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## Crystal Growth in Colloids Due to Charge Induced Crystallization

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Submicron sized charged colloidal particles dispersed in water self assemble into ordered crystal structures at sufficiently strong electrostatic interparicle interactions. Here we report the charge induced crystallization in dilute aqueous dispersions of colloidal silica by varying pH, and unidirectional crystal growths of the silica colloids under gradients of pH and temperature.

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