

# Role of lipids in endosomal/lysosomal cholesterol transport

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# 1 Simulations

- 100 lipids (50 per leaflet), 10% cholesterol and 30% DPPC/CERA/SM16/LBPA

| system                                      | NPT simulation [ns] | FEP simulation [ns] |
|---------------------------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| 90 POPC + 10 CHOL                           | 500                 | 100+100             |
| 60 POPC + 10 CHOL + 30 DPPC                 | 500                 | 101+100+100+100     |
| 60 POPC + 10 CHOL + 30 CERA                 | 500                 | 100+100             |
| 60 POPC + 10 CHOL + 30 SM16                 | 500                 | 101+100             |
| 60 POPC + 10 CHOL + 30 LBPA <sub>18:1</sub> | 500                 | 103+100             |
| 60 POPC + 10 CHOL + 30 LBPA <sub>16:0</sub> | 500                 | 100+100             |
| 60 POPC + 10 CHOL + 30 LBPA <sub>14:0</sub> | 500                 | 100+100             |

## Old test simulations, results not shown here

- Small membranes, 100 lipids (50 per leaflet), 10% cholesterol and 16% LBPA

| system                                    | NPT simulation [ns] | FEP simulation [ns] |
|-------------------------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| 74 POPC + 10 CHOL + 16 LBPA <sub>RR</sub> | 200                 |                     |
| 74 POPC + 10 CHOL + 16 LBPA <sub>SS</sub> | 200                 |                     |

- Big membranes, 200 lipids (100 per leaflet), 10% cholesterol and 15% CERA/SM16/LBPA

| system                                     | NPT simulation [ns] | FEP simulation [ns] |
|--------------------------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| 180 POPC + 20 CHOL                         | 200                 | 23                  |
| 150 POPC + 20 CHOL + 30 CERA               | 200                 | 20                  |
| 150 POPC + 20 CHOL + 30 SM16               | 200                 | 11                  |
| 150 POPC + 20 CHOL + 30 LBPA <sub>RR</sub> | 200                 | 17                  |
| 150 POPC + 20 CHOL + 30 LBPA <sub>SS</sub> | 200                 | 23                  |

- Big membranes, 200 lipids (100 per leaflet), 10% cholesterol and 90% CERA/SM16

| system             | NPT simulation [ns] | FEP simulation [ns] |
|--------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| 180 CERA + 20 CHOL | 200                 | 18                  |
| 180 SM16 + 20 CHOL | 200                 | 20                  |

- Big membranes, 200 lipids (100 per leaflet), 0.5 % cholesterol

| system                                    | NPT simulation [ns] | FEP simulation [ns] |
|-------------------------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| 199 POPC + 1 CHOL                         | 200                 | 17                  |
| 169 POPC + 1 CHOL + 30 CERA               | 200                 | 18                  |
| 169 POPC + 1 CHOL + 30 SM16               | 200                 | 24                  |
| 169 POPC + 1 CHOL + 30 LBPA <sub>RR</sub> | 200                 | 18                  |
| 169 POPC + 1 CHOL + 30 LBPA <sub>SS</sub> | 200                 | 24                  |

## 2 Results

### 2.1 Membrane area

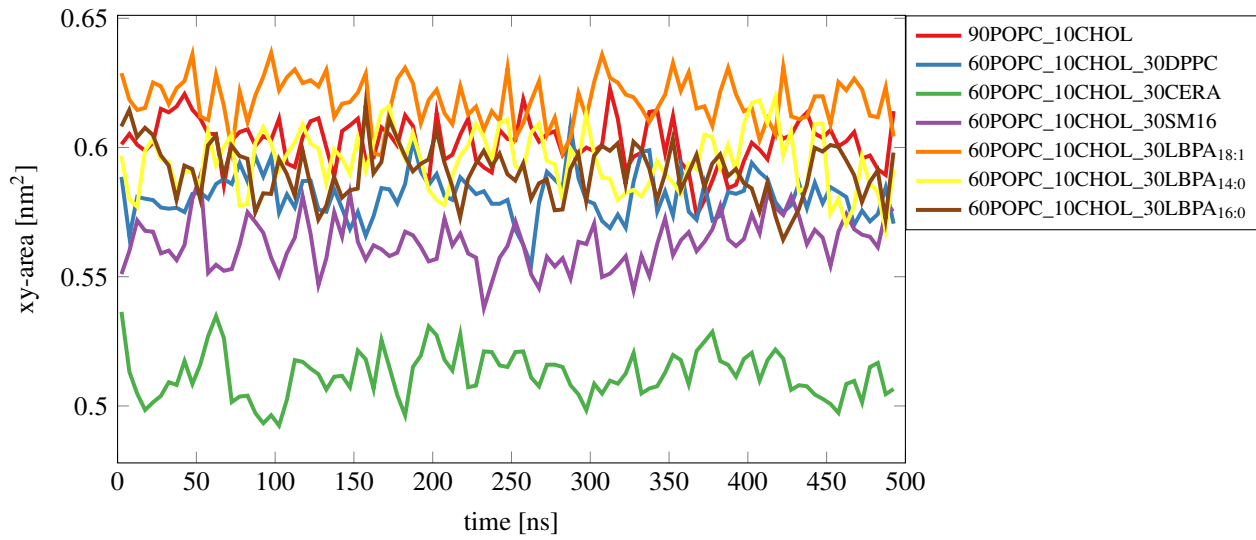


Figure 1: Area per lipid.

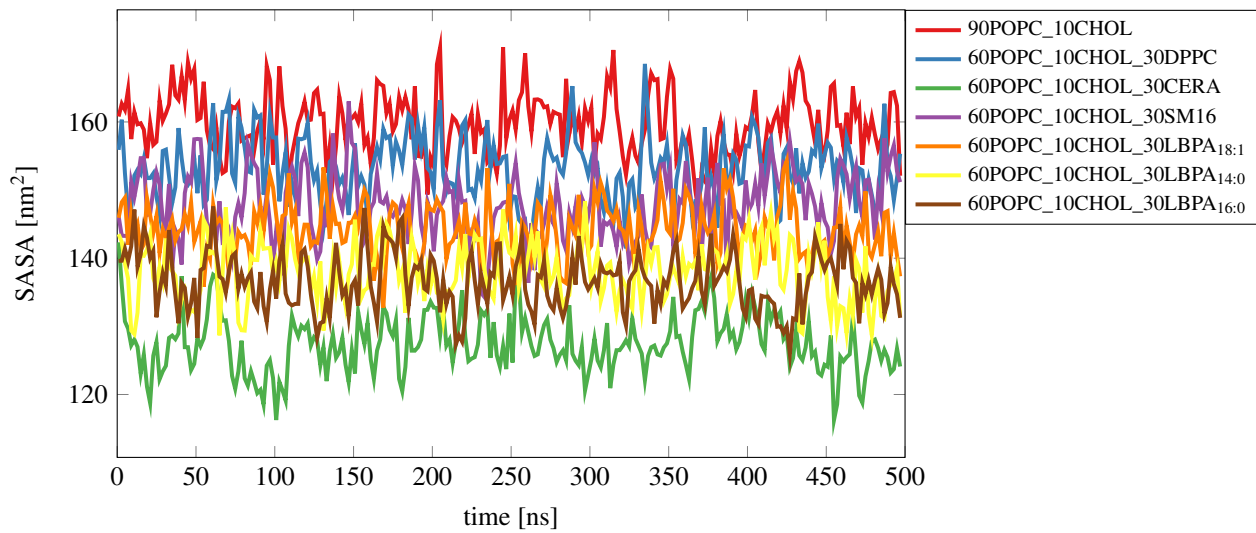


Figure 2: Solvent accessible surface area (SASA) of membrane.

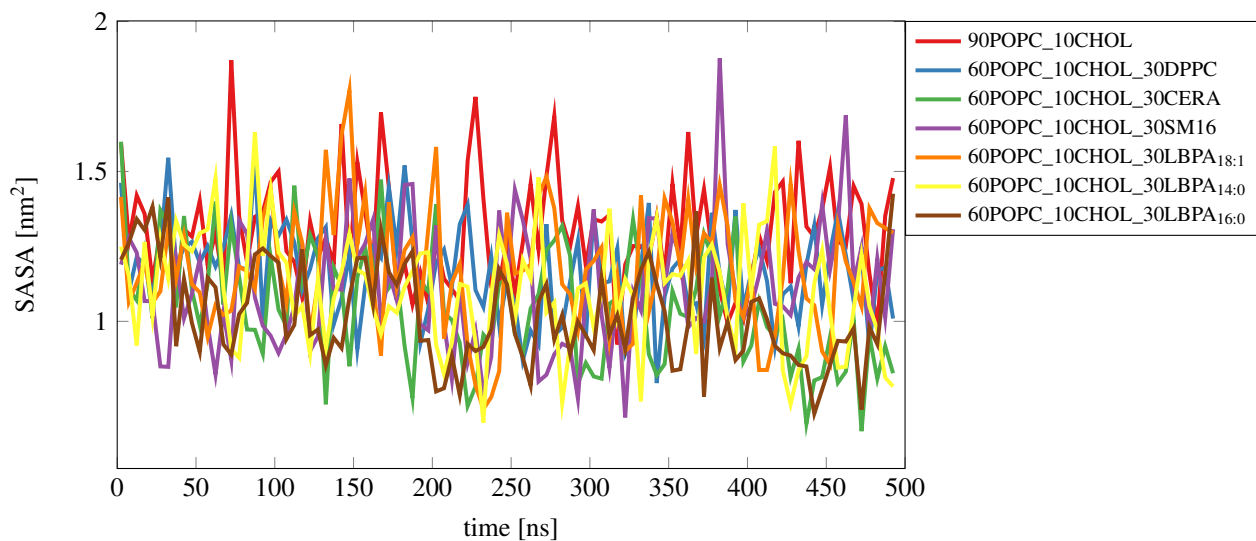


Figure 3: Solvent accessible surface area (SASA) of cholesterol.

## 2.2 Atom distance from bilayer center

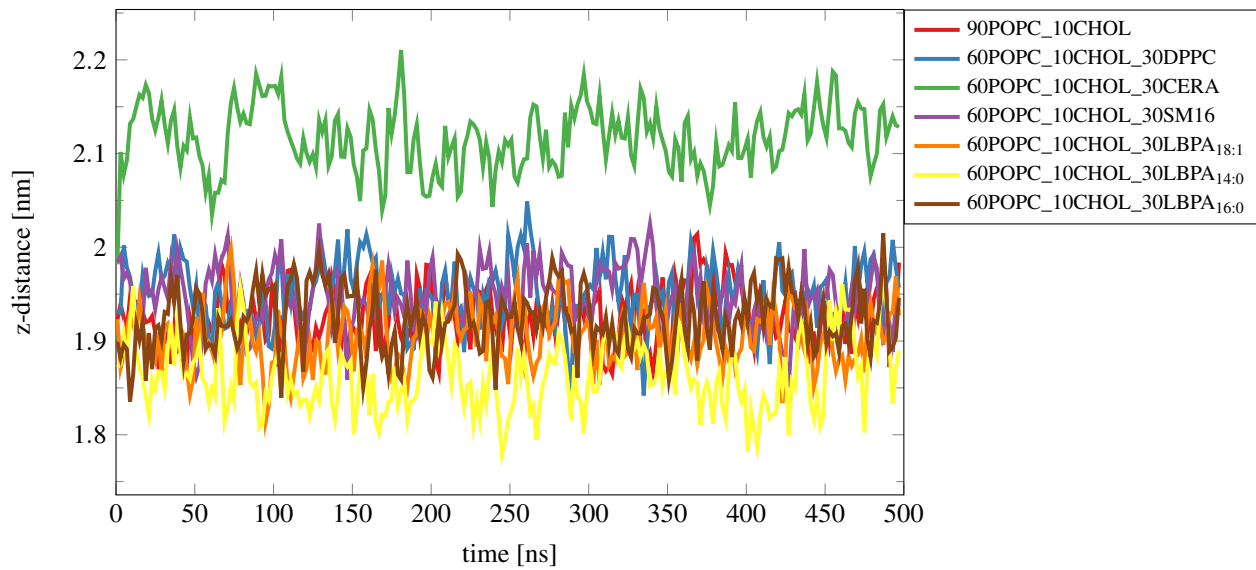


Figure 4: Absolute distance of POPC Phosphate from bilayer center.

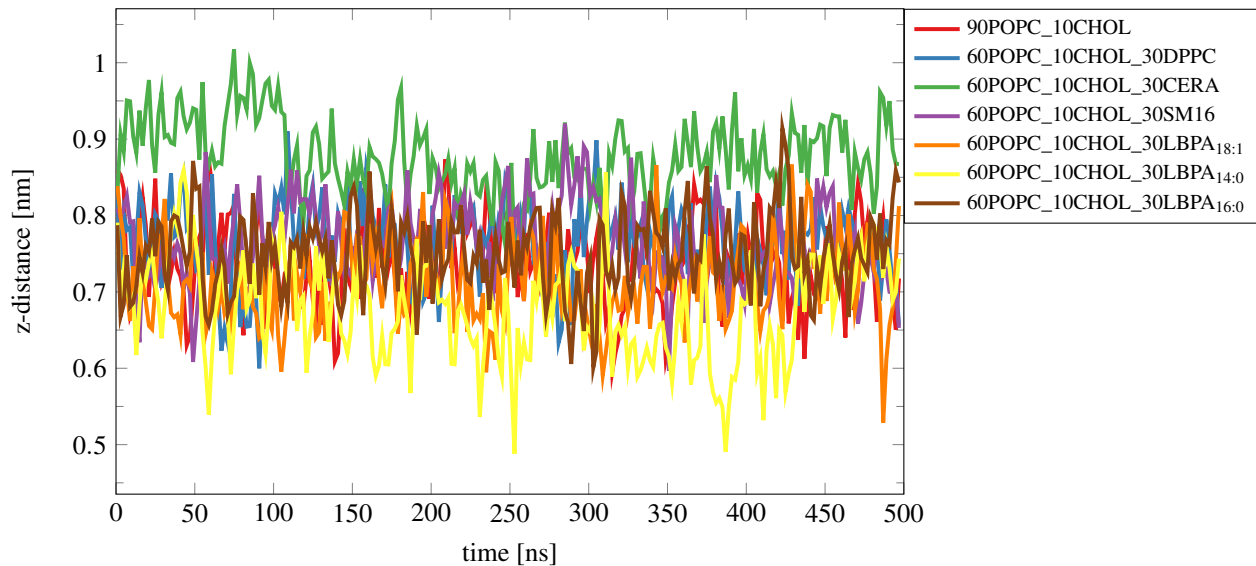


Figure 5: Absolute distance of cholesterol COM from bilayer center.

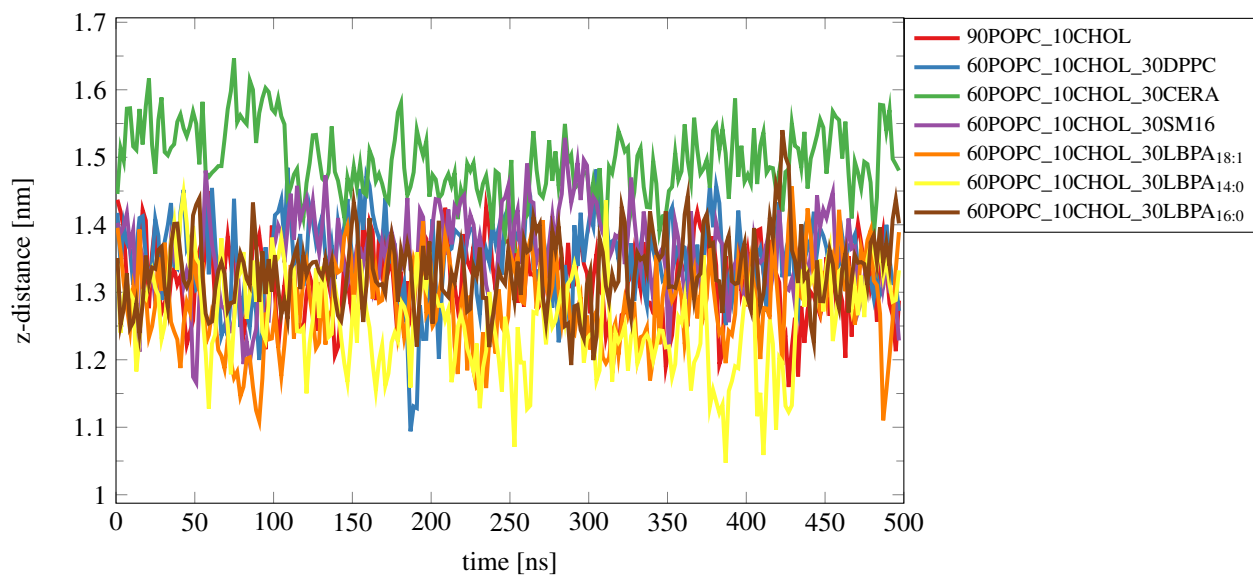


Figure 6: Absolute distance of cholesterol C3 atom from bilayer center.

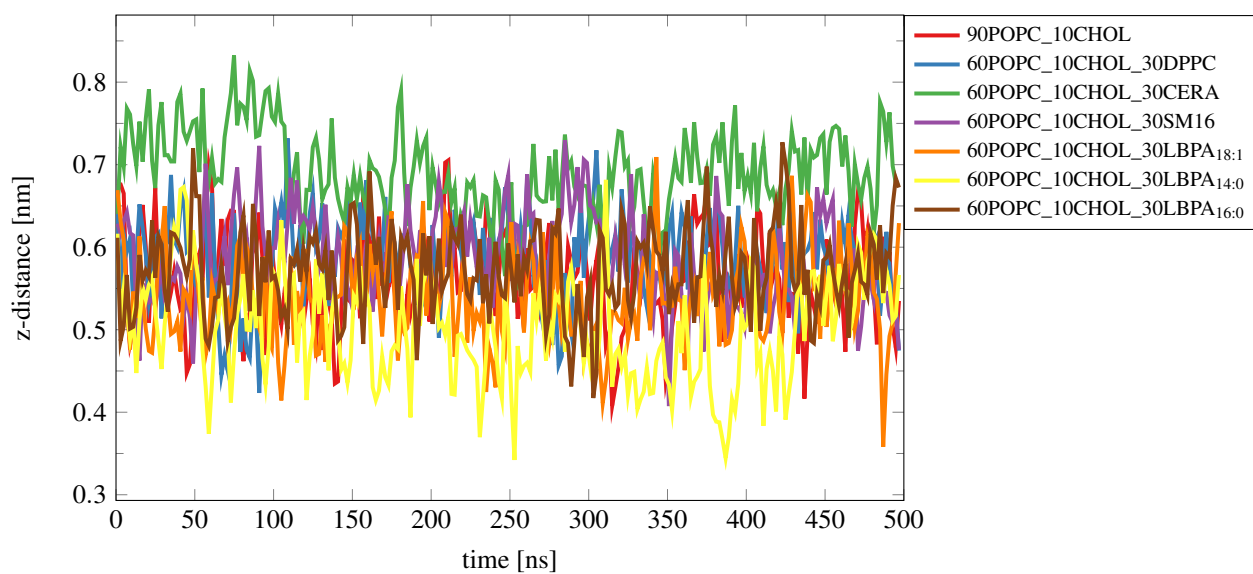


Figure 7: Absolute distance of cholesterol C17 atom from bilayer center.

### 2.3 Flip flops

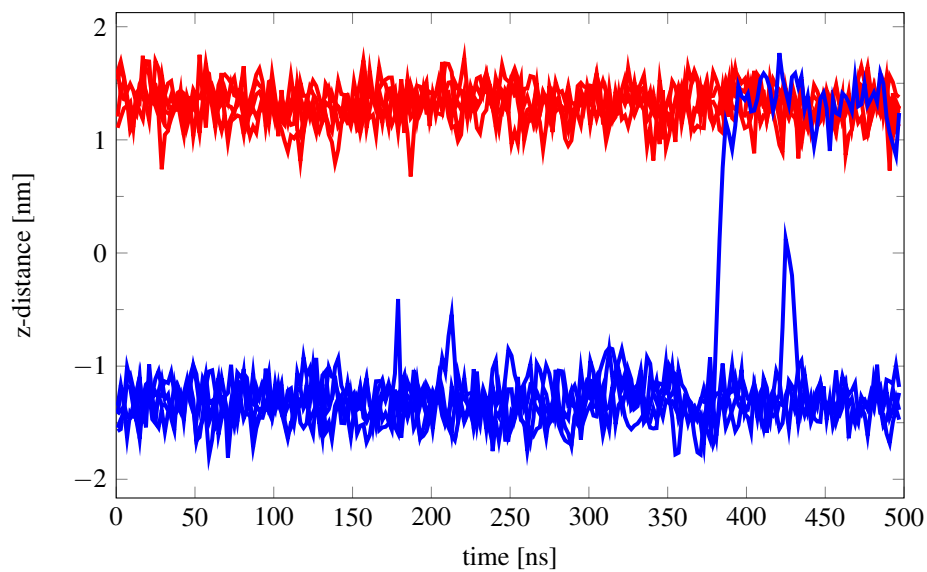


Figure 8: Distances of all cholesterol C3 atoms from bilayer center. 90POPC\_10CHOL

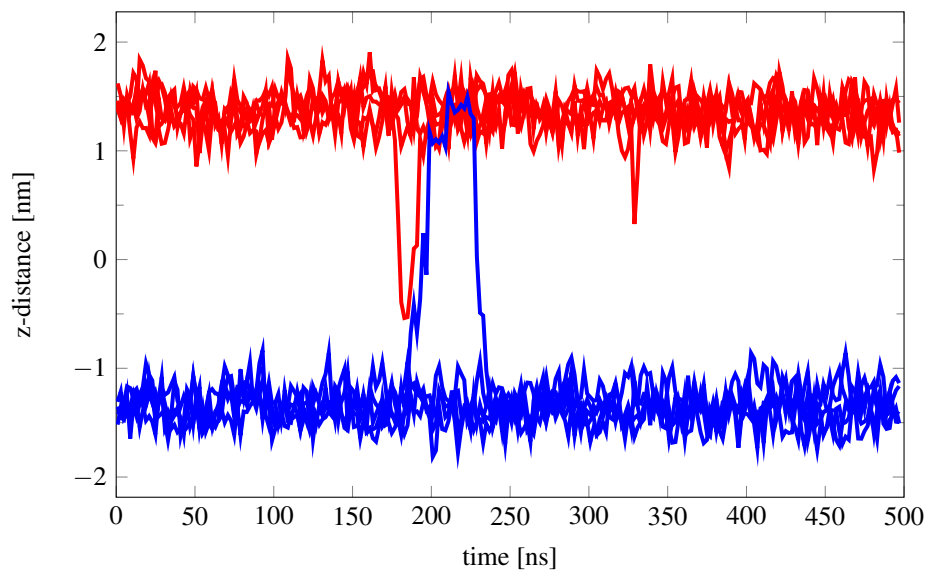


Figure 9: Distances of all cholesterol C3 atoms from bilayer center. 60POPC\_10CHOL\_DPPC

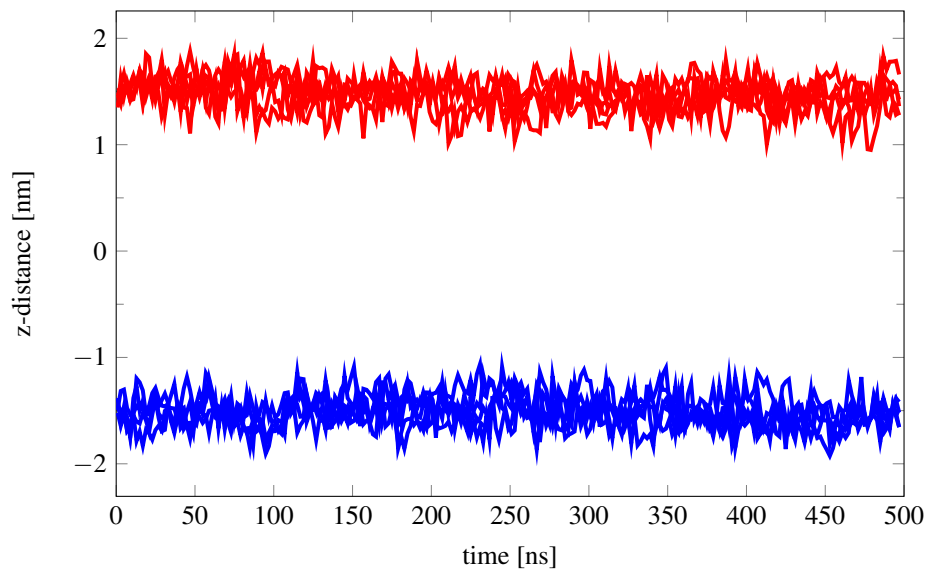


Figure 10: Distances of all cholesterol C3 atoms from bilayer center. 60POPC\_10CHOL\_CERA

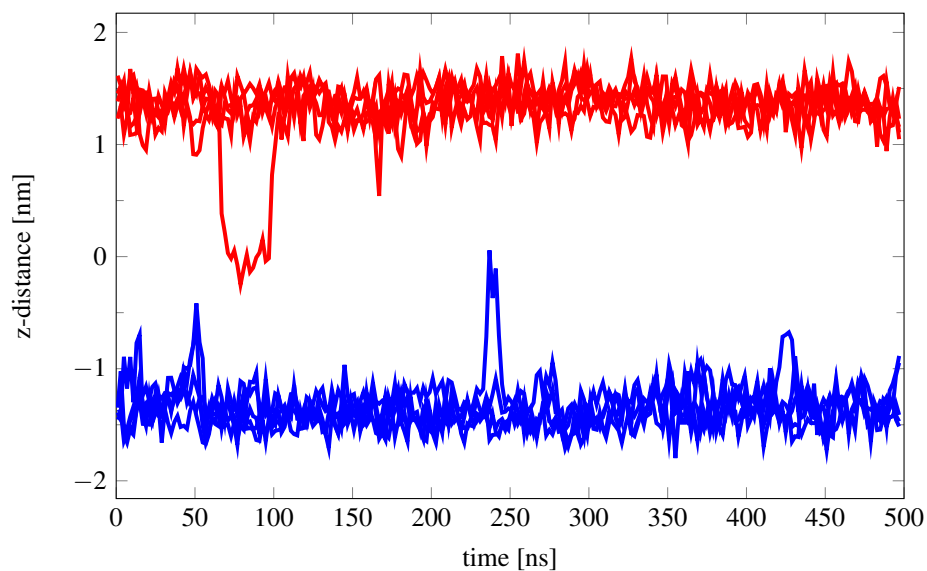


Figure 11: Distances of all cholesterol C3 atoms from bilayer center. 60POPC\_10CHOL\_SM16

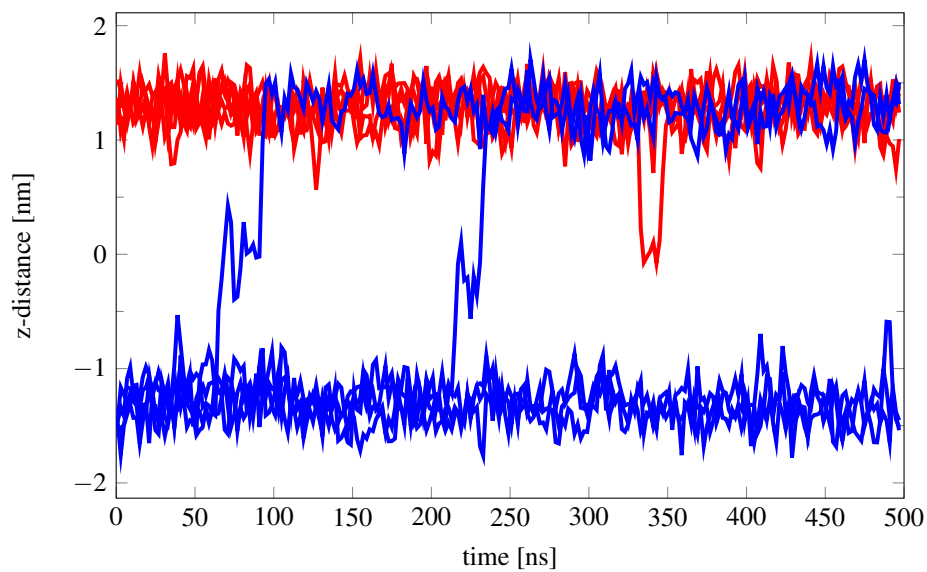


Figure 12: Distances of all cholesterol C3 atoms from bilayer center. 60POPC\_10CHOL\_LBPA<sub>18:1</sub>

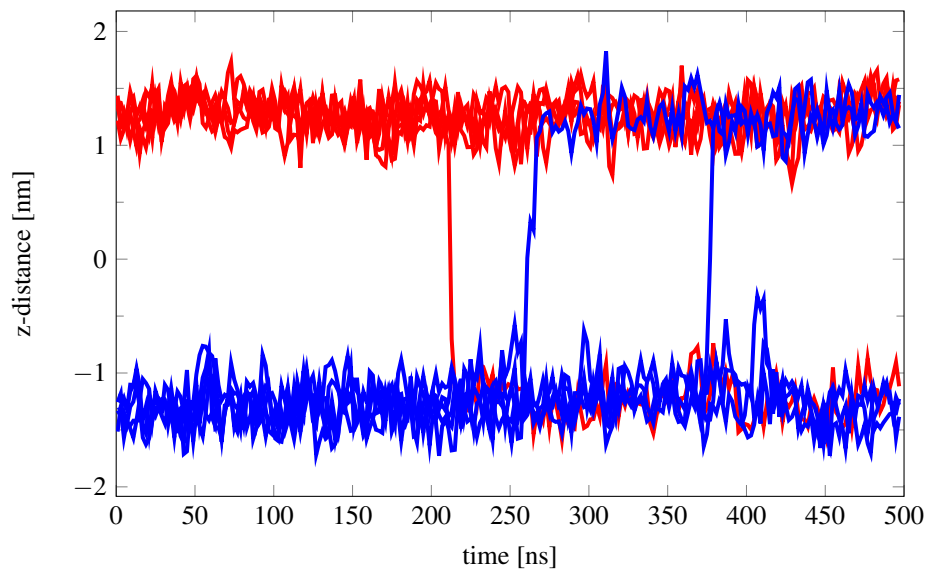


Figure 13: Distances of all cholesterol C3 atoms from bilayer center. 60POPC\_10CHOL\_LBPA<sub>14:0</sub>

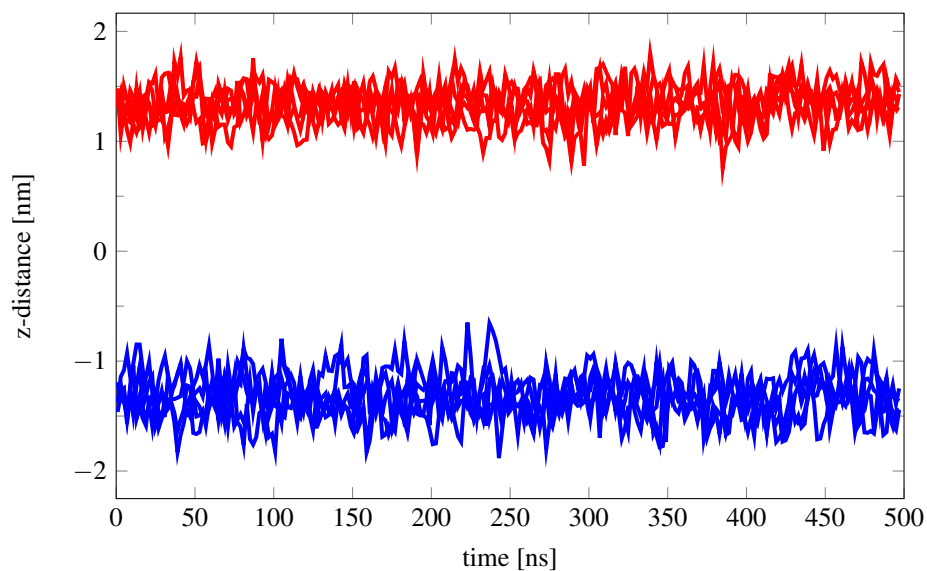


Figure 14: Distances of all cholesterol C3 atoms from bilayer center. 60POPC\_10CHOL\_LBPA<sub>16:0</sub>



## 2.4 Order parameter

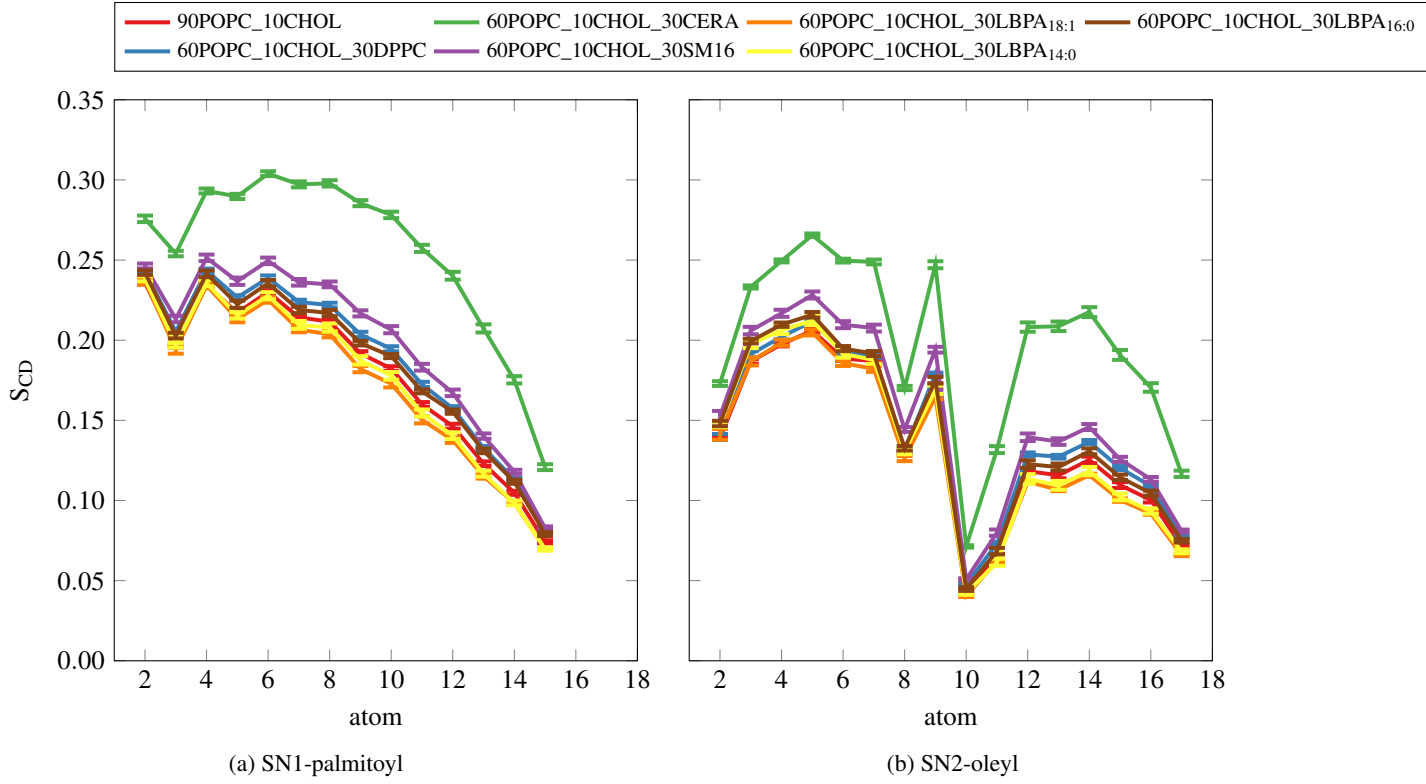


Figure 15: POPC tail deuterium order parameters.

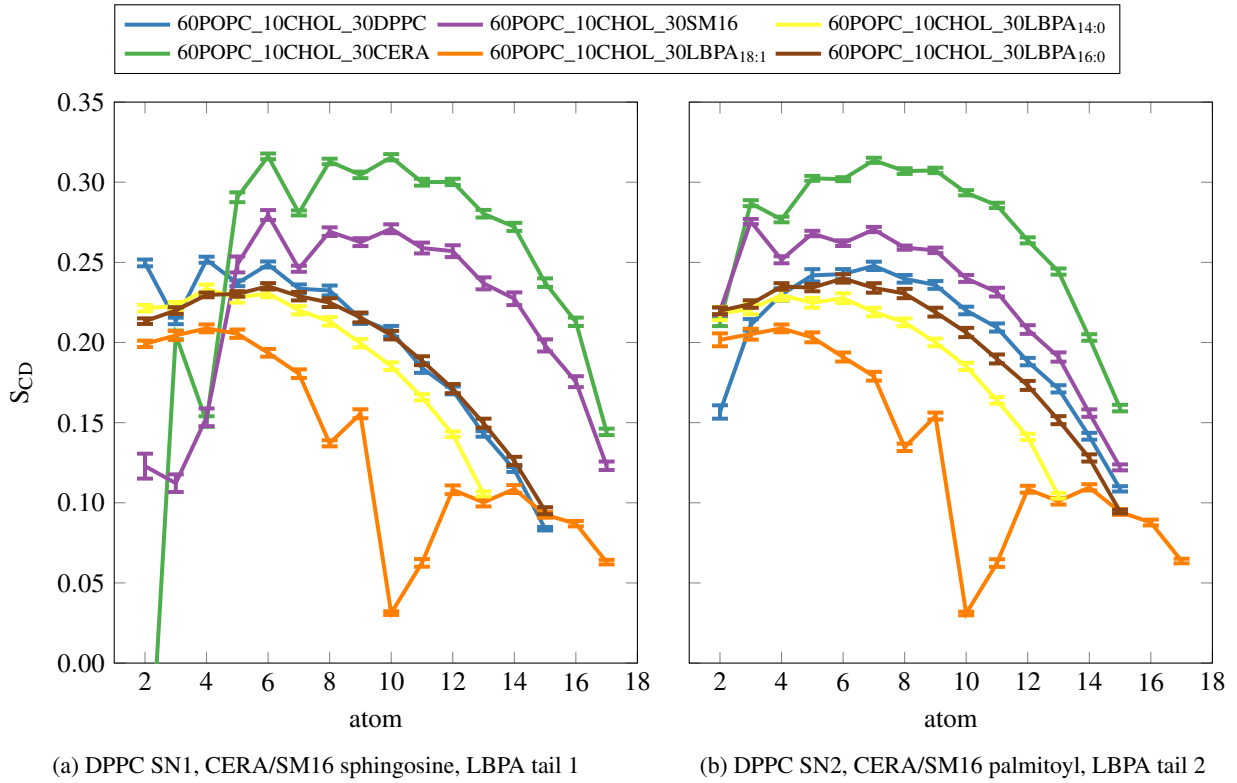


Figure 16: DPPC/CERA/SM16/LBPA tail deuterium order parameters.

## 2.5 Cholesterol density

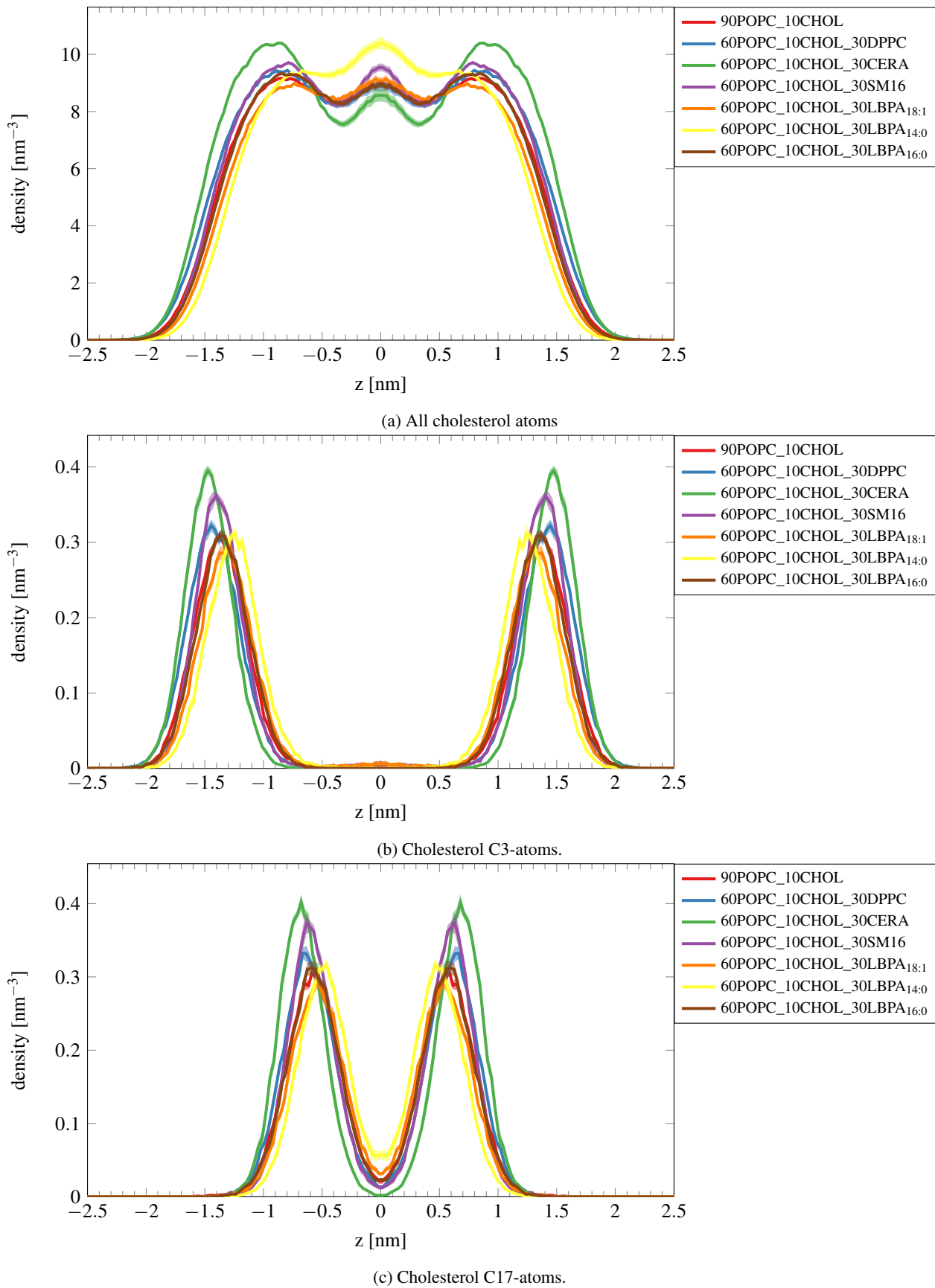


Figure 17: Number density of cholesterol atoms through membrane.

## 2.6 RDF of lipids around cholesterol

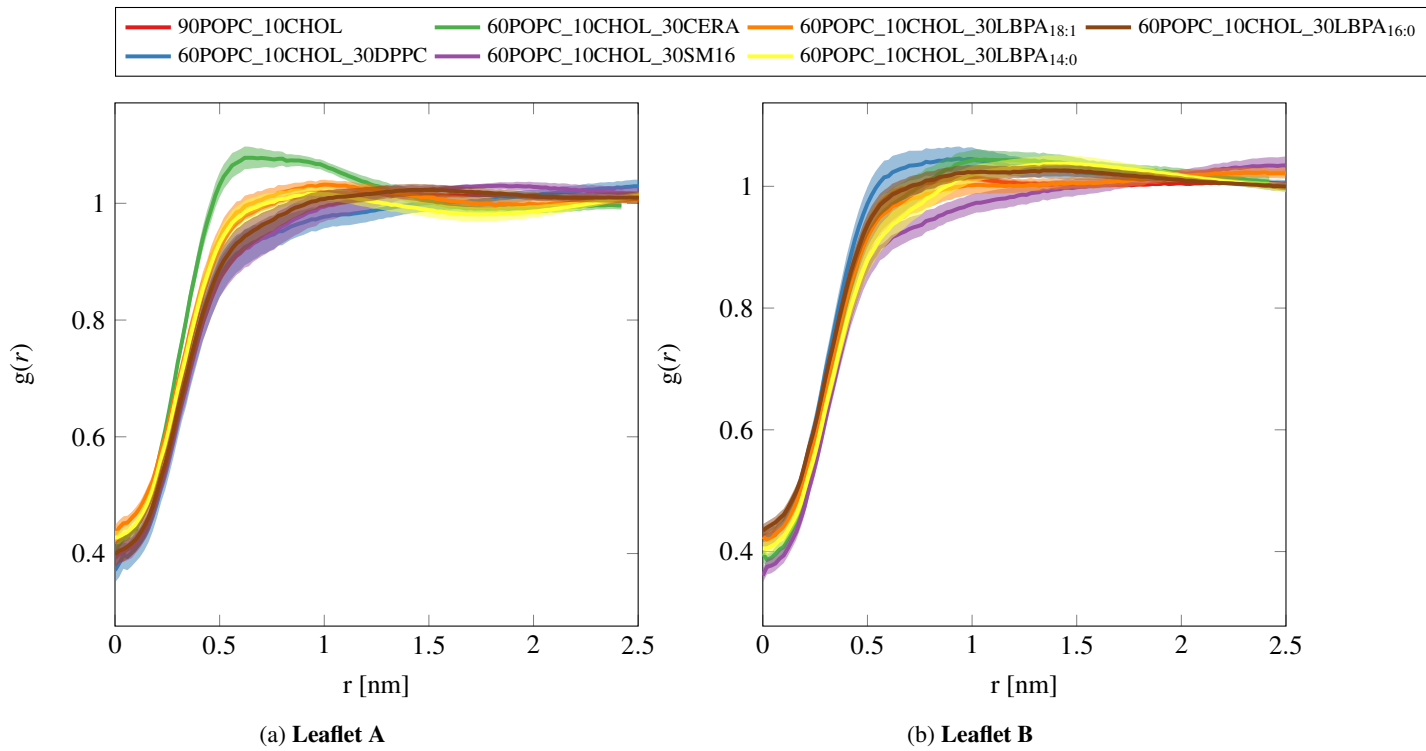


Figure 18: Radial distribution function (RDF) of POPC around cholesterol.

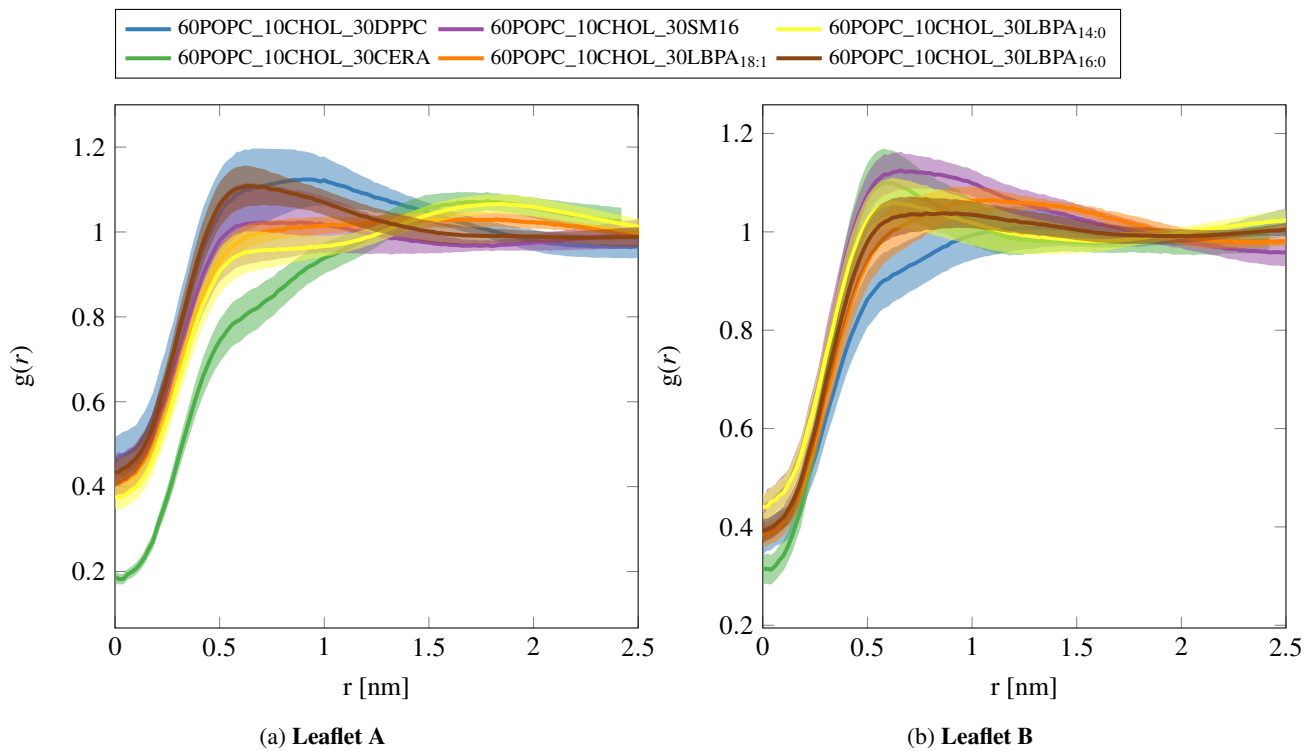


Figure 19: Radial distribution function (RDF) of DPPC/CERA/SM16/LBPA around cholesterol.

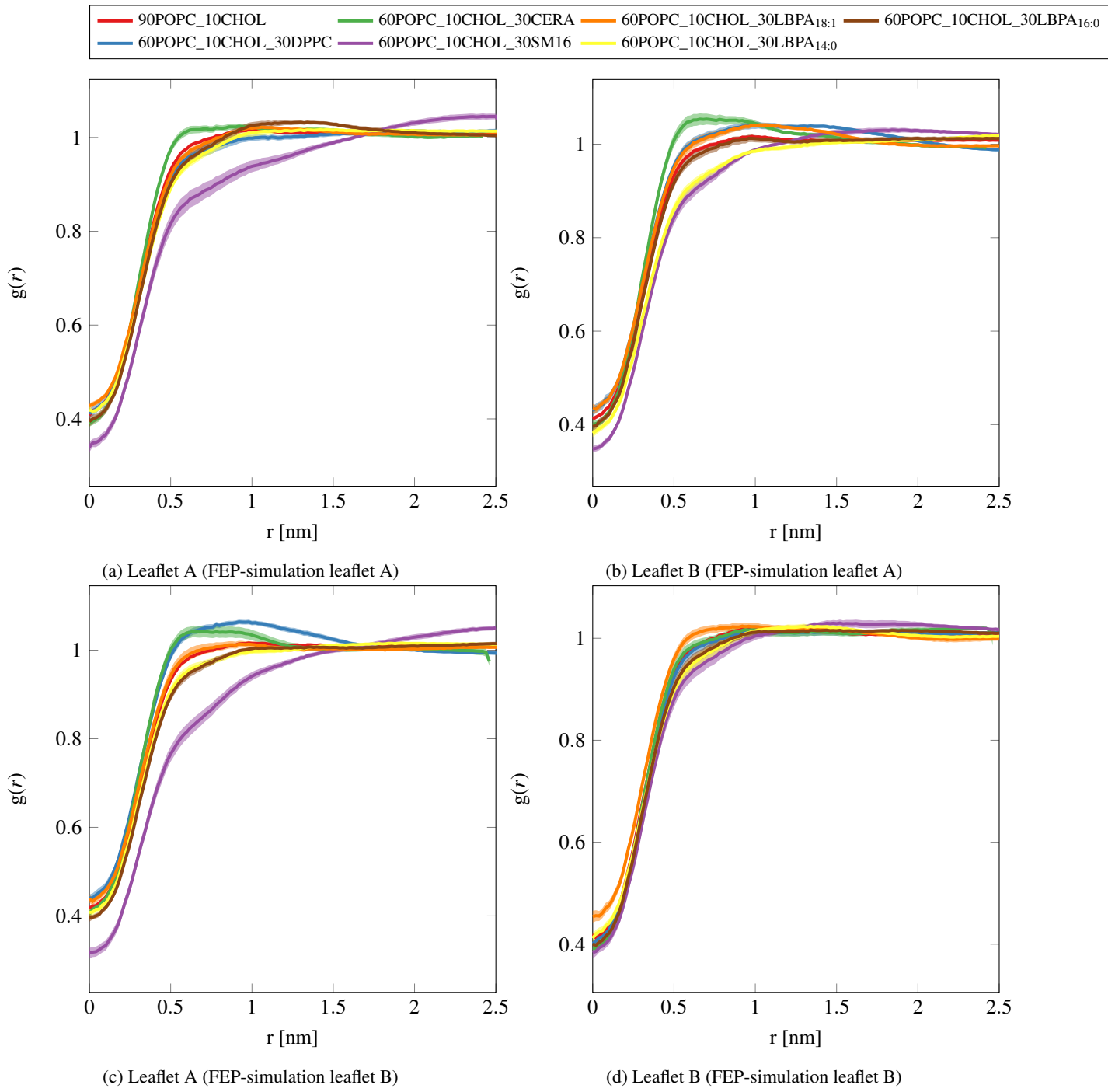


Figure 20: **Radial distribution function (RDF) of POPC around cholesterol. Calculated from FEP simulations (lambda0).**

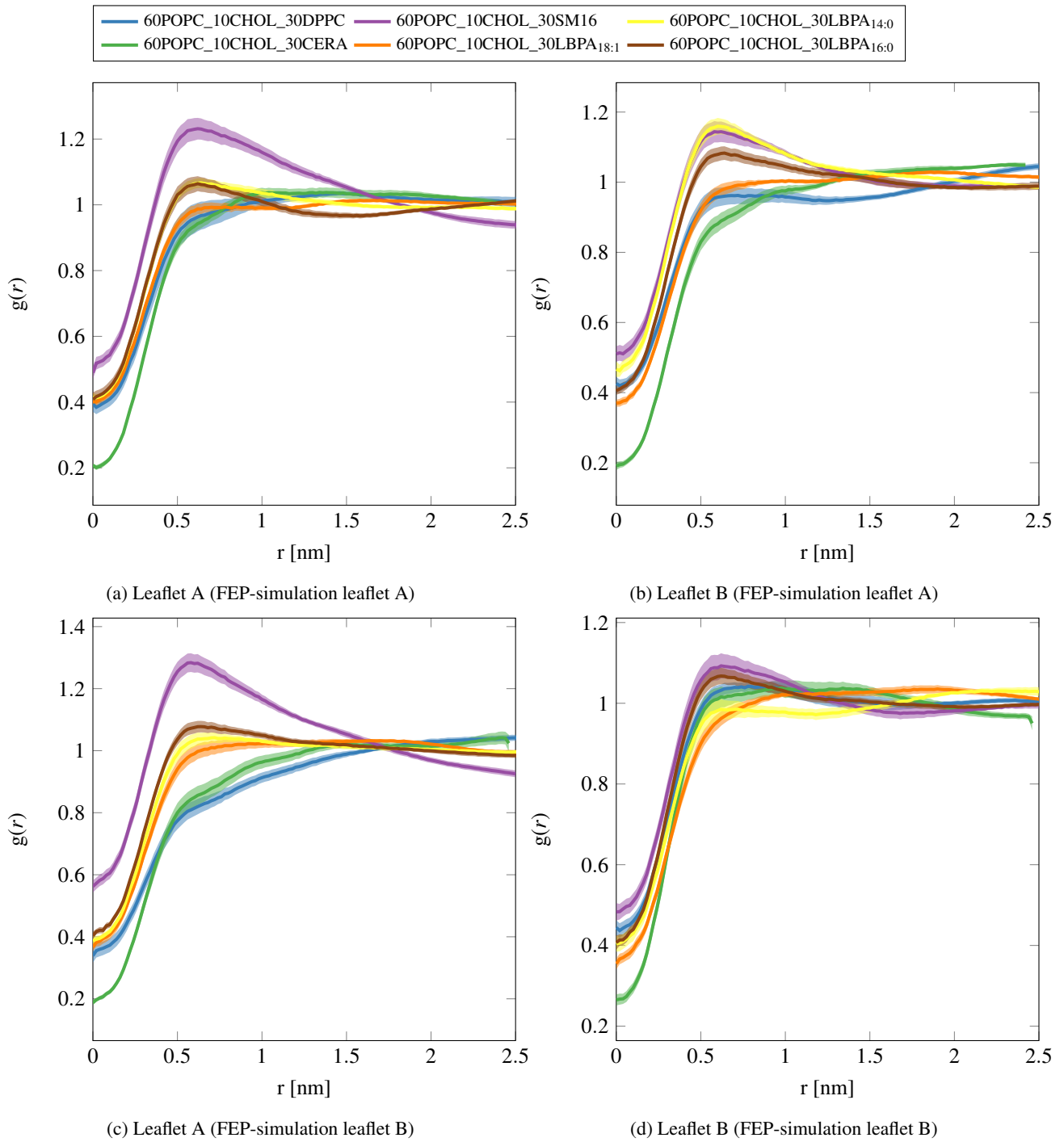


Figure 21: **Radial distribution function (RDF) of DPPC/CERA/SM16/LBPA around cholesterol. Calculated from FEP simulations (lambda0).**

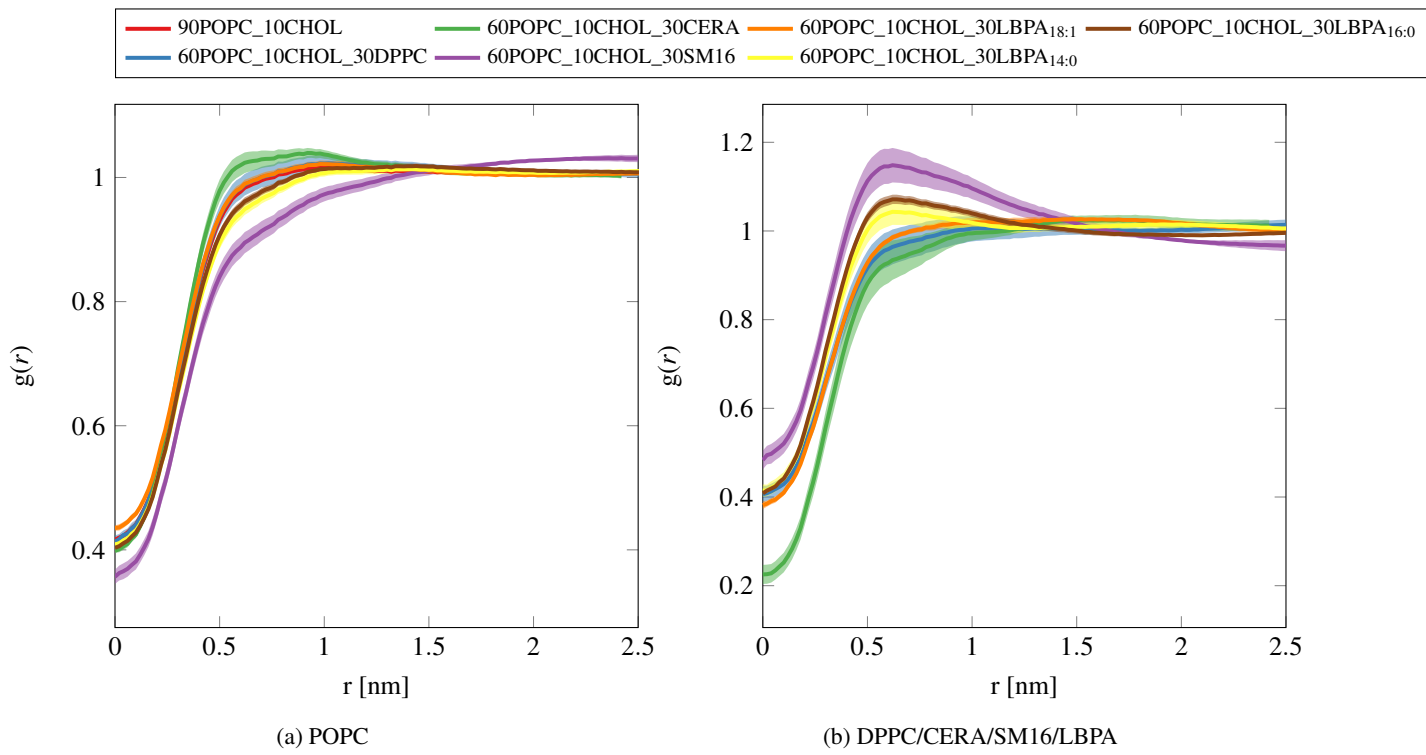


Figure 22: **Radial distribution function (RDF) of lipids around cholesterol. RDFs from NPT and FEP simulations averaged.**

## 2.7 CHOL - contacts (0.6nm)

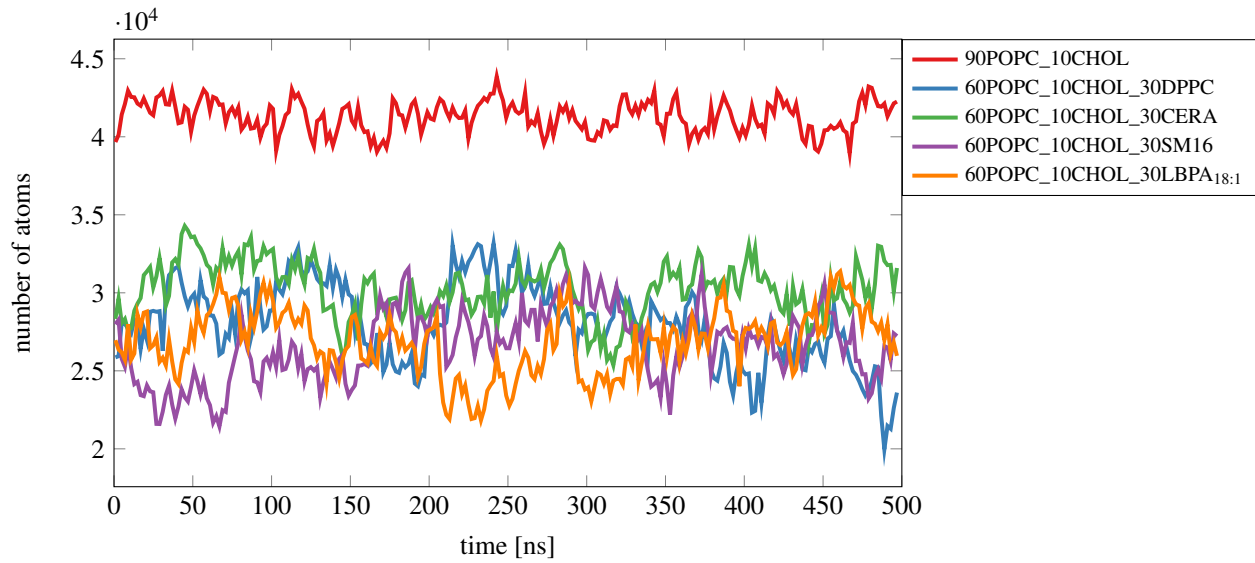


Figure 23: Number of CHOL-POPC contacts (0.6 nm).

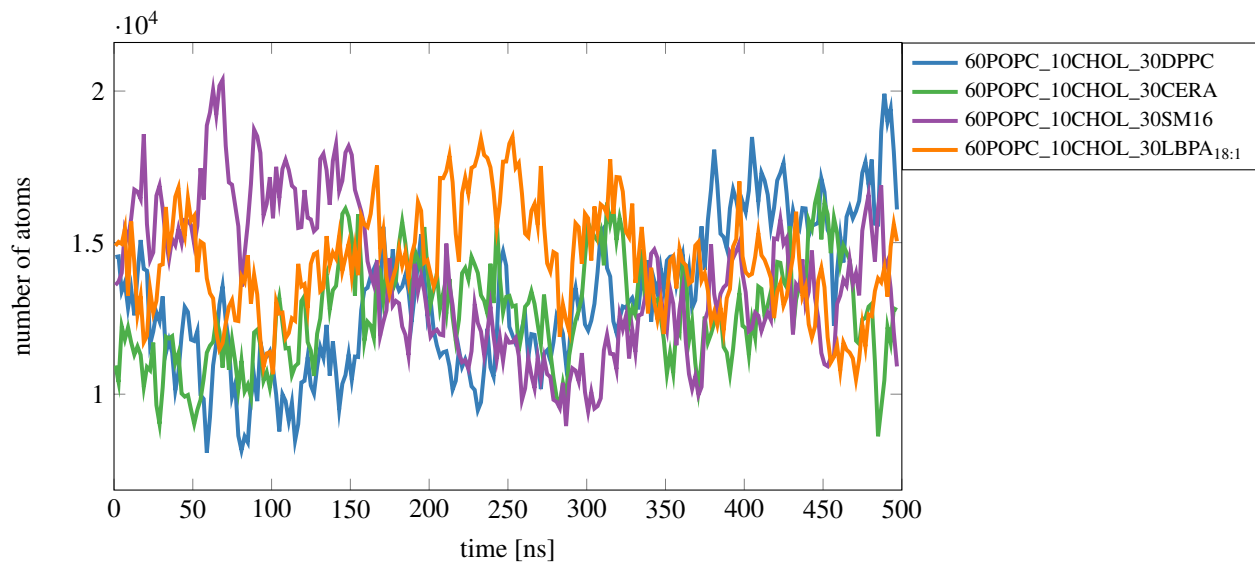


Figure 24: Number of CHOL-DPPC/CERA/SM16/LBPA contacts (0.6 nm).

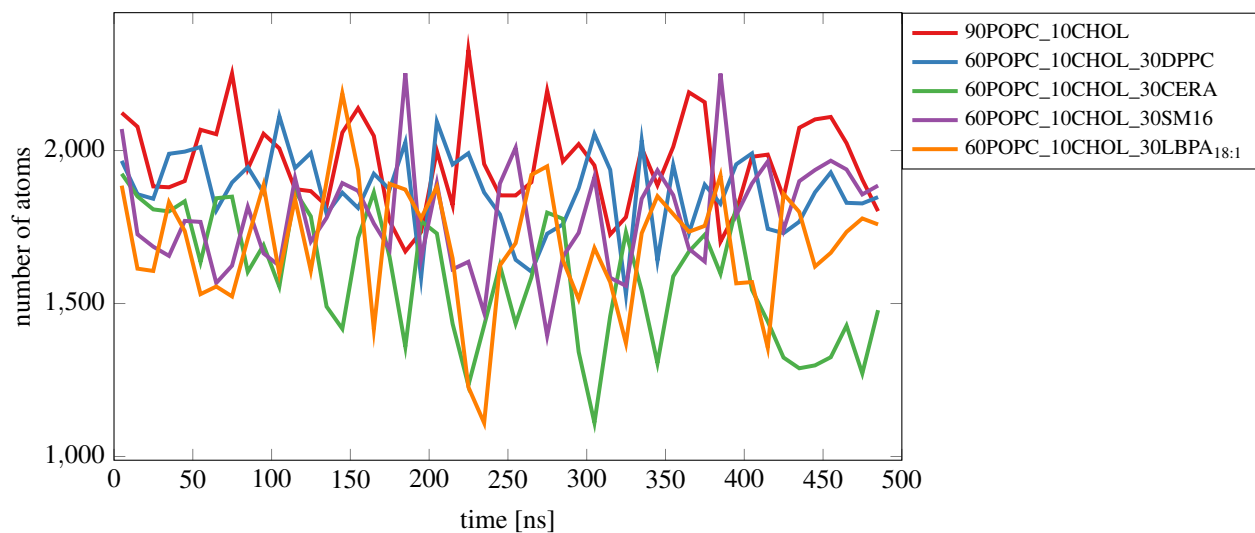


Figure 25: Number of CHOL-Water contacts (0.6 nm).

## 2.8 Hydrogen bonds

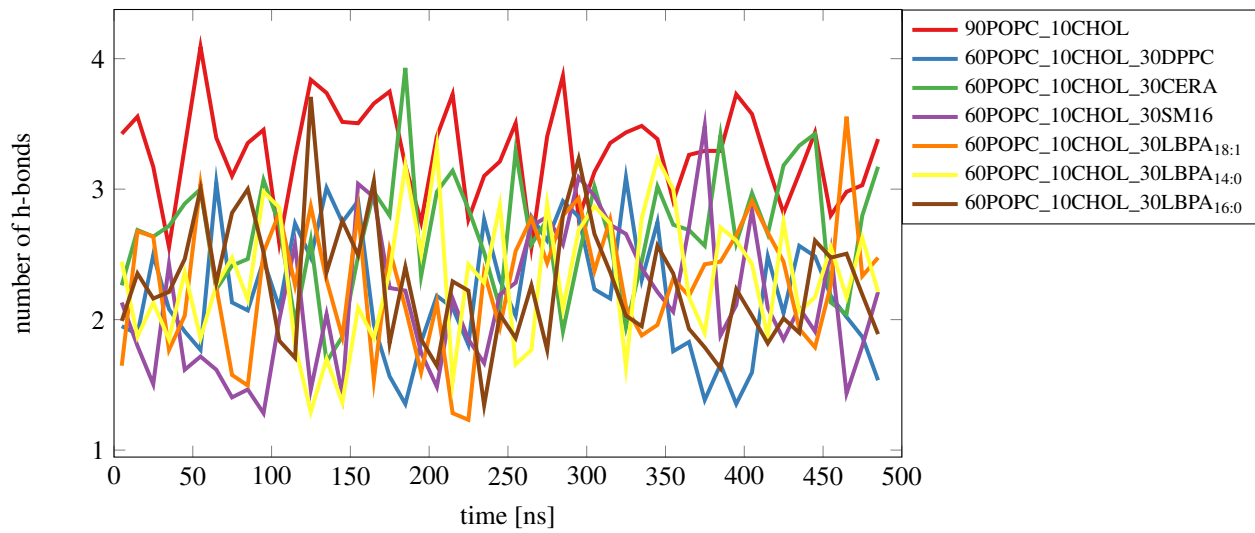


Figure 26: Number of CHOL-POPC hydrogen bonds.

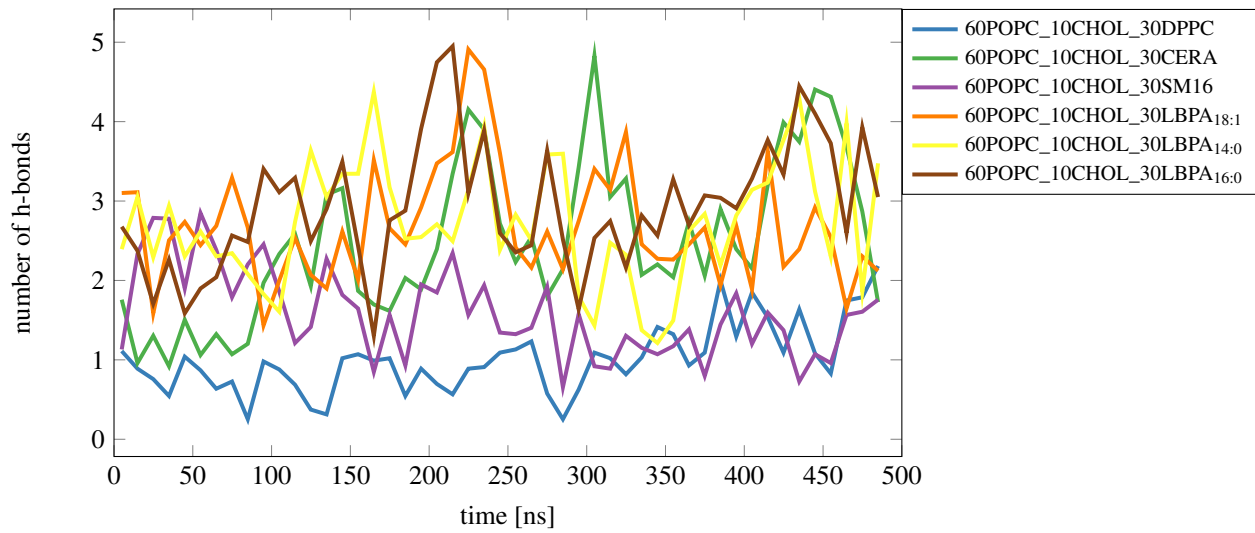


Figure 27: Number of CHOL-DPPC/CERA/SM16/LBPA hydrogen bonds.



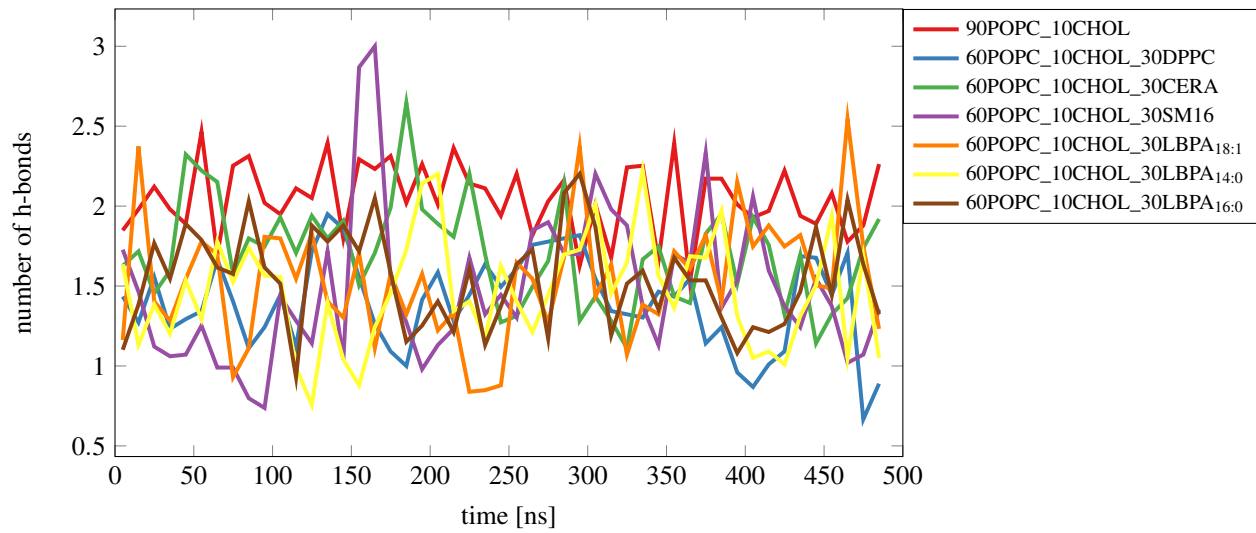


Figure 28: Number of CHOL-POPC hydrogen bonds defined by only distance (angle ignored).

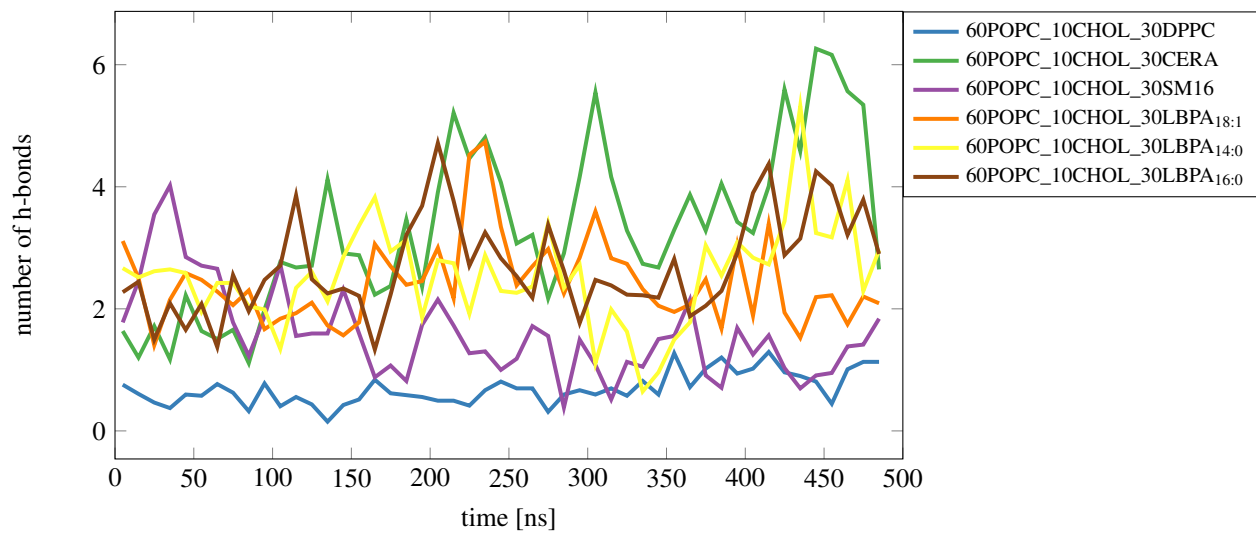


Figure 29: Number of CHOL-DPPC/CERA/SM16/LBPA hydrogen bonds defined by only distance (angle ignored).

## 2.9 POPC Diffusion

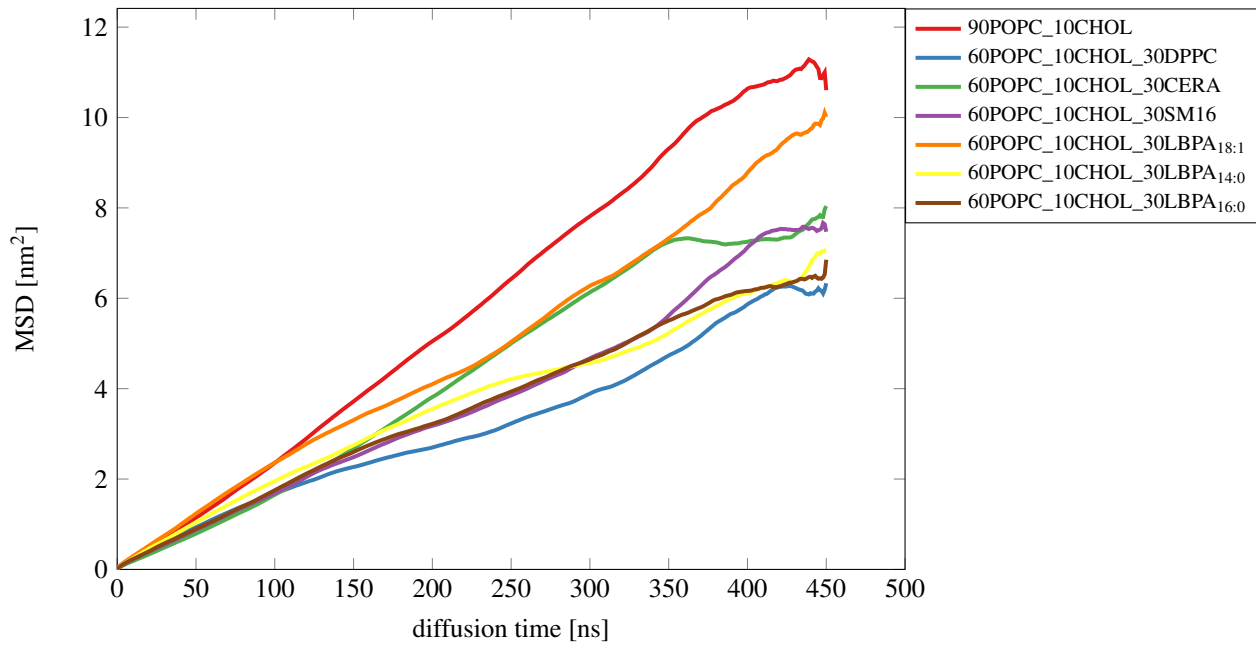


Figure 30: MSD of POPC in xy-plane. Leaflet A.

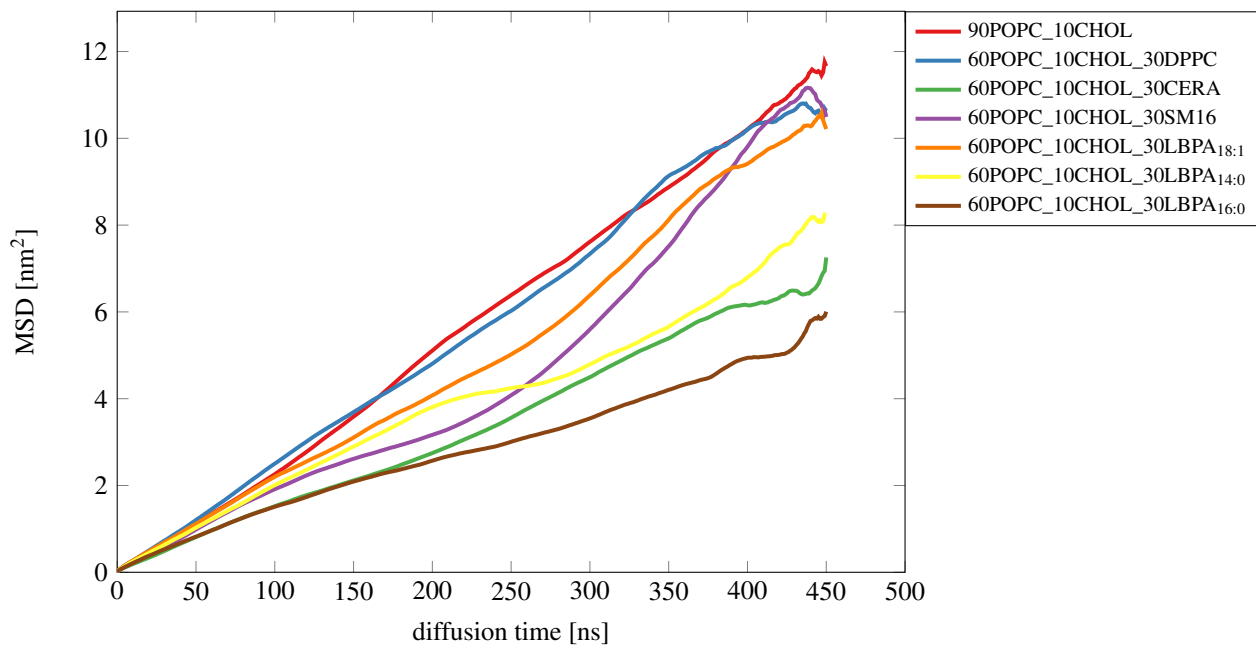


Figure 31: MSD of POPC in xy-plane. Leaflet B.

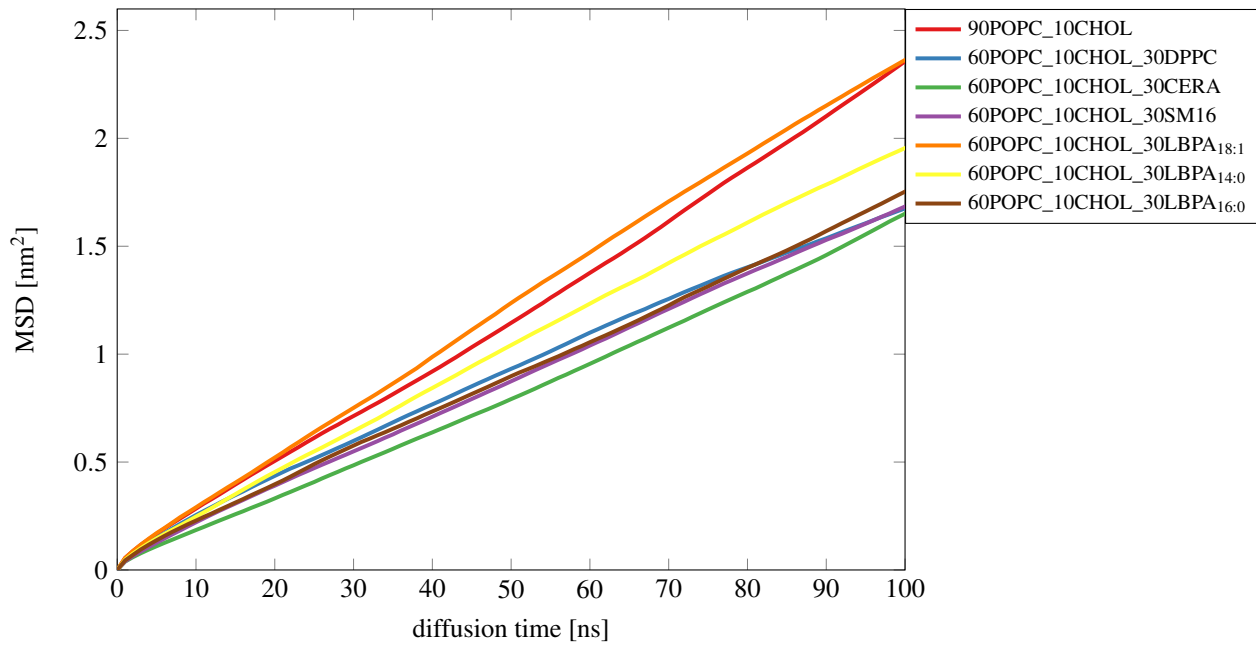


Figure 32: MSD of POPC in xy-plane. 100ns diffusion. Leaflet A.

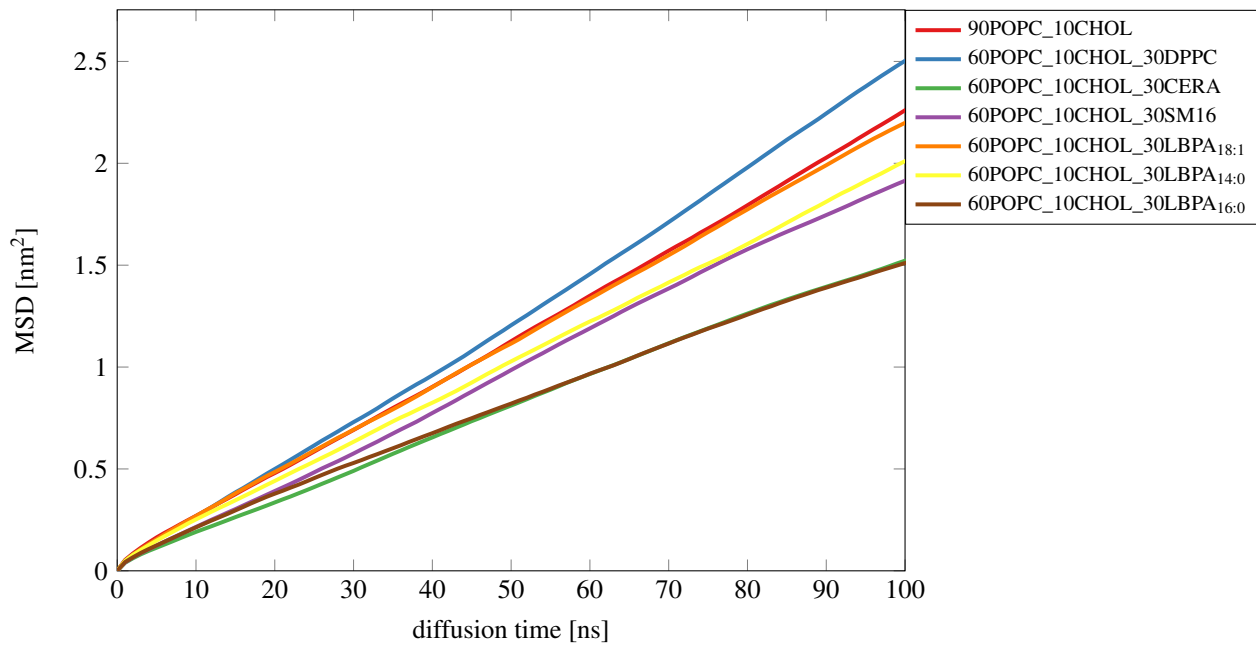


Figure 33: MSD of POPC in xy-plane. 100ns diffusion. Leaflet B.

## 2.10 CHOL diffusion

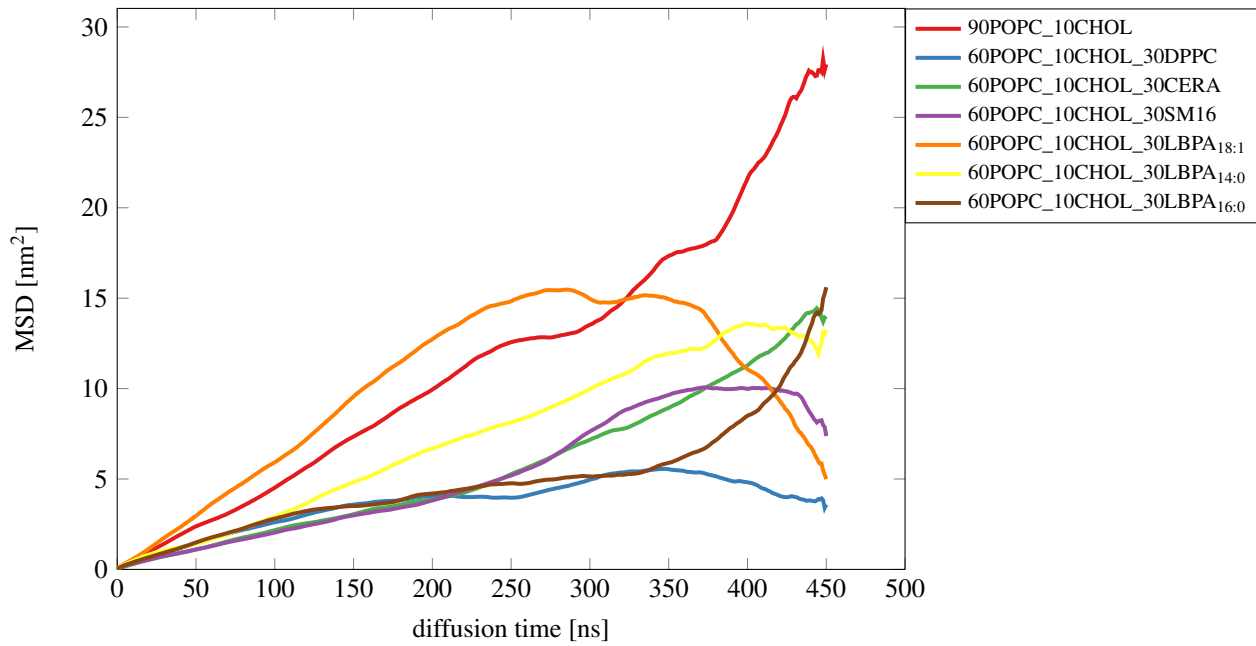


Figure 34: MSD of cholesterol in xy-plane. Leaflet A.

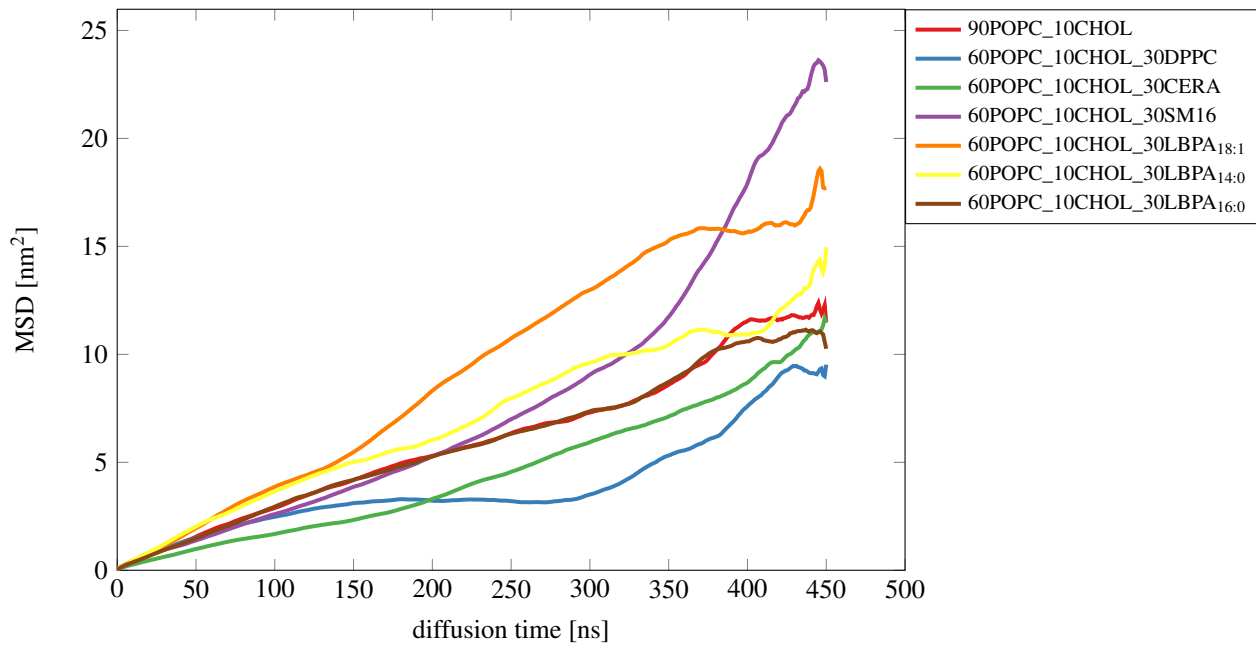


Figure 35: MSD of cholesterol in xy-plane. Leaflet B.

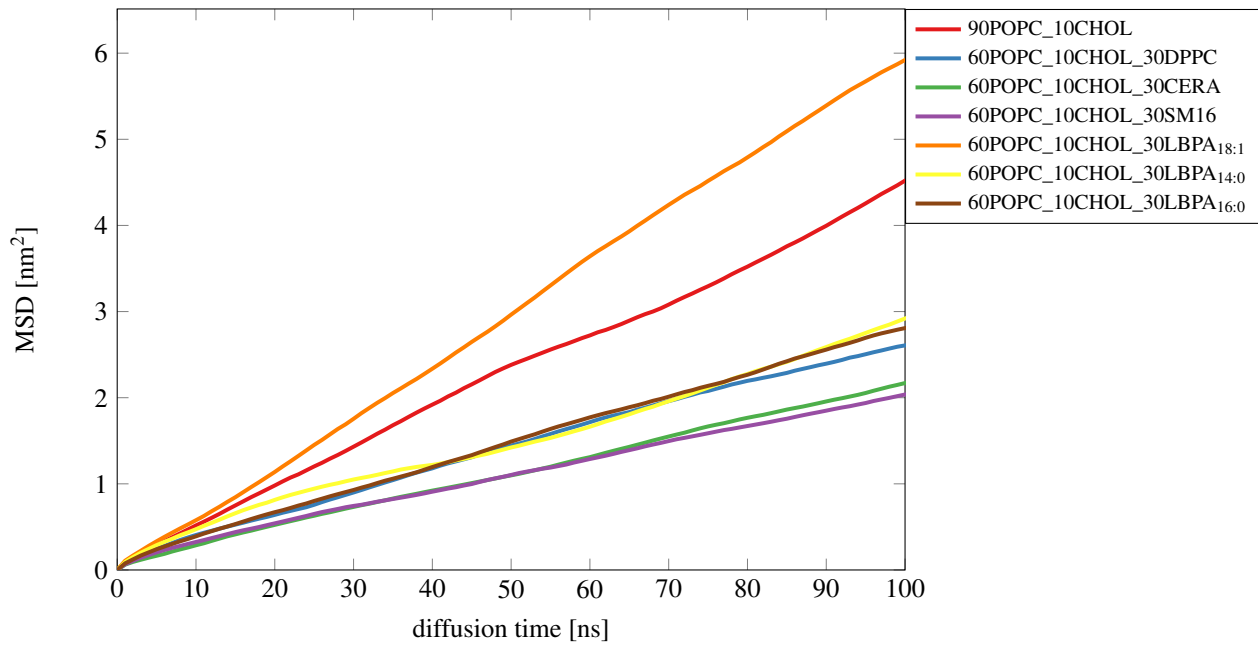


Figure 36: MSD of cholesterol in xy-plane. 100ns diffusion. Leaflet A.

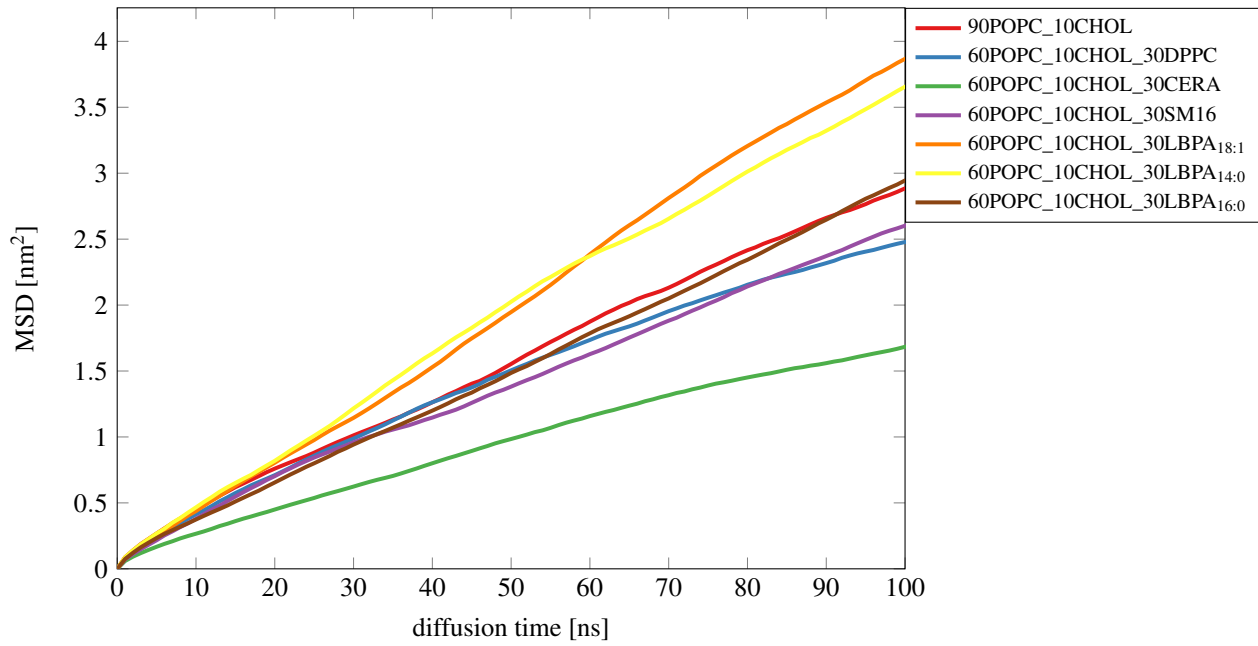


Figure 37: MSD of cholesterol in xy-plane. 100ns diffusion. Leaflet B.

## 2.11 Free energy calculations

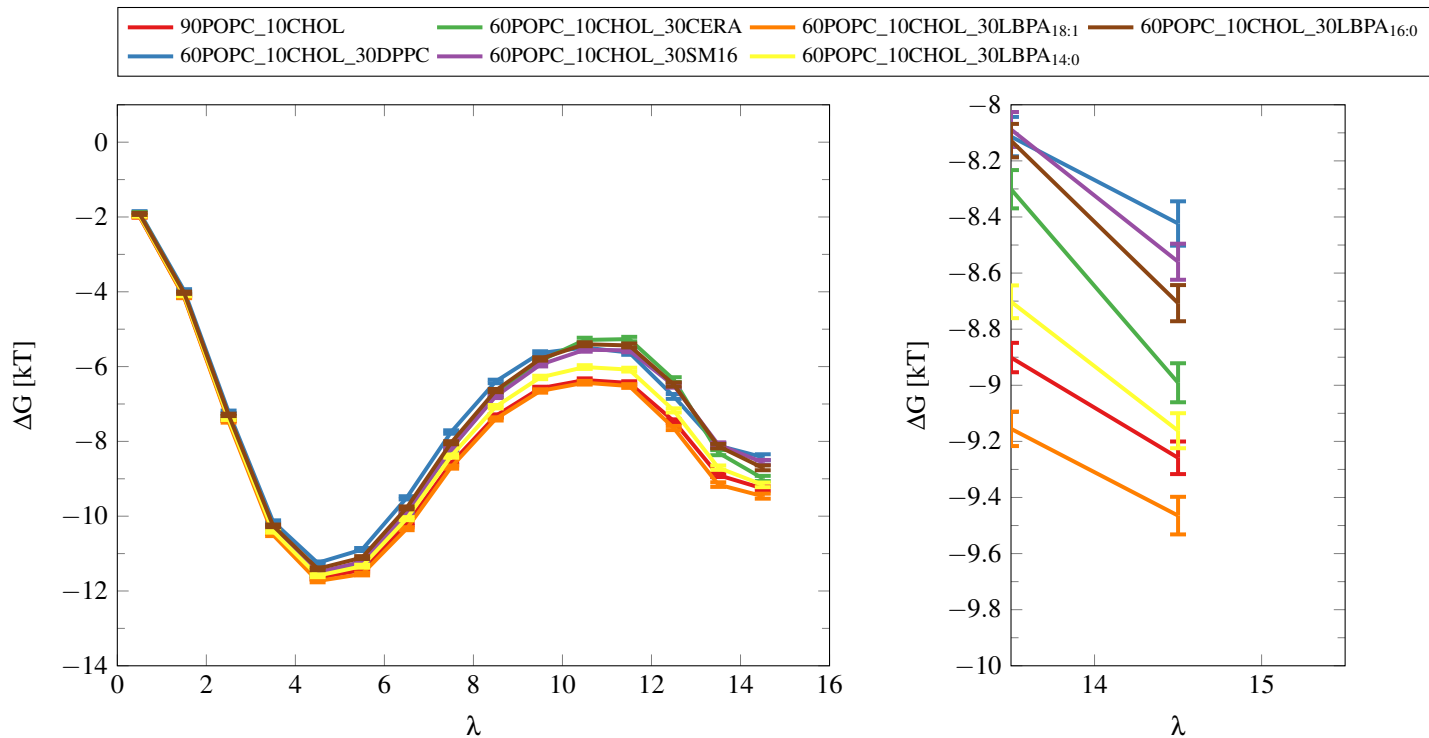


Figure 38: **Free energy integral. Leaflet A.** Length of simulations was 100 ns. The different initial structures were created by using different cholesterol molecules and different time frames of NPT-simulation. The plot is simply cumulative sum of  $\Delta G$ s between lambdas (from bar.xvg file). The error estimate is sum of squares error (SSE) of bootstrap errors.

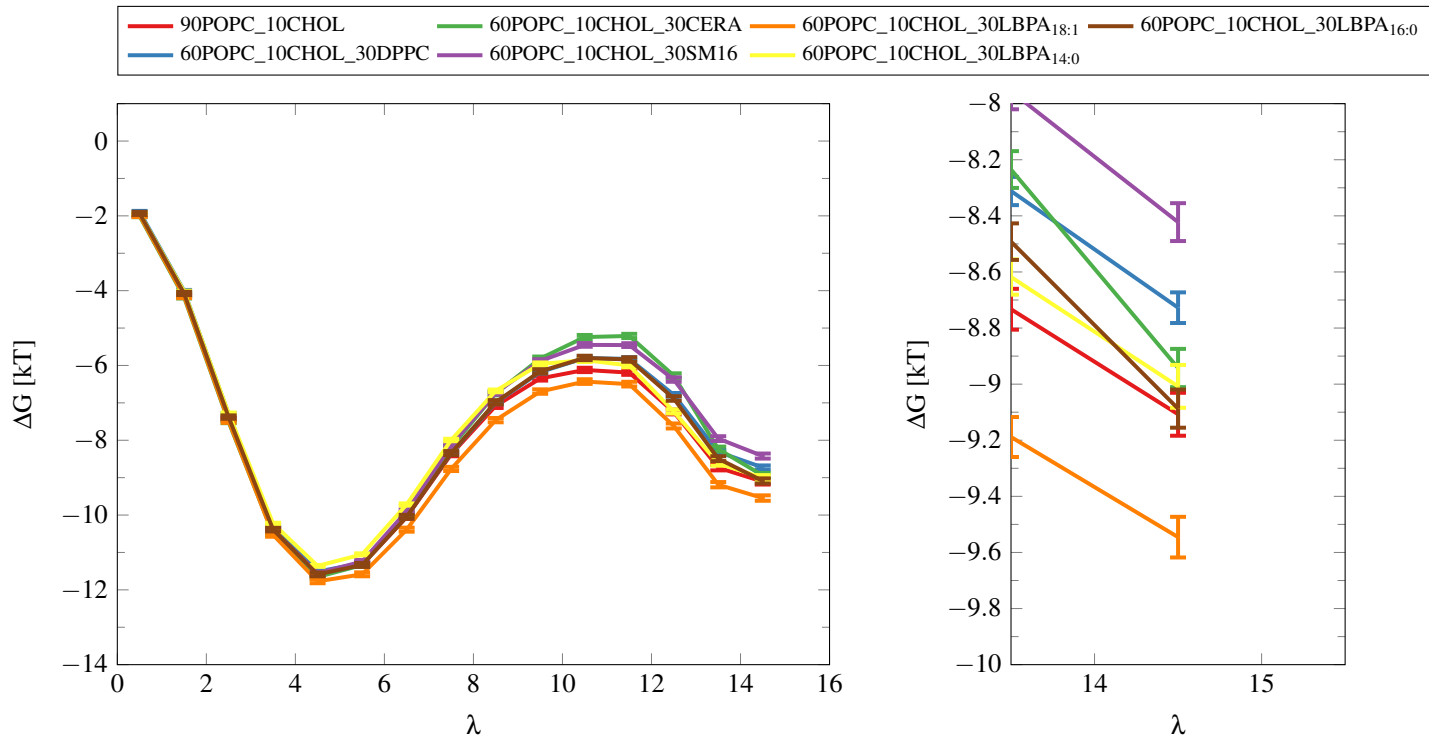


Figure 39: **Free energy integral. Leaflet B.** Same as figure above, but leaflet B was used for calculation. Simulation length was 100 ns. A flip-flop occurred in LBPA<sub>14:0</sub> system, and messed up the results.

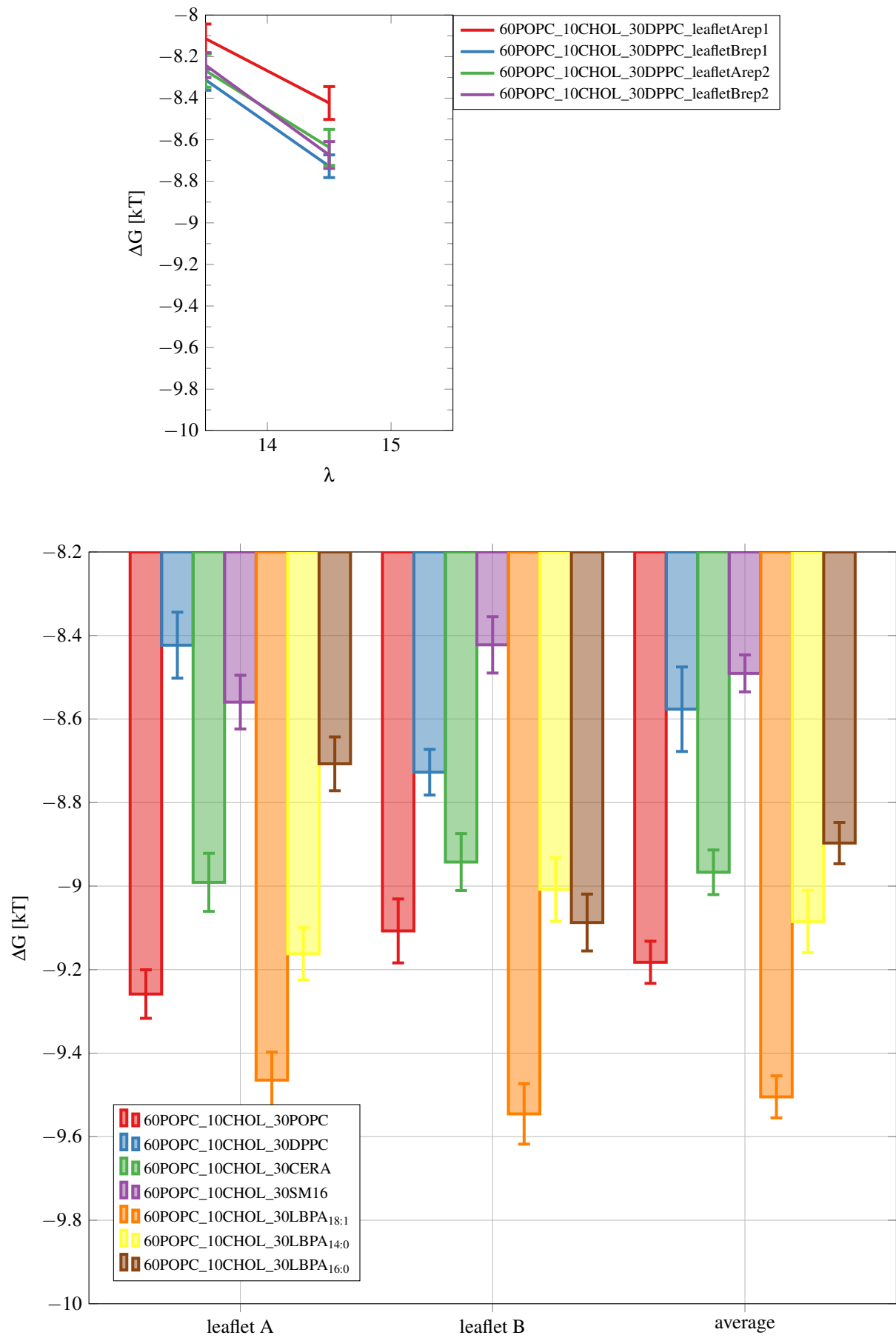


Figure 40:  $\Delta G$  of two leaflets compared. Error estimate from using bootstrap with nbmin=6 and nbmax=10

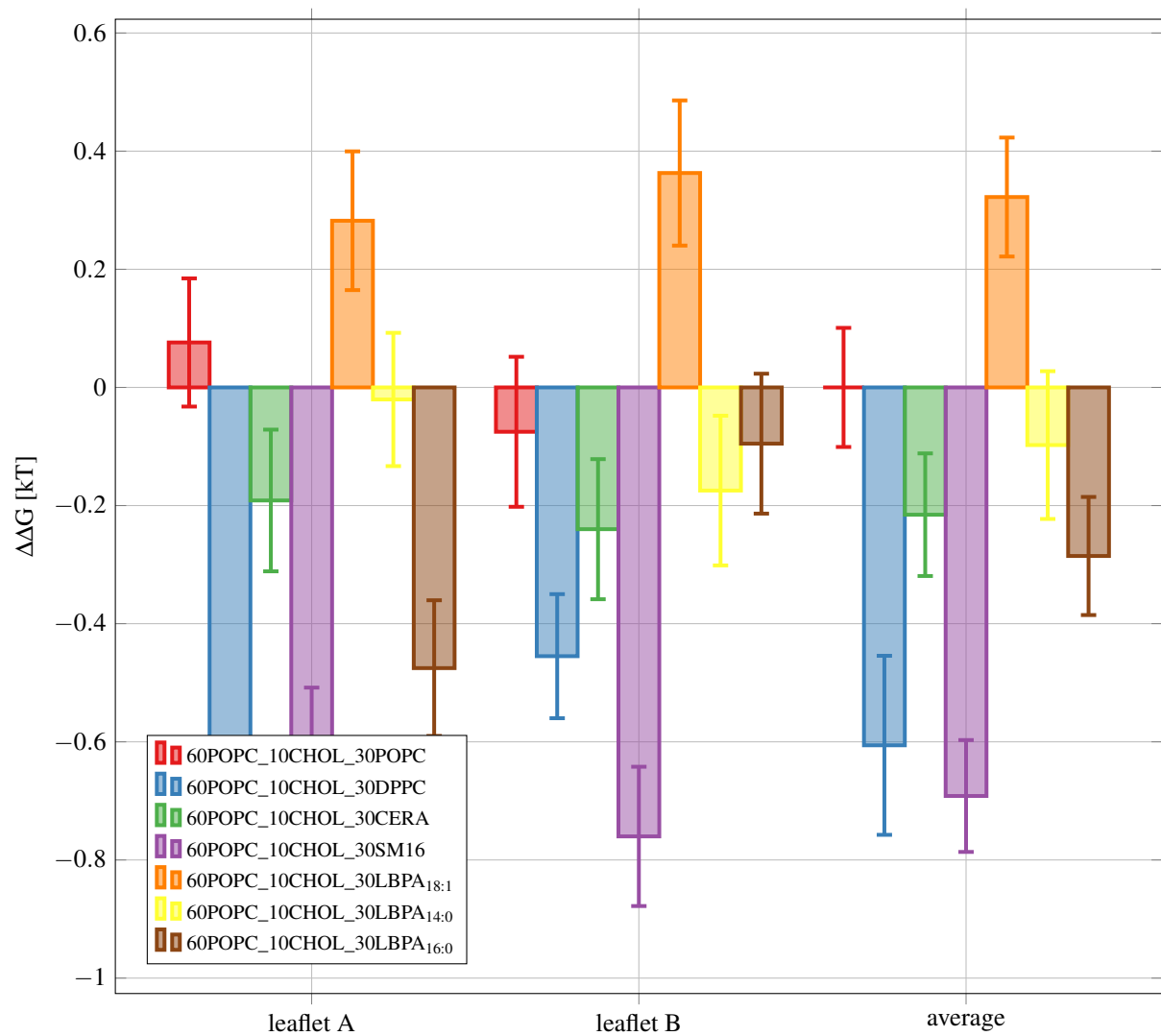


Figure 41: Difference of  $\Delta G$  compared to pure POPC+CHOL system (90POPC\_10CHOL).