### Can we learn colloidal liquids to nucleate using machine learning reaction coordinates?

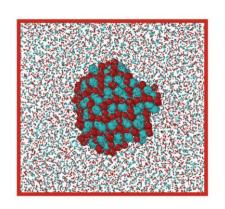
**Research Question:** Can we use machine learning to find the best reaction coordinate to learn colloidal particles to crystallize?

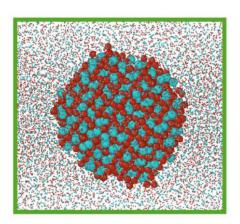
Skills and subjects to learn: Programming skills, Machine Learning techniques

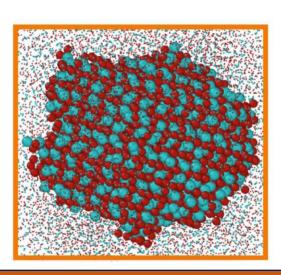
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Recommended prior knowledge: Statistical Physics, Physical Chemistry

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#### Machine Learning potentials for colloids and nanoparticles

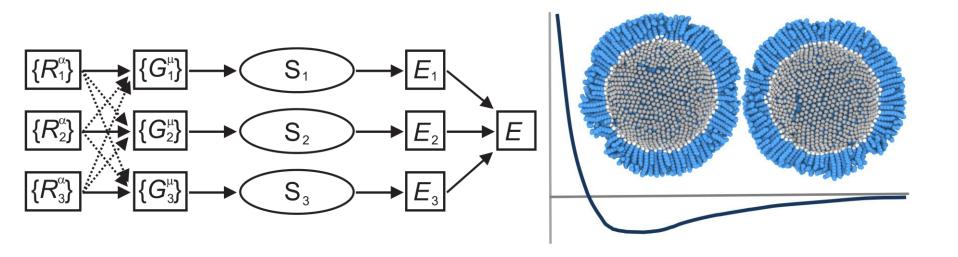
**Research Question:** Can we use machine learning potentials to speed up molecular simulations?

Skills and subjects to learn: Programming skills, Machine Learning techniques

Keywords: Monte Carlo simulations, Machine Learning

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### Inverse design of exotic colloidal plastic crystals, liquid crystals, quasicrystals

**Research Question:** Can we design the particle shape and interactions for exotic plastic crystals, liquid crystals, and quasicrystals?

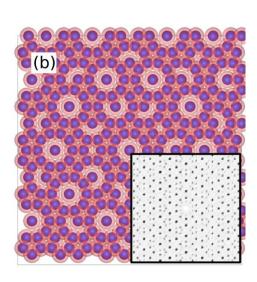
**Skills and subjects to learn:** Programming skills, Monte Carlo simulations, Statistical Physics

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Liquid Crystals



Plastic Crystals

**Quasi Crystals** 

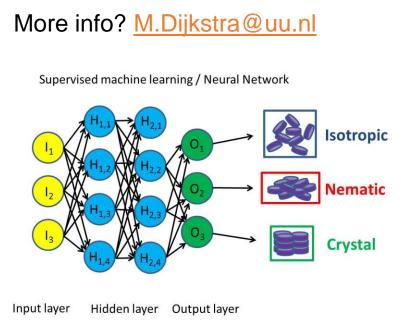
# Classifying phases of matter and finding order parameters using Machine Learning

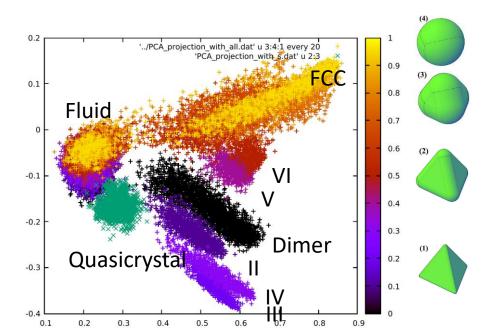
**Research Question:** Can we distinguish the different phases and find the corresponding order parameters using Machine Learning and computer simulations?

Skills and subjects to learn: Programming skills, Machine Learning techniques

Keywords: Monte Carlo simulations, Machine Learning

Recommended prior knowledge: Statistical Physics, Physical Chemistry





## Let's twist again: why bananas bend and pears splay?

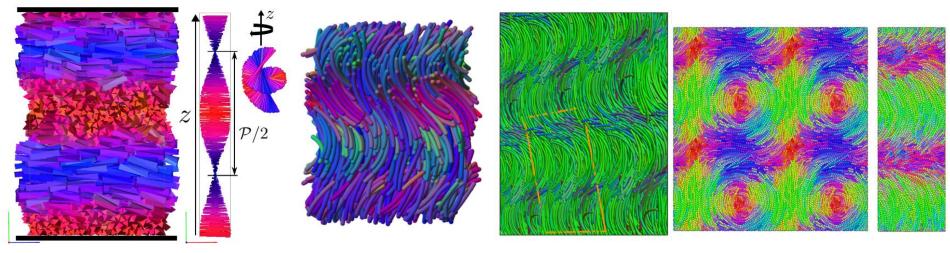
**Research Question:** Can we obtain insight in the microscopic origin of the macroscopic spatial modulations in nematic liquid crystals (LC) using theory and simulations?

Skills and subjects to learn: Programming and theoretical skills

Keywords: Monte Carlo simulations, Landau theory, Onsager theory

Recommended prior knowledge: Statistical Physics, Physical Chemistry

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Chiral nematic LC

Twist-Bend nematic

Splay-Bend nematic

Polar Blue phase