#### Membrane Proteins

# Anatomies of two types of biological cells





## Evolution of mitochondria



aerobic bacterium

#### Membrane Lipids Form Bilayers in Water



(C)

(B) diacyl phospholipid (general structure)  $^{3}CH_{2} - O - C$   $^{0}CH_{2} - O - C$  $^{0}CH_{2} - O -$ 



(D)

dialkyl phospholipid





ganglioside GM2 complex oligosaccharide



### Molecular dynamics



(A)







(B)





### Composition of the membranes

Composition of Membranes (% by weight)							
Membrane	Protein	Lipid	Carbohydrate				
Myelin	20	75	5				
Red blood cell ghosts	49	43	8				
Plasma membranes							
Liver cells	58	42	(5–10) <sup>a</sup>				
Ehrlich ascites	67	33	(5–10) <sup>a</sup>				
Amoeba Proteus	25	32	15				
Mitochondrion							
Outer membrane	52	48	(2–4)ª				
Inner membrane	76	24	(1–2) <sup>a</sup>				
Bacteria (Gram-positive)	75	25	(10)ª				

<sup>a</sup>Carbohydrate is due to glycosylated proteins and lipids.

Based on data provided in Guidott G [1972] Arch Intern Med 129: 194–301.



#### Curvature model of membrane vesicles





cylinders and capped cones

bilayer-forming

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cones



(C)

(A)



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#### Structure of a DOPC bilayer





#### Predicting transmembrane helices



hydrophol	picity amino acio	d values
Kyte and		
Doolittle	Eisenberg	Tanford
Ala: 1.800	Ala: 0.620	Ala: 0.620
Arg: -4.500	Arg: -2.530	Arg: -2.530
Asn: -3.500	Asn: -0.780	Asn: -0.780
Asp: -3.500	Asp: -0.900	Asp: -0.090
Cys: 2.500	Cys: 0.290	Cys: 0.290
Gln: -3.500	Gln: -0.850	Gln: -0.850
Glu: -3.500	Glu: -0.740	Glu: -0.740
Gly: -0.400	Gly: 0.480	Gly: 0.480
His: -3.200	His: -0.400	His: -0.400
lle: 4.500	lle: 1.380	lle: 1.380
Leu: 3.800	Leu: 1.060	Leu: 1.530
Lys: -3.900	Lys: -1.500	Lys: -1.500
Met: 1.900	Met: 0.640	Met: 0.640
Phe: 2.800	Phe: 1.190	Phe: 1.190
Pro: -1.600	Pro: 0.120	Pro: 0.120
Ser: -0.800	Ser: -0.180	Ser: -0.180
Thr: -0.700	Thr: -0.050	Thr: -0.050
Trp: -0.900	Trp: 0.810	Trp: 0.810
Tyr: -1.300	Tyr: 0.260	Tyr: 0.260
Val: 4.200	Val: 1.080	Val: 1.800



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#### Hydropathy plot analysis of protein sequences





peptide bond

## Topology and orientation of helical integral membrane proteins



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#### Topology diagrams and X-ray structures for various transmembrane proteins



ELIC, pentameric ligand-gated ion channel

#### Characteristics of transmembrane $\boldsymbol{\alpha}$ helices



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Topology diagrams to probe intra- and extracellular orientation

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![](_page_15_Figure_2.jpeg)

#### Transmembrane segment variations

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#### Lipid–protein interactions

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- 1. protein-water interactions
- 2. protein–protein interactions
- 3. protein–lipid tail (hydrophobic core) interactions
- 4. protein–lipid head group (bilayer interface) interactions

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#### Interactions of helices in lipid bilayers

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	$\Delta G = G_2 - $ in H <sub>2</sub> O	G <sub>1</sub> (kcal/mol) in (CH <sub>2</sub> ) <sub>n</sub>
hydrophobic	20	0
AB ion pair	2	20 – 30
AB strong H bond	0	10 – 20
AB H bond	-1	5
conformation entropy	-5	-5

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Interhelical hydrogen bonds. In bacteriorhodopsin from Halobacterium salinarum Tyr185 (orange) of helix 6 and Asp212 (yellow) of helix 7 form an interhelical hydrogen bond (dashed line).

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Aromatic–aromatic interactions. In subunit I of aberrant ba3-cytochrome c oxidase from Thermus thermophilus Trp110 of helix 4 interacts with Tyr23 and Leu27 of helix 1, although it is partly exposed to the lipid bilayer. van der Waals contacts. Small residues (orange and yellow) increase the homodimer interface and allow for extensive van der Waals contacts in human glycophorin A Hydrogens are shown for Gly residues only

Salt bridges. Lys358 and Asp237 are crucial for membrane insertion of lac permease from E. coli and have been suggested to form a salt bridge within the protein's transmembrane region

#### Bind to Membranes with the Help of Covalently Linked Lipids

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SH3 domain

(D)

- Src(2-16) myristate-GS SKSKPKDPSQRRR
- MARCKS(151-175) KKKKKRFSFKKSFKLSGFSFKKNKK
- HIV-1 Gag (2-31) myristate-GA RASVLSGG ELDRWEKIRLRPGGKKKYKL
- GKKKKKKSKTSC-farnesyl K-Ras 4B (174–185)

K Lys, R Arg, G Gly, S Ser, D Asp, E Glu, N Asn, V Val

#### Lateral Pressure

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#### Lateral Pressure

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#### Forced unfolding of membrane-bound BR

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#### Protein–lipid complexes

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#### Specific lipid effects

Lipids can act as co-factor that facilitate the folding or stabilise the structure of membrane proteins

Diacylglycerol kinase from E. coli, which requires 1,2-dioleoyl-sn-glycero-phosphoglycerol (DOPG) for proper folding.

Cardiolipin, a four-chain lipid binds to the large mitochondrial membrane protein bovine cytochrome c oxidase and is essential for its function. Cardiolipin is explicitly required for association of cytochrome c oxidase subunits IVa and IVb.

Several membrane-protein crystal structures show tightly bound lipid molecules and provide valuable insights into how these specifically interact with membrane proteins

The function of KvAP channel, a voltage- dependent K+-channel, depends on certain lipid species. KvAP senses voltage with the aid of Arg-containing structures located at the membrane interface and pointing into the membrane interior

The functional state of KvAP requires POPE or 1-palmitoyl-2-oleoyl-sn-glycero-phosphoglycerol (POPG) and that phosphate groups play a crucial role, as their enzymatic removal disrupts function

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#### Oligomerization and clustering of membrane proteins

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#### Membrane active peptides

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#### melittin

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#### Melittin Insertion into Cell Membranes

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#### $\alpha$ -Helical ionophoric peptides

Gly-Ile-Gly-Lys-Phe-Leu-His-Ser-Ala-Lys-Lys-Phe-Gly-Lys Ala-Phe-Val-Gly-Glu-Ile-Met-Asn-Ser.

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#### $\alpha$ -Helical ionophoric peptides

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### Amphiphilic helices

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apolipoprotein A-I tandem amphiphilic helices

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lipoprotein A-I tandem amphiphilic helices

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amphiphilic membrane scaffold proteins

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nanodisc with bacteriorhodopsin trimer

#### antimicrobial peptides (AMPs)

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# Cyclic peptides self-assemble into $\beta$ -sheet type nanotubes

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Figure 3.28a Cell Membranes (© Garland Science 2016)

## Cyclic peptides self-assemble into β-sheet type nanotubes

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teichoic acid biosynthesis protein F

#### Monotopic membrane proteins

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## Monotopic membrane proteins

#### prostaglandin H2 synthase

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**PGH**<sub>2</sub> **Synthase** is a heme-containing **dioxygenase**, bound to ER membranes.

(A dioxygenase incorporates **O**<sub>2</sub> into a substrate).

PGH<sub>2</sub> Synthase exhibits 2 activities: cyclooxygenase & peroxidase.

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Figure 3.6b Cell Membranes (© Garland Science 2016)

#### Lipid anchor types and function

#### Table 3.2 Lipid anchor types and function

Common name	Lipid	Linker	Target membrane	Topology	Reversible	Function
Myristic acid	C14:0	N-term G (internal K)	Any	Cytosolic	No	Targeting
Palmitic acid	C16:0	Cys (K, S, T)	Any	Cytosolic	Yes	Sorting, trafficking
Farnesyl	C15	C-term (CaaX, CXC, XXCC)	Plasma	Cytosolic	No	Sorting, protein interaction
Geranylgeranyl	C20	C-term (CaaX, CXC, XXCC)	Plasma	Cytosolic	No	Sorting, protein interaction
GPI (SPI)	Glycerolipid (sphingolipid)	C-term	Plasma	Extracellular	Yes	Cell communication

GPI, glycosylphosphatidylinositol; SPI, sphingolipid inositol; C-term, C-terminal; N-term, N-terminal.

Table 3.2 Cell Membranes (© Garland Science 2016)

Lateral diffusion is faster for lipid-anchored than for transmembrane proteins

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## Peripheral membrane proteins as subunits of protein complexes

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# Peripheral membrane proteins as subunits of protein complexes

#### DPIA + hv $\rightarrow$ DP<sup>\*</sup>IA $\rightarrow$ DP<sup>+</sup>I<sup>-</sup>A $\rightarrow$ DP<sup>+</sup>IA<sup>-</sup> $\rightarrow$ D<sup>+</sup>PIA<sup>-</sup>

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# Peripheral membrane proteins as subunits of protein complexes

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### Peripheral lipid-binding membrane proteins

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#### Peripheral lipid-binding membrane proteins

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#### Action

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