

Water in soft confinement of lipidic mesophase

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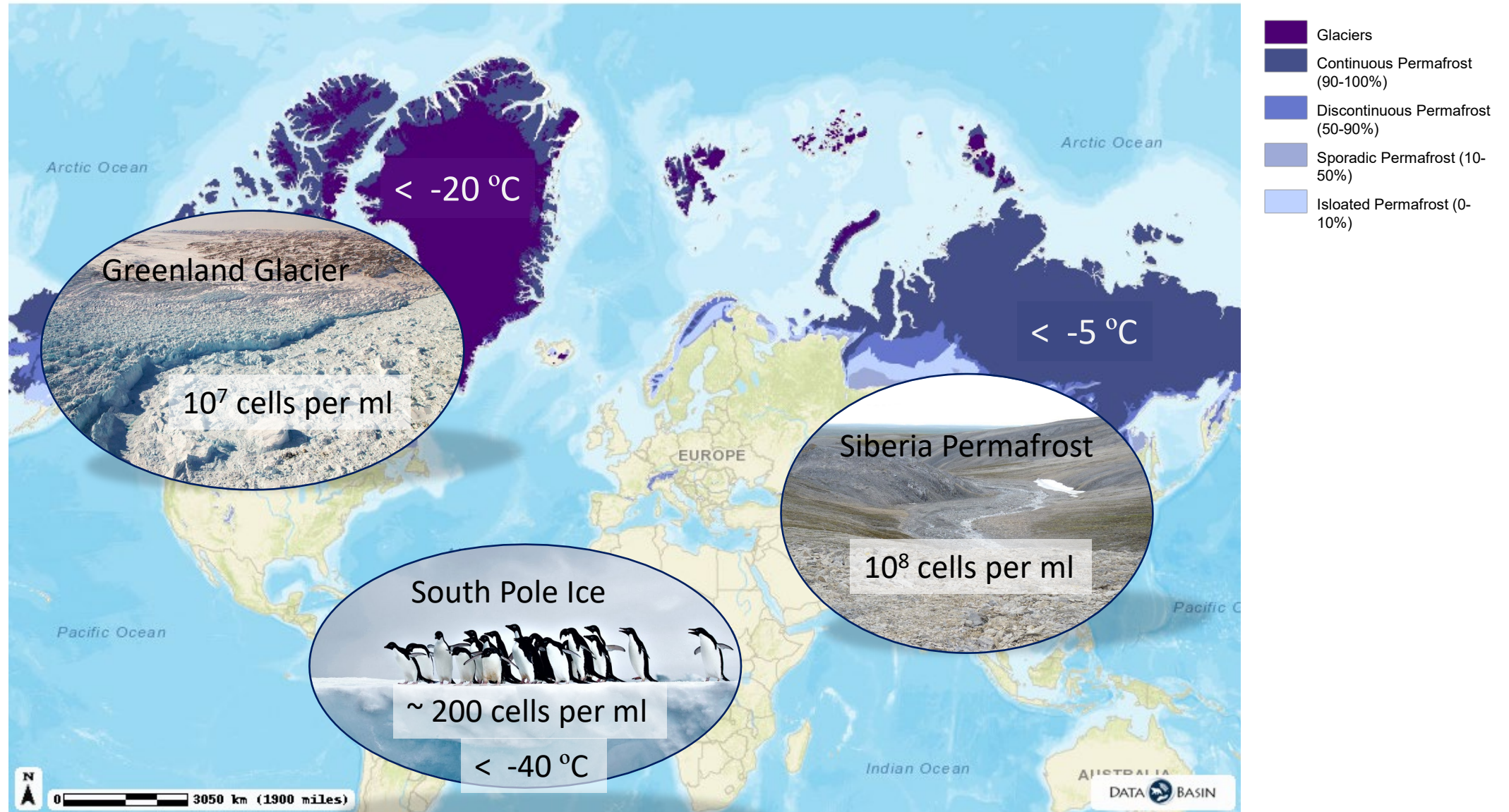


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Map of Permafrost and Ground Ice

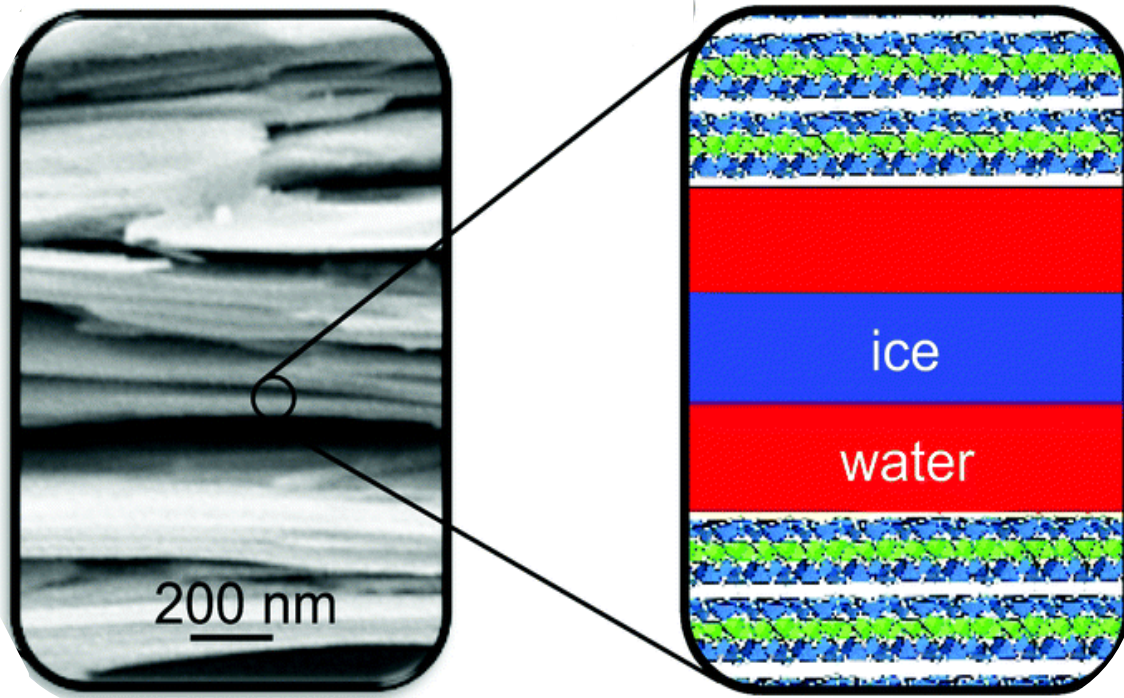


Life at subzero temperatures

Key: liquid water

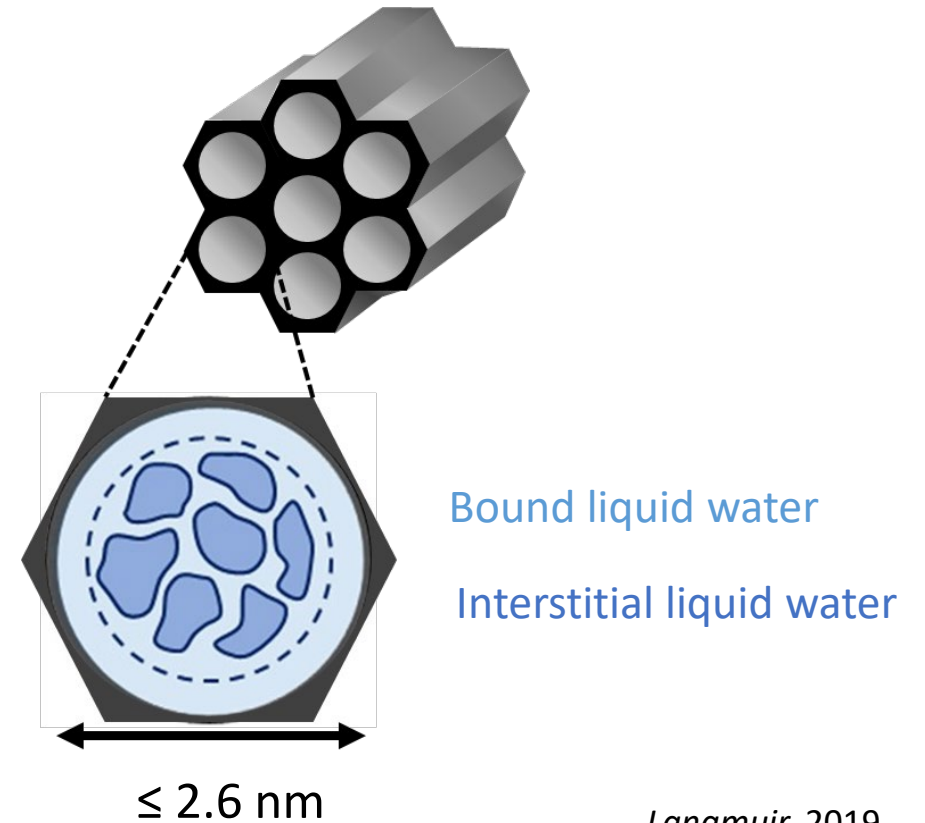
Maintain water in liquid state by hard, nano-sized confinement

Liquid water between clays



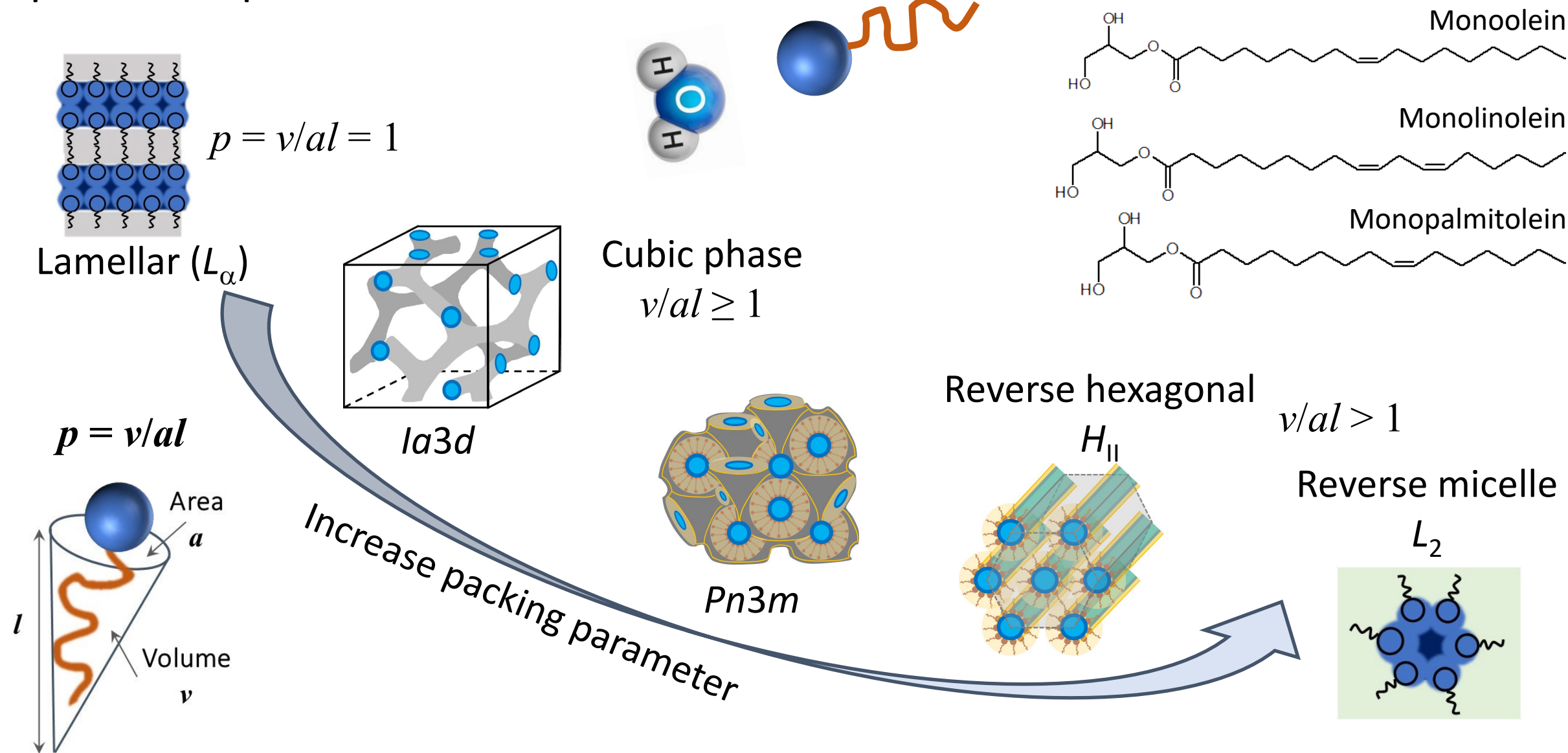
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Mesoporous silica

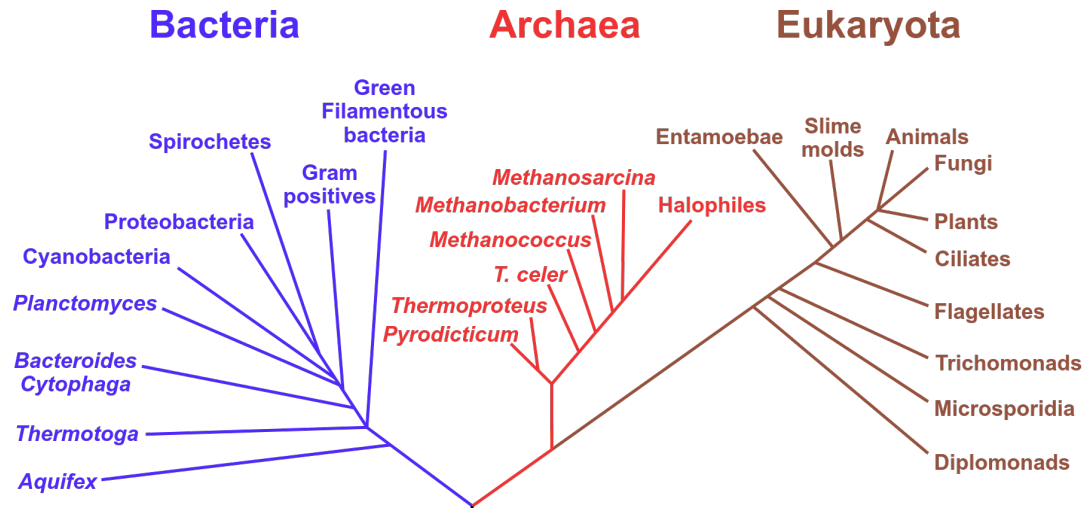


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Lipidic mesophase



Inspired by Archaea



The age of Archaea
~3.8 billion years

vs.

The age of the Earth
~4.54 billion years

Archaea Habitats:

- Hot and cold environments;
- Acid or alkaline water;
- Highly saline conditions.



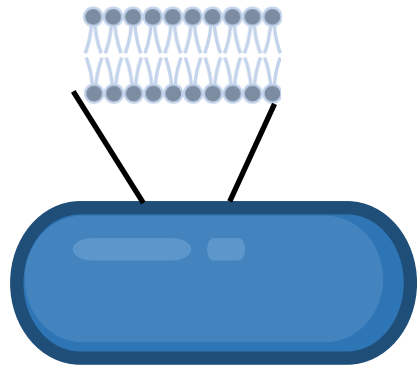
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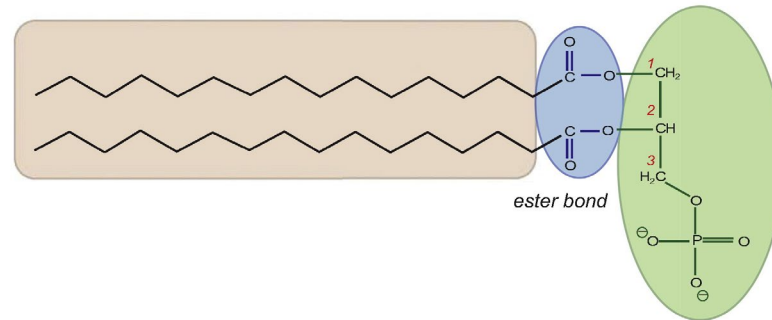
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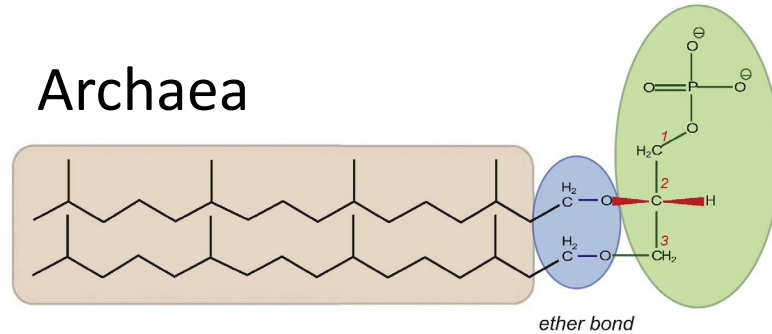
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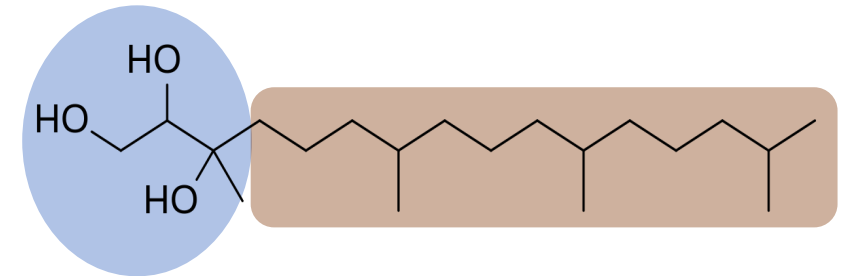
Bacteria and eukaryota



Archaea



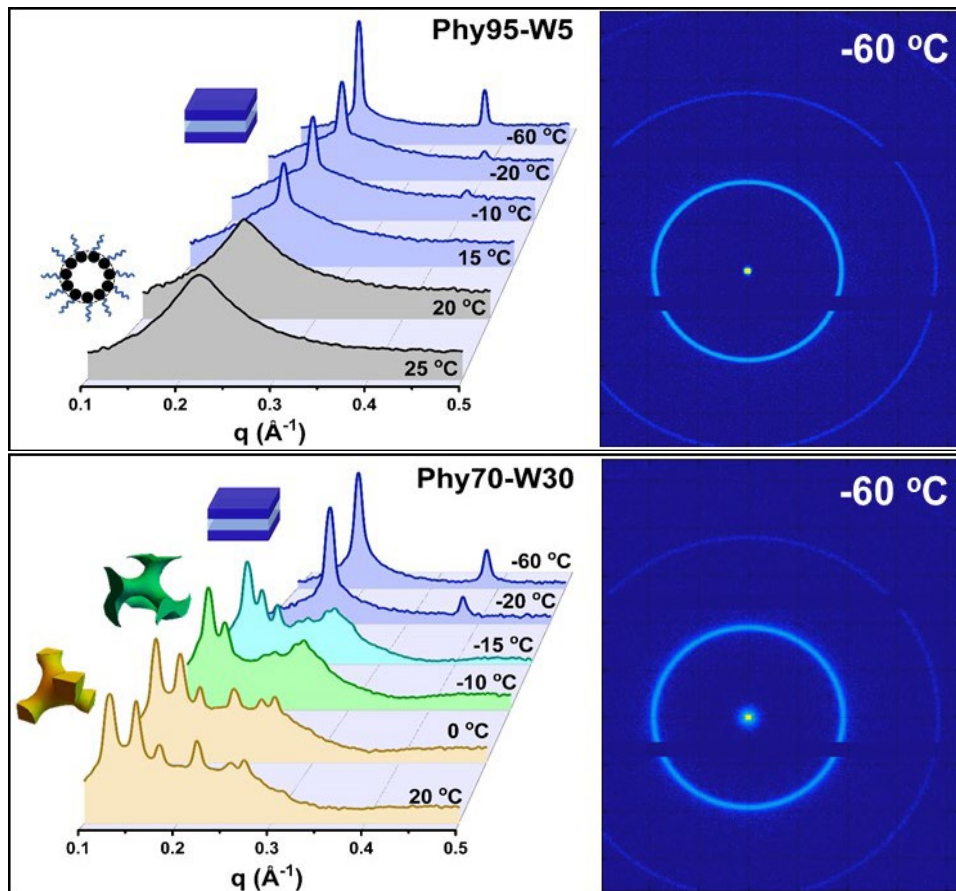
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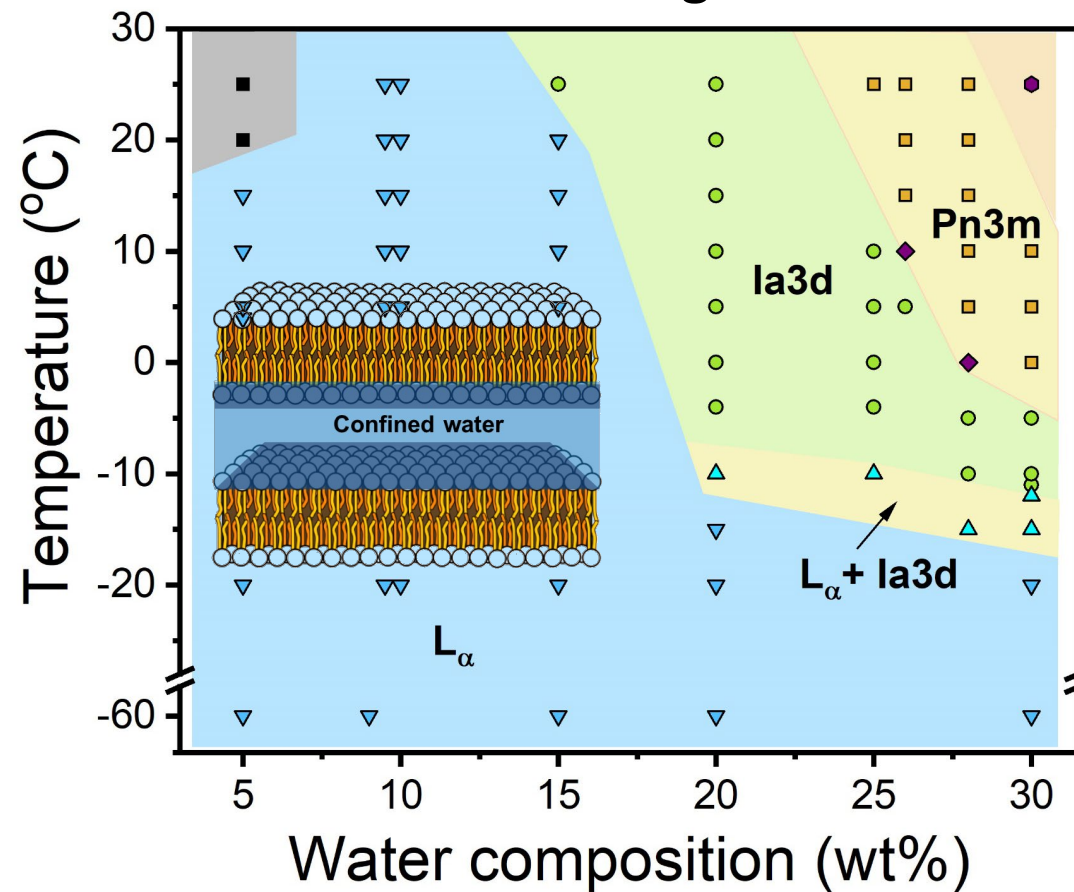
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Lipidic mesophase structure

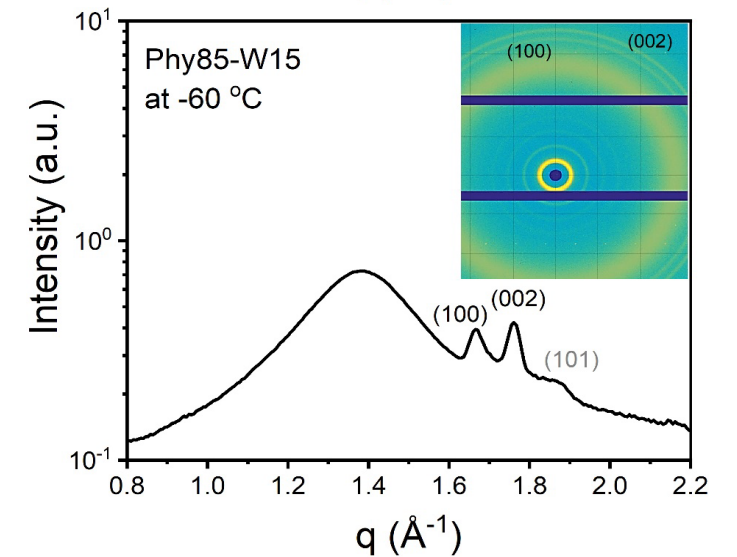
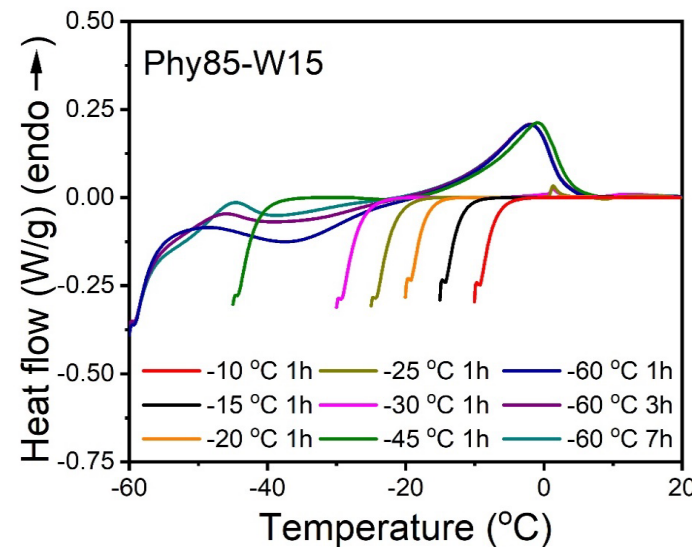
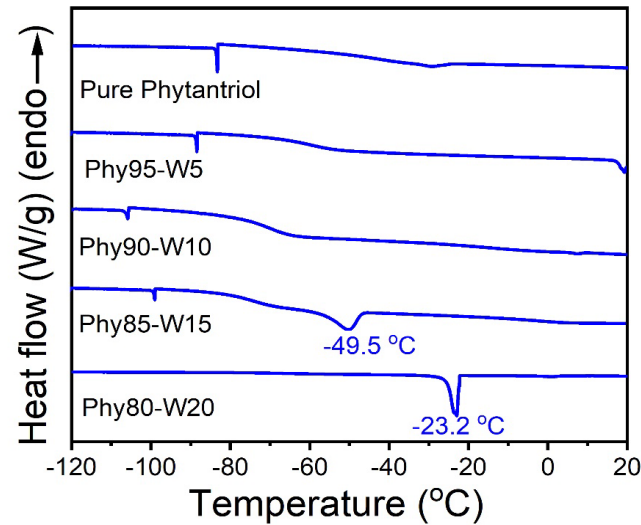
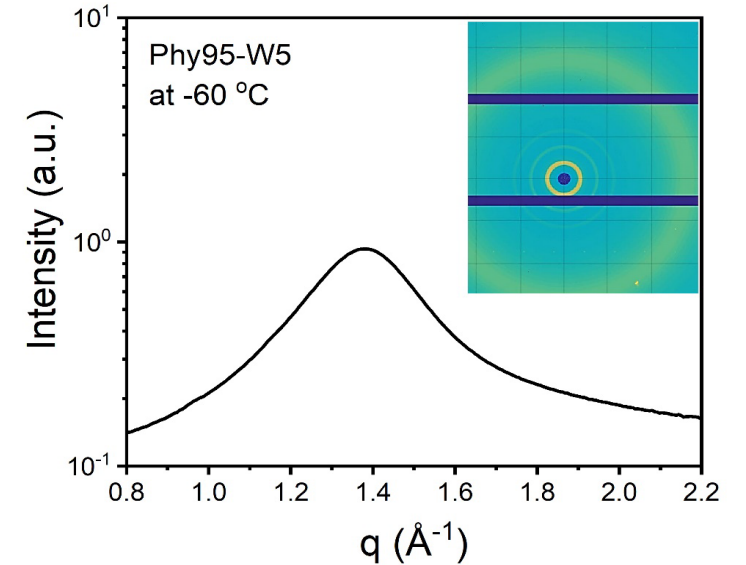
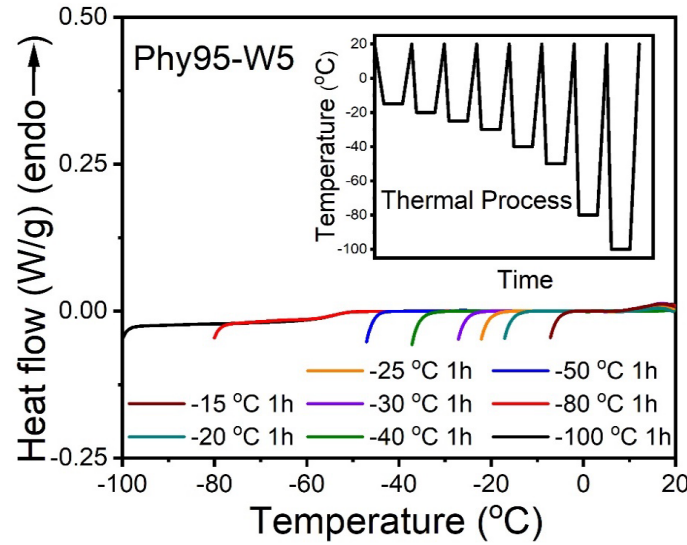
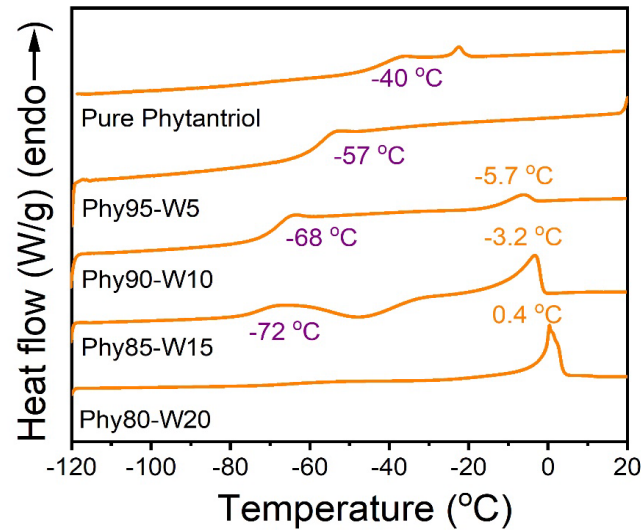
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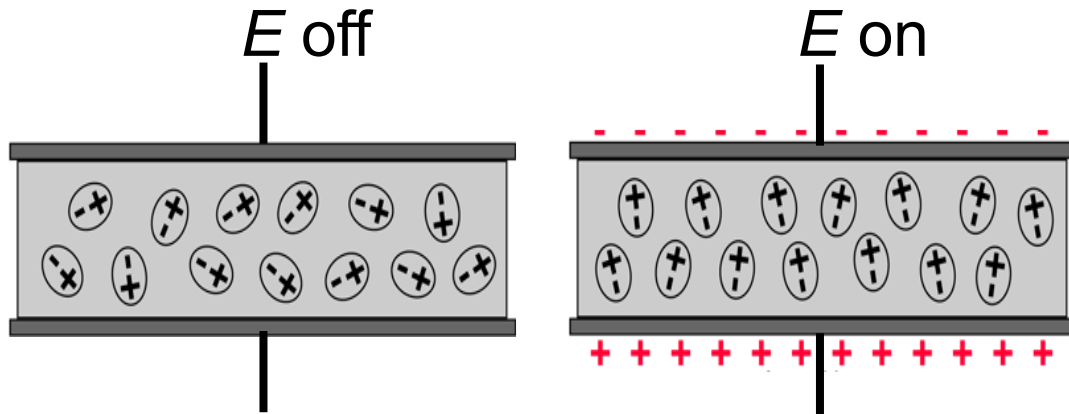
Phase diagram



Water crystallization in lipidic mesophase



Broadband dielectric spectroscopy



Dielectric properties:

- Complex dielectric permittivity

$$\varepsilon^* = \varepsilon' - i\varepsilon''$$

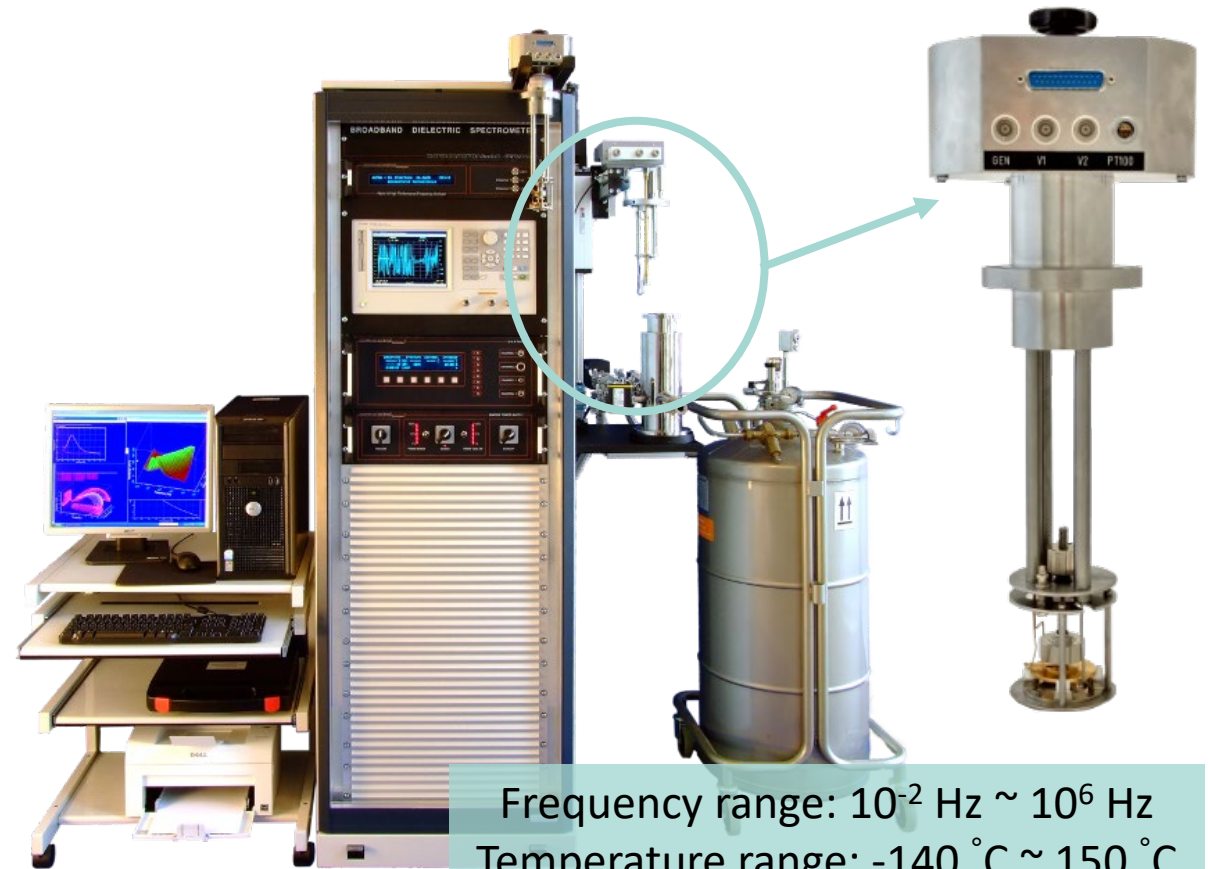
- Complex conductivity

$$\sigma^* = \sigma' + i\sigma''$$

- Complex electric modulus

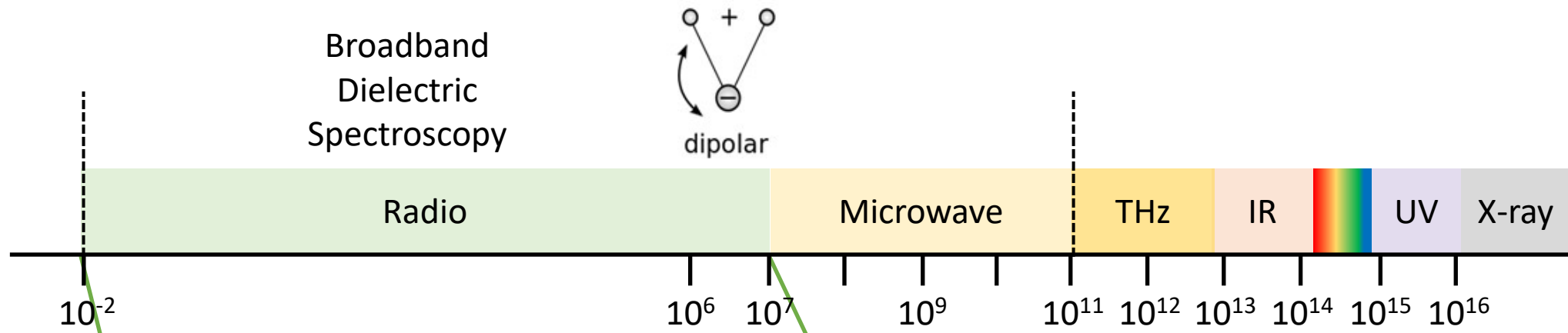
$$M^* = M' + iM''$$

as a function of frequency and temperature



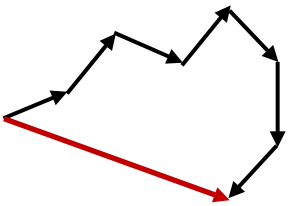
Frequency range: 10^{-2} Hz \sim 10^6 Hz
Temperature range: -140 °C \sim 150 °C

Electromagnetic spectrum

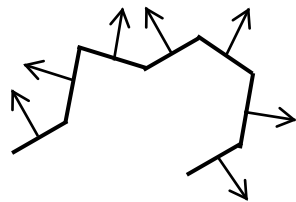


Molecular dynamics in soft matter:
polymers, lipids, water below 0 °C ...
Phase transition, crystallization, self-assembly, aggregation...

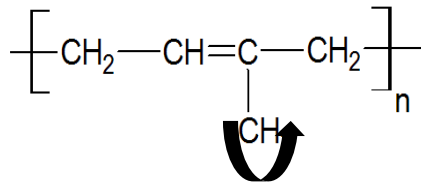
Chain dynamics



Segmental dynamics

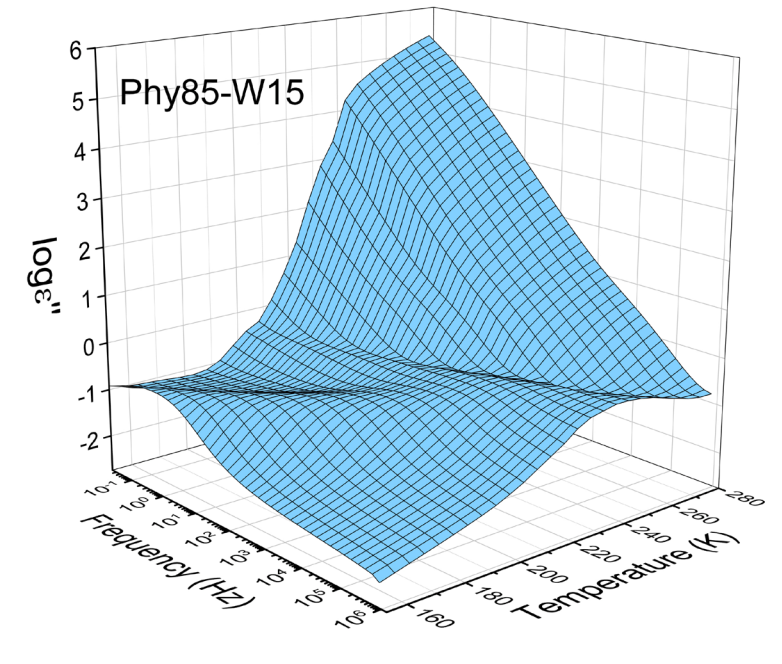
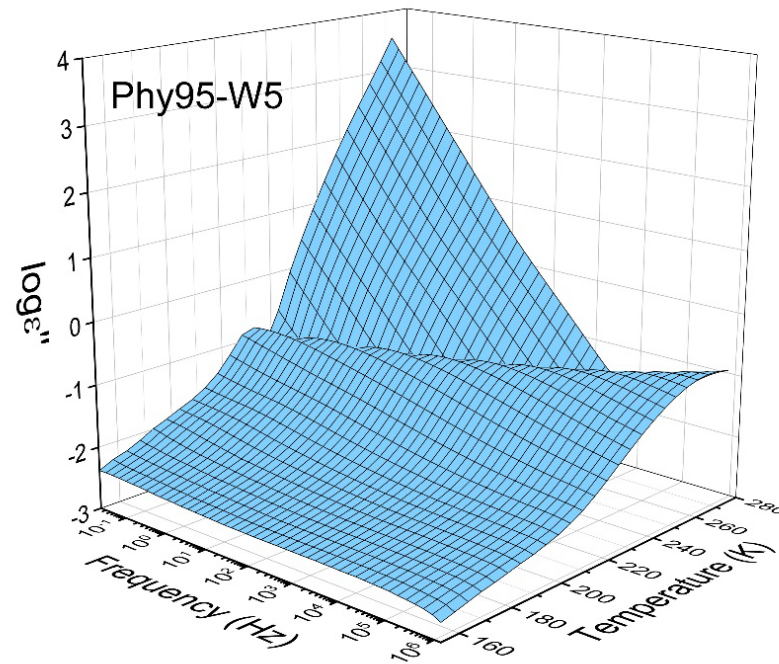
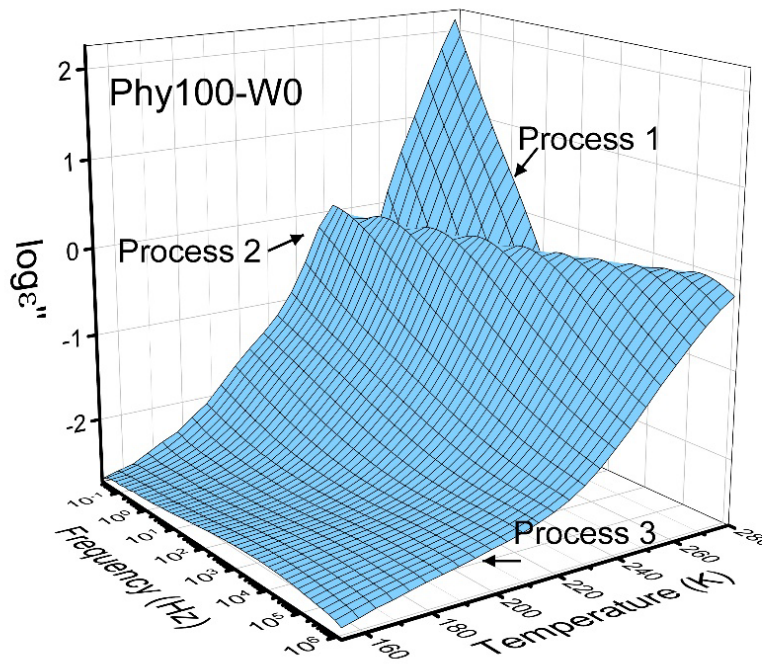


Local dynamics

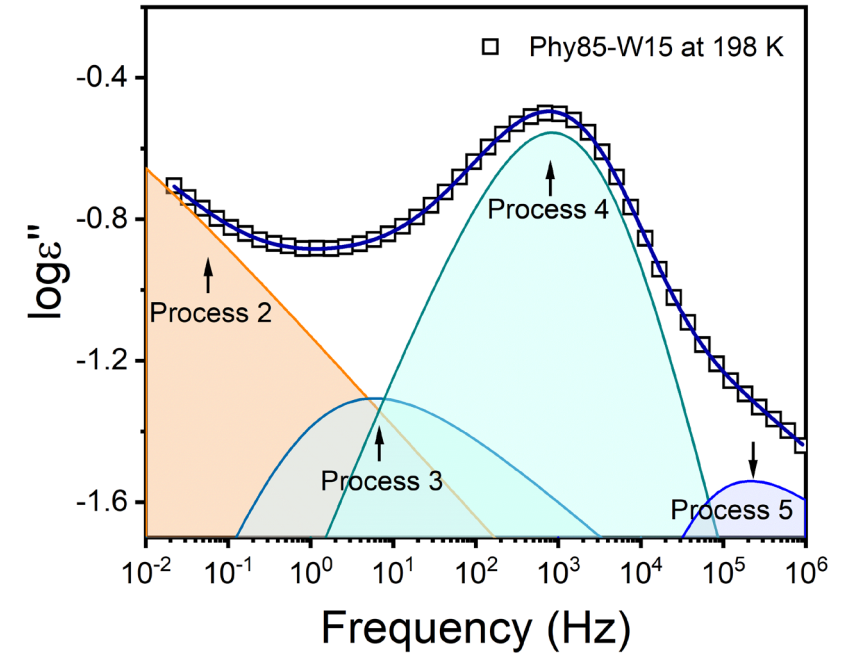
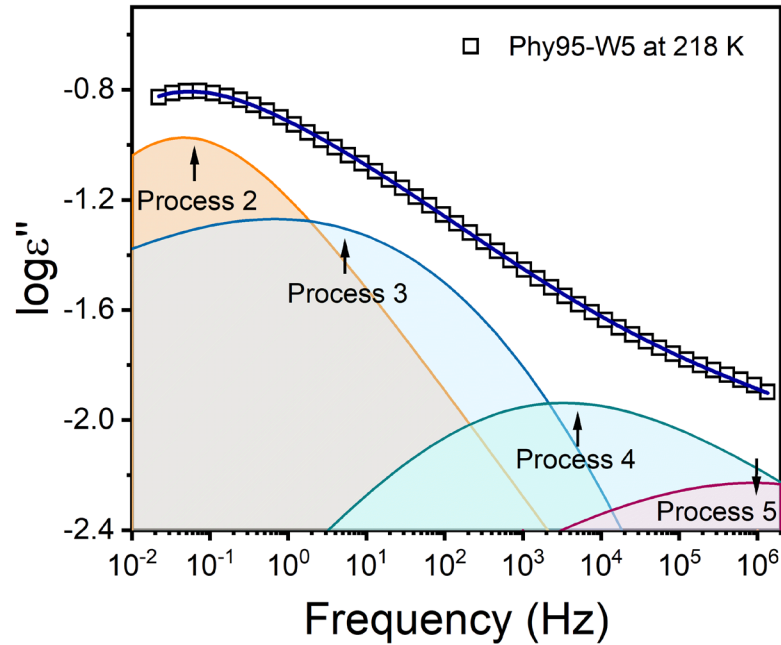
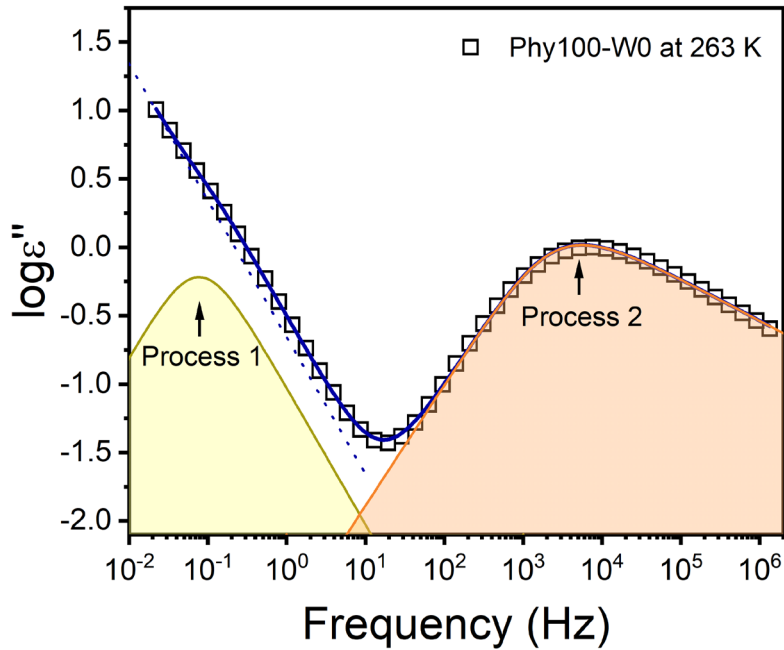


Water and lipid dynamics in lipidic mesophase

Broadband dielectric spectra



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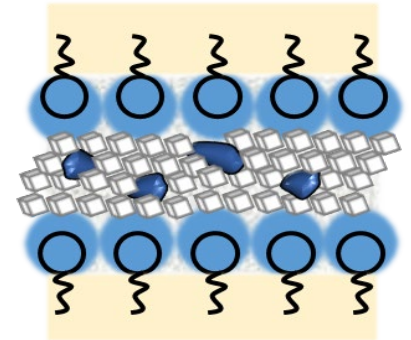
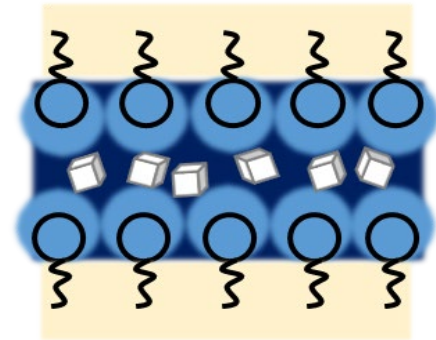
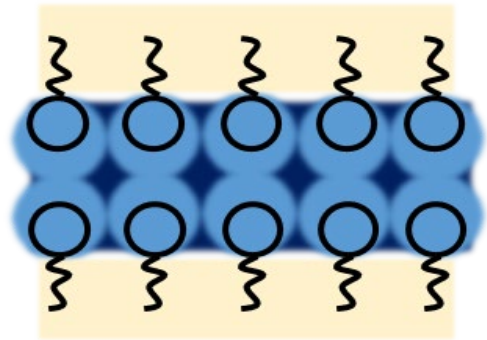
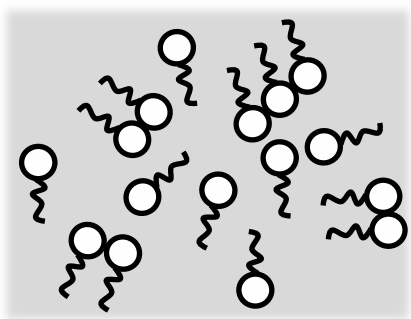
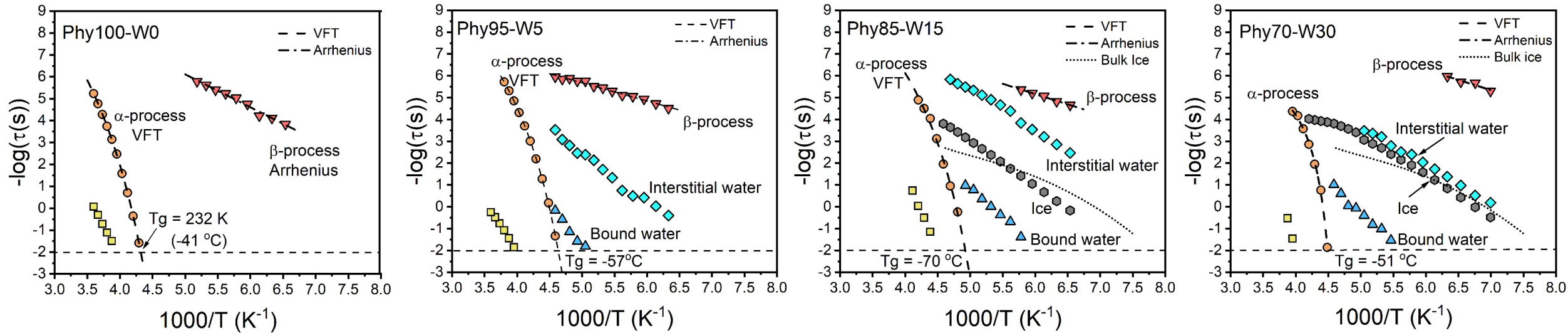


Havriliak and Negami (HN) Equation:

$$\varepsilon_{HN}^*(\omega, T) = \varepsilon_{\infty}(T) + \frac{\Delta\varepsilon(T)}{[1+(i\omega \cdot \tau_{HN}(T))^m]^n} + \frac{\sigma_0(T)}{i\varepsilon_f \omega}$$

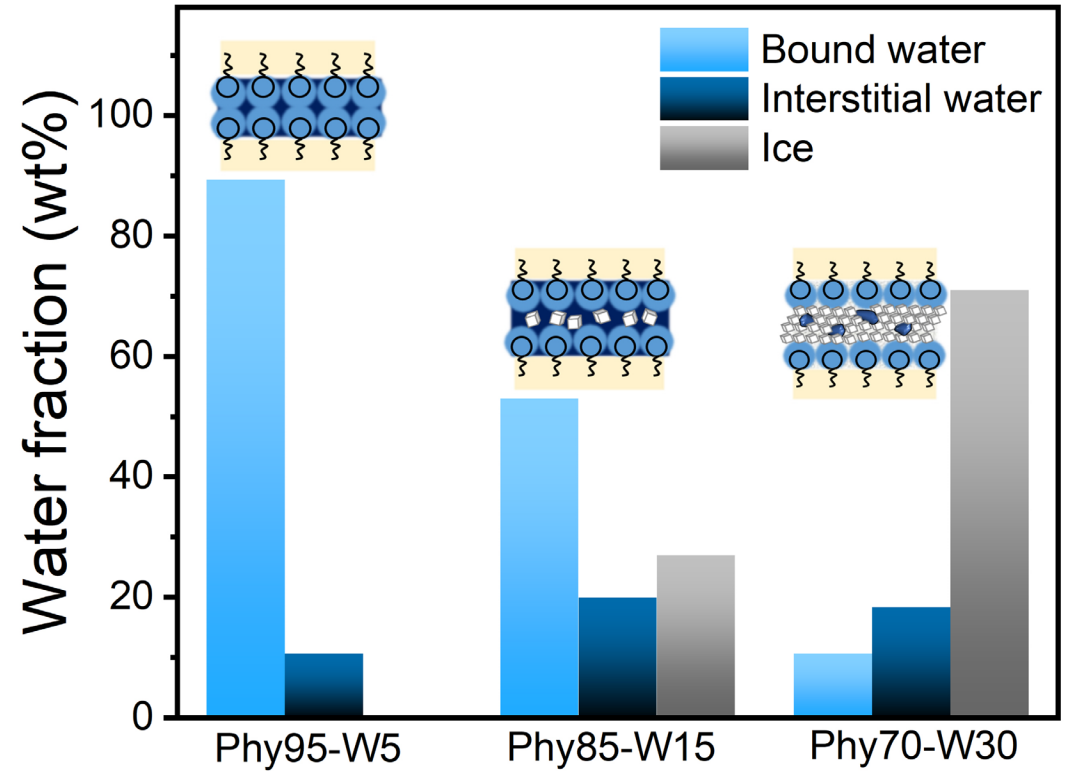
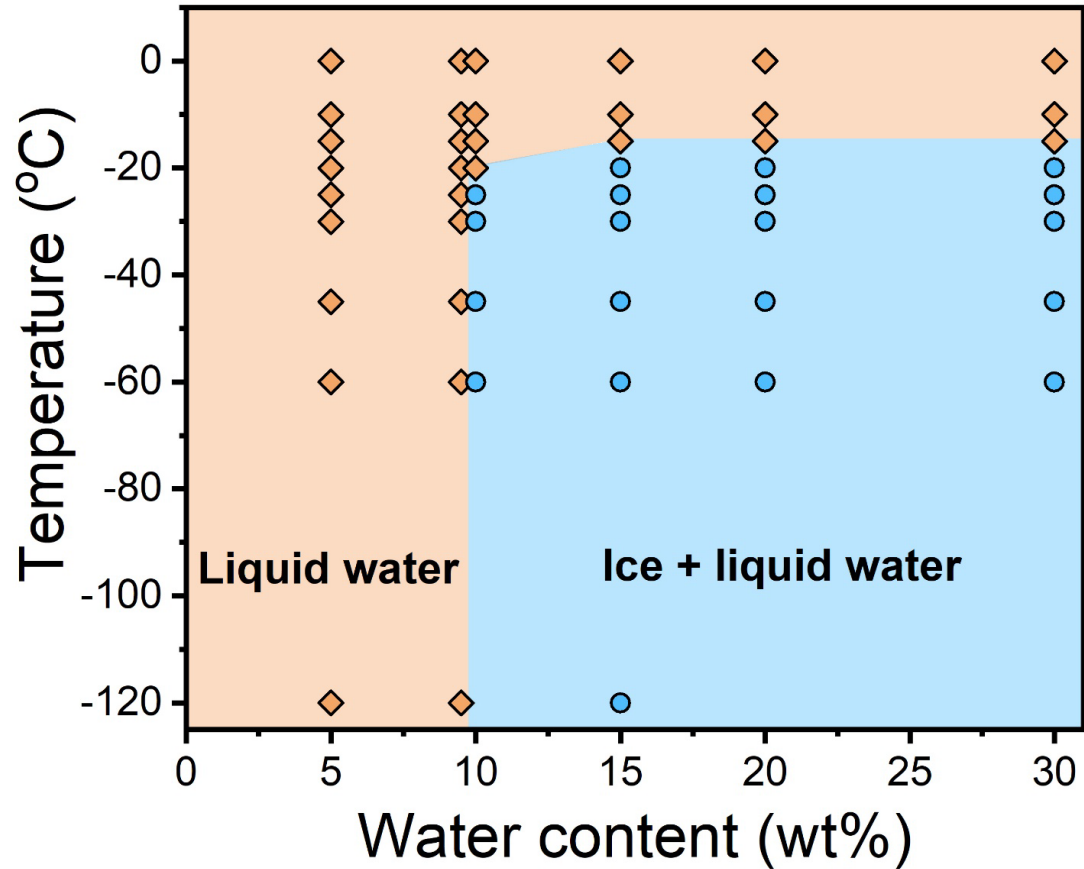
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Relaxation time vs. temperature



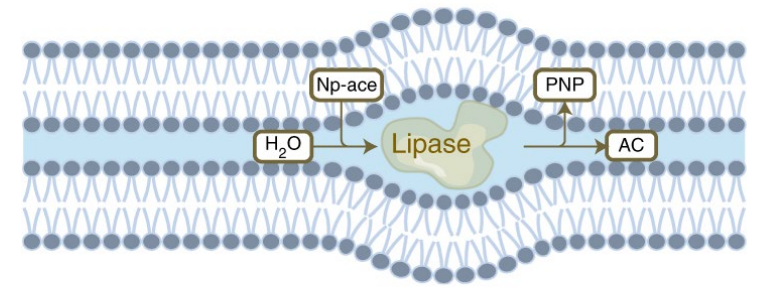
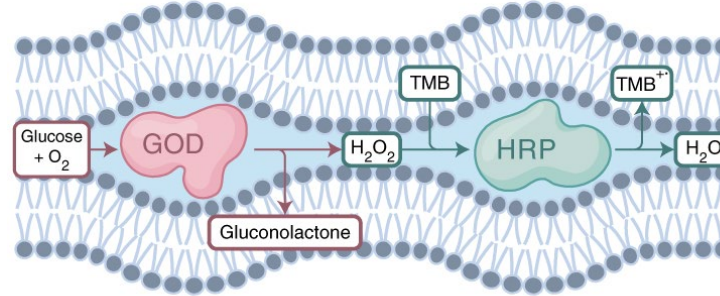
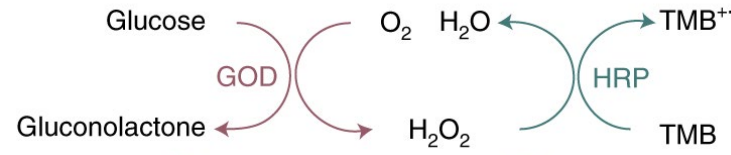
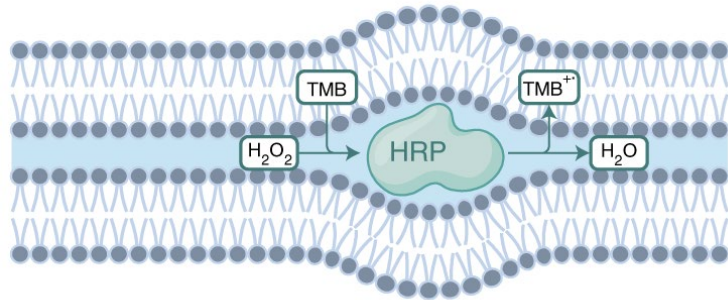
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Water state diagram



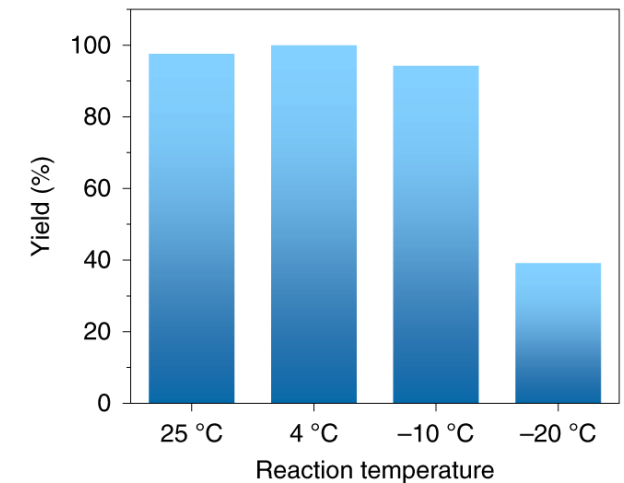
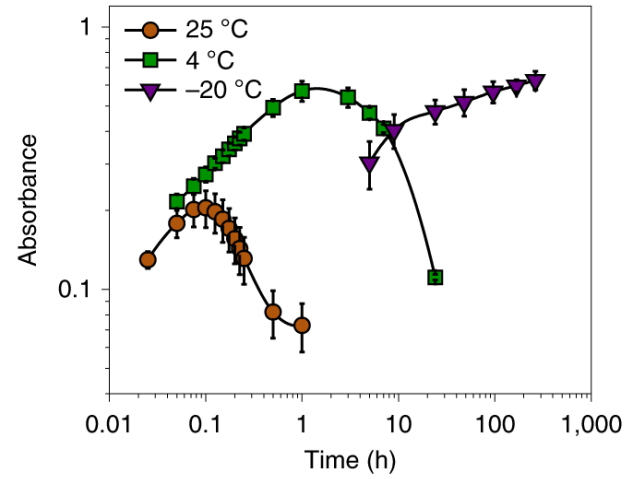
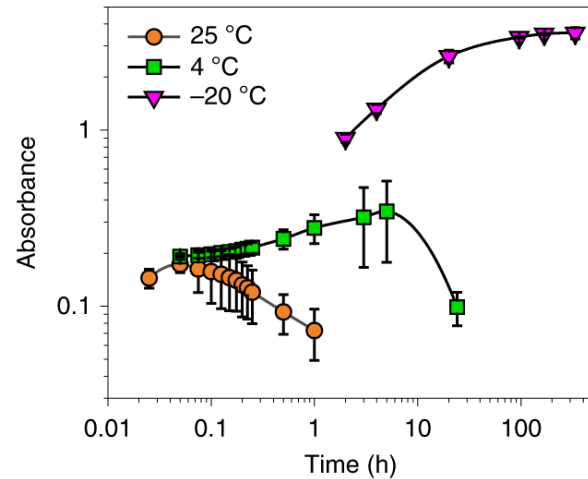
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Cryo-enzymatic reactions in lipidic mesophase



PNP: 4-nitrophenol

AC: acetic acid

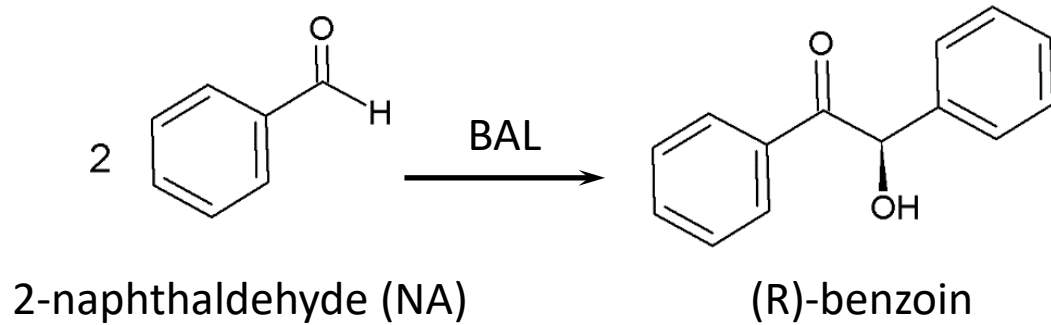
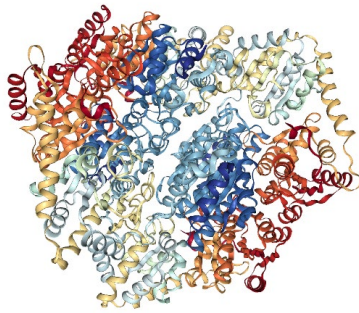


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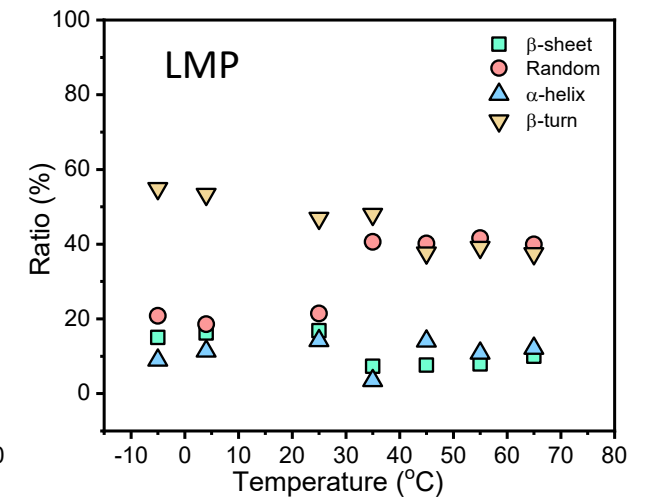
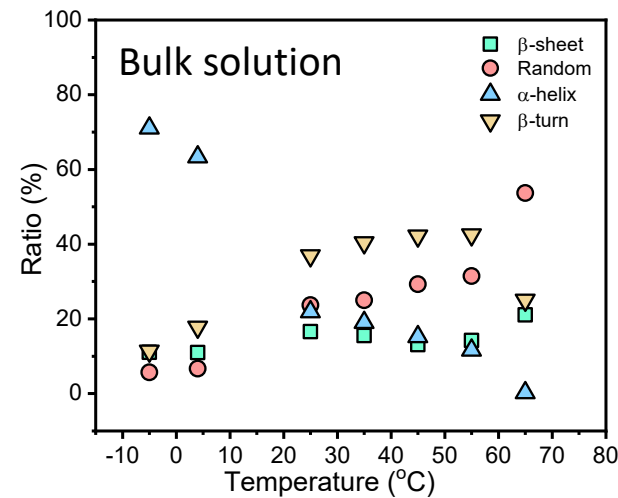
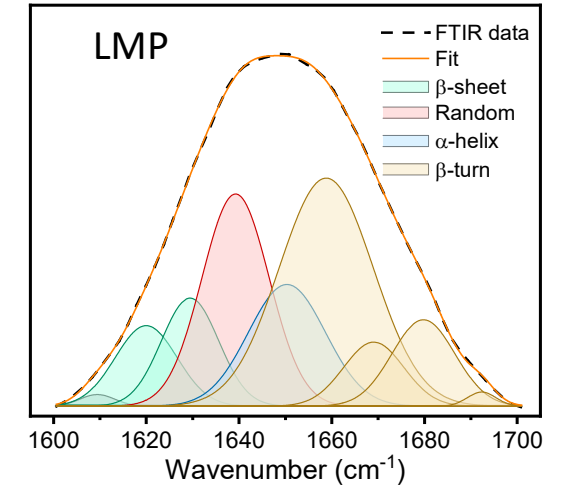
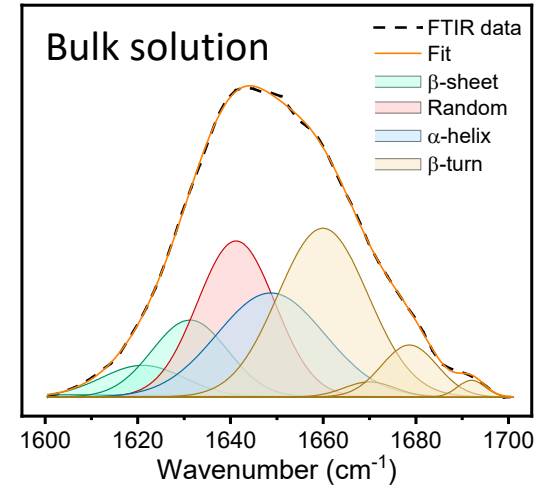
Enzyme conformation in lipidic mesophase (LMP)

Benzaldehyde Lyase (BAL)

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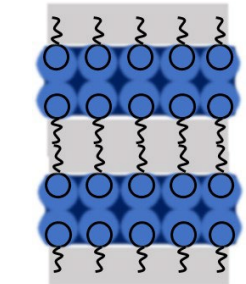


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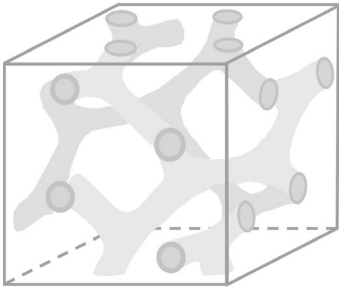
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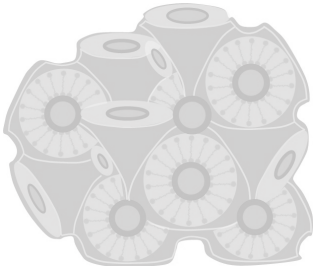
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Lamellar (L_α)



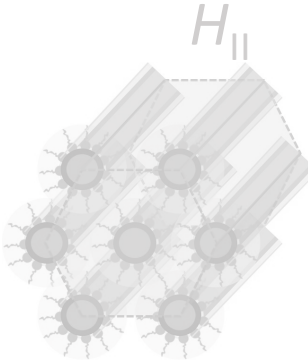
$Ia3d$

Cubic phase
 $v/al \geq 1$



$Pn3m$

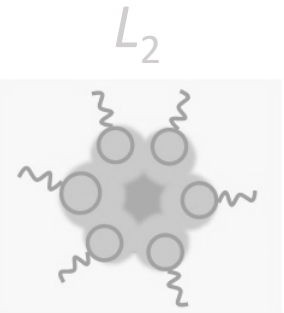
Reverse hexagonal



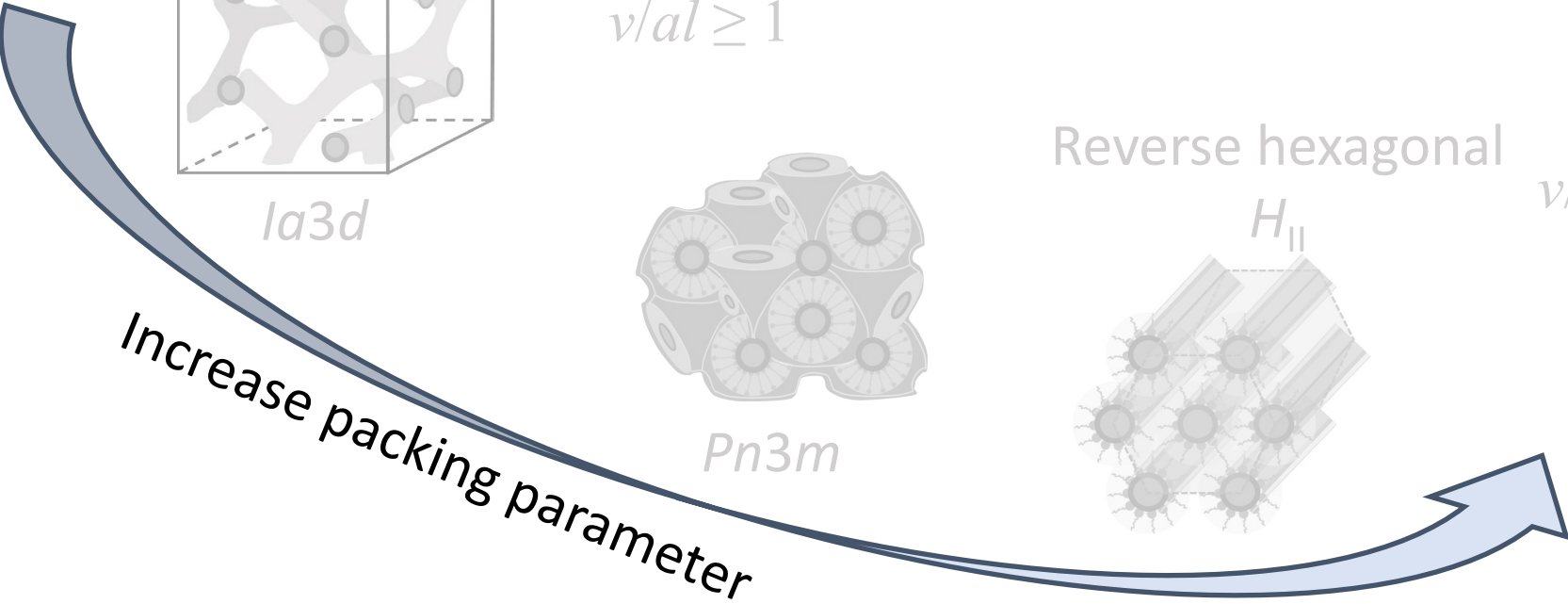
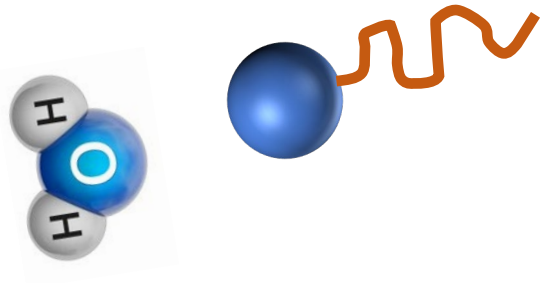
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$v/al > 1$

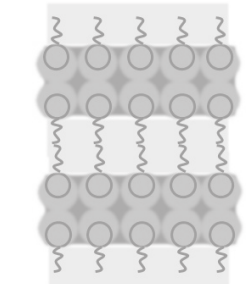
Reverse micelle



L_2

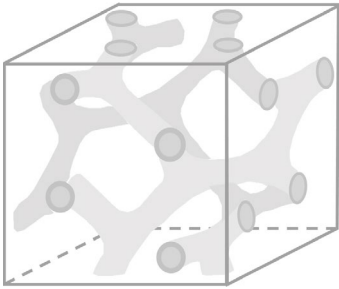


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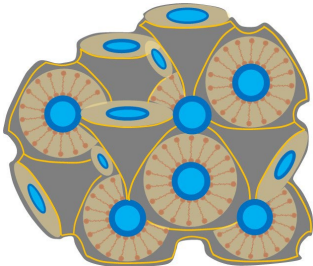
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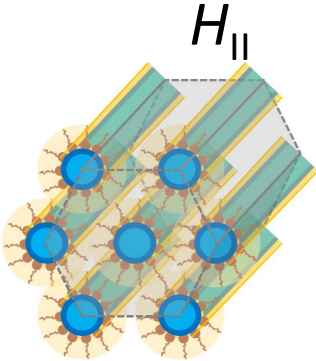
Cubic phase

$$v/al \geq 1$$



$Pn3m$

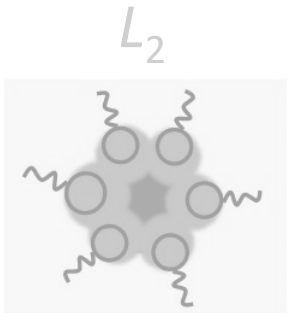
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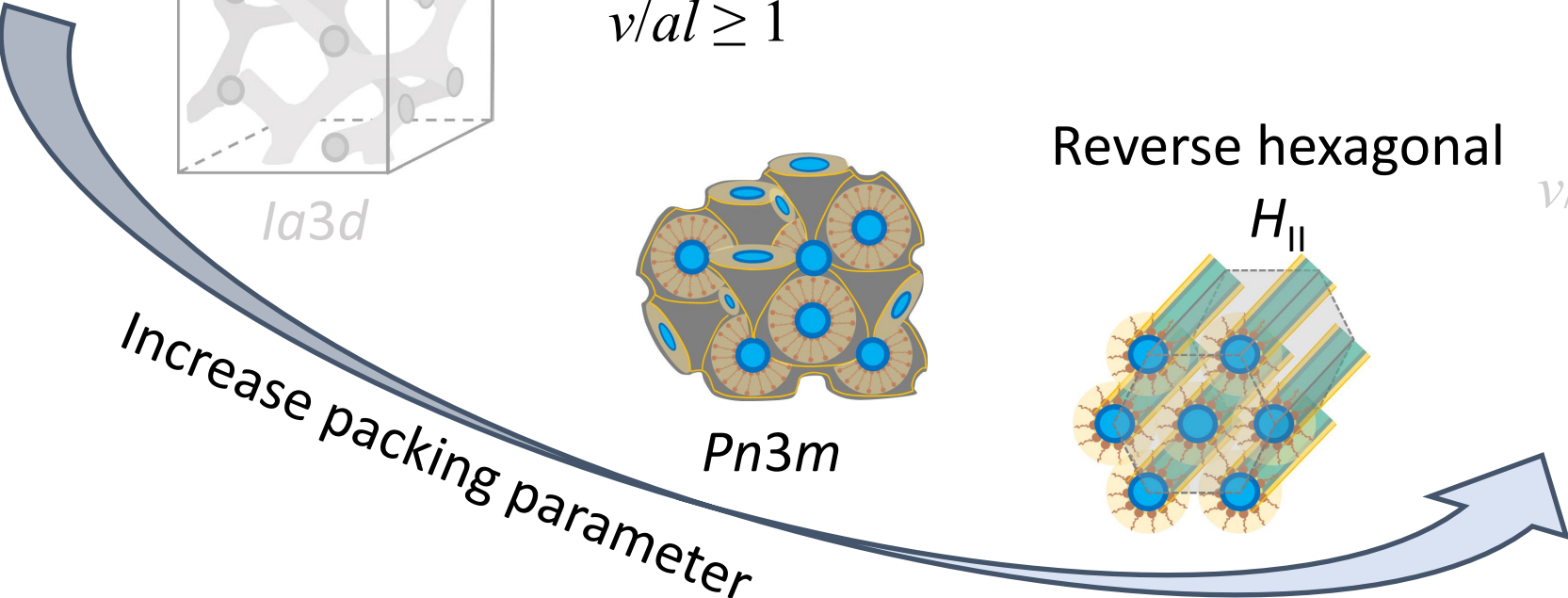
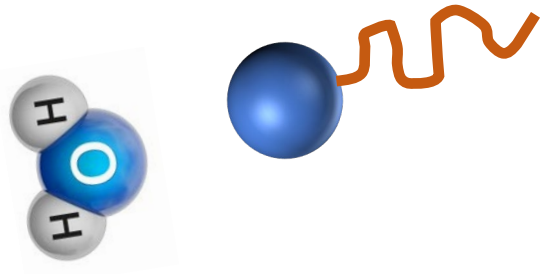
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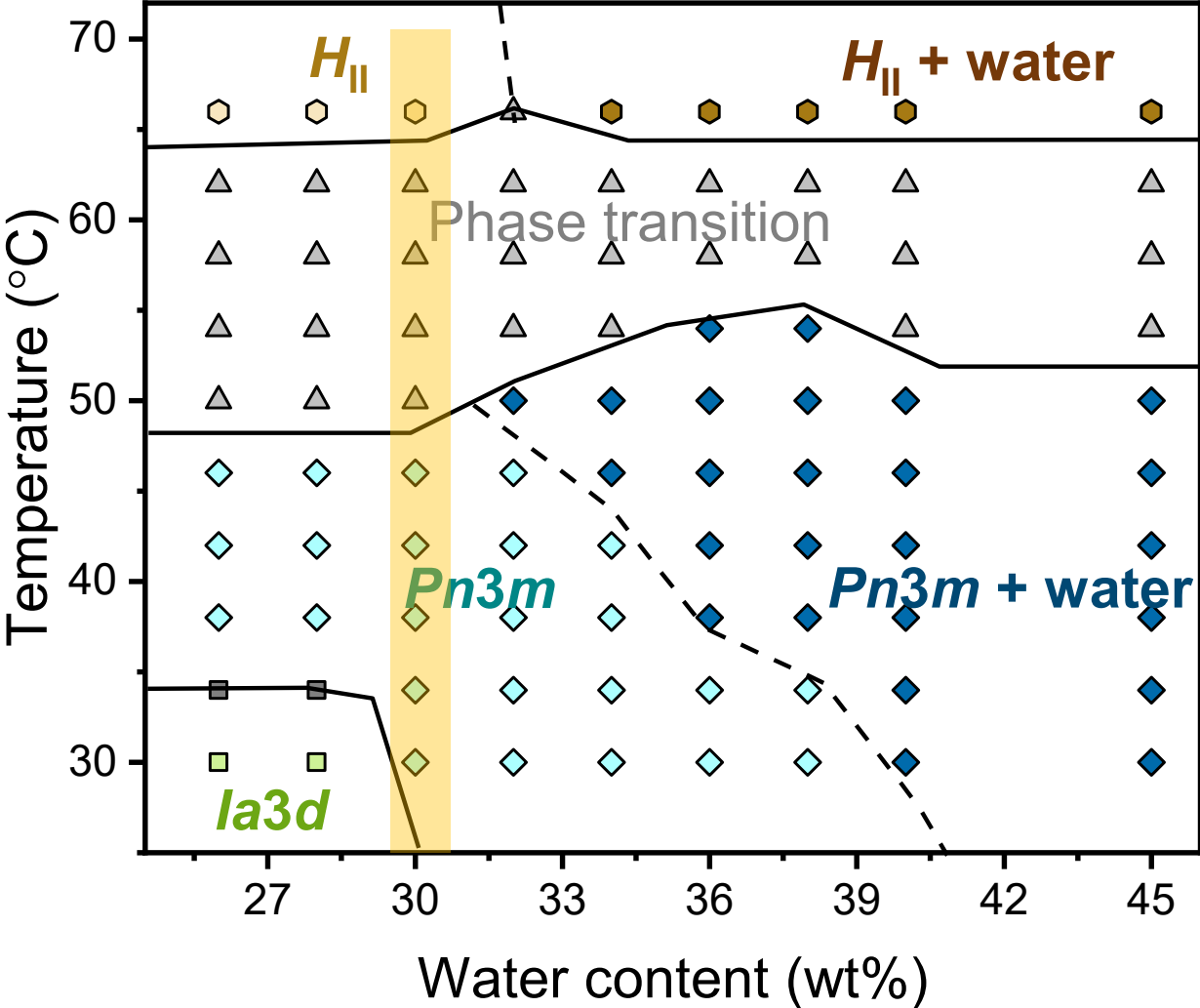
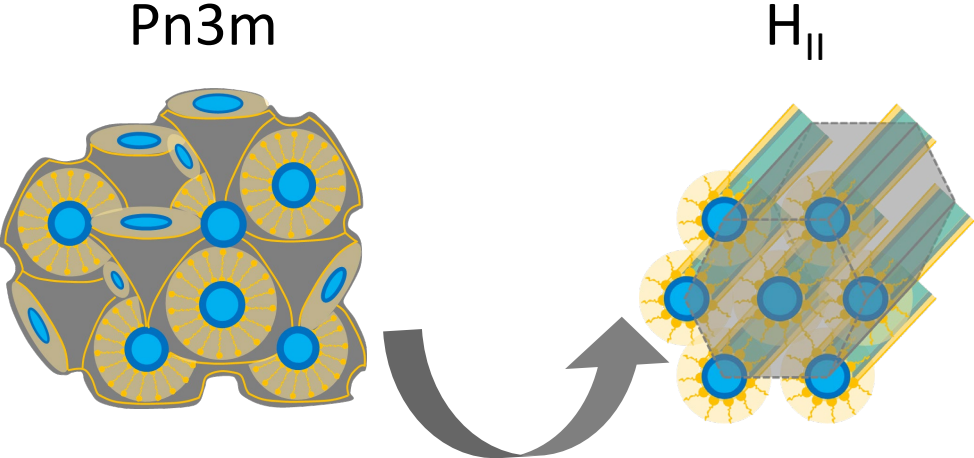
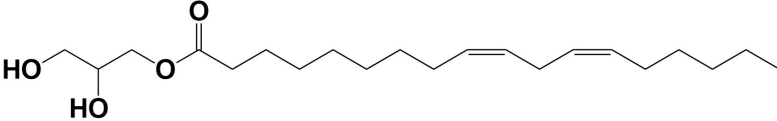


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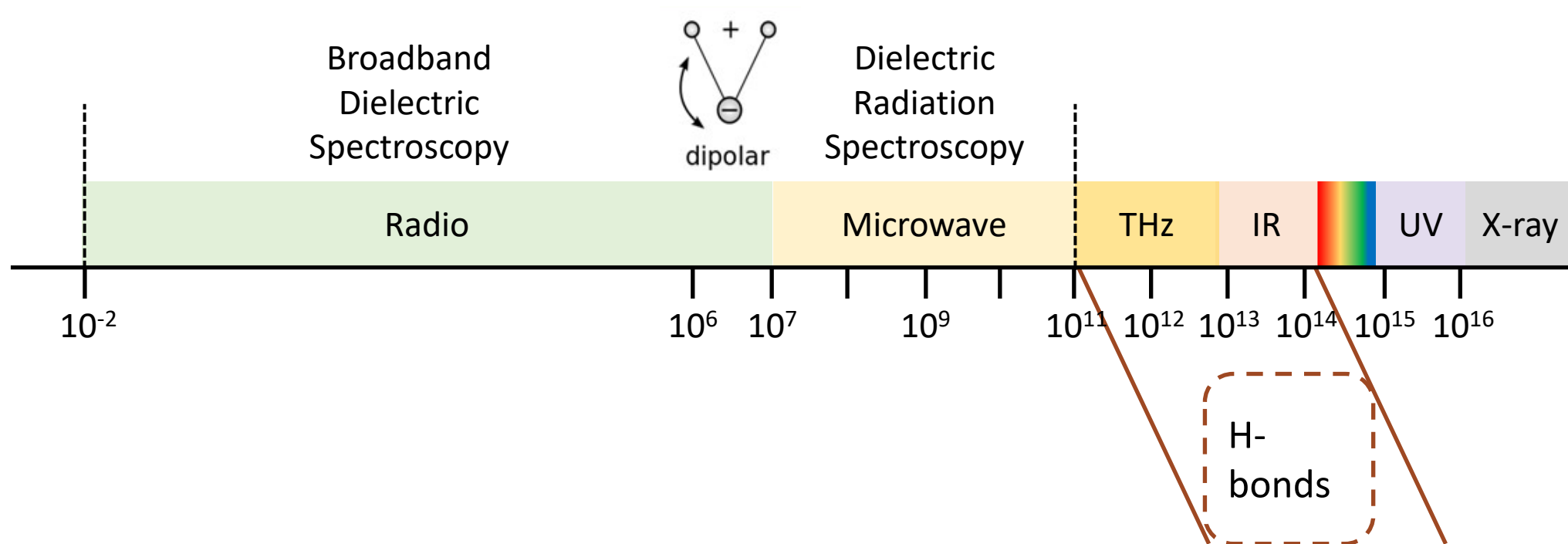


Lipidic mesophase phase transition

Dimodan (monolinolein)

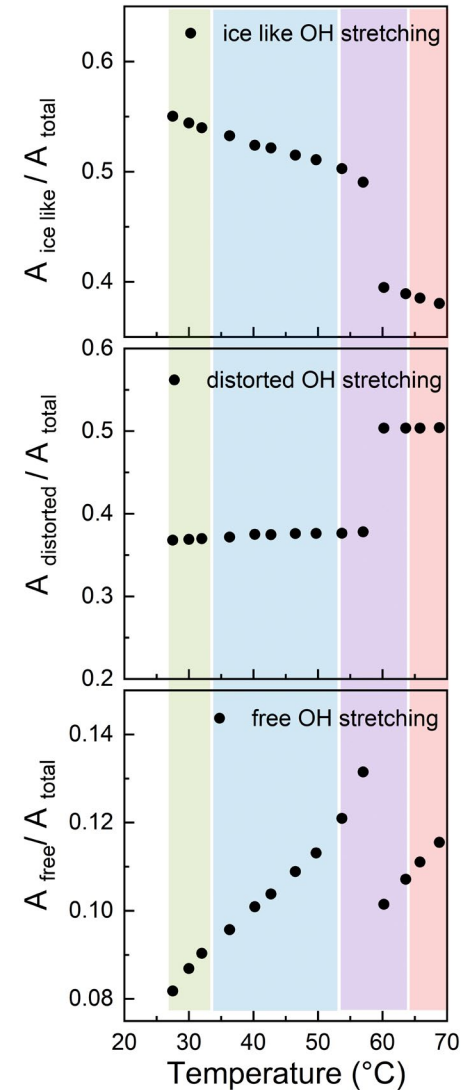
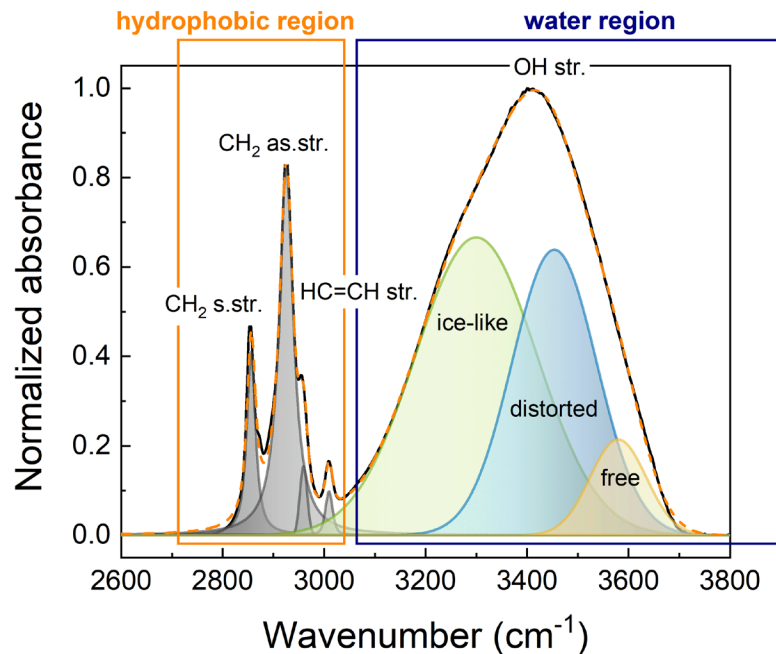
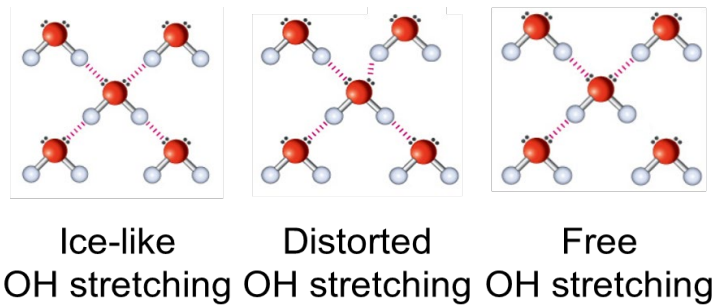
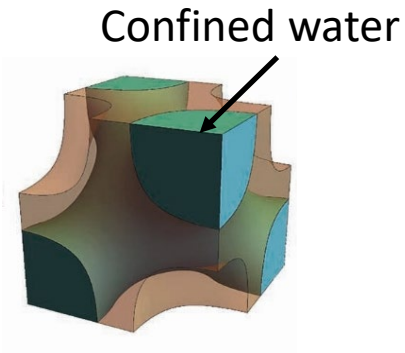


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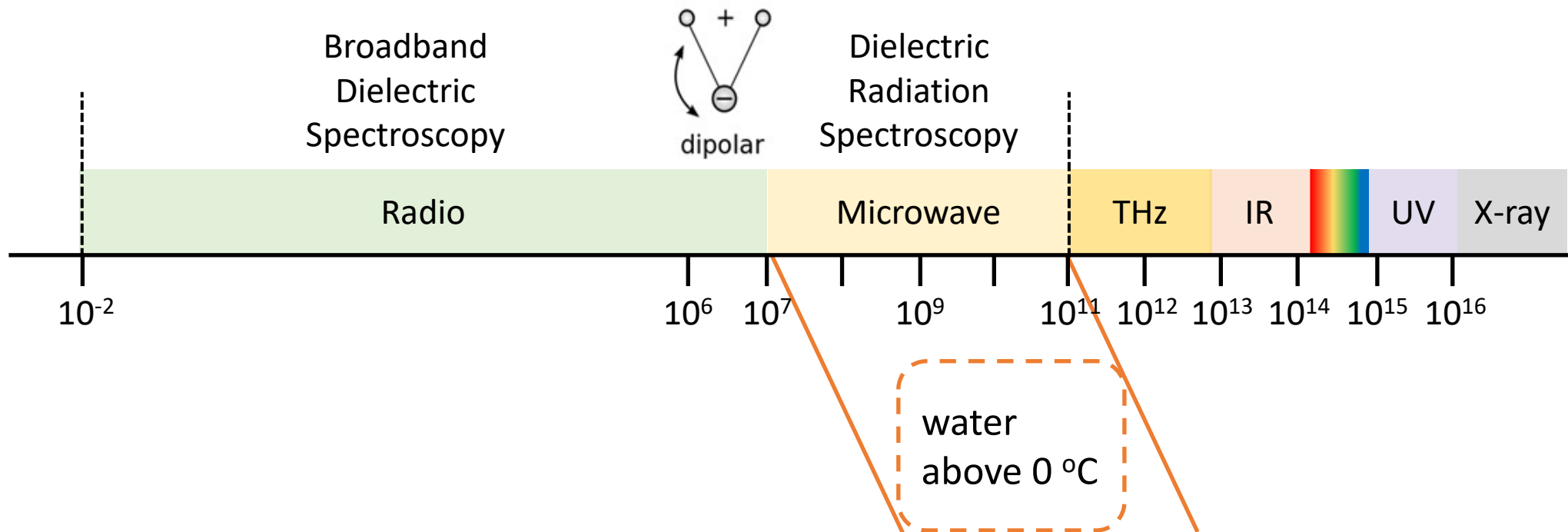


Hydrogen-bond network of confined water

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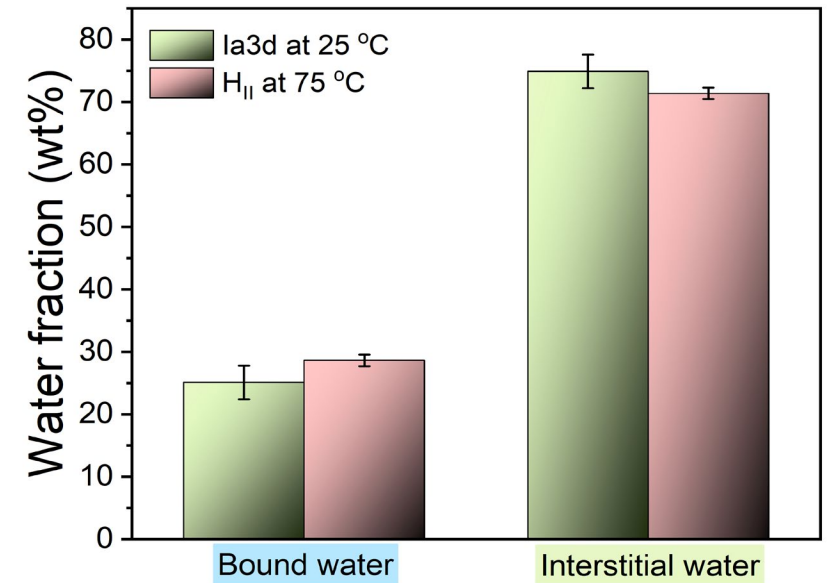
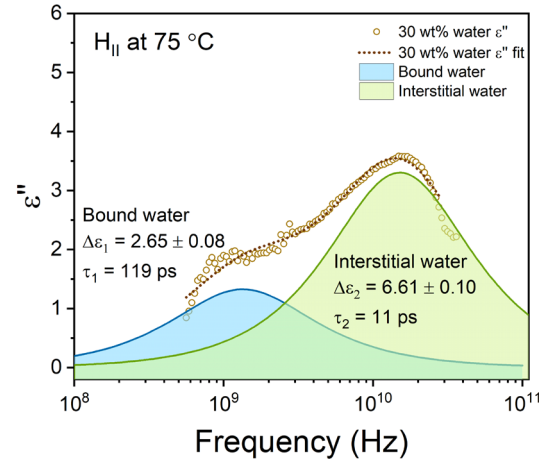
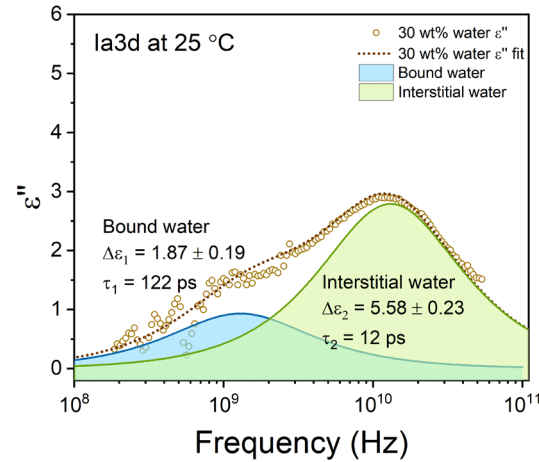
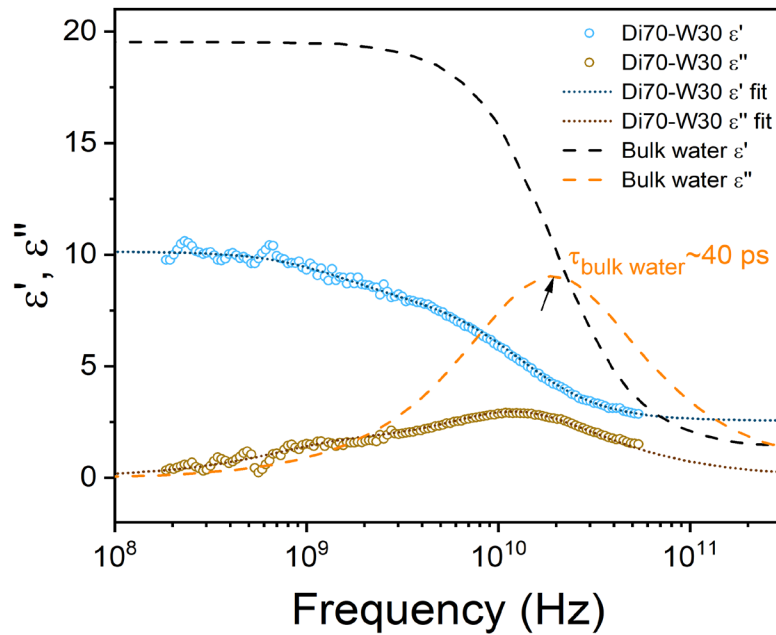
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Water dynamics during phase transition

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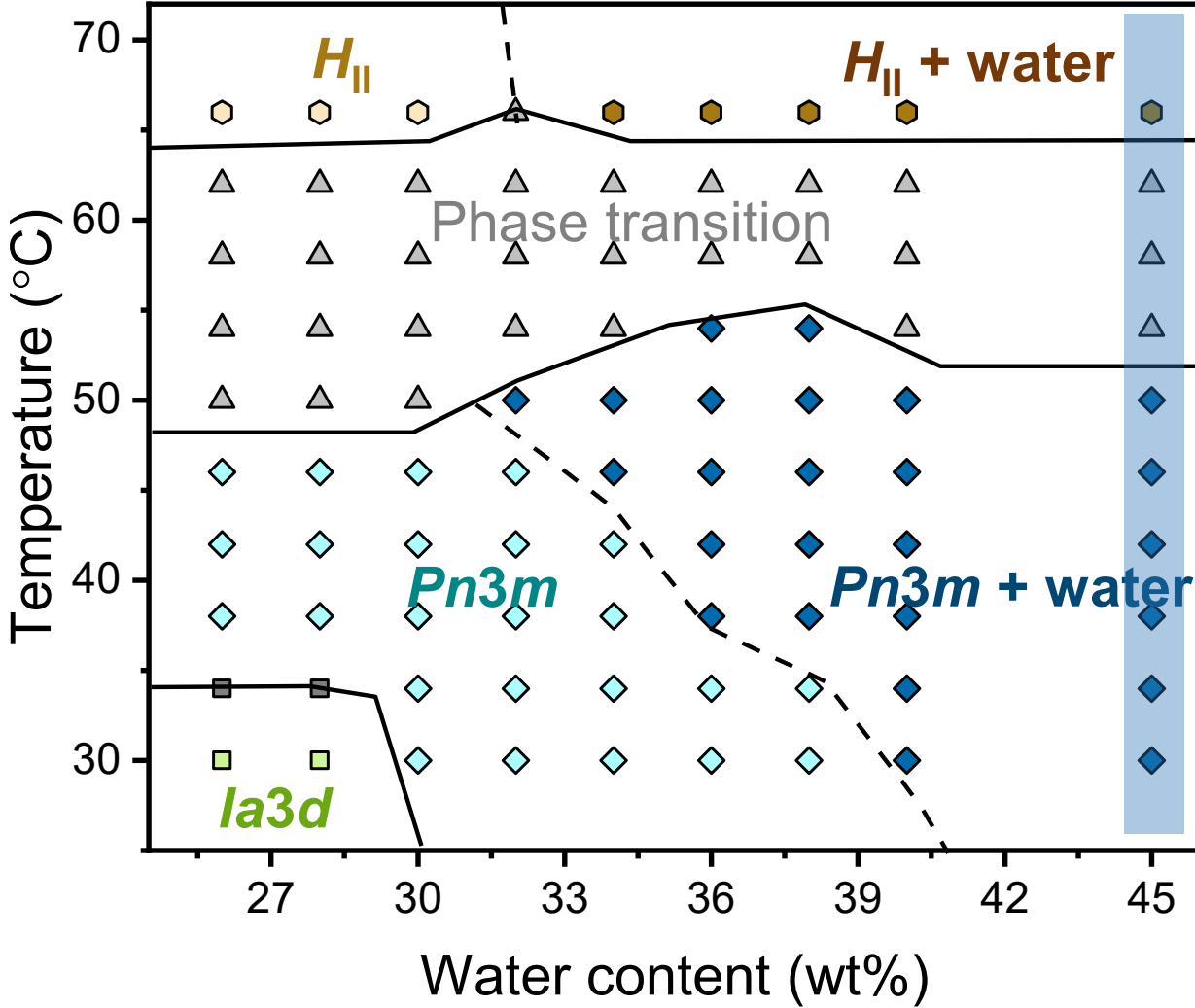
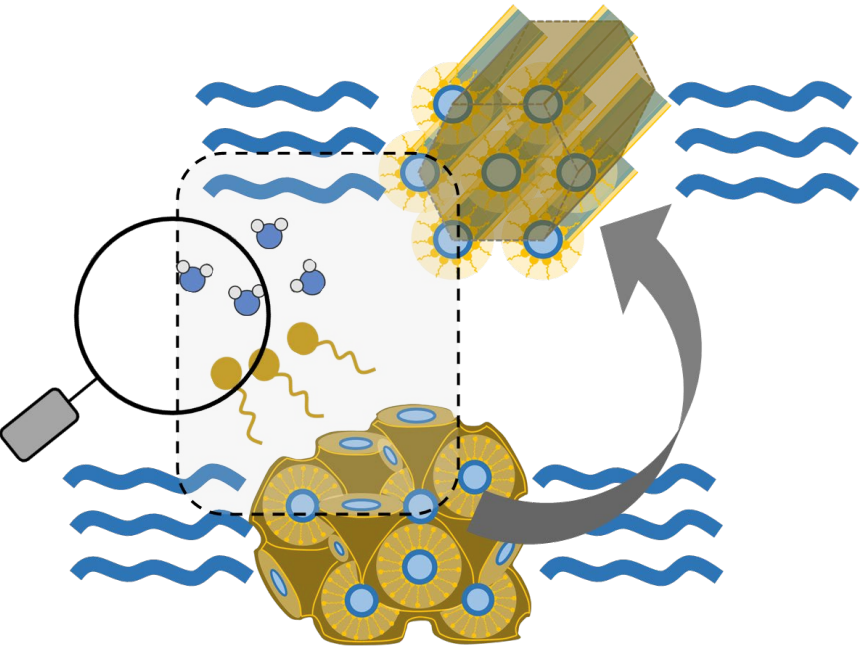
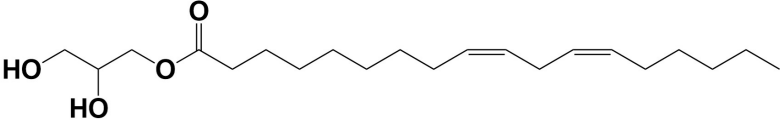
Dielectric radiation spectroscopy (high frequency BDS)



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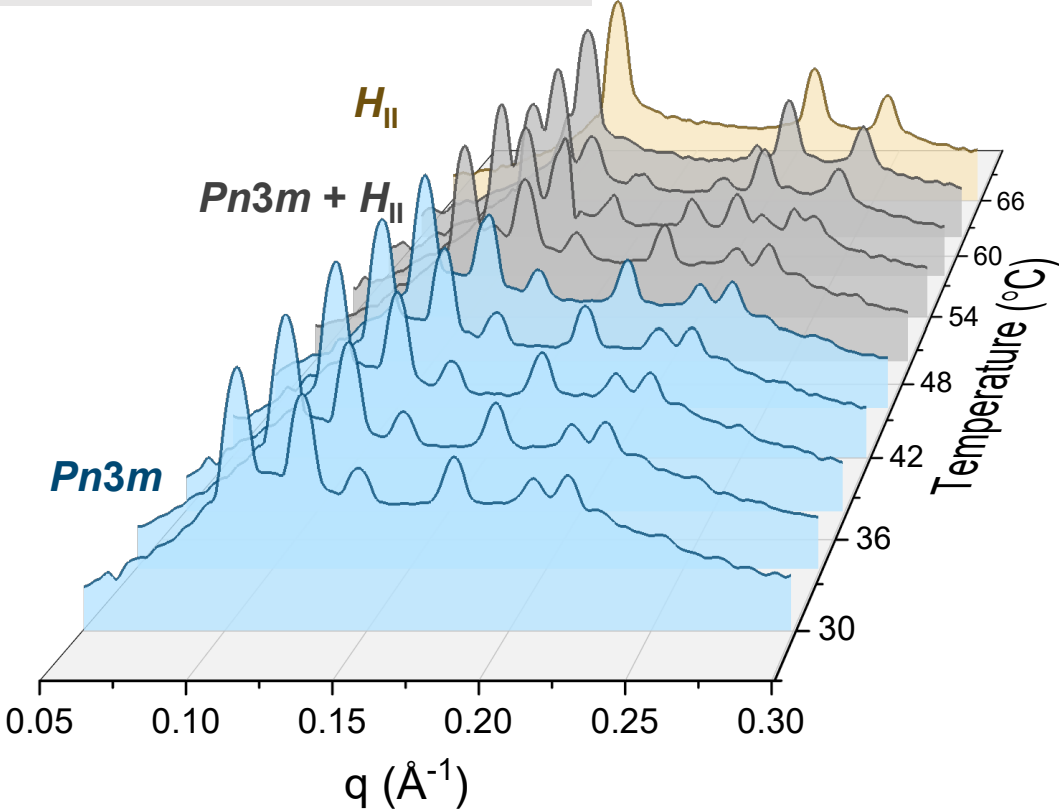
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Dimodan (monolinolein)

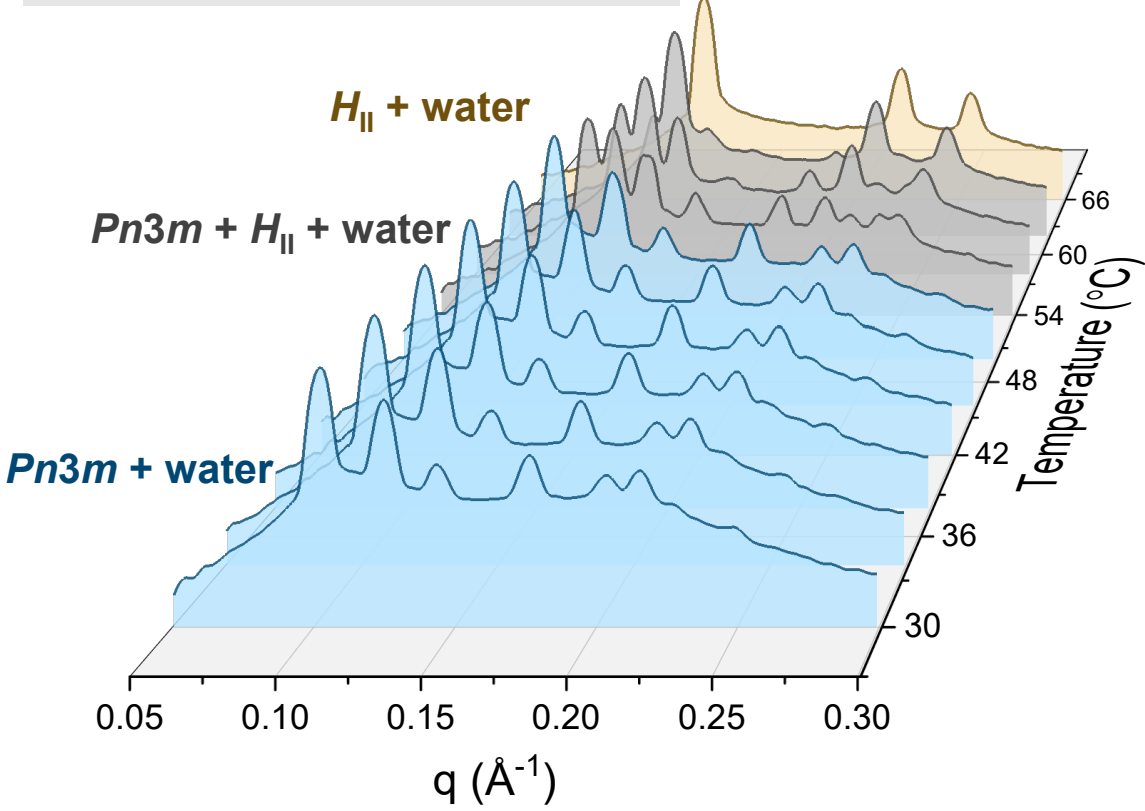


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30 wt% water (no excess water)

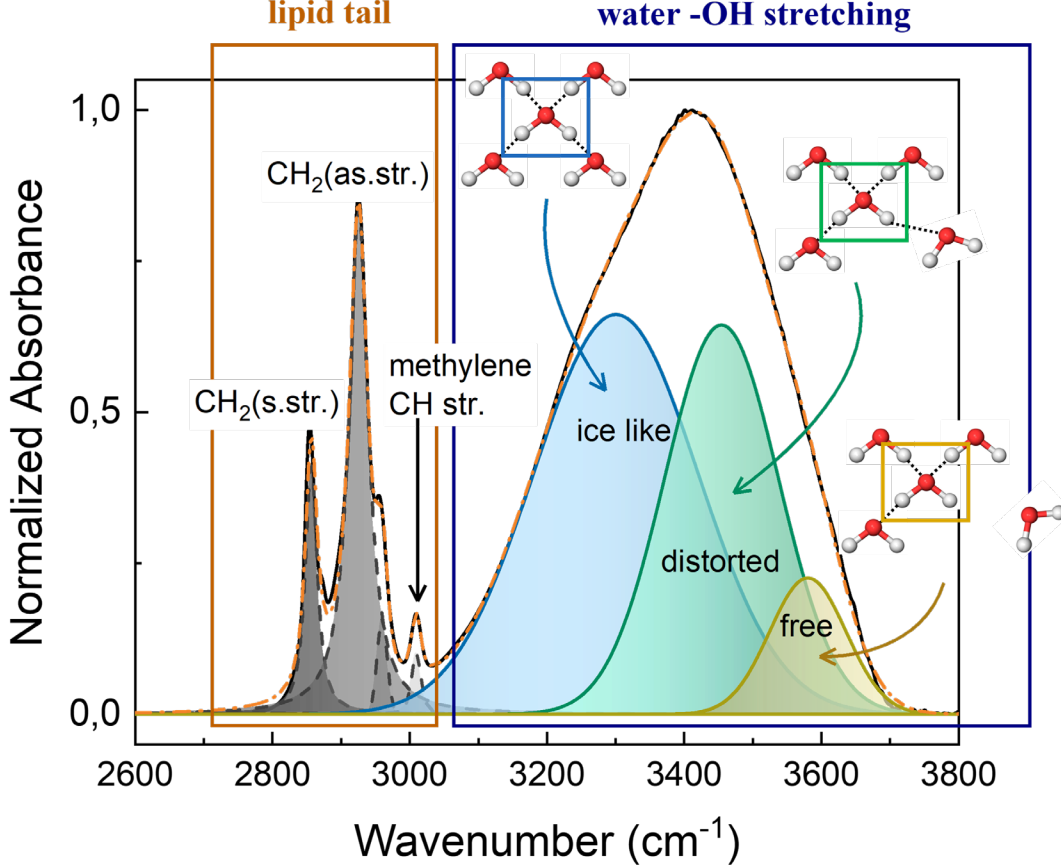
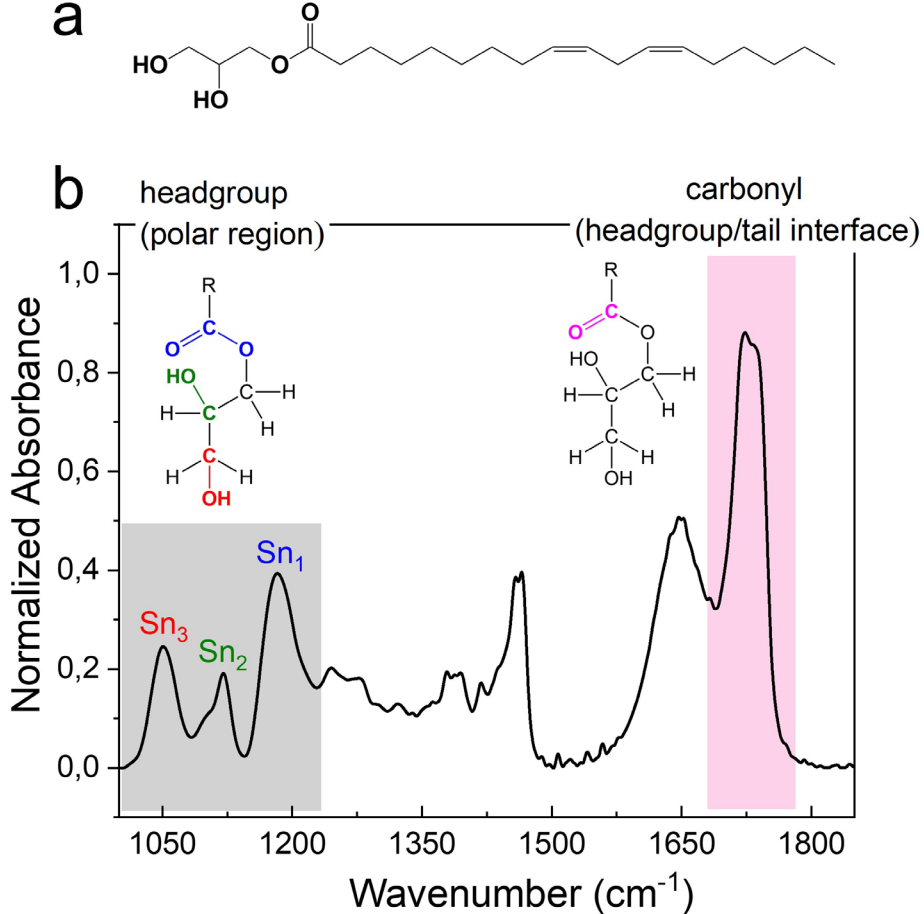


45 wt% water (excess water)

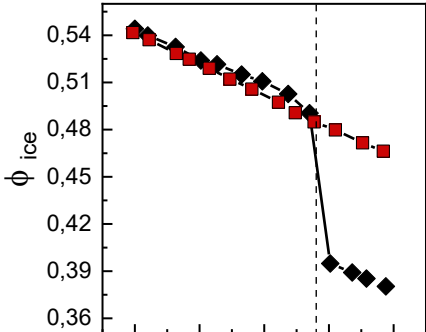
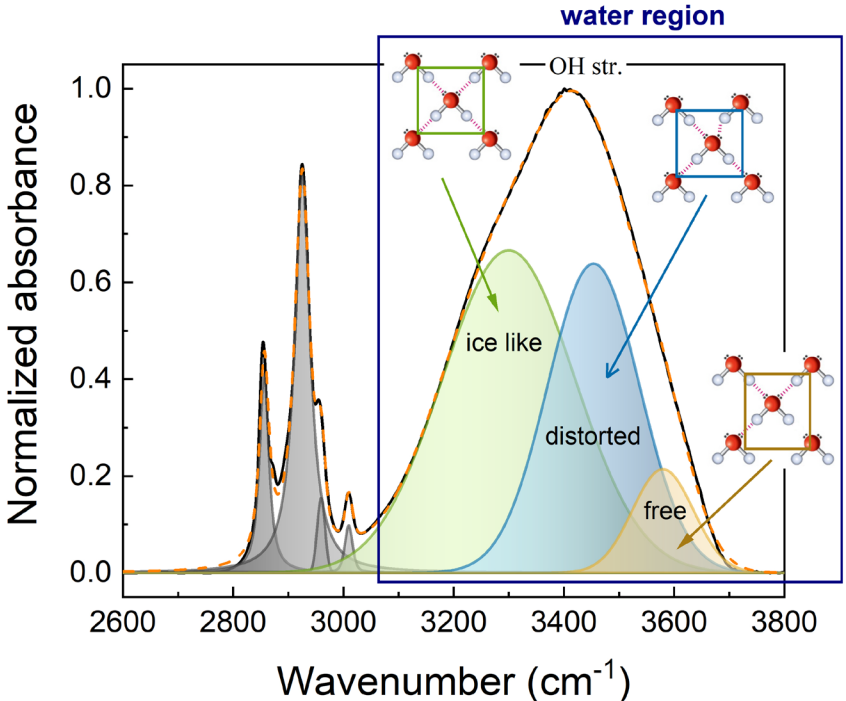


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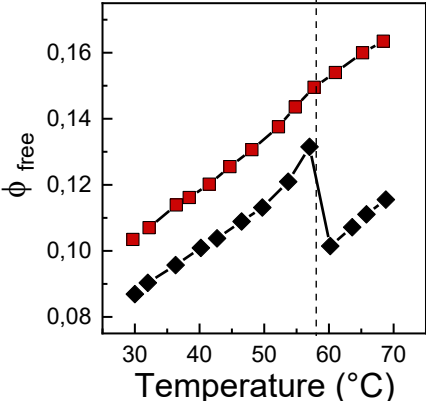
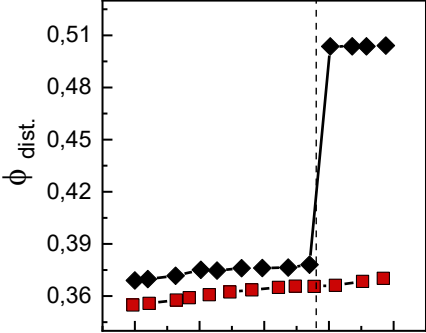
FTIR analysis



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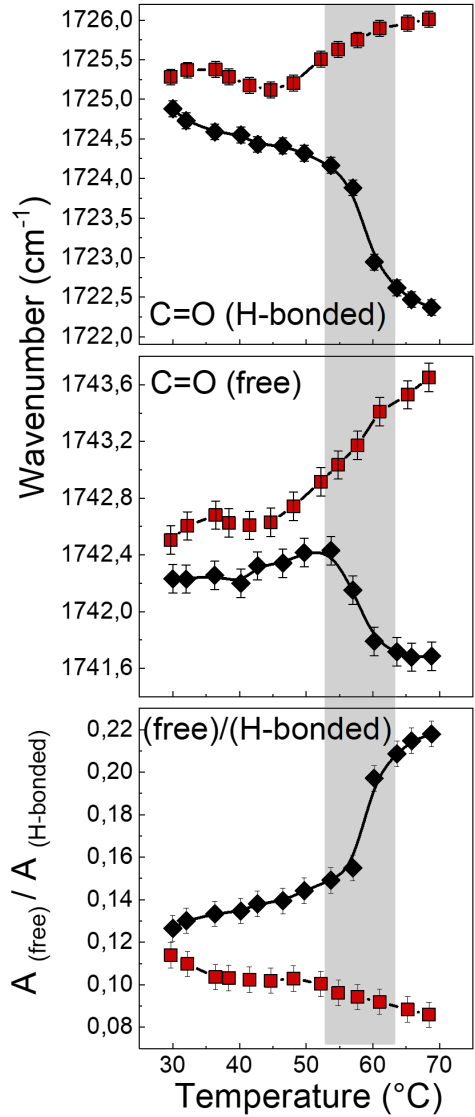
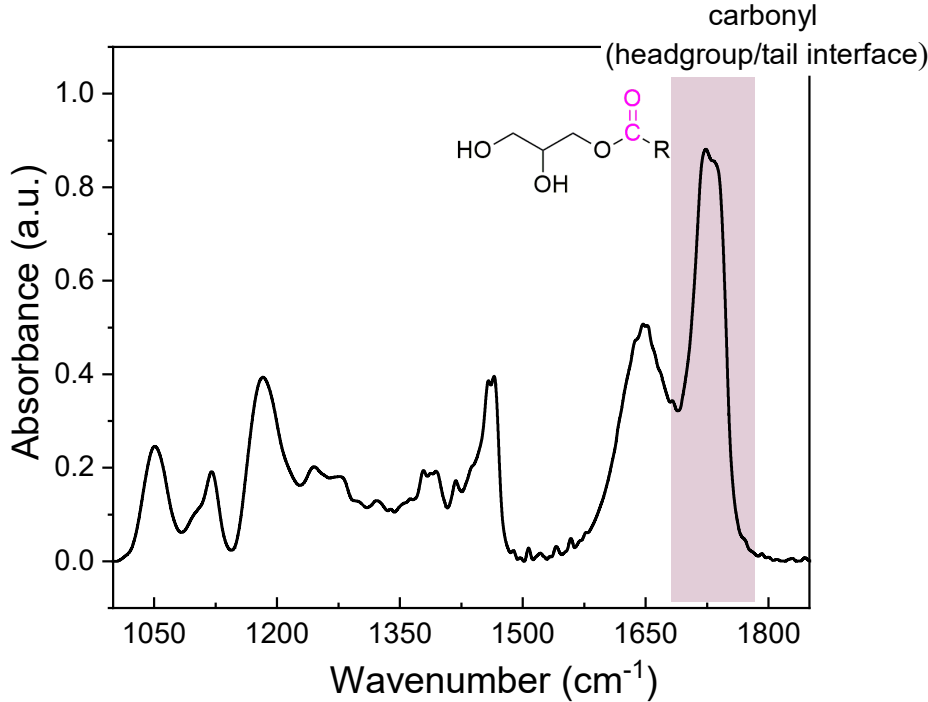


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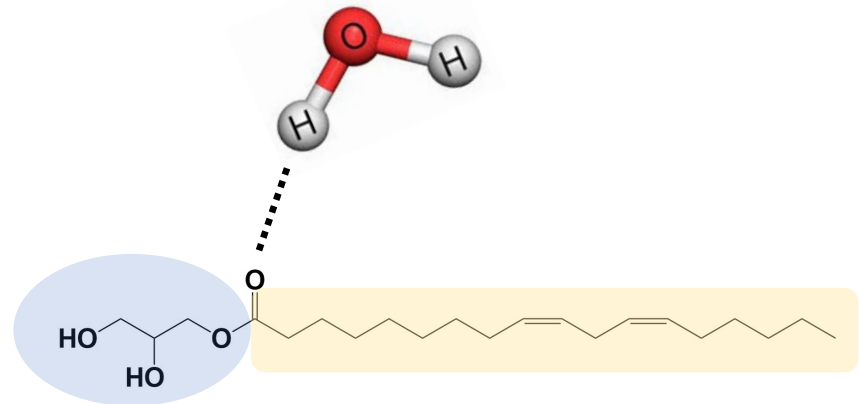


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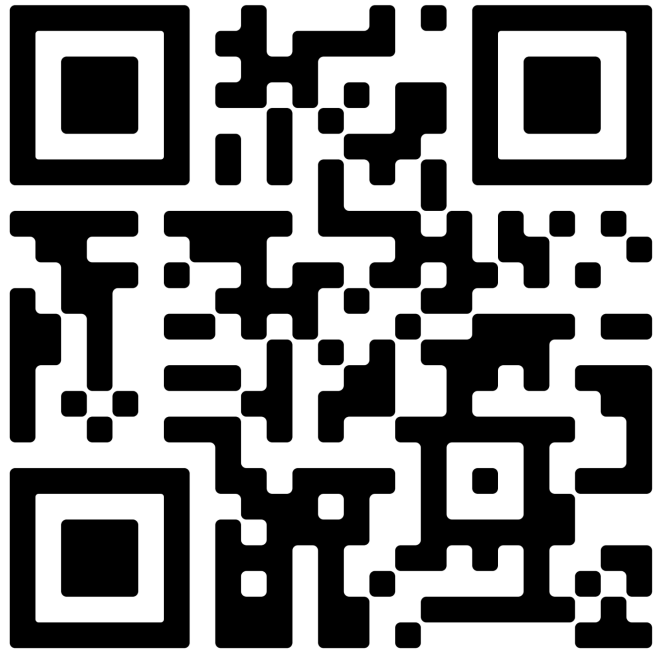


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Summary

- In hard confinement, below 2.6 nm in diameter water was unable to form stable crystals.
- Water confined in the lamellar phase remained in the liquid state down to $-120\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$ when the water content was below 9.5 wt%.
- In both hard and soft confinement, we detected two dynamically different fractions of water: bound water and interstitial water.
- The hydrogen bond network depends strongly on the geometry of the mesophase.
- Excess water forms new hydrogen bonds with the lipids at the interface between the headgroup and tail.

Open PhD position



Thank you !