

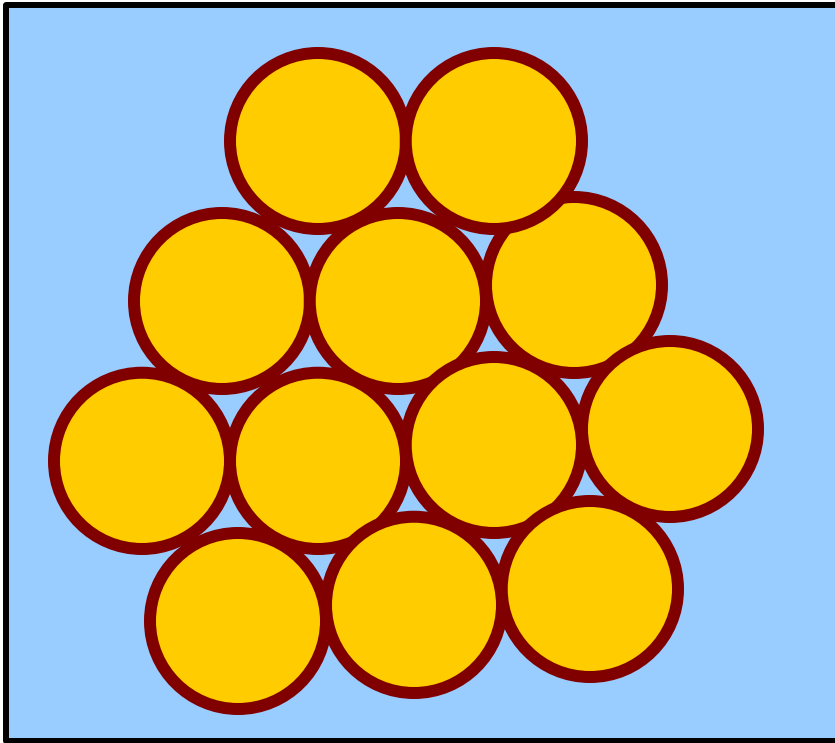


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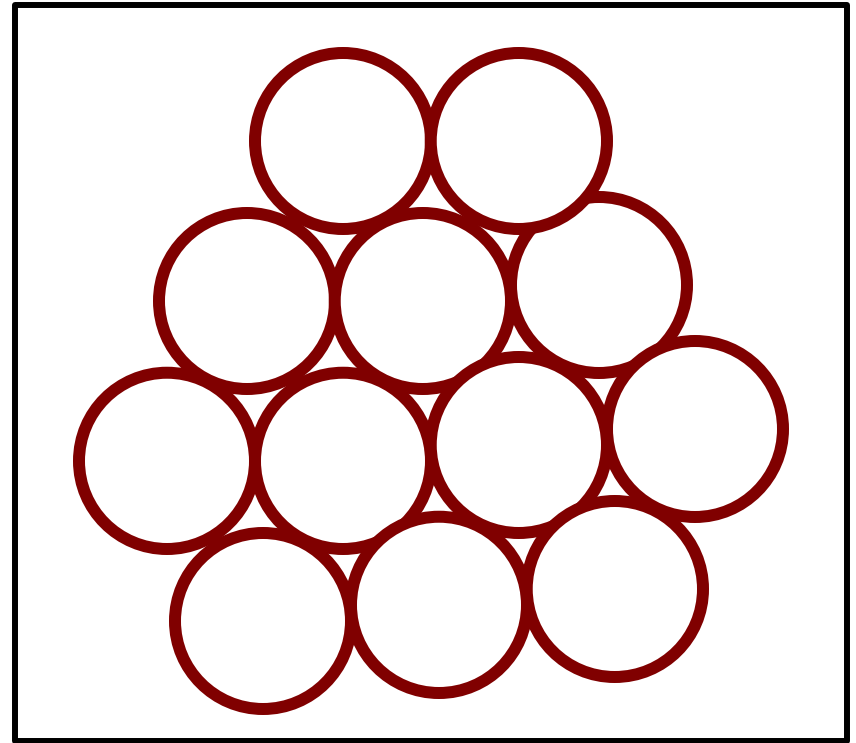
# **POWSTAWANIE NANOSTRUKTUR W EMULSJACH**

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## Aim of CONEX project - Nanomaterials



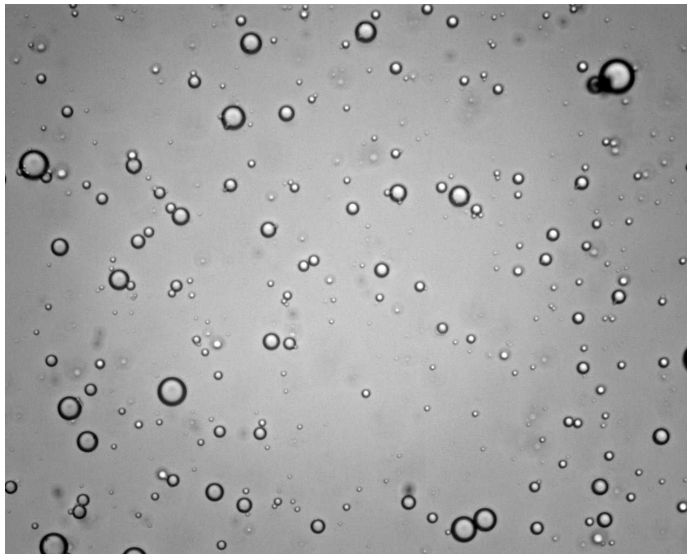
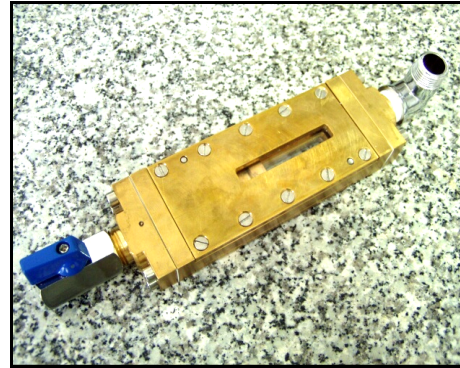
The emulsion with thin layers of third substance at the surface between oil and water



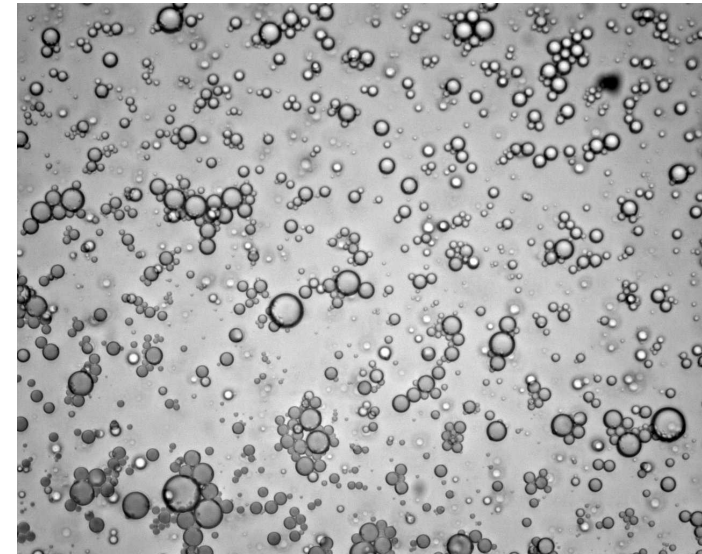
The structure of nanomaterial after removing water and oil

# Experiments

The picture of homogenizer used in laboratory experiments



**d~10 $\mu$ m**



**d~20 $\mu$ m**

The pictures of the emulsions made by the homogenizer.

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# Molecular Dynamics Simulation

Liquid – an ensemble of molecules

Interactions between molecules

Electrostatic interactions

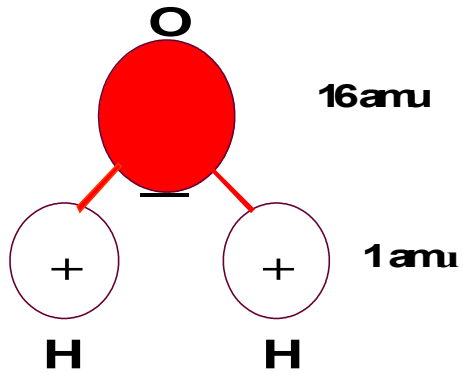
van der Waals interactions

Coulomb potential

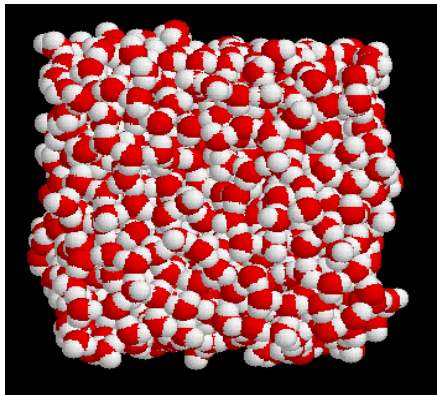
Lennard - Jones potential

The program „Moldy” by Keith Refson used for simulation.

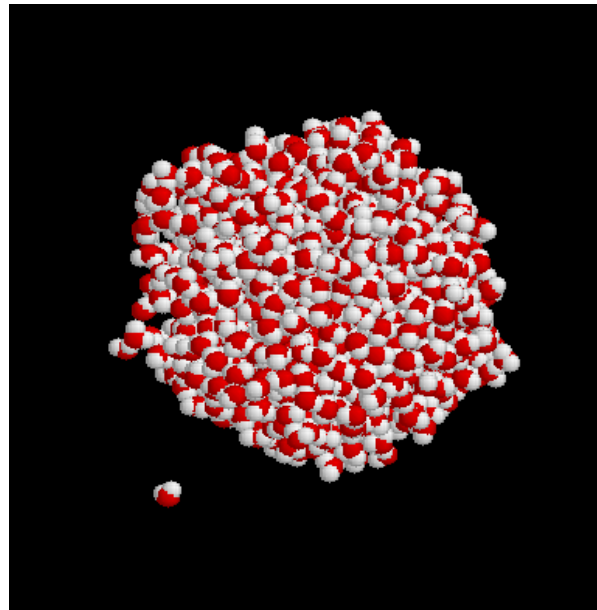
# Formation of water droplet in vacuum



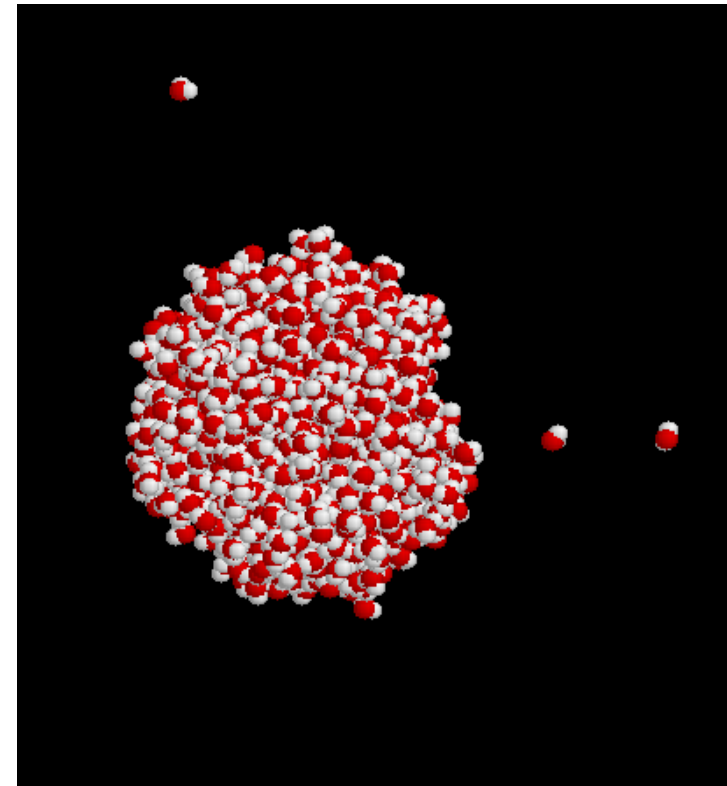
Molecule of water



t = 0 ps



t = 8 ps

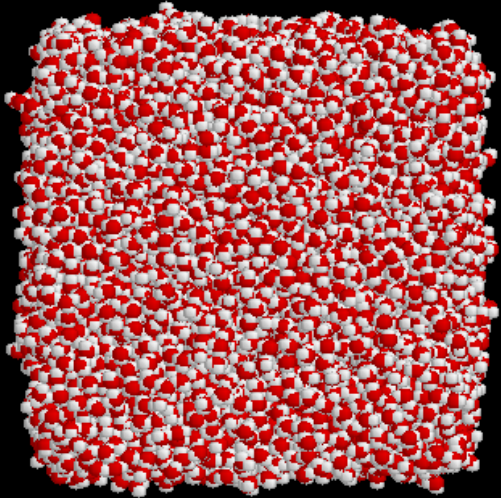


t = 40 ps

**Molecules of water = 1000**

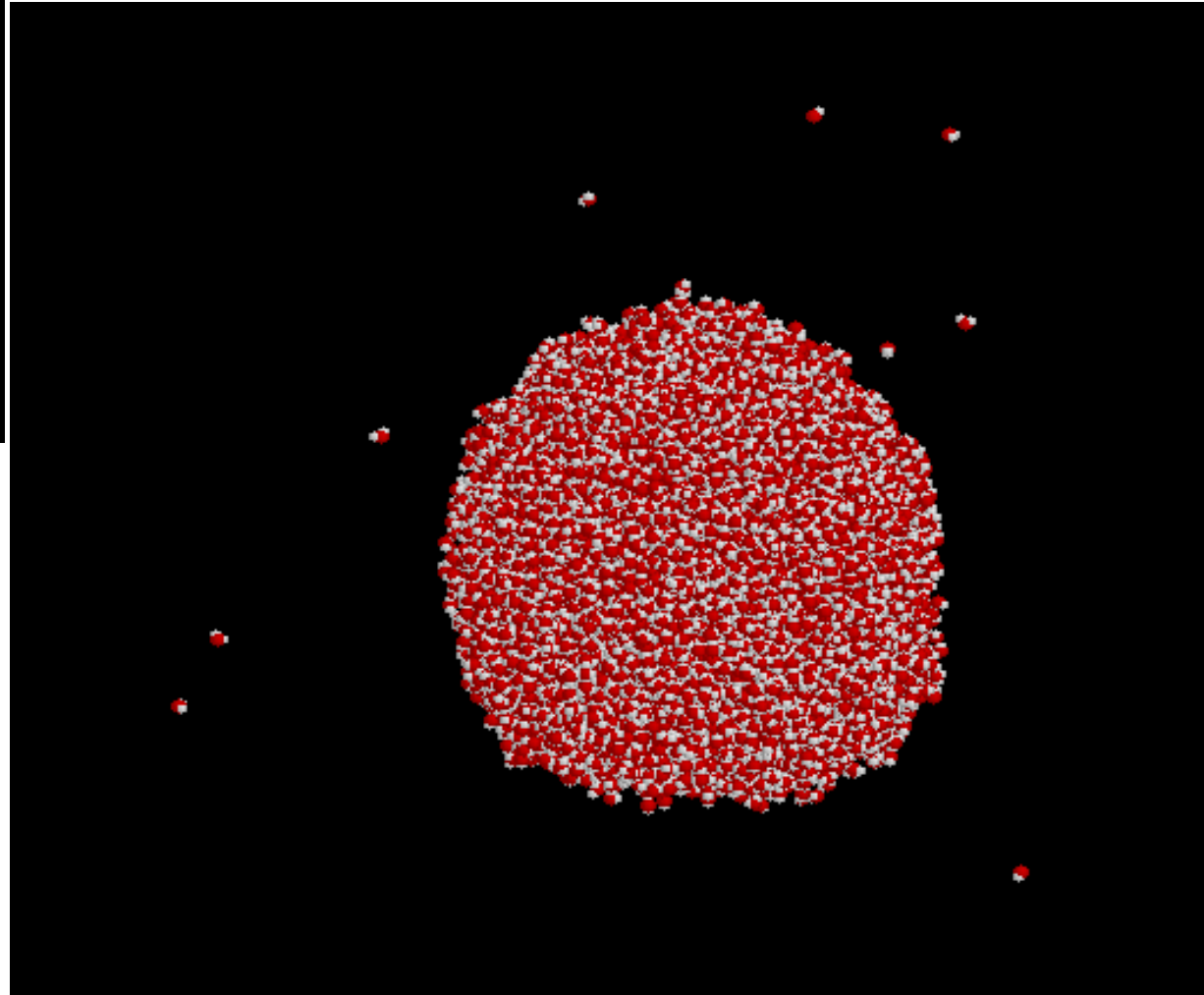
**Diameter of the droplet  $\sim 38\text{\AA}$**

**Molecules of water = 10648**  
**Diameter of the droplet  $\sim 84\text{\AA}$**



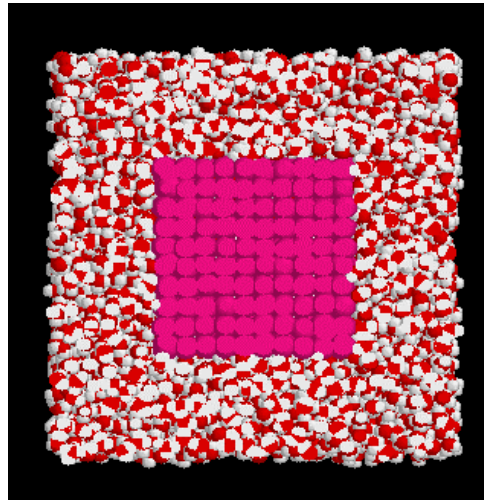
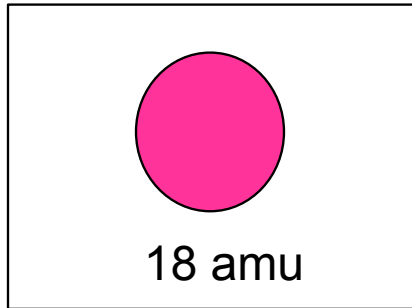
**t = 0 ps**

**t = 16 ps**

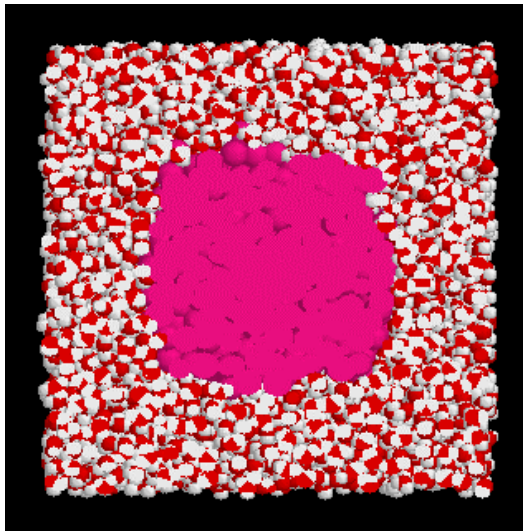


# Simulation of emulsification process

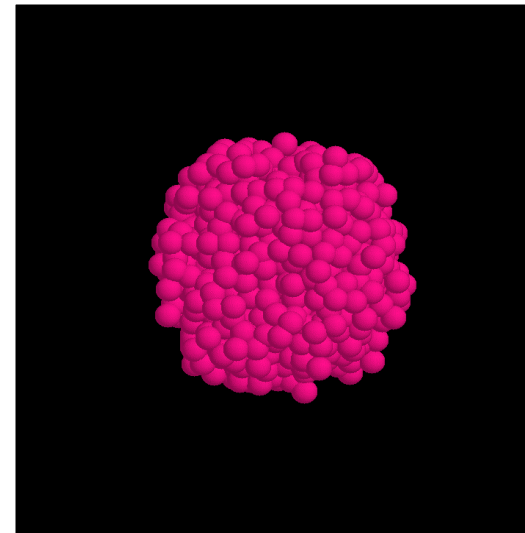
Model of oil



$t = 0$  ps



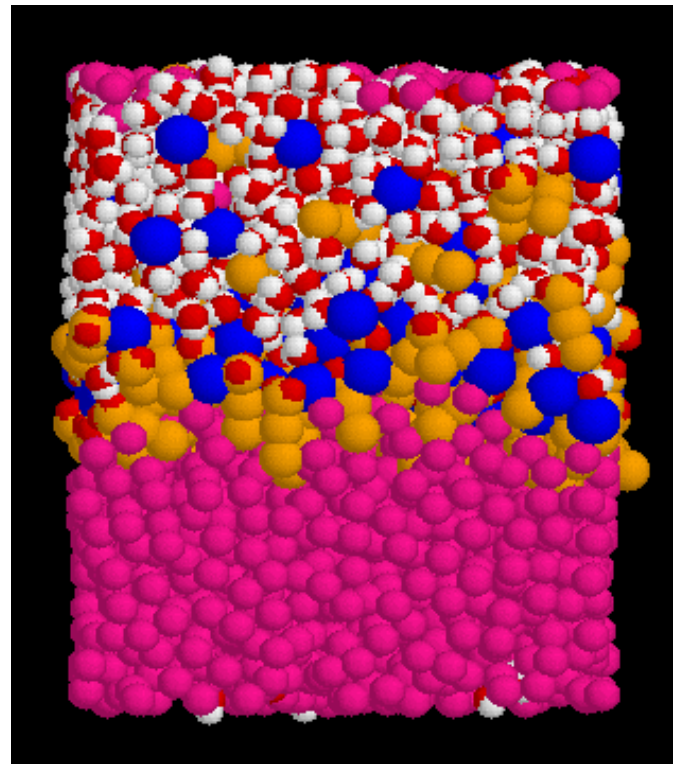
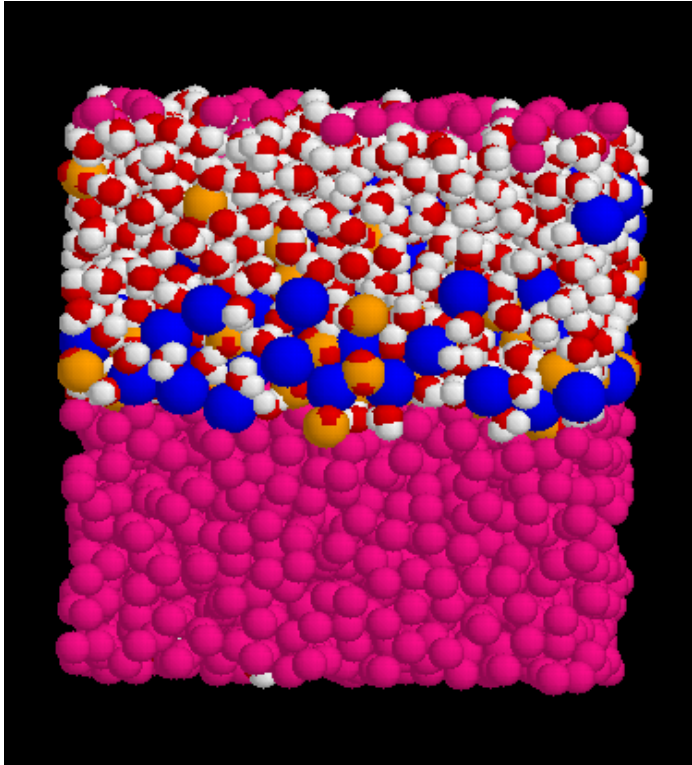
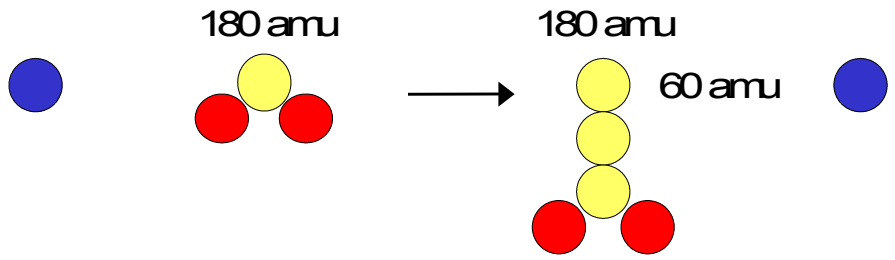
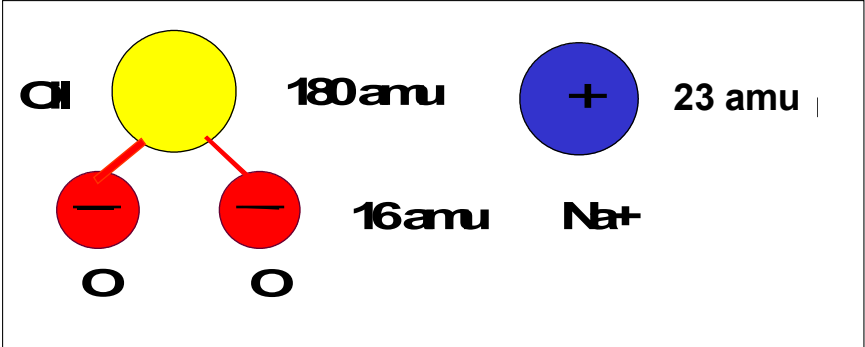
$t = 5$  ps



$t = 13$  ps



# Simulations of three liquids: "short" and "long" soap

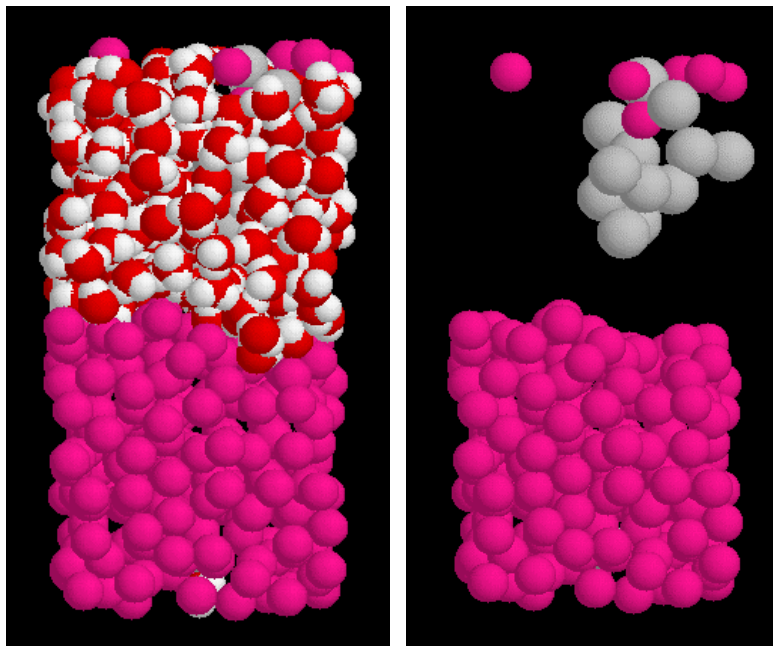
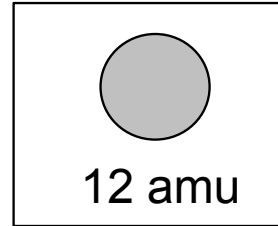




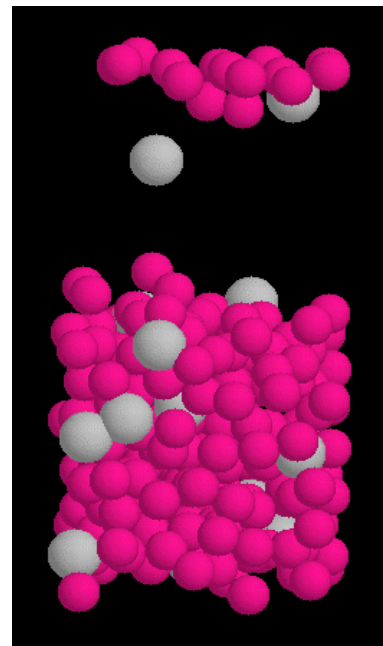
# Simulations of two liquids and solid

## Atomic form of carbon

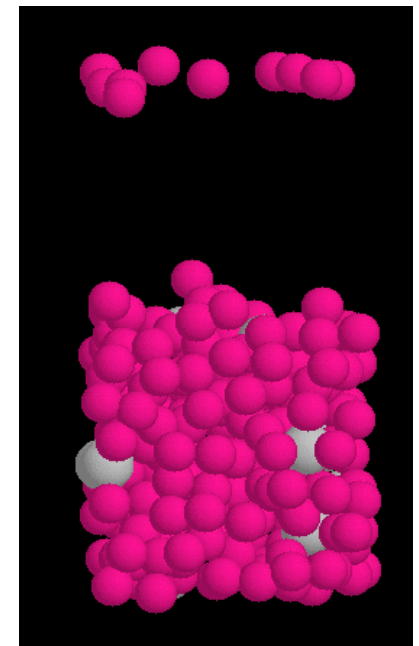
### Model of carbon



t = 0 ps

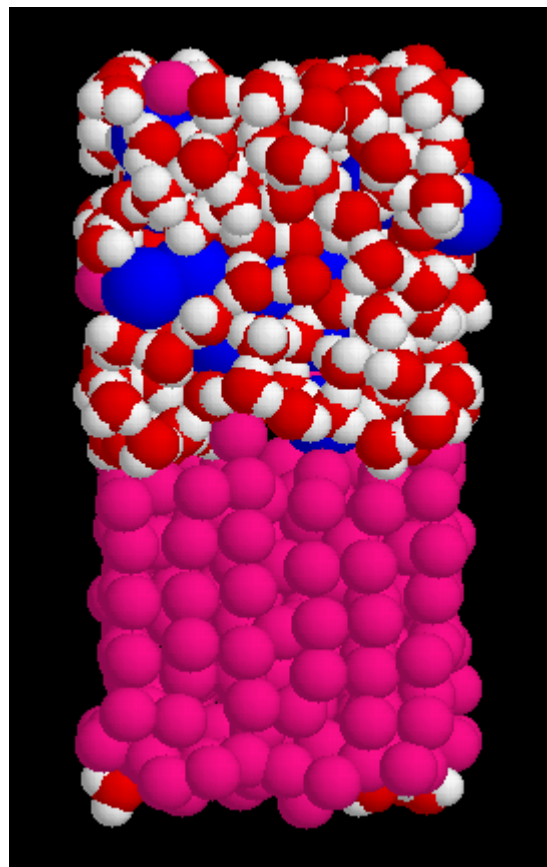


t = 115 ps

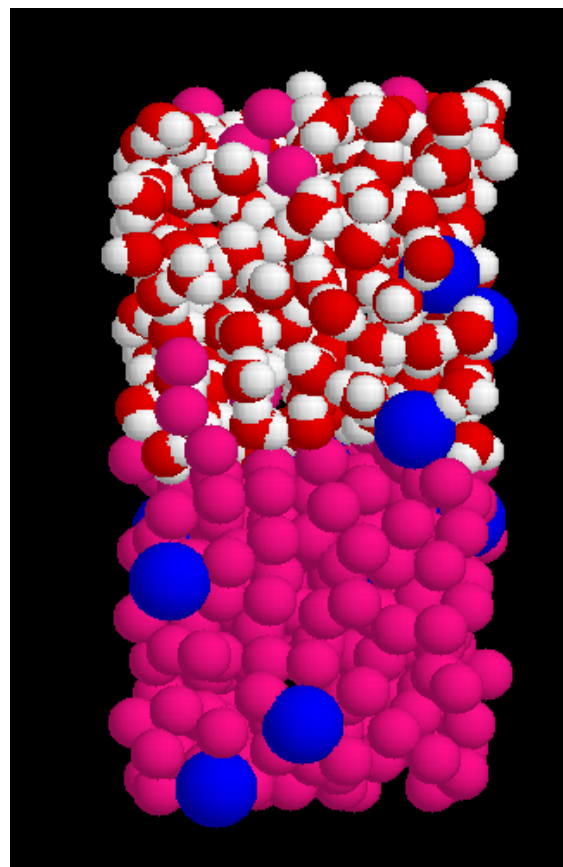


t = 165 ps

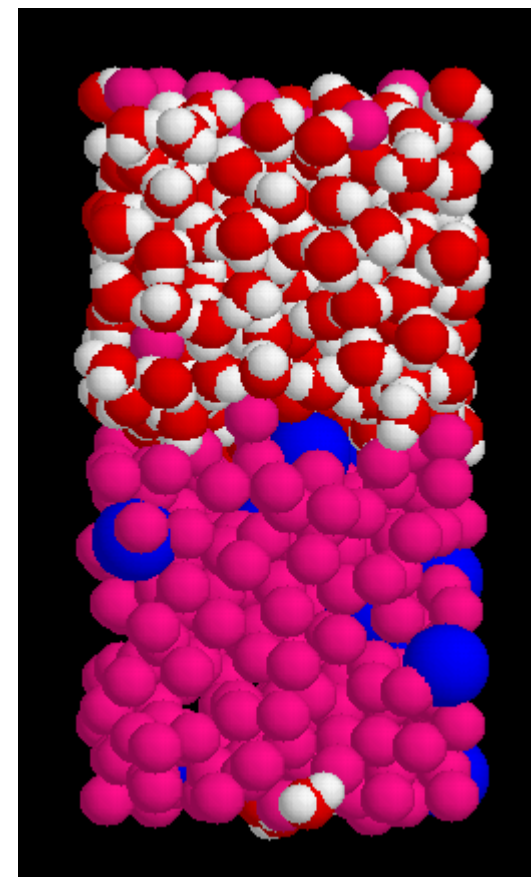
# Quasi-Carbon



$t = 0$  ps



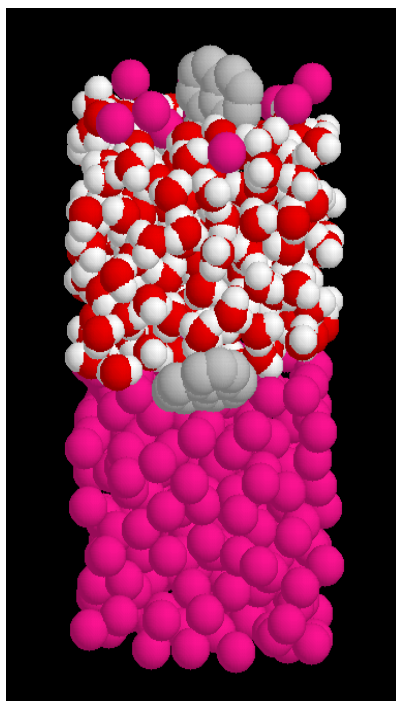
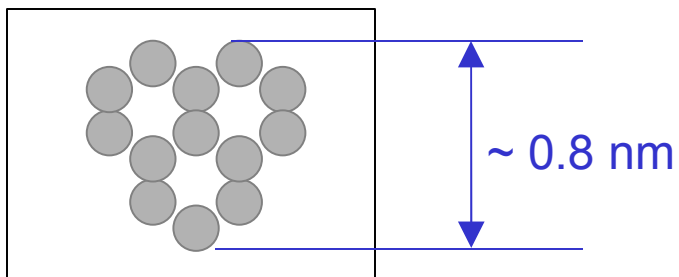
$t = 100$  ps



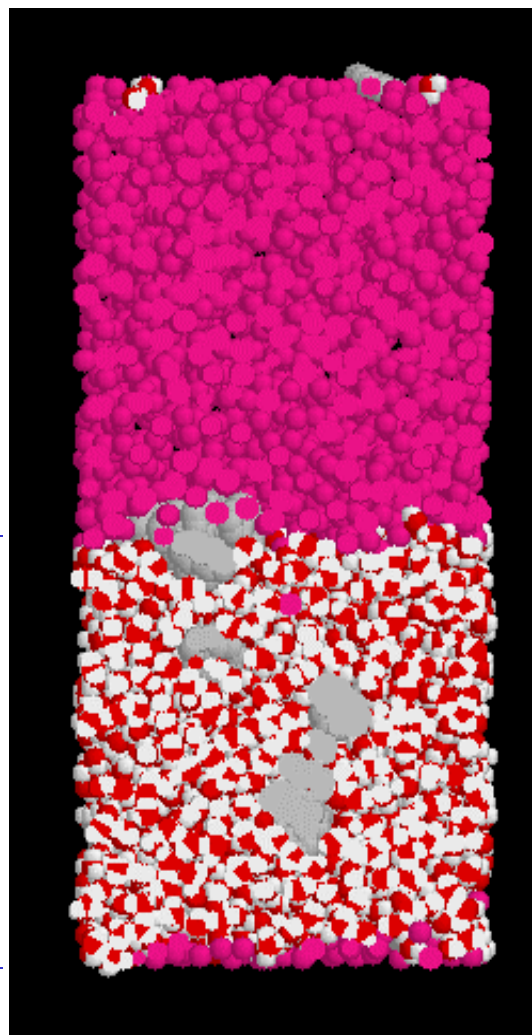
$t = 500$  ps

# Simulations of emulsion and complex of carbon

## Model of carbon complex



$t = 206 \text{ ps}$



$t = 132 \text{ ps}$

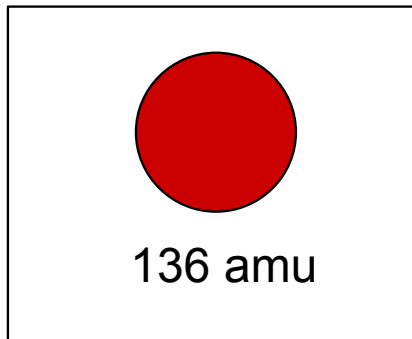
$\sim 4,6 \text{ nm}$

# Simulations of water and limonene emulsion...

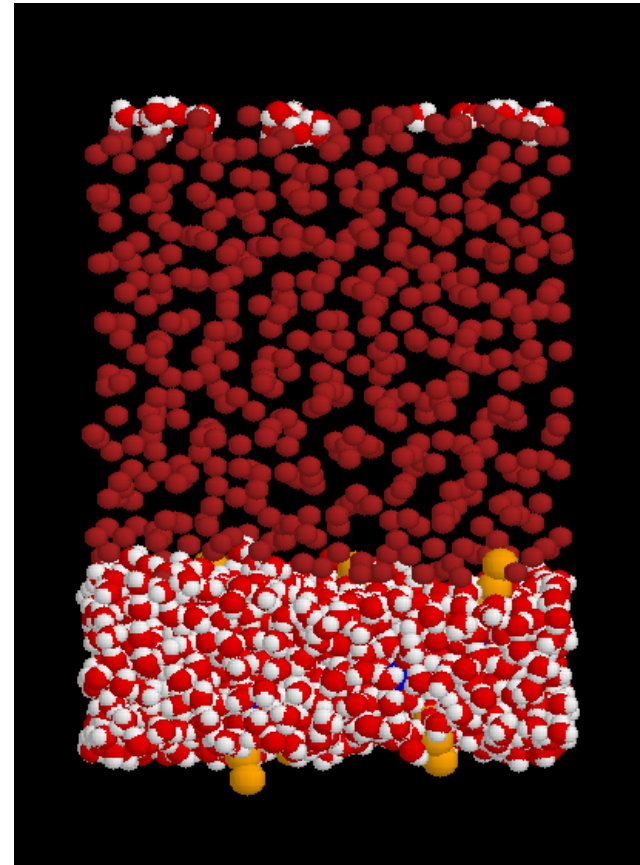
...with soap

**Limonene:**  
aromatic, voiletail oil

Model of limonene

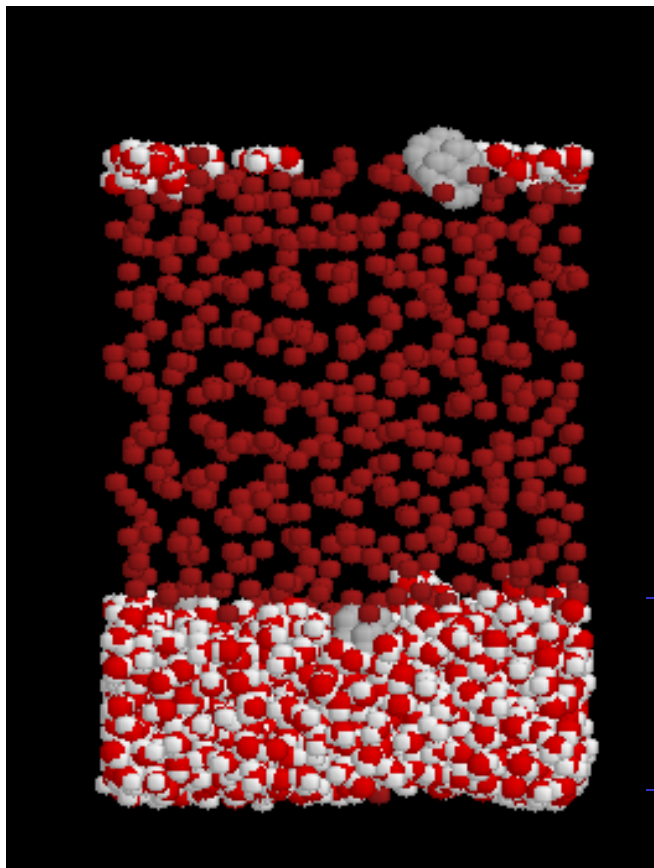


~ 2 nm



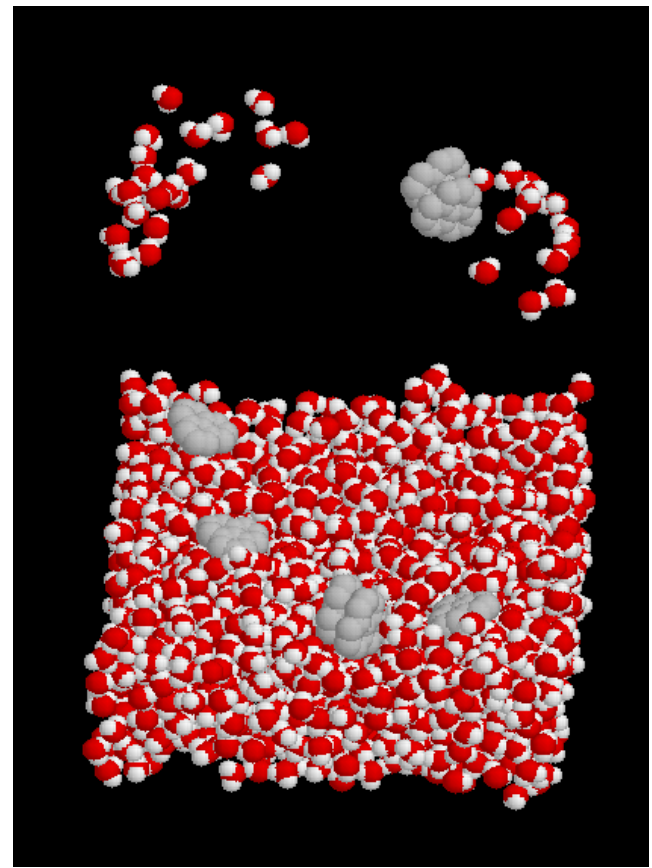
t = 300 ps

## ...with carbon complexes



~ 2 nm

$t = 100 \text{ ps}$



# Conclusions

- Metoda dynamiki Molekularnej jest dobrym narzędziem do opisu zjawisk zachodzących w cieczach na poziomie nanometrów.
- Do opisu efektu rozdzielenia cieczy w emulsji złożonej z oleju i wody przyjęto modele molekularne uwzględniające hydrofilowe i hydrofobowe oddziaływania między cieczami.
- Wydłużenie łańcucha olejowego w cząsteczce surfaktantu stabilizuje proces tworzenia się jego warstwy na granicy faz emulsji.
- Węgiel w postaci atomowej przechodzi z fazy wodnej do olejowej.
- Kompleksy węgla osiadają na powierzchni styku faz emulsji. Proces osadzania przyspiesza użycie cienkiej warstwy wody.