

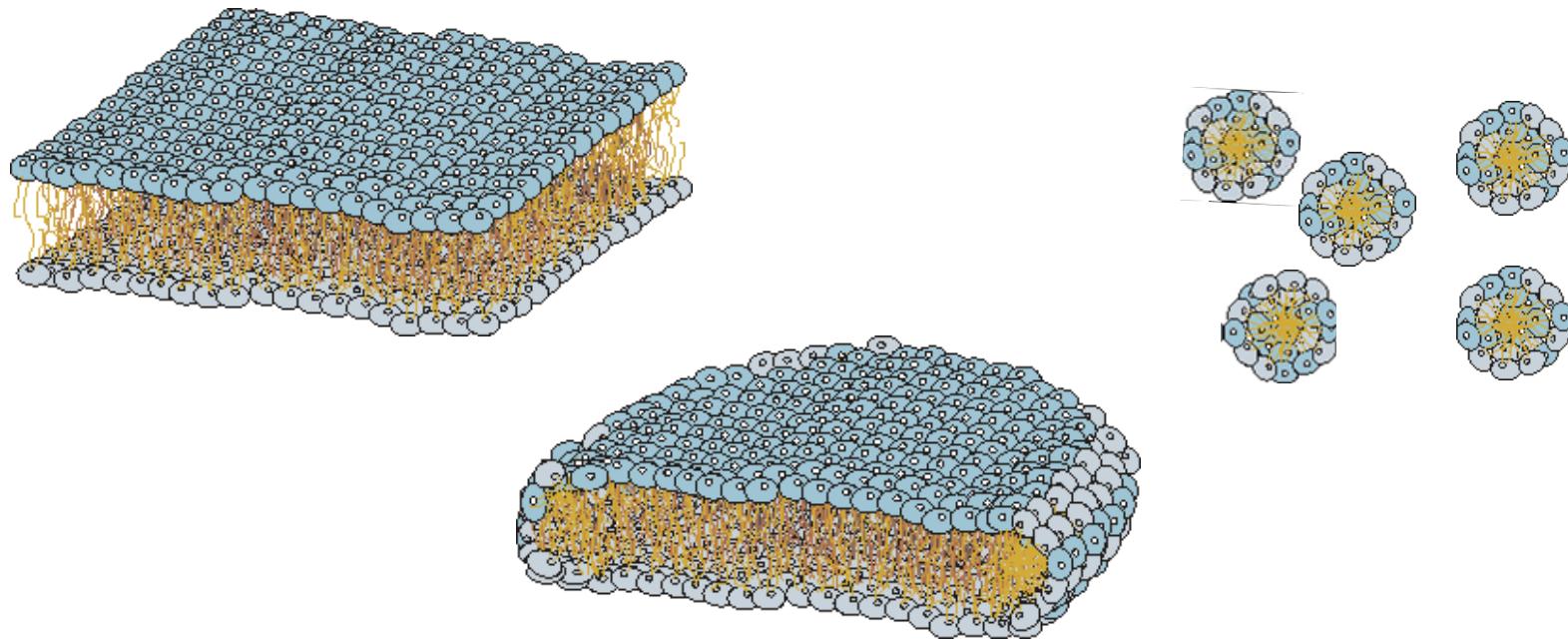
Pressure-induced interdigitation in bicellar mixtures containing anionic lipid

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Lipid assemblies reflect balance between interactions:

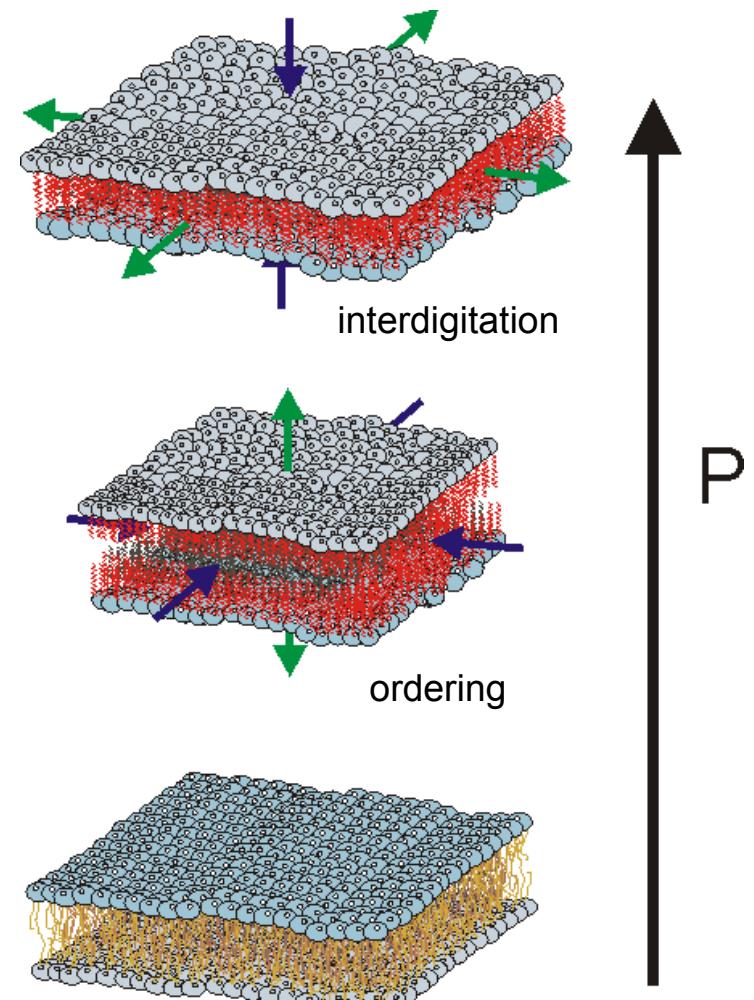
- at the headgroup-water interface
- in the hydrophobic interior



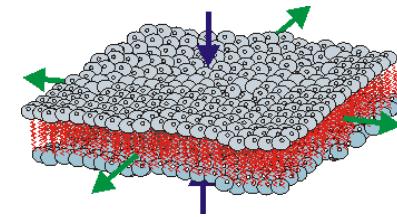
Bilayers are anisotropic

Response to hydrostatic pressure reflects competition between:

- lateral compression
 - chain ordering
- perpendicular compression
 - bilayer thinning

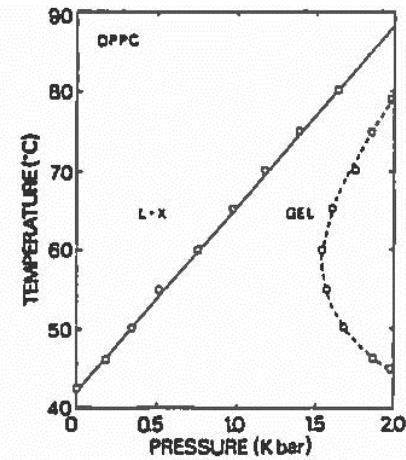
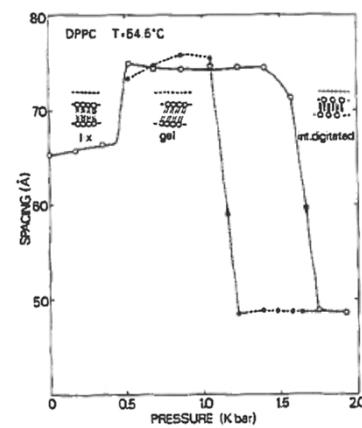


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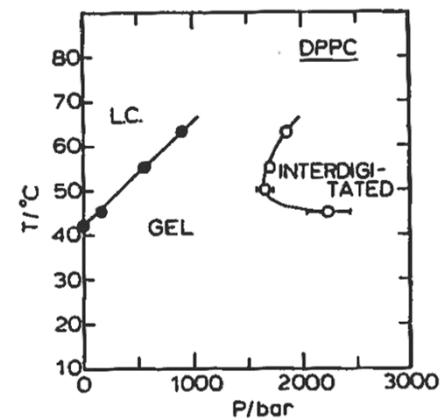


Observed with neutrons

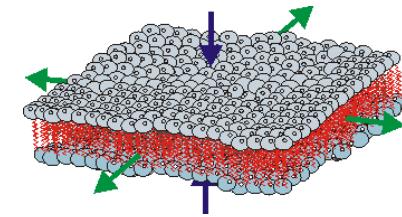
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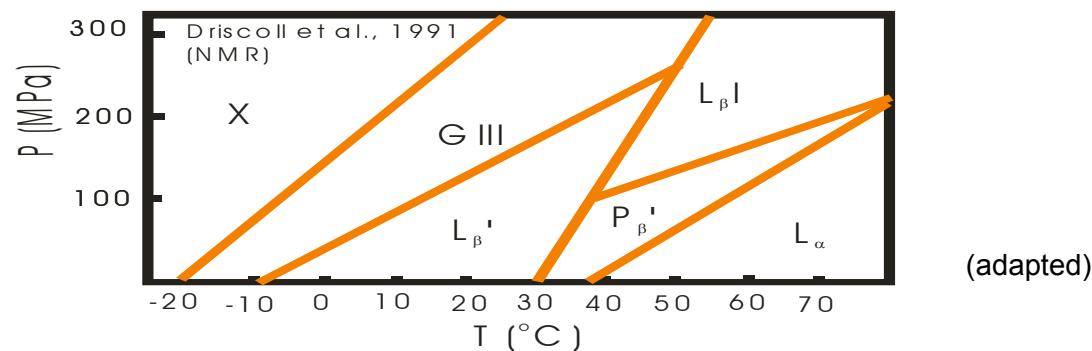


Observed by vibrational spectroscopy

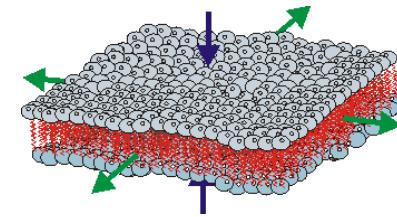
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Observed by ^2H NMR

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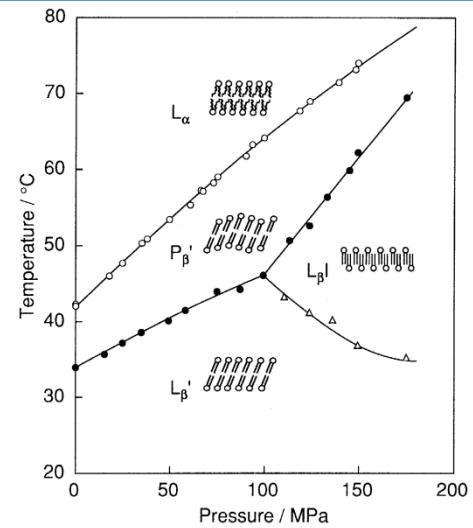
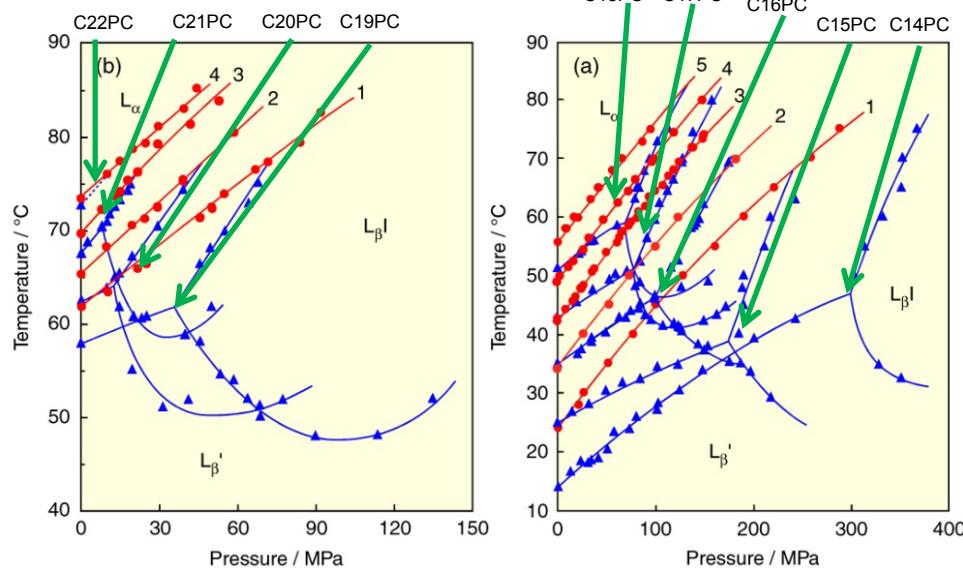


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Observed by light transmission

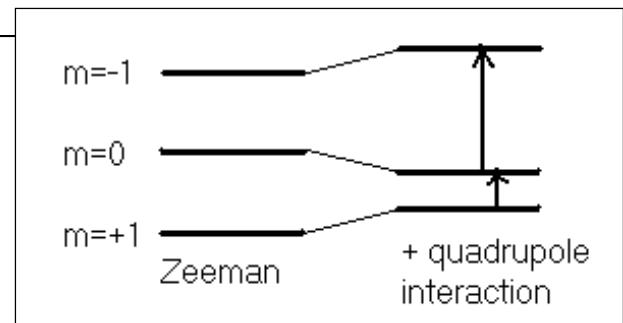
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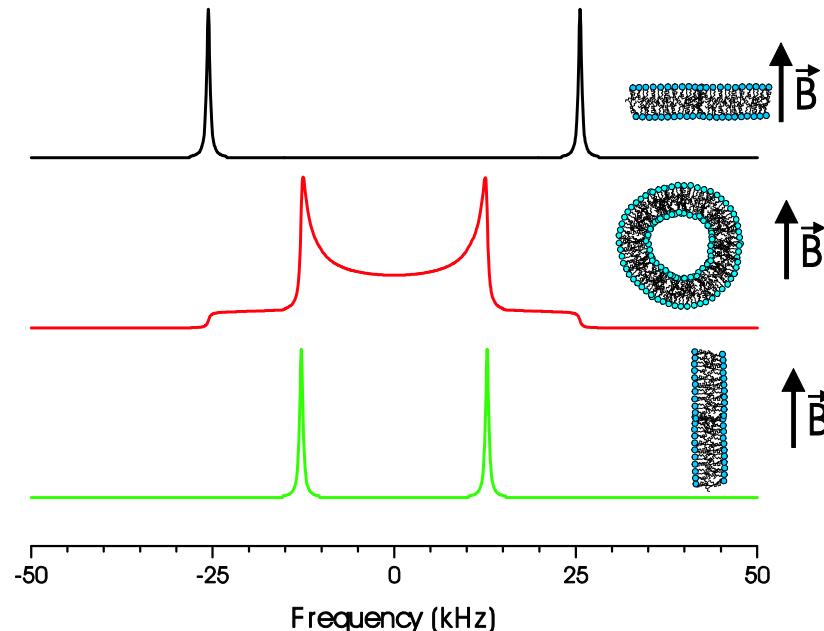
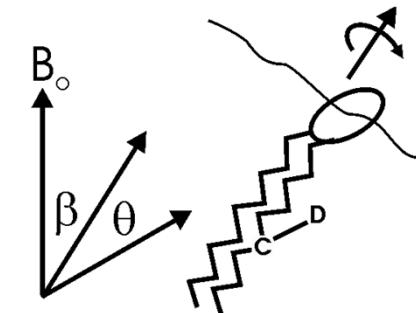
²H-NMR on chain-deuterated lipid

Orientation-dependent quadrupole interaction



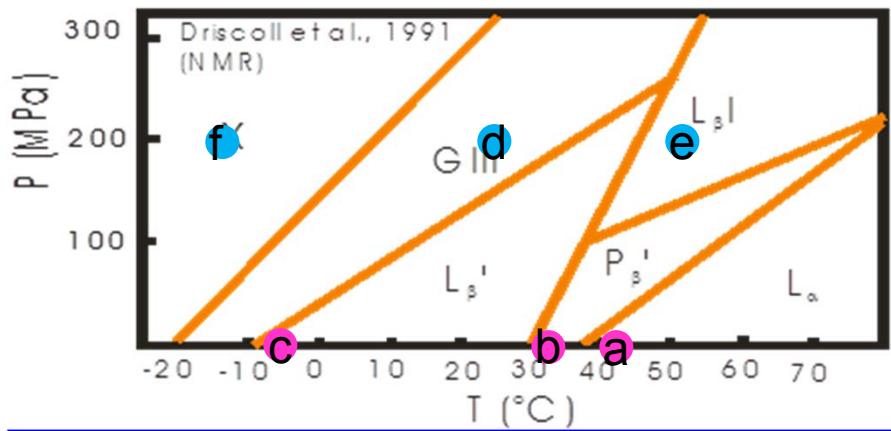
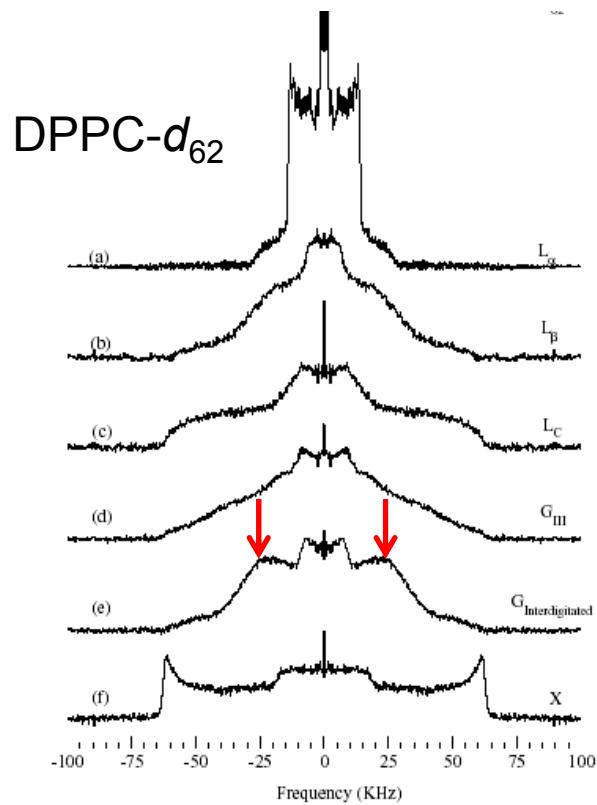
Orientational order parameter : $S_{CD} = \langle 3\cos^2 \theta - 1 \rangle / 2$

Doublet splitting: $\Delta\nu \approx 125 \text{ kHz} \times (3\cos^2 \beta - 1) \times S_{CD}$



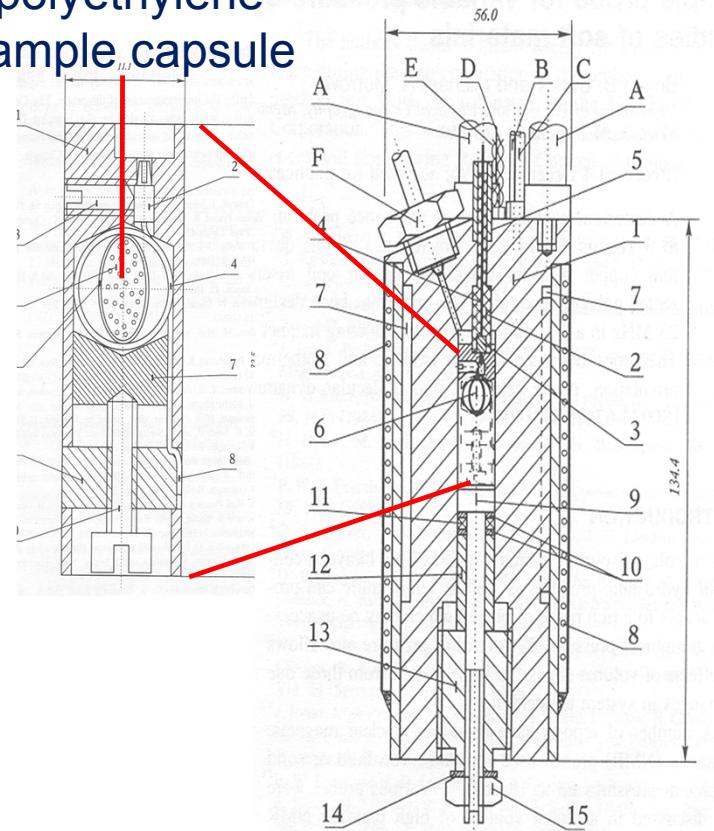
Effect of chain motion:

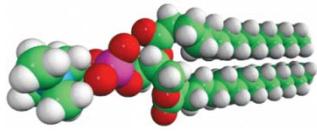
- larger amplitude → smaller splitting
- more constrained → larger splitting



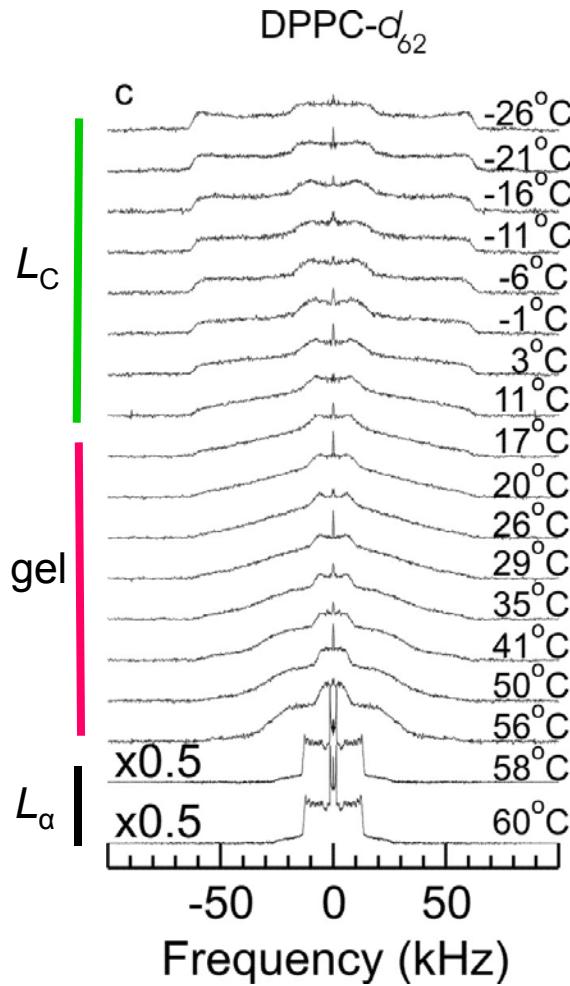
Variable-pressure Probe (Bonev)

polyethylene sample capsule

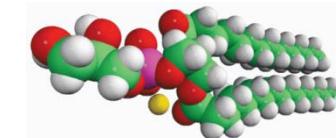
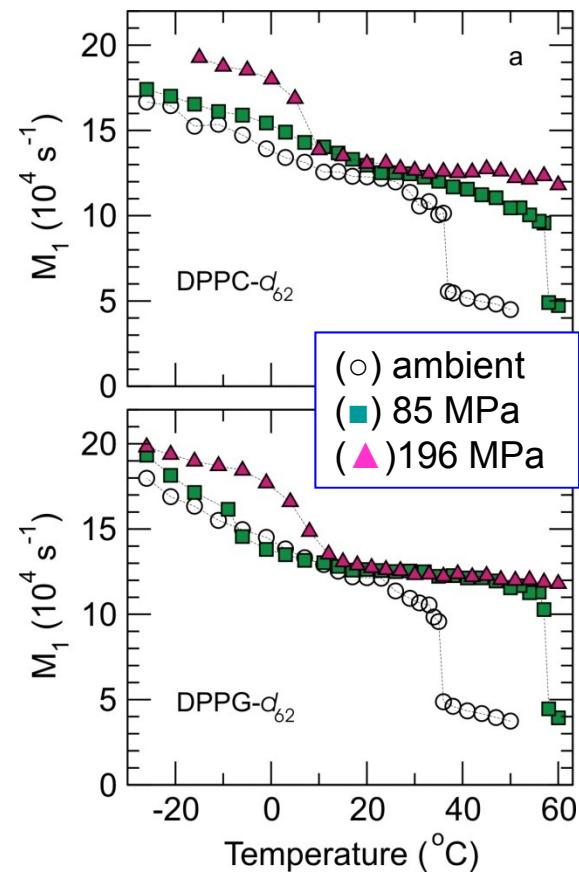




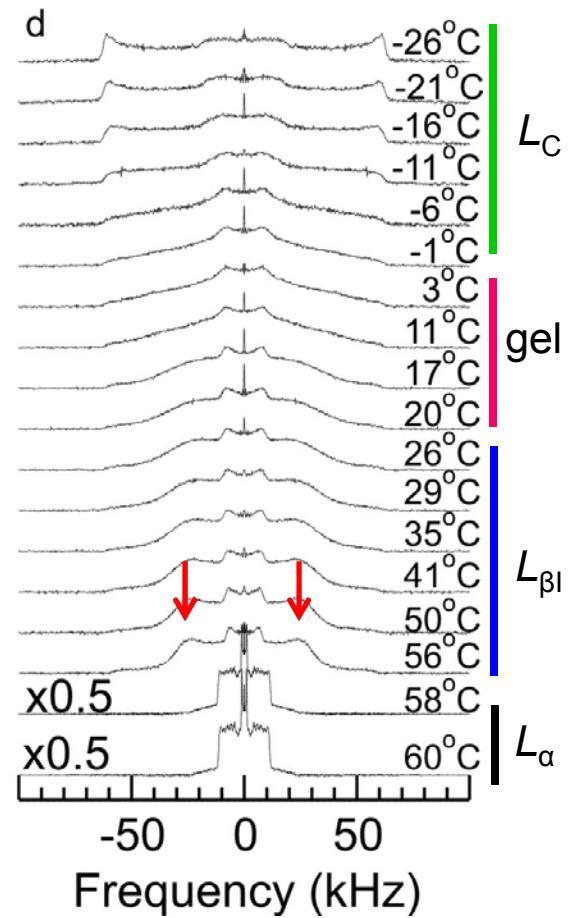
DPPC- d_{62} and DPPG- d_{62} spectra at 85 MPa



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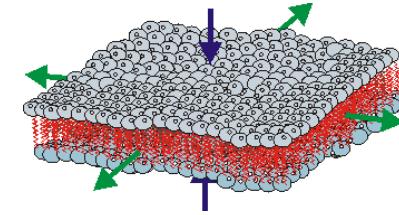
DPPG- d_{62}



Ordered phases just below “main” transition are different

Pressure-induced interdigitation

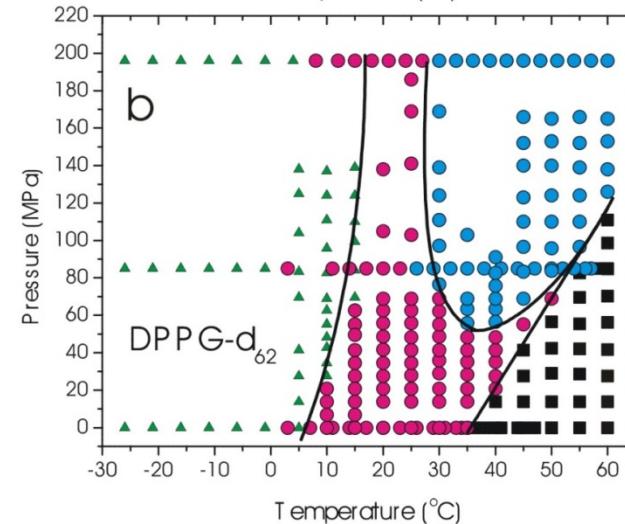
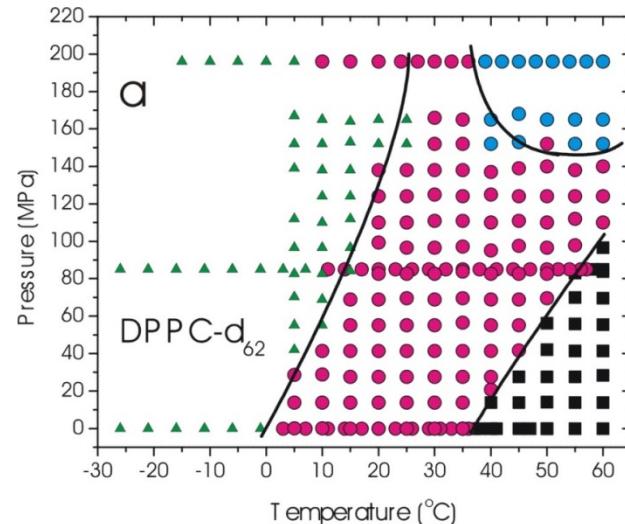
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Phase diagrams

- Anionic headgroup lowers minimum interdigitation pressure

(■) L_α
(●) gel
(○) L_β
(▲) L_C



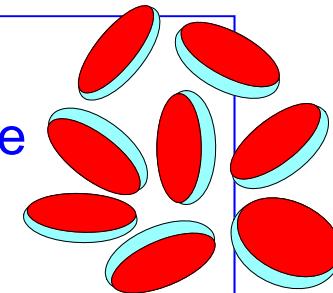
Mixtures of short-chain & long chain lipids (Bicellar mixtures)

Example: DMPC/DHPC (di-14:0-PC/di-6:0-PC)

Does high pressure behaviour reflect “edges” and chain-length mismatch?

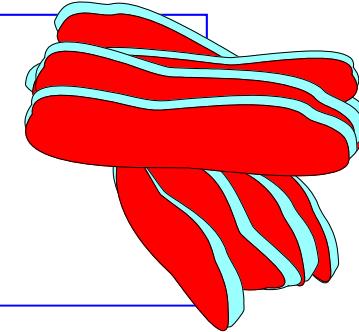
Low T (<~23°C):

- Bicelles: short chain lipids on edge
- Rapid isotropic reorientation



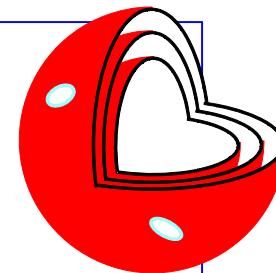
Intermediate T (~24-35°C):

- Nematic wormlike micelle phase
- Short chain lipids on edges
- Magnetically orientable, viscous

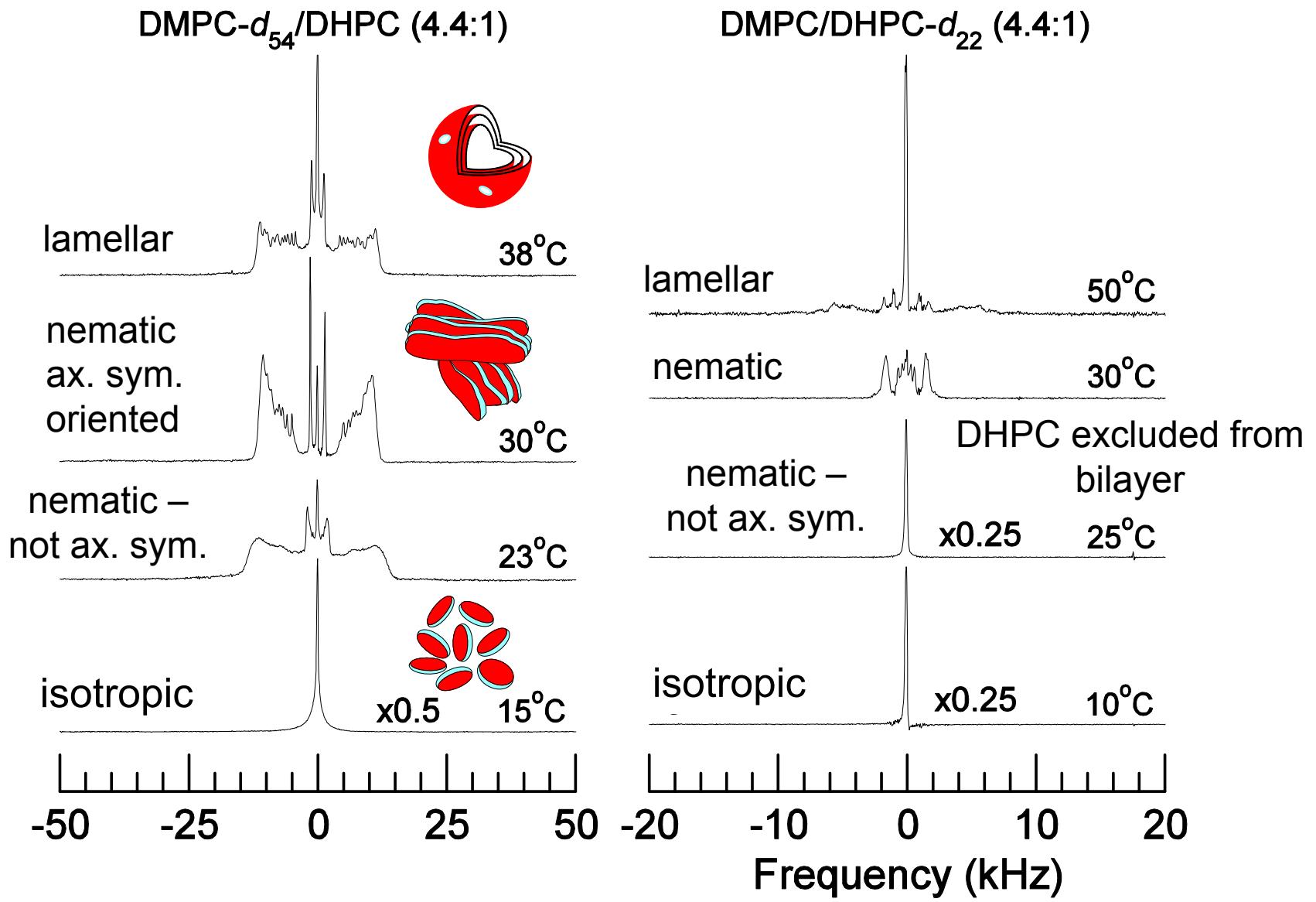


High T (>~36°):

- Multilamellar bilayer vesicle phase
- Short chain lipids on pore rims?

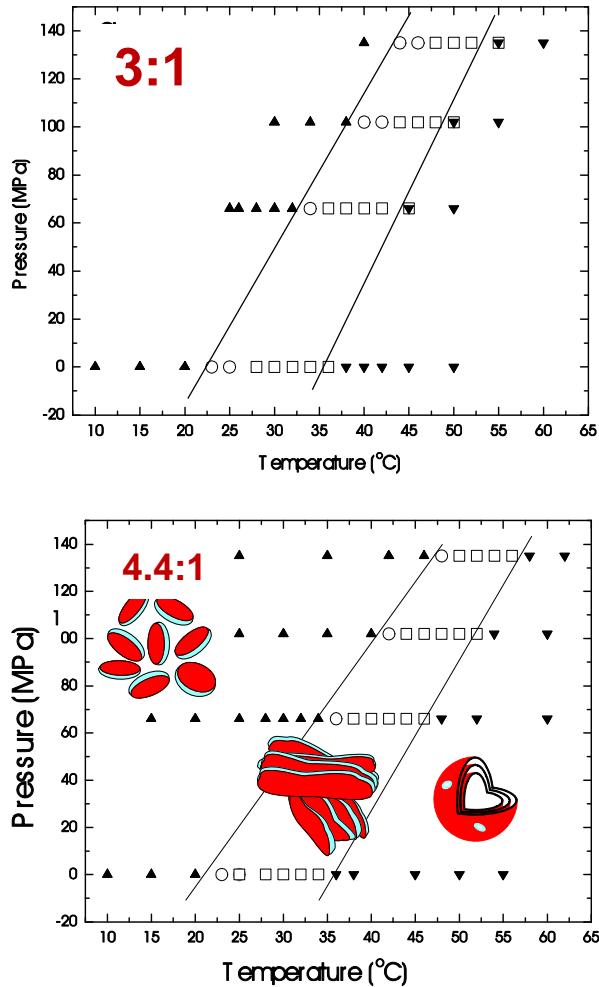


Characteristic Spectra



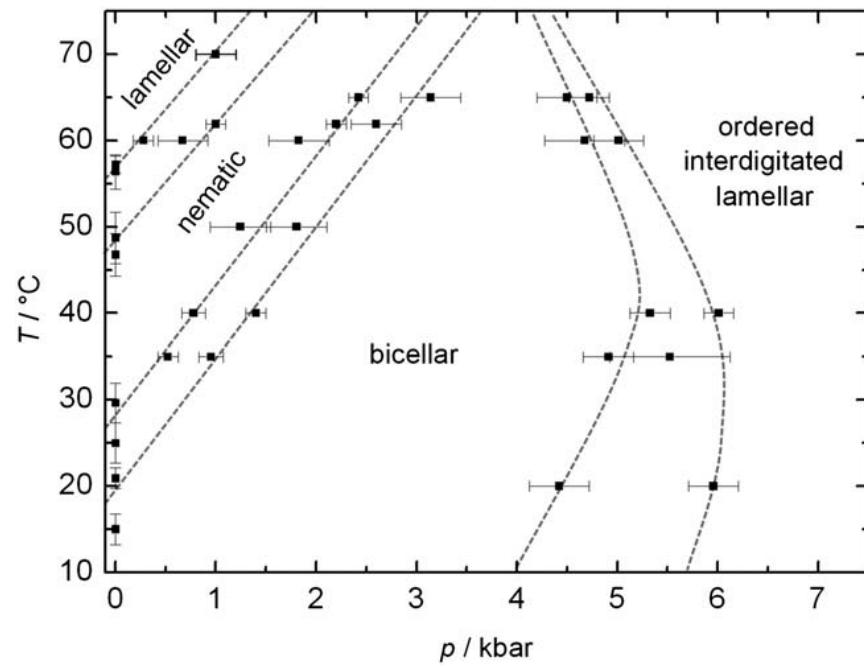
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DMPC/DHPC P-T phase diagrams



Using ^2H NMR

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Using SAXS and FTIR

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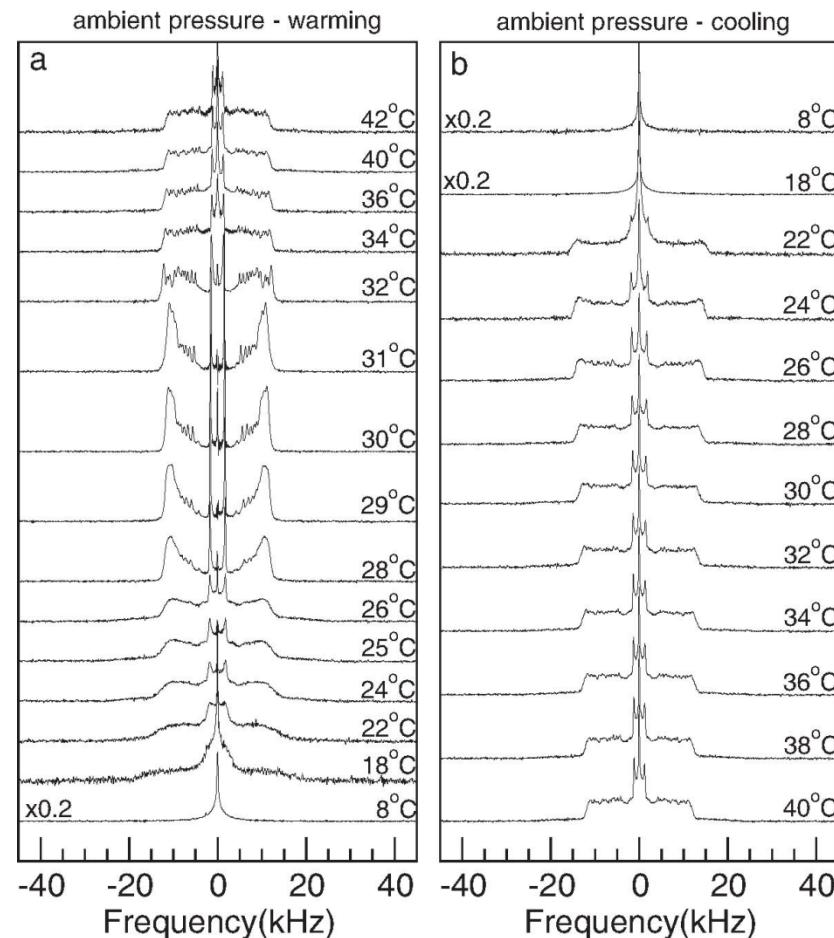
- Note persistence of nematic to high pressure

How does anionic lipid change mixture behaviour?

DMPC-*d*₅₄/DMPG/DHPC (3:1:1)

At ambient pressure:

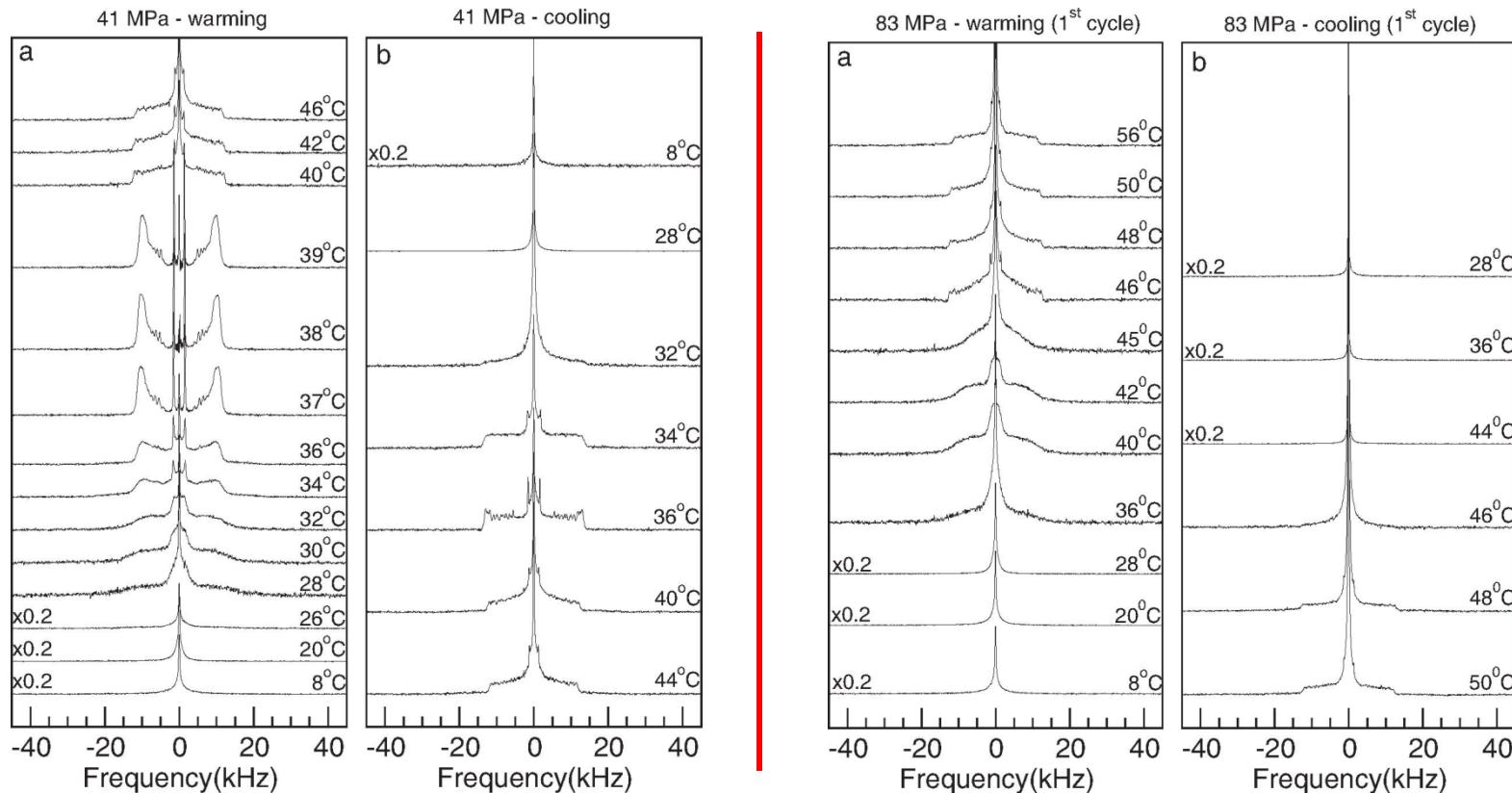
- DMPG modifies “orientable phase” temperature range
- Oriented-to-lamellar transition more distinct
 - Lamellar more MLV-like
- Orientable phase suppressed on cooling



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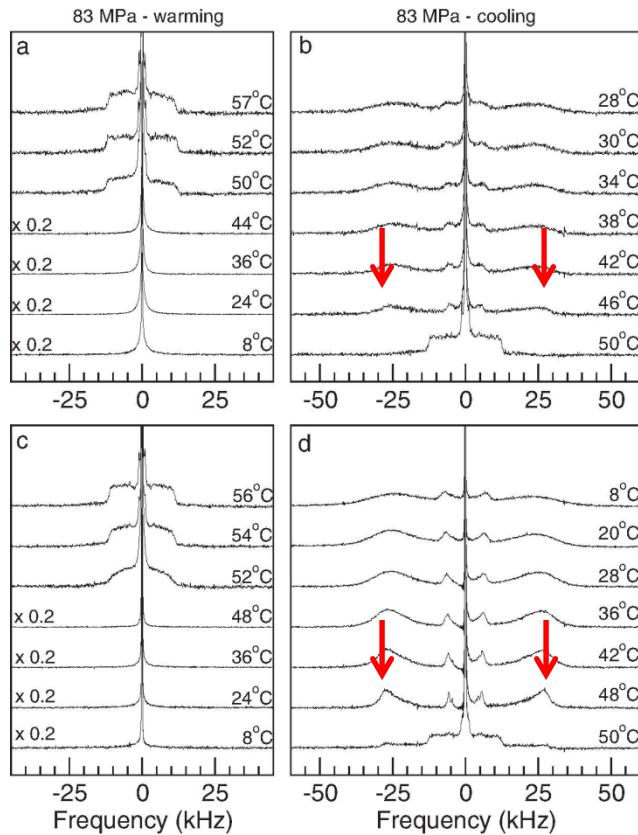


- Aside from shift, behaviour at 41 MPa similar to ambient.
- No orientation seen on heating at 83 MPa.

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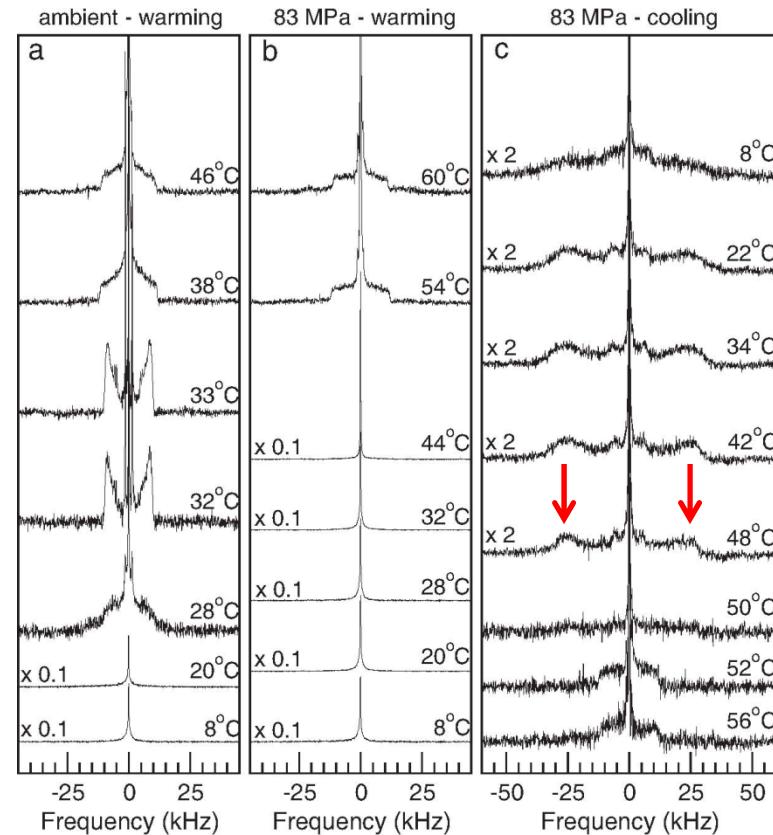
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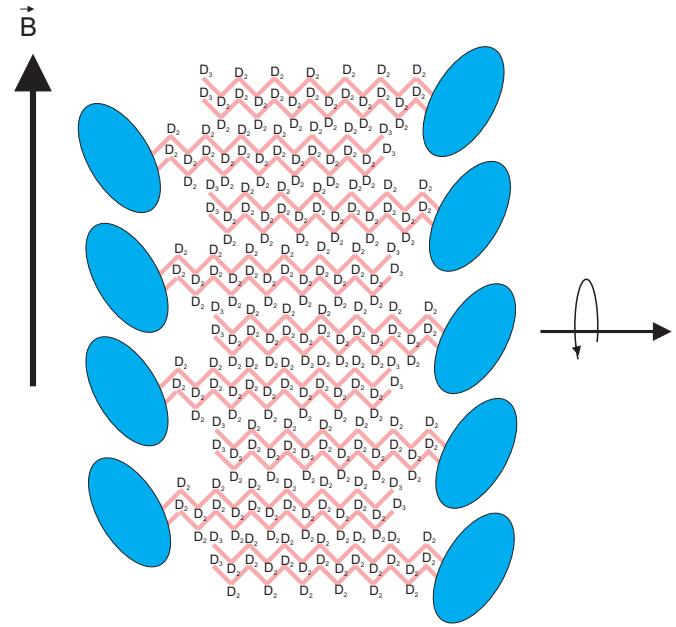
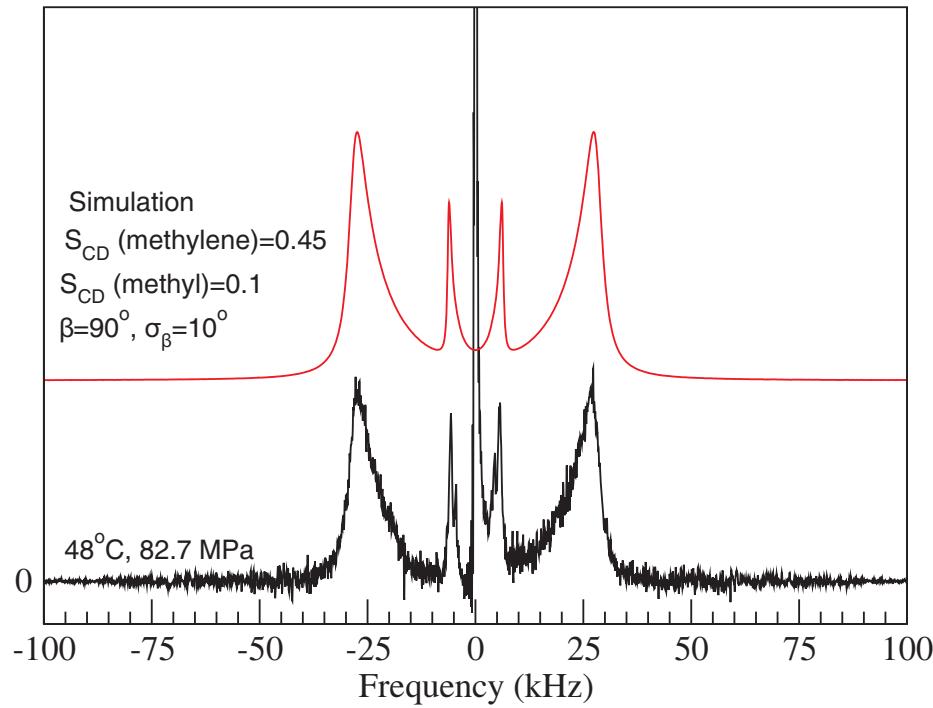
For 2nd cycle at 83 MPa,
see intensity at $\sim\pm 28$ kHz.
• Interdigitation.

DMPC/DMPG-*d*₅₄/DHPC (3:1:1)



Same behaviour when DMPG
deuterated.
• Not a demixing effect

^2H NMR Spectrum - Interdigitated gel



$S_{CD}=0.5$ corresponds to CD bonds perpendicular to rigid chain axis

Can simulate assuming:

- high, uniform chain order
- axially symmetric reorientation about oriented bilayer normal

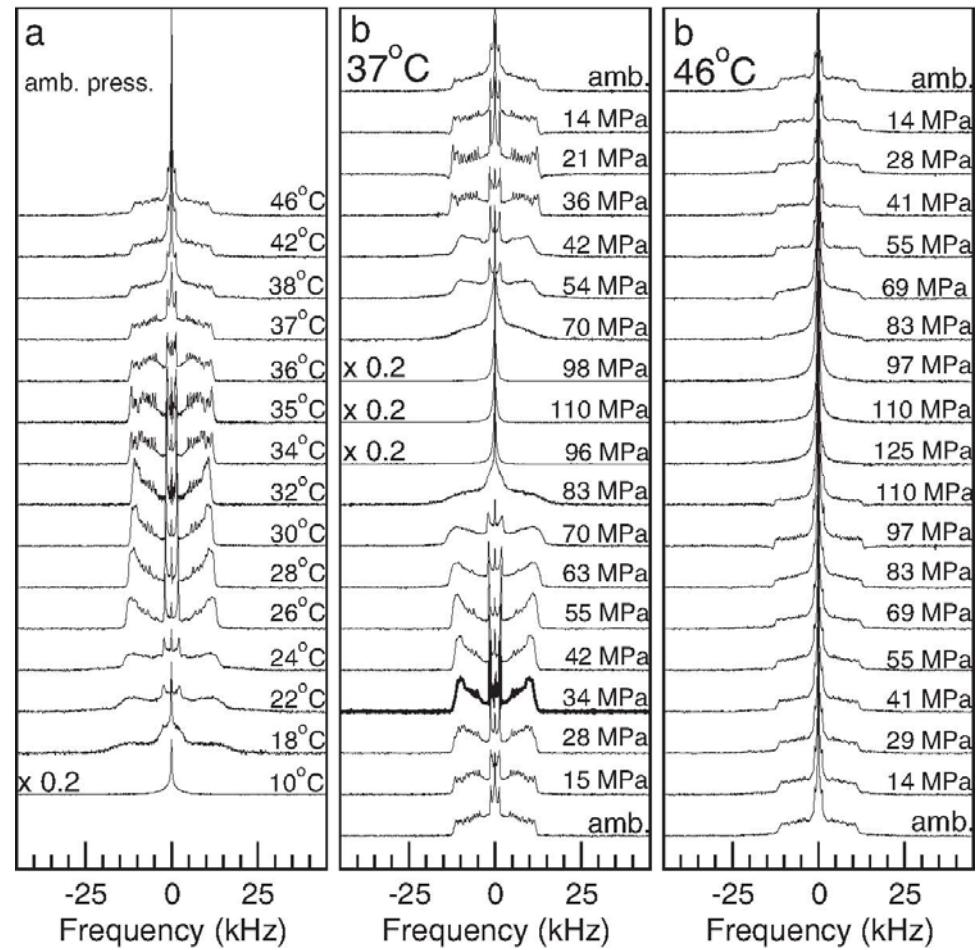
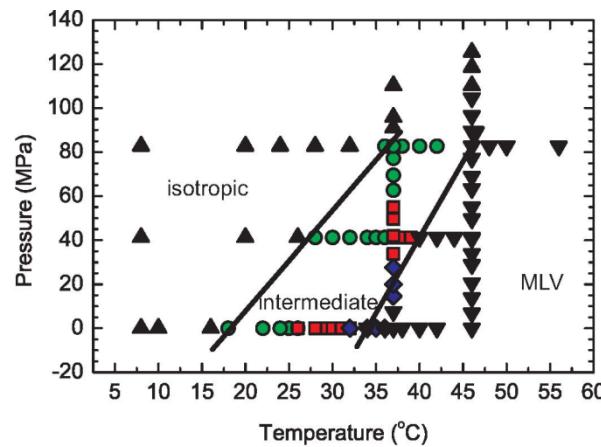
Isothermal Pressurization and Depressurization

DMPC-*d*₅₄/DMPG/DHPC (3:1:1)

Isothermal pressurization and depressurization at 37°C (to 110 MPa) and 46°C (to 125 MPa)

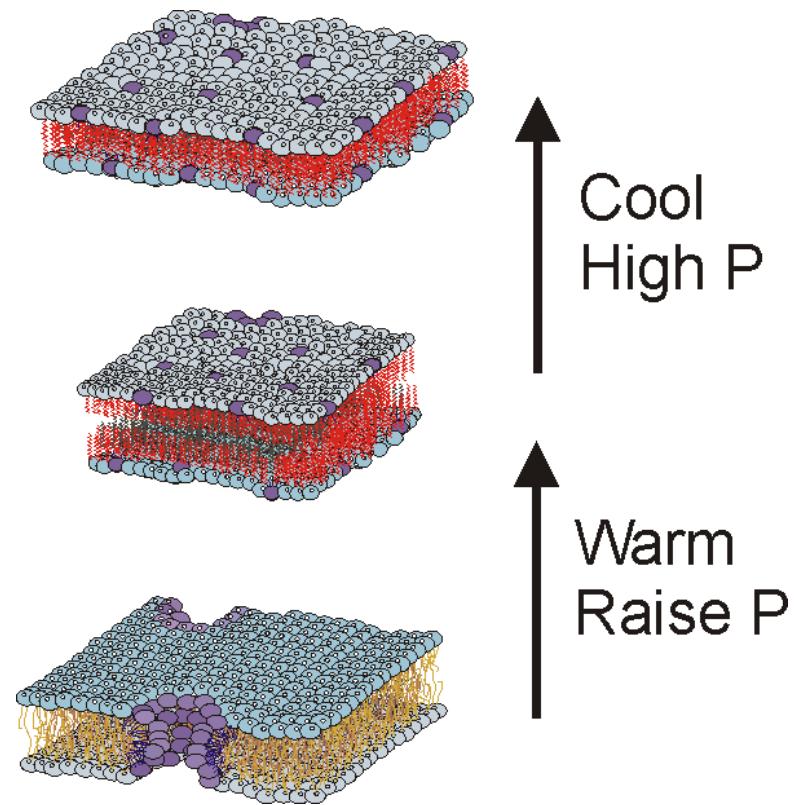
- No interdigitation

Interdigitation is not an equilibrium transition under these conditions!



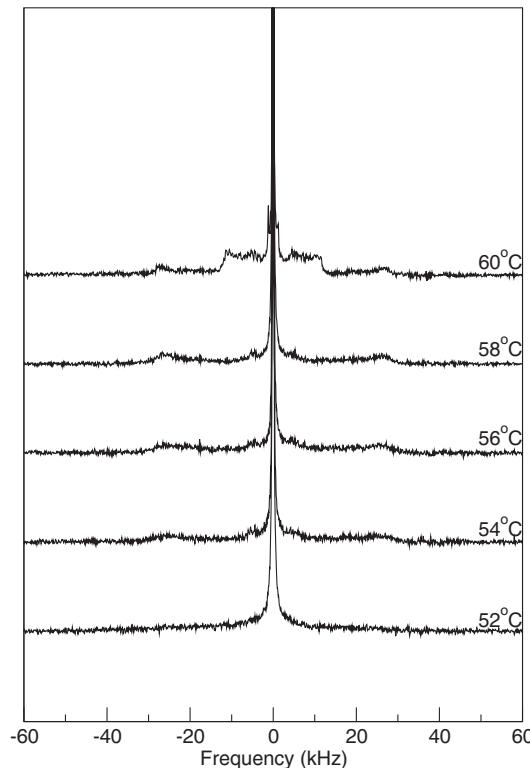
Kinetic trapping?

- DHPC lines pores in lamellar phase
- Raising T increases DHPC mixing with longer chain lipids
- On cooling at high P, longer chains order.
 - likely inhibits DHPC lateral diffusion and reaggregation
 - non-equilibrium distribution of the short chain lipid
- Trapped DHPC perturbs long chain packing
 - promotes interdigitation
- Interdigitation likely precludes DHPC reaggregation



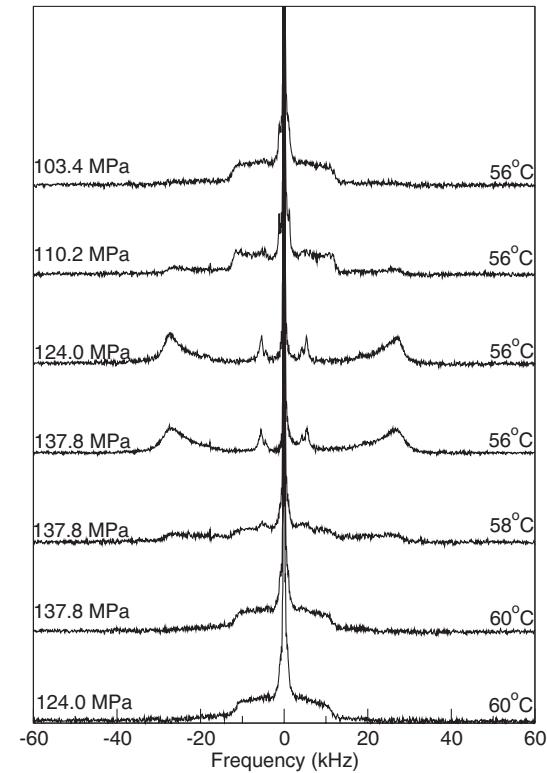
Equilibrium interdigitation in DMPC- d_{54} /DMPG/DHPC (3:1:1)?

Isobaric warming



Isotropic to interdigitated to
lamellar on warming at 138 MPa

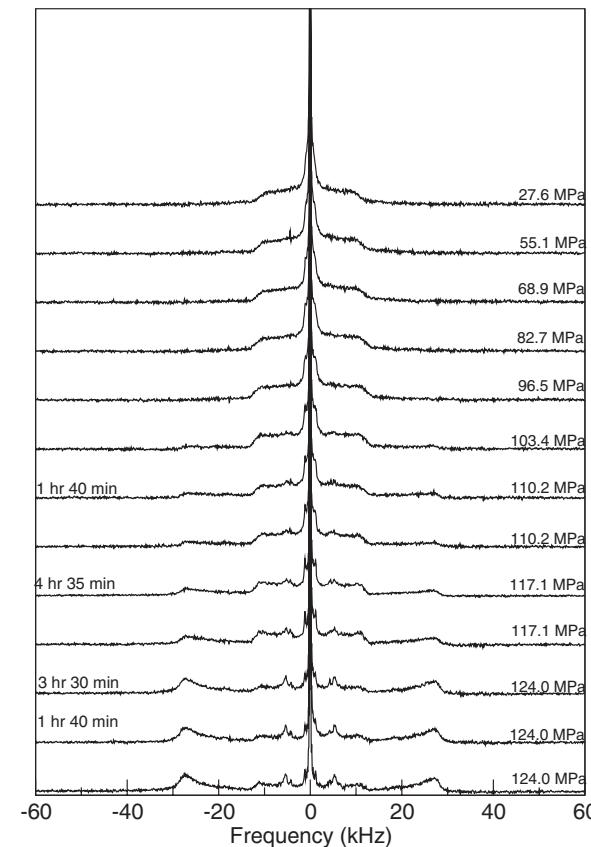
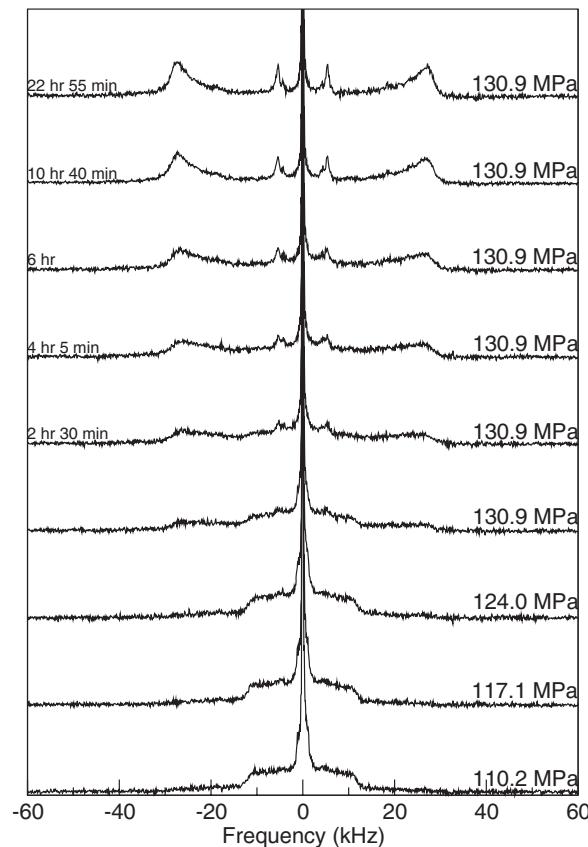
Return to lamellar on cooling



Lamellar to interdigitated to lamellar
on cooling and varying pressure

Equilibrium interdigitation in DMPC-*d*₅₄/DMPG/DHPC (3:1:1)?

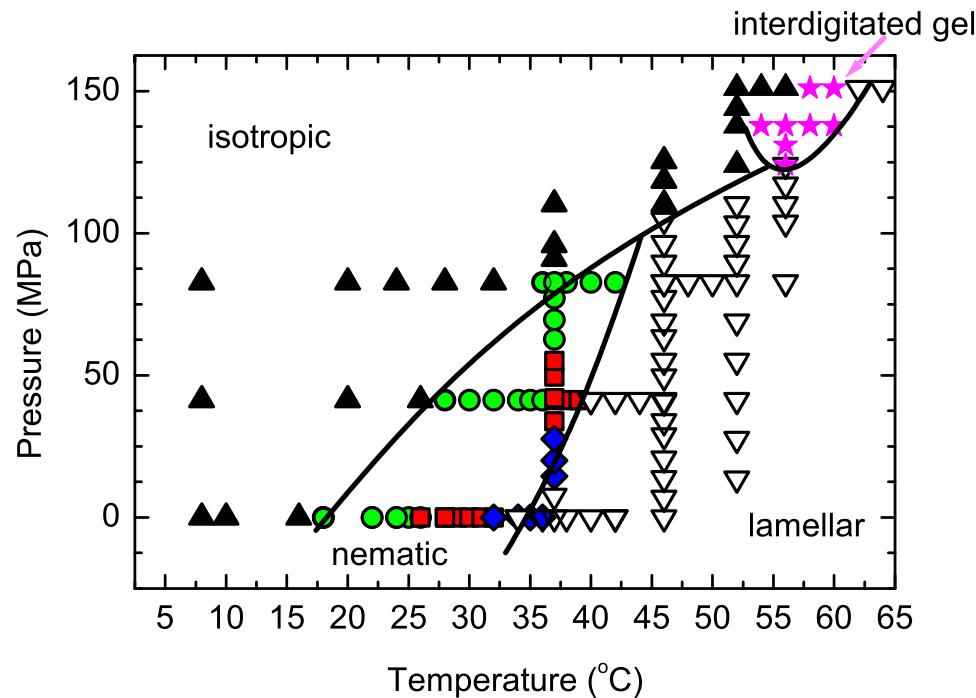
Pressurize and Depressurize at 56°C



Reversible interdigitation at 56° and 125-130 MPa

Phase diagram

(Based on morphologies seen while warming or raising pressure)



- No magnetic orientation seen above ~ 100 MPa
- Persistent interdigitation still seen when cooling from “equilibrium” interdigitation region (pink stars) of phase diagram

Summary

- Anionic lipid lowers minimum interdigitation pressure
 - cf. 400 MPa for DMPC/DHPC by Winter group
- Magnetic orientation not seen above 100 Mpa
 - How does anionic lipid affect dP/dT for orientable-to-extended lamellar transition?
- Cooling at high pressure promotes “non-equilibrium” interdigitation
 - can persist to low pressure and low temperature
 - Possibly “kinetic trapping” of a non-equilibrium lateral distribution of short chain lipid

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