



Membrane gets too rigid Membrane fluidity

- high -> membrane too Fluid • **Low temps**: phospholipids w/ unsaturated tails (kinks Prevent close packing
   Cholesterol resists changes by:
  - - limit fluidity at high temps
    - hinder close packing at low temps

Buffer- resists change

Fluid

phospholipide constant.

(a) Unsaturated versus saturated hydrocarbon tails.

move throng.

Unsaturated tails prevent packing.





Saturated tails pack together.

(b) Cholesterol reduces membrane fluidity at moderate temperatures, but at low temperatures hinders solidification.

• Adaptations: bacteria in hot springs (unusual lipids); winter wheat ( 1000 to 1000 t winter wheat ( $\uparrow$  unsaturated phospholipids)

#### **Membrane Proteins**

#### **Integral Proteins**

- Embedded in membrane
- Determined by freeze fracture
- Transmembrane with hydrophilic heads/tails and hydrophobic middles

amphipathic

#### **Peripheral Proteins**

- Extracellular or cytoplasmic sides of membrane
- NOT embedded
- Held in place by the cytoskeleton or ECM
  Provides stronger

framework

## The freeze-fracture method: revealed the structure of membrane's interior





#### Integral & Peripheral proteins

#### Transmembrane protein structure integral membrane -> amphipathiz **N-terminus** pro volit **EXTRACELLULAR** SIDE Hydrophobic Hydrophilic interior ends example of example of secon protein for secon protein $\alpha$ helix CYTOPLASMIC C-terminus SIDE © 2016 Pearson Education, Inc



# Carbohydrates example

- <u>Function</u>: cell-cell recognition; developing organisms
- Glycolipids, glycoproteins
- Eg. blood transfusions are type-specific



## Synthesis and sidedness of membranes







### Diffusion



#### (b) Diffusion of two solutes

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