



Argonne National Laboratory Small-Angle Scattering Discussion Group

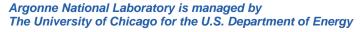
Small-angle scattering is the premier technique for the size characterization of nanoscale objects.

Pete R. Jemian APS/Users Ops Monthly Meeting, 18 January 2006















Mission Statement

The Small-Angle Scattering special interest group at Argonne National Laboratory has been created to promote awareness of the small-angle scattering facilities at the APS, IPNS, and elsewhere on the ANL campus and to foster communications between the various research groups.

Through this group, we believe we can build a strong user community for small-angle scattering at the APS, IPNS, and throughout ANL.





Guiding Principles

Cooperation

Collaboration

Correlation

Calibration

•Chow (cholesterol)





Communications

- Membership
 - open to all
- Email list server
 - small-angle@aps.anl.gov
 - hosted by APS
- Monthly meetings
 - (usually) first Tuesday of each month, noon, 438C
- WWW site
 - http://small-angle.aps.anl.gov
 - hosted by UNICAT





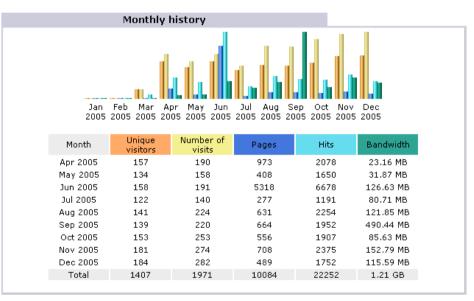
small-angle.aps.anl.gov WWW site

Example WWW traffic summary from December 2005



^{*} Not viewed traffic includes traffic generated by robots, worms, or replies with special HTTP status codes.

Visitors domains/countries (Top 10) -				
	Domains/Countries		Pages	Hits
gov	USA Government	gov	134	318
org	Non-Profit Organizations	org	116	209
com	Commercial	com	63	147
Unknown	Unknown	ip	61	268
net	Network	net	39	286
edu	USA Educational	edu	20	120
de	Germany	de	7	65
jр	Japan	jр	5	43
tw	Taiwan	tw	4	22
uk	United Kingdom	uk	3	32
	Others		37	242







Organizational Information

- What is the group?
 - ad hoc discussion of small-angle scattering very informal
- How was group formed?
 - After years of incubating the idea of a focus group,
 a core group met and decided on a format.
 (Jemian, Thiyagarajan, Irving, Ilavsky, Quintana, Cookson)
 - First meeting was 27 June 2002, ~ monthly since then
- Who usually shows up?
 - APS & IPNS instrument scientists
 - Users (from ANL and off-site, as well)
 - Attendance averages ~25/meeting, not just APS
- Meeting content
 - Update about upcoming conferences and deadlines
 - 80% scientific/technical presentations by
 - Visiting researchers
 - Local researchers
 - Instrument scientists
 - 20% round-table discussions





Lessons Learned

- Informality
 - promotes useful interaction
- Consistency
 - regular meeting time and place is very important
- Science talks are good
 - ... BUT ...
- Occasional discussion-only meetings are <u>essential</u>
- Free lunch will draw a crowd
 - UNICAT and DND-CAT have been primary sponsors (non-DOE funding sources)
 - Initial idea that "Group that presents will sponsor lunch" did not work





Summary of Achievements

- Glassy carbon absolute intensity standard
- WWW site (small-angle.aps.anl.gov)
 - One-stop source of information for small-angle users
- e-mail listserv (small-angle@aps.anl.gov)
 - Instant access to discussion group
- education
 - data evaluation methods
 - basic principles
 - instrumental design principles
 - group awareness of other facilities at ANL
 - example for other special interest groups
- fostered collaboration & communications
- workshop at 2004 APS Users Meeting
- facilities poster at 2005 ACS National Meeting
- dozens of pizzas consumed





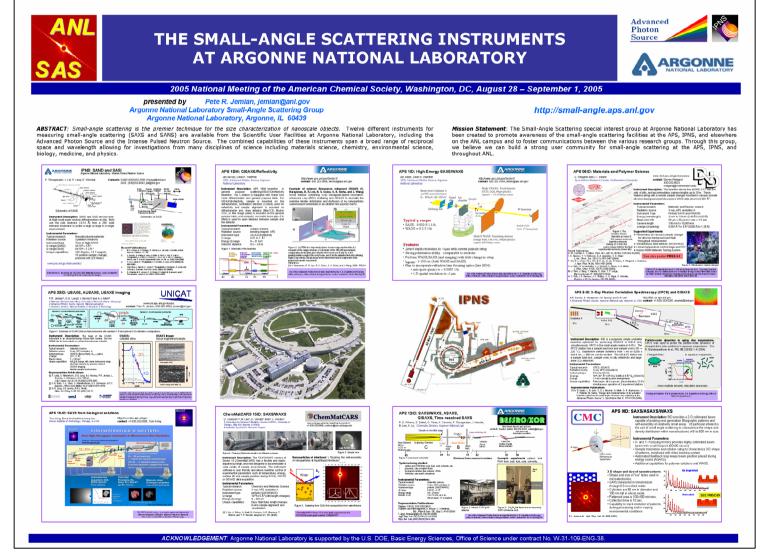
Recent Presentations

- Lixin Fan , XFD-XMG, Small-Angle Fluctuation X-ray Microscopy: A Novel Approach for Measuring Medium-Range Order
- Alec Sandy, APS/IMM-XOR, Small-Angle XPCS at 8-ID
- Byeongdu Lee, APS, Analysis concepts implemented in the GISAXS software
- Xuefa Li, APS, Developing A Dedicated Grazing-Incidence Small-Angle X-ray Scattering Beamline at the APS
- group discussion
- Pete R. Jemian, UNICAT, Regularization Methods for Particle Size Distributions from Small-Angle Scattering
- Andrew J. Goshe, CNM, Solution Structural Analysis of Supramolecular Assemblies by SAXS/WAXS
- Andrew J. Allen, Ceramics Division, NIST
- Kristin Brinker, Northwestern University, Rheology and Flow-Induced Structure in a Polystyrene-Polyisoprene Bicontinuous Microemulsion
- Ray Osborn, IPNS, NeXus for data storage





2005 ACS National Meeting Facilities Poster







Future Directions

- Outreach
 - Introduction to small-angle scattering WWW page
- Collaborations
 - Data analysis software
 - Round-robin evaluations
- Standardization
 - More absolute intensity standards
 - sample holders, cells, and environments
- Discussions
 - standardization of data format
 - common window materials
- Life after pizza
 - Need to improve the bottom line