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Abstract

The talk will present historical and recent advances in magnetic micro-nanoparticle separation, manipulation and description using very forceful magnet systems. A new design of a magnet system denoted GIAMAG* (GIant MAGnet field Gradient) has been realized with an unprecedented value of the product of the magnetic field strength B and the field gradient ∇B . This is crucial for rapid extraction of e.g. magnetic particles in dispersions as the magnetic force acting on magnetic particles is $F \sim B \times \nabla B$.

Existing magnet systems can just pull magnetic microparticles from solutions, whereas GIAMAG can extract magnetic particles down to nanosizes.

An interesting development has been to describe the space-time trajectories of the motion of colloidal particles using braid mathematics.

*www.giamag.com

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Drops fully covered by particles stabilize Pickering emulsions, and they are also ideal templates for producing particles and advanced capsules [1]. Our own studies in this area show how electrohydrodynamic circulation flows in drops can assemble solid or fluid colloidal particle films on drop surfaces, and how DC electric fields can be used to structure particles on drop surfaces [2,3,4]. Recently we have performed further investigations of both the rheology and dynamics of Pickering drops subjected to DC electric fields. This is considered in the context of previous studies which include the response of particle covered drops or bubbles exposed to shear flow [5] or other mechanical forces [6]. We demonstrate that DC electric fields offer good control of the plasticity of leaky-dielectric capsules as the applied electric stress can easily be adjusted, reversed or turned off. We find that there is critical electric field corresponding to a deformation yield point of the colloidal capsule above which a capsule plastically deforms. Below the yield point, we observe electro-orientation, weak capsule deformation and crumpled and folded states. By using DC electric fields to induce Quincke rotation dynamics of colloidal capsules [8], we also observe tumbling ("stiff") rotation dynamics to tank-treading ("deformable") dynamics [9], as well as swimming [9] of counter rotating Pickering drop pairs.

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