



# Manufacturing of Polymeric Nanomaterials for Biomedical applications

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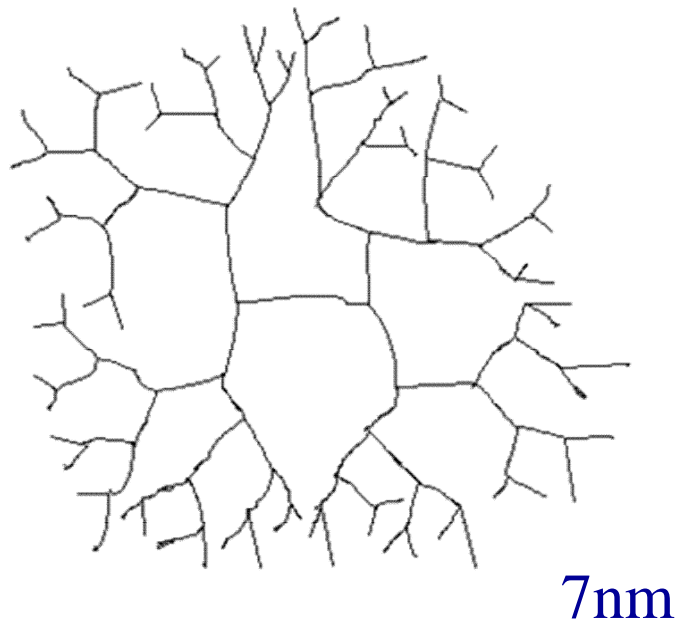
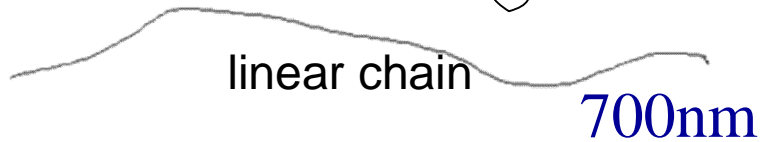
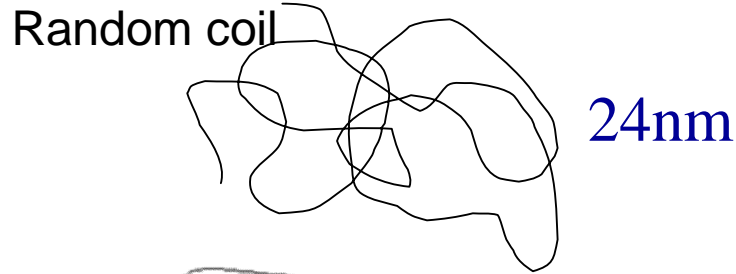
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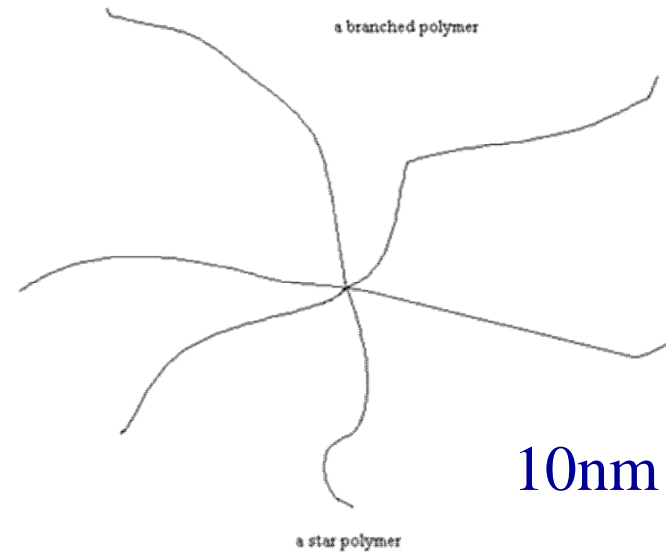
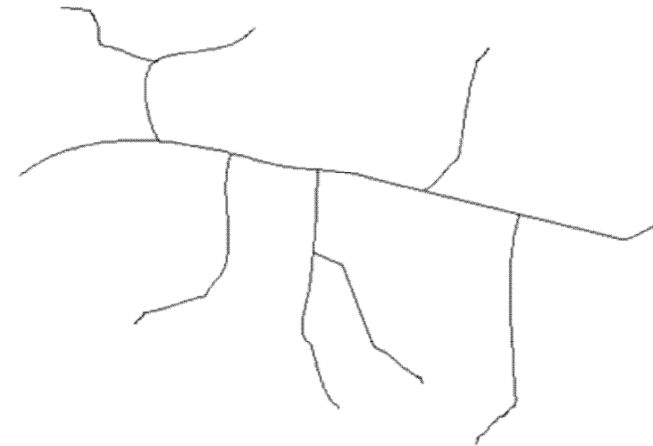
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# Architecture - Size @ 100KD

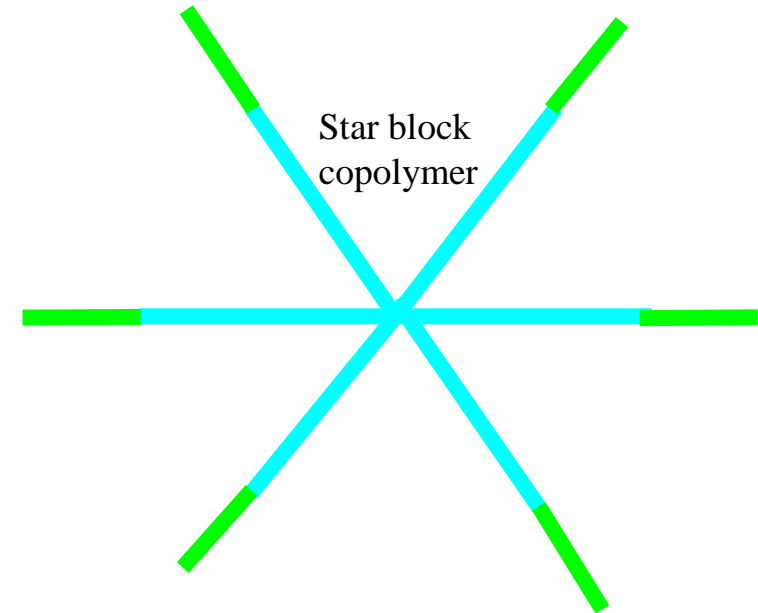
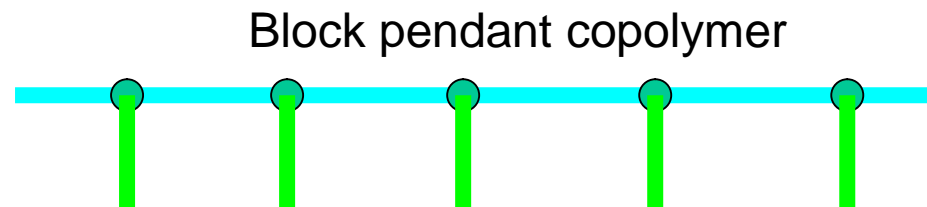
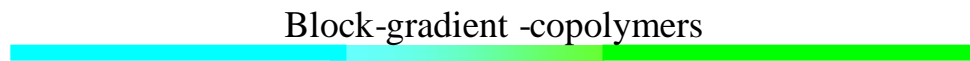
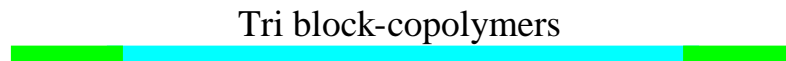


G5 dendrimer





# Block copolymer architecture

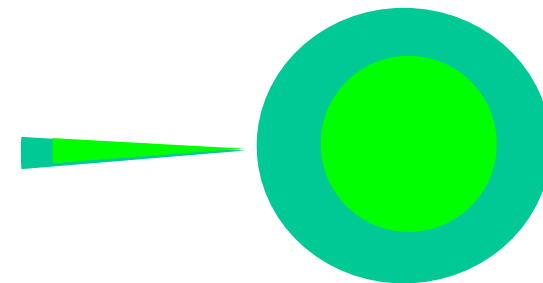
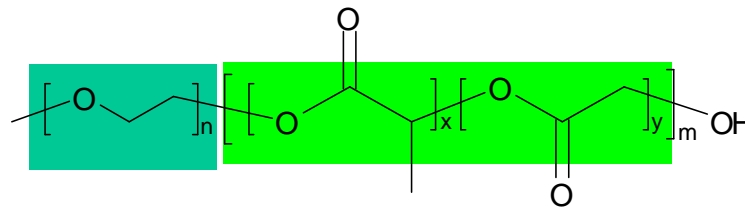




## Why are polymer well suited for nanoscale manufacturing ?



- Assume a block copolymer PEG-PGLA 55K-b-45K
  - Random coil size =  $R_g = l(n_a)^{0.5}$  with  $l=0.2\text{nm}$
  - Density of PGLA =  $1.1\text{ g/cm}^3$
- PGLA assembled in a 10nm “dry” core
- Number of chains/particle,  $n = \pi D^3/6 * \rho / m.A$
- $N = 3.14 * (10E-7)^3 / 6 * 1.1 / 45000 * 6.02E23 = 8$  chains
- $R_g = l(n_a)^{0.5} = 0.2 * ((55000)/44)^{0.5} = 0.2 * (1250)^{0.5} = 7\text{nm}$
- $D = 10 + 7 * 2 = 24\text{nm}$

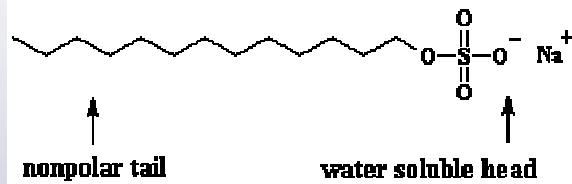




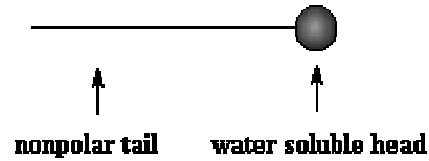
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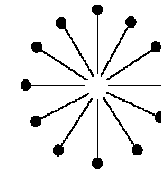
# Emulsion Polymerization : soap opera



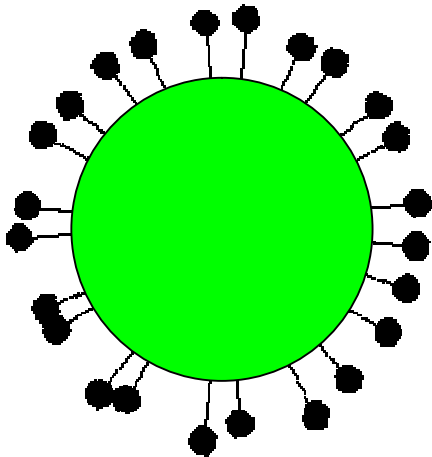
Sodium Lauryl Sulfate



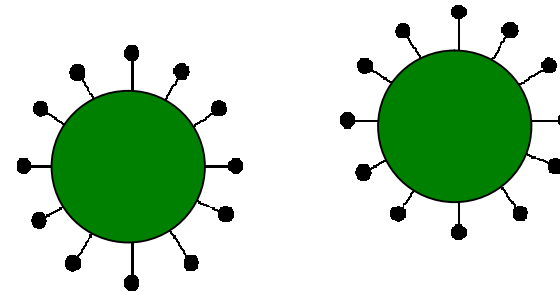
Lazy chemist's representation of Sodium Lauryl Sulfate



Micelle:5nm



Stabilized Monomer droplet:5-50 $\mu$ m ygd1



Stabilized Polymeric Particle: 50-500nm

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**ygd1**

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# Miniemulsion Polymerization



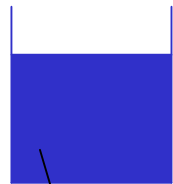
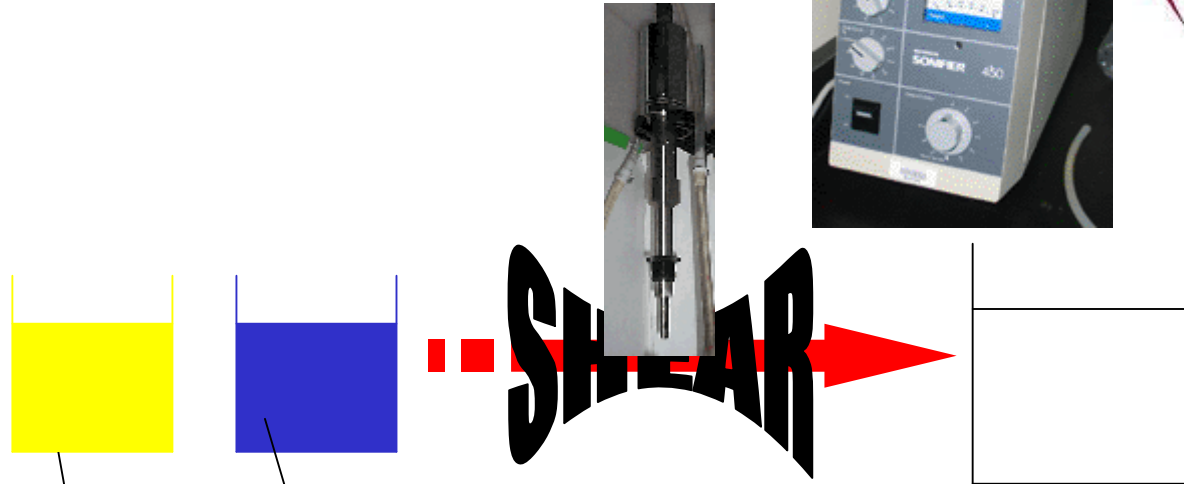
- Create a meta-stable emulsion of the monomer(s).
- Use 2 key elements :
  - High shear source to break large droplets
    - Sonicator
    - Microfluidizer
    - Homogeneizer
  - Use a water insoluble molecule to stabilize the particle
    - Sometimes called cosurfactant (misleading)
    - Hexadecane, Eicosane, polymer, macromonomer, macroinitiator, CTA, ...



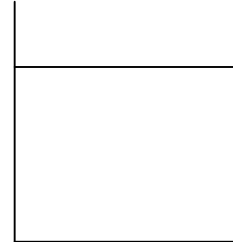




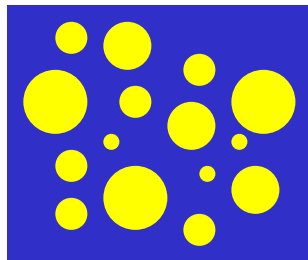
# Miniemulsion stability



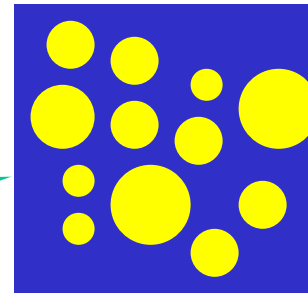
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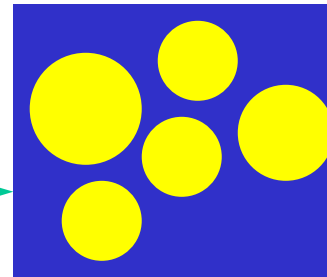
Water  
Surfactant(s)  
Monomer(s)  
Stabilizer



No stabilizer



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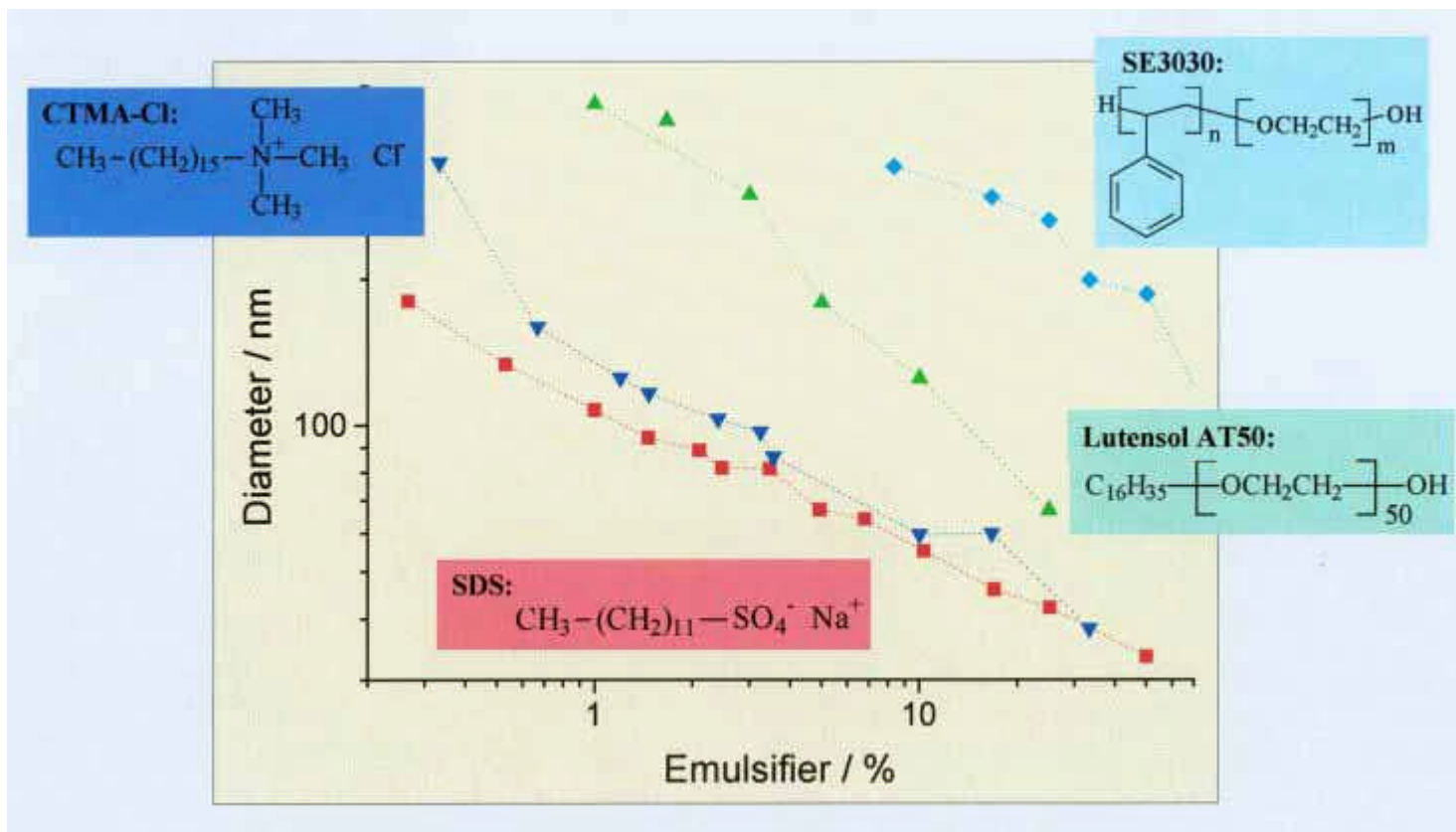


~~With stabilizer~~

**Oswald Ripening**



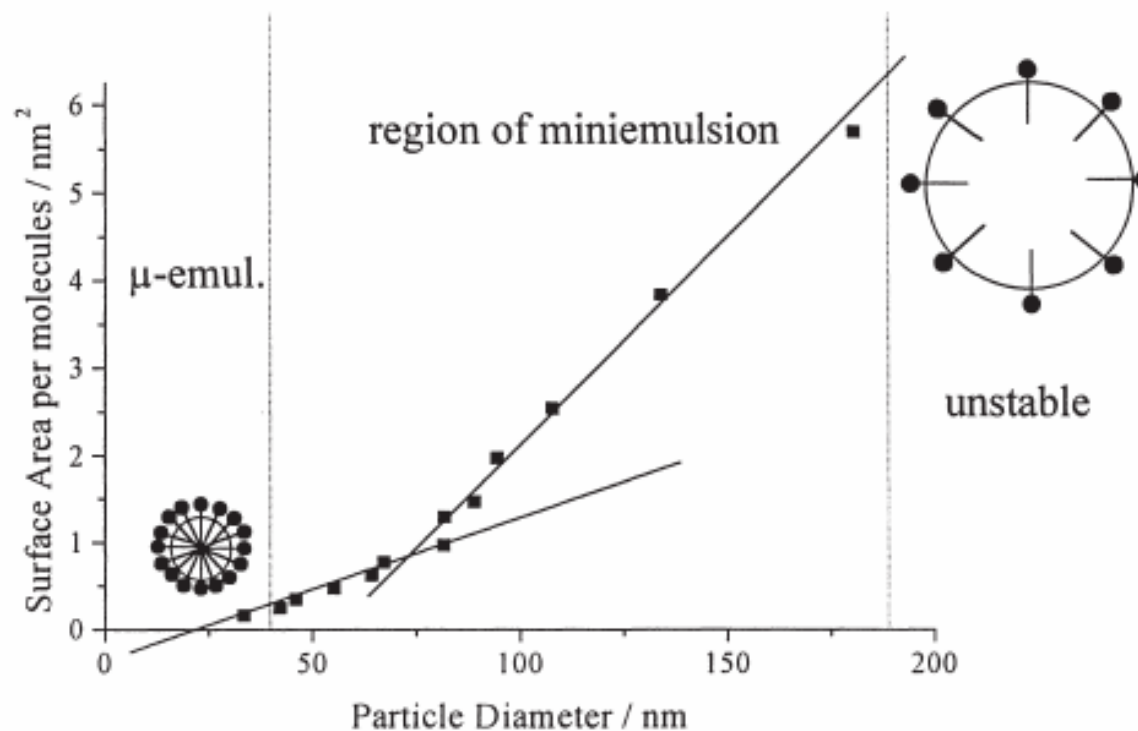
# Particle size control



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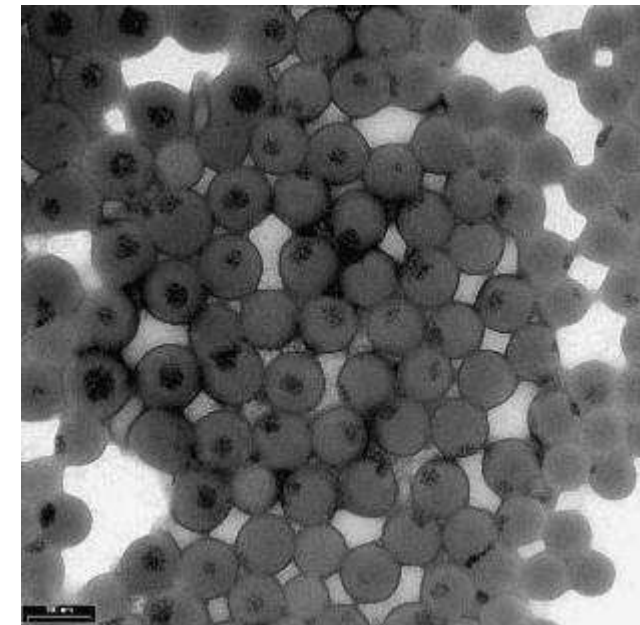
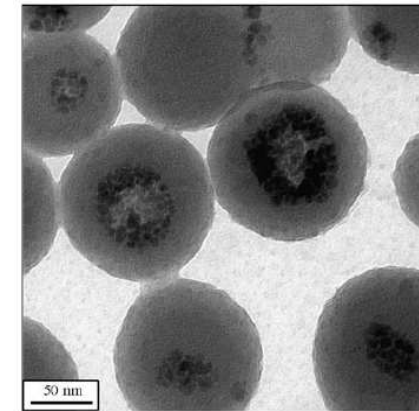
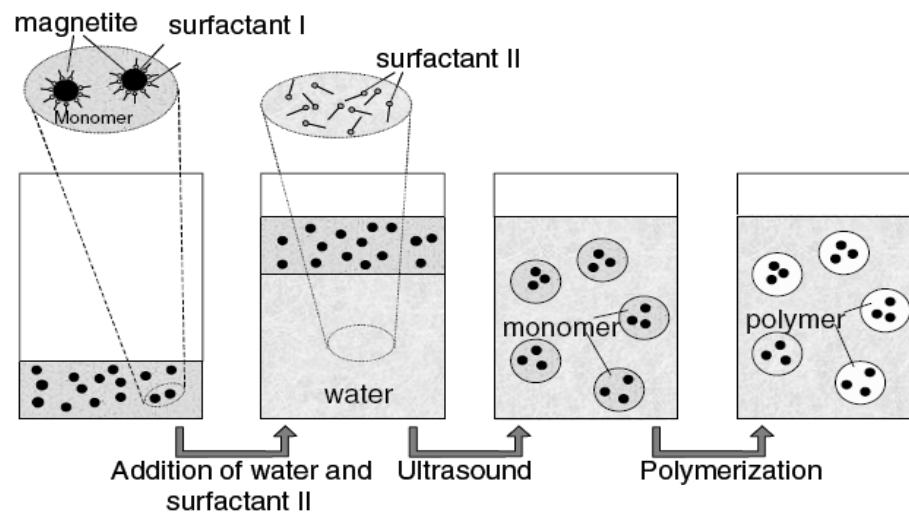
# Mini to micro emulsion



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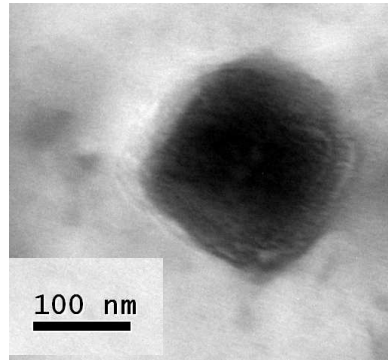


# Encapsulation of magnetite in polymer particles by miniemulsion



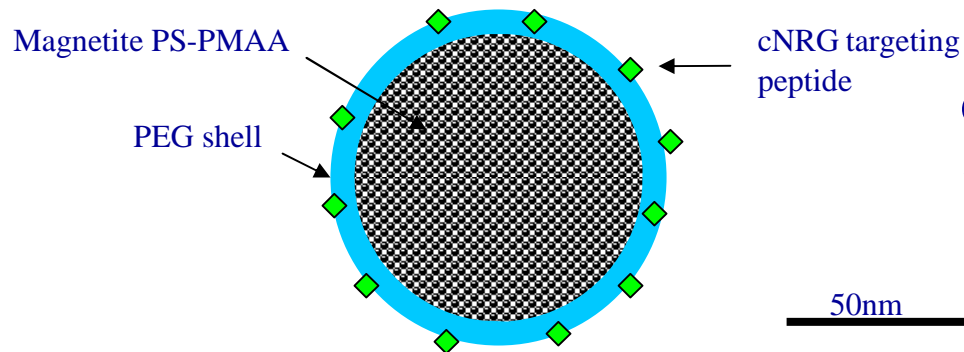
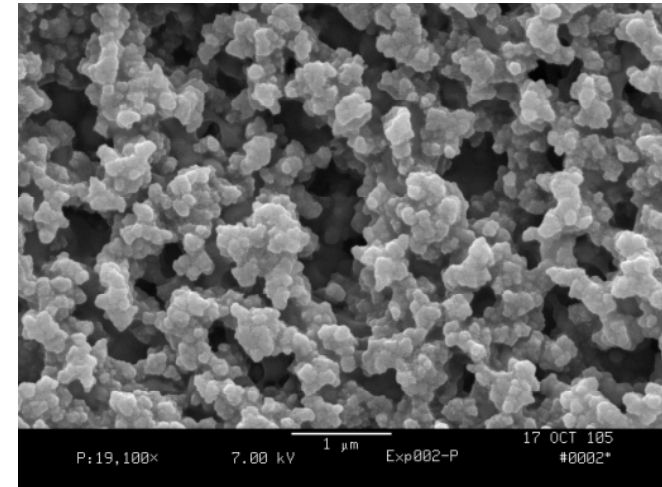


# Magnetite encapsulation



TEM

SEM

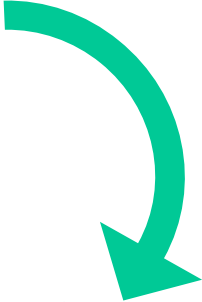


cNRG targets CD13 –  
tracer of angiogenesis

**Magnetic nanoparticles functionalized with cNRG for atherosclerotic plaque diagnostic.**

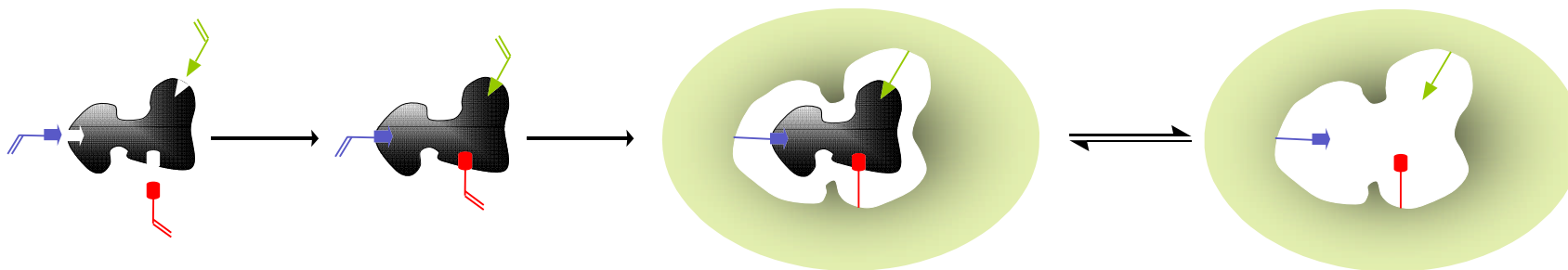




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## Molecularly Imprinted Polymers



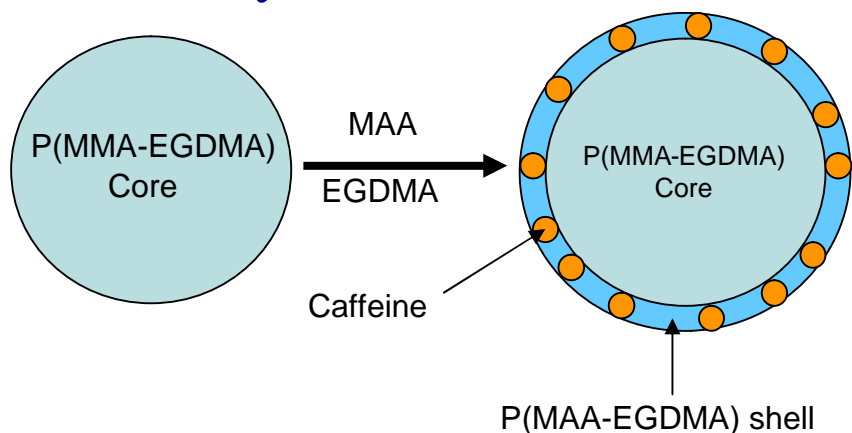
1. Selection of template molecule and functional monomers
2. Self-assembly of template molecule and functional monomers
3. Polymerization
4. Analyte Extraction



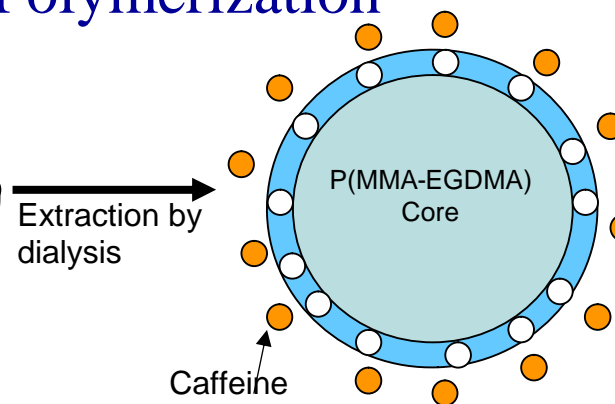
# SINP : Surface Imprinted NanoParticle



## 1<sup>st</sup> stage Miniemulsion Polymerization



## 2<sup>nd</sup> stage Emulsion Polymerization



### MJB-20: miniemulsion seed

Organic phase = 23% : MMA 85.5%, EGDMA 9.5%, Hexadecane 5%,

Water phase = 77% : Water 99%, SDS 0.6%, KPS 0.025%, NP-50 0.39%

Prepare the two phases, mix them together, magnetically stir them for 15 minutes, then, sonicate the resulting emulsion for 2 minutes (90%, 9) in ice.

SCexp = 22.25%, Conversion = 98.96%,

Size = Malvern Nanosizer: Dz = 107.1 nm, Dv = 111.9 nm

### MJB-21: 2nd stage imprinting

Water 57.74%

MJB20 (wet) 33.44%

NaHCO<sub>3</sub> 0.042%

KPS 0.047%

Caffeine 5.78%

EGDMA 2.63%

MAA 0.31%

Water, MJB-21, NaHCO<sub>3</sub>, were mixed and heated at 80C.

When at temperature, add caffeine and start degassing. After 15 minutes, add KPS and start feeding with egdma+maa.

Dilute with 250g of hot water (336%) while stirring.

SCexp = 2.635% (dilution) Conversion = 57.86%

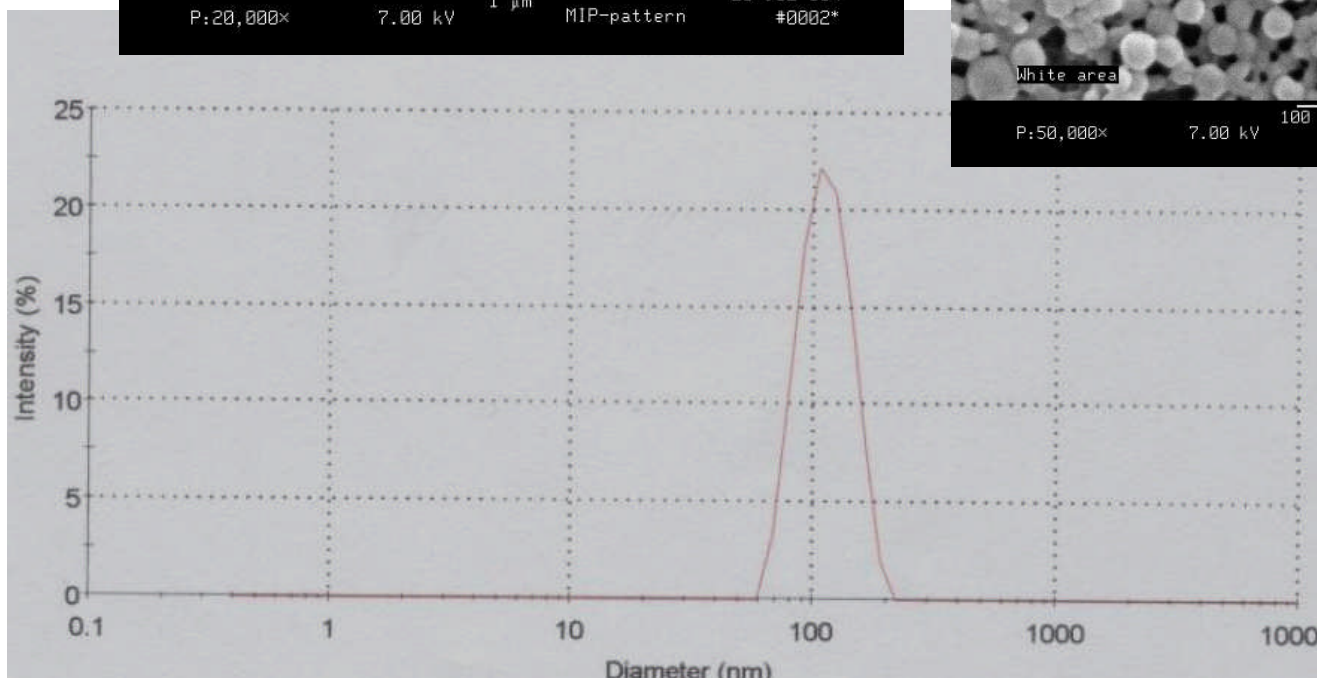
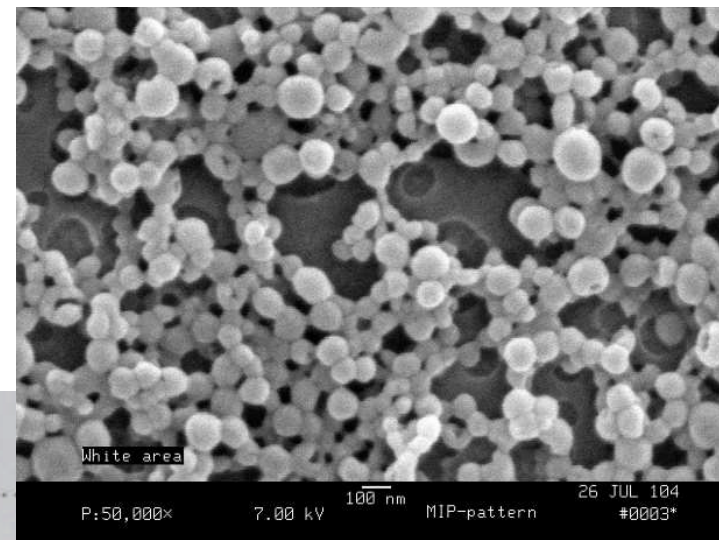
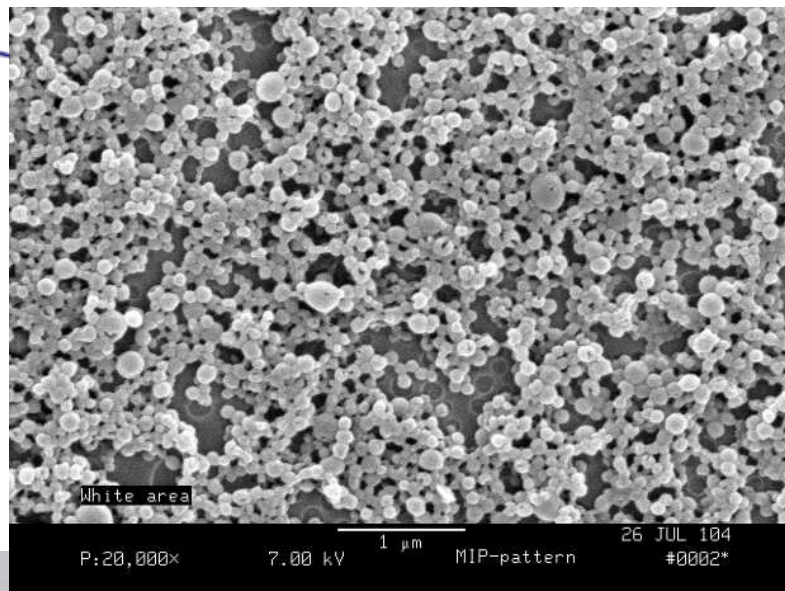
Size = Malvern nanosizer Dz= 108.4 nm, Dv = 114.2nm

Brookhaven 90+: Dz = 104.9 nm, Effective Dv = 105.2 nm





# SEM+DLS of SNIP



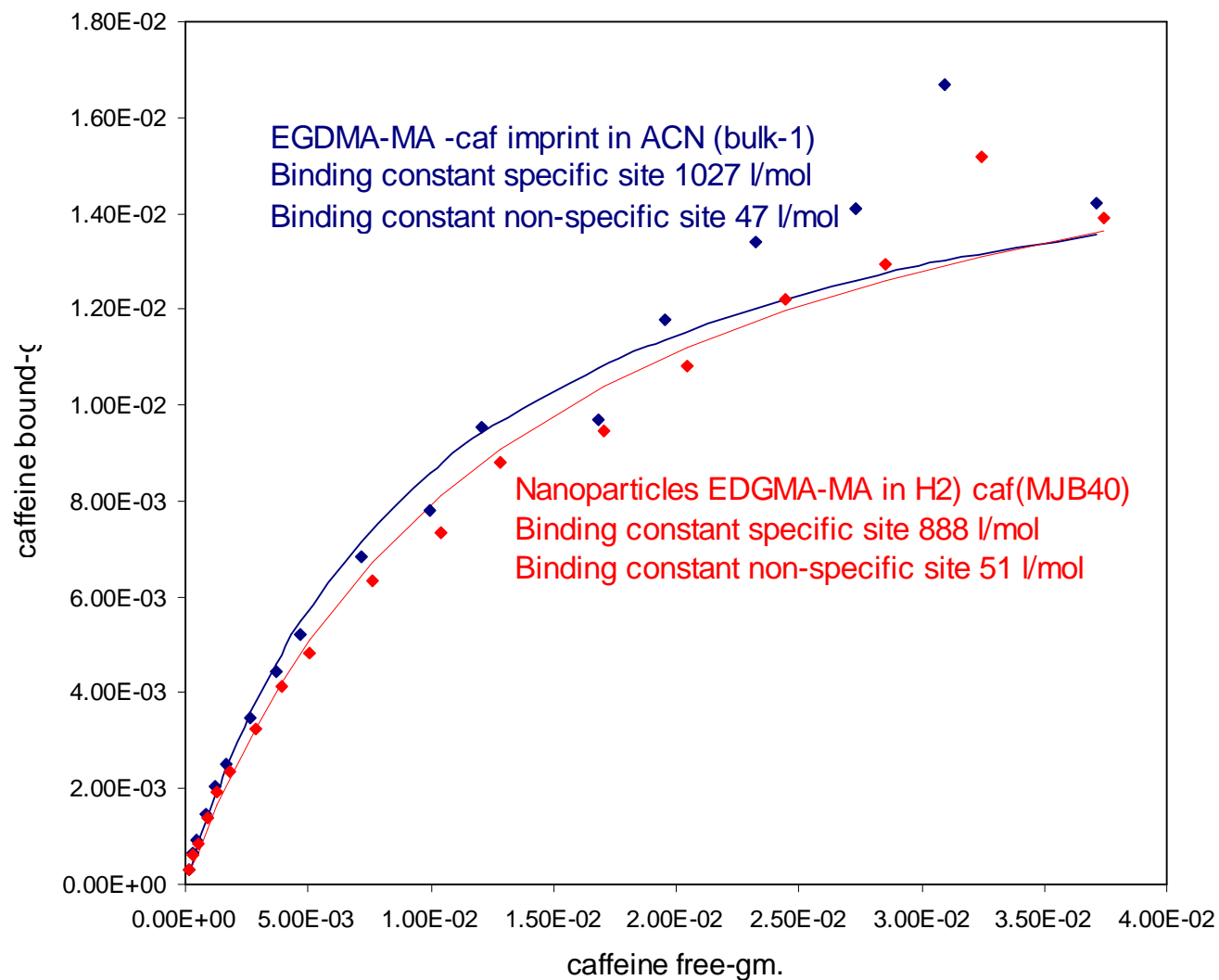
# MJB21



# Adsorption studies by HPLC



Caffeine adsorption isotherm

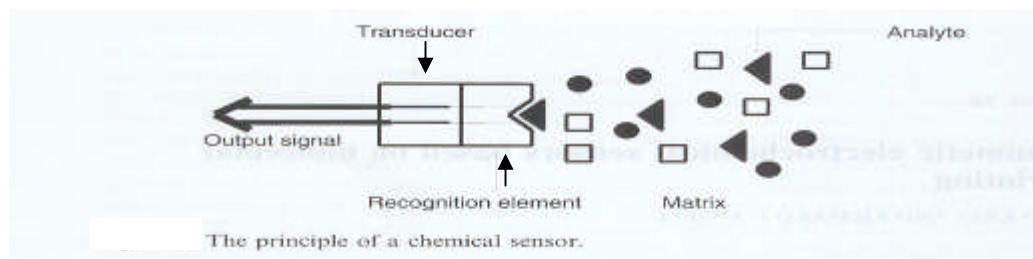




## Biomimetic electrochemical sensors based on molecular imprinting



- A chemical sensor selectively recognizes a target analyte molecule in a complex matrix and gives an output signal which correlates with the concentration of the analyte.



**The transducer:** When the analyte interacts with the recognition element of a sensor, there is a change in one or more physicochemical parameters associated with the interaction. Transducer convert these parameters into an electrical output signal than can be amplified, processed and displayed in a suitable form.

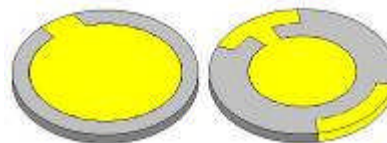
⇒ Molecular imprinting use as sensing materials

**Advantage:** cheap, stable and robust under a wide range of conditions including pH, humidity and temperature

**Problem:** Signal transduction is so low that it seem to be environmental artifacts.  
Due to the insulating nature of the polymer constituting the MIP

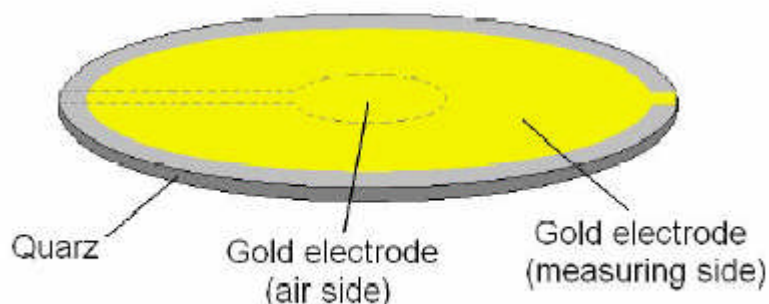


# QCM



- A QCM consists of a thin quartz disc sandwiched between a pair of electrodes. Due to the piezoelectric properties of quartz, it is possible to excite the crystal to oscillation by applying an AC voltage across its electrodes.

## Quartz crystal - The heart of the QCM



$$\Delta f = -f_u^{2/3} [(\rho_L \eta_L) / (\pi \times (\rho_q \mu_q))]^{1/2}, \text{ where}$$

$\Delta f$  = measured frequency shift,

$f_u$  = resonant frequency of the unloaded crystal,

$\rho_L$  = density of liquid in contact with the crystal,

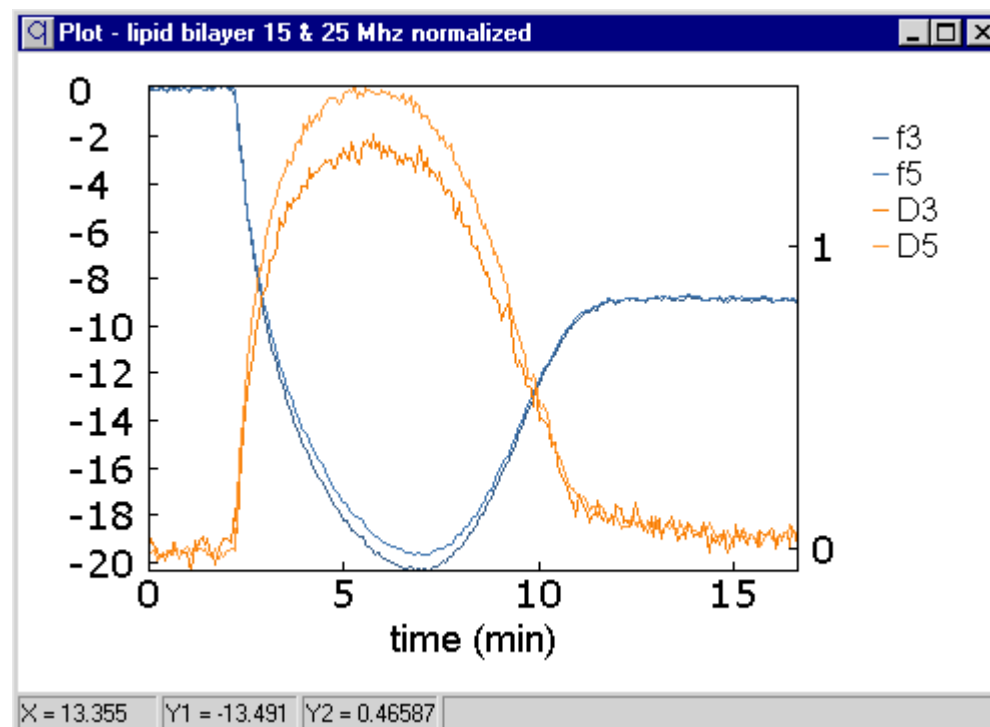
$\eta_L$  = viscosity of liquid in contact with the crystal,

$\rho_q$  = density of quartz, 2.648 g/cm<sup>3</sup>,

$\mu_q$  = shear modulus of quartz, 2.947 × 10<sup>11</sup> g/cm × s<sup>2</sup>.

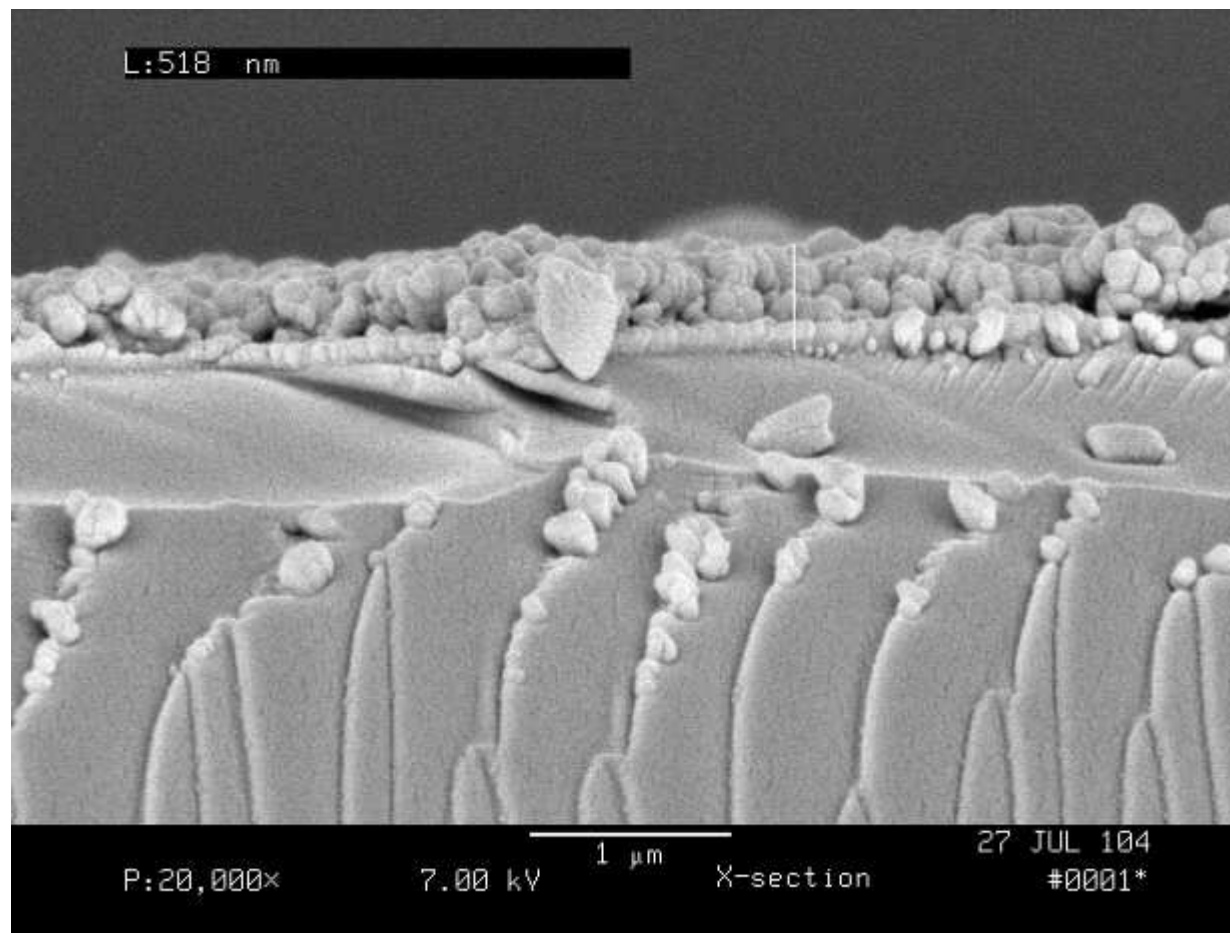


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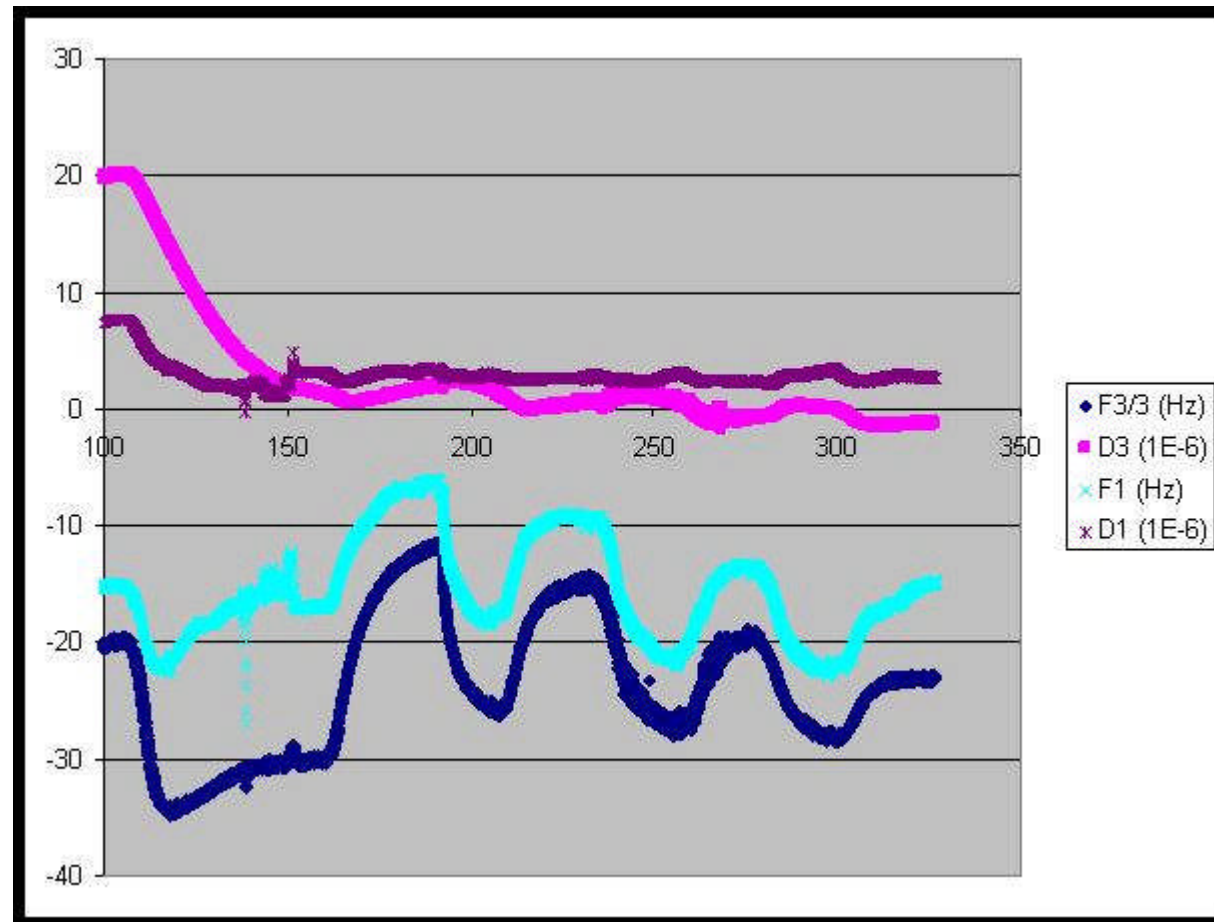


# Coated QCM sensor Fracture SEM





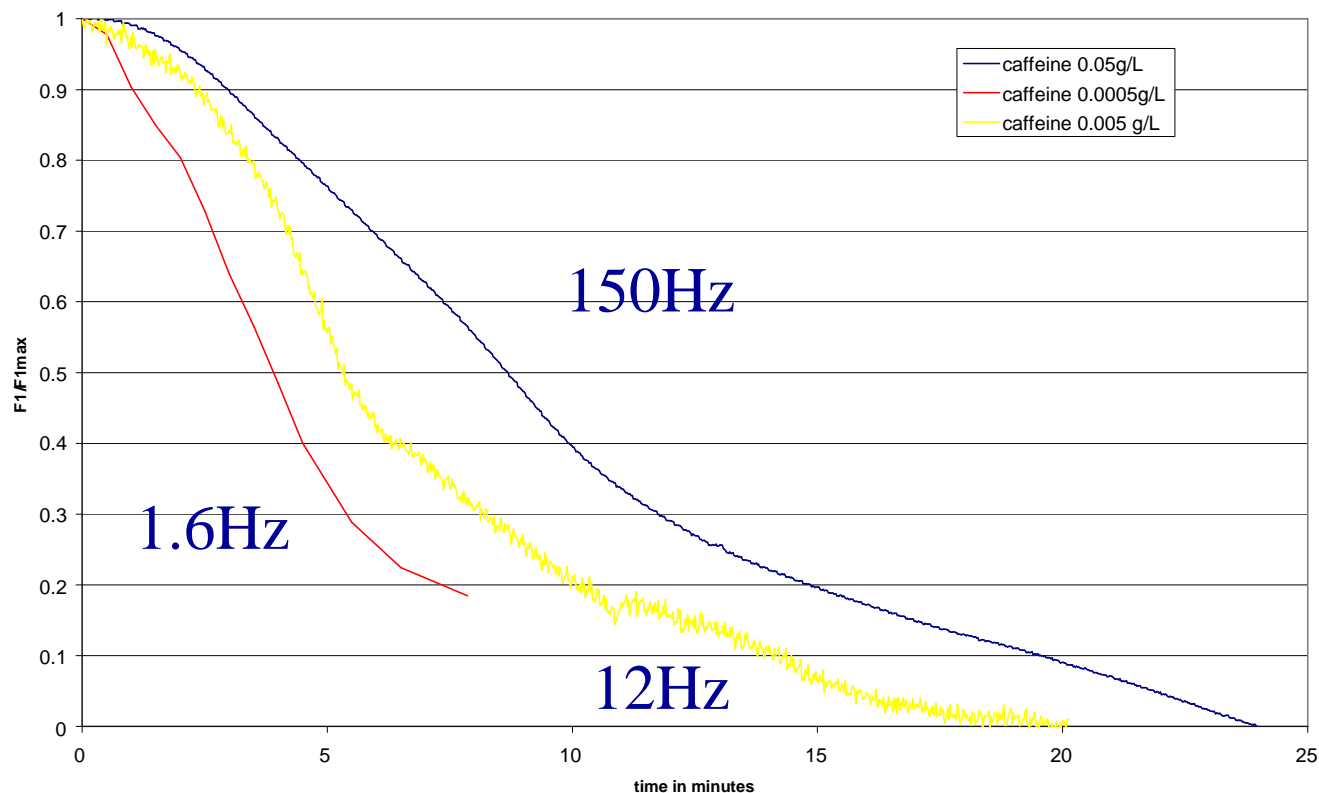
# Raw data





# QCM results

Adsorption of caffeine at different caffeine solution concentrations



With the Langmuir equation the quantity adsorbed can be calculated for the caffeine MIP at a concentration of 0.0005g/L. This value is found to be equal to  $7.3 \times 10^{-6}$ g of caffeine per gram of MIP. The mass of MIP on the crystal is equal to  $4 \times 10^{-5}$ g. With these two values, the minimum amount detected in this experiment was equal to 0.3nanogram.

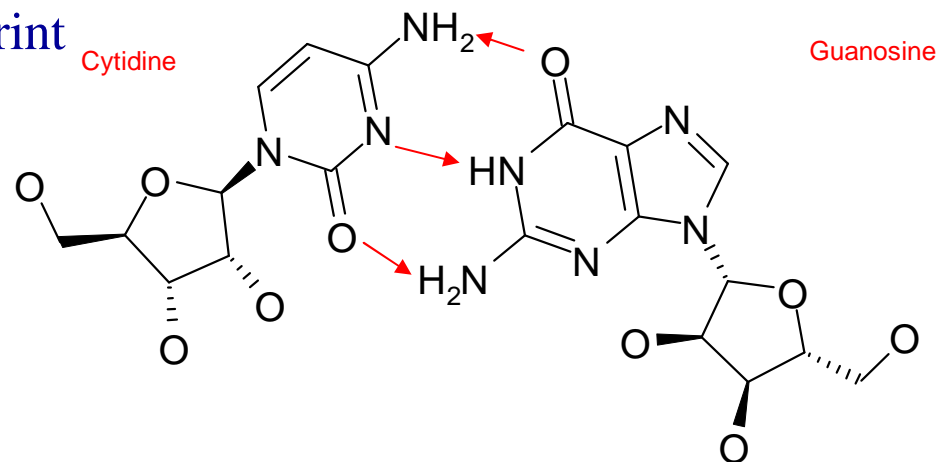




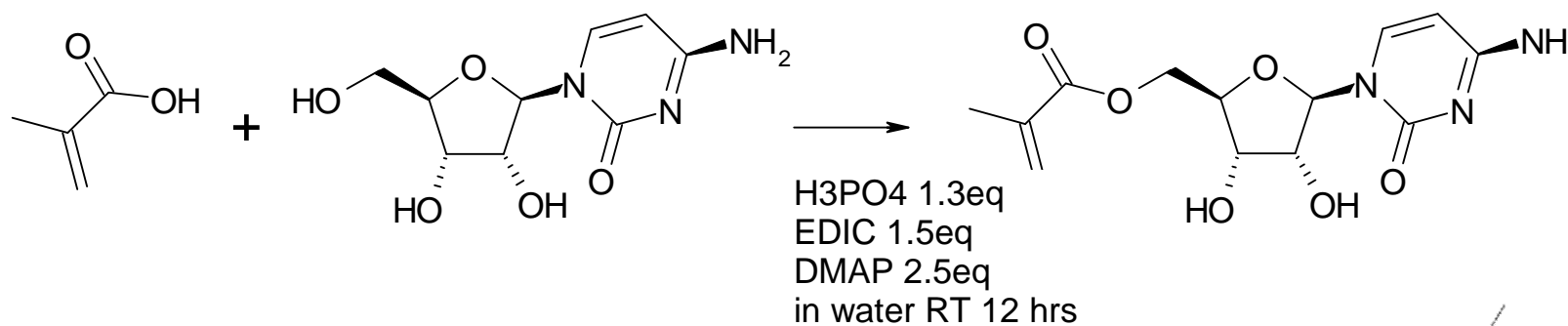
# Guanosine Recognition



- Perfect complement to imprint  
guanosine is cytidine

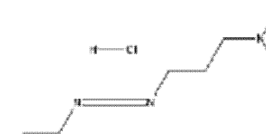


- Modified cytidine monomer



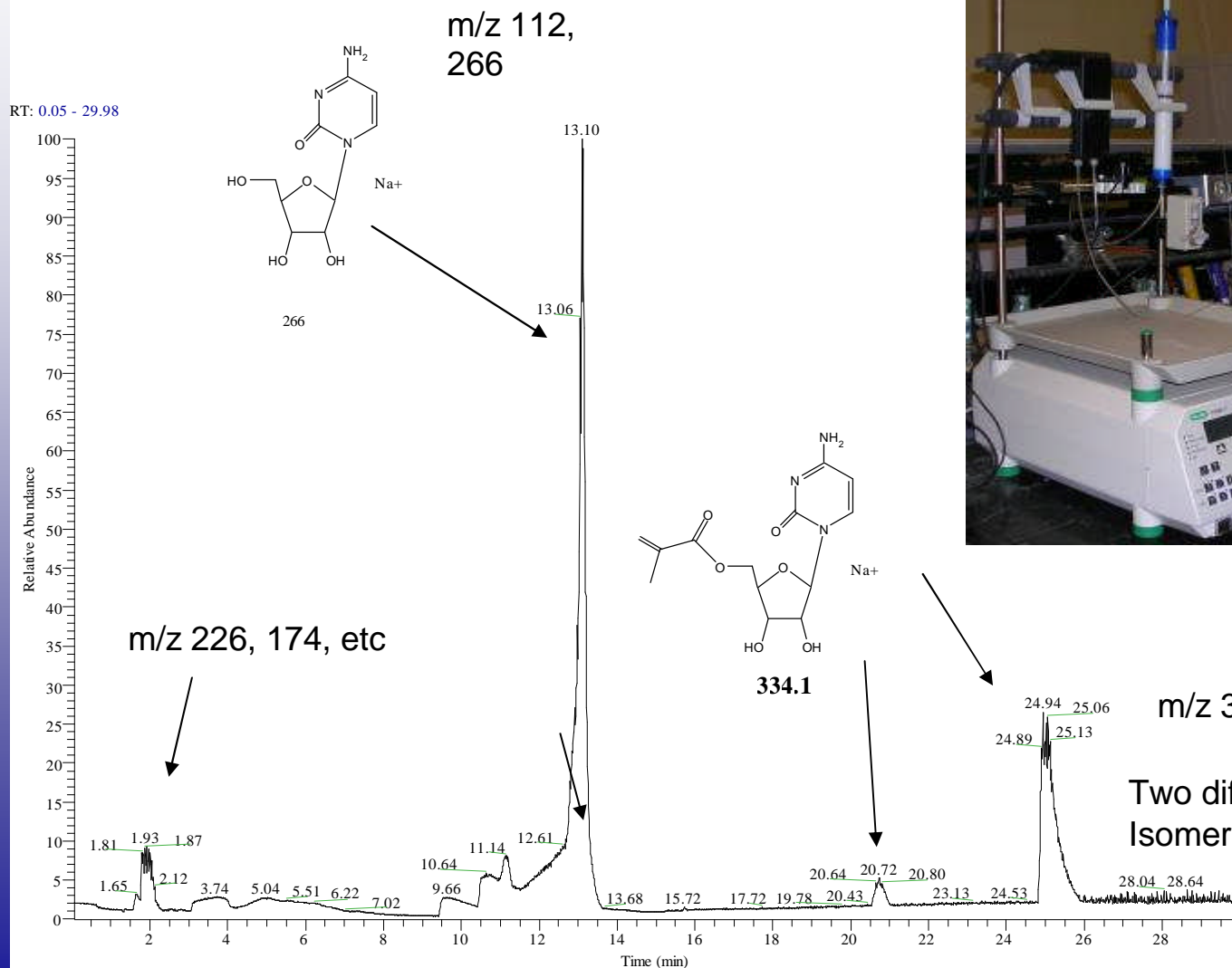
EDCI: 1-(3-Dimethylaminopropyl)-3-ethylcarbodiimide hydrochloride

DAMP: 4-dimethylaminopyridine





# LC/MS Base peak chromatogram

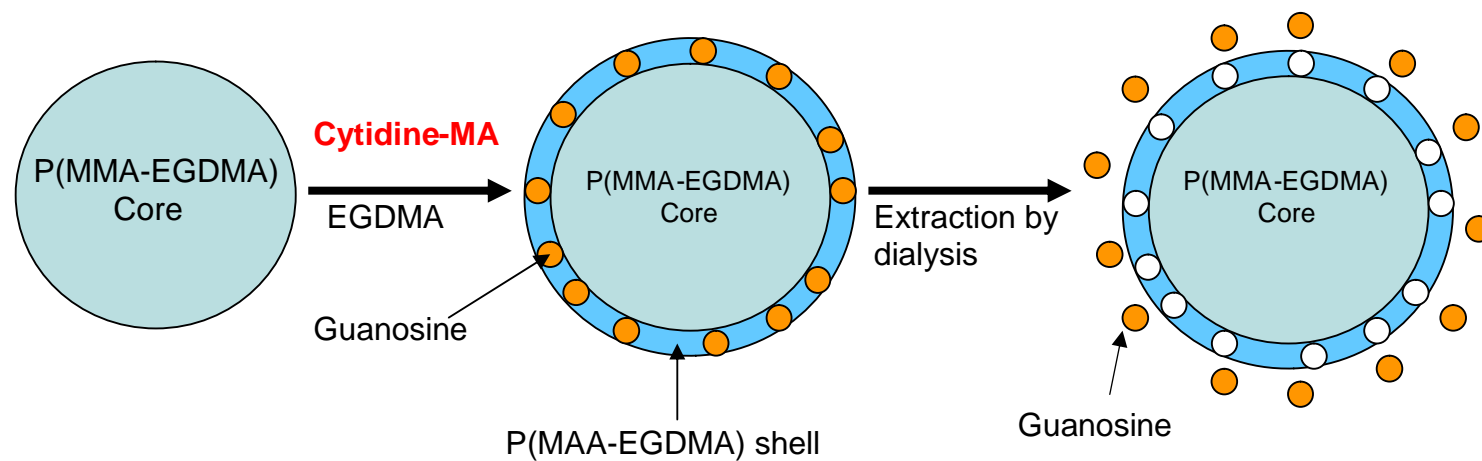




# SINP : Guanosine detection

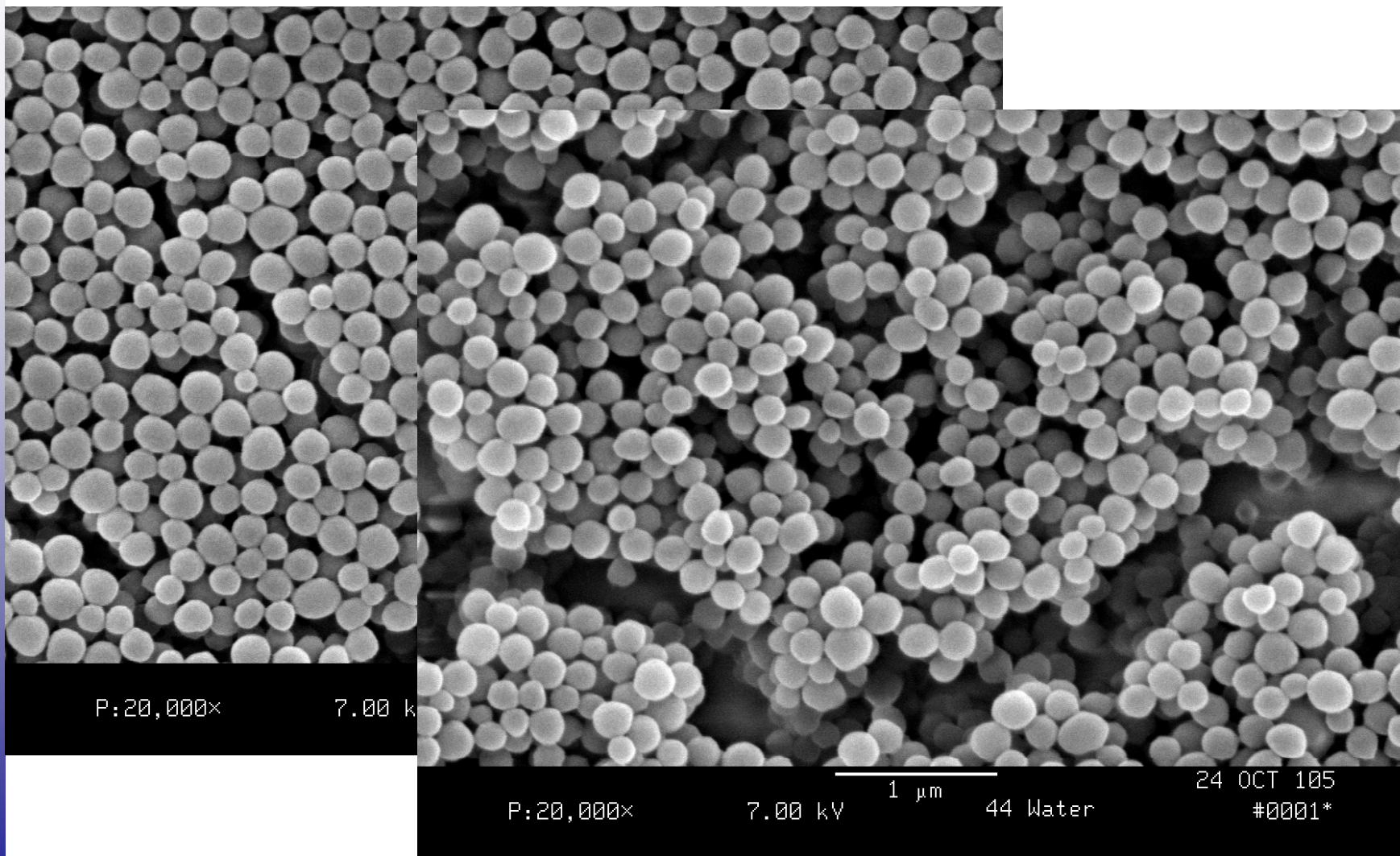
1<sup>st</sup> stage  
Precipitation  
Polymerization

2<sup>nd</sup> stage  
Emulsion  
Polymerization





# Precipitation Polymerization in ACN

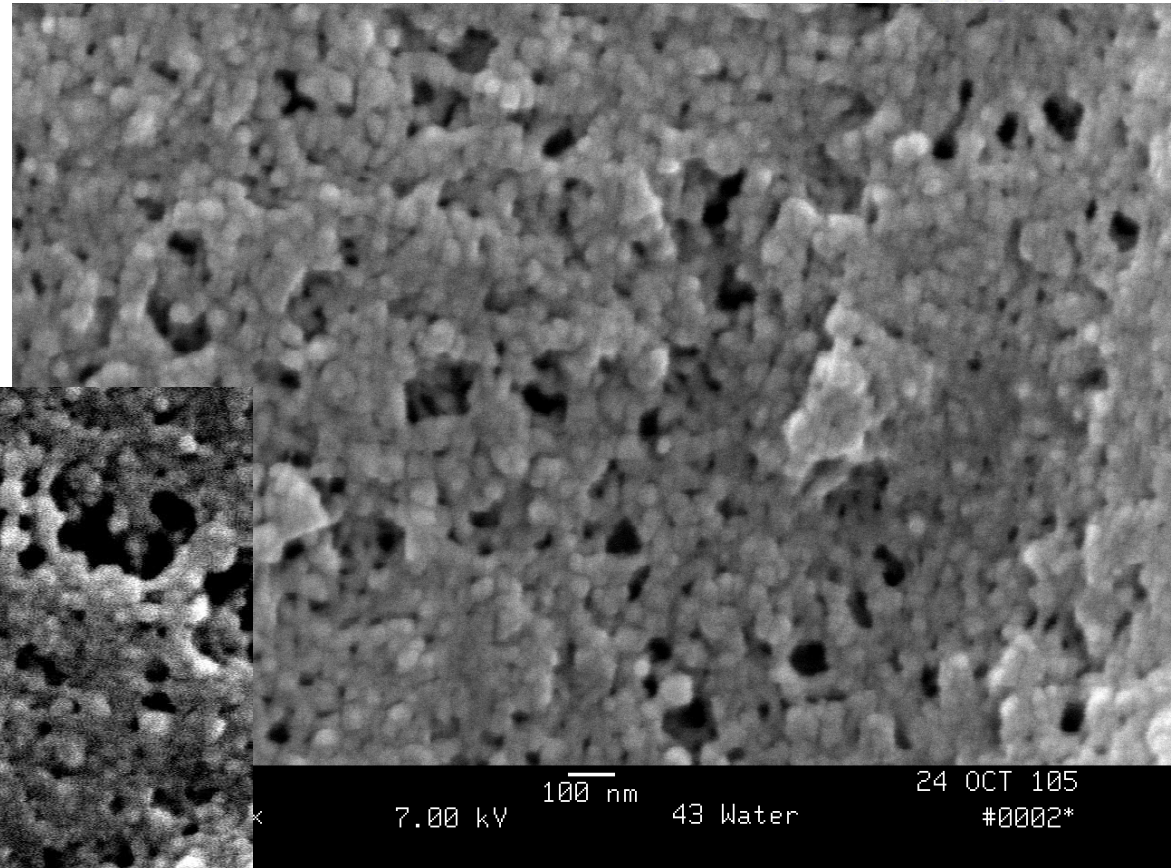
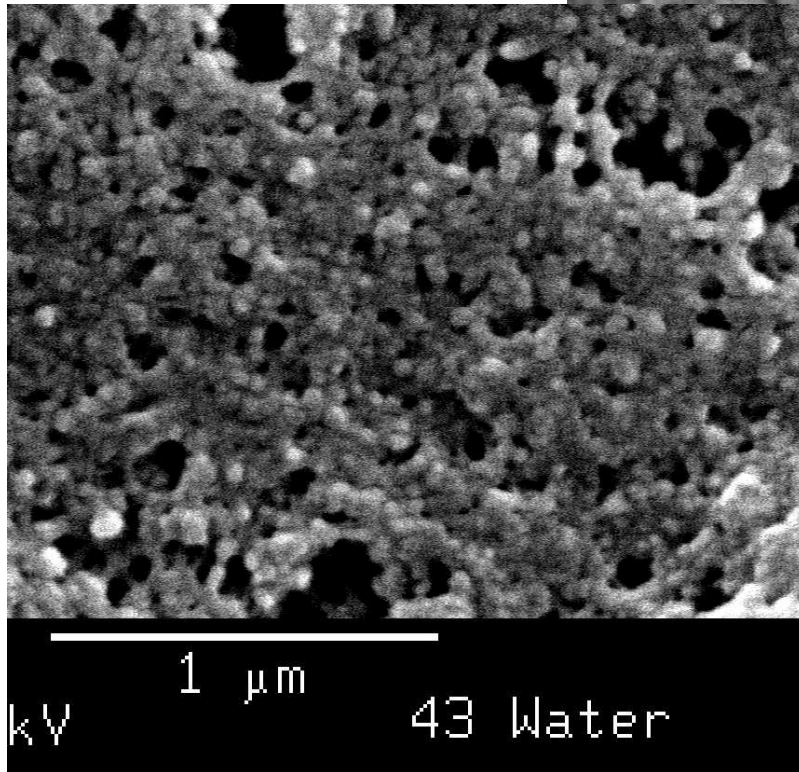




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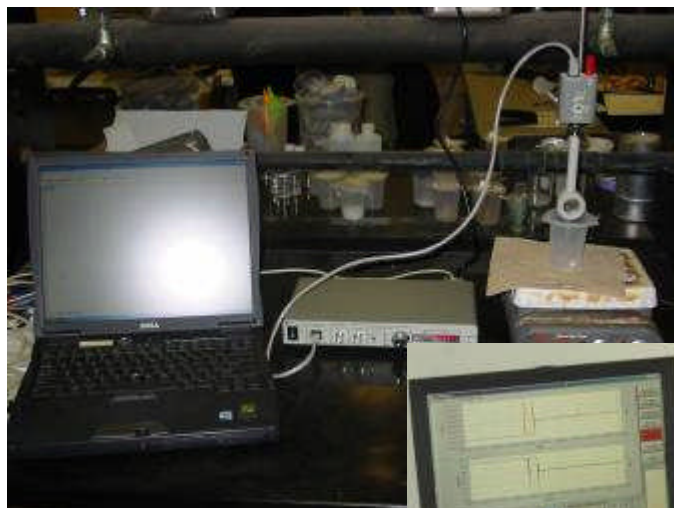
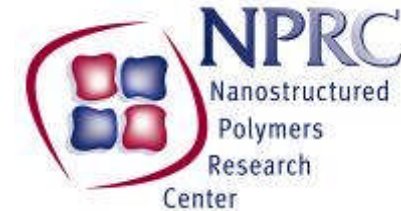


- Smaller...
- 20nm
- Higher sensitivity



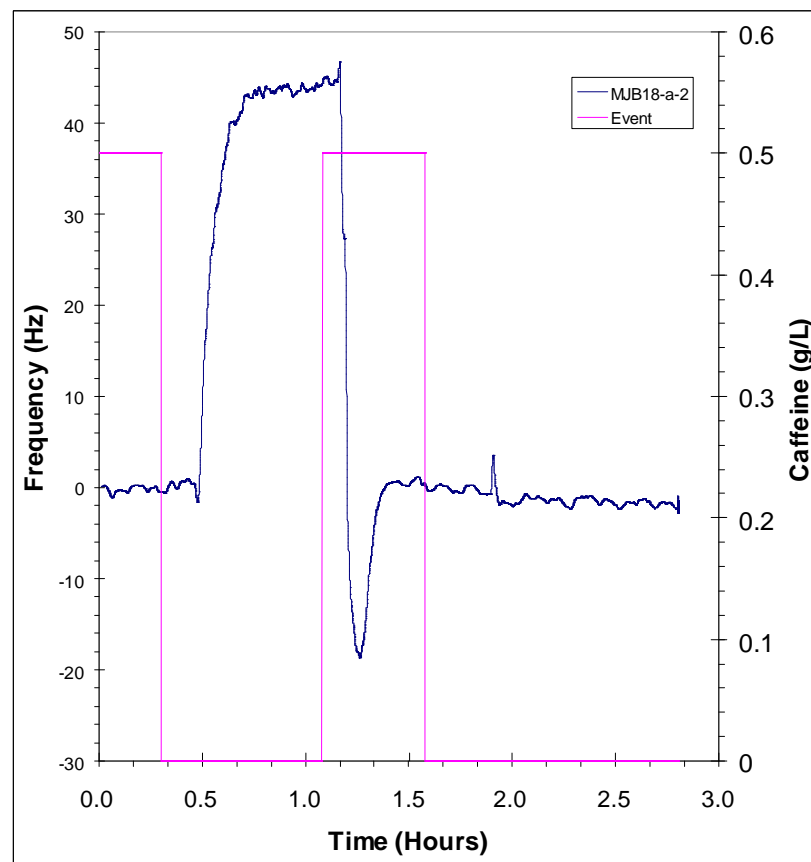
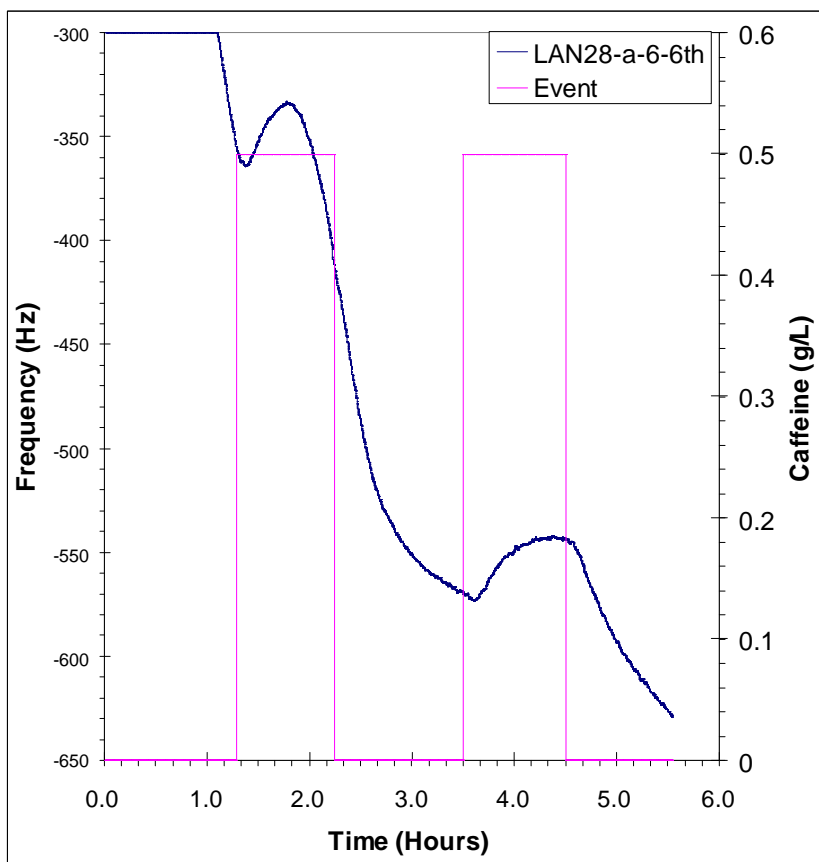


# Low cost QCM





# QCM200



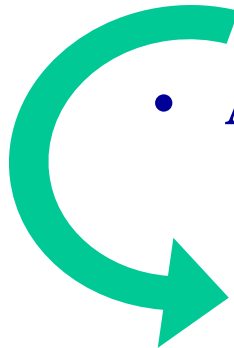


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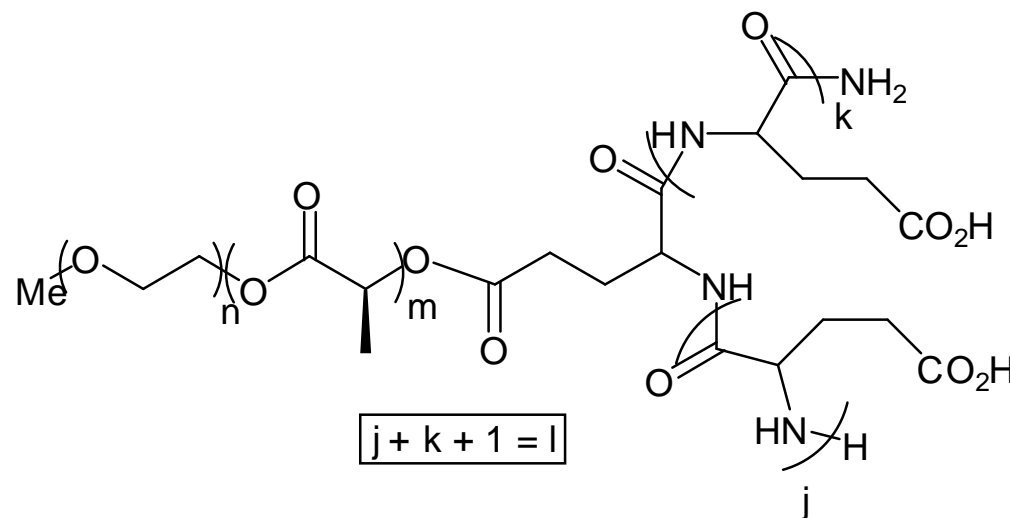
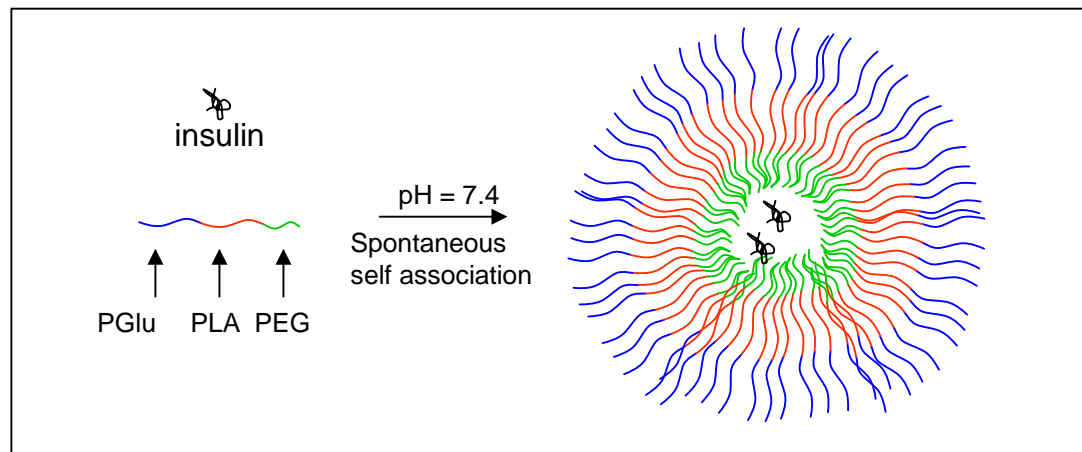
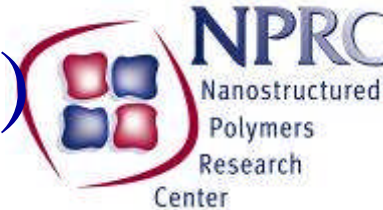
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# Self assembly (Claverie)

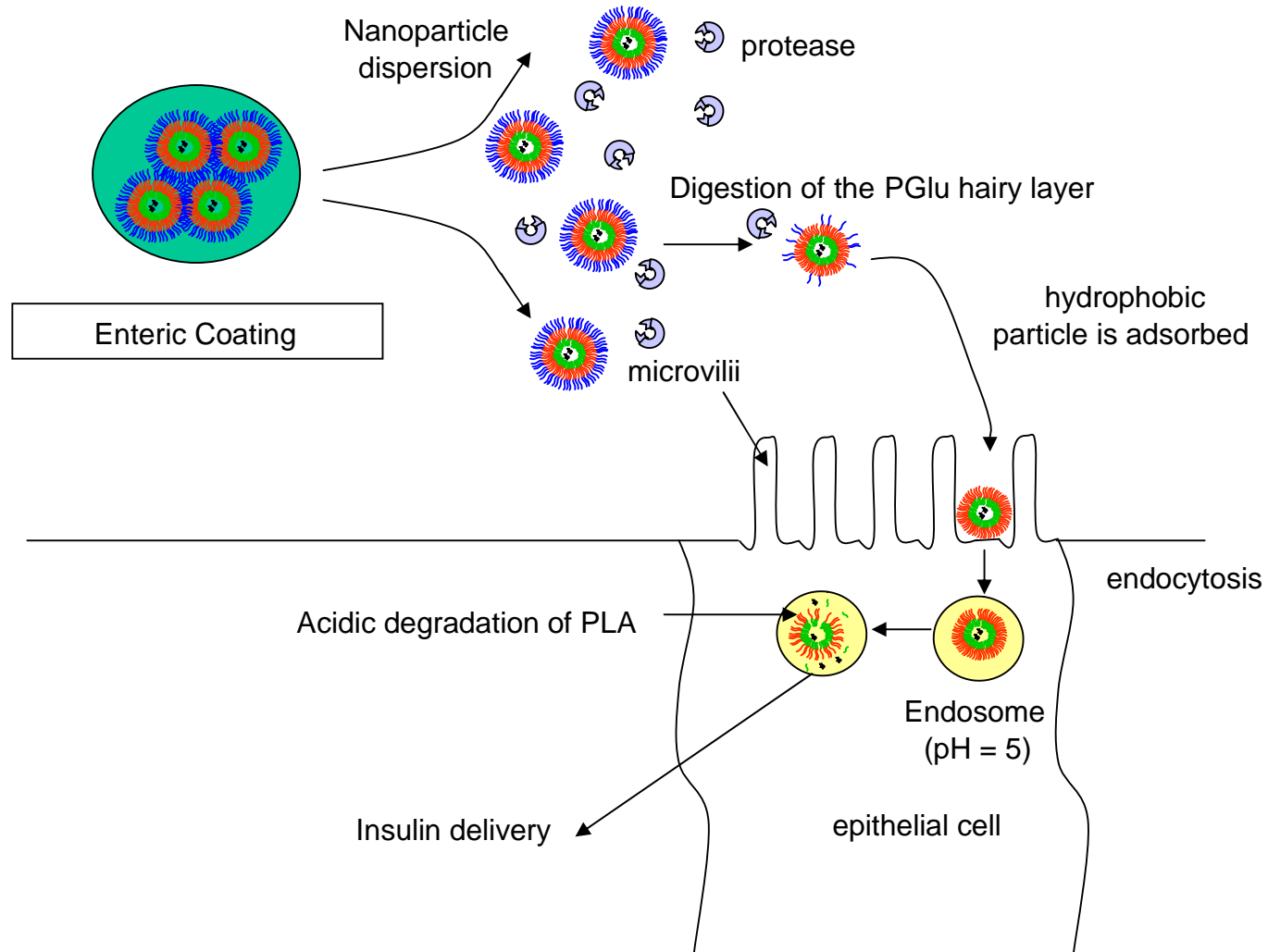




# Parental delivery of insulin



Small Intestine





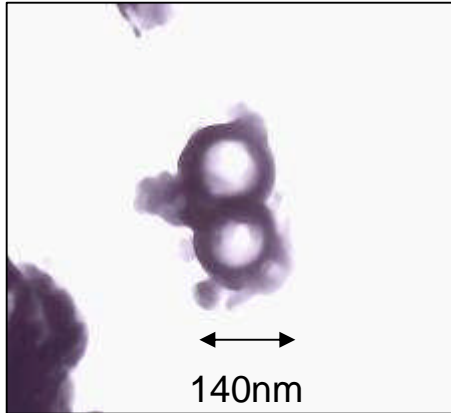
# Properties of the vesicles



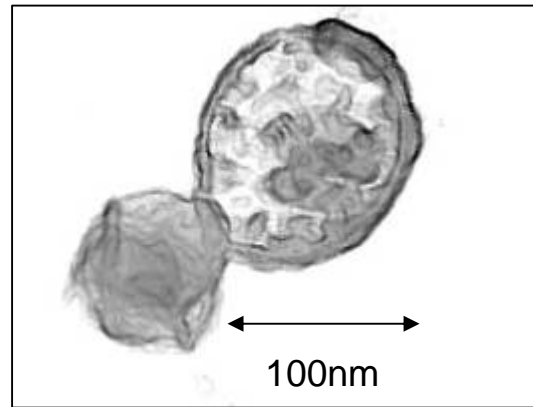
- White / translucent liquid (nanosize)
- Does not contain any solid in suspension
- Has the viscosity of water



# Electronic Microscopy

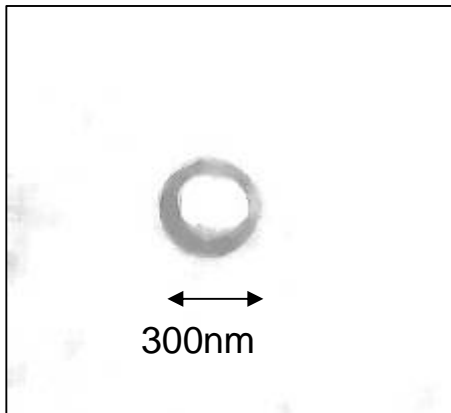


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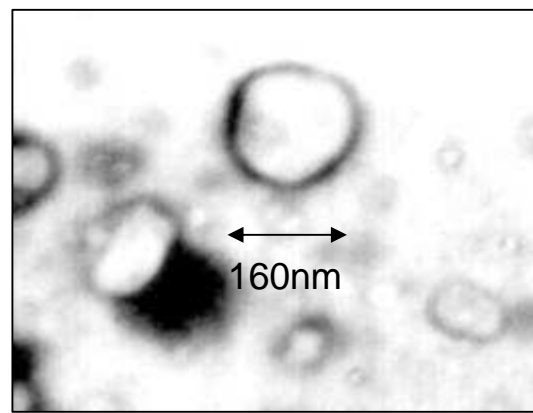


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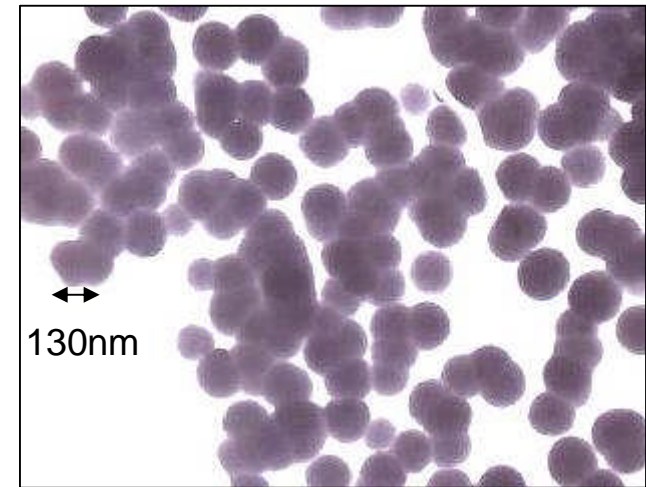
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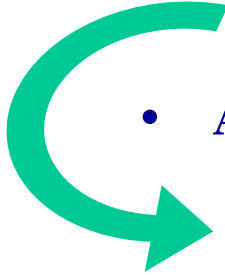
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Linear Triblock

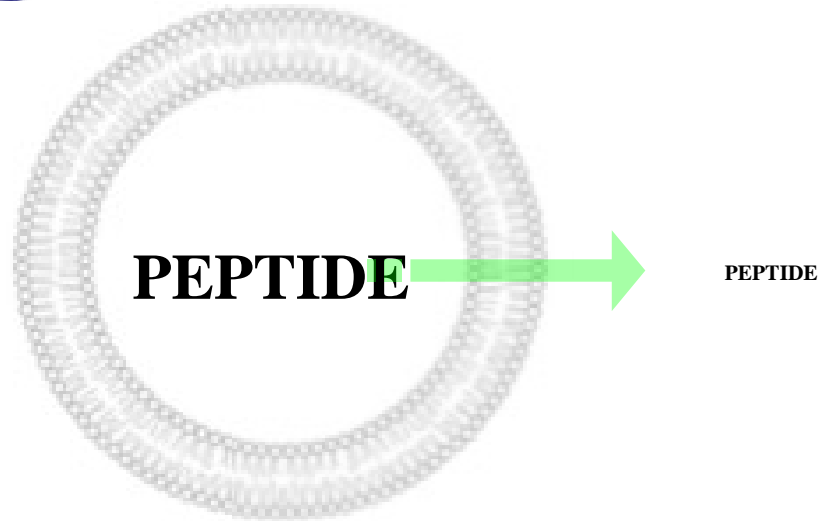


- **Polymeric Nanoparticles synthesis processes**
  - Emulsion Polymerization
  - Mini-emulsion Polymerization
  - Micro-emulsion Polymerization
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  - biosensors by molecularly imprinted polymers
  - liposomes for transmembrane delivery
  - Drug delivery

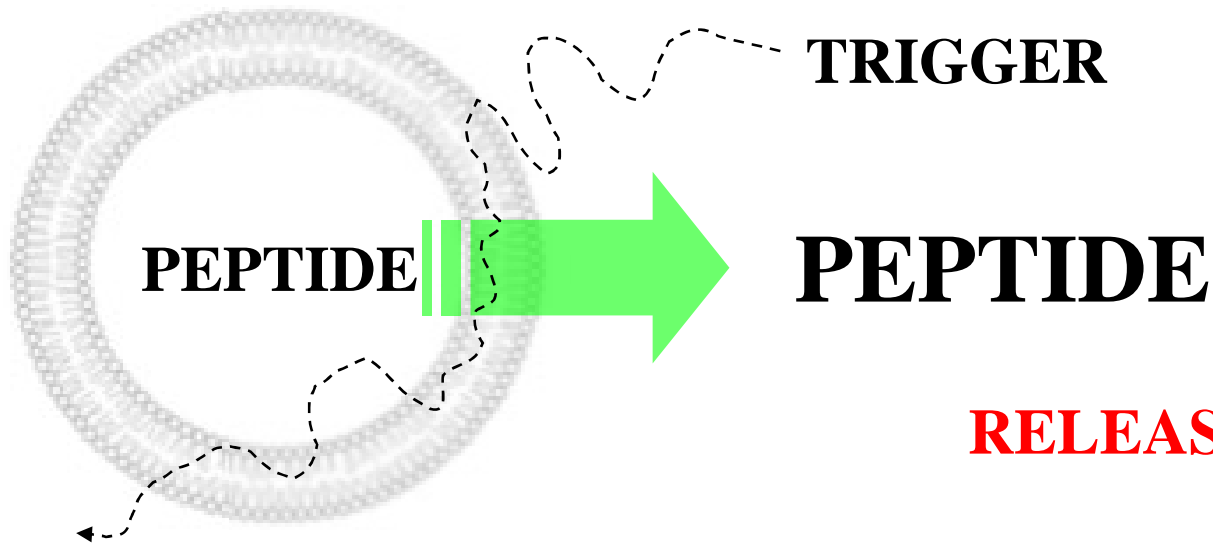




# Trigger strategy (in vitro)



Without trigger

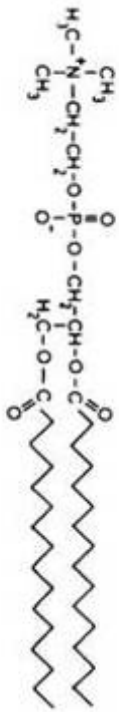


With trigger

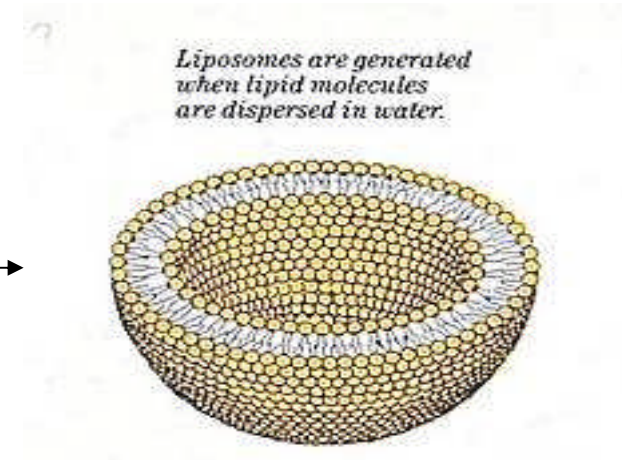
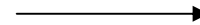
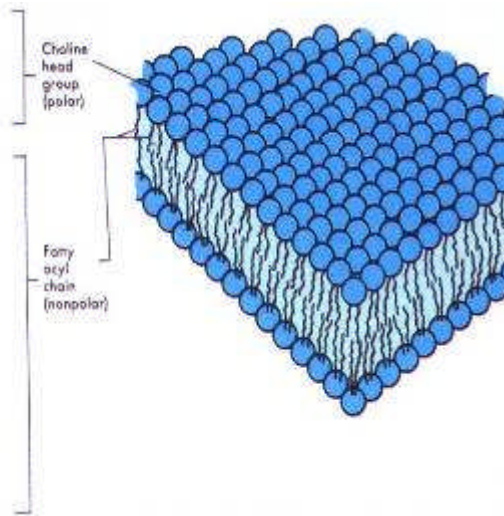
**RELEASE STUDY**



# Liposomes



Lipid bilayer



Liposome

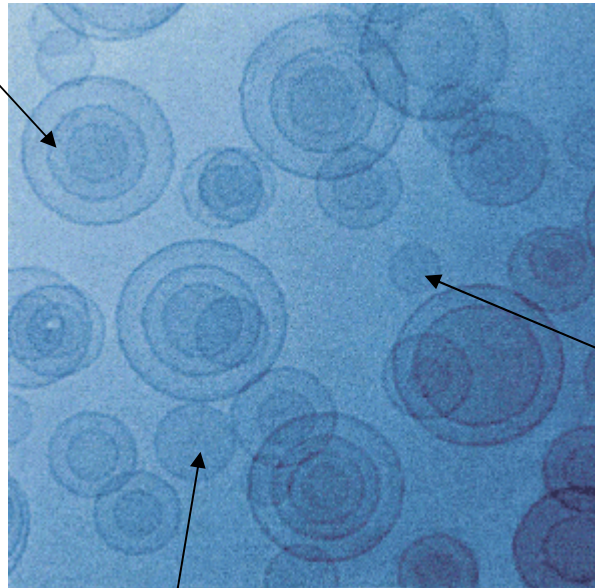
<http://www.avantilipids.com/PreparationOfLiposomes.html>



# Self assembly of Liposome



Multi Lamellar Vesicles



Small  
Unilamellar  
Vesicles

Photo courtesy of FEI Company Japan Ltd.)

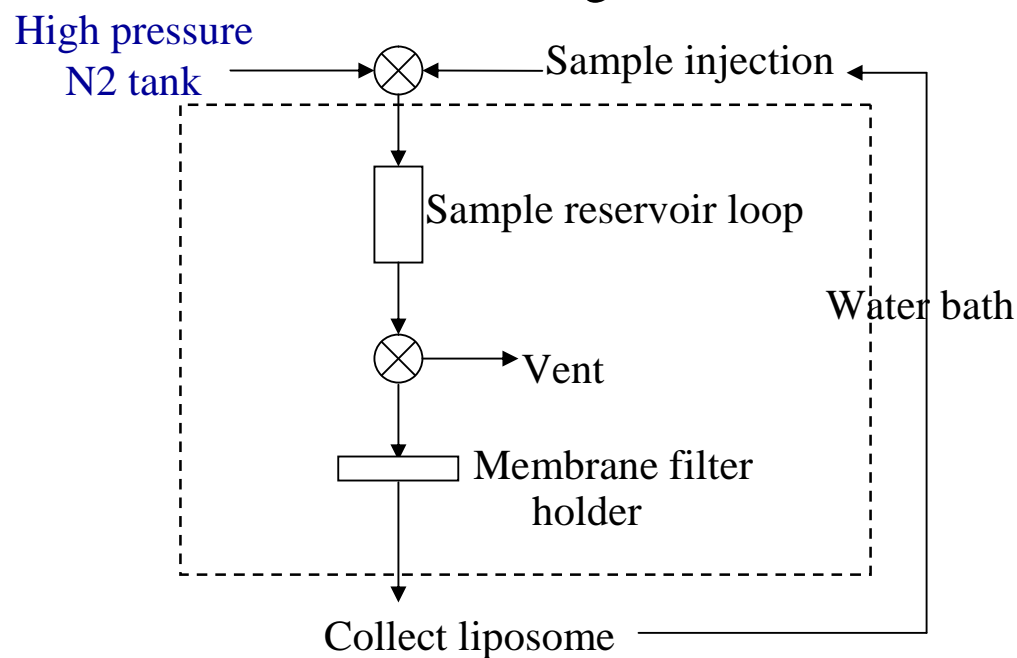
Large Unilamellar Vesicles : LUV





## Directed assembly : extrusion

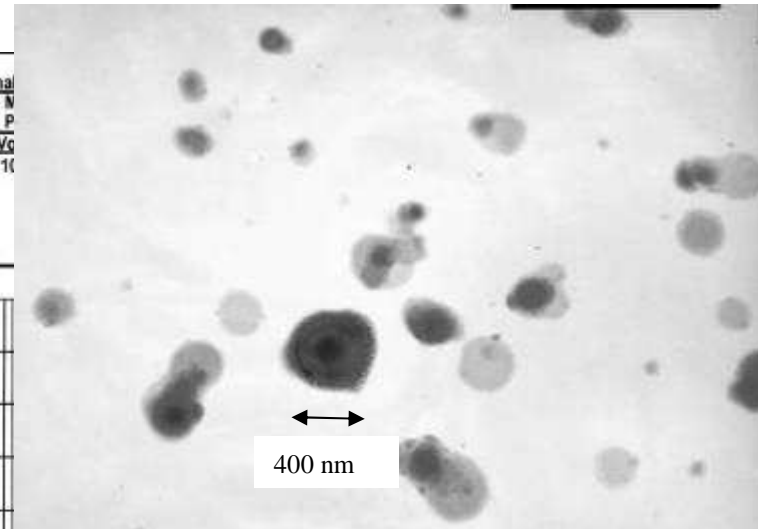
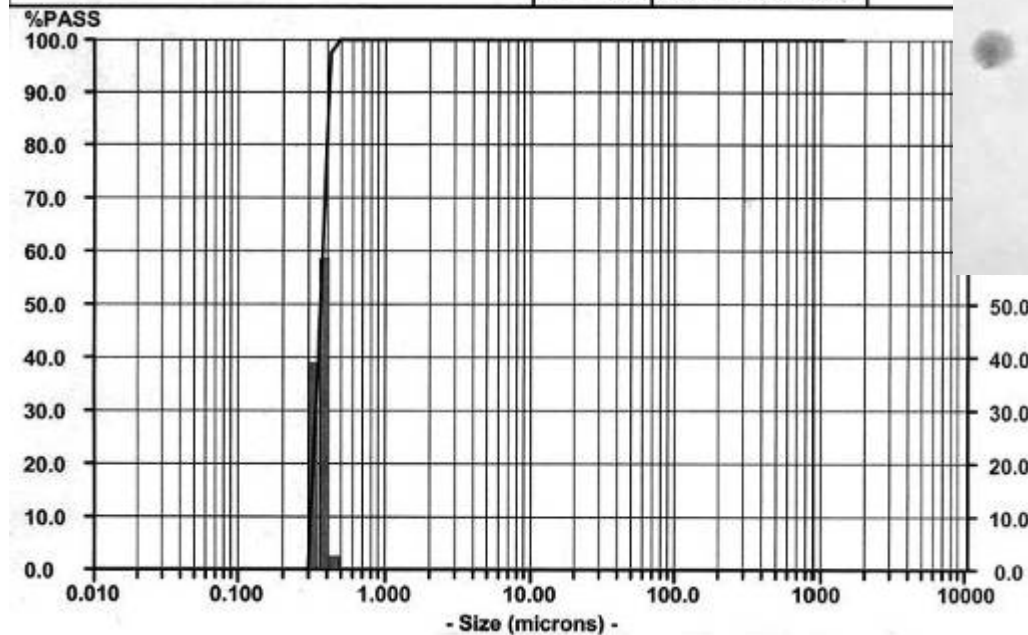
- Operates above  $T_c$
- Membrane pore size control vesicle size
- Multiple extrusion (typically 5 passes)
- Good reproducibility
- Can operate at up to 10 bar (typically 4)
- “Wide” range of LUV





DPPC liposome size distribution after extrusion through a 400 nm polycarbonate membrane filter.

liposome		Summary		Percentiles		Dia Vg	
Serial Number: S3213	MICROTRAC - S3000	mv = 0.354	10% = 0.308	60% = 0.364	0.354	10	
Range: 0.021 - 1408 um		mn = 0.345	20% = 0.322	70% = 0.374			
		ma = 0.351	30% = 0.334	80% = 0.384			
		cs = 17.12	40% = 0.345	90% = 0.397			
		sd = 0.036	50% = 0.354	95% = 0.405			

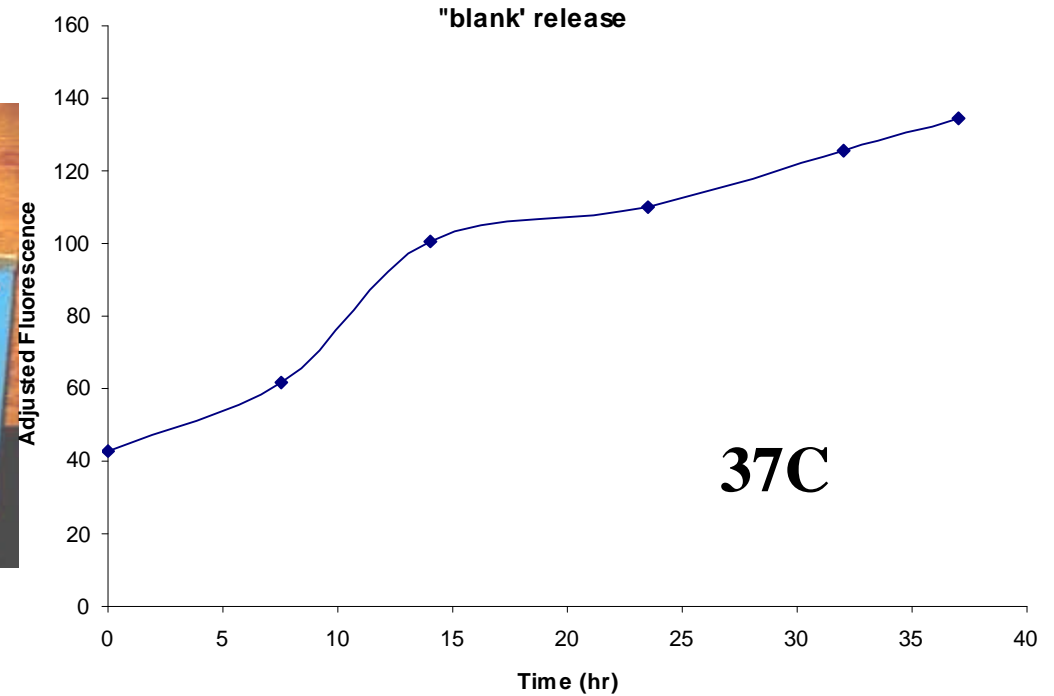
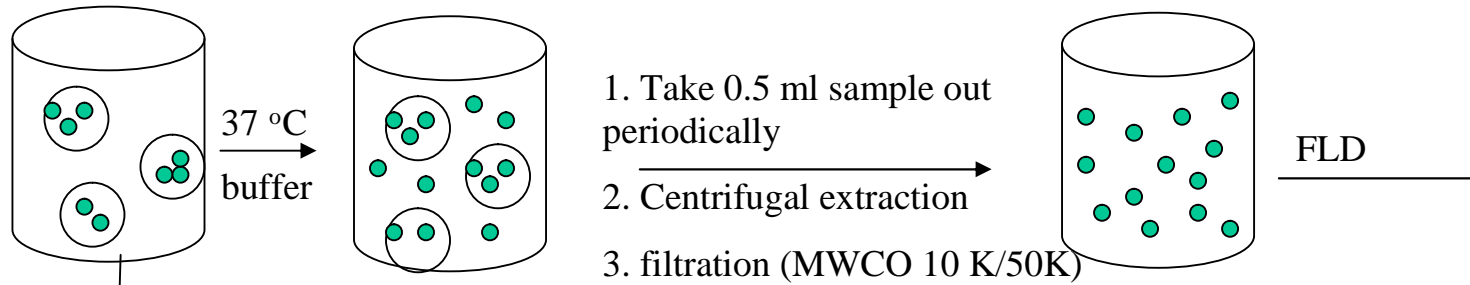


Negatively-stained TEM

Can be VERY  
monodispersed

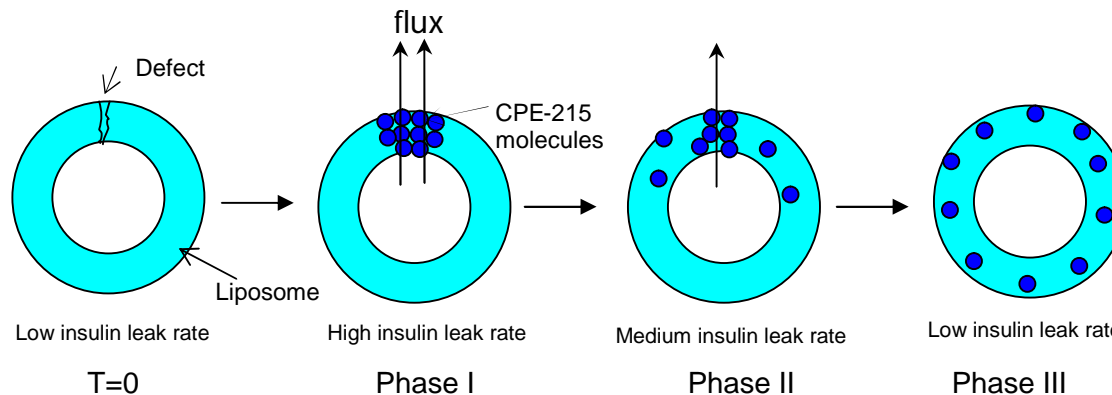
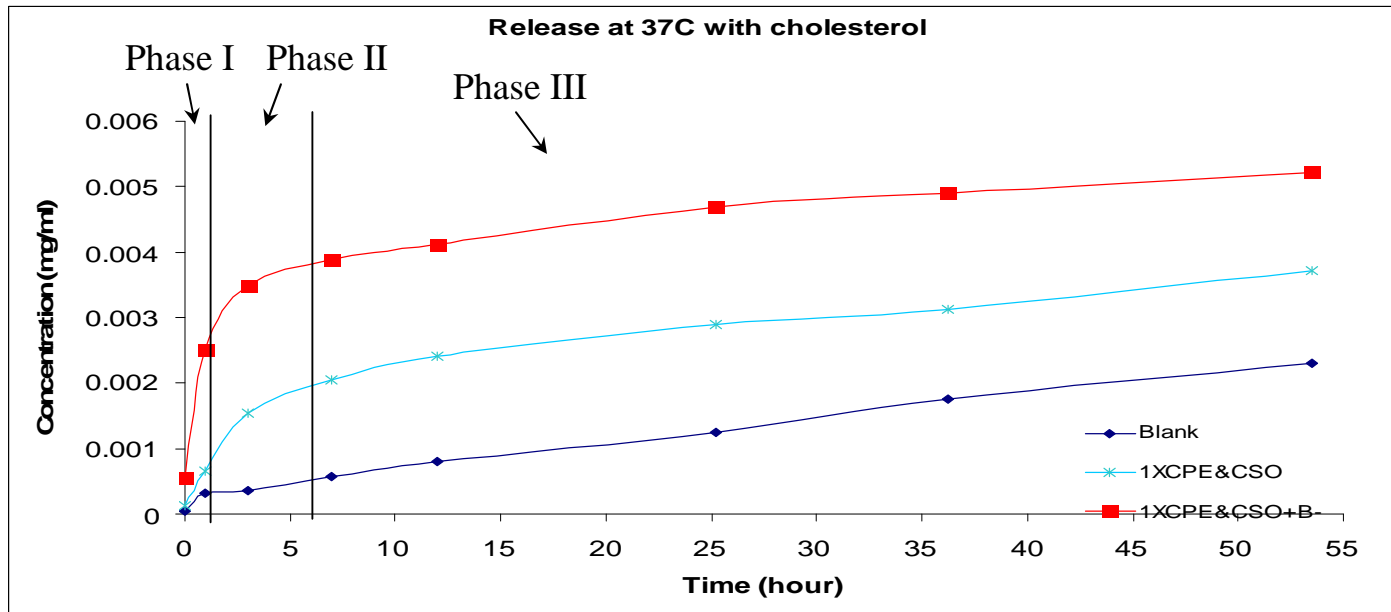


# Release study strategy





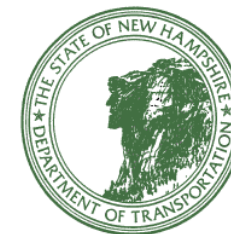
# Transmembrane transport mechanism of insulin with excipient triggering





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# Microemulsion



## Recipe MJB-10: microemulsion (seed)

Water	82.84%
NaHCO <sub>3</sub>	0.043%
Na <sub>2</sub> O <sub>5</sub> S <sub>2</sub>	0.011%
SDS	8.27%
KPS	0.17%
Styrene	8.67%

Water, Salts, SDS, stirred, degassed.  
Add 20% of styrene. Heat. When at 80C, add KPS. Let react for 20 minutes. Start feeding with styrene, over 2 hours. 30 minutes of Post polymerization.

SCexp = 15.1% Conversion = 77.47%

Size = CHDF:

Dv = 35.5 nm, Dn = 33.2 nm

Nanotracs:

Dv = 36.8 nm, Dn = 25.13 nm

