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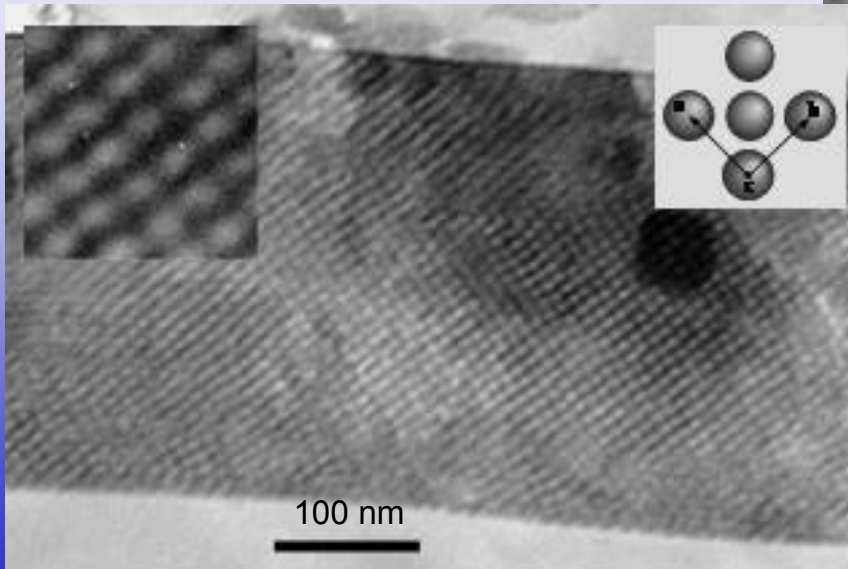
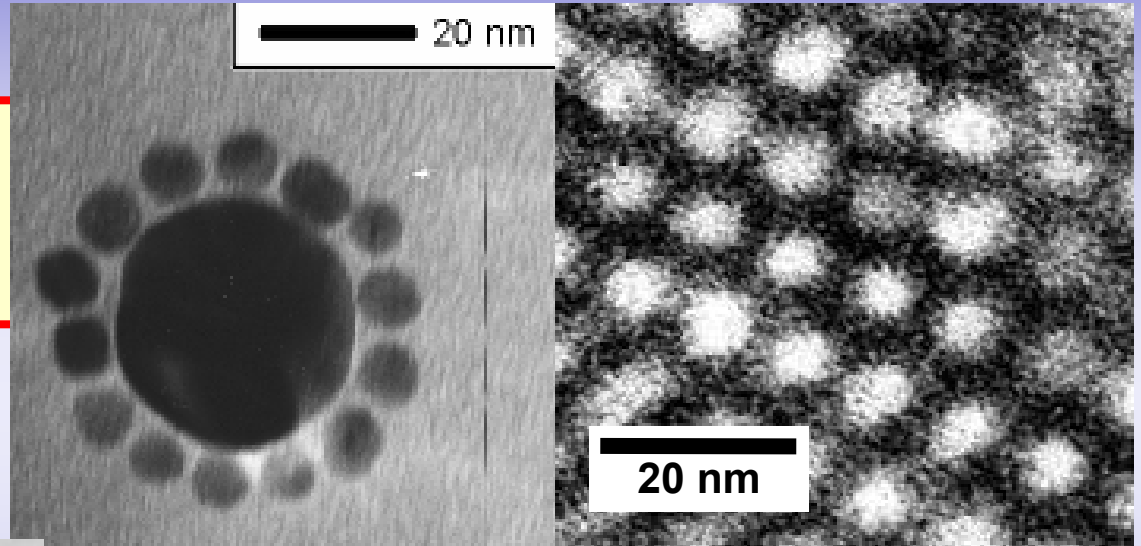
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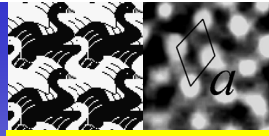
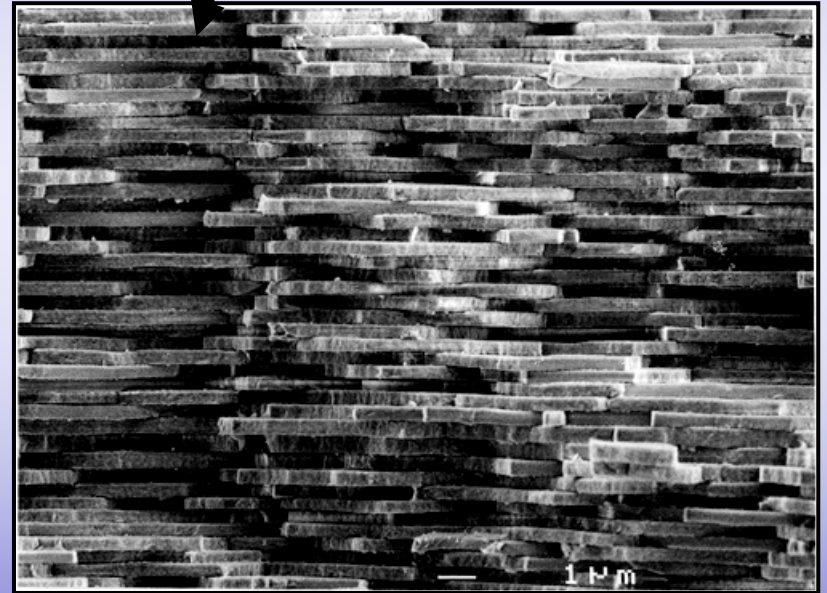
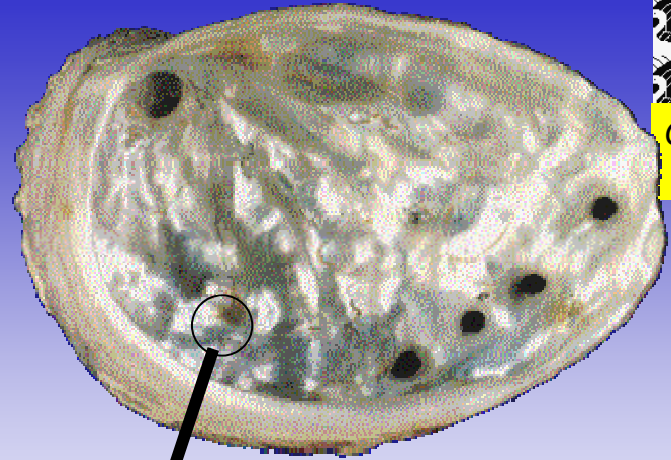
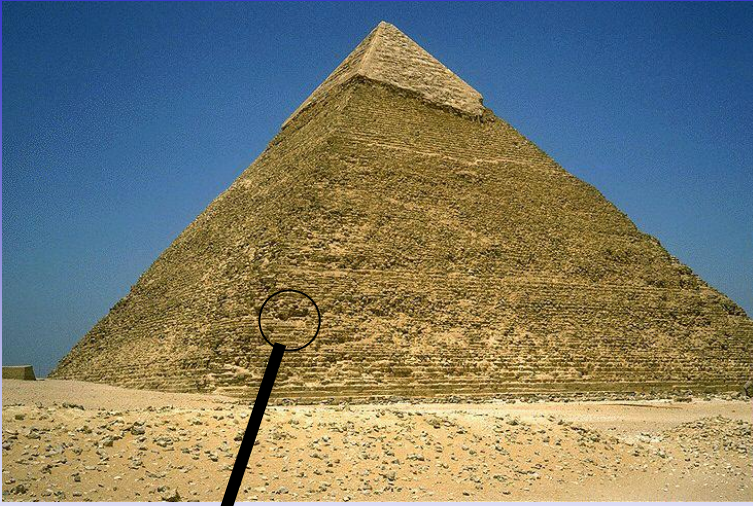


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*Chemical synthesis  
of organized matter*



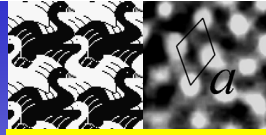
*Mesoporous Thin Films*  
Building multifunctional nanocavity arrays



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*I - Chemical synthesis of organized matter*

# Outline



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- **A construction toolbox for NanoBuilding Blocks (NBB)**
- **NBB organized in Mesoscopic Scale**
- **Templating techniques**
- **Mesoporous materials**
- **Integrative synthesis towards multiscale and multifunction**

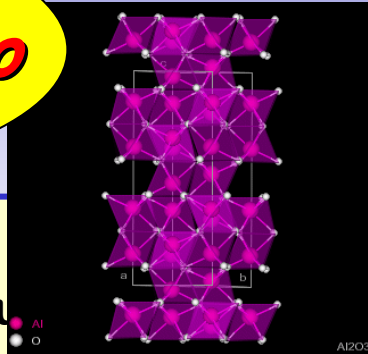
**Chemical Synthesis of Complex Materials**  
**“From serendipity to design”**



# Towards complex materials

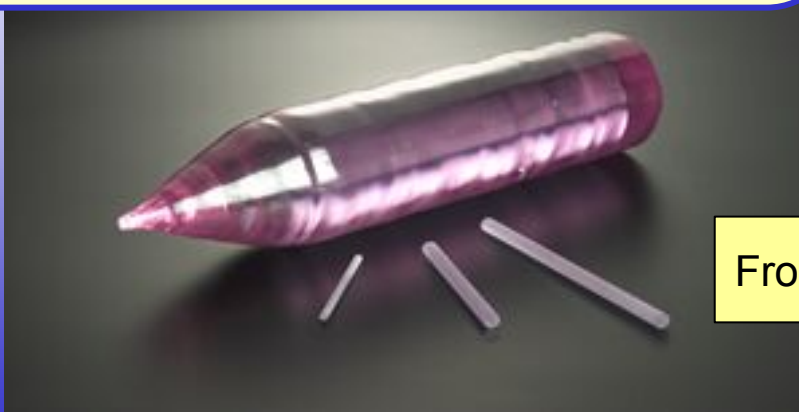
## What we can do

- “Simple” Materials
- Controlled Crystal Structure
- Mostly monofunctional
- Composition-determined properties
- Bulk properties are determinant



## What we should be able to do

- Multiscale patterned Materials
- Controlled structure, *texture*, *position*
- Multifunctional
- Composition AND synergy-defined properties
- Interface between determinant



From **SIMPLE** to **COMPLEX**

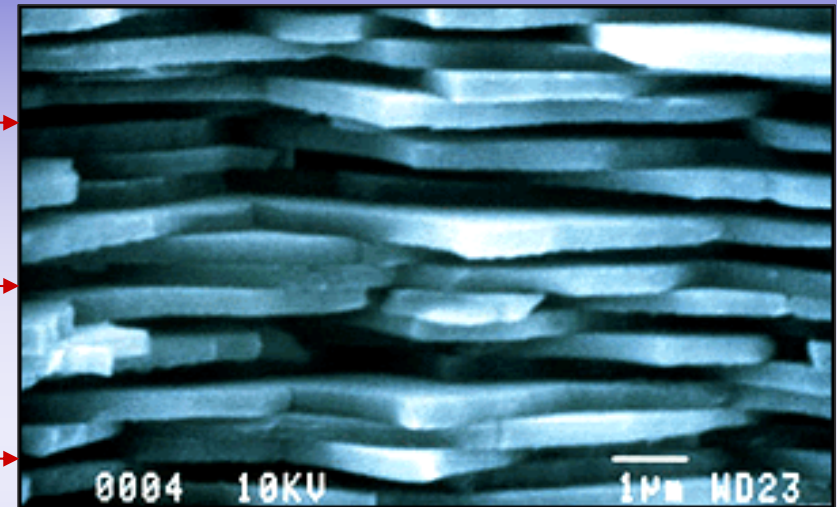




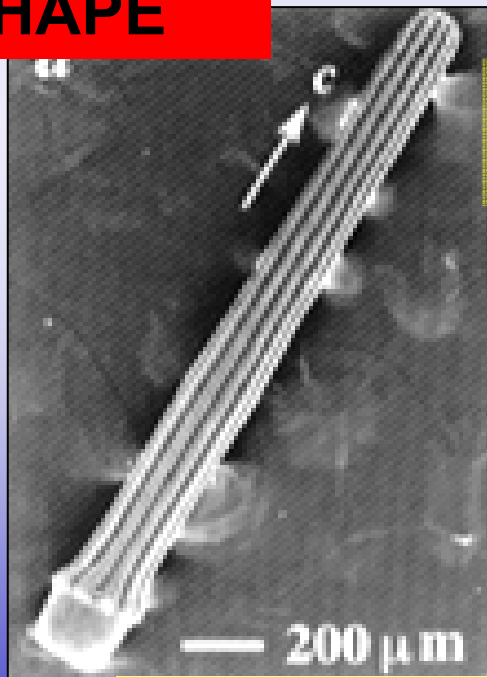
# Biomaterials are a source of inspiration

## ARCHITECTURE

“bricks and mortar”  
*hybrid nanocomposites*



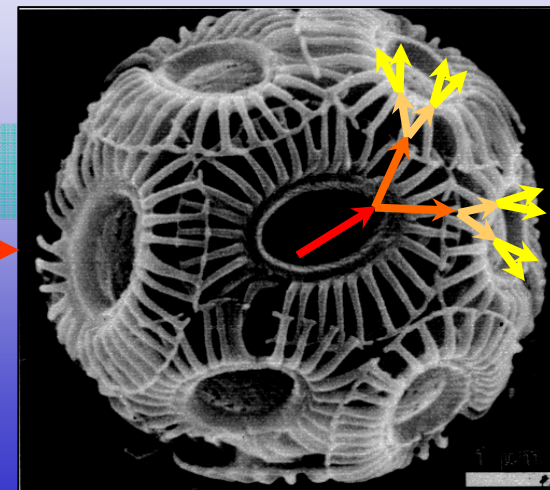
## SHAPE



Order and  
Position in Space

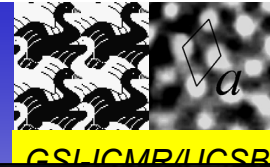
## ASSEMBLY

Hierarchy



structure ↔ function  
compartmentalization

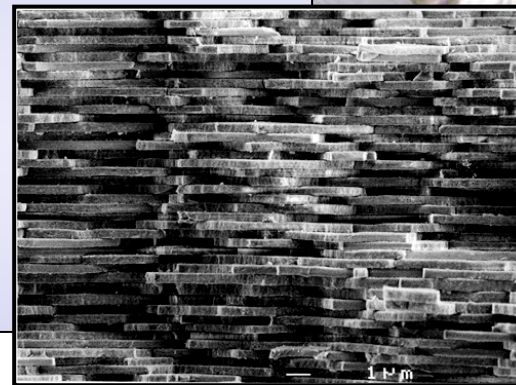
# Example: Nacre



**Inorganic phase =  $\text{CaCO}_3$  platelets**

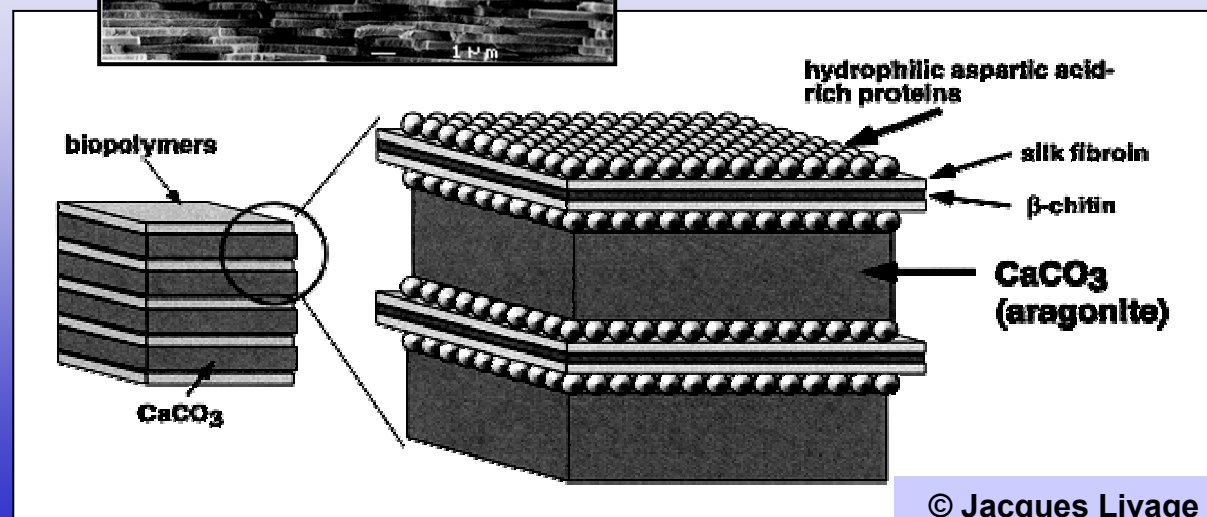
**+ Organic layer  $\approx$  30 nm  
(protein layers)**

**Glue + positioning**



## Organization of BB in space

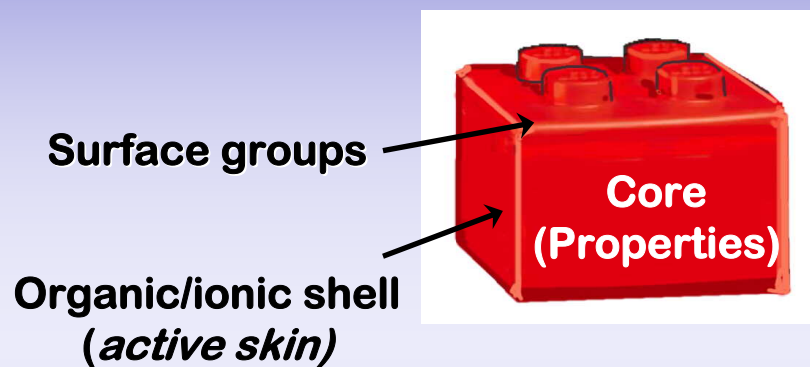
**Composite structure  
Improves mech properties  
(composite 3000 times harder  
than  $\text{CaCO}_3$  single crystals!)  
Bulletproof vests**



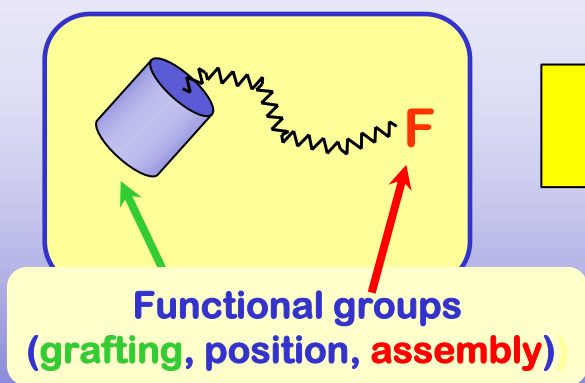
# The Build-and-Assemble Paradigm



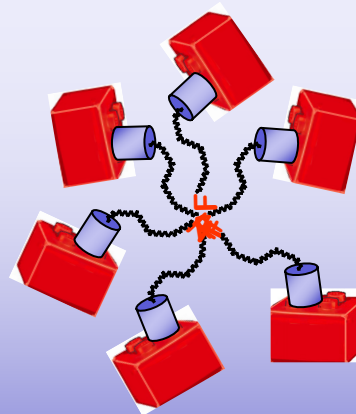
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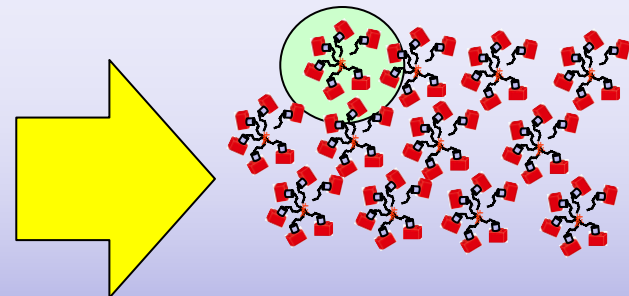
- **Primary Nanobuilding Blocks (NBB)**
- **Use complementary properties**
- **Assembly in space at various levels**



**Building  
Blocks**



**Assembled  
Object**



**Array**



# The Nanosized Realm



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**Finely Divided Matter**

1-100 nm



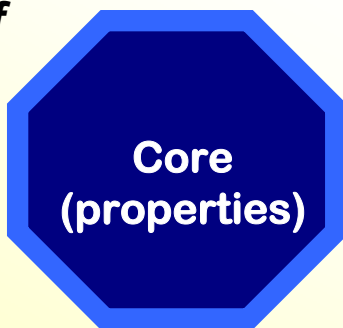
**Enhanced Properties**

(Size)

- **Surface**
- **Electronic**
- **Optical**
- **Magnetic**

**Control of**

- Morphology
- Structure
- Size



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**High Surface + Functional groups**

**Nanometric Brick**

- Properties in the **CORE**
- **SHELL: Interactions**  
Protection + Functions

**Organic/ionic shell**  
*(protective skin)*

**Conserve Properties of Inorganic + ORDER in SPACE**

# We need to invent...



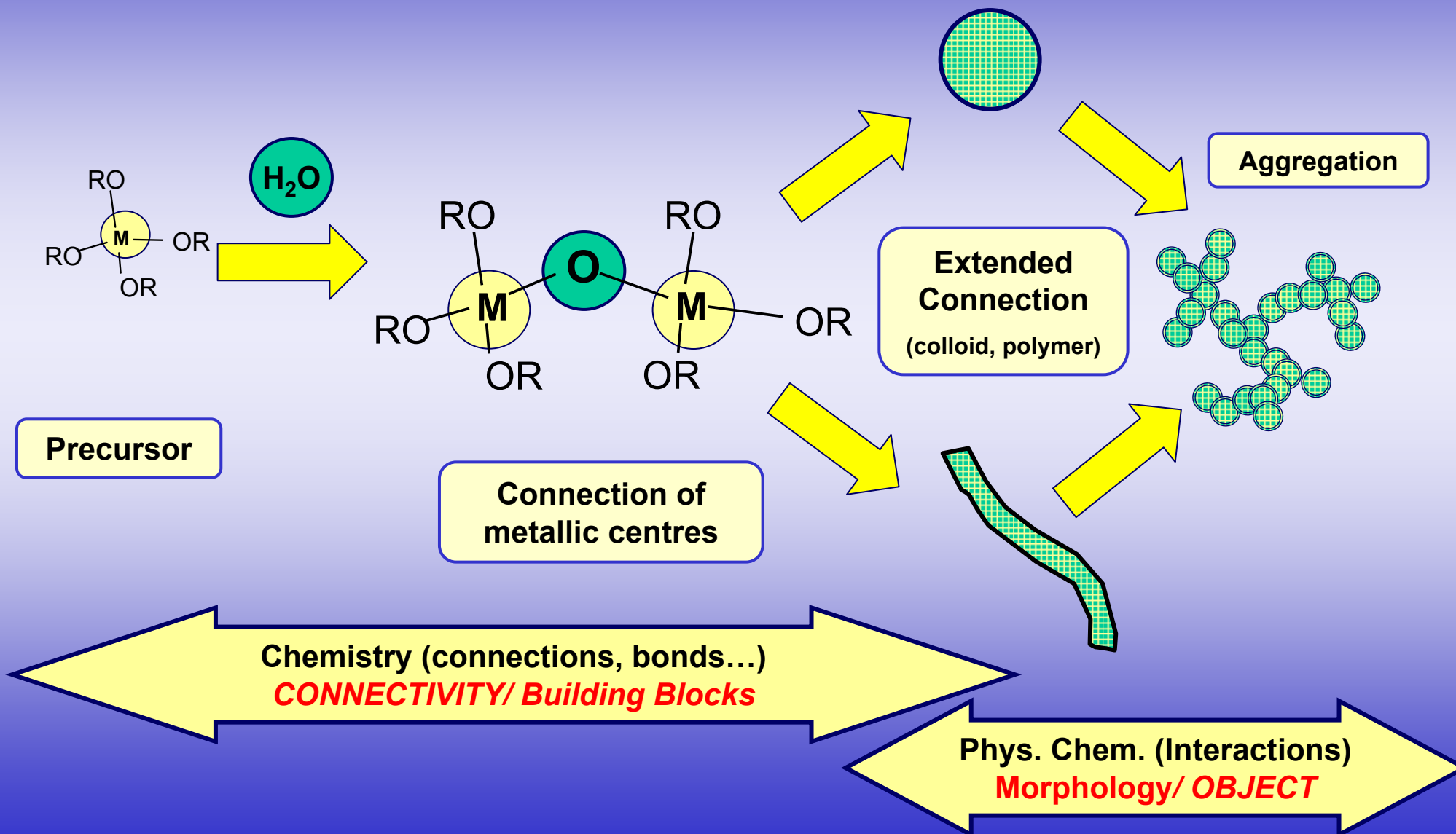
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- ...methods to build “solid” nanometric building blocks (***inorganic NBB***) with targeted properties in an easy and reproducible way
- ...methods to develop intelligent molecules (***organic NBB***) able to ***order*** the inorganic NBB ***in space***
- ...ways to ***integrate*** both kinds of components in a complex material, with new properties derived from the ***SYNERGY*** of the inorganic and organic ***NBB***

# A Chemist's view: «bottom-up» construction of inorganic NBB



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# Sol-Gel : Controlled Formation of a *metal-oxo network*



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Low Temperature  
“soft process”

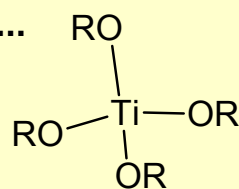
Water is a **reagent**  
(controlled amounts)

## Inorganic Precursors

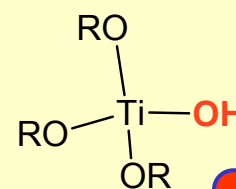
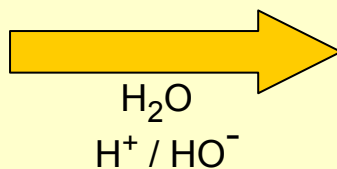
**M(X)<sub>4</sub>**

M = Si, **Ti**, Sn,...

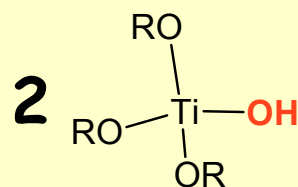
X = OR, Cl,...



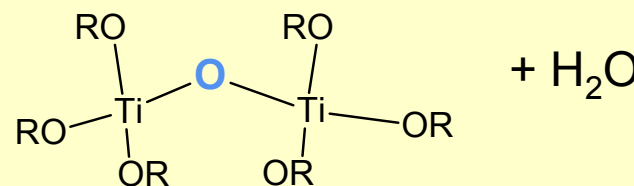
**Hydrolysis**



**Hydrolyzed Metal Center**

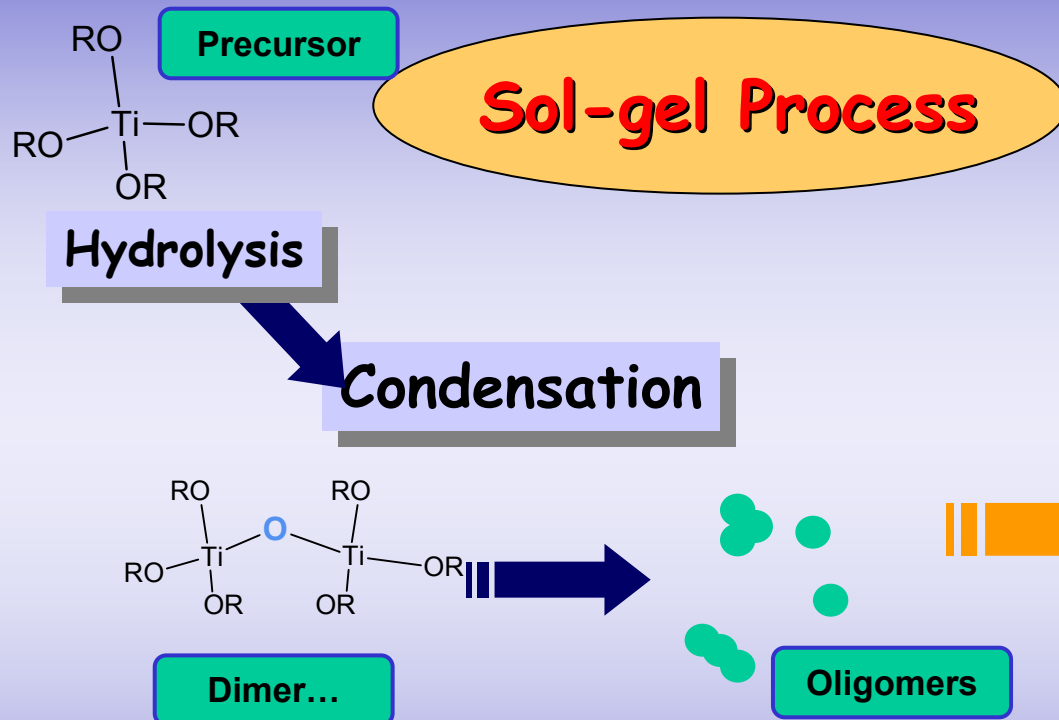


**Condensation**

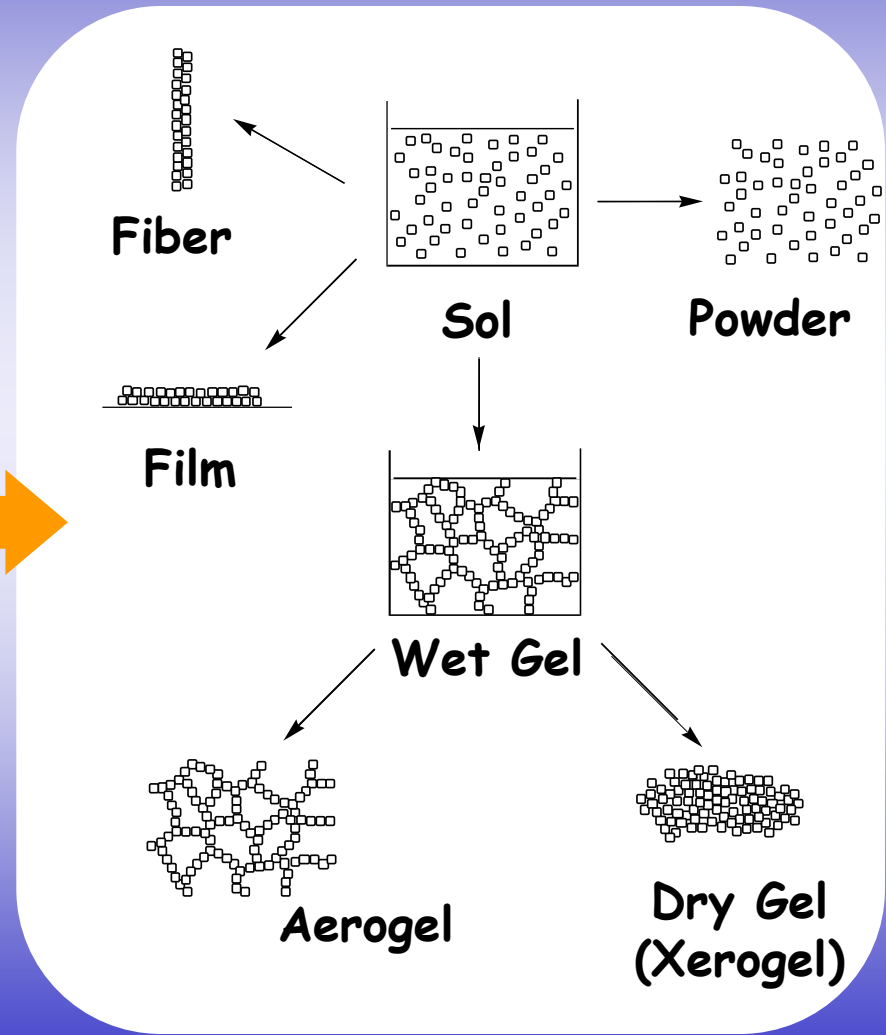


**Dimer**

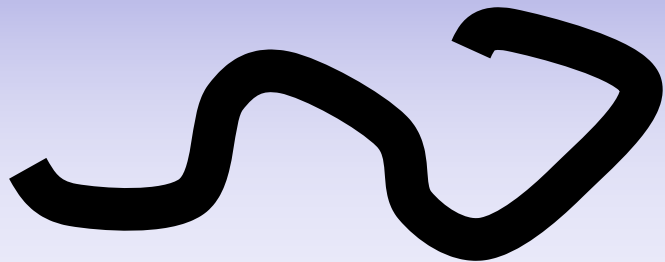
# Sol-Gel synthesis in a nutshell



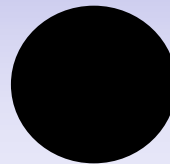
Materials features controlled by **solution chemistry**  
**Low T**, integration of organic or biological groups



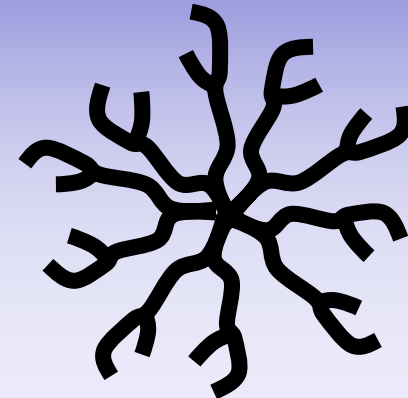
# Controlling polymer size, shape and philicity



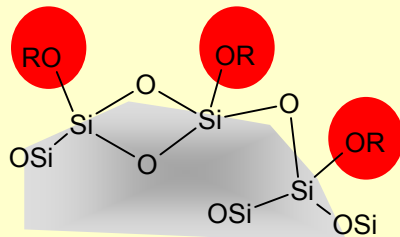
Linear polymers



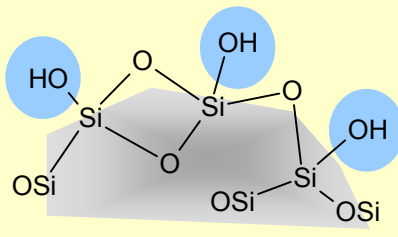
Amorphous or crystalline nanoparticles



fractal polymers

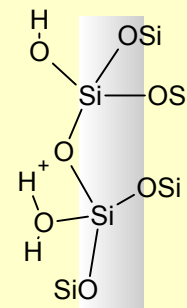


hydrophobic

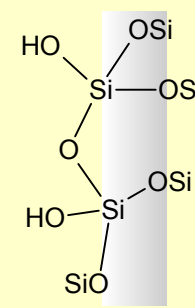


hydrophilic

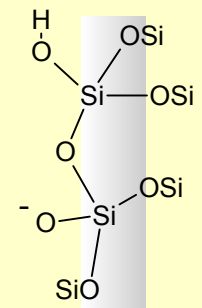
Controlling surface philicity (hydrolysis)



pH < iep



iep



pH > iep

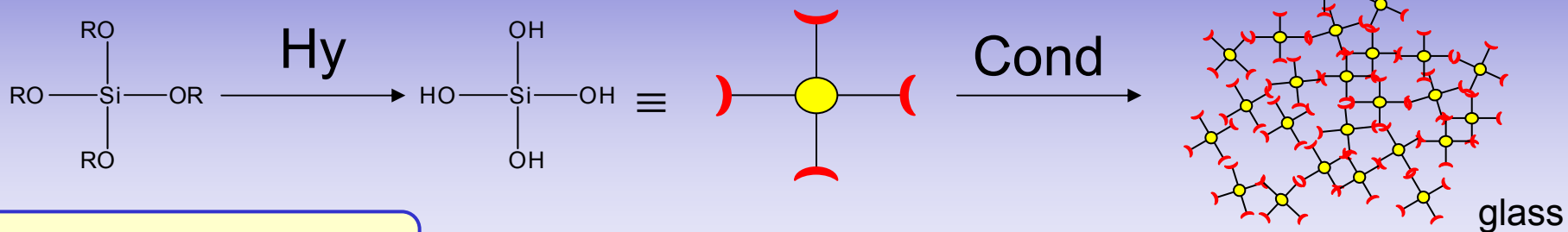
Controlling surface charge (pH)



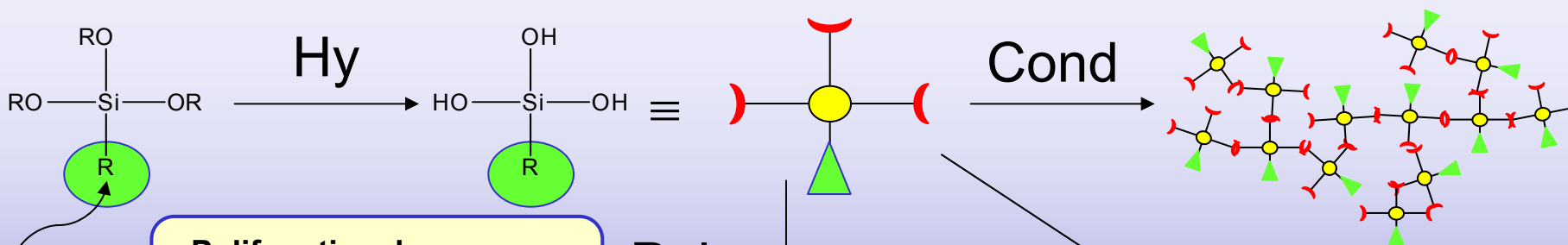
# Hybrid Materials



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Purely inorganic precursor  
Inorganic M-oxo network

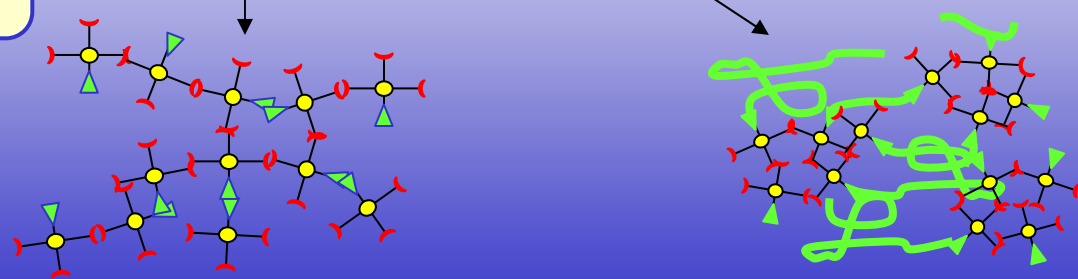


Function  
Organic or  
biological  
residue

Polifunctional precursor  
*Hybrid Network*

Polym

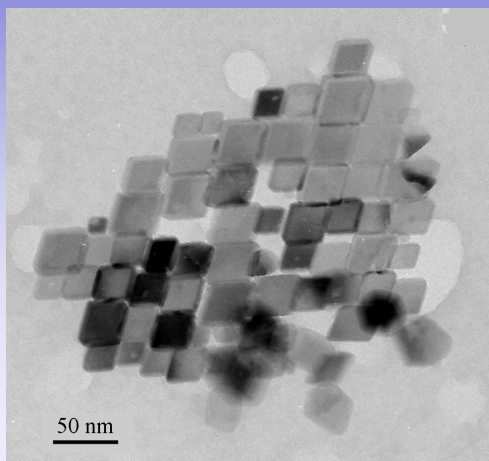
CoPo



# Processing leads to applications: Nanoparticles, Gels, Thin Films...

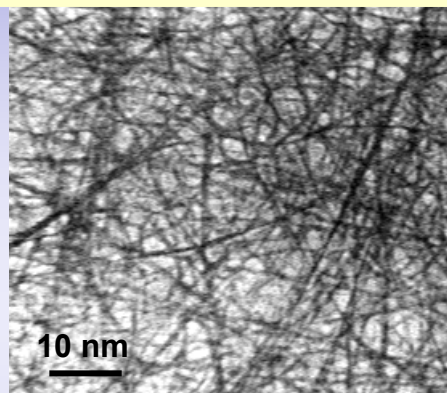


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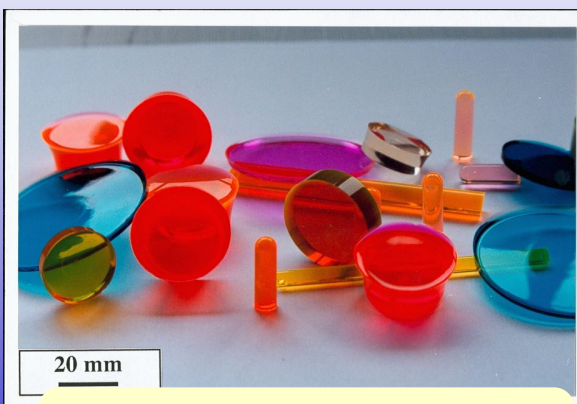


*n*-Hematite (Jolivet *et al.*)

Fibrous  $V_2O_5$  gels (Livage)



Coatings (Minami - Schottner)



Hybrid Gels  $SiO_2$ /dye  
(Chaput)



Prague Cathedral,  
E. Bescher, UCLA





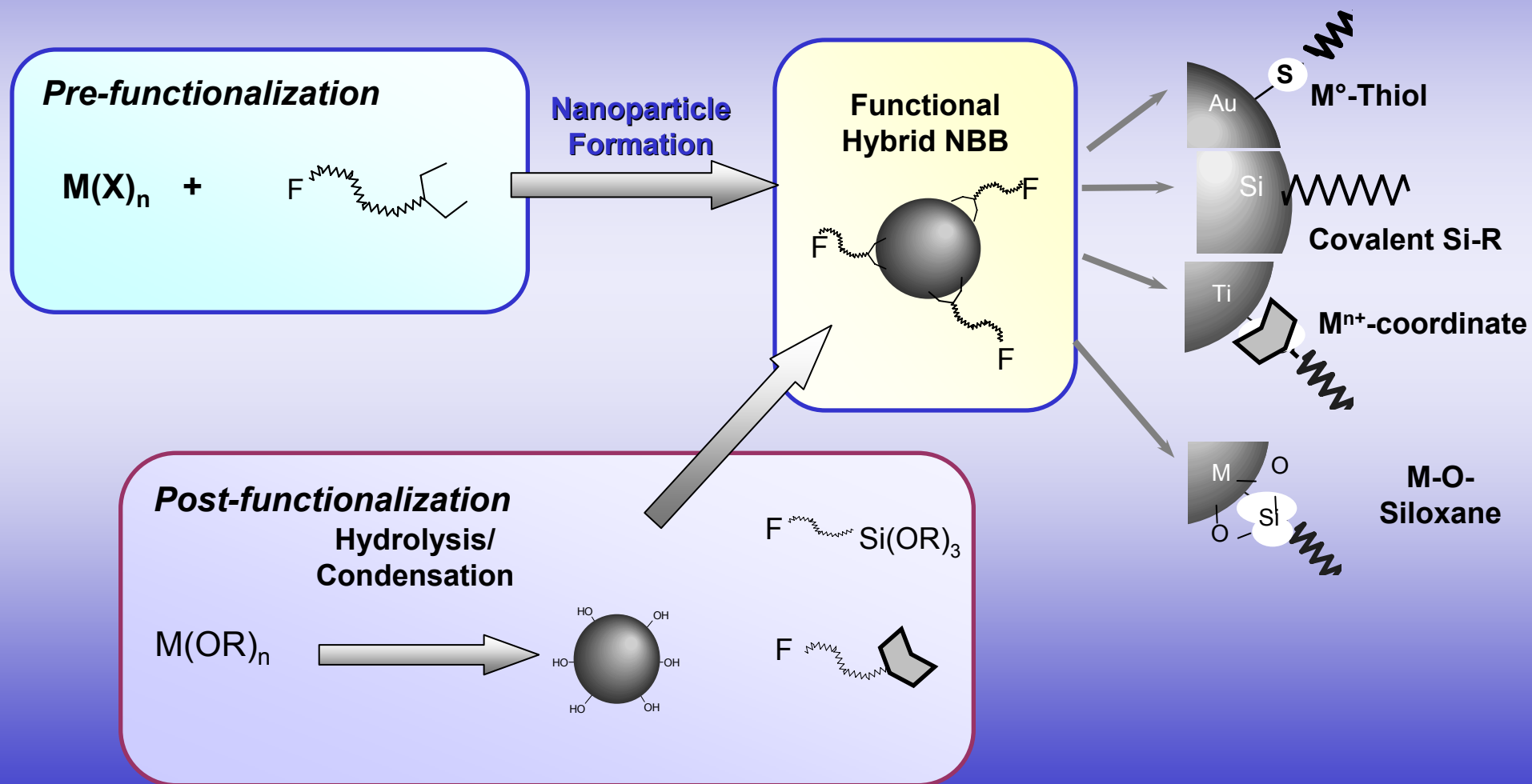


# Surface Functionalization

## NBB with modified features



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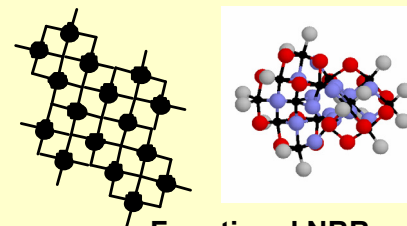
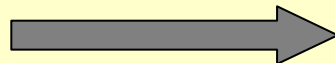
C. Sanchez et al., *Chem.Mater.* **2001**, *13*, 3061

$R'-M-(OR)_x$   
Organo-Functional  
Metal Alkoxide

+

$M(OR)_n$   
Metal Alkoxide

Controlled  
 $H_2O$

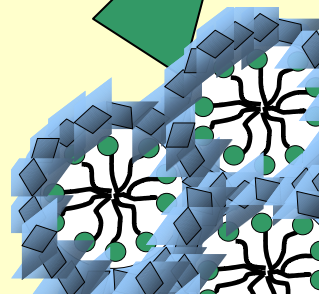
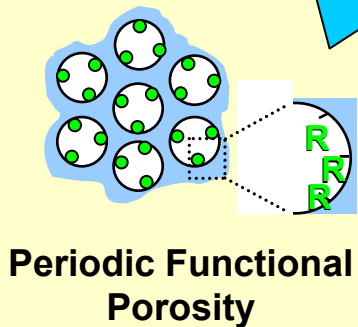
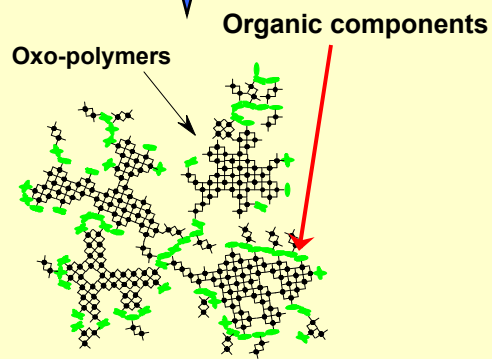


Functional NBB  
Metal-oxo clusters  
or Nanoparticles

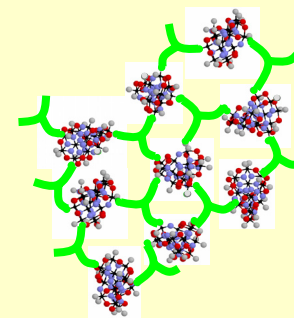
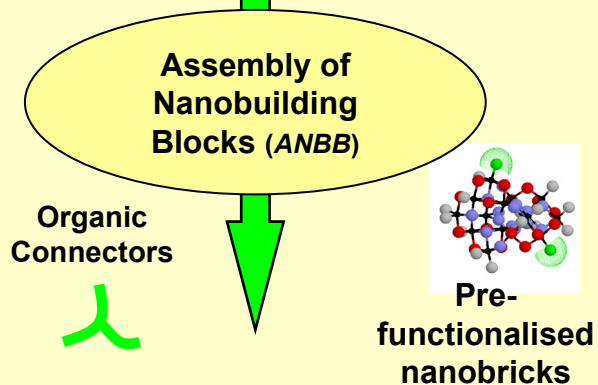
**Organic Modifiers**  
Templates  
Connectors  
Structure directing agents

SELF ASSEMBLY

$H_2O$   
 $R'$  moiety may be reactive  
Conventional  
SOL-GEL Route

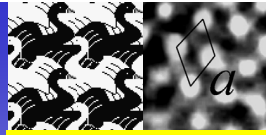


Mesostructured NBB-based hybrids



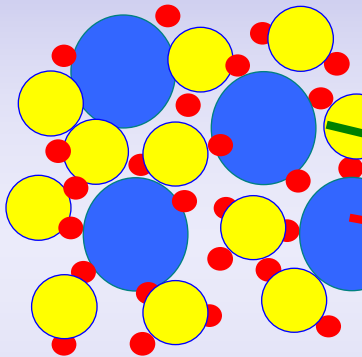
# Organised Nano-Matter: How?

By Coupling *Sol-Gel* and *Self Assembly*

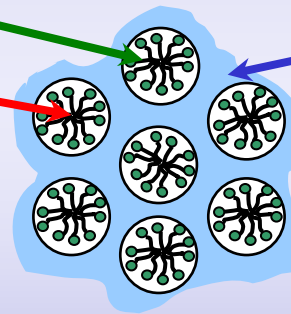


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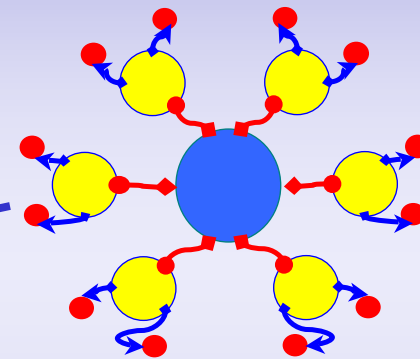
Non-covalent links  
(Classical Self-Assembly)



A Combination  
of both



Covalent links



➤ Colloidal Interactions

➤ van der Waals and H-bonding

↑ Spontaneous Organisation

↑ Multiscale possibility

↓ Lack of Directionality

↓ Packing ⇒ Surface Loss

➤ Covalent Connection

➤ Complexation

↑ Directionality

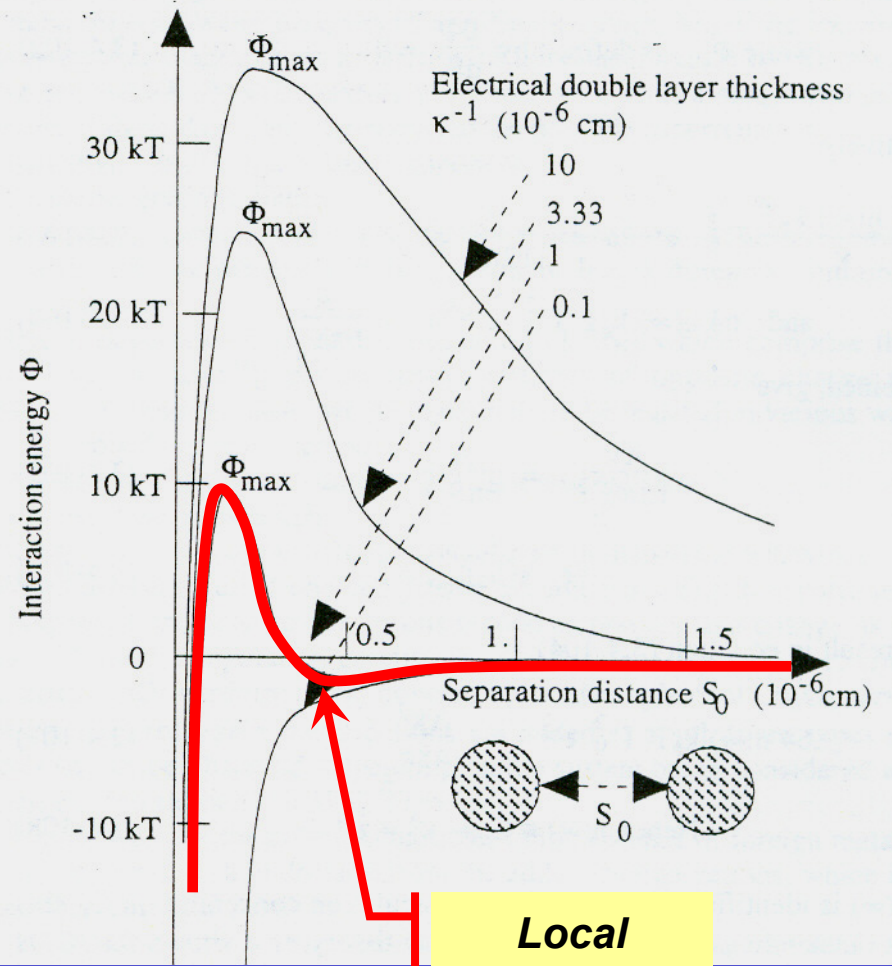
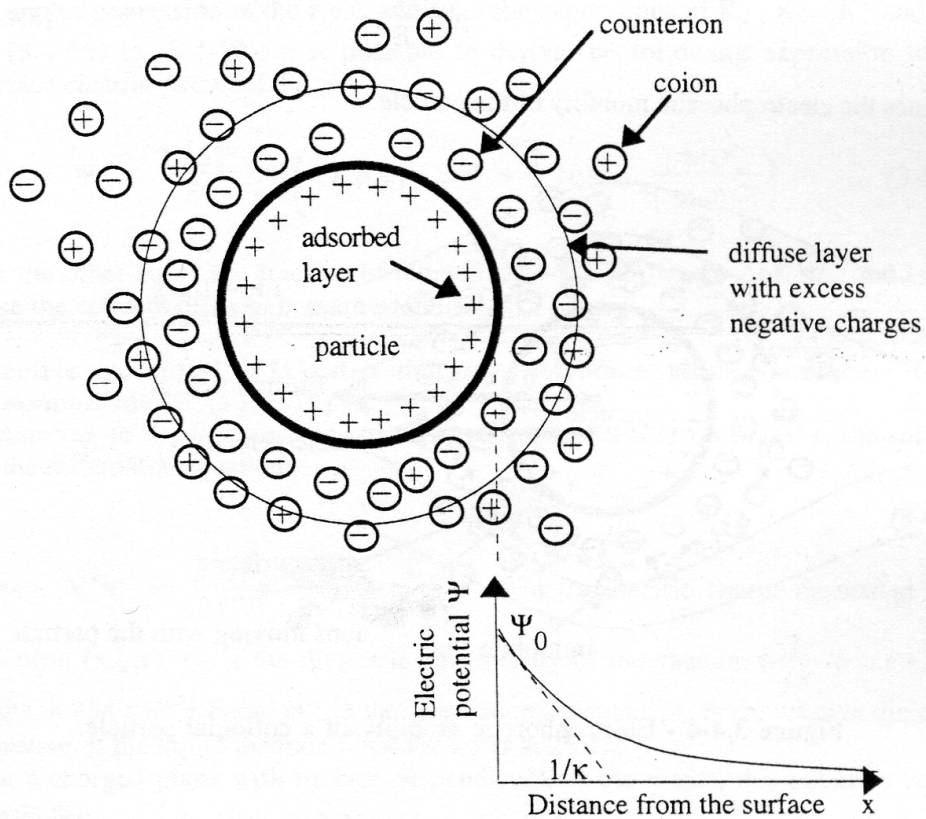
↑ Simplicity

↑ Specificity

↑ Hierarchical Materials

↓ Poisoning

# Interactions between charged colloidal objects

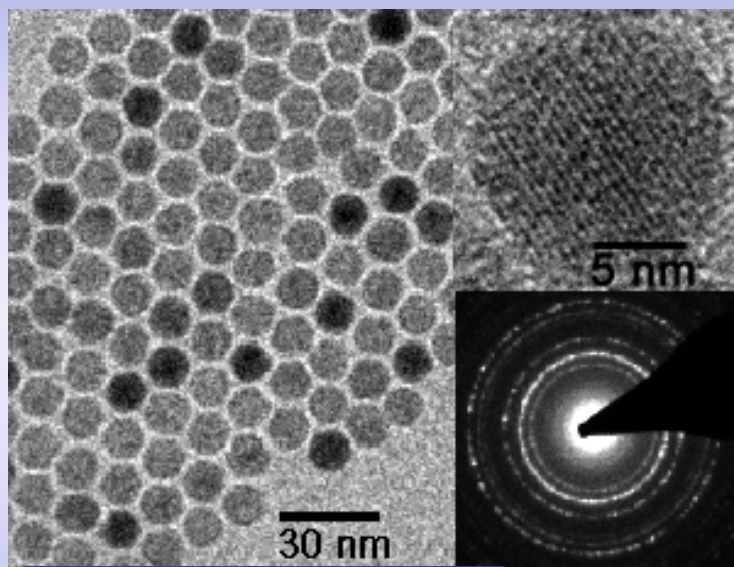


**Local minimum**

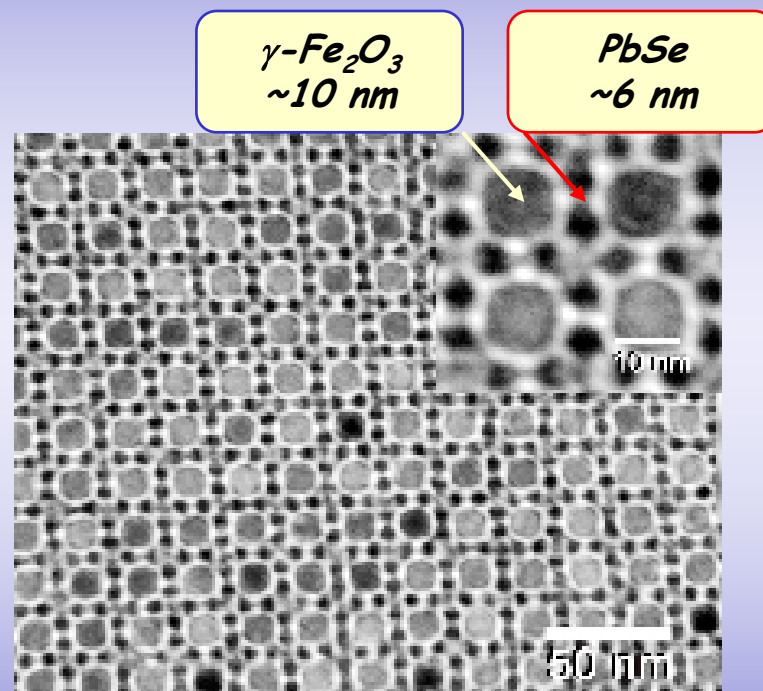
# Using weak forces to Order (C. Murray-IBM)



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$\gamma\text{-Fe}_2\text{O}_3$   
10 nm magnets !!!



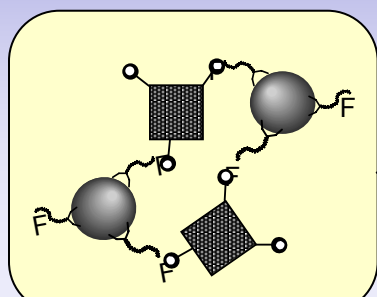
Perfectly monodisperse nanoparticles  
Colloidal Forces to order  
**INTEGRATION and SPACE DISTRIBUTION of NP**  
Robust arrangements ??



# Organizing and Attaching functional NBB

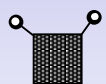


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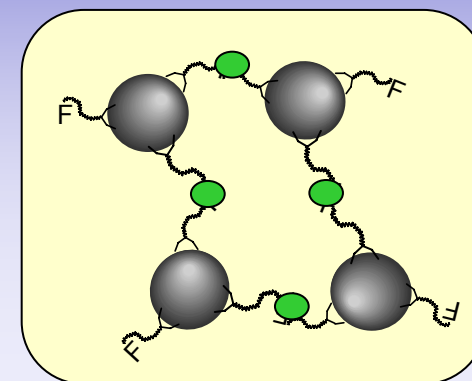
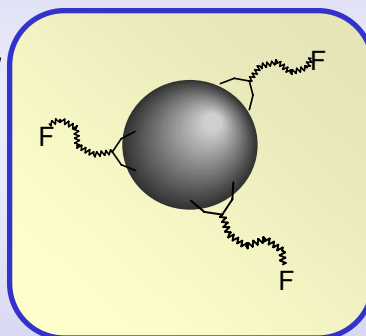


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Recognition

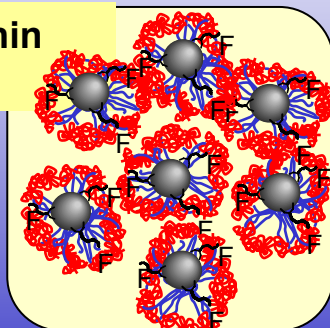


Polymerization



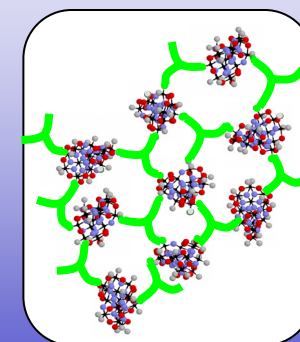
Trimmel et al. *Chem. Mater.* **2000**, *12*, 602.

Particles within micelles



S. Förster; M. Antonietti, *Adv. Mater.* **1999**

Organic Connectors

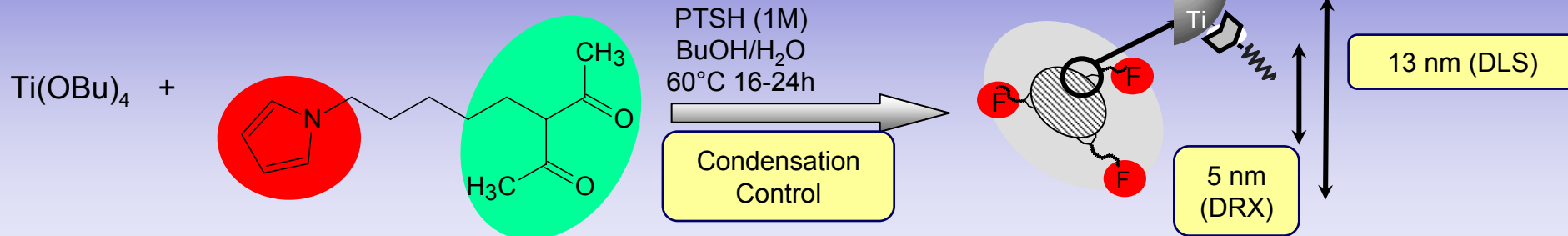


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# Ready-to-assemble NBB



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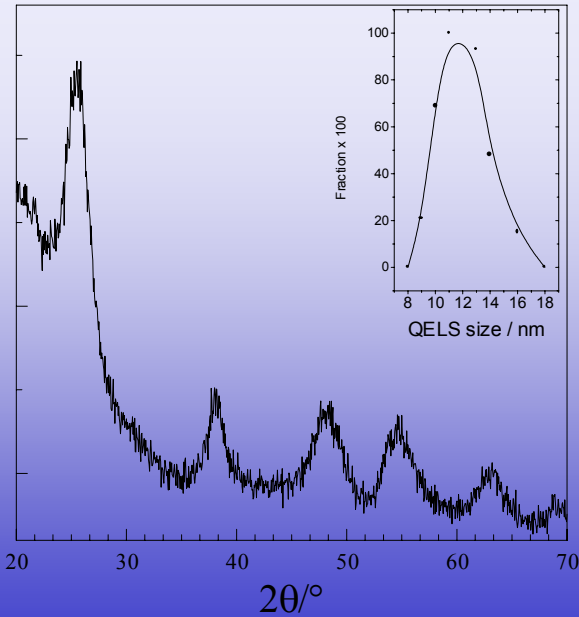
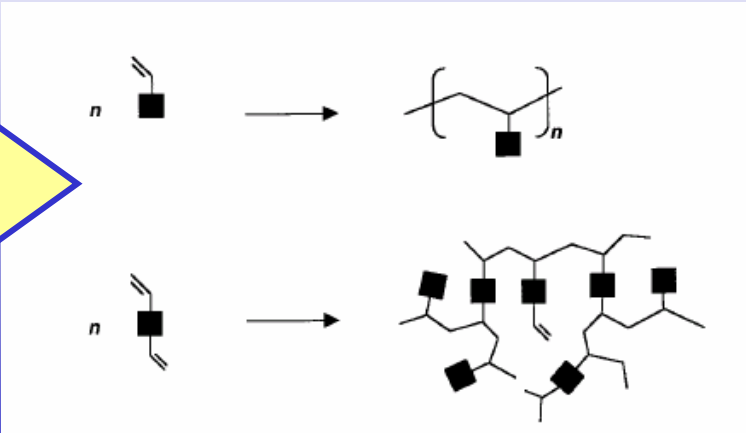


Functional group  
**pyrrole**  
 •Polymerizable  
 •Conductor

Anchor group  
**acac**  
 •Fixes function  
 •Controls condensation

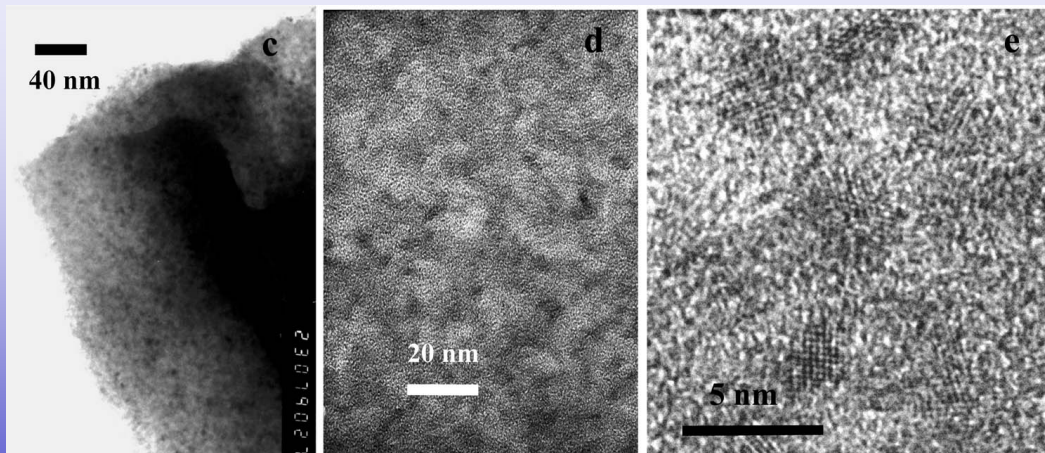
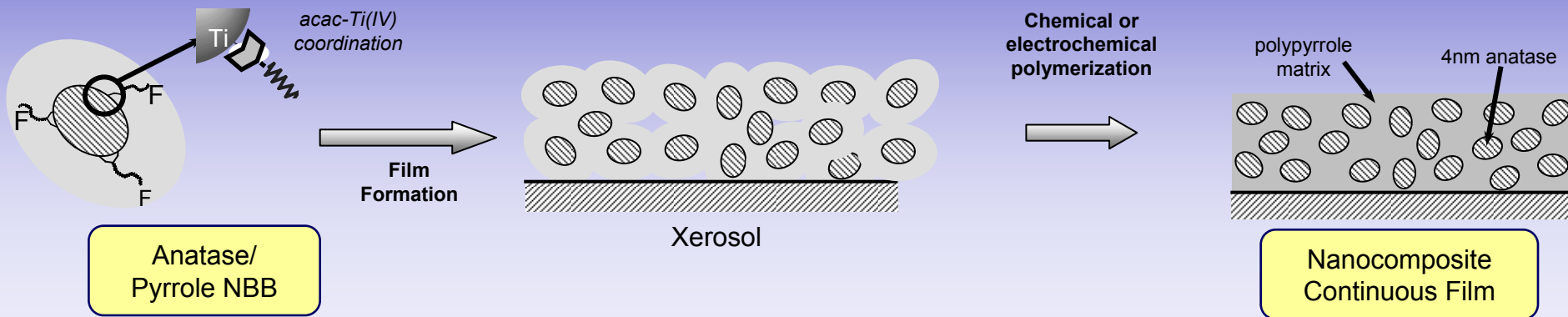
Anatase/  
 Pyrrole NBB

Nanocrystalline  
 Particles with  
 polymerizable ends

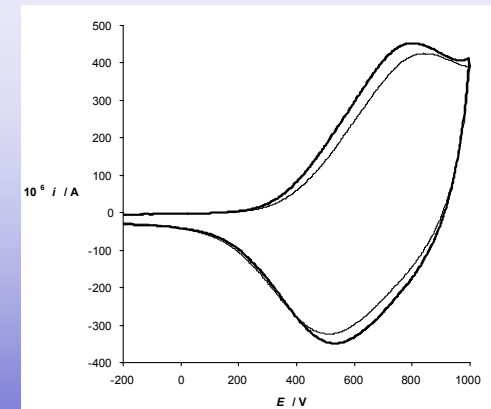


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# NM Semiconductor / Conductive Polymer Nanocomposites



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Semiconductor photoactive NP embedded in a conducting polymer

# Recognition between functional nano-Au (Mirkin)

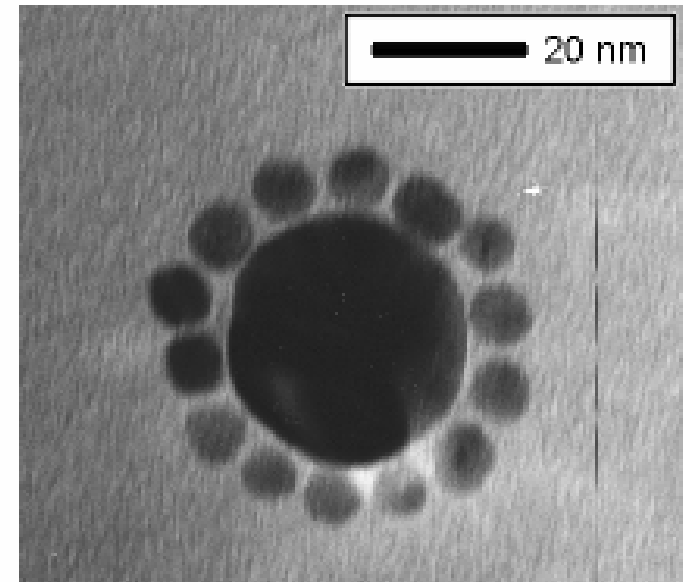
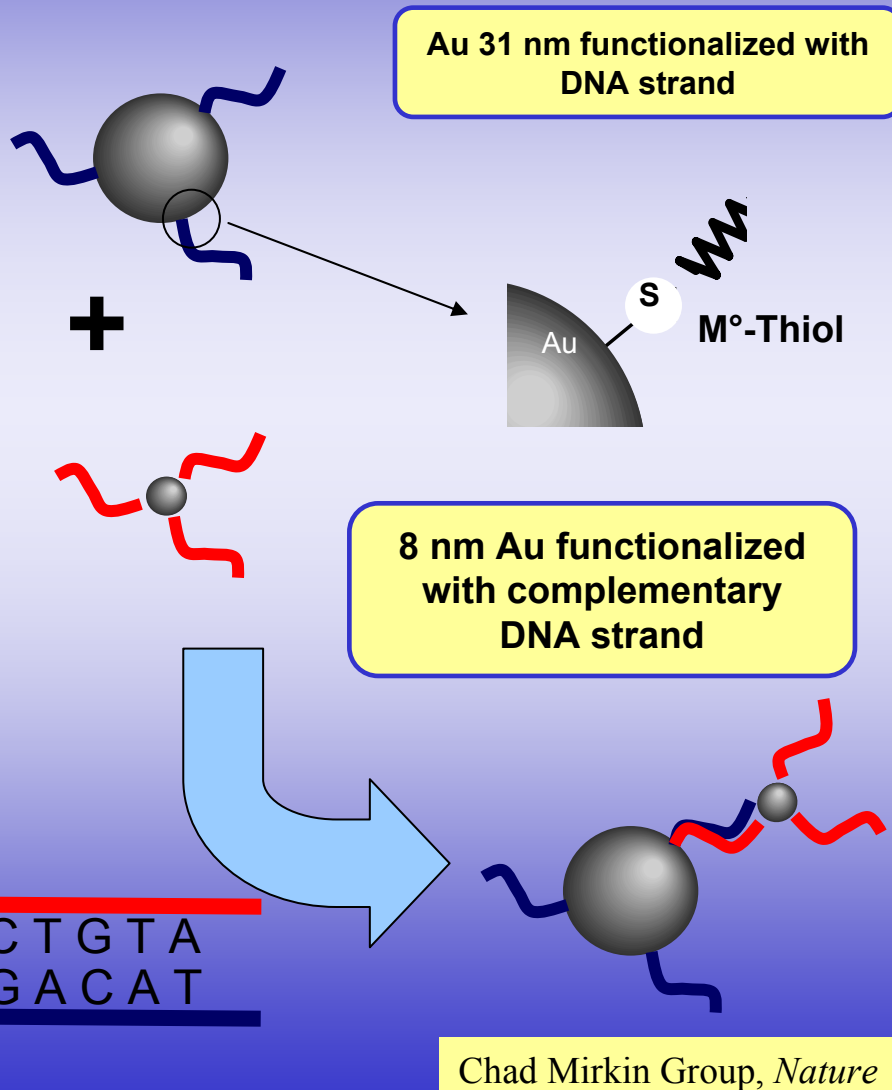


Figure 2. TEM image of a nanoparticle "satellite structure" generated from DNA-linked 8 and 31 nm diameter Au nanoparticles.

**Plasmon band shifts** when Au NP connect  
**DIAGNOSTICS**



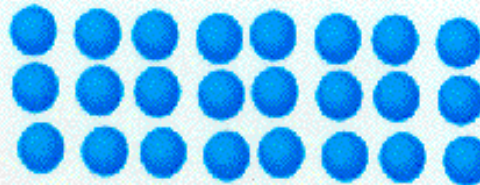
# Complex Solids: Transcription of position information

Inorganic material = "globular"

Inorganic precursor

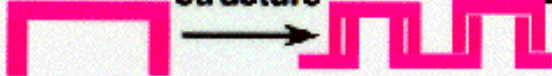


dense packing



Organic material = "shape"

self-assembled structure



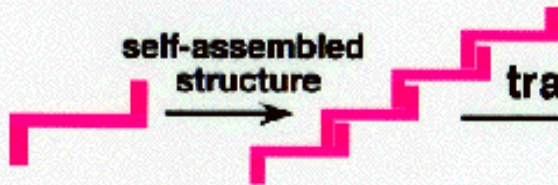
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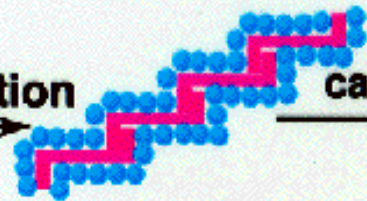
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self-assembled structure



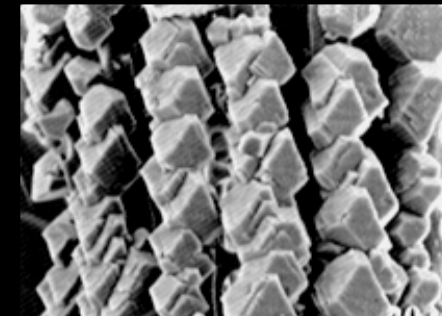
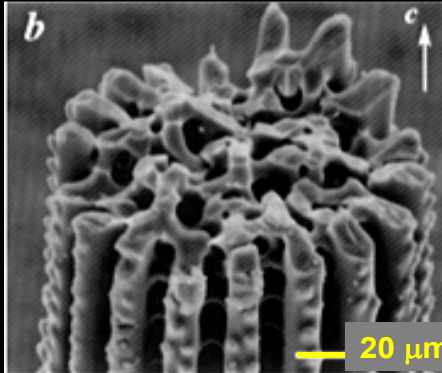
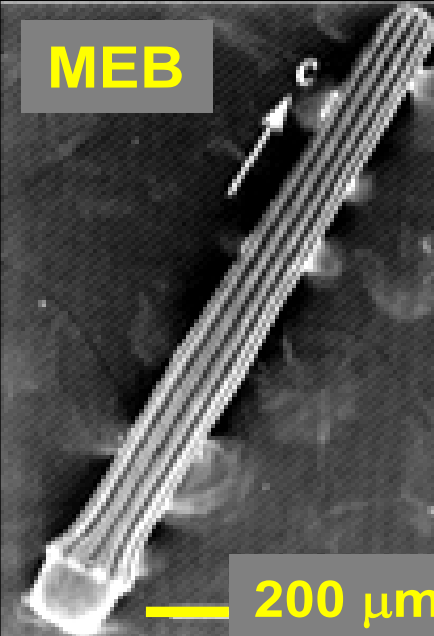
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calcination



MEB



Sea Urchin

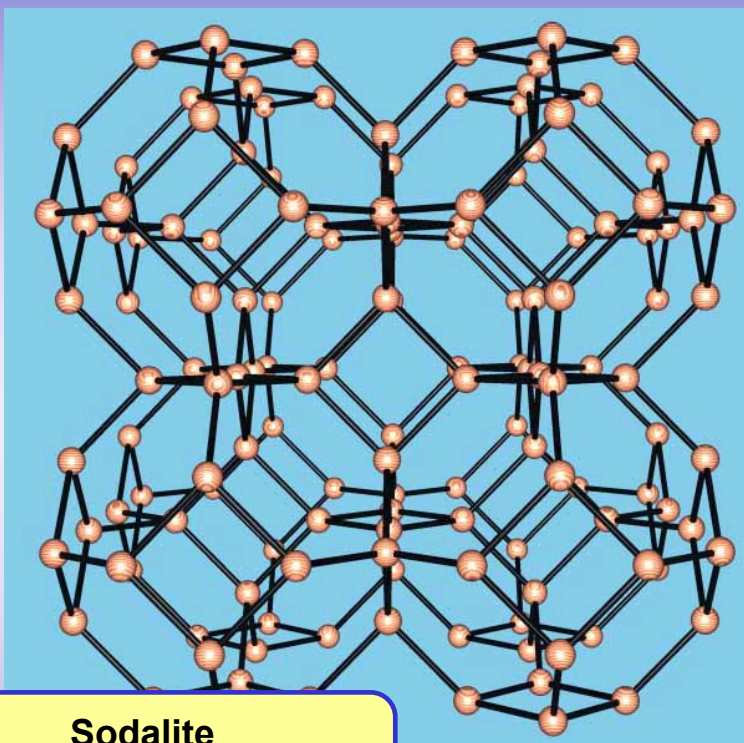


# The templating concept in zeolites

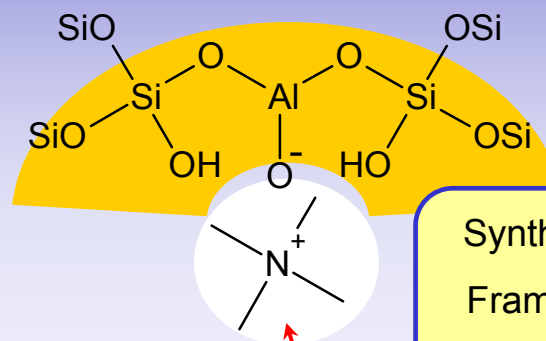
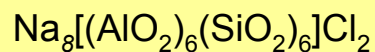
## Transcription of shape



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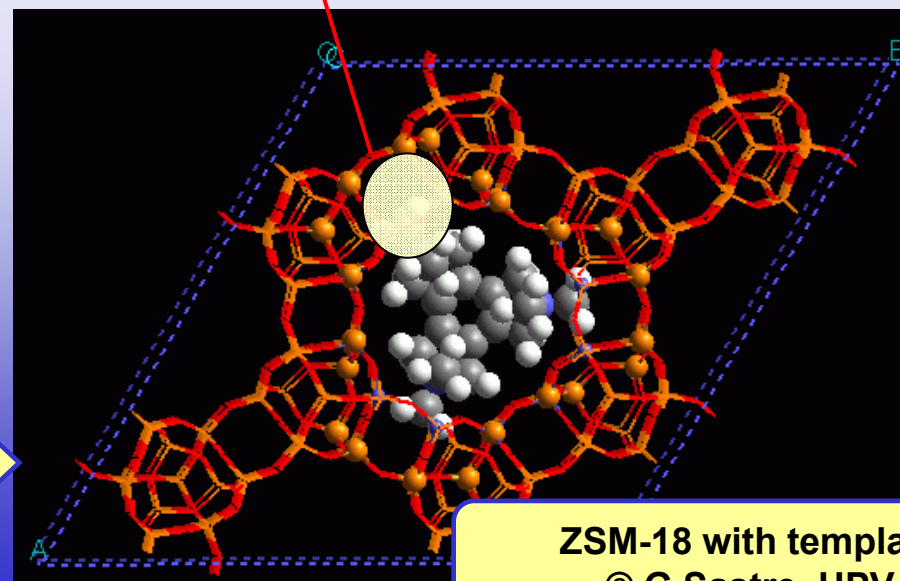


Sodalite



Synthesis in alkaline conditions  
Framework negatively charged  
Template positively charged

We can use molecules as *pore templates*

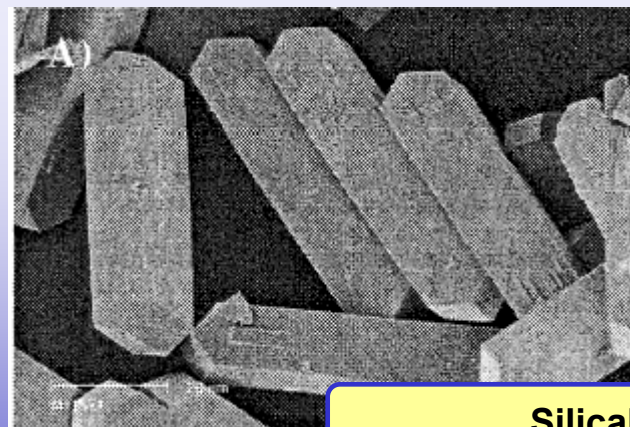
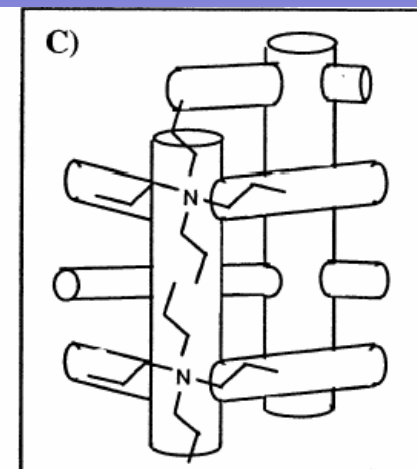
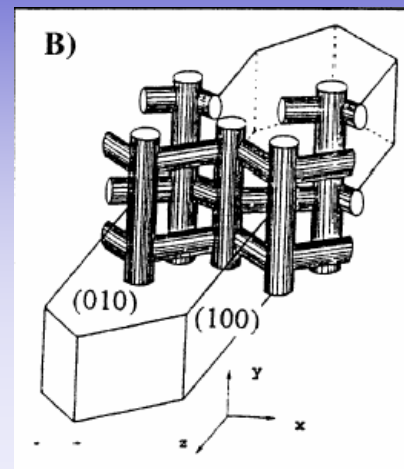
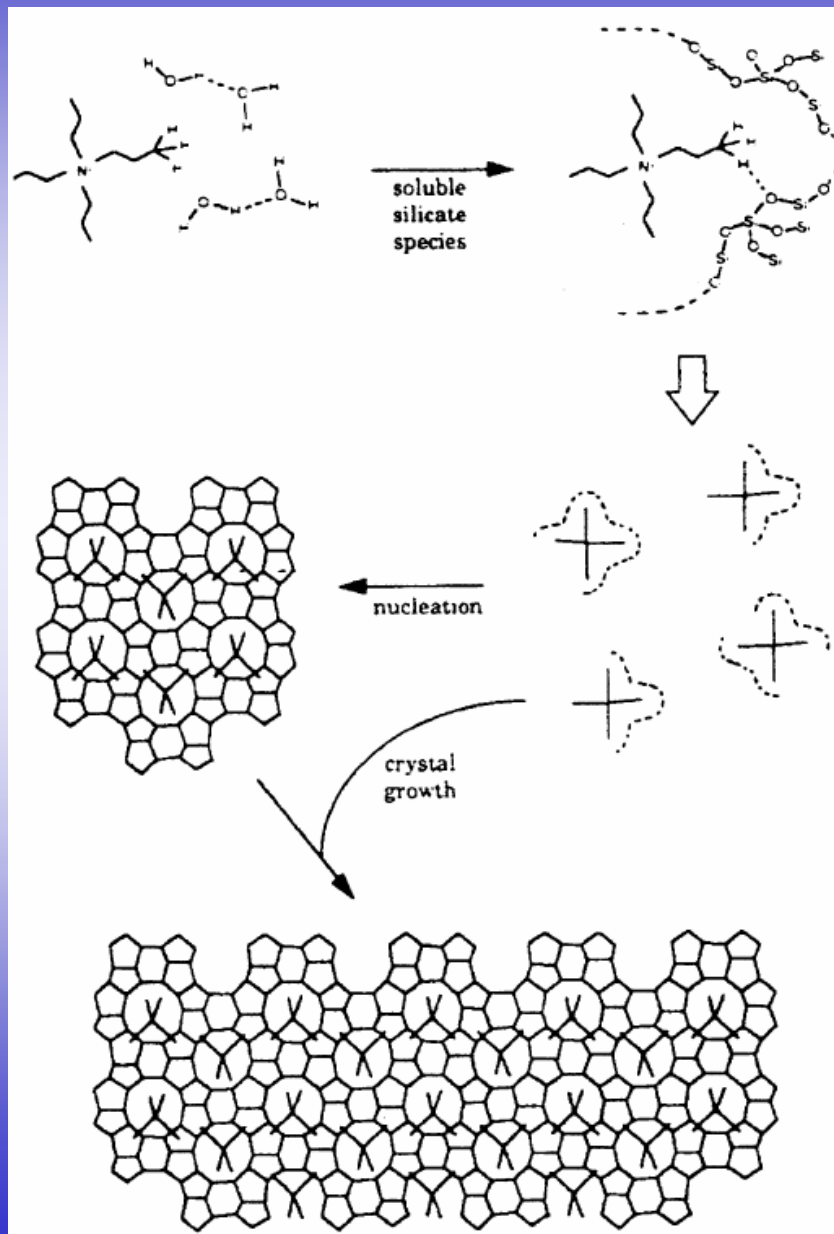


ZSM-18 with template  
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# Formation of the SIL-1 zeolite



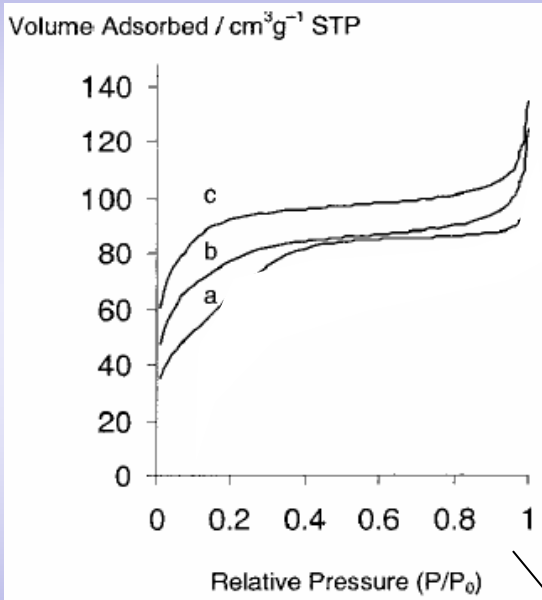
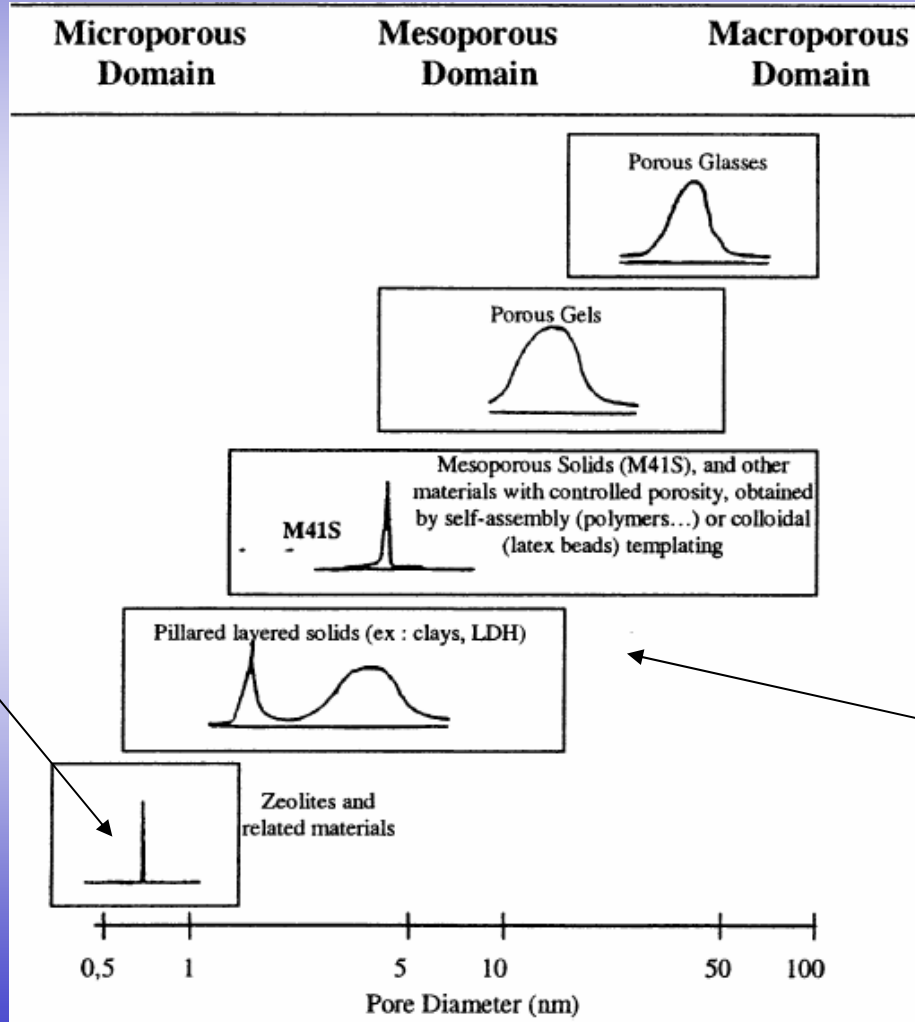
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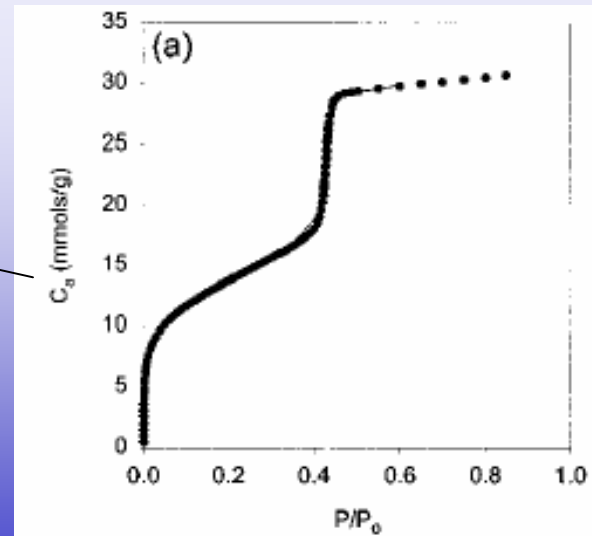
Silicalite-1

*Limits of templating ?*

# Porous Materials: scales of porosity



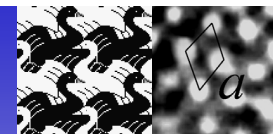
**microporous**



**mesoporous**

# Self-Assembly using surfactants

## Precise Supramolecular fingers

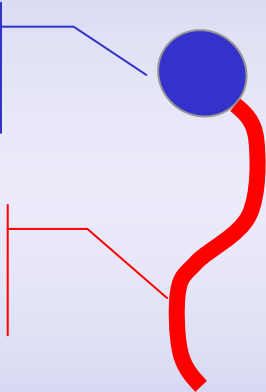


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Surfactant

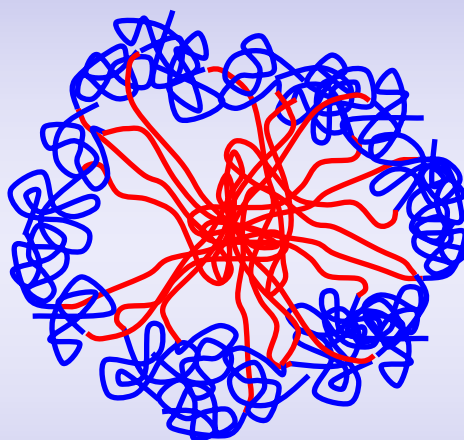
Asymmetric Molecule

Hydrophilic  
Head



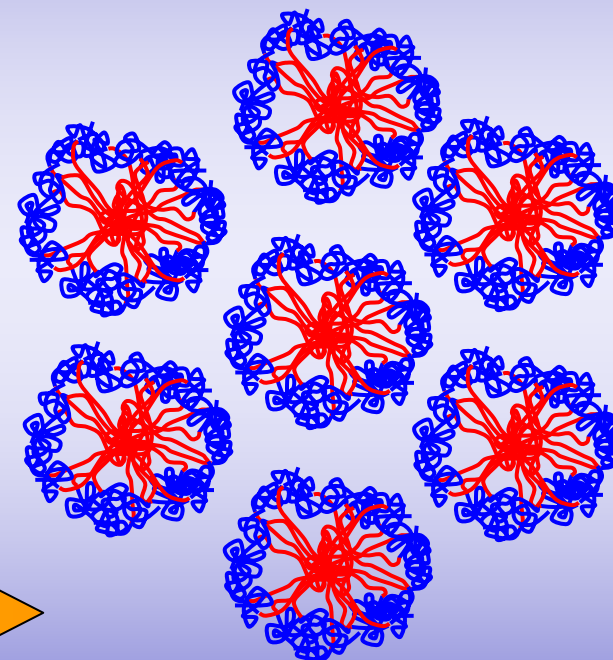
Hydrophobic  
Tail

Micelle (NanoObject)



Lyotropic assembly

Liquid Crystal (LC)



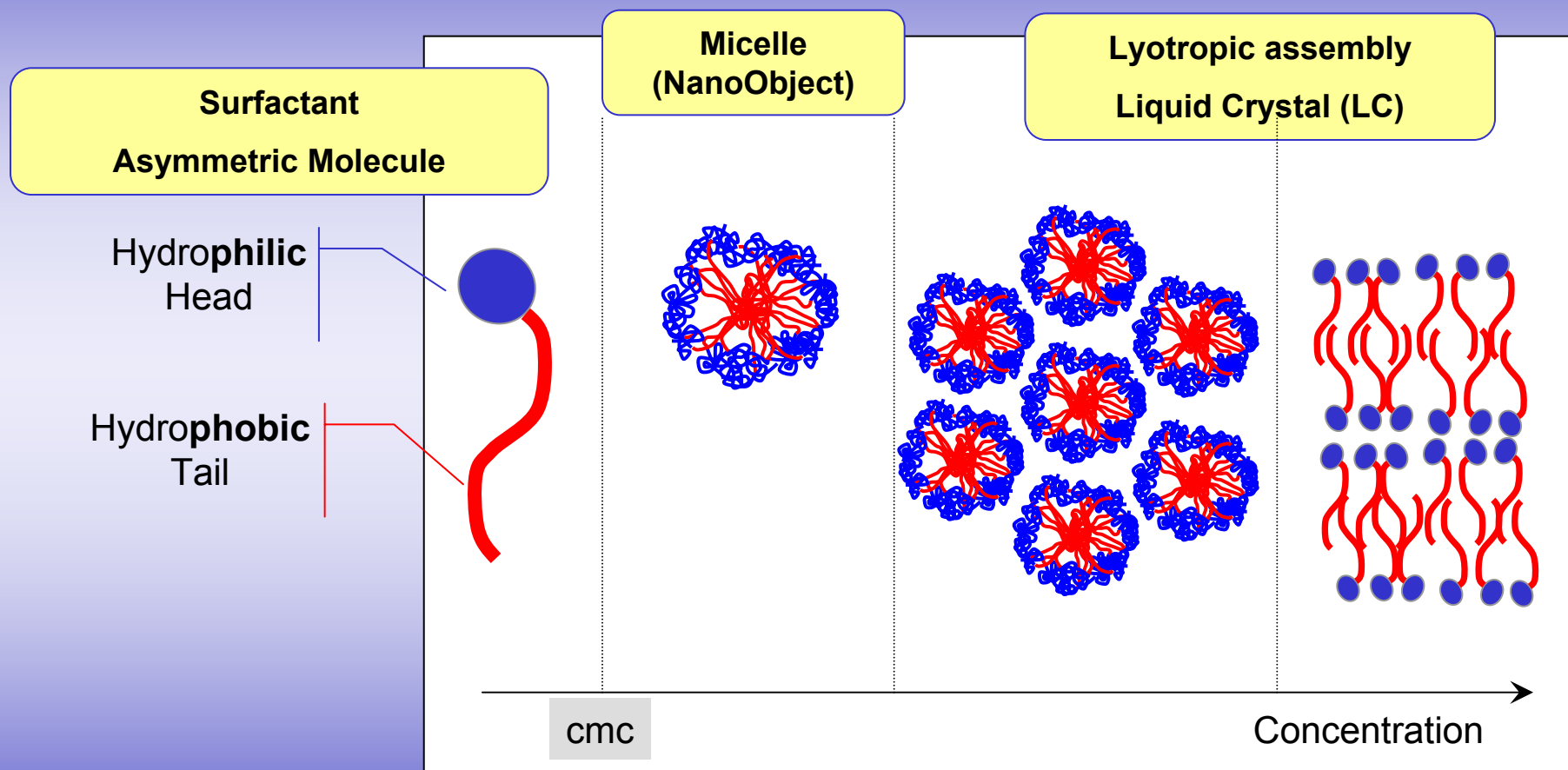
*Concentration*

- Spontaneous Organization of asymmetric molecules
- Thermodynamic Control of Weak Interactions

# Using Self-Assembly to create Supramolecular NBB



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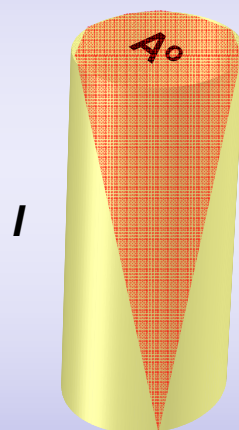
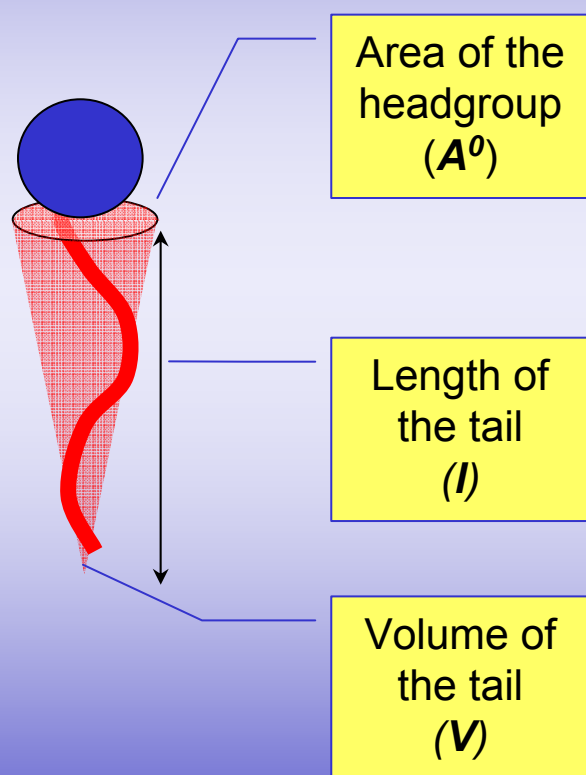
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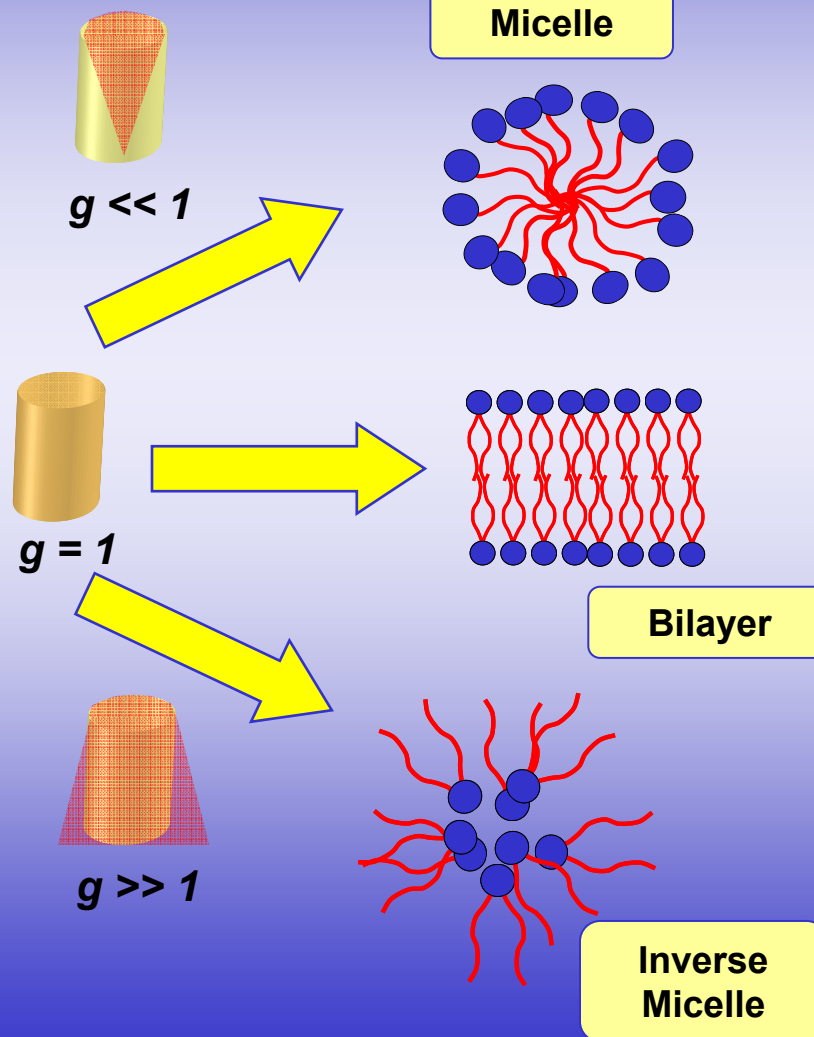
# Understanding micelle shape



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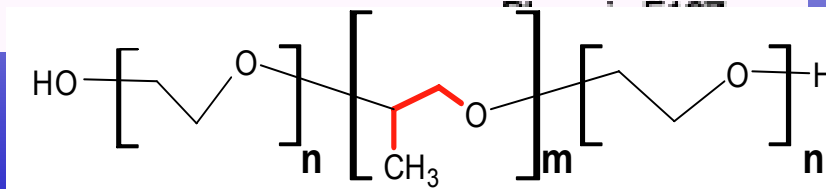
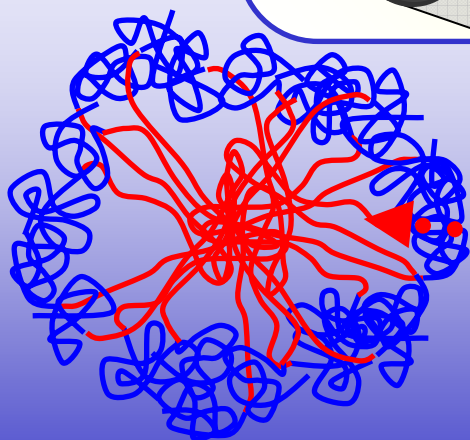
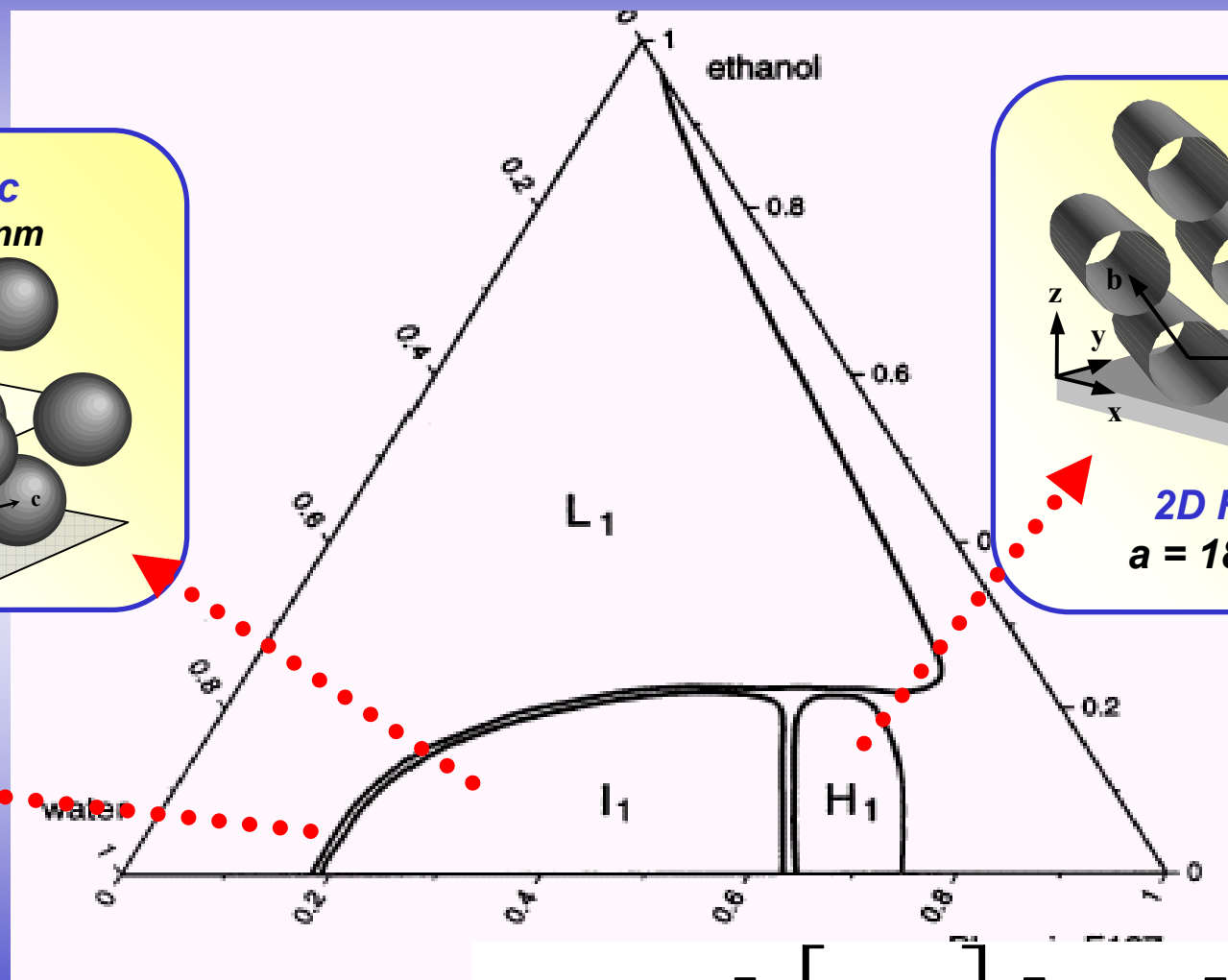
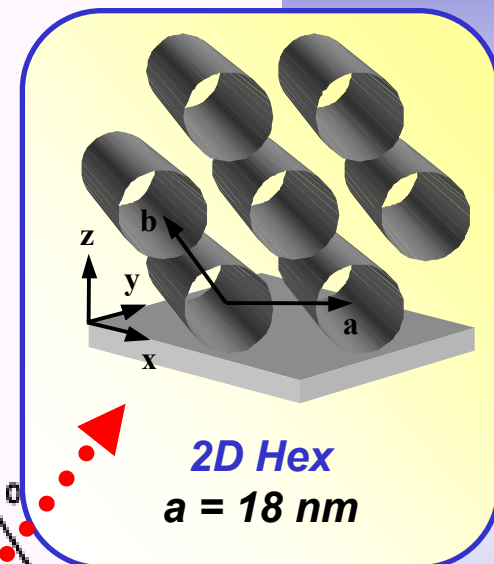
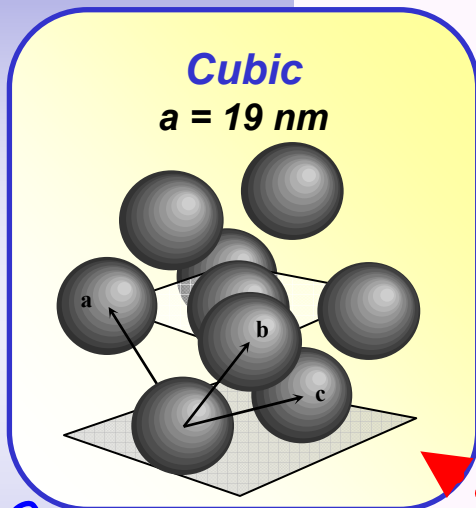
$$g = \frac{V}{A_0 l}$$



# From micelles to Lyotropic Gels

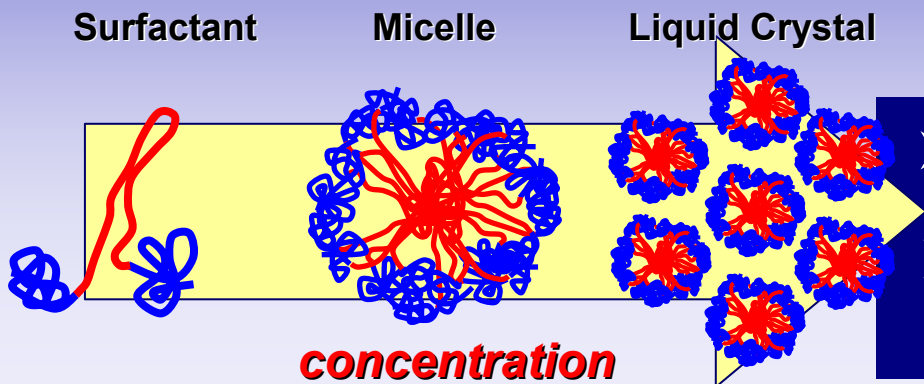


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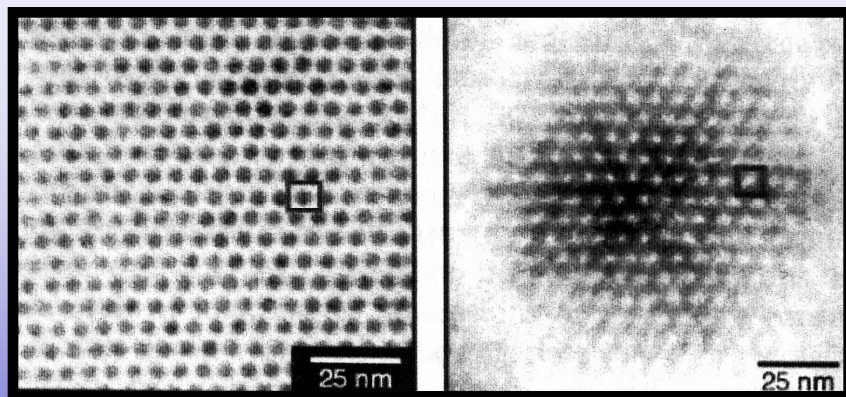


P. Alexandridis, *AMPHIPHILIC BLOCK COPOLYMERS*  
*Self-Assembly and Applications*, Elsevier, 2000

# Organised Nano-Matter by Coupling *Sol-Gel* and *Self Assembly*

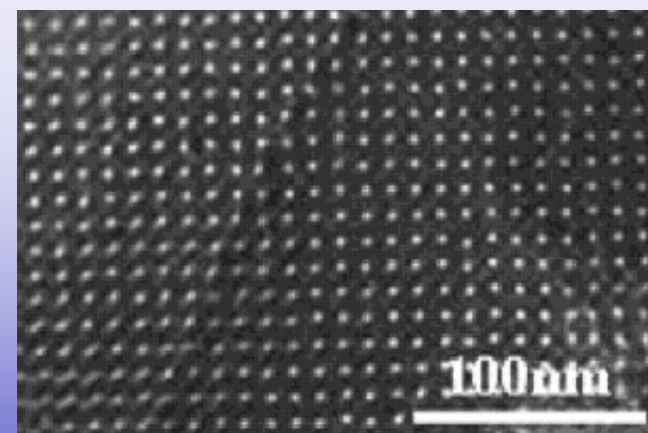


- Sol-Gel: Soft Synthesis methods (low T)
- Self-Assembly: Controlled Organization at the *mesoscale* (2-50 nm)



Organised B-Blocks

Organised CdS Stupp et al., *Science*, 1997



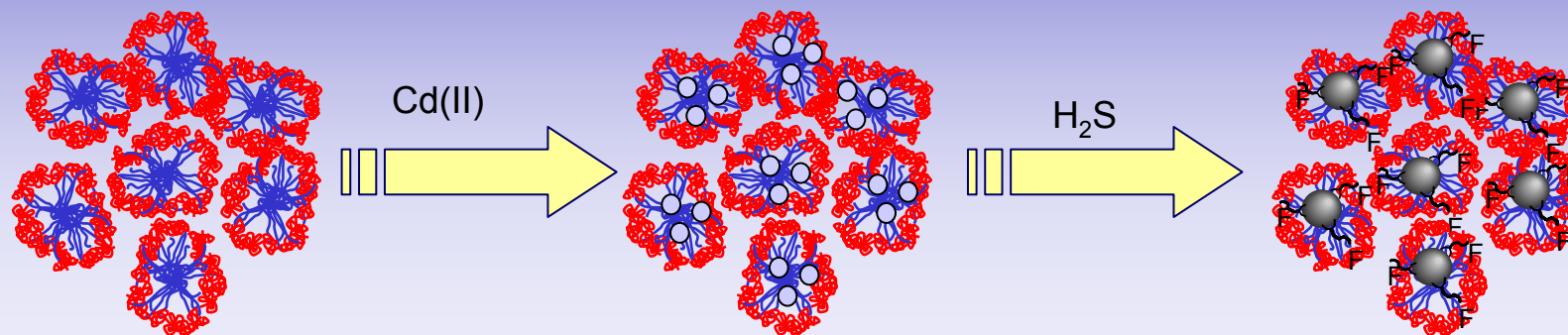
Organised Voids

Mesoporous Silica  
Beck et al., *Nature*, 1992

# NBB Synthesis + Inverse micelles = Organized Nanoparticles



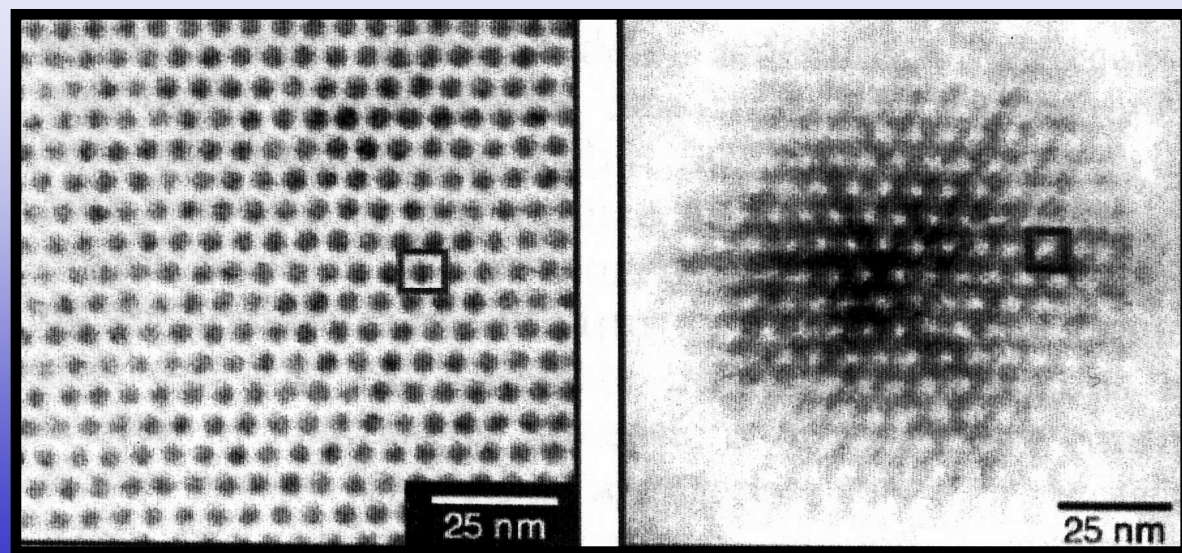
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## **nanoCdS Arrays (semiconductor)**

- Controlled Space Distribution
- Multifunctional Materials  
(size + distance + function...)

Braun et al., *JACS*, 1999, 121, 7302  
Stupp and Braun., *Science*, 1999, 277, 1242





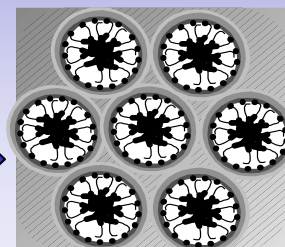
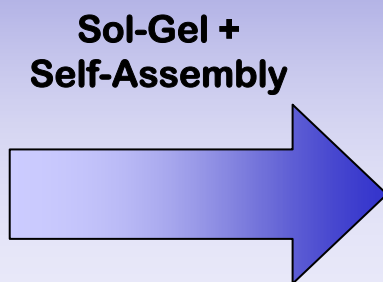
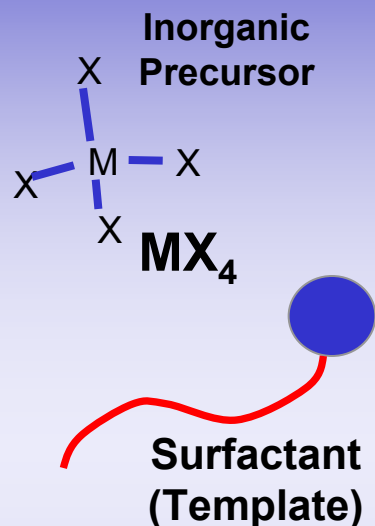


# Mesoporous Oxides

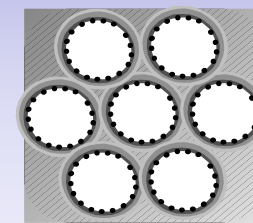
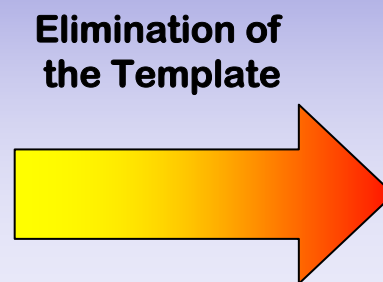
## Using supramolecular templating



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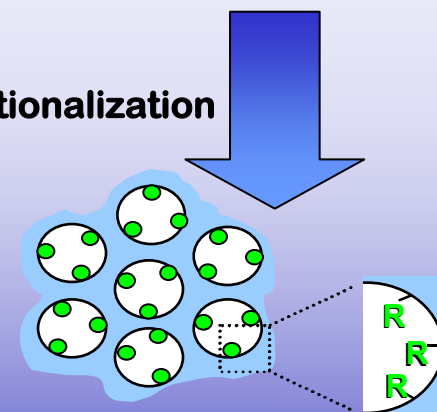


Mesostructured  
Precursor  
*"Fossile LC"*



Mesoporous  
Oxide

Functionalization

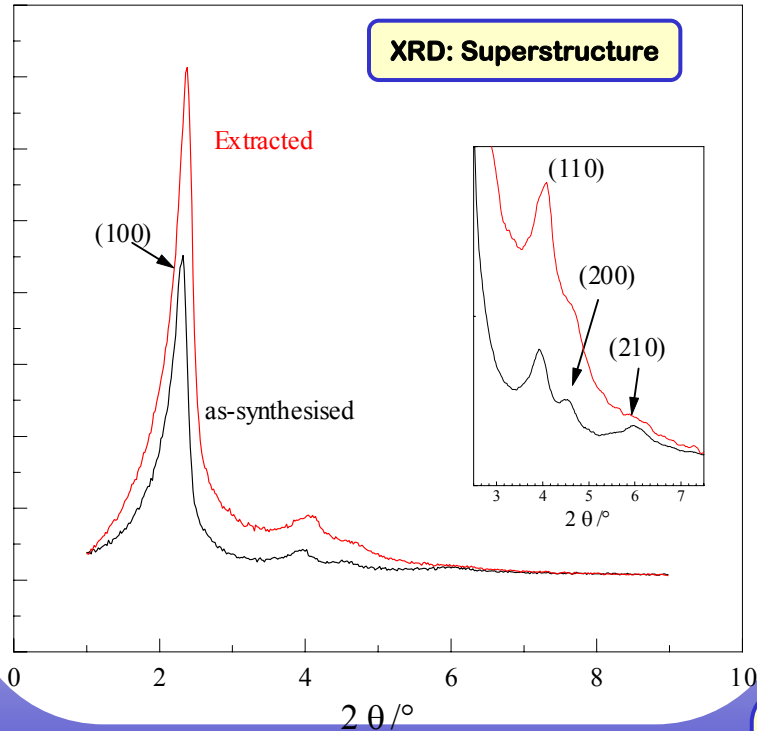
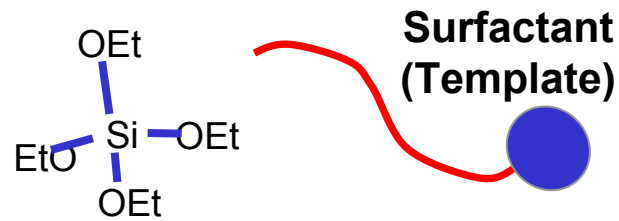


Multifunctional  
Material

- Micelles or LLC as templates (Supratemplates)
- Periodic Porous Network, Robust Systems
  - High Surface (200-1000m<sup>2</sup>/g)
  - Ordered Monodisperse Pores, 2-50 nm
  - Accessibility

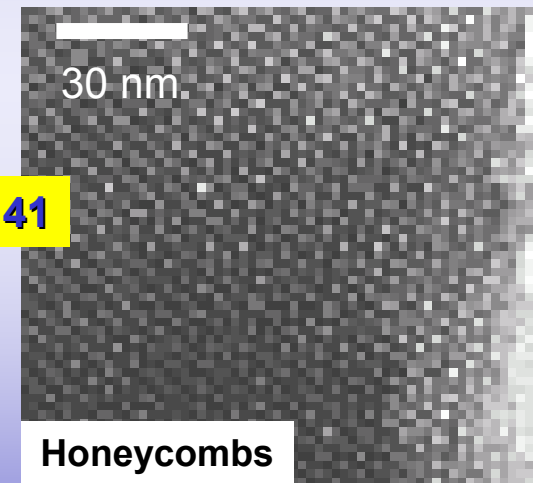
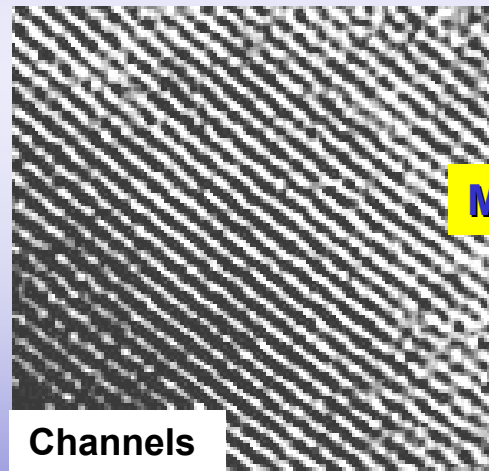


# MCM-41: typical example of "supramolecular templating"

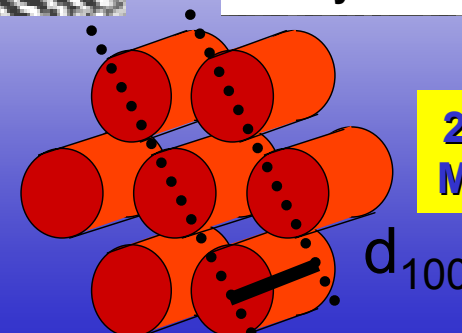


## Mesoporous Silica MCM 41

Chiola et al. US Pat 1971  
Yanagisawa et al. *Bull. Ch. Soc. Jpn.* 1990  
Beck et al., *Nature*, 1992



XRD  
and TEM:  
periodicity in the  
30-50 Å scale



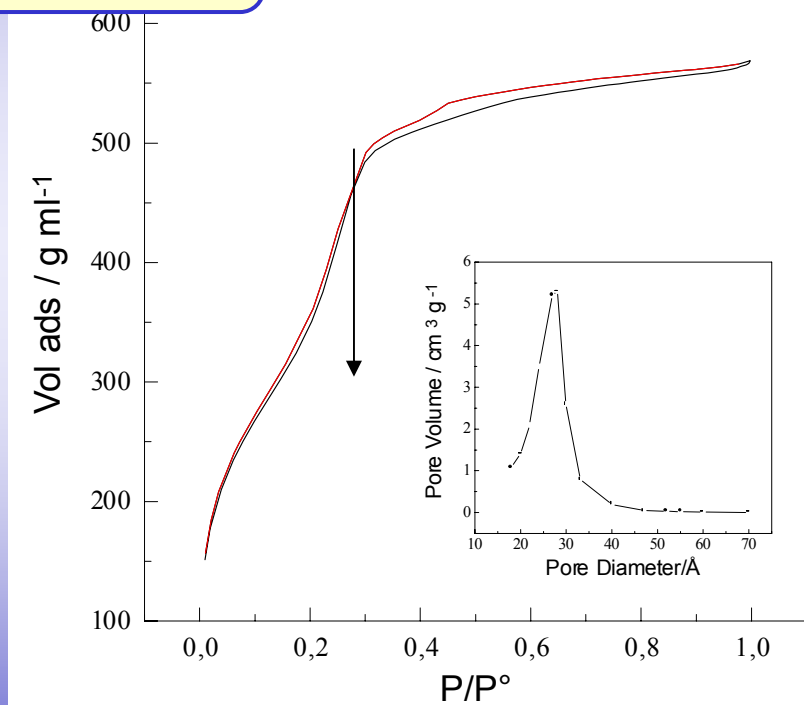
2D Hexagonal  
Mesostructure

# Porosity and formation mechanism

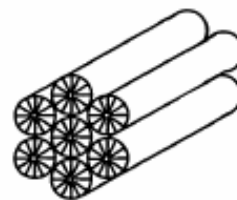


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## Mesoporous behavior



hexagonal surfactant  
liquid crystal



cylindrical micelle

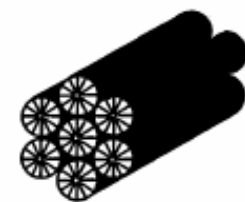
+ SiO<sub>2</sub>

(I)

+ SiO<sub>2</sub>

(II)

MCM-41

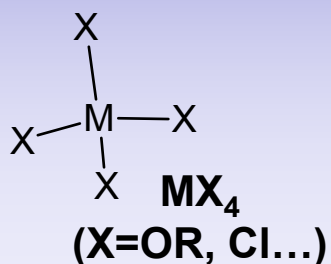


# Synthesis Paths for Mesostructures



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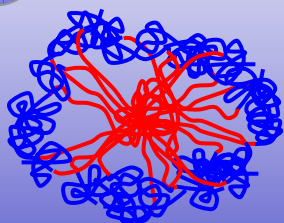
## ➤ Precipitation (Kresge 1992)



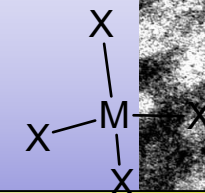
Template  
(Surfactant)

## ➤ True Liquid Crystal Templating (Attard 1995)

Template



Micelle → LC

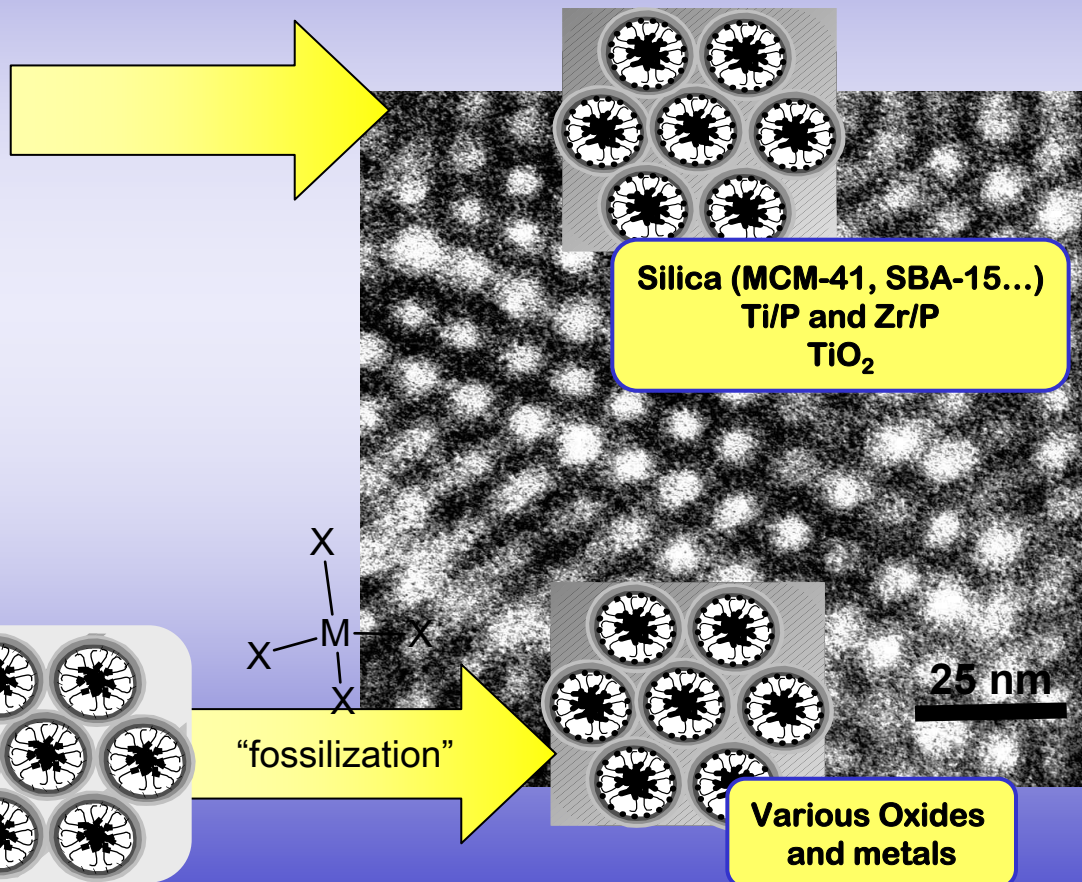


"fossilization"

Various Oxides  
and metals

Silica (MCM-41, SBA-15...)  
Ti/P and Zr/P  
TiO<sub>2</sub>

25 nm

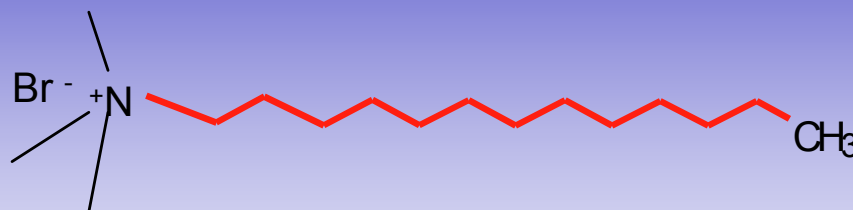




# Ionic, non-ionic and polymeric templates

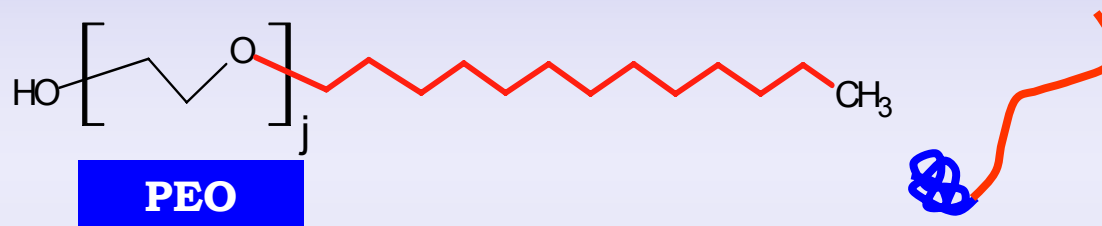
CTAB:  $C_{16}NMe_3^+ Br^-$

30-40Å



Diblocks alkyl-PEO

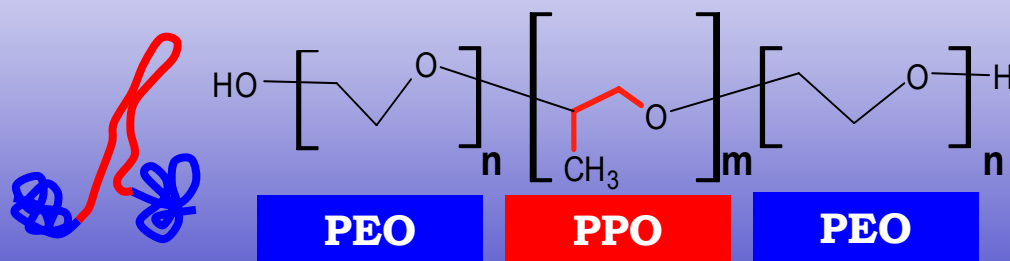
60-80Å



PEO

Triblock Copolymers

100-180Å



PEO

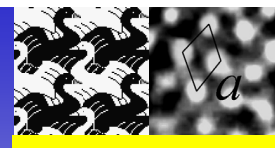
PPO

PEO

- Choice of surfactant class interactions (HLB, template/inorg)
- *g* factor  $\Rightarrow$  structure director
- Size



# Forces Towards Order

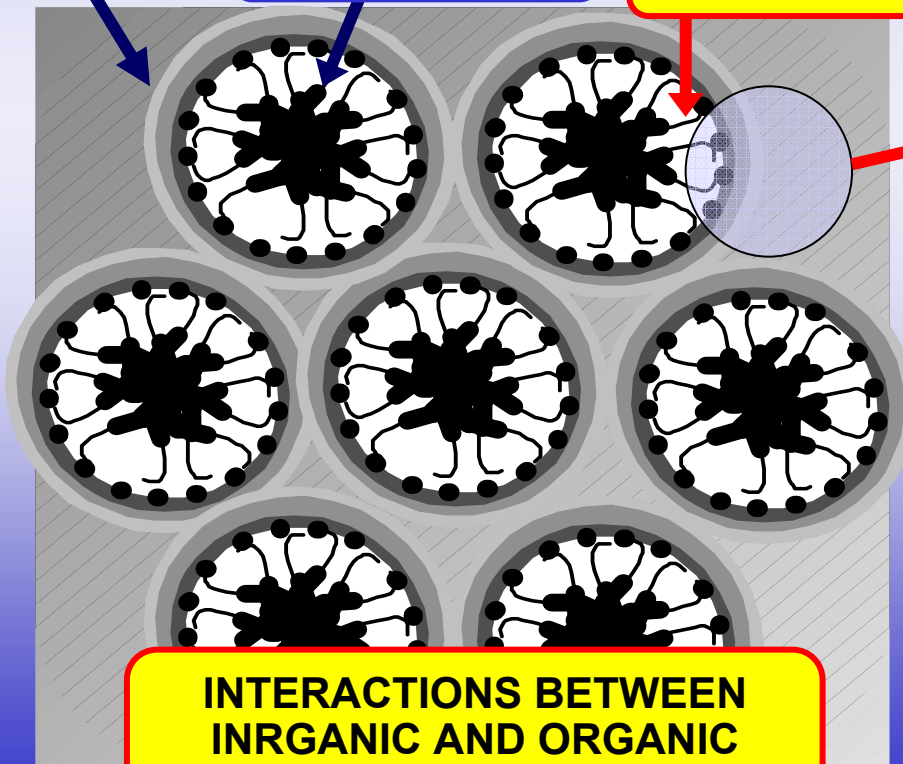


$$\Delta G_{\text{form}} = \Delta G_{\text{Inorg}} + \Delta G_{\text{templ}} + \Delta G_{\text{interf}} + \Delta G_{\text{solv}}$$

Inorganic Matrix

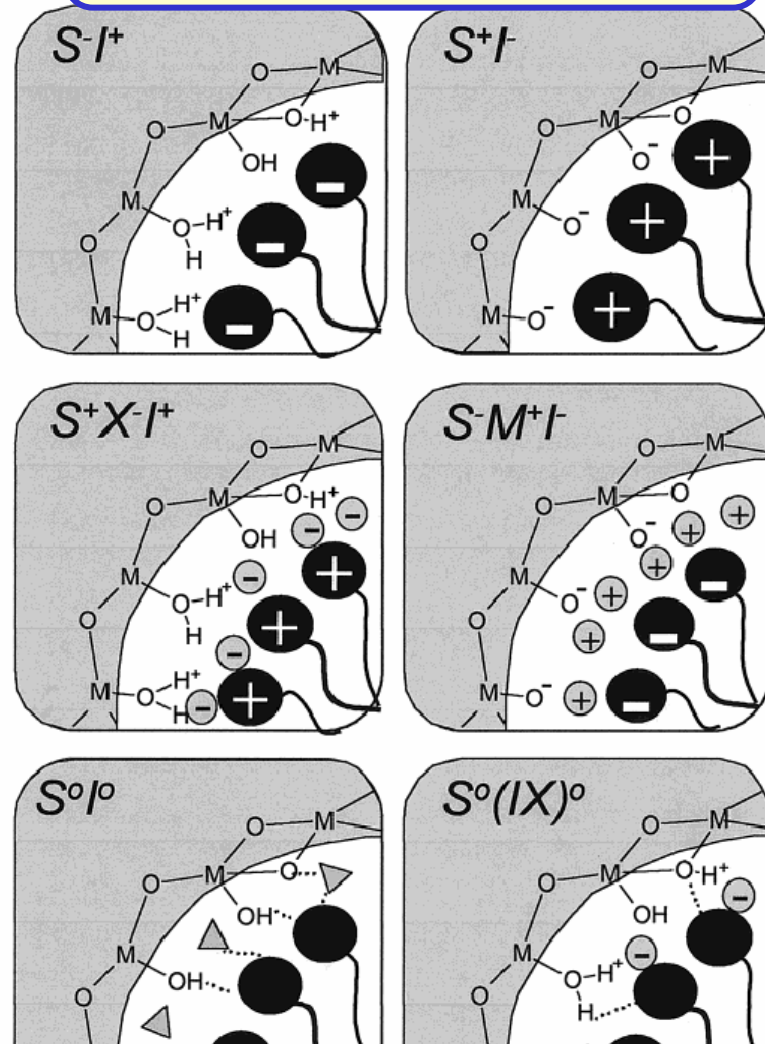
Self-assembly of template

Hybrid Interface



**INTERACTIONS BETWEEN INORGANIC AND ORGANIC CONTROL THE SYSTEMS !!**

Variety of Hybrid Interfaces + Inorganic Frameworks = Complex Organized Materials

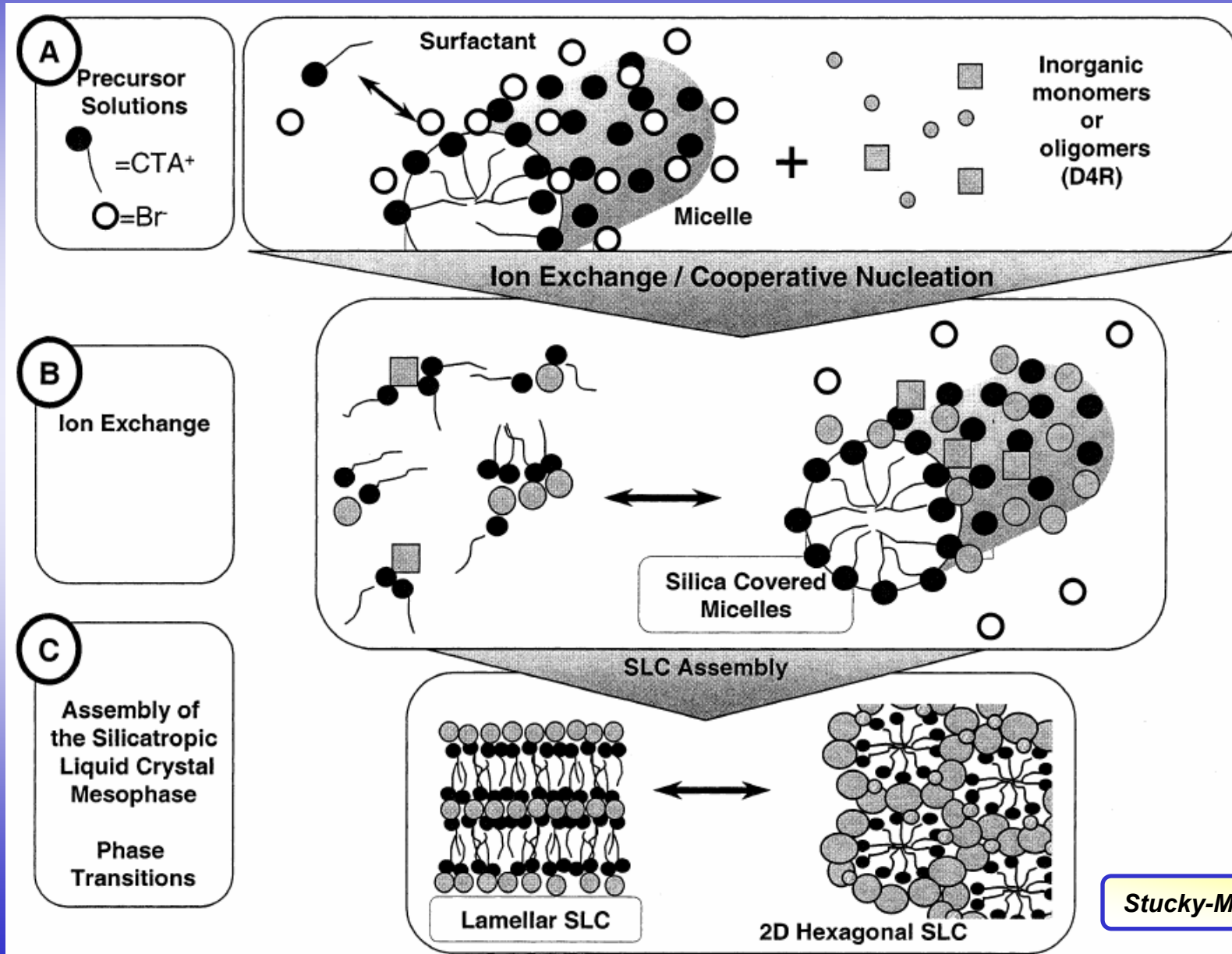


Huo *et al.* (Stucky), *Chem. Mater.*, 1994

# Cooperative Mechanism



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Stucky-Monnier-Chmelka

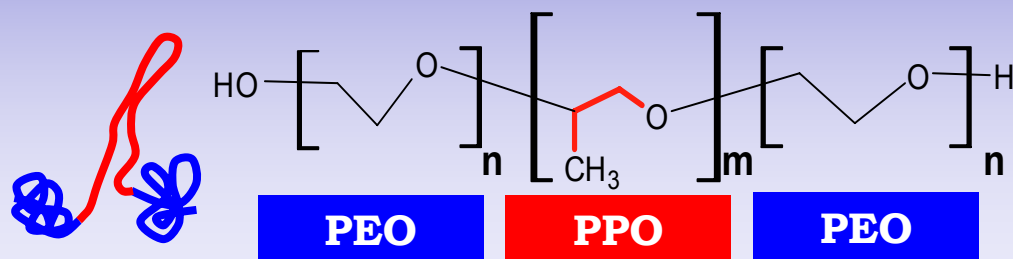
# Large pore mesostructures: the SBA series



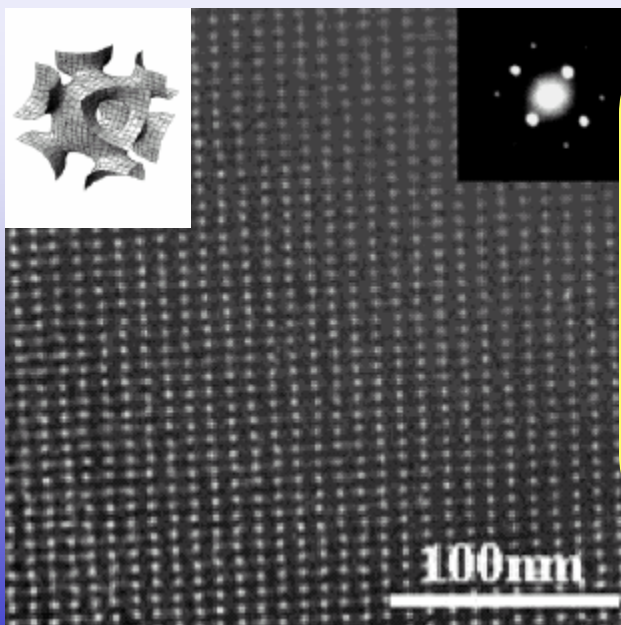
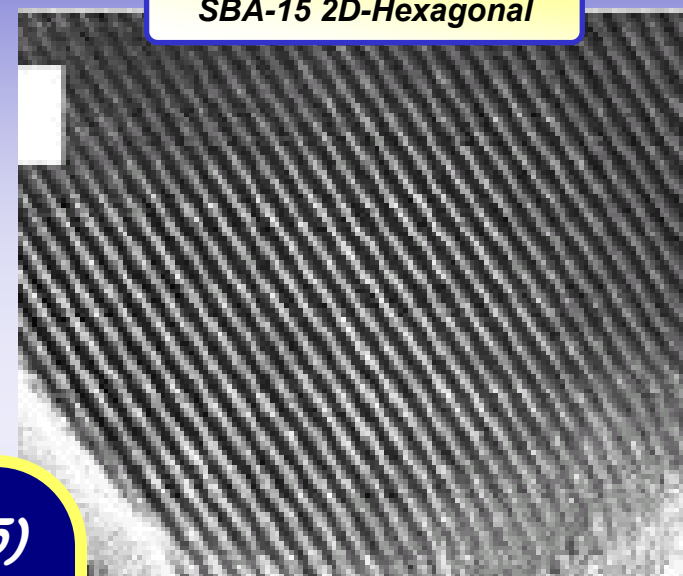
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Polymer templates

100-180Å



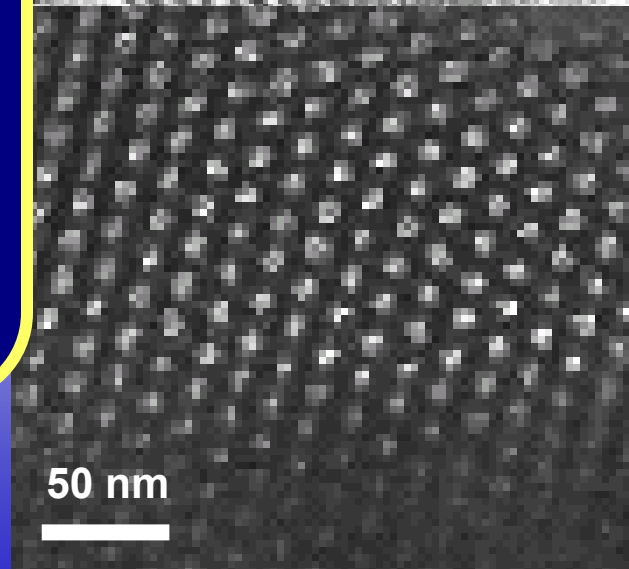
SBA-15 2D-Hexagonal



SBA-16 3D-Cubic

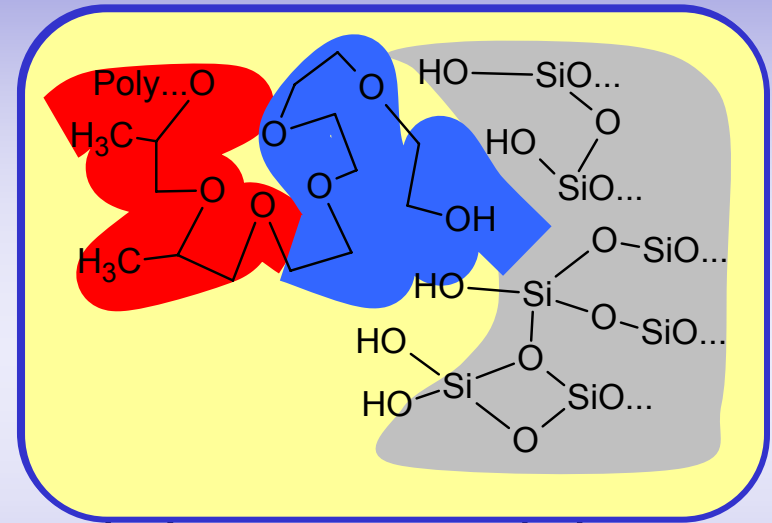
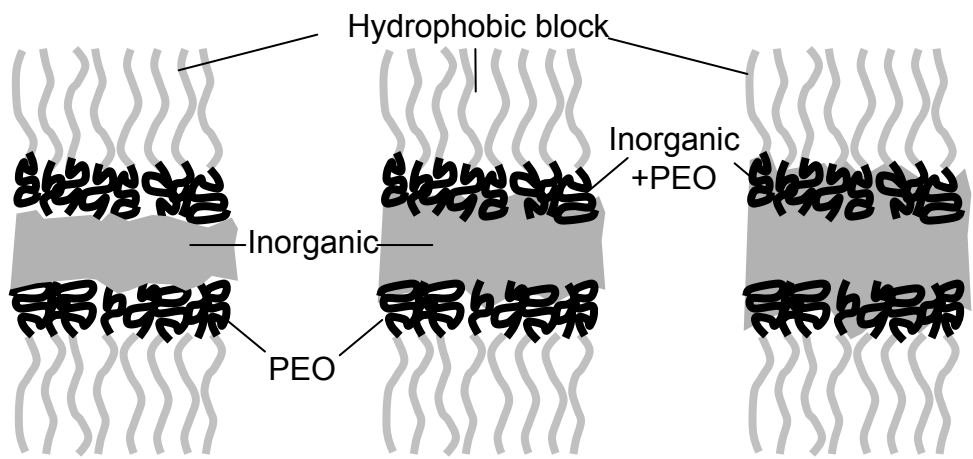
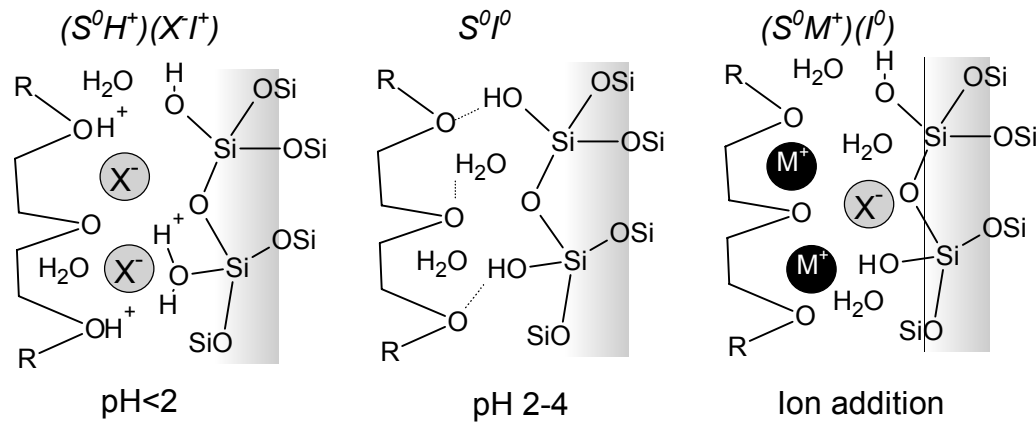
- Robust walls (5 nm vs 1.5)
- Hydrothermal stability (catalysis!!)
- Larger pores
- Polymers are tailorable

Stucky and Wiesner groups



50 nm

# Non-ionic surfactants: interactions and entanglement



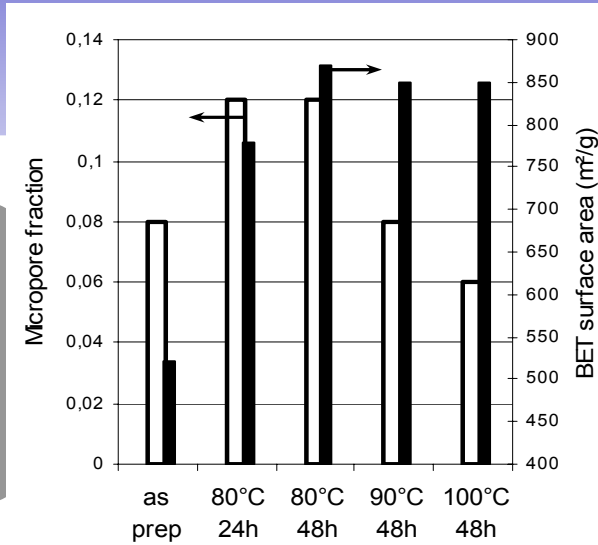
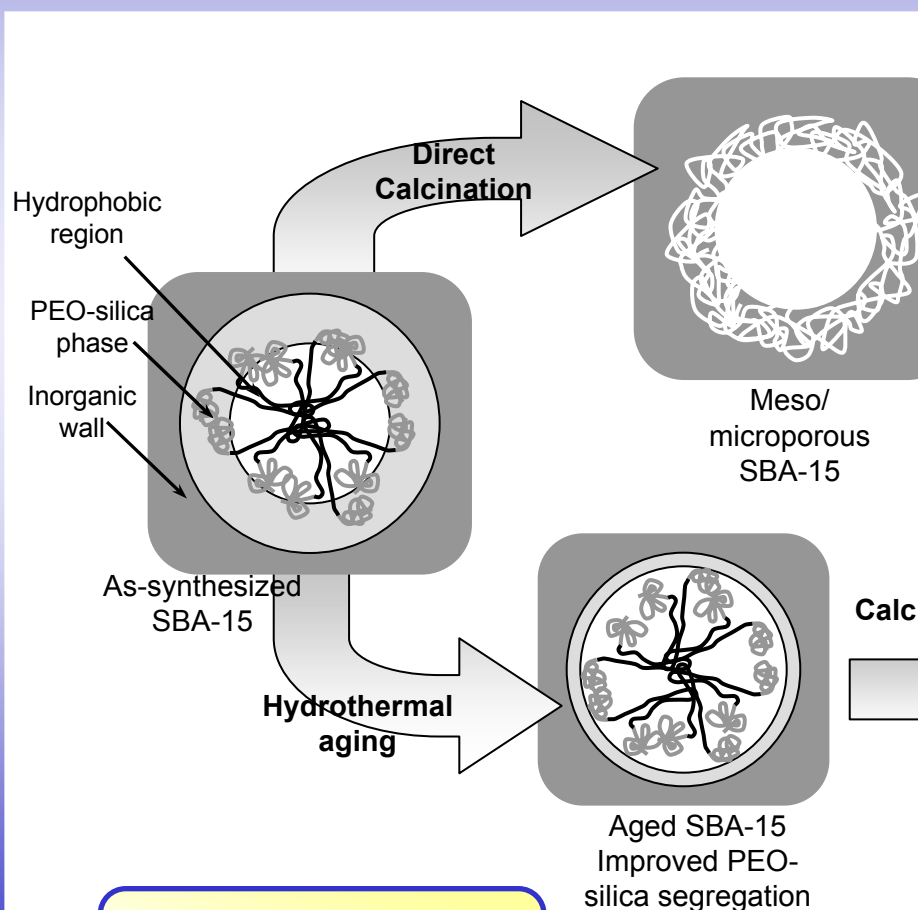
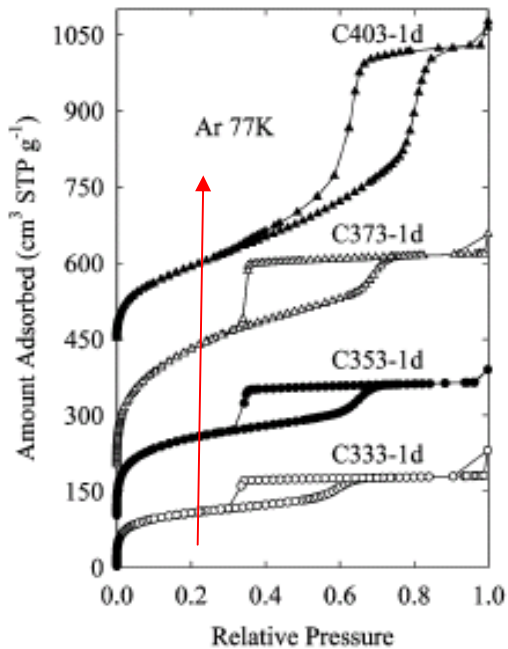
**Mobile protons**  
 « liquid »  
 No correlation with <sup>29</sup>Si

**Non-Mobile protons**  
 « solid »  
 Correlated with <sup>29</sup>Si

**MAS NMR: polymer chains penetrate the inorganic framework**  
 Melosh/Chmelka et al.  
 Macromolecules 1999



# Control of micro and mesoporosity by hydrothermal treatment



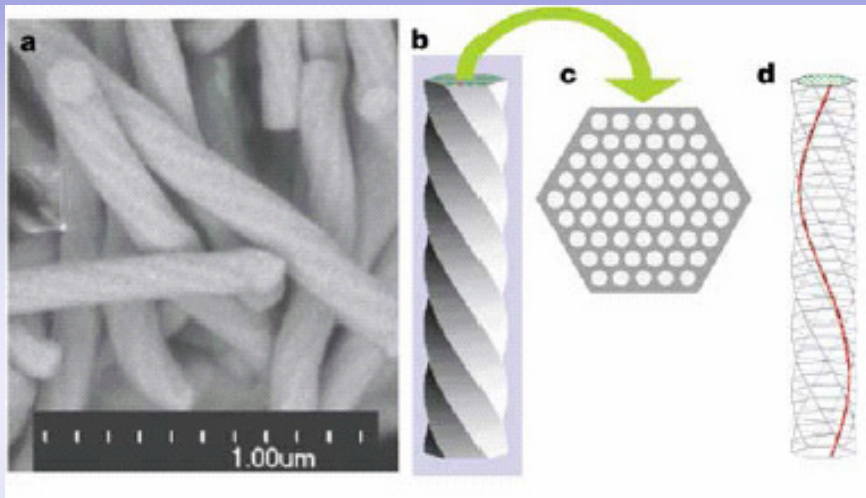
*The micropore fraction decreases with treatment*

*The surface area is optimised*

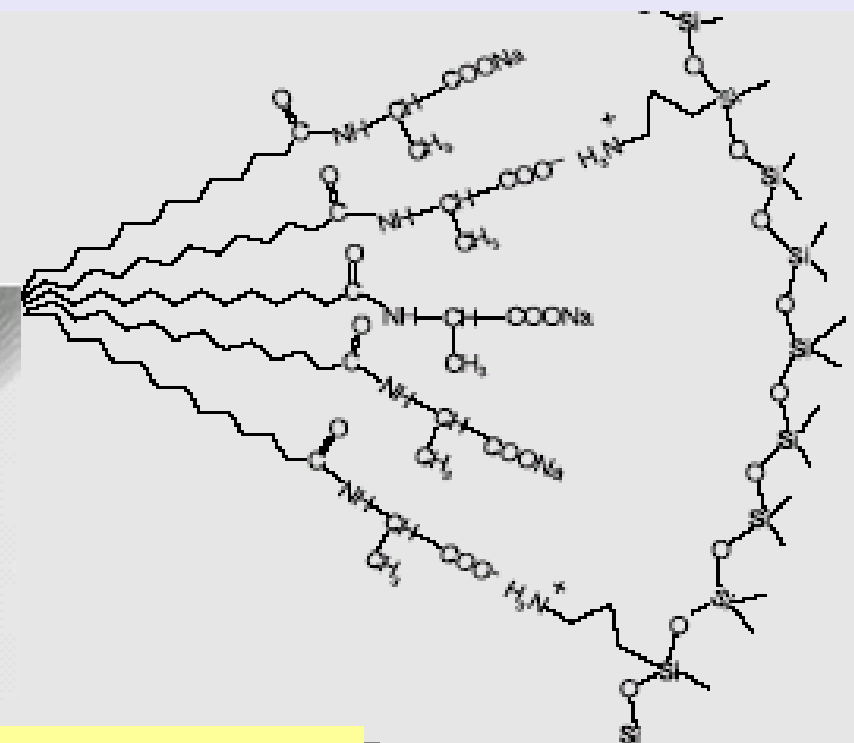
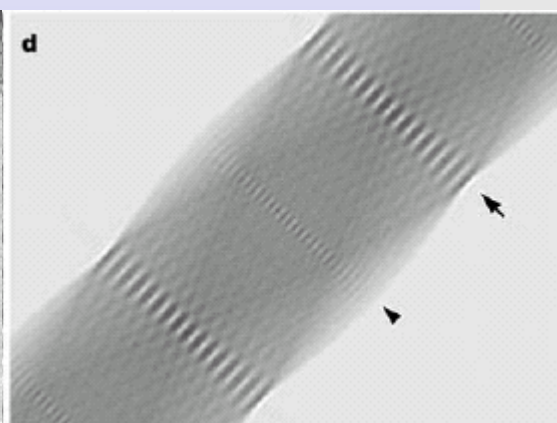
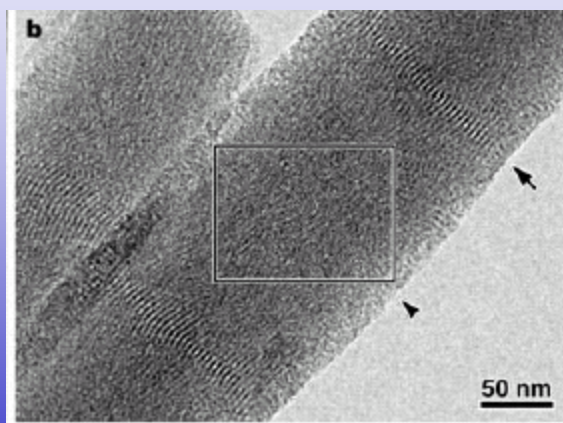
*Pore accessibility is better*

**Davidson/Imperor-Clerc  
Ryoo/Kruk/Jaroniec  
Stucky/Chmelka**

# Effects of a Chiral Surfactant

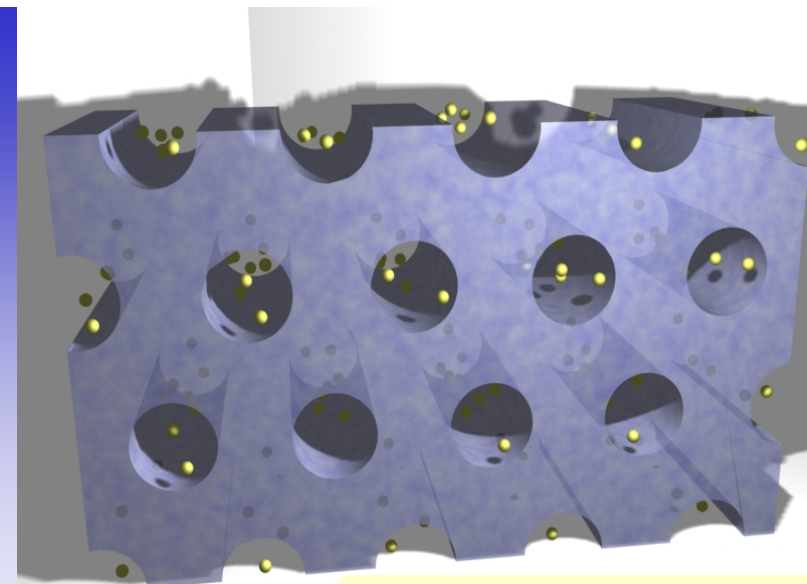


Using a chiral surfactant (glycine amide) results in ordered channels  
...with a twist!



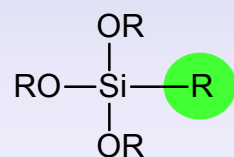
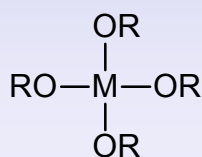
# Hybrid Organosilica

## Putting Functions into pores



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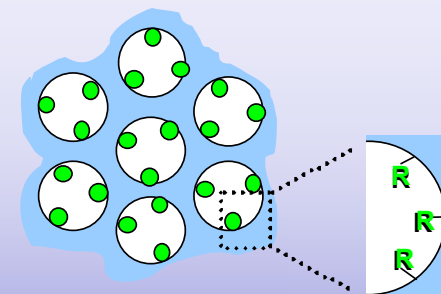
### One Pot



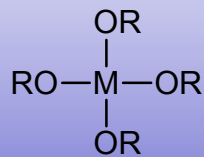
Functional Alkoxide

Mesostructure Formation

Template Elimination

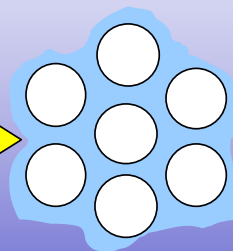


### Post-grafting



Mesostructure Formation

Template Elimination



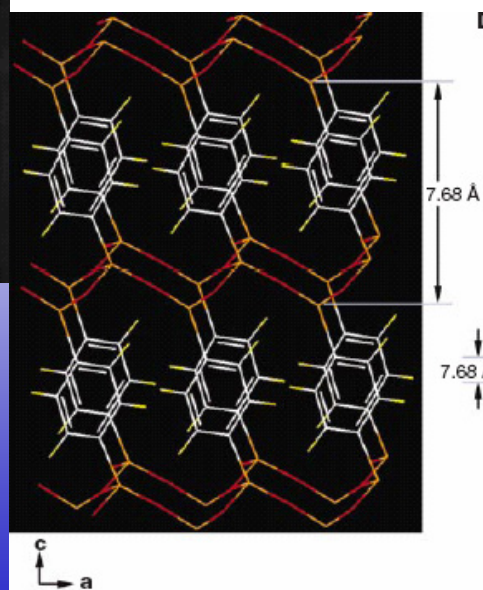
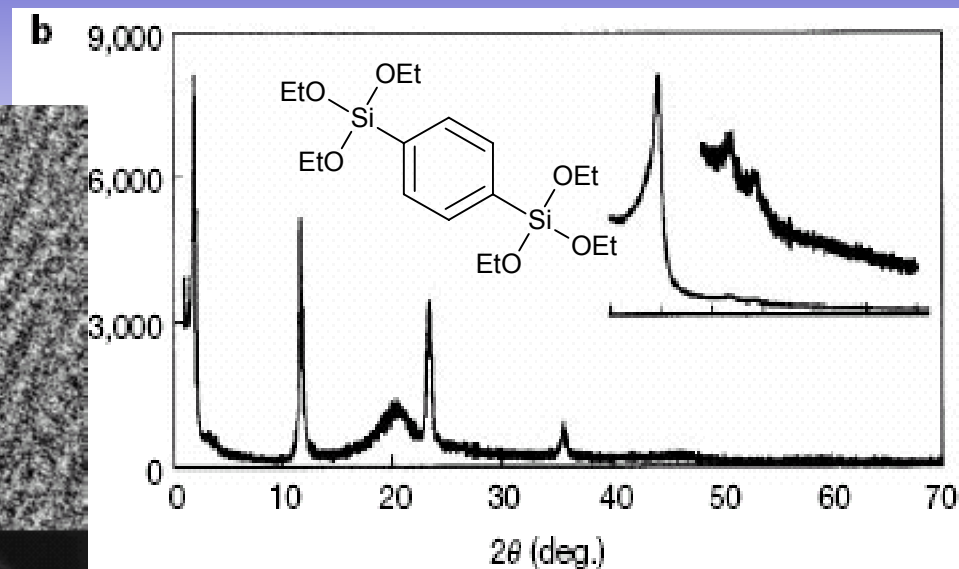
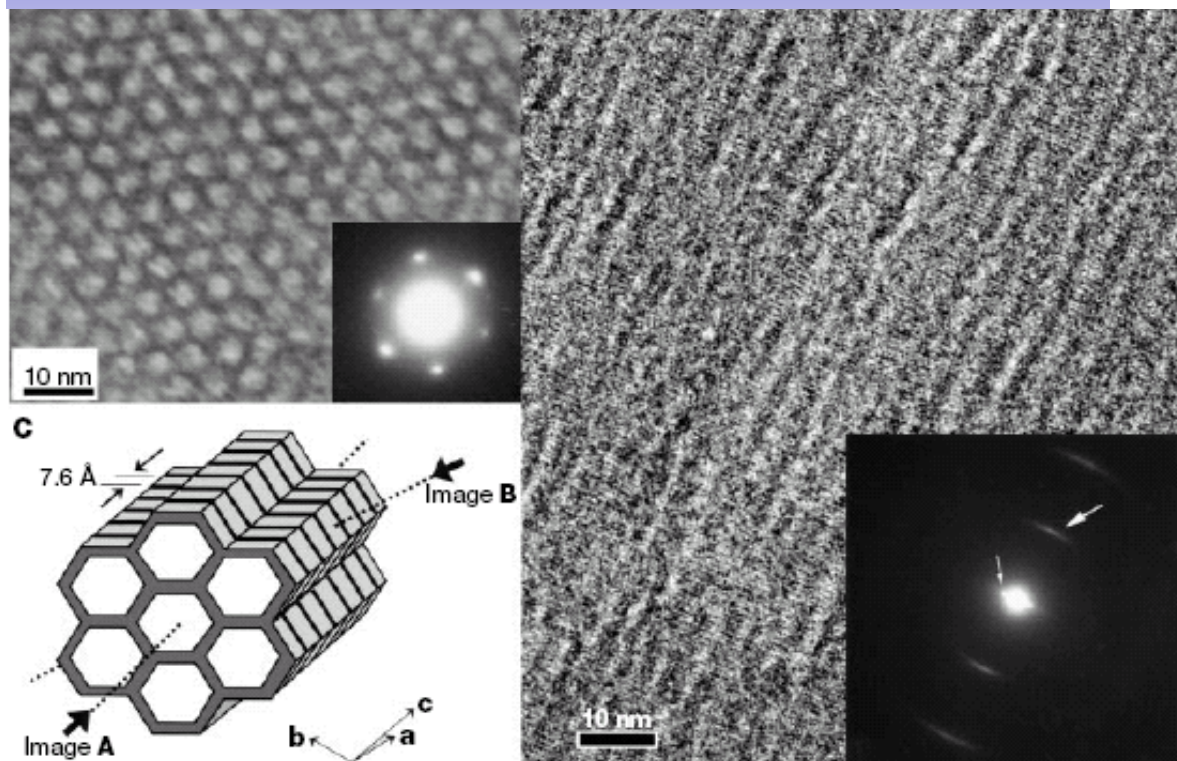
Reviews:  
Shi et al. *J. Mater. Chem.* **2004**; Kickelbick *Angew. Chem.* **2004**



# A special case: crystalline organic walls!



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**Using a bridging precursor results in  
2D Hexagonal channels  
...with ordered phenyl residues !**

Inagaki et al.  
*Nature* 2002



# Synthesis of non-silica oxides



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## Hinder Condensation

Control Water

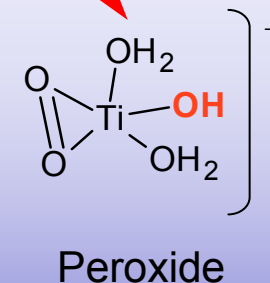
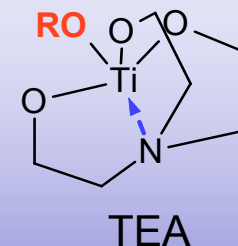
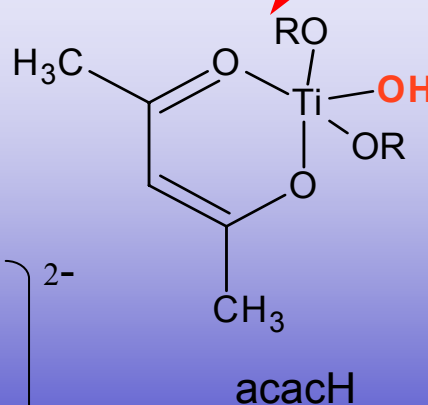
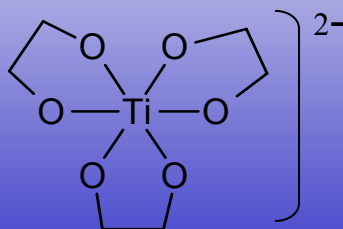
Modified Precursors

**Nonaqueous Media  
(Stucky/Ozin)**

**Complexation  
(Ying/Amoros/On)**

TiCl<sub>4</sub> / EtOH  
Atmospheric H<sub>2</sub>O  
**EISA**

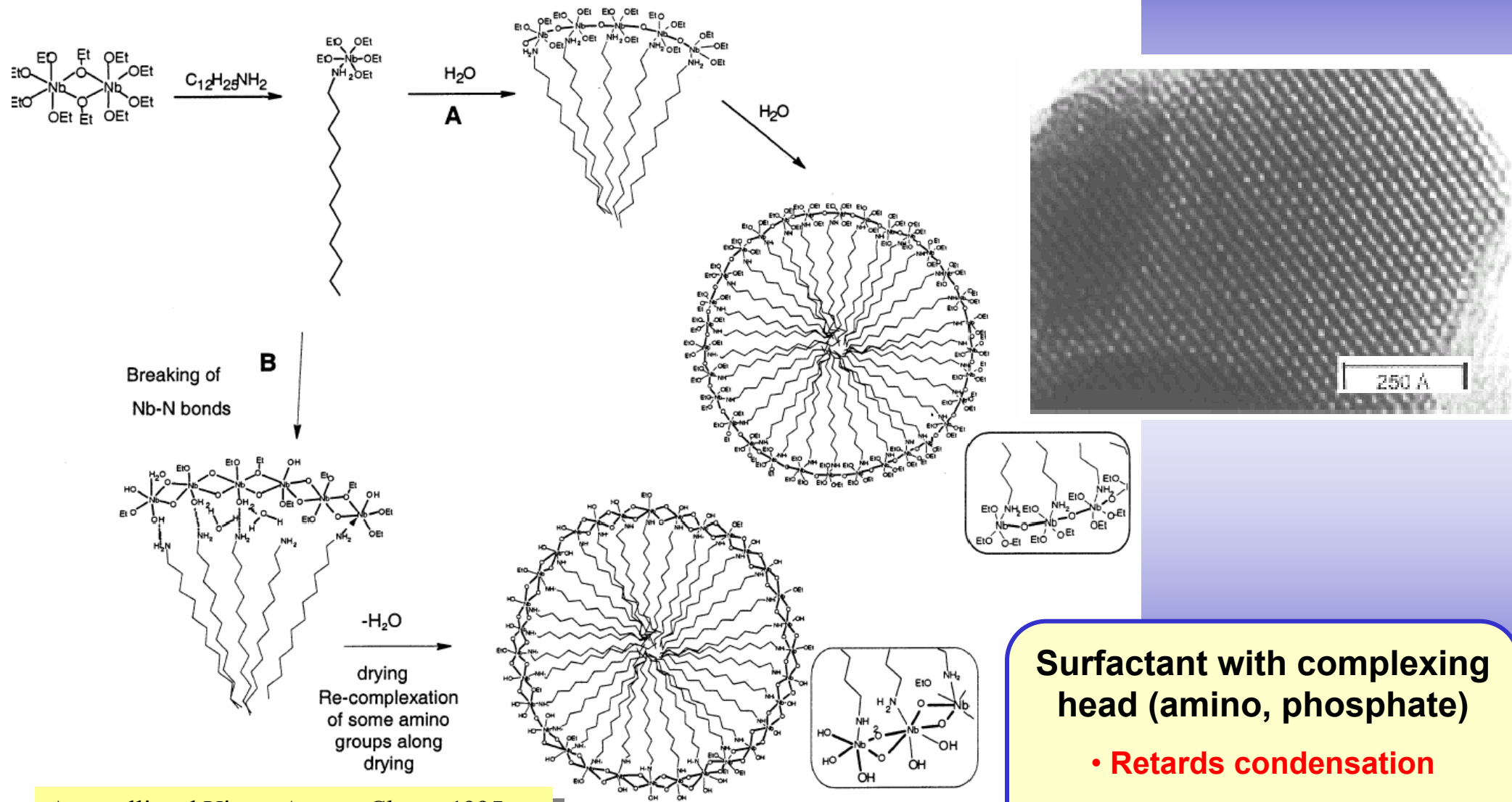
1 - Ti(O-*i* Pr)<sub>4</sub> / Etgli / NaOH  
2 - H<sub>2</sub>O



# Ligand-Assisted Templating (Ying)



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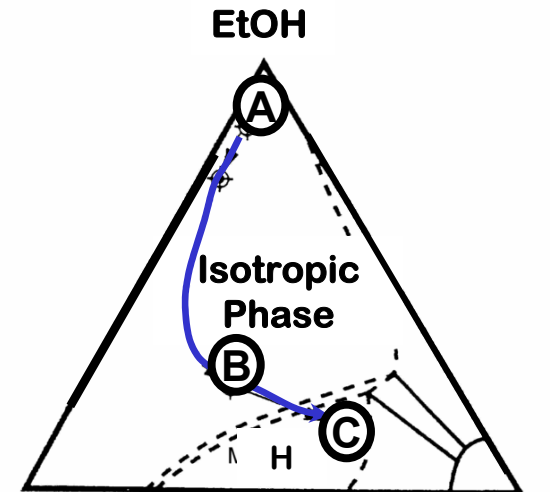
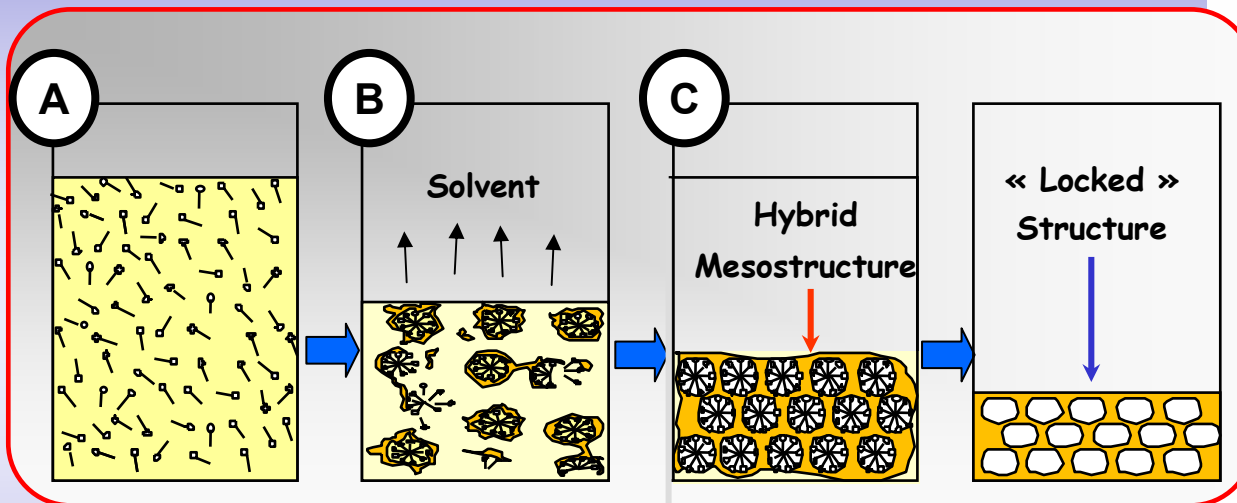
**Surfactant with complexing head (amino, phosphate)**

- Retards condensation
- Creates a "pre-structure"

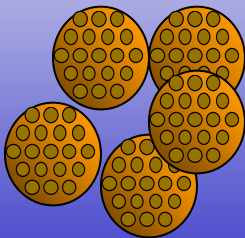
# Evaporation-Induced Self Assembly

Templated Phase upon *Drying*  
Creation of a *Hybrid Liquid Crystal*

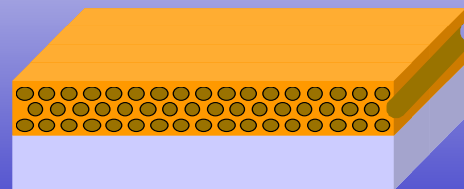
« *Locking* » of a Robust Phase  
upon *processing*



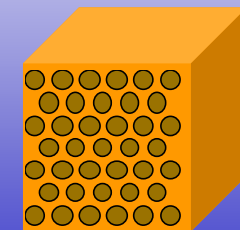
Particles  
(aerosol)



Films or Fibers  
(*dip or spin coating, extrusion*)



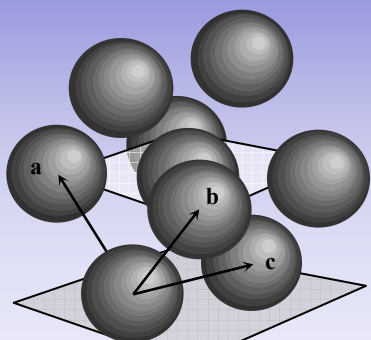
Xerogels by  
controlled evaporation



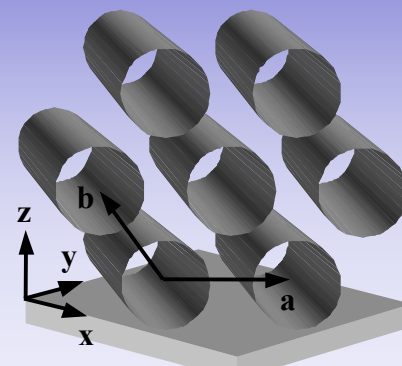
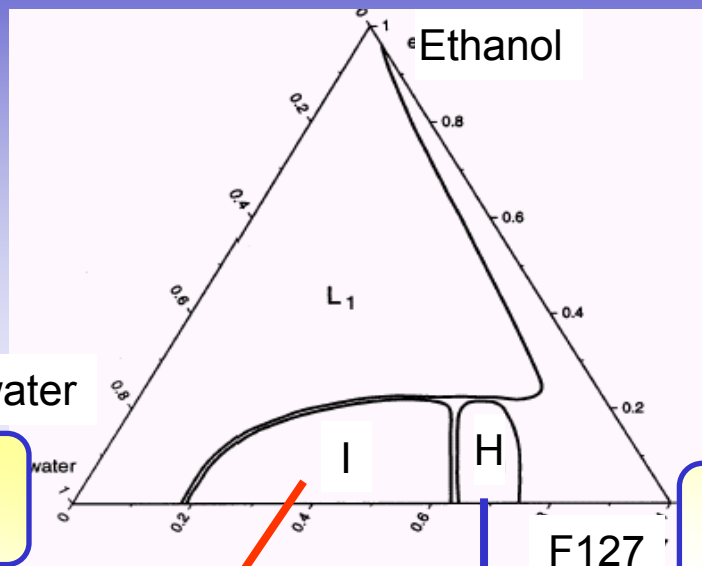
# Oriented SiO<sub>2</sub> Mesostructured Gels



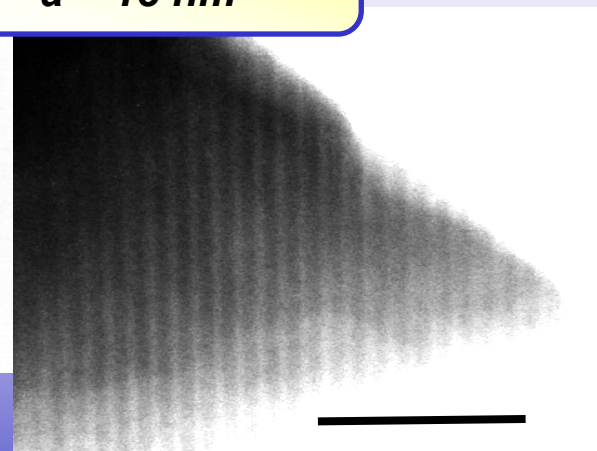
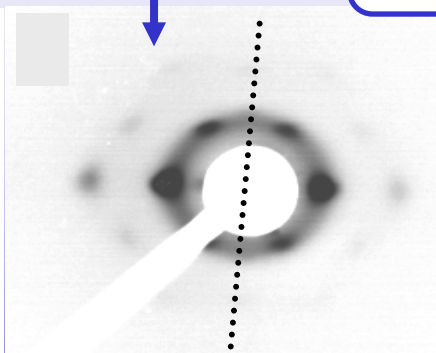
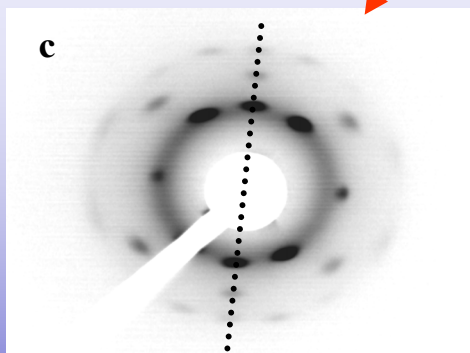
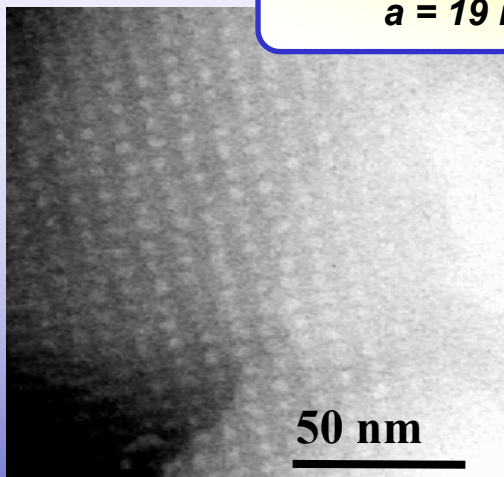
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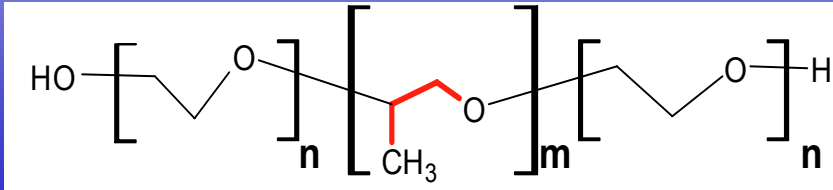
**Cubic**  
 $a = 19 \text{ nm}$



**2D Hex**  
 $a = 18 \text{ nm}$



Melosh et al. *Macromolecules*, 1999  
Soler-Illia et al. *Chem. Commun*, 2002, 2298



# The SBA secret recipe

## EISA

- ✓ M(IV) precursors
- ✓ Nonionic Surfactants as templates
- ✓ Nonaqueous media
- ✓ DRY CONDITIONS
- ✓ Wide range of compositions possible (potentially)

## Generalized syntheses of large-pore mesoporous metal oxides with semicrystalline frameworks

Peidong Yang<sup>\*</sup>, Dongyuan Zhao<sup>\*†</sup>, David I. Margolese<sup>\*</sup>, Bradley F. Chmelka<sup>‡</sup> & Galen D. Stucky<sup>\*†</sup>

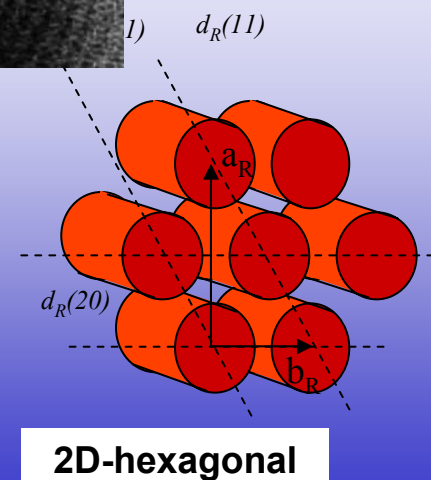
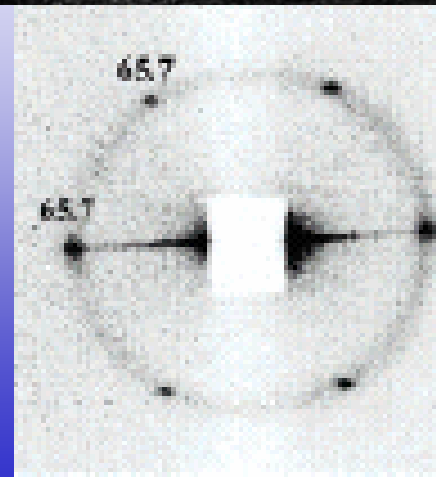
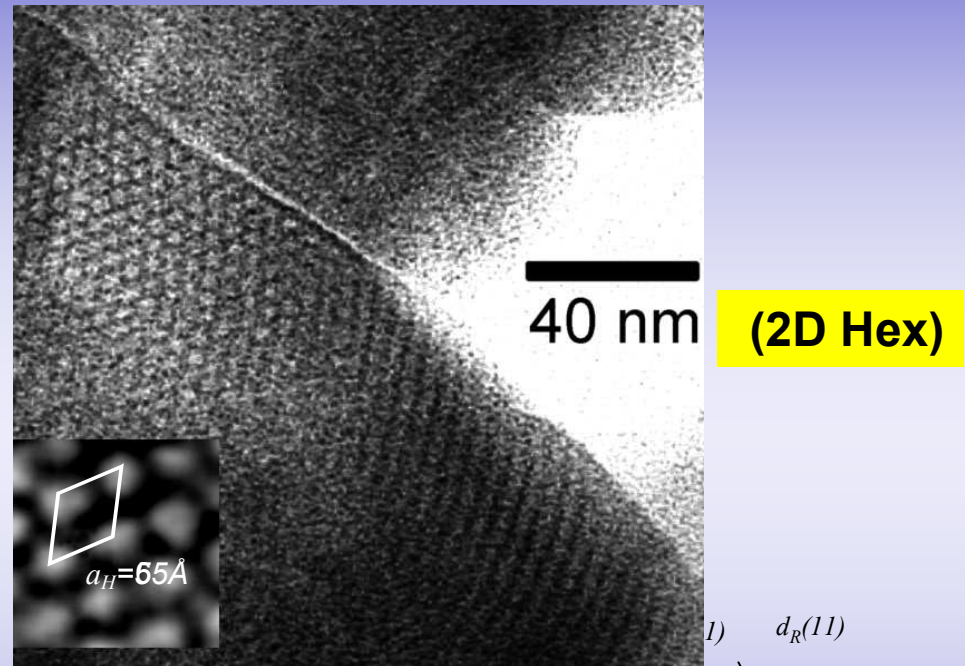
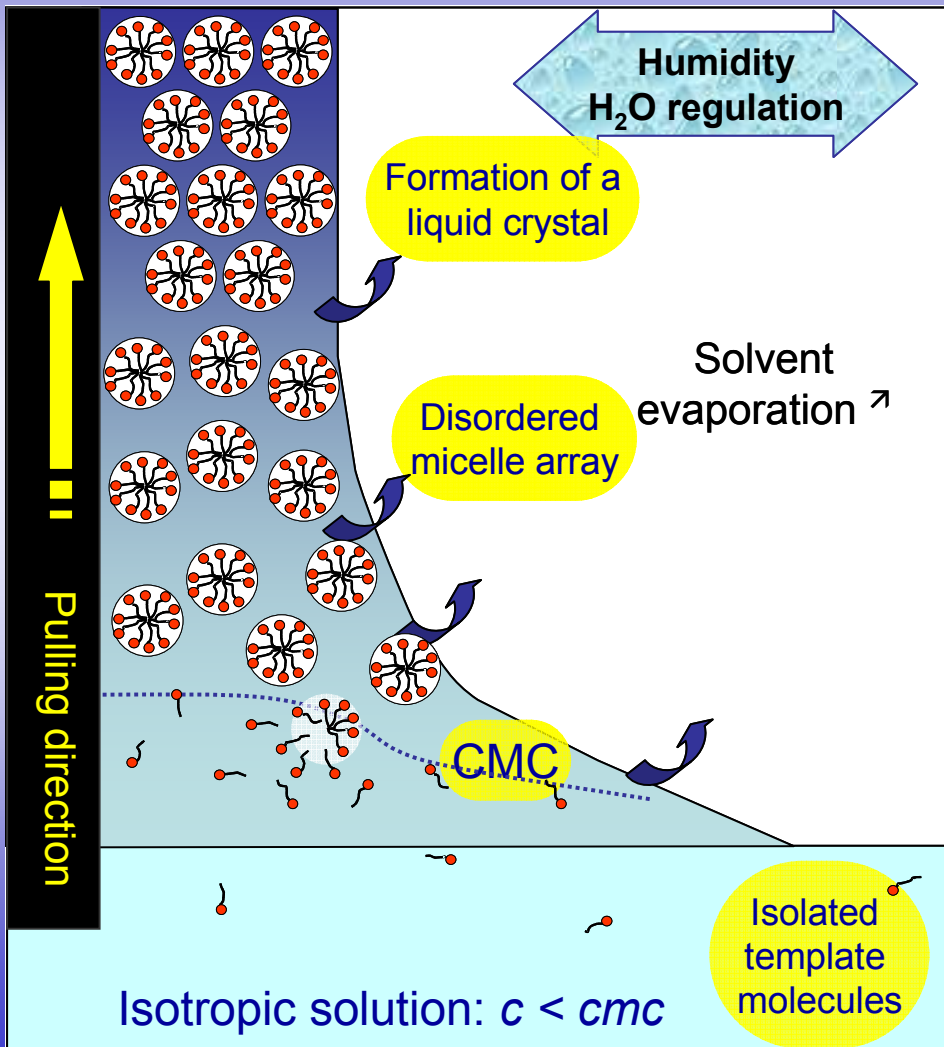
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sation rates as demonstrated for TiO<sub>2</sub> (ref. 11). We have adopted a procedure that can regulate the hydrolysis/condensation and self-assembly processes simultaneously. We anticipate that with this method, the syntheses of other mesoscopically ordered inorganic compounds (including sulphides<sup>16</sup>) should also be possible.

**Important!! To control the hydrolysis/condensation  
And  
To compatibilize species at the interface  
(to be continued)**



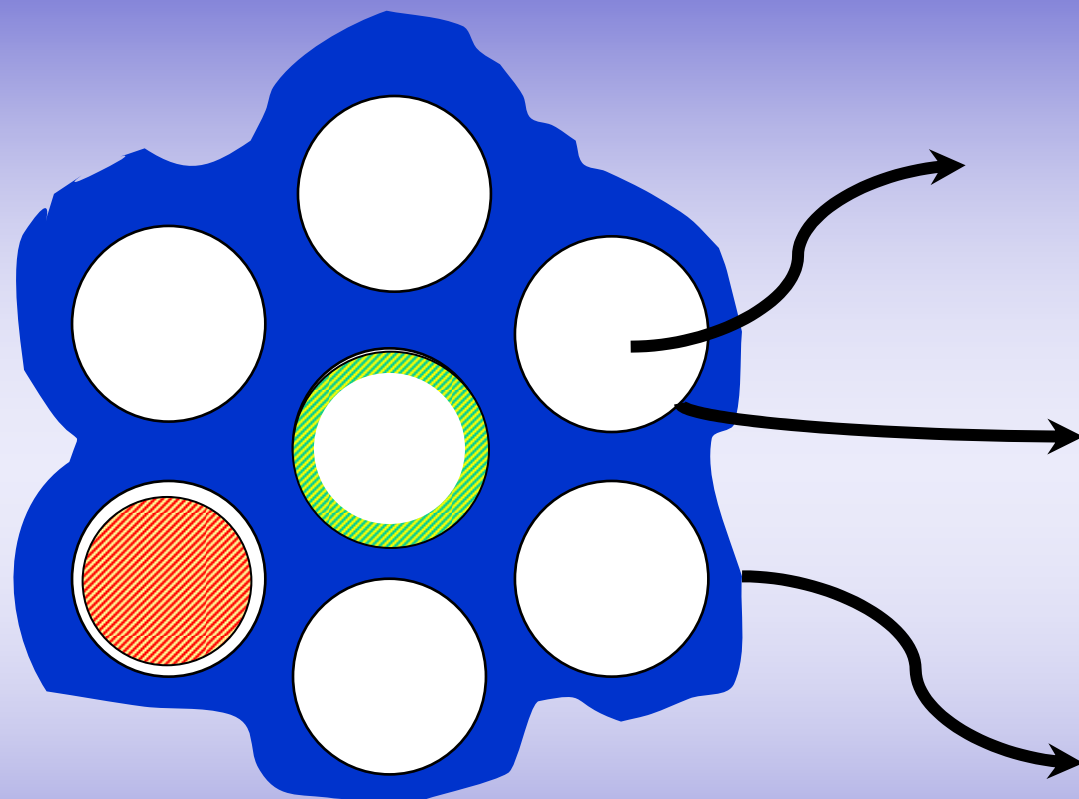
# Mesoporous Thin Films



# Multifunctional Porous Materials



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## Pore System

- Symmetry
- Size
- Shape
- Accessibility
- Inclusions

## Pore Surface (Skin)

- Surface features (acidity,...)
- Organic Modifiers

## Inorganic Framework (Bones)

- Crystallinity
- Bulk properties (n, )
- Wall Thickness
- Wall Nature (porosity, composition)

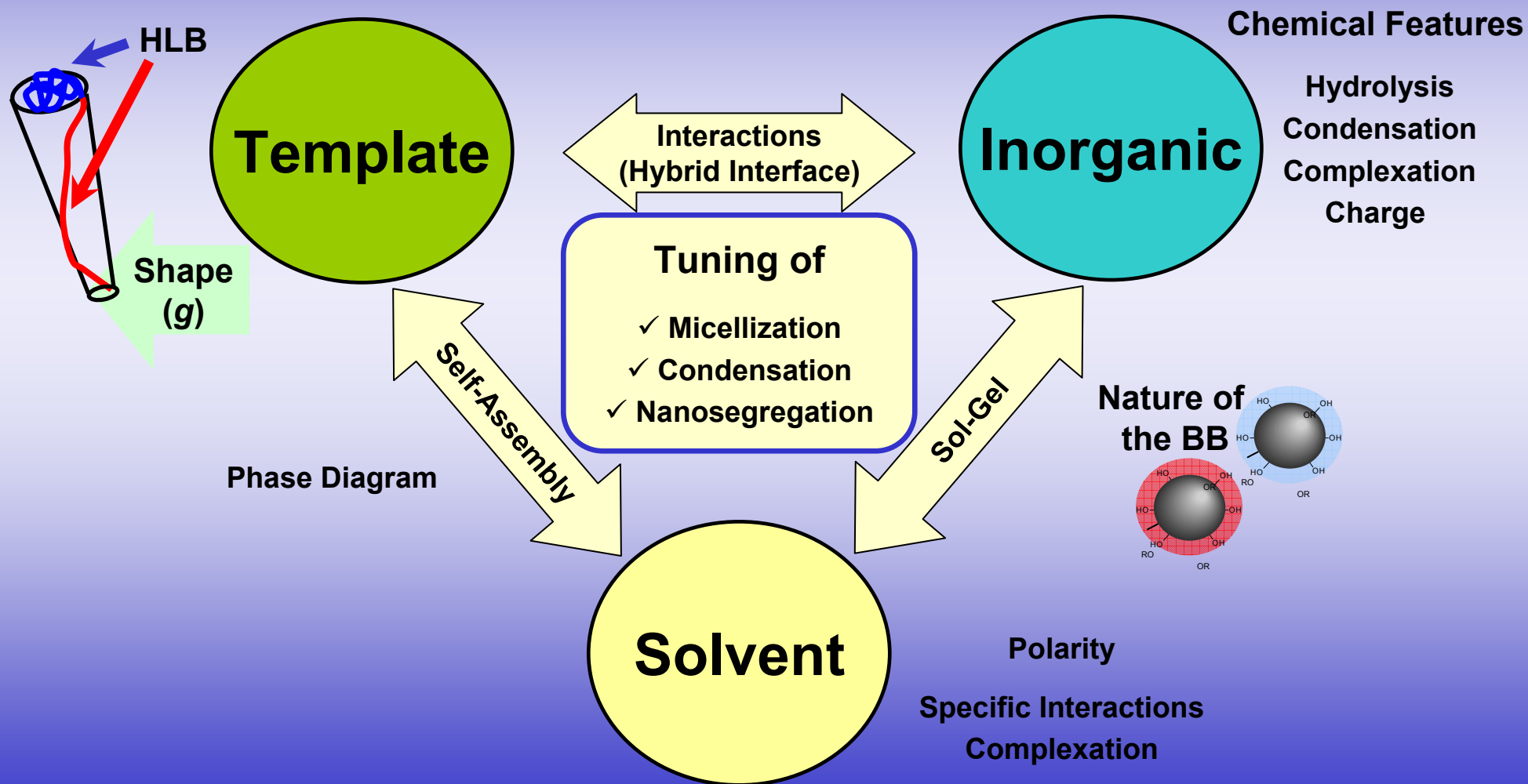
➤ *Changing the Skeleton (TM or Mixed Oxides)*

➤ *Changing the Pore Skin (Functions)*

➤ *Including Nanospecies within pores*



# Key Aspects of MesoStructure Formation

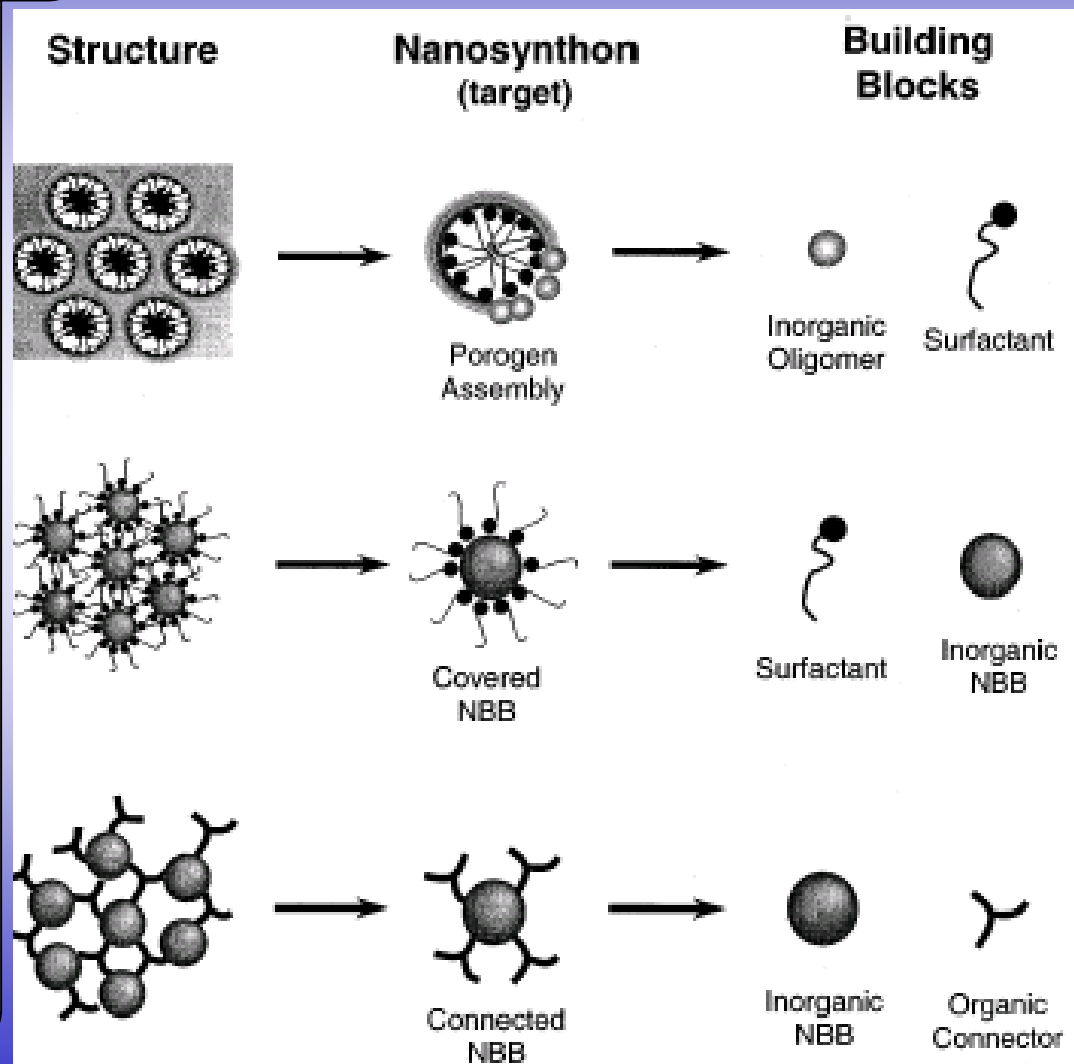


# Lessons for success



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- **KNOW YOUR BUILDING BLOCKS**
- **COMBINE THEM WISELY**
- **TAKE KINETICS INTO ACCOUNT**
- **DESIGN YOUR MATERIAL**

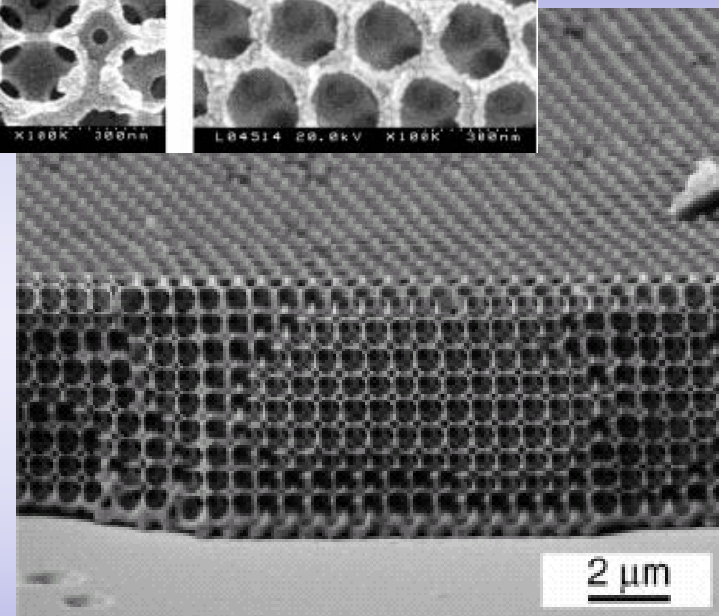
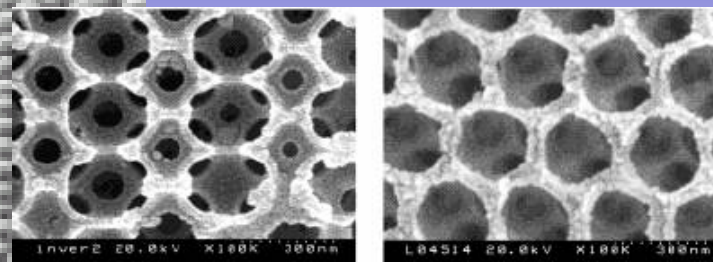
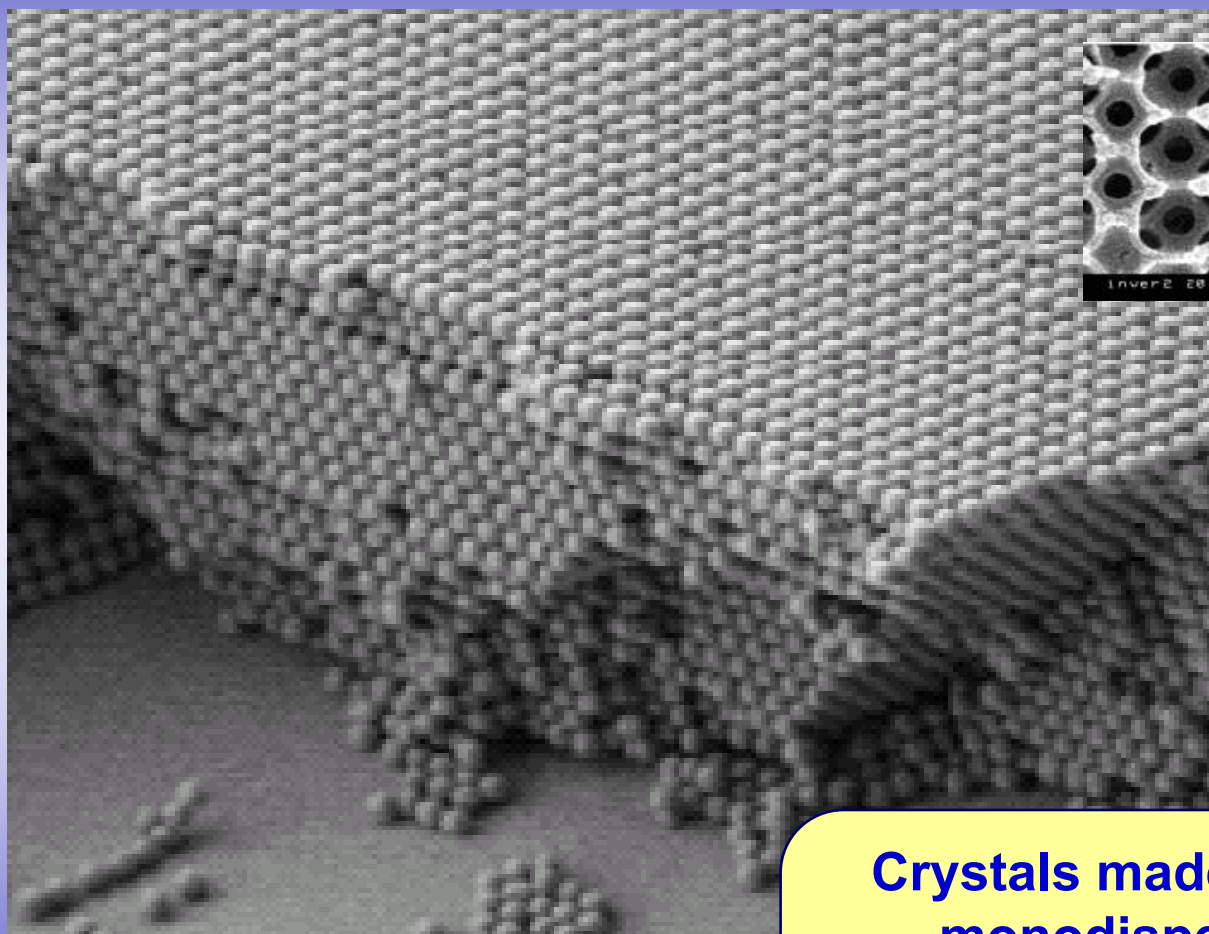


Soler-Illia *et al.*, *Chem. Rev.*, 2002

# Colloidal crystal templates



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Crystals made up of *cubic arrangements* of monodisperse  $\text{SiO}_2$  or latex nanoparticles

Optical properties: Photonic Band Gap

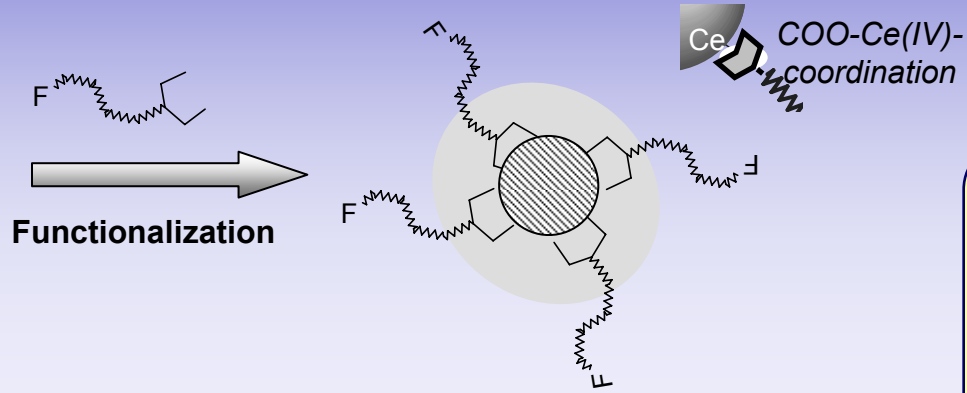
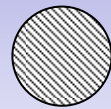
Can be filled by a ceramic precursor

⇒ Ordered Macropores

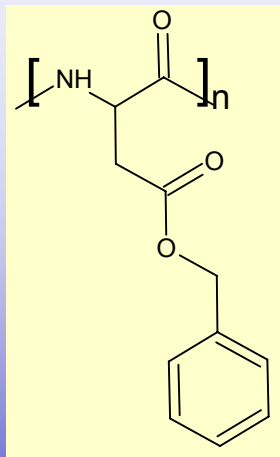


# “KNOW YOUR BUILDING BLOCKS AND USE THEM”

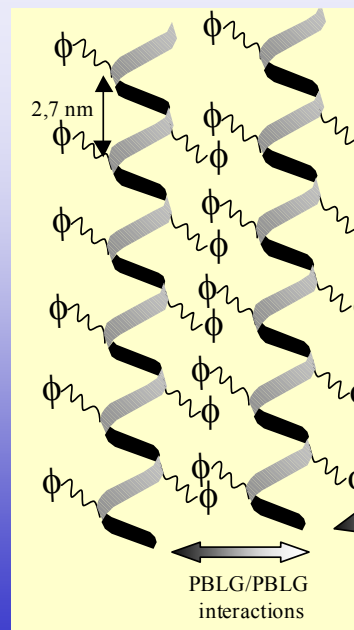
Nano-CeO<sub>2</sub>  
Stabilized  
colloid



Functional  
Nano-CeO<sub>2</sub>  
F=  
Alkyl  
Phenyl  
...



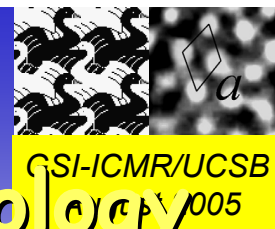
solvent



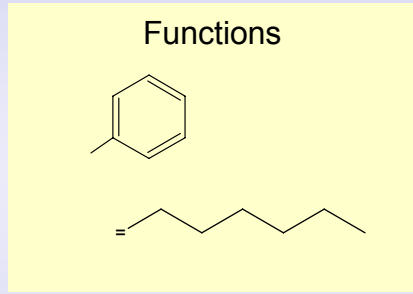
PBLG coils  
in an  $\alpha$ -helix

Organic BB  
Poly-benzyl-L-glutamate  
**PBLG**

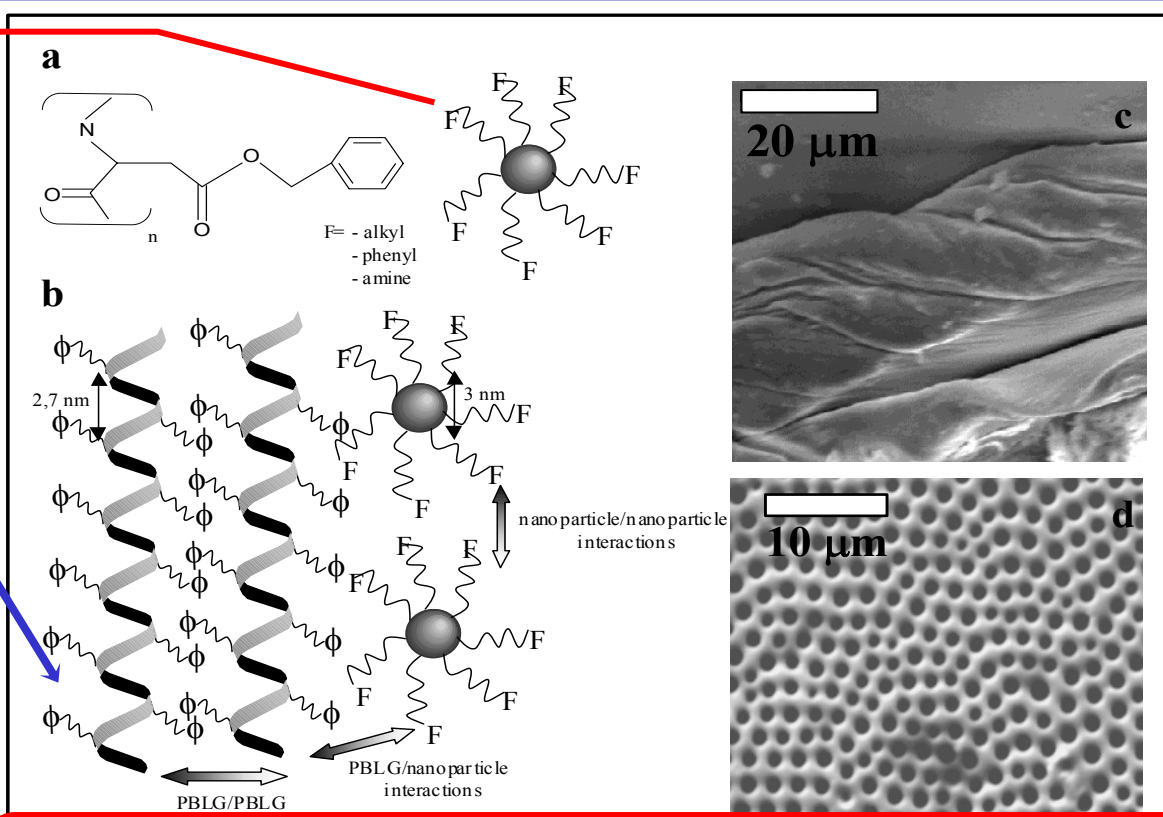
# Using nanoceria building blocks and biomimetic polymers to control morphology



**Functional Nanoparticle Nanoceria 2-5 nm**



**Modified Polypeptide**



**Template folding dominates**  
**Coils and corkscrews**

**Template-NB dominates**  
**Array of Micronic holes**

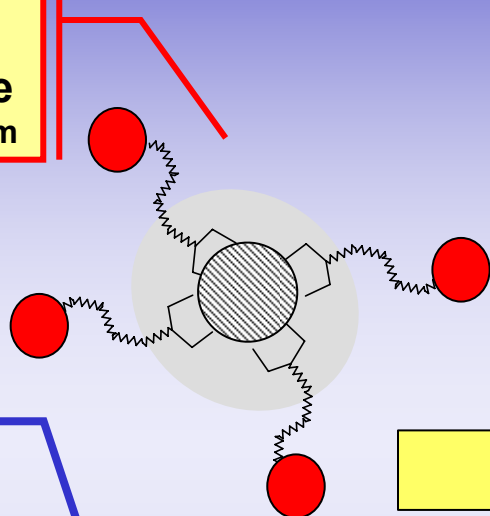
**Set of POLYMERS + NANOPARTICLES + MODIFIERS = TOOLBOX TO CONTROL MORPHOLOGY**

# Controlled Interactions from morphology control ...

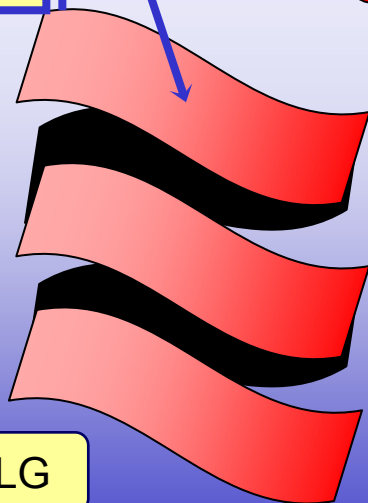


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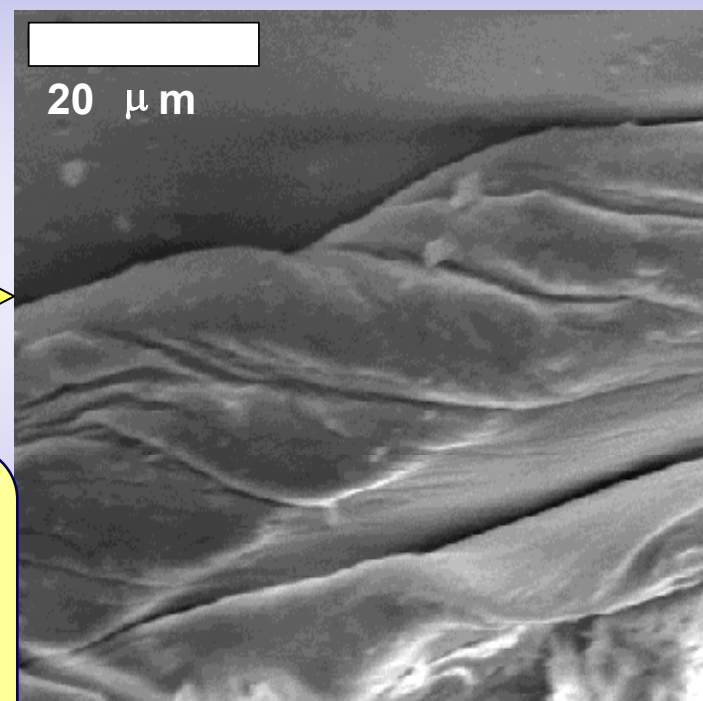
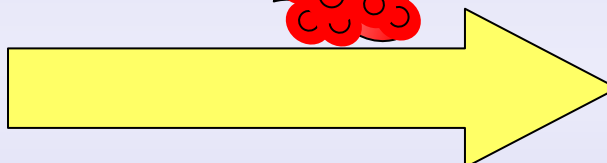
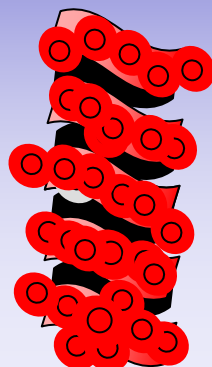
**Functional  
Nanoparticle**  
Nanoceria 2-5 nm



**Modified  
Polypeptide**

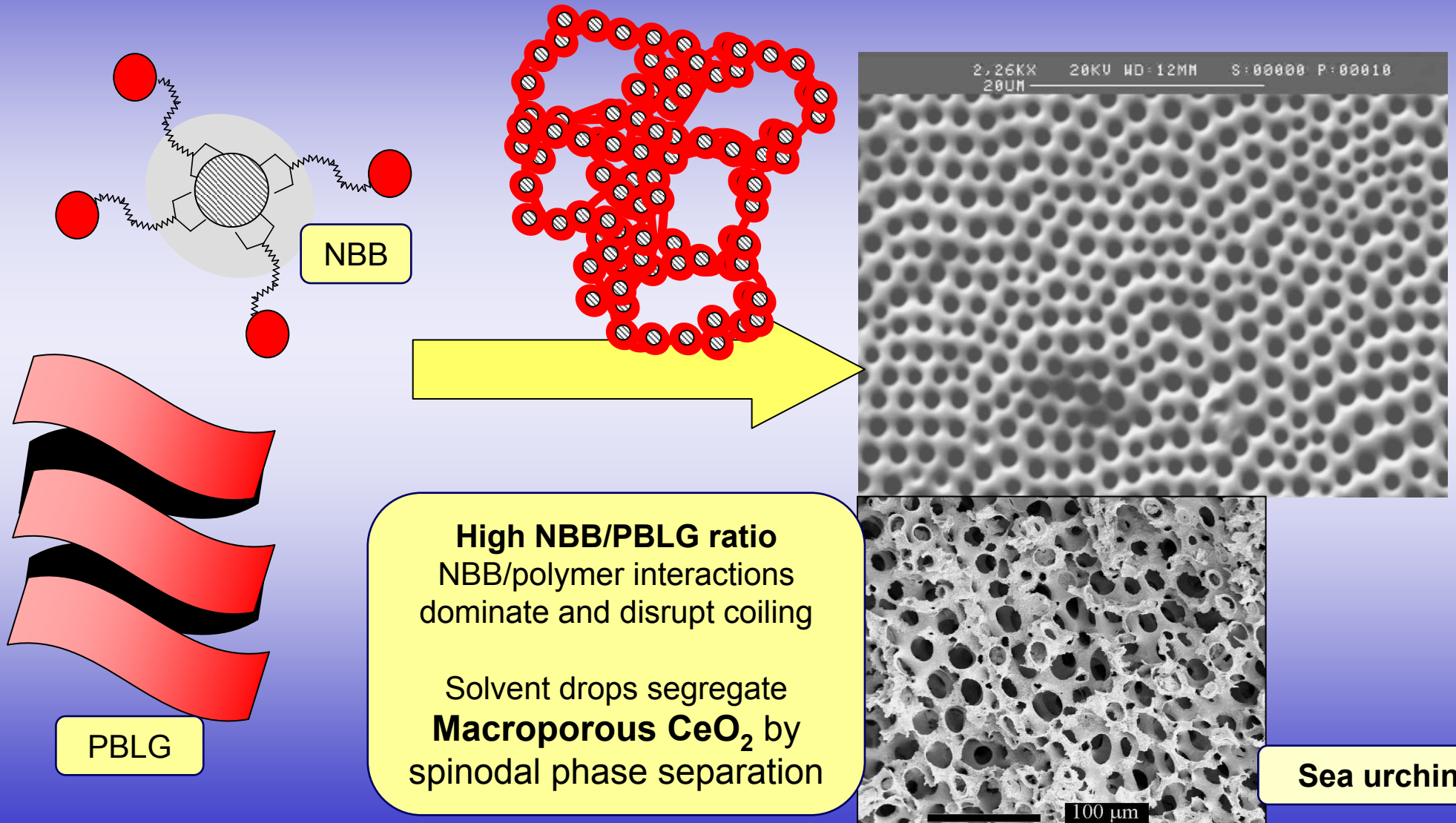


PBLG



**Low NBB/PBLG**  
Polymer/polymer interactions  
dominate  
NBB « decorates » PBLG  
**Twisted CeO<sub>2</sub> fibers**

# ...to phase segregation



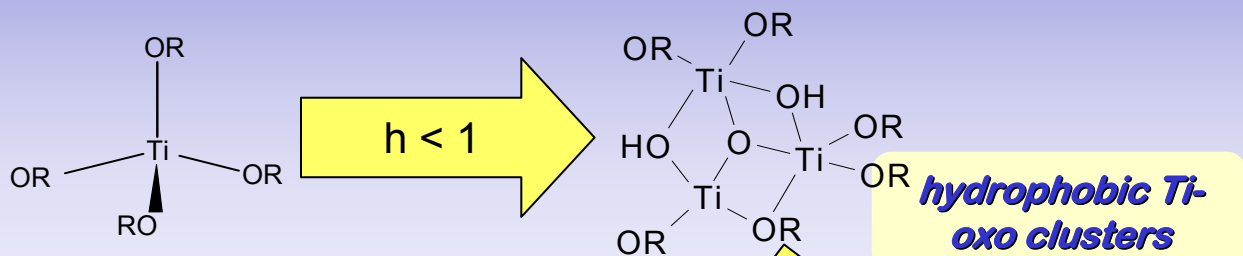


# Controlled Phase Segregation and complexation

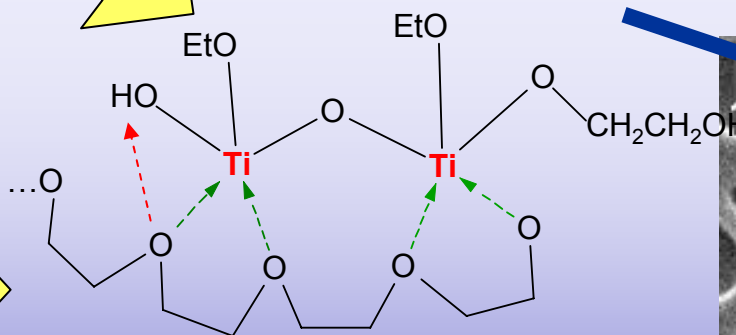
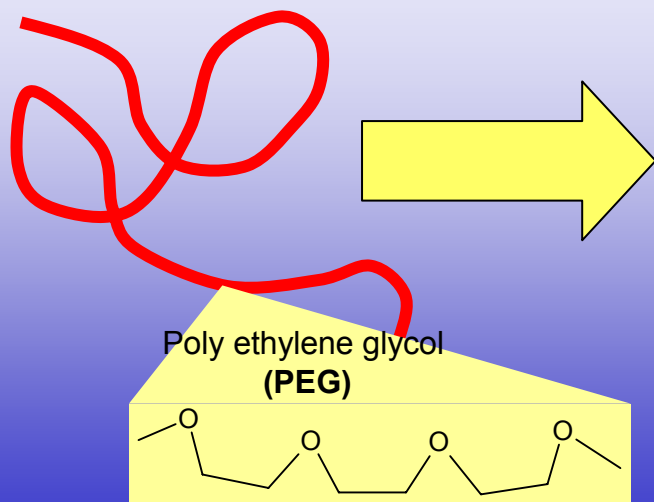
## NBB go Macrotextured



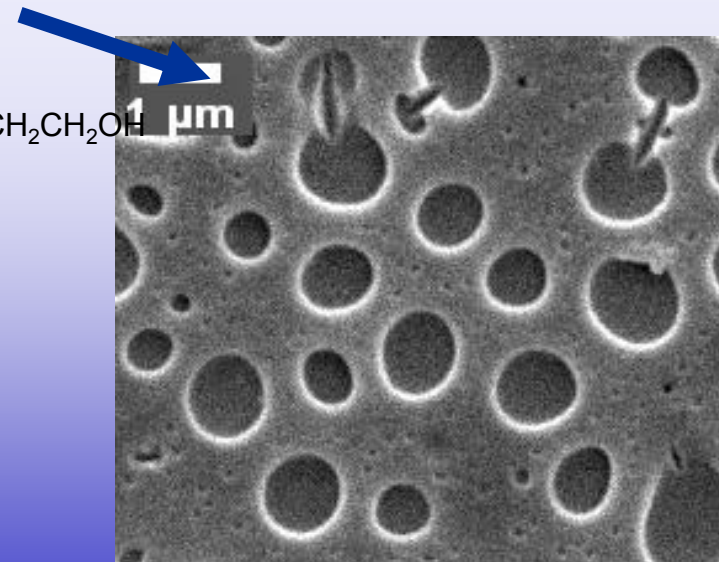
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- **Macroporous Oxides**
- **Micron scale compatible with biospecies (enzymes, membranes, antibodies, cells)**



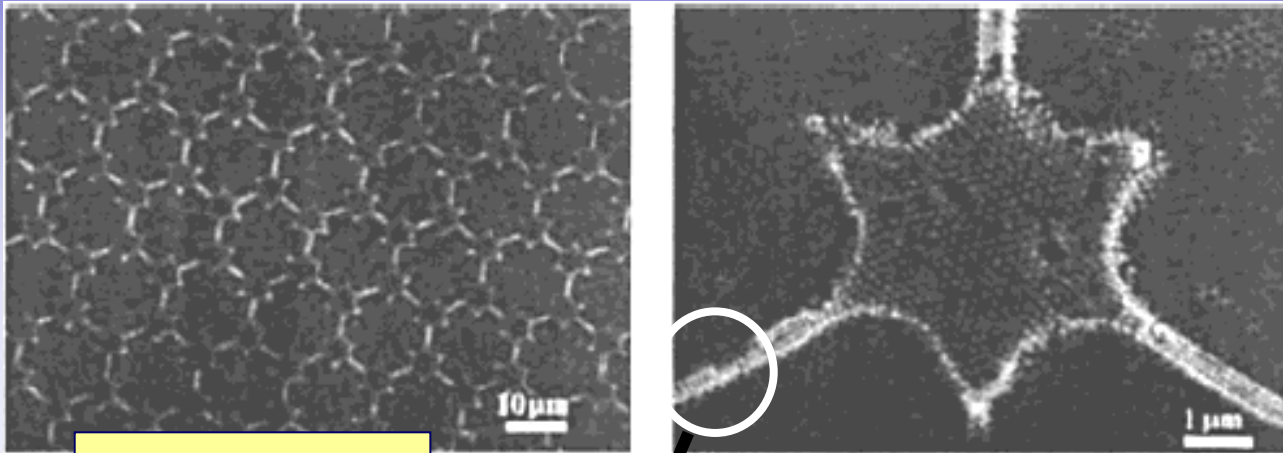
- **Clusters associate with PEG**
- **Solvent phase segregates (spinodal)**



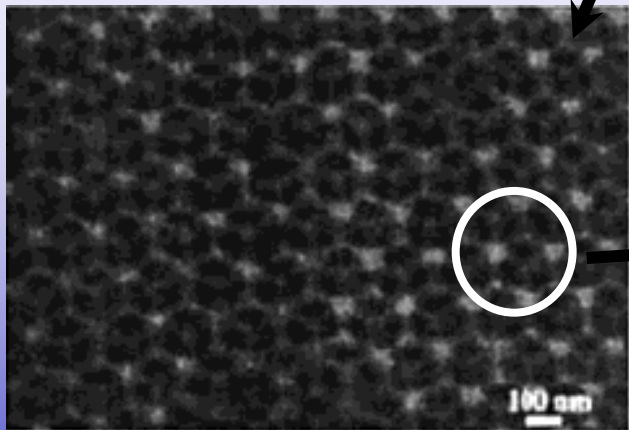
Fuertes and Soler-Illia, work in progress  
Nakanishi., *J. Porous Mater.*, 1999

# Hierarchical systems

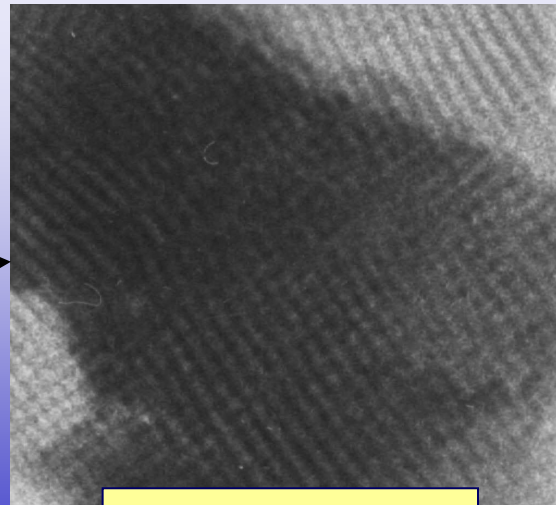
## Order at different scales



PDMS~20μm

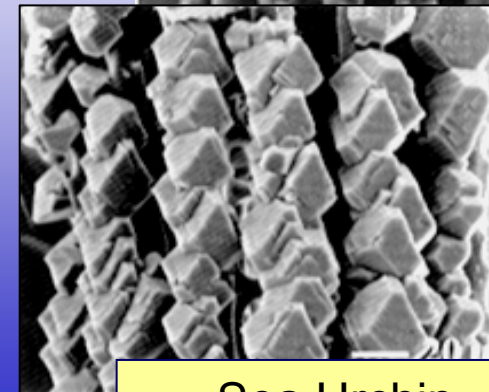
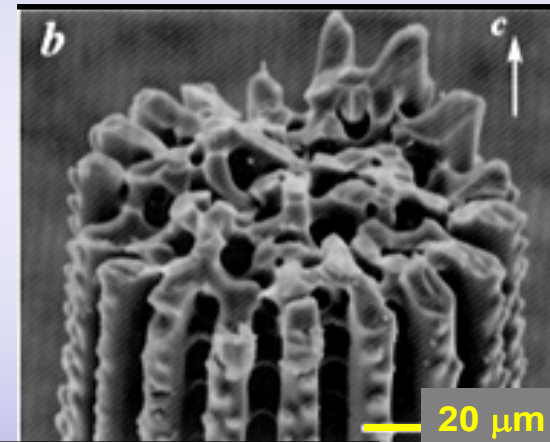
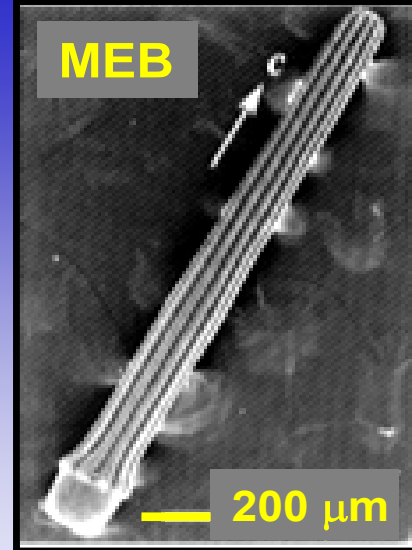


Colloidal Latex ~200nm



Micelles~10 nm

Stucky/Chmelka/Whitesides



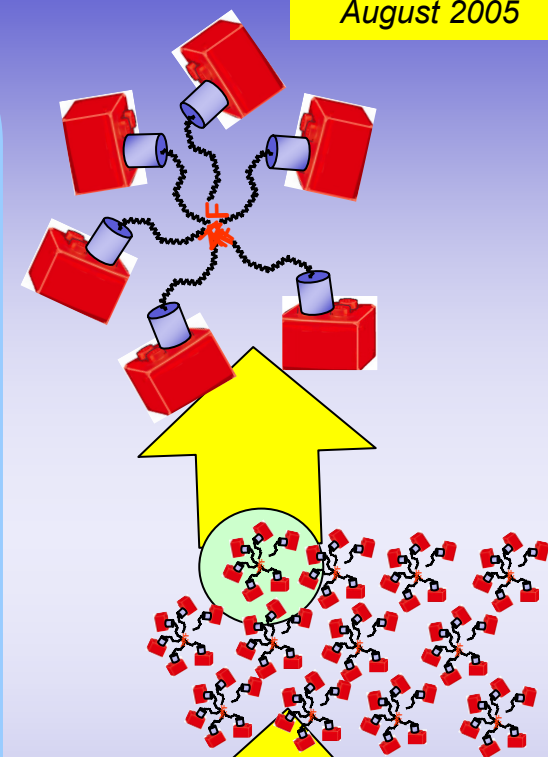
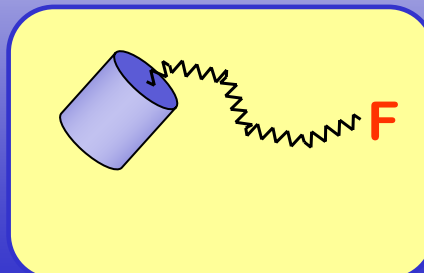
Sea Urchin

# Pathways towards Organized Matter

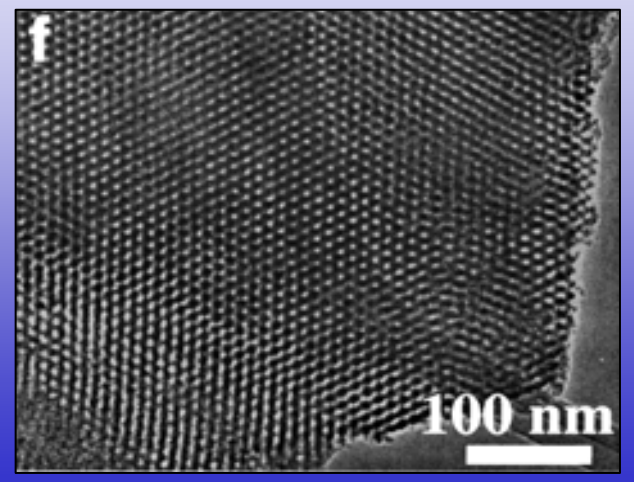
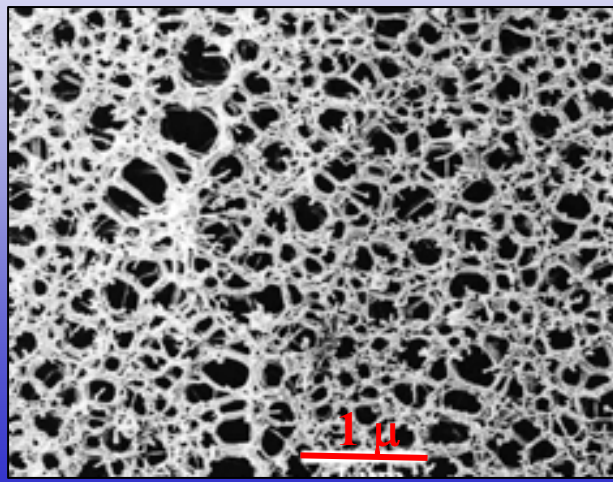
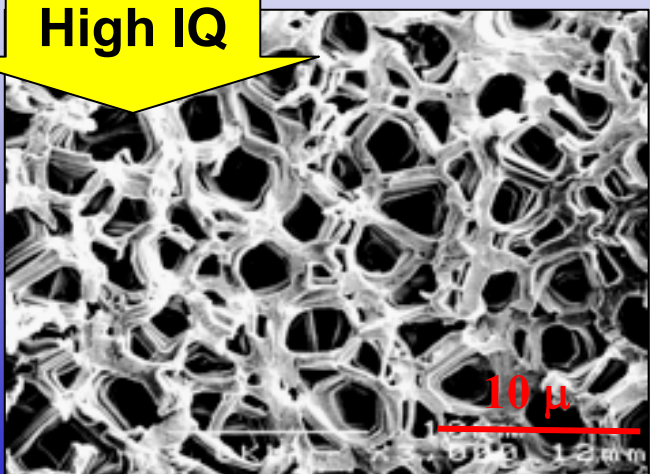
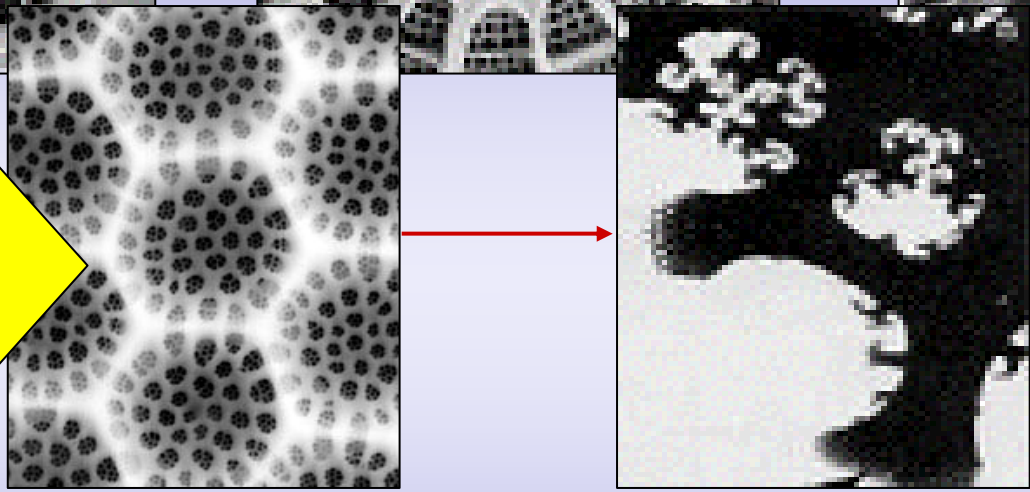
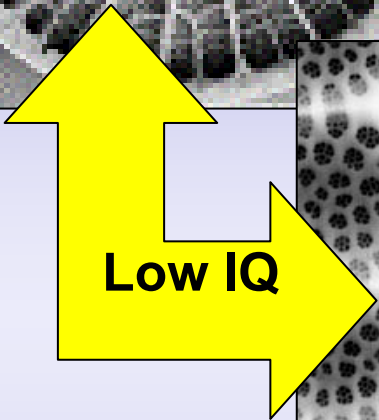
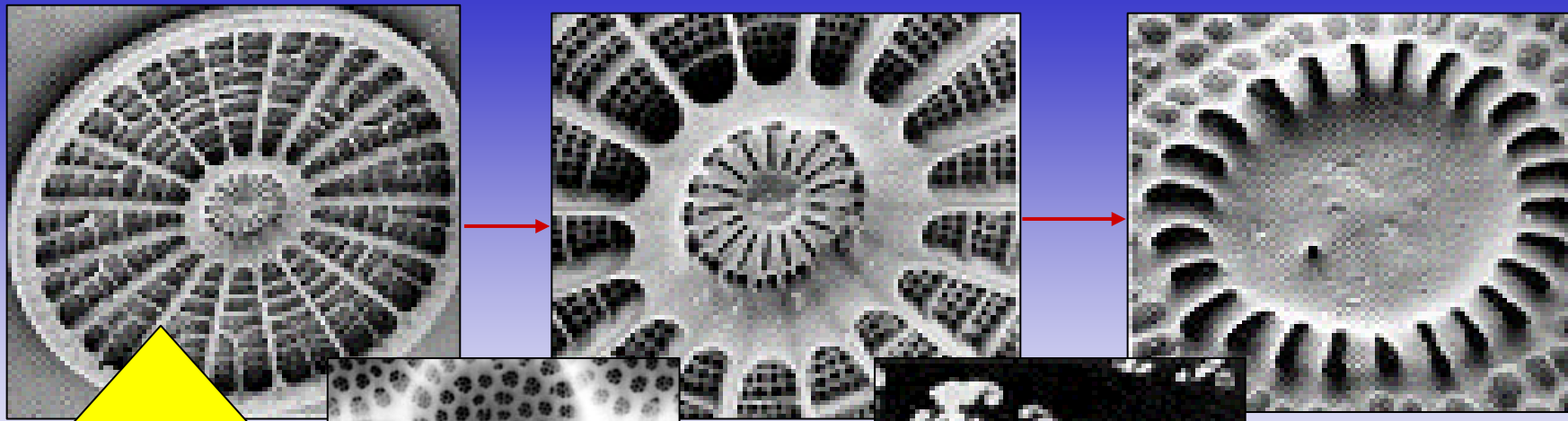


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- *Generate Building blocks and Structure Directing agents (templates)*
- Control on *chemistry* and *interactions (assembly)*
- *Integrate Templating techniques* to build *Hierarchical Materials*
  
- Room for Synthesis of *Inorganic “bricks”* and *Organic “tweezers”* NBB
  
- Understanding Structure (nano-, meso-, macroscales)
- Understanding Interactions
- Understanding Mechanisms  $\Leftrightarrow$  Chemistry !!



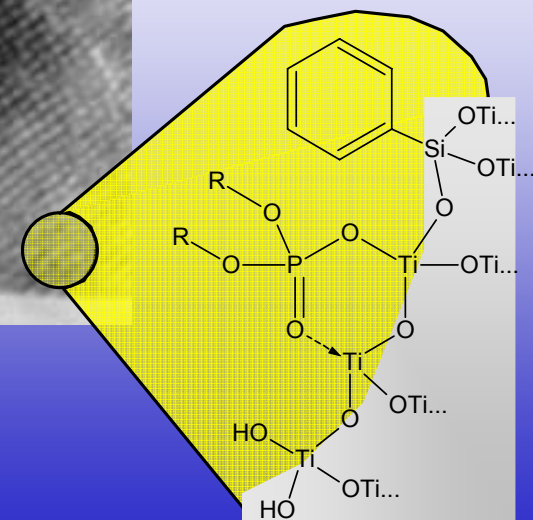
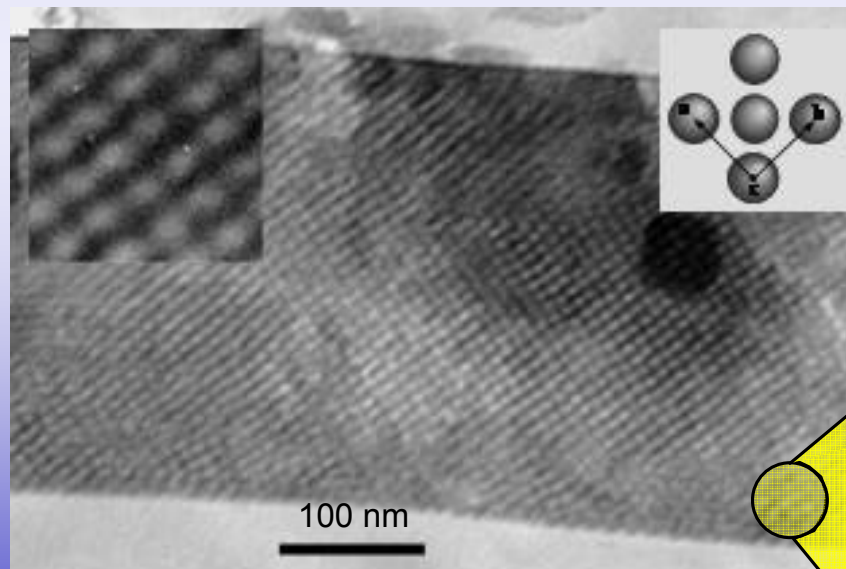
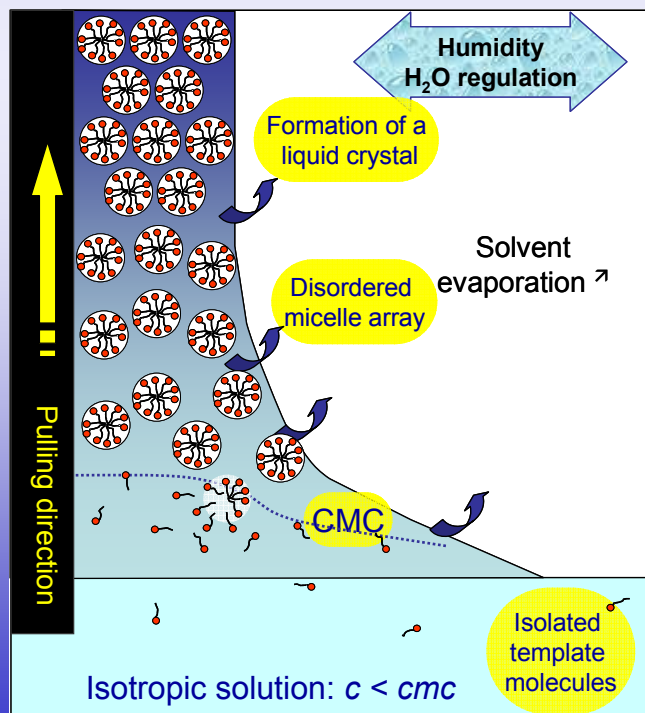




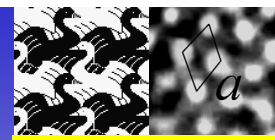


# Coming Next...

## ➤ Mesoporous Thin Films

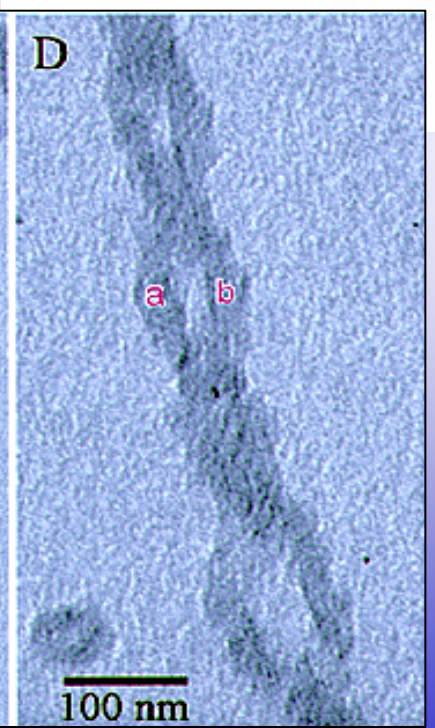
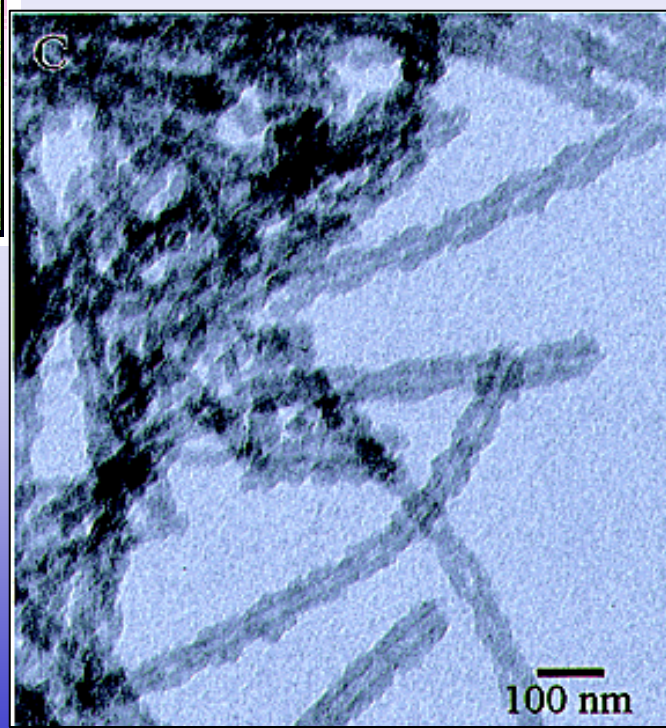
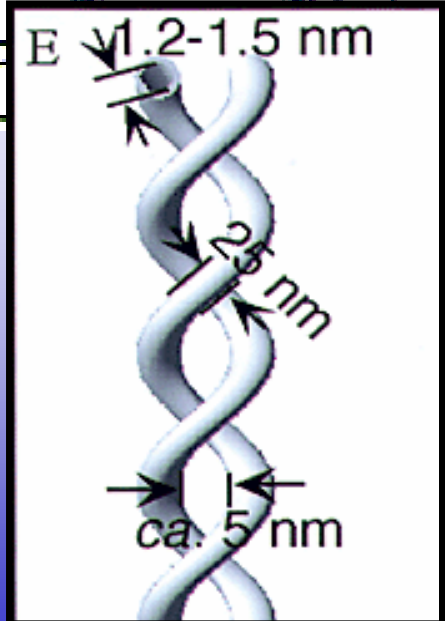
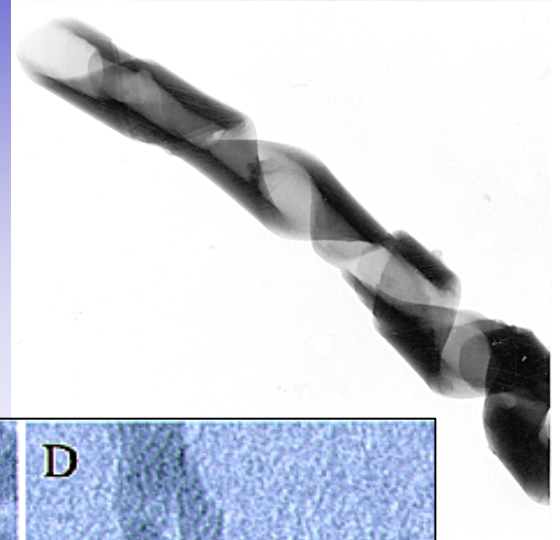
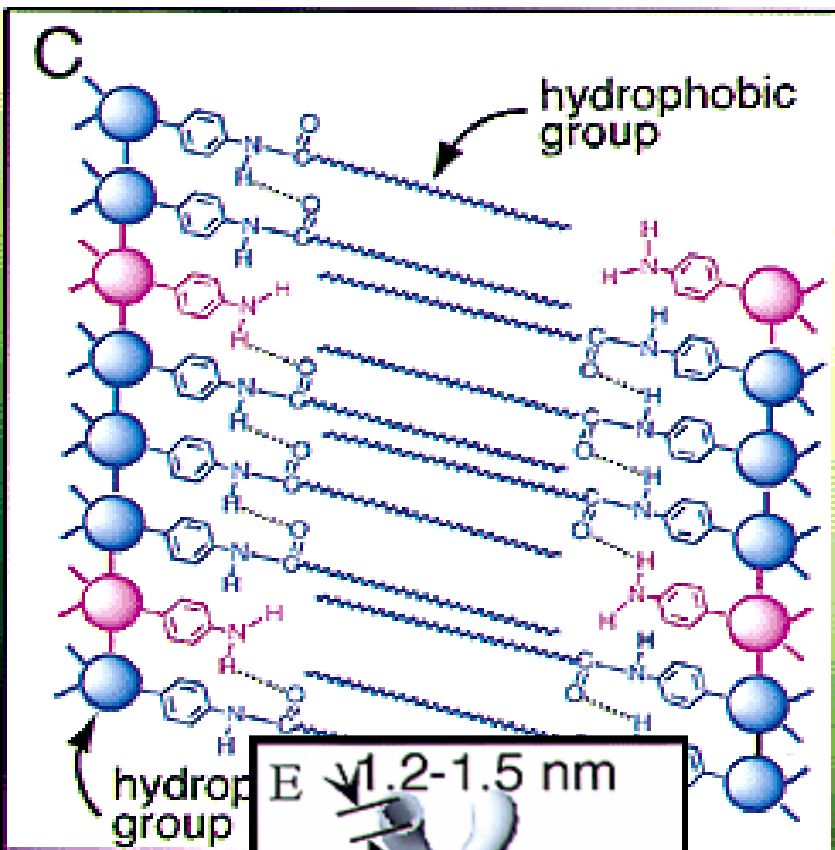




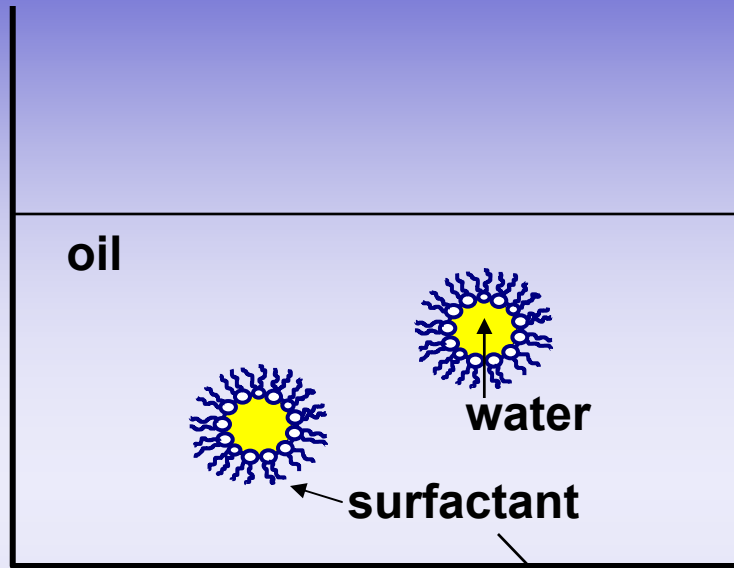


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# ...Double helix patterned silica



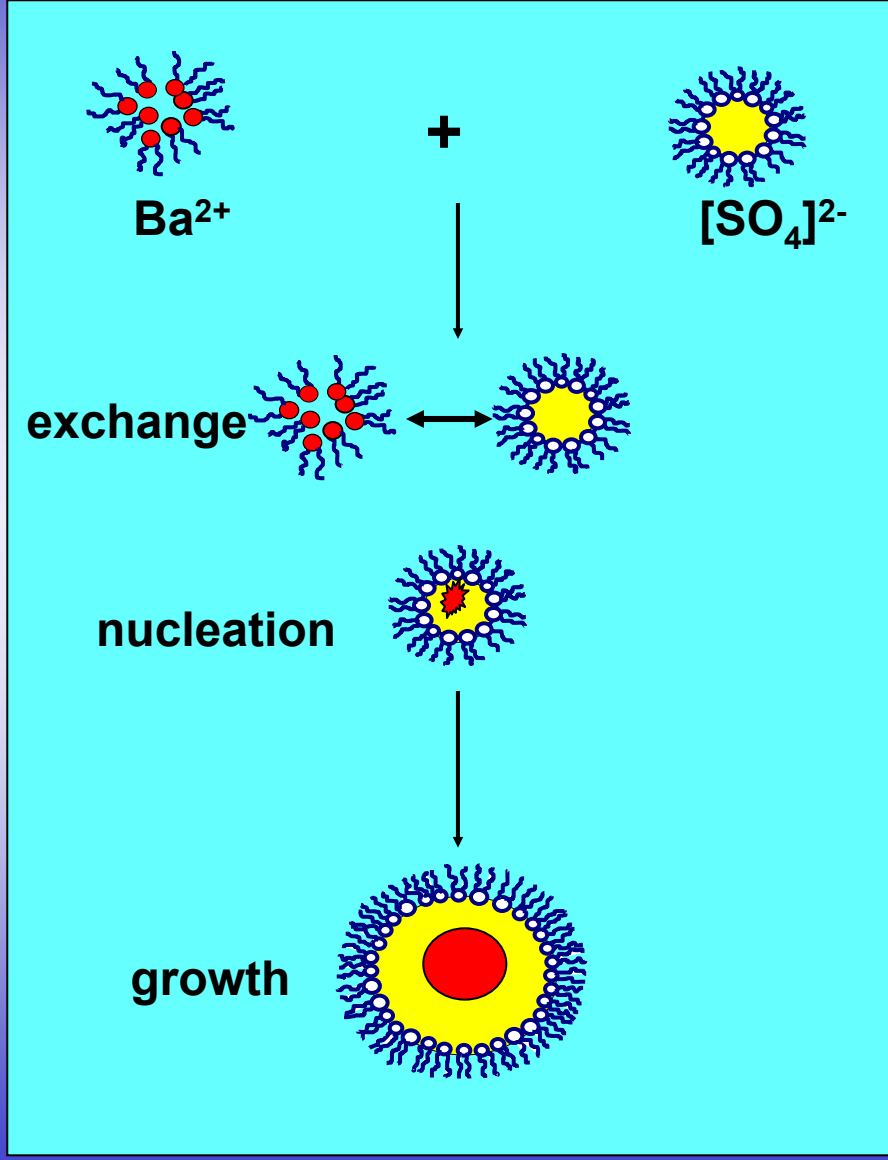
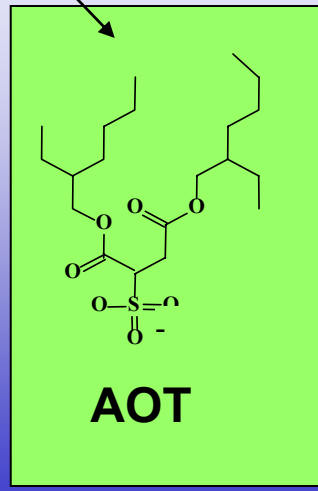
# Nanoparticle synthesis in water-in-oil microemulsions (S. Mann & coworkers)



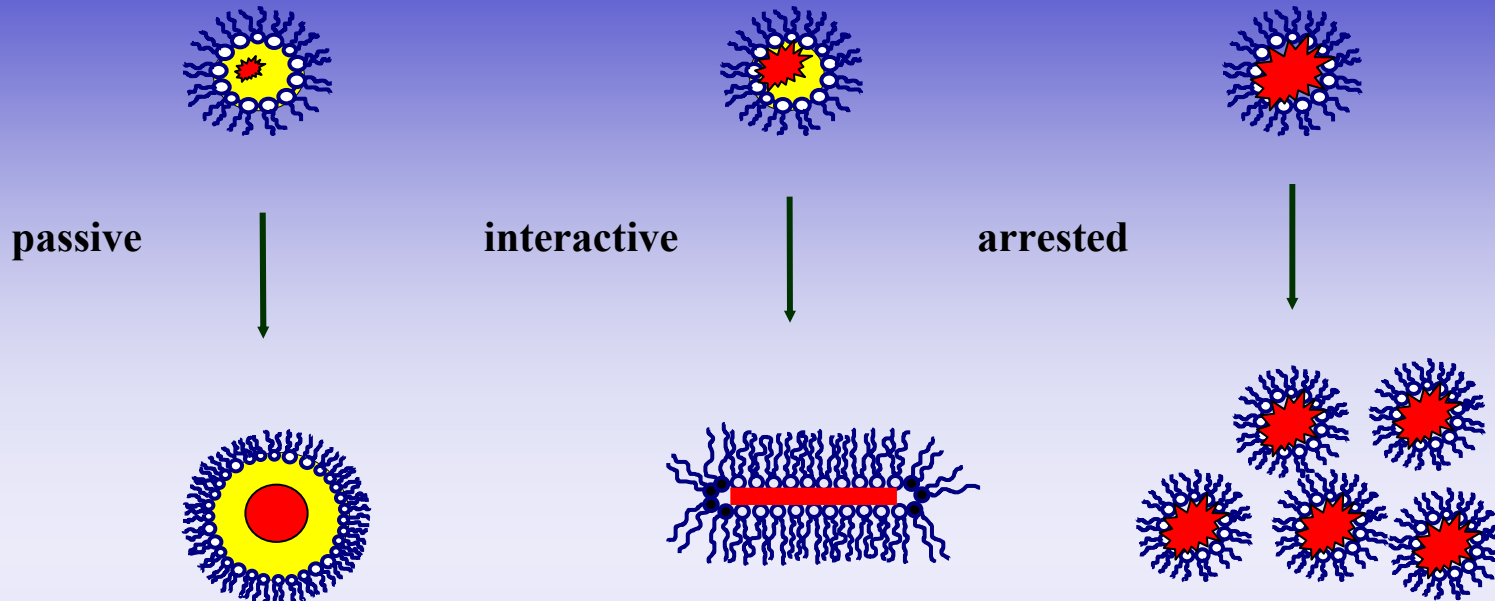
Ba(AOT)<sub>2</sub>  
reverse micelle  
 $w < 1$ ;  $R = 1$  nm;  $N = 20$

+

Na<sub>2</sub>CrO<sub>4</sub> or Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>  
microemulsion droplet  
 $w = 10$ ;  $R = 2.2$  nm  
100 mM = 3 ions



# Controlling the building blocks



$[Ba^{2+}] : [SO_4^{2-}]$   
molar ratio

1 : 5

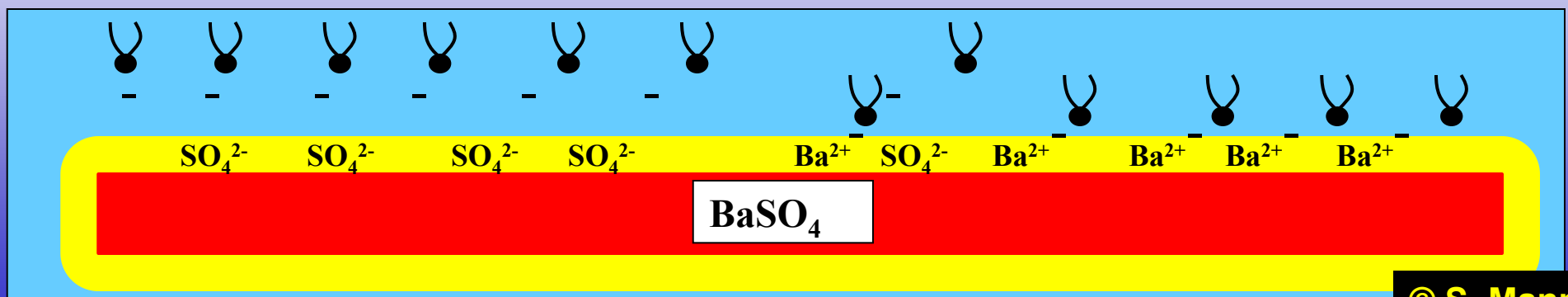
1 : 1

5 : 1

weak

intermediate

strong

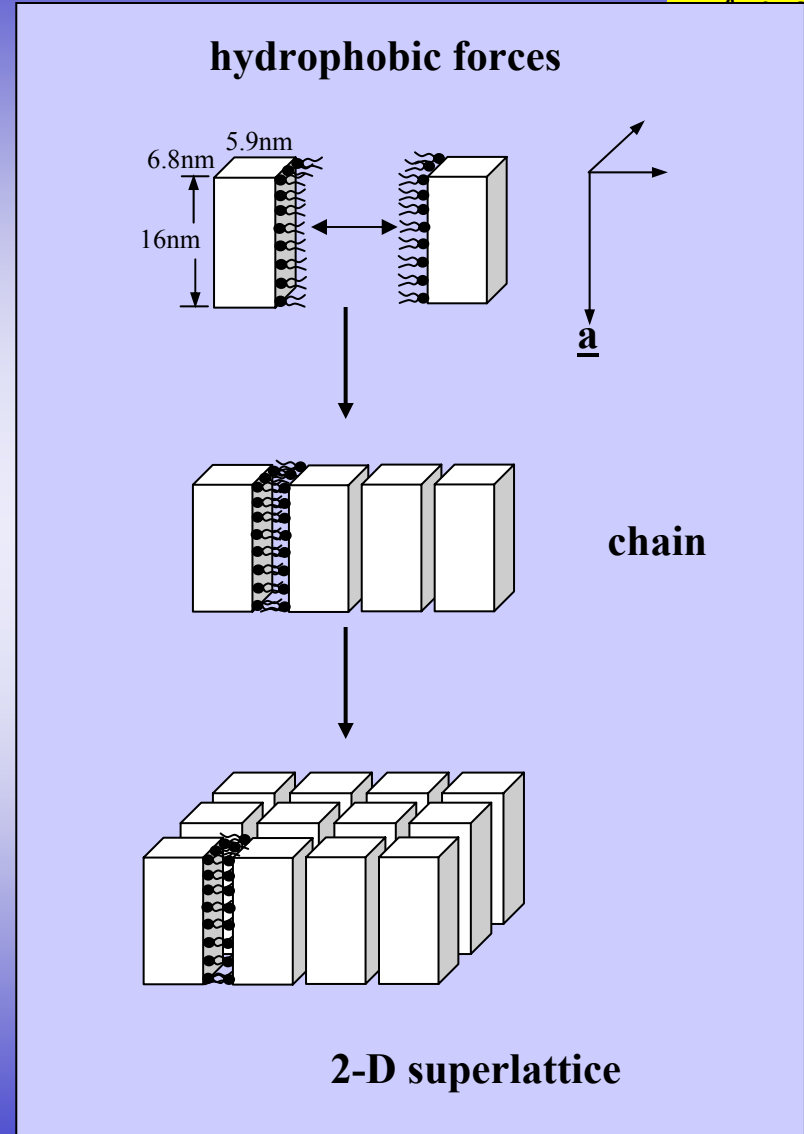
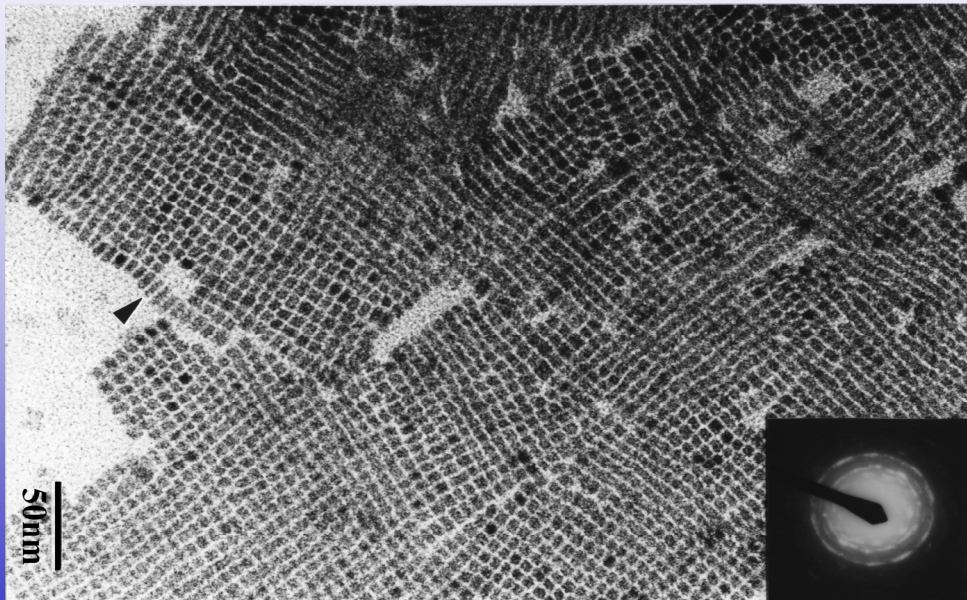
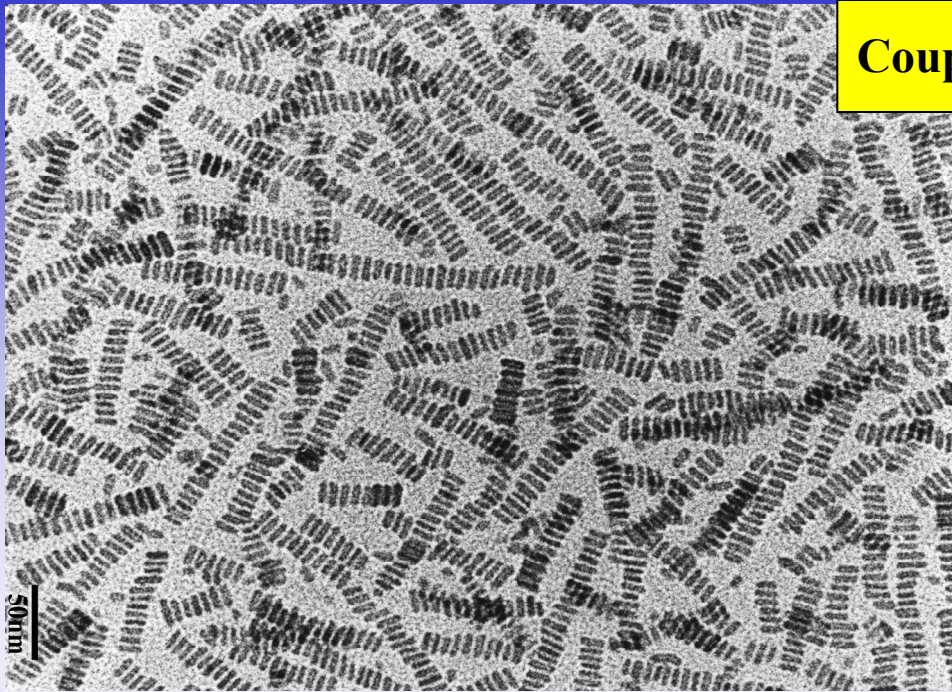




# Coupled synthesis and self-assembly



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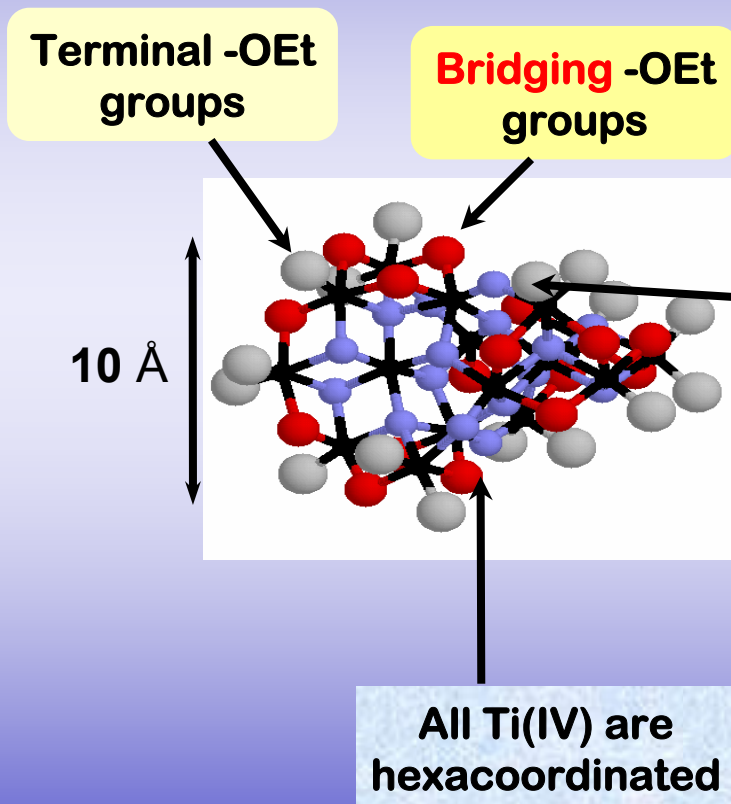


# "LEGOchemistry" with clusters

## $[Ti_{16}O_{16}(OEt)_{32}]$



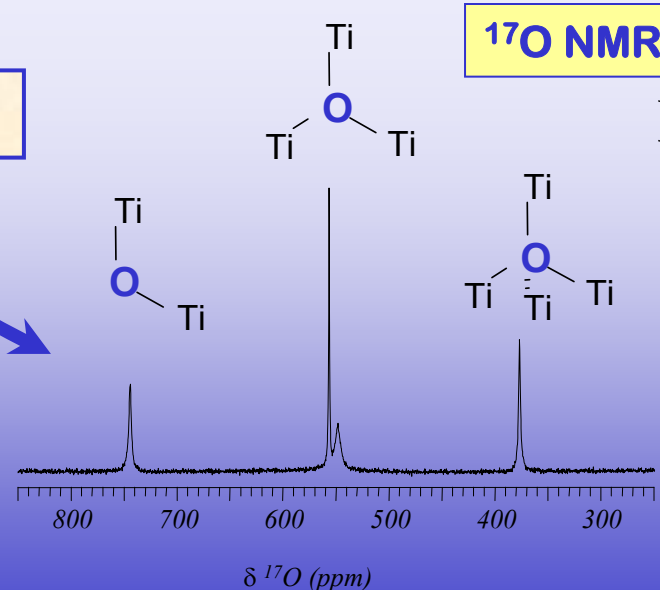
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Core  
Oxo bridges  
 $^{17}O$  NMR

Integrity

- Easy made
- Robust core
- Well characterised
- Model Brick



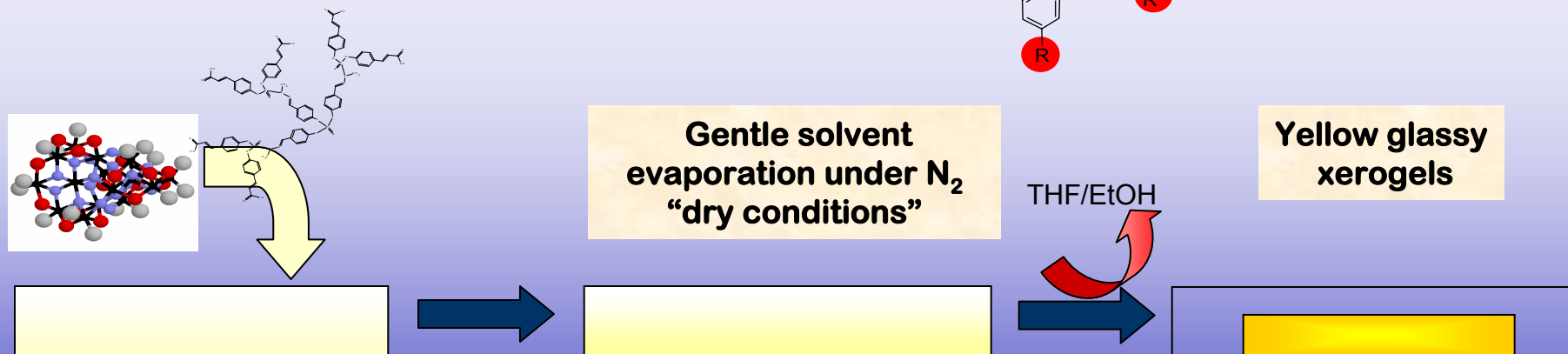
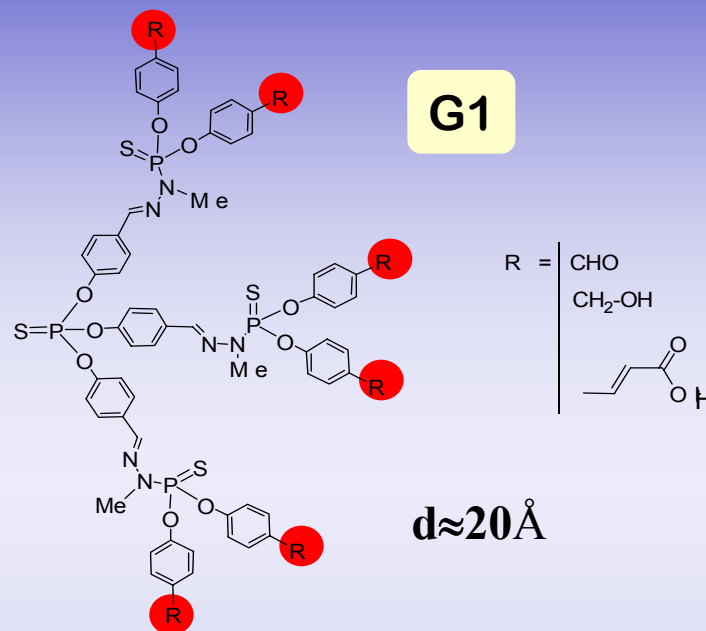
Soler-Illia, Scolan, Sanchez, *New J. Chem.* 2001  
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# Ti<sub>16</sub> + dendrimers



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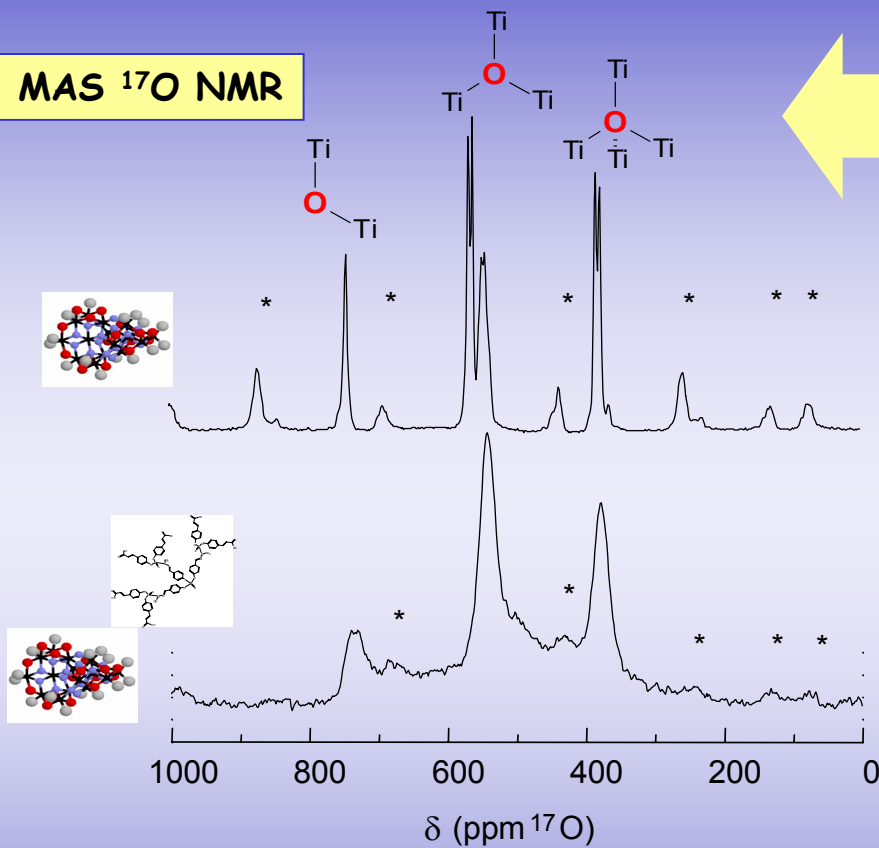
- G1 and G5 Dendrimers
- Controlled size and functions
- Controlled connectivity and symmetry



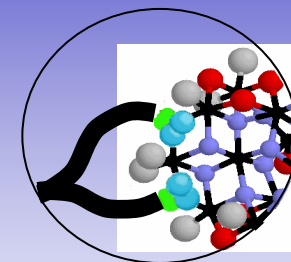
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# Local Structure of the Cluster/Dendrimer Hybrid

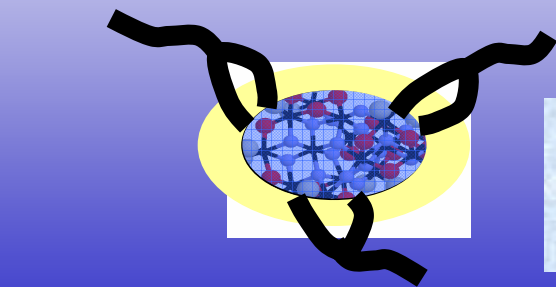
MAS  $^{17}\text{O}$  NMR



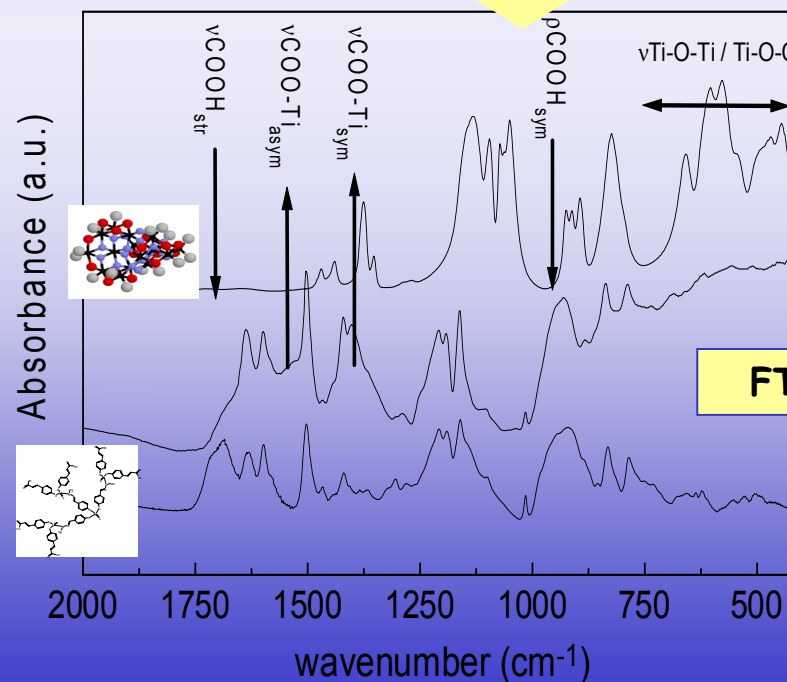
- The Ti-oxo core is conserved
- Substitution limited to hybrid interface



$\Delta\nu = 140 \text{ cm}^{-1}$   
bidentate bridge



Clusters  
connected to  
the  
dendrimer



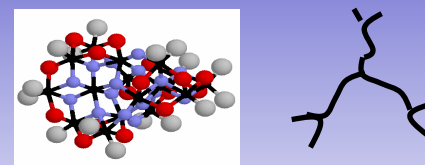
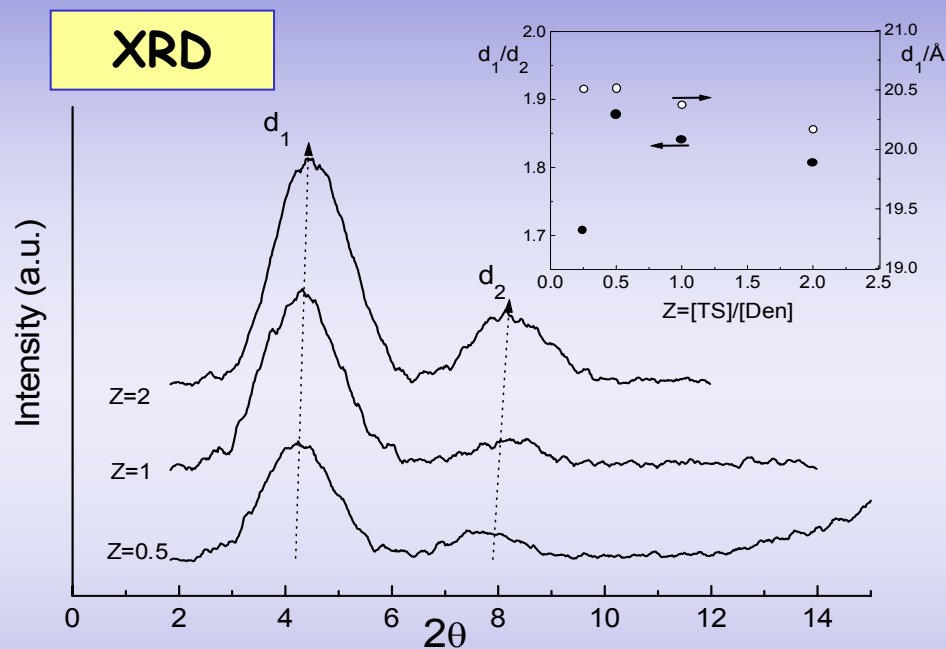
FT-IR



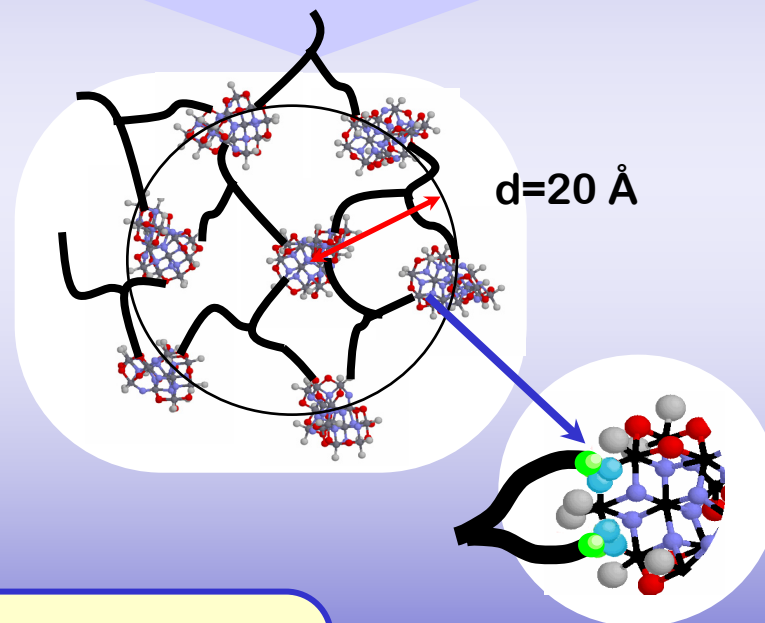
# Mesostructured Cluster Arrays



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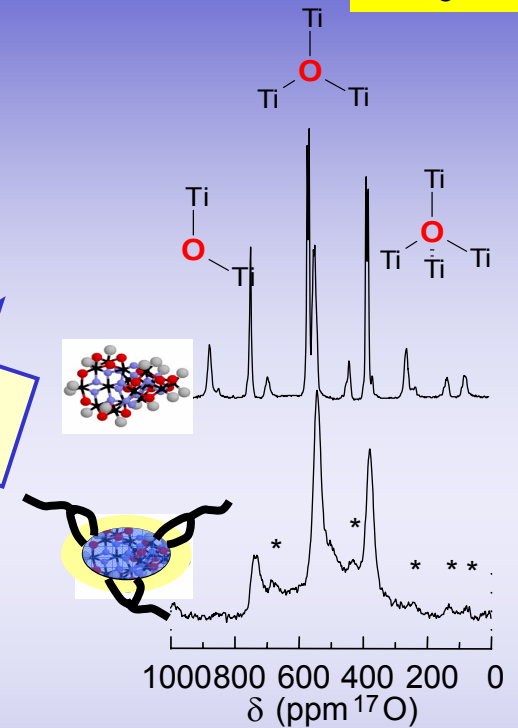
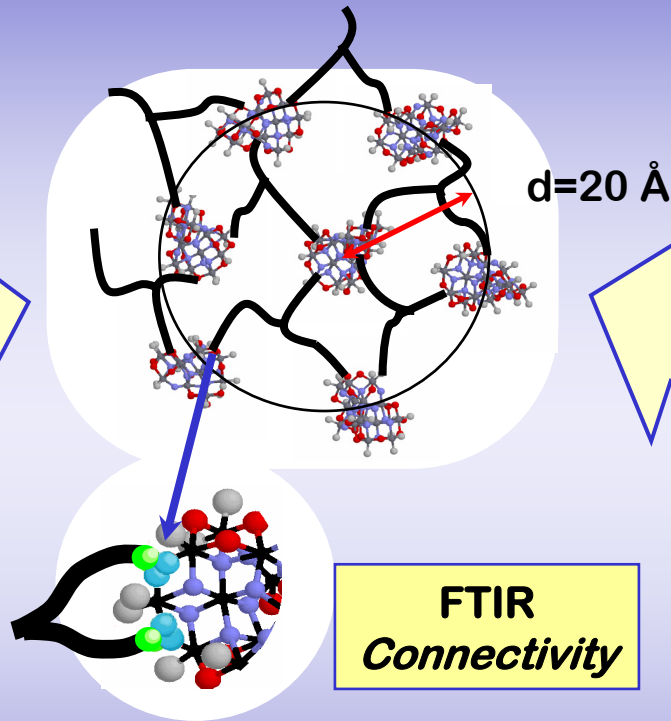
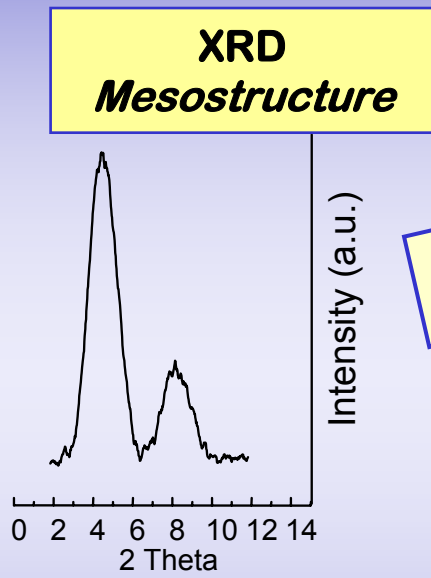
**Mesostructured Hybrid**



- Diffraction at low angles is compatible with periodicity
- 2 nm distance between dense objects (clusters) scales like the folded polymer



# Mesostructured Cluster Arrays



**$^{17}\text{O}$  MAS NMR**  
*Integrity of the brick*

- Simple chemistry - complementary quick reactions
  - Symmetry of the polymer  $\rightarrow$  local order (6-7 nm)
- Interface reactions + viscous media = core protection
- Adaptable to clusters with magnetic or optical properties