

Advanced Neutron Tools for Soft and Bio Materials

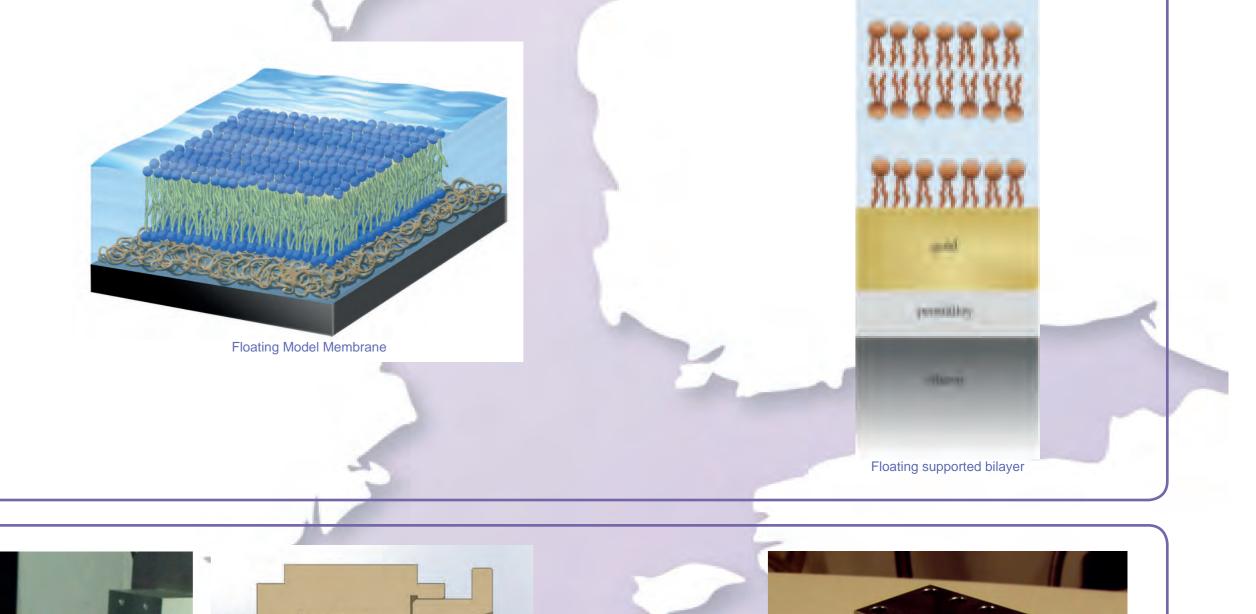
Objectives

1. Create a platform for model bio-membranes

2. Develop new sample environments for soft and bio materials, and improve existing equipments

A platform for model biological membranes for structural and dynamical characterisations

- D Lipids extraction
- Technology improvement for unconstrained, deposited biomembranes
- New method for fabricating the lower Self Assembled Monolayer (SAM)



using chemically modified substrates surfaces

SAM of 100% coverage with defect-free bilayers on these surfaces

Kinetic/dynamic measurements in periodic external fields

 Device for multi-angle, static and dynamic light scattering combined with small angle scattering

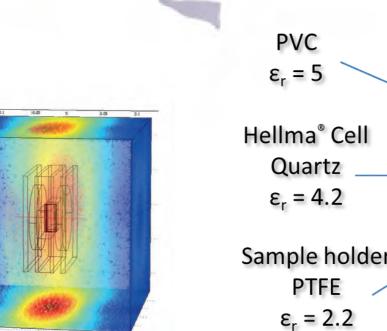
2 different scattering angles accessible simultaneously

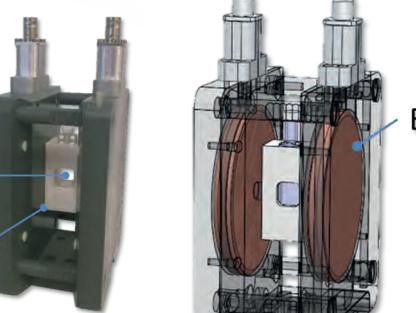
• Electrical Field cell with electrodes outside the sample cell

Pressure cells for Small Angle Neutron Scattering with sapphire



Large sample volume pressure cell with TiZr windows



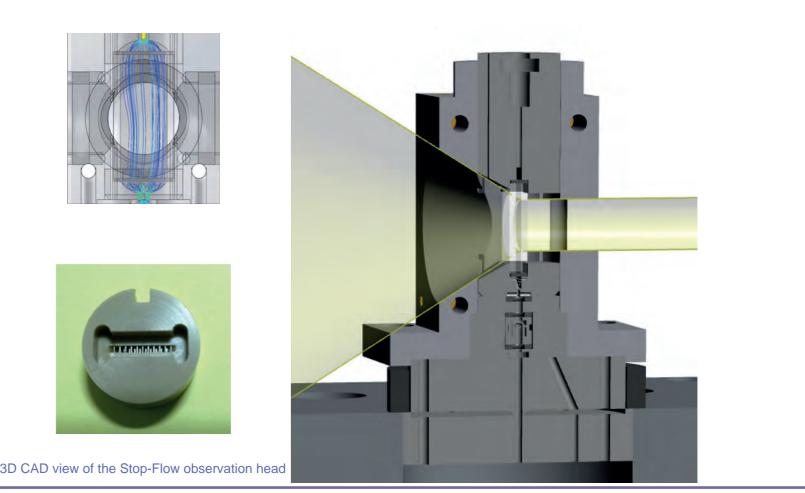




- windows and with TiZr material for larger sample volume for Neutron Spin Echo
- Improved Stop Flow for smaller samples; better and faster homegeneization and thermalization

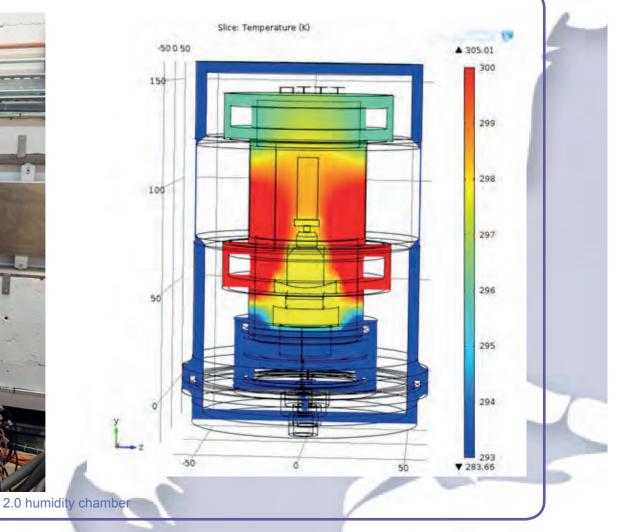






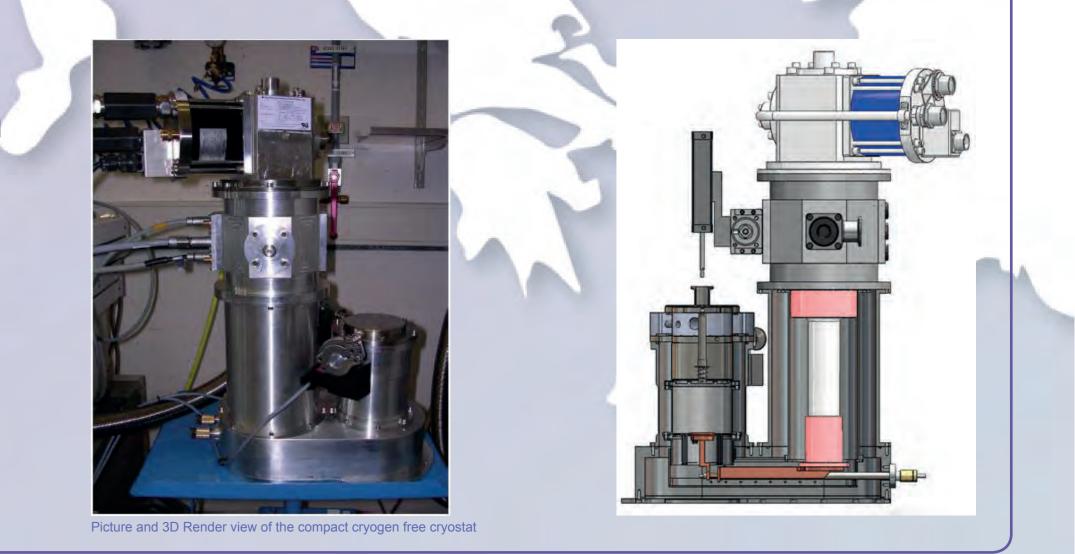
Humidity chamber

• Humidity cell with a factor of 5 improvement in humidity ratio (temperature) stabilization



Cryogen-free cryostat with sample changer for fast automatic data collection

- Compact, modular, cryogen-free cryostat for multiple samples, with a separate sample space isolation vacuum and a cold head isolation vacuum
- Thermal coupling to the cold head achieved by heat switches to realise fast cool down and warm up







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