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CryoEM for fundamental study of soft/bio and inorganic nanomaterials

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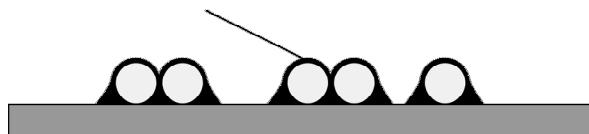
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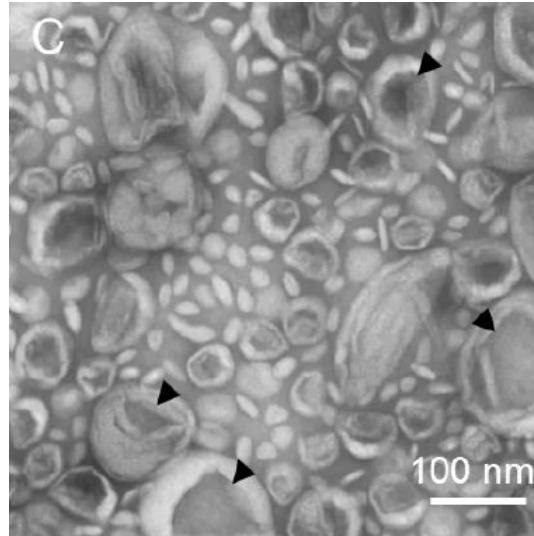
What is cryo electron microscopy (EM)?

Stained specimen for conventional EM

Negative stain



Liposome

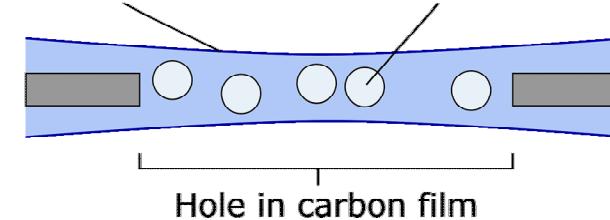


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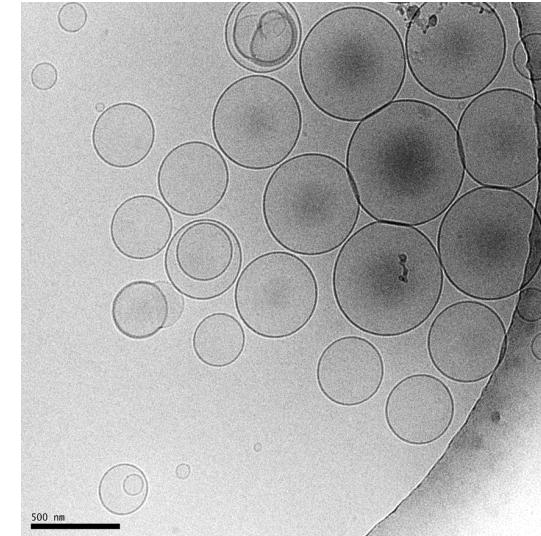
Vitrified specimen for cryoEM

Amorphous ice film

Biomolecule



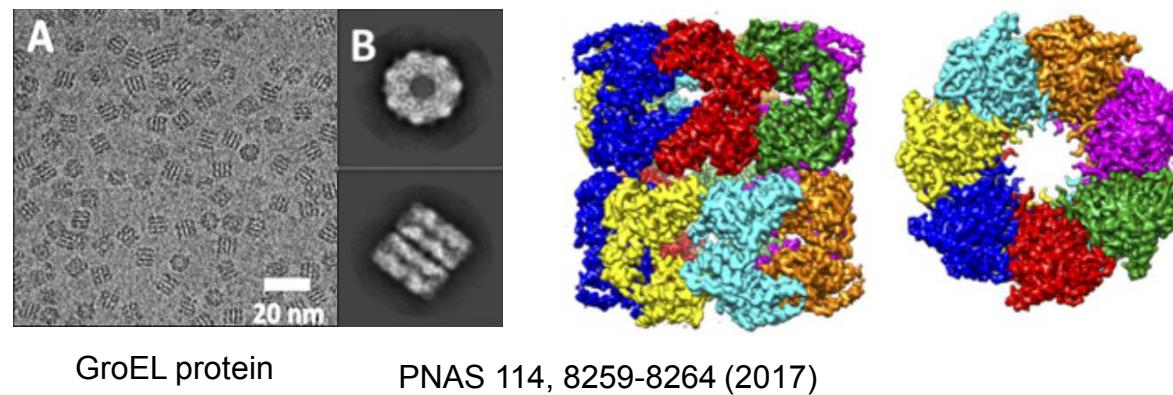
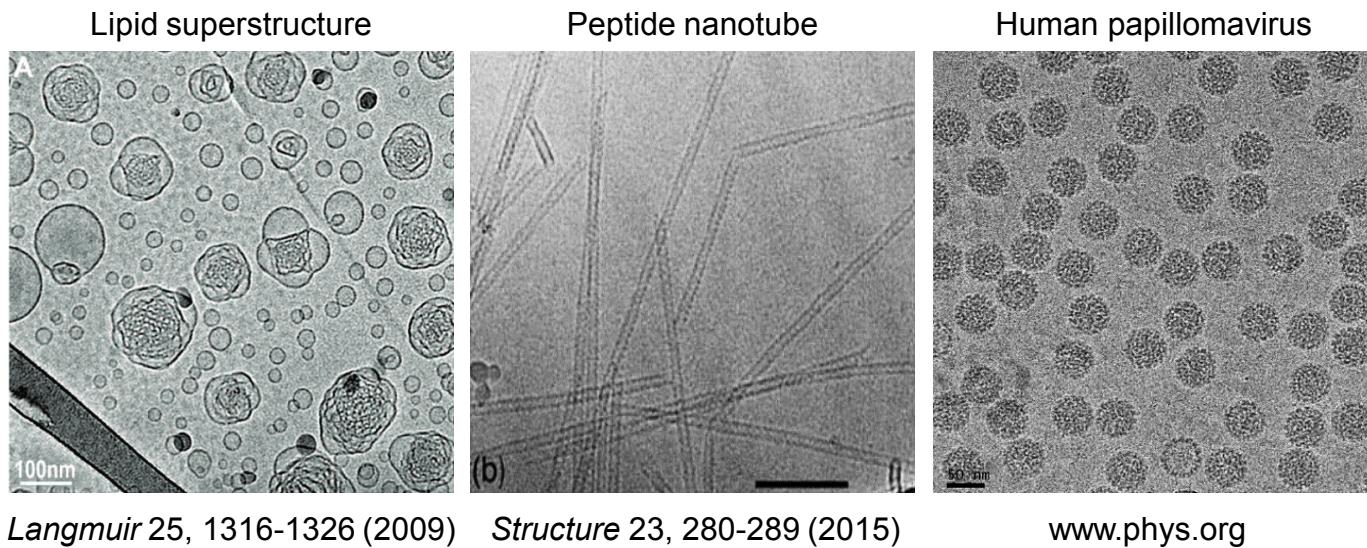
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What is cryoEM used for?

Analyzing complex, flexible structures in their native, hydrate states





Overview

Part 1. Self-assembly of inorganic nanoparticles in solution

Part 2. Interaction between inorganic-organic materials

Part 3. Research plan



Part 1. Self-assembly of inorganic nanoparticles in solution

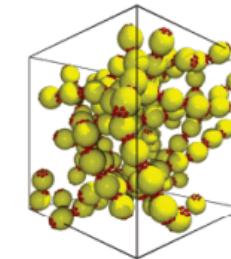
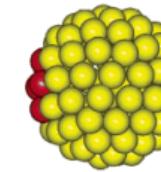
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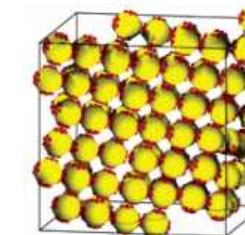
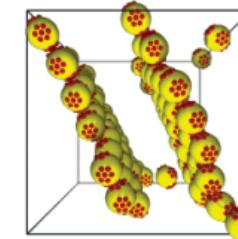
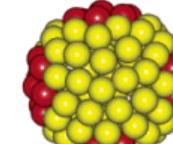
Self-assembly of patchy particles

Directed self-assembly of particles with fixed patches

$n=2$



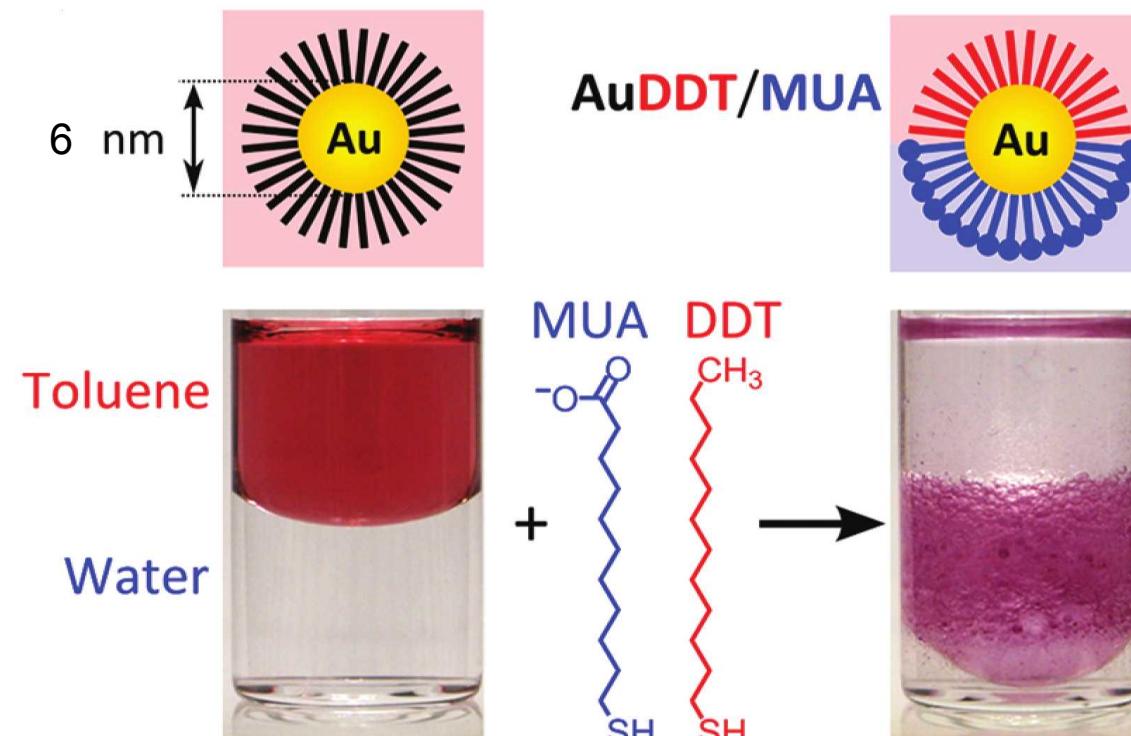
$n=4$



Nano Lett., 4, 1407-1413 (2004)

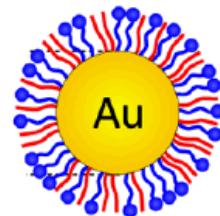
What happen if the patches rearrange on the particles' surface?

Amphiphilic nanoparticles (NPs) with adaptive surface chemistry

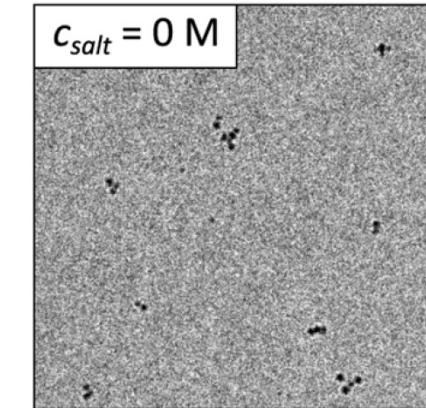
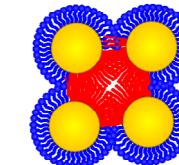


Andala, Shin et al. *ACS Nano*, 6,1044-1050 (2012)

Self-assembly of same NPs into small cluster and chain

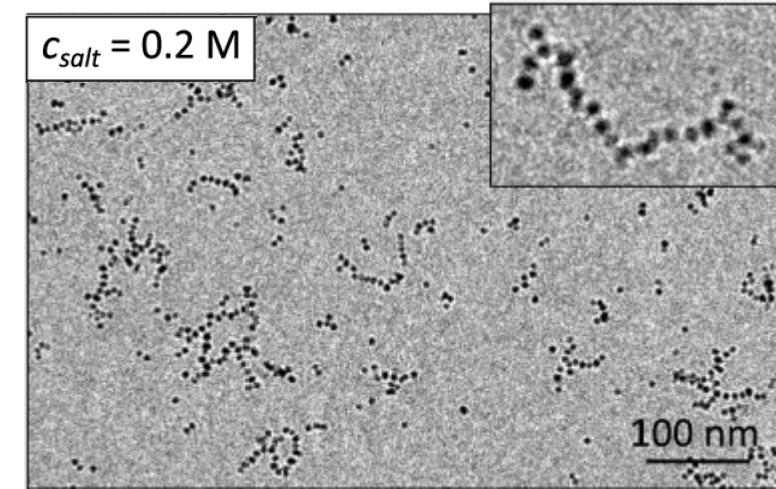
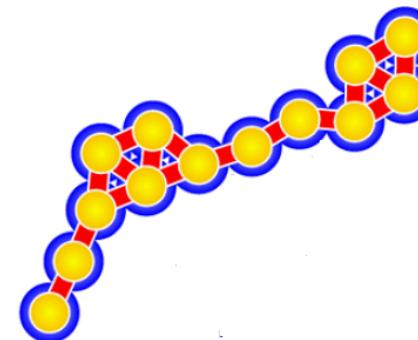


Small cluster



CryoEM

Chain-like structure



CryoEM

Lee, Shin et al. ACS Nano, 8, 9979-9987 (2014)



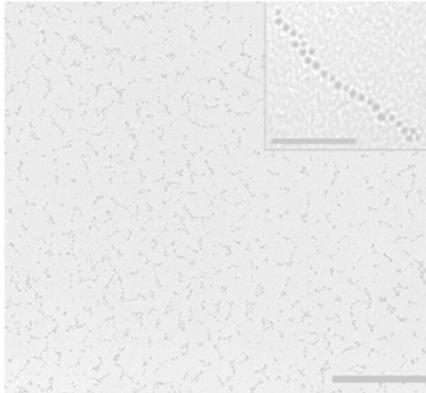
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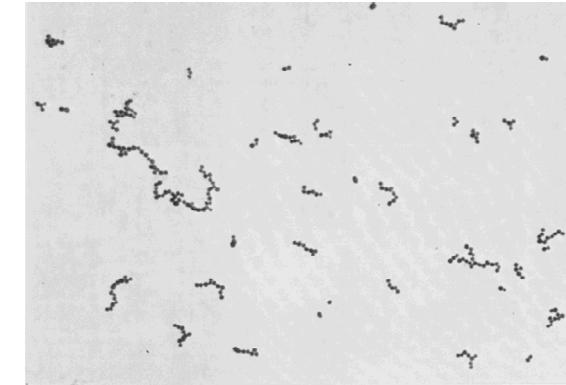
Several routes to particle chains

Crosslinking divalent NPs



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Diffusion-limited aggregation



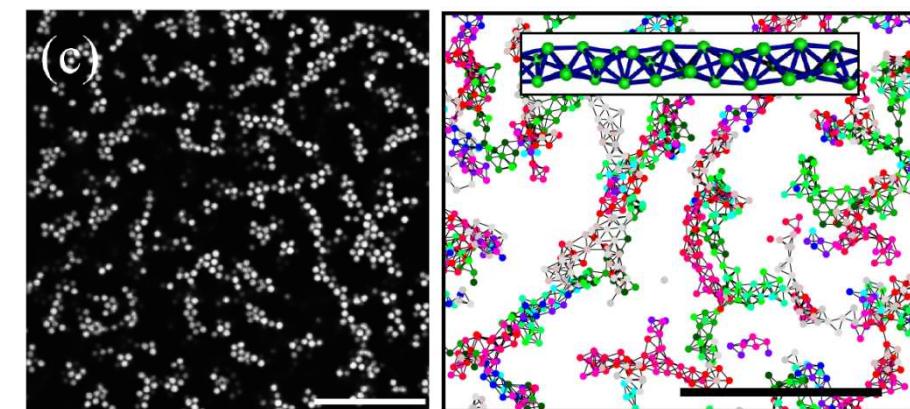
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Dipolar interactions



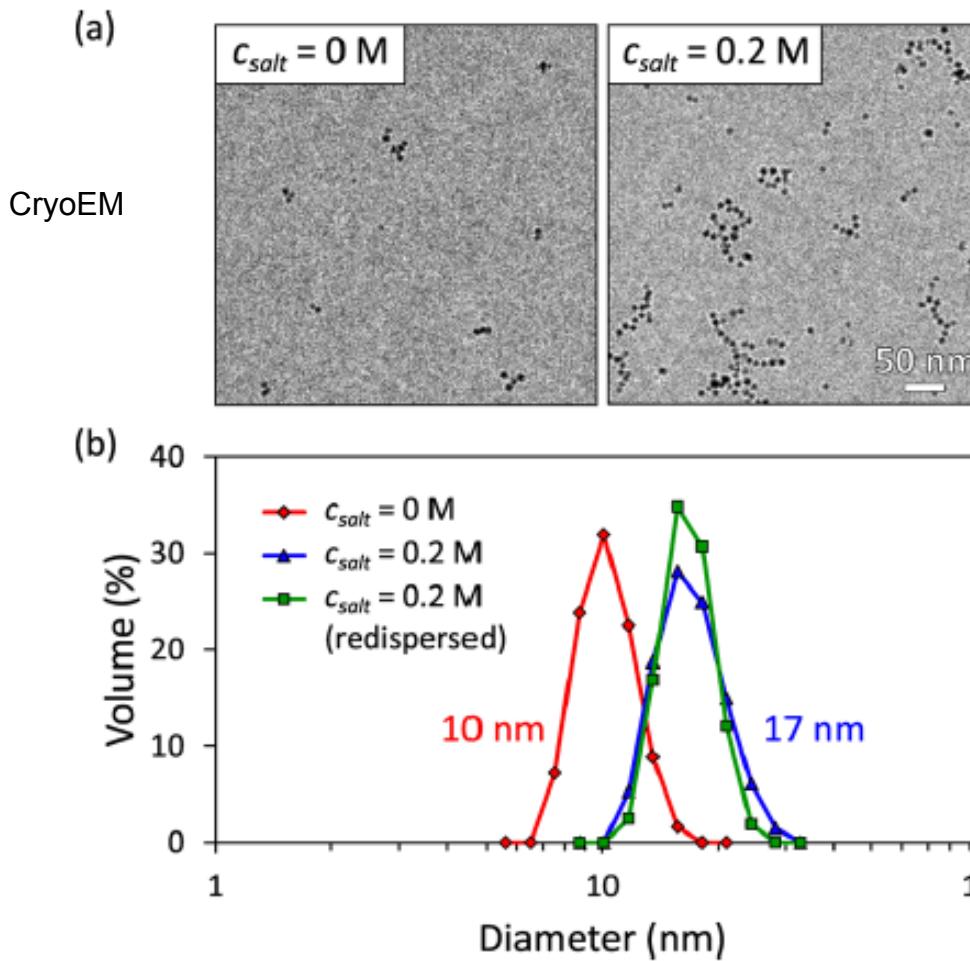
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Short-ranged attraction, long-ranged repulsion



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Chains form only in salty conditions



Short-ranged interactions

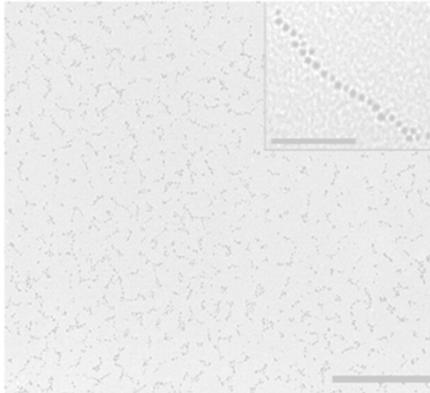
$$\kappa^{-1} = \sqrt{\frac{\epsilon \epsilon_0 k_B T}{2e^2 c_{salt}}} < 1 \text{ nm}$$

Equilibrium structures
(not kinetic aggregates)



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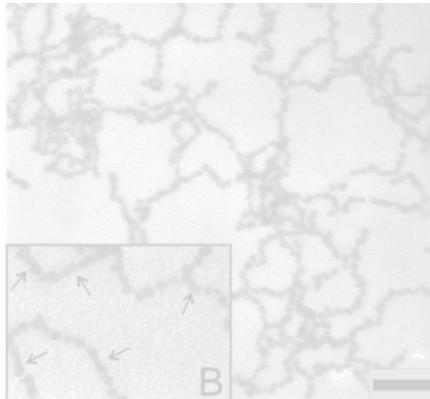
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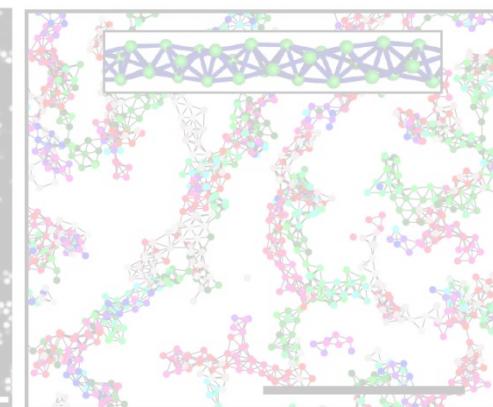
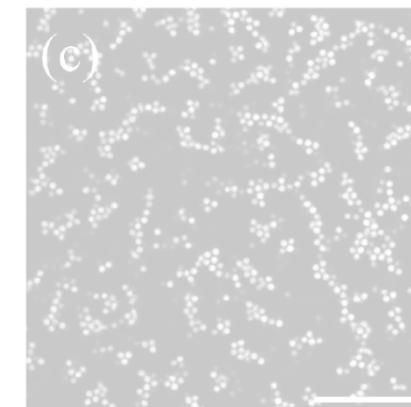
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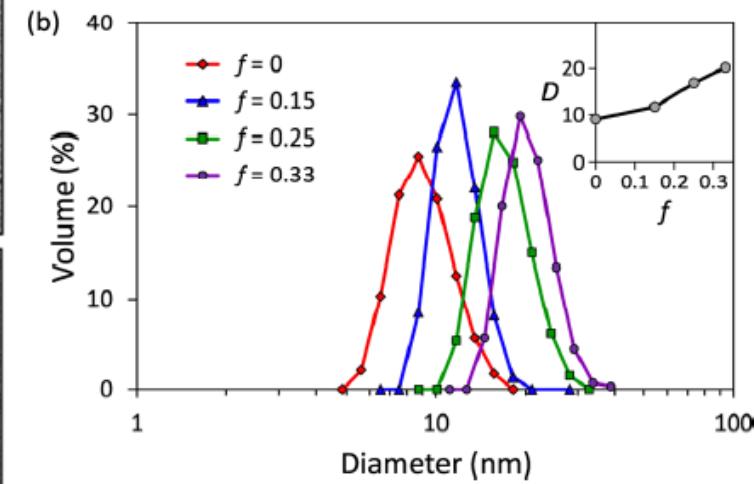
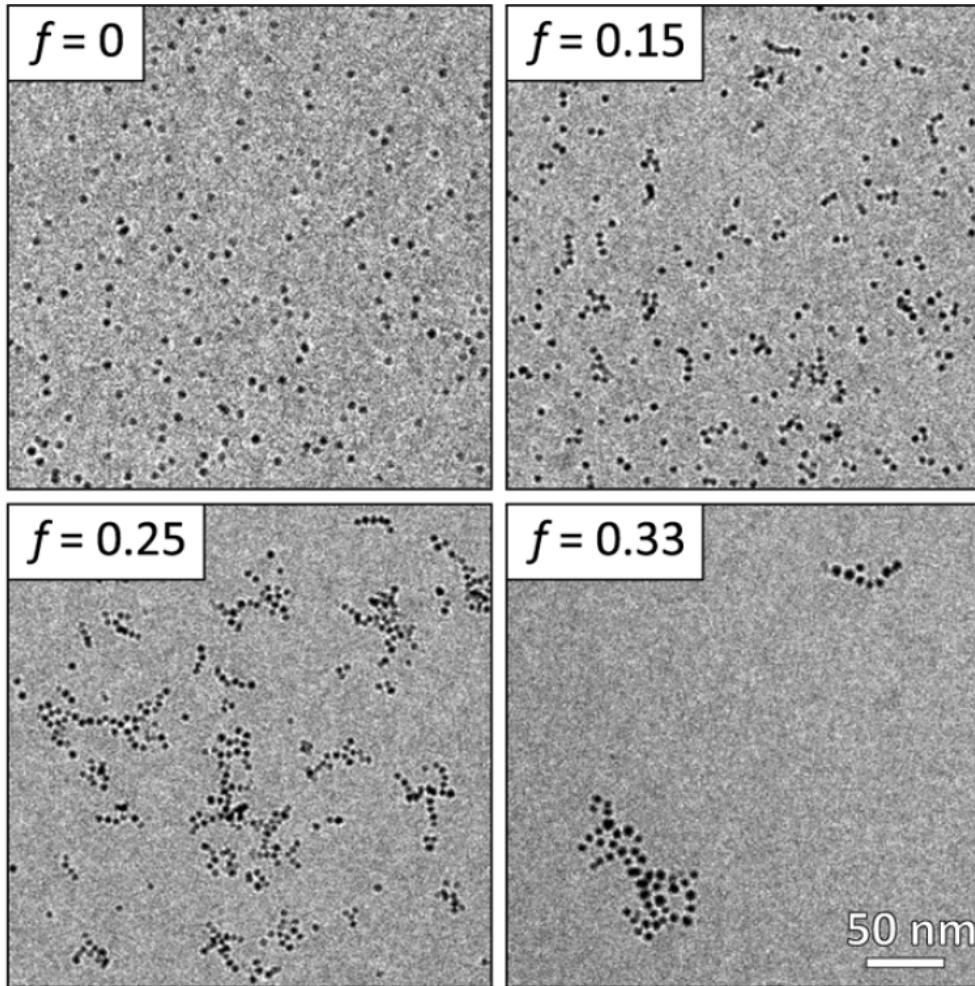
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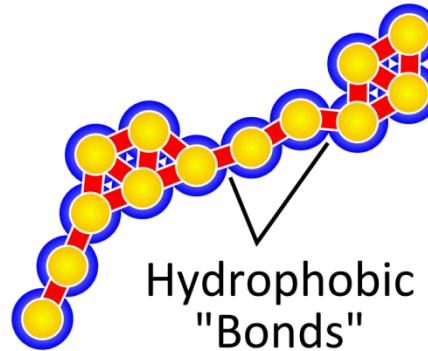


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Amount of hydrophobic ligand (f)



Adaptive hydrophobic bonding model



- Short-ranged interactions (electrostatic and hydrophobic)
- Dynamic rearrangement of ligands

$$E_{hp} = \varepsilon_{hp} \sum_{i=1}^{N_p} H_{ii}$$

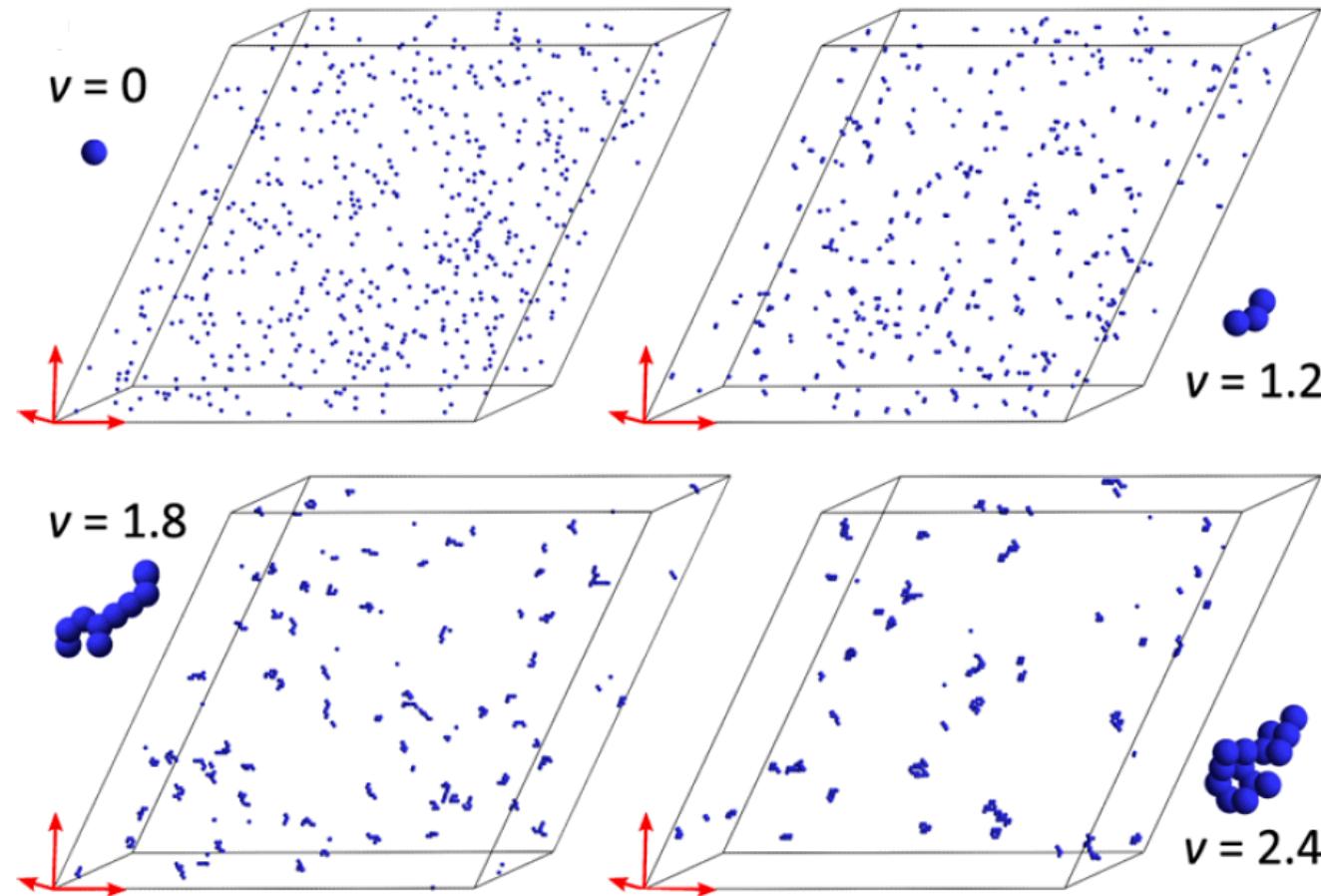
Minimize

ε_{hp} Energy due to contact between a hydrophobic ligand and water

N_p Total number of particles

H_{ii} Number of “nonbonding” hydrophobic ligands

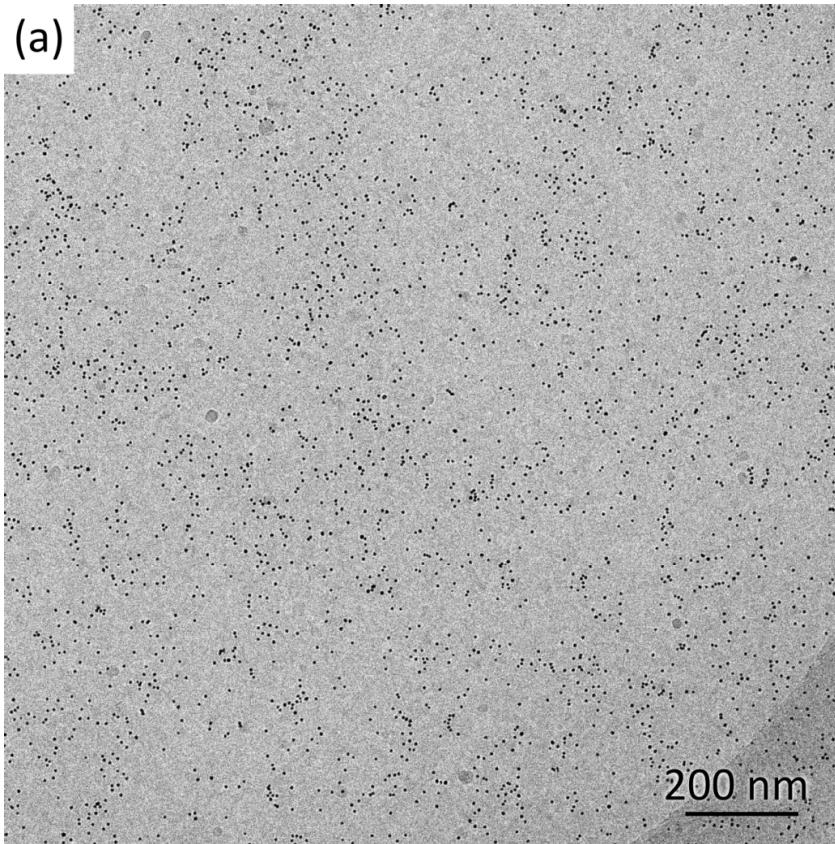
3D Monte Carlo simulation



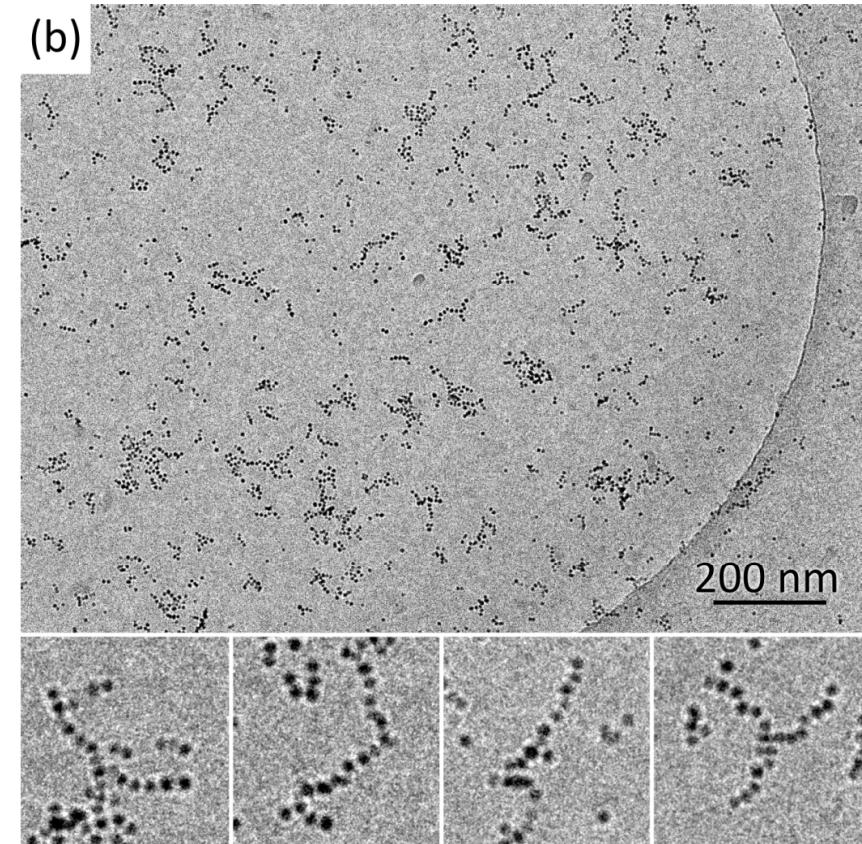
v corresponds to f (hydrophobic coverage)

Time scale of ligand reorganization

~ 1 min



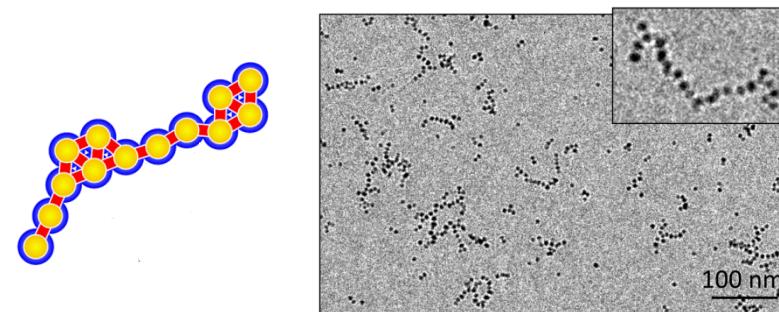
~24 h



CryoEM, $C_{salt} = 0.2$ M, $f = 0.25$

Conclusion

Part 1. Self-assembly of inorganic nanoparticles in solution



- Formation of chain structure via short-ranged electrostatic/hydrophobic interaction
- Dynamic rearrangement of ligands
- 3D simulations capture experimental trends



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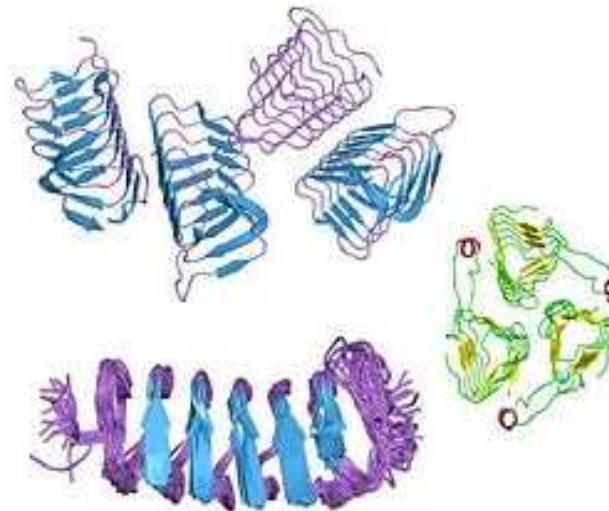
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- 2.2. Formation of nanoparticle-supported bilayers

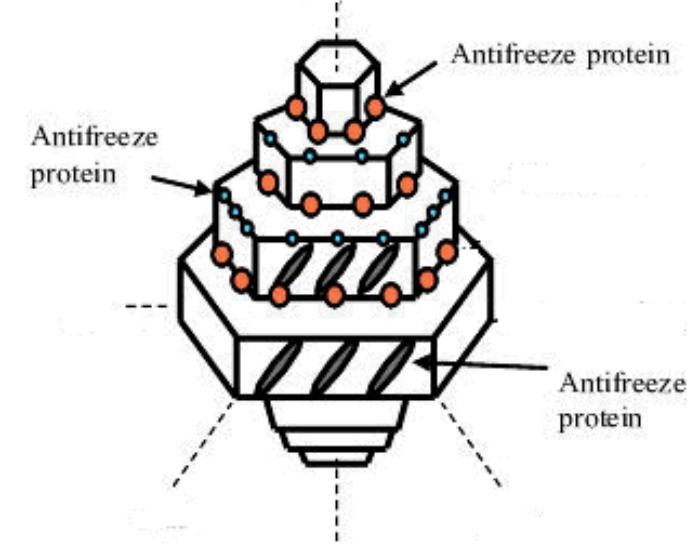
Part 3. Research plan



Antifreeze proteins as kinetic capping agents



Antifreeze protein



Ice crystal

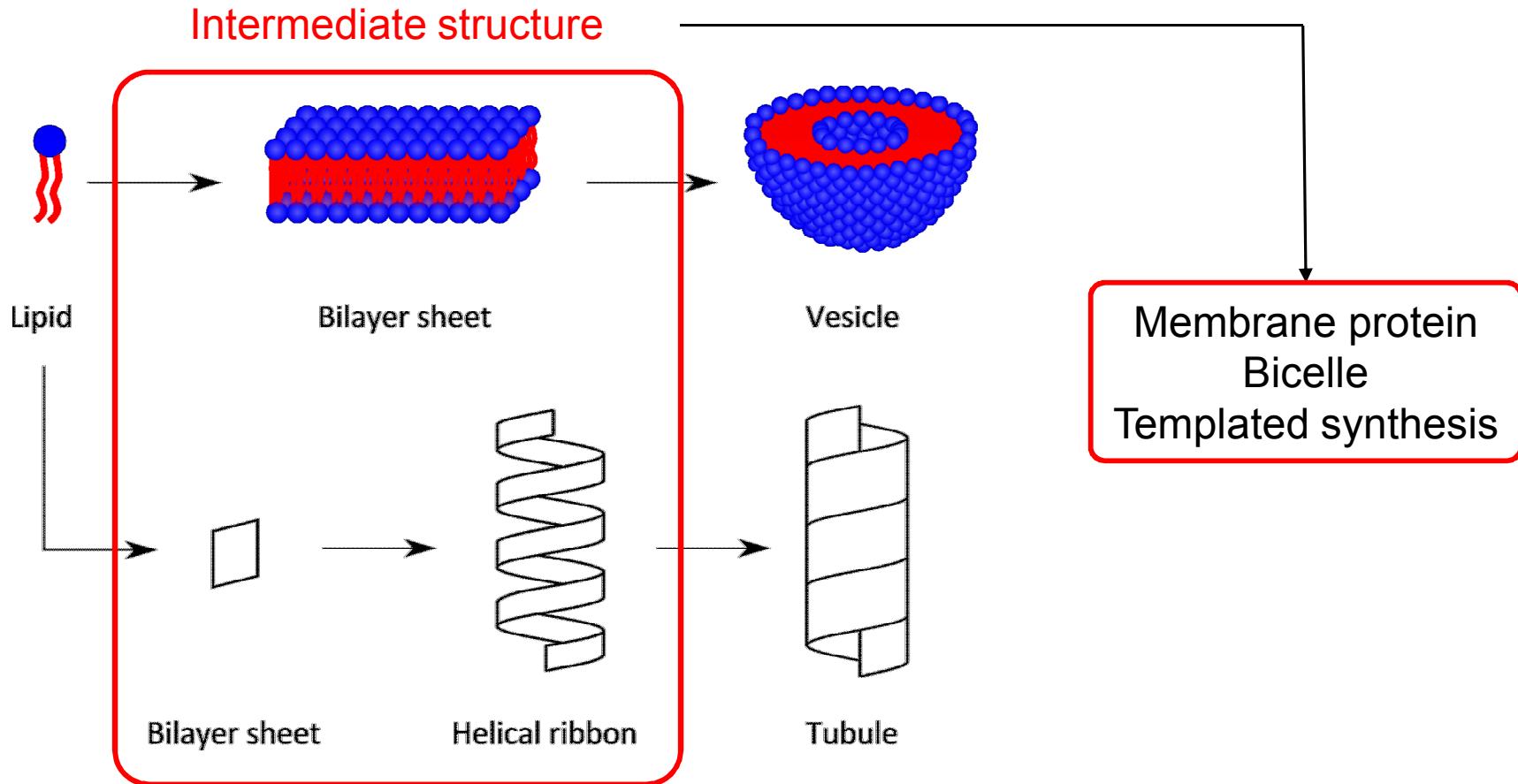


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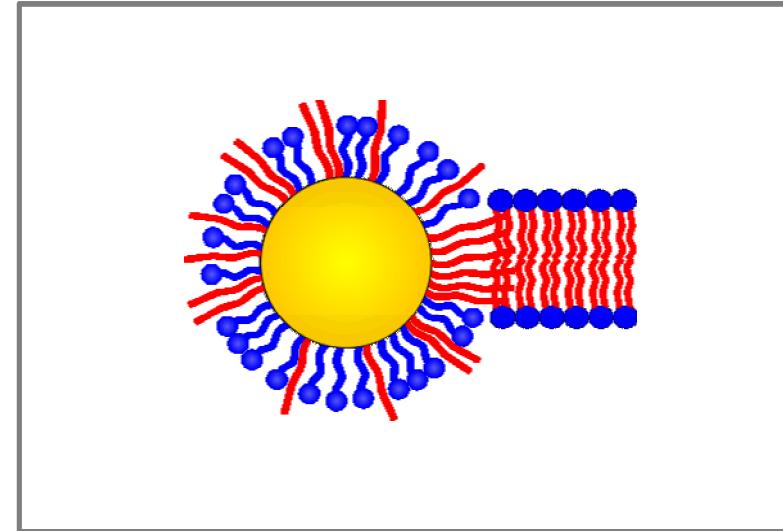
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Intermediate structures with open edges

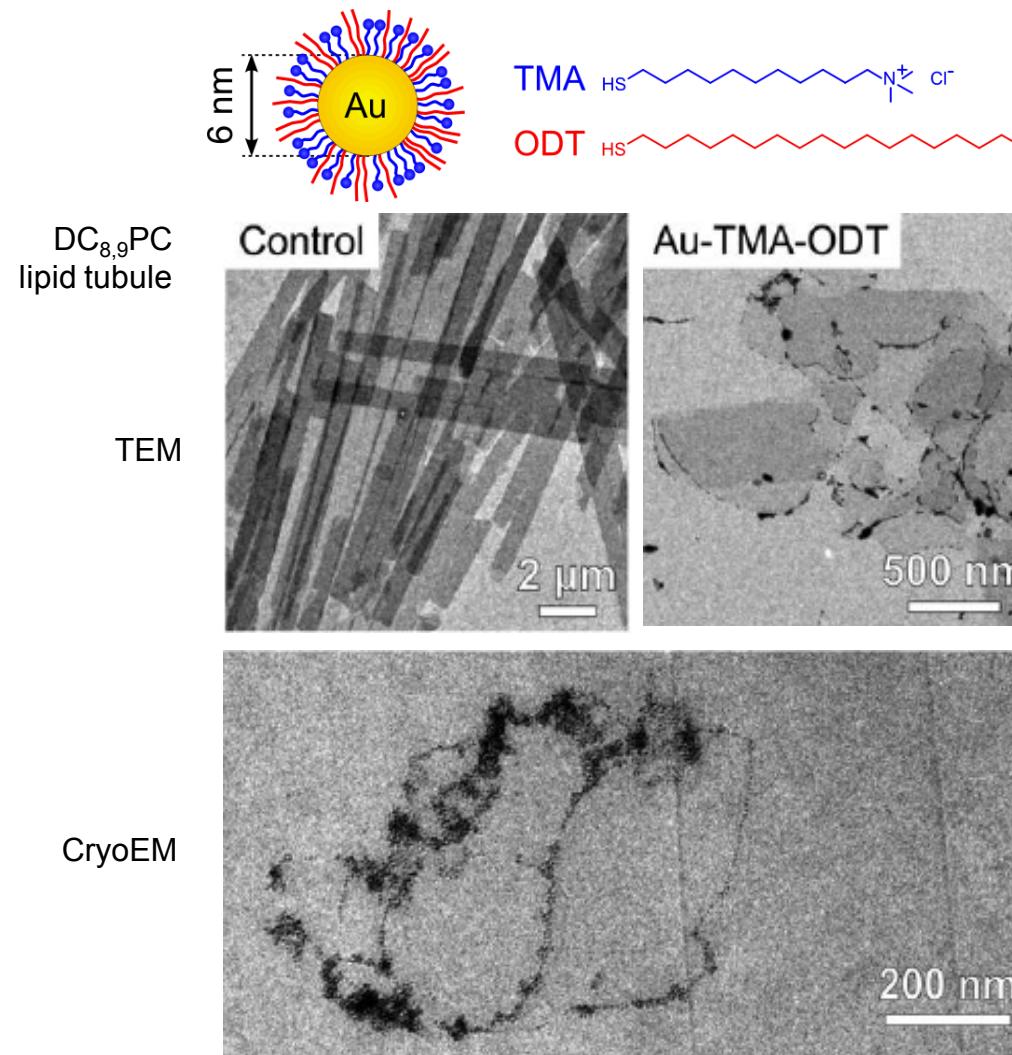


NP amphiphiles bind selectively to open edge of bilayers



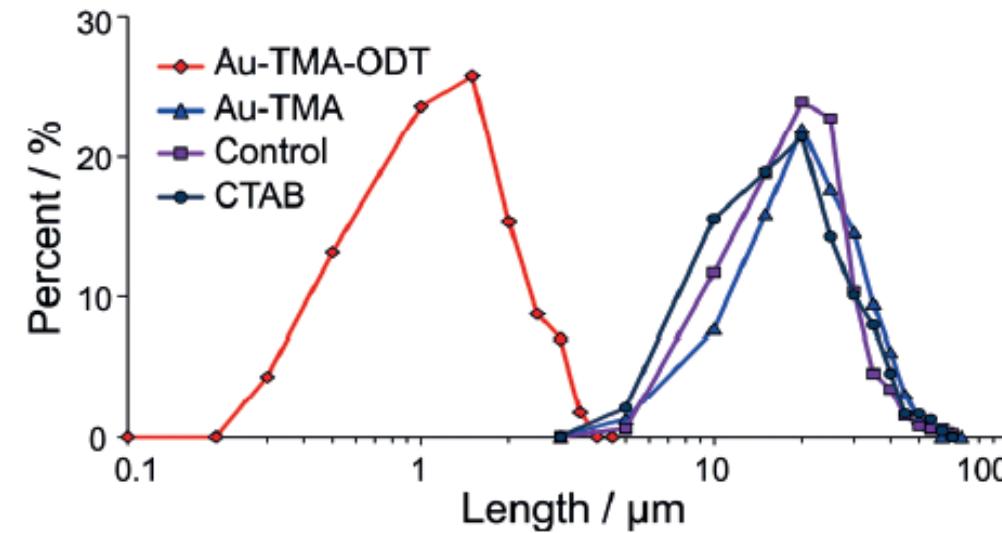
- 1) Controlling growth of lipid tubules
- 2) Inhibiting the formation of gallstone precursors

NP amphiphiles stabilizing transient assemblies

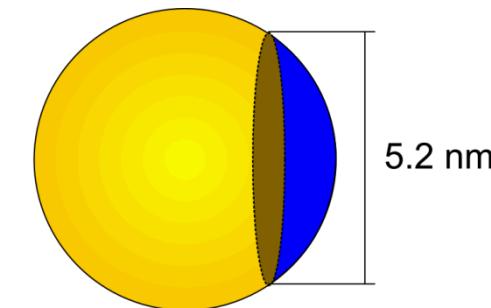


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Hydrophobic interaction

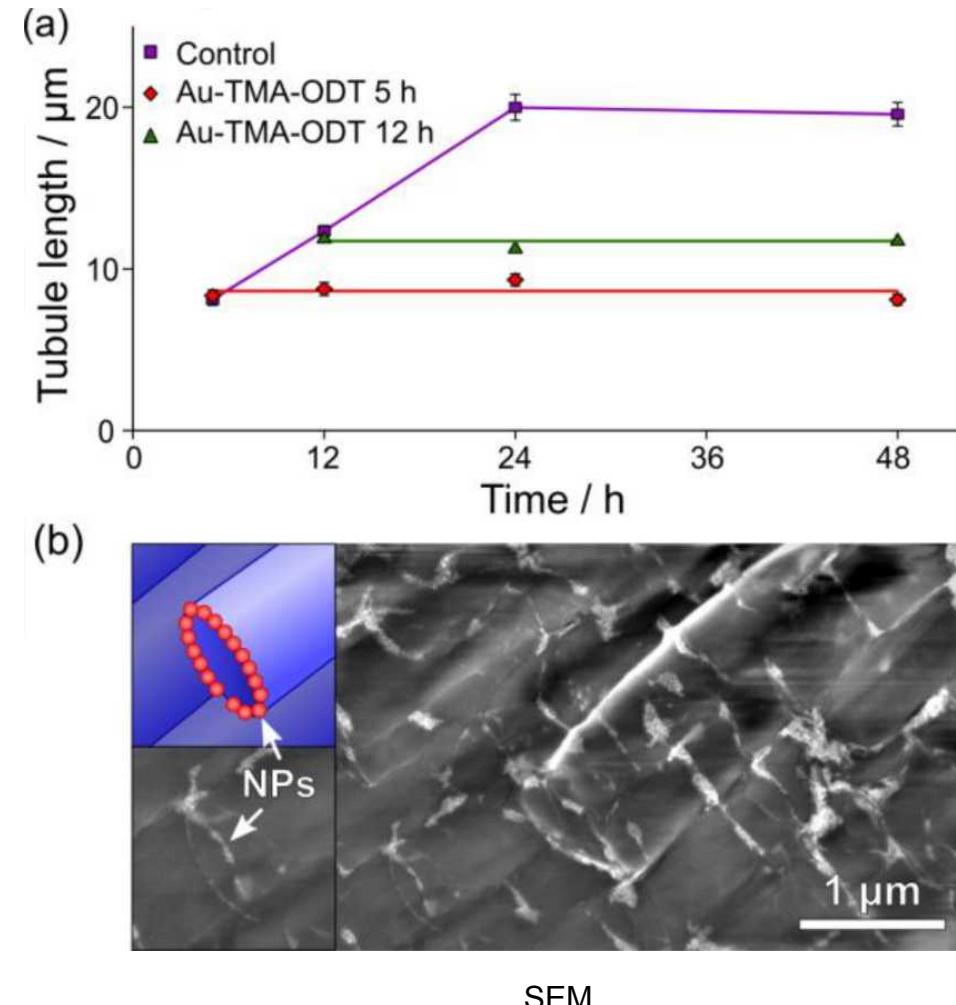


- Nanoscopic size of NP amphiphiles



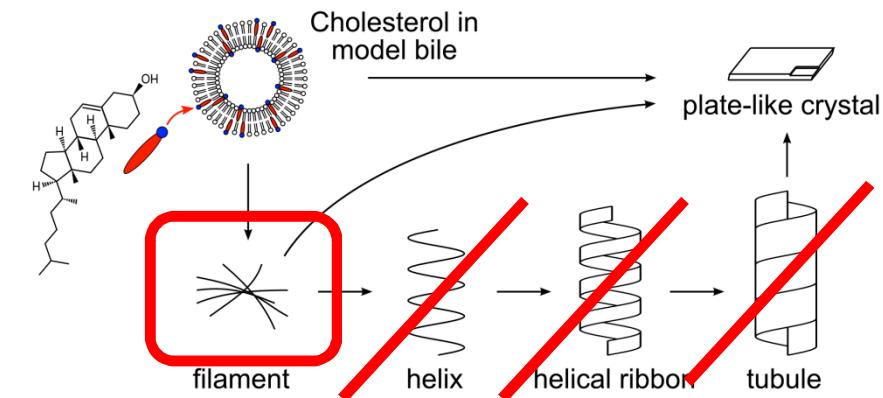
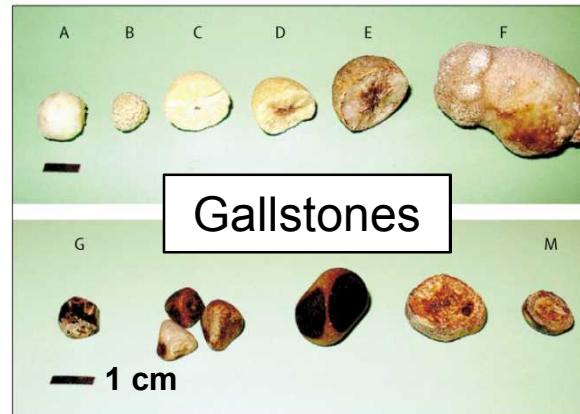
TMA : ODT = 77 : 23

Tubule of desired length

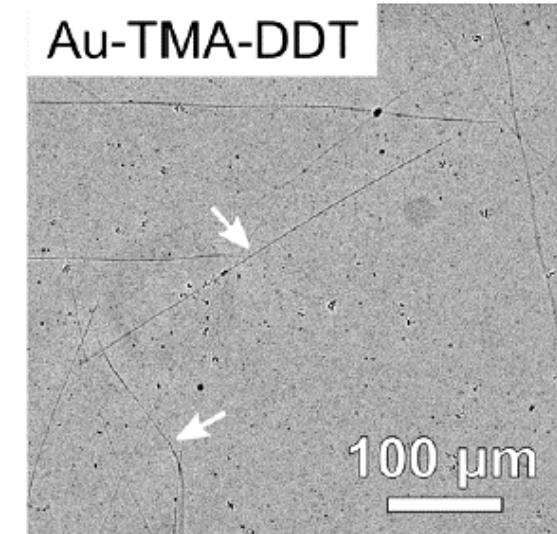
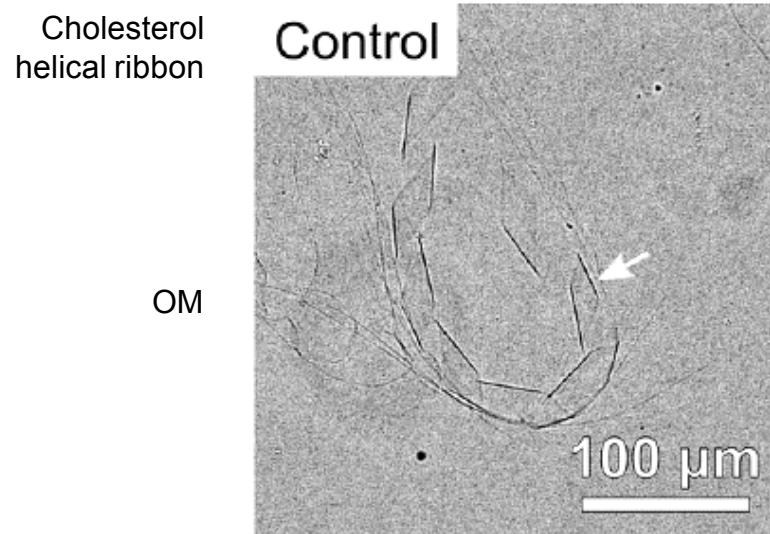




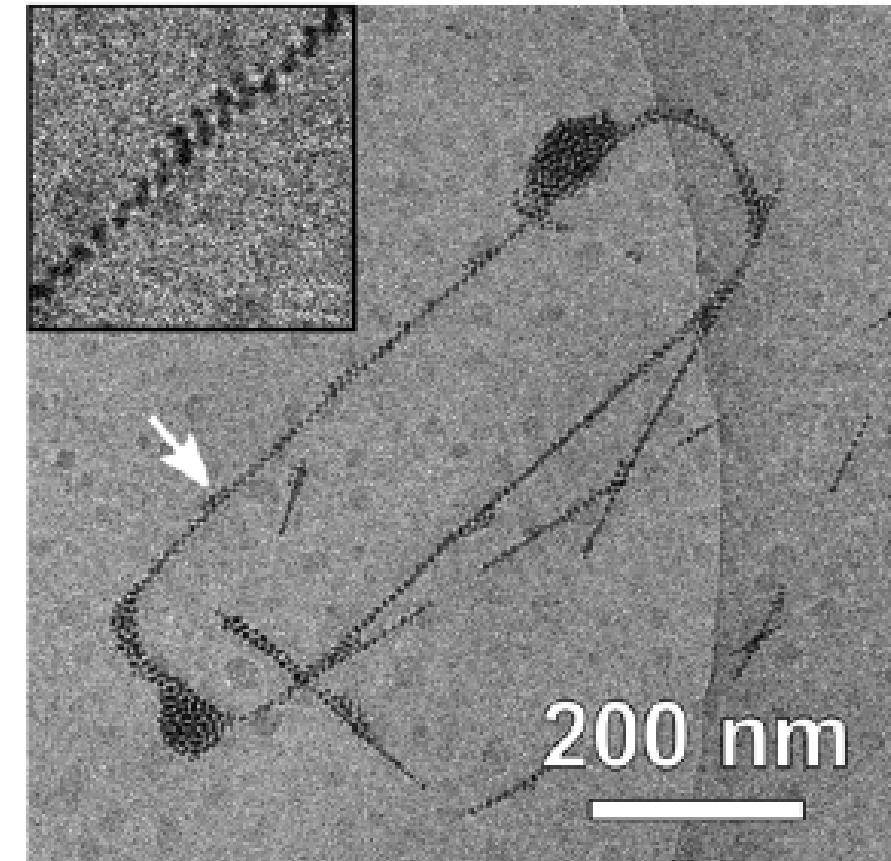
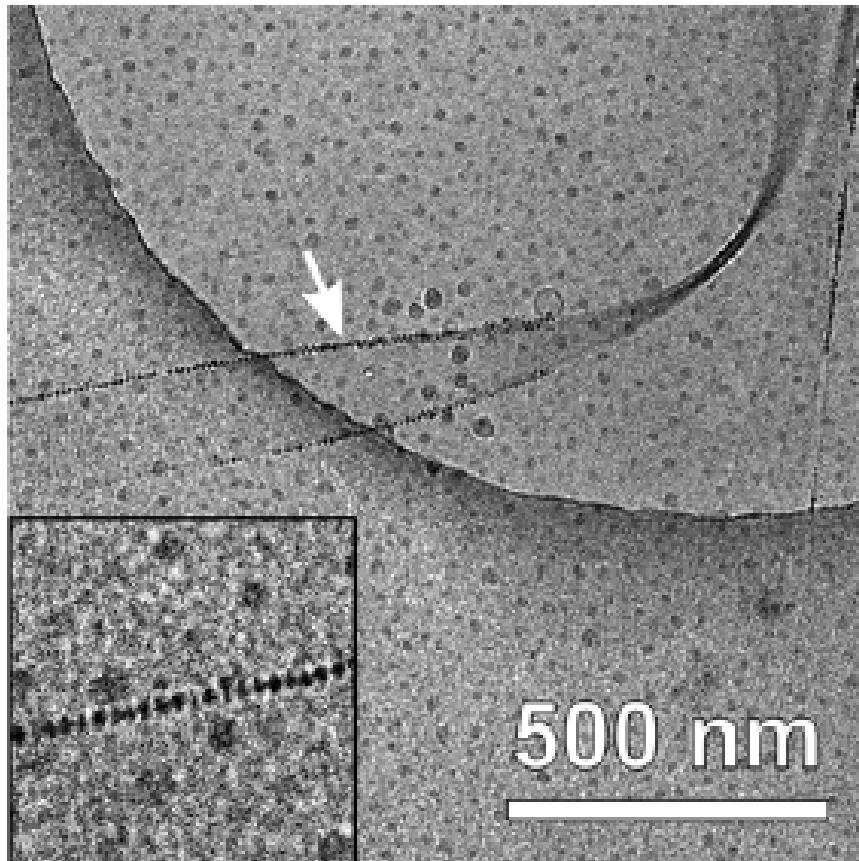
Inhibition of undesired assembly



Lancet 368, 230-239 (2012)



Selective binding of NPs to cholesterol filaments (1)

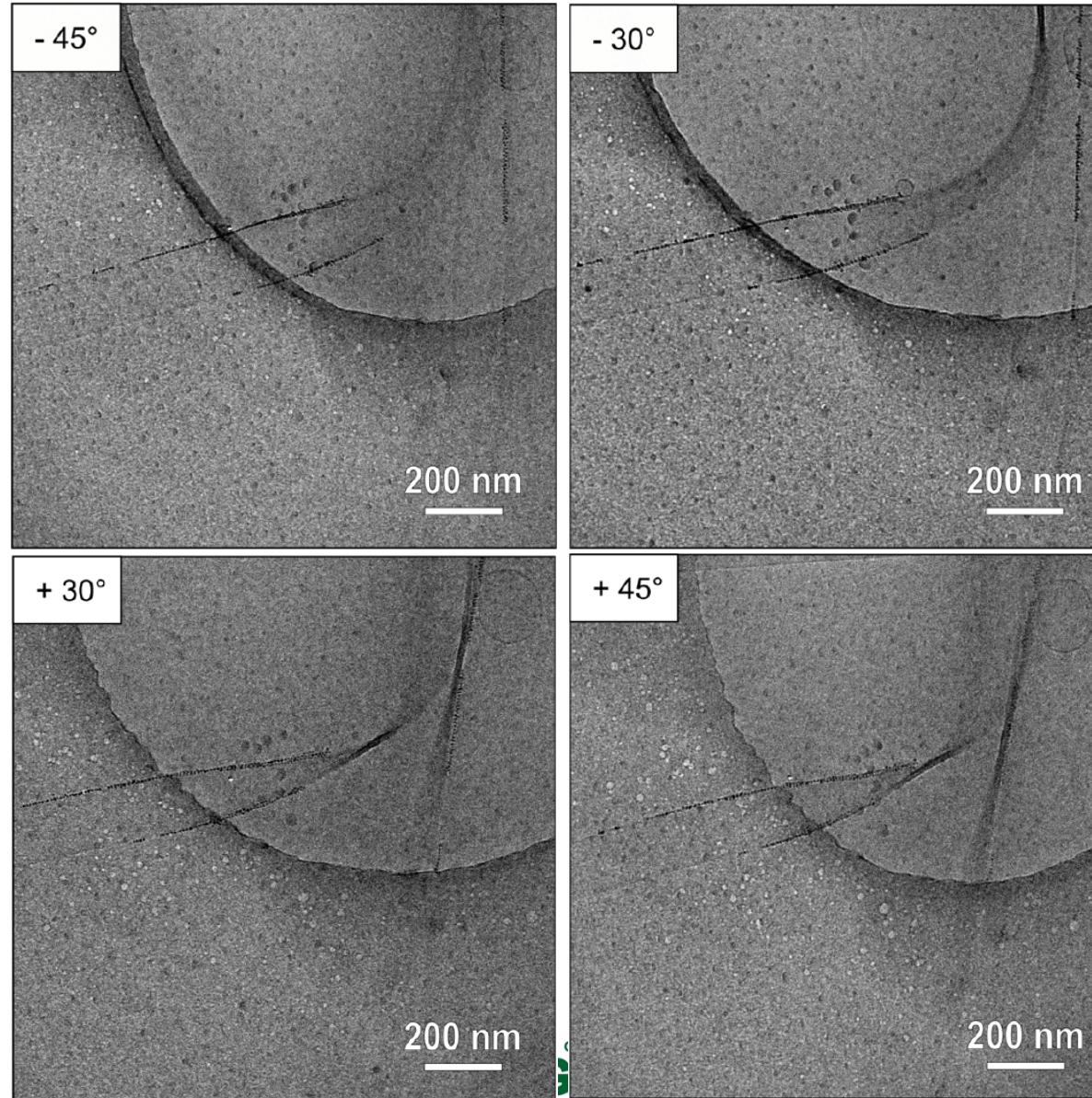


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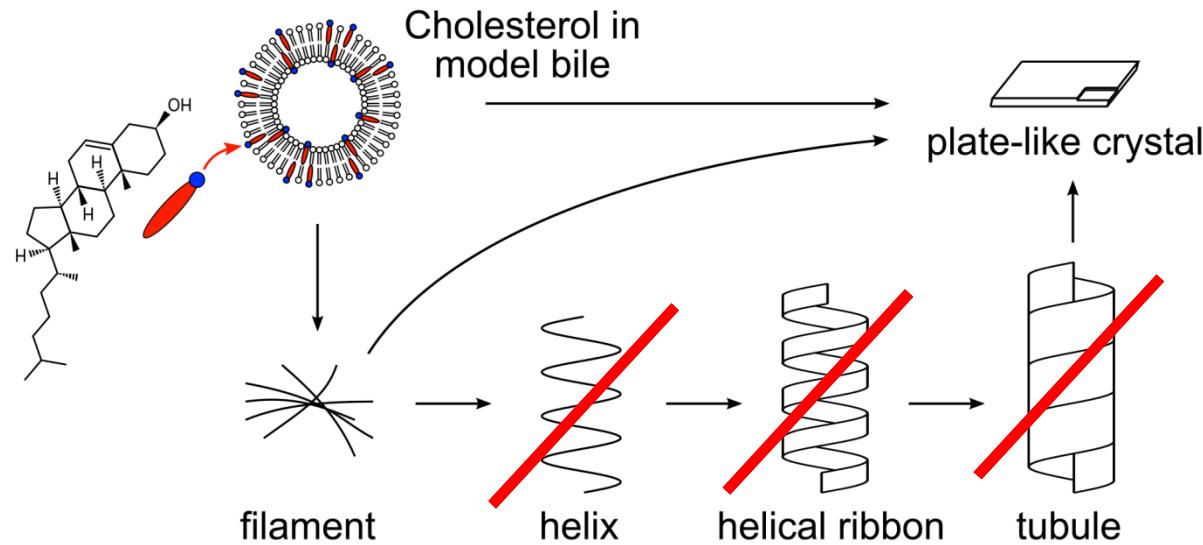
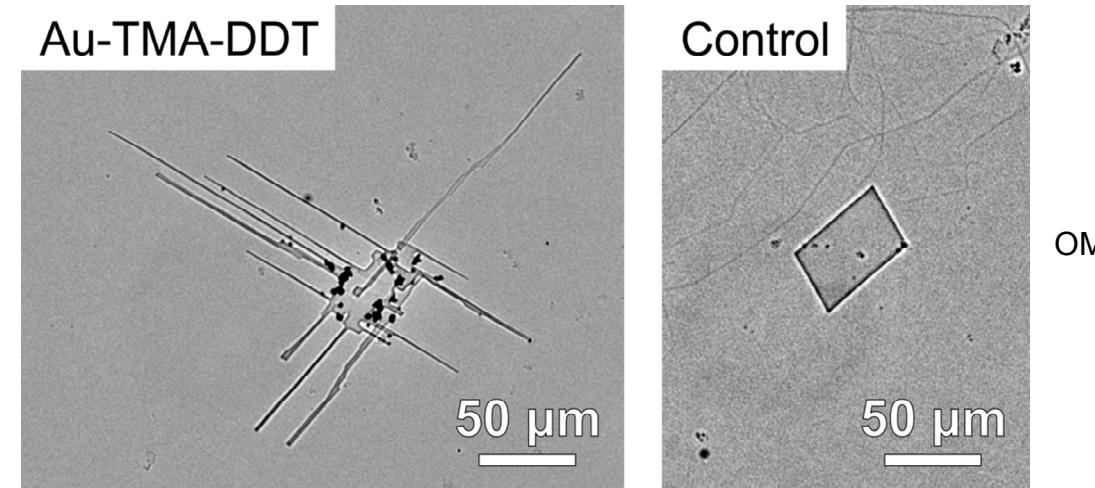


Selective binding of NPs to cholesterol filaments (2)

CryoEM with
tilt angle



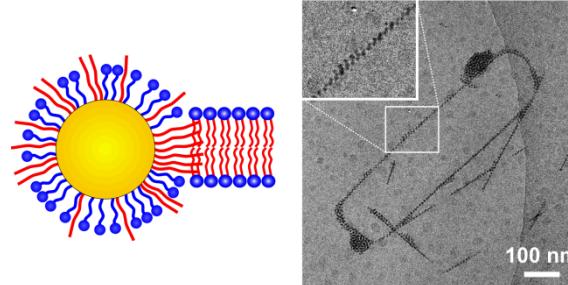
Incomplete inhibition of crystallization



Conclusion

Part 2. Interaction between inorganic-organic materials

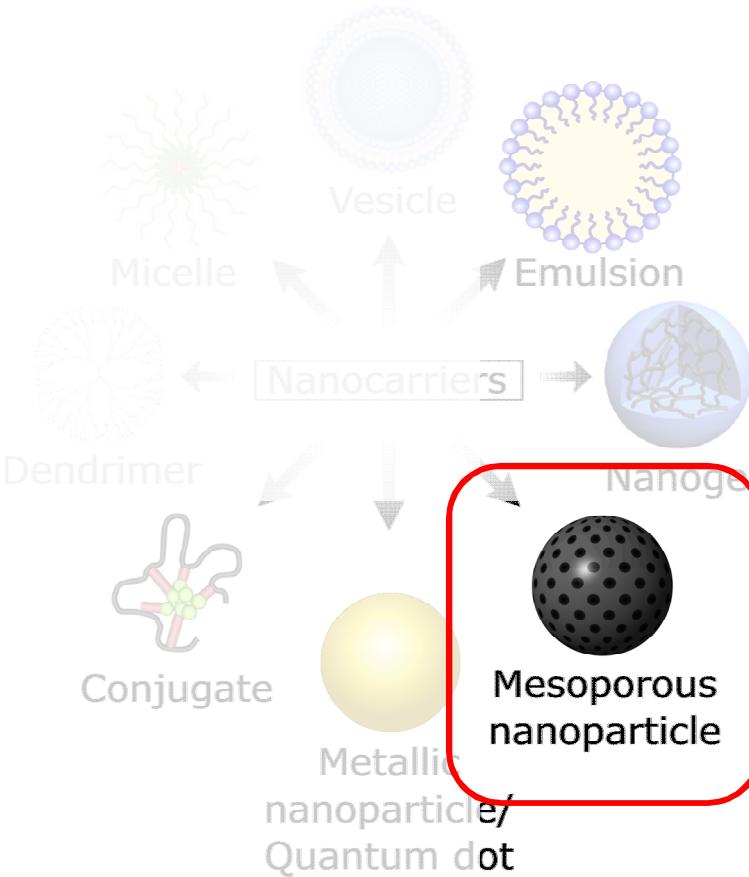
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- Stabilization of transient structures
- Inhibition of undesired assemblies

2.2. Formation of nanoparticle-supported bilayers

Smart delivery vehicles

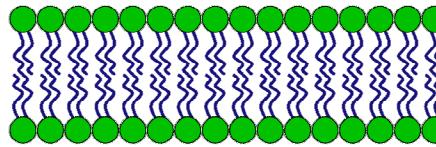


Mesoporous silica nanoparticle (MSNP)

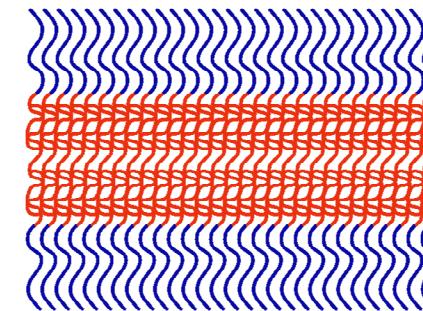
- High loading capacity
- Controllable size, shape, pore size, surface chemistry
- Biodegradable
- **Often require coatings**
 - Cargo encapsulation
 - Colloidal stability
 - Blood circulation time
 - Potential toxicity of unmodified silica

Hybrid bilayers

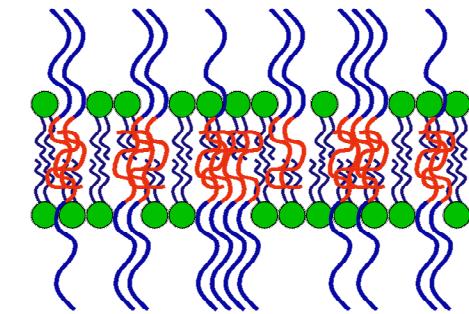
Lipid



Polymer



Hybrid bilayer



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Fluidity
Biocompatibility

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Stability
Versatility

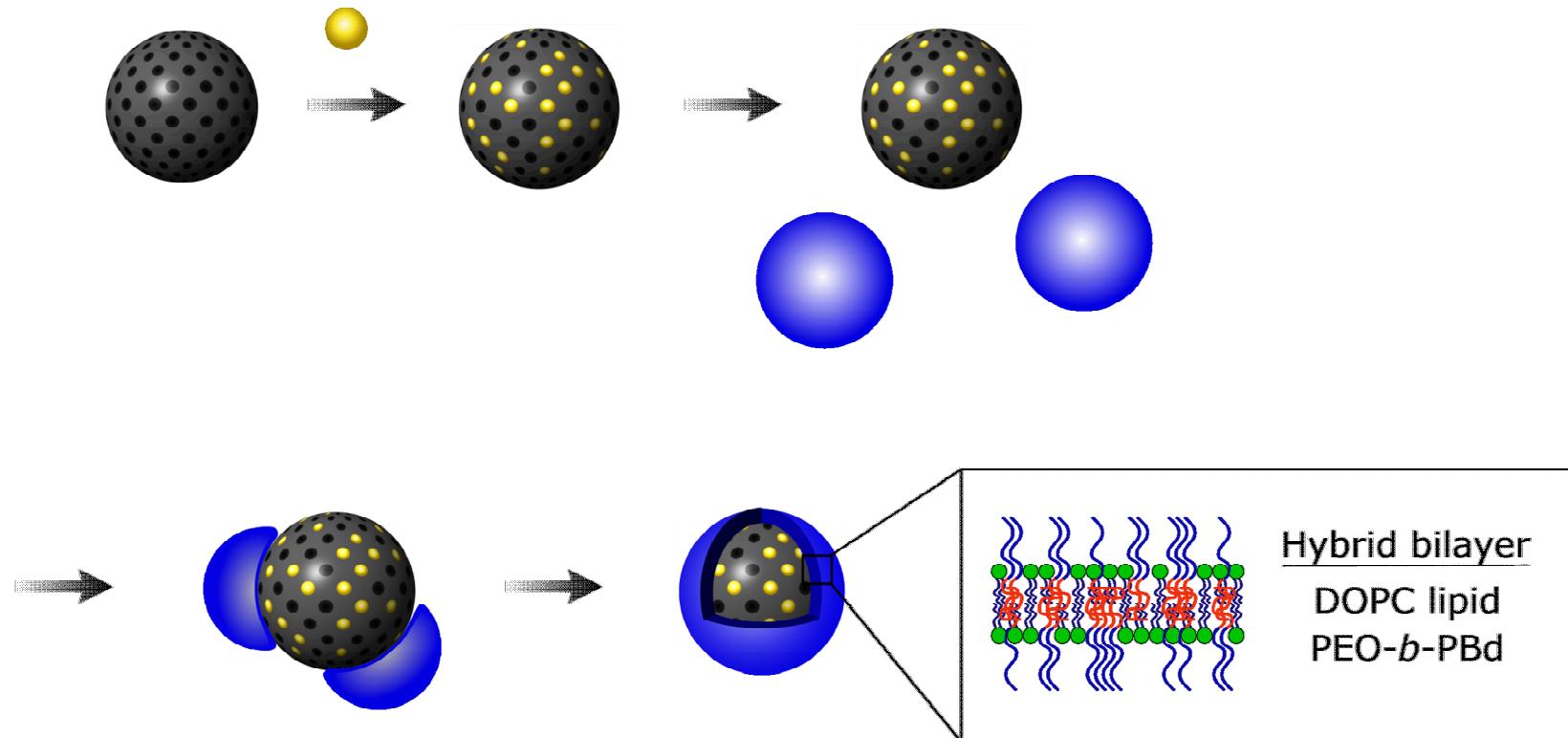
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Stability

Synergistic
membrane
properties

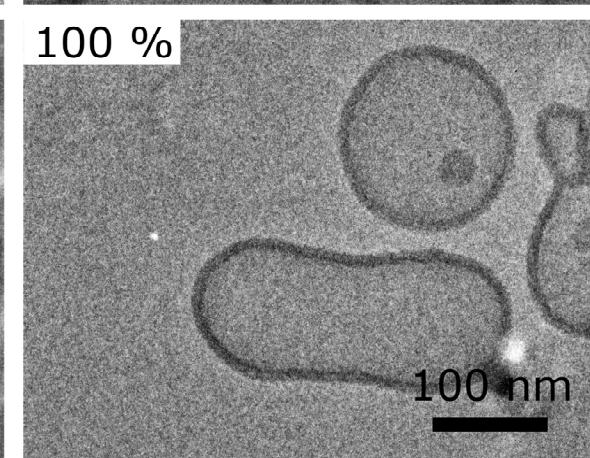
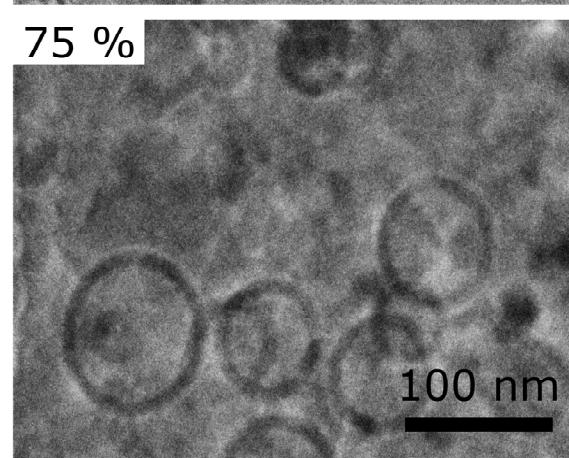
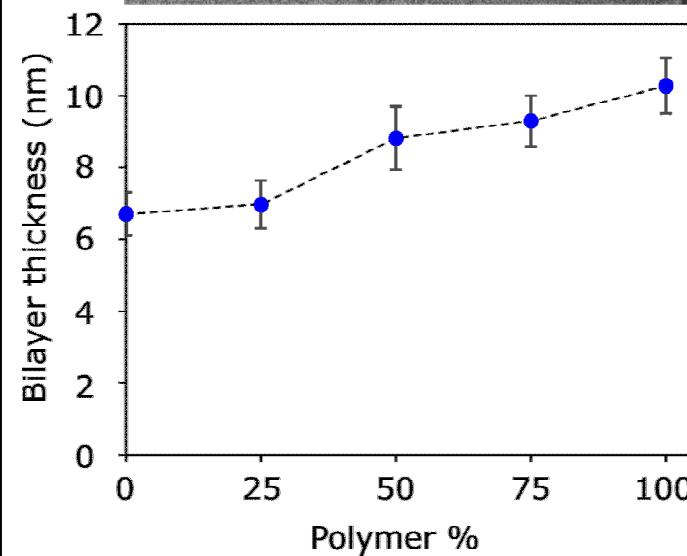
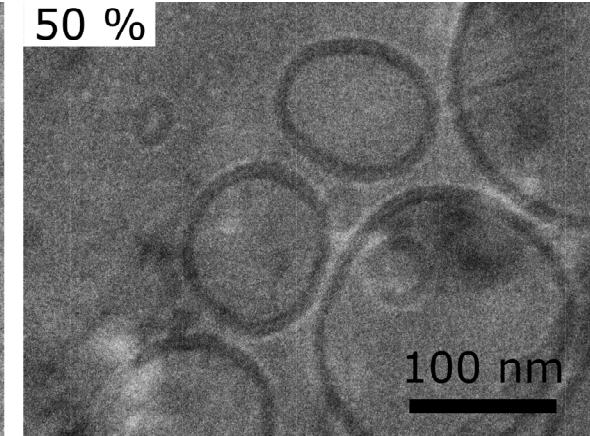
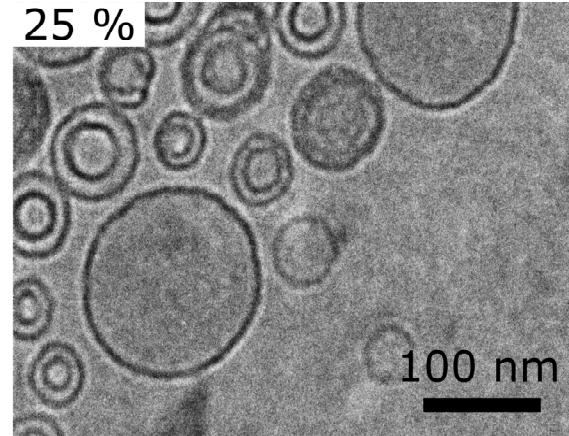
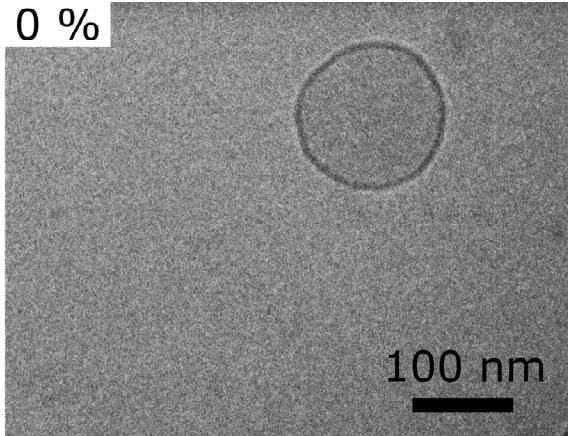
MSNP based delivery vehicles

Formation of supported hybrid bilayer on MSNP by fusion





Characterization of hybrid bilayers

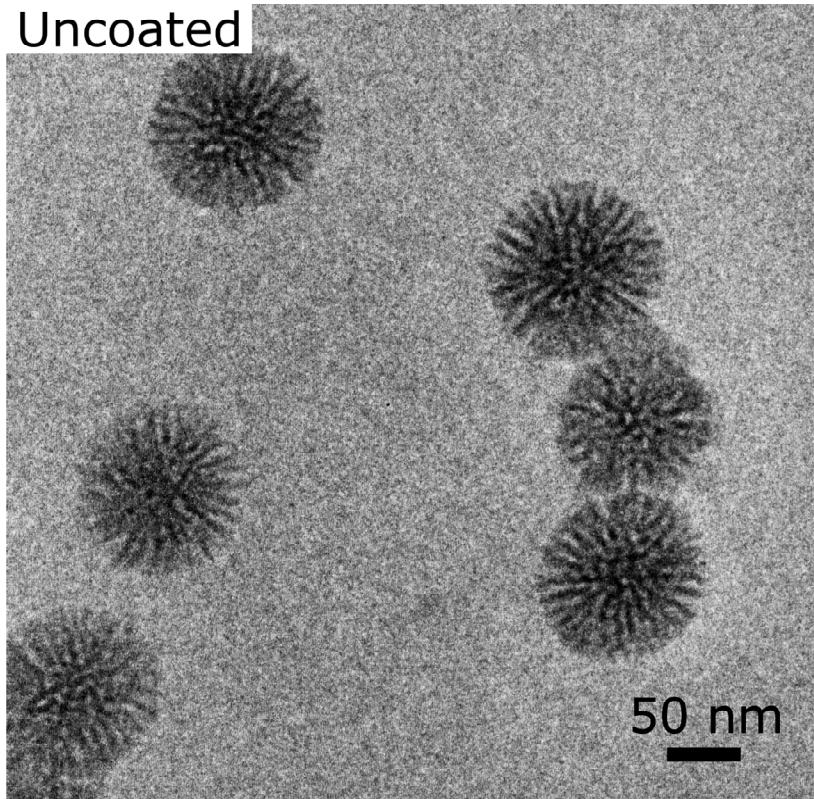


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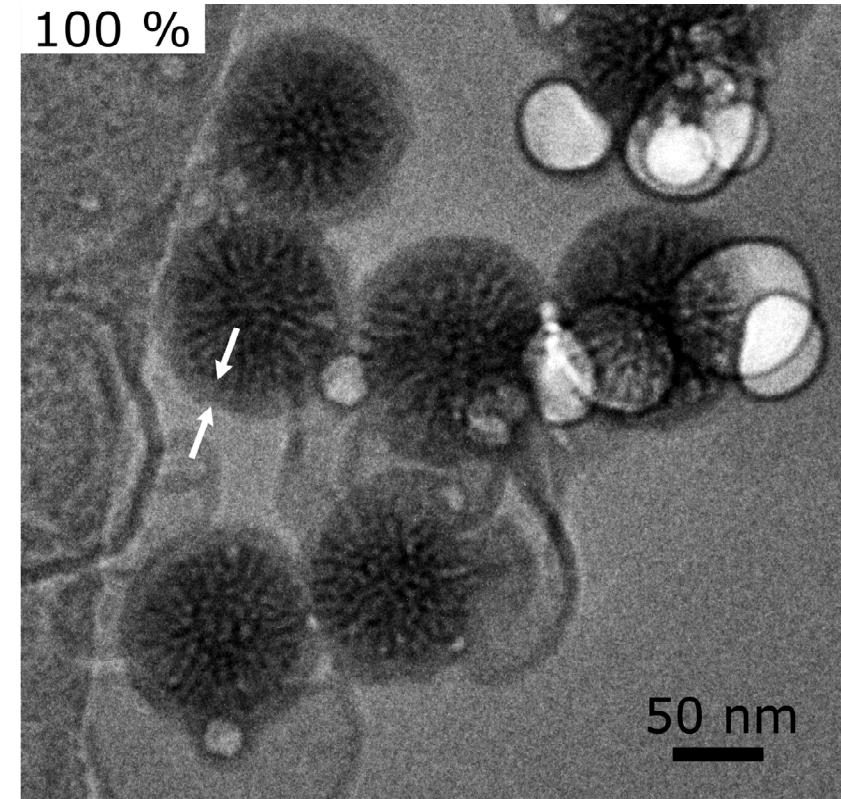


MSNP-supported hybrid bilayers

Uncoated



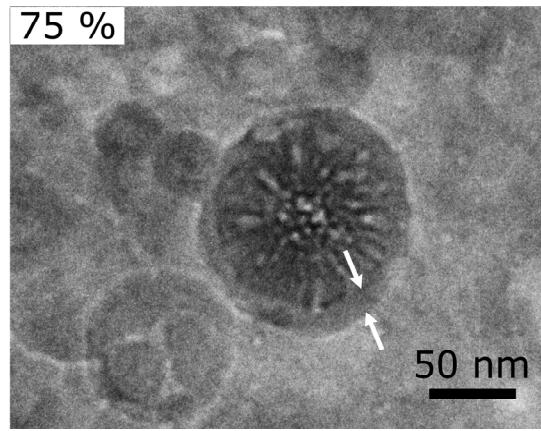
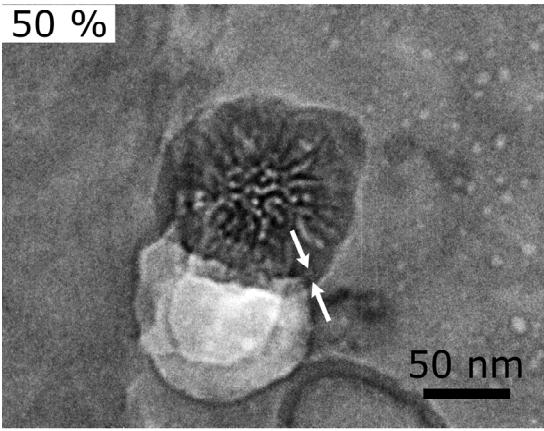
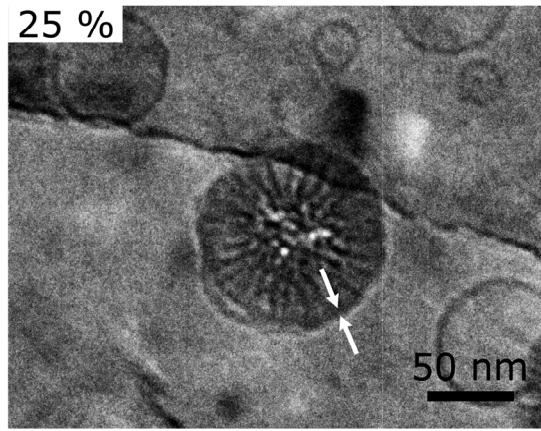
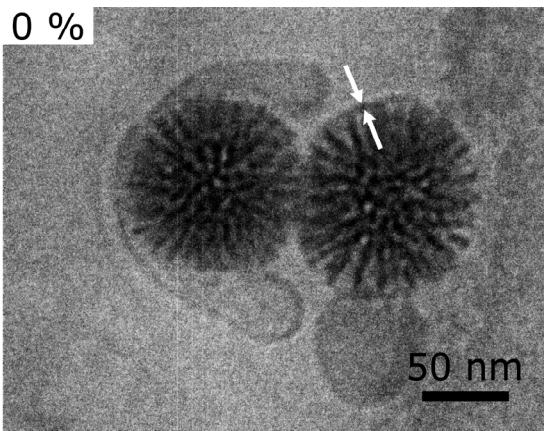
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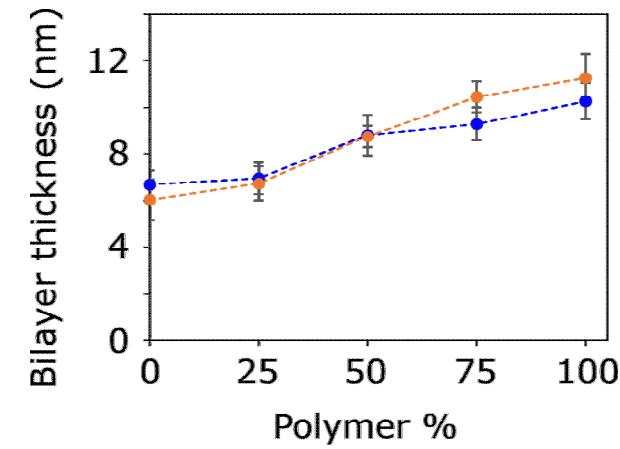
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MSNP-supported hybrid bilayers



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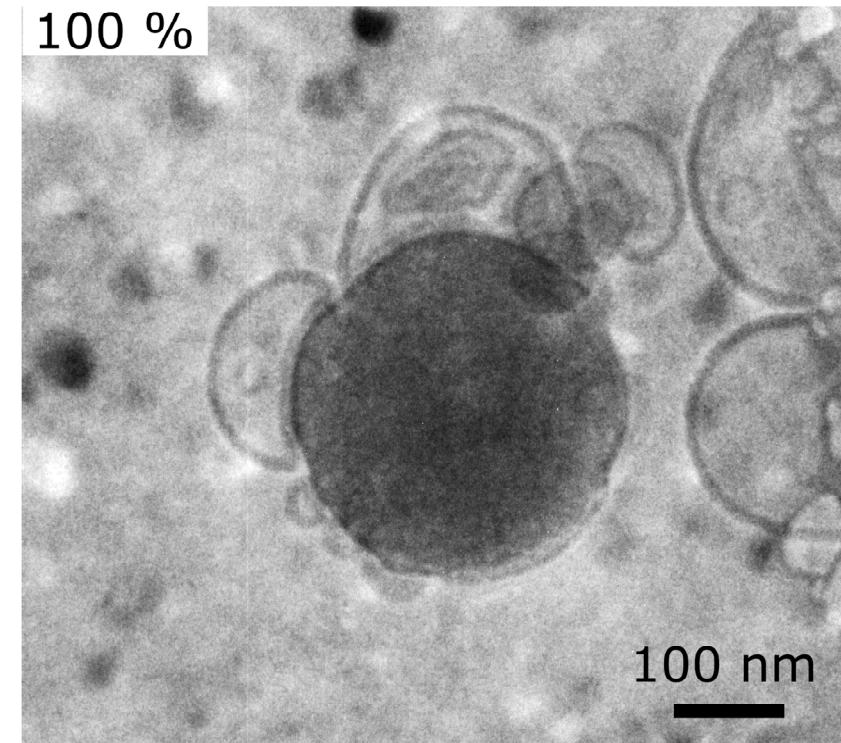
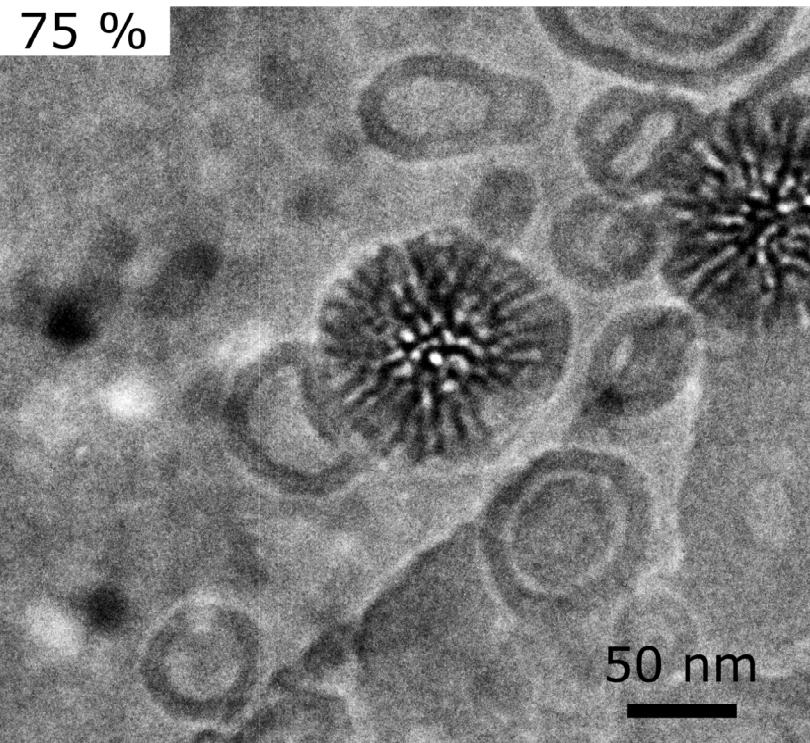


● Vesicle bilayer
● MSNP-supported bilayer



MSNP-supported hybrid bilayers

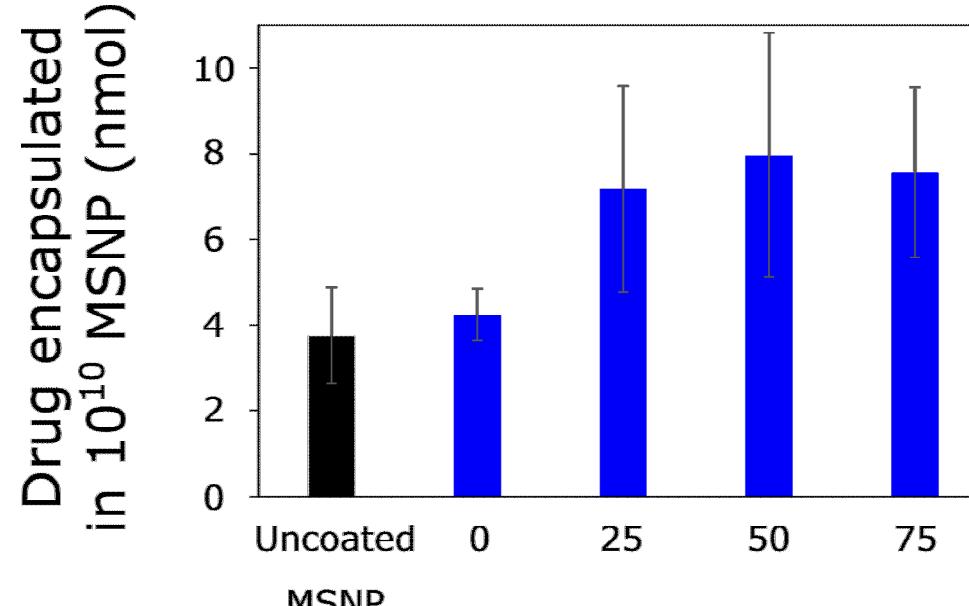
Adsorbed vesicles on MSNP due to robust membrane



CryoEM

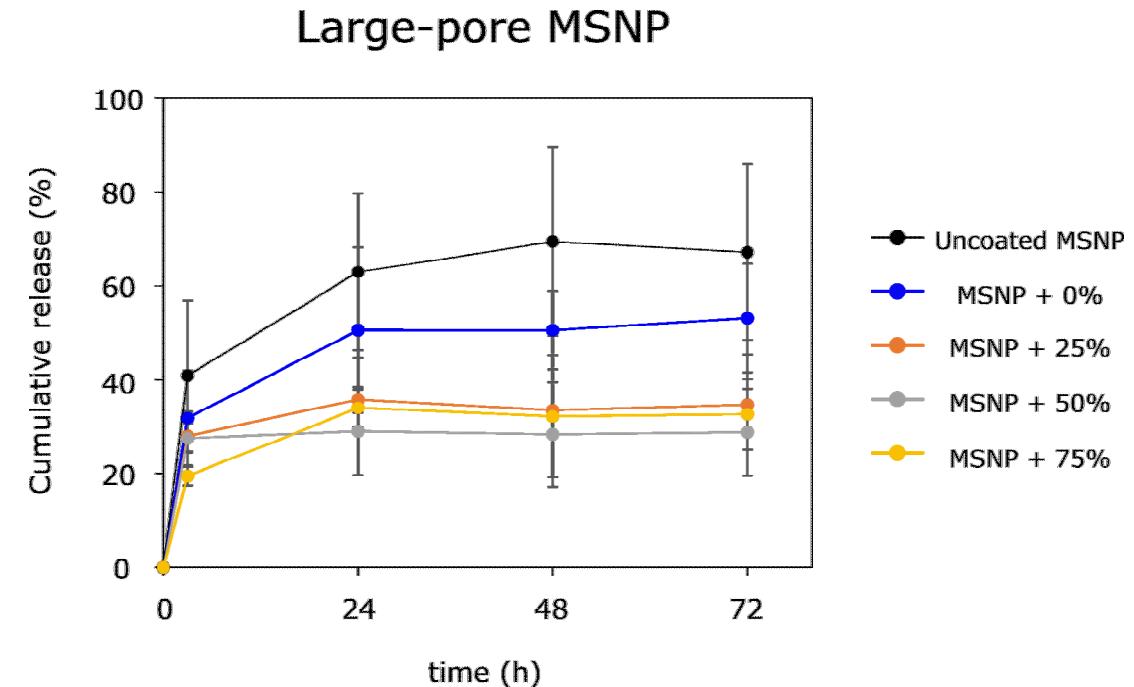
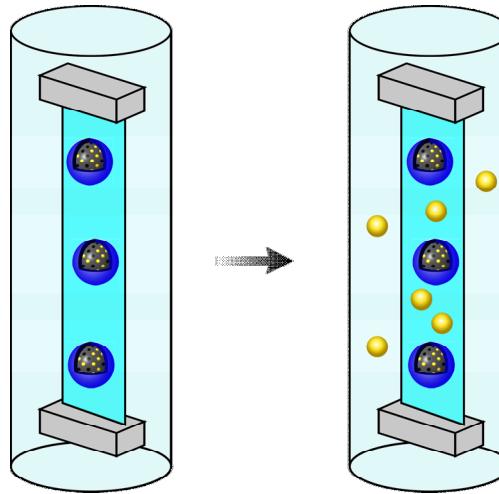
Encapsulation efficiency

MSNPs with hybrid bilayer coating (~7.5 nmol) encapsulate more drug than MSNPs with lipid bilayer coating (4.2 nmol) or uncoated MSNP (3.7 nmol)



Polymer % in hybrid bilayer

In vitro drug release

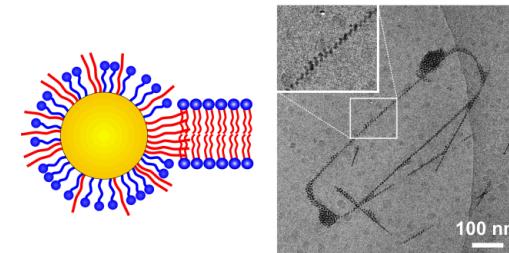


MSNPs with hybrid bilayer coating (32 %) release less drug less
MSNPs with lipid bilayer coating (53 %) or uncoated MSNP (67 %)

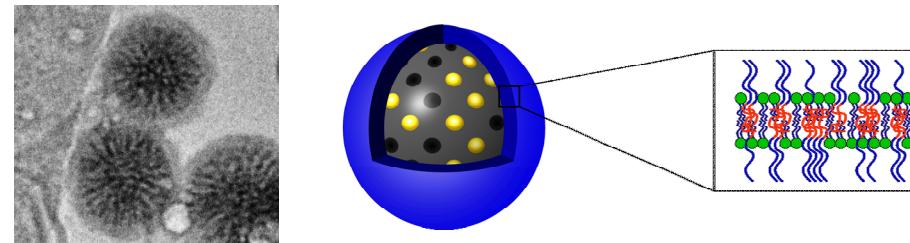
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- Supported hybrid bilayers by fusion
- Decreased permeability of hybrid bilayers



Part 1. Self-assembly of inorganic nanoparticles in solution

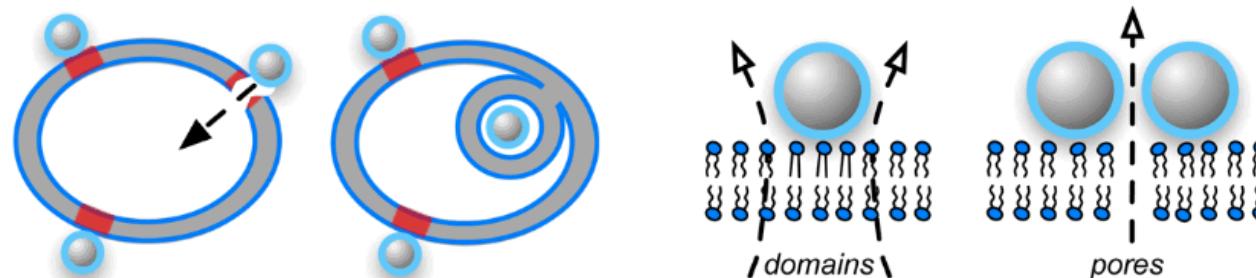
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Part 3. Research plan

- 3.1. 3D visualization in synthetic architectures
- 3.2. Time-resolved characterization of phase transition
- 3.3. *In situ* characterization at a wide range of temperature

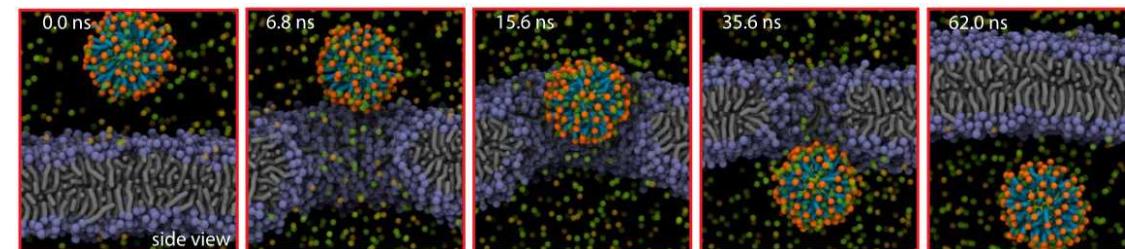
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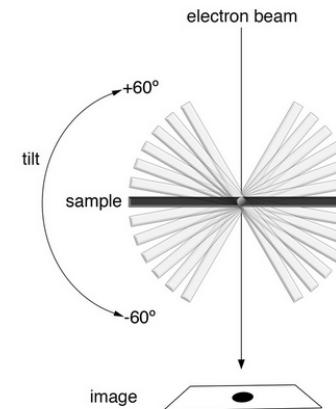
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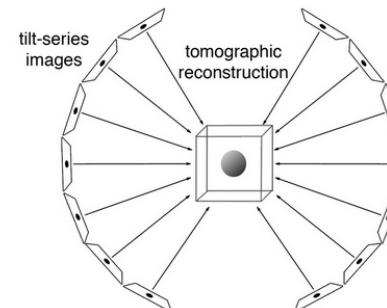
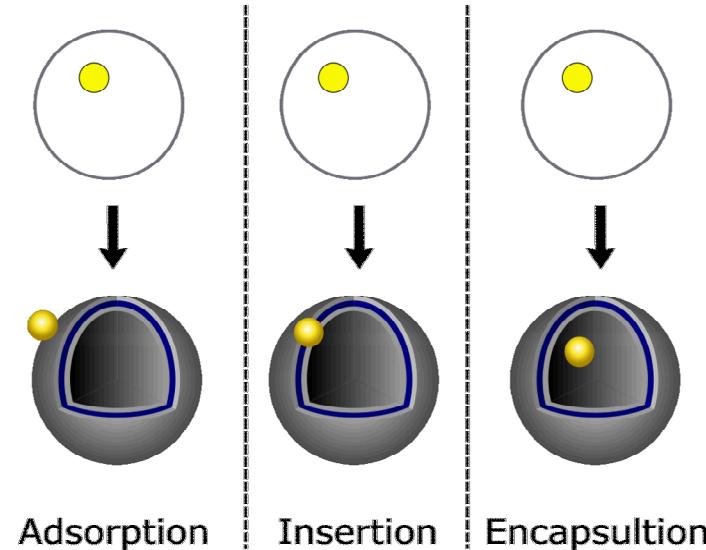
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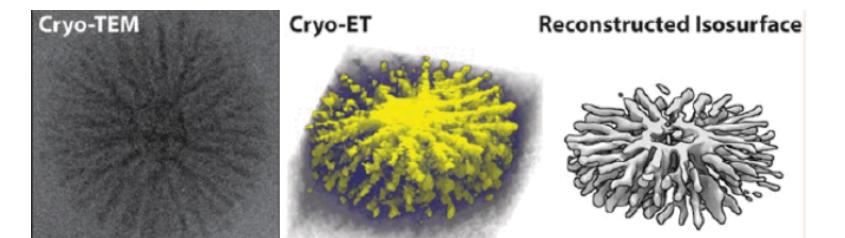
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Standard TEM
(2D)

CryoTEM with
tomography (3D)



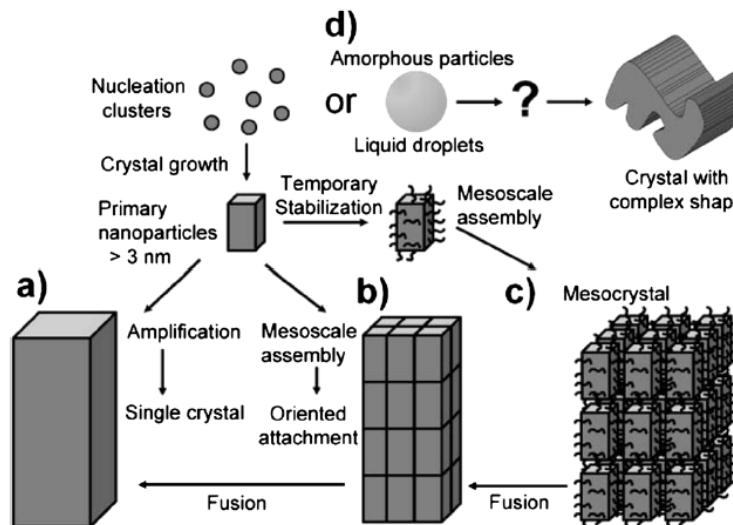
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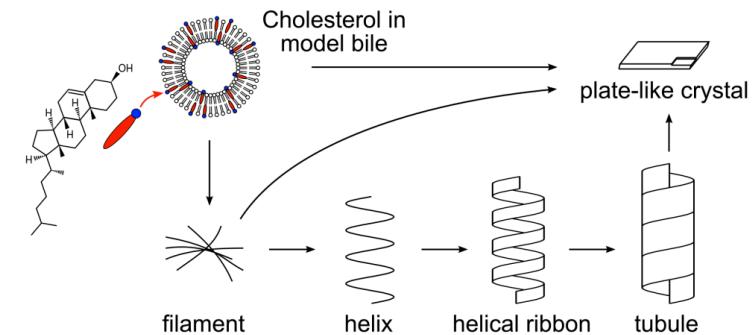
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2. Time-resolved characterization of dynamic phase transition

Metastable phases during nucleation and growth of crystals



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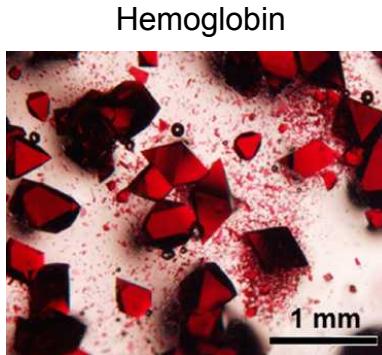
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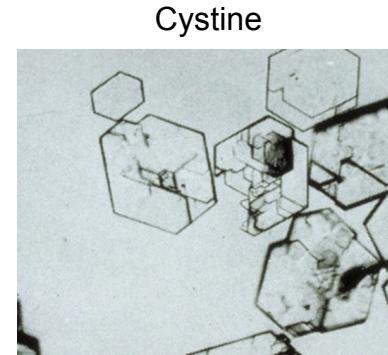
- Detection of precursors in their native state during early stages of the precipitation/nucleation
- Size, shape, lifetime of metastable intermediates

→ Kinetic pathways of crystallization of organic/inorganic materials

Protein crystallization

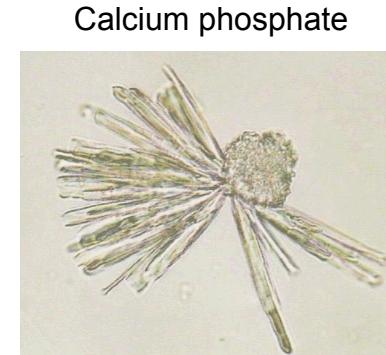


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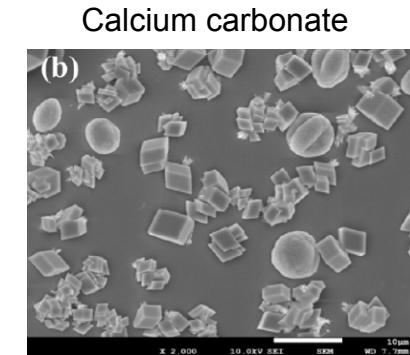


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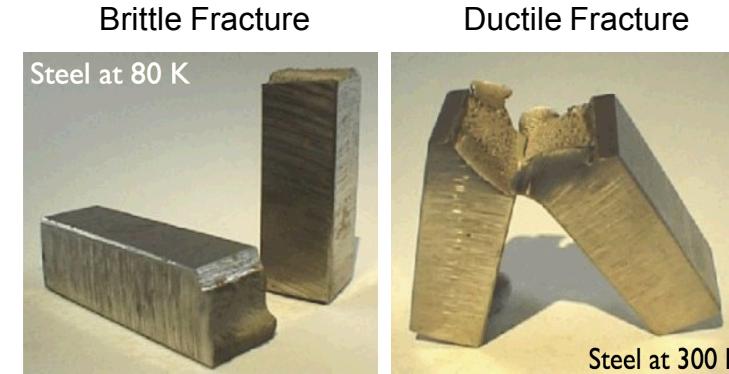


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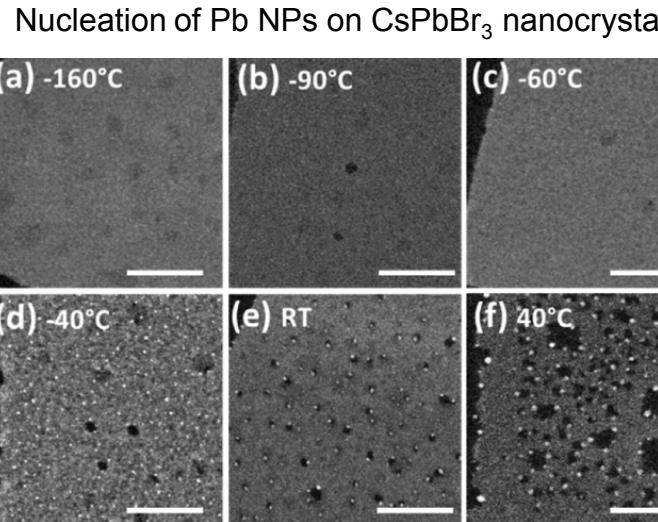
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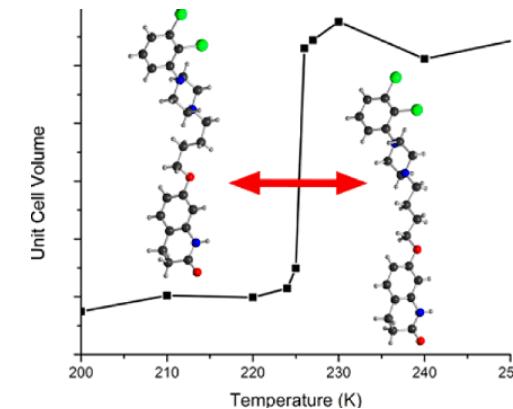
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Low temperature phase transition in crystal



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Aripiprazole Form VIII \longleftrightarrow Form II



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3. *In situ* characterization at a wide range of temperature

CryoEM/FIB + *in situ* TEM

- Accessible temperature range of -170 °C to 300 °C
- Low dose imaging technique

Temperature-dependent studies

- Interface between hard and soft matters
- Structural phase transition in crystals
- Electron beam sensitive perovskites and metal-organic frameworks
- *In situ* nanomechanical testing



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