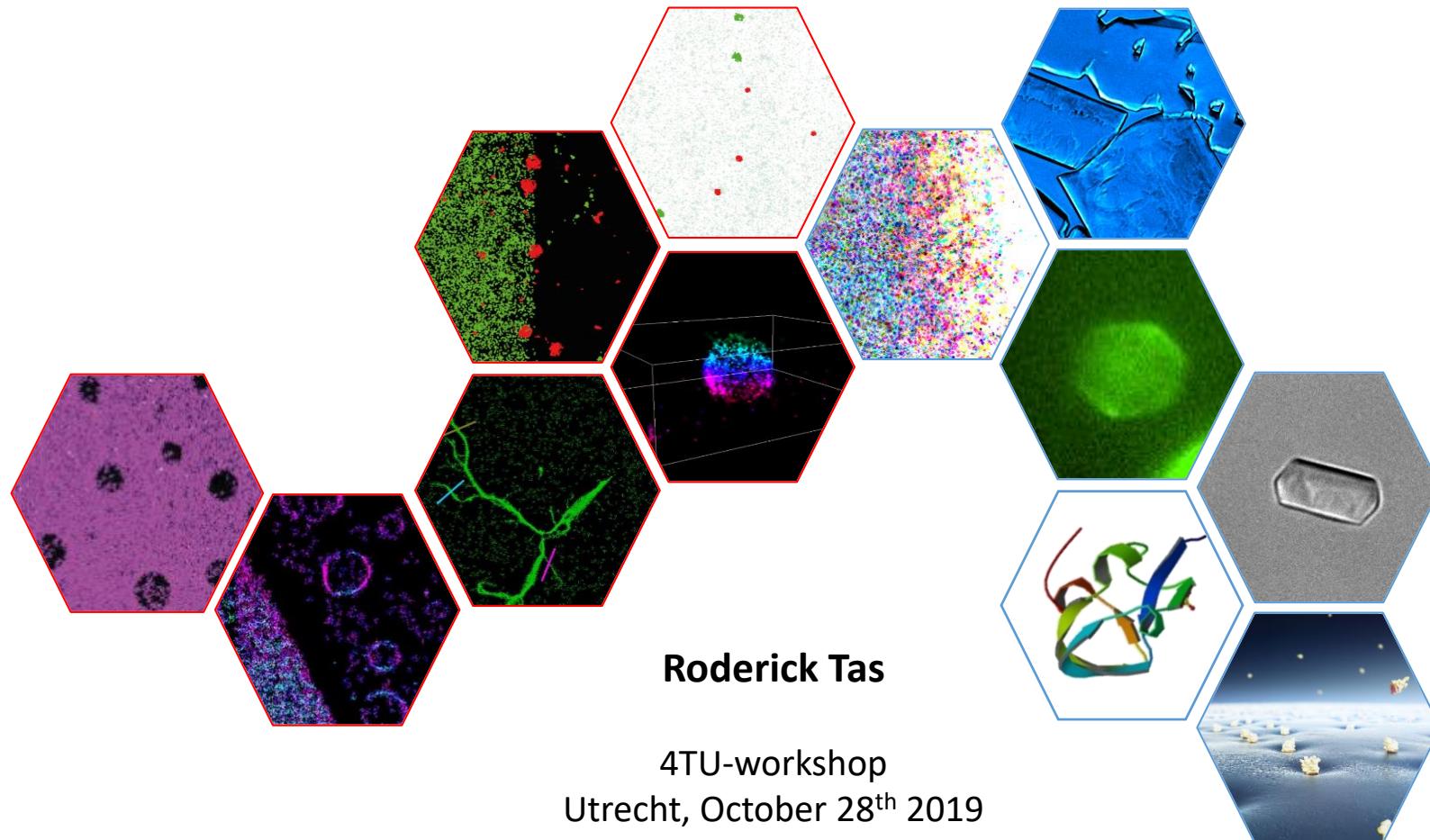


# Nanoscopy at the interface

## From Materials to Ice



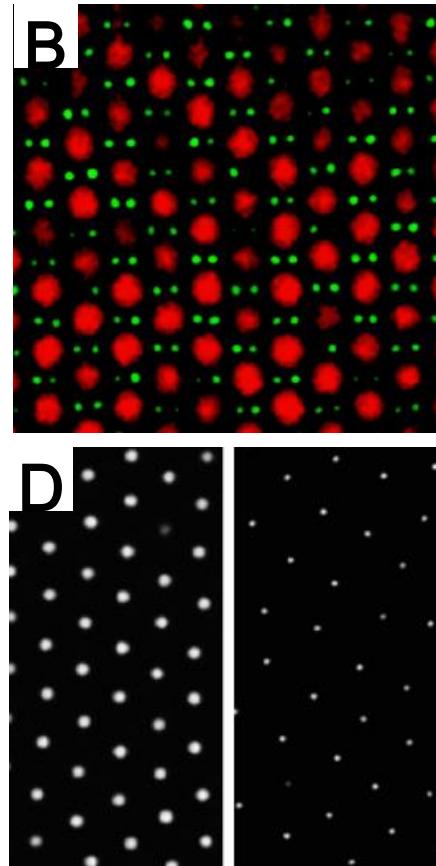
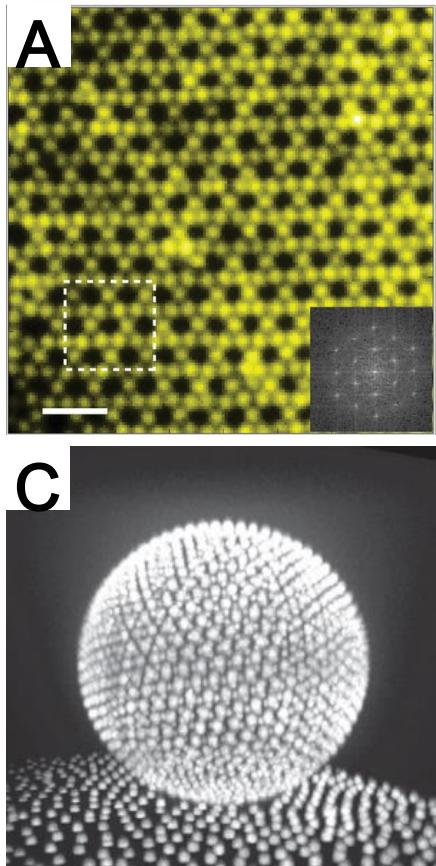
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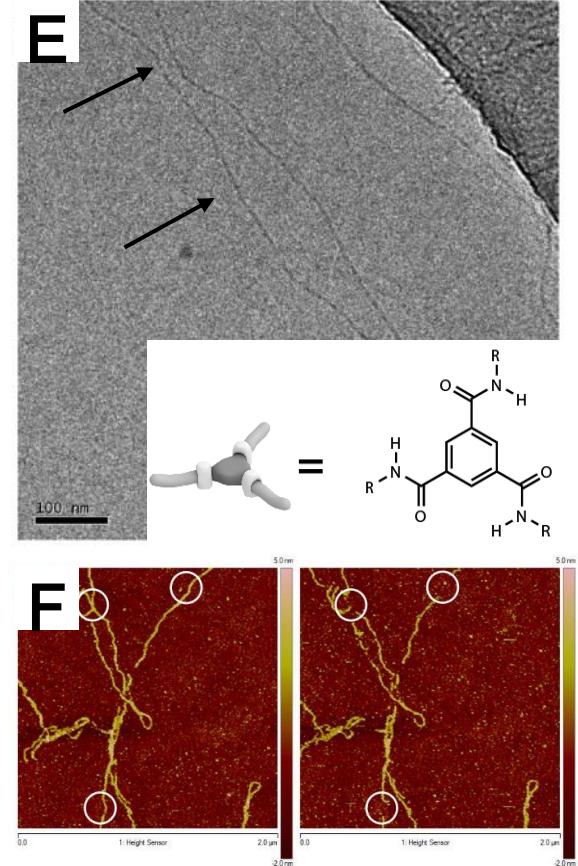
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Self-Organizing Soft Matter

# Nanoscale assemblies in chemistry and soft matter

Assembly of colloids and colloidal crystals



Assembly of supramolecular molecules

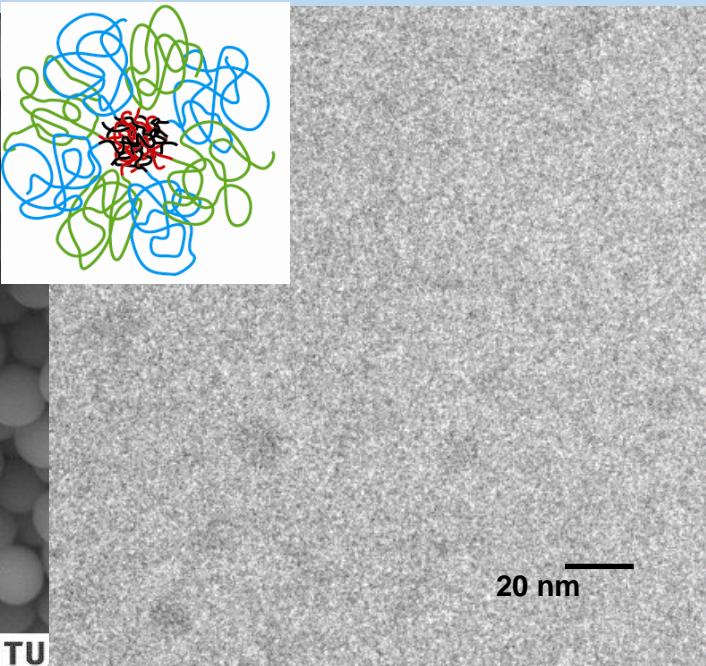


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# Soft Matter microscopy

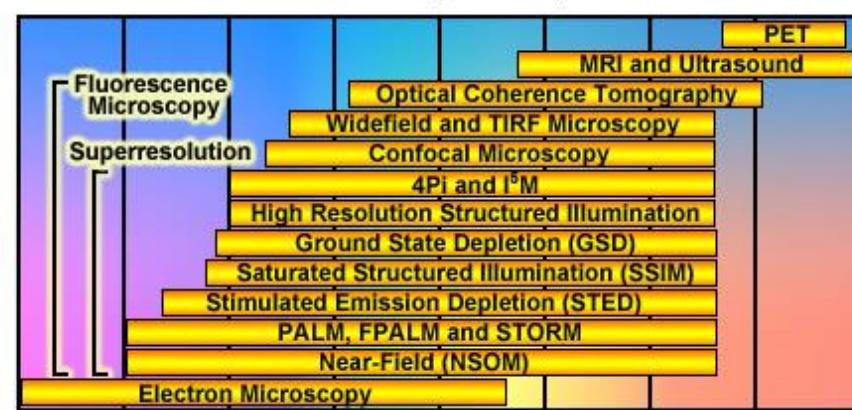
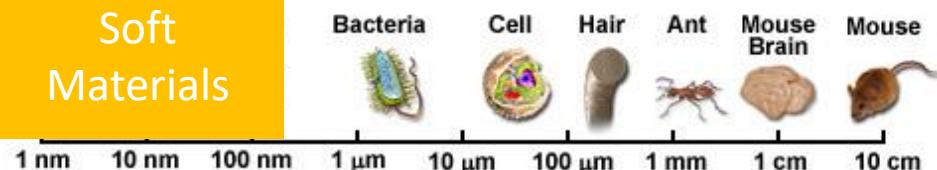


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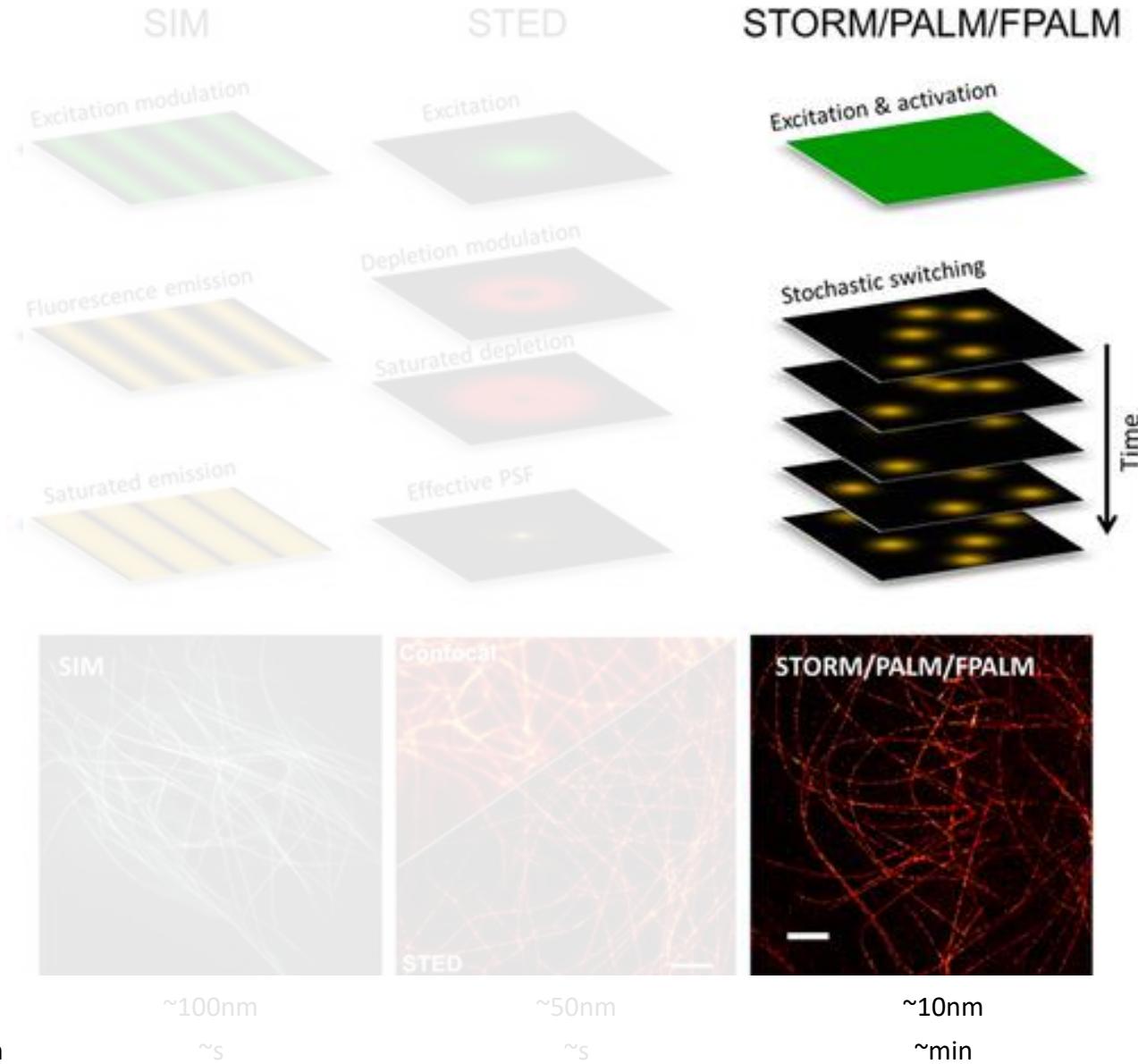
## Super resolution microscopy

In Situ imaging  
Labeling specificity  
Dynamic information

### Soft Materials

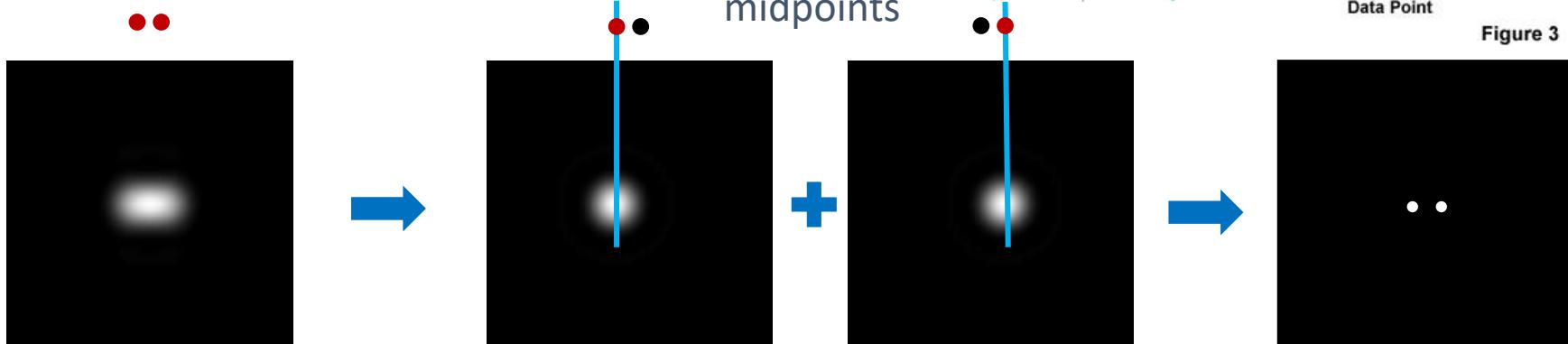


# Flavours of super-resolution microscopy

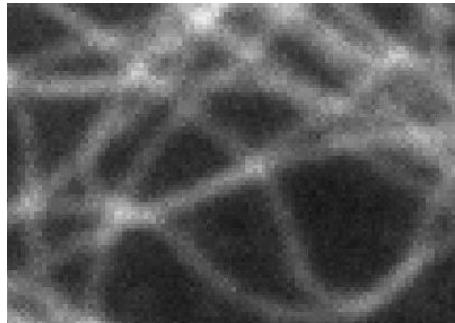


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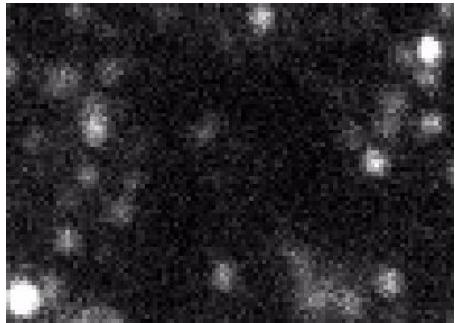
200nm



widefield image



acquisition



localizations



reconstruction

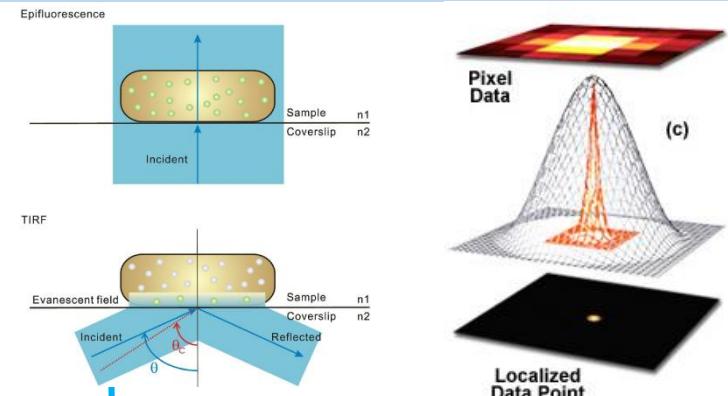
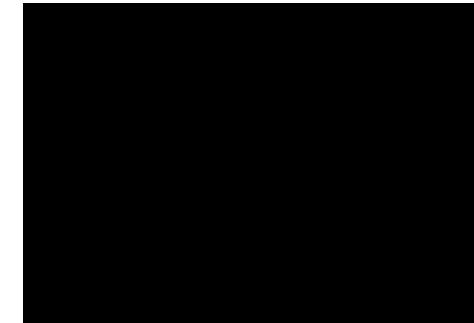
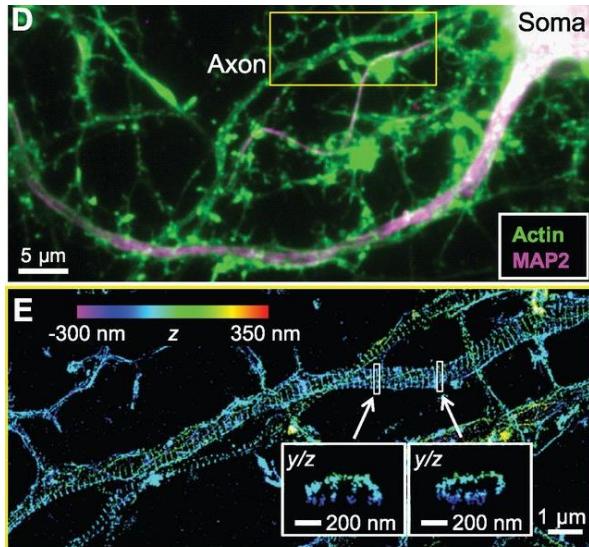


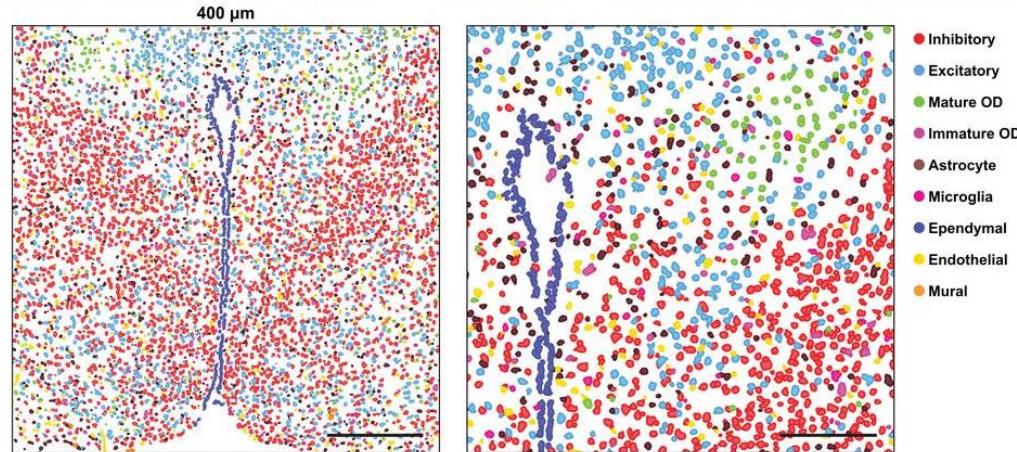
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# Lessons from biology



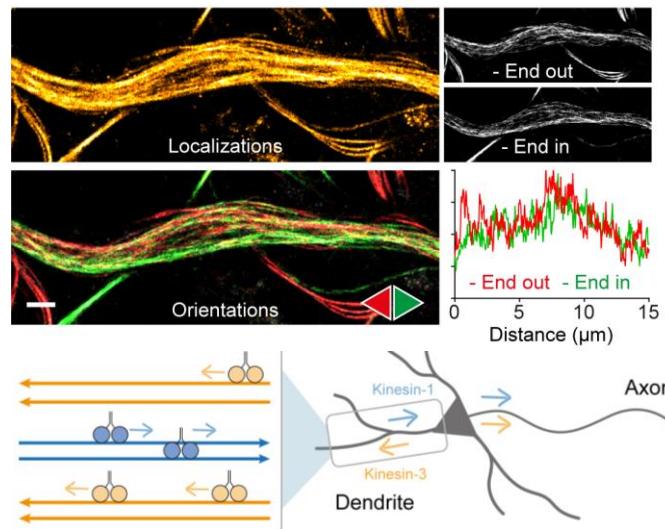
## Periodic rings in neuronal neurites

Xu et al., 2015 *Science*



## Spatially resolved single-cell RNA profiling

Moffit et al., 2018 *Science*

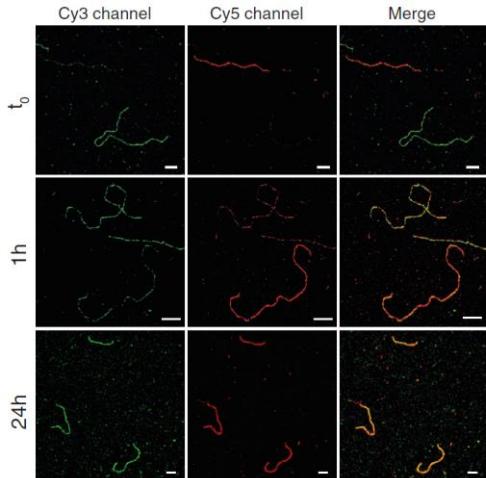


## Microtubule orientations dictate selective transport in neurons

Tas et al., 2018 *Neuron*

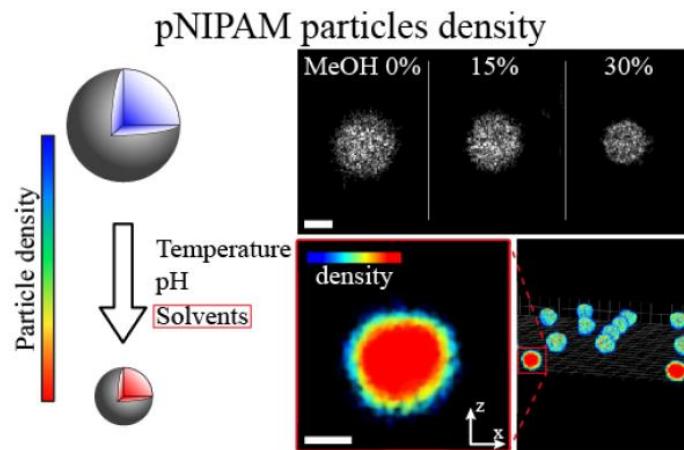
# Nanoscopy in material sciences

## supramolecular polymers



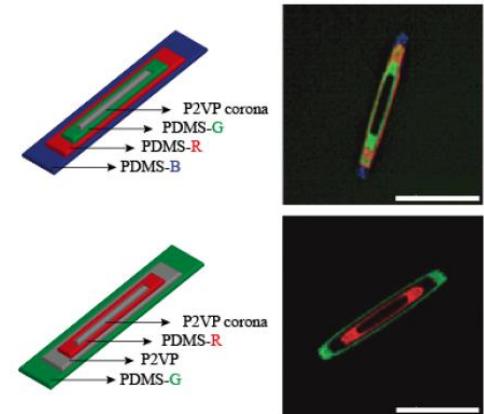
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## Particle composition and density



Conley *et al.*, 2016 *CSA*

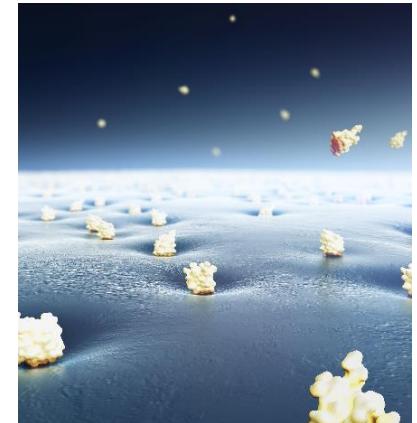
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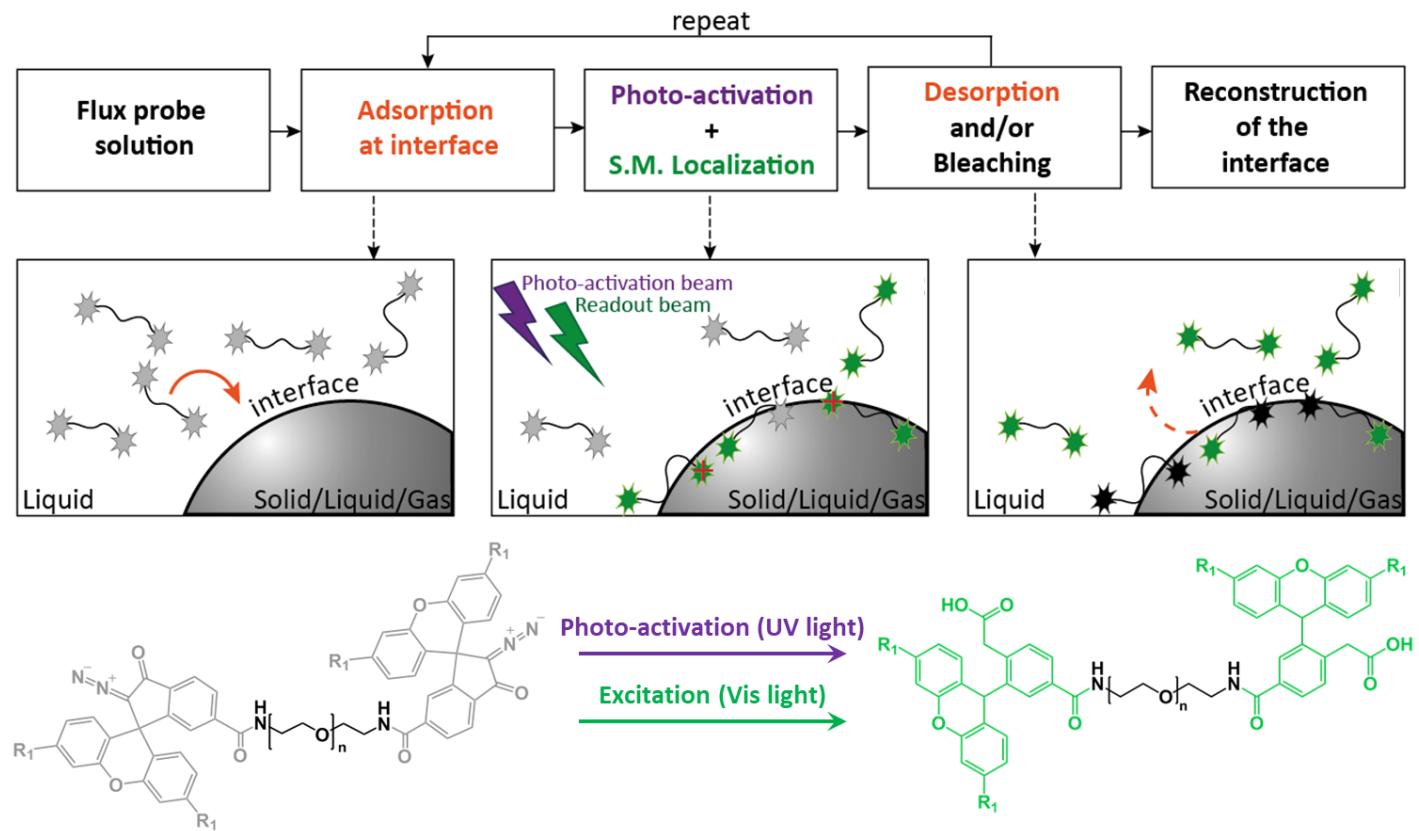


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# Outline: Applications of SMLM to understand soft matter

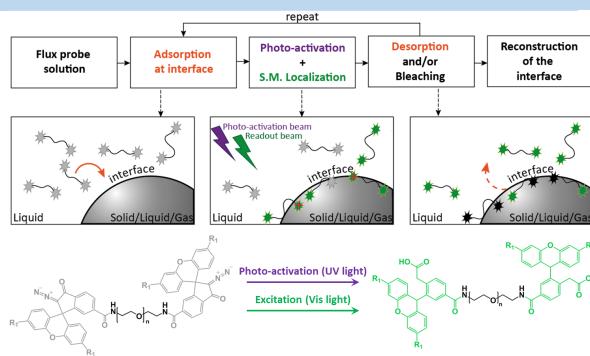
- **iPAINT: a versatile SMLM tool to study soft matter**
  - Colloidal dispersion in fluid-fluid interfaces
  - Complex supramolecular polymers
- **Resolving antifreeze proteins at the ice-water interface to study their mechanisms**



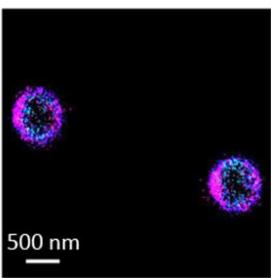


Transient non-covalent adsorption of fluorophores at interfaces

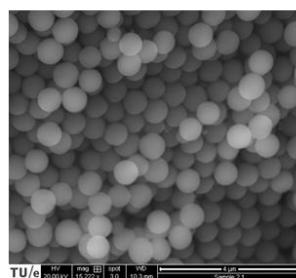
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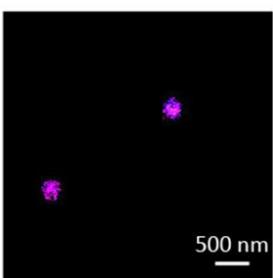
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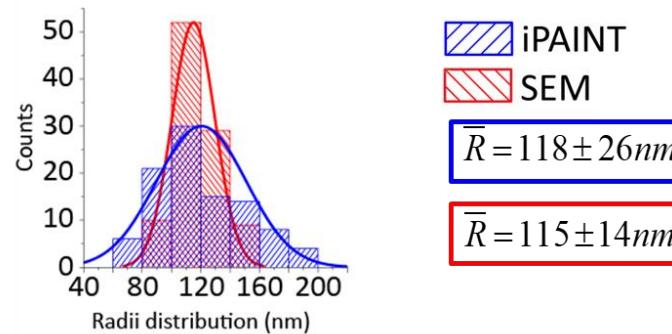
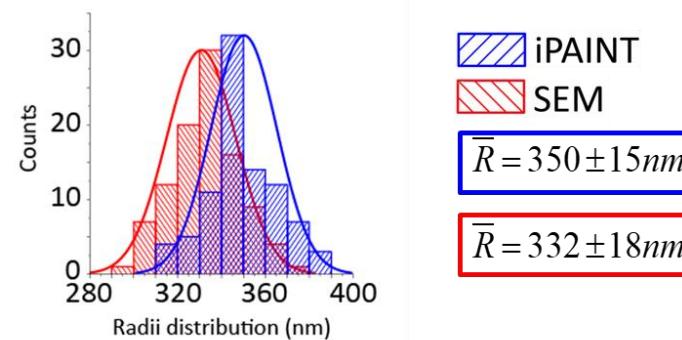
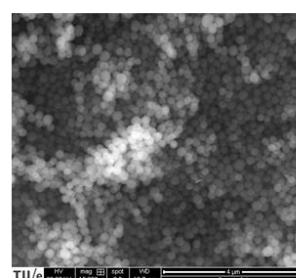
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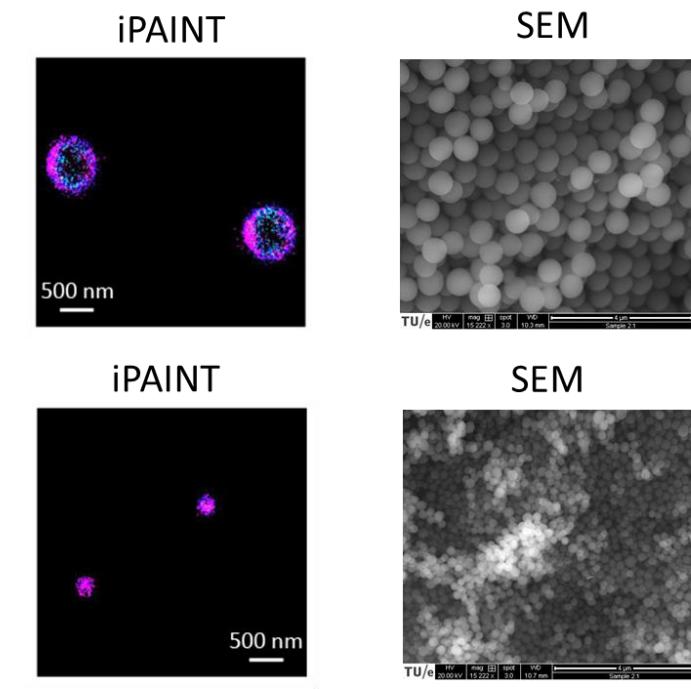
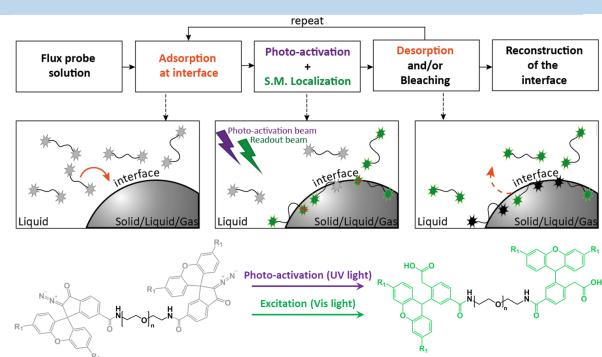
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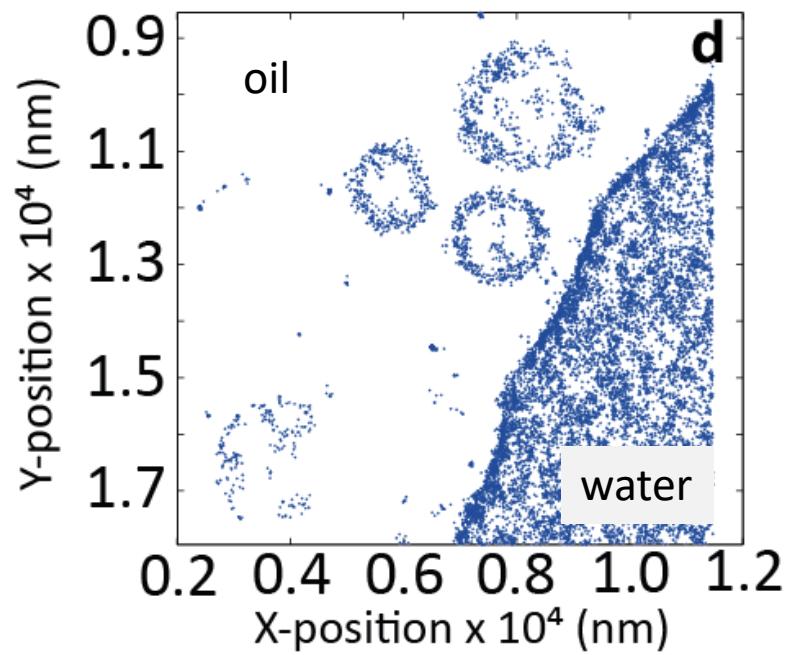
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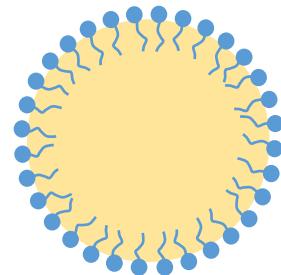
iPAINT of a liquid-liquid interface



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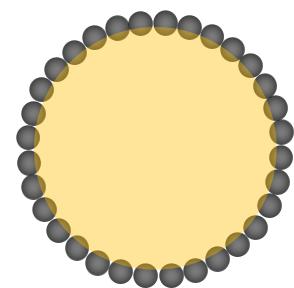
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Lowers interfacial tension

Reversibly adsorbed

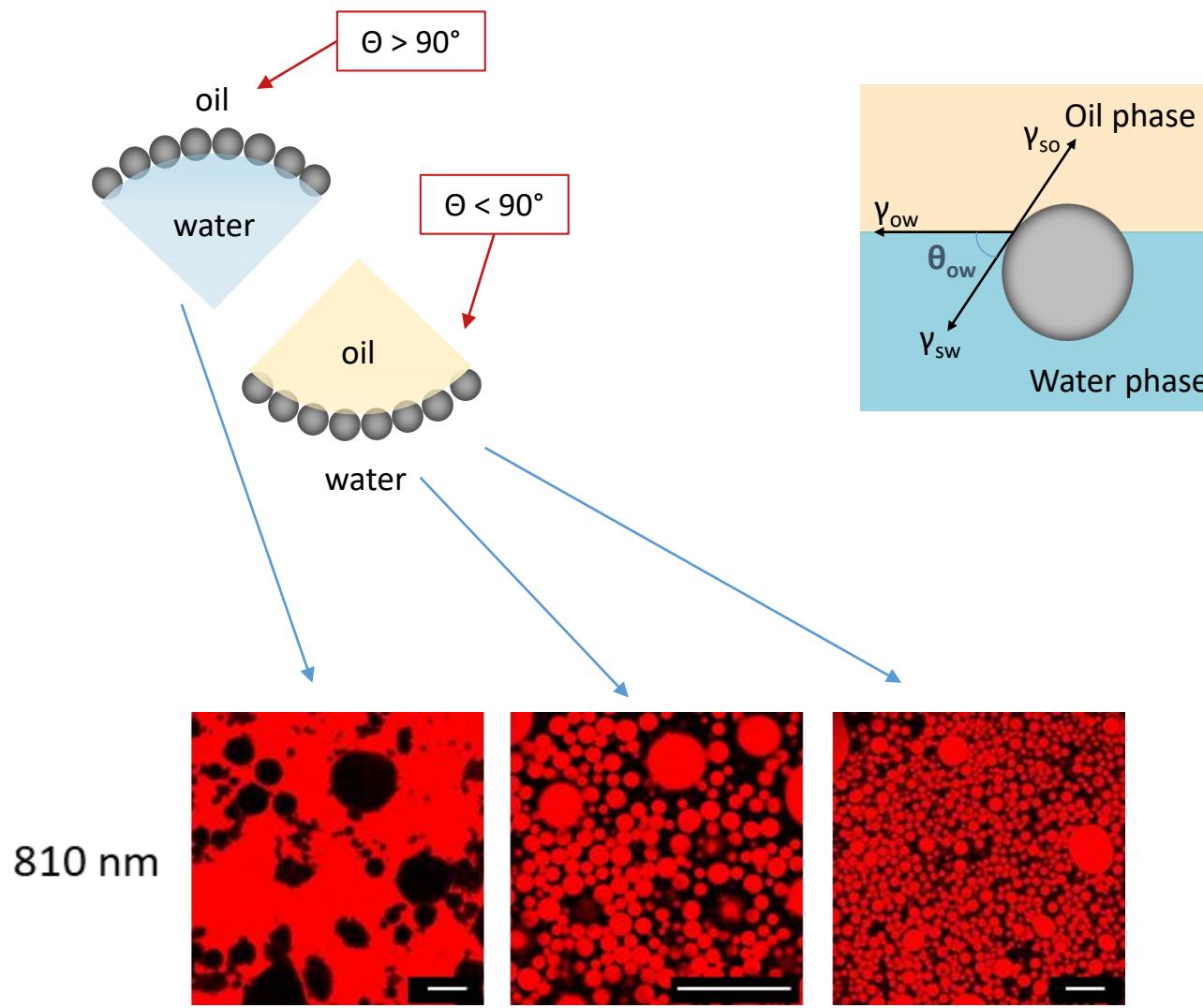
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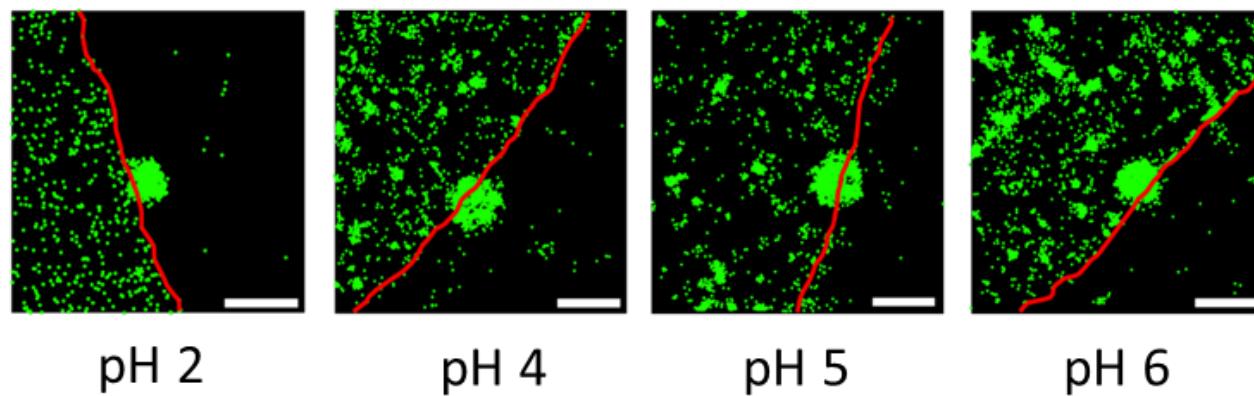
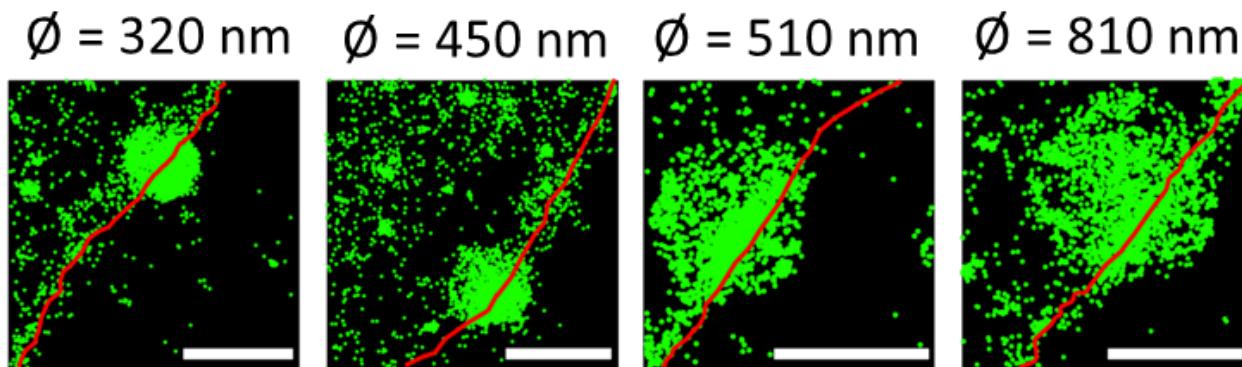
Lowers interfacial tension

**Forms steric barrier**  
Irreversibly adsorbed

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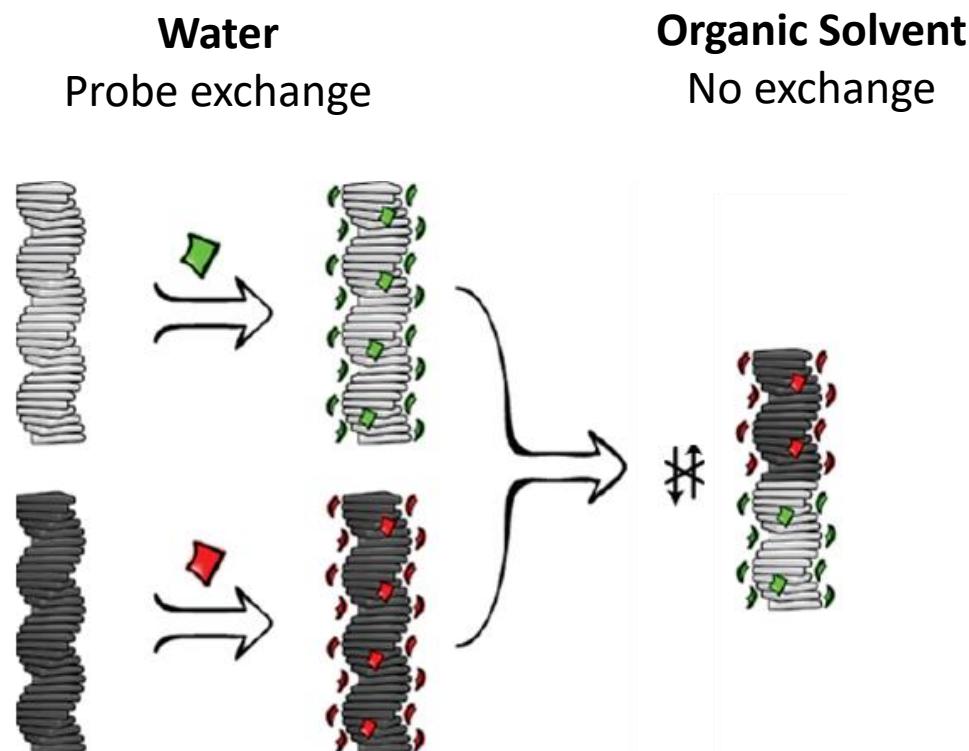


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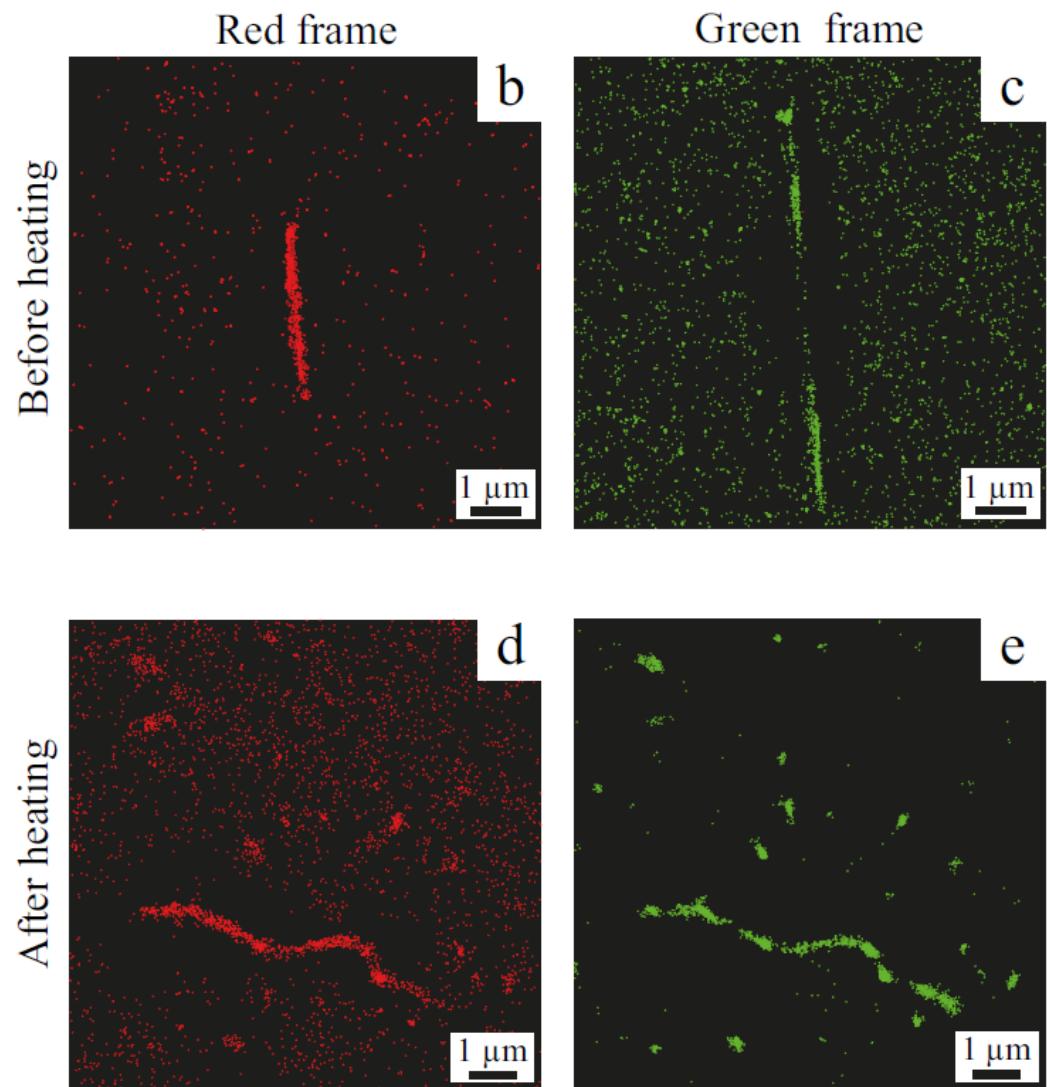
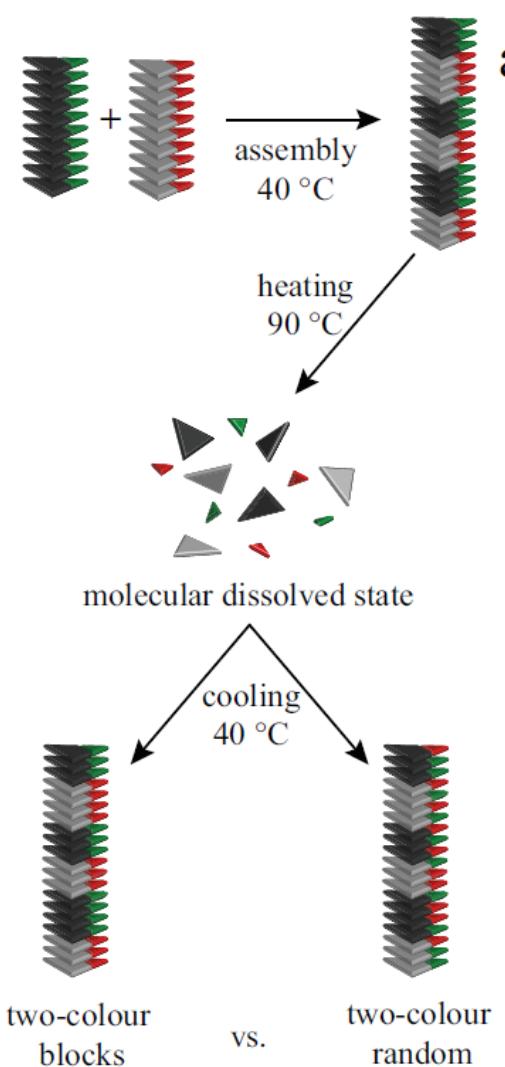


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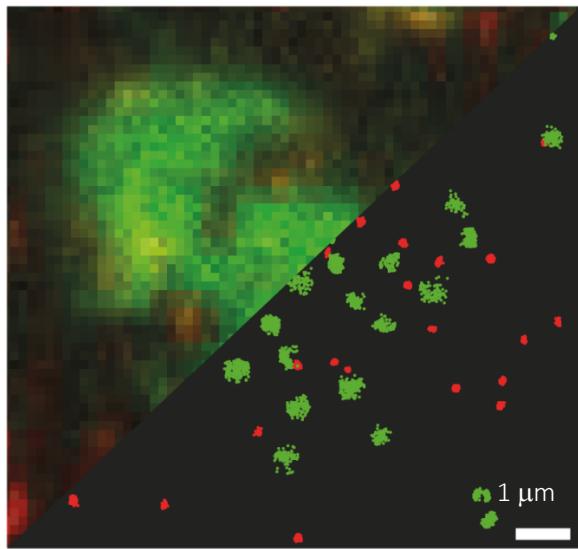


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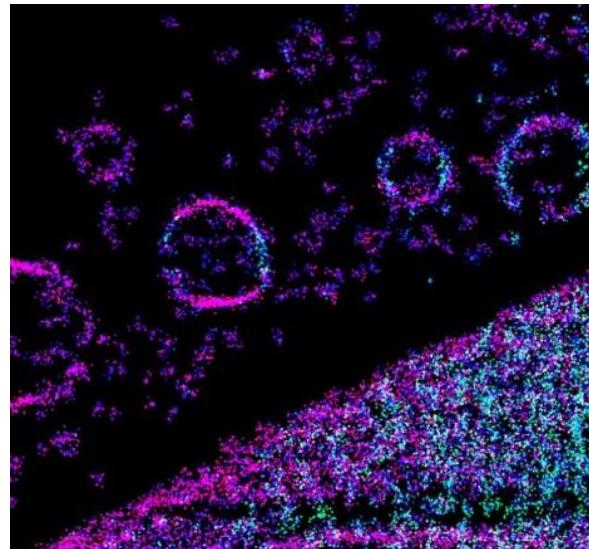


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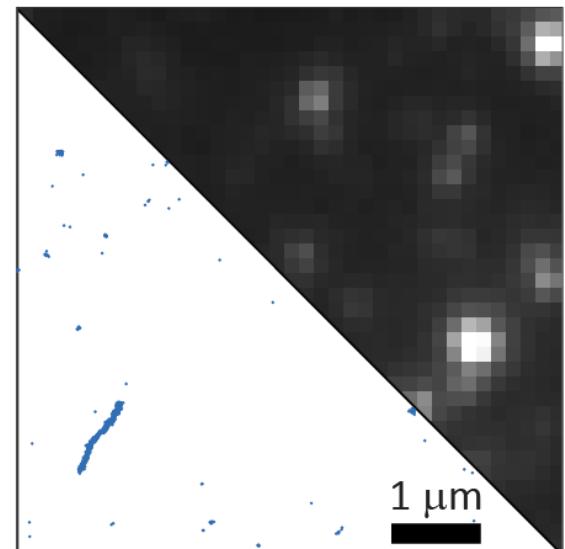
Colloidal dispersions



Interfaces

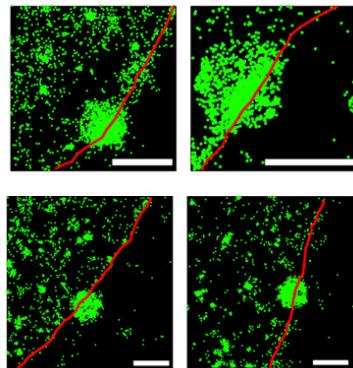


Supramolecular systems

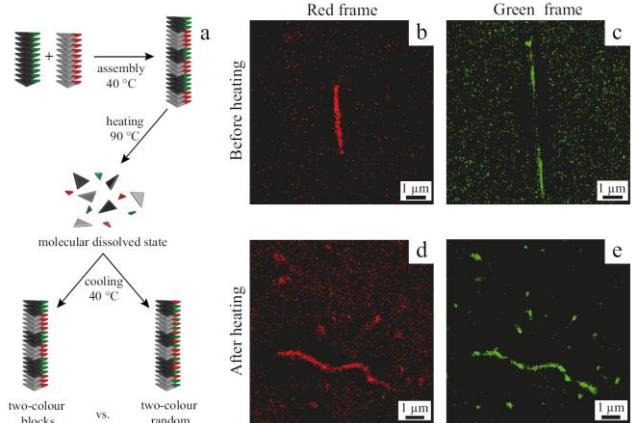


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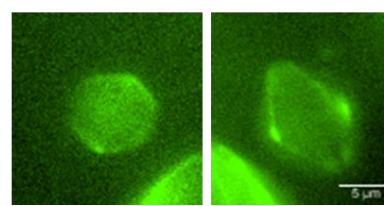
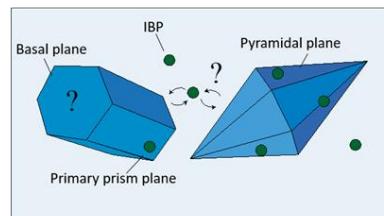
## Colloidal dispersions in fluid-fluid interfaces



## Complex supramolecular polymers



## Ice growth inhibition by Antifreeze proteins



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