

Part 1:

## Conclusions / Opportunities

- ⊙ The interfacial properties of "simple" proteins at very simple interfaces are qualitatively understood
- A plea for theory!
- Complex, multi-domain proteins — especially at complex interfaces — is wide open
- Constraints:
  - structure of complex, relevant proteins
  - characterization/prediction of interface microheterogeneity in aqueous environments
- Surface dynamics of complex polymer surfaces — wide open
- Competitive Adsorption from complex protein mixtures — wide open
- Constraints:
  - quantitative, simultaneous measurement of 10-100 proteins
  - covalent changes — proteases, etc...
- Cells - Tissues — interface engineering; protein modification
- New paradigm — new view —  
Is there a simple way to predict/understand interfacial behavior of thousands of different molecular machines?

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Heterogeneity + Cooperativity

+ Dynamics + Environment



Responsiveness / Accommodation:

"Intelligence"?

Posters:

Fibrinogen — A Multi-Domain Biopolymer

Multi-Domain Poly(ether urethanes) — Protein "Specificity"?

Micro-Domain Imaging of Polymer Surfaces: AFM Elasticity Mapping?

Luciferase — Behavior & Assembly of a Photoprotein at Interfaces

Enhancing Science Education by use of Unusual Bio-Phenomena: Bioluminescence

Thanks!



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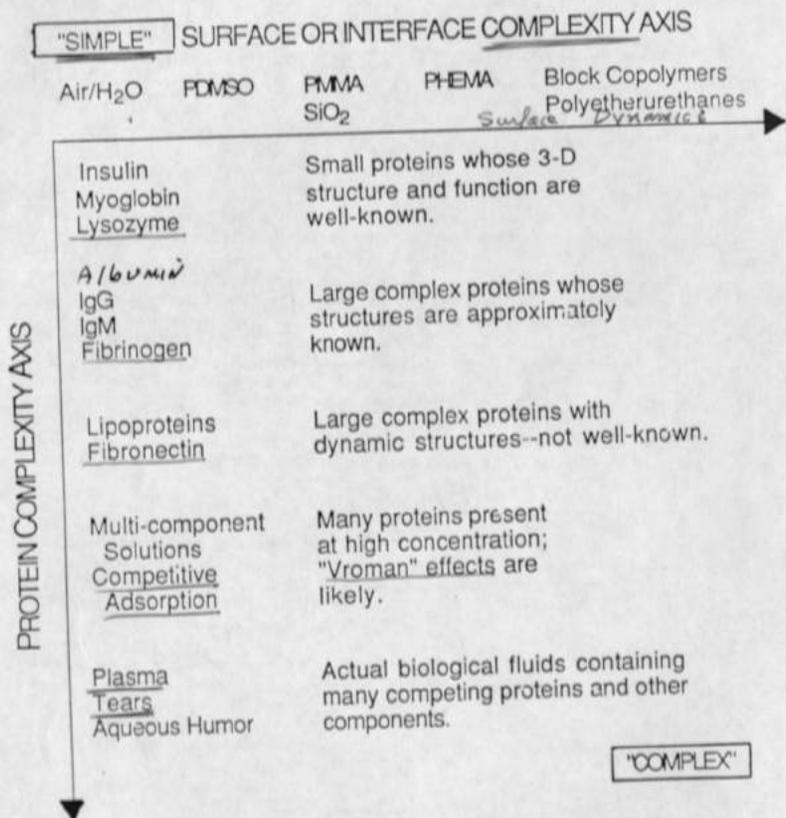


FIGURE 1: A Protein Adsorption Complexity Matrix. The upper left represents "simple" systems; the lower right shows highly complex systems. A solid surface complexity axis runs from left to right; the protein complexity axis goes from top to bottom. See text for abbreviations and details.

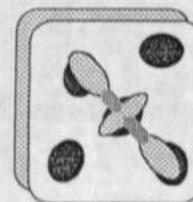
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# MULTIDOMAIN INTERACTION HYPOTHESIS (3 OPTIONS)

TIME = 0      TIME > 0      participating properties

*multi-domain protein*



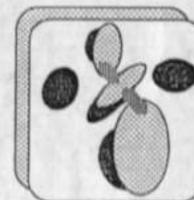
protein domain size  
energetics  
polymer domain size  
γ-soft segment  
γ-hard segment

Domains & energetics match @ impact

protein T-degradation ↓  
flexibility  
activation pot.  
polymer T-glass trans ↑  
g-hard segment

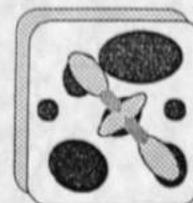


*Multi-domain surface*



Protein conforms to polyurethane surface

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flexibility  
activation pot.  
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g-hard segment



Polyurethane surface conforms to protein

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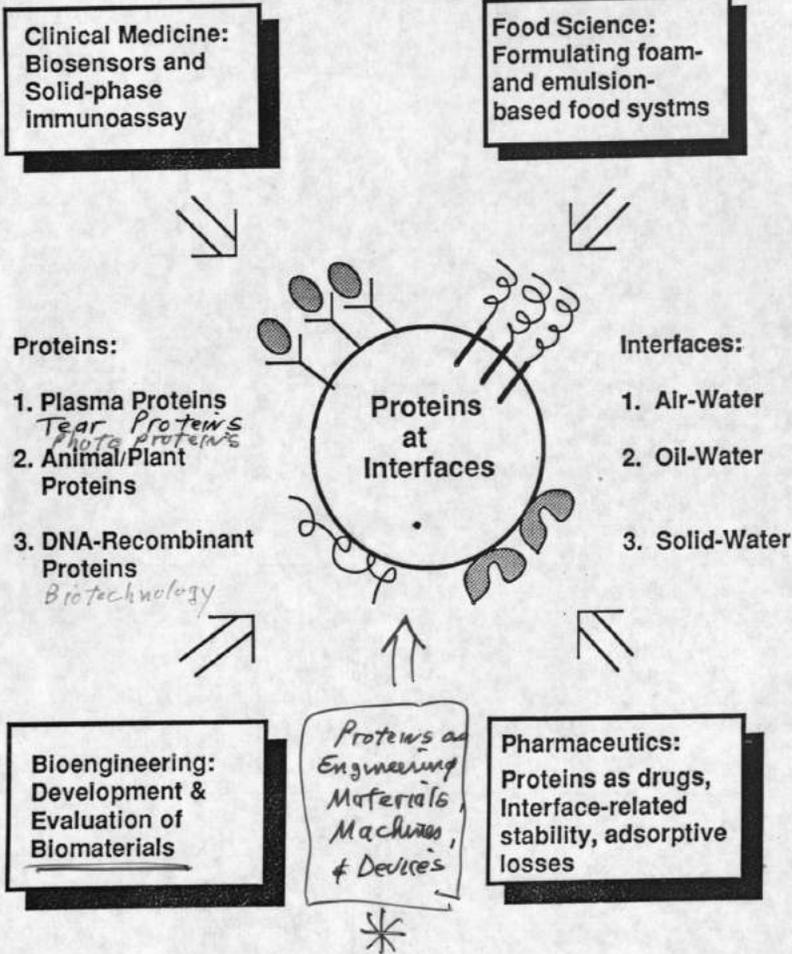


Fig. 1.1 Some of the applications that involve proteins at surfaces or interfaces.

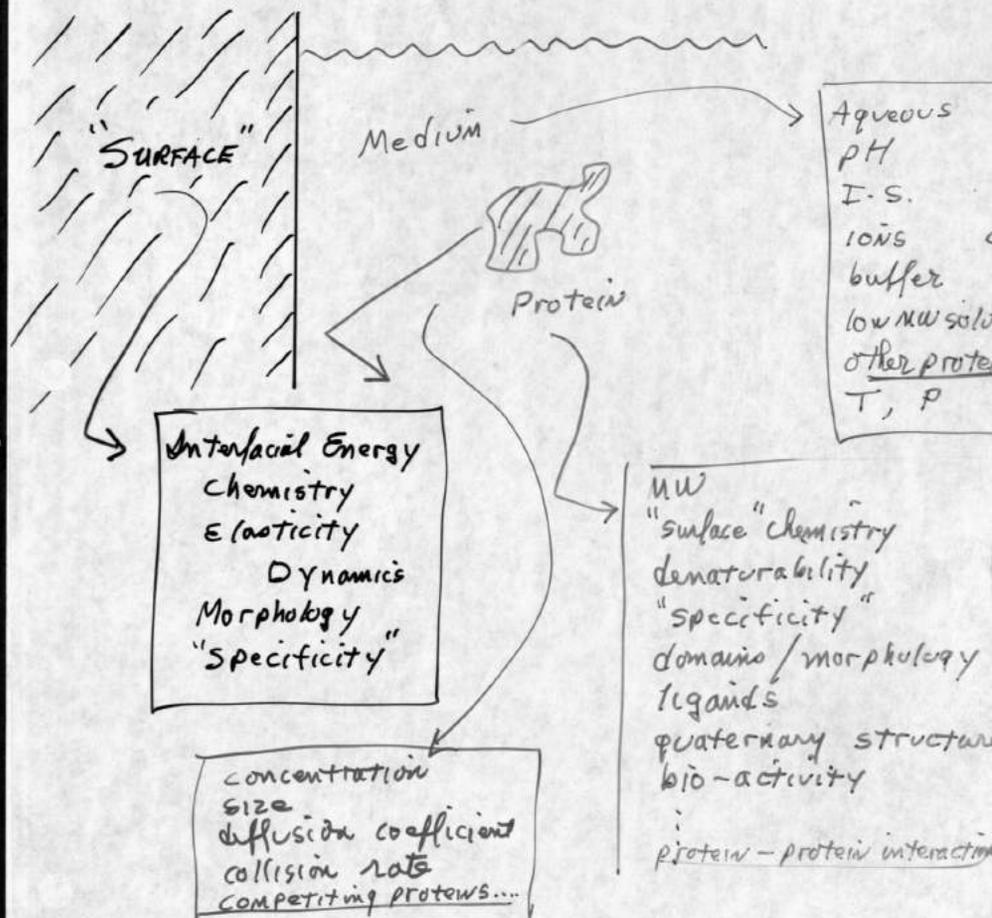
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Thomas Tan & John -  
 8 yrs ago!

S/V  
 ratios +  
 concentration

PROTEIN ADSORPTION:

Defining the Problem - the Variables:



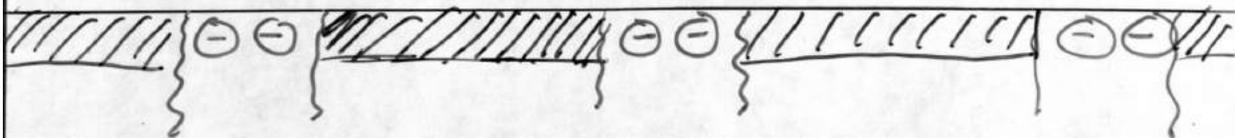
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Cooperativity

$\Delta$  DSC?

$\Delta$  IR? ●



Ionomer?

Dirty Glass?

Silanized Glass?

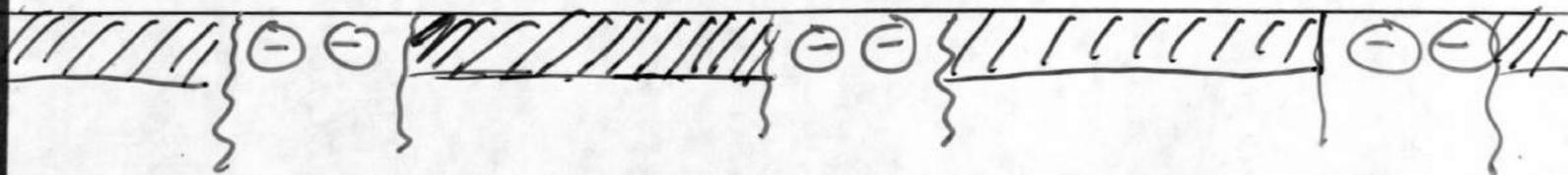
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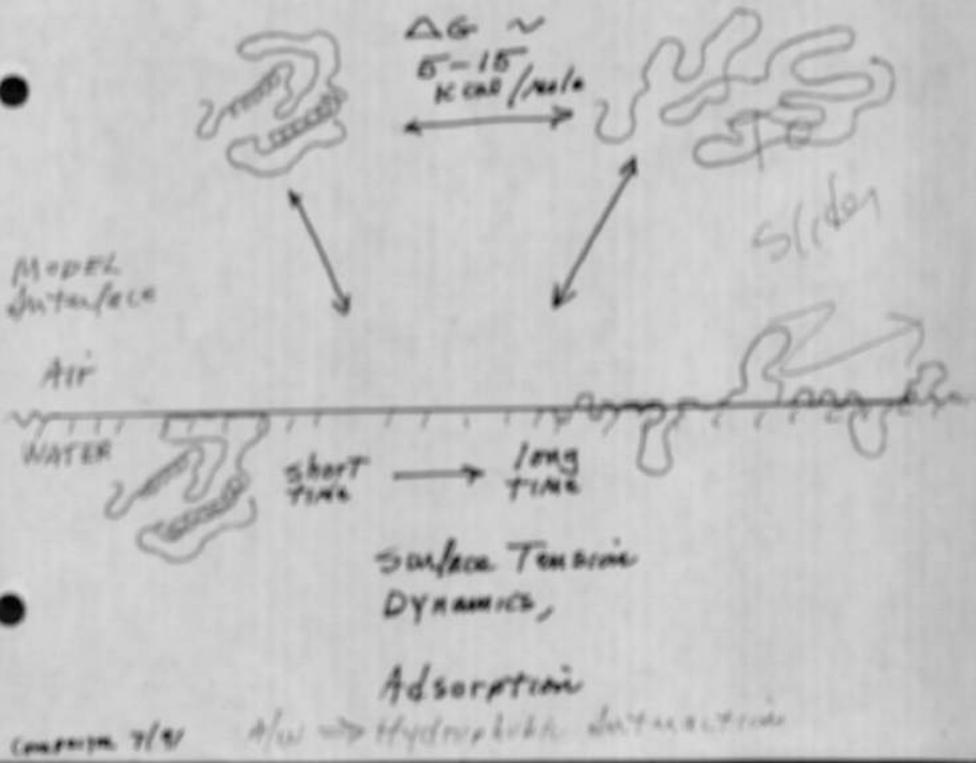
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"SIMPLEST" MODEL SYSTEM

Aqueous Solution: "Simple" Proteins

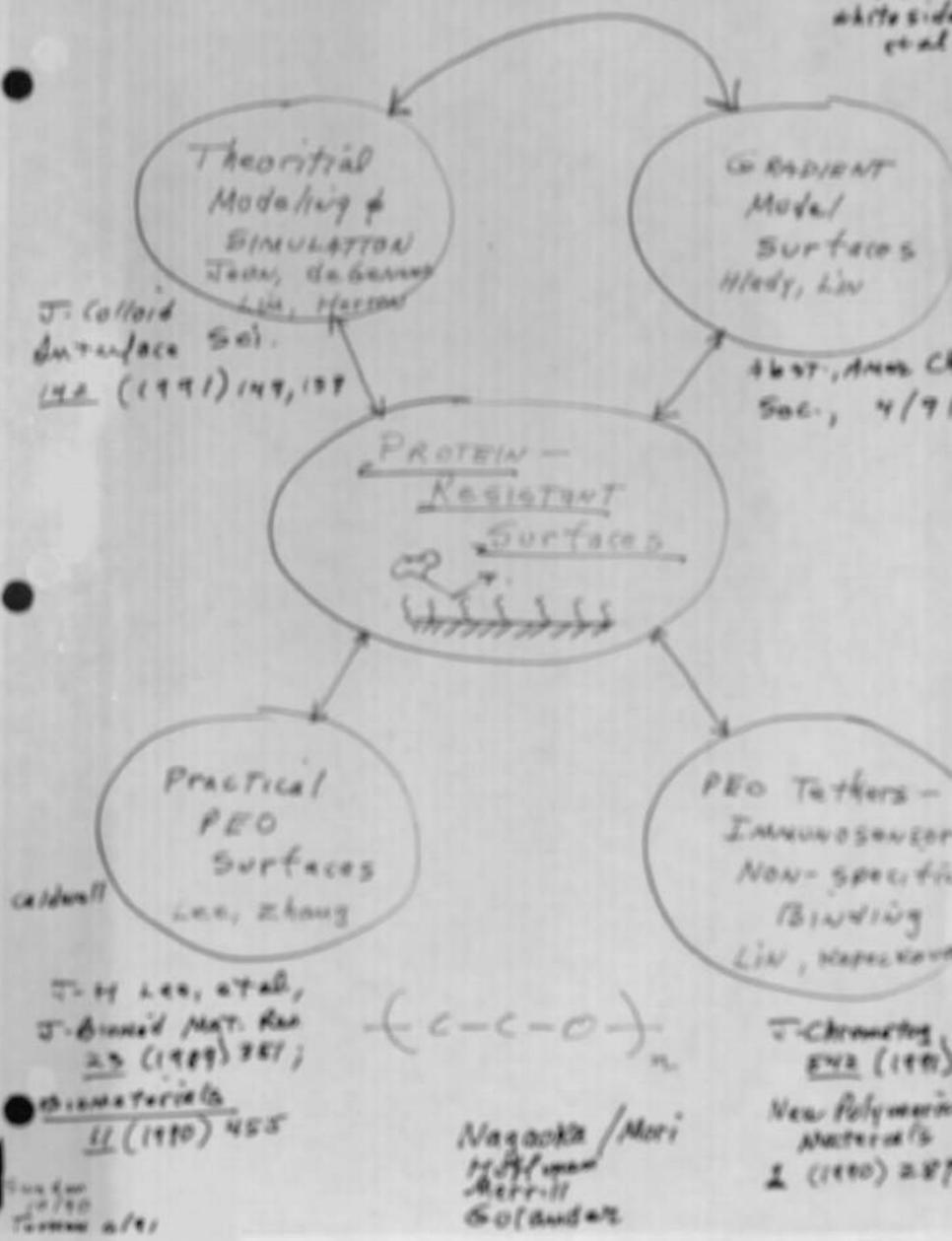
3-D STRUCTURE  
[XRD, RAMAN, NMR]  
Molecular Graphics

Denaturation  
pH [urea]  
[GdnCl]  
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Lin, Whiteside et al

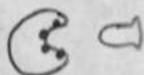


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Heterogeneity + Cooperativity

+ Dynamics =

"Specificity"



4. statistical specificity

Functional Groups:

Chromatography:  
ion-exchange  
hydrophobic  
charge-transfer

+ H+C+D :

Marcel + Jacqueline  
Effect.

Protein Domains :

"vitro" nectin, Heranin-  
Binding Proteins

Two Phase Polymers:  
Phase "Specificity"

Surface Phase/Morphology  
Hypoxeres -  
OKANO  
COOPER

Domain-Domain Interactions: Morphology Specificity

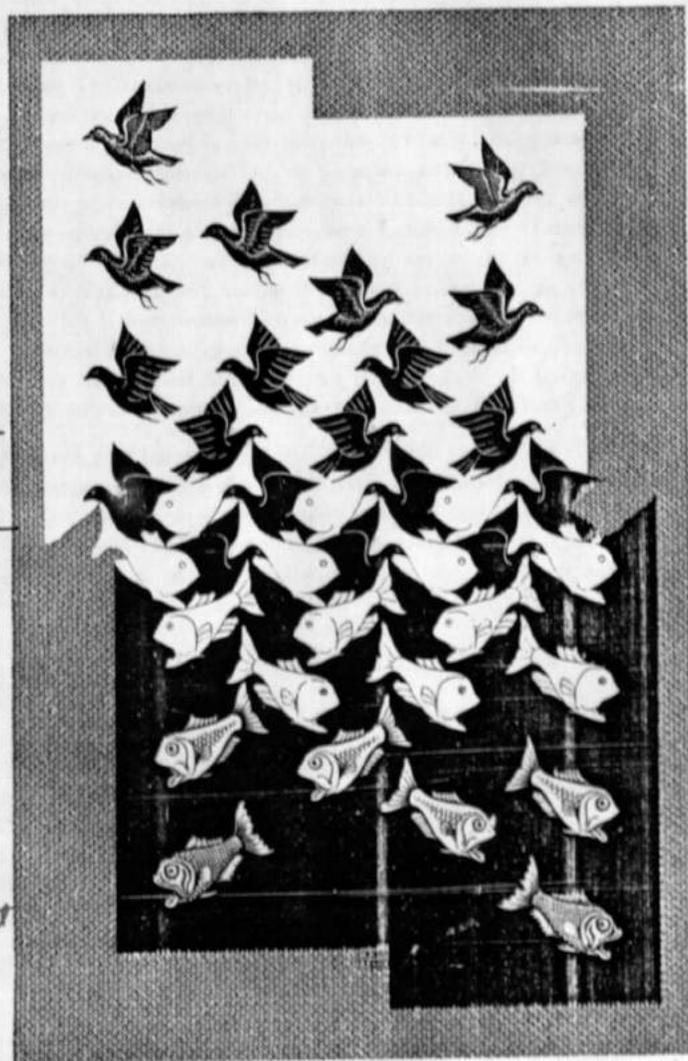
Next step - The REAL World:  $\Sigma$  All of the above!!

Air  
Environment

Interface

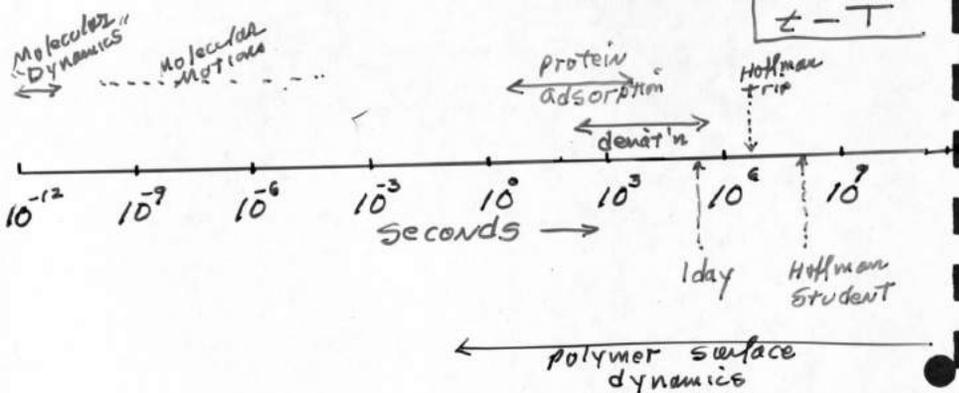
Inter phase  
Gradient

Water  
Environment



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2. Dynamics: Everything is a function of time - if you look quickly enough or wait long enough



3. Cooperativity: The phenomena we attempt to study and understand involve multiple, cooperative interactions ( $\sim kT$ ) and multiple sites - of different dimensions

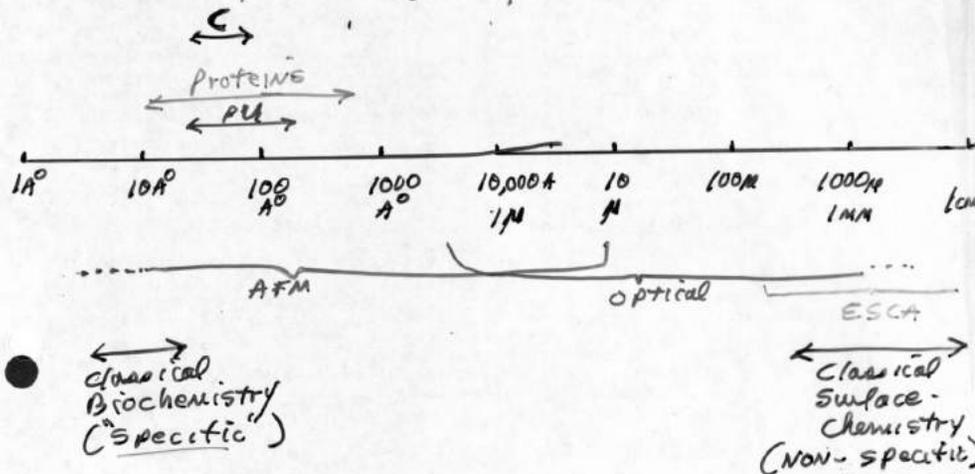


Polymer Adsorption Theory  
Enzyme-Substrate  
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## Four Perspectives

1. Heterogeneity: There are no homogeneous systems - simply different degrees of heterogeneity



Conclusion: Sizes / Dimensions are important

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