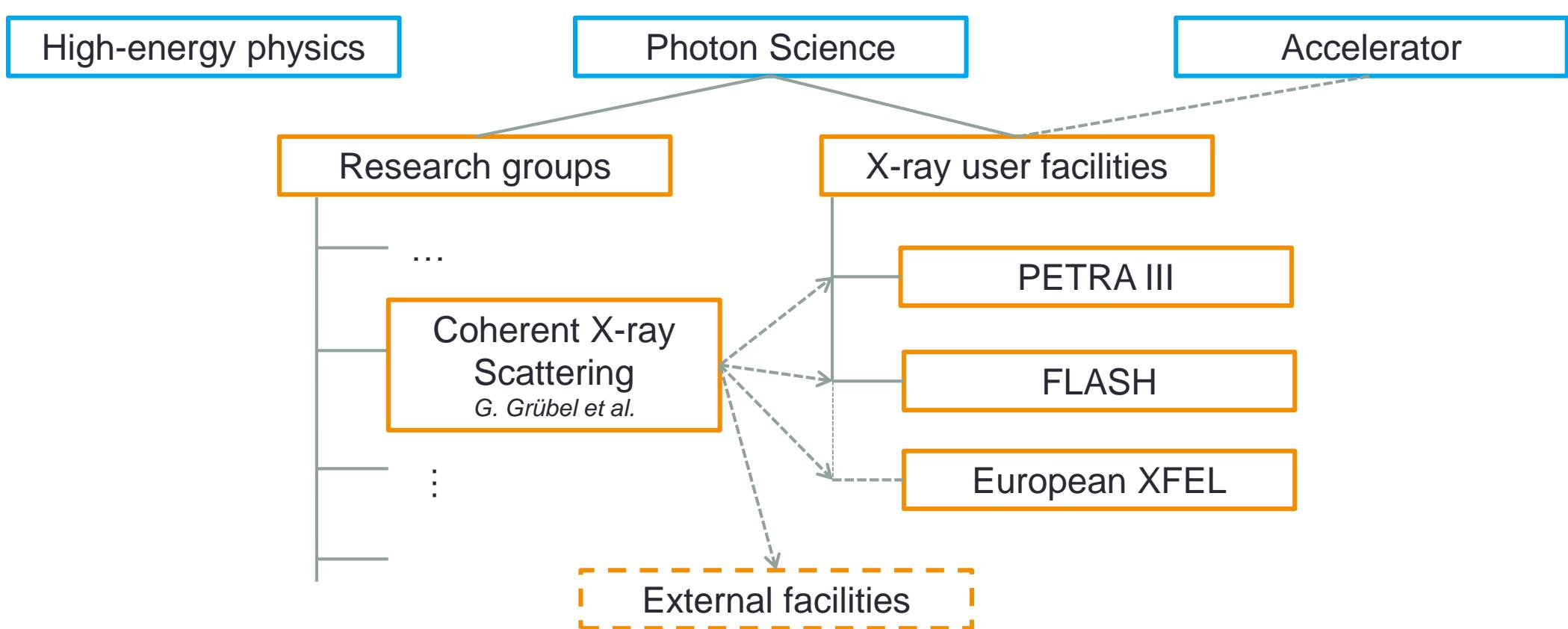


# Methoden moderner Röntgenphysik: Streuung und Abbildung

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## Who & Where?



### CXS Research topics

- Complex liquids (soft matter, water, ...)
- Ultrafast dynamics (magnetism, FEL applications, ...)
- Experiments at PETRA III, LCLS, SACLAC, ESRF, APS, ...



# Soft Matter – Timeline

- Do 27.05.2021      **Soft Matter studies I: Methods & experiments**  
*Definitions, complex liquids, colloids, storage ring and FEL experiments, setups, liquid jets, ...*
- Di 01.06.2021      **Soft Matter studies II: Structure**  
*SAXS & WAXS applications, X-ray cross correlations, ...*
- Do 03.06.2021      **Soft Matter studies III: Dynamics**  
*XPCS applications, diffusion, dynamical heterogeneities, ...*
- Di 08.06.2021      **XPCS & XCCA simulations and modelling**
- Do 10.06.2021      **Case study I: Glass transition**  
*Supercooled liquids, glasses vs. crystals, glass transition concepts, structure-dynamics relations, ...*
- Di 15.05.2021      **Case study II: Water**  
*Phase diagram, anomalies, crystalline and glassy forms, FEL studies, ...*
- Do 17.06.2021      **Outlook: Opportunities at new facilities**

## What is Soft Matter?

"Soft matter or soft condensed matter is a subfield of condensed matter comprising a variety of physical systems that are deformed or structurally altered by thermal or mechanical stress of the magnitude of thermal fluctuations.

They include

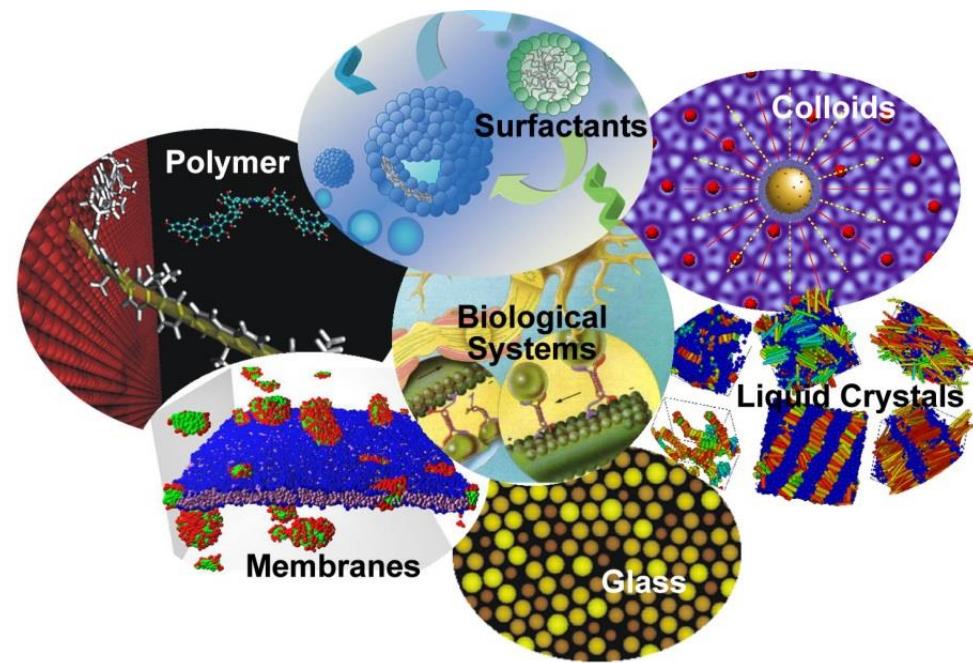
- **Liquids**
- **Colloids**
- **Polymers**
- **Foams**
- **Gels**
- **Granular materials**
- **Liquid crystals**
- **Biological materials**

These materials share an important common feature in that predominant physical behaviors occur at an energy scale comparable with room temperature thermal energy. At these temperatures, quantum aspects are generally unimportant."

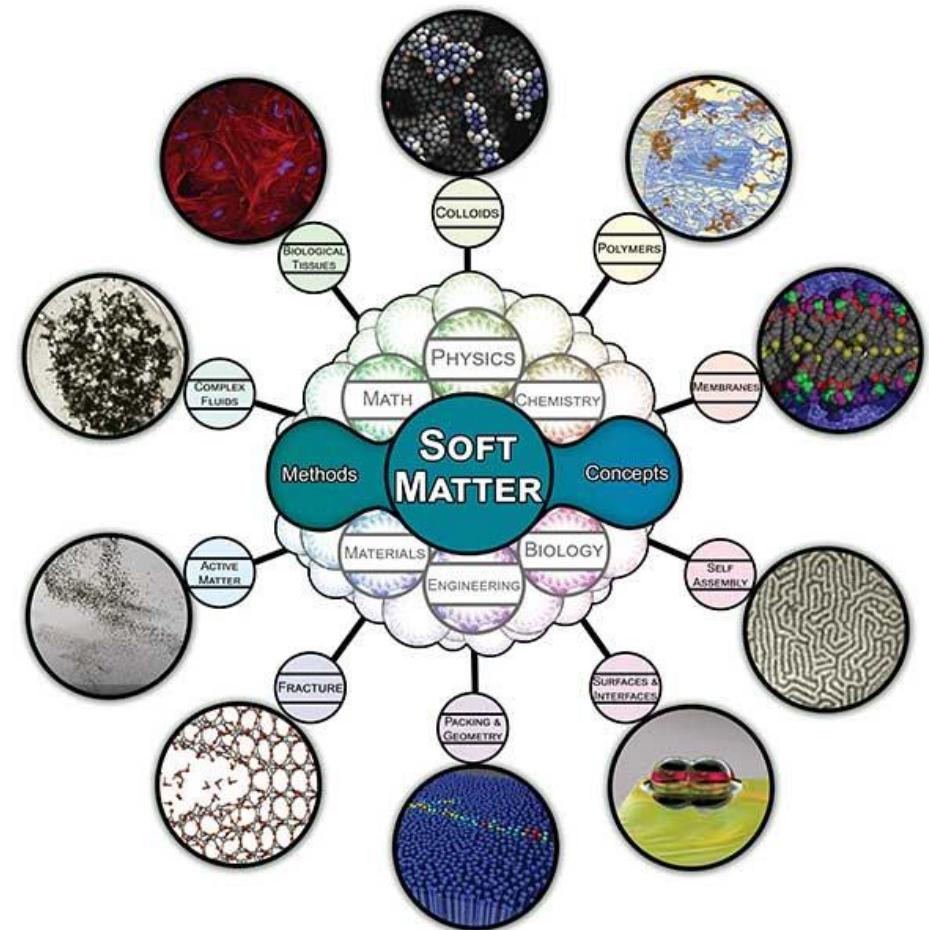
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## What is Soft Matter?

Mesoscopic length scales  
Bridging physics, chemistry and biology



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American chemical society

## What is Soft Matter?

Why soft? → matter can be deformed easily

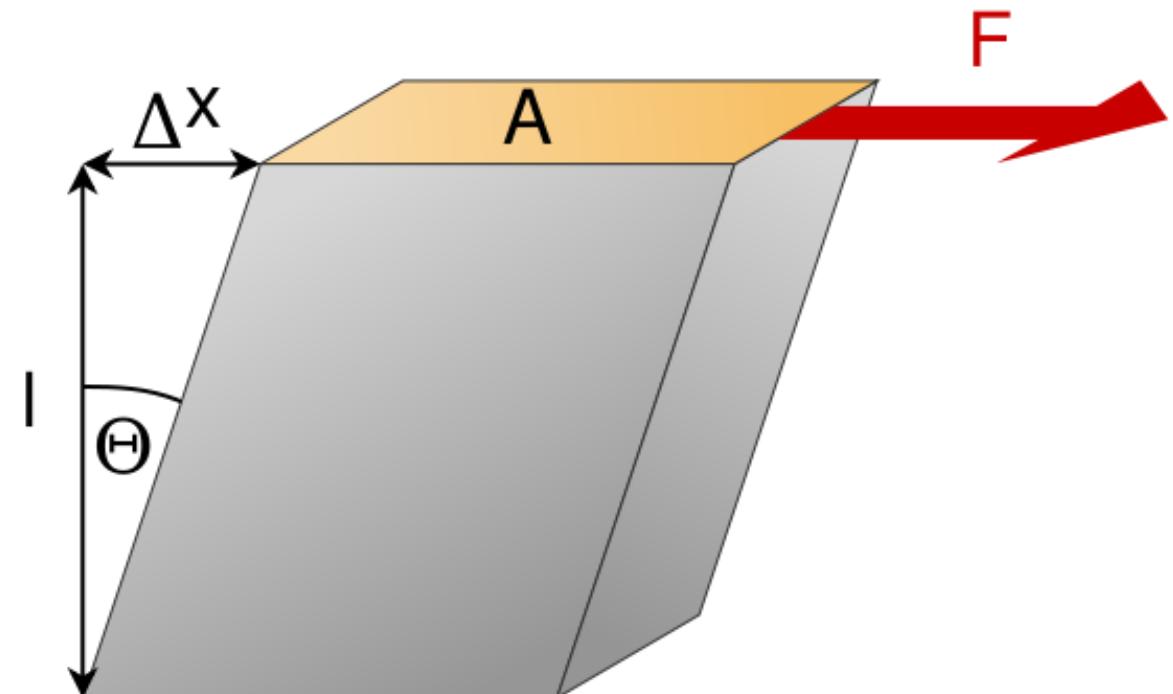
$$\text{Shear modulus } G = \frac{\tau}{\gamma} = \frac{F/A}{\Delta x/l} = \frac{Fl}{A\Delta x},$$

$$\text{Shear stress } \tau = \frac{F}{A}, \text{ shear strain } \gamma = \frac{\Delta x}{l}$$

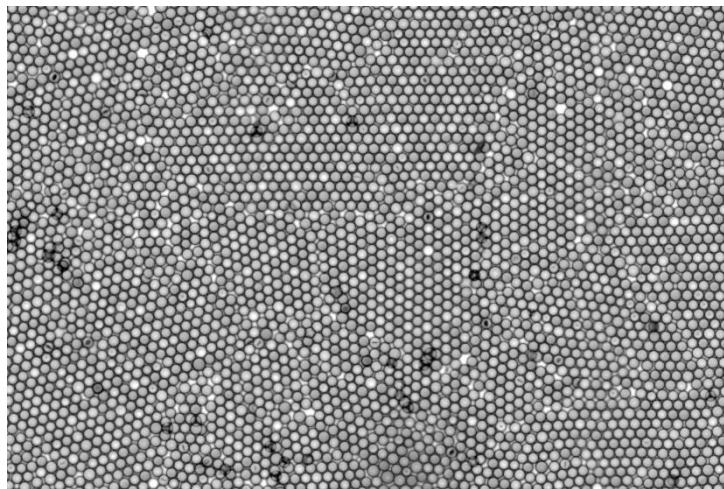
Metals:  $G \sim$  some 10 GPa

Soft Matter:  $G \leq 0.1$  GPa typically

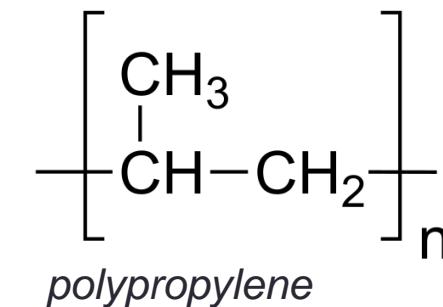
Liquid:  $G \sim 0$



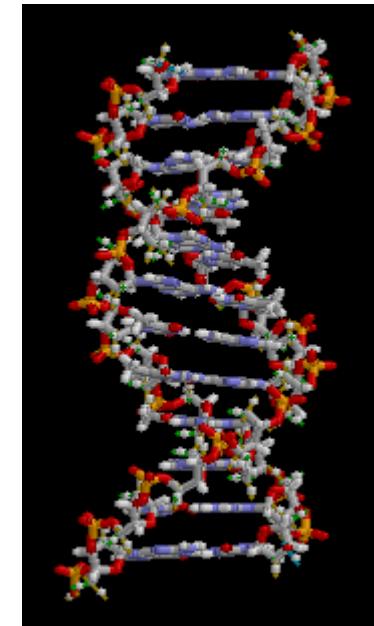
## What is Soft Matter – examples



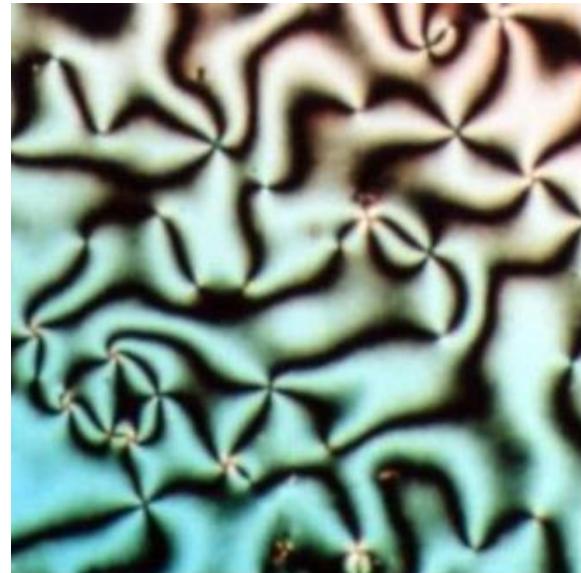
Colloids



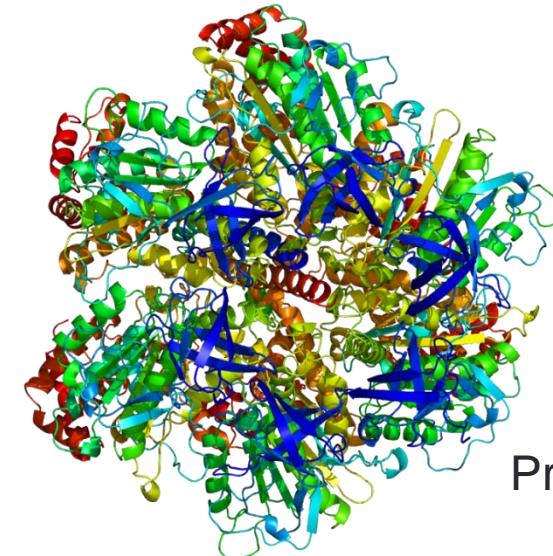
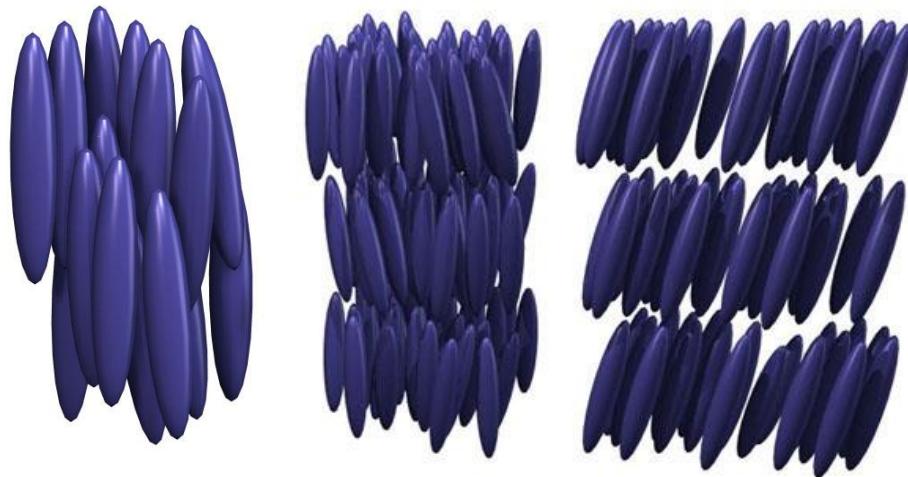
Polymers



Liquid Crystals



Gels



Proteins

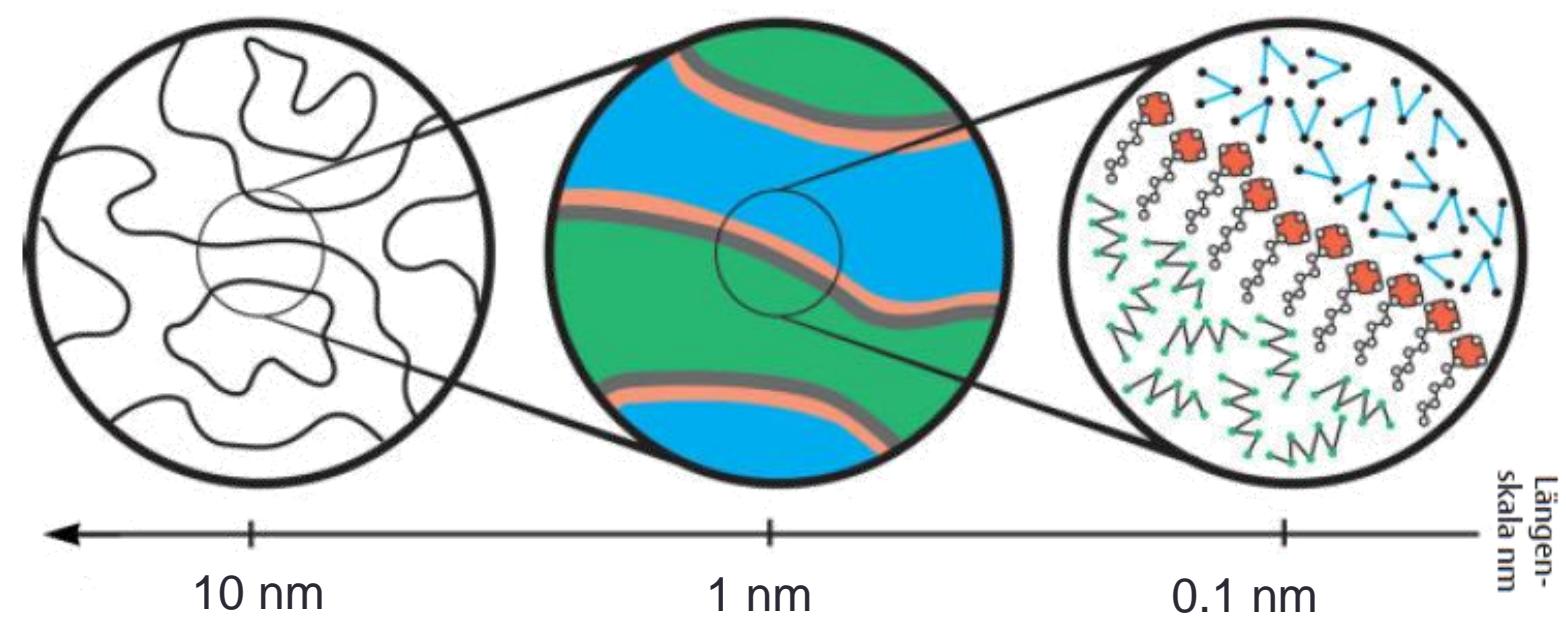
## What is Soft Matter?

Bridging physics, chemistry and biology

- Mesoscopic length scales
- Self-organization
- Bond energy in soft matter  $\sim$  thermal energies

### Every day life & technology:

Milk, blood  
Yoghurt  
Cosmetics  
LCD displays  
Paints  
Rubber  
Plastica  
....



Phys. Unserer Zeit 2003

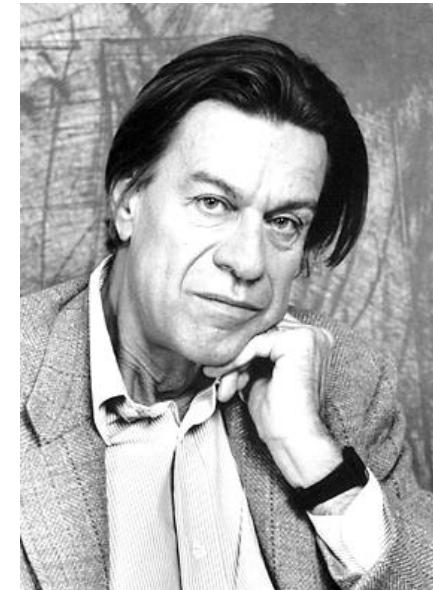
## "Father of soft matter": Pierre-Gilles de Gennes (1932-2007)

Nobel Prize in physics 1991 "*for discovering that methods developed for studying order phenomena in simple systems can be generalized to more complex forms of matter, in particular to liquid crystals and polymers*".

- From „simple“ to „complex“
- Soft Matter as model systems!

E.g. for study of

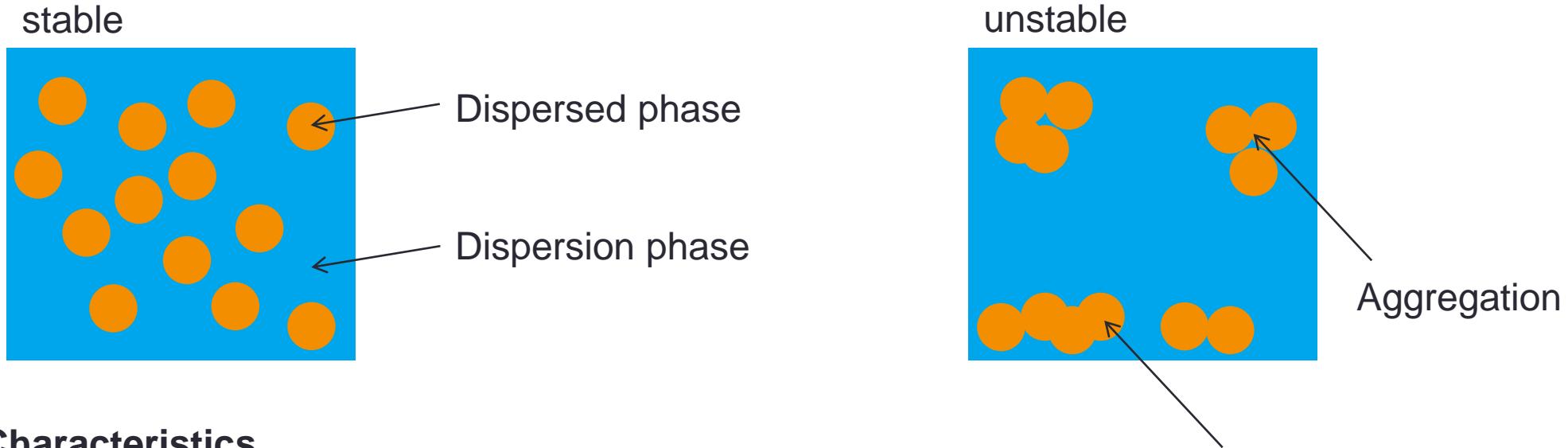
- Phase transitions
- Glass transition
- Liquid phases



<https://www.nobelprize.org/>

## Colloids

Homogeneous mixtures of two different substances where one is dispersed in the other

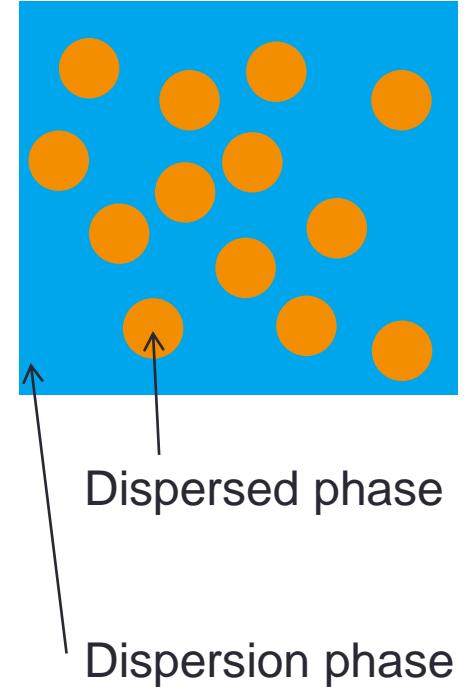


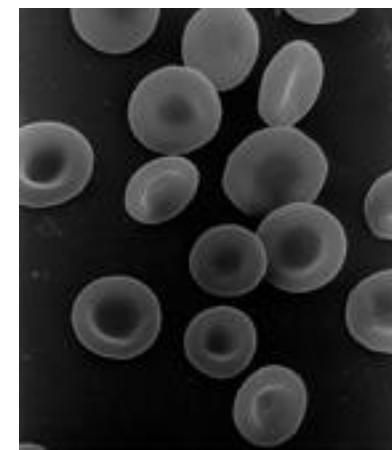
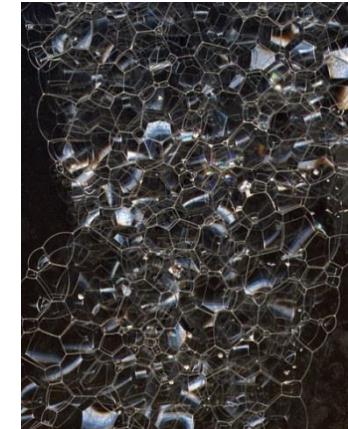
### Characteristics

- Not a dissolved phase! (e.g. salt in water)
- Dispersed phase: sizes  $\sim 1 \text{ nm}$  to  $1000 \text{ nm} \rightarrow$  between atomic/molecular and macroscopic length scales
- Interactions: entropic, van-der-Waals, electrostatic, repulsion, ...

## Colloids

Medium/Phase		Dispersed phase		
		Gas	Liquid	Solid
Dispersion medium	Gas	---	Aerosol <i>Clouds, fog, mist</i>	Solid aerosol <i>smoke</i>
	Liquid	Foam <i>Whipped cream</i>	Emulsion <i>Milk, mayonnaise</i>	<b>Sol</b> <i>blood</i>
	Solid	Solid foam <i>Aerogel, styrofoam</i>	Gel <i>Gelatin, jelly</i>	Solid sol <i>Cranberry glass</i>

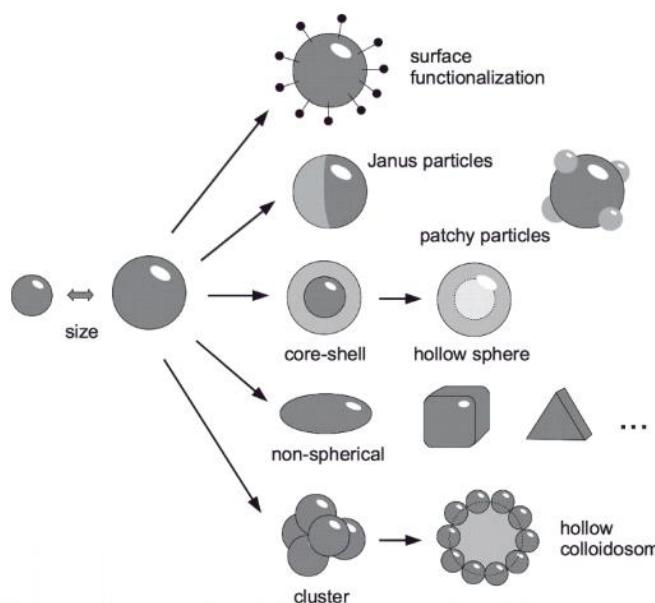




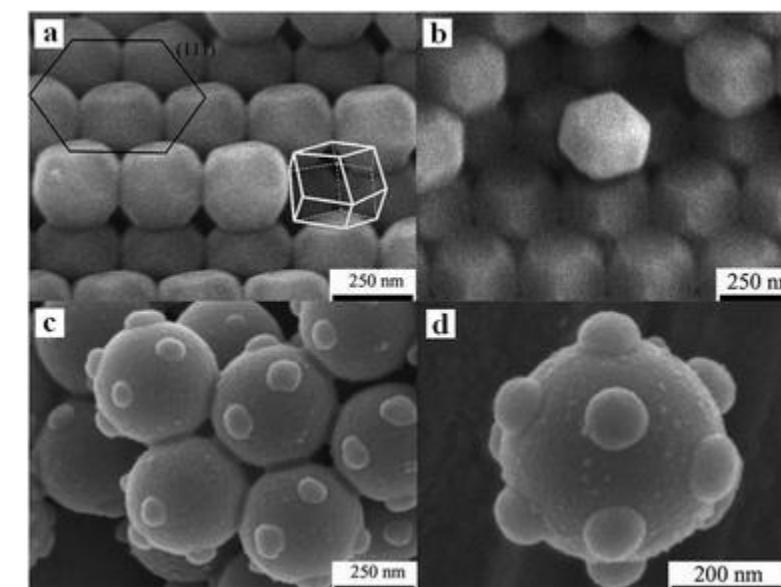
## Colloids – Sol (solid particles in liquid)

Shapes  
Dimensions  
Materials

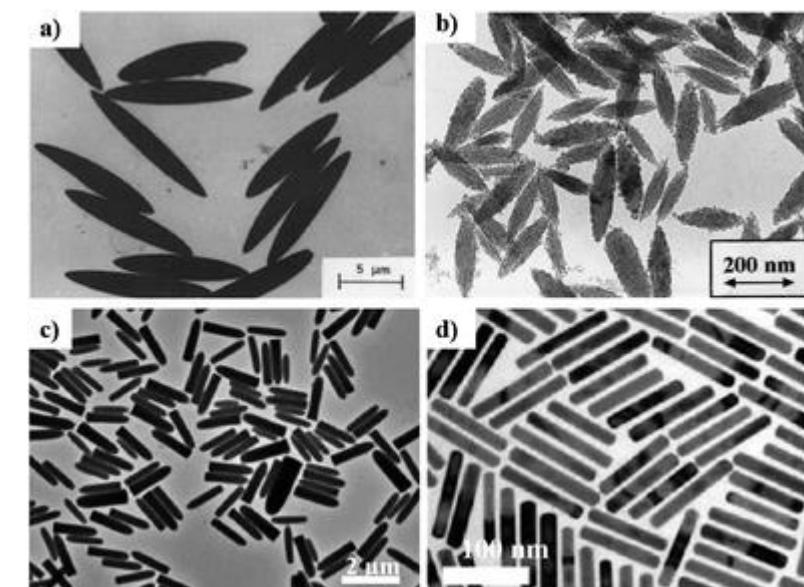
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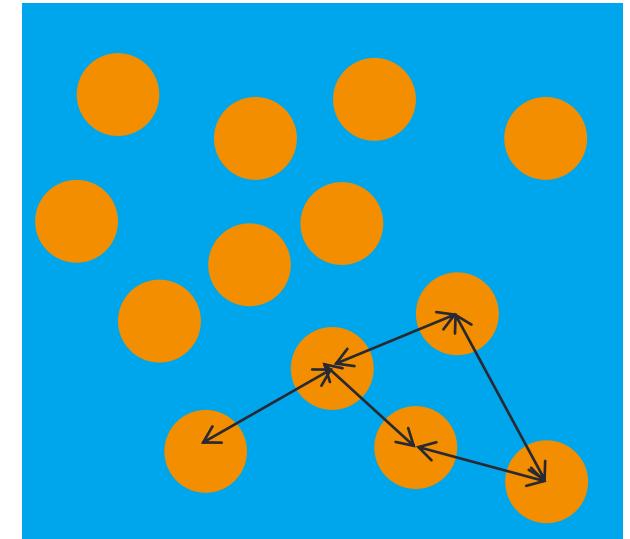


Soft Matter 9, 6711 (2013)

## Colloids: interactions

Coarse-grain descripton:

- Dispersion medium considered as continuum with macroscopic properties
- Dispersed particles interact via effective pair potential
- Analogy to atomistic systems

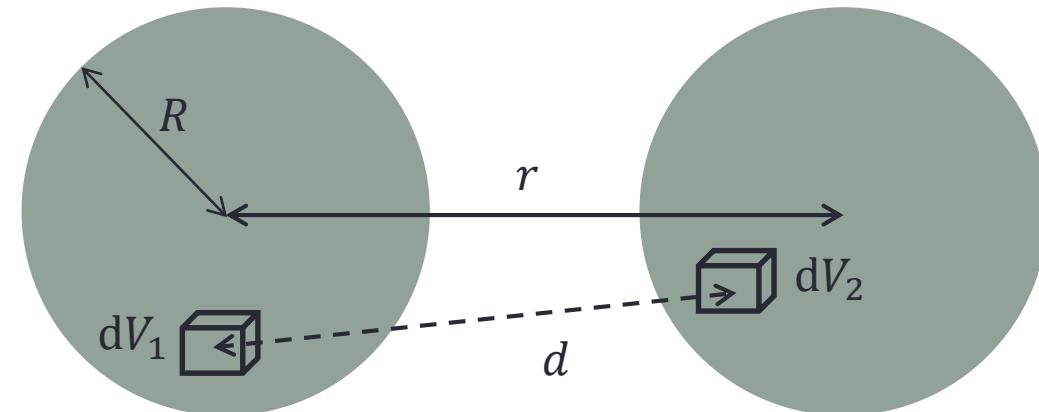


### 1. Van der Waals interactions

Attraction between particles due to (induced) dipoles:

$$U_{vdW}(r) = -\frac{C}{r^6}$$

Macroscopic objects: equations hold for all pairs of molecules in the two interacting objects (Hamaker theory)



$$U_{vdW}(r) = -C \iint \frac{1}{r^6} dV_1 dV_2$$

It follows for spherical particles of the same radius:

$$U_{vdW}(r) = -\frac{A_H}{6} \left( \frac{2R^2}{r^2 - 4R^2} + \frac{2R^2}{r^2} + \ln\left(1 - \frac{4R^2}{r^2}\right) \right)$$

With the Hamaker-constant  $A_H \sim 10^{-20} - 10^{-19}$  J as Amplitude for the forces between the particles.

**Hamaker constant:**  $A_H \propto \rho_1 \rho_2$ , with number densities  $\rho_i$ .

For dielectric media, the Hamaker constant can be approximated to

$$A_H \approx \frac{3}{4} k_B T \frac{\epsilon_1 - \epsilon_s}{\epsilon_1 + \epsilon_s} \frac{\epsilon_2 - \epsilon_s}{\epsilon_2 + \epsilon_s} + \frac{3h\nu_e}{8\sqrt{2}} \frac{(n_1^2 - n_s^2)(n_2^2 - n_s^2)}{\sqrt{n_1^2 + n_s^2} \sqrt{n_2^2 + n_s^2} (\sqrt{n_1^2 + n_s^2} + \sqrt{n_2^2 + n_s^2})}$$

With the dielectric constants  $\epsilon_i$ , refractive indices  $n_i$ , and a „typical“ absorption frequency  $\nu_e$ . ( $\nu_e \sim 3 \cdot 10^{15}$  Hz)

For two identical phases in a solvent one obtains:

$$A_H \approx \frac{3}{4} k_B T \underbrace{\left( \frac{\epsilon_1 - \epsilon_s}{\epsilon_1 + \epsilon_s} \right)^2}_{\leq 3 \cdot 10^{-21} \text{ J}} + \frac{3h\nu_e}{16\sqrt{2}} \underbrace{\frac{(n_1^2 - n_s^2)^2}{(n_1^2 + n_s^2)^{3/2}}}_{\leq 2.6 \cdot 10^{-19} \text{ J, for } T = 300 \text{ K.}}$$

Note: index  $s$  marks the solvent  $\rightarrow n_1 = n_2 \Rightarrow A_H \approx 0 \rightarrow$  index matching

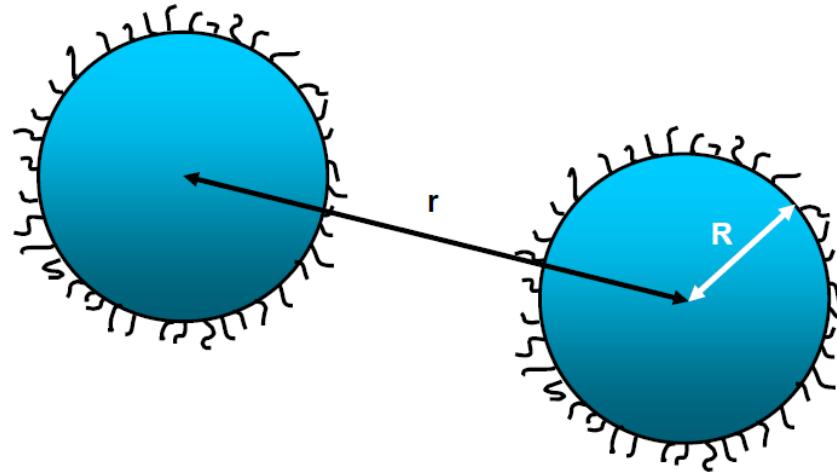
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## Colloids: stabilization

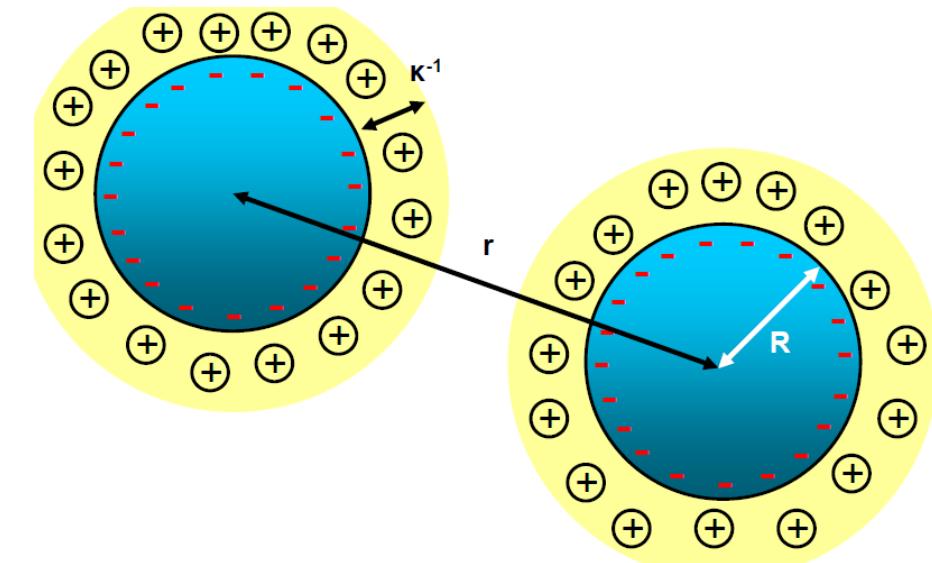
### 2. Steric stabilization

- Surface covered with polymer chains (or similar)
- Chemically bonded or physically adsorbed
- At small distances: compression of polymers  
→ repulsion



### 3. Electro-static stabilization

- Ionisable groups on surface
- Dissociation of counter-ions in polar solvent
  - charged particles
  - Ionic cloud → electric double layer
  - Overlap → repulsion



## 2. Steric stabilization: hard spheres

- Thin polymer layer: particles only "feel" each other at very short distances
- Idealized: non-interpenetrating hard spheres

$$U_{HS}(r) = \begin{cases} \infty, & r \leq 2R \\ 0, & r > 2R \end{cases}$$

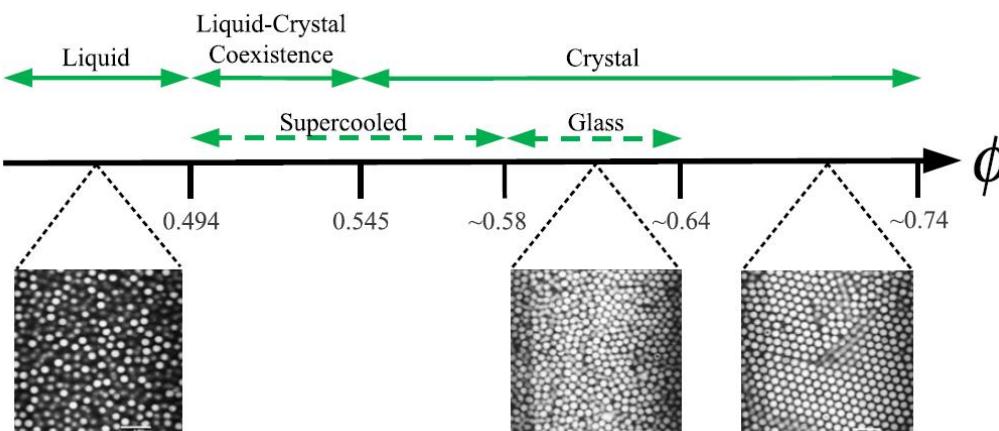


Poly(methyl methacrylate)  
(PMMA) particles in decalin  
With steric layer (~10 nm)

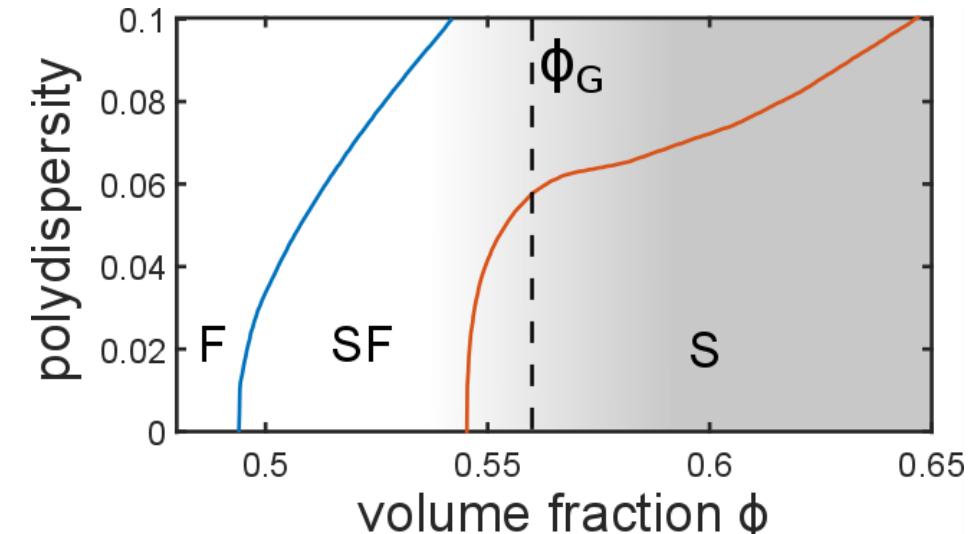


## Hard spheres

- Volume fraction  $\phi = V_p/(V_s + V_p)$
- Phase diagram:
  - Liquid state for  $\phi < 0.494$
  - Liquid-crystal coexistence for  $0.494 < \phi < 0.545$
  - Crystal for  $\phi > 0.545$
  - Metastable states: supercooled liquid and glasses
  - Particle size polydispersity shifts phase borders
- Model for crystallisation and glass transition  
(→ lecture 19)



Rep. Prog. Phys. 75, 066501 (2012)



### Note: dispersity

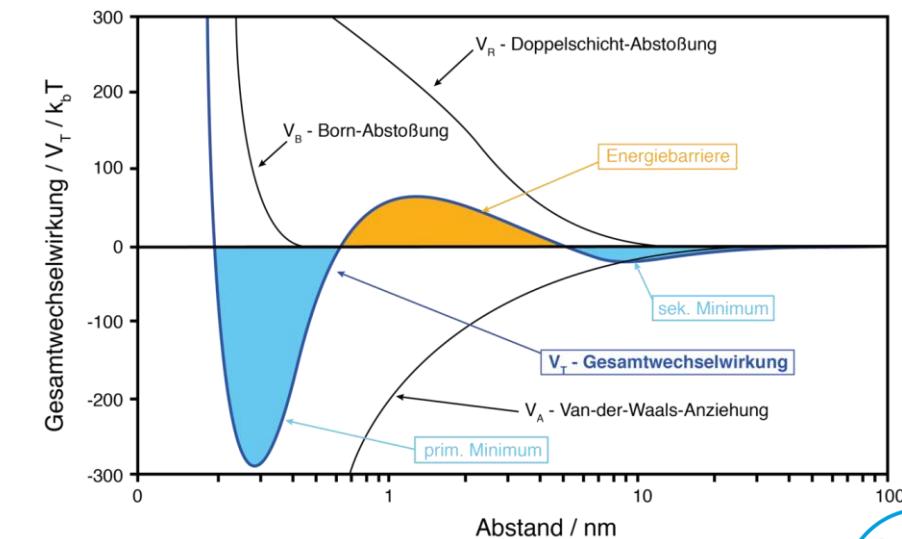
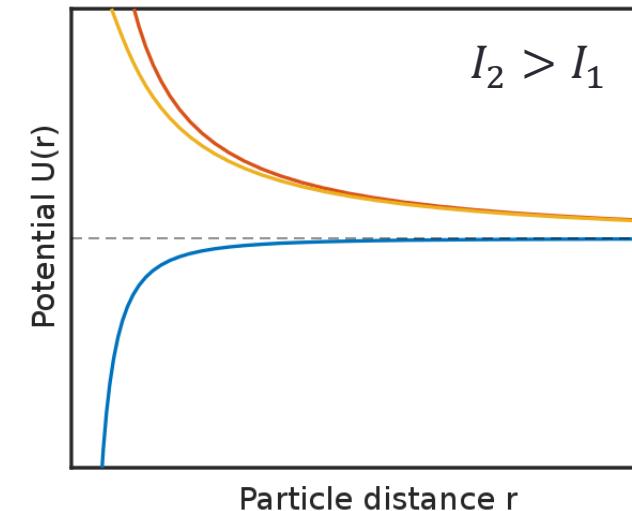
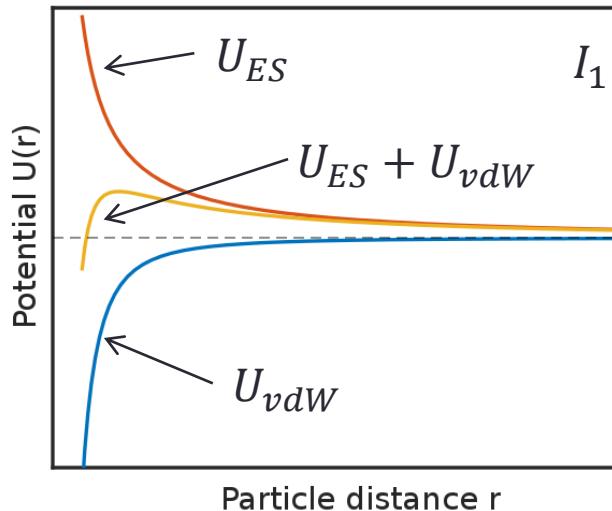
- In reality, particle (and polymers, ...) sizes and shapes are typically not uniform, but show a certain size distribution
- Influences phase behaviour, dynamics, ...
- Already for „monodisperse“ cases ( $\leq 10\%$ )  
(→ lecture 17)

### 3. Electro-static stabilization

- Derjaguin-Landau-Verwey-Overbeek (DLVO) theory
- Screened Coulomb (Yukawa) potential: degree of "softness"

$$U_{ES}(r) = \begin{cases} \infty, & r \leq 2R \\ \frac{Z_{\text{eff}}^2 e_0^2}{4\pi\epsilon_0\epsilon_r} \left( \frac{\exp(\kappa R)}{1 + \kappa R} \right)^2 \frac{\exp(-\kappa r)}{r}, & r > 2R \end{cases}$$

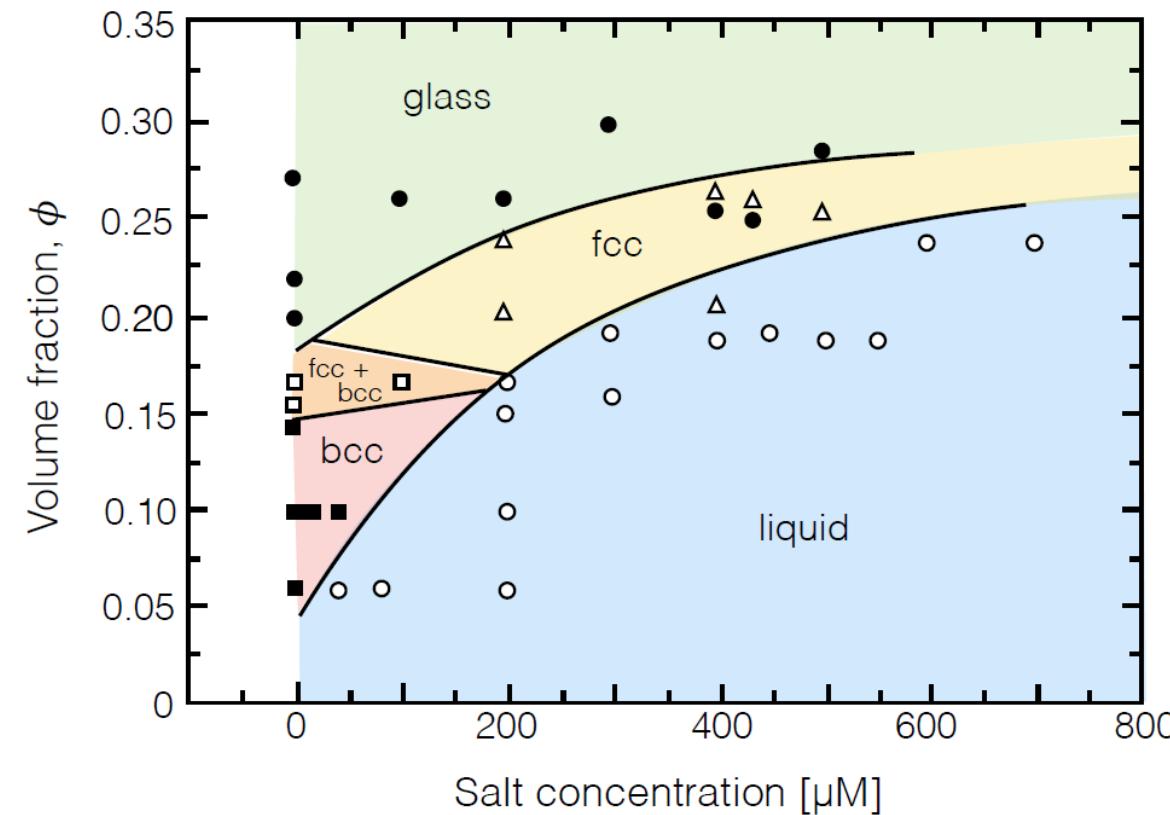
- Debye-Hückel screening length  $\kappa^{-1} = \sqrt{\frac{\epsilon_0 \epsilon_r k_B T}{2e_0^2 N_A I}}$ , ionic strength  $I = \frac{1}{2} \sum_j c_j q_j^2$



<https://commons.wikimedia.org/w/index.php?curid=65228576>

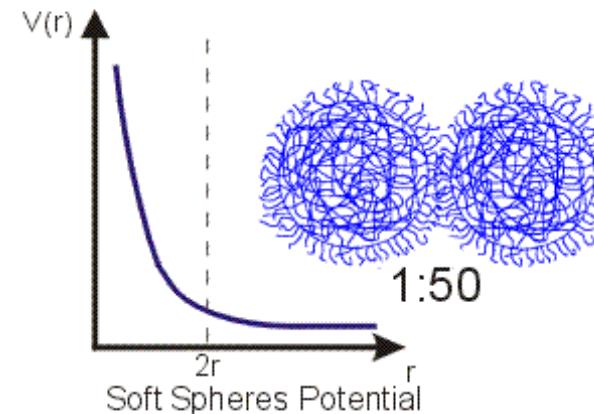
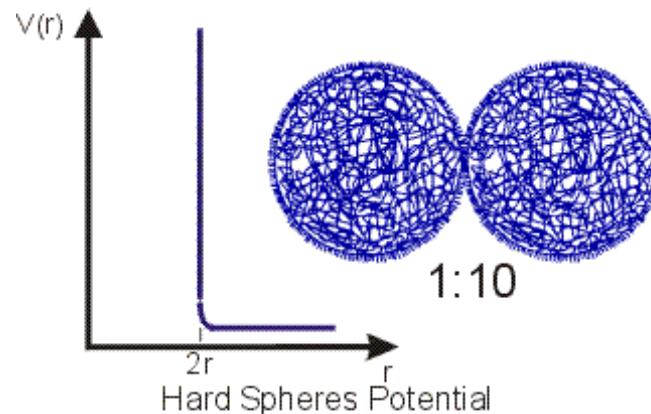
## Electro-static stabilization

- Screening tunable by e.g. electrolytes (salt)
- Rich phase behavior
- E.g. silica spheres in water



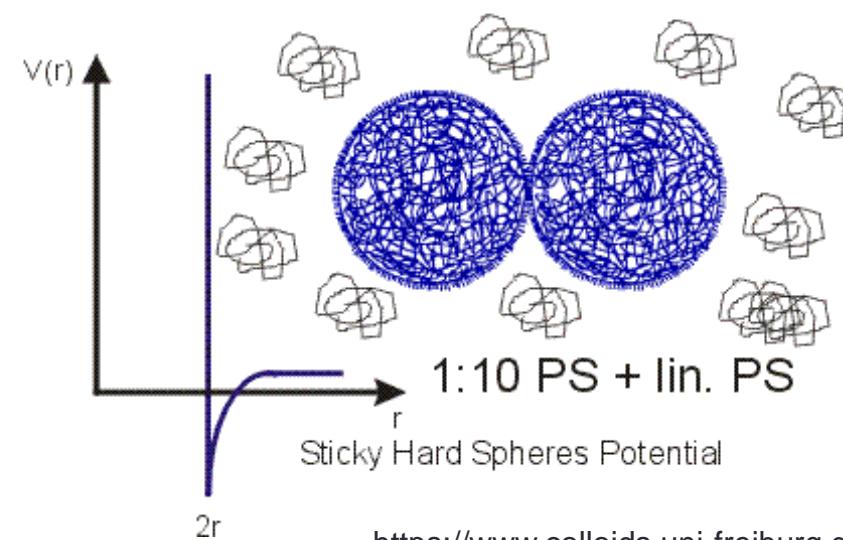
D. Sheyfer. Dissertation, Universität Hamburg (2018)  
Sirota et al. Phys. Rev. Lett. 62, 1524 (1989).

## From hard to soft spheres



### Soft spheres

- Deformation of particles
- Interpenetration of surface chains
- May reach effective volume fractions above 100%

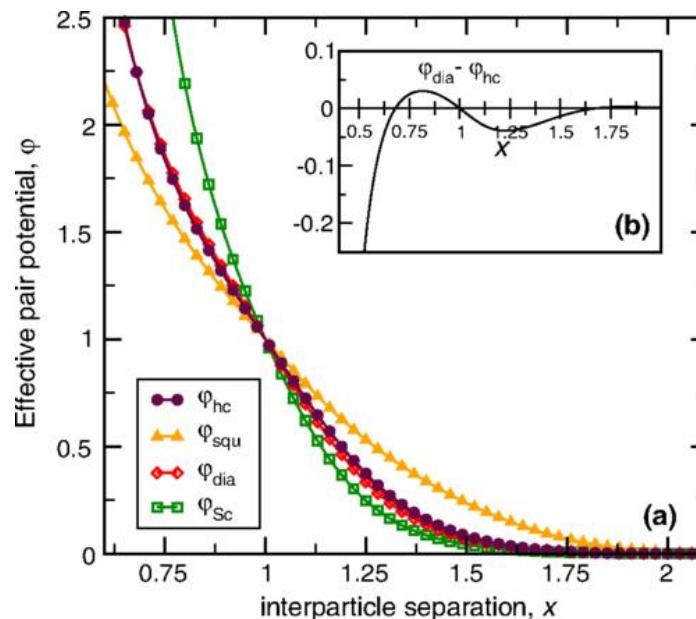


### Sticky spheres

- Sticky surfaces
- Particle tend to stick together once short distances are reached
- Agglomeration

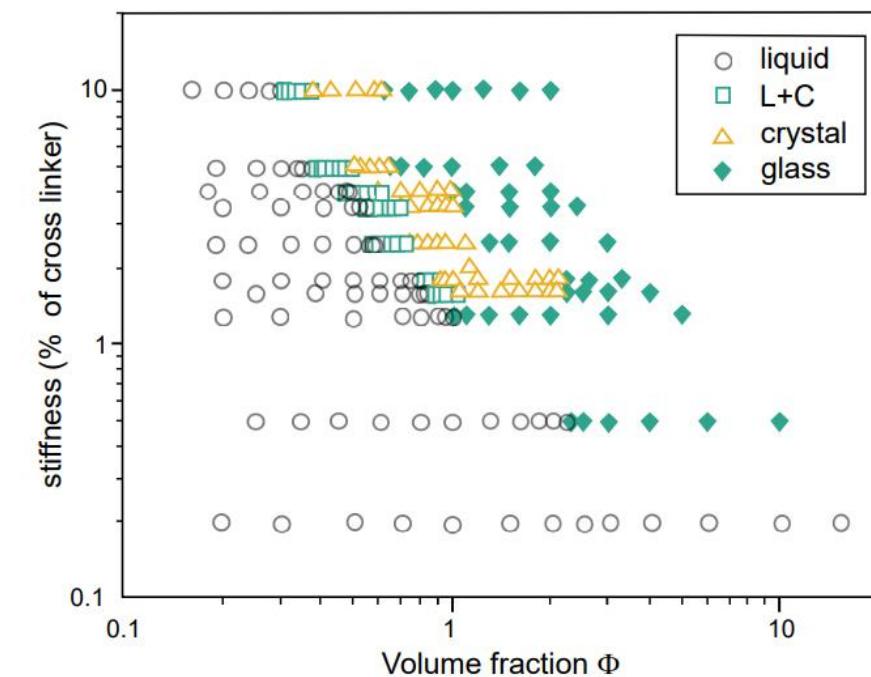
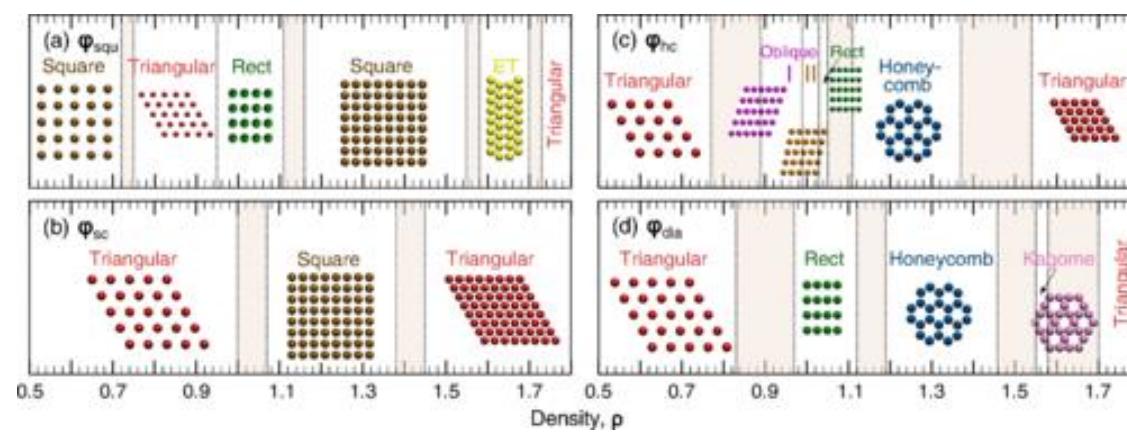
<https://www.colloids.uni-freiburg.de/Methoden/polymer.html>

## Example for phase behaviour



**Repulsive spheres:**  
Small modifications of the potential may dramatically change the phase behaviour

Phys. Rev. X 4, 031049 (2014).



Soft Matter 8, 4141 (2012)

**Polymeric soft spheres:** Degree of softness by differently cross-linking polymer surface groups  
 → very high volume fractions reachable  
 → jammed states

## Soft matter – X-ray studies

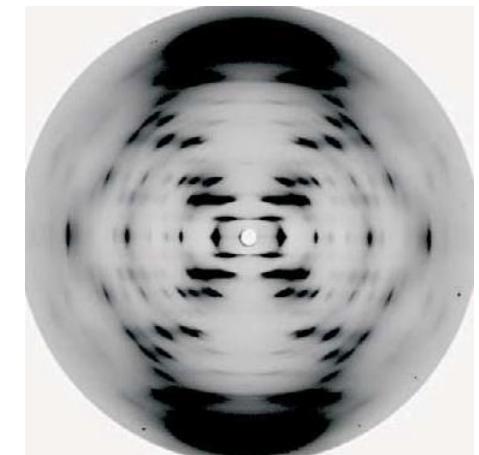
- Colloidal systems as model systems for phase transitions
  - Change of structure and dynamics while crossing phase borders
- Structure of soft matter: in-situ
  - Polymers: from macromolecules to networks
  - Colloids: form factors, function and synthesis
  - Order-disorder transition in liquid crystals
  - ...
- Biomolecules: understand function
- Liquid surfaces – water & membranes → lectures by O. Seeck

## Soft matter – X-ray methods

- Length scales of ~nm to  $\mu\text{m}$ : **Small-angle X-ray scattering**
- Surfaces & interfaces: **X-ray reflectivity & GISAXS**
- Sample dynamics: **XPCS**
- **Crystallography**, e.g. Proteins
- ...

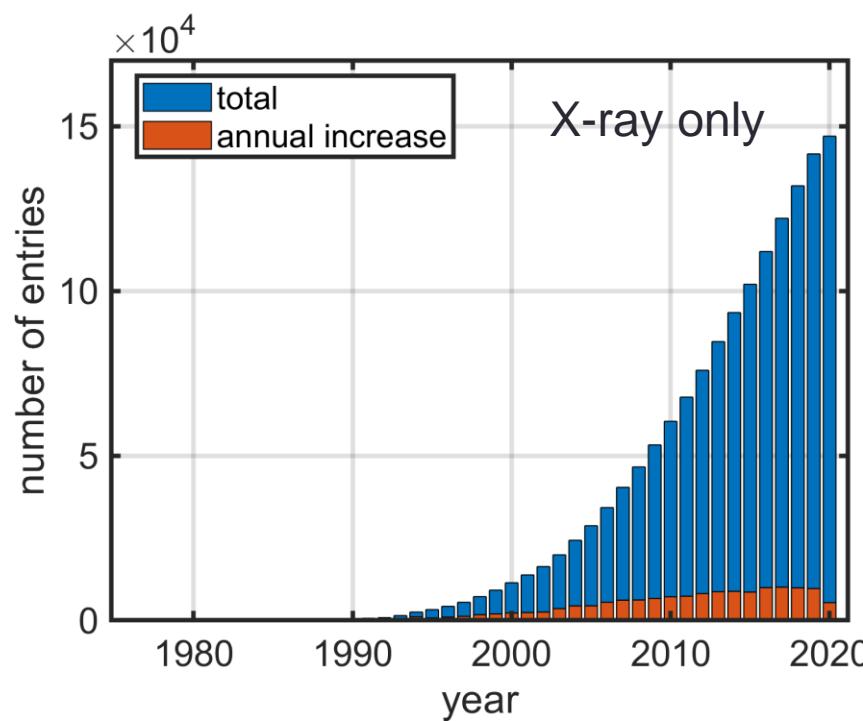
## Sample environments

- Structure under flow and shear
- Rheology & SAXS
- Liquid Jets
- ...



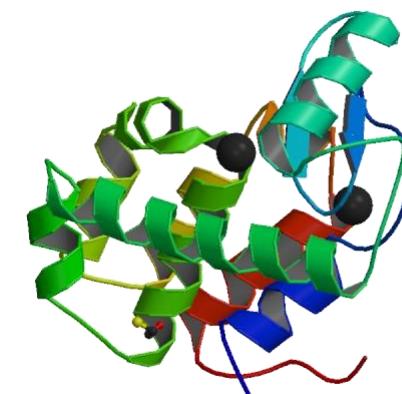
## Protein Crystallography

- Access protein structures by X-ray scattering
- Scattering from single particles too weak → use of crystals instead
- Macromolecular crystallography at beamlines all around the world (e.g. P13 & P14 at PETRA III)



X-ray only

Protein databank  
<https://www.rcsb.org/>



## SAXS in a nutshell

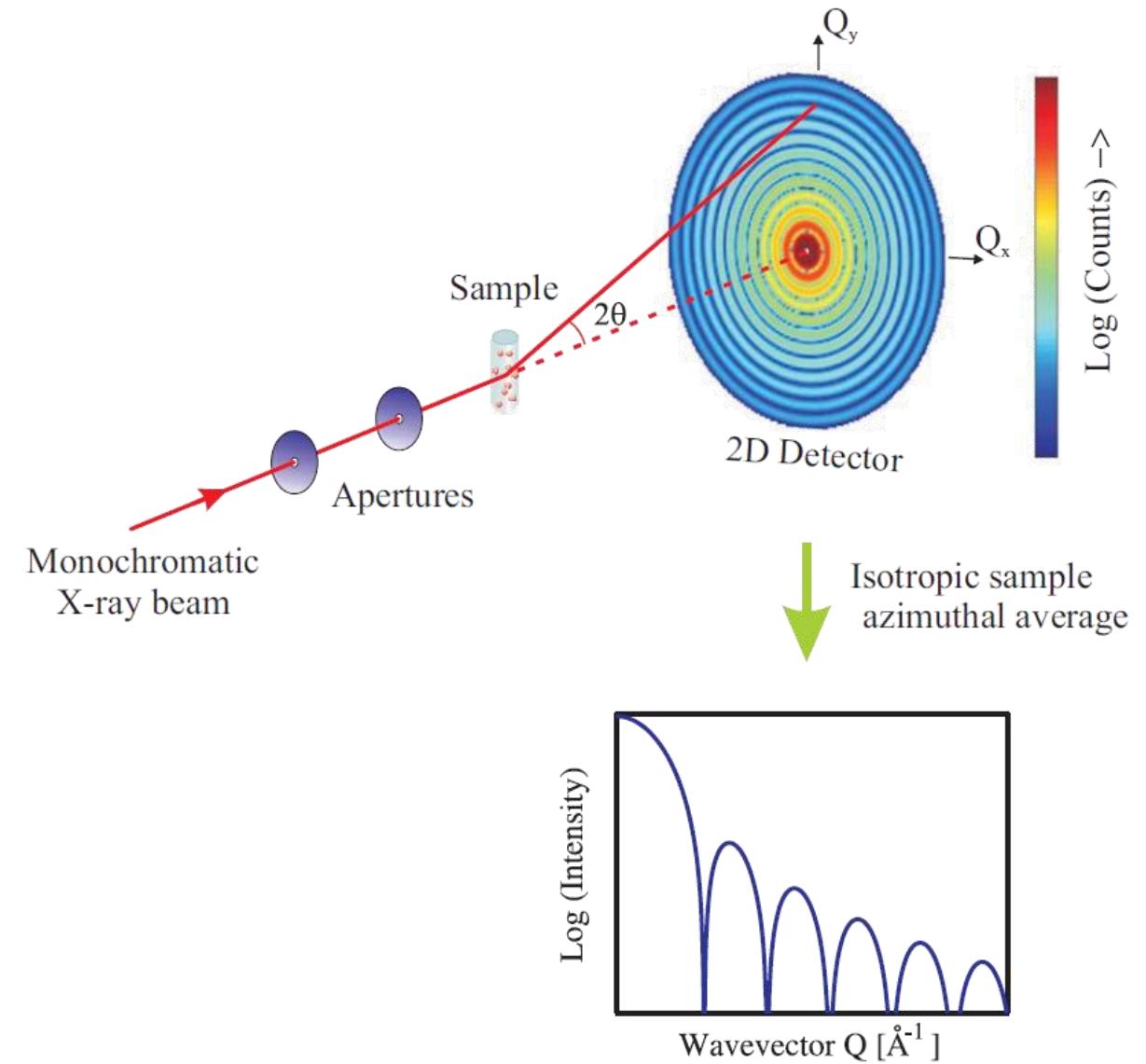
Typical dimensions of soft matter:  $1 \sim 1000 \text{ nm}$

$$q = \frac{4\pi}{\lambda} \sin\left(\frac{\theta}{2}\right) = \frac{2\pi}{100 \text{ nm}} = 0.063 \text{ nm}^{-1}$$

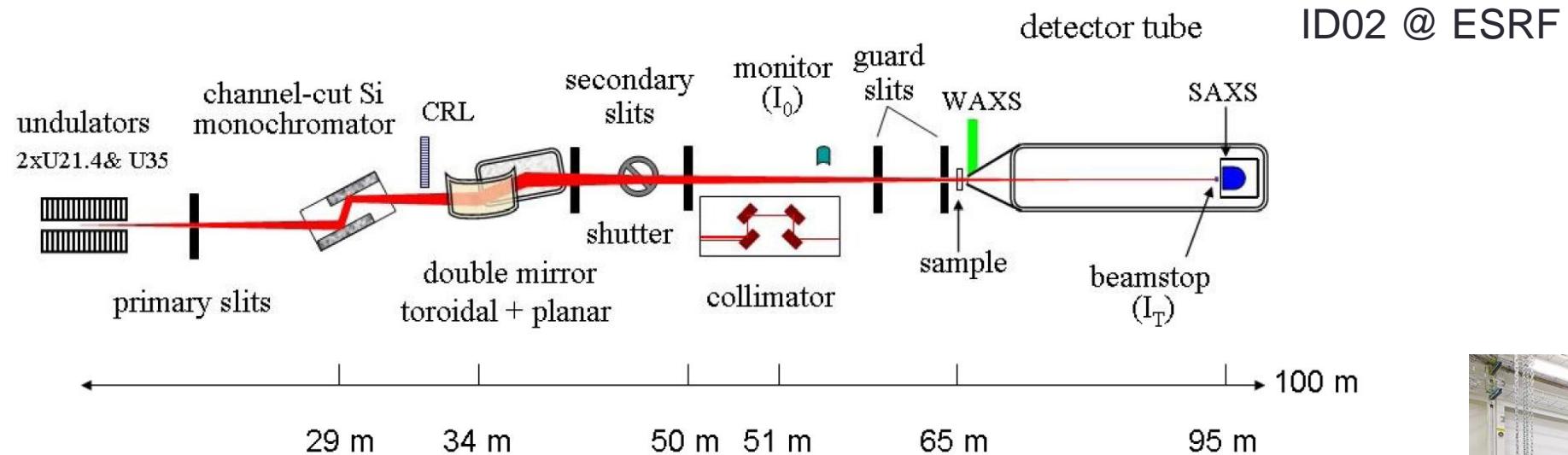
$$\Rightarrow \theta = \arcsin\left(\frac{q\lambda}{2\pi}\right) = 0.057^\circ \text{ for } \lambda = 0.1 \text{ nm}$$

→ Need small angles for soft matter studies!

See Lecture 6 (& 16) for more details



## SAXS – beamlines

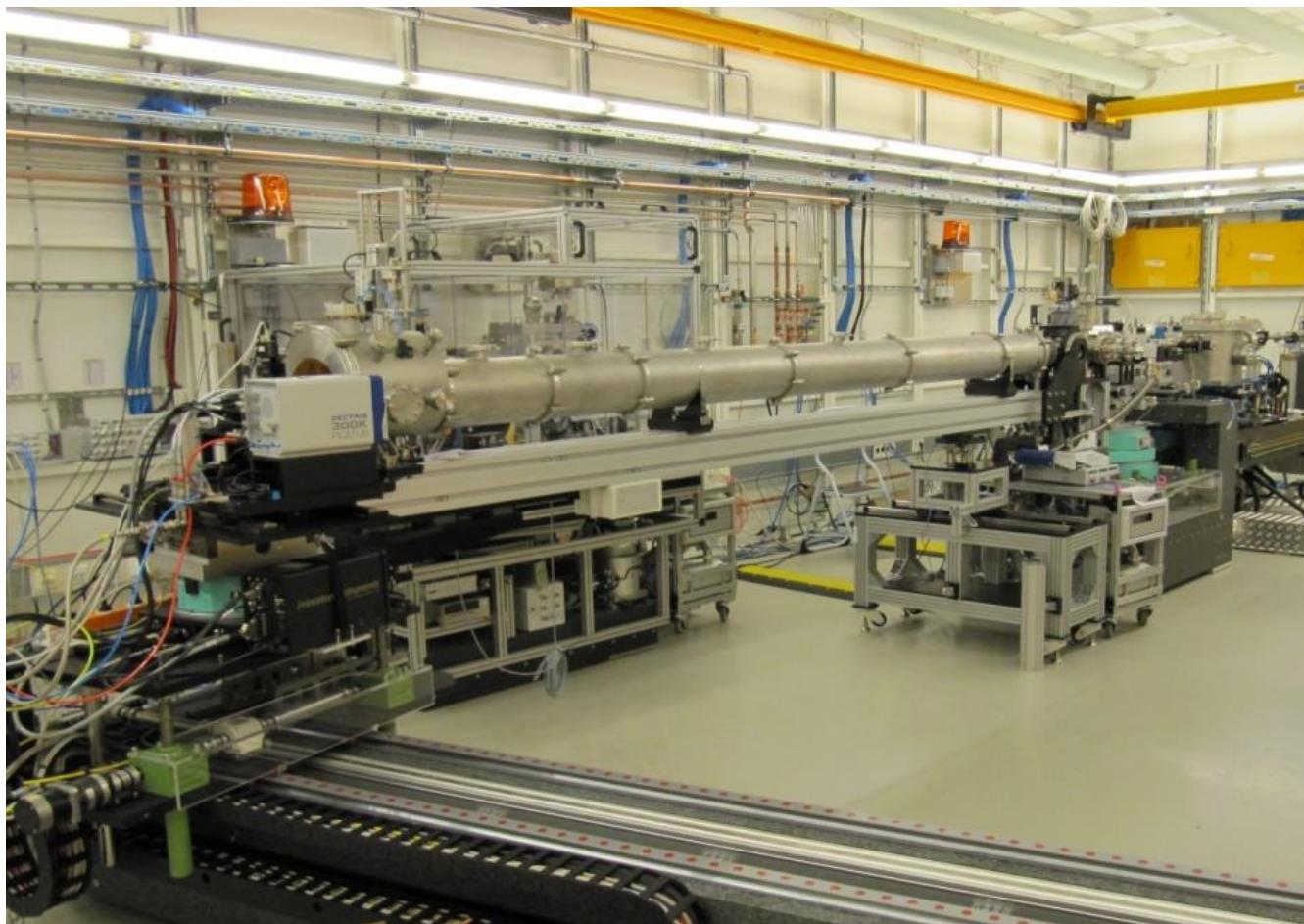


P10 @ PETRA III



ID02 @ ESRF

## P10 @ PETRA III



- Typical Sample-detector distance  $\sim 5\text{m}$
- New developments: USAXS with more than 20 m sample-detector distance

## SAXS

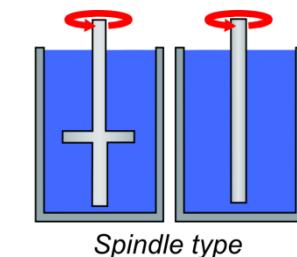
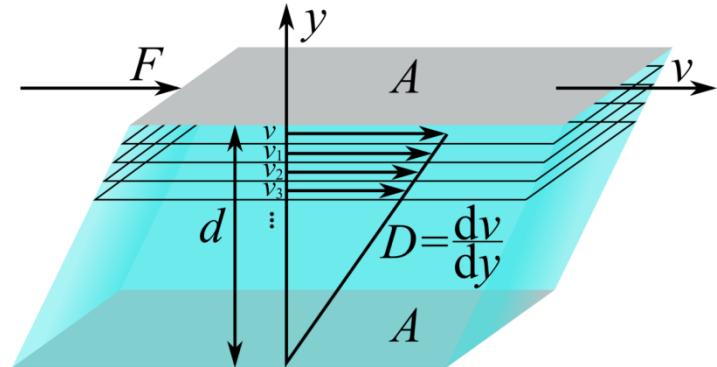
### Accessible length scale (q-range) in SAXS experiments

- Sample-detector distance  $\sim$ m, e.g.  $D = 5$  m
- State-of-the-art detectors: 2D
  - Assume Eiger 4M  $\rightarrow$  size 155.2 x 162.5 mm
  - Read-out 750 Hz, 75  $\mu$ m pixels
  - Larger detectors available, in particular at dedicated beamlines
- Assume beam impinging to the center of the detector ( $2p$  diagonal of detector)
  - $q_{max} = \frac{4\pi}{\lambda} \cdot \sin(\arctan(\frac{p}{D})/2) = 12.57 \cdot \sin(\arctan(\frac{112.4 \text{ mm}}{5 \text{ m}})/2) \approx 1.4 \text{ nm}^{-1}$
  - Minimum  $q$  defined by beamstop ( $\sim 3$  mm size):  $q_{min} \approx 0.018 \text{ nm}^{-1}$
  - Length scales:  $\frac{2\pi}{q} \sim 5 \text{ nm}$  to  $350 \text{ nm}$  in this setting
  - Typically: tuning of  $\lambda, D, \dots$

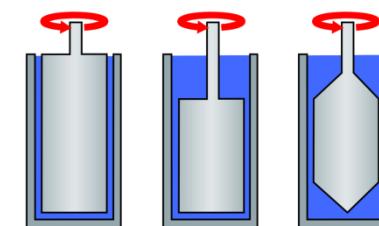
## Rheology & SAXS

Rheology = study of flow of matter

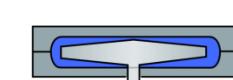
- Applications range from liquids, soft matter to geophysics
- (Dynamic) Viscosity  $\eta$ : resistance to shear stress  $\tau = F/A$ 
  - $F = \eta A \frac{dv}{dy} = \eta A \dot{\gamma}$
  - Shear rate  $\dot{\gamma} = \frac{dv}{dy}$
  - Newtonian liquids:  $\tau = \eta \dot{\gamma}$  with  $\eta = \text{const.}$
- Rheometers for measuring rheological properties ( $\dot{\gamma} \leq 1000 \text{ s}^{-1}$ )
- Péclet-number:  $Pe = \text{advective/diffusive} = \dot{\gamma} R^2 / D$



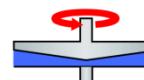
Spindle type



Concentric cylinder



Double cone-plate



Cone-plate



Plate-plate

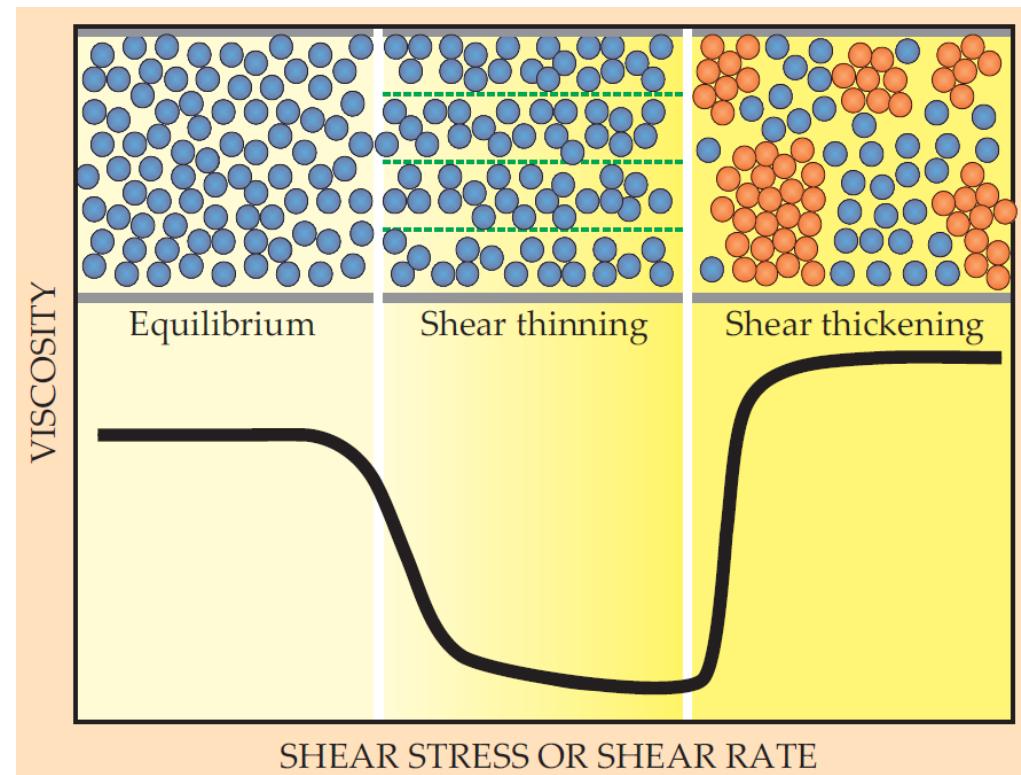


Cone-cone

## Rheology & SAXS

### Goals:

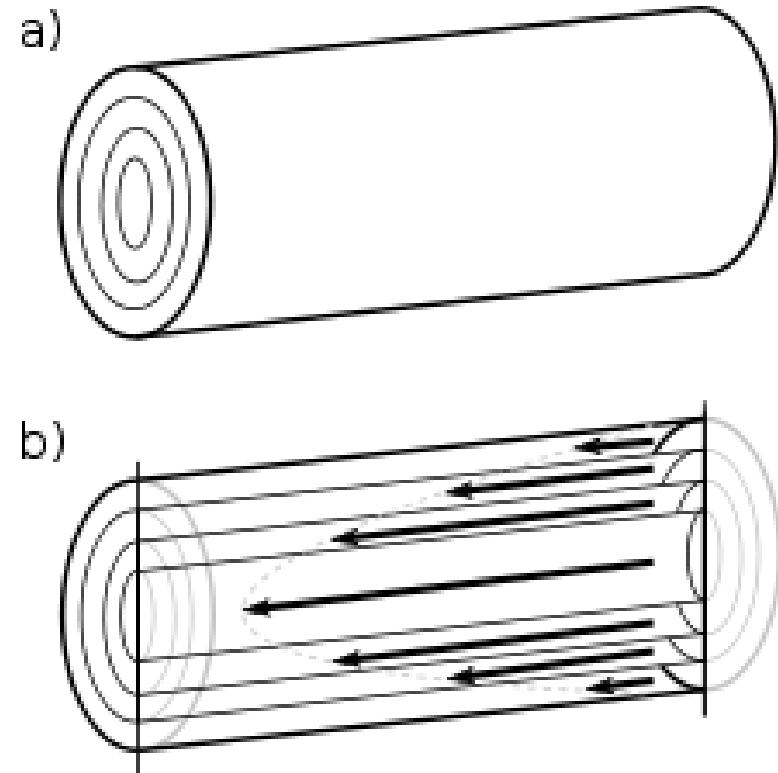
- Structural origin of non-Newtonian behavior
- Phase transitions and gelation



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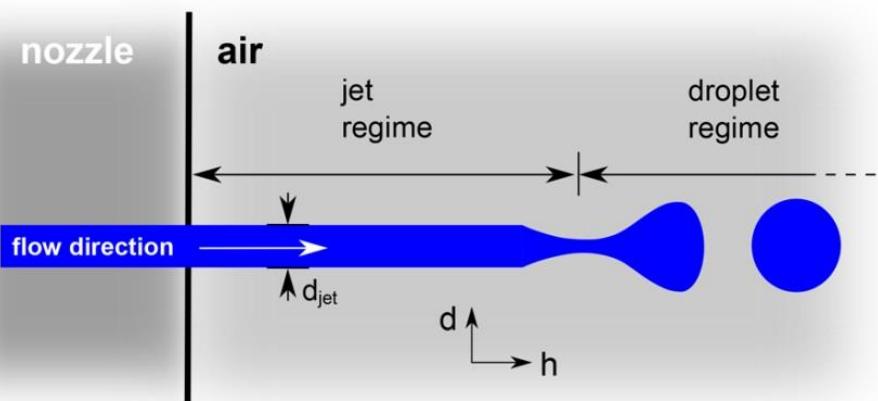
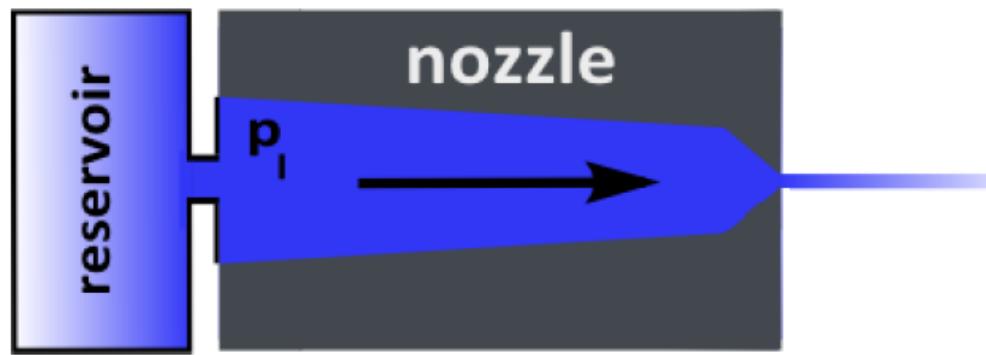
## Microfluidics & SAXS

- Higher shear rates can be achieved in microfluidic flows (cf. blood transport)
- Motion of fluids: Navier-Stokes-equations → partial differential equations
- Hagen–Poiseuille flow (laminar flow through a pipe):  $\frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial}{\partial r} \left( r \frac{\partial u_z}{\partial r} \right) = \frac{1}{\eta} \frac{\partial p}{\partial z}$ , with  $u_z$  velocity in pipe direction  $z$ .
- This can be solved exactly yielding  $u_z = -\frac{1}{4\eta} \frac{\partial p}{\partial z} (R^2 - r^2)$ , with pipe radius  $r \rightarrow$  parabolic flow profile!
- Shear rate  $\dot{\gamma} = \frac{8u}{2R}$
- $u = 1 \text{ m/s}, R = 50 \mu\text{m} \rightarrow \dot{\gamma} = 8 \cdot 10^4 \text{ s}^{-1}$
- SAXS:  $\mu\text{m}$  X-ray beam



## Liquid Jets

In recent years well-established sample injection method for soft matter experiments



Typical:  $d_{jet} \approx 1 - 100 \mu\text{m}$



Fig. 3.



Fig. 4.

Lord Rayleigh. [Some applications of photography](#).  
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## Liquid Jets in X-ray scattering experiments

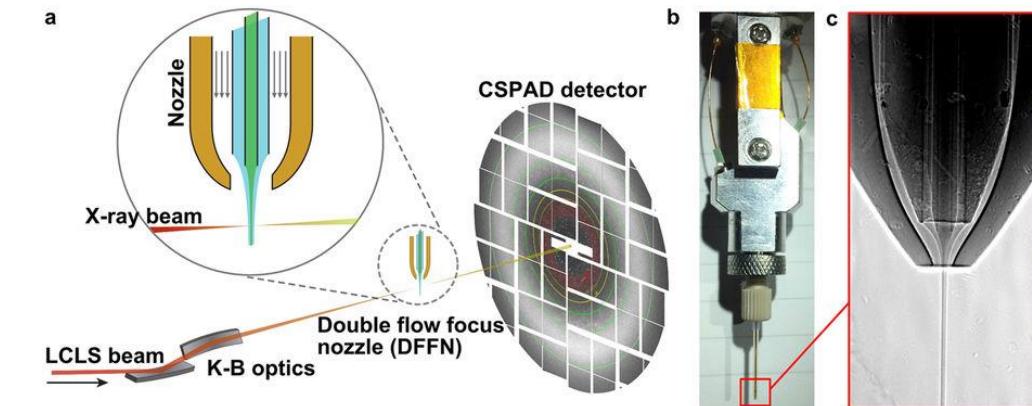
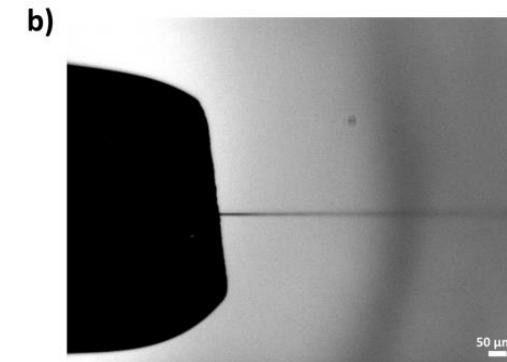
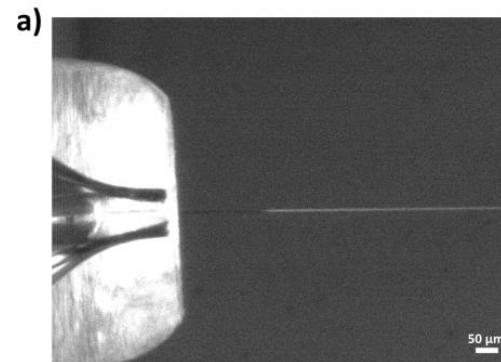
### Advantages

- Free-standing sample, no sample chamber/container
- Refreshing sample (avoid influence from radiation damage)
- In-situ reactions possible by mixing jets
- Flow experiments at high shear rates
- Study of deeply supercooled liquids possible (see lecture 16)

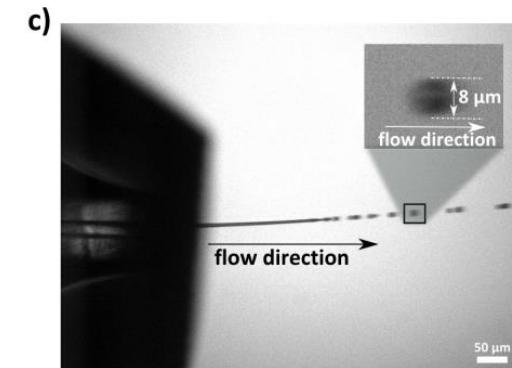
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### Nozzles

- Rayleigh nozzles (pipe)
- Gas-dynamic virtual nozzle  
→ flow-focussing

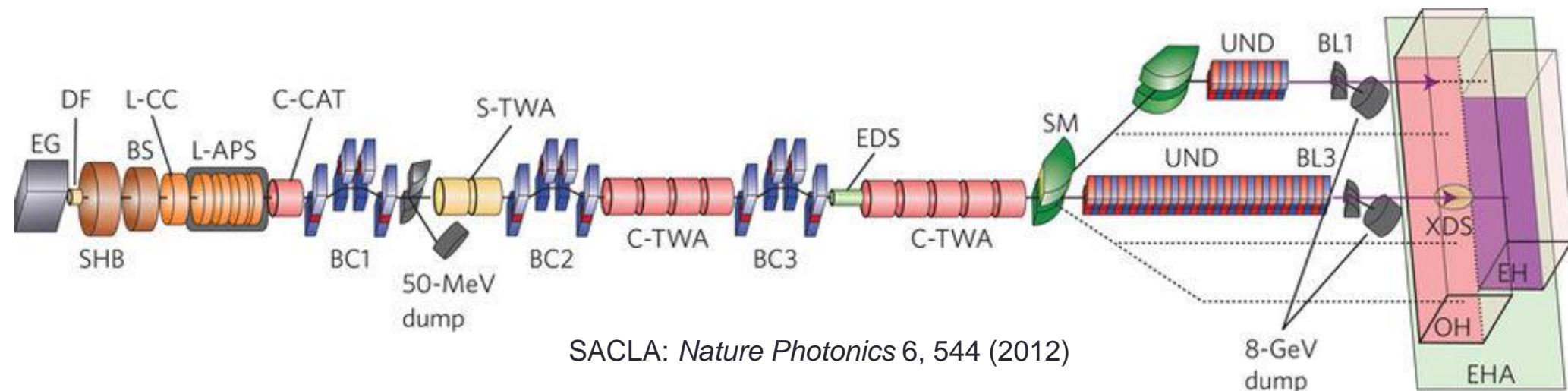


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## Free-electron lasers



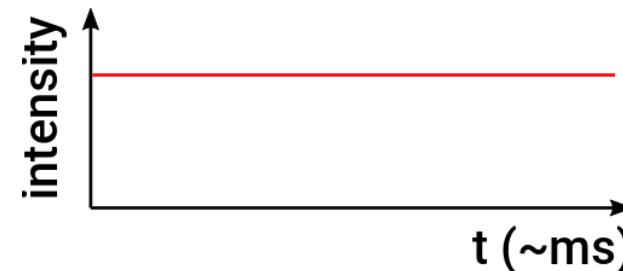
## Characteristics

- Ultrashort pulses:  $\sim 5 - 100$  fs
- Typically  $10^{12}$  X-ray photons per pulse (i.e. similar to storage rings per s)
- (Transversely) fully coherent
- Repetition rates
  - LCLS (California): 120 Hz
  - SACLÀ (Japan), PAL-FEL (Korea): 60 Hz
  - European XFEL: 4.5 MHz (in pulse trains)

## Free-electron lasers vs. Storage rings

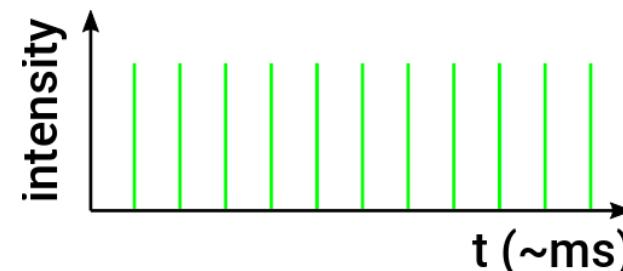
### Storage ring

- Quasi-continuous light source
- $\sim 10^{12}$  photons per second



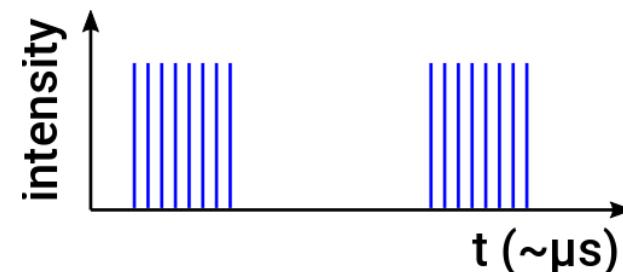
### LCLS / SACLA / PAL-FEL

- 60 – 120 Hz repetition rate
- $\sim 10 - 100$  fs long pulses
- $\sim 10^{12}$  photons per pulse



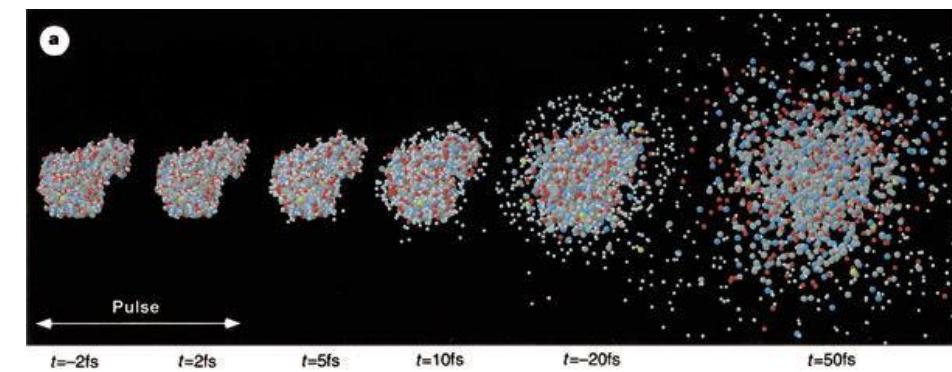
### European XFEL

- Pulse trains of 2700 pulses
- Train repetition rate: 10 Hz
- Pulse repetition rate: 4.5 MHz
- $\sim 10 - 100$  fs long pulses
- $\sim 10^{12}$  photons per pulse



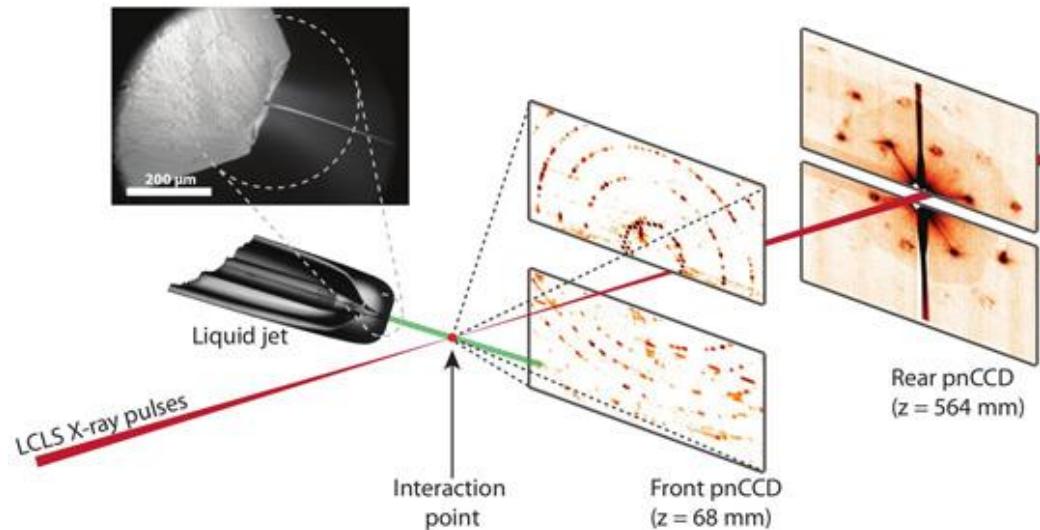
Diffract before destroy

→ Radiation-sensitive samples can be studied at FEL sources

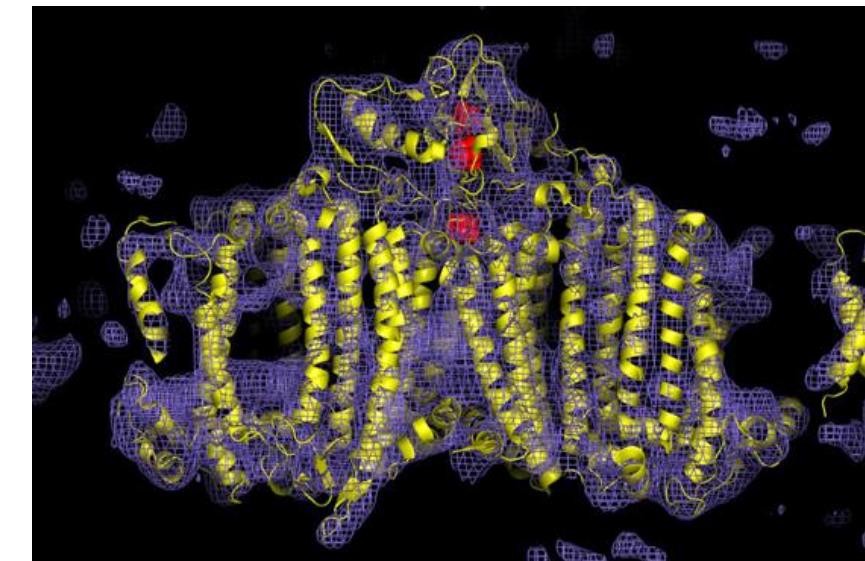


R. Neutze et al. Nature 406, 752 (2000)

## Structure of bio-molecules at FEL: Serial-femtosecond crystallography

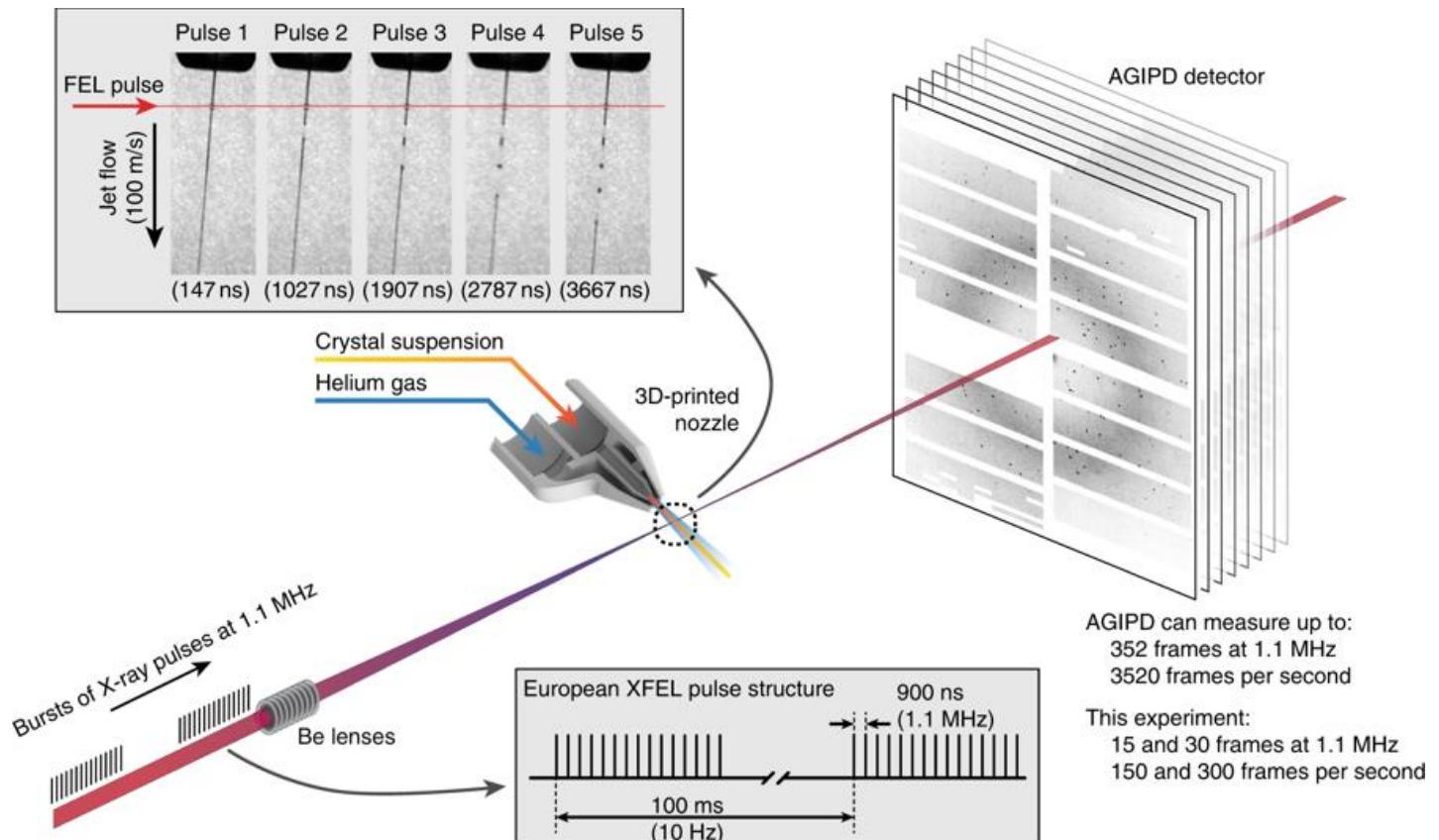


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- Protein crystals not always available
- Liquid jet sample injection
- Run experiment on 120 Hz → 4.5 MHz pulse trains at European XFEL
- $>10^5$  diffraction patterns to obtain sample structure

## Free-electron lasers



First European XFEL studies – experiments at MHZ repetition rate  
 → More examples in lectures 20 & 21

Figures: Wiedorn et al. Nat. Commun. 9, 4025 (2019).

