

Supporting Information

Kinetics of Coupled Primary- and Secondary-Minimum Deposition of Colloids under Unfavorable Chemical Conditions

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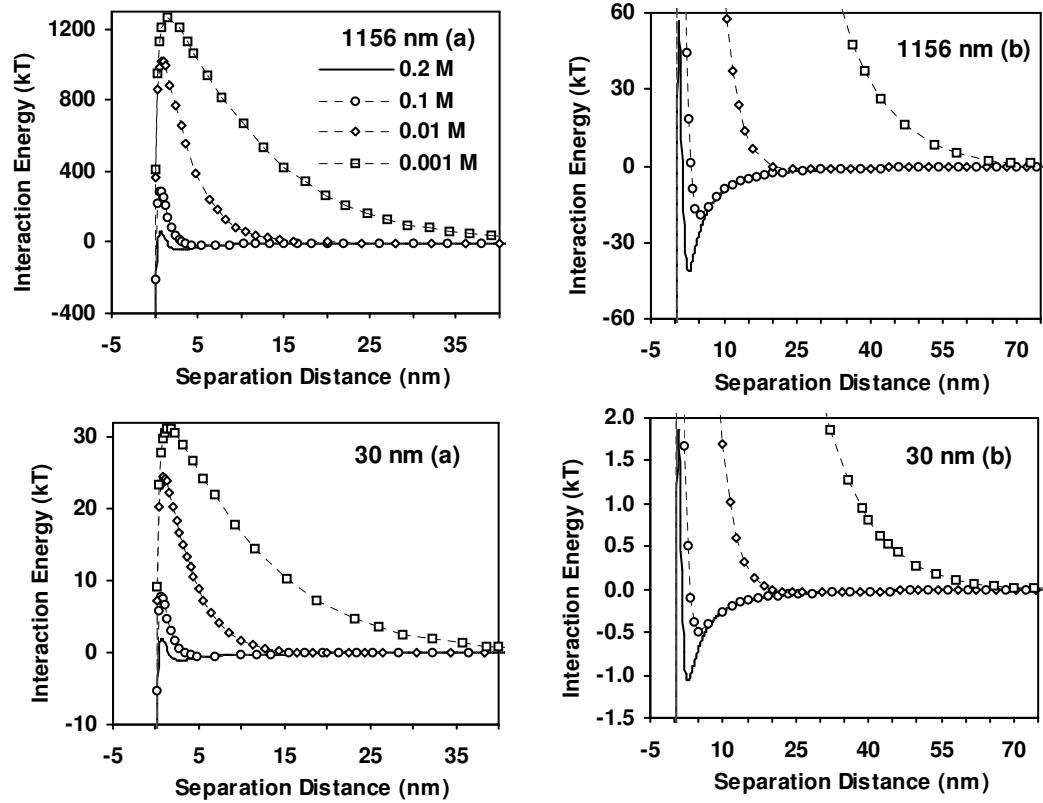


Fig.S1 DLVO energy profiles for the 1156 nm and 30 nm colloids ($A=1\times10^{-20}$ J, $T=298$ K). (a) Calculated interaction energy as a function of separation distance at different ionic strengths; (b) Re-plotted profiles to highlight the depth and location of secondary minimum.

Table S1. Zeta potentials of sand and colloids (1156 nm and 30 nm), and calculated maximum energy barriers (Φ_{\max}), secondary-minimum (Φ_{\sec}) depths and distances for both colloids at different ionic strengths.

I (M)	Zeta Potential (mV)			Φ_{\max} (kT)			Φ_{\sec}		
	Sand	1156 nm	30 nm	1156 nm	30 nm	1156 nm	30 nm	1156 nm	30 nm
0.001	-39.27	-46.73	-44.3	1267.70	31.31	0.11	0.003	110.13	109.46
0.01	-39.13	-46.46	-43.25	1019.47	24.41	1.54	0.04	26.03	25.71
0.1	-32.08	-38.04	-38.69	291.80	7.83	19.60	0.51	5.12	5.15
0.2	-27.49	-35.21	-36.86	59.94	1.97	41.30	1.05	2.81	2.87

Maxwell Model

The velocity distribution of the colloids in the secondary minimum follows the function:

$$f(v) = 4\pi \left(\frac{m_p}{2\pi kT} \right)^{(3/2)} v^2 \exp\left(-\frac{m_p v^2}{2kT}\right) \quad (1)$$

where

$$\int_0^\infty f(v)dv = 1 \quad (2)$$

and m_p is mass of a colloid and v is its velocity. Here a dimensionless kinetic energy of the colloid is defined as

$$x^2 = \frac{m_p v^2}{2kT} \quad (3)$$

Then equation (1) simplifies to

$$f(v) = 4x^2 \exp(-x^2) \sqrt{\frac{m_p}{2\pi kT}} \quad (4)$$

According to assumption (ii), the fraction of successful collisions (arrival at the separation distance corresponding to the secondary minimum) that result in deposition in the secondary minimum, α_{sec} , is given by

$$\alpha_{sec} = \int_0^{v_{sec}} f(v)dv = \int_0^{v_{sec}} 4x^2 \exp(-x^2) \sqrt{\frac{m_p}{2\pi kT}} dx = \int_0^{\sqrt{\Phi_{sec}}} \frac{4}{\pi^{1/2}} x^2 \exp(-x^2) dx \quad (5)$$

where $\Phi_{sec} = mv_{sec}^2 / 2kT$. Similarly, the fraction of successful collisions resulting in colloid deposition in the primary minimum, α_{pri} , is

$$\alpha_{pri} = \int_{\sqrt{\Delta\Phi}}^{\infty} \frac{4}{\pi^{1/2}} x^2 \exp(-x^2) dx \quad (6)$$

The total fraction of successful collisions α (sum of α_{sec} and α_{pri}) is written as

$$\alpha = \alpha_{pri} + \alpha_{sec} = 1 - \int_{\sqrt{\Phi_{sec}}}^{\sqrt{\Delta\Phi}} \frac{4}{\pi^{1/2}} x^2 \exp(-x^2) dx \quad (7)$$