

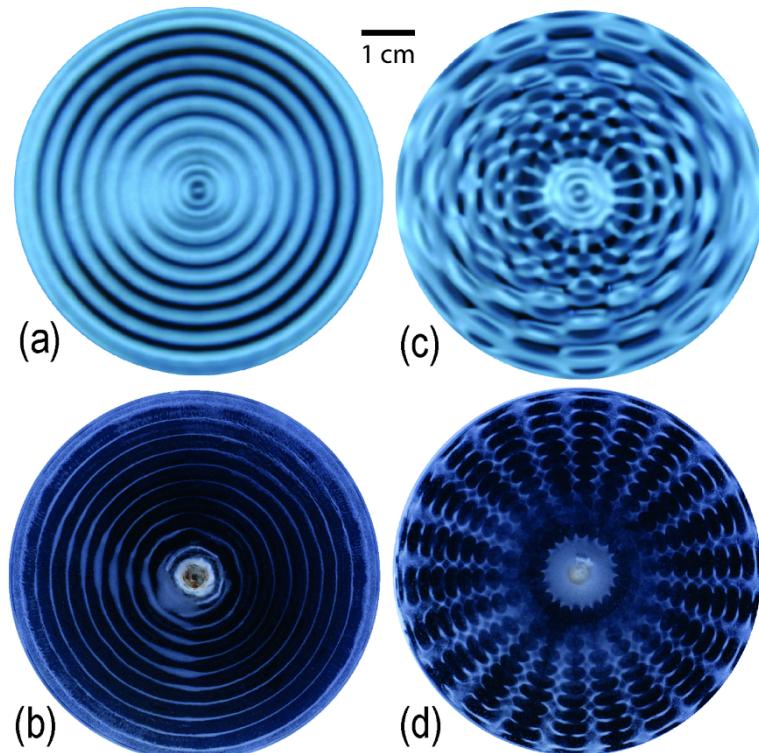


ASSEMBLY OF PARTICULATE PATTERNED ARRAYS USING LIQUID TEMPLATES

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Assembly of small particles in patterned arrays can be used to obtain organic and inorganic advanced materials with a wide range of textures and porosities. Waves in a liquid can be used as a template to mobilize dispersed particles to target positions in the array. In the experiment shown in the image, the waves are generated by vertically vibrating a cylindrical vessel containing a 1.88 mm thick layer of a water-glycerol mixture ($\rho_l = 1.03 \text{ g/cm}^3$). Heavy polystyrene particles ($20 \mu\text{m}$ in radius, $\rho_p = 1.05 \text{ g/cm}^3$), initially dispersed in the liquid bulk, interact with the waves while settling by gravity to end-up forming the patterned array at the bottom of the vessel. Left column (vibration frequency = 65 Hz, acceleration = 1.03 g): (a) Capillary waves in the liquid free surface (bright and dark rings obtained using a beam-splitter), and (b) the associated ring-shaped particle patterns at the bottom of the vessel. Right column (vibration frequency = 65 Hz, acceleration = 1.2 g): (c) Superposition of capillary and Faraday waves, and (d) the associated star-shaped particle patterns.

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