



Supporting information

Effect of staple age on DNA origami nanostructure assembly and stability

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		liquid		
months	intact	broken	denatured	N (DNA origami)
7	88.0 ± 1.7	3.3 ± 1.7	8.5 ± 0.8	727
16	87.2 ± 2.1	4.3 ± 1.4	8.5 ± 1.0	508
27	82.0 ± 1.2	6.3 ± 0.8	11.7 ± 1.7	611
43	80.6 ± 3.9	6.7 ± 2.0	12.7 ± 2.1	844

Table S1. Yields (in %) of intact, broken, and denatured Rothemund triangles assembled fromstaples of different age obtained by AFM in liquid.

Table S2. Yields (in %) of intact, broken, denatured, and deformed Rothemund triangles assembledfrom staples of different age obtained by AFM in the dry state after dip-washing.

dry-dipped						
intact	broken	denatured	deformed	N(DNA origami)		
92.1 ± 1.2	2.7 ± 0.7	2.9 ± 1.7	2.1 ± 1.6	1967		
90.9 ± 0.9	4.0 ± 1.2	3.4 ± 1.0	1.6 ± 1.4	3730		
90.6 ± 2.3	4.0 ± 1.0	3.8 ± 0.9	1.7 ± 0.7	3728		
87.5 ± 1.4	5.4 ± 1.0	4.0 ± 1.1	3.2 ± 1.1	4140		
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Table S3. Yields (in %) of intact, broken, denatured, and deformed Rothemund triangles assembledfrom staples of different age obtained by AFM in the dry state after rinsing.

dry-rinsed						
months	intact	broken	denatured	deformed	${f N}$ (DNA origami)	
5	87.8 ± 2.9	4.4 ± 0.8	5.1 ± 1.1	2.7 ± 2.1	2769	
14	76.3 ± 9.5	5.0 ± 0.0	6.5 ± 1.2	12.2 ± 8.6	1880	
25	64.8 ± 17.2	5.0 ± 2.3	5.4 ± 1.0	24.8 ± 18.4	2353	
41	20.1 ± 19.1	7.8 ± 5.3	6.1 ± 1.0	66.0 ± 22.7	2353	

Table S4. *p*-values of the yields of intact, broken, and denatured Rothemund triangles assembled from staples of different age obtained by AFM in in liquid. The *p*-values were determined using Student's t-test (two-tailed distribution, homoscedastic) with regard to the samples assembled from the youngest staple set (7 months).

liquid				
months	intact	broken	denatured	
16	0.538908	0.457942	0.966009	
27	0.000221	0.012058	0.004937	
43	0.003832	0.024501	0.002318	

dry-dipped					
months	intact	broken	denatured	deformed	
11	0.043805	0.016803	0.449779	0.537363	
22	0.113343	0.009389	0.232761	0.577788	
38	0.000005	0.000015	0.154431	0.126168	

Table S5. *p*-values of the yields of intact, broken, denatured, and deformed Rothemund triangles assembled from staples of different age obtained by AFM in the dry state after dip-washing. The *p*-values were determined using Student's t-test (two-tailed distribution, homoscedastic) with regard to the samples assembled from the youngest staple set (2 months).

Table S6. *p*-values of the yields of intact, broken, denatured, and deformed Rothemund triangles assembled from staples of different age obtained by AFM in the dry state after rinsing. The *p*-values were determined using Student's t-test (two-tailed distribution, homoscedastic) with regard to the samples assembled from the youngest staple set (5 months).

dry-rinsed					
months	intact	broken	denatured	deformed	
14	0.005501	0.272474	0.031780	0.008865	
25	0.002261	0.492995	0.667026	0.004497	
41	0.0000001	0.094633	0.094889	0.000002	

Table S7. Yields (in %) of intact, broken, denatured, and looped 6HB DNA origami assembled from56 month-old staples obtained by AFM in the dry state after rinsing.

		dry-rinsed		
intact	broken	denatured	looped	${f N}$ (DNA origami)
84.4 ± 3.2	12.8 ± 3.1	1.4 ± 1.5	1.4 ± 1.6	572



Figure S1. Additional AFM images of DNA origami triangles assembled from 7 month-old staples recorded in liquid.



Figure S2. Additional AFM images of DNA origami triangles assembled from 16 month-old staples recorded in liquid.



Figure S3. Additional AFM images of DNA origami triangles assembled from 27 month-old staples recorded in liquid.



Figure S4. Additional AFM images of DNA origami triangles assembled from 43 month-old staples recorded in liquid.



Figure S5. Additional AFM images of DNA origami triangles assembled from 2 month-old staples recorded after dip-washing.



Figure S6. Additional AFM images of DNA origami triangles assembled from 11 month-old staples recorded after dip-washing.



Figure S7. Additional AFM images of DNA origami triangles assembled from 22 month-old staples recorded after dip-washing.



Figure S8. Additional AFM images of DNA origami triangles assembled from 38 month-old staples recorded after dip-washing.



Figure S9. Additional AFM images of DNA origami triangles assembled from 5 month-old staples recorded after rinsing.



Figure S10. Additional AFM images of DNA origami triangles assembled from 14 month-old staples recorded after rinsing.



Figure S11. Additional AFM images of DNA origami triangles assembled from 25 month-old staples recorded after rinsing.



Figure S12. Additional AFM images of DNA origami triangles assembled from 41 month-old staples recorded after rinsing.



Figure S13. Additional AFM images of DNA origami 6HBs assembled from 56 month-old staples recorded after rinsing.