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# In Situ Synthesis and Modification of Phospholipid Membranes



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**Abstract:**

Our group has a strong interest in applying covalent coupling reactions to the formation and modification of phospholipid membranes. We have utilized chemoselective reactions, such as copper-catalyzed triazole formation or the native chemical ligation, to drive the *de novo* synthesis of phospholipid membranes. To interface synthetic membranes proteins, we have recently developed protein reactive membrane anchors utilizing SNAP-tags. Light driven spatiotemporal control over proteoliposome formation is possible using photocaged membrane anchors. Finally, we have developed self-reproducing membranes by embedding lipid synthesizing autocatalysts. Continued development of selective bioconjugation reactions will facilitate the interfacing of synthetic molecules with biological systems for new capabilities.

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