

Grazing-Angle X-ray Techniques for Studying Membranes and Ultrathin Films

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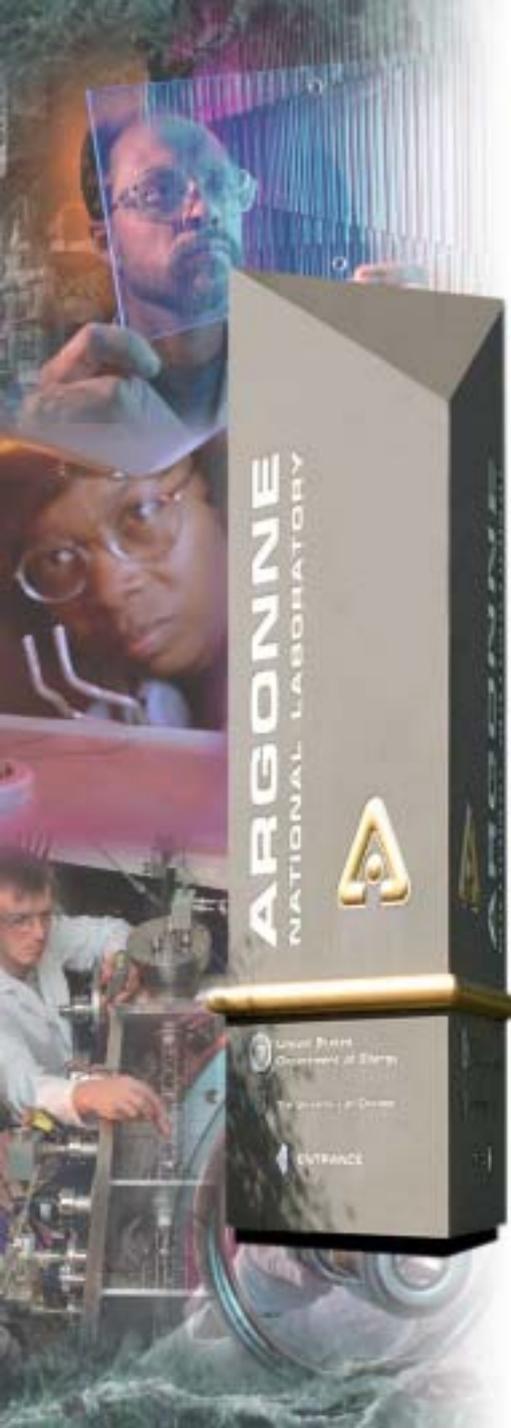
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the **A**dvanced **P**hoton **S**ource



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- **Prof. Ken Shull**
 - Au/polymer nanocomposite thin Films
- **Dr. Dong Ryeol Lee (XFD/ANL) and Prof. Sunil Sinha (UCSD)**
 - DWBA calculations
- **Profs. Martin Caffrey (Ohio State U.), Michael J. Bedzyk (Northwestern), Dr. Tom Penner (Kodak)**
 - Diffuse double layer at model membrane surfaces

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Outline

- **Grazing-angle x-ray techniques for surface studies**
- **Diffuse-double layer at model membrane surfaces**
 - Ionic distribution
 - Reversibility during pH titration
- **Anisotropic nanoparticle diffusion in ultrathin polymer films**
 - Perpendicular to interfaces
 - Lateral motion
- **Conclusions**



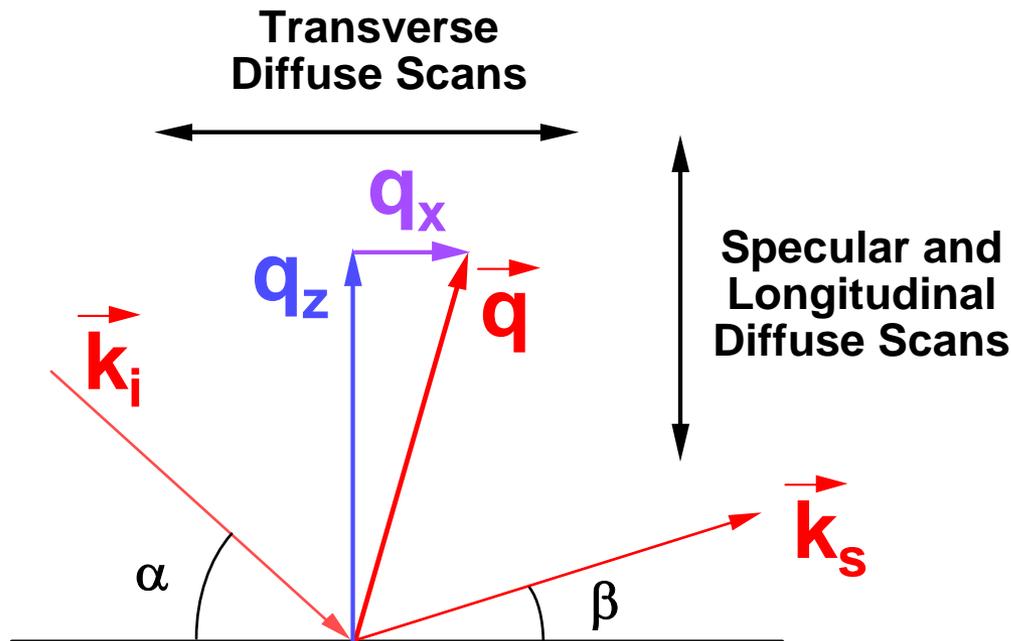
Surface Sensitive X-ray Techniques

- Reflectivity (XRR)
- Diffuse scattering
- X-ray standing waves (XSWs)
- Grazing-incident small angle scattering (GISAXS)

- Nonintrusive, *in situ* capabilities
- Ideal for studying membrane kinetics and dynamics
- Well-suited for ultrathin films

X-ray Reflectometry

- X-ray reflectivity to probe electron-density distribution normal to the film surfaces: L.G. Parratt, Phys. Rev. **95**, 359 (1954)
- X-ray diffuse scattering to probe in-plane density fluctuation: S.K. Sinha *et al.* Phys. Rev. **B38**, 2297 (1988)



$$q_z = \frac{2\pi}{\lambda}(\alpha + \beta)$$

$$q_x = \frac{1}{2}q_z(\alpha - \beta)$$

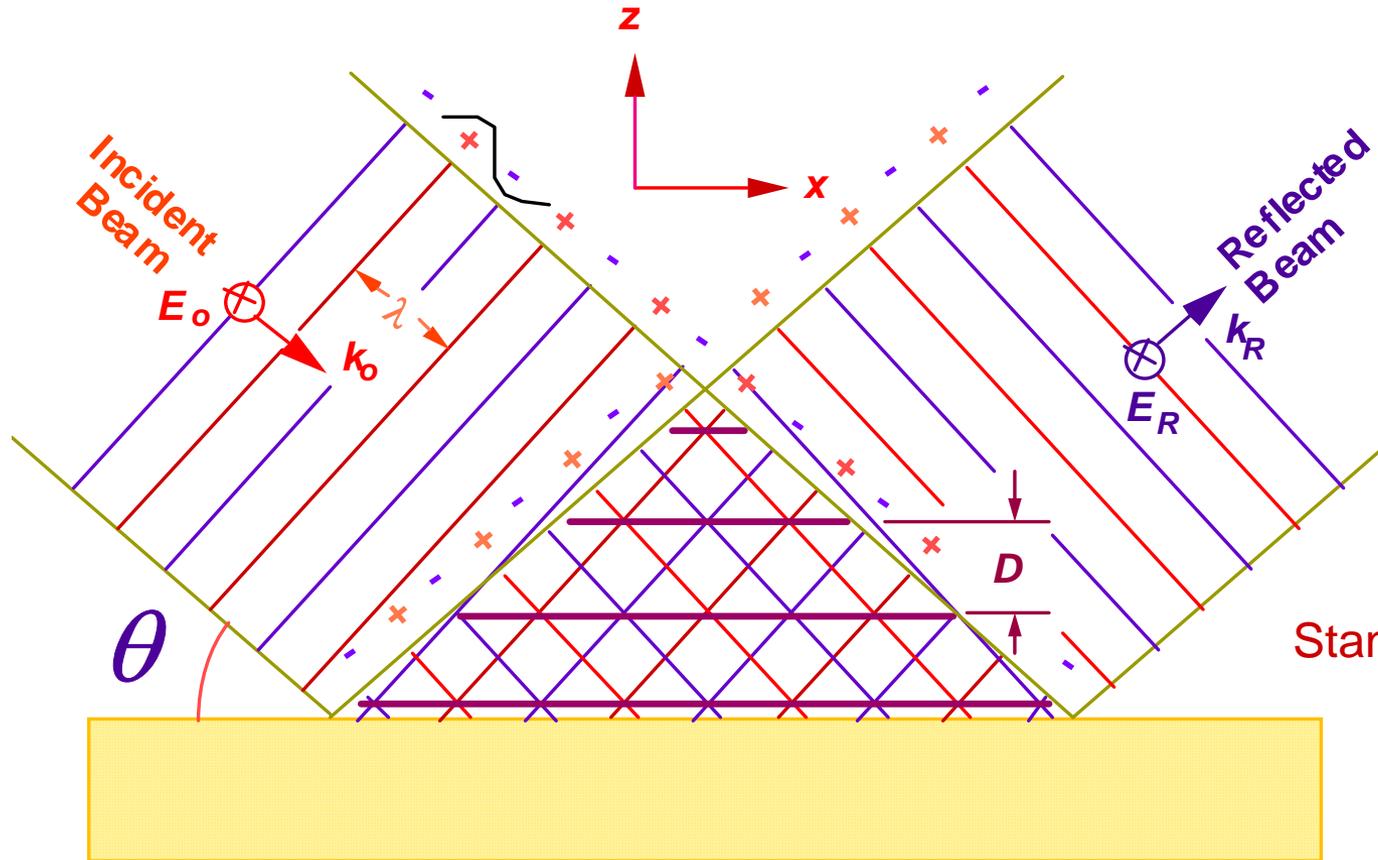
Membrane Surface or Interface

Kent, Nagle, Huang, Schlossman

X-ray Standing Waves

X-Ray Standing Waves by Total External Reflection

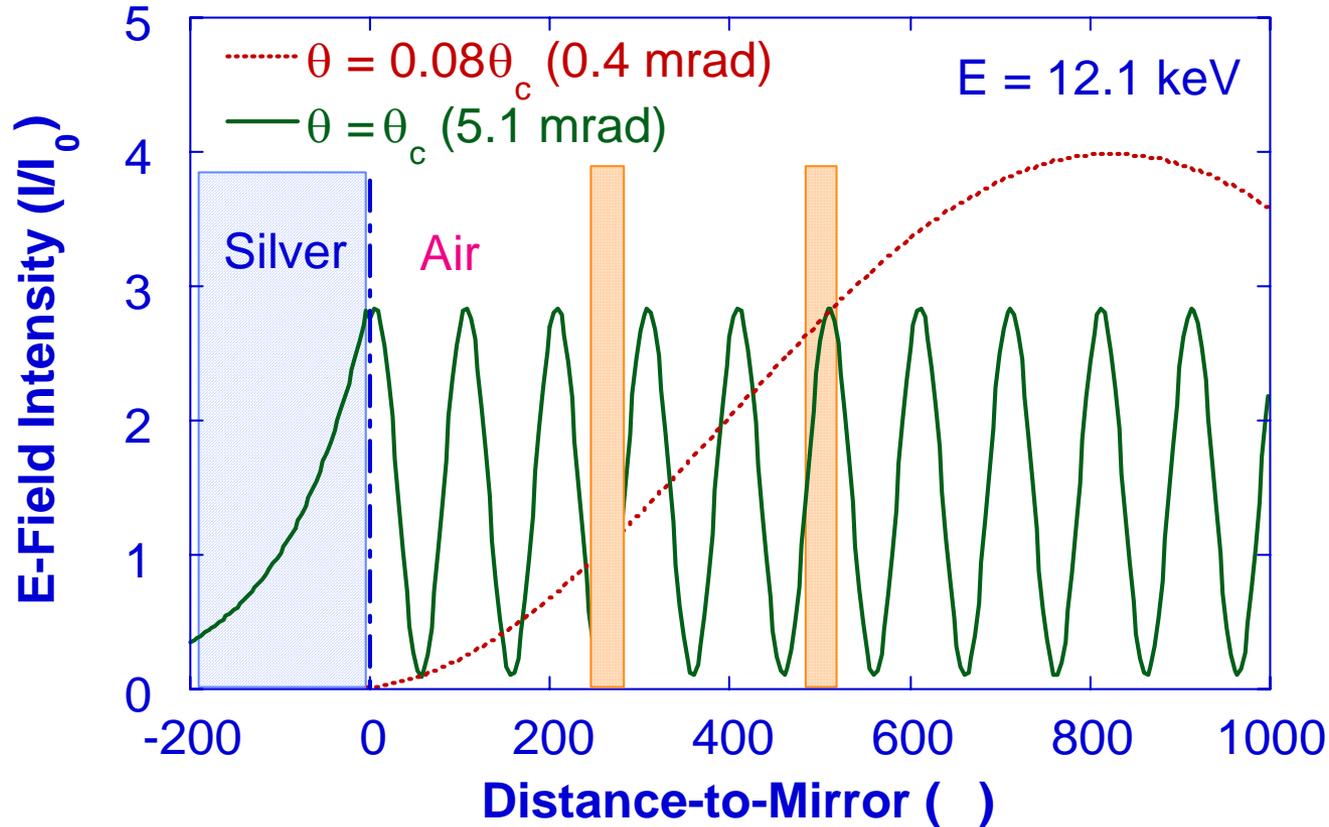
M.J. Bedzyk *et al.* Phys. Rev. Lett. **62** 1376 (1989)



Standing Wave Period:

$$D = \frac{\lambda}{2 \sin \theta}$$

E-Field Intensity vs. Angle

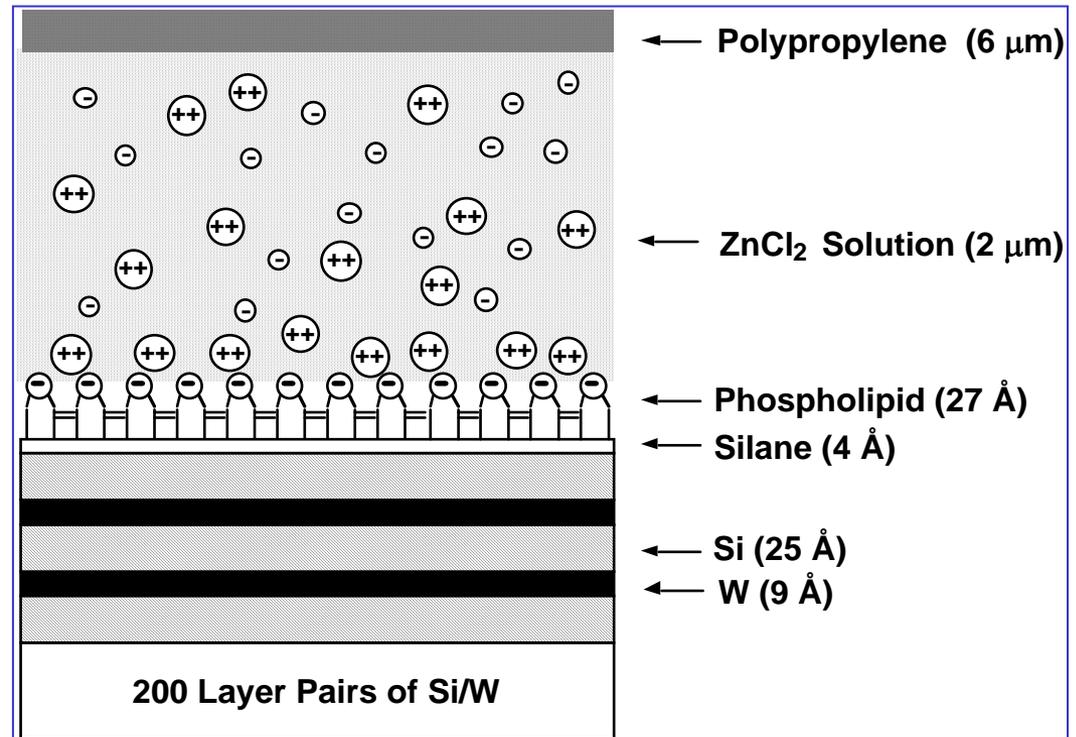
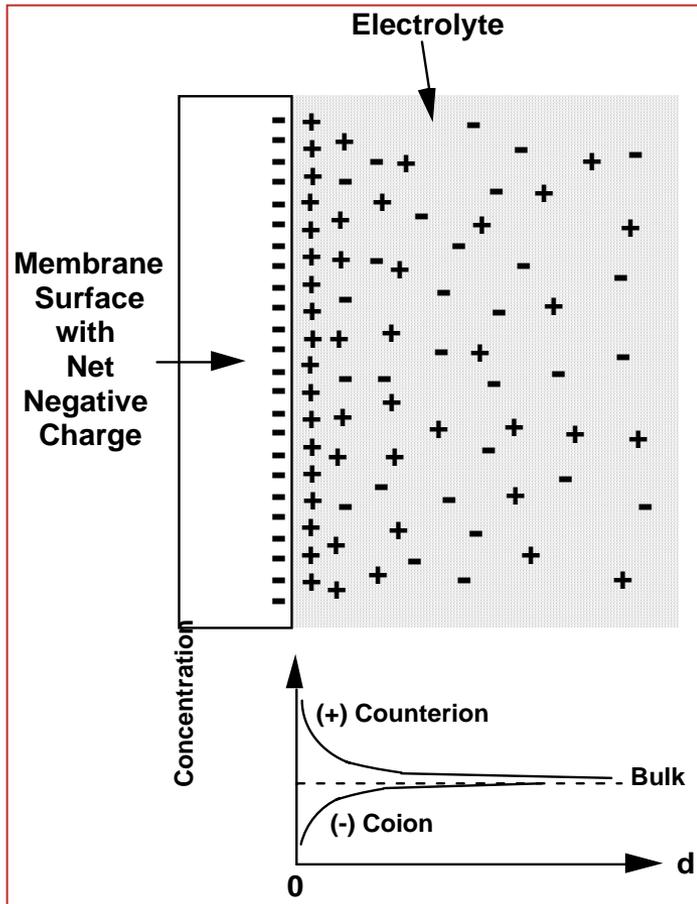


$$I(z, \theta) = |E_0 + E_R|^2 = I_0 \left[1 + R + 2\sqrt{R} \cos(\phi^R - 2\pi q_z z) \right]$$

Fluorescence Yield: $Y(\theta) = \int I(z, \theta) \cdot \rho(z) dz$

Charged Membrane Surfaces

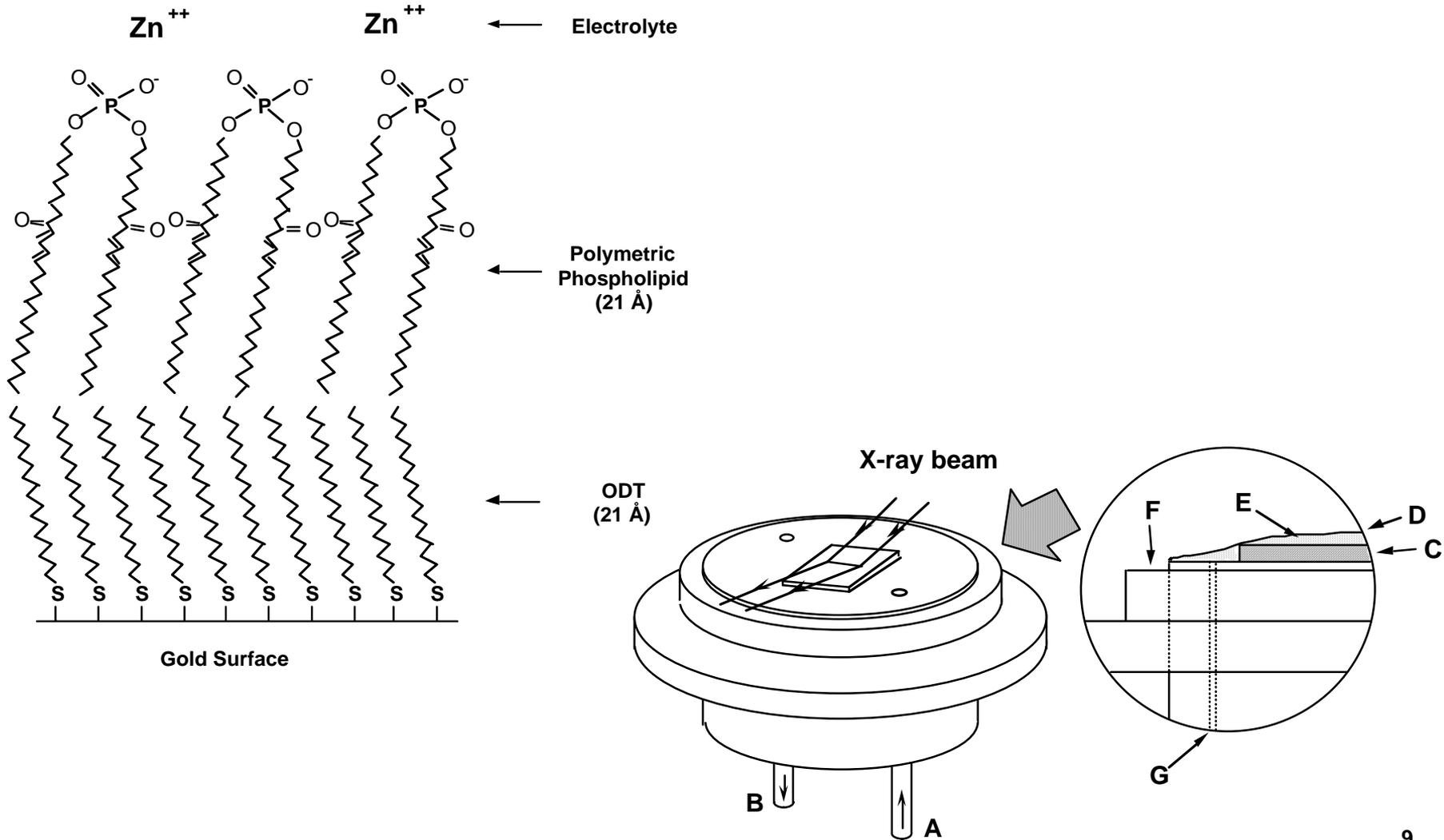
- Charged membrane in contact with electrolytes (ion transport)
- Model by Helmholtz, Gouy-Chapman, Stern



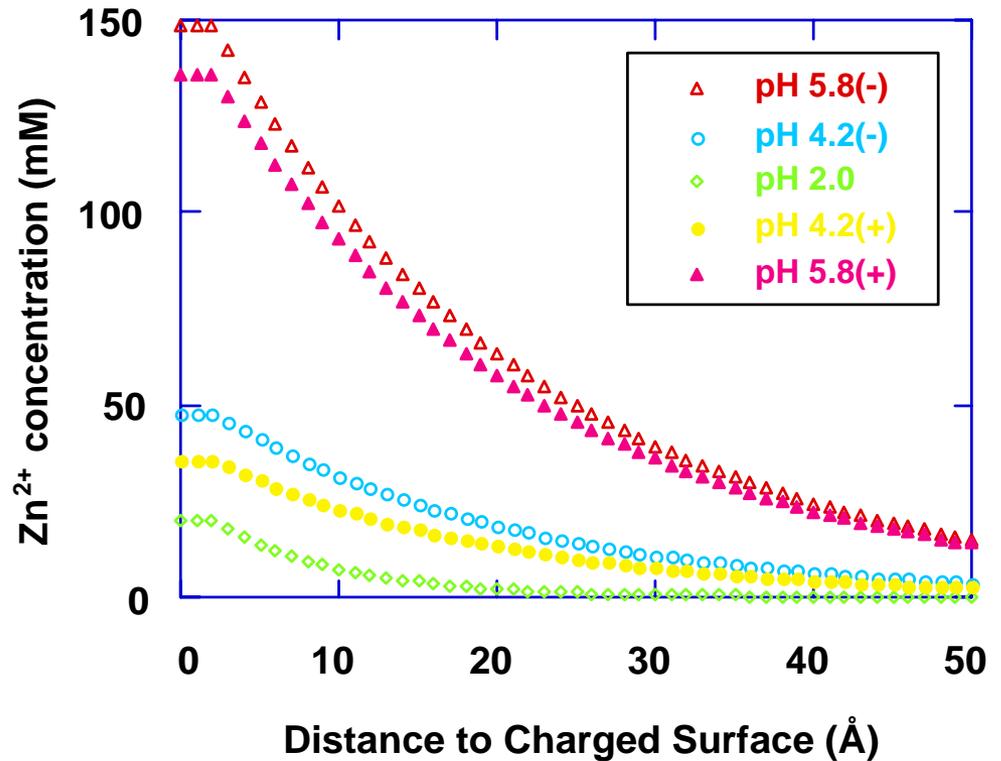
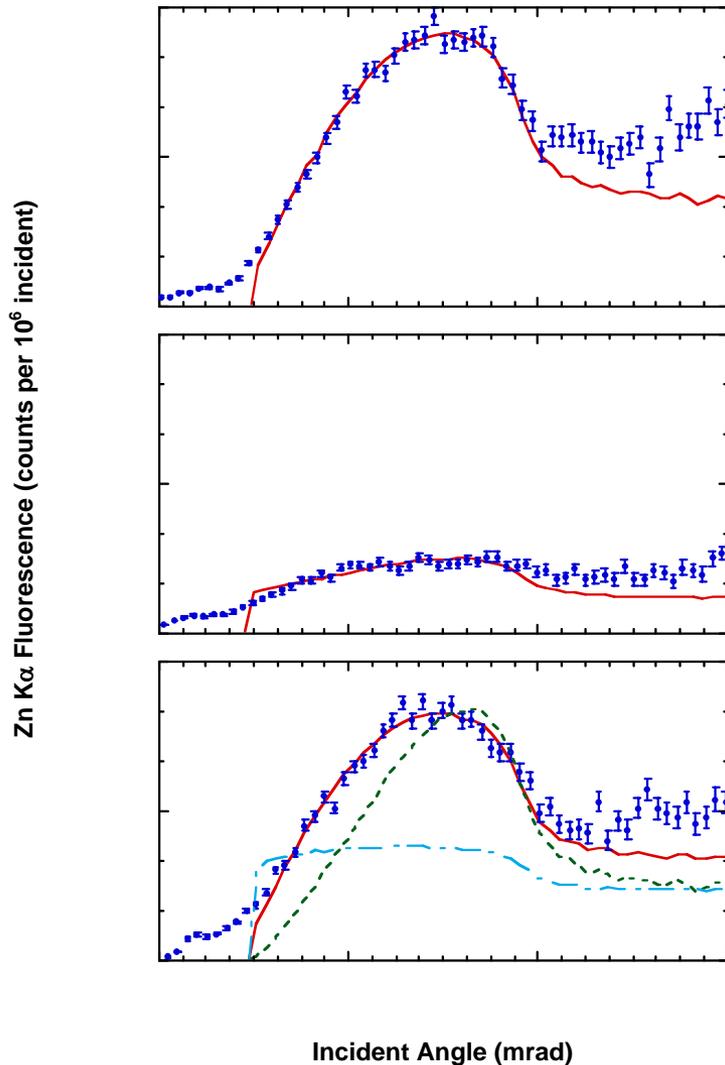
Bedzyk, Bommarito, Caffrey, Penner, Science 248, 52 (1990)



Experiment Setup



DDL Reversibility by pH



Jin Wang, Martin Caffrey, Mike Bezyk, Tom Penner
Langmuir, **17**. 3681 (2001)

Summary

As H^+ concentration increased upon changing pH from 5.8 to 2.0, the amount of zinc in the DDL decreased from 122 mM to a low of ca. 19 mM.

Recovery of the pH 5.8 distribution profile was essentially complete upon back-titration from pH 2.0.

These results demonstrate clearly that within the experimental error of the measurement ion distribution at the charged membrane interface is reversible.

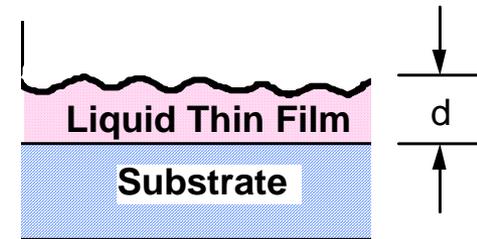
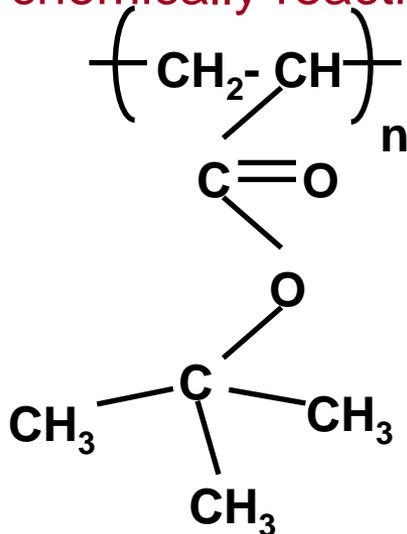
Nanoparticles in Ultrathin Films

- **Understanding the diffusion of nanoparticle metal particle in ultrathin polymer films**
 - molecular dynamic in confined geometry
 - drastically different diffusion properties than in bulk
 - van der Waals interactions, steric forces, chemical affinities
- **A host of x-ray techniques can be applied**
 - X-ray reflectivity and standing waves: diffusion perpendicular to interfaces
 - X-ray photon correlation spectroscopy: local short time dynamics
 - GISAXS using x-ray wave-guides: in-plane motion
- **Complementary techniques**
 - TEM
 - SPM

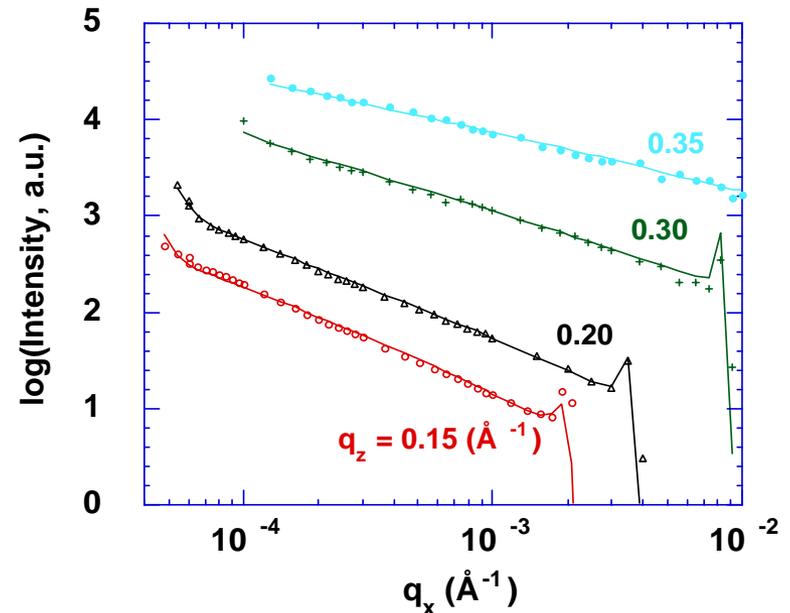


Model: Au NP in Homopolymer

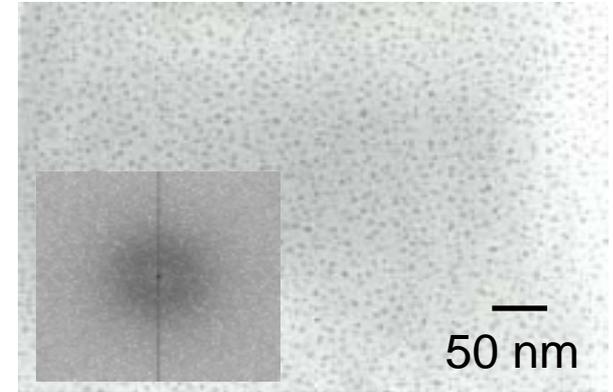
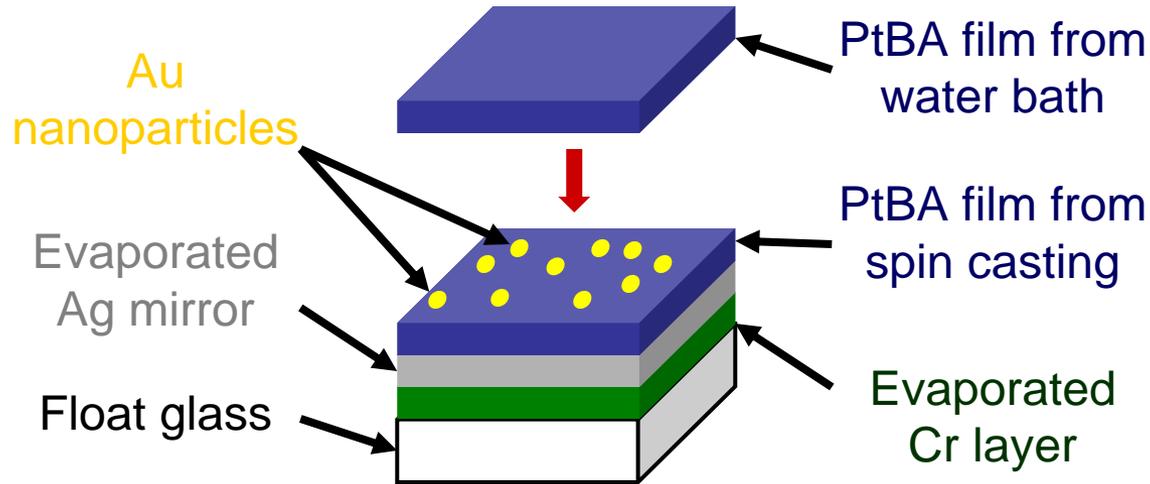
- ▶ Poly (tert-butyl acrylate)
- ▶ Amorphous homopolymer
- ▶ Glass transition temperature (T_g) = 49 °C
- ▶ Molecular weight (MW) = 352,000 g/mol
 - ▶ Radius of gyration (R_g) = 150 Å
 - ▶ Film thickness = 150 Å to 600 Ås
 - ▶ Not chemically reactive to gold



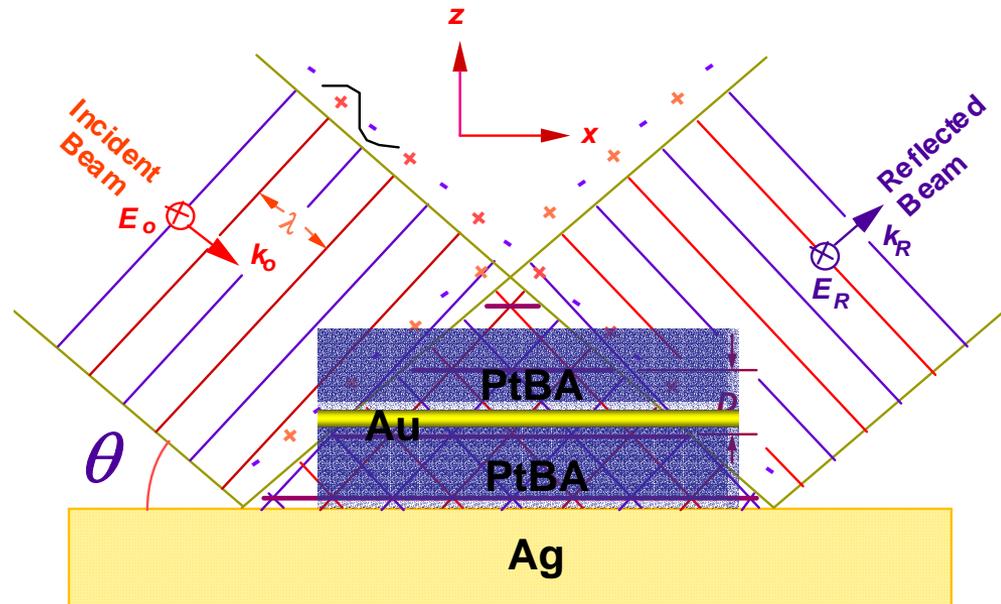
$d = 1215 \text{ \AA}$, $T = 70\text{s}^\circ\text{C}$



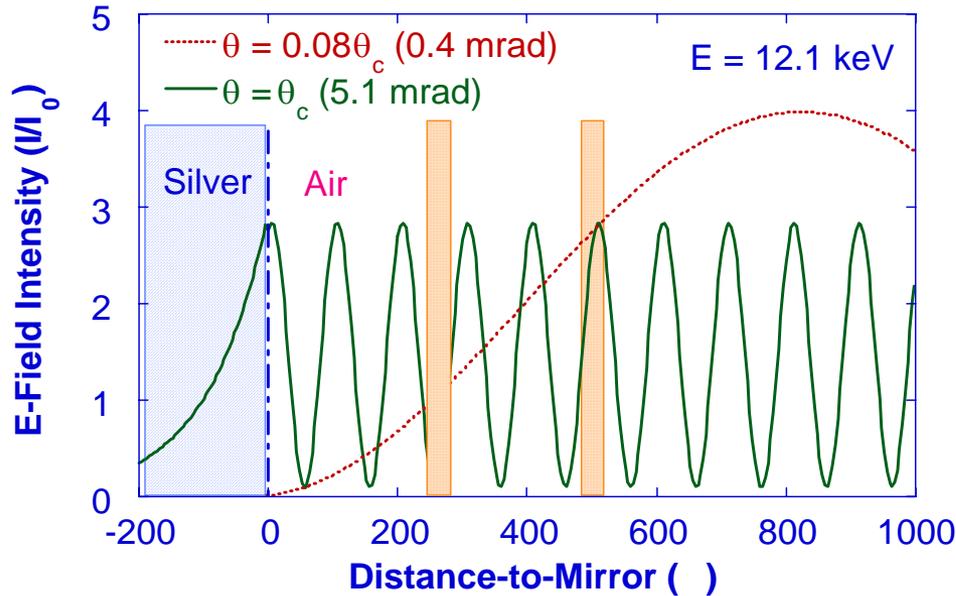
Vertical Diffusing



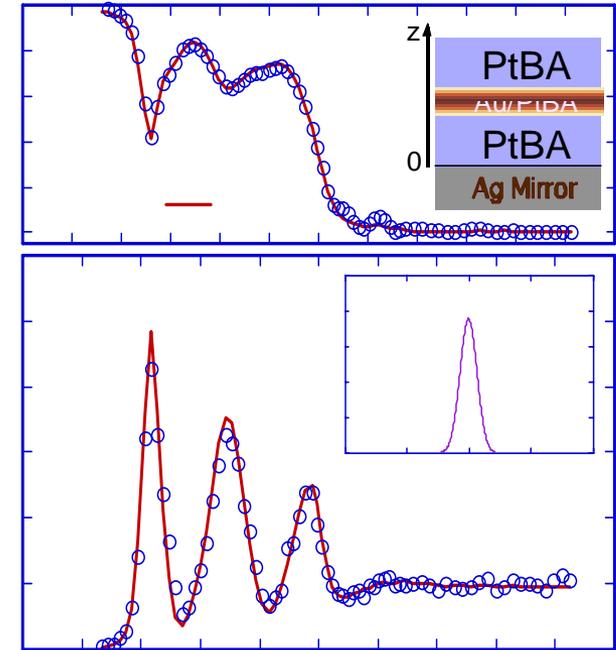
X-ray Standing Waves



XSW Data



Normalized Au L
Fluorescence



Incident Angle (mrad)

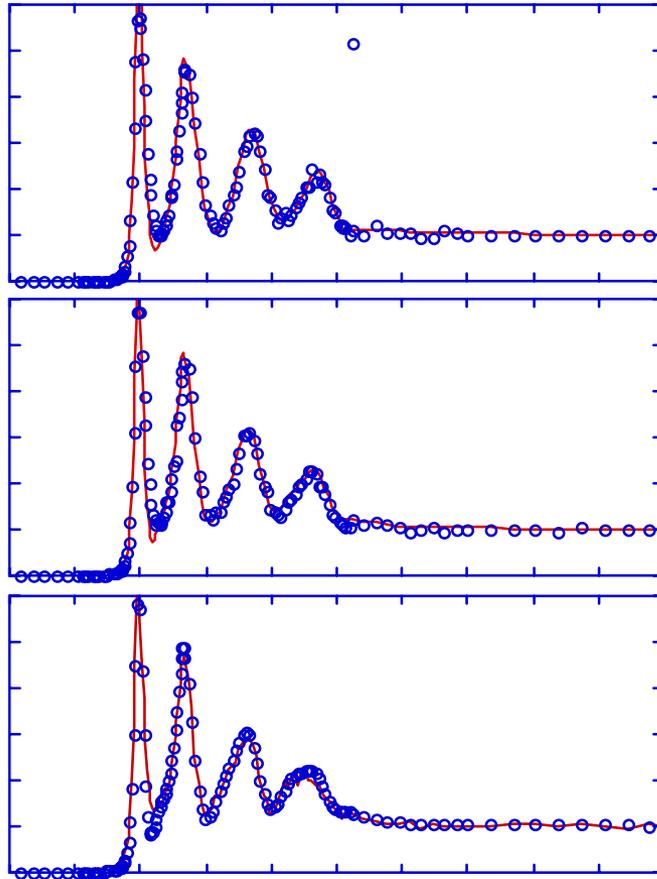
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X-ray Fluorescence Yield

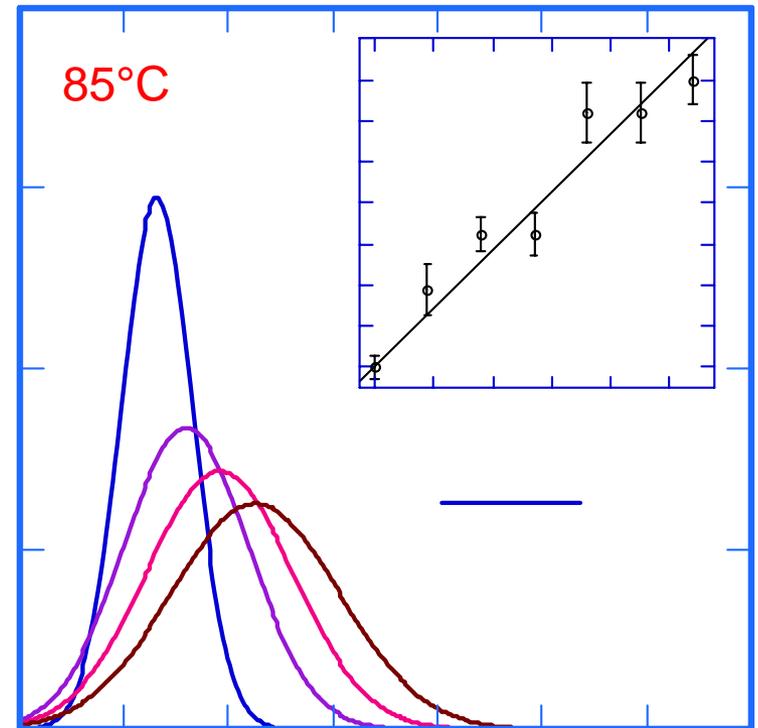
$$Y(\theta) = \int I(z, \theta) \cdot \rho(z) dz$$

- A few Å spatial resolution
- A few s temporal resolution

Diffusion Coefficient



Incident Angle, θ , (mrad)



Diffusion coefficient

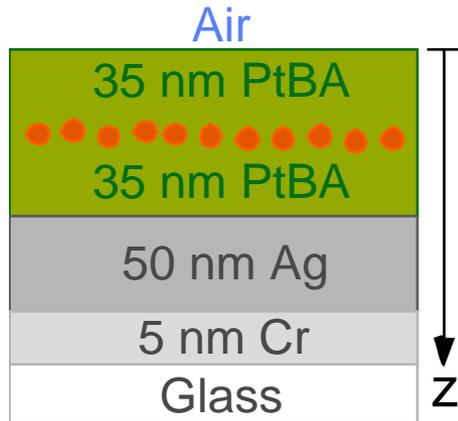
$5 \times 10^{-18} \text{ cm}^2/\text{s}$

Guico, Narayanan, Wang, Shull, Macromolecule, accepted

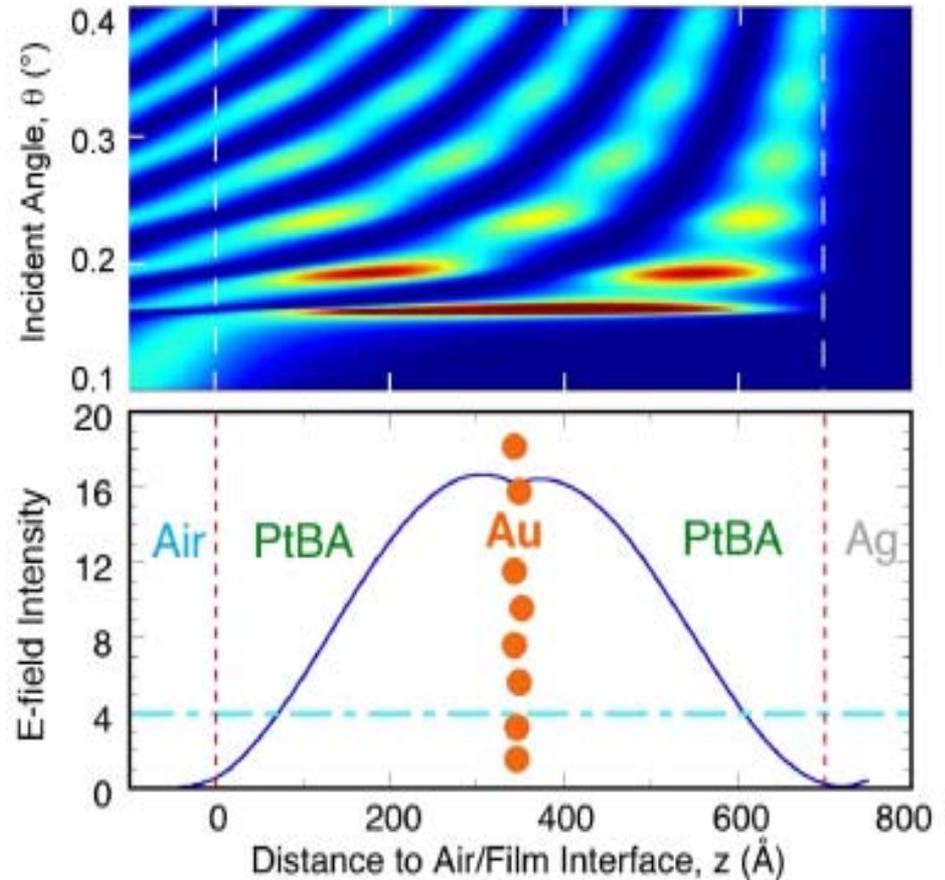


Wave-Guiding Effect

Resonance Enhancement

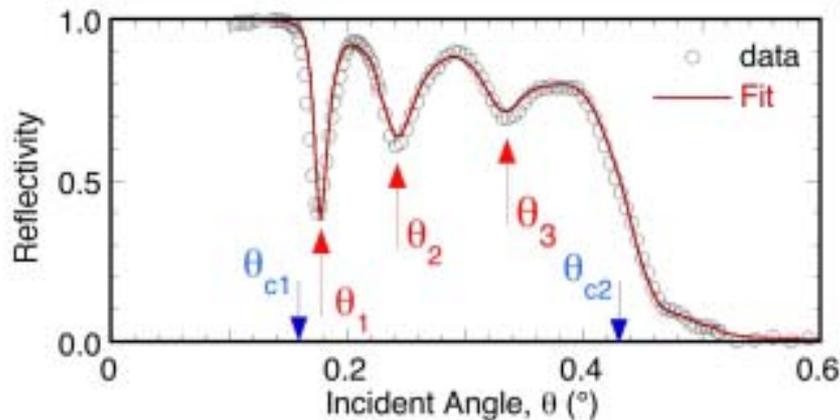


Electric Field distribution and enhancement



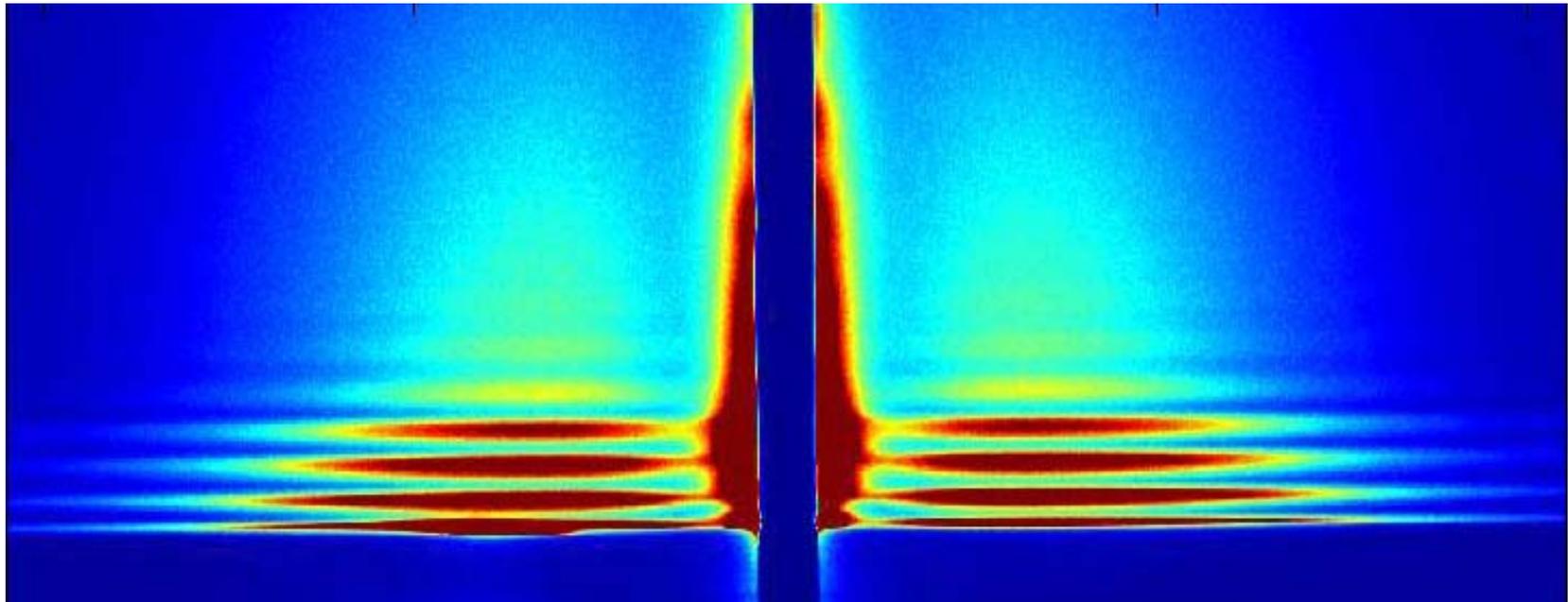
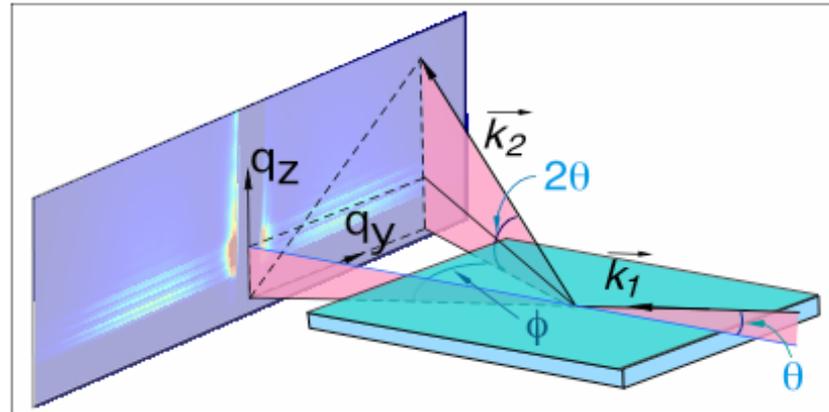
Wave-guiding effect at several angles

Wang, *et al. Science* **258**, 775 (1992)



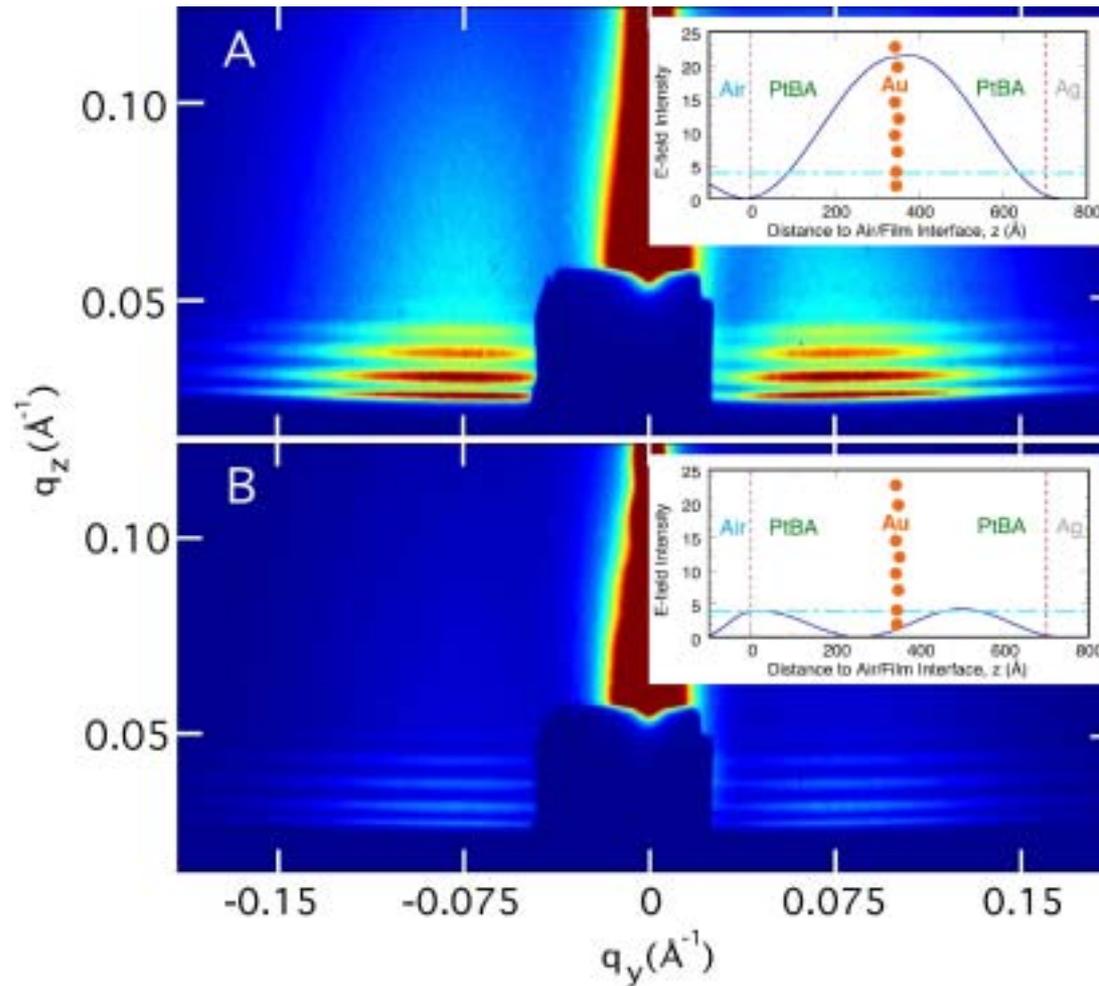
GISAXS with Enhancement

- And something more



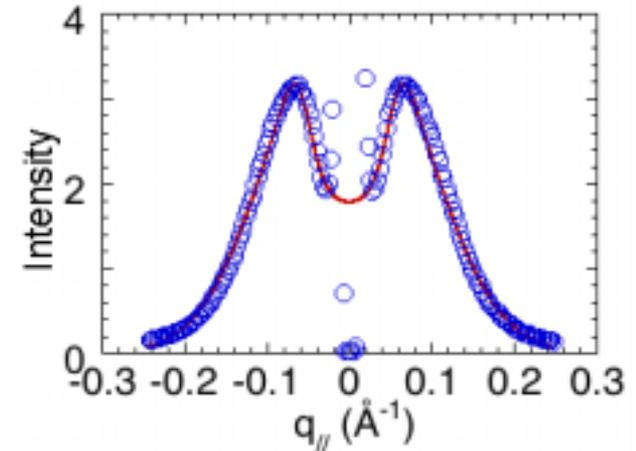
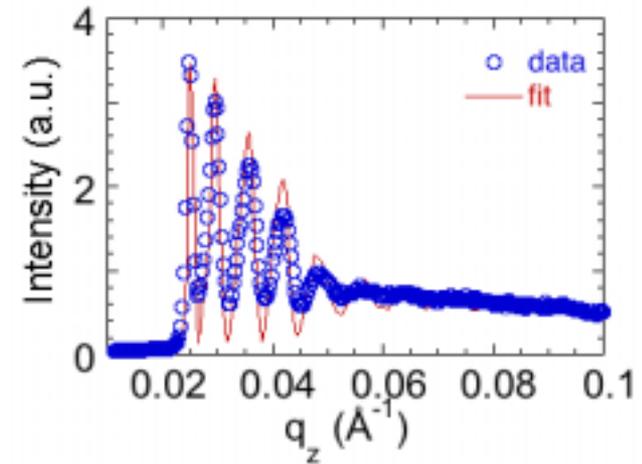
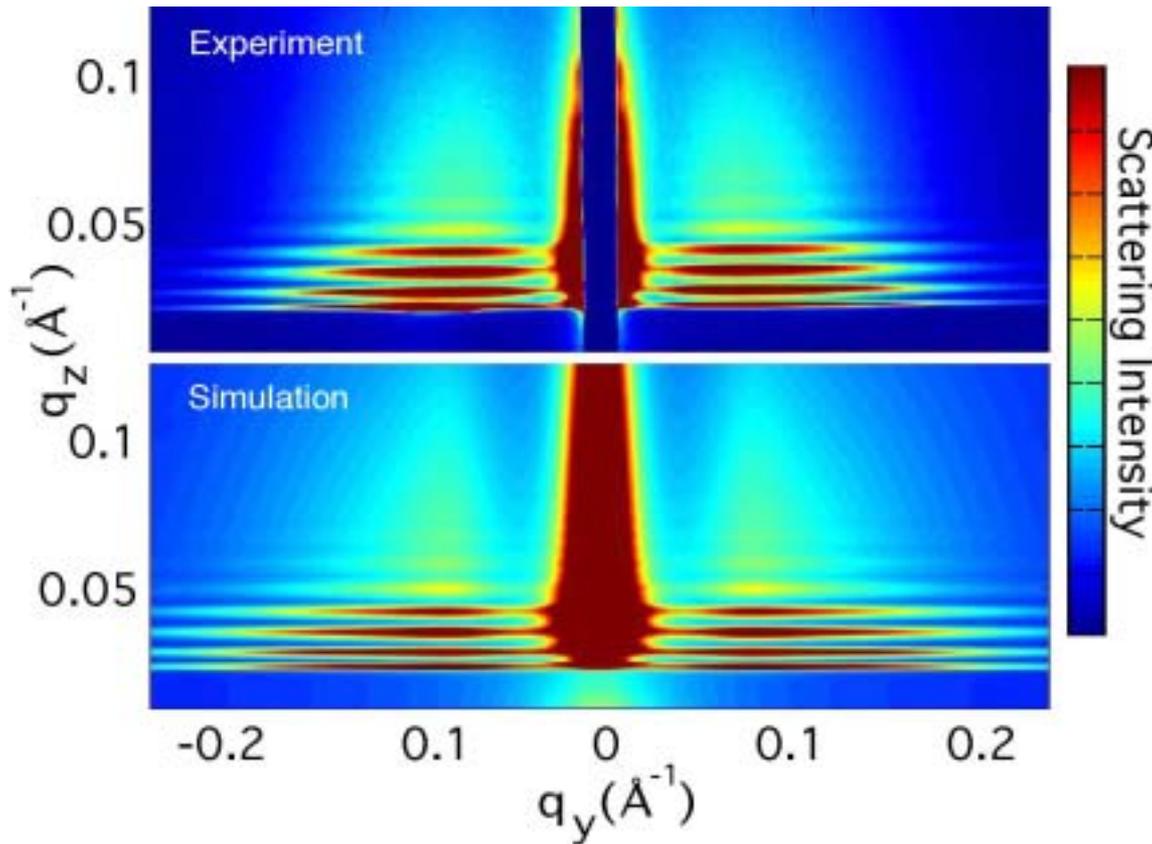
Effect of the Enhancement

- Enhancement is apparent at different incident angles

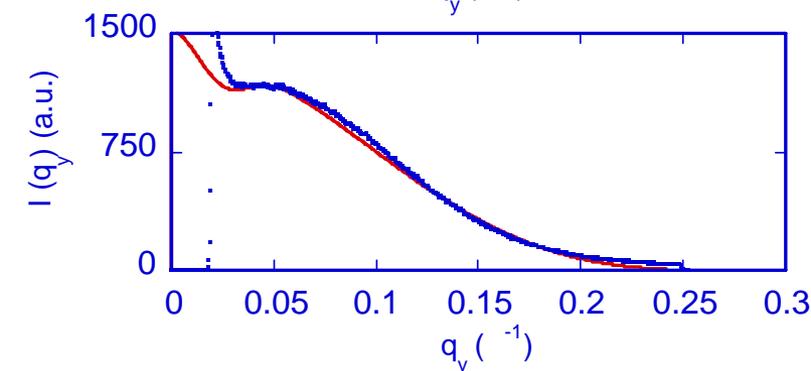
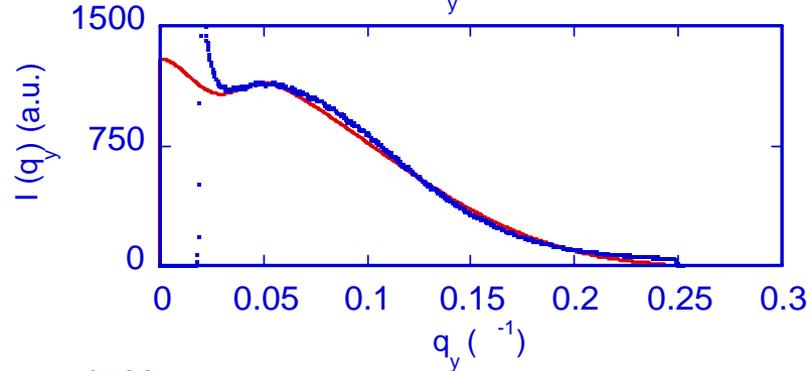
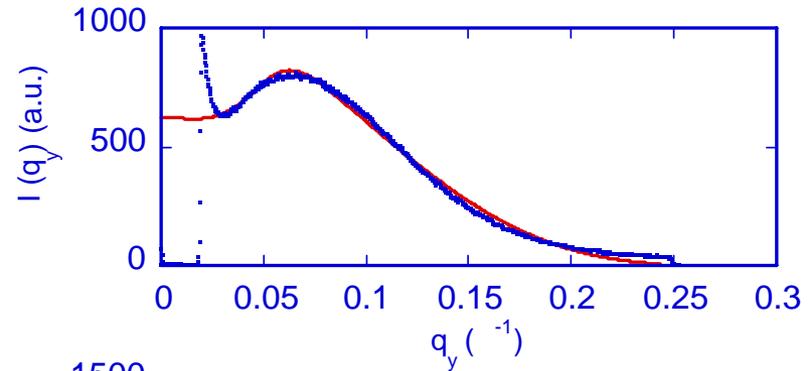
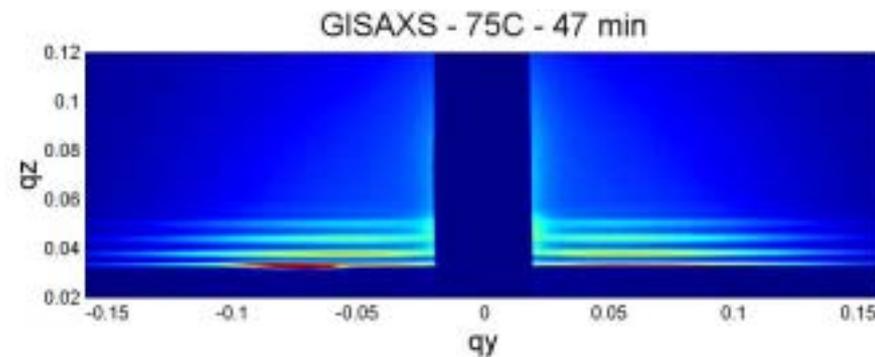
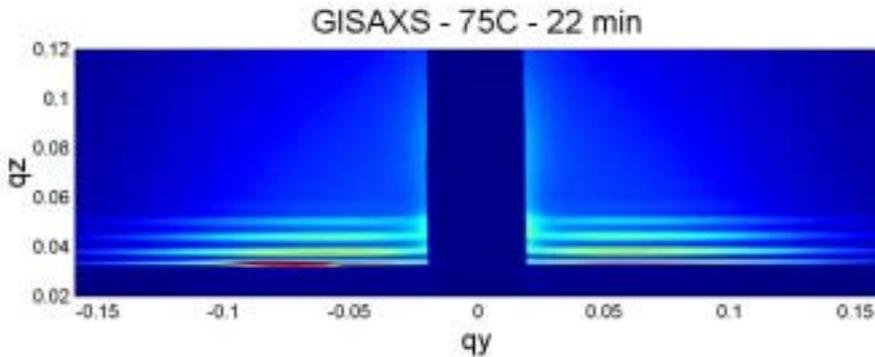
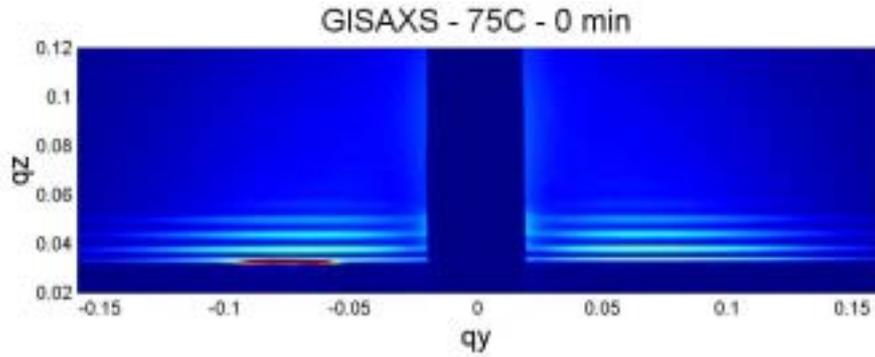


Simulation of the GISAXS

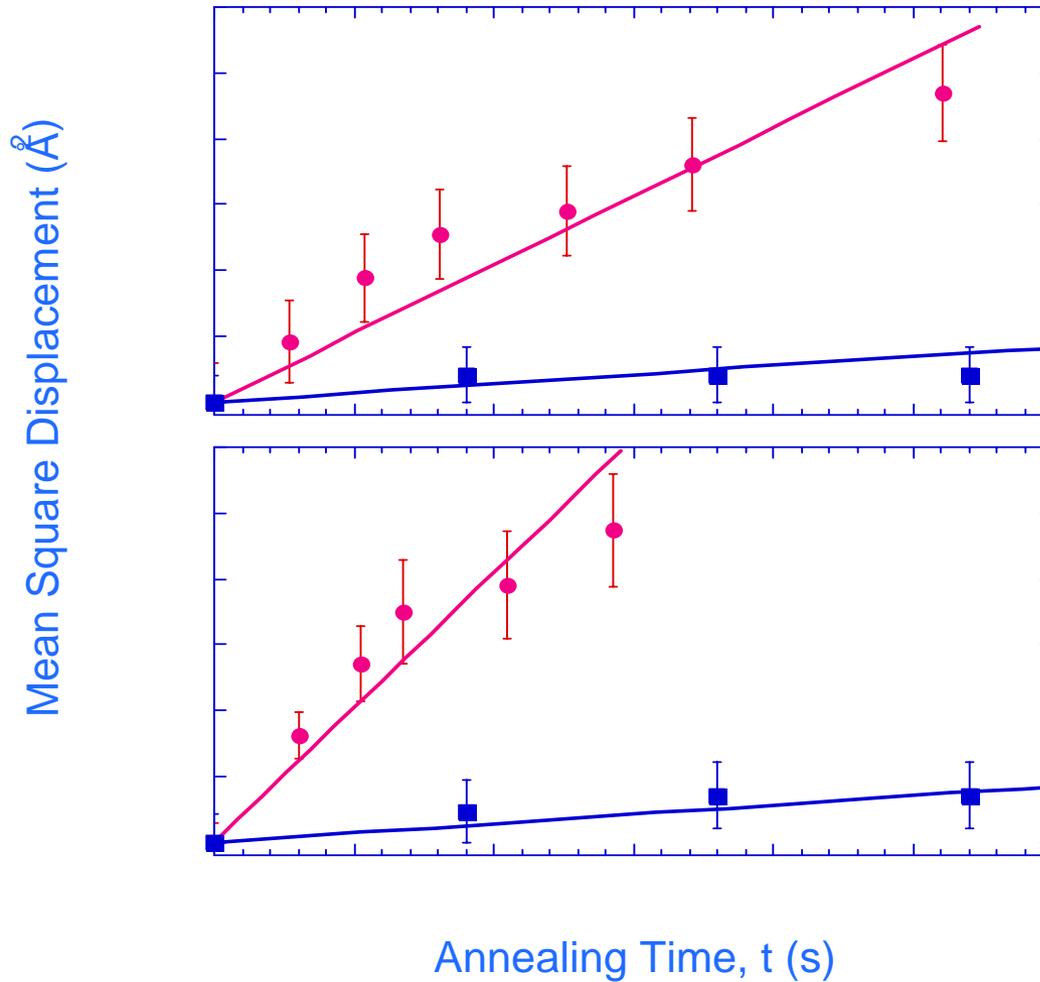
- Optical reciprocity explains the modulation in q_z direction
- DWBA yield satisfactory simulation (see Prof. Sunil Sinha's talk)



Real Time Measurement



Anisotropic Motion



Narayanan, Guico, Lee, Sinha, Wang, Submitted to Phys. Rev. Lett.



Summary

- Anisotropic diffusion or motion properties has been observed: 10 times faster in the plan than normal to the surfaces
- Thin-film-based wave-guiding effects **greatly** enhance GISAXS signals, 100, and, with location selectivity
- The enhancement will be extremely useful for correlation spectroscopy using coherent beam: scattering intensity is a limit, 100-fold of enhancement will be certainly help!
- Grazing-incident is powerful to obtaining the location-dependence of the kinetics and ordering

Density Fluctuations in Co-Polymer

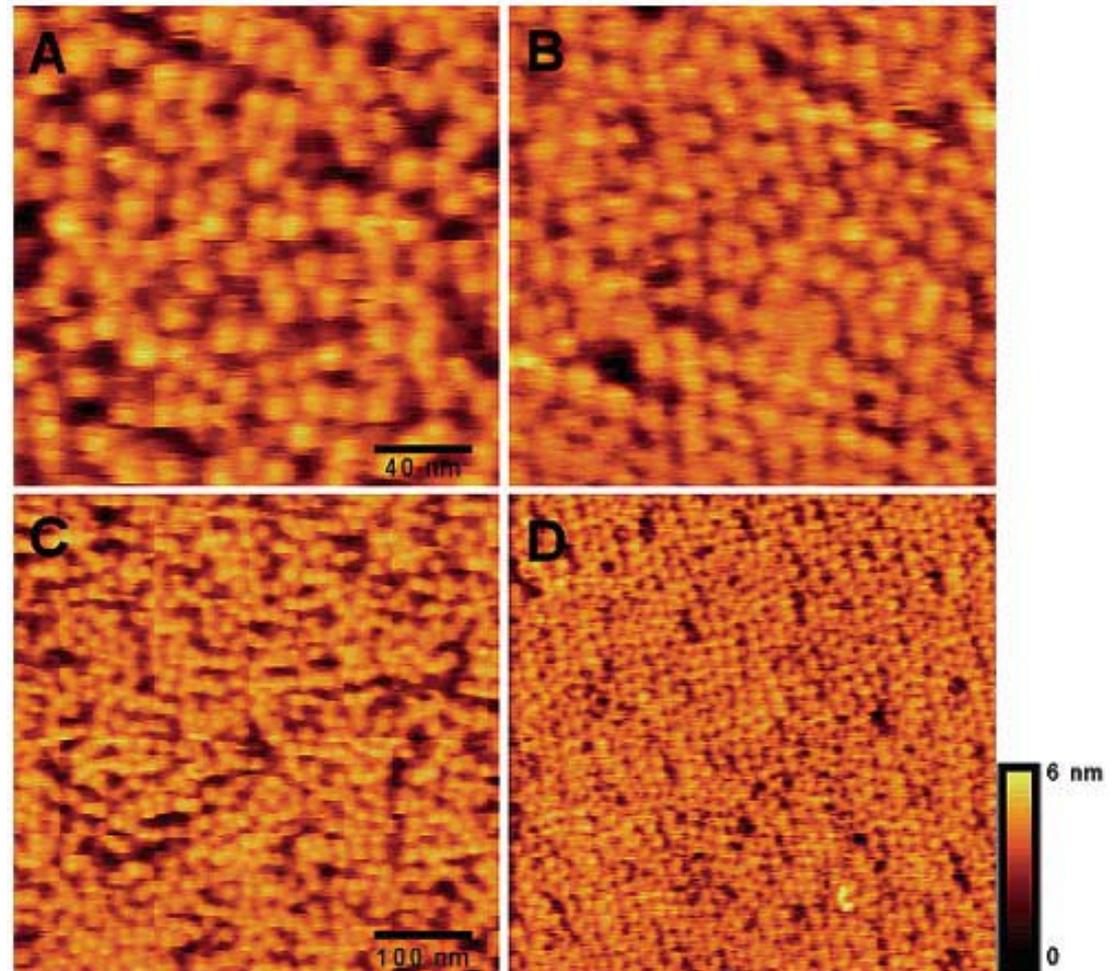
- For weak contrast systems such as diblock co-polymers for time-resolved studies: in progress
- Interface with $<3\%$ interfacial electron density difference



Collaboration with M. Foster (Akron)

Membrane Protein Structure

- 3-D crystallography of 2D crystal?
- Nanoparticulate phospholipid bilayer disk with membrane scaffold protein
- T. Bayburt *et al.* *Nano Letters* **2**, 853 (2002)



Membrane Protein Unfolding

- Induced by AFM tips
- F. esterhelt, et al. Science **288**, 143 (2000)

