# **DNA-based Nanoscale Self-Assembly**

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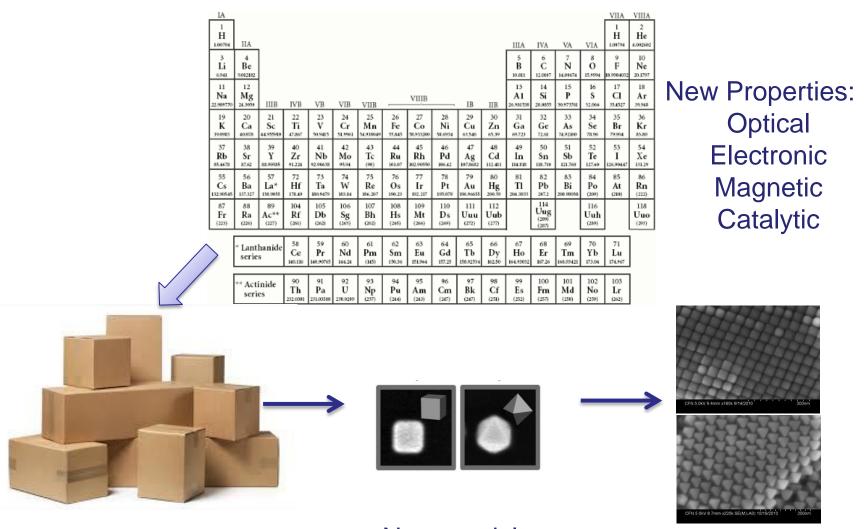
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#### **Lectures Outline**

- Introduction: motivation, challenges, approaches
- DNA nanotechnology: from double helix to scaffolds and beyond
- Nanoparticles and DNA: functionalization, interactions and assembly approaches, arrays
- Building nanoparticle clusters with DNA: from structure to functions
- DNA-guided nanoparticle assemblies: structure, properties, phase behavior
- Towards designed lattice types
- Responsive lattices and transformation in DNA-assembled systems

# Nanoscale objects

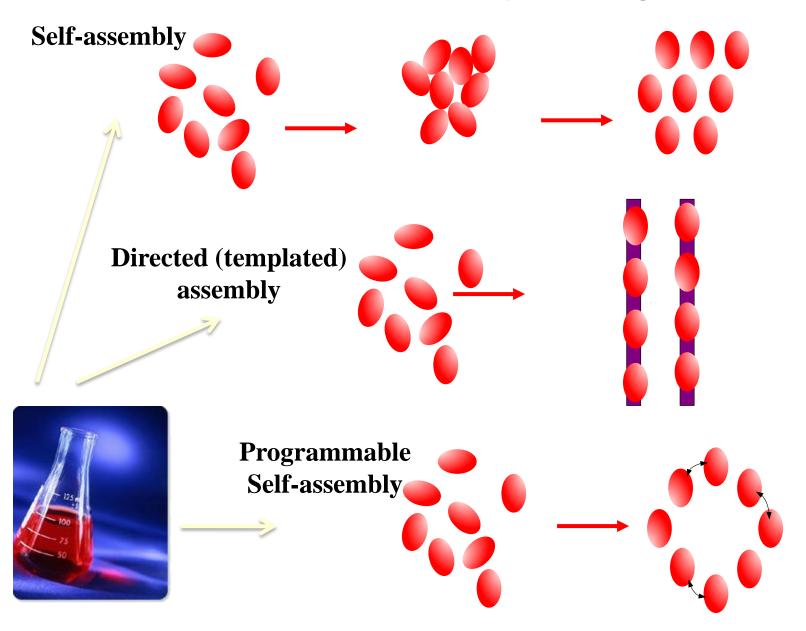


Packaging atoms into nanoparticles

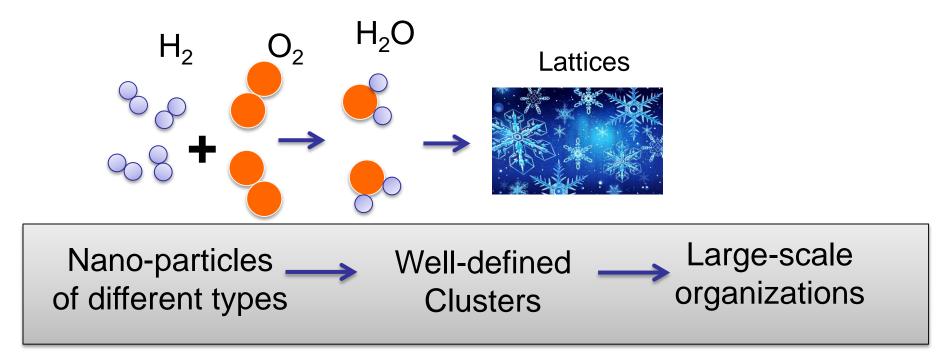
Nanoparticles

**Novel Materials** 

# **Self-Assembly Strategies**



#### **Multicomponent Nanosystems: Bonds for Nanoparticles?**



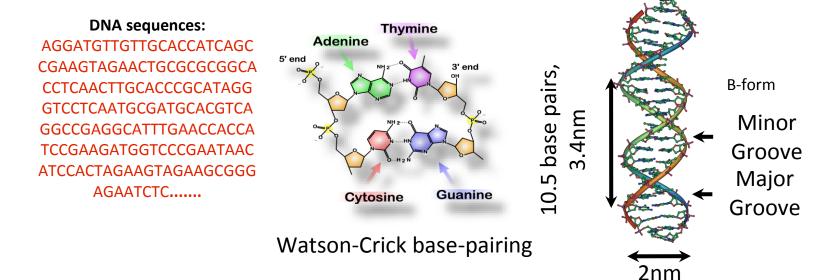
Bonds Programmable (can be assigned specifically, to address multiple types of components ) Reversible (allow for kinetic pathway to ordering) Length-tunable (control inter-particle separations)

#### Decoupling driving forces of assembly from the material specificity

# What is good about DNA?

- i. Can store large amount of information
- enabling intricate designs

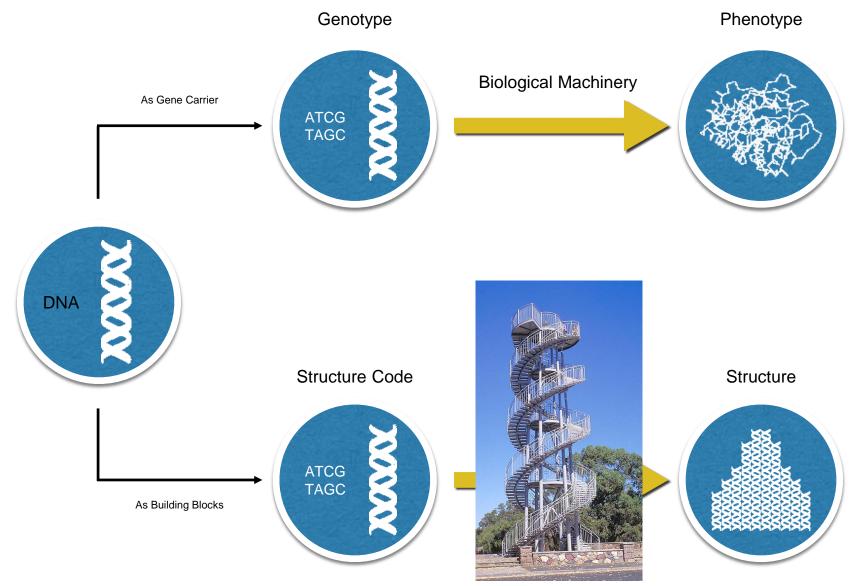
- ii. Programmability and predictability
- Simple interaction rules
- Predictable (robust) structures



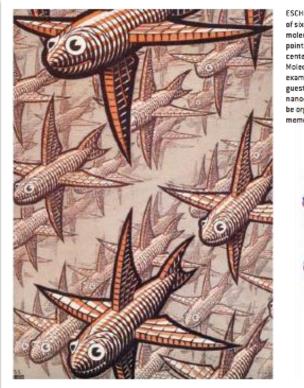
Right-handed twist with 10.5 basepairs per turn

A pairs with T, C pairs with G

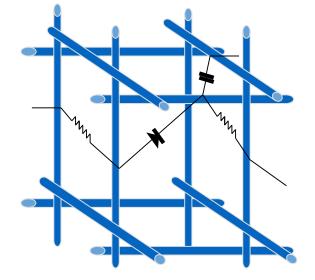
# Can we use DNA directly for biomolecular programming?



# The origin of structural DNA nanotechnology



ESCHER'S WOODCUT DEPTH [left] inspired the author to consider an array of six-arm junctions connected together to form a three-dimensional molecular crystal (below). The center of each fish is just like the branch point of a six-arm junction. Instead of arms, six features extend from that center point: a head and a tail, a top and bottom fin, and a left and right fin. Nolecular scaffolding could hold other molecules in regular arrays. For example, DNA cages containing oriented biological macromolecules as guests could be used in crystallography experiments. In a similar fashion, nanoelectronic components could be organized into very small memory devices.

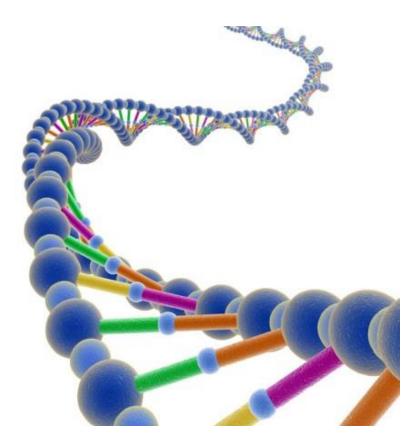


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Macromolecule

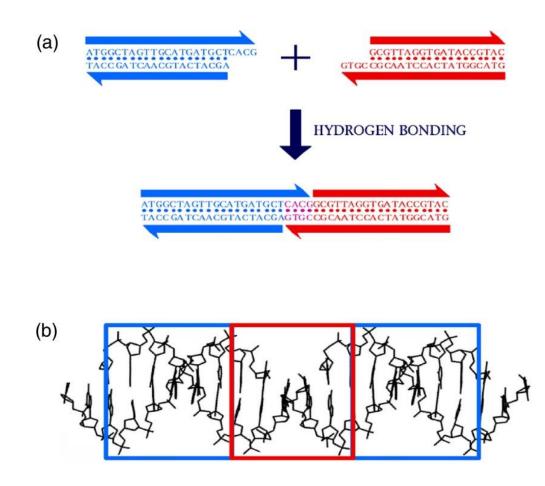
#### **DNA** nanostructures

# DNA Molecule is Linear: how to build complex constructs?



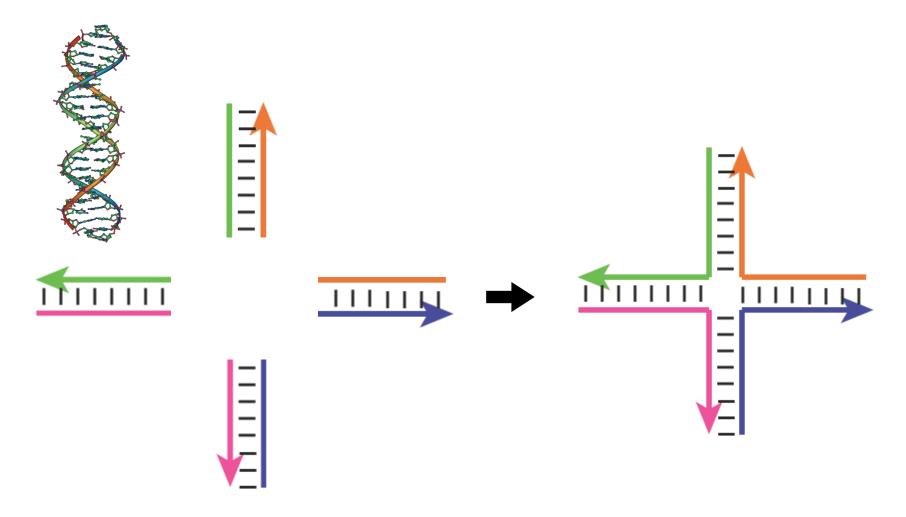
http://psychedelicadventure.blogspot.com/2010\_04\_01\_archive.html

# **Sticky-Ended Cohesion**

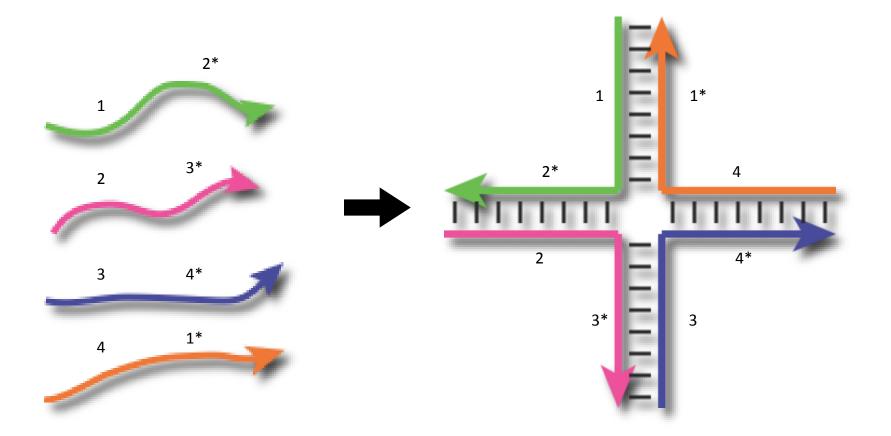


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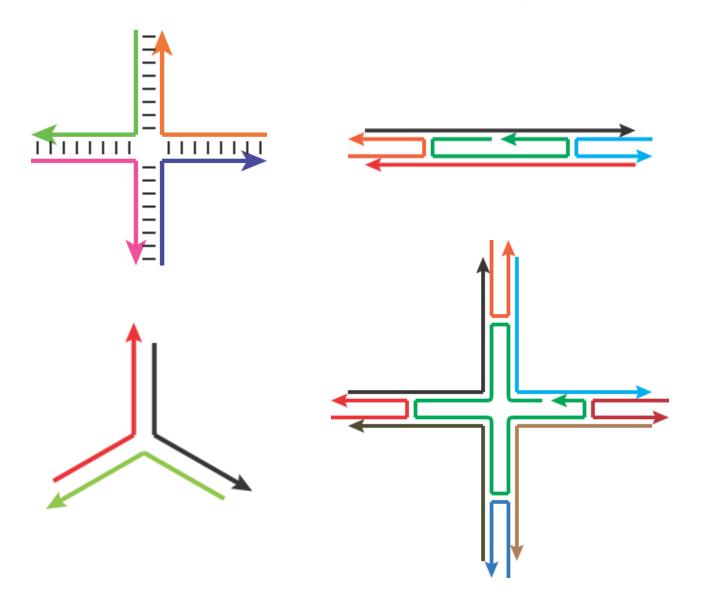
## Double-helices as basic building-blocks



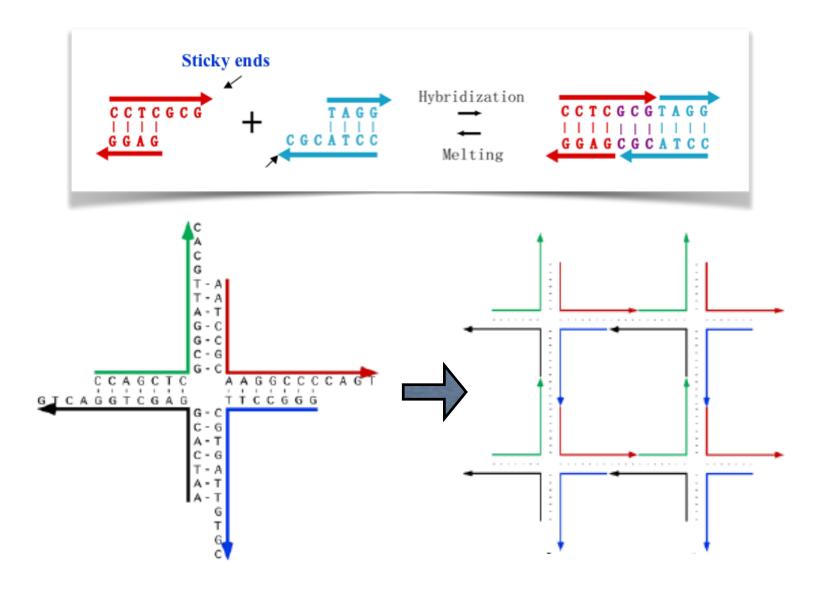
# Single-stranded DNA as 'smart molecules' for selfassembly



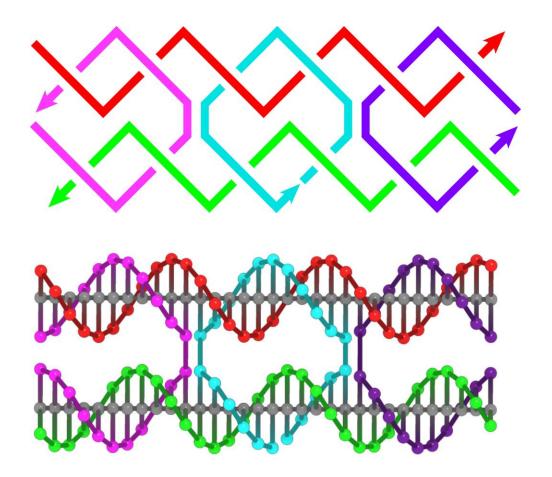
## DNA tile self-assembly



# Connecting 'tiles' to form larger structures

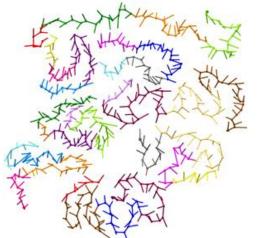


# DNA Double Crossover (DX) Motif



# DNA Scaffolding developed by N. Seeman

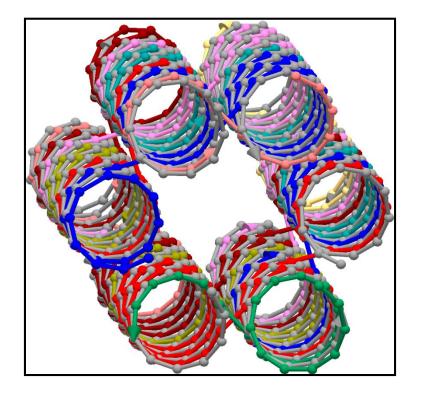
Step 1) Mix a bunch of strands of DNA together



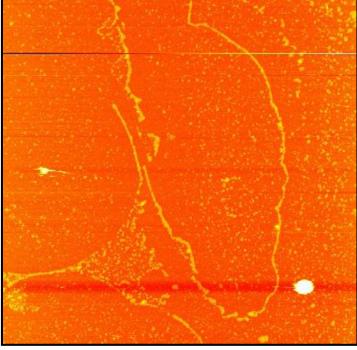
Step 2) Annealed strands self-assemble into tiles

Step 3) Annealed tiles self-assemble into arrays

# **Six-Helix DNA Tube**

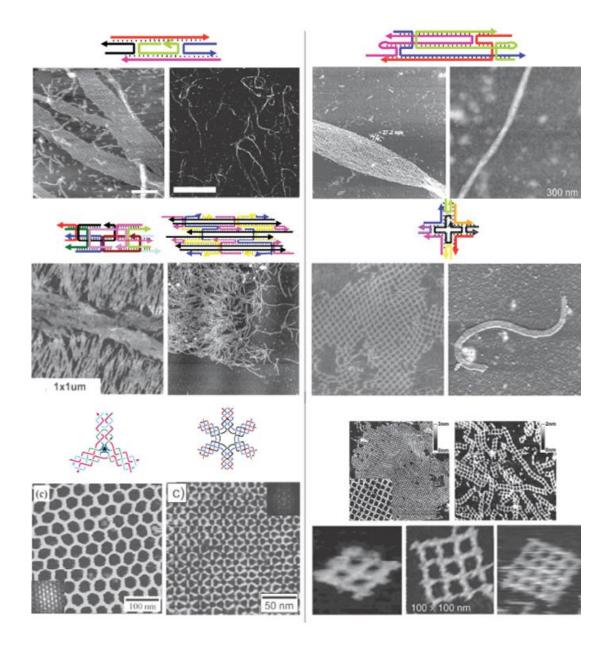






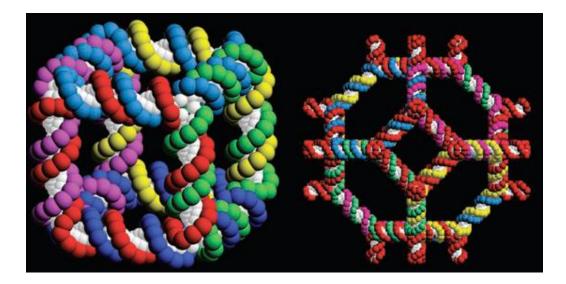
Mathieu, F.; Liao, S. P.; Kopatsch, J.; Wang, T.; Mao, C.; Seeman, N. C. "Six-Helix Bundles Designed from DNA," *Nano Lett.* 5, 661-665 (2005)

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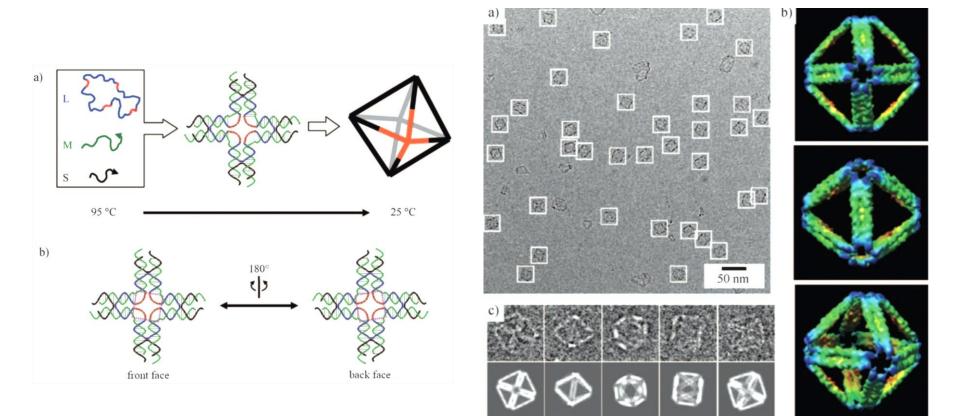
Li, Carter, Labean, Materials Today 2009.

## 3D DNA cages



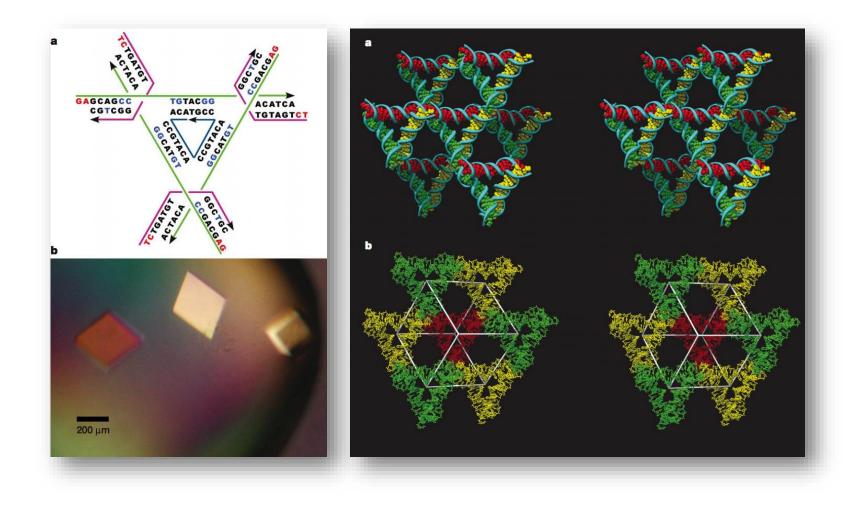
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#### On the Chirality of Self-Assembled DNA Octahedra



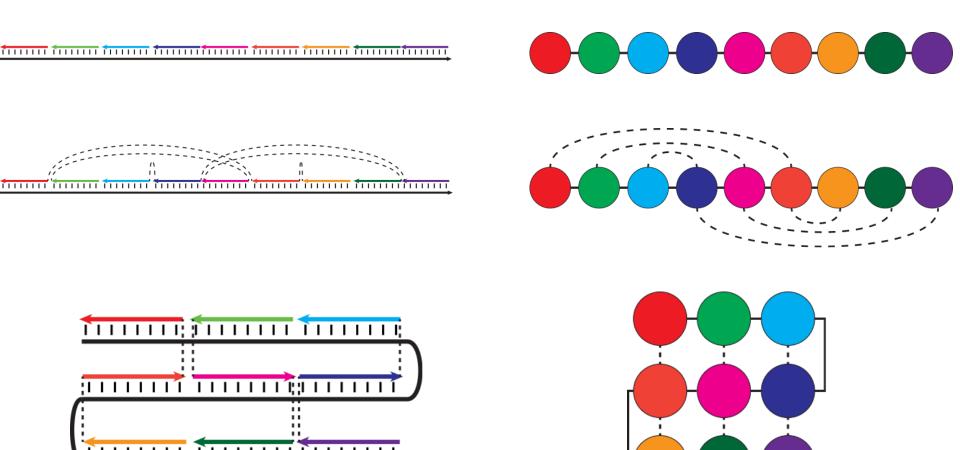
He, Y. et al. Angew Chem Int Edit **49**, 748 (2010)

# **DNA Tile-Based Assembly-3D Crystal**

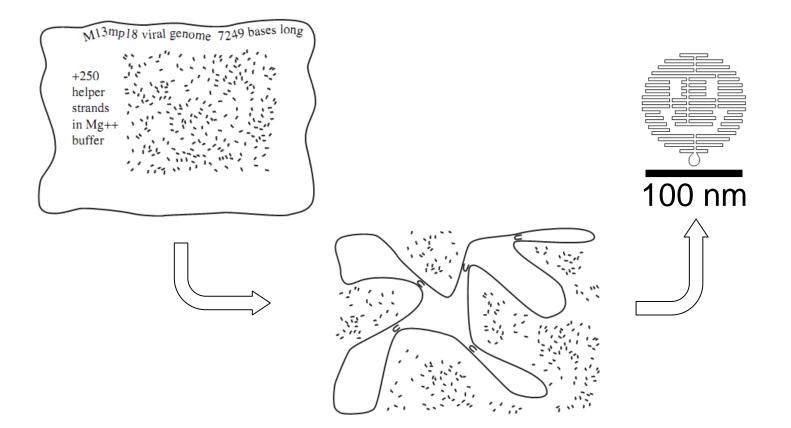


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# Complex 'folding' method — 'DNA origami'

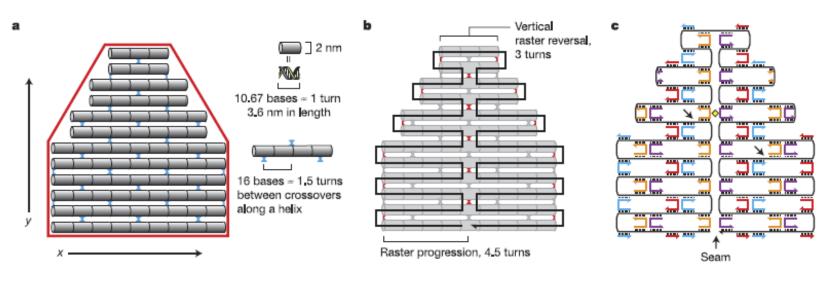


#### DNA Origami Technique

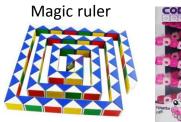


A method for folding a long circular single-stranded genomic DNA (M13, 7249 nucleotides) into arbitrary 2D and 3D target shapes in raster fill fashion.

# DNA Origami



P. Rothemund, Nature, 440, 297 2006





•Use of long (thousands of base-pairs) ssDNA

- Arbitrary overall shape
- short ssDNA are "staples"

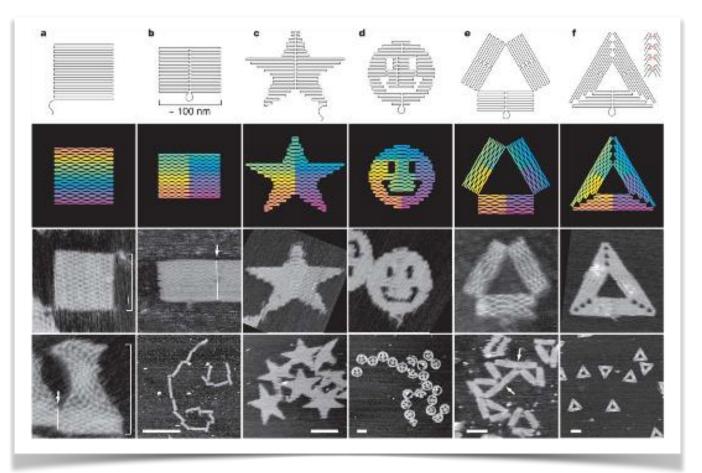




# DNA origami

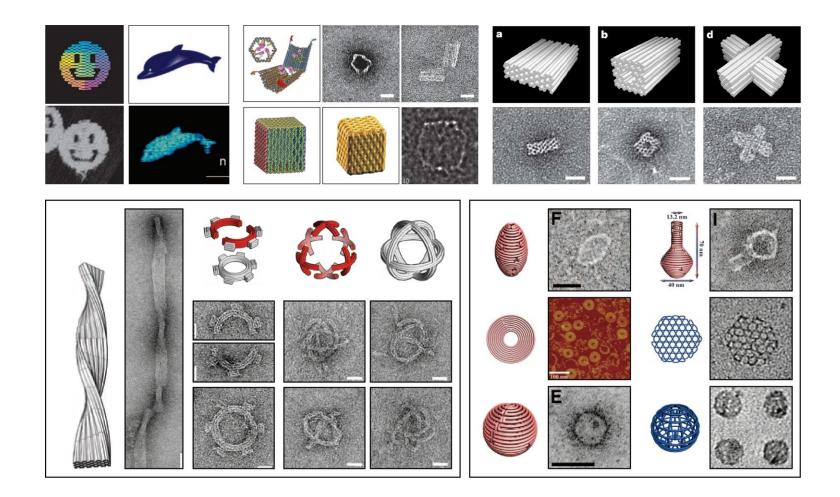






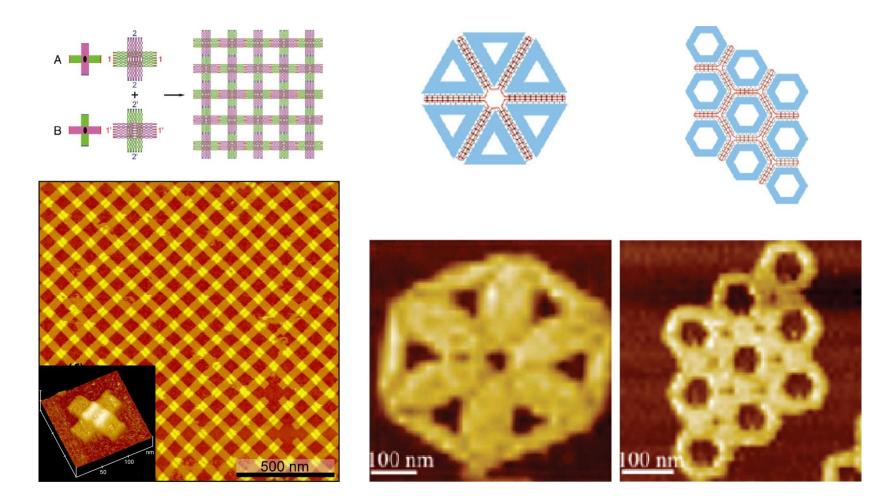
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# **DNA Origami Shapes**

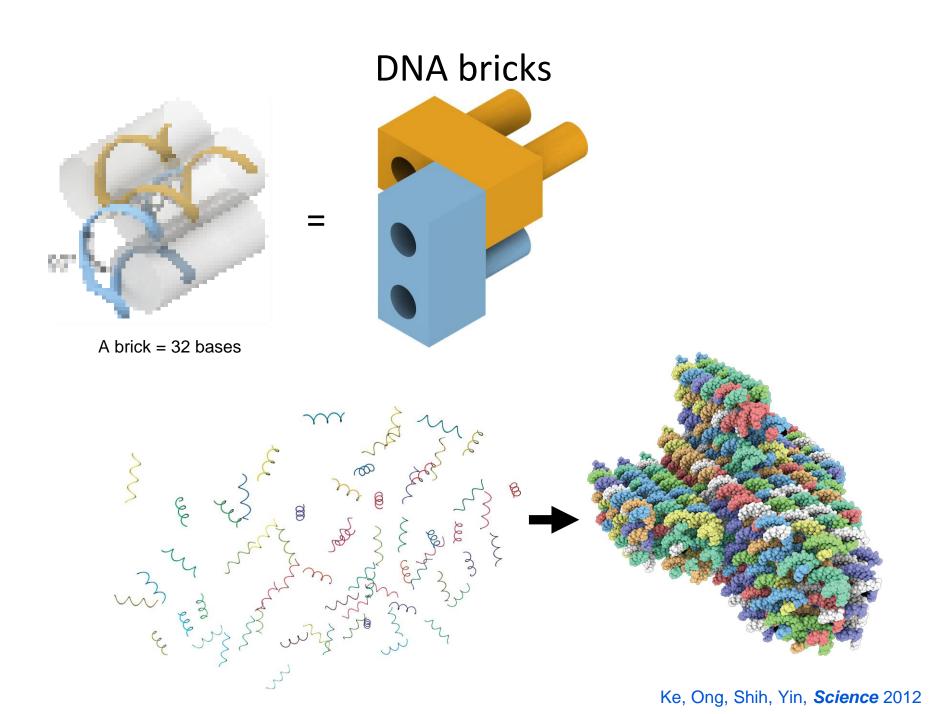


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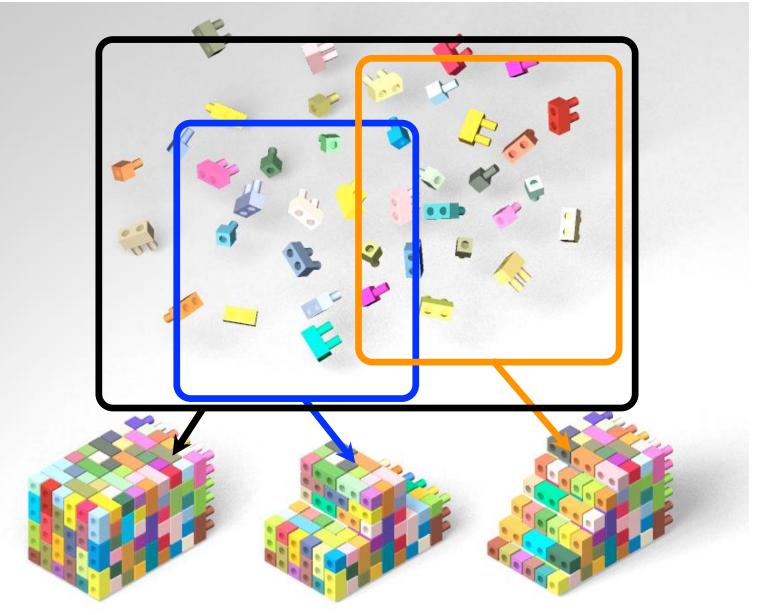
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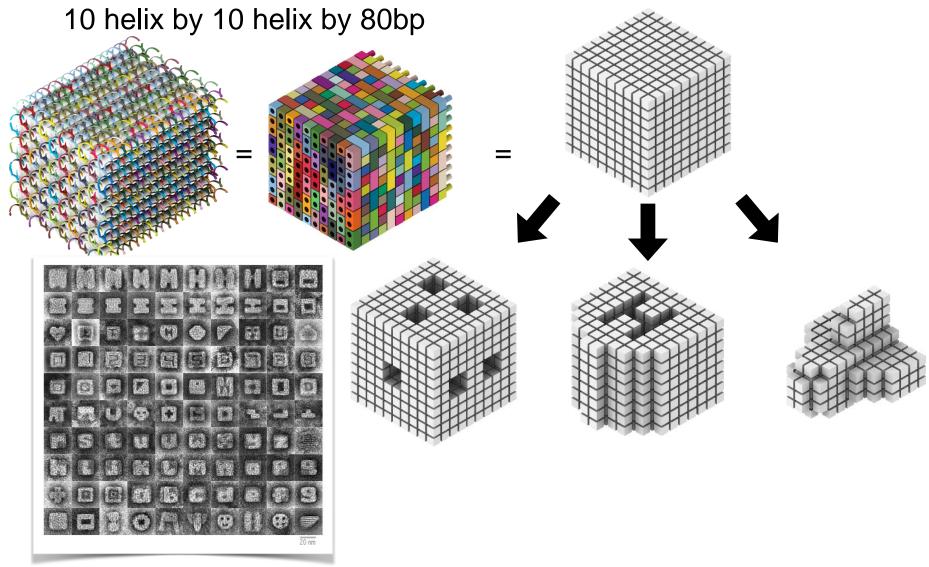
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# DNA bricks

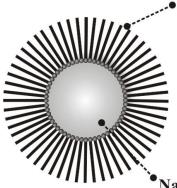


# **DNA** bricks



#### **DNA-assembly of Nanoparticles**

# Nanoparticles



#### Nanocrystalline Core

Metallic: Au, Pt, Ag,... Metallic Alloy: Au/Ag, PtRu,.. Magnetic: Fe2O3, FePt,.. Semiconductive: GaAs, CdTe..

#### Nanocrystalline Core

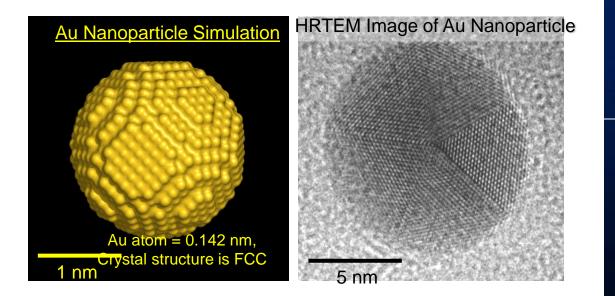
**Organic Shell** 

#### **Organic Shell**

Thiols: RSH, HSRCOOH,.. Amines: RNR, R3N Surfactants:R4N+Br-Acids: RCOOH

#### Properties Related to:

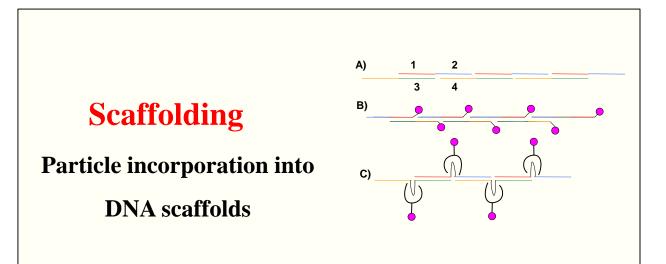
Core: Material, Size & Shape Shell: Chemistries & Reactivities



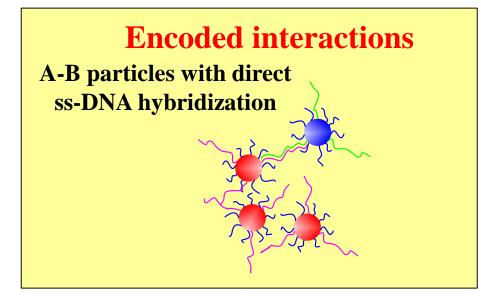
# Output Topo coating CdSe 0 Case 0 Shell 0 Compute 0 Compute

Solutions of different sized CdSe/ZnS quantum dots

## **Particle Assembly Approaches with DNA**

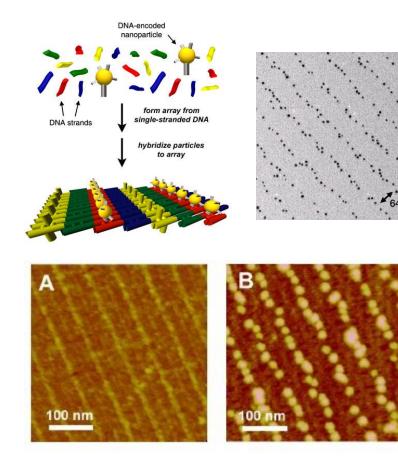


Informationintensive: prescribe each particle position

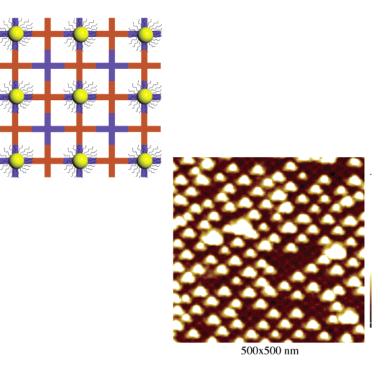


Informationminimalistic, but particle position is a result of many factors

# Nanoparticle positioning using DNA scaffolds



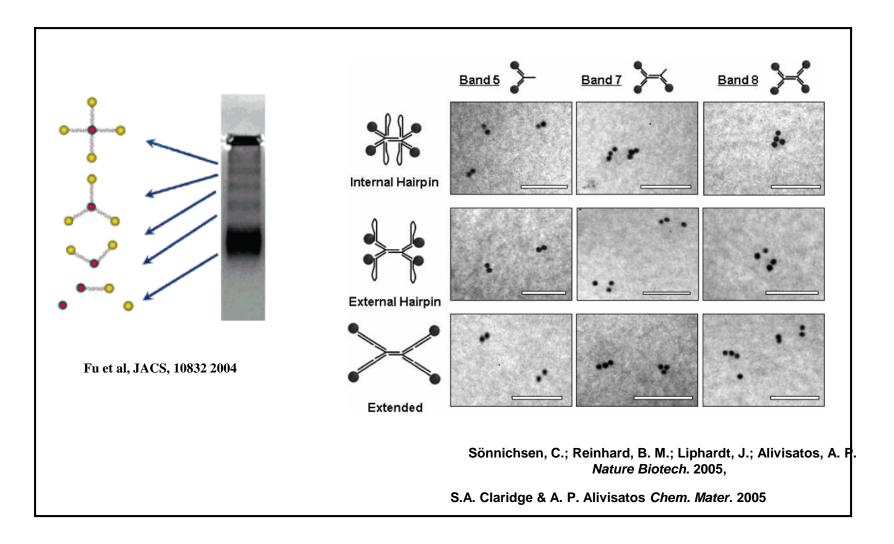
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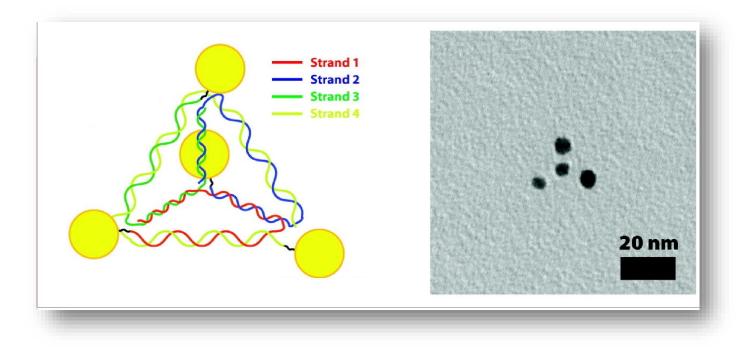


Hao et al Nano Lett 2006

# **Cluster Assembly**

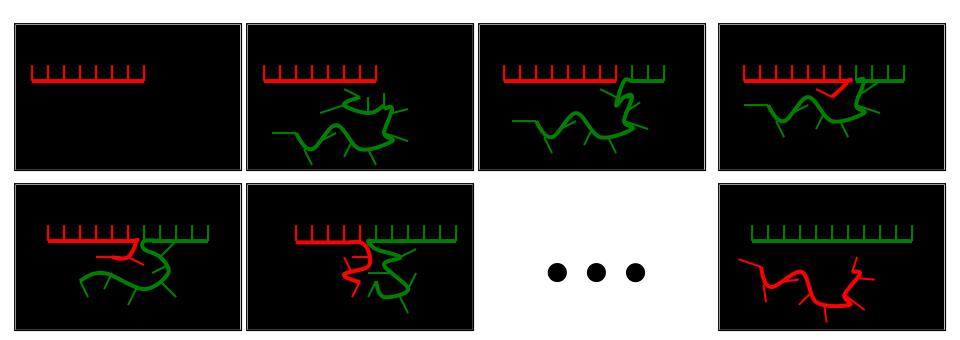
### **Building Nano-"molecules"**





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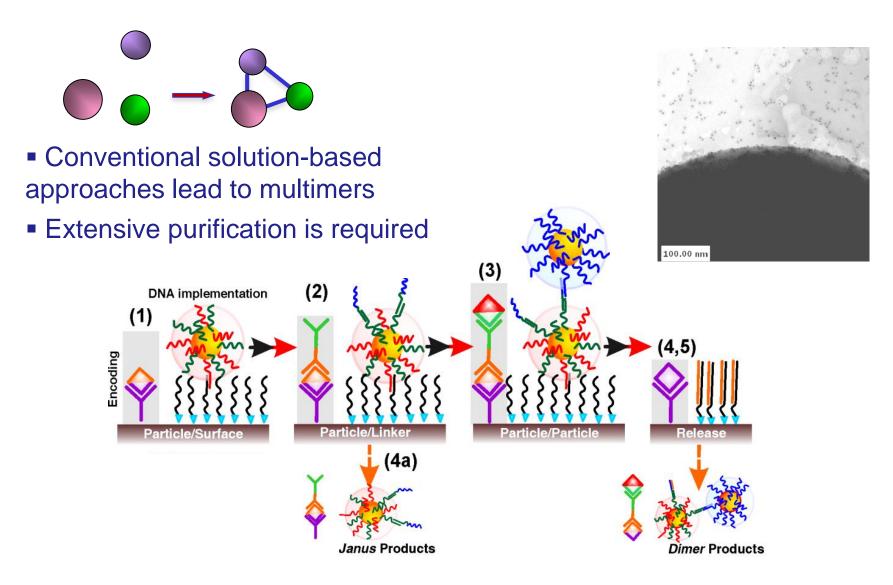
## **Fuel Strands**



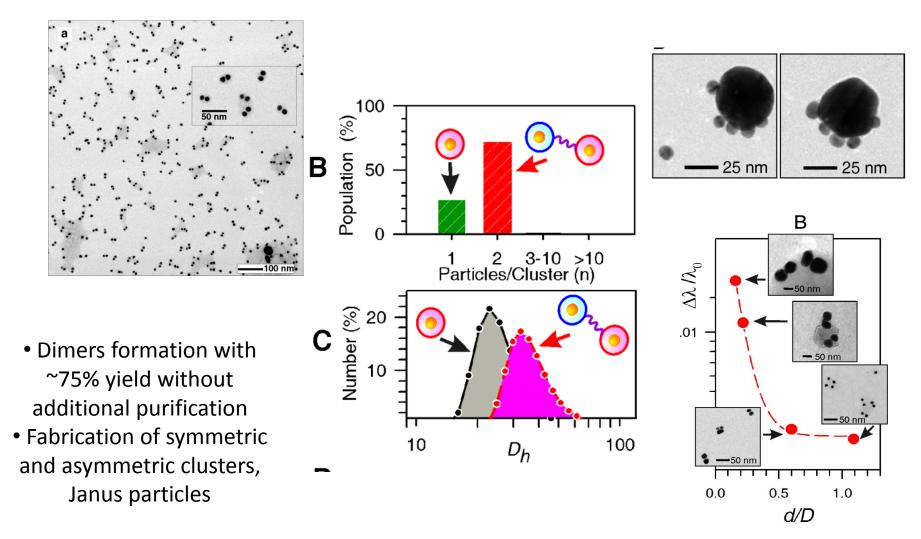
- A red strand can be removed from its compliment (black) by the introduction of an unset strand (green) which is a more complete mate for the black strand.
- Fuel strands are sequence sensitive, thus control is sequence specific.

Yurke, B.; Turberfield, A. J.; Mills, A. P., Jr.; Simmel, F. C.; Neumann, J. L. Nature 406, 605 (2000).

# **Cluster Assembly**



### **Building Nano-"molecules"**



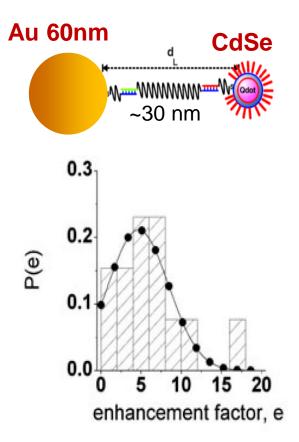
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 $Dl/l_0 = exp(-x/t)+c, x=d/D, t=0.14$ 

# **Cluster Assembly**

Photoluminescent enhancement in quantum dot (QD,CdSe)-Au dimer

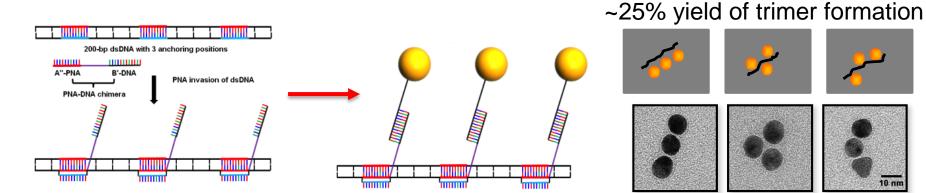
Fluorescent Enhancement (absorption normalized) e = OD(457nm)/OD(543nm)\*I<sub>fluo</sub>(543)/I<sub>fluo</sub>(457)

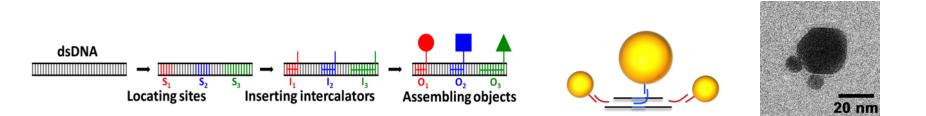


M. Maye, O. Gang, M. Cotlet, ChemComm, 46, 6111, (2010) D. Sun et al, ACS Nano, 2015

## **Assembly of designed clusters**

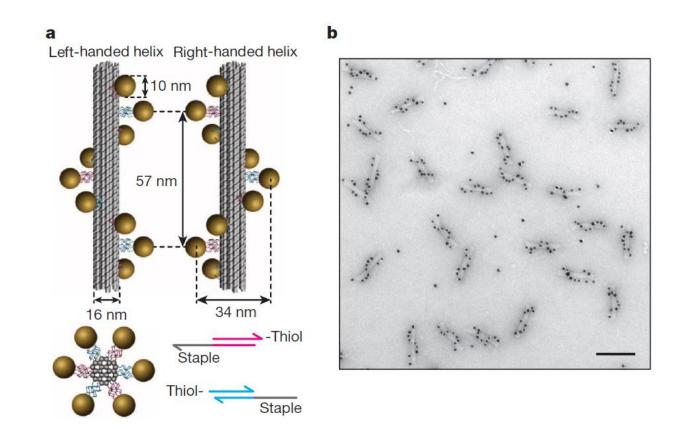
Nano-object attachment to double stranded DNA via molecular intercalators, PNA "invasion"





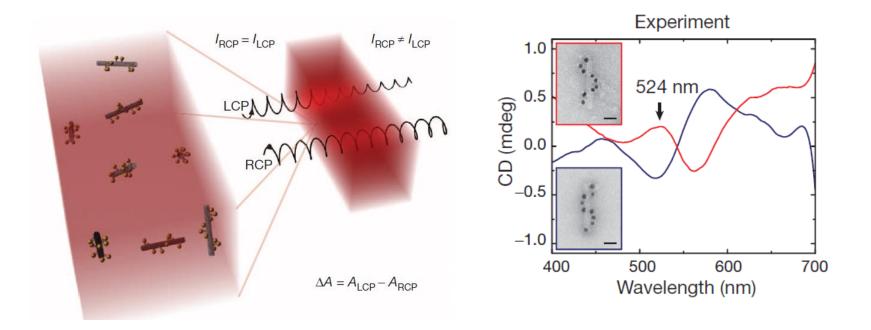
A.Stadler et al, ACS Nano 5(4):2467 (2011), P. Sun et al, Nanoscale, DOI: 10.1039/C2NR31908J (2012)

## Assembly of Chiral Clusters with DNA Origami



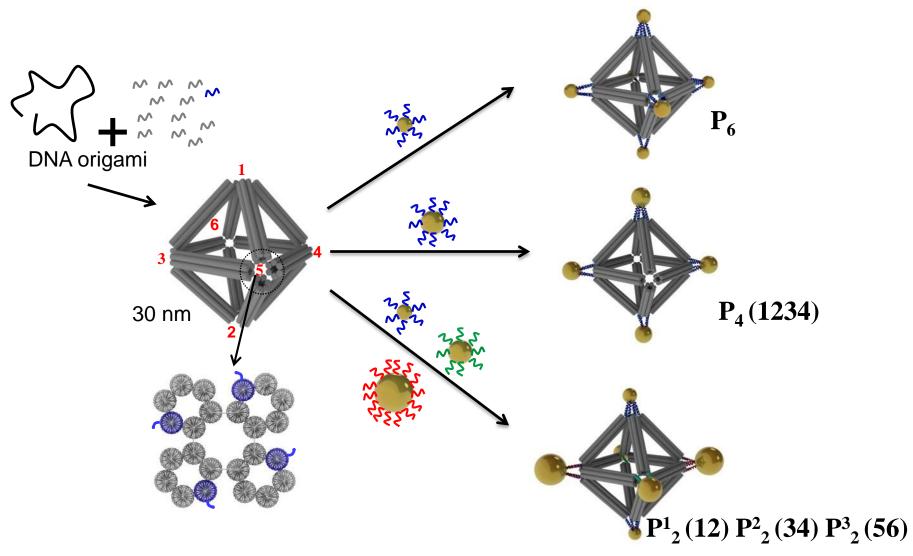
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## **Optical Properties of Chiral Clusters**



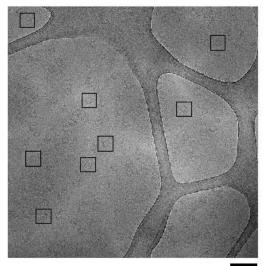
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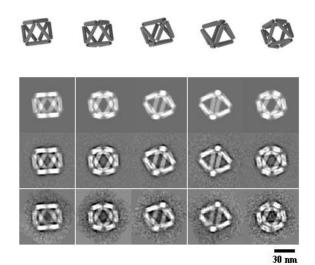
# Designed Clusters via DNA Frame



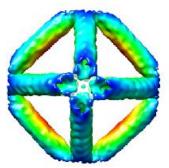
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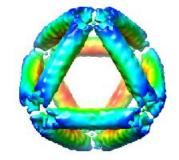
## DNA Octahedra by cryo TEM

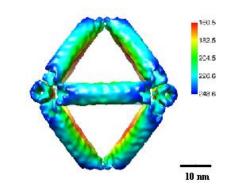




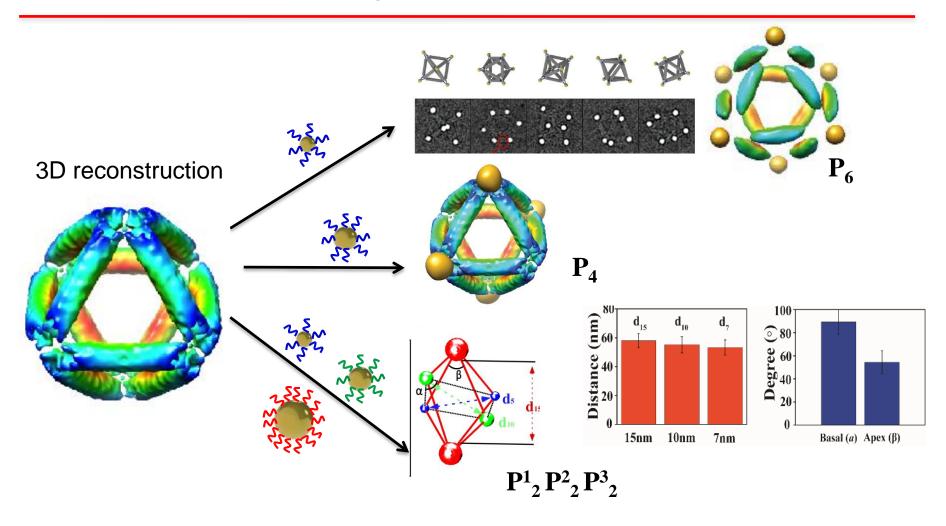
75 nm







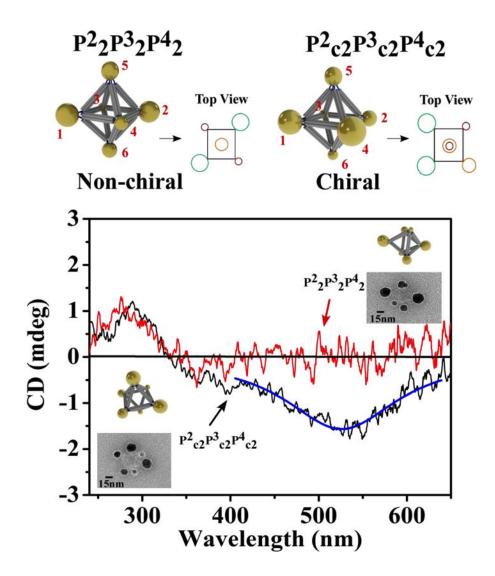
# **Designed Clusters**



- 3D cluster structure by Cryo-TEM (~2 nm resolution
- 60-80% yield

Y. Tian et al., Nature Nanotechnology, 10, 637, 2015

#### **Chirooptical Response of Clusters via Vertex Encoding**

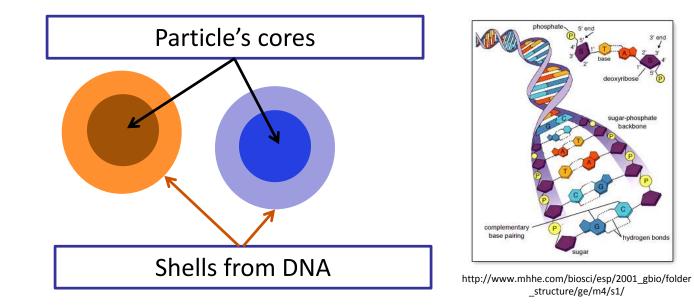


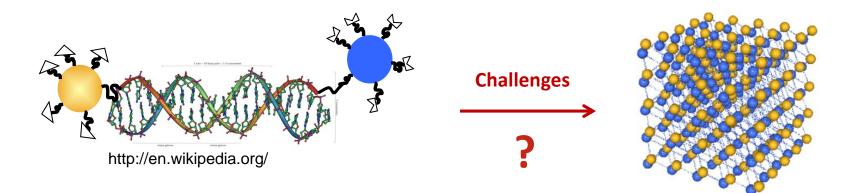
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## Large-scale Assembly of Nanoparticle with DNA

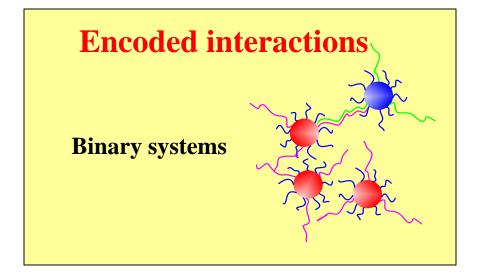
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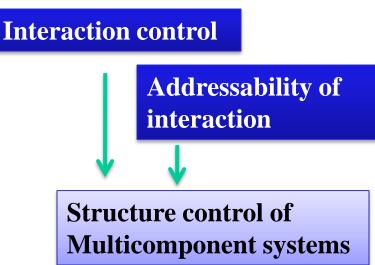
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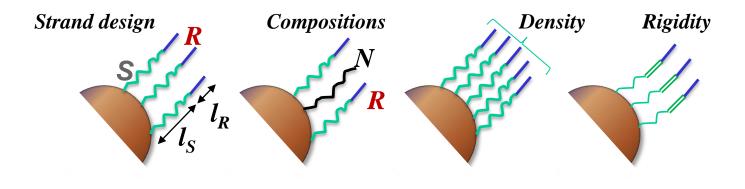


# **Systems with DNA Mediated Interactions**

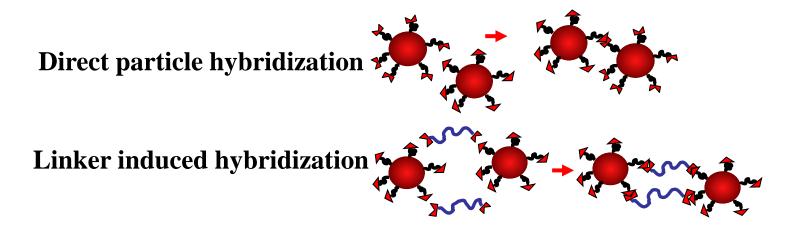




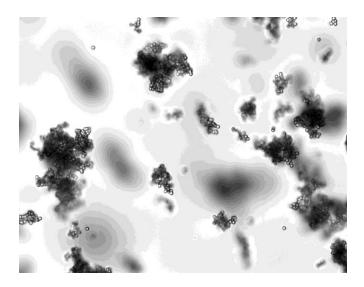
• A combination of physical interactions and addressability of particle/DNAs allow for tuning interparticle potential



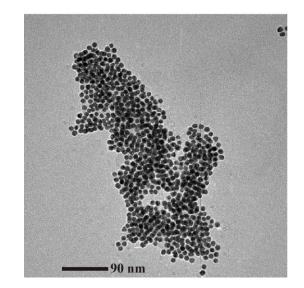
## **Typical DNA mediated particle assembly**



#### **Micron-sized Colloids**



#### **Nano-sized Particles**



# **Energy Landscape**

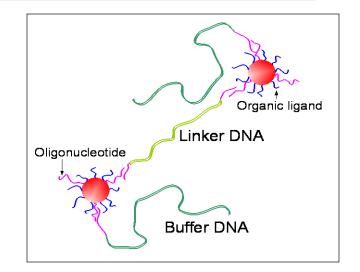
Туре	Dependence	Energy kcal/mol
Temperature	kT	0.6
Van der Waals (vdW)	complex	0.1-10
Steric	complex	0.1-10
Hydrogen bonds (HB)	Electrostatic origin + dispersion +	2-10
Complex Steric	System dependent	555
DNA elasticity	$E_{cir}/kT = 2\pi^2 A/L$ and more	0.01-12
Ionic strength	Affect hybridization $T_m \sim \log[A^+]$	
Entropic and topological effects	System dependent	<u>;;;</u>
DNA-DNA DNA-protein	Ionic strength dependent ~HB	1-30

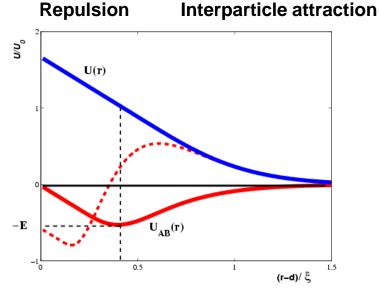
## **Addressable Interactions: 3D phases**

Assembly requires a balanced interaction to overcome random aggregation Particle-particle potential is tuned by DNAs

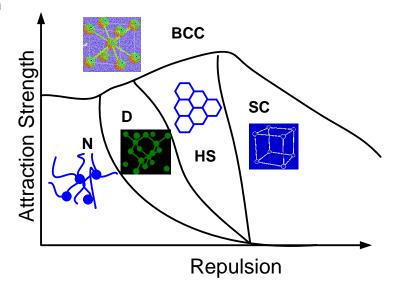
- Relative concentration of linker and buffer DNAs
- Through DNAs lengths (nm to  $\mu$ )

 $U_{total}(r) = U_r(W_{st}, W_{dep}) + U_{AB}(W_{el}, W_h)$ 



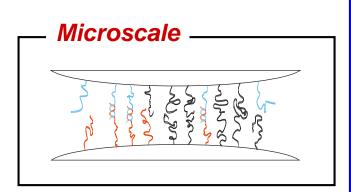


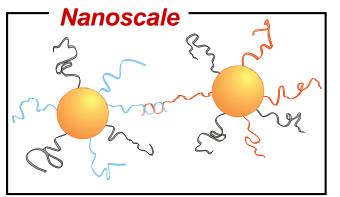
A. V. Tkachenko, PRL 89, 148303 (2002)



### **DNA mediated interaction between Micro and Nanoparticles**

DNA for controlling attraction and repulsion between particles





#### **Colloidal particles (~1 micron):**

- "short-range" potential
 - large number of DNA per particles (~10<sup>5</sup>)
 - flexibility in "construction" of the inter-particle interactions

#### Nanoparticles (3-15 nm)

- "long-range" interactions - small number of DNA per particles (1 to 10<sup>2</sup>)

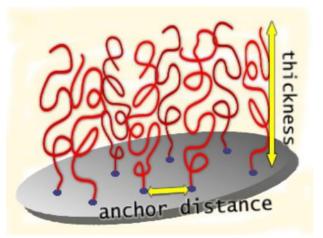
 Similar particle-design principles can be applied to micro- and nanoscales.

 The details of physical interactions will dictate behavior on specific scales.

# Balancing particles interaction

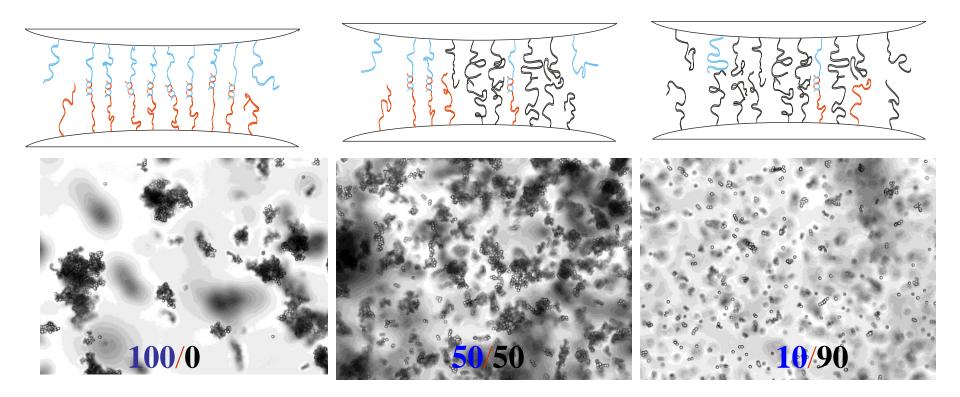
#### $L = k l N \sigma^{1/3}$

N – number of segments  $\sigma$  - grafted polymers surface density l - size of one monomer k - a constant of order unity



- Polymer chains tethered to a surface at a high density are stretched perpendicular to the surface the loss of possible conformations
- Different regimes depending on the anchor distance D: mushrooms D> R<sub>g</sub>, cross-over D~R<sub>g</sub>, brushes D< R
- Surfaces with grafted polymer repeal due to the loss of chain entropy

### Tuning the morphology of assembling through the "neutral" DNA



complementary/non-compl. ss DNA concentration

Optical microscopy images after 24 hours of mixing

D. Nykypanchuk, M. Maye, D. Van der Lelie, O. Gang, Langmuir (2007), 23(11):6305

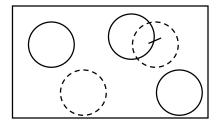
# **Energy profiles**

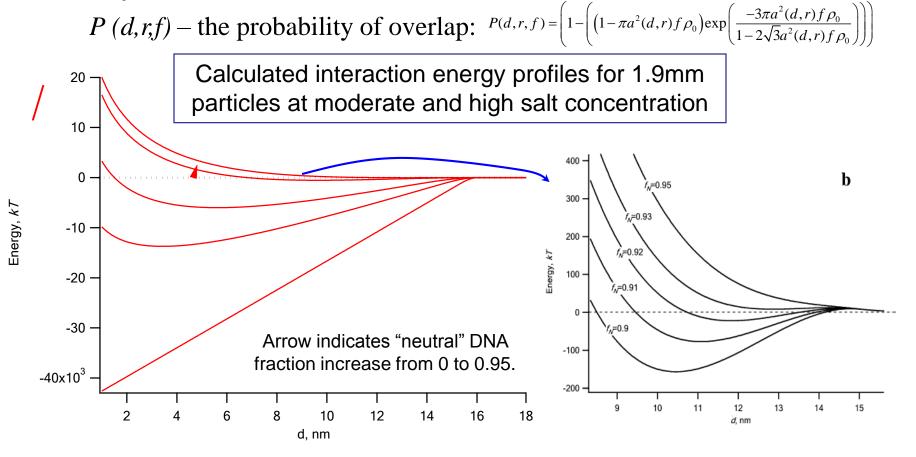
attraction  

$$E_{a}(d,f) = E_{h} \int_{0}^{R(d)} 2\pi r f \rho_{0} P(d,r,f) dr + E_{w}(d)$$

repulsion

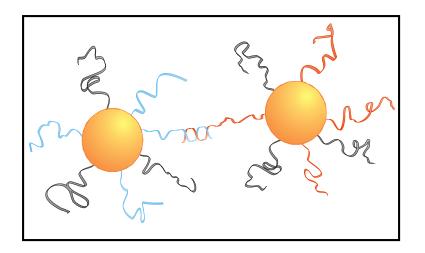
$$E_r(d, f) = \int_0^0 2\pi r \rho_0 E_{ou}(d) (1 - fP(d, r, f)) dr + E_{oh}(d, f) + E_{el}(d - 2b_0)$$





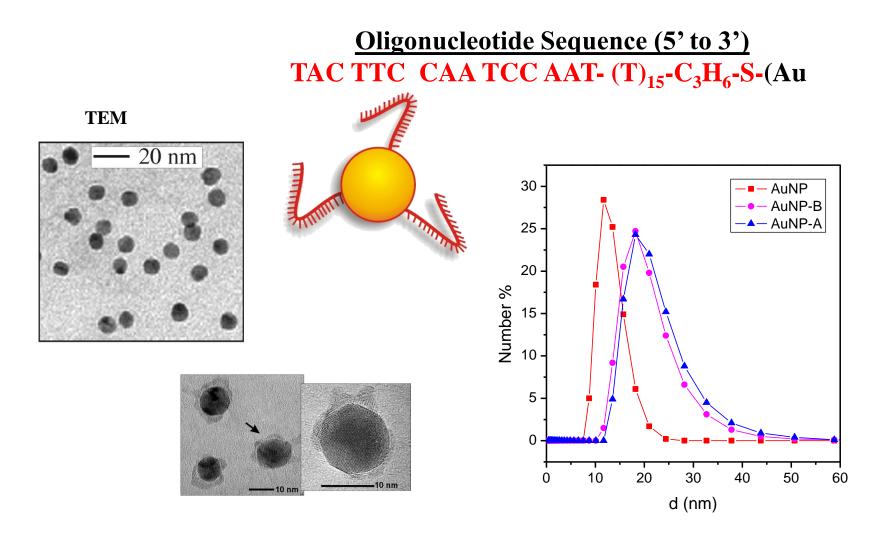
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## Nanoscale

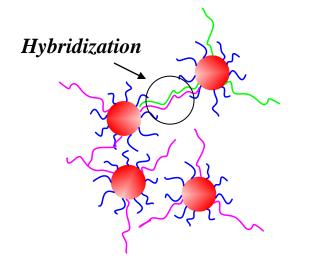


DNA is comparable with particle size- "long-range" interactions
 Small number of DNA per particles (1 to 10<sup>2</sup>). Can we average interactions?
 How to probe structure?

# **Oligonucleotide-Modified Au Nanoparticles**

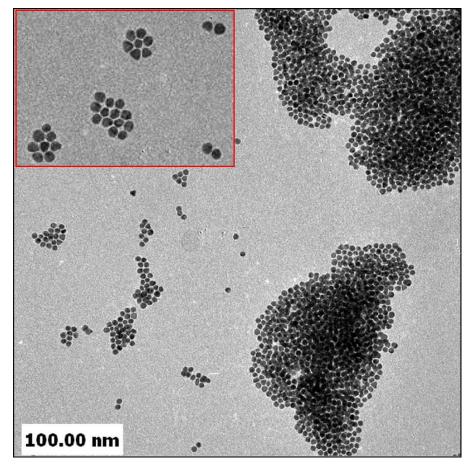


#### Aggregation of particles with complementary DNAs

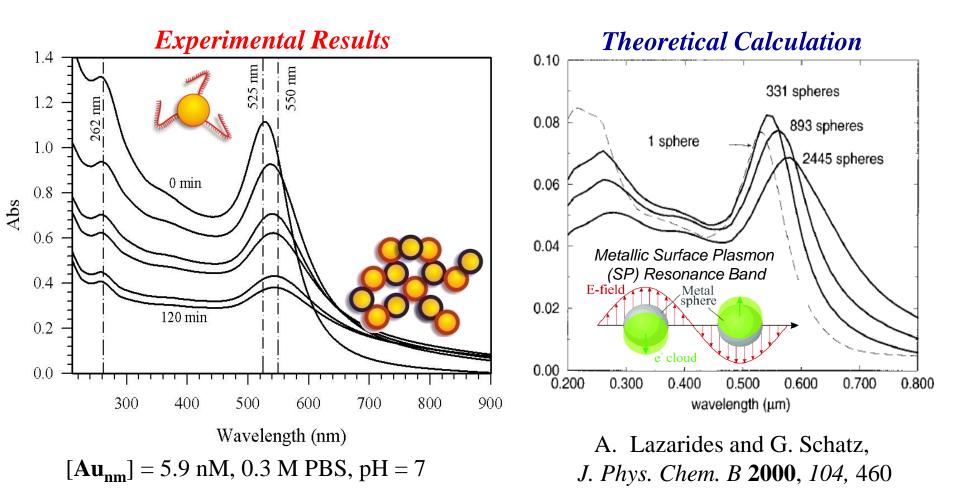


-Hybridization induce the aggregation of Au particles

-Formation of jammed structures is observed by TEM

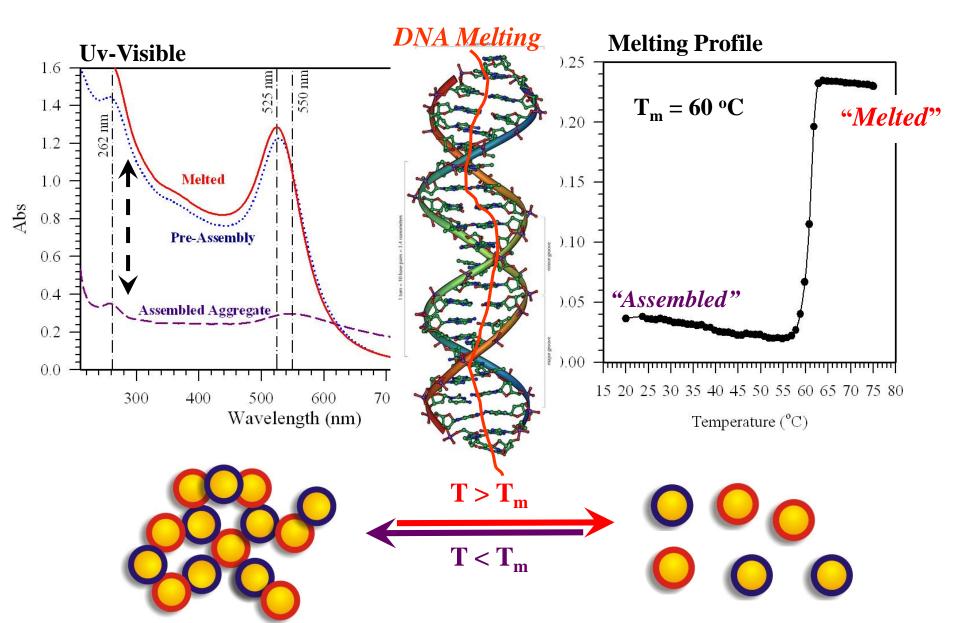


# Monitoring Assembly via Optical Measurements

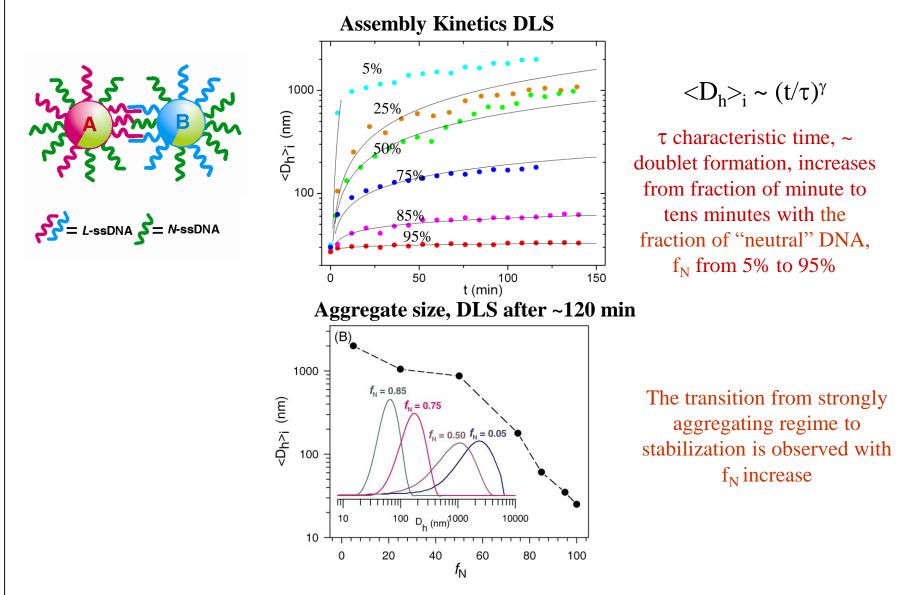


**Optical Properties of Assembly dominated by:** Interparticle Distance, Aggregate Size/Shape

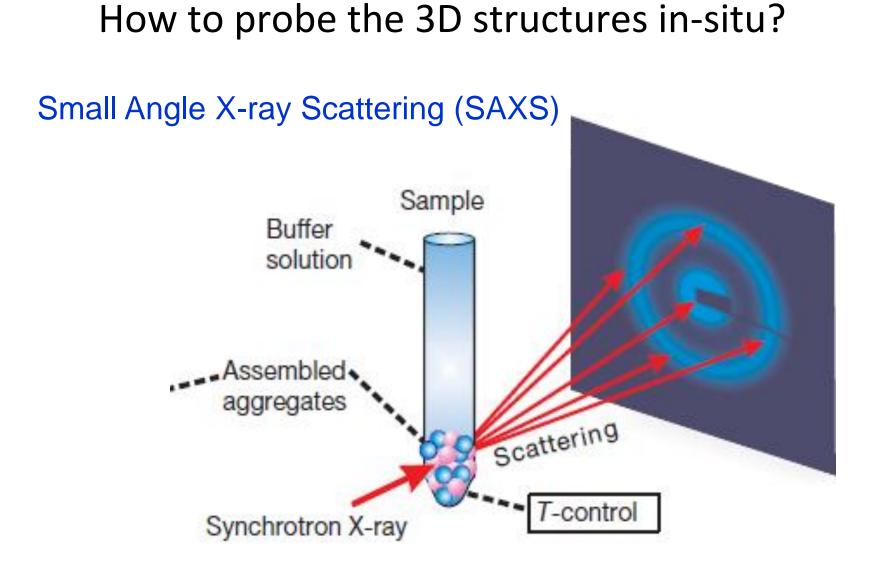
## Assembling and Disassembling via DNA Melting



#### **Tailoring interparticle interactions with DNA**

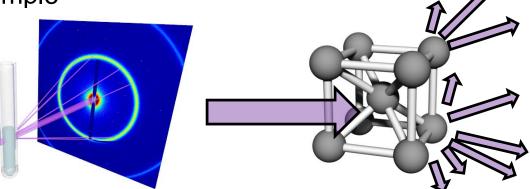


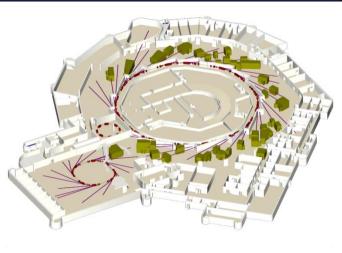
M.M. Maye, D. Nykypanchuk, D. van der Lelie, O. Gang, Small 3, 1678 (2007)



# **X-ray Scattering**

- Electrons accelerated in synchrotron ring
- "Insertion devices" emit bright x-ray beams
- X-rays scatter off of all the atoms/particles in the sample





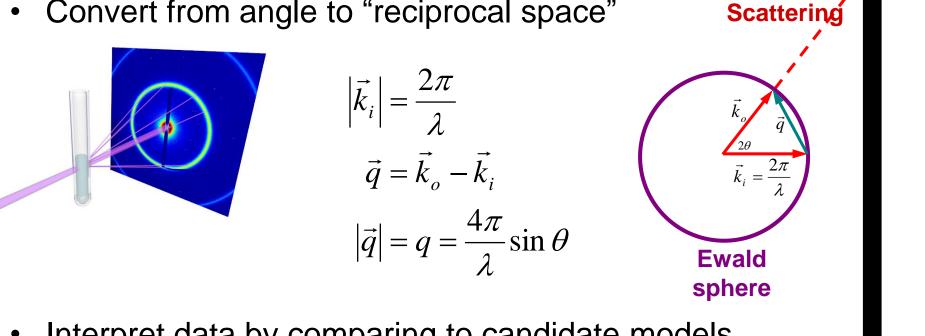
• The scattered waves interfere, which produces distinct spots or rings at specific angles...

 $n\lambda = 2d\sin\theta$ 

 $2\theta$ 

# X-ray Scattering

- Measure intensity of x-ray scatter as a function of angle
- Convert from angle to "reciprocal space"



Detector

Interpret data by comparing to candidate models

$$s(\mathbf{q}) = \sum_{n} f_n e^{i\mathbf{q}\cdot\mathbf{r}} \quad f_n(\mathbf{q}) = \int \rho(\mathbf{r}) e^{i\mathbf{q}\cdot\mathbf{r}} \mathrm{d}V$$

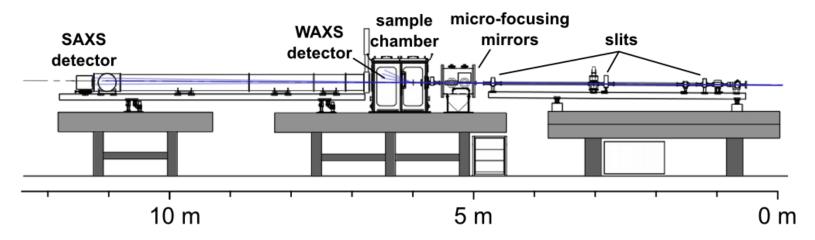
Can determine: symmetry, size, spacing, orientation, grain size, order/perfection, unit cell, ...

# **NSLS-II at Brookhaven National Lab**

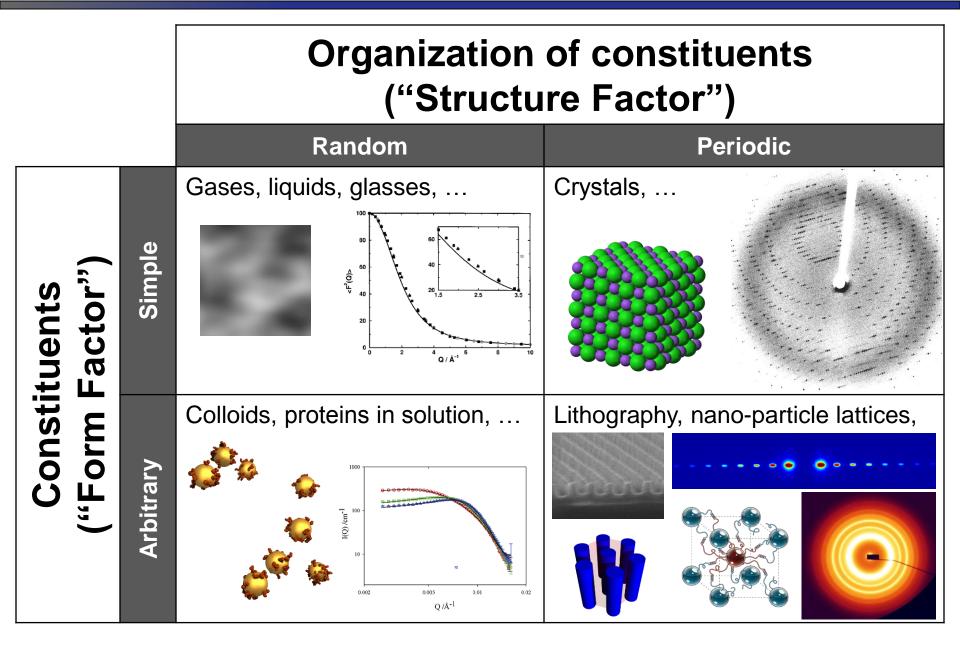


# X9 beamline at NSLS





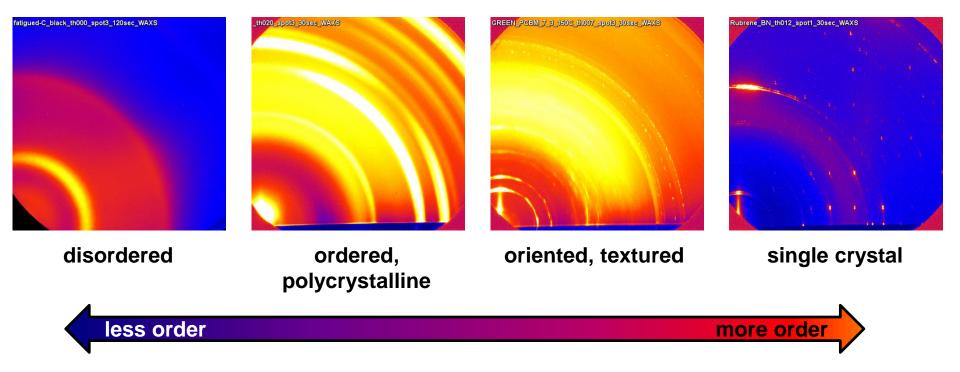
# **Different "kinds" of Scattering**



# X-ray scattering Examples



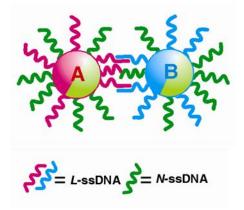
- Can easily infer amount of order:
  - Amorphous
  - Polycrystalline
  - Single crystal



#### Small Angle X-Ray Scattering (SAXS)

0.0

0.02



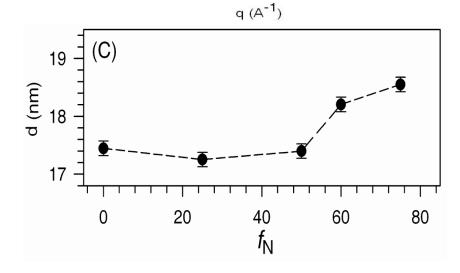
- *d* increase from ~17.3 nm to 18.6 nm at f<sub>N</sub>~50%
- stronger interparticle repulsion results in *d* increase at  $f_N > 0.5$

### SAXS probing large length scale structures 1.5 $f_N=0\%$ 1.0 0.5 $f_N=0\%$ 75%

0.06

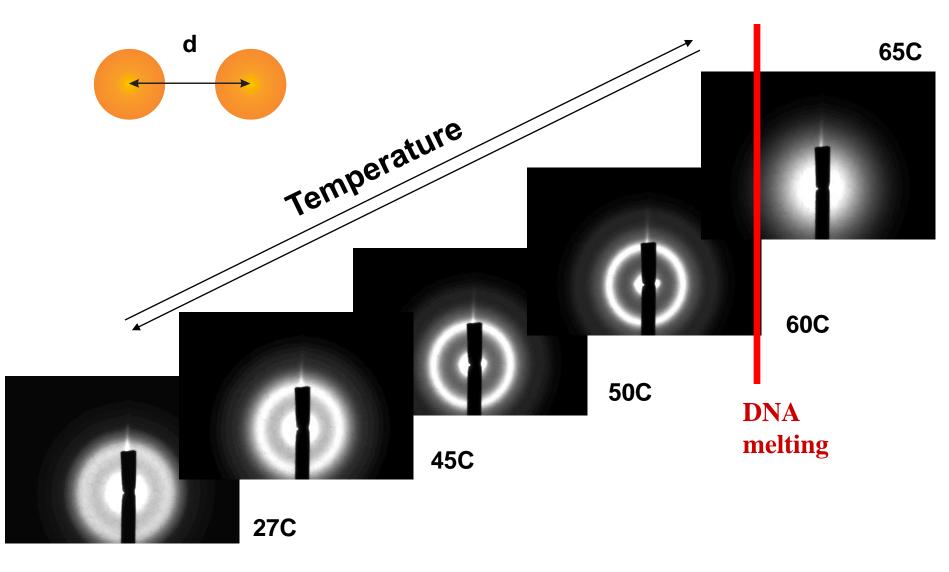
0.08

0.10



0.04

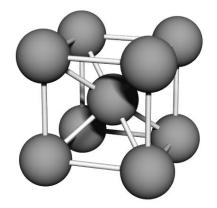
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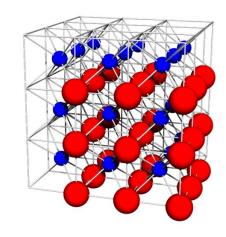


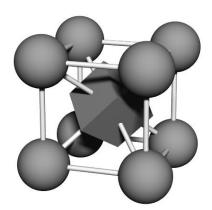
### **3D Assembly of Nano-objects into Superlattices**

Lattice symmetry

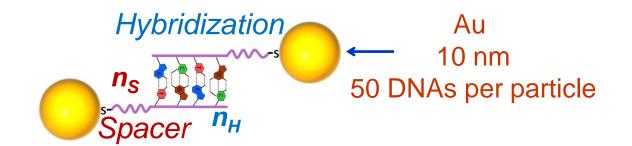
#### Heterogeneous lattices

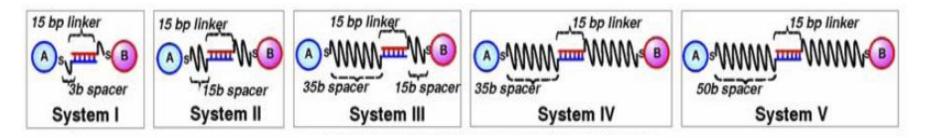






### **DNA-guided 3D Ordering of Nanoparticles**



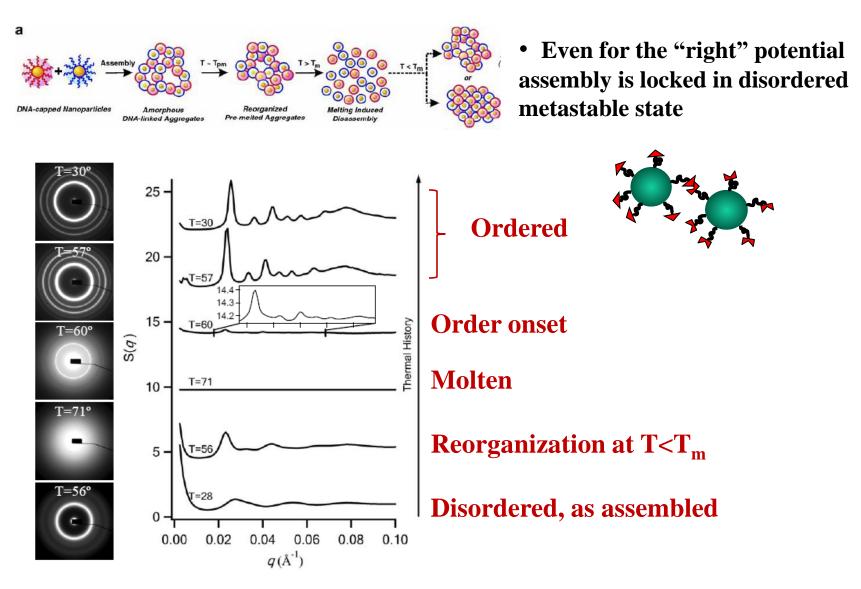


#### Softness of repulsion

Attraction:  $E_a \sim N_a$ Repulsion:  $E_r \sim N^{3/5} / (N^{3/5} - cN_a)$ 

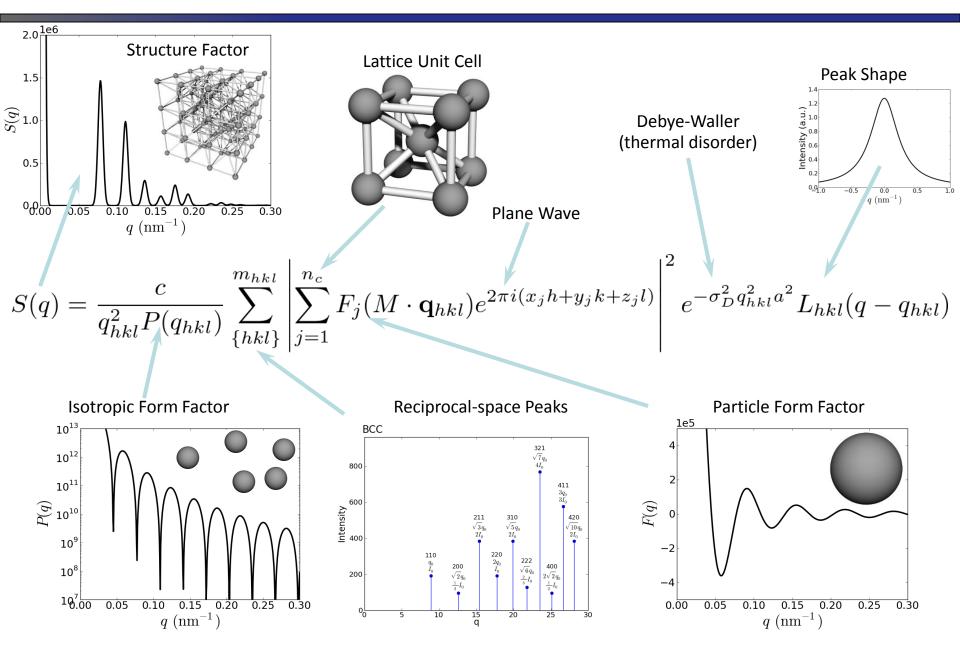
 $\boldsymbol{c}$  is defined by persistence length and surface density repulsion range  $d_{\rm r}\,{\sim}N^{3/5}$ 

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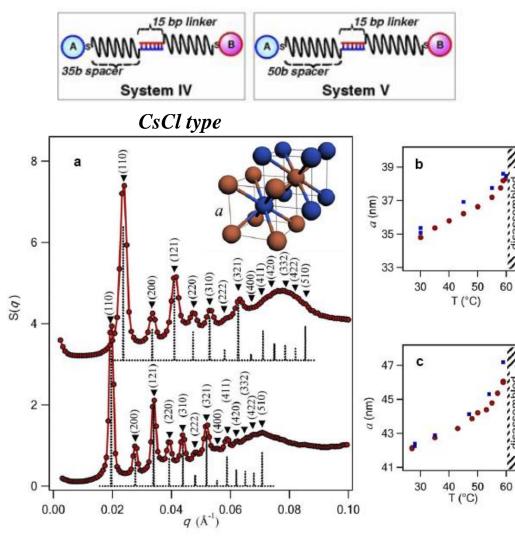


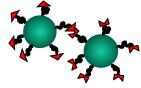
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### Formalism of SAXS Analysis for Superlattices



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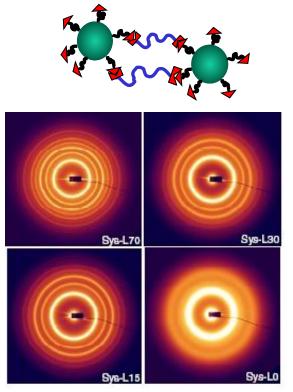


**Direct particles hybridization** 

BCC structure, resolution limited diffraction peaks correlation lengths ~micron
Remarkably open structure: Nanoparticles and DNA occupy ~3-4% and 6-8% volume respectfully
Thermal extension coefficient ~3 10<sup>-3</sup>K<sup>-1</sup>, ~100 larger than conventional materials

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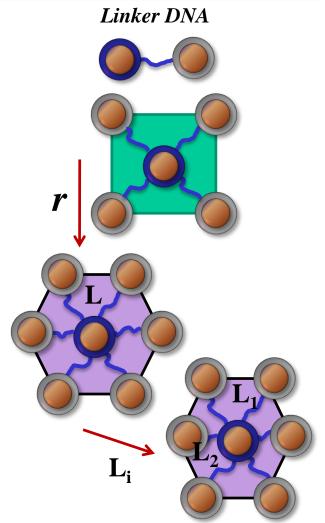
### Assembly via DNA-Linkers



Linker length L<sub>n</sub> determines "softness" of the interactions,
Crystalline (bcc) phases are observed Relative concentration r of DNA linkers vs. particle has a dramatic effect on phase formation.

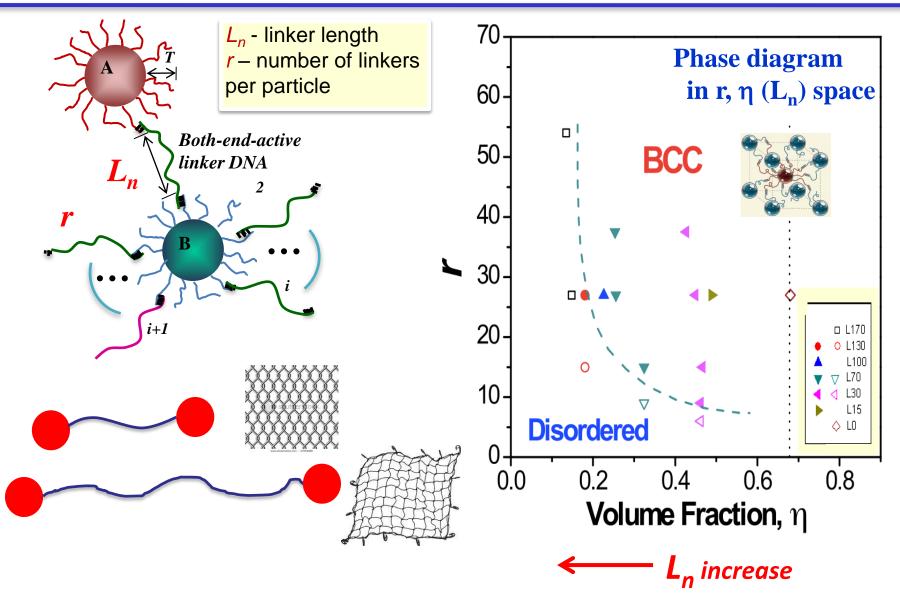
■ How coordination number, controlled by *r*, influence a phase formation, dependence on linker length ?

Linker with more than one length: Distance Encoded phase formation



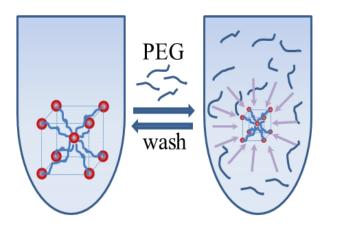
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## **DNA Linker Mediated Assembly**



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#### **Super-Compressible Nanoparticle Lattices**

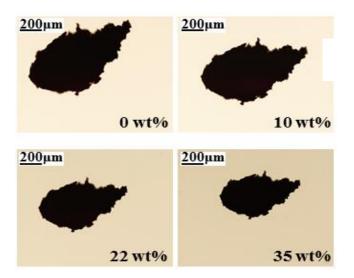


Flexible systems

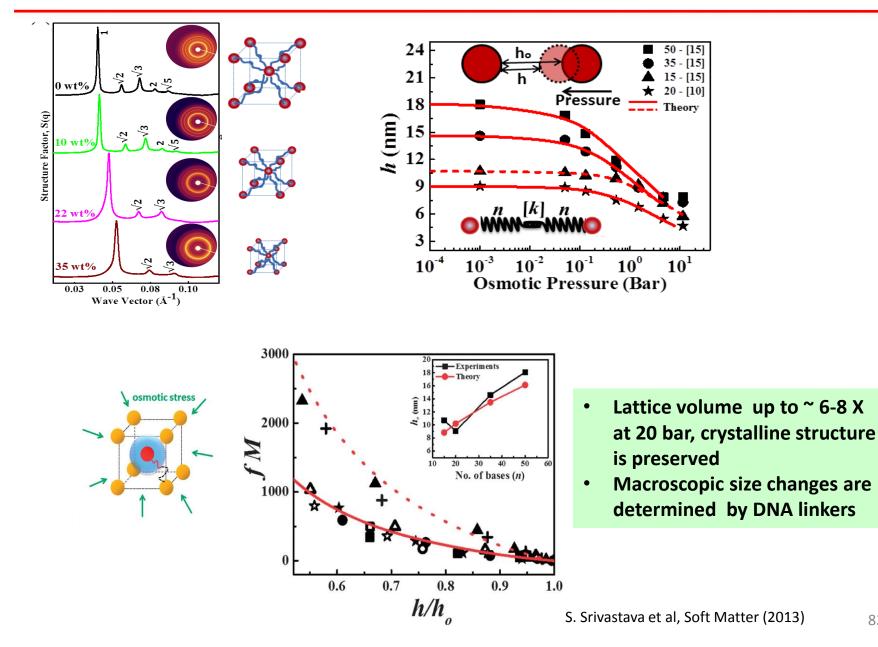


Semi - rigid systems

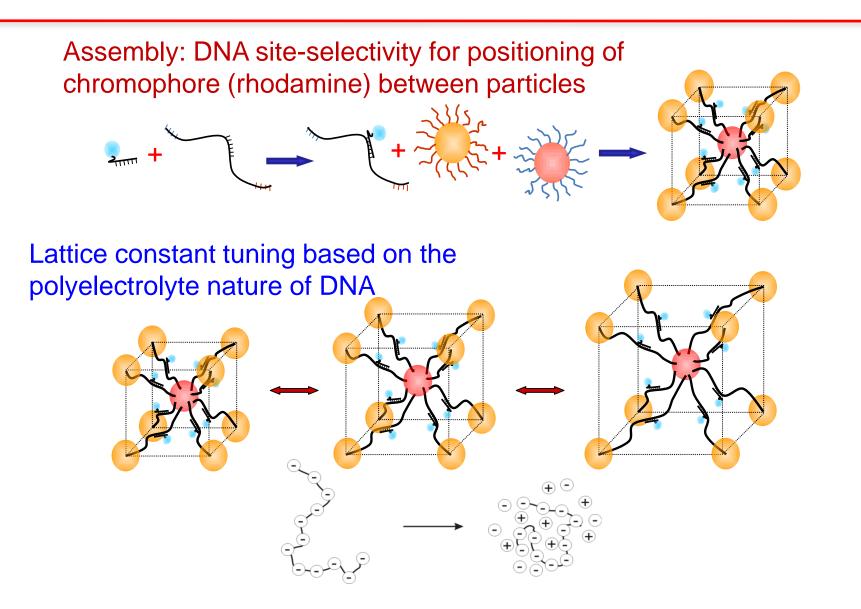




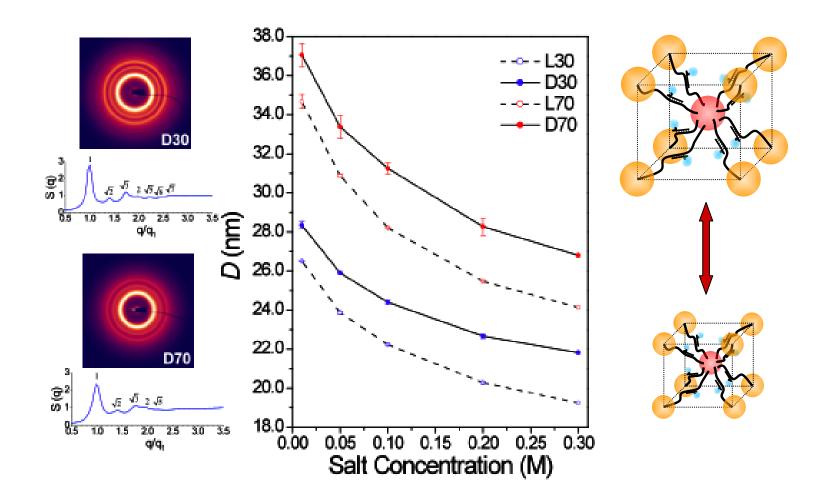
### Super-Compressible Nanoparticle Lattices



### **Tunable Superlattice with Optical Activity**

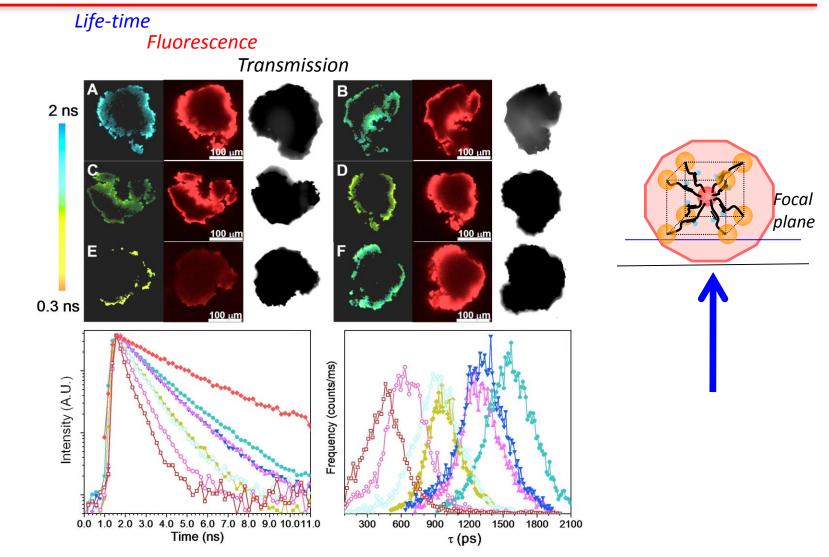


#### Structure of Particle-Chromophore Superlattices Assembled with DNA



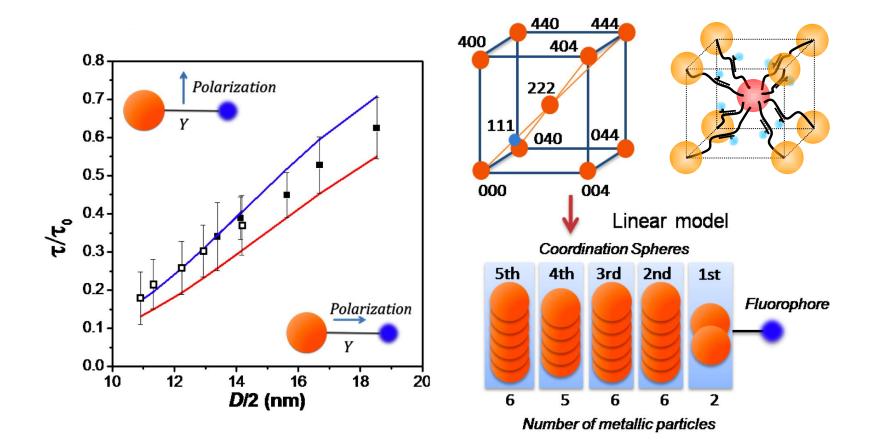
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#### **Optical Response of Particle-Chromophore Superlattices** Assembled with DNA



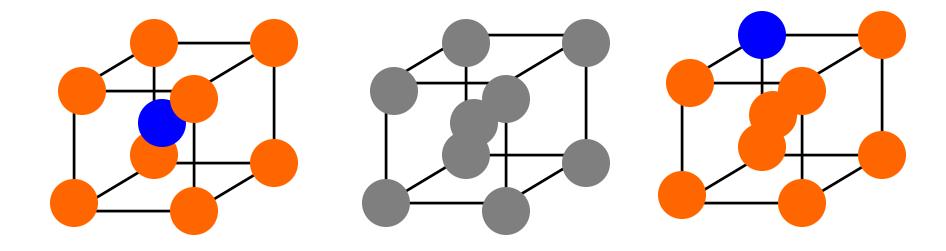
Average Life-time and image histogram at different salt concentrations

### Fluorescent lifetimes for tunable superlattices



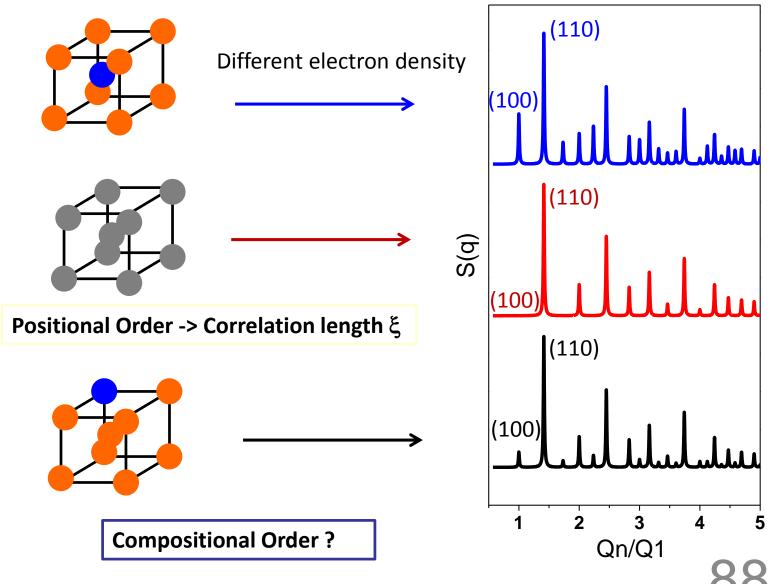
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Multicomponent systems: Compositional Disorder?



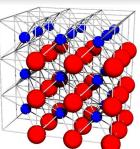
#### **Compositional Order in Binary Systems**

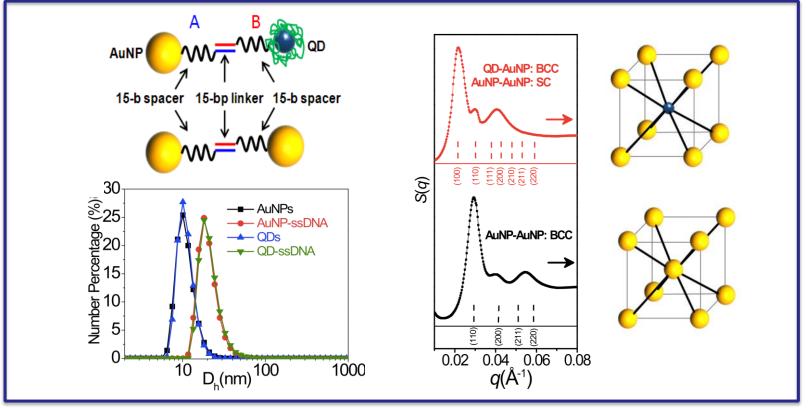
CsCl structure



# Binary Superlattices from CdSe and Au particles

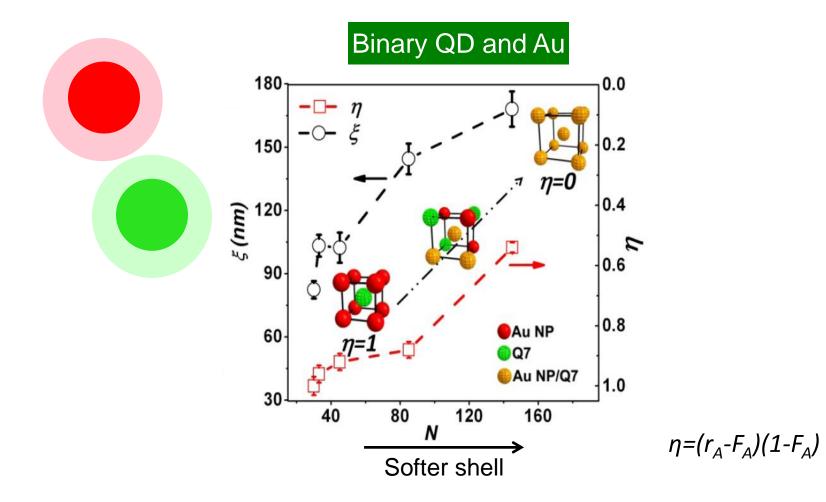
 Assembly of gold-semiconductor (CdSe, quantum dot, QD) lattice





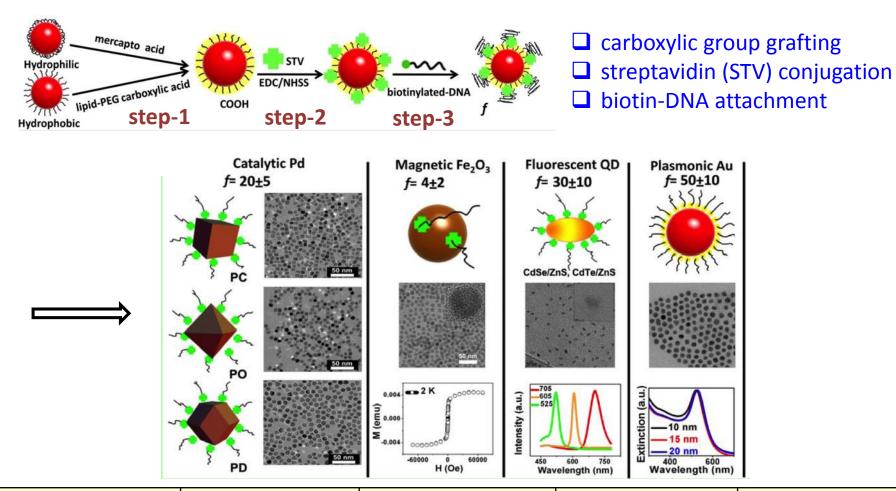
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### Soft Shells and Compositional Disorder



Compositional disorder increases with the shell softness

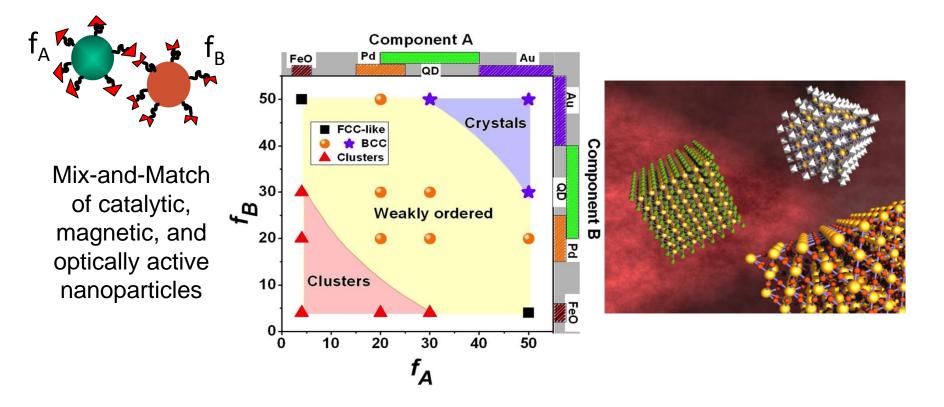
#### Nanoparticle Functionalization with DNA



Material	Catalytic Pd	Magnetic Fe <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	Fluorescent QD	Plasmonic Au
Surfactant	PVP	Oleic acid	ТОРО	Citrate
Surface property	hydrophilic	hydrophobic	hydrophobic	hydrophilic
Y. Zhang et al., Nature Nanotechnology, 2013, 8, 865				

### Heterogeneous 3D Lattices: Structural and Functional Diversity

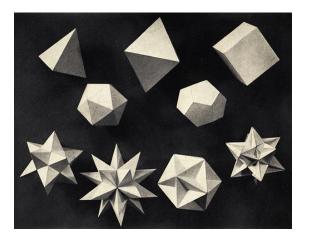
Binary 3D systems with regulated interparticle distances, 10 to sub-100 nm



### Anisotropic shapes and interactions

#### Packing of Solid Objects

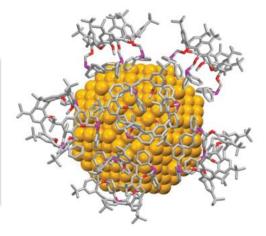
Requirements for maximum packing fraction/entropy



#### Nanoscale shapes are different!

Interplay of particle shape and chains:

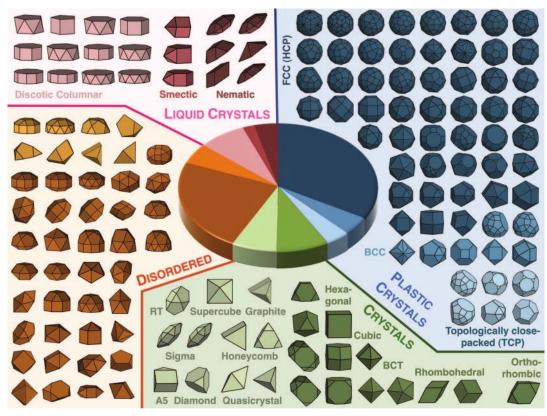
- directionality of interactions
- shell softness
- cooperative chain effects



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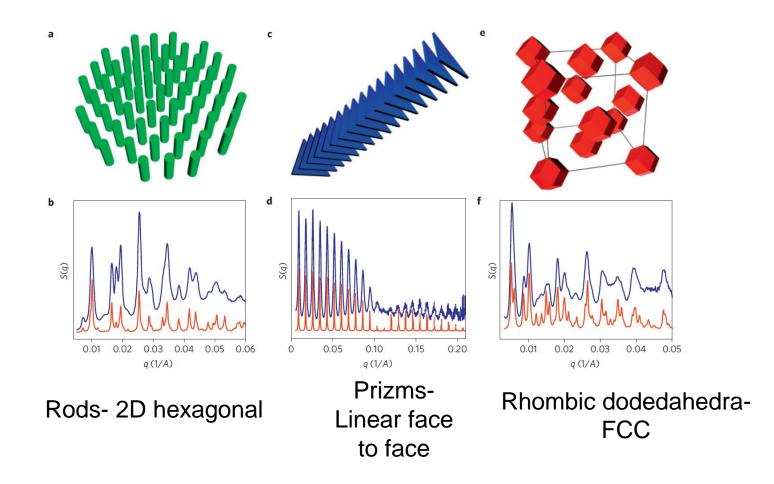
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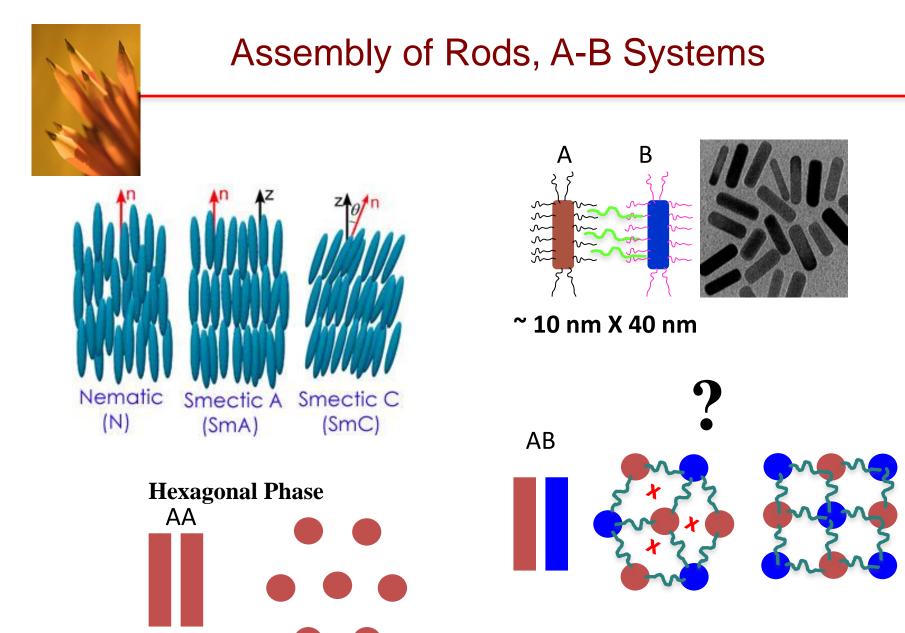
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Damasceno, Engel, Glotzer, Science, 337, 453 (2012)

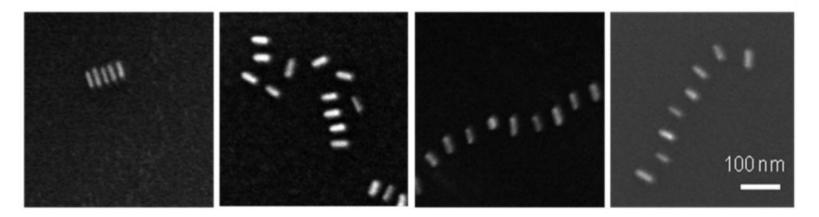
Phases of nanoparticles (A-A systems) with rigid DNA shells resemble packing of solid shapes





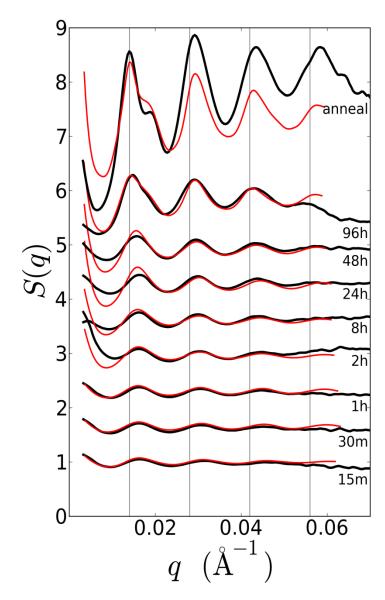
### **Assembly of Rods**

#### 1D ribbons of parallel rods for different lengths of DNA linkers



S. Vial et al., ACS Nano, 7, 5437, 2013

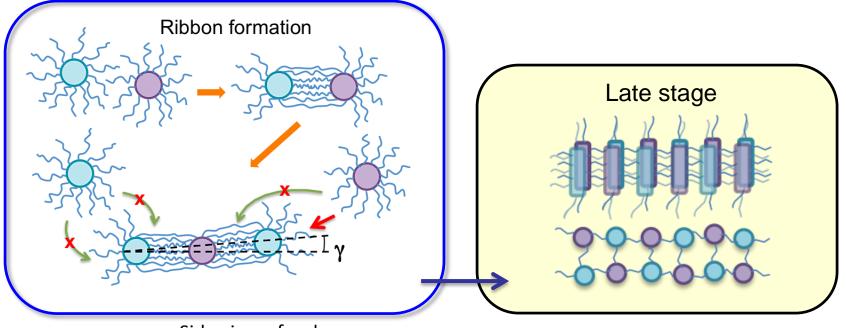
### **Kinetics of Rods Assembly**



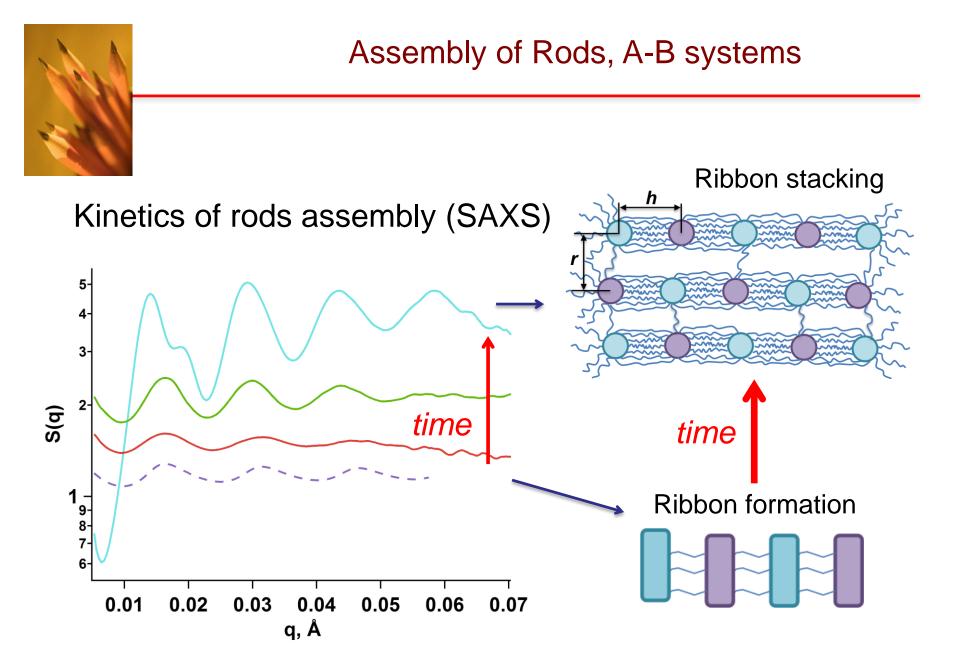
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Chain stacking in square phase Random chain stacking Chain growth Rods, side view

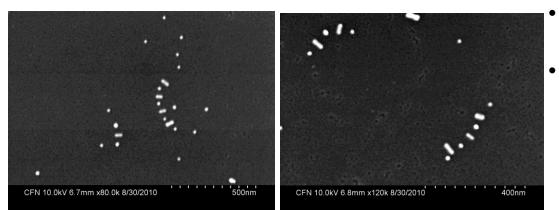
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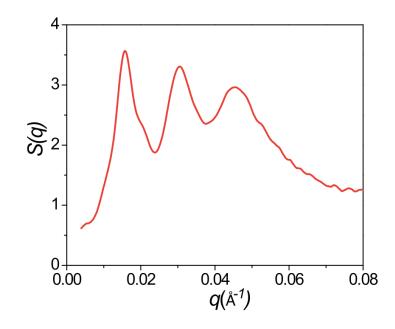
- Side view of rods
- Spontaneous symmetry break during assembly: flexibility of the chains and their collective effect
- Hierarchical assembly: time separated regimes for intra- and interribbon assembly and the reversibility of DNA binding

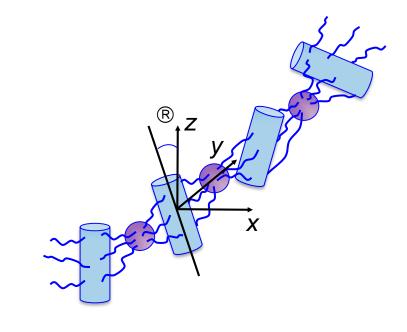


#### **Assembly of Rods and Spheres**

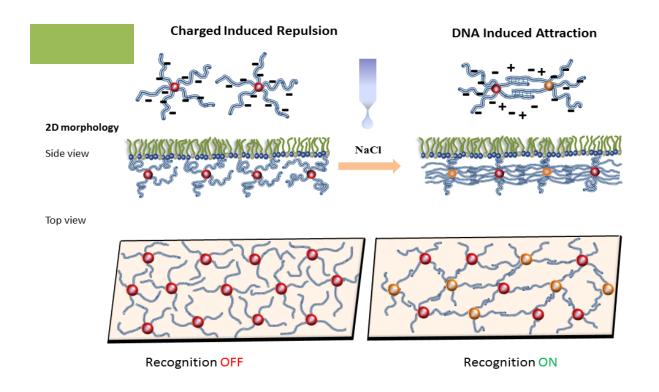


- Assembly of rods and spheres result in 1D alternating structures
- SAXS indicate distances are similar to rod-rod systems, however, no orientational correlation between rods (®is random)

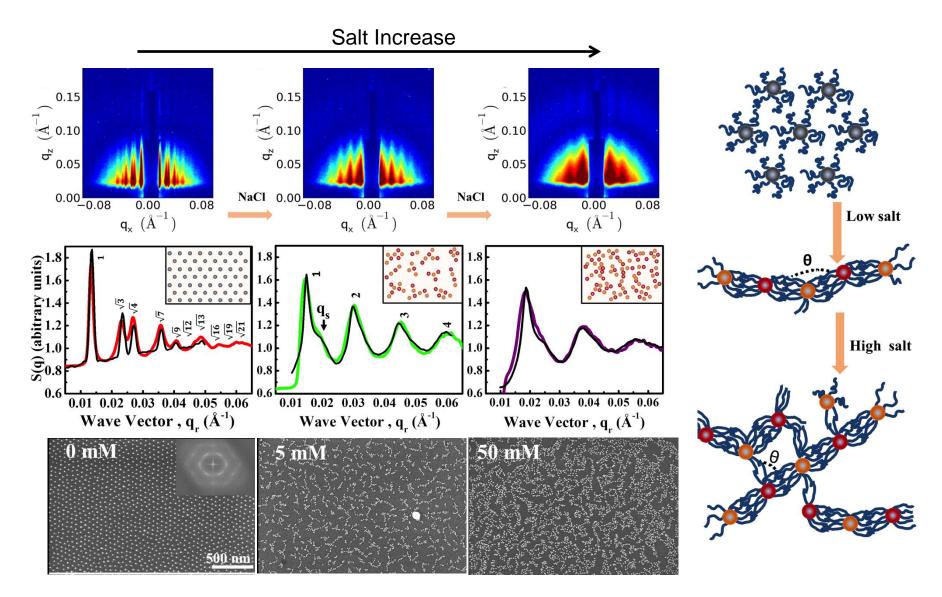




### Assembly in 2D



### Programmable Assembly in 2D



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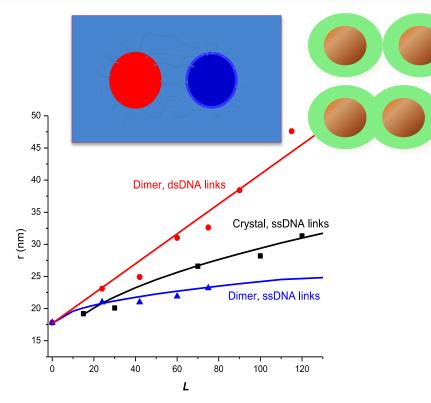
### Programmable Assembly in 2D

b Elastic 0.15 1E-3 Elastic Shear Modulus (N/m) ₫ 0.10 d 0.05 Viscoelastic 1**E-4** 0.00\_0.08 Low salt  $\hat{\Delta}^{-1}$ 1E-5 Viscous High salt 1**E-6** 20 40 60 Salt Concentration (mM) 80 00 0 0.6 0.01 0.02 6.00 0.07 0.0 0.00 (Å<sup>-1</sup>) Wave Vector Wave Vector,  $q_{(A^{-1})}$ Wave <sup>7</sup>ector, q. (Å<sup>-1</sup>) 0 mM 50 mM 500 nm

Salt Increase

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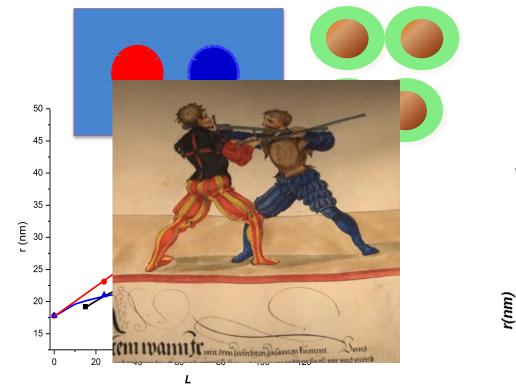
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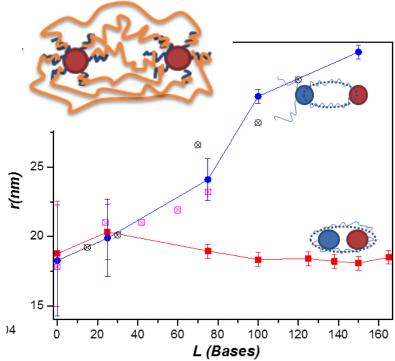
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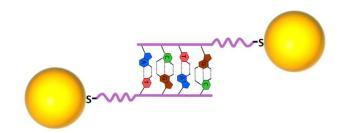
Self-limited dimers with "collapsed" structure for particular assembly pathways

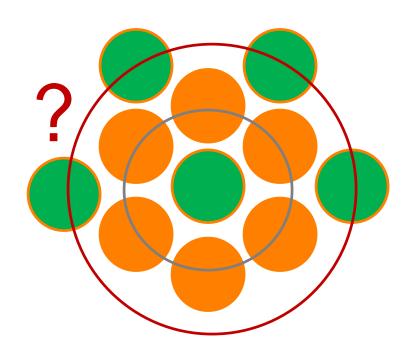


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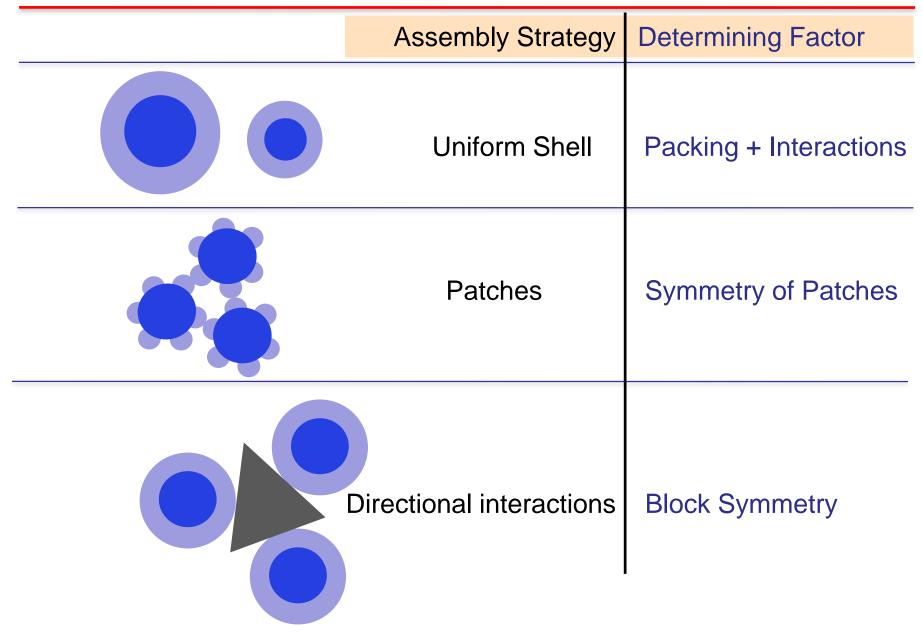
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### **DNA recognition between components and phase control**

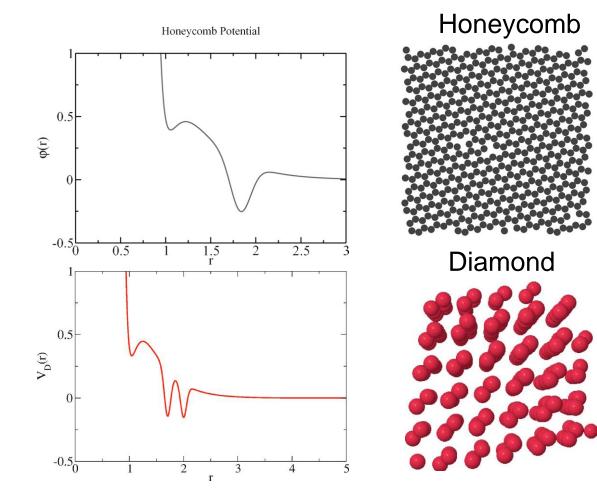




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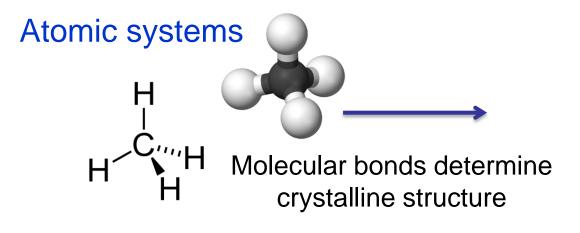


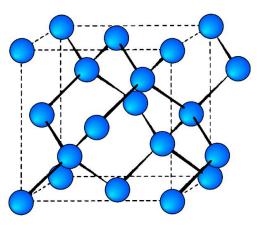
# How to form a complex structure: Engineering isotropic interaction potential



S. Torquato et al, Soft Matter, 5, 1157 (2009), PRE (2007)

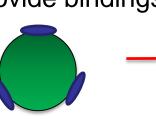
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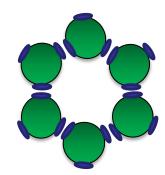




### Particles systems

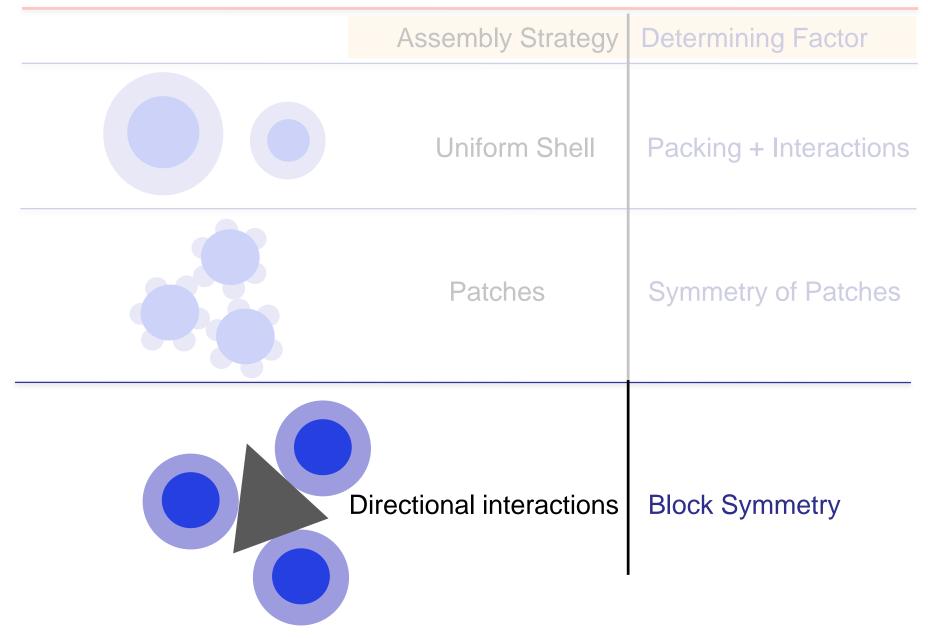
"Patchy" particles Patches provide bindings





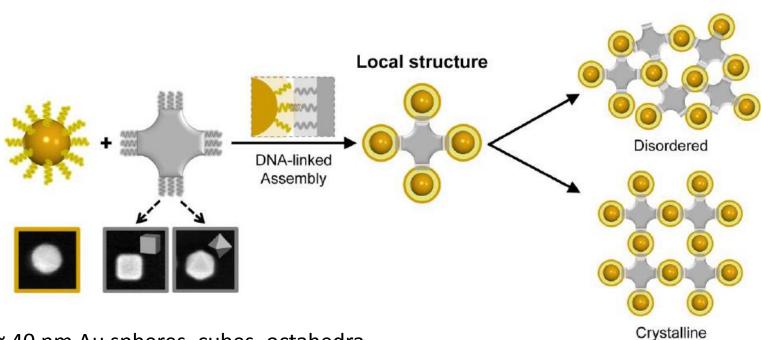
- Difficult to create on nanoscale
- •Difficult to control uniformity and locations on particle

## Assembly by Design: Strategies



## Shape-directed Assembly of Binary Lattices

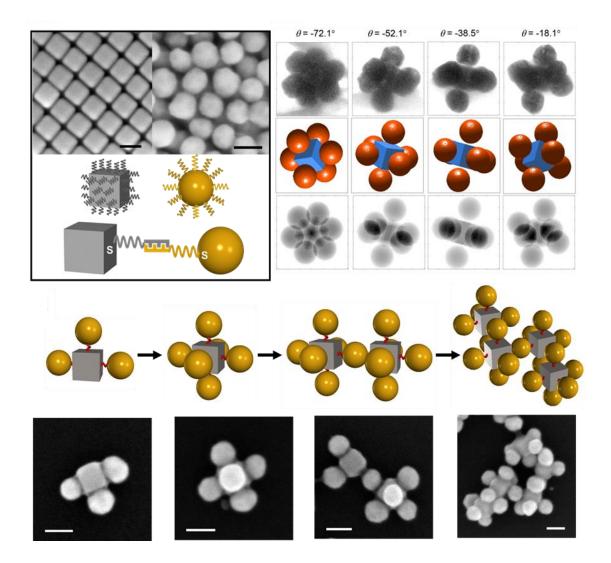
Large-scale structure



~ 40 nm Au spheres, cubes, octahedra

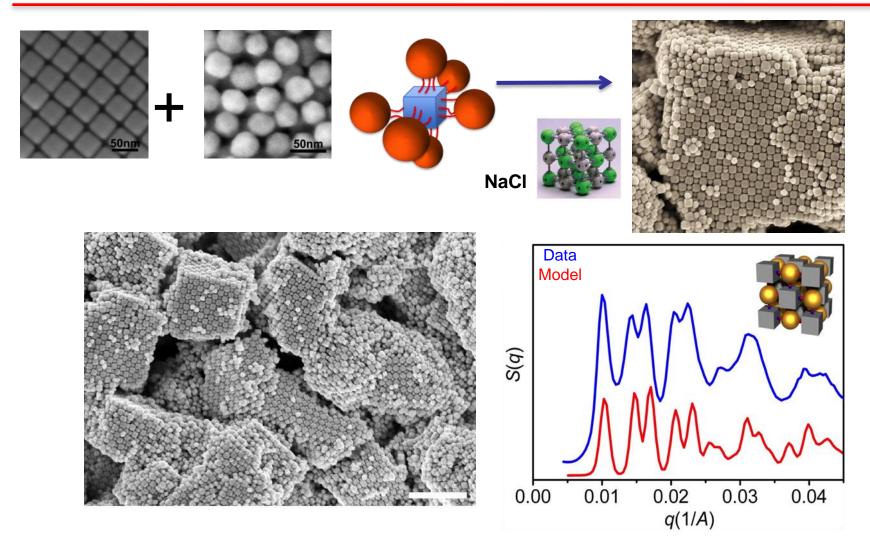
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### Shape-directed Assembly of Clusters



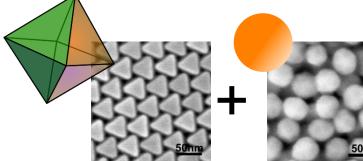
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## **Cube-Directed Assembly of Spheres**

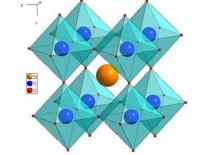


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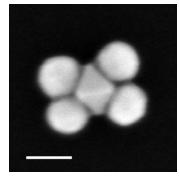
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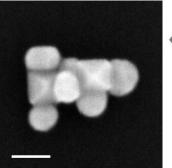


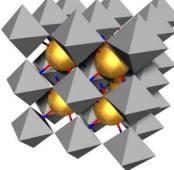
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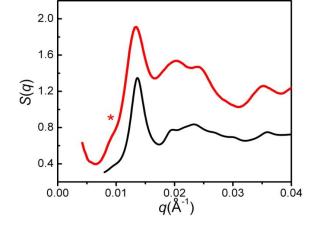


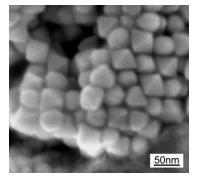
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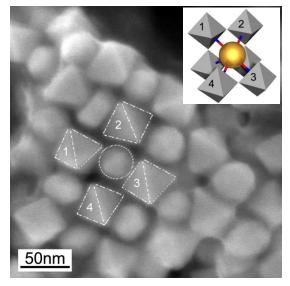


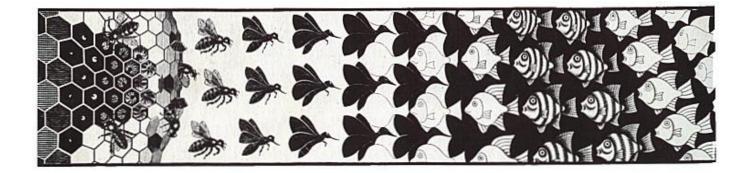




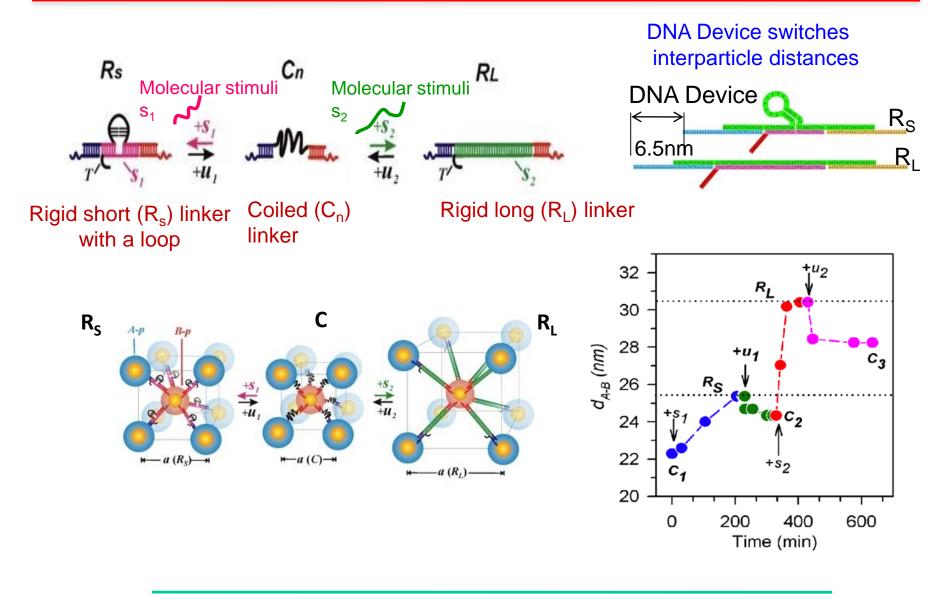




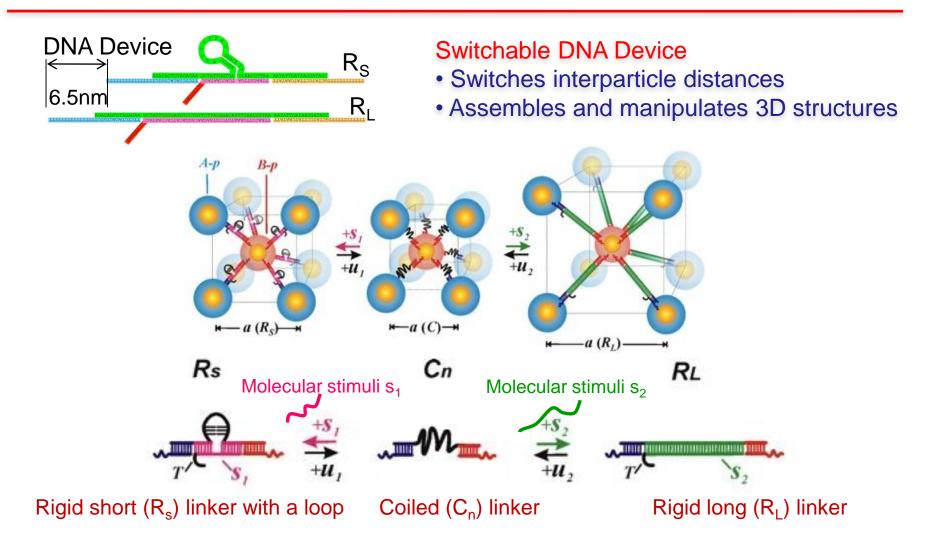




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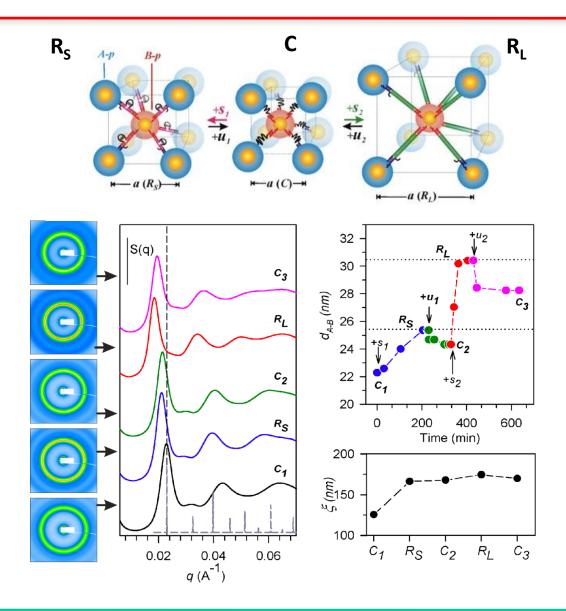


# Molecularly switchable nano-systems\*



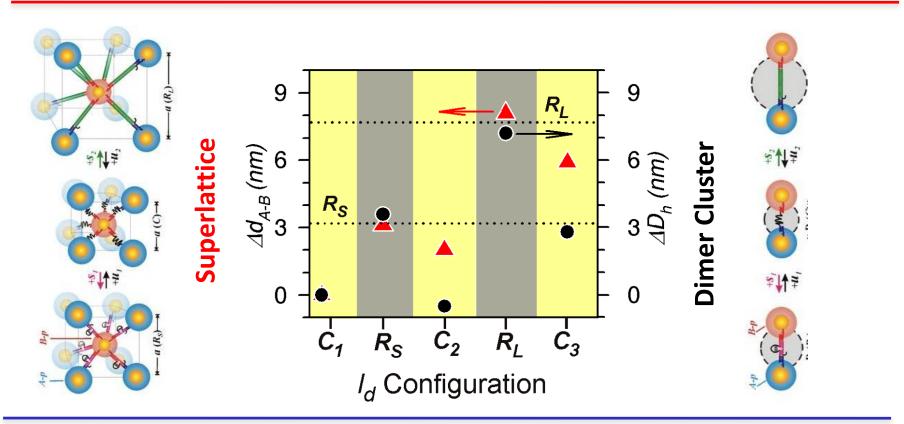
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#### **Switchable 3D Superlattices**



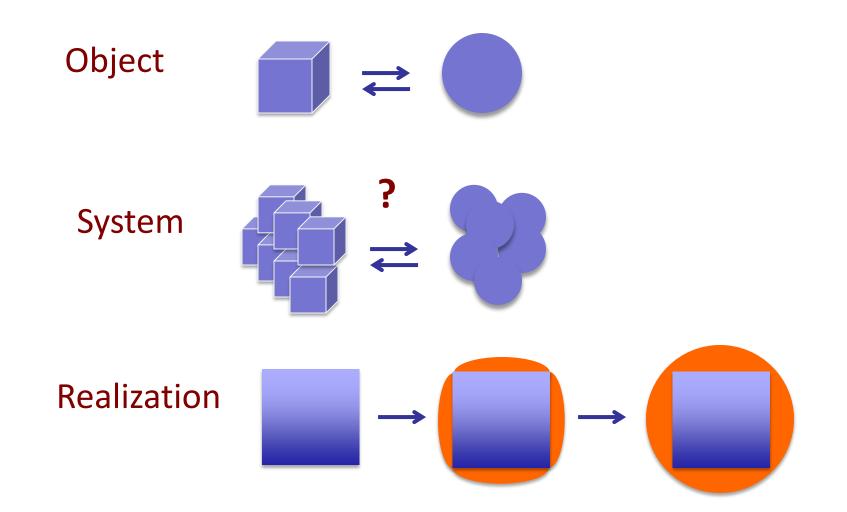
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### Switchable Nanosystems



- Reconfigurations of superlattice and cluster result in a similar distance change ~ 5 nm
- DNA device operates for 3D and cluster systems; kinetics for 3D is slower
- Hysteresis of coiled device configuration is more pronounced in 3D, might be attributed to confinement, multiple particle linkages, trapped ds-DNA fragments

## **Anisotropy: shape-induced system transformation**

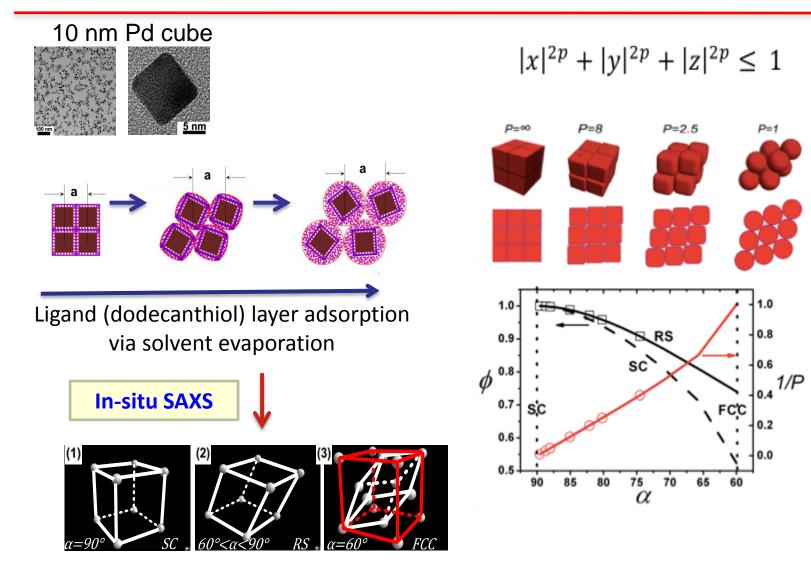


## Shape-induced system transformation

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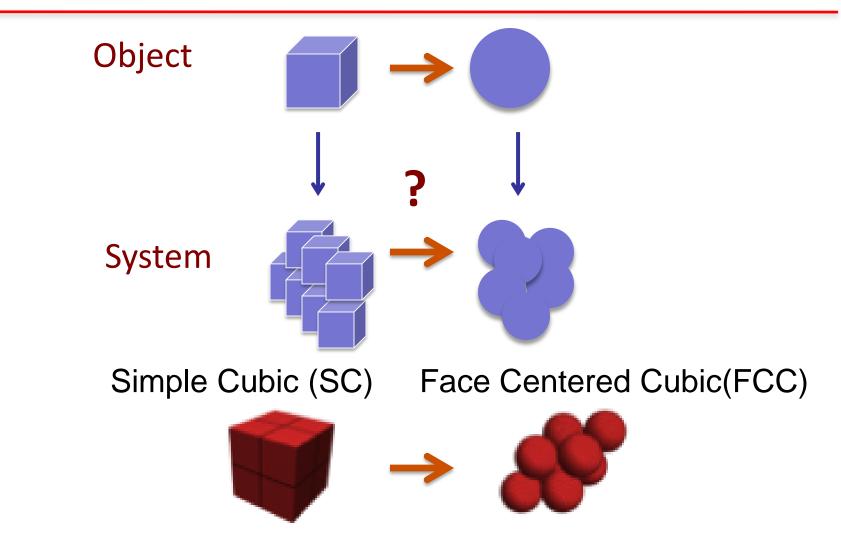
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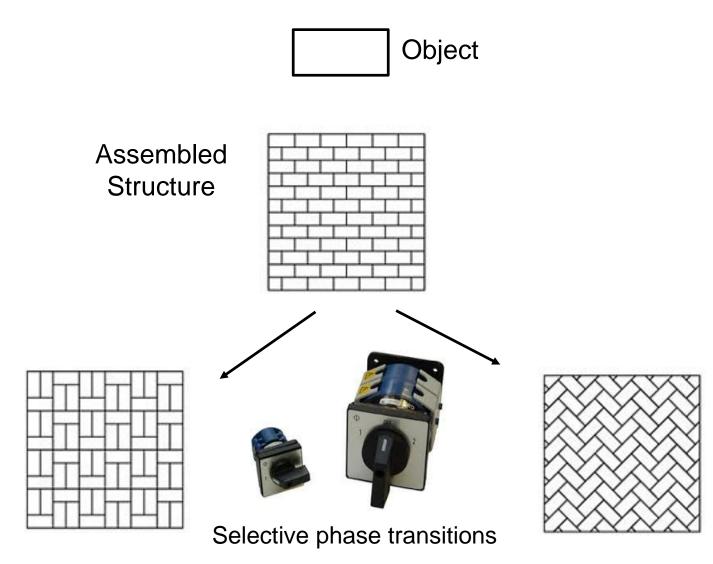


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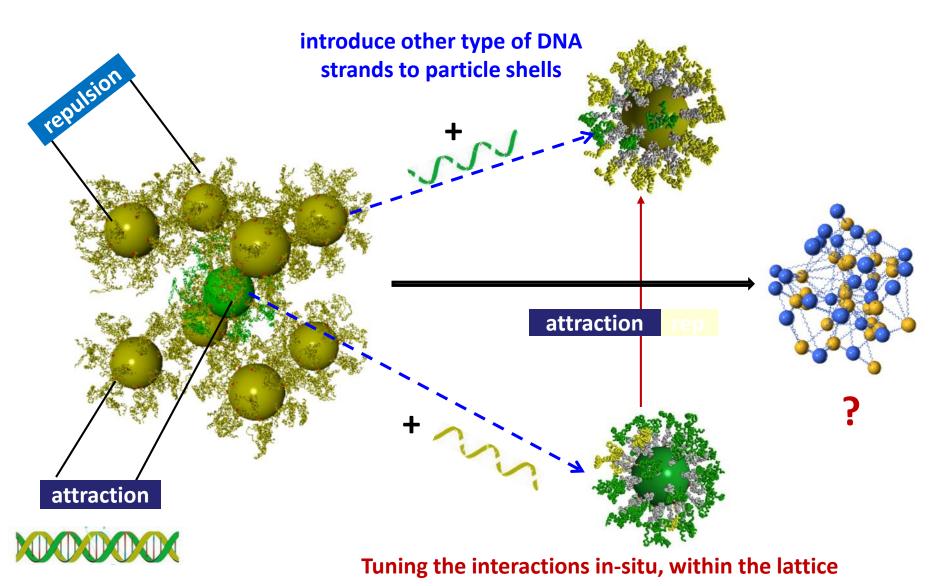
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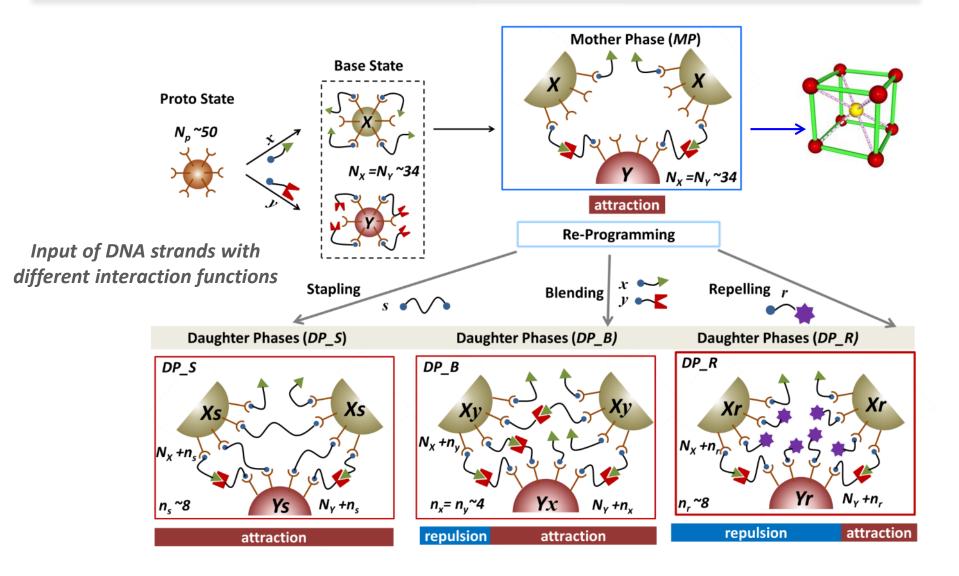
#### **Switching Material Structure Globally?**



### **Programmable Transformations**



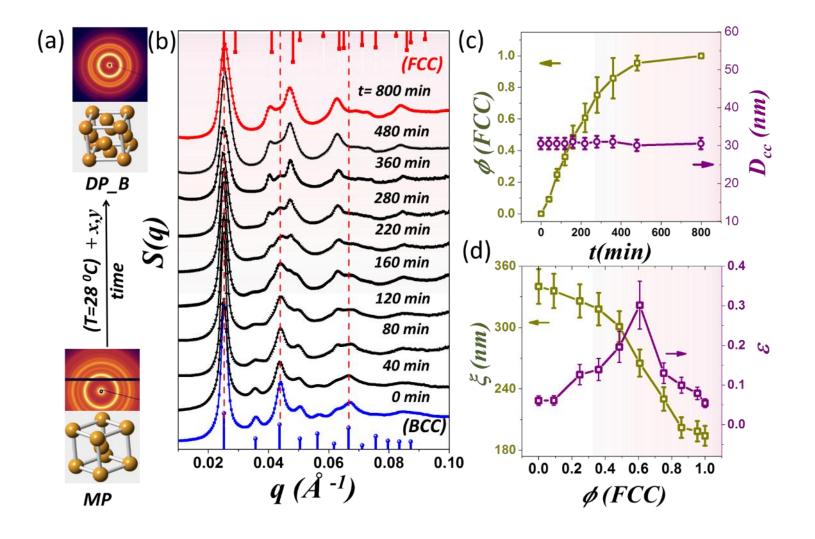
### Programmable Transformations by Selective Interaction Tuning



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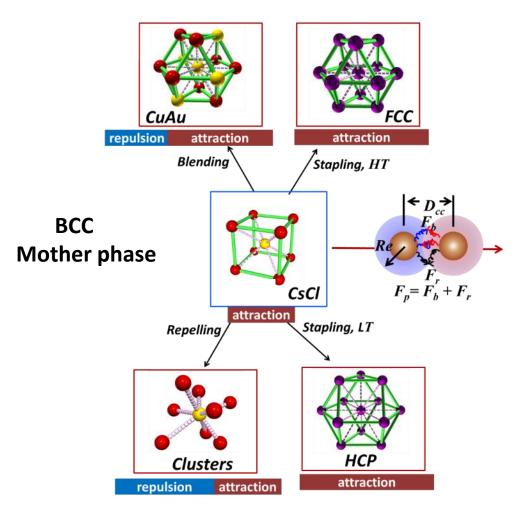
#### **An Example for Blending-Interaction Case**

Phase transition from BCC to FCC upon introducing "blending" DNA strands

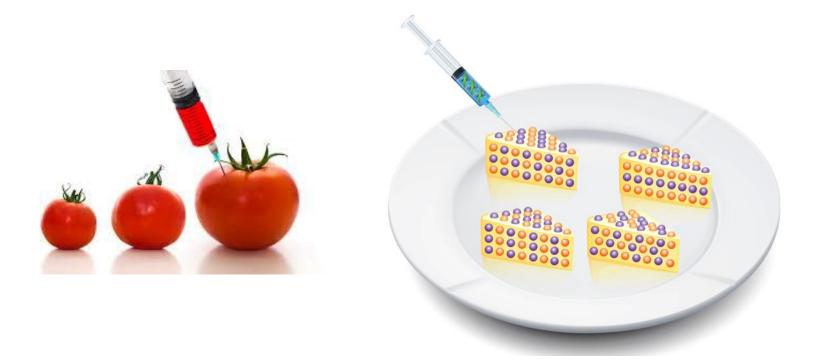


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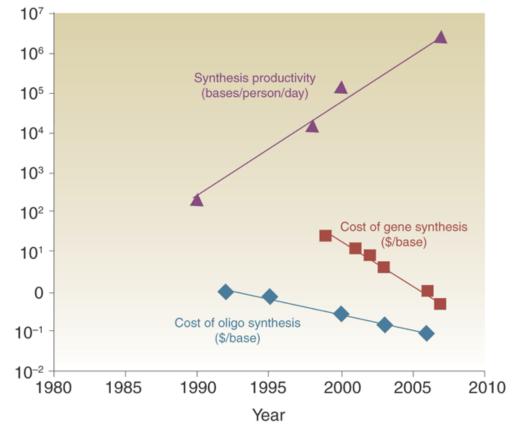
### "Genetically" Modifiable Materials



Selective switching of material structures and functions on-demand by inputting highly specific DNA strands

# **DNA economics**





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### **Perspectives**

- Prescribed lattice symmetries?
- Self-assembly of non-periodic architectures?
- Systems with regulated transformation?