

The influence of trehalose on melting and dynamics in dehydrated phospholipid bilayers

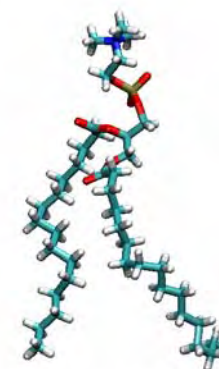
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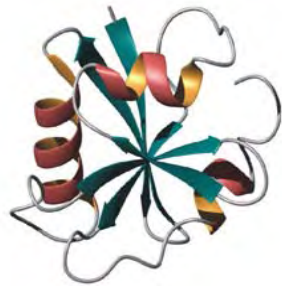
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User friendly packages are available for simulations in biology

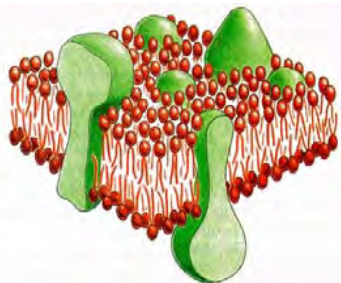
Proteins



Nucleotides



Membranes



PACKAGES

AMBER

Assisted Model
Building with
Energy
Refinement

<http://amber.scripps.edu/>

NAMD

Nanoscale
Molecular
Dynamics

www.ks.uiuc.edu/Research/namd/

GROMACS

Groningen
Machine for
Chemical
Simulations

www.igc.ethz.ch/GROMOS

FORCE FIELDS

AMBER

all-atom

ff94 ff96
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CHARMM

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CHARMM22
CHARMM27
united atom
CHARMM19

GROMOS

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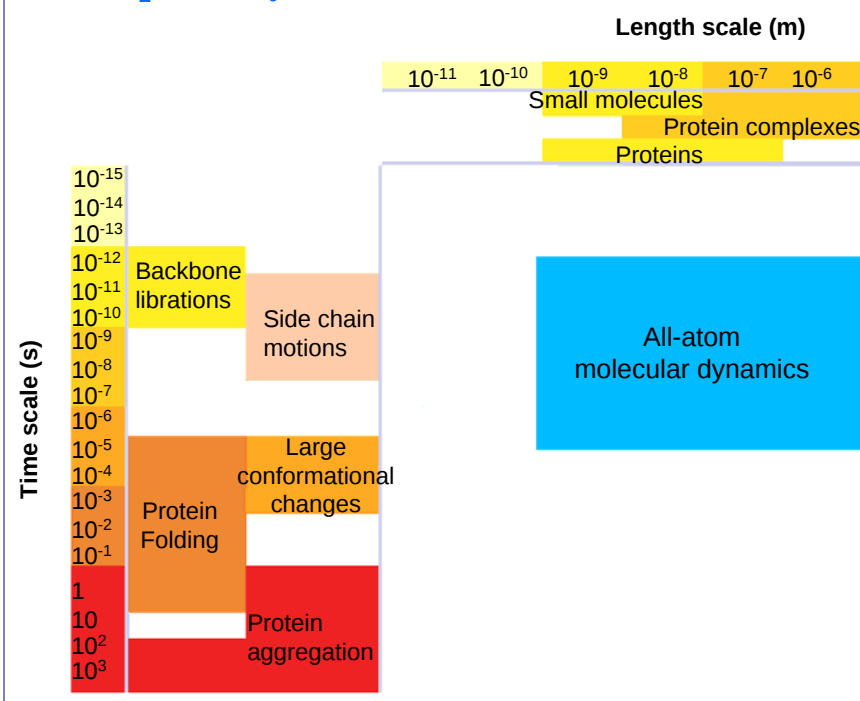
GROMOS87
GROMOS96



Accessible properties are similar to polymers; presence of water and initial configuration are different



Complete dynamics are difficult to access

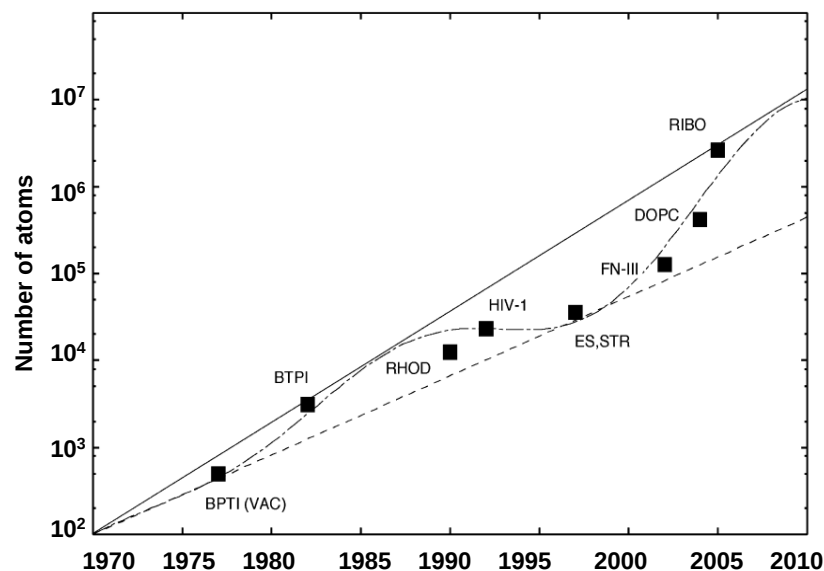


Adapted from Ding et al., *Trends Biotechnol.* 2005, 23,9:450-455

Modeling solvent effects

water models: TIP3P, TIP4P, SPC/E, F3C

Simulation size of biological systems



Sanbonmatsu K et al. *J. Struct. Biol.* 2007, 15,470-480

Initial protein structures

Experimentally determined
NMR structures

Computational methods for
structure prediction



www.rcsb.org



<http://boinc.bakerlab.org/rosetta/>

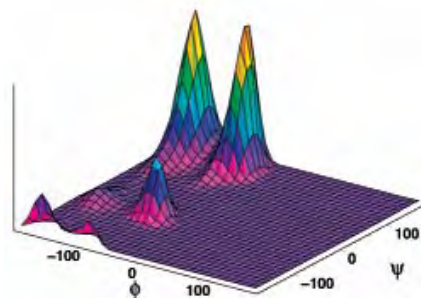
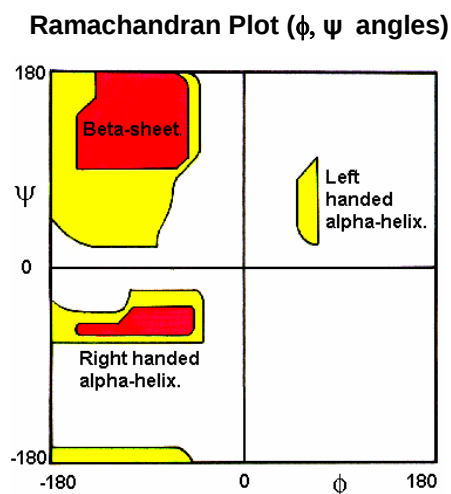


Educate yourself when choosing a force field

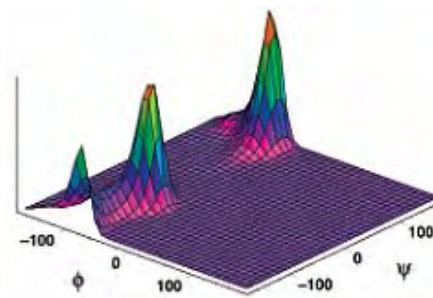
Conformational dynamics of trialanine in water

Mu et al., *J.Phys.Chem B* 2003, 107:5064-5073

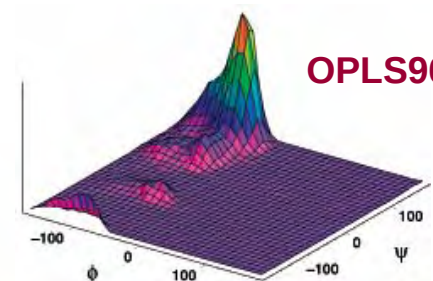
Possible conformations for trialanine from simulation



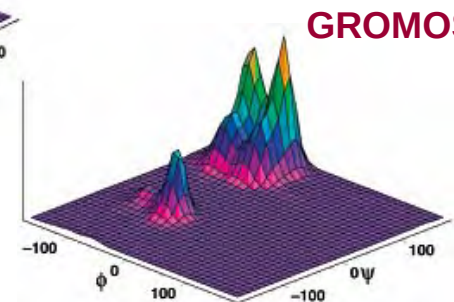
AMBER ff96



CHARMM22



OPLS96

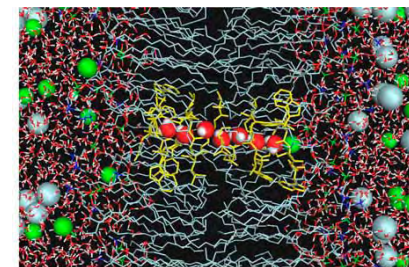


GROMOS96

Ion permeation through a narrow membrane channel

Allen et al., *Biophys. J.* 2006, 90:3447-3468

Conductance prediction across membrane (pS)			
Experimental	AMBER94	CHARMM27	GROMOS87
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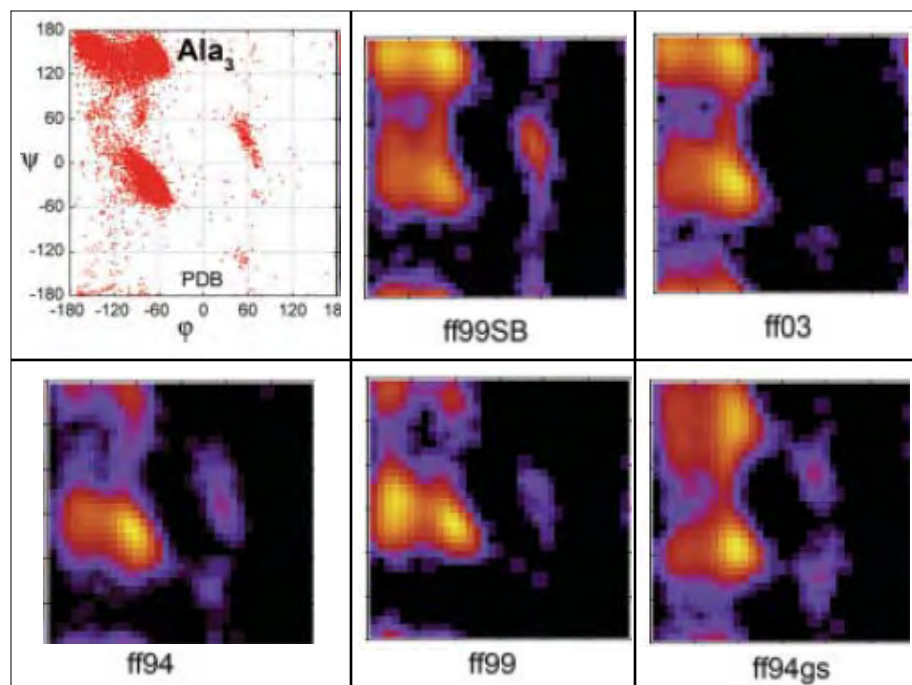




Variations within force field families and with water are less important

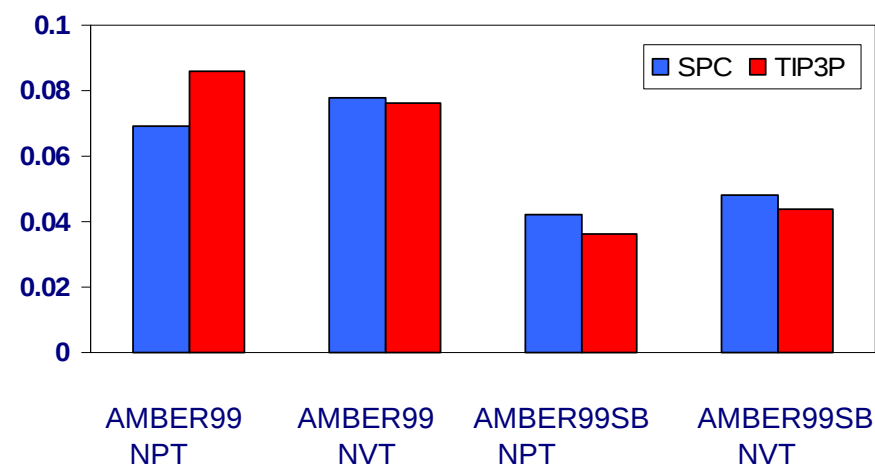
AMBER force fields variants
simulation of alanine tetrapeptide

Ramachandran plots



Models for water
simulation of ubiquitin

Showalter et al., *J. Chem. Theory Comput.* 2007, 3(3):961-975



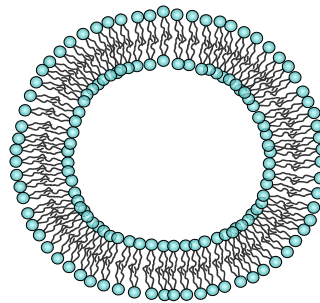
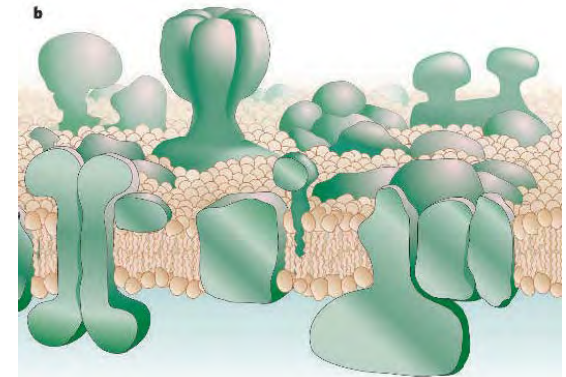
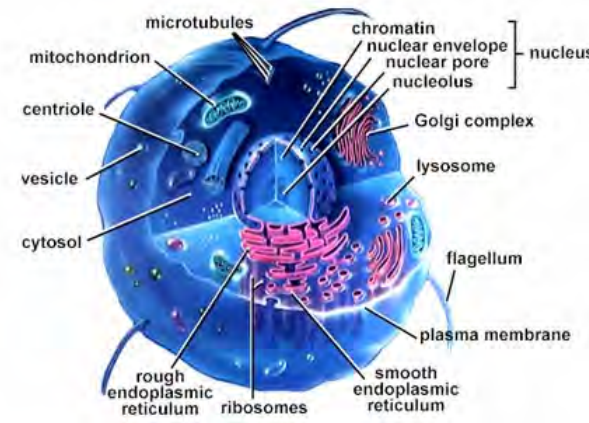
Hornak et al., *Proteins: Struct. Funct. Bioinf.* 2006, 65: 712-725



Nature uses sugars to survive dessication

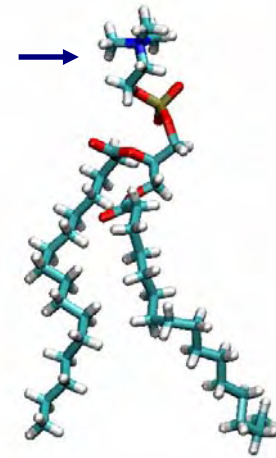


**Resurrection Plant
(Selaginella)**



Head Group →

Alkyl
Tails



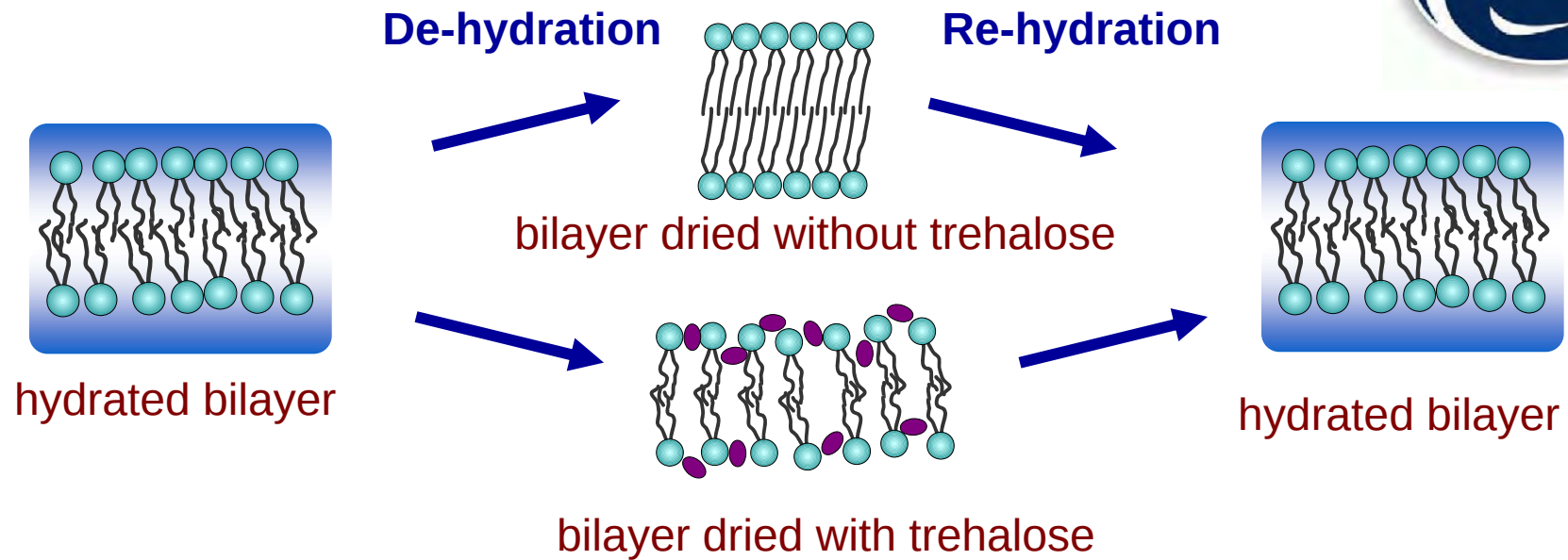
Phospholipid

Trehalose and sucrose: preservation of biologicals

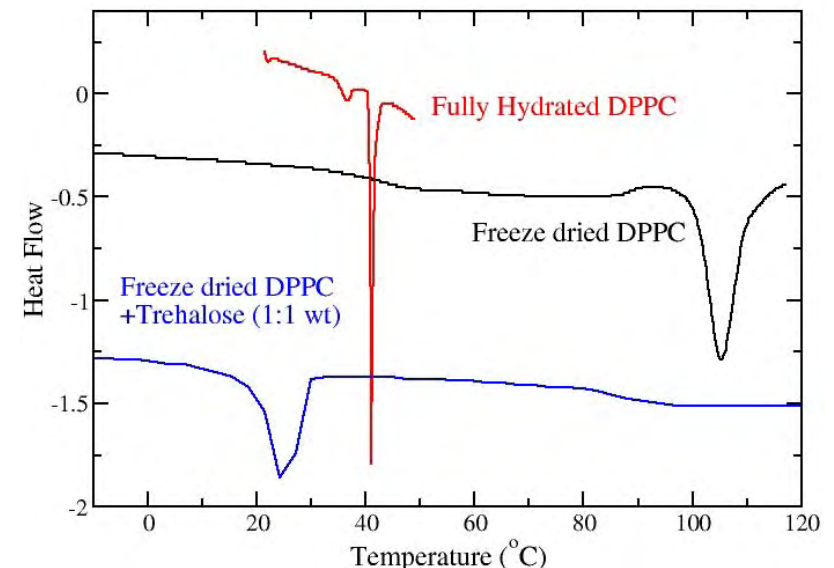
- Proteins: enzymes, antibodies
- Cells: stem cells, platelets, bacteria, sperm, seed embryos



Trehalose stabilizes membranes during re-hydration



- What drives melting of freeze-dried liposomes: tails & heads?
- What is the nature of the transition and “liquid crystalline” state with trehalose?
- How does trehalose affect the dynamics of lipid heads & tails?



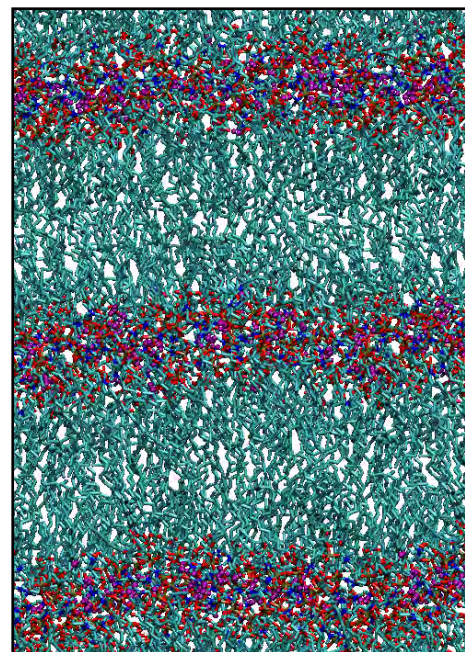
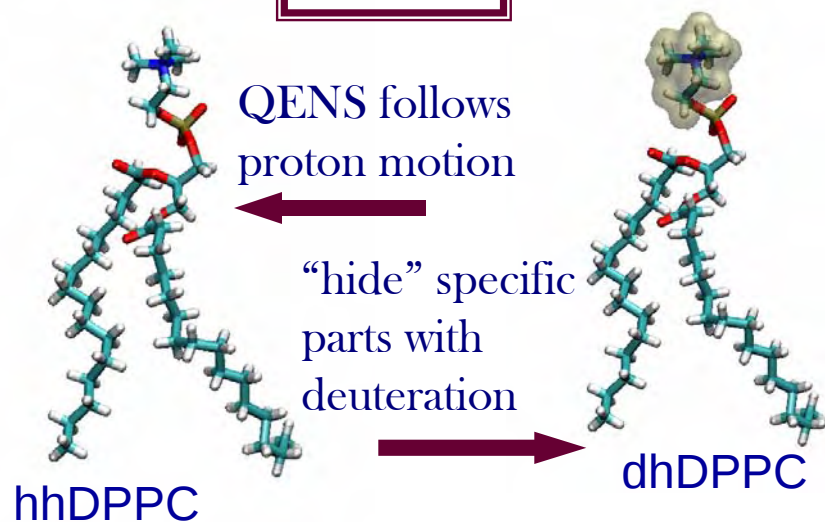


This study combines simulation with QENS

QENS

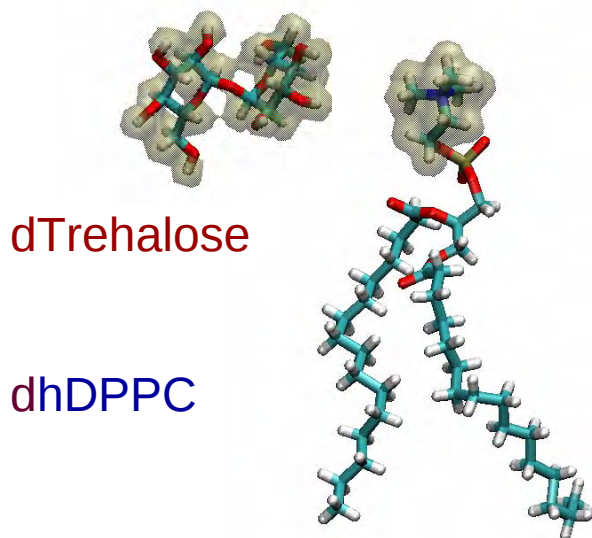
QENS follows
proton motion

“hide” specific
parts with
deuteration



Atomistic MD

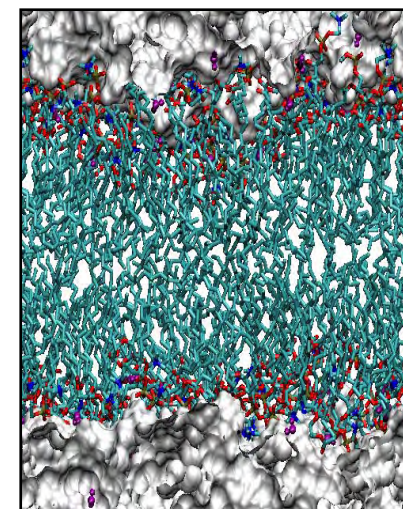
- 384 DPPC molecules
- 300 water molecules



Systems investigated

- hTrehalose
- dhDPPC
- hdDPPC
- hhDPPC+dTrehalose
- ddDPPC+hTrehalose
- dhDPPC+dTrehalose
- hdDPPC+dTrehalose

- 128 DPPC molecules
- 100 water molecules
- 256 trehalose molecules





The GROMOS force field is accurate for this system



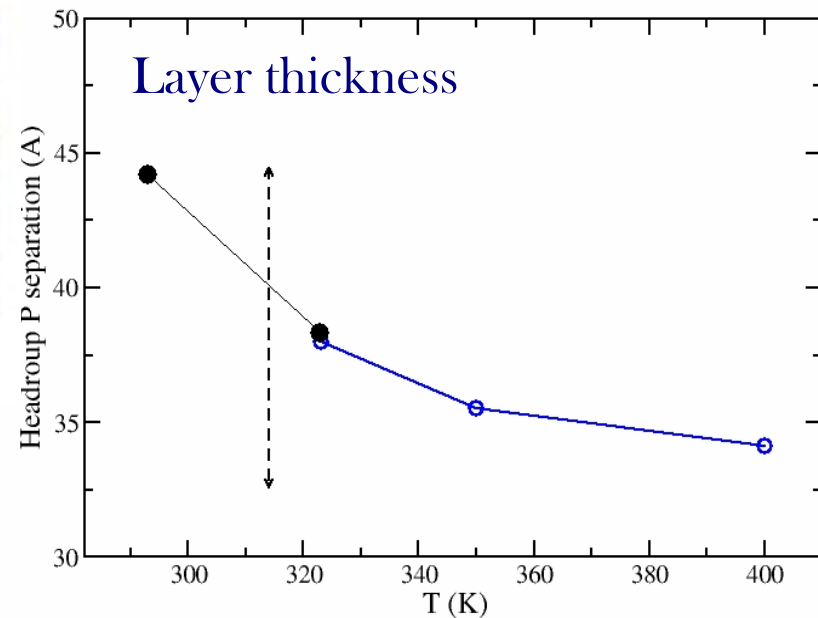
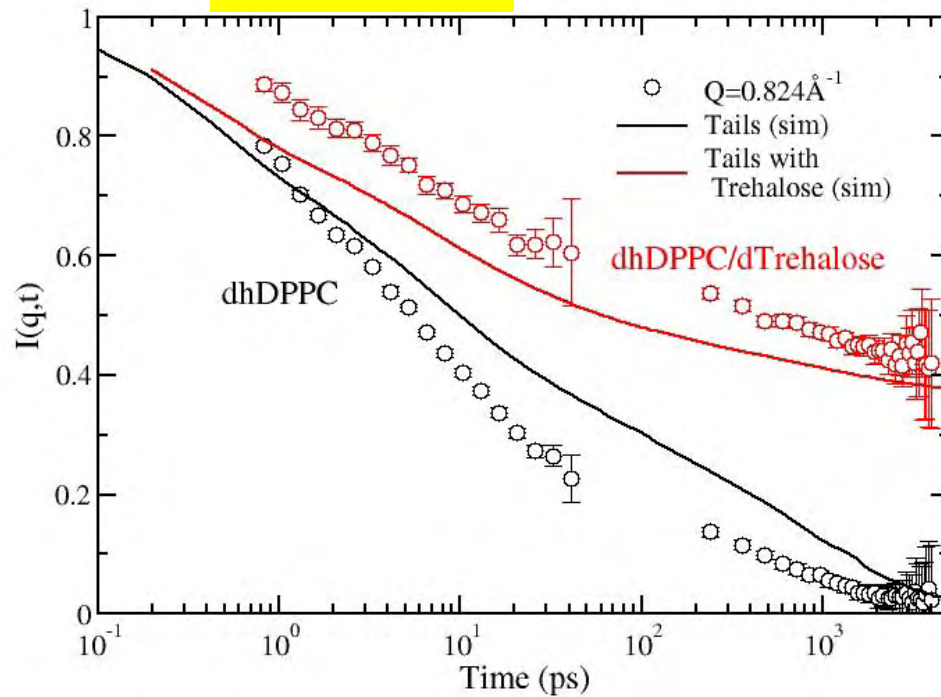
Hydrated bilayers

Area per lipid, 320 K

Expt: $64 \text{ \AA}^2$
[ave. value over xray, NMR, neutron]

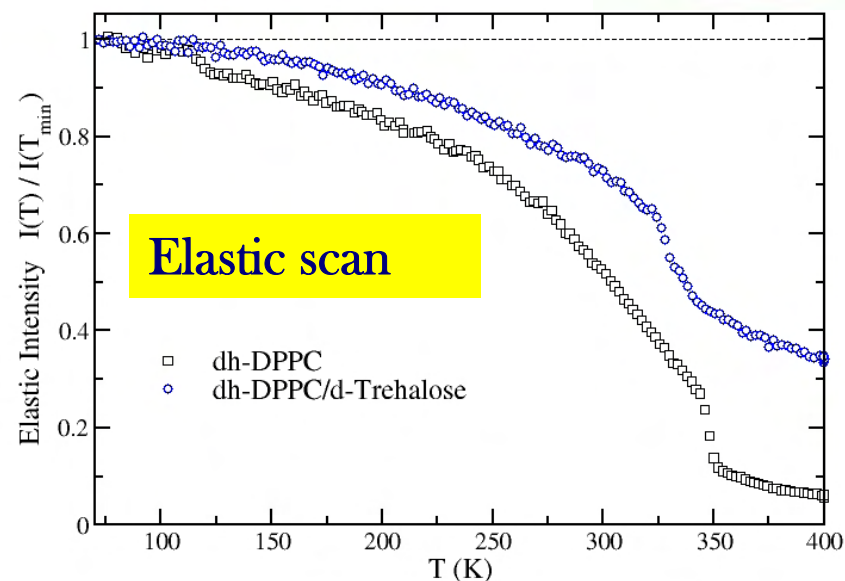
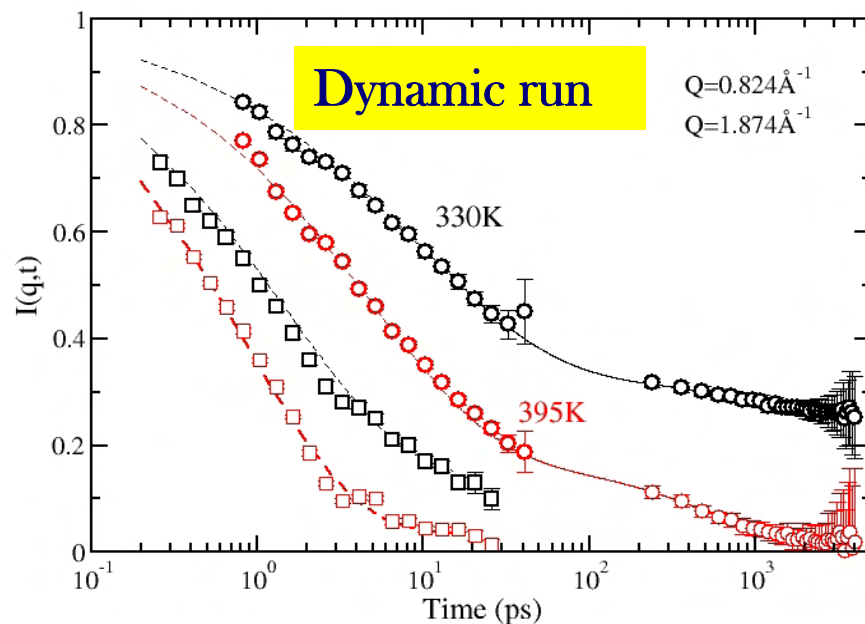
Sim: $60 \text{ \AA}^2$

Dry bilayers



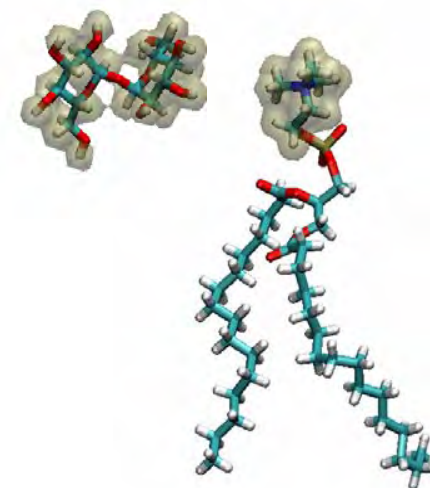
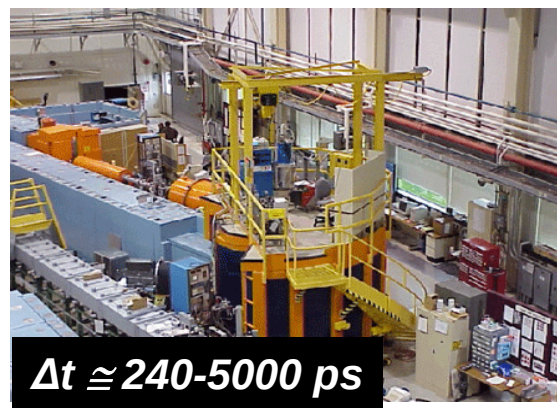
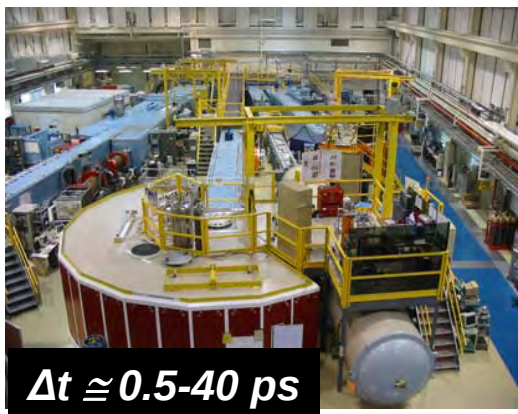


We combined HFBS and DCS dynamic runs and used HFBS for elastic scans



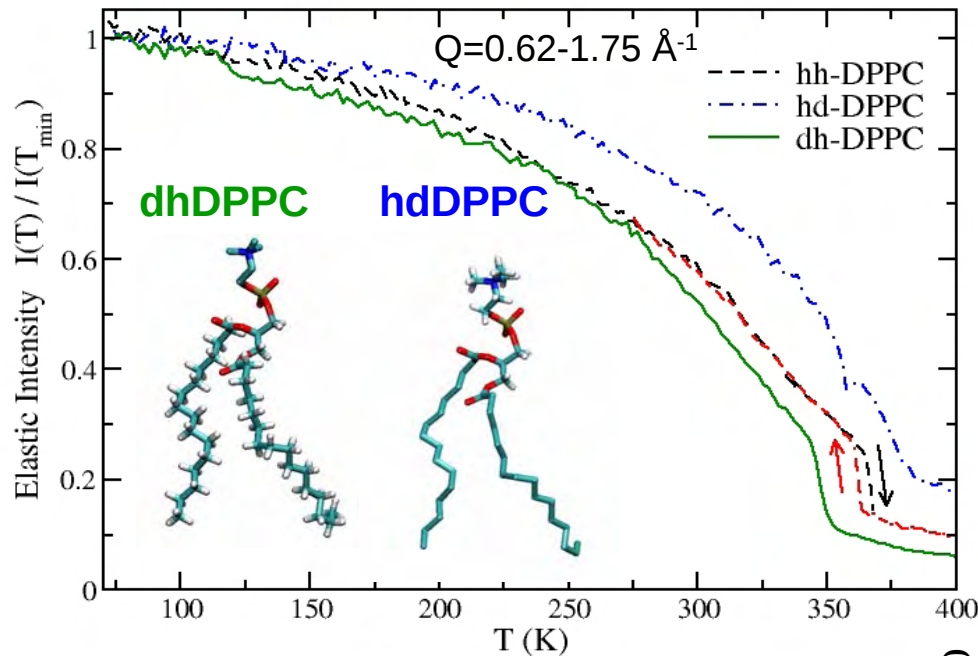
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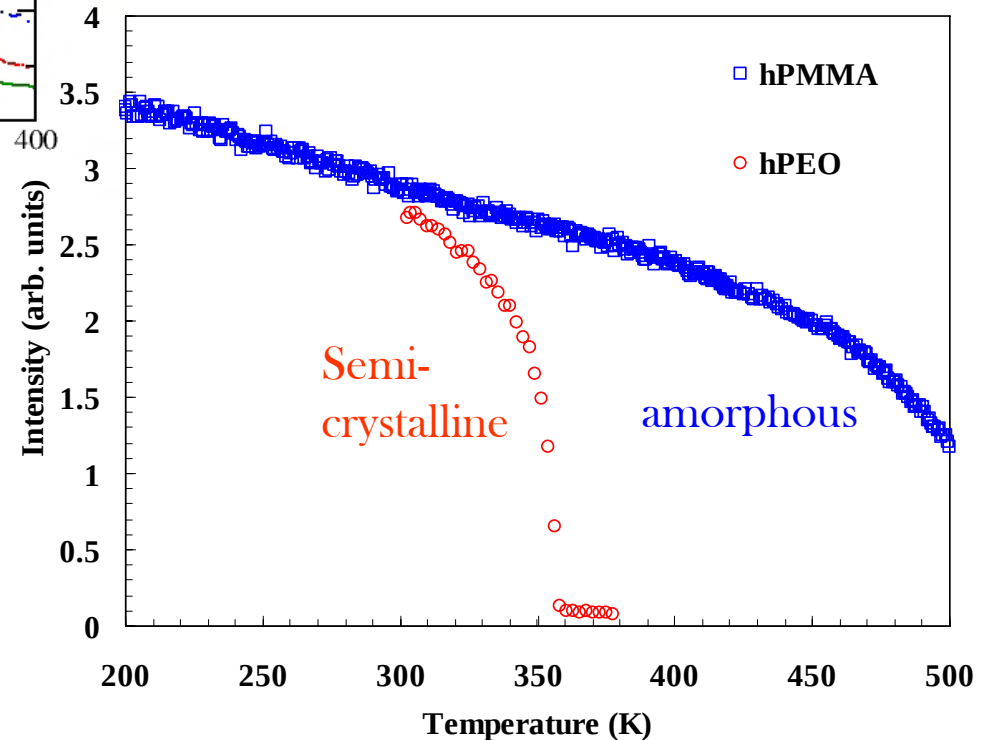
Melting in dry bilayers without trehalose is driven by lipid tails



Elastic Scans: melting of
Tails, Heads and
Whole Lipid

Melting: lipid tails

- melting transition: lipid tails
- Significant mobility before T_m

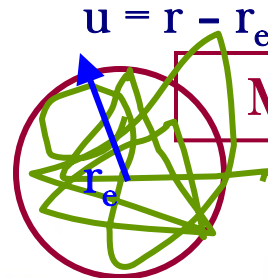




Mobility varies between heads and tails and with tail position

No translational motion:

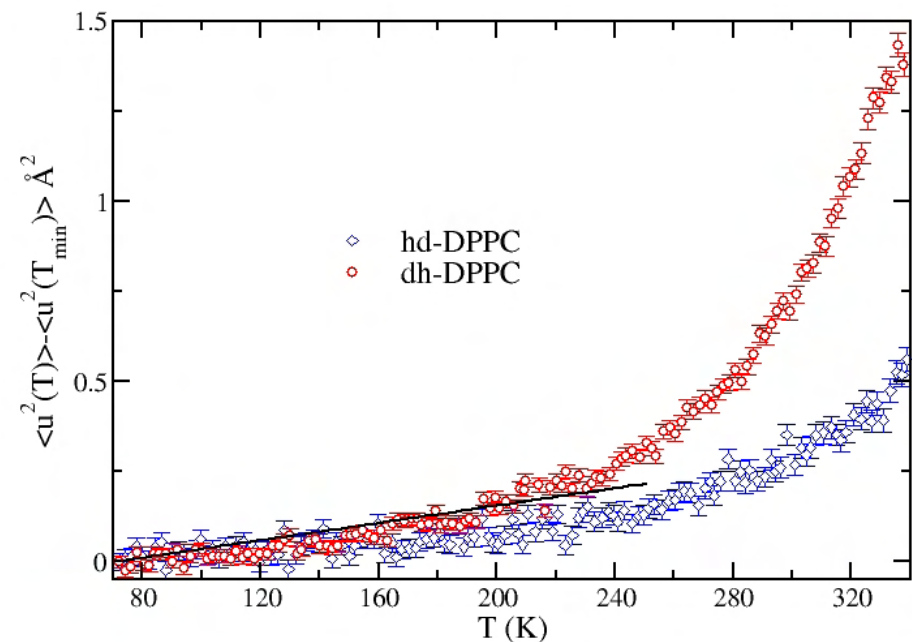
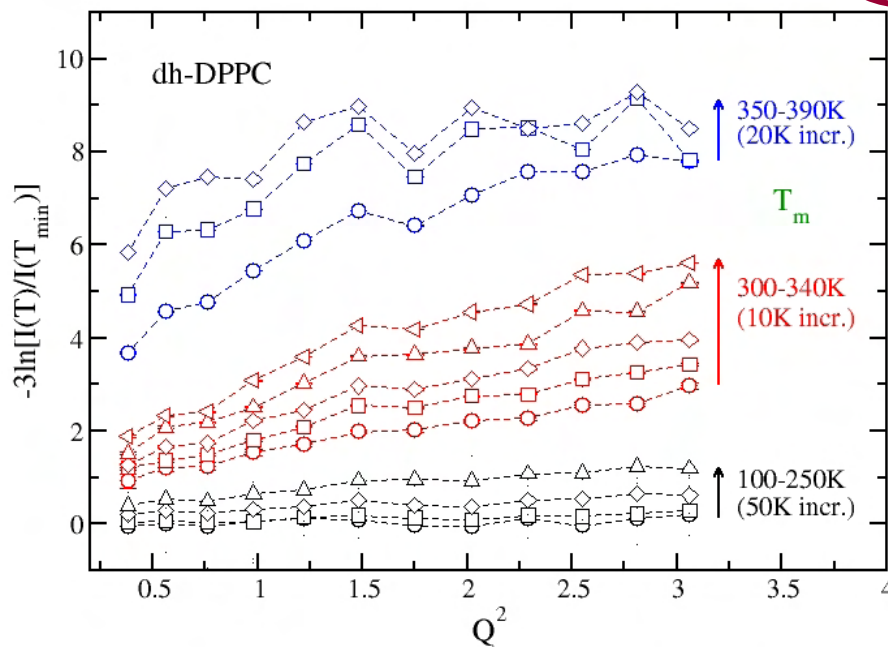
$$I \propto \exp(-Q^2 \langle u^2 \rangle / 3)$$



Molecular Simulations



Head and Tail mean displacement

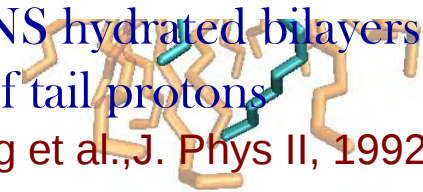


Three regimes in tail dynamics:

1. Vibrational motion
2. "Localized" motion
3. Translational motion

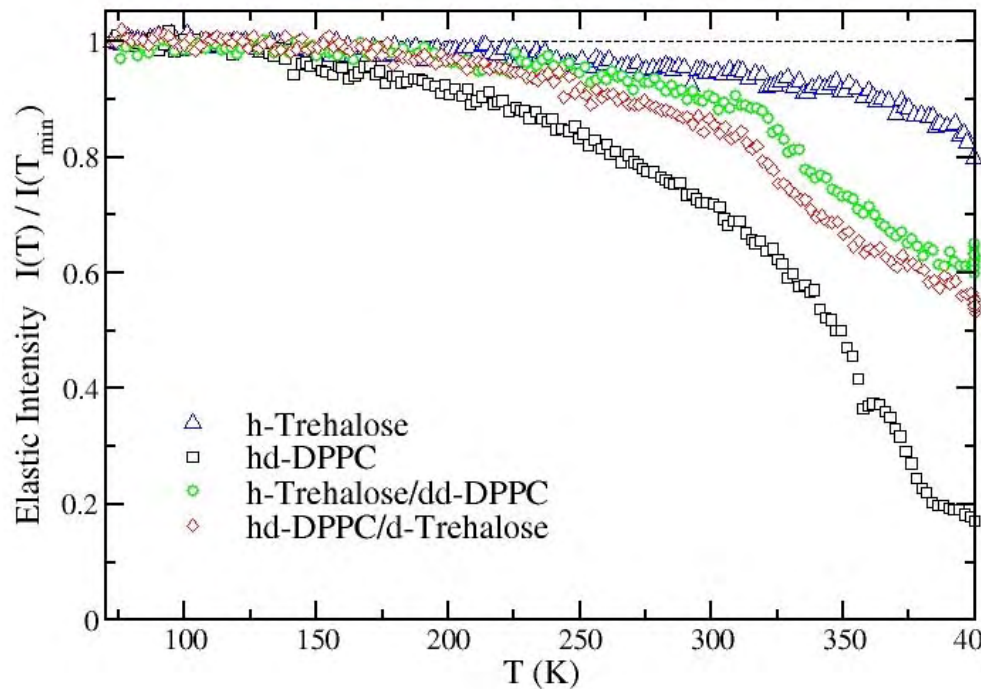
Previous QENS hydrated bilayers:
equivalence of tail protons

(König et al., J. Phys II, 1992)

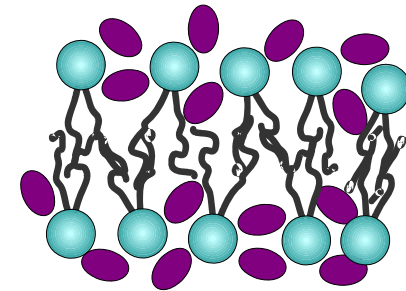




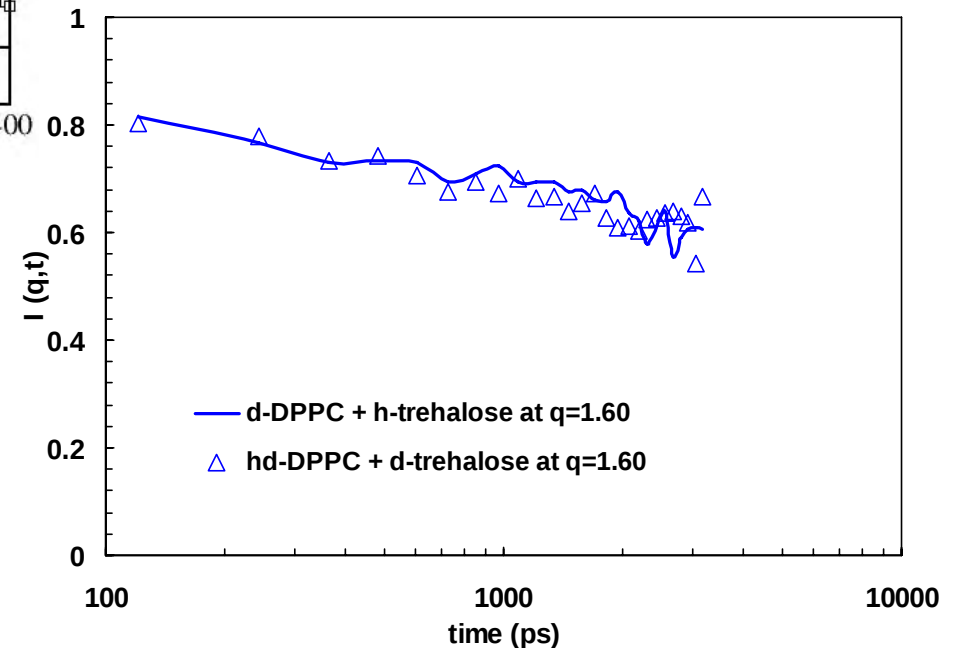
Trehalose restricts headgroup mobility



QENS: elastic scans



QENS: dynamics at 395 K



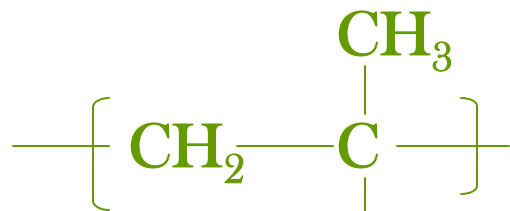
- Trehalose restricts headgroup mobility
- Trehalose and phospholipid headgroups: similar mobility



This behavior is encountered in polymer mixtures

PEO “poly ethylene oxide”

$T_g \sim 220$ K, more mobile

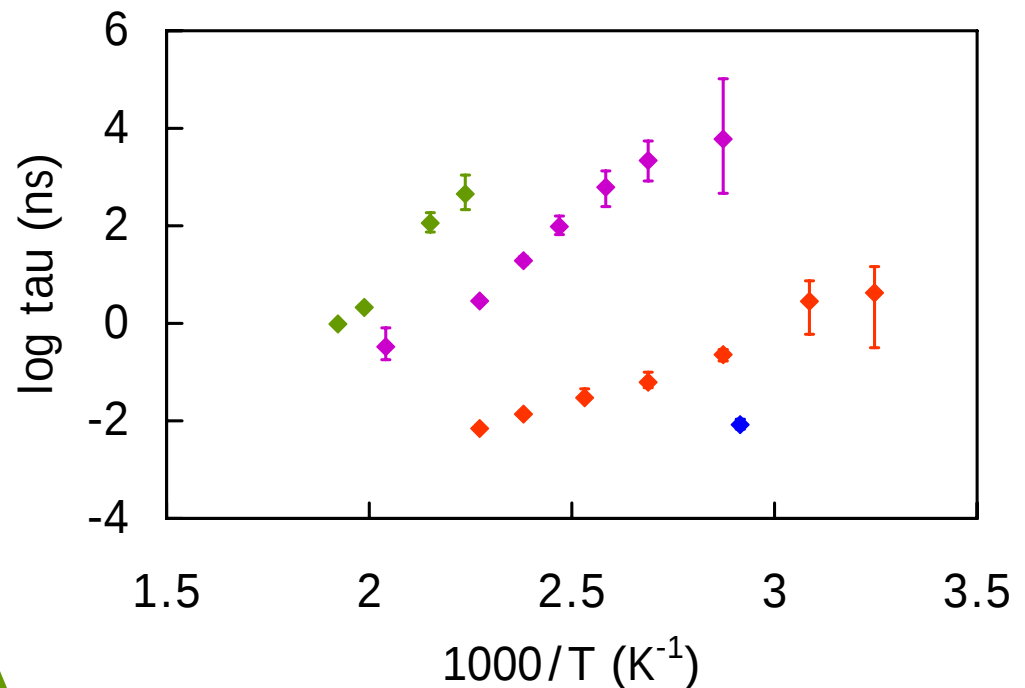


PMMA

“poly methyl methacrylate”

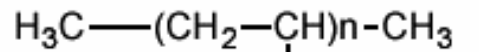
$T_g \sim 400$ K, less mobile

Without hydrogen bonds: $\Delta T_g = 180$ K

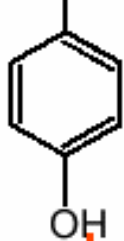




Significant sugar-headgroup hydrogen bonding is likely



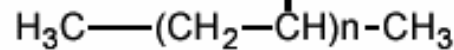
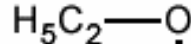
PVPh



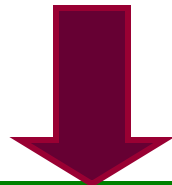
With hydrogen bonds:
 $\Delta T_g = 185 \text{ K}$

One dynamic response:
30 - 70% PVPh

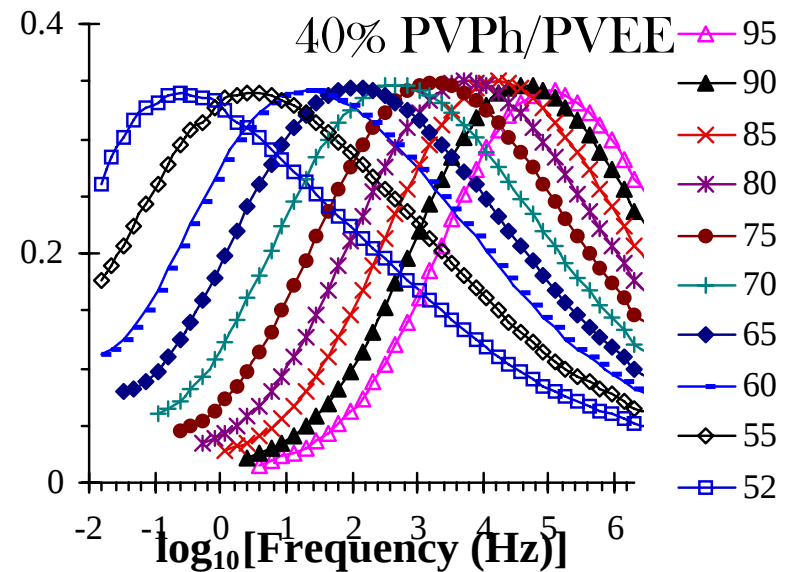
PVEE



Hydrogen bonding = similar dynamics



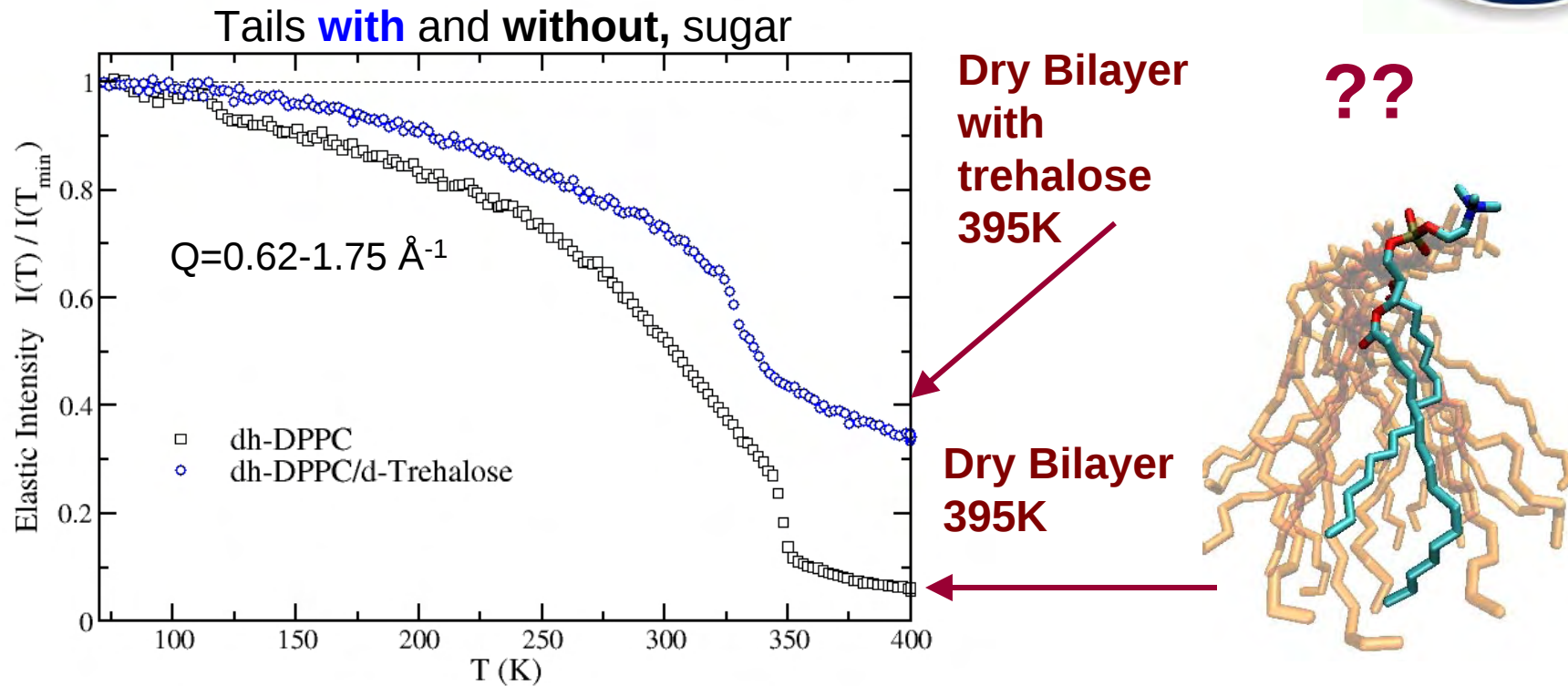
Trehalose and lipid headgroups have significant hydrogen bonding



* Zhang, Runt, et al., *Macromolecules* (2004, 2003)



Trehalose also restricts mobility of lipid tails



- Trehalose lowers melting transition and restricts mobility
- Some differences below T_m
- Large difference above T_m

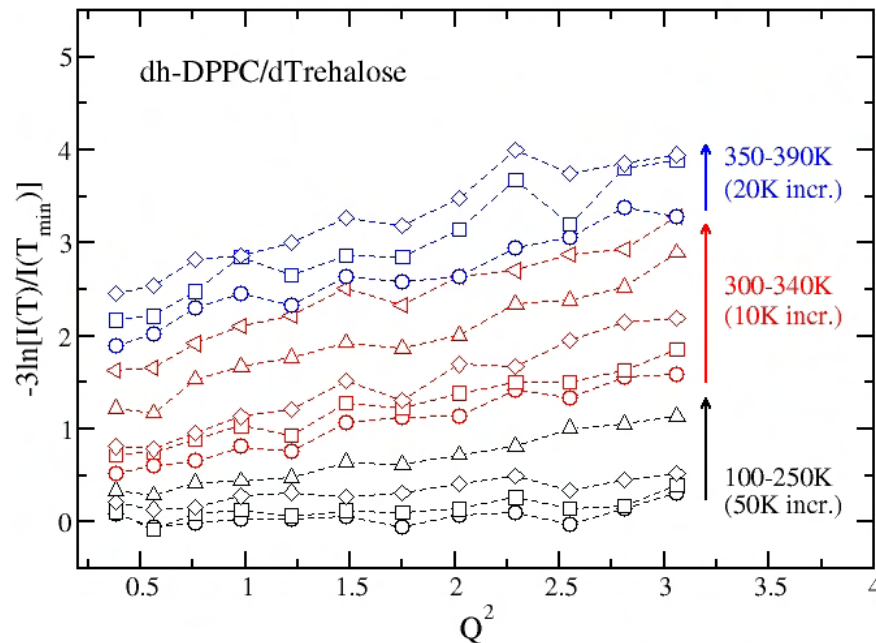


Molecular nature of mobility is different when trehalose is present

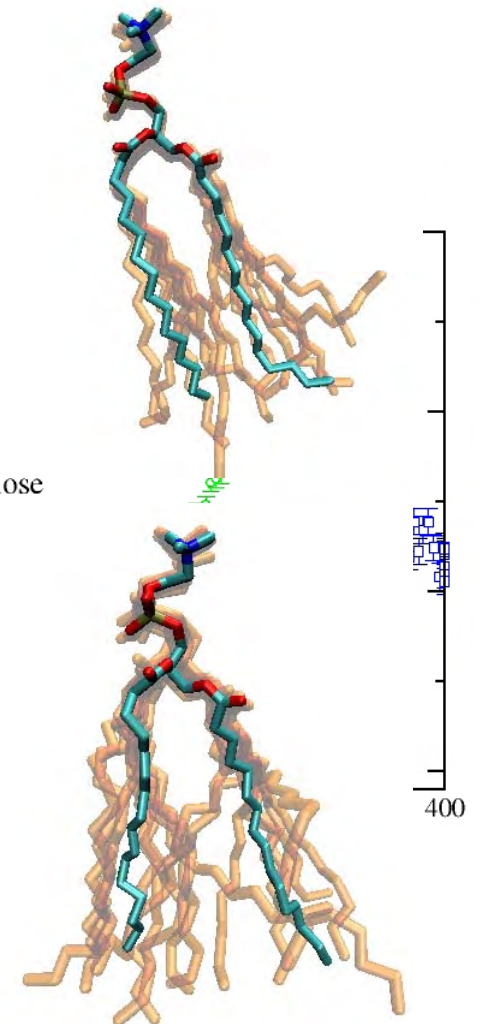
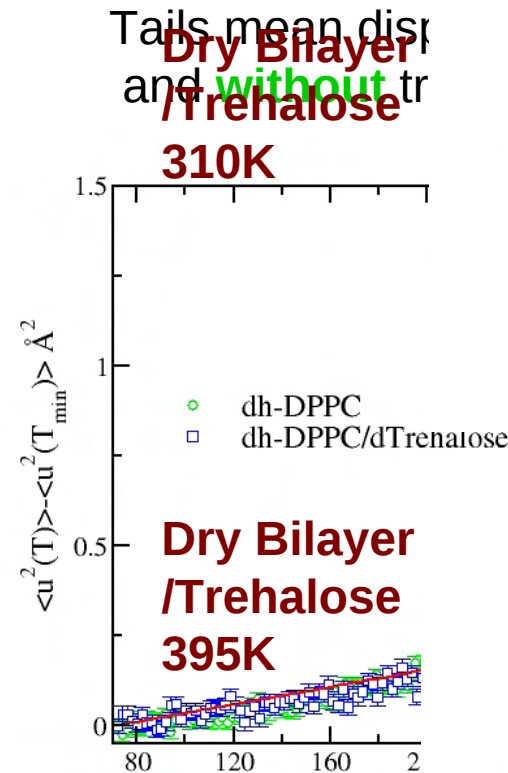
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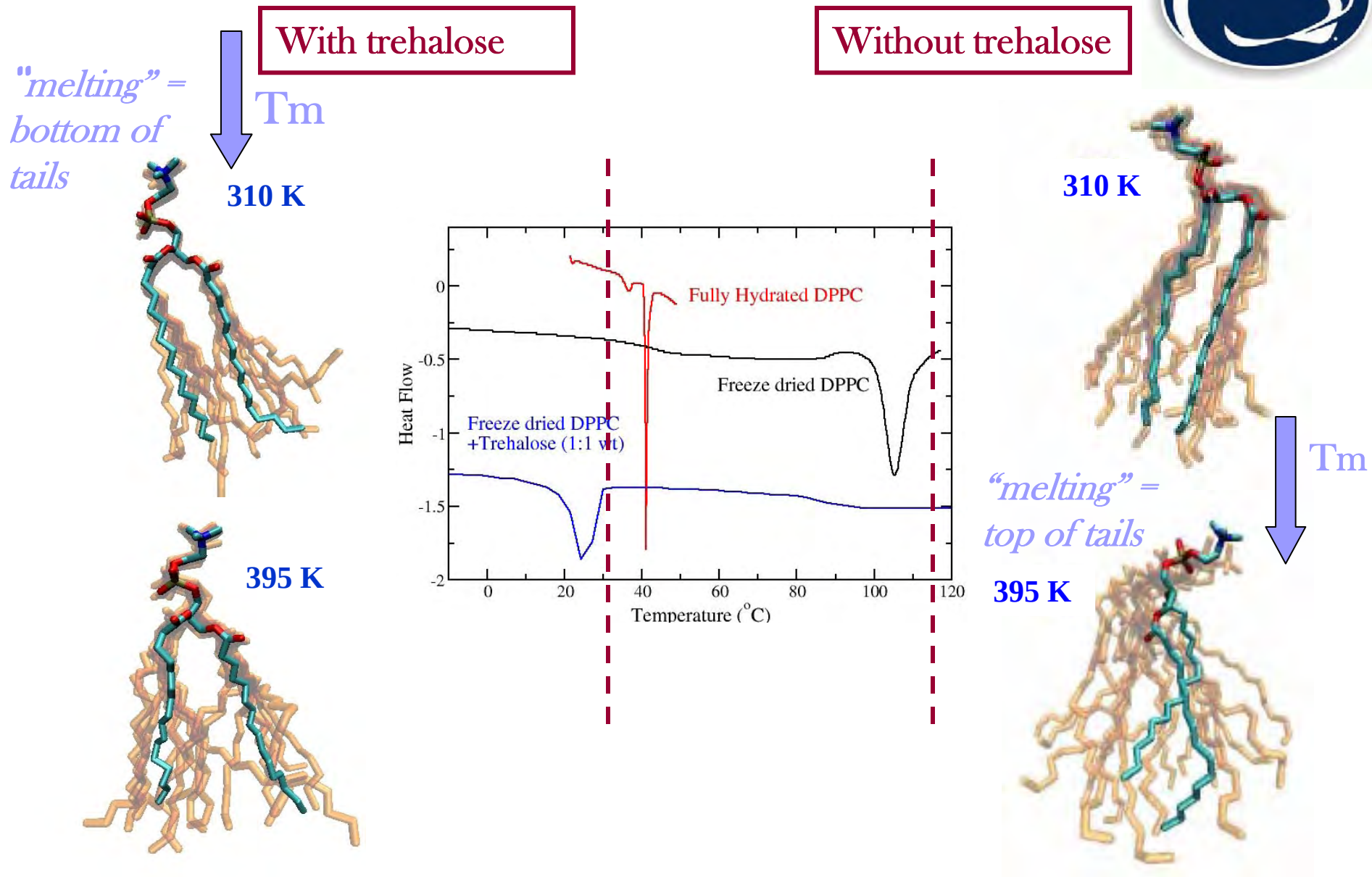


Trehalose decreases the mean displacements and restrains the lipid mobility



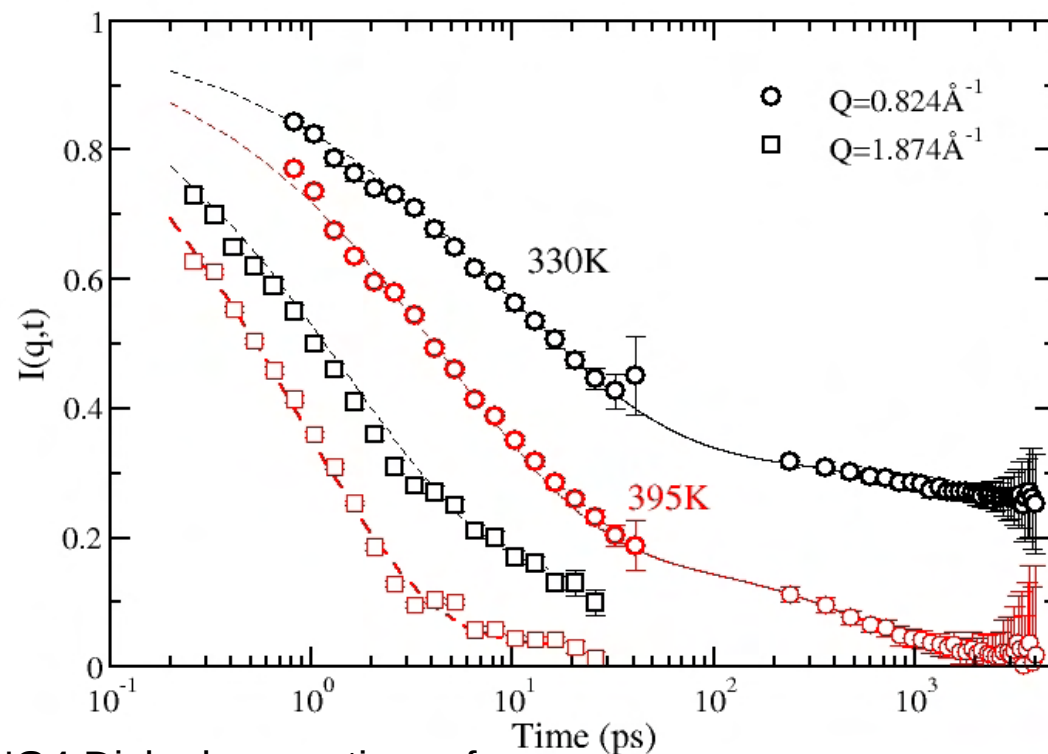


The melting transition differs with trehalose

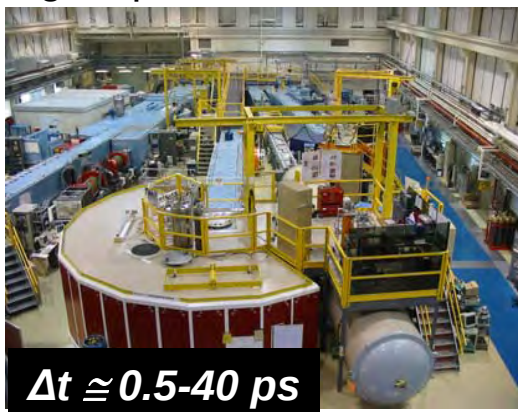




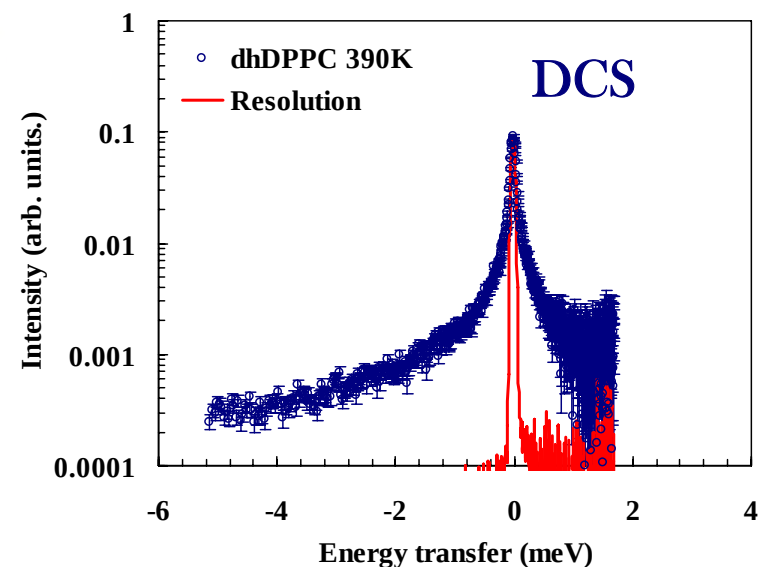
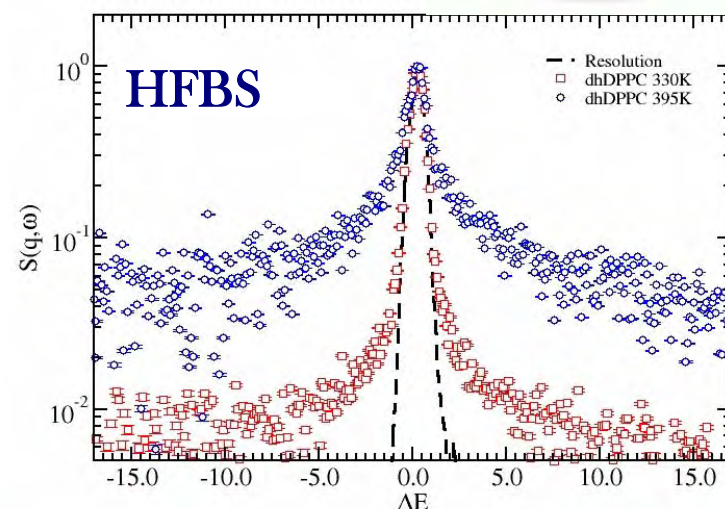
Dynamic runs were made on tail labeled samples



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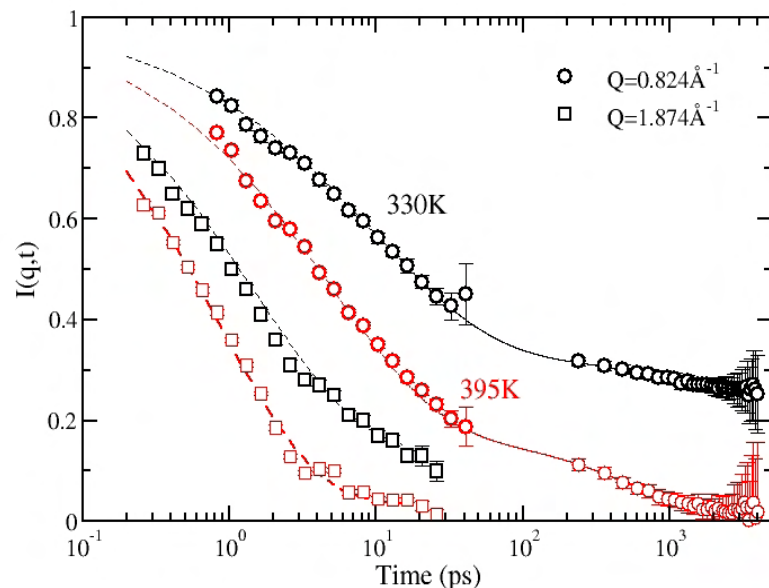


Tail motion in QENS window has two processes

← DCS → ← HFBS →

Fast process: trans/gauche isomerization 7-45 ps

Slow process: lipid rotation 2-12 ns



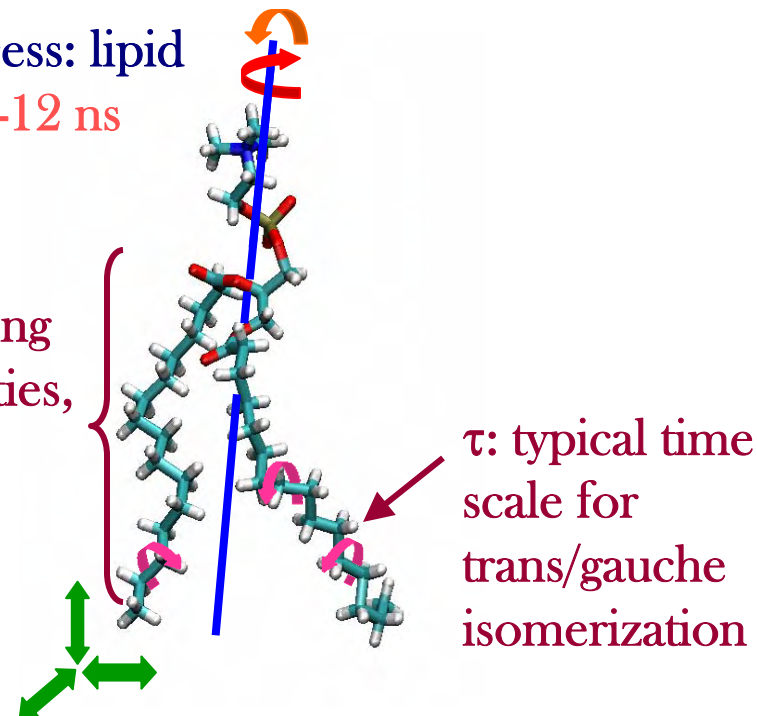
Fit lines

$$I(q,t) = A K W W_1 K W W_2$$

$$K W W_i = E_i + (1 - E_i) \exp\left[(-t / \tau_i)^{\beta_i}\right]$$

- τ : characteristic time
- β : distribution of times
- E : motion in restricted geometry

If varying mobilities, $\beta < 1$



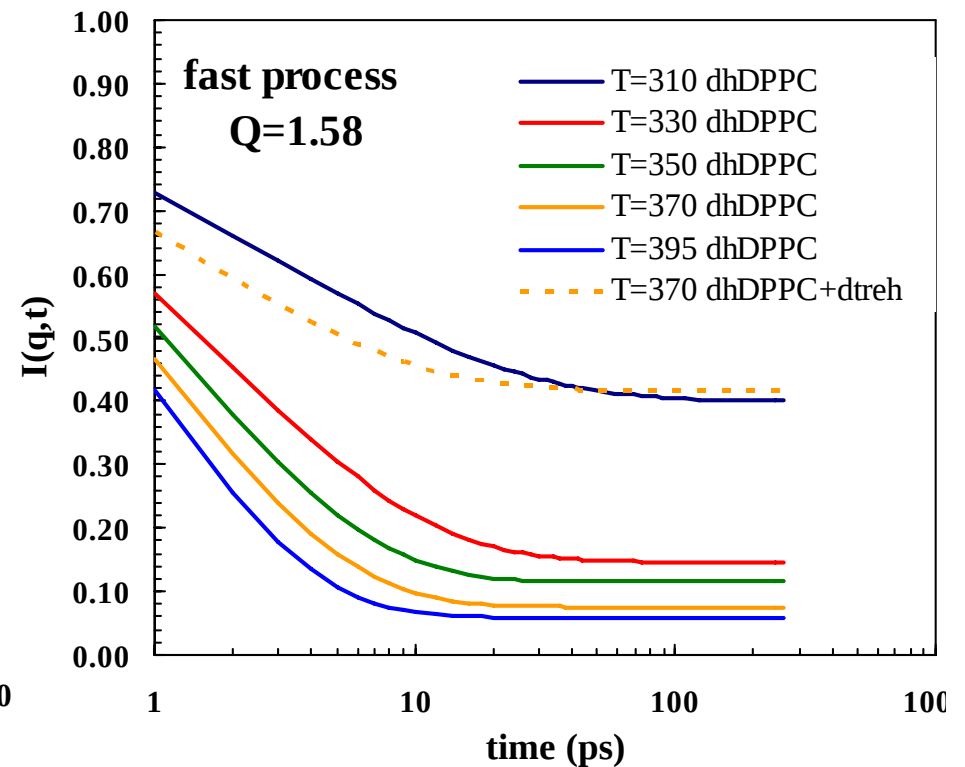
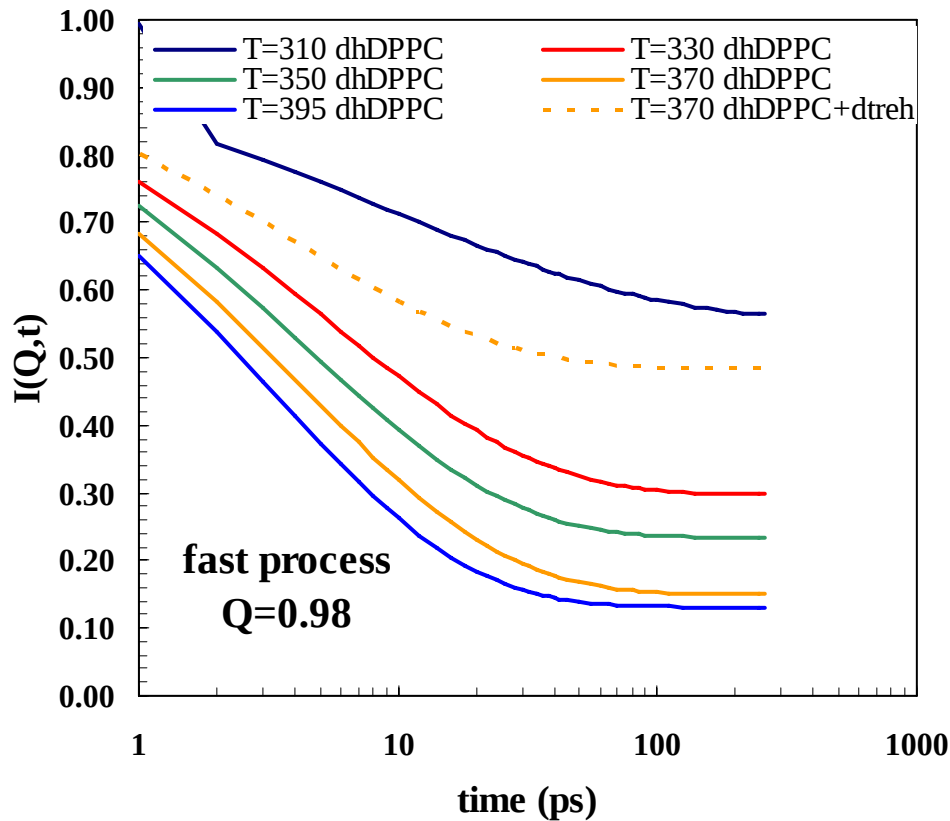
KWW Limiting cases

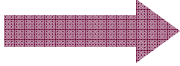
- $\beta = 1$: same τ for all protons
- $E = 0$: no spatial restriction



Isolating the fast process reveals conformational transitions

$$KWW_1 = E_1 + (1 - E_1) \exp\left[(-t / \tau_1)^{\beta_1}\right]$$



- trehalose decreases conformational transitions
- effect is similar to decreasing T to between 310 & 330  below T_m
- larger spatial restriction of protons

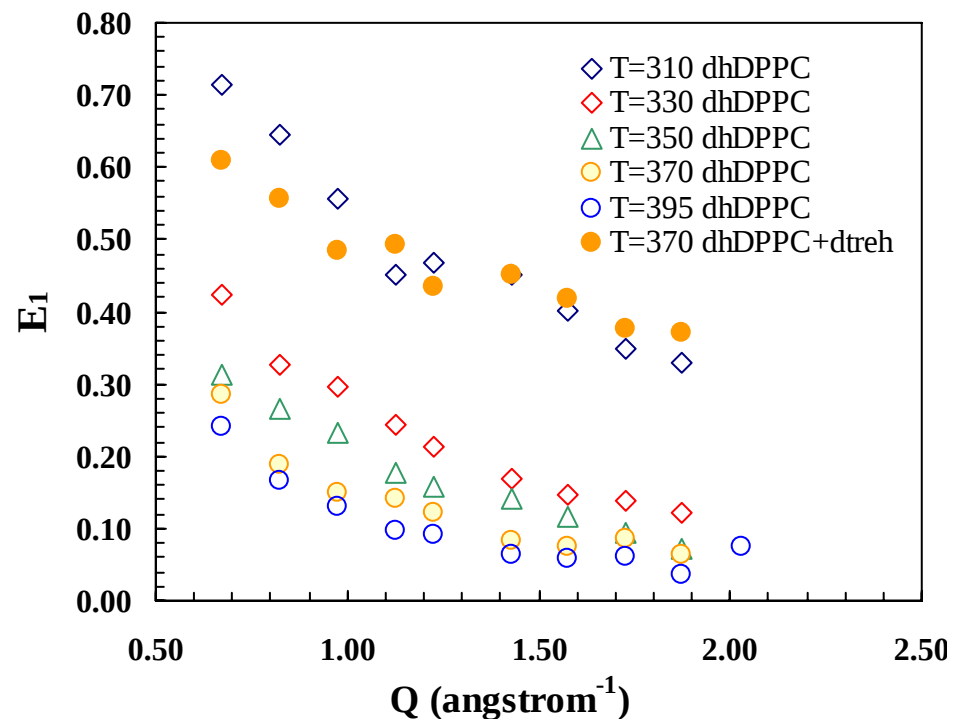
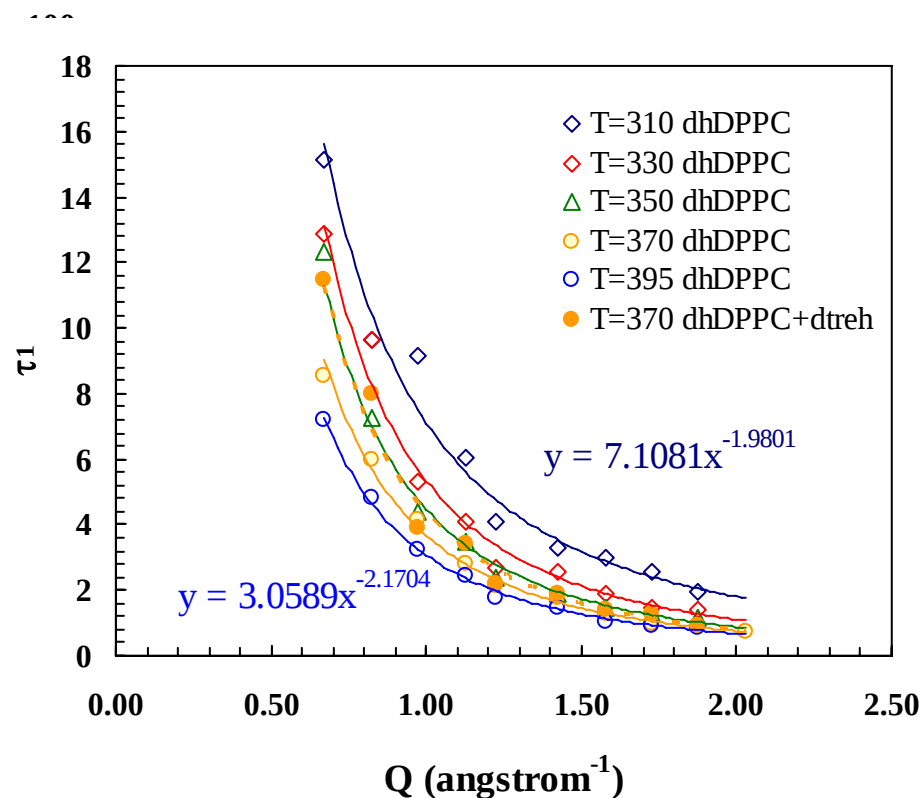


Trehalose slows conformational transitions and increases spatial localization

Hydrated bilayers, $T=333\text{ K}$: $\tau_{\text{conf}} = 7\text{-}45\text{ ps}$
Venable, et al, Science, 262, 223 (1993)

Characteristic times:

Slower with decreasing T
Little change with trehalose



Spatial localization

Larger with decreasing temperature AND with trehalose



Modeling of spatial localization quantifies the variation in mobility along lipid tails

Q dependence of EISF

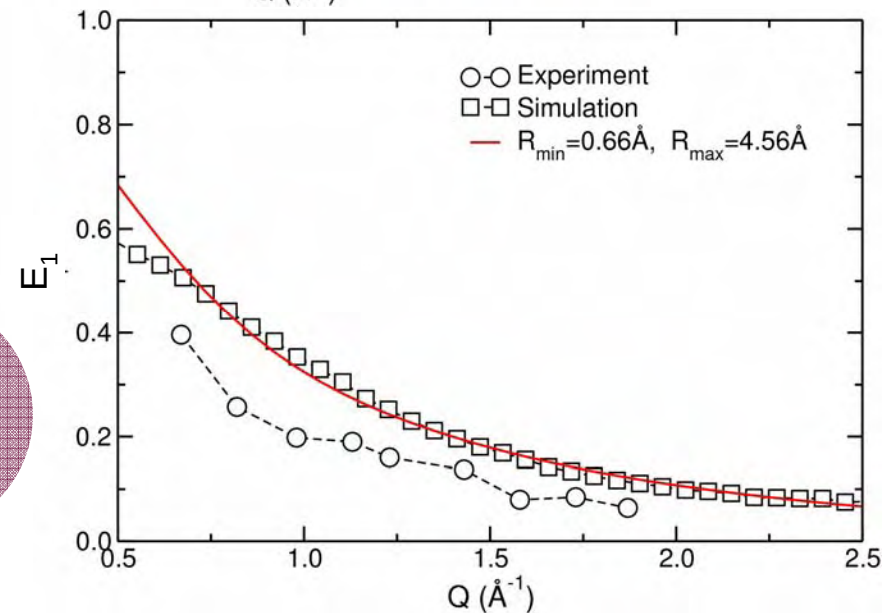
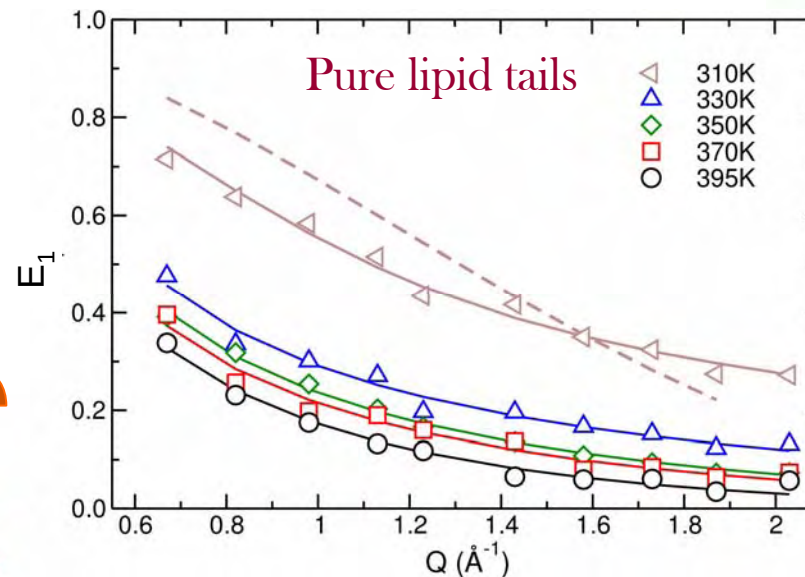
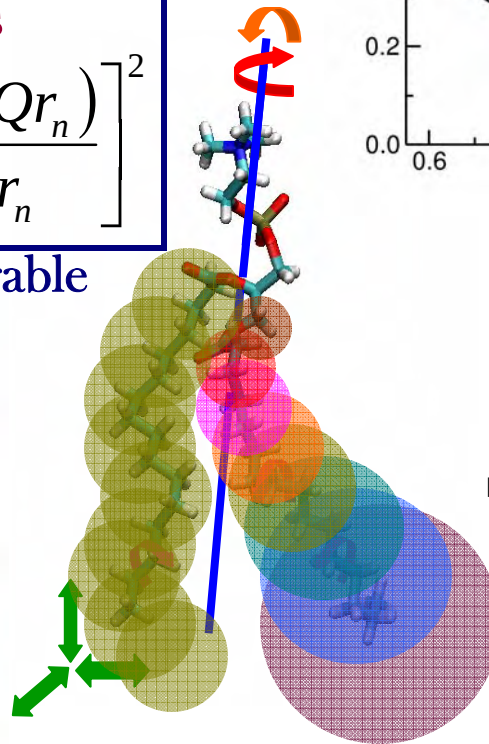
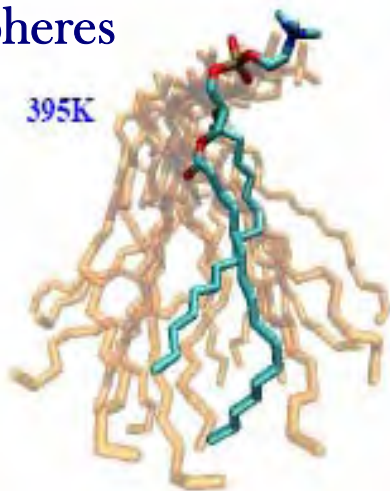
Single sphere size

$$E(Q) = \left[\frac{3j_1(Qr)}{Qr} \right]^2$$

varying sphere sizes

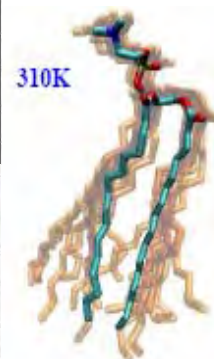
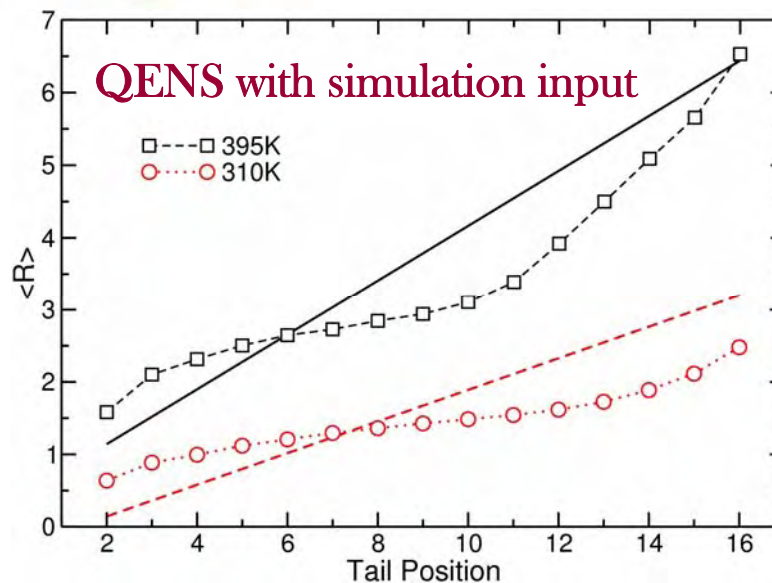
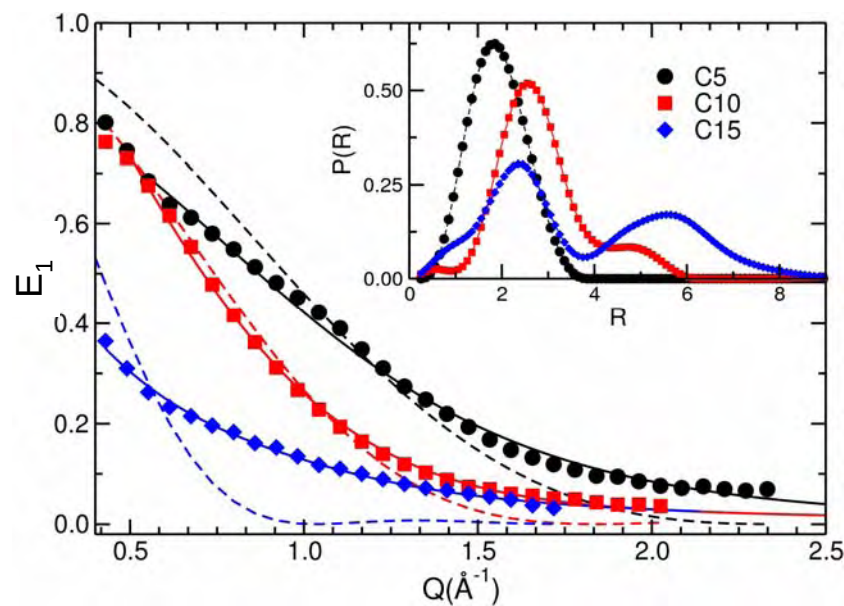
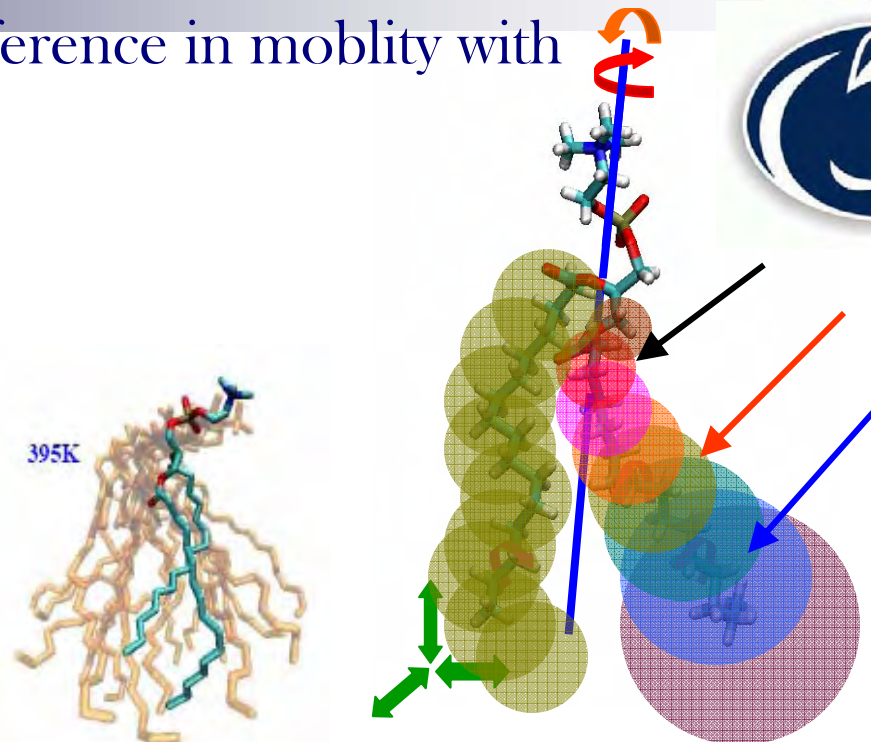
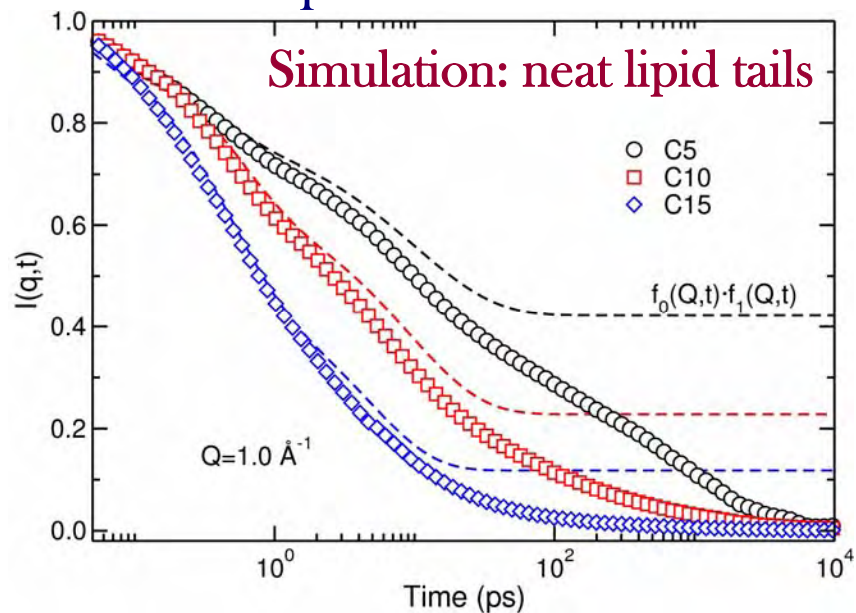
$$E(Q) = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{n=2}^N \left[\frac{3j_1(Qr_n)}{Qr_n} \right]^2$$

Diffusion in impenetrable spheres





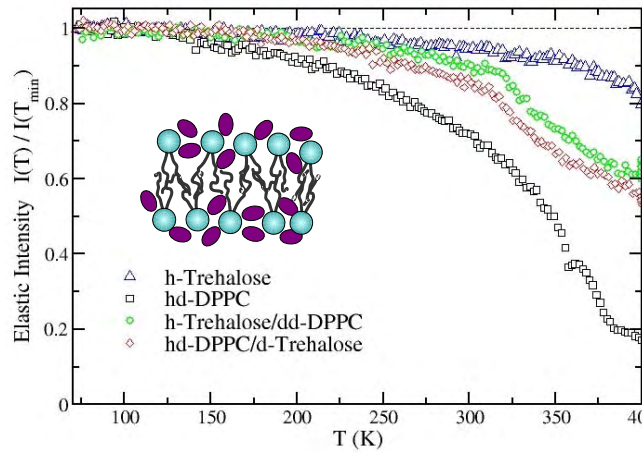
Simulation directly probes difference in mobility with carbon position



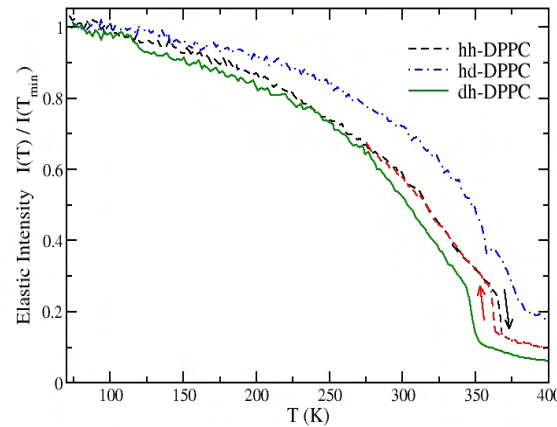


Five things to remember

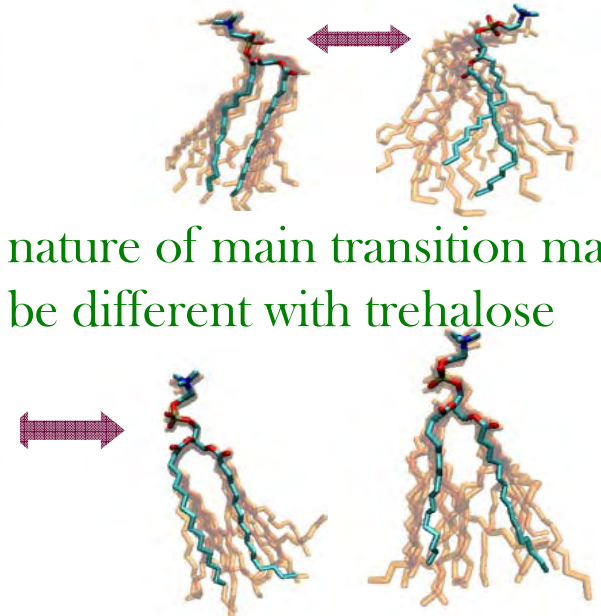
lipid headgroups and trehalose:
significant hydrogen bonding



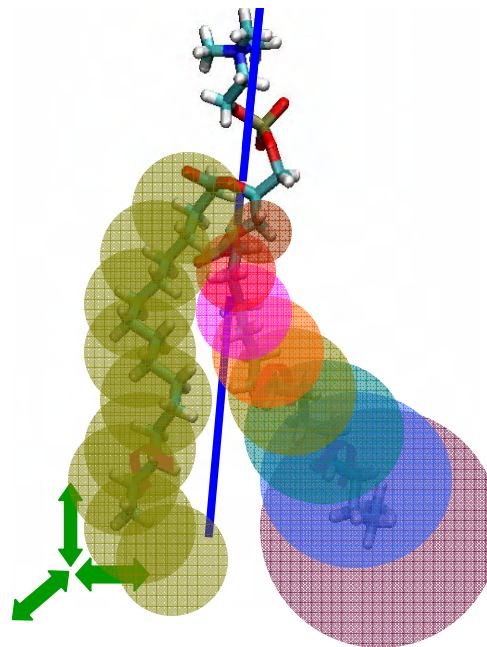
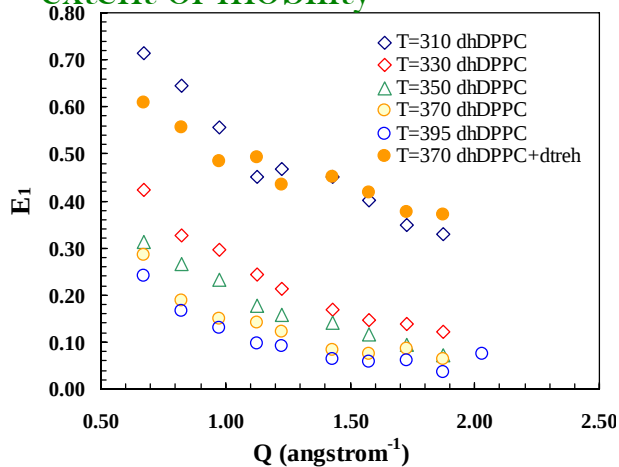
Melting: lipid tails



nature of main transition may
be different with trehalose



Trehalose decreases spatial
extent of mobility



Spatial extent of mobility
varies with tail position

