



IFPRI BRIEF TEMPLATE

Check One: **Project** **Review** **Collaboration**
 Workshop **Other**

Descriptive Title	Contact dynamics of multi-phase colloidal suspensions
Working Title¹	Multi-phase colloidal suspensions
Technical Area²	Wet Systems
Date	
Short Description	The wetting and dispersion of gums, biomacromolecules (starches, celluloses), and other fine powders requires and the design of, or is inhibited by, particle-stabilized structures, such as Pickering emulsions, Pickering foams and bijels, requires the characterization and modeling of contact between multiple-phases (solid-liquid-gas). A first-principles understanding of especially the dynamics of these processes remains an outstanding problem. This project seeks to advance the fundamental interface science driving processes of dispersion and stabilization.
Objectives	<p>Study the contact dynamics during processing, such as contact angle hysteresis, may play a role in the static stability and should be investigated. Both long- and short-time factors should be considered. These factors may include gravitational settling/creaming, Oswald ripening, film drainage, etc.</p> <p>Produce a method to predict the static stability of particle stabilized (Pickering) emulsions and/or foams based on relating particle characteristics (size, shape, roughness, interparticle forces, etc.), solid loading, processing history, and liquid viscosity</p> <p>The project will use Simplified Industrial Formulations (SIFs) to investigate the emulsion stability, outline key factors influencing the stability and perhaps determine a predictive model.</p>
Scope	Particles are limited to SIFs. liquid(s) should be Newtonian. Solid loading between 1 and 50 vol% should be considered. The project should consider the emulsification/foaming method, but only the static stability should be considered.

Recommended Contractors (2 or 3)

¹ Title used in meeting agendas and file archives

² One or more from the following list: W = wet systems; D = dry systems; F = particle formation; SR = size reduction; M = modeling; SE = systems engineering

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