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Materials and Methods

Protein expression and purification

αSyn was expressed recombinantly in *E. coli* strain BL21(DE3) and purified as described previously (29). Briefly, the protein was expressed in minimal medium at 37 °C. Cells were harvested 6h after induction, lysed by freeze-thaw cycles followed by sonication, boiled for 15 minutes and centrifuged at 48.000 x g for 45 minutes. From the supernatant DNA was precipitated with streptomycin (10 mg/ml) while stirring the ice-cold solution. After centrifugation αSyn was precipitated from the supernatant by adding ammonium sulfate to 0.36 g/ml. After another centrifugation step the pellet was resuspended in 25 mM Tris/HCl, pH 7.7 and the protein was further purified by anion exchange chromatography on a 30 ml POROS HQ column (PerSeptive Biosystems). To prepare monomeric αSyn without any aggregates, the protein was dialyzed against PBS buffer, pH 7.4, centrifuged at 106,000 x g for 1h at 4°C and filtrated through 0.22 μm ULTRAFREE-MC centrifugal filter units (Merck Millipore). The final protein concentration was adjusted to 0.33 mM.

Preparation of aSyn fibrils

Samples of α Syn fibrils were prepared as previously reported (*30*) In brief, vesicles were prepared by mixing 1-palmitoyl-2-oleoyl-*sn*-glycero-3-phosphocholine (POPC), 1-palmitoyl-2-oleoyl-*sn*-glycero-3-phosphate (POPA, sodium salt) dissolved in chloroform respectively and evaporating the solvent under a N₂-stream followed by lyophilization overnight. SUVs were obtained by repeated sonication of a solution of 1.5 mM POPC, 1.5 mM POPA. Vesicles were incubated with 70 μ M ¹³C, ¹⁵N-labelled α S in buffer (50 mM HEPES, 100 mM NaCl, pH 7.4) at a lipid to protein ratio of 5:1 and subjected to repeated cycles of 30 s sonication (20 kHz) at 37 °C followed by an incubation period of 30 min. After 24 h (dataset 1), 48 h (dataset 2) and 20 h (dataset 3) respectively the samples were transferred to a Multitron incubator (Infors HT, Bottmingen, CH) and shaken at 100 rpm (50 mm throw) at 37 °C until a combined aggregate solution with 2 mL of Thioflavin T containing buffer (100 μ M ThT, 50 mM Glycine, pH 8.5) and measuring the fluorescence emission intensity at 482 nm in a Varian Cary Eclipse fluorescence spectrometer.

For Cryo-EM samples 700 μ L of aggregate solution were then centrifuged for 5 min at 14.000 rpm in a F-45-18-11 Rotor in a 5418 R tabletop centrifuge (Eppendorf, Hamburg, GER). If fibrils did not pellet right away, the procedure was repeated until a visible pellet was obtained. The supernatant was removed and 50 μ L of fresh buffer (5 mM HEPES, pH 7.4) were added and thoroughly mixed with the pellet to obtain a highly concentrated fibril solution.

For ssNMR samples a minimum of 1500 μ L of the aggregate solution were centrifuged at 55.000 rpm (TLA-100.3 rotor in an OptimaTM MAX-TL) for 1 h at 4 °C. After removal of the supernatant, samples were washed with fresh buffer (5 mM HEPES, pH 7.4) and subsequently centrifuged (10 min, 65.000 rpm, 18 °C). Excess moisture was carefully removed, and samples were packed into either 1.3 mm or 3.2 mm ssNMR rotors by cutting off the bottom of the tube and centrifuging the pellet directly into the rotor of choice through a custom-made filling device made from a truncated pipette tip. Finally, the sample was centrifuged into the rotor in an ultracentrifuge packing device for 30 min at 24.000 rpm in a SW 32 Ti rotor in an OptimaTM L-80 XP Ultracentrifuge (both Beckman Coulter) (*31*).

<u>ssNMR</u>

3D (H)CANH experiments (32) ¹³C, ¹⁵N-labelled α S on an 800 MHz Bruker Avance III HD spectrometer at a magnetic field of 18.8 T or a 1200 MHz Bruker Avance NEO spectrometer at a magnetic field of 28.2 T each equipped with a 1.3 mm magic-angle spinning (MAS) HCN probe and MAS at 55 kHz. The temperature of the cooling gas was set to 250 K, resulting in an estimated sample temperature of 20 °C.

2D (H)NCA spectra were acquired on an 850 MHz Avance III spectrometer with a 3.2 mm MAS HCN probe at a magnetic field of 20.0 T and MAS at 17 kHz. The temperature of the cooling gas was set to 265 K, resulting in an estimated sample temperature of 20 °C.

¹H decoupled ³¹P spectra were acquired on an 600 MHz Avance III spectrometer with a 1.3 mm MAS HCN probe (equipped with a range coil for ³¹P tuning) at a magnetic field of 14.1 T without MAS. The temperature of the cooling gas was set to 278.2 K and 310.2 K, resulting in estimated sample temperatures of 7 °C and 37 °C respectively. For spectra of vesicles, SUVs were prepared as described above. The resulting solution was lyophilized and resuspended in drops buffer (10 mM HEPES) to increase concentration. The resulting gel was centrifuged into the rotor in an ultracentrifuge packing device as described above.

Cryo-EM grid preparation and imaging

For cryo-EM grid preparation, 1.5 μ L of fibril solution were applied to freshly glowdischarged R2/1 holey carbon film grids (Quantifoil). After the grids were blotted for 12 seconds at a blot force of 10, the grids were flash frozen in liquid ethane using a Mark IV Vitrobot (Thermo Fisher).

Cryo-EM data sets were collected on a Titan Krios transmission-electron microscope (Thermo Fisher) operated at 300 keV accelerating voltage and a nominal magnification of 81,000 x using a K3 direct electron detector (Gatan) in non-superresolution counting mode, corresponding to a calibrated pixel size of 1.05 Å. A total of 11,740, 7,836 and 7,744 movies were collected with SerialEM (*33*) for Datasets 01, 02 and 03, respectively. Movies of Dataset 01 were recorded over 50 frames accumulating a total dose of ~51 e⁻/A², whereas movies of Dataset 02 and 03 contained 40 frames with a total dose of ~43 e⁻/A². The range of defocus values collected spans from -0.5 μ m to -2.0 μ m. Collected movies were motion corrected and dose weighted on-the-fly using Warp (*34*).

<u>Helical reconstruction pf aSyn fibrils</u>

αSyn fibrils were reconstructed using RELION-3.1 (35), following the helical reconstruction scheme (36). Firstly, estimation of contrast transfer function parameters for each motion-corrected micrograph was performed using CTFFIND4 (37). For filament picking, we only considered micrographs with an estimated resolution of \leq 3.8 Å (Dataset 01), \leq 4.0 Å (Dataset 02), and \leq 5.0 Å (Dataset 03) respectively (Tab. S1).

For 2D classification, we extracted particle segments using a box size of 600 pix downscaled to 200 pix and an inter-box distance of 13 pix (1.05 Å/pix). *L1A*, *L1B*, *L1C*, *L2A* fibrils were successfully separated at this 2D classification stage, whereas *L2B* and *L3A* were too similar on the 2D level.

For 3D classification, the classified segments after 2D classification were (re-)extracted using a box size of 250 pix and without downscaling. Starting from featureless cylinder filtered to 60 Å, several rounds of refinements were performed while progressively increasing the reference model's resolution. The helical rise was initially set to 4.75 Å and the twist was estimated from the micrographs. Once the β -strands were separated along the helical axis, we optimized the helical parameters (final parameters are reported in in Tab. S1). During 3D classification, we successfully separated *L2B* and *L3A* fibrils, which were then treated individually. We performed multiple rounds of 3D auto-refinement from here on until no further improvement of the map was observed. Standard RELION post-processing with a soft-edged solvent mask that includes the central 10 % of the box height yielded post-processed maps (*B*-factors are reported in Tab. S1). The resolution was estimated from the value of the FSC curve for two independently refined half-maps at 0.143 (Fig. S3). The optimized helical geometry was then applied to the post-processed maps yielding the final maps used for model building. For all fibrils, a left-handed twist was assumed.

Atomic model building and refinement

The atomic models of L1 fibrils were built *de novo* in Coot (38). For L2 fibrils, one protein chain was extracted from PDB-ID 6SST (39) of wild-type α Syn and used as the initial model. For L3 fibrils, one protein chain from PDB-ID 6UFR (40) of E46K α Syn was extracted and used as the initial model. To the latter, the amino acid sequence was converted to wild-type α Syn (UniProt: P37840) and the N-terminal region G14 to A19 was built *de novo* in Coot (38). Subsequent refinement in real space was conducted using PHENIX (41, 42) and Coot (38) in an iterative manner. The resulting models were validated with MolProbity (43) and details about the atomic models are described in Tab. S2.

To visualize the lipid interactions, we used the sharpened L1C map and initially modeled a POPC molecule into the density, again using Coot (38). Subsequently, another round of real space refinement was conducted using PHENIX (41, 42).

Molecular dynamics simulations of lipid diffusion

To investigate where and how the lipids interact with the different types of α Syn fibrils, we performed unbiased molecular dynamics (MD) simulations of POPC and POPA in the presence of the α Syn fibrils. A filament was always composed of 20 helically arranged peptide chains. Except for residue M1 in *L1* fibrils, ACE- and NME-caps were connected to the N- and C-termini, respectively, to avoid artificially charged termini.

We then used PACKMOL (44) to, first, center the α Syn fibril in a rectangular simulation box, and, second, to randomly place POPC and POPA lipids, sodium (Na⁺) and chloride (Cl⁻) ions, and water molecules around the α Syn fibril. We added additional Na⁺ or Cl⁻ counter ions to enforce the neutrality of the systems. In the final setup, we mimicked the experimental conditions used for α Syn fibril aggregation (30), meaning that side chains are prepared for pH 7.4, the NaCl concentration is 100 mM, and a molar lipid/protein ratio is 10 (ratio of 1:1 for the lipids).

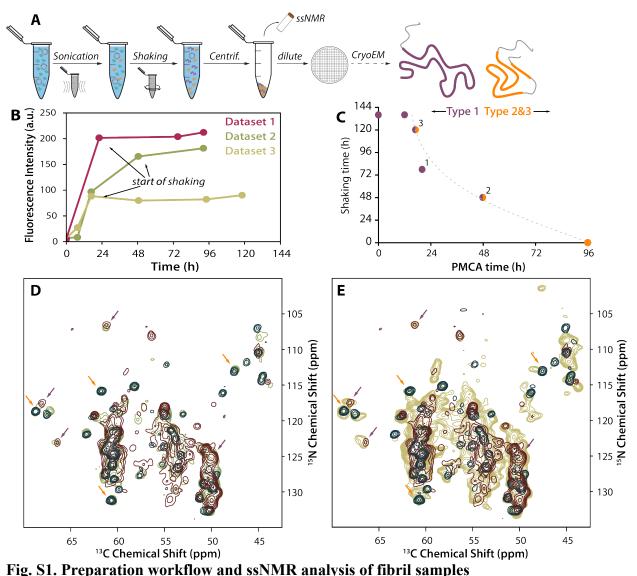
The Amber ff19SB force field (45) was applied to describe the α Syn fibrils and the Lipid17 force field (46) to describe the POPC and POPA molecules. Ion Parameters for monovalent ions were taken from ref. (47) and used in with the OPC water model (48).

The exact minimization, thermalization (towards 300 K), and density adaptation (towards 1 g/cm³) protocol is reported in ref. (49), which was applied previously to study ligand binding processes to amyloid fibrils (50). The conformations after thermalization and density adaptation served as starting points for subsequent NPT production simulations. Therefore, the initial velocities were randomly assigned during the first step of the following NPT production simulation, such that each simulation can be considered as an independent replica. For each α Syn fibril, we completed eight independent NPT production simulations at 300 K and 1 bar for 1 µs each. Importantly, we restrained the backbone to the initial atomic coordinates. However, all other

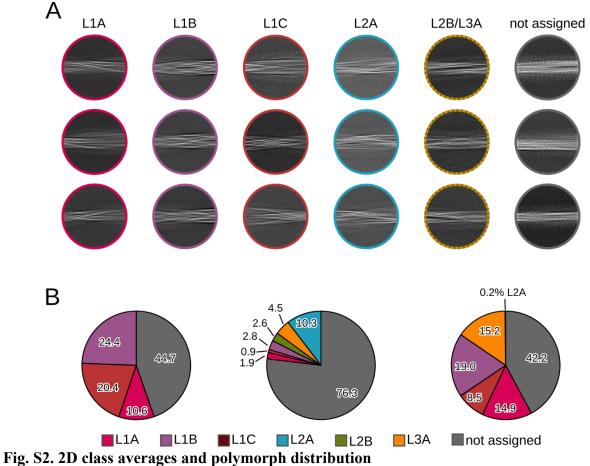
molecules, including POPC and POPA, were allowed to diffuse freely and we did not apply any artificial guiding force. During production simulations, Newton's equations of motion were integrated in 4 fs intervals, applying the hydrogen mass repartitioning approach (51) to all non-water molecules, which were handled by the SHAKE algorithm (52). Coordinates were stored into a trajectory file every 200 ps. The minimization, thermalization, and density adaptation were performed using the pmemd.MPI (53) module from Amber20/AmberTools21 (54), while the production simulations were performed with the pmemd.CUDA module (55).

Determination of the binding region for lipids

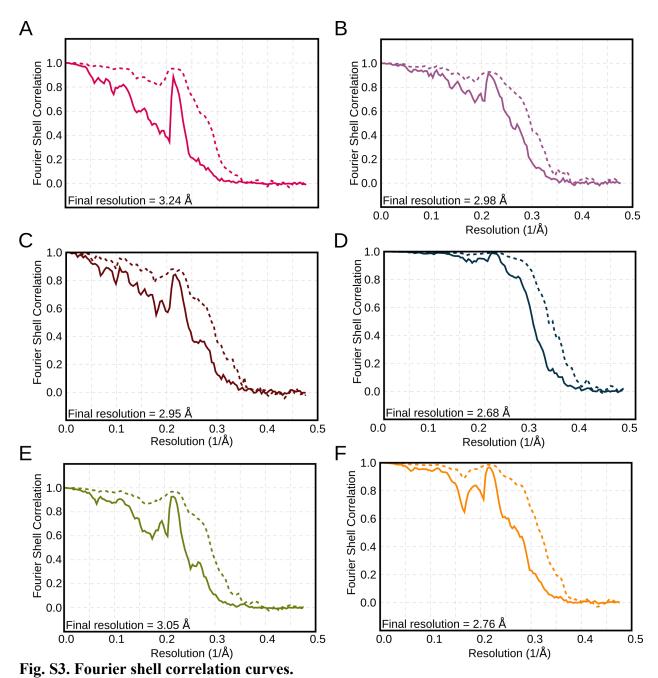
We used *cpptraj* (56) from Amber20/AmberTools21 (54) to calculate 3D density grids (normalized to the number of considered conformations) separately for the lipids' acyl chain, the phosphate atom, and the choline nitrogen atom. These grids represent the probability density of a molecule position relative to the centered fibril structure. Initially, we calculated the 3D density grids for each trajectory, constantly increasing the time range for the analysis in 0.1 μ s intervals. Thereby, we observed only minimal changes when extending the analysis time from 0.9 μ s ns to 1.0 μ s, such that we assumed converged distributions of the lipid molecules. Hence, the average density grids were calculated over all conformations of the 0.9 μ s to 1.0 μ s interval of all MD simulations replicates.



A: Workflow schematic for preparation of α Syn fibrils in this study. **B**: ThT fluorescence data of individual samples analyzed by cryo-EM. **C**: Correlation plot of times spent under different agitation conditions. Points are color coded by the dominant fibril types. Characterization of type 1 (purple) and type 2 (orange) was done by ssNMR (fibril subtypes were indistinguishable) and in labelled cases by Cryo-EM (datasets 1-3). **D**: (H)CANH spectra of α S fibrils used for dataset 1 acquired at 800 MHz with 55 kHz MAS (green) and **E**: (H)NCA of α S fibrils used for dataset 2 acquired at 850 MHz with 17 kHz MAS (yellow)compared to spectra of fibrils prepared under purely PMCA (blue, 950 MHz, 100 kHz MAS) and shaking conditions (red, 1200 MHz, 55 kHz MAS). Arrows indicate characteristic peaks originating from either *L1* (purple) or *L2/L3* fibrils (orange), showing that in either sample a mixture of both fibril types is present. Spectra of fibrils prepared under PMCA conditions (blue) are reproduced from ref. (*30*).



A: Representative 2D class averages for all lipid-induced α Syn fibrils and segments that could not be assigned to any of the polymorphs after 2D classification, due to the lack of well-defined and clear filament features. Instead, the unassigned classes are not sharp and partially very fuzzy at the fibril surface. **B**: Pie charts visualizing the relative population (labels in %) of each lipid-induced α Syn fibril polymorphs in dataset 01 (left) 02, (middle), and 03 (right).



Fourier shell correlation (FSC) curves for L1A (A), L1B (B), L1C (C), L2A (D), L2B (E), and L3A (F). FSC curves are shown for two independently refined unmasked (solid lines) and masked (dashed lines) half-maps. The z-percentage is 0.1 all cases. The final resolution is shown in the plot and was estimated from the value of the FSC curve for two independently refined masked half-maps at 0.143.

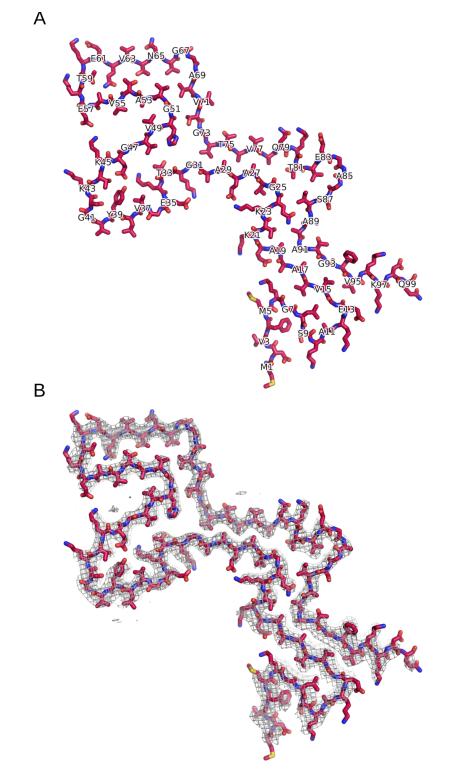
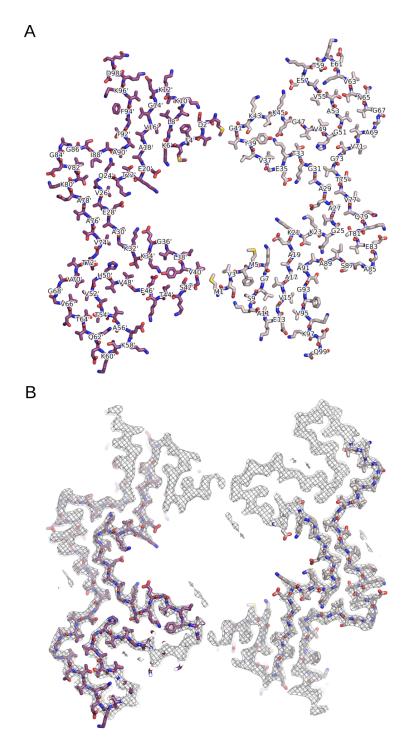


Fig. S4. The cryo-EM density map and atomic model of the *L1A* αSyn fibril.

A: The atomic model of the *L1A* α Syn fibril shown as stick model. For clarity, only every second amino acid is labeled. **B**: Superposition of the atomic model (shown in **A**) and the central slice of the density map with a width of 10.5 Å (10 pixel, 1.05 Å/pixel; gray isomesh; contour level of 0.05). Due to the tilt in the z-direction the atomic model is only partially visible in the central slice.





A: The atomic model of the L1B α Syn fibril shown as stick model. The two protofilaments are colored in different shades of purple. Even and odd numberings are given on one protofilament each. Amino acids from the darker colored protofilament are labeled with an additional prime. **B**: Superposition of the atomic model (shown in **A**) and the central slice of the density map with a width of 10.5 Å (10 pixel, 1.05 Å/pixel; gray isomesh; contour level of 0.06). Due to the tilt in the z-direction the atomic model is only partially visible in the central slice.

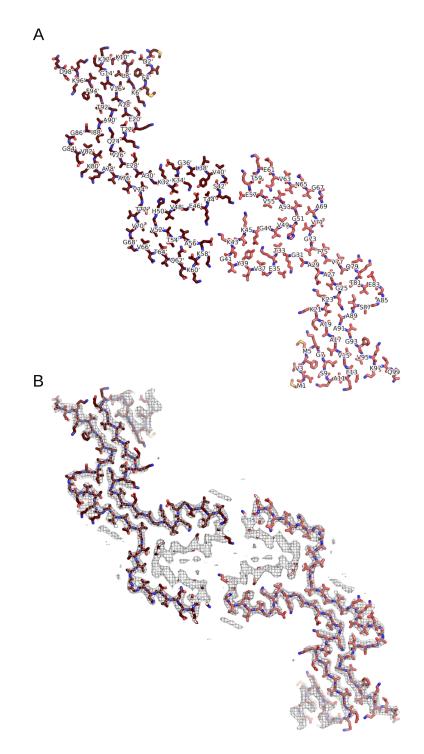


Fig. S6. The cryo-EM density map and atomic model of the *L1C* aSyn fibril.

A: The atomic model of the *L1C* α Syn fibril shown as stick model. The two protofilaments are colored in different shades of red. Even and odd numberings are given on one protofilament each. Amino acids from the darker colored protofilament are labeled with an additional prime. **B**: Superposition of the atomic model (shown in **A**) and the central slice of the density map with a width of 10.5 Å (10 pixel, 1.05 Å/pixel; gray isomesh; contour level of 0.05). Due to the tilt in the z-direction the atomic model is only partially visible in the central slice.

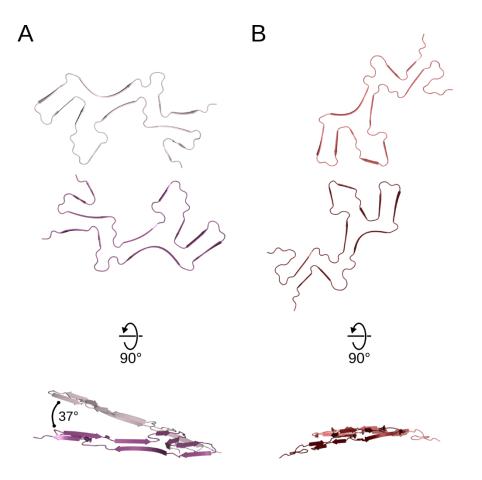


Fig. S7. Pronounced intertwining of protofilaments in the *L1B* fibril.

Two central protein chains extracted from the L1B (**A**) and L1C (**B**) α Syn fibril models in top and side-view.

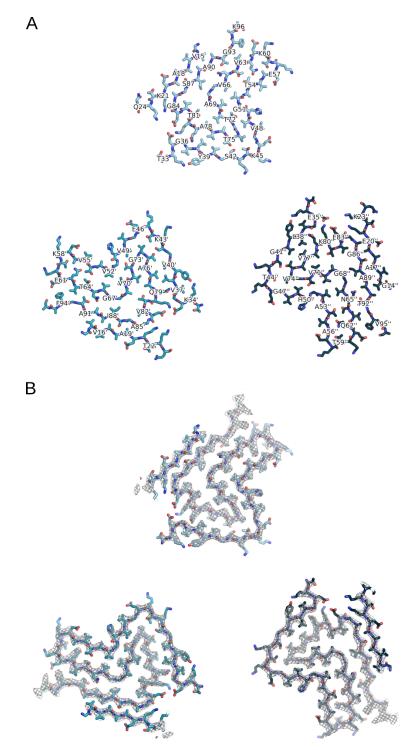
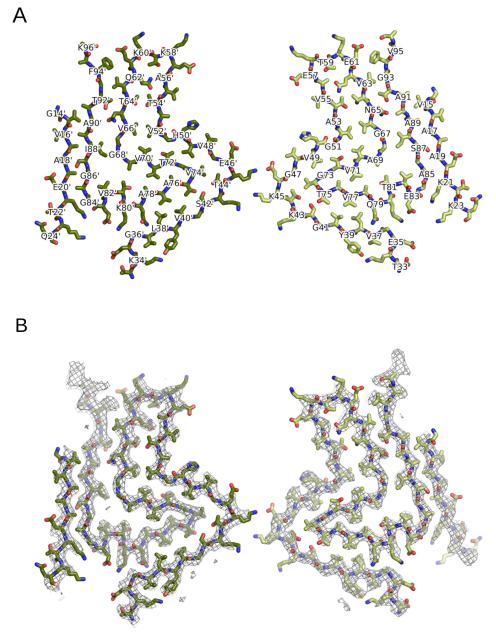


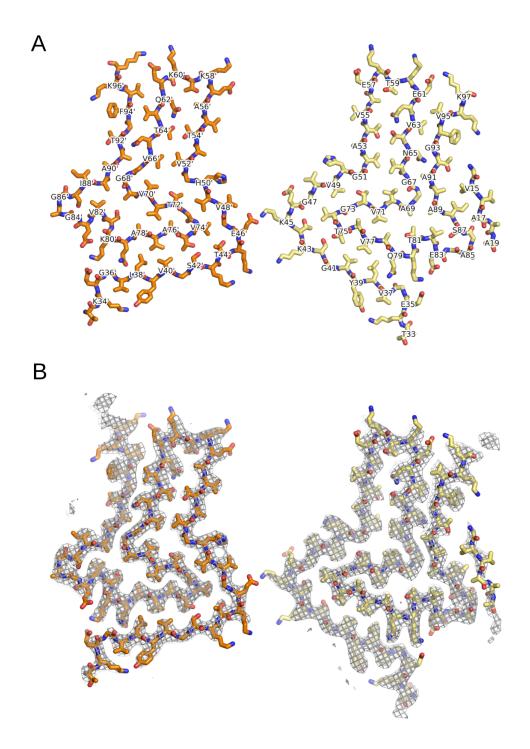
Fig. S8. The cryo-EM map and atomic model of the L2A aSyn fibril.

A: The atomic model of the L2A α Syn fibril shown as a stick model. The two protofilaments are colored in different shades of blue. Numberings are given on one protofilament each. Amino acids from the darker colored protofilaments are labeled with one or two additional primes. **B**: Superposition of the atomic model (shown in **A**) and the central slice of the density map with a width of 10.5 Å (10 pixel, 1.05 Å/pixel; gray isomesh; contour level of 0.076). Due to the tilt in the z-direction the atomic model is only partially visible in the central slice.





A: The atomic model of the L2B aSyn fibril shows as stick model. The two protofilaments are colored in different shades of green. Even and odd numberings are given on one protofilament each. Amino acids from the darker colored protofilament are labeled with an additional prime. **B**: Superposition of the atomic model (shown in **A**) and the central slice of the density map with a width of 10.5 Å (10 pixel, 1.05 Å/pixel; gray isomesh; contour level of 0.0519). Due to the tilt in the z-direction the atomic model is only partially visible in the central slice.





A: The atomic model of the L2B aSyn fibril shown as a stick model. The two protofilaments are colored in different shades of orange. Even and odd numberings are given on one protofilament each. Amino acids from the darker colored protofilament are labeled with an additional prime. **B**: Superposition of the atomic model (shown in **A**) and the central slice of the density map with a width of 10.5 Å (10 pixel, 1.05 Å/pixel; gray isomesh; contour level of 0.0512). Due to the tilt in the z-direction the atomic model is only partially visible in the central slice.

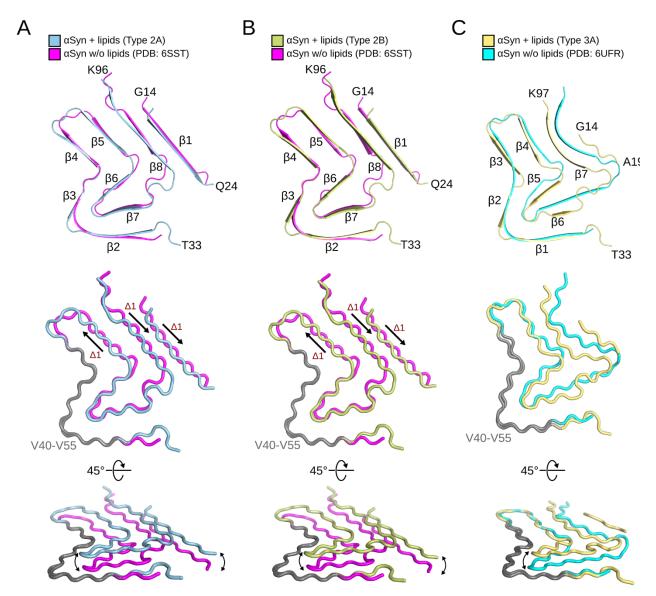
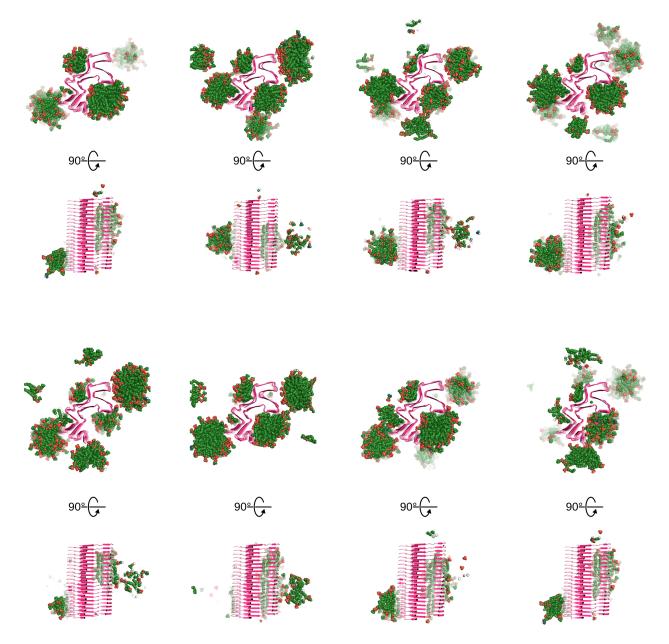


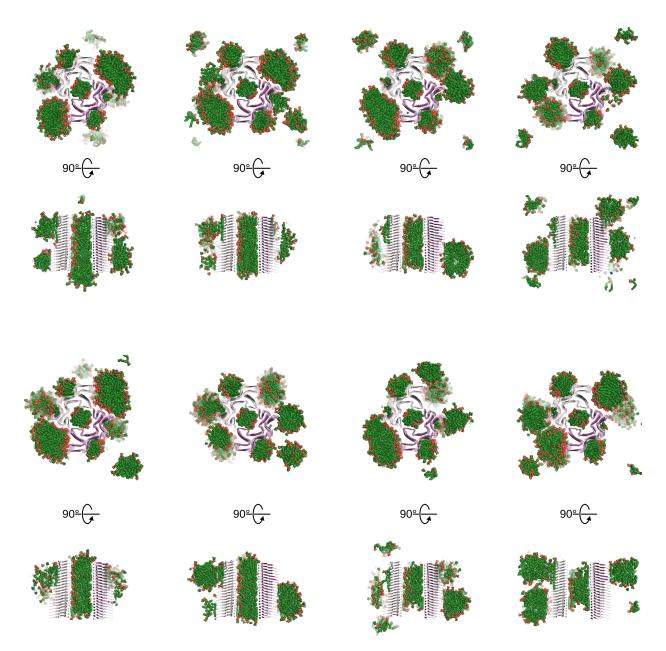
Fig. S11. Comparison with between L2 and L3 fibrils and known structures.

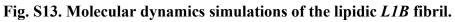
Superposition of a single protein chain of (A) *L2A* α Syn onto in vitro aggregated wild type α Syn (PDB: 6SST (*39*); C α RMSD = 2.9 Å), (B) *L2B* α Syn onto in vitro aggregated wild type α Syn (PDB: 6SST (*39*); C α RMSD = 3.0 Å), and (C) *L3A* α Syn onto in vitro aggregated E46K α Syn (PDB: 6UFR (*40*); C α RMSD = 3.0 Å). Termini and β -strands are labeled. The middle panel visualizes the relative shift of β 1, β 5, and β 8 introduced by the presence of lipids, after superimposing V40 to V55 (gray). The lower panel visualizes the out-of-plane shift of a single chain induced by the presence of lipids.



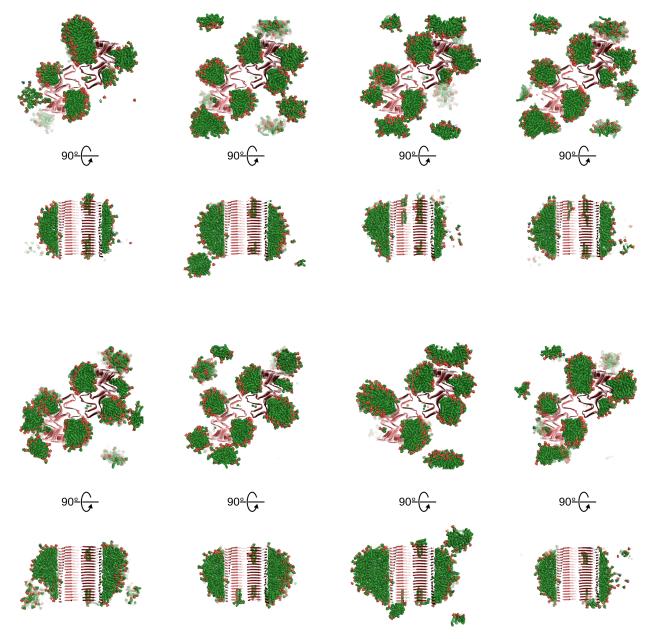


Cross-section through the conformations after eight 1 μ s MD simulations of free-lipid diffusion in the presence of the lipidic *L1A* fibril, viewed from two perspectives. The fibril is shown as cartoon, the lipids as green spheres.



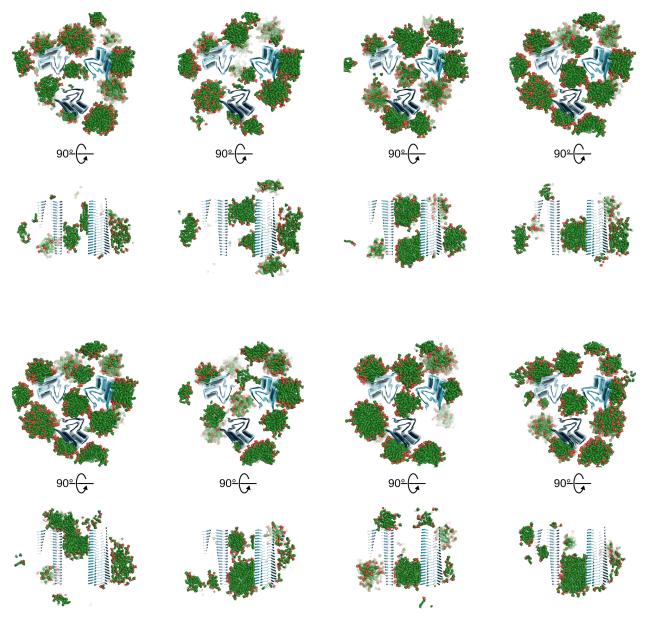


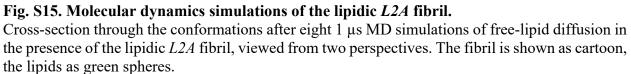
Cross-section through the conformations after eight 1 μ s MD simulations of free-lipid diffusion in the presence of the lipidic *L1B* fibril, viewed from two perspectives. The fibril is shown as cartoon, the lipids as green spheres.

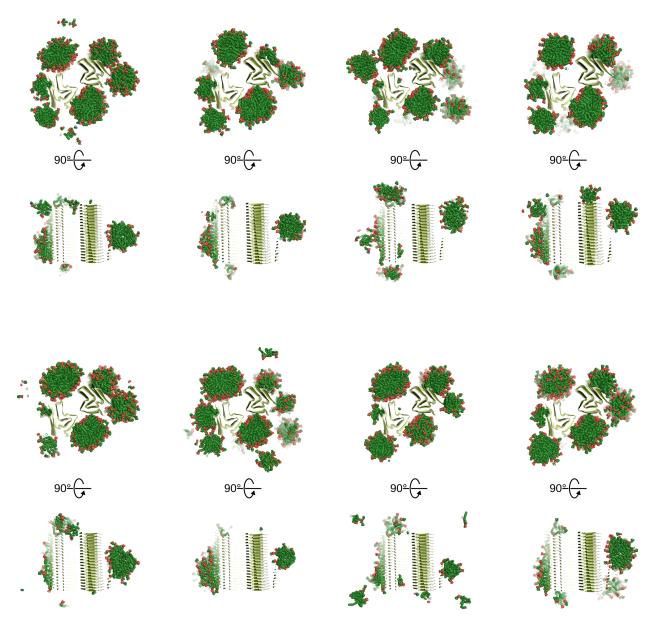


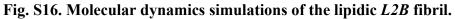


Cross-section through the conformations after eight 1 μ s MD simulations of free-lipid diffusion in the presence of the lipidic *L1C* fibril, viewed from two perspectives. The fibril is shown as cartoon, the lipids as green spheres.









Cross-section through the conformations after eight 1 μ s MD simulations of free-lipid diffusion in the presence of the lipidic *L2B* fibril, viewed from two perspectives. The fibril is shown as cartoon, the lipids as green spheres.

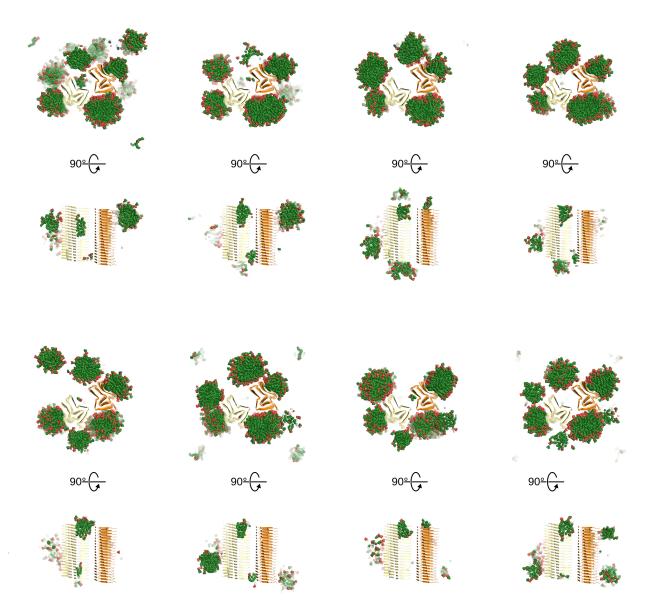


Fig. S17. Molecular dynamics simulations of the lipidic *L3A* fibril.

Cross-section through the conformations after eight 1 μ s MD simulations of free-lipid diffusion in the presence of the lipidic *L3A* fibril, viewed from two perspectives. The fibril is shown as cartoon, the lipids as green spheres.

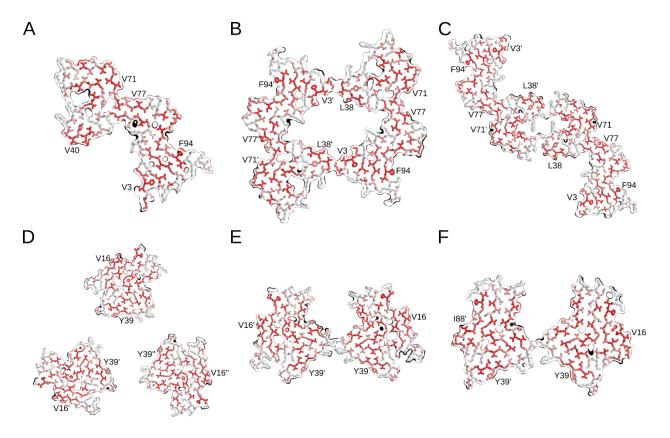


Fig. S18. The hydrophobicity of lipid-induced αSyn fibrils.

The atomic models of L1A (**A**), L1B (**B**), L1C (**C**), L2A (**D**), L2B (**E**), and L3A (**F**) α Syn fibrils with amino acids colored according to the Eisenberg hydrophobicity scale (57). Regions in red are hydrophobic. For orientation, surface amino acids in the center of a hydrophobic region are labeled.

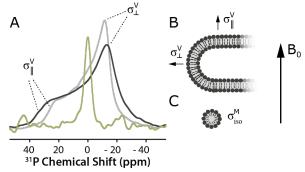


Fig. S19. 31P ssNMR experiments for the determination of lipid aggregation state

A: ¹H decoupled static ³¹P ssNMR spectra of vesicles of POPA and POPC (1:1) at 280 K (black) and 310 K (grey) compared to the spectrum of lipidic α Syn fibrils at 280 K (green, same sample as dataset 2w). Spectra of vesicles show a characteristic powder pattern due to chemical shift anisotropy (CSA) after uniaxial diffusion of the lipid molecule about its own long axis. Lateral diffusion of lipid molecules does not result in significant reorientation, consistent with lipid bilayer structures of low curvature (**B**). Lipids bound to α Syn fibrils show a single sharp line, indicating that CSA is averaged via isotropic reorientation of lipid headgroup moieties, consistent with the presence of high-curvature lipid aggregates, such as micelles (**C**). This behavior cannot be explained by a change of the lipid transition temperature and a resulting increase in mobility, since even at higher temperatures the vesicle spectra do not show a comparably sharp line.

Lipid-induced PM	L1A	L1B	L1C	L2A	L2B	L3A	
Data collection							
Microscope	Titan Krios G2	Titan Krios G2		Titan Krios G2			
Voltage [keV]	300	300		300			
Detector	K3	К3		K3			
Magnification	81,000	81,000		81,000			
Pixel size [Å]	1.05	1.05		1.05			
Defocus range [µm]	-0.5 to -2.0	-0.7 to -2.0		-0.5 to -2.0			
Exposure time [s/frame]	2.997	2.997		2.997			
Number of frames	40	50		40			
Total dose [e ⁻ /Å ²]	42.72 (1.07 e ⁻ /Å ² /frame)	50.83 (1.02 e ⁻ /Å ² /frame)		42.72 (1.07 e ⁻ /Å ² /frame)			
Reconstruction							
Micrographs	4,589	4,324		4,542			
Box width [pixels]	250	250		250			
Inter-box distance [pixels]	14	14		14			
Picked segments (no.)	585,342	504,236		1,223,706			
	L1A	L1B	LIC	L2A	L2B	L3A	
PDB-ID	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	
EMDB-ID	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	
Final segments [no.]	13,641	19,108	25,817	46,003	20,388	46,882	
Final resolution [Å] (FSC=0.143)	3.24	2.98	2.95	2.68	3.05	2.76	
Applied map sharpening B-factor [Å ²]	-85.24	-83.67	-87.28	-98.95	-78.72	-85.99	
Symmetry imposed	C1	C1	C2	C3	C1	C1	
Helical rise [Å]	4.69	2.37	4.69	4.68	4.69	4.72	
Helical twist [°]	-0.95	179.49	-0.72	-0.75	-0.82	-0.95	

Tab. S1. Cryo-EM structure determination statistics.

Lipid-induced PM	L1A	L1B	L1C	L2A	L2B	L3A
Initial model [PDB code]	de novo	de novo	de novo	6SST	6SST	6SST
Model composition						
Chains	5	10	10	15	10	10
Non-hydrogen atoms	3,460	6,920	6,920	7,755	5,170	4,665
Protein residues	495	990	990	1,125	750	680
RMS deviations						
Bond lengths [Å]	< 0.01	< 0.01	0.01	< 0.01	< 0.01	0.01
Bond angles [°]	0.82	0.64	1.5	0.65	0.42	1.16
Validation						
MolProbity score	2.39	2.37	2.95	1.53	1.32	2.49
Clashscore	20.22	16.36	8.01	10.11	5.84	12.49
Ramachandran plot						
Outliers [%]	0	0	0	0	0	0
Allowed [%]	11.34	9.28	7.73	0	0	8.46
Favored [%]	88.66	90.72	92.27	100	100	91.54

Tab. S2. Model building statistics.

Movie S1. Lipid binding to the *L1B* aSyn fibril.

The movie shows the first 100 ns of a representative trajectory of randomly placed phospholipids (1:1 mixture of POPC/POPA) binding to the *L1B* α Syn fibril. The lipids are shown as green-sphere model, and the α Syn fibril as cartoon, with both protofilaments colored differently.

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