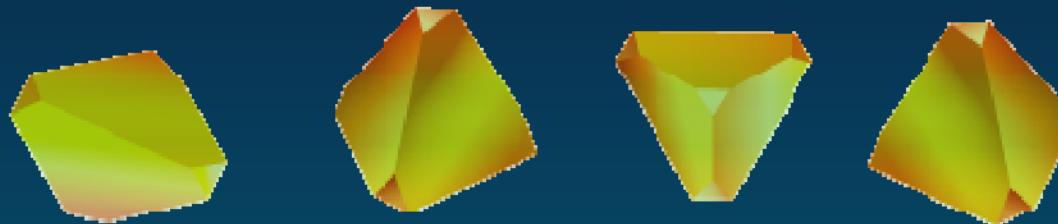




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# Hierarchical Assemblies of Inorganic Nanoparticles (NPs)



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Coordination  
bonds

van der Waals  
interactions

Covalent  
bonds

Liquid  
Crystals

Peptides

DNA  
RNA

Supra  
Molecular  
Constructs

Micelles

Self-  
Assembled  
Layers

Coord.  
Assemblies

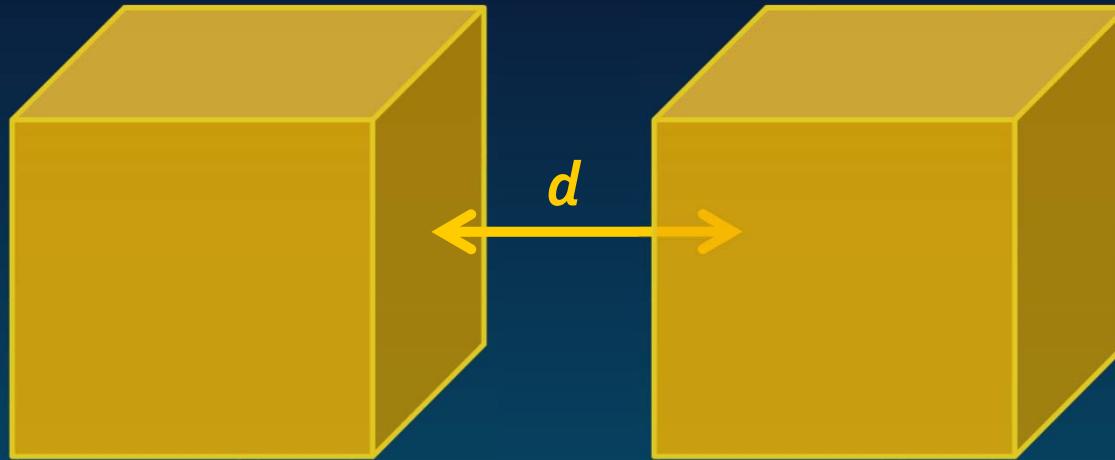
Langmuir  
Blodgett  
Films

Hydrophobic  
interaction

Electrostatic  
interactions

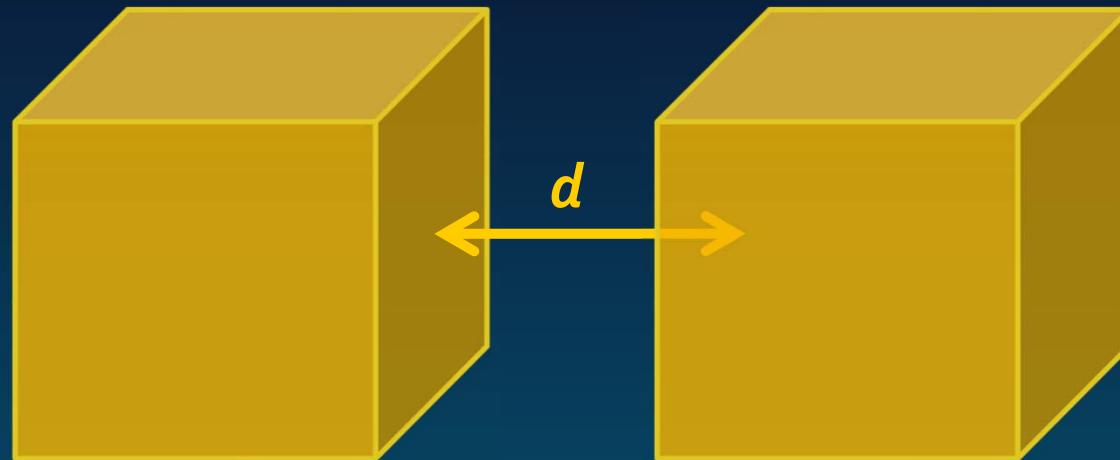
Hydrogen  
Bonding

# Interactions



London dispersion attraction  $V_{LDI} = A_{121}/12 \cdot \pi \cdot d^2$

# Interactions

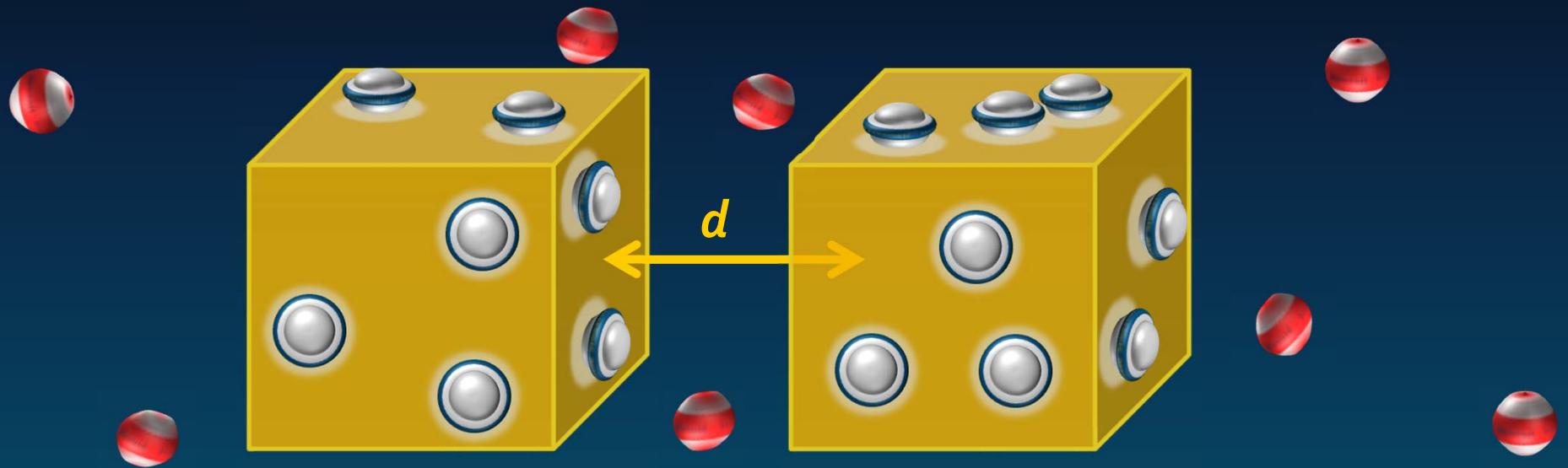


$A_{121}$

Metals and semiconductors  
Organic molecules

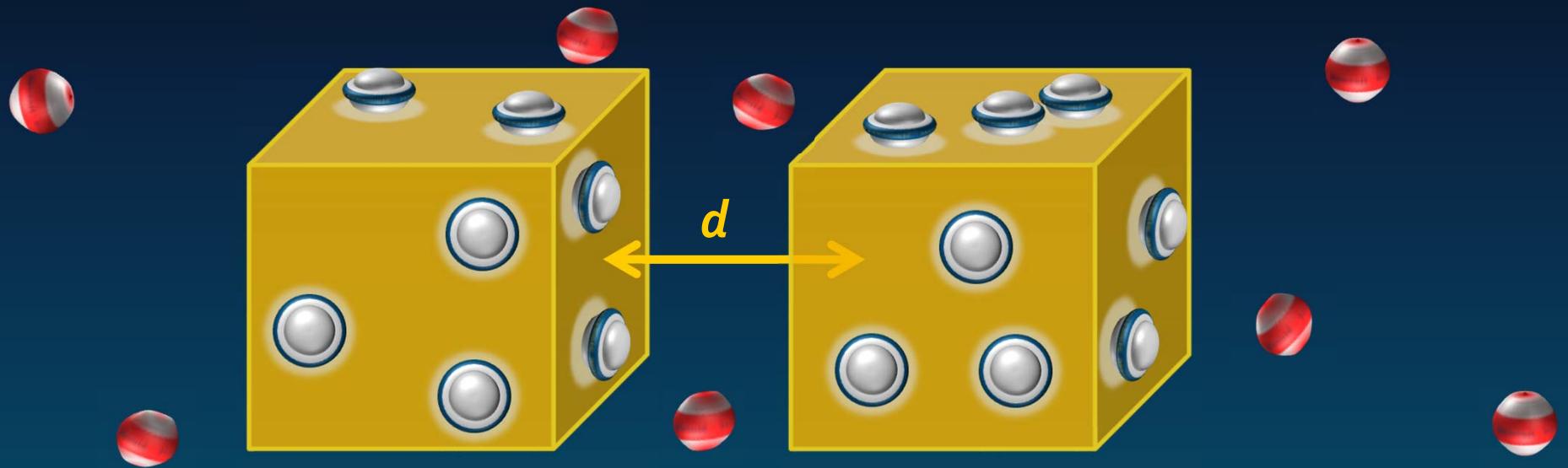
$10 - 40 \cdot 10^{-20} \text{ J}$   
 $1 - 10 \cdot 10^{-20} \text{ J}$

# Interactions



$$\text{Electrostatic Repulsion: } V_{EL} = \frac{64 \cdot kT \cdot \sigma_0}{\epsilon_0 \epsilon} \exp(-\kappa_D d)$$

# Interactions



$$\sigma_o$$

Metals and semiconductors

1 — 60 mC/m<sup>2</sup>

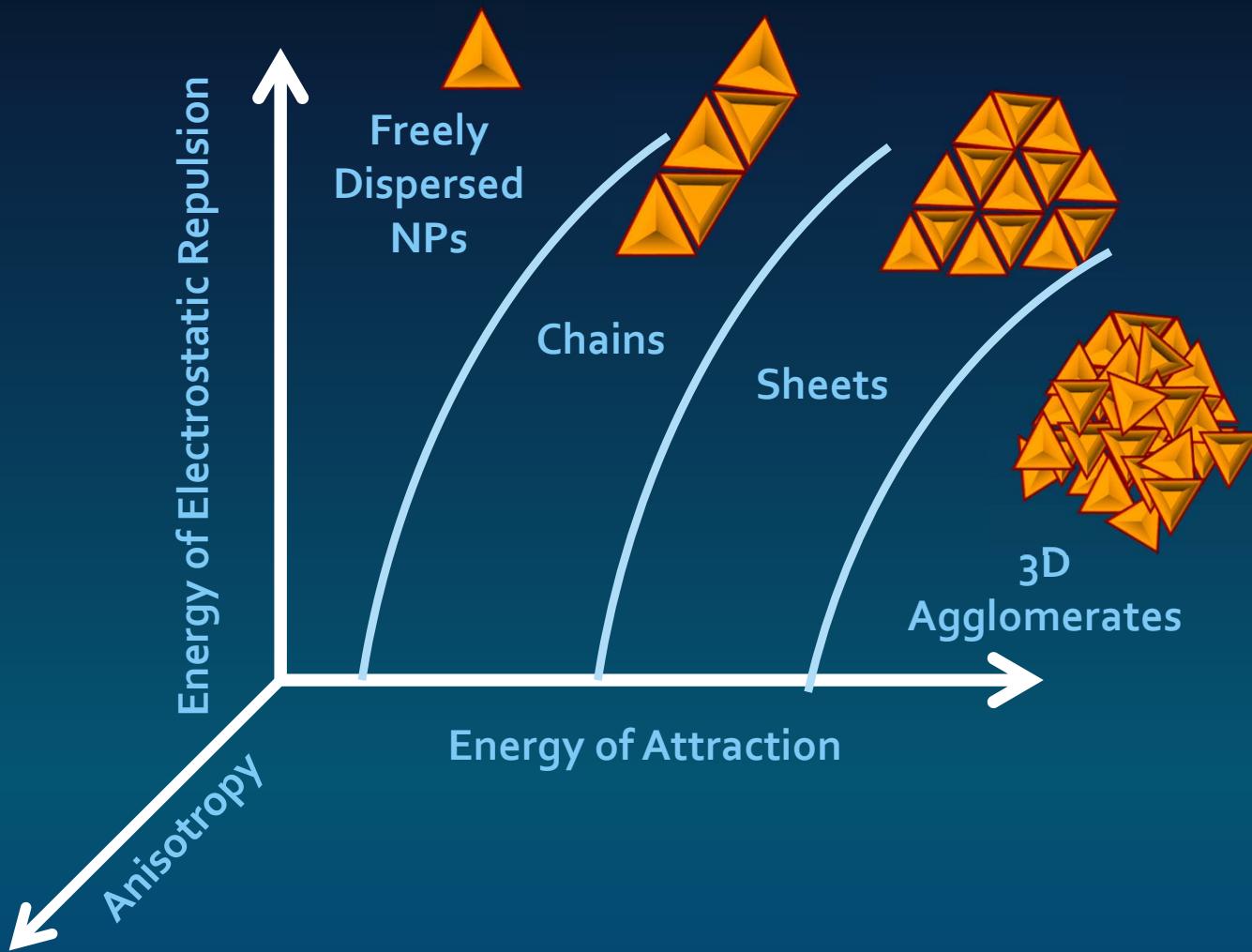
Organic materials, insulators

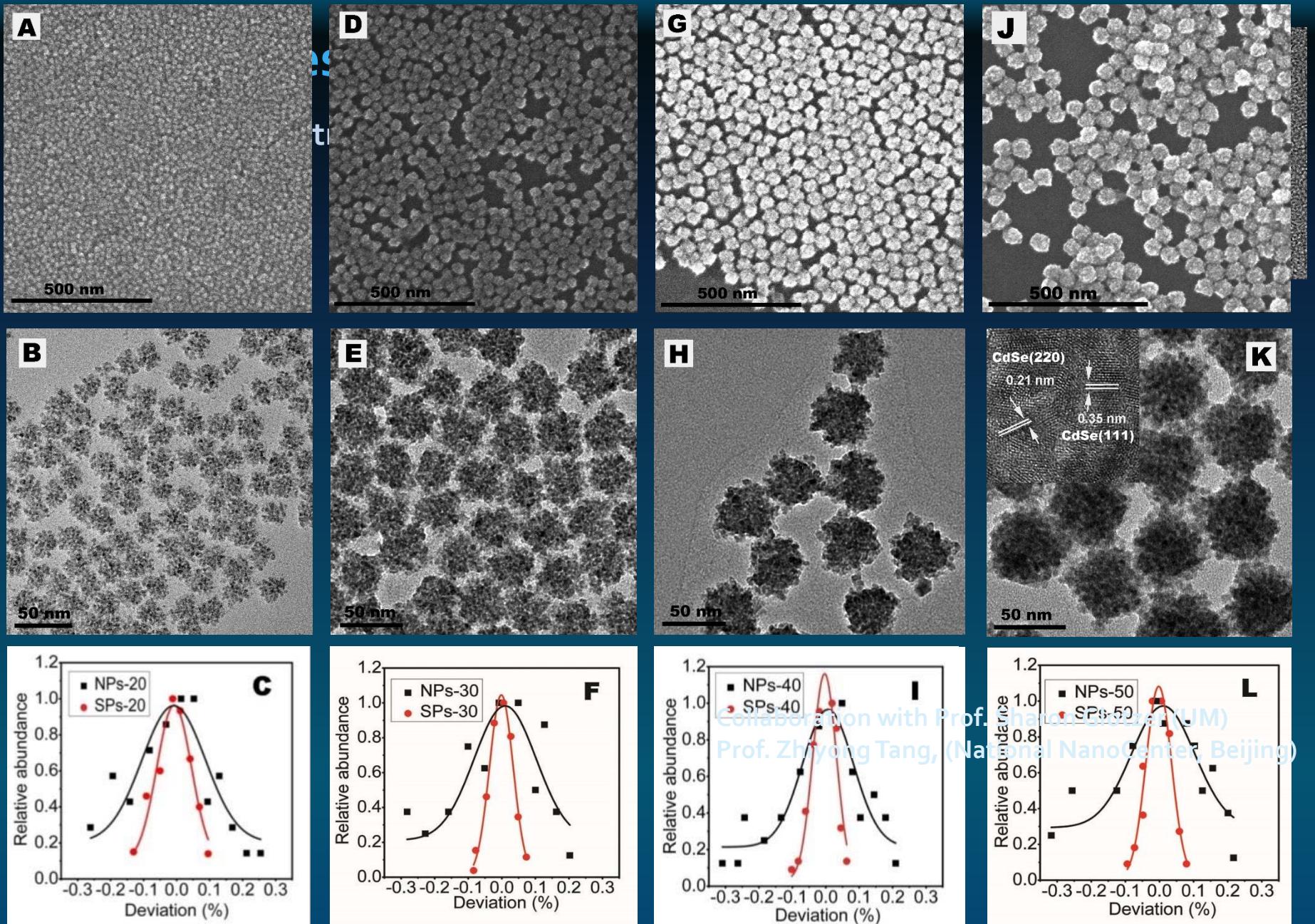
26 — 100 mC/m<sup>2</sup>

# Simplicity

Wide range of experimental conditions and building blocks

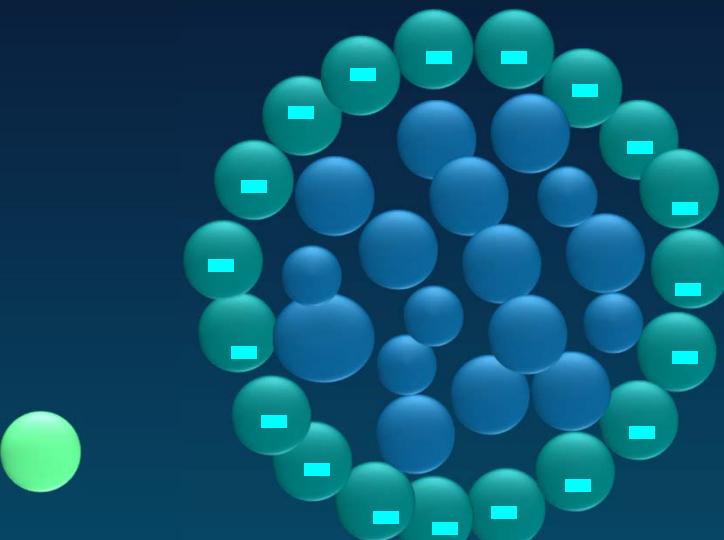
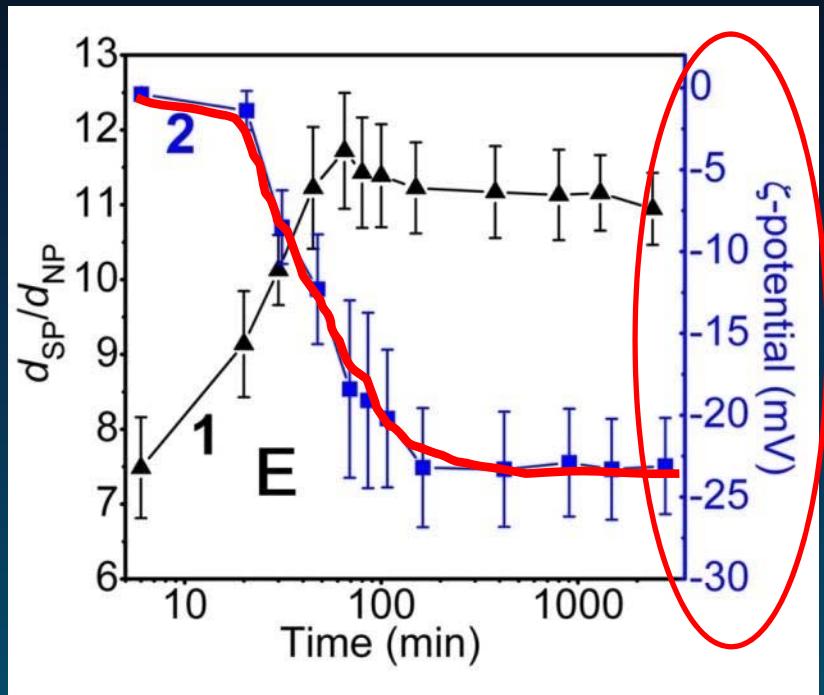
# Simple Phase Diagram



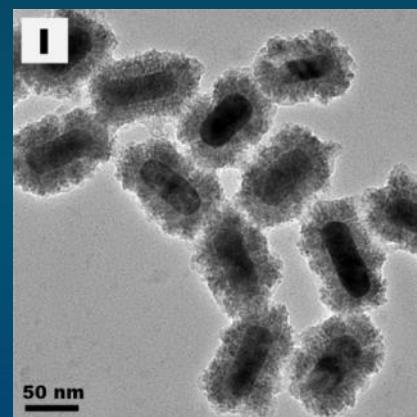
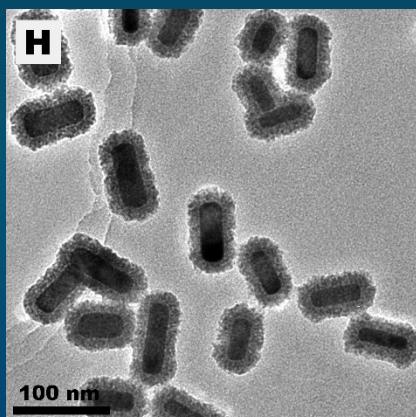
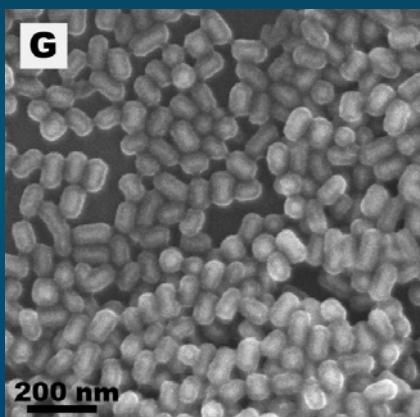
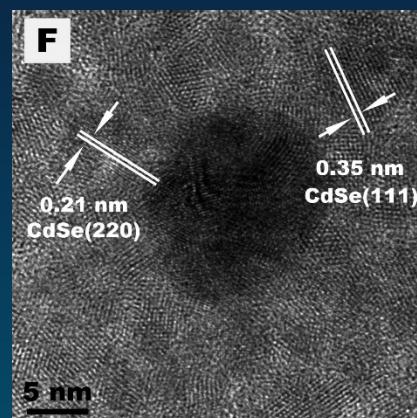
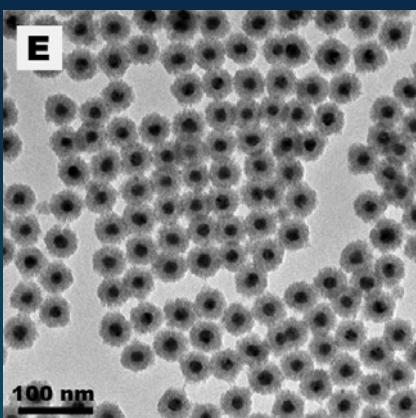
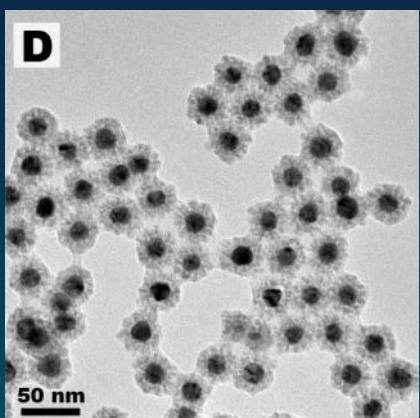
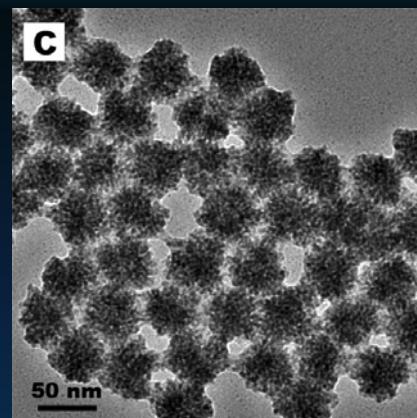
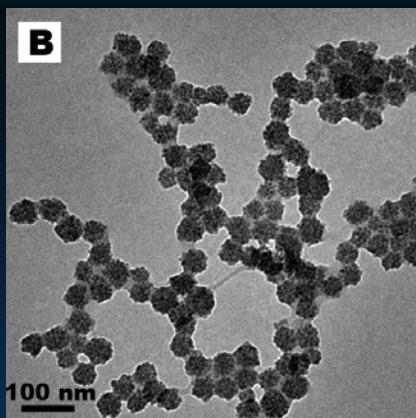
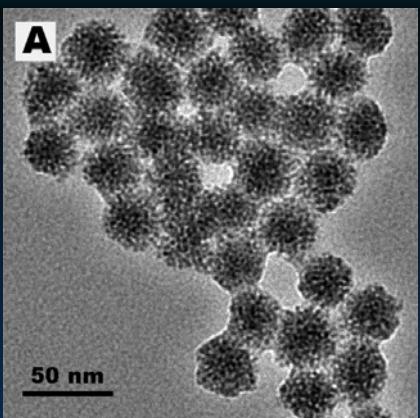


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# Mechanism of Supraparticle Self-Assembly



Supraparticle is formed due to balance of electrostatic repulsion  
and London dispersion attraction.

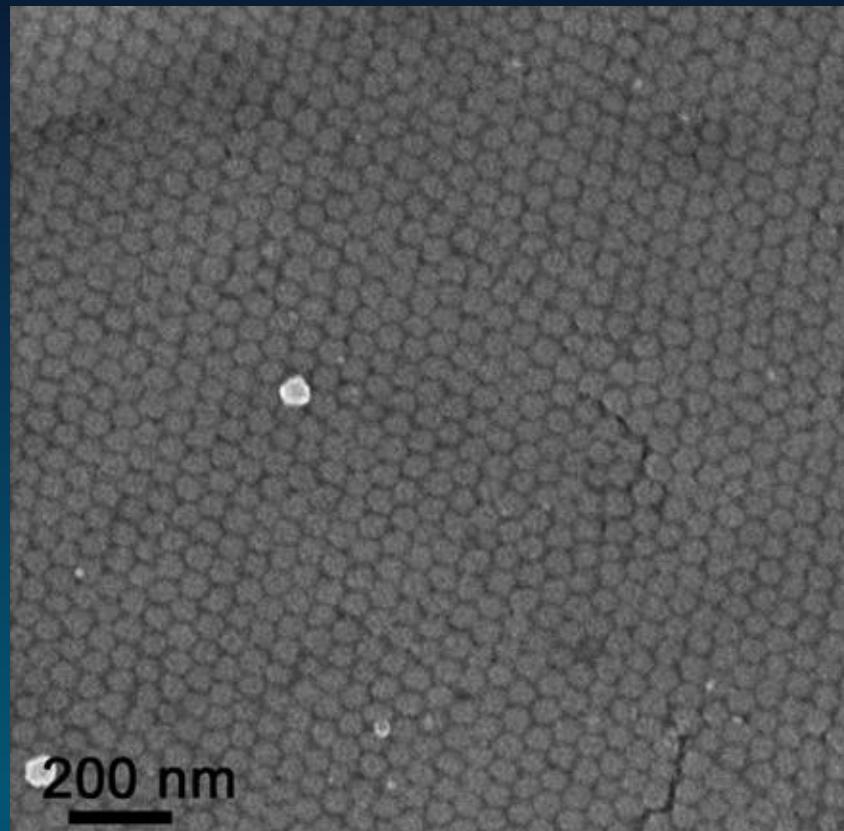
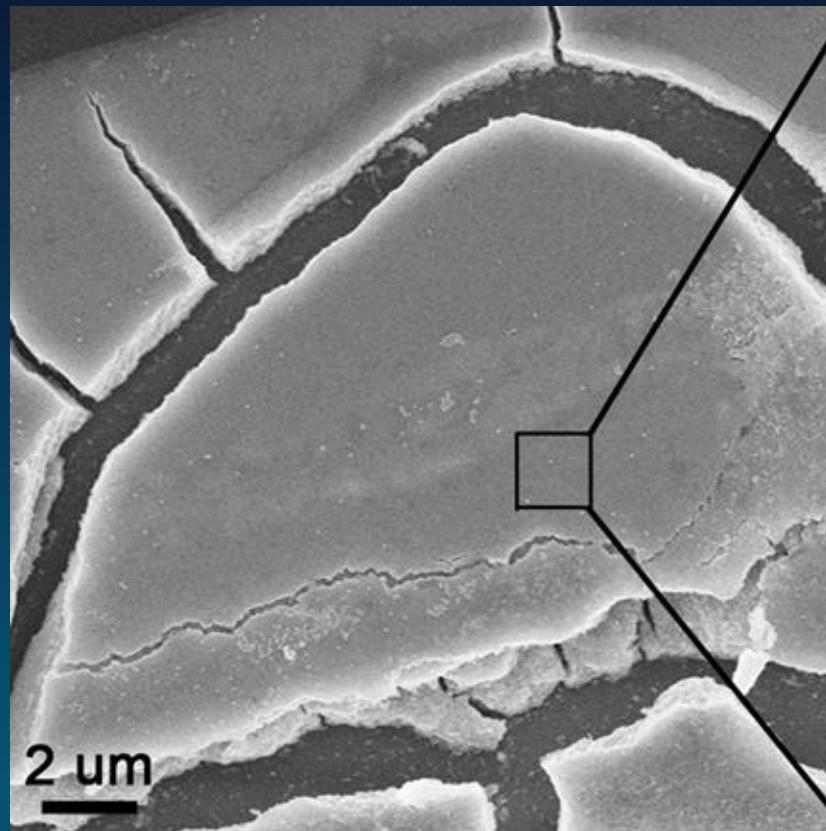


Other Assemblies  
CdSe, PbS, PbSe

Complex Assemblies  
with Au NP  
in the center

Complex Assemblies  
with Au NanoRods  
in the center

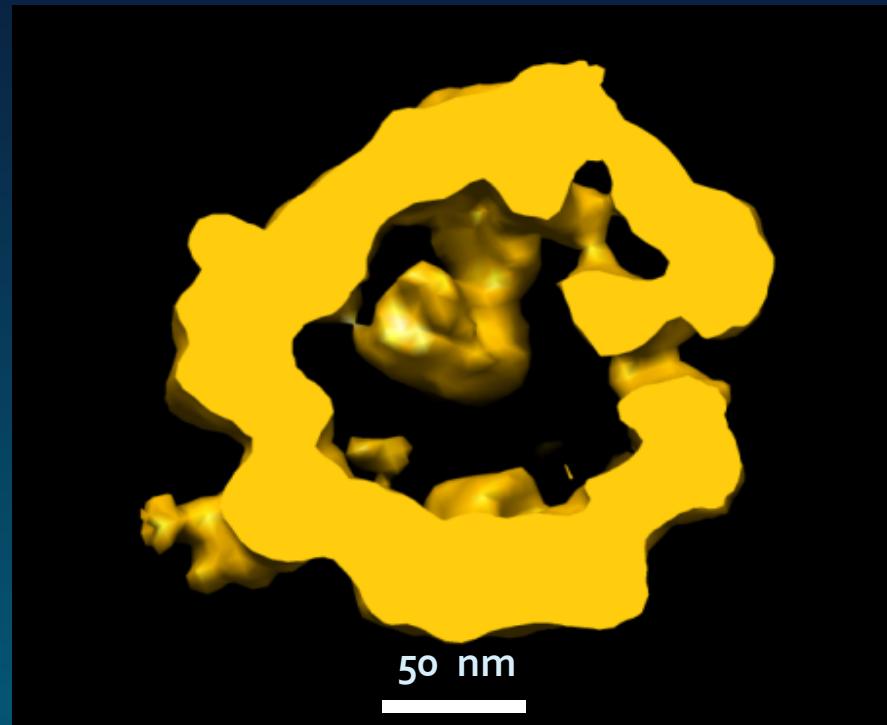
# Colloidal Crystals from Supraparticles



Assembly combining the nanoscale and mesoscale structural motifs

# Capsid-Like Biomimetic Nanoshells

Collaborations with  
Prof. Petr Kral, U. Illinois Chicago  
Prof. Peijun Zhang, U. Pittsburg

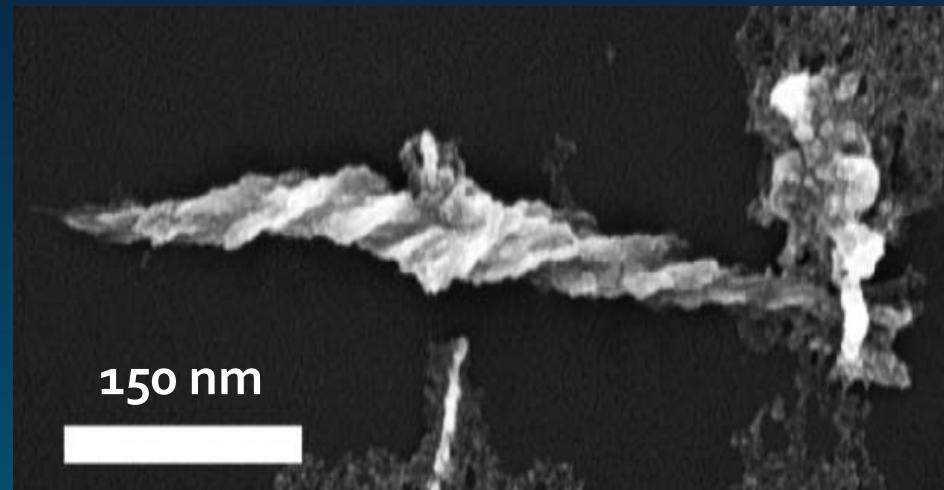


Cryo-TEM  
Tomography

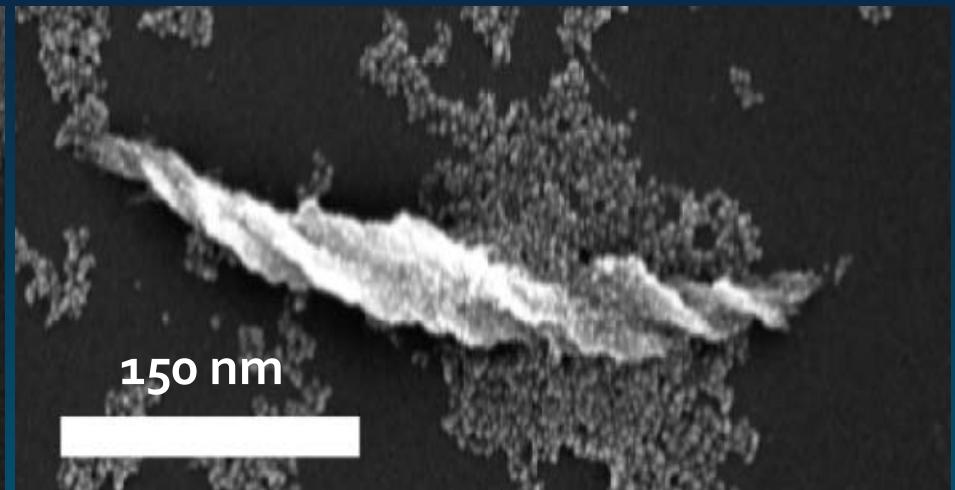
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# Assemblies of Chiral NPs into Nanohelices

CdTe NP stabilized with D-CYS

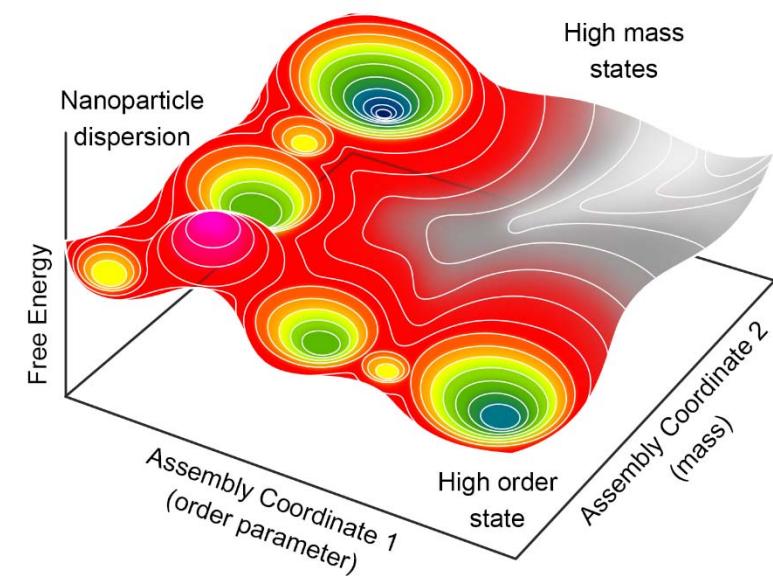


CdTe NP stabilized with L-CYS



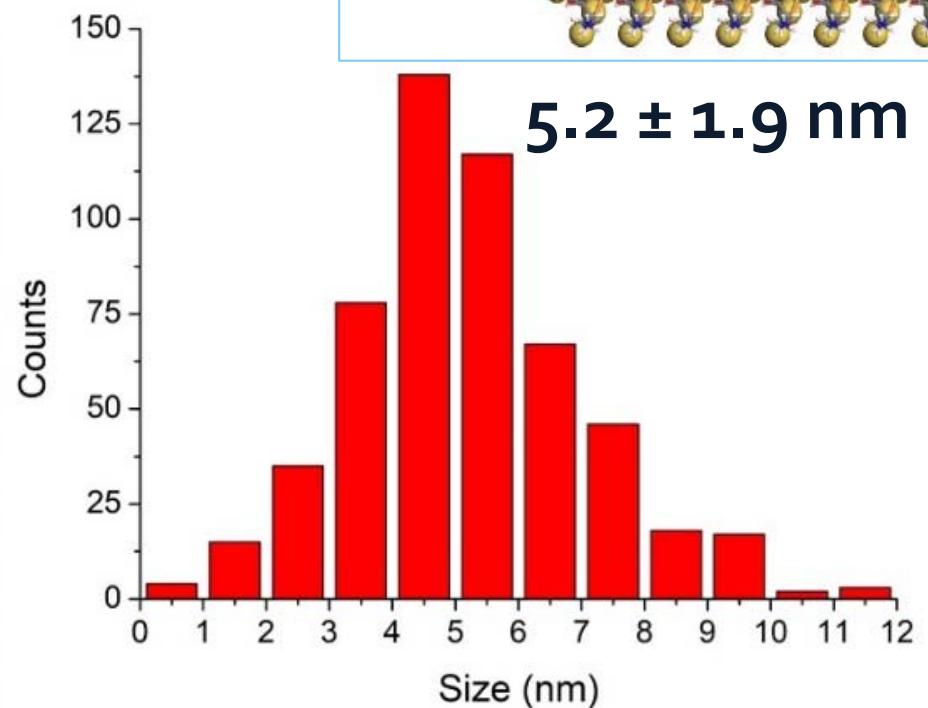
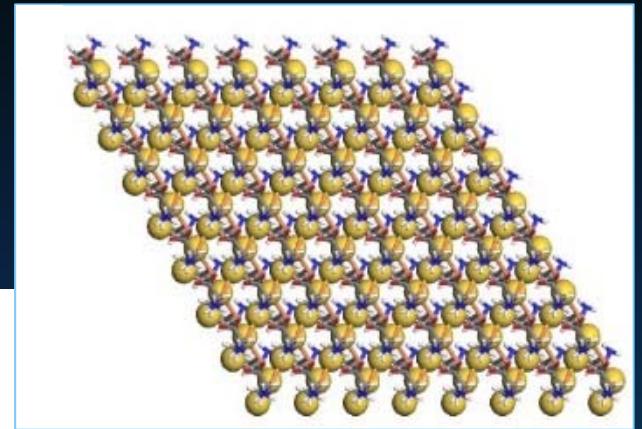
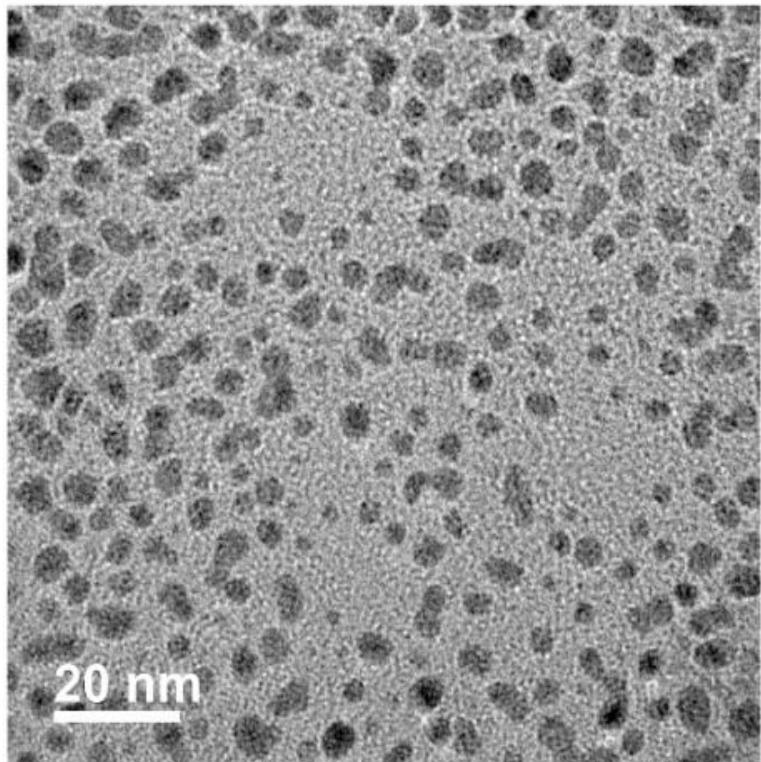
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# Does self-assembly of complex systems require monodispersity?

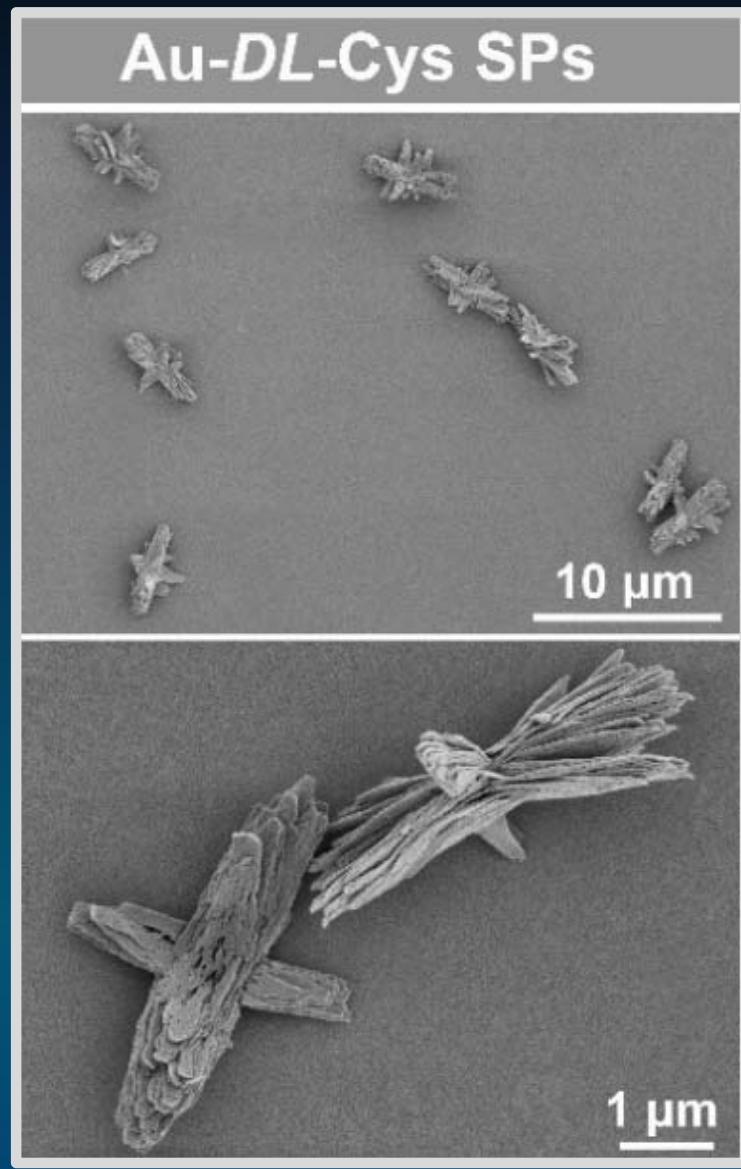
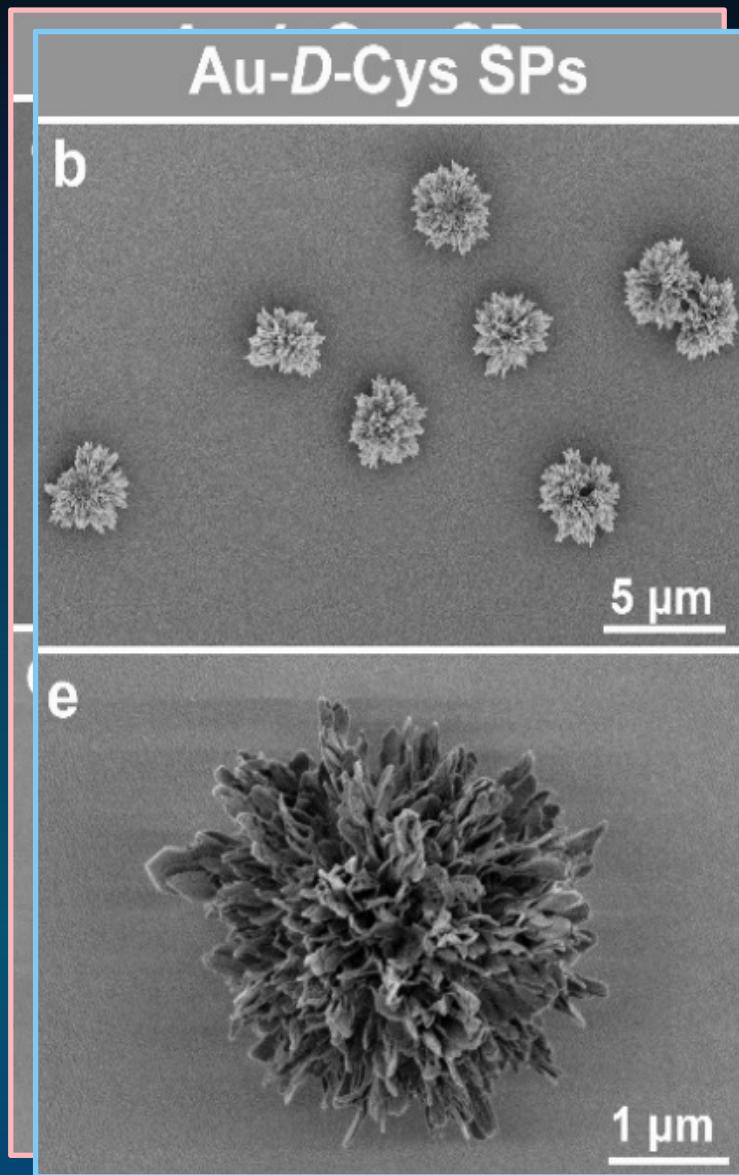


Energy landscape  
of self-assembly

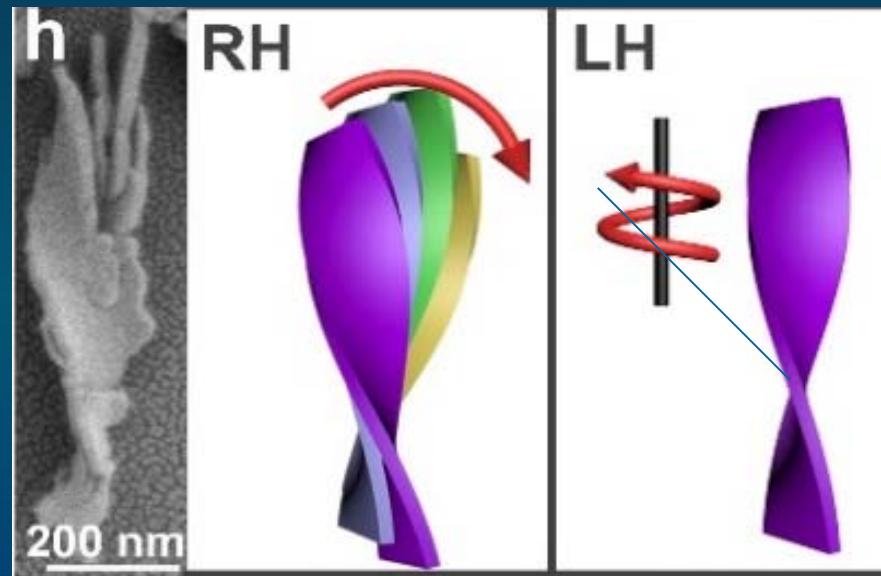
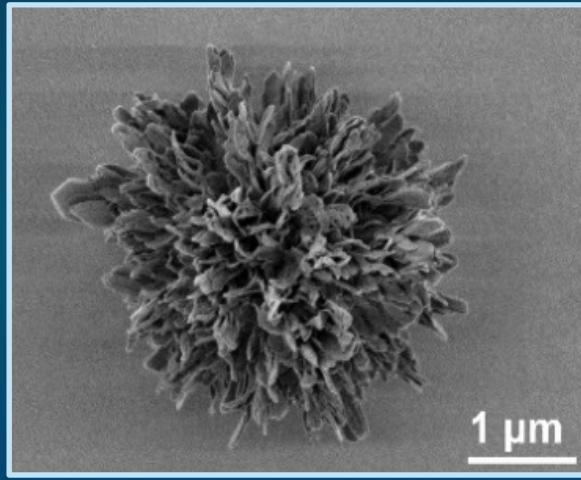
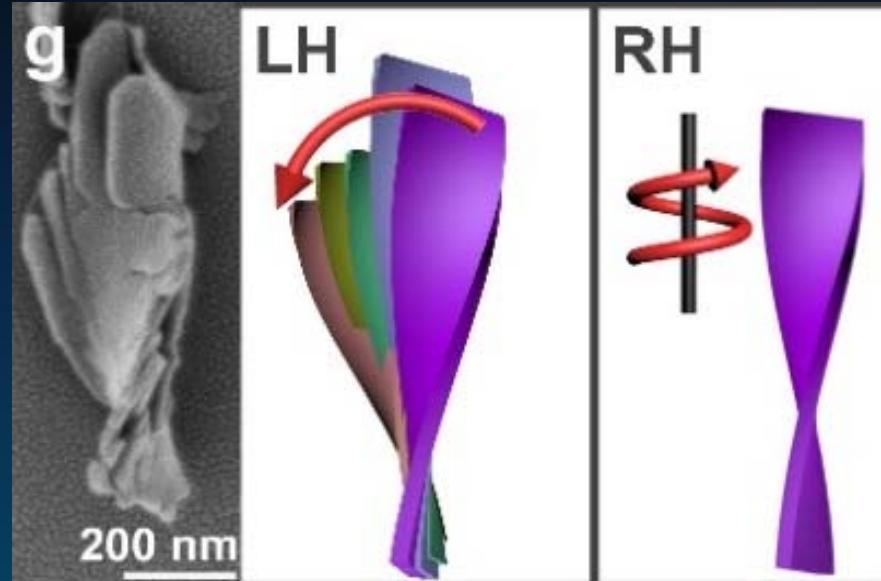
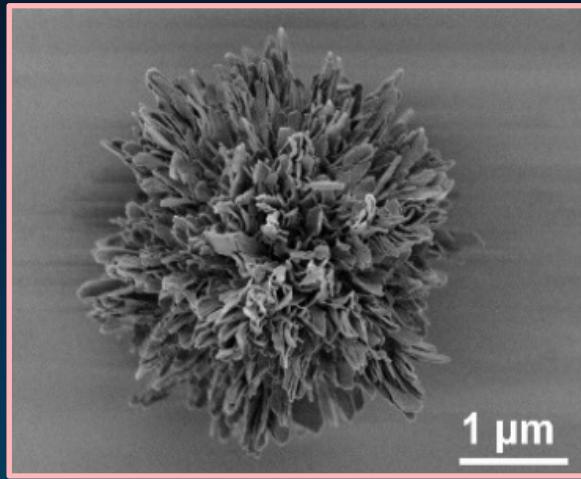
# Polydispersed Building Blocks Au-S nanosheets



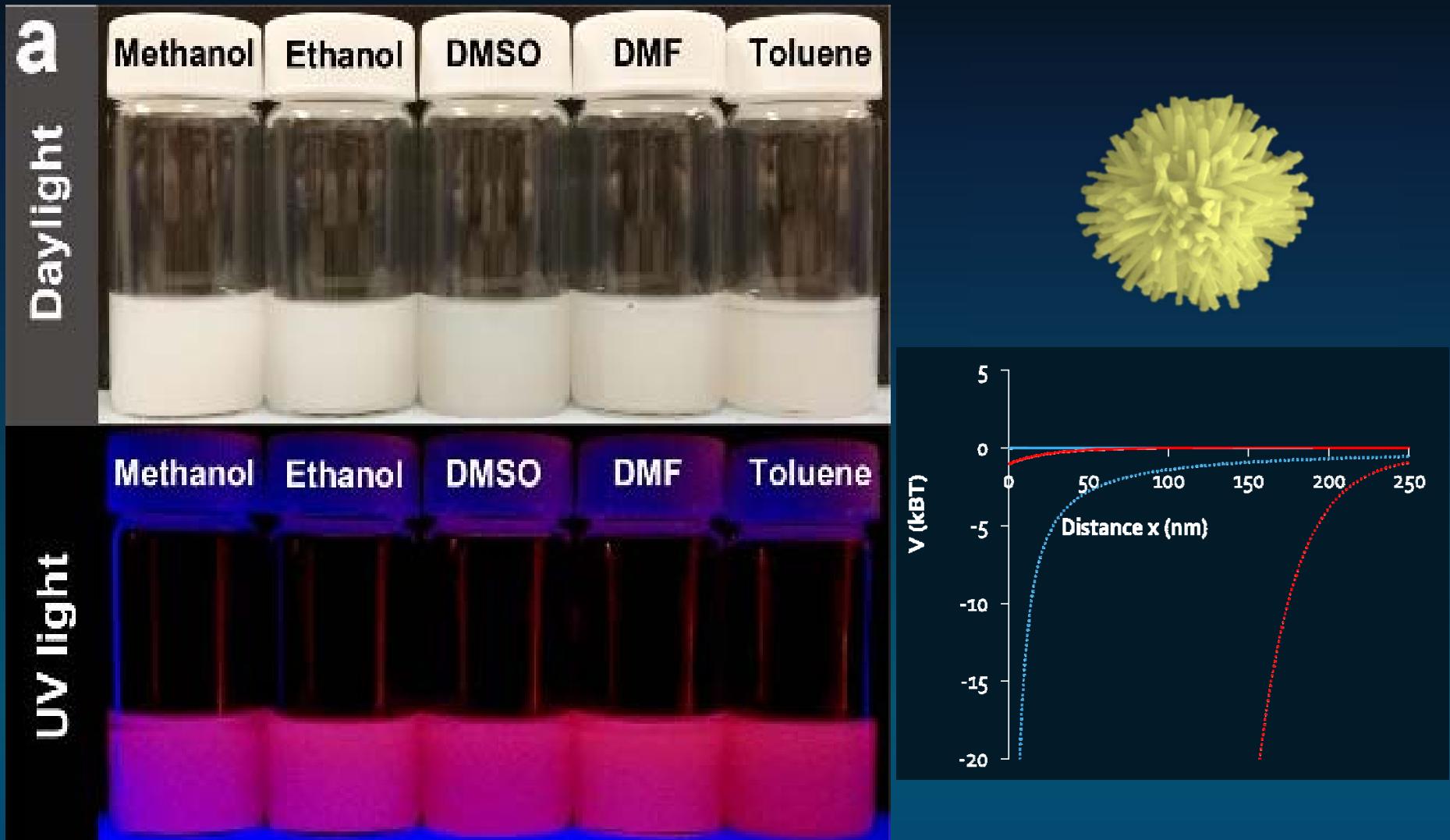
# Self-Assembled Chiral Hedgehog Particles



# Chiroptically Active Hedgehog Particles

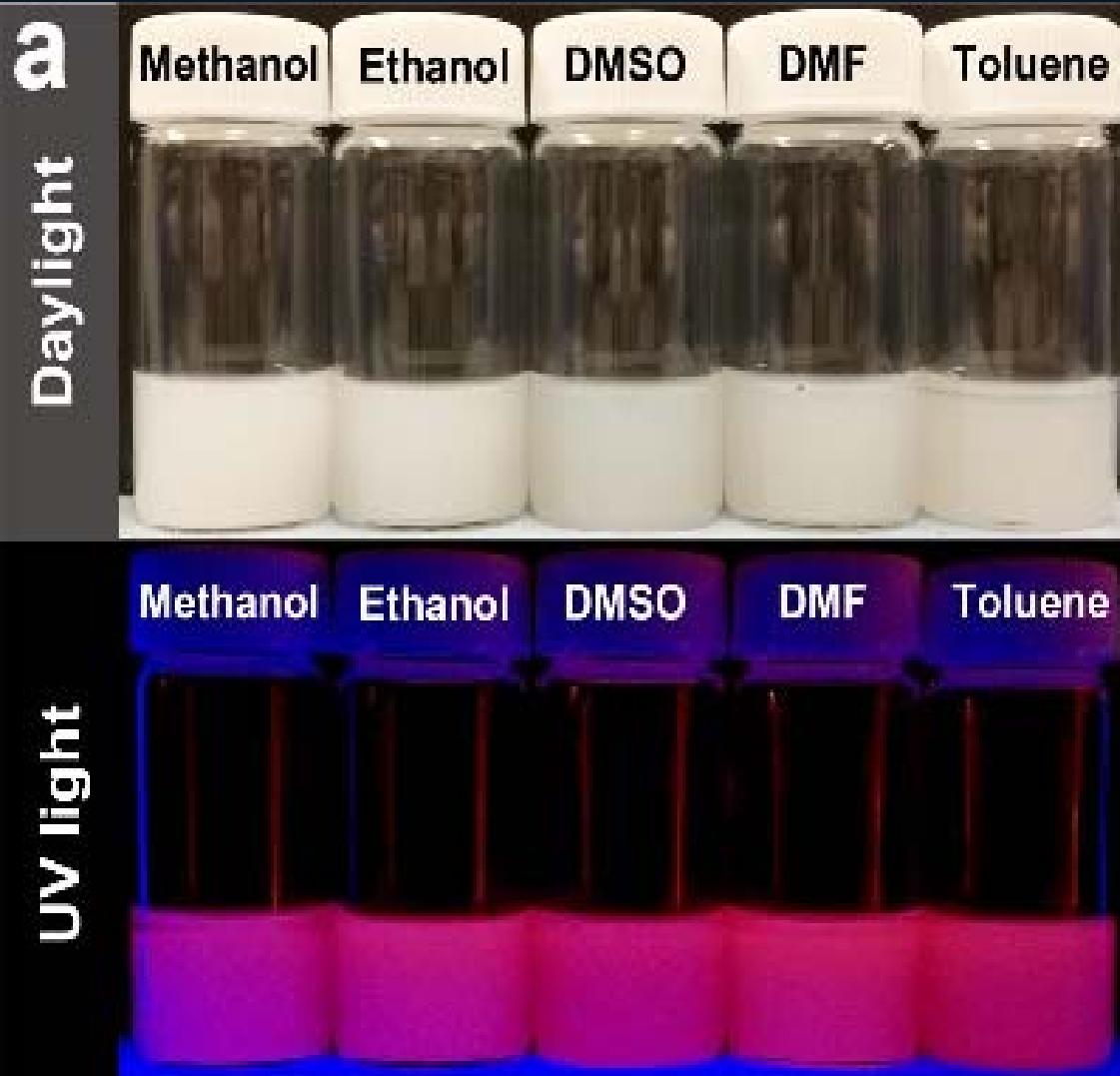


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Au-S  
2D  
Material

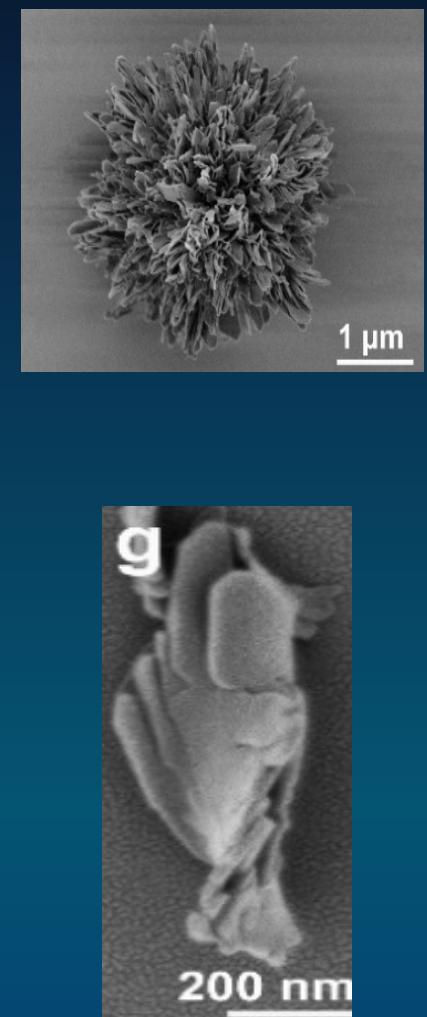
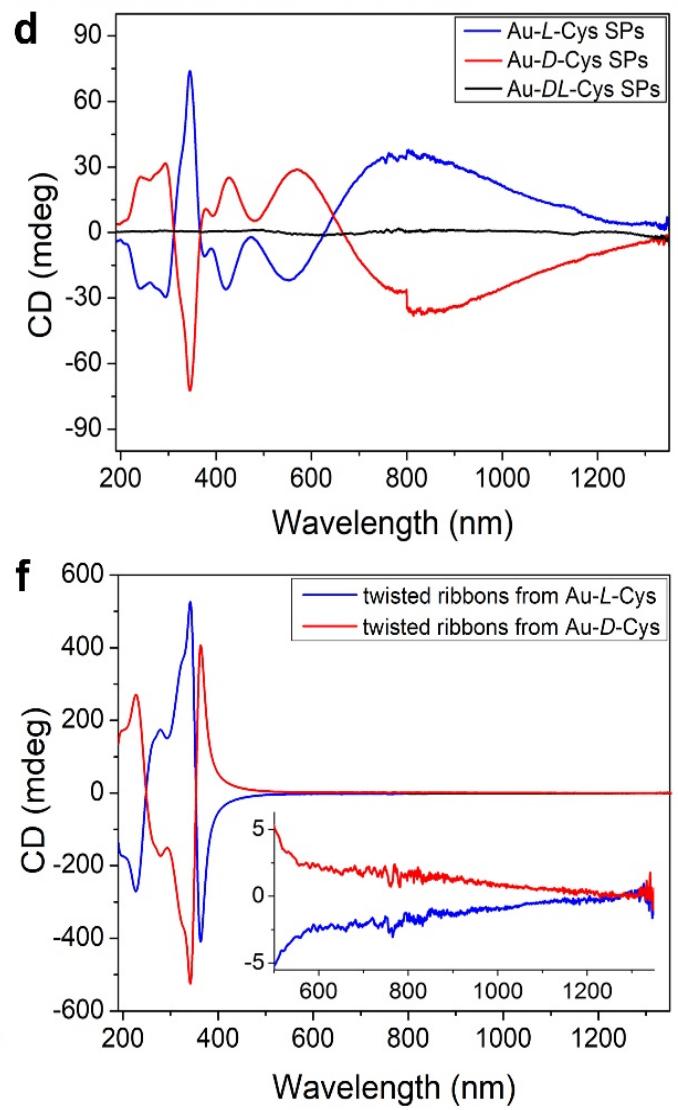
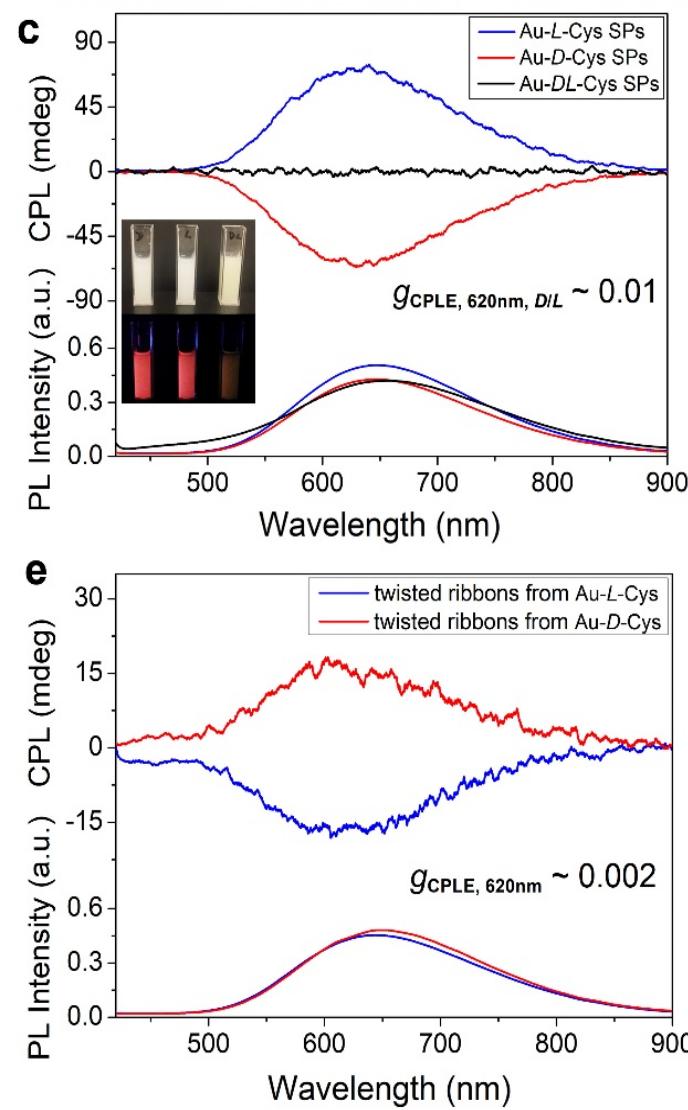
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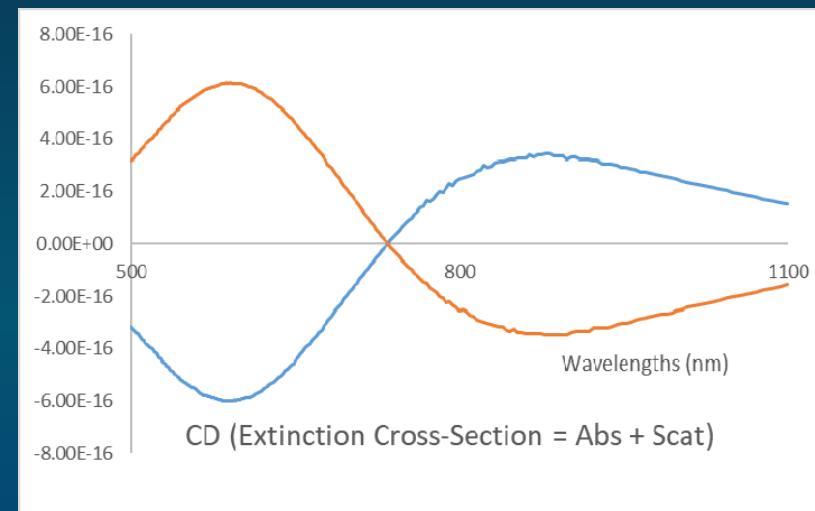
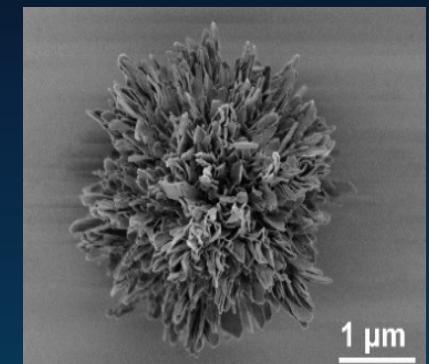
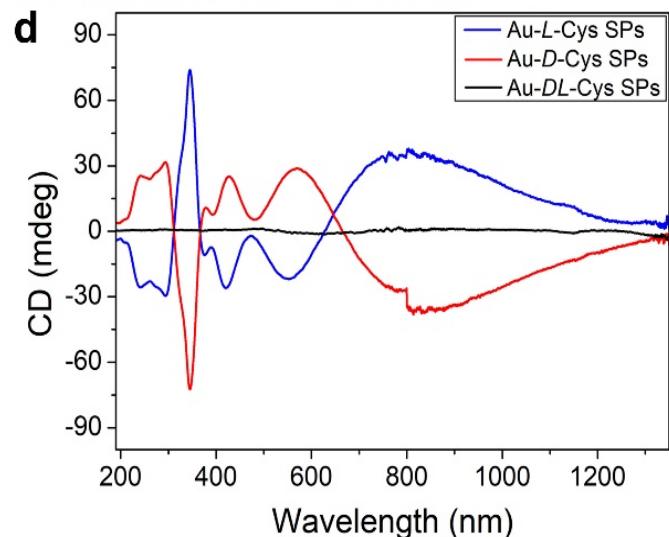
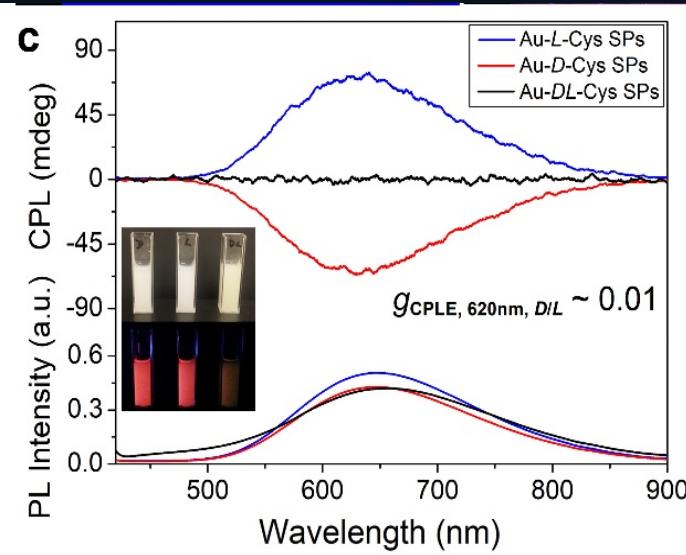
# Unusual pH Stability



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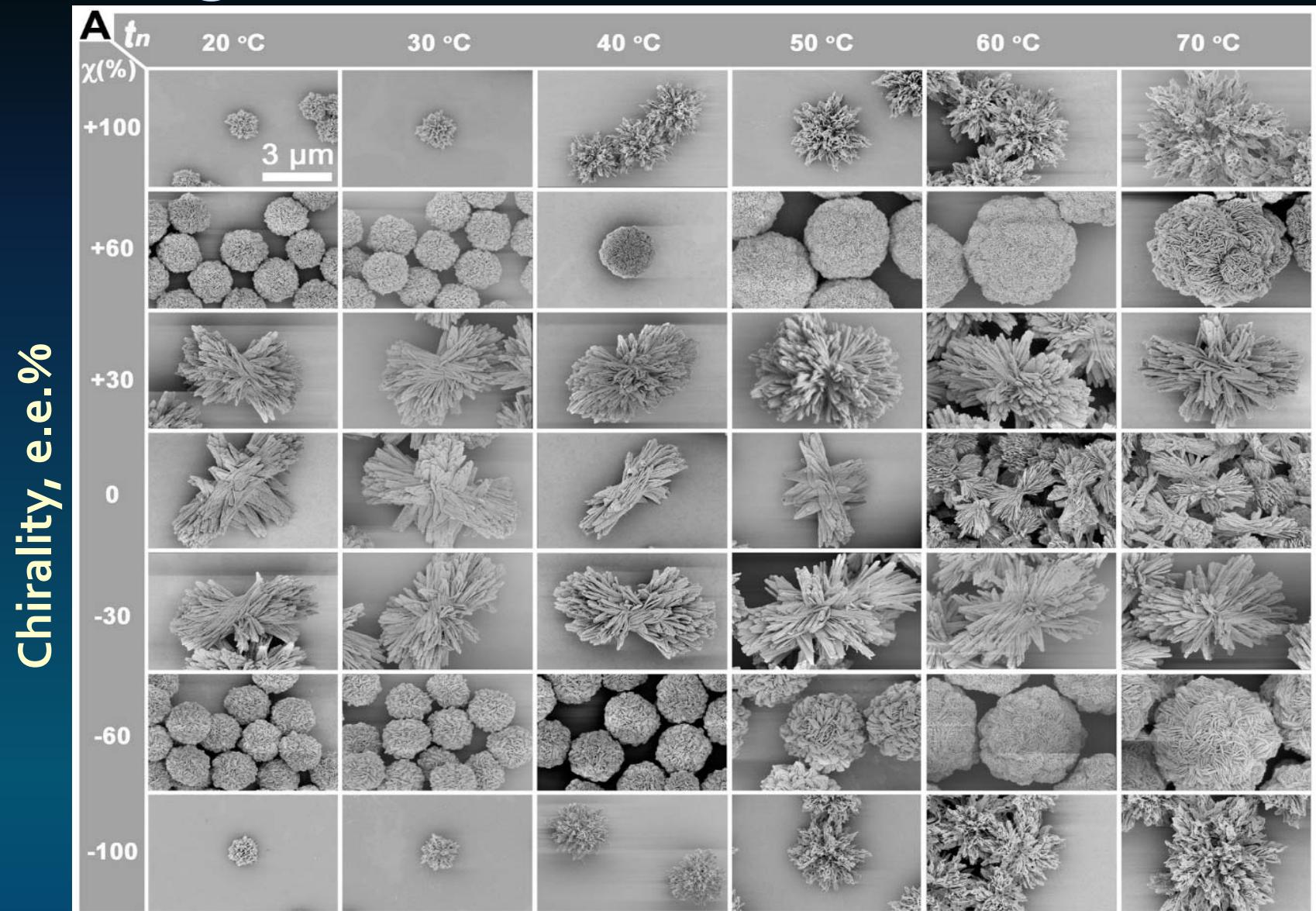


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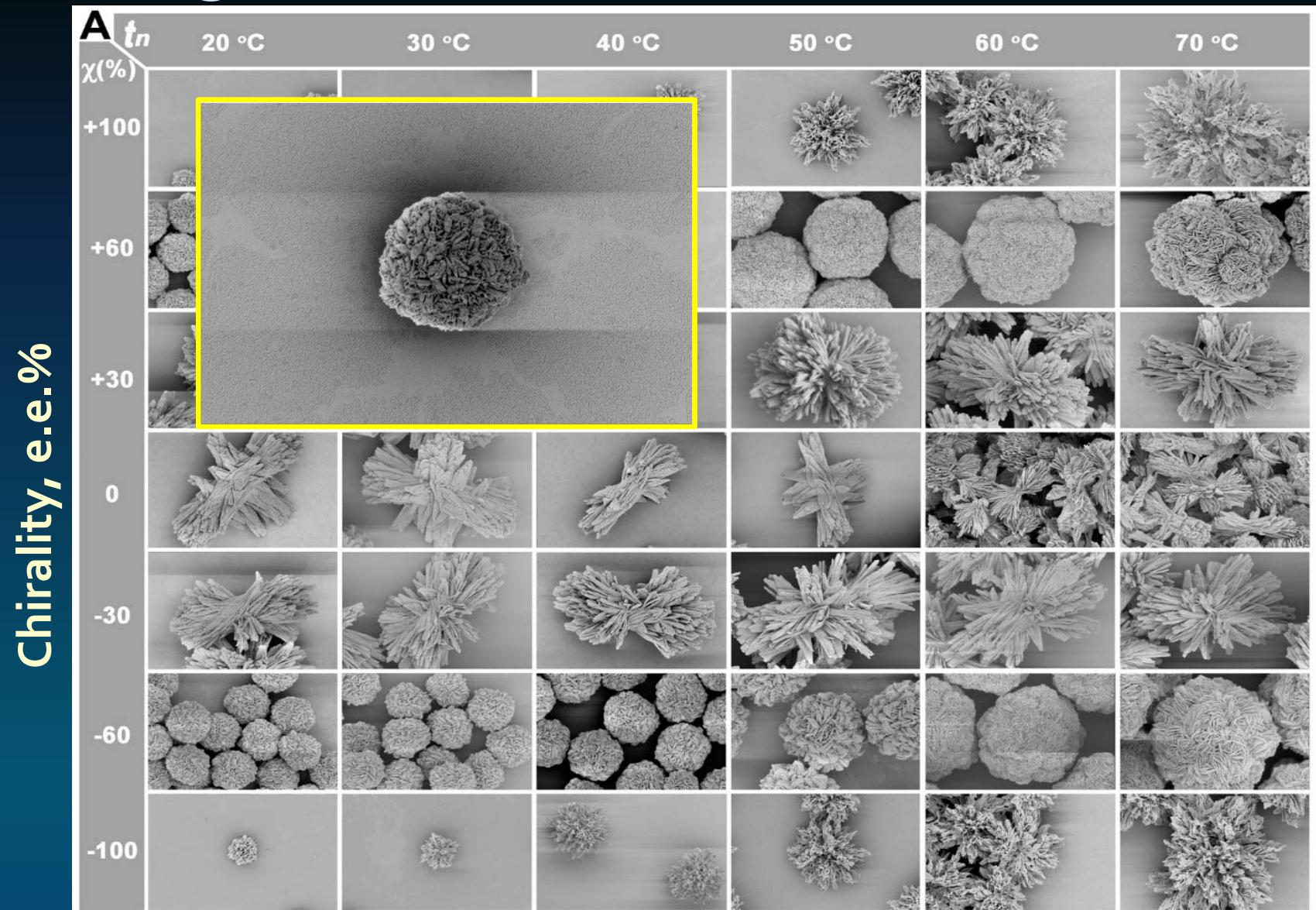
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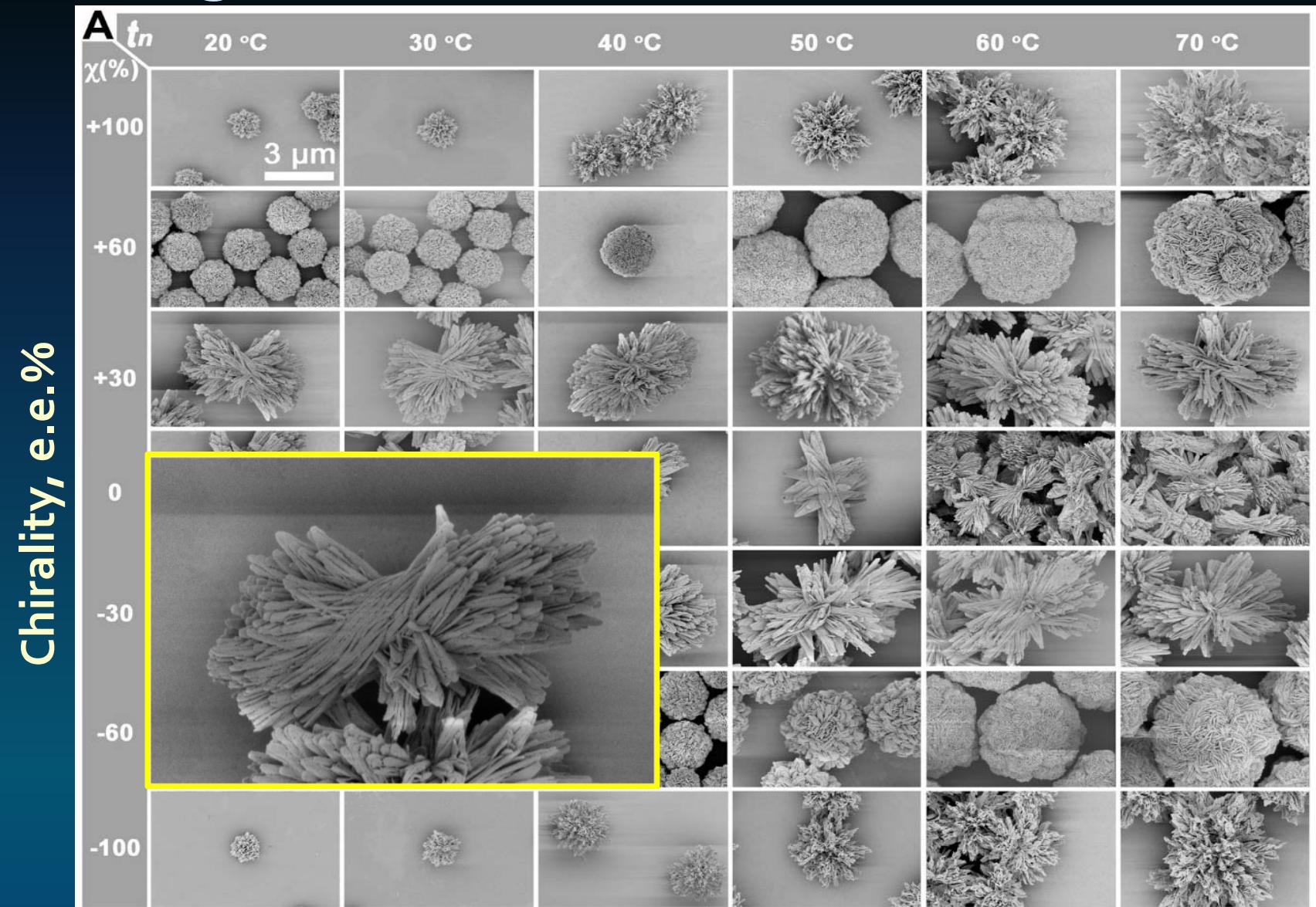
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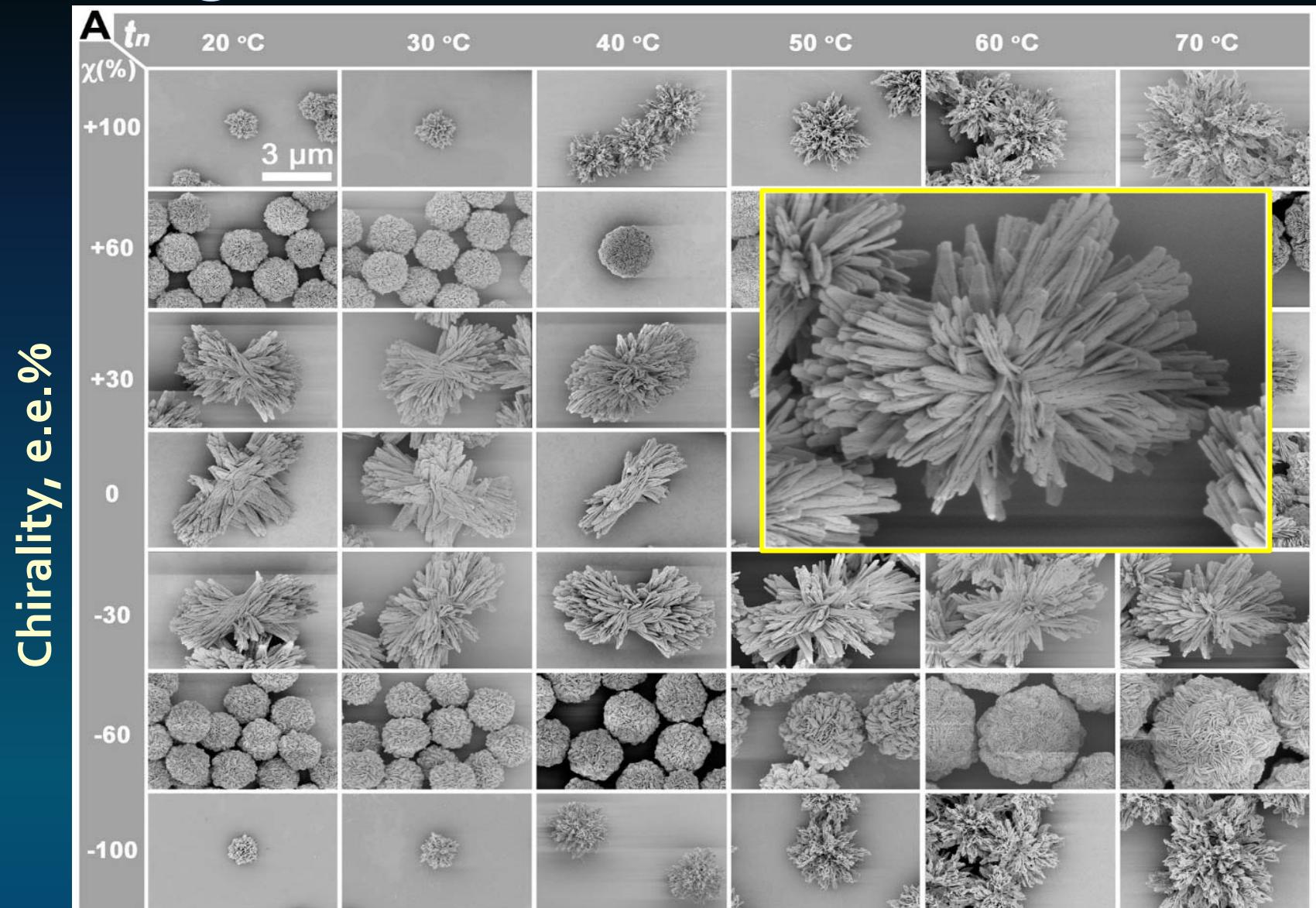
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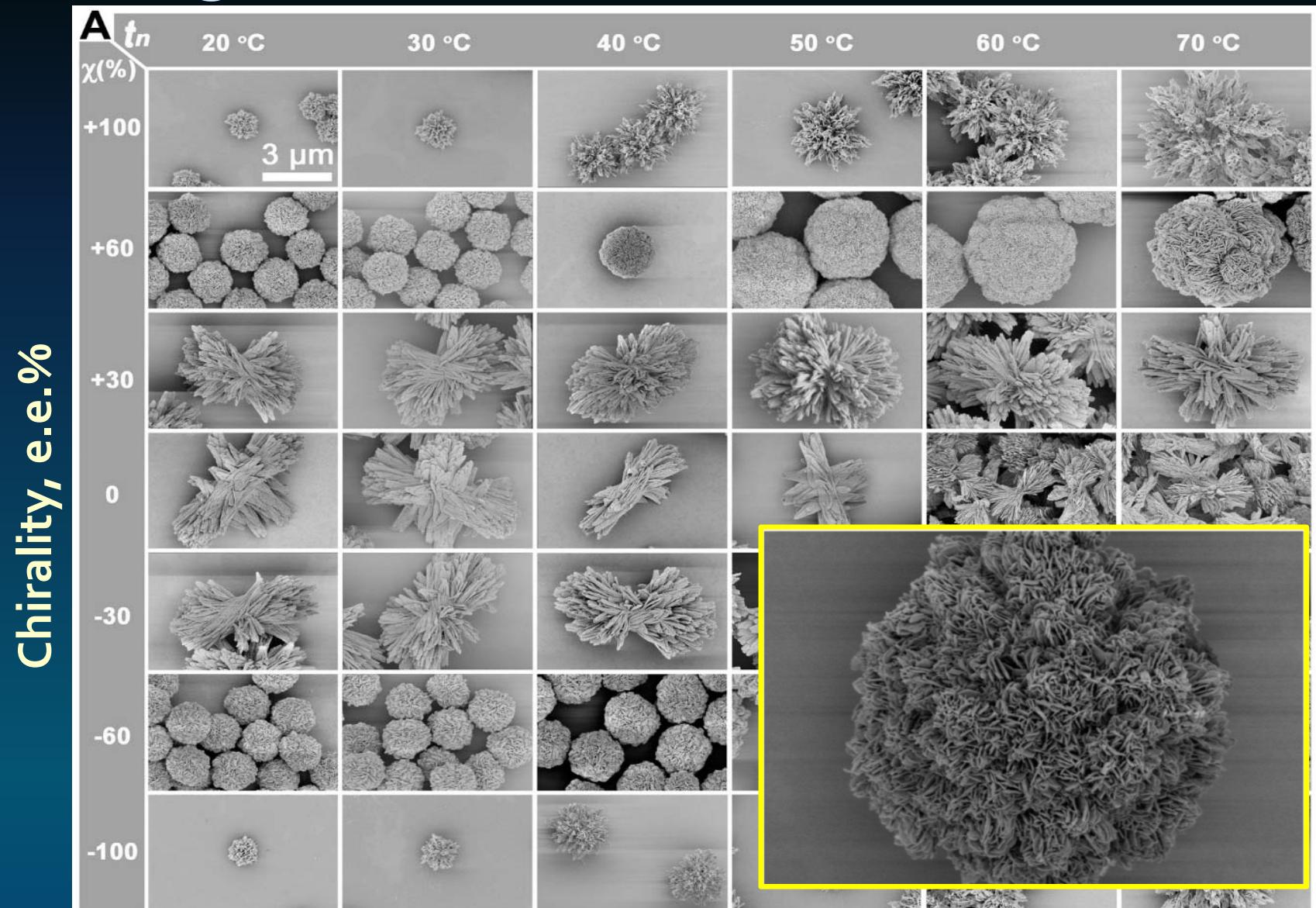
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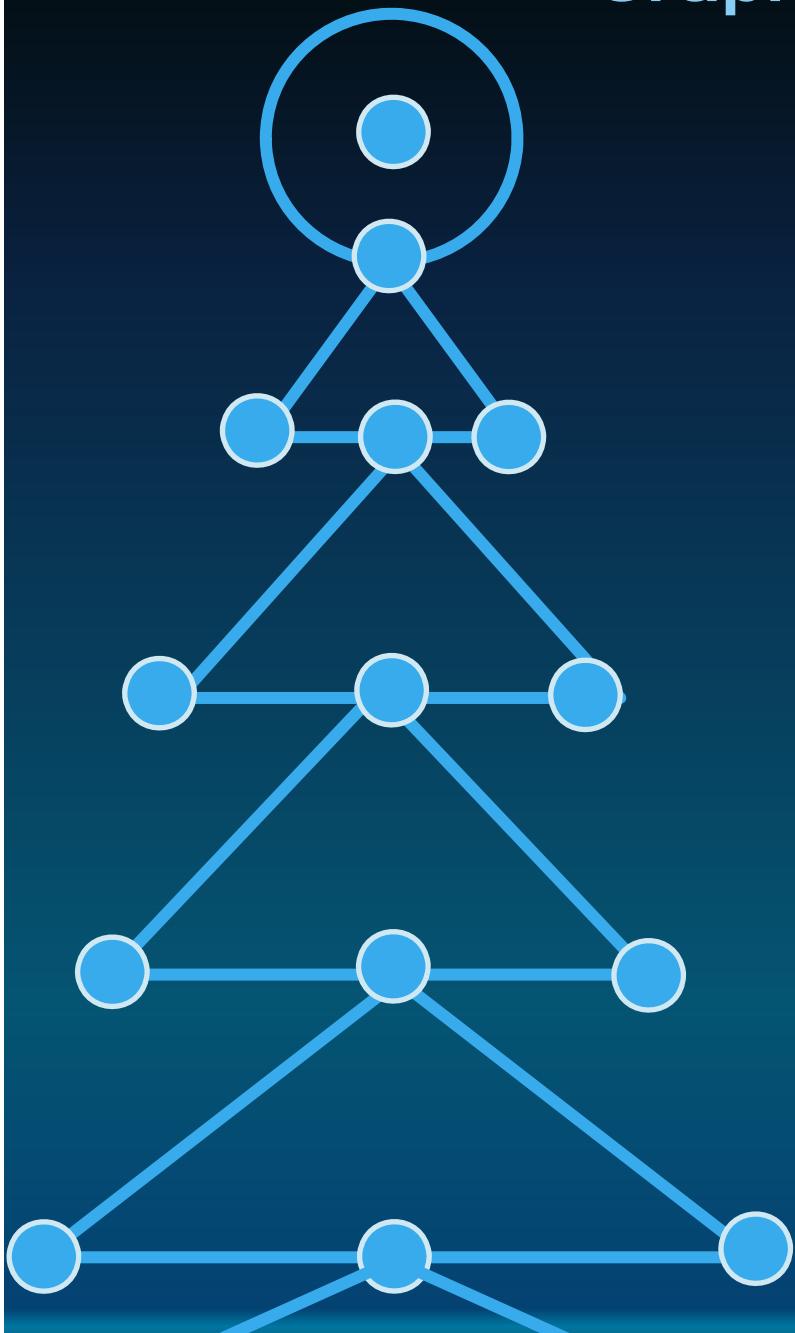


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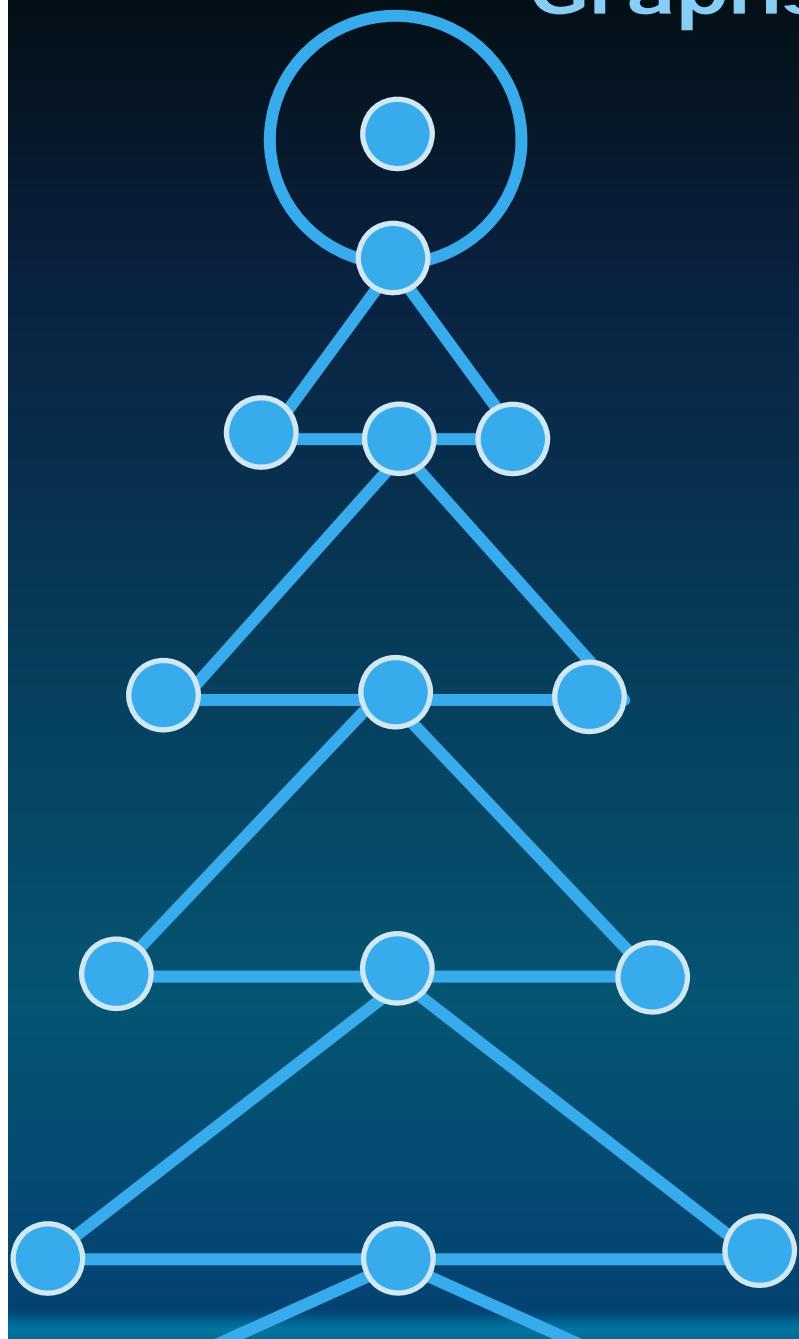
# Graphs and Complexity



**GRAPH - a set of nodes and edges**

**COMPLEXITY - information content**

# Graphs and Complexity



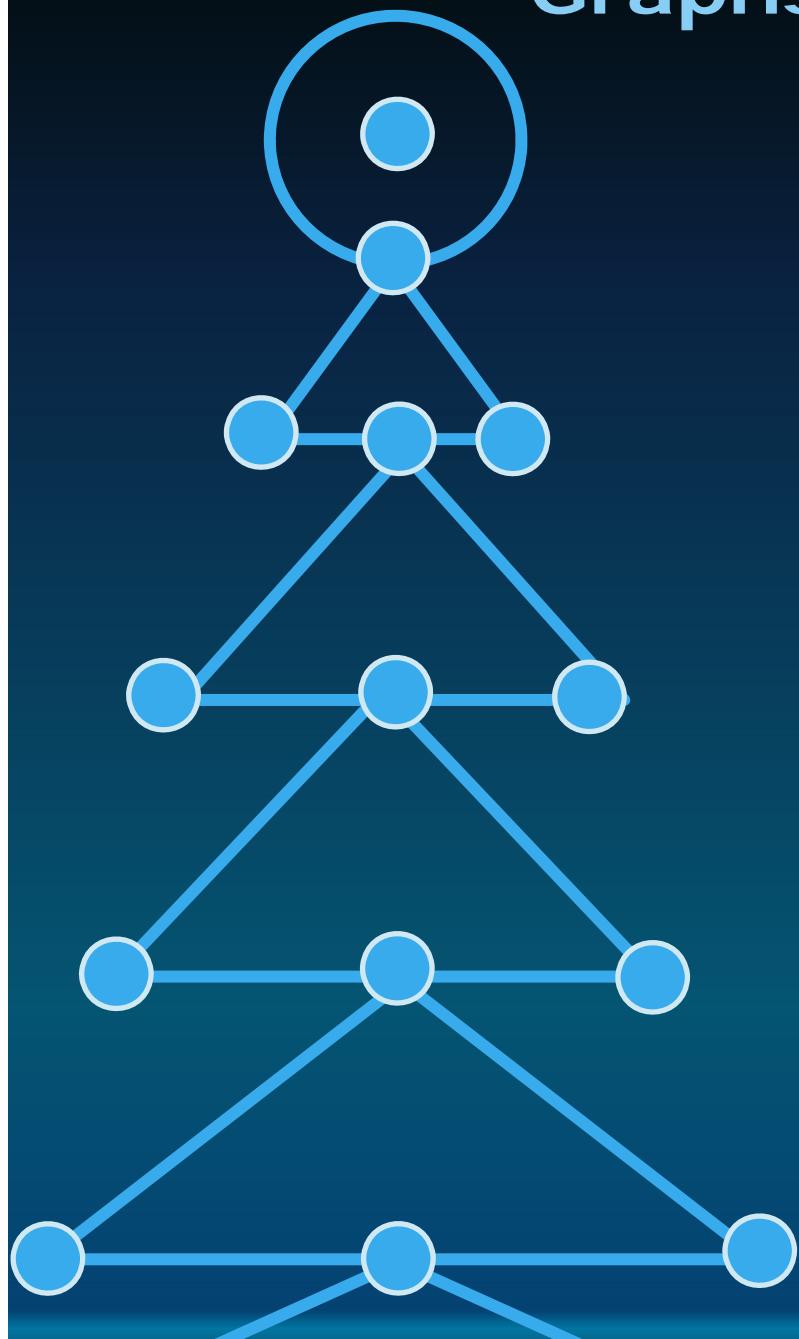
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Complexity index ( $CI$ )

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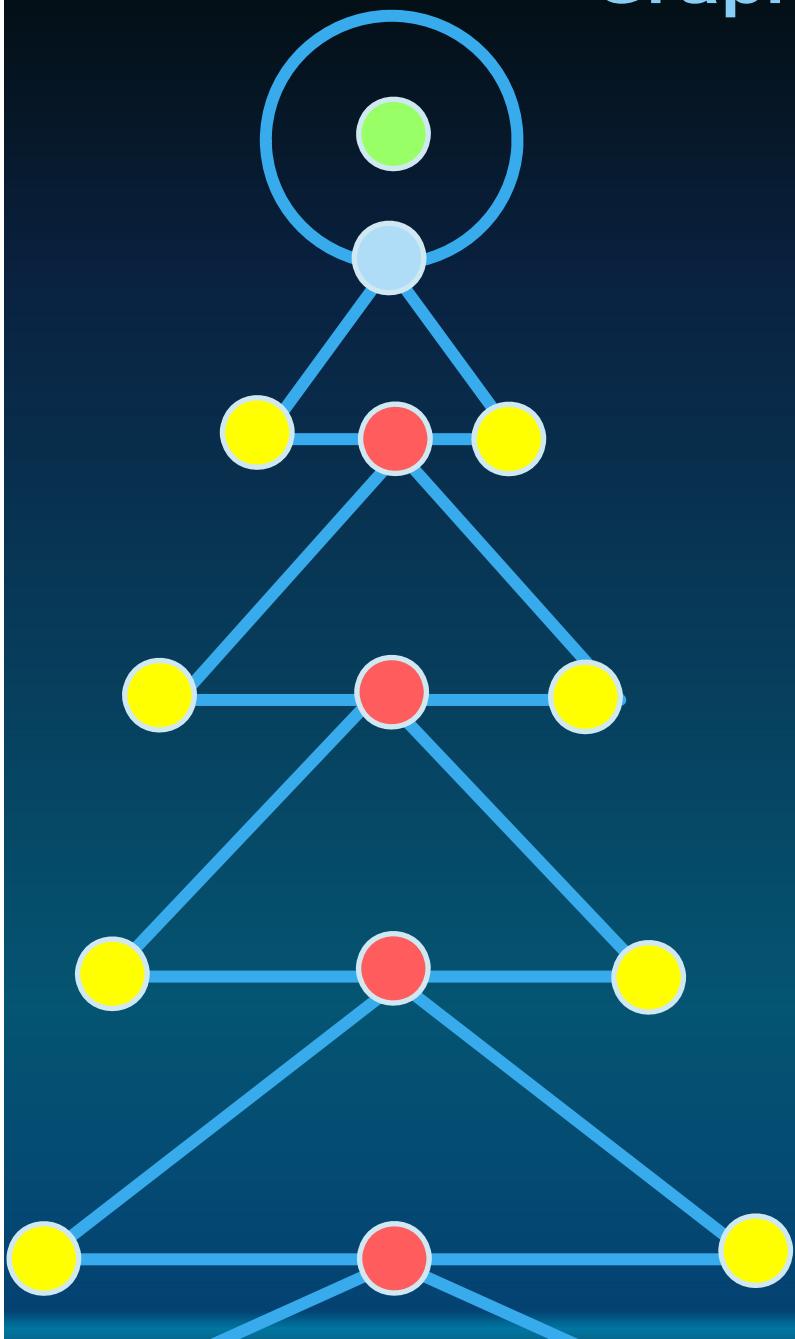
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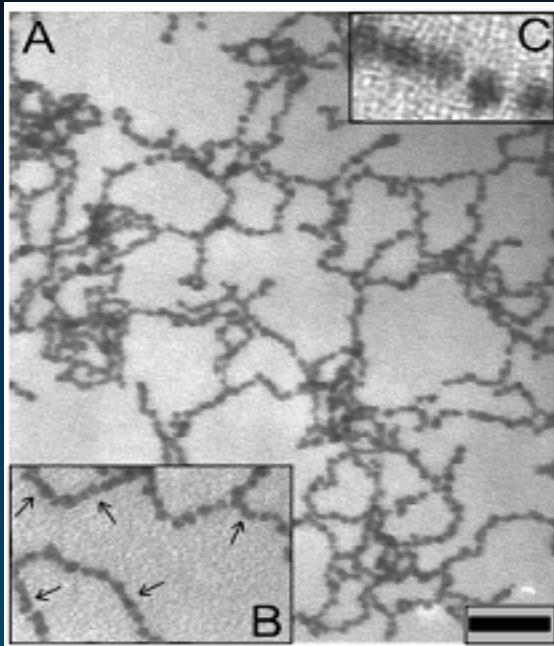
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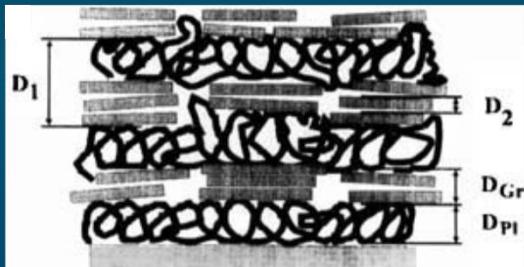
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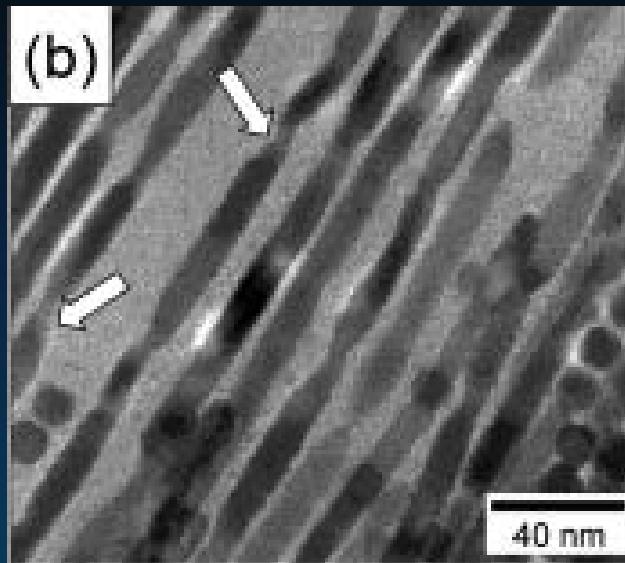
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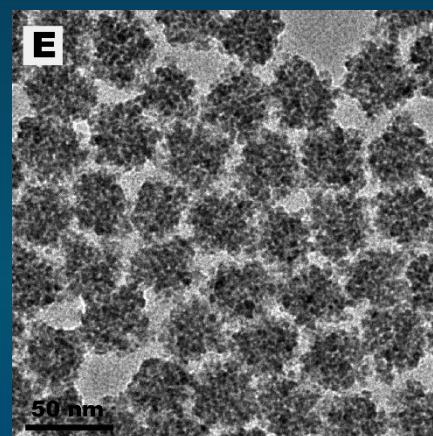
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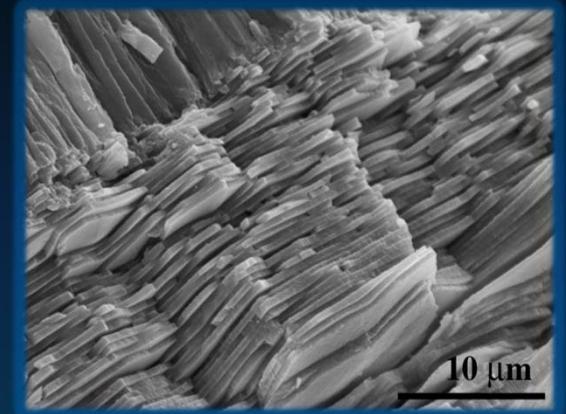
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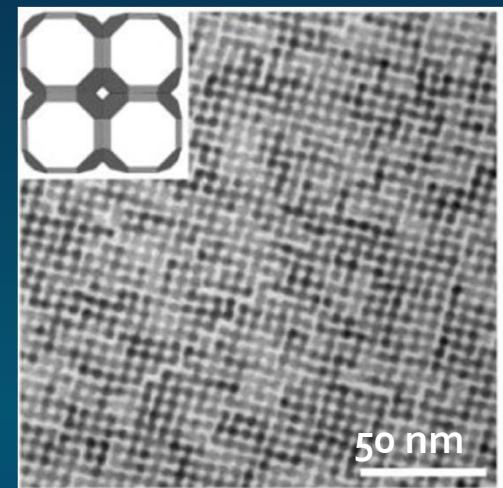
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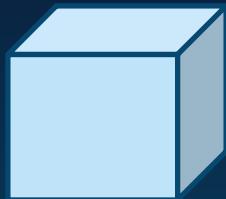
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# Graph Theory (GT) of Nanoassemblies

**NODES – represent zero-dimensional nanoscale building blocks**

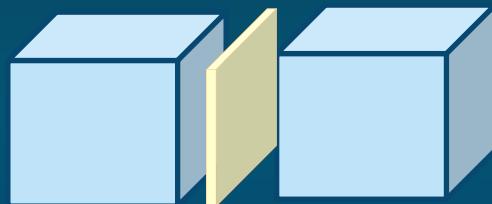


Generalized nanoparticle



$K_1$  graph

**EDGE - represents organic-inorganic interface**



A generalized layer of organic ligands



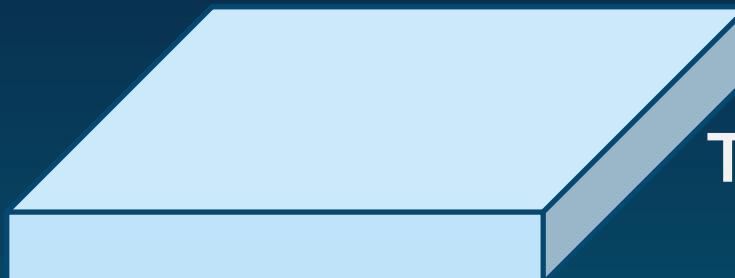
# GT Representation for Complex Building Blocks



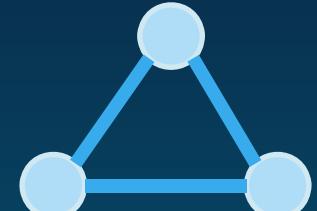
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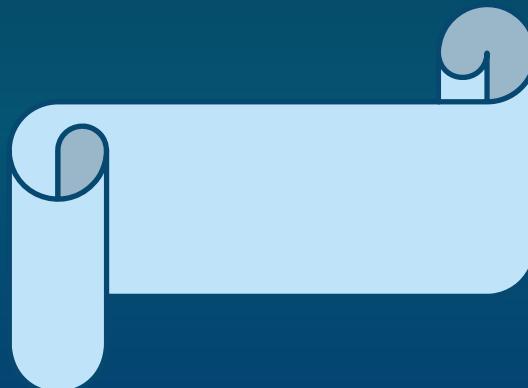
$K_2$



Two-dimensional  
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$K_3$



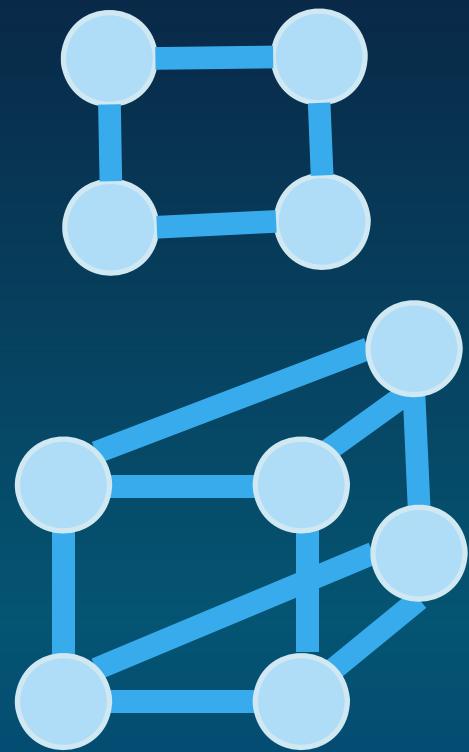
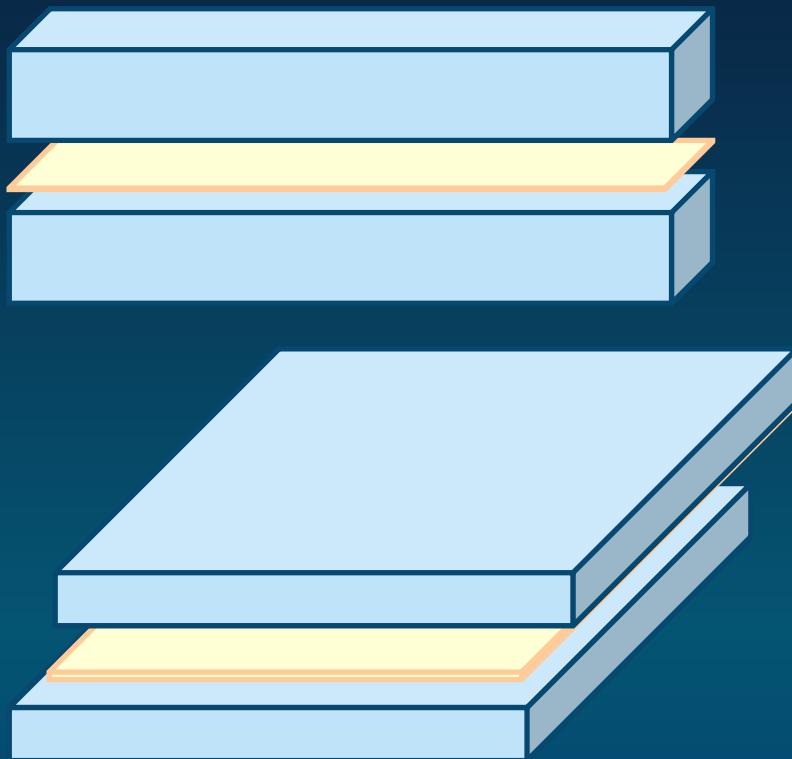
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$K_5$

# Connectivity Between Complex Blocks

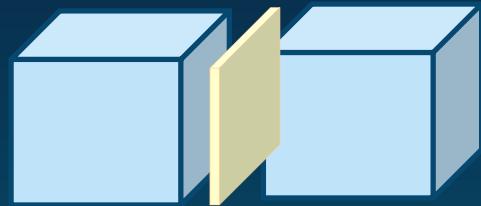
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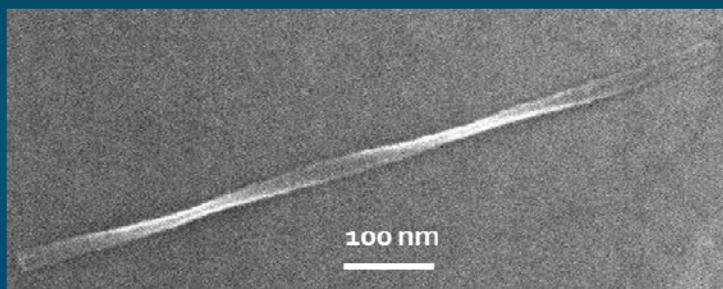
# Calculations of Complexity Index

Number of edges for a node =  $N$

$$CI = N + \Sigma N \text{ (nearest neighbors)}/2 + \Sigma N \text{ (next neighbors)}/4 + \dots$$

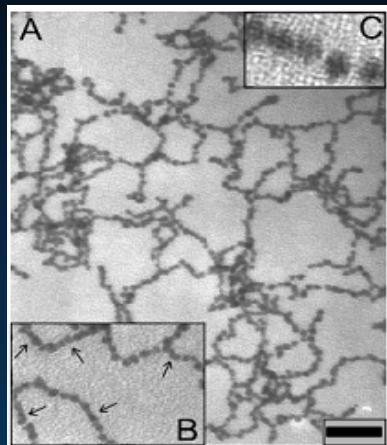


$$CI = 1 + [1/2] = 1.5$$

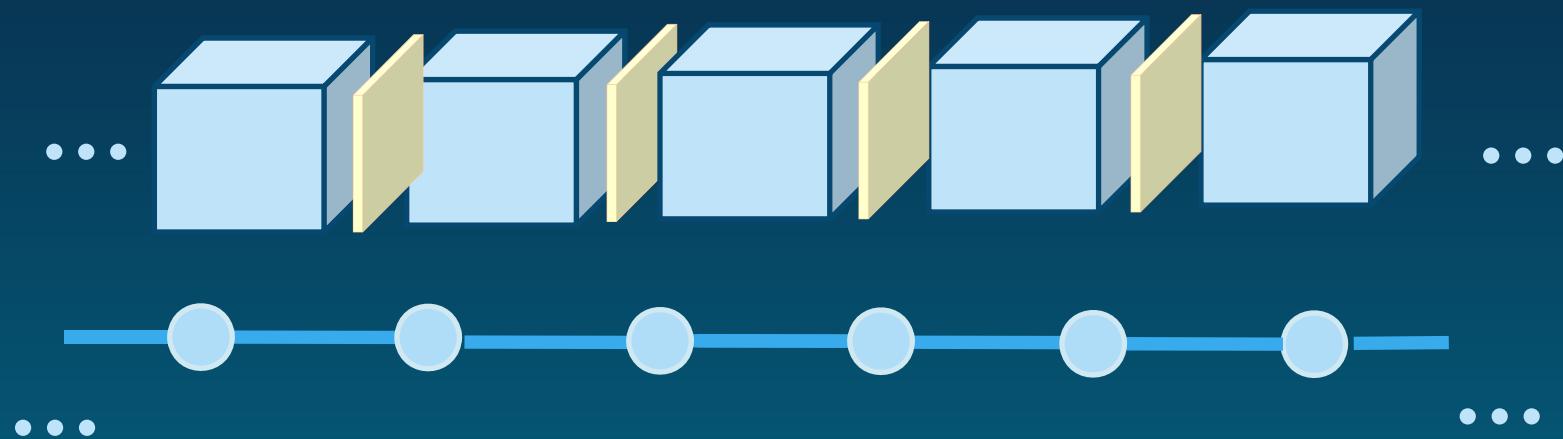


$$CI = 4 + [16/2] = 12$$

# Calculations of Complexity Index



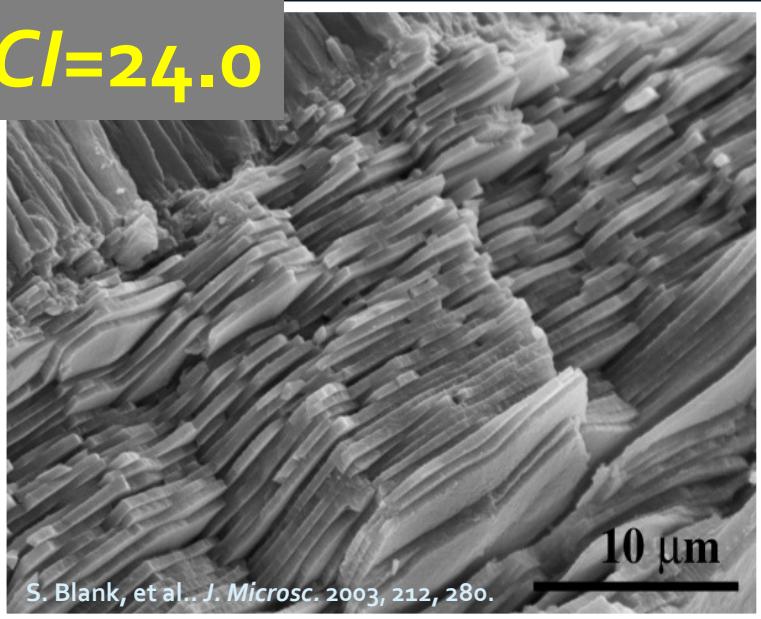
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$$CI = 2 + [4/2] + [4/4] + [4/8] + \dots = 2 + \text{Lim}(\sum 4/2^n) = 6$$

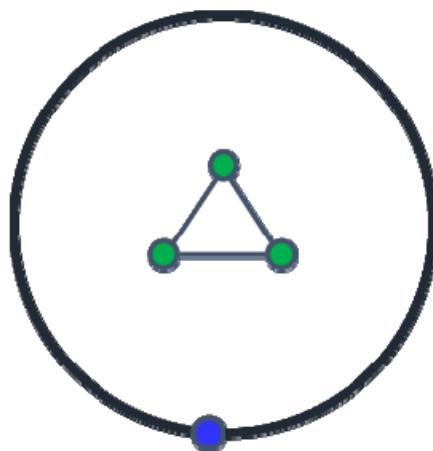
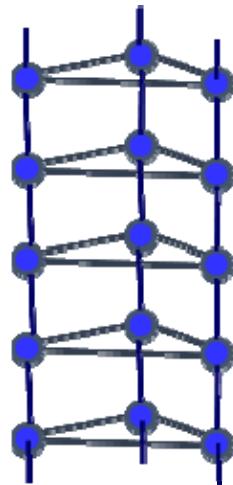
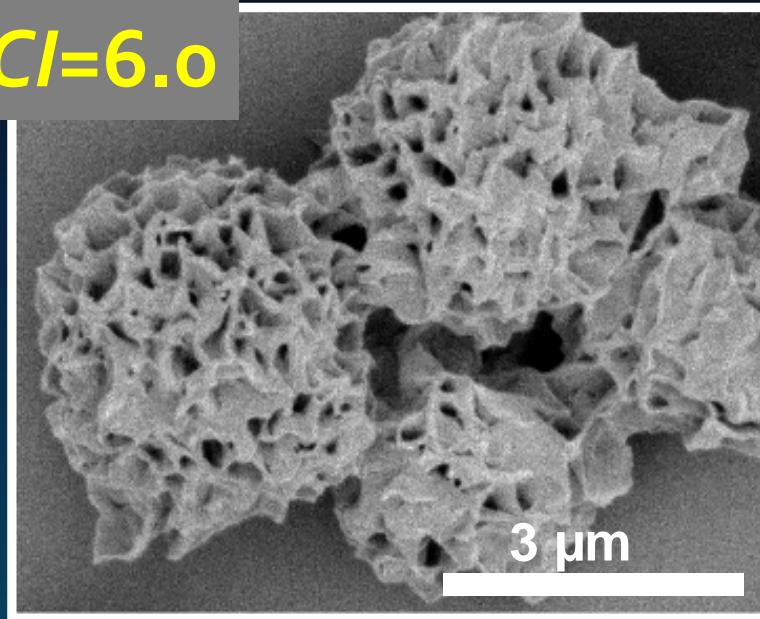
# Graph Theory Models

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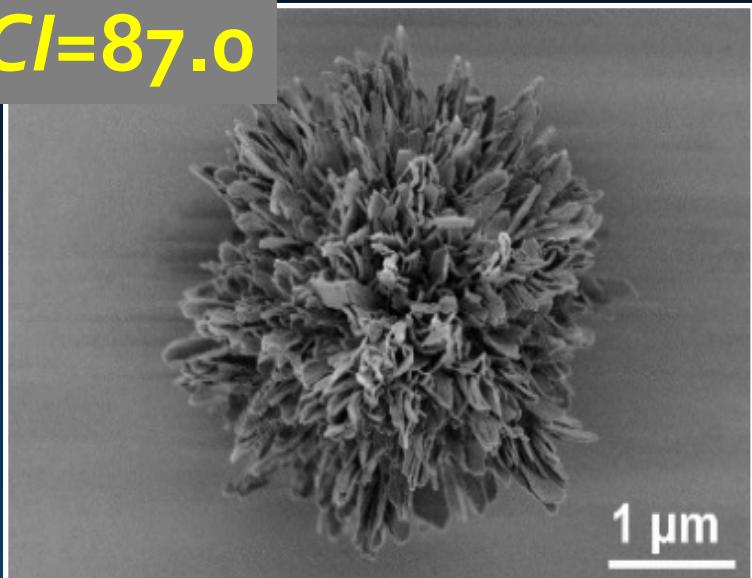
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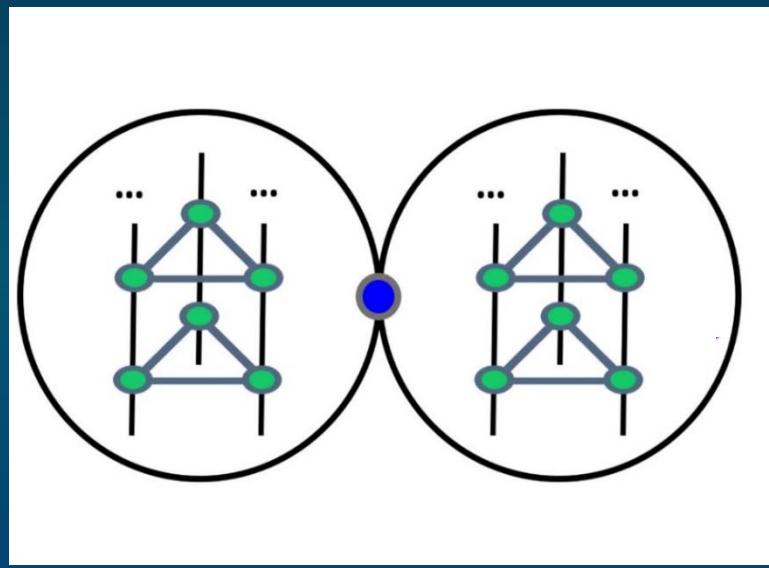
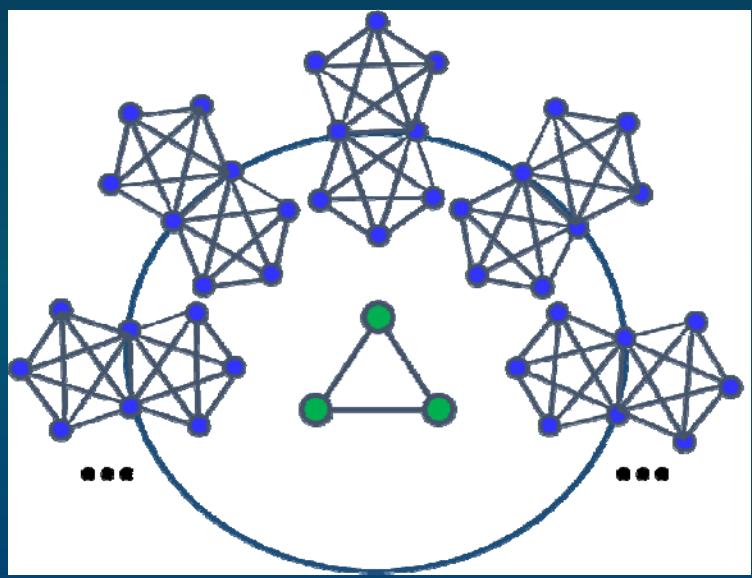
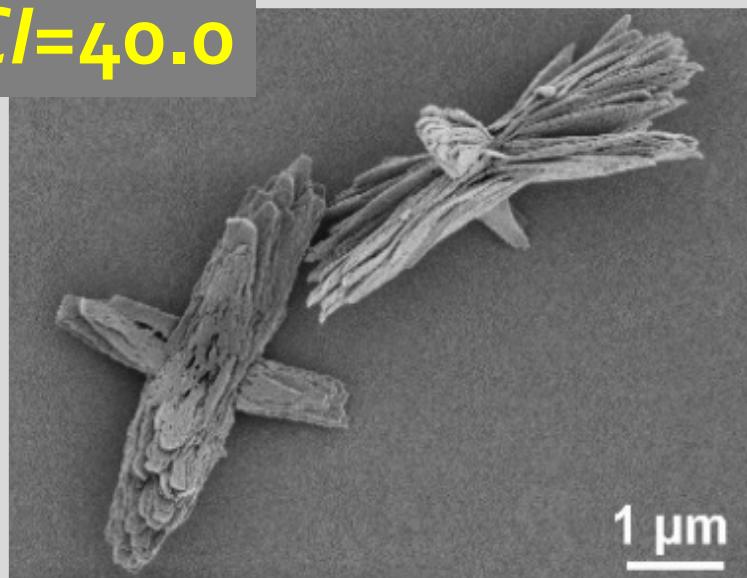


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