

# БИОРАСПРЕДЕЛЕНИЕ ВЫСОКОПОРИСТЫХ ЧАСТИЦ КАРБОНАТА КАЛЬЦИЯ С ПОЛИМЕРНЫМИ ОБОЛОЧКАМИ В ЖИВОТНЫХ- ОПУХОЛЕНОСИТЕЛЯХ

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# CaCO<sub>3</sub> applications

Metallurgy and building

Manufacture of paints, paper, rubber, plastics, glass...

Cosmetics, personal hygiene products

Food industry

Water decontamination

Medicine

White color

Anti-caking property

Mechanical properties

Physical stability

Low cost

Biocompatibility

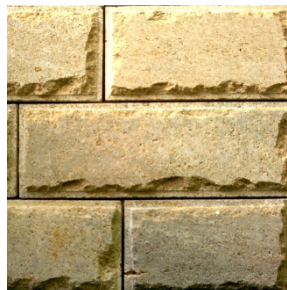
Low toxicity

Mild decomposition conditions

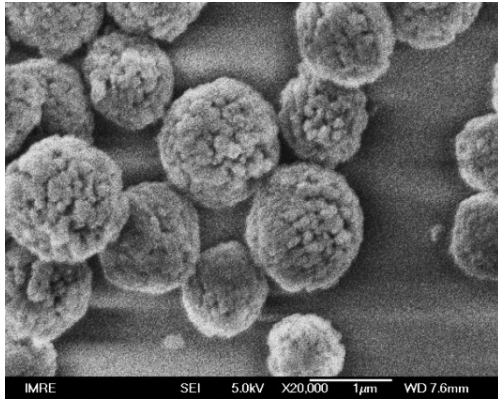
Biodegradability

Good absorption capacity

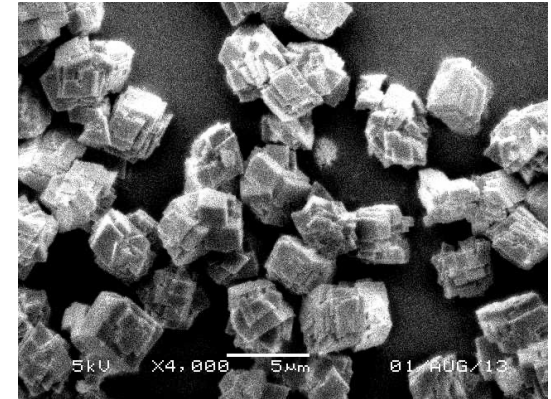
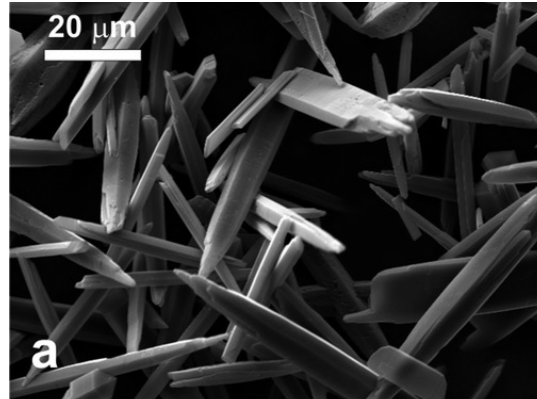
Ability to control particle parameters



# CaCO<sub>3</sub> Polymorphism



Metastable



Stable



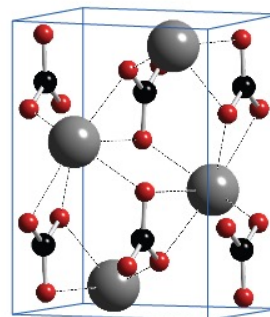
Porous structure  
Developed surface



Efficient loading of active  
molecules

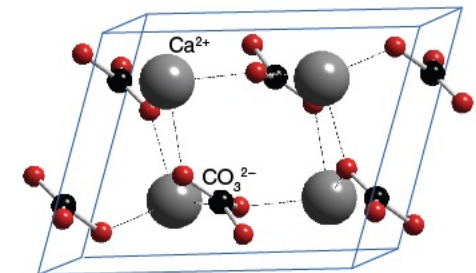
Vaterite

Hexagonal crystal system



Aragonite

Orthorhombic  
crystal system



Calcite

Trigonal crystal system

# CaCO<sub>3</sub> particles: 3 polymorphs

## Calcite



Iceland spar, formerly known as Iceland Crystal, is a transparent variety of calcite (birefringence)



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# CaCO<sub>3</sub> particles: 3 polymorphs

## Aragonite



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АРАГОНИТ CaCO<sub>3</sub> ARAGONITE  
Кристаллиты лорцово-игольчатые  
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Степанов В.И. (коллекция) 1984

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Ажурный феистый каркас из кристаллитов  
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Степанов В.И. (коллекция) 1969

АРАГОНИТ  
Слабые  
кристаллы  
Баженов



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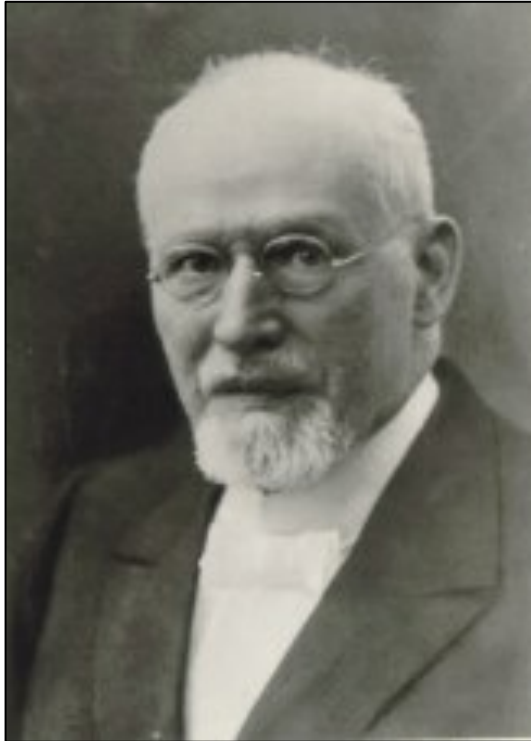
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# CaCO<sub>3</sub> particles: 3 polymorphs

**Vaterite** (1903) is less stable form of CaCO<sub>3</sub>



## Heinrich Vater

was a pioneer in the forest soil science, land evaluation, forest fertilization

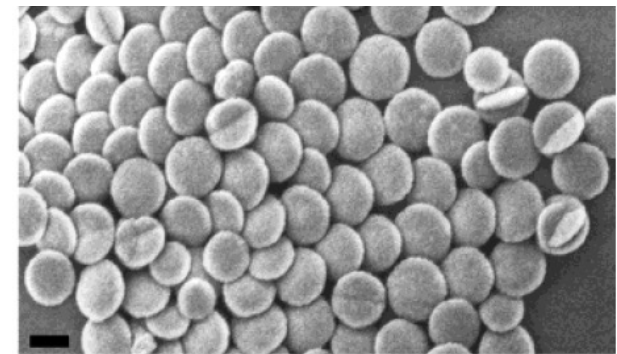
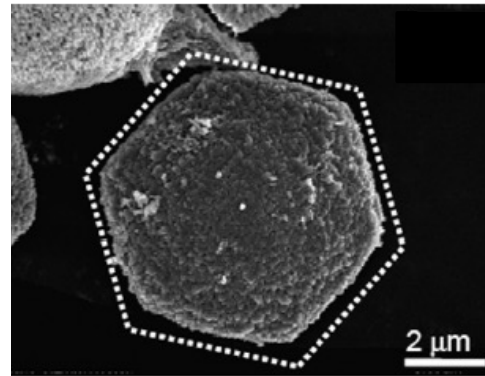
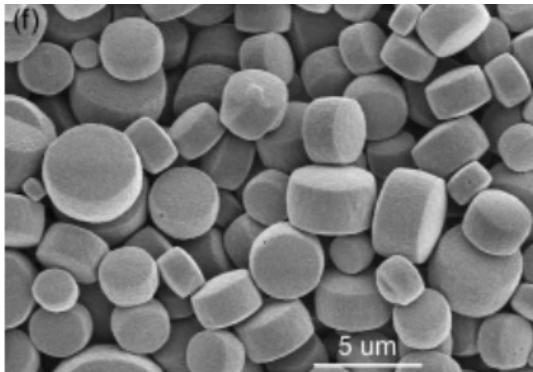
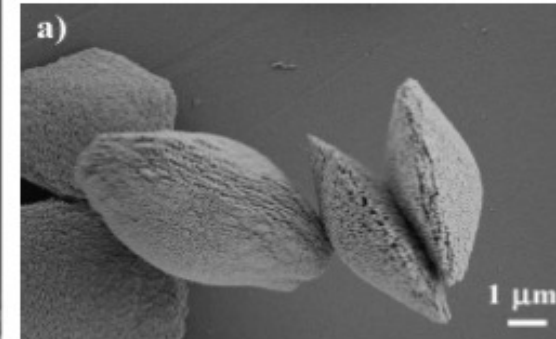
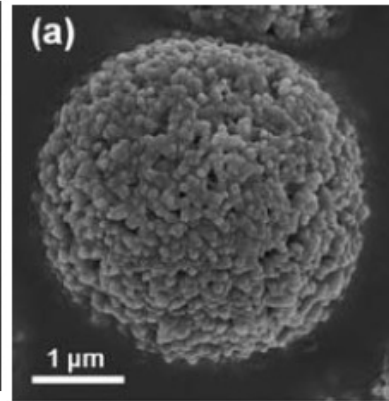
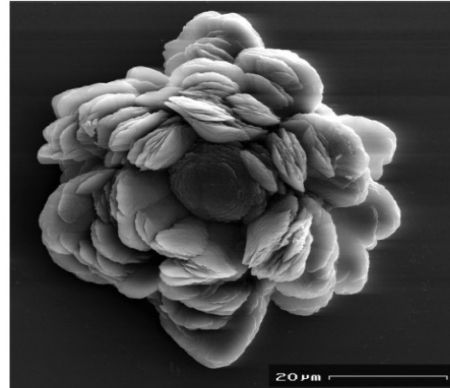
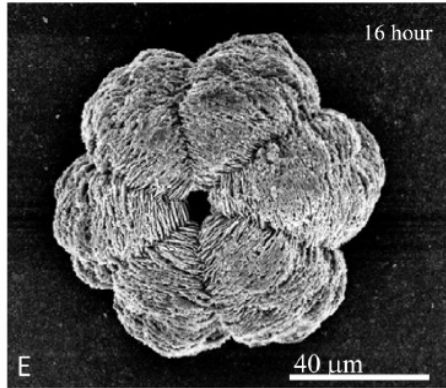
*Saxifraga sempervivum*, an alpine plant produces a greenish-white crust, which contains vaterite



Spicules from the simple sea creature *Herdmania momus* contain large single crystals of vaterite of higher quality than those in the synthetic vaterite used in previous structure determinations (ESRF)



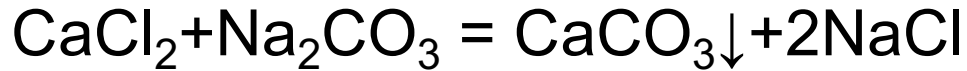
# Variety of vaterite morphologies



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# Vaterite

## Size-controlled crystallization



Concentration of reagents

Temperature

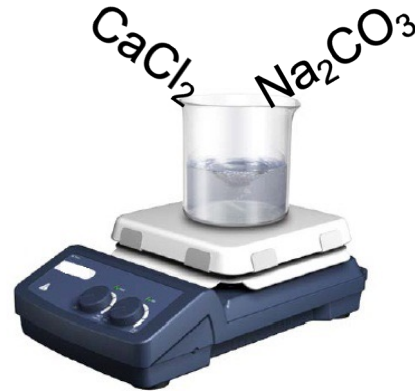
pH

Presence of additives, co-solvents

Volume ratio of reagents

Mixing time and intensity

Influence of external fields



Polymorph composition

Size

Form

Porosity

### The main objective

Crystallization of stable porous vaterite particles in a size-controlled manner

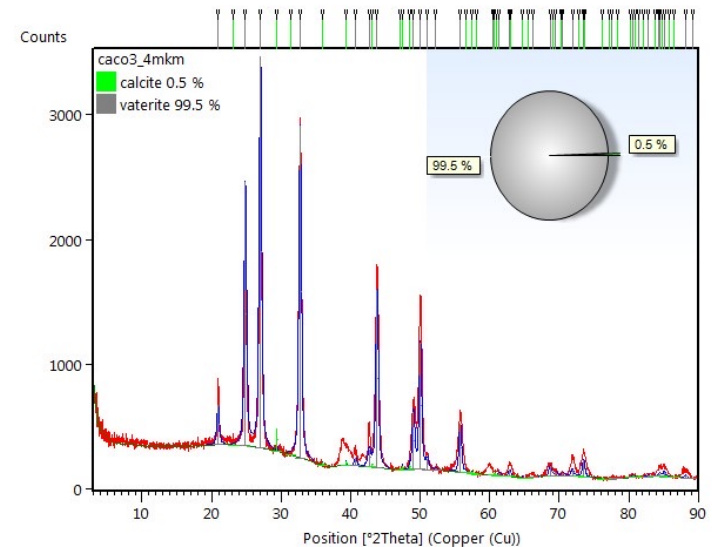
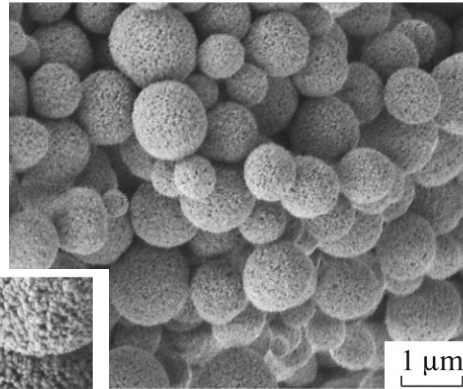
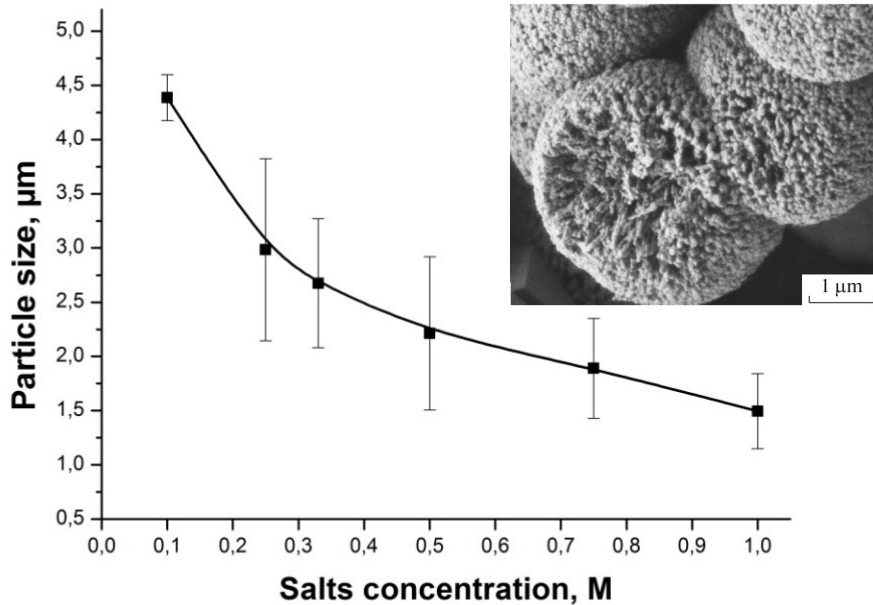
Focus on how to decrease the size



# Micro-sized vaterite

Standard protocol allows vaterite with the size ranging from 4.5  $\mu\text{m}$  to 1.5  $\mu\text{m}$

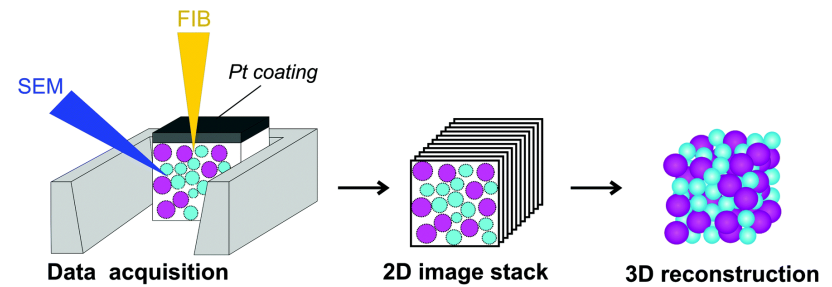
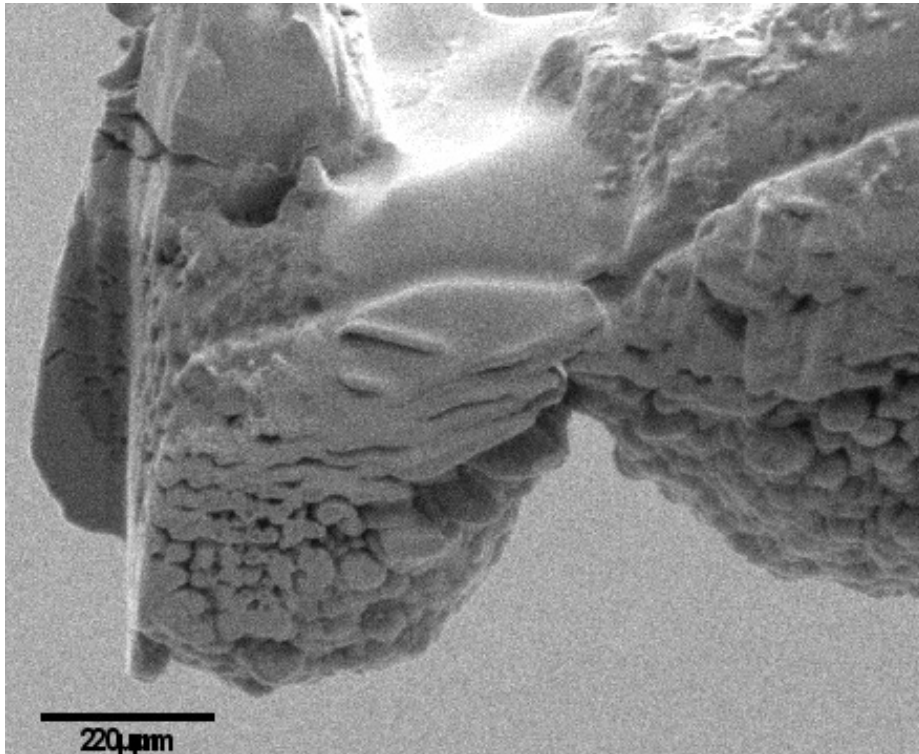
Influence of the concentration of reagents on the size



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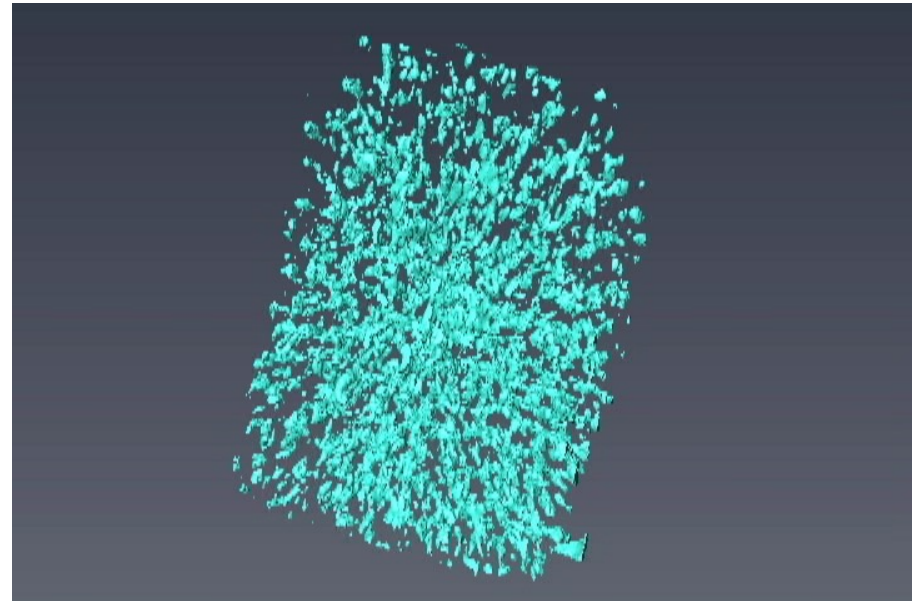
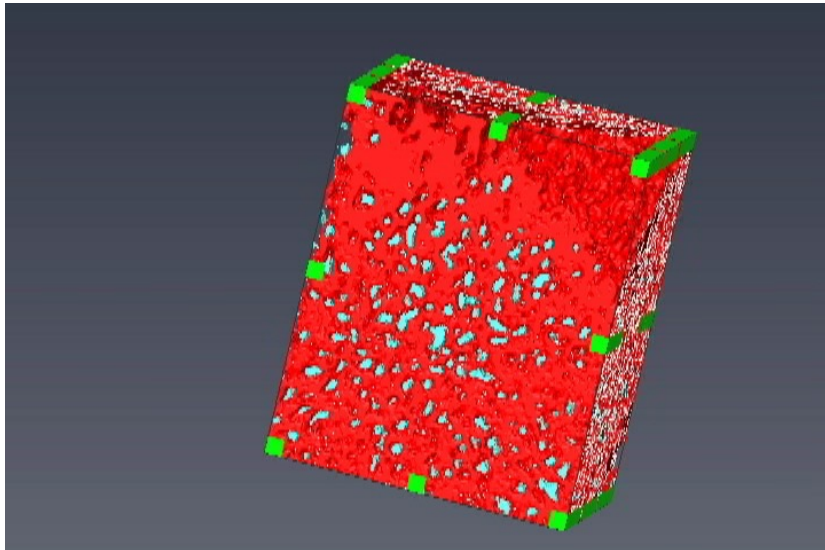
FIB (Ga ions) milling of a Pt-coated  $\text{CaCO}_3$  particle



# Micro-sized vaterite

3D reconstruction of vaterite particle structure according to SEM images

**CaCO<sub>3</sub>**  
Pores

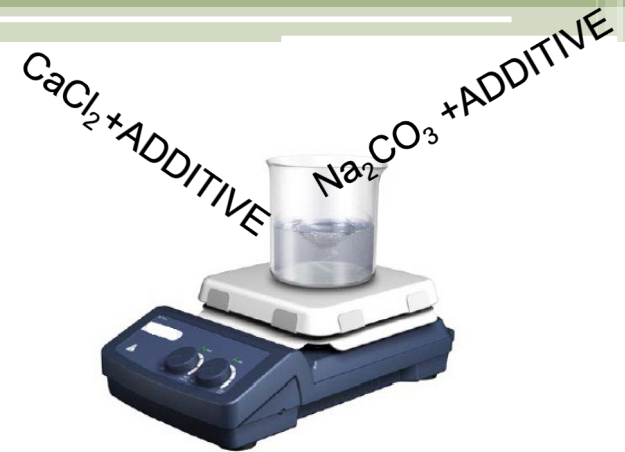


# Submicron-sized vaterite

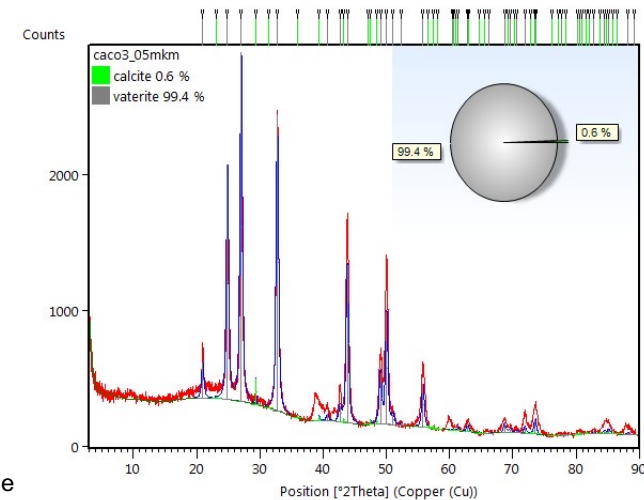
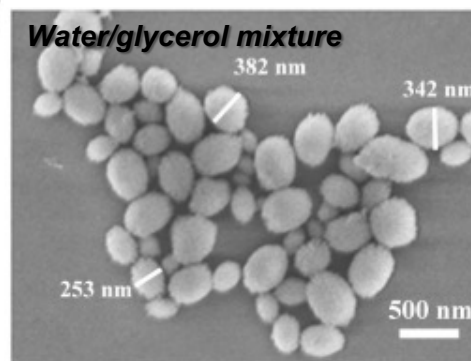
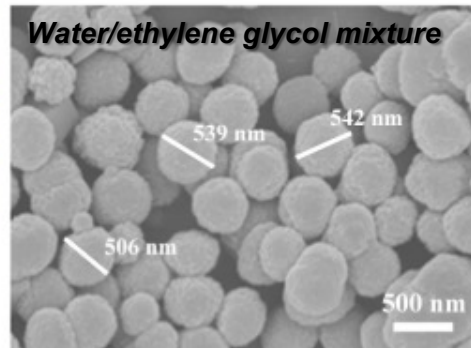
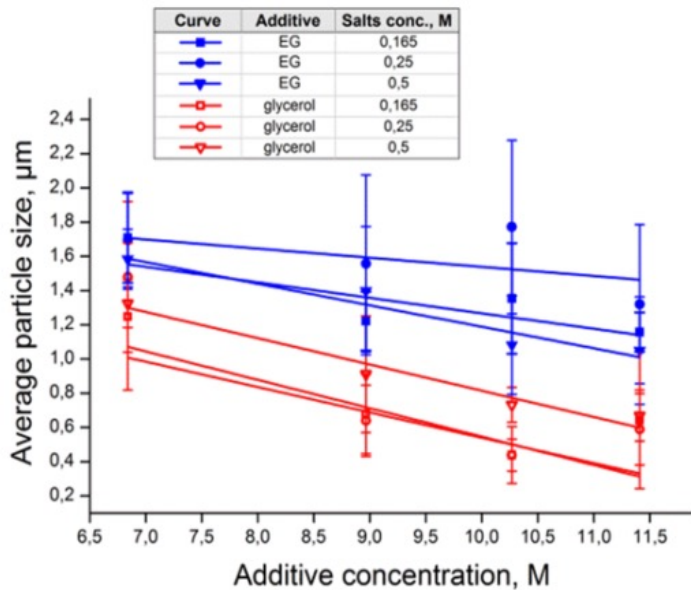
**Modified protocol** allows vaterite with the size ranging from 0.3  $\mu\text{m}$  to 1.7  $\mu\text{m}$

Optimization of the reaction parameters:

- ✓ Varying salts:co-solvent volume ratio (1:1 – 1:5)
- ✓ Different T (25°C – 40°C)
- ✓ Mixing time from 30s to 3h

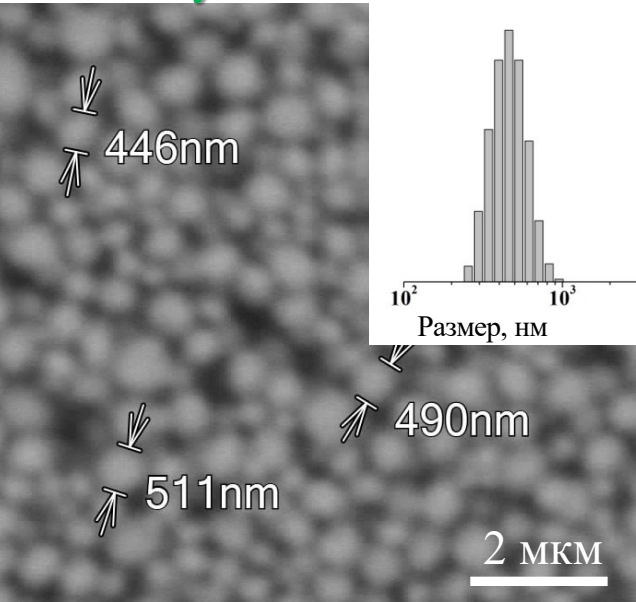


*ADDITIVE (co-solvent): ethylene glycol/ glycerol*

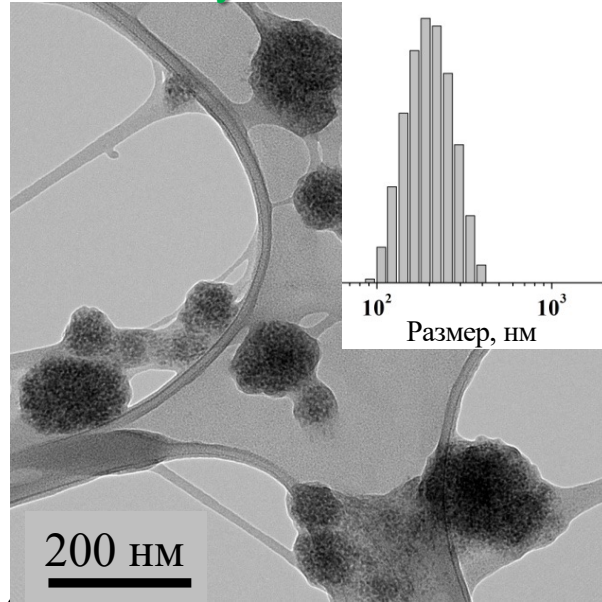


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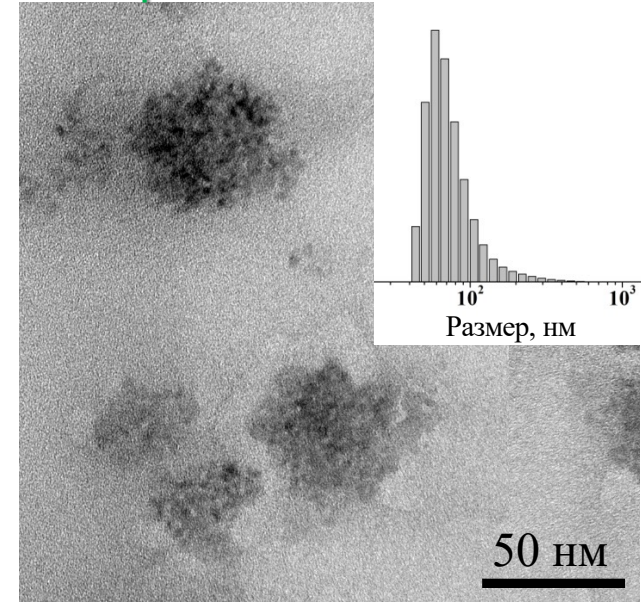
## Mass crystallization



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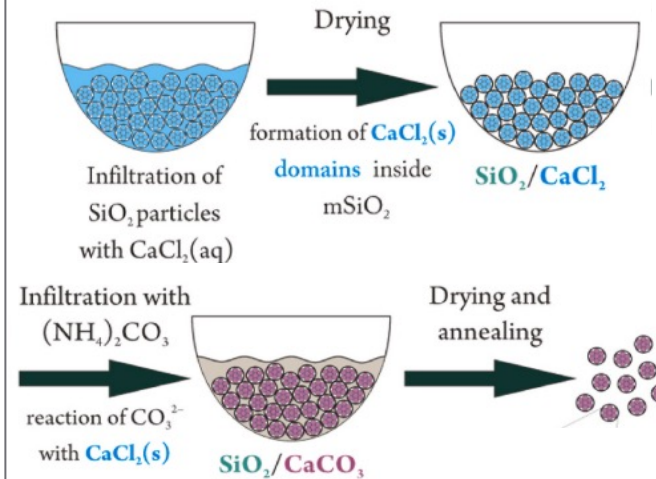
## Template method



ADDITIVE (co-solvent): ethylene glycol/glycerol



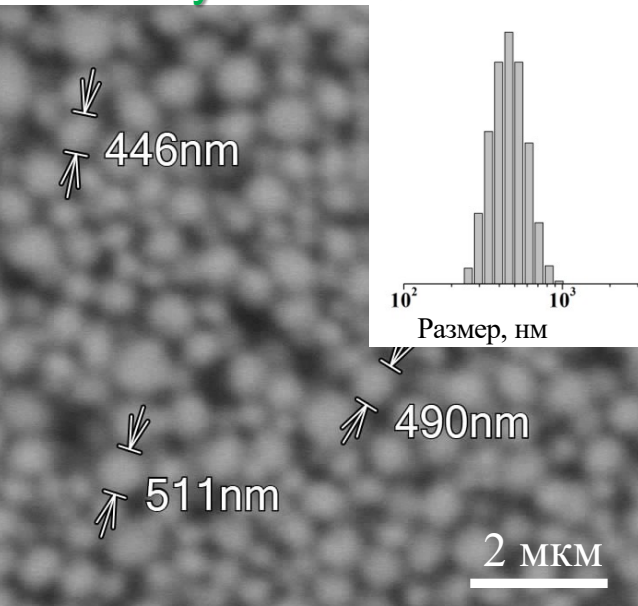
ADDITIVE: PEG+Tween-20+DMEM +  $\text{MgCl}_2$



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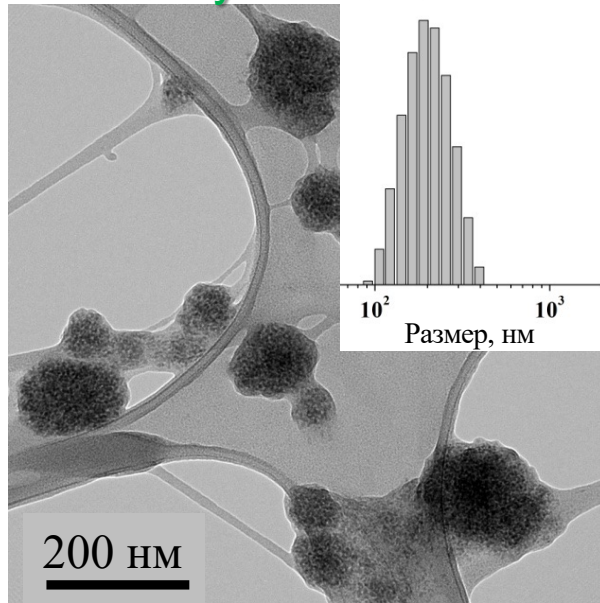


**500±90 nm (CaCO<sub>3</sub>-500)**

99.4% vaterite

6.5 wt%

## Mass crystallization



**172±75 nm (CaCO<sub>3</sub>-200)**

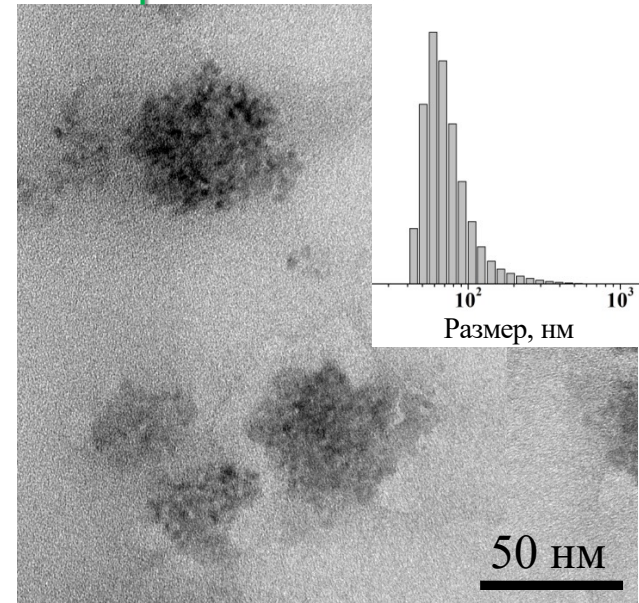
Polymorphic composition

Amorphous

Loading with doxorubicin

4.8 wt. %

## Template method



**65±15 nm (CaCO<sub>3</sub>:Si:Fe-50)**

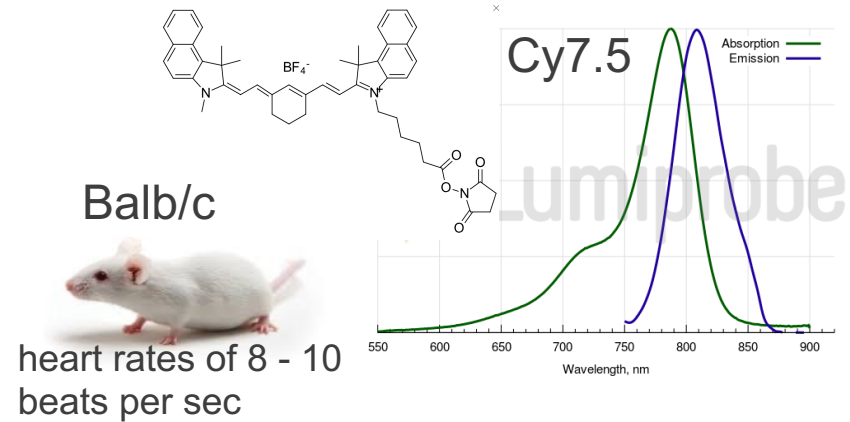
100% calcite

4.0 wt. %

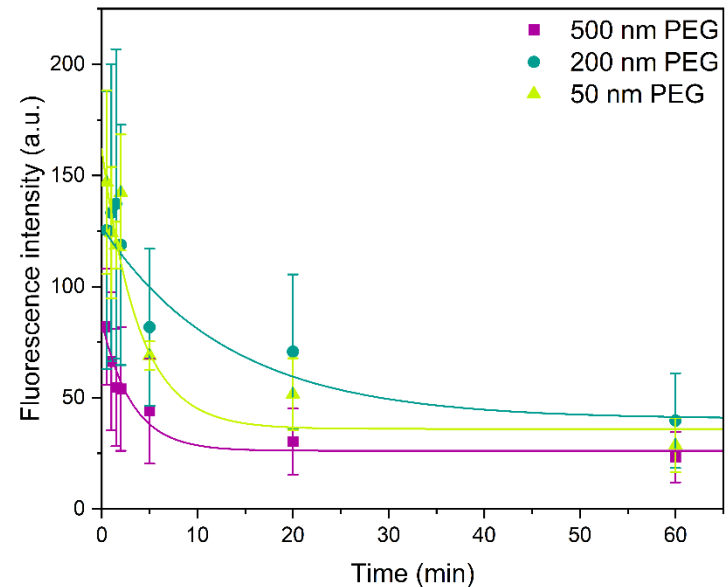
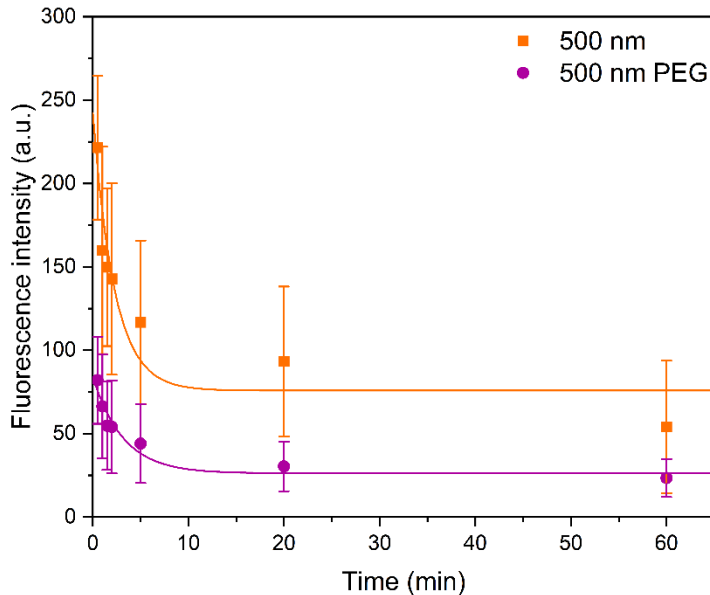
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# In vivo evaluation of 50/200/500nm CaCO<sub>3</sub> particles

Particle type	Blood half-life $t_{1/2}$ , min
500 nm	<b>1.6 ±0.7</b>
500 nm/PEG	<b>2.2±0.9</b>
200 nm/PEG	<b>9.2±4.7</b>
50 nm/PEG	<b>2.6±0.7</b>

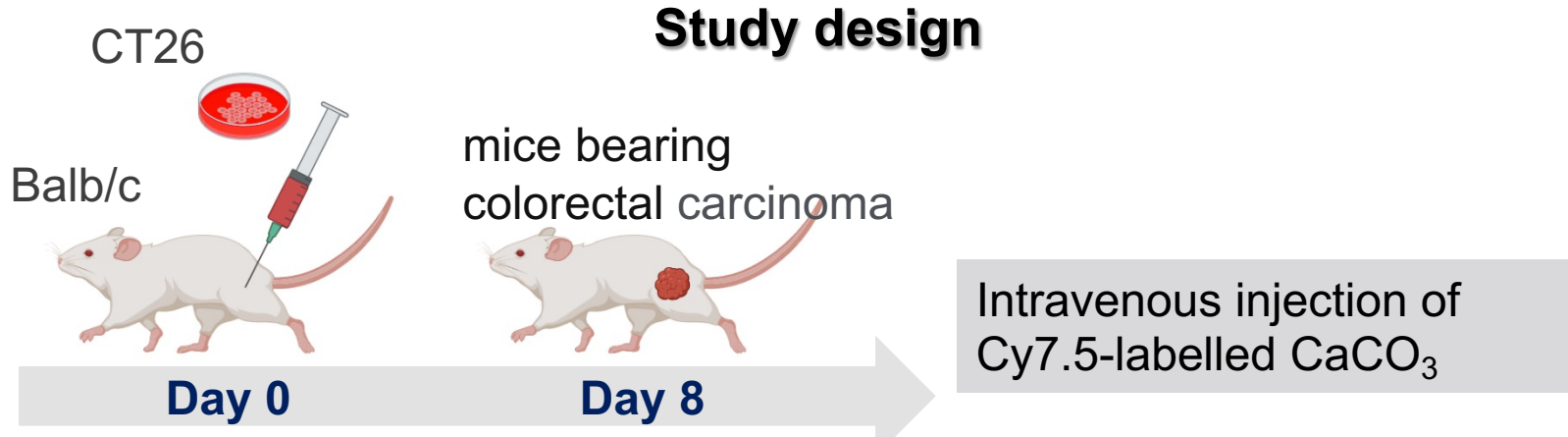


## In vivo pharmacokinetic profiles of Cy7.5-labelled CaCO<sub>3</sub> in mice

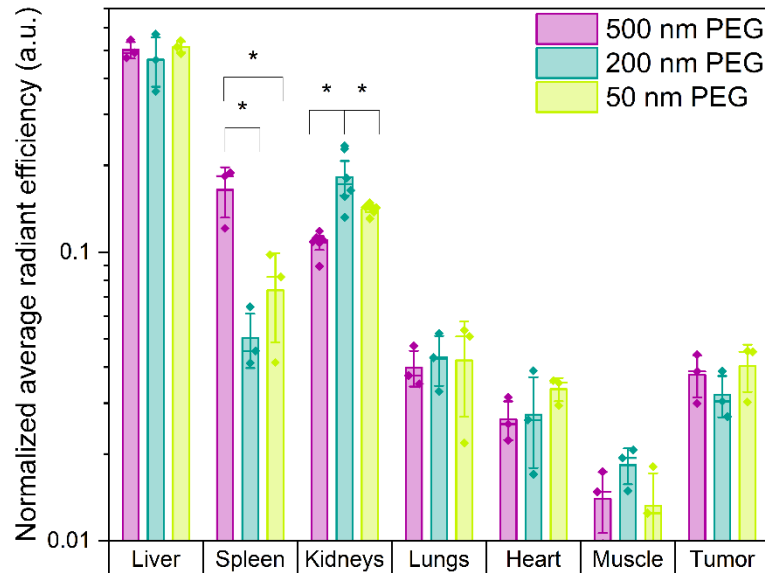


N=4

# In vivo evaluation of 50/200/500nm CaCO<sub>3</sub> particles



*In vivo* biodistribution of Cy7.5-labelled CaCO<sub>3</sub> in mice (IVIS Spectrum CT)



N=4

\* p = 0.05



# Результаты и Выводы

Для синтеза  $\text{CaCO}_3$  использовали методику массовой кристаллизации в растворах, а также темплатный синтез. Оптимизация условий кристаллизации позволила получить частицы  $\text{CaCO}_3$  с размерами в диапазоне от 500 до 50 нм.

Для частиц 500нм циркуляция увеличивается при пэгилировании:  $t_{1/2}$  увеличивается с  $1.6 \pm 0.7$  до  $2.2 \pm 0.9$  сек.

Для частиц 200нм  $t_{1/2}$   $9.2 \pm 4.7$  сек.

При внутривенном введении большинство субмикронных и наночастиц  $\text{CaCO}_3$ – 500нм/PEG,  $\text{CaCO}_3$ – 200нм/PEG и  $\text{CaCO}_3$ –50/PEG аккумулируются в печени, селезенке, почках. Частицы одинаково накапливаются в опухоли в пределах погрешности. Т. о. применения наночастиц и полимерного покрытия недостаточно, чтобы значительно улучшить доставку препаратов к опухолевым клеткам.

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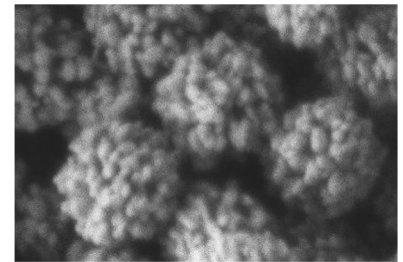


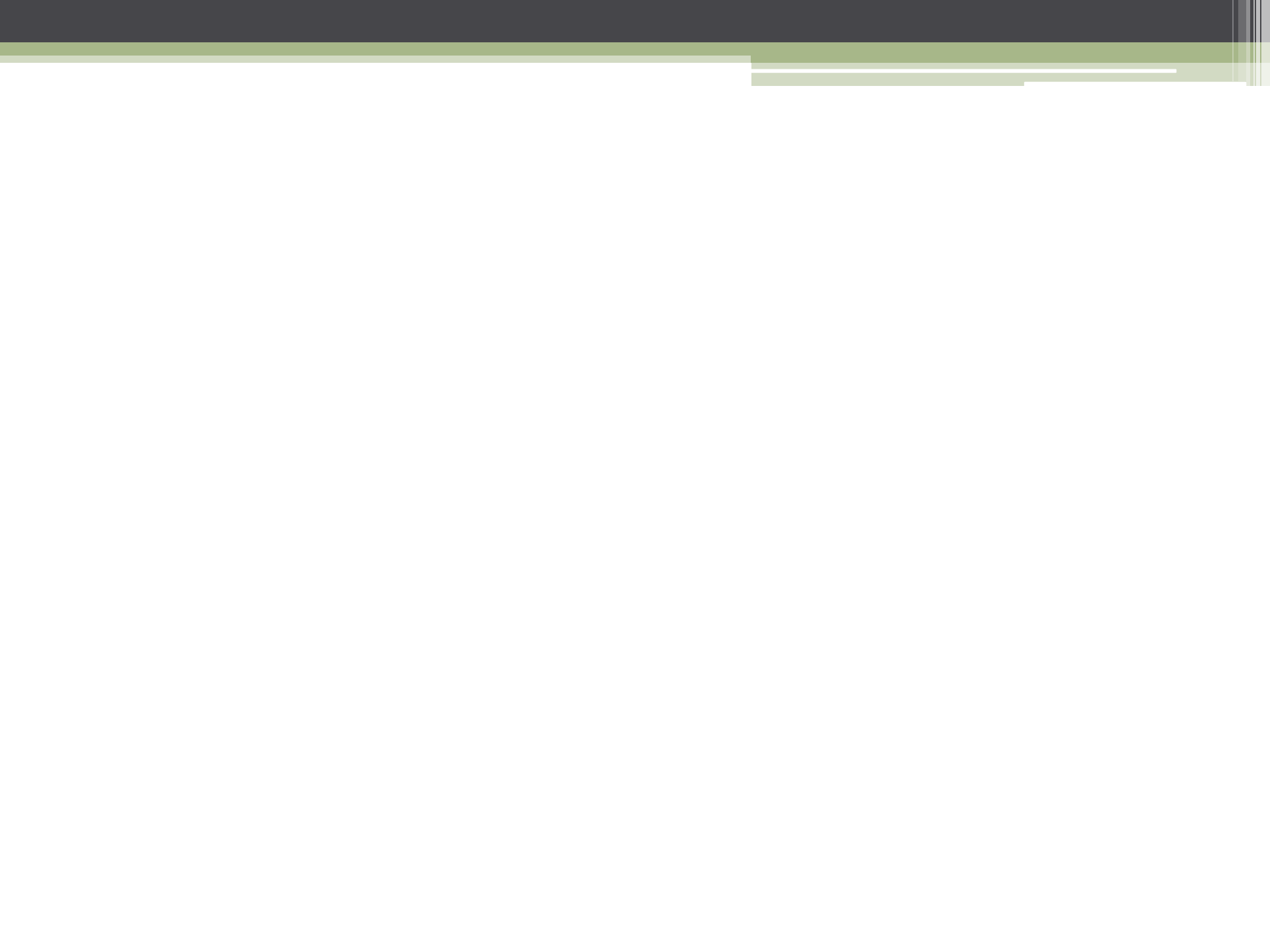
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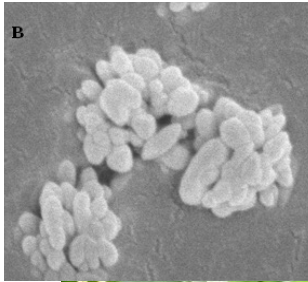




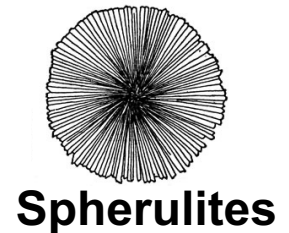
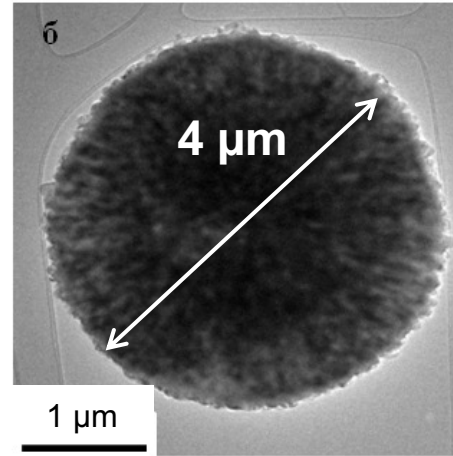
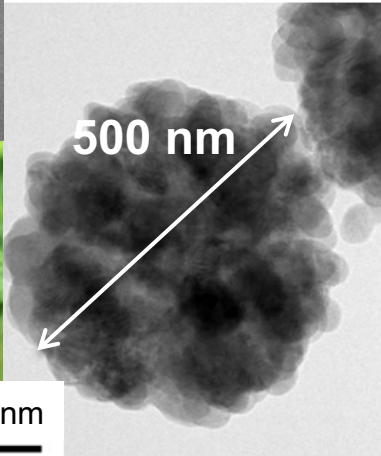
# Two main types of vaterite architecture



**Framboids**  
(from fr. la framboise – raspberry)

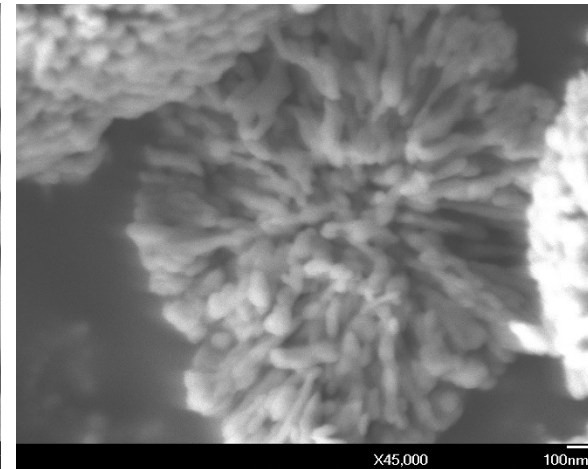
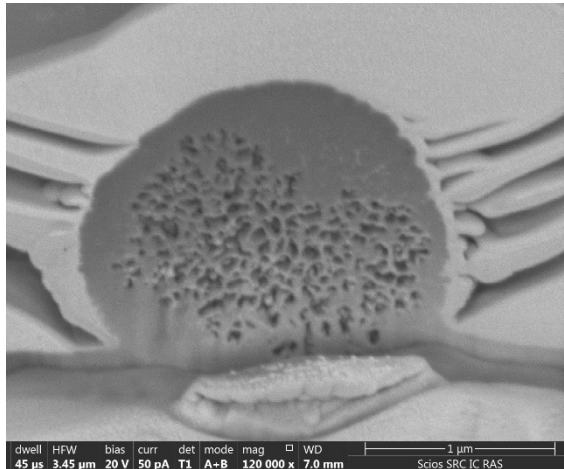


100 nm

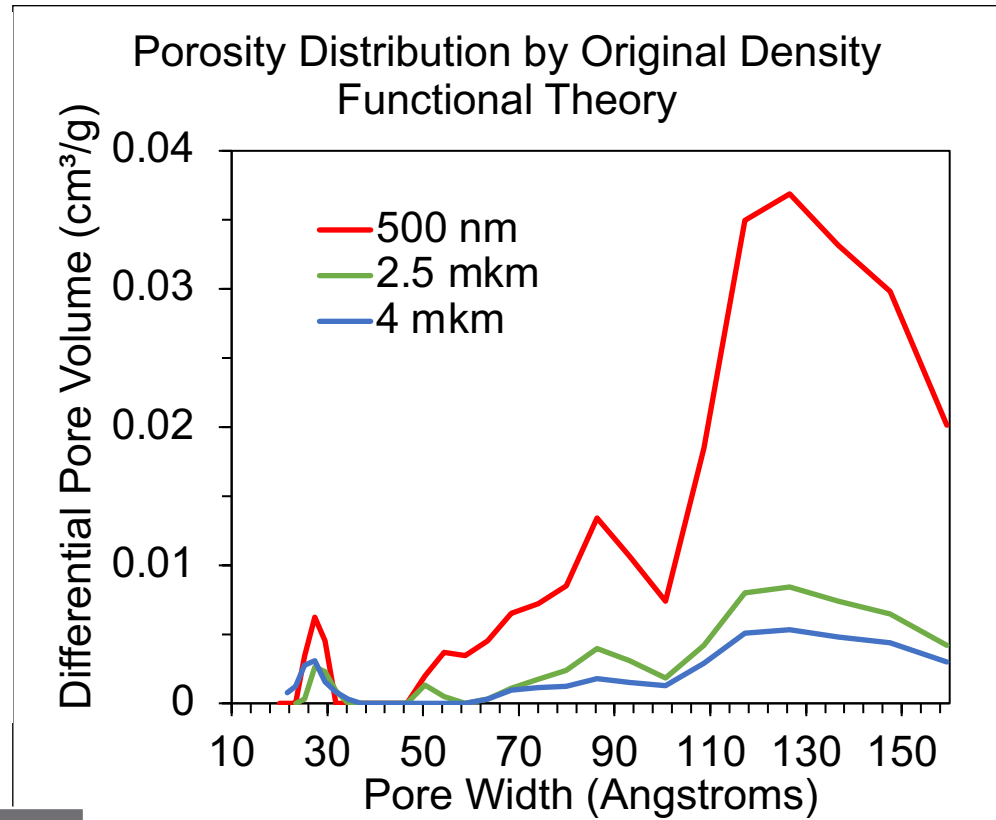
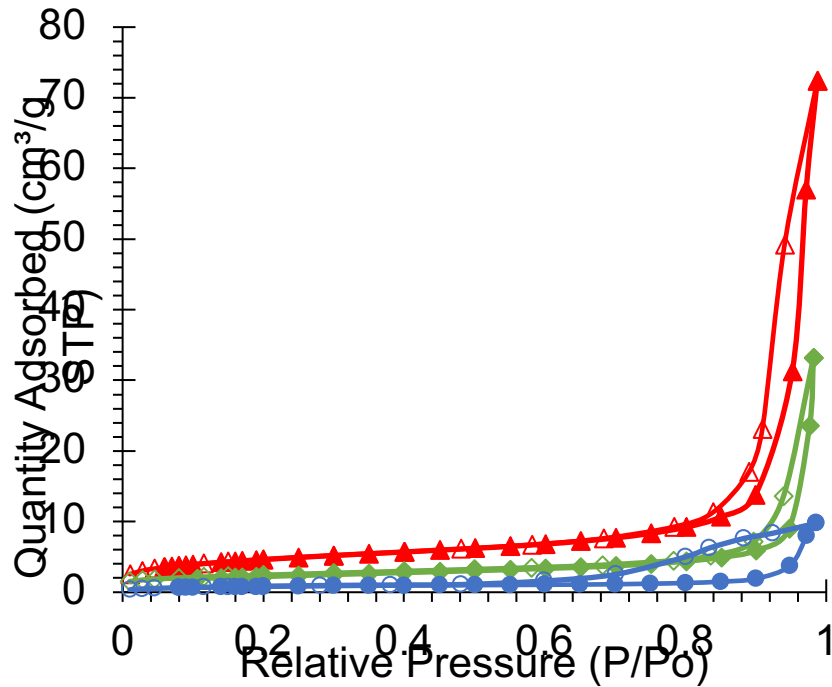


**Spherulites**

All directions are equal, framboids are the result crystal growth *via* oriented attachment of primary grains (non-classical crystal growth)

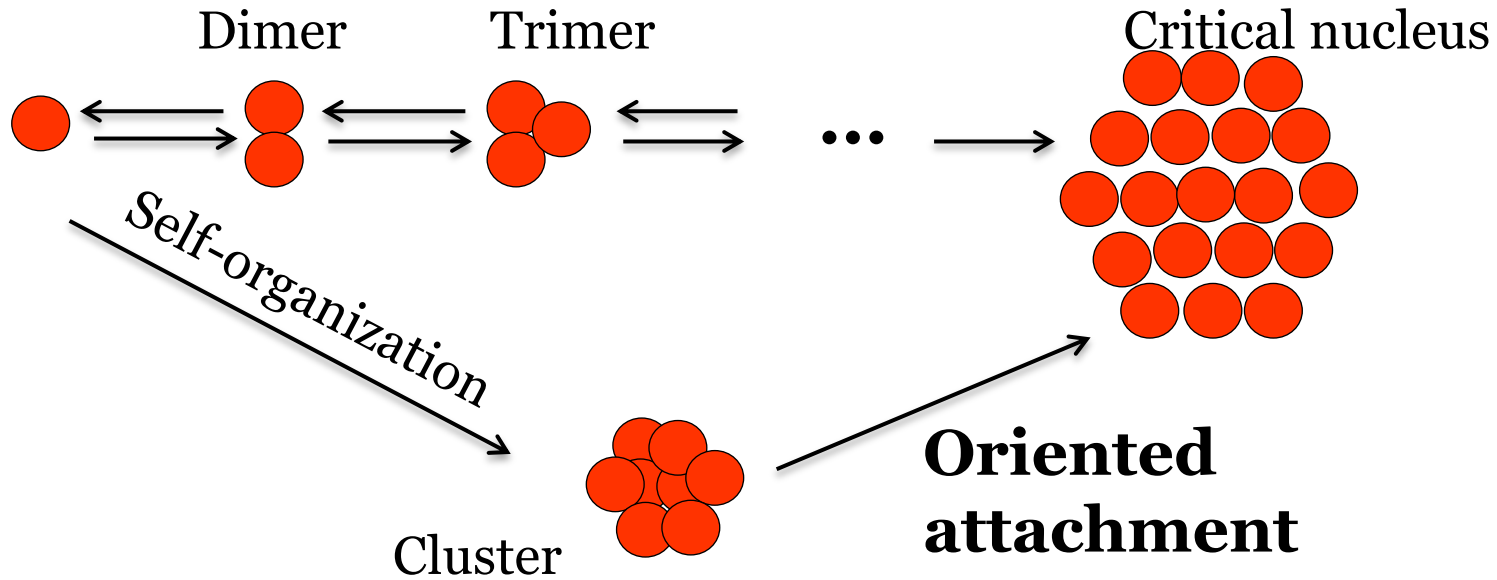


Spherulites are characterized by a radial-radiant internal structure due to the peculiarities of crystal growth

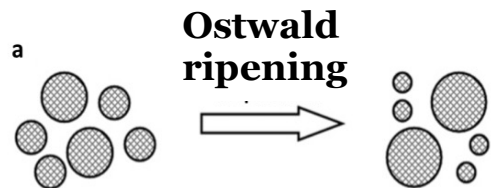


Diameter	BET Surface Area, m <sup>2</sup> /g
500 nm	16.4
2.5 μm	7.8
4 μm	2.8

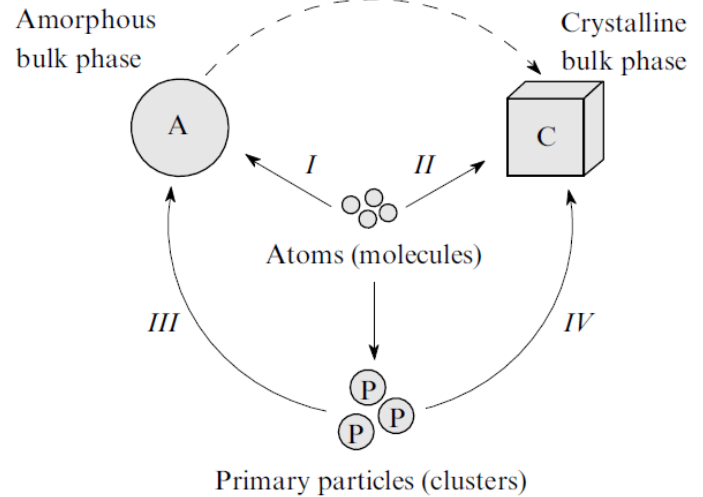
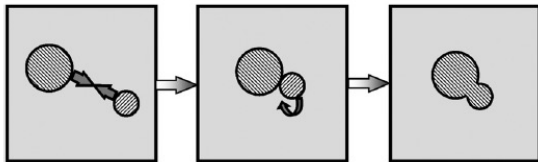
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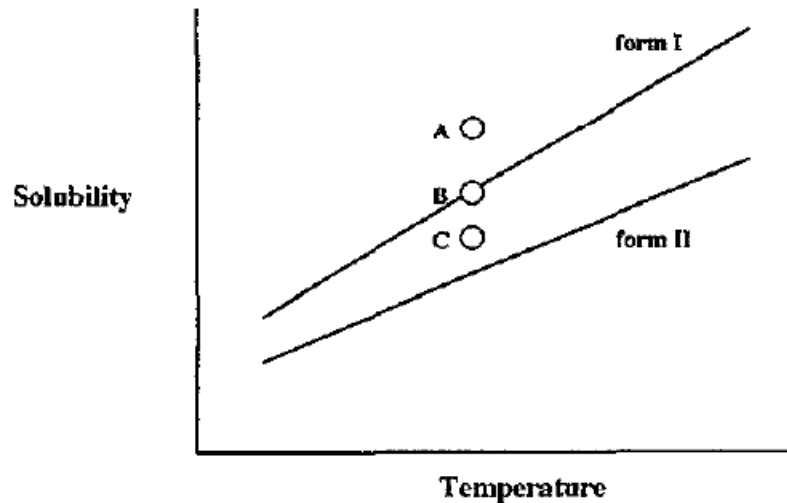


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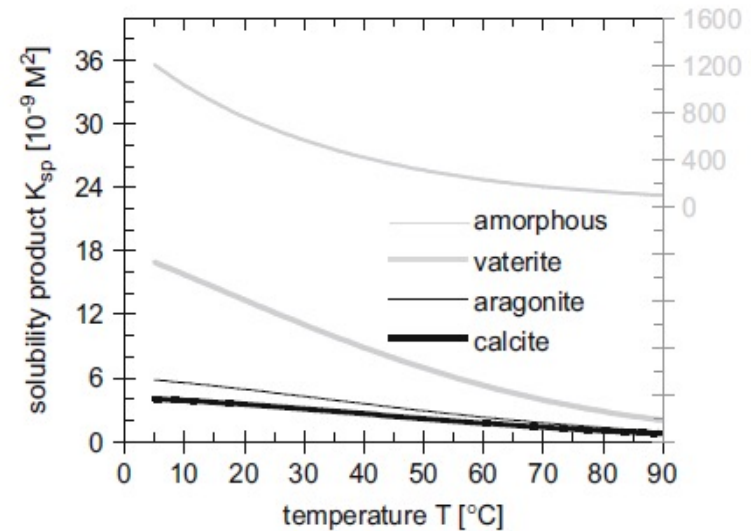


Oriented attachment





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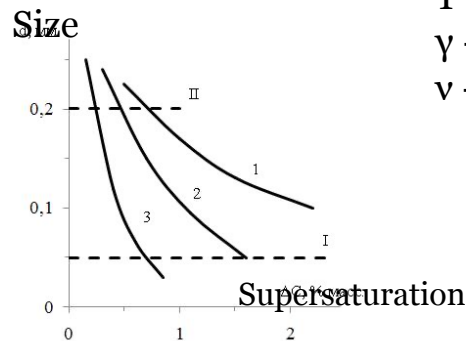


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# Nuclei Formation

Radius of spherical critical nucleus at given supersaturation

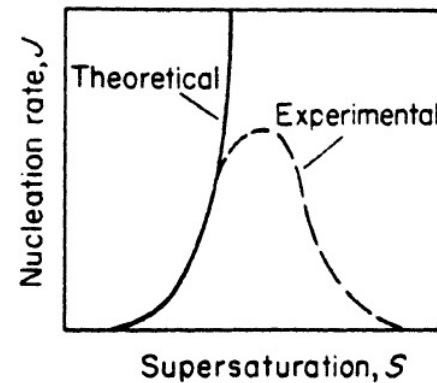
$$r_c = 2\gamma v / kT \ln S$$



S – supersaturation,  
K – Boltzmann constant,  
T – temperature,  
 $\gamma$  – interfacial tension,  
 $v$  – molecular volume

Rate of nucleation – the number of nuclei formed per unit time per unit volume

$$J = A \exp \left[ - \frac{16\pi\gamma^3 v^2}{3k^3 T^3 (\ln S)^2} \right]$$

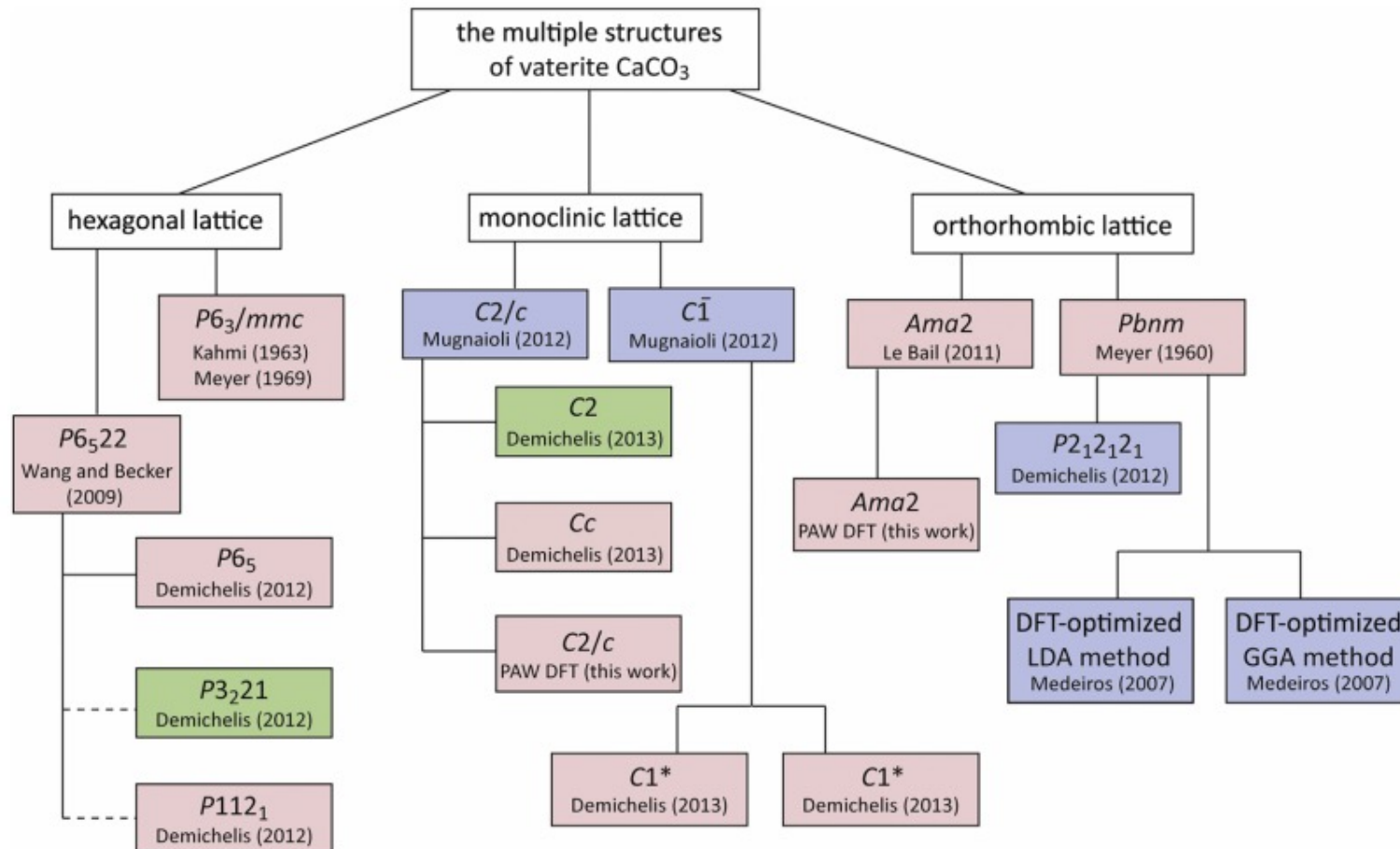




# Разнообразие предложенных структур ватерита

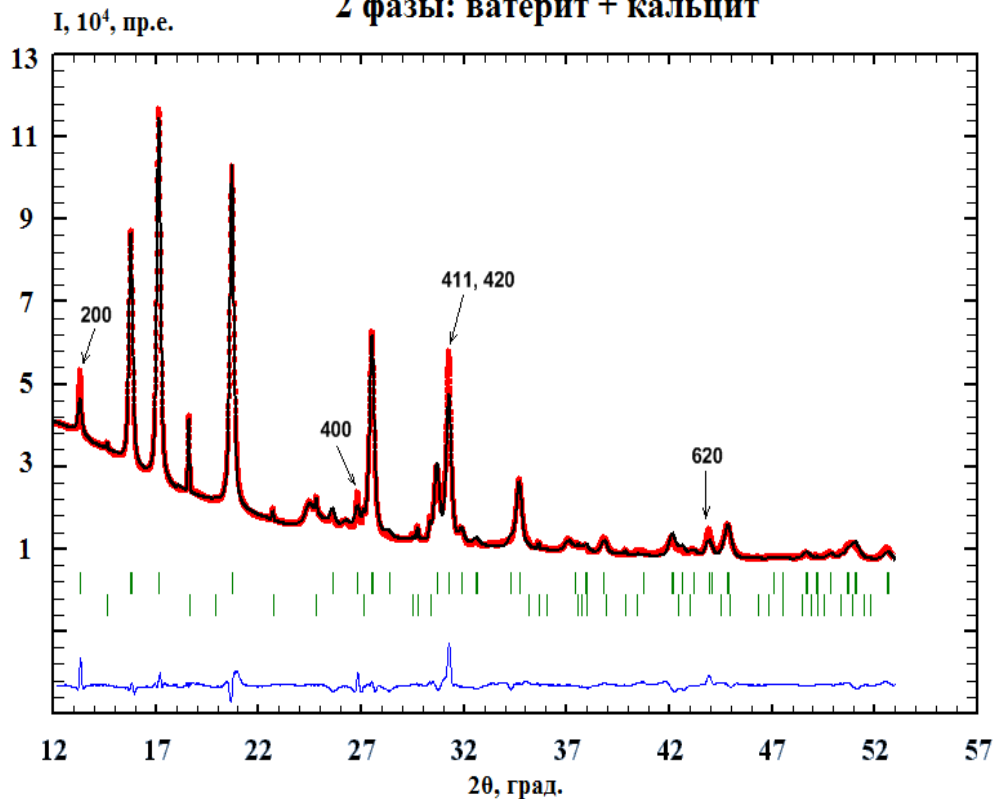
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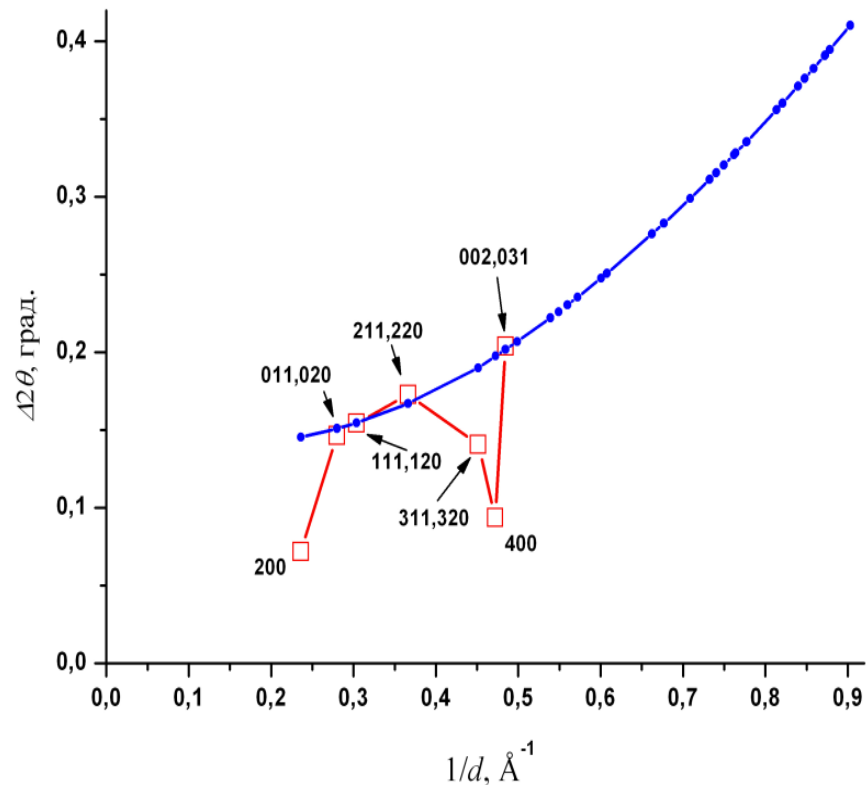
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## 2 фазы: ватерит + кальцит



Чем больше первый индекс  $h$  рефлекса, тем уже пик, т.е. тем больше размер наночастиц в направлении параметра решётки  $a$ .

Исходная рентгенограмма и результат уточнения методом Ритфеля для одного из образцов карбоната кальция



Зависимость ПШПВ дифракционных максимумов от обратного межплоскостного расстояния (построение по Williamson-Hall)

Каждый символ на гладкой линии (рассчитанной методом Ритфелда) означает ФУ (ПШПВ) для конкретного пика в модели Le Bail. Величины, обозначенные полыми квадратами, получены отдельно интерполяцией функцией pseudo-Voigt на линейном фоне.

Используя методику Вильямсона-Холла и соотношение Шеррера получены размеры нанокристаллитов (области когерентного рассеяния)- значения длин главных осей эллипсоида  $2r_a = 1000(90) \text{ \AA}$  и  $2r_b \approx 2r_c = 500(50) \text{ \AA}$ .

**A new structural model for disorder in vaterite from first-principles calculations†**Raffaella Demichelis,<sup>2a</sup> Paolo Raiteri,<sup>a</sup> Julian D. Gale<sup>a</sup> and Roberto Dovesi<sup>b</sup>

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**Table 1** Structures proposed for vaterite: space group (SG) and lattice parameters [Å]

Reference	SG	<i>a</i>	<i>b</i>	<i>c</i>
Meyer <sup>11</sup>	<i>Pbnm</i>	4.13	7.15	8.48
McConnell <sup>12</sup>	<i>P6<sub>3</sub>22</i>	7.135	7.135	8.524
Kahmi, <sup>13</sup> Sato and Matsuda <sup>14</sup>	<i>P6<sub>3</sub>/mmc</i>	4.13	4.13	8.49
Bradley <i>et al.</i> <sup>15</sup>	<i>P6<sub>3</sub>22</i>	7.135	7.135	8.524
Meyer, <sup>7</sup> Gabrielli <i>et al.</i> <sup>6</sup>	<i>P6<sub>3</sub>/mmc<sup>a</sup></i>	7.15	7.15	16.96
Dupont <i>et al.</i> <sup>16</sup>	<i>P6<sub>3</sub>/mmc<sup>a</sup></i>	7.169	7.169	16.98
Le Bail <i>et al.</i> <sup>9</sup>	<i>Amd<sub>2</sub></i>	8.7422	7.1576	4.1265
Medeiros <i>et al.</i> <sup>17</sup>	<i>Pbnm<sup>b</sup></i>	4.531	6.640	8.480
Wang and Becker <sup>18</sup>	<i>P6<sub>5</sub>22<sup>b</sup></i>	7.290	7.290	25.302

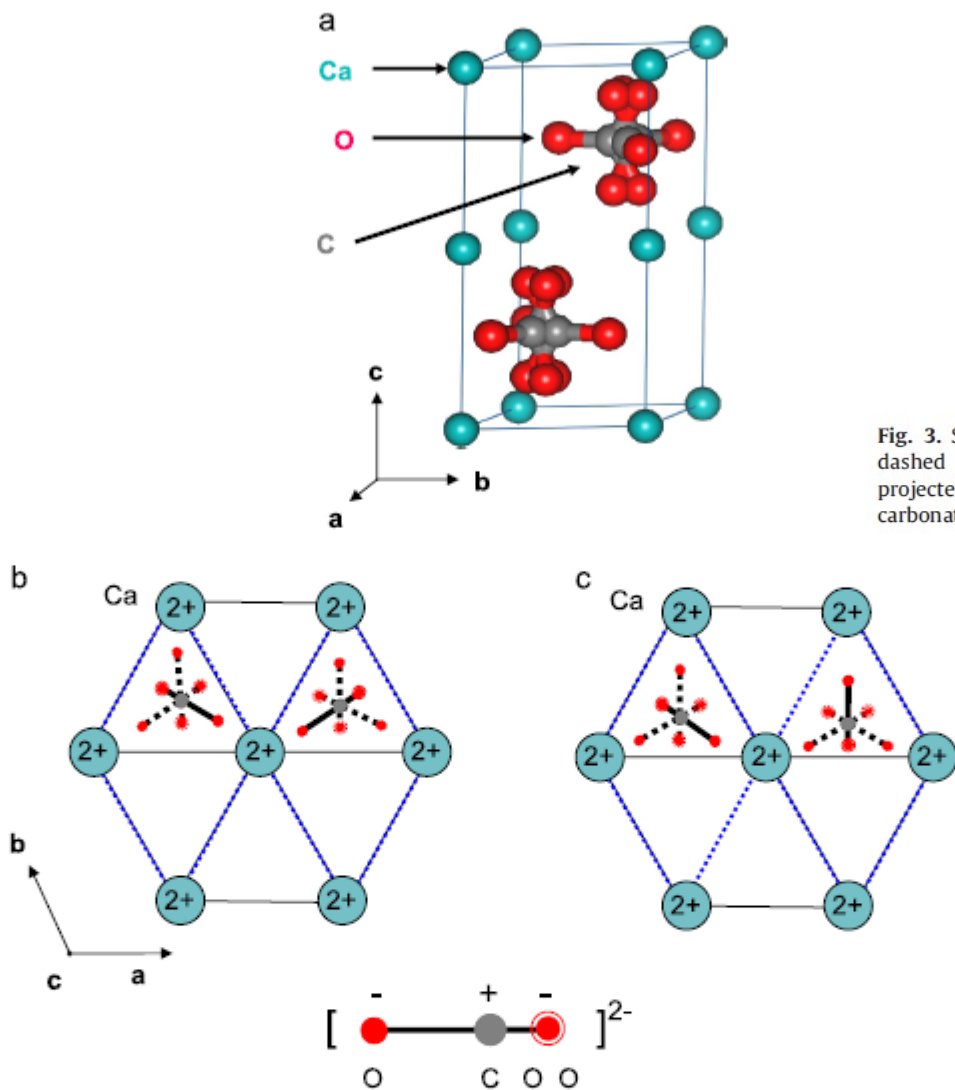


Fig. 2. (a) Crystal structure of vaterite with disordered  $\text{CO}_3^{2-}$  group [16]. Each  $\text{CO}_3$  has a one-third occupancy.  $\text{Ca}^{2+}$  ions form a hexagonal lattice. (b) and (c) Schematic view of  $\text{Ca}^{2+}$  lattice (shown as 2+ charge inside a circle) and  $\text{CO}_3^{2-}$  orientations. Thin dashed lines highlight the pseudo unit cells. Three possible orientations of  $\text{CO}_3$  ions are shown in dashed and solid symbols. The configuration in (b) where the two neighboring  $\text{CO}_3$  ions are pointing to the same edge of the prisms is less stable than the one in (c) where the two neighboring  $\text{CO}_3$  ions are pointing to different edges because of electrostatic repulsion between the oxygen atoms of  $\text{CO}_3$  in the former configuration.

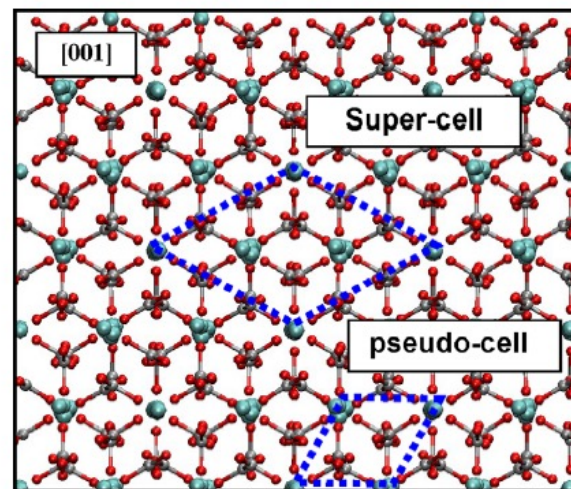
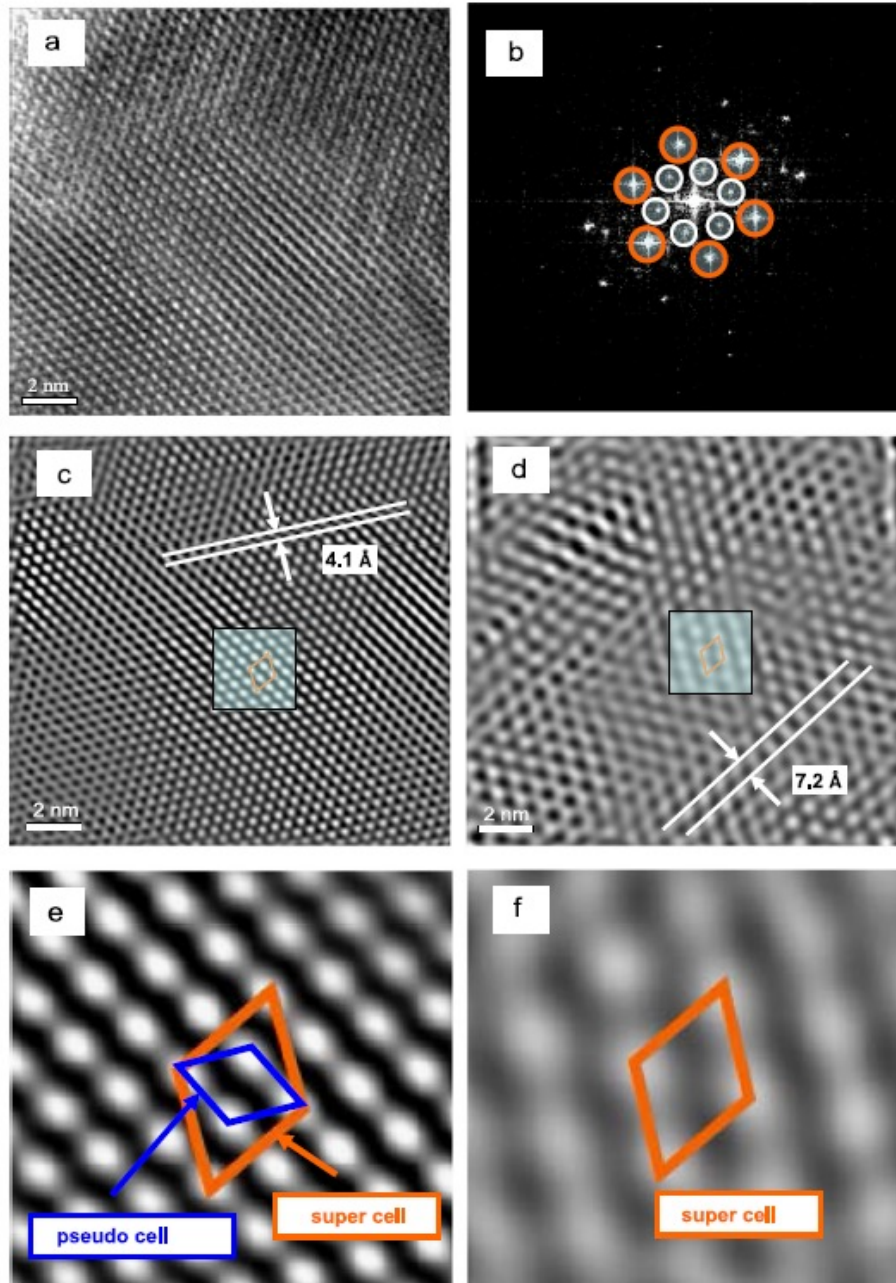


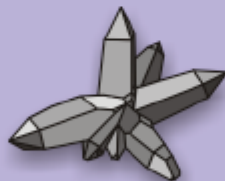
Fig. 3. Structure of a snapshot from molecular dynamics simulation with the dashed lines highlighting the basic pseudocell and supercell. The structure is projected on (001) plane. The large balls are calcium atoms. The balls and sticks are carbonate groups.



**Fig. 6.** (a) An HRTEM image shows the threefold symmetry along [001]. (b) A fast Fourier transform corresponding to the image (a). Two sets of diffraction peaks present and were highlighted with small and larger circles, respectively. (c) The HRTEM image generated from the primary diffraction peaks in Fig. 4b. (d) The HRTEM image generated from the satellite diffraction peaks in Fig. 4b. (e) The HRTEM image of the highlighted region in Fig. 4c. (f) The HRTEM image of the highlighted region in Fig. 4d. The basic lattice and superlattice are highlighted in Figs. 4e, f.

## precursors to polymorphs?

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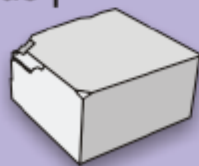


**Ikaite**  
monoclinic



**Monohydrocalcite**  
trigonal

| anhydrous |



**Calcite**  
trigonal



**Aragonite**  
orthorhombic



**Vaterite**  
hexagonal (?)