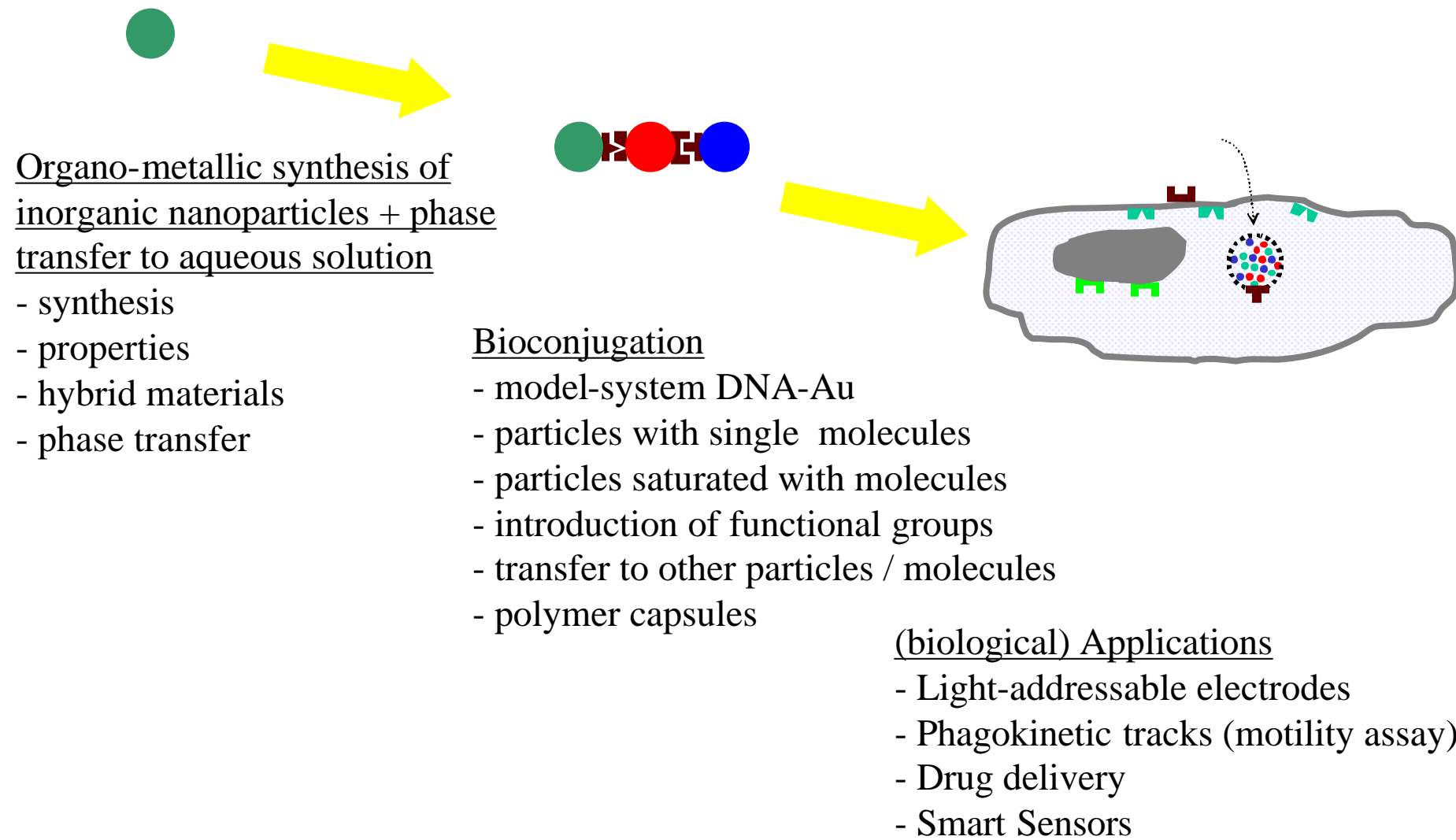
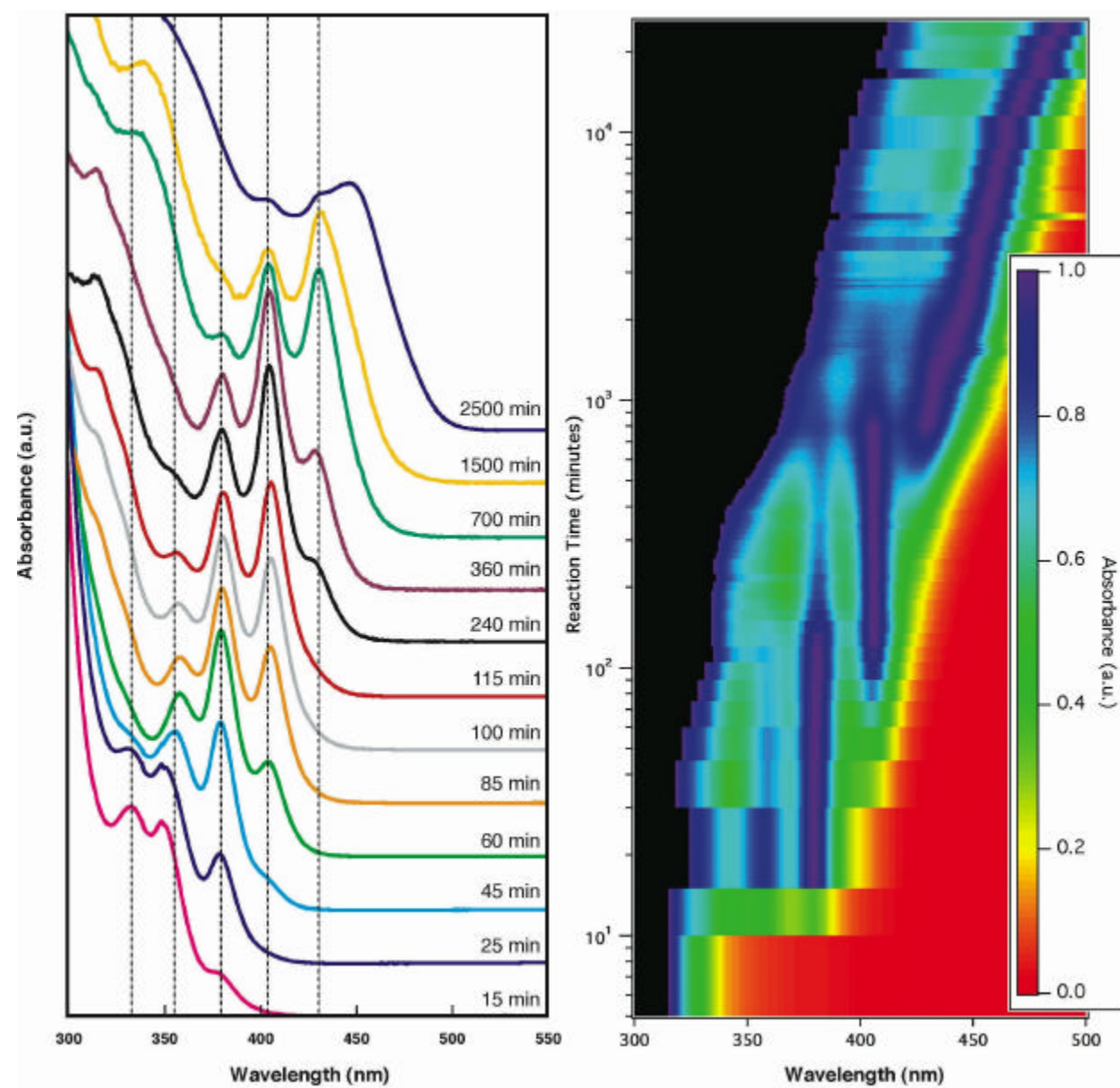


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## Inorganic Nanoparticles -From Synthesis to Biological Applications

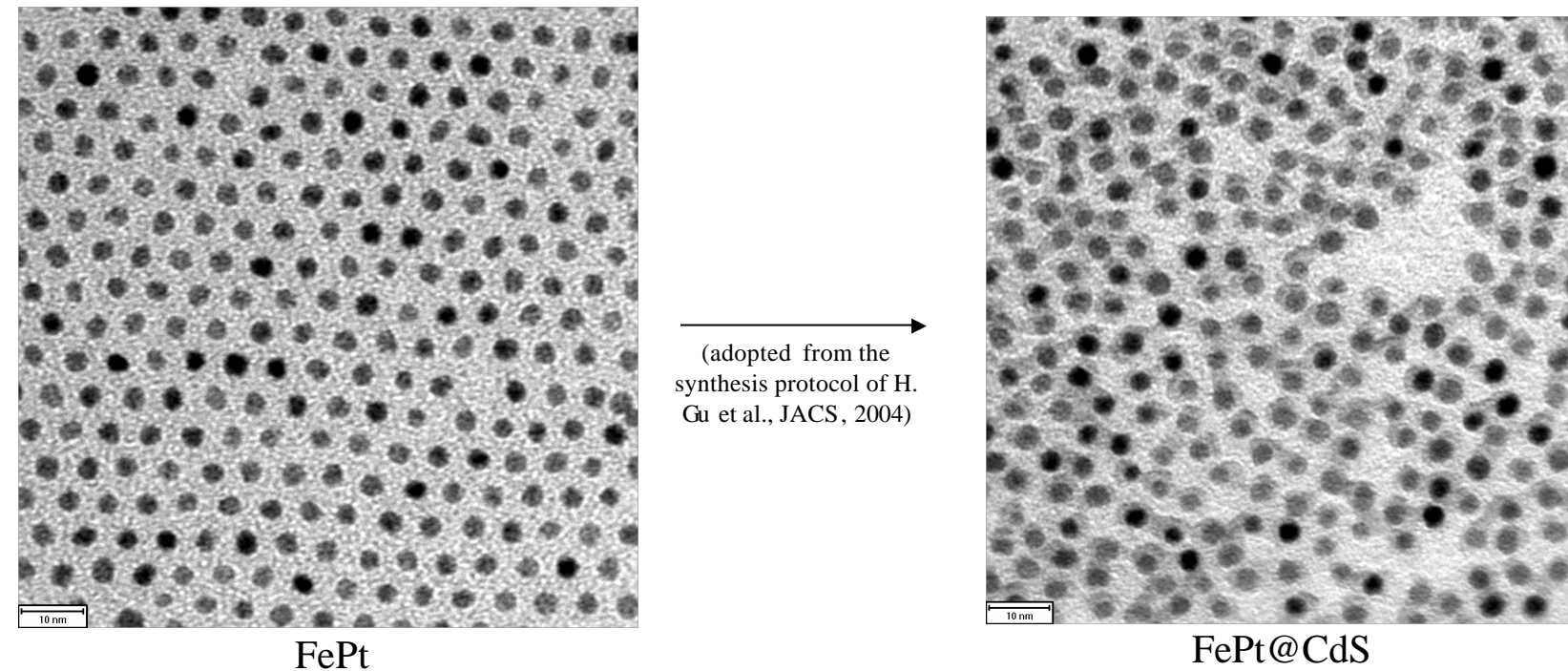


## CdSe magic-size nanocrystals



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"Sequential growth of magic-size CdSe nanocrystals", *Advanced Materials* **19**, 548-552 (2007).

## Hybrid materials: two functionalities within one particle



one material grown on top of another ? potentially two functionalities within of particle (e.g. fluorescent + magnetic)

many material combinations are possible: FePt@(CdS, ZnS, PbS, CdSe, ZnSe, PbSe) ? very general synthesis route

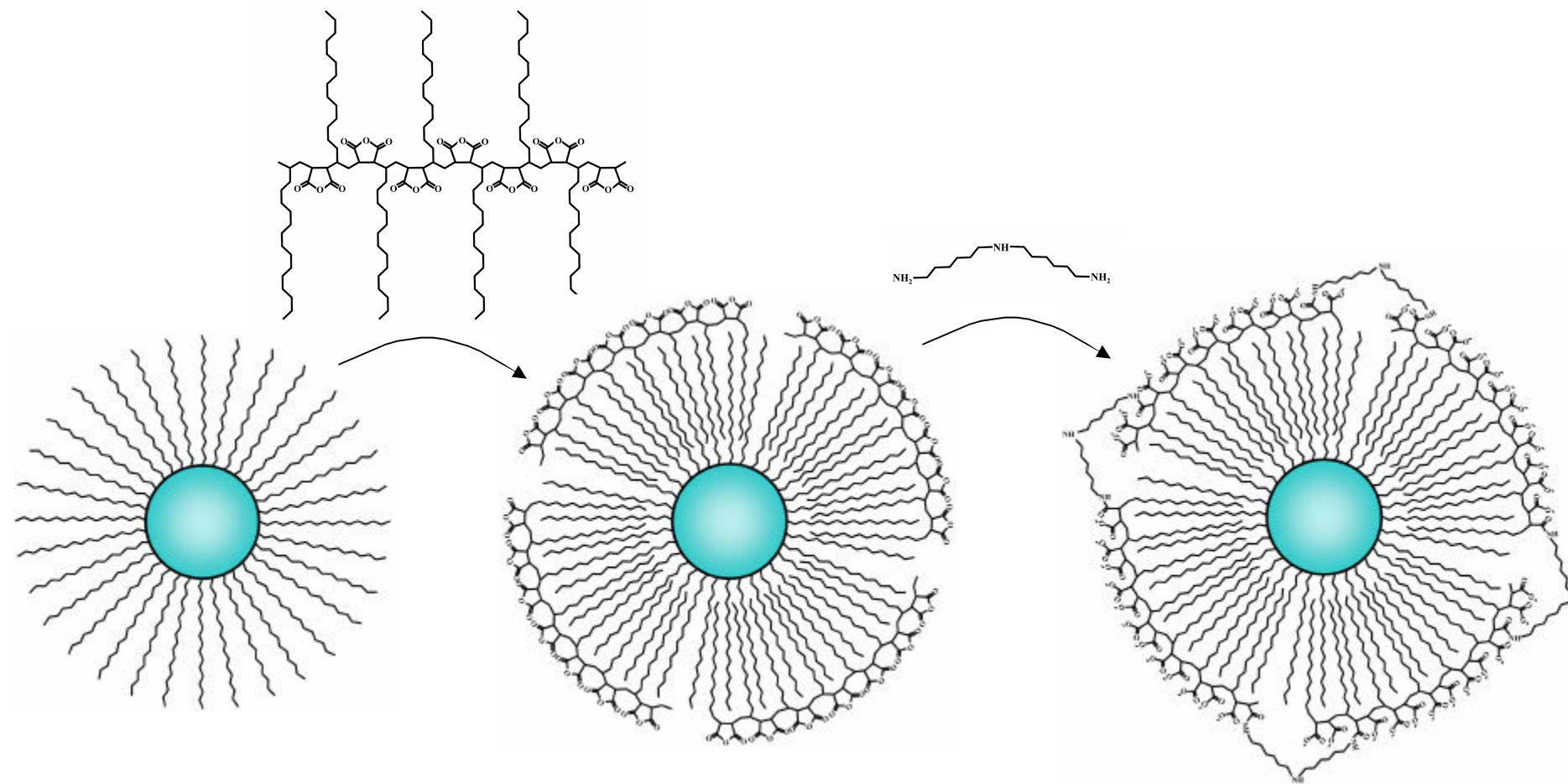
but: are properties of the original materials retained?

? to our experience: slightly reduced magnetic moment + strongly quenched fluorescence

problems with this concept for hybrid particles: hydrophobic, decreased performance of functionality ? surface modification

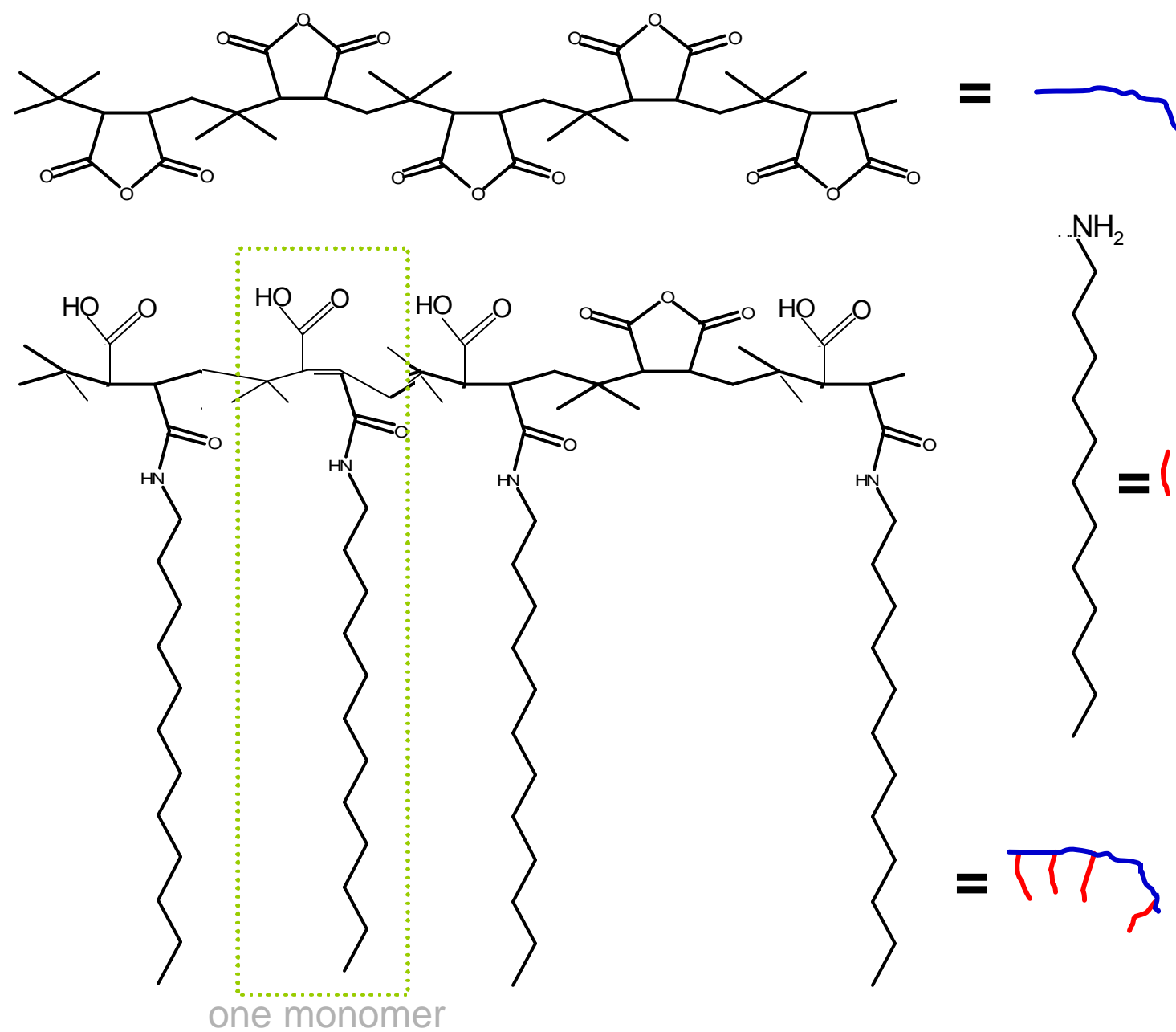
## Transfer to aqueous solution: Polymer coating procedure

wrap particles in an amphiphilic polymer shell

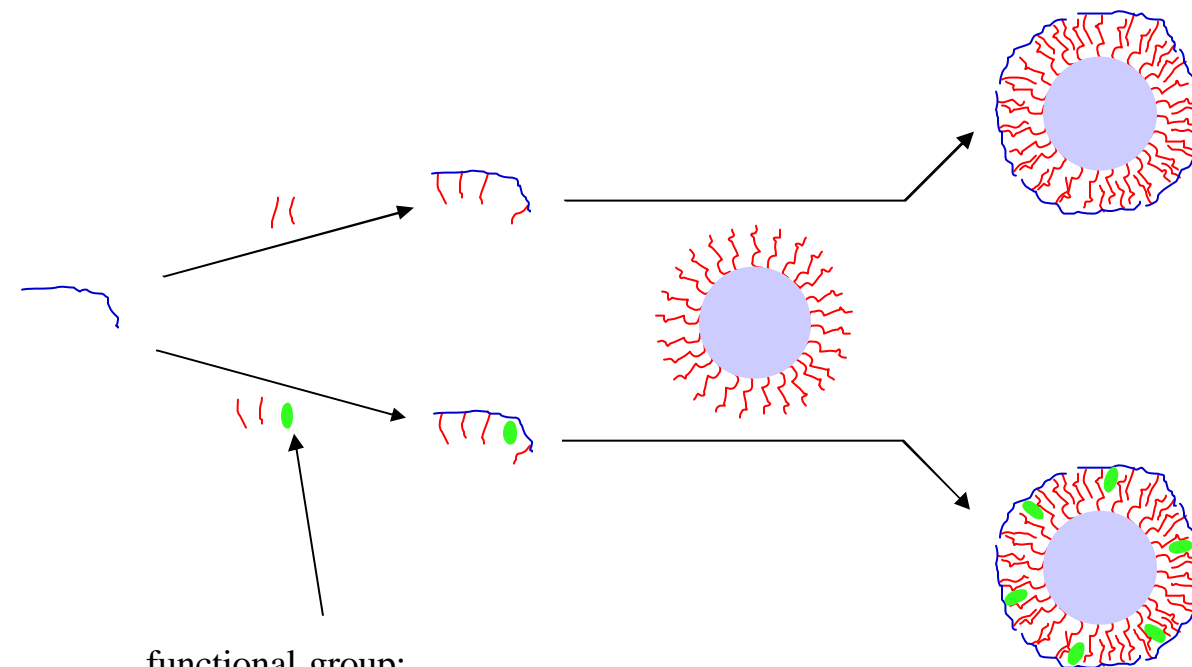


works for all particles with hydrophobic stabilizer chains

## Synthesis of the amphiphilic polymer



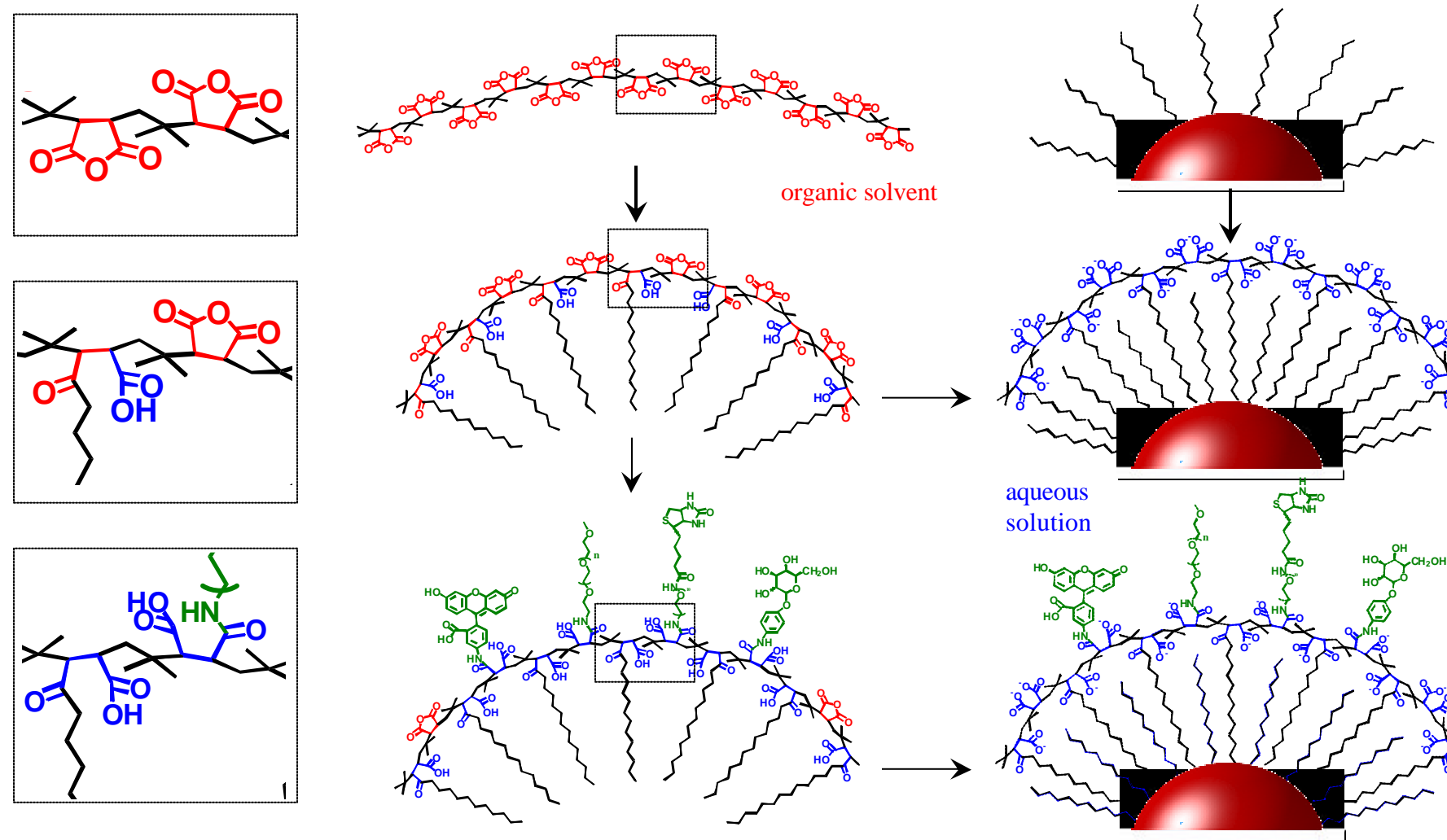
## Direct embedding of functional groups in the polymer shell



- functional group:
- PEG
  - organic fluorophore
  - sugar
  - biotin
  - ....

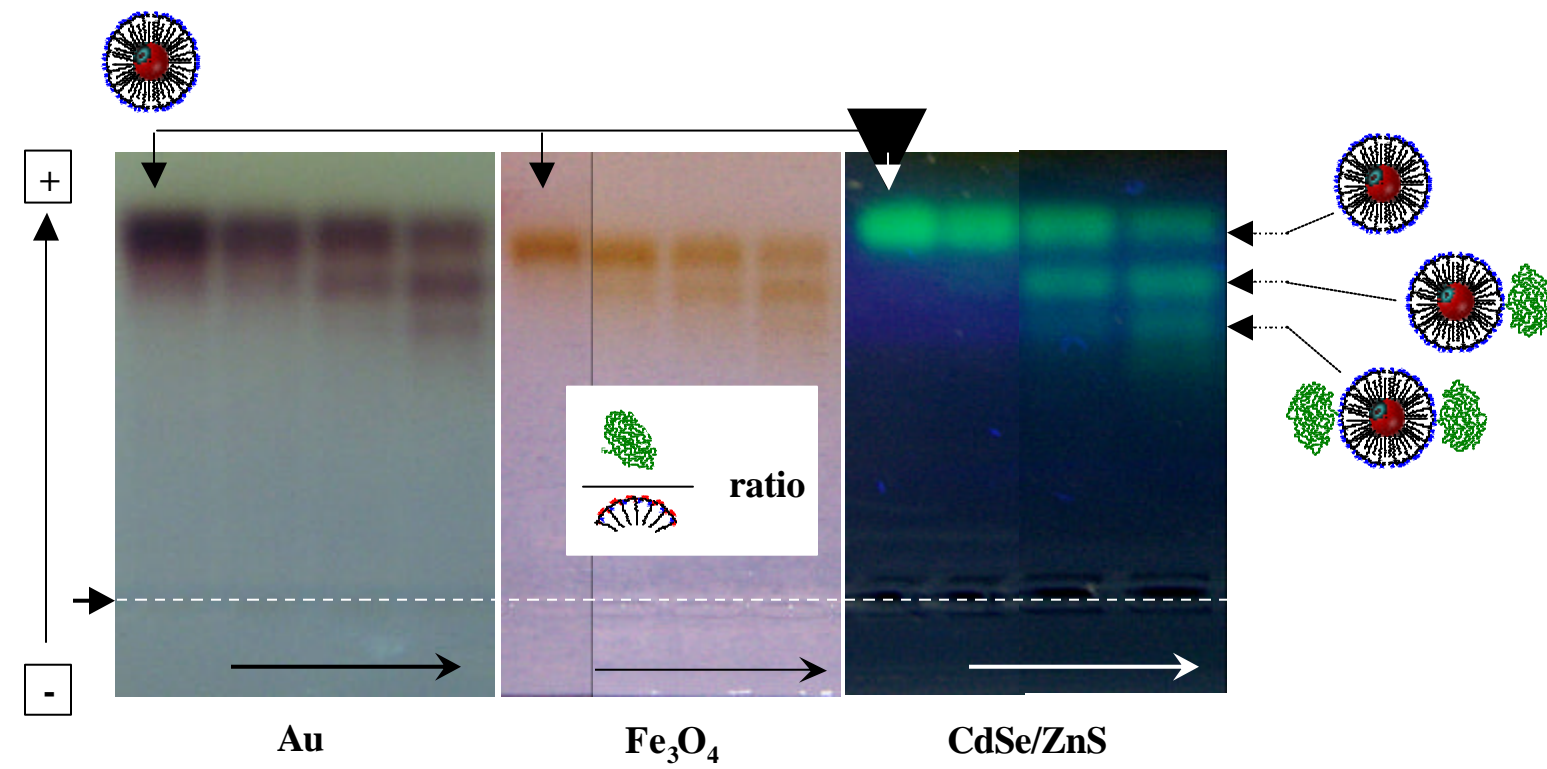
we can directly incorporate functional groups into the polymer shell without the need for post bioconjugated chemistry

## Direct embedding of functional groups in the polymer shell



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## General bioconjugation (with controlled number of single molecules)

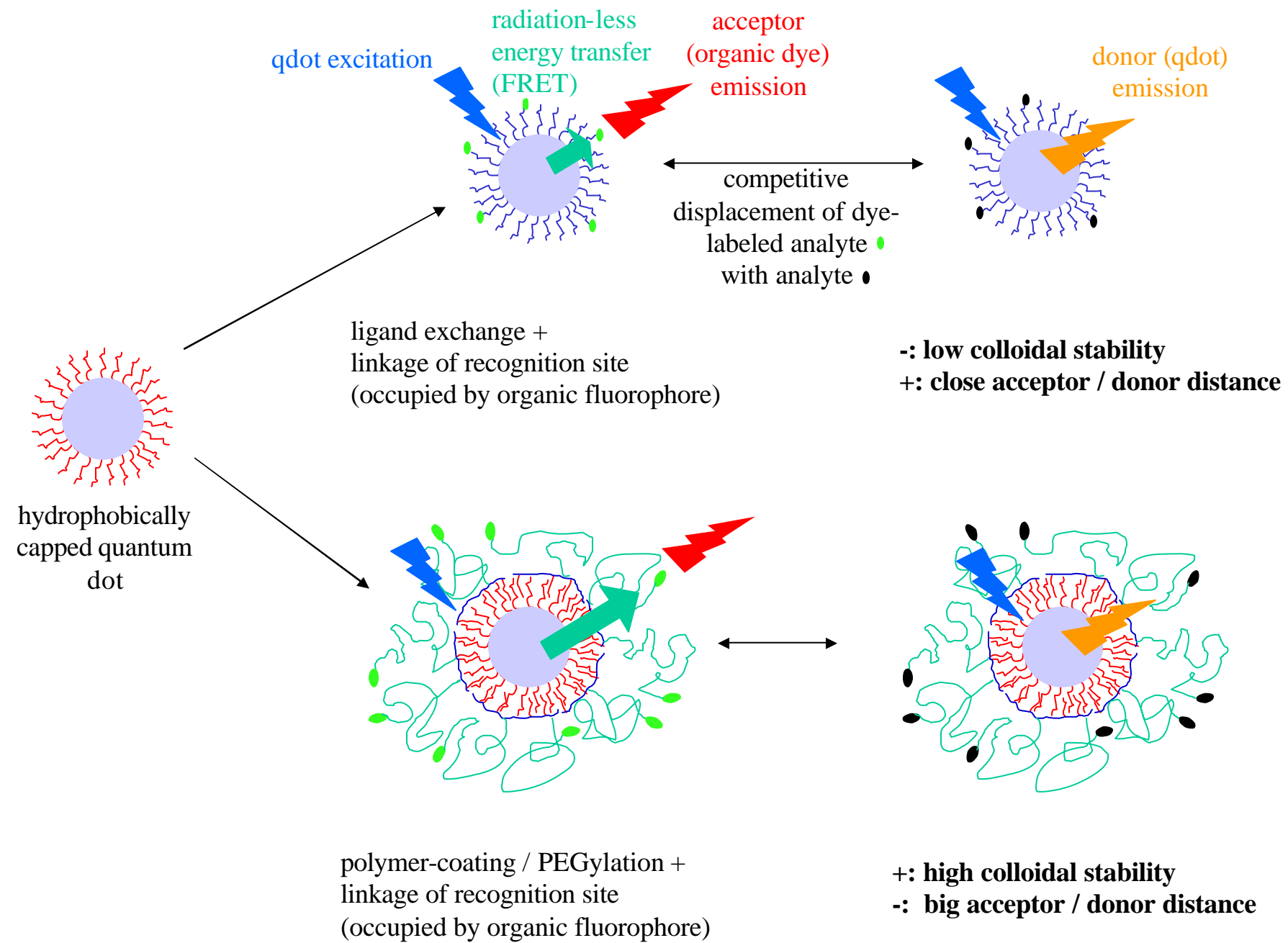


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## Commonly used quantum-dot based FRET assemblies

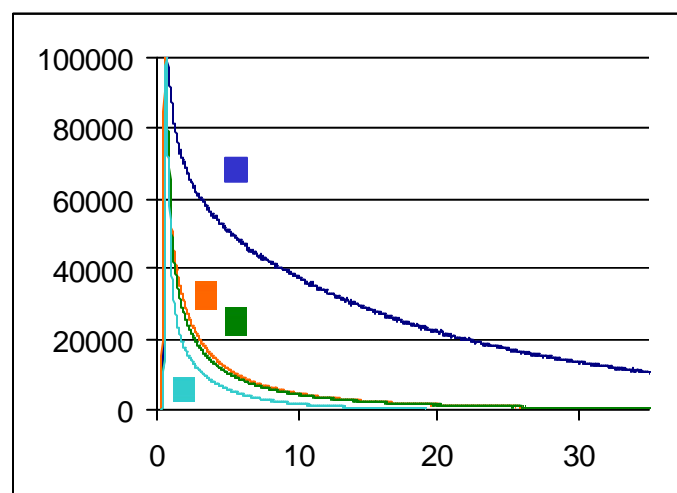
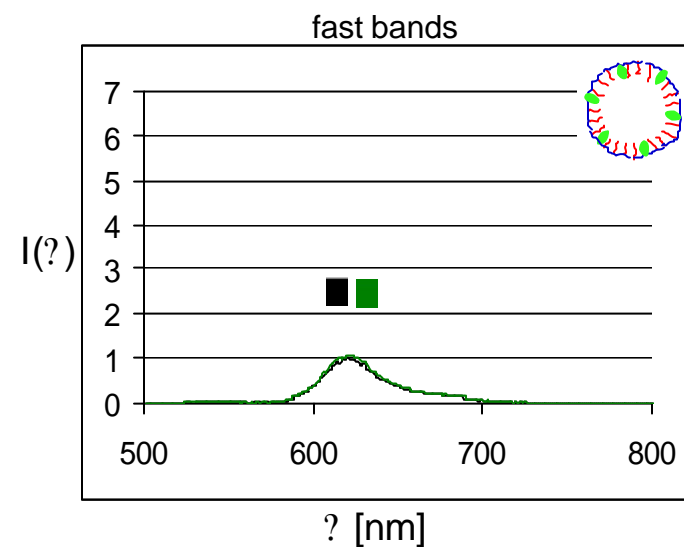


## Polymer with embedded organic fluorophores Sample purification with gel electrophoresis

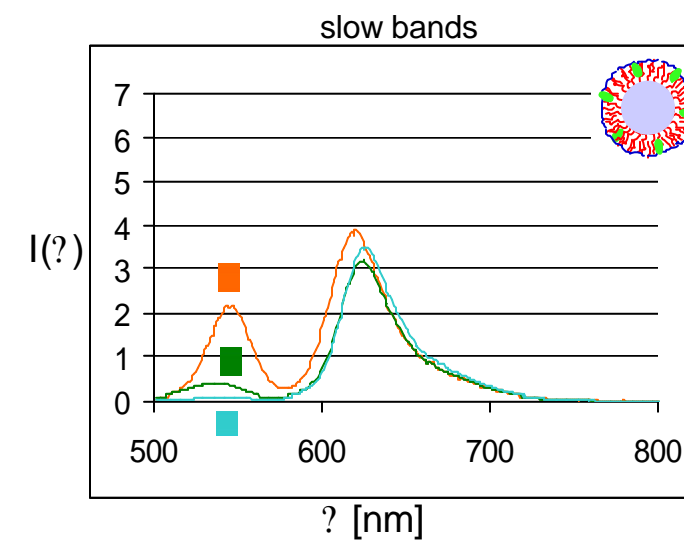


Polymer coating yields next to polymer-coated particles also some empty micells!

## FRET of acceptor embedded in polymer around donor



sample	? [ns]
1xPQD	10
1xPAQD	2.5
4xPAQD	2.1
8xPAQD	1.7

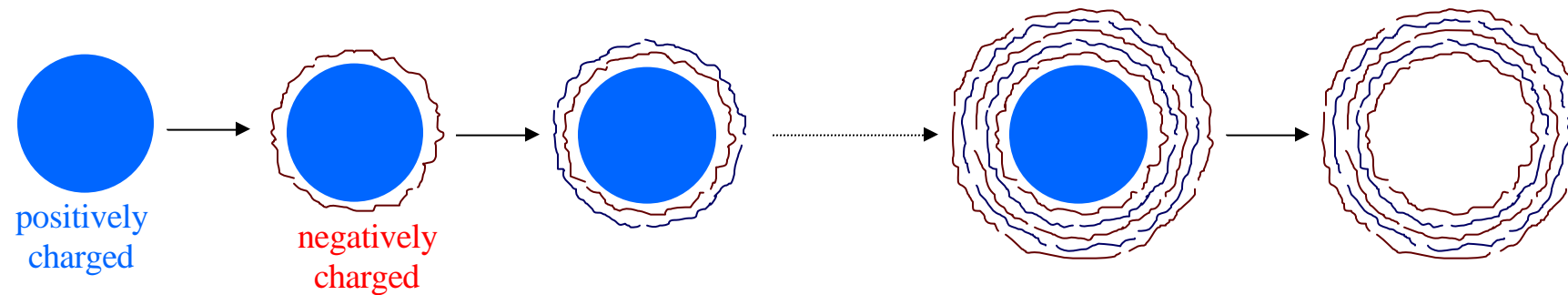


## Polymer capsules as multifunctional containers

form polyelectrolyte onion-shells (PSS/PAH) around template + dissolve template  
 load with fluorescent (+ magnetic + metallic) nanocrystals + biological molecules

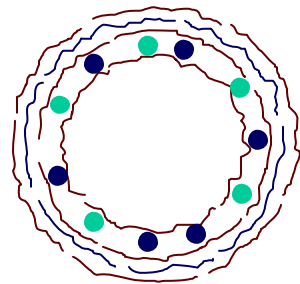
= loading of a "container" with particles of different functionality

(see work of G. Decher, H. Möhwald)

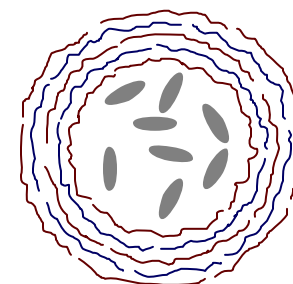


**functional nanoparticles** can be embedded into wall of capsules by electrostatic attraction  
 ? **functionality**

**load** can be embedded into interior of capsules by  
 - impregnation of the template core  
 - swelling + shrinking of the mesh of the walls at different pH  
 ? **transport container**

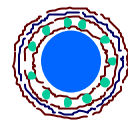
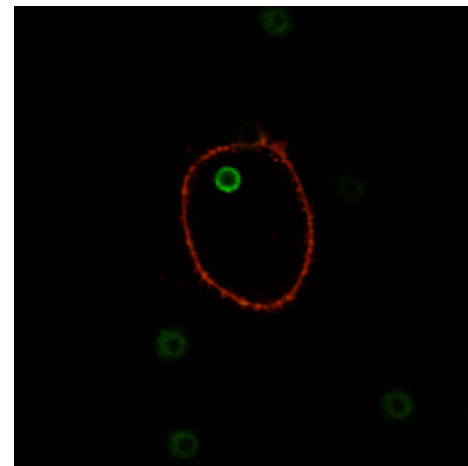


size of capsule: ? m  
 size of nanoparticles: nm

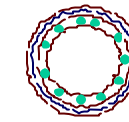
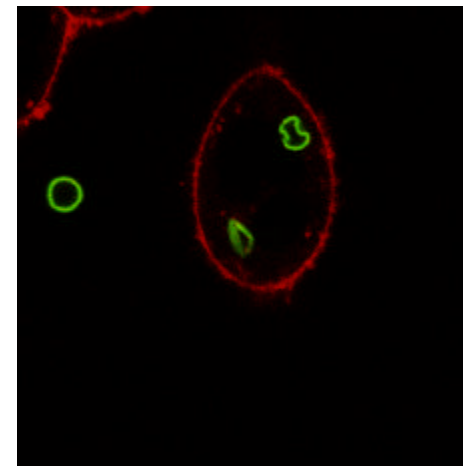


capsule preparation by group of G. Sukhorukov

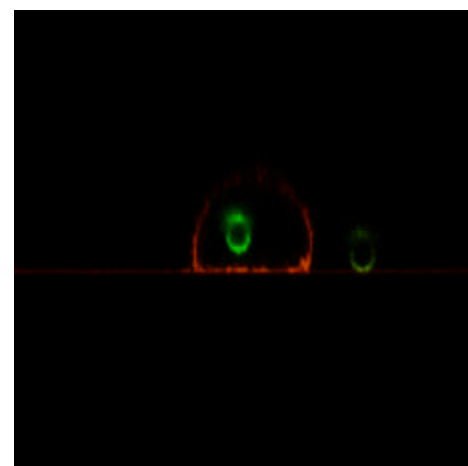
## Targeted local delivery and release Capsule uptake by living cells



„hard“ capsules  
(template core not removed)  
walls labeled with dye



„soft“ capsules  
(template core removed)  
walls labeled with dye



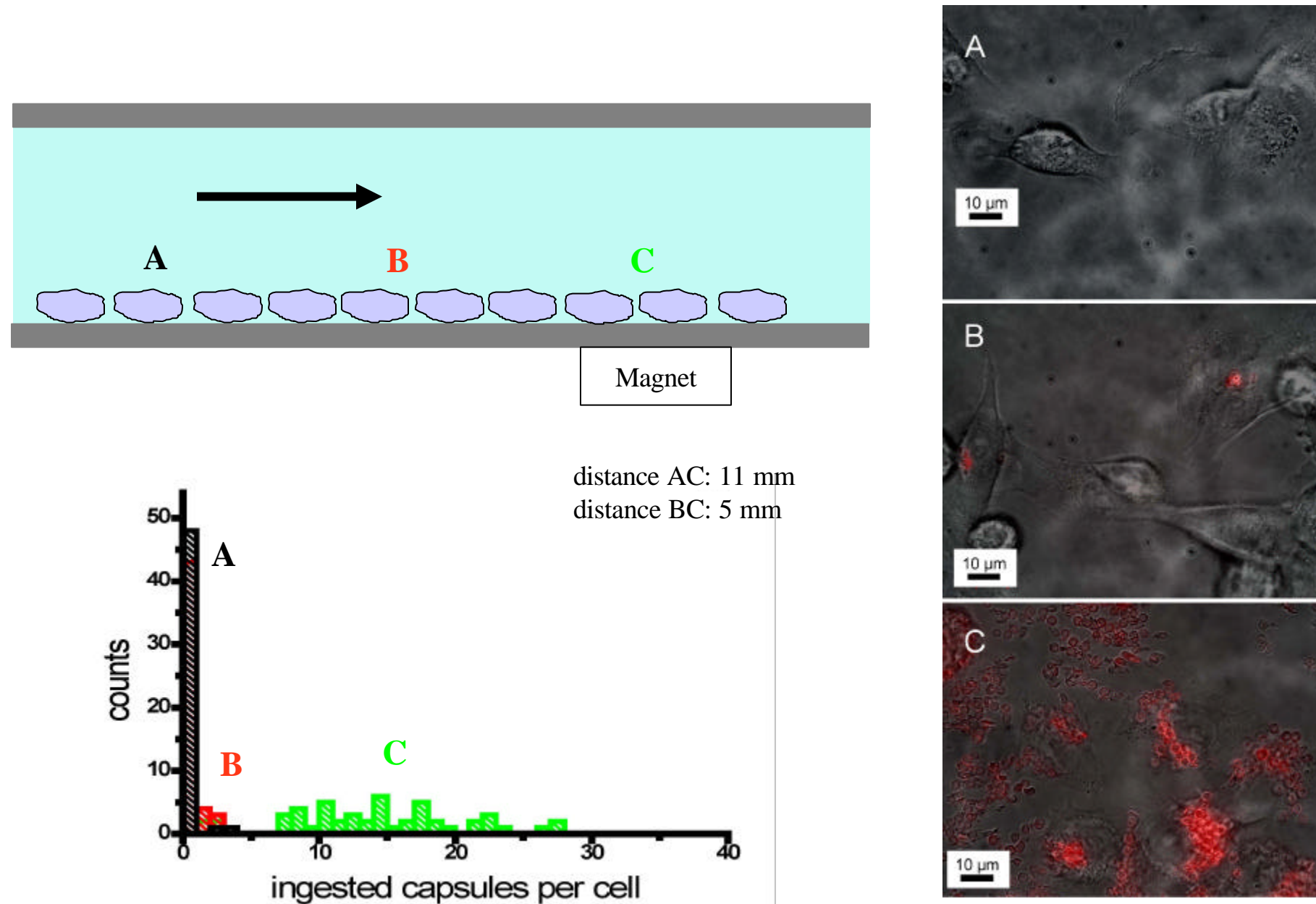
"hard" and "soft" capsules are ingested by the cells; the "soft" capsules are deformed

MCF-7 cells

confocal microscopy: Maximilian Semmling

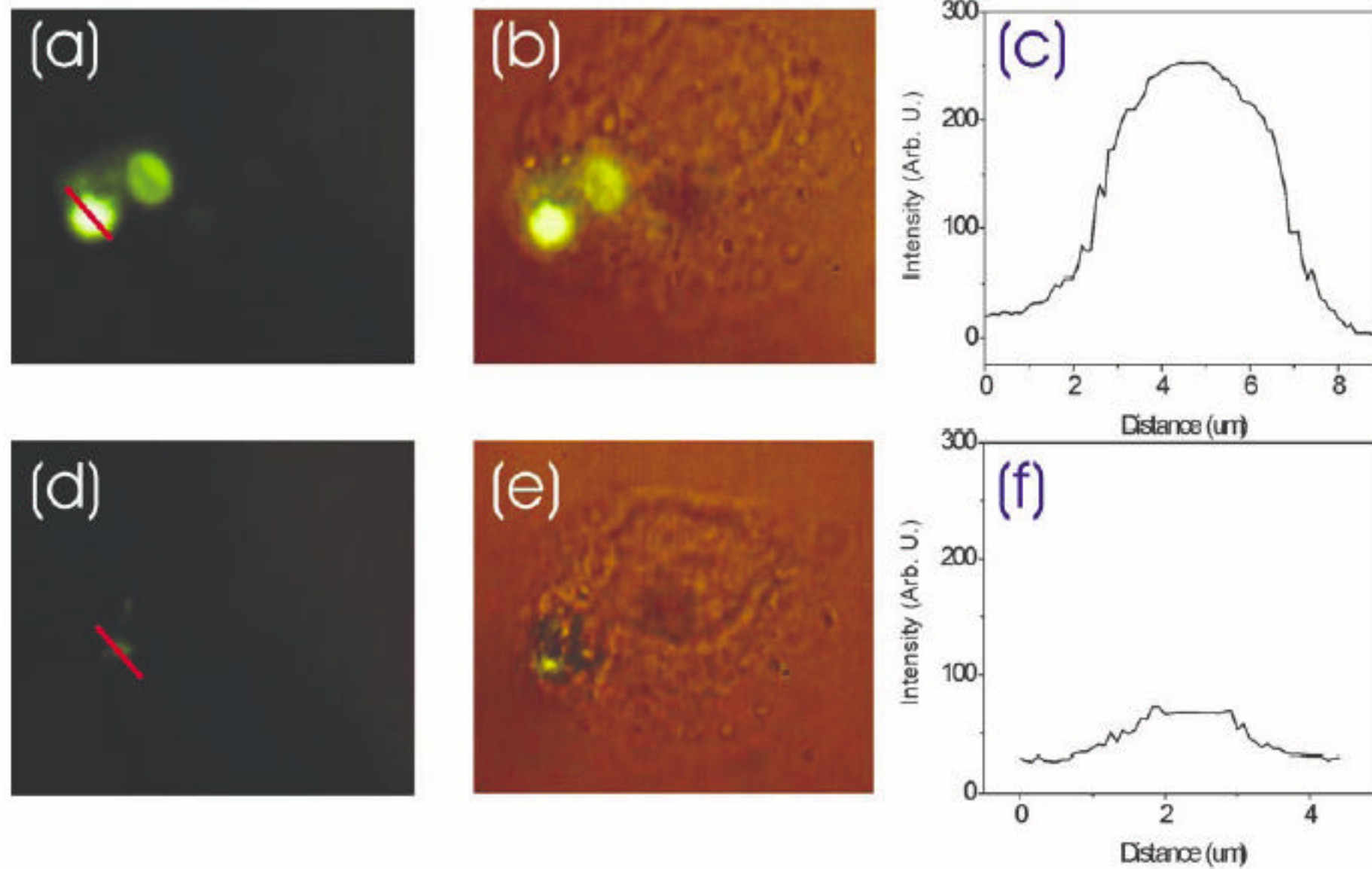
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## Targeted local delivery and release - Magnetic direction of capsules



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## Targeted local delivery and release Capsule opening with a light pointer

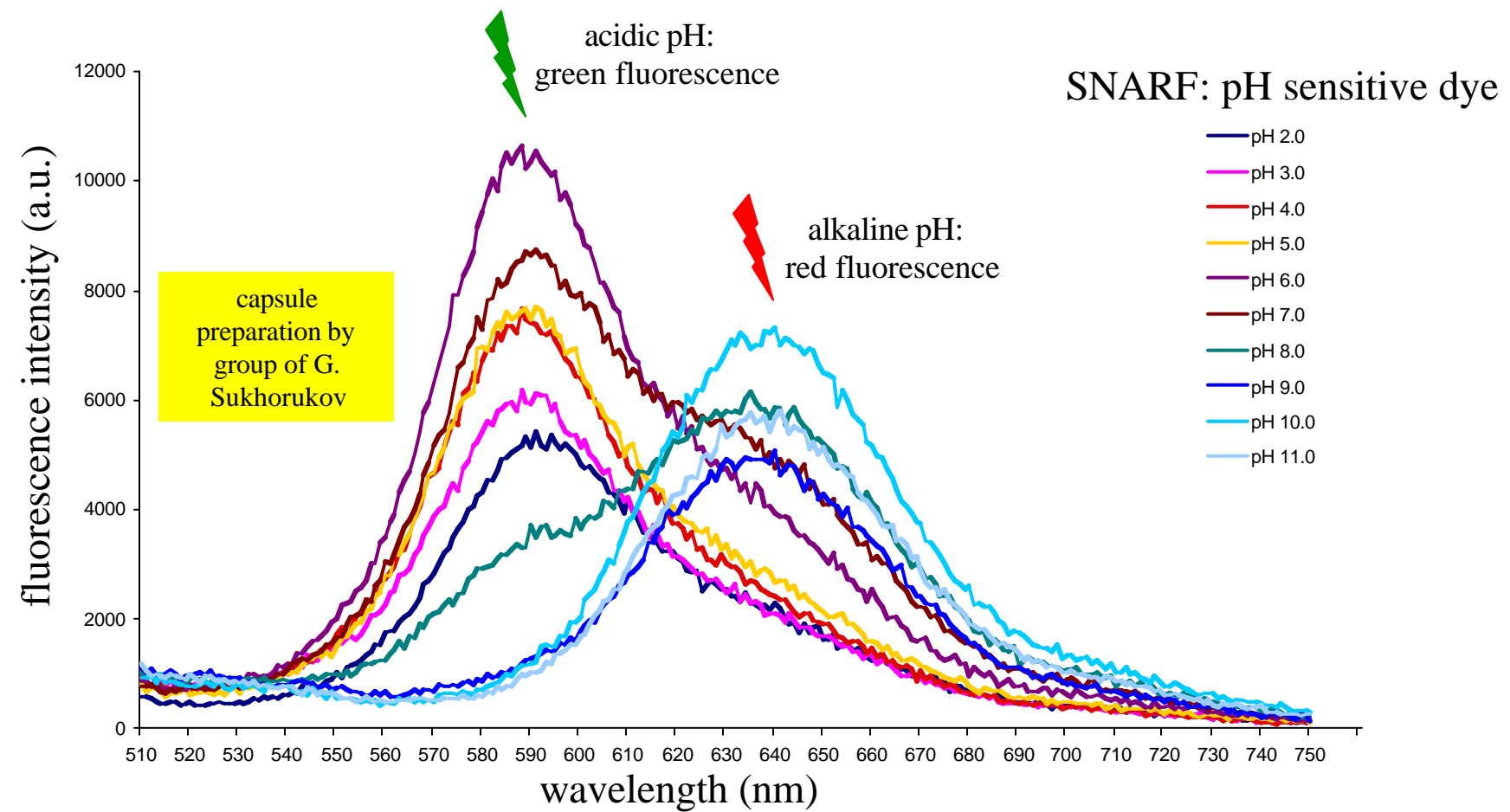


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## Capsules as intracellular sensors: pH-sensitive capsules

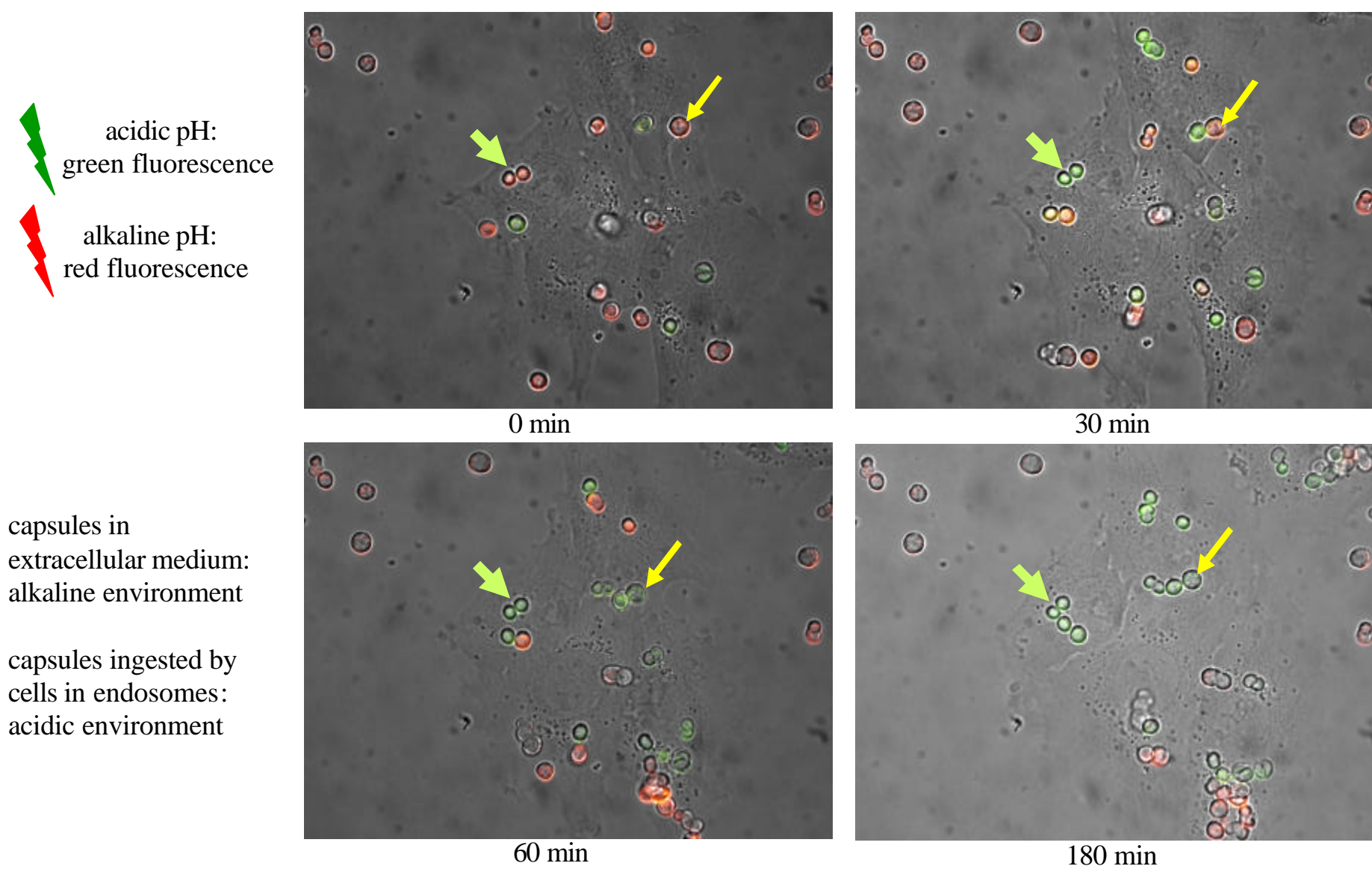
embed sensitive dyes (e.g. pH sensitive, Ca sensitive) in polymer capsules ?

- dye is protected against degradation, cell is protected from free dye ? long term measurements
- many dye molecules are embedded in one capsule ? sensitivity
- dye is confined to capsules ? localization

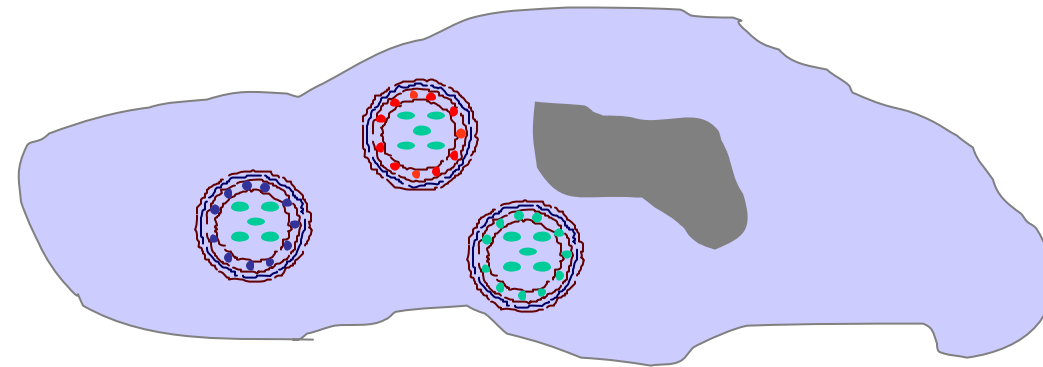




## Capsules as intracellular sensors: pH-sensitive capsules



## Capsules as intracellular sensors: multiplexed measurements?



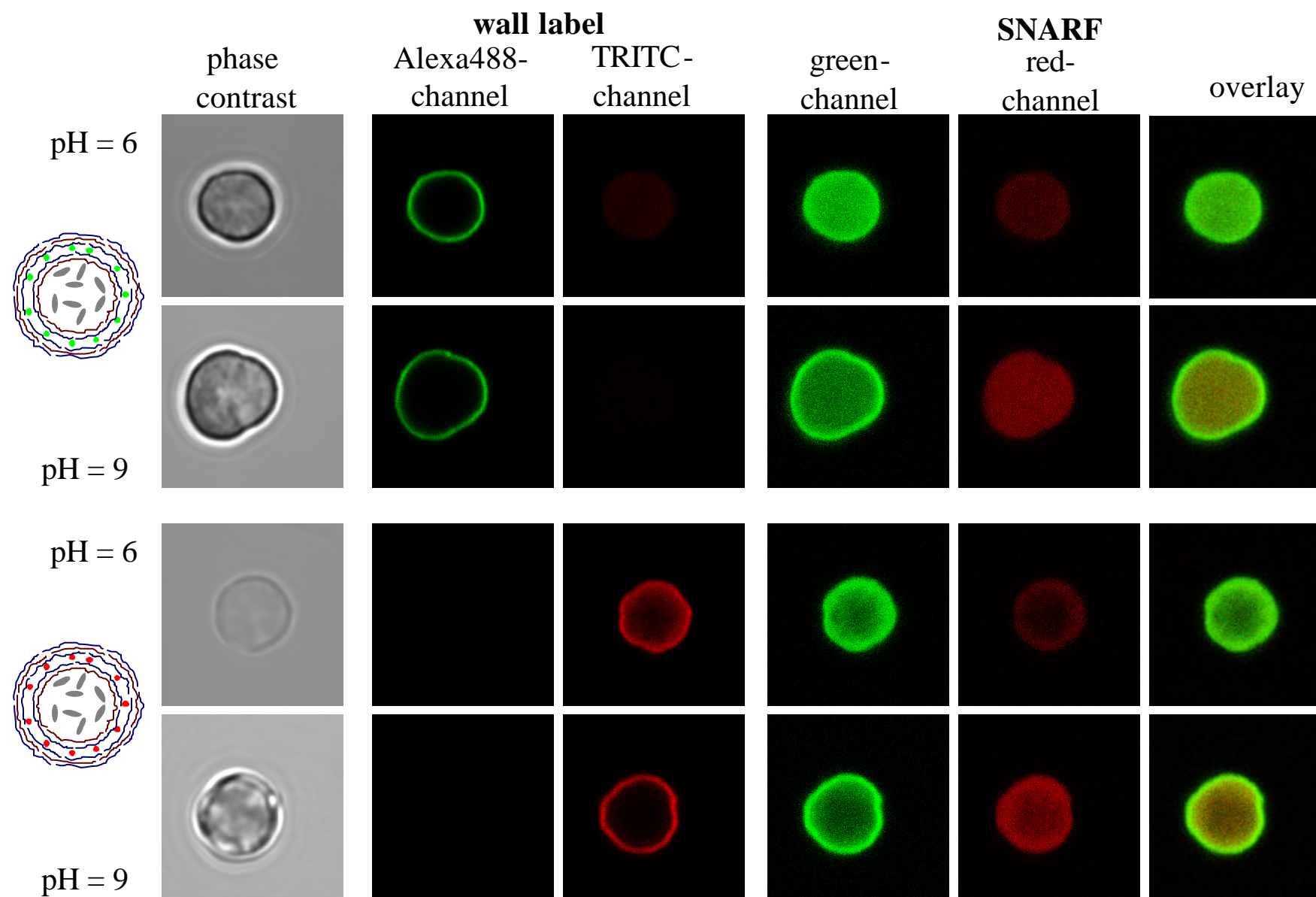
capsules can carry fluorescence molecules at two distinct positions:

cavity ? ion sensitive dye

wall ? spectral barcode ? quantum dots

problem: release of capsules for endosome to cytoplasm

## Capsules as intracellular sensors: multiplexed measurements?



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