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We write the fluctuation part of the free energy, given by Eqs (39) and (40) of the paper in the form

$$\frac{\delta F}{k_B T} = \frac{A^2}{(2\pi)^2 a^2} \int d^2 p \phi_i^T(p) \cdot M_{i,j} \cdot \phi_j(p), \quad (1)$$

where $M_{i,j} = M_{j,i}$ and $p \equiv a^{1/2}k$.

We recall the expressions for the cholesterol-dependent spontaneous curvature of the outer leaf, Eq.(15),

$$\frac{\kappa_m^O H_0^O}{k_B T} = \left[\frac{y_{SM}}{y_{SM} + y_{PCo}} (a_{SM} - b_{SM} y_{Co}) + \frac{y_{PCo}}{y_{SM} + y_{PCo}} (a_{PC} - b_{PC} y_{Co}) \right], \quad 0.25 \leq y_{Ci} \leq 0.6 \quad (2)$$

and for the inner leaf, Eq.(16),

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\kappa_m^I H_0^I}{k_B T} = & - \left[\frac{y_{PE}}{y_{PE} + y_{PS} + y_{PCi}} (a_{PE} - b_{PE} y_{Ci}) + \frac{y_{PS}}{y_{PE} + y_{PS} + y_{PCi}} (a_{PS} - b_{PS} y_{Ci}) + \right. \\ & \left. + \frac{y_{PCi}}{y_{PE} + y_{PS} + y_{PCi}} (a_{PC} - b_{PC} y_{Ci}) \right], \quad 0.25 \leq y_{Ci} \leq 0.6 \end{aligned} \quad (3)$$

To evaluate the derivatives of the H_0^O and H_0^I with respect to the various mol fractions y , we define the quantities

$$z_o = (1 - \bar{y}_{Co}),$$

where the overbar denotes the equilibrium value, and

$$C^O = f_{SM}a_{SM} + f_{PCo}a_{PC} - \bar{y}_{Co}[f_{SM}b_{SM} + f_{PCo}b_{PC}] \quad (4)$$

Here f_i is the fraction of phospholipids in the monolayer of type i, that is

$$f_{SM} = \frac{\bar{y}_{SM}}{\bar{y}_{SM} + \bar{y}_{PCo}} \quad f_{PCo} = \frac{\bar{y}_{PCo}}{\bar{y}_{SM} + \bar{y}_{PCo}}$$

$$C_{SM} = (a_{SM} - a_{PC}) - (\bar{y}_{Co})[b_{SM} - b_{PC}]$$

$$C_{Co} = f_{SM}Q_{SM} - z_o b_{PC} \quad \text{where}$$

$$Q_{SM} = (a_{SM} - b_{SM}) - (a_{PC} - b_{PC})$$

$$C_{SM-C} = Q_{SM}$$

$$C_{Co-Co} = (f_{SM})Q_{SM}.$$

$$z_i = (1 - \bar{y}_{Ci})$$

$$C^I = f_{PE}a_{PE} + f_{PS}a_{PS} + f_{PCi}a_{PC} - \bar{y}_{Ci}[f_{PE}b_{PE} + f_{PS}b_{PS} + f_{PCi}b_{PC}]$$

$$C_{PE} = (a_{PE} - a_{PC}) - (\bar{y}_{Ci})[b_{PE} - b_{PC}]$$

$$C_{PS} = (a_{PS} - a_{PC}) - (\bar{y}_{Ci})[b_{PS} - b_{PC}]$$

$$C_{Ci} = f_{PE}Q_{PE} + f_{PS}Q_{PS} - z_i b_{PC}$$

$$Q_{PE} = (a_{PE} - b_{PE}) - (a_{PC} - b_{PC})$$

$$Q_{PS} = (a_{PS} - b_{PS}) - (a_{PC} - b_{PC})$$

$$C_{PE-C} = Q_{PE}$$

$$C_{PS-C} = Q_{PS}$$

$$C_{Ci-Ci} = (f_{PE})Q_{PE} + f_{PS}Q_{PS}$$

With the above definitions, and Eqs. (5) and (6) of the text for $\rho(y_C)$, the matrix elements are as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} M_{11} \equiv M_{SM,SM} &= a\rho(\bar{y}_{C_o}) \left[\frac{1}{2\bar{y}_{PC_o}} + \frac{1}{2\bar{y}_{SM}} - 6\frac{\epsilon_{SM,PC}}{k_B T} \right] \\ &+ \frac{b}{k_B T} p^2 + \left(\frac{k_B T}{\kappa_b} \right) a \frac{C_{SM}^2}{z_o^2} \\ &- \left(\frac{k_B T}{\kappa_b} \right) \frac{p^2}{2((\sigma a/\kappa_b) + p^2)} a \left(\frac{C_{SM}}{z_o} \right)^2 \end{aligned} \quad (5)$$

$$\begin{aligned} M_{12} \equiv M_{SM,C_o} &= a\rho(\bar{y}_{C_o}) \left[\frac{1}{2\bar{y}_{PC_o}} + 3\frac{\epsilon_{SM,C}}{k_B T} - 3\frac{\epsilon_{SM,PC}}{k_B T} - 3\frac{\epsilon_{PC,C}}{k_B T} \right] \\ &- a^2(1-r_a)\rho^2(\bar{y}_{C_o}) \left[\left(3\frac{\epsilon_{SM,PC}}{k_B T} \bar{y}_{SM} + 3\frac{\epsilon_{PC,C}}{k_B T} \bar{y}_{C_o} \right) + \frac{1}{2}(\ln \bar{y}_{PC_o} + 1) \right] \\ &+ a^2(1-r_a)\rho^2(\bar{y}_{C_o}) \left[\left(3\frac{\epsilon_{SM,PC}}{k_B T} \bar{y}_{PC_o} + 3\frac{\epsilon_{SM,C}}{k_B T} \bar{y}_{C_o} \right) + \frac{1}{2}(\ln \bar{y}_{SM} + 1) \right] \\ &+ \frac{b}{2k_B T} p^2 + \left(\frac{k_B T}{\kappa_b} \right) a \frac{C^O C_{SM-C} + C_{SM} C_{C_o}}{z_o^2} \\ &- \left(\frac{k_B T}{\kappa_b} \right) \frac{p^2}{2((\sigma a/\kappa_b) + p^2)} a \frac{C_{SM} C_{C_o}}{z_o^2} \end{aligned} \quad (6)$$

$$M_{13} \equiv M_{SM,PE} = + \left(\frac{k_B T}{\kappa_b} \right) \frac{p^2}{2((\sigma a/\kappa_b) + p^2)} a \frac{C_{SM} C_{PE}}{z_o z_i}. \quad (7)$$

$$M_{14} \equiv M_{SM,PS} = + \left(\frac{k_B T}{\kappa_b} \right) \frac{p^2}{2((\sigma a/\kappa_b) + p^2)} a \frac{C_{SM} C_{PS}}{z_o z_i}. \quad (8)$$

$$M_{15} \equiv M_{SM,C_i} = + \left(\frac{k_B T}{\kappa_b} \right) \frac{p^2}{2((\sigma a/\kappa_b) + p^2)} a \frac{C_{SM} C_{C_i}}{z_o z_i}. \quad (9)$$

$$\begin{aligned}
M_{22} \equiv M_{C_o, C_o} &= a\rho(\bar{y}_{C_o}) \left[\frac{1}{2\bar{y}_{PC_o}} + \frac{1}{2\bar{y}_{C_o}} - 6\frac{\epsilon_{PC,C}}{k_B T} \right] \\
&- a^2(1-r_a)\rho^2(\bar{y}_{C_o}) \left[\left(6\frac{\epsilon_{SM,PC}}{k_B T} \bar{y}_{SM} + 6\frac{\epsilon_{PC,C}}{k_B T} \bar{y}_{C_o} \right) + (\ln \bar{y}_{PC_o} + 1) \right] \\
&+ a^2(1-r_a)\rho^2(\bar{y}_{C_o}) \left[\left(6\frac{\epsilon_{SM,C}}{k_B T} \bar{y}_{SM} + 6\frac{\epsilon_{PC,C}}{k_B T} \bar{y}_{PC_o} \right) + (\ln \bar{y}_{C_o} + 1) \right] \\
&+ a^3(1-r_a)^2\rho^3(\bar{y}_{C_o}) \left[\frac{f_{int}^O(\{\bar{y}_i\})}{k_B T} + \frac{f_{ent}^O(\{\bar{y}_i\})}{k_B T} \right] \\
&+ \frac{b}{k_B T} p^2 + \left(\frac{k_B T}{\kappa_b} \right) a \frac{2C^O C_{C_o-C_o} + (C_{C_o})^2}{z_o^2} \\
&- \left(\frac{k_B T}{\kappa_b} \right) \frac{p^2}{2((\sigma a/\kappa_b) + p^2)} a \left(\frac{C_{C_o}}{z_o} \right)^2. \tag{10}
\end{aligned}$$

$$M_{23} \equiv M_{C_o, PE} = + \left(\frac{k_B T}{\kappa_b} \right) \frac{p^2}{2((\sigma a/\kappa_b) + p^2)} a \frac{C_{C_o} C_{PE}}{z_o z_i}. \tag{11}$$

$$M_{24} \equiv M_{C_o, PS} = + \left(\frac{k_B T}{\kappa_b} \right) \frac{p^2}{2((\sigma a/\kappa_b) + p^2)} a \frac{C_{C_o} C_{PS}}{z_o z_i}. \tag{12}$$

$$M_{25} \equiv M_{C_o, C_i} = + \left(\frac{k_B T}{\kappa_b} \right) \frac{p^2}{2((\sigma a/\kappa_b) + p^2)} a \frac{C_{C_o} C_{C_i}}{z_o z_i}. \tag{13}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
M_{33} \equiv M_{PE, PE} &= a\rho(\bar{y}_{C_i}) \left[\frac{1}{2\bar{y}_{PE}} + \frac{1}{2\bar{y}_{PC_i}} - 6\frac{\epsilon_{PE,PC}}{k_B T} \right] \\
&+ \frac{b}{k_B T} p^2 + \left(\frac{k_B T}{\kappa_b} \right) a \frac{(C_{PE})^2}{z_i^2} \\
&- \left(\frac{k_B T}{\kappa_b} \right) \frac{p^2}{2((\sigma a/\kappa_b) + p^2)} a \left(\frac{C_{PE}}{z_i} \right)^2. \tag{14}
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
M_{34} \equiv M_{PE, PS} &= a\rho(\bar{y}_{C_i}) \left[3\frac{\epsilon_{PS,PE}}{k_B T} - 3\frac{\epsilon_{PE,PC}}{k_B T} - 3\frac{\epsilon_{PS,PC}}{k_B T} + \frac{1}{2\bar{y}_{PC_i}} \right] \\
&+ \frac{b}{2k_B T} p^2 + \left(\frac{k_B T}{\kappa_b} \right) a \frac{C_{PE} C_{PS}}{z_i^2}
\end{aligned}$$

$$- \left(\frac{k_B T}{\kappa_b} \right) \frac{p^2}{2((\sigma a/\kappa_b) + p^2)} a \frac{C_{PE} C_{PS}}{z_i^2}. \quad (15)$$

$$\begin{aligned} M_{35} \equiv M_{PE,Ci} &= a^2(1-r_a)\rho^2(\bar{y}_{Ci}) \left[3 \frac{\epsilon_{PE,PC}}{k_B T} \bar{y}_{PCi} + 3 \frac{\epsilon_{PE,PS}}{k_B T} \bar{y}_{PS} + 3 \frac{\epsilon_{PE,C}}{k_B T} \bar{y}_{Ci} + \frac{1}{2}(\ln \bar{y}_{PE} + 1) \right] \\ &- a^2(1-r_a)\rho^2(\bar{y}_{Ci}) \left[3 \frac{\epsilon_{PE,PC}}{k_B T} \bar{y}_{PE} + 3 \frac{\epsilon_{PS,PC}}{k_B T} \bar{y}_{PS} + 3 \frac{\epsilon_{PC,C}}{k_B T} \bar{y}_{Ci} + \frac{1}{2}(\ln \bar{y}_{PCi} + 1) \right] \\ &+ a\rho(\bar{y}_{Ci}) \left[3 \frac{\epsilon_{PE,C}}{k_B T} - 3 \frac{\epsilon_{PC,C}}{k_B T} - 3 \frac{\epsilon_{PE,PC}}{k_B T} + \frac{1}{2\bar{y}_{PCi}} \right] \\ &+ \frac{b}{2k_B T} p^2 + \left(\frac{k_B T}{\kappa_b} \right) a \frac{[C^I C_{PE-C} + C_{PE} C_{Ci}]}{z_i^2} \\ &- \left(\frac{k_B T}{\kappa_b} \right) \frac{p^2}{2((\sigma a/\kappa_b) + p^2)} a \frac{C_{PE} C_{Ci}}{z_i^2}. \end{aligned} \quad (16)$$

$$\begin{aligned} M_{44} \equiv M_{PS,PS} &= a\rho(\bar{y}_{Ci}) \left[\frac{1}{2\bar{y}_{PS}} + \frac{1}{2\bar{y}_{PCi}} - 6 \frac{\epsilon_{PS,PC}}{k_B T} \right] \\ &+ \frac{b}{k_B T} p^2 + \left(\frac{k_B T}{\kappa_b} \right) a \frac{(C_{PS})^2}{z_i^2} \\ &- \left(\frac{k_B T}{\kappa_b} \right) \frac{p^2}{2((\sigma a/\kappa_b) + p^2)} a \left(\frac{C_{PS}}{z_i} \right)^2. \end{aligned} \quad (17)$$

$$\begin{aligned} M_{45} \equiv M_{PS,Ci} &= a^2(1-r_a)\rho^2(\bar{y}_{Ci}) \left[3 \frac{\epsilon_{PS,PC}}{k_B T} \bar{y}_{PCi} + 3 \frac{\epsilon_{PE,PS}}{k_B T} \bar{y}_{PE} + 3 \frac{\epsilon_{PS,C}}{k_B T} \bar{y}_{Ci} + \frac{1}{2}(\ln \bar{y}_{PS} + 1) \right] \\ &- a^2(1-r_a)\rho^2(\bar{y}_{Ci}) \left[3 \frac{\epsilon_{PS,PC}}{k_B T} \bar{y}_{PS} + 3 \frac{\epsilon_{PE,PC}}{k_B T} \bar{y}_{PE} + 3 \frac{\epsilon_{PC,C}}{k_B T} \bar{y}_{Ci} + \frac{1}{2}(\ln \bar{y}_{PCi} + 1) \right] \\ &+ a\rho(\bar{y}_{Ci}) \left[3 \frac{\epsilon_{PS,C}}{k_B T} - 3 \frac{\epsilon_{PC,C}}{k_B T} - 3 \frac{\epsilon_{PS,PC}}{k_B T} + \frac{1}{2\bar{y}_{PCi}} \right] \\ &+ \frac{b}{2k_B T} p^2 + \left(\frac{k_B T}{\kappa_b} \right) a \frac{[C^I C_{PS-C} + C_{PS} C_{Ci}]}{z_i^2} \\ &- \left(\frac{k_B T}{\kappa_b} \right) \frac{p^2}{2((\sigma a/\kappa_b) + p^2)} a \frac{C_{PS} C_{Ci}}{z_i^2}. \end{aligned} \quad (18)$$

$$M_{55} \equiv M_{Ci,Ci} = a^3(1-r_a)^2 \rho^3(\bar{y}_{Ci}) \left[\frac{f_{int}^I(\{\bar{y}\}_i)}{k_B T} + \frac{f_{ent}^I(\{\bar{y}\}_i)}{k_B T} \right]$$

$$\begin{aligned}
& + a^2(1 - r_a)\rho^2(\bar{y}_{Ci}) \left[\left(6\frac{\epsilon_{PE,C}}{k_B T} \bar{y}_{PE} + 6\frac{\epsilon_{PS,C}}{k_B T} \bar{y}_{PS} + 6\frac{\epsilon_{PC,C}}{k_B T} \bar{y}_{PCi} \right) + (\ln \bar{y}_{Ci} + 1) \right] \\
& - a^2(1 - r_a)\rho^2(\bar{y}_{PCi}) \left[\left(6\frac{\epsilon_{PE,PC}}{k_B T} \bar{y}_{PE} + 6\frac{\epsilon_{PS,PC}}{k_B T} \bar{y}_{PS} + 6\frac{\epsilon_{PC,C}}{k_B T} \bar{y}_{PCi} \right) + (\ln \bar{y}_{PCi} + 1) \right] \\
& + a\rho(\bar{y}_{Ci}) \left[\frac{1}{2\bar{y}_{Ci}} + \frac{1}{2\bar{y}_{PCi}} - 3\frac{\epsilon_{PC,C}}{k_B T} \right] \\
& + \frac{b}{k_B T} p^2 + \left(\frac{k_B T}{\kappa_b} \right) a \frac{[2C^I C_{Ci-Ci} + (C_{Ci})^2]}{z_i^2} \\
& - \left(\frac{k_B T}{\kappa_b} \right) \frac{p^2}{2((\sigma a/\kappa_b) + p^2)} a \left(\frac{C_{Ci}}{z_i} \right)^2
\end{aligned} \tag{19}$$