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**Dynamics of molecules at confined interfaces**

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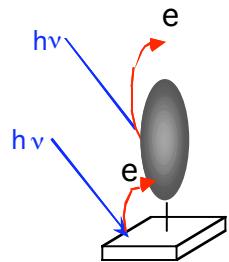
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# Dynamics of molecules at confined interfaces

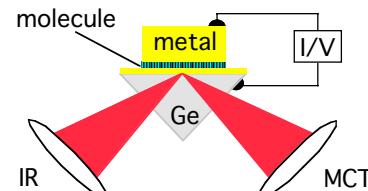
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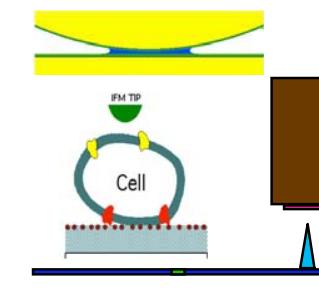
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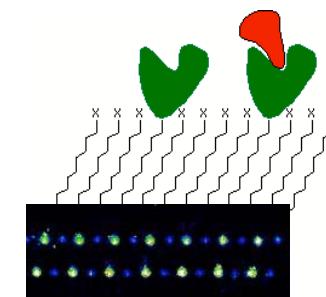
Electron transfer/transport



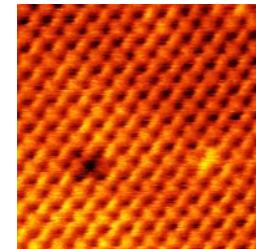
Molecular junctions



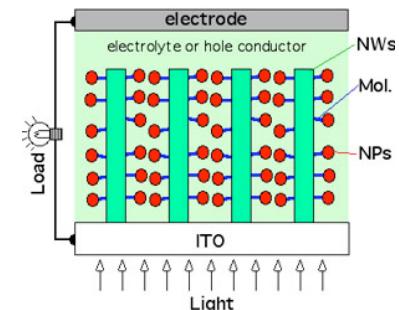
Nanomechanics,  
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Proteomics, biotech



Organic semiconductor

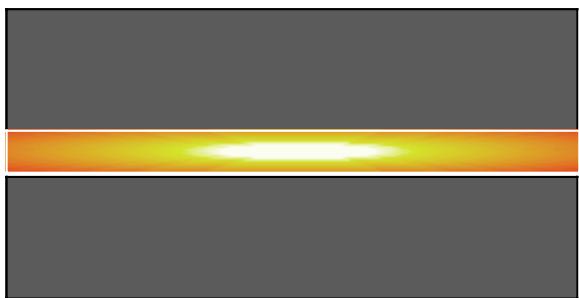


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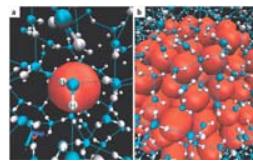
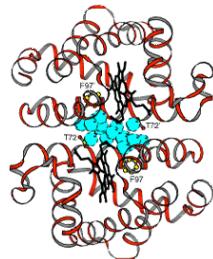


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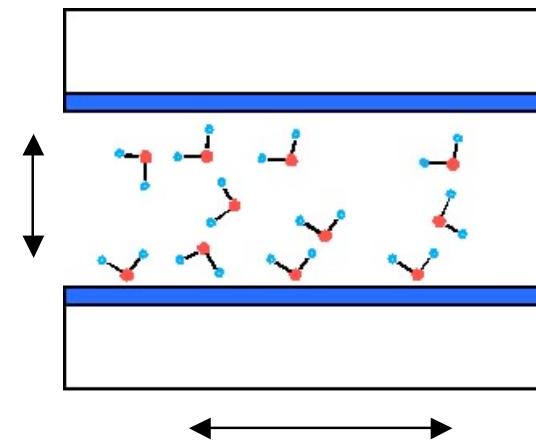
*What is the consequence of confinement on molecular motion?*

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*Nature*, 437, 640 (2005).



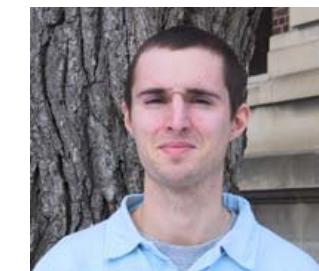
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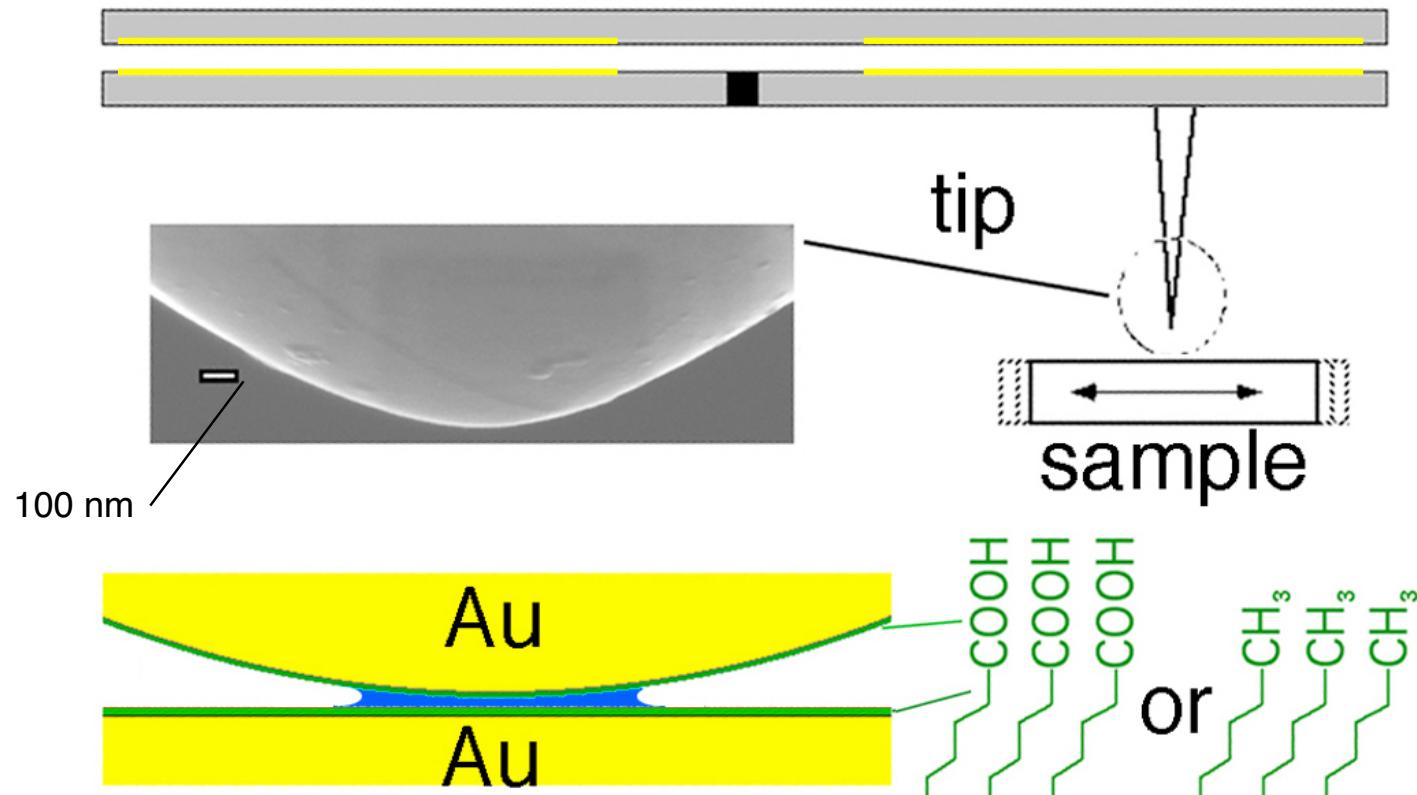
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## IFM sensor

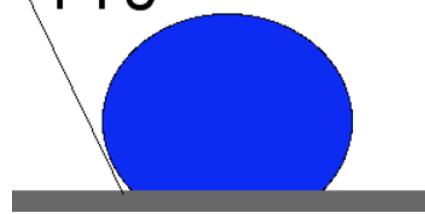


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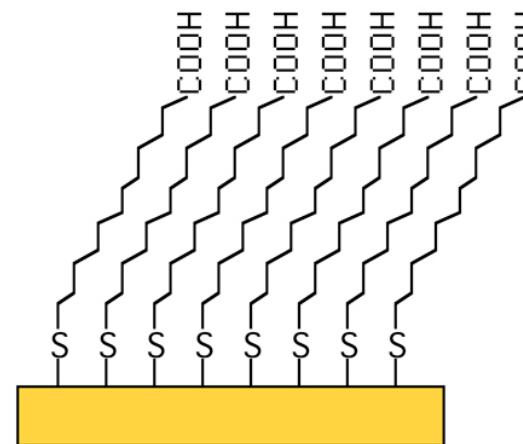
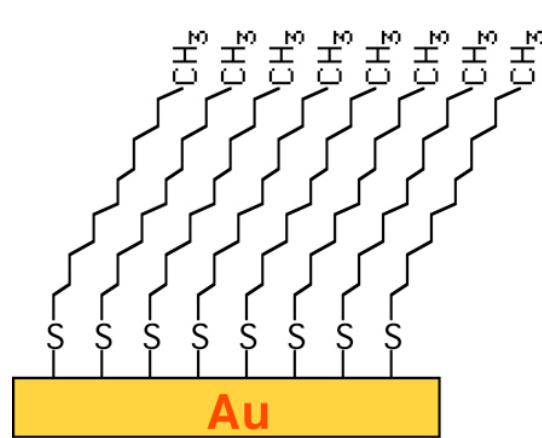
# Hydrophobic

# Hydrophilic

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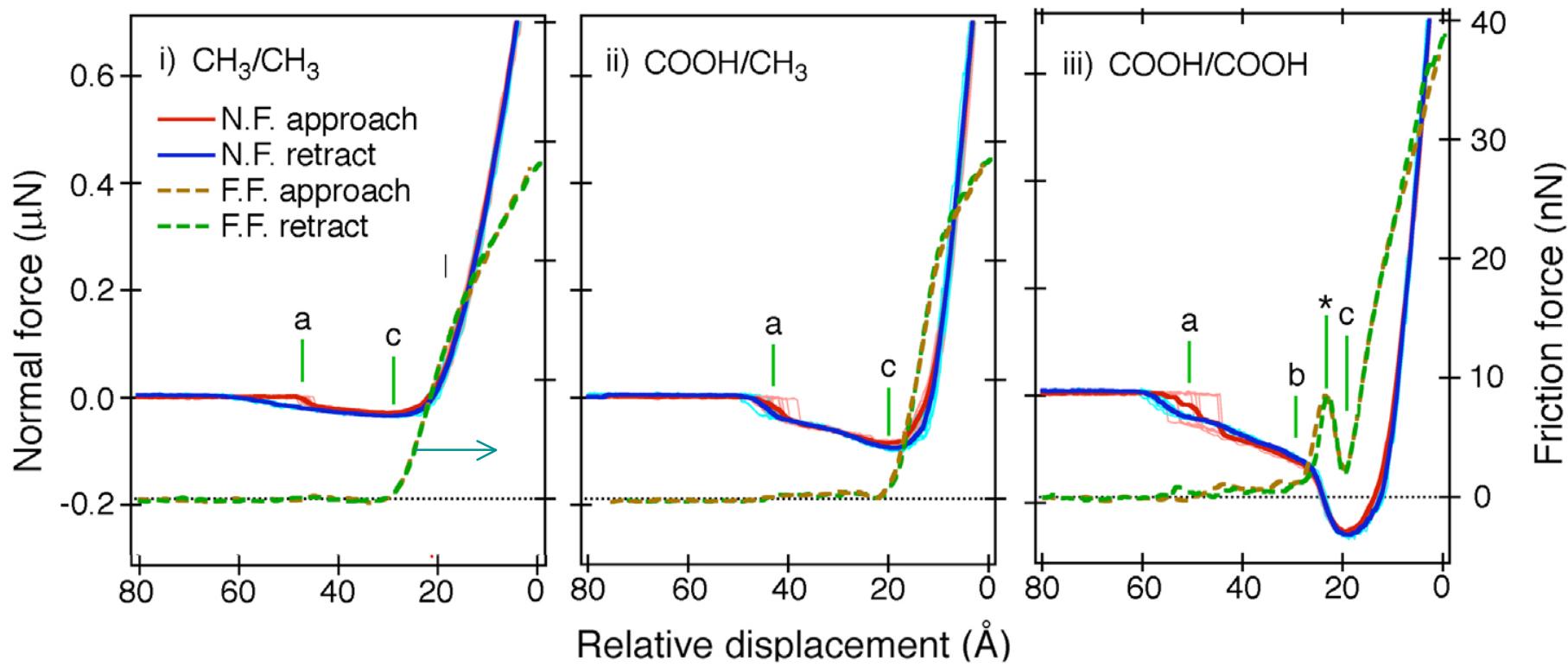


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71

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$$\eta_{eff} = \frac{\text{shear stress}}{\text{shear rate}} \approx 1.2 \times 10^4 \text{ Pa} \cdot \text{s}$$

or  $\approx 3 \times 10^4 \text{ Pa} \cdot \text{s}$  (sphear/plate)

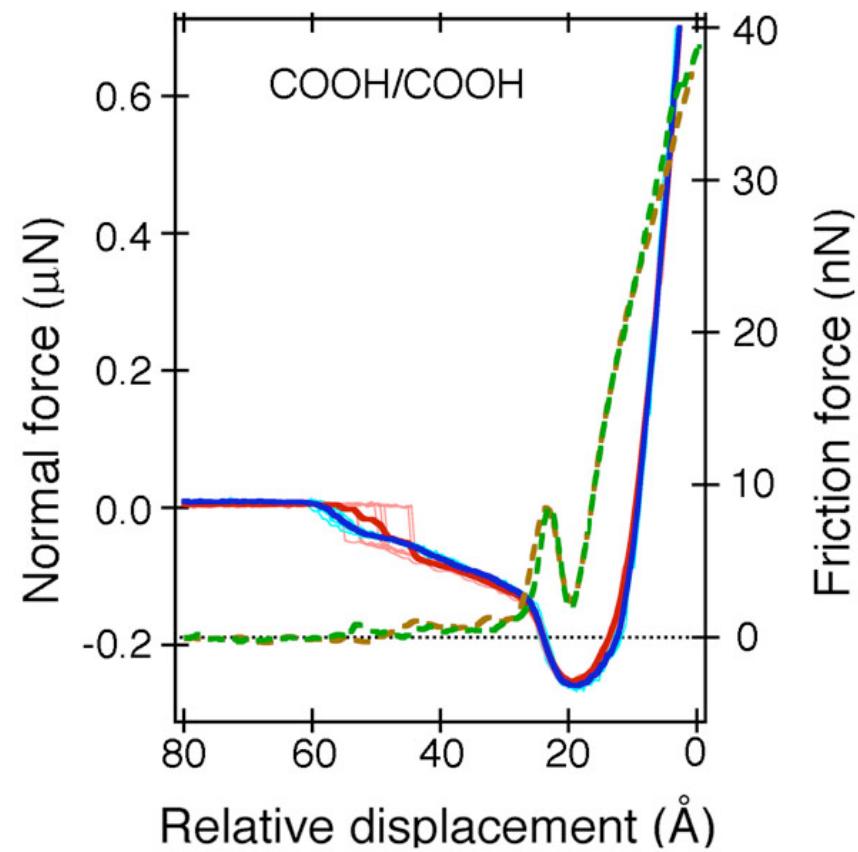
$d^* = 0.6 \text{ nm}$  (interfacial separation)

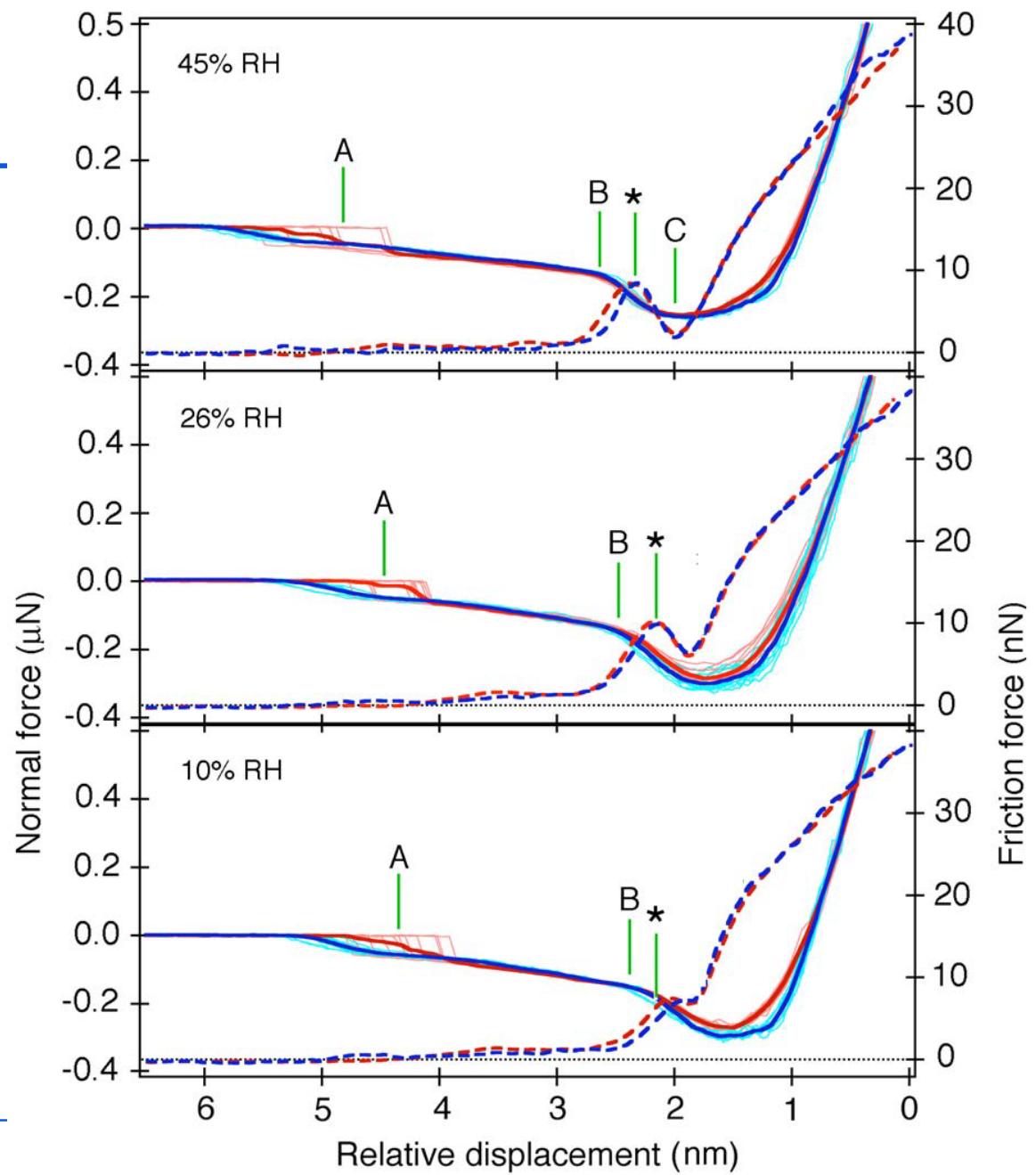
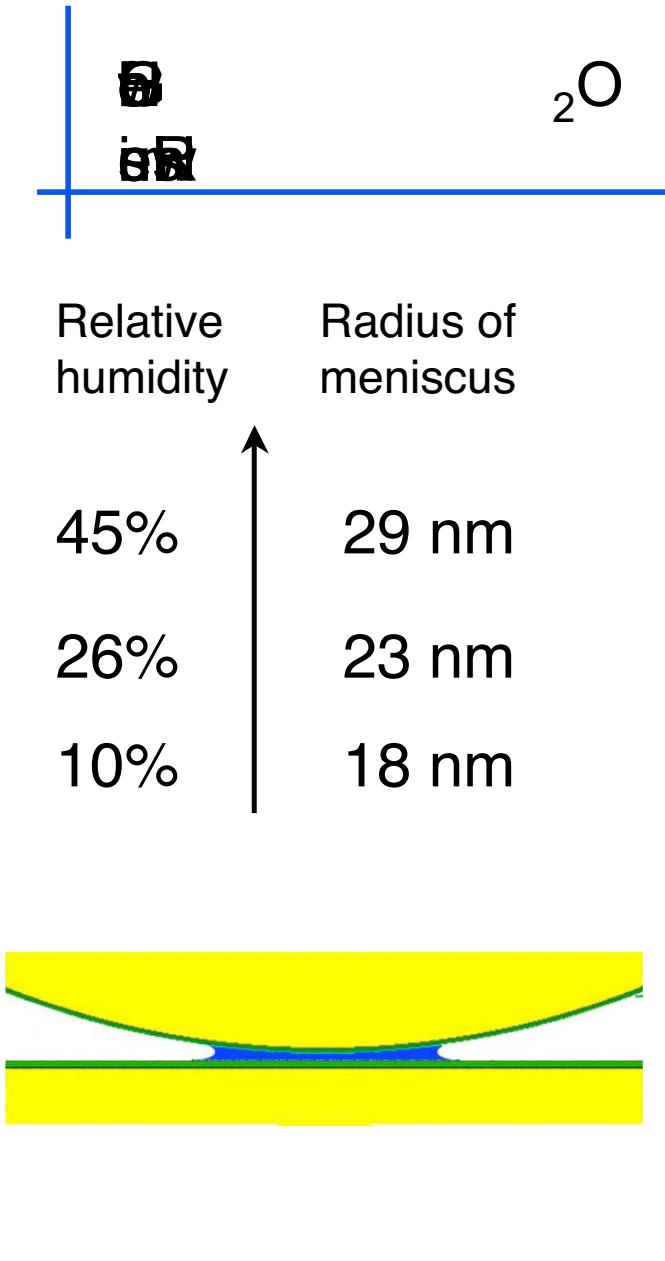
$v_s = 500 \text{ nm/s}$  (shear velocity)

$F_\mu^* = 8.6 \text{ nN}$  (peak friction force)

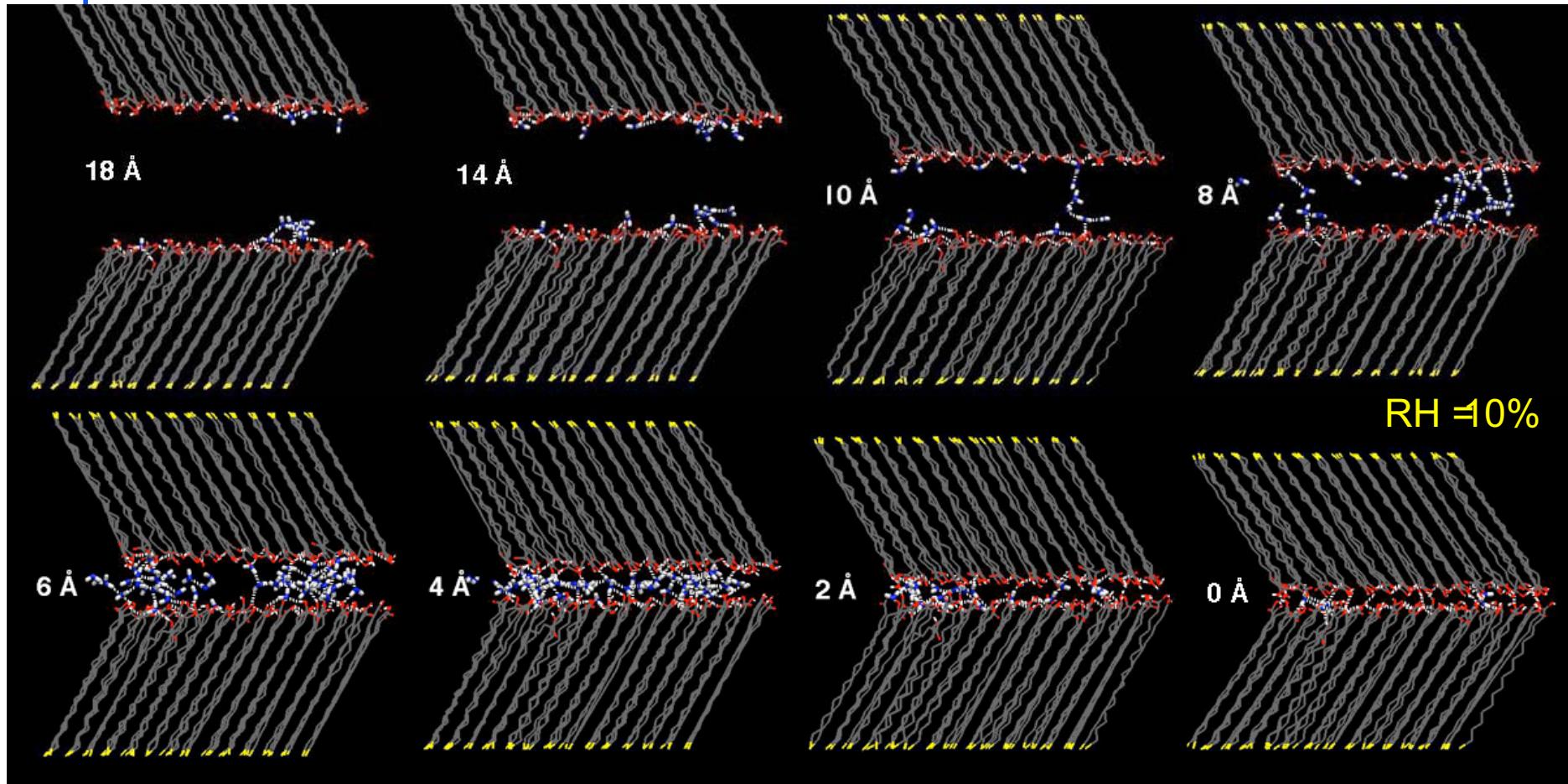
$A_m = 2600 \text{ nm}^2$  (meniscus size)

$$\eta_{bulk\ water} = 8.6 \times 10^{-4} \text{ Pa} \cdot \text{s}$$





# Grand Canonical Monte Carlo simulation



The formation of H-bonded bridges!

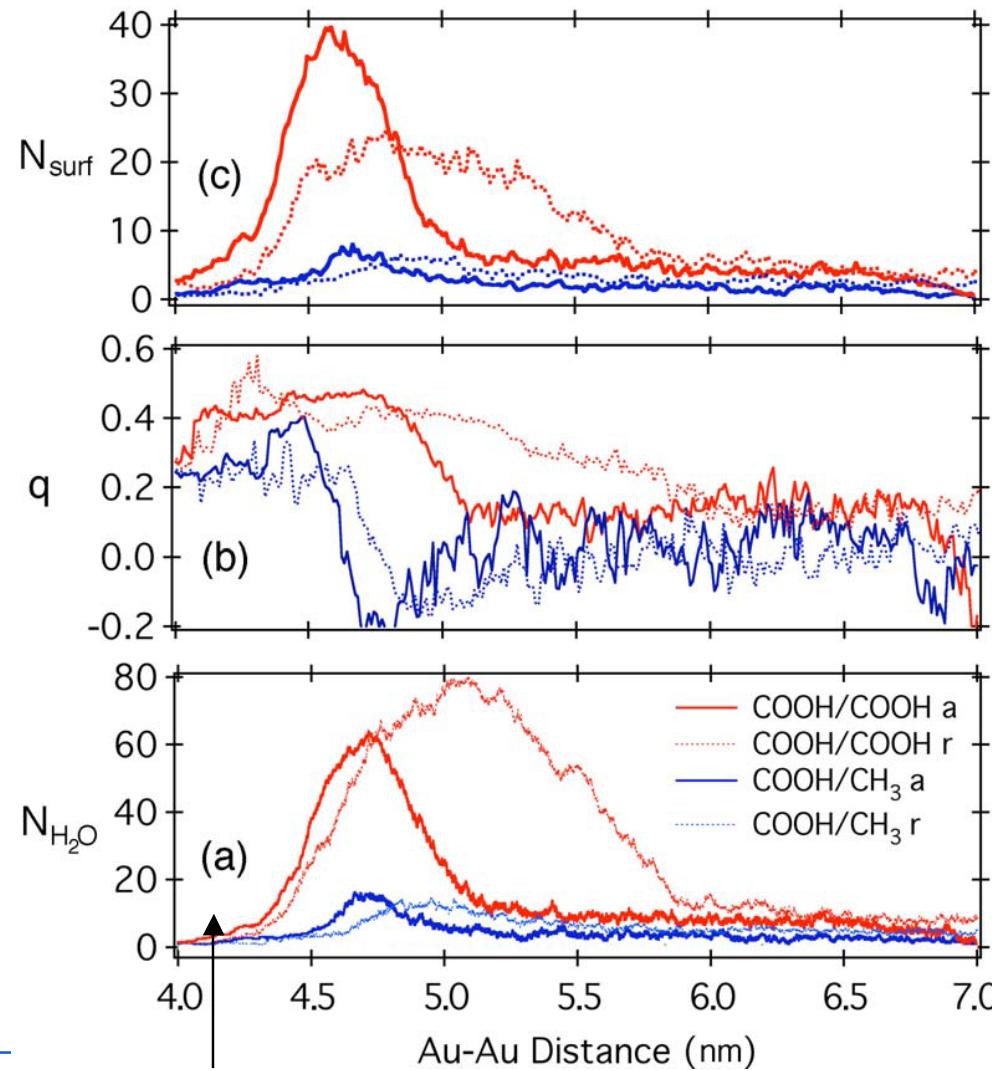
# Surf

Number of H-bonds  
to -COOH surface

Tetrahedral order  
parameter

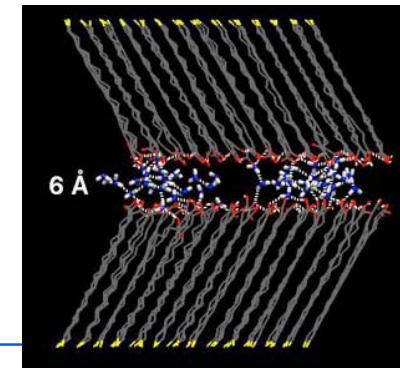
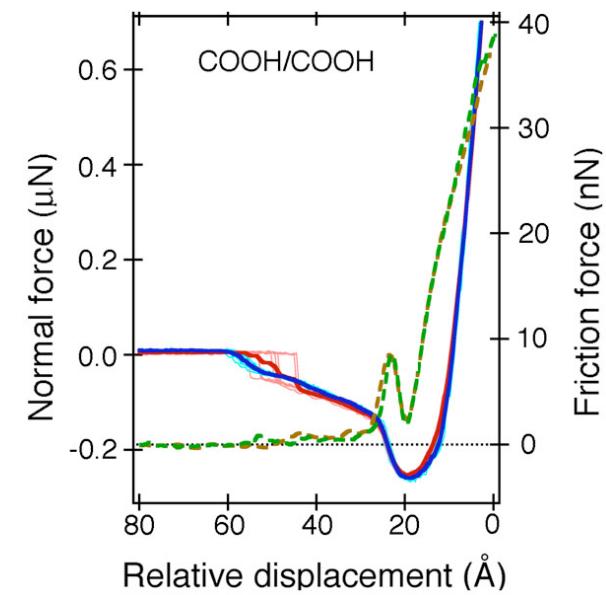
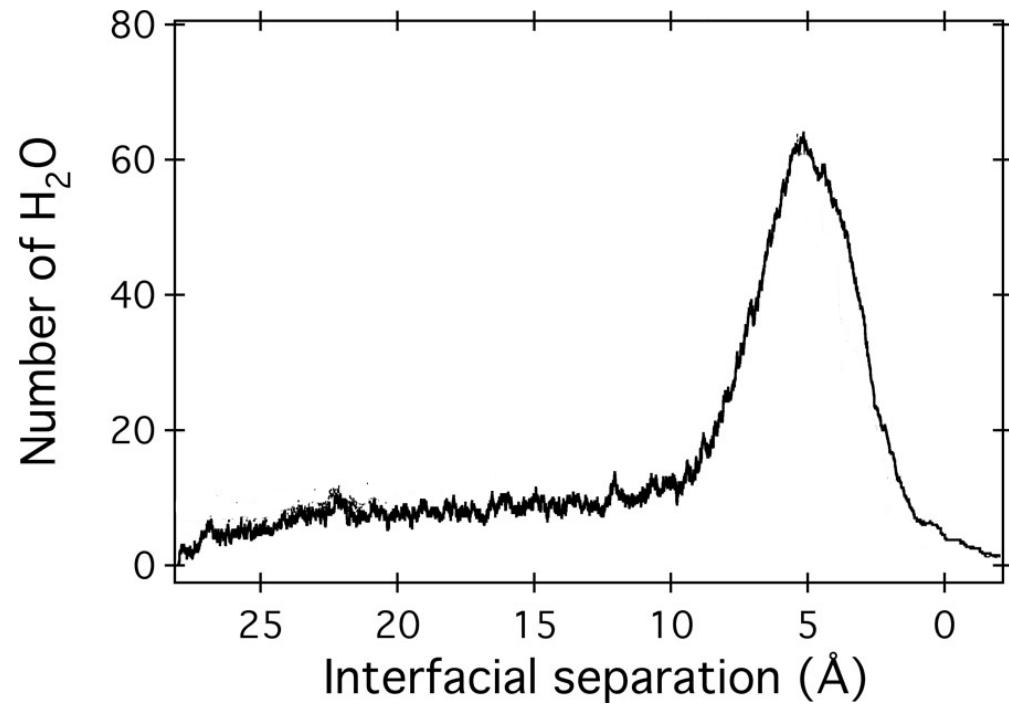
Nature 409, 318 (2001)

Population of  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$   
within the nanogap



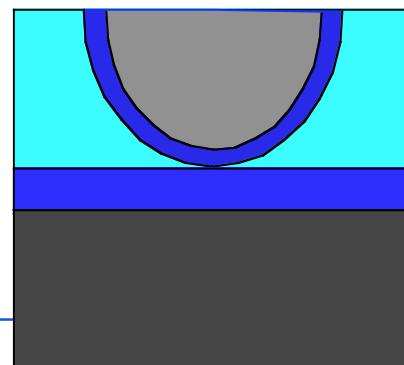
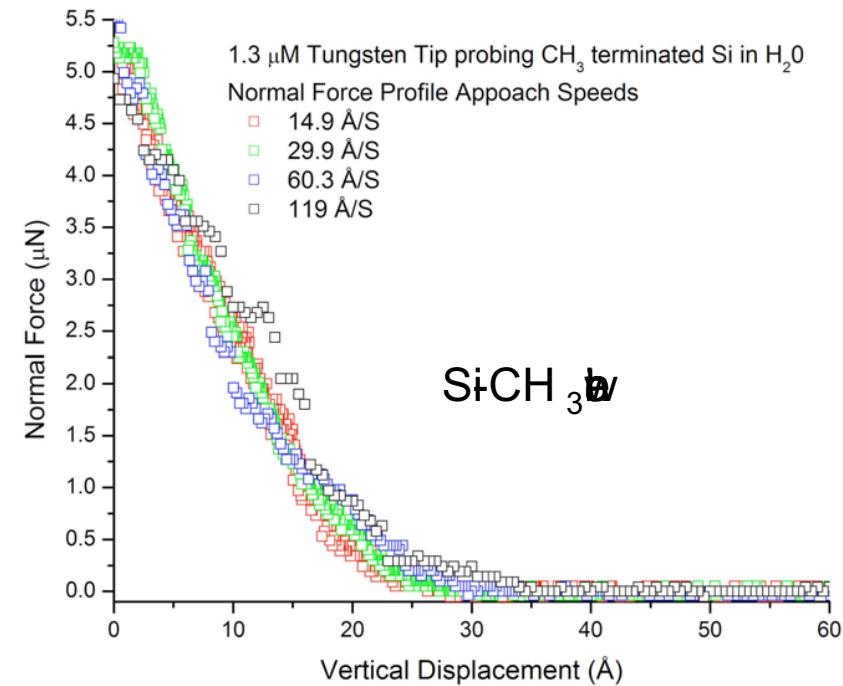
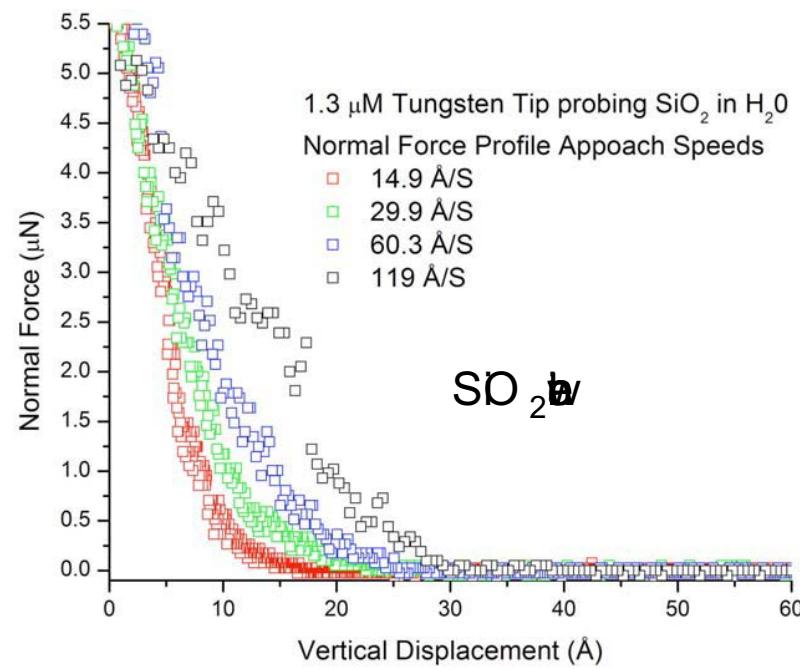


### Simulation results for COOH/COOH



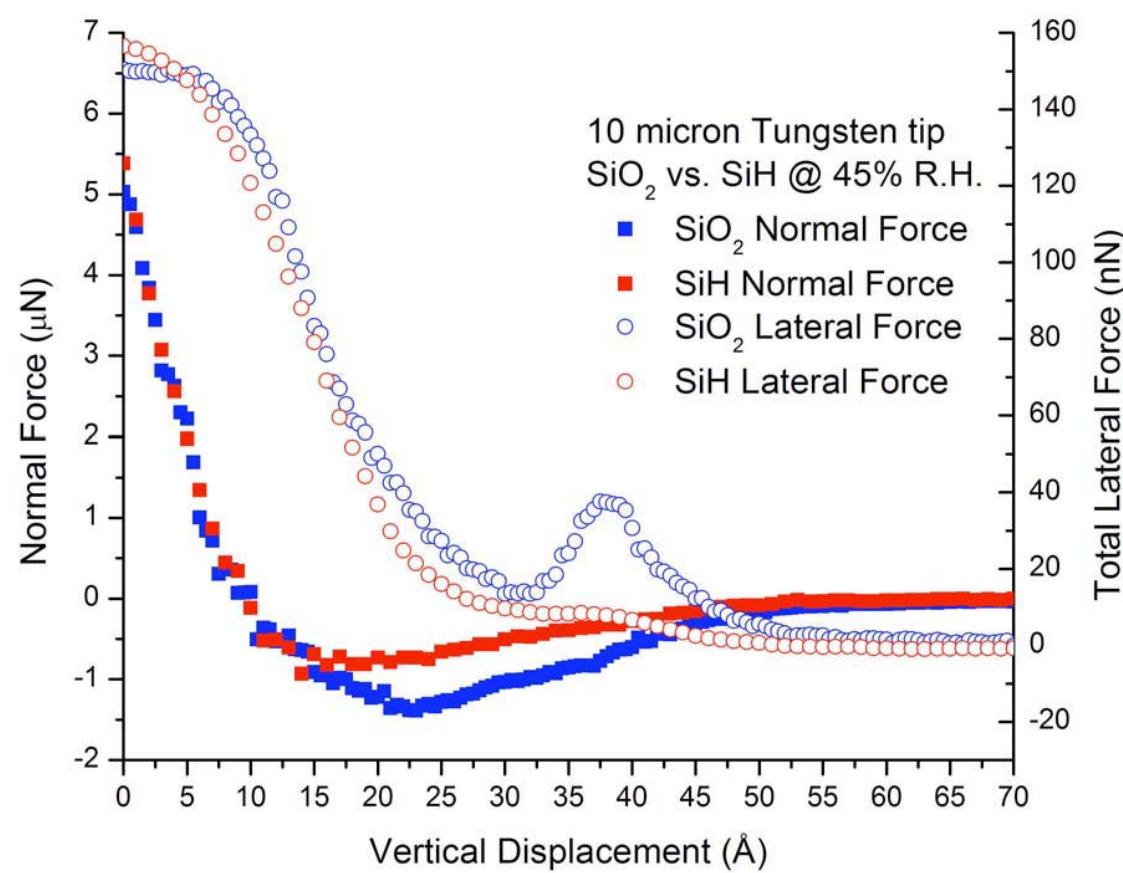
70 Å x 80 Å, periodic

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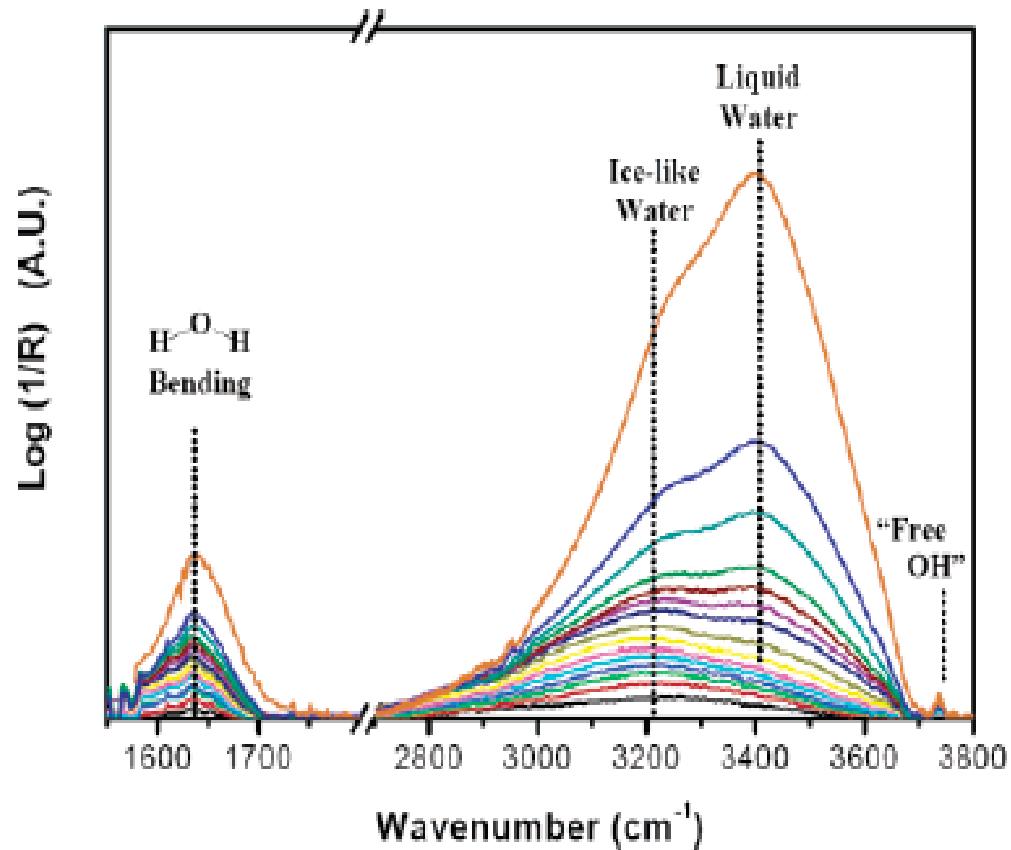
$$_{eff} \approx 7 \cdot 10^3 \text{ Pa} \cdot \text{s}$$

# $\text{H}_2\text{O}/\text{SiO}_2$ - measurement in air



$$e_{\text{eff}} \approx 2 \cdot 10^3 \text{ Pa} \cdot \text{s}$$

# Spectroscopic evidence of “ice-like” water on hydrophilic surfaces



D. B. Asay & S. H. Kim, *J. Phys. Chem. B*  
2005, 109, 16760-16763

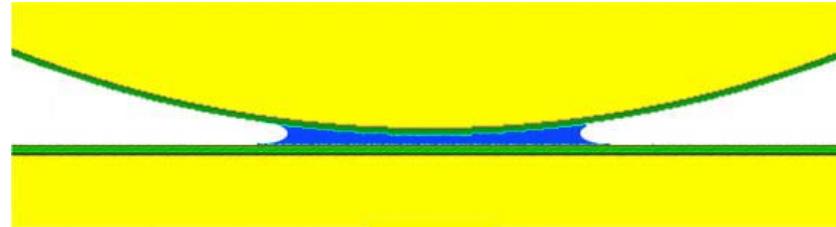
Other studies: SFG

Q. Du, E. Freysz, and Y. R. Shen,  
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V. Ostroverkhov, G. A. Waychunas,  
and Y. R. Shen, [Phys. Rev. Lett. 94, 046102 \(2005\)](#).

# The interfacial H<sub>2</sub>O is like... peanut butter

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$10^{6-7}$  times  $\eta_{water}$

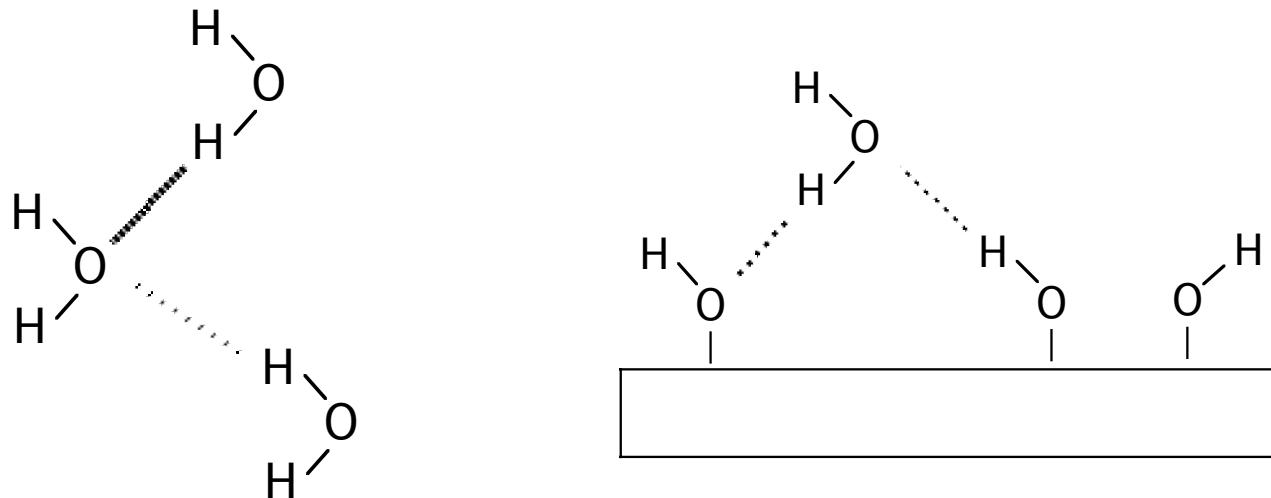


$6 \times 10^4 \eta_{water}$



$1.2 \times 10^6 \eta_{water}$

# *WHY is interfacial water so different???*



- An H-bond to the surface is not much stronger than that in H<sub>2</sub>O, but
- Breaking an H-bond in water is assisted by the forming of a new one.  
Energy cost minimal
- Breaking an H-bond at the surface or confined interface is not assisted.  
Energy cost significant

**It's confinement!**

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<sub>2</sub>O.

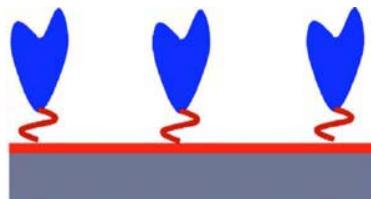
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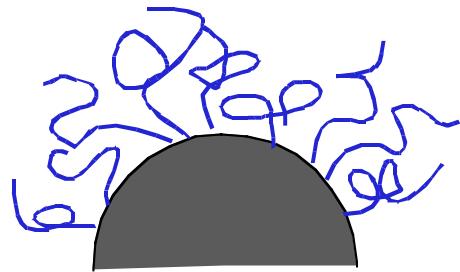
- *Confinement is the sole reason?*

# Salt Bite

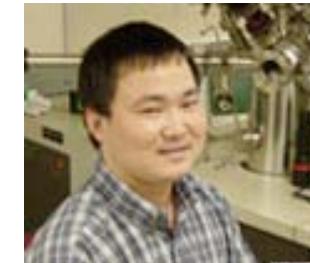
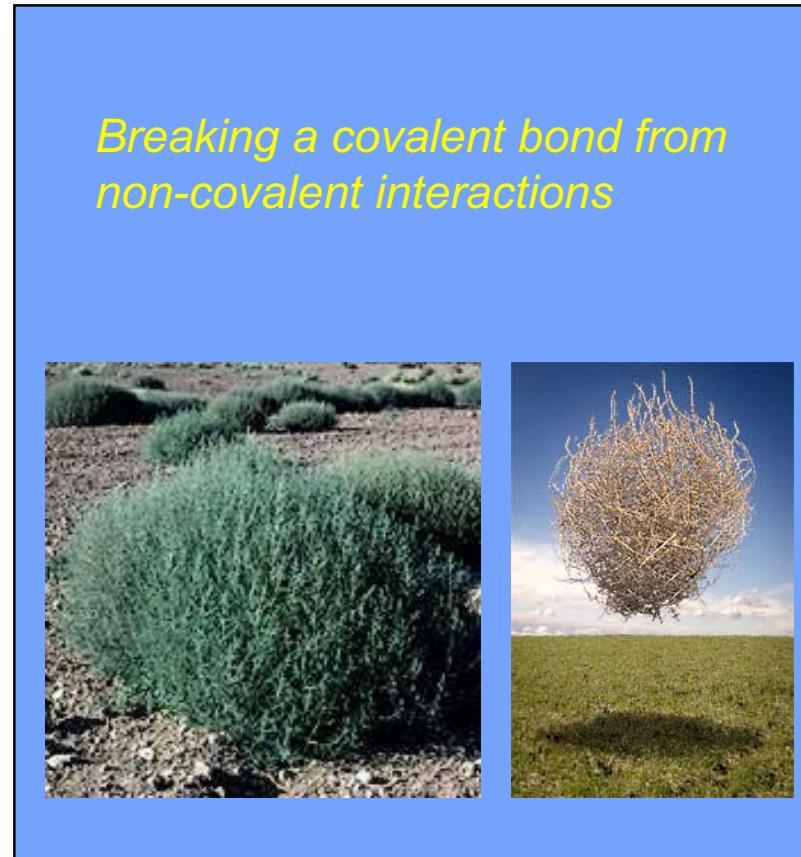
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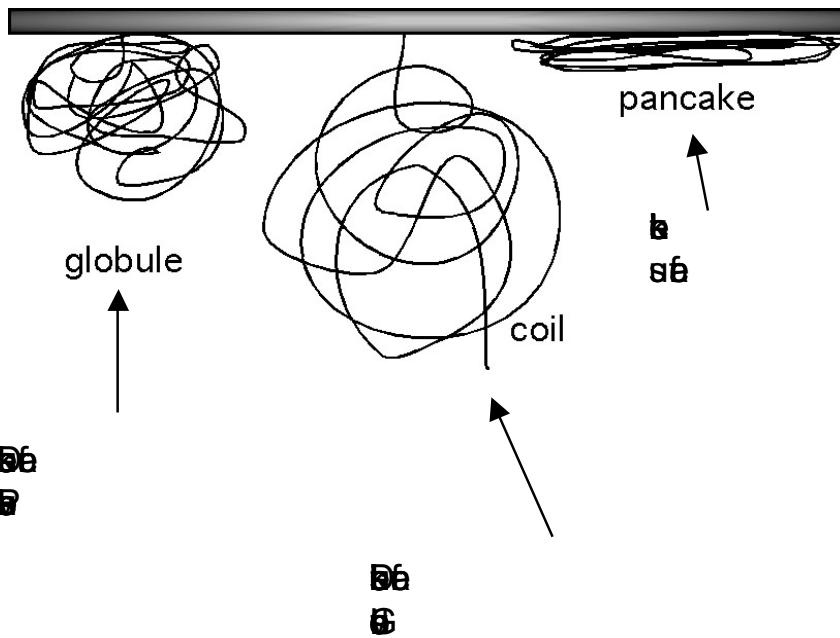
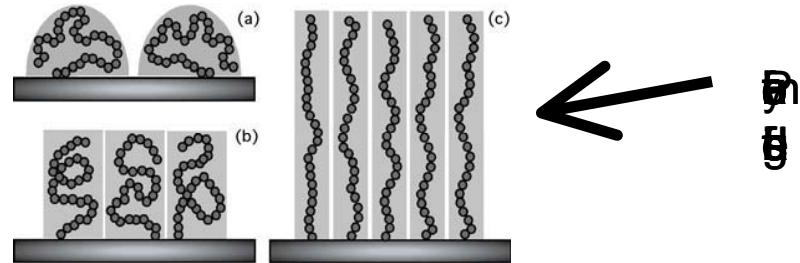
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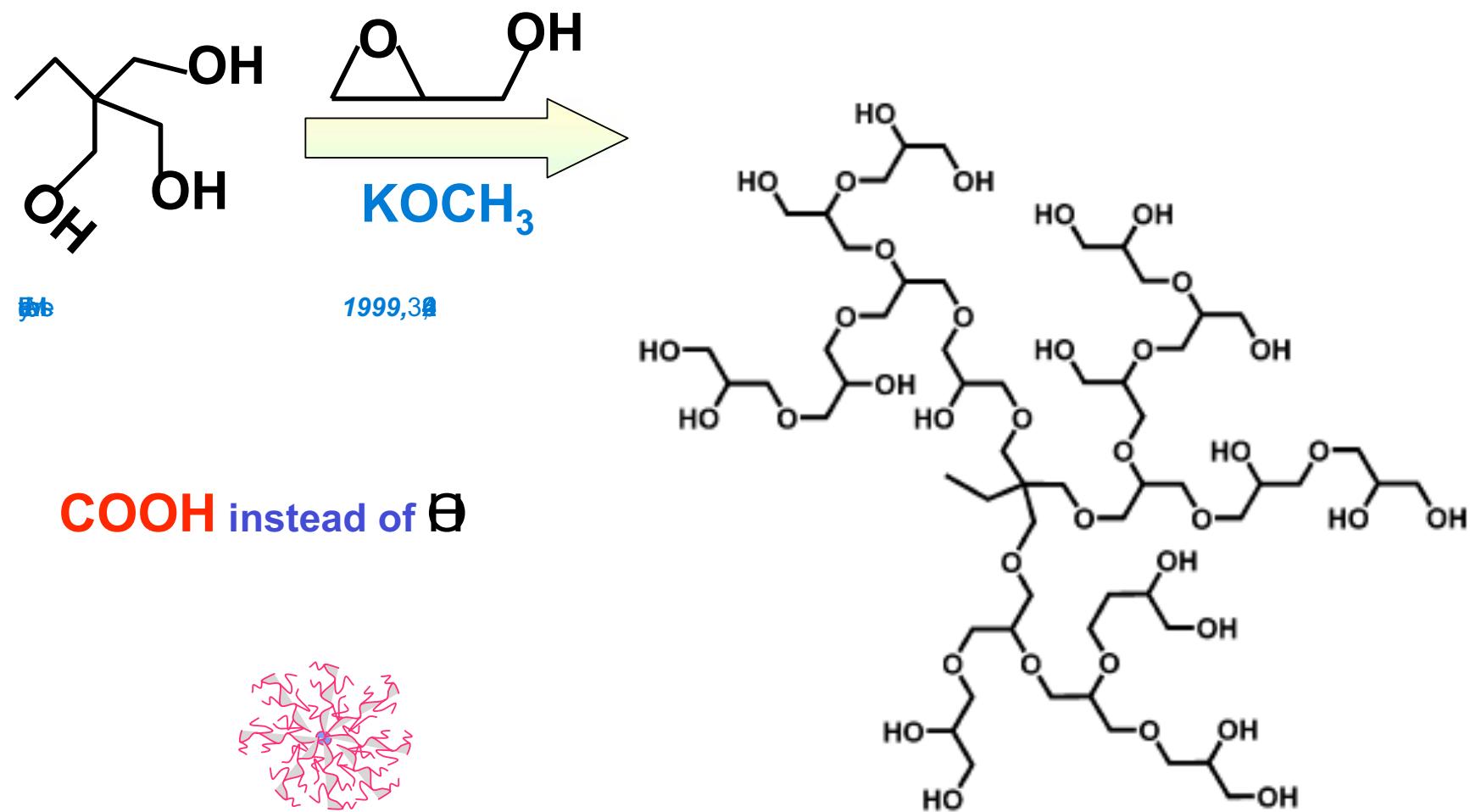
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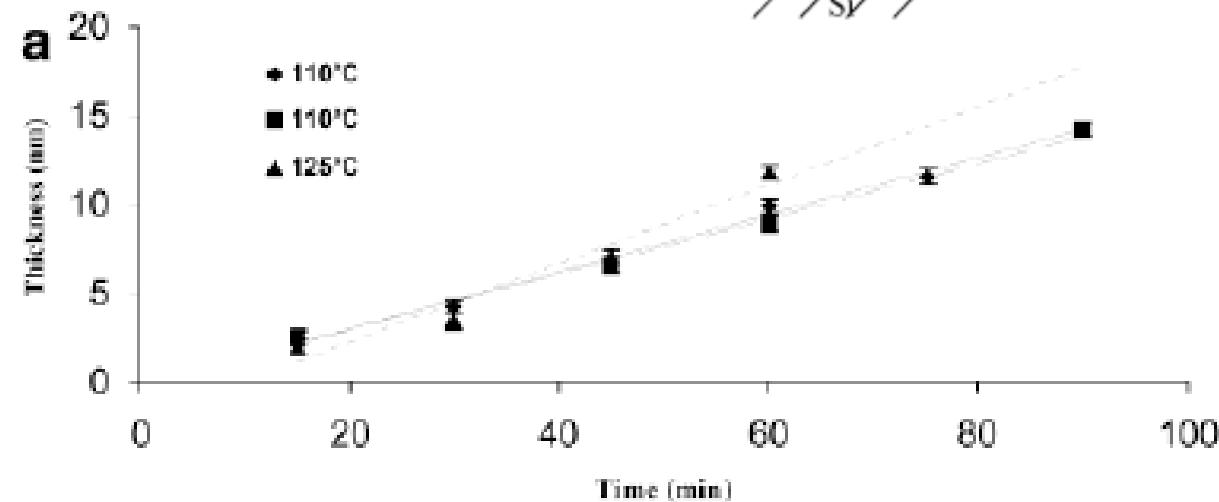
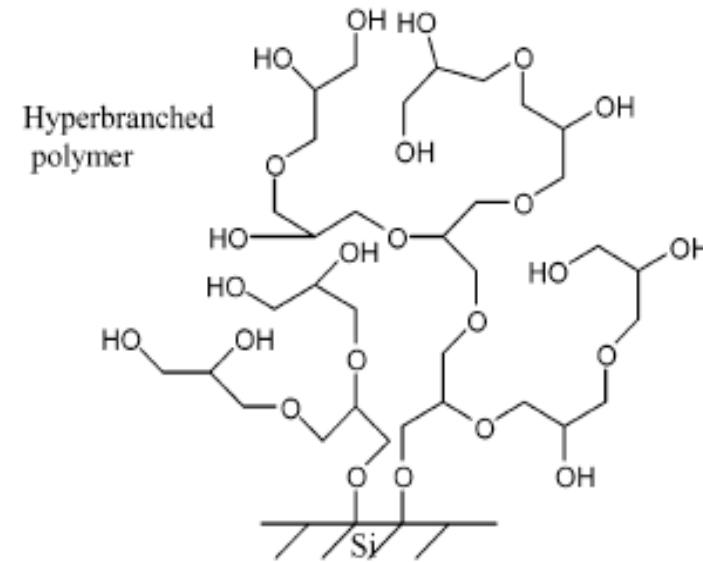
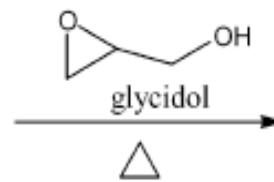
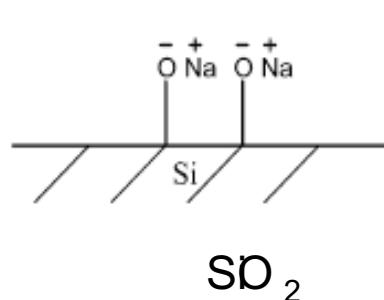


*What happens  
to the thread or  
anchor?*

# Hyperbranched Polyglycidol (HPG)

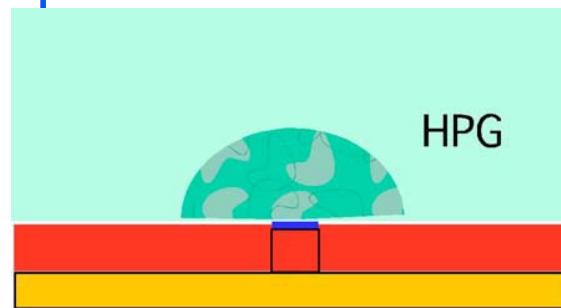


# Surface-Initiated Polymerization of Hyperbranched Polyglycidol (HPG)

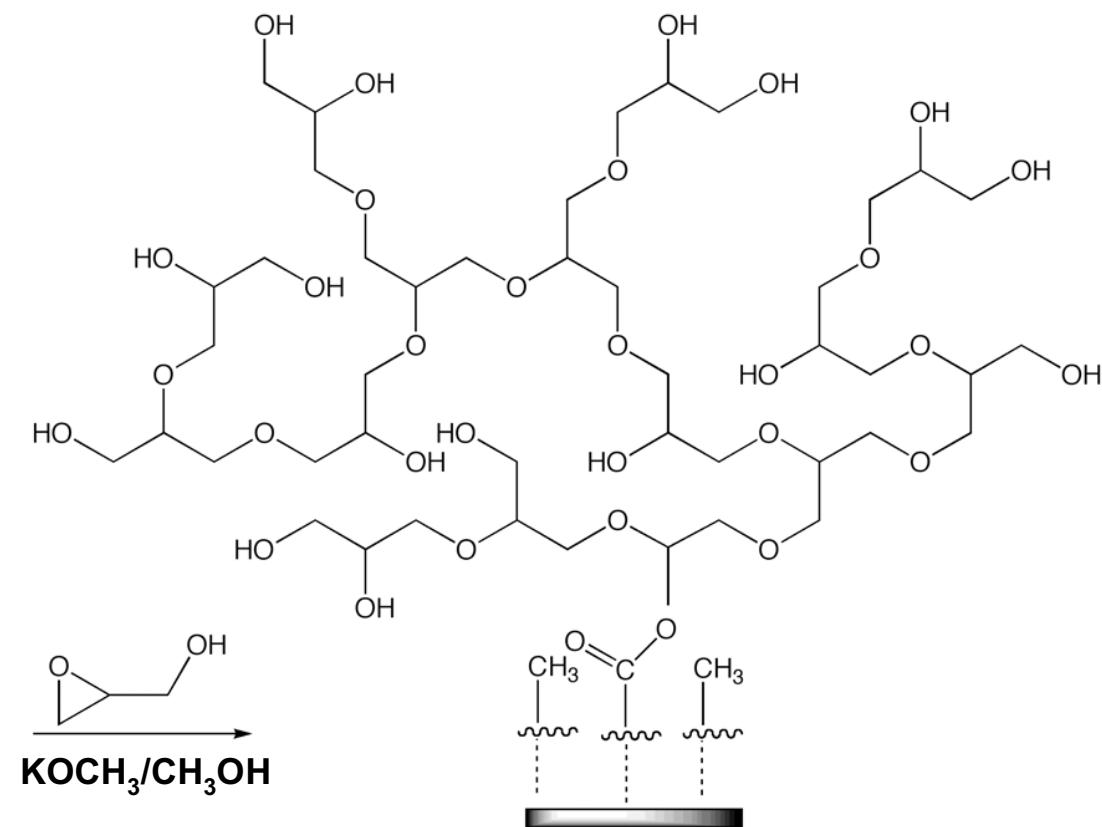
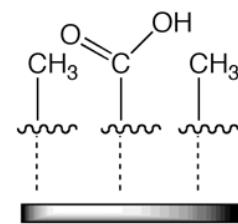


# Superficial

## Surfactants

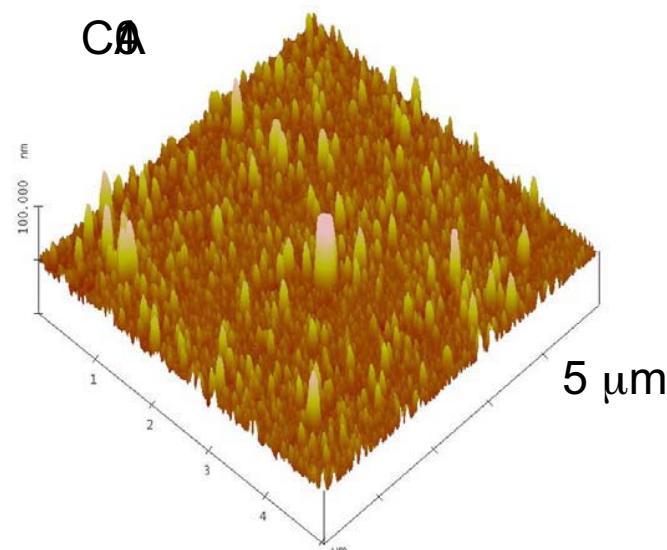
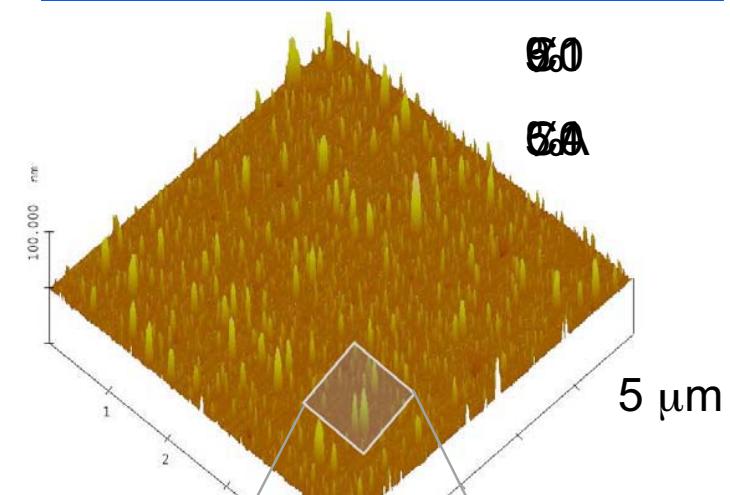
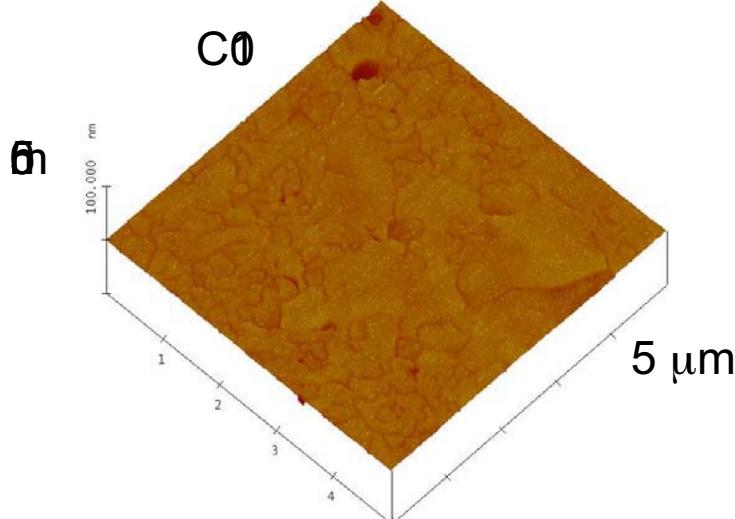
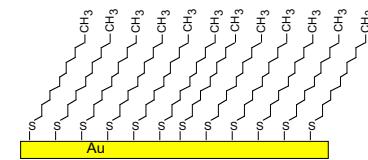


- Hydrophilic -COOH
- Hydrophobic -CH<sub>2</sub>- , -CH<sub>3</sub>

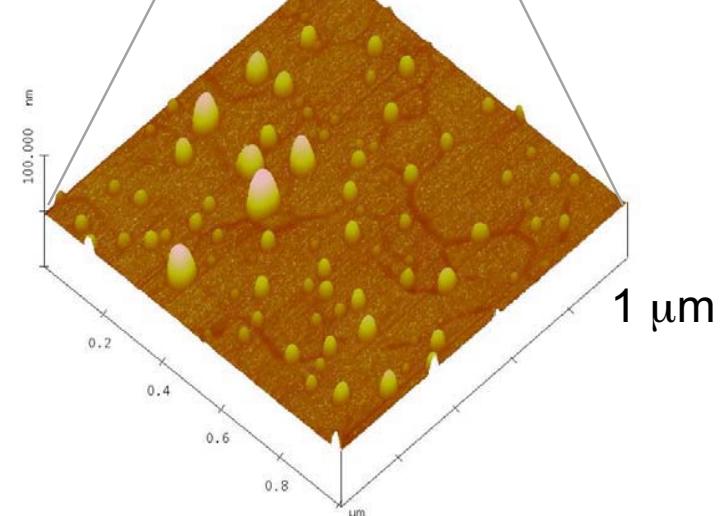


**H<sub>2</sub>Sb**

$\text{HS}(\text{CH}_2)_{10}\text{COOH} = \text{C10A}; \quad \text{HS}(\text{CH}_2)_9\text{CH}_3 = \text{C10}$



**5** **°C**

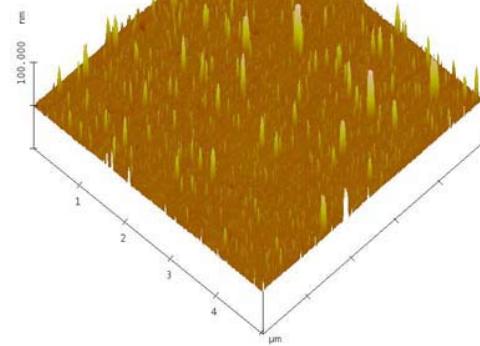


HS

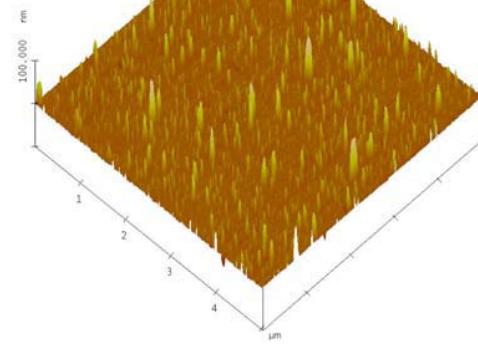
$\text{HS}(\text{CH}_2)_{10}\text{COOH} : \text{HS}(\text{CH}_2)_9\text{CH}_3 = 1:20, 40^\circ\text{C}$

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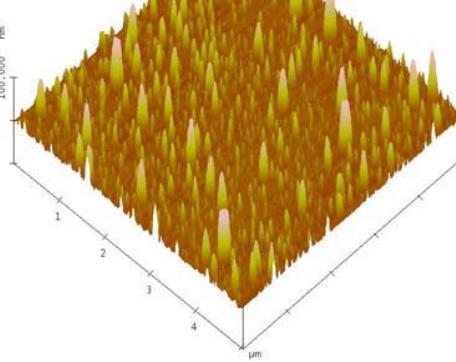
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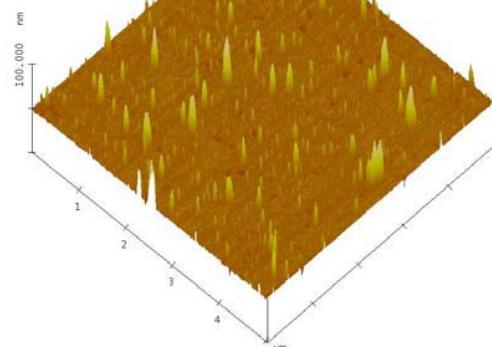
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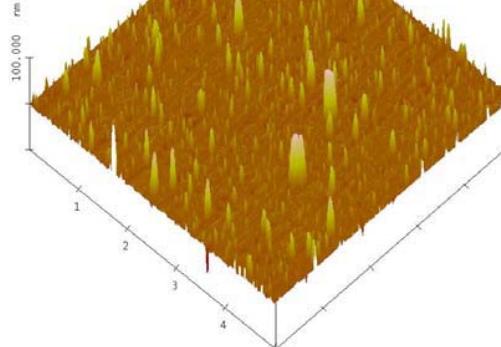
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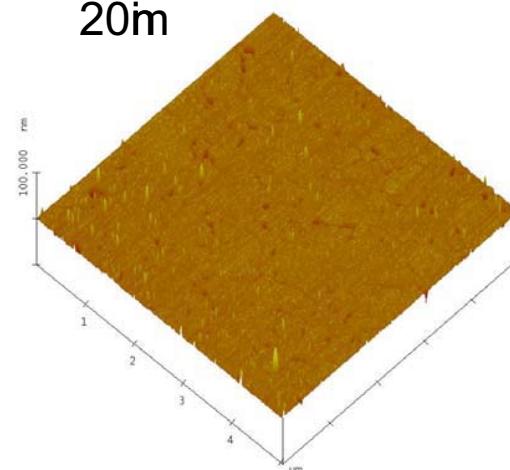
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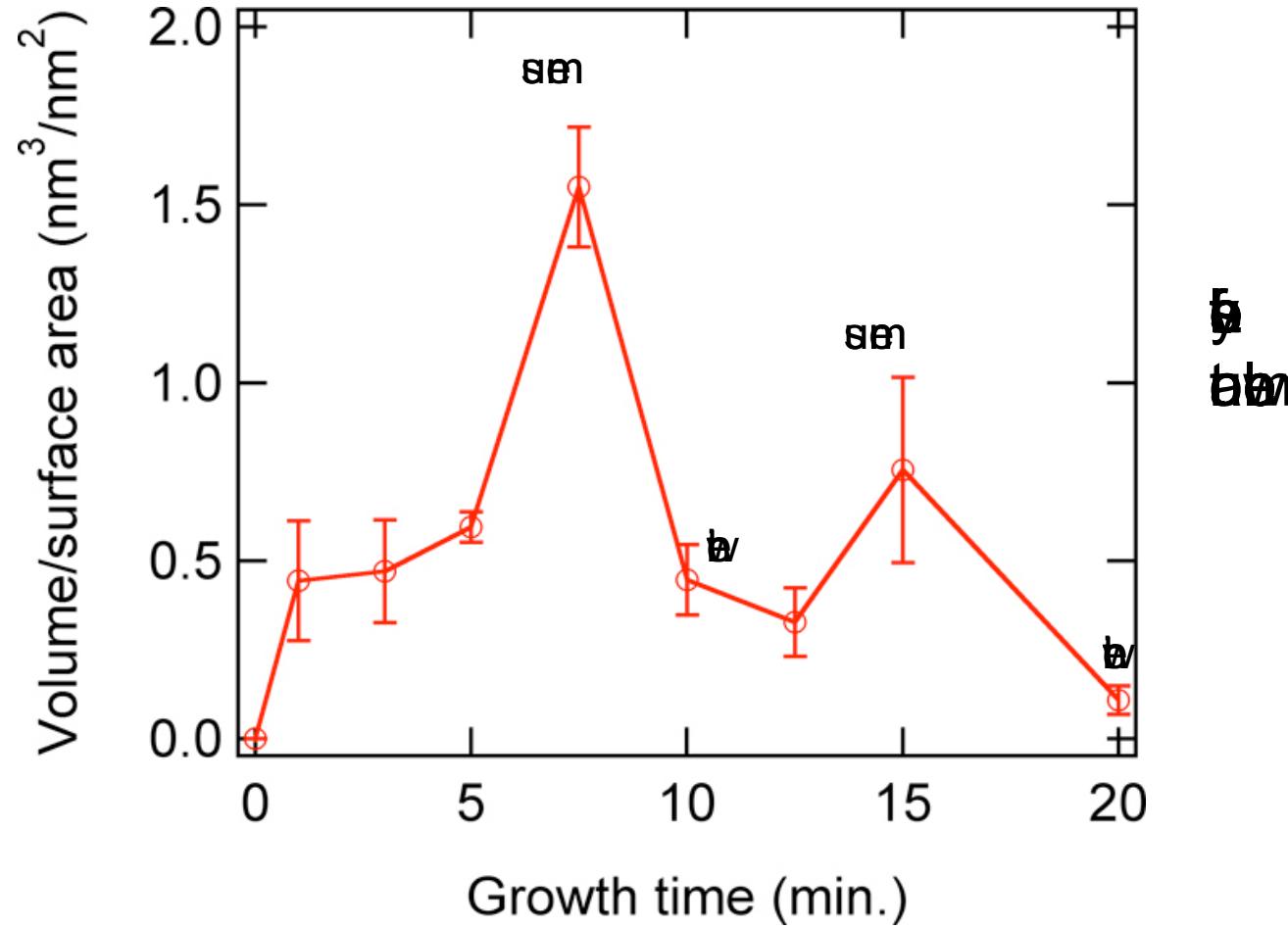


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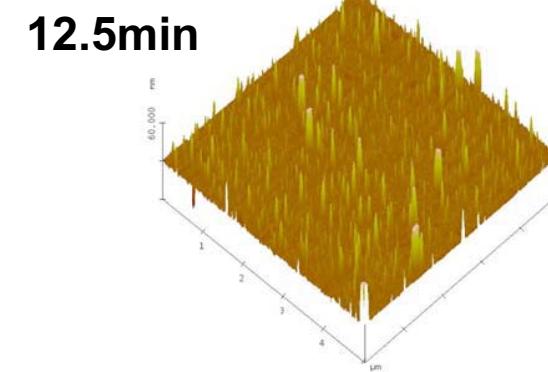
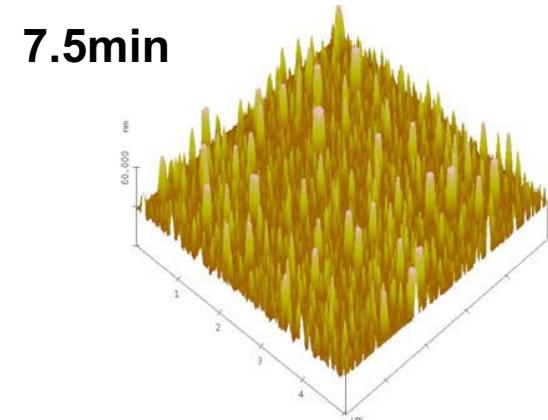
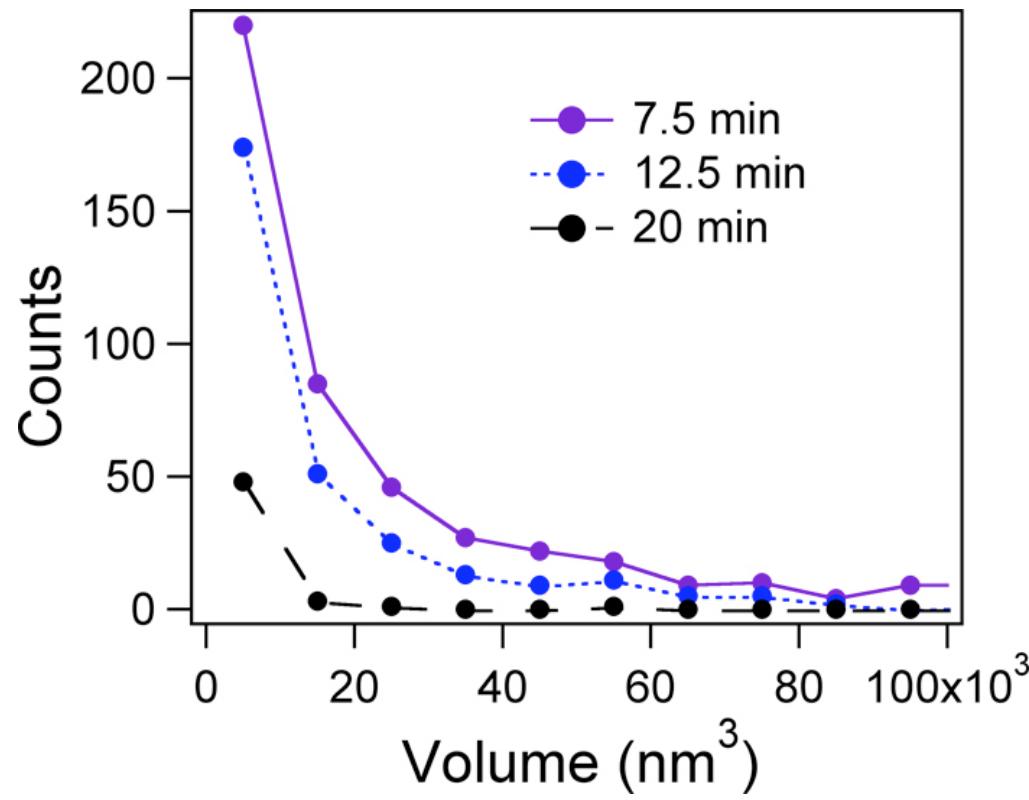
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# Surface coverage vs. growth time

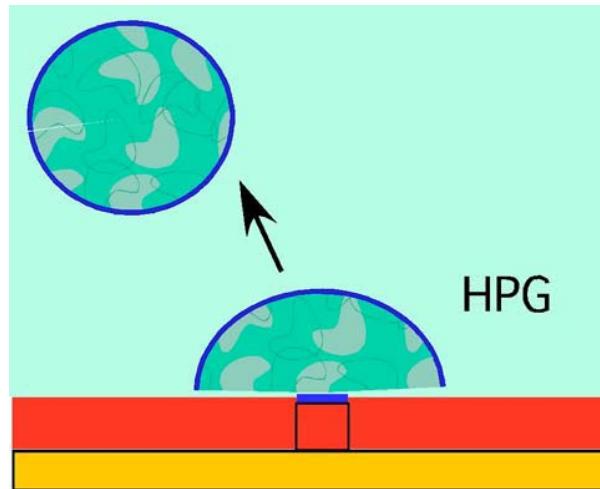


$\text{HS(CH}_2\text{)}_{10}\text{COOH : HS(CH}_2\text{)}_9\text{CH}_3 = 1:20, \ 40^\circ\text{C}$

# Volume Distribution of HPG molecules

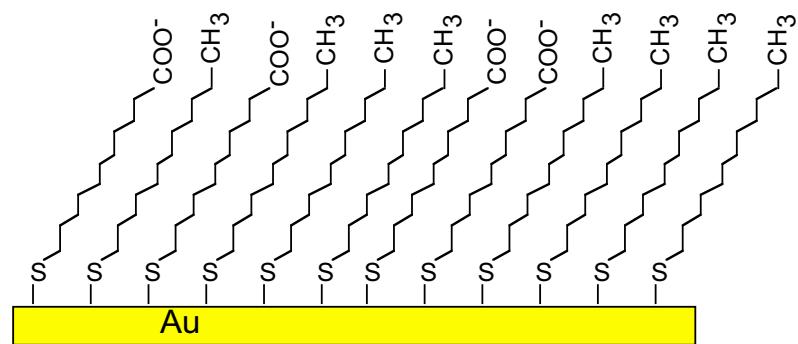


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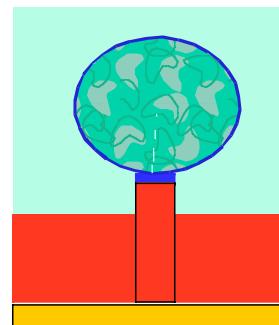
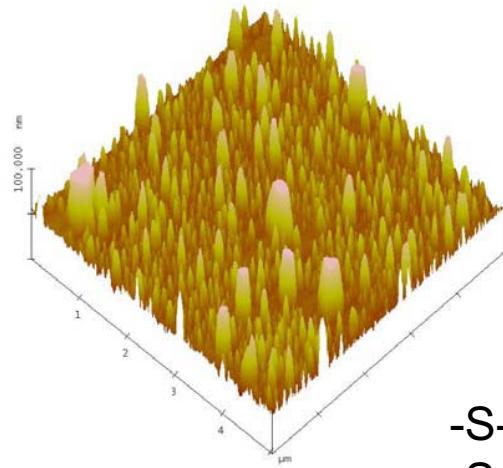
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**Hydrogen Bond Energy**  
2-10kcal/mol  
**Au-S Bond Energy**  
40kcal/mol  
**VdW energy in the SAM**  
~30 kcal/mol

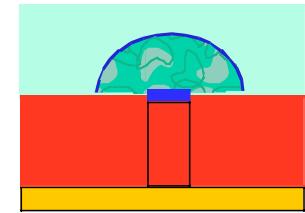
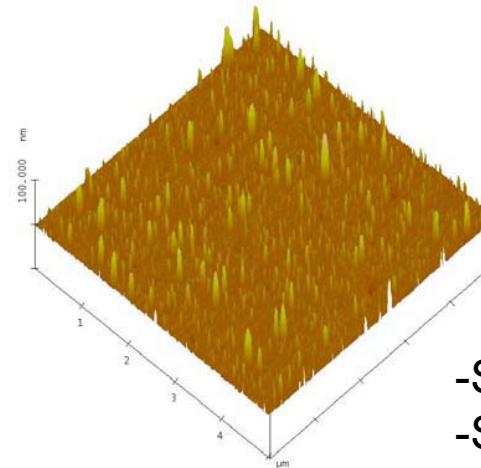


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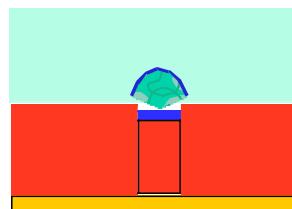
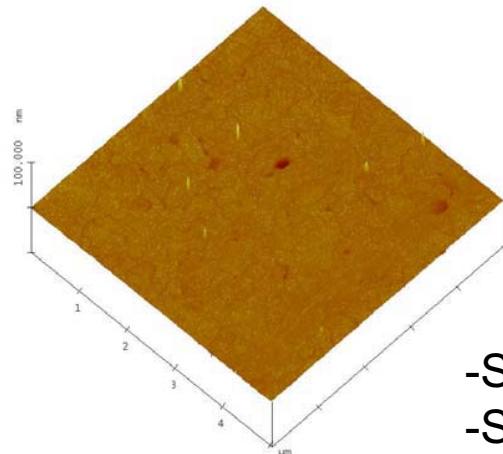
-COOH : -CH<sub>3</sub> = 1:20



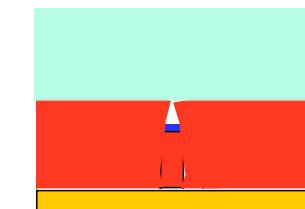
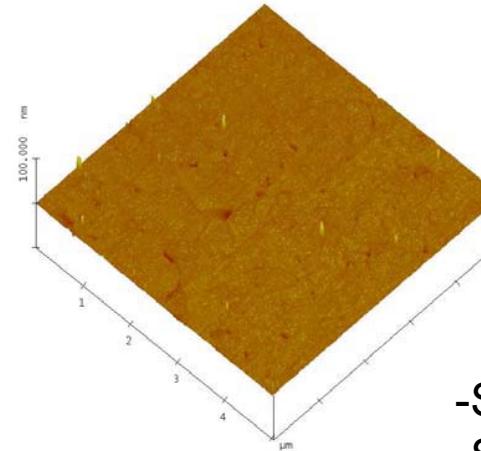
-S-(CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>15</sub>-COOH  
-S-(CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>9</sub>-CH<sub>3</sub>



-S-(CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>10</sub>-COOH  
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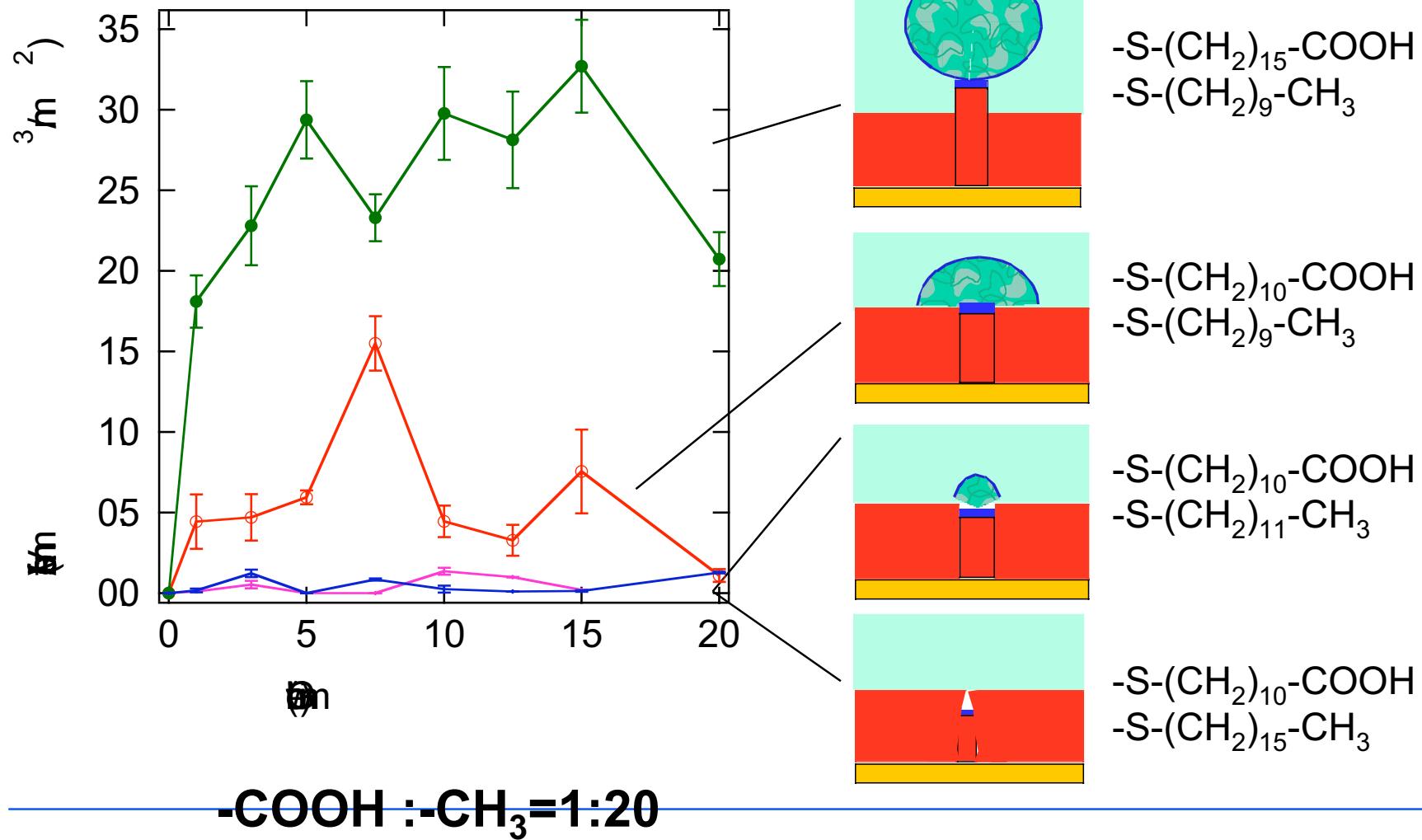


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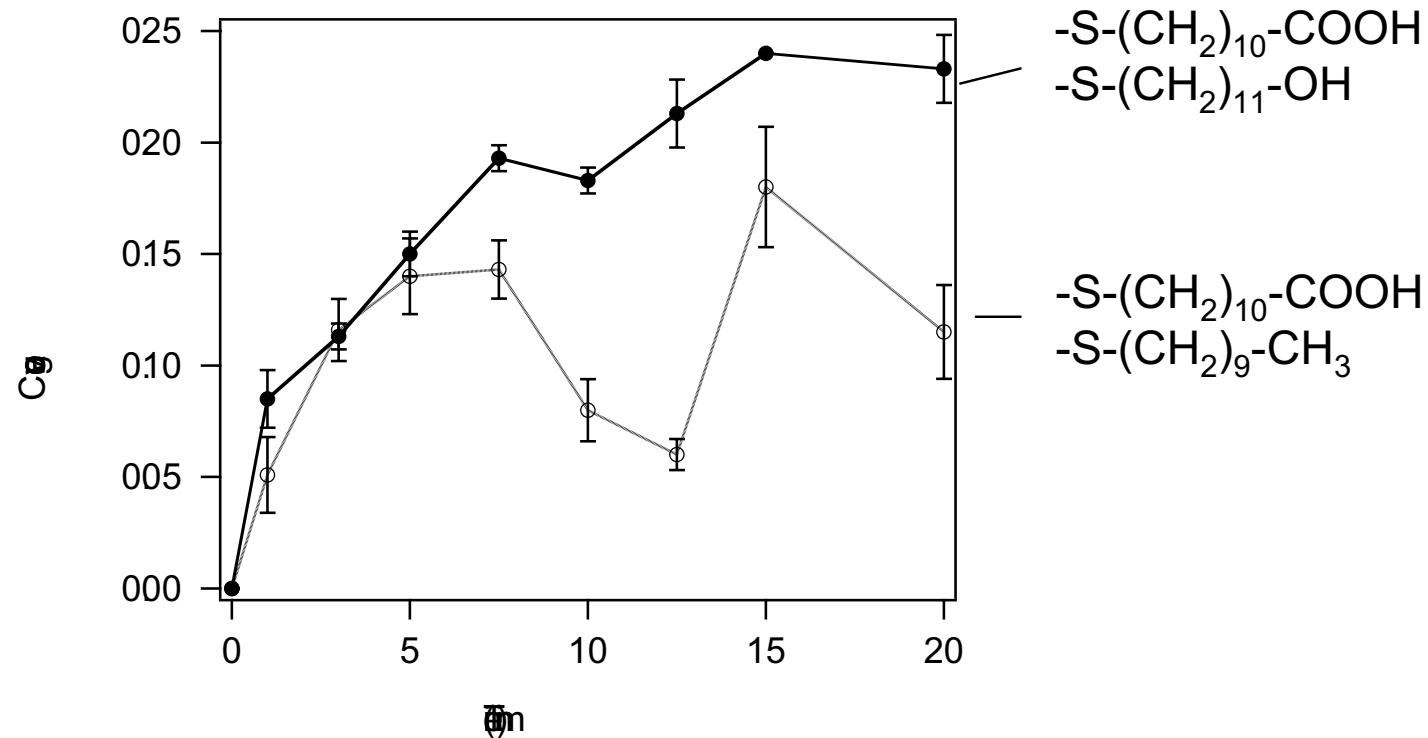


-S-(CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>10</sub>-COOH  
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# Controlling the local environment



# When the matrix is also hydrophilic...



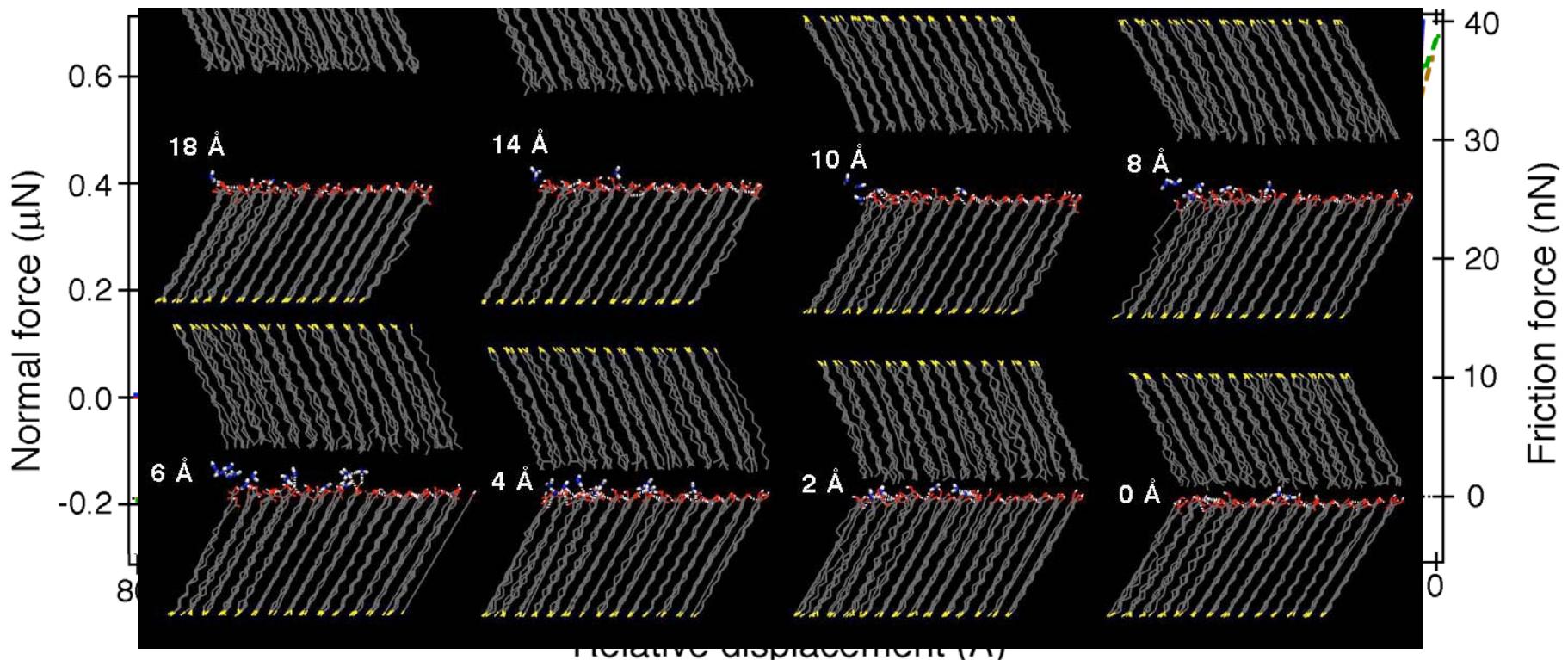
## Story #2

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### Conclusion

- Nocovalent interaction with the local environment can lead to the breaking of covalent bond for a surface tethered macromolecule.

# Capillary condensation and meniscus formation between hydrophobic and hydrophilic surfaces



$\text{CH}_3/\text{COOH}$

But no friction peak due to the slip plane at the  $-\text{CH}_3$  surface