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Tuning the assembly of amphiphilic block copolymers through instabilities of solvent/water

interfaces in the presence of aqueous surfactants

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Supporting Movies. Real-time movies of shrinking emulsion droplets recorded using bright-field optical microscopy with a 100x oil-immersion objective. Each movie shows the behavior of chloroform droplets (sizes $\sim 2-10~\mu m$) containing PS_{37k}-PEO_{6.5k}, with differing concentrations of SDS in the aqueous phase:

Movie 1: 0.1 mg.cm⁻³ SDS. No instability is observed, though crumpling of the droplets is seen in the last stages of solvent removal.

Movie 2: 0.7 mg.cm⁻³ SDS. Vesicles can be seen to bud from the droplet surface.

Movie 3: 1 mg.cm⁻³ SDS. Cylindrical micelles are formed.

Movie 4: 5 mg.cm⁻³ SDS. Droplets repeatedly split, generating spherical micelles.