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Highlights
- The Osh lipid exchange proteins are required to maintain PI(4,5)P₂ levels in the PM
- Unsaturated PS and sterols synergistically stimulate PIP5K activity
- The specificity loop conserved in PIP5Ks serves as a lipid sensor
- A simulation model of the PIP5K specificity loop embedded in a lipid bilayer

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In Brief
Nishimura et al. show that the Osh lipid exchange proteins are required for PI(4,5) P₂ synthesis, a key regulator of global plasma membrane organization and function. The Osh proteins form a unique membrane lipid environment with unsaturated phosphatidylserine and sterols that specifies PIP 5-kinase activity at the plasma membrane.
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INTRODUCTION

Distinctions in membrane lipid composition establish organelle identity in eukaryotic cells (Bigay and Antonny, 2012). For example, the endoplasmic reticulum (ER) and plasma membrane (PM) have notably different lipid compositions (Schneiter et al., 1999). The cytoplasmic leaflet of the ER membrane is defined by low sterol content and is high in unsaturated phospholipids. In contrast, the cytoplasmic leaflet of the PM is enriched in distinct lipids that serve as hallmarks for its identity, including sterols and the anionic phospholipid phosphatidylserine (PS).

SUMMARY

The plasma membrane (PM) is composed of a complex lipid mixture that forms heterogeneous membrane environments. Yet, how small-scale lipid organization controls physiological events at the PM remains largely unknown. Here, we show that ORP-related Osh lipid exchange proteins are critical for the synthesis of phosphatidylinositol (4,5)-bisphosphate [PI(4,5)P₂], a key regulator of dynamic events at the PM. In real-time assays, we find that unsaturated phosphatidylserine (PS) and sterols, both Osh protein ligands, synergistically stimulate phosphatidylinositol 4-phosphate 5-kinase (PIP5K) activity. Biophysical FRET analyses suggest an unconventional co-distribution of unsaturated PS and phosphatidylinositol 4-phosphate (PI(4)P) species in sterol-containing membrane bilayers. Moreover, using in vivo imaging approaches and molecular dynamics simulations, we show that Osh protein-mediated unsaturated PI(4)P and PS membrane lipid organization is sensed by the PIP5K specificity loop. Thus, ORP family members create a nanoscale membrane lipid environment that drives PIP5K activity and PI(4,5)P₂ synthesis that ultimately controls global PM organization and dynamics.

Selective lipid transport tends to increase lipid heterogeneity and, thus, distinct membrane environments (Antonny et al., 2018; Bigay and Antonny, 2012). A conserved family of lipid exchange proteins, the oxysterol-binding protein related proteins (ORPs), is thought to transfer lipids, including PS and sterols from the ER to the PM or to late Golgi and secretory compartments in exchange for phosphatidylinositol 4-phosphate (PI(4)P) (Chung et al., 2015; de Saint-Jean et al., 2011; Mesmin et al., 2010). Biological membranes are not homogeneous, and lipids are not uniformly distributed within a membrane. Differences in the physical properties of lipids are proposed to induce membrane lipid segregation and the formation of lipid nanodomains (Fujimoto and Parmryd, 2017; Lingwood and Simons, 2010). Accordingly, although lipid composition per se is not fully conserved across organisms, the biophysical principles that govern membrane organization are universally applied (Kaiser et al., 2011; van Meer et al., 2008). As such, it is apparent that lipid heterogeneity contributes to sub-compartmental organization and that lipid organizing principles have advantages in vital functions of the PM (Fujimoto and Parmryd, 2017).

Heterogeneous lipid distribution must also be considered in understanding PM organization (Harayama and Riezman, 2018). Biological membranes are not homogeneous, and lipids are not uniformly distributed within a membrane. Differences in the physical properties of lipids are proposed to induce membrane lipid segregation and the formation of lipid nanodomains (Fujimoto and Parmryd, 2017; Lingwood and Simons, 2010). Accordingly, although lipid composition per se is not fully conserved across organisms, the biophysical principles that govern membrane organization are universally applied (Kaiser et al., 2011; van Meer et al., 2008). As such, it is apparent that lipid heterogeneity contributes to sub-compartmental organization and that lipid organizing principles have advantages in vital functions of the PM (Fujimoto and Parmryd, 2017).

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ORP function is critical for cell growth and survival (Charman et al., 2014). Accordingly, deletion of all four ORP genes in C. elegans is embryonic lethal upon cholesterol restriction (Kobuna et al., 2010). Likewise, yeast cells lacking the ORP-related Osh proteins (oxysterol-binding protein homology) are inviable and are impaired in endocytosis (Beh and Rine, 2004), polarized secretion (Alfaro et al., 2011), PI4P metabolism (Stefan et al., 2011) and sterol organization in the PM (Georgiev et al., 2011). However, ORP/Osh protein function is controversial (Menon, 2018) and the essential role for ORP-mediated lipid exchange remains unknown.

We find that the Osh proteins are critical for PI(4,5)P2 synthesis. Quantitative lipidomics and microscopy show that PI(4,5)P2 and PS levels are severely reduced upon Osh protein inactivation. PI4P 5-kinase (PIP5K) shows increased activity against PI4P in the presence of unsaturated PS and this effect is markedly enhanced by sterols. Accordingly, FRET analyses imply that unsaturated PS and PI4P co-distribute in the presence of sterols. Finally, in vivo imaging and molecular dynamics (MD) simulations suggest that the specificity loop of PIP5K is a lipid sensor that ensures high PIP5K activity at the PM. Thus, Osh protein-mediated lipid exchange in nanoscale membrane lipid environments necessary for PIP5K activity that controls global PM domain organization and dynamic PM events including exocytosis and endocytosis.

RESULTS

Osh Proteins and ER-PM Contacts Control PI(4,5)P2 Synthesis

PM identity is defined by its specialized lipid composition. In particular, PI4P and PI(4,5)P2 are important phosphoinositide lipid species in the PM and both regulate essential processes at the PM (Ballá, 2013). Because the ORP/Osh proteins share conserved functions in PI4P binding and metabolism (de Saint-Jean et al., 2011; Im et al., 2005; Moser von Filsceck et al., 2015a; Stefan et al., 2011), we reasoned they may control PI4P use (i.e., in lipid exchange reactions and PI(4,5)P2 synthesis) and, thus, PM organization. To test this, we used osh1-7Δ/osh4ts mutant yeast cells that lack the OSH1–OSH7 genes and carry a temperature-sensitive osh4-1 allele (Beh and Rine, 2004). We first examined whether Osh proteins maintain PM integrity by using propidium iodide that does not penetrate membranes and enters cells only upon loss of PM integrity. Upon brief PM stress conditions, more than 40% of osh1-7Δ/osh4ts cells scored as propidium iodide positive, whereas wild-type cells exhibited negligible staining (Figure 1A). We also examined PM domain organization by monitoring the PI(4,5)P2-binding protein Pil1, a major component of PM structures termed eisosomes (Karotki et al., 2011). Pil1-GFP was observed at cortical sites in wild-type cells but accumulated in intracellular puncta in osh1-7Δ/osh4ts cells (Figure 1B). Thus, both PM integrity and organization are significantly affected in osh1-7Δ/osh4ts cells. Based on the observation that similar defects have been observed in cells with impaired PIP5K activity (Karotki et al., 2011; Omnus et al., 2016), we wondered if Osh proteins might regulate PI(4,5)P2 synthesis.

We investigated whether the Osh proteins control PI(4,5)P2 localization and levels. PM localization of the PI(4,5)P2 FLARE (fluorescent lipid-associated reporter) GFP-2xPHPLCδ was significantly reduced in osh1-7Δ/osh4ts cells at the restrictive temperature (Figures 1C and 1D). We also measured phosphoinositide levels by liquid chromatography-electrospray ionization-tandem mass spectrometry (LC-ESI-MS/MS) analysis (Clark et al., 2011). Mono-phosphorylated phosphatidylinositolinositol (PIP) was significantly increased in osh1-7Δ/osh4ts cells at the restrictive temperature (38°C; Figure 1F). In contrast, the level of phosphatidylinositol bis-phosphate (PIP2) was drastically reduced (Figure 1G), consistent with the microscopy results (Figures 1C and 1D). To further define changes in phosphoinositide metabolic flux, we performed 3H-inositol labeling for 1 h and high-performance liquid chromatography (HPLC) analysis. This showed a major reduction in PI(4,5)P2 synthesis in osh1-7Δ/osh4ts cells at the restrictive temperature (Figure 1B), but inositol uptake and phosphatidylinositol (PI) synthesis were not dramatically impaired (Figure 1A). Consistent with intact PI production, PI4P synthesis increased by more than an order of magnitude in the mutant cells (Figure 1C), as previously published (Stefan et al., 2011). In rescue experiments, PI(4,5)P2 synthesis was restored by expression of wild-type Osh4 from a plasmid (Figure S1E). In contrast, mutant forms of Osh4 impaired in PI4P binding (Osh4HH143,144AA and Osh4Δ29) (de Saint-Jean et al., 2011; Moser von Filsceck et al., 2015b) did not rescue PI(4,5)P2 synthesis (Figure S1E). Likewise, expression of wild-type, but not mutant, Osh4 decreased PI4P in osh1-7Δ/osh4ts cells (Figure S1F). Notably, the labeling experiments also indicated that PI4P synthesis exceeds PI(4,5)P2 synthesis (compare the scales in Figures S1B and S1C). This suggests that PI4P may be consumed during Osh-mediated lipid exchange reactions to promote PIP5K activity and PI(4,5)P2 production.

Figure 1. Osh Proteins Maintain PI(4,5)P2 and PS Levels at the PM

(A) PM integrity of wild-type and osh1-7Δ/osh4ts cells. Cells incubated at 26°C or 42°C for 15 min were stained with propidium iodide and analyzed by flow cytometry. Data represent the mean ± SEM (n = 3).

(B) PI(4,5)P2 localization in wild-type and osh1-7Δ/osh4ts cells.

(C) PI(4,5)P2 (GFP-2xPHPLCδ) and PS (GFP-C2 Lact) FLARE localization in wild-type and osh1-7Δ/osh4ts cells.

(D and E) Quantitation of GFP-2xPHPLCδ (D) and GFP-C2 Lact (E) signals in the PM. Relative PM and cytosolic signals were measured as described in STAR Methods. Data represent mean ± SD (n ≥ 20 cells).

(F–H) Lipidomic analysis of PIP (F), PI(4,5)P2 (G), and PS (H) in cells cultured at 26°C or 38°C for 2 h. Data represent mean ± SEM (n = 5).

(I–K) Measurements of inositol incorporation and PI synthesis (I), synthesis of the PI(4,5)P2 variants PI(3,5)P2 and PI(4,5)P2 (J), and synthesis of the PIP variants PI3P and PI4P (K) as monitored by 3H-inositol labeling and HPLC analysis of cells cultured at 38°C for 1 h. Data represent the mean ± SEM (n = 3).

*p < 0.01, **p < 0.001. See also Figure S1.
The PM contains high concentrations of sterols, and its cytoplasmic leaflet is enriched in certain lipids, including phosphatidylethanolamine (PE) and PS (Bigay and Antonny, 2012). Osh6 and Osh7 are proposed to serve as PI4P and PS exchange proteins that transfer newly synthesized PS from the ER to the PM (Moser von Filseck et al., 2015a). Accordingly, the PM intensity of the PS FLARE GFP-C2Lact was significantly reduced in osh1-7Δ/osh4Δ cells (Figures 1C and 1E) even at the permissive temperature of 26°C. Moreover, MS lipid analysis indicated that the amount of PS was significantly reduced in osh1-7Δ/osh4Δ cells (by >50% and >80% at the permissive and restrictive temperatures, respectively; Figure 1H). The reduction in PS levels may be due to a negative feedback mechanism in the ER membrane for both mammalian and yeast PS synthases (Kannan et al., 2017; Sousa et al., 2014). Independent quantitative lipidomics experiments confirmed that PS levels were significantly reduced in osh1-7Δ/osh4Δ cells (Supplemental Information). Interestingly, expression of wild-type Osh6 from a plasmid restored PI, PI4P, and PI(4,5)P2 homeostasis (Figures 1I–1K). In contrast, a mutant form of Osh6 impaired in PI4P binding did not rescue PI(4,5)P2 synthesis (Figure 1J) or PI4P homeostasis (Figure 1K).

We also examined mutant cells (named Δtether cells) lacking six ER-PM “tether” proteins that accumulate PI4P at the PM (Manford et al., 2012). Similar to osh1-7Δ/osh4Δ cells, PM localization of the PI(4,5)P2 FLARE mCherry-2xPHPLCε was reduced in Δtether cells (Figure S1G). Thus, although PI4P accumulates in osh1-7Δ/osh4Δ and Δtether cells, it is not an efficient substrate for PIP5K. In addition, the PM fluorescence intensity of the PS FLARE GFP-C2Lact and PS levels were reduced in the Δtether cells compared to wild type (Figure S1H and Supplemental Information). Based on these initial findings, we next considered whether PIP5K selectively uses PI4P in a sterol- and PS-enriched environment formed by Osh proteins and ER-PM contacts.

**PS Enhances PIP5K Activity In Vitro**

To study the lipid requirements for PIP5K activity, we developed a real-time PIP5K assay by using a PI(4,5)P2 sensor, NBD-PHPLCε, to monitor PI(4,5)P2 levels on liposomes by fluorescence spectroscopy. As nitrobenzoxadiazole (NBD) displays enhanced fluorescence at 530 nm in a hydrophobic environment, increases in NBD fluorescence intensity (ΔEm530) indicate recruitment of NBD-PHPLCε to liposomes (Figure 2A). We confirmed linear increases in NBD-PHPLCε fluorescence intensity in response to PI(4,5)P2 across a dynamic range (0.125–1 mol%; Figure S2A). Recombinant zebrafish PIP5K1A (zPIP5K amino acid [aa] 49–431) (Hu et al., 2015) was used for PIP5K assays. Expression of zPIP5K restored the growth defect of yeast PIP5K mutant mss4Δ cells, suggesting zPIP5K recognizes yeast and metazoan lipid species (Figure S2B). In control PIP5K assays, liposomes containing 5 mol% brain-derived PI4P (bPI4P) were mixed with zPIP5K, and NBD-PHPLCε signal intensity was measured by fluorescence spectroscopy prior to (time = 0 s) and after addition of ATP. The NBD fluorescence intensity rapidly increased in an ATP, Mg2+, and zPIP5K dose-dependent manner (Figure S2C). The initial velocity (Vi) was recorded by fluorescence spectroscopy. Data represent mean ± SEM (n = 3).

**Figure 2. PS Activates PIP5K In Vitro**

(A) Scheme for the real-time PIP5K assay. NBD-PHPLCε fluorescence increases upon binding PI(4,5)P2 generated by PIP5K on liposomes.

(B) Liposomes containing the indicated amount of brain PI4P (bPI4P), brain PS (bPS), and egg PC were mixed with 60 nM zebrafish PIP5K (zPIP5K) and 400 nM NBD-PHPLCε. After addition of ATP, NBD fluorescence was recorded by fluorescence spectroscopy. Data represent mean values (n = 3; SEM < 1.12 × 10−3).

(C) zPIP5K activity against various PI4P concentrations in the absence and presence of 10 mol% bPS. Initial velocities (V) were determined from PIP5K reaction progress curves (shown in Figures S2E and S2F). Data represent the mean ± SEM (n ≥ 3).

(D) Measurement of PIP5K activity by the ADP-Glo kinase assay. The formation of ADP produced by PIP5K reactions was detected using bioluminescence.

(E) Measurement of PIP5K activity by the ADP-Glo kinase assay (time = 2 min) on liposomes containing the indicated amount of bPI4P, bPS, and egg PC. Data represent mean ± SEM (n = 3).

*p < 0.05, ***p < 0.001. See also Figure S2.
We, therefore, examined whether PS stimulates PIP5K activity in the real-time PIP5K assay. Interestingly, when liposomes also contained 10 mol% or 20 mol% of brain-derived phosphatidylserine (bPS), PIP5K activity was clearly detected against 2 mol % bPI4P (Figures 2B and S2F). For comparison, PS makes up >30% of phospholipids in the PM of yeast cells (Zinser et al., 1991). Consistent with previous work (Shulga et al., 2012), phosphatidic acid (PA) also stimulated PIP5K activity, but other phospholipids found in the PM, including PI and PE, did not (Figure S2G). Kinetic analyses confirmed that bPS activates PIP5K (Figure 2C). The apparent $K_m$ value of zPIP5K for PI4P was effectively reduced from 6.2 mol% to 1.5 mol% in the presence of bPS without obvious changes in $V_{\text{max}}$ (Figure 2C). The sensitivity of the PI(4,5)P$_2$ sensor also increased in the presence of PS by nearly 2-fold (Figure S2A), but this does not fully account for the 4-fold increase in zPIP5K activity (Figures 2C, S2E, and S2F). To confirm the positive effect of bPS on zPIP5K activity, we used an ADP-Glo kinase assay that detects ADP produced by the PIP5K kinase reaction (Figure 2D). ADP formation by PIP5K was significantly increased in the presence of bPS (Figure 2E). Collectively, these results suggest that PS efficiently enhances PIP5K activity in vitro.

Sterol and Unsaturated PS Synergistically Enhance PIP5K Activity

We also investigated the effect of sterol lipids shown to bind Osh proteins in vitro (de Saint-Jean et al., 2011; Im et al., 2005; Manik et al., 2017; Moser von Fileck et al., 2015b). Cholesterol enhanced zPIP5K activity in the real-time PIP5K assay (Figure 3A) without influencing the sensitivity of the PI(4,5)P$_2$ sensor NBD-PH$_{PLC\delta}$ (Figure S3A). The apparent $K_m$ value of PIP5K for PI4P was reduced from 6.2 mol% to 3.0 mol% in the presence of cholesterol (Figure 3A). We then analyzed the simultaneous effect of bPS and cholesterol on zPIP5K activity. When the amount of bPI4P in liposomes was reduced to 1 mol%, a positive effect on zPIP5K activity by either bPS or cholesterol alone was weak or not clearly observed (Figure 3B). In contrast, zPIP5K activity increased dramatically in the presence of both bPS and cholesterol (Figure 3B). These results suggest that cholesterol and bPS synergistically stimulate PIP5K activity.

We next investigated whether the fatty acid composition of PS and PI4P affects PIP5K stimulation, as bPS and bPI4P are composed of multiple species including polyunsaturated forms. Compared to saturated di-palmitoyl-phosphatidylserine (16:0/16:0 DPPS), cholesterol was effective in stimulating PIP5K in the presence of mono-unsaturated 1-palmitoyl-2-oleoyl-phosphatidylserine (16:0/18:1 POPPS) and di-unsaturated di-oleoyl-phosphatidylserine (18:1/18:1 DOPS) (Figures 3C and 3G). zPIP5K showed the highest activity against PI4P in the presence of DOPS and cholesterol (Figure 3C). Cholesterol did not enhance PI(4,5)P$_2$ probe sensitivity in the presence of DOPS, and the PI(4,5)P$_2$ probe displayed only slight differences in sensitivity under the various conditions (Figure S3B). We also examined the effect of lipid composition on PIP5K membrane affinity and found, in contrast to the PI(4,5)P$_2$ probe, that PIP5K binding to 1 mol% bPI4P liposomes increased upon addition of both DOPS and cholesterol (Figure 3D). In line with the real-time assays, zPIP5K showed the highest activity against bPI4P in the presence of both DOPS and cholesterol in the ADP-Glo kinase assay (Figure S3C). Time course experiments using the ADP-Glo assay confirmed that PIP5K activity occurred rapidly in the presence of DOPS and cholesterol (reaching completion by 120 s; Figure S3G). In contrast, changes in free phosphate levels were negligible and did not increase over the course of the experiment (Figure S3H), confirming that the ADP-Glo assay measures ADP produced by PIP5K-dependent PI(4,5)P$_2$ synthesis rather than non-specific ATP hydrolysis. Altogether, these results indicate that PIP5K demonstrates high activity in the presence of DOPS and cholesterol.

Yeast cells do not synthesize polyunsaturated phospholipids or cholesterol (see the Supplemental Information and Figure 4). However, similar trends were observed with the yeast lipid species 1-palmitoyl-2-oleyl PI4P (16:0/18:1 PO-PI4P) and ergosterol. Ergosterol enhanced PIP5K enzymatic activity and membrane binding against 1 mol% PO-PI4P in the presence of unsaturated PS (DOPS again was most effective; Figures 3E–3G). Likewise, ergosterol stimulated zPIP5K activity against 1 mol% PO-PI4P liposomes containing unsaturated PS in the ADP-Glo kinase assay (DOPS and ergosterol resulted in the highest activity; Figure S3G). Thus, PIP5K displays high activity in a membrane environment containing sterol and unsaturated PS species. Moreover, the unsaturated PI4P species bPI4P (18:0/20:4) and PO-PI4P (16:0/18:1) were better substrates than saturated di-palmitoyl PI4P (16:0/16:0 DP-PI4P) (Figure S3E), consistent with a previous study (Shulga et al., 2012). Finally, PIP5K showed robust activity against liposomes containing physiological levels of PO-PI4P (0.2 mol%) and additional lipids resembling the composition of the cytoplasmic leaflet of the yeast PM, dependent upon unsaturated PS and ergosterol (Figure S3F). Collectively, our results indicate that PIP5K prefers a membrane lipid environment containing unsaturated PI4P, unsaturated PS, and sterol.

Fatty Acid Unsaturation of PS and PI4P Are Maintained in osh1-7Δ/osh4Δ Cells

Considering that PIP5K prefers unsaturated PI4P and is activated by unsaturated PS, we examined the fatty acid composition of PS, PI, and phosphoinositide species in wild-type and osh1-7Δ/osh4Δ cells. The major species of PS, PI, PI, and PI2 in control cells were unsaturated (mono-unsaturated X:1 and di-unsaturated X:2 where X refers to total acyl chain length), whereas saturated species (X:0) were rare (Figures 4A, 4B, S4A, and S4B). The most abundant PS and PI species in wild-type control cells were mono-unsaturated POPPS and PO-PI4P (34:1; Figures 4A and 4B). In osh1-7Δ/osh4Δ cells, POPPS levels decreased and PO-PI4P levels increased (Figures 4A and 4B), consistent with the proposed role for Osh6/7 as PI4P and POPPS exchange proteins (Moser von Fileck et al., 2015a). Intriguingly, mono-unsaturated PI$_2$ was slightly enriched in comparison to mono-unsaturated PI and PI in wild-type cells (Figure S4C), suggesting yeast PIP5K may prefer mono-unsaturated PI4P. Although overall PI levels were increased in osh1-7Δ/osh4Δ cells (Figures 1F and 4B), major changes in acyl chain profiles were not observed. A small portion of PI shifted from 36:X acyl species (where X refers to any level of unsaturation) to shorter PI 32:X species in osh1-7Δ/osh4Δ cells (Figure S4D).
Figure 3. PIP5K Stimulation by Unsaturated PS and Sterols In Vitro

(A) PI4P concentration dependence of zPIPK activity in the absence and presence of 20 mol% cholesterol (Chol). Initial velocities (Vi) were determined from PIP5K reaction progress curves from real-time assays. Data represent mean ± SEM (n = 3).

(B) The activity of zPIPK toward 1 mol% bPI4P liposomes either lacking or containing bPS and/or cholesterol as indicated. Data represent mean values (n = 3; SEM < 1.2 x 10^-3).

(C) The activity of zPIPK toward 1 mol% bPI4P liposomes containing the indicated PS species either lacking or containing cholesterol as indicated. Data represent mean values (n = 3; SEM < 0.48 x 10^-3).

(D) PIP5K sedimentation assays using liposomes containing bPI4P, DOPS, and cholesterol as indicated. Data represent mean ± SEM (n = 3).

(E) The activity of zPIPK toward 1 mol% PO-PI4P liposomes containing the indicated PS species either lacking or containing ergosterol (Erg) as indicated. Data represent mean ± SEM (n = 3).

(F) PIP5K sedimentation assays using 1 mol% PO-PI4P liposomes containing the indicated PS and/or Erg. Data represent mean ± SEM (n = 3).

(G) Phospholipids used in the PIP5K assays.

*p < 0.05. See also Figure S3.
However, the overall degree of PIP unsaturation was not significantly affected in osh1-7Δ/osh4Δ cells (Figure 4C). As such, the distribution of PIP species did not shift toward saturated species that are poor substrates for PIP5K (Figures 4B and 4C). Likewise, the degree of PS saturation did not increase in osh1-7Δ/osh4Δ cells, but instead shifted toward unsaturated species (Figures 4A and 4D). In sum, these results suggest that Osh function has a minor impact on acyl chain length and saturation of PI4P. Rather, a major function for the Osh proteins may be to create a PM lipid environment containing unsaturated PI4P and PS that is suitable for PIP5K activity.

**PM Targeting of the PIP5K Specificity Loop Depends on PI4P, PS, and Sterol**

Sterols are thought to stably interact with saturated lipids but not with unsaturated lipids (Simons and Gerl, 2010). To evaluate whether sterol lipids affect the distribution of unsaturated PS and PI4P, we designed an *in vitro* FRET ( Förster resonance energy transfer) assay (Figures 5A and 5B). FRET is well suited to evaluate proximity in the nanometer range and can detect the co-assembly of lipids within a membrane bilayer (Simons and Gerl, 2010). The CFP-tagged PS sensor (CFP-C2Lact) and Venus-tagged PI4P sensor (Venus-P4C) were mixed with liposomes of defined compositions, and the FRET signal was measured (Figure 5B). When liposomes contained either bPI4P or bPS, FRET was not observed (Figures 5B and 5C). However, FRET was observed in the presence of both bPI4P and bPS, and the FRET signal was further increased by the addition of cholesterol (Figures 5B and 5C), suggesting that bPS and bPI4P are in close apposition to each other in the presence of cholesterol. Similarly, the co-distribution of unsaturated DOPS and bPI4P was enhanced in the presence of cholesterol (Figure 5D). Likewise, ergosterol increased the co-distribution of PO-PI4P with unsaturated POPS and DOPS (Figure 5E). Binding of the PI4P probe to liposomes was not significantly enhanced by the presence of cholesterol and DOPS (Figures S5A and 5B). Likewise, membrane binding of the PS probe was not significantly enhanced by the presence of cholesterol and PI4P (Figures S5C), consistent with a previous study (Hirama et al., 2017). Thus, the observed increases in FRET efficiencies between the PI4P and PS probes (Figures 5B and 5E) are not likely due to increased membrane recruitment of the lipid probes. Sterols may cause and/or enhance the co-distribution of unsaturated PS and PI4P *in vitro*. However, these experiments do not fully exclude sterol-induced effects on lipid probe binding affinities or membrane fluidity on FRET efficiencies.

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The substrate specificity and membrane targeting of PIP5Ks are determined by the specificity loop within their catalytic domains (Figure 6A) (Fairn et al., 2009; Hu et al., 2015; Kunz et al., 2000). The specificity loop of PIP5K (5K loop) folds into an amphipathic helix (AH) upon membrane binding (Figures 6B and 6C) (Liu et al., 2016). We checked if an amphipathic property of the 5K loop is required for PIP5K function. The purified yPIP5K/Mss4 kinase...
domain showed PIP5K activity in the presence of both bPS and cholesterol, whereas the L722K/L729K mutant protein bearing mutations in the hydrophobic face showed low PIP5K activity (Figure 6D). These results suggest that an amphipathic property of the 5K loop is critical for PIP5K activity. Moreover, basic residues on the opposite face of the 5K loop were required, as a negatively charged mutant K720D/K721D did not display PIP5K activity (Figure 6D). We also investigated requirements for the amphipathic property of the 5K loop in vivo. The L722K/L729K and K720D/K721D mutant forms neither localized to the PM (Figure S6A) nor restored the growth defect of mss4ts cells (Figures S2B). On the other hand, a kinase dead mutant (K571A) lacking PIP5K activity (Figure 6D) localized to the PM (Figure S6A). Thus, an amphipathic property of the 5K loop is required not only for PIP5K activity in vitro but also for PIP5K localization and function in vivo.

To further examine 5Kloop PM targeting, the specificity loop of zPIP5K (zPIP5Kγ aa 380–403) was fused to a GFP-tagged coiled-coil domain (5Kloop-GCC-GFP; Figure 6E) to enhance its membrane affinity (Horchani et al., 2014). In wild-type yeast cells, 5Kloop-GCC-GFP localized to the PM (Figure 6F). In contrast, the 5Kloop-GCC-GFP mislocalized from the PM to intracellular compartments in osh1-7Δ/osh4ts cells (Figures 6F and 6G). Consistent with this, PM targeting of the yeast PIP5K Mss4 was significantly reduced in osh1-7Δ/osh4ts mutant cells at the restrictive temperature (Figure S6B). We, therefore, examined lipid requirements for 5K loop PM targeting. We first confirmed if the 5Kloop depended on PIP4P by using pik1ts, stt4ts, and pik1ts/stt4ts double mutant cells impaired in the major PI 4-kinase activities in yeast (Audhya et al., 2000). The PM localization of 5Kloop-GCC-GFP was partially reduced in pik1ts and stt4ts single mutants and nearly disappeared in pik1ts/stt4ts double mutant cells (Figure S6C). In contrast, PM localization of 5Kloop-GCC-GFP was not reduced in mss4ts mutant cells impaired in PI(4,5)P2 synthesis (Figure S6D), indicating that 5Kloop-GCC-GFP mislocalization is not caused by reductions in PI(4,5)P2. Importantly,
Figure 6. The PIP5K Specificity Loop Requires Osh Proteins, PS, and Sterols for PM Targeting

(A) Crystal structure of zebrafish PIP5K (zPIP5K) (Hu et al., 2015). The specificity loop region (5Kloop, residues 380–403) was disordered in the crystal structure. The catalytic site (residue K236 in zPIP5K corresponding to K571 in yeast PIP5K) is shown in magenta.

(B) The amphipathic properties of the specificity loop of zPIP5K and yeast PIP5K (yPIP5K). Helical wheel representations were drawn using HeliQuest. Hydrophobic residues are shown in yellow, arginine and lysine in dark blue, histidine in light blue, serine in purple, and glutamate and aspartate in red. Substitutions disrupting charge and the amphipathic property of the specificity loop of yPIP5K are shown in the bottom row (K720D/K721D and L722K/L729K, respectively). Z indicates net charge and arrows in helical wheels correspond to the hydrophobic moment.

(C) The amphipathic character of the specificity loop of zPIP5K (5Kloop) using PEP-FOLD 3 and PyMOL.

(D) Real-time PIP5K assays using 200 nM wild-type or mutant forms of the yeast PIP5K domain (yPIP5K). K571A is a kinase-dead form of yPIP5K. Data represent mean values (n = 3; SEM < 0.61 x 10^-3).

(E) Design of the 5Kloop-GCC-GFP FLARE.

(F) Localization of 5Kloop-GCC-GFP and GFP-P4C (PI4P FLARE) in wild-type and osh1-7Δ/osh4Δ cells cultured at 38°C for 2 h.

(G) 5Kloop-GCC-GFP PM signal in wild-type and osh1-7Δ/osh4Δ cells. Data represent mean ± SD (n ≥ 46 cells).

(H) Localization of 5Kloop-GCC-GFP in the sterol auxotroph GL7 strain cultured with or without 10 μg/ml ergosterol (Erg).

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the PI4P FLARE GFP-P4C accumulated at the PM in osh1-7Δ/osh1Δ cells (Figure 6F). Thus, although PI4P is required for 5Kloop PM targeting, PI4P alone is not sufficient. We then analyzed whether sterol is required for 5Kloop-GCC-GFP PM localization by using the auxotrophic sterol strain GL7 that also has been shown to be impaired in P(4,5)P2 synthesis (Dahl and Dahl, 1985). Localization of 5Kloop-GCC-GFP to the PM in GL7 mutant cells depended on exogenous ergosterol (Figures 6H and 6I). In addition to sterol dependence, the PM targeting of 5Kloop-GCC-GFP was significantly reduced in cho1Δ mutant cells deficient in PS synthesis (Figures 6J and 6K). Thus, PM localization of the 5Kloop depended on PI4P, PS, and sterol in vivo. Our in vitro assays indicated that unsaturated PI4P and PS promote PIP5K membrane binding and activity (Figure 3). To investigate a requirement for lipid unsaturation in 5Kloop PM targeting and P(4,5)P2 synthesis in vivo, we analyzed ole1Δ mutant cells lacking the major fatty acid desaturase activity in yeast (Ogasawara et al., 2017). Upon removal of exogenous unsaturated fatty acid from the medium, both GFP-2xPH-PLCα and 5Kloop-GCC-GFP displayed reduced PM localization in ole1Δ mutant cells (Figures S6E and S6F). Altogether, our results suggest that the 5Kloop recognizes unsaturated PI4P and PS membrane environments stabilized by sterol in vivo.

**PI5PK Specificity Loop Shows Specific Interactions in Bilayers**

To study the molecular interactions of the 5Kloop with bilayers, we ran extensive MD simulations in atomistic resolution. We modeled the zPI5PK peptide (zPI5PKY aa 380–403) as an α-helix and inserted it onto a bilayer composed of 69 mol% POPC, 10 mol% DOPS, 1 mol% bPI4P (18:0/20:4), and 20 mol% cholesterol (the composition activating zPI5PK). After solvation and equilibration, we simulated three replicas of the system for a cumulative time of 24 μs in the atomistic CHARMM36m representation (Huang et al., 2017). During all simulations the 5Kloop remained stably inserted in the bilayer, displaying only a partial unfolding of few residues at the C terminus (Figures 7A–7C). The 5Kloop equilibrates relatively deep in the membrane, with the residues of its hydrophobic interface inserted in the hydrophobic core of the bilayer (Figures 7A–7C).

To gain a systematic view on how the different lipid species interact with the 5Kloop, we calculated their localization probabilities over the cumulative simulation time. POPC does not form specific contacts with the 5Kloop, and despite its abundance in the model bilayer, its localization is marginally affected by the presence of the helix (compare the two leaflets in Figure 7D). By contrast, DOPS molecules form contacts with the 5Kloop by electrostatic interactions (Figure 7E), and cholesterol transiently associates with the 5Kloop (Figure 7F). Given the low molar concentration, only a few bPI4P molecules are present in the bilayer we simulated. However, in all our simulations, a bPI4P quickly associates to the 5Kloop, forming a contact that remains stable for the rest of the simulations, mostly due to its net charge.

This is reflected in the probability maps (Figure 7G) showing that bPI4P strongly interacts with two sites along the 5Kloop. Visual inspection of the trajectories reveals a rich set of interactions between the 5Kloop and the different lipid species. Cholesterol molecules reversibly associate to the 5Kloop, filling the packing defect created by the insertion of the helix and interacting with aromatic residues (e.g., W393; Figure 7B). Interestingly, the cholesterol hydrocarbon chain also wedges between the acyl chains of the polyunsaturated PI4P stably associated with the 5Kloop (Figures 7B, 7H, and 7J). Electrostatic interactions drive the formation of contacts between the charged headgroups of DOPS and bPI4P, and the positively charged residues located on the hydrophilic face of the 5Kloop. DOPS and bPI4P can occupy distinct pockets along opposing sides of the 5Kloop at the same time (Figures 7B, 7E, and 7G). It is important to note, however, that PI4P and DOPS are almost never found on the same side of the 5Kloop. This is due to the highly charged PI4P headgroup occupying all electrostatic interactions on one side of the 5Kloop. This observation is in line with the localization plots of the densities of each lipid on opposing sides (Figures 7E and G). PI4P is situated very close to the 5Kloop, whereas DOPS is relatively far away. Nevertheless, DOPS interacts by its headgroup with residues K387 and K394 and also pushes its hydrophobic tails under the 5Kloop, where cholesterol is wedged in (Figure 7B). bPI4P forms intimate interactions with the 5Kloop, almost wrapping around it, maximising the contact both with its headgroup and its polyunsaturated acyl chain (Figures 7C, 7H, and 7J). Indeed, bPI4P can interact with the 5Kloop by its glycerol backbone, the 1-phosphate moiety between the backbone and inositol, and the hydroxyl-groups and 4-phosphate moiety on the inositol ring (Figures 7H–7J and S7A–S7F). The latter enables the headgroup of bPI4P to bridge over several lipids and interact with the 5Kloop even if the lipid tails are relatively far away (Figures S7D–S7F). These observations suggest that association of bPI4P and the 5Kloop should be described in terms of a dynamic network of electrostatic interactions that can be mediated by other lipid molecules.

**DISCUSSION**

Our findings show that Osh-mediated membrane lipid dynamics and ER-PM contacts promote PI5PK activity at the PM (Figure S7G). Remarkably, our data indicate that only a small pool of PI4P synthesized in the cell is used as a substrate for P(4,5)P2 synthesis. PI4P appears to be largely consumed during Osh-mediated lipid exchange reactions (Figures 1, S1, and 4). In this manner, newly synthesized PS and sterol lipids may be transported from the ER to the PM by Osh proteins in exchange for PI4P (Figure S7G). The Osh proteins may then transfer PI4P to the ER (Antony et al., 2018) or directly present PI4P to the Sac1 PI4P phosphatase at ER-PM contacts (Stefan et al., 2011). Both modes of Sac1 activity (in cis and in trans) would promote continued rounds of lipid transfer by the Osh proteins, as both

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(I) 5Kloop-GCC-GFP PM signal in GL7 cells. Data represent mean ± SD (n ≥ 36 cells).

(J) Localization of 5Kloop-GCC-GFP in wild-type and cho1Δ mutant cells supplemented with 1 mM ethanolamine.

(K) 5Kloop-GCC-GFP PM signal in wild-type and cho1Δ cells. Data represent mean ± SD (n ≥ 69 cells). Scale bars, 4 μm.

**p < 0.01, ***p < 0.001. See also Figure S6.
Figure 7. Molecular View of the PIP5K Specificity Loop Embedded in a Lipid Bilayer

(A–C) The specificity loop of PIP5K (5K_loop) embedded into a model membrane bilayer in atomistic molecular dynamics simulations. The 5K_loop is shown as ribbon (orange) with hydrophobic, polar, acidic, and basic amino acids represented as sticks in white, green, red, and blue, respectively. The surfaces of lipids and sterols are shown for POPC (gray), DOPS (magenta), cholesterol (cyan), and bPI4P (yellow). The figure shows an area of the membrane leaflet of approximately 4 x 4 nm (A). Cross sectional views of the 5K_loop embedded in the model membrane bilayer (B and C). Water and ions outside the membrane are omitted for clarity.

(D–G) Lipid localization. Time-averaged positions of the phosphate moieties of the phospholipids POPC (D), DOPS (E), and PI4P (G) or oxygen atoms in cholesterol (Chol, F) from all-atom molecular dynamics simulations of a model membrane bilayer. Colors indicate the localization probability of different lipids over the course of the whole 10-μs trajectory. The membrane leaflet (cytoplasmic) with the 5K_loop embedded is shown in the left panels; the opposing leaflet (extracellular) is shown on the right. Scale bars, 2.5 nm.

(H–J) Atomistic views of the bPI4P molecule interacting with pocket #1 of the 5K_loop with a cholesterol molecule on the other side as shown in Figure 7B (H; 90° orientation (I); 180° orientation (J). The two phosphate moieties of bPI4P interact with four basic residues of the amphipathic helix (R384, K387, K388, and H391).

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mechanisms would release PI4P bound to Osh proteins. Thus, PI4P serves two vital functions in the cell. It is the substrate for PIP5K and it is used as a “currency” for ORP/Osh-mediated lipid exchange that stimulates PIP5K activity. Importantly, our data indicate that PI4P alone is not sufficient for PIP5K activity. However, once PS and sterol lipids reach sufficient levels, PI4P metabolism switches from PI4P exchange and hydrolysis by the Osh and Sac1 system to PI(4,5)P₂ synthesis by PIP5K (Figure S7G). This has two significant implications. First, PI4P extraction by Osh proteins will decrease upon PS and sterol delivery because of competition between PI4P and PS or sterol for the Osh proteins (Moser von Fiseck et al., 2015a). Second, PI4P, PS, and sterol synergistically promote PIP5K targeting and activity. Thus, non-vesicular lipid dynamics taking place at ER-PM contacts may promote the formation of PIP5K assemblies that ultimately drive vesicular trafficking events in adjacent ER-free PM zones.

ORP and Osh proteins may also exchange PI4P for PS and sterol at late Golgi and secretory compartments (Antonny et al., 2018) (Figure S7G). This may promote secretory vesicle maturation and allow rapid conversion of PI4P to PI(4,5)P₂ immediately prior to or following vesicle fusion with the PM. Alternatively, PI4P extracted from late Golgi compartments and other organelles may be directly transferred to the PM by Osh proteins. Both of these mechanisms could explain the involvement of Golgi PI4P pools in 5Kloop PM targeting and PI(4,5)P₂ synthesis (Figure S6) (Audhya et al., 2000) and why cells depleted of ER-PM contacts are viable (Manford et al., 2012). Osh proteins also control sterol distribution within the PM (Georgiev et al., 2011). Accordingly, ORP/Osh proteins might move lipids within the PM resulting in PIP5K activation.

Our study confirms key roles for the ORP/Osh proteins and ER-PM contacts in PM identity. Both are required for enrichment of PS in the cytoplasmic leaflet of the PM (Figures 1 and S1), consistent with previous reports (Chung et al., 2015; Moser von Fiseck et al., 2015a). Our findings unexpectedly suggest that the ORP/Osh proteins also create heterogeneous PM environments and, thus, transient unconventional lipid interactions at the nanoscale level. Numerous studies have described physical interactions between saturated lipids and sterols. Yet, less attention has been paid to the effect of sterols on unsaturated lipids, in spite of the fact that PS and PI4P are key components of the inner leaflet of the PM (Balla, 2013; Yeung et al., 2008) and most of them have unsaturated fatty acids (Figure 4). Our analyses suggest that unsaturated PI4P and PS co-distribution might be modulated by sterols (Figure 5). Unsaturated fatty acids are incorporated into the sn-2 position in most phosphoinositides (PIPs) (Harayama and Riezman, 2018), but unsaturated lipids are not efficiently incorporated into sterol-containing liquid-ordered domain. One possible explanation is that unsaturated lipids are condensed by their repulsive interaction with sterols (Krause and Regen, 2014). Alternatively, our MD simulations indicate that cholesterol interacts with the acyl chains of polyunsaturated PI4P stably associated with the PIP5K specificity loop and fills the packing defect created by insertion of the peptide helix (Figure 7). Additional interactions may also provide important contributions. For example, PS retains cholesterol in the inner leaflet of the PM and cholesterol, in turn, limits electrostatic repulsion between anionic PS molecules (Hirama et al., 2017; Maekawa and Faim, 2015). This may explain why inactivation of Osh4, shown to transfer sterol lipids in vitro, results in decreased PS levels at the PM (Figures 1 and 4). The ionization state of PIPs, dependent on neighboring lipids and ionic strength, may also govern PIP segregation patterns (Wen et al., 2018). Thus multiple factors likely account for the complex behavior of unsaturated phospholipids and sterols in membranes.

Our in vivo imaging, in vitro assays, and simulation analyses suggest that the conserved PIP5K specificity loop forms an AH that prefers a membrane environment containing unsaturated anionic lipids and sterols. Given that another anionic lipid, PA, also stimulates PIP5K (Shulga et al., 2012), PA might interact with the PIP5K AH similarly to PS. Interestingly, the hydrophobic face of the PIP5K AH contains bulky aromatic residues, similar to other AH sensors that preferentially insert into membrane regions with lipid packing-order defects formed by acyl chain unsaturation. This design may allow PIP5K to recognize unsaturated PI4P species that cluster in intermittent disordered regions of the PM. Given that yeast PO-PI4P was an effective substrate for PIP5K (Figure S3), yeast PI4P might induce lipid-packing defects as much as mammalian PI4P. It is remarkable that the PIP5K AH targets to the PM rather than the highly disordered ER. Accordingly, PM targeting of the PIP5K AH is specified by basic residues within the AH that bind PI4P and PS (and PA) in the cytoplasmic leaflet of the PM and is further stabilized by interactions with sterols (Figure 7). Thus, the PIP5K AH is endowed with distinctive chemical and physical properties, compared to previously described AH membrane sensors (Bigay and Antonny, 2012; Covino et al., 2018; Hofbauer et al., 2018), allowing it to detect a unique PM membrane analog that prefers a membrane environment containing unsaturated anionic lipids and sterols. Given that another anionic lipid, PA, also stimulates PIP5K (Shulga et al., 2012), PA might interact with the PIP5K AH similarly to PS. Interestingly, the hydrophobic face of the PIP5K AH contains bulky aromatic residues, similar to other AH sensors that preferentially insert into membrane regions with lipid packing-order defects formed by acyl chain unsaturation. This design may allow PIP5K to recognize unsaturated PI4P species that cluster in intermittent disordered regions of the PM. Given that yeast PO-PI4P was an effective substrate for PIP5K (Figure S3), yeast PI4P might induce lipid-packing defects as much as mammalian PI4P. It is remarkable that the PIP5K AH targets to the PM rather than the highly disordered ER. Accordingly, PM targeting of the PIP5K AH is specified by basic residues within the AH that bind PI4P and PS (and PA) in the cytoplasmic leaflet of the PM and is further stabilized by interactions with sterols (Figure 7). Thus, the PIP5K AH is endowed with distinctive chemical and physical properties, compared to previously described AH membrane sensors (Bigay and Antonny, 2012; Covino et al., 2018; Hofbauer et al., 2018), allowing it to detect a unique PM membrane environment containing PI4P, PS, and sterol. Although PIP5K AH targeting to the PM depended on both PS and PI4P, our analyses indicate increased binding affinity for PI4P over PS. This suggests an order of events for PIP5K targeting and activity. The ORP/Osh proteins may form a PM environment enriched in unsaturated PS stabilized by sterols that initially recruits PIP5K (Figure S7G).

The human ORP5 and ORP8 proteins transfer unsaturated PS species (Chung et al., 2015), suggesting they may be involved in PI(4,5)P₂ regulation. In turn, PI(4,5)P₂ controls ORP5 and ORP8 PM localization (Ghai et al., 2017; Sohn et al., 2018), indicating cross-regulation of PS and PI(4,5)P₂ homeostasis. Intriguingly, ORP5 and ORP8 knock down results in increased PI(4,5)P₂ levels (Ghai et al., 2017; Sohn et al., 2018). But PI4P is increased and PS levels are maintained to some extent upon ORP5 and ORP8 depletion, implying that other ORP isoforms or other lipid

The cholesterol hydrocarbon chain wedges between the acyl chains of the polyunsaturated PI4P. The amphipathic helix is visualized as a ribbon (orange) and acidic and basic residues as sticks in green. Positively charged nitrogen atoms and negatively charged oxygen atoms are shown as spheres, colored blue and red, respectively. See also Figure S7.
transfer proteins may be induced under these conditions. As such, future studies are likely to reveal key roles for additional lipid transfer proteins in PM lipid heterogeneity and organization.

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**Deposited Data**

- Raw imaging data: This study
- Mendeley Data: [https://doi.org/10.17632/x96sprmwrg.1](https://doi.org/10.17632/x96sprmwrg.1)

**Critical Commercial Assays**

- ADP-Glo™ Kinase Assay: Promega
- Experimental Models: Organisms/Strains
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### LEAD CONTACT AND MATERIALS AVAILABILITY

Further information and requests for resources and reagents should be directed to and will be fulfilled by the Lead Contact, Christopher J. Stefan (c.stefan@ucl.ac.uk).
**EXPERIMENTAL MODEL AND SUBJECT DETAILS**

**Yeast**

Descriptions of *Saccharomyces cerevisiae* strains used in this study are in the Key Resources Table. Standard techniques were used for yeast growth. For *cho1Δ* cells, the medium was supplemented with 1 mM ethanolamine. For the GL7 strain (provided by Dr. W. David Nes, Texas Tech Univ.), 2 mg/ml ergosterol solubilized in a Tween 80/ethanol solution (1:4, w/v) was added to the medium as a 0.5% solution for a final concentration of 10 μg/ml. The URA3 gene in the GL7 strain was deleted by homologous recombination. For *ole1Δ* cells (provided by Dr. Takeshi Noda, Osaka Univ.), 0.5% casamino acids were added to support growth of the *ole1Δ* mutant cells in synthetic defined medium. Oleic acid at a final concentration of 1 mM and 1% (v/v) Triton X-100 were also added to the culture medium.

**METHOD DETAILS**

**Plasmids**

Descriptions of plasmids used in this study are in the Key Resources Table. DNA sequences encoding *y*PIPK/Mss4 fragment (aa 347-779, NP_010494) were amplified by PCR and subcloned into pGEX-6P-1 vector together with His-Tag. *y*PIPK K571A, K720D/K721D, and L722K/L729K were generated by inverse PCR. C2 Lac, and P4C cDNAs were amplified by PCR and subcloned into pGEX-6P-1 vector together with CFP and/or Venus. cDNA encoding zPIPK5 (aa 49-431, NP_001018438) (provided by Dr. Ya Ha, Yale School of Medicine) was subcloned into pRS416 plasmid. zPIPK5 fragment (aa 380-403) fused to GMAP210 coiled-coil region (aa 39-377) (provided by Dr. Bruno Antonny, CNRS Université de Nice Sophia Antipolis) was cloned into pRS424 or pRS426 plasmid together with EGFP. Osh4 wild-type, G183D (ts mutant), Δ29, and H143A/H144A cDNAs were subcloned into pRS314 plasmid. Osh6 wild-type and H157A/H158A cDNAs (provided by Dr. Guillaume Drin, CNRS Université de Nice Sophia Antipolis) were subcloned into the plasmid pRS414. GFP-P4C and 2xPH*PLCA* were subcloned into pRS414 or pRS424, respectively.

**Fluorescence Microscopy**

Images were obtained with a 100 × CFI Plan Apochromat VC oil-immersion objective lens (1.4 NA), using a Perkin-Elmer Ultraview VOX spinning disk confocal microscope that consists of a Nikon TiE inverted stand attached to Yokogawa CSU-X1 spinning unit and a Hamamatsu C9100-13 EMCCD camera with a pixel size of 16 μm. All images were collected as square images with 512 x 512 pixels. For the final output, images were processed using Fiji/ImageJ and Adobe Photoshop CS6 extended software. Plasma membrane (PM) relative fluorescence (relative FPM) was quantified as described below. Briefly, single channel images were created by splitting channels. Single cell images were randomly chosen from the single channel images, duplicated and saved. Three lines (crossing over, inside and outside a cell) were drawn on the single cell images, added to ROI manager, and analyzed by ‘Multi Plot’ module in Fiji/ImageJ to obtain fluorescence intensity profiles. These values, related to the intensity values for each pixel, were imported into Excel. We then calculated the average values of fluorescence intensity profiles on drawn lines inside and outside a cell, and expressed as F in and F out, respectively. The specific cytosolic signal (Fcryo) was calculated by subtracting Fout from Fin. In order to obtain PM fluorescence intensity (FPM), the two outer cellular intensity peaks were found on the line crossing over a cell. The average value of intensity of those two peaks, one pixel in front and behind peaks was calculated (Fcross), and then subtracted Fout from Fcross. FPM was divided by Fcryo to calculate relative FPM. Taken together, PM relative fluorescence was calculated by using this equation: relative FPM = FPM/Fcryo = (Fcross-Fout)/(Fin-Fout). Finding peaks in intensity profiles and calculations were automatically processed with an Excel VBA macro.

**Analysis of 3H-labeled Inositol Phosphates by HPLC**

PIPs levels were analyzed as previously described (Stefan et al., 2011). Briefly, 5 OD600 units of cells cultured in YND media were washed by media lacking inositol and pre-incubated at 26 C or 38 C for 15 min. The cells were labeled with 50 μCi of myo-[2-H3]-inositol in media lacking inositol and further incubated for 1 hour. The cells were lysed in 4.5% perchloric acid with glass beads to generate extracts. After washed by 0.1 M EDTA, the extracts were mixed with methyleamine reagent (methanol/40%/methylamine/water/1-butanol; 4.6:2.6:1.6:1.1 v/v) and incubated at 53°C for 1 h to deacylate phospholipids. Samples were dried in a vacuum chamber, washed with water, dried again, and resuspended in 300 μL water. Extraction reagent (1-butanol/ethyl-ether/formic acid ethyl ester; 20:4:1 v/v) was added and [3H] glycerol-PIPs were separated into the aqueous phase by vortexing and centrifugation at 14,000 × g for 5 min. The extraction was repeated twice and the final aqueous phase was collected and dried. Dried pellets were resuspended in 260 μL water and separated on a Partispheres 5 μm SAX column attached to a PerkinElmer Series 200 HPLC system and a radiometric 150TR detector using Ultima-Flo AP scintillation fluid. The HPLC and on-line detector were controlled with Total Chrome Navigator software. The data were analyzed using Total Chrome Navigator software.

**LC-MS/MS analysis of methylated PIPs and PS**

20 OD600 units of cells were precipitated and washed with cold 4.5% perchloric acid. For phosphoinositide measurements, cells were resuspended in 500 μL 0.5 M HCl and disrupted with a 5.0 mm zirconia bead by vigorous shaking (1,500 rpm for 10 min) using Shake Master Neo (BMS, Tokyo, Japan). The homogenates were transferred to new tubes and centrifuged at 15,000 × g for 5 min. The pellets were resuspended in 170 μL water and 750 μL of CHCl3/MeOH/1 M HCl (2:1:0.1, v/v) and incubated for 5 min at room
temperature. To each sample 725 µL of CHCl₃ and 170 µL of 2 M HCl were added, followed by vortexing. After centrifugation at 1,500 × g for 5 min, the lower phase was collected and washed with 780 µL of pre-derivatization wash solution (the upper phase of CHCl₃/MeOH/0.01 M HCl (2:1:0.75 v/v)). The lipid extracts were derivatized by adding 50 µL of 2 M TMS-diazomethane in hexane. The derivatization was carried out at room temperature for 10 min and was stopped by adding 6 µL of glacial acetic acid. The derivatized samples were washed twice with 700 µL of post-derivatization wash solution (the upper phase of CHCl₃/MeOH/water (2:1:0.75 v/v)). After adding 100 µL of MeOH/H₂O (9:1, v/v), the samples were dried under a stream of N₂, dissolved in 80 µL of MeOH and sonicated briefly. After adding 20 µL of water, the samples were subjected to LC-ESI-MS/MS analysis. The LC-ESI-MS/MS analysis was performed on a Shimadzu Nexera ultra high performance liquid chromatography system coupled with a QTRAP 4500 hybrid triple quadrupole linear ion trap mass spectrometer. Chromatographic separation was performed on an Acquity UPLC C4 BEH column (100 mm × 1 mm, 1.7 µm; Waters) maintained at 40°C using mobile phase A (water containing 0.1% formate) and mobile phase B (acetonitrile containing 0.1% formate) in a gradient program (0–5 min: 45% B; 5–10 min: 45% B → 100% B; 10–15 min: 100% B; 15–16 min: 100% B → 45% B; 16–20: 45% B) with a flow rate of 0.1 mL/min. The instrument parameters for positive ion mode were as follows: curtain gas, 10 psi; collision gas, 7 arb. unit; ionspray voltage, 4500 V; temperature, 600°C; ion source gas 1, 30 psi; ion source gas 2, 50 psi; declustering potential, 121 V; entrance potential, 10 V; collision energy, 39 V; collision cell exit potential, 10 V. Methylated phosphoinositides and phosphatidylserine were identified and quantified by multiple reaction monitoring. For these measurements, an internal standard of 10 ng of 17:0-20:4 PIP was added to each sample.

Quantitative shotgun lipid MS data acquisition, analysis, and post-processing

The glycerolipid compositions of wild-type, osh1-7Δ/osh4Δ and Δ tether mutant cell extracts shown in the Supplemental Information were determined by mass spectrometry-based quantitative, shotgun lipidomics by Lipotype GmbH (Dresden, Germany) as described (Eijng et al., 2009; Kloze et al., 2012). Total yeast cell lysate samples were diluted to 0.2 OD units using 155 mM ammonium bicarbonate in water to the total volume of 150 µL and were spiked with lipid internal standard mixture. Lipids were extracted using a two-step chloroform/methanol procedure with 750 µL of post-derivatization wash solution (the upper phase of CHCl₃/MeOH/water (2:1:0.75 v/v)). After adding 20 µL of water, the samples were subjected to LC-ESI-MS/MS analysis. The LC-ESI-MS/MS analysis was performed on a Shimadzu Nexera ultra high performance liquid chromatography system coupled with a QTRAP 4500 hybrid triple quadrupole linear ion trap mass spectrometer. Chromatographic separation was performed on an Acquity UPLC C4 BEH column (100 mm × 1 mm, 1.7 µm; Waters) maintained at 40°C using mobile phase A (water containing 0.1% formate) and mobile phase B (acetonitrile containing 0.1% formate) in a gradient program (0–5 min: 45% B; 5–10 min: 45% B → 100% B; 10–15 min: 100% B; 15–16 min: 100% B → 45% B; 16–20: 45% B) with a flow rate of 0.1 mL/min. The instrument parameters for positive ion mode were as follows: curtain gas, 10 psi; collision gas, 7 arb. unit; ionspray voltage, 4500 V; temperature, 600°C; ion source gas 1, 30 psi; ion source gas 2, 50 psi; declustering potential, 121 V; entrance potential, 10 V; collision energy, 39 V; collision cell exit potential, 10 V. Methylated phosphoinositides and phosphatidylserine were identified and quantified by multiple reaction monitoring. For these measurements, an internal standard of 10 ng of 17:0-20:4 PIP was added to each sample.

Protein purification

_Escherichia coli_ strains BL21 or Rosetta pLysS were used as a host cell line. Expression of recombinant protein was induced with 0.1–1 mM IPTG at 22°C or 37°C. The cell pellets were collected and resuspended in ice-cold homogenization buffer (50 mM Tris-HCl pH 6.8, 300 mM NaCl, 1 mM dithiothreitol (DTT), 0.1 mM AEBSF, and complete EDTA-free protease inhibitor). Cells were then disrupted by sonication in ice-cold homogenization buffer. The homogenized cells were centrifuged at 20,800 × g for 30 min to remove cell debris. GST recombinant proteins were purified with glutathione-Sepharose and cleaved from GST by using 0.1 U/µL PreScission protease. Untagged proteins were dialyzed with dialysis buffer (50 mM Tris-HCl pH 6.8, 150 mM NaCl, and 1 mM DTT) three times and then dialyzed with storage buffer (50 mM Tris-HCl pH 6.8, 150 mM NaCl, 2 mM DTT, and 50% glycerol) and stored at –80°C before analysis. For purification of His-tagged zPIP5K1A protein was purified as described above. After cleavage of GST tag, untagged PHPLC, VE/SC protein was purified as described above. After cleavage of GST tag, untagged PHPLC, VE/SC was dialyzed in TBS (50 mM Tris-HCl pH 6.8, and 150 mM NaCl) three times to remove DTT, and then labeled with a 10-fold excess of IANBD-amide. After overnight incubation at 4°C, the reaction was stopped with 4 mM cysteine and residual IANBD-amide was removed by dialysis (50 mM Tris-HCl pH 6.8, 150 mM NaCl, and 1 mM DTT). NBD-labeled proteins were mixed with equal volume of glycerol and stored at –80°C before analysis.

Preparation of NBD-PHPLC-Proteins

Rat PLCδ (NP_058731, 11-140 aa) cDNA (1x PHPLCδ) was amplified by PCR and subcloned into pGEX-6P-1. PHPLCδ, VE/SC/pGEX6P-1 was prepared by introducing point mutations for NBD labeling. GST-PHPLC, VE/SC protein was purified as described above. After cleavage of GST tag, untagged PHPLC, VE/SC was dialyzed in TBS (50 mM Tris-HCl pH 6.8, and 150 mM NaCl) three times to remove DTT, and then labeled with a 10-fold excess of IANBD-amide. After overnight incubation at 4°C, the reaction was stopped with 4 mM cysteine and residual IANBD-amide was removed by dialysis (50 mM Tris-HCl pH 6.8, 150 mM NaCl, and 1 mM DTT). NBD-labeled proteins were mixed with equal volume of glycerol and stored at –80°C before analysis.
Liposome preparations

Lipids were mixed at the desired molar ratio and the organic solvent was removed in a rotary evaporator. The lipid films were hydrated in buffer A (50 mM Tris-HCl pH 7.5, 150 mM NaCl, 1 mM DTT, 0.2 mM EDTA, and 1 mM EGTA) for 30 min at room temperature or at 65°C for liposomes containing saturated lipids. The suspensions were sonicated in a bath sonicator or extruded through polycarbonate filters of the indicated pore size using a mini-extruder (Avanti Polar Lipids). Liposomes were used within 1 day.

Real-time PIP 5-kinase assay

PIP 5-kinase reactions were carried out in buffer A (50 mM Tris-HCl pH 7.5, 150 mM NaCl, 1 mM DTT, 0.2 mM EDTA, and 1 mM EGTA) supplemented with 2 mM MgCl₂ and 80 μM ATP and measured with a Fluoromax spectrometer (HORIBA Scientific). Briefly, the sample (150 μl) containing liposomes (400 μM total lipids) was mixed with PIP5K (final conc. 60 nM except as indicated in Figure S2C and S3G-H) and NBD-PH₁₄₅₃₃ (final conc. 400 nM) in a 200 μL quartz cell. After 5 min, 15 μL of MgCl₂ was added (final conc. 2 mM). At 2 min later, the reaction was initiated by adding 15 μL of ATP solution (final conc. 80 μM). NBD fluorescence (ex/em 468 nm/530 nm) was recorded every second. The excitation and emission slits were set at 5 nm bandwidths. We calculated an increase in signal of NBD fluorescence (ΔEm₅₃₀, raw data) from that measured before ATP addition. To subtract the contribution of liposomes alone, a background signal of NBD fluorescence (ΔEm₅₃₀, BG) was measured with the NBD-PH₁₄₅₃₃ in the presence of 0% PI4P liposomes. Finally, an NBD signal increase dependently of PIP5K reaction was calculated by using this equation: ΔEm₅₃₀ = ΔEm₅₃₀, raw data − ΔEm₅₃₀, BG.

Data were analyzed by using RStudio or an Excel VBA macro. To determine initial velocities of PIP5K reaction at different substrate concentrations, ΔEm₅₃₀ data were analyzed by using GraphPad Prism software and a slope of the initial portion of the regression curve was used as an individual initial velocity. Then, initial velocities of PIP5K reaction were fitted to an allosteric sigmoidal kinetic model to obtain the apparent Kₘ and Vₘₐₓ values by using Graphpad Prism software.

ADP-Glo kinase assay

PIP 5-kinase reactions were carried out as in the real-time assays except with 8 μM ATP, ADP-Glo assays were performed according to the manufacturer’s instructions. Briefly, a part of reaction mixture (25 μl) was mixed with 25 μl of ADP-Glo reagent. After a 40 min of incubation, 50 μL of Kinase Detection Reagent was added and further incubated for 30 min. Luminescence signal was recorded using a Tecan infinite F200 microplate reader. Non-specific background signals independent of PIP5K activity were subtracted by using liposomes lacking PIP4P.

Malachite green phosphate assay

A malachite-molybdate solution was made freshly by mixing a malachite green solution (0.03175% malachite green and 0.35% polyvinyl alcohol) and molybdate solution (3.46% ammonium molybdate and 11.2% (v/v) concentrated sulfuric acid) at a ratio of 64 to 86. To measure free phosphate levels during the PIP5K reaction course, 100 μL of PIP5K reaction mixture was mixed with 150 μL of malachite-molybdate solution. Absorbance at 595 nm was measured using a Tecan infinite F200 microplate reader. Phosphate levels were determined using a phosphate standard.

Liposome sedimentation assay

Sedimentation assays were carried out in buffer A (50 mM Tris-HCl pH 7.5, 150 mM NaCl, 1 mM DTT, 0.2 mM EDTA, and 1 mM EGTA) supplemented with 2 mM MgCl₂. Briefly, liposomes of defined compositions (400 μM total lipids) were mixed with zPIP5K (final conc. 130 nM). After 15 min at room temperature, the mixture was centrifuged at 20,800 × C for 5 min. The supernatant and pellet fractions were separated by SDS-PAGE and transferred to nitrocellulose membranes. Immunoblot analysis was performed with an anti-His antibody and visualized with Super-Signal West Pico Chemiluminescent substrate to detect the zPIP5K-His protein. Signal intensities were analyzed using the LAS-4000mini image analyzer and Fiji/ImageJ.

in vitro FRET assays

Liposomes (400 μM total lipids) were mixed with CFP-C₂₉₃₄₉ λ (400 nM) and Venus-P₄λ (400 nM) in buffer A (50 mM Tris-HCl pH 7.5, 150 mM NaCl, 1 mM DTT, 0.2 mM EDTA, and 1 mM EGTA) supplemented with 2 mM MgCl₂. After incubation for 5 min, fluorescence spectra were recorded using a Fluoromax spectrometer. CFP signal (ex/em 433 nm/476 nm), Venus signal (ex/em 505 nm/ 528 nm), and FRET signal (ex/em 433 nm/528 nm) were measured. The excitation and emission slits were set at 5 nm bandwidths. We analyzed CFP or Venus proteins alone at several different concentrations and found that 42.38% of CFP signal and 3.206% of Venus and FRET signal (ex/em 433 nm/528 nm) were measured. The excitation and emission slits were set at 5 nm bandwidths. The increase in signal of FRET was calculated by using this equation: cFRET = FRET − 0.4238*CFP − 0.03206*Venus.

Quantitative membrane binding assay using Dansyl-PE liposomes

Liposomes (400 μM total lipids) containing 2 mol% Dansyl-PE were mixed with Venus-C₂₉₃₄₉ λ (400 nM) or Venus-P₄λ (1 μM) in buffer A (50 mM Tris-HCl pH 7.5, 150 mM NaCl, 1 mM DTT, 0.2 mM EDTA, and 1 mM EGTA) supplemented with 2 mM MgCl₂. After incubation for 5 min, fluorescence spectra were recorded using a Fluoromax spectrometer. Tryptophan (Trp; ex/em 280 nm/350 nm), Dansyl (ex/em 330 nm/ 510 nm), and FRET signals (ex/em 280 nm/500 nm) were measured. The excitation and emission slits were set at 5 nm bandwidths.
bandwidths. We analyzed Venus-C2\textsubscript{Lact}, Venus-P4C or Dansyl-PE liposomes alone at several different concentrations and calculated a background signal and amount of bleed-through signals into the FRET signal in our experimental conditions. Based on those results, corrected FRET values were calculated using the following equation: \( cFRET = FRET - 0.0678^{\text{Trp}} - 0.3316^{\text{Dansyl}} - 1674 \), for Venus-C2\textsubscript{Lact}; \( cFRET = FRET - 0.2195^{\text{Trp}} - 0.3316^{\text{Dansyl}} - 1674 \), for Venus-P4C.

**Plasma membrane integrity assays**

Yeast strains were grown to midlog phase at 26°C and shifted to 42°C for 15 min as indicated. 1 OD\textsubscript{600} equivalent of cells was pelleted and resuspended in PBS, and cells were stained with propidium iodide for 15 min. Cells were then washed twice with ddH\textsubscript{2}O and analyzed by flow cytometry (BD Accuri C6). For each condition, 50,000 cells were counted in duplicate in three independent experiments. Background was determined by analyzing each of the cell strains at the indicated temperatures prior to staining with propidium iodide.

**Atomistic simulations**

We modeled a 24-mer peptide (LQSYRLVKKEHSWKALLHDGDTV) from the phosphatidylinositol-4-phosphate 5 kinase (Q503I3) into a \( \alpha \)-helical conformation using the UCSF CHIMERA software package and aligned it along the x axis, centered at the origin. We used CHARMM-GUI to set up the atomistic plasma membrane model systems with CHARMM36m (Huang et al., 2017). All simulations were run using the GROMACS 2018 software package. N- and C-termini were neutralized (residue types NNEU and CNEU, respectively), whereas H391 and H398 were protonated. We embedded the peptide into the lipid headgroup region by translating it by 16 Å along the z axis. Ions were added to a total concentration of 150 mM NaCl, after neutralizing the system with counter ions. The resulting membrane containing cholesterol has the following molar composition (the number in brackets reports the number of molecules for each lipid species): 69\% mol POPC [414], 20\% mol cholesterol [120], 10\% mol DOPS [60], 1\% mol polyunsaturated bPI4P (SA-PI4P) [6]. We energy minimized all systems with steepest descent and performed equilibration in subsequent steps. First the system was equilibrated in a canonical (NVT) ensemble with an integration time step of 1 fs for 25 ps, maintaining a constant temperature of 310 K with the Berendsen thermostat. In this phase, position restraints of 1000 kJ mol\textsuperscript{-1}nm\textsuperscript{-2} were applied to all lipid heavy atoms, whereas restraints on protein backbone heavy atoms were lowered from 4000 to 2000 kJ mol\textsuperscript{-1}nm\textsuperscript{-2}. The Berendsen barostat was used to keep a constant pressure of 1 bar in the isothermal isobaric (NPT) equilibration for the first 25 ps with a time step of 1 fs (Berendsen et al., 1984). All subsequent equilibration steps were performed for 300 ps with a time step of 2 fs. Here, lipid position restraints were decreased from 400 to 0 kJ mol\textsuperscript{-1}nm\textsuperscript{-2} and protein position restraints were decreased from 1000 to 200 kJ mol\textsuperscript{-1}nm\textsuperscript{-2}. No restraints were applied on the systems during the production simulations. The temperature and pressure were kept constant at 310 K and 1 bar using the Velocity Rescale thermostat (Bussi et al., 2007) and Parrinello-Rahman barostat (Parrinello and Rahman, 1980) with a semisotropic pressure coupling, applying each on the protein, solvent and membrane with characteristic times of 1 and 5 ps, respectively. All non-bonded interactions were cutoff at 1.2 nm throughout simulations.

**Analysis of lipid localization**

We discretized the position of each lipid on a two-dimensional grid by using the x and y coordinates of phosphate moieties (phospholipids) or oxygen atoms (cholesterol), using a bin width of 1 Å and sampling every 250 ps. We used an in-plane least-square fit of the protein backbone C atoms of the 5K\textsubscript{loop} helical peptide to a reference structure aligned along the x axis, to obtain a two-dimensional in-place rotational angle for every frame. The two-dimensional grid was rotated by the calculated angle about the axis orthogonal to the lipid bilayer plane and interpolated using a third order spline. The grid was extended and cropped after the rotation in every frame, taking into account periodic boundary conditions, to keep the original dimensions. Finally, we obtained the reported lipid localization densities by averaging all two-dimensional grids along the entire trajectory ignoring the first 100 ns.

**Trajectory analysis**

We used VMD, GROMACS, MDAnalysis, NumPy, SciPy, IPython, and Matplotlib for the analysis and visualization of trajectories.

**QUANTIFICATION AND STATISTICAL ANALYSIS**

Statistical analysis was carried out using GraphPad Prism 6. To compare the mean of two groups, an unpaired two-tailed t test was used. To compare the mean of multiple groups, we used one-way ANOVA followed by Tukey-Kramer multiple comparisons.

**DATA AND CODE AVAILABILITY**

The raw imaging data have been deposited in Mendeley Data and can be accessed: https://doi.org/10.17632/x96spmwrg.1.