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Professional Profile

Dr. Behrens applies physics, surface chemistry, and engineering principles to manipulate material properties and solve technical challenges associated with product development, manufacturing, and product/process performance. He has been consulting on numerous projects centered on the failure and degradation of polymeric materials used for piping and liquid storage systems.

Dr. Behrens also has experience with the formulation and characterization of polymeric, particulate, or emulsified products serving a wide range of industrial purposes, including drug delivery, crop protection, human and animal nutrition, hair and skin care, cosmetics, and detergency. He has worked extensively on stability issues in colloidal dispersions, emulsions, foams, and protein solutions, and developed emulsion-based technologies for microencapsulation and microreactor fabrication. Drawing on substantial experience in both industrial and academic research, he can support clients in matters concerning product performance, intellectual property, and trade secrets.

Prior to joining Exponent, Dr. Behrens spent 13 years as an Associate Professor of Chemical Engineering at the Georgia Institute of Technology, where he made significant research contributions regarding the stabilization of protein solutions, emulsions, and non-aqueous dispersions, as well as the design of stimulus-responsive emulsions and microcapsules. He is further known for the discovery of capillary foams, a new class of foams with potential applications ranging from food and skin care to oil recovery and oil spill remediation. Before his academic appointment, Dr. Behrens worked for 5 years in the Polymer Research Division of BASF, where he headed a laboratory specialized on light scattering techniques and the advancement of formulation projects.

Academic Credentials & Professional Honors

Ph.D., Natural Sciences, Swiss Federal Institute of Technology, Zürich, 1999

M.S., Physics, University of Göttingen, 1995

B.S., Physics, University of Tübingen, 1991

Sigma Xi

Awarded five NSF (3-5 year) research grants as Principal Investigator (3) or co-PI (2), 2009 - 2020

Outstanding service recognition by the ACS division of colloid and surface chemistry for organizing and chairing the 2019 ACS Colloid & Surface Science Symposium, a 4-day event with over 500 participants from 24 countries

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Chosen "Faculty Member of the Semester" for Spring 2008 by Alpha Gamma Delta

Henry and Camille Dreyfus New Faculty Award, 2007

Postdoctoral Research Fellowship of the German Research Foundation (DFG)

Medal of the ETH for outstanding doctoral thesis

Research Fellowship of the Swiss National Science Foundation

Academic Appointments

Adjunct Professor of Chemical Engineering, Georgia Institute of Technology, 2021 – present

Professional Affiliations

American Chemical Society (member)

American Institute of Chemical Engineers (member)

ASTM D01 Paint and Related Coatings, Materials, and Applications (committee member)

Patents

US 10,934,191: Capillary Foams, Methods of Making Thereof, and Uses Thereof Including for Mitigation of Oil Spills, issued March 2, 2021.

US 10,276,370 (WO/2016/109516, JP6637505, EP3241232): Methods for the Continuous, Large-Scale Manufacture of Functional Nanostructures, US application granted April 30, 2019, Japanese application granted January 29, 2020.

WO 2015/103190: Water/Oil/Water Emulsions Including Oil Droplets Containing a Single Aqueous Core Droplet, published July 9, 2015.

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US 8,633,111 (WO/2008/080958, EP 2,106,426, KR101435237B1, CN101595190B, JP5623083B2): Composition for Polishing Surfaces of Silicon Dioxide, European patent granted April 25, 2012, Chinese patent granted February 13, 2013, US patent granted January 21, 2014, South Korean patent granted August 28, 2014, Japanese application granted November 12, 2014.

European patent EP 1,928,593 (WO/2007/033931, DE502006005364D1, ES2334832T3, CA2622990C): Novel Agrochemical Formulations, European patent granted November 11, 2009 (only German and Spanish patent currently active), Canadian application granted June 10, 2014.

US 8,735,518 (WO/2007/074041, EP1966248B1, CA 2,632,844, CN 101346399,): Aqueous Dispersions Of Polymers Which Comprise A Fluorescent Dye, Process For Their Production And Their Use For Marking Materials, Chinese application granted July 4, 2012, US application granted May 27, 2014, Canadian patent granted February 3, 2015, European patent granted July 10, 2019.

European Patent EP 1,756,169 (WO/2005/118,650, RU2417232C2, ES2335115T3, DE502005008485D1): Method for Marking Materials, European patent granted November 11, 2009 (only German and Spanish patent currently active), Russian application granted April 27, 2011.

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US 7,075,060 (WO/2002/098617, EP1397233B8, DE60206267T2, ES2250661T3, CN1281103C, CA2449337C, JP4184257B2, AU2002314979B2): Optical Peristaltic Pumping with Optical Traps, US patent granted July 11, 2006, European application granted November 23, 2005 (only Spanish patent currently active).

Publications

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Okesanjo O, Meredith JC, Behrens SH. Structure-Property Relationship in Capillary Foams. Langmuir 2021; 37:10510-10520.

Sharma A, McDonald, MA, Rose HB, Chernoff YO, Behrens SH, Bommarius AS. Modeling Amyloid Aggregation Kinetics: A Case Study with Sup35NM. J Phys Chem B 2021; 125:4955-4963.

Behrens SH. Oil-Coated Bubbles in Particle Suspensions, Capillary Foams, and Related Opportunities in Colloidal Multiphase Systems. Curr Opin Colloid Interface Sci 2020; 50:101384.

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Behrens SH, Breedveld V, Mujica M, Filler MA. Process Principles for Large-Scale Nanomanufacturing. Annu Rev Chem Biomol Eng 2017; 8:201-226.

Lee J, Zhou Z-L, Behrens SH. Charging Mechanism for Polymer Particles in Nonpolar Surfactant Solutions: Influence of Polymer Type and Surface Functionality. Langmuir 2016; 32:4827-4836.

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Lee J, Zhou ZL, Alas G, Behrens SH. Mechanisms of Particle Charging by Surfactants in Nonpolar Dispersions. Langmuir 2015; 31:11989-11999.

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Zhang Y, Allen MC, Zhao R, Deheyn DD, Behrens SH, Meredith JC. Capillary Foams: Stabilization and Functionalization of Porous Liquids and Solids. Langmuir 2015; 31:2669-2676.

Zhang Y, Wu J, Wang H, Meredith JC, Behrens SH. Stabilization of Liquid Foams through the Synergistic Action of Particles and an Immiscible Liquid. Angew Chem Int Ed 2014; 53:13385-13389. The discovery reported in this article was covered by national and international online news outlets and by a press release of the National Science Foundation.

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San-Miguel A, Behrens SH. Influence of Nanoscale Particle Roughness on the Stability of Pickering Emulsions. Langmuir 2012; 28:12038-12043.

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Pericet-Camara R, Papastavrou G, Behrens SH, Borkovec M. Interaction between charged surfaces on the Poisson-Boltzmann level: The constant regulation approximation. J Phys Chem B 2004; 108:19467-19475.

Kirwan LJ, Papastavrou G, Borkovec M, Behrens SH. Imaging the coil-to-globule conformational transition of a weak polyelectrolyte by tuning the polyelectrolyte charge density. Nano Lett 2004; 4:149-152.

Behrens SH, Plewa J, Grier DG. Measuring a colloidal particle's interaction with a flat surface under

nonequilibrium conditions - Total internal reflection microscopy with absolute position information. Eur Phys J E 2003; 10:115-121.

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Zheng JZ, Behrens SH, Borkovec M, Powers SE. Predicting the wettability of quartz surfaces exposed to dense nonaqueous phase liquids. Environ Sci Technol 2001; 35:2207-2213.

Borkovec M, Behrens SH, Semmler M. Observation of the mobility maximum predicted by the standard electrokinetic model for highly charged amidine latex particles. Langmuir 2000; 16:5209-5212.

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Behrens SH, Borkovec M. Influence of the secondary interaction energy minimum on the early stages of colloidal aggregation. J Colloid Interface Sci 2000; 225:460-465.

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Book Contributions

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Proceedings

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Behrens SH, San Miguel A: Stimulus Responsive Nanoparticles in Colloidosomes and Nanocomposite Capsules for Controlled Release Applications, Proceedings of the 2nd International Conference on Nanotechnology: Fundamentals and Applications, Ottawa, ON, Canada, July 27-29, 2011.

San Miguel A, Scrimgeour J, Curtis JE, Behrens SH: pH-Responsive Microcapsules from Double Pickering Emulsions, Proceedings of the 1st International Conference on Smart Polymer Systems, Atlanta, GA, May 5-6, 2010.

Selected Invited Presentations

Behrens SH. Oil-coated bubbles in aqueous suspensions. Plenary lecture for Area 1c (Interfacial Phenomena) of the American Institute of Chemical Engineers, AIChE annual meeting in San Francisco, CA (moved online), November 2020.

Behrens SH. New Materials and Separation Processes Involving Particles in Fluid Interfaces. Invited presentation to the Chemistry Department of the Chinese University of Hong Kong, Hong Kong, October 2018.

Behrens SH. Formulation Opportunities Due Gelling and Jamming in Colloidal Multiphase Systems. ECI Conference on Advances in Cosmetic Formulation Design in Durham, NC, July 2018.

Sharma A, Behrens SH (speaker), Chernoff YO, Bommarius AS. Specific and Non-Specific Ion Effects in the Formation of Aβ and Sup35NM Based Amyloids. Keynote presentation at the 92nd ACS Colloid & Surface Science Symposium at Pennsylvania State University, State College, PA, June 2018.

Behrens SH. Droplet Interactions with Particles and Bubbles in Aqueous Media. Energy Materials and Nanotechnology (EMN) Meeting on Droplets, Victoria, Canada, April 2018.

Behrens SH. Unusual Material Properties Enabled by Nanoparticles in Capillary Foams. 19th International Conference on Nanotechnology and Expo (Nanotek 2017), Atlanta, GA, November 2017.

Behrens SH. Electrostatic Effects in Interactions in Nonpolar Liquids and at Liquid Interfaces. Invited seminar at the ExxonMobil Research and Engineering Company, Anandale, NJ, January 2017.

Behrens SH. Interactions in Colloidal Multiphase Systems: From Fundamental Insights to New Materials and Processes. Invited seminar at Lonza, Inc., Alpharetta, GA, October 2016.

Behrens SH (speaker), Sharma A, Rubin J, Bruce KL, Lydon ME, Khosravi H, Chen B, Gyoneva S, Bommarius AS, Chernoff YO. Ion-Specific Effects on Prion Nucleation, Strain Formation, and the Species Barrier, Colorado Protein Stability Conference of the American Association of Pharmaceutical Scientists in Breckenridge, CO, July 2015.

Behrens SH. Microgel Particles as Emulsion Stabilizers. Summer School on Functional Microgels and Microgel Systems at the Technical University of Aachen (SFB 985), Aachen, Germany, June 2015.

Zhang Y, Meredith JC, Behrens SH (speaker). Capillary foams: A new pathway toward functional porous materials. Invited presentation at the 249th National Meeting of the American Chemical Society in Denver, CO, March 2015.

Behrens SH. Stability in Protein Solutions and Colloidal Multiphase Systems, Invited presentation at Malvern Instruments Inc., Bioscience Development Initiative, Columbia, MD, January 2015.

Zhang Y, Wu J, Wang H, Meredith JC, Behrens SH (speaker). Particles in Liquid Interfaces and the Stabilization of Colloidal Multi-Phase Systems. Invited presentation at the 88th ACS Colloid & Surface Science Symposium at the University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, PA, June 2014.

Behrens SH. How do Surfactants Mediate Surface Charging in Nonpolar Liquids? Gordon Research Conference on Colloidal, Macromolecular & Polyelectrolyte Solutions in Ventura, CA, February 2014.

Behrens SH. Particle-Stabilized Emulsions and the Surprising Effects of Particle Charge and Nano-Scale Roughness, Sven H. Behrens, Nano@Tech Seminar Series, Georgia Tech, recording published online at https://smartech.gatech.edu/handle/1853/49839

Behrens SH. The Interaction of Colloidal Particles with Liquid Interfaces and Consequences for Particle-Stabilized Emulsions. Invited seminar at the Department of Chemical & Nuclear Engineering, University of New Mexico, Albuquerque, NM, October 2013.

Behrens SH. Particles at Liquid Interfaces: Overlooked Interactions and Their Consequences for Particle-Stabilized Emulsions. Invited seminar at the Department of Chemical Engineering, City College of New York, New York, NY, April 2013.

San Miguel A, Behrens SH (speaker). Nano-Scale Roughness of Colloidal Particles and its Effect on Particle-Stabilized Emulsions. Invited presentation at the Fall 2012 ACS National Meeting, Philadelphia, PA, August 2012.

Guo Q, Espinosa CE, Singh V, Behrens SH (speaker). Particle Charging and Electrostatic Interaction in Apolar Liquids. Invited seminar in the Department of Physics, Emory University, Atlanta, GA, April 2012.

San Miguel A, Behrens SH (speaker). Control of Surface Roughness and Wetting with Responsive Nanoparticles. Invited presentation at the 2012 ACS National Meeting, San Diego, CA, March 2012.

Behrens SH. Particles as Emulsion Stabilizers: New Opportunities for Stability Control and for the Microencapsulation of Liquid Cargoes. Invited seminar at Kemira Chemicals, Atlanta, GA, October 2011.

San Miguel A, Behrens SH (speaker). Stimulus-Responsive Nanoparticles in Colloidosomes and Nanocomposite Capsules for Controlled Release Applications. 2nd International Conference on Nanotechnology: Fundamentals and Applications (ICNFA) in Ottawa, Canada, July 2011.

Behrens SH. Colloidal Whiffle Balls, Dissoluble Colloidosomes, and Particles with Tunable Roughness. Particles 2011 conference, Berlin, Germany, July 2011.

Behrens SH. Colloidal Assembly of Microcapsules with Tunable Permeability and a Dissolution Trigger. Invited seminar at the University of Washington, Department of Chemical Engineering, Seattle, WA, January 2011.

Behrens SH. Nonpolar Liquids + Nonionic Surfactants = Electric Charges? A Surprising Recipe for Electrostatic Phenomena. Department colloquium at Auburn University, Polymer and Fiber Engineering, Auburn, GA, November 2010.

Behrens SH. Engineering Colloidal Stability. Invited seminar at BASF, Agrochemicals Division, Research Triangle Park, NC, October 2010.

San Miguel A, Scrimgeour J, Curtis JE, Behrens SH (speaker). Colloidosomes with a Dissolution Trigger and Tunable Permeability. Invited seminar at Procter & Gamble, Cincinnati, OH, September 2010.

San Miguel A, Scrimgeour J, Curtis JE, Behrens SH (speaker). Emulsion-Templated Assembly of Stimulus-Responsive Particles: Smart Colloidosomes with Tunable Permeability and Dissolution Trigger. Smart Polymer Systems, International Conference in Atlanta, GA, May 2010.

Behrens SH. Electric Conductivity and Particle Charging in Nonpolar Solutions of Non-Dissociable Surfactants. Invited seminar at Carnegie Mellon University, Chemical Engineering/ Center for Complex Fluids Engineering, Pittsburgh, PA, October 2009.

Behrens SH. From Charge Control in Nonpolar Oils to Emulsion-Based Encapsulation and Controlled Release: a Quest for “Colloidal Engineering Rules”. Invited seminar at BASF, Department of Polymer Physics, Ludwigshafen, Germany, October 2009.

Behrens SH. Surface Modification of Particles and Emulsion Droplets with Functional Polymers. Particles 2005 conference, San Francisco, CA, August 2005.

Behrens SH. Hairy Surfaces and Non-Equilibrium Particle Dynamics. Invited seminar at the Division of Physical Chemistry and Soft Matter, University of Wageningen, The Netherlands, March 2005.

Behrens SH. Neat Effects of Fuzzy Layers: The Role of Interfacial Polymer for Colloidal Interactions, 2nd Intl. Max Bergmann Symposium, Leibniz Institute for Polymer Research, Dresden, Germany, February 2005.

Behrens SH. Colloidal Interaction Studies with Total Internal Reflection Microscopy: Hairy Surfaces and Non-Equilibrium Particle Dynamics. Invited lecture at the Max-Planck Institute for Polymer Research in Mainz, Germany, February 2004.

Behrens SH. Electrostatic Interaction in Colloidal Dispersions. Invited lecture at Northwestern University, Department of Environmental Engineering, Evanston, IL, February 2001.