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# *Presentation of the Laboratory of Molecular Biophysics at the Interfaces*

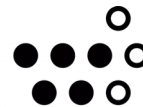
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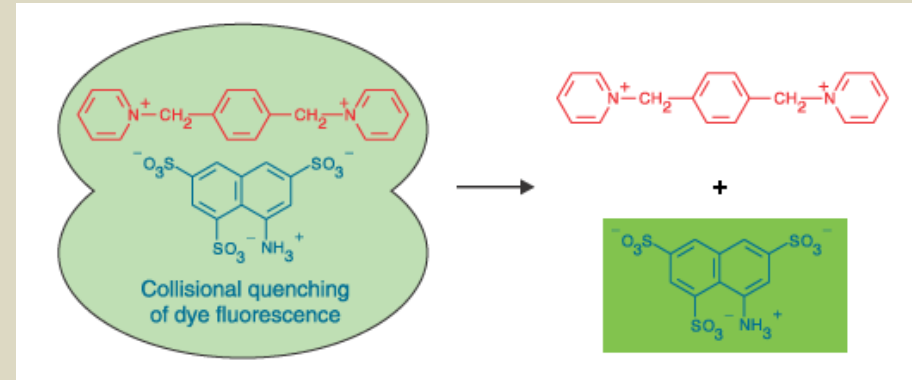
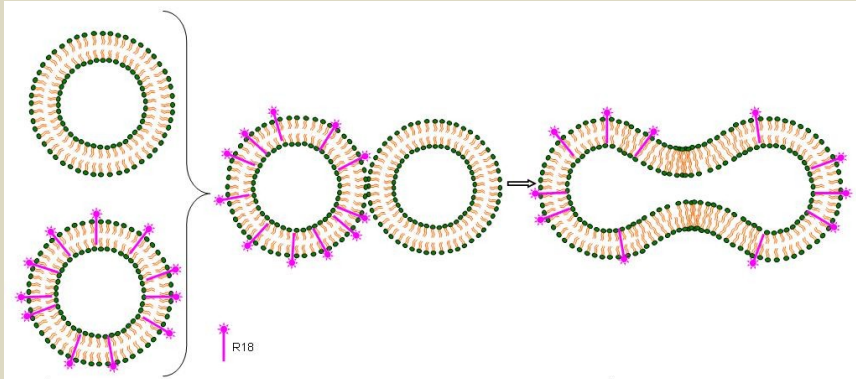
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# Experimental techniques

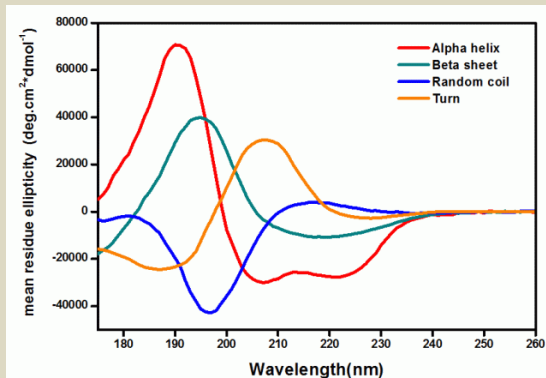
## Fluorospectroscopy

Lipid mixing and leakage of liposome contents experiments



## Circular dichroism

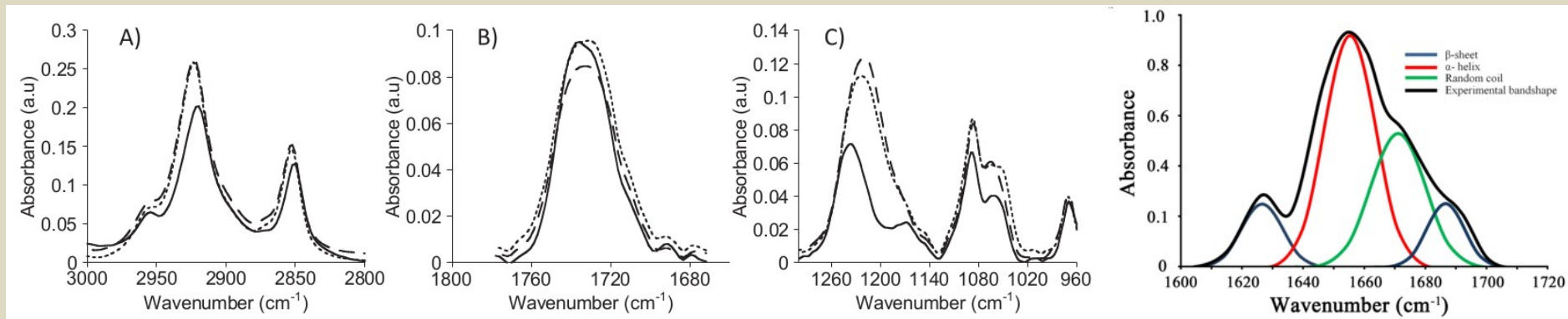
Secondary structure of peptides



# Experimental techniques

## Infrared spectroscopy

### Peptides secondary structures and membrane interactions

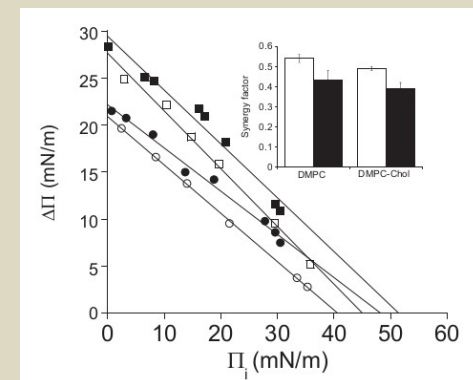
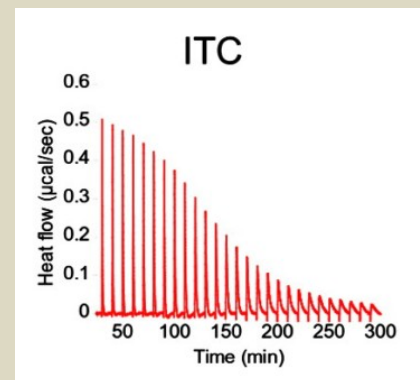


## Langmuir trough

### Adsorption experiments at constant surface area

## Isothermal Titration Calorimetry

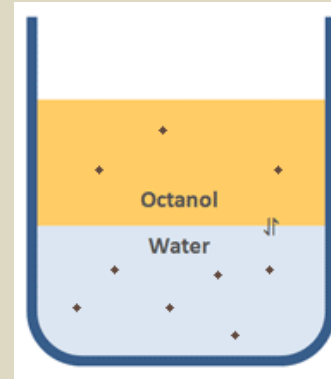
### Calculation of thermodynamic parameters



# Modeling through hydrophobicity scales

Partition coefficient have been used to define hydrophobicity scales (Eisenberg *et al.* 1982)

$$E_{tr} = -2,3 RT \log \frac{[Mol]_{Octanol}}{[Mol]_{Water}}$$



For simple organic molecules, transfer energies are proportionnal to the number of carbon atomes in the molecule

Atomic E<sub>tr</sub> (Brasseur *et al.* 1991)

Hypothesis: Additive properties of transfer energies

Acides aminés	Hydrophobicité
Cystéine	0,29
Sérine	-0,18
Thréonine	-0,05
Proline	0,12
Alanine	0,62
Glycine	0,48
Asparagine	-0,78
Aspartate	-0,90
Glutamate	-0,74
Glutamine	-0,85
Histidine	-0,40
Arginine	-2,50
Lysine	-1,50
Méthionine	0,64
Isoleucine	1,40
Leucine	1,10
Valine	1,10
Phénylalanine	1,20
Tyrosine	0,26
Tryptophane	0,81

C sp<sup>2</sup> = -1.503  
C sp<sup>3</sup> = -2.436  
H(q=0) = -0.537  
H(q≠0) = 1.030  
O = 2.833  
S = -2.751  
N = 3.035

# Molecular orientation at the interface

■ Tammo (Brasseur *et al.* 1991)

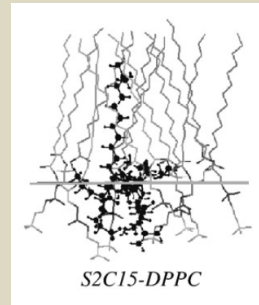
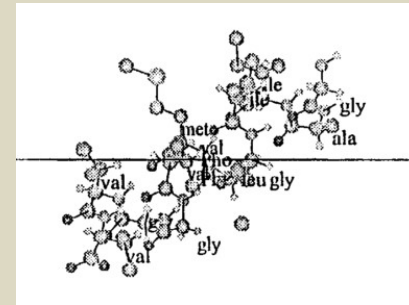
Alignement of hydrophobic  $\Sigma E_{tr_{pho}}$  and hydrophilic  $\Sigma E_{tr_{phi}}$  centers along Z

■ Hypermatrice (Brasseur *et al.* 1991)

Monte Carlo for the interaction with lipids

■ IMPALA (Ducarme *et al.* 1998)

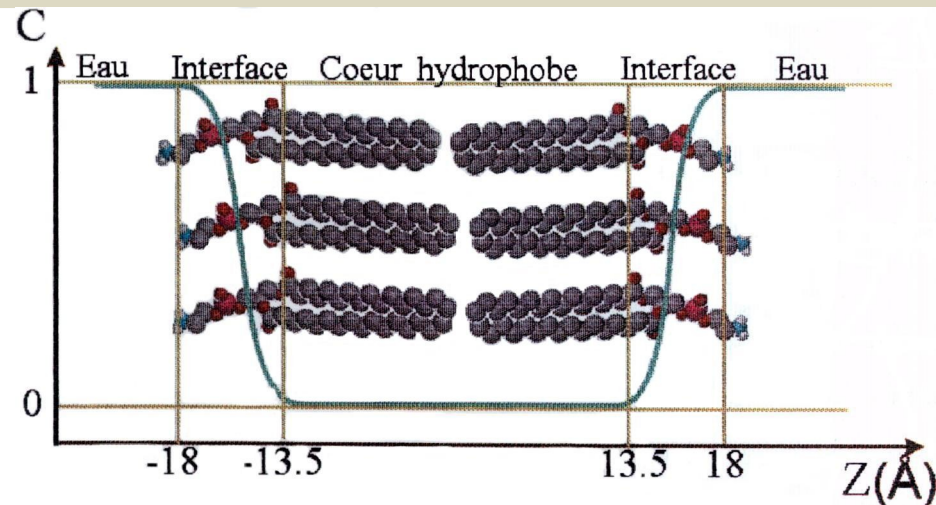
Monte Carlo for the interaction with the membrane



$$C_{(z)} = 1 - \left( \frac{1}{1 + e^{\alpha(z-z_0)}} \right)$$

$$E_{lip} = 0.018 \sum_{i=1}^N S_{(i)} (1 - C_{(z_i)})$$

$$E_{int} = - \sum_{i=1}^N S_{(i)} E_{tr(i)} C_{(z_i)}$$

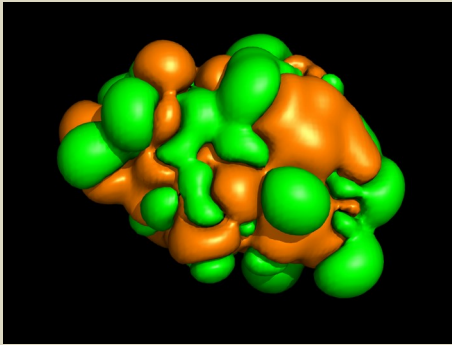


## Hydrophobicity representation

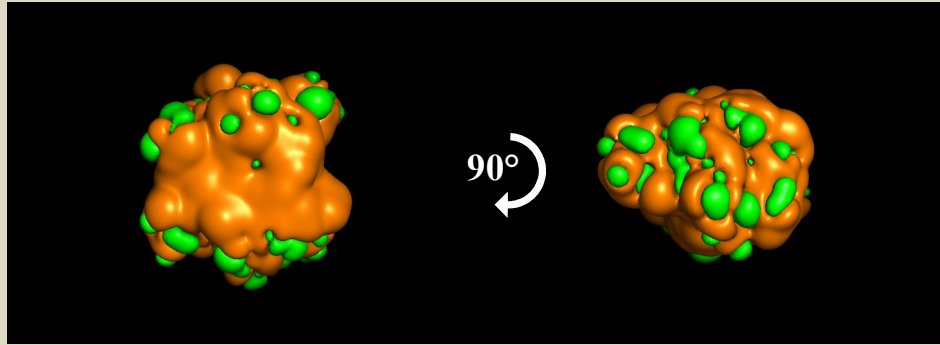
Mean Hydrophobicity Potential (Brasseur *et al.* 1991)

$$\text{MHP} = \sum_i E_{tr_i} e^{(r_i - d_i)}$$

Lysozyme



MraY



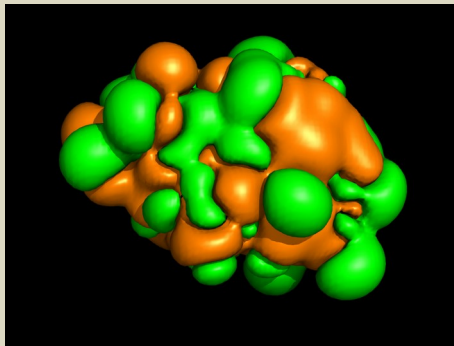
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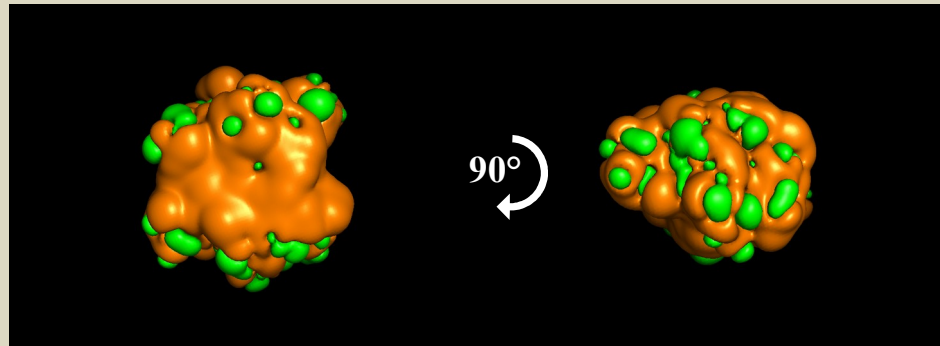
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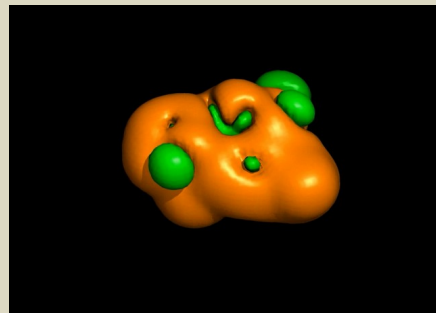
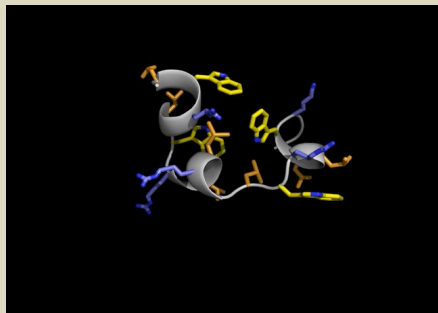


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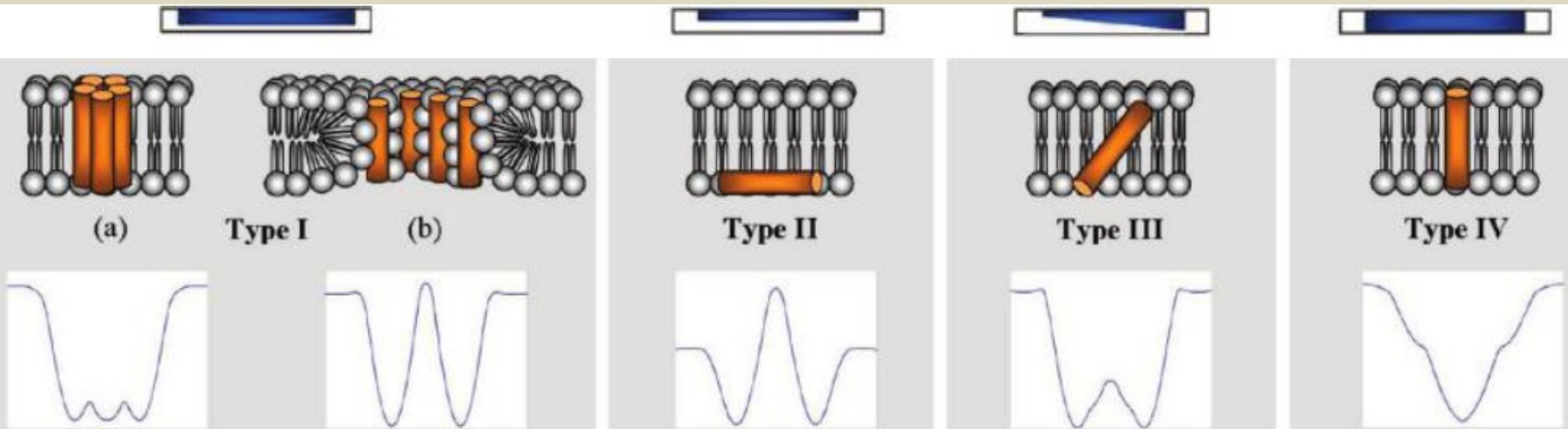
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MHP can be visualized during MD trajectories (Crowet *et al.* 2009)



## *Classes of amphiphilic alpha-helical peptides*

- MHP have been used to define different membrane peptide categories based on their hydrophobicity profiles (Brasseur *et al.* 1991)
- Gkeka *et al.* have recently tested characteristic peptides of these categories by CG MD (2010)

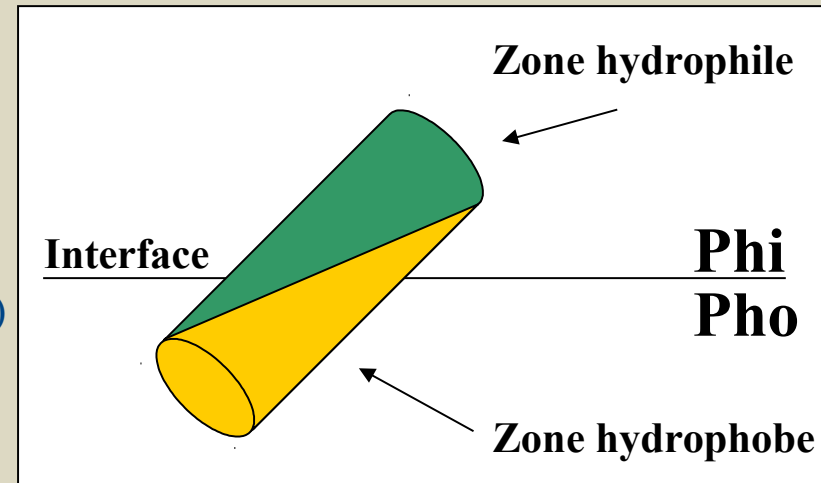
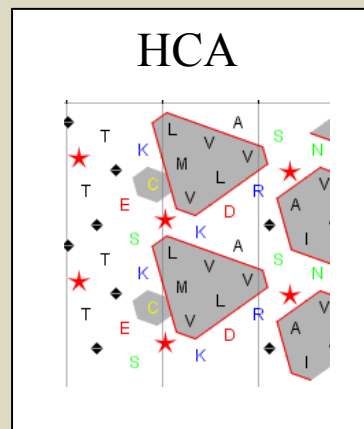
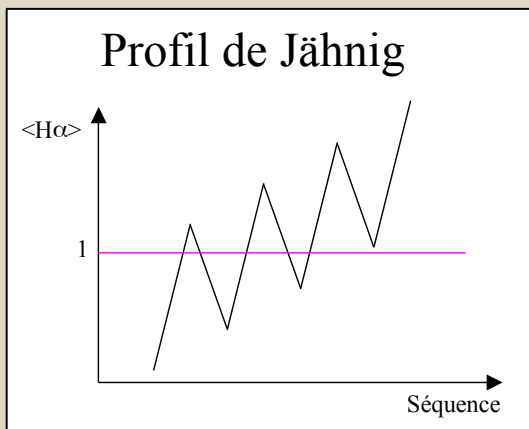




## Tilted peptides

- Peptides of 11-19 residues with  $\langle H \rangle$  between 0.2 and 0.9 and that presents an hydrophobicity gradient
- These peptides can be identified by a sequence analysis

HCA (Gaboriaud *et al.* 1987), Jahnig (Jähnig 1990)

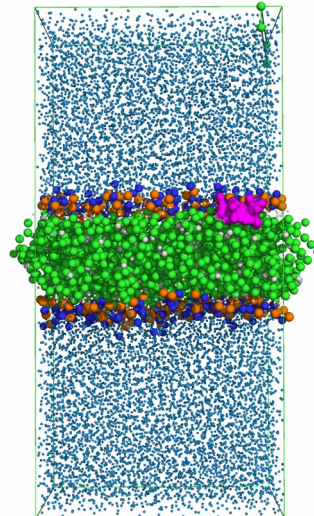
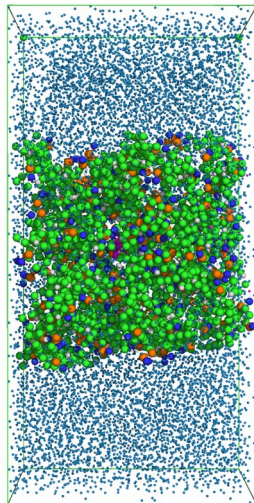
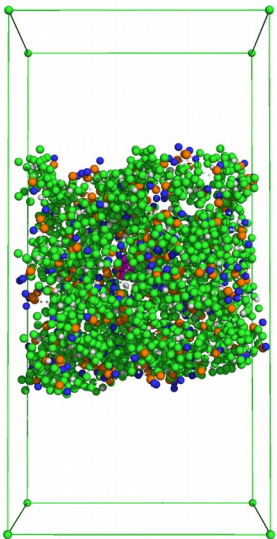
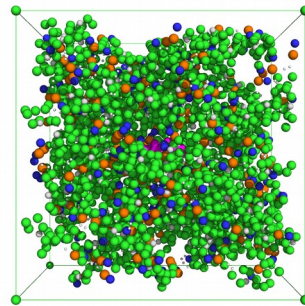
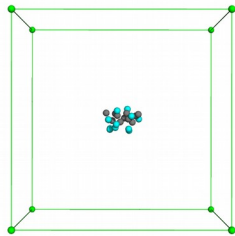
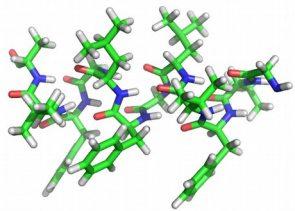


- Tilted peptides have been identified since 1988 from fusion peptides of different viruses (SIV, NDV, Influenza, ...) as well as in other protein types and have a destabilizing effect on membranes (Horth *et al.* 1991, Vonèche *et al.* 1992, ...)

# Bilayer formation by self assembly

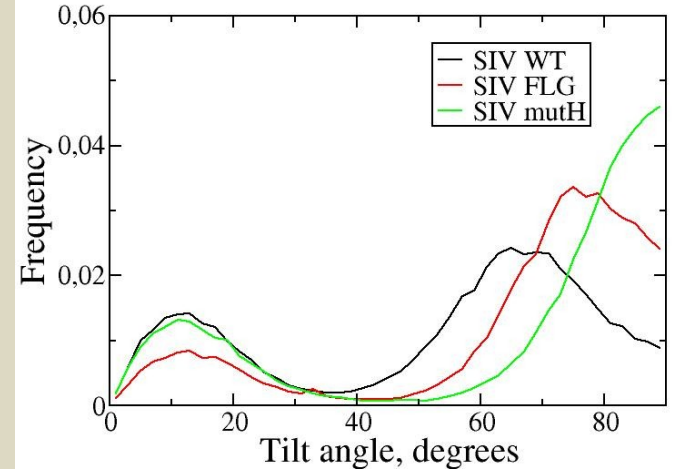
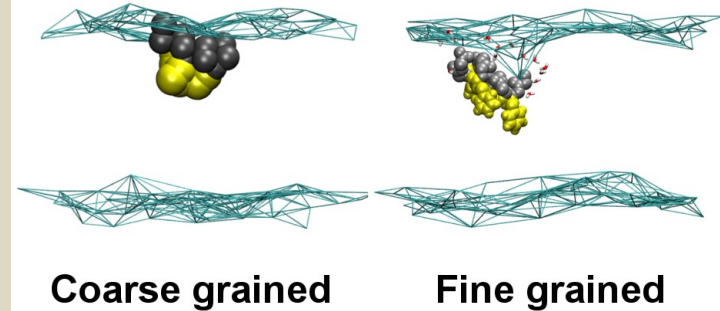
## Methodology

Bond *et al.* 2006, Hall *et al.* 2011



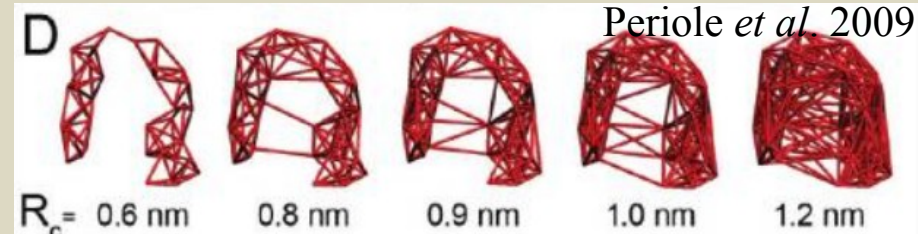
## Application to the SIV fusion peptide

Crowet *et al.* 2012

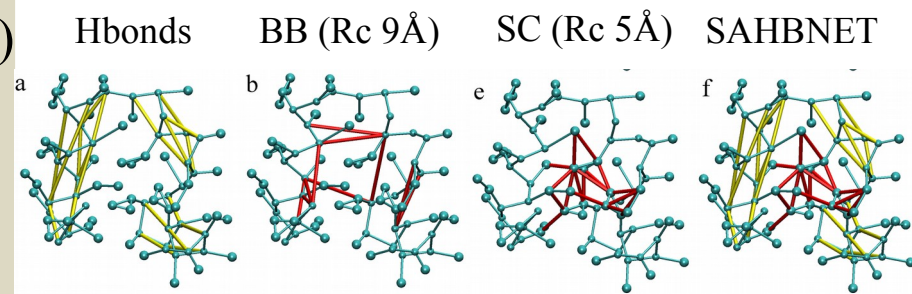


# The protein structures have to be maintained in CG

■ ELNEDYN use an elastic network based on a cut-off



■ SAHBNET use an elastic network based on H bonds and the accessible surface (Dony *et al.* 2013)



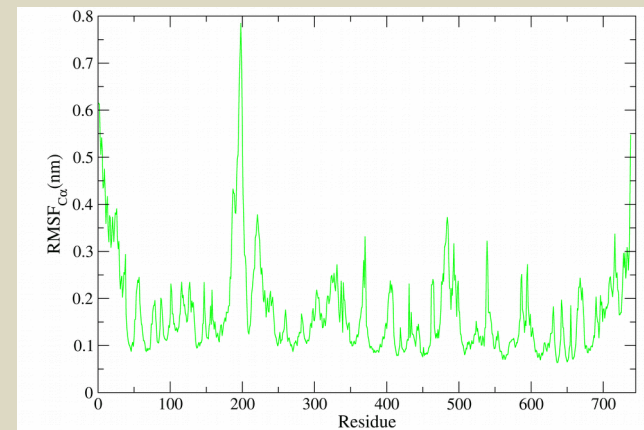
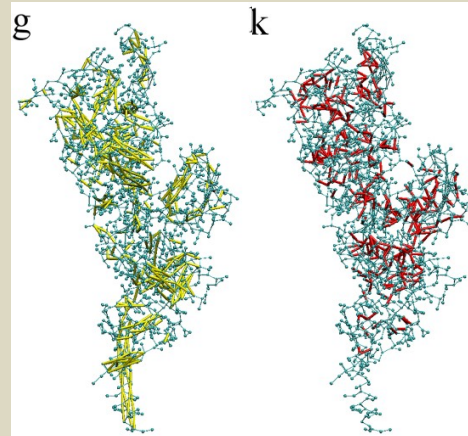
■ PBP1b, a monotopic membrane protein of *E. coli*

3FWM ; 738 residues

453 hbonds

345 SA (SAc 30 %,  $R_c 5 \text{ \AA}$ )

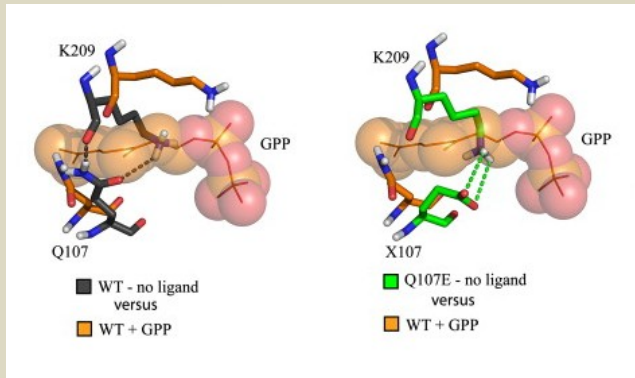
ELNEDYN = 3428



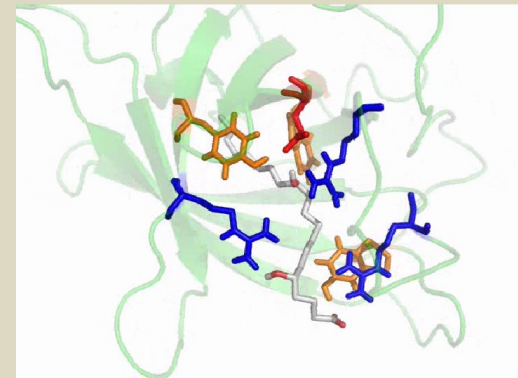
# Molécular dynamics

## Protein-ligand simulations

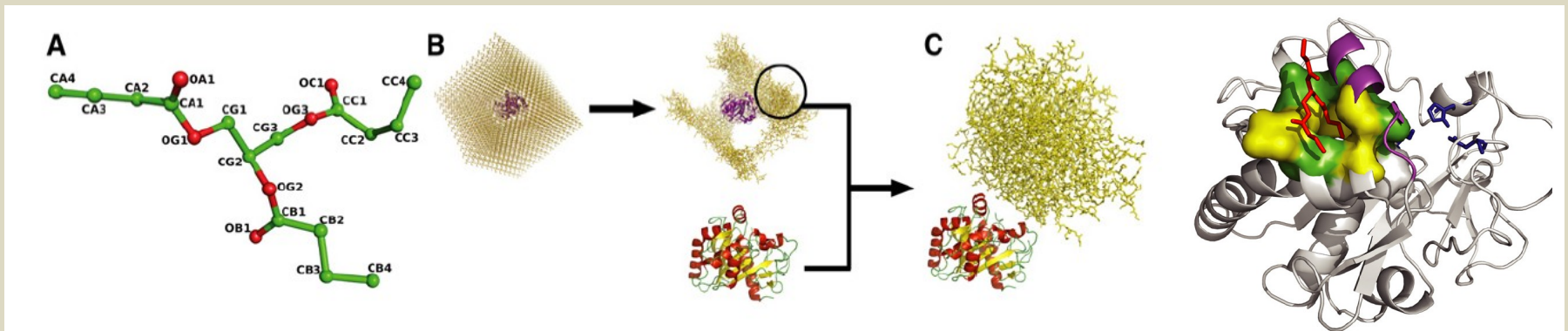
Double enzymatic activity of a  
aphid phenyltransferase  
(Vandermoten *et al.* 2009)



Interaction between the lipocaline  
and the LTB4 (Beaufays *et al.* 2008)



Interaction between a lipid globule and a lipase (Santini *et al.* 2009)

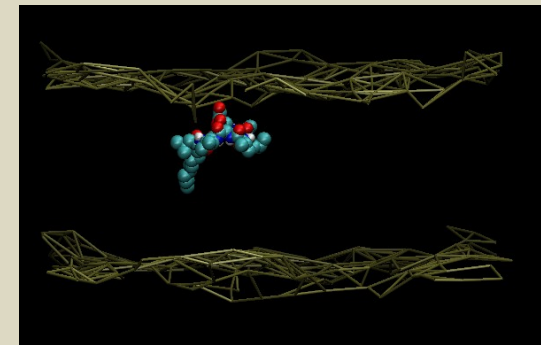
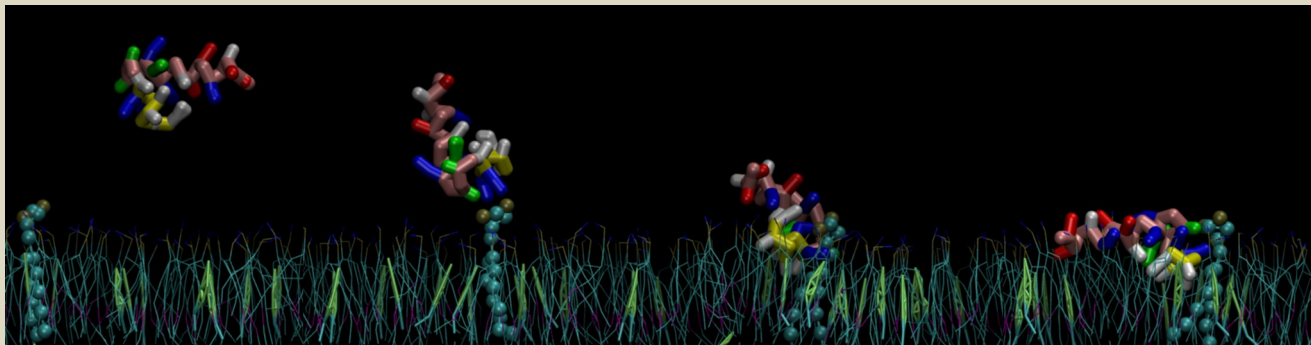


# Molecular Dynamics

## Simulations of peptide membrane interactions

The Remorin C terminal domain

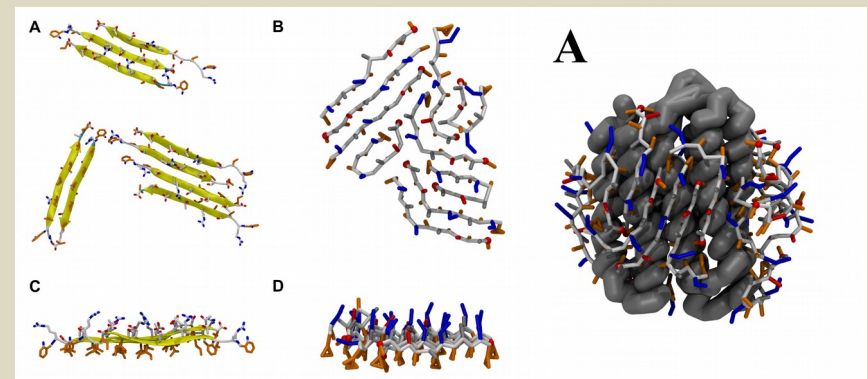
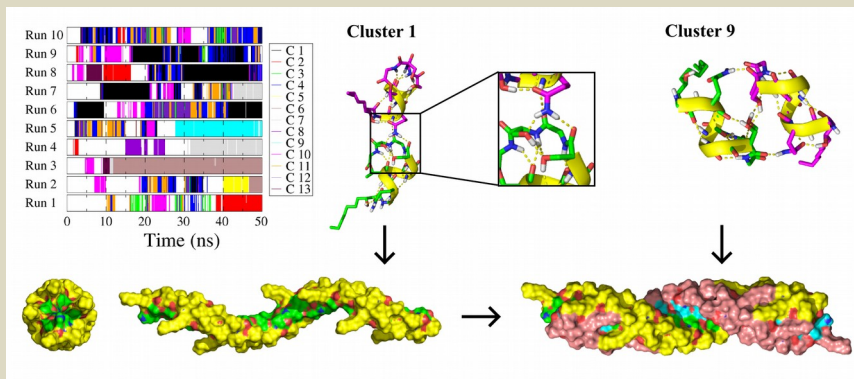
The surfactin



## Other simulations

Pseudodesmin fibrils

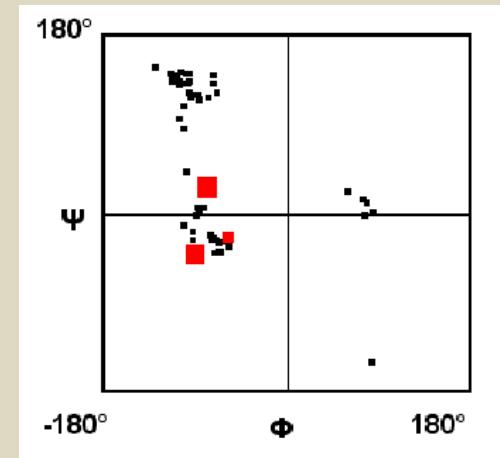
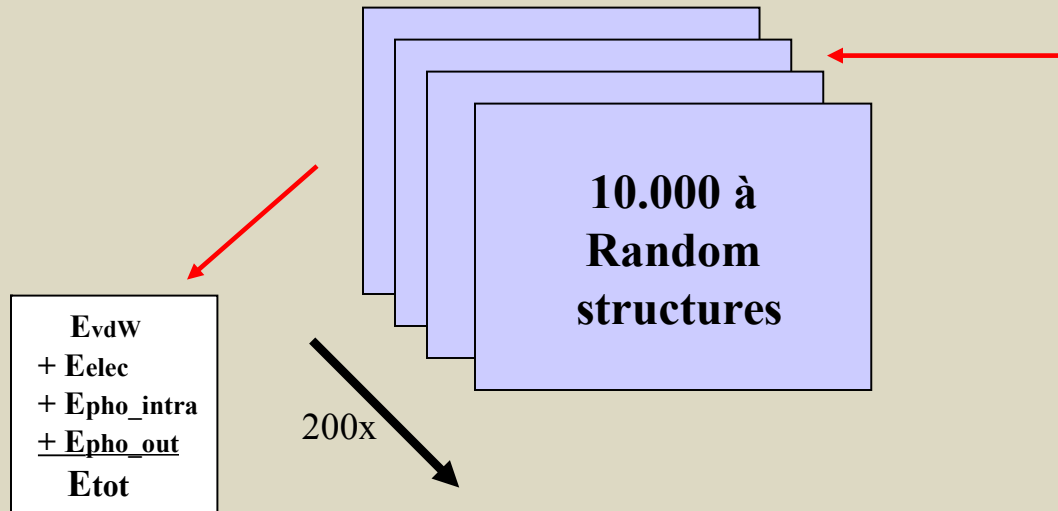
Beta amphiphile aggregation



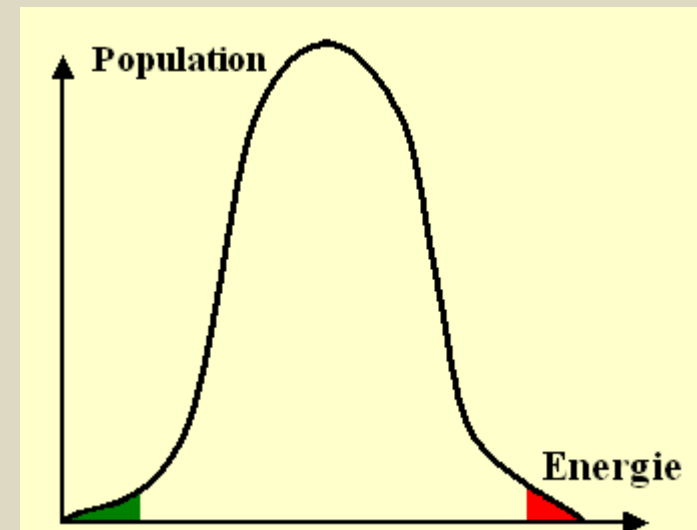
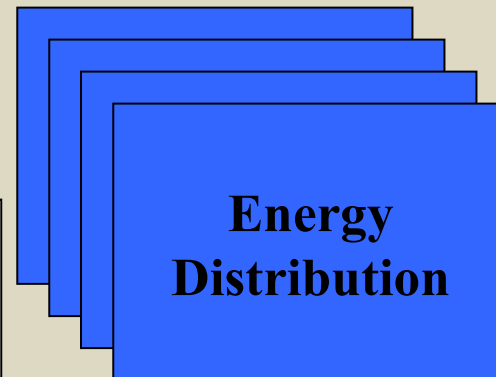
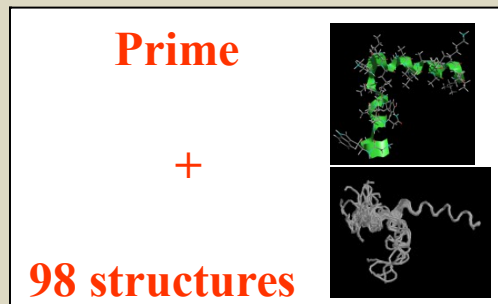
# PepLook, a tool to predict the 3D structure of peptides

(Thomas et al. 2006)

Etchebest et al., 2005 => 64 couples  $\Phi\psi$ /aa



↑ Probability  $\Phi$  and  $\psi$  ↑ or ↓



# *Study of elicitors of the plant defense responses*

## COMANCHE :

COMparative Membrane Adapted from Numerical CHaracterizations using Energy

## REGIS :

Reims Et Gembloux Innovent par Simulations

## EliDeRham :

ELiciteurs DERivés de RHAMnolipides : synthèses, modélisations et activités biologiques

## FIELD :

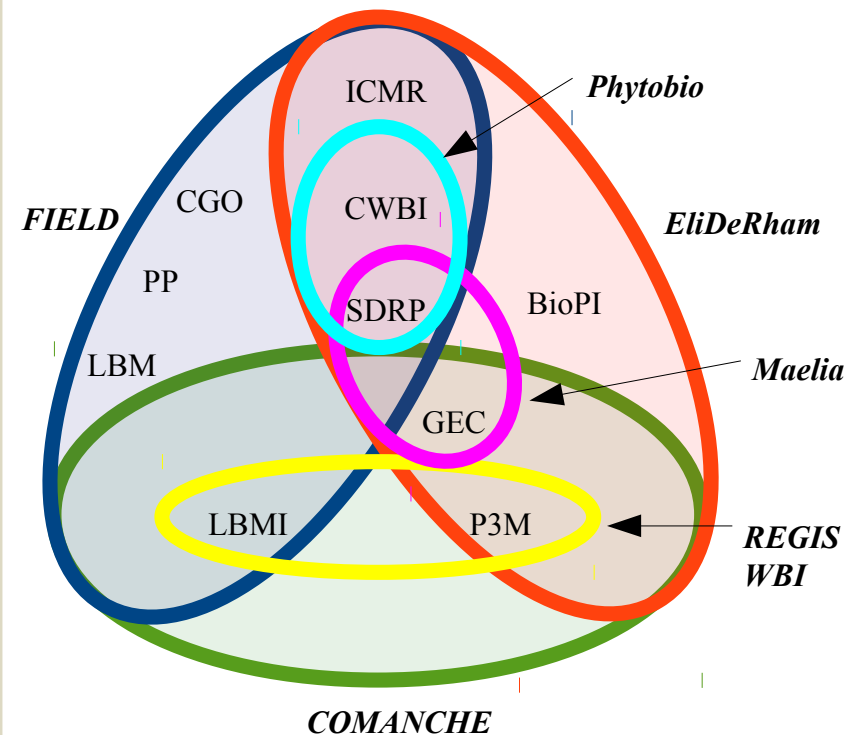
New alternatives to chemical pesticides : deciphering the action mechanism of lipid based plant elicitors via complementary biophysical and biological approaches

## PHYTOBIO :

Développement et promotion de nouveaux produits phytosanitaires pour la lutte biologique contre les maladies des plantes

## MAELIA :

Etude du mode d'action et de perception d'éliciteurs amphiphiles stimulant l'immunité innée des végétaux



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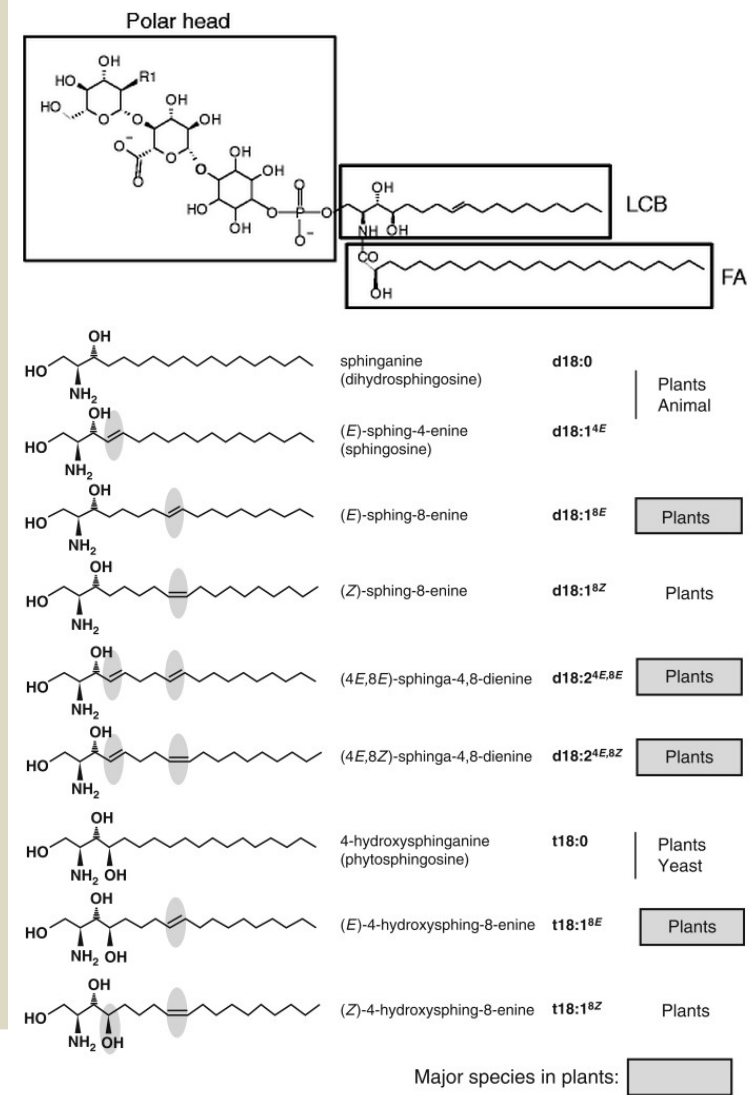
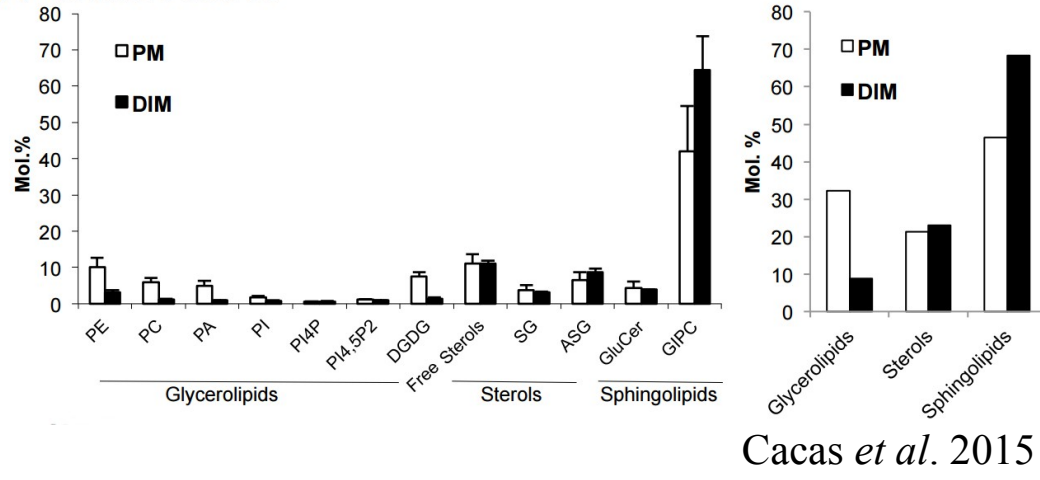
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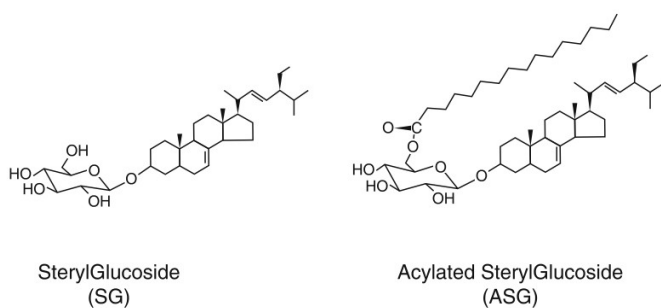
# Topologies of several important plant lipids are not yet available

The GIPC represents up to 40 % of plant plasma membranes

## A Tobacco leaves



Sterols are more diversified



*Furt et al. 2011*



## *Modeling of membranes and membrane interactions in a biological context tend to a more detailed description*

- MD of membranes usually use 1 or 2 lipids
- Cellular membranes involve hundreds of lipids
- There should be up to 100k lipidic species and the LIPID MAPS consortium has already identified more than 40k
- The number of lipidic topologies increase (Charmm et Martini)

Table 1. Lipid classification and the number of lipid types in *Membrane Builder*.

Classification	Sterols	PA lipids	PC lipids	PE lipids	PG lipids	PS lipids
# lipid types	2	14	14	16	14	14
Classification	PI lipids	CL lipids	PUFA lipids	SM lipids	Bacterial lipids	
# lipid types	46	23	15	15	9	

Wu *et al.* 2014

Lipid classification and the number of lipids in Martini

Classification	PC lipids	PG lipids	PE lipids	PS lipids	Glycoglycero lipids	Other glycerolipids
# lipid types	22	23	23	23	11	15
Classification	PI lipids	CL lipids	PA lipids	SM lipids	Sterols	Glycosphingo lipids
# lipid types	14	3	21	9	3	11

Martini website (<http://cgmartini.nl/>)

- Specific tools are developed : [Insane](#), [Backwards](#), ...
- The first simulations that intend to reproduce the lipidic complexity are published : [Ingolfsson 2014](#), [Van Eerden et al. 2015](#), [Koldso 2015](#), [Reddy 2015](#), [Flinner 2015](#)

## *Aims of the modeling efforts*

*« To Develop a molecular modeling platform dedicated to the building of complex lipidic membranes and to characterize their interactions with bioactive molecules »*

- To gather teams specialized in modeling techniques

  - Synergy through sharing of expertise, methodologies and tools

  - Provision of the university community via P3M

- Development of a tool of construction and comparison of lipid membranes of plant and animal models through a web interface

  - To propose model membranes for various organisms and organelles

  - With an automated construction and use of a lipid database

  - To evaluate the interaction of amphiphilic molecules with a focus on the composition

  - To Improve the modeling of plant membranes that remains poorly documented

## *The LBMI team*



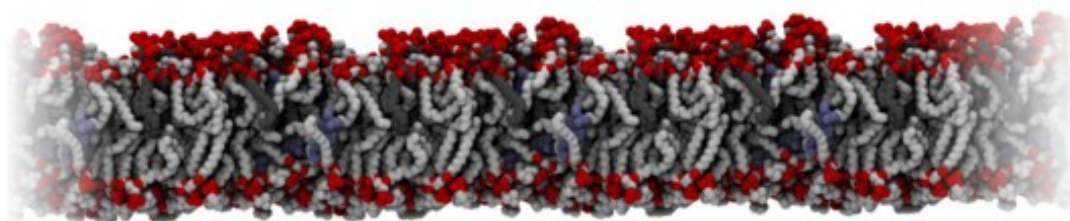
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## System options

Name:

Forcefield

Membranes

Temperature

Nb lipids

## Lipids

Lipids Up

676	CHOL
377	PIPX
257	POPX
130	DPSM
81	PNSM
60	PAPC
57	XNSM

Lipids Down

551	CHOL
172	PIPC
121	POPE
117	POPC
111	PAPE
98	PAPS
81	PIPE

## Interacting molecules

PDB ID

PDB Structure

Topology

Nb prot

Or

...

...

Delete

Add

N-cap

Sequence

C-cap

Structure

Nb prot

NH3+ ▾

COO- ▾

Helix ▾

Delete

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