

## Supporting Information

# HOW THE CHAIN CONFORMATION GOVERNS THE PACKING OF INVERTED MICELLES IN THE Fd3m-PHASE

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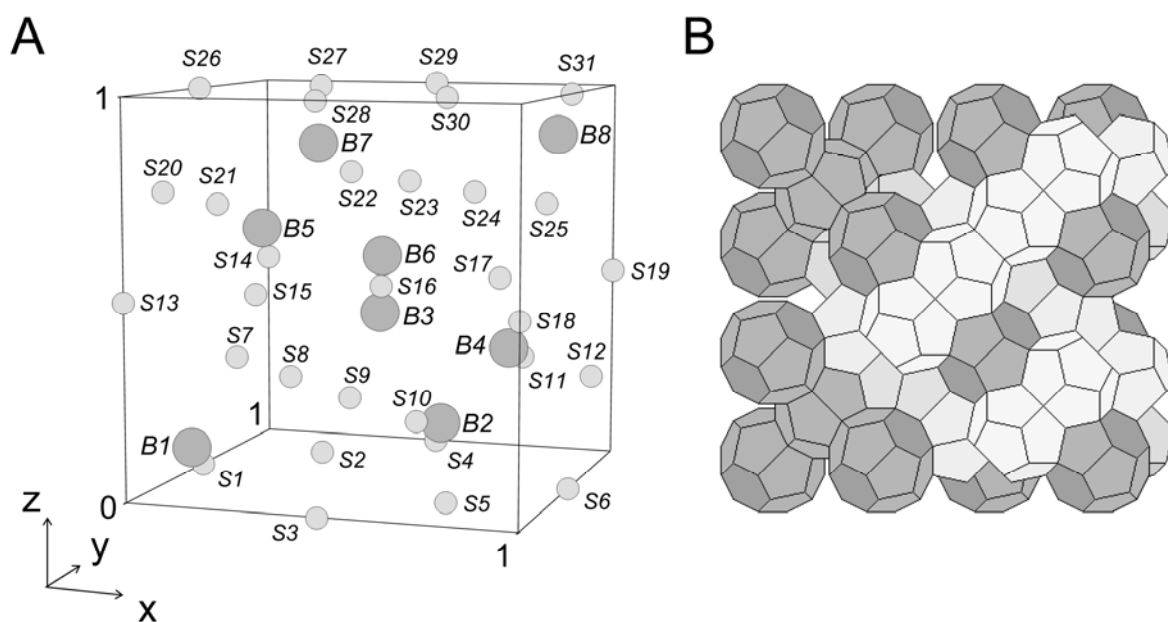
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**Figure S1** Schematic drawings of the structure the inverse micellar phase  $Fd\bar{3}m$ . (A) Positions of the big (B) and small (S) micelles having chosen the origin at  $\bar{3}m$ . The unit cell parameter,  $a$ , is set to unity (for coordinates see Table S1). (B) Same structure displaying the corresponding small ( $5^{12}$ ; light grey) and big cages ( $5^{12}6^4$ ; dark grey) of each micelles. Viewing direction is along the z-axis (compare Fig. S3).

**Table S1** Micelle coordinates in fractions of the unit cell parameter,  $a$  (refer to Fig. S1 A)

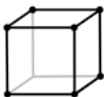

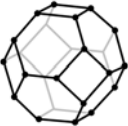

	Big micelle coordinates				Small micelle coordinates		
<i>B1</i>	0.125	0.125	0.125	<i>S1</i>	0	0.5	0
<i>B2</i>	0.625	0.625	0.125	<i>S2</i>	0.25	0.75	0
<i>B3</i>	0.375	0.875	0.375	<i>S3</i>	0.5	0	0
<i>B4</i>	0.875	0.375	0.375	<i>S4</i>	0.5	1	0
<i>B5</i>	0.125	0.625	0.625	<i>S5</i>	0.75	0.25	0
<i>B6</i>	0.625	0.125	0.625	<i>S6</i>	1	0.5	0
<i>B7</i>	0.375	0.375	0.875	<i>S7</i>	0	0.75	0.25
<i>B8</i>	0.875	0.875	0.875	<i>S8</i>	0.25	0.5	0.25

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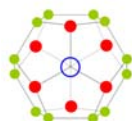


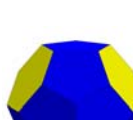

<i>S9</i>	0.5	0.25	0.25
<i>S10</i>	0.75	0	0.25
<i>S11</i>	0.75	1	0.25
<i>S12</i>	1	0.75	0.25
<i>S13</i>	0	0	0.5
<i>S14</i>	0	1	0.5
<i>S15</i>	0.25	0.25	0.5
<i>S16</i>	0.5	0.5	0.5
<i>S17</i>	0.75	0.75	0.5
<i>S18</i>	1	0	0.5
<i>S19</i>	1	1	0.5
<i>S20</i>	0	0.25	0.75
<i>S21</i>	0.25	0	0.75
<i>S22</i>	0.25	1	0.75
<i>S23</i>	0.5	0.75	0.75
<i>S24</i>	0.75	0.5	0.75
<i>S25</i>	1	0.25	0.75
<i>S26</i>	0	0.5	1
<i>S27</i>	0.25	0.75	1
<i>S28</i>	0.5	0	1
<i>S29</i>	0.5	1	1
<i>S30</i>	0.75	0.25	1
<i>S31</i>	1	0.5	1

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**Table S2:** Characteristic parameters of the regular polygons with the edge length,  $s$ , concerning Figure 1 and Table 1.

Name	Picture	Surface Area	Volume	$R_o$	$R_i$
Cube		$6 \cdot s^2$	$1 \cdot s^3$	$\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} \cdot s$	$\frac{1}{2} \cdot s$
Rhombic Dodecahedron		$(8\sqrt{2}) \cdot s^2$	$\frac{16}{9}\sqrt{3} \cdot s^3$	$\frac{\sqrt{12}}{3} \cdot s$	$\frac{\sqrt{6}}{3} \cdot s$
Truncated Octahedron		$(6 + 12\sqrt{3}) \cdot s^2$	$8\sqrt{3} \cdot s^3$	$\frac{1}{2}\sqrt{10} \cdot s$	$\frac{1}{2}\sqrt{6} \cdot s$
Dodecahedron		$3\sqrt{25 + 10\sqrt{5}} \cdot s^2$	$\frac{1}{4}(15 + 7\sqrt{5}) \cdot s^3$	$\frac{\sqrt{3}}{4}(1 + \sqrt{5}) \cdot s$	$\frac{1}{2}\sqrt{\frac{5}{2} + \frac{11}{10}\sqrt{5}} \cdot s$

**Table S3:** Overview of constructed cages of type  $5^{12}$  and  $5^{12}6^4$  (see Tables S4-S7).

Name	Picture	Wireframe	S-S ratio	B-B ratio	S-B ratio
$W5^{12}$			1:1	1:1	1:1
$D5^{12}$			1:1	1:1	$\sqrt{2} : \sqrt{3}$
$W5^{12}6^4$			1:1	1:1	1:1
$D5^{12}6^4$			1:1	1:1	$\sqrt{2} : \sqrt{3}$

**Table S4** Faces and vertices of the W5<sup>12</sup> cage constructed after Wigner-Seitz. The centre of the cage is placed in the origin and the unit cell parameter,  $a$ , is set to unity (cp. Table S3).

Faces	x	y	z	length	area
0	0.301511	0.301511	-0.904534	0.207289 <sup>a</sup>	0.0427
1	-0.301511	0.904534	-0.301511	0.207289	0.0427
2	0.904534	-0.301511	-0.301511	0.207289	0.0427
3	-0.904534	0.301511	0.301511	0.207289	0.0427
4	0.301511	-0.904534	0.301511	0.207289	0.0427
5	-0.301511	-0.301511	0.904534	0.207289	0.0427
6	0.707107	0.707107	0	0.176777 <sup>b</sup>	0.0594
7	0	0.707107	0.707107	0.176777	0.0594
8	-0.707107	0	-0.707107	0.176777	0.0594
9	0.707107	0	0.707107	0.176777	0.0594
10	0	-0.707107	-0.707107	0.176777	0.0594
11	-0.707107	-0.707107	0	0.176777	0.0594
Vertices*	x	y	z	length	colour code
6-7-9	0.125	0.125	0.125	0.21650635	○
8-10-11	-0.125	-0.125	-0.125	0.21650635	○
2-6-9	0.2375	0.0125	0.0125	0.23815699	●
3-8-11	-0.2375	-0.0125	-0.0125	0.23815699	●
0-8-10	-0.0125	-0.0125	-0.2375	0.23815699	●
5-7-9	0.0125	0.0125	0.2375	0.23815699	●
4-10-11	-0.0125	-0.2375	-0.0125	0.23815699	●
1-6-7	0.0125	0.2375	0.0125	0.23815699	●
2-4-9	0.197917	-0.145833	0.0520833	0.25129877	●
1-3-7	-0.145833	0.197917	0.0520833	0.25129877	●
0-1-6	0.0520833	0.197917	-0.145833	0.25129877	●
3-5-11	-0.197917	-0.0520833	0.145833	0.25129877	●
1-3-8	-0.197917	0.145833	-0.0520833	0.25129877	●
0-2-10	0.145833	-0.0520833	-0.197917	0.25129877	●
3-5-7	-0.145833	0.0520833	0.197917	0.25129877	●
0-1-8	-0.0520833	0.145833	-0.197917	0.25129877	●
2-4-10	0.145833	-0.197917	-0.0520833	0.25129877	●
4-5-11	-0.0520833	-0.197917	0.145833	0.25129877	●
0-2-6	0.197917	0.0520833	-0.145833	0.25129877	●
4-5-9	0.0520833	-0.145833	0.197917	0.25129877	●

\* Each vertex was determined from the intersection of three faces, e.g. 6-7-9. <sup>a</sup> The B-S micelles distance equals  $\sqrt{11}/8$ , i.e., the faces 1-6 are placed at a distance of  $\sqrt{11}/16$ . <sup>b</sup> The S-S micelles distance equals  $\sqrt{2}/4$ , i.e., the faces 7-12 are placed at a distance of  $\sqrt{2}/8$ . Total surface area  $A = 0.6126$  and the total volume  $V = 0.0387$ .

**Table S5** Faces and vertices of the D5<sup>12</sup> cage constructed after Duesing [1]. The centre of the cage is placed in the origin and the unit cell parameter, *a*, is set to unity (cp. Table S3).

Faces	x	y	z	length	area
0	0.301511	0.301511	-0.904534	0.186349 <sup>a</sup>	0.0441
1	-0.301511	0.904534	-0.301511	0.186349	0.0441
2	0.904534	-0.301511	-0.301511	0.186349	0.0441
3	-0.904534	0.301511	0.301511	0.186349	0.0441
4	0.301511	-0.904534	0.301511	0.186349	0.0441
5	-0.301511	-0.301511	0.904534	0.186349	0.0441
6	0.707107	0.707107	0	0.176777 <sup>b</sup>	0.0475
7	0	0.707107	0.707107	0.176777	0.0475
8	-0.707107	0	-0.707107	0.176777	0.0475
9	0.707107	0	0.707107	0.176777	0.0475
10	0	-0.707107	-0.707107	0.176777	0.0475
11	-0.707107	-0.707107	0	0.176777	0.0475
Vertices*	x	y	z	length	colour code
6-7-9	0.125	0.125	0.125	0.21650635	○
8-10-11	-0.125	-0.125	-0.125	0.21650635	○
0-8-10	-0.0263903	-0.0263903	-0.22361	0.22670317	●
5-7-9	0.0263903	0.0263903	0.22361	0.22670317	●
1-6-7	0.0263903	0.22361	0.0263903	0.22670317	●
2-6-9	0.22361	0.0263903	0.0263903	0.22670317	●
3-8-11	-0.22361	-0.0263903	-0.0263903	0.22670317	●
4-10-11	-0.0263903	-0.22361	-0.0263903	0.22670317	●
3-5-7	-0.122683	0.0636586	0.186341	0.2320054	●
0-2-10	0.122683	-0.0636586	-0.186341	0.2320054	●
0-1-8	-0.0636586	0.122683	-0.186341	0.2320054	●
0-1-6	0.0636586	0.186341	-0.122683	0.2320054	●
4-5-9	0.0636586	-0.122683	0.186341	0.2320054	●
4-5-11	-0.0636586	-0.186341	0.122683	0.2320054	●
3-5-11	-0.186341	-0.0636586	0.122683	0.2320054	●
0-2-6	0.186341	0.0636586	-0.122683	0.2320054	●
2-4-9	0.186341	-0.122683	0.0636586	0.2320054	●
1-3-7	-0.122683	0.186341	0.0636586	0.2320054	●
1-3-8	-0.186341	0.122683	-0.0636586	0.2320054	●
2-4-10	0.122683	-0.186341	-0.0636586	0.2320054	●

\* Each vertex was determined from the intersection of three faces, e.g. 6-7-9.

<sup>a</sup> The B-S micelles distance equals  $\sqrt{11}/8$ , i.e., the faces 1-6 are placed at a distance of

$\frac{\sqrt{2}}{\sqrt{2} + \sqrt{3}} \cdot \sqrt{11}/8$ . <sup>b</sup> The S-S micelles distance equals  $\sqrt{2}/4$ , i.e., the faces 7-12 are placed at

a distance of  $\sqrt{2}/8$ . Total surface area *A* = 0.5497 and the total volume *V* = 0.0332.

**Table S6** Faces and vertices of the  $W5^{12}6^4$  cage constructed after Wigner-Seitz. The centre of the cage is placed in the origin and the unit cell parameter,  $a$ , is set to unity (cp. Table S3).

Faces	x	y	z	length	Area
0	0.57735	0.57735	-0.57735	0.216506 <sup>a</sup>	0.0423
1	-0.57735	0.57735	0.57735	0.216506	0.0423
2	0.57735	-0.57735	0.57735	0.216506	0.0423
3	-0.57735	-0.57735	-0.57735	0.216506	0.0423
4	-0.301511	0.904534	-0.301511	0.207289 <sup>b</sup>	0.0427
5	0.301511	0.904534	0.301511	0.207289	0.0427
6	-0.301511	0.301511	-0.904534	0.207289	0.0427
7	-0.904534	0.301511	-0.301511	0.207289	0.0427
8	0.904534	0.301511	0.301511	0.207289	0.0427
9	0.301511	0.301511	0.904534	0.207289	0.0427
10	0.301511	-0.301511	-0.904534	0.207289	0.0427
11	0.904534	-0.301511	-0.301511	0.207289	0.0427
12	-0.904534	-0.301511	0.301511	0.207289	0.0427
13	-0.301511	-0.301511	0.904534	0.207289	0.0427
14	0.301511	-0.904534	-0.301511	0.207289	0.0427
15	-0.301511	-0.904534	0.301511	0.207289	0.0427
Vertices*	x	y	z	length	colour code
10-11-14	0.1375	-0.1375	-0.1375	0.23815699	○
5-8-9	0.1375	0.1375	0.1375	0.23815699	○
4-6-7	-0.1375	0.1375	-0.1375	0.23815699	○
12-13-15	-0.1375	-0.1375	0.1375	0.23815699	○
0-10-11	0.177083	0.0208334	-0.177083	0.25129864	●
0-5-8	0.177083	0.177083	-0.0208334	0.25129864	●
2-13-15	0.0208334	-0.177083	0.177083	0.25129864	●
3-10-14	-0.0208334	-0.177083	-0.177083	0.25129864	●
1-4-7	-0.177083	0.177083	0.0208334	0.25129864	●
0-4-6	0.0208334	0.177083	-0.177083	0.25129864	●
1-5-6	-0.0208334	0.177083	0.177083	0.25129864	●
2-11-14	0.177083	-0.177083	0.0208334	0.25129864	●
1-12-13	-0.177083	0.0208334	0.177083	0.25129864	●
3-6-7	-0.177083	-0.0208334	-0.177083	0.25129864	●
3-12-15	-0.177083	-0.177083	-0.0208334	0.25129864	●
2-8-9	0.177083	-0.0208334	0.177083	0.25129864	●
0-4-5	0.0729167	0.229167	-0.0729167	0.25129864	●
3-7-12	-0.229167	-0.0729167	-0.0729167	0.25129864	●
2-9-13	0.0729167	-0.0729167	0.229167	0.25129864	●
1-4-5	-0.0729167	0.229167	0.0729167	0.25129864	●
0-8-11	0.229167	0.0729167	-0.0729167	0.25129864	●
3-14-15	-0.0729167	-0.229167	-0.0729167	0.25129864	●
0-6-10	0.0729167	0.0729167	-0.229167	0.25129864	●
2-8-11	0.229167	-0.0729167	0.0729167	0.25129864	●
1-9-13	-0.0729167	0.0729167	0.229167	0.25129864	●
2-14-15	0.0729167	-0.229167	0.0729167	0.25129864	●
3-6-10	-0.0729167	-0.0729167	-0.229167	0.25129864	●
1-7-12	-0.229167	0.0729167	0.0729167	0.25129864	●

\* Each vertex was determined from the intersection of three faces, e.g. 10-11-14.

<sup>a</sup> The B-B micelles distance equals  $\sqrt{3}/4$ , i.e., the faces 1-4 are placed at a distance of  $\sqrt{3}/8$ . <sup>b</sup> The B-S micelles distance equals  $\sqrt{11}/8$ , i.e., the faces 5-28 are placed at a distance of  $\sqrt{11}/16$ . Total surface area  $A = 0.6813$  and the total volume  $V = 0.0476$ .

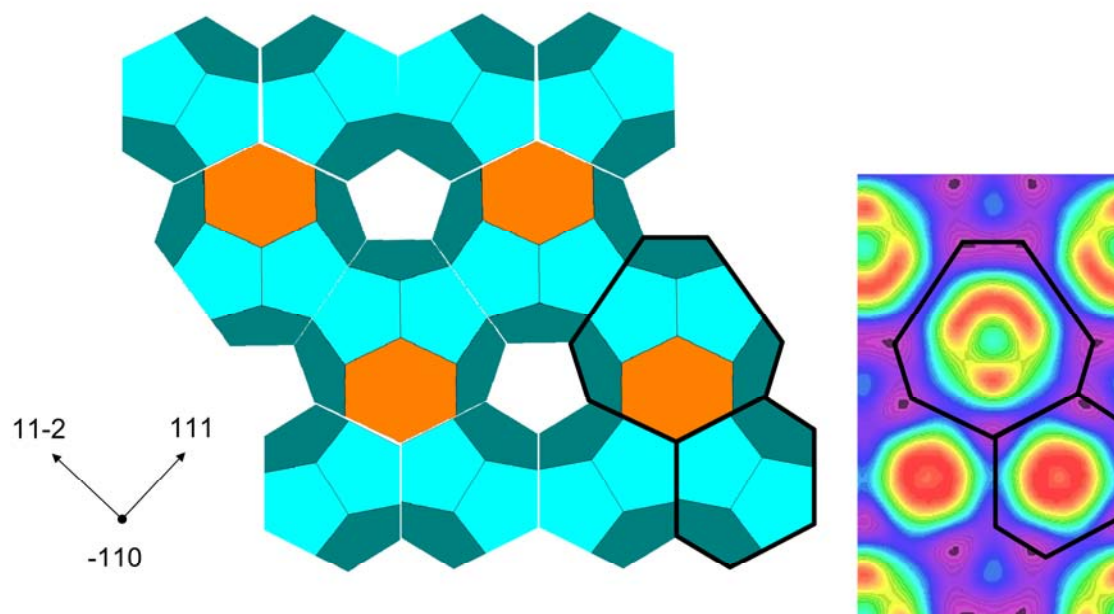
**Table S7** Faces and vertices of the  $D5^{12}6^4$  cage constructed after Duesing [1]. The centre of the cage is placed in the origin and the unit cell parameter,  $a$ , is set to unity (cp. Table S3).

Faces	x	y	z	length	area
0	0.57735	0.57735	-0.57735	0.216506 <sup>a</sup>	0.0632
1	-0.57735	0.57735	0.57735	0.216506	0.0632
2	0.57735	-0.57735	0.57735	0.216506	0.0632
3	-0.57735	-0.57735	-0.57735	0.216506	0.0632
4	-0.301511	0.904534	-0.301511	0.228229 <sup>b</sup>	0.0441
5	0.301511	0.904534	0.301511	0.228229	0.0441
6	-0.301511	0.301511	-0.904534	0.228229	0.0441
7	-0.904534	0.301511	-0.301511	0.228229	0.0441
8	0.904534	0.301511	0.301511	0.228229	0.0441
9	0.301511	0.301511	0.904534	0.228229	0.0441
10	0.301511	-0.301511	-0.904534	0.228229	0.0441
11	0.904534	-0.301511	-0.301511	0.228229	0.0441
12	-0.904534	-0.301511	0.301511	0.228229	0.0441
13	-0.301511	-0.301511	0.904534	0.228229	0.0441
14	0.301511	-0.904534	-0.301511	0.228229	0.0441
15	-0.301511	-0.904534	0.301511	0.228229	0.0441
Vertices*	x	y	z	length	colour code
10-11-14	0.15139	-0.15139	-0.15139	0.26221517	○
5-8-9	0.15139	0.15139	0.15139	0.26221517	○
4-6-7	-0.15139	0.15139	-0.15139	0.26221517	○
12-13-15	-0.15139	-0.15139	0.15139	0.26221517	○
2-9-13	0.0613414	-0.0613414	0.252317	0.26681380	●
2-14-15	0.0613414	-0.252317	0.0613414	0.26681380	●
3-14-15	-0.0613414	-0.252317	-0.0613414	0.26681380	●
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0-4-5	0.0613414	0.252317	-0.0613414	0.26681380	●
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0-8-11	0.252317	0.0613414	-0.0613414	0.26681380	●
1-9-13	-0.0613414	0.0613414	0.252317	0.26681380	●
1-7-12	-0.252317	0.0613414	0.0613414	0.26681380	●
2-8-11	0.252317	-0.0613414	0.0613414	0.26681380	●
2-11-14	0.188659	-0.188659	-0.00231717	0.26681380	●
1-4-7	-0.188659	0.188659	-0.00231717	0.26681380	●
0-5-8	0.188659	0.188659	0.00231717	0.26681380	●
0-10-11	0.188659	-0.00231717	-0.188659	0.26681380	●
2-8-9	0.188659	0.00231717	0.188659	0.26681380	●
3-12-15	-0.188659	-0.188659	0.00231717	0.26681380	●
0-4-6	-0.00231717	0.188659	-0.188659	0.26681380	●
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2-13-15	-0.00231717	-0.188659	0.188659	0.26681380	●
3-6-7	-0.188659	0.00231717	-0.188659	0.26681380	●
1-12-13	-0.188659	-0.00231717	0.188659	0.26681380	●
1-5-9	0.00231717	0.188659	0.188659	0.26681380	●

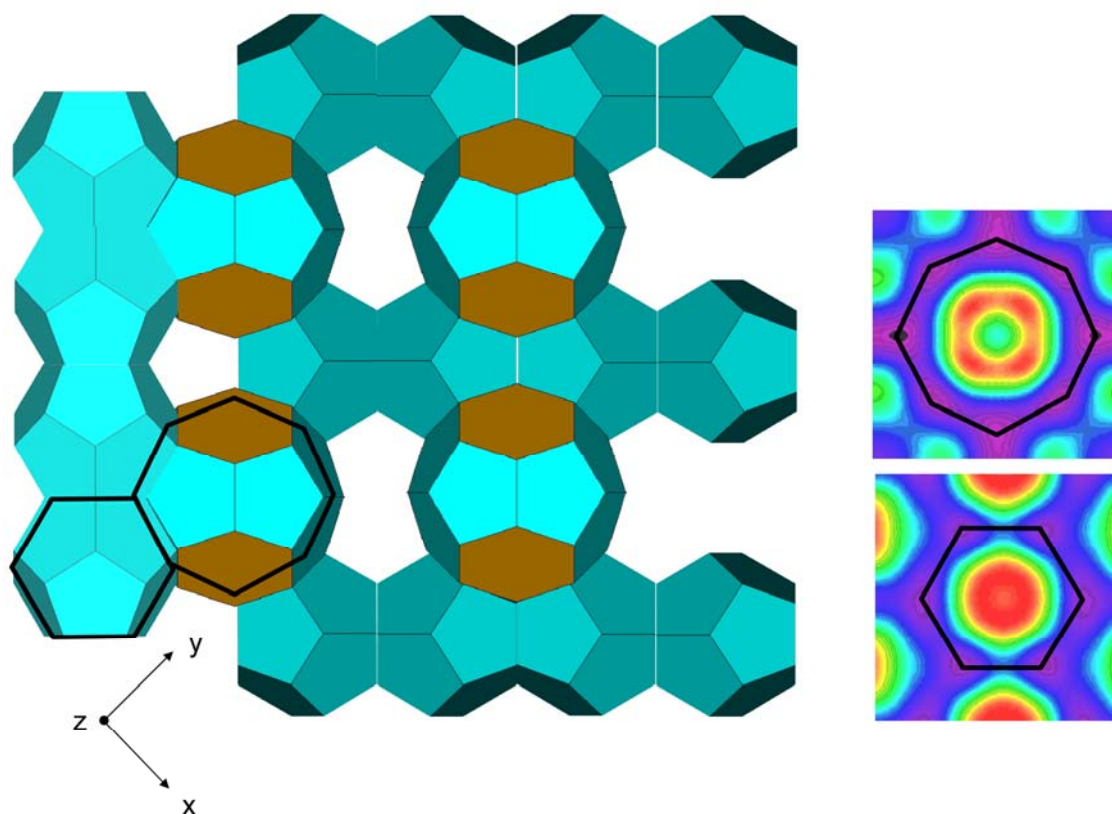
\* Each vertex was determined from the intersection of three faces, e.g. 10-11-14. <sup>a</sup> The B-B micelles distance equals  $\sqrt{3}/4$ , i.e., the faces 1-4 are placed at a distance of  $\sqrt{3}/8$ . <sup>b</sup> The B-S micelles distance equals  $\sqrt{11}/8$ , i.e., the faces 5-28 are placed at a distance of  $\frac{\sqrt{3}}{\sqrt{2+\sqrt{3}}} \cdot \sqrt{11}/8$ . Total surface area  $A = 0.7823$  and the total volume  $V = 0.0585$ .



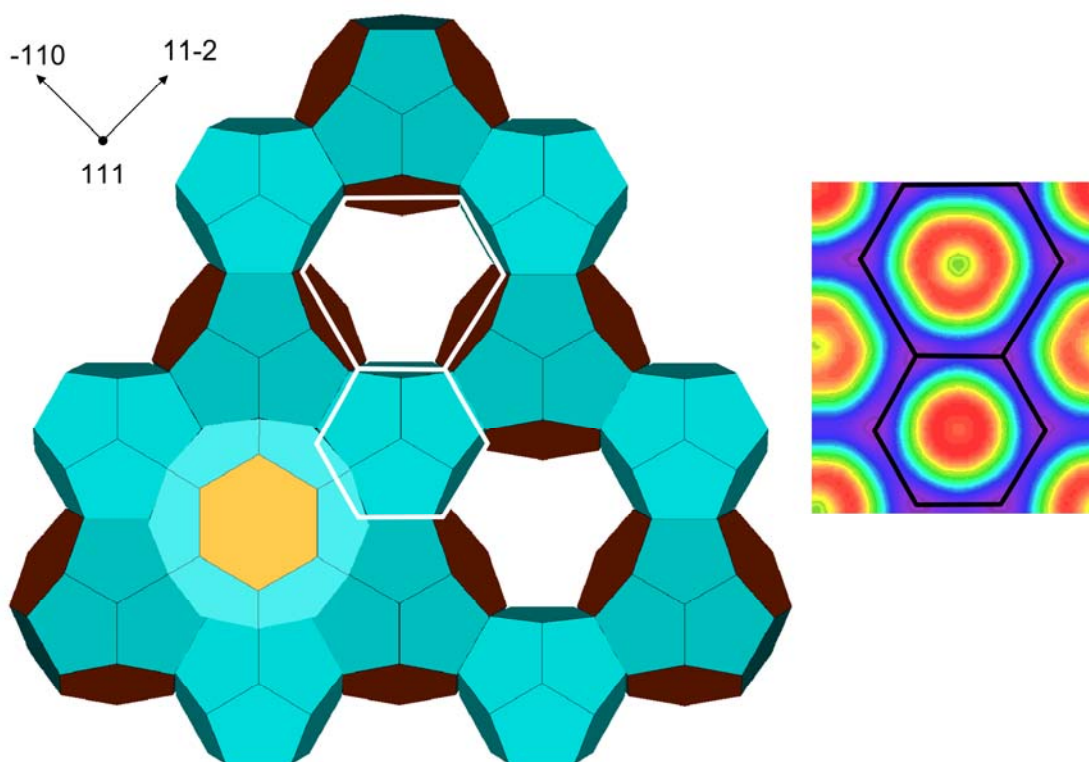
The following three figures are supporting Figures 3 and 4 of the article. Displaying larger areas, they serve to understand the 3D arrangement of cages in the viewing direction  $[-110]$ ,  $[001]$  and  $[111]$ .



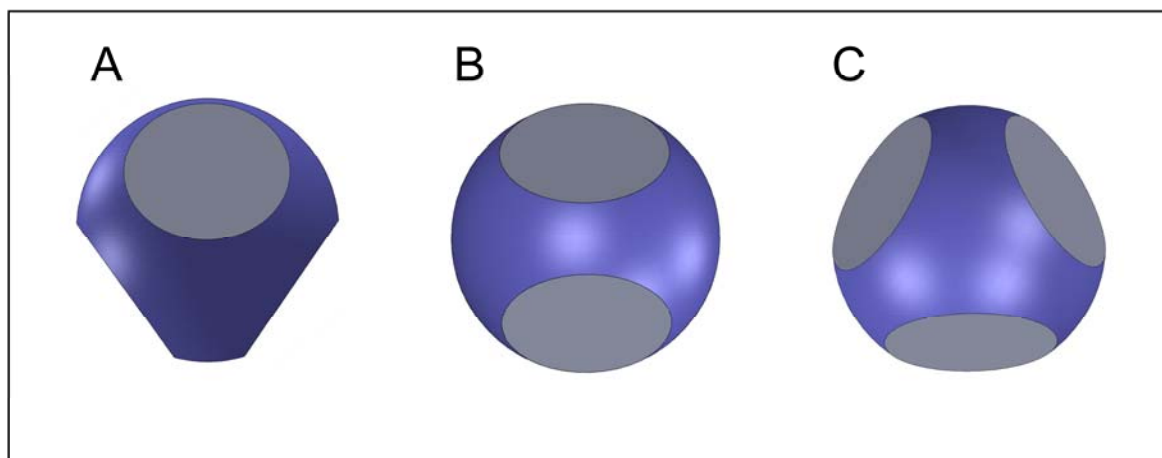
**Figure S2** Schematic view of the packing of the cages viewed in  $[-110]$ -direction. On the right hand side the corresponding electron density map of the  $-110$ -plane of MO/OA (1:4 wt/wt)[2] is shown. The cross-section of the  $5^{12}$  and  $5^{12}6^4$  cages with the  $-110$ -plane are displayed with black borders, both, in the scheme and the electron density map.



**Figure S3** Schematic view of the packing of the cages viewed in [001]-direction. On the right hand side the corresponding electron density maps cutting a big micelle in its centre (top) and a small micelle in its centre (bottom) are shown. The latter two planes are  $0.125 a$  apart (see Table S1). The corresponding cross-section of the  $5^{12}$  and  $5^{12}6^4$  cages perpendicular to the z-axis are displayed with black borders, both, in the scheme and the electron density map.



**Figure S4** Schematic view of the packing of the cages viewed in  $[111]$ -direction. On the right hand side the corresponding electron density map of the  $111$ -plane is shown. Note, that while the small micelle is cut in its centre the big one is not. The corresponding cross-section of the  $5^{12}$  and  $5^{12}6^4$  cages with the  $111$ -plane are displayed, both, in the scheme and the electron density map.



**Figure S5** Model of the polar body of the big micelles viewed in  $[-110]$  (A),  $[001]$  (B), and  $[111]$ -direction (C).

See also **3D animation** of the polar/apolar interface *Big Micelle Polar Body MOOA.avi*

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