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1. Introduction

- Substrates, polyelectrolytes
- IR spectroscopy basics, Fourier Transform, sampling techniques

2. Other IR sampling techniques

- Transmission, External reflexion, Diffuse Reflexion FTIR spectroscopy

3. ATR-IR spectroscopy

3.1. Detection, chemical composition

- PEL (multi)layers: adsorbed amount, thickness, dissociation degree, ion & protein interaction
- PEL complexes: composition/stoichiometry

3.2. Conformation and orientation

- Charged polypeptides
- in-plane orientation of PEL multilayers

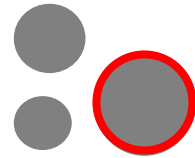
3.3. Interaction

- Salt, chiral compounds, proteins
- Solvent diffusion

3.4. Combination with other techniques

- Electrokinetics

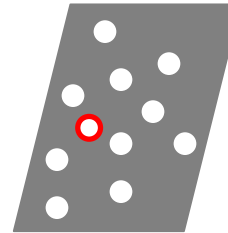
4. Summary



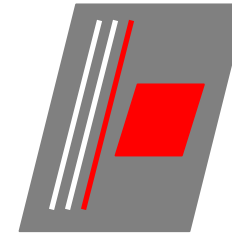
dispersed particles



fibers

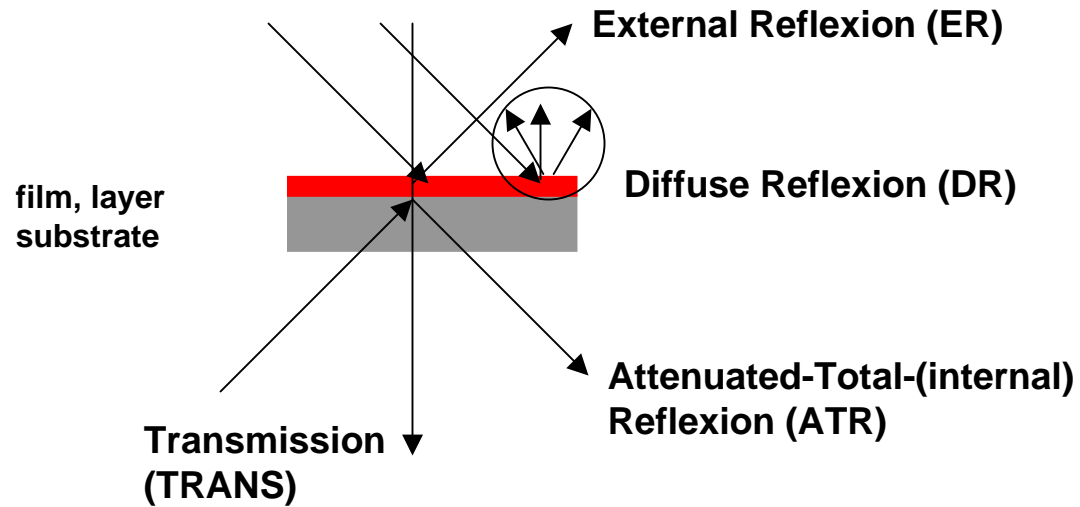


membrane



planar substrate

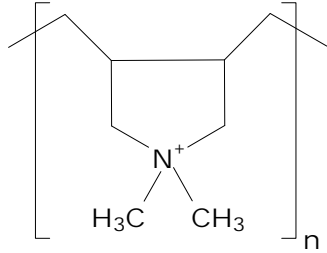
Substrate
Modification layer



1. Polyelectrolytes

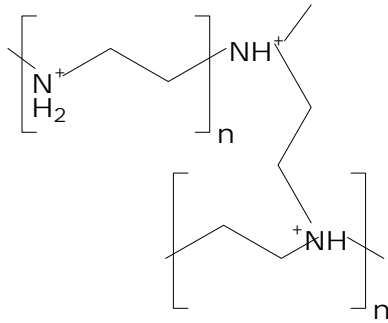


Polycations



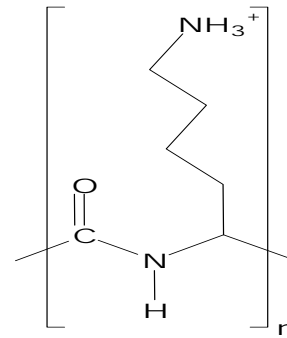
PDADMAC

(Poly(diallyldimethylammonium))
(37.000-250.000 g/mol)



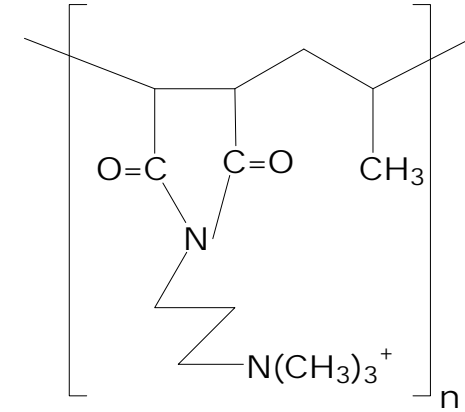
PEI

Poly(ethylenimine)
(750.000 g/mol)



PLL

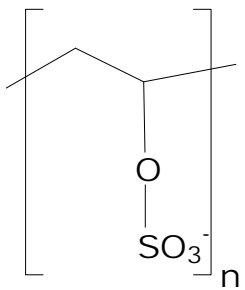
Poly(L-lysine)
(25.000 ... 309.000 g/mol)



PMI-P

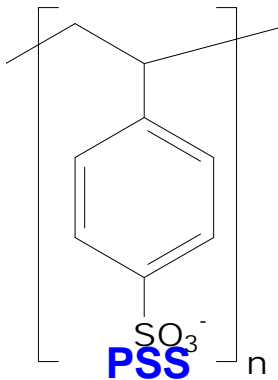
Poly(N-trimethylammonium propylmaleimide-co-propylene)

Polyanions



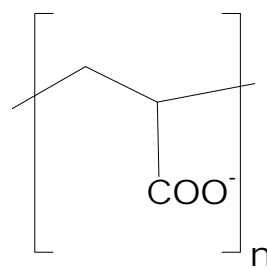
PVS

Poly(vinylsulfate)
(162.000 g/mol)



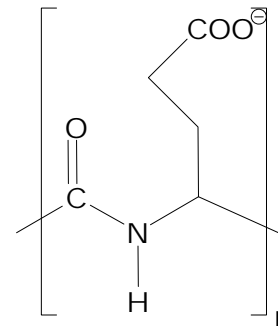
PSS

Poly(styrenesulfonate)
(70.000 g/mol)



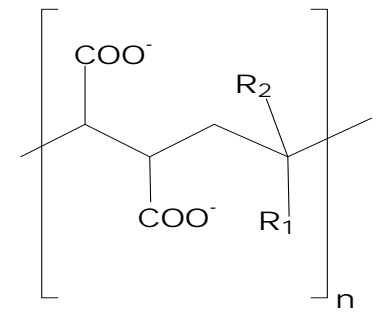
PAC

Poly(acrylic acid)
(50.000–4.000.000 g/mol)



PLG

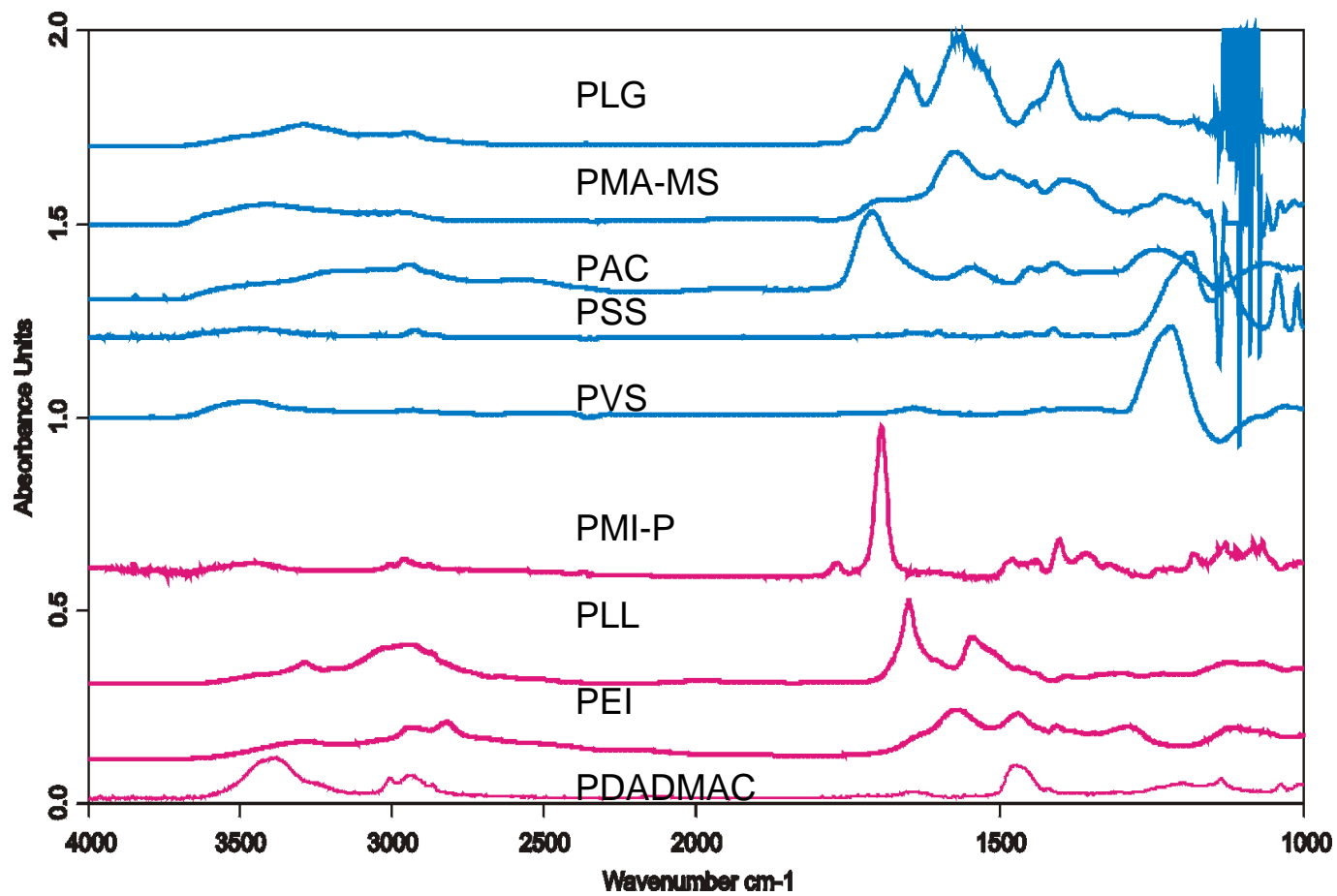
Poly(L-glutamic acid)
(70.000 g/mol)



PMA-X

Poly(maleic acid-co-olefine) (25000-50000)

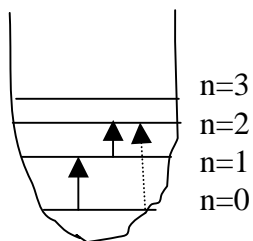
1. Polyelectrolyte IR spectra



Total energy of a molecule

$$E_{\text{TOT}} = E_{\text{ELEC}} + E_{\text{VIB}} + E_{\text{ROT}} + E_{\text{TRANS}}$$

E_{VIB} : Harmonic oscillator



$$\nu = 1/2 \pi (k/\mu)^{1/2}$$

k: force constant
 μ : reduced mass

Fundamental vibrations

$\nu(\text{AB})$: A---B
 asymmetric, symmetric stretch

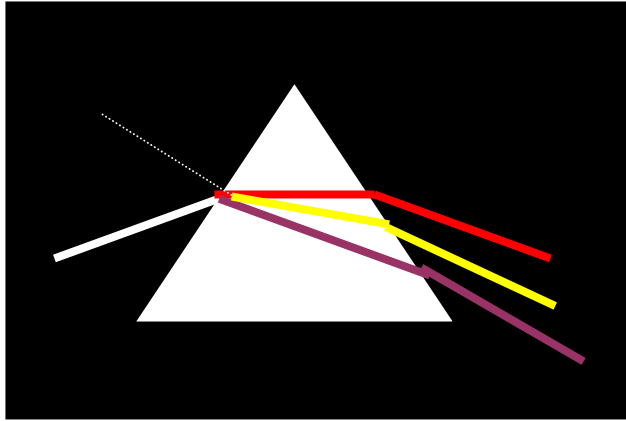
$\delta(\text{ABC})$: A---B---C
 bending, deformation

$\tau(\text{BC})$: A---B---C---D
 torsion

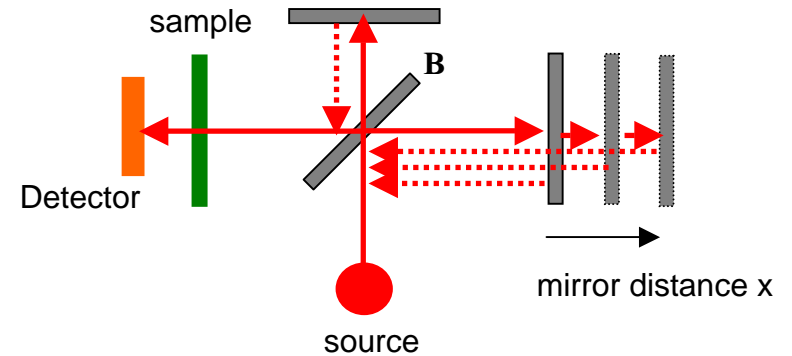
Infrared regions

	Wavenumber $\tilde{\nu}$ / [cm ⁻¹]	Wavelength λ / [μm]	Frequency $\nu = c\tilde{\nu}$ / [s ⁻¹]	Energy E / [J]
Near Infrared (Overtones)	10000 - 4000	1 - 2.5	3 - 1.2 * 10 ¹⁴	1.88 - 0.76 * 10 ⁻¹⁹
Mid Infrared (Fundamental)	4000 - 400	2.5 - 25	1.2 - 0.12 * 10 ¹⁴	7.6 - 0.76 * 10 ⁻²⁰
Far Infrared (Skeletal)	400 - 40	25 - 1000	1.2 - 0.12 * 10 ¹³	7.6 - 0.76 * 10 ⁻²¹

Dispersive Spectrometer



Fourier-Transform-(FT)-Spectrometer



Monochromatic radiation
(LASER)

$$I(x) = A_0 \sin(2 \pi \nu_0 x)$$

undamped sine

Polychromatic radiation
(e.g. Globar)

$$I(x) = \sum_i A_i \sin(2 \pi \nu_i x)$$

sum of sines: interferogram

Exponentially damped
sine function:

$$I(x) = A_0 \sin(2 \pi \nu_0 x) \cdot \exp(-2 \pi \gamma x)$$

I: intensity

x: mirror distance

ν_0 : frequency

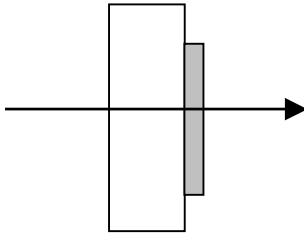
A: absorbance

γ : half width

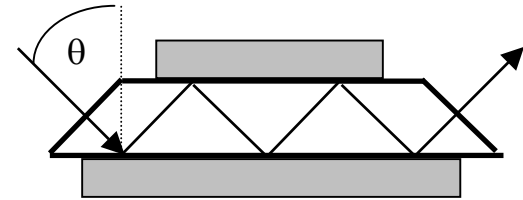
Lorentzian function:

$$A(\nu) = A_0 \gamma^2 / [\gamma^2 + (\nu - \nu_0)^2]$$

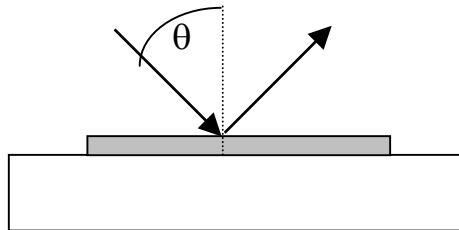
- Transmission IR (TRANS-IR)



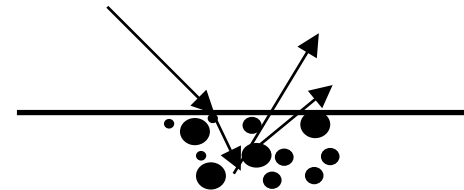
- Internal Reflexion Spectroscopy (IRS)
Attenuated Total Reflexion IR (ATR-IR)



- External-Reflection-(IR)-Spectroscopy (ERS)
Grating Incidence IR (GIR)
IR Reflexion Absorption Spectroscopy (IRRAS)



- Diffuse Reflexion Spectroscopy (DRS)
Diffuse Reflexion IR Fourier Transform (DRIFT)



(1) Samples

- Solutions in cuvettes (NaCl, CaF₂)
- Films, layers at silicon supports

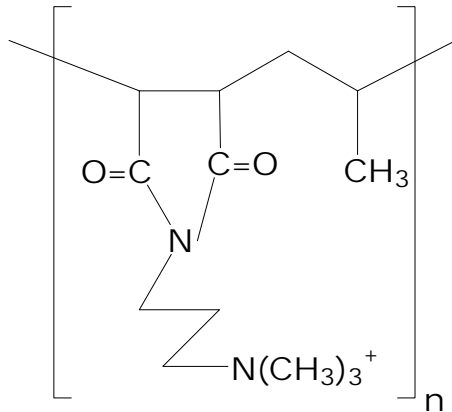
(2) Quantification of the adsorbed amount:

$$I/I_0 = A \propto M^2 E^2 \cos^2(M, E)$$

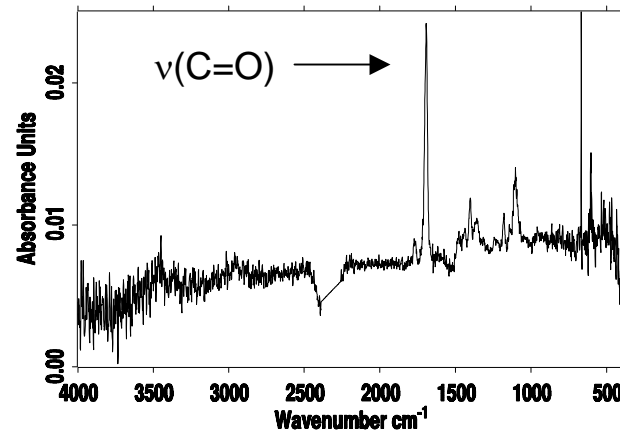
$$A = \varepsilon c d$$

$$\Gamma = c d$$

(3) Sensitivity / Detection limit (DL):



PMI-P:
Poly((N-trimethylammonium)
propylmaleimid-co-propylen)



TRANS IR of PMIP-film
(25 μg within a 42*10 mm² stripe on Si-IRE).

Peak intensity ν(C=O): 0.016 ± 0.001
Surf. conc: ≈ 5.952 μg/cm²
DL: ≈ 0.372 μg/cm².

(related to minimum resolvable
peak intensity of 1 mA (milliabsorbance)
of ν(C=O))

(A) Detection, chemical composition

- Adsorbed amount, layer thickness
- Dissociation degree of weak polyacids

(B) Coordination

- Complexation of cations by polyacid

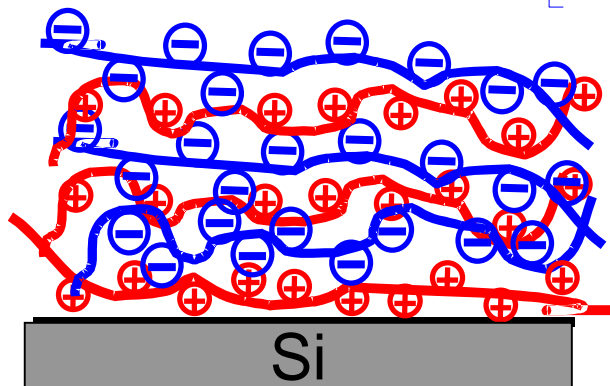
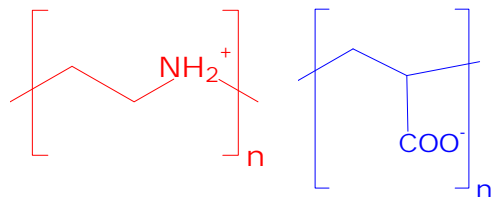
(C) Polymer conformation and orientation

- *in-plane* orientation of polypeptides on texturised supports

2. TRANS-IR (A): Adsorbed amount, layer thickness

System: **PEI/PAC**

pH = **9 / 4**



Absorbance (unpolarized light):

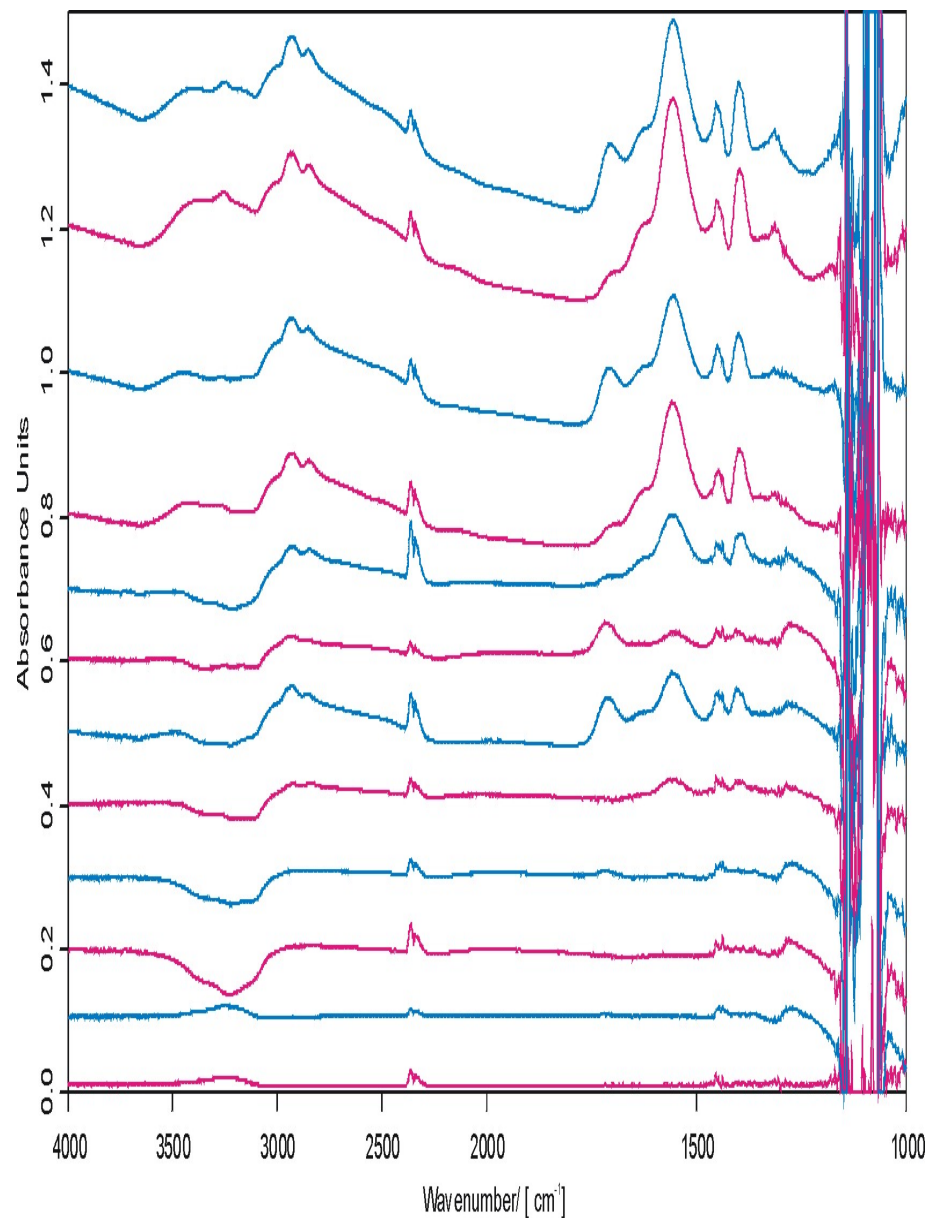
$$A = -\log(I/I_0) = \epsilon c d$$

A: Absorbance **e:** Absorption coefficient

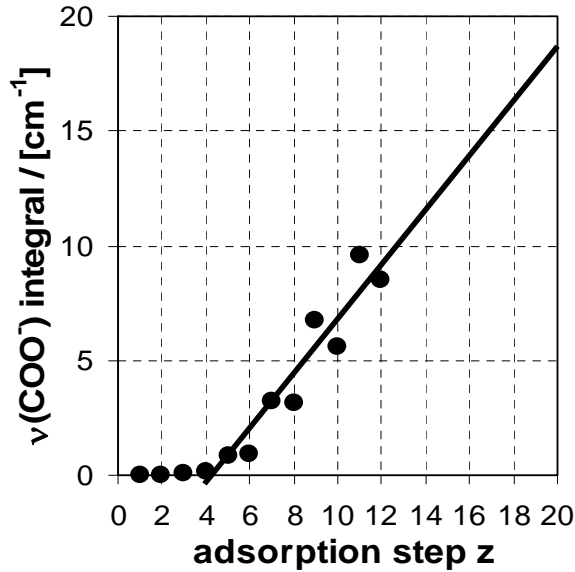
c: concentration **d:** (layer) thickness

Surface concentration:

$$\Gamma = c d$$



Transmission-FTIR

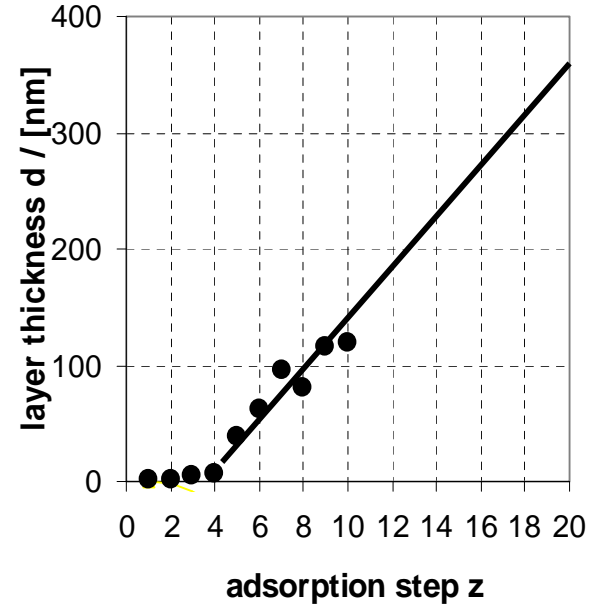


PEL adsorption:

$$A(z) = A_0 (z - z_0)$$

$$A_0 \approx 1.1 \text{ cm}^{-1} \text{ (dry state)}$$

Ellipsometry



PEL adsorption:

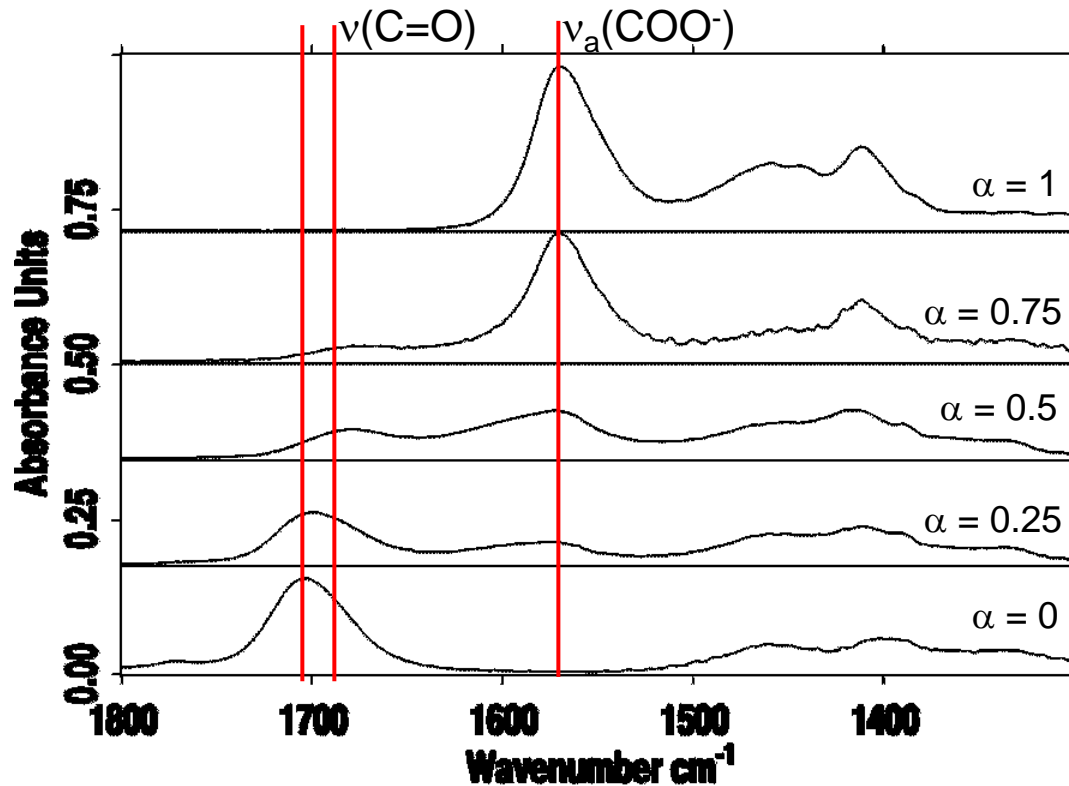
$$d(z) = d_0 (z - z_0)$$

$$d_0 \approx 20 \text{ nm} \text{ (dry state)}$$

Principle: IR spectroscopy is sensitive for:

- $\nu(\text{C}=\text{O})$ vibration of R-COOH at 1720 - 1700 cm^{-1}
- $\nu(\text{COO}^-)$ vibration of R-COO⁻ at 1590 - 1550 cm^{-1} ($\nu_a(\text{COO}^-)$) and 1410 - 1350 cm^{-1} ($\nu_s(\text{COO}^-)$)

➔ Dissociation degree α of weak (poly)acids: $\alpha = [\text{COO}^-] / (F \cdot [\text{COOH}] + [\text{COO}^-])$



Poly(maleic acid-co-propylene):

FTIR spectra on solutions with different dissociation degrees
 $\alpha = 0, 0.25, 0.5, 0.75, 1.0$ (bottom to top)

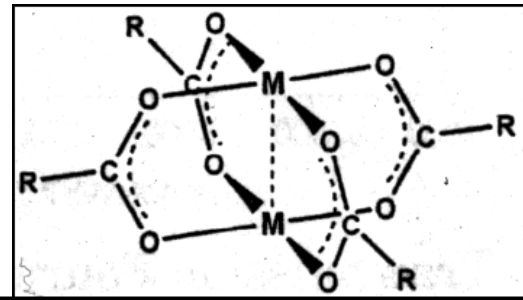
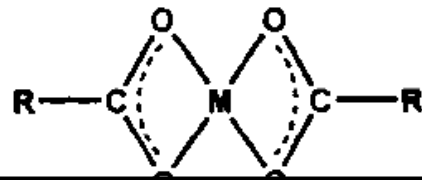
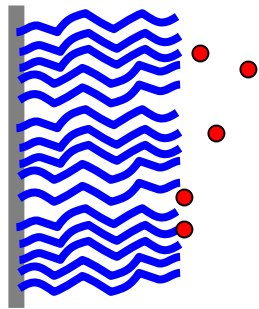
Relation α / pH:

$$\text{pH} = \text{pK} + \log \left(\frac{\alpha}{1 - \alpha} \right) \quad \text{or}$$
$$\text{pH} = \text{pK} + \log \left(\frac{[\text{COO}^-]}{[\text{COOH}]} \right)$$

2. TRANS-IR (B): Complexation of cations by polyacids

System: PMAC brush + metal ion

- McCluskey et al. and others studied poly(acrylic acid) copper ion complexes and assigned the peaks at 1559 and 1616 cm^{-1} in accordance with the data for monomeric acetate complexes.
- Poly(methacrylic acid) brushes form stable complexes with a variety of metal cations. Infrared spectra reveal different coordination geometries according to the nature of the cation. These lead to great differences in the stability of the complexes. Primarily the bridging bidentate coordination shows a greater stability than the chelating bidentate.



monodentate
1567 cm^{-1}

chelating bidentate
1540-1559 cm^{-1}

bridging bidentate
1599 - 1616 cm^{-1}

• Results

	monodentate	chelating bidentate	bridging bidentate
Cu²⁺	---	XX	XXX
Al³⁺	XXX	---	XXX
La³⁺	---	XXX	---

R. Konradi, J. Ruhe, *Macromolecules*, 37, 6957 (2004)

McCluskey, P. H.; Snyder, R.L.; Condrate, R. A.J., *SolidState Chem.* 1989, 83, 332-9.

Deacon, G. B.; Phillips, R. J. *Coord. Chem. Rev.* 1980, 33, 227-50.

Nicholson, J. W.; Wasson, E. A.; Wilson, A. D. *Br. Polym. J.* 1988,20,97-101.

(1) Samples

- stretched polymer foils
- oriented polymer films on texturised Si supports

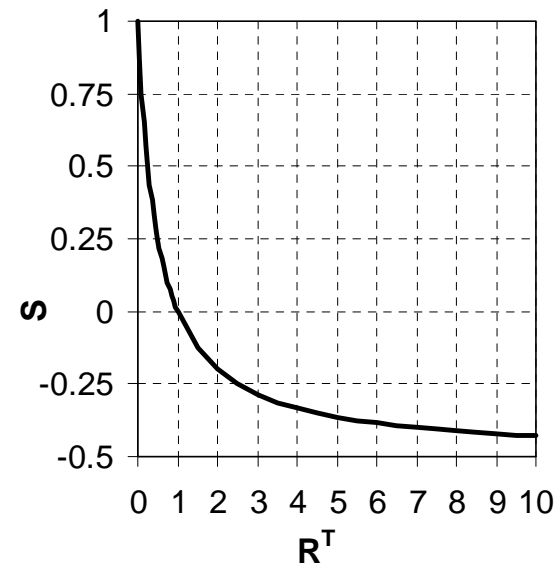
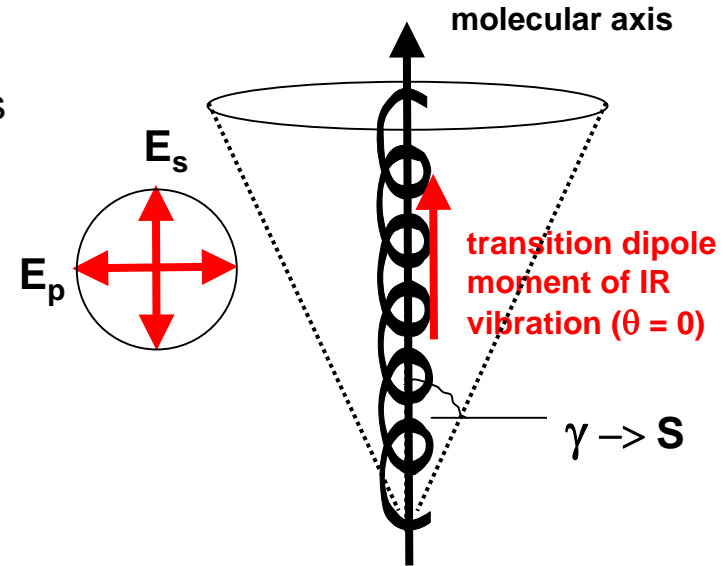
(2) Orientation analysis

$$R^T = \frac{A_p}{A_s}$$

$$S = \frac{(1 - R^T)}{(2R^T + 1)} \cdot \frac{2}{(3 \cos^2 \theta - 1)}$$

$$\gamma = \arccos \left(\sqrt{\frac{2}{3} S + \frac{1}{3}} \right)$$

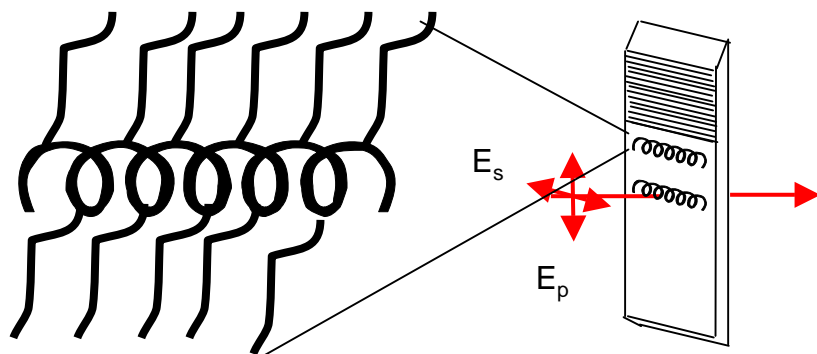
- R^T : Dichroic ratio
 θ : Angle: transition dipole moment/molecular axis
 S : Order parameter
 $S = 1$: Perfect parallel orientation to director field
 $S = 0$: No orientation
 $S = -1/2$: Perfect vertical orientation to director field



Abh. zwischen R^T und S für $\theta = 0$.

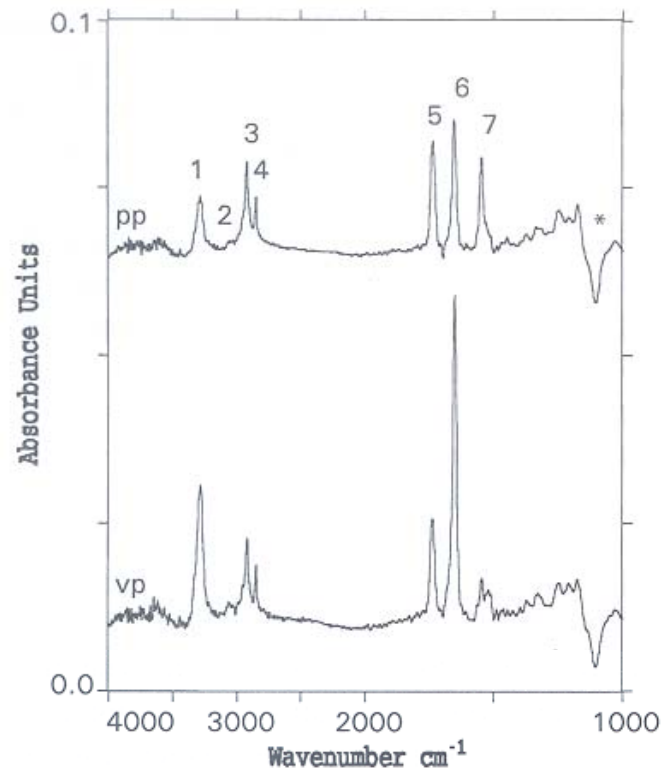
Orientation of hydrophobic polypeptides on texturised supports

Poly(methylglutamate-co-octadecylglutamate)

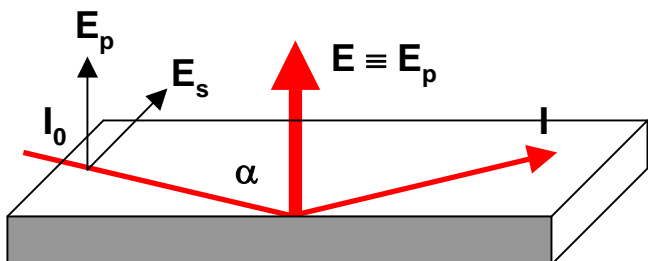


Resultate

	θ	R	S	γ_0
Amid A	28°	0.43	0.5	34°
Amid I	38°	0.46	0.5	36°
Amid II	73°	1.63	0.4	41°



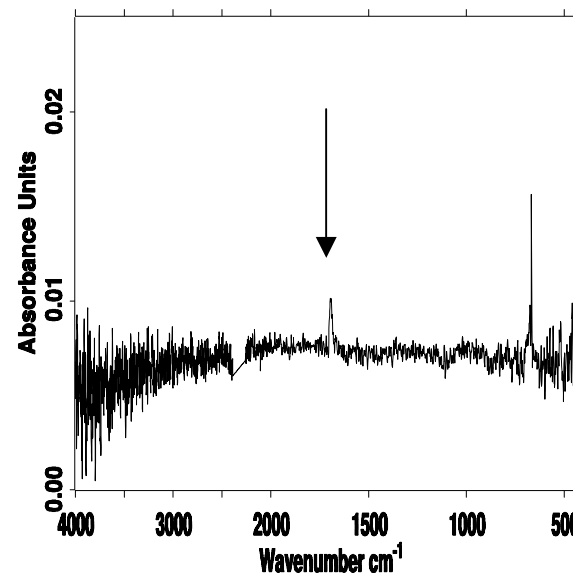
Principle



Charakteristics

- For grazing incidence ($\alpha = 76^\circ$) a standing wave (E) is formed at the solid/liquid interface by superposition of incoming and outgoing IR radiation.
- This only holds for the p-component i.e. only E_p is active ! (phase shift $\delta = 0^\circ$)
- The s-component is not active (phase shift $\delta = 180^\circ$)

Detection limit



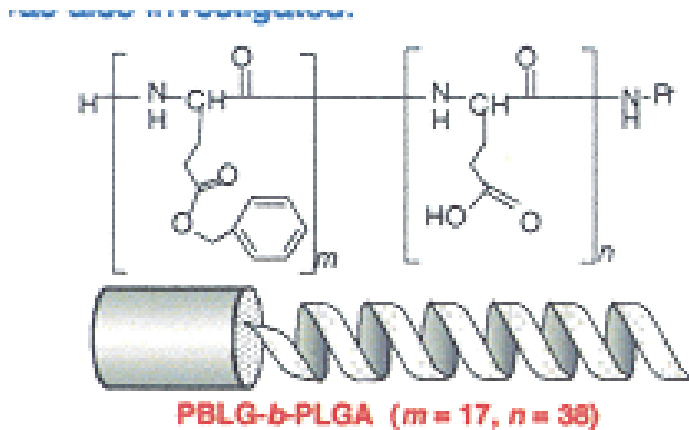
GIR spectrum of PMI-P layer on Si-IRE (76°).

Peak intensity $\nu(\text{C}=\text{O})$:	0.003 ± 0.001
Surface conc:	$5.952 \mu\text{g}/\text{cm}^2$
DL:	$\approx 2 \mu\text{g}/\text{cm}^2$.

2. ERS: Example

z-axis orientation

of poly(glutamic acid-co-benzylglutamate).
The polymer were deposited on gold substrates by LB technique under variation of surface pressure.

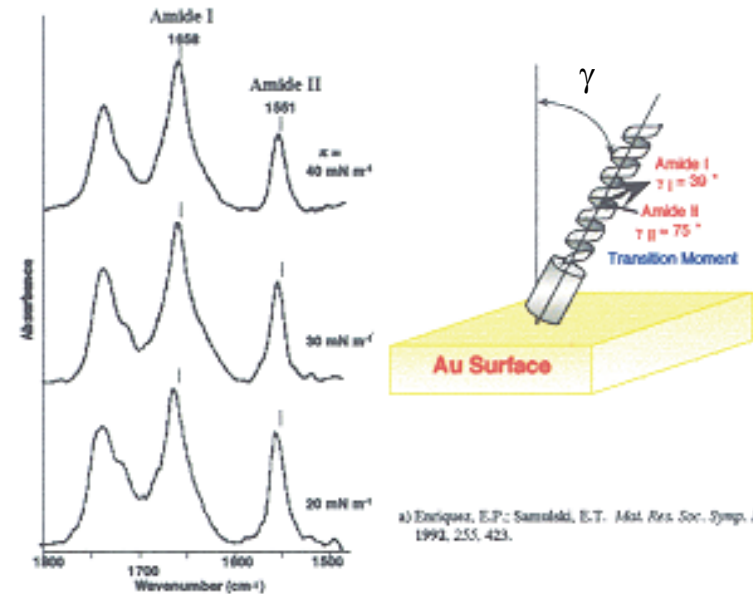


from:
N. Higashi, T. Koga and M. Niwa, presented at the ACS Spring Meeting, April 1-5, San Diego (CAL) (2001)

Orientation analysis

$$A_{\text{AMIDE I}}/A_{\text{AMIDE II}} = \varepsilon_1/\varepsilon_2 [1/2 (\sin\gamma \sin\theta_1)^2 + (\cos\gamma \cos\theta_1)^2] / [1/2 \sin\gamma \sin\theta_{11})^2 + (\cos\gamma \cos\theta_{11})^2]$$

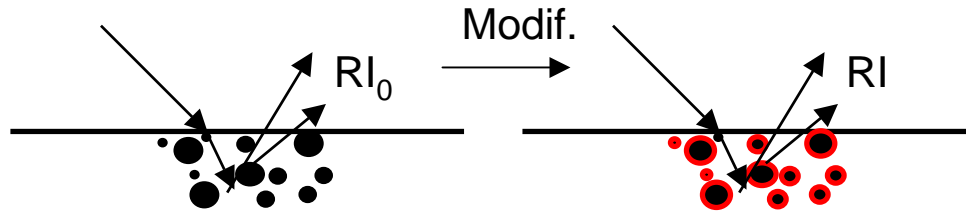
7 RA-FTIR Spectra of PBLG-b-PLGA LB Films Transferred at Various Surface Pressures, pH 4.0, 20 °C



Amide I to Amide II Integrated Intensity Ratio ($D=A_I / A_{II}$) and the Average Tilt Angle of the Helix Axes from the Surface Normal γ at Various Surface Pressure

Surface Pressure (mN/m)	$D= A_I / A_{II}$	γ
20	2.4	45°
30	2.8	40°
40	3.8	33°

Principle

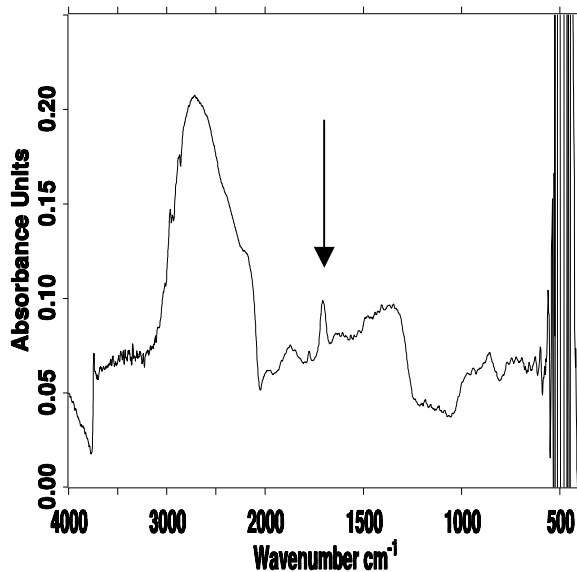


$$R(\nu) = RI(\nu) / RI_0(\nu)$$

From R the Kubelka-Munk function KM , which is an approximation for the absorbance of the scattered light, may be calculated according to:

$$KM(\nu) = [1 - R(\nu)]^2 / 2 R(\nu)$$

Detection limit



DRIFT spectrum of silica modified by PMI-P (polymer/silica ratio: 1/50 w/w in 10 ml water).

Peak intensity $\nu(C=O)$:

0.032 ± 0.001

Polymer/silica:

1/50

DL:

1/1600

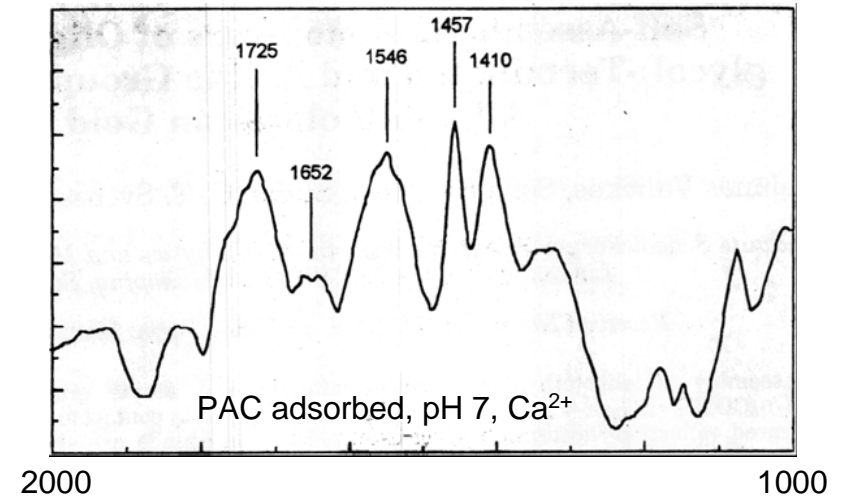
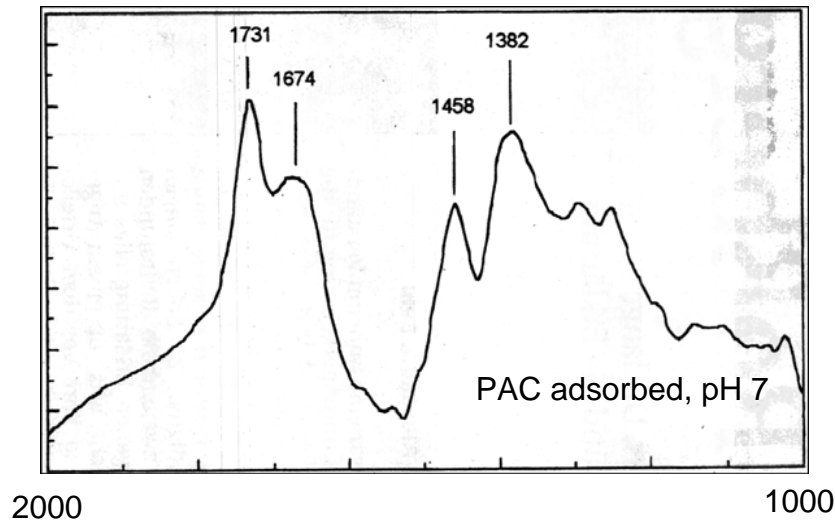
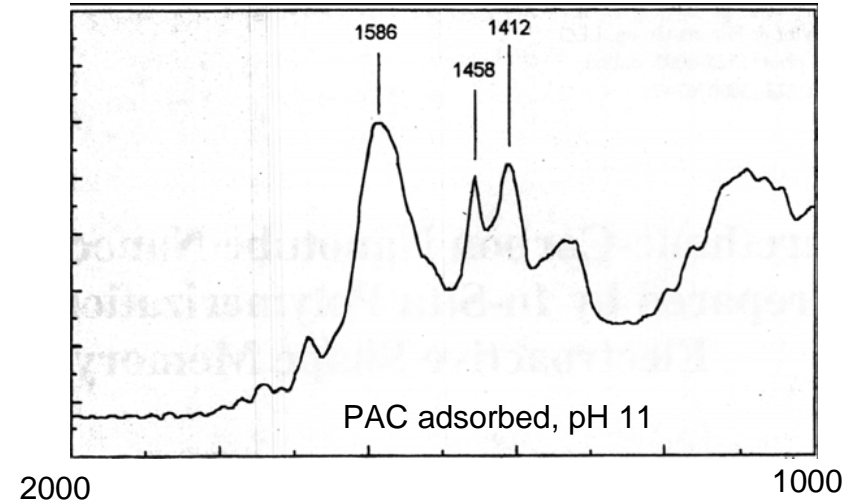
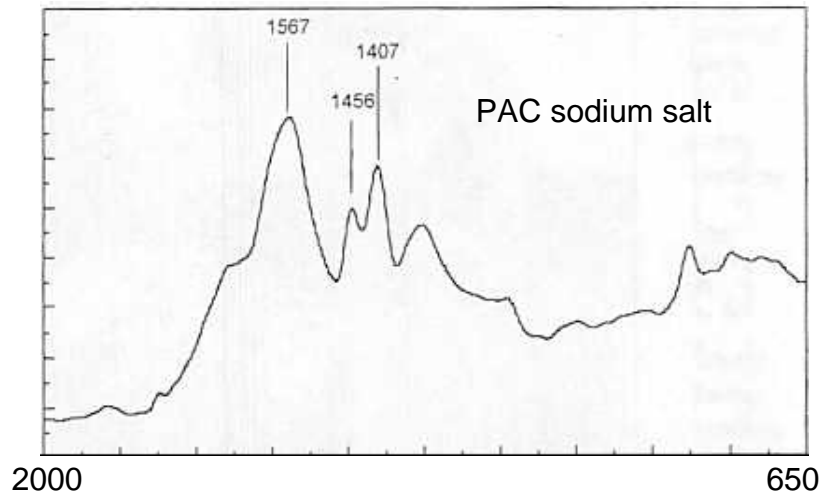
2. Diffuse Reflexion Spectroscopy: Flocculant adsorption on hematite



Sample: Fe_2O_3 ($d_{10} - d_{90}$: 0.24 – 9.5 μm)
Flocculant: sodium polyacrylate (14.000.000 g/mol) (PAC)

F. Jones, J.B. Farrow, W.v. Bronswijk, *Langmuir*, 14 6512 (1998)

DRIFT spectra



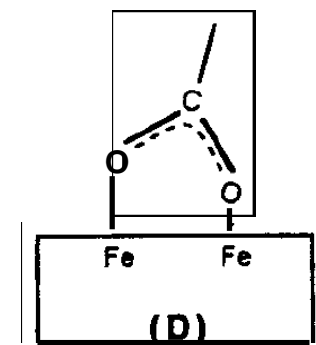
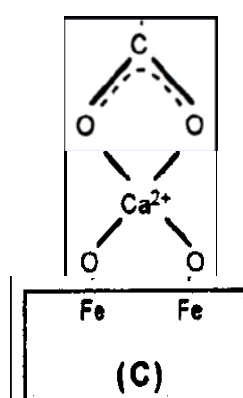
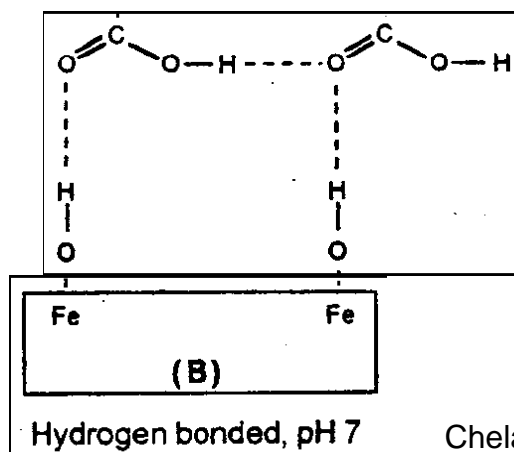
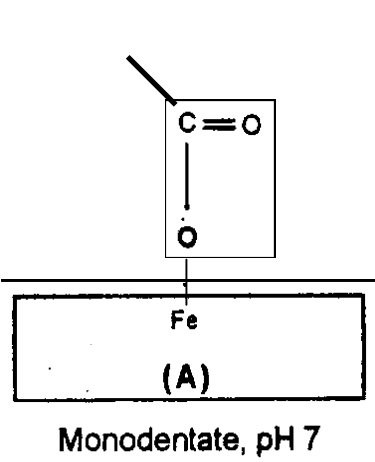
Obtained wavenumbers [cm⁻¹]:

	$\nu_a(\text{COO}^-)$	$\nu_s(\text{COO}^-)$	$\Delta\nu$
Na ⁺ salt	1567	1407	160
Ca ²⁺ salt	1552	1411	141
pH 7	1674	1382	292
pH 11	1586	1412	174
pH 14	1599	1411	188
pH 7, Ca ²⁺	1652	1410	242
	1546	1410	136
pH 14, Ca ²⁺	1585	1406	179

Rules:

- (1) If $\Delta\nu$ (adsorbed) > $\Delta\nu$ (salt) + $\nu(\text{C}=\text{O})$ present
-> **Monodentate**
- (2) If $\Delta\nu$ (adsorbed) < $\Delta\nu$ (salt) + $\nu(\text{C}=\text{O})$ absent
-> **Bidentate chelating**
- (3) If $\Delta\nu$ (adsorbed) \approx $\Delta\nu$ (salt) + $\nu(\text{C}=\text{O})$ absent
if $\Delta\nu$ (adsorbed) is a little bit higher
-> **Assymmetric bridging bidentate**

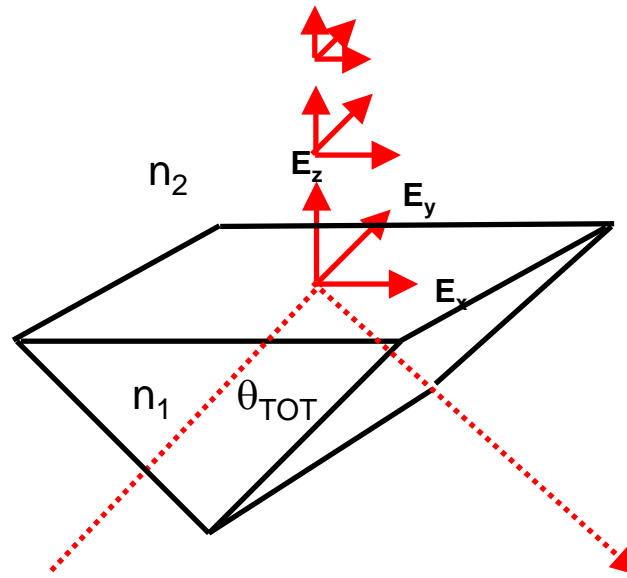
Proposed binding structures PAC/hematite



3. Attenuated total reflection infrared (ATR-IR)



Principle



Condition for total reflexion

$$\theta_{TOT} > \theta_{CRIT} = \arcsin(n_2/n_1)$$

Penetration depth

$$d_p = \lambda / (2 \pi n_1 [\sin^2\theta - n_{21}^2]^{1/2})$$

Electrical field

$$E_{x,y,z} = E_{0\ x,y,z} \exp(-z/d_p)$$

Electrical field components

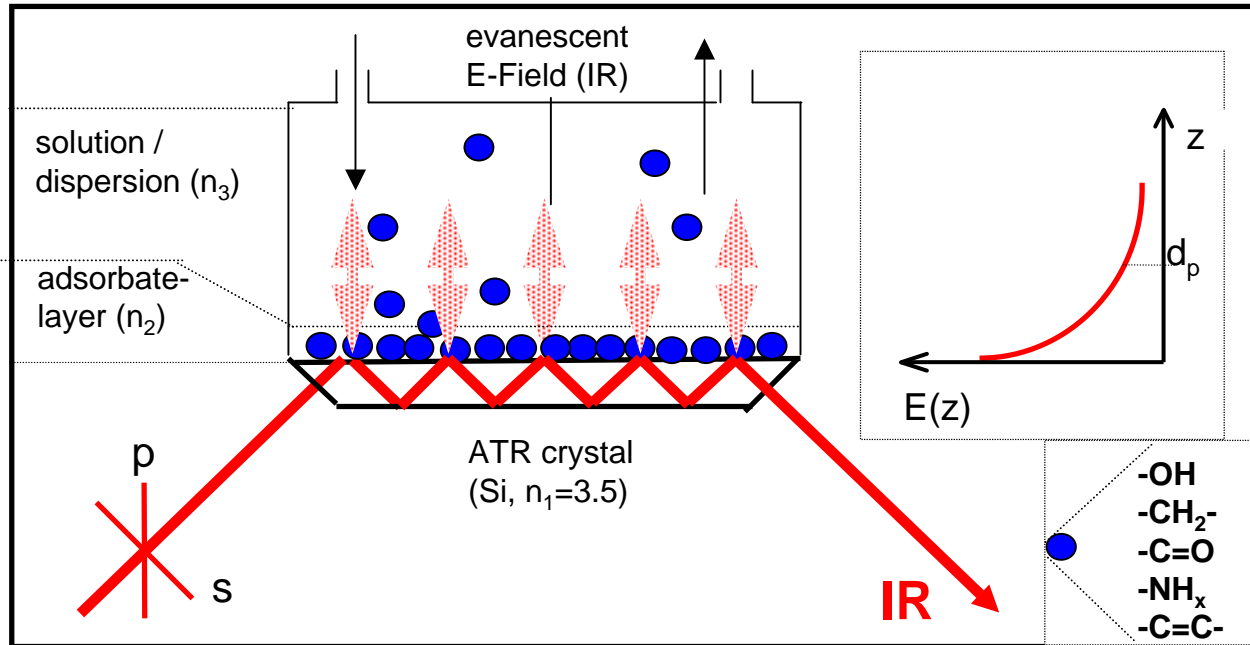
$$\text{z.B. } E_{02y}^r = E_{02y} / E_{01\perp} = 2 \cos\theta / (1 - n_{31}^2)^{1/2}$$

Characteristics

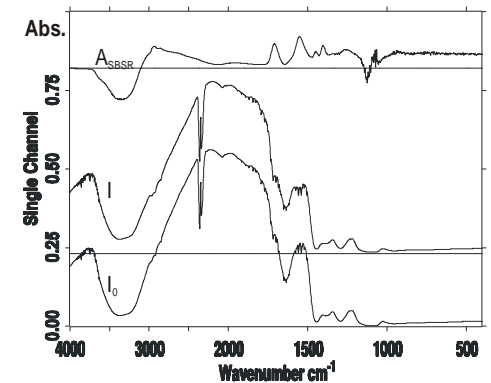
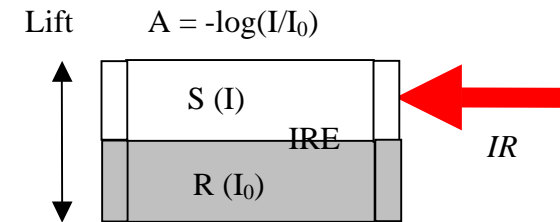
Under conditions of total reflexion a **standing wave** or **evanescent field** is established at the solid/liquid (gas) interface by superposition of incident and reflected (IR) radiation:

- intensity falls off exponentially in the rare medium
- 3 electrical field components in space (E_x , E_y , E_z)

Principle

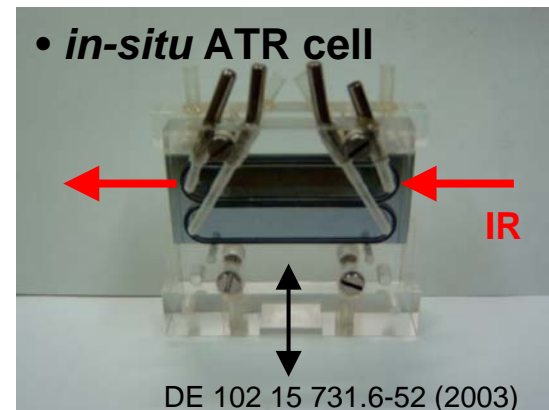


SBSR-Technik



Options

- **Detection:** Ad-, ab-, chemisorption, chemical composition, water content, dissociation degree, H-bonding at C=O groups, kinetics.
- **Conformation:** polypeptide, proteins, PEO ...
- **Orientation:** ATR dichroism of characteristic IR polymer bands



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Polarisation dependent absorbance:

$$A_S = -\log(I/I_0) = N \varepsilon c d_{E,S}$$

A_S : Absorbance (s-pol.) ε : Absorption coefficient c : concentration N : number of refl.

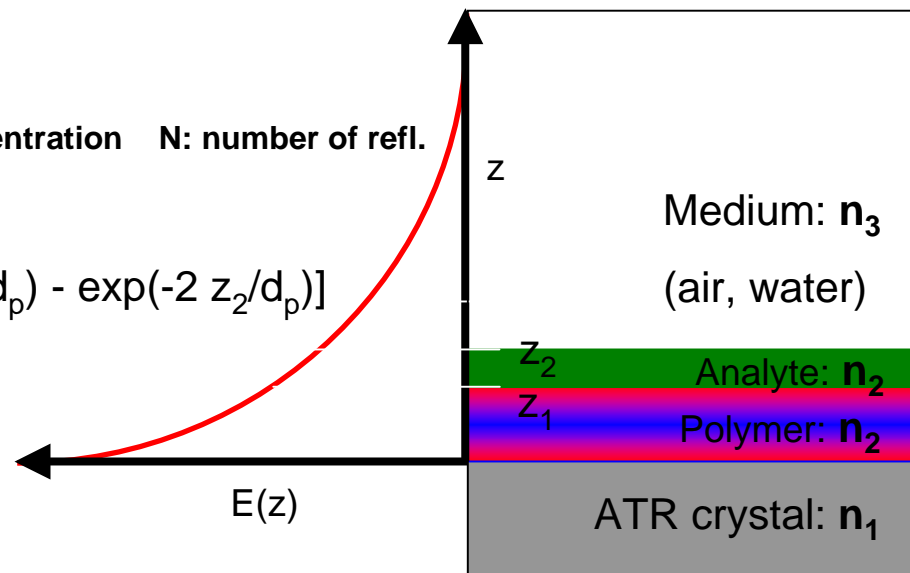
Effective thickness:

$$d_{e,y} = n_{21} d_p E_y^2 / (2 \cos \theta) [\exp(-2 z_1/d_p) - \exp(-2 z_2/d_p)]$$

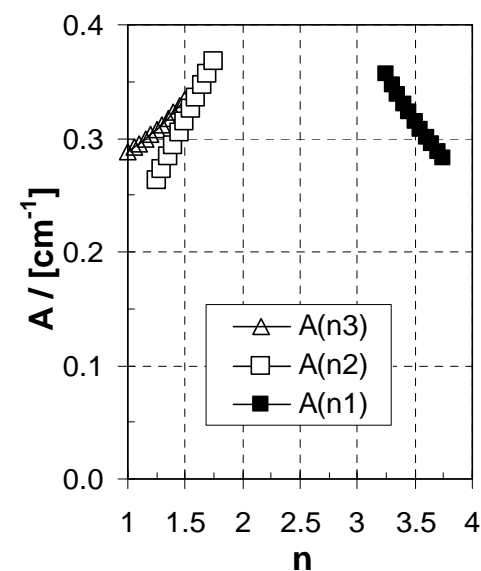
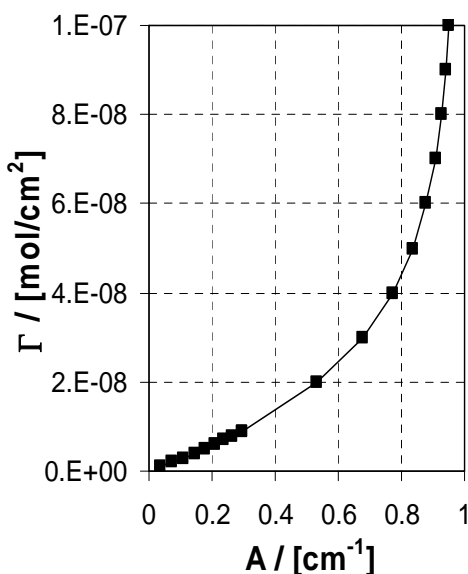
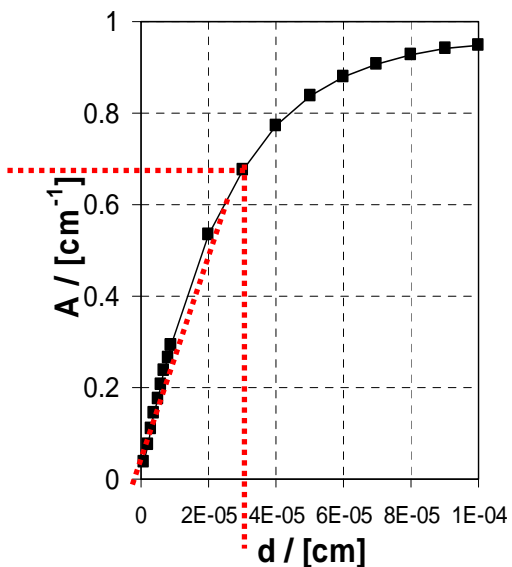
Surface concentration:

$$\Gamma = c d$$

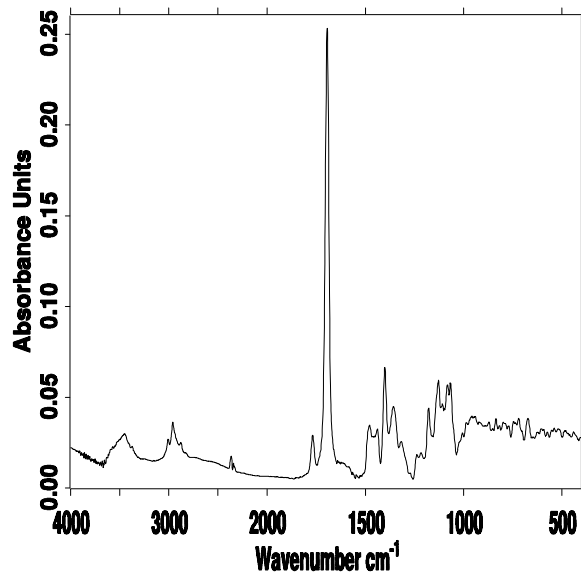
$$\Gamma_{MIN} = 200 \text{ pmol/cm}^2 \cong 20 \text{ ng/cm}^2$$



Characteristic plots



3. ATR-FTIR: Detection limit



Peak intensity $\nu(\text{C}=\text{O})$:

0.250 ± 0.001

Surface conc:

$5.952 \mu\text{g}/\text{cm}^2$

DL:

$0.024 \mu\text{g}/\text{cm}^2$.

ATR-FTIR spectrum of the PMI-P layer
on the Si-IRE.

3.1. Detection, chemical composition

- (consecutive) PEL adsorption
- Dissociation degree
- Chemical composition (polyelectrolyte complexes/multilayers, blends)
- Hydrogen bonding ($\nu(\text{C}=\text{O})$ shift, $\nu_a(\text{COO}^-)/\nu_s(\text{COO}^-)$ splitting)

3.2. Polymer conformation and orientation

- Reversible conformation changes
- *in-plane* orientation of multilayered polypeptides on texturised substrates

3.3. Interaction

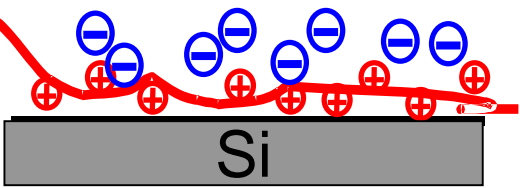
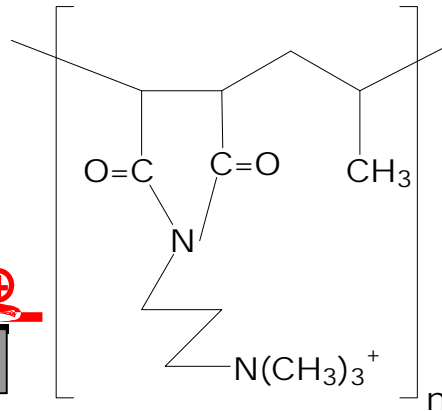
- Salt, chiral compounds
- Protein adsorption
- Diffusion in polymer films

3.4. Combination with other methods

- Elektrokinetics
- Ellipsometry

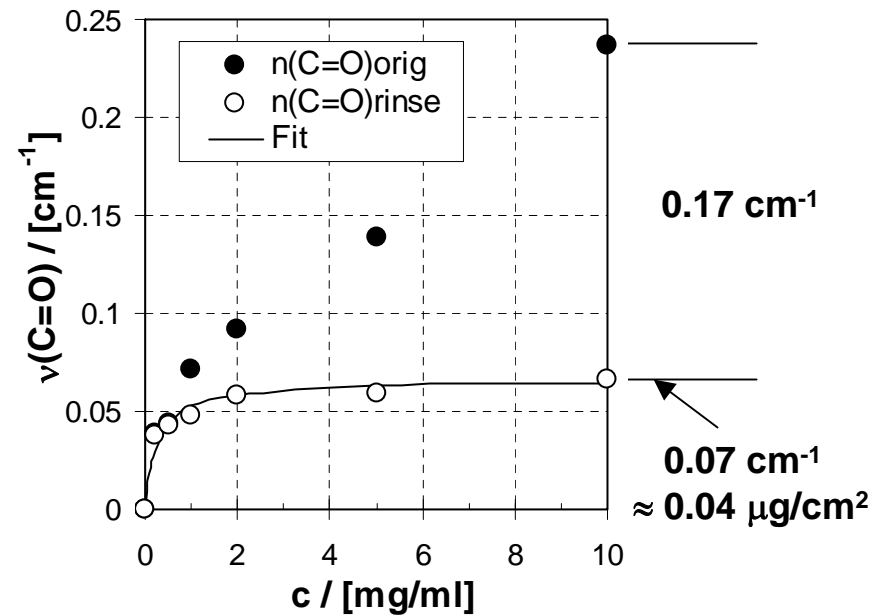
3.1. ATR-FTIR Detection: PEL adsorption

System: **PMIP**



Adsorption isotherm

$$\theta = c_{\text{PEL}} / (k_{\text{DES}}/K_{\text{ADS}} + c_{\text{PEL}})$$



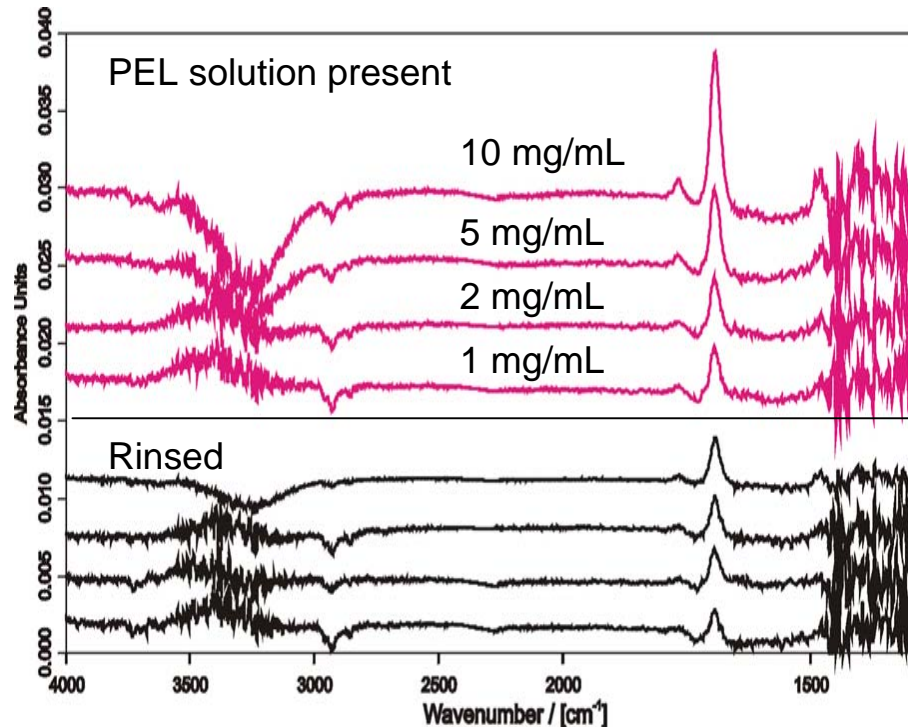
Estimation of the contribution from bulk $c_{\text{PEL}} = 10 \text{ mg/mL} \approx 0.05 \text{ Mol/L}$:

$$A = N \varepsilon c d_E$$

$$A \approx 11 \times 10^7 \times 0.05 \times 3 \times 10^{-5} \text{ [cm Mol}^{-1} \text{ cm Mol} / (1000 \text{ cm}^3)]$$

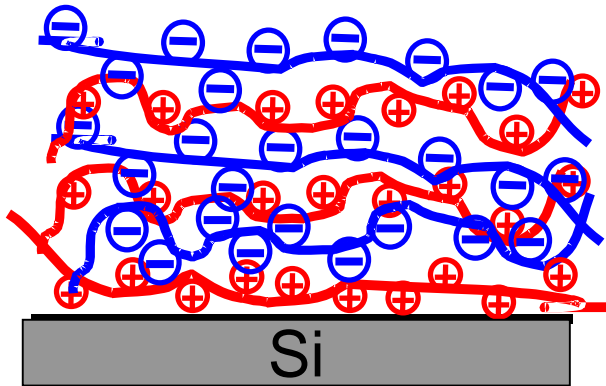
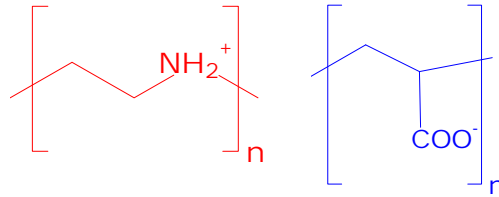
$$A \approx 0.17 \text{ cm}^{-1}$$

ATR-FTIR spectra

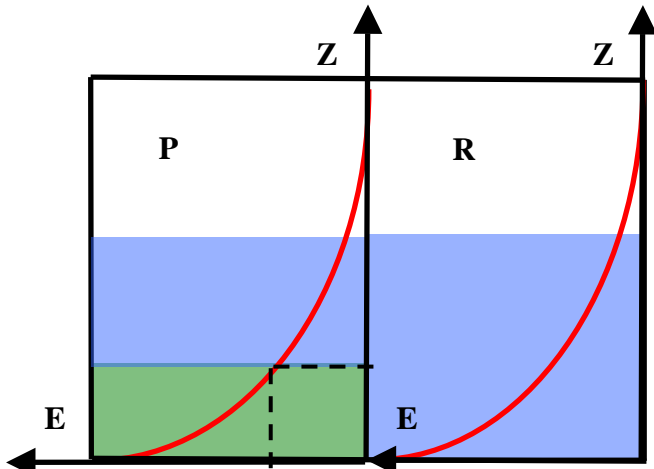
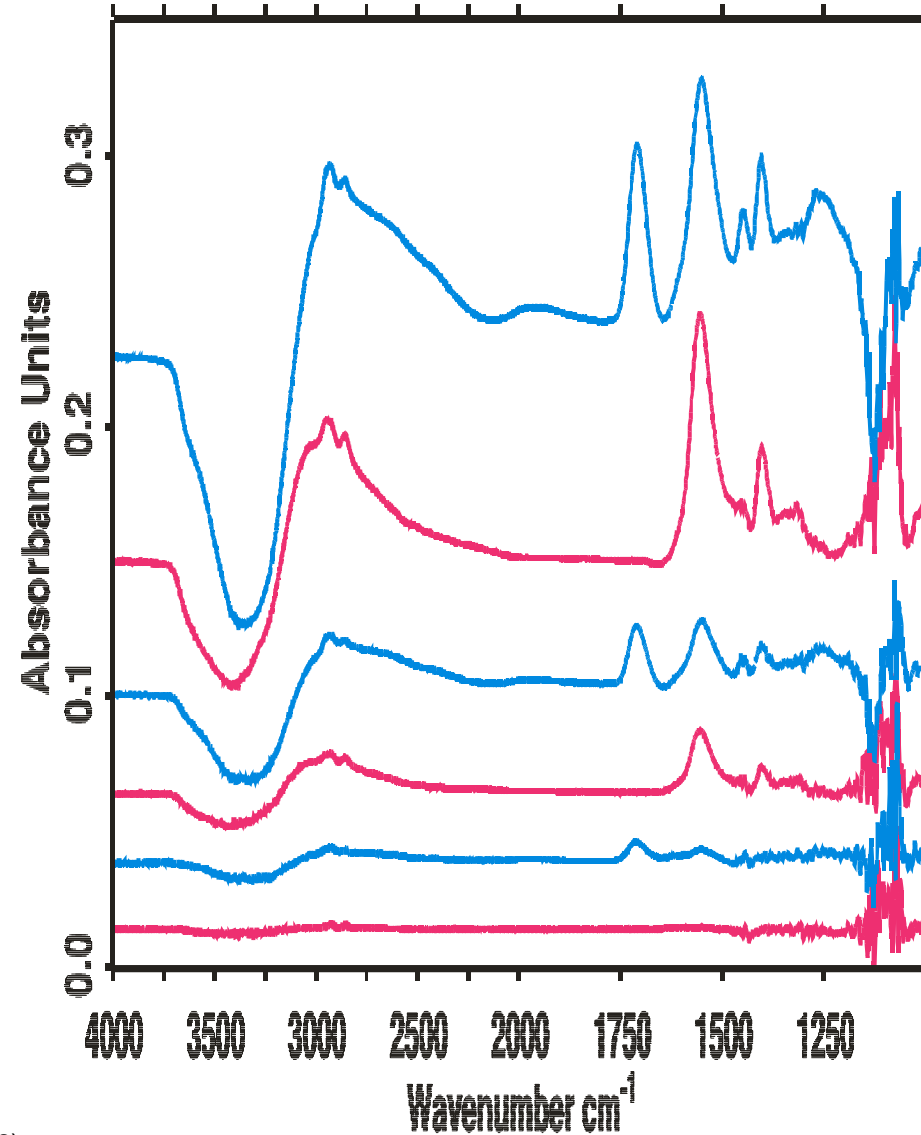


3.1. ATR-FTIR Detection: consecutive PEL adsorption

System: **PEI/PAC**

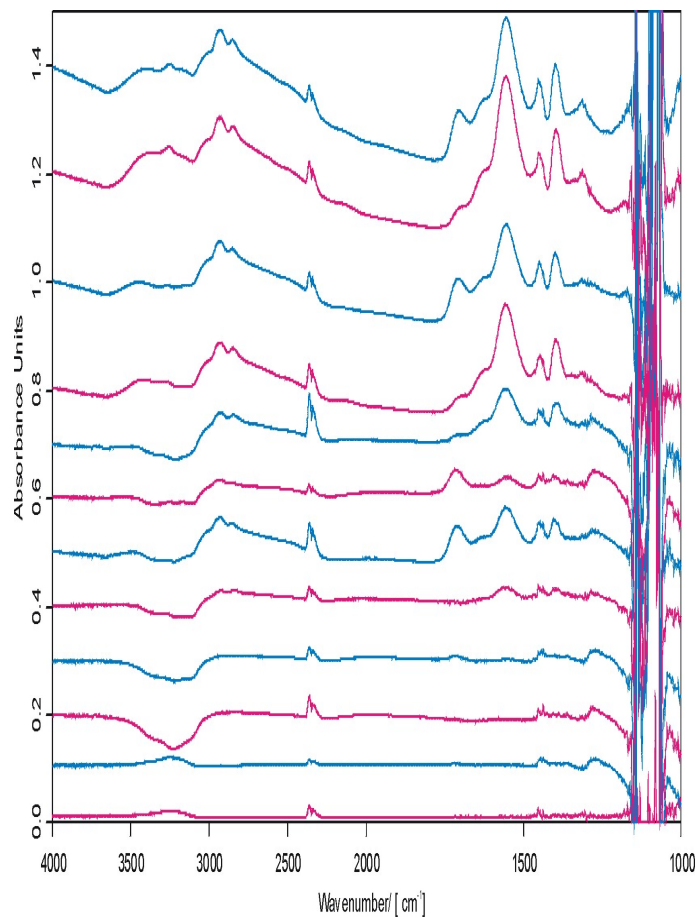


ATR-FTIR spectra

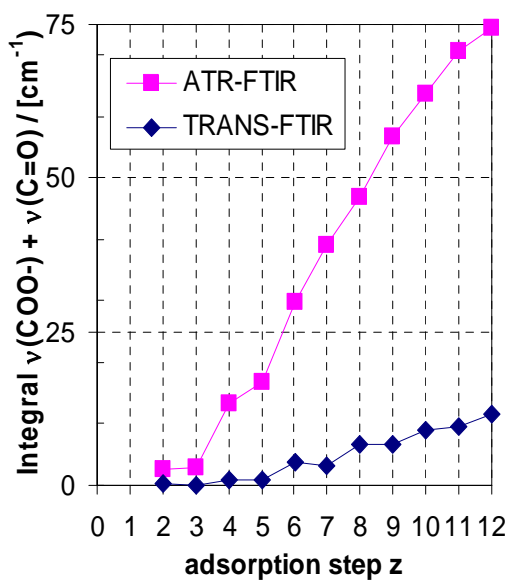
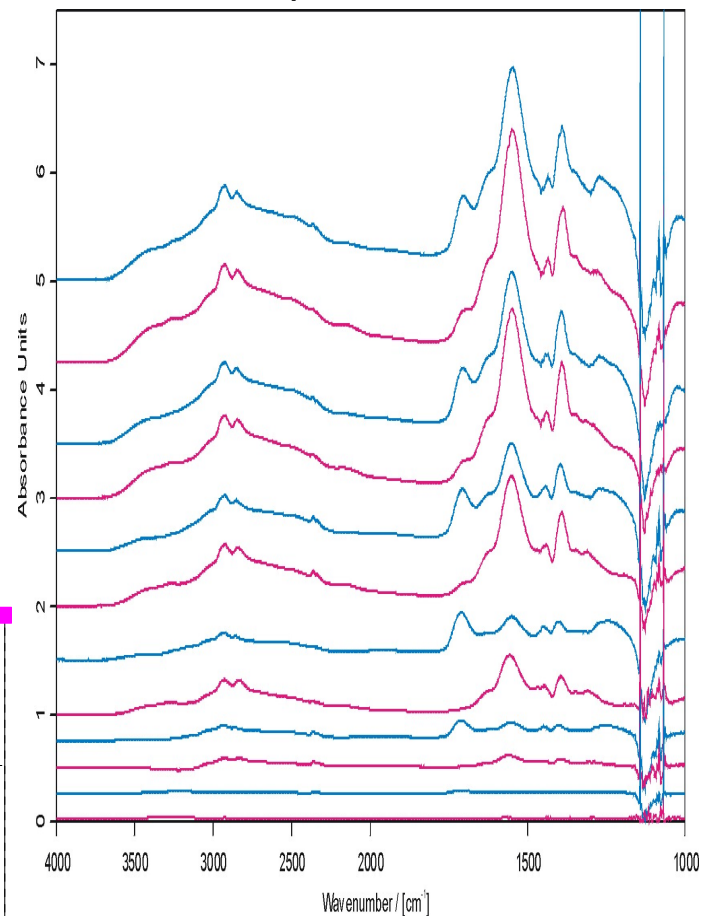


3.1. ATR-FTIR detection: consecutive PEL adsorption

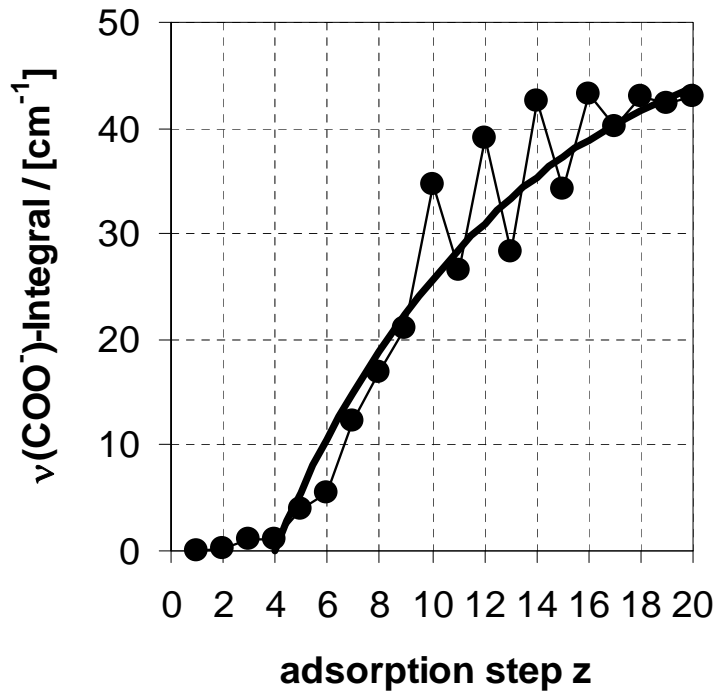
TRANS-FTIR spectra



ATR-FTIR spectra



3.1. Consecutive PEL adsorption: adsorbed amount



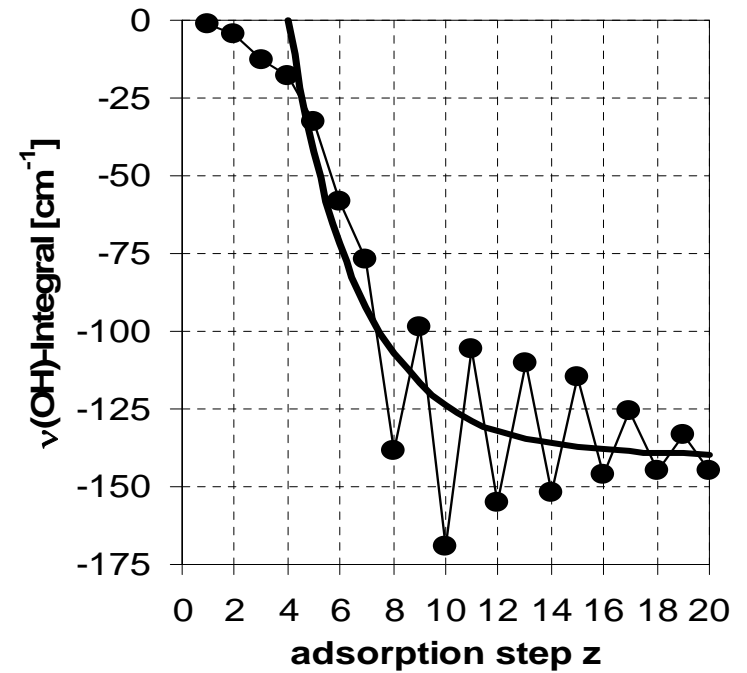
PEL adsorption

$$A(z) = A_0 [1 - \exp(-L(z - z_0))]$$

$$d_0 = L/2 d_p$$

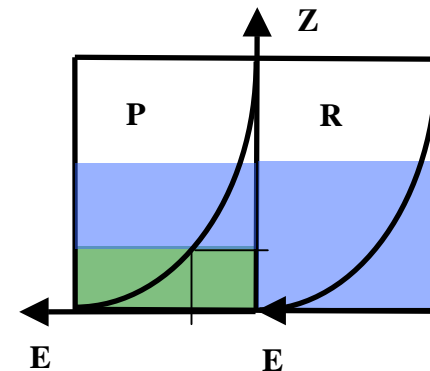
$$d_0 \approx 34 \text{ nm}$$

(wet state)



Water desorption

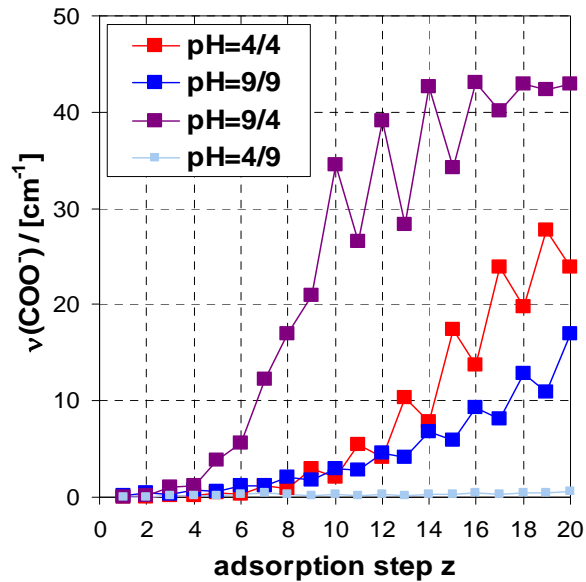
$$A(z) = -A_0 [1 - \exp(-L(z - z_0))]$$



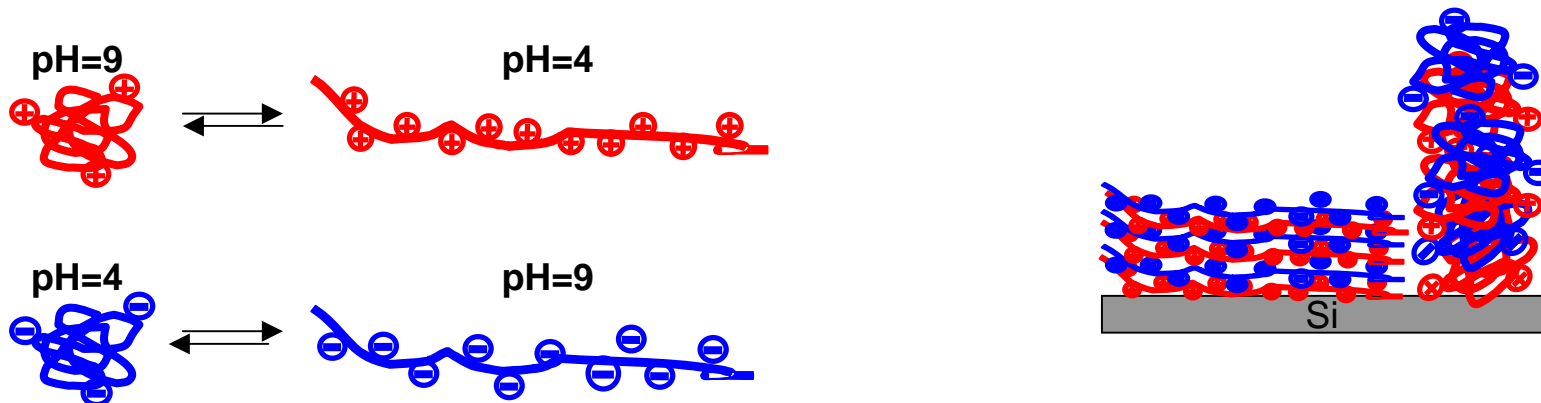
3.1. Consecutive PEL adsorption: pH dependence

System: **PEI/PAC**

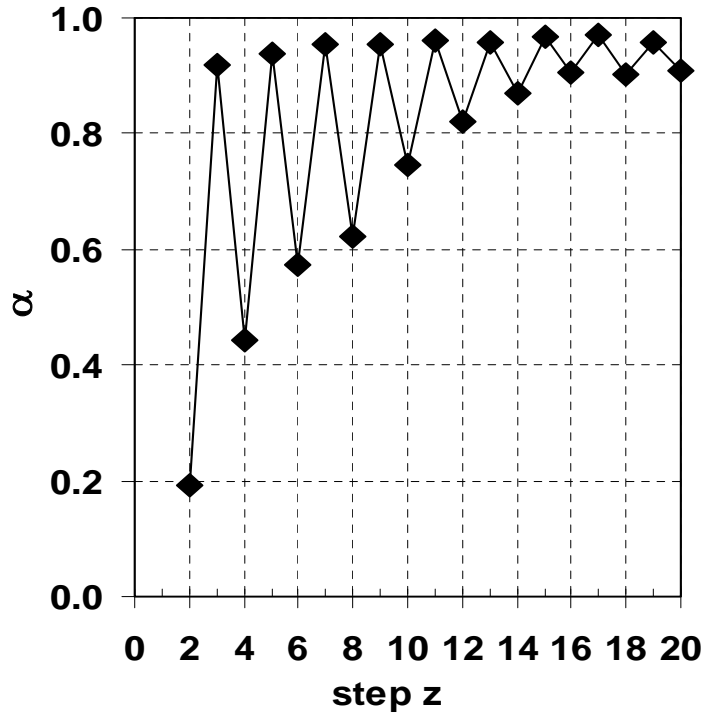
pH = **9/4, 4/4, 9/9, 4/9**



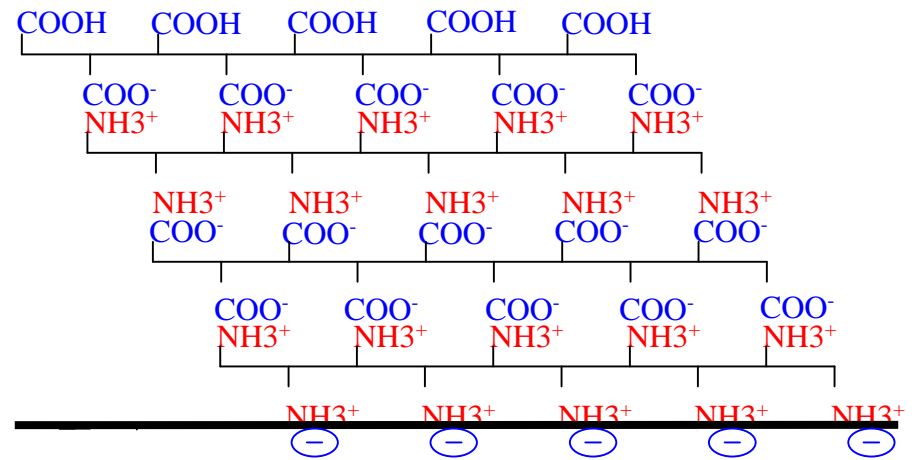
pH	9/4	4/4	9/9	4/9
L	0.148 ±0.015	0.065 ±0.011	0.015 ±0.001	0.0003
$\Delta d_{\text{ATR}} \text{ (wet)}$	34 ±5 nm	15 ±4 nm	4 ±1 nm	<1nm
$\Delta d_{\text{AFM}} \text{ (wet)}$	40 ±6 nm	-	-	-
$\Delta d_{\text{AFM/ELL}} \text{ (dry)}$	25 ±5 nm	-	-	-



3.1. Consecutive PEL adsorption: dissociation degree



Simplified PEM model

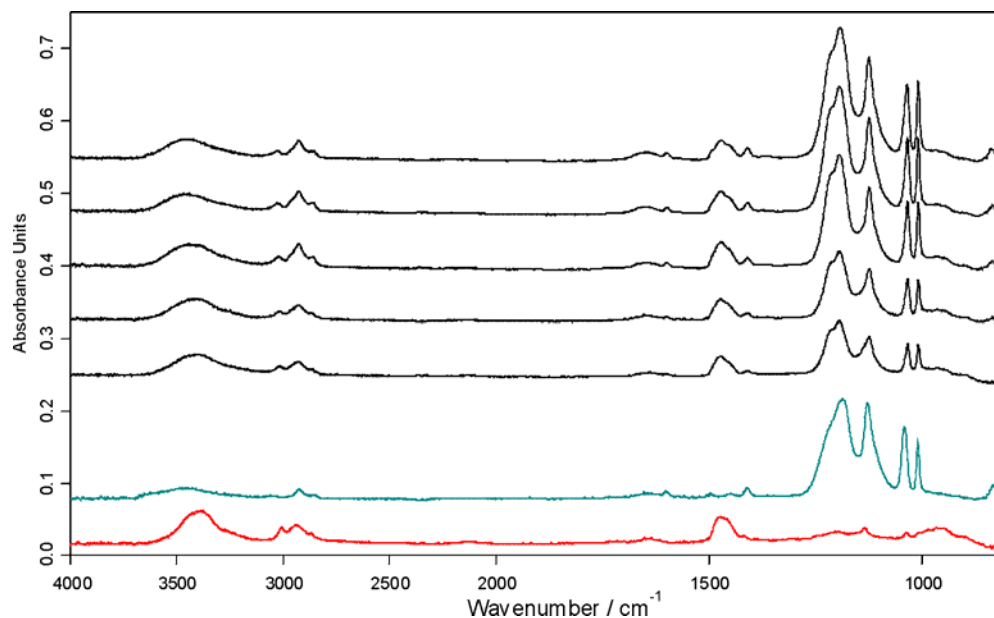
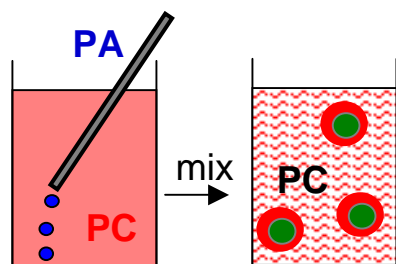


Dissociation degree:

$$\alpha_{\text{IR}} = \frac{A_{\text{v}(\text{COO}^-)}}{(A_{\text{v}(\text{COO}^-)} + 1.74 A_{\text{v}(\text{C=O})})}$$

3.1. Composition/Stoichiometry of polyelectrolyte complexes

System: PDADMAC/PSS, c = 0.01 M



Integration (INT) or Factor Analysis (FA)

$$A_{PEC} = a * A_{Polyanion} + b * A_{Polycation}$$

n-/n+: experimental mixing ratio (SHOULD)

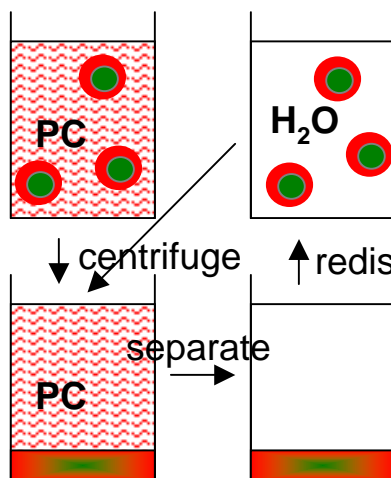
a/b: effective stoichiometric ratio (IS)

	Integration (I)	FA (II)
$A_{Polyanion}$:	1510-1430 cm ⁻¹	1510-990 cm ⁻¹
$A_{Polycation}$:	1280-1060 cm ⁻¹	1510-990 cm ⁻¹

Results

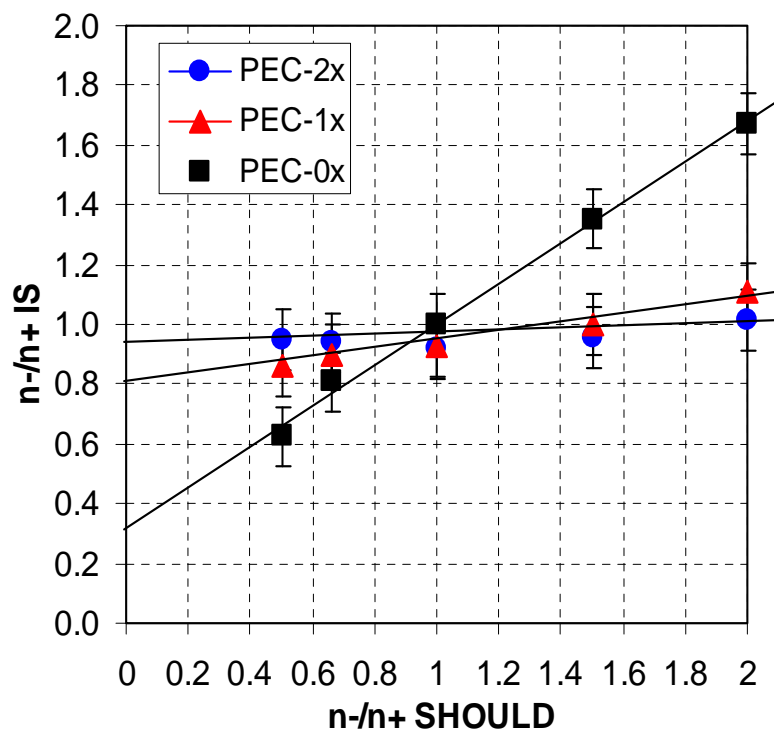
SHOULD n-/n+	IS (INT) n-/n+ (I)	IS (FA) n-/n+ (II)
0.50	0.63	0.60
0.66	0.81	0.74
1.00	1.00	1.00
1.50	1.35	1.42
2.00	1.67	1.81

3.1. Composition/Stoichiometry of centrifuged polyelectrolyte complexes

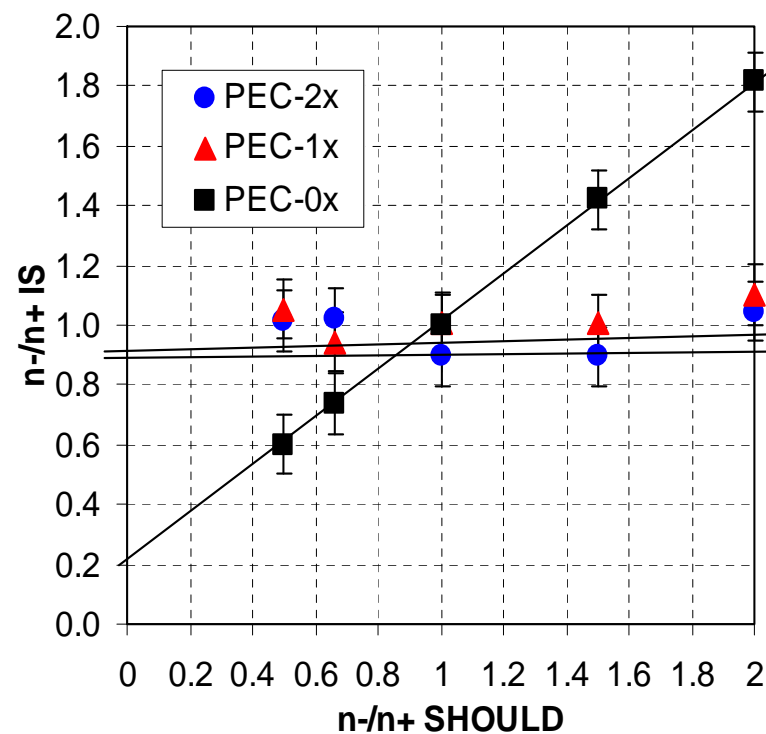


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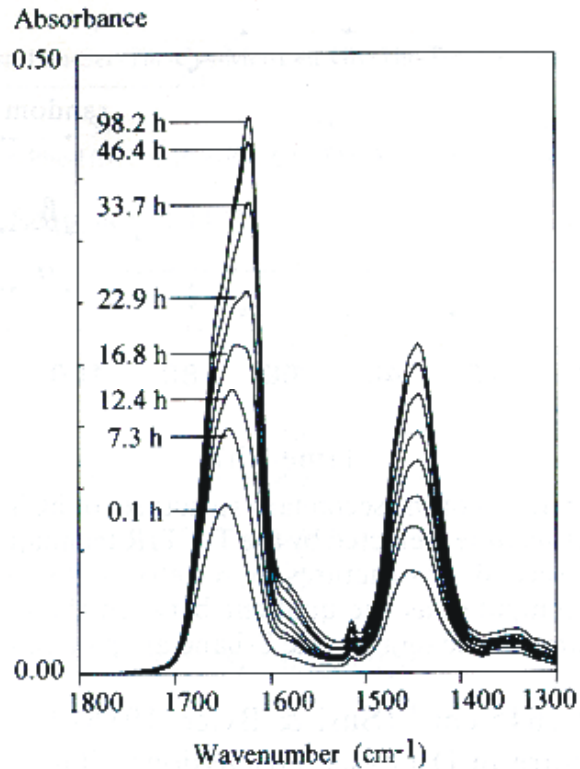
INTEGRATION



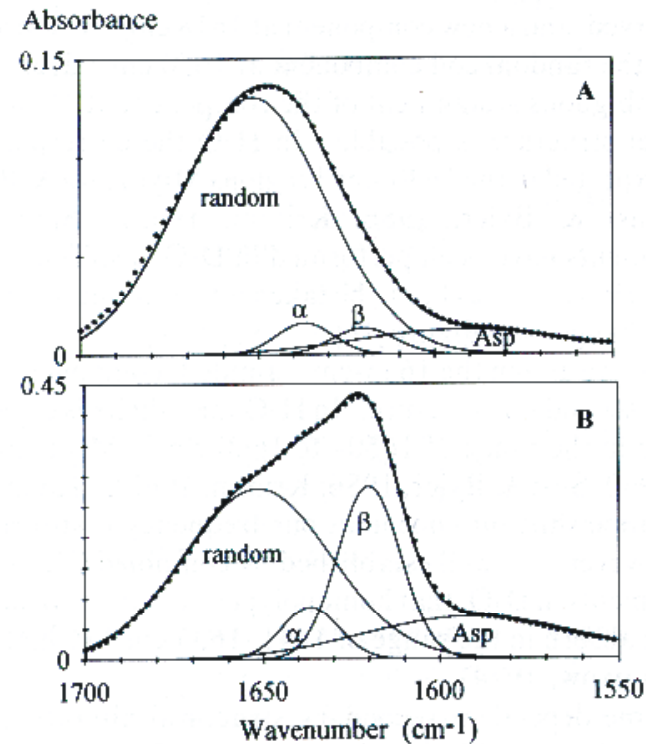
FACTOR ANALYSIS



- Validation of peptide drug: human calcitonin (osteoporose)



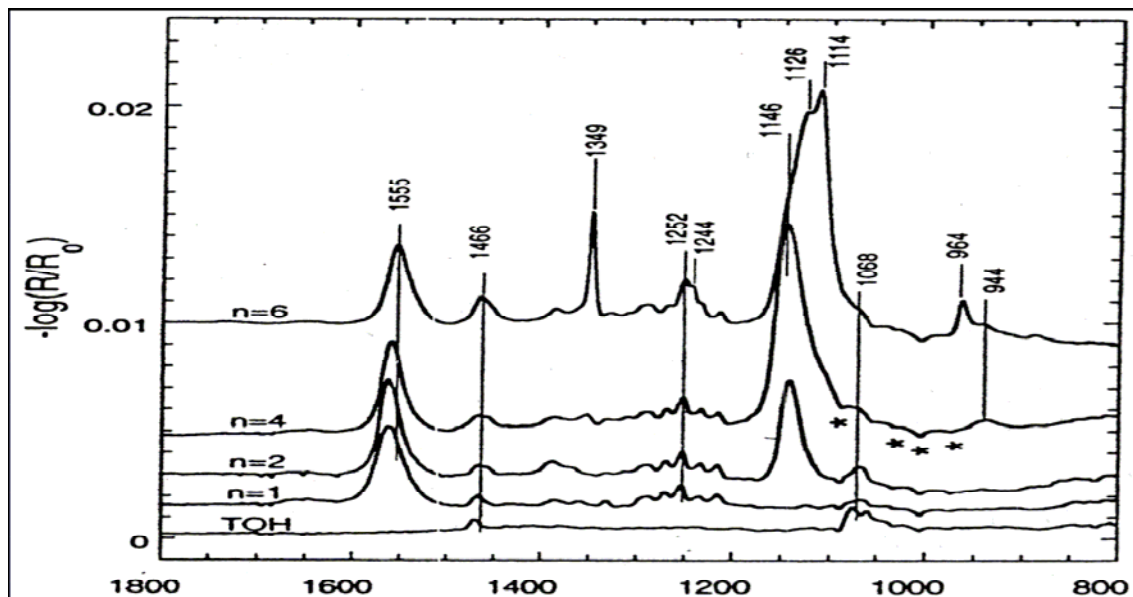
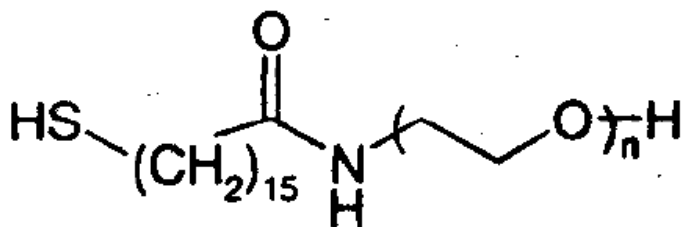
Adsorption of human calcitonin (hCT, former CIBA) at Ge model surface.



Conformation analysis of ATR-FTIR spectra at beginning and end of surface induced aggregation.

3.2. Polymer conformation: PEO containing systems

SAM / Au



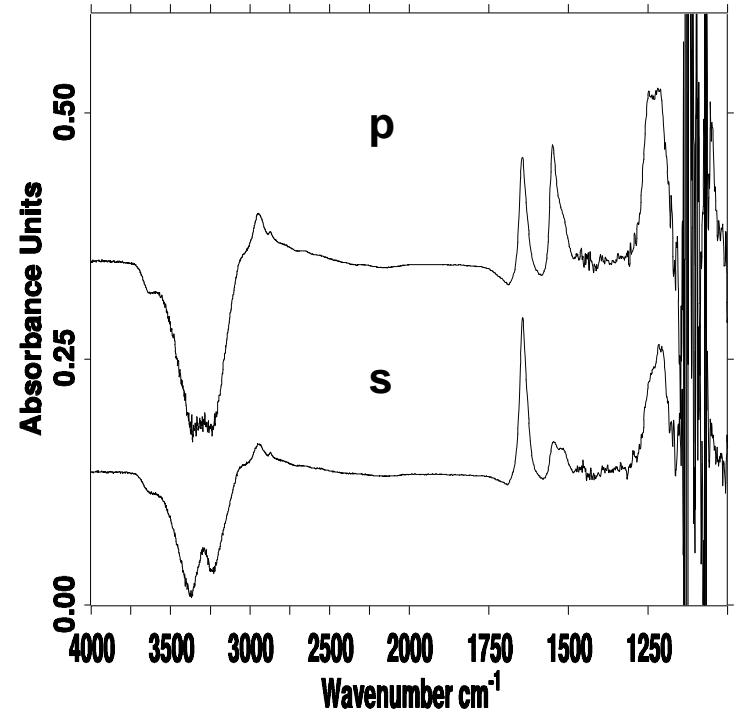
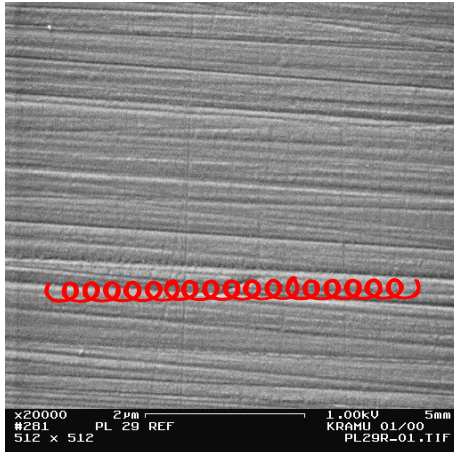
PEG, crystalline ^a	PEG, molten ^a	mode assignment ^a	polarization ^b	EG ₁	EG ₂	EG ₄	EG ₆
				2918	2918	2918	2918
				2850	2850	2850	2851
2890 s							2893
2865 s	2865 s				~2870	2868	2869
1470 m/1463 m			⊥/	1466	1466	1465	1466
1345 s							1349
1244 m	1249 m			1254 ^c	1253 ^c	1253 ^c	1244/1252 ^c
1149 s	1140 sh		⊥		1143	1146	~1146
1119 s			⊥				1126
1102 vs	1107 s					~1108	1114
963 s		CH ₂ rock, twist					964
947 m	945 m	CH ₂ rock gauche, C-C stretch	⊥			~938	944

^a vs, very strong; s, strong; m, medium; w, weak; sh, shoulder; asym, asymmetric; sym, symmetric. ^b Transition dipole moment with respect to the helical axis in crystalline PEG. ^c May overlap with the amide III band.

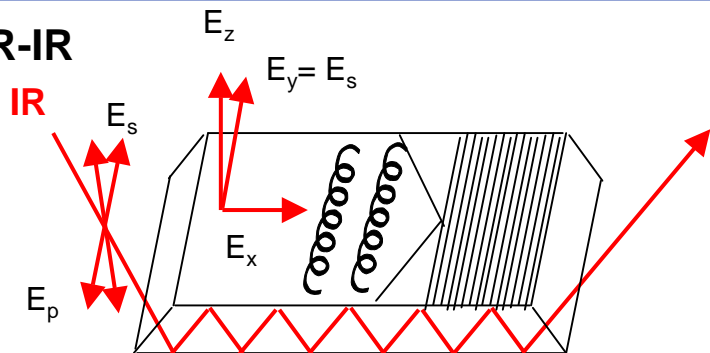
3.2. Polymer orientation: in-plane alignment of α -helical polypeptides

System:

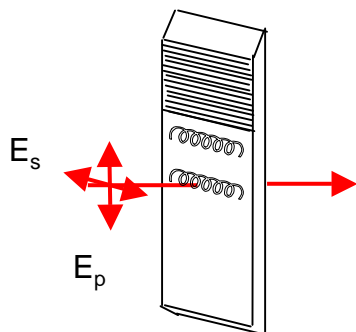
PEM-5 of PLL-246.000/PVS, 0.01 M, 1 M NaClO₄



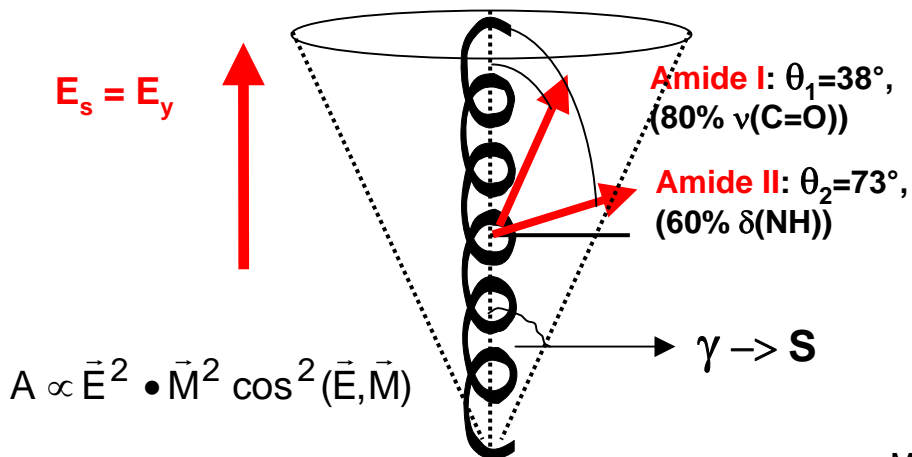
ATR-IR



Trans-IR



IR transition dipole moments $M_{\text{Amide I, Amide II}}$



$$A \propto \vec{E}^2 \cdot \vec{M}^2 \cos^2(\vec{E}, \vec{M})$$

Dichroic ratio / ATR-IR

$$R_y^{\text{ATR}} = \frac{A_p}{A_s}$$

Dichroic ratio / Transmission-IR

$$R^T = R_y^{\text{ATR}} \cdot \frac{E_y^2}{(E_x^2 + E_z^2)}$$

Order parameter S

$$S = \frac{(1 - R^T)}{(2R^T + 1)} \cdot \frac{2}{(3 \cos^2 \theta - 1)}$$

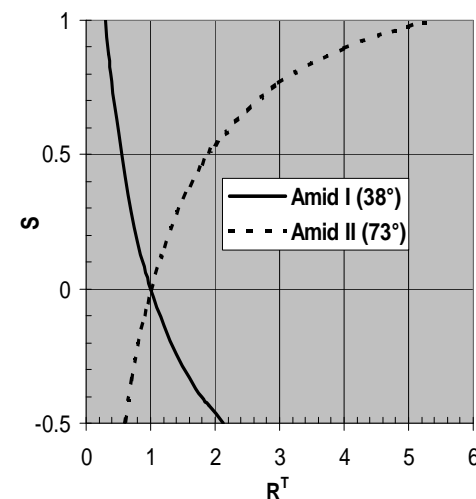
S = 0: no order

S = 1: high order (θ)

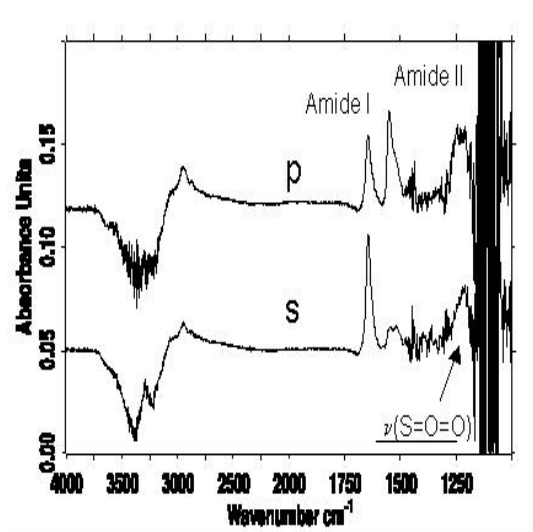
S = -1/2: high order ($\theta = 90^\circ$)

Cone opening angle γ

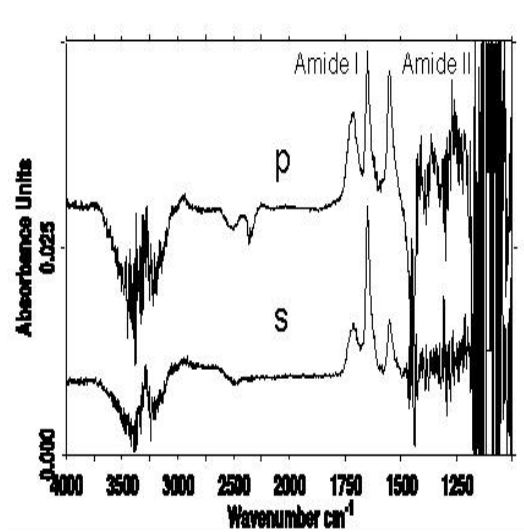
$$\gamma = \arccos \left(\sqrt{\frac{2}{3}S + \frac{1}{3}} \right)$$



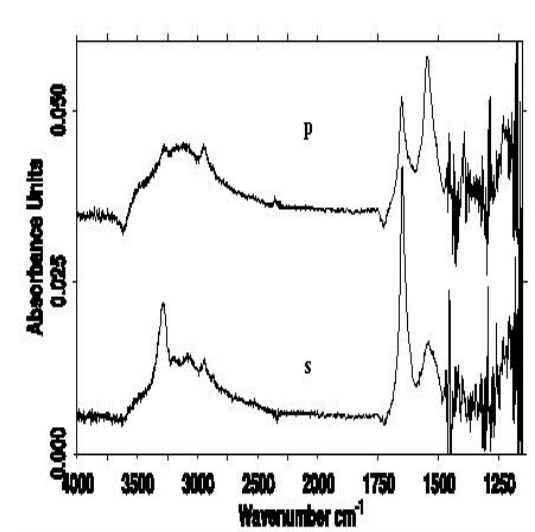
α -PLL/PVS-5



PDADMAC/ α -PLG-4



α -PLL/ α -PLG-6



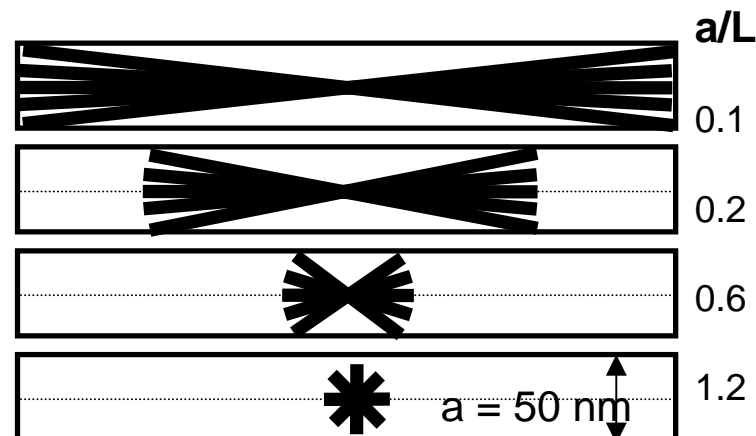
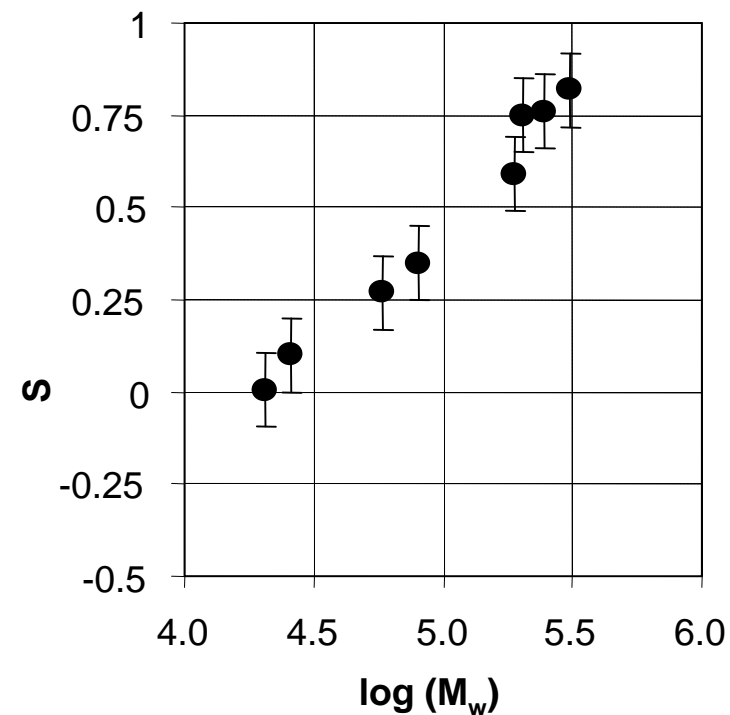
Dichroic ratio $R_{\text{Amide II}}$	4.47	2.48	3.33
Order Parameter S	0.75	0.38	0.58
Orientation angle γ	24°	40°	32°

3.2. Polymer orientation: influence of PLL M_w on orientation

System: PEM-5 of α -PLL/PVS, 1M NaClO₄

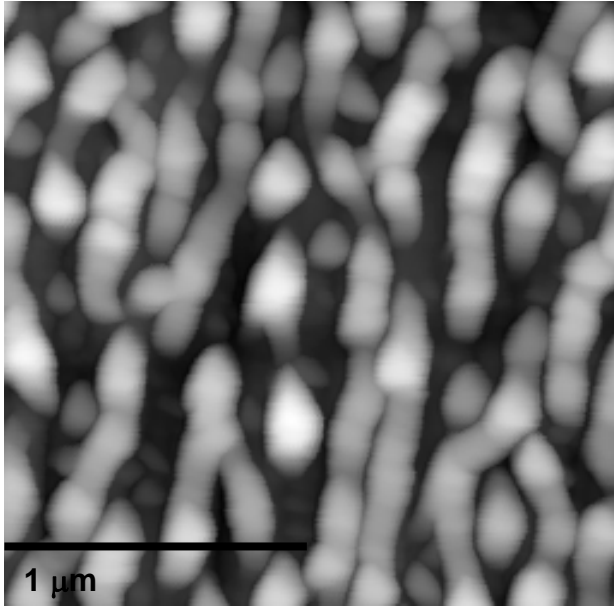
M_w [g/mol]	L [nm]	S	γ [°]
3.400	3	---	---
20.700	15	-0.09	58
25.700	18	0.10	51
57.900	42	0.27	44
80.000	57	0.35	41
189.400	136	0.59	32
205.000	147	0.75	24
246.800	177	0.79	22
309.500	222	0.82	20

- Confinement of polymer rods with contour length L in surface grooves

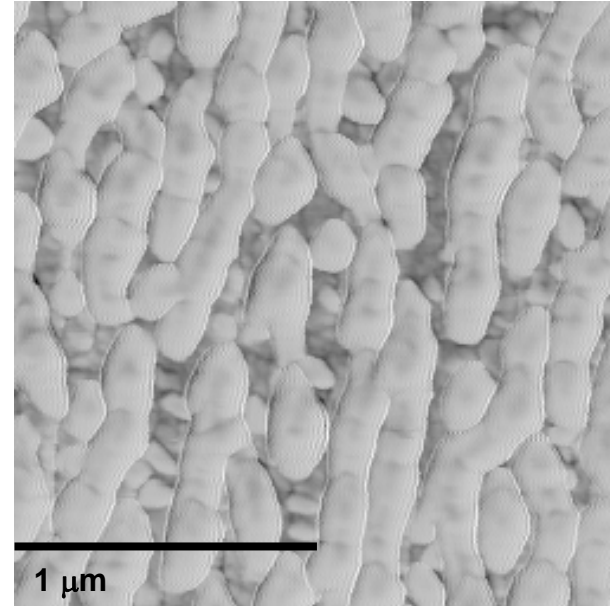


3.2. Polymer orientation: comparison ATR-FTIR / AFM

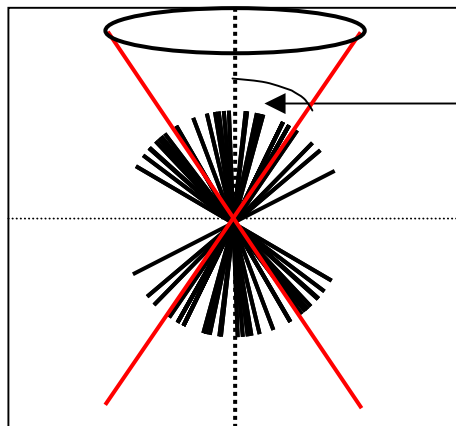
PEM-5 of PLL-246.000/PVS, 1M NaClO₄



AFM, Topography



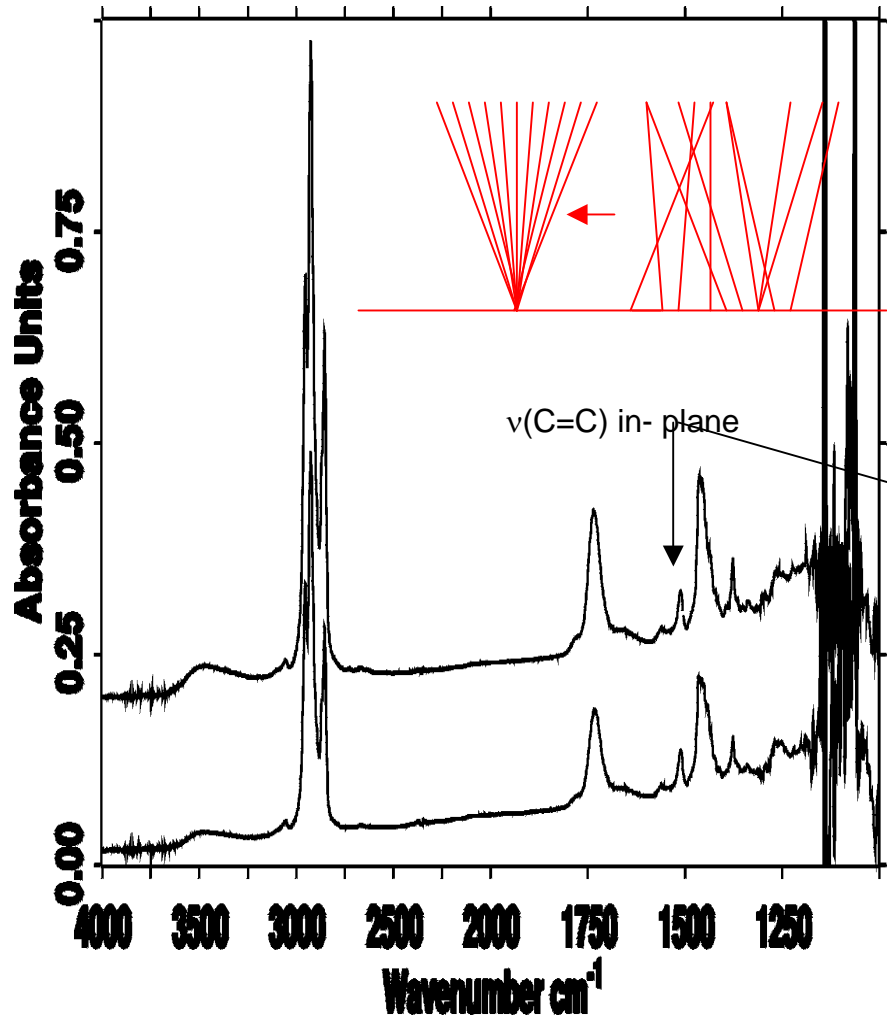
AFM, Phase



Mean angle of stretched vectors

$$\langle \gamma \rangle \approx 20^\circ \text{ (ATR-IR: } 22^\circ \text{)}$$

Brushes of modified poly(thiophene)



$$R_z^{\text{ATR}} = A_p/A_s$$

$$R_z^{\text{ATR}} = E_x^2/E_y^2 + E_z^2/(E_y^2 * R^T)$$

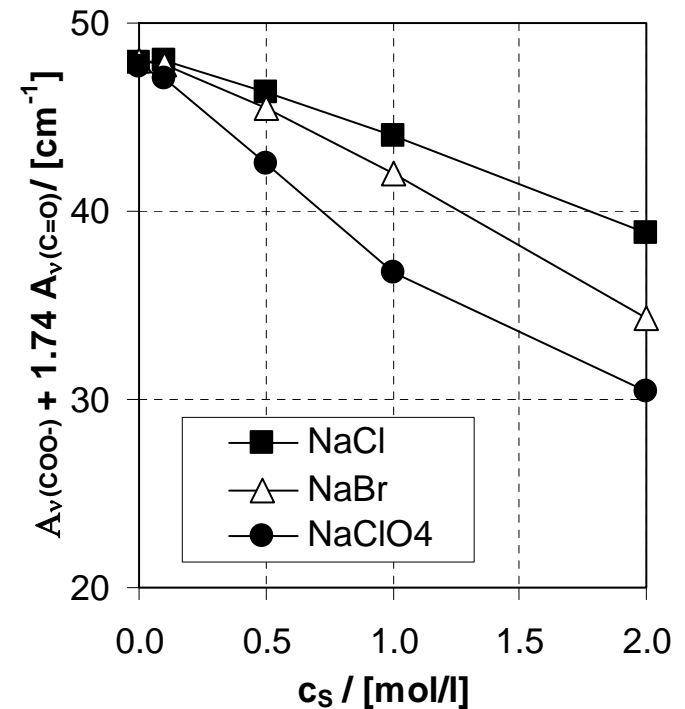
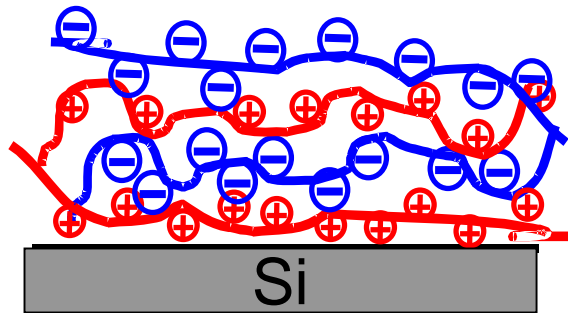
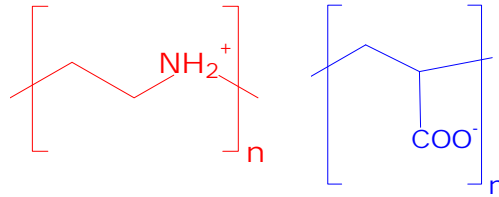
$$R_z^{\text{ATR}} (\text{isotropic}) = 1.13$$

$$R_z^{\text{ATR}} \neq 1.13$$

p- and s-polarized ATR-FTIR spectra on grafted modified poly(thiophene) film (200 nm).
 Bottom: s-polarized spectrum,
 Top: p-polarized spectrum. Note that only the band at 1510 cm⁻¹ has a dichroic ratio $R = A_p/A_s$ which is deviating from that of isotropy.

3.3. Interaction: small anions

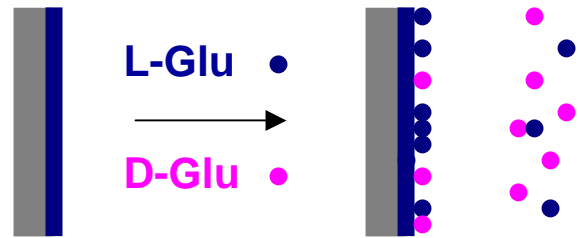
System: (PEI/PAC)₂₀



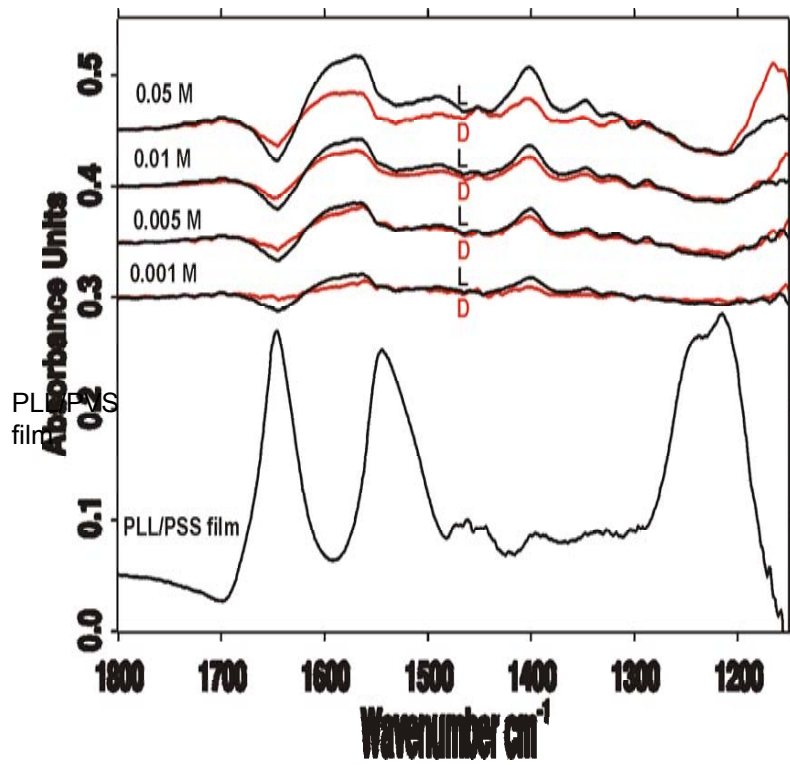
- ✓ ATR-IR: $\Delta A \sim \Delta c$
- ✓ Reversible Swelling of PEM-PEI/PAC depends on ion radius ($ClO_4 > Br > Cl$).

3.3. Interaction: chiral compounds

System: PLL / PVS
PEM-11 + L/D-Glu
crosslinked



Enantiomeric excess (EE):
$$EE = (\Gamma_L - \Gamma_D) / (\Gamma_L + \Gamma_D)$$



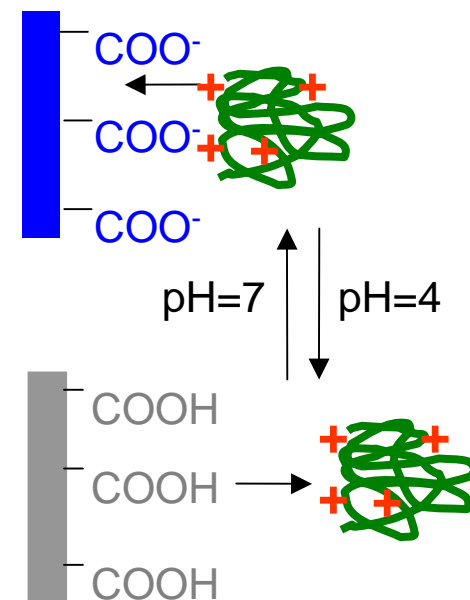
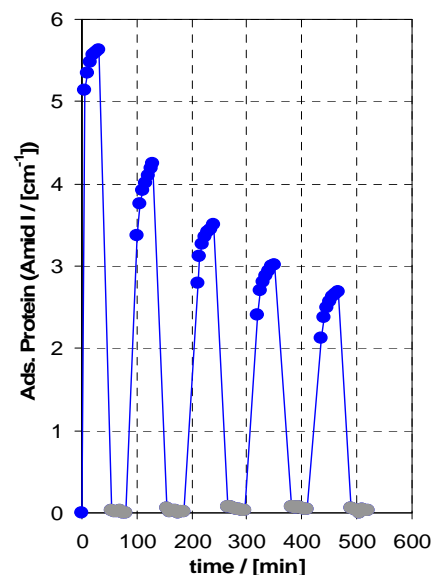
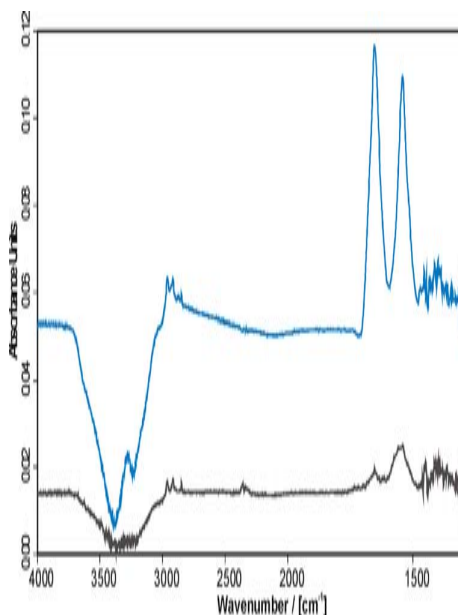
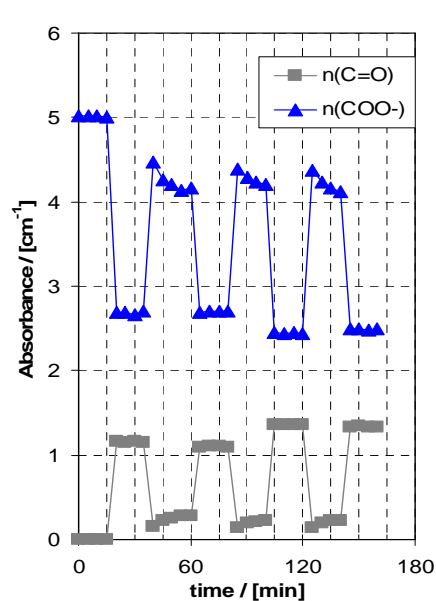
Selective Uptake:

- L-Glu > D-Glu
- EE: 30%

3.3. Interaction: Reversible protein adsorption at PEL multilayers

System: PEM-6 of PEI/PAC

Protein: Lysozyme (LYZ, IEP = 11.1), pH = 7.3 → 4.0



- Uptake at pH = 7.3 (PBS buffer)
- Release at pH = 4.0 (citrate buffer)
- LYZ for both pH

anionic surface
neutral surface
cationic charge

3.3. Interaction: Selective protein adsorption at PEL multilayers

System:

PEM of PEI/PAC

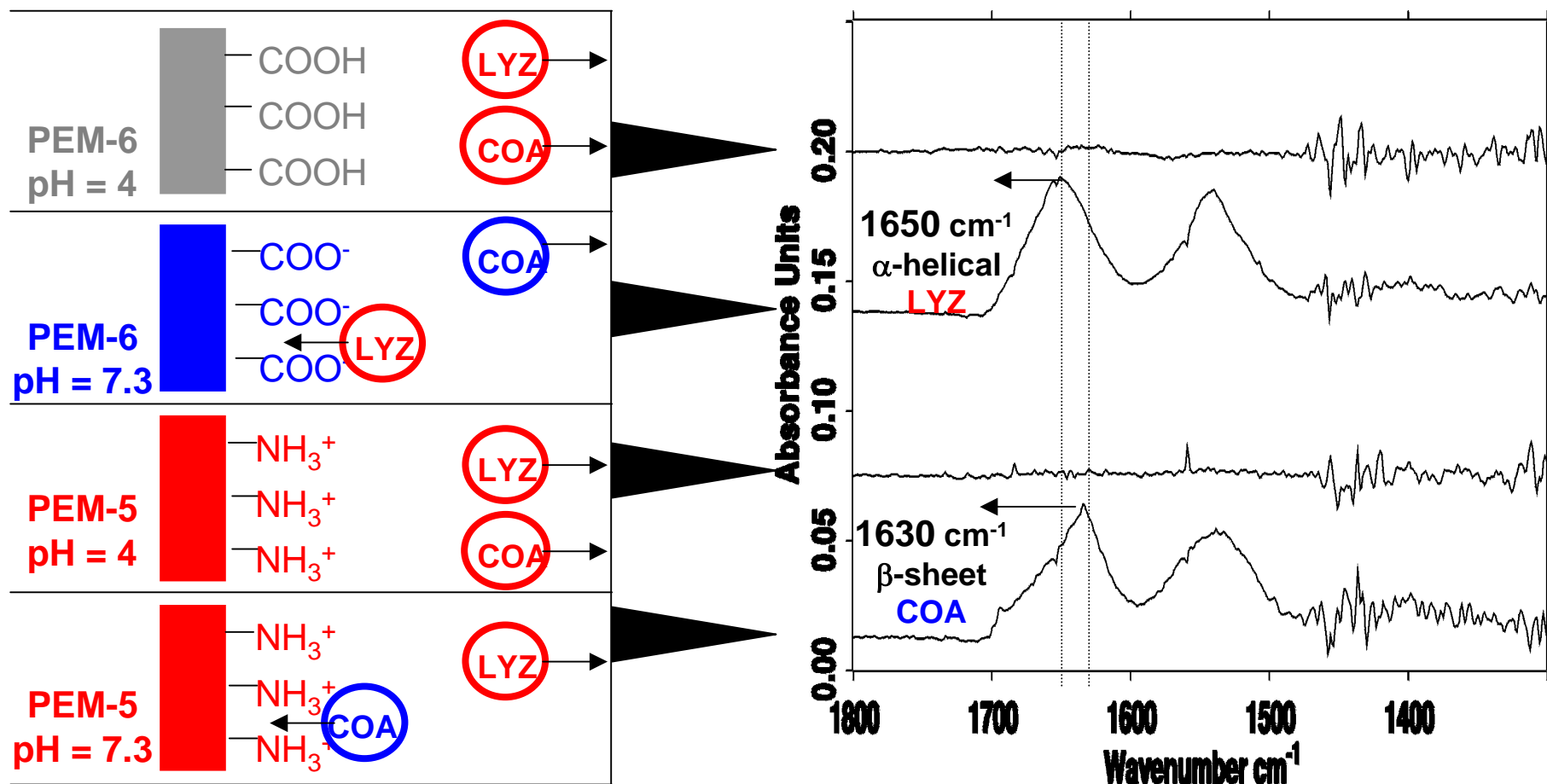
Protein mixture:
(PBS, citrate buffer)

Lysozyme (LYZ, 1 mg/ml)

14.600 g/mol, IEP = 11.1, 46% α -helix

Concanavalin A (COA, 1mg/ml)

71.000 g/mol, IEP = 5.4, 64% β -sheet



3.3. Interaction: Diffusion in polymer films

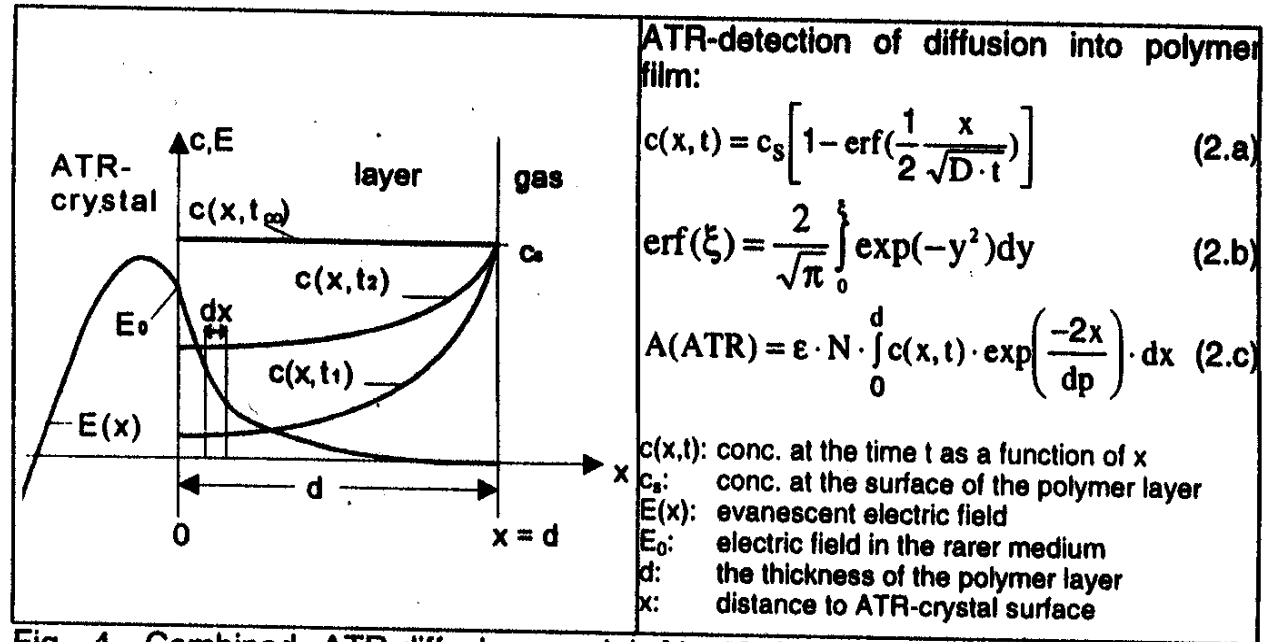
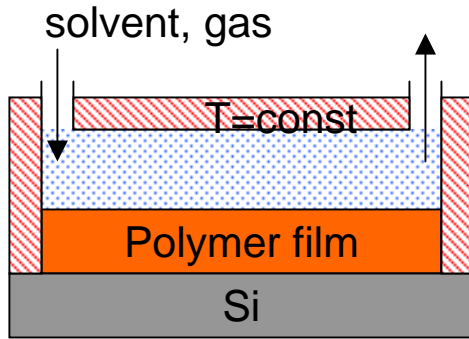
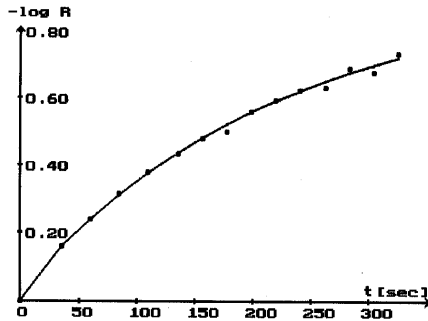
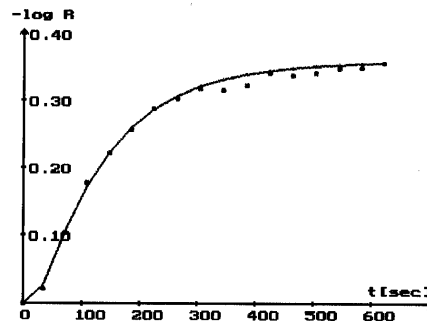


Fig. 4. Combined ATR-diffusion model [4, 5] for the evaluation of diffusion coefficients in polymer films (Fig. from [5]).



$D = 1.71 \cdot 10^{-12} \text{ cm}^2/\text{s}$

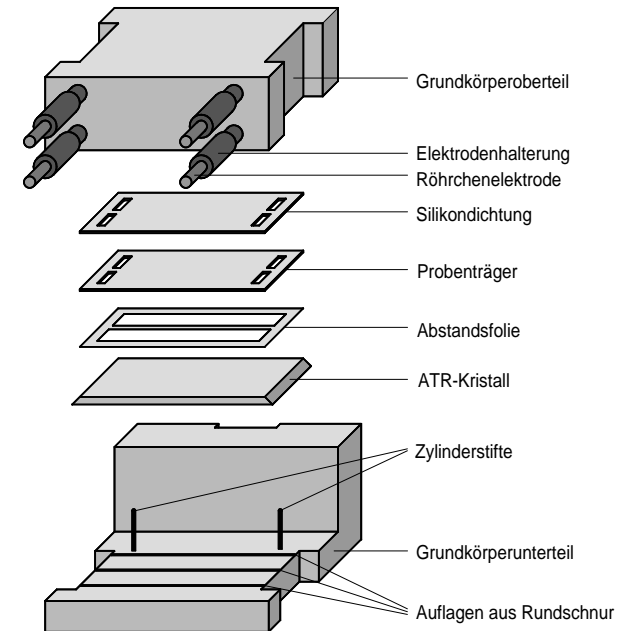
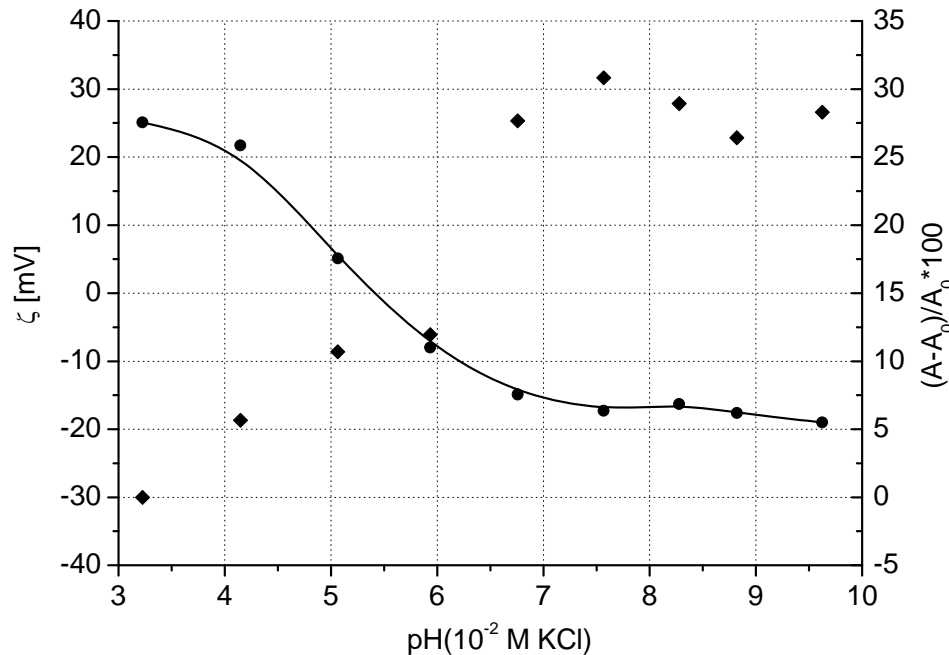


$D = 1.75 \cdot 10^{-7} \text{ cm}^2/\text{s}$

- Synchronous measurement of surface charge and amount of responsible functional groups (charge carriers).

• Example

pH dependence of the zeta potential of a Si ATR crystal after adsorption of fibrinogen (●) and simultaneously measured change of the $\nu(\text{COO}^-)$ band in the ATR-FTIR spectrum (◆).



Comparison of different methods



Method	Abbreviation	Information	Detection limit
Transmission Infrared Spectroscopy	TRANS-IR	Molecular information on films, adsorbates (dry state). Direct access to surface concentrations [$\mu\text{g}/\text{cm}^2$] via the Lambert-Beer law, knowing the thickness d . Lacking sensitivity. Access to x- and y-axial polymer orientation.	$\Gamma_{\text{MIN}} \approx 0.375 \mu\text{g}/\text{cm}^2$ (PMI-P sample)
Attenuated Total Reflexion IR	ATR-IR	Molecular in-situ detection of films and adsorbates on various surfaces (e.g. Si, Ge, diamond, polymer films) in contact to solution and in dry state. Quantification [$\mu\text{g}/\text{cm}^2$] via modified Lambert-Beer-Law knowing d . Access to x-, y- z-axial polymer orientation.	$\Gamma_{\text{MIN}} \approx 0.025 \mu\text{g}/\text{cm}^2$ (PMI-P sample)
Grazing incidence, Reflexion-absorption IR	GIR, RAIR	Most sensitive IR method for detection of ultrathin films. Limited to gold substrates. No direct correlation between the measured absorbance A and the surface concentration. Access to z-axial polymer orientation	$\Gamma_{\text{MIN}} \approx 2 \mu\text{g}/\text{cm}^2$ (PMI-P sample)
Diffuse reflexion IR (Fourier Transform)	DRIR, DRIFT	Molecular information on modifying layers on powdered samples (e.g. silica, granulate a.o.). Quantification not straightforward.	$\Gamma_{\text{MIN}} \approx 1/1600$ (w/w: PMI-P/ silica)
(Surface Enhanced) Raman Spectroscopy	(SERS) RAMAN	Well apted for polymer fibres, not for polymer films. Improvement by SERS.	$\Gamma_{\text{MIN}} \approx 20 \mu\text{g}/\text{cm}^2$ (SERS, Kieselgel)
Ellipsometry	ELL	in-situ detection of d of films and adsorbates on various surfaces (e.g. glass, Si, polymer films) in contact to solution/dry state. Quantification of Γ [$\mu\text{g}/\text{cm}^2$] via de Fejter approach.	$d_{\text{MIN}} < 1 \text{ nm}$
Surface Plasmon Resonance	SPR	in-situ detection of films and adsorbates on various surfaces (e.g. gold, polymer films) in contact to solution/dry state. Quantification [$\mu\text{g}/\text{cm}^2$] possible.	$\Gamma_{\text{MIN}} < 1 \text{ ng}/\text{cm}^2$ (proteins)