Supplementary information

Freezing and piercing of *in vitro* asymmetric

plasma membrane by α -synuclein



Supplementary Figure 1. (a) Comparison of the average membrane lifetime under various conditions: no protein and symmetric membrane, 25 nM α Syn in one channel and symmetric membrane, 25 nM α Syn in both channels and symmetric membrane, no protein and asymmetric membrane, 25 nM α Syn in the cytosolic channel and asymmetric membrane, 25 nM α Syn in the cytosolic channel and asymmetric membrane, 25 nM α Syn in the cytosolic channel and asymmetric membrane, 25 nM α Syn in the extracellular channel and asymmetric membrane. Red (resp. grey) leaflet indicates cytosolic (resp. extracellular) lipid composition. Error bars are standard errors of the mean. (b) Lifetime of symmetric membrane in the presence of α Syn in both leaflets. Cytosolic α Syn is kept at 60 nM in one channel and the desired α Syn concentration is injected in the other channel. Dashed line indicates the lifetime in absence of α Syn in the second channel. Error bars are standard errors of the mean.



Supplementary Figure 2. Examples of current steps (pore opening and closing). Panels a to c represent jumps between steps 0 and 1, 1 and 2, and 2 and 3 respectively; panel d shows an example of expansion and reduction of a pore between states 0, 1, 2, and 3. These are from 4 different pores to show the reproducibility of the steps. The intensity values of the steps presented in Figure 3a-c are based on the distribution of these jumps and the plateau values. (e) Histogram of the number of observed pore vs. the diameter of the pore. For each individual pore, the diameter was obtained by averaging up to 10 points following the corresponding current jump. Each color indicates the number of steps that have been counted by following the whole current trace.



Supplementary Figure 3. Example of capacitance trace without switching to current mode. Injection of 100 nM α Syn is indicated by the arrow. The subsequent increase confirms that α Syn raises the apparent specific capacitance.



Supplementary Figure 4. Examples of fluorescence recovery after photobleaching. Membrane is labeled with fluorescent lipids. The successive panels show the membrane fluorescence before, 0.6 s and 30 s after bleaching a 20 μ m disk. In the presence of α Syn, previously bleached areas corresponding to 10 and 15 μ m disk diameters are still visible due to hindered fluidity. Scale bars, 20 μ m.