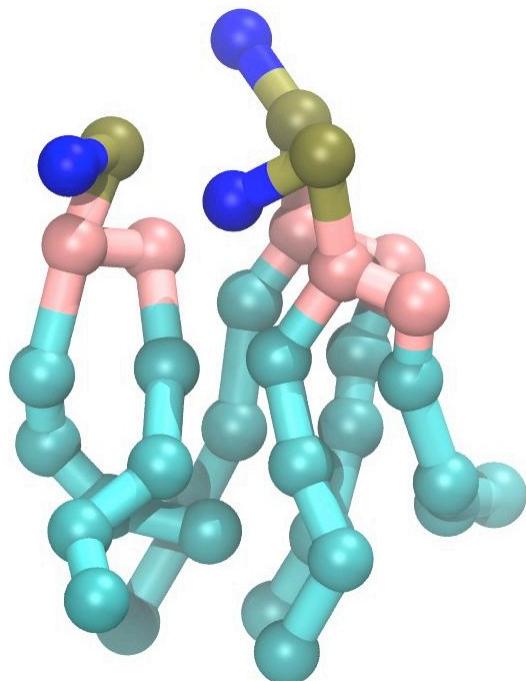


Lipid biophysics with the Martini model

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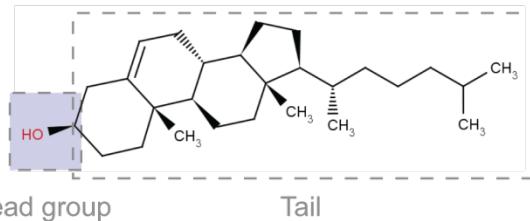
- Lipids – the what and the why
- The Martini lipidome
 - available lipids types
 - naming standard
 - overall properties
- Building bilayers
- Calculating lipids properties
- Examples of lipid projects
- Plasma membrane project
 - setup
 - results
 - analysis
- Future Martin lipids

Lipids – definition

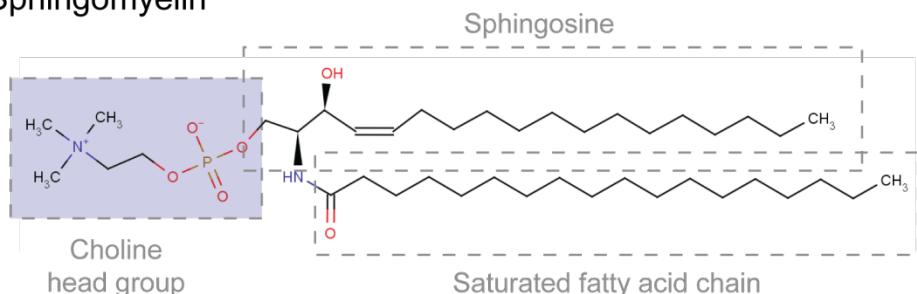


- Naturally occurring fats or fat-like compounds
- Insoluble in water
- Soluble in organic solvents
- Hydrophobic/amphipathic molecules

Cholesterol

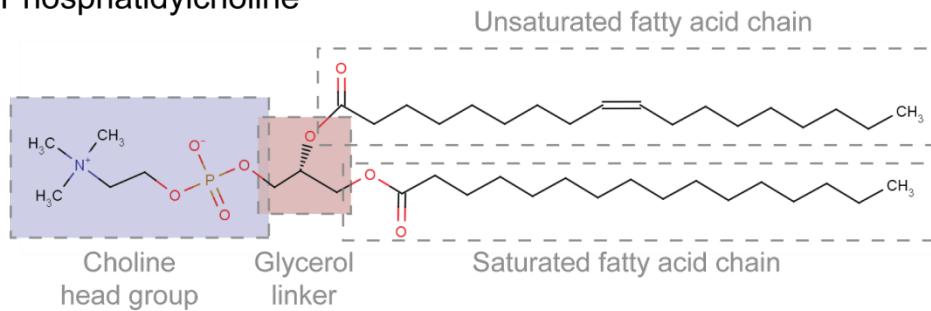


Sphingomyelin



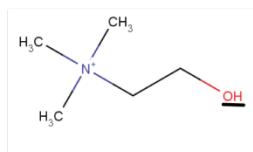
Sphingosine

Phosphatidylcholine

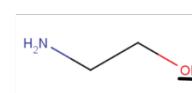


Unsaturated fatty acid chain

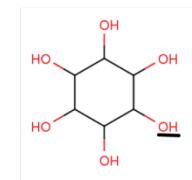
Examples of lipid head groups



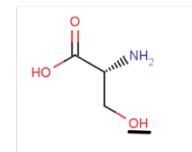
Choline



Ethanolamine

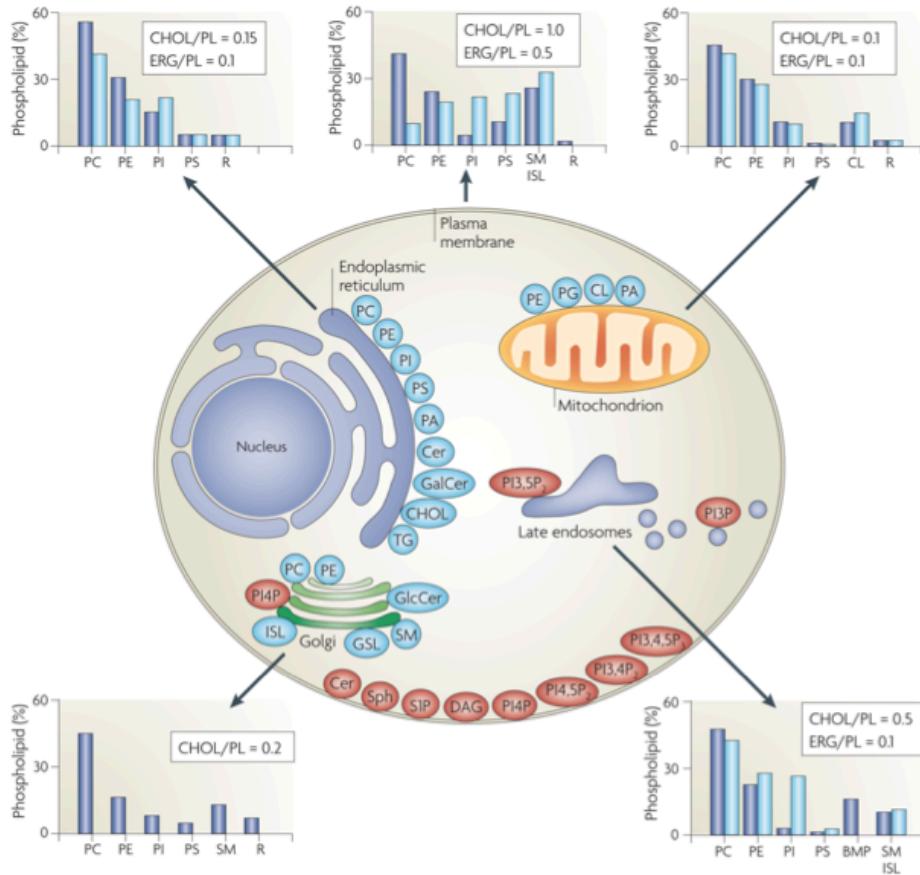


Inositol



Serine

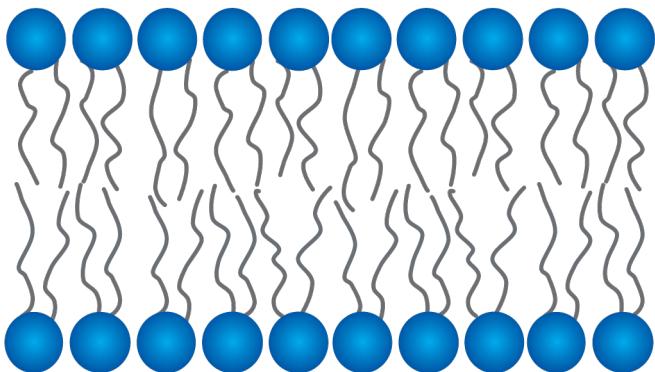
Lipids – diversity



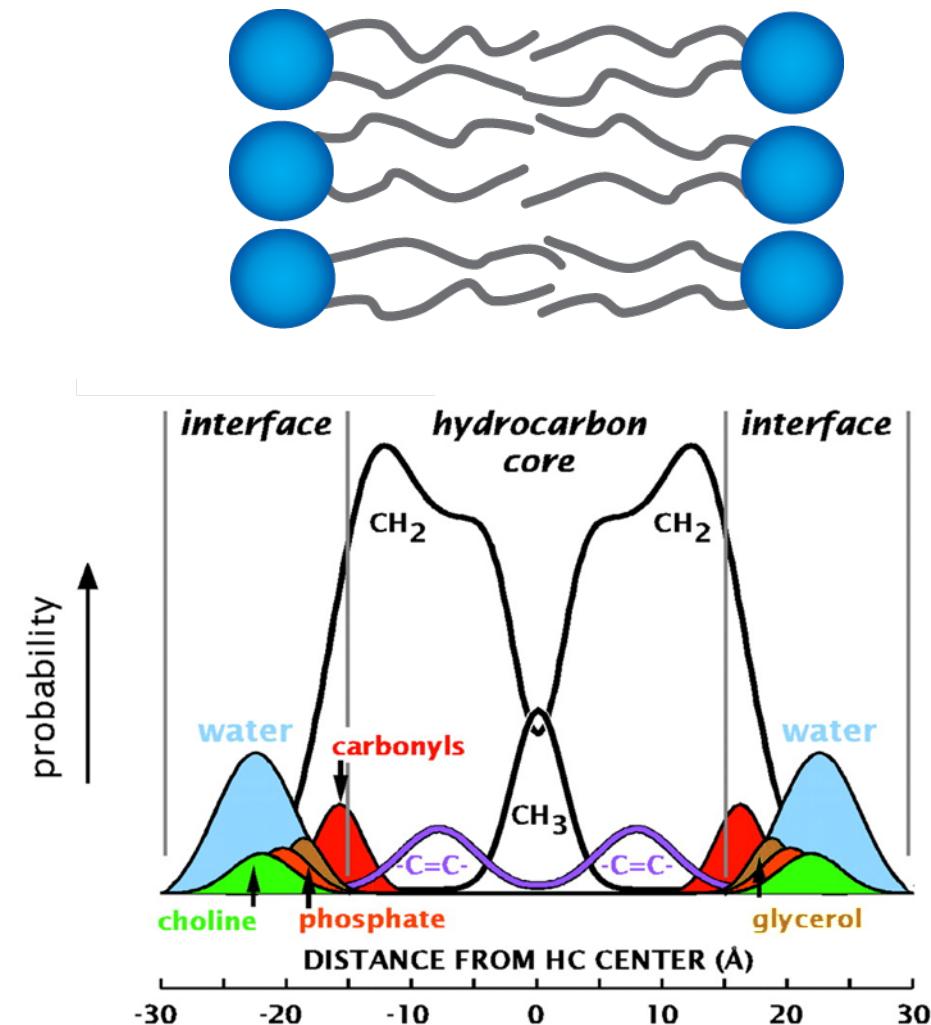
- Membranes contain 100s of different lipid types
- Cells have 1000s
- Currently www.lipidmaps.org has >40.000 unique lipid structures

Lipids – bilayers

Lipid bilayer refers to the physical bulk of the membrane, or the “hydrophobic continuum”, and the associated interfacial polar groups

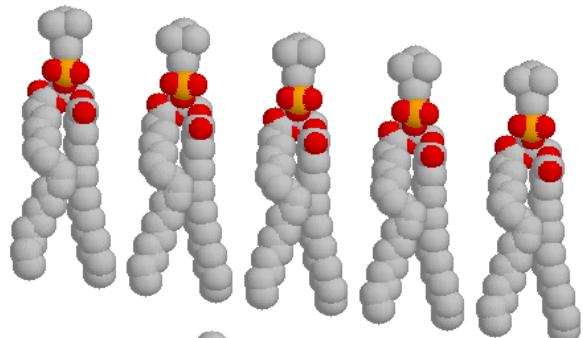


- Lipids
- Other amphiphiles
- Membrane proteins

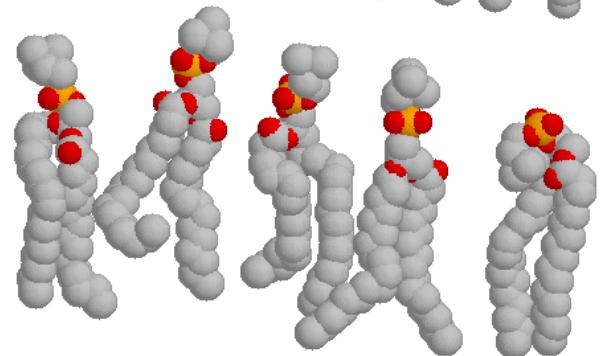


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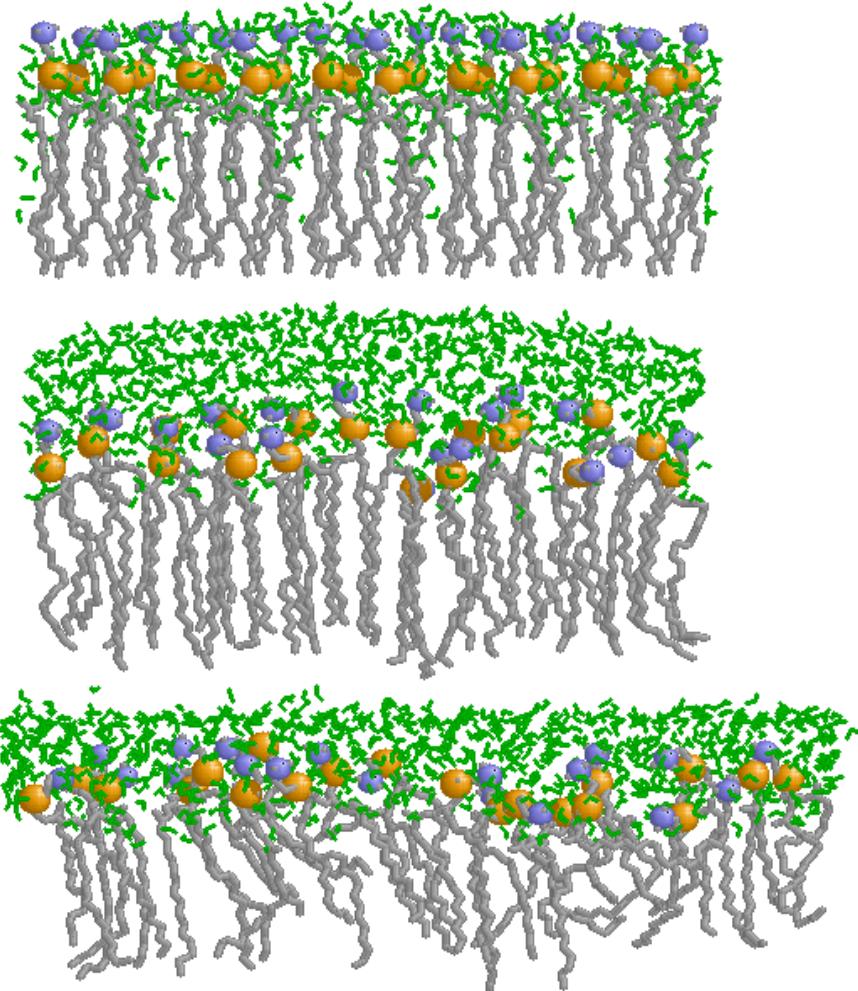
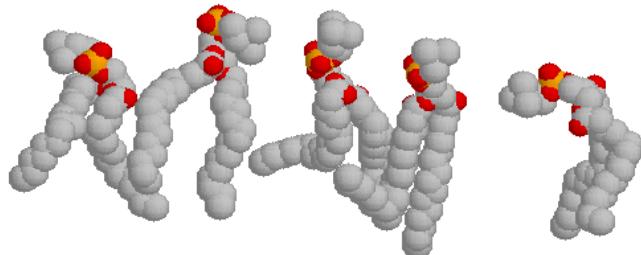
Crystal



Gel

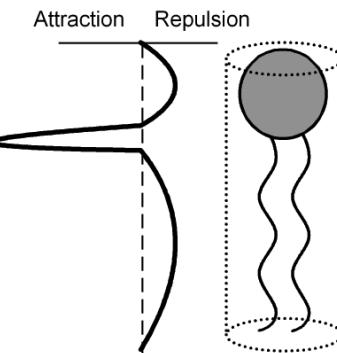
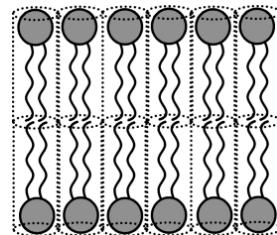


Fluid

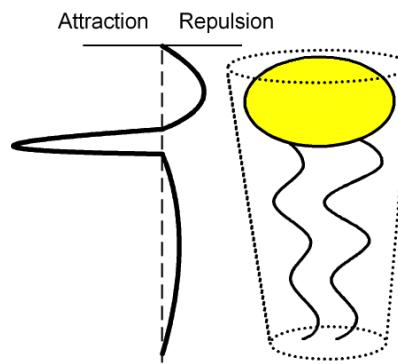
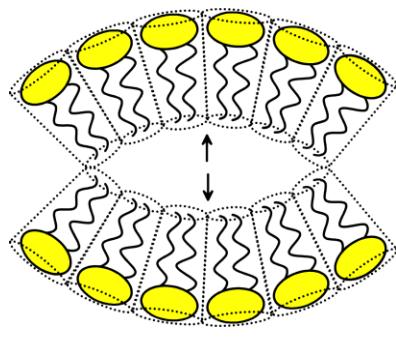


Water Nitrogen Phosphorus
Other phospholipid atoms

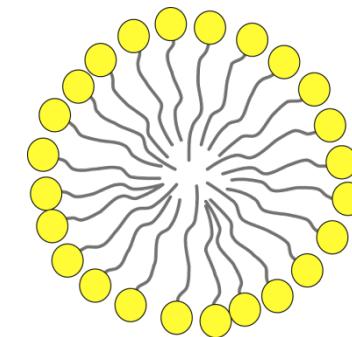
Lipids – shape



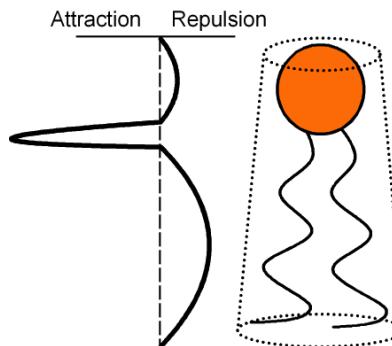
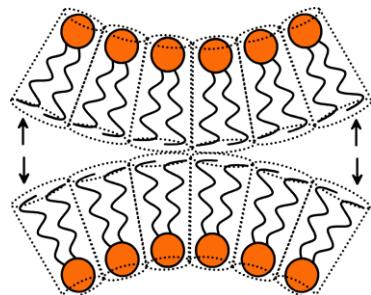
Positive intrinsic curvature



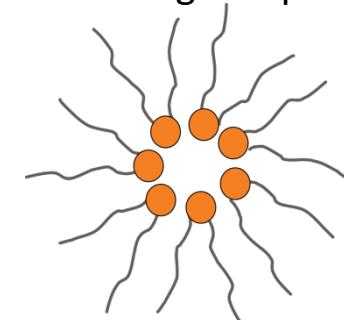
Micelle



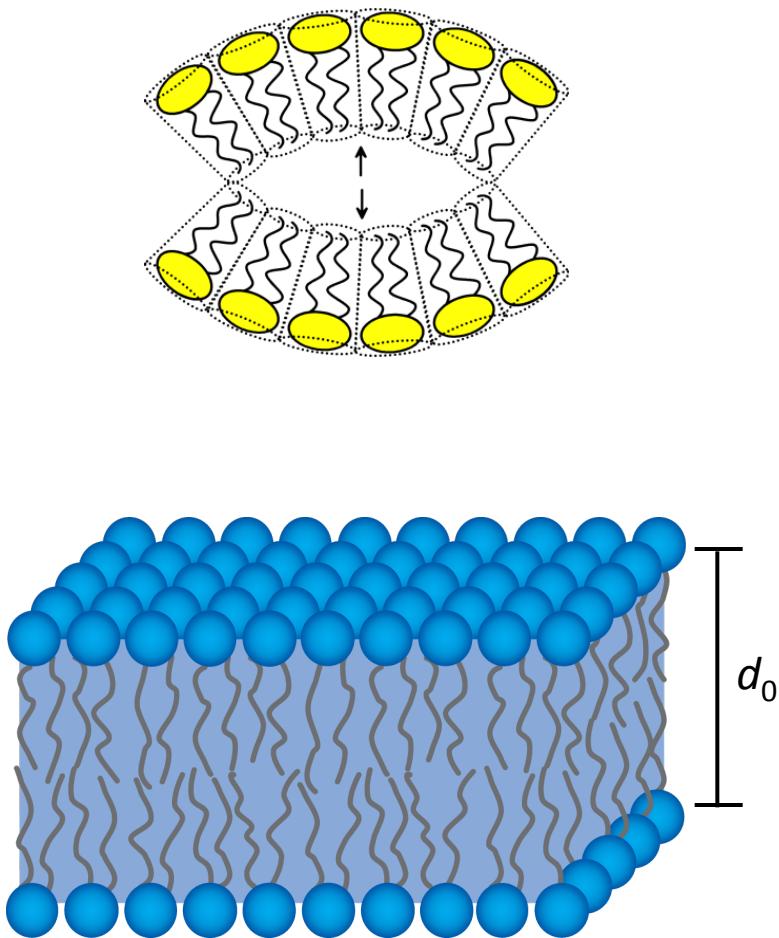
Negative intrinsic curvature



Inverted hexagonal phase

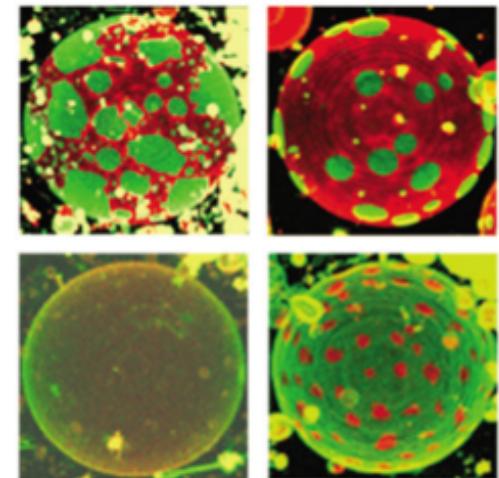
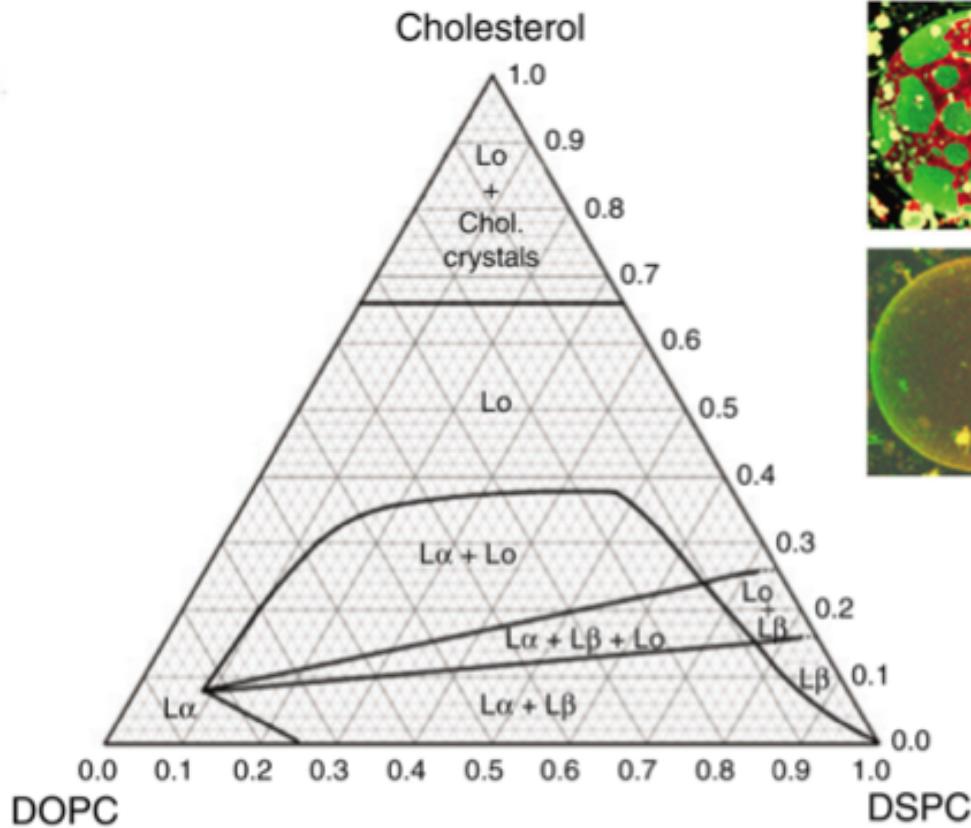
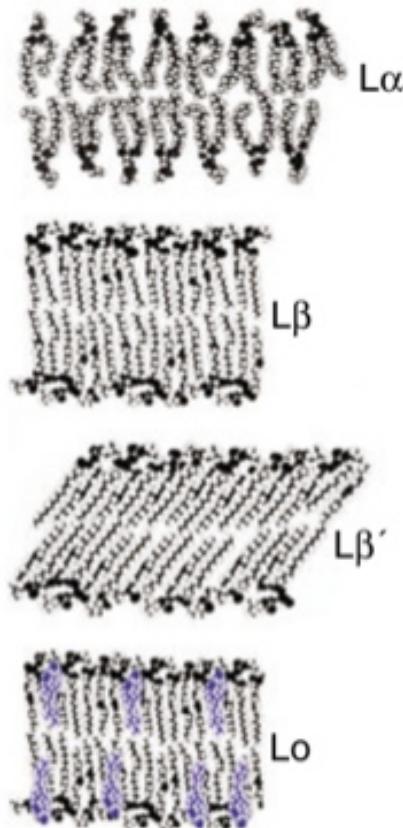


Lipids – properties



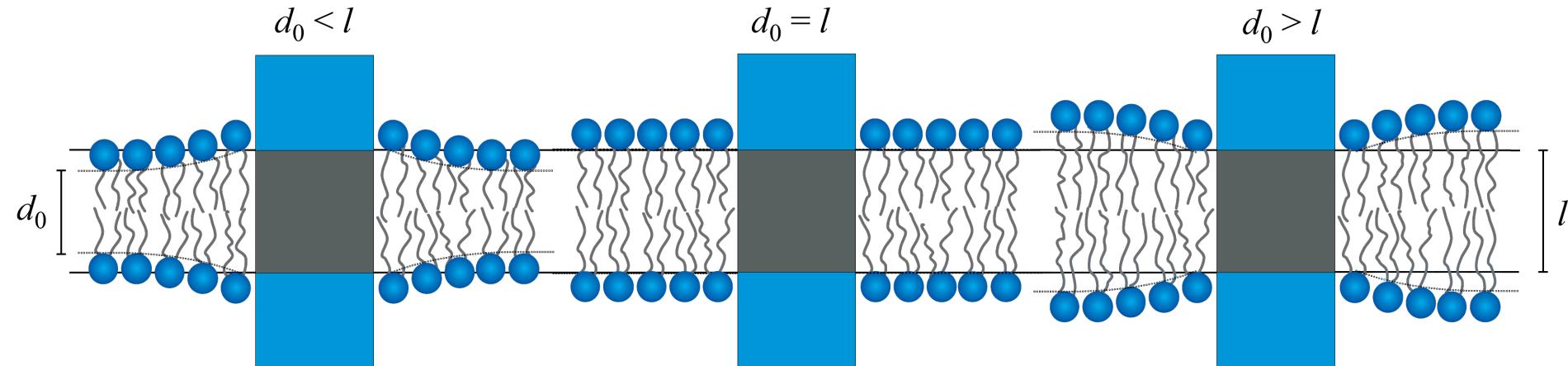
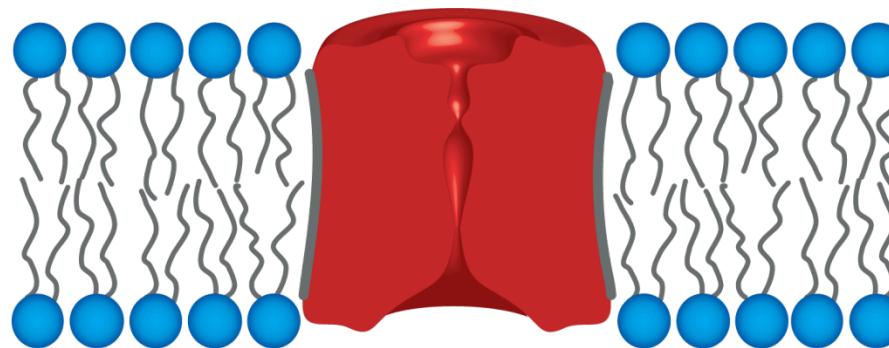
- Intrinsic lipid curvature (c_0)
- Actual curvature (c)
- Hydrophobic thickness (d_0)
- Area compression-expansion modulus (K_a)
- Splay-distortion modulus (K_c)
- Fluidity
- Diffusion
- Area per lipid
- Order parameter
- Surface tension
- Acyl chain packing
- Lateral pressure profile
- Lipid packing stress
- Bilayer stiffness

Lipids – “rafts” / domains / phases

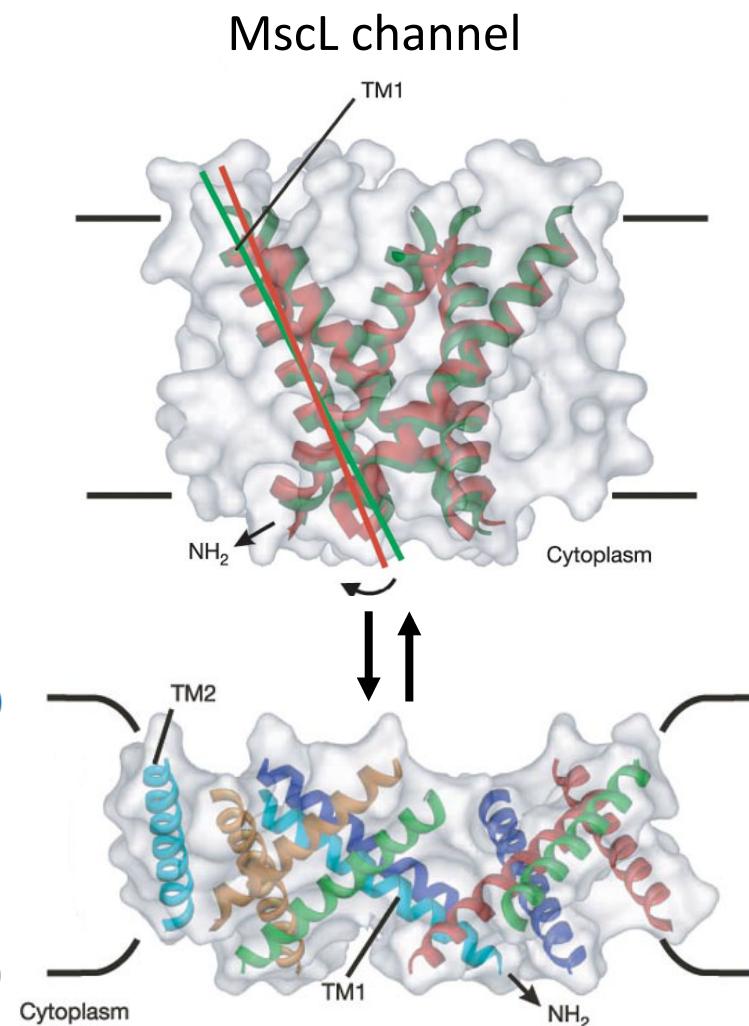
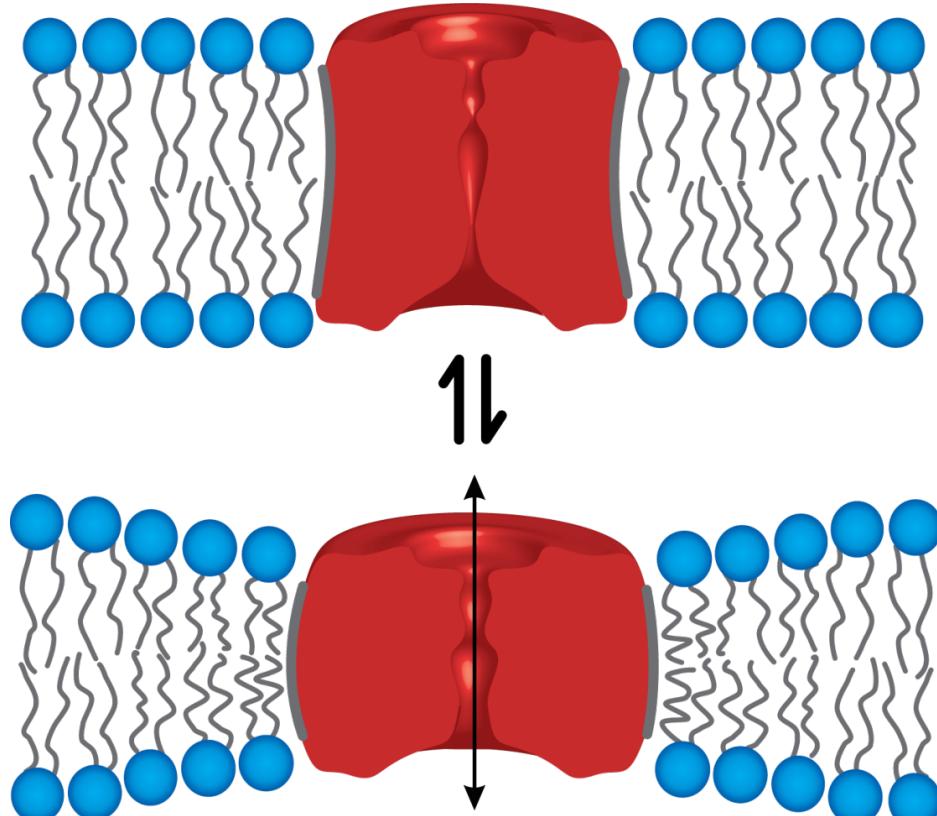


Lipids – bilayer/protein interactions

Hydrophobic matching: to minimize exposure to water, a membrane protein's hydrophobic domain is embedded in the bilayer hydrophobic core.

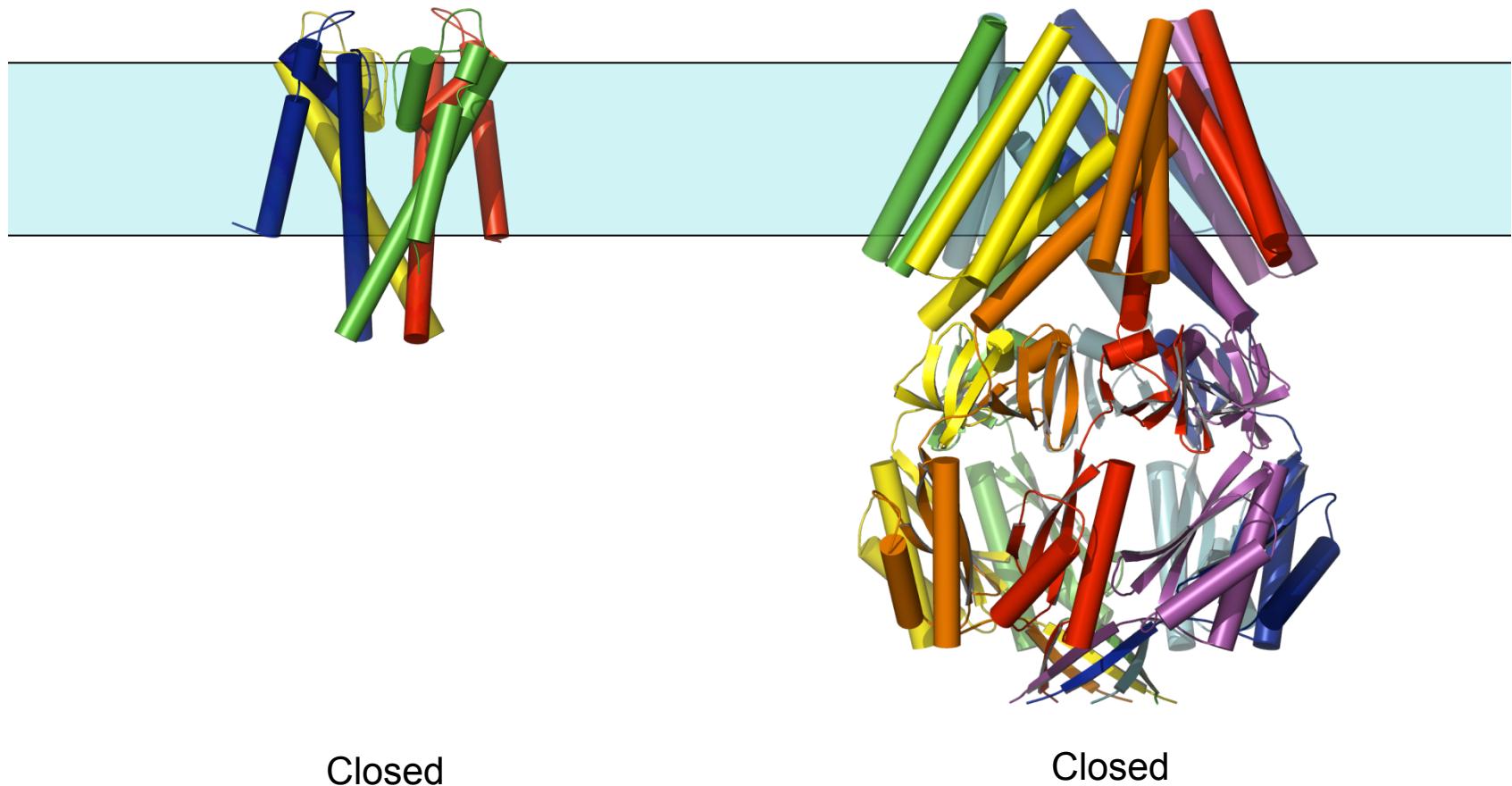


Lipids – bilayer/protein interactions



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KcsA channel



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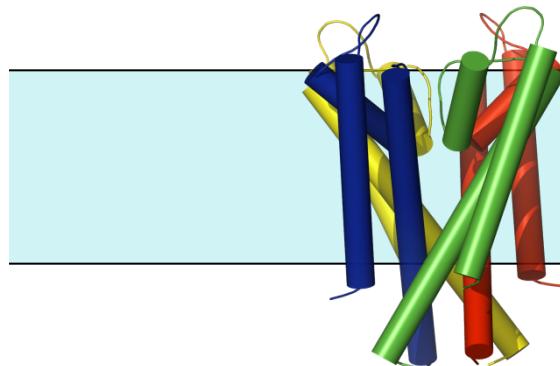
MscS channel

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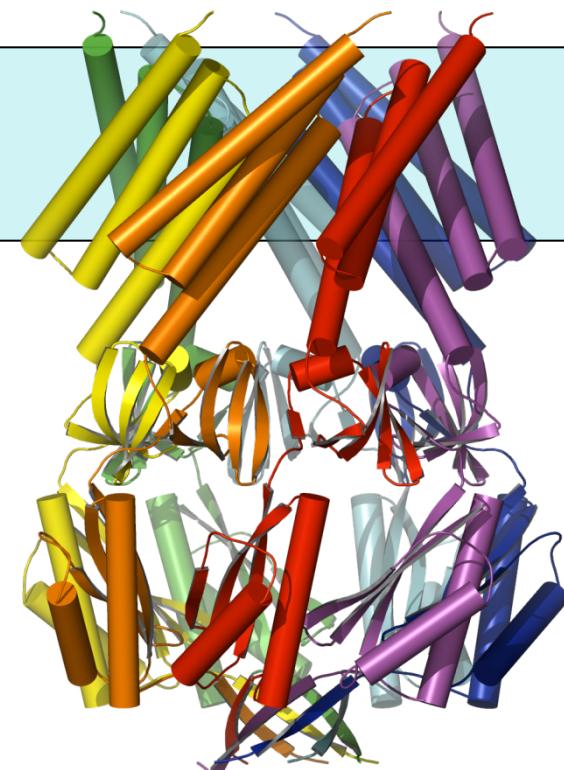
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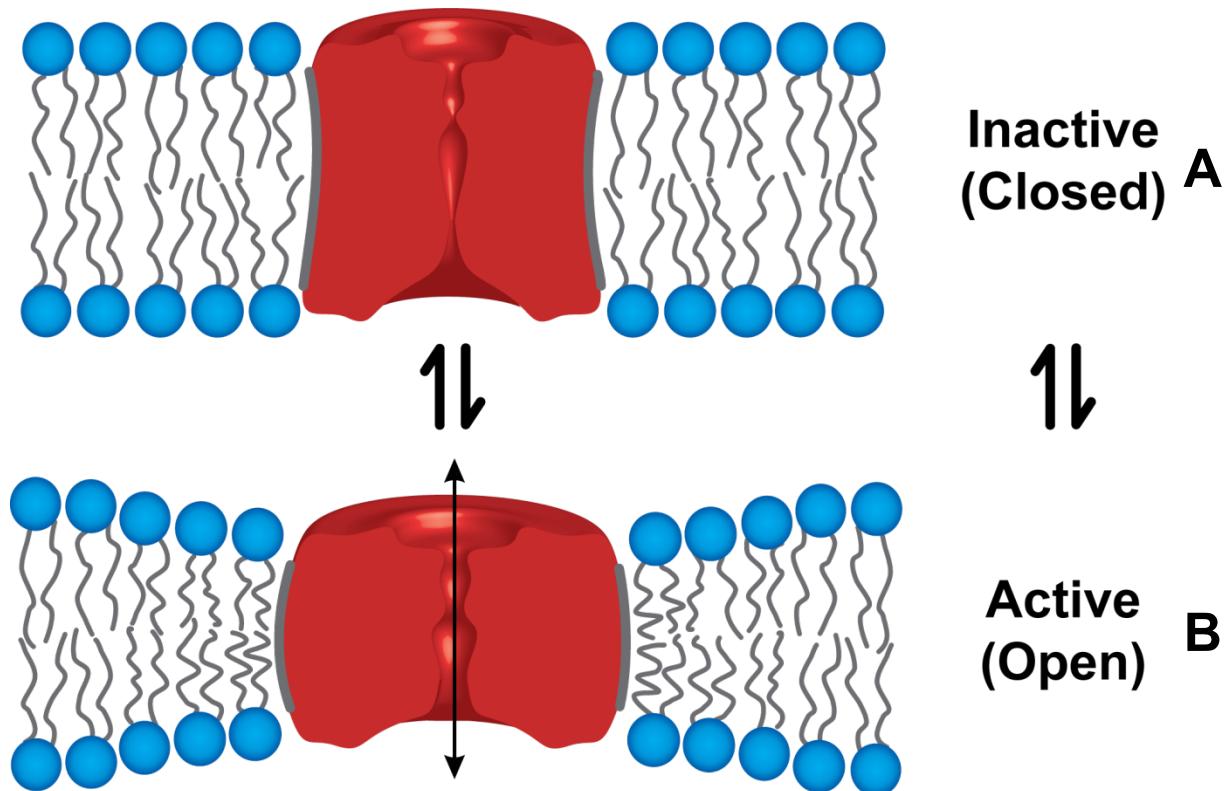
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Lipids – bilayer/protein interactions

Protein conformational changes involving the protein hydrophobic area are energetically coupled to the lipid bilayer.

$$\frac{n_B}{n_A} = \exp \left\{ \frac{-\Delta G_{\text{tot}}^{A \rightarrow B}}{k_B T} \right\}$$

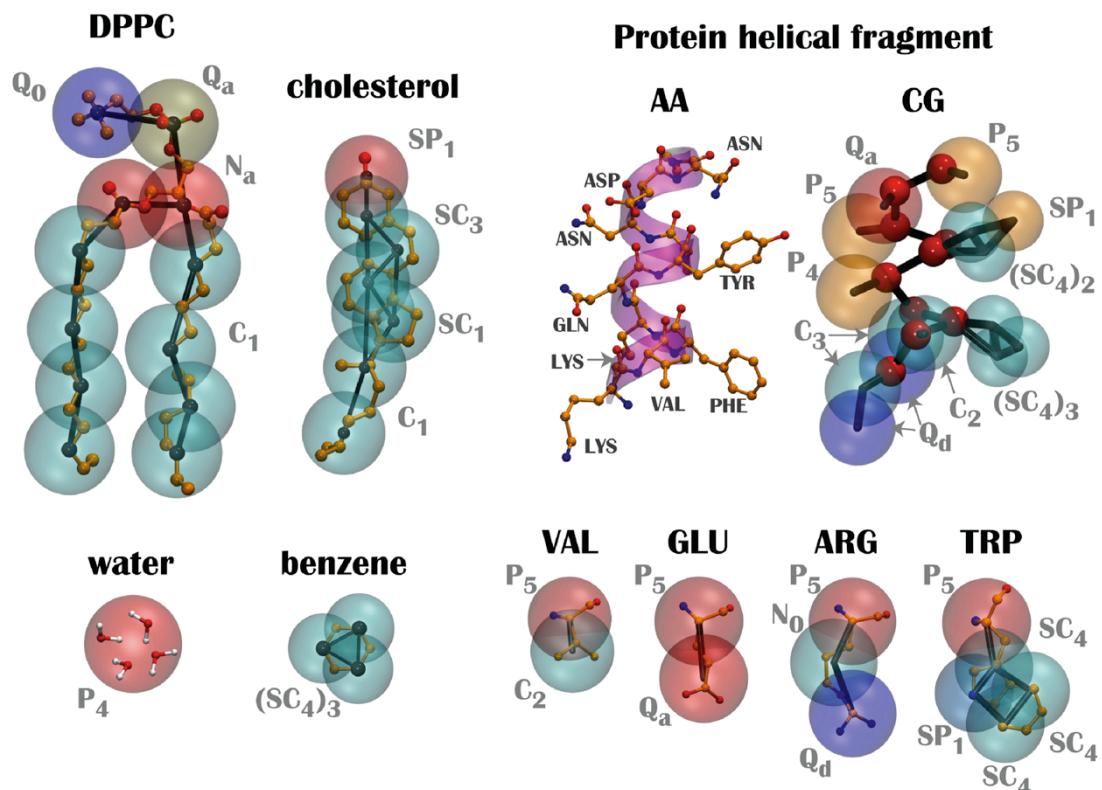
$$\Delta G_{\text{tot}}^{A \rightarrow B} = \Delta G_{\text{prot}}^{A \rightarrow B} + \Delta G_{\text{bilayer}}^{A \rightarrow B}$$



Coarse-grained (CG) MD simulations

The Martini CG force field

- Approximately 4:1 mapping of heavy atoms
- A 2-3 orders of magnitude speedup compared to atomistic simulations
- A large number of parameterized lipids



Lipidome – new lipids website

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Martini

Coarse Grain Force Field for Biomolecular Simulations

Download categories

- Force field parameters

- Particle definitions

- Input parameters

- General topology

- Amino acids

Lipids

- Phosphatidylcholine (PC)

- Phosphatidylethanolamine (PE)

- Phosphatidylserine (PS)

- Phosphatidylglycerol (PG)

- Phosphatidic acid (PA)

- Phosphatidylinositols

- Glycerols

- Lysophosphatidylcholine (LPC)

- Sphingomyelin (SM)

- Ceramide (CER)

- Glycosphingolipids

- Glycoglycerolipids

- Sterols

- Surfactants

- Fatty acids (FA)

Lipids

Martini lipidome

This new Martini lipid page was just opened on June 11th 2015, please let us know if there are any problems with this page. All the previously available .itp files can be accessed in the Collection table below with the prefix "Old".

Available Martini lipid topologies are listed below according to their major category. Additional information for each lipid, other topologies (e.g. Dry Martini, alternative, old), and supporting files can be found on the subpage of each lipid. Collections of lipid topologies can be found at the bottom of this page for ease of download. For explanation of the lipid naming schema and the Martini lipid parameterization philosophy see the [Martini lipid details](#) page. For further background reading on the Martini lipidome, see:

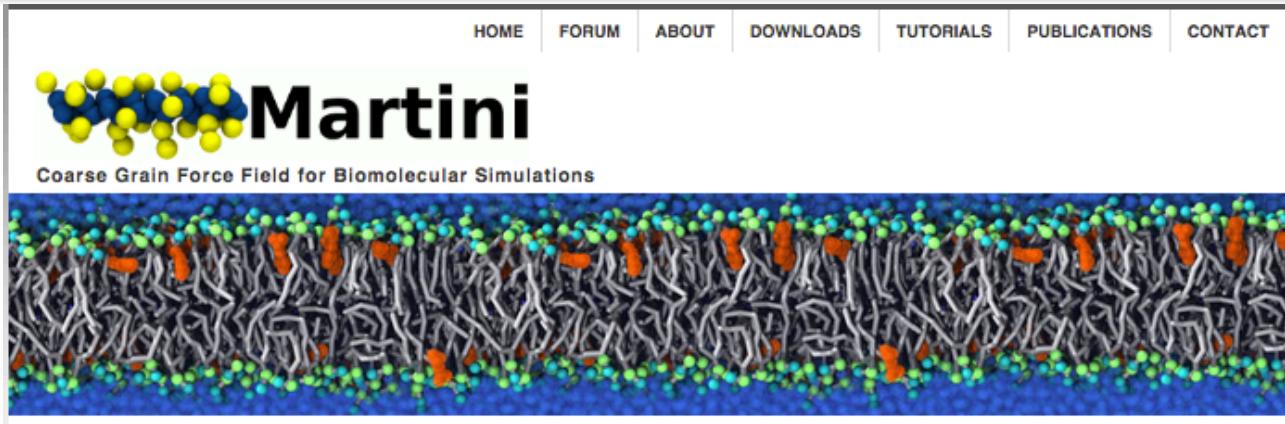
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If you have developed additional Martini lipid topologies and would like to post them here please contact Siewert J. Marrink s.j.marrink@rug.nl or Helgi I. Ingólfsson h.i.ingolffson@rug.nl.

Phosphatidylcholine (PC)

| | | |
|------|--------------------------|---------------------|
| DTPC | di-C08:0-C10:0 PC (DTPC) | itp |
| DLPC | di-C12:0-C14:0 PC (DLPC) | itp |
| DPPC | di-C16:0-C18:0 PC (DPPC) | itp |
| DBPC | di-C20:0-C22:0 PC (DBPC) | itp |
| DXPC | di-C24:0-C26:0 PC (DXPC) | itp |
| DYPC | di-C08:0-C14:0 PC (DYPC) | itp |

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Example applications

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Martini topology

Lipids -> PC -> DOPC

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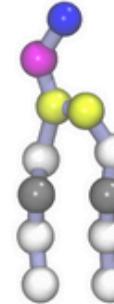
A general model phosphatidylcholine (PC) lipid corresponding to atomistic e.g. C16:1(9c), C18:1(9c) dioleoyl (DOPC) tails.

Parameterization:

This topology follows the standard Martini 2.0 lipid definitions and building block rules.

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Topology files:

| | |
|--|-------------------------------|
| martini_v2.0_DOPC_02.itp | current |
| martini_v2.0_DOPC_01.itp | old x5 bead oleoyl tail model |

Mapping files:

Coordinate files:

| | |
|-----------------------------|------------------------------|
| DOPC-em.gro | Single lipid coordinate file |
|-----------------------------|------------------------------|

Lipidome – Martini lipid tail naming schema

| One letter names | Bead assignment | Corresponding to atomistic tails | Examples of corresponding fatty acid names |
|------------------|-----------------|----------------------------------|---|
| C | C | C04:0-C06:0 | C04:0 butyryl - C06:0 hexanoyl |
| T | CC | C08:0-C10:0 | C08:0 octanoyl - C10:0 decanoyl |
| L | CCC | C12:0-C14:0 | C12:0 lauric acid - C14:0 myristoyl |
| P | CCCC | C16:0-C18:0 | C16:0 palmitic acid - C18:0 stearoyl |
| B | CCCCC | C20:0-C22:0 | C20:0 arachidoyl - C22:0 behenoyl |
| X | CCCCCC | C24:0-C26:0 | C24:0 lignoceroyl - C26:0 hexacosanoyl |
| Y | CDC | C12:1-C14:1(9c) | C14:1(9c) myristoleoyl |
| O | CDCC | C16:1-C18:1(9c) | C16:1(9c) palmitoleic acid, C18:1(9c) oleic acid |
| V | CCDC | C16:1-C18:1(11c) | C16:1(11c), C18:1(11c) cis-vaccenic acid, C18:1(12c) |
| G | CCDCC | C20:1-C22:1(11c) | C20:1(11c) gondoic acid, C22:1(11c), C22:1(13c) erucoyl |
| N | CCCDCC | C24:1-C26:1(9c) | C24:1(9c) nervonic acid, C26:1(9c) |
| I | CDDC | C16:2-C18:2(9-12c) | C18:2(9c,12c) linoleic acid |
| F | CDDD | C16:3-C18:3(9-15c) | C18:3(9c,12c,15c) octadecatrienoyl |
| E | CCDDC | C20:2-C22:2(11-16c) | C20:2(11c,14c) eicosadienoic acid, C22:2(13c,16c) docosadienoic acid |
| Q | CDDDC | C20:3-C22:3(5-14c) | C20:3(5c,8c,11c) mead acid, C20:3(8c,11c,14c) dihomogamma-linolenic acid |
| A | DDDDC | C20:4-C22:5(4-16c) | C20:4(5c,8c,11c,14c) arachidonic acid, C22:5(4c,7c,10c,13c,16c) docosapentaenoic acid |
| U | DDDDD | C20:5-C22:6(4-19c) | C22:6(4c,7c,10c,13c,16c,19c) docosahexaenoic acid |
| R | DDDDDD | C24:6-C26:6(6-21c) | C24:6(6c,9c,12c,15c,18c,21c) nisinic acid |
| J | TCCC | C16:1-C18:1(3t) | C16:1(3t) trans-3-hexadecanoic acid |
| P ^a | TCC | C(d16:1)-C(d18:1) | Sphingosine C16 palmitic acid - C18 stearoyl with a trans double bond |
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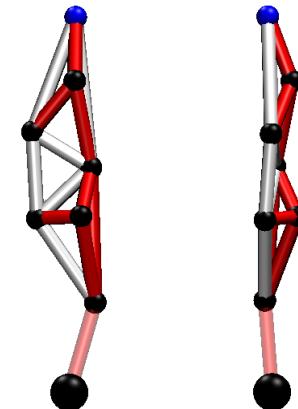
^aSphingosine lipids and have one C bead less as a few of the first carbons of the tail are part of the AM1 linker bead.

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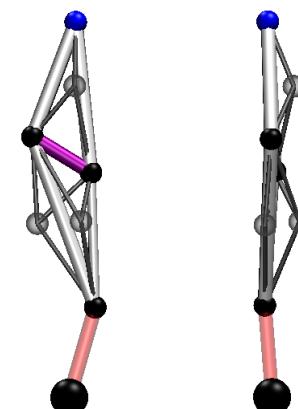
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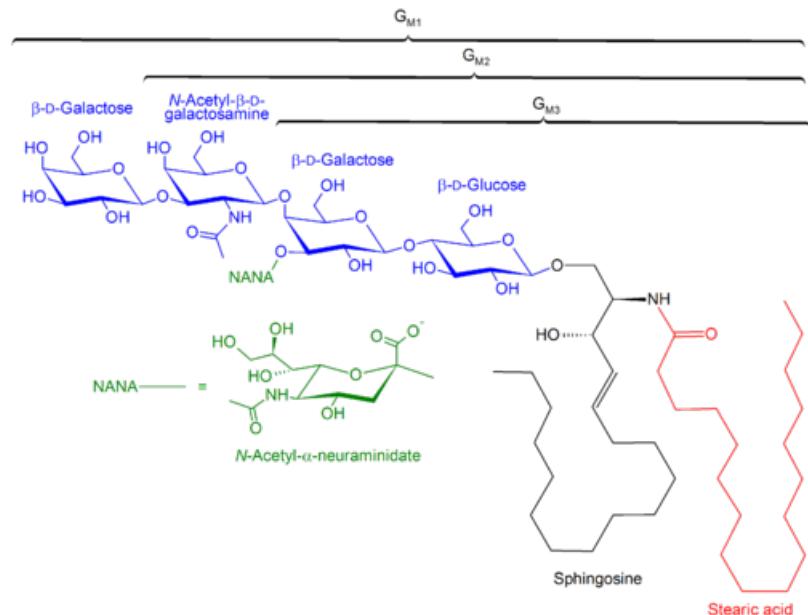
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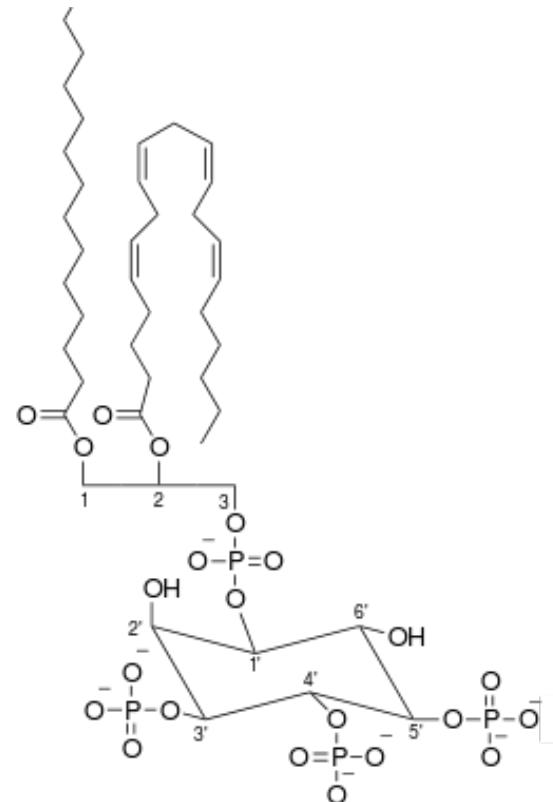
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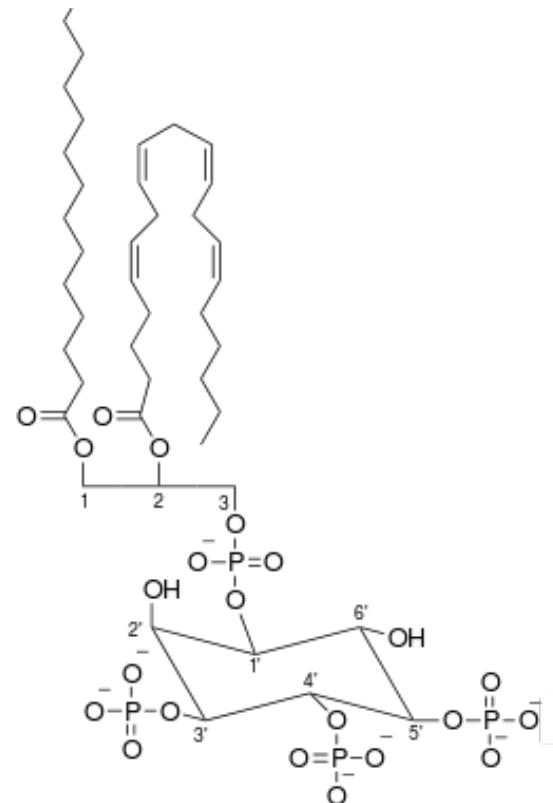
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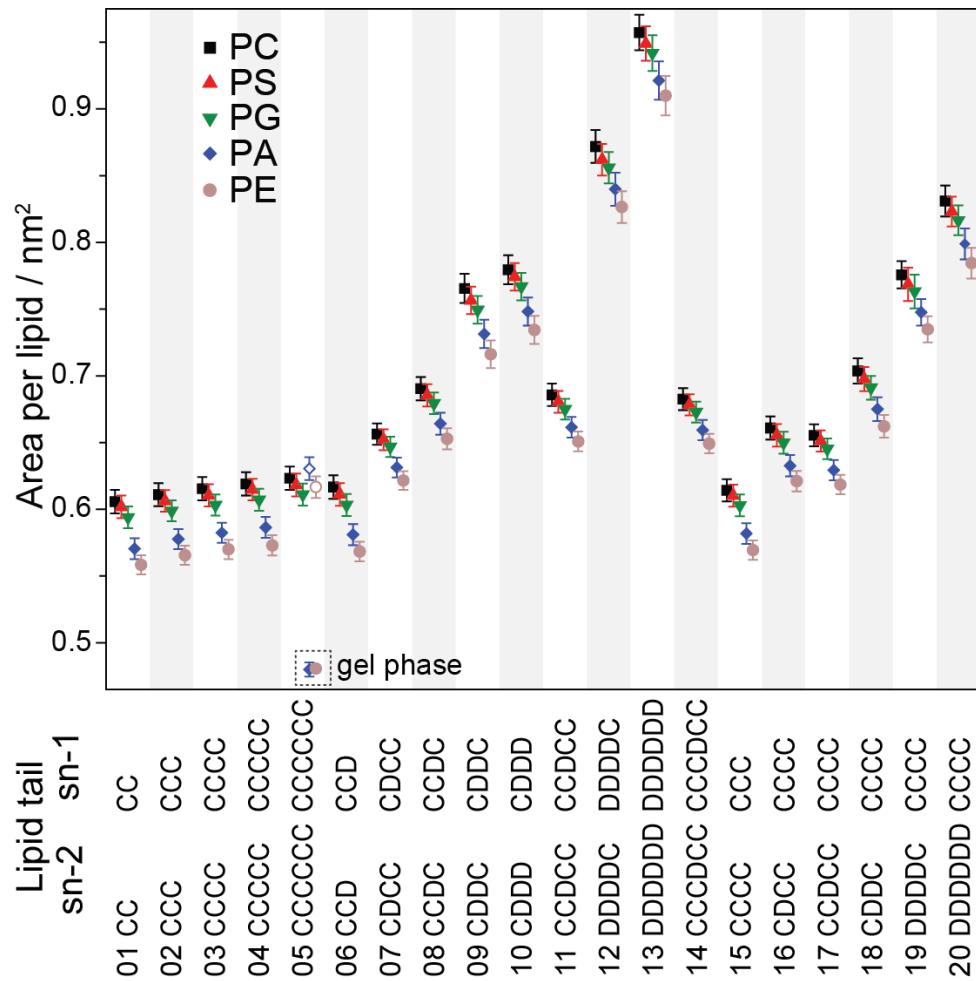
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Lipid charge ???

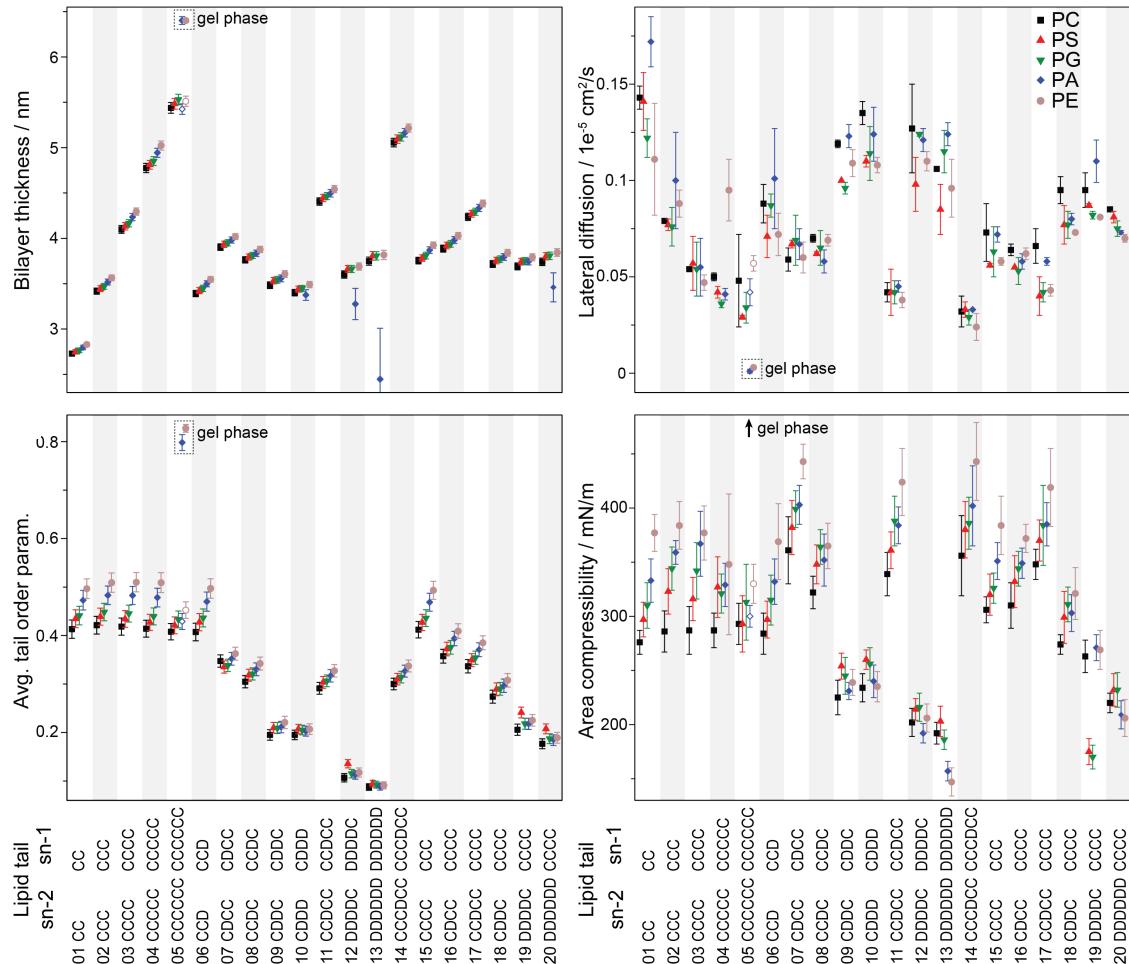
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Building bilayers – CHARMM-GUI *Martini Maker*

Solution, Micelle, Vesicle, and Bilayer Builders for Martini

CHARMM-GUI
Effective Simulation Input Generator and More

CHARMM is a versatile program for atomic-level simulation of many-particle systems, particularly macromolecules of biological interest. - M. Karplus

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Input Generator

- PDB Reader
- Glycan Reader
- Solvator
- Quick MD Simulator
- Drude Prepper
- Membrane Builder
- Martini Maker
- PACE CG Builder
- Boundary Potential
- PBEQ Solver
- Implicit Solvent Modeller
- Free Energy Calculator
- GCMC/BD Ion Simulator

Martini Bilayer Maker

The Martini Bilayer Maker is designed to provide coarse-grained simulation systems and inputs in bilayer using the Martini force field.

The Martini force fields available in CHARMM-GUI are:

- martini22: Martini 2.2 amino acid, Martini 2.0 lipids and non-polarizable water.
- martini22p: Martini 2.2 polar amino acids, Martini 2.0 lipids and polarizable water.
- elnedyn: Elastic Network in Dynamics. An elastic network is used for the protein. Martini 2.0 lipids and non-polarizable water.
- elnedynp: Polar elnedyn protein, Martini 2.0 lipids and polarizable water.
- dry Martini: Martini without water beads. Only lipids are available.

Notes for Martini Maker:

- Only GROMACS input files are provided for simulations.
- The available molecules include protein, lipids, water, and ions. DNA, sugar, and polymer are not currently supported.
- Double precision GROMACS is STRONGLY recommended for minimization.
- The GROMACS input files are compatible with version 4.5.x. If GROMACS 5.0 is used, add cutoff-scheme=group in mdp files.
- For membrane systems, the protein must be oriented with respect to a membrane bilayer whose normal is parallel to the Z-axis and whose center is located at Z=0. RCSB PDB structures are NOT pre-oriented, but can be oriented in step 2 (see below). OPM (<http://opm.phar.umich.edu>) provides pre-oriented protein coordinates with respect to the membrane normal.
- For oleoyl tails, a new x4 bead model from a [recent development](#) is used. The new model provides consistent mapping between CG beads and atomistic representations, and gives slightly better bilayer thickness. The topology of the new model is defined in plasma-v01-pa2.itp. The old x5 bead model is commented out in martini_v2.0_lipids.itp. The x5 bead model is still used in Dry Martini.

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Protein/Membrane System

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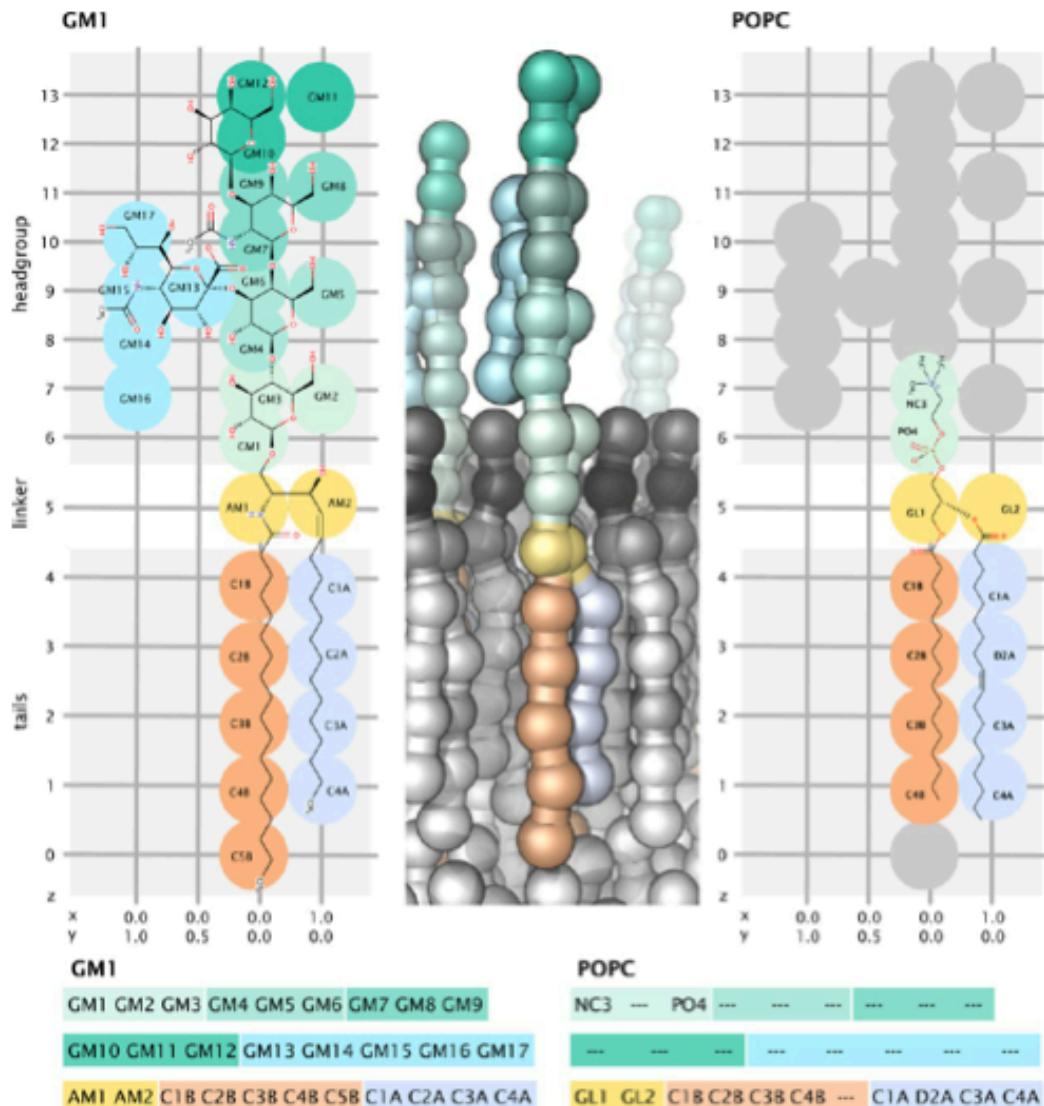
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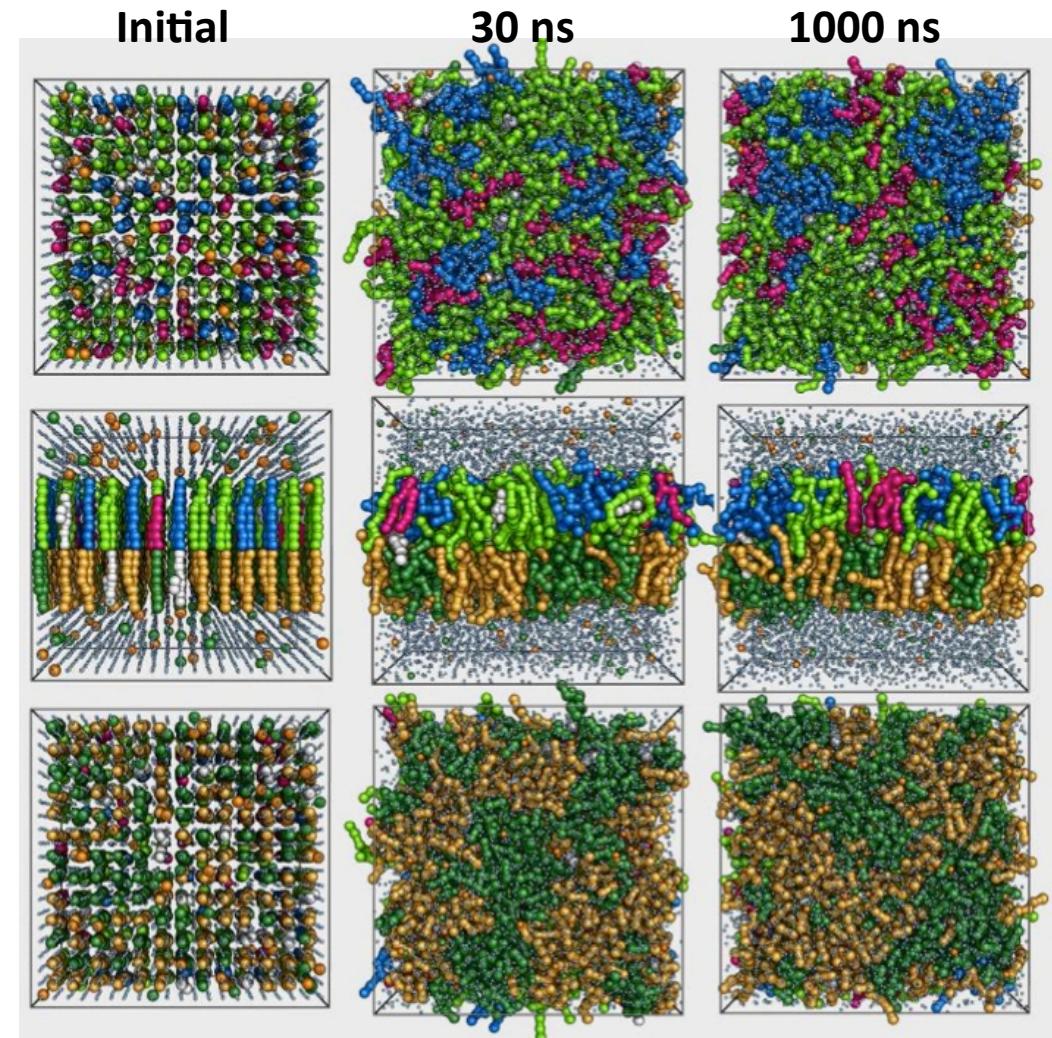
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A flexible CG bilayer builder that supports both complex lipid templates and on the fly lipid definitions.



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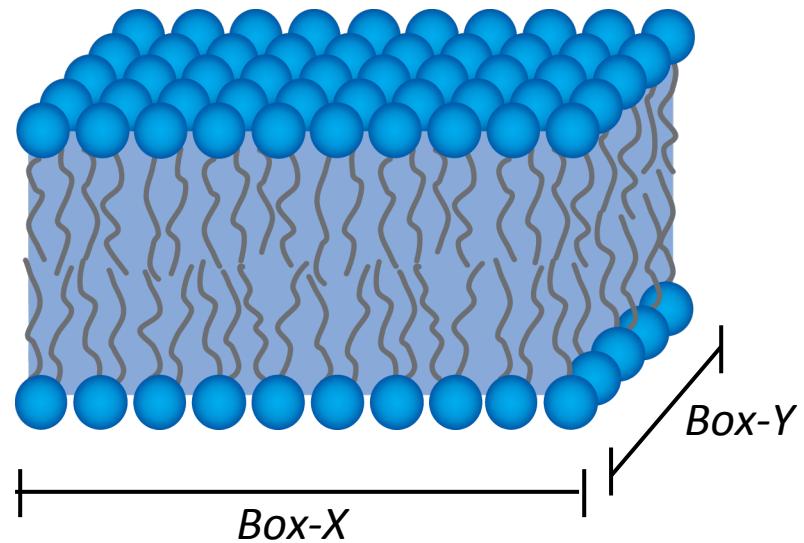
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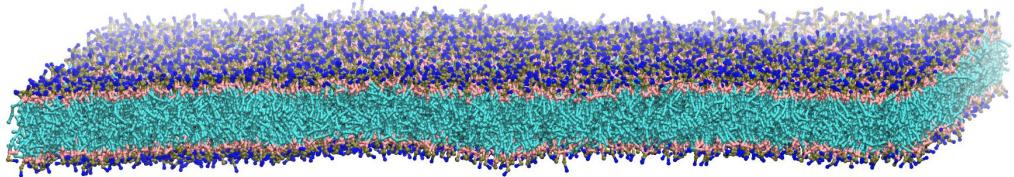
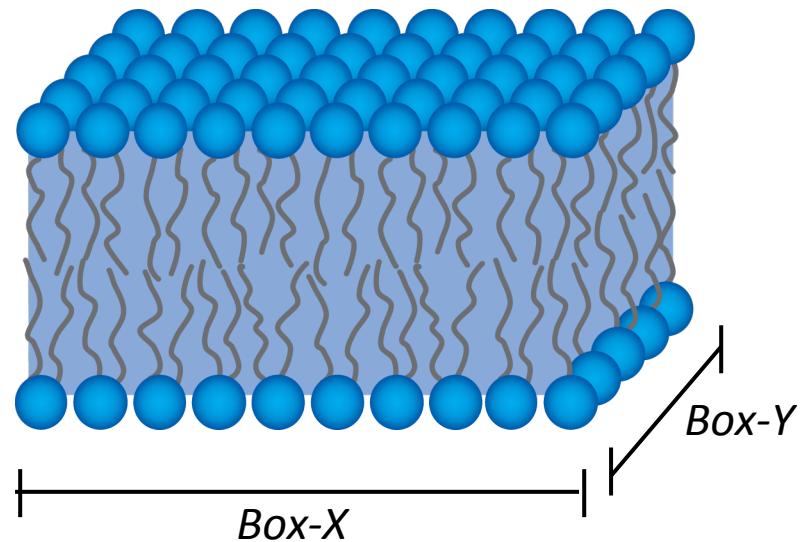
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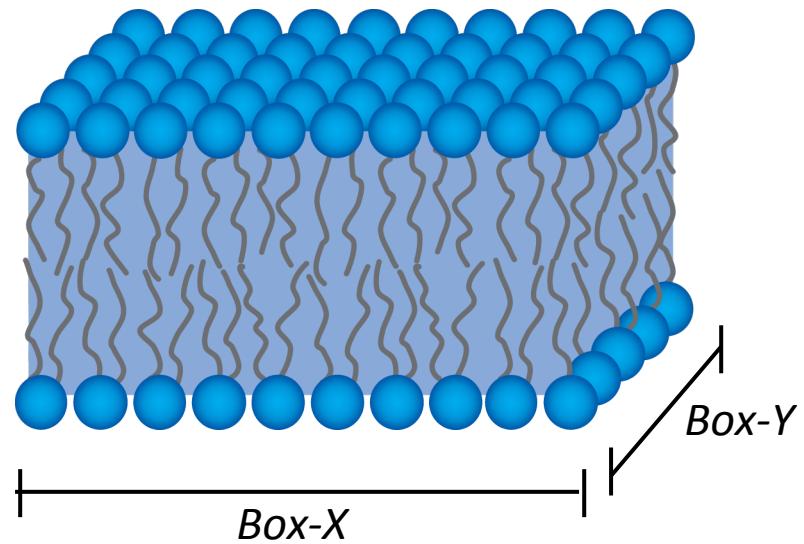
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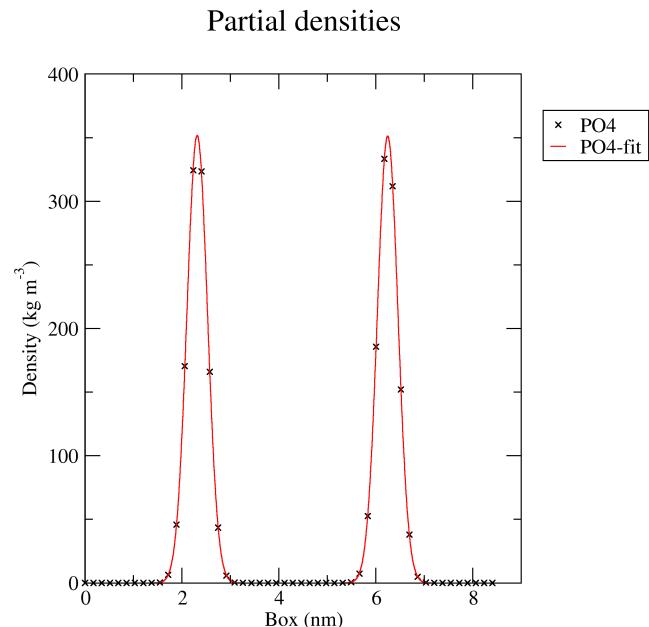
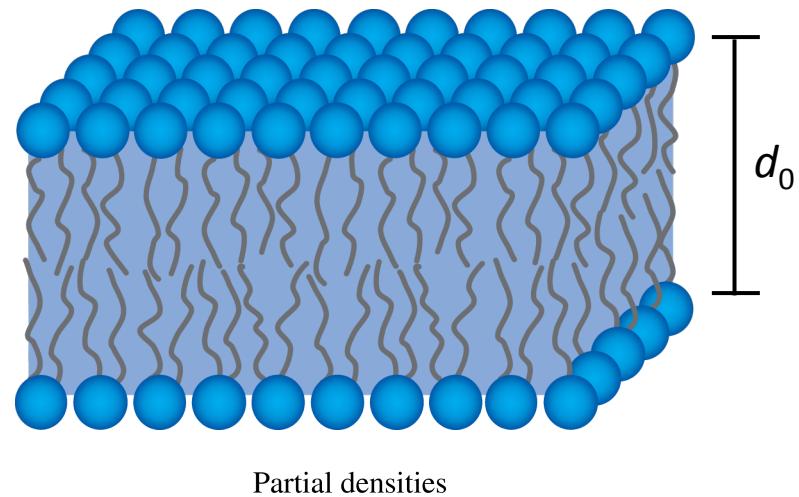
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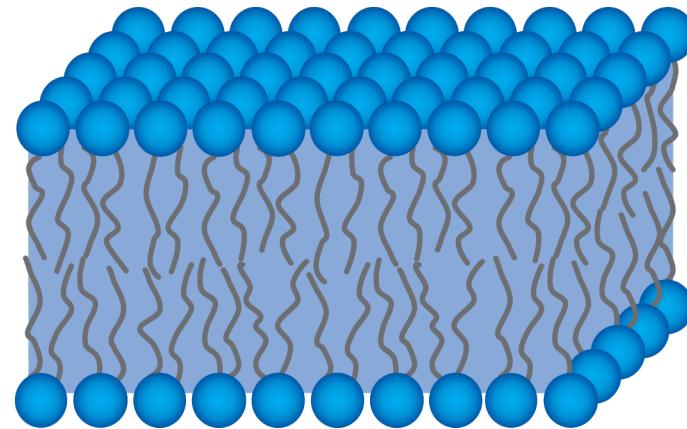
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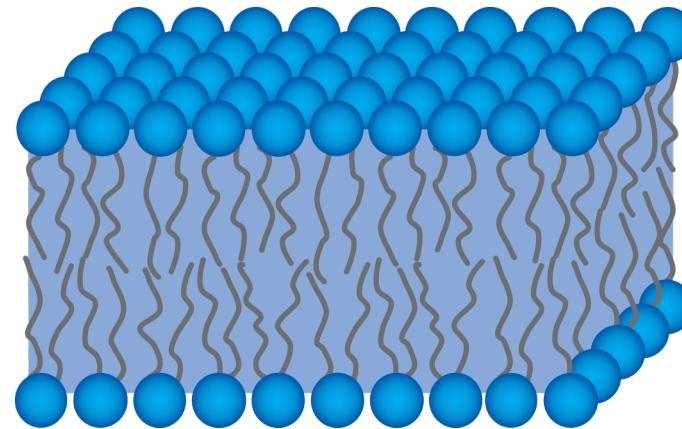
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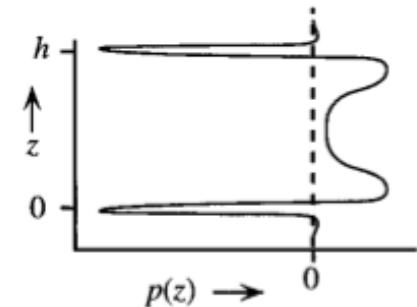
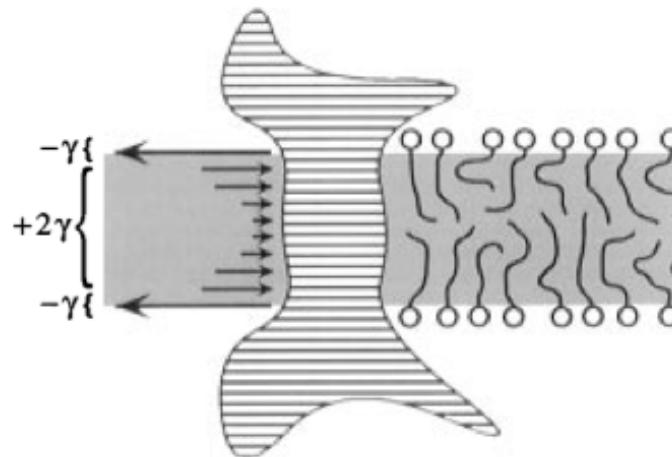
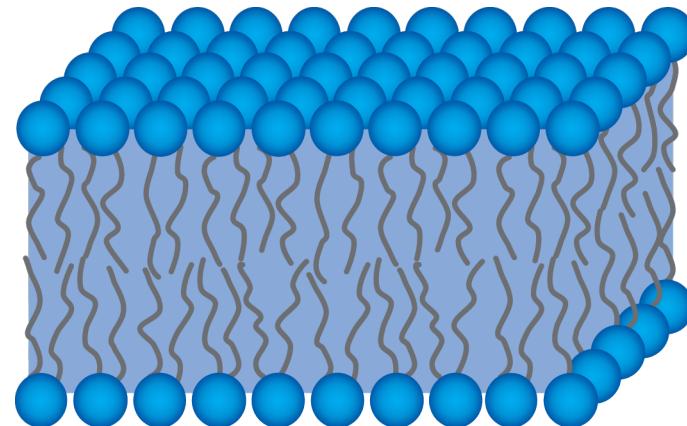


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$$S_u(q) = \frac{k_B T}{A_l \kappa q^4}$$

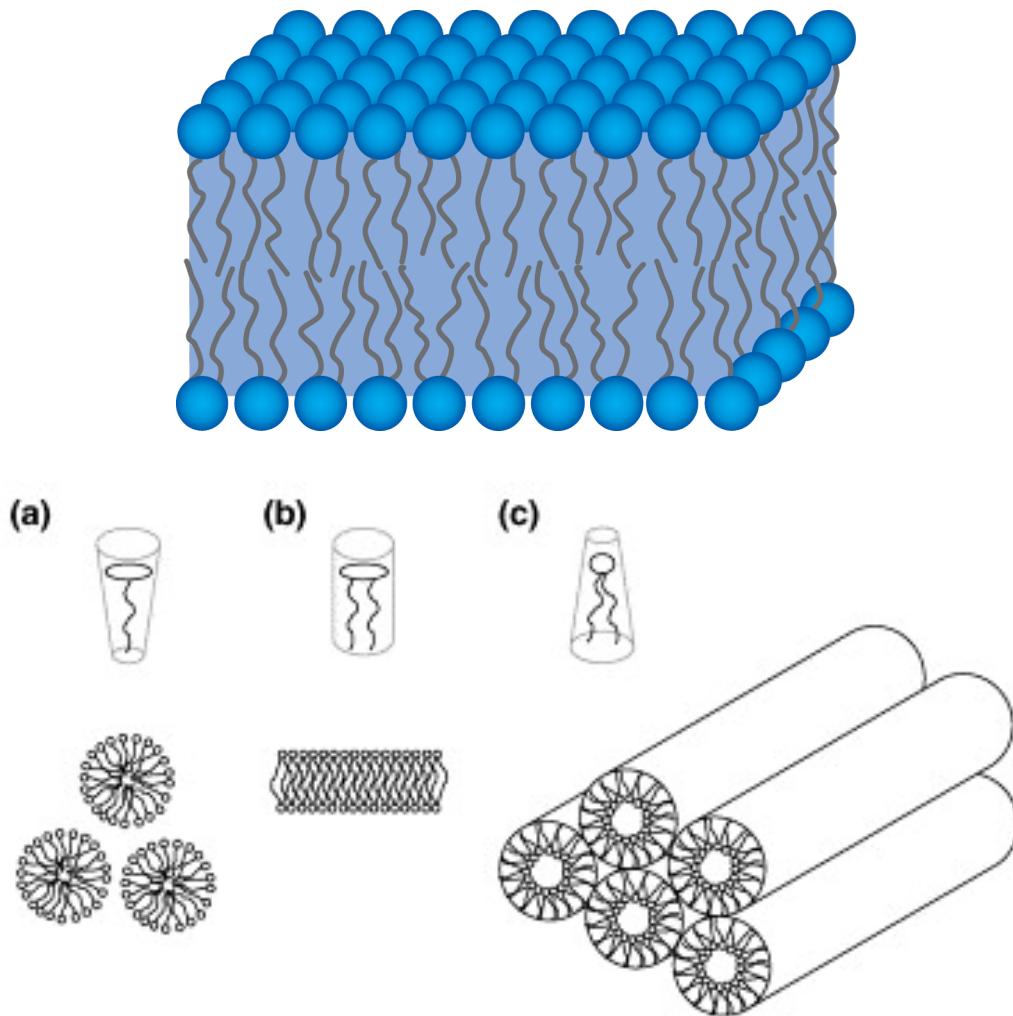
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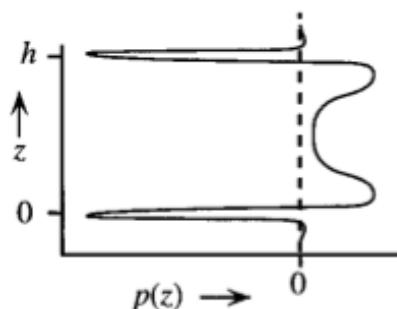
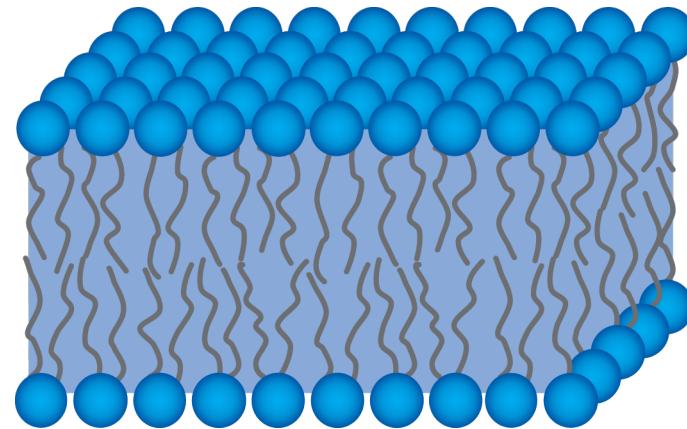
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$$\begin{aligned}\frac{1}{2}\Sigma &= \int_0^\infty dz \sigma_0(z) , \\ -\kappa_m K_{0m} &= \int_0^\infty dz \sigma_0(z)(z - z_0) , \\ \bar{\kappa}_m &= \int_0^\infty dz \sigma_0(z)(z - z_0)^2 .\end{aligned}$$

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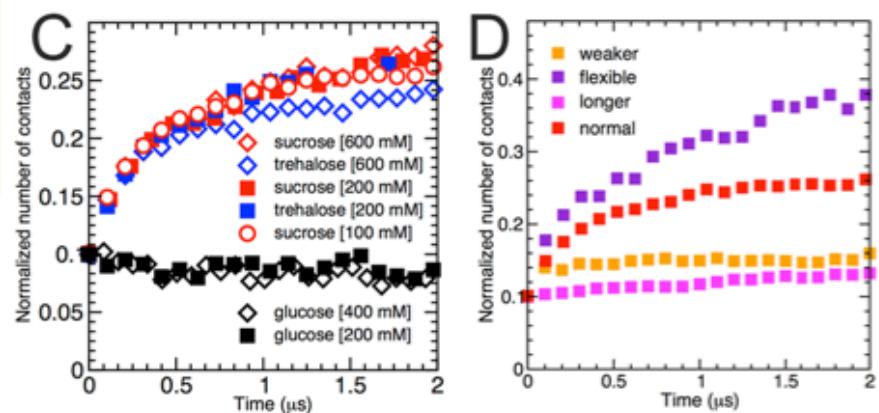
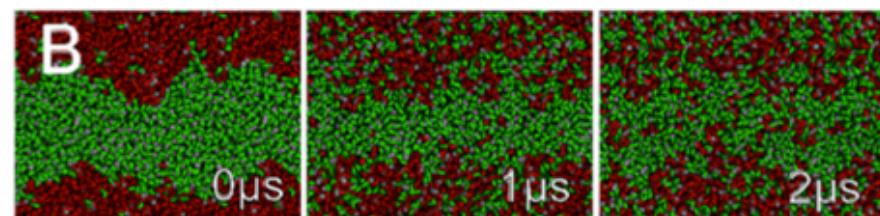
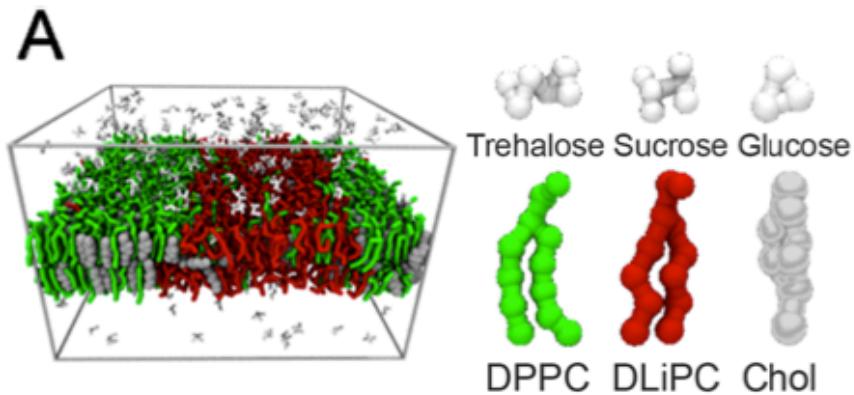
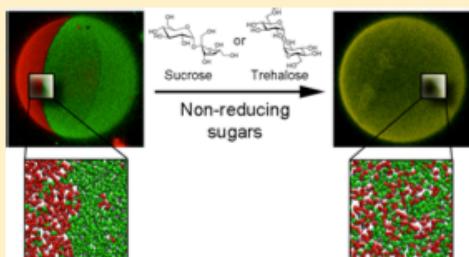
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Supporting Information

ABSTRACT: Disaccharides are well-known for their membrane protective ability. Interaction between sugars and multicomponent membranes, however, remains largely unexplored. Here, we combine molecular dynamics simulations and fluorescence microscopy to study the effect of mono- and disaccharides on membranes that phase separate into L_o and L_d domains. We find that nonreducing disaccharides, sucrose and trehalose, strongly destabilize the phase separation leading to uniformly mixed membranes as opposed to monosaccharides and reducing disaccharides. To unveil the driving force for this process, simulations were performed in which the sugar linkage was artificially modified. The availability of accessible interfacial binding sites that can accommodate the non-reducing disaccharides is key for their strong impact on lateral membrane organization. These exclusive interactions between the nonreducing sugars and the membranes may rationalize why organisms such as yeasts, tardigrades, nematodes, bacteria, and



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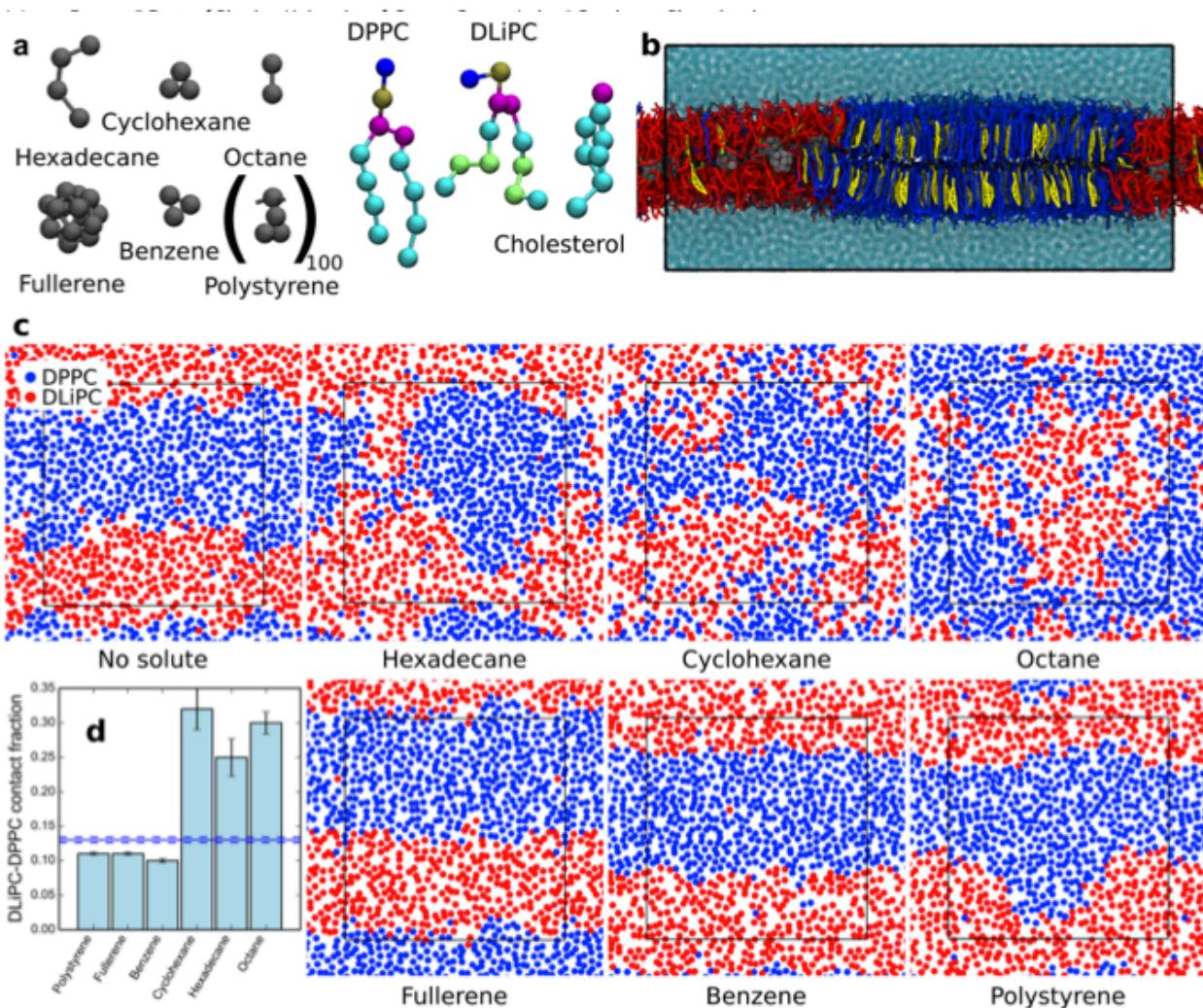
Hydrophobic Compounds Reshape Membrane Domains

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Abstract

Cell membranes have a complex lateral organization which play an essential role in cellular processes such as membrane domains (e.g., by drugs or lipophilic com-



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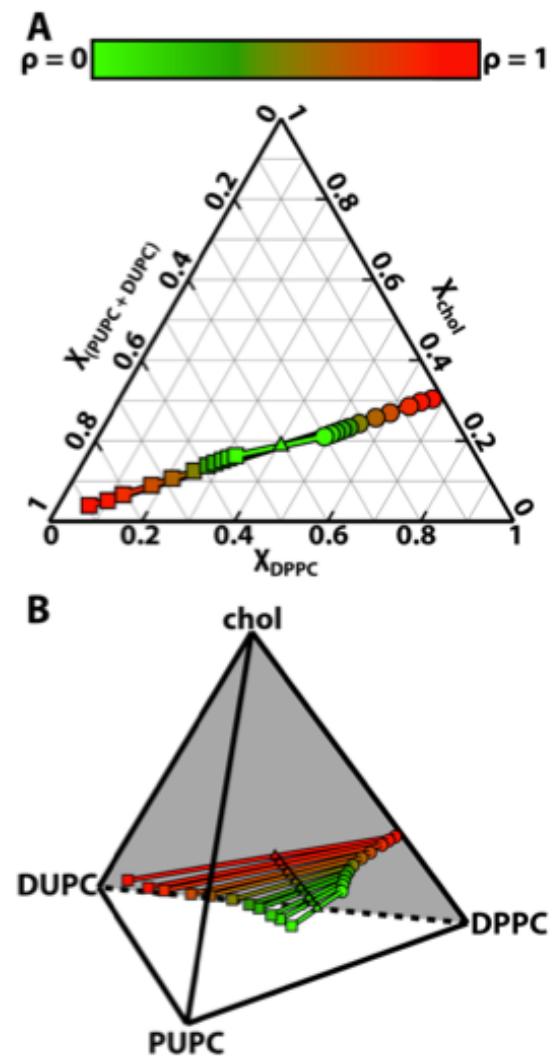
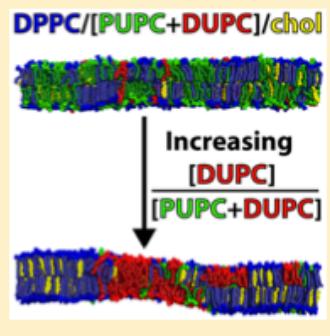
Multiscale Modeling of Four-Component Lipid Mixtures: Domain Composition, Size, Alignment, and Properties of the Phase Interface

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Supporting Information

ABSTRACT: Simplified lipid mixtures are often used to model the complex behavior of the cell plasma membrane. Indeed, as few as four components—a high-melting lipid, a nanodomain-inducing low-melting lipid, a macrodomain-inducing low-melting lipid, and cholesterol (chol)—can give rise to a wide range of domain sizes and patterns that are highly sensitive to lipid compositions. Although these systems are studied extensively with experiments, the molecular-level details governing their phase behavior are not yet known. We address this issue by using molecular dynamics simulations to analyze how phase separation evolves in a four-component system as it transitions from small domains to large domains. To do so, we fix concentrations of the high-melting lipid 16:0,16:0-phosphatidylcholine (DPPC) and chol, and incrementally replace the nanodomain-inducing low-melting lipid 16:0,18:2-PC (PUPC) by the macrodomain-inducing low-melting lipid 18:2,18:2-PC (DUPC). Coarse-grained simulations of this four-component system reveal that lipid demixing increases as the amount of DUPC increases.



Martini Examples – tethers

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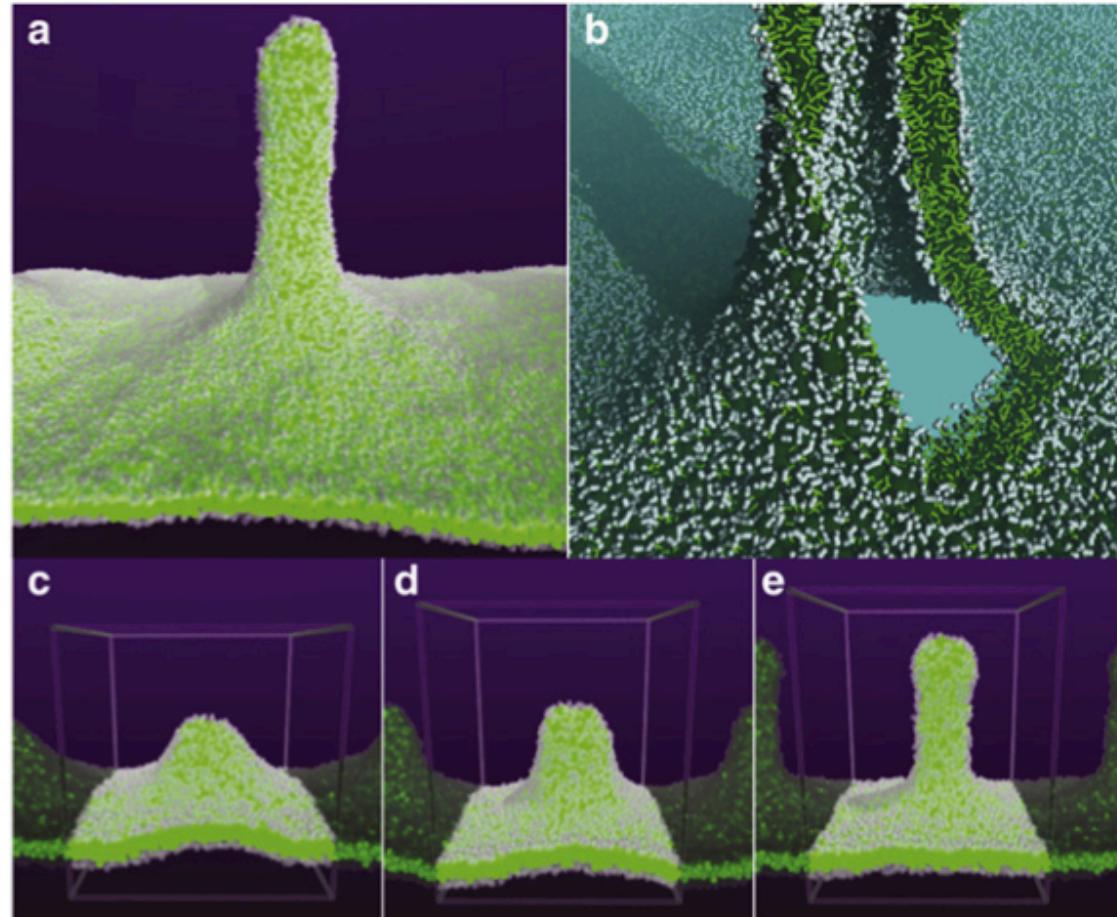
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Molecular Structure of Membrane Tethers

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ABSTRACT Membrane tethers are nanotubes formed by a provide an experimental window on lipid properties. Tether theoretical models, but their molecular structure remains used molecular dynamics simulations to obtain molecular-level component lipid bilayers by application of an external force



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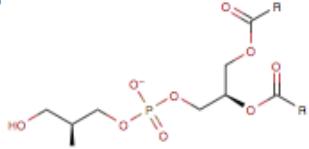
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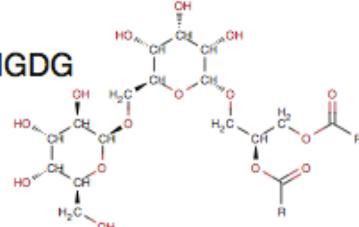
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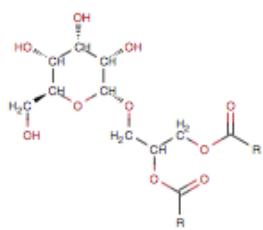
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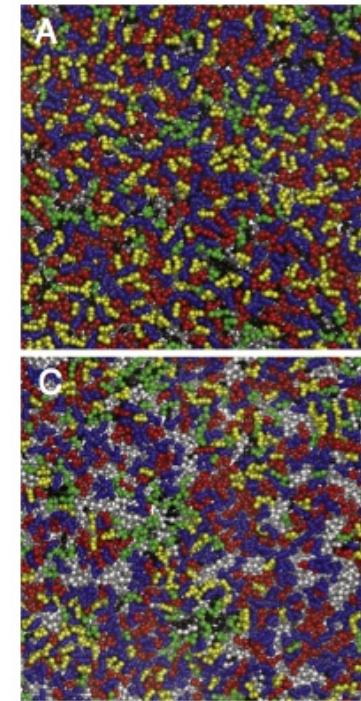
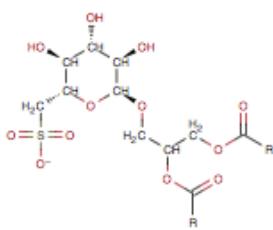
MGDG



DGDG



SQDG



| Tail ↓ Head → | Cyanobacterial membrane | | | | Plant membrane | | | |
|-------------------|-------------------------|------|------|------|----------------|------|------|------|
| | PG | DGDG | MGDG | SQDG | PG | DGDG | MGDG | SQDG |
| 16:0 | 47.9 | 43.6 | 45.1 | 62.0 | 15.6 | 6.7 | 3.1 | 49.2 |
| 18:0 | 8.9 | 2.5 | 3.9 | 8.0 | 0.4 | 0.6 | 0.6 | 2.3 |
| saturated | (50) | (50) | (50) | (80) | (16) | (8) | (6) | (50) |
| 16:1(7) | nd | nd | nd | nd | nd | 0.2 | 0.3 | 1.4 |
| 16:1(9) | 10.7 | 15.1 | 15.5 | 3.9 | nd | nd | nd | nd |
| 18:1(9) | 26.3 | 28.1 | 27.9 | 20.9 | nd | 1.7 | 1.1 | 2.9 |
| 18:1(11) | 6.2 | 10.7 | 7.6 | 5.2 | nd | nd | nd | nd |
| unsaturated | (50) | (50) | (50) | (20) | nd | nd | nd | nd |
| 16:1(3t) | nd | nd | nd | nd | 46.8 | nd | nd | nd |
| trans-unsaturated | | | | | | (50) | | |
| 16:3(7,10,13) | nd | nd | nd | nd | nd | 4.1 | 13.6 | 1.0 |
| 18:2(9,12) | nd | nd | nd | nd | 2.2 | 2.4 | 3.1 | 6.3 |
| 18:3(9,12,15) | nd | nd | nd | nd | 35.0 | 84.3 | 78.2 | 36.9 |
| poly-unsaturated | | | | | | (34) | (92) | (94) |
| total | 6.1 | 25.6 | 43.5 | 24.8 | 12.6 | 25.1 | 40.1 | 15.2 |
| | (10) | (25) | (40) | (25) | (15) | (30) | (40) | (15) |

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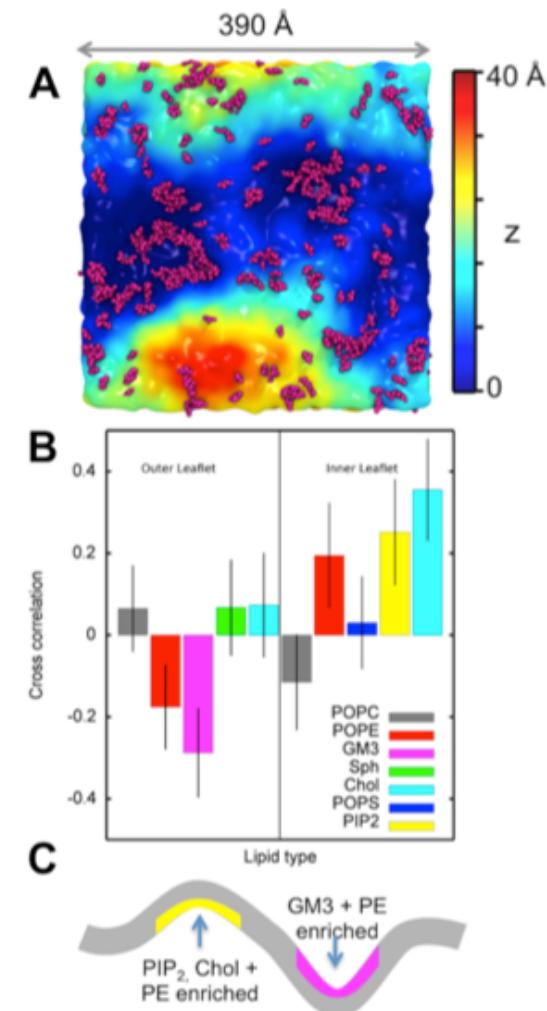
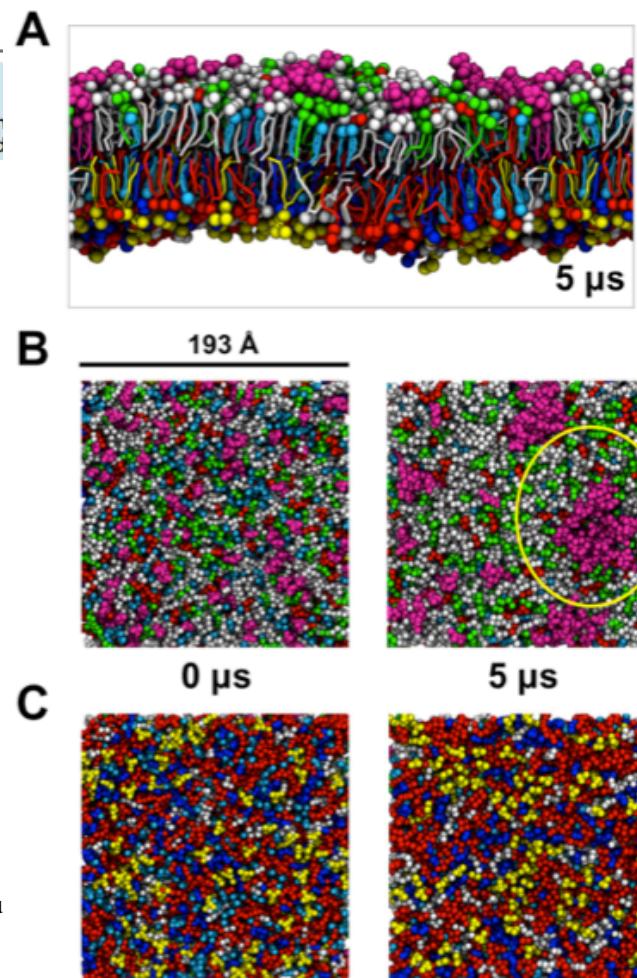
Lipid Clustering Correlates with Membrane Curvature as Revealed by Molecular Simulations of Complex Lipid Bilayers

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Abstract

Cell membranes are complex multicomponent systems, which composition. To date, most molecular simulations have focussed



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PM – plasma membranes

Lipid Organization of the Plasma Membrane

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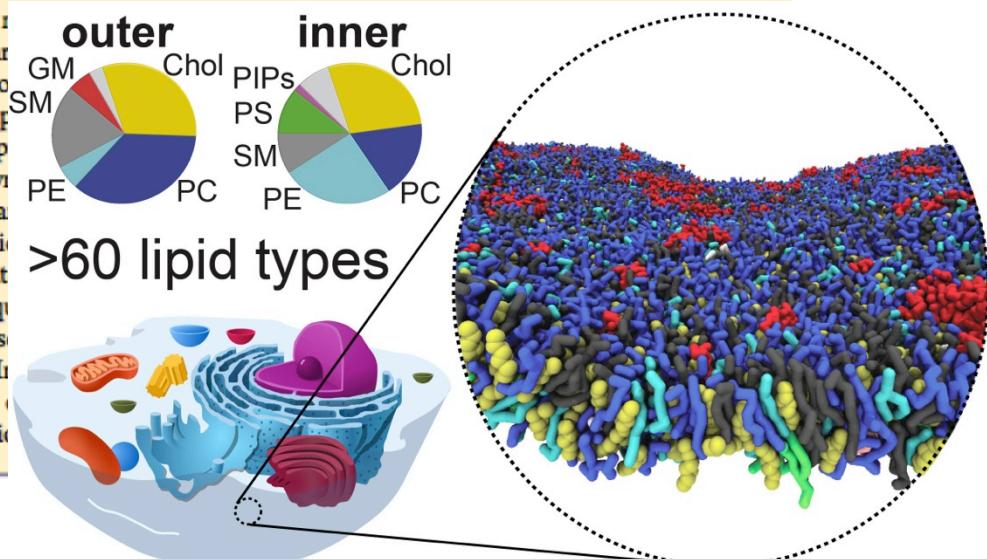
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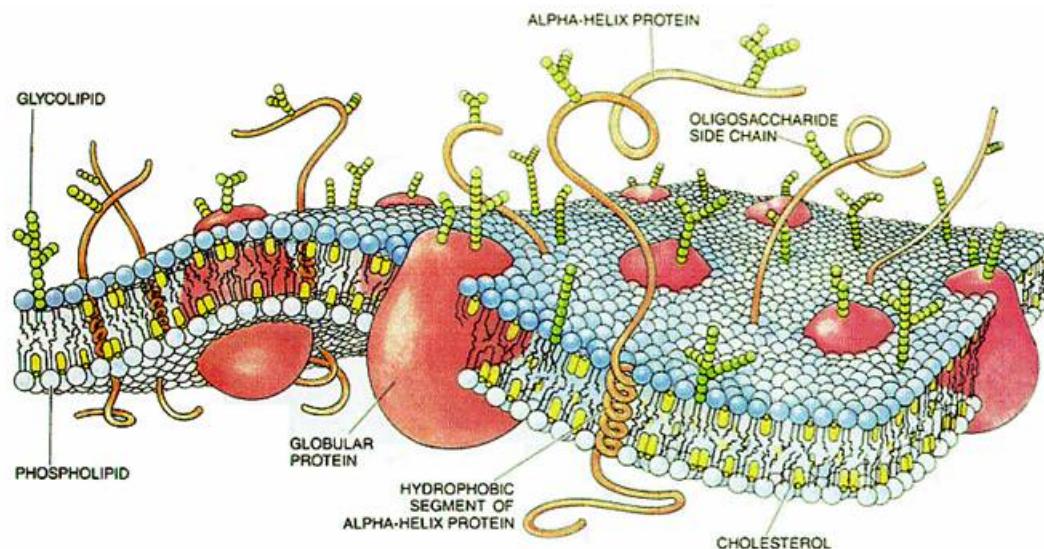
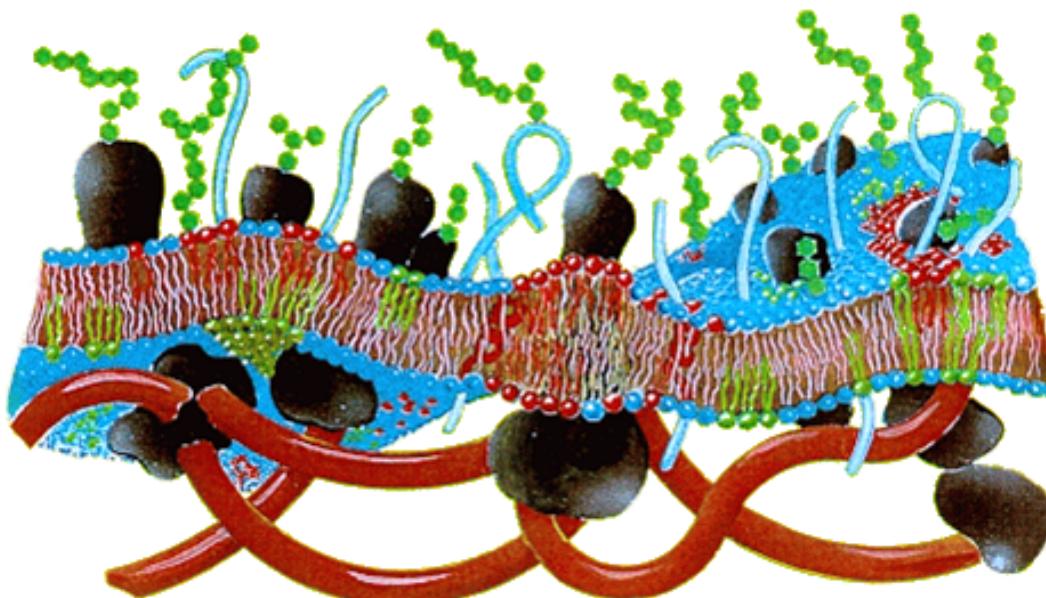
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Supporting Information

ABSTRACT: The detailed organization of cellular membranes remains rather elusive. Based on large-scale molecular dynamics simulations, we provide a high-resolution view of the lipid organization of a plasma membrane at an unprecedented level of complexity. The plasma membrane model consists of 63 different lipid types combining 14 types of headgroups and 11 types of tails asymmetrically distributed across the two leaflets, closely mimicking a mammalian plasma membrane. We observe an enrichment of cholesterol in the outer leaflet and a general non-ideal lateral distribution of the different lipid species. Transient domains with liquid-like character form and disappear on the microsecond time scale. These domains are coupled across the two membrane leaflets. In each leaflet, distinct nanodomains consisting of gangliosides are found. Our data provide a key view on the lateral organization of the

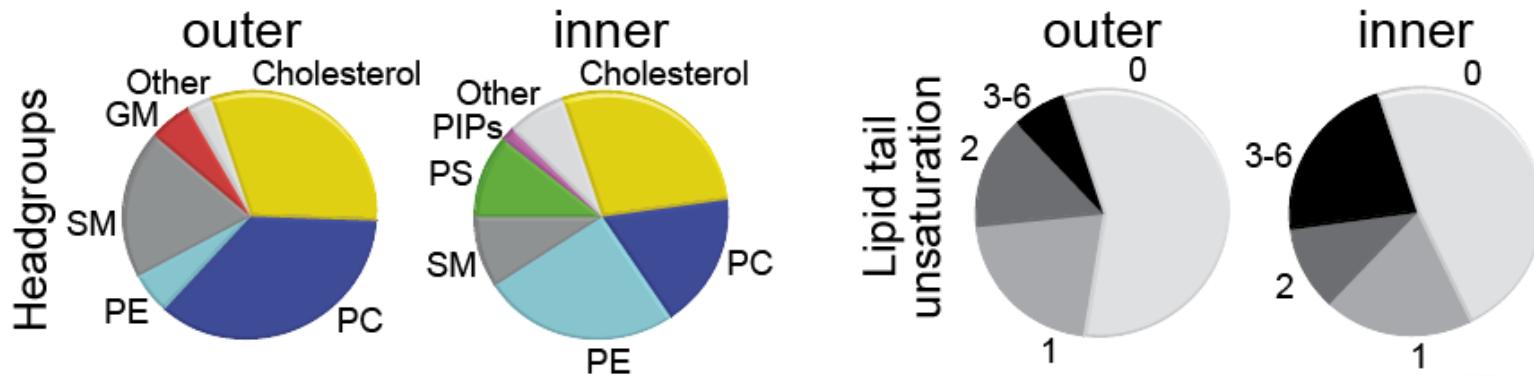


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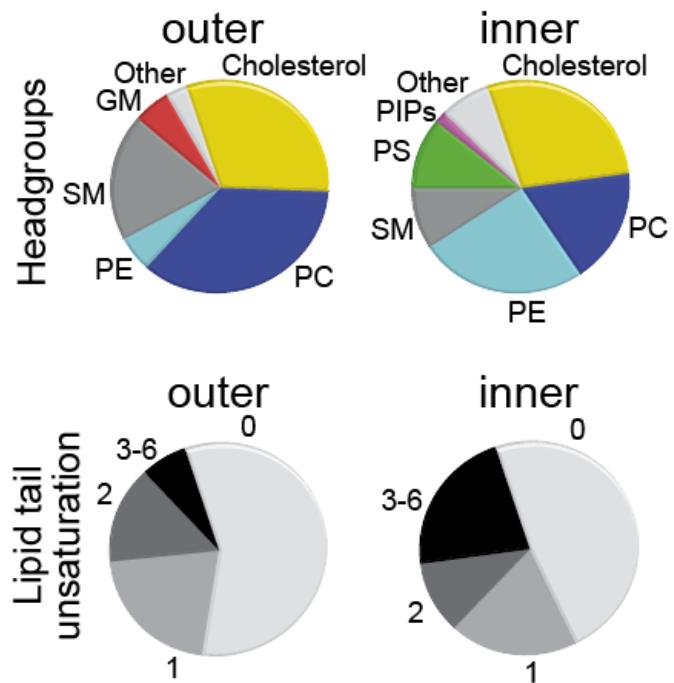


- Hundreds of different lipid species
- Asymmetric leaflet distribution
- Lateral inhomogeneity

PM – Idealized mammalian PM

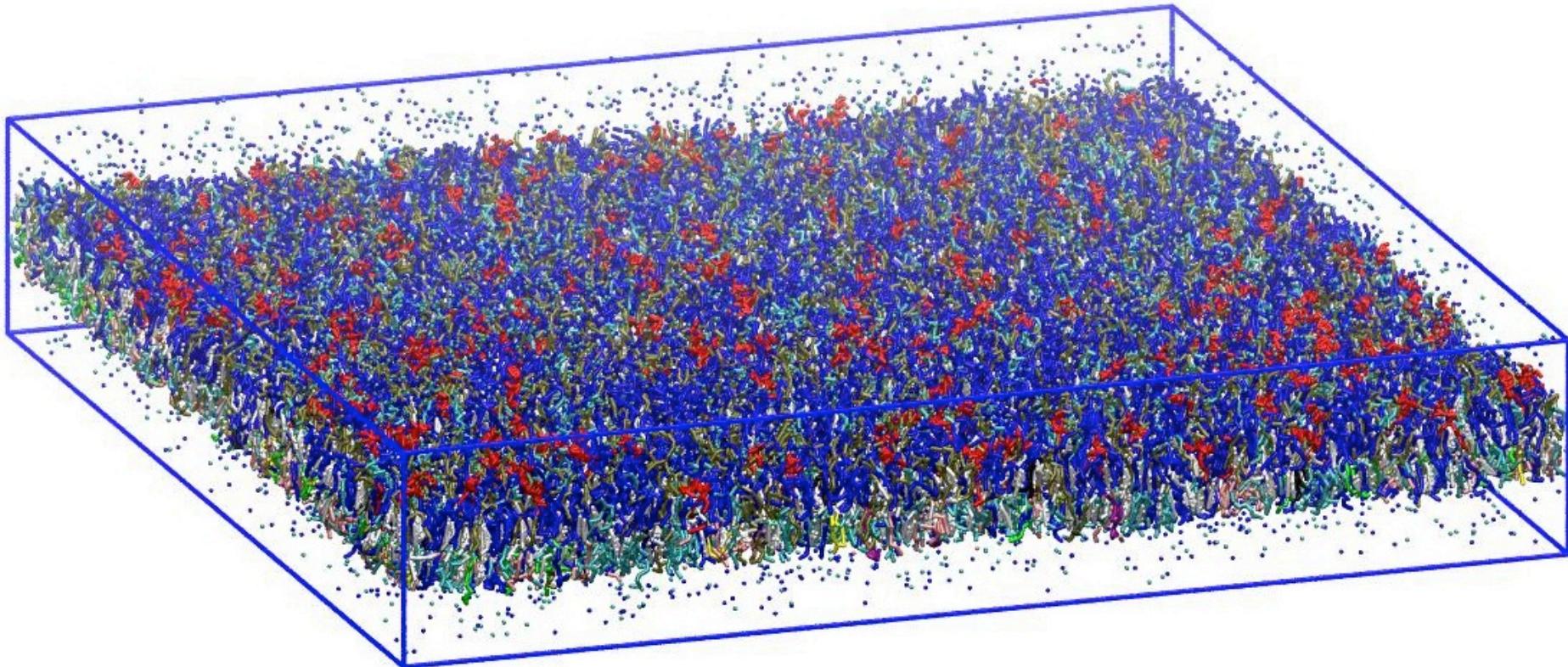


PM – lipid composition



| Lipid tail sn-1 | Lipid tail sn-2 | Acronym | Inner count | Inner leaflet % | Outer count | Outer leaflet % | Glycolip - monosialodihexosylganglioside - GM3 |
|--|--------------------|------------------|------------------|--------------------|----------------|--------------------|--|
| Phosphatidylcholine - PC | | | | | | | |
| CCCC | CCDC | POPC | 550 | 0.31 | 1205 | 0.69 | TCC CCCC DPG3 0 0.00 89 1.00 |
| CCDC | CCDC | DOPC | 49 | 0.32 | 106 | 0.68 | TCCCC CCCCCC DXG3 0 0.00 51 1.00 |
| CCCC | CDDC | PIPC | 810 | 0.31 | 1772 | 0.69 | TCC CCCDCC PNG3 0 0.00 64 1.00 |
| CCCC | CDDCC | PEPC | 32 | 0.31 | 71 | 0.69 | TCCCC CCCDCC XNG3 0 0.00 51 1.00 |
| CCCC | DDDDC | PAPC | 129 | 0.31 | 283 | 0.69 | Total: 0 0.00 255 1.00 |
| DDDDC | DDDDC | DAPC | 16 | 0.31 | 35 | 0.69 | |
| CCCC | DDDDDC | PUPC | 32 | 0.31 | 71 | 0.69 | |
| Total: | | 1618 0.31 | 3543 0.69 | | | | |
| Phosphatidylethanolamine - PE | | | | | | | |
| CCCC | CCDC | POPE | 569 | 0.81 | 135 | 0.19 | Phosphatidylinositol - PI |
| CCDC | CCDC | DOPE | 190 | 0.81 | 44 | 0.19 | CCCC CCDC POPI 137 1.00 0 0.00 |
| CCCC | CDDC | PIPE | 380 | 0.81 | 90 | 0.19 | CCCC CDDC PIPi 120 1.00 0 0.00 |
| CCCC | CDDDC | PQPE | 95 | 0.81 | 22 | 0.19 | CCCC DDDDC PAPI 120 1.00 0 0.00 |
| CCCC | DDDDC | PAPE | 522 | 0.81 | 124 | 0.19 | CCCC DDDDDC PUPI 51 1.00 0 0.00 |
| DDDDC | DDDDC | DAPE | 332 | 0.81 | 78 | 0.19 | Total: 428 1.00 0 0.00 |
| CCCC | DDDDDC | PUPE | 190 | 0.81 | 44 | 0.19 | |
| DDDDDC | DDDDDC | DUPE | 95 | 0.81 | 22 | 0.19 | |
| Total: | | 2373 0.81 | 559 0.19 | | | | |
| Sphingomyelin - SM | | | | | | | |
| TCC | CCCC | DPSM | 279 | 0.31 | 611 | 0.69 | Phosphatidic acid - PA |
| TCCC | CCCCC | DBSM | 61 | 0.31 | 133 | 0.69 | CCCC CCDC POPA 46 1.00 0 0.00 |
| TCCCC | CCCCCC | DXSM | 113 | 0.31 | 247 | 0.69 | CCCC CDDC PIPA 39 1.00 0 0.00 |
| TCC | CCDC | POSM | 17 | 0.31 | 38 | 0.69 | CCCC DDDDC PAPA 39 1.00 0 0.00 |
| TCC | CCCDC | PGSM | 17 | 0.31 | 38 | 0.69 | CCCC DDDDDC PUPA 17 1.00 0 0.00 |
| TCC | CCCDCC | PNSM | 174 | 0.31 | 381 | 0.69 | Total: 141 1.00 0 0.00 |
| TCCC | CCCDCC | BNSM | 86 | 0.31 | 191 | 0.69 | |
| TCCCC | CCCDCC | XNSM | 121 | 0.31 | 267 | 0.69 | |
| Total: | | 868 0.31 | 1906 0.69 | | | | |
| Phosphatidylserine - PS | | | | | | | |
| CCCC | CCDC | POPS | 200 | 1.00 | 0 | 0.00 | Ceramide - CER |
| CCCC | CDDC | PIPS | 79 | 1.00 | 0 | 0.00 | CCCC CCCC DPCE 15 0.33 31 0.67 |
| CCCC | CDDDC | PQPS | 39 | 1.00 | 0 | 0.00 | TCCCC CCCCCC DXCE 9 0.35 17 0.65 |
| CCCC | DDDDC | PAPS | 461 | 1.00 | 0 | 0.00 | TCC CCCDCC PNCE 10 0.31 22 0.69 |
| DDDDC | DDDDC | DAPS | 20 | 1.00 | 0 | 0.00 | TCCCC CCCDCC XNCE 9 0.35 17 0.65 |
| CCCC | DDDDDC | PUPS | 180 | 1.00 | 0 | 0.00 | Total: 44 0.34 86 0.66 |
| DDDDDC | DDDDDC | DUPS | 20 | 1.00 | 0 | 0.00 | |
| Total: | | 999 1.00 | 0 0.00 | | | | |
| Glycolip - monosialotetrahexosylganglioside - GM1 | | | | | | | |
| TCC | CCCC | DPG1 | 0 | 0.00 | 89 | 1.00 | Lysophosphatidylcholine - LPC |
| TCCCC | CCCCCC | DGX1 | 0 | 0.00 | 51 | 1.00 | CCCC PPC 0 0.00 64 1.00 |
| TCC | CCCDCC | PNG1 | 0 | 0.00 | 64 | 1.00 | CCDC OPC 0 0.00 20 1.00 |
| TCCCC | CCCDCC | XNG1 | 0 | 0.00 | 51 | 1.00 | CDDC IPC 0 0.00 18 1.00 |
| Total: | | 0 0.00 | 255 1.00 | | | | |
| Diacylglycerol - DAG | | | | | | | |
| CCCC | CCDC | PODG | 17 | 0.40 | 25 | 0.60 | DDDDC APC 0 0.00 18 1.00 |
| CCCC | CDDC | PIDG | 15 | 0.39 | 23 | 0.61 | DDDDDC UPC 0 0.00 7 1.00 |
| CCCC | DDDDC | PADG | 15 | 0.39 | 23 | 0.61 | Total: 0 0.00 127 1.00 |
| CCCC | DDDDDC | PUDG | 6 | 0.40 | 9 | 0.60 | |
| Total: | | 52 0.39 | 81 0.61 | | | | |
| Cholesterol | | | | | | | |
| | | CHOL | 2653 | 0.46 | 3107 | 0.54 | |
| All lipids types total: | | | | | | | |
| | | | 9323 | 0.48 | 9916 | 0.52 | |

PM – setup with *insane*

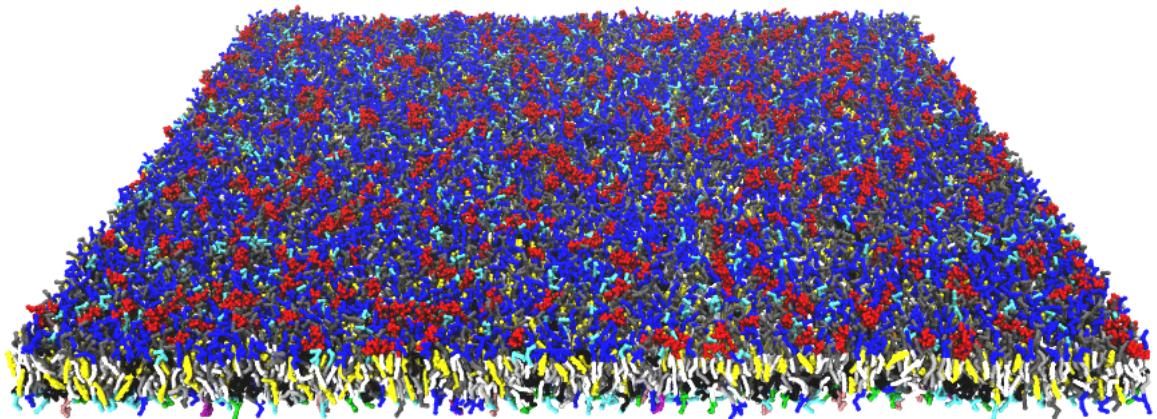
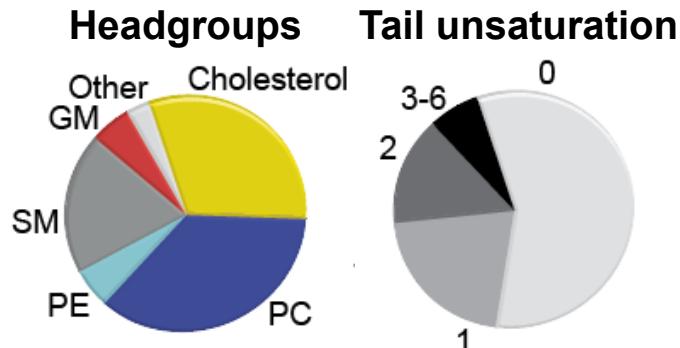


~20,000 lipids,
~300,000 CG water
~6,000 Na^+
~3,200 Cl^-

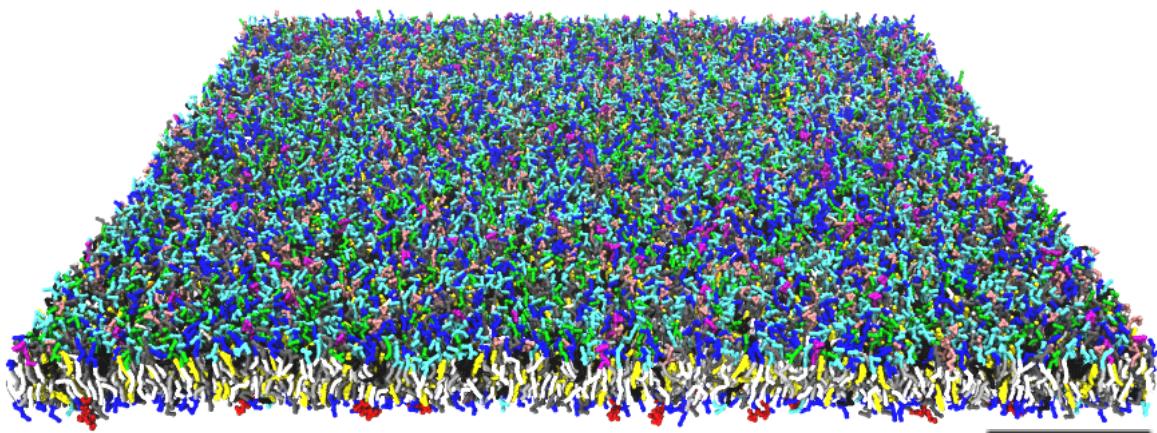
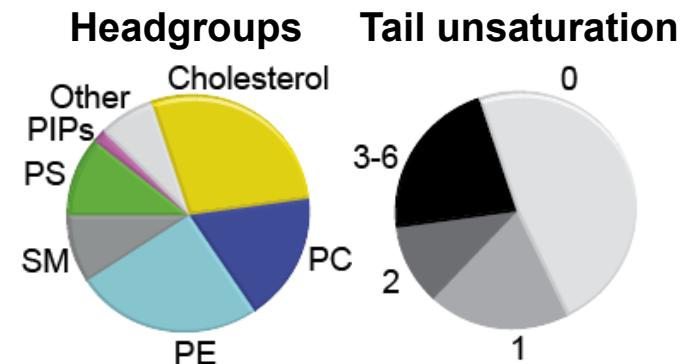
- Different area per lipid in upper/lower leaflet
- Need to measure with “all” lipids present
- Remove undulations with z-pos constraint

PM – idealized plasma membrane

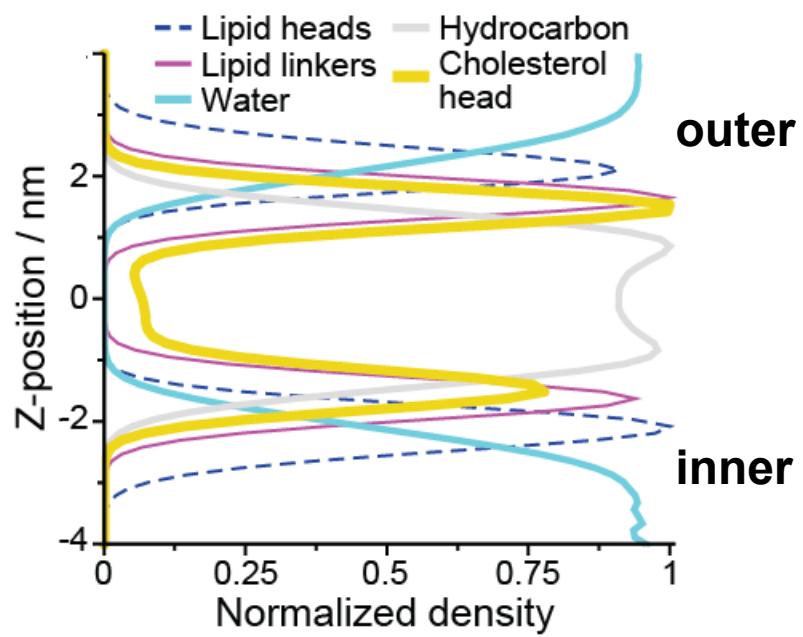
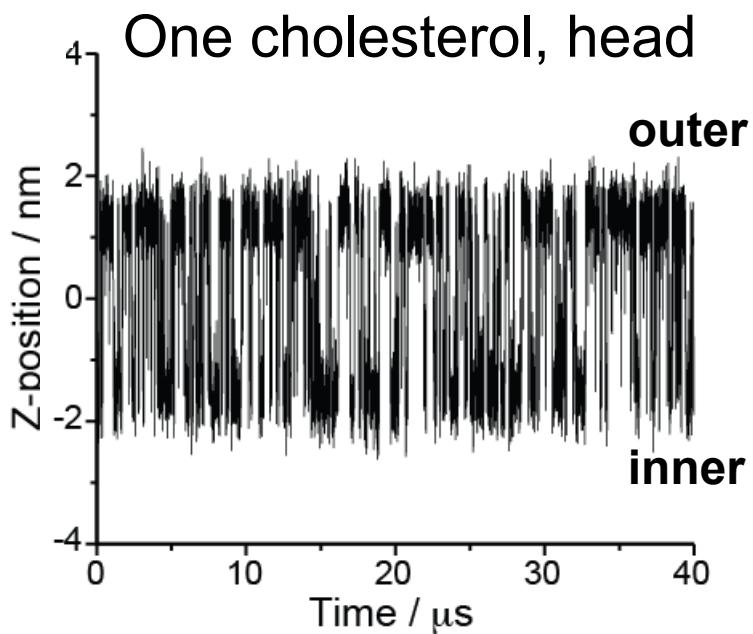
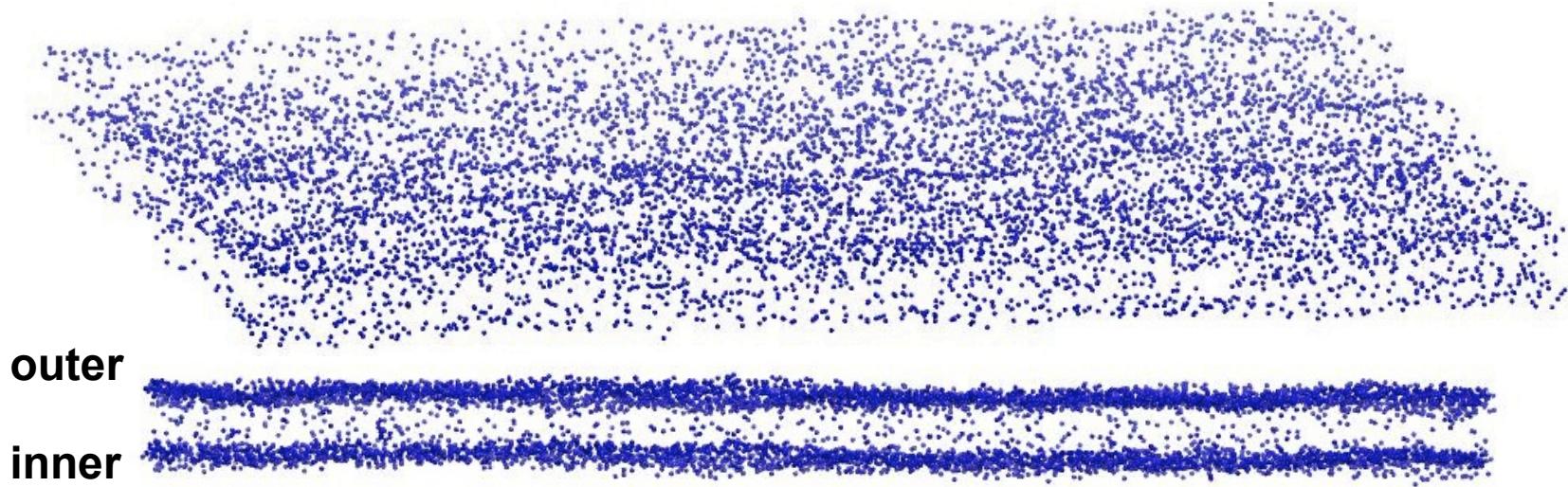
Outer leaflet:



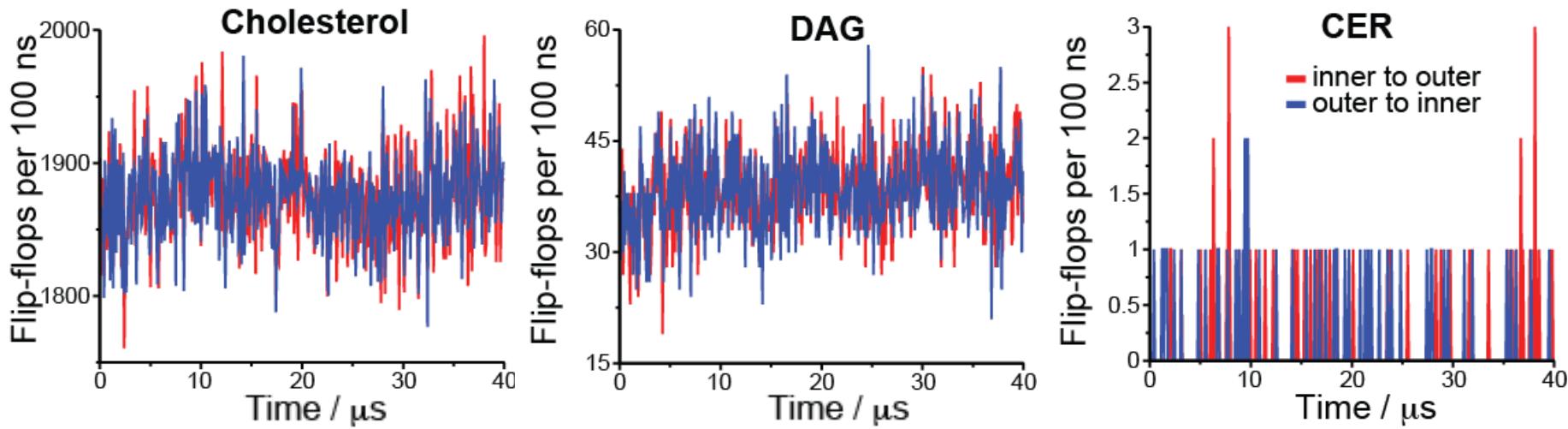
Inner leaflet:



PM – cholesterol redistributes



PM – flip-flops

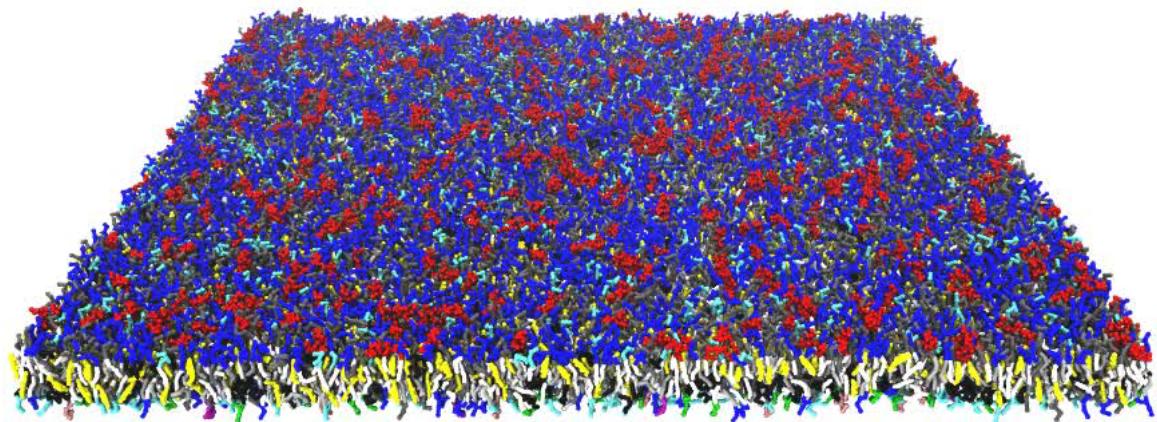
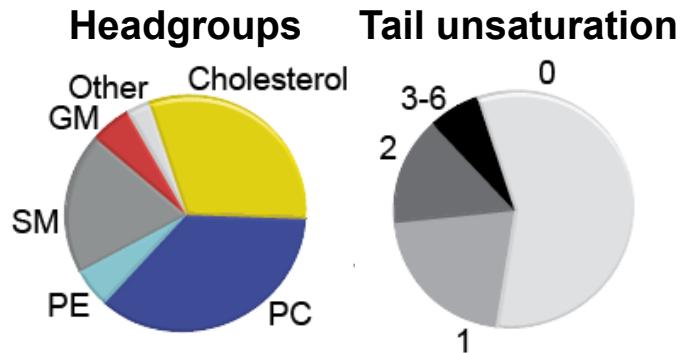


Flip-flop rates:

- Cholesterol $6.53 \pm 0.01 \times 10^6 \text{ s}^{-1}$
- DAG $5.87 \pm 0.05 \times 10^6 \text{ s}^{-1}$
- CER $2.0 \pm 0.4 \times 10^4 \text{ s}^{-1}$

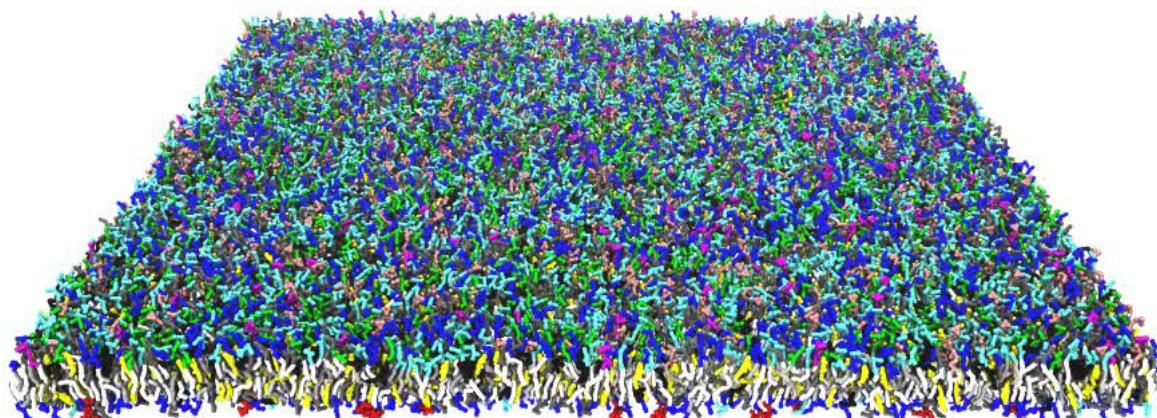
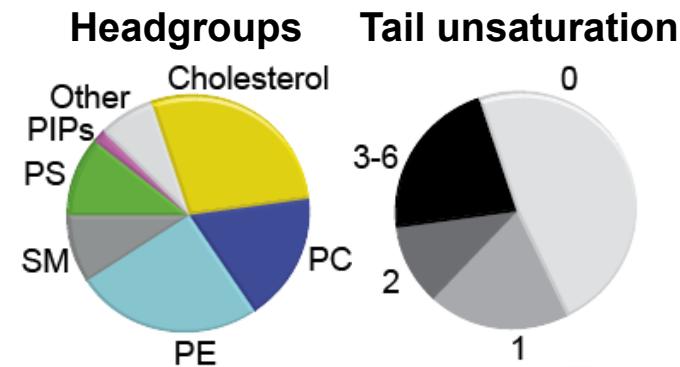
PM – idealized plasma membrane

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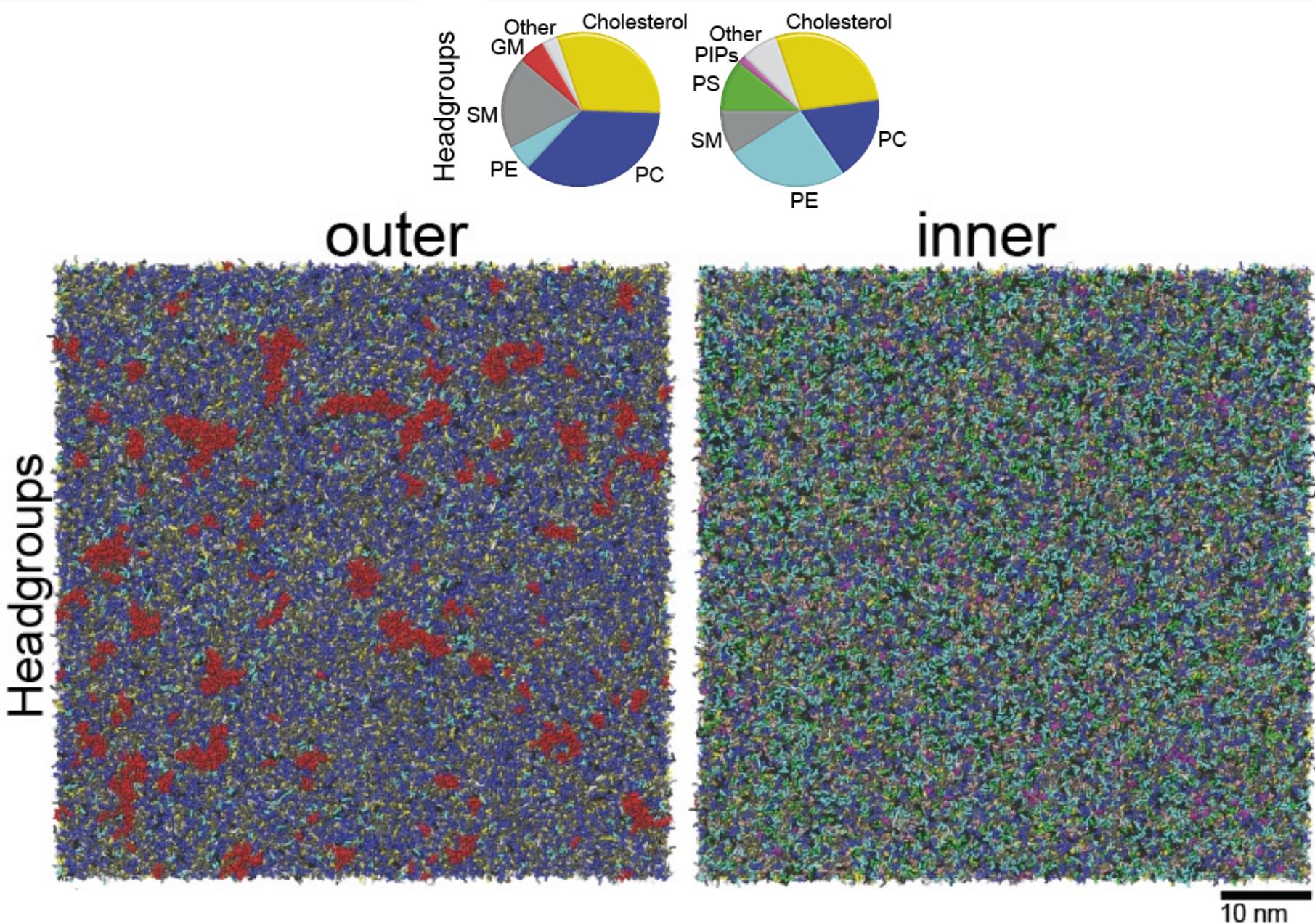
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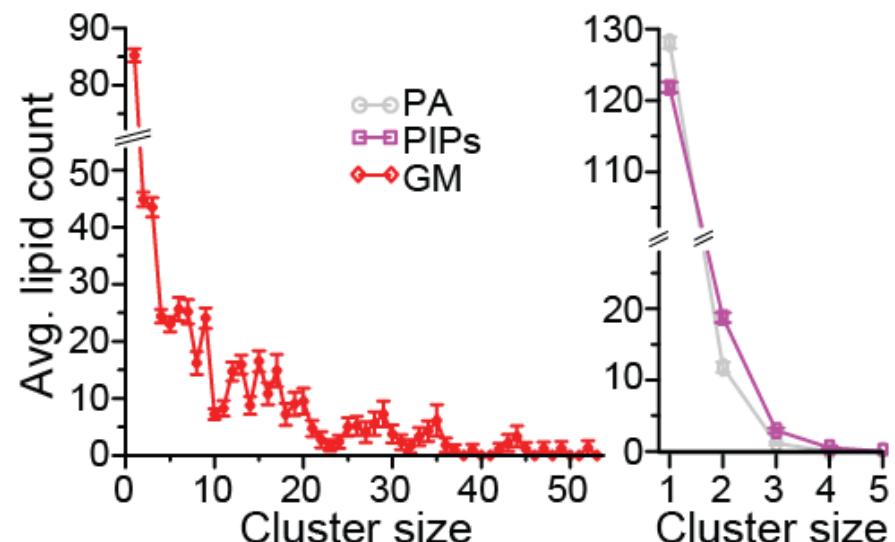
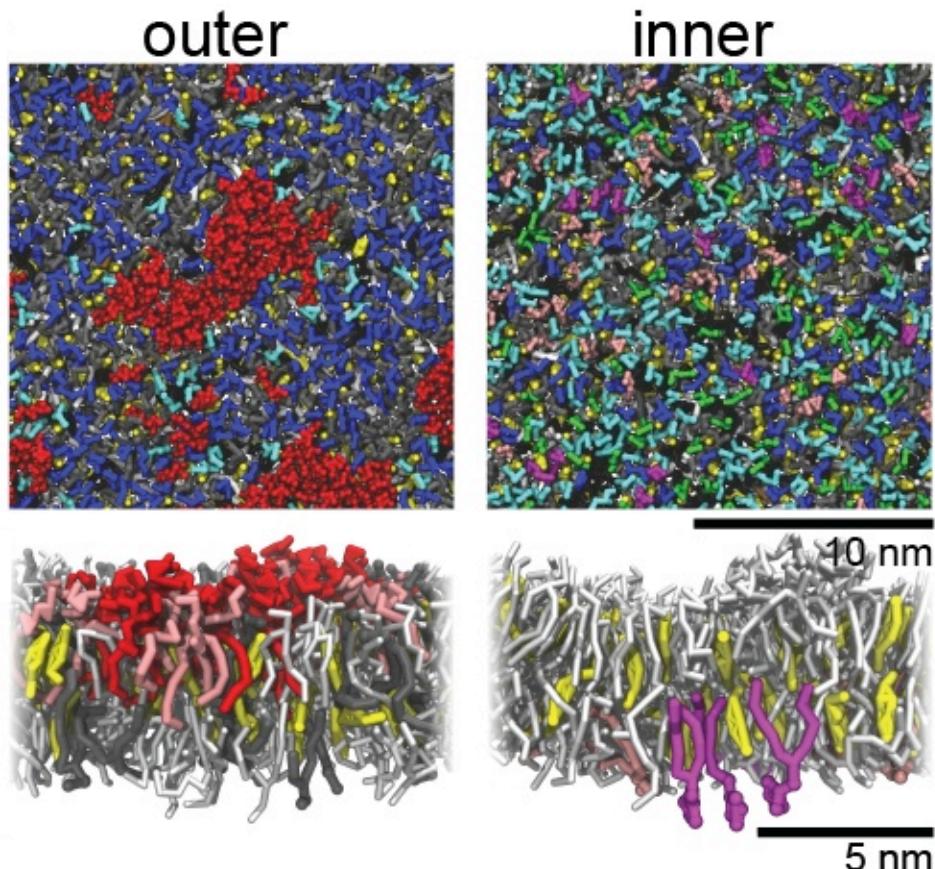


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PM – lipid headgroups

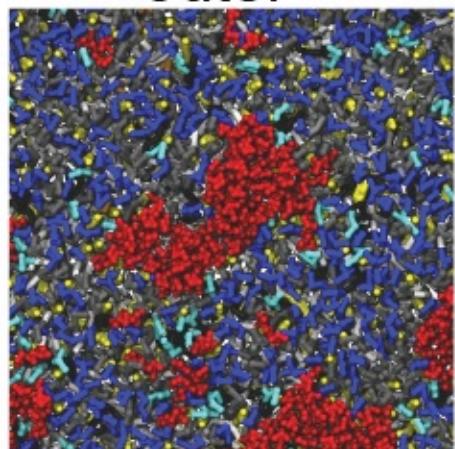


PM – lipid clustering

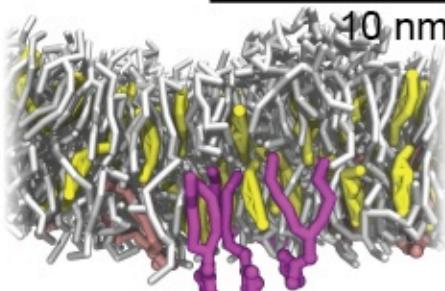
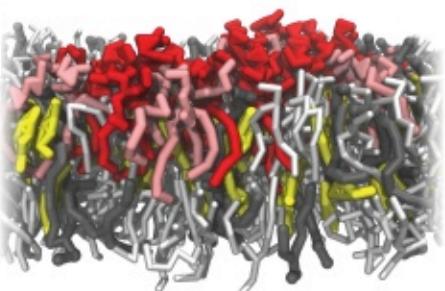
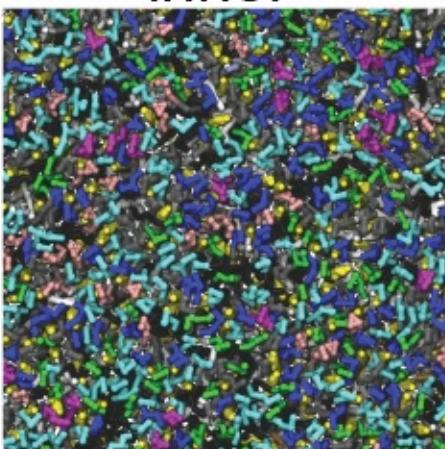


PM – lipid clustering

outer



inner



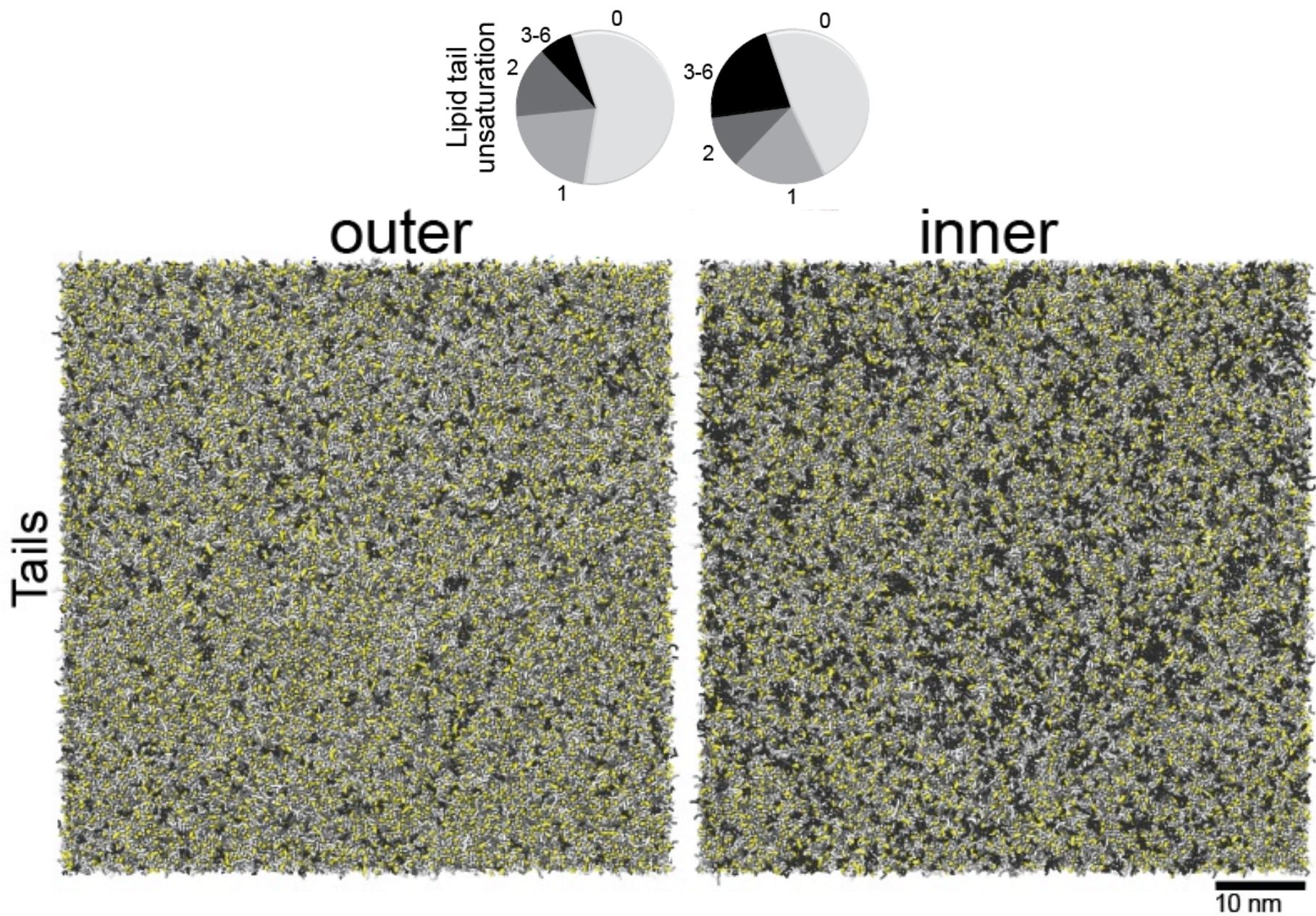
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| | CHOL | PC | PE | SM | GM | |
|------|------|------|------|------|------|-----------|
| CHOL | 0.93 | 1.04 | 1.02 | 1.09 | 1.05 | > +25% |
| PC | 1.00 | 1.03 | 1.01 | 0.96 | 0.61 | +8 – +25% |
| PE | 0.98 | 1.00 | 1.04 | 0.89 | 0.99 | -8 – +8% |
| SM | 1.10 | 0.99 | 0.93 | 1.04 | 0.81 | -8 – -25% |
| GM | 1.03 | 0.63 | 1.02 | 0.79 | 4.08 | > -25% |

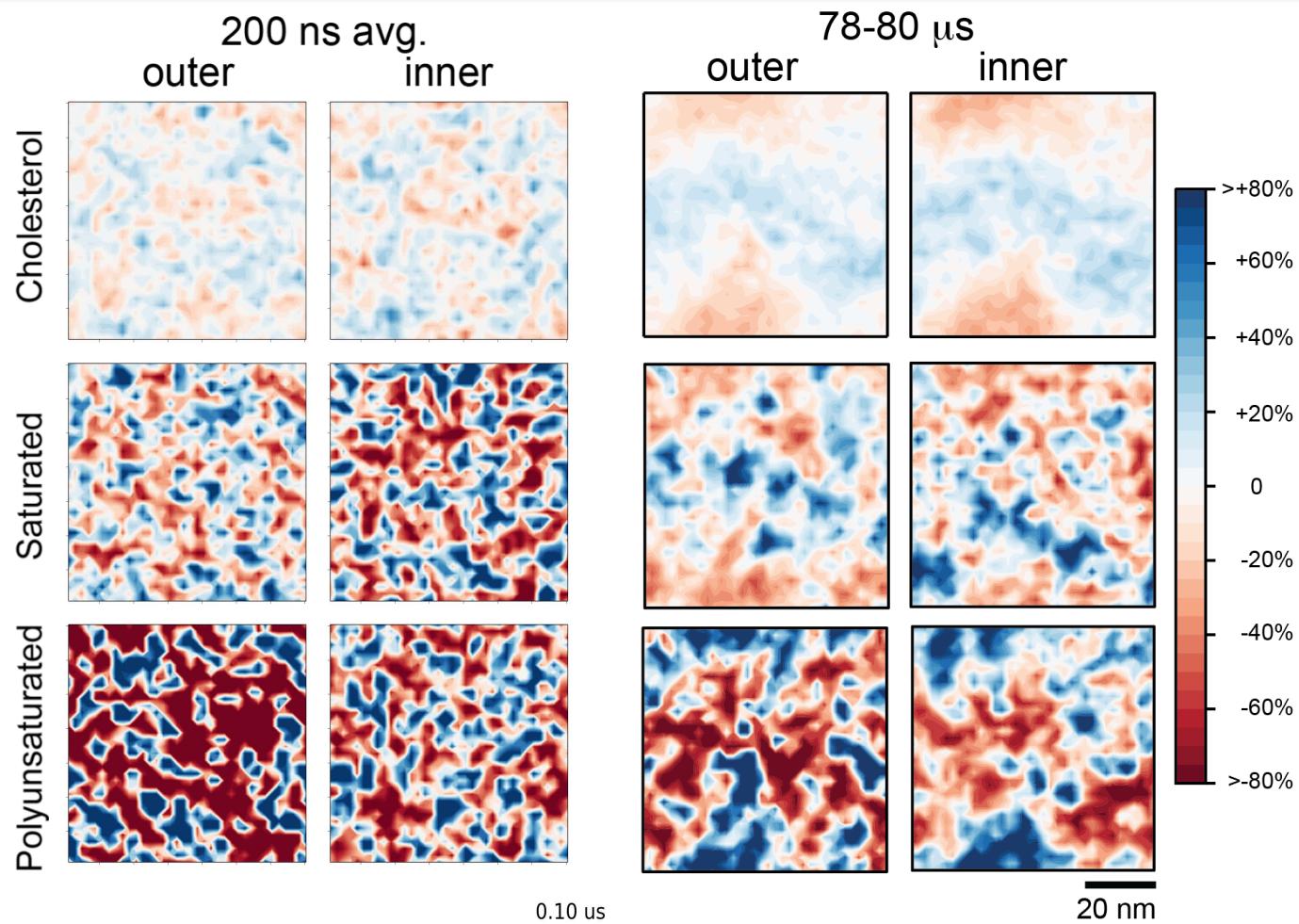
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| | CHOL | PC | PE | SM | PS | PI | PIPs |
|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|
| CHOL | 0.94 | 1.07 | 1.04 | 1.14 | 1.03 | 1.07 | 1.16 |
| PC | 1.02 | 0.98 | 0.98 | 0.96 | 1.01 | 0.97 | 0.89 |
| PE | 0.98 | 0.97 | 0.98 | 0.91 | 1.02 | 1.00 | 1.02 |
| SM | 1.15 | 1.01 | 0.95 | 1.08 | 0.97 | 1.00 | 1.06 |
| PS | 0.97 | 0.99 | 1.01 | 0.92 | 0.96 | 0.94 | 0.74 |
| PI | 1.03 | 0.98 | 1.01 | 0.97 | 0.96 | 0.95 | 0.88 |
| PIPs | 1.21 | 0.95 | 1.09 | 1.08 | 0.79 | 0.92 | 1.47 |

PM – tails



PM – domains



outer

| | Cholesterol | Polyunsaturated | Saturated | Other |
|-----------------|-------------|-----------------|-----------|-------|
| Cholesterol | 0.93 | 0.90 | 1.09 | 1.05 |
| Polyunsaturated | 0.77 | 2.41 | 0.74 | 0.95 |
| Saturated | 1.09 | 0.84 | 1.09 | 0.97 |
| Other | 1.02 | 1.05 | 0.94 | 0.98 |

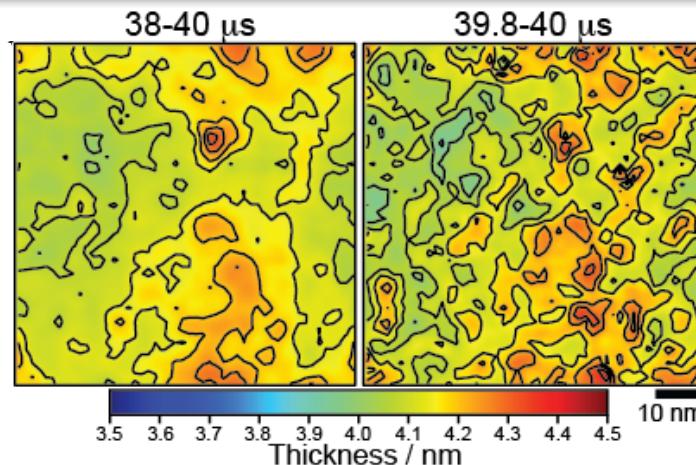
inner

| | Cholesterol | Polyunsaturated | Saturated | Other |
|-----------------|-------------|-----------------|-----------|-------|
| Cholesterol | 0.94 | 0.84 | 1.14 | 1.08 |
| Polyunsaturated | 0.67 | 2.19 | 0.64 | 0.86 |
| Saturated | 1.15 | 0.76 | 1.10 | 1.01 |
| Other | 1.04 | 0.98 | 0.97 | 0.98 |

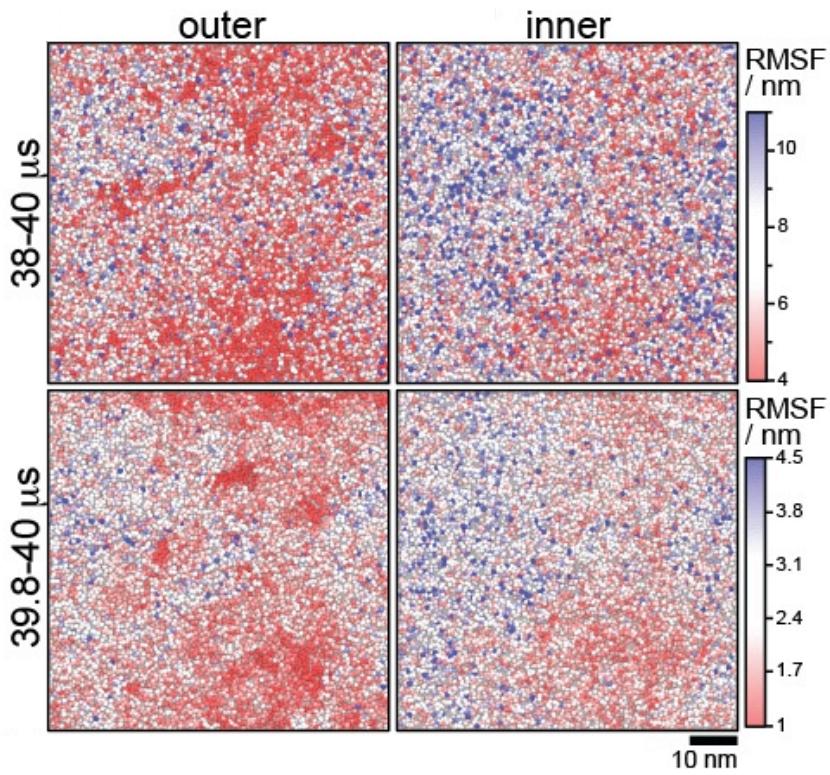
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|-----------|
| > +25% |
| +8 – +25% |
| -8 – +8% |
| -8 – -25% |
| > -25% |

PM – domains

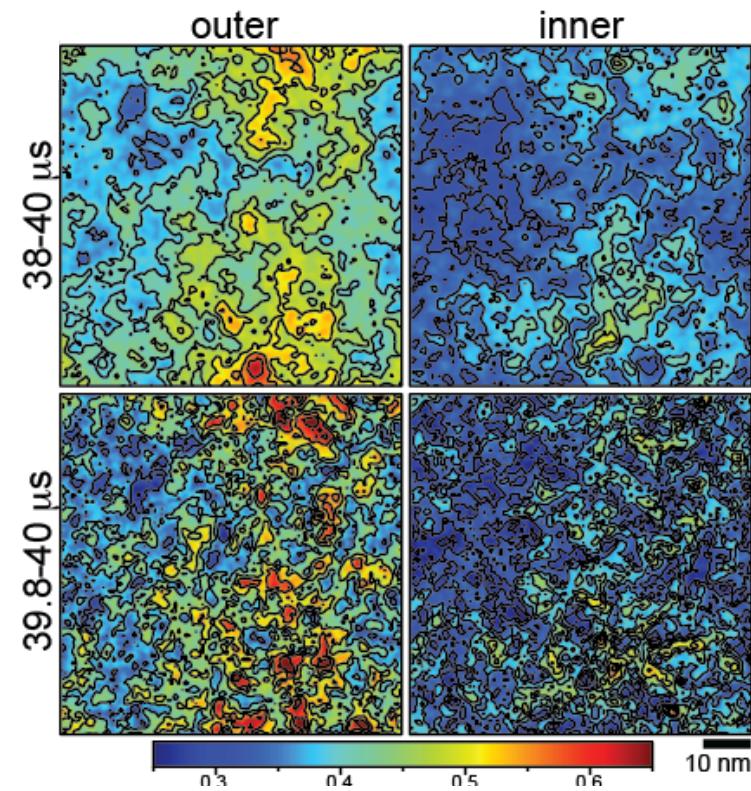
Bilayer
Thickness



Root mean square
fluctuations



Order parameter
(tail 2-3)



PM – conclusions / outlook

We optimized and extended the Martini CG force field lipidome and improved membrane building tools.

A molecular level view of the lipid organization of an idealized mammalian plasma membrane, that shows:

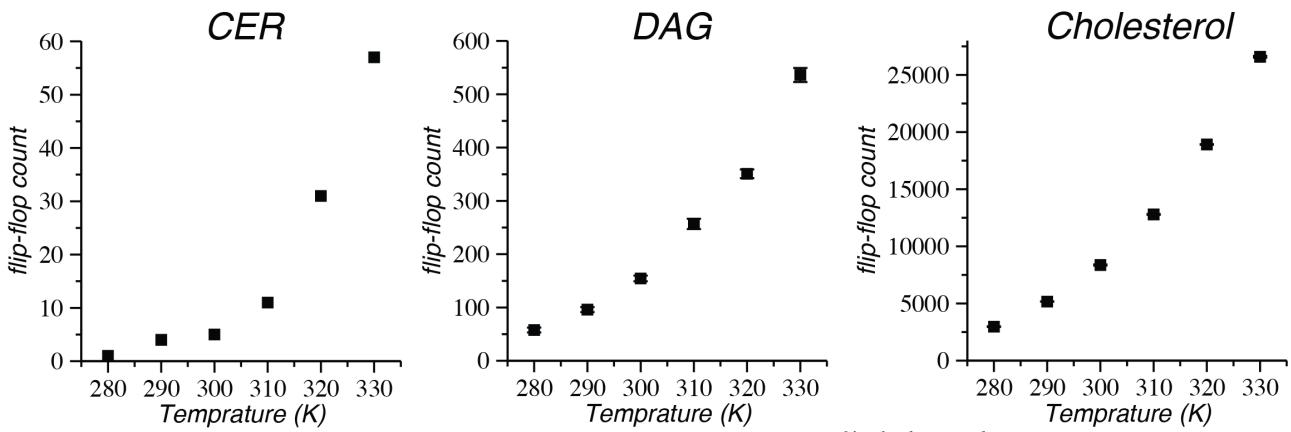
- Cholesterol favors the outer leaflet
- Multiple levels of non-ideal mixing / domain formation
- GM clusters
- PIPs self associate

Next steps:

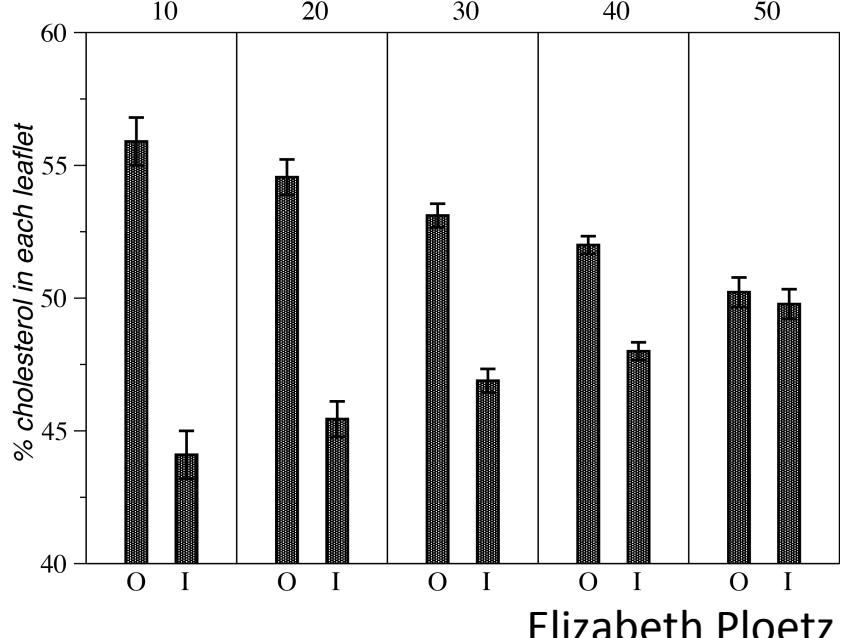
- Membrane protein / lipids interactions
- More new lipids
- Altered PM lipid composition
- Other cell envelopes

Future – PM projects

- Effect of temperature



- Cholesterol concentration

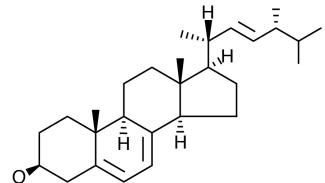


- Lipid protein interactions
- Lipid shorting and tether pulling

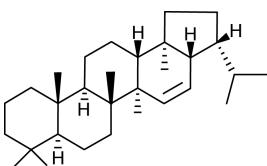
Elizabeth Ploetz

Future – Martini lipids

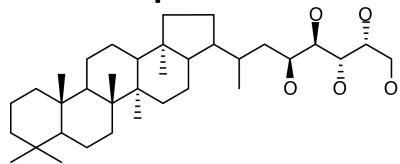
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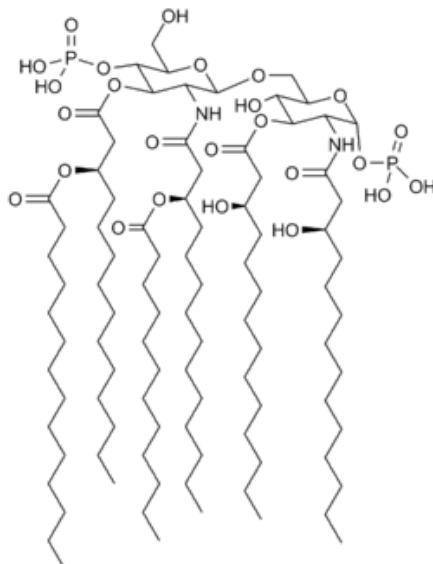
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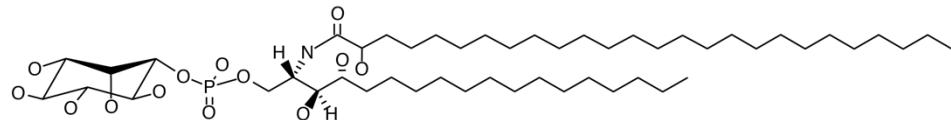
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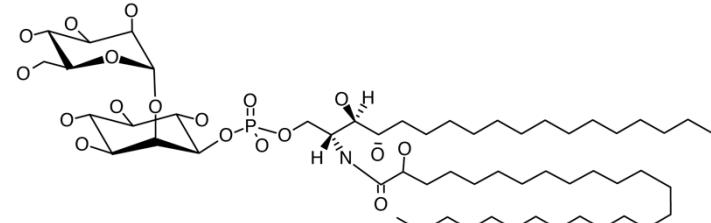
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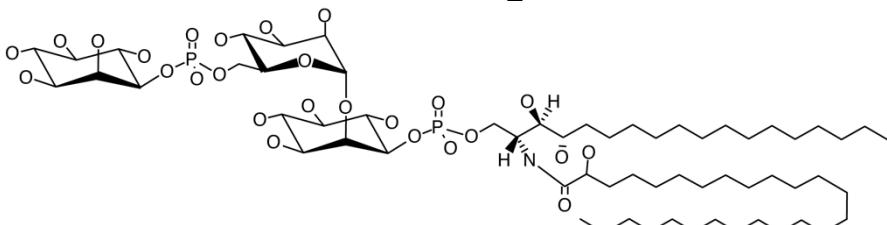
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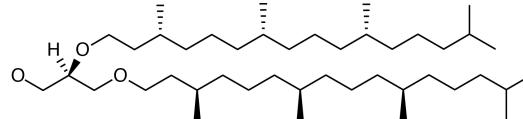
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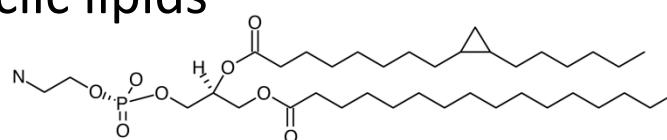
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Methyl-branched ether lipids

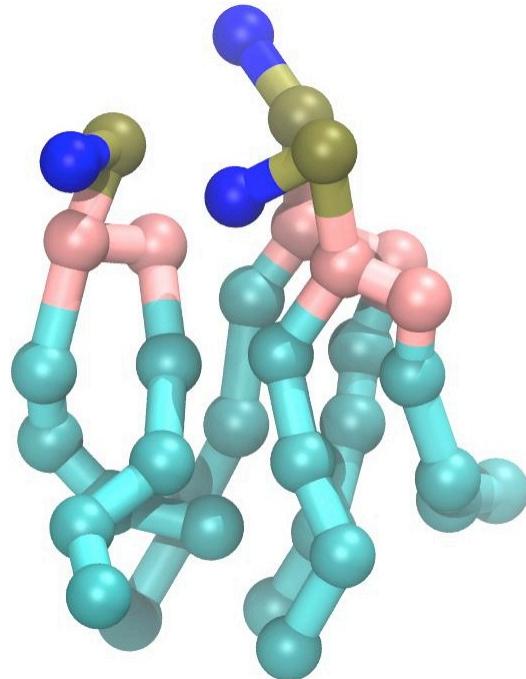


Cyclic lipids



Future – your own new lipid

- Current naming standards
- Use what already exists
- Rationalize changes
- Be aware of over fitting
- Test, test and test
- .itp file format
- Add to Martini website



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