## **Neutron and Softmatter**

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## Soft Matter



## **Common properties**

- large number of internal degree of freedom
- weak interaction between structure unit
- delicate balance of entropy and enthalpy



#### phase transition

#### **Hierarchical structure**



# Nano-scale Structures in Soft Matter







### **Hierarchical dynamics**



### Inelastic/Quasi-elastic scattering



Surfactants

## Amphiphilic property

water

oil

hydrophilic

hydrophobic

## Semi-microscopic structures





## Packing parameter



head-water head-head

tail-tail

tail-oil

#### Pressure dependence

M. Nagao, HS, et al. 1999-2007



## AOT + $D_2O$ + *n*-decane



#### Pressure dependence of SAXS



### Structure change with P



#### The same as increasing T





# Why T-effect and P-effect seems to be the same?



counter-ion dissociation

tail-tail interaction

# Bending energy of surfactant layers

W. Helfrich, Z. Naturforsch. C28 (1973) 693

mean curvature 
$$H = \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{1}{R_1} + \frac{1}{R_2} \right)$$

Gaussian curvature  $K = \frac{1}{R_1} \frac{1}{R_2}$ 





spontaneous curvature

#### Neutrons see...



# Phase separation of a water-in droplet



Kawabata et al., Phys. Rev. Lett. 92 (2004) 056103.

## Results of NSE experiments

T=43°C/P=0.1MPa





## Scattering from a shell

Expansion of the shape fluctuation into spherical harmonics

 $R(\theta \phi, t) = R_0 \{1 + \sum a_{nm}(t)Y_{nm}(\theta \phi)\}$ 

Huang et al. PRL 59 (1987) 2600. Farago et al. PRL **65** (1990) 3348.



# T- and P- dependence of the bending modulus



# T- and P-effects on an ionic surfactant monolayer



# Possible application

-pressure antagonism of anesthesia -deep sea organisms -food processing







## **Cells and Vesicles**



# Lamellar structure of lipid bilayers



# Phase transitions of lipid bilayers



### Neutron vs X-ray

#### neutron





x-ray



#### static structure

# NSE measurements on lipid bilayers

N. L. Yamada, HS, et al. 2005-2008



# Considered as a single membrane fluctuation.



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# Single membrane fluctuation

A lateral length *L* along the membrane flat surface is perturbed in some way, because they are 2D connected object.

$$h \simeq (k_B T/\kappa)^{1/2} L^{\zeta}$$
 roughness exponent:  $\zeta = 1$  (2D objection = 3/2 (1D objection))

 $L \simeq (\kappa/k_B T)^{1/2\varsigma} Q^{-1/\varsigma}$ 

The Stokes-Einstein diffusion coefficient is,

$$D(Q) \simeq (k_B T/\eta L) \simeq (k_B T/\eta) (k_B T/\kappa)^{1/2\zeta} Q^{1/\zeta}$$

The relaxation rate is,

 $\Gamma(Q) \simeq D(Q) Q^2 \simeq (k_B T/\eta) (k_B T/\kappa)^{1/2\zeta} Q^{2+(1/\zeta)}$ 

Thus they obtained the stretched exponential form of the relaxation function as,

$$I(Q, t) = \exp[-(\Gamma(Q)t)^{\beta}]$$

where

$$\Gamma(Q) = \gamma_{\alpha} \gamma_{\kappa} (k_{B}T)^{1/\beta} \kappa^{1-(1/\beta)} \eta^{-1} Q^{2/\beta}$$

with

 $\beta = 2 / (2+1/\zeta) = 2/3 (2D \text{ object}) \qquad \gamma_{\alpha} = 0.024 (2D \text{ object}) \\ = 3/4 (1D \text{ object}) \qquad = 0.0056 (1D \text{ object})$ 

 $\gamma_{\kappa} = 1 - 3 \ln(\xi / I(t)) k_B T / (4\pi\kappa)$ 



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Zilman and Granek

#### **NSE** results



 $\eta$ : viscosity of D<sub>2</sub>O  $\gamma_{\kappa}=1$  :  $K_{c} \gg k_{B}T$ 

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3wt.%

4wt.%

6wt.%

12wt.%

*K*<sub>c</sub>:bending modulus

 $\gamma_{\alpha}$ =0.025 : 2D membrane

## T-dependence of bending modulus



#### Anomalous swelling above $T_{\mbox{\scriptsize M}}$



#### NSE results

DMPC+KBr T=50°C

DMPC+KBr T=25°C



 $I(q,t)/I(q,0)=C\exp[-(\Gamma t)^{2/3}]$ 

#### Bending modulus



Softening 
Thermal fluctuation increases

Repeat distance increases

## Our interpretation

irregular stacking of bumpy layers

thickening & hardening



# Possible application

#### Inhibitory Effects of Hybrid Liposomes on the Growth of Tumor Cells



# Lipid membrane & water







# Lipid membrane & water





### **QENS with Incoherent Scattering**



van Hove function

$$\begin{split} G(r,t) &= \frac{1}{N} \sum_{j} \sum_{j'} \int \left\langle \delta[r - r' + r_j(0)] \right. \\ &\left. \delta[r' - r_{j'}(t)] \right\rangle dr' \quad \text{(mutual correlation)} \end{split}$$

$$\begin{split} G_{s}(r,t) &= \frac{1}{N} \sum_{j} \int \langle \delta[r-r'+r_{j}(0)] \\ &\delta[r'-r_{j'}(t)] \rangle dr' \ \text{(self correlation)} \end{split}$$





#### Purpose of this study

- Dynamical behavior of water molecules is investigated with QENS
  - Wide energy range / high energy resolution
    - Available to measure from free water to hydrated water
  - Fully deuterated phospholipid
    - QENS signal from hydrophlic part could be neglected and the dynamical behavior of water molecules can be estimated

Sample:  $d_{67}$ DMPC +  $H_2$ O





### Samples

#### d<sub>67</sub>DMPC-37H<sub>2</sub>O

	Coherent scatt.	Incoherent scatt.
d <sub>67</sub> DMPC	631.4 barn (8.5%)	631.4 barn (7.3%)
37H <sub>2</sub> O	286.6 barn (3.9%)	5939.2 barn (80.3%)

#### DMPC-35D<sub>2</sub>O

	Coherent scatt.	Incoherent scatt.
DMPC	374.5 barn (5.5%)	5779.3 barn (84.5%)
35D <sub>2</sub> O	535.6 barn (7.9%)	143.5 barn (2.1%)

Sample can : 14mm- $\phi$  / 40mm-h / 0.5mm-t (double cylinder)



#### Experimental

- Elastic Scan (50  $\sim$  320 K, 1 Kmin<sup>-1</sup>)
- Quasi-Elastic Neutron Scattering
  - $d_{67}$ DMPC-37H<sub>2</sub>O: 316, 305, 295, 285, 275 K (12h / Temp) -0.5  $\leq \Delta E \leq 0.5$  (meV),  $\delta E_{Reso} = 3.6 \,\mu eV$ , at 3 chopper settings
  - DMPC-35D<sub>2</sub>O: 306 K

 $-0.04 \le \Delta E \le 0.1$  (meV), at 1 chopper settings





## **Elastic Scan**



main-transition(T<sub>tr</sub>)



## QENS data of d<sub>67</sub>DMPC-37H<sub>2</sub>O

#### dynamics of water molecules



Quasi-Elastic Neutron Scattering was observed and its width increased with increasing temperature.



#### **Model Analysis**



3 modes are assumed to analyze the observed QENS data



#### Liquid Crystalline Phase (*T* = 316, 305, 295)



 $S(Q, E) = \{A_{\text{Tight}} L_{\text{Tight}}(\Gamma_{\text{Tight}}, E) + A_{\text{Loose}} L_{\text{Loose}}(\Gamma_{\text{Loosely}}, E) + A_{\text{Free}} L_{\text{Free}}(\Gamma_{\text{Free}}, Q)\} \otimes R(Q, E) + BG$ 



#### **Ripple Gel Phase & Gel Phase** (*T* = 285, 275 K)





#### Q<sup>2</sup> dependence of HWHM



Tightly bound water Simple diffusion model (Fick's law)  $\Gamma_{\text{Tight}} = DQ^2$ 





## QENS data of DMPC-35D<sub>2</sub>O

#### Dynamics of lipid molecules



A model assuming lateral diffusion of lipid molecules within bilayer and internal mode of a lipid\*



\* V. Sharma, et. al, J. Chem. Phys. B, 119 (2015), 4460.

### Arrhenius plot of diffusion const.



	Activation energy [ kJmol <sup>-1</sup> ]
Free water	10.5 ± 1.2
Bulk water	18.6 ± 0.3

Activation energy of "Free water" is less than that of bulk water

Free water: diffusion constant is the same order as that of bulk water Loosely bound water: 1 order less diffusion constant than that of free water Tightly bound water: the same diffusion constant as that of DMPC



### Arrhenius plot of mean res. time



	Activation Energy [ kJmol <sup>-1</sup> ]
Free water	$19.0 \pm 2.5$
Bulk water	28.9 ± 1.0
Loosely bound water	27.5 ± 3.2

Free water: mean residence time is the same as that of bulk water Loosely bound water: 1 order of magnitude more than that of bulk water



#### Arrhenius plot of jump distance



Jump distance of the loosely bound water is longer than that of bulk water  $\rightarrow$  hydrogen bonding distorts from the normal water structure



 $\overline{6\tau_0}$ 

#### Coefficients of 3 components



 $A_0$ 's are proportional to the number of atoms.



#### Number of water molecules



(Incoherent scatt. fraction of DMPC)

Free water: almost constant Loosely bound water: increase with increasing temperature Tightly bound water: decrease with increasing temperature



## Summary



#### free water

24 molecules: no T dependence nearly bulk water, but confinement effect

#### loosely bound water

8-12 molecules: increase with T slow dynamics: 1/10 of free water

#### tightly bound water

7-2 molecules: decrease with T move with lipid molecules



# Possible application

#### bio-compatibility and bound water layer



# Neutrons in Soft Matter

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