



# Soft Matter Surfaces Investigated with XPCS

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1. Introduction

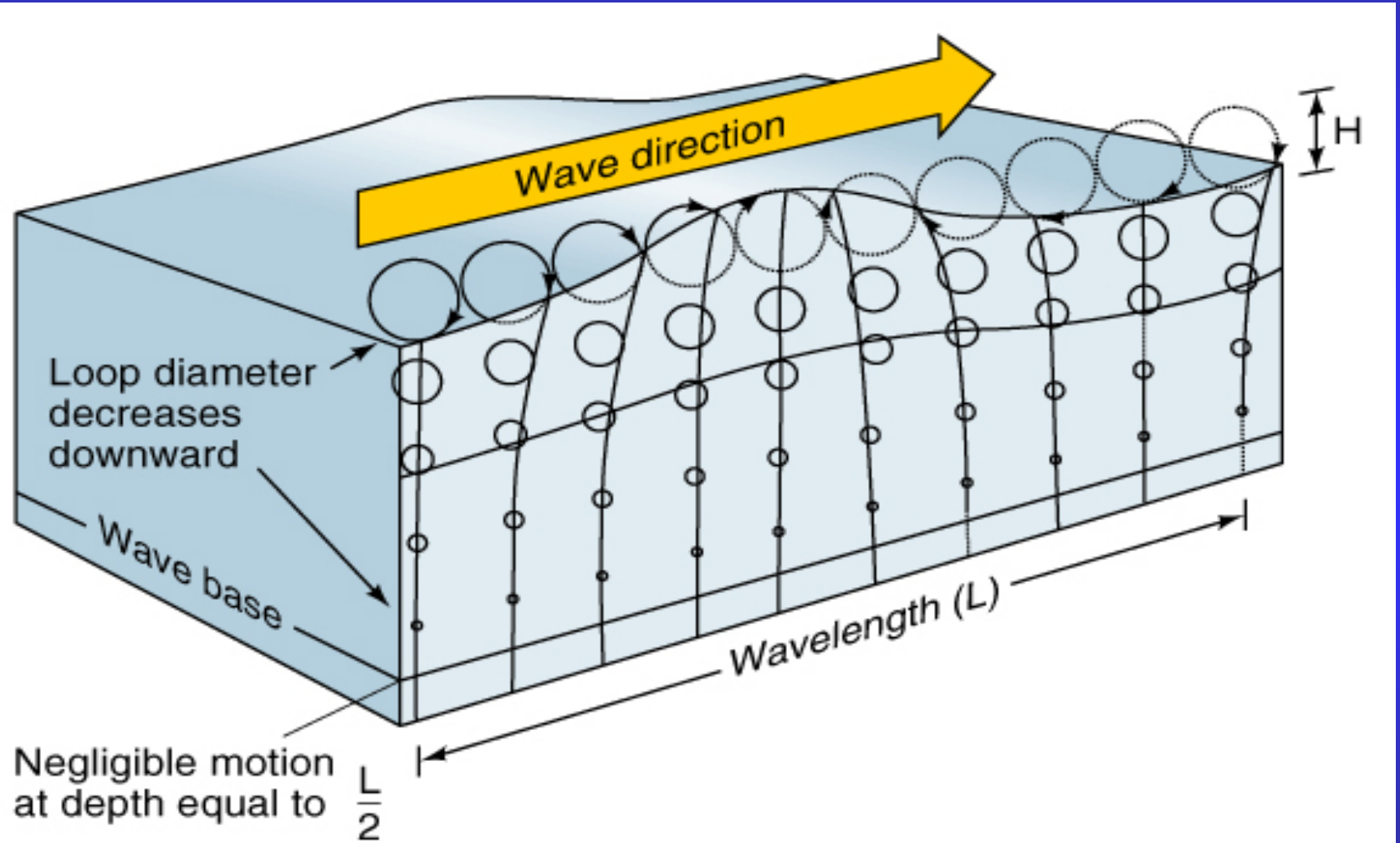
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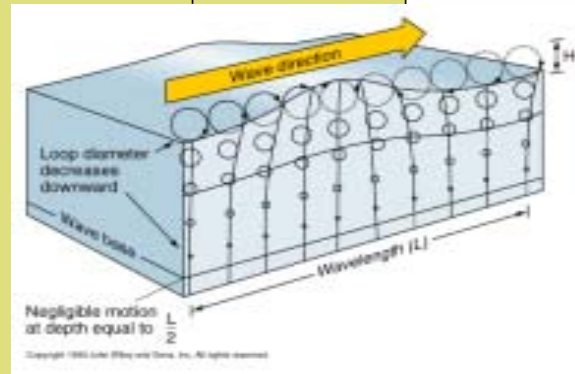
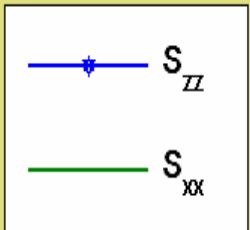
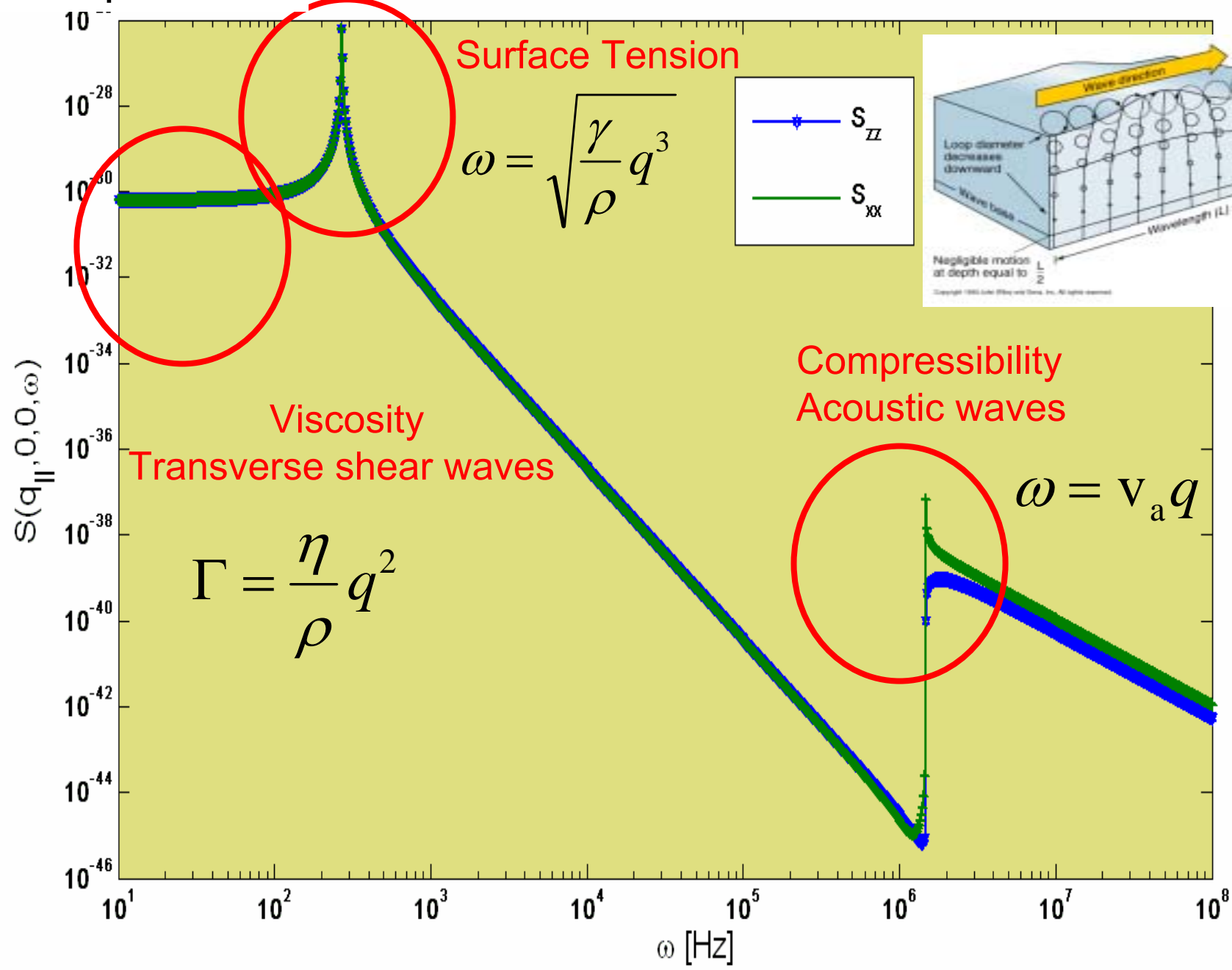
4. Glass  
Transition

Polymer-Metal  
Composite  
Systems  
Poster Simone Streit

# Capillary Waves

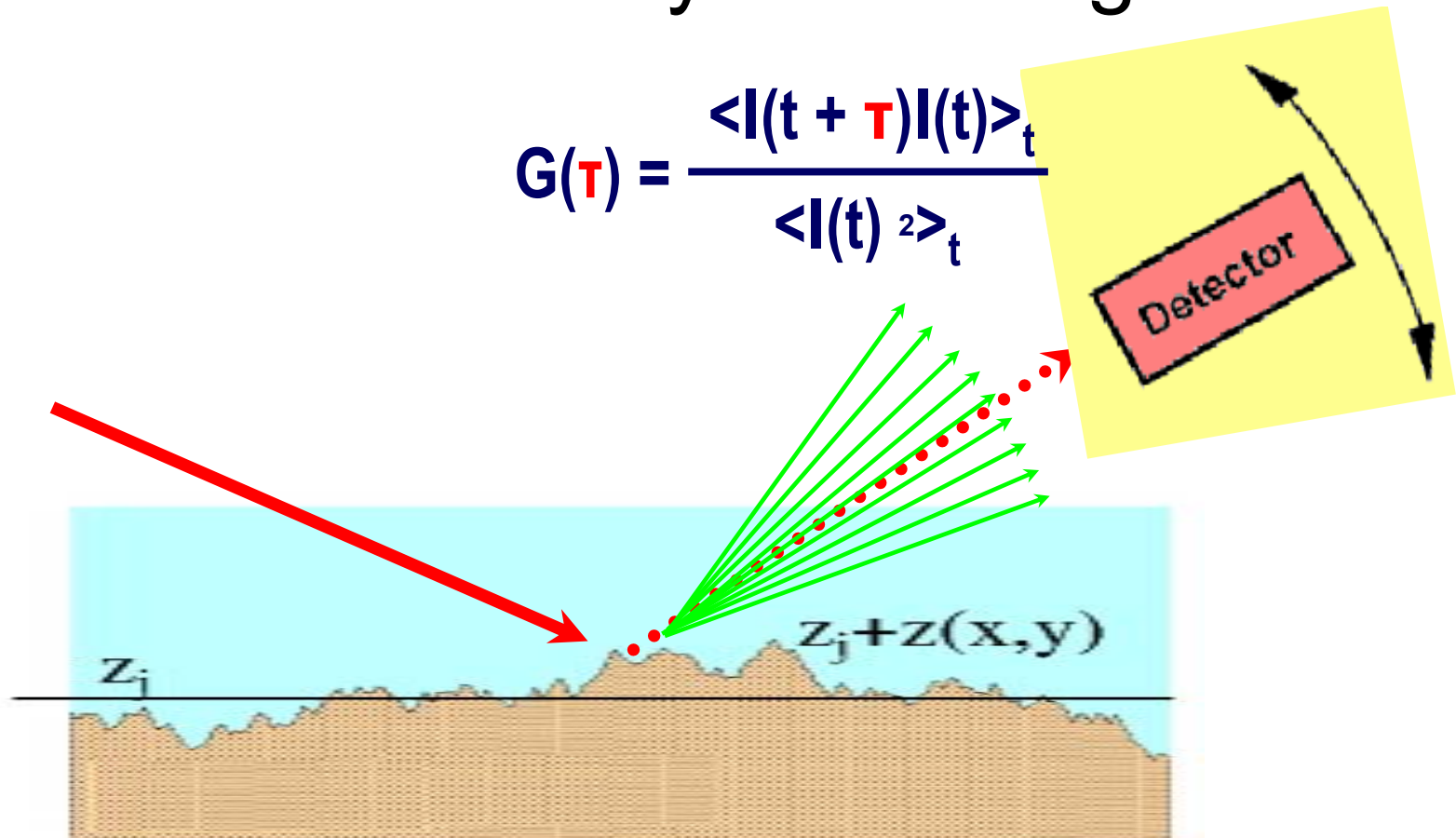


Water  $q=10^{-6} \text{ A}^{-1}$



# Surface X-Ray Scattering

$$G(\tau) = \frac{\langle I(t + \tau)I(t) \rangle_t}{\langle I(t)^2 \rangle_t}$$



**Scattering  $\sim$  Power Spectral Density**

$$I(q_x, q_y, t) \sim S(q_x, q_y, t) = \text{FT} (z(x, y, t))$$

# Correlation functions of surface fluctuations

## Homodyne detection scheme

propagating CW's  $G(q, \tau) = c + I_s^2 \cdot \cos^2(\omega_s \tau) \cdot e^{-2\Gamma \tau}$

over-damped CW's  $G(q, \tau) = c + I_s^2 \cdot e^{-2\Gamma_{ov} \tau}$

$$\omega_s = \sqrt{\gamma/\rho} q^3$$

$$\Gamma = 2\eta/\rho q^2$$

$$\Gamma_{ov} = \gamma/2\eta q$$

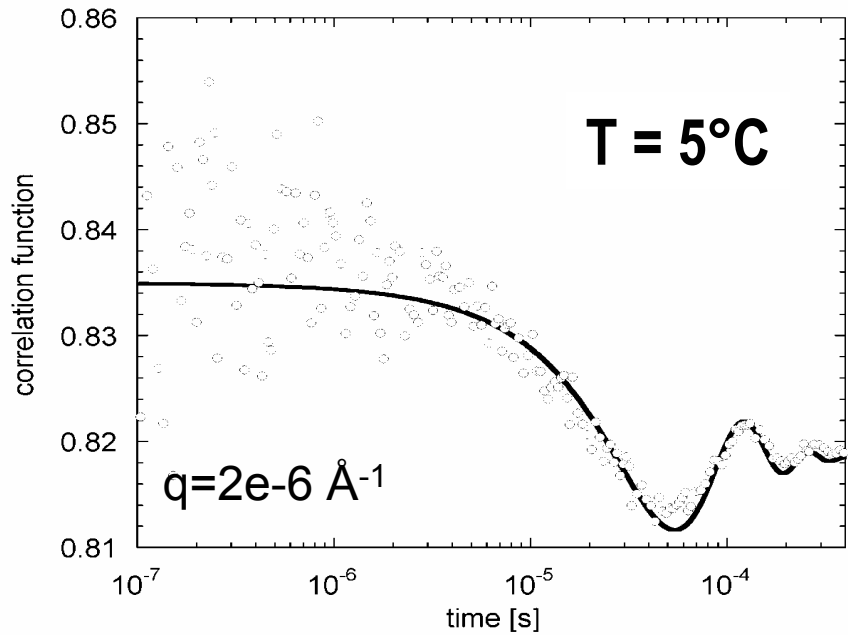
## Heterodyne detection scheme

prop. CW's  $G(q, \tau) = c + I_s^2 \cdot \cos^2(\omega_s \tau) \cdot e^{-2\Gamma \tau} + I_R I_S \cdot \cos(\omega_s \tau) \cdot e^{-\Gamma \tau}$

over-d. CW's  $G(q, \tau) = c + I_s^2 \cdot e^{-2\Gamma_{ov} \tau} + I_R I_S \cdot e^{-\Gamma_{ov} \tau}$

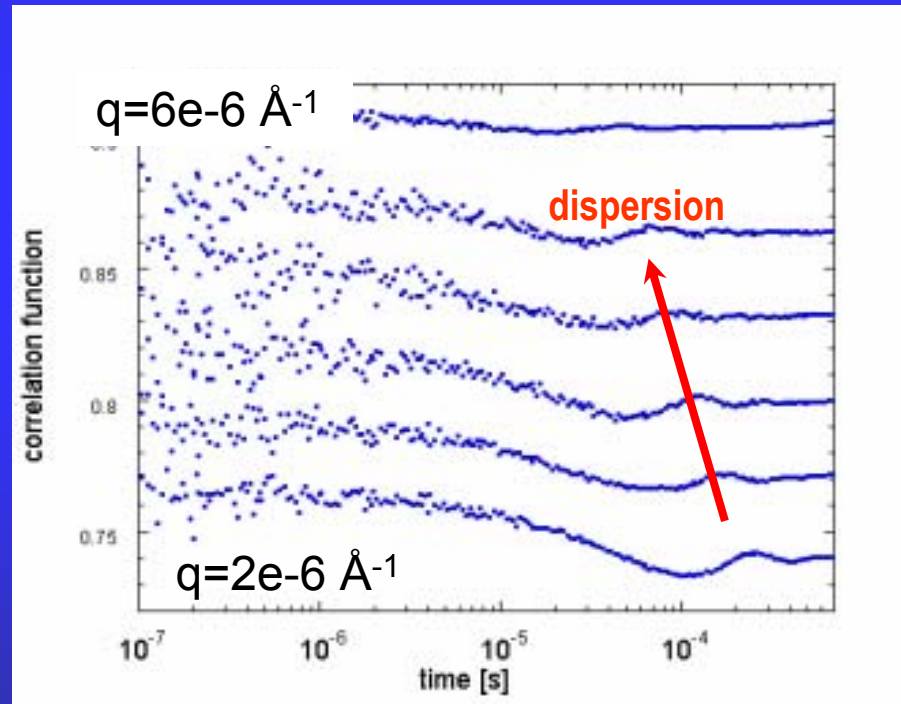


# Surface Dynamics of water



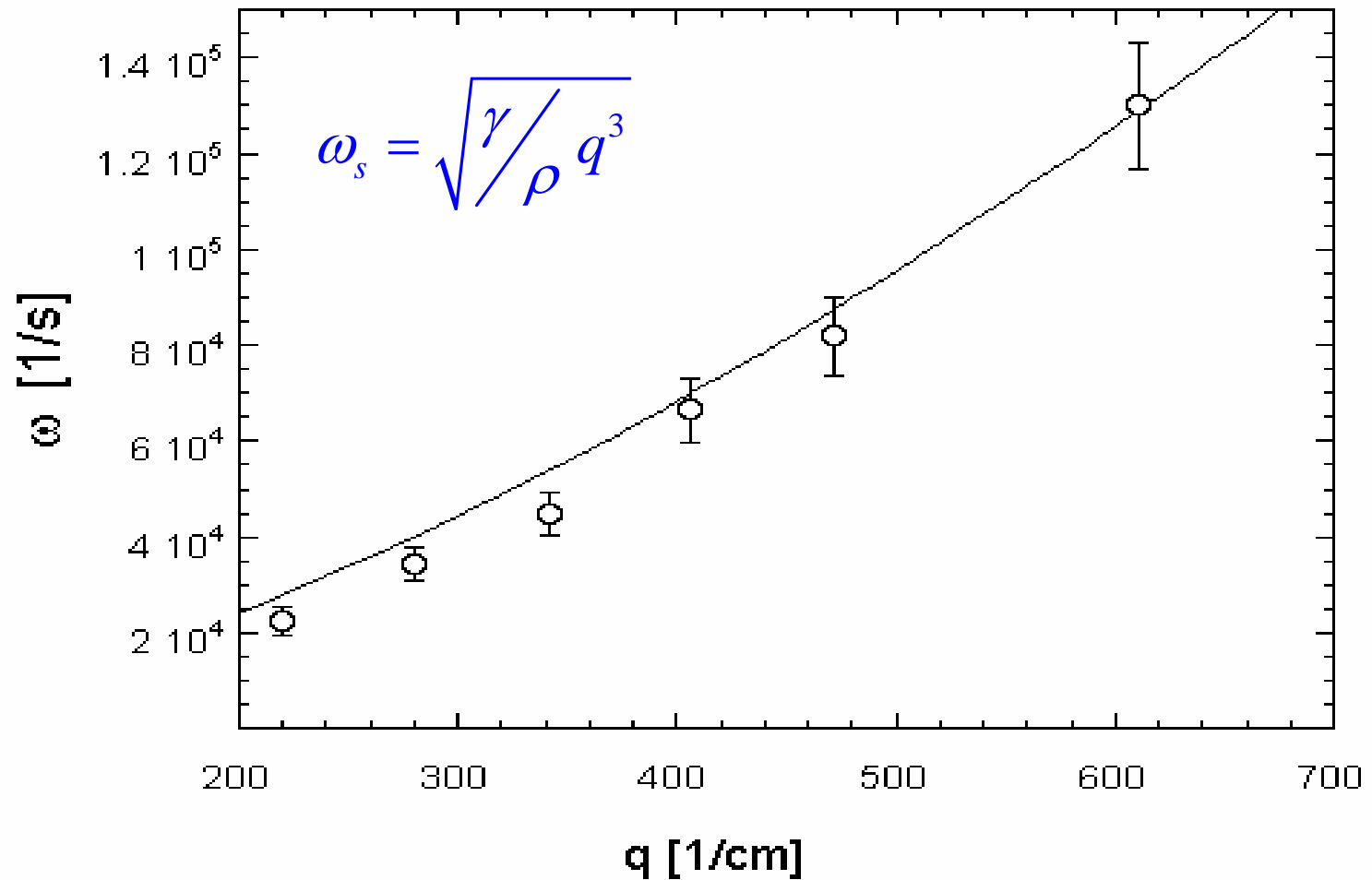
correlation functions of a water surface at  $T=5^\circ\text{C}$  as a function of  $q$

!! damped cosine behavior !!  
intrinsic heterodyne mixing

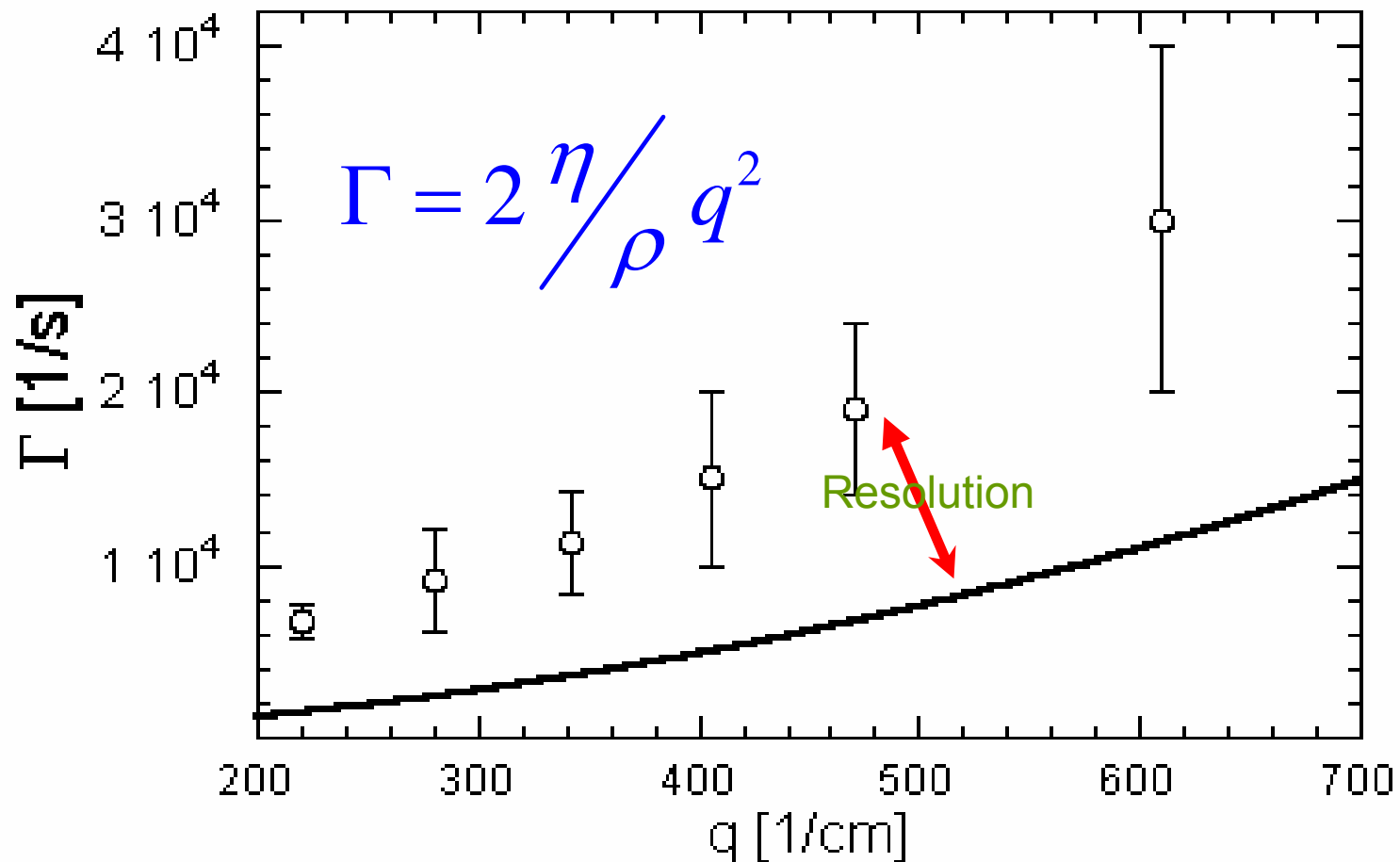


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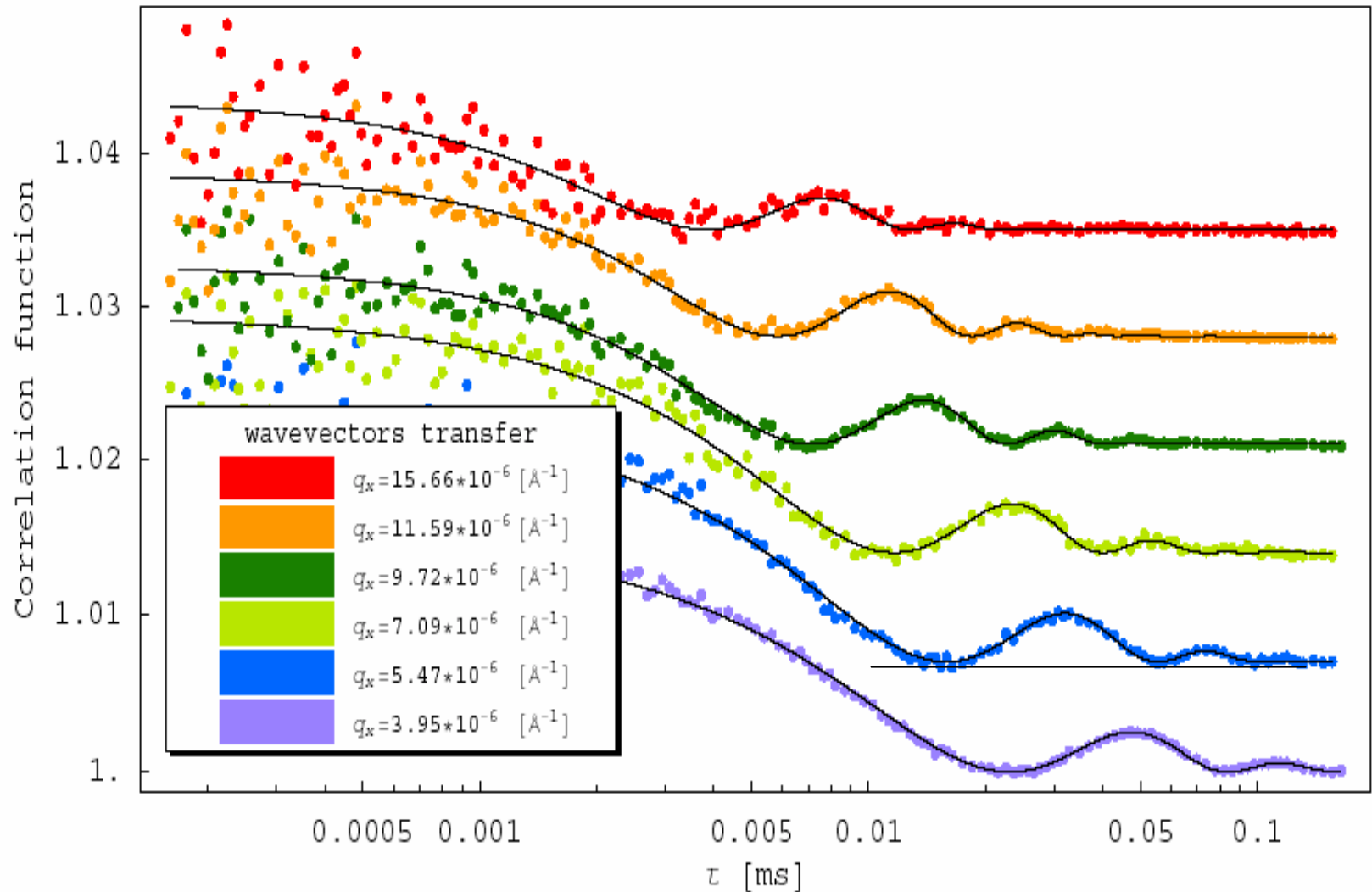
# Dispersion relation of capillary waves



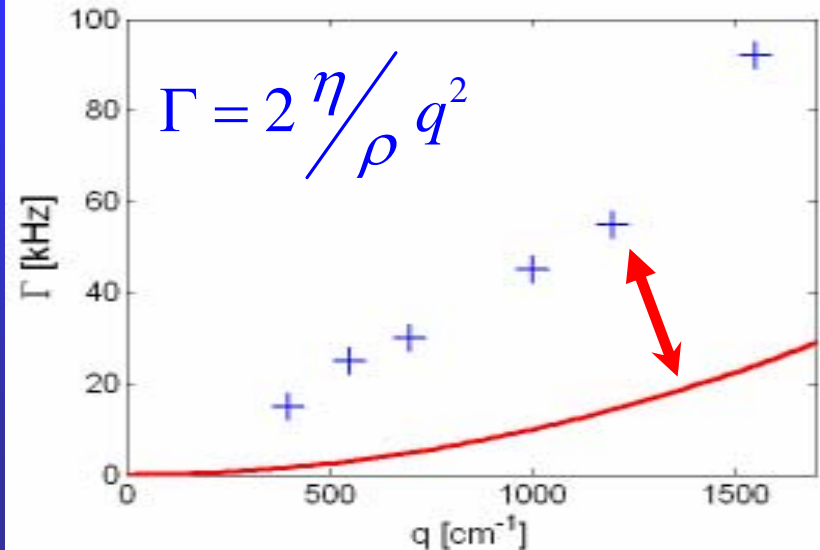
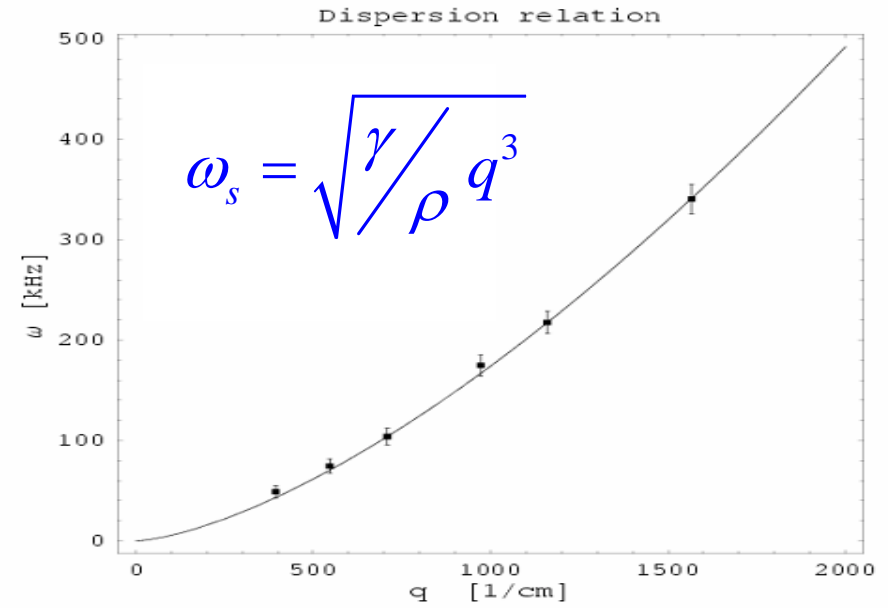
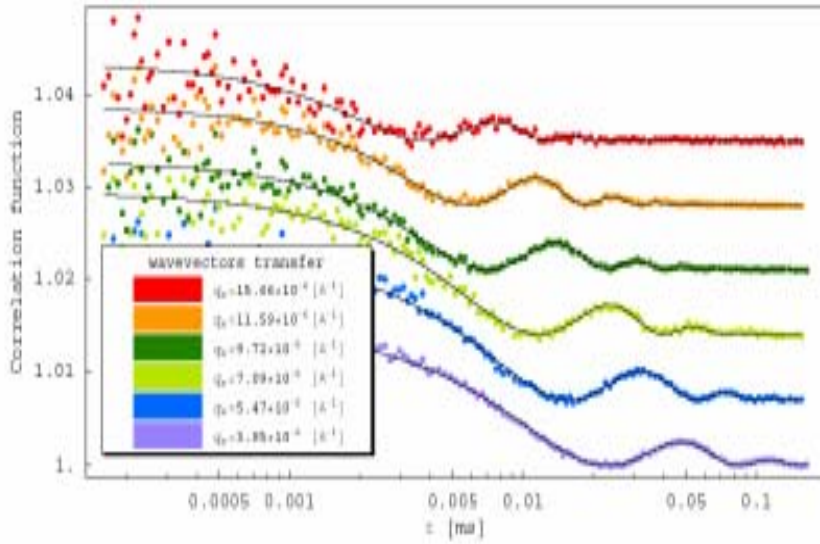
# Damping constants of capillary waves



# Surface Dynamics of Hexane

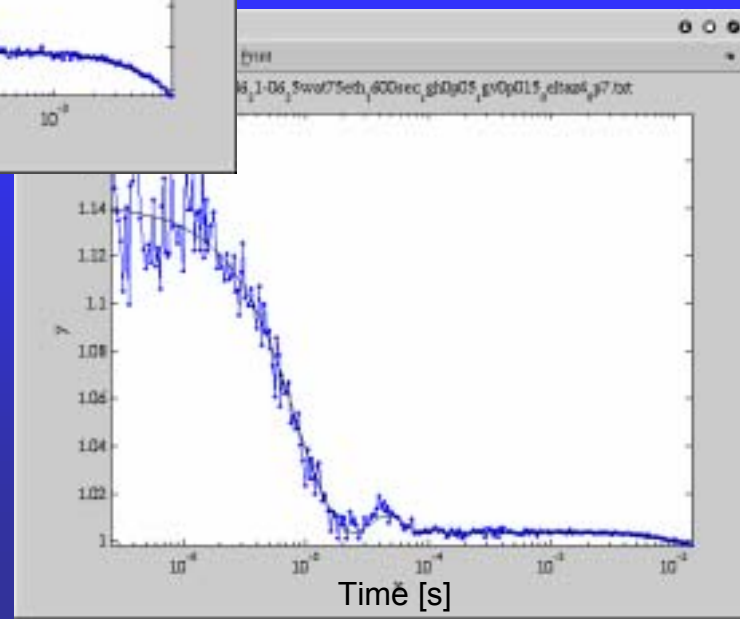
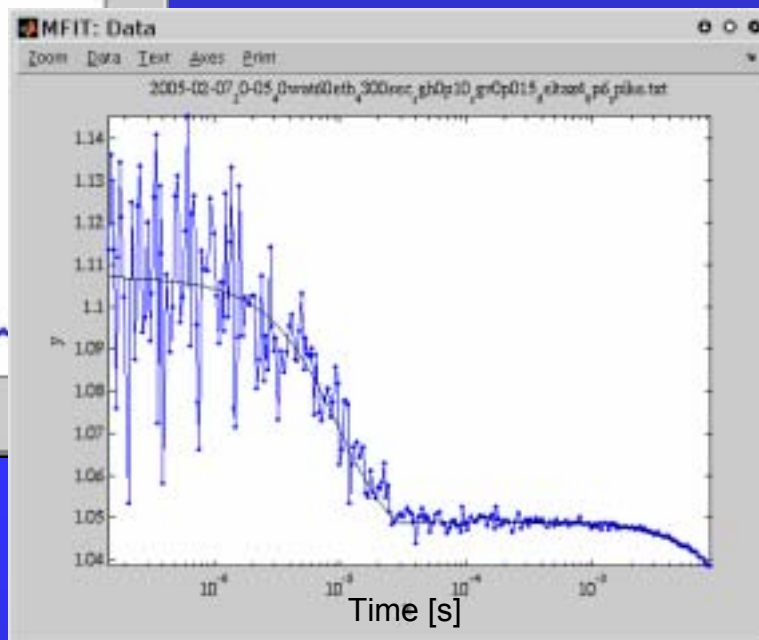
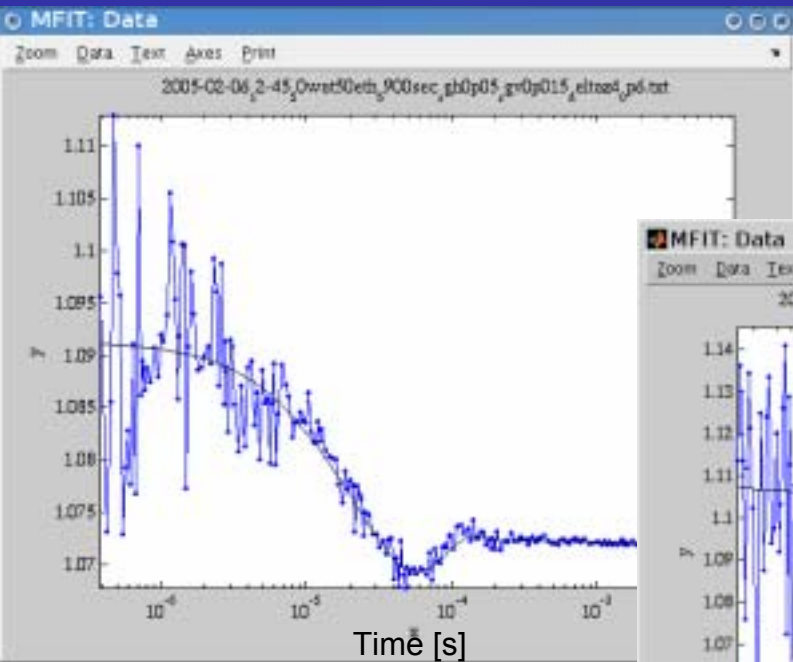


# Surface Dynamics of Hexane



$\cos^2$  behavior  
no heterodyne mixing for  
hexane

# Homodyn-Heterodyn Transition in Water-Ethanol Mixtures



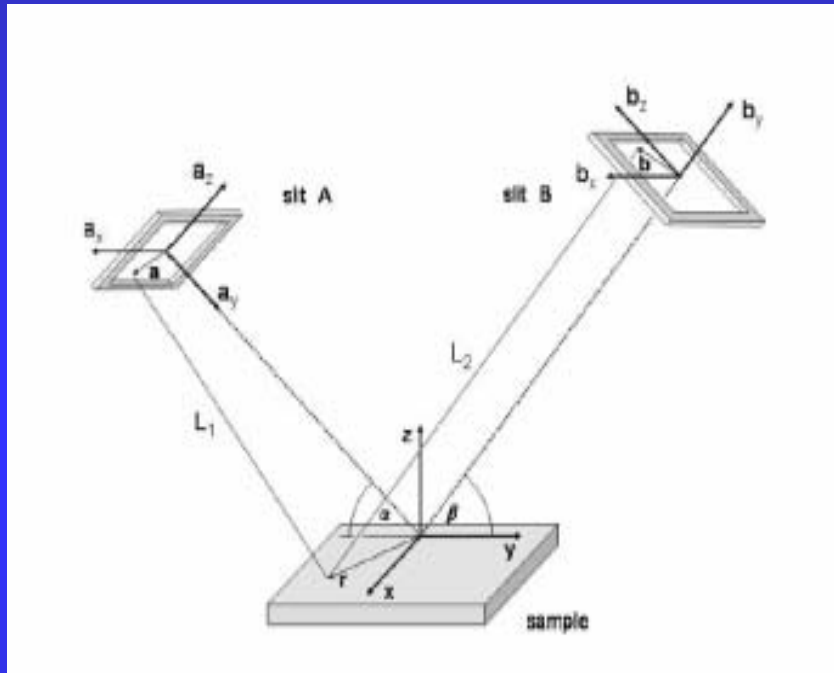
H <sub>2</sub> O	Ethanol	Correlation function	Surface Tension [dyn/cm]
100	0	Heterodyn	72
75	25	Heterodyn	50
50	50	Heterodyn	30
40	60	Transition	26
25	75	Homodyn	24
0	100	Homodyn	22



Let's take a closer look

# Rigorous theory

$$G_1(\mathbf{r}, \tau) = \left( \frac{k_0 r_1}{2\pi} \right)^2 \iint d\mathbf{r}_1^3 d\mathbf{r}_2^3 C_{\rho\rho}(\mathbf{r}_2 - \mathbf{r}_1, \tau) \iint da_1^2 da_2^2 J(\vec{a}_1, \vec{a}_2) \frac{e^{ik_0 \Delta L}}{R_{a_1} R_{a_2} R_{b_1} R_{b_2}}$$



- Huygens-Fresnel
- MCF
- Aperture Integration



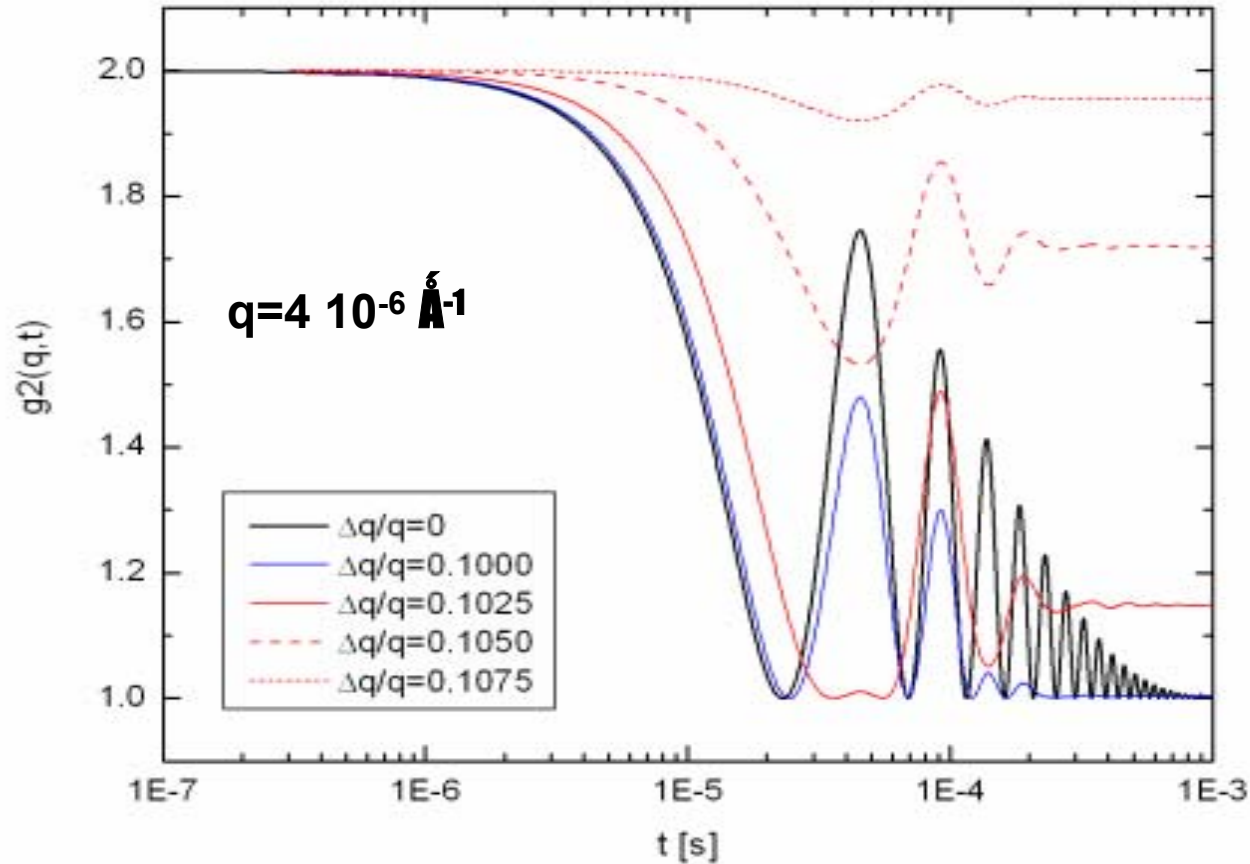
$$G_1(\mathbf{r}, \tau) = \left( \frac{k_0 r_1 \rho}{2\pi L_1 L_2 q_z} \right) e^{-q_z^2 \sigma^2} \left[ F(Q_x, Q_y) + q_z^2 \iint d\tilde{Q}_x d\tilde{Q}_y C_{zz}(\tilde{Q}_x, \tilde{Q}_y, \tau) F(\tilde{Q}_x - Q_x, \tilde{Q}_y - Q_y) \right]$$

$$G_2(\mathbf{r}, \tau) = 1 + \left| \frac{G_1(\mathbf{r}, \tau)}{G_1(\mathbf{r}, 0)} \right|^2$$

Foldinging



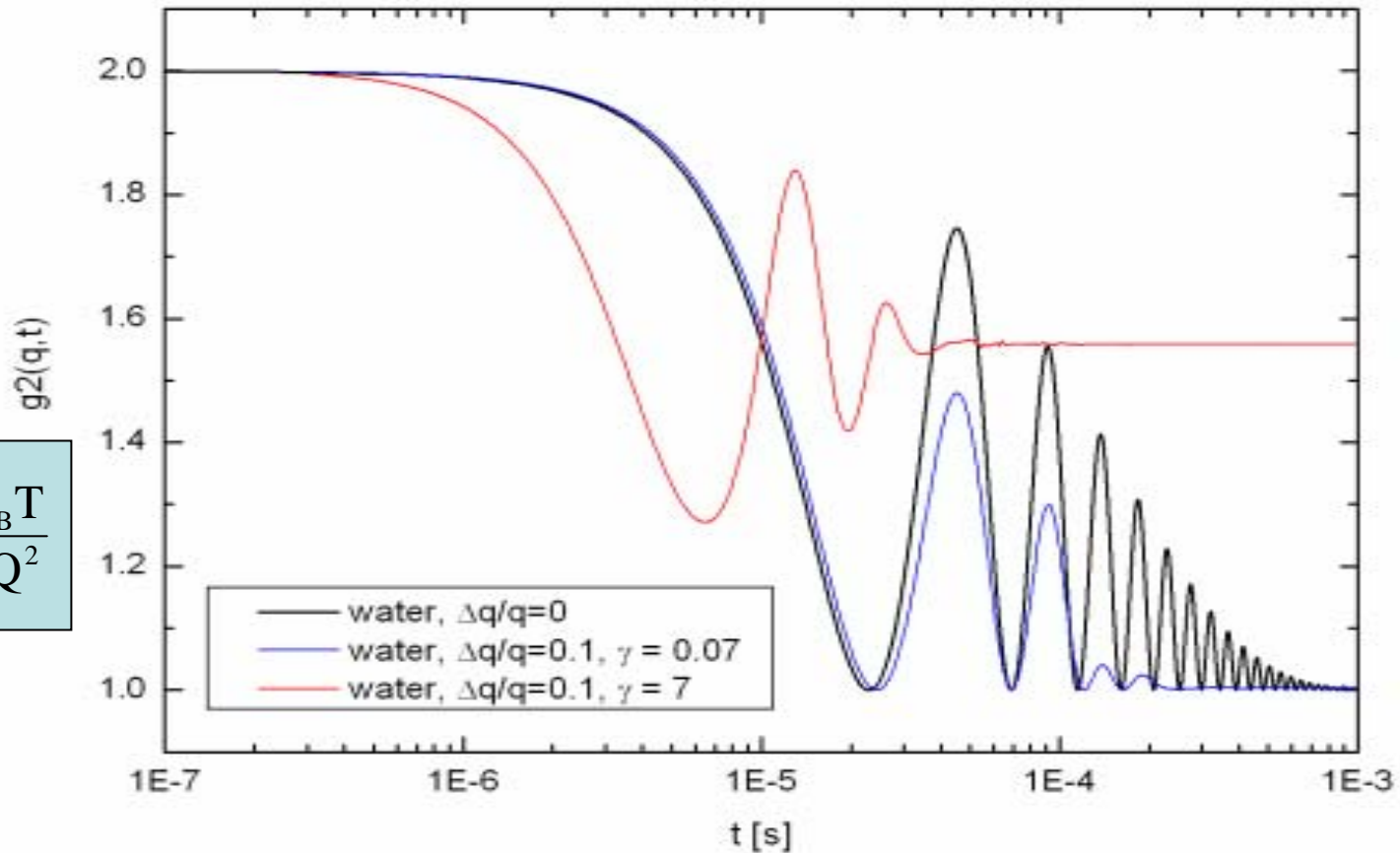
# Transition Homodyn-Heterodyn (i)



$$G_1(r, \tau) = \left( \frac{k_0 r_l \rho}{2\pi L_1 L_2 q_z} \right) e^{-q_z^2 \sigma^2} \left[ F(Q_x, Q_y) + q_z^2 \iint d\tilde{Q}_x d\tilde{Q}_y C_{zz}(\tilde{Q}_x, \tilde{Q}_y) F(\tilde{Q}_x - Q_x, \tilde{Q}_y - Q_y) \right]$$

# Transition Homodyn-Heterodyn (ii)

$$C_{zz}(Q,0) = \frac{k_B T}{\gamma Q^2}$$

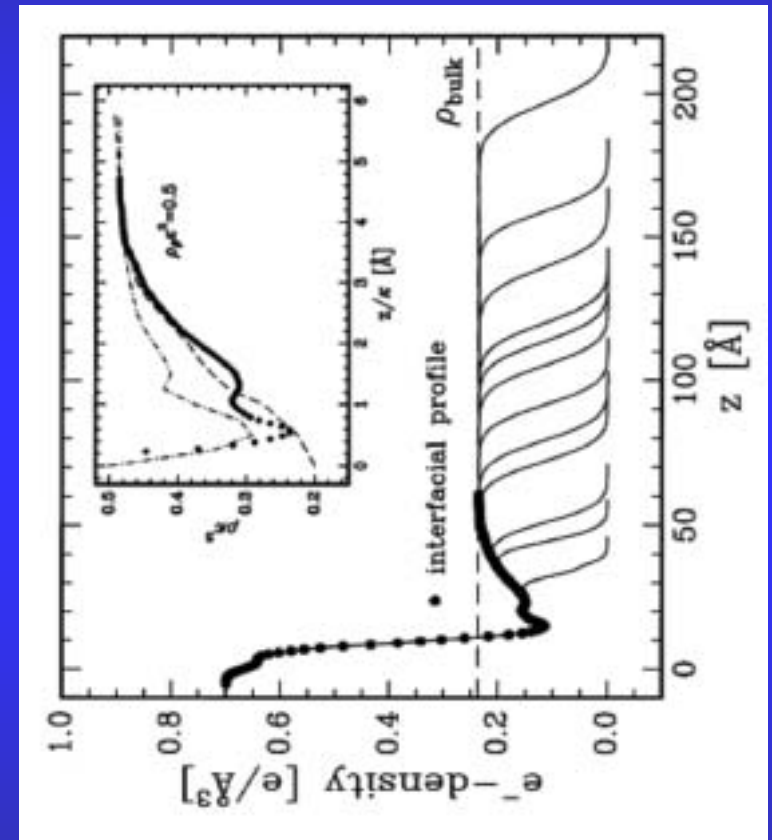
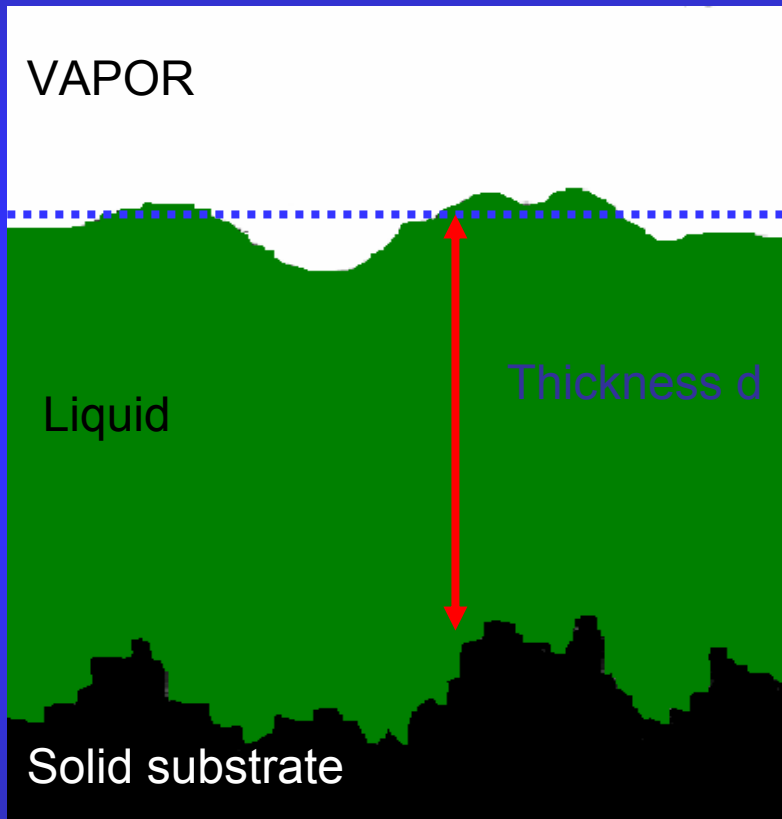


$$G_1(\mathbf{r}, \tau) = \left( \frac{k_0 r_1 \rho}{2\pi L_1 L_2 q_z} \right) e^{-q_z^2 \sigma^2} \left[ F(Q_x, Q_y) + q_z^2 \iint d\tilde{Q}_x d\tilde{Q}_y C_{zz}(\tilde{Q}_x, \tilde{Q}_y, \tau) F(\tilde{Q}_x - Q_x, \tilde{Q}_y - Q_y) \right]$$



### 3. Confined liquids

# Surface of Liquid Thin Hexane Films

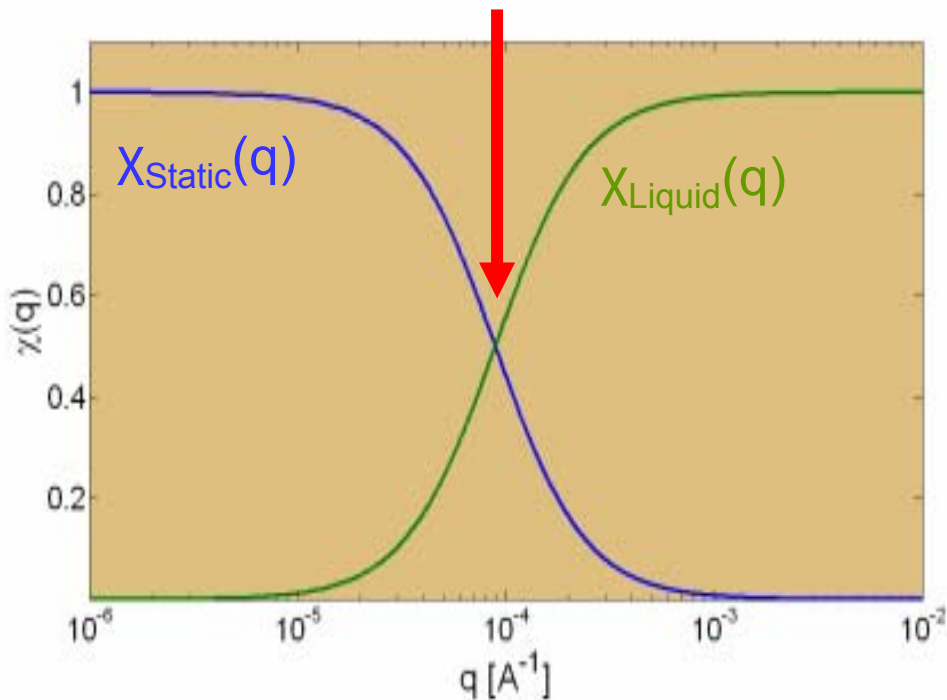


Film Thickness  $d = 10 \text{ \AA} - 600 \text{ \AA}$

# Static and Dynamic Scattering Amplitudes

$$S(q, t) \approx \chi_{\text{Static}}(q)S_{\text{SUB}}(q) + \chi_{\text{Liquid}}(q)S_{\text{Liquid}}(q, t)$$

Van der Waals cutoff  $q_{\text{vdw}}$   $d=200$  Å film



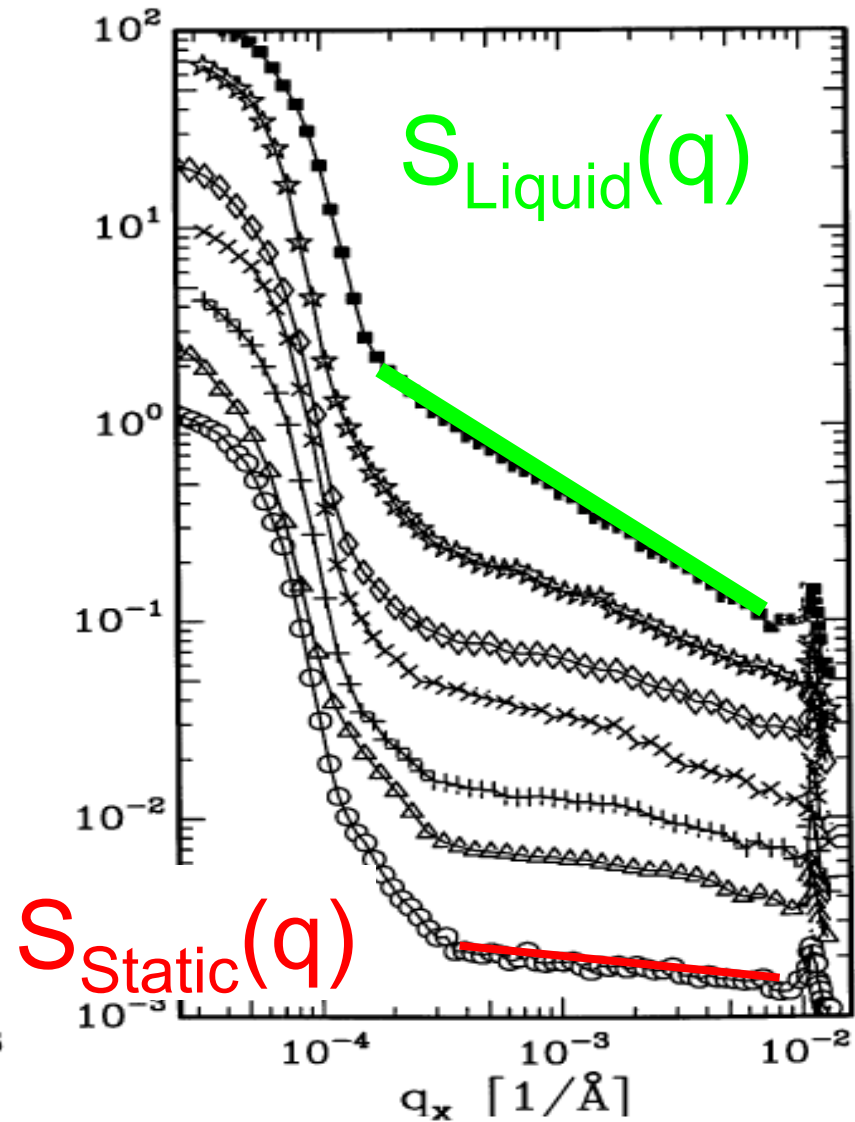
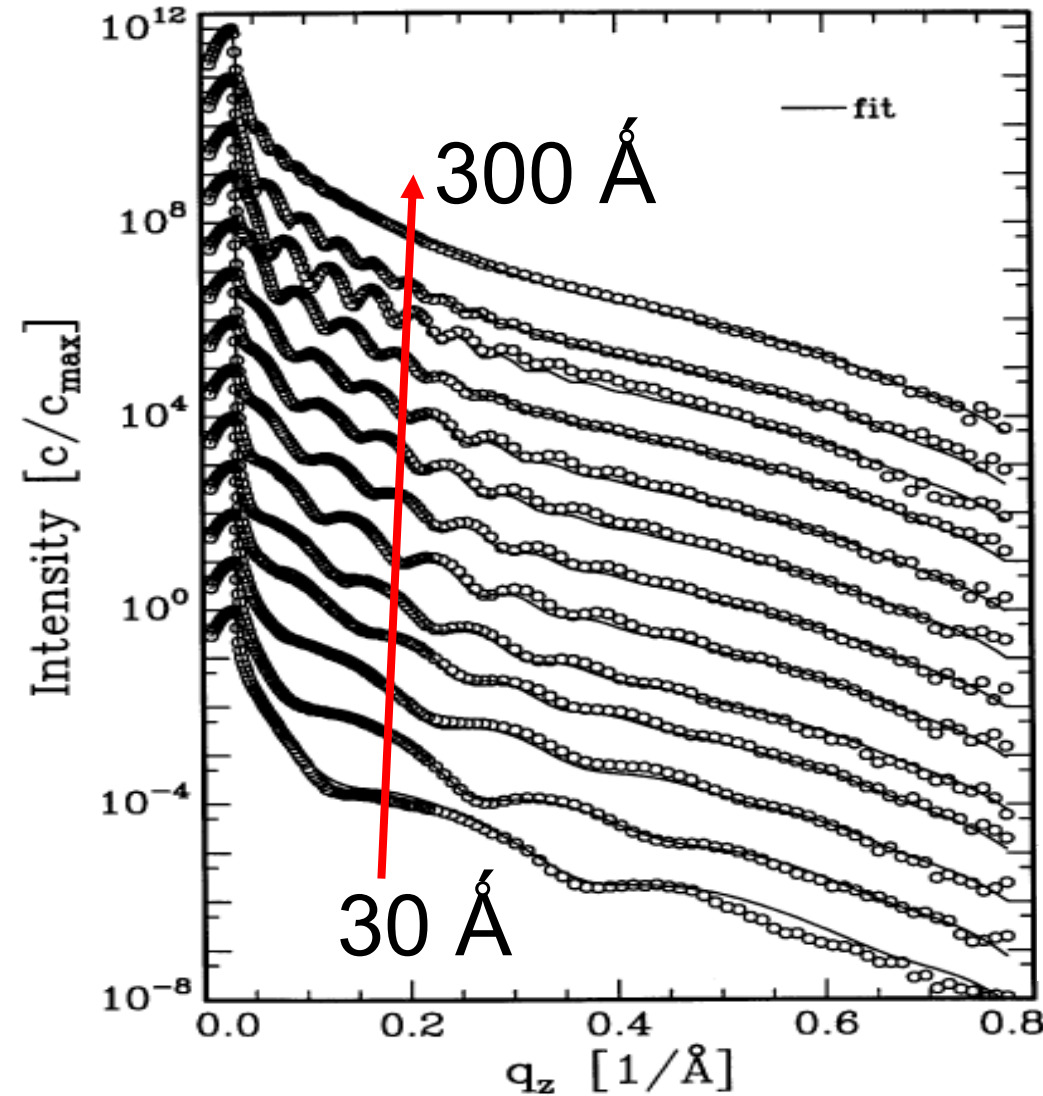
$$\chi_{\text{static}}(q) = \left( 1 + \left( \frac{qd^2}{a} \right)^2 \right)^{-1}$$

$$\chi_{\text{Liquid}}(q) = \left( 1 + \left( \frac{a}{qd^2} \right)^2 \right)^{-1}$$

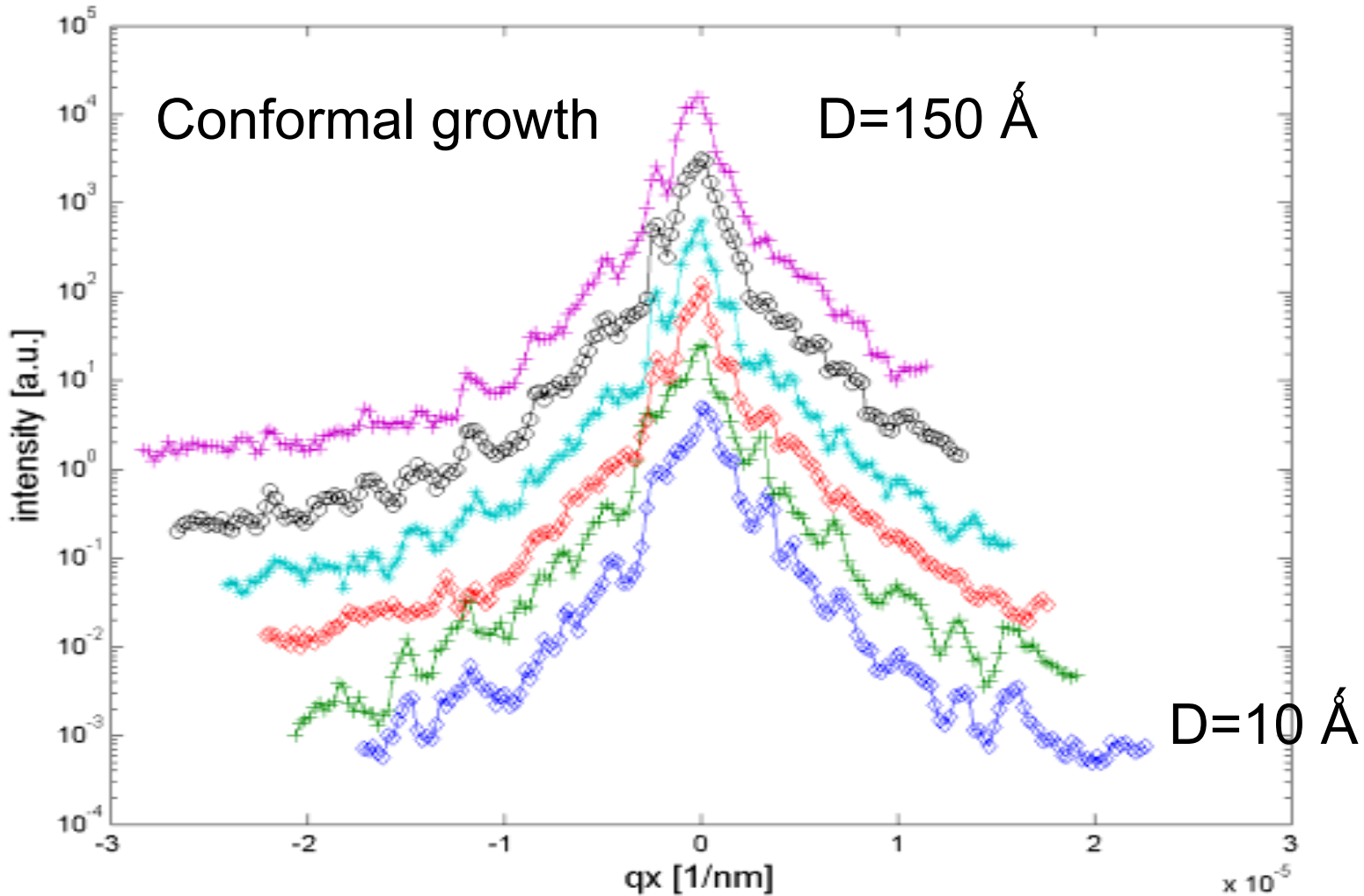
$$a = \sqrt{\frac{A_{\text{eff}}}{2\pi\gamma}} \approx 5 \text{\AA}$$

# ,Incoherent' Scattering

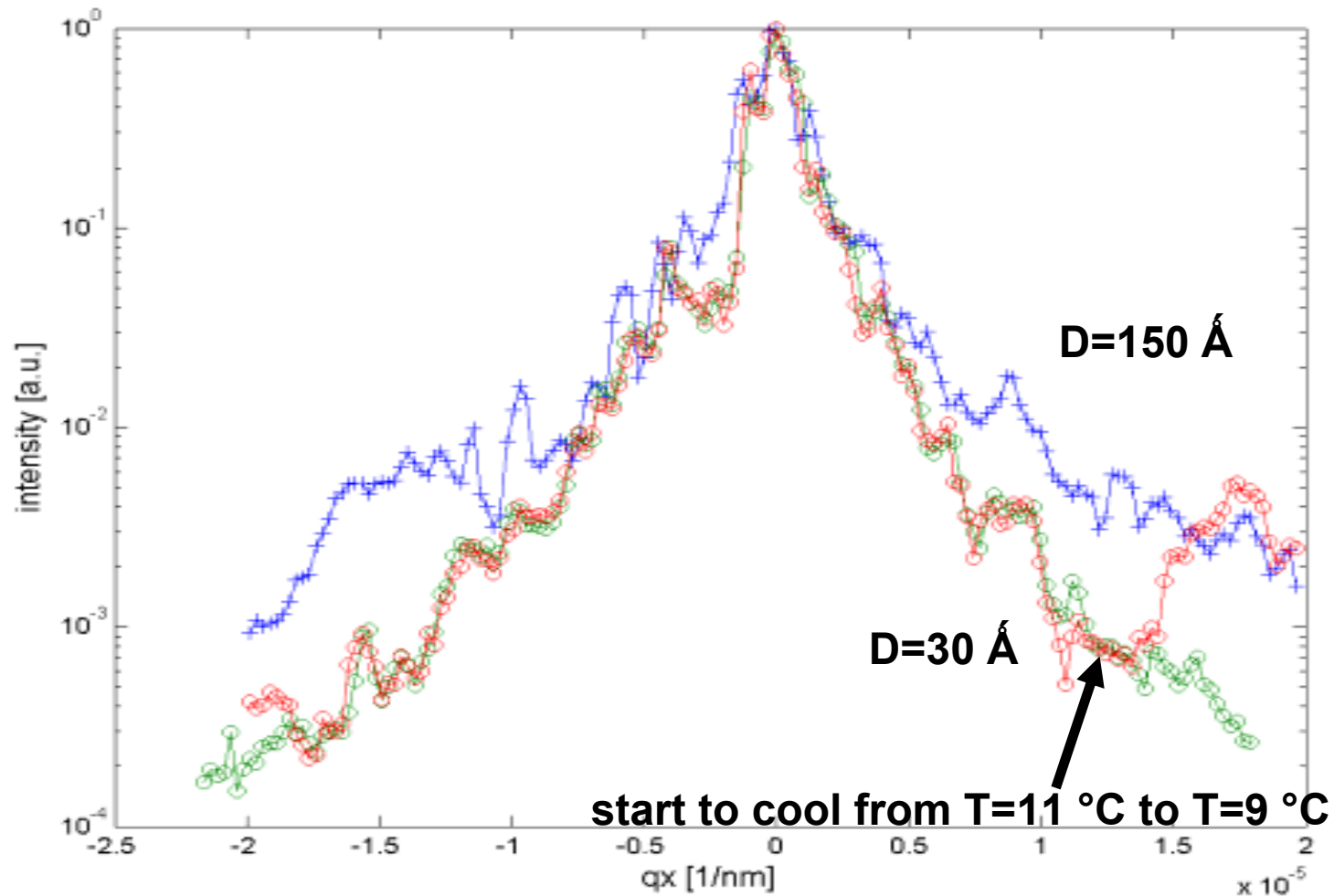
*A.K. Doerr et al. / Physica B 248 (1998) 263–268*



# Static speckle pattern from *slowly* grown liquid thin films

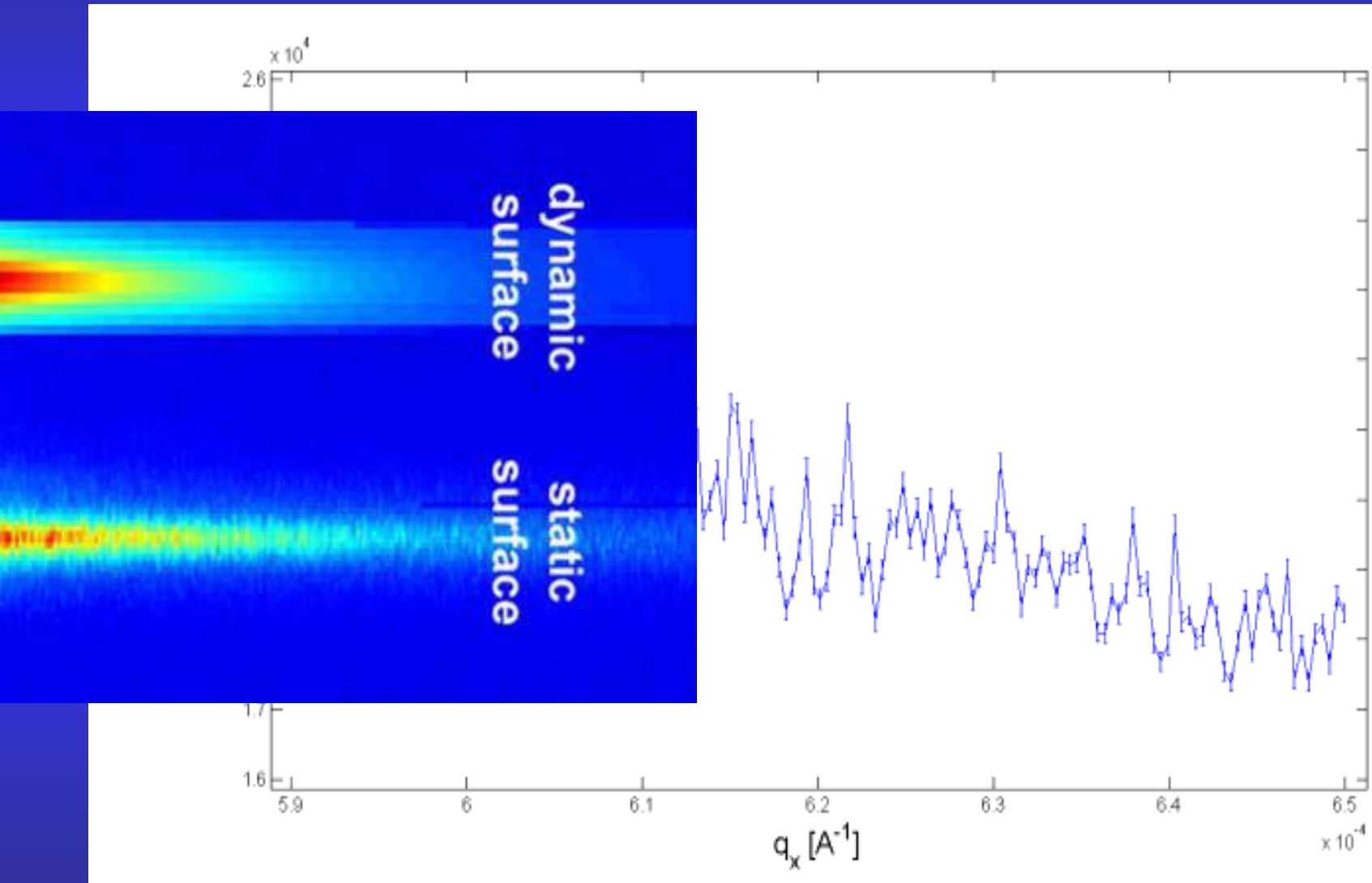


# Static speckle pattern from *quickly* grown liquid thin films

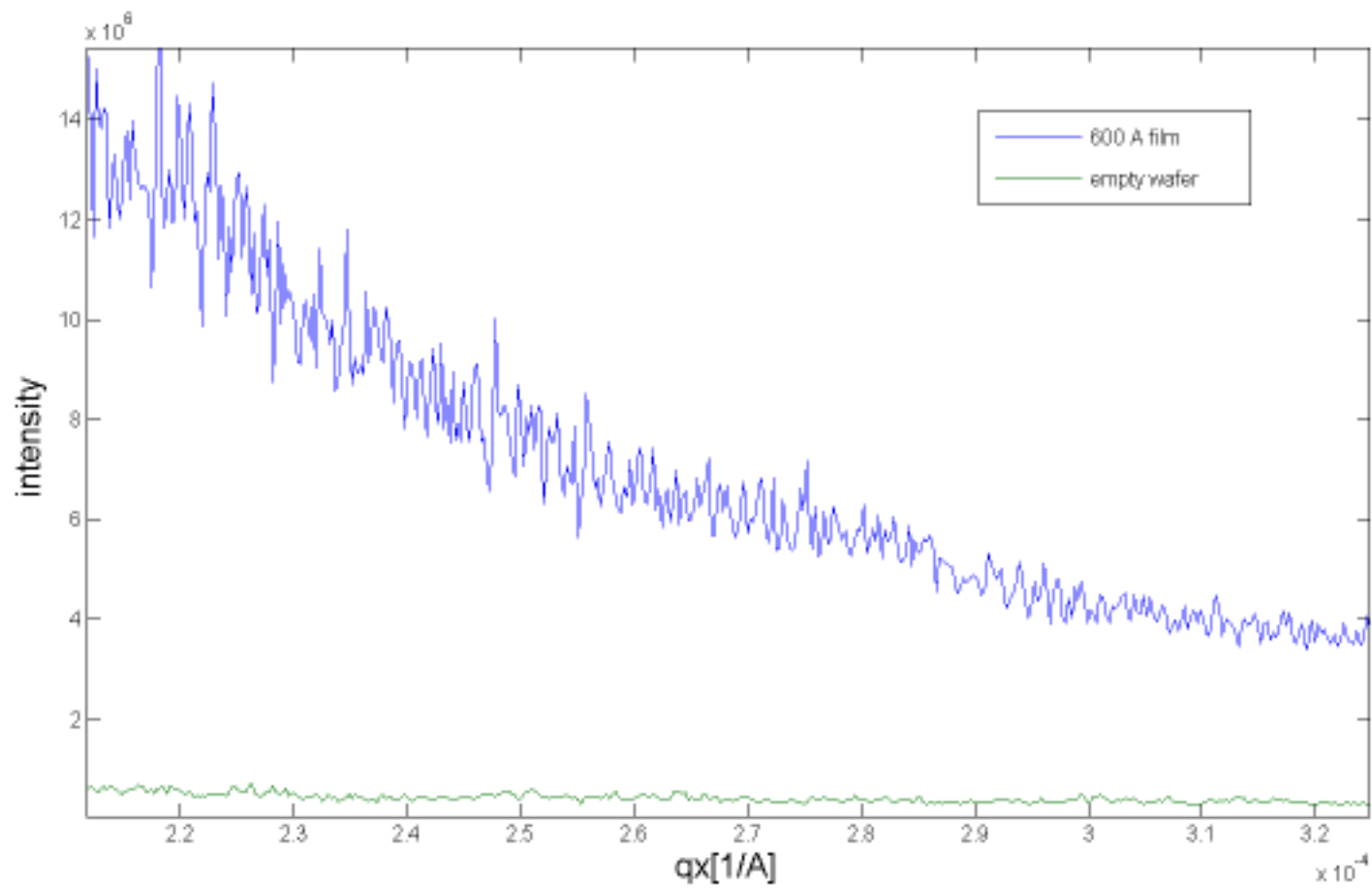




# CCD Image - 300 Å thick film



# Comparison scattering intensity empty wafer – 600 Å hexane film



# Thin Vapor Deposited Hexane Films

- surface dynamics basically arrested
- no capillary waves
- conformal roughness for low deposition rates
- surface roughness due to static disorder



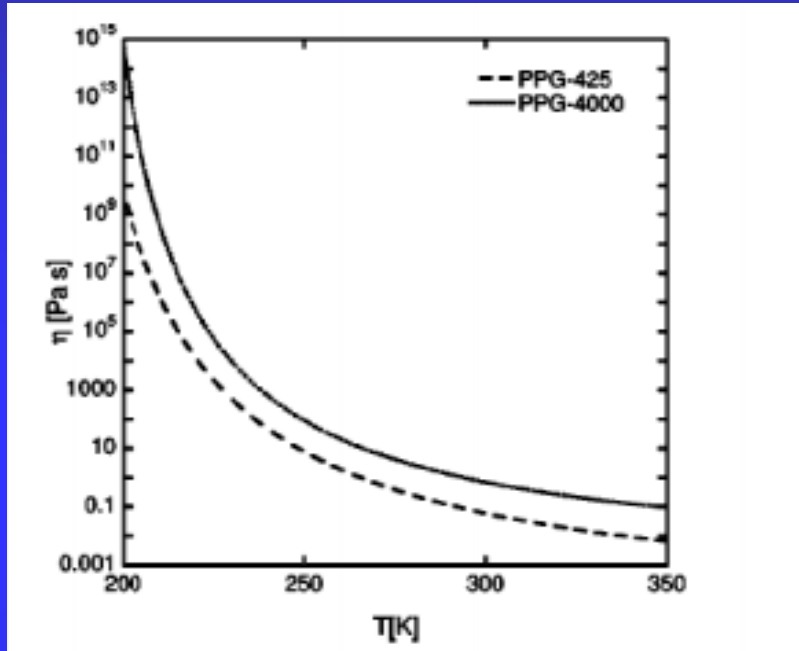
A large red oval with a black border is centered on a light blue background. Inside the oval, the text "4. Glass Transition" is written in white, bold, sans-serif font.

# 4. Glass Transition



**Glassy Surface of Poly-Propylene-Glycol at T=180 K**

# Surface fluctuations close to the glass transition



Frequency dependent viscosity

$$\eta(\omega) = \frac{\eta_0}{1 - i\omega\tau}$$

Relaxation time  $\tau = \frac{\eta_0\rho}{G}$

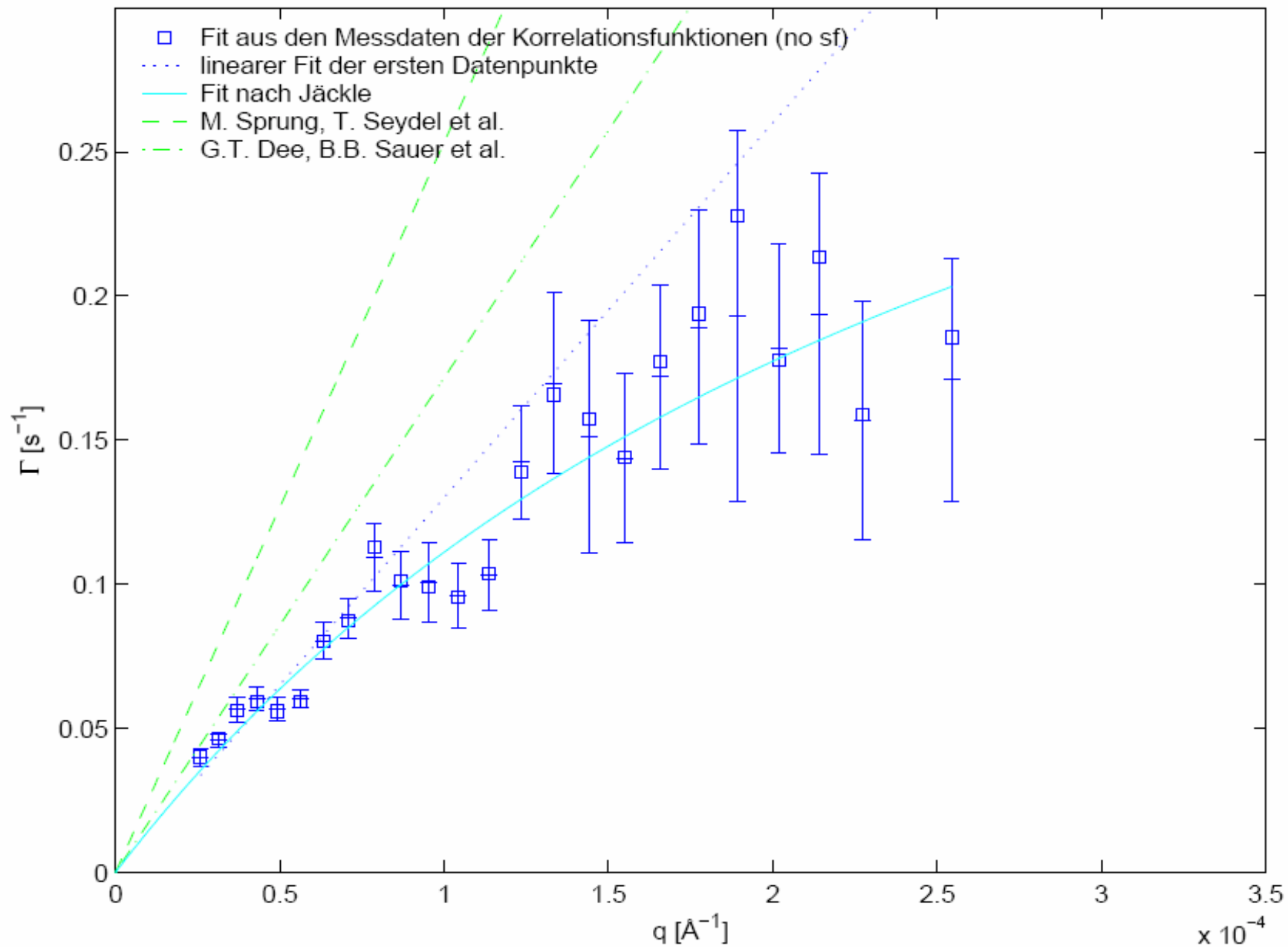
$$\Gamma = \frac{\gamma q}{2\eta}$$

close to  $T_g$

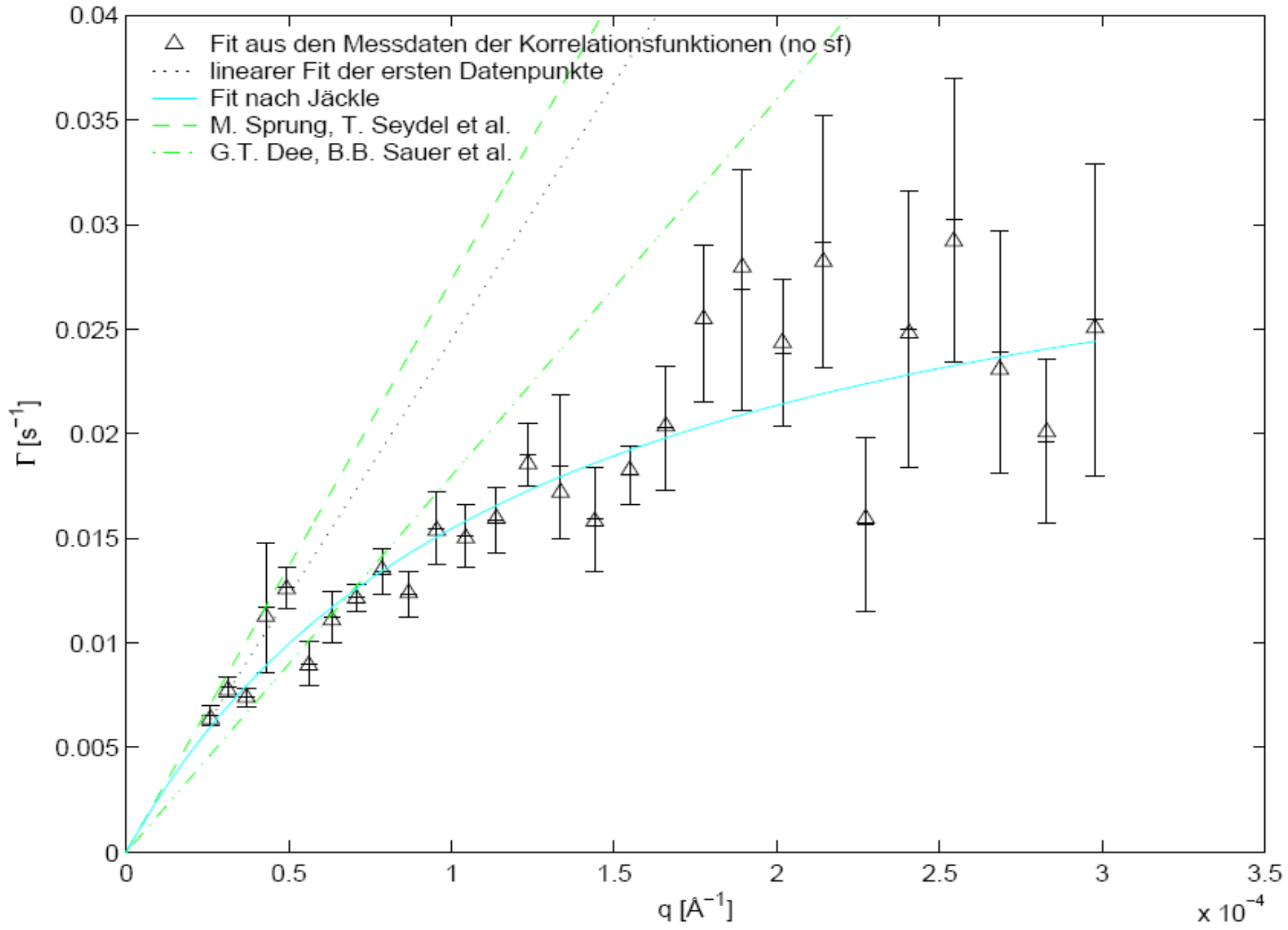


$$\Gamma = \frac{\gamma q}{2\eta_0} \left( \frac{1}{1 + \frac{q\gamma}{2G}} \right)$$

T = 219.5 K

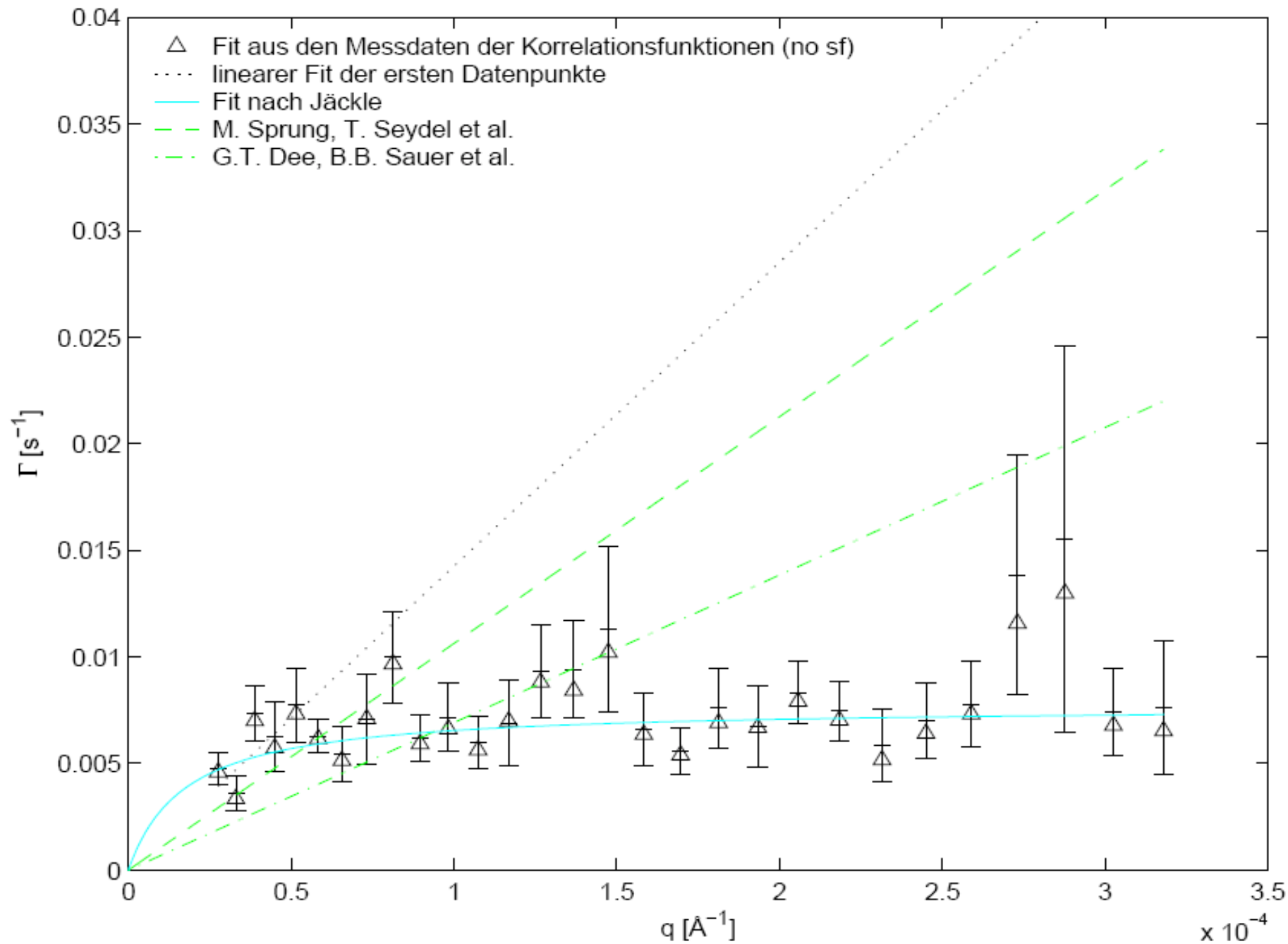


T = 214 K

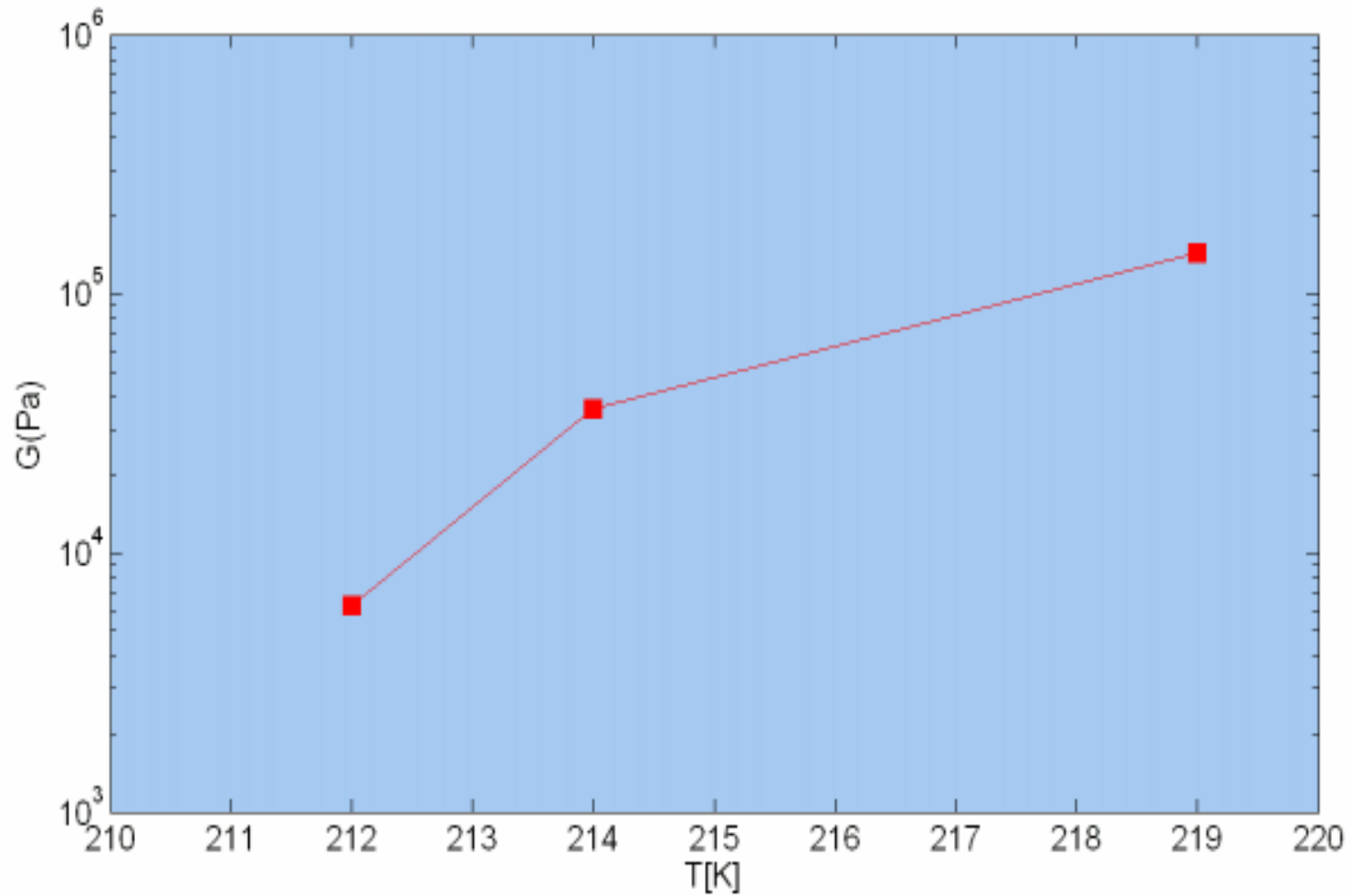




T = 212 K



# Shear Modulus $G(\eta)$ at the Surface



# Summary & Conclusions

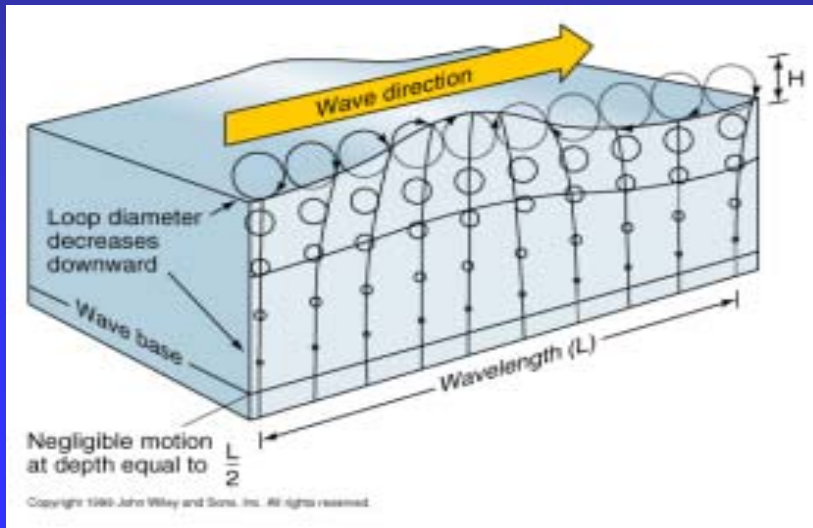
- Dynamics of Bulk liquids
- Morphology of Confined Liquids
- Surface Glass Transition

## Outlook

- Dynamics of buried interfaces (e.g. Polymer-Polymer)
- Magnetic interfaces
- Bio-Systems

Development of fast 2d detectors !!

# Surfaces - Static and Dynamics



Static  $z(x,y)$   
determined by free energy  $F$

$$\Delta F \approx \frac{1}{2} \int dA \left( \gamma (|\nabla z(r)|^2 + \rho g z(r)^2) \right)$$

Dynamic  $z(x,y,t)$  – determined by hydrodynamics

$$(1) \frac{\partial \rho}{\partial t} = -\nabla \cdot (\rho \mathbf{v})$$

$$(2) \frac{\partial h}{\partial t} = \kappa \nabla^2 T$$

$$(3) \rho \left[ \frac{\partial \mathbf{v}}{\partial t} + (\mathbf{v} \cdot \nabla) \mathbf{v} \right] - \nabla p - \eta \nabla^2 \mathbf{v} - \left( \zeta + \frac{1}{3} \eta \right) \nabla (\nabla \cdot \mathbf{v}) = 0$$

$$(4) \sigma^{zz} = \gamma \frac{\partial^2 z(r)}{\partial x^2}, \sigma^{zx} = \sigma^{yz} = 0$$

# X-Ray Diffraction - Revisited



## Fraunhofer vs. Fresnel

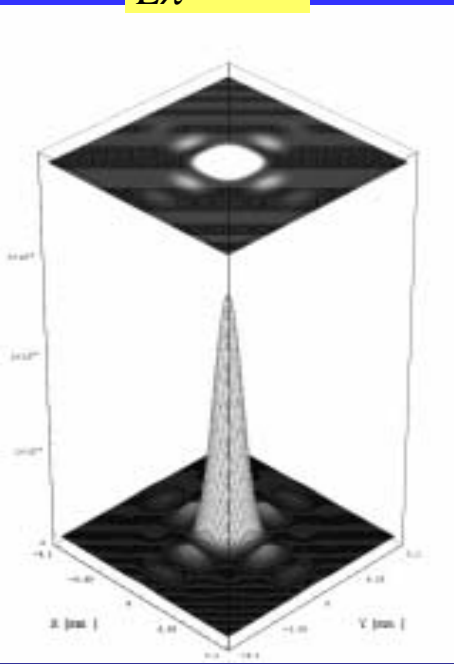
Fraunhofer-Condition

$$\frac{\sigma^2}{L\lambda} \ll 1$$



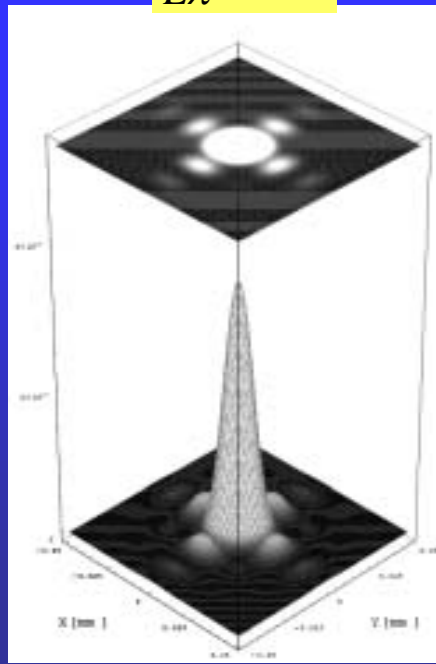
5  $\mu\text{m}$

$$\frac{\sigma^2}{L\lambda} \approx 0.16$$



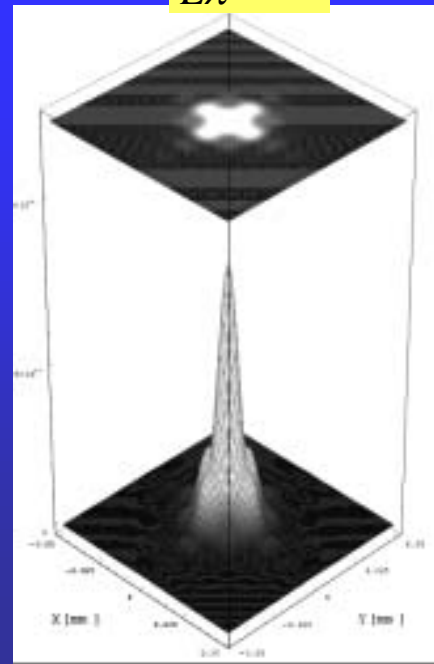
10  $\mu\text{m}$

$$\frac{\sigma^2}{L\lambda} \approx 0.66$$



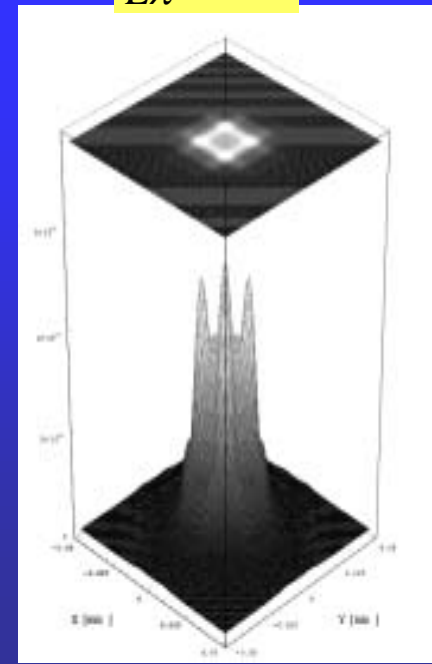
15  $\mu\text{m}$

$$\frac{\sigma^2}{L\lambda} \approx 1.5$$



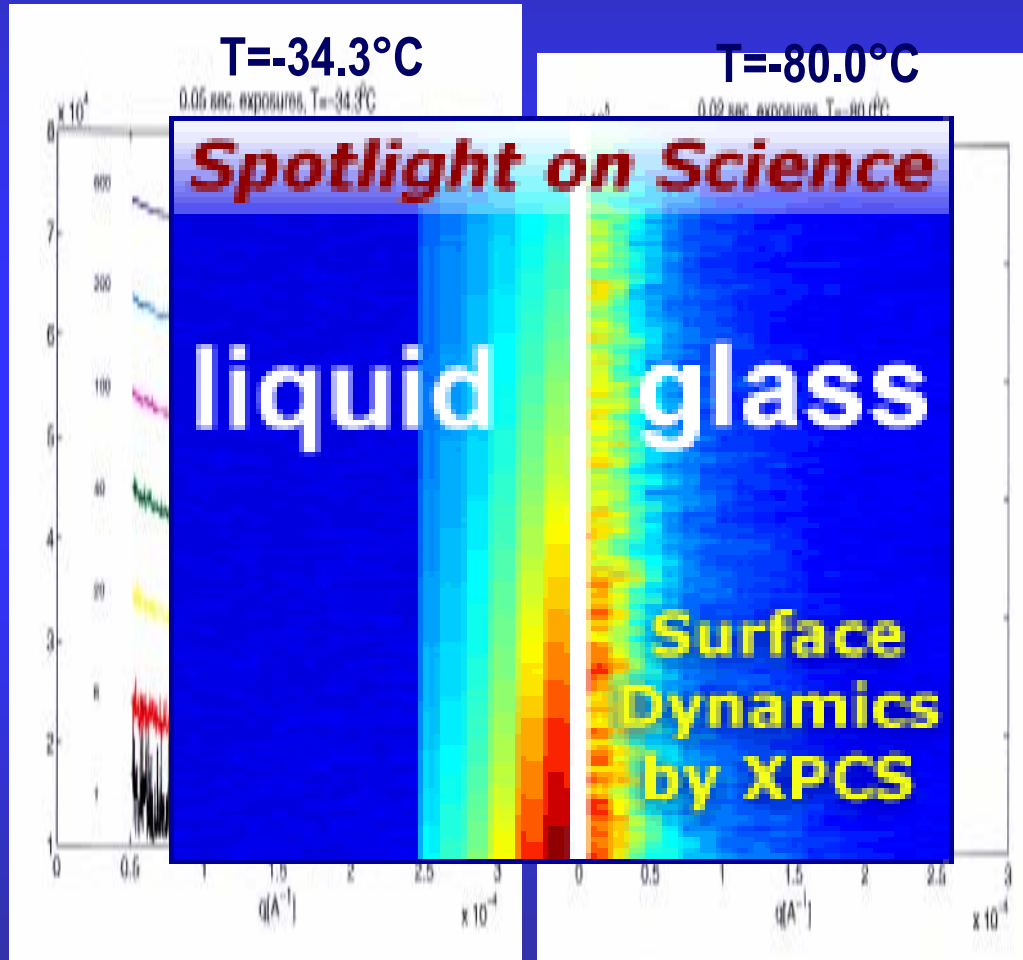
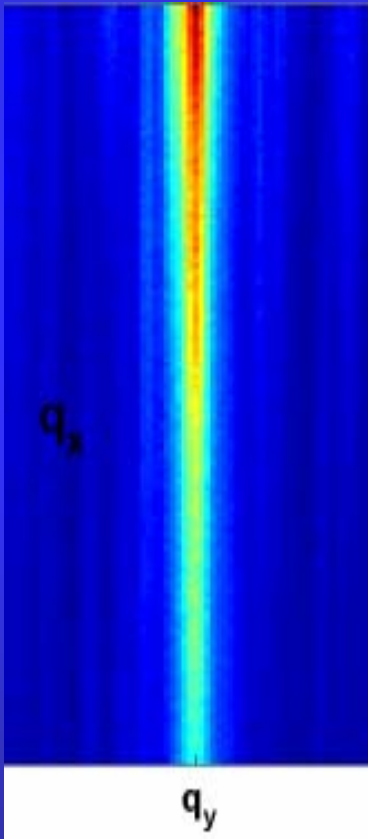
20  $\mu\text{m}$

$$\frac{\sigma^2}{L\lambda} \approx 2.66$$



# Coherent scattering from dynamic samples

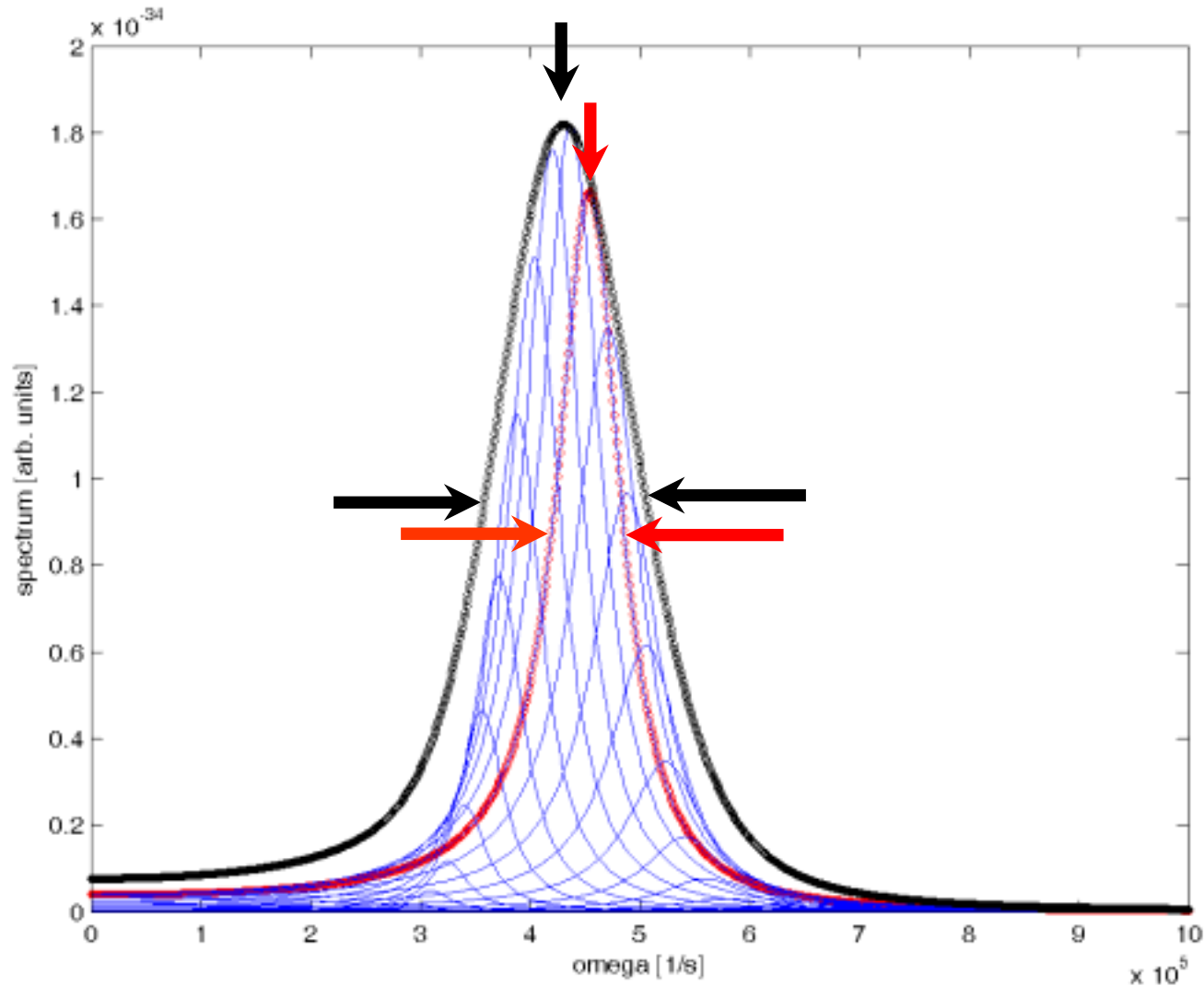
Liquid surface of glycerol



# Resolution effects for propagating capillary waves

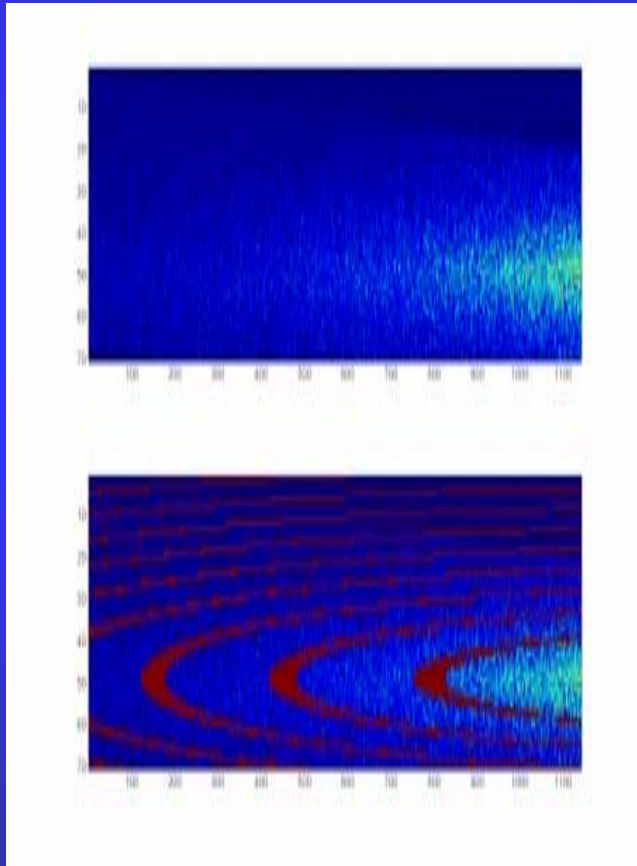
a) a small shift of the propagating frequency to lower values

b) a large increase of the damping constant



# Calculation of correlation functions

YORICK (APS, MIT)  
MatLab (SanDiego, APS, Dortmund)



$$g(q, \tau) = \frac{\langle I(q, t) I(q, t + \tau) \rangle_t}{\langle I(q, t) I(q, t) \rangle_t}$$

homodyne detection –  
no reference beam

$$g(q, \tau) = 1 + \alpha \left| \frac{S(q, \tau)}{S(q, 0)} \right|^2$$

heterodyne detection  
mixing with reference beam

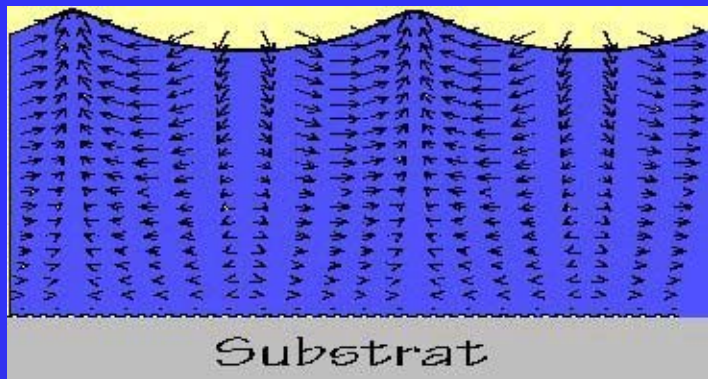
$$g(q, \tau) = 1 + \alpha \left| \frac{S(q, \tau)}{S(q, 0)} \right|^2 + \beta \frac{S(q, \tau)}{S(q, 0)}$$

Sample correlation function

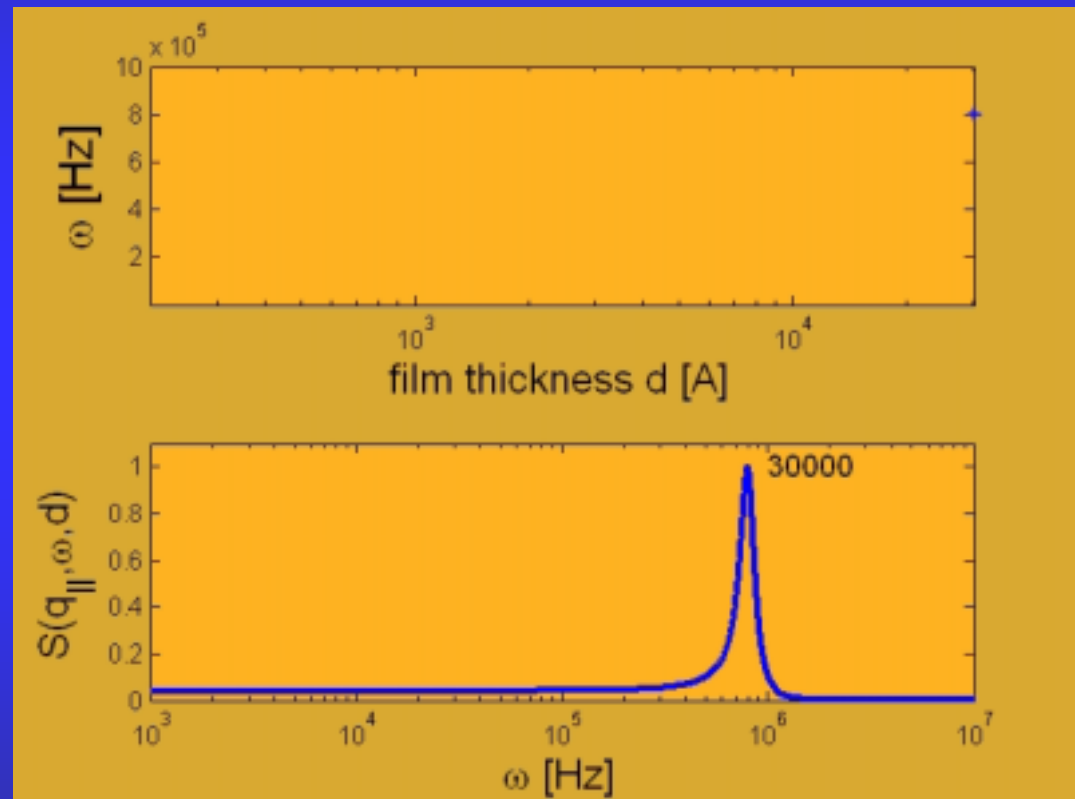
$$S(q, \tau) = \rho(-k, 0) \rho(k, \tau)$$

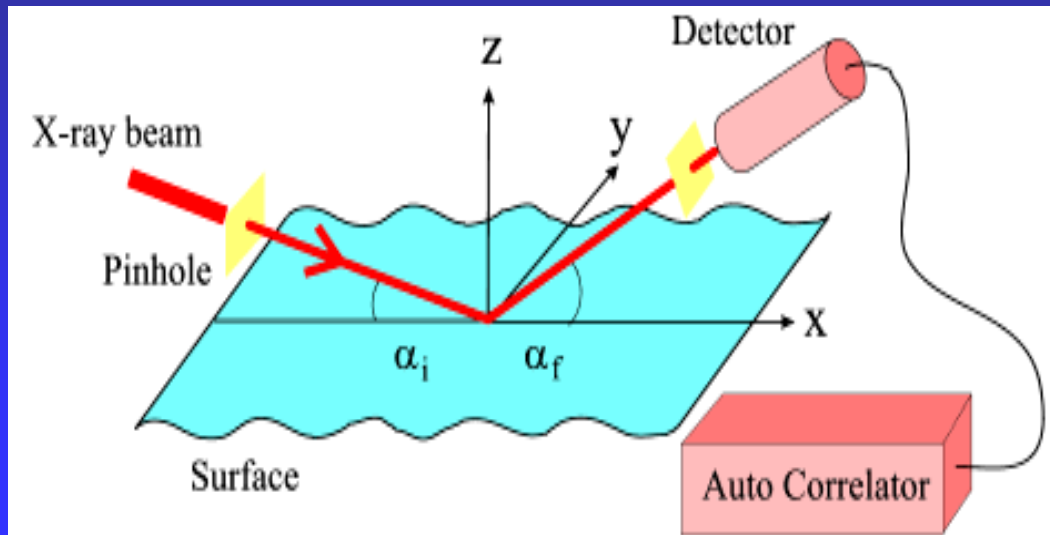


# Surface Spectra of Thin Liquid Films

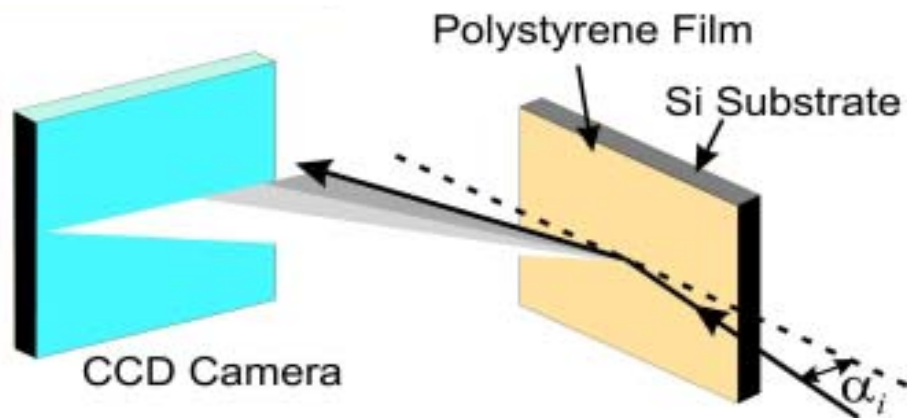


Extra boundary condition at the substrate





$$G(\tau) = \frac{I(t + \tau)I(t)}{I(t)^2}$$



## 2. Bulk Liquids

