

NSF's ChemMatCARS UCHICAGO

Science Highlights in Liquid Interface Scattering





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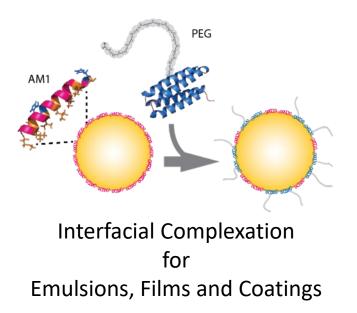


World's Leading Synchrotron X-ray Facility for Studying Liquid Surfaces and Interfaces

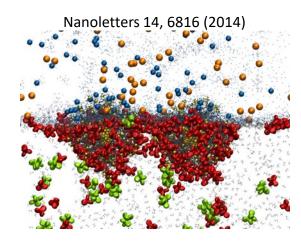
Largest range of techniques and scientific breadth of user community



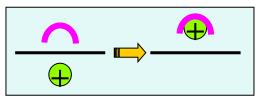
Life Processes



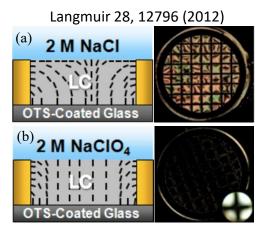
X-rays are the leading probe of liquid interfaces on the nanoscale



Directed Assembly for Functional Interfaces



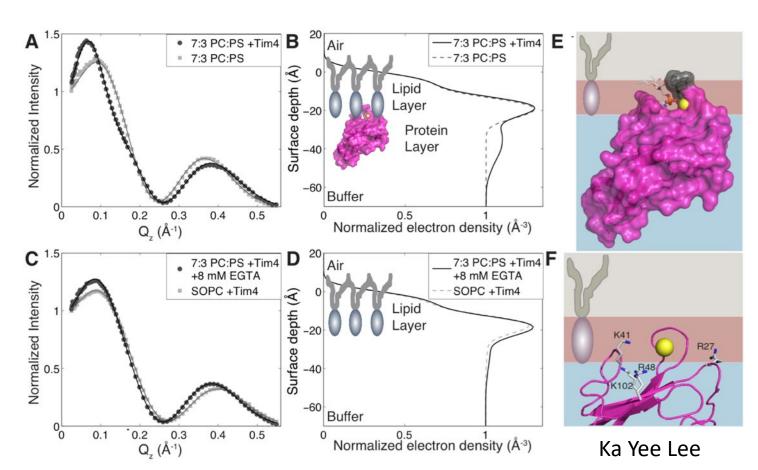
Metal Ion Extraction for Chemical Separations

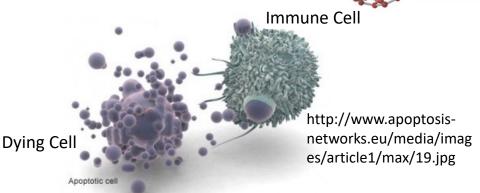


Structured Liquids for Analyte Sensing

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Life Processes: Protein-Lipid Interactions cell signaling, recognition, and bio-catalysis





Key issues addressed at ChemMatCARS:

 Lipid composition provides a molecular basis for immune recognition of dying cells (K Y Lee)

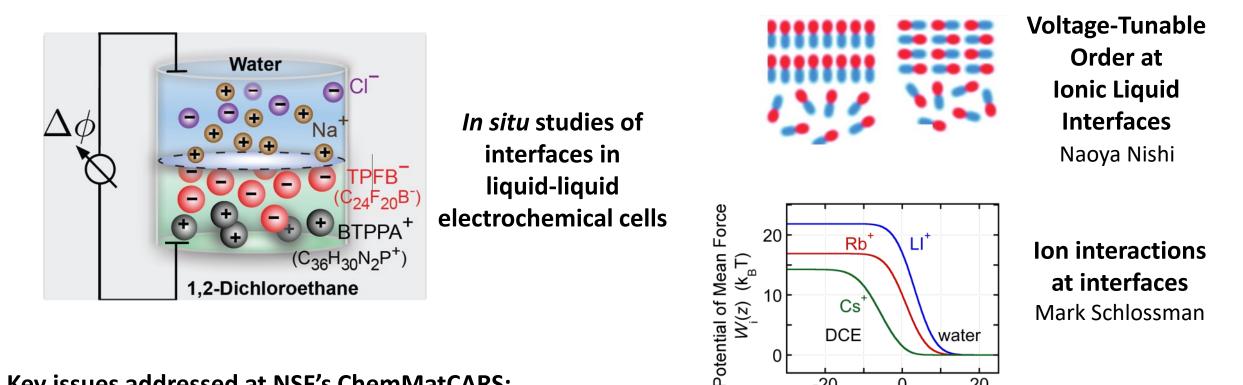
Related work is investigating:

- Anti-microbial peptides (DeWolf, Gidalevitz)
- Crop protection herbicide/surfactant (Paige)
- Models of gram-negative bacterial membranes (Holt)
- Lung surfactants (Lee/Zasadzinski)



Electric Field Effects at Liquid Interfaces

many energy, complex fluids, and biomaterials processes controlled by interfacial electric fields



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n Interfacial Depth z (Å)

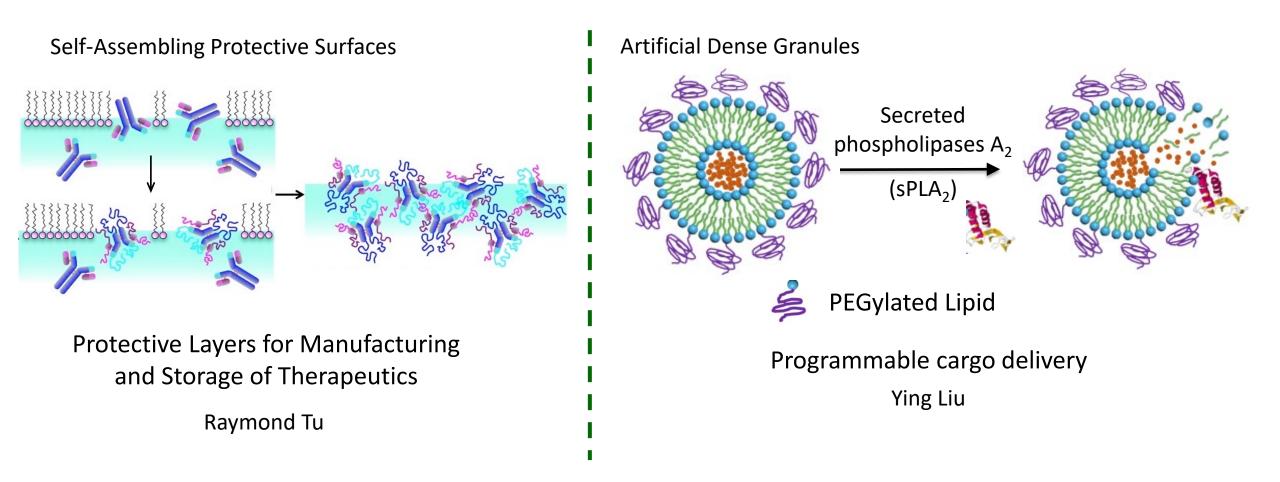
Key issues addressed at NSF's ChemMatCARS:

- Basic experiment/theory approach to interfacial ion distributions
- Role of ion-solvent interactions and ion-ion correlations
- Extension to voltage-tunable assemblies of lipids, nanoparticles



Functional Soft Interfaces

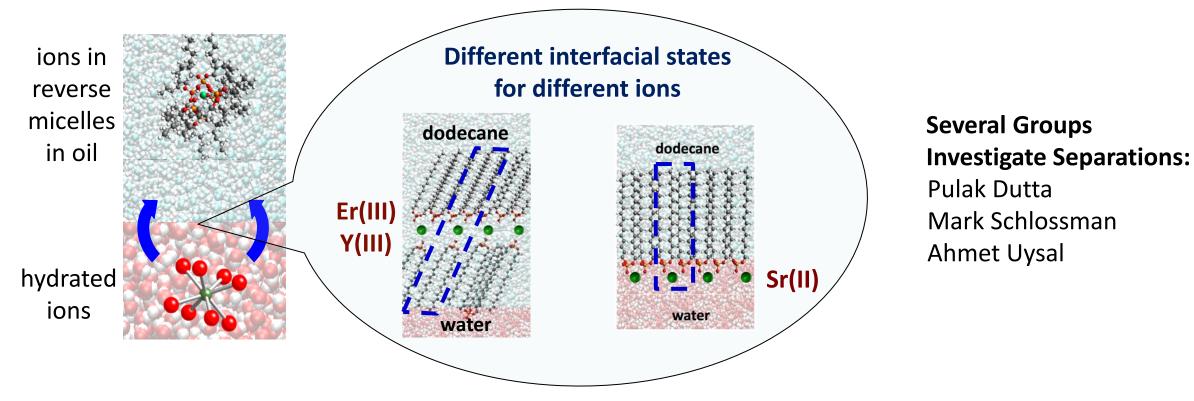
nanoscale machines, optical response, directional ion/electron transfer, cargo delivery





Separations: Follow the Transport of Ions across Interfaces

water purification, toxic/radioactive metal cleanup, rare earth & base metal production



Role of Liquid Interfaces:

- Separation of metal ions occurs at liquid interfaces (established industrial processes: solvent extraction)
- Electrostatic effects enhanced at liquid interfaces (dielectric boundary)
- Interfacial ordering of extractants enhances formation of metal ion-extractant complexes