# Monolayers: ultrathin films on liquids & solids

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## 3D vs. 2D powders







## Grazing Incidence X-Ray Diffraction (GIXD)



## 2D powders





#### Typical GID Data: Lipid Monolayers at the Air-Water Interface







## **Example: Lipid Membranes**

Bio-toxin assault



#### Drug Targeting ~80% of pharmaceuticals target membrane proteins.



## Model Membranes



#### Bilayer vs. Monolayer



#### GIXD Scattering from **DPPE** Bilayer at the Solid-Liquid Interface



## **DPPE Bragg Peaks**





Bilayer peak position @ ~30mN/m for monolayer
In-plane structure of bilayer is more disordered.
Little distortion of the hexagonal unit cell

#### GID (Bragg Rods) of Single DPPE Bilayers



#### GIXD of DPPC Mono- and Bi-Layers



### **DPPC Bragg Peaks**

