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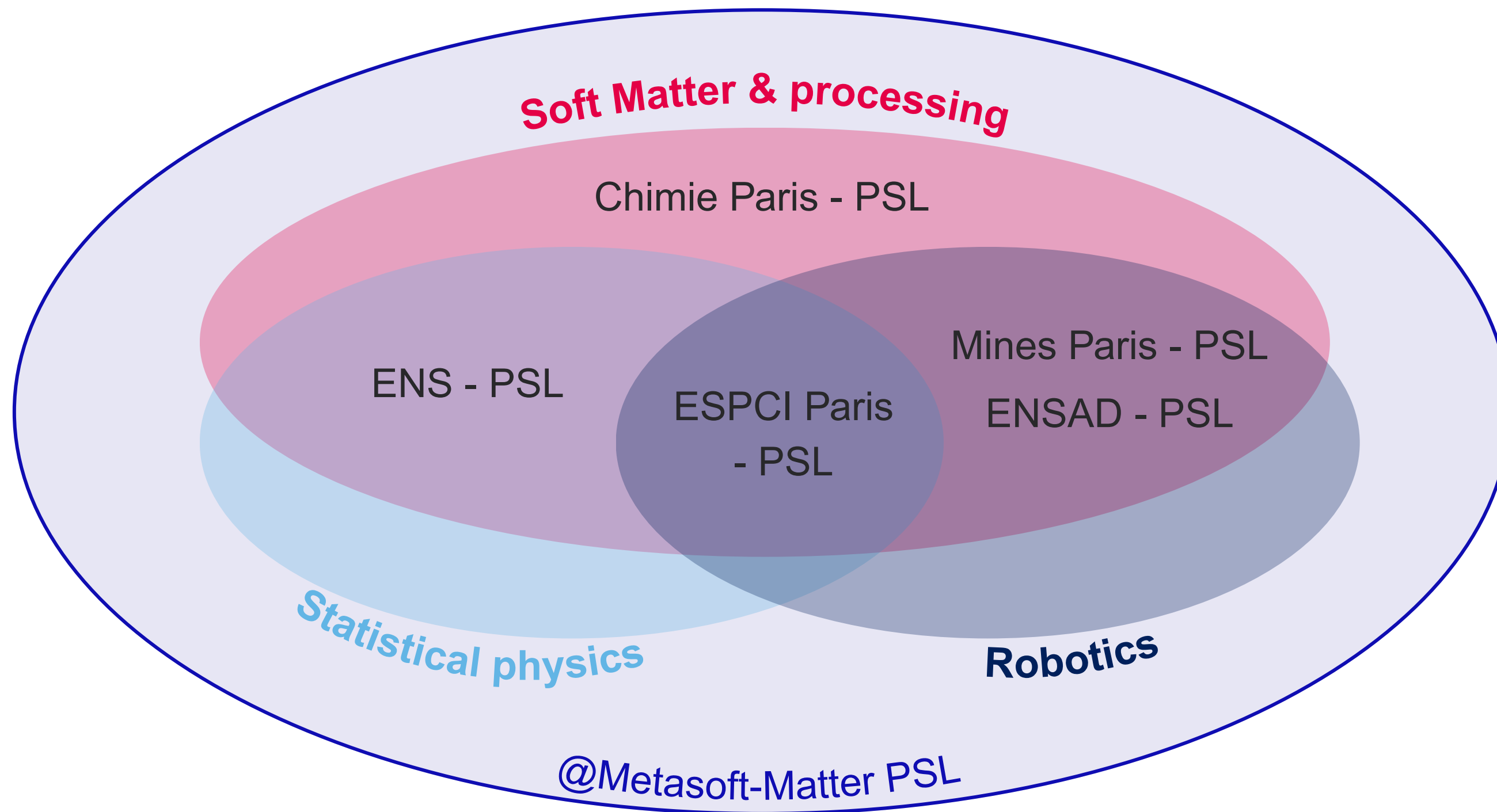
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# Université PSL's Major research program

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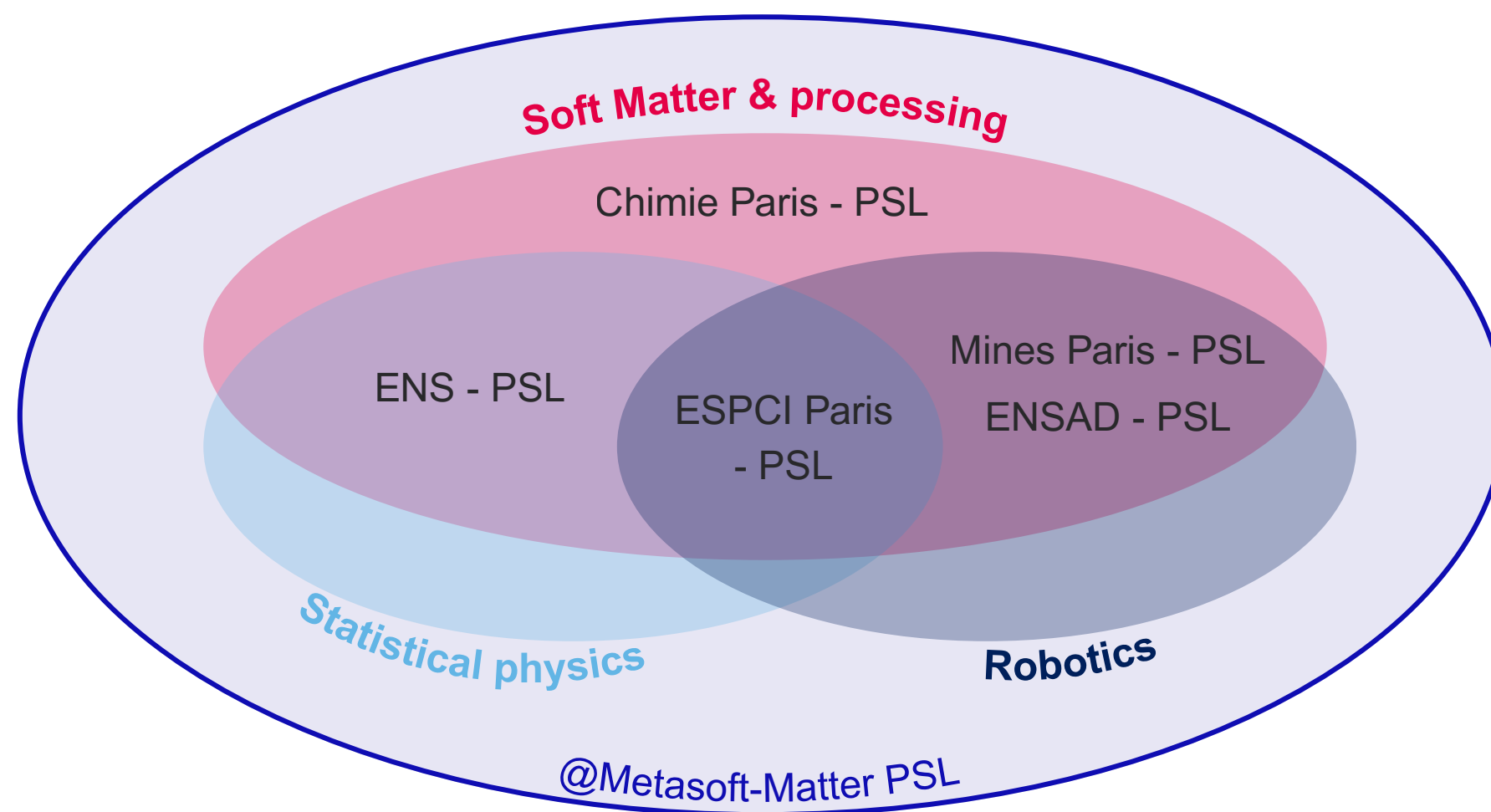
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≈ 80 faculty members and 300 PhDs and postdocs



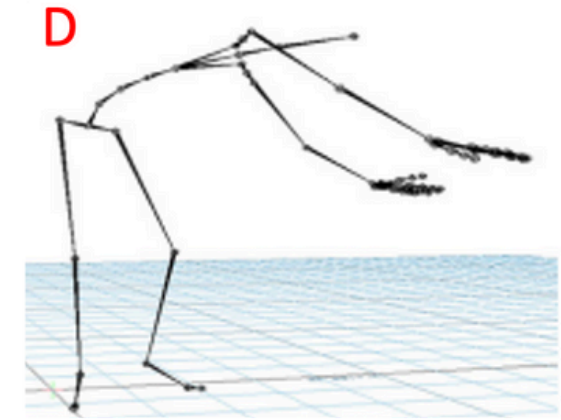
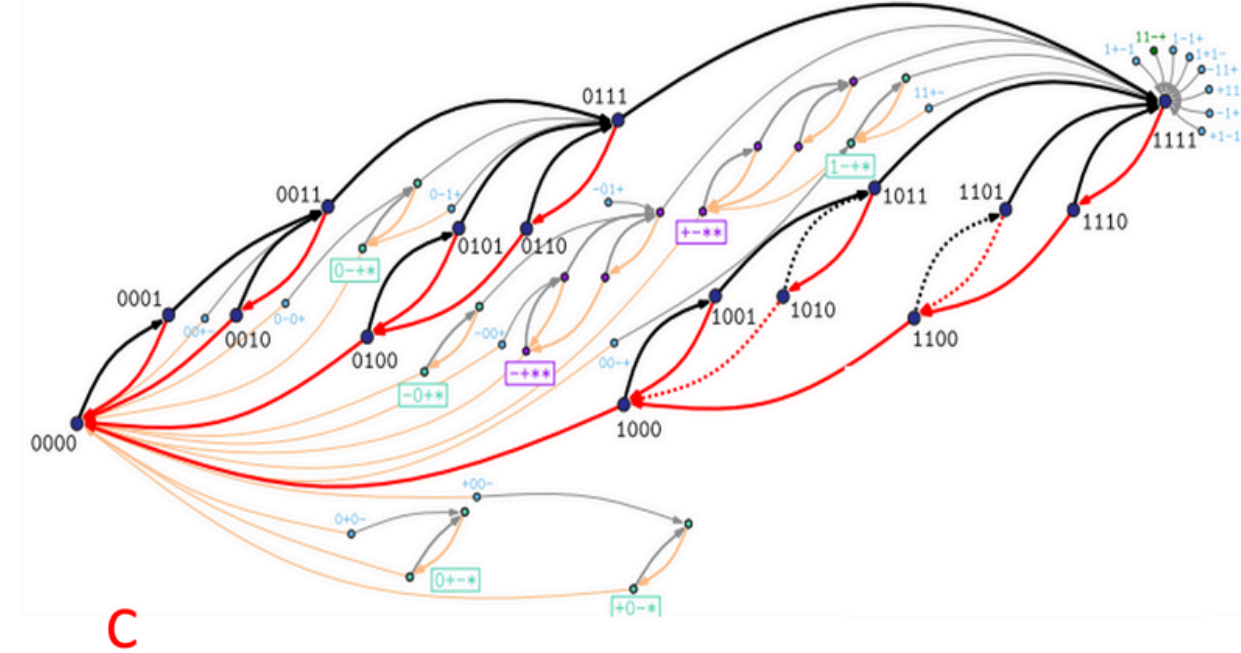
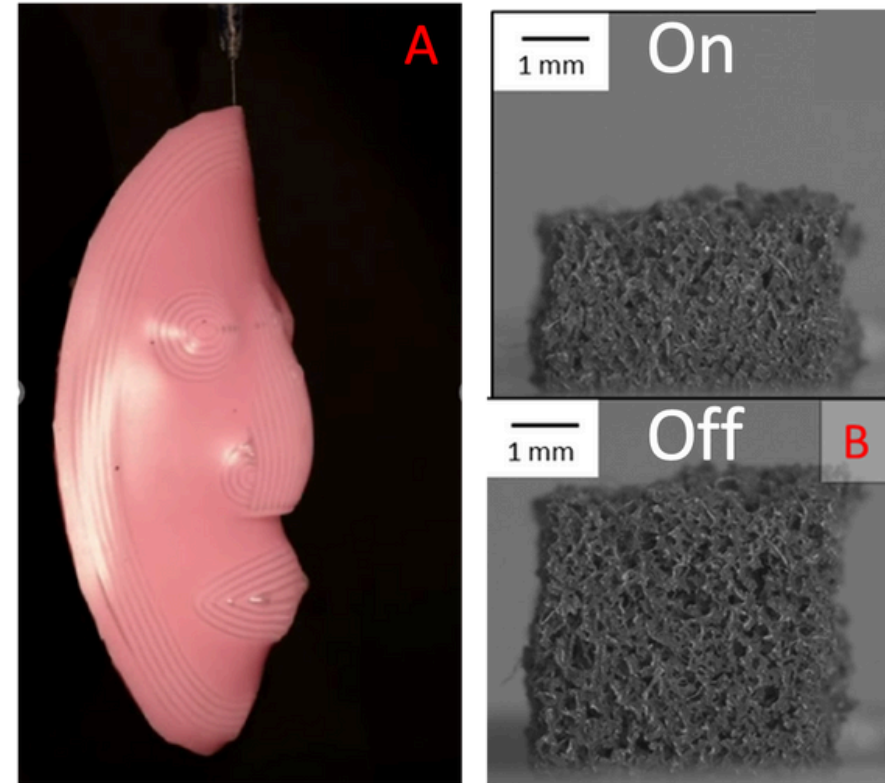
- Chimie ParisTech - PSL (1 team, 4 researchers),
- ENS - PSL (3 teams, 12 researchers),
- Mines Paris - PSL (4 teams, 12 researchers),
- ENSAD - PSL (1 team, 2 researchers)
- ESPCI Paris - PSL (9 teams, 57 researchers)

## Advisory industrial board :

Urgo, Saint-Gobain, SafranTech, Syensqo, LVMH, Softpath



# Scientific perimeter



Smart matter  
ESPCI & Chimie Paris



Learning matter  
ENS, ENAD, Mines Paris

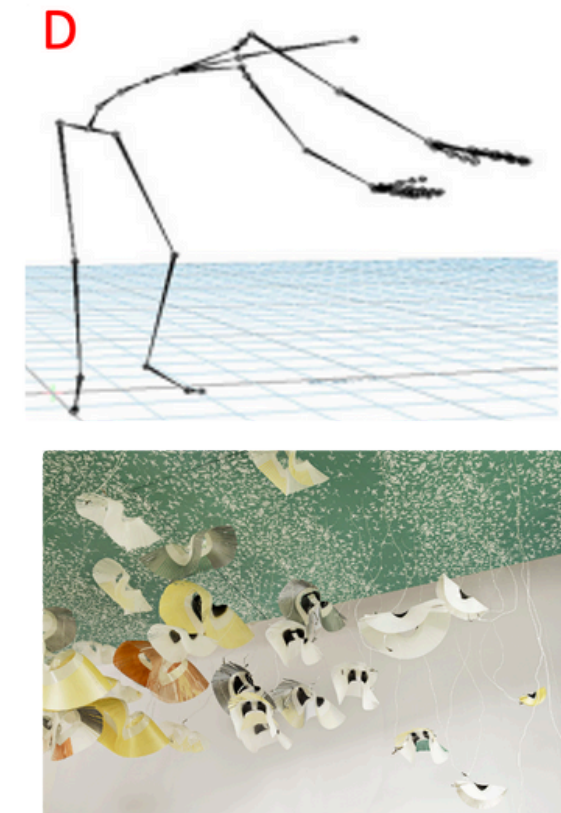
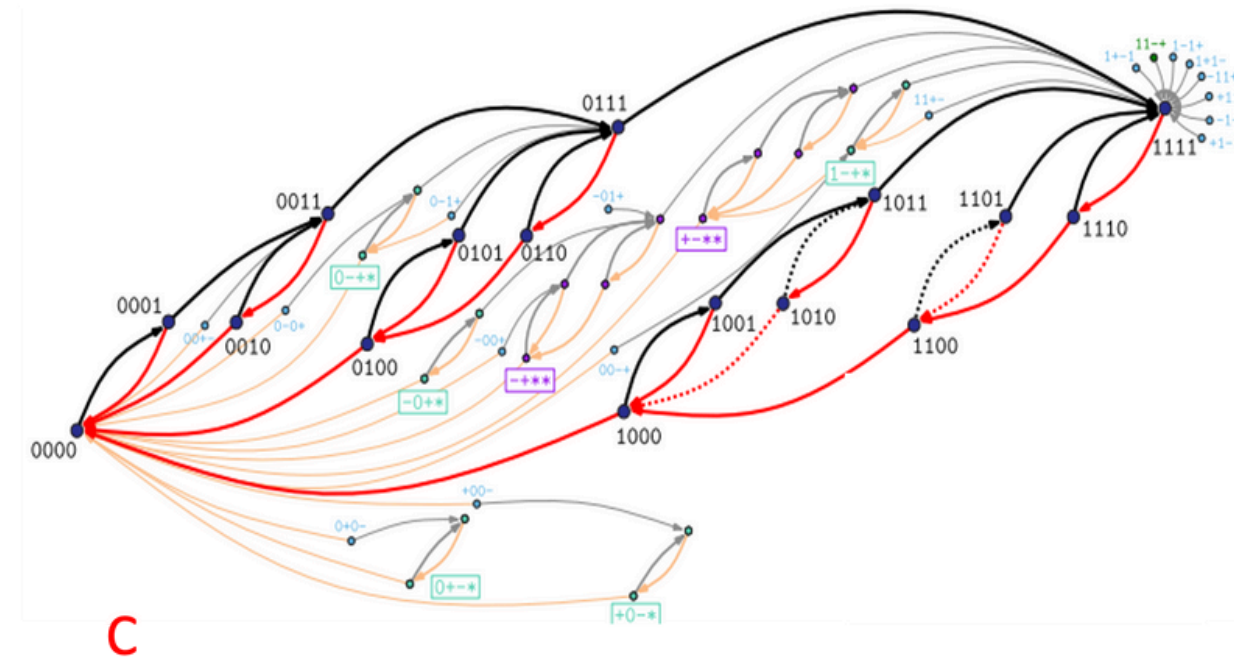
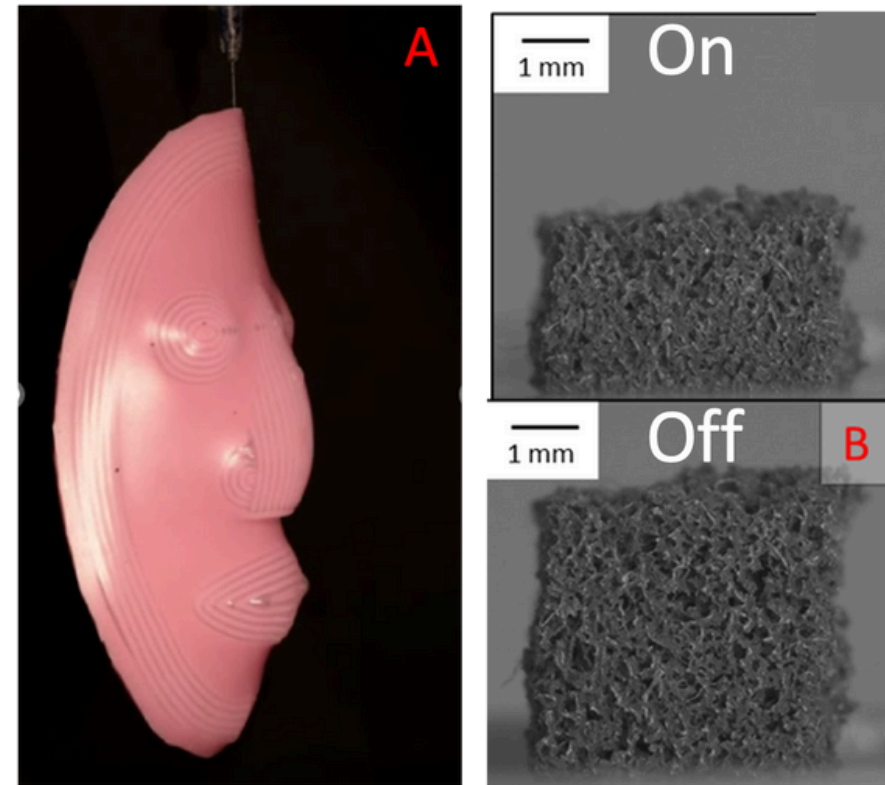


Robotics  
Mines Paris





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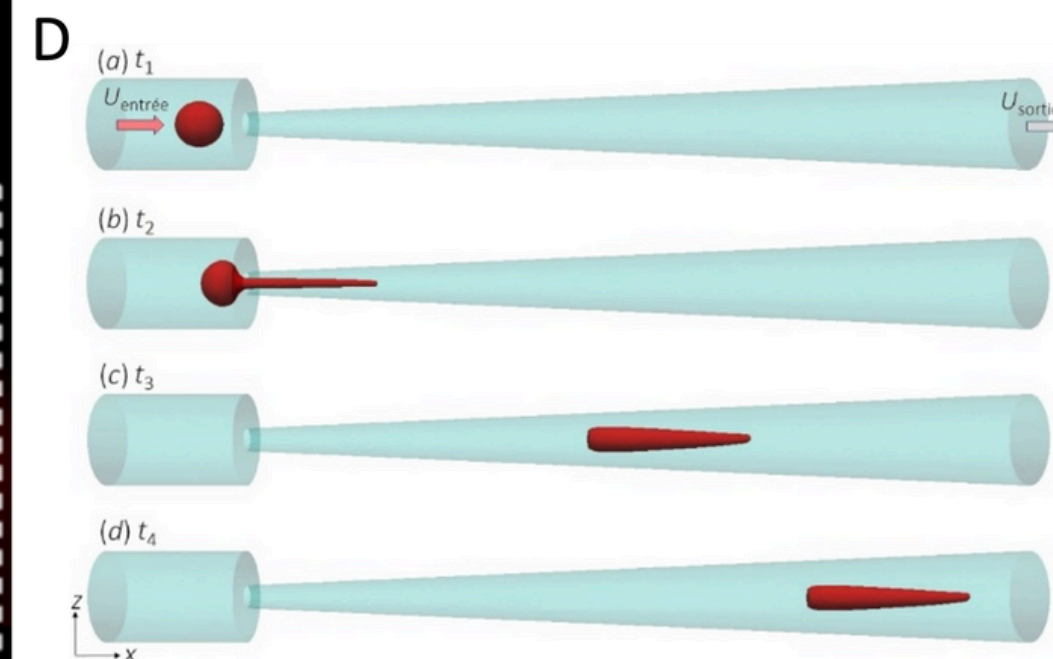
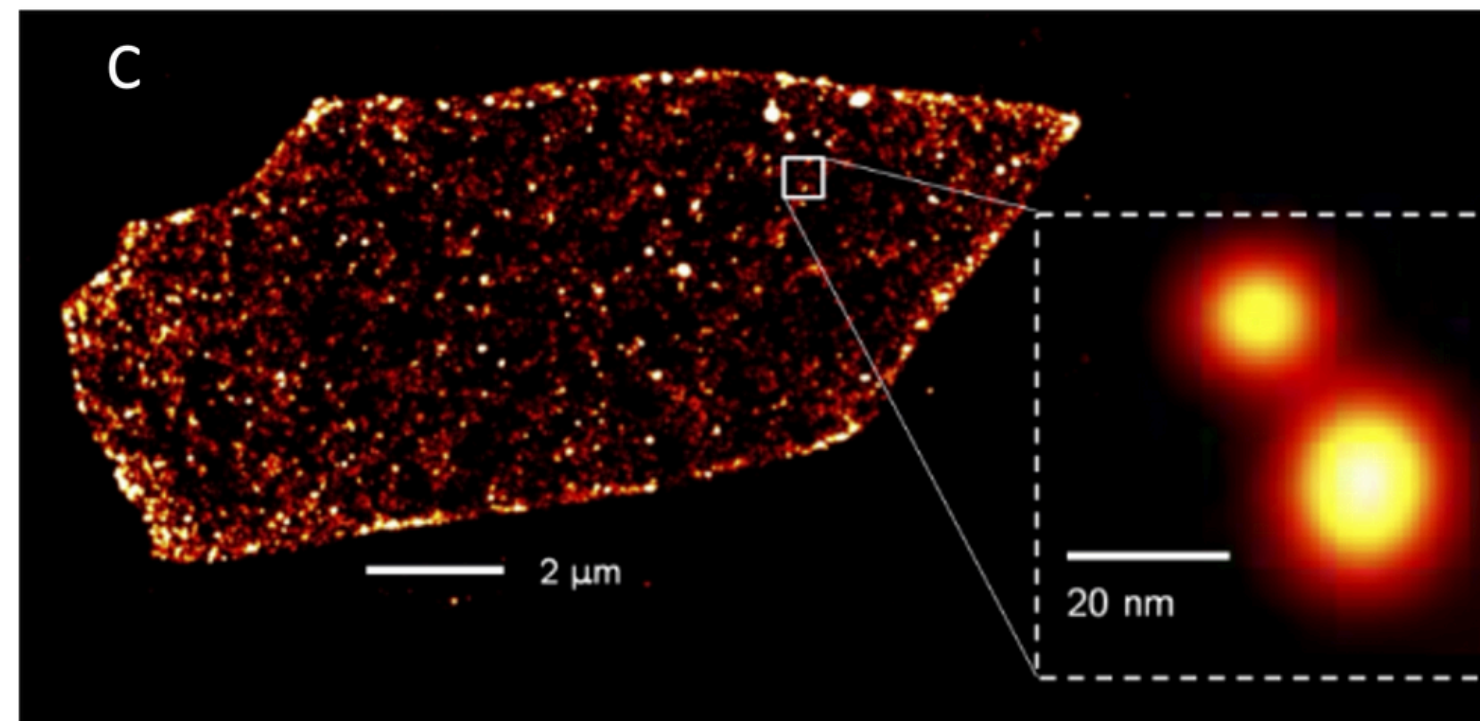
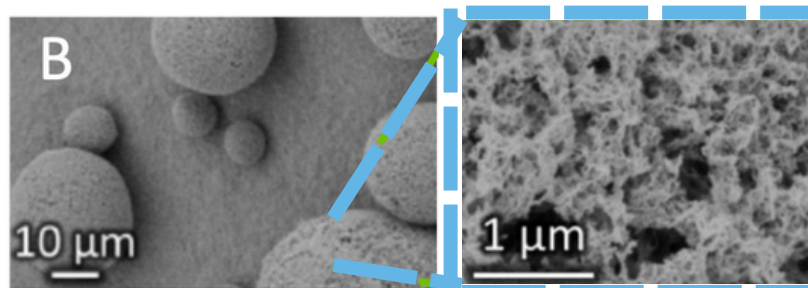
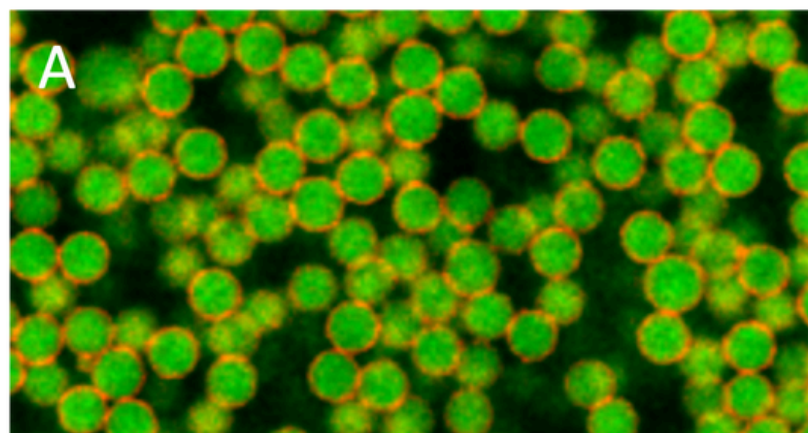


## Programmable and learning materials

- Can we program soft solids ?
- Which materials are suitable for programming soft matter ?
- Can we create evolving soft matter ?
- Can we train soft matter ?
- What are the synergistic applications with robotics ?



# Scientific perimeter



Complex fluids  
ESPCI & Mines Paris



New tools & methods  
ESPCI, ENS, Mines Paris

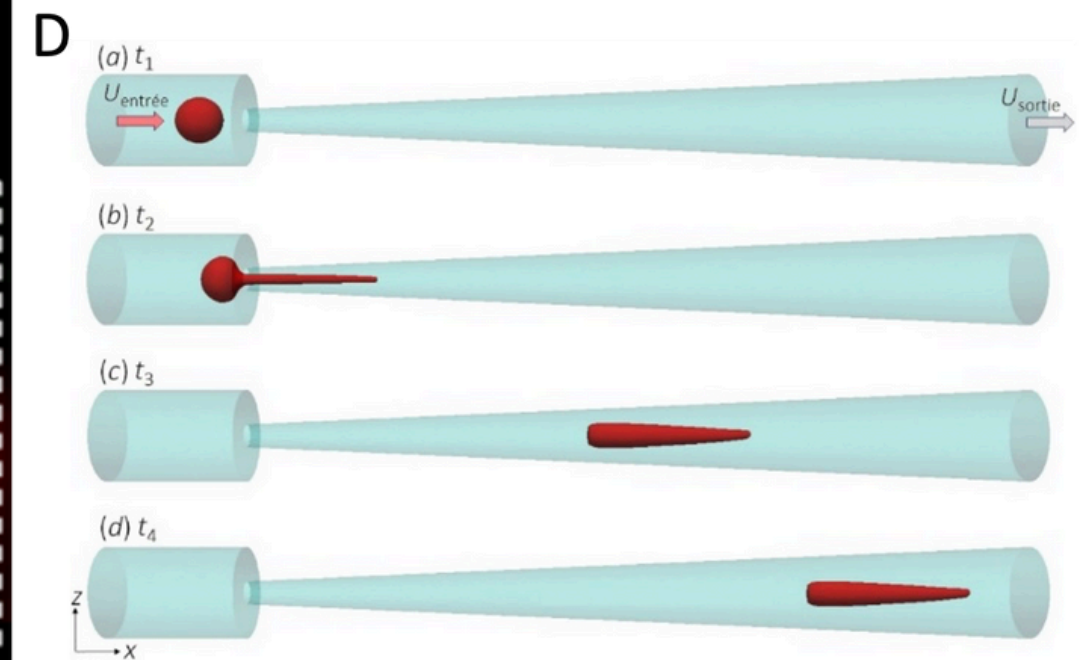
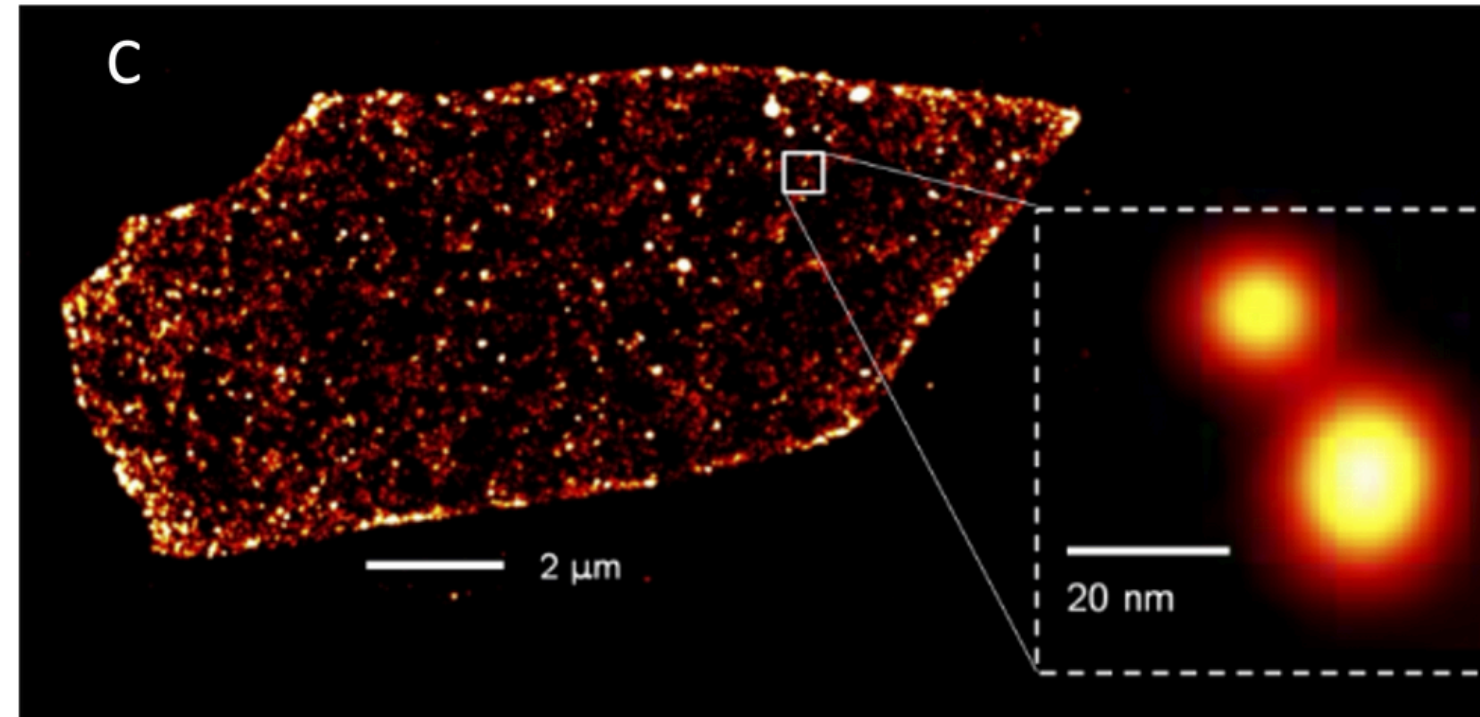
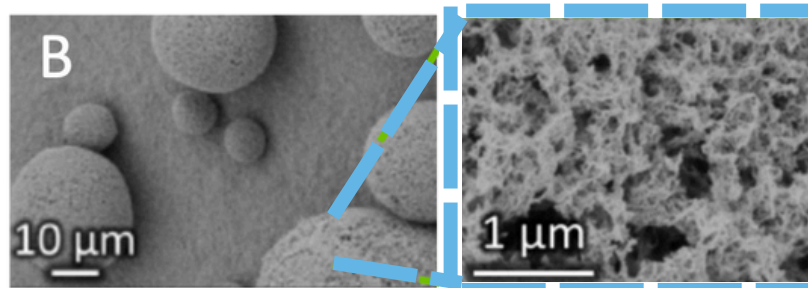
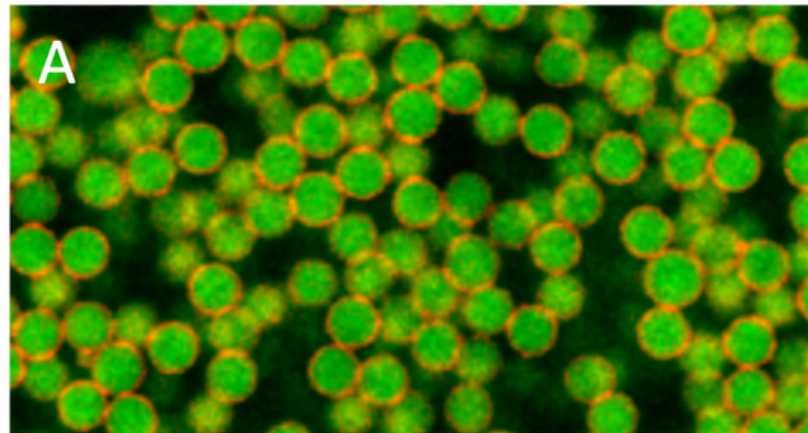


Controlled particles  
ESPCI & Mines Paris





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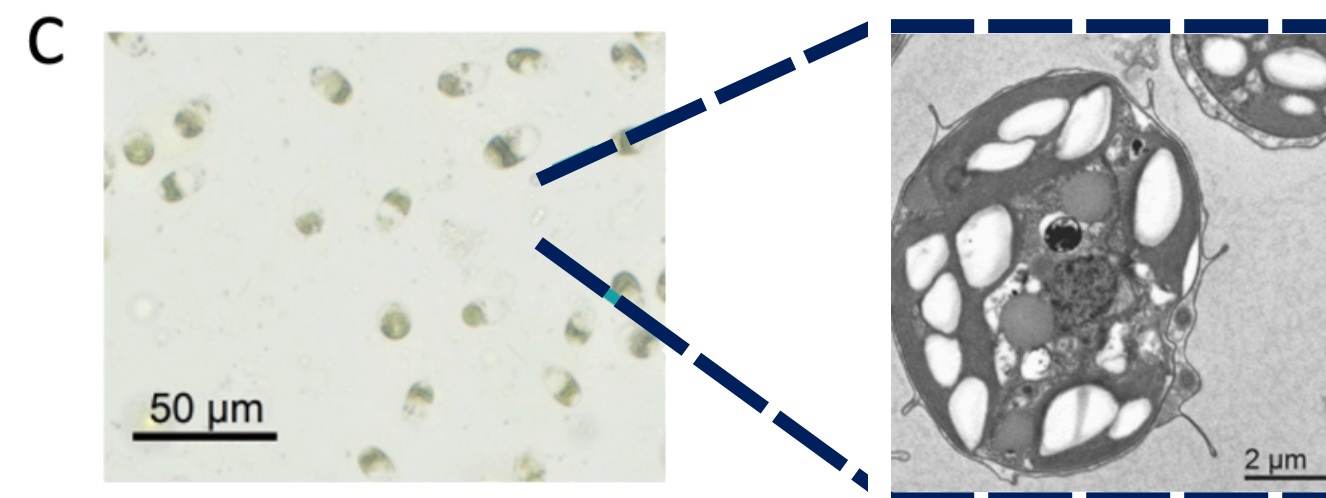
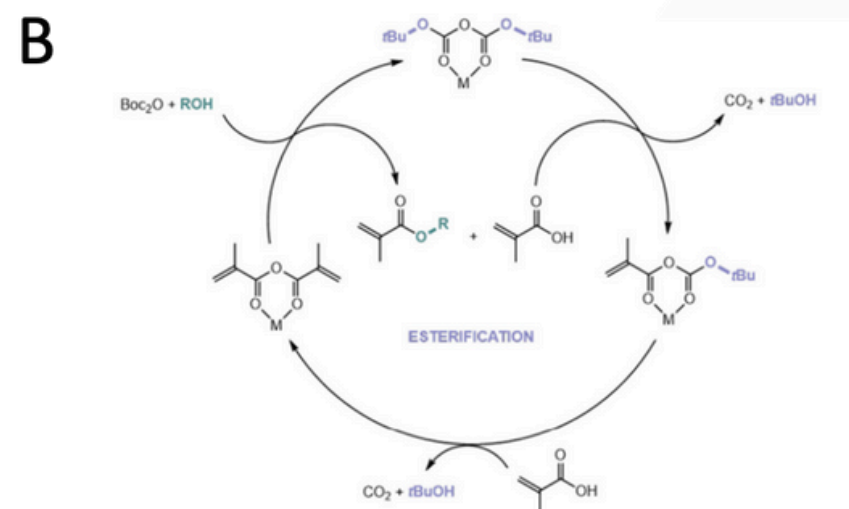
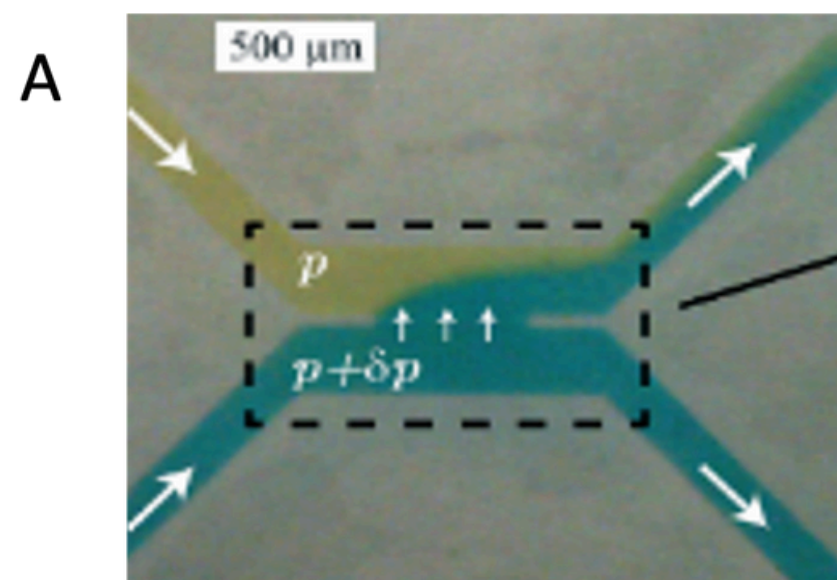


## Complex fluids and suspension

- How to produce model particles with controlled shapes and surface properties ?
- How to measure the friction and adhesion between particles ?
- What is the role of reactivity and activity in the rheology of complex fluids ?
- How do soft solids behave under large deformations ?
- How to observe and control phase transitions in passive and active suspensions ?



# Scientific perimeter



Filtration & desalination  
ESPCI & CEMEF



Metal recycling  
ESPCI, CEMEF, Chimie Paris

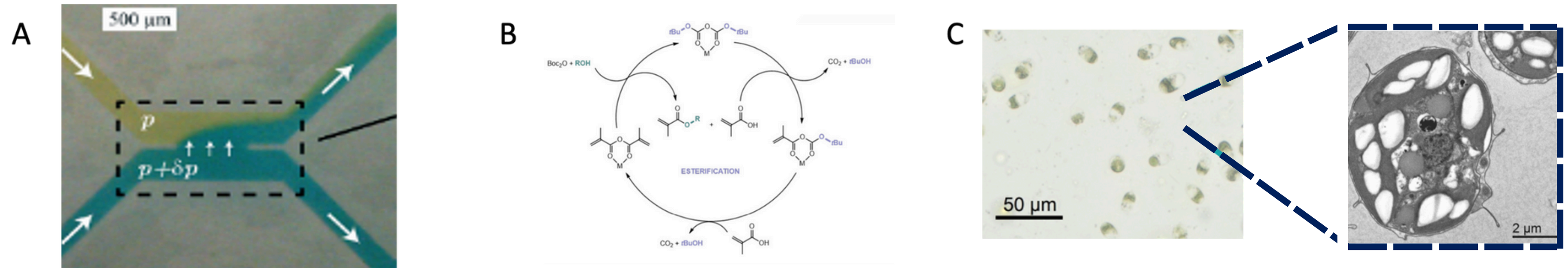


Catalysis and CO<sub>2</sub> valorization  
ESPCI & Chimie Paris





# Scientific perimeter



## Soft matter for sustainability

- Using soft matter science for innovative recycling/upcycling processes ?
- Can flows of liquid in soft materials provide new opportunities for water filtration or evaporative cooling ?
- Can we use self-assembly to produce soft optical materials with radiative cooling properties ?
- Can soft matter and soft materials be used for CO<sub>2</sub> capture and valorization ?



# Governance

## Governing board

- Tatiana **Budtova** (Mines Paris),
- Elie **Hachem** (Mines Paris),
- Matthieu **Labousse** (ESPCI),
- Frédéric **Lechenault** (ENS),
- Cécile **Monteux** (ESPCI)

## Supervisory board

- Cécile **Cottin-Bizonne** (Univ. Lyon 1),
- Yoël **Forterre** (Aix-Marseille Univ.),
- Jean-François **Joanny** (Collège de France),
- Sotiris **Manitsaris** (Mines Paris),
- Aurélie **Mossé** (ENSAD),
- Carine **Robert** (Chimie Paris),
- Nicolas **Vandewalle** (Liège Univ.),
- Invited chair (1 year rotation)

## Industrial board

- Stéphane **Auguste** (Urgo),
- Fabien **Casenave** (Safran),
- Emmanuelle **Gouillart** (Saint-Gobain),
- Thierry **Le Mercier** (Syensqo),
- Ramy **Nemer** (Softpath),
- Karl **Pays** (LVMH)





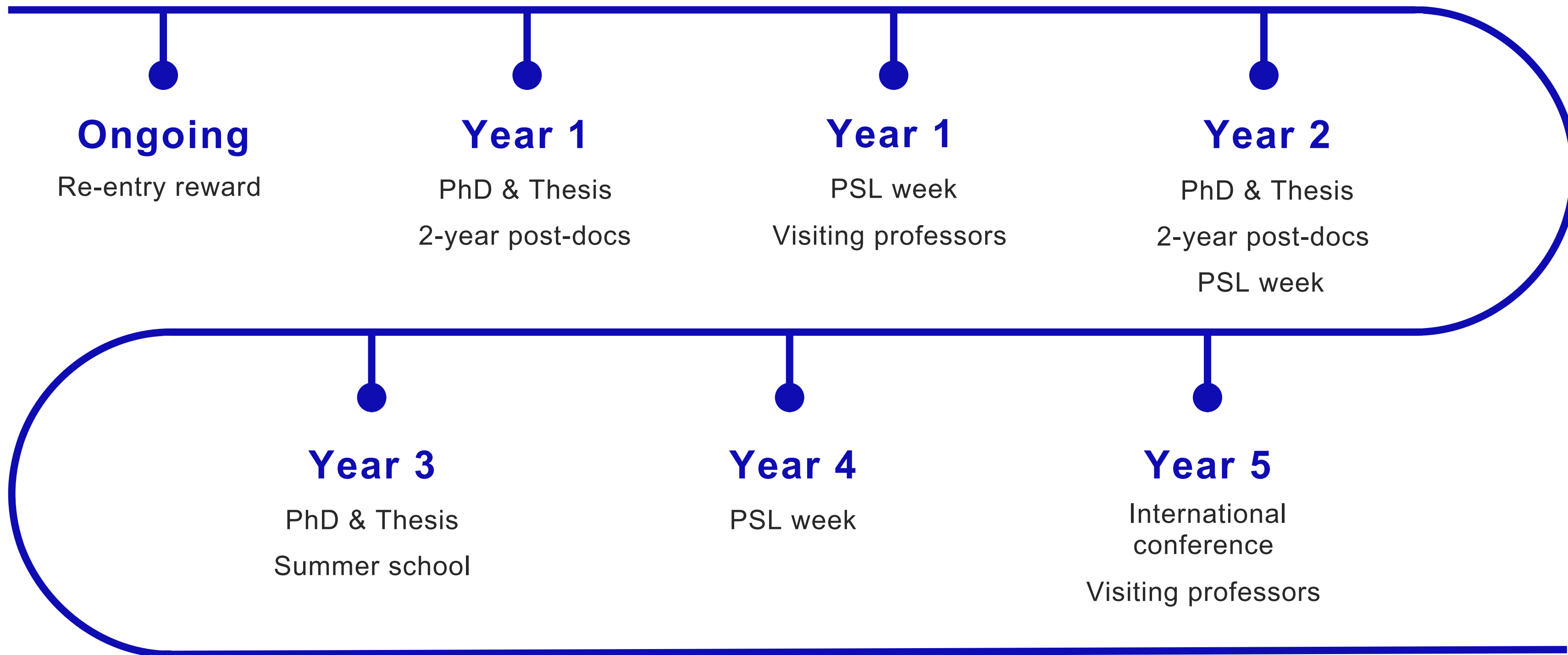
# Main actions

Budget of **2.75** million euros

- 10 PhD thesis + support (6 standards + 4 starting)
- Leverage effect for 5 theses (COFUND)
- Three 2-year post-docs
- International conference
- Summer school
- 3 PSL days (2-days workshops)
- Visiting professors
- Re-entry reward
- Exhibition for the general public, organized by ENSAD



# Dates 2025 to 2029



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**Thank you**