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## **Project Title**

Bio-inspired pigmented vesicles for understanding calcium carbonate coloration in sea urchins

## **Project Description**

Color in sea urchins is due to naphthoquinone pigments occluded within their calcium carbonate spines. These pigments are stored in vesicles and released during crystal growth. To elucidate these mechanisms, we will synthesize giant vesicles loaded with pigments via microfluidic and further induce membrane lysis by mineral precipitation to mimic the formation of colored biomineral. The findings aim to better understand biomineral pigmentation and inspire sustainable material development.

## **Keywords**

pigmented giant unilamellar vesicles, microfluidics and confinement, pH, CaCO3

## **Description of the Host Research Lab**

The LCMCP is a well-known figure in the development of inorganic or organic-inorganic hybrid functional materials, and in the evaluation of their physico-chemical properties at different scales. These materials target applications with high societal impact, particularly in the fields of energy, health and the environment.