

# Interaction of Hoechst 33342 with lipid membranes at different pH values

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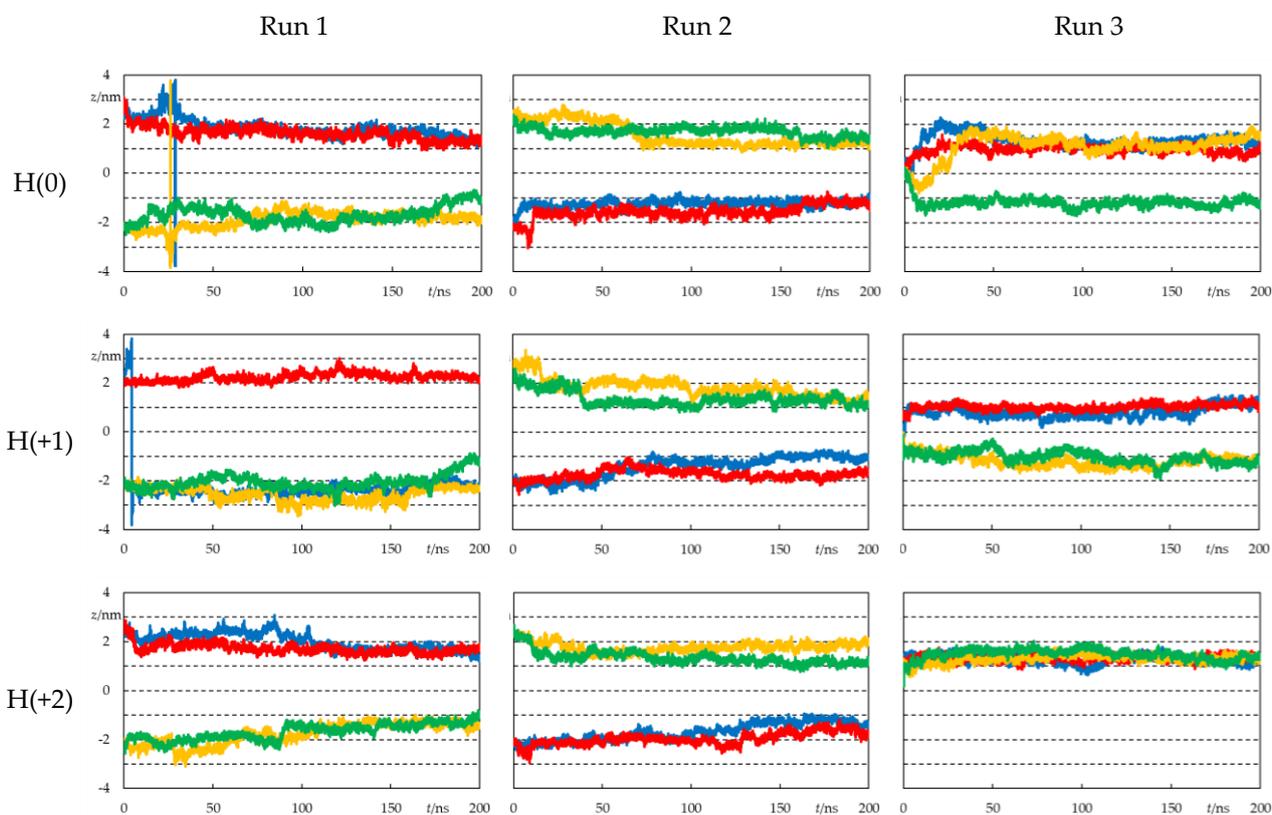
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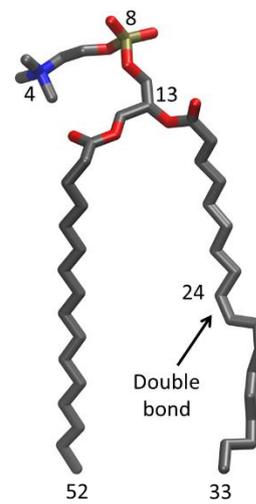
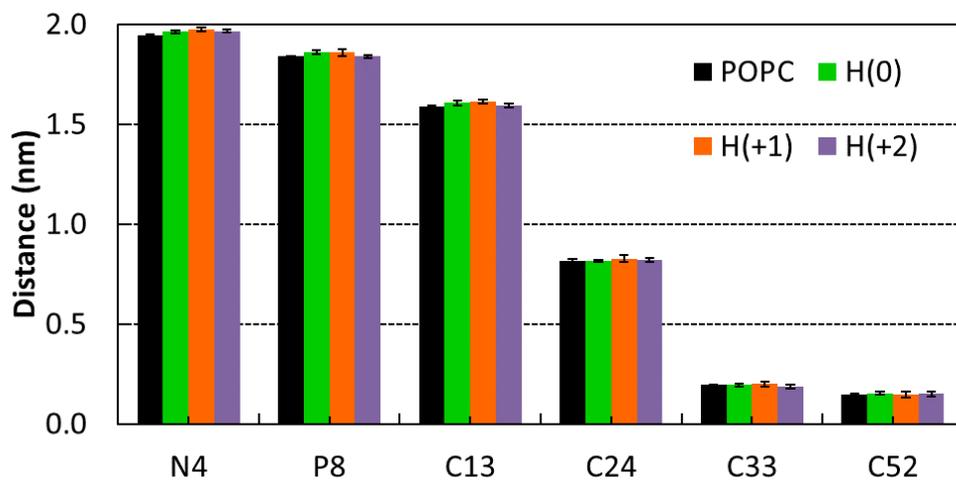
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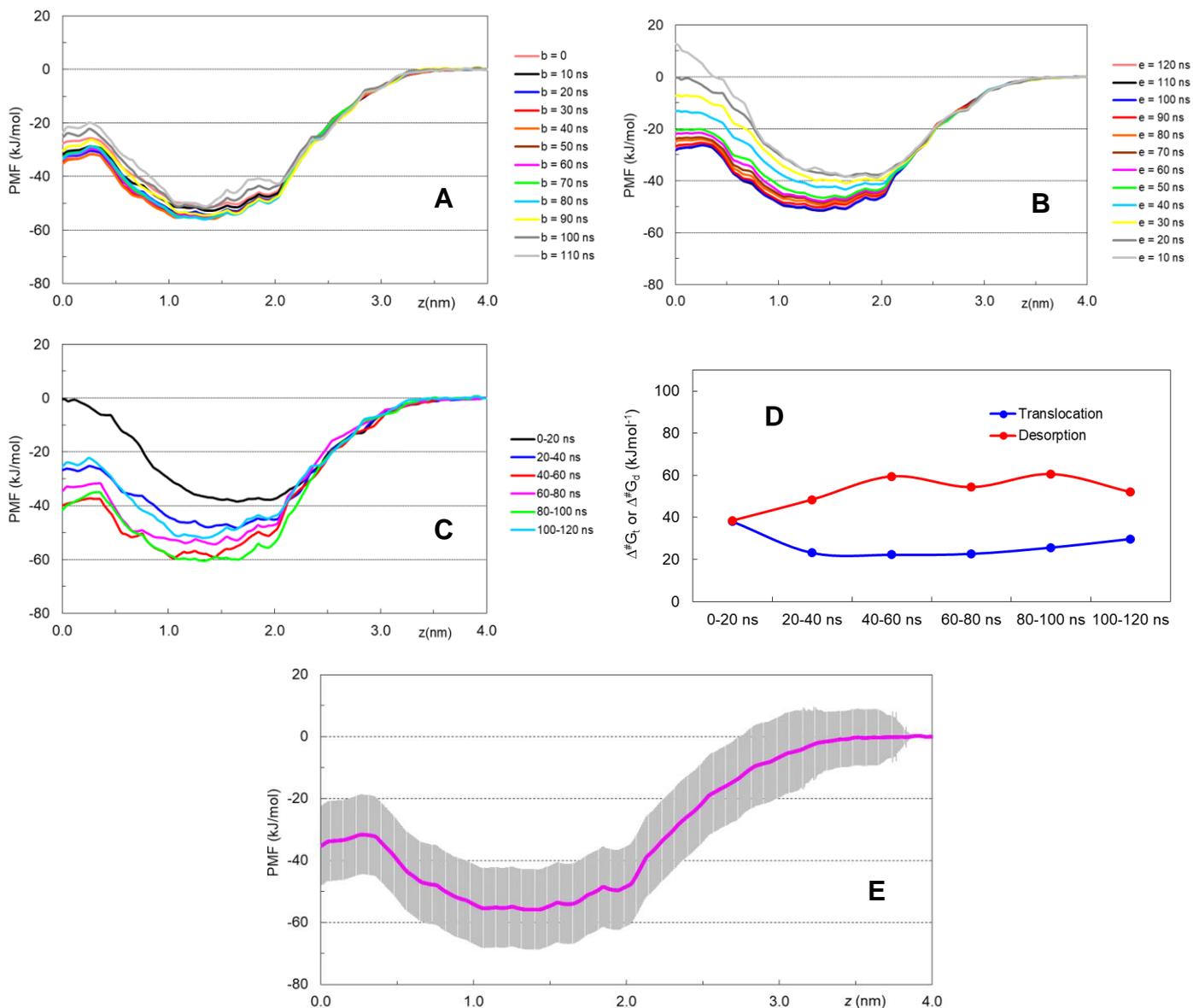
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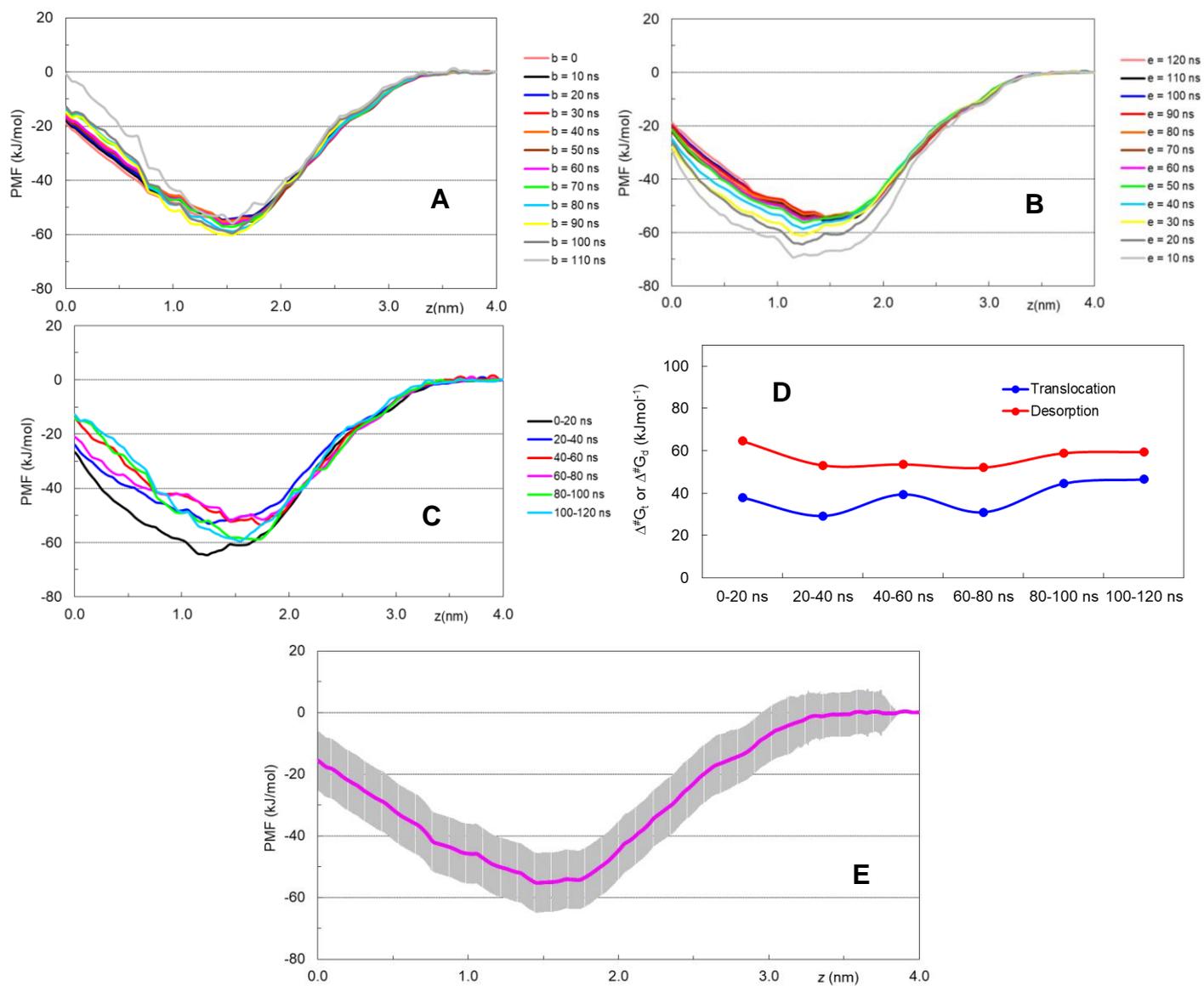
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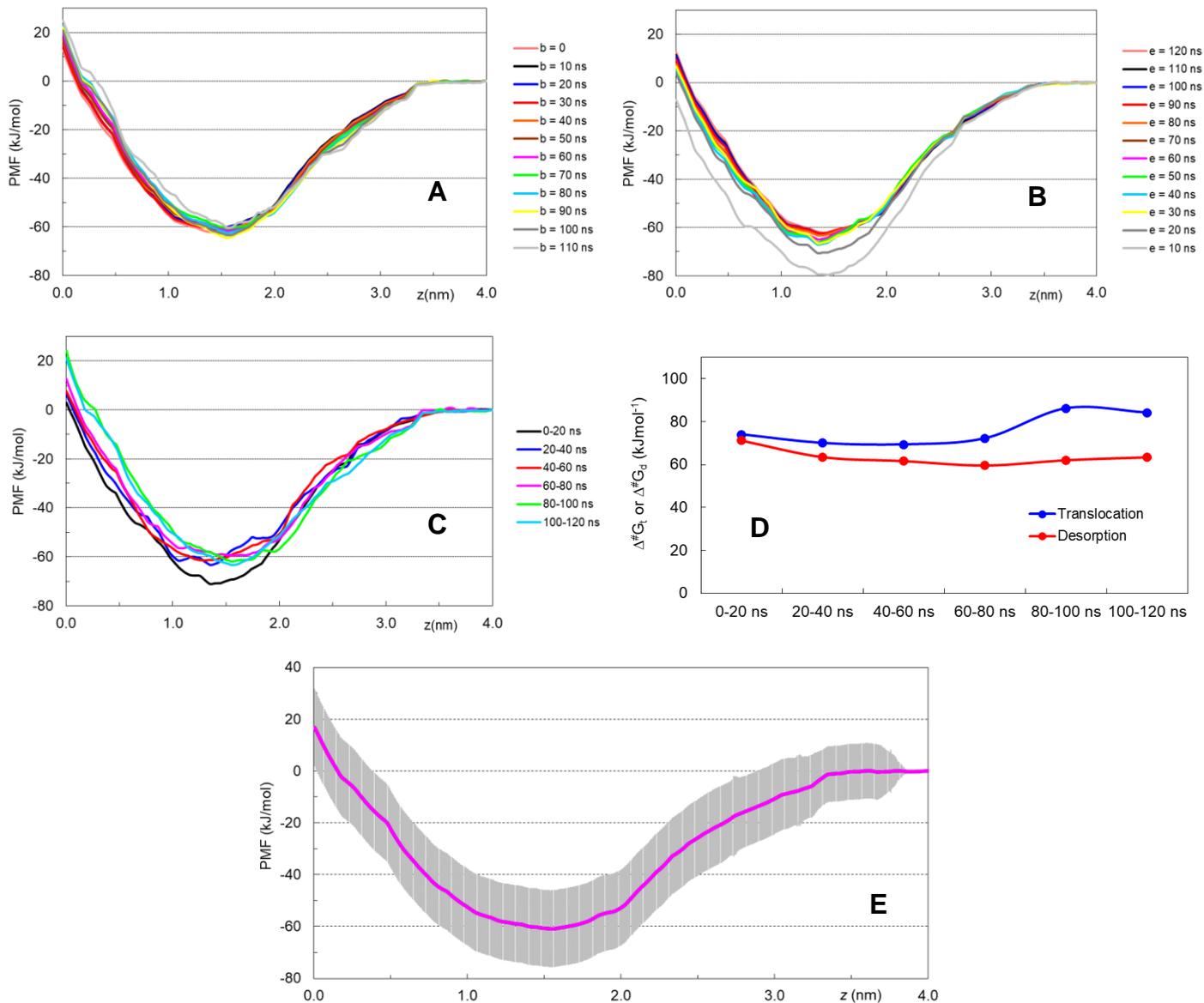
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**Figure S3.** PMF error and convergence analysis for H(0). (A): Convergence of the PMF profiles obtained discarding initial simulation times.  $b = t$  denotes that times before  $t$  were not considered for analysis. (B): Convergence of the PMF profiles obtained discarding final simulation times.  $e = t$  denotes that times after  $t$  were not considered for analysis. (C): PMFs obtained considering different 20 ns time intervals of the sampling simulations. (D): Translocation and Desorption free energies ( $\Delta^\#G_t$  and  $\Delta^\#G_d$ , respectively) calculated from each of the PMF curves of panel C. (E): PMF curve calculated using the last 80 ns of the 120 ns sampling runs.



**Figure S4.** PMF error and convergence analysis for H(+1). Panels A-E have the same meanings as in Figure S3.



**Figure S5.** PMF error and convergence analysis for H(+2). Panels A-E have the same meanings as in Figure S3.