

# The SLAC (Interim) Director's Perspective

## SSRL 50th Anniversary Celebration

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- “To help investigate the symmetry and coherence of our ultrathin films [YBa<sub>2</sub>Cu<sub>3</sub>O<sub>7- $\delta$</sub>  on MgO] and to further characterize the microstructure of these samples, a 2.4nm film was examined by Prof. B. Clemens of Stanford University using grazing incidence x-ray scattering (GIXS) at the **Stanford Synchrotron Radiation Laboratory on Beamline 7-2**, using a wavelength of 0.15091 nm a constant reciprocal space L component of the grazing incidence scan of 0.1841 nm<sup>-1</sup>.”

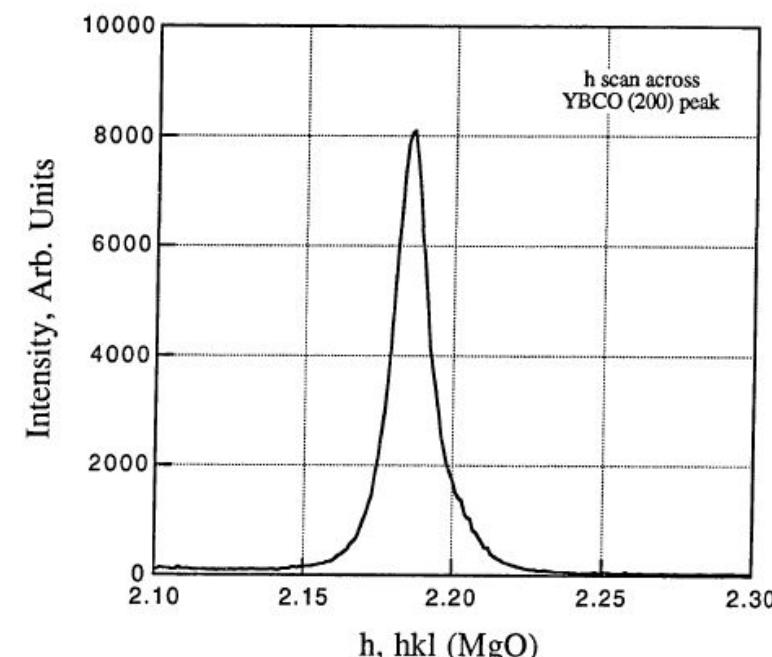


Figure 2.3: Reciprocal lattice GIXS scan of the (200)YBCO reflection from the 2.4 nm film, expressed in units of h along q = h00 of the MgO substrate.

# PEP Undulators Gave Glimpse into 3<sup>rd</sup> Generation Future

1988: Bell Labs – SSRL collaboration uses world's brightest x-ray source to explore fundamentals of crystal growth with a custom growth system.



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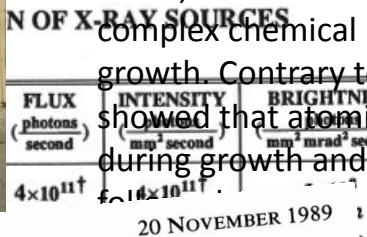
PHYSICAL REVIEW LETTERS

## Atomic Nature of Organometallic-Vapor-Phase-Epitaxial Growth

P. H. Fuoss, D. W. Kisker, G. Renaud, and K. L. Tokuda  
AT&T Bell Laboratories, Holmdel, New Jersey 07733

S. Brennan and J. L. Kahn  
Stanford Synchrotron Radiation Laboratory, Stanford, California 94309  
(Received 18 May 1989)

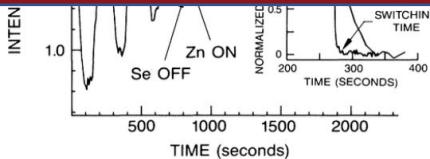
*In situ* x-ray scattering has been used to study a growing film (ZnSe on GaAs) during organometallic-vapor-phase epitaxy. This first *in situ* study of non-ultrahigh-vacuum growth revealed a surprisingly stable and well-ordered  $p(2\times 1)$  reconstruction during growth despite the presence of organic reaction by-products. Also, dramatic changes in the specular x-ray reflectivity were found while investigating transient kinetic effects during alternate-source epitaxy. These results demonstrate the power of *in situ* x-ray-scattering studies in the characterization of these complex processes.



Fuoss, Kisker and Brennan used x-rays to probe the complex chemical processes of industrial crystal growth. Contrary to conventional wisdom, they showed that atomically sharp interfaces were present during growth and that growth dynamics can be

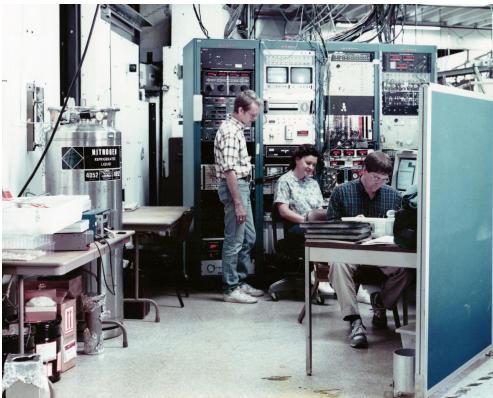
Se ON      Zn OFF      GROWTH OFF

Unfortunately, PEP was heavily damaged in Loma Prieta earthquake, one week before next growth experiment, and never ran again.



# But 25 Years of Ground-Breaking Experiments Followed

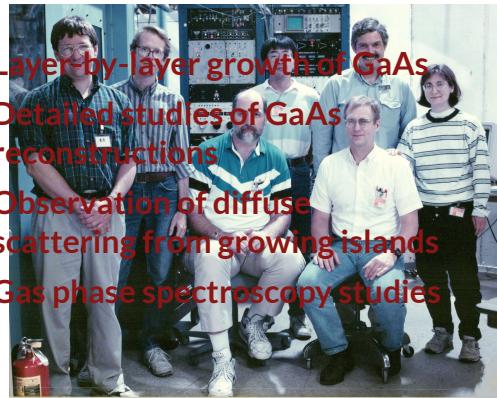
## At SSRL BL 10-2 in 1991 and 92



- Layer-by-layer growth of GaAs
- Detailed studies of GaAs reconstructions
- Observation of diffuse scattering from growing islands
- Gas phase spectroscopy studies

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## BL 6-2 in 1993, 94 and 95



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## APS 12ID-D from 1997-2015



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- Correlation of synchrotron x-ray measurements with laboratory optical probes
- Studies of InGaAs growth

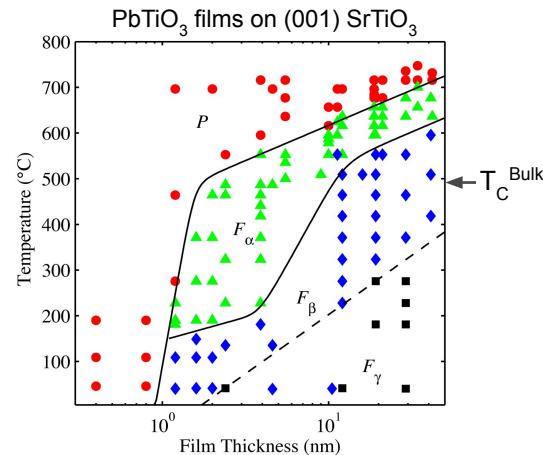
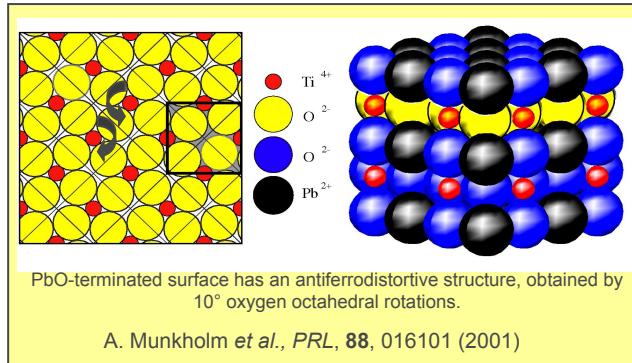
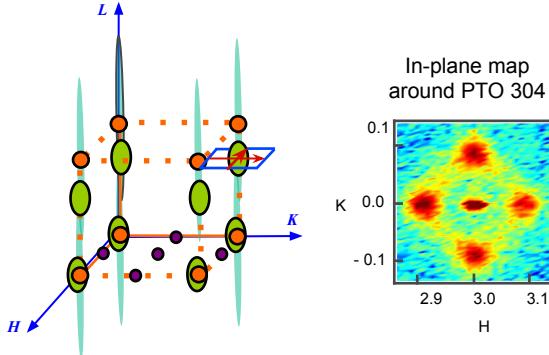
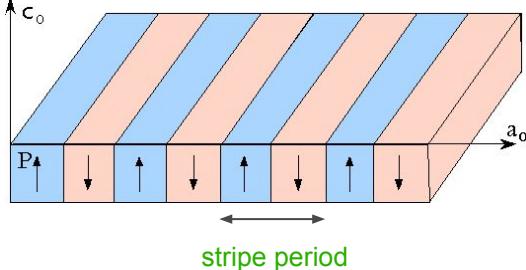


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# In-Situ Studies of Epitaxial $\text{PbTiO}_3$ Thin Films Grown by Metalorganic Chemical Vapor Deposition

Stephenson, Streiffer, Thompson, Eastman, Fong, Fuoss et al.

- Establish growth conditions for fully coherent, highly perfect Pb-terminated  $\text{PbTiO}_3$  films on  $\text{SrTiO}_3$
- First experimental observation of  $180^\circ$  polarization stripe domains
- First quantitative experimental verification of impact of strain on  $T_c$  in epitaxial ferroelectric films
- First quantitative determination of  $T_c$  as a function of film thickness



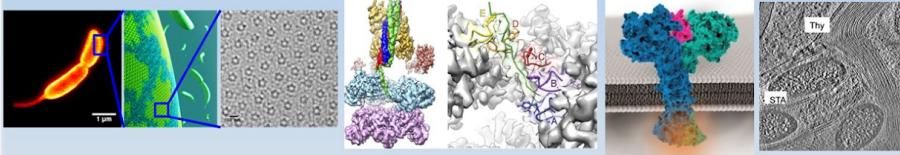
Fong et al. *Science* **304**, 1650 (2004)

# A Successful Partnership: SSRL + Stanford University

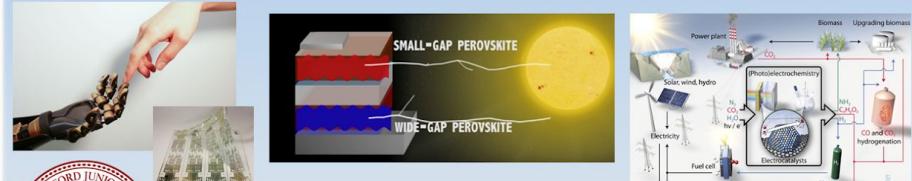


## Representative Stanford PI's and Research

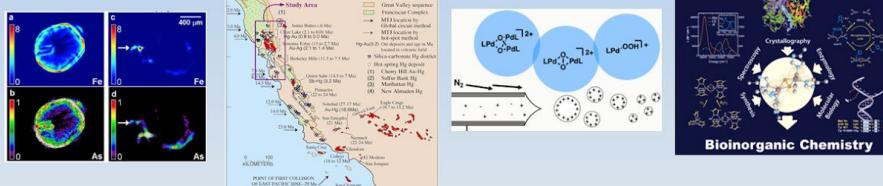
### Biological & Medical Sciences



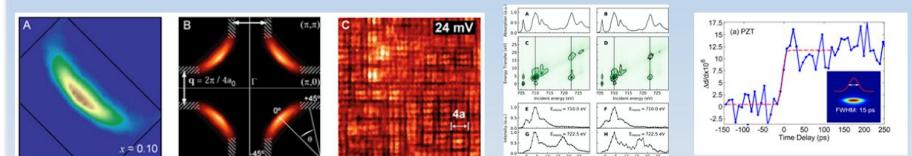
### Chemical, Mechanical and Electrical Engineering



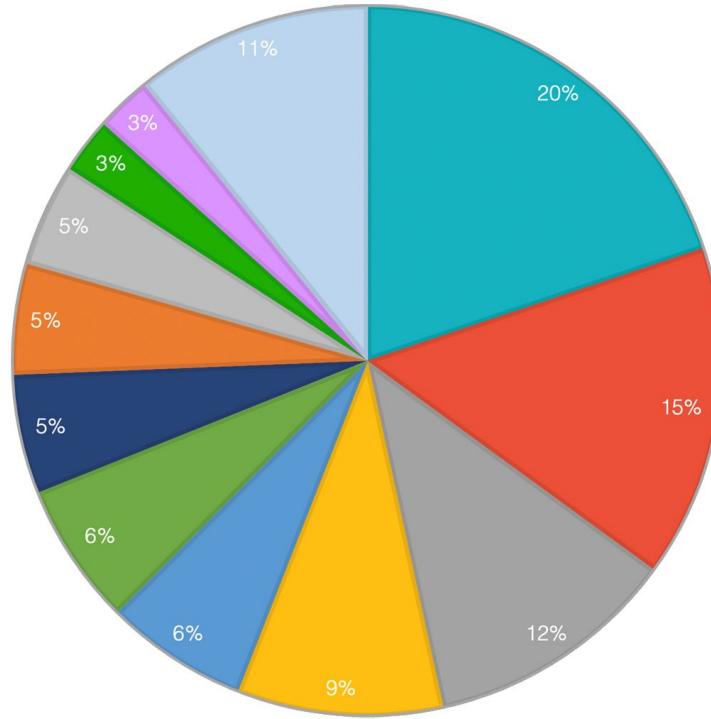
### Earth Science & Chemistry



### Physics, Materials & Energy Sciences



# Stanford Users of SSRL



**280** Stanford researchers

**30** Academic departments

**80** Stanford faculty members

**150** User proposals

■ Material Science & Engineering  
■ Earth System Science  
■ Applied Physics  
■ Biochemistry

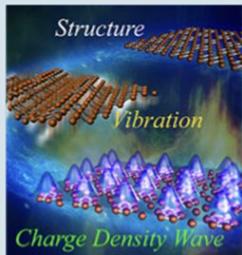
■ Chemical Engineering  
■ Cell Physiology  
■ Structural Biology  
■ Engineering

■ Chemistry  
■ Physics  
■ Mechanical Engineering  
■ Other

# Developing unique capabilities and new science areas at SLAC



## Quantum Materials



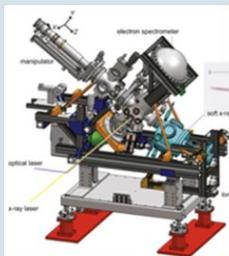
Resonant X-ray scattering program at SSRL built the foundation for unique experiments at LCLS

BL 17-2



New analyzer system for Fourier Transform RIXS at LCLS and SSRL to study Ultrafast Magnetism in 2D Layered Quantum Materials

## New X-ray Techniques

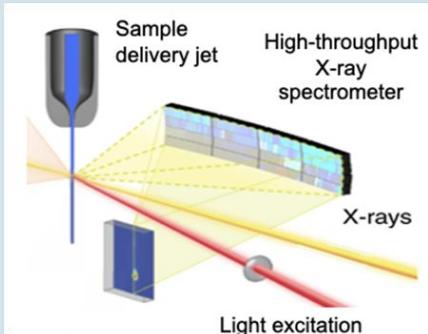
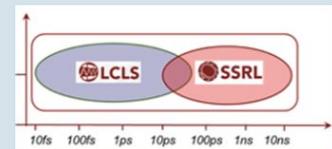


Testing new PAX system at SSRL prior to installation on LCLS qRIXS



Development of rapid-scan crystallography at SSRL BL12 informed the design of LCLS MFX

## Chemical reactivity



Complementary timescales of LCLS and SSRL (fs to  $\mu$ s) enable holistic studies of photocatalytic dynamic phenomena upon light excitation

Leveraging collaborations between LCLS and SSRL