

# Investigating Magnetic Nanoparticle Interactions with Cryo-EM

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# Magnetic Nanoparticle Applications

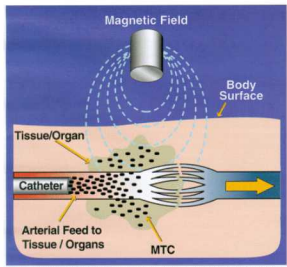
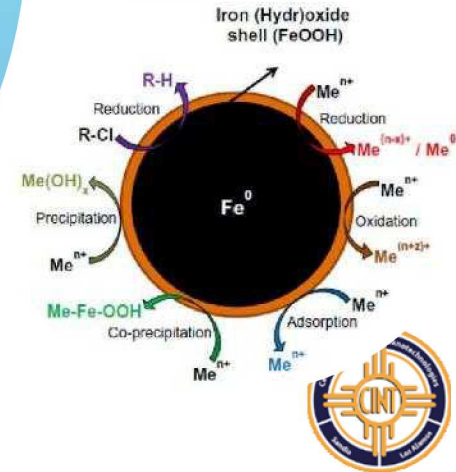
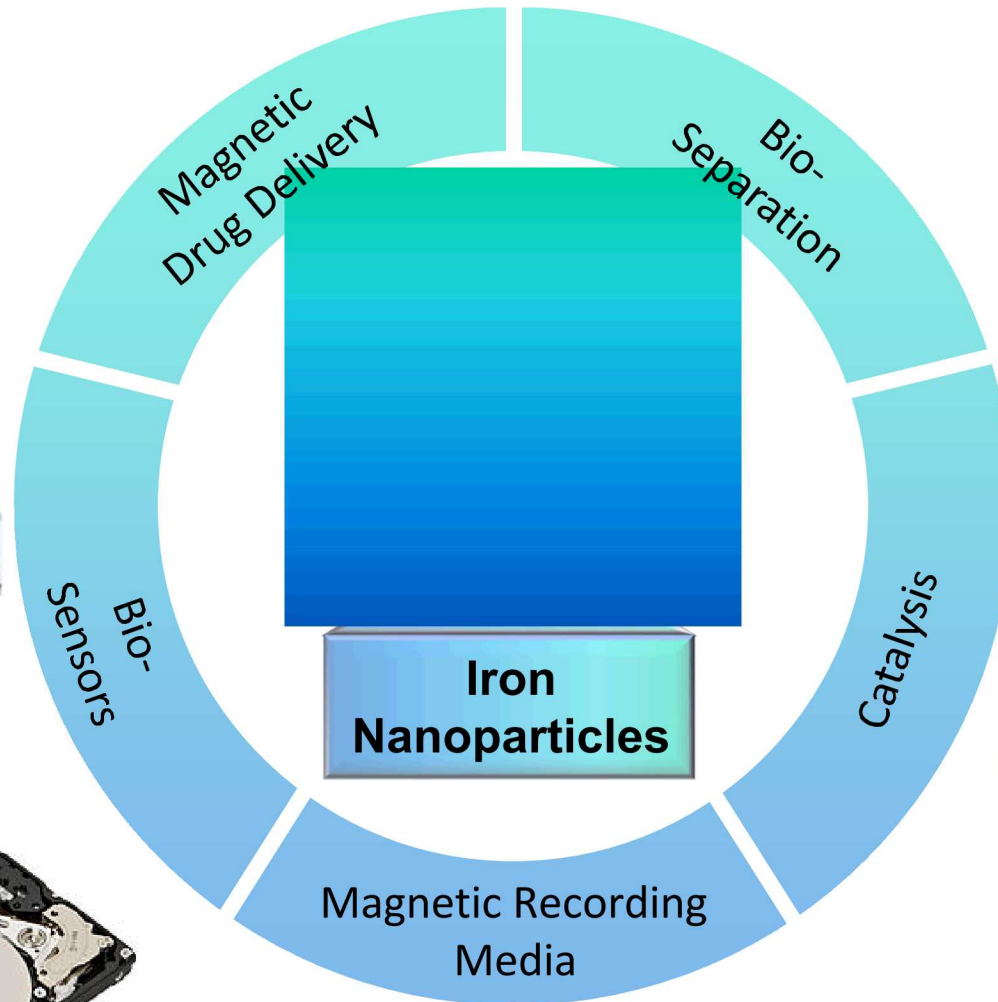
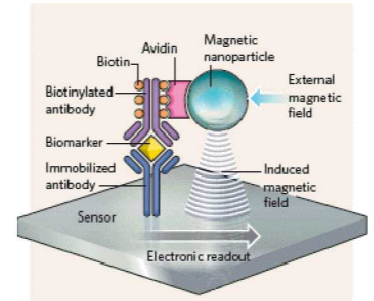
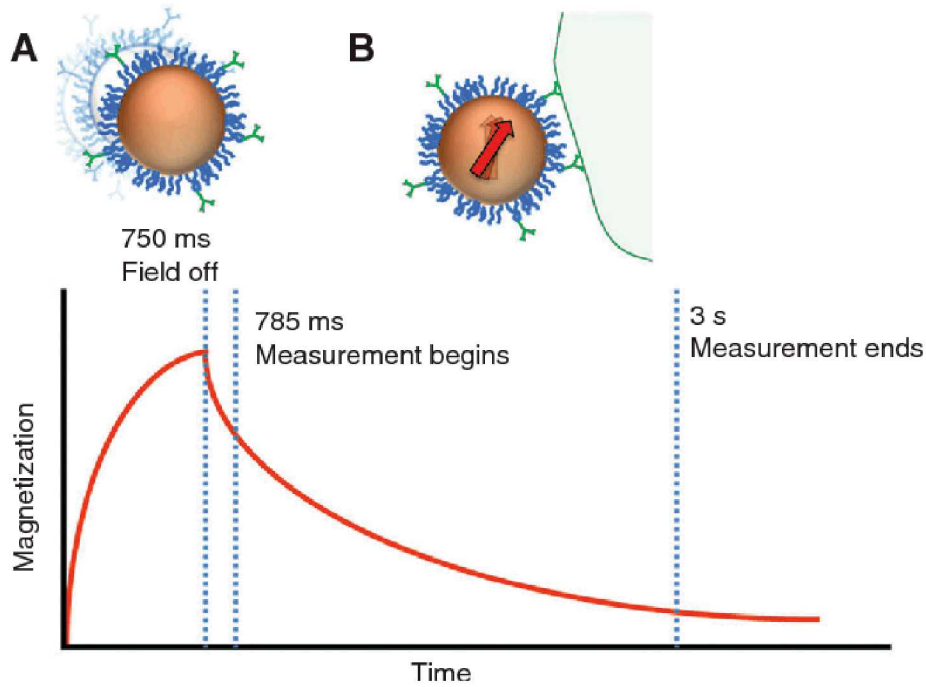


Figure 1. Capture and release of Magnetic Targeted Carriers (MTC) in a magnetic field.

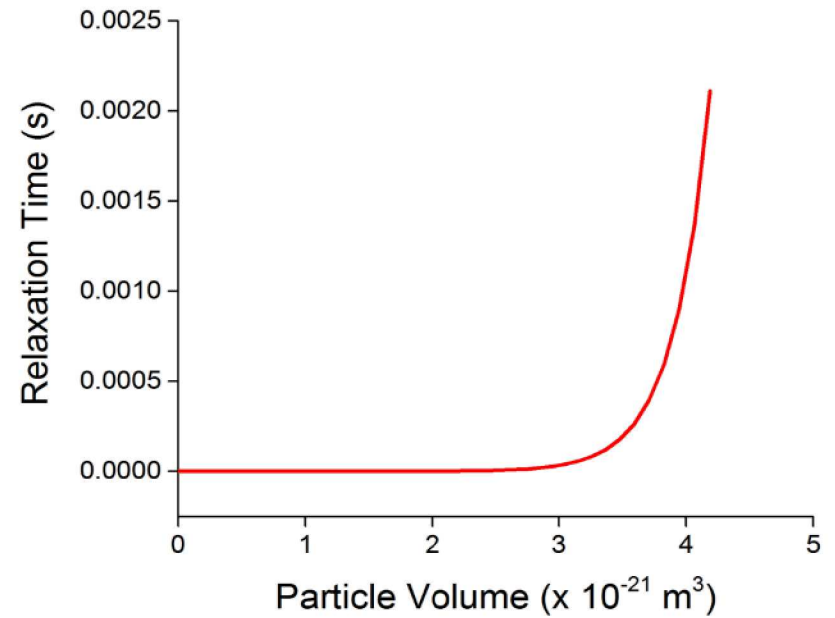


## Magnetite ( $\text{Fe}_3\text{O}_4$ ) NPs

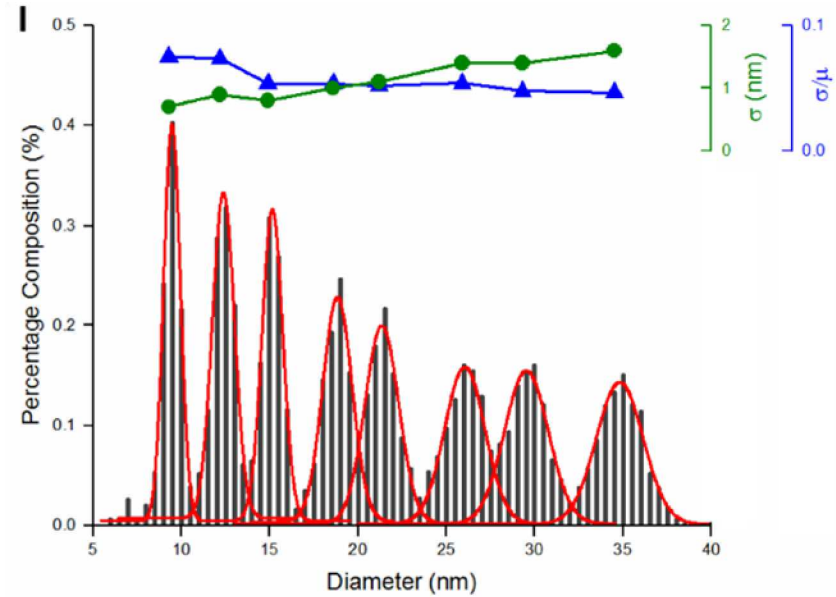
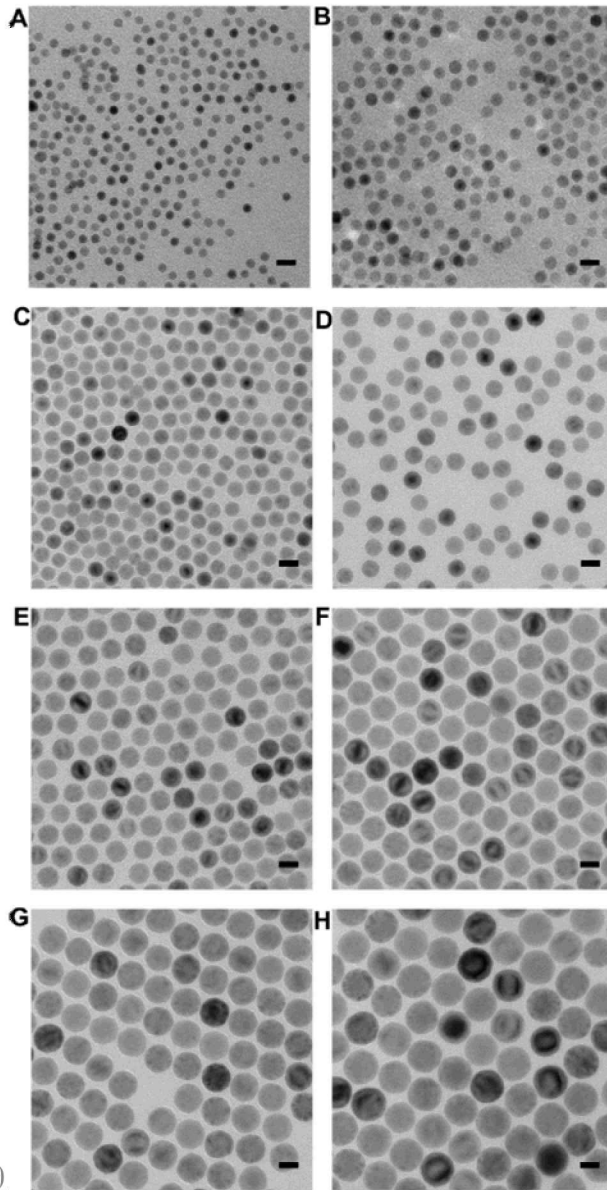


$$\tau = \tau_0 e^{\left(\frac{KV}{k_B T}\right)}$$

Neél Relaxation  $\propto \tau^V$



# Magnetite NPs – Control of Size, Size Distribution



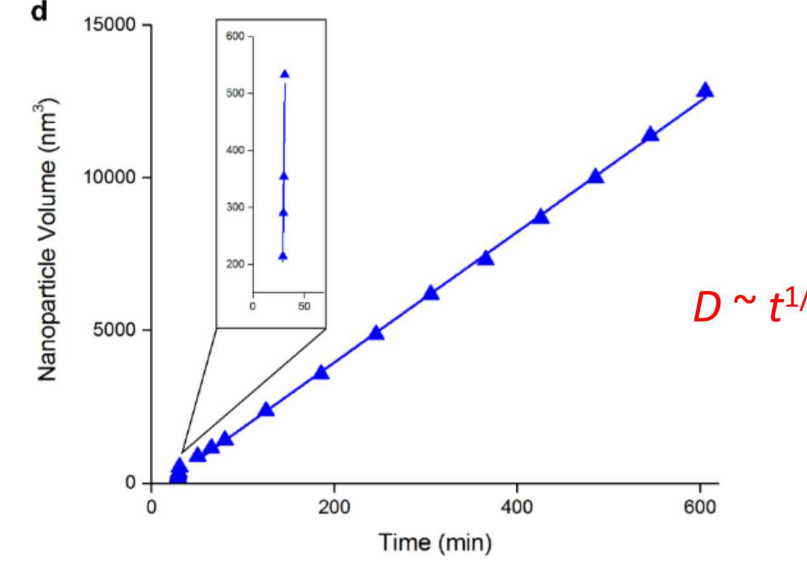
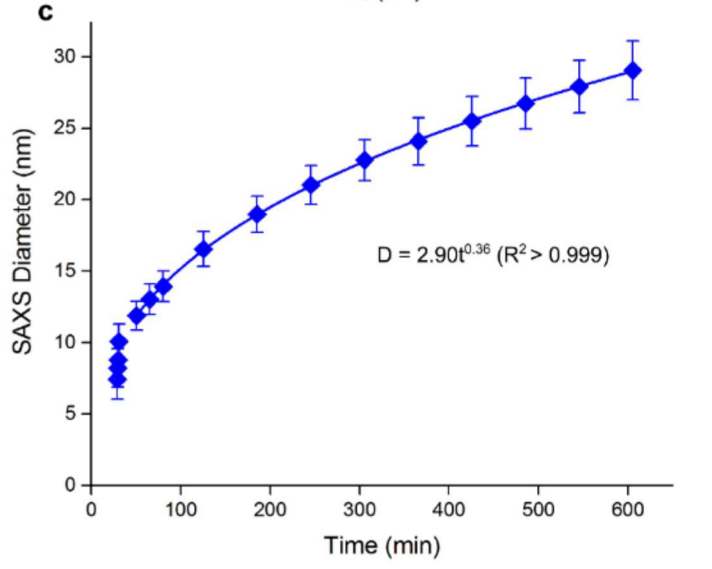
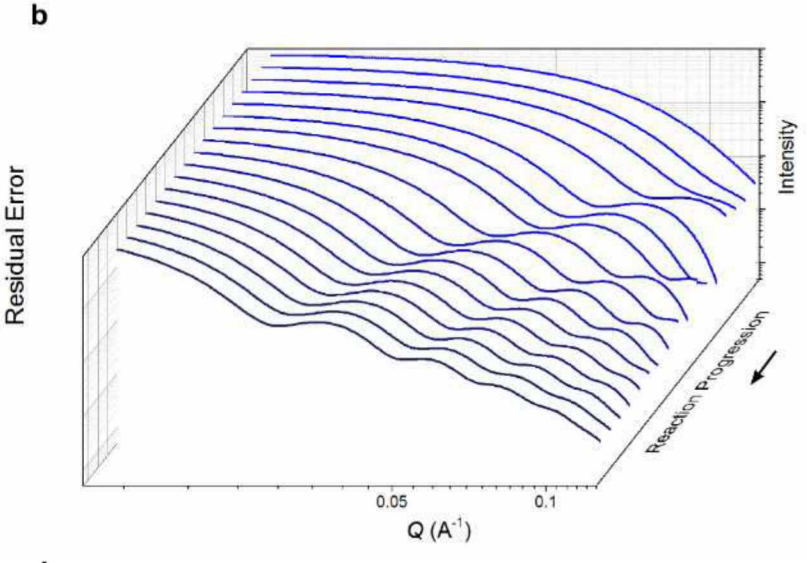
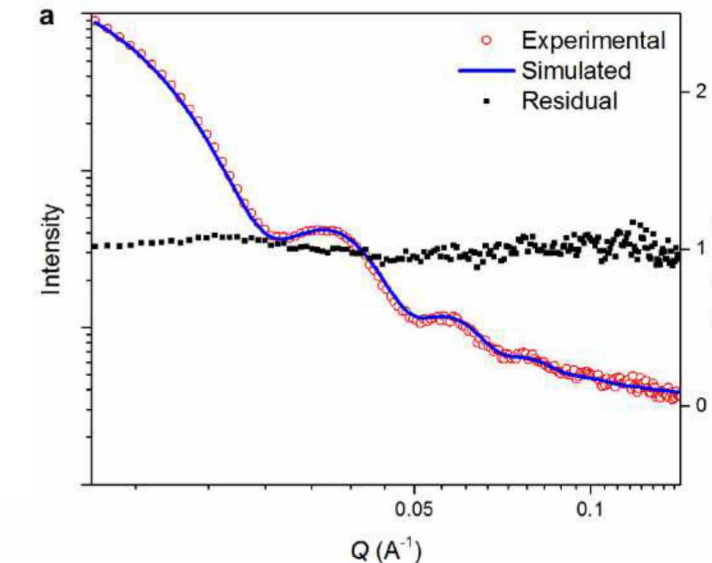
Nanoparticles sizes are  $9.3 \pm 0.7$  nm to  $34.5 \pm 1.6$  nm in size.

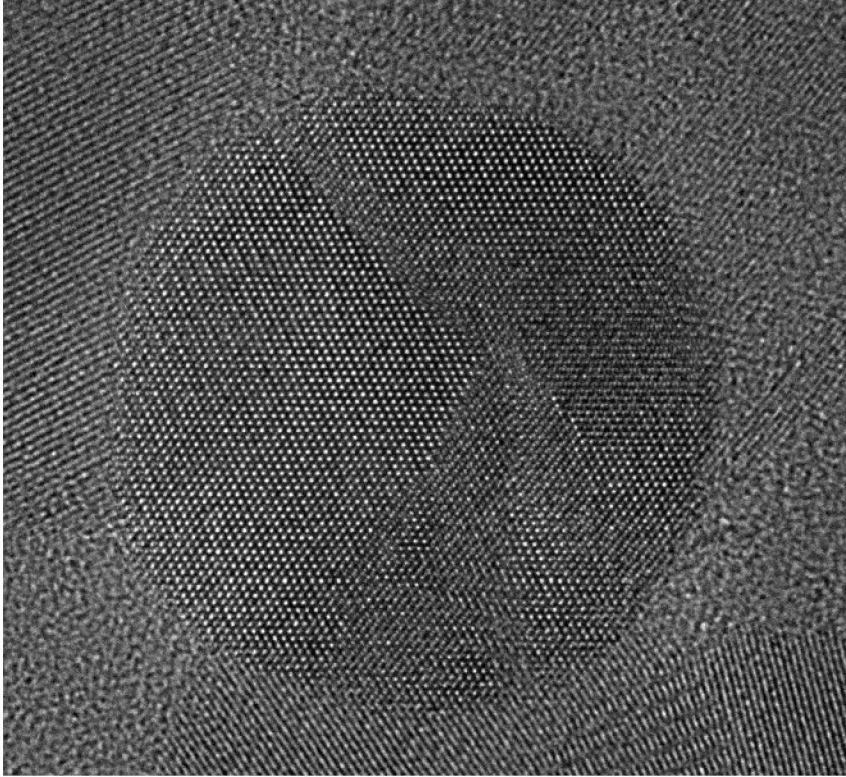
Coefficient of variation = 0.066.

Scale Bars = 20 nm



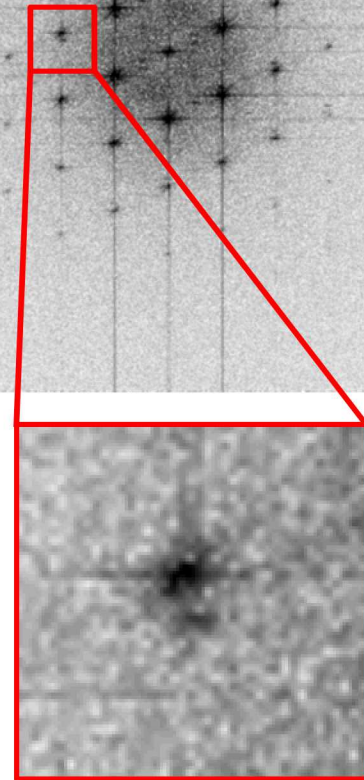
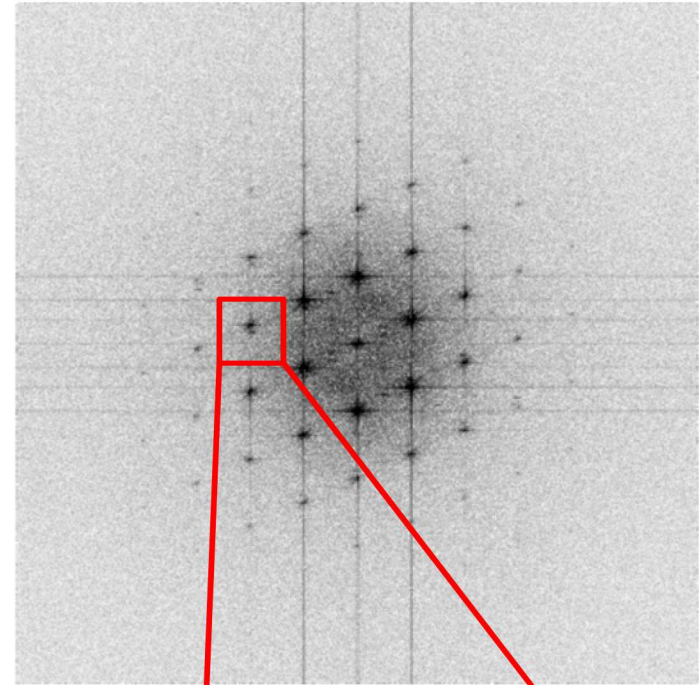
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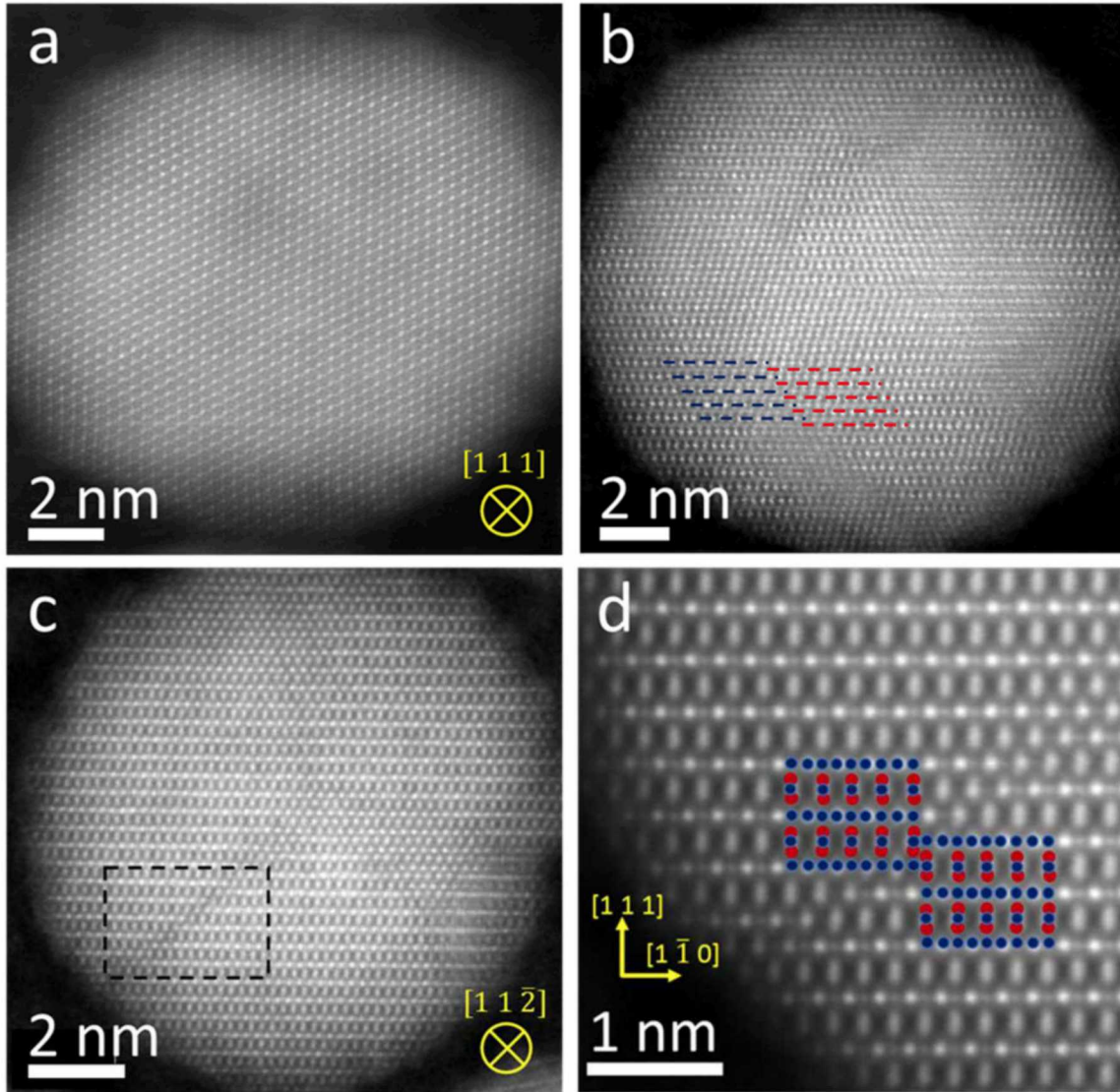




$$M_{\text{sat}} = 69 \text{ Am}^2/\text{kg Fe}_3\text{O}_4$$

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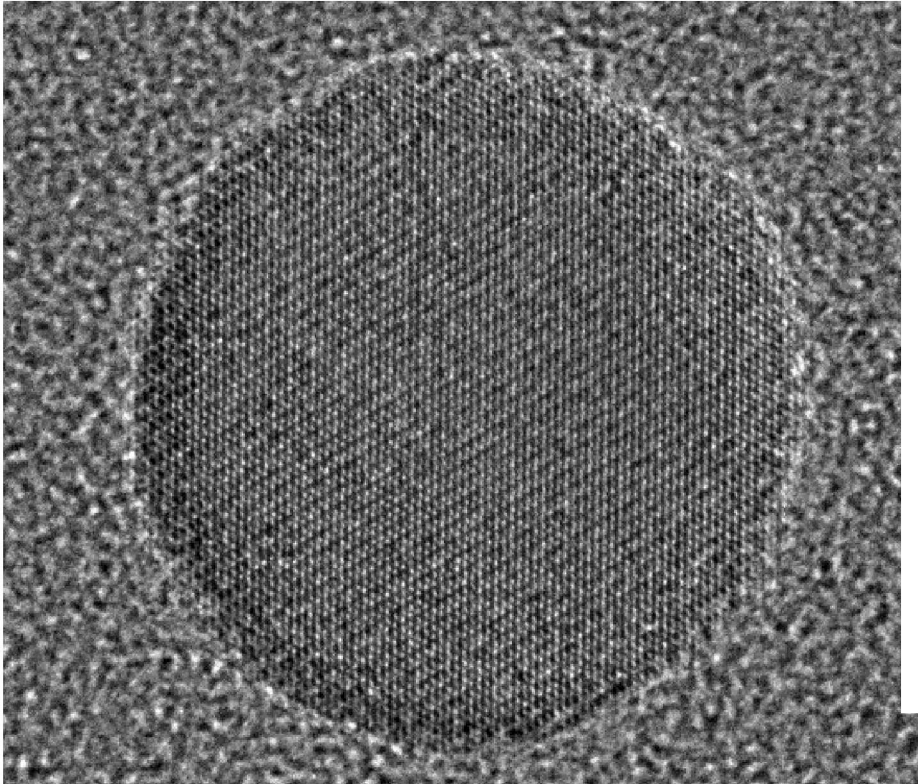


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Nion UltraSTEM

Antiphase Boundaries have  
been shown to reduce  $M_{\text{sat}}$ .

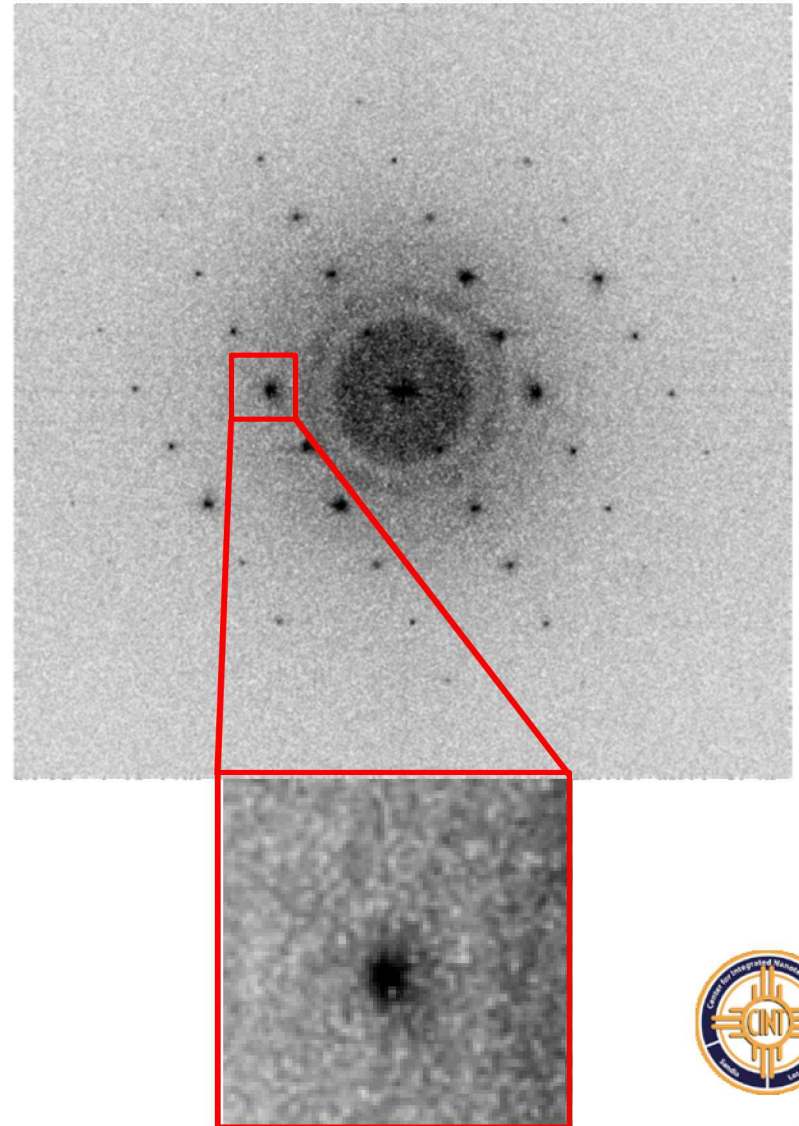


Slow, controlled oxidation.

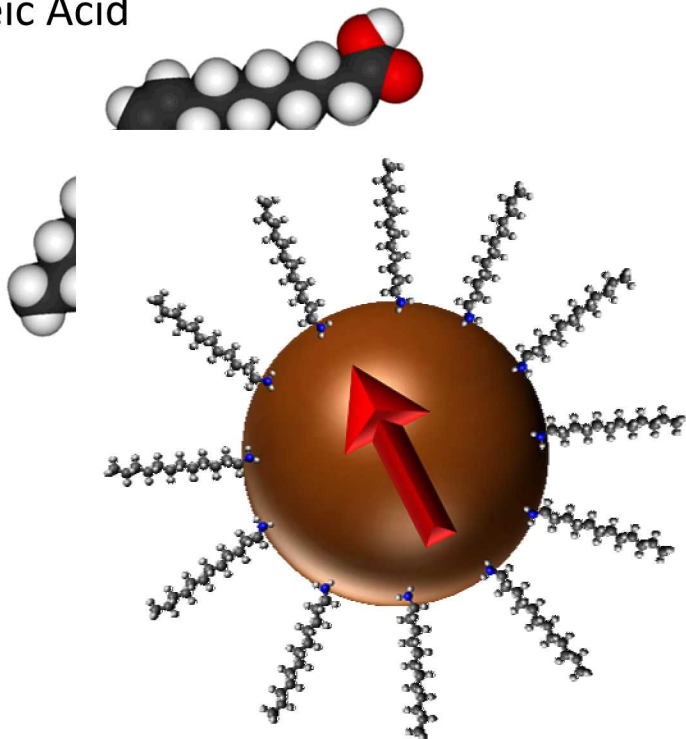


$$M_{\text{sat}} = 82 \text{ Am}^2/\text{kg Fe}_3\text{O}_4 \sim 90 \% \text{ of bulk.}$$

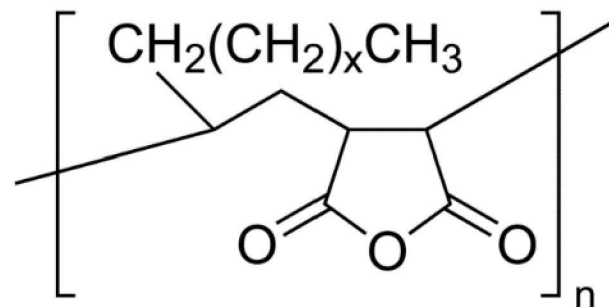
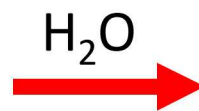
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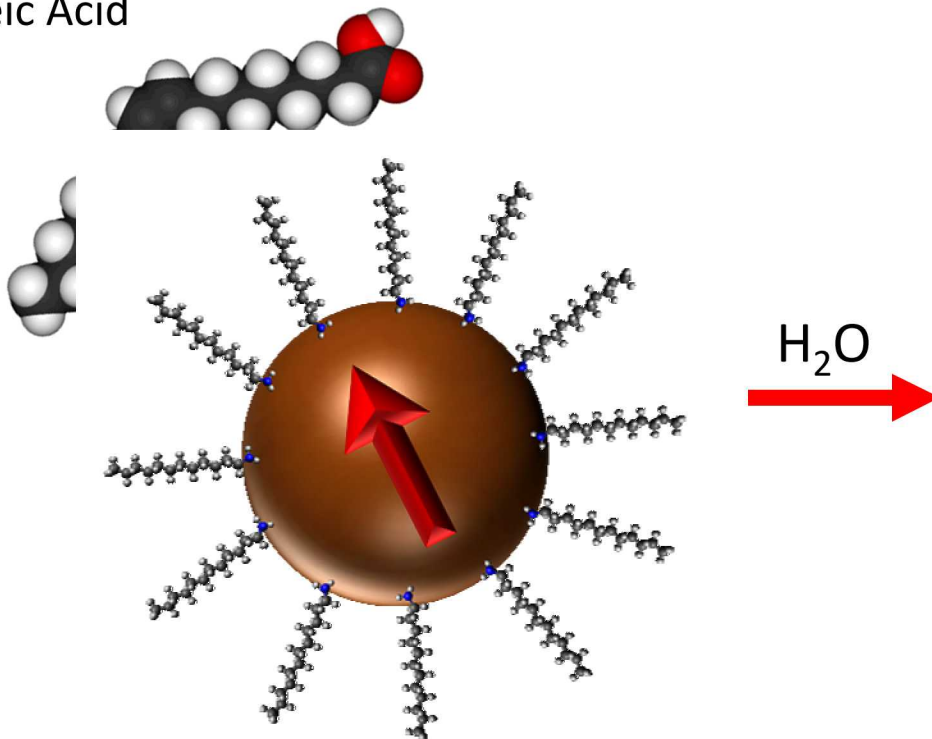
Oleic Acid



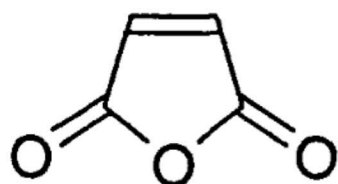
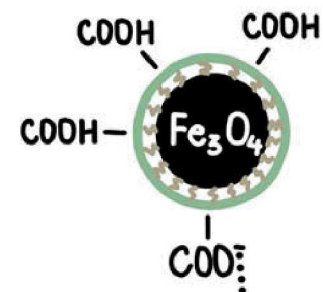
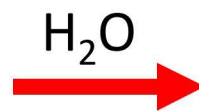
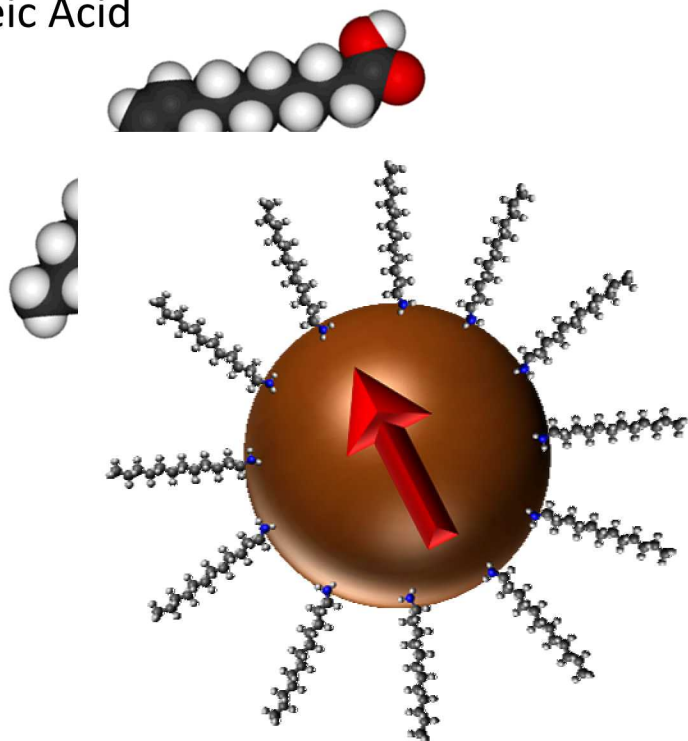
Poly(maleic anhydride-alt-1-octadecene)  
30 000 – 50 000 MW



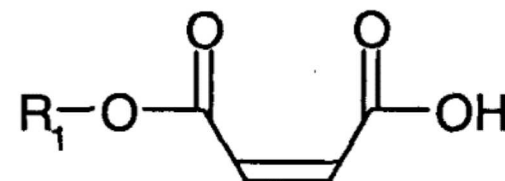
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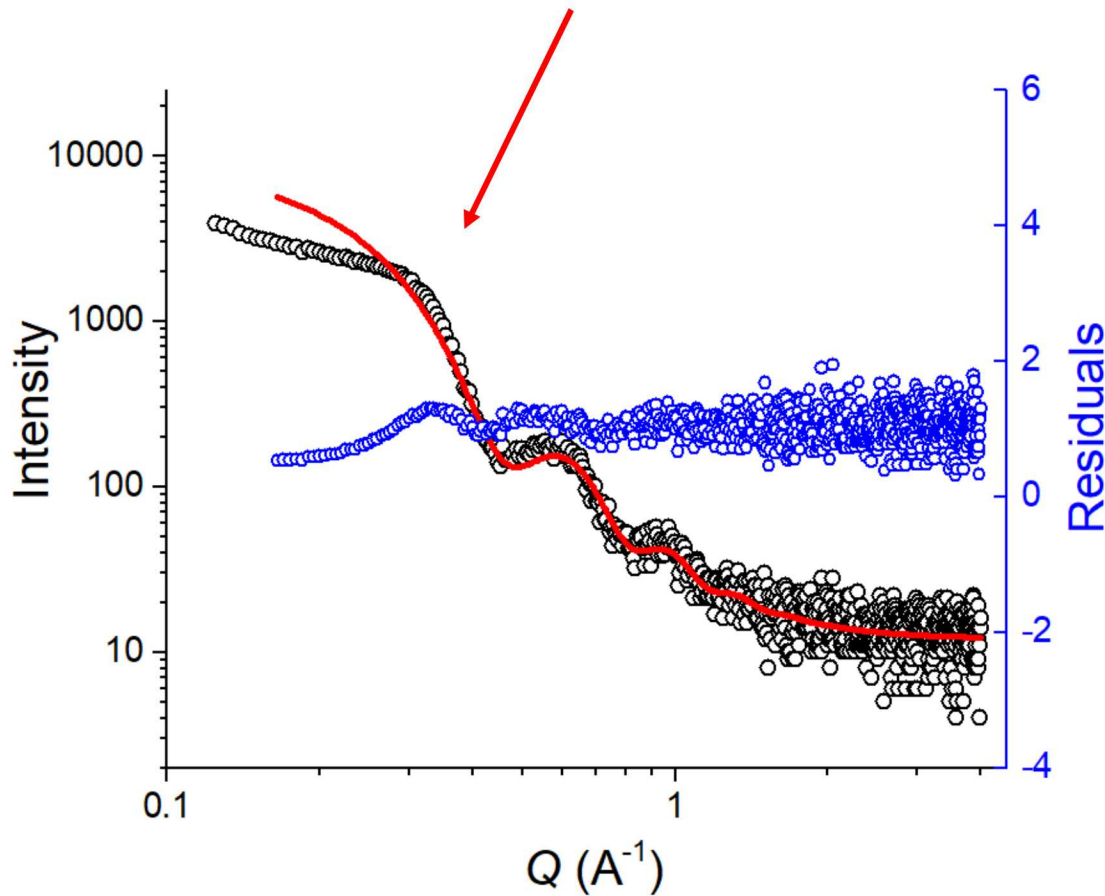


Oleic Acid



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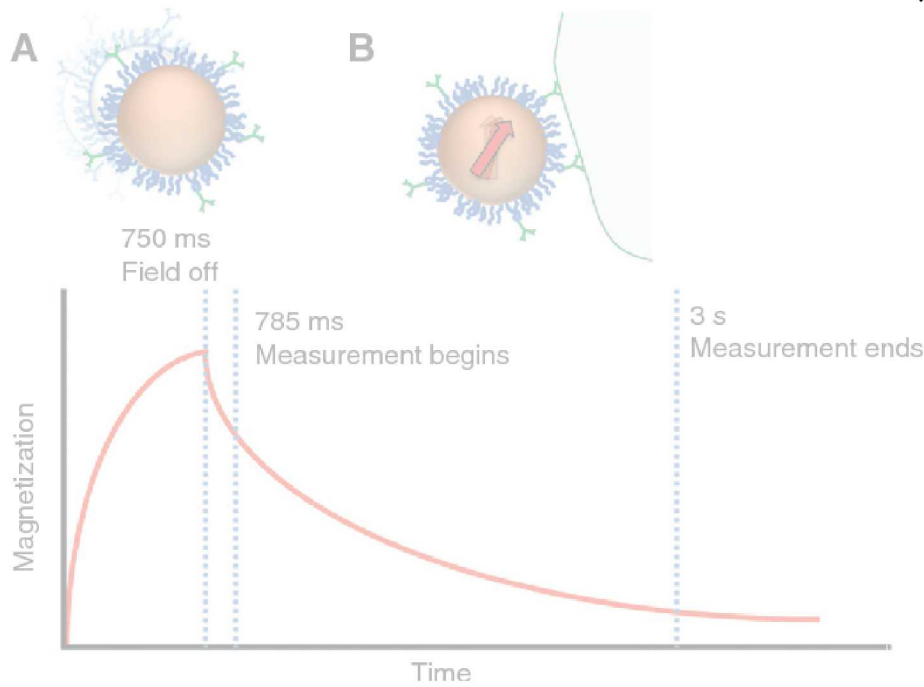


Small Angle X-ray Scattering (SAXS)

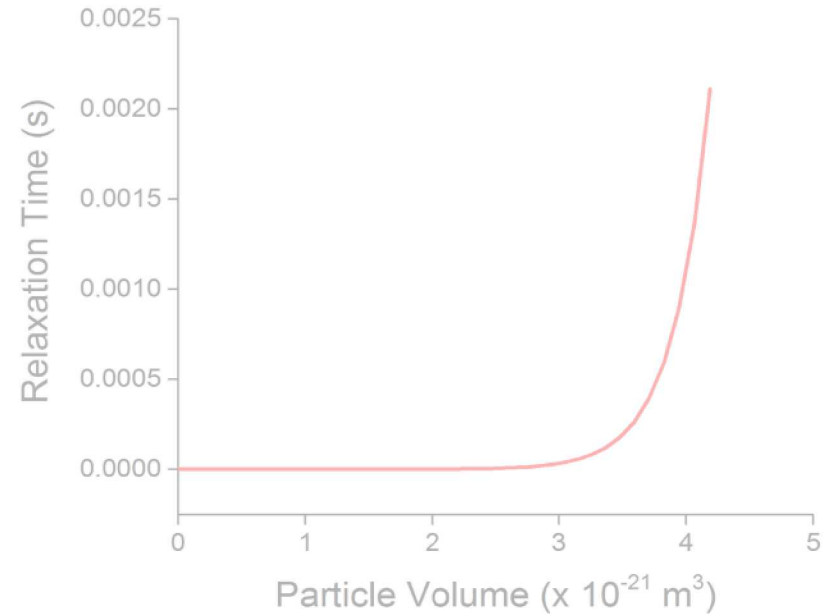
Deviation from model fit indicates particle interactions.



## Magnetite ( $\text{Fe}_3\text{O}_4$ ) NPs



$$\tau = \tau_0 e^{\left(\frac{KV}{k_B T - T_0}\right)} \leftarrow \text{Dipolar Interactions}$$

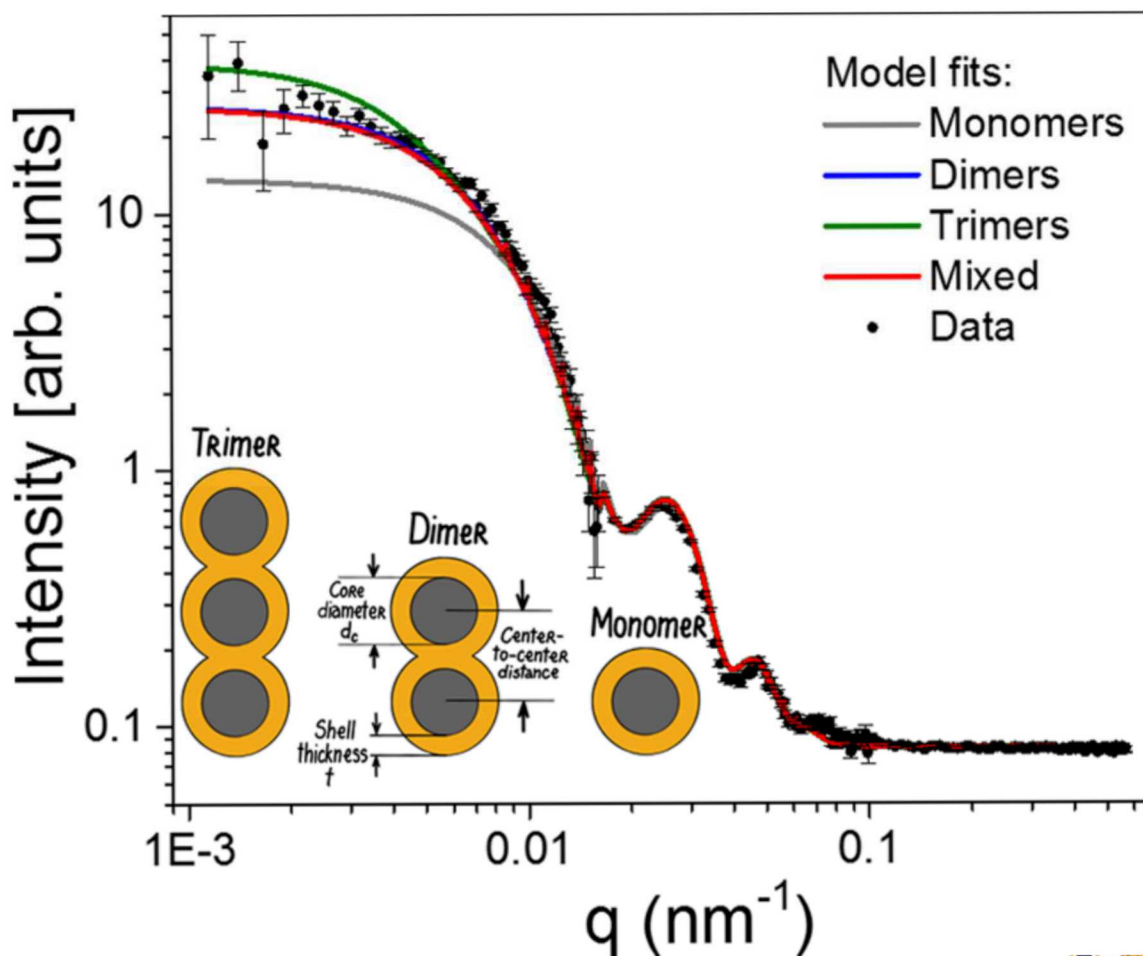


## Small Angle Neutron Scattering (SANS)

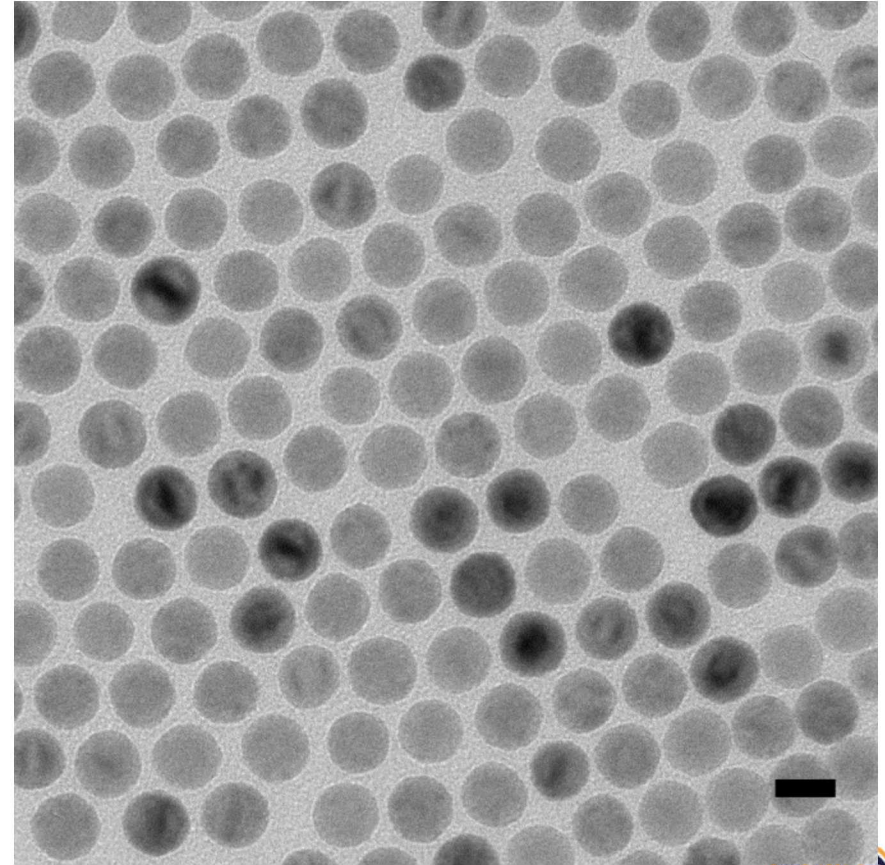
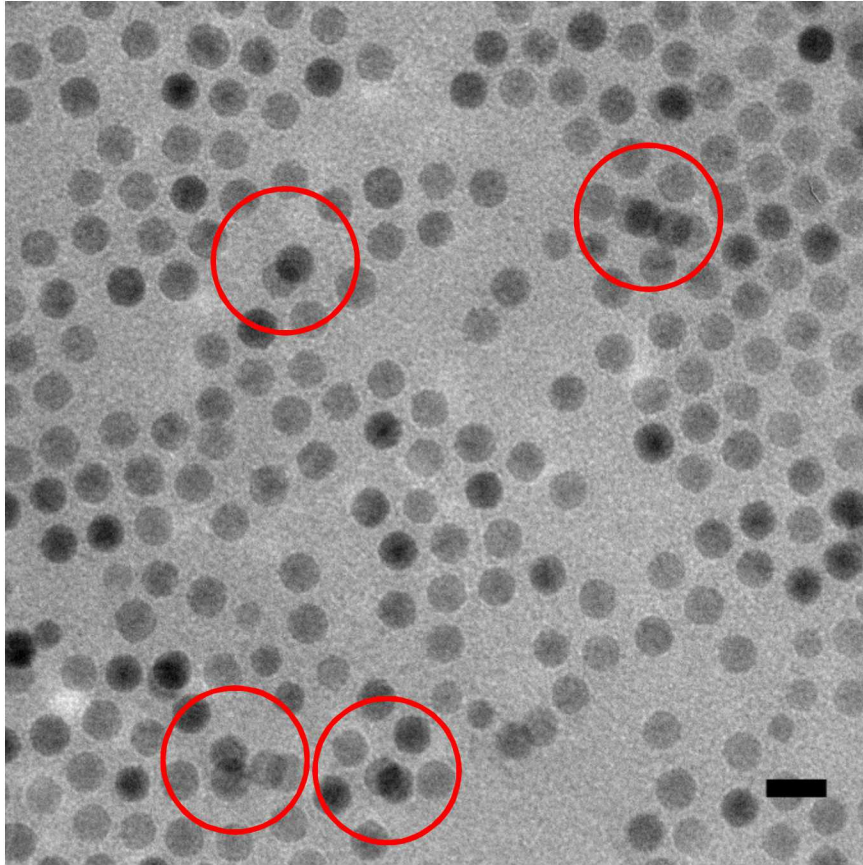
81 % vol fraction dimers.

25.3 nm core diameter.  
6.6 nm shell thickness.  
 $34.0 \pm 0.3$  nm center to center distance.

Interparticle spacing due to polymer is 8.8 nm  $\rightarrow$  each surface polymer is compressed  $\sim 1/3$ .

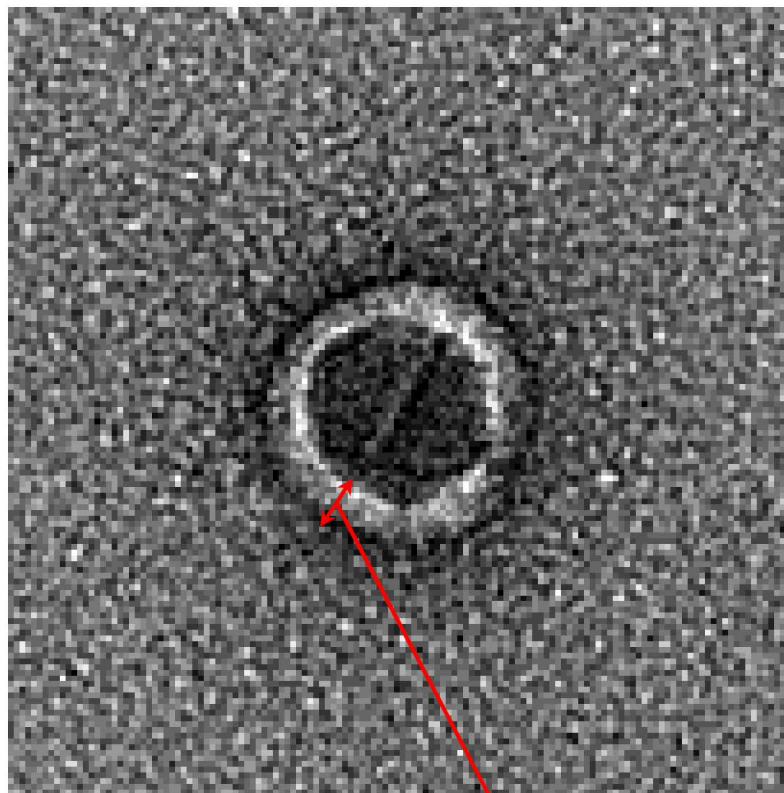
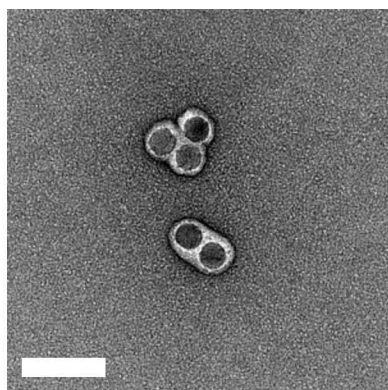
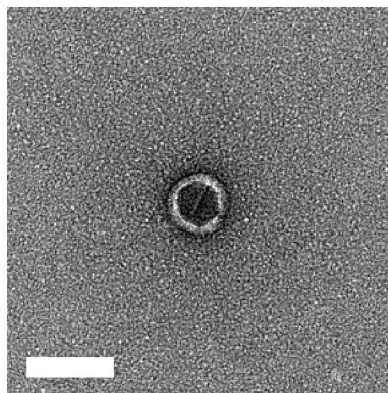


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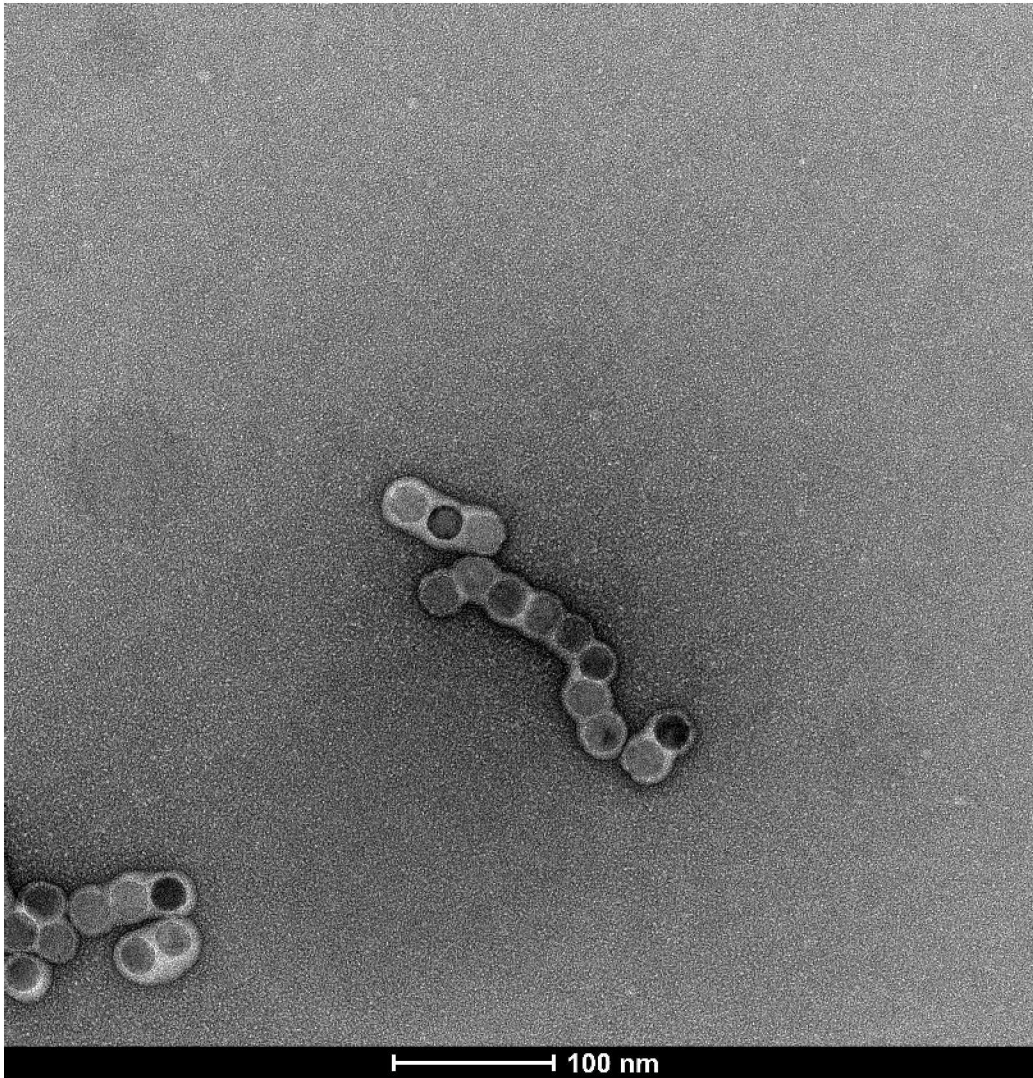
# Negative Stain Experiments

Scale Bars = 50 nm



4.8 nm  
*cf.* 6.6 nm from SANS



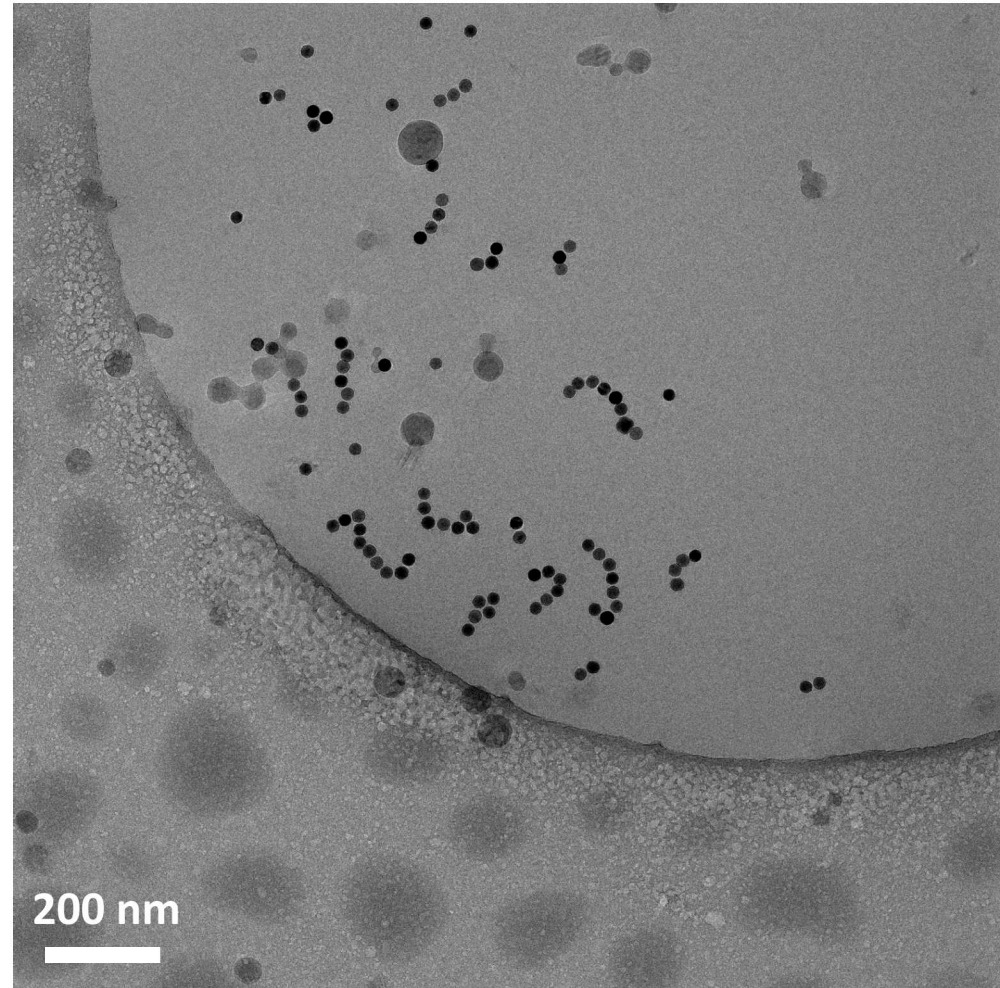


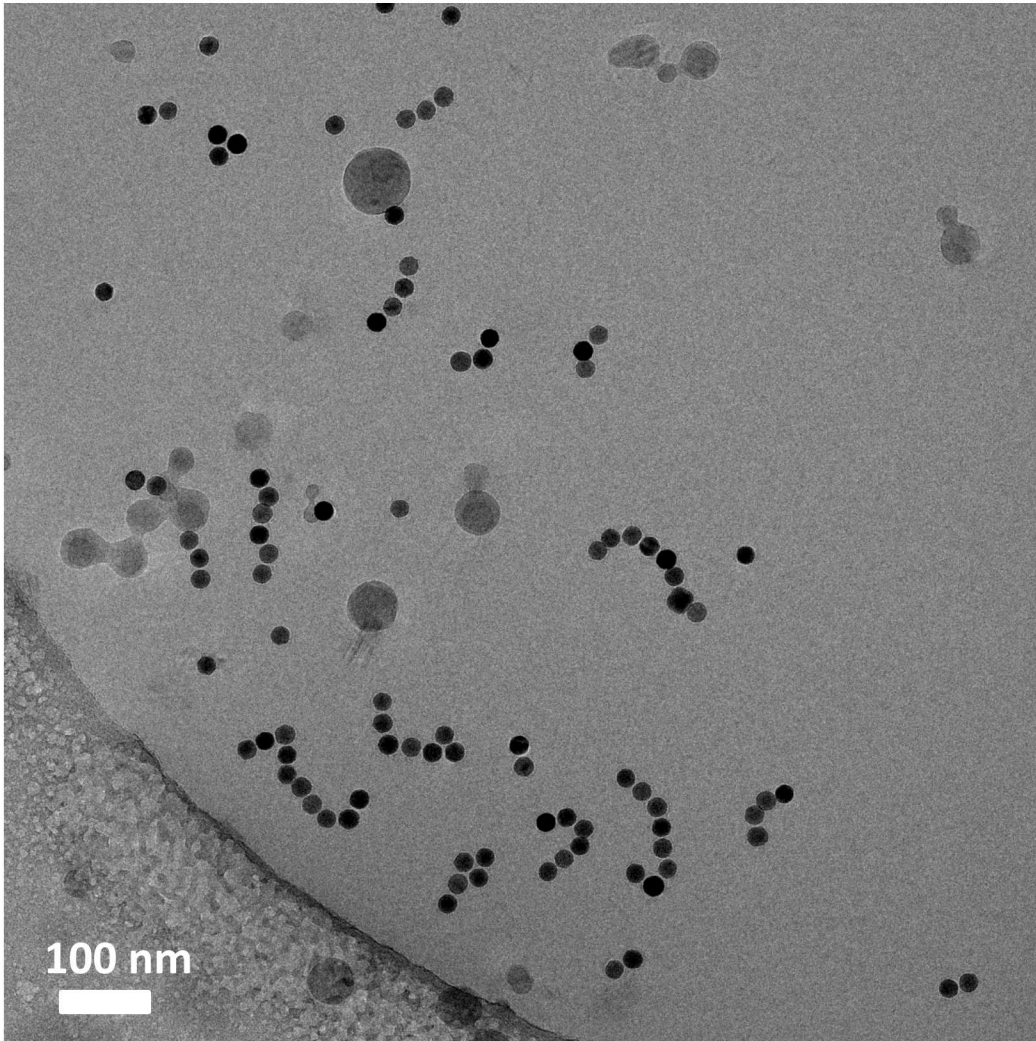
Mean Interparticle  
Distance = 1.75 nm

cf. 8.8 nm from SANS.

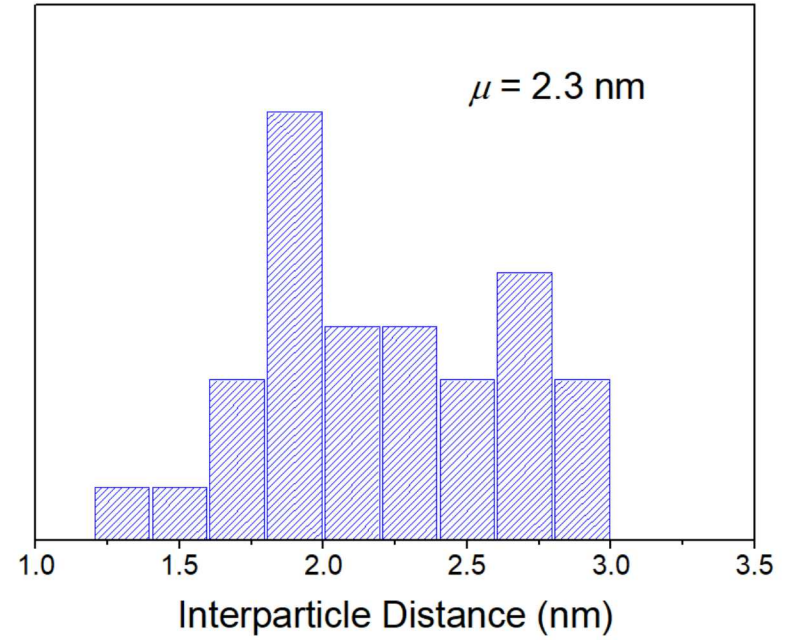


Talos L120C;  
Dedicated Cryo-EM;  
CryoEM Structural Biology  
Shared Resource Facility  
at CU Cancer Center



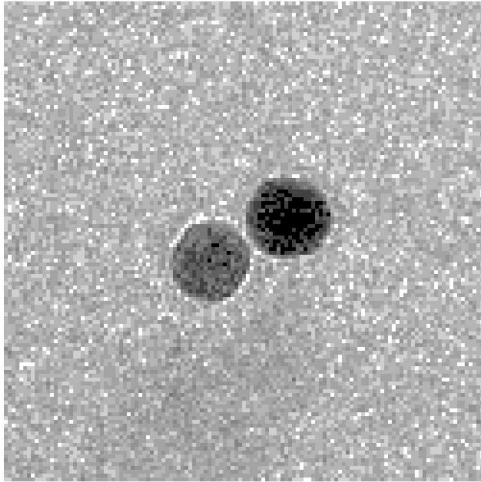


Interparticle distance;

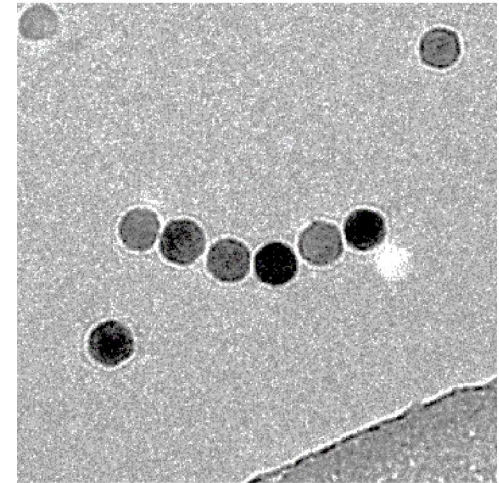
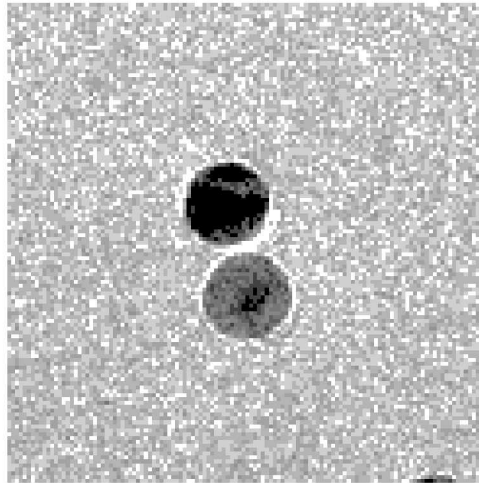


Magnetic attraction?  
Freezing effect?  
Dynamic ligand interaction?

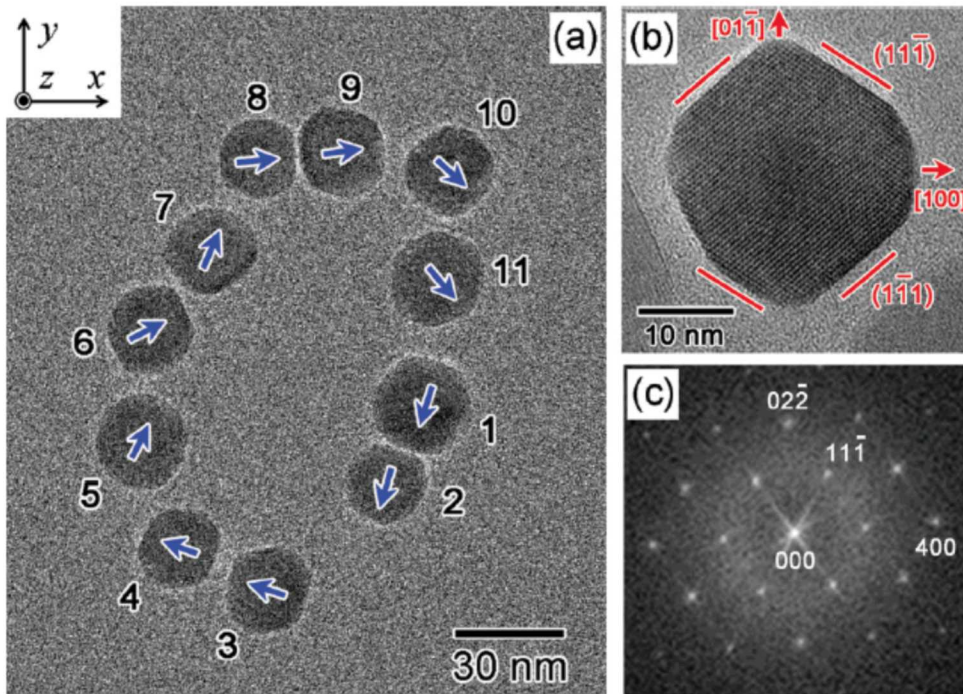




Magnetic Dimers



Chain Formation



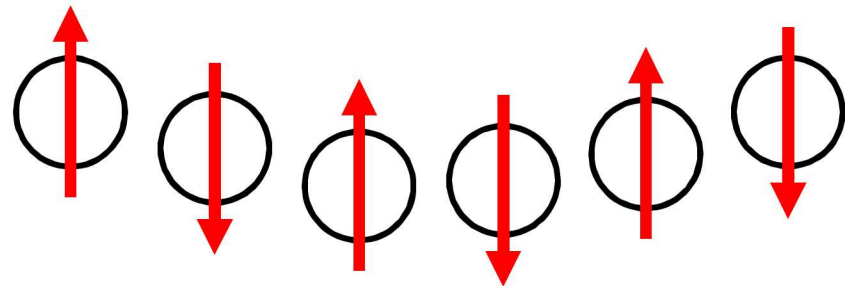
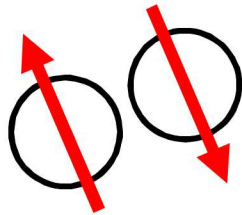
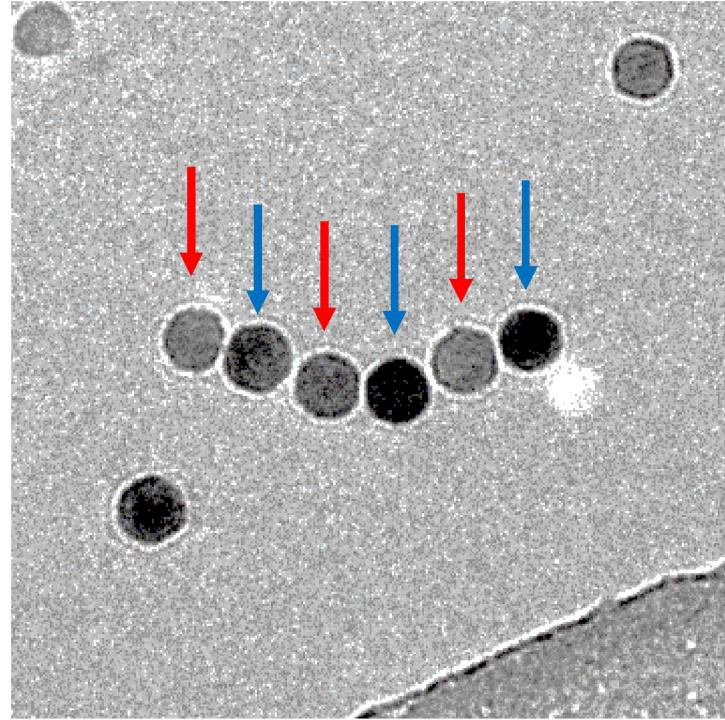
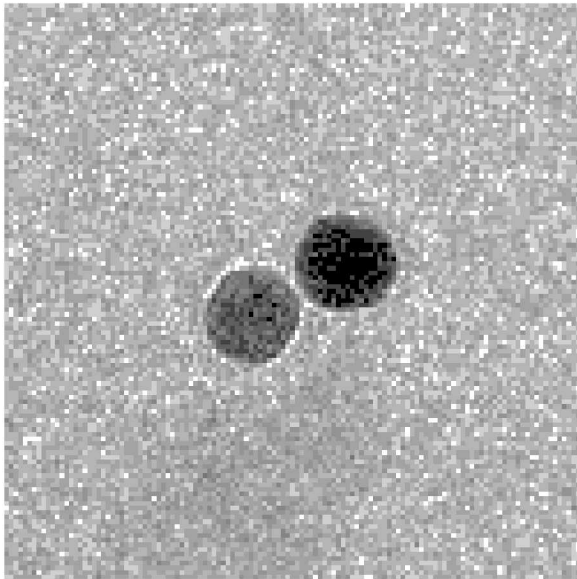
$\text{Fe}_3\text{O}_4$  Krishnan Group (UW)

In the absence of a field, rings tend to have a lower magnetostatic energy than chains or clusters.

Need controlled drying  $\rightarrow$  clusters or aggregates can dominate.

Drying effects can also change the strength of the magnetic interactions as the capping ligand de-solvates.





Need Lorentz Foucault Imaging

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