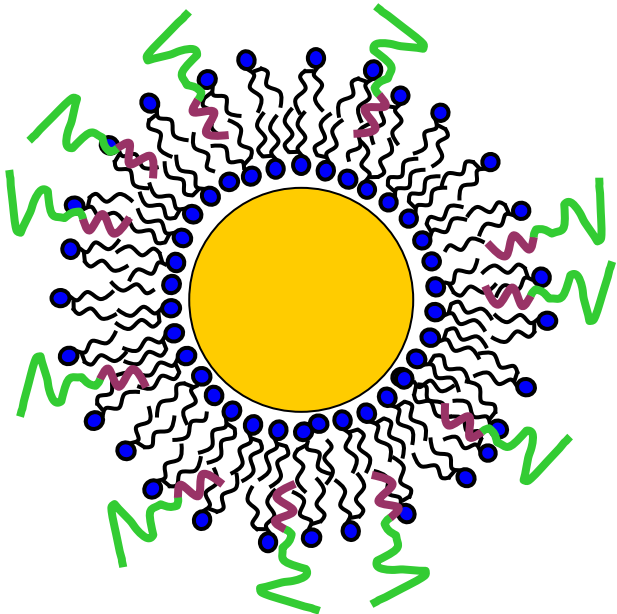
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Mobility is a Key Attribute in Programmable Systems

Lipid System

Fluid bilayer

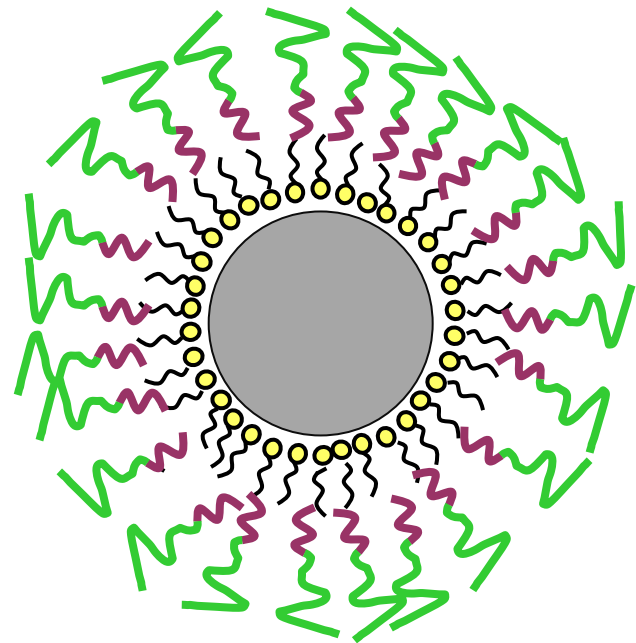
Even for <10% pNIPAM content, switching causes immediate, dramatic loss in solubility



Thiol System

Immobile bilayer

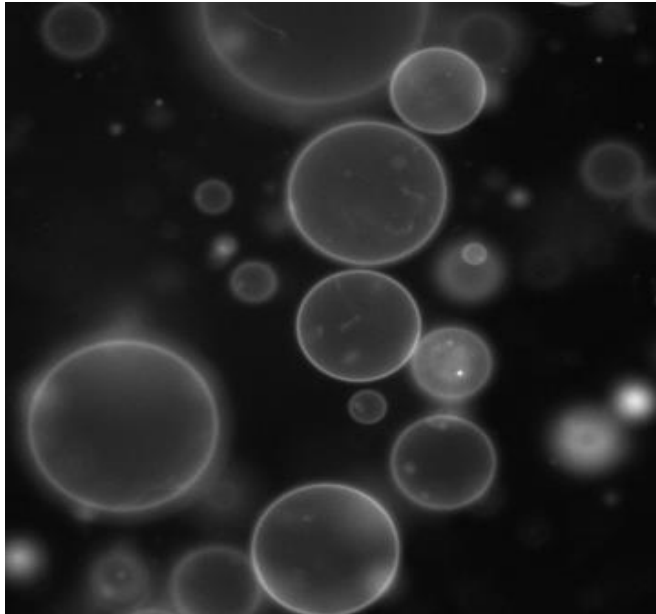
Even for 100% pNIPAM content in outer leaf, switching maintains some water solubility.



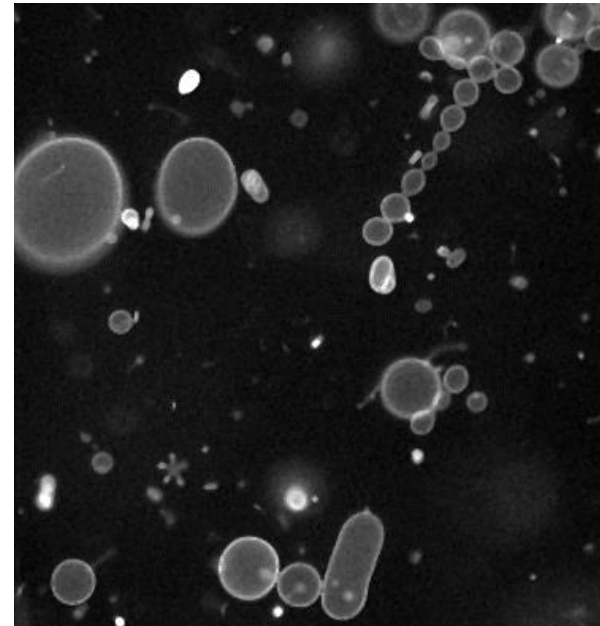
Reversible Curvature Changes in Giant Vesicles

PNIPAM Surfactant Transition Induces Reversible Curvature Changes in Giant Vesicles

25 °C

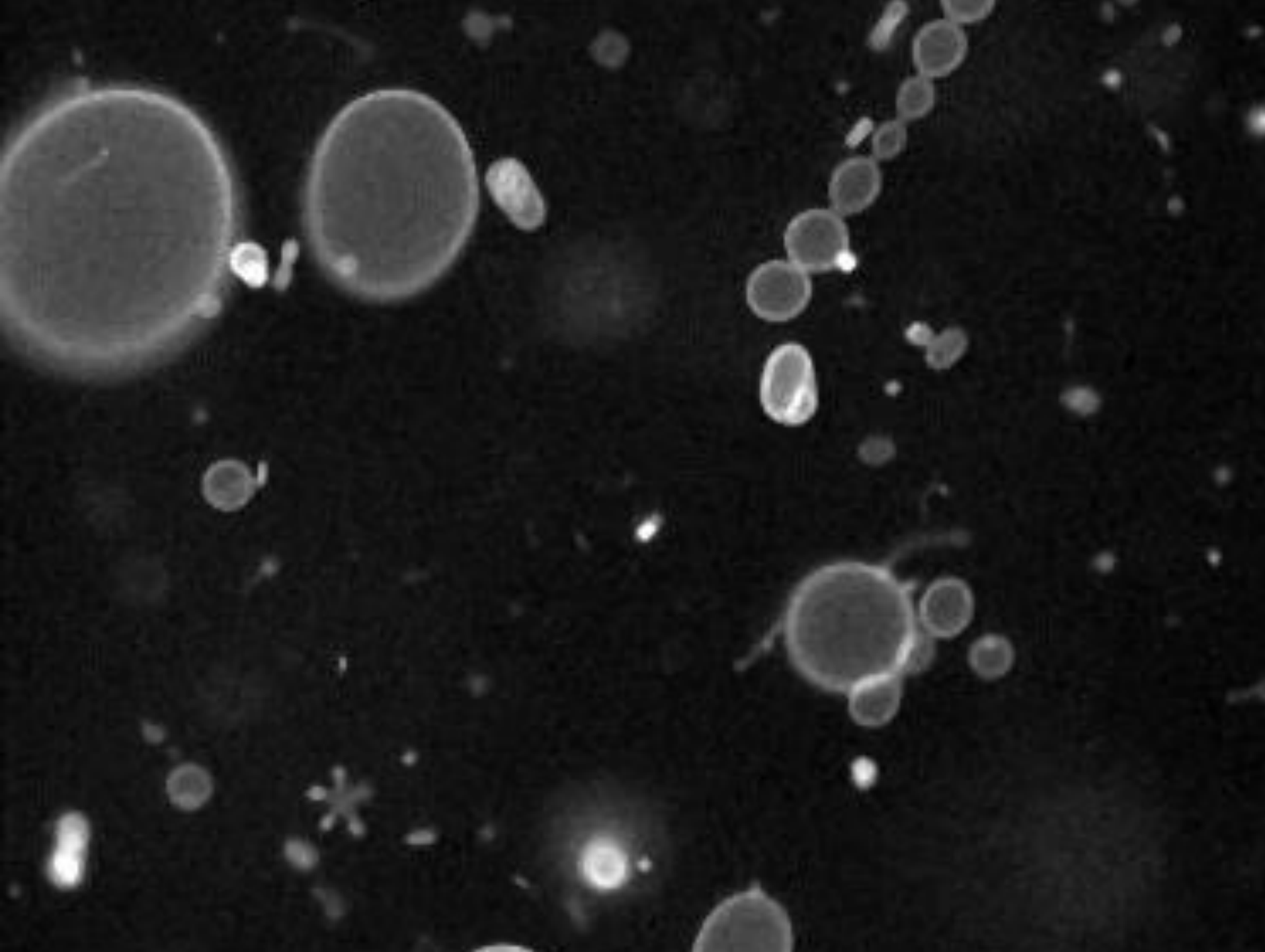


40 °C

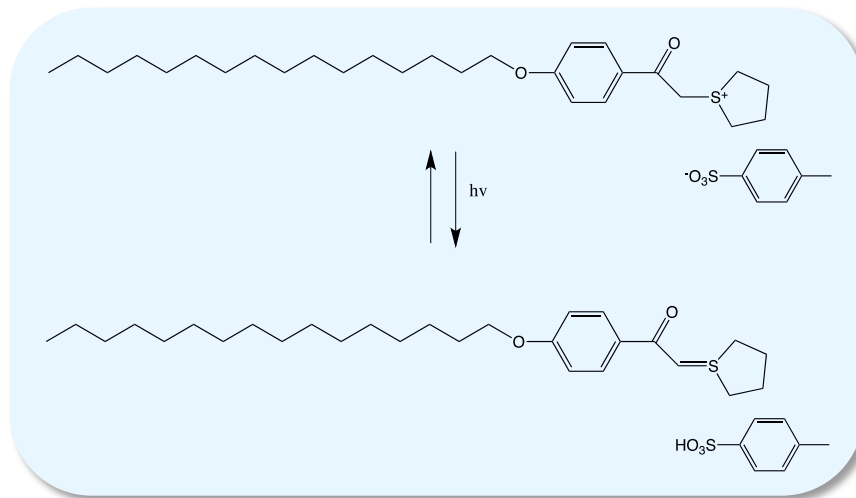


Giant vesicles of 5% PNIPAM surfactant in POPC

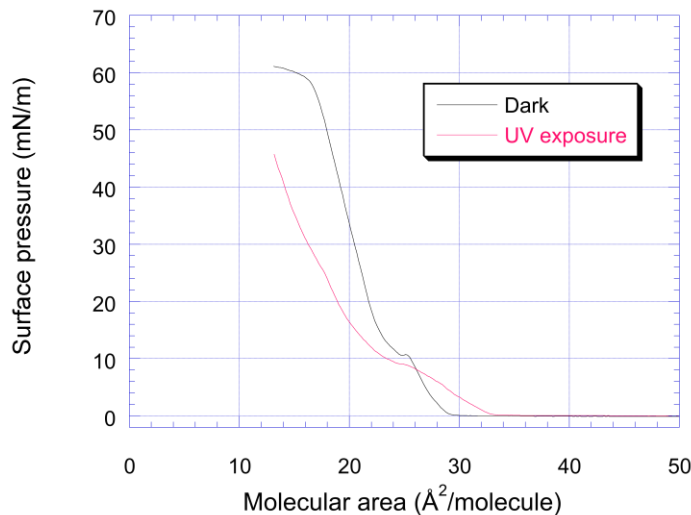
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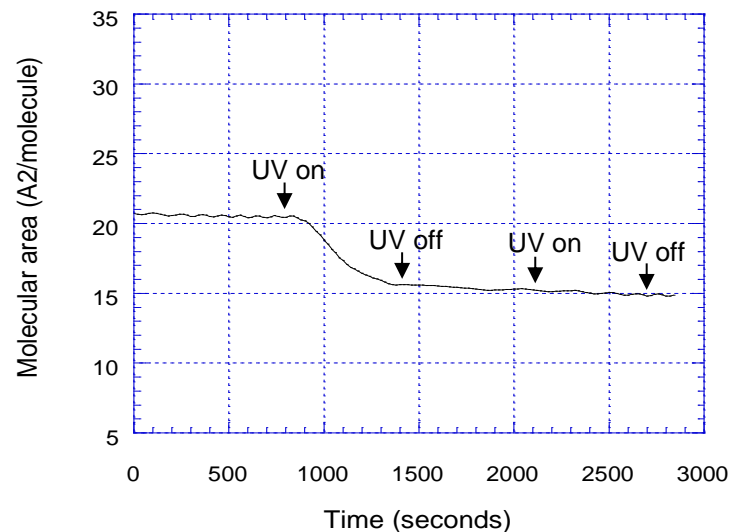
Optical Stimulation Induces Volume Change



Sulfonium surfactant - before and after UV exposure



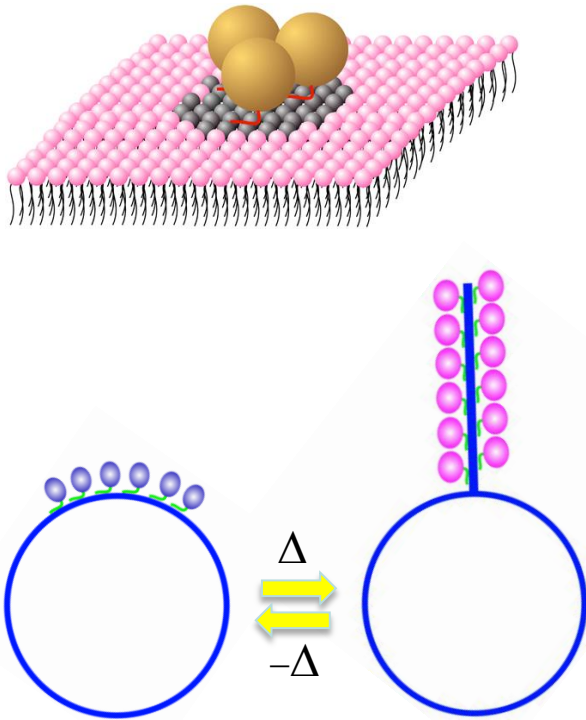
Sulfonium surfactant UV exposure study



- Upon UV exposure we observe loss of ~25% of total Langmuir film area as sulfonium converts into ylide.

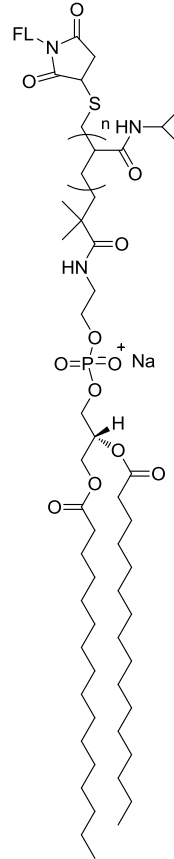
Other Work: Responsive Ligands and Lipids

His-tagged PNIPAM



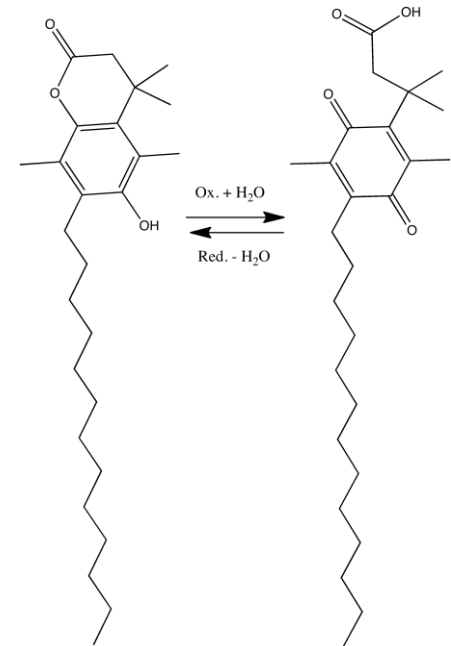
To promote interactions exclusively on the outer leaflet

Double Tail



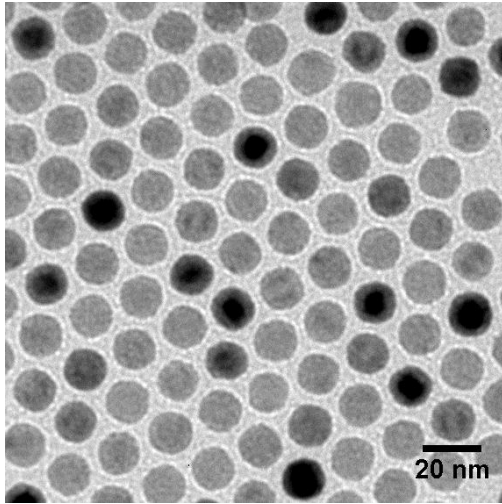
To enhance surfactant anchoring

Optical and Electrochemical Stimulation

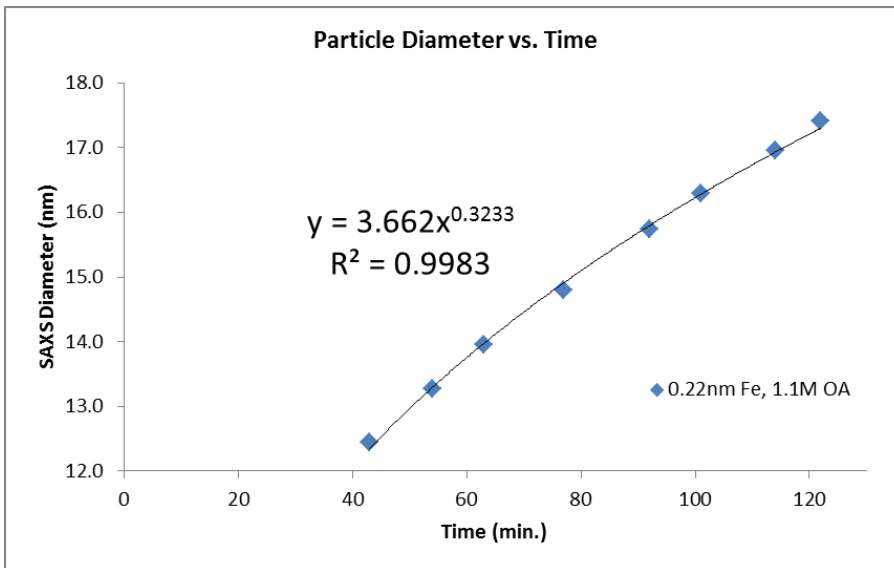
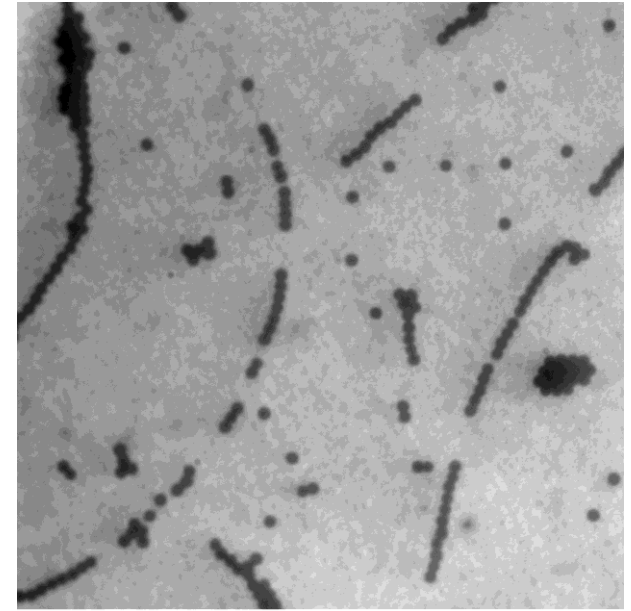


To facilitate programming in device applications

Other Work: Active Molecules on Active Particles

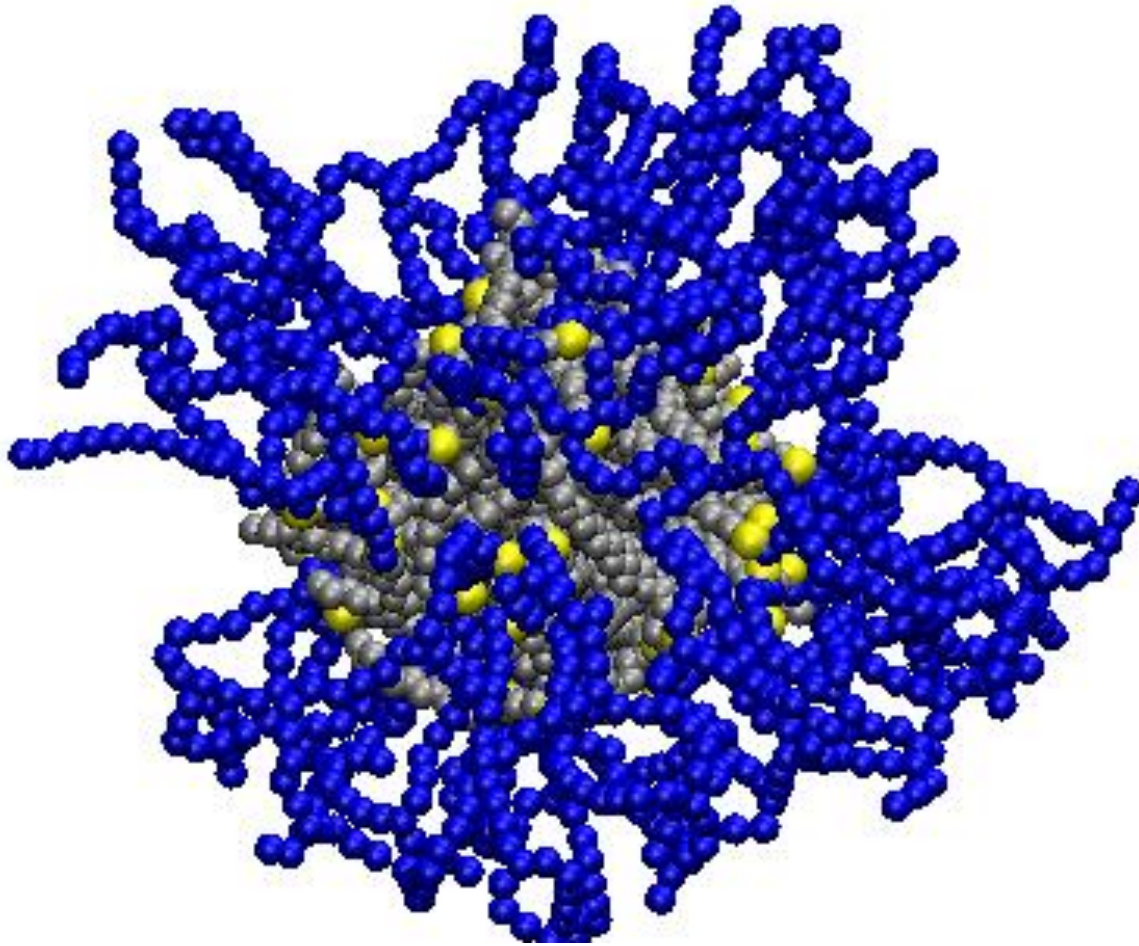


Designed a new magnetite nanoparticle synthesis with improved size control and reproducibility



Work will explore how magnetic particles plus active coatings yield new programmable architectures

Other Work: Simulation of Responsive Surfactant Micelles and Other Assemblies



- Enormously expensive simulations (many atoms, long times)
- Cutting edge codes
- National Lab supercomputing resources
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