



Monitoring of SMALP-nanodisc formation by microfluidic diffusional sizing

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Outline

Introduction to Microfluidic Diffusional Sizing

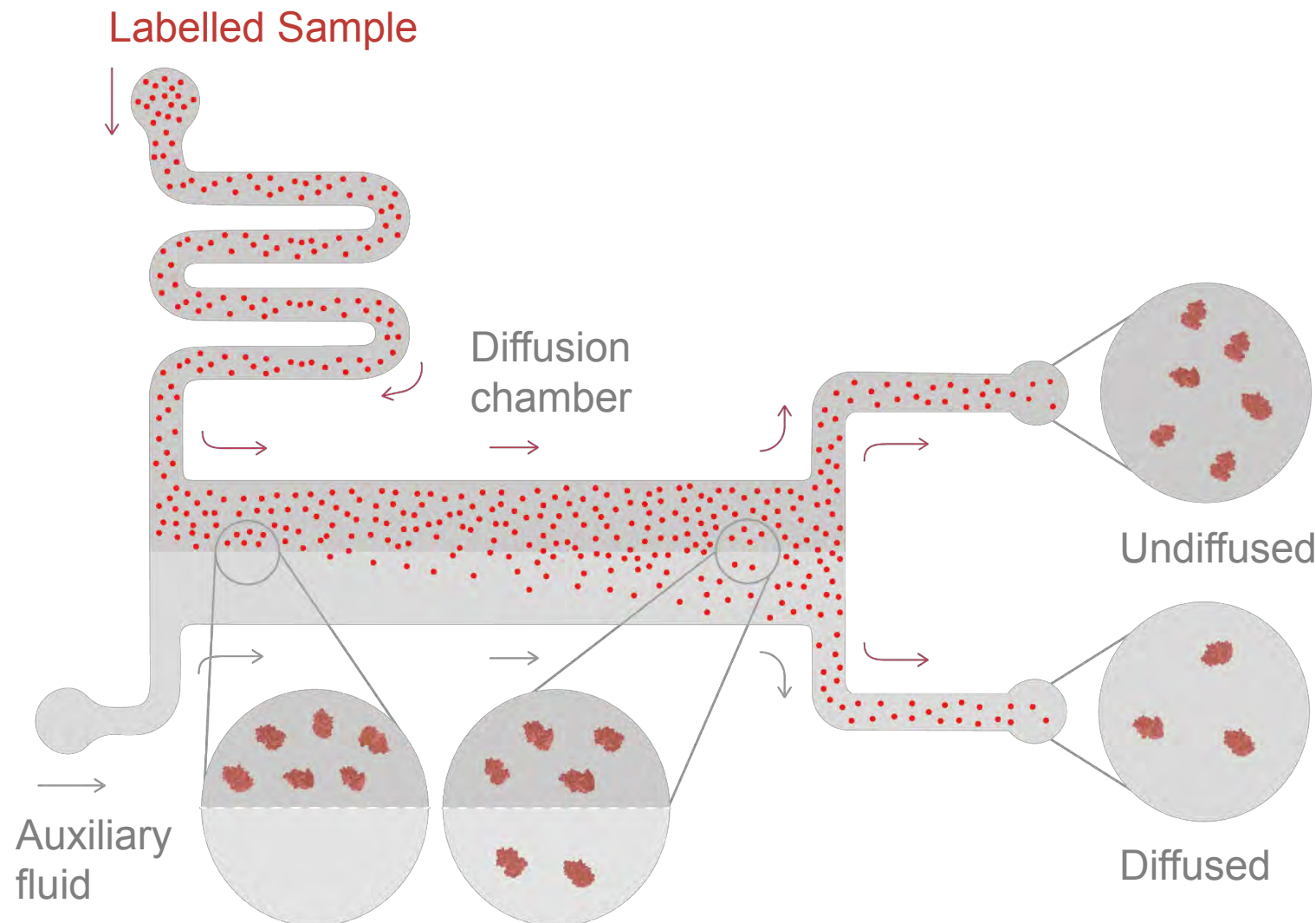
SMALP nanodisc formation

fluidityone-w



- **Changes in protein size**
- **Protein–Protein/Lipid/DNA interactions**
- **Protein sizing in crude backgrounds**

How it Works: Microfluidic Diffusional Sizing (MDS)



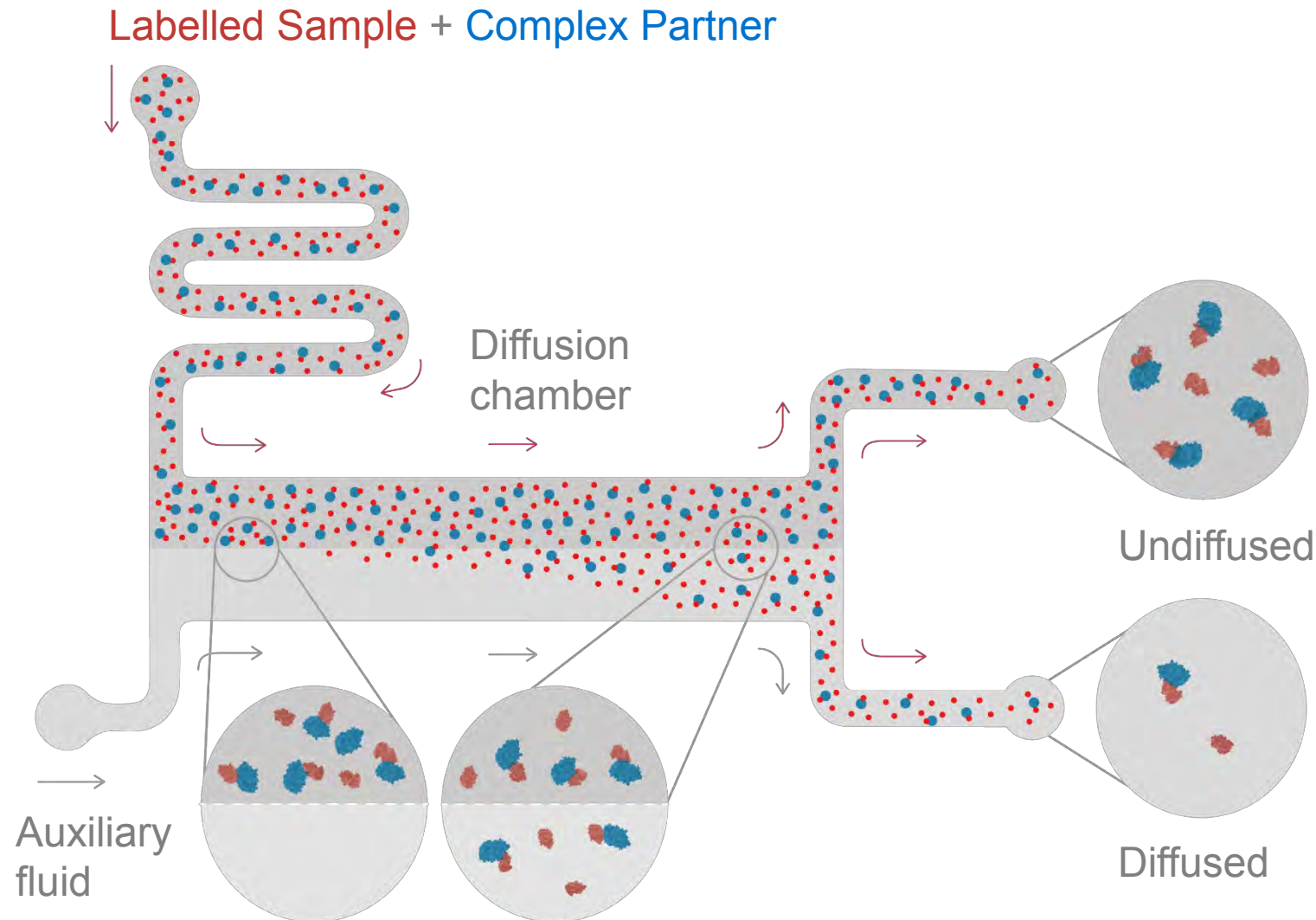
fluidity **one-w**

Ratio diffused/undiffused

“3 / 6”

Average $R_h = 1.8$ nm

How it Works: Detecting interactions using MDS



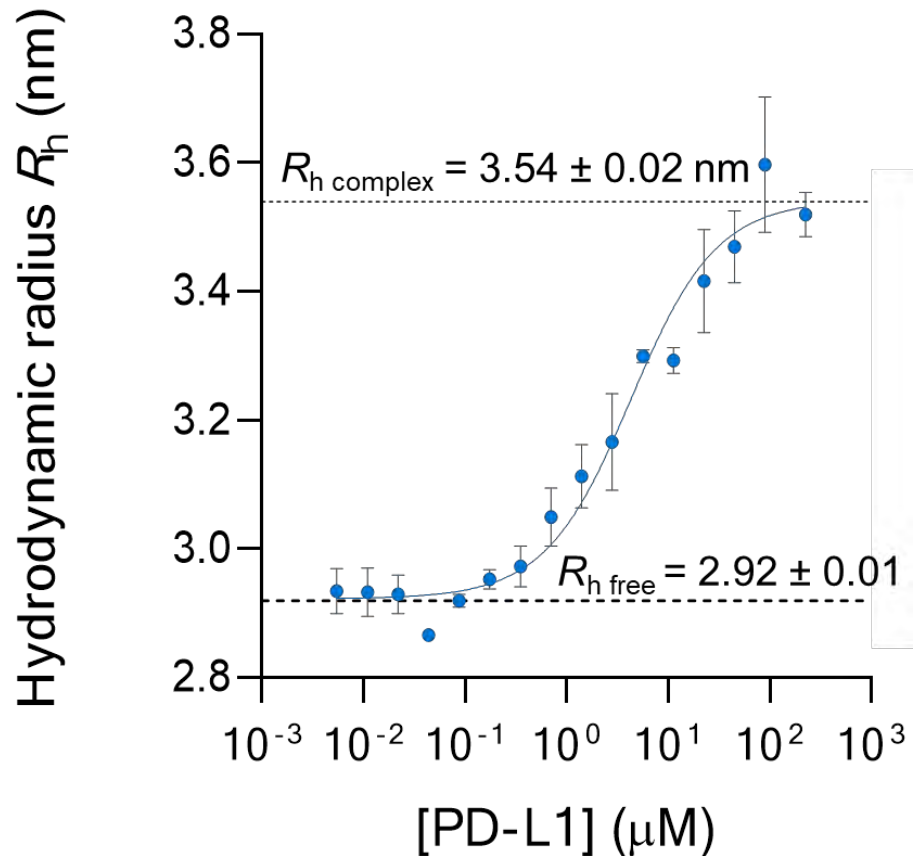
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Ratio diffused/undiffused

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Average $R_h = 13$ nm

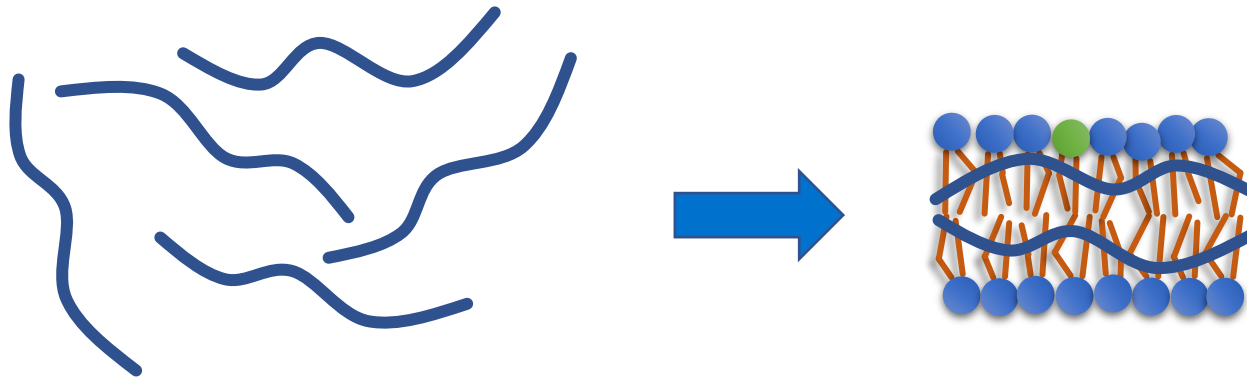
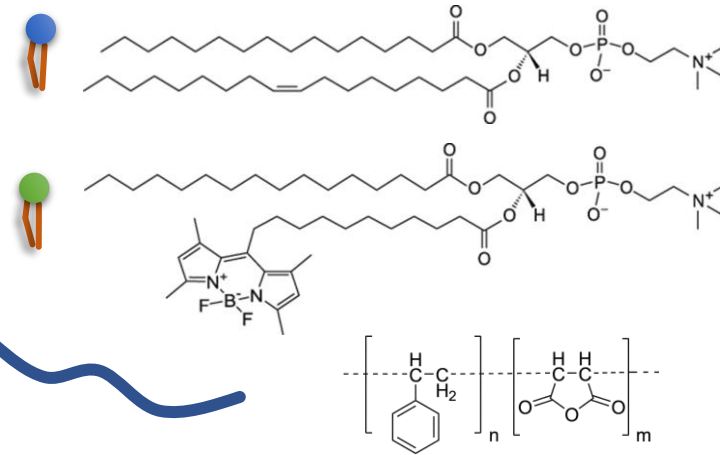
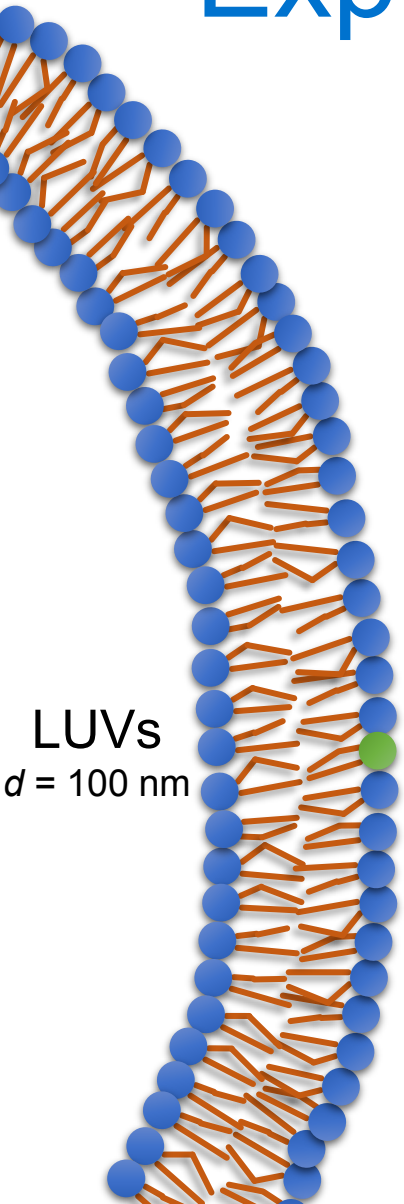
PD-1/PD-L1 interaction: comparison of Fluidity-One W with ITC, SPR and MST



Method	K_D (μM)	Reference
Fluidity One-W	4.0	
ITC	2.2	Cheng <i>et al.</i> , <i>JBC</i> , 11771 (2013)
SPR equilibrium	3.9	Zhang <i>et al.</i> , <i>Immunity</i> , 337 (2004)
SPR equilibrium	0.7	Latchman <i>et al.</i> , <i>Nat. Imm.</i> 261 (2001)
MST	7.2	Magnez <i>et al.</i> , <i>Sci. Rep.</i> 17623 (2017)

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Experimental design



POPC

TopFluorPC[®]
(1 mol%)

SMA 3:1



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Microfluidic diffusional sizing
probes lipid nanodiscs formation

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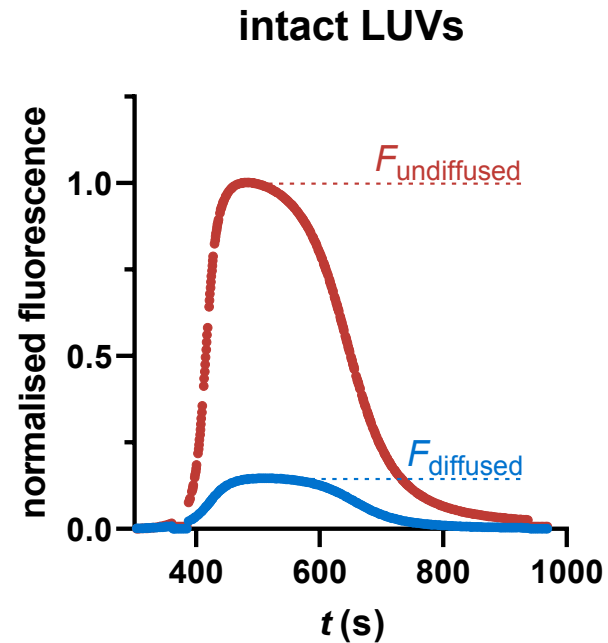
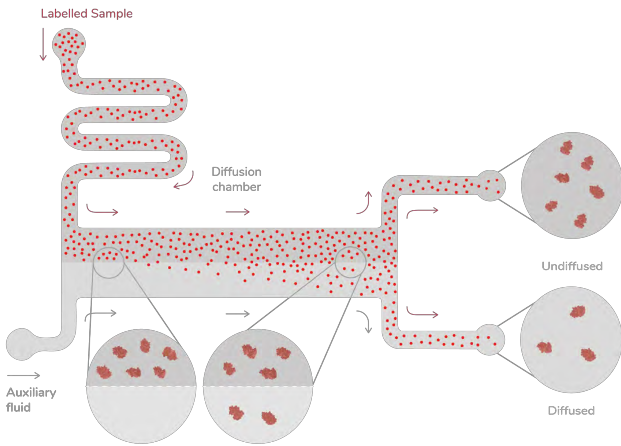
Advantages of MDS

- Other approaches: DLS, ITC, ^{31}P NMR, cryo-EM

MDS:

- Low amounts of sample (nM to μM concentrations)
- Easy to use
- Observe nanodisc formation in crude backgrounds

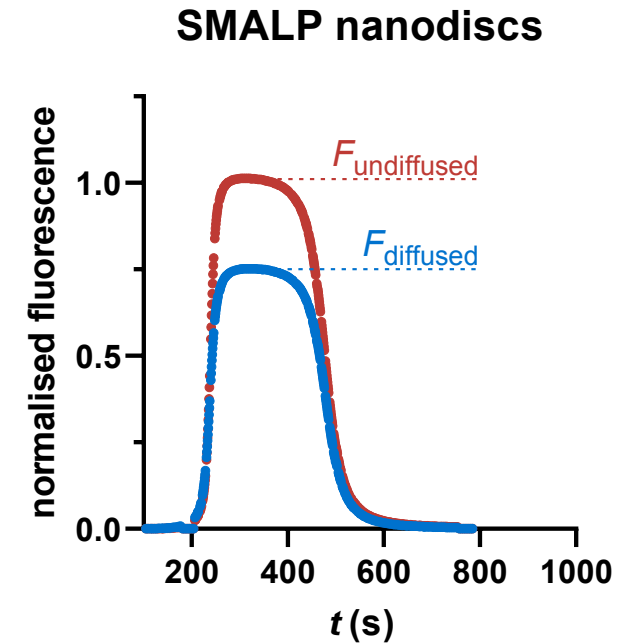
MDS detects nanodisc formation



$$SR = \frac{F_{undiffused}}{F_{diffused}}$$

SR = 0.15

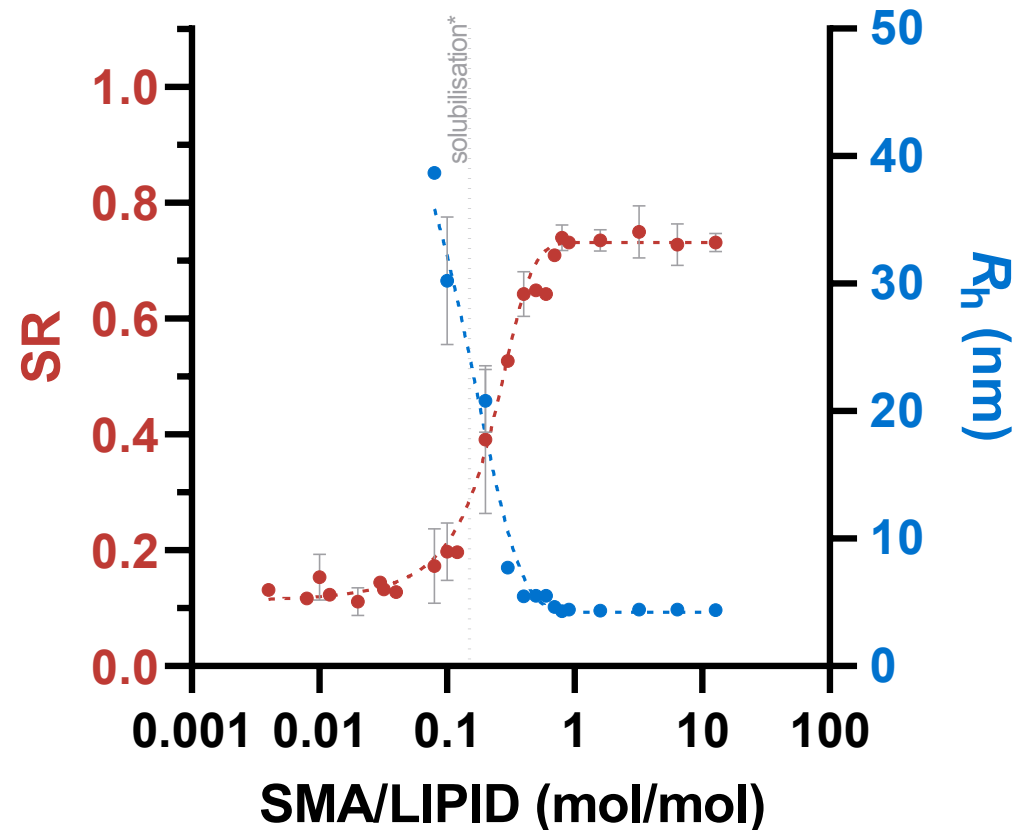
R_h = out of range



SR = 0.75

R_h = 4.3 nm

Changes in nanodisc size



- Monitor changes in nanodisc size
- Adjust nanodisc size in line with experimental requirements
- With fluorescently labelled membrane proteins:
 - Confirm nanodisc size
 - Measure biomolecular interactions

What is next?

- **Membrane proteins extracted from biological membranes**
→ **no purification required**
- **Measure protein–protein interactions in complex samples**
- **Please get in touch: welcome@fluidic.com**

