Probing lipid interactions of plasma membrane proteins: a micropatterning approach



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- Mammalian plasma membrane:
 - thousands of different lipids and proteins
 - local and temporal heterogeneity
 - lipids and proteins influence each other

Fundamental mechanisms HOW? WHY? WHEN?



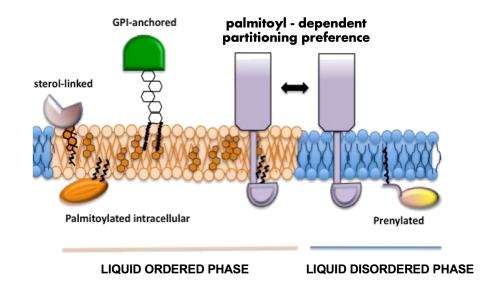
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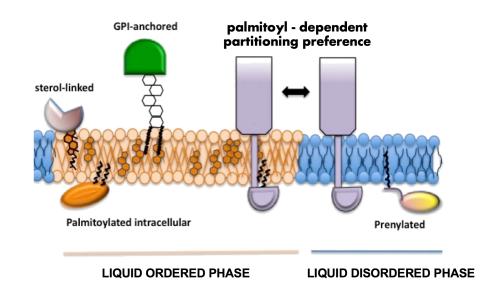
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Protein palmitoylation:

- posttranslational modification
- partitioning in the liquid ordered phase



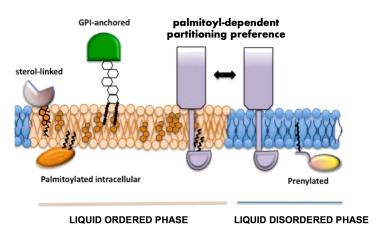
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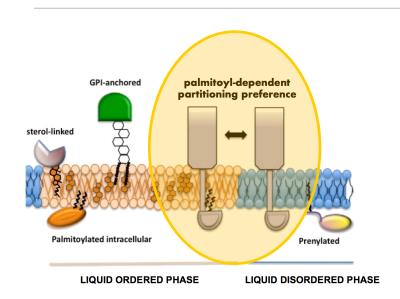
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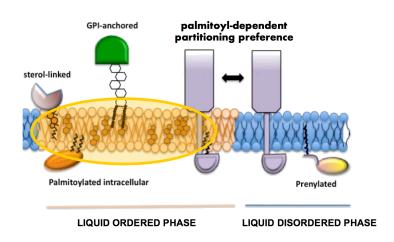
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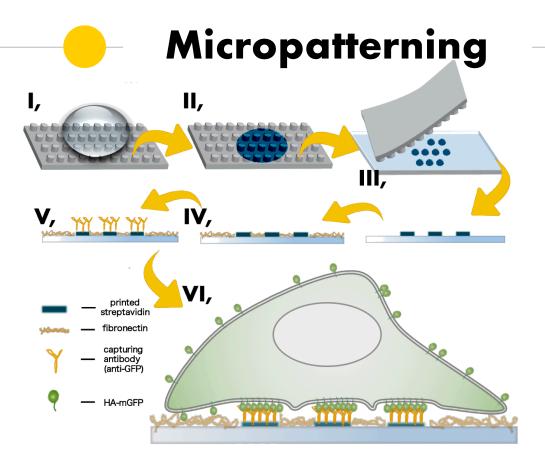
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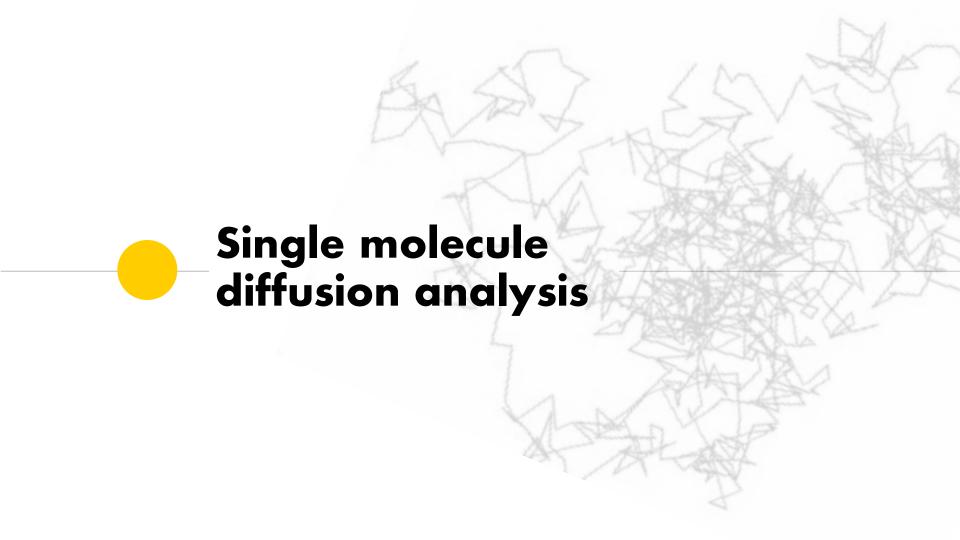


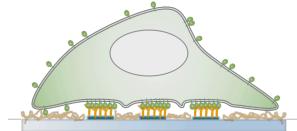




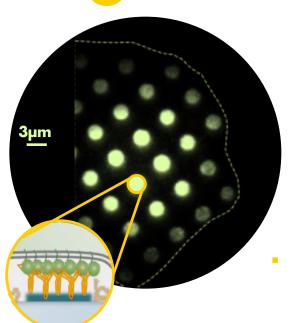
- incubation with streptavidin
- II. drying
- III. stamping/stamp removal
- IV. passivation with fibronectin
- V. biotinylated antibody attachment
- VI. cells are grown over the patterns

Proteins in the plasma membrane can be immobilised by antibody patterns



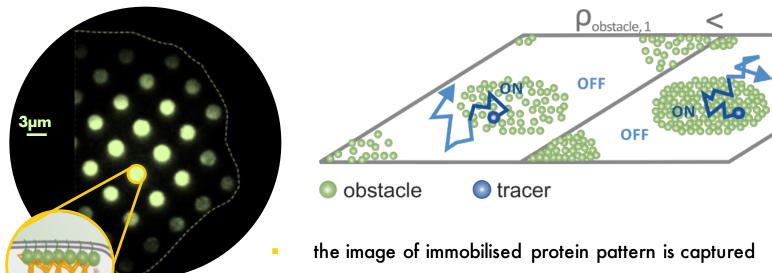


Single molecule diffusion analysis



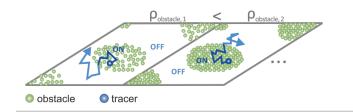
the image of immobilised protein pattern is captured





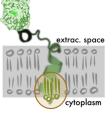
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- the trajectory of diffusing lipids are recorded
- mobility of lipids at ON and OFF area serves useful information

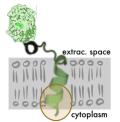


Selection of materials

Obstacle molecules

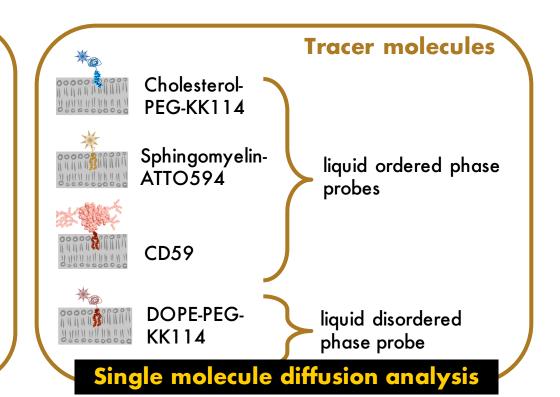


Hemagglutinin (HA)-mGFP

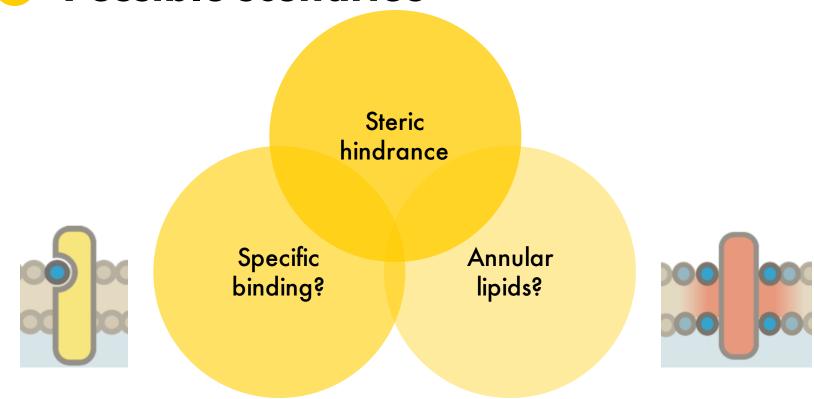


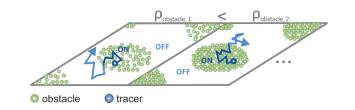
Δpalm-HA-mGFP

Micropatterning

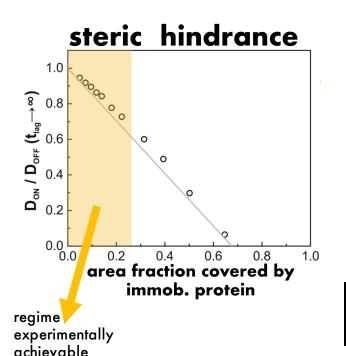


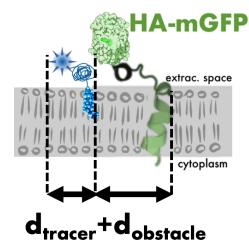




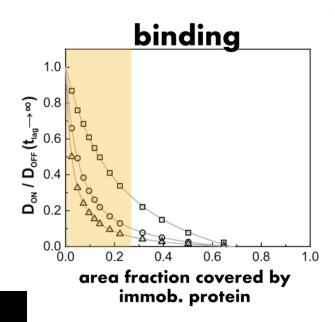


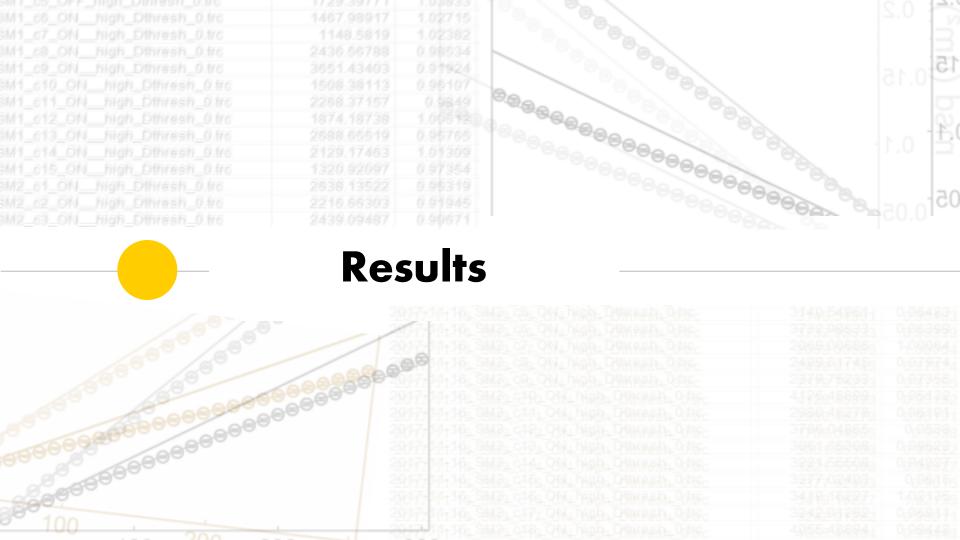


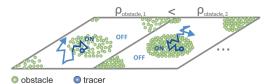




tracer plus obstacle size can be calculated

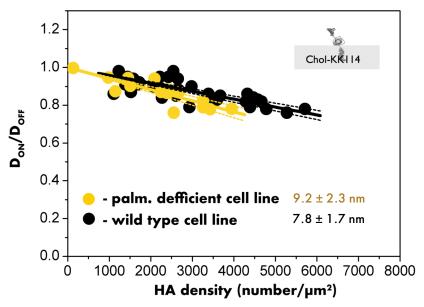


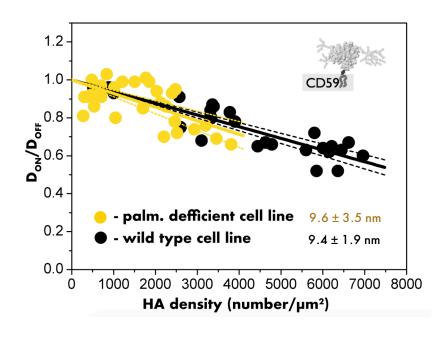




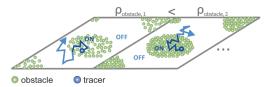


Rel. diffusion of Chol-KK114 and CD59



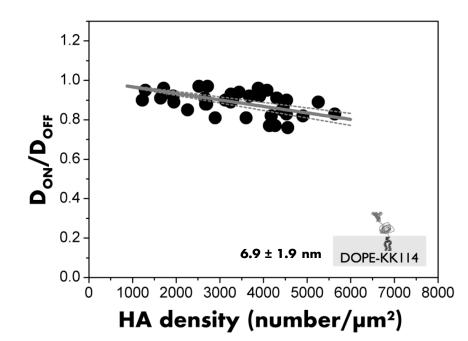


Palmitoylated and wild type cells show the same behaviour

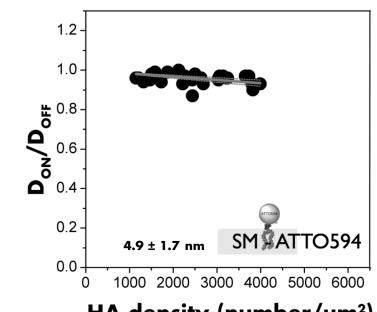




Rel. diffusion of DOPE-KK114 and SM-ATTO594



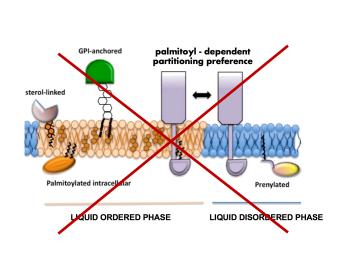
DOPE-KK114 shows similar behaviour like Chol-KK114



HA density (number/μm²)

SM-ATTO 594 shows minor decrease of rel. diffusion





lmmob. protein	Diffusing tracer	D _{ob} +D _{fr}	Probable cause
HA-mGFP	CD59	9.4 ± 1.9 nm	steric hindrance (ectodomain)
	Chol-KK114	7.8 ± 1.7 nm	steric hindrance (ectodomain)
	DOPE-KK114	6.9 ± 1.9 nm	steric hindrance (ectodomain)
	SM-ATTO594	4.9 ± 1.7 nm	ś
HA∆pal-mGPF	CD59	9.6 ± 3.5 nm	steric hindrance (ectodomain)
	Chol-KK114	9.2 ± 2.3 nm	steric hindrance (ectodomain)



- Palmitoylation of HA-mGFP did not have a significant effect on cholesterol or CD59 diffusion
- Cholesterol and DOPE shows similar diffusion behavior, albeit they have different membrane partitioning preference
- ATTO594 labeled lipids are good tracer candidates, further experiments are needed (DOPC-ATTO594, DSPC-ATTO594)

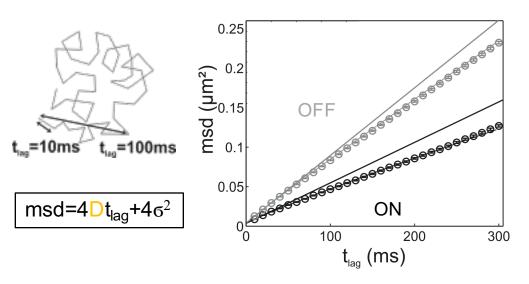




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Single molecule diffusion analysis



- the pattern of immobilised proteins is recorded
- the trajectory of diffusing lipids are recorded
- diffusion constants of lipids at ON and
 OFF area are yielded
- overlaying the two source of data can result in useful information