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- Endoskeletal droplets

hexadecane
droplet

wax crystal
“endoskeleton”

Surfactant solution
SDS, 100mM

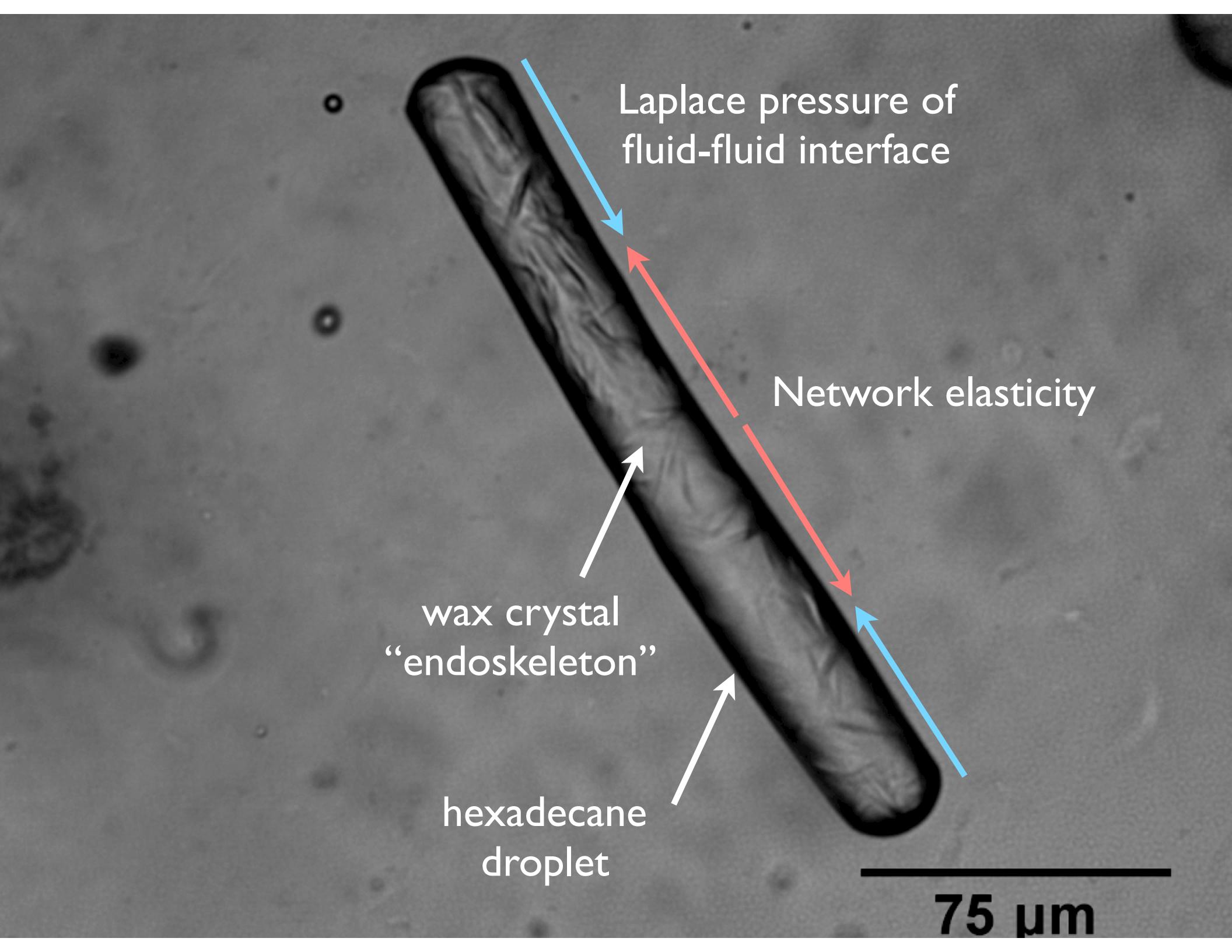
MFC (yield stress)

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75 μ m



Laplace pressure of
fluid-fluid interface

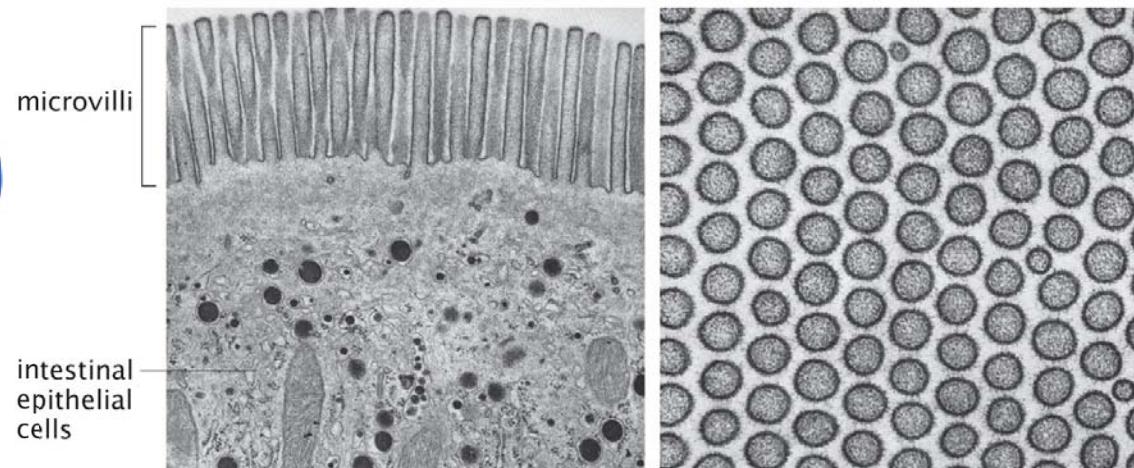
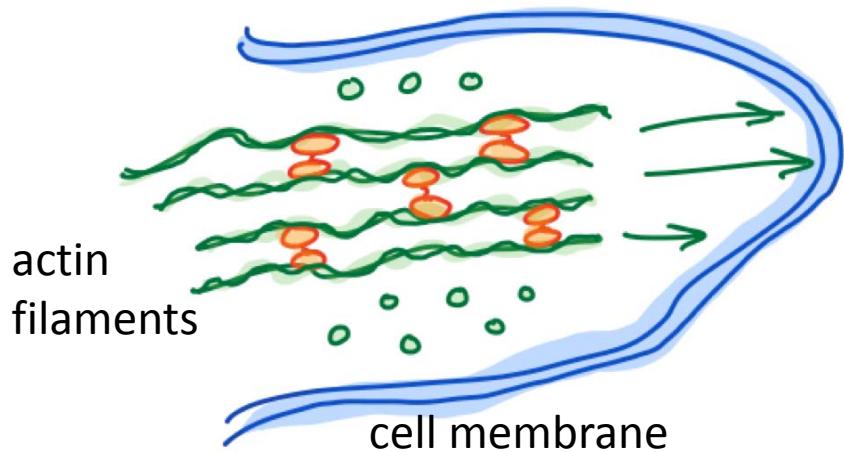
Network elasticity

wax crystal
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hexadecane
droplet

75 μm

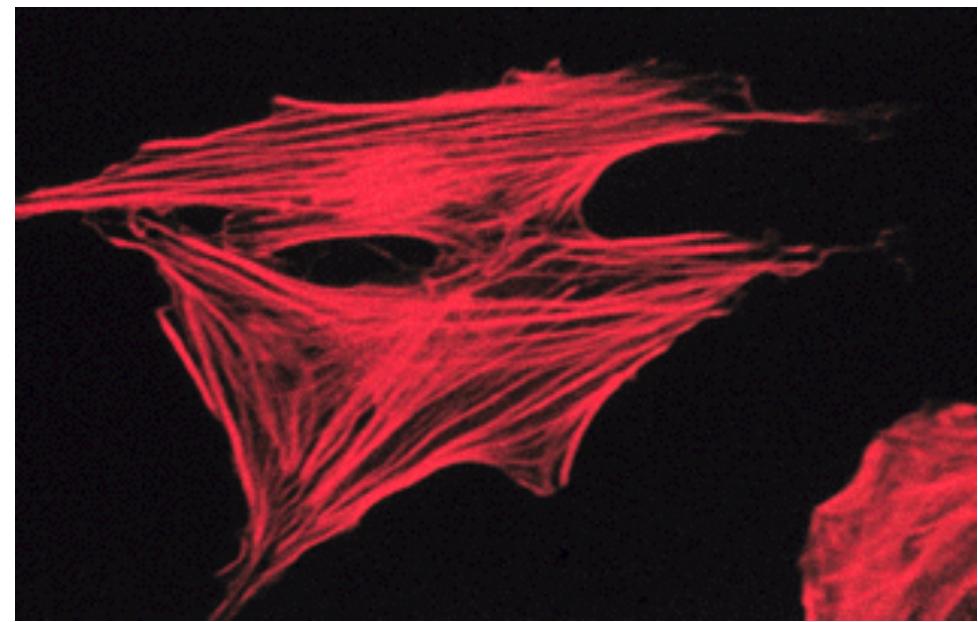
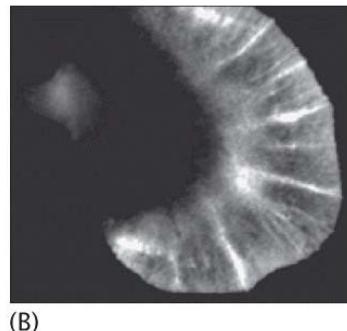
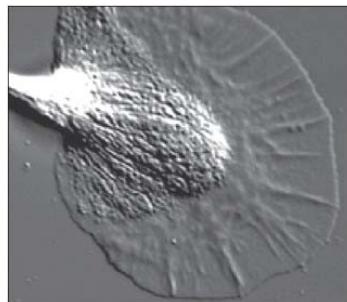
Cell shape and motility



Theriot Lab, Stanford



fish keratocyte, 30X



D. Bray. *Cell Movements*. Garland Science, New York, 2001.
Rob Phillips, Jane Kondev, Julie Theriot, Hernan Garcia, *Physical Biology of the Cell*, Garland Science, New York, 2013

Fluid emulsions are common delivery vehicles for active ingredients

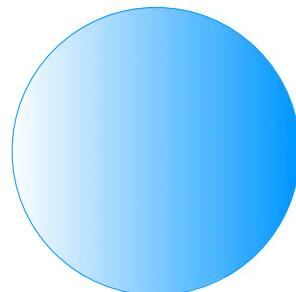


consumer products

agriculture / crop protection

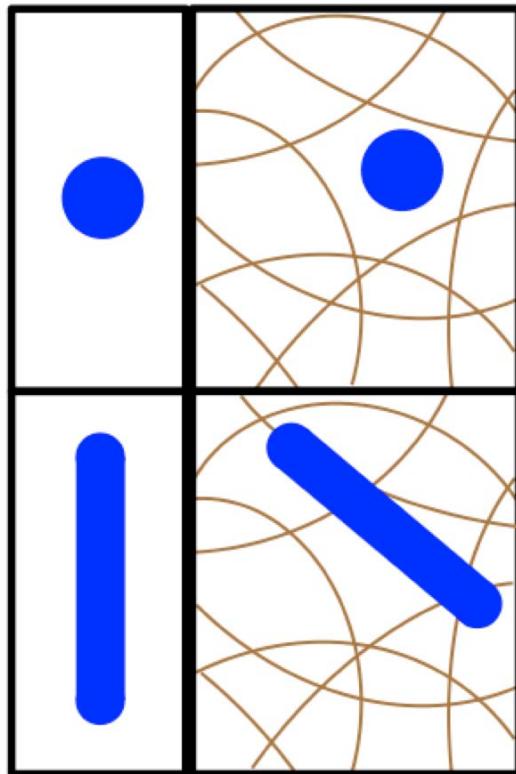


*Emulsion or droplet
– surface tension, minimum area*



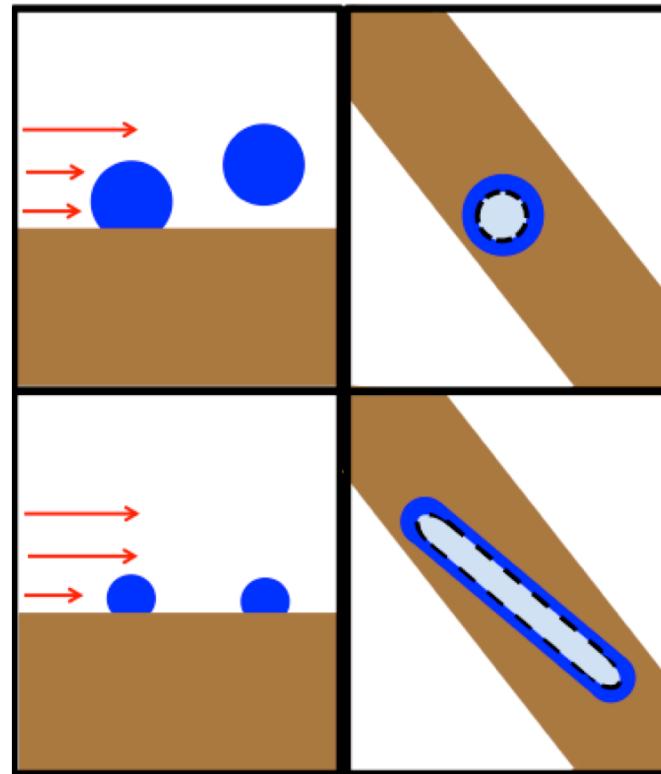
Advantages of shape anisotropy for deposition

Delivery / transport



*better filtration, higher
collision cross-section*

Retention



*greater contact, adhesion,
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Capillary molding

Endoskeletal droplets

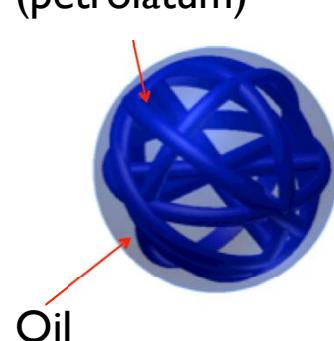
60–80 wt% petrolatum: branched alkanes ($n > 25$)

20–40 wt% hexadecane: linear alkane ($n = 16$)

Aqueous phase

10 mM sodium dodecyl sulfate (SDS)

Wax crystal network
(petrolatum)



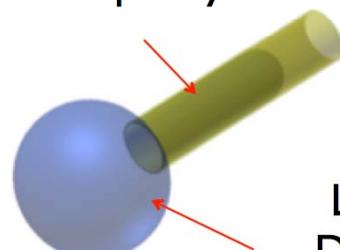
Oil
(hexadecane)

1. Capture Droplet



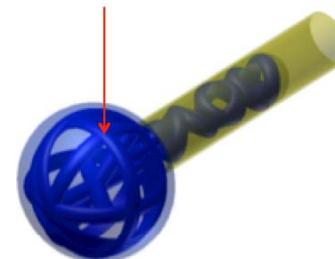
2. Heating and aspiration
(4-7 min)

Capillary

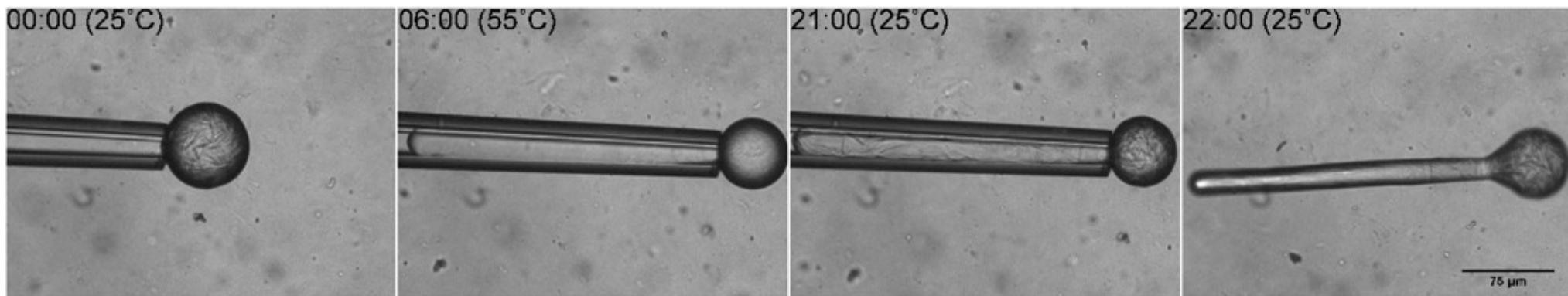


Liquid
Droplet

Crystallization

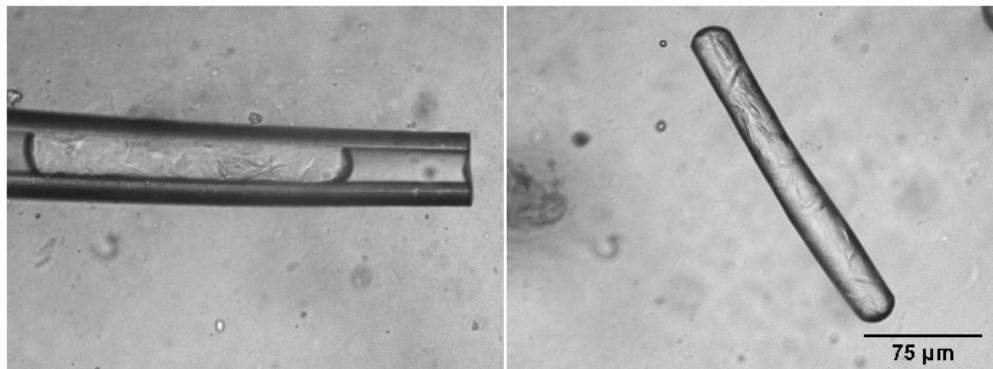


4. Ejection
(0.5-2 min)

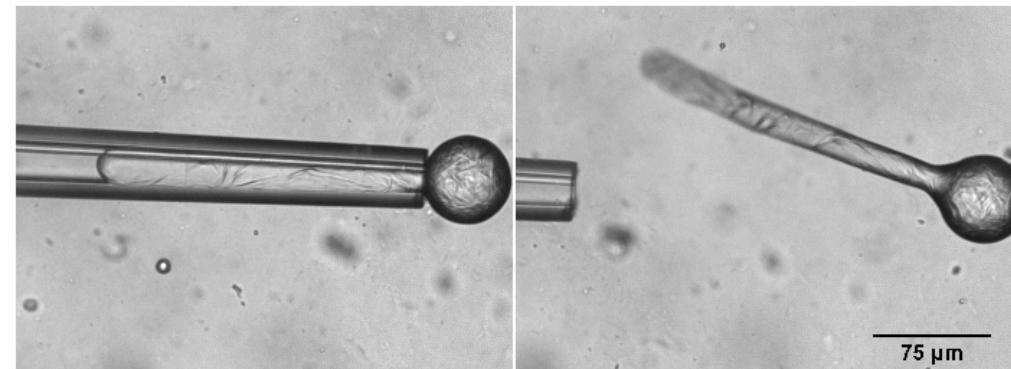


Structured droplet geometries

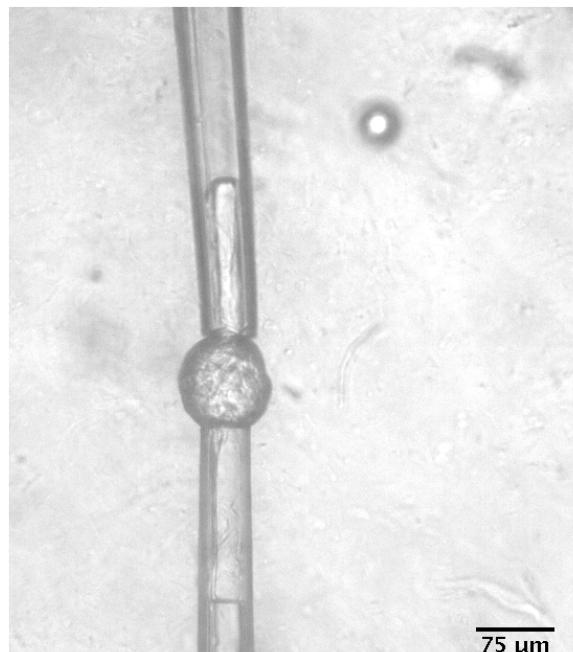
produced by capillary molding



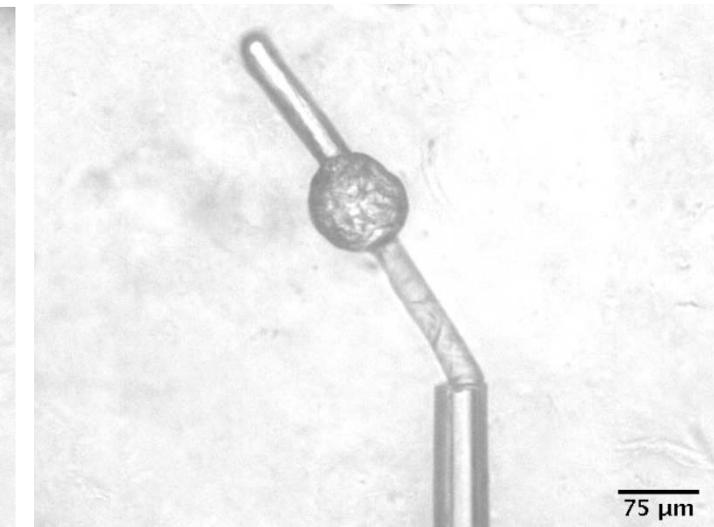
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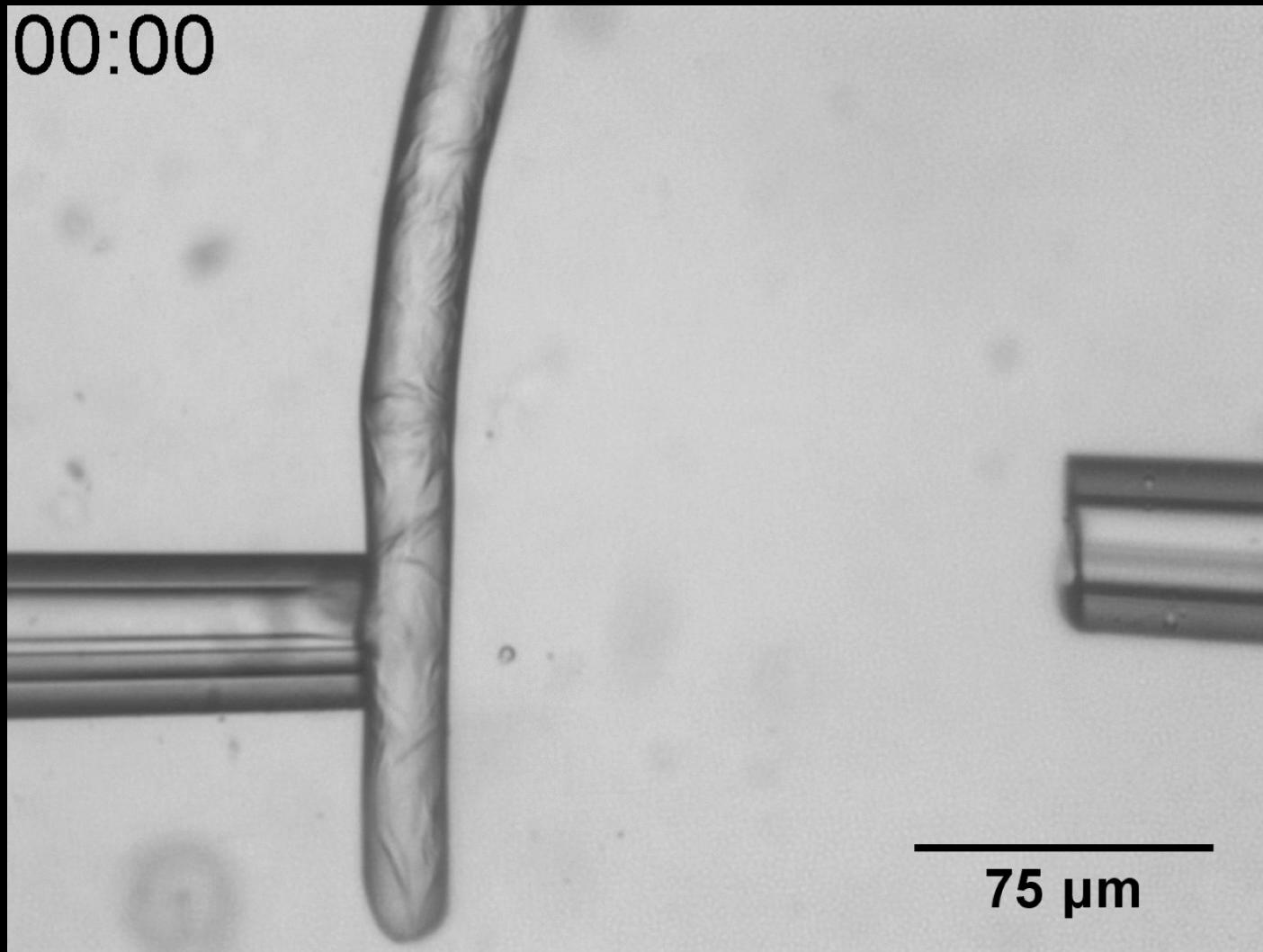
“Ball and stick”



“Dual ball and stick”

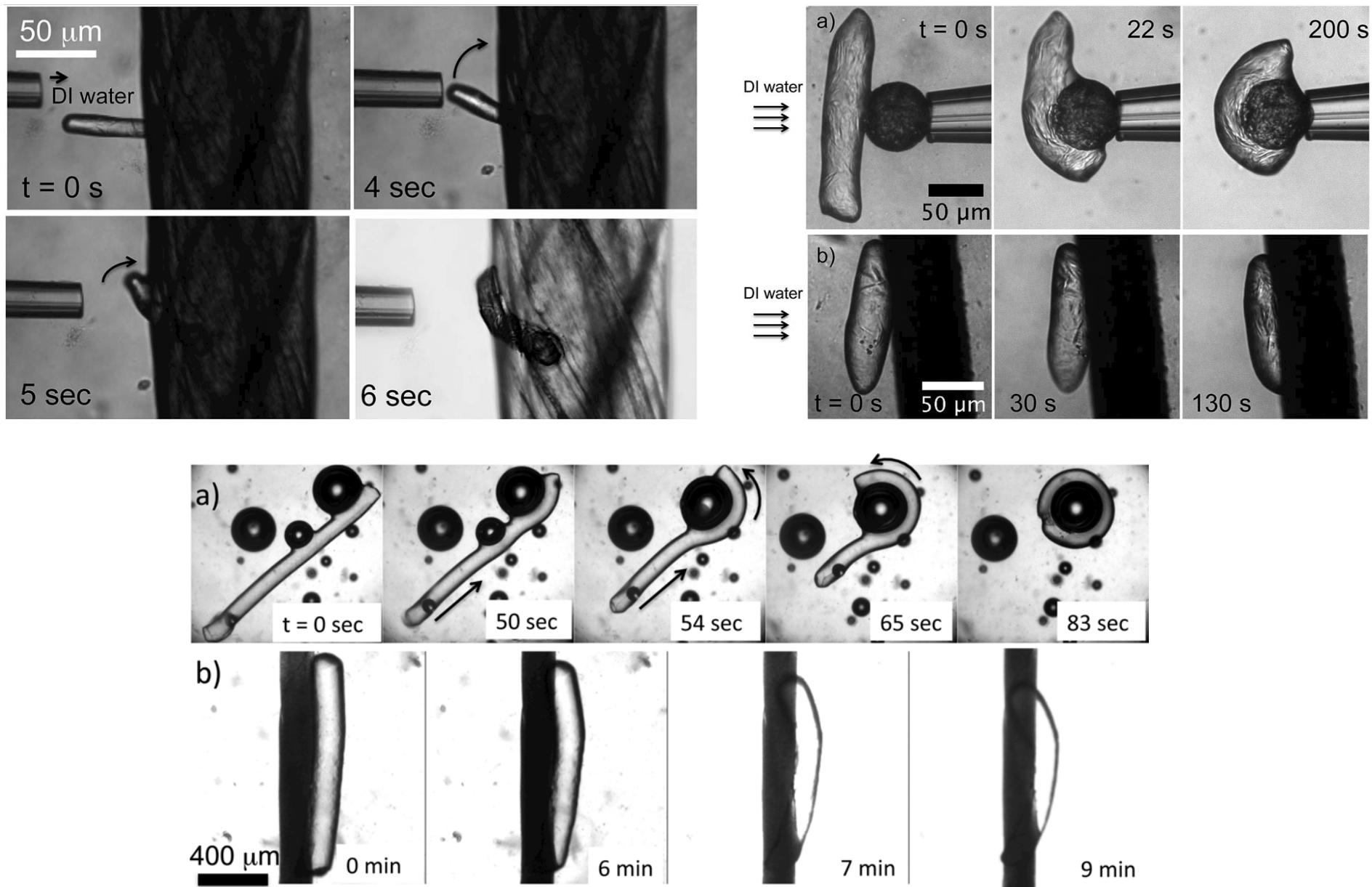


Solution and temperature responsive



Dilute surfactant to increase surface tension

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$$\Delta P = -\frac{2\gamma}{R}$$

$$\sigma_y(\phi) \quad \text{Yield stress}$$

Stability criterion

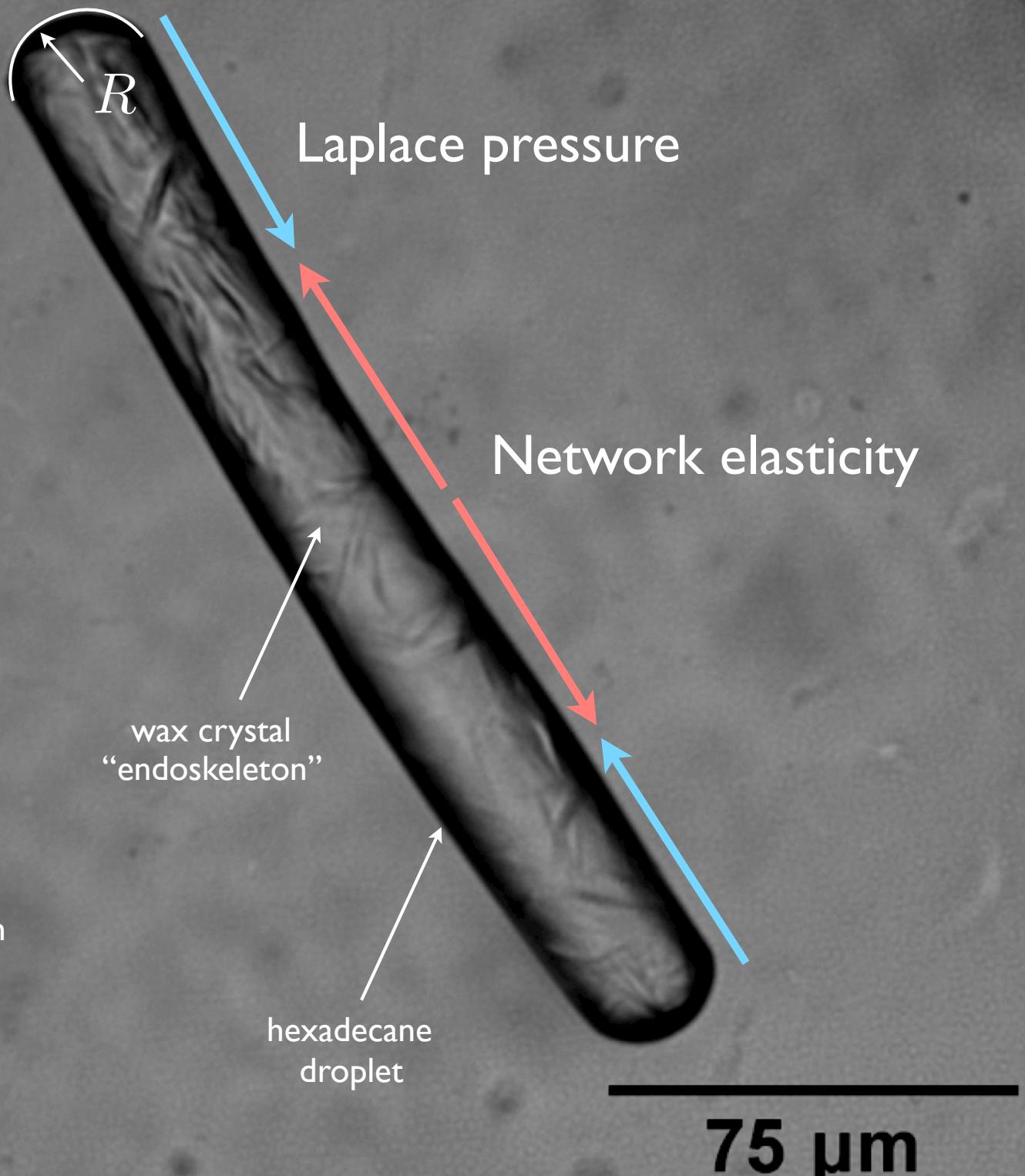
$$\frac{\sigma_y R}{2\gamma} > 1$$

Design variables

$$\phi(\phi_0, T) \quad \text{solid content}$$

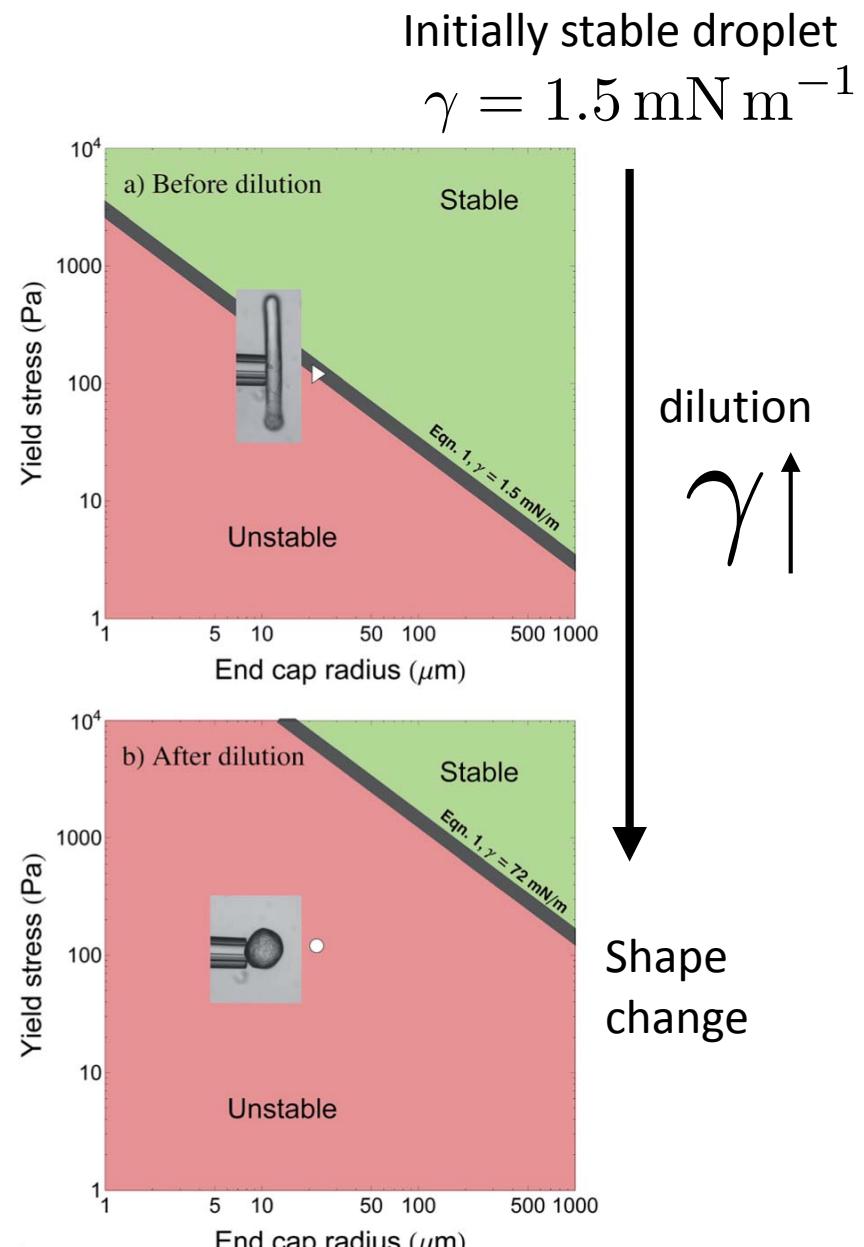
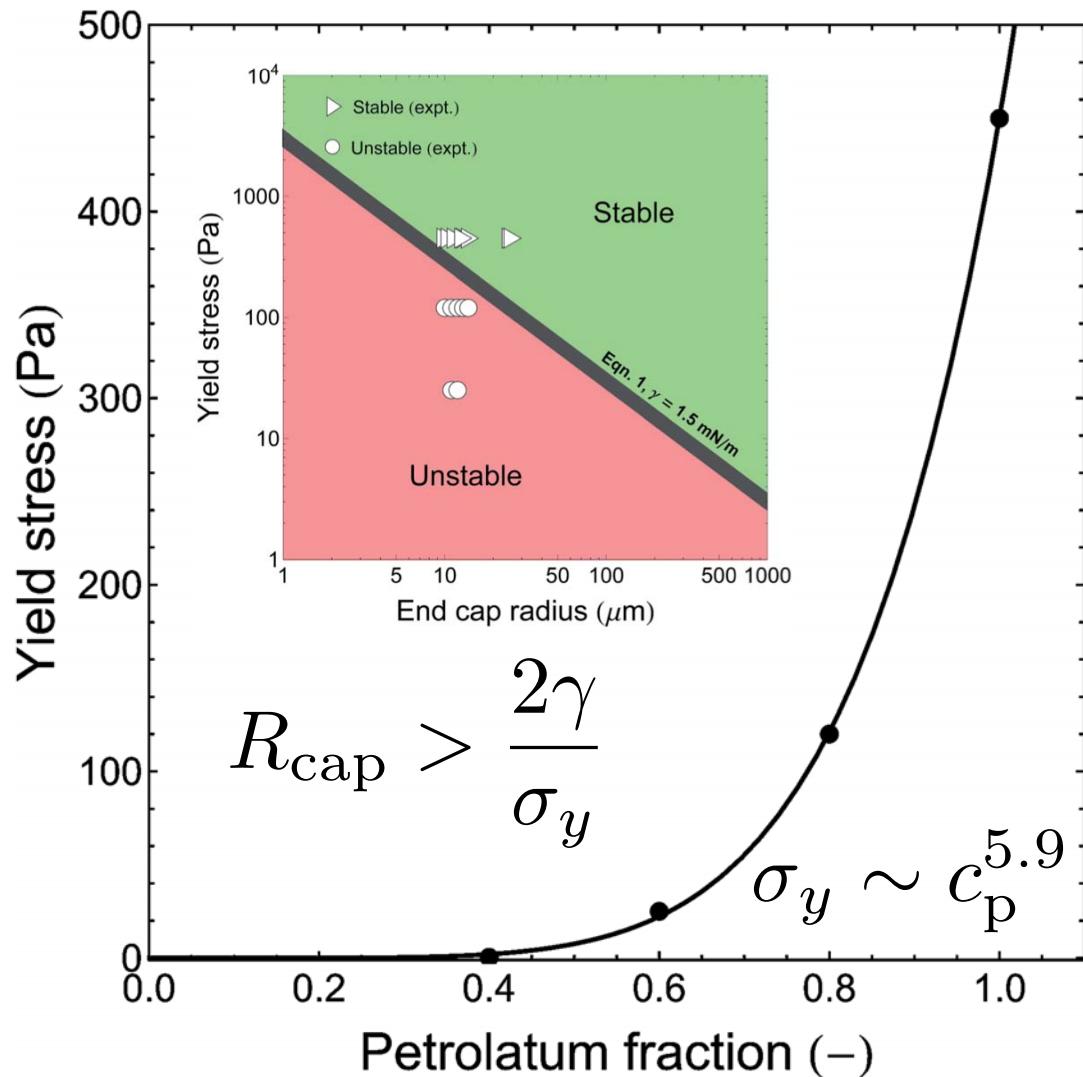
$$\gamma \quad \text{surface tension}$$

$$R \quad \text{geometry}$$



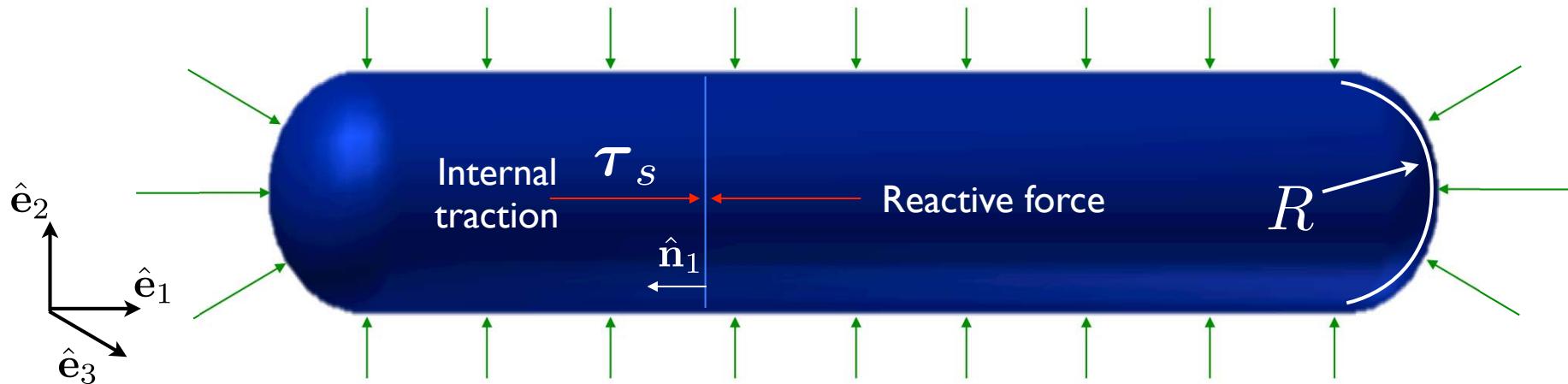
Droplet stability

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Internal stress in endoskeletal droplet

Arthur P. Boresi and Richard J. Schmidt. *Advanced Mechanics of Materials*. Wiley, New York, 6th edition, 2002.



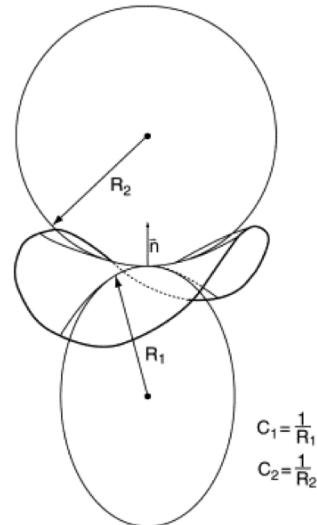
$$\tau_s = \int t dS$$

$$t(\mathbf{r}) = \gamma H(\mathbf{r}) \hat{n}$$

surface traction vector

$$H(\mathbf{r}) = \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{1}{R_1} + \frac{1}{R_2} \right)$$

Mean Gaussian curvature



Decompose stress tensor to principal stresses

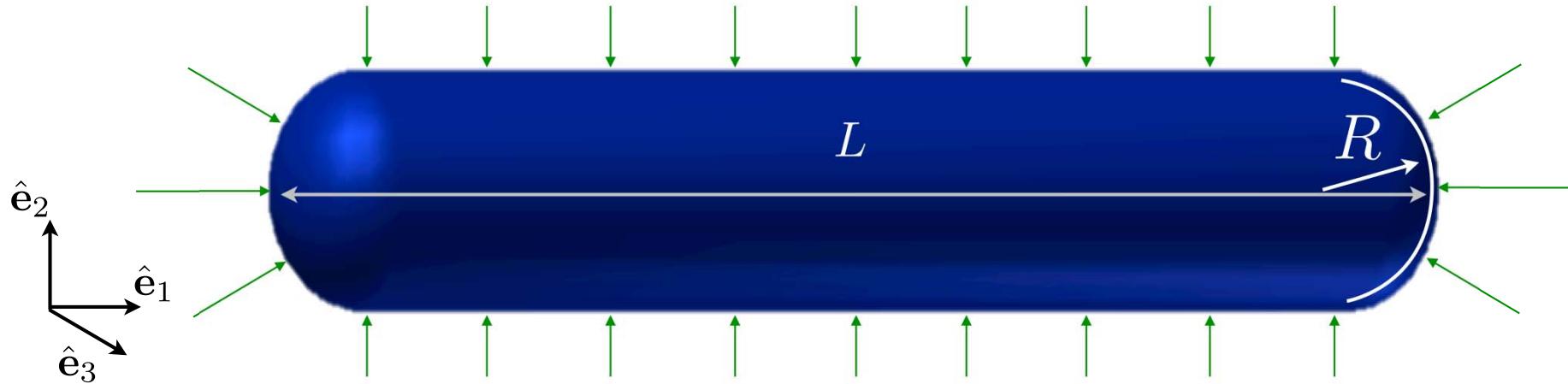
$$\tau \cdot \hat{n} = \begin{bmatrix} \sigma_{xx} & \tau_{xy} & \tau_{xz} \\ \tau_{yx} & \sigma_{yy} & \tau_{yz} \\ \tau_{zx} & \tau_{zy} & \sigma_{zz} \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} \sigma_1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \sigma_2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \sigma_3 \end{bmatrix}$$

von Mises yield criterion $\sigma_{vM} > \sigma_y$

$$\sigma_{vM} = \sqrt{\frac{(\sigma_1 - \sigma_2)^2 + (\sigma_1 - \sigma_3)^2 + (\sigma_3 - \sigma_2)^2}{2}}$$

Spherocylinder internal stress distribution

Alexandra V. Bayles, Tamás Prileszky, P. J. Spicer and E. M. Furst, *Langmuir*, 34, 4116–4121 (2018).



Ends

$$\sigma_2 = \frac{2\gamma}{R}$$
$$\sigma_1 = \frac{2\gamma}{R}$$
$$\sigma_3 = \frac{2\gamma}{R}$$

$$\sigma_{vM} = \sqrt{\frac{(\sigma_1 - \sigma_2)^2 + (\sigma_1 - \sigma_3)^2 + (\sigma_3 - \sigma_2)^2}{2}}$$

$$\sigma_{vM} = 0$$

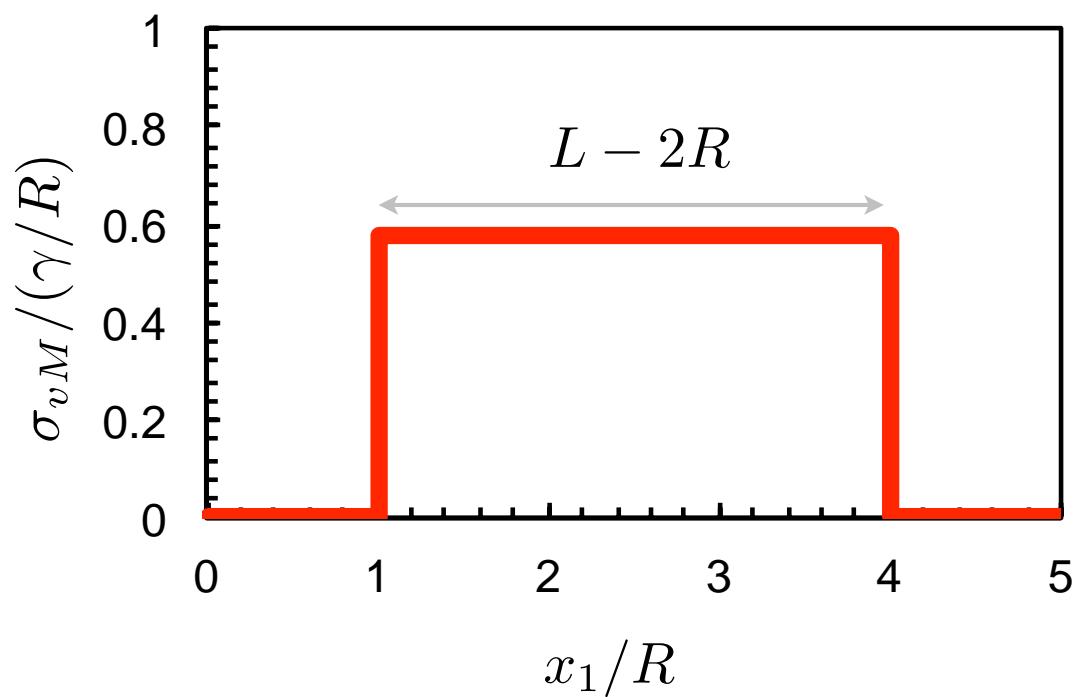
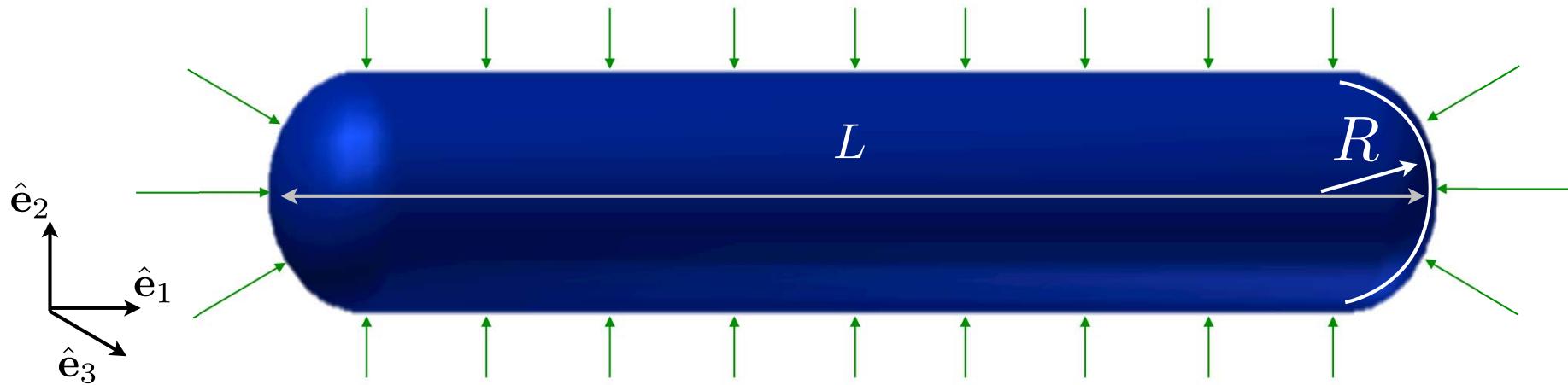
Rod section

$$\sigma_2 = \frac{\gamma}{R}$$
$$\sigma_1 = \frac{2\gamma}{R}$$
$$\sigma_3 = \frac{\gamma}{R}$$

$$\sigma_{vM} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \left(\frac{\gamma}{R} \right)$$

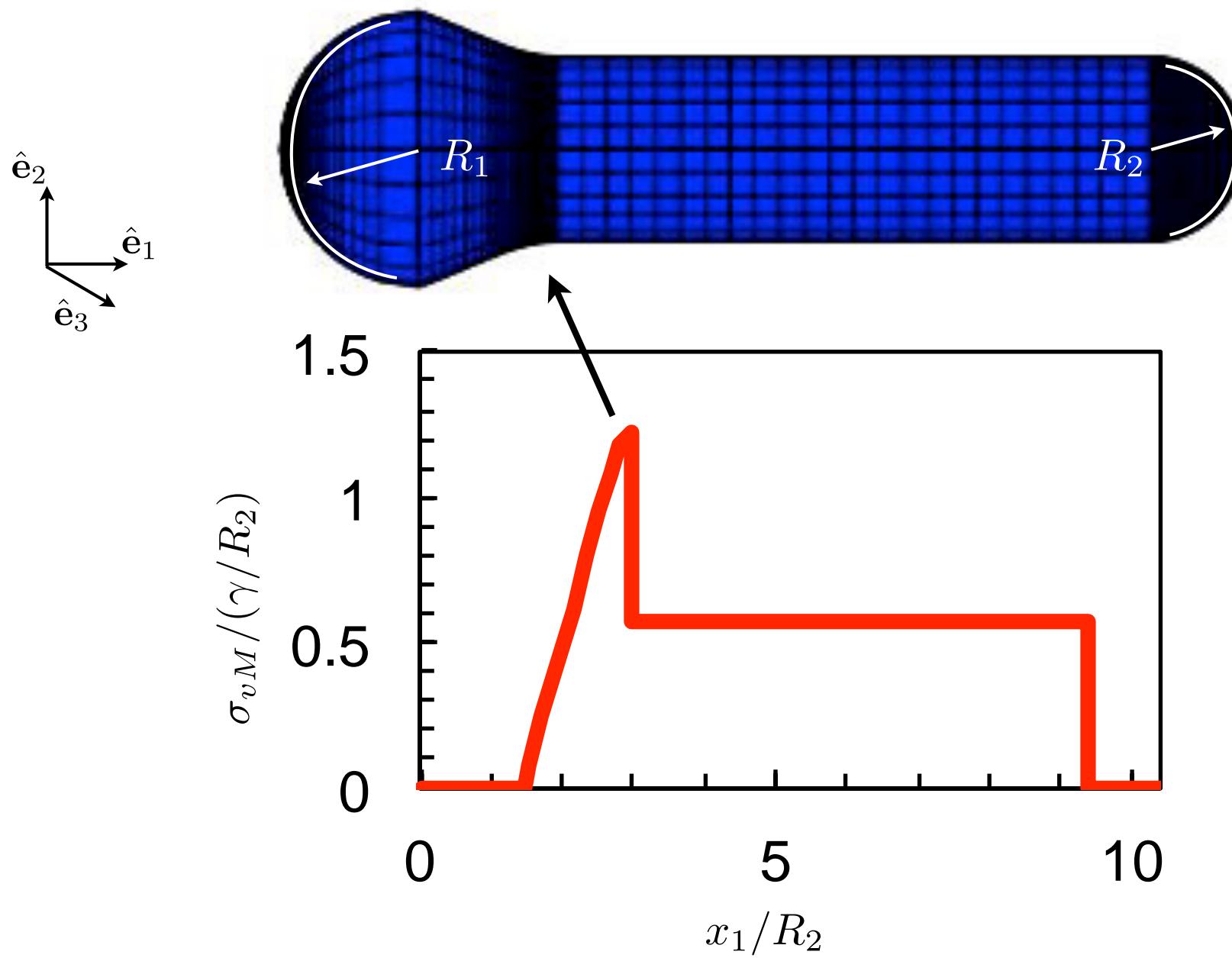
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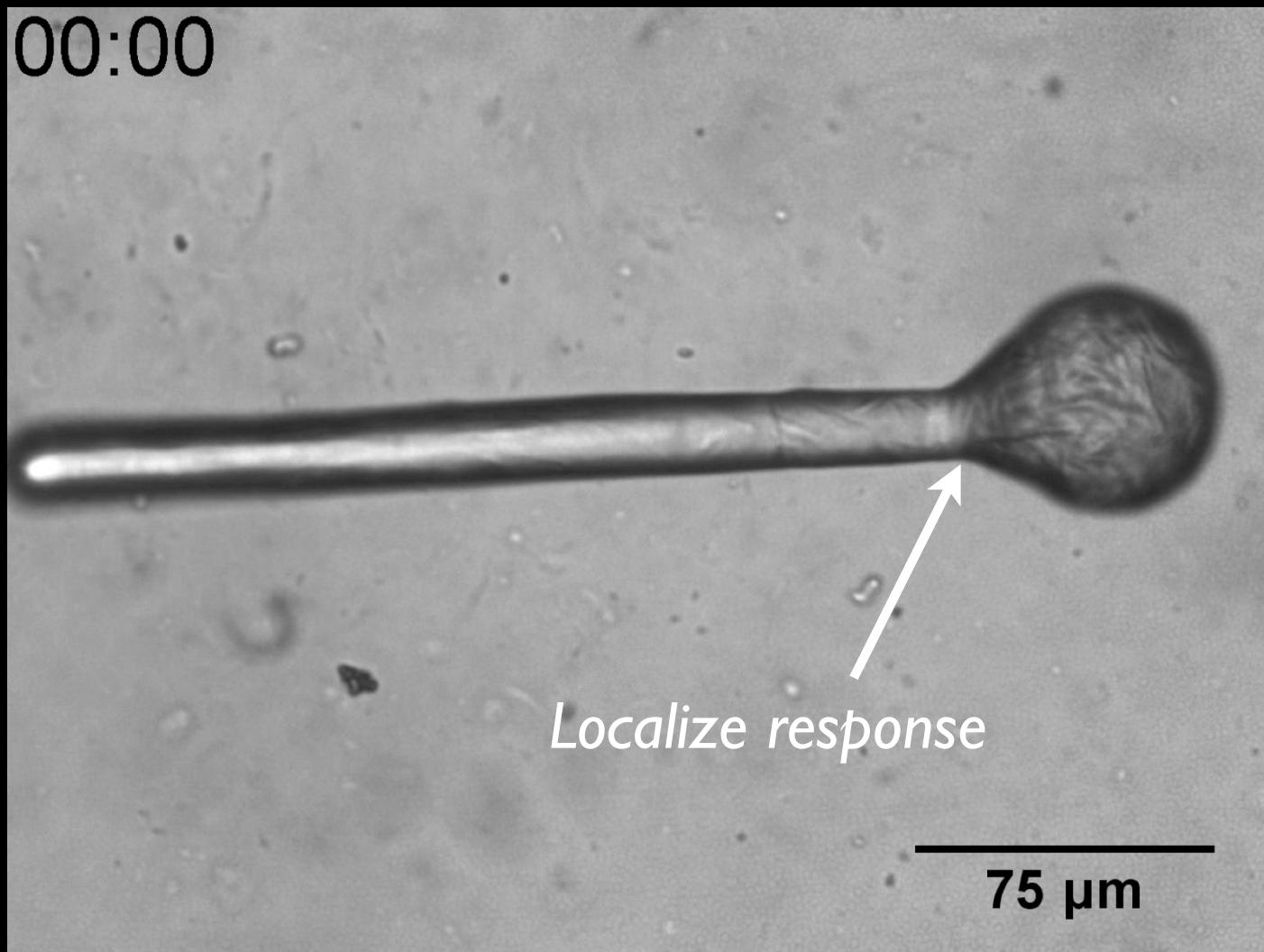


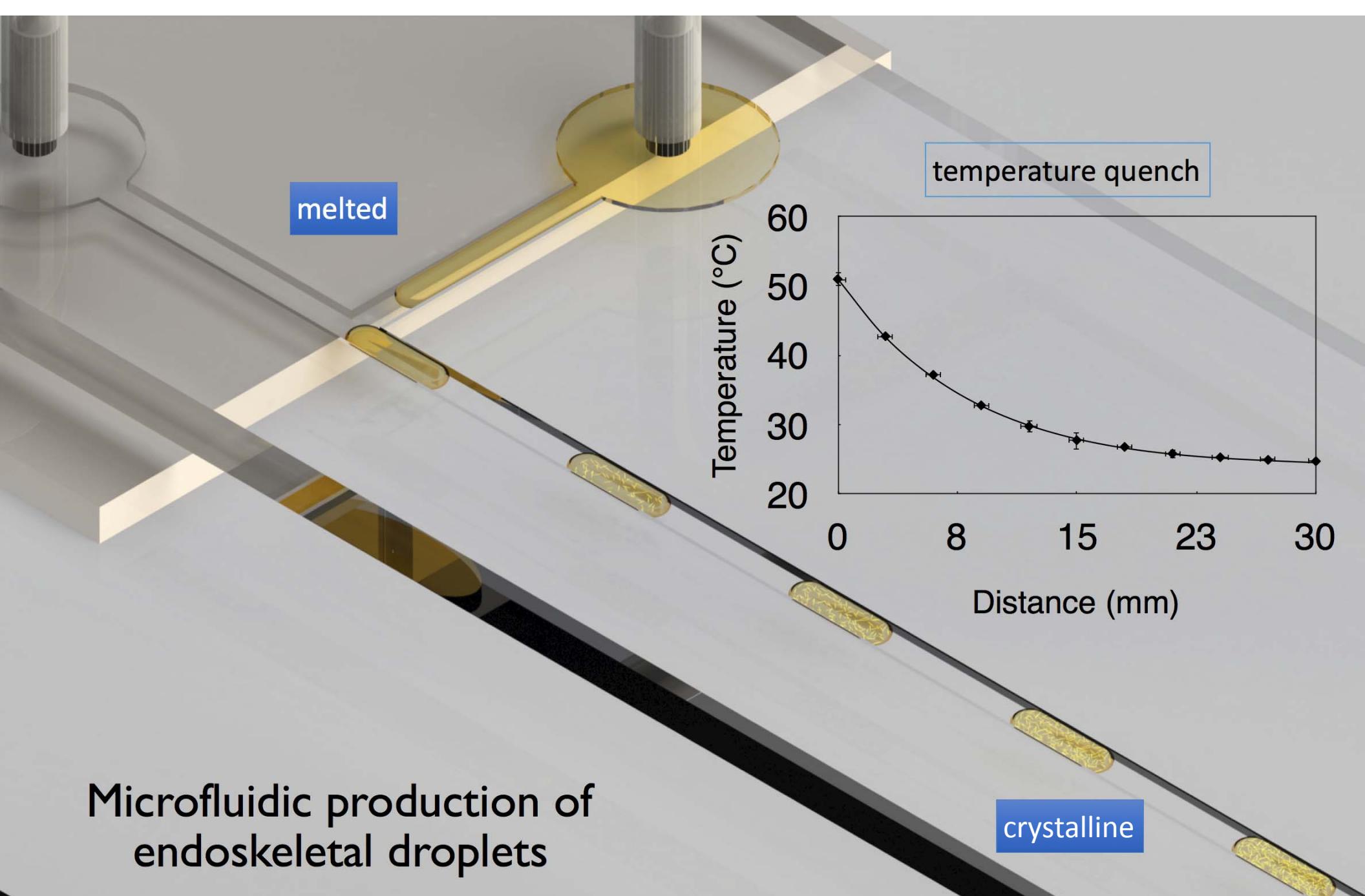
Ball-and-stick internal stress distribution

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Programmed reconfiguration by shape





Microfluidic production of endoskeletal droplets

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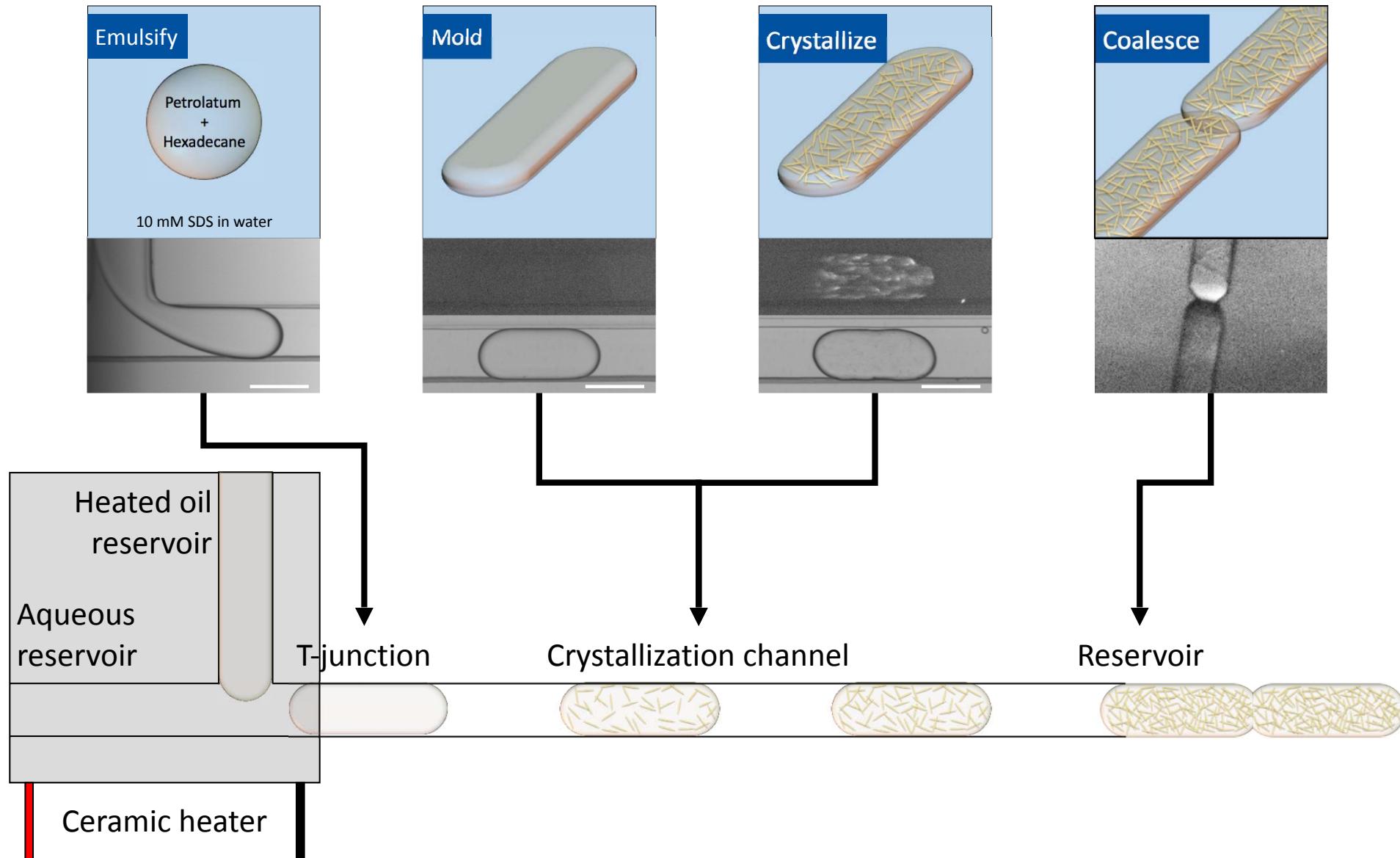


100 μm

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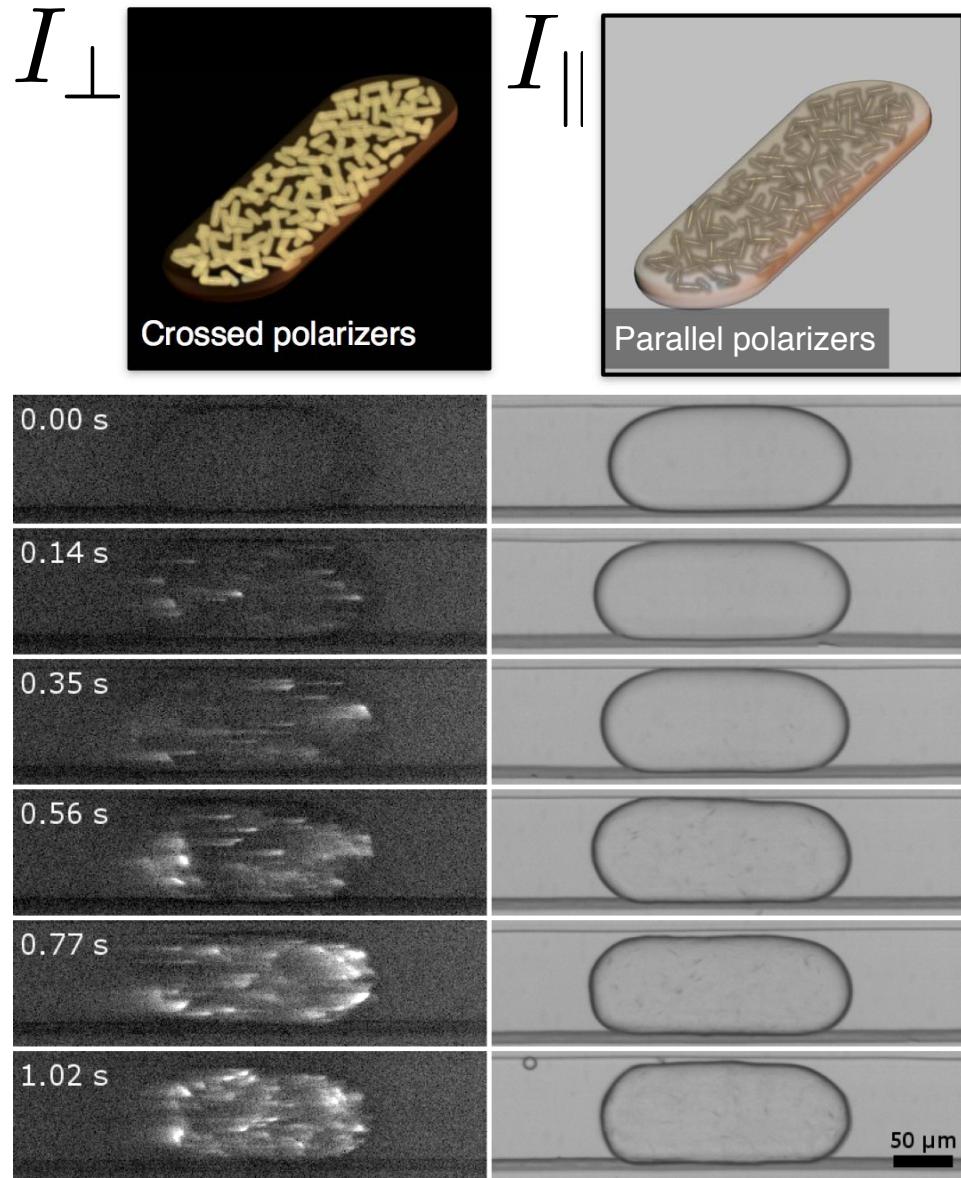
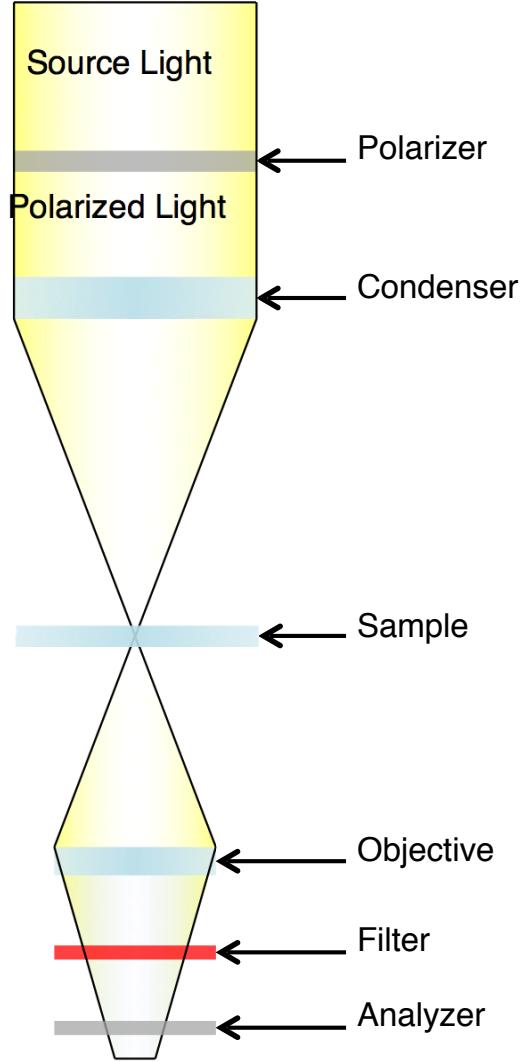
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Droplet polarization

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Depolarization ratio and crystallite orientation

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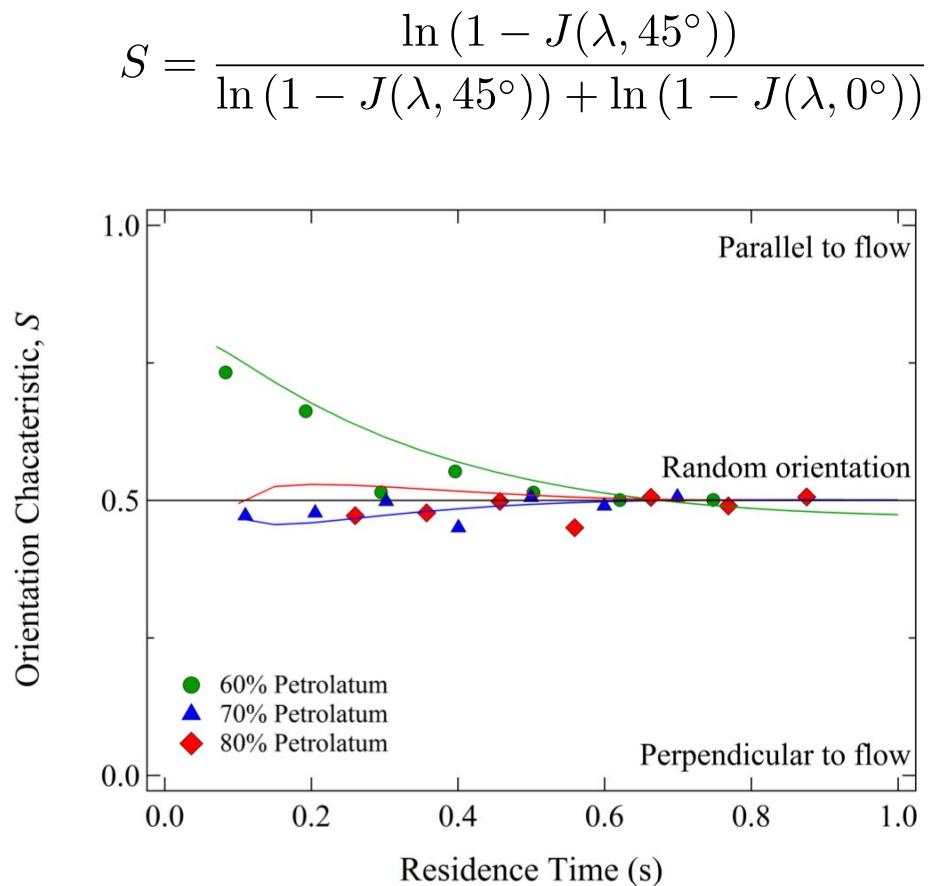
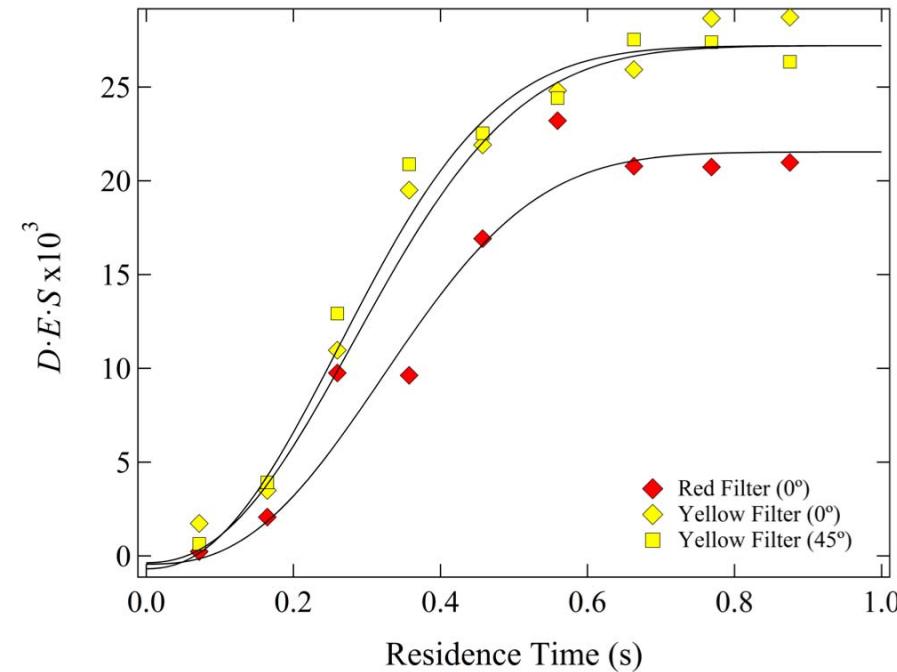
$$J = \frac{2I_{\perp}}{I_{\perp} + I_{\parallel}} = 1 - e^{-D \cdot E \cdot S}$$

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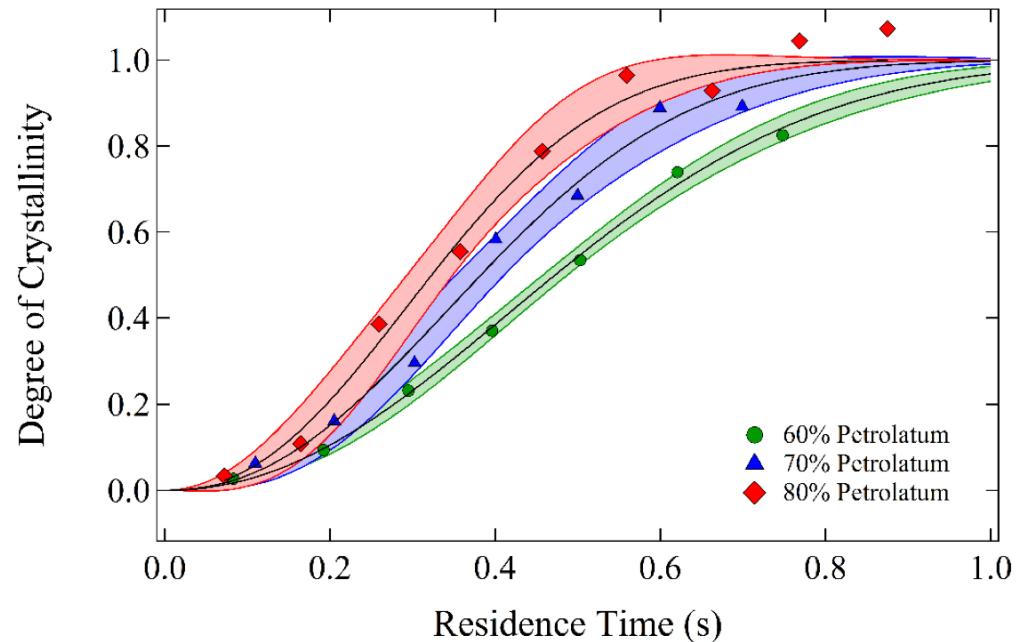
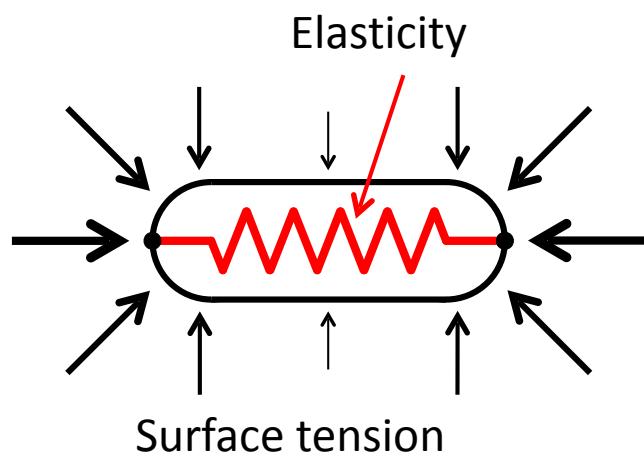
$D(\lambda)$ Average optical retardation of a birefringent plate

$E(n)$ Average number of birefringent plates

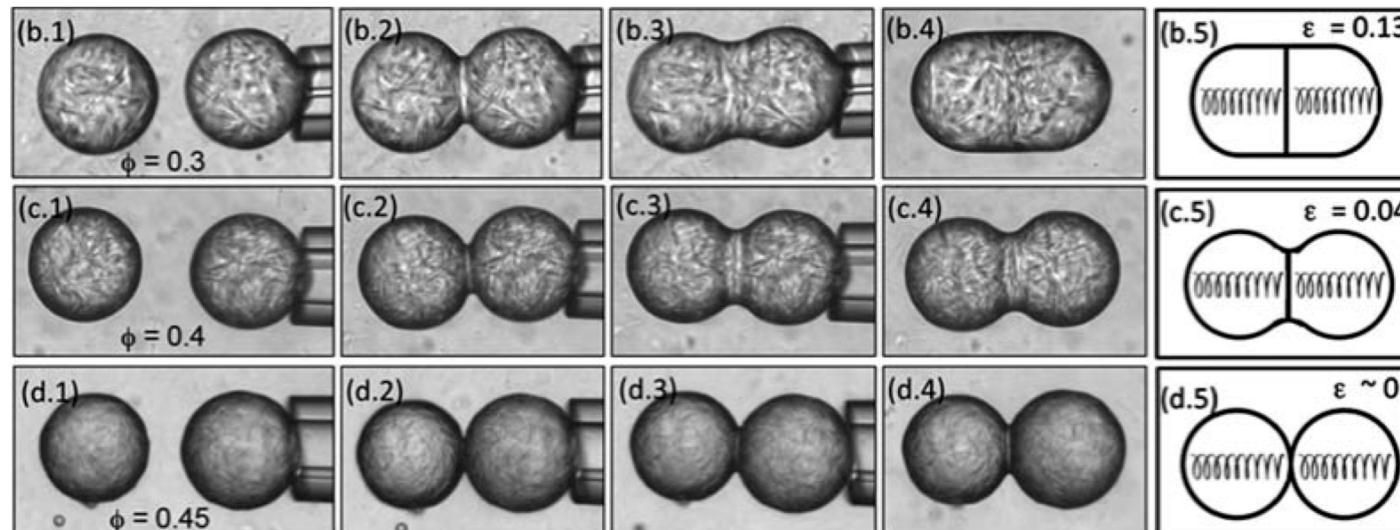
$S(\phi)$ Average plate orientation



Degree of crystallinity

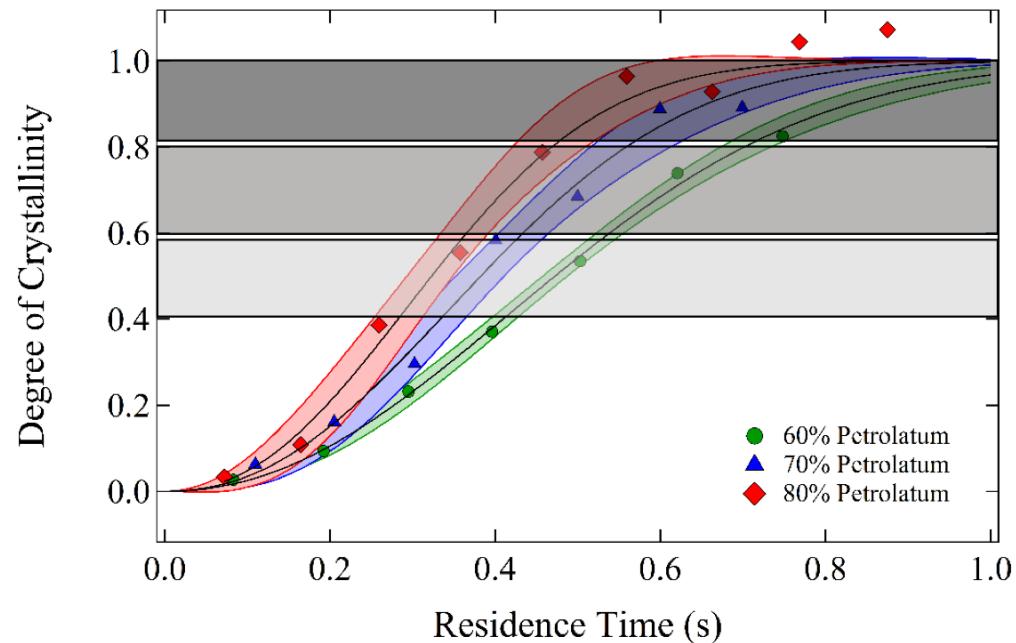
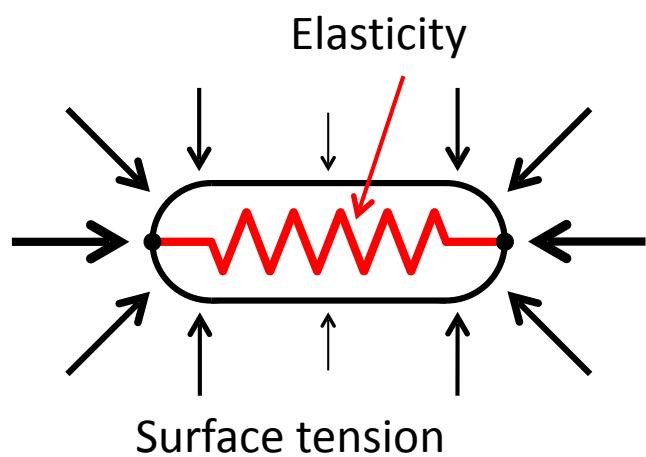


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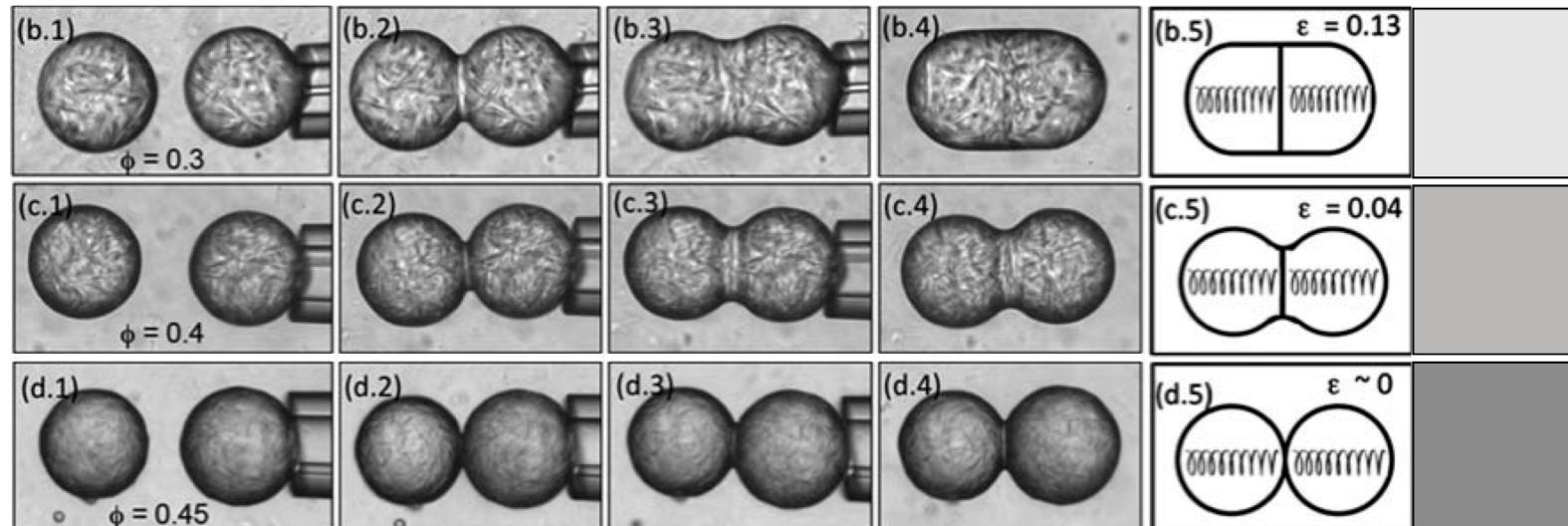


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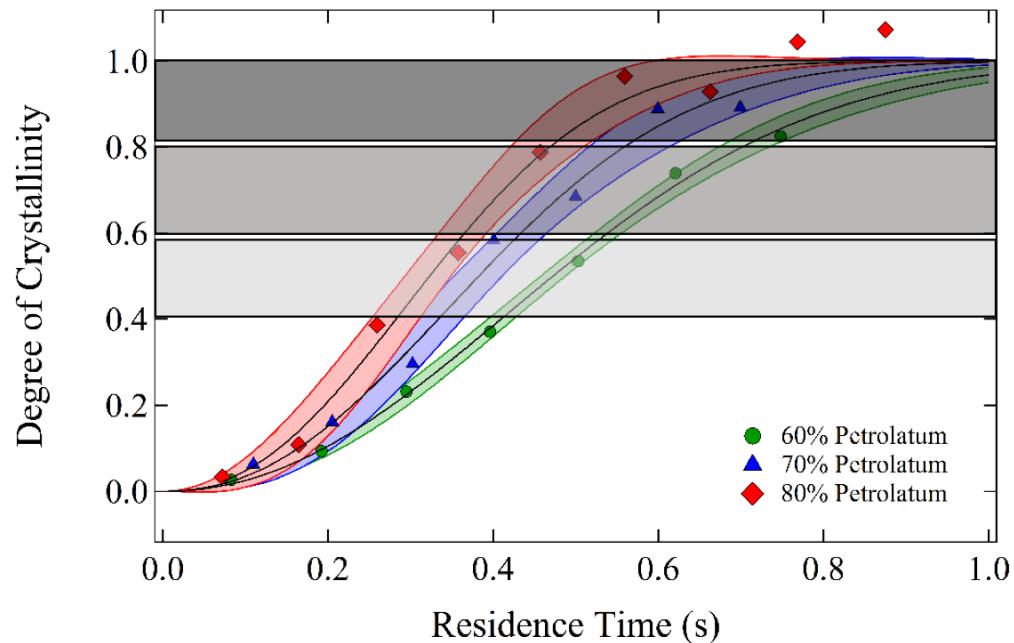
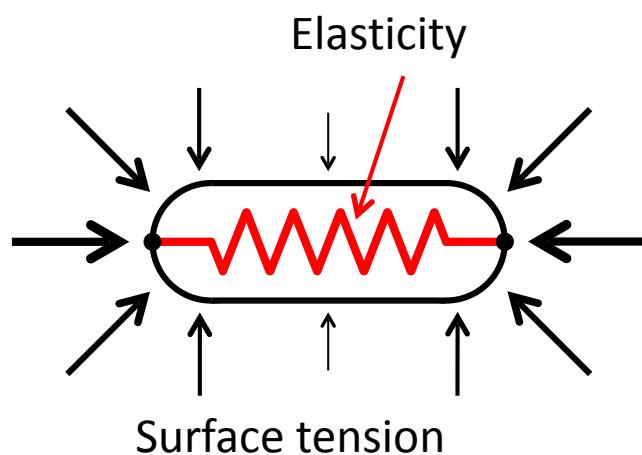


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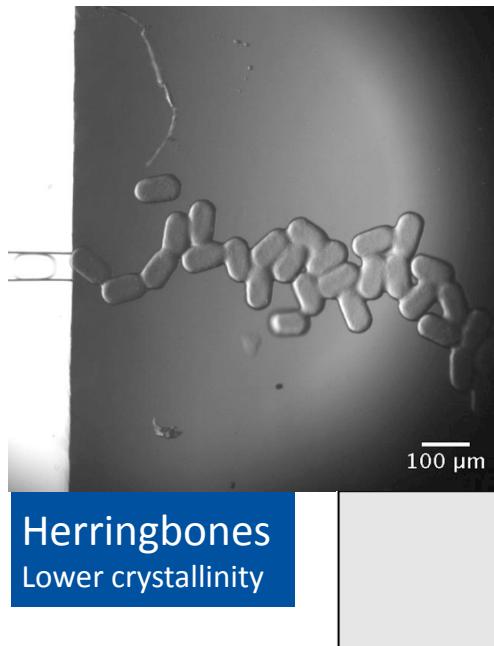


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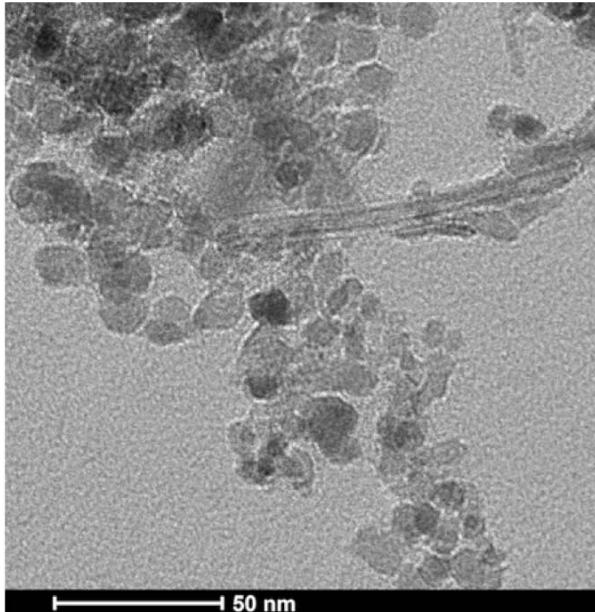


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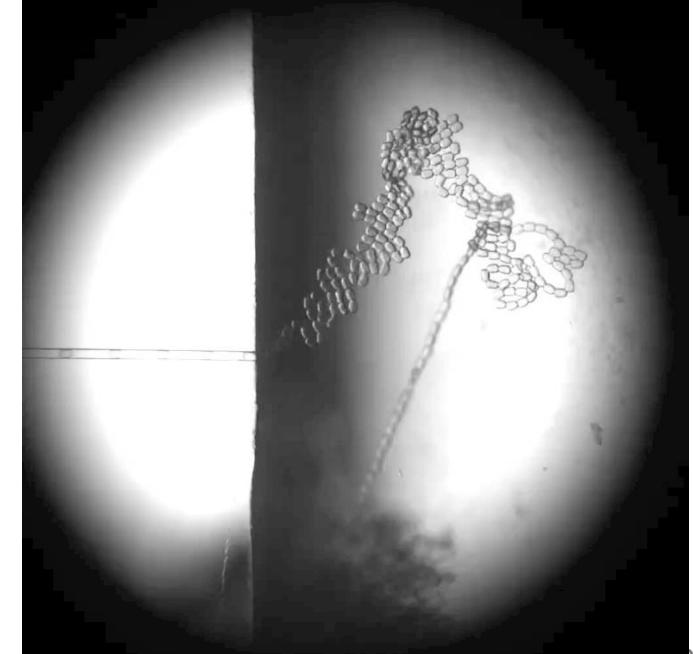
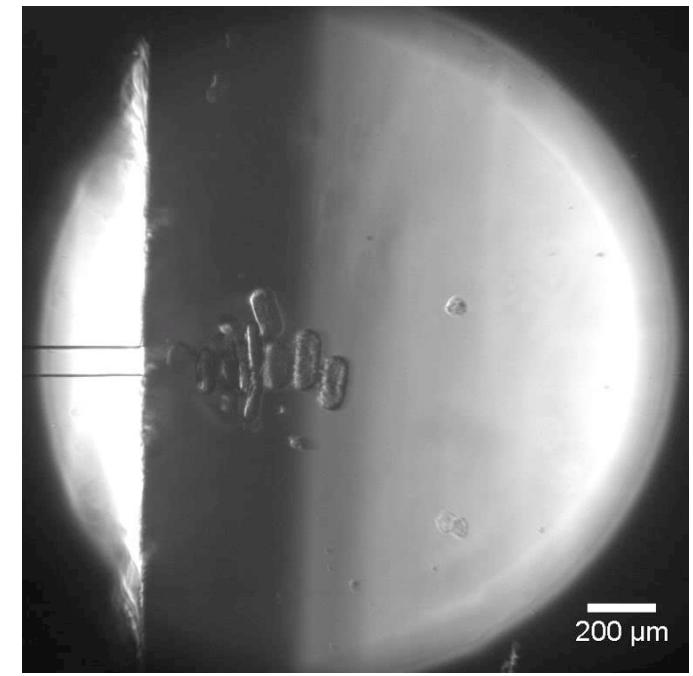
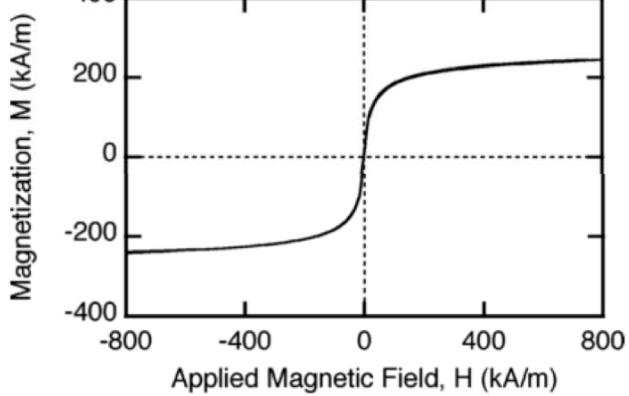
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Magnetically responsive droplets

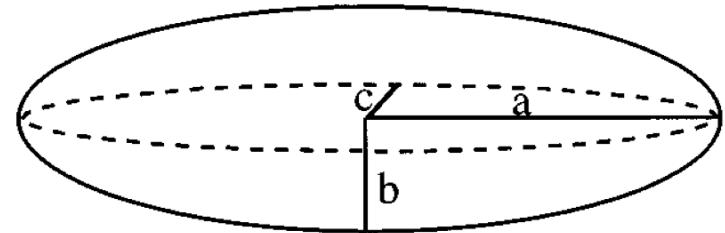
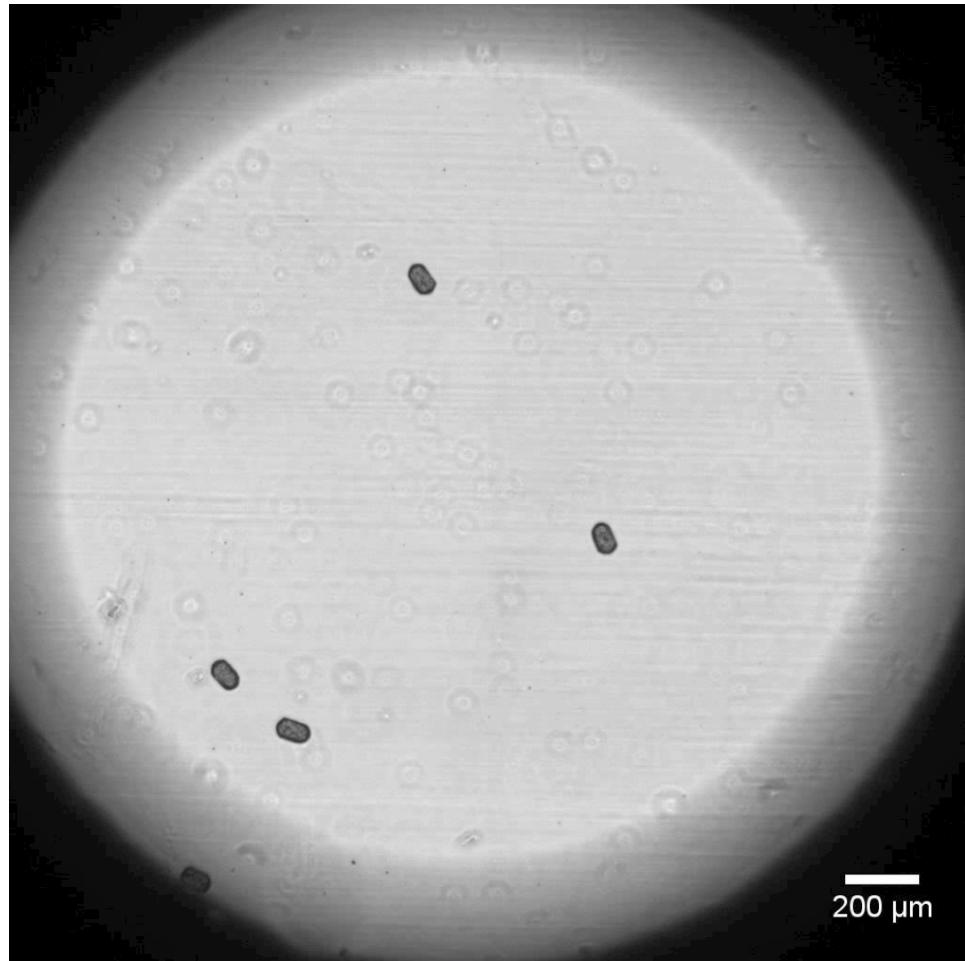


Super-paramagnetic
iron oxide nanoparticles

Bee, A., Massart, R. & Neveu, S., J. Magn. Magn. Mat. 149, 6–9 (1995).



Alignment, magnetophoresis



$$\mathbf{m}_h = \mu_0 V_a \left[\frac{\chi_a \mathbf{H}}{1 + (4\pi\chi_a)n_z} \right]$$

\mathbf{m}_h = magnetic moment
 n_z = demagnetizing factor

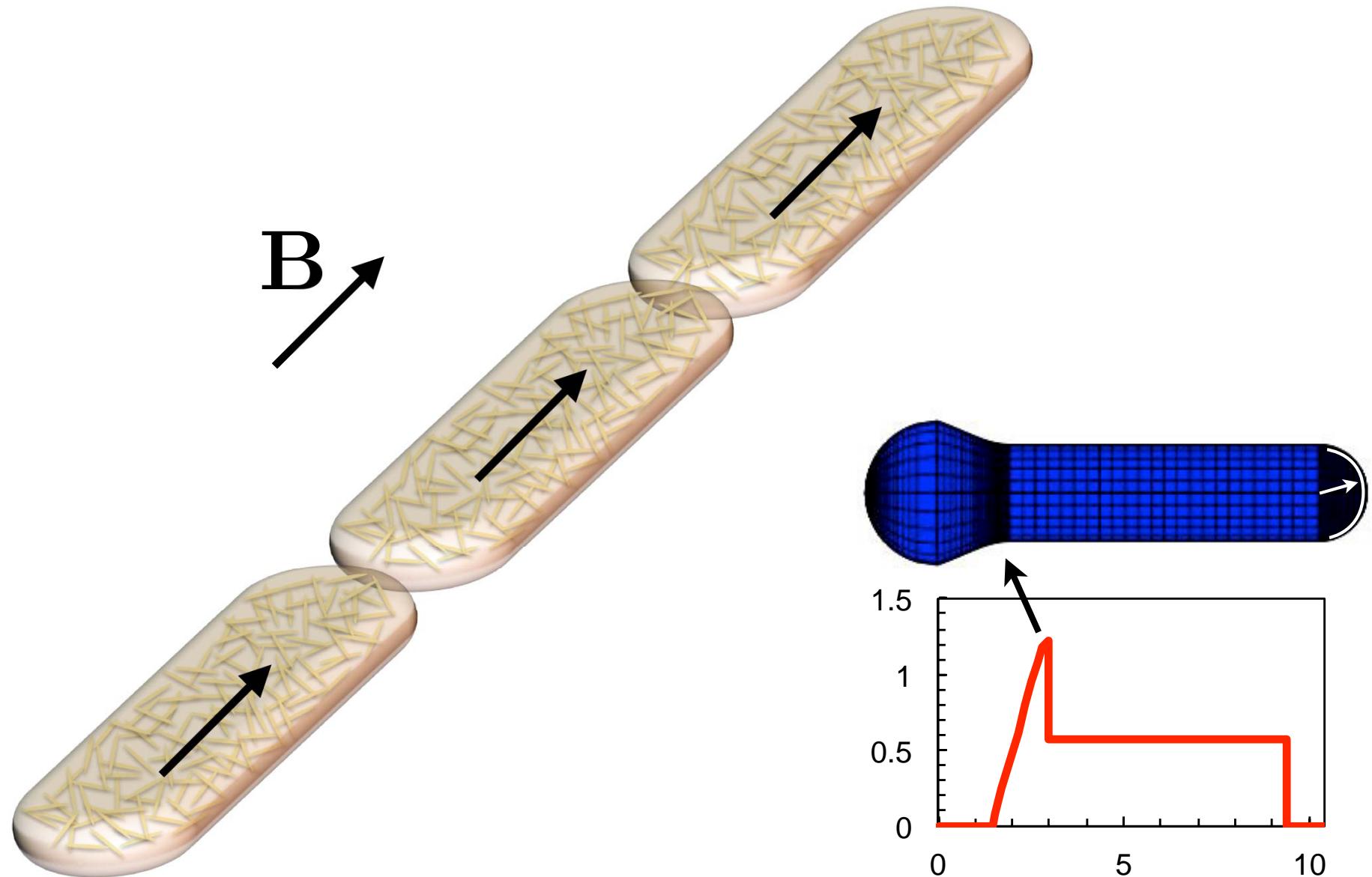
$$n_z = \left[\frac{1 - e^2}{2e^3} \right] \left[\ln \left(\frac{1 + e}{1 - e} \right) - 2e \right]$$

$$e = \left(1 - \frac{b^2}{a^2} \right)^{\frac{1}{2}}$$

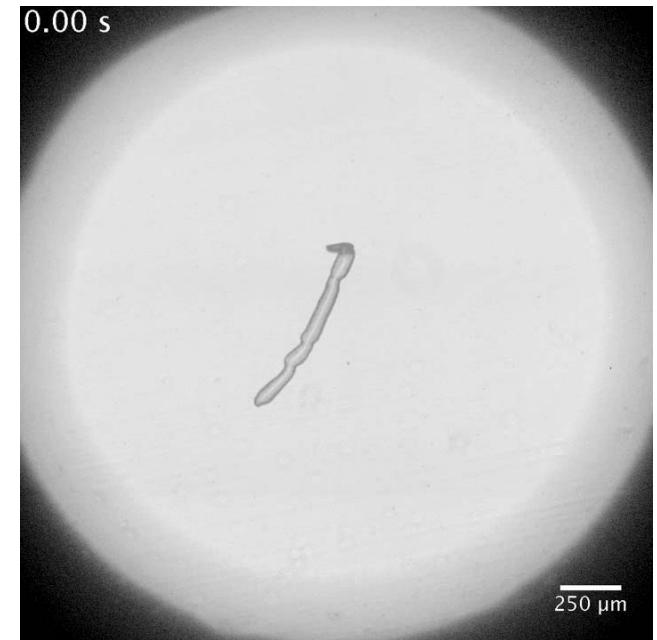
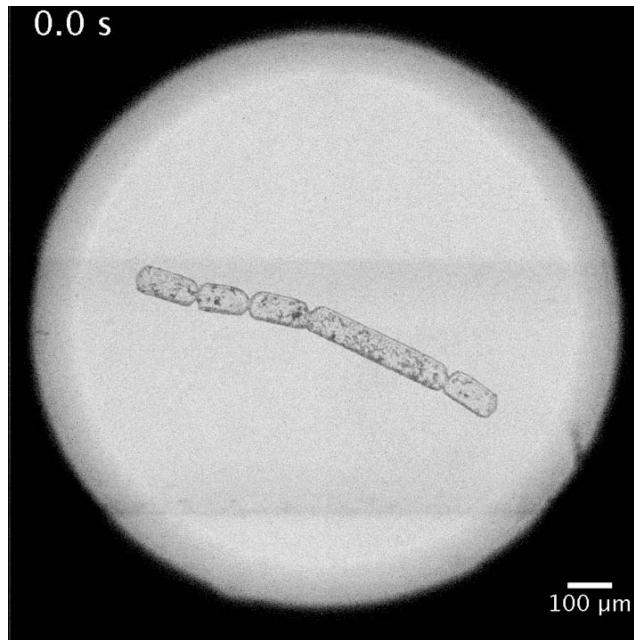
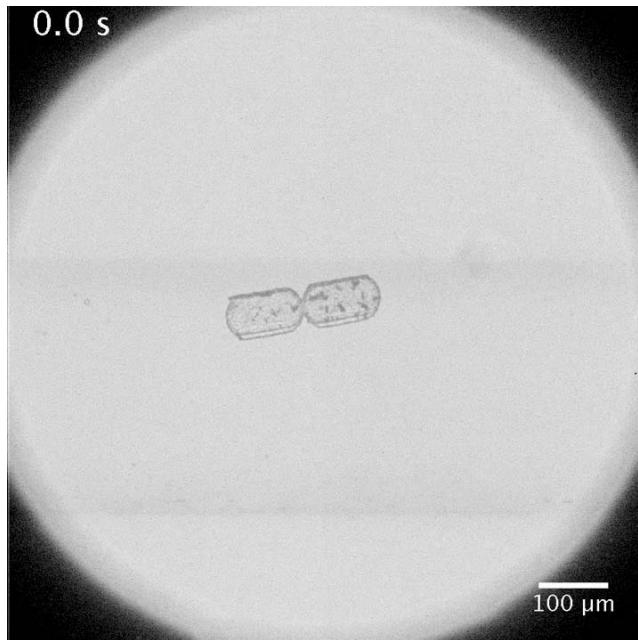
$$\mathbf{T} = \mathbf{m} \cdot \mathbf{B}$$

$$\mathbf{F} = \mathbf{m} \cdot \nabla \mathbf{B}$$

Droplet chaining by induced magnetic interactions

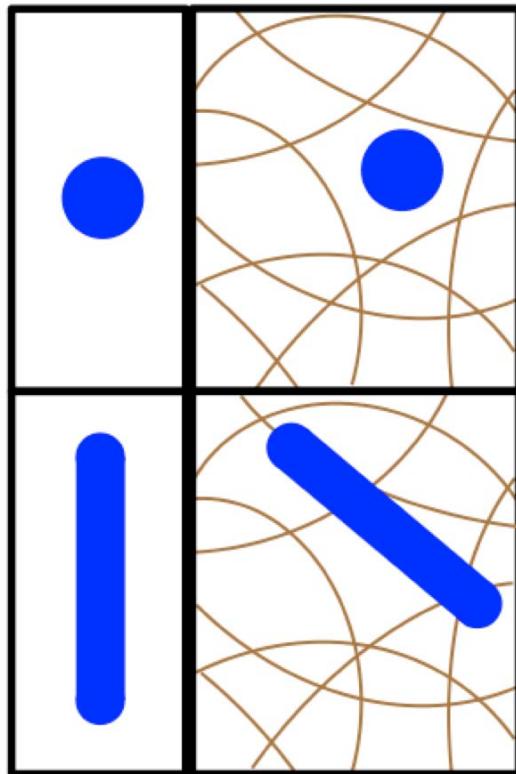


Build foldable droplet units “Droplet origami”



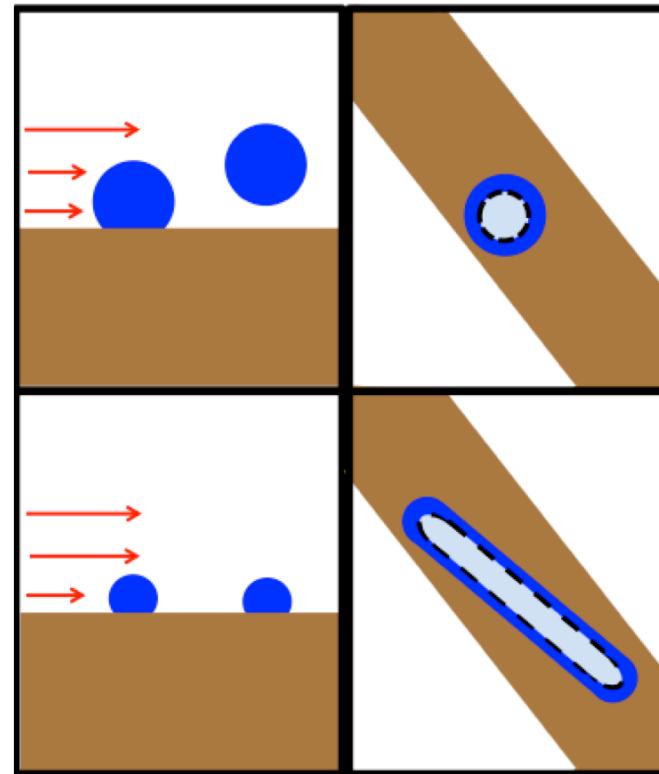
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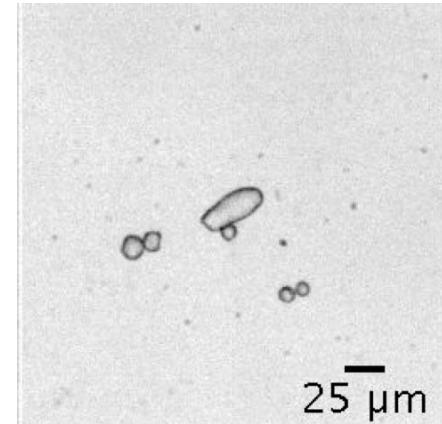
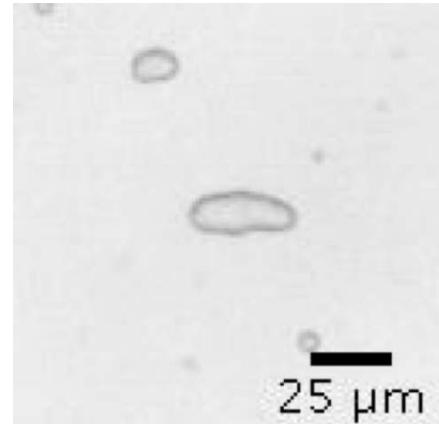
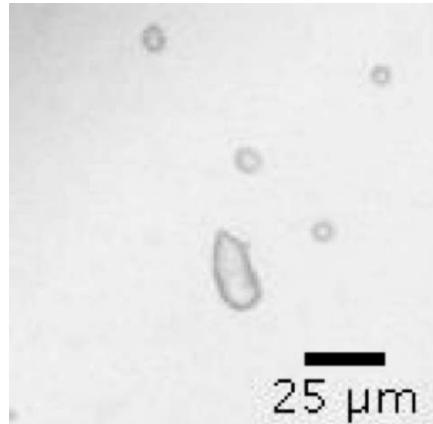
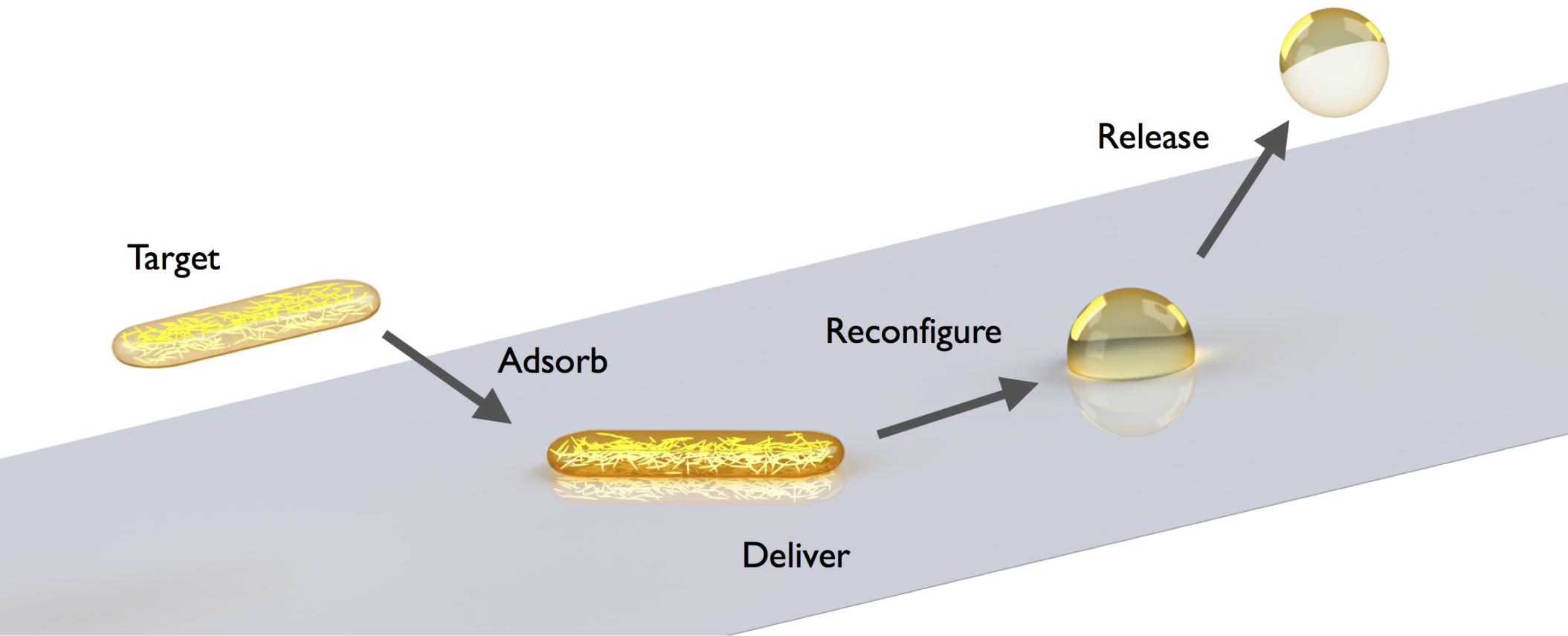
Retention



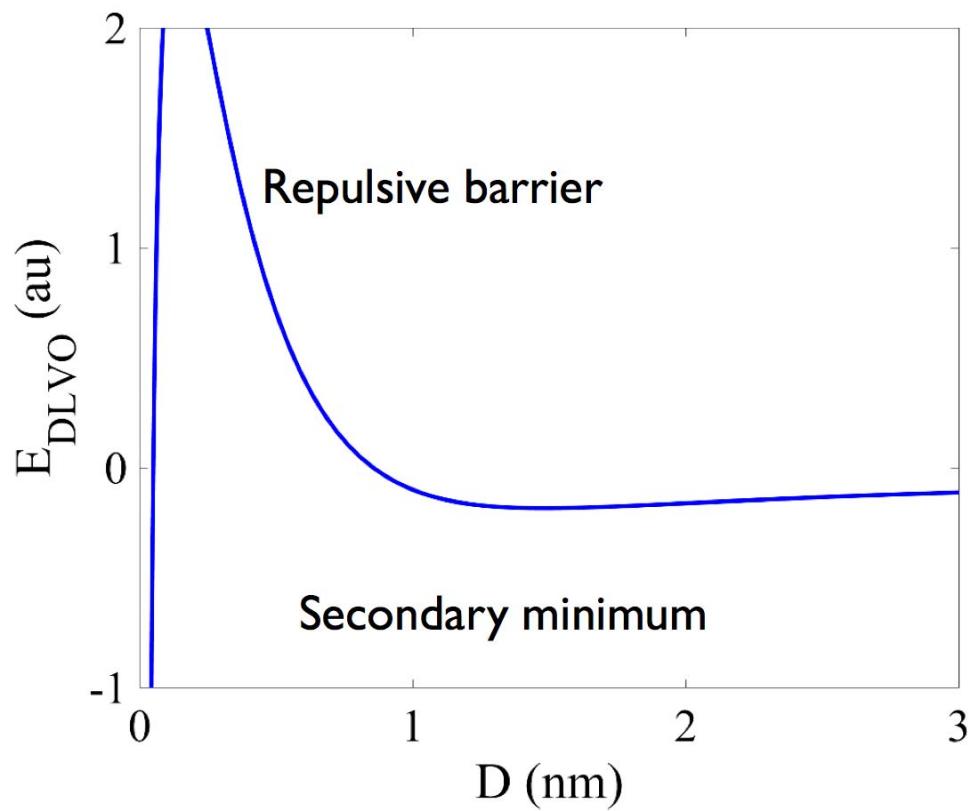
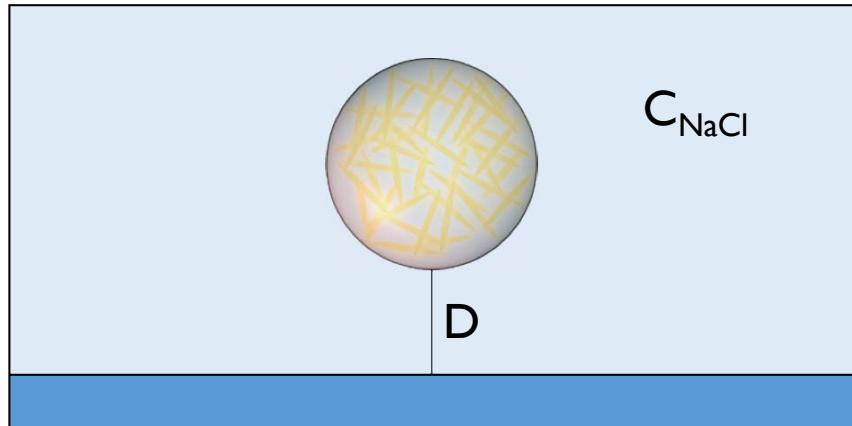
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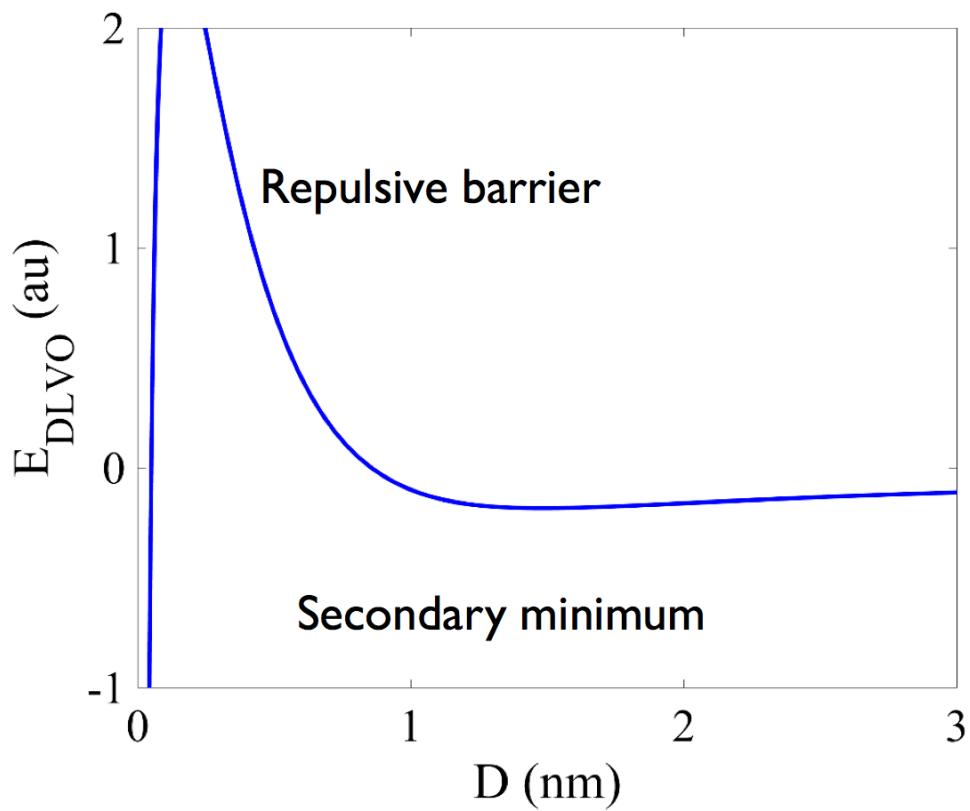
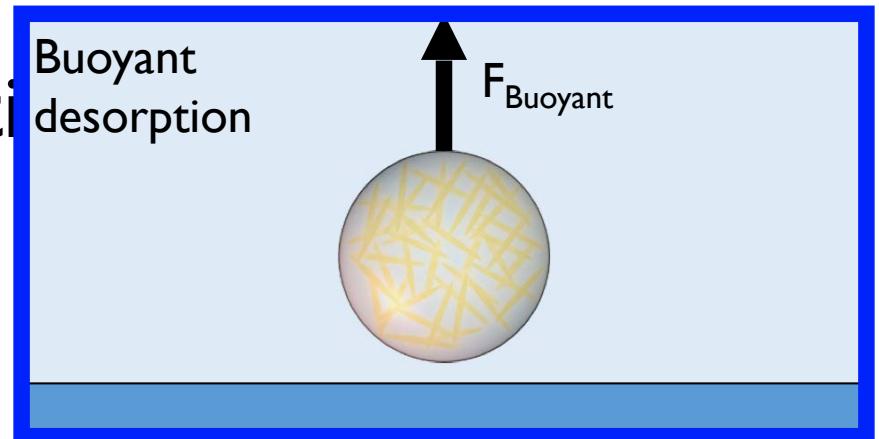
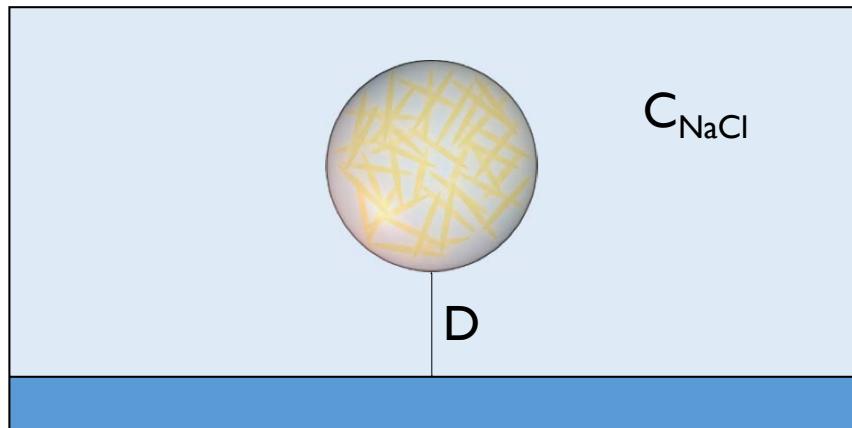
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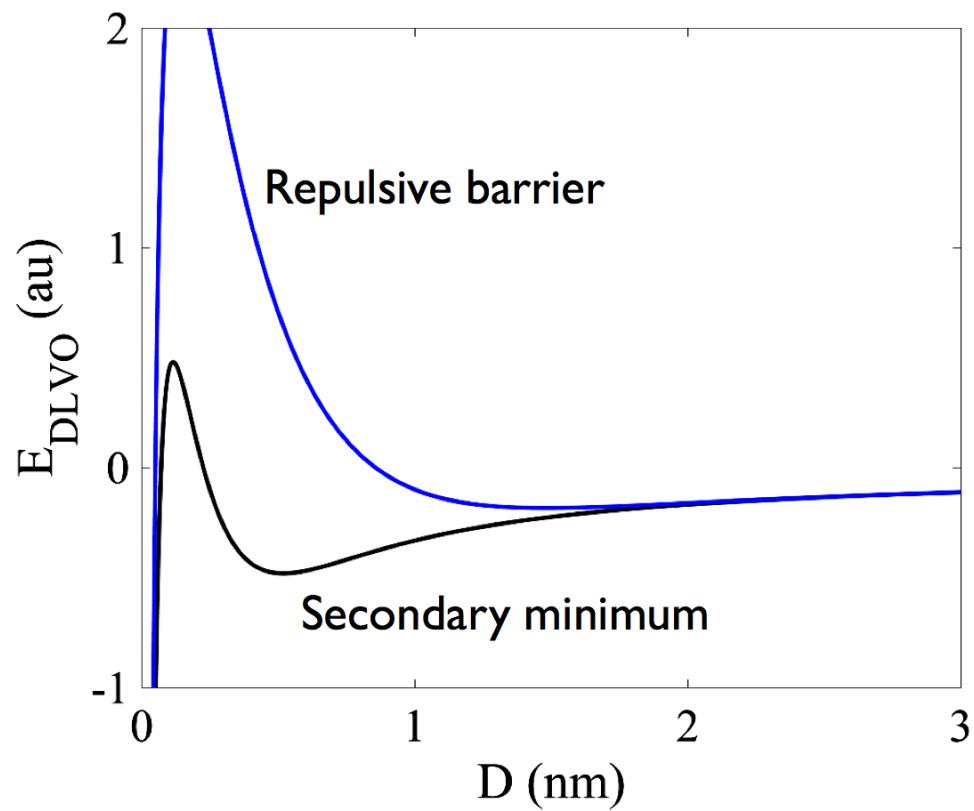
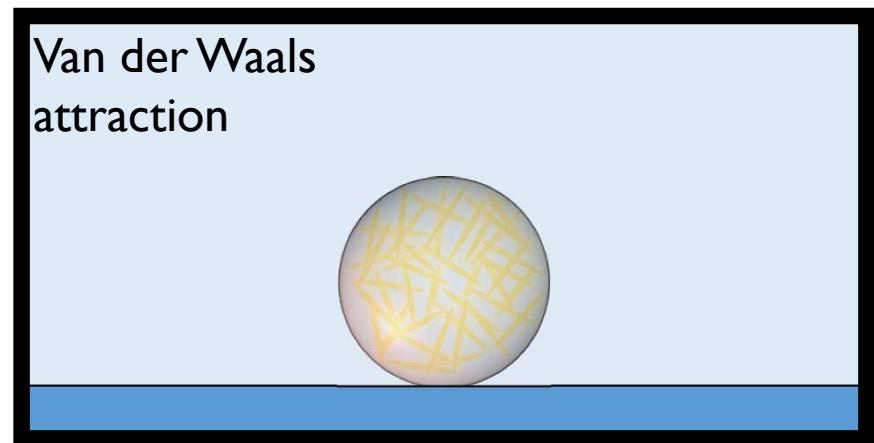
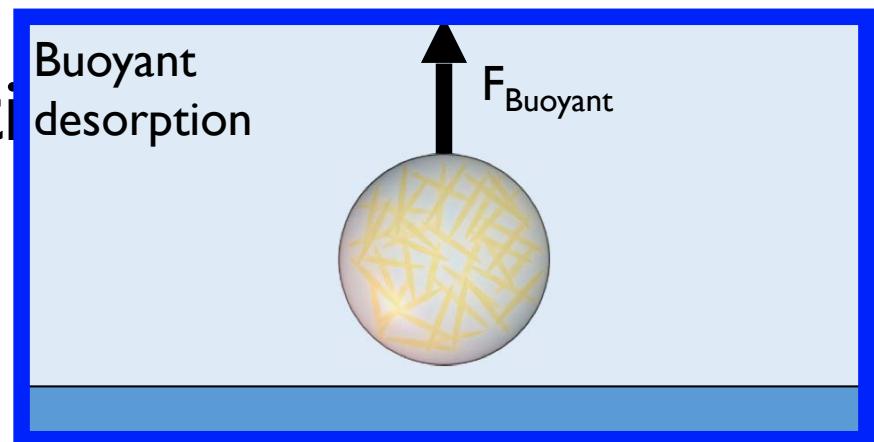
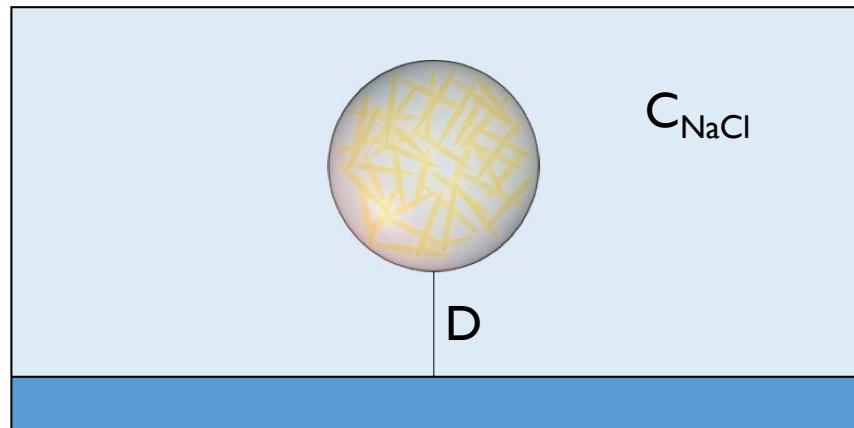
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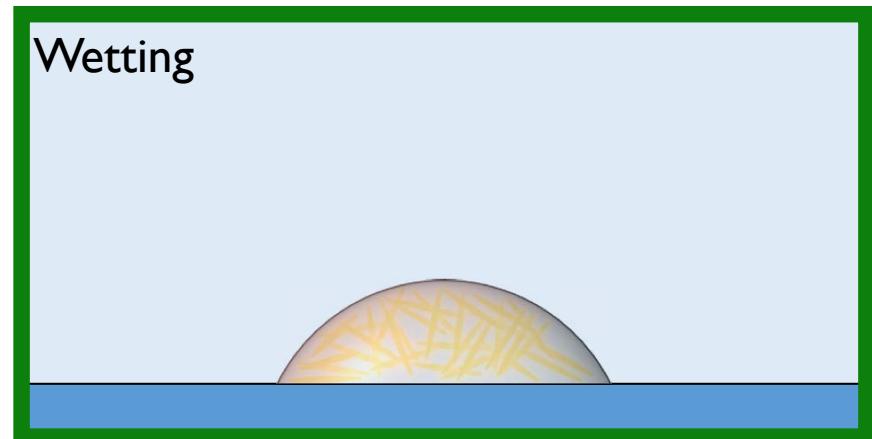
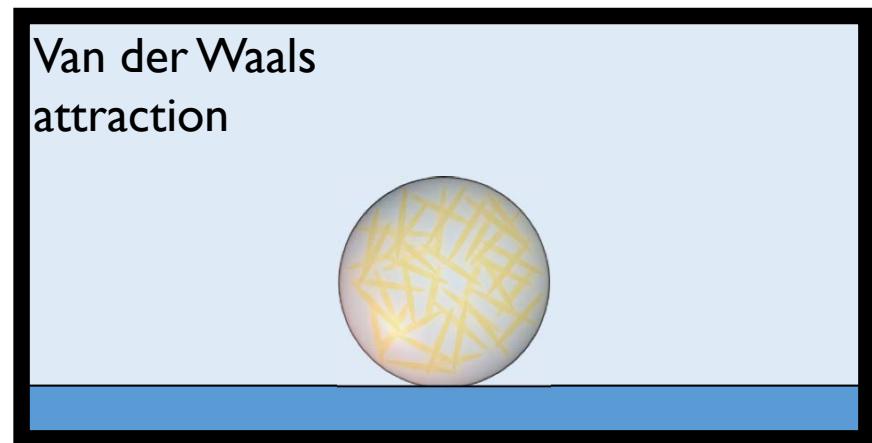
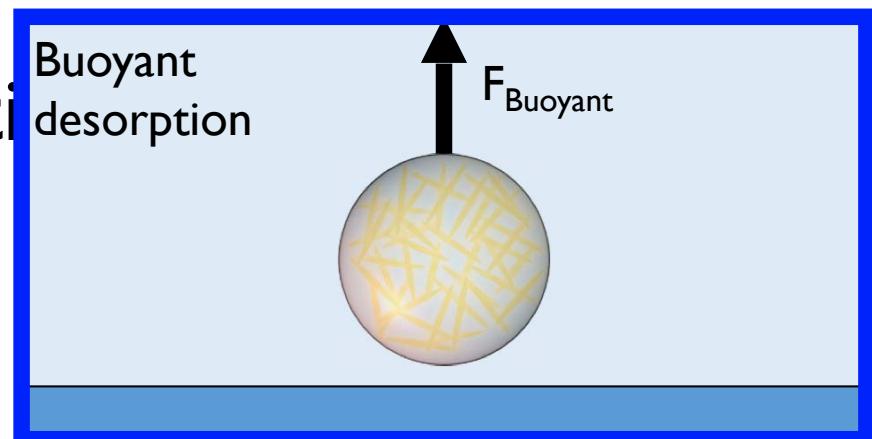
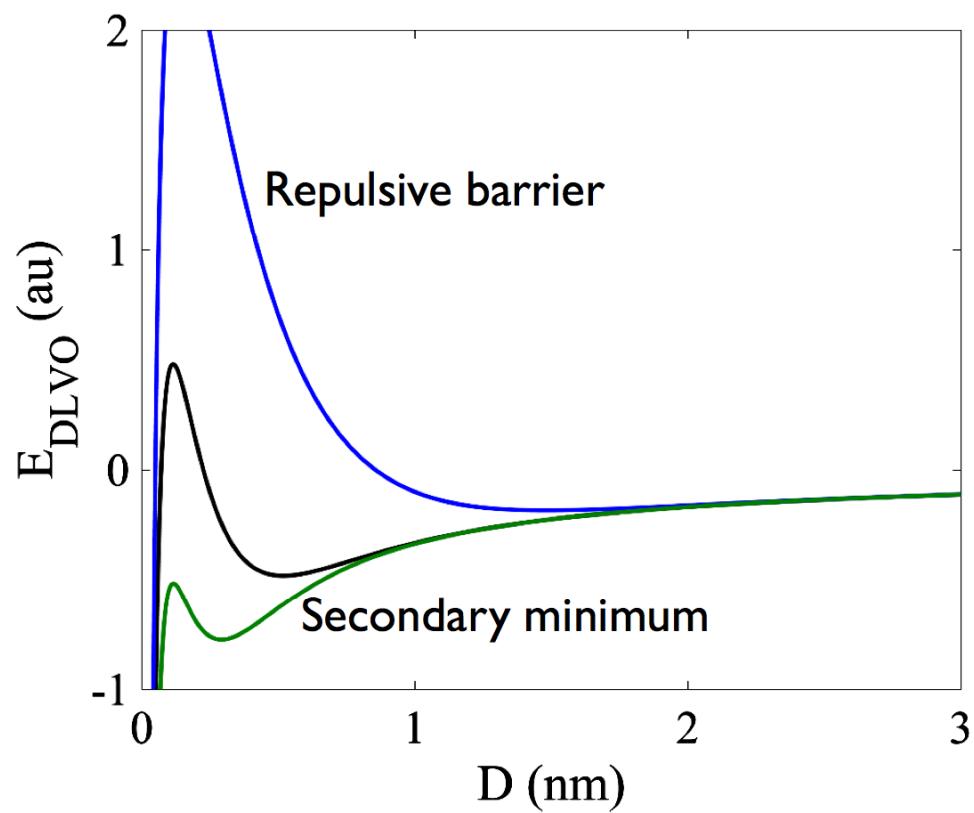
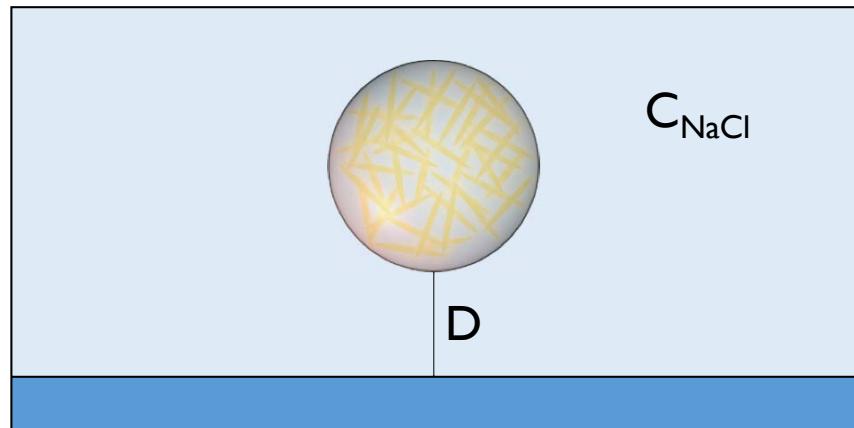
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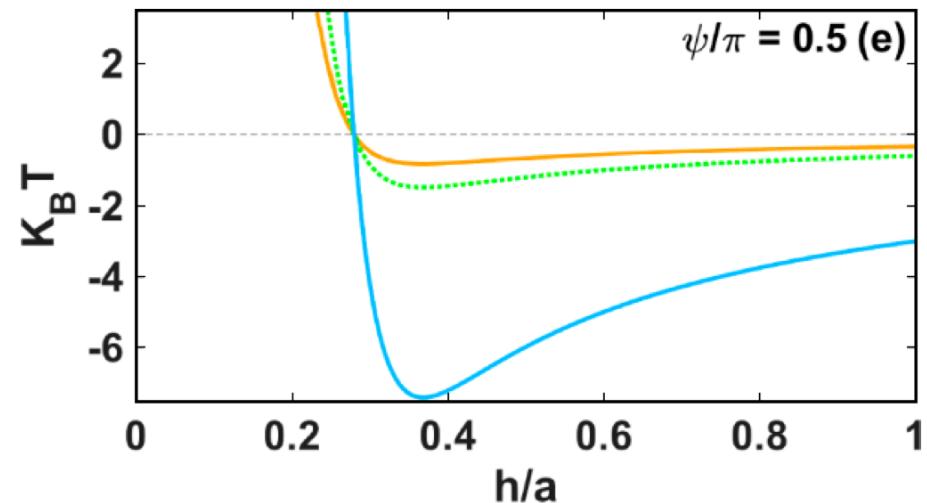
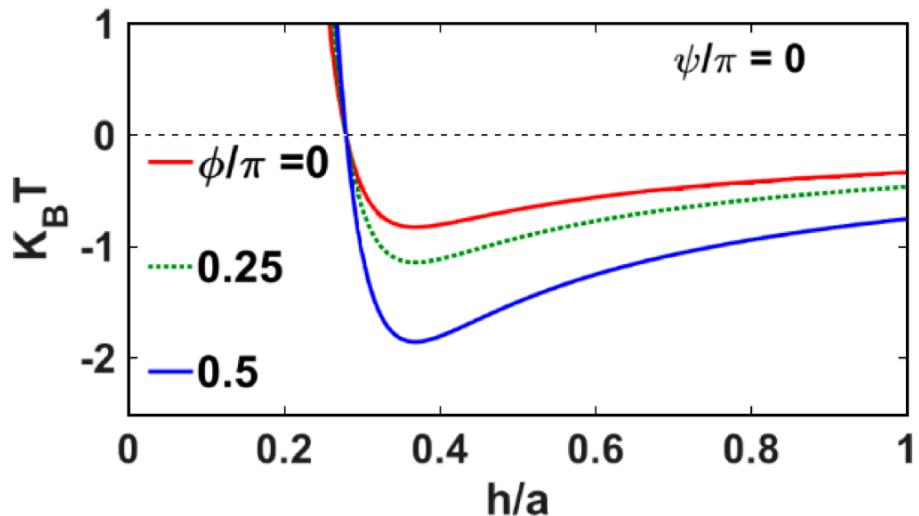
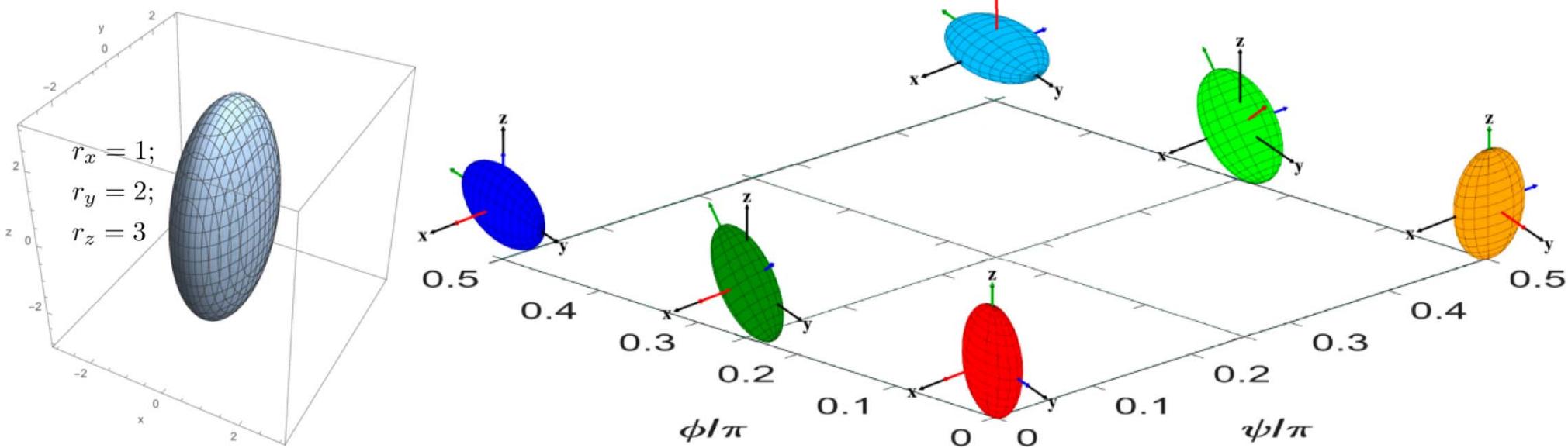


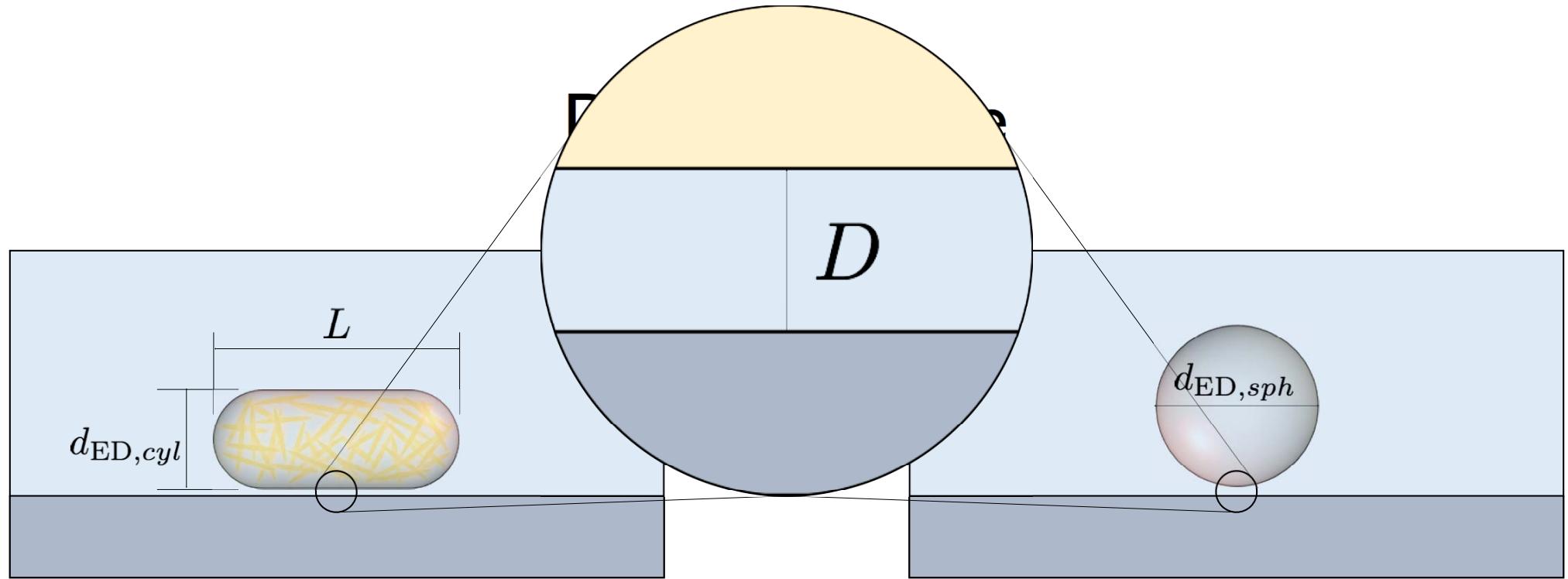
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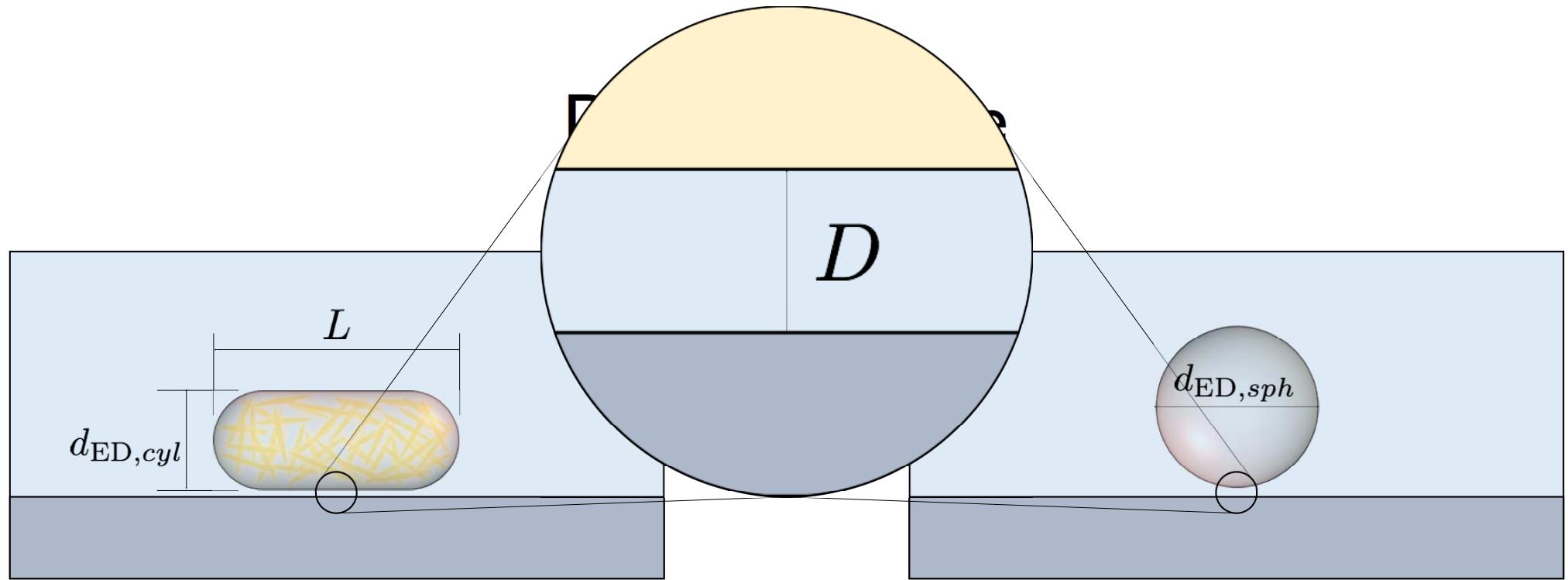


Effect of shape on DLVO potential

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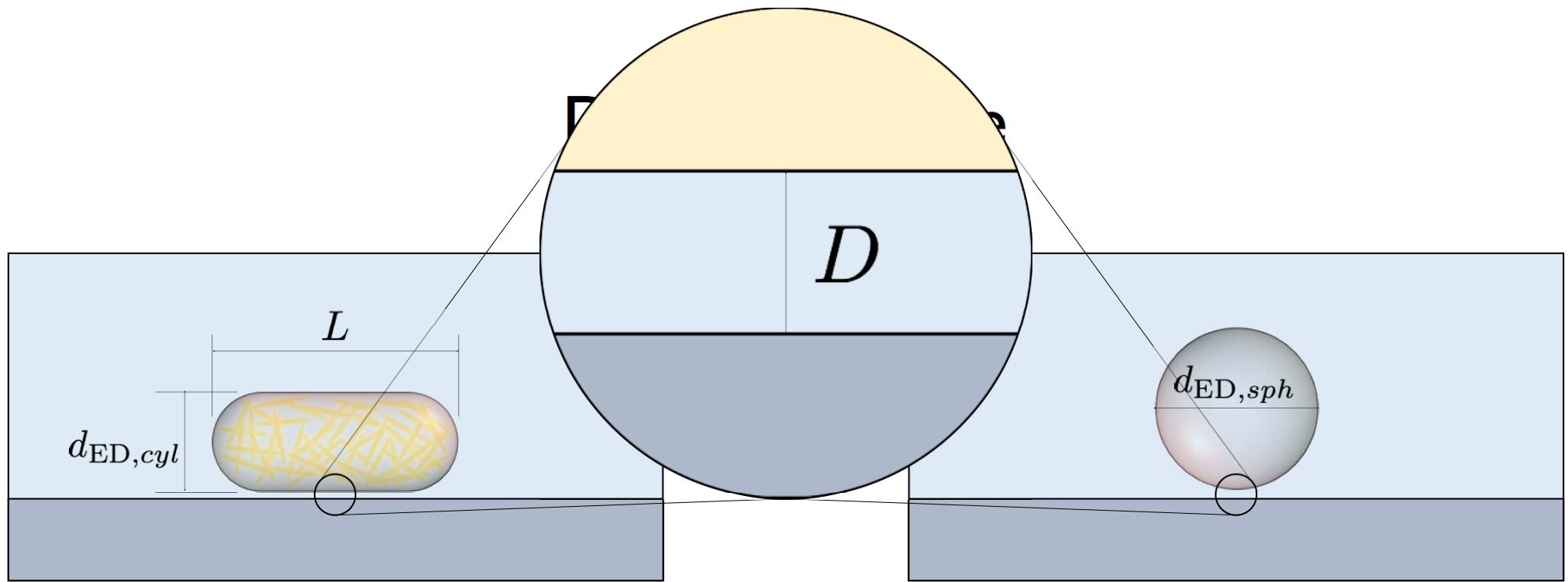






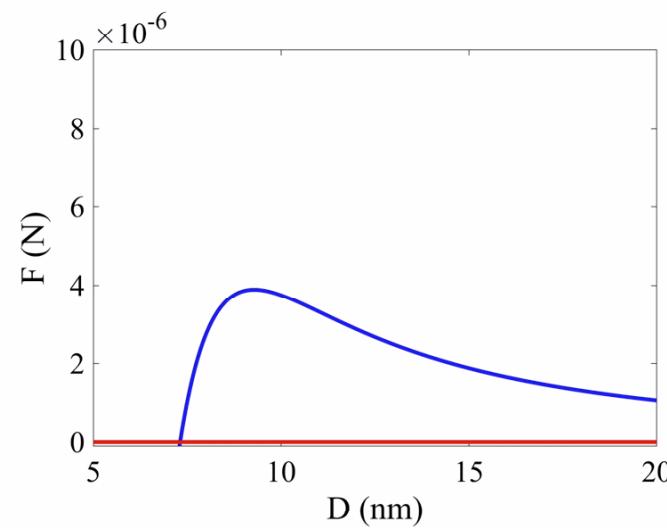
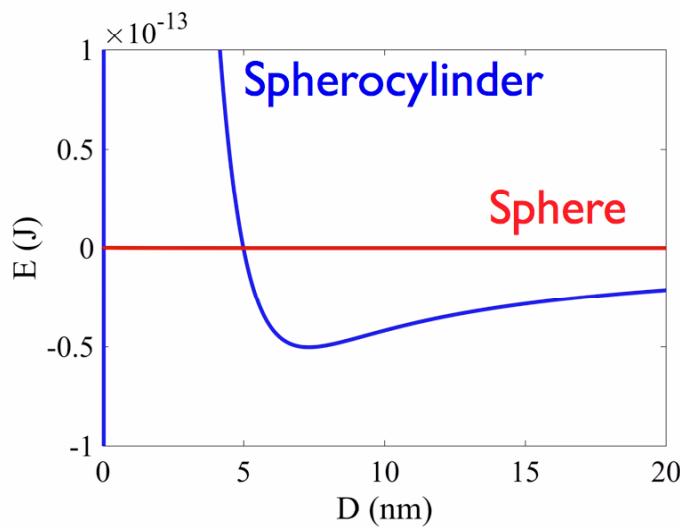
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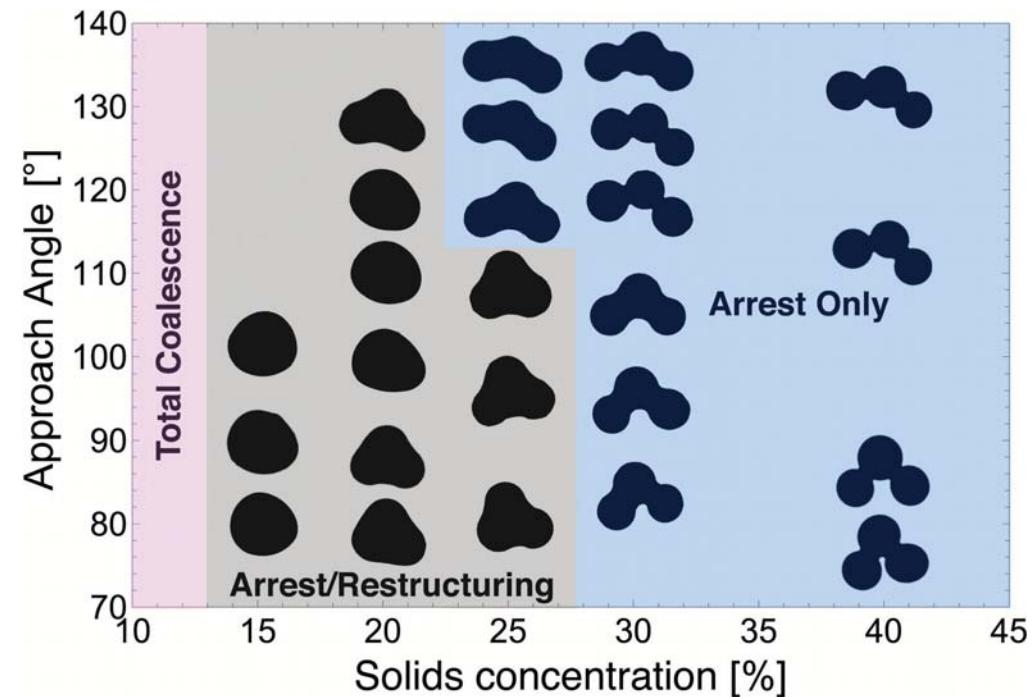
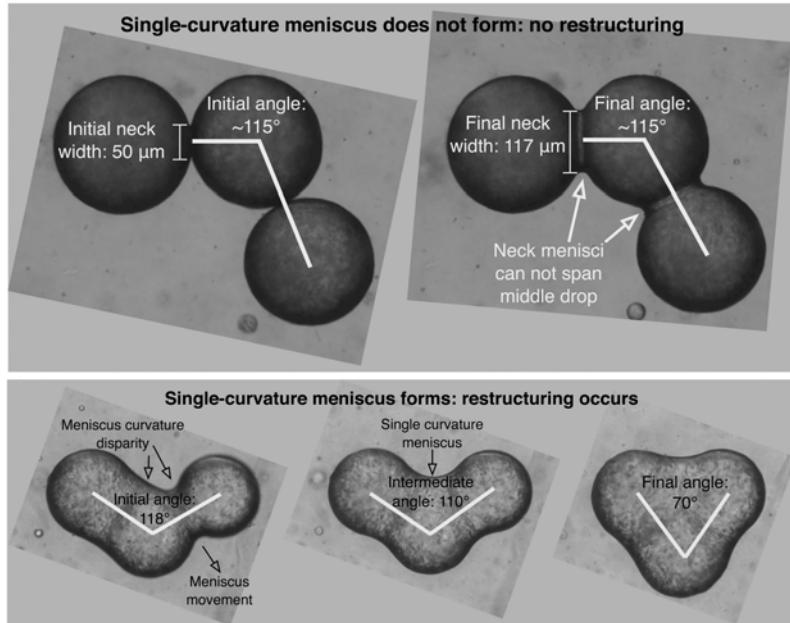


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Some opportunities

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- Models of fluid interface and traction
- Engineering the fluid meniscus – rheology?

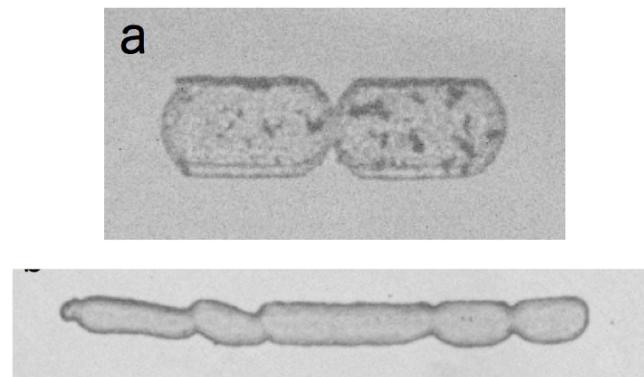
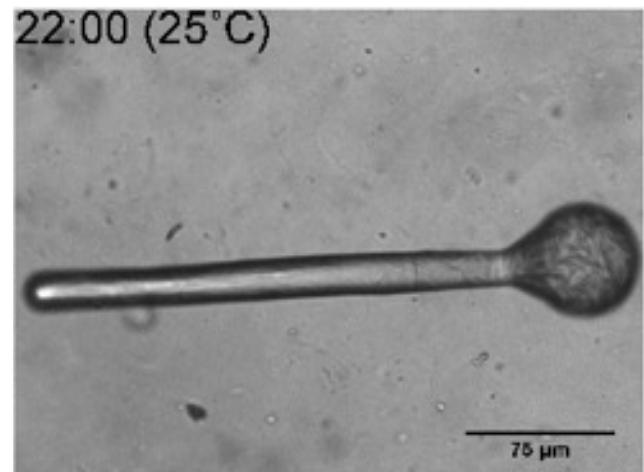
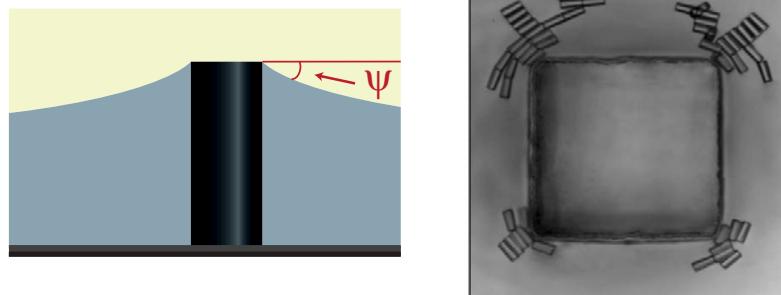
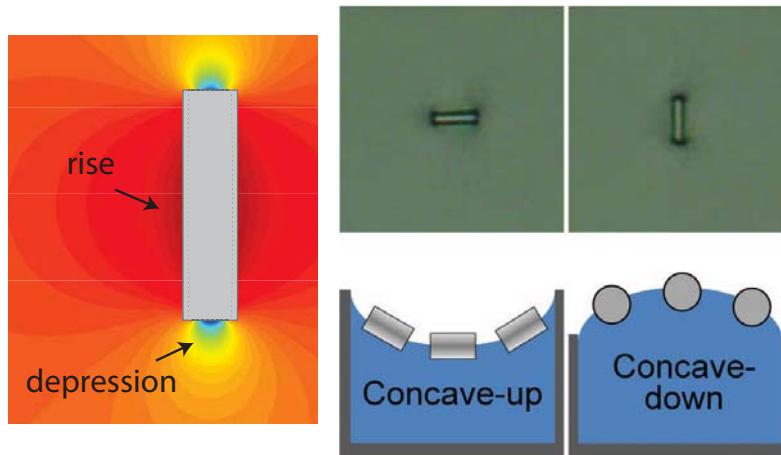
Wetting and spreading of structured droplets on surfaces



Some opportunities

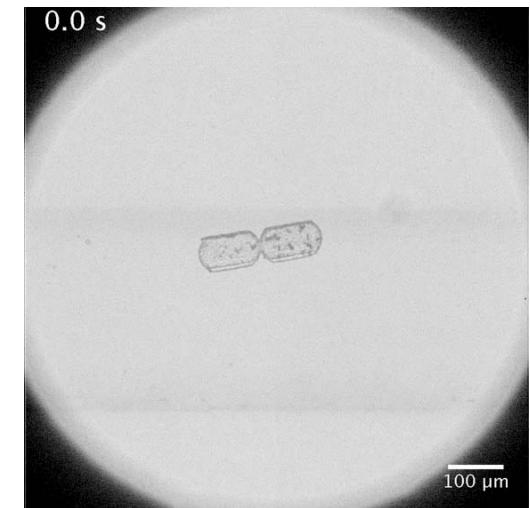
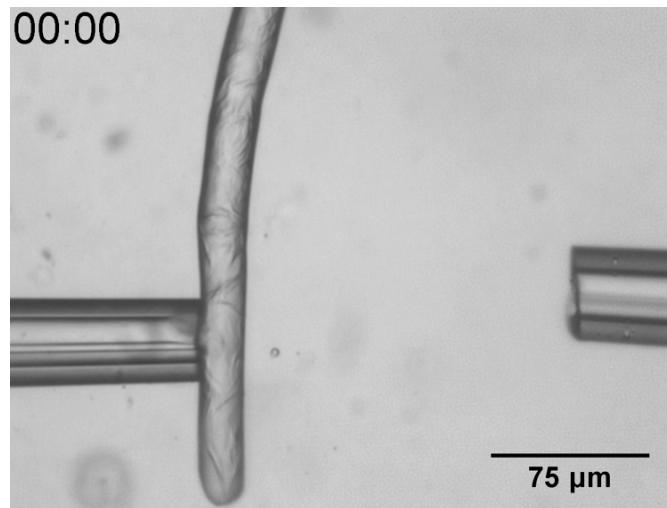
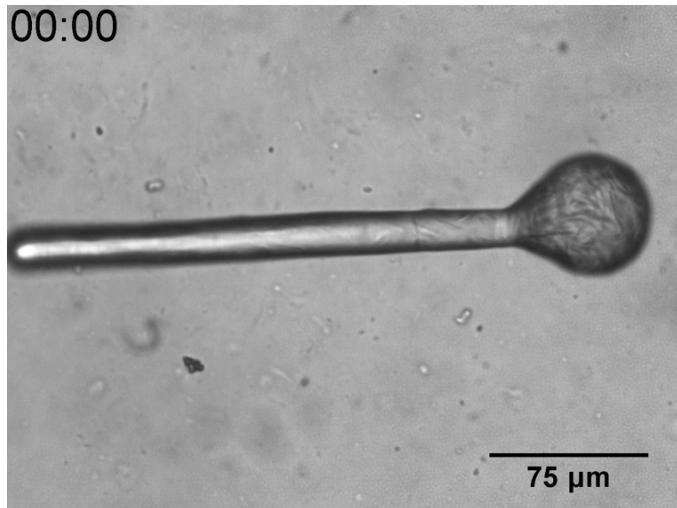
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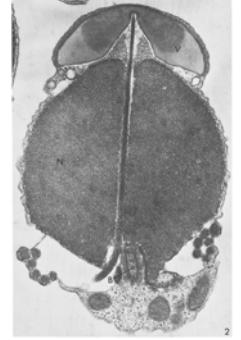
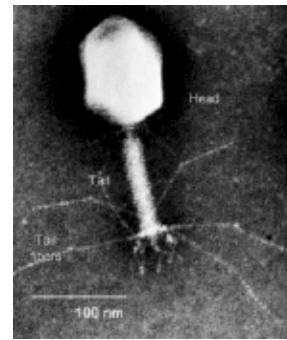
Fluid interfaces with complex shapes

...and challenges



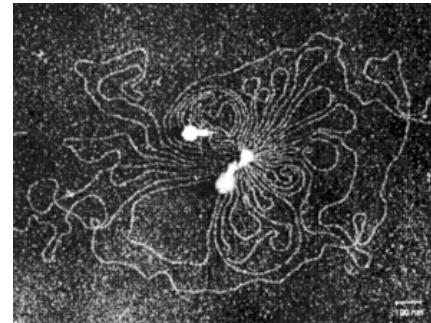
Reconfigurability is one-way, like:

Limulus acrosomal process, phage DNA delivery



but unlike:

actin polymerization /
depolymerization driving cell motility



Endoskeletal droplets



Tamás Prileszky



Alexandra Bayles

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Microfluidics, hierarchical assembly

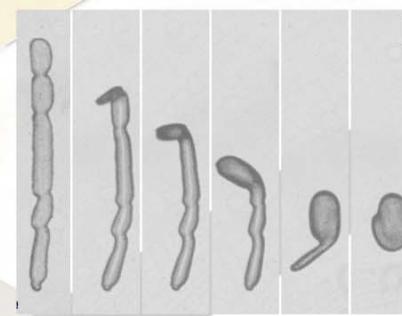
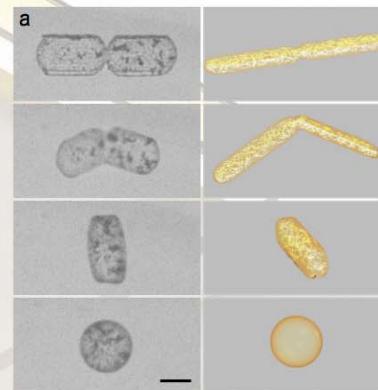
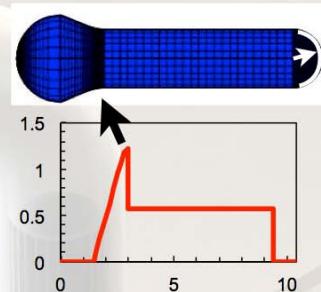
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Fluid interface
Held by endoskeleton
Thanks, biology!