

Assembly of the anisotropic microcapsules in aqueous dispersions

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Table S1. Free energy components of liquid and solid surfaces used in calculations.

Material	Surface free energy (mJ/m ²)			
	γ_s	γ_s^{LW}	γ_s^+	γ_s^-
water ¹	72.8	21.8	25.5	25.5
PMAA ^{2,3}	41	40	0	9

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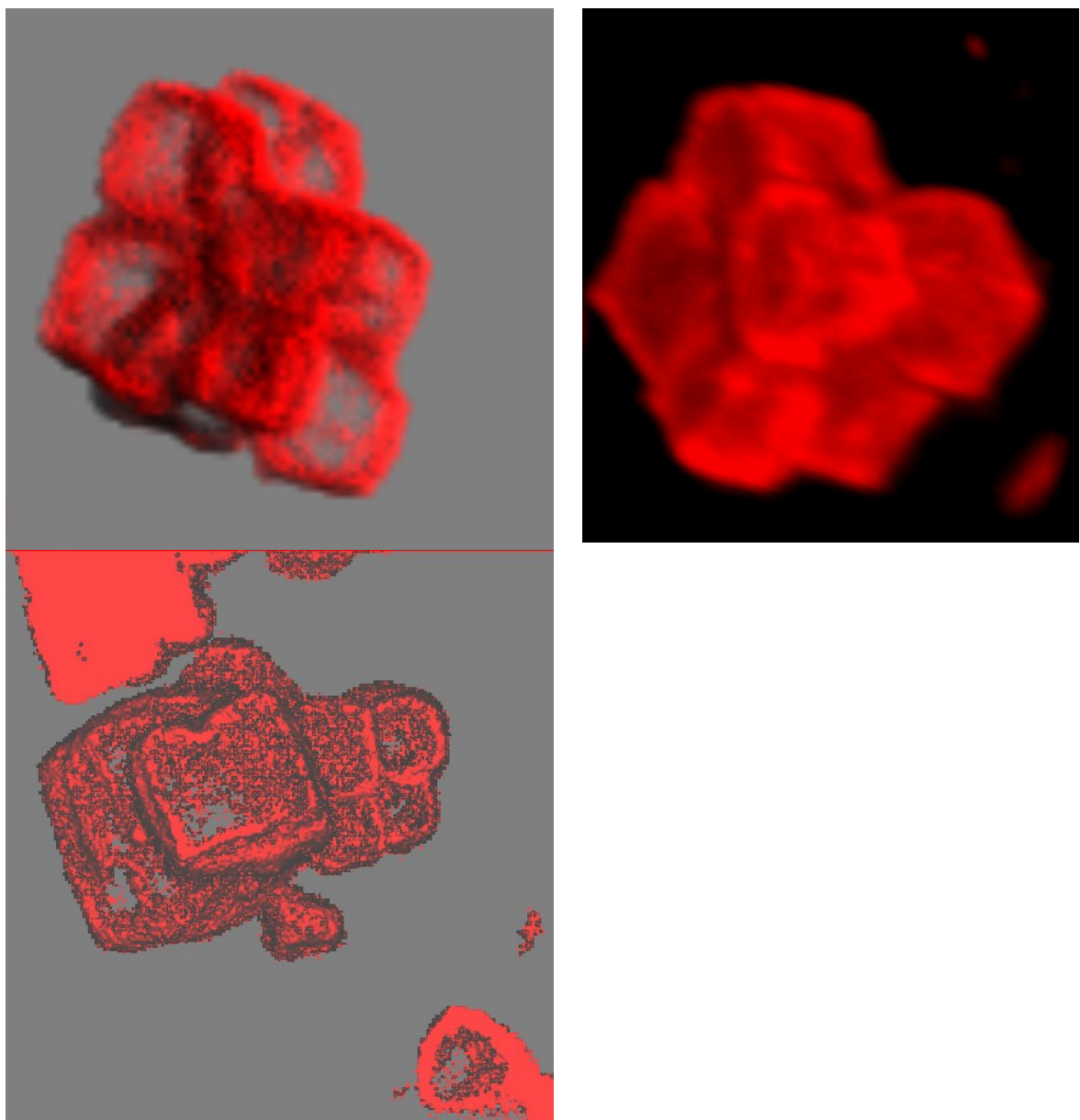


Figure S1. Confocal images of three dimensional (3D) assemblies of cubic (PVPON/PMAA)₄ microcapsules in buffer pH 4.5, C=0.1 M.

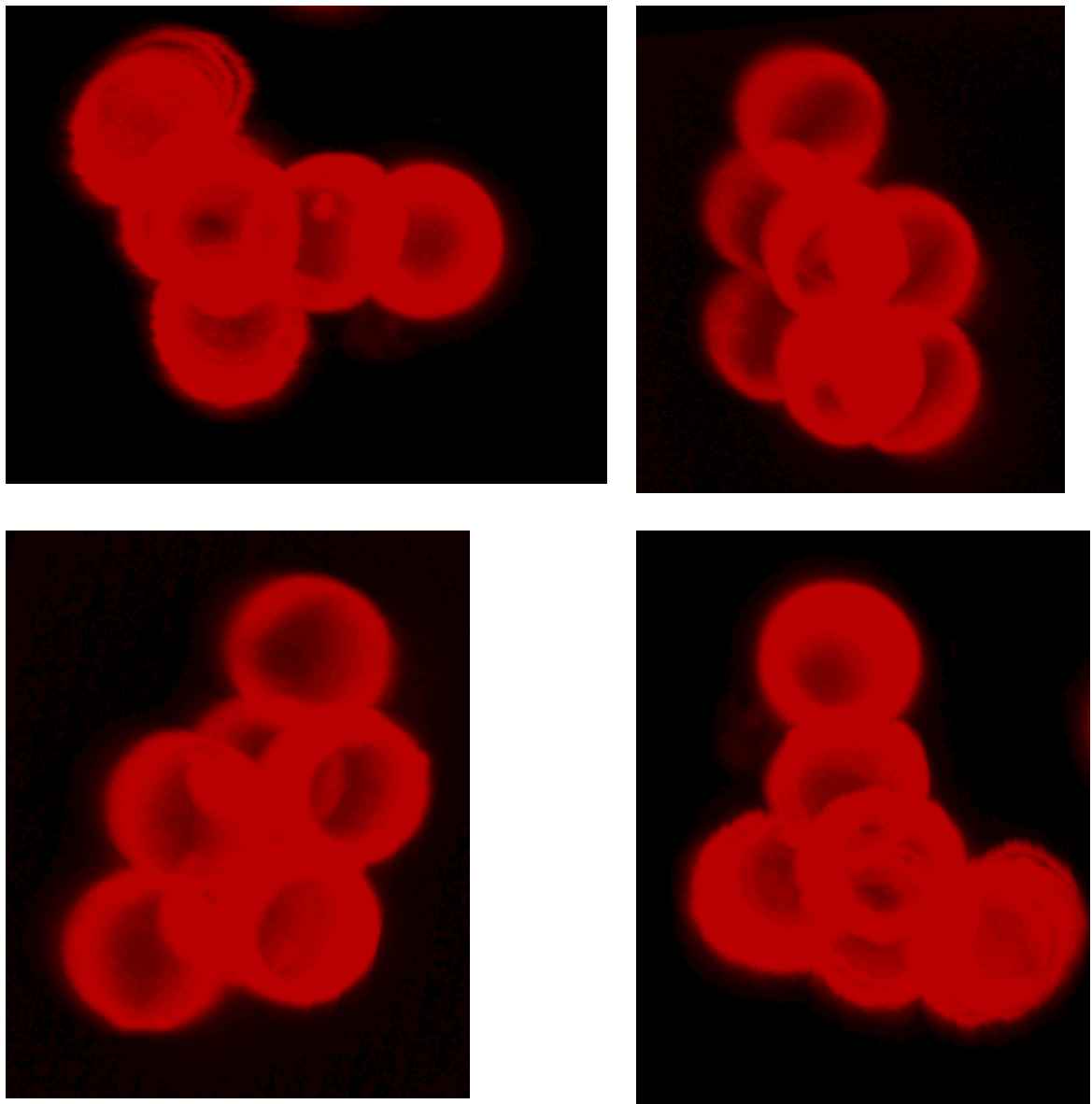


Figure S2. Confocal images of three dimensional (3D) assemblies of spherical (PVPON/PMAA)₄ microcapsules in buffer pH 4.5, C=0.1M NaCl

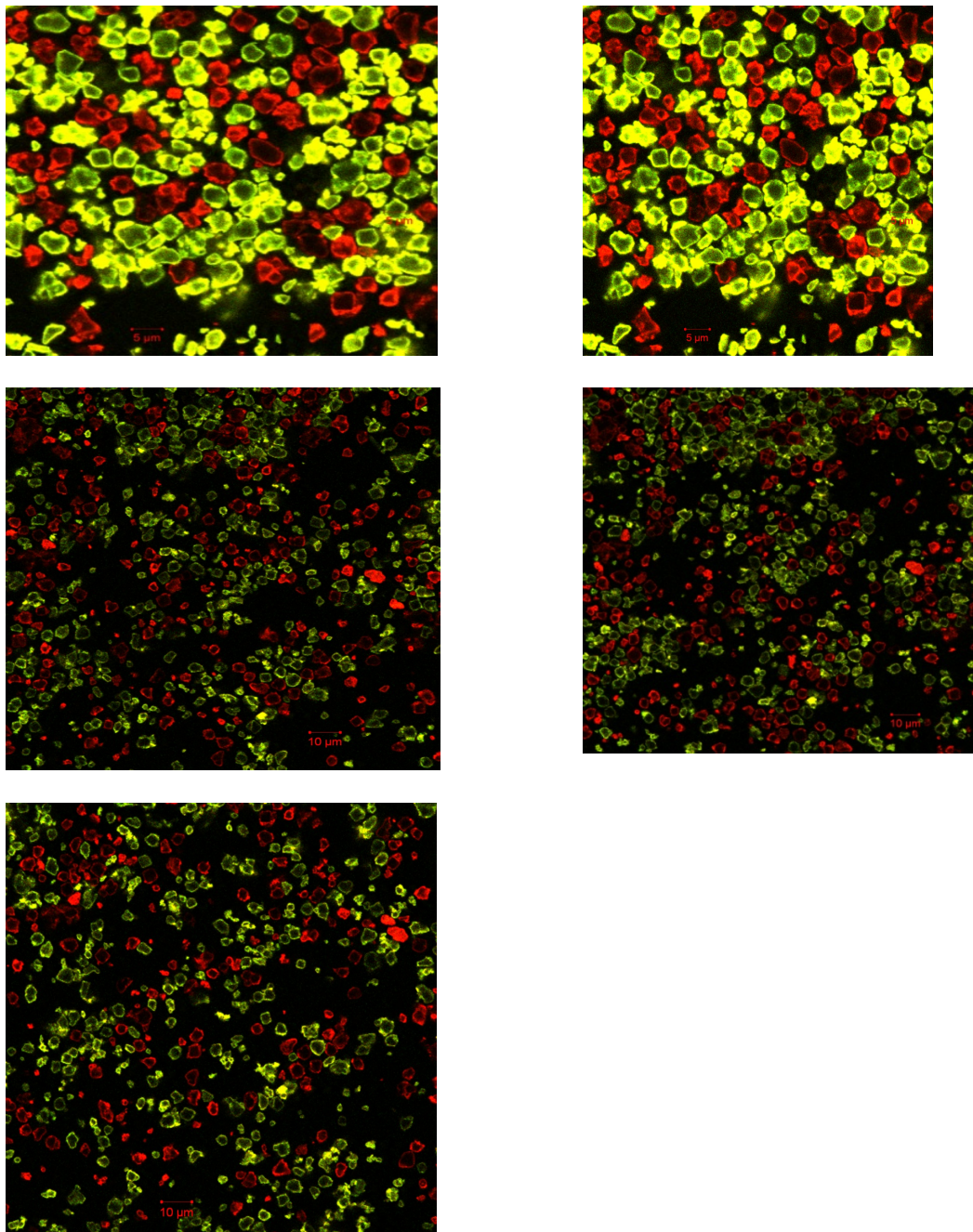


Figure S3. Confocal images of assembled cubic $(\text{PVPON/PMAA})_4$ and $(\text{PVPON/PMAA})_4\text{PPE}$ microcapsules in buffer pH 3.5, $C = 0.01 \text{ M NaCl}$

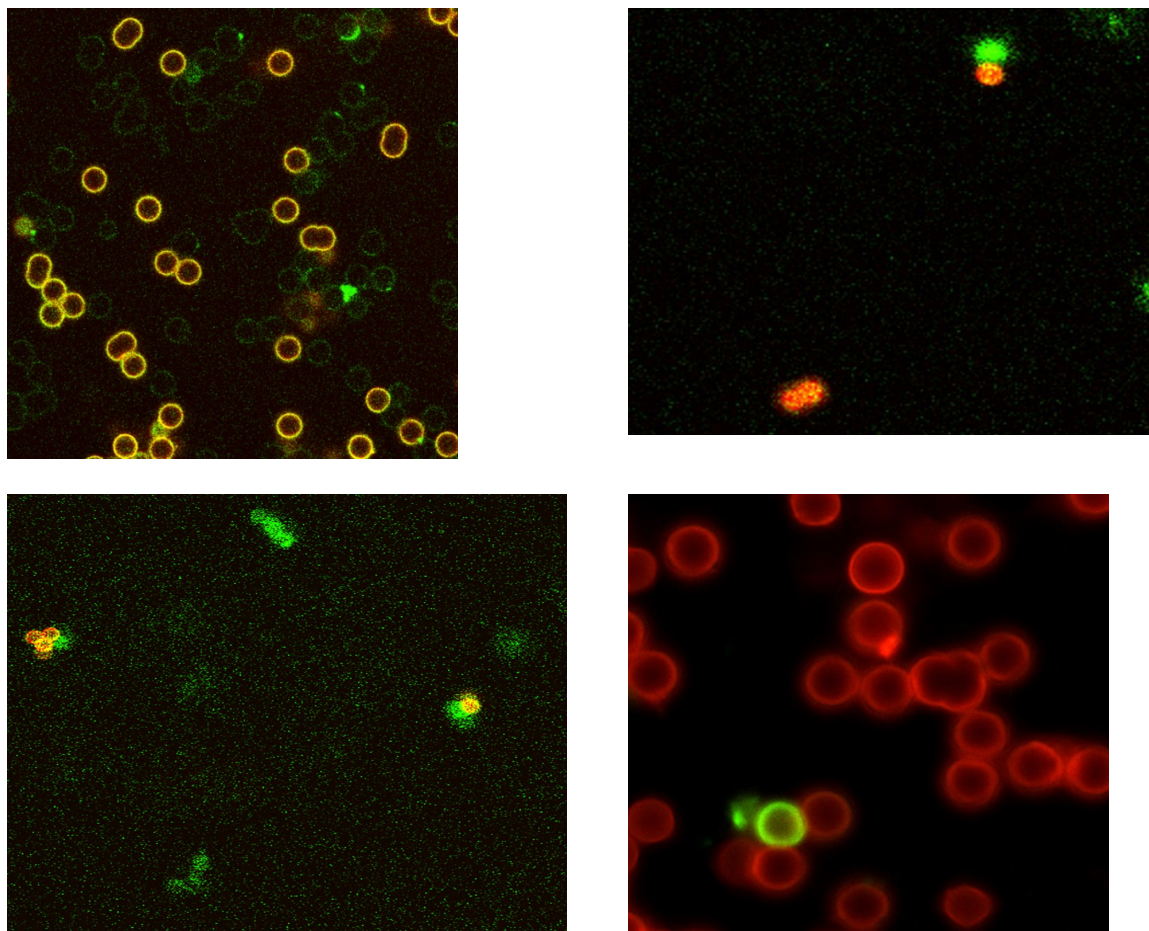


Figure S4. Confocal images of assembled spherical $(\text{PVPON/PMAA})_4$ and $(\text{PVPON/PMAA})_4\text{PPE}$ microcapsules in buffer pH 3.5, $C = 0.01 \text{ M NaCl}$

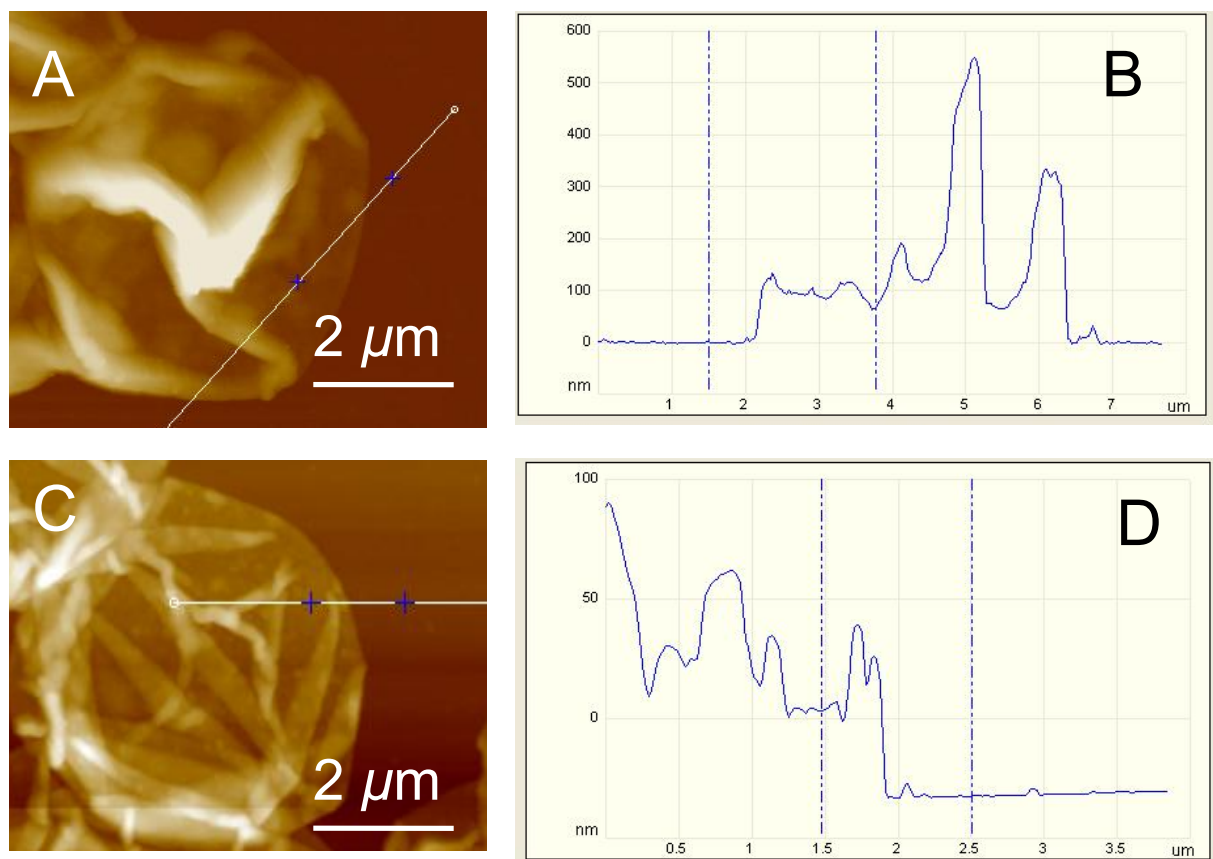


Figure S5. AFM cross section analysis of cubic (A, B) and spherical (C, D) (PVPON/PMAA)₄ microcapsules. Thickness of bilayer was estimated from flat areas in cross-sections.

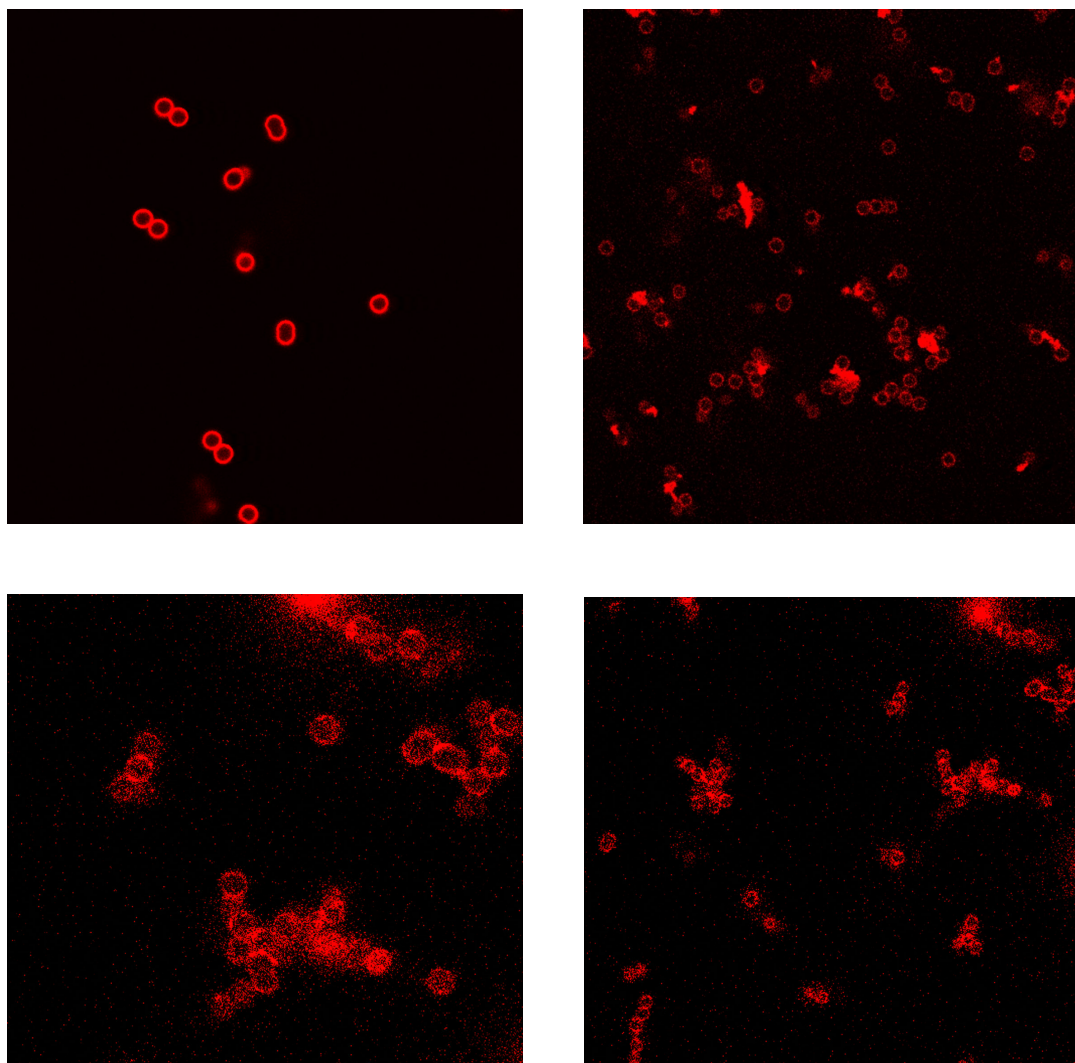


Figure S6. Confocal images of spherical (PVPON/PMAA)₄ microcapsules assemblies in buffer pH 4.5 C=0.01 M NaCl (top) and C=1 M NaCl (bottom).

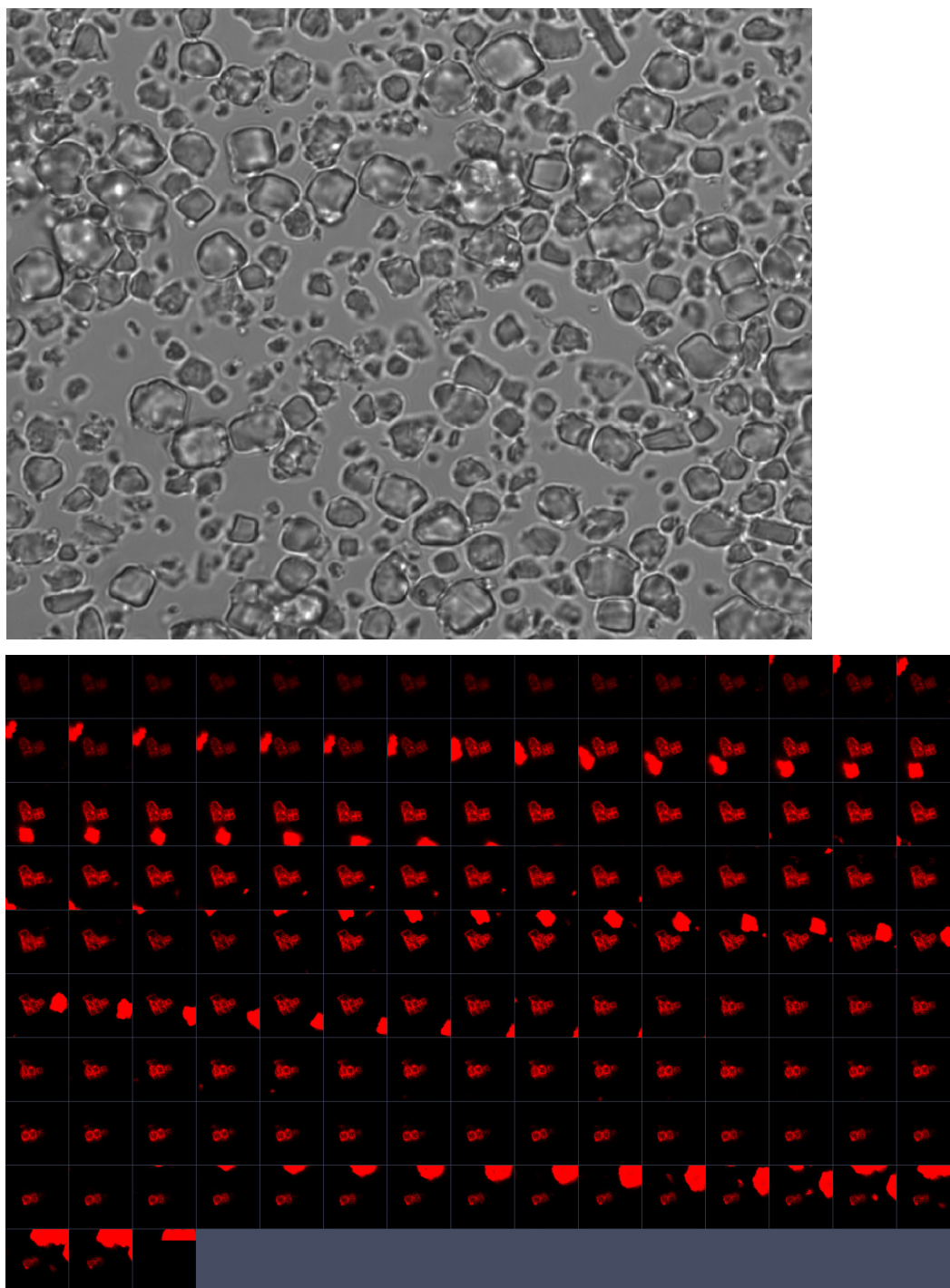


Figure S7. Confocal images of cubic (PVPON/PMAA)₄ microcapsules assemblies in buffer pH 4.5 C=0.01 M NaCl (top) and C=1 M NaCl (bottom). Cross sections of three dimensional (3D) assemblies of cubic (PVPON/PMAA)₄ microcapsules in buffer pH 4.5, C=1M at sequential time lapses (bottom).

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