



# **Polymeerverwerking: een complex (coacervaat) verhaal**

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# NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC

PLANET OR PLASTIC?

*18 billion pounds  
of plastic ends up  
in the ocean each  
year. And that's  
just the tip of  
the iceberg.*





# Plastic Revanche: ik kom altijd terug

Veelgebruikte plastics breken  
nauwelijks af in de natuur

- Recycling
- Afbreekbare plastics
- Biobased en biopolymeren



*Judith Hofland*

# Biomimicry

‘Biomimicry, innovation inspired by nature’  
Janine Benyus (1997)

- De natuur als model.

Biomimicry is een wetenschap die de voorbeelden uit de natuur bestudeert en imiteert of als inspiratie gebruikt om problemen in het mensdomein (geïndustrialiseerde samenlevingen) op te lossen.

- De natuur als maatstaf.

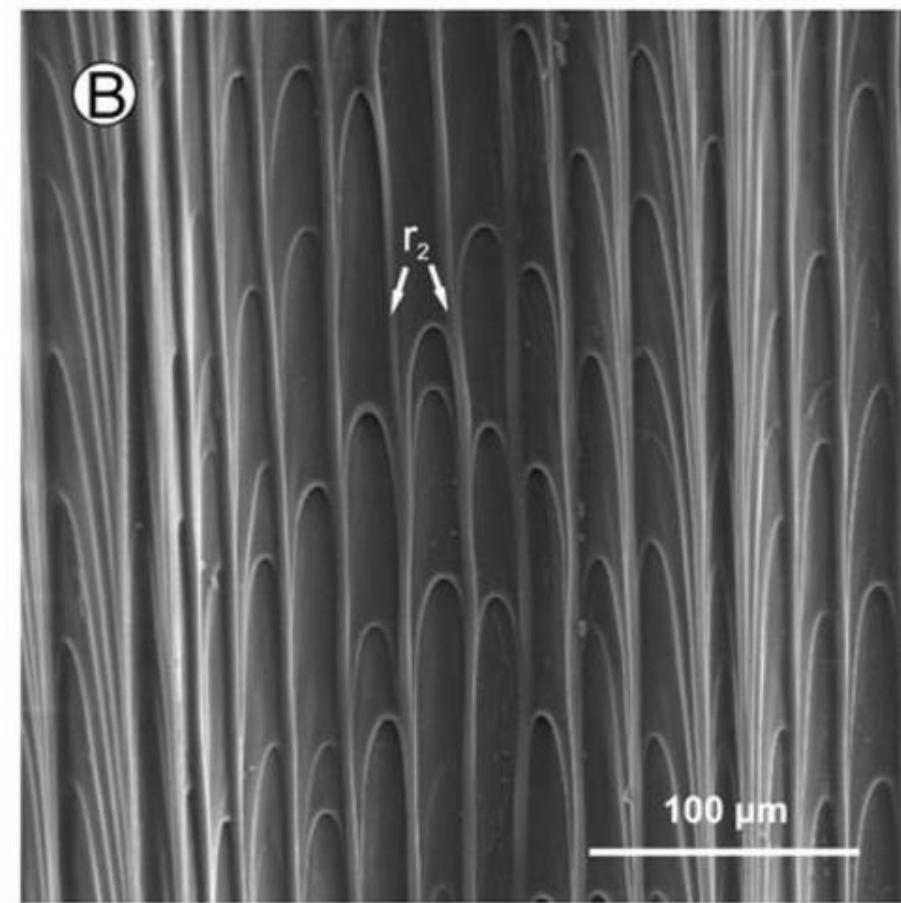
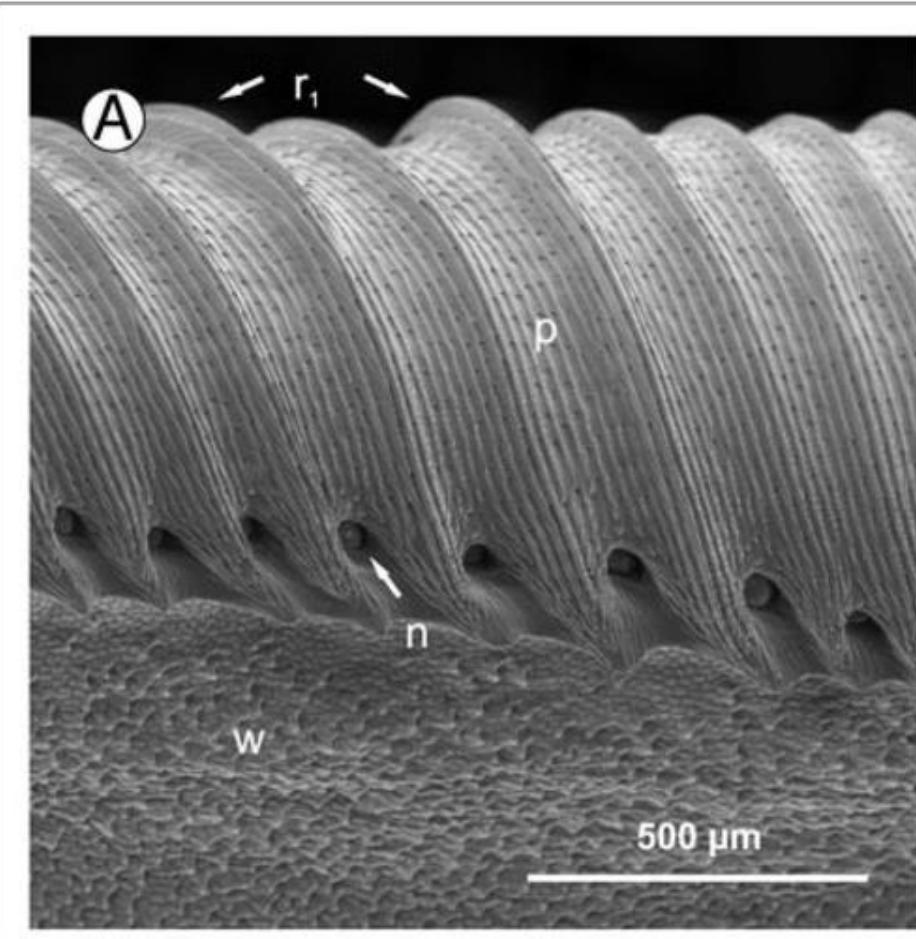
Biomimicry past ecologische maatstaven toe om de ‘passendheid’/ ‘juistheid’ van innovaties te bepalen. Na 3,8 miljard jaar evolutie heeft de natuur geleerd: Wat werkt. Wat geschikt is. Wat blijvend is.

- De natuur als mentor.

Biomimicry is een nieuwe manier van kijken naar en waarderen van de natuur. Het introduceert een tijdperk dat niet gebaseerd is op wat we uit de natuur kunnen halen, maar wat we van de natuur kunnen leren.





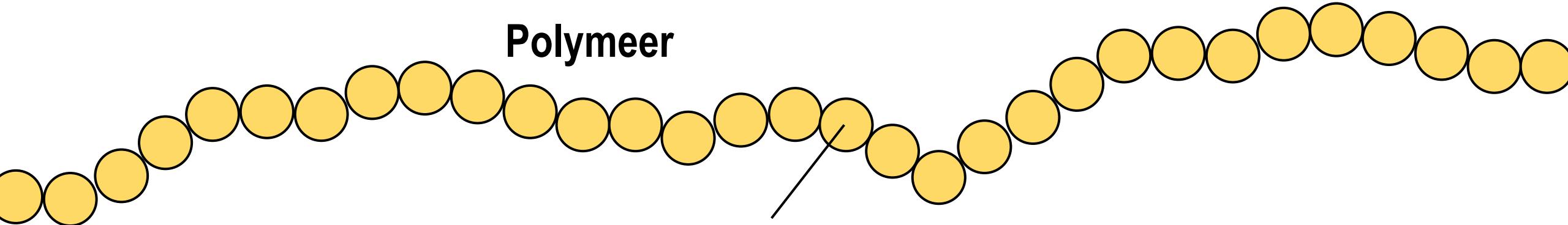


SLIPS Polypropylene Bottles

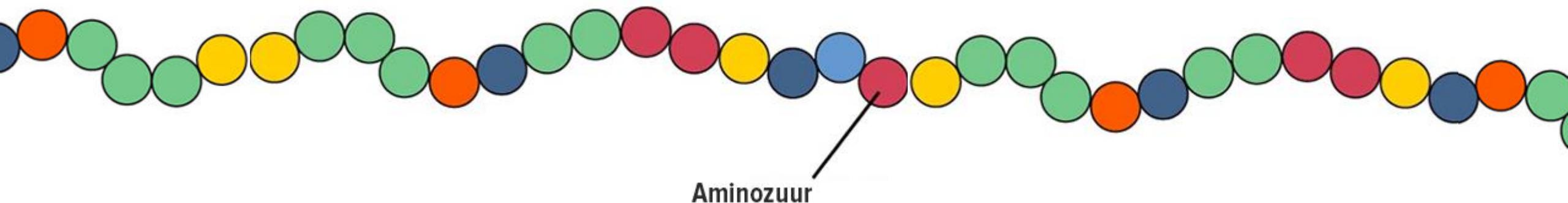
Ketchup



**Polymeer**



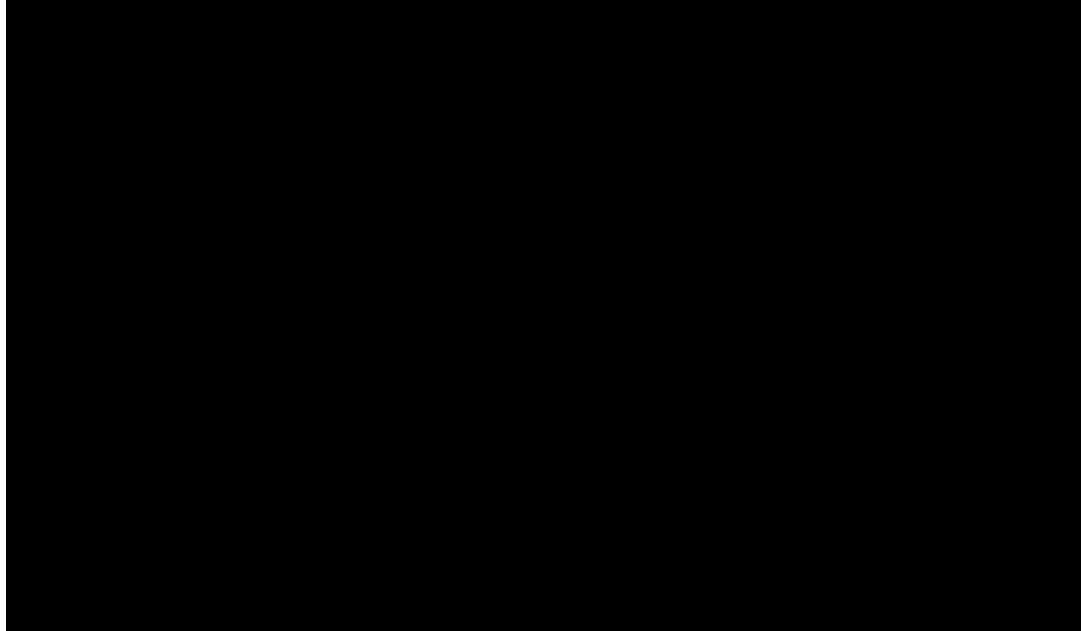
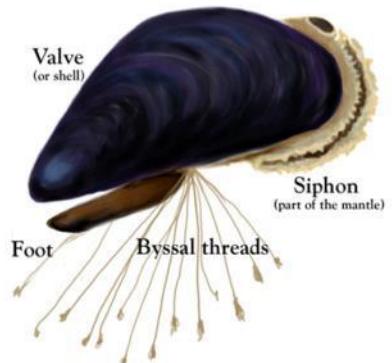
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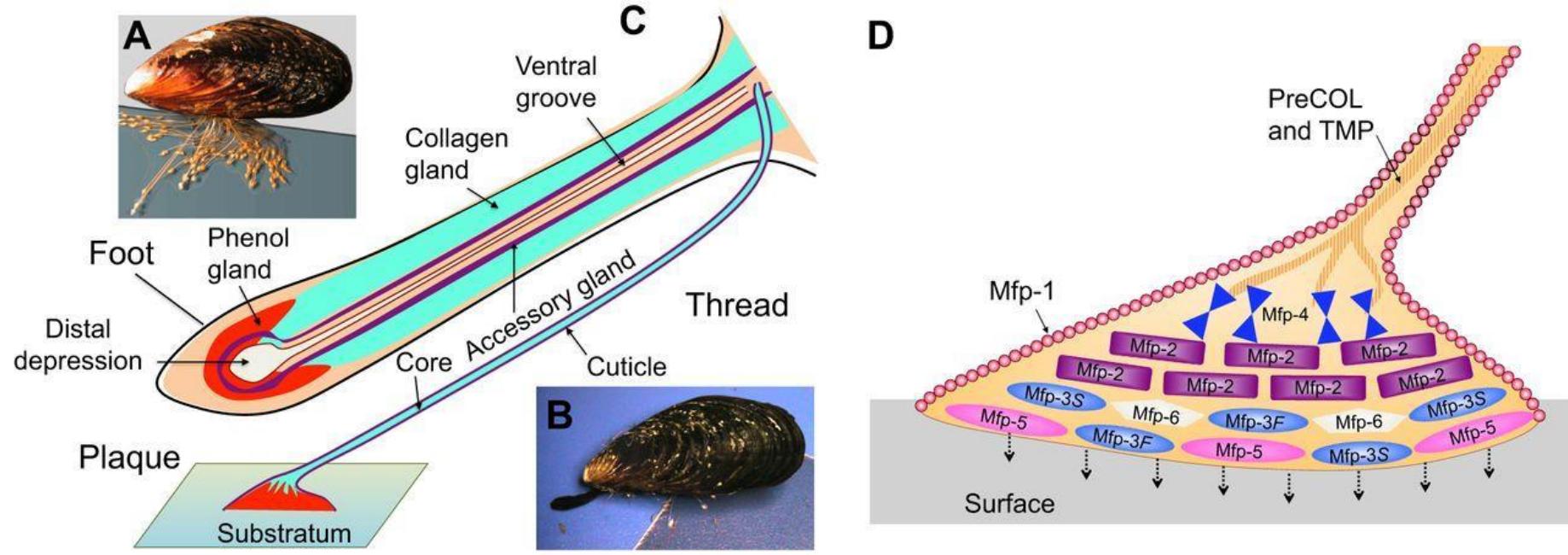


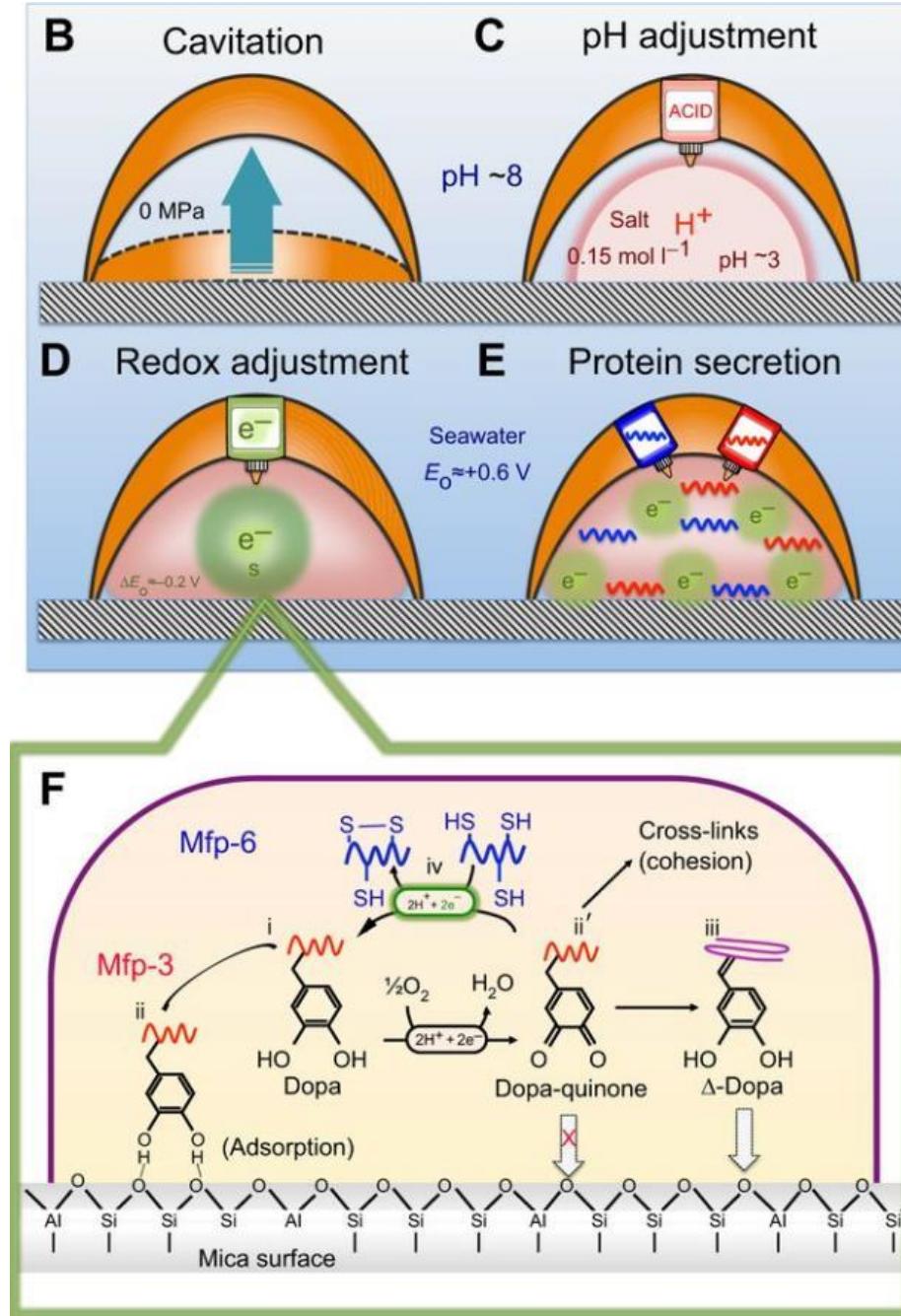
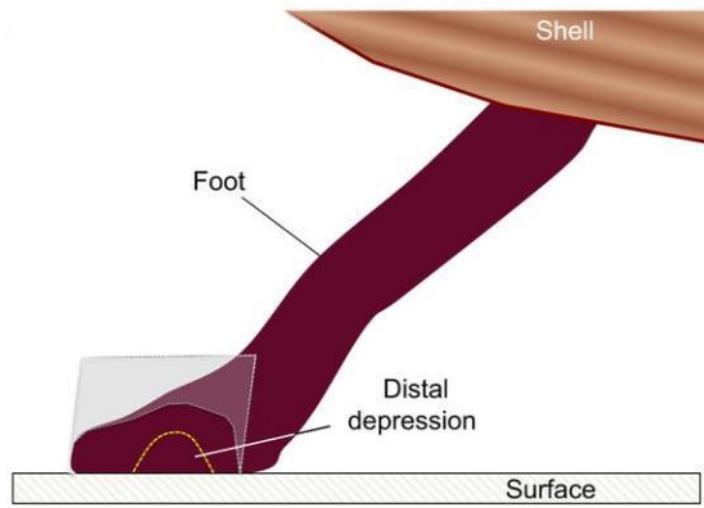


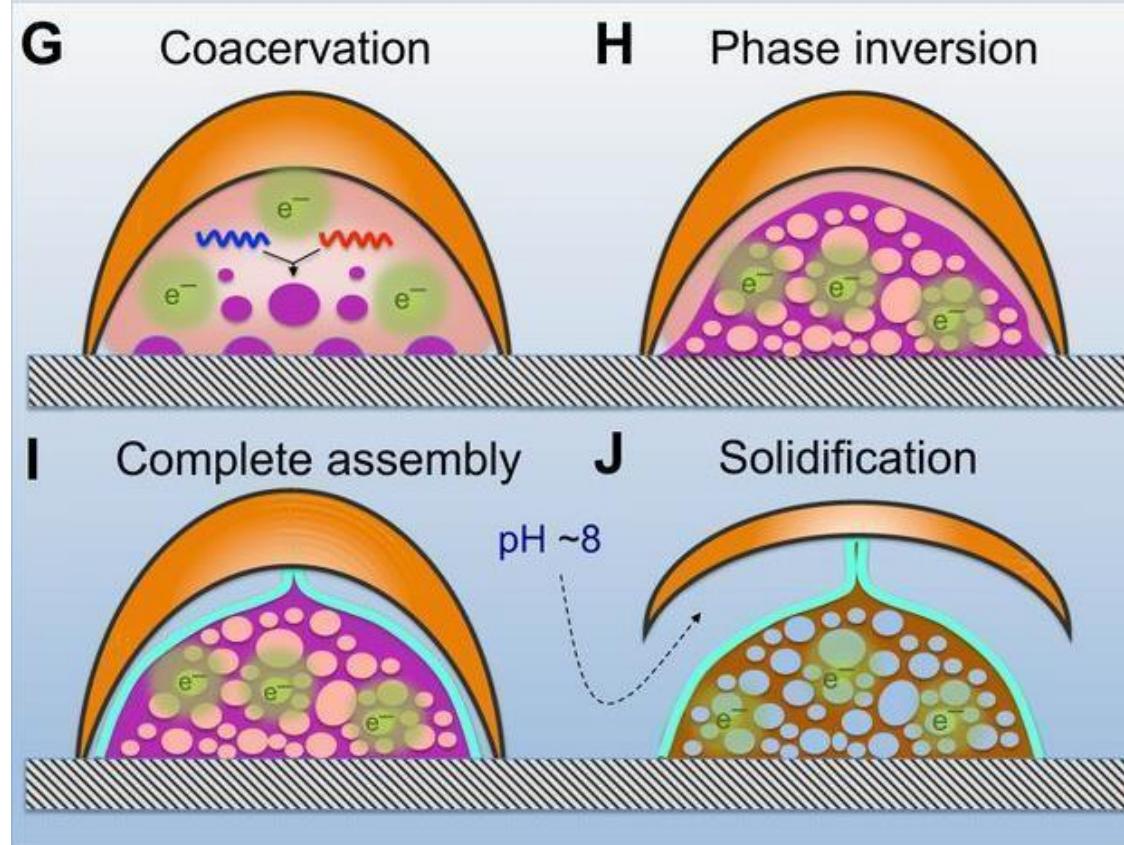


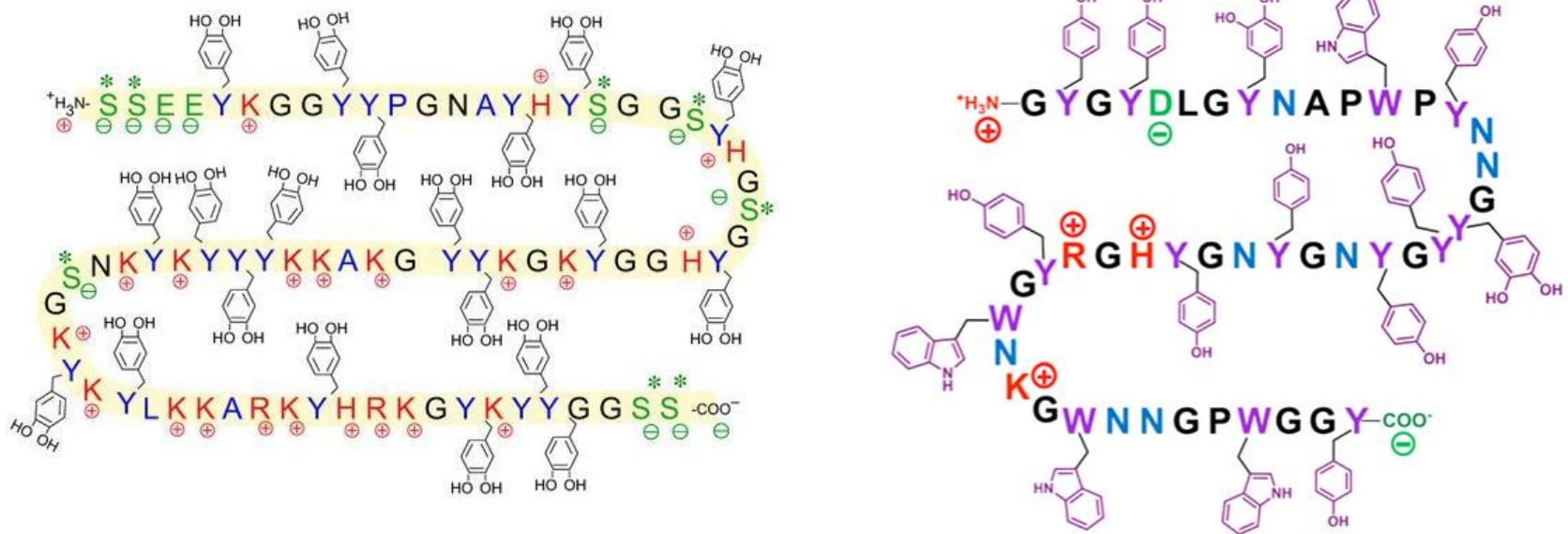
# Mosseldraden











Aminozuur: L-3,4-dihydroxyphenylalanine (DOPA)



# Uitdaging voor coating producenten

Alkydverf: bindmiddel in organisch oplosmiddel

- ✓ Uitstekende dekking en glad resultaat
- ✗ Gezondheidsrisico's door schadelijke dampen

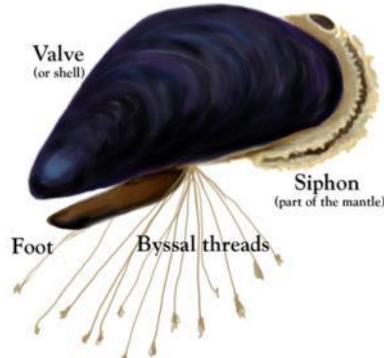
Acrylverf/latexverf: dispersie van deeltjes in water

- ✓ Minder schadelijke dampen
- ✗ Smeert minder goed

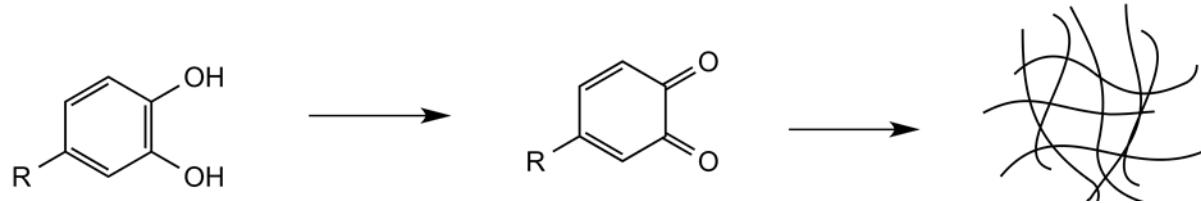
# Alternatief

Vereisten:

1. Wateroplosbaar bindmiddel
2. Oplosbaarheid sterk veranderd met zuurgraad
3. Uihardingsproces

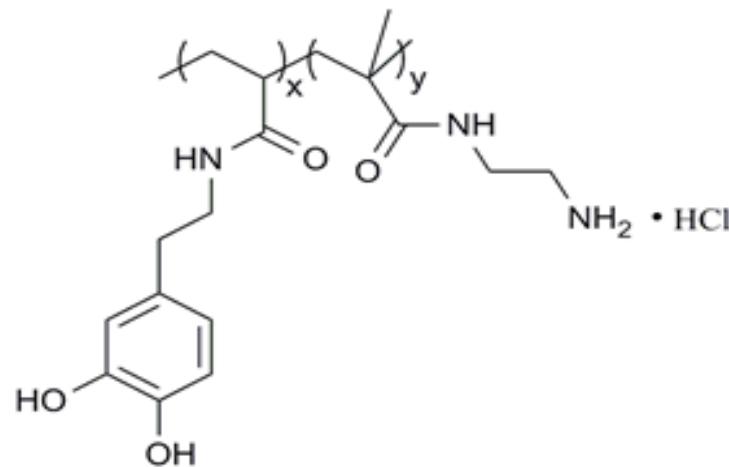


1. Eiwitproductie ( $\text{pH} < 5$ )
2. Solidificatie en uitharding na uitscheiding ( $\text{pH } 8$ )



Sterk afhankelijk van pH

1. Wateroplosbaar
2. Onoplosbaar bij pH verhoging



poly(dopamine acrylamide-co-2-aminoethyl methacrylamide)

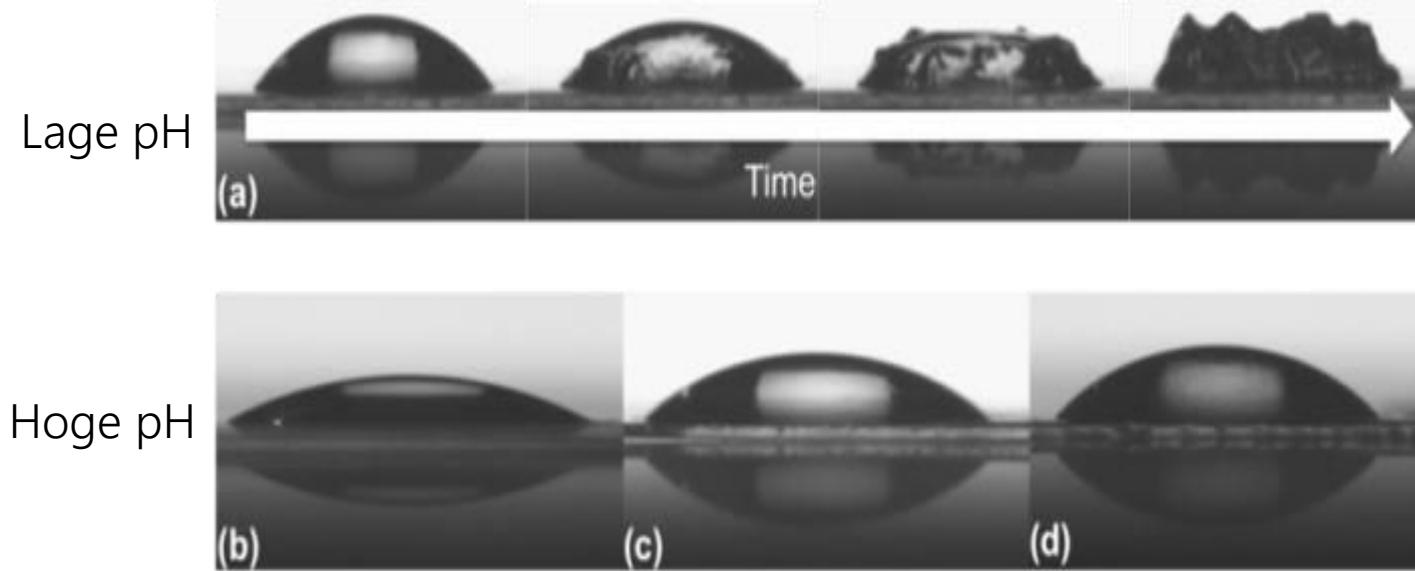


Low pH

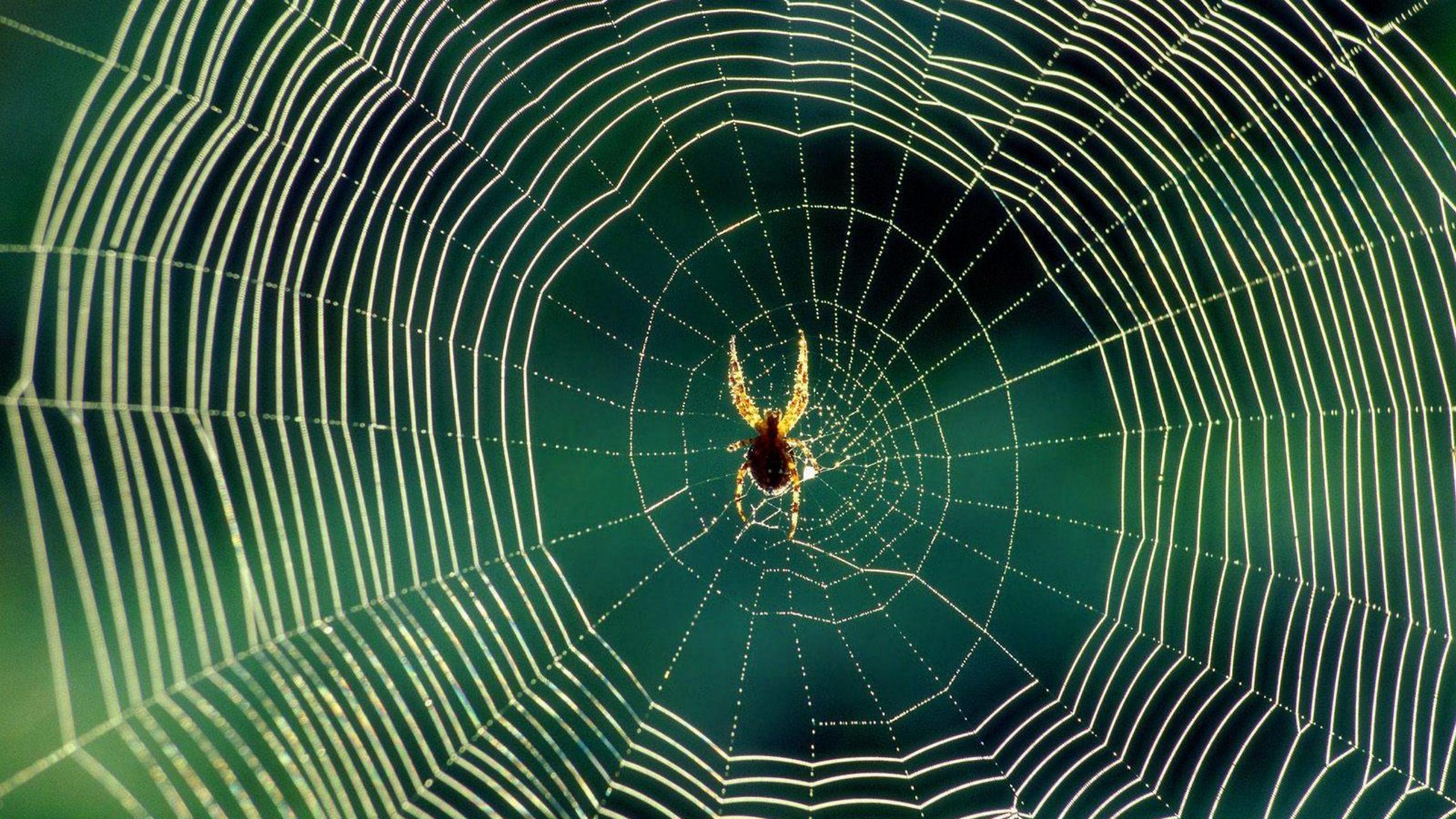


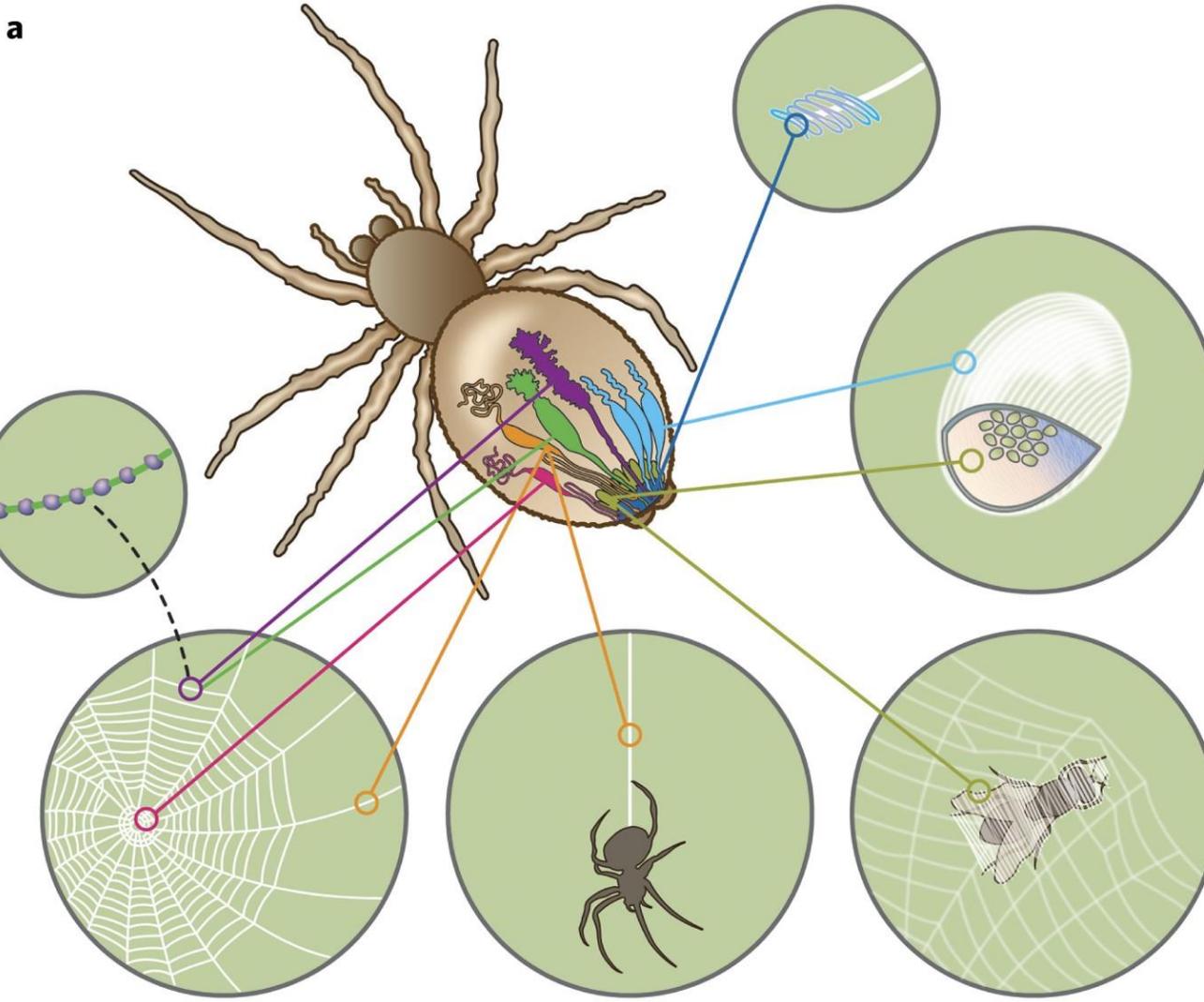
High pH

### 3. Uitharding

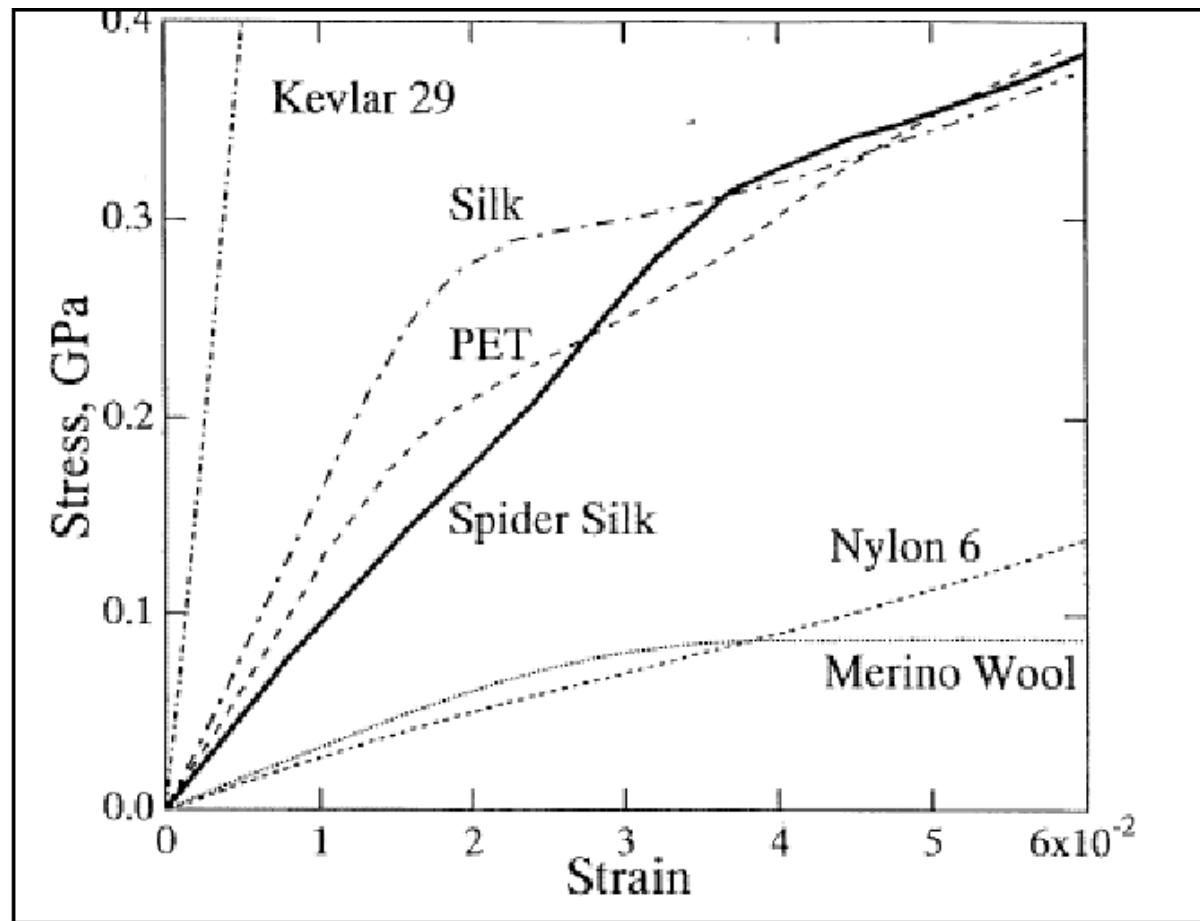


- Coating op polystyreen, roestvrijstaal, glas
- Uitstekende hechting





- Cylindrical glands; outer silk of egg sac
- Aggregate gland; aqueous coating of capture spiral
- Flagelliform gland; core fibers of capture spiral
- Major ampullate gland; dragline and structural silk
- Minor ampullate gland; auxiliary spiral
- Aciniform gland; soft inner silk of egg sac and silk for swathing prey
- Pyriform gland; cement for joints and attachments

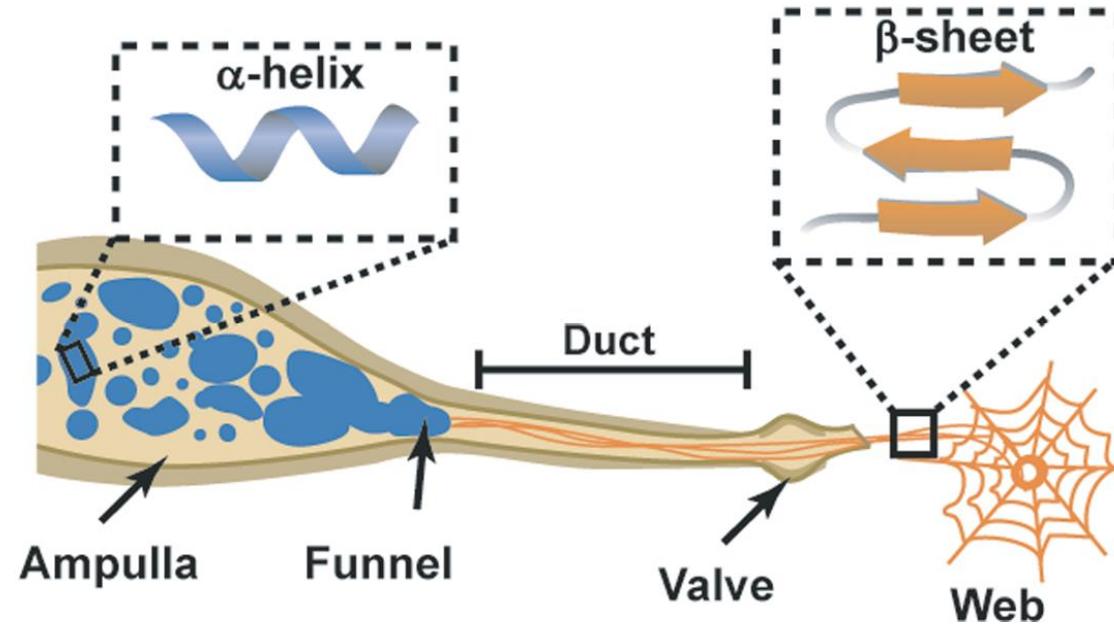


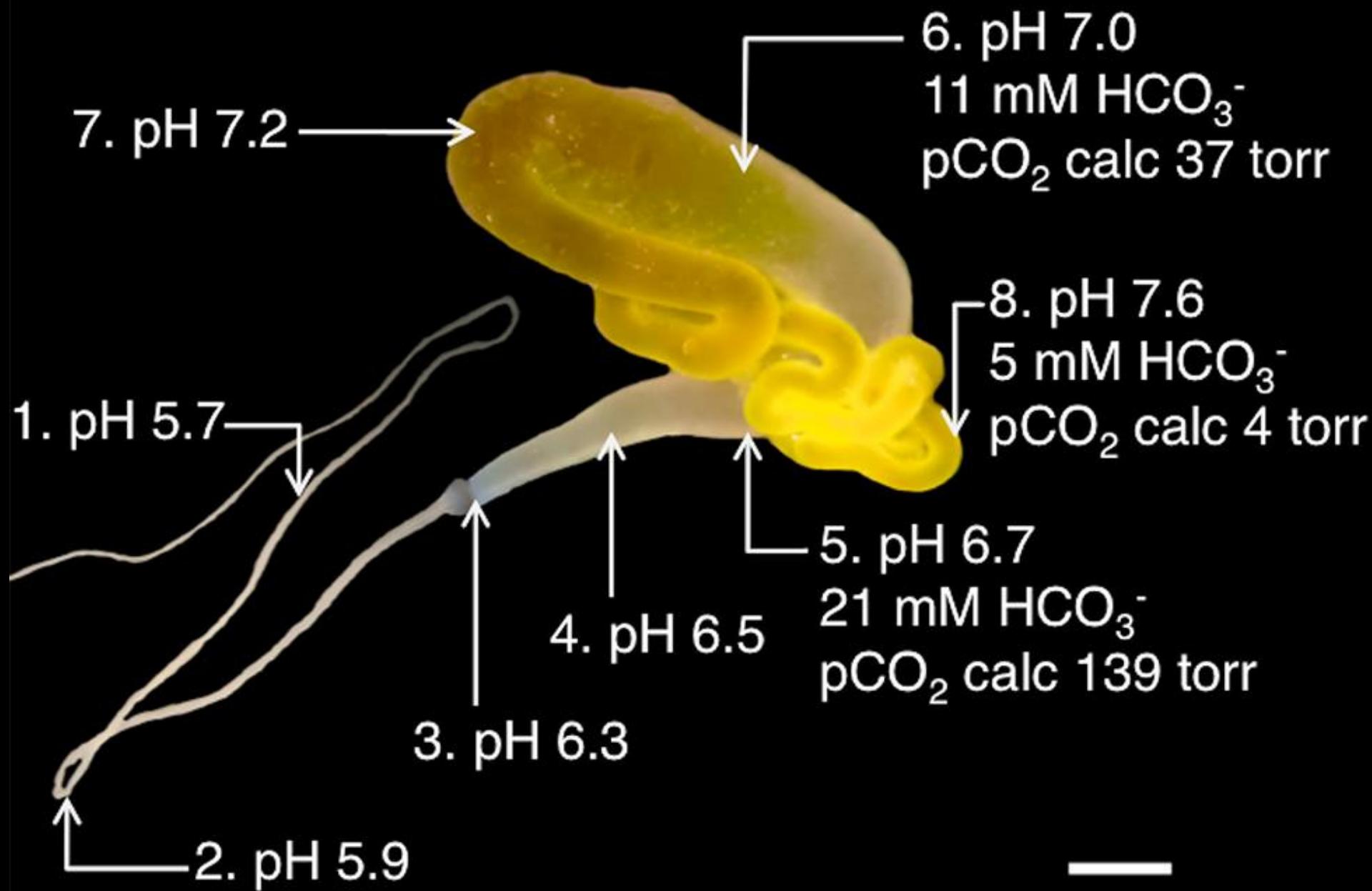
# Toward spinning artificial spider silk

Anna Rising<sup>1,2\*</sup> & Jan Johansson<sup>1,2\*</sup>

“Despite the spidroins **being able to assemble into a solid fiber within a fraction of a second**, the spider manages to keep them **soluble at very high concentrations (30–50%, w/v)** for long-term storage.”

**How to transition from a polymer that is highly water-soluble into a water-insoluble fiber?**





## MATERIALS SCIENCE

# Spider silk self-assembly via modular liquid-liquid phase separation and nanofibrillation

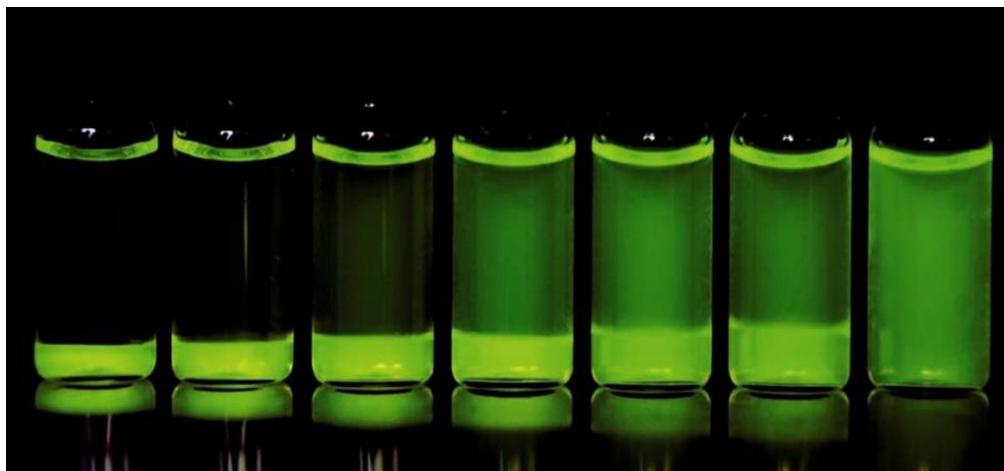
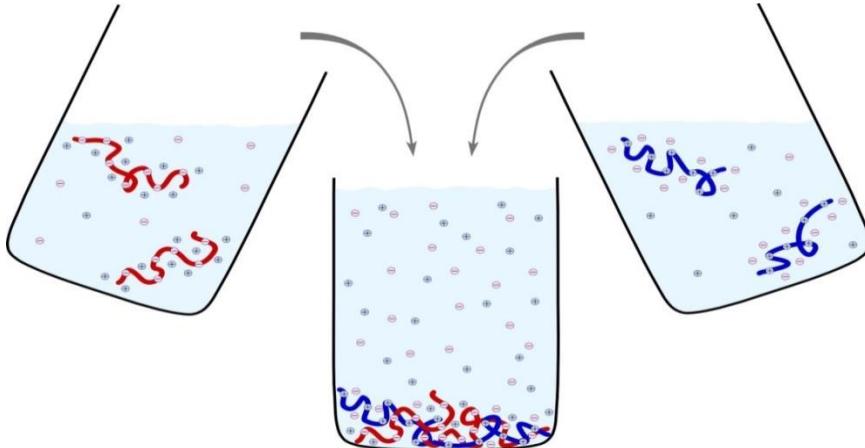
Ali D. Malay<sup>1\*</sup>, Takehiro Suzuki<sup>2</sup>, Takuya Katashima<sup>1†</sup>, Nobuaki Kono<sup>3</sup>, Kazuharu Arakawa<sup>3</sup>, Keiji Numata<sup>1,4\*</sup>

Spider silk fiber rapidly assembles from spidroin protein in soluble state via an incompletely understood mechanism. Here, we present an integrated model for silk formation that incorporates the effects of multiple chemical and physical gradients on the different spidroin functional domains. Central to the process is liquid-liquid phase separation (LLPS) that occurs in response to multivalent anions such as phosphate, mediated by the carboxyl-terminal and repetitive domains. Acidification coupled with LLPS triggers the swift self-assembly of nanofibril networks, facilitated by dimerization of the amino-terminal domain, and leads to a liquid-to-solid phase transition. Mechanical stress applied to the fibril structures yields macroscopic fibers with hierarchical organization and enriched for  $\beta$ -sheet conformations. Studies using native silk gland material corroborate our findings on spidroin phase separation. Our results suggest an intriguing parallel between silk assembly and other LLPS-mediated mechanisms, such as found in intracellular membraneless organelles and protein aggregation disorders.

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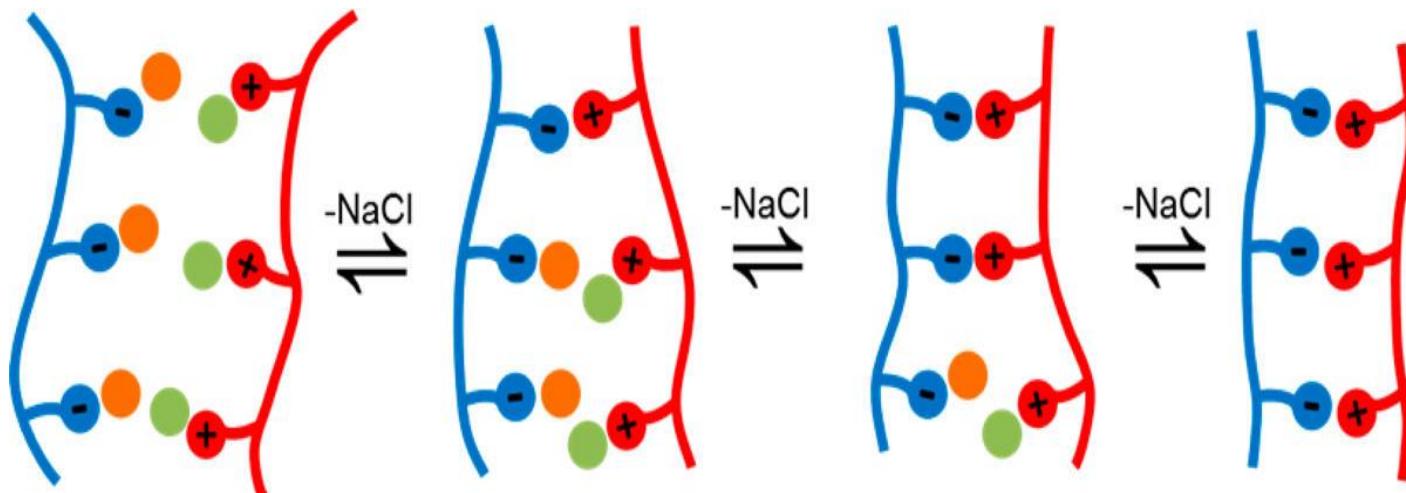
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# Wat is liquid liquid phase separation (LLPS) of coacervatie?



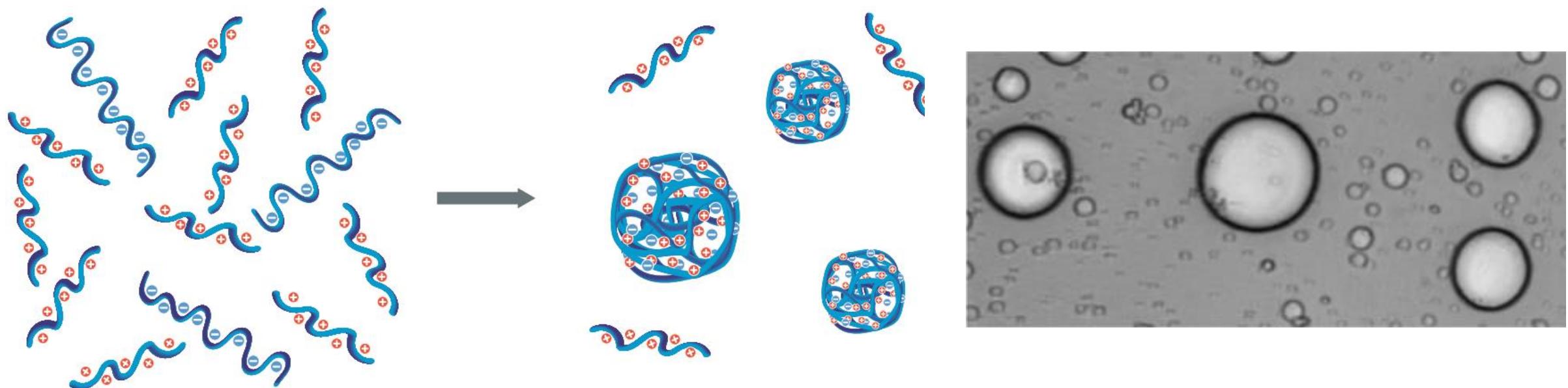
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# Tegenionen



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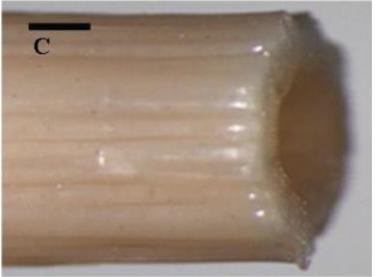
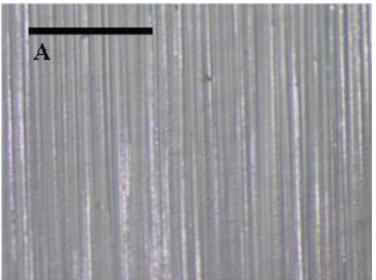
# Coacervatie



gradient in ionic strength



gradient in pH

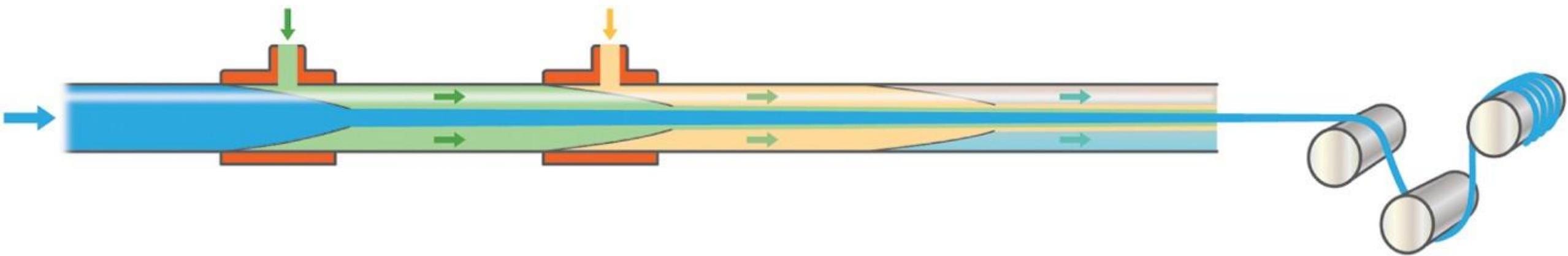


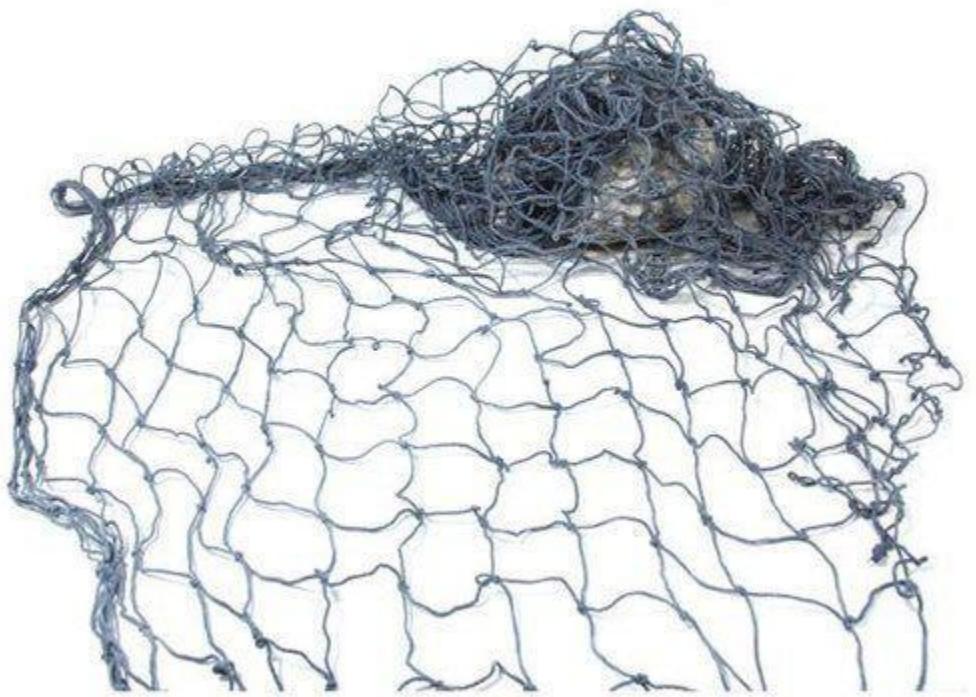
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gradient in specific ions or temperature

## Gradient coagulation

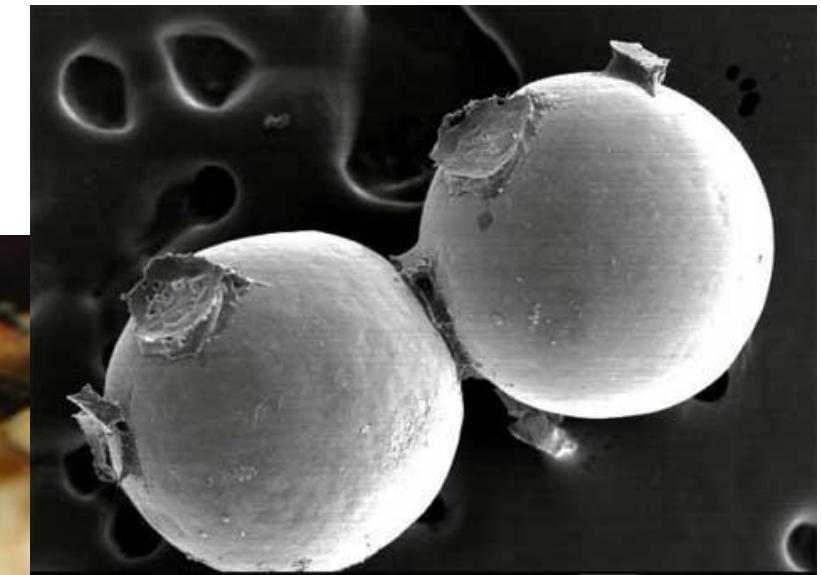




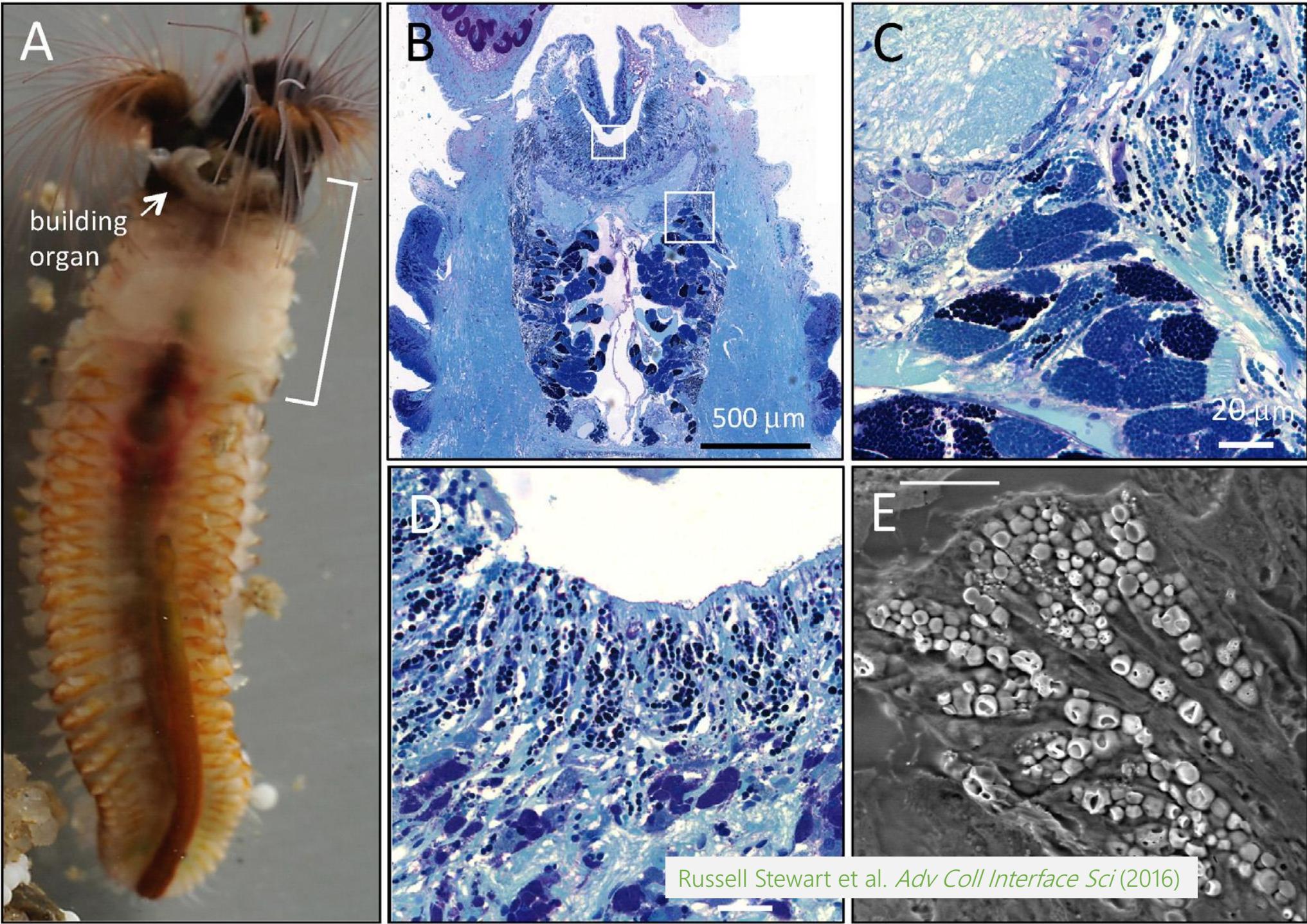




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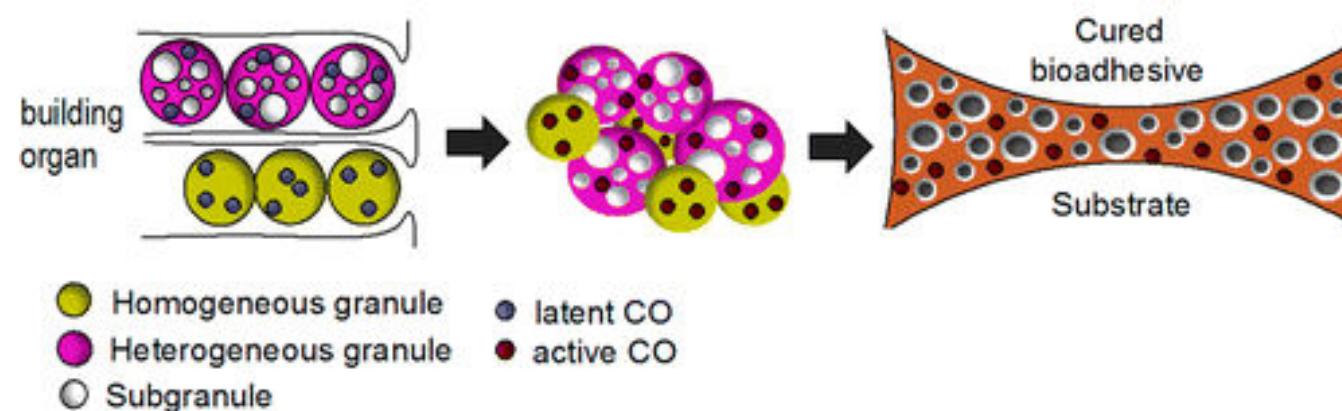


**Table 1**

Sandcastle glue components.

Homogeneous granules	Heterogeneous granules
Sulfated polysaccharides	Polyphosphate proteins (Pc3B)
Polybasic proteins (Pc2, Pc5)	Polyampholytic proteins (Pc3A)
Catechol oxidase	Polybasic proteins (Pc1, Pc4)
	Mg <sup>2+</sup>
	Catechol oxidase

Blue: polyanions, Purple: polycation and polyanion blocks,  
Red: polycations



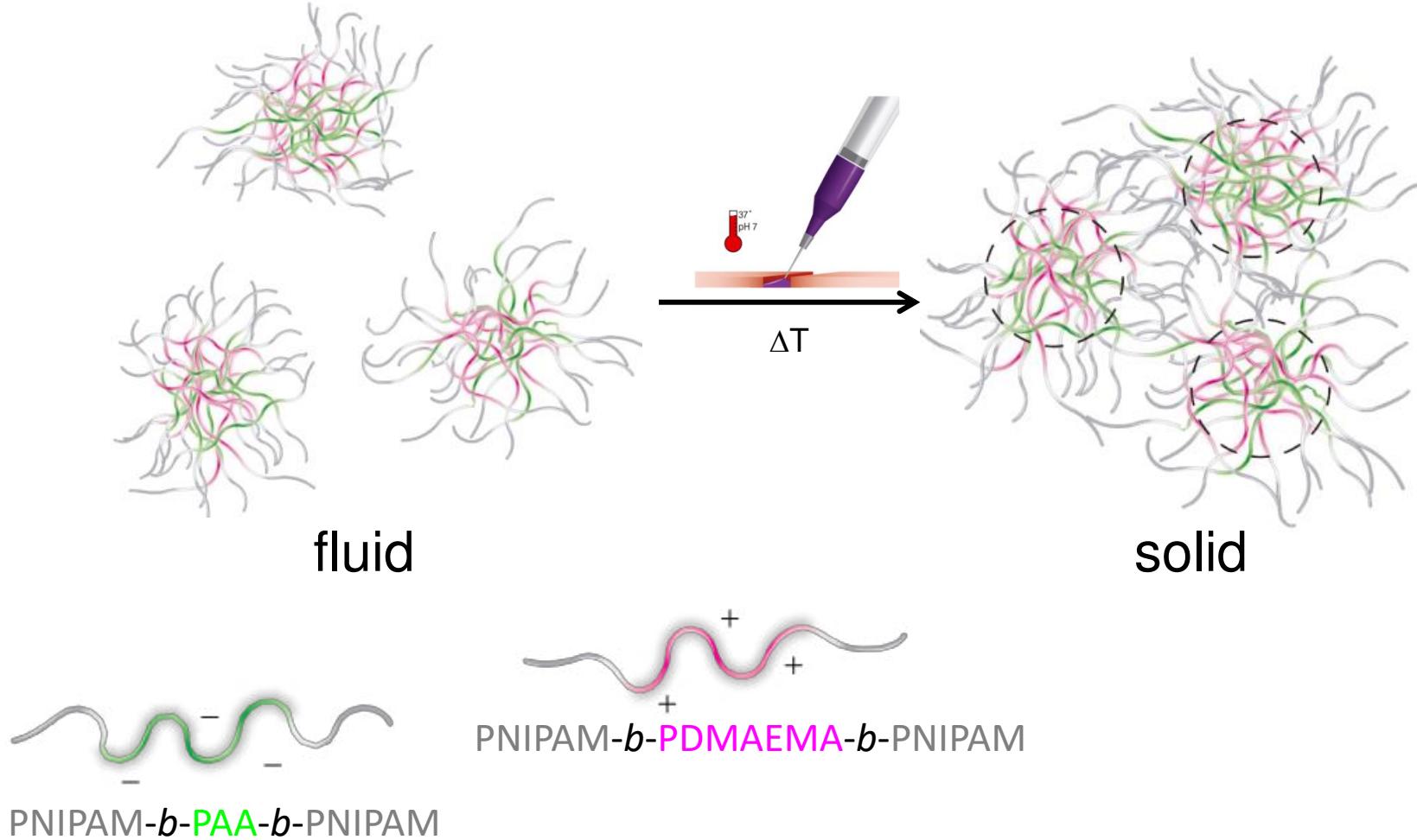
# Waarom coacervatie?

Voordelen van coacervatie voor lijmtoepassingen:

1. Onmengbaar met water
2. Goede bevochtiging van oppervlakken
3. Uitharden door externe trigger
4. Controleerbare mechanische eigenschappen



# Uitharding door opwarmen

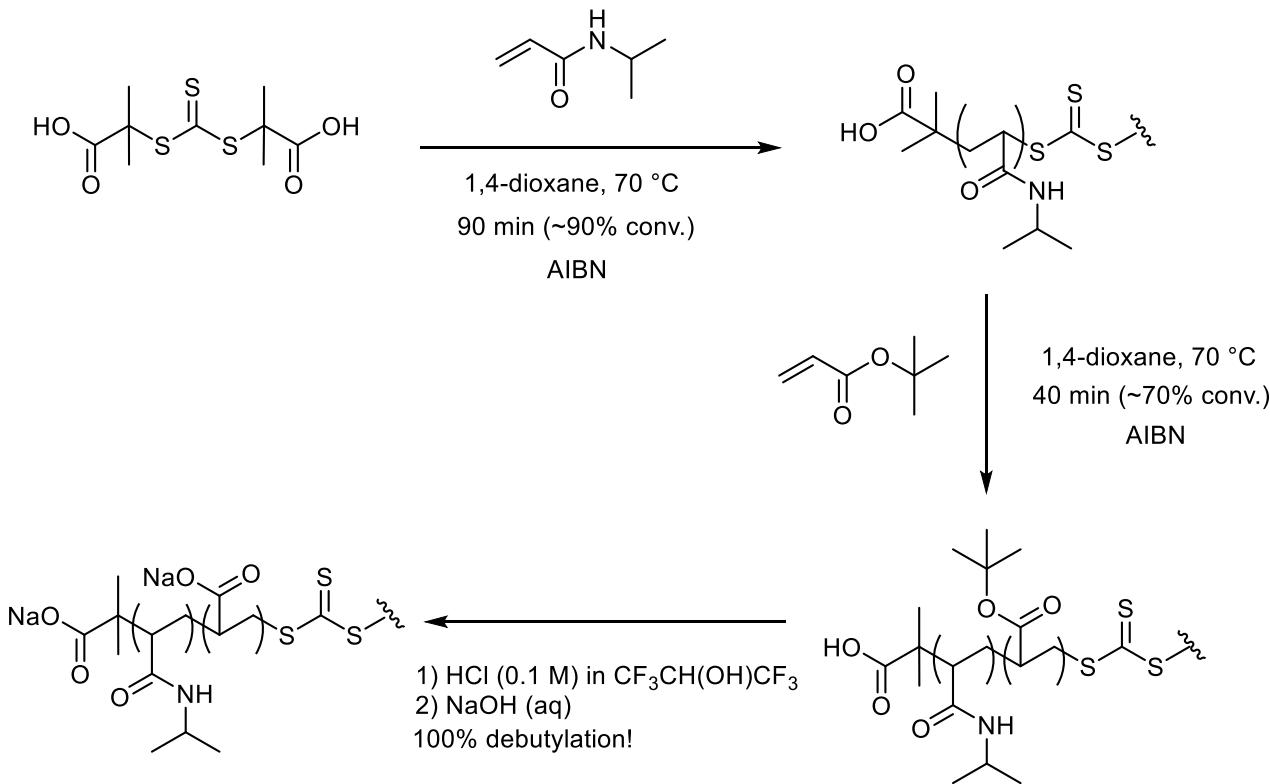
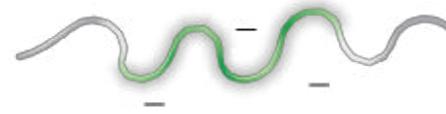


# Underwater adhesion of complex coacervates

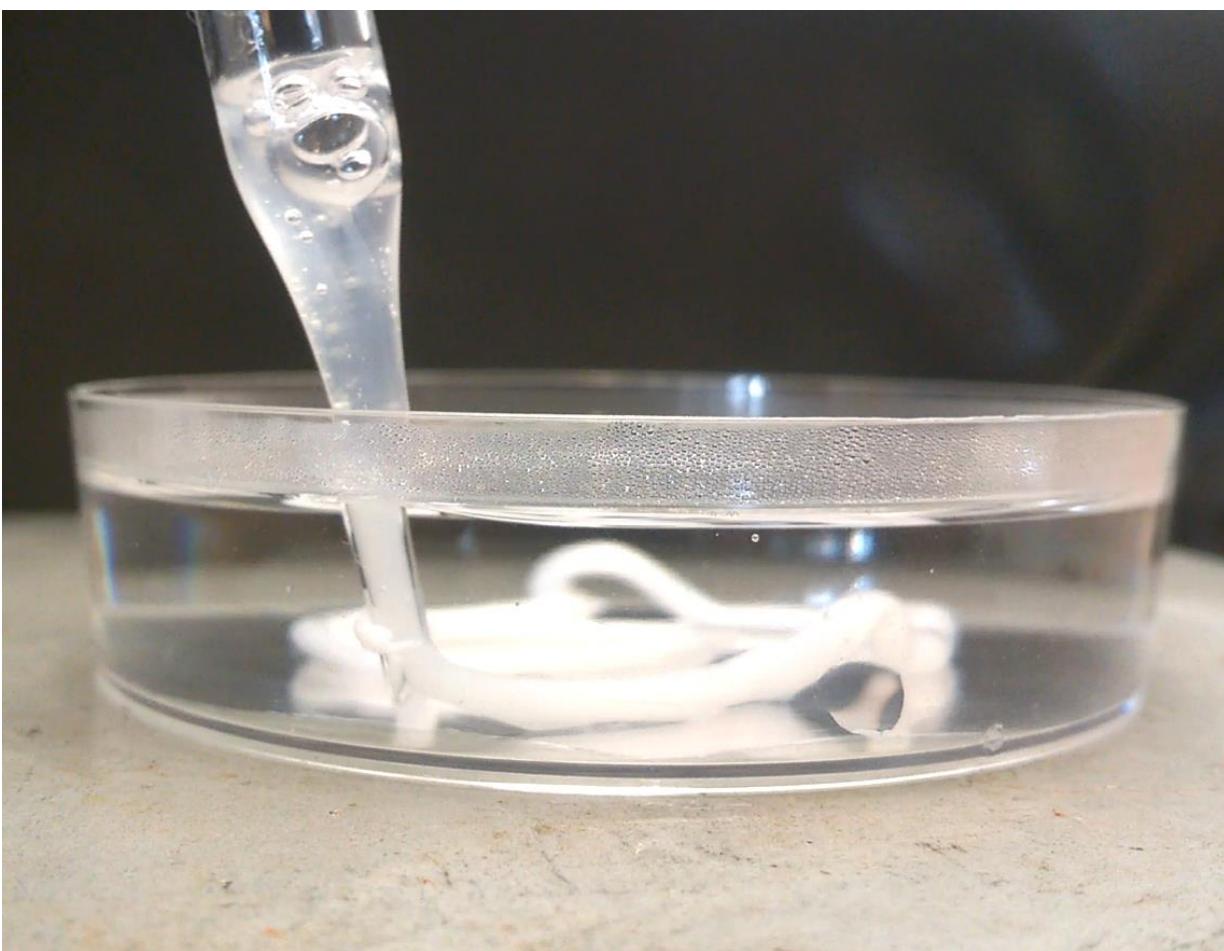
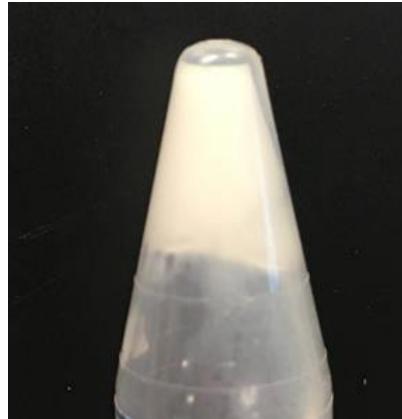
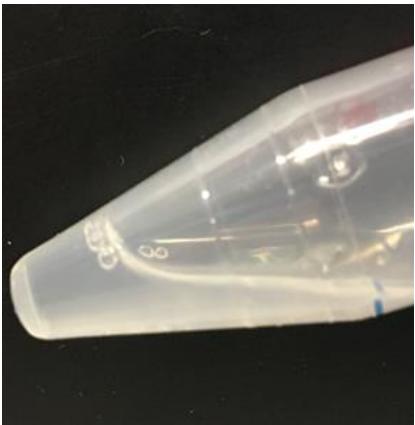
temperature increase



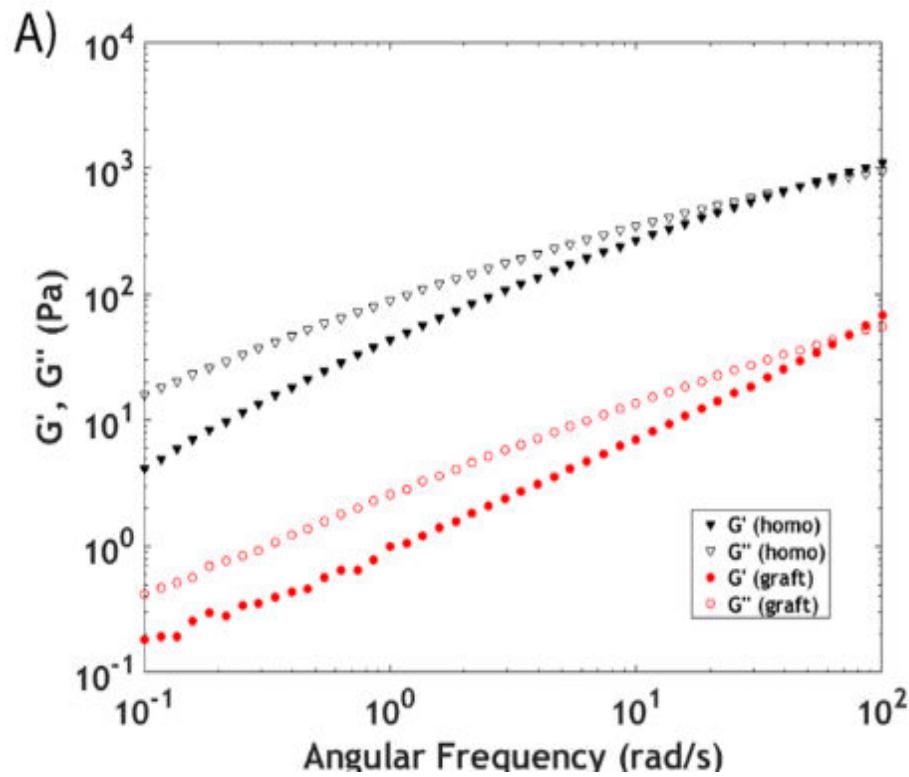
# Synthesis of pNIPAAm-*b*-pAA-*b*-pNIPAAm



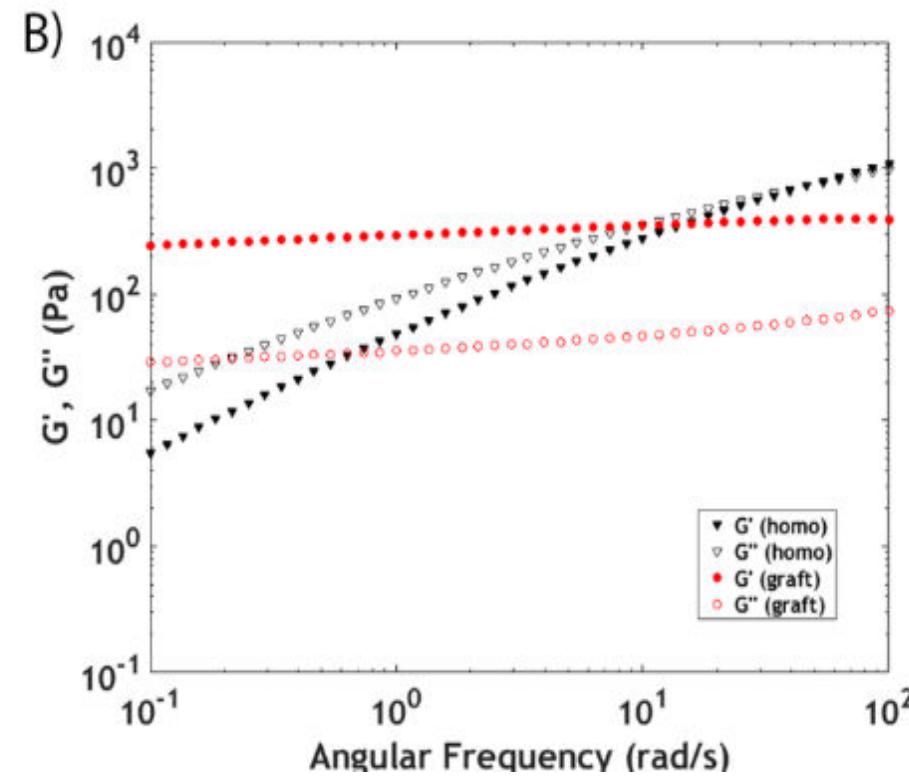
$M_w$  up to 40 kDa  
 $D < 1.4$



# Rheologie

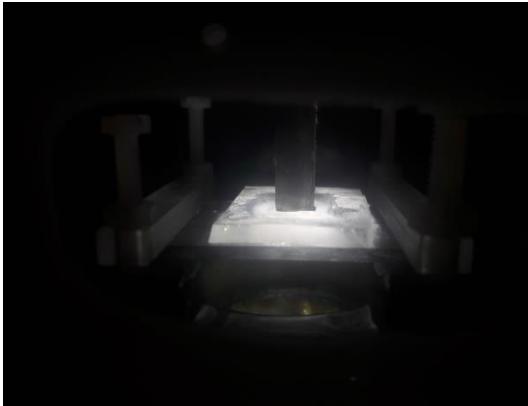
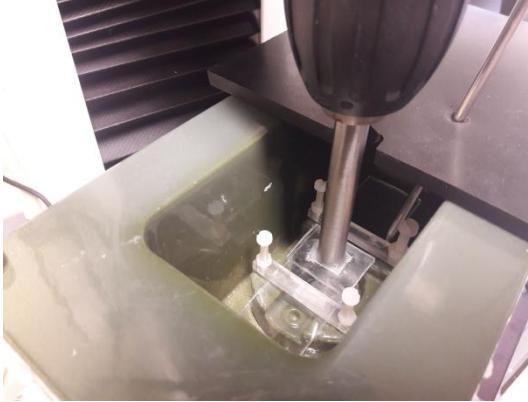
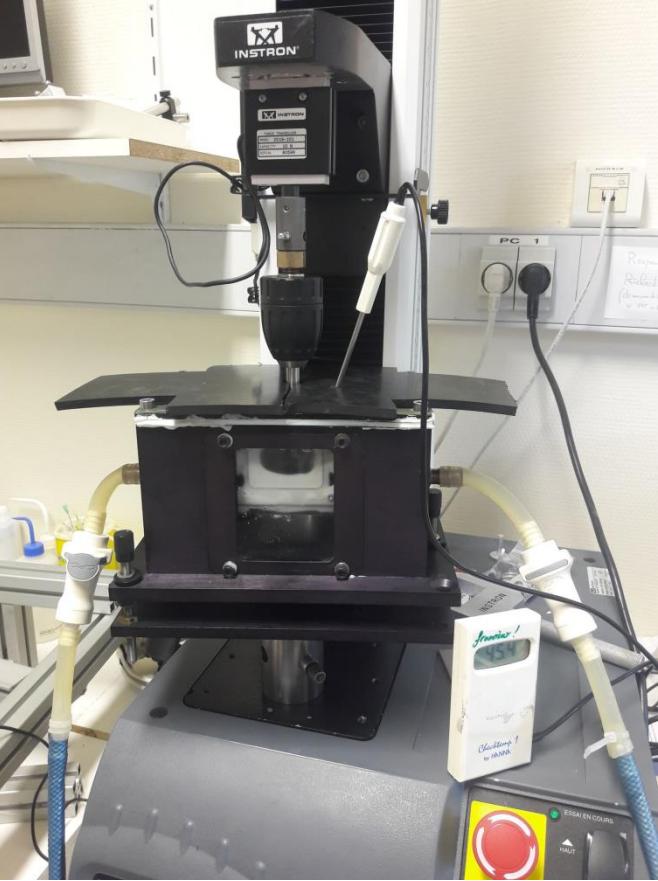


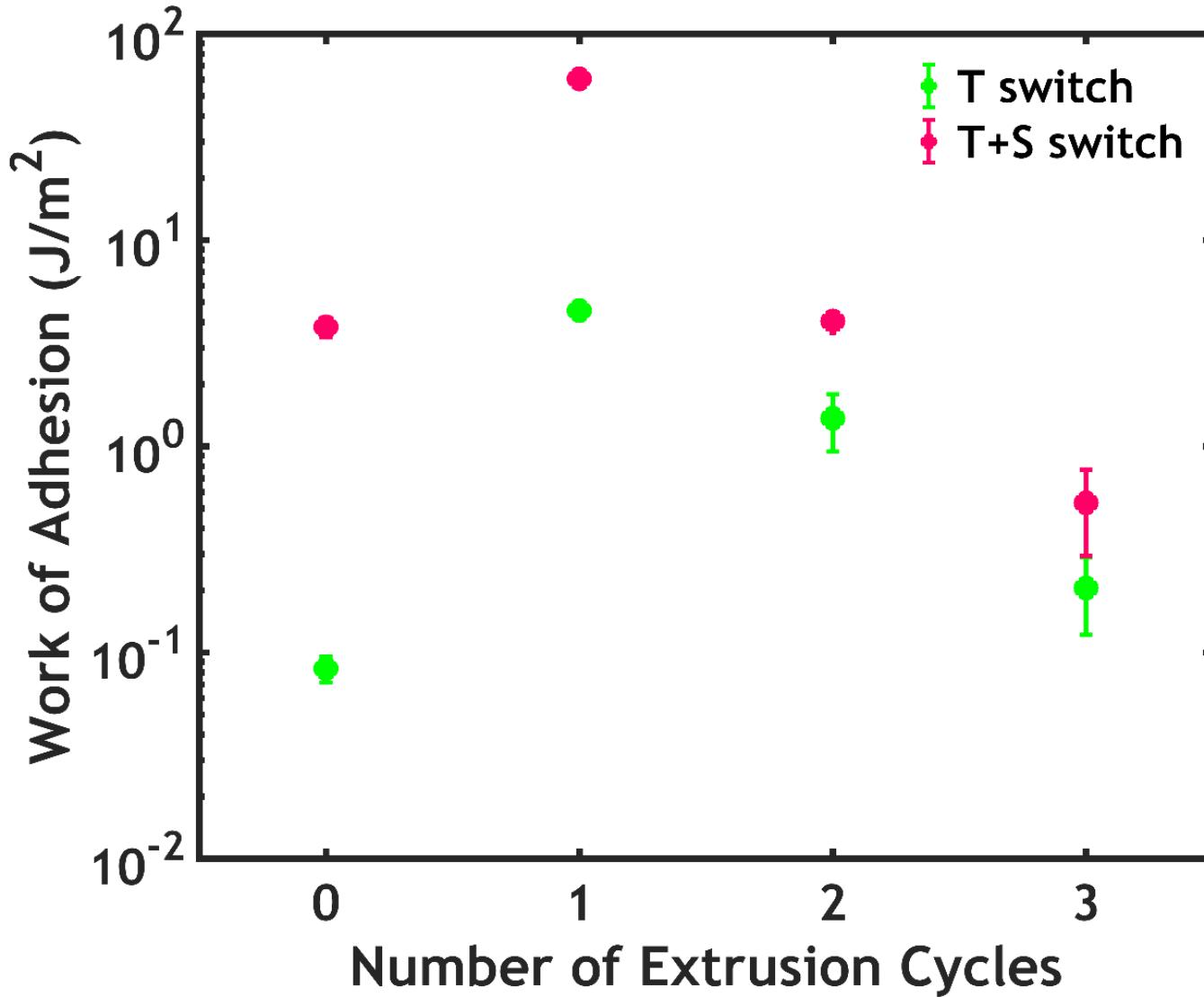
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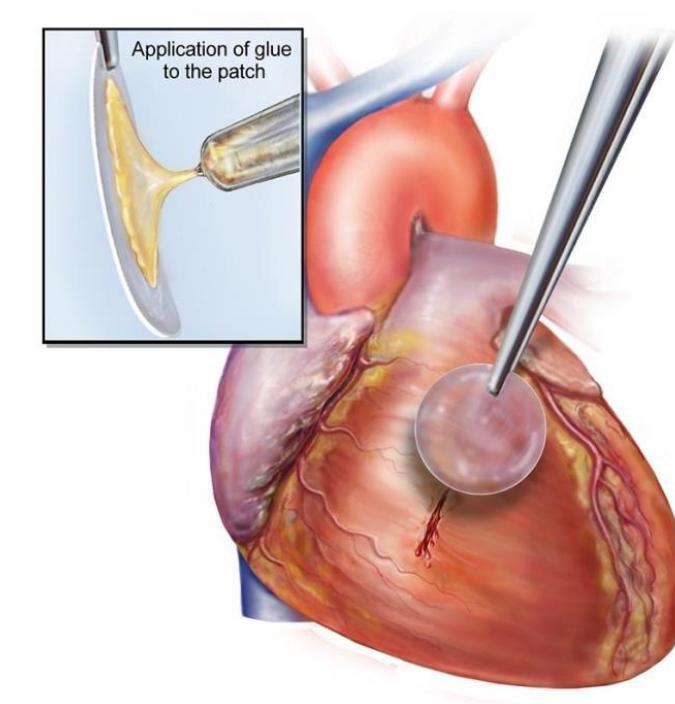


50°C, 0.75 M NaCl

# Adhesiometeringen







# Dank!





