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**School on Synchrotron and Free-Electron-Laser Sources and their  
Multidisciplinary Applications**

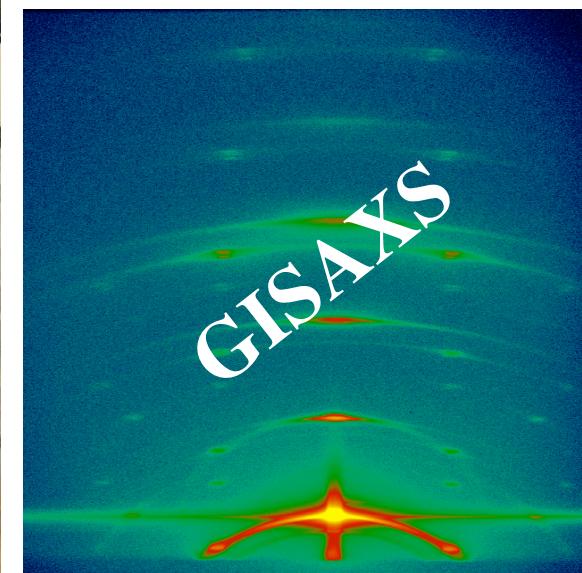
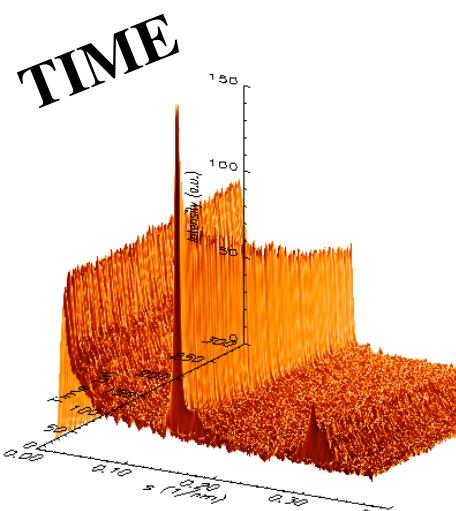
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**Small angle x-ray scattering and applications**

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# Small angle x-ray scattering and applications

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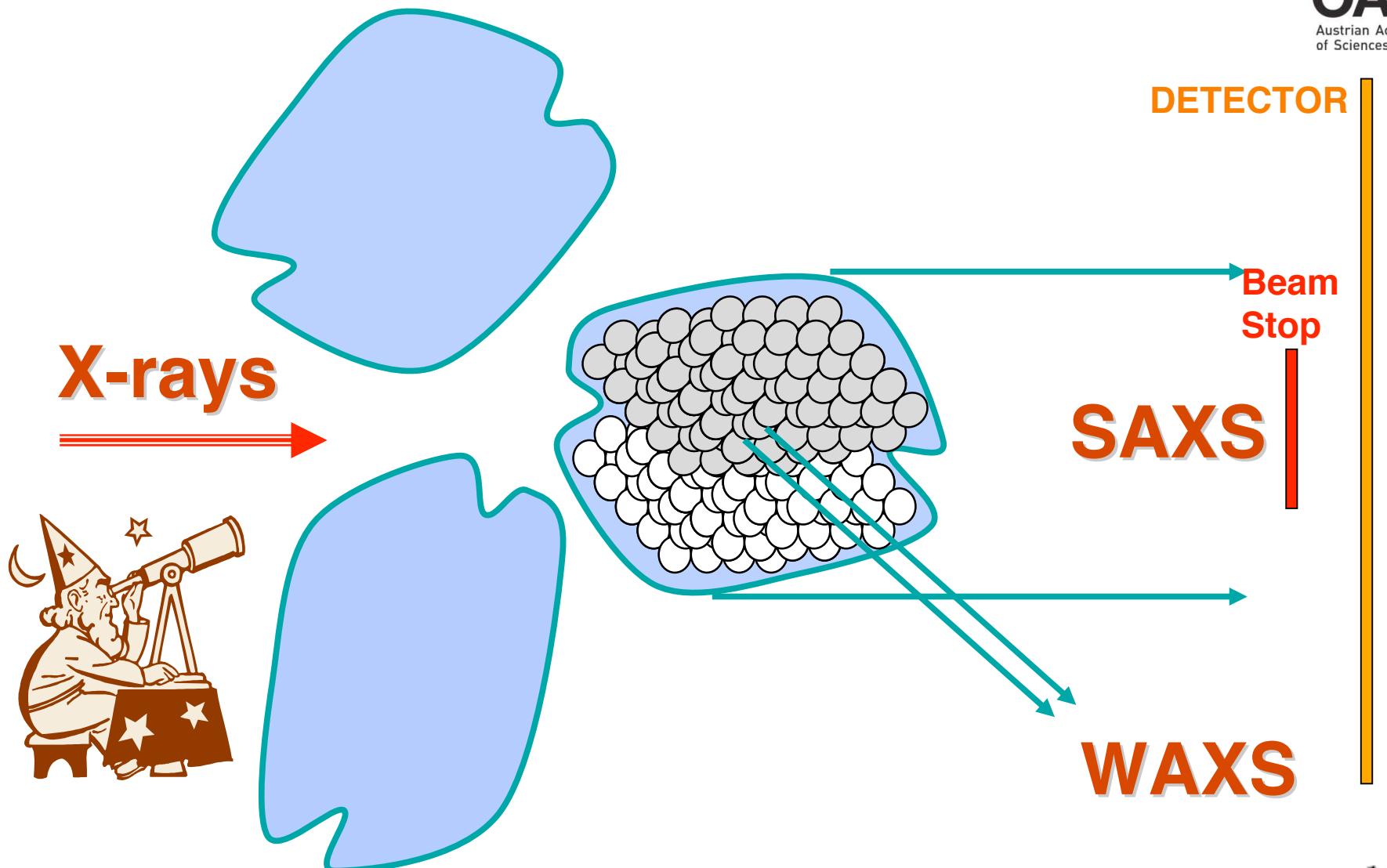
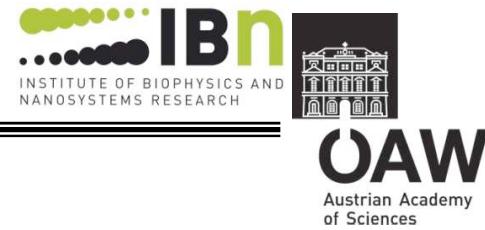
# Outline

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- Basics of small angle scattering
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- What kind of information can be extracted from SAS?
  - Examples from  
growth of semiconducting nanoparticles,  
Marine sponges
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# SAXS and WAXS



## Small – Angle : Supramolecular Envelope

**Bragg's law:**

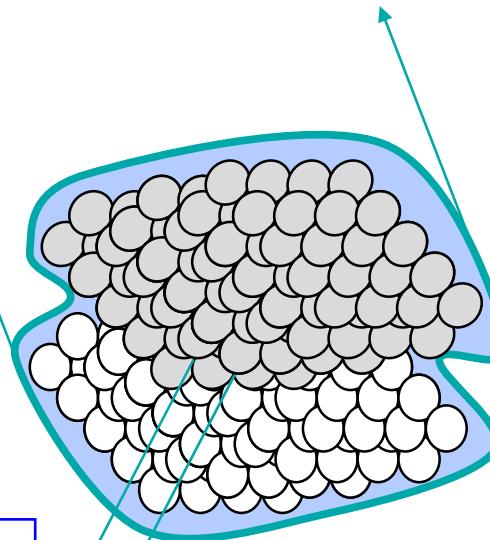
$$\sin \theta/2 = \lambda / 2d$$

small  $\theta$

large  $d$

For CuK $\alpha$  0.154 nm (8 keV)

20 deg	0.5 nm
0.9 deg	10 nm
0.09 deg	100 nm

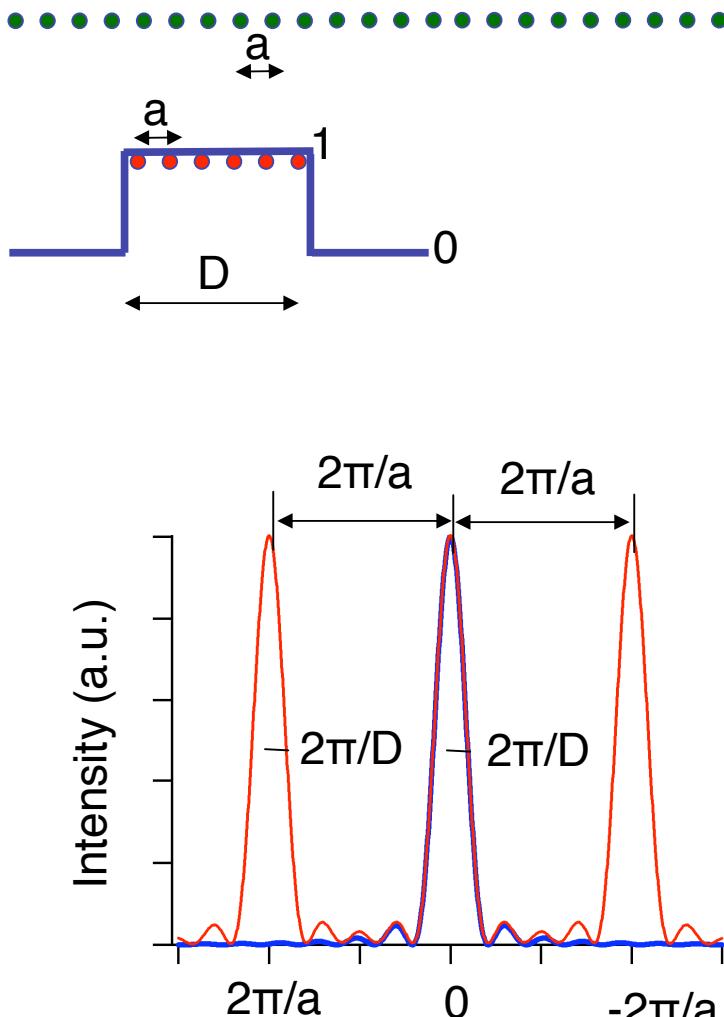


X-ray



**Atomic/Molecular Lattice**

# SAXS and WAXS



$$q = \frac{4\pi}{\lambda} \cdot \sin(\theta/2)$$

# How do we do the experiments?

Laboratory



Synchrotron



**Time resolution**

**200 s – 30 min**

**Spatial resolution**

**60  $\mu\text{m}$ - 200  $\mu\text{m}$**

**Sample environment**

**limited**

**Availability**

**40 weeks/year**

**11  $\mu\text{s}$  - 100 s**

**0.1  $\mu\text{m}$  – 1  $\mu\text{m}$**

**almost no limit**

**2 – 4 weeks/year**

# Sample Environment



**Temperature**  
**-195 °C – 300 °C**  
**20 °C / 2 ms**

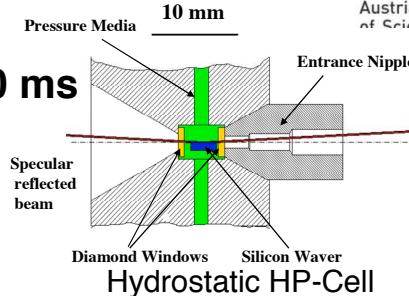


Peltier Moduls /  
Oxford Cryostream

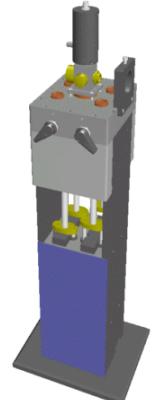


IR-Laser

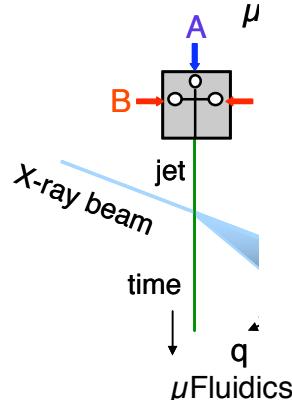
**Pressure**  
**0 - 3 Kbar**  
**3000 bar/ 10 ms**



**Chemical Potential**  
**50 ms / 70  $\mu$ s**



Biologic SFM-4



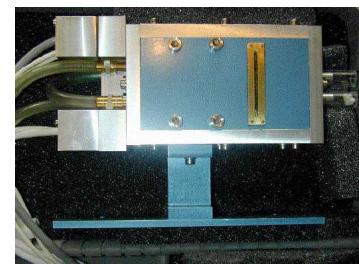
**More information is found**



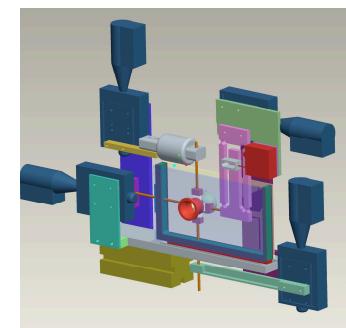
**11<sup>th</sup> Annual Report**

**Heat capacity**  
**10 °C – 150 °C**  
**°C/min**

DSC Microcalix



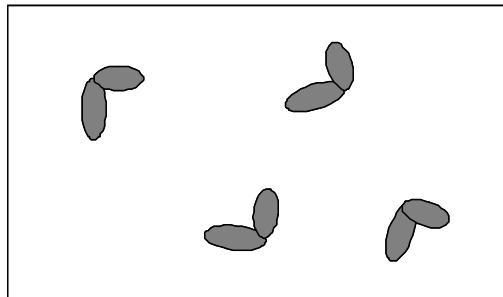
**all Parameters**  
**extension**



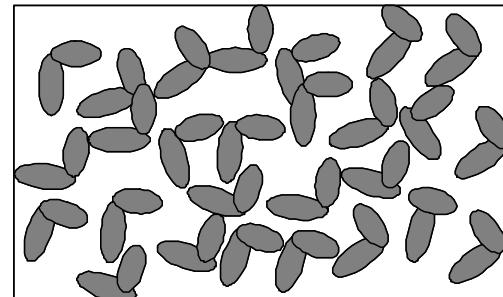
Biaxial Device

## The four limiting cases

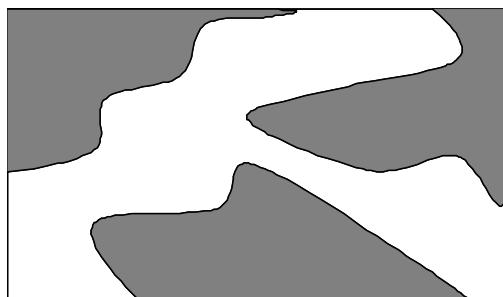
Dilute particles



Dense particles



Random porous/2-phase

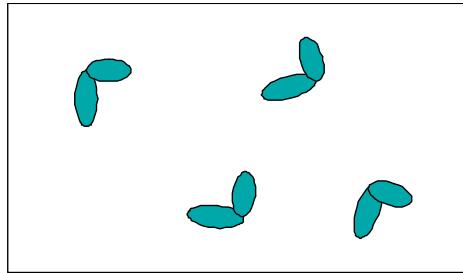


Highly ordered



$$I(q) = \left\langle \left| \int_V d^3r \cdot \rho(\vec{r}) \cdot \exp(-i \cdot \vec{q} \cdot \vec{r}) \right|^2 \right\rangle_{rot}$$

# Dilute Monodisperse Systems



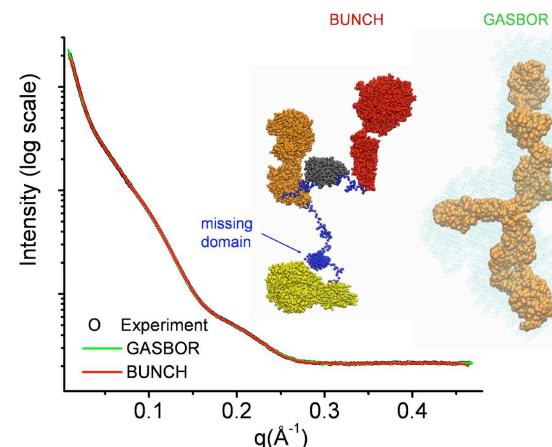
## Examples:

- Protein solutions
- Polymer solutions
- Nanoparticles

## Parameters

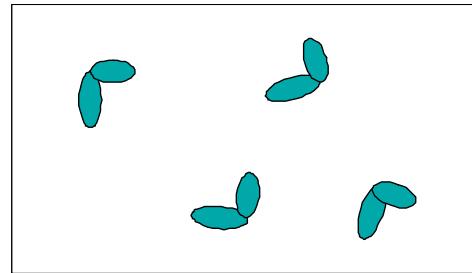
- Radius of Gyration
- Particle weight
- Particle Volume

## Particle Shape



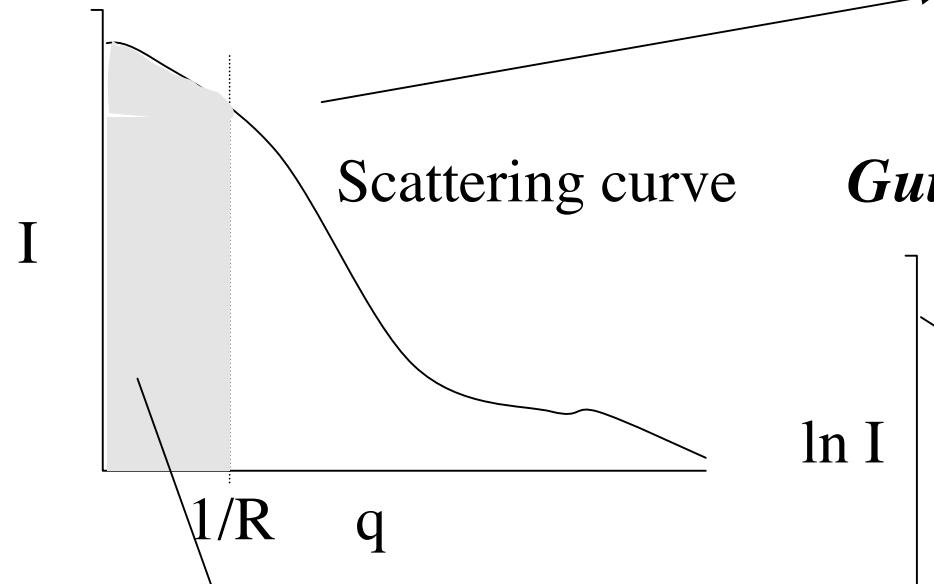
GASPOR, DAMMIN, Svergun D.I. et al.

# Guinier's Law

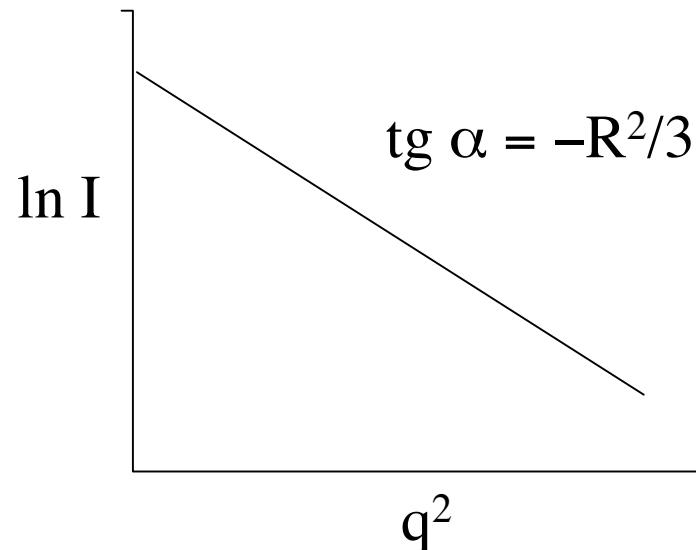


## Radius of Gyration

$$I(h) = I(0) \cdot e^{-R^2 q^2 / 3}$$

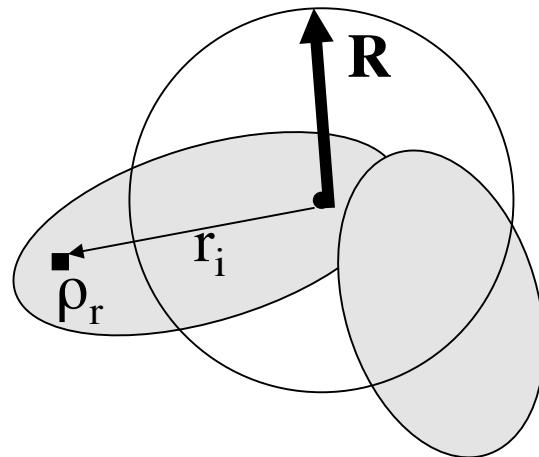


## Guinier Plot



Limited to  $q < 1/R$  !

## Guinier's Law



Radius of Gyration

$$R^2 = \frac{\int r^2 (\Delta\rho_r) d^3r}{\int \Delta\rho_r d^3r}$$

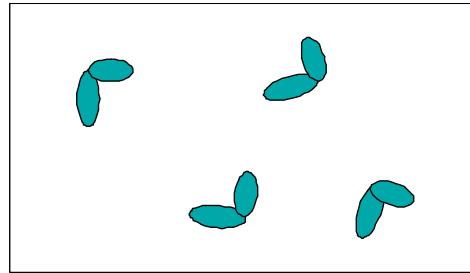
Ellipsoid with semiaxes a,b,c:

$$R = \sqrt{\frac{a^2 + b^2 + c^2}{5}}$$

Sphere with radius r:

$$R = \sqrt{\frac{3}{5}} \cdot r = 0.77 \cdot r$$

# Real Space Function

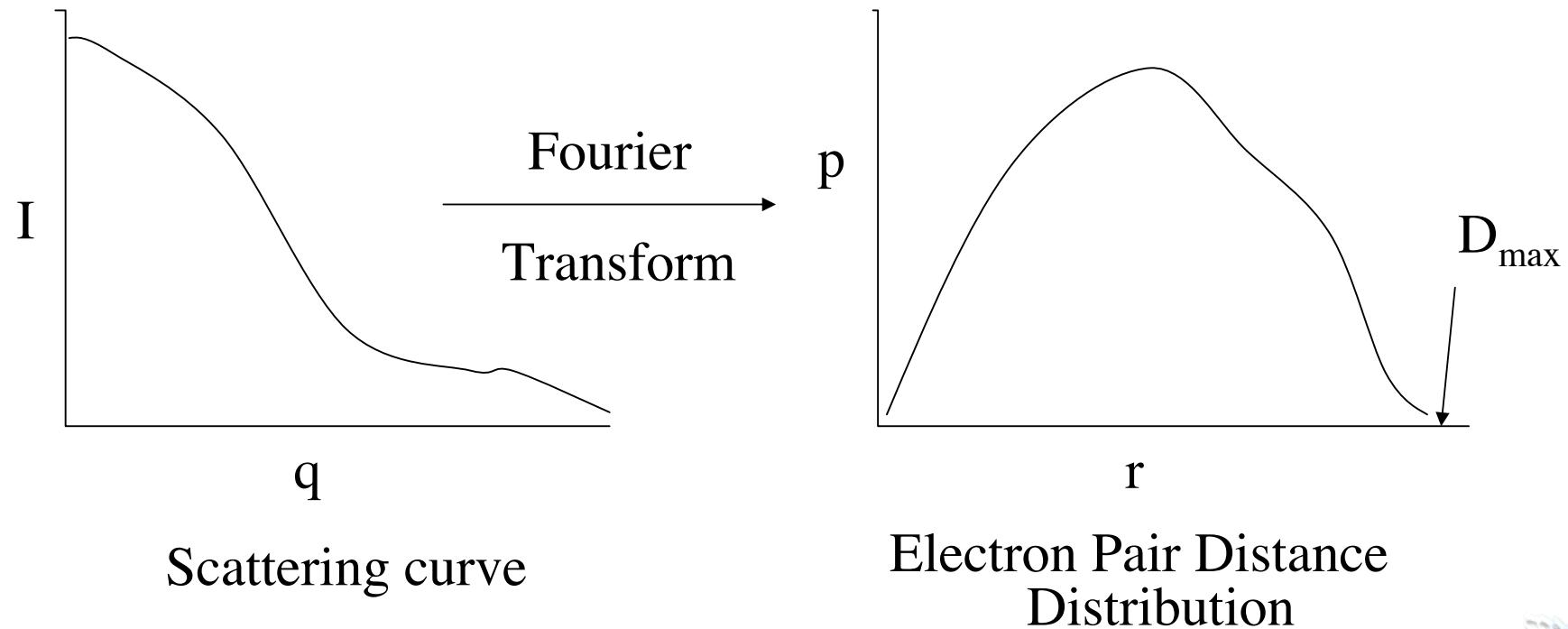


$$I(q) = |A(q)|^2 = V \cdot \int p(r) \cdot e^{-iqr} d^3r$$

Scattering Space Function

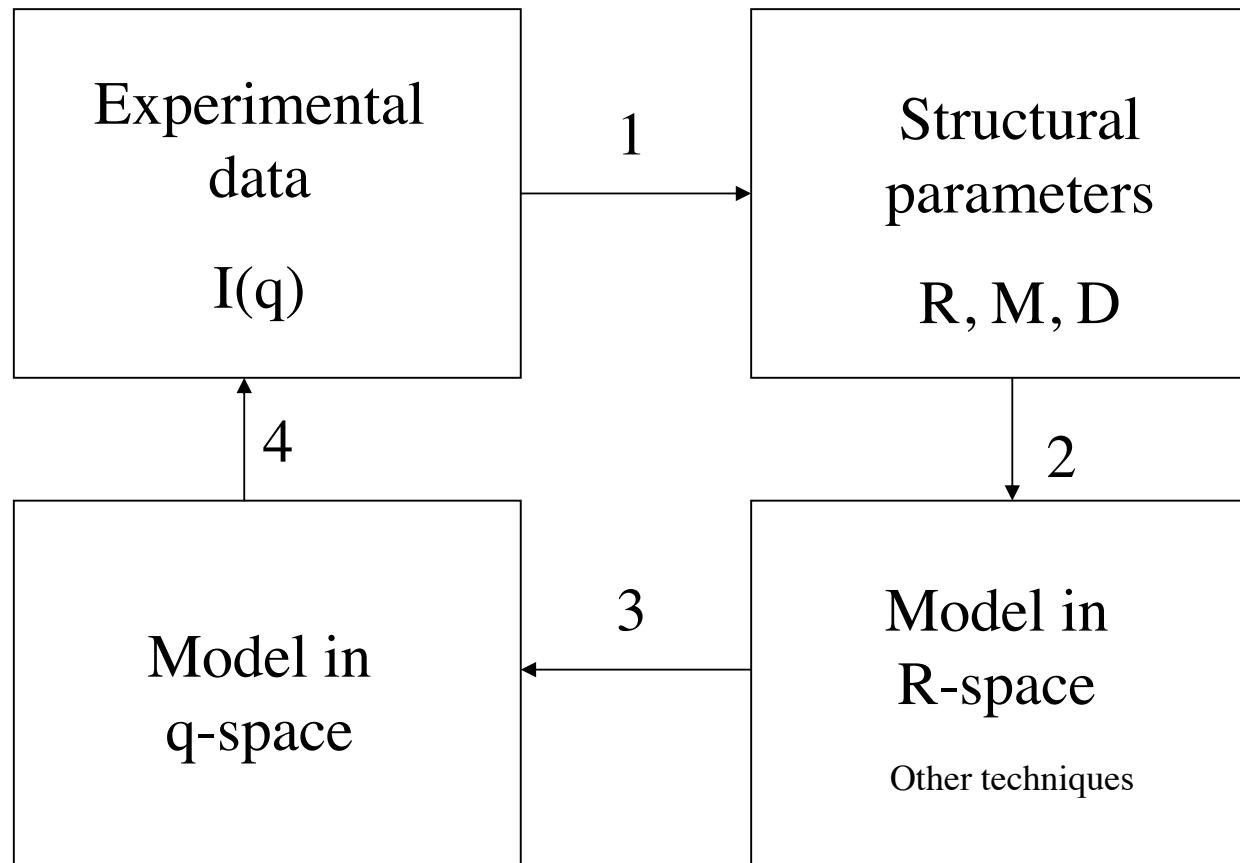
$$p(r) = \frac{1}{V} \int \rho(r_0) \rho(r_0 + r) dr_0$$

Real Space Function



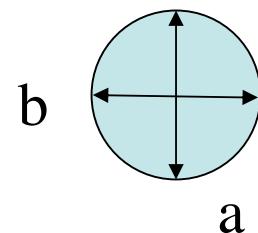
# How Do You Obtain Information?

General strategy for solving  
structural problems with SAXS

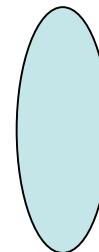


# Globular and Non-Globular Particals

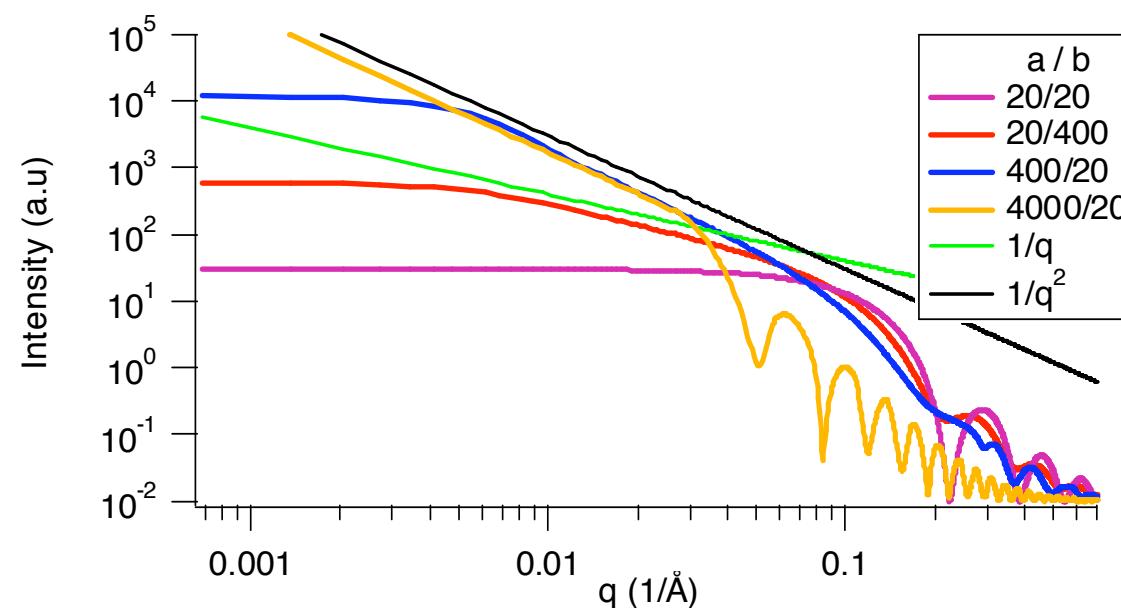
3D Case  $a=b$



2D Case  $b \gg a$



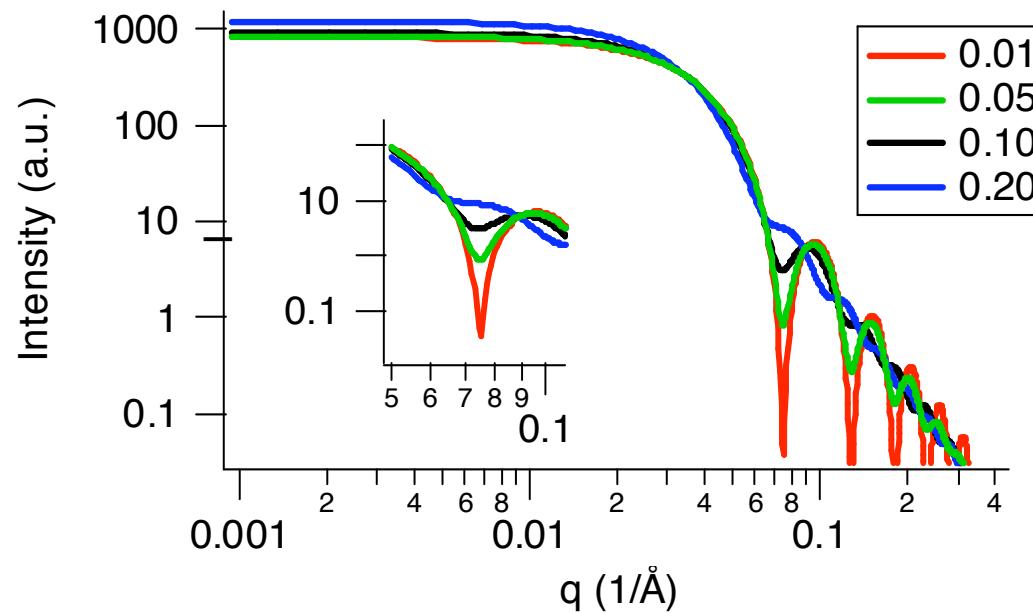
1D Case  $b \ll a$



## Size Distributions

$$I(q) = \int D_n(R) \cdot R^n \cdot i_o(qR) \cdot dq$$

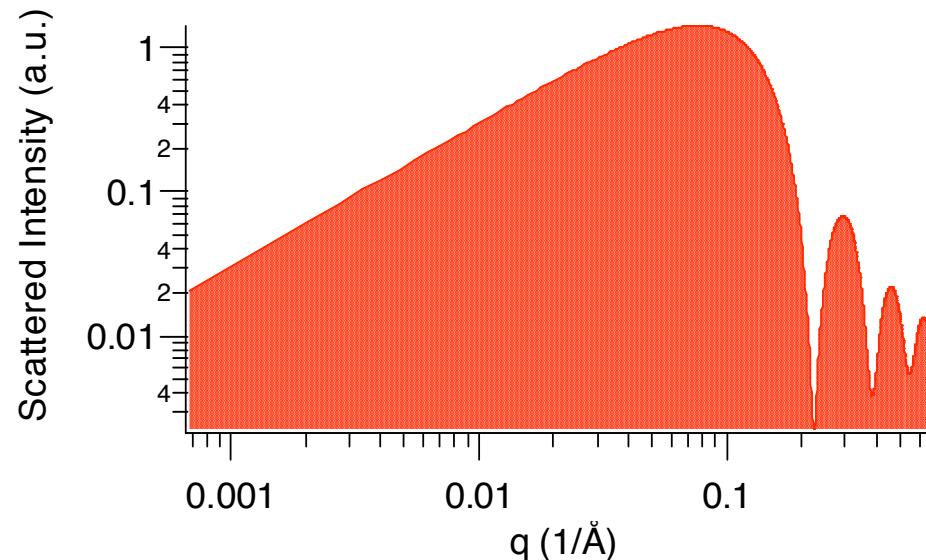
$i_0(x)$  Formfactor  
n=6:  $D_6$  number distribution  
n=3:  $D_3$  volume distribution  
n=0:  $D_0$  intensity distribution



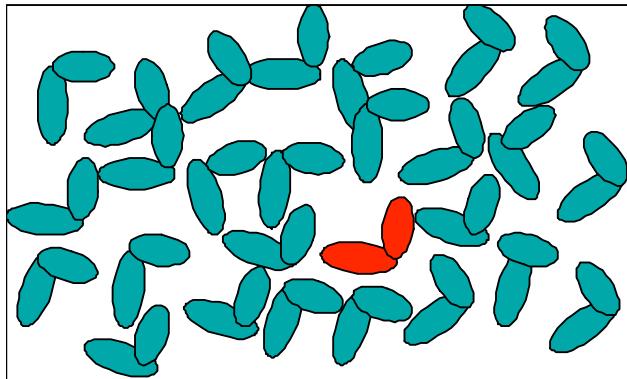
# Scattered Intensity

$$\Sigma \cdot D_s \propto \int I(q) \cdot q \cdot dq \propto p \cdot \Delta\rho^2 \cdot l_c$$

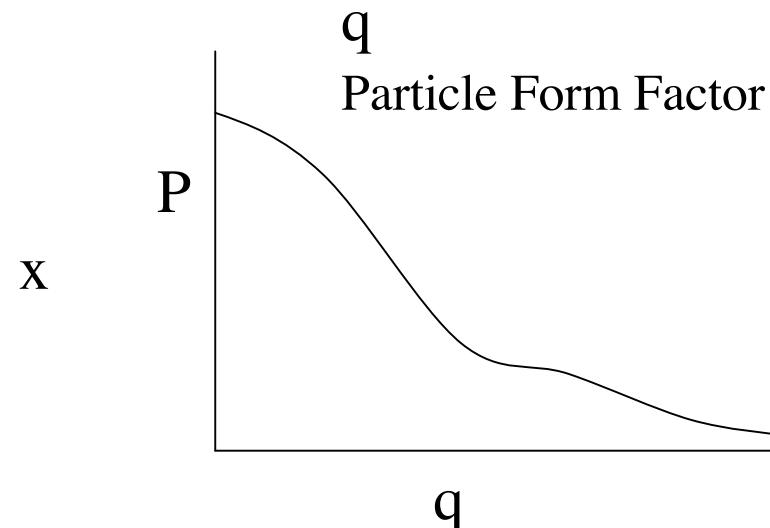
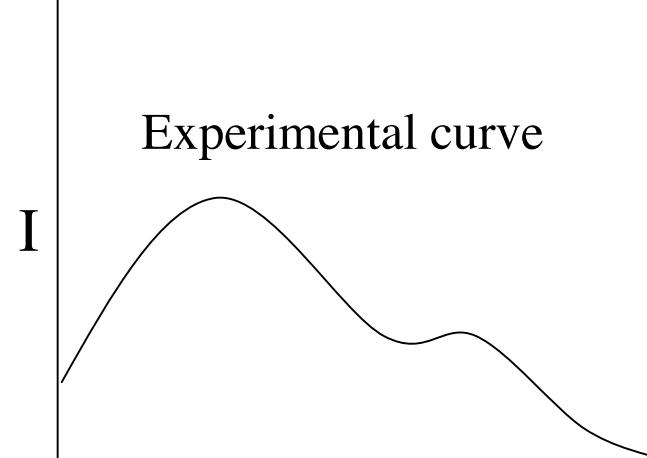
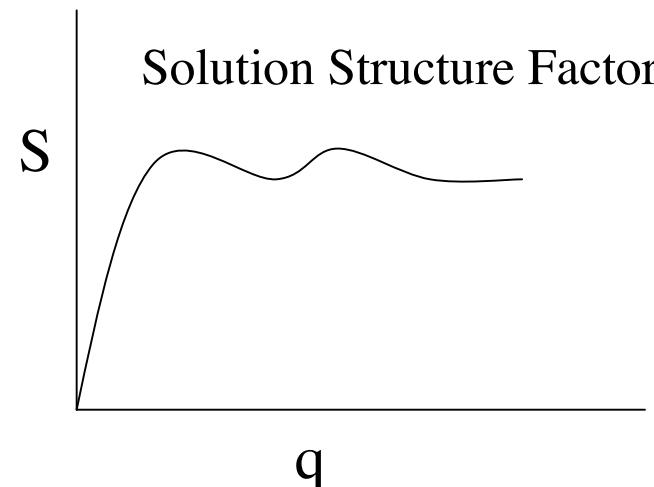
Sphere: 20 Å,  $l_c = 3/2 R$



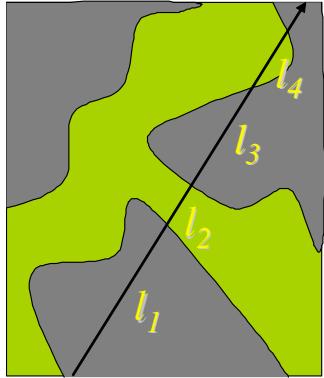
## Interacting system



Dense particles



## Random 2-phase System



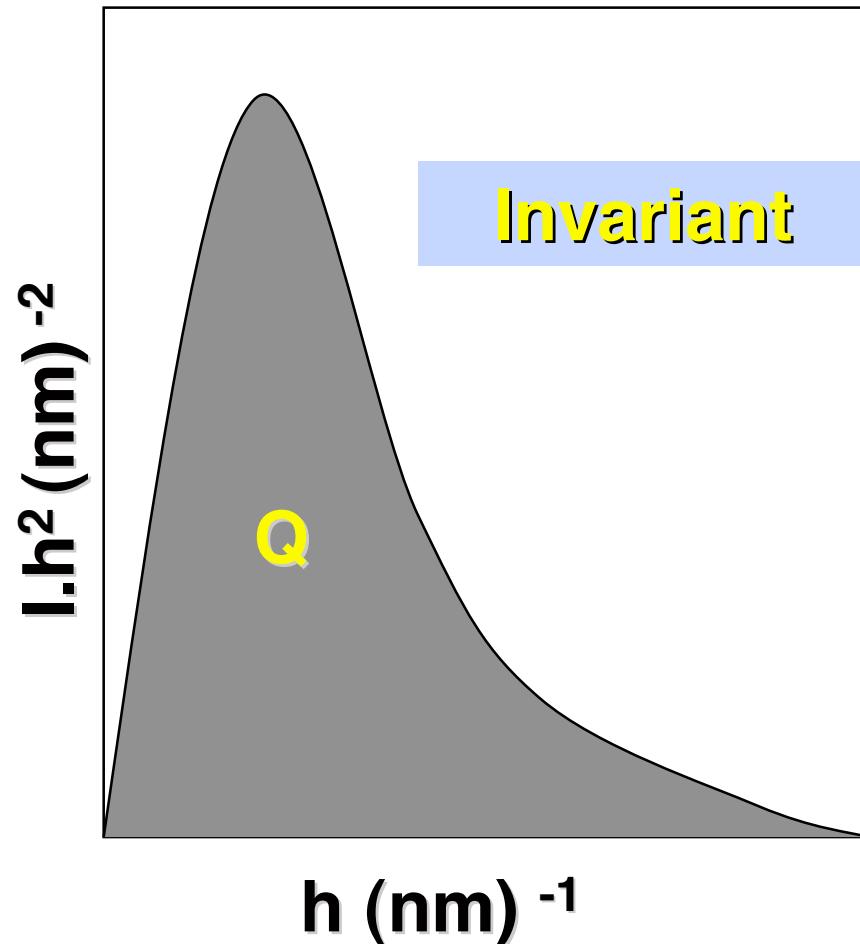
Random porous/2-phase System

The “Invariant“ Q:

$$Q = \frac{1}{2\pi^2} \int_0^\infty I(h) h^2 dh = V \langle \eta^2 \rangle$$

The integral scattering, the *Invariant*, is equal to the total irradiated volume times the mean-square electron density fluctuation – independent of domain shape.

(Debye, Bueche)

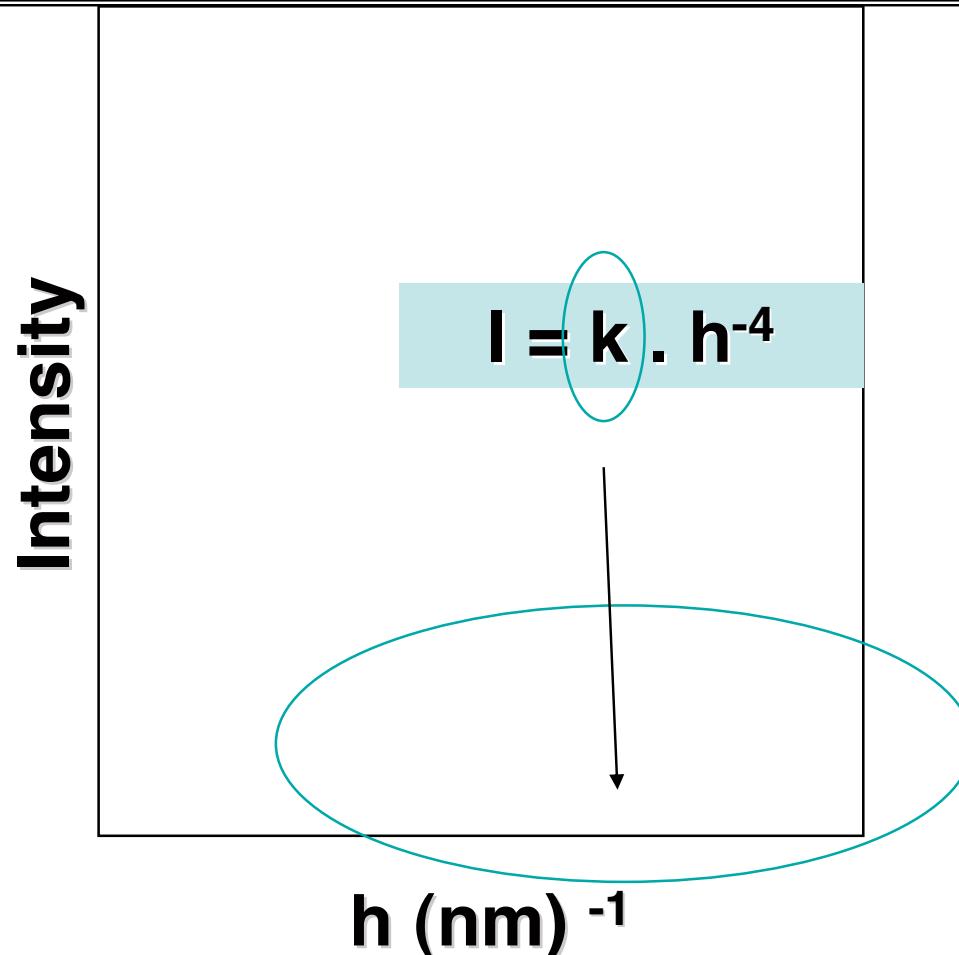


**Q has the  
dimension of  
a reciprocal  
volume**

In the case of a two-phase system ( e.g. crystalline/amorphous polymer), the invariant is related to the volume fractions  $\phi$ , and the electron densities  $\rho_c$  and  $\rho_a$

$$Q = V(\rho_c - \rho_a)^2 \cdot \phi_a \phi_c$$

**total irradiated  
volume**



**Towards larger angles, the intensity decays with the fourth power of the angle (Porod's law)**

**The decay constant  $k$  from a two-phase system is given by**

$$k = \lim_{h \rightarrow \infty} h^4 \cdot I(h) = 2\pi \cdot S \cdot (\rho_c - \rho_a)^2$$

K depends on the total inner surface and the mean-square electron density fluctuations

### Combining *Invariant Q* and *Tail-End Constant k*, obtained from one single measurement

$$\frac{k}{Q} = \frac{2\pi \cdot S_i}{\phi(1 - \phi)}$$

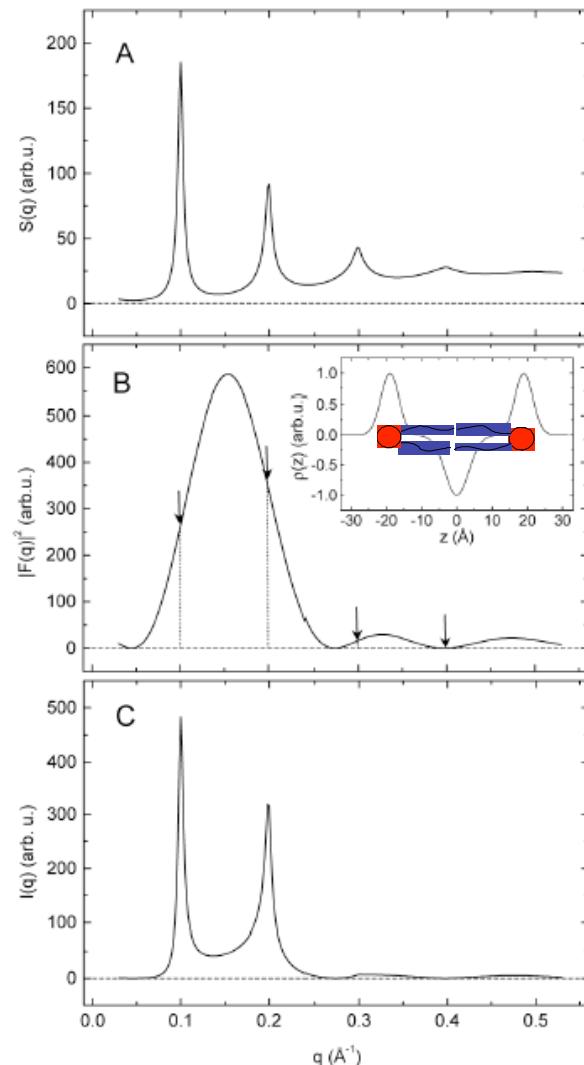
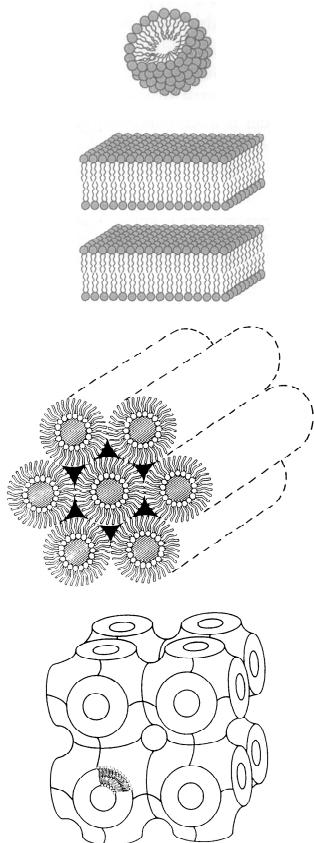
if  $\phi$  is around 0.5, the value of  $S_i$  is not very sensitive to variations in  $\phi$ .

### Combining Scattered Intensity and *Invariant Q*

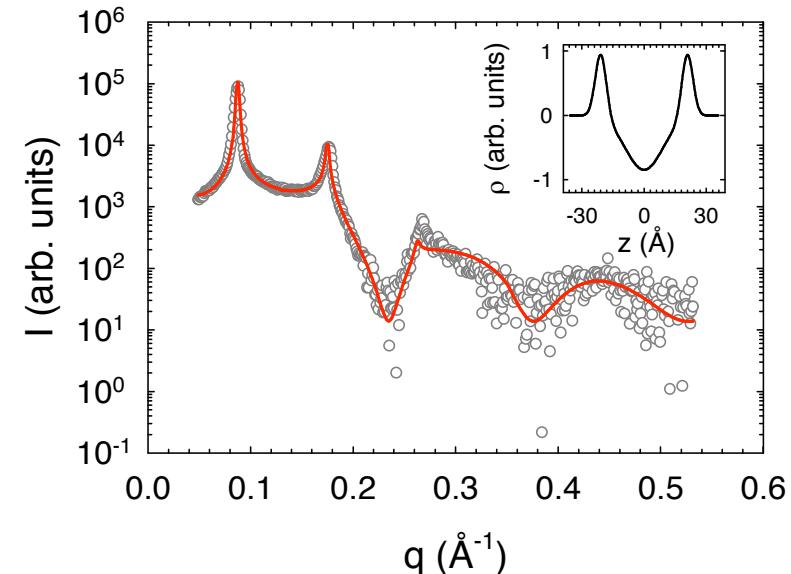
$$\frac{\Sigma \cdot D_s}{Q} = \frac{\int dq \cdot q \cdot I(q)}{\int dq \cdot q^2 \cdot I(q)} = \frac{1}{2 \cdot \pi} \cdot l_c$$

# Highly Ordered Systems

## Liquid Crystalline Phase



$$I(q) = \frac{S(q)|F(q)|^2}{q^2}$$

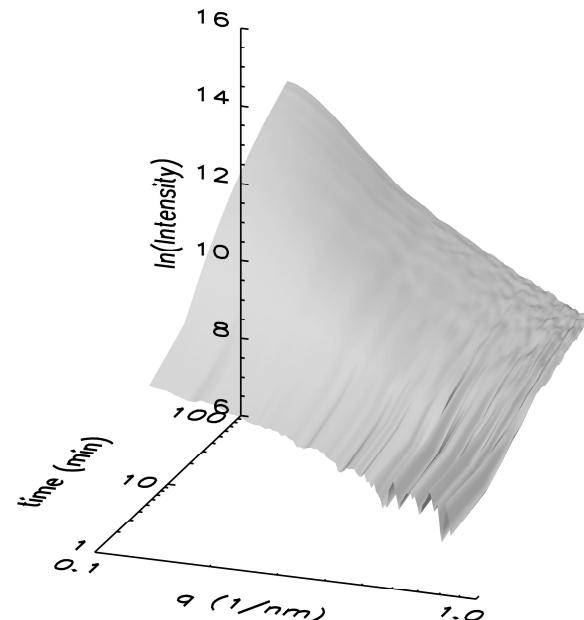


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# CdS Nanoparticles



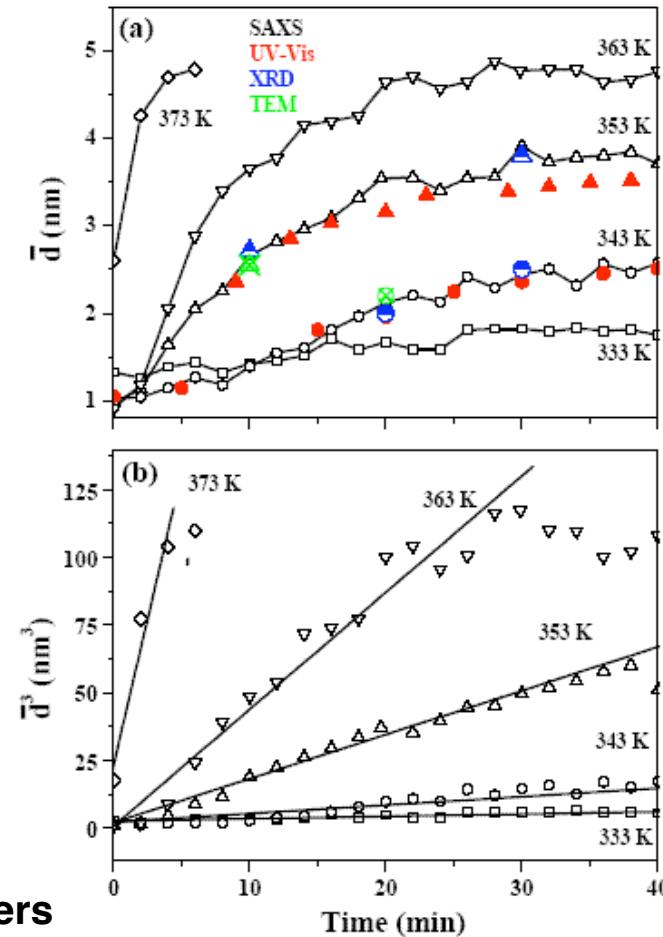
Cadmium acetate, Thiourea  
in DMF => Temperature (60-100°C)



„Ostwald Ripening“  
Lifshitz-Slyozov-Wagner theory (1961)

$$\bar{d}^3 - \bar{d}_0^3 = Kt$$

R. Viswanatha, D.D. Sarma et al. Chem Letters  
(2009)

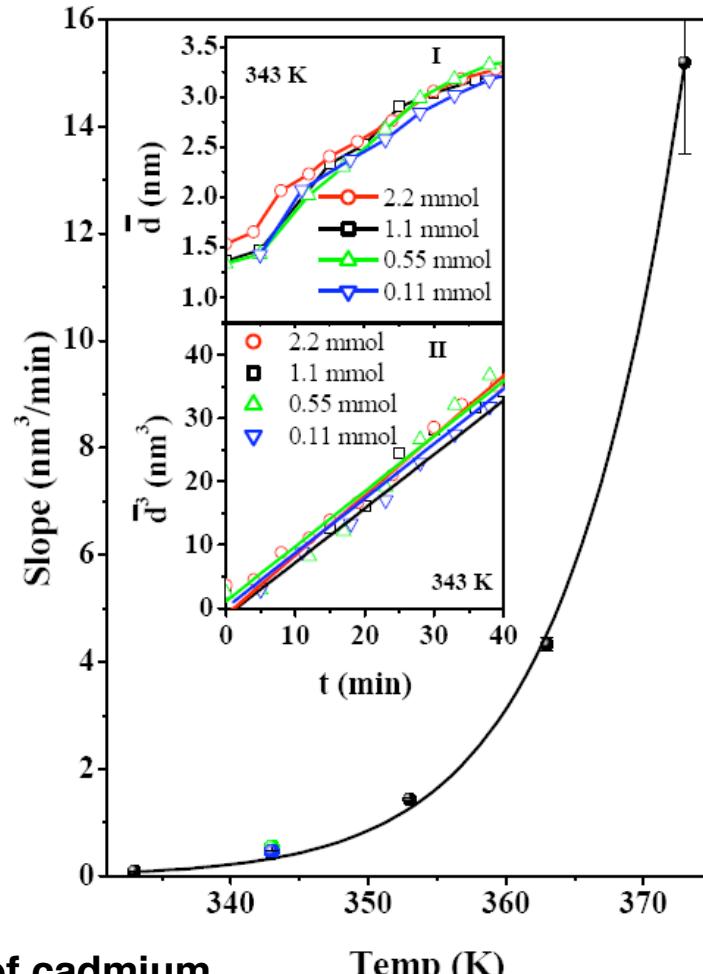


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$$K = \frac{8 \cdot \gamma \cdot D \cdot V_m^2 \cdot C_\infty}{9 \cdot R \cdot T}$$

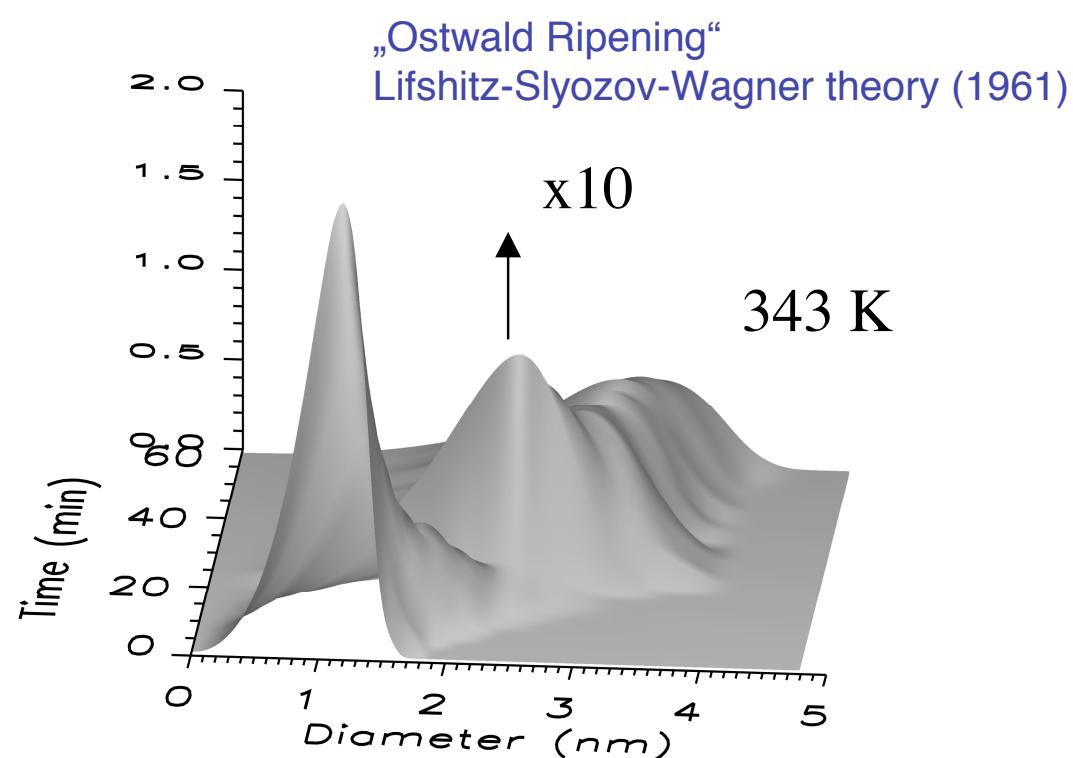
$$D = D_0 \cdot \exp(-E_a / kT)$$

D	diffusion constant
V <sub>m</sub>	molar energy
$\gamma$	surface energy
C <sub>∞</sub>	equ. concentration at surface
E <sub>a</sub>	activation energy



Viswanatha,R. et al. Growth mechanism of cadmium sulfide nanocrystals. *J. Phys. Chem. Lett.* 1, 304-308 (2010)

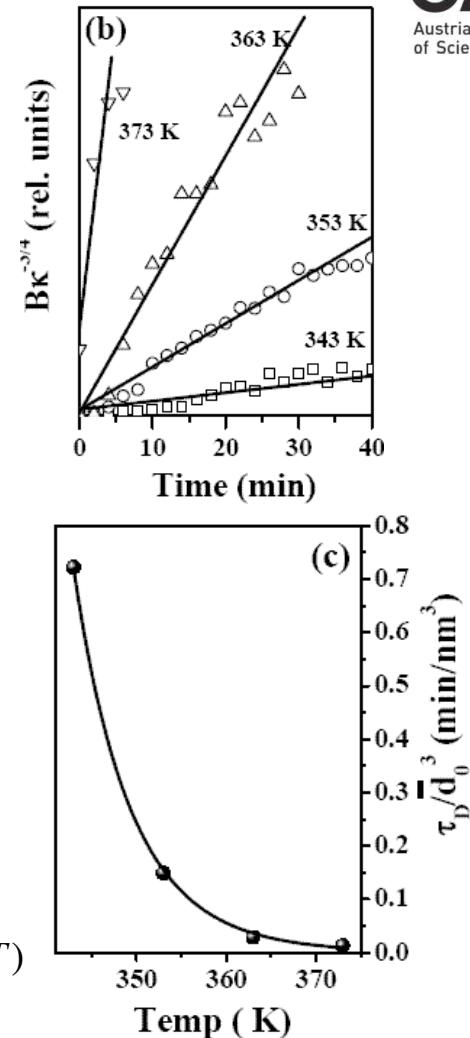
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$$D(\xi) = \kappa \xi^2 \left( \frac{3}{3 + \xi} \right)^{7/3} \left( \frac{1.5}{1.5 - \xi} \right)^{11/3} \exp\left(\frac{-\xi}{1.5 - \xi}\right)$$

$$\kappa = \kappa_c / (1 + t/\tau_D)^{4/3} \quad \tau_D = \frac{9\bar{d}_0^3 RT}{64\gamma DC_\infty V_m^2} \quad \frac{\tau_D}{\bar{d}_0^3} \propto T \cdot \exp(E_a / kT)$$

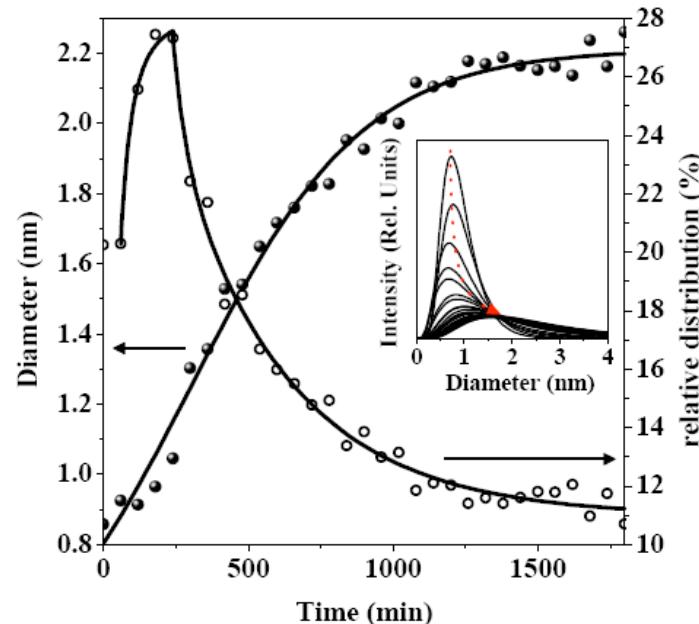
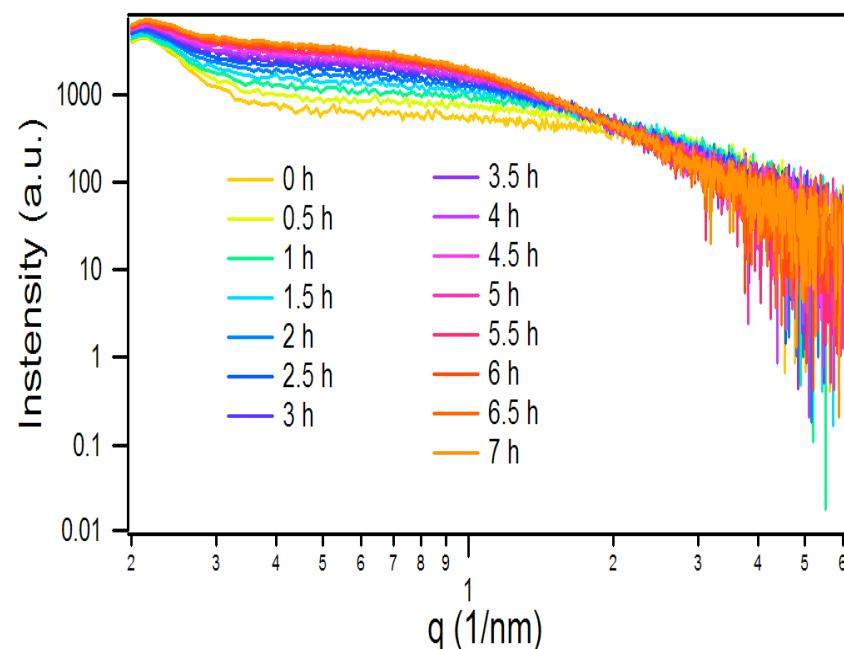
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# CdS Growth

cadmium acetate/sodium sulphide in DMF  
Capping agent: thioglycerol  
Laboratory source

Cooked at 120°C

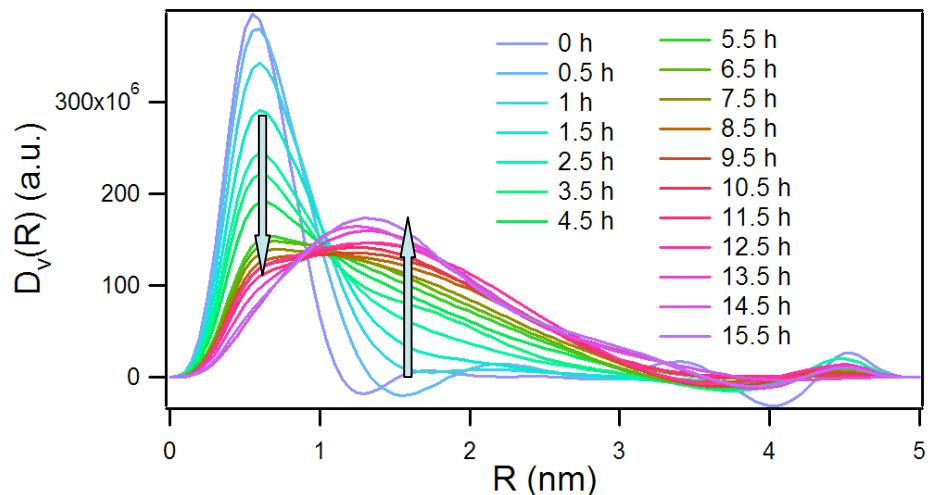


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# CdS Growth

Model free determination of the size distribution (GIFT, Glatter O. et al.)

$$I(q) = \int D_n(R) \cdot R^n \cdot i_o(qR) \cdot dq$$



ZnS Synthesis  
Trimmel et al. 2009

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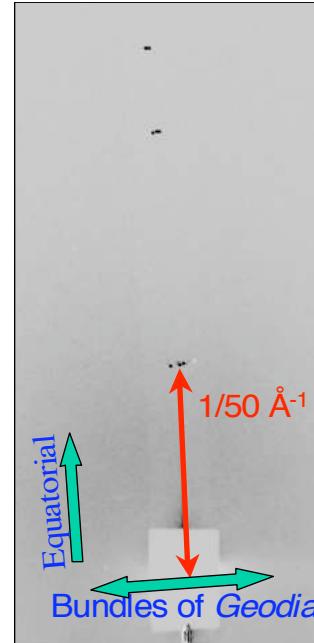
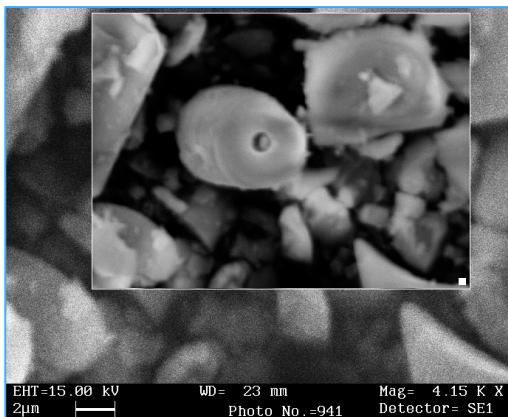


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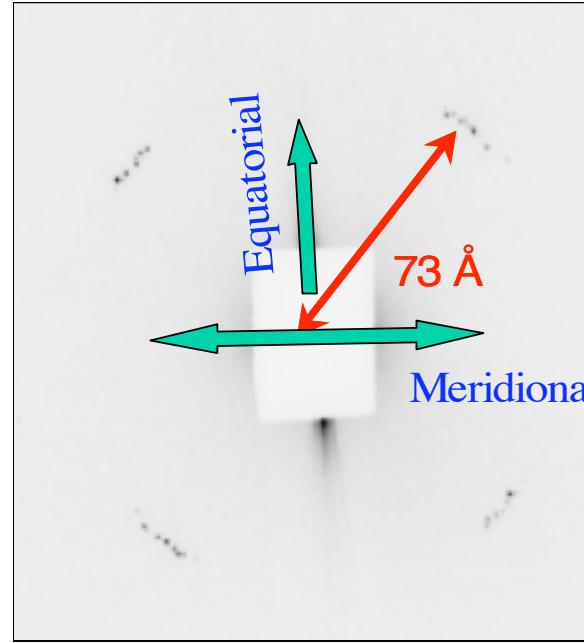


Biomineralisation

➤ The scientific name is "Porifera" which translates into "pore-bearing"



Geodia



Scolimastra

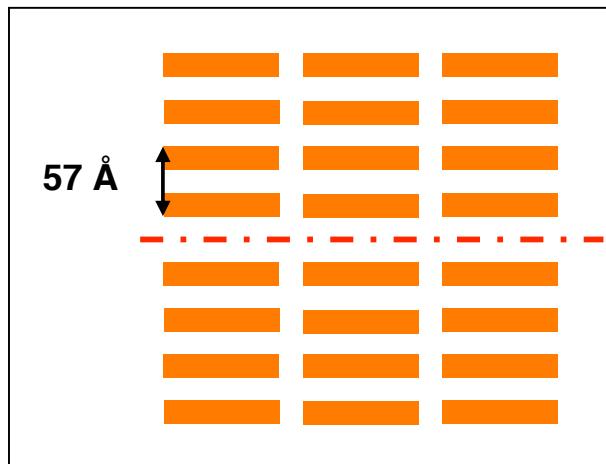
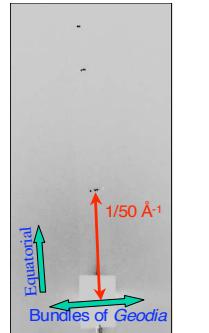
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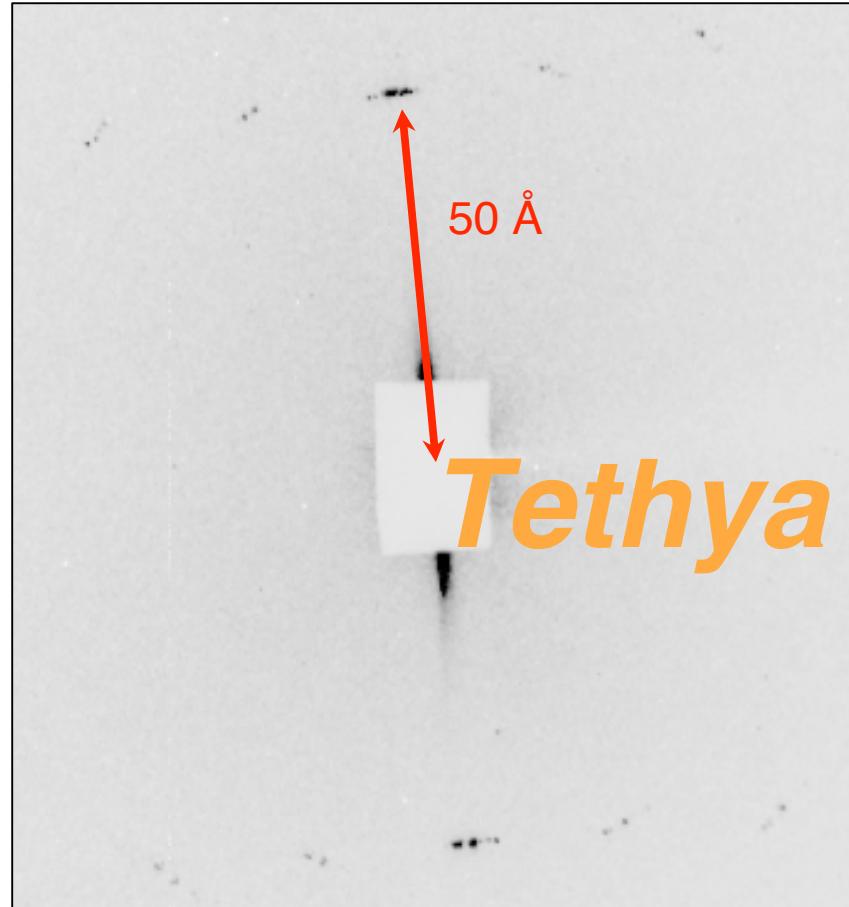
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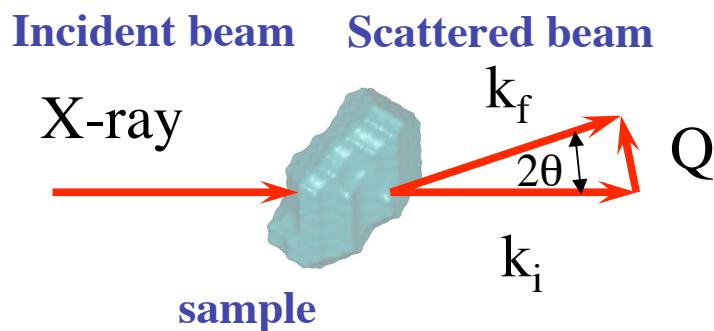
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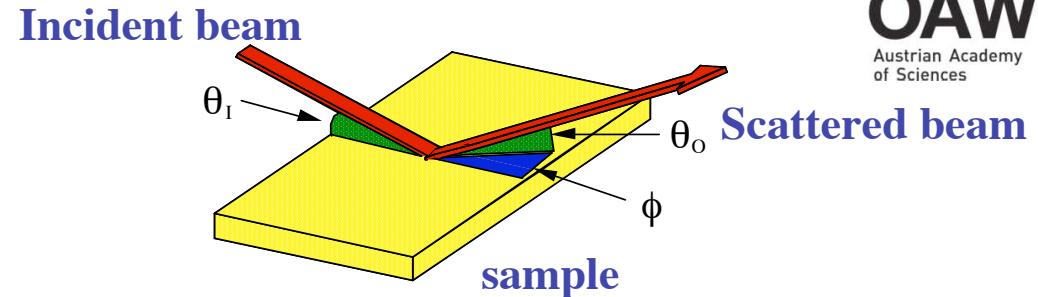
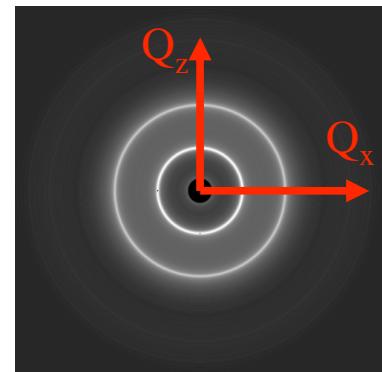
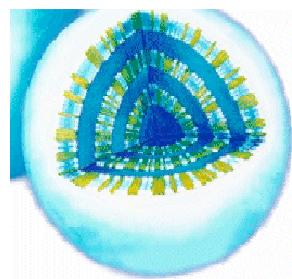
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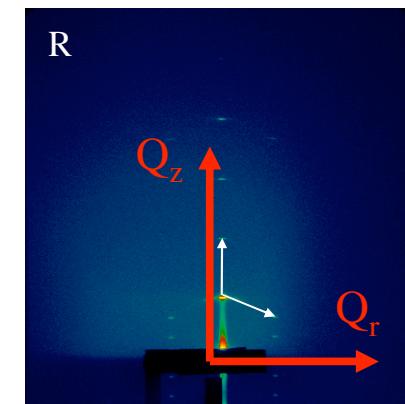
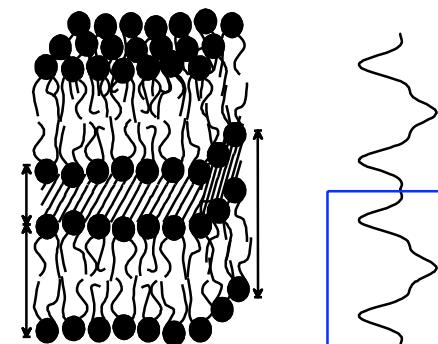
# Small Angle Scattering - Surface Scattering



**Small-Angle Scattering  
(Diffraction)**



**Grazing Incidence Small-Angle  
Scattering (GISAS) +  
Reflectometry**



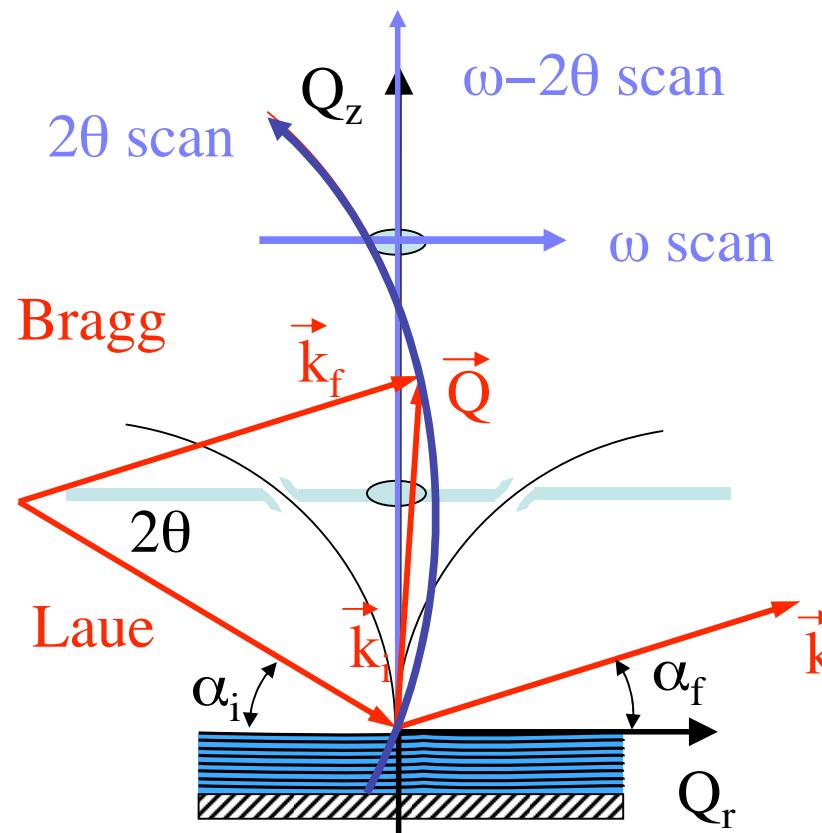
$$I(Q) = \left\langle \left| \int_V d^3r \cdot \rho(\vec{r}) \cdot \exp(-i \cdot \vec{Q} \cdot \vec{r}) \right|^2 \right\rangle$$

$$I(Q_z, Q_r) = \left\langle \left| \int_V d^3r \cdot \rho(\vec{r}) \cdot \exp(-i \cdot \vec{Q} \cdot \vec{r}) \right|^2 \right\rangle$$

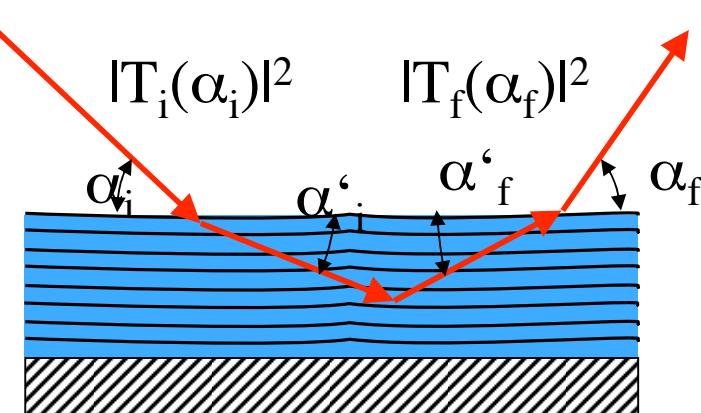
# Distorted Wave Born Approximation

Vineyard (1982), Shinha et.al. (1988)

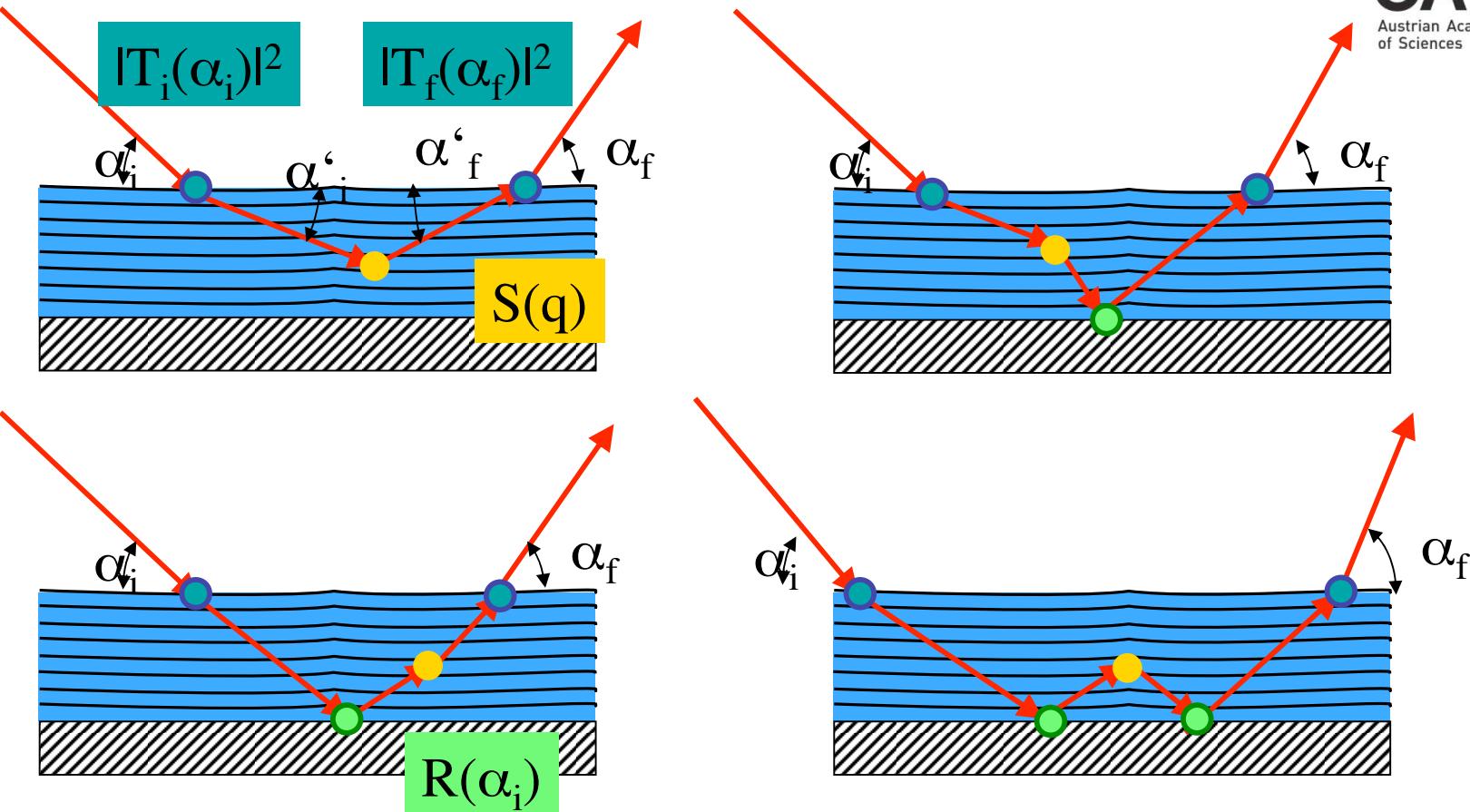
$$I(Q_z, Q_r) = |T_i(\alpha_i)|^2 \left\langle \left| \int_V d^3r \cdot \rho(\vec{r}) \cdot \exp(-i \cdot \vec{Q} \cdot \vec{r}) \right|^2 \right\rangle_r |T_f(\alpha_f)|^2$$



Refraction Effects



# „Higher Orders“ of DWBA



Lazzari R, ISGISAXS: program, J APPL CRYSTALLOGR 35: 406, (2002)  
[http://www.esrf.fr/computing/scientific/joint\\_projects/IsGISAXS/isgisaxs.htm](http://www.esrf.fr/computing/scientific/joint_projects/IsGISAXS/isgisaxs.htm)

M.P.Tate et al., J.Phys.Chem, 2006

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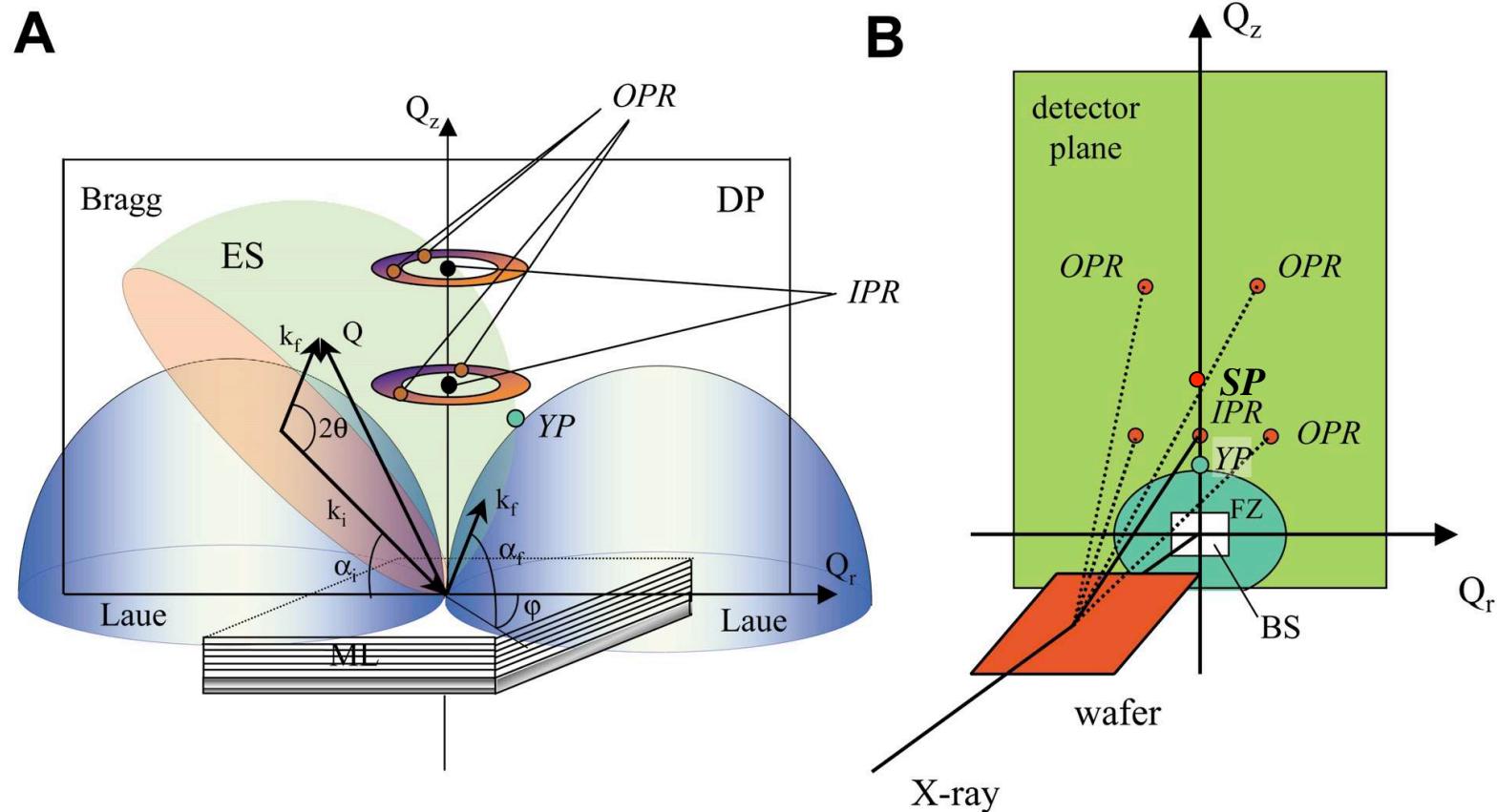
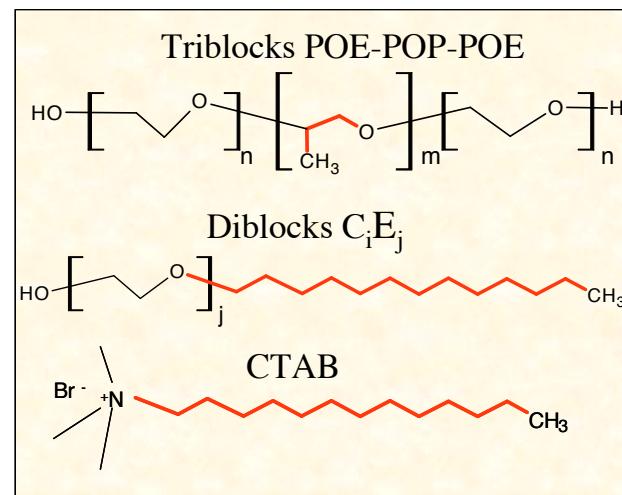
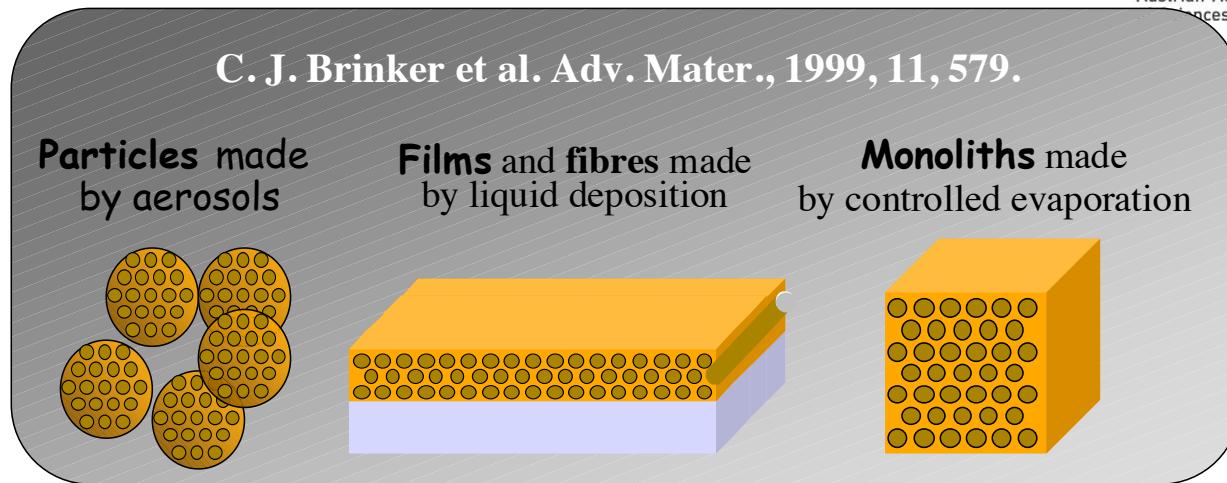
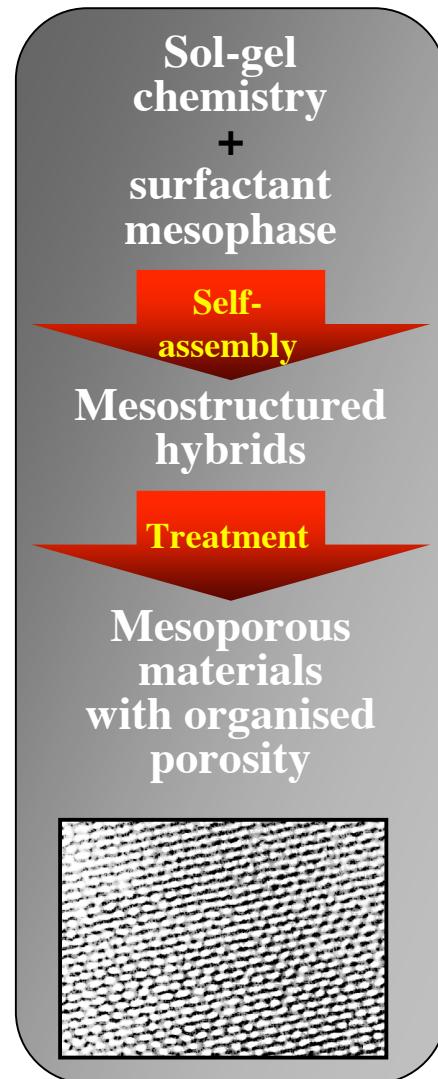


Fig. (A) the scattering geometry in reciprocal space. (B) Scattering geometry in real space. The abbreviations are: (ES) Ewald sphere, (DP) diffraction plane, (OPR) out-of plane reflections, (IPR) in-plane reflections, (ML) multi-layer, (FZ) forbidden zone, (BS) beam stop.

# Surface diffraction: Formation of aligned mesoporous thin films

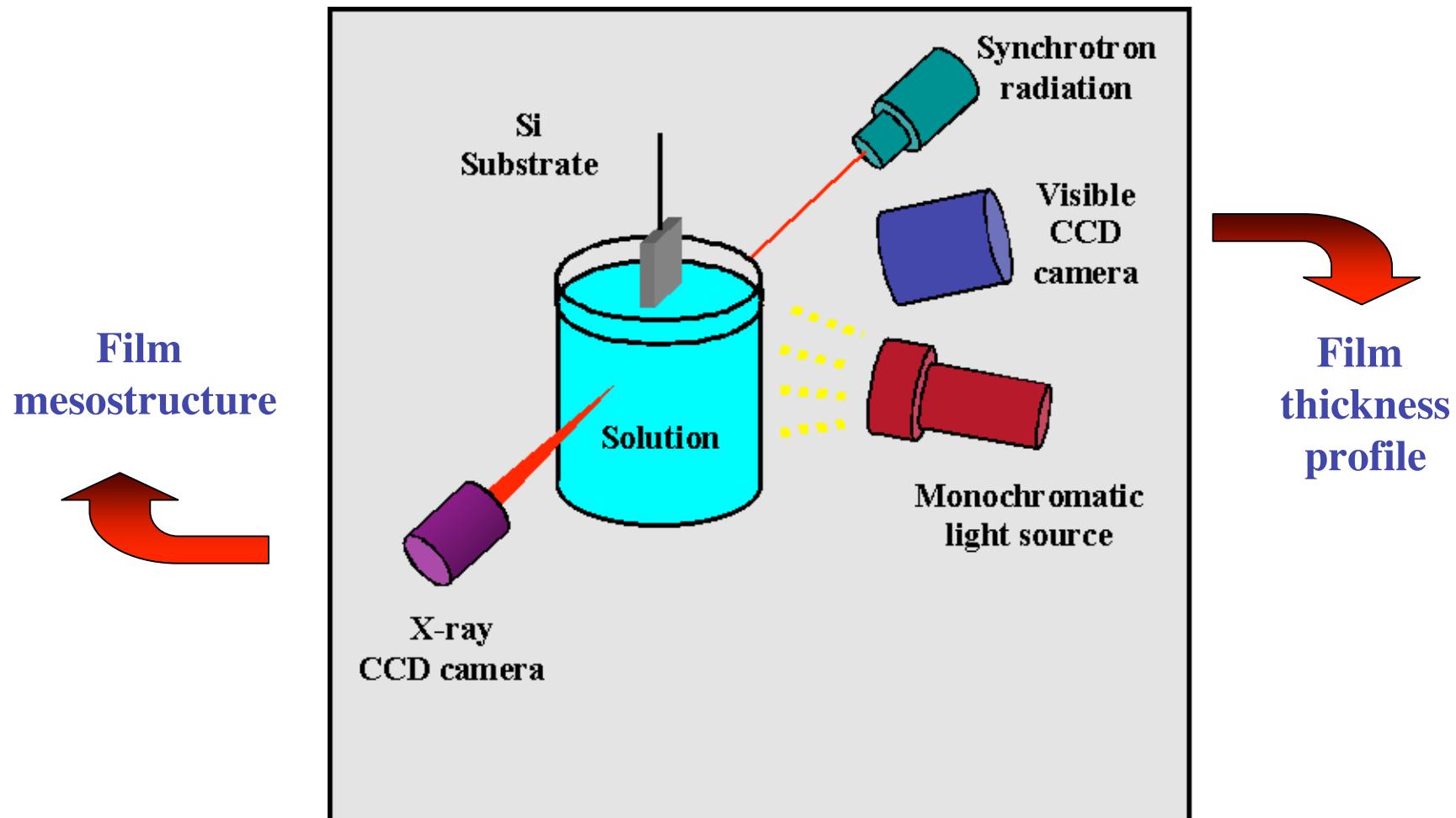


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 $\text{ZrO}_2$  :  $\text{ZrCl}_4$  -  $\text{Zr}(\text{OR})_4$   
 $\text{Al}_2\text{O}_3$  :  $\text{AlCl}_3$   
 $\text{VO}_{2-x}$  :  $\text{VOCl}_3$   
 $\text{Y}_2\text{O}_3$  :  $\text{YCl}_3$   
 $\text{Nb}_2\text{O}_5$  :  $\text{NbCl}_5$   
And binaries systems

# The Self-Assembly of thin films as seen by In-Situ SAXS and interferometry

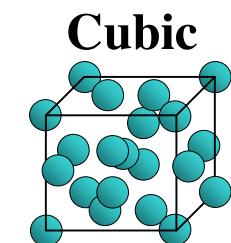
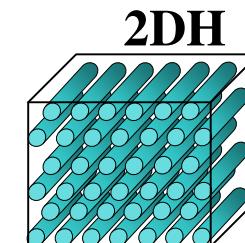
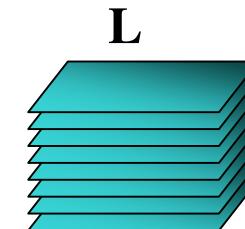
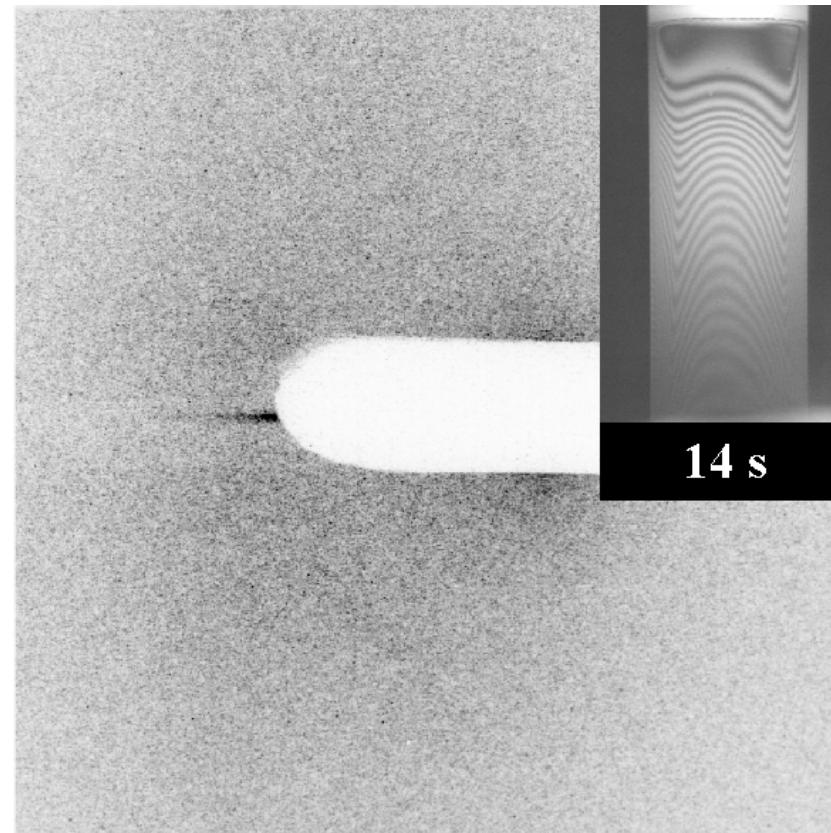


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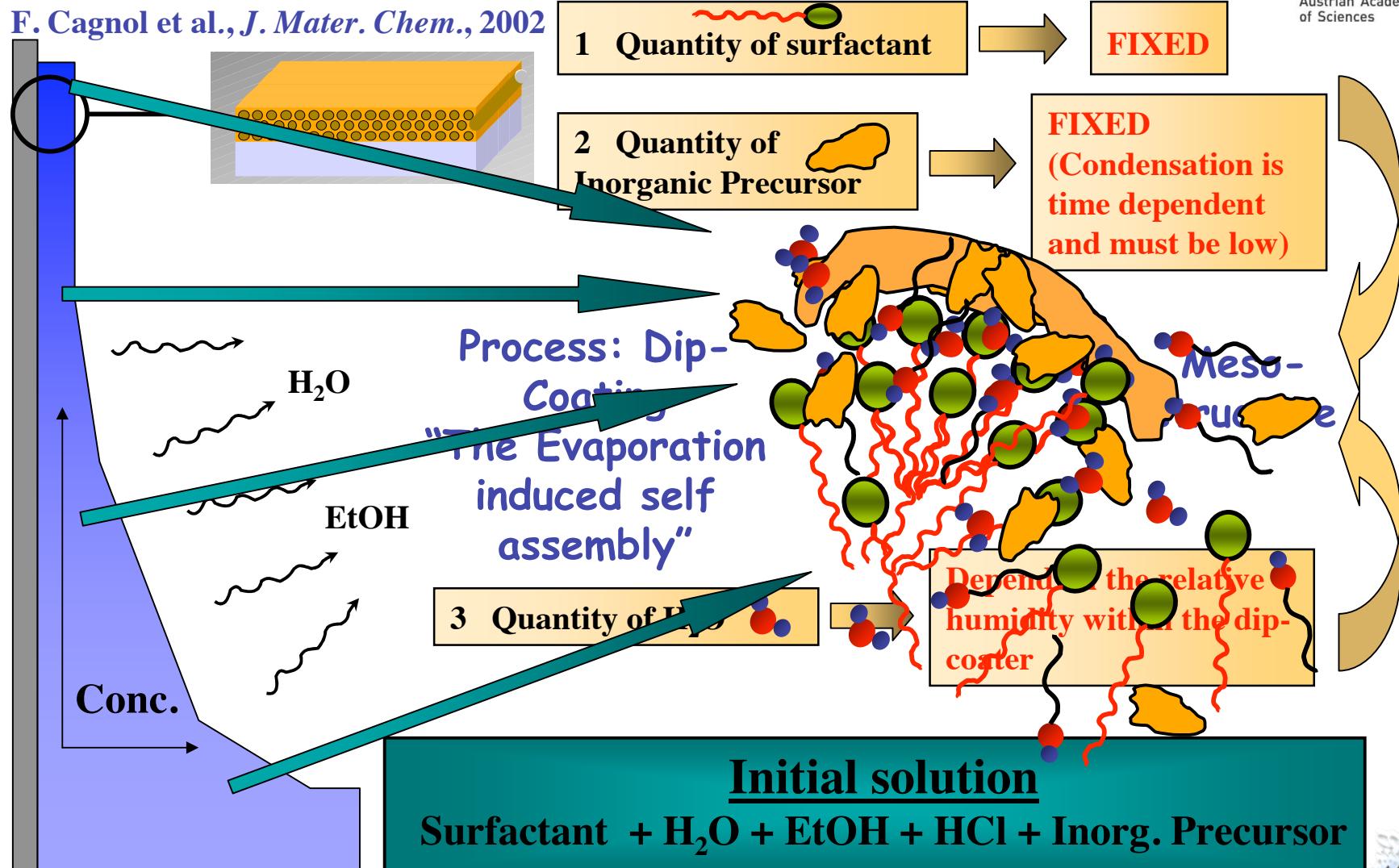
CTAB / Si = 0,18  
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HCl / Si = 0.15  
Ageing time  
Relative Humidity



P6m  
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# The Modulable Steady State

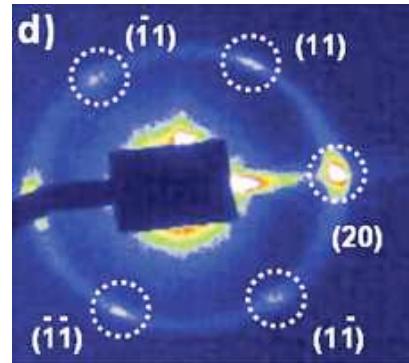


# Combining bottom up/top down approaches

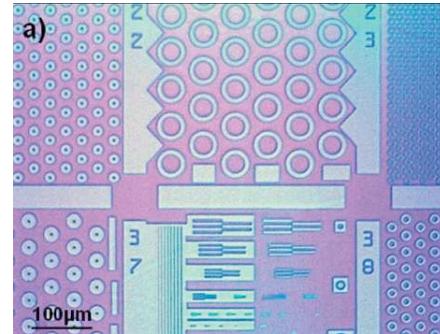


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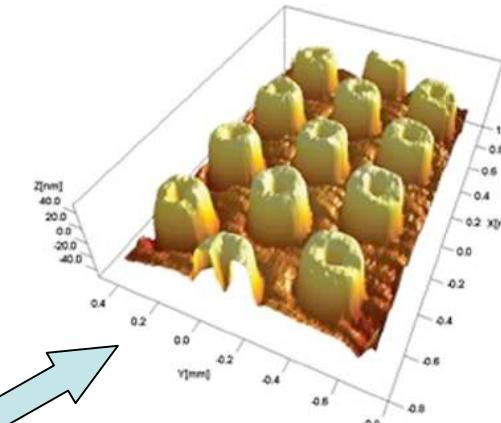
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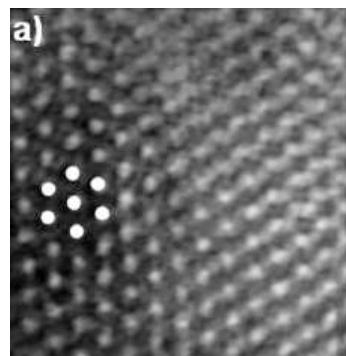
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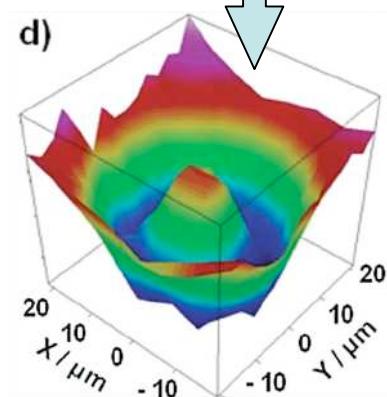
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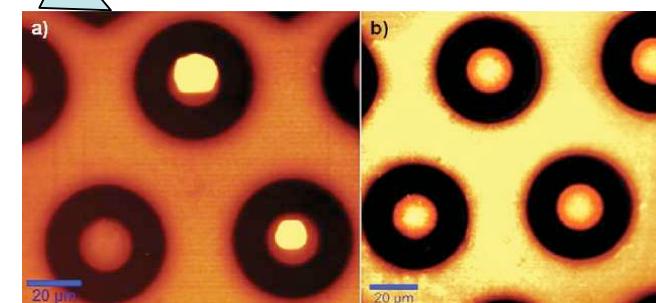
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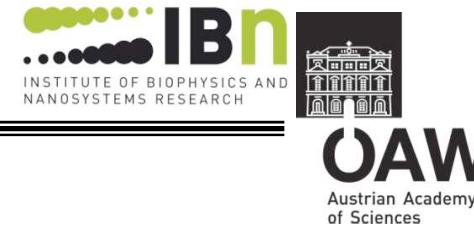


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# Further Reading



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- Time resolved studies
- Surface diffraction
- GISAXS

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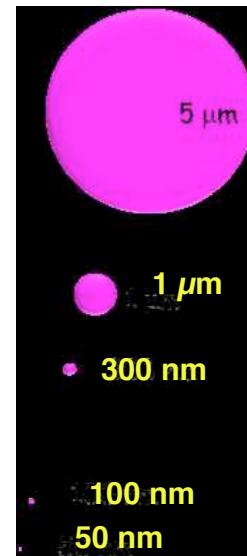
# Future



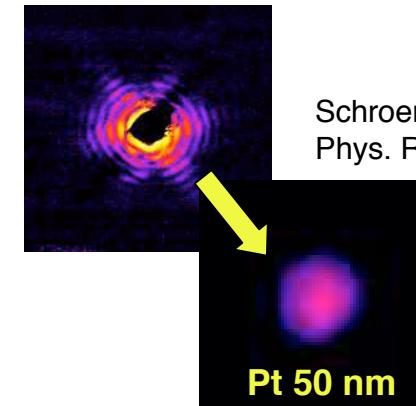
NanoSpots (all SR)

Coherence (SAXS Imaging)

FEL (Single Particle Analysis)

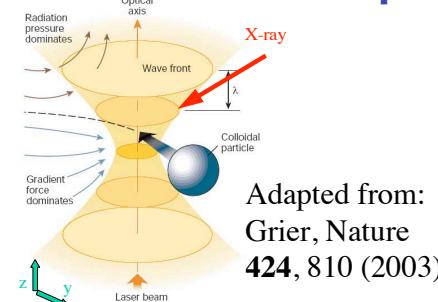


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## New Technologies for Sample Manipulation

Optical Tweezers

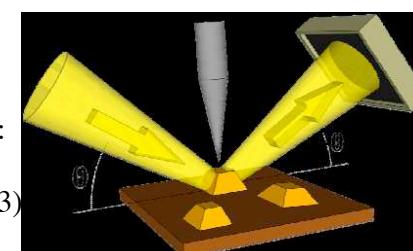


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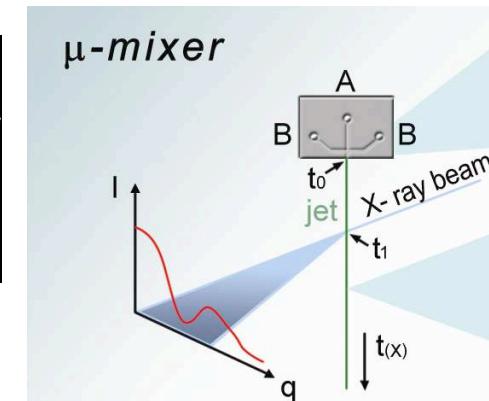
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Microfluidics

TASC/IBN/ESRF

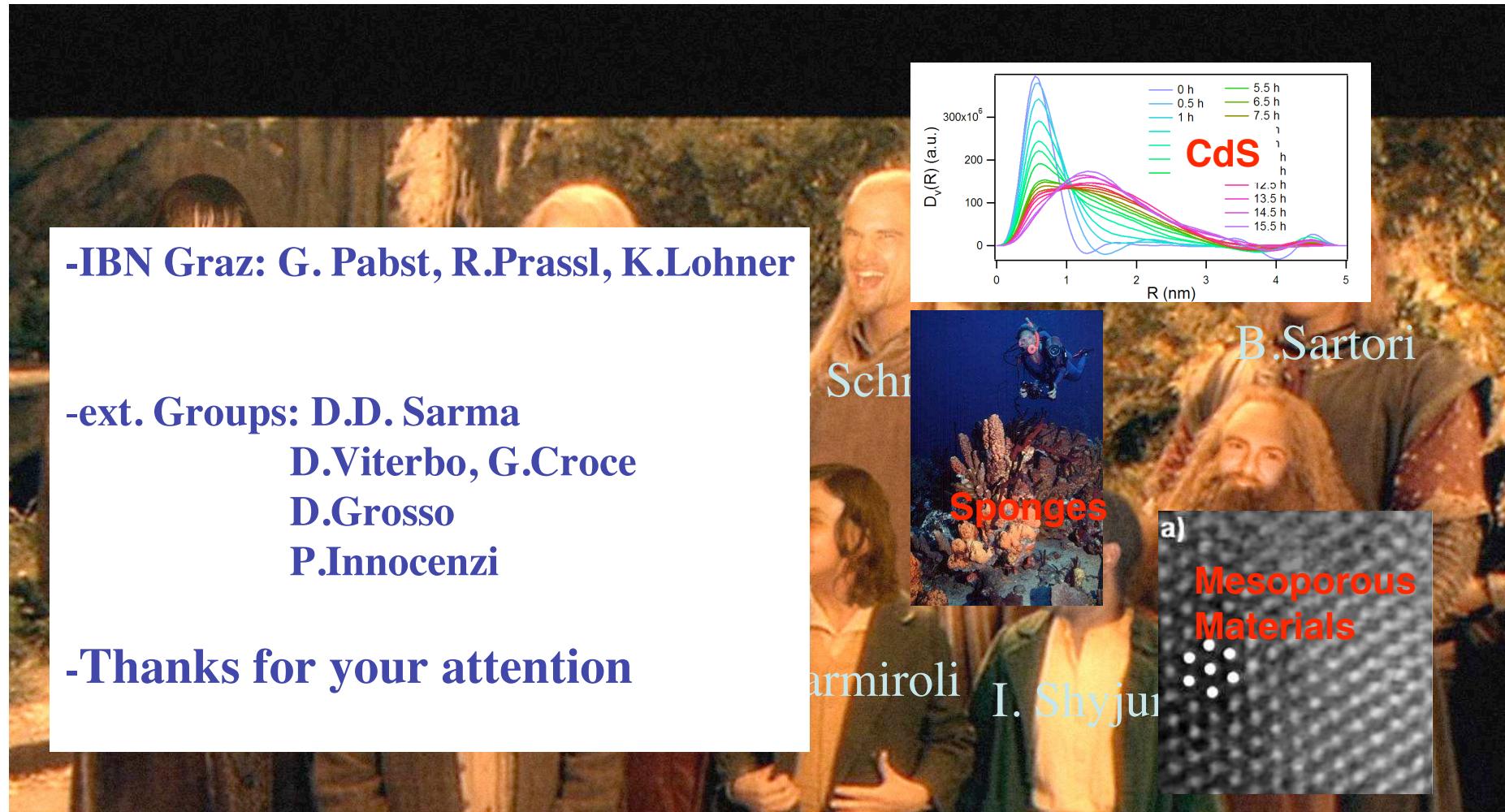


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