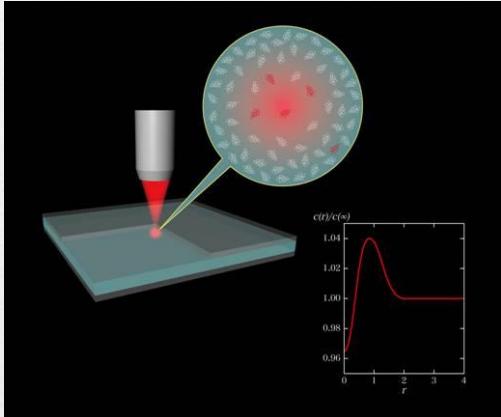


Ring formation by competition between entropic effects and thermophoresis



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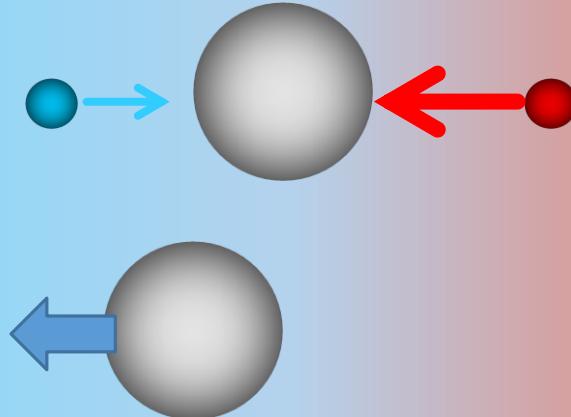
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Thermophoresis

Cold

Hot



Soret effect

Particle motion induced by
temperature gradients

diffusion

flow $\vec{j} = -D_B \left(\vec{\nabla}c + c S_T \vec{\nabla}T \right)$
thermophoresis

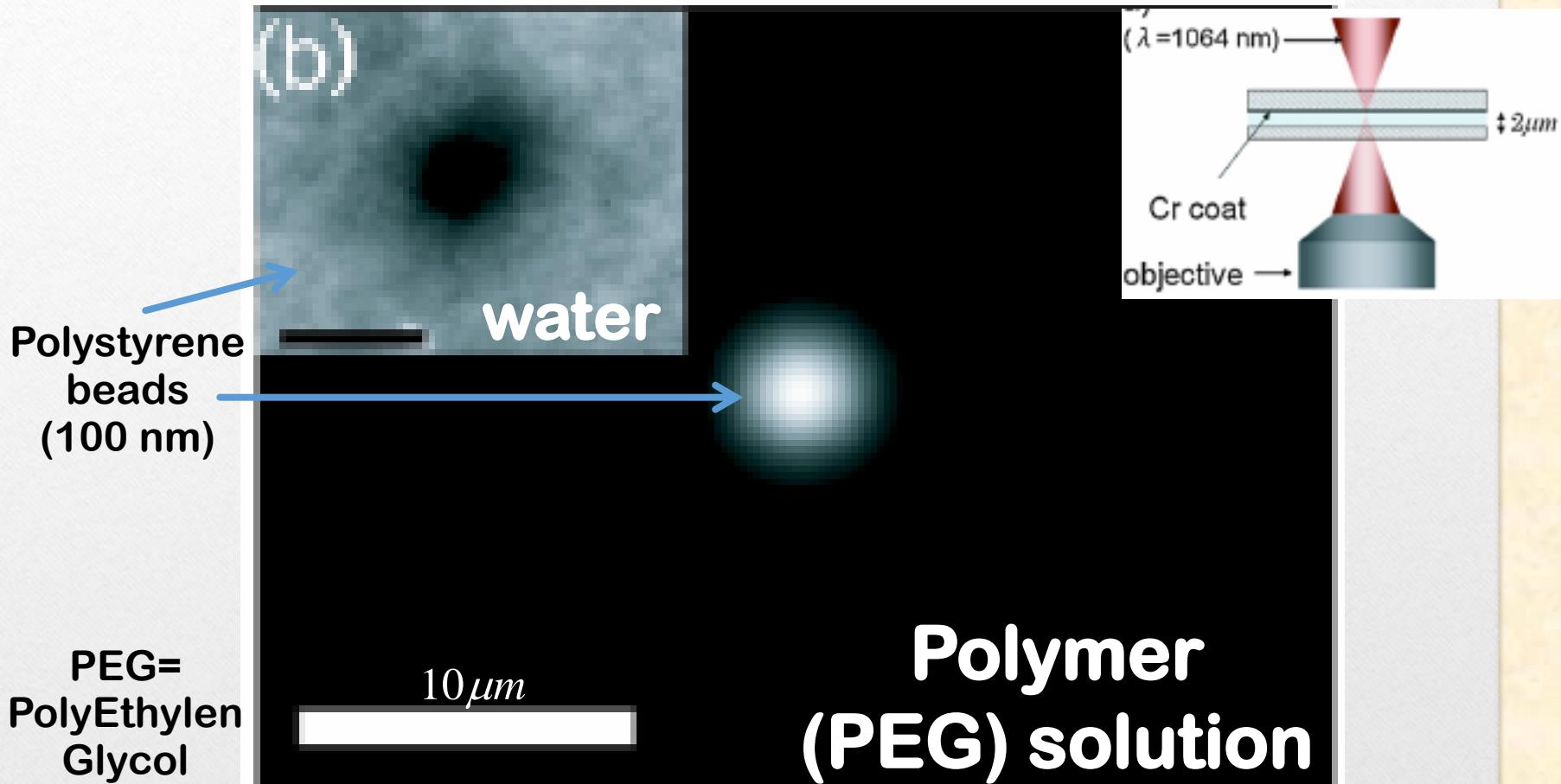
$$S_T \equiv \frac{D_T}{D_B}$$

Soret
coefficient

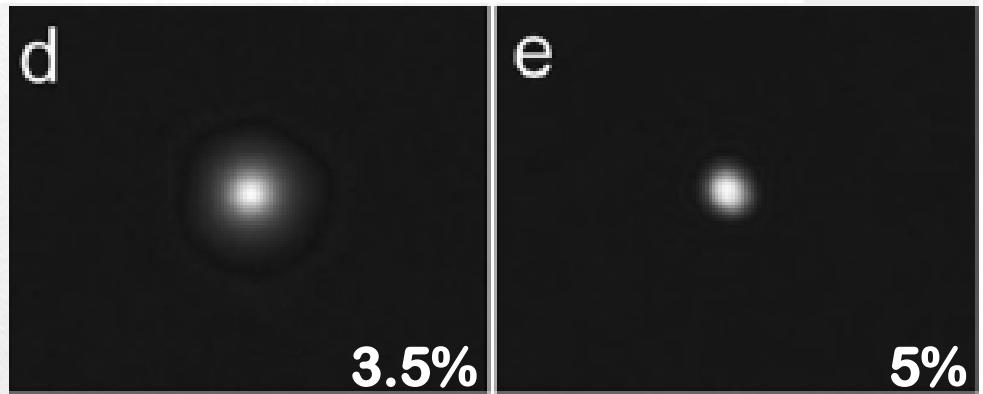
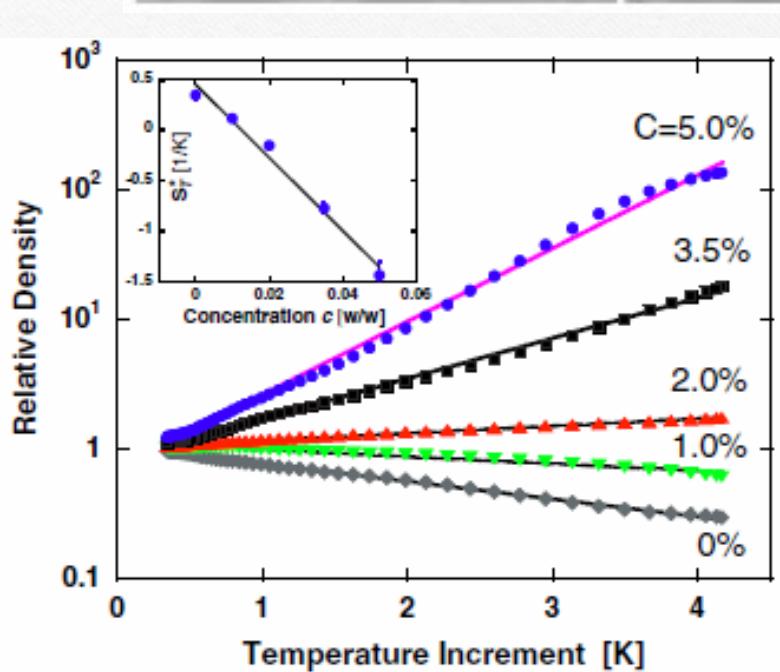
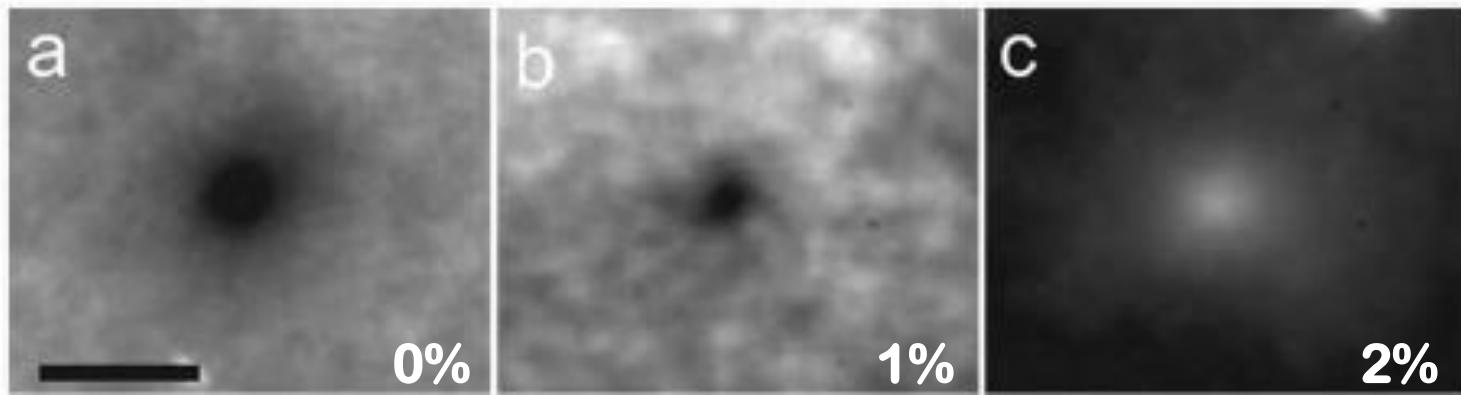
D_B : Diffusion constant

D_T : Thermal diffusion constant

Colloid aggregation in PEG solution under temperature gradient



Aggregation of colloids driven by
temperature gradient induced by laser radiation

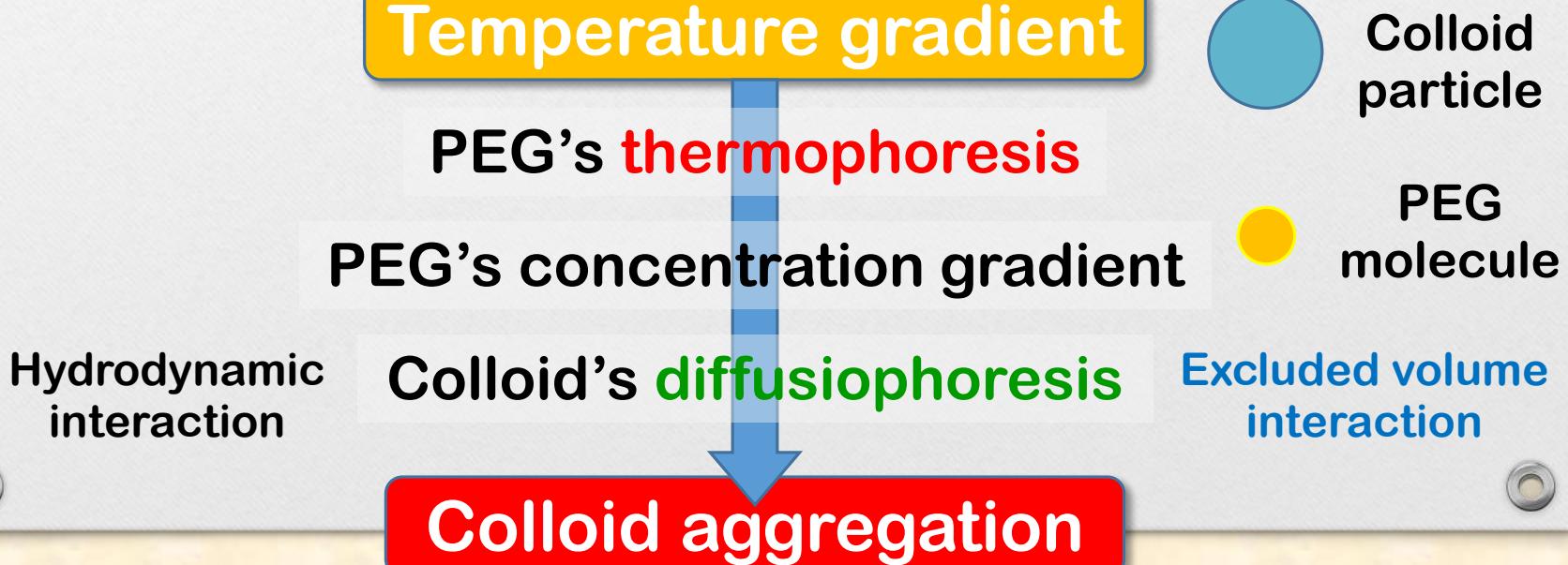
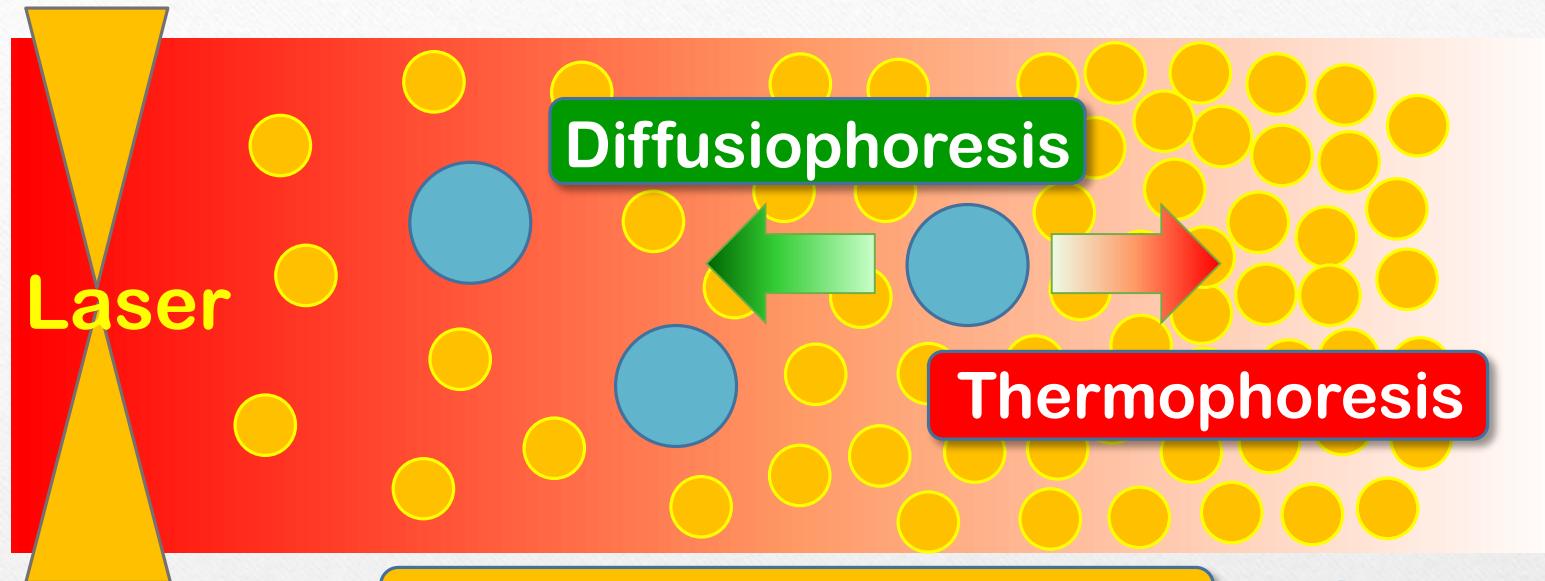


Steady state

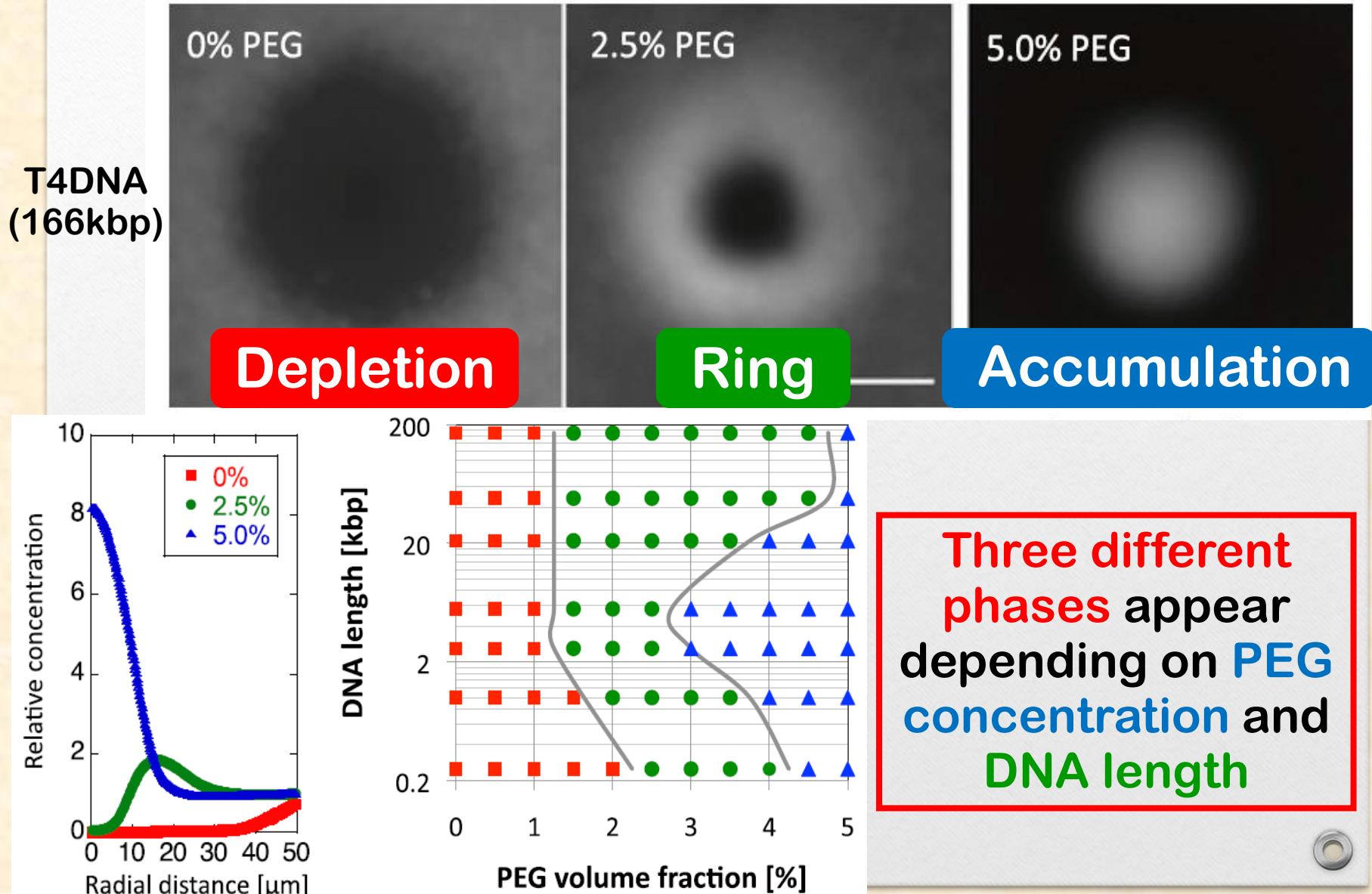
$$\vec{\nabla} c = -c \mathbf{S}_T \vec{\nabla} T$$

The Soret coefficient can be controlled by changing PEG concentration

Mechanism of colloid aggregation

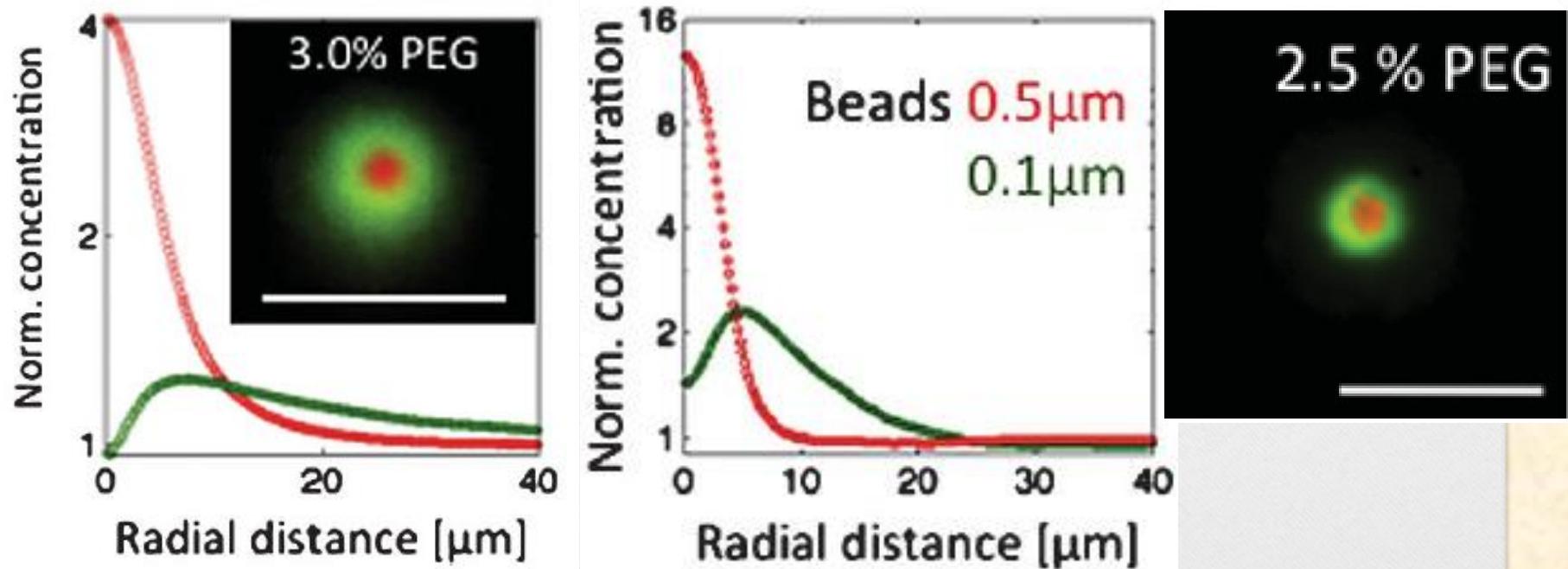


Three different localized patterns



Size-dependent localized patterns

(d) RNA(3kb) / DNA (250bp)

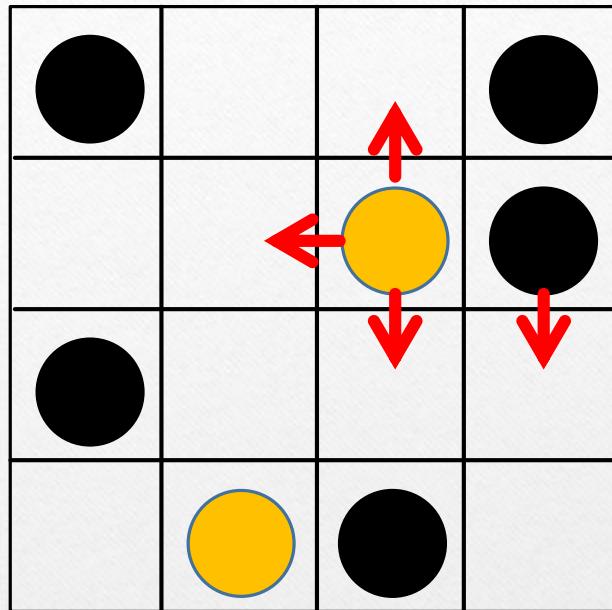


Larger colloid particles (Longer DNA chains)
tend to accumulate at the center(hot) area

Mixture of different size of colloid
particles can be separated

Model

Diffusion in the presence of excluded volume effect



concentration

Colloidal particle $c(\vec{r}, t)$

Polymer molecule $p(\vec{r}, t)$

Excluded volume effect

Mixing Entropy

$$W = \frac{N_{tot}!}{N_c! N_p! (N_{tot} - N_c - N_p)!} \quad \ln N! \approx N \ln N - N$$

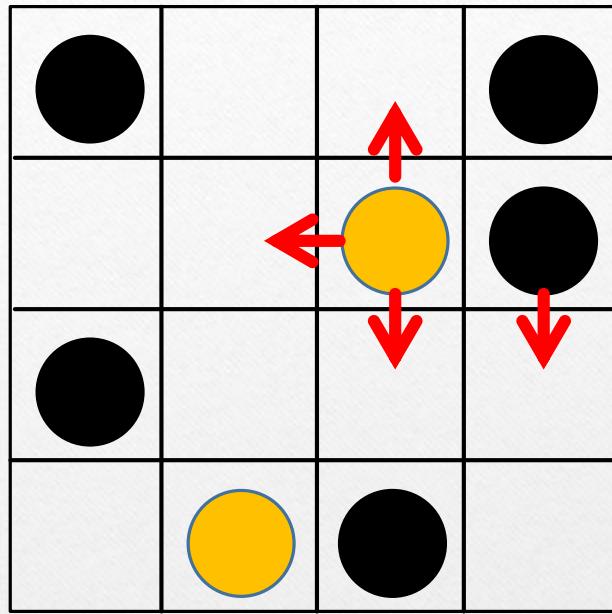
$$c = \frac{N_c}{N_{tot}}, \quad p = \frac{N_p}{N_{tot}}$$

$$S = \int d\vec{r} k_B \ln W$$

$$= \int k_B d\vec{r} \left[-c \ln c - p \ln p - (1 - c - p) \ln (1 - c - p) \right]$$

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Chemical potential of colloids

$$\mu^c = \frac{\delta(-TS)}{\delta c}$$

Eq. of continuity

$$\frac{\partial c}{\partial t} + \vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{j}_0^c = 0$$

Current of colloids

$$\vec{j}_0^c = -L \vec{\nabla} \frac{\mu^c}{k_B T}$$

Onsager coefficient

$$L = D_B^c c (1-c-p)$$

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t} c(\vec{r}, t) = \vec{\nabla} \cdot D_B^c \left[(1-p(\vec{r}, t)) \vec{\nabla} c(\vec{r}, t) + c(\vec{r}, t) \vec{\nabla} p(\vec{r}, t) \right]$$

Model

Introduction of Soret effect

Current of colloidal particles without polymers

$$\vec{j}^c = -D_B^c \vec{\nabla} c - c D_T^c \vec{\nabla} T = -D_B^c \left(\vec{\nabla} c - c \mathbf{S}_T^c \vec{\nabla} T \right)$$

Soret coefficient
of colloid

$$S_T^c \equiv \frac{D_T^c}{D_B^c}$$

T : Temperature

D_B^c : Diffusion constant
of colloids

D_T^c : Thermal diffusion
constant

Colloidal diffusion in the polymer solution
under temperature gradient

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t} c(\vec{r}, t) = \vec{\nabla} \cdot D_B^c \left[(1 - p(\vec{r}, t)) \left(\vec{\nabla} c(\vec{r}, t) + c(\vec{r}, t) S_T^c \vec{\nabla} T(\vec{r}, t) \right) + c(\vec{r}, t) \vec{\nabla} p(\vec{r}, t) \right]$$

Steady-state distribution of colloids

In the steady state $\frac{\partial}{\partial t} c(r, t) = 0$

$$\frac{c(r)}{c(\infty)} = \frac{1 - p(r)}{1 - p(\infty)} \exp\left[-S_T^c \Delta T(r)\right] \quad \Delta T(r) = T(r) - T(\infty)$$

Influence of **colloids** (minor species) on the concentration of **polymers** (major species) can be ignored

$$p(r) = p(\infty) \exp\left[-S_T^p \Delta T(r)\right]$$

Steady-state distribution of **colloids**

$$\frac{c(r)}{c(\infty)} = \exp\left[-S_T^c \Delta T(r)\right] \frac{1 - p(\infty) \exp\left[-S_T^p \Delta T(r)\right]}{1 - p(\infty)}$$

Effective Soret coefficient

When $S_T^p \Delta T \ll 1$

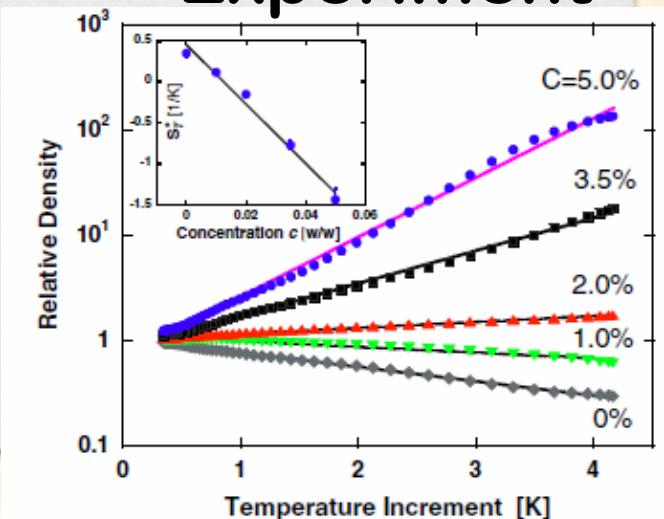
$$\frac{c(r)}{c(\infty)} \approx \exp \left[- \left(S_T^c - \frac{p(\infty)}{1 - p(\infty)} S_T^p \right) \Delta T(r) \right]$$

Effective Soret coefficient

$$S_T^{c*} \equiv S_T^c - \frac{p(\infty)}{1 - p(\infty)} S_T^p$$

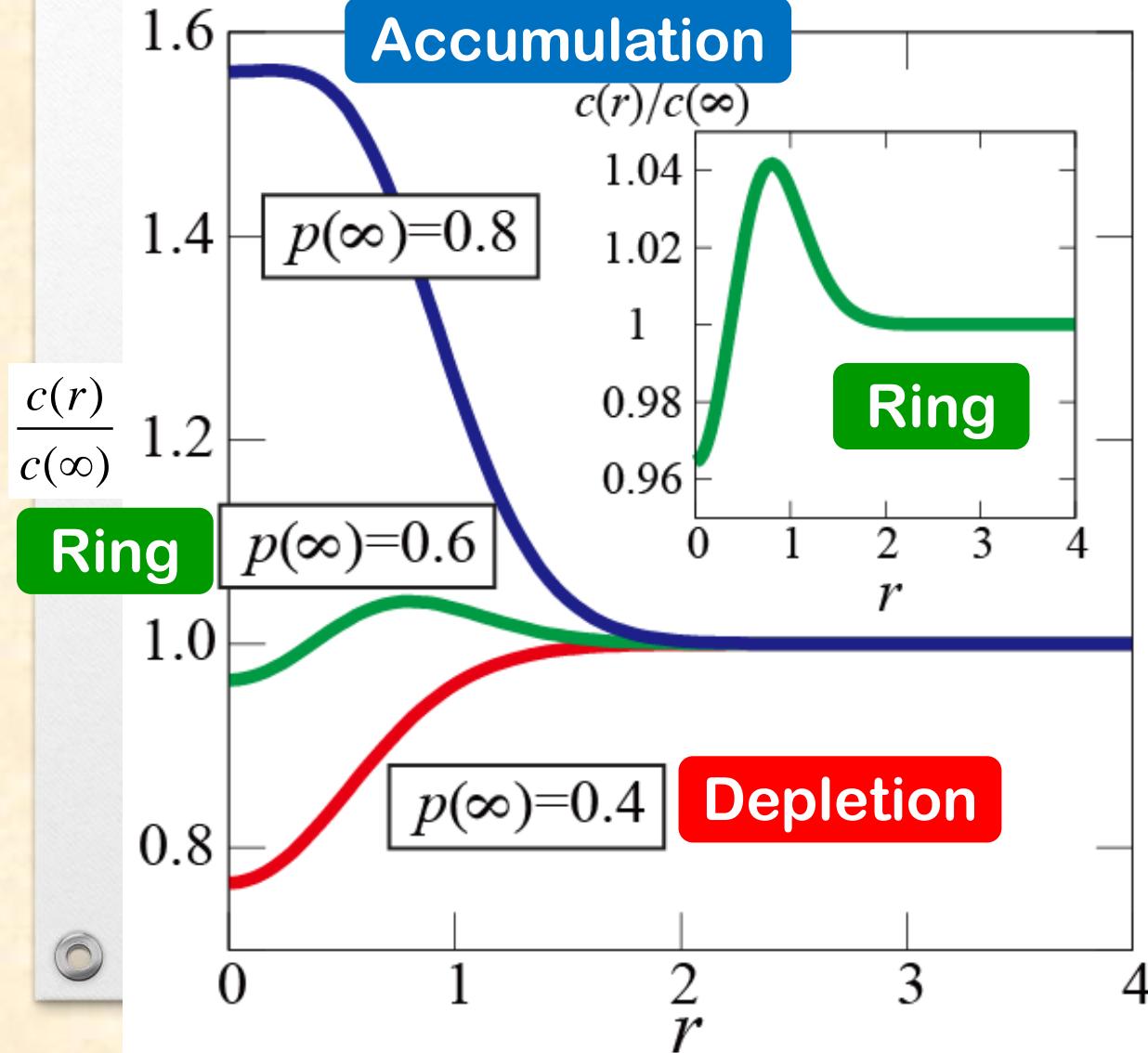
The effective Soret coefficient decreases as the concentration of polymers increases.

Experiment

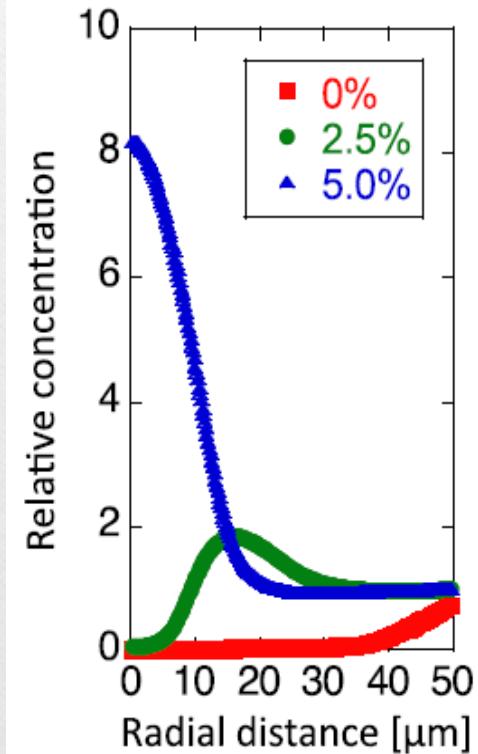


Three different phases

$\Delta T(r)$ can be well approximated by $\Delta T(r) = T(0) \exp[-r^2/(2\sigma^2)]$



Experiment



Phase diagram

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial r} c(r) = \left(-S_T^c + \frac{p(r)}{1-p(r)} S_T^p \right) c(r) \frac{\partial \Delta T(r)}{\partial r}$$

$$c(r) \geq 0 \quad \frac{\partial \Delta T(r)}{\partial r} < 0$$

Accumulation

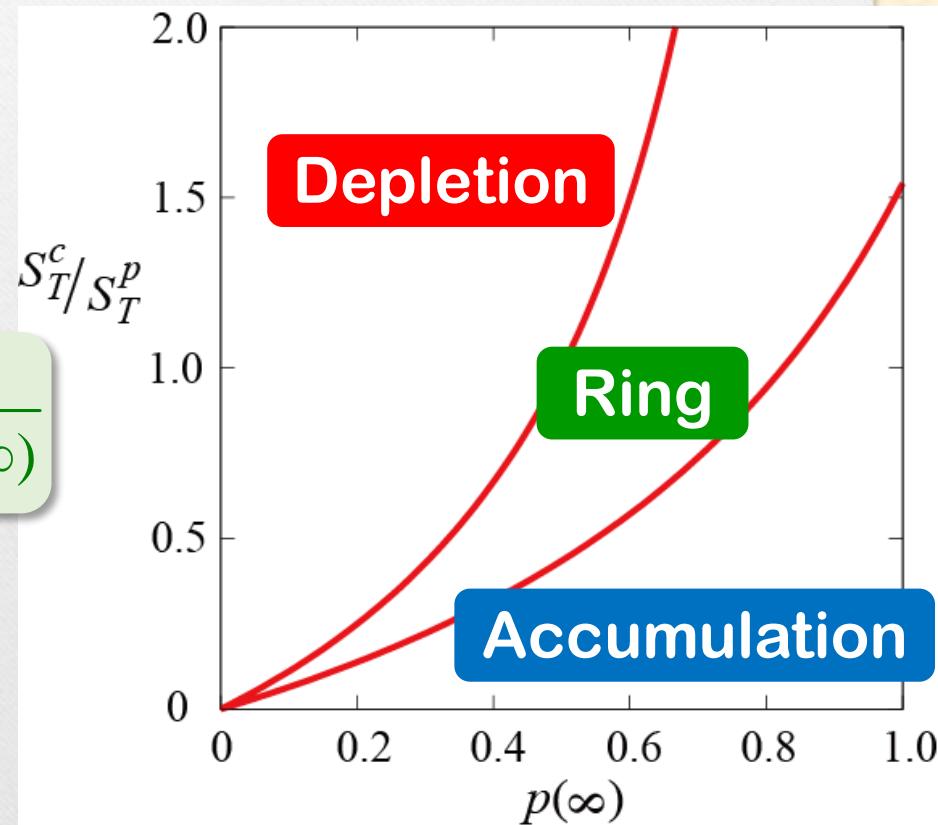
$$\frac{S_T^c}{S_T^p} < \frac{p(0)}{1-p(0)}$$

Ring

$$\frac{p(0)}{1-p(0)} < \frac{S_T^c}{S_T^p} < \frac{p(\infty)}{1-p(\infty)}$$

Depletion

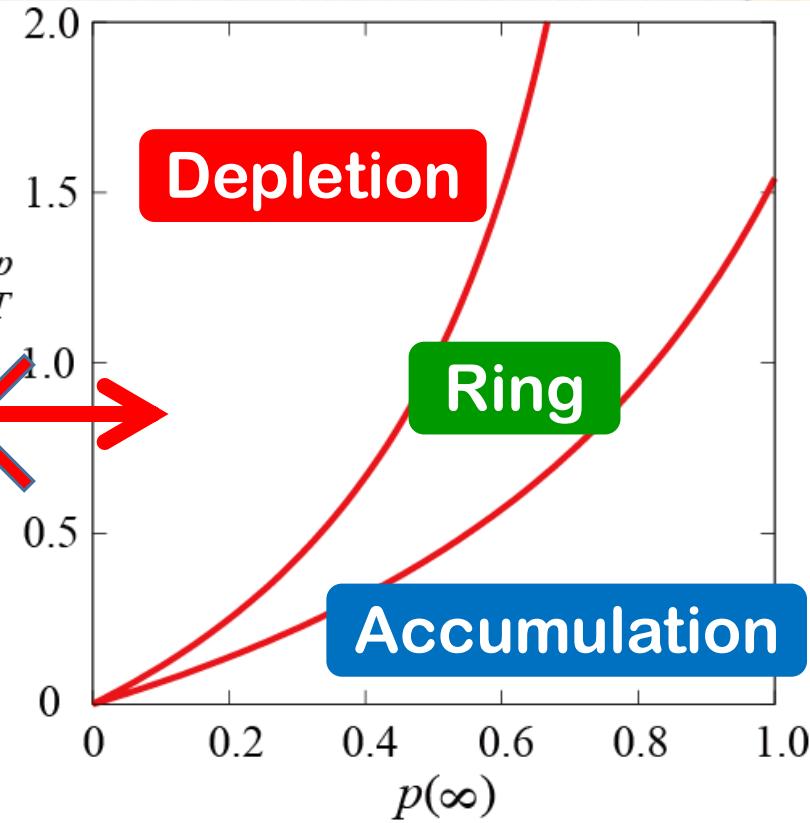
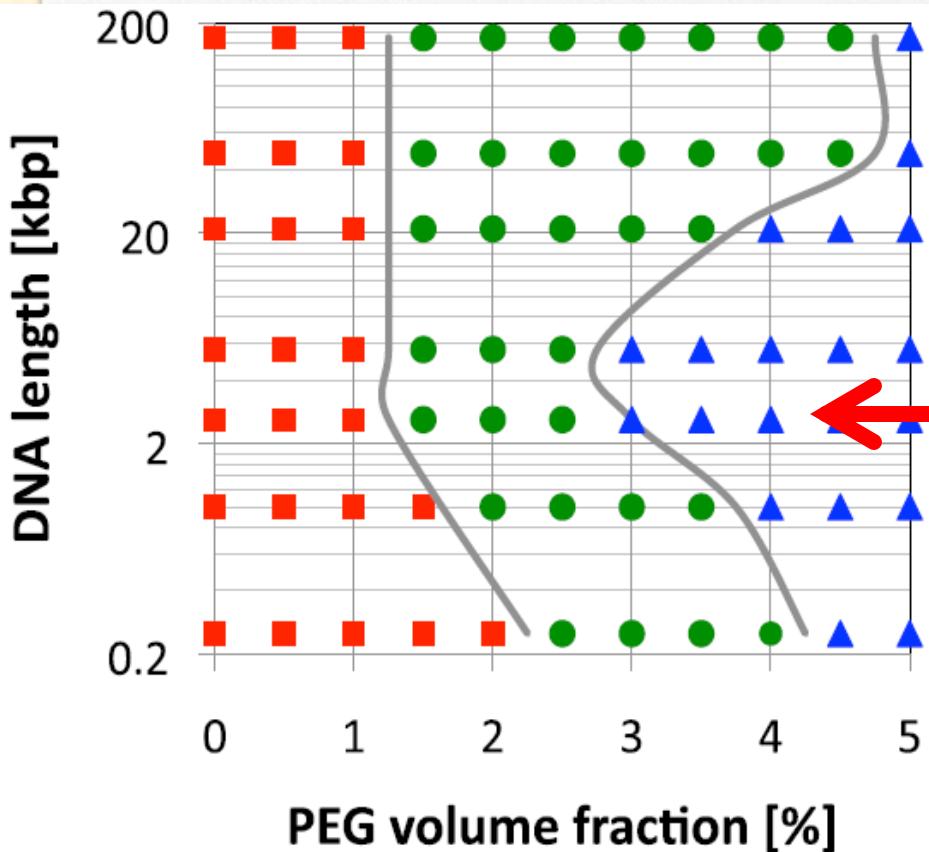
$$\frac{S_T^c}{S_T^p} > \frac{p(\infty)}{1-p(\infty)}$$



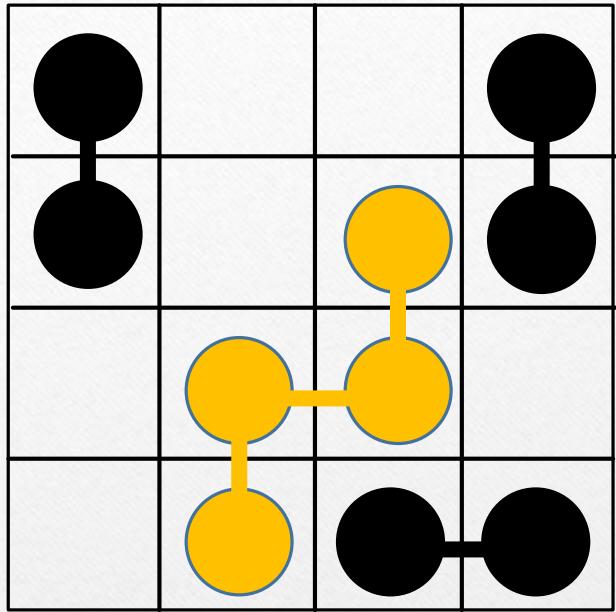
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Chain-like molecular model



	concentration	chain length
Colloidal particle	$c(\vec{r}, t)$	m_c
Polymer molecule	$p(\vec{r}, t)$	m_p
Entropy	$S = \int k_B d\vec{r} \left[-c \ln(m_c c) - p \ln(m_p p) - (1 - m_c c - m_p p) \ln(1 - m_c c - m_p p) \right]$	

In the limit of $m_c^2 c(\vec{r}, t) \ll m_p p(\vec{r}, t)$

Colloidal diffusion with chain-like molecular model

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t} c(\vec{r}, t) = \vec{\nabla} \cdot D_B^c \left[\left(1 - \textcolor{red}{m}_p p(\vec{r}, t) \right) \left(\vec{\nabla} c(\vec{r}, t) + c(\vec{r}, t) S_T^c \vec{\nabla} T(\vec{r}, t) \right) + \textcolor{red}{m}_c \textcolor{red}{m}_p c(\vec{r}, t) \vec{\nabla} p(\vec{r}, t) \right]$$

Steady-state distribution of colloids

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**Steady-state distribution of colloids
with chain-like molecular model**

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Effective Soret coefficient

In general, the Soret coefficient S_T^c and the chain length m_c depends on the radius of gyration R_g .

$$S_T^c \sim R_g^\beta$$

$$m_c \sim R_g^\gamma$$

$$\frac{1}{m_c} \frac{S_T^c}{S_T^p} = b R_g^{\beta-\gamma}$$

Effective Soret coefficient

$$S_T^{c*} \equiv S_T^c \left(1 - \frac{m_p p(\infty)}{1 - m_p p(\infty)} \frac{R_g^{\gamma-\beta}}{b} \right)$$

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial r} c(r) = \left(-S_T^c + m_c \frac{m_p p(r)}{1 - m_p p(r)} S_T^p \right) c(r) \frac{\partial \Delta T(r)}{\partial r}$$

Accumulation

$$\frac{m_p p(0)}{1 - m_p p(0)} < b R_g^{\beta-\gamma}$$

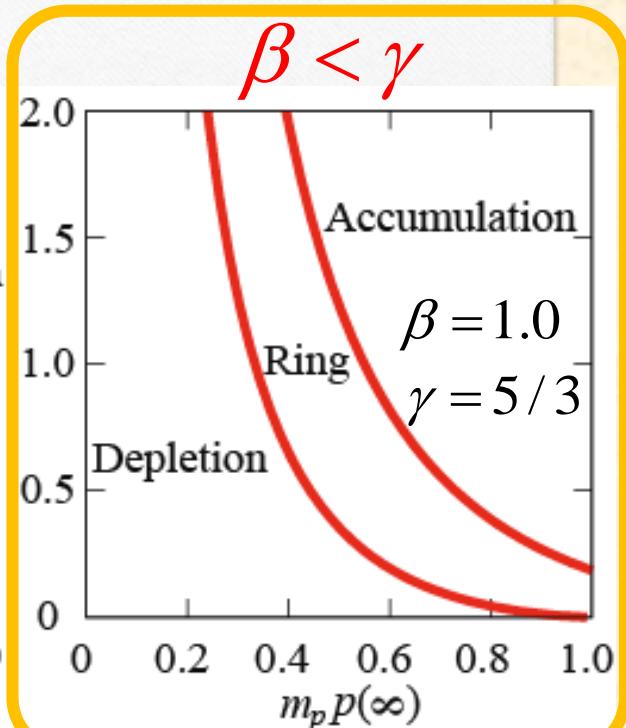
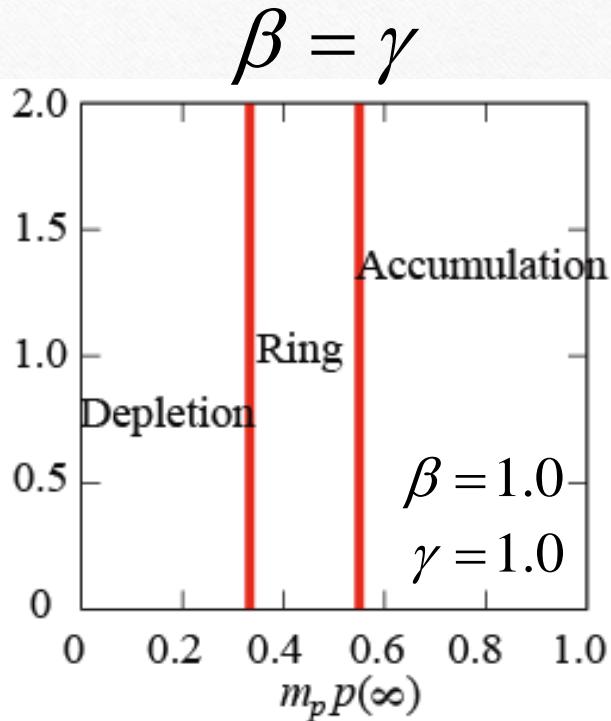
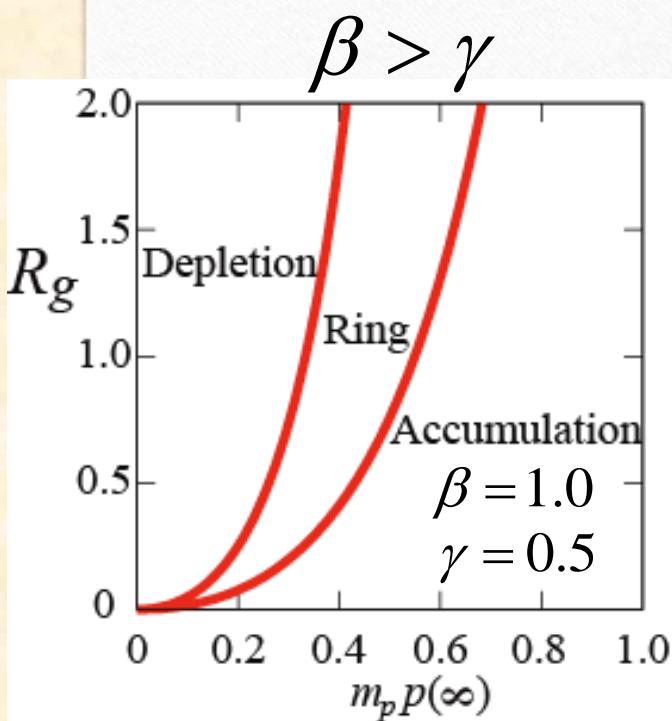
Ring

$$\frac{m_p p(0)}{1 - m_p p(0)} < b R_g^{\beta-\gamma} < \frac{m_p p(\infty)}{1 - m_p p(\infty)}$$

Depletion

$$\frac{m_p p(\infty)}{1 - m_p p(\infty)} < b R_g^{\beta-\gamma}$$

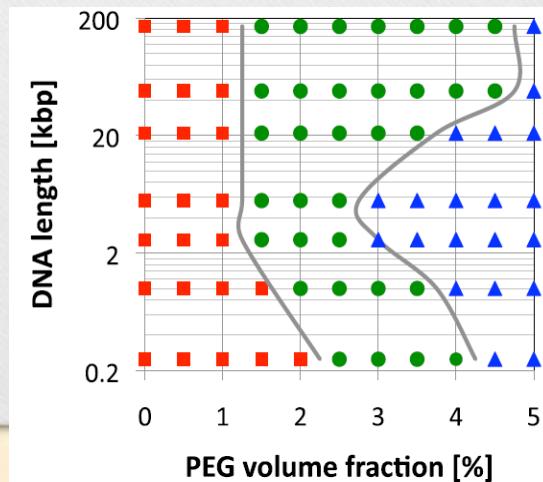
Phase diagram



$$S_T^c \sim R_g$$

$$m_c \sim R_g^{\frac{5}{3}}$$

3D excluded volume chain

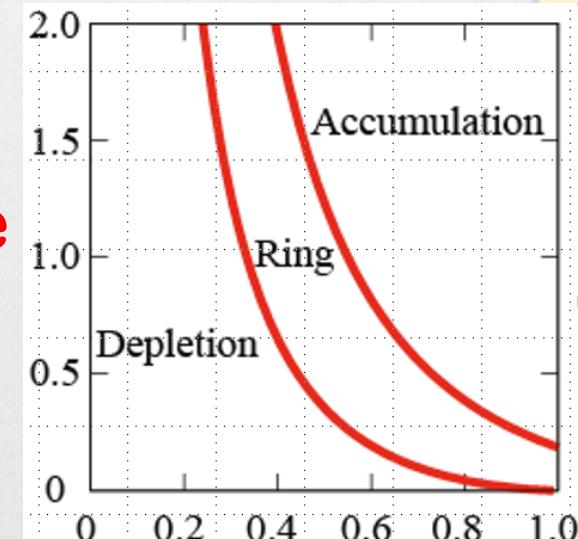


Experiment

Summary

Our model clarified that ring-like localization can be generated when **the Soret effect is balanced against the entropic effect due to the excluded volume interaction.**

We have also constructed **the chain-like molecular model** for colloidal pattern formation. The results of this model indicates that **the size dependence of the Soret coefficient** is important to set a behavior of phase diagram of colloidal pattern.



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