# Excluded Volume Interactions

Reference text:

The Structure and Rheology of Complex Fluids, Ronald G. Larson Statistical Mechanics, Donald A. McQuarrie Soft Matter Physics, M. Doi Slides from Complex Fluids and Soft Matter, Ronald G. Larson

## Macroscopic Thermodynamics

For systems whose natural variables are T and V (volume),  
Helmholtz free energy: 
$$A \equiv U - TS$$
 entropy  
 $(dA \equiv dU - SdT - TdS)$   
First Law of Thermodynamics:  $dU = TdS - pdV$   
heat flow work

These two imply: 
$$dA = -SdT - pdV$$

multi-component system:  $G \equiv$  Gibbs free energy

$$\mu_j \equiv \left(\frac{\partial G}{\partial N_i}\right)_{T,p,N_k,k\neq j}$$

 $dA = -SdT - pdV + \sum_{j} \mu_{j} dN_{j} \quad \mu_{j} = \text{chemical potential of j}$ Gibbs free energy:  $G \equiv H - TS$  enthalpy:  $H \equiv U + pV$  $G \equiv U - TS + pV = A + pV$ 

More detail: McQuarrie: Statistical Mechanics, Doi: Soft Matter Physics"

**Microscopic Thermodynamics** Boltzmann distribution:  $p_j \propto \exp(-\frac{E_j}{k_pT})$   $p_j \equiv prob. of state j$ Boltzmann distribution is a special case of a Poisson distribution example: randomly divide a long line into a huge number of segments In the limit of large number of cuts, the distribution of line segment lengths is  $\sum_{j} p_{j} = 1$   $p(L) \propto \exp(-\frac{L}{\langle L \rangle})$ normalization constant  $p_{j} = \exp(-\frac{E_{j}}{k_{B}T}) / \sum_{j} \exp\left(\frac{-E_{j}}{k_{B}T}\right) = \exp(-\frac{E_{j}}{k_{B}T}) / Q$  $Q = partition function, Q \equiv \sum_{i} exp(\frac{-E_{j}}{k_{B}T})$  sum is over all states, including ones with same energy (i.e., degenerate states)

connection to macroscopic thermodynamics:  $A = -k_BT \ln Q$ 

## **Application: Metropolis Monte Carlo Simulation**

We wish to obtain thermodynamic averages of properties of a system, such as a molecular system, with a great many microstates, too many to average over all of them. So, we need to *sample* these microstates *fairly*, i.e., weighted by their contribution to free energy.

So, we pick a starting state,  $S_1$ , and choose a possible re-arrangement of this state to slightly different State  $S_2$  randomly out of a total of N possible re-arrangements.

 $E_i$  = energy of State  $S_i$  ; i= 1, 2

If  $E_2 < E_1$  transition to state  $S_2$  from  $S_1$ , with probability unity,

if  $E_2 > E_1$  transition to state  $S_2$  from  $S_1$ , with probability exp  $[-(E_2 - E_1)/k_BT]$ where we use a random number to decide if to transition. If we do not transition, the system is kept in State 1 for that step of the simulation.

We then draw randomly a new State  $S_2$  out of the N possibilities and repeat.

## **Application: Metropolis Monte Carlo Simulation**



If for any State i, there are always the same number N possible new states that can be sampled, then in a long run, any state i will be sampled with frequency equal to its Boltzmann weight:

$$p_i = \exp(-\frac{E_i}{k_B T}) / \sum_j \exp\left(\frac{-E_j}{k_B T}\right)$$

This is the proper thermodynamic weight that this state should receive in the thermodynamic ensemble. Thus, any property averaged over the sampled states will converge to its thermodynamic average. E.g.,  $\bar{E} = \sum_{j} p_{j} E_{j}$ 



## **Particle-Wave Dualism**

Prof. Louis De Broglie 1923

 $\lambda_{dB} = h/p$ 

All particles are waves!



- *h* = Planck's Constant 6.63 × 10<sup>-34</sup> Joule second
- p = momentum of particle
  = mass × velocity
- *E* = *p*<sup>2</sup>/2*m m* – *particle mass*
- $E=(h/\lambda)^2/2m$







## **Non-Interacting Particles**

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## Non-Interacting Particles (Generalization 1: non-uniform concentration)

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 $A(\mathbf{x})/(Vk_BT) \approx v(\mathbf{x})\ln[v(\mathbf{x})] + const = v(\mathbf{x})\ln[\frac{v(\mathbf{x})}{v_0}]$  $\mathbf{x} = \text{position vector}$ 

 $v_0$  = reference concentration; *A* is then free energy relative to reference state

example: consider the reference state to be one of uniform concentration  $v_0$ . Relative to this, a non-uniform concentration has free energy:

$$\frac{A}{k_B T} = \frac{-S}{k_B} = \int_V v ln(v/v_0) dV$$
 The integral is over physical space

## Non-Interacting Particles (Generalization 2: multiple species)

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v = N/V = number density

generalize: 
$$A/(k_BT) = \sum_i N_i \ln(v_i) + const$$
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(uniform concentration)

consider the reference state to be one in which each particle type is separated from the others at a uniform concentration  $v_0 = \sum_i v_i$  Relative to this, free energy is:

$$\frac{A}{k_B T} = \sum_{i} N_i \ln(v_i) - \sum_{i} N_i \ln(v_0) = \sum_{i} N_i \ln(v_i/v_0)$$
$$\frac{A}{V k_B T} = \frac{-S}{V k_B} = \sum_{i} v_i \ln(x_i) \quad x_i = v_i / \sum_{i} v_i = \text{mole fraction of i}$$
  
"Ideal mixing" entropy

## Non-Interacting Particles (Generalization 3: non-uniform *probability* distribution)

 $A/k_BT = -S/k_B = \sum_i N_i \ln(P_i)$   $N_i$  =number of particles in state i  $P_i$  =probability (or fraction of times)  $= N \sum_{i} P_{i} ln(P_{i})$  that particle is in state i =  $N_{i}/N$ N = total number of particles (equal *a priori* probability of each state)  $-\sum_{i} P_{i} \ln(P_{i}) = Shannon \ entropy \ (per particle) \ from \ information$ 0.50 theory  $0.5 \\ \Pr(X=1)$ 

high Shannon entropy means low information content, and vice versa

"Information content of the known universe:"  $10^{10^{123}}$ 

Claude Shannon, Univ. of Mich. grad, born in Petoskey, MI



Non-Interacting Particles (Generalization 4: non-uniform distribution in orientation space)



isotropic ' 3D isotropic  $\psi_0(\Omega) = \psi_0(\theta, \phi) = \frac{1}{4\pi}$ 



anisotropic distribution,  $\psi(\theta)$ 

In 3D space,  $\psi(\theta, \phi) d\theta d\phi =$ probability orientation angles are between  $\theta$  and  $\theta + d\theta$  and between  $\phi$  and  $\phi + d\phi$ 

$$\frac{A}{k_B T} = \frac{-S}{k_B} = \int_0^{2\pi} \int_0^{\pi} \psi \ln(\psi/\psi_0) s in \,\theta d\theta d\phi = \int_{\Omega} \psi \ln(\psi/\psi_0) d\Omega$$
$$\frac{d\Omega}{d\Omega} = du^2$$

reference state: uniform orientation distribution

(Generalization 5: densely concentrated particles & extension to Flory-Huggins theory)

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Interacting particles: 
$$Q = \frac{\prod V^{N_i}}{\prod (\Lambda^{3N_i} N_i!)} \int \dots \int \exp[-\frac{U_n}{k_B T}]$$

Integral is over reduced coordinates that each vary from 0 to 1

$$\Pi(V^{N_i}/N_i!)$$
 gives the interaction-independent contribution to entropy:

$$S/k_B = \ln[\prod (V^{N_i}/(\Lambda^{3N_i}N_i!)]]$$

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Now consider *non-interacting; i.e., overlapping,* particles with N<sub>1</sub> particles in a volume V<sub>1</sub> and N<sub>2</sub> particles in a volume V<sub>2</sub> and mixing them in a volume V=V<sub>1</sub> + V<sub>2</sub>. Take  $\phi_i \equiv V_i/V$ . The resulting *change* in entropy is given by

$$\frac{-\Delta S}{k_B} = N_1 \ln \phi_1 + N_2 \ln \phi_2$$
 "ideal translational (aka Flory-  
Huggins) entropy" Try deriving!

This mixing entropy is the same as that derived for *non-overlapping* particles on a lattice, where the volumes  $V_1 = v_1 N_1$  and  $V_2 = v_2 N_2$  are the volumes of densely packed particles each particle with volumes  $v_1$  and  $v_2$  and the mixture has volume  $V = V_1 + V_2$ . The contributions to entropy *S* from the overlaps in the mixture is cancelled out by the contributions from overlaps to S in the volumes  $V_1$  and  $V_2$  so that  $-\Delta S$  is unchanged. (Lazaridis and Paulaitis, JPC 96:3847, 1992)

$$\frac{-\Delta S}{k_B} = N_1 \ln x_1 + N_2 \ln x_2 \quad \text{``ideal mixing entropy''}$$

## **Colloidal forces**

- The structure of matter at the length scales greater than the atomic is governed by electromagnetic forces.
- At the temperatures of interest to us, around 200-500 K, molecules composed of covalently bonded atoms can be regarded as indivisible units, and the electromagnetic forces that we need consider are those that the molecules exert on one another.

## **Colloidal forces**

 The force F between two such molecules is often described using a **potential function W (r)**, which for spherical molecules separated by a distance r is given by

$$F = -\frac{dW}{dr}$$

 A potential function can also be used to describe the force between a pair of colloidal particles. The electromagnetic forces that contribute to W (r) can be grouped into several categories, namely excluded volume (or steric), van der Waals, electrostatic, hydrogen bonding, and hydrophobic.

## Excluded-volume interactions

- When molecules or atoms are brought closer and closer together, their **electron clouds** eventually **overlap**, producing a very strong repulsion that increases so steeply with decreasing intermolecular distance that it easily overpowers all other forces.
- This excluded-volume force is largely responsible for determining the short-range structure of liquids and the crystallographic order of solids composed of small molecules, or of densely packed hard colloidal particles.
- Consider the excluded-volume forces for the simplest cases, hard spherical particles and hard nonspherical particles

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z = excluded volume parameter



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change of entropy per unit volume:  $k_B v ln \left(1 - \frac{vz}{2}\right) \approx -\frac{1}{2} k_B z v^2$ (due to excluded volume)

**Figure 2.1** The hard-sphere phase diagram. Below volume fraction  $\phi < \phi_1 = 0.494$ , the suspension is a disordered fluid. Between  $\phi_1 = 0.494$  and  $\phi_2 = 0.545$ , there is coexistence of this disordered phase with a colloidal crystalline phase with FCC (or HCP) order; the colloidal crystalline phase is the equilibrium one up to the maximum close-packing limit of  $\phi_{cp} = 0.74$ . Nonequilibrium colloidal "glassy" behavior can also occur between  $\phi_g = 0.58$  and the limit of random close packing at  $\phi_{rcp} = 0.64$ . (From Poon and Pusey, fig. 5, with kind permission of Kluwer Academic Publishers, Copyright 1995.)



videos from Solomon group

 Amazingly, the hard-sphere crystallization transition is driven by entropy! At high packing densities, the ordering of the spheres onto a regular lattice gives each sphere greater room for positional fluctuations than would be the case for random packing at the same density, thus more than compensating for the entropic cost of the ordering.

# Packing – Configurational vs. Translational Entropy





Which one looks more crowded?



In the volume-fraction range 0.494 = φ1 < φ <φ2 = 0.545, the disordered phase and the colloidal crystalline phase coexist. The colloidal crystalline phase can theoretically persist from 2 up to the concentration at the HCP limit, cp = 0.7405; this is the highest volume fraction that respects the hard-core diameter of the spheres.</li>



 In addition to these equilibrium phases, there is a metastable glassy disordered state that can exist at volume fractions above about 0.56. This phase exists because at such high densities the long-range Brownian motions of the spheres are suppressed by the crowding or "caging" effect of neighboring spheres, and critical nuclei needed to induce crystallization cannot form. Thus, if the concentration of spheres can be increased quickly enough (say, by centrifugation) so that the concentration regime where crystallization occurs is bypassed, one obtains a colloidal glass.



- The most densely packed state of a glassy suspension of hard spheres is "random close packing," for which φ = 0.64. This concentration is 86% that of ordered close packing.
- This difference in maximum packing between the ordered and disordered states shows that the ordered state has more "free volume" than the disordered one, and it is the difference in entropy associated with this free volume that drives the ordering transition.



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- Interestingly, the density of liquids composed of spherical molecules or atoms at their melting point is also typically about 86% as high as the density of the crystal at 0 K.

- Even in the liquid state, with φ < φ1 = 0.49, local order is not entirely absent. Liquid-state packing of hard spherical objects leads to correlations in molecular positions. For example, a hard spherical molecule in the liquid state is surrounded by, and is in near contact with, on average about nine nearest neighbors.</li>
- The positional correlations that exist between pairs of molecules are described by the radial distribution function, g(r).
- g(r) is proportional to the probability of finding the center of mass of a second molecule a distance r away from the center of mass of a given central molecule.



https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/R adial\_distribution\_function



**Figure 2.3.** Radial distribution function  $g_{HS}(r)$  for suspensions of hard spheres in the disordered state at various volume fractions  $\phi$ , calculated from the Percus–Yevick equation. (From Russel et al. 1989, with permission of Cambridge University Press.)

- The normalization is chosen so that g(r) = 1 for molecules with no positional correlation.
- Note that the largest peak is at nearest-neighbor contact, where r/2a = 1. At high concentrations (φ >= 0.4), there are smaller peaks at nextneighbor packing "shells" located roughly at r/2a ≈ 2, 3, and so on. In the colloidal crystal state ( > 0.545), these peaks become infinitely sharp and repeat out to infinite distances.

## Structure factor

 In the general case in which the phase might (or might not) have positional order, one can define an anisotropic pair correlation function, g(x), where x is a position vector relative to a given molecule. The Fourier transform of the pair correlation function, namely,

$$S(\mathbf{k}) \equiv \int g(\mathbf{x}) \exp(i\mathbf{k} \cdot \mathbf{x}) d\mathbf{x} \equiv \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} g(\mathbf{x}) \exp(i\mathbf{k} \cdot \mathbf{x}) dx_1 dx_2 dx_3$$

• is called the structure factor with **k** the wave vector.

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higher order
expansion: 
$$\Pi = \frac{\phi k_BT}{z} + A_2\phi^2 + A_3\phi^3 + \dots$$

 $A_2$ ,  $A_3 = 2^{nd}$  and  $3^{rd}$  virial coefficients

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if the number N of small depletant particles is fixed, but the volume V available to them is changed because of re-arrangement of the two surfaces, this will produce a force F given by

$$N = vV \quad F = -\partial A/\partial h = -k_B T N \frac{\partial (lnV)}{\partial h} \quad \text{(of plate)}$$

$$= -k_B T v V \frac{1}{V} \frac{\partial (V)}{\partial h} = -k_B T v \frac{\partial V}{\partial h} = \Pi \frac{\partial V}{\partial h} \quad \text{Doi, Soft Matter}_{\text{Physics, 2013}}$$

$$\text{potential/area for flat plate:} \quad 0 \quad \text{w} \quad \text{for h d h} \quad \text{Note:} \quad \frac{\partial V}{\partial h} = Area$$

$$w(h) = -\frac{1}{Area} \int_{h}^{d} F(x) dx \quad w(h) = v k_B T (h - d), \text{ for } h < d,$$

$$= 0, \text{ for } h > d$$

# d = $2R_g$ = depletant diameter

2Rq

when h> d,

particles

Area

/of plate

enter gap, ∏ vanishes too big for

 $\Pi = k_B T v$ 

Π

gap

## Curved surfaces & Thin Gaps: Derjaguin Approximation



Treat a thin region of variable gap as a series of small regions with parallel flat surfaces, with each region having a different gap

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Derja guin\_approximation

Derjaguin Approximation for Two Spheres

$$\tilde{h}(\rho) = h + 2\left(R - \sqrt{R^2 - \rho^2}\right) \approx h + \frac{\rho^2}{R}$$
$$\sqrt{R^2 - \rho^2} = R\sqrt{1 - \rho^2/R^2} \approx R(1 + \rho^2/2R^2)$$



At position  $\rho$ , take a ring of width  $d\rho$ , with area  $2\pi\rho d\rho$ 

If we have a potential *per unit area* w(h) between flat surfaces, then the potential U(h) between spheres is

$$U(h) = \int_{0}^{R} w(\tilde{h}) 2\pi \rho d\rho \qquad \text{new variable:} \quad x \equiv h + \frac{\rho^{2}}{R} = \tilde{h}$$
$$dx = 2\rho d\rho/R$$
$$U(h) \approx \pi R \int_{h}^{\infty} w(x) dx \qquad F(h) = -\frac{\partial U(h)}{\partial h} = \pi R w(h)$$
$$\text{Note: if spheres have unequal radii:} \qquad U(h) = 2\pi \frac{R_{1}R_{2}}{R_{1} + R_{2}} \int_{h}^{\infty} w(x) dx$$

## **Depletion Potential for spheres**

v = concentration of depletantfor flat plate:  $w(h) = vk_BT(h - d)$ , for h < d, = 0, for h > d

for spheres, replace h with  $\tilde{h}(x)$ 

$$w(h) = vk_B T(\tilde{h}(x) - d), \text{ for } \tilde{h}(x) < d,$$
  
= 0, for  $\tilde{h}(x) > d$ 

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overlapping depletion region

for two spheres: 
$$U(h) = \pi R \int_{h}^{\infty} w(x) dx$$
 overlapping  
remember,  $x \equiv h + \frac{\rho^2}{R} = \tilde{h}$   
 $U(h) = vk_B T \pi R \int_{h}^{d} (x - d) dx = -\frac{1}{2} vk_B T \pi R (d - h)^2$ 

volume of overlapping depletion regions

#### Equilibrium phase behaviour of *isotropic* spheres



#### IMF = intermolecular forces



https://www.youtube.com/watch?app=deskto p&v=Tw\_ul4-94\_I&ab\_channel=StuartWinikoff

#### Liquid-Liquid Phase Diagrams

- Using ∆<sub>mix</sub>G<sub>m</sub>, a liquid-liquid phase diagram can be generated.
- This diagram will tell you below which temps the solution will separate(T<sub>uc</sub>).
- It can also tell you the composition of the resulting phases.



#### Liquid-Liquid Phase Minima

For a regular solution, the phase separation can be predicted using:  $\Delta G_{mix} = nRT(x_A lnx_A + x_B lnx_B + \xi x_A x_B)$ 

As system will phase separate if there are more than one minimum value for  $\Delta G_{mix}$ 

These minima can be predicted by setting:  $\frac{\partial \Delta G_{mix}}{\partial x_A} = 0$ 

These yield an equation of:

$$\ln\left(\frac{x_A}{1-x_A}\right) = -\xi(1-2x_A)$$

## **Graphical solution**

Liquid-Liquid Phase Minima



#### Liquid-Liquid Phase Diagrams

- The nature of  $\xi$ will change with temperature.
- Many liquid mixtures possess an upper critical temperature (T<sub>UC</sub>), below which the IMF's between the components are significantly dissimilar.



#### Equilibrium phase behaviour of *isotropic* spheres



#### Rigid Nonspherical Particles: The Nematic Phase

- For molecules that are not spherical, packing and ordering transitions can occur that are more complex than those for spherical molecules.
- the simplest nonspherical shape is a stiff, long cylinder





https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Tobacco\_ mosaic\_virus

Transmission electron micrograph of TMV particles negative stained to enhance visibility at 160,000× magnification

## **Rod-Like Objects**



tobacco mosaic virus

L= 300 nm long, d=18 nm wide

Diffusivity:

$$D = \frac{k_B T}{3\pi\mu_B L} \left(\ln\left(\frac{L}{d}\right) + 0.3\right)$$

https://www.google.com/search?q=tobacco+mosaic+virus+electron+micrograph&tbm=isch&source=iu&ictx=1&fir=VCHszPqFz02MJM% 253A%252Cys5UEQPy3oxCoM%252C\_&usg=\_\_4QIVfGScIPhDHu33e-dV01X-65A%3D&sa=X&ved=0ahUKEwji5ZGC3KjYAhWr64MKHSdhCScQ9QEINjAE#imgrc=VCHszPqFz02MJM:

# Lecture 5 Poll: Cylinder Packing

Consider only excluded volume effects, how should we expect the closest packing of cylindrical rods be compared to the HCP limit (~0.74) of hard spheres?

- A. higher
- B. the same
- C. lower



Long URL <u>https://forms.gle/y4xy3HsbFV6npW956</u> Short URL https://shorturl.at/gkGR7

![](_page_57_Picture_8.jpeg)

Consider only excluded volume effects, how should we expect the closest packing of cylindrical rods be compared to the HCP limit (~0.74) of hard spheres?

14 responses

![](_page_58_Figure_2.jpeg)

In the two-dimensional Euclidean plane, Joseph Louis Lagrange proved in 1773 that the highest-density lattice packing of circles is the hexagonal packing arrangement,<sup>[1]</sup> in which the centres of the circles are arranged in a hexagonal lattice (staggered rows, like a honeycomb), and each circle is surrounded by six other circles. For circles of diameter D and hexagons of side length D, the hexagon area and the circle area are, respectively:

$$egin{aligned} A_{
m H}&=rac{3\sqrt{3}}{2}D^2\ A_{
m C}&=rac{\pi}{4}D^2 \end{aligned}$$

The area covered within each hexagon by circles is:

$$A_{
m HC}=3A_{
m C}=rac{3\pi}{4}D^2$$

Finally, the packing density is:

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m HC}}{A_{
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https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Circle\_packing#:~:text=In%20the%20two%2Ddime nsional%20Euclidean,is%20surrounded%20by%20six%20other

![](_page_59_Figure_7.jpeg)

![](_page_59_Picture_8.jpeg)

Hexagonal packing through natural arrangement of equal circles with transitions to an irregular arrangement of unequal circles

#### Packing of Cylinders

- The closest packing of cylindrical rods occurs when they are parallel to each other and packed hexagonally in the plane orthogonal to their axes; in this case,  $\phi = 0.9069$ .
- If the density of long ordered rods is decreased, a melting transition will occur in which the in-plane hexagonal order is lost, but the orientational order of the rod axes is partially preserved.
- This partially ordered state is called a nematic. States with partial order, including the nematic state, are common for stiff molecules of high aspect ratio.

# Literature presentations for Lecture 5

#### Soft matter

#### P. G. de Gennes

Ecole Supérieure de Physique et de Chimie Industrielles de la Ville de Paris, 10 rue Vauguelin, 75231 Paris Cedex 05, France

What do we mean by soft matter? Americans prefer to call it "complex fluids," and this does indeed bring in two of the major features:

(1) Complexity. We may, in a certain primitive sense, say that modern biology has proceeded from studies on

tive sites at both ends of the space was: what is the minimum length o It turns out that the answer is 1 (de Gennes, 1969). The magic nun Below 14 units, you will not usual the desired conformation. Above 1

## Anisotropy of building blocks and their assembly into complex structures

A revolution in novel nanoparticles and colloidal building blocks has been enabled by recent breakthroughs in particle synthesis. These new particles are poised to become the 'atoms' and 'molecules' of tomorrow's materials if they can be successfully assembled into useful structures. Here, we discuss the recent progress made in the synthesis of nanocrystals and colloidal particles and draw analogies between these new particulate building blocks and better-studied molecules and supramolecular objects. We argue for a conceptual framework for these new building blocks based on anisotropy attributes and discuss the prognosis for future progress in exploiting anisotropy for materials design and assembly.

#### RESEARCH

#### **REVIEW SUMMARY**

#### NANOPARTICLES

# Nonadditivity of nanoparticle interactions

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and deposition<sup>9-12</sup>. Physical methods developed include electrified jetting, microcontact printing, emulsion drying, selective deposition, surface templating, direct writing and lithographyl<sup>15-30</sup>. Biologically inspired methods include the use of plant extracts<sup>21</sup>, fungi<sup>22</sup> and viruses<sup>33</sup> to synthesize metal nanoparticles of various shapes. These methods draw from the diverse fields of chemistry, physics, biology, engineering and materials science, and, in combination, provide a powerful arsenal for the fabrication of new

#### Perspective

### Beyond molecules: Self-assembly of mesoscopic and macroscopic components

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Self-assembly is a process in which components, either separate or linked, spontaneously form ordered aggregates. Self-assembly can occur with components having sizes from the molecular to the macroscopic, provided that appropriate conditions are met. Although much of the work in self-assembly has focused on molecular components, many of the most interesting applications of self-assembling processes can be found at larger sizes (nanometers to micrometers). These larger systems also offer a level of control over the characteristics of the components and over the interactions among them that makes fundamental investigations especially tractable.

#### PROGRESS ARTICLE

# Literature and youtube presentations for Lecture 5

- Random group assignments
- <u>https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1EWhNB</u> <u>hl2nLaJGBrVEoSe4y0x5w41fPwD1HhYuJGUd9Y/edit</u> <u>#gid=267969935</u>

| Student        | 2/6 | 2/13 | 2/20 | 3/5 | 3/12 | 3/19 | 3/26 | 4/2 | 4/9 | 4/16 |
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|                | А   | А    | А    | D   | А    | А    | В    | С   | D   | А    |
| Mitchell Godek | D   | С    | D    | В   | D    | В    | А    | С   | С   | В    |
| Jen Bradley    | D   | А    | А    | D   | В    | D    | D    | А   | А   | D    |
|                | В   | D    | D    | С   | В    | А    | С    | D   | D   | С    |
| Charlotte Zhao | D   | D    | В    | В   | А    | С    | А    | В   | А   | А    |
|                | В   | В    | В    | В   | D    | С    | С    | А   | D   | С    |
| William Morgan | А   | С    | А    | В   | С    | А    | D    | В   | С   | В    |
|                | В   | С    | С    | С   | В    | В    | В    | D   | А   | D    |
| Henry Thurber  | А   | D    | С    | А   | D    | D    | А    | В   | С   | А    |
|                | С   | А    | С    | В   | А    | С    | D    | А   | D   | D    |
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| Gabrielle Grey | А   | А    | D    | С   | В    | D    | А    | D   | D   | С    |
| Weiyuan Fan    | D   | В    | D    | D   | С    | В    | В    | В   | В   | D    |
| Aham Lee       | С   | В    | А    | С   | А    | В    | D    | А   | В   | А    |
|                | С   | С    | В    | D   | С    | D    | С    | С   | С   | С    |
| Nathan Bryant  | С   | D    | А    | А   | D    | В    | А    | С   | С   | В    |
| Nhayeon Lee    | В   | В    | С    | С   | С    | С    | D    | С   | В   | С    |
| Nathan Irgang  | В   | С    | В    | А   | А    | С    | В    | D   | В   | D    |
| Muchen Wang    | А   | В    | С    | А   | D    | D    | С    | А   | А   | А    |
| Anna Klinger   | D   | А    | D    | D   | В    | А    | С    | В   | В   | В    |

KeyVideo PresentationFirst Paper PresentationSecond Paper Presentation

|       | Week 3                                       |  |  |  |  |
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| Group | Paper Title                                  |  |  |  |  |
| A     | P4_tetrahedral_diffusion_PNAS_15             |  |  |  |  |
| В     | P3_Weeks_Science                             |  |  |  |  |
| с     | P1_Transition_Brownian_Motion_Nature_Physics |  |  |  |  |
| D     | P2_Han_et_al_Science_Brownian_ellipsoid      |  |  |  |  |