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Repulsion–attraction switching of nematic colloids formed by liquid crystal dispersions of polygonal prisms

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Self-assembly of colloidal particles due to elastic interactions in nematic liquid crystals promises tunable composite materials and can be guided by exploiting surface functionalization, geometric shape

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(F.1 a d) o a e e a o e s s des, as s o F.2da d.Fo o o, e e e o de ec es ed a o e o e o o a ed es a d de ec es c a e s o a a o be ee o o o a ed es as, es ec e, "s a "a d" "d sc a o s o de ec oo s.W e e e a - e d d eco. T e co espod ar a d d so coe c e so a ed p s e e eas ed as D a = $6.9 \times 10^{-3} \mu^2 s^{-1}$ a d D = $1.4 \times 10^{-3} \mu^2 s^{-1}$, espec e . T e de a so e s d ed MSD a so op (F . 3a) coe c e o d as