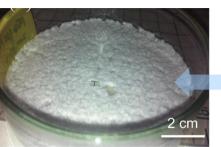
# **Structural formation in crystalline** polymeric materials



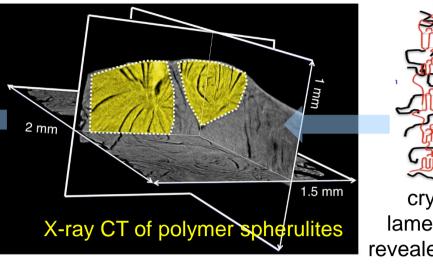
### Polymer crystallization in thick film studied by X-ray CT and SAXS [1,2]



**PEG** thick film

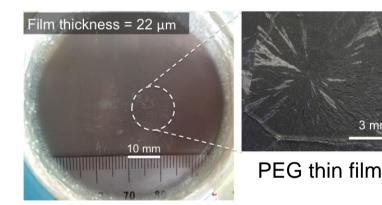


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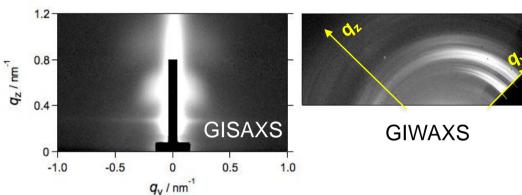


crystalline lamellar stacks revealed by SAXS

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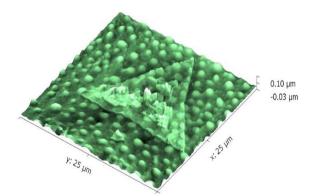


Preferential orientation obtained by a spin coater



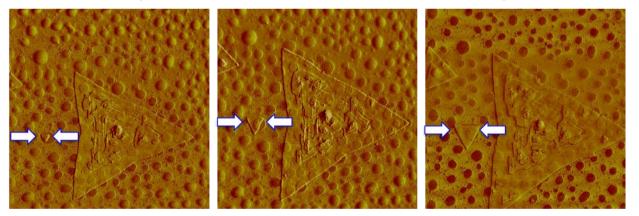
## Polymer crystallization in ultrathin film studied by in-situ AFM [3]

3 mm



3D triangular crystal in a 30-nm film

Crystals growth traced by time-resolved hot-stage AFM

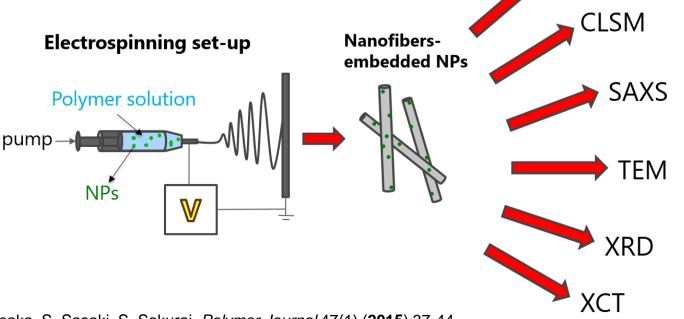


Structural investigation of electrospun polymer nanofibers incorporated nanoparticles as novel drug carriers characterized by combination techniques

The polymer selection is relevant both in the area of biopolymers, synthetic polymers, blends, composites and respective biomedical applications.

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further applications, For derive from polymers that having biobased sources biocompatible properties and/or polymers that have properties "smart" (stimuliresponsive, shape memory. self-cleaning, and self-healing) are interested.



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