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# Novel nanosized delivery and diagnostic polymeric particles : single chain nanoparticles for 2-photon imaging and drug delivery

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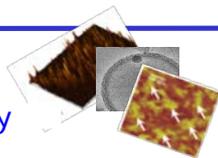
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# Bio-Material-Research @ AGBinder

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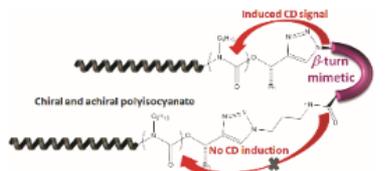
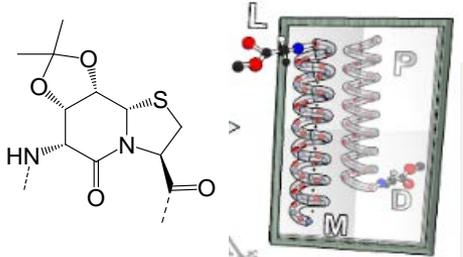
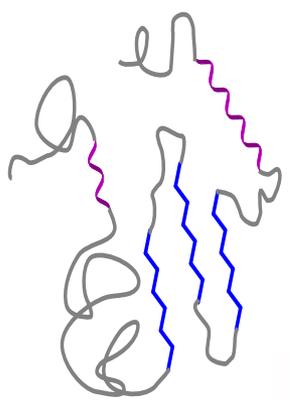
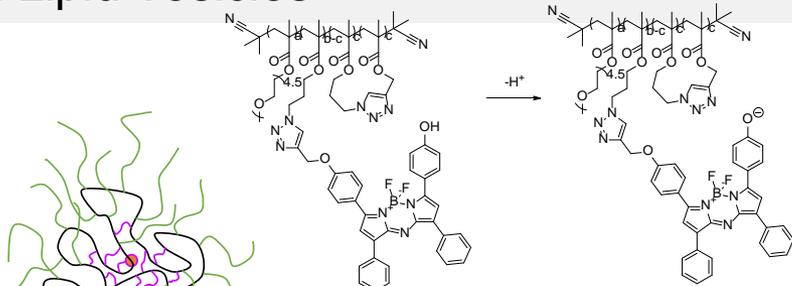
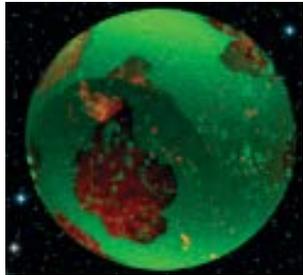
## ❑ Live 3D-Imaging

- Single Chain Nanoparticles → photacoustics

## ❑ Drug Delivery

- Polymer-Drug Conjugates / Micellar Delivery

## ❑ Polymeric and Lipid Vesicles



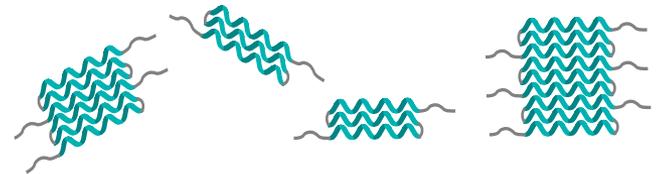
## Polymer Synthesis



❑ Synthetic Design of functional Macromolecules via Living Polymerization Methods

❑ Homogeneous and Heterogeneous Catalysis

❑ Assembly and Degradation



## ❑ Fibrous Aggregation

- Artificial fibers for neuron regeneration
- Amyloid fibrillation

## ❑ Biohybridpolymers

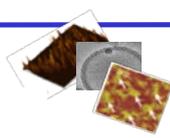
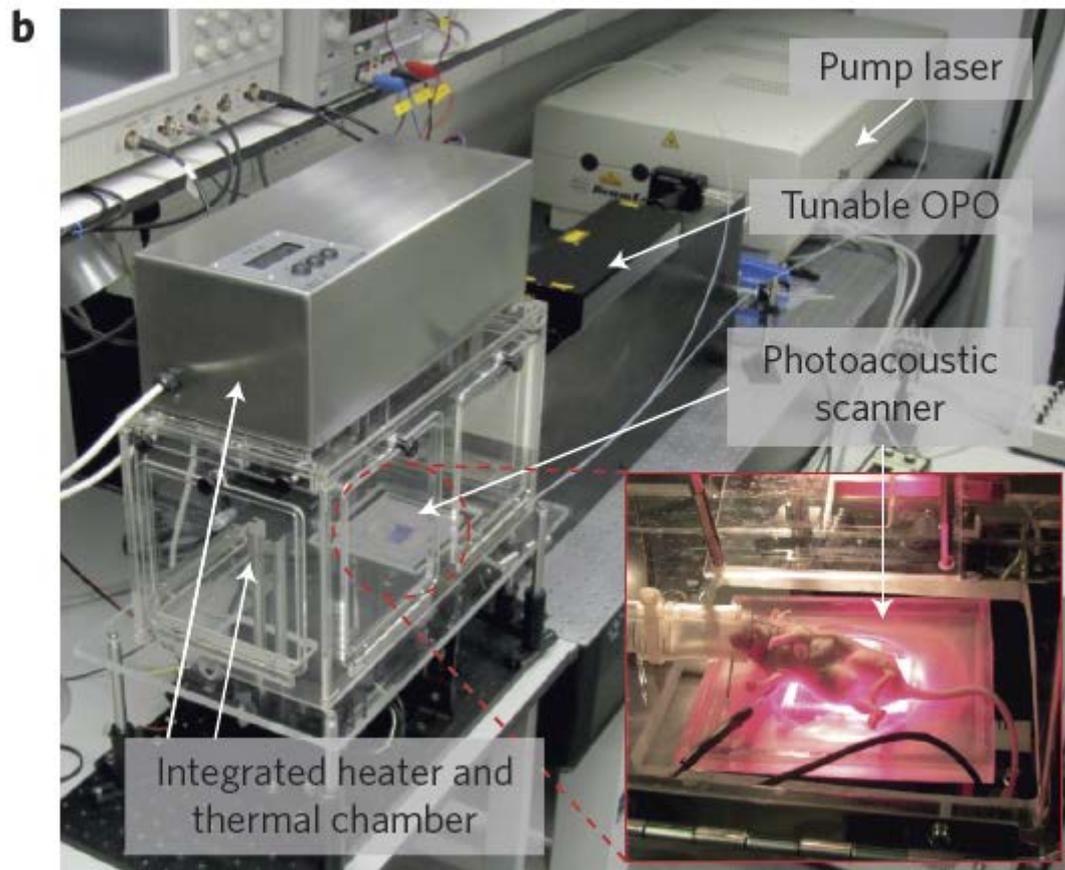
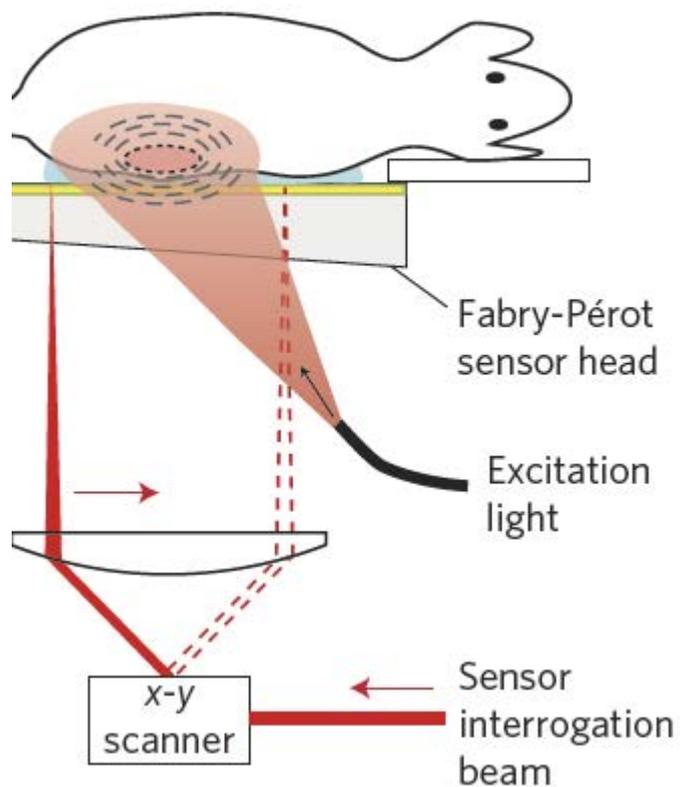
- PEG conjugates with proteins/peptides
- Artificial beta-turn mimetics

## ❑ Artificial Folding

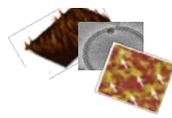
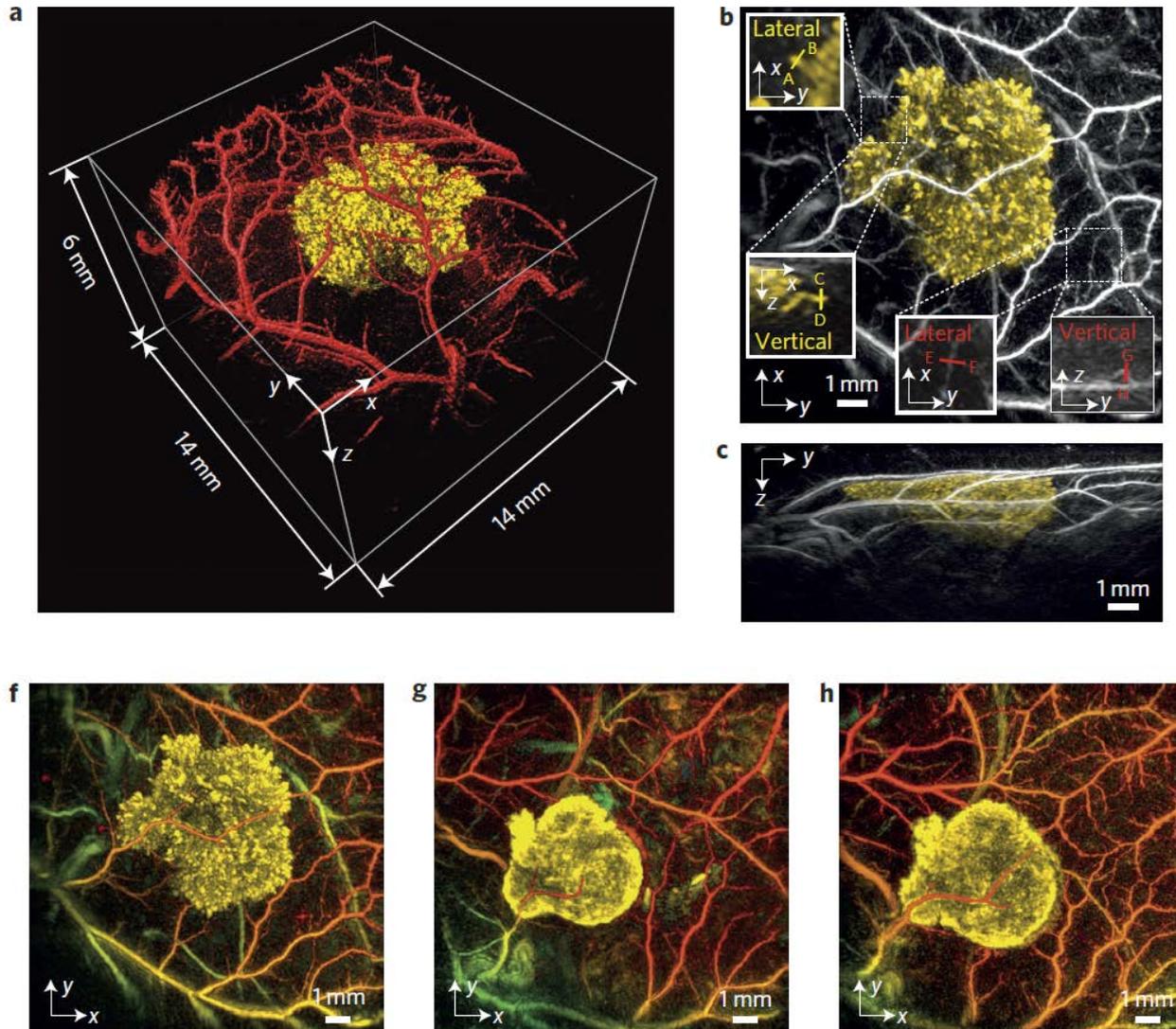
## ❑ Enzymatic Degradation



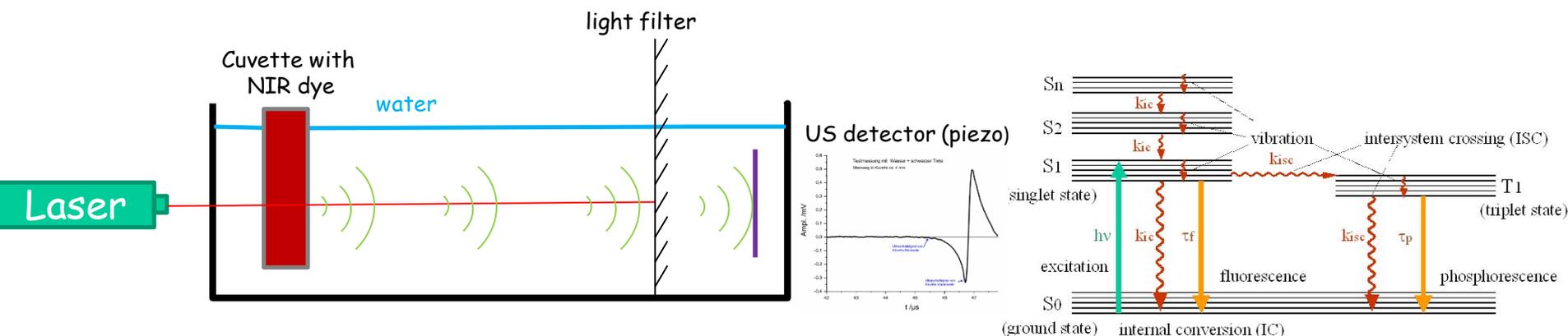
# NIR Photoacoustic Imaging (with Prof. Laufer)



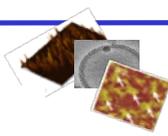
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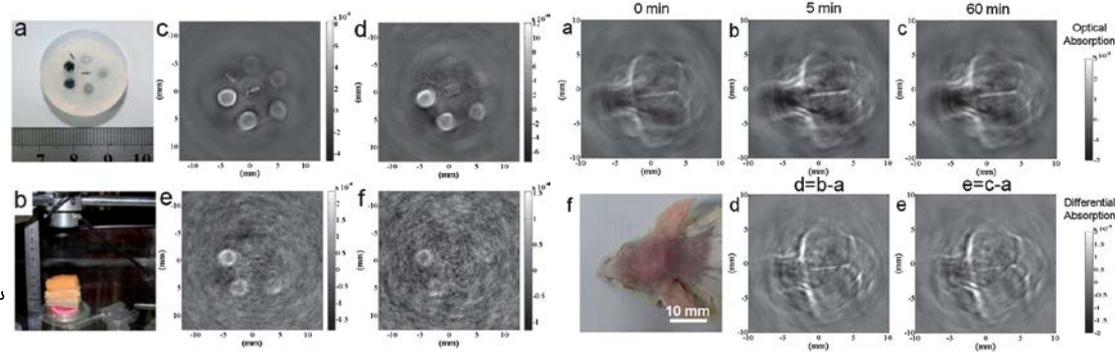
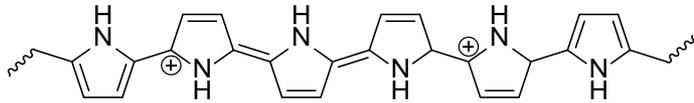
- dye gets excited by laser pulse
- internal conversion of fluorescent dye heats up surrounding molecules
- pulsed excitation with > 20 kHz creates acoustic ultrasonic (US) waves -> waves can be detected
- Relaxation by internal conversion or pump-probe excitation



# NIR Dyes for Photoacoustic Imaging

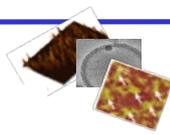
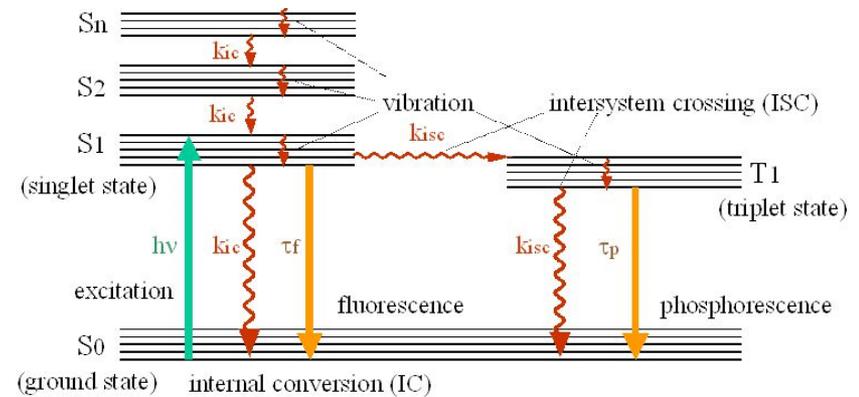
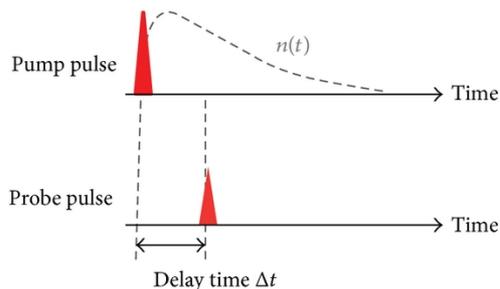
## Classic photoacoustic measurements

- heat by internal conversion
- Dyes with low  $\Phi_{FI}$
- Metal nanoparticles
- Polypyrrole



## Pump-probe photoacoustic measurements

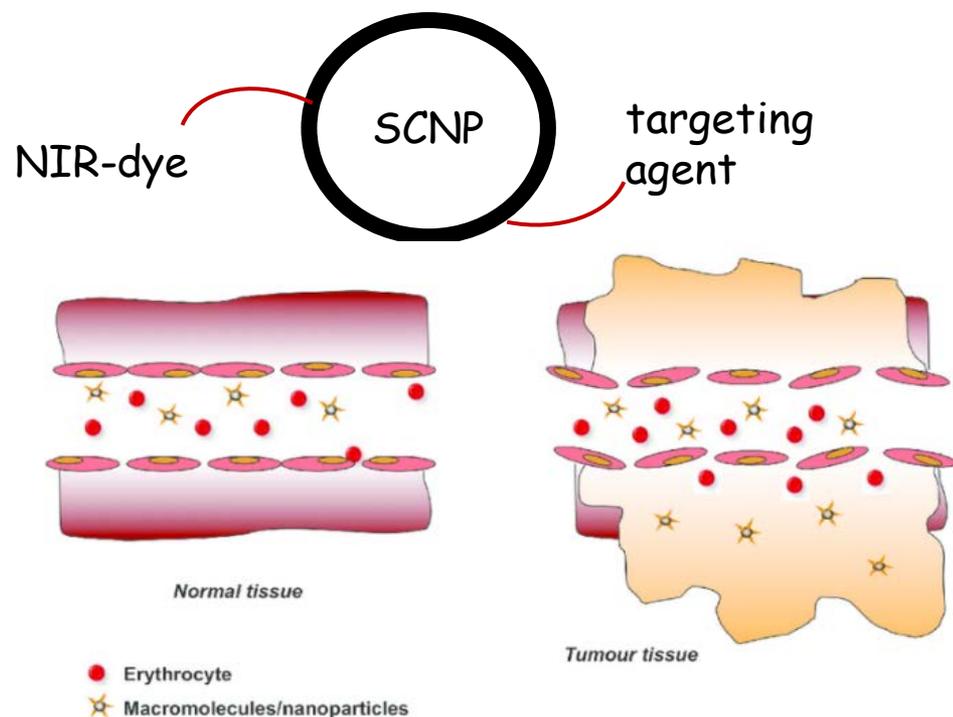
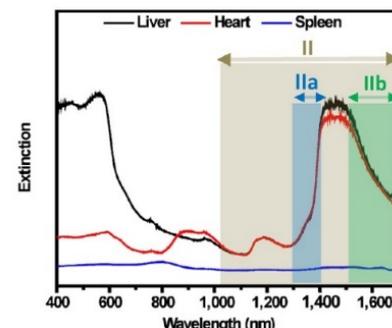
- heat by excitation and forced relaxation  
→ vibrational relaxation
- Dyes with high  $\Phi_{FI}$  and  $\tau_{FI}$
- advantage: fluorophore specific contrast



# NIR-active Single Chain Nanoparticles (with Prof. Laufer, MLU)



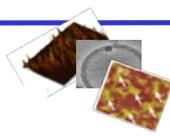
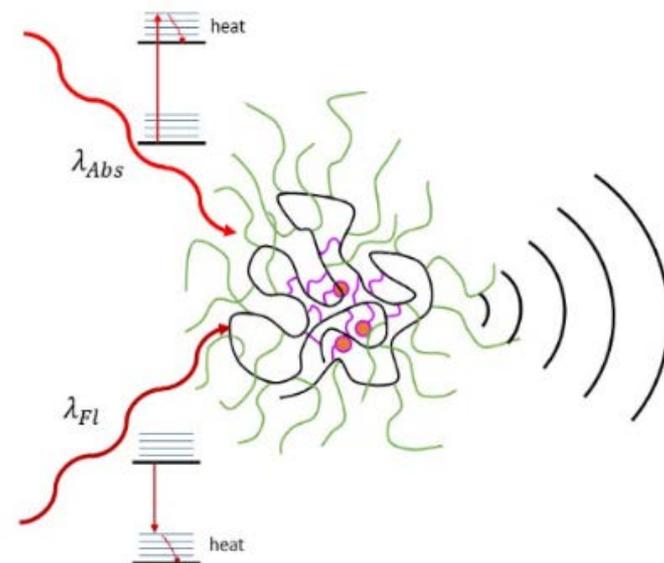
- Biomedical imaging via NIR photoacoustic measurements (cooperation with Prof. Laufer)
- single chain nanoparticles with NIR-fluorescent dyes (and targeting agent)
- particles should be: biocompatible, water dispersible, small (<20 nm)



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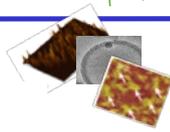
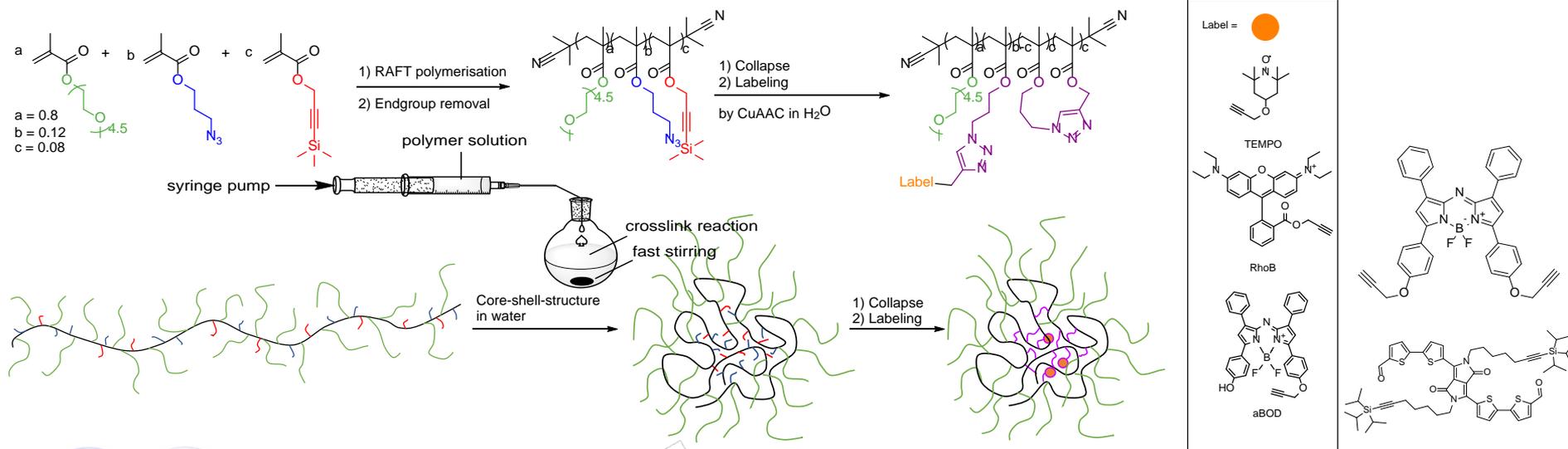
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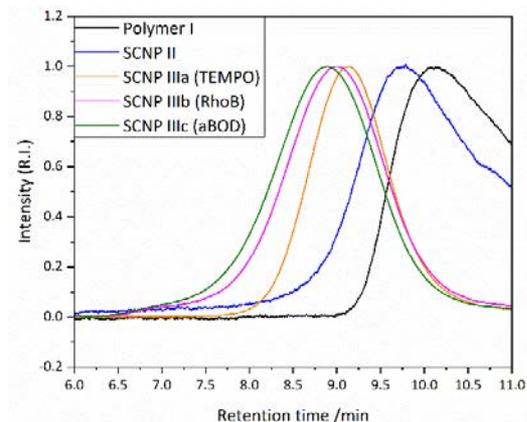
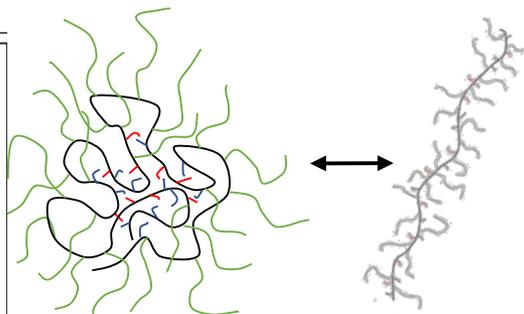
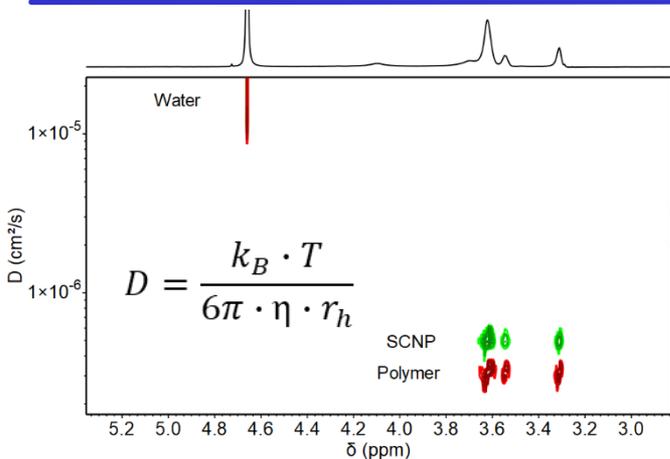


# Folding of Single Polymer Chains : NIR- and Catalytically Active Single Chain Nanoparticles

- poly(ethylene glycol) methyl ether methacrylate (PEGMA) as main part of the polymer
- biocompatible, water soluble and other effects (LCST, stealth effect)
- azide and alkyne functionalized methacrylates as crosslinking groups (CuAAC)
- excess of azide to attach NIR fluorescent dye by additional CuAAC
- drug delivery system for a contrast agent for pump-probe photoacoustic imaging
- dye is hidden in the particles core -> no fluorescence quenching by water



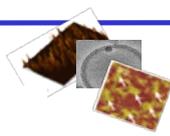
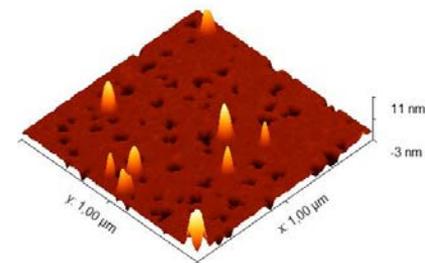
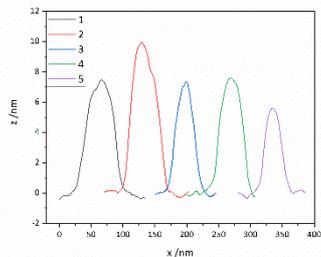
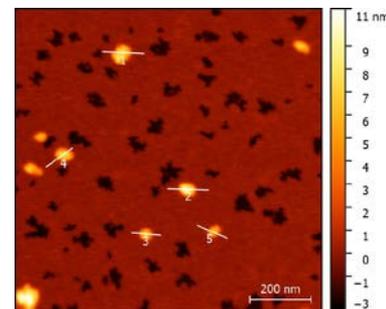
# SCNP - Particle Size and Polarity



	$r_{h,DOSY}$ /nm	$r_{h,DLS}$ /nm
Polymer I	5.3	5.2
SCNP II	3.6	4.2
SCNP IIIa (TEMPO)	5.2	4.9
SCNP IIIb (RhoB)	5.2	4.5
SCNP IIIc (aBOD)	4.7	4.6

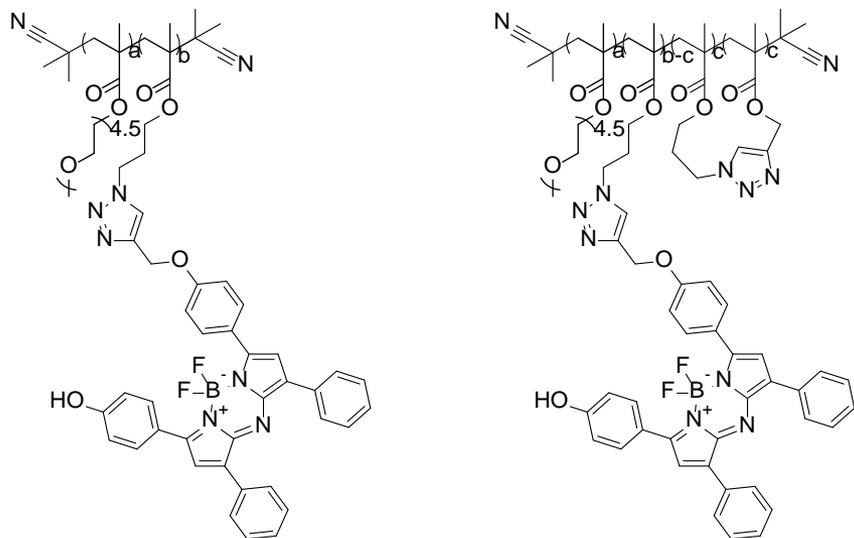
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polarity

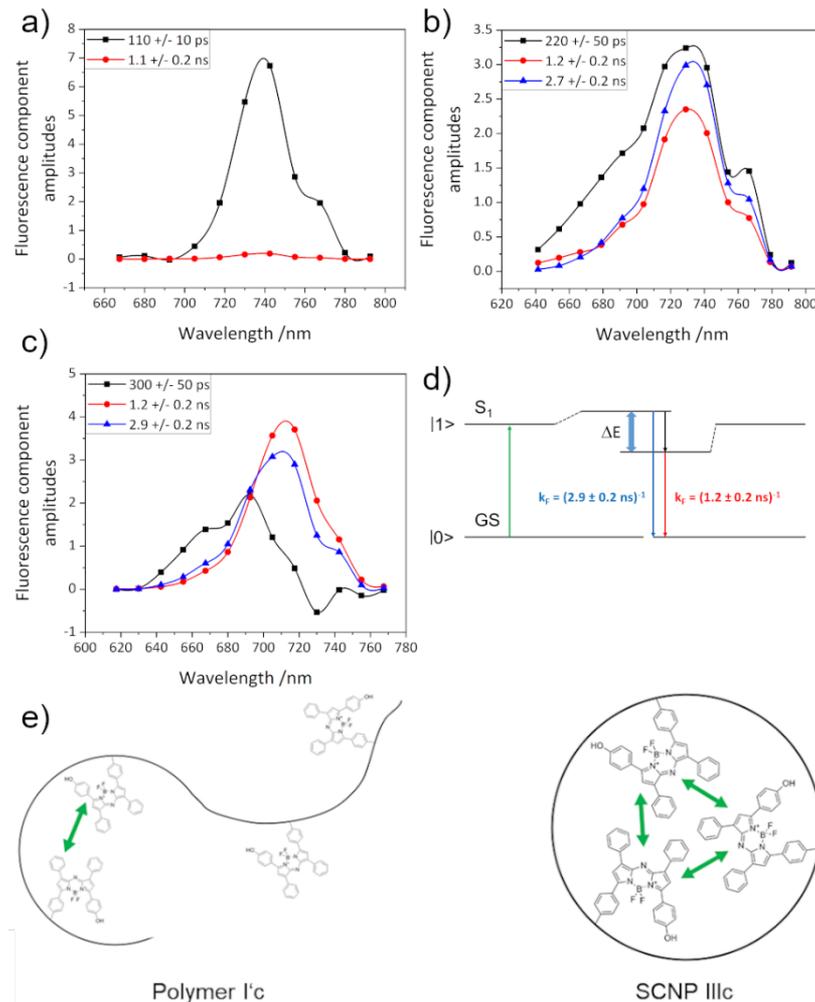


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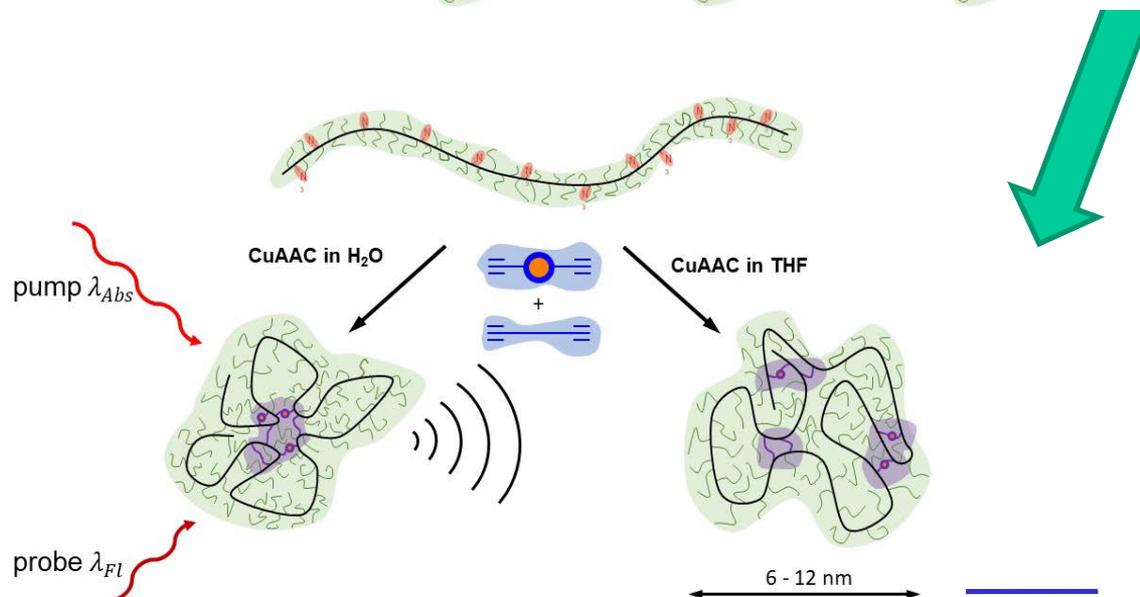
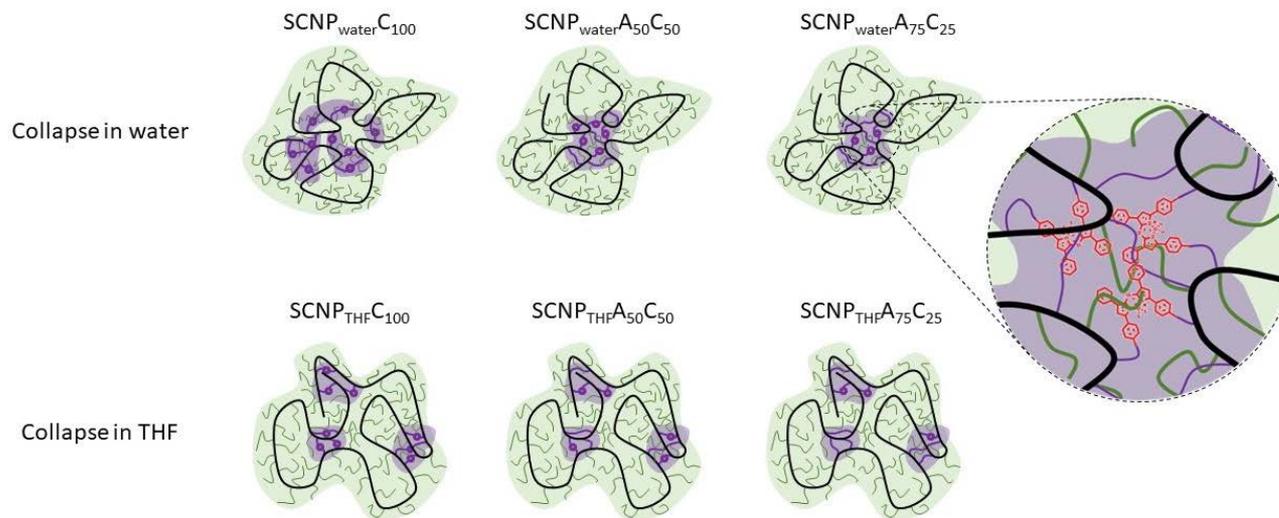
## Nanocompartments in Single Chain Nanoparticles



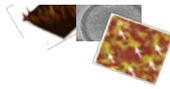
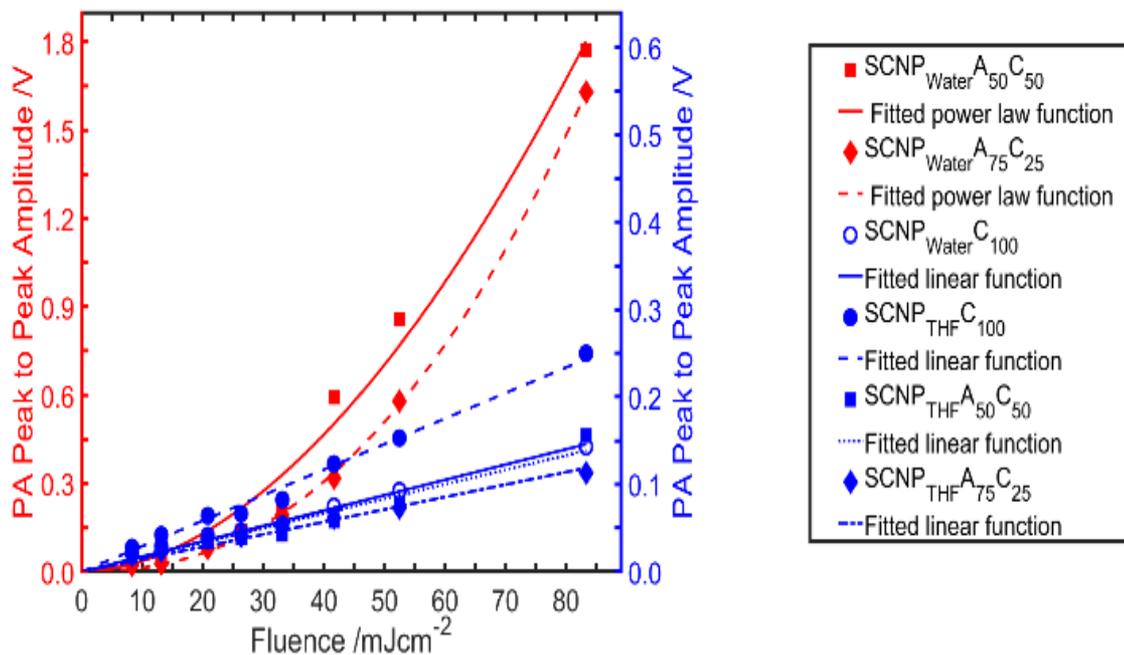
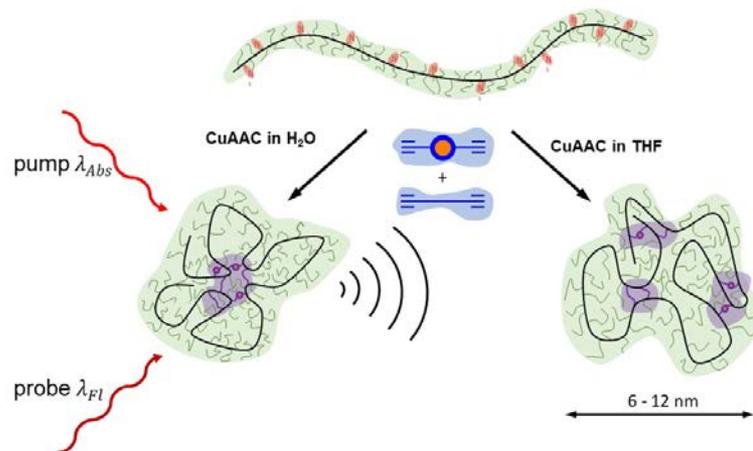
- strong excitonic splitting in collapsed SCNP
- only weak interaction in linear polymer
- excitonic splitting leads to longer  $\tau_{fl}$



# SCNP - Particle Size and Polarity – Strong Effect on PA (cooperation Prof. Laufer, MLU)



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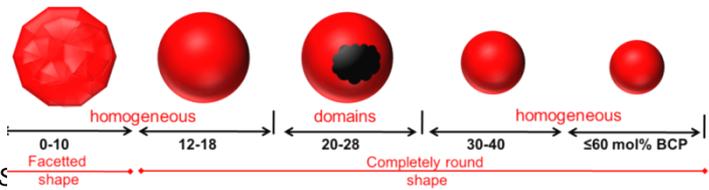


# Nanocompartments in vesicular membranes

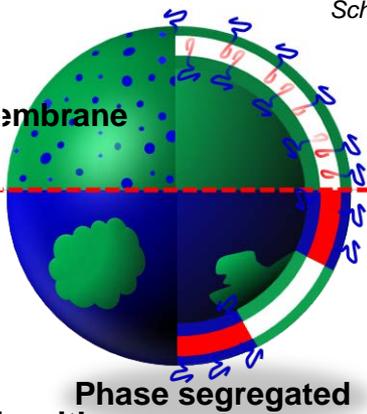
Control of phase segregation/ lateral membrane morphology is possible by composition and temperature (below  $T_m$  DPPC)

Assignment of polymer-rich phase by fluorescent labeled BCPs and by antibody interactions

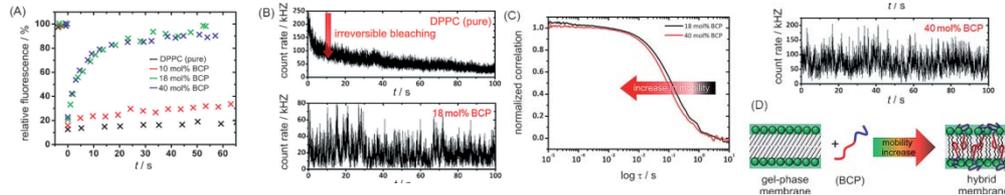
GUV morphologies visualized by Rh-DHPE or diBCP-488



Schulz/Binder *Soft Matter* **2011**, 7, 8100-8110.



Distinct effects of incorporated BCPs on lipid bilayer organization (FRAP and FCS studies)



Schulz/Binder *Angew. Chem. Int. Ed.* **2013**, 52, 1829-1833.

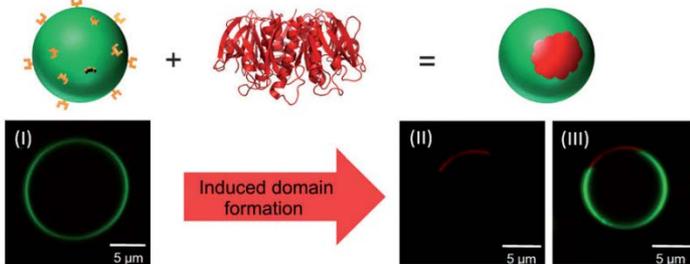
Selective incorporation of polymer-funct. CdSe-NPs into hybrid lipid/polymer membranes



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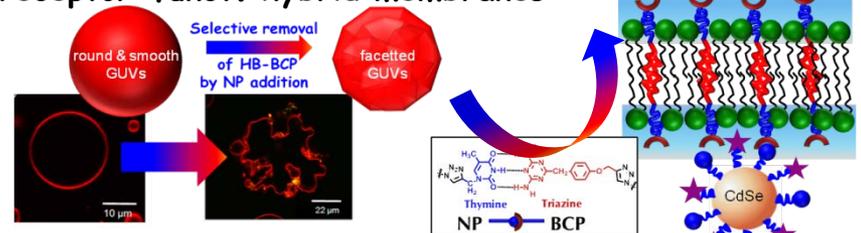
Control of recognition behavior of protein with receptor-funct. hybrid membranes

(C) 30 mol% BCP in hybrid DPPC/BCP membranes



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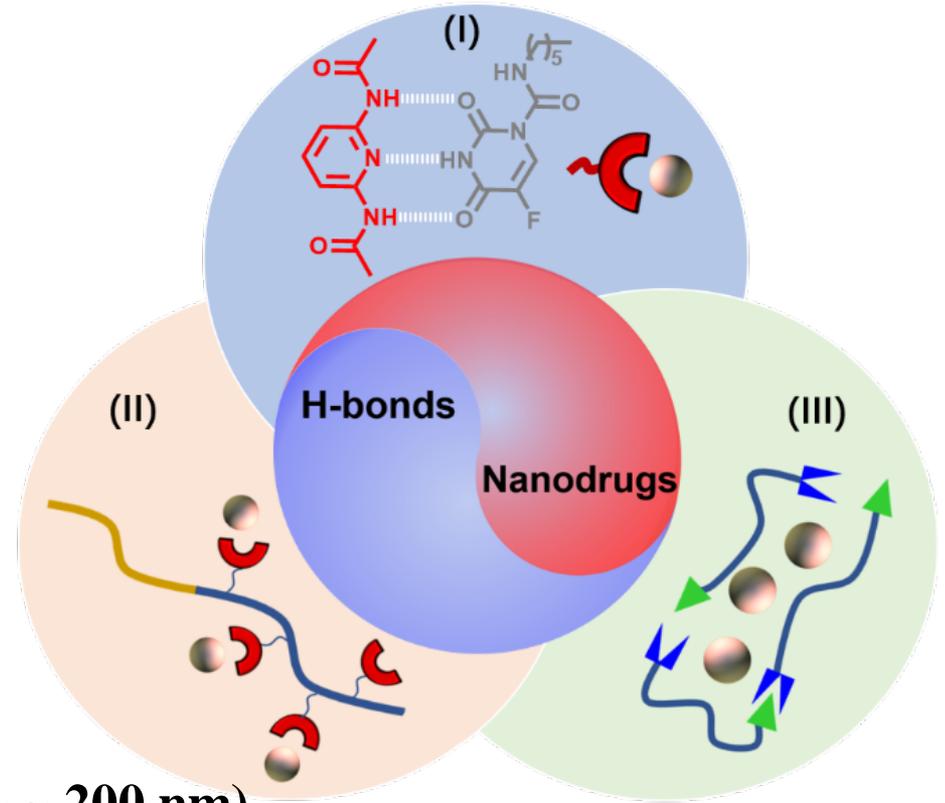
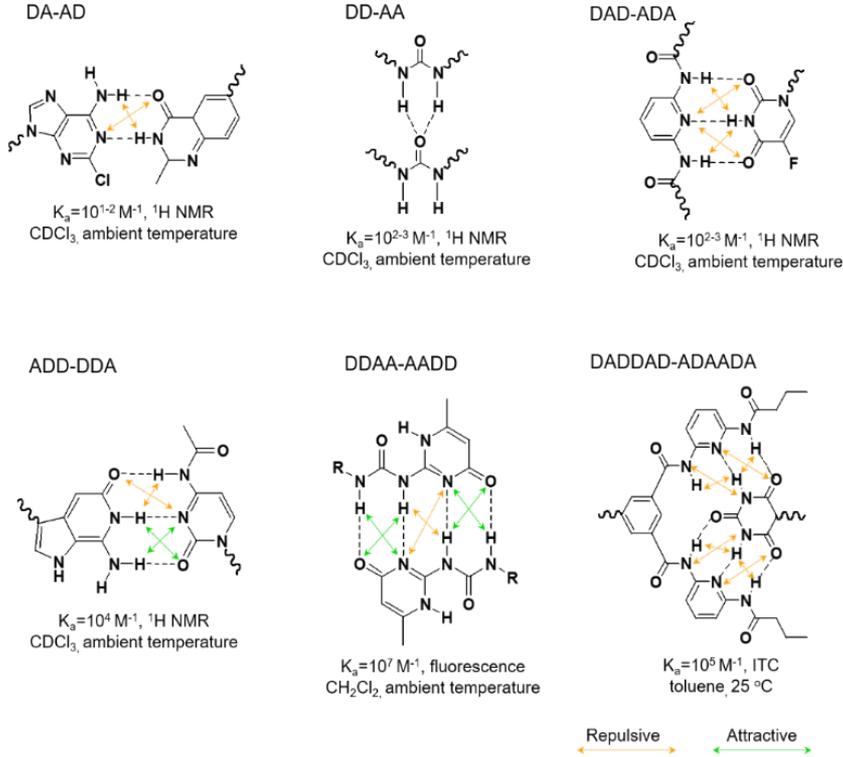
Phase changes induced by CdSe-NP recognition with receptor-funct. hybrid membranes



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# Drug Delivery by NIR-triggered thermal release

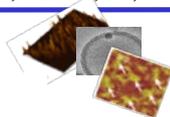


- Fabricate Polymer Micelles (sized ~ ~ 200 nm)
- Equip with additional Hydrogen bonds to favor slow release
- Increase Cargo of Drugs
- Triggered thermal release by NIR-irradiation.

## Hydrogen-Bonds Mediated Nanomedicine: Design, Synthesis and Applications

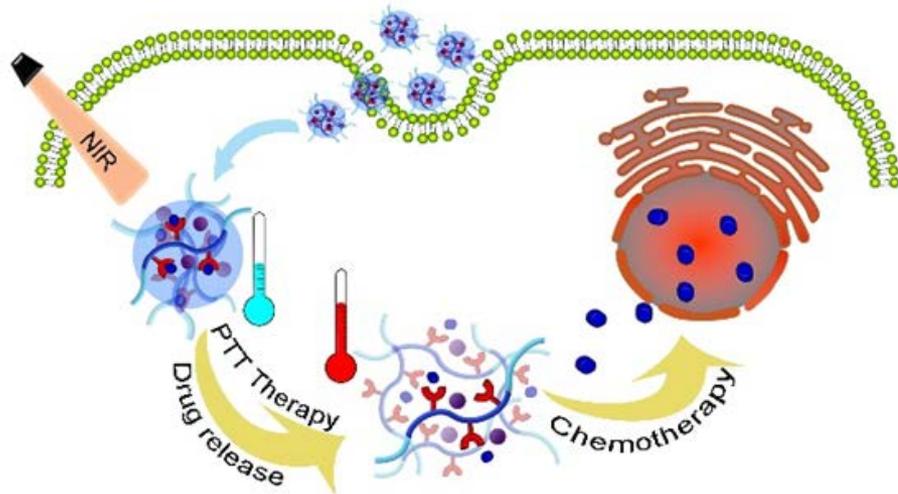
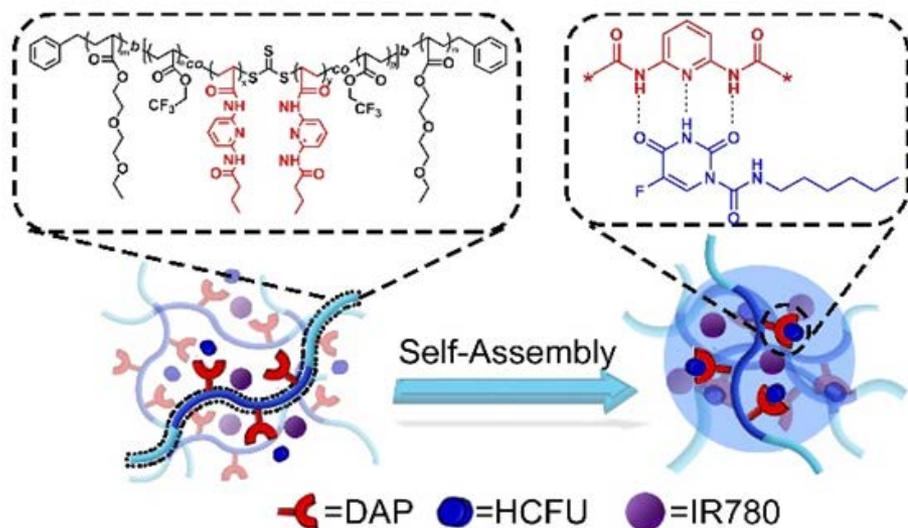
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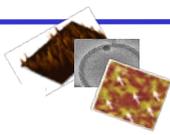


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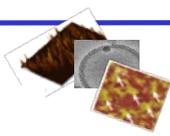
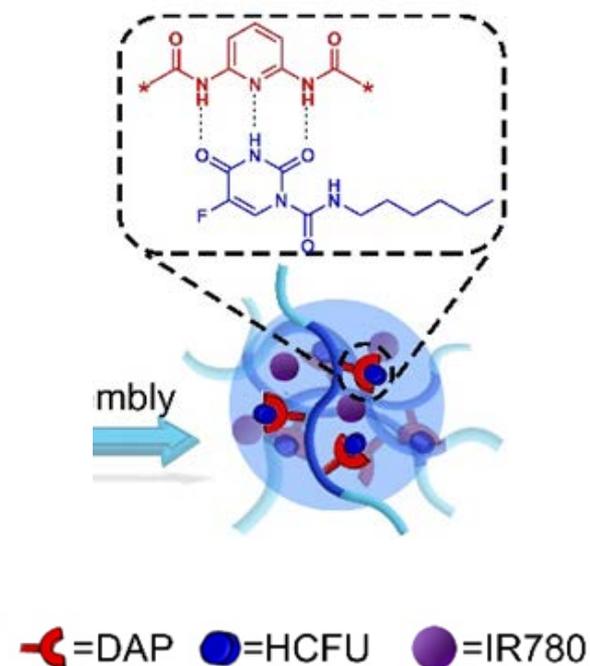
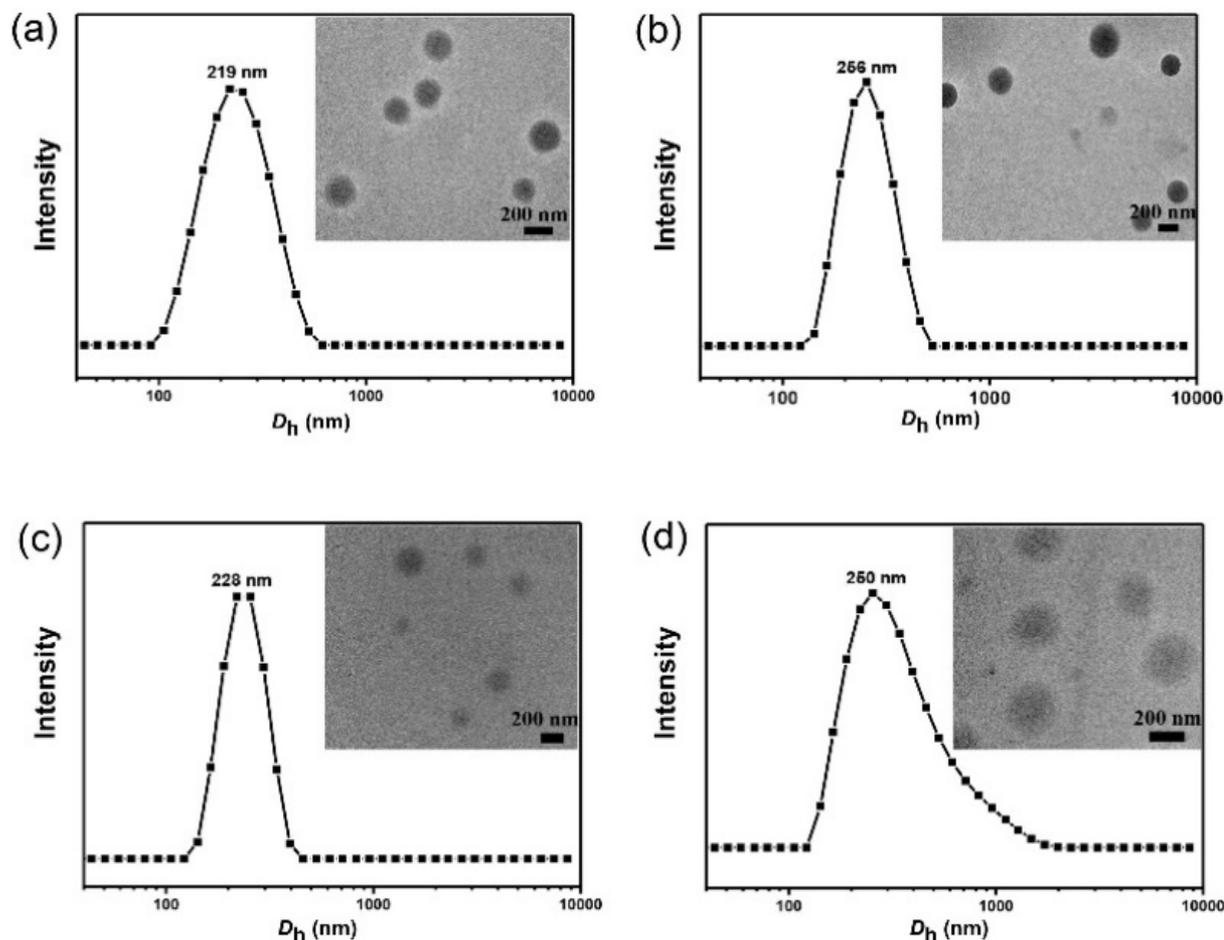
- **PEG/Acrylate Blockcopolymeric Micelles**
- **Load with HCFU via H-bonds**
- **Triggered Release by NIR-irradiation (808 nm)**
- **Enhanced and triggered Availability of the HCFU Drug upon Irradiation**
- **Reduction of Cell Viability by released HCFU**



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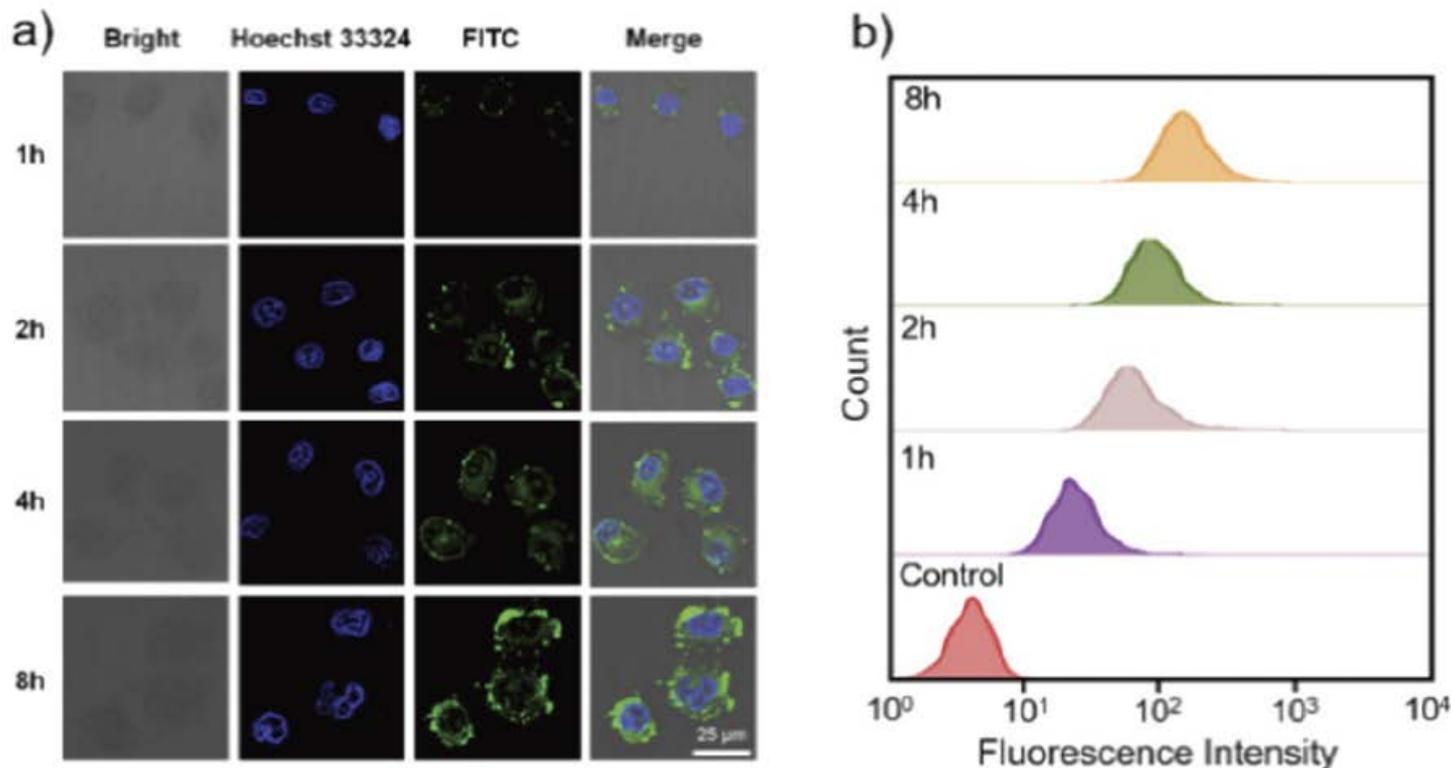
- Polymeric Micelles sized ~ 200 nm
- Bound HCFU via H-bonds inside the micelles



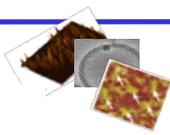
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## ➤ CLSM micrographs : Excellent cellular uptake



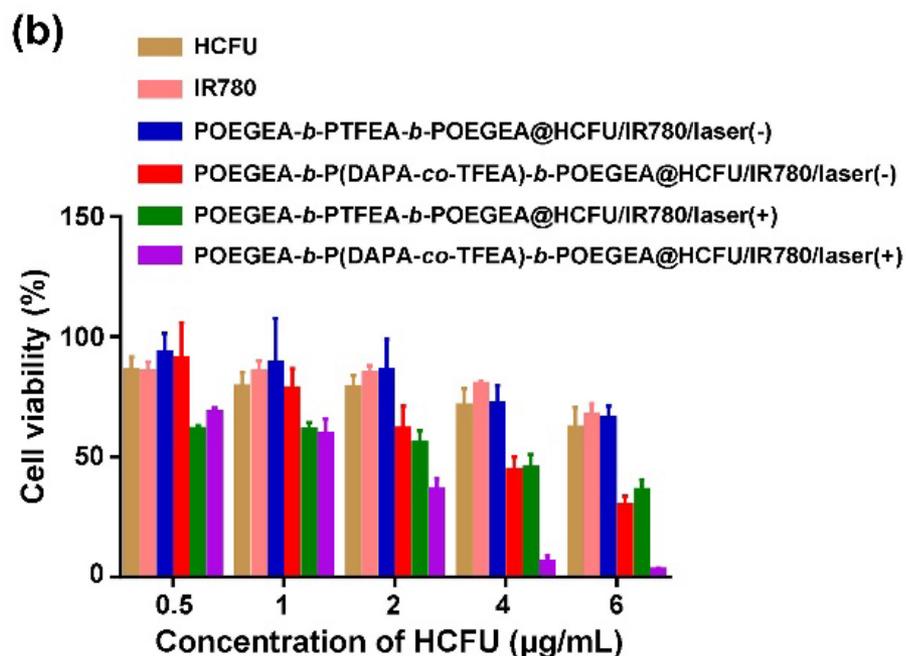
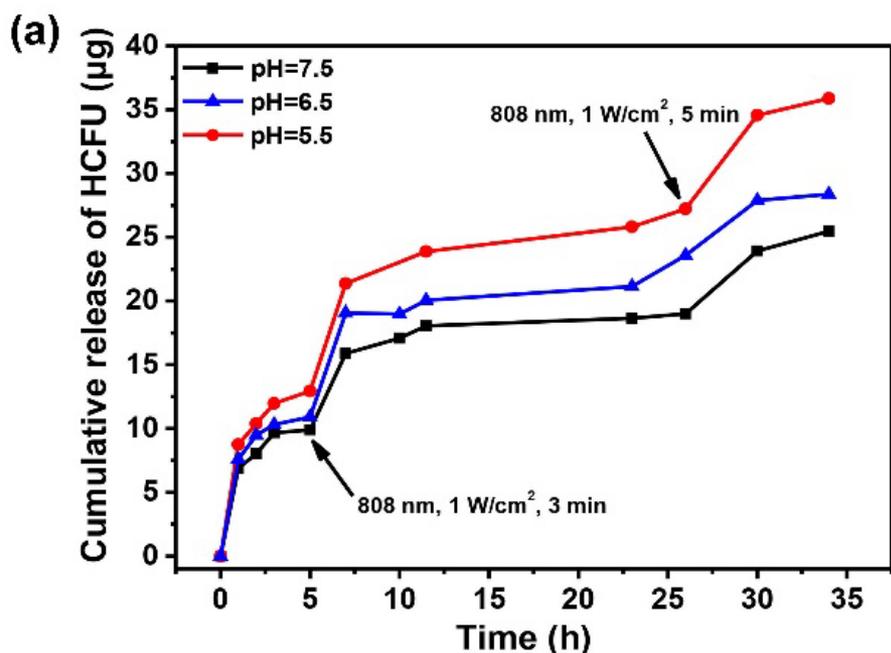
*CLSM images of the time-dependent cellular uptake of H-bonded supramolecular polymeric micelles (a), and the fluorescence signal intensity extracted from CLSM.*



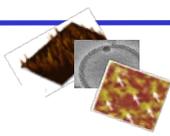
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- Release of HCFU by NIR-irradiation
- Reduction of Cell Viability by released HCFU



*In vitro* drug release-time profiles for POEGEA-*b*-P(DAPA-co-TFEA)-*b*-POEGEA @HCFU/IR780 in PBS buffer at pH 7.5, 6.5 and 5.5 with/without NIR laser irradiation.





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