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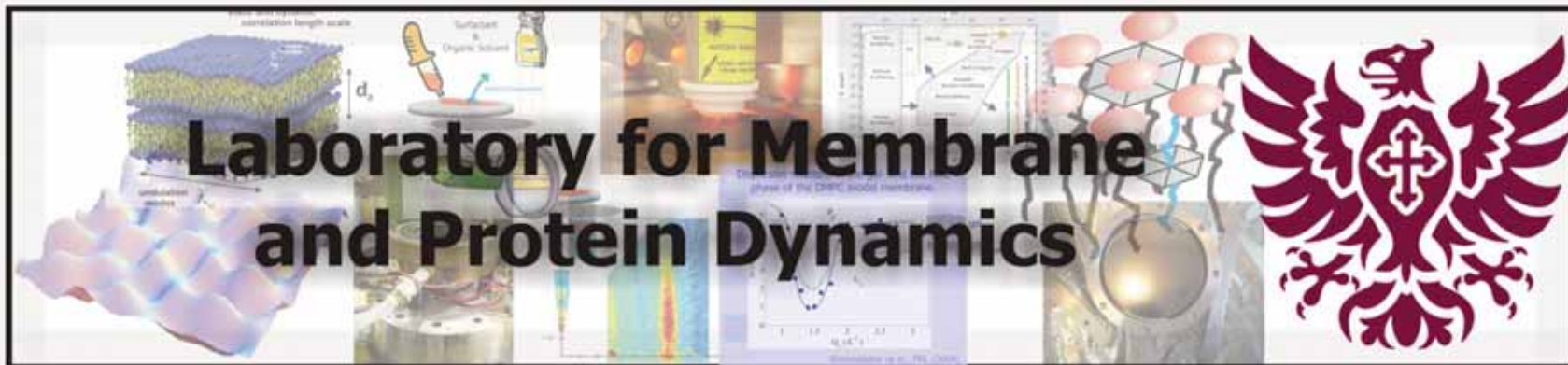
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Nanobiology: Membranes and Proteins in Motion



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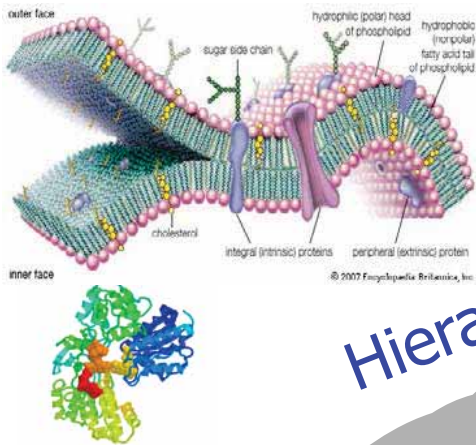
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*Scattering experiments
outside of the comfort zone*

Challenge

Hierarchy of biological systems:



Atom

Molecule

Biological Macromolecule

Functional Module

Cytoskeleton

Organelle

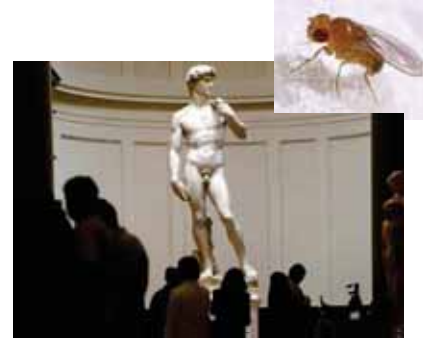
Cell

Organ

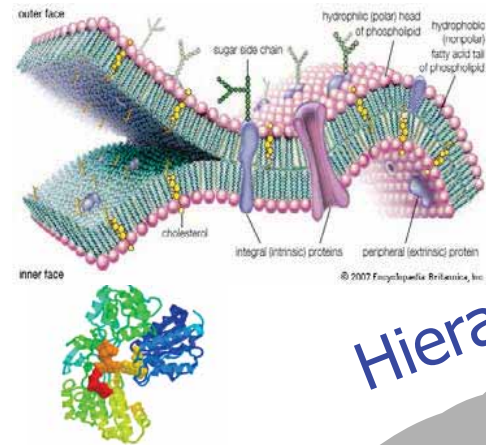
Organism

years and meters

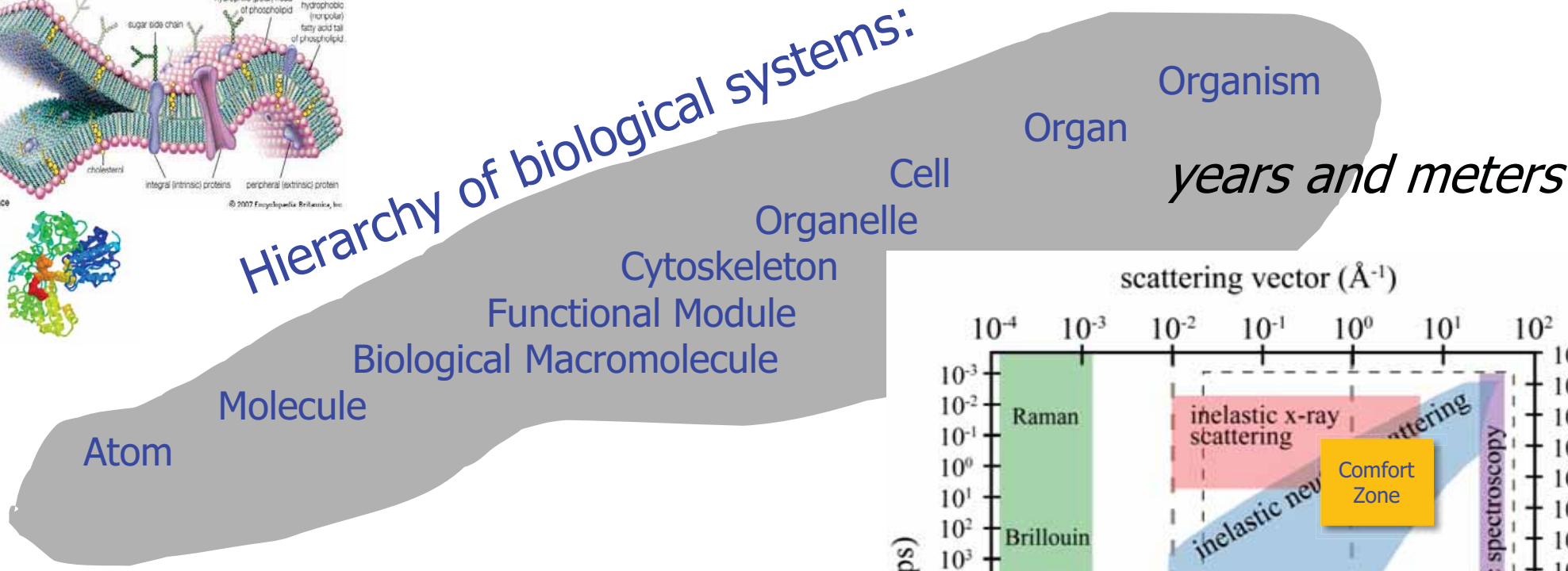
picoseconds and Angstroems



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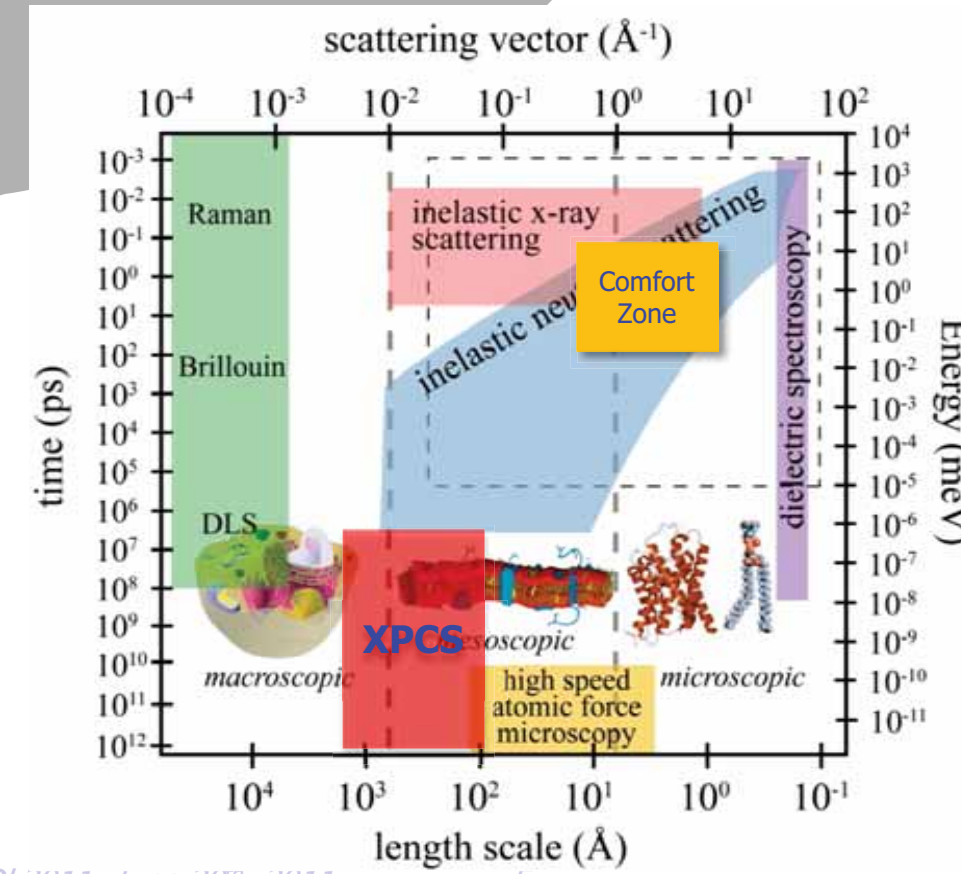


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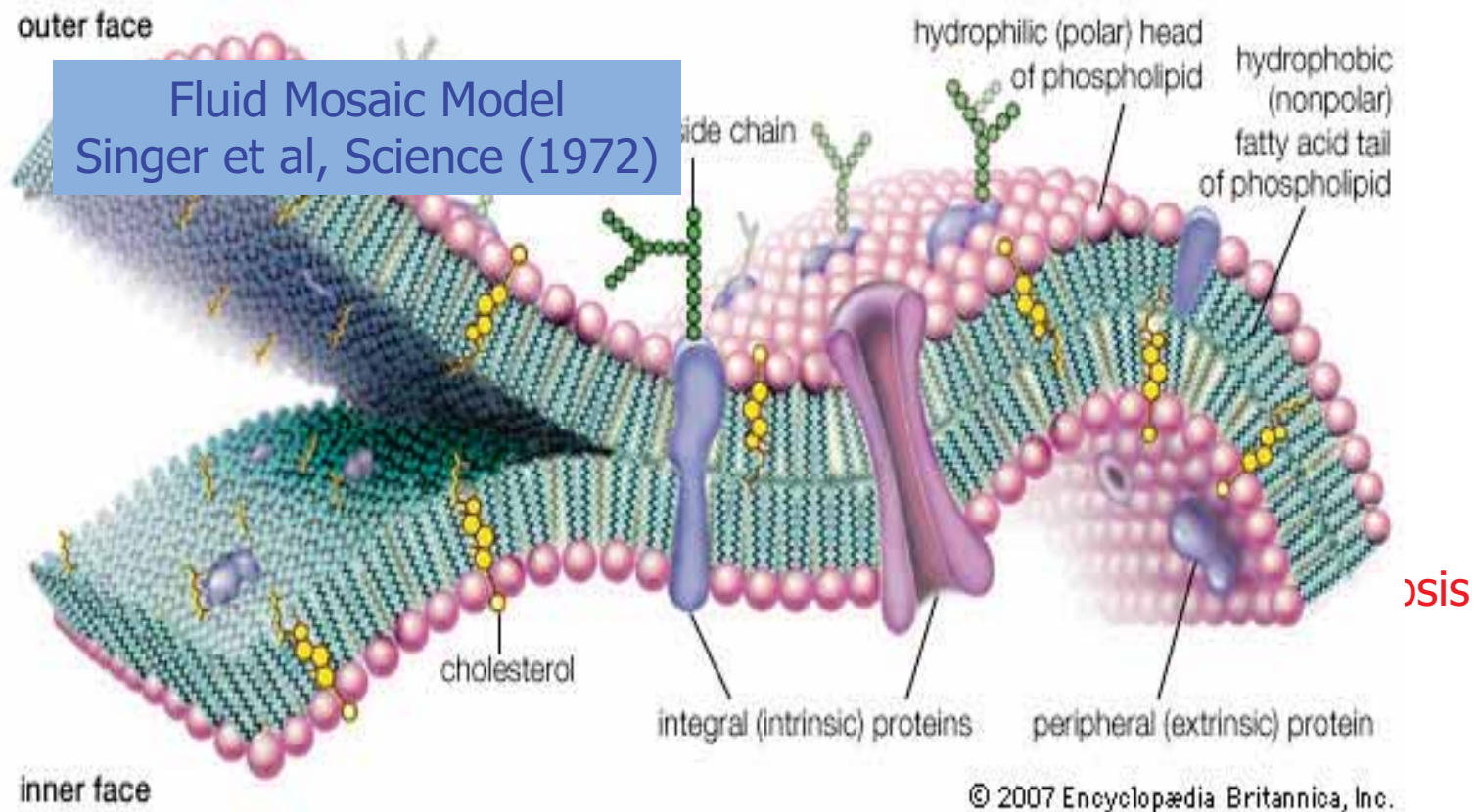


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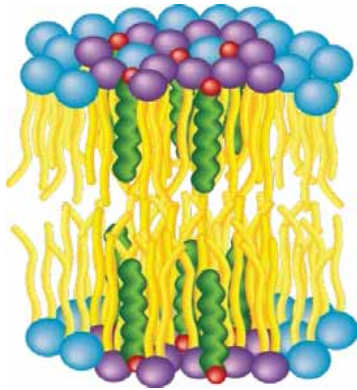
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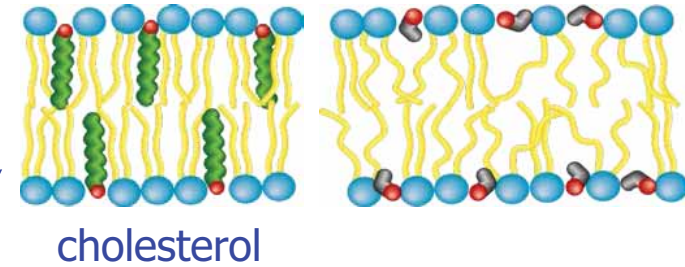
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... are more than just passive barriers

Rafts

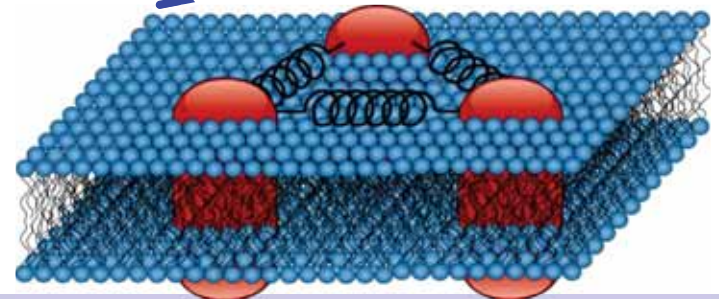


Role of Macromolecules



Lipid Membranes

Alzheimer's Apoptosis

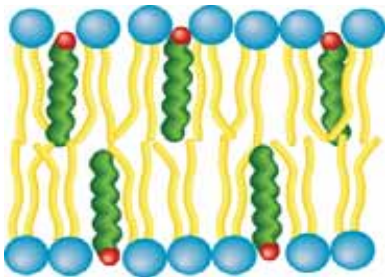


Creation of Protein Nano-environments

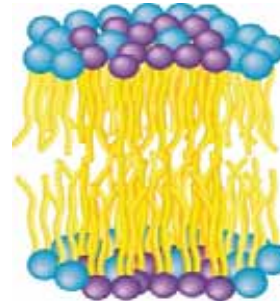
Membrane Mediated Protein Interactions

Overview of the LMPD

Dynamics of Lipid/Cholesterol Systems



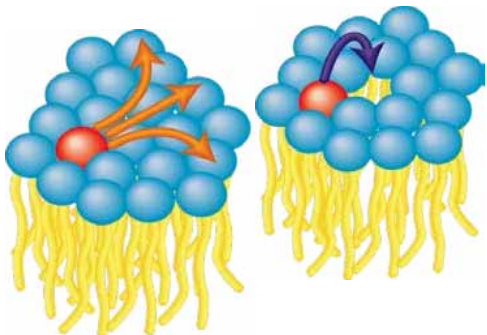
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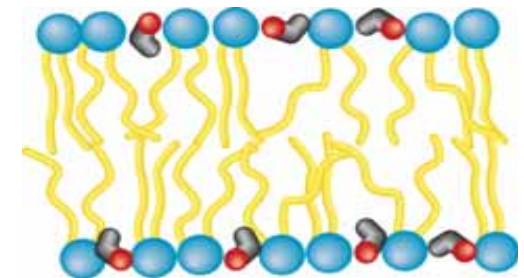
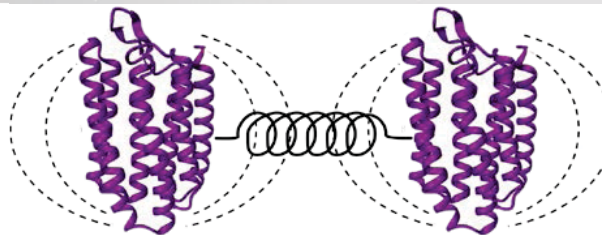
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Protein-Protein Interactions

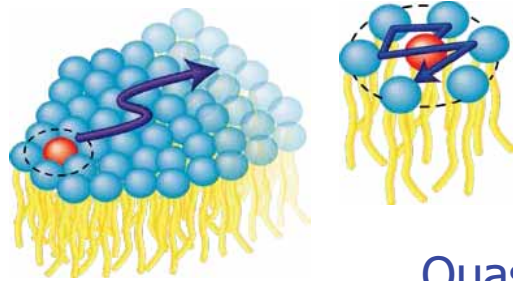


Diffusion in Membranes and Cells – Brownian Motion or Collective Transport?



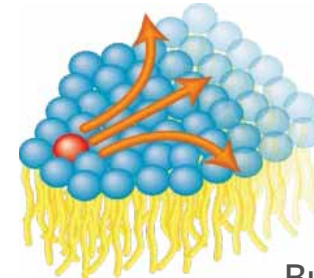
Previous Models

continuous diffusion with rattling in the cage



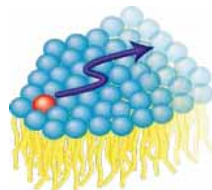
Recent Model (2010)

flow-like motion

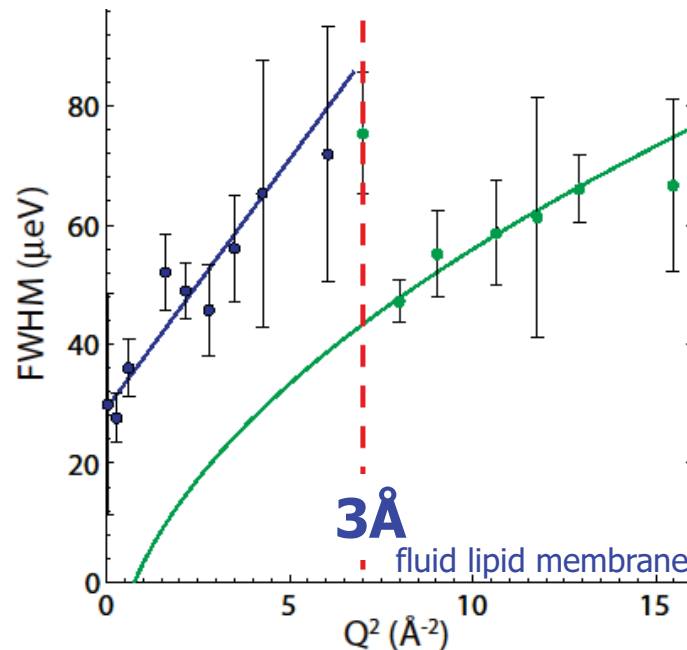


Busch, *et. al.*, *JACS*, (2010)

continuous?



Quasi-elastic Neutron Scattering



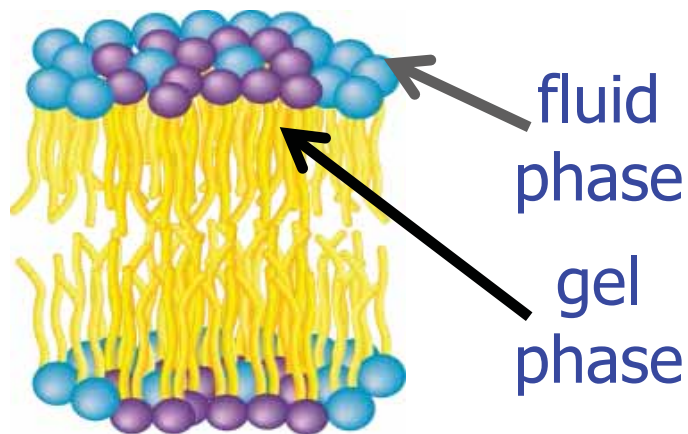
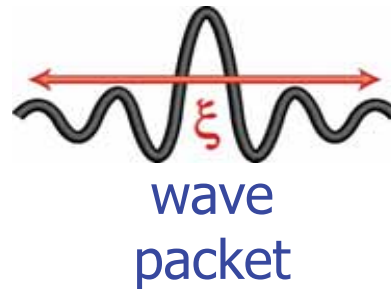
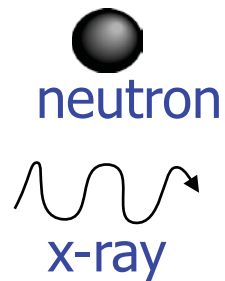
ballistic



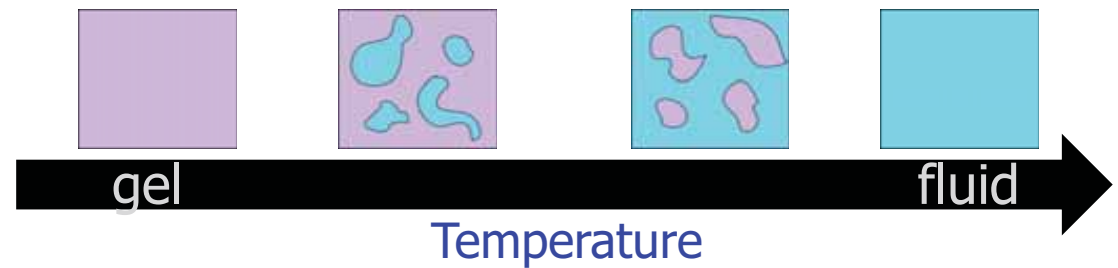
Armstrong, *et. al.*, *Soft Matter* (2010)
Armstrong, *et. al.*, submitted
Rheinstädter *et al.*, *PRL* (2008)

Nanodomains - Rafts

Nanometer sized structures that fluctuate on **nano-microsecond** time scales



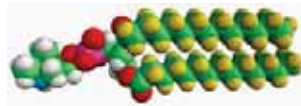
Model system: single component membrane close to the phase transition



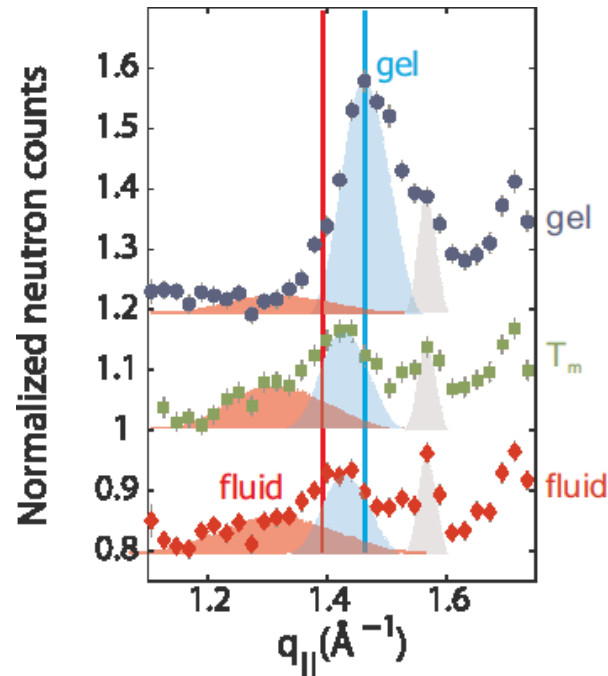
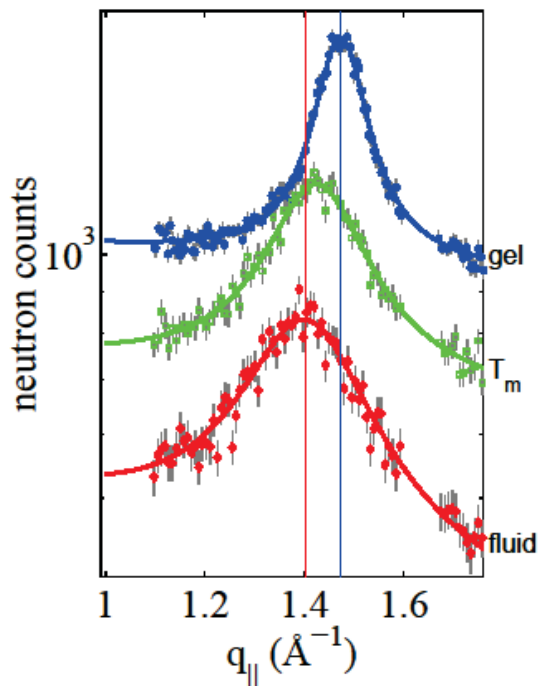
Nanodomains

Neutron diffraction

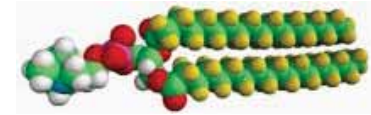
14 C atoms



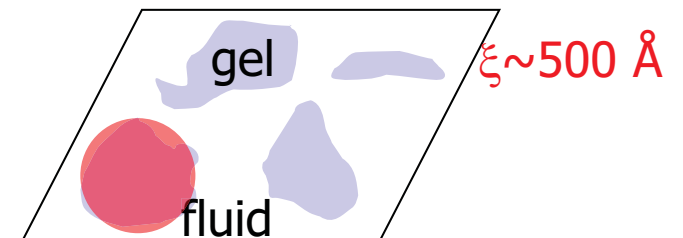
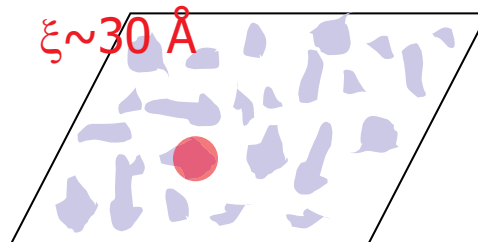
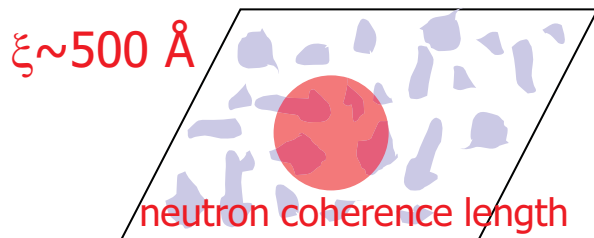
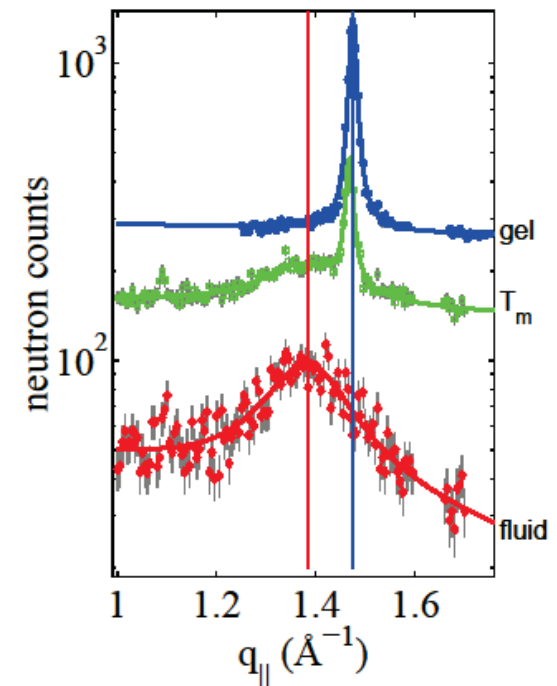
DMPC



18 C atoms



DSPC

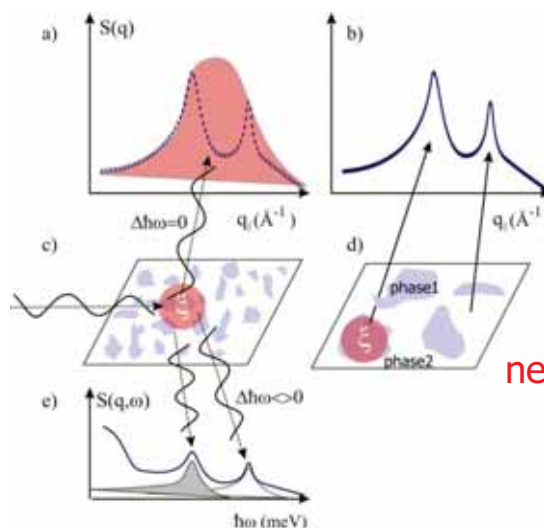
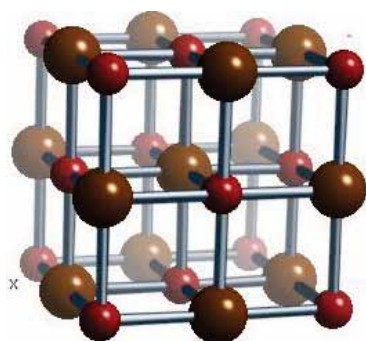


Coherence Length

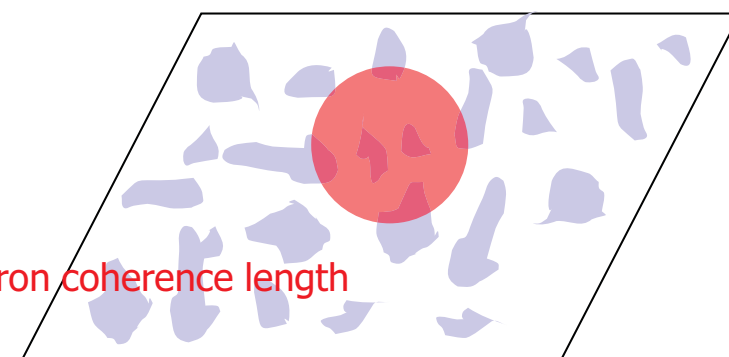
Neutron (longitudinal) coherence length:

$$\xi \approx \frac{\lambda^2}{\Delta\lambda} \approx \frac{\sqrt{E}}{\Delta E}$$

well ordered



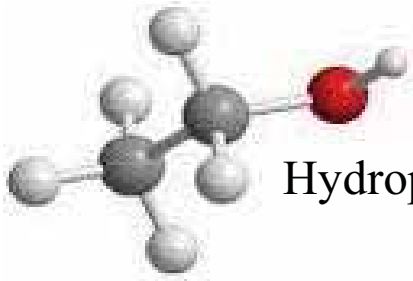
disordered



high spatial resolution ← good $\Delta\lambda$ → 'poor' spatial resolution

Membrane Properties

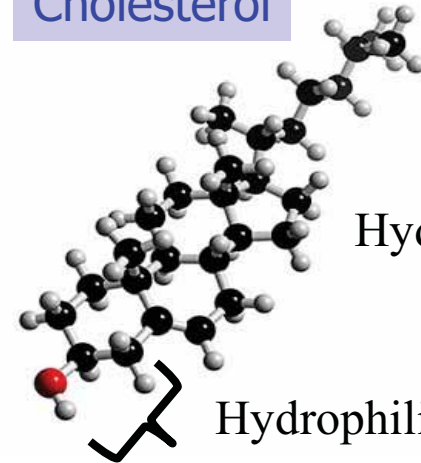
Ethanol



Hydrophilic

Membrane active molecules

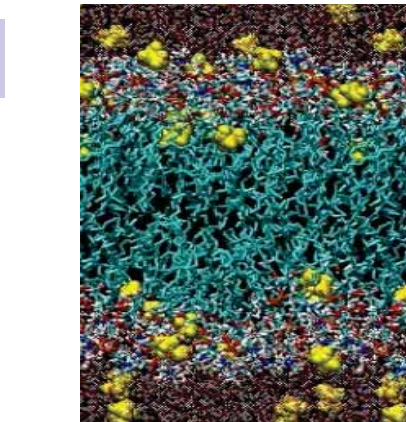
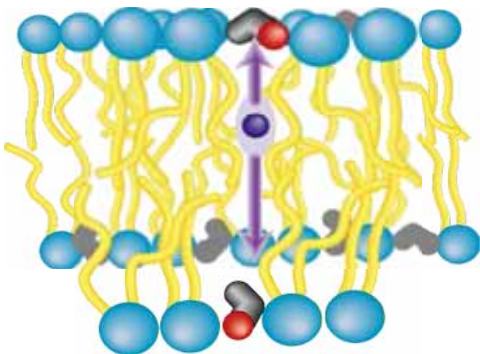
Cholesterol



Hydrophobic body

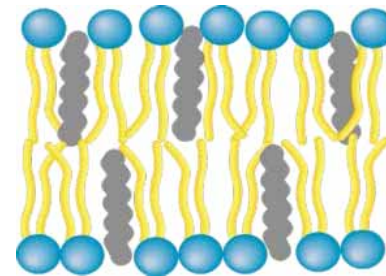
Hydrophilic head

Model Drug Enhancer

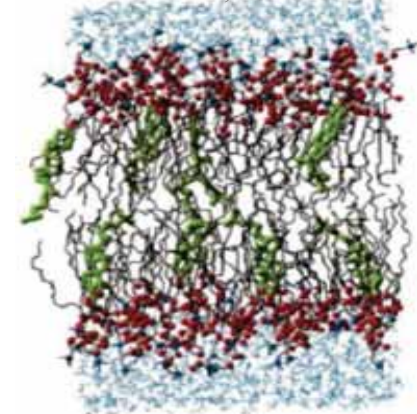


M. Tarek, University of Nancy

Controls Membrane Rigidity



MD simulations, Heller et al.



enhances



membrane fluctuations

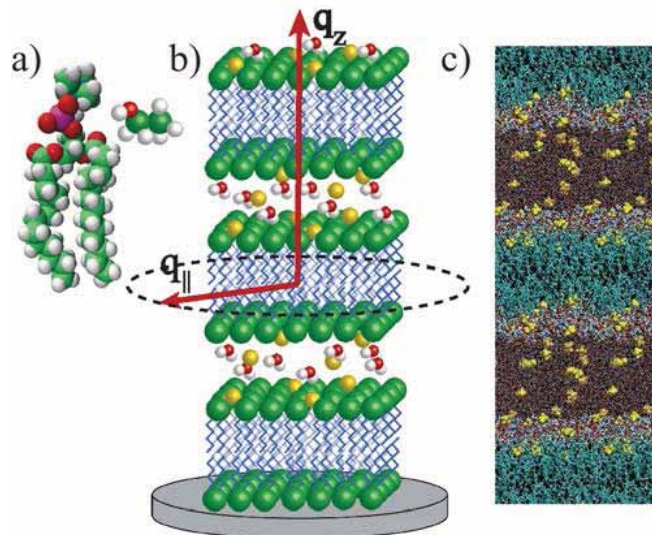


suppresses

Quantitative Molecular Biology – Drug Enhancer

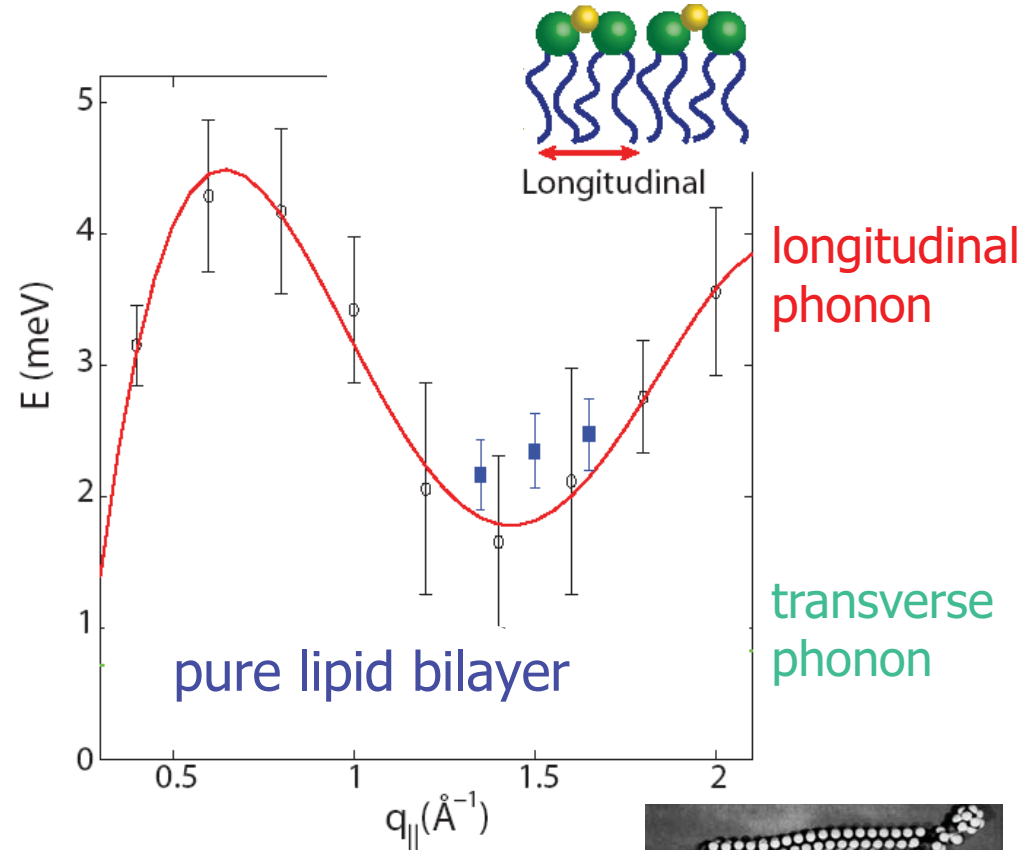


IN12@ILL (triple-axis)



MD simulations

DMPC/5% Ethanol

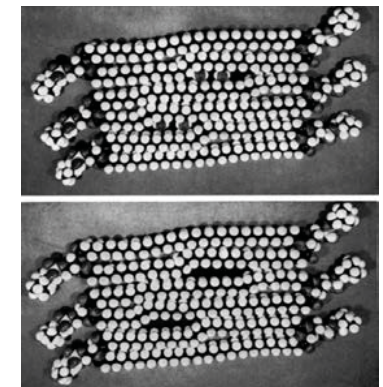


Quantitative access to membrane properties
- drug development and sensor applications

Kaye et al., PRE (2011)

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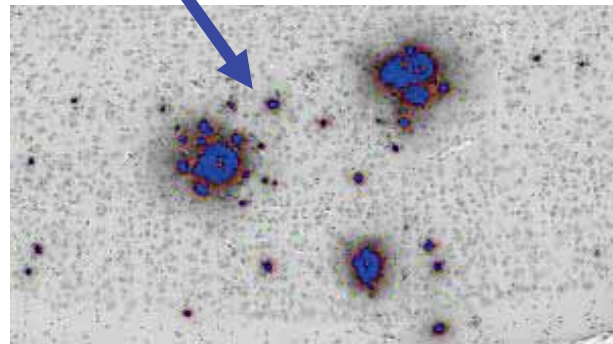
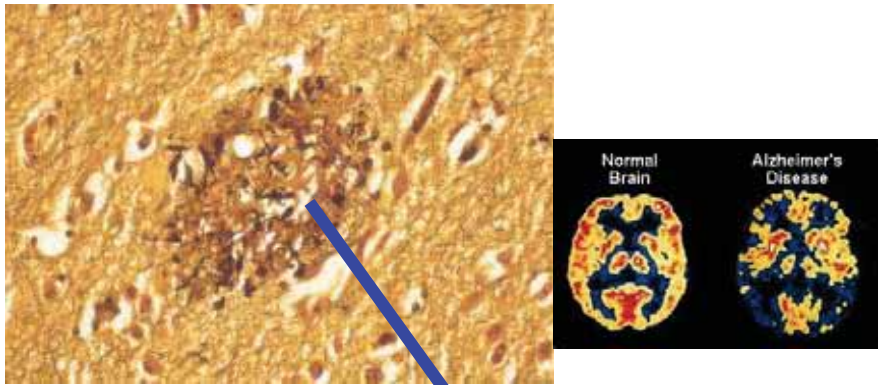


Träuble 1971

Protein-Protein Interactions

Alzheimer's Disease

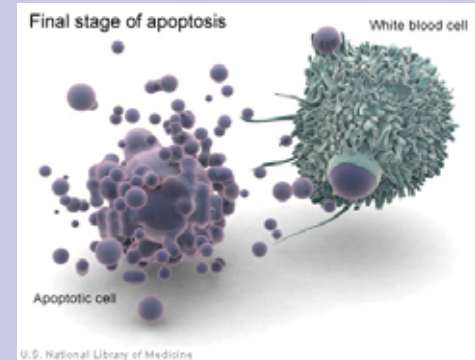
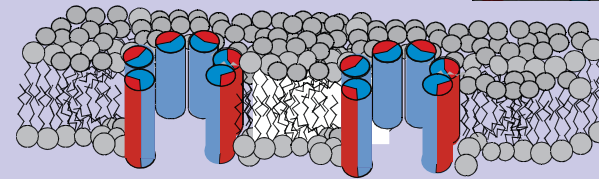
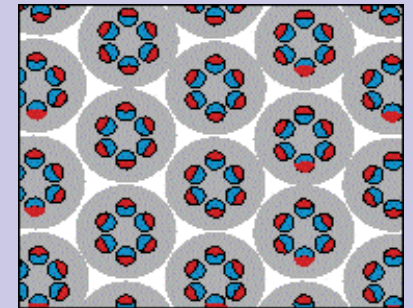
Neurotoxic senile plaques



Aggregation of amyloid proteins

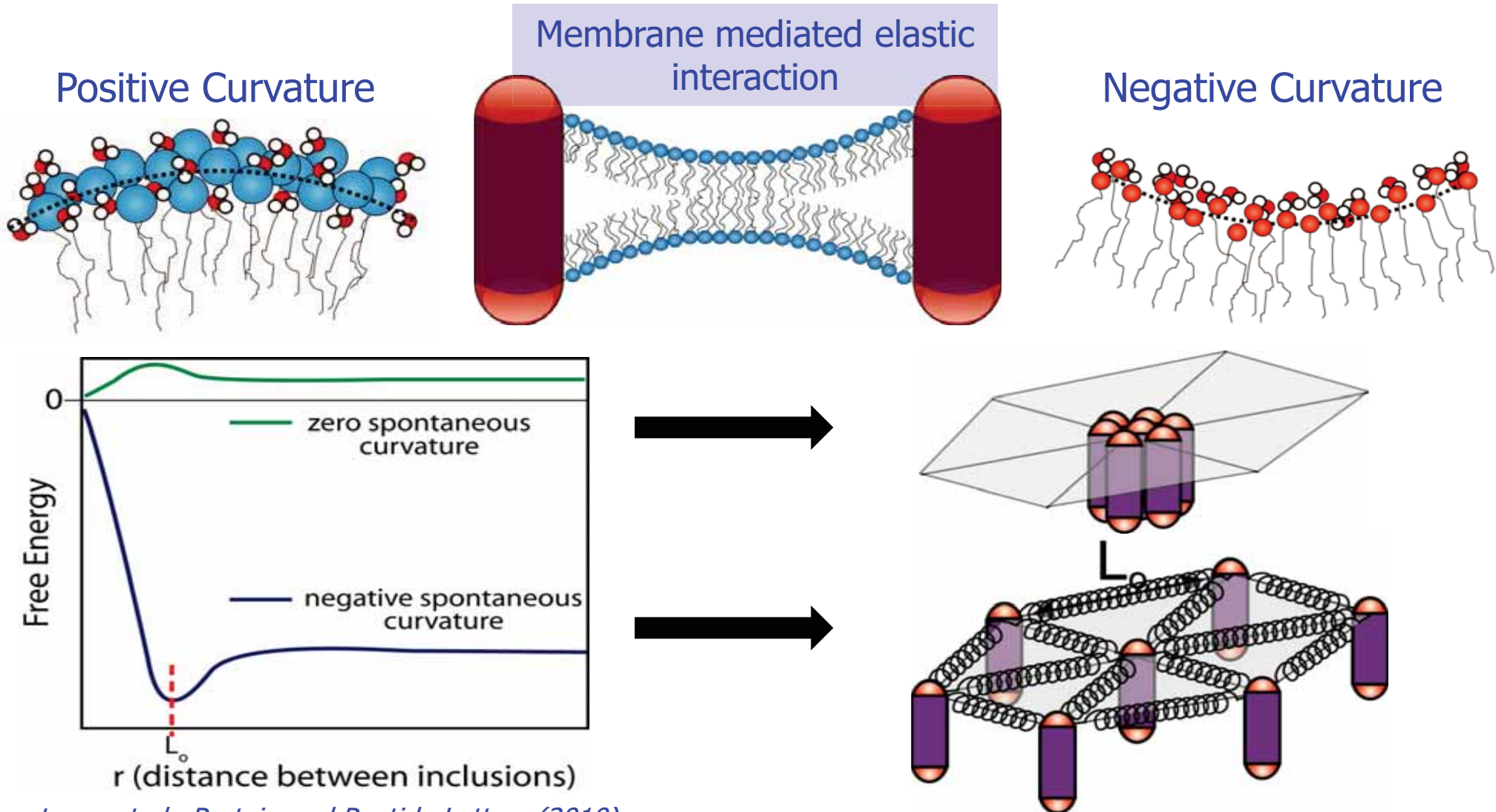
Cancer Research

Apoptosis – Programmed Cell Death



“Cancer’s self destruct button”

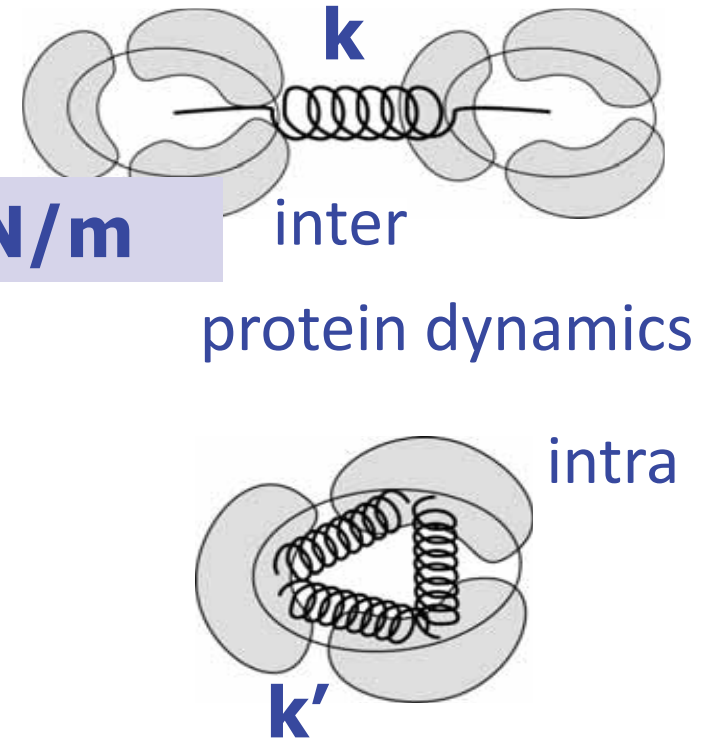
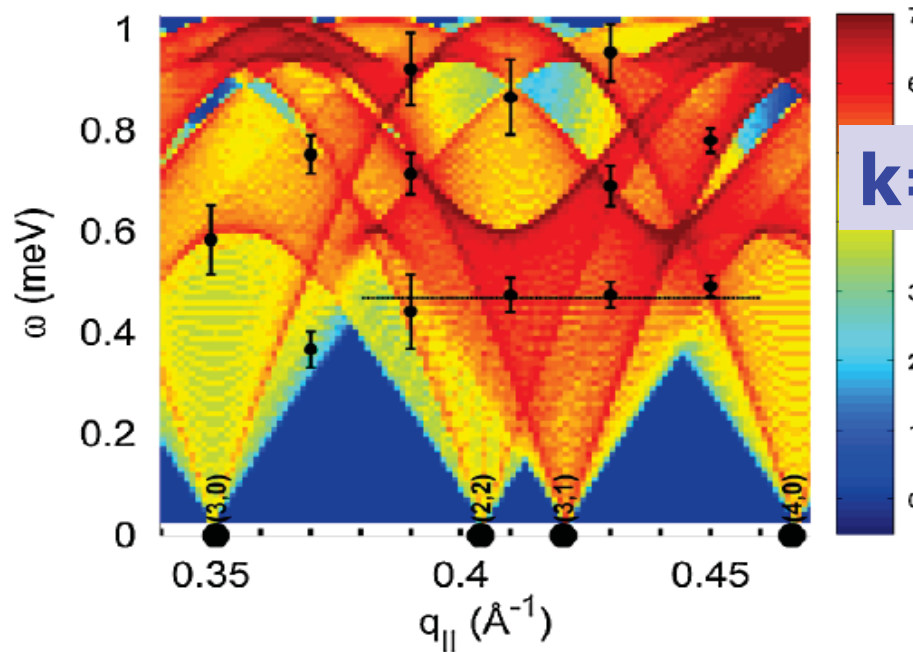
Protein-Protein Interactions



Armstrong et al., Protein and Peptide Letters (2010)

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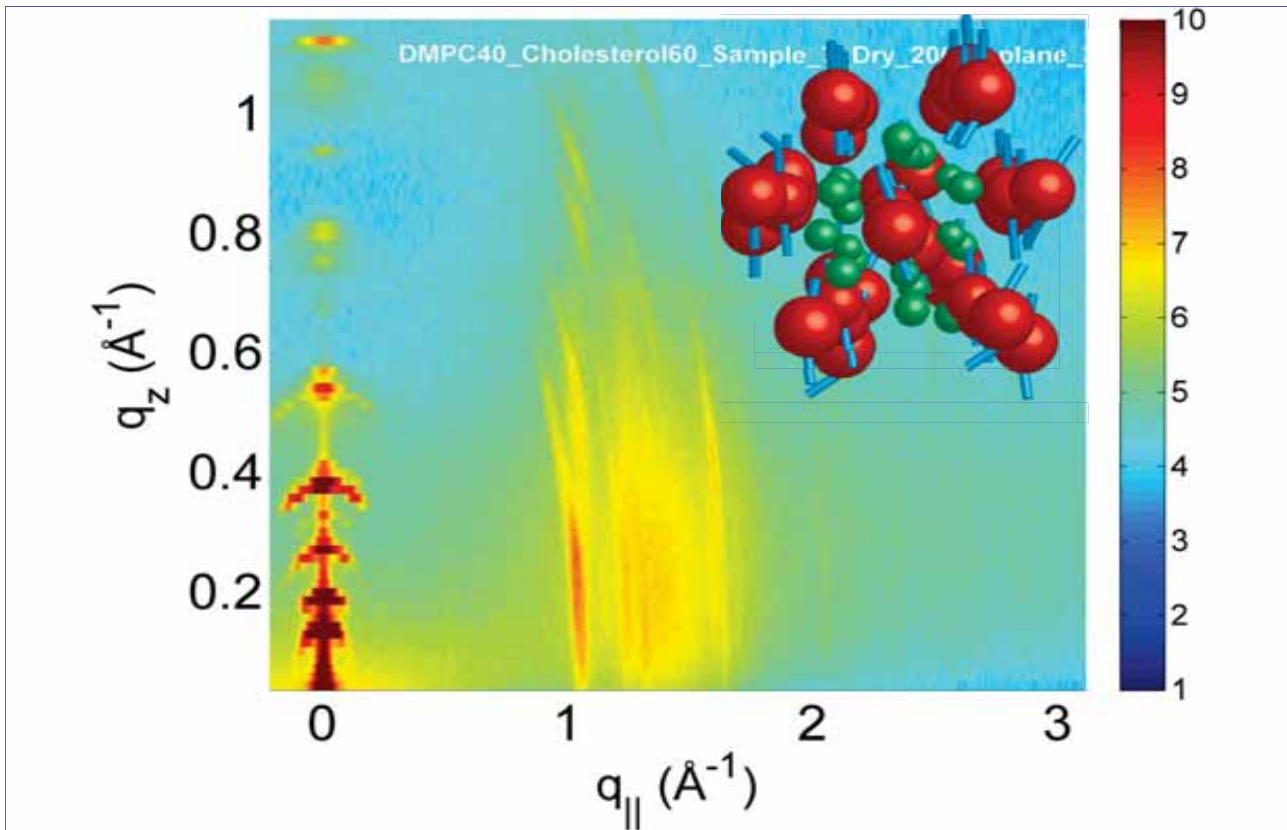
Fluctuation spectrum of the 2d protein lattice



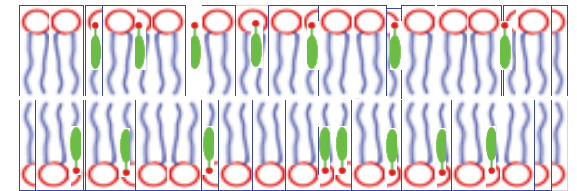
$k=50\text{N/m}$

Neutrons and X-Rays measure protein-protein interactions in-situ under physiological conditions

Effect of Cholesterol on Membrane Structure



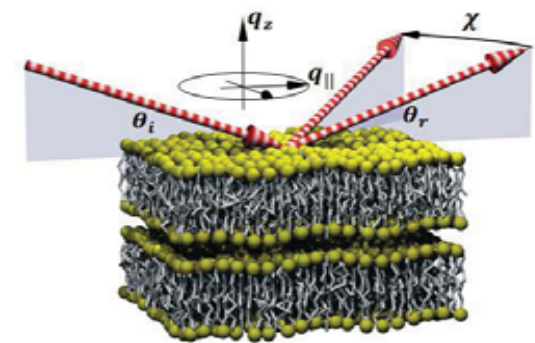
40% DMPC
60% Cholesterol



Cholesterol %

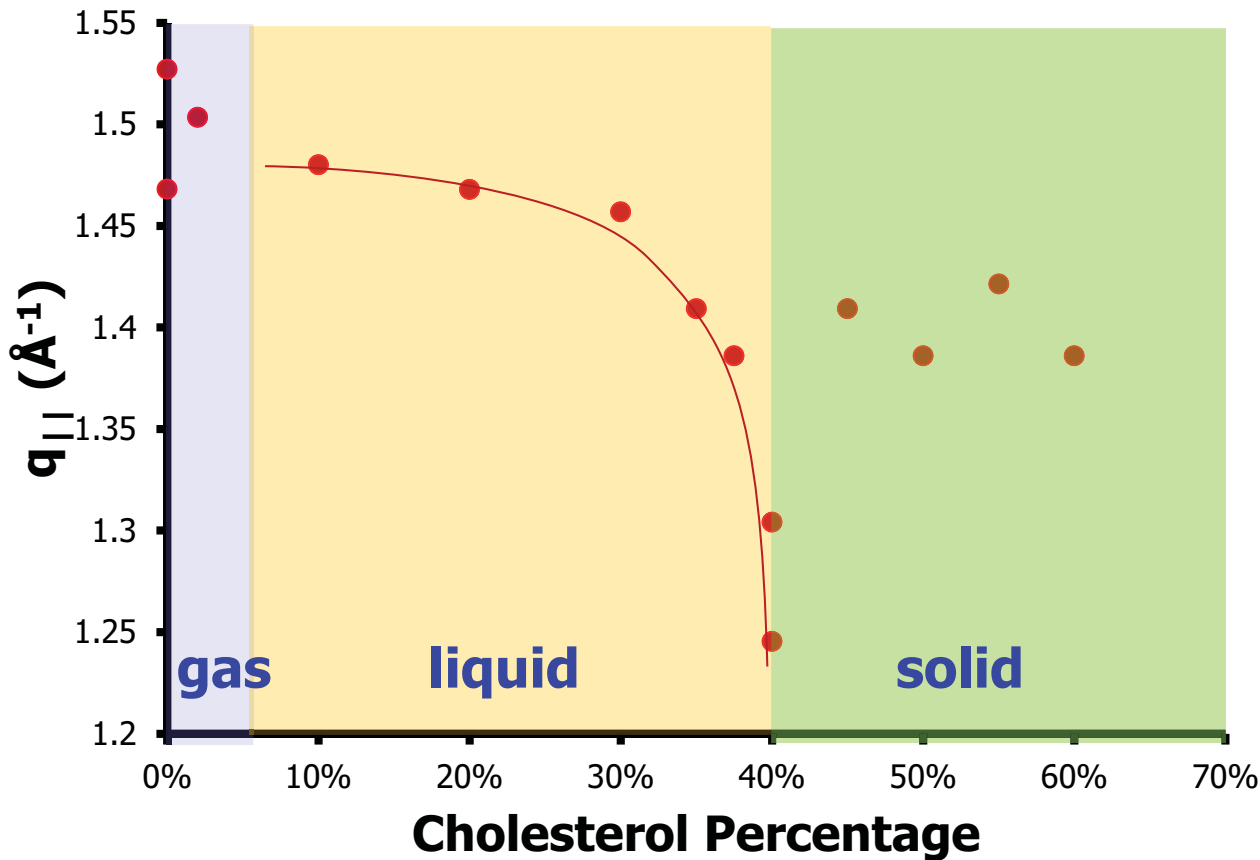


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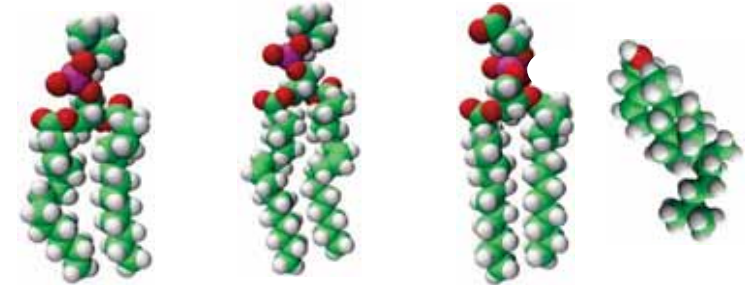


Artificial Brain Membranes

Lipid Tail Peak



Mixture of 3 lipid molecules and varying levels of cholesterol



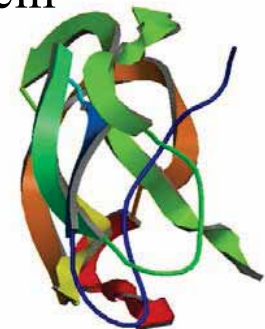
saturated

unsaturated

charged

cholesterol

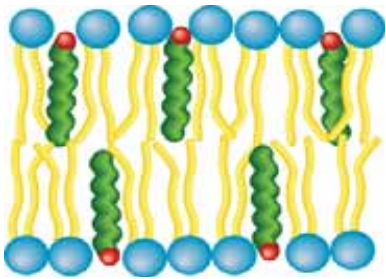
Amyloid- β protein



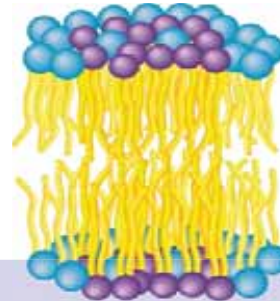
Study protein-protein interactions in model brain membranes

Summary

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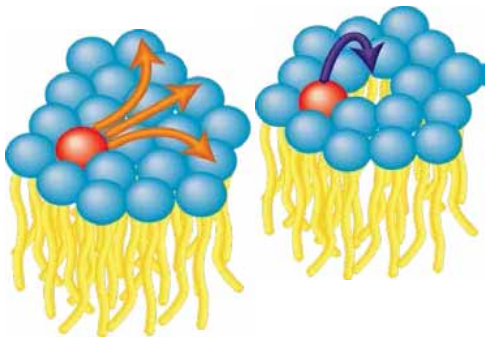
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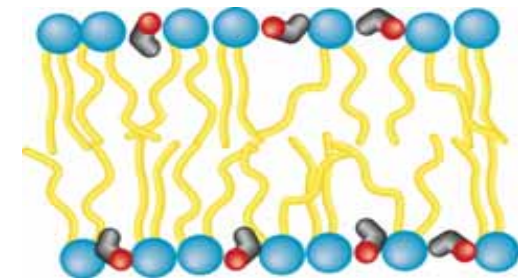


Lipid and Protein Diffusion

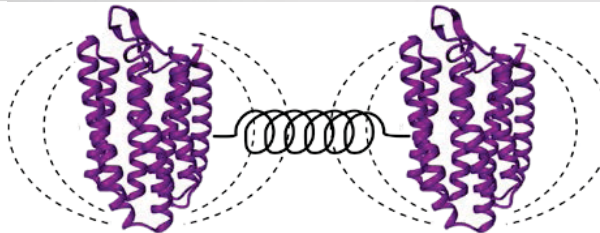


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using X-Ray (XPCS?) and Neutron Scattering

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