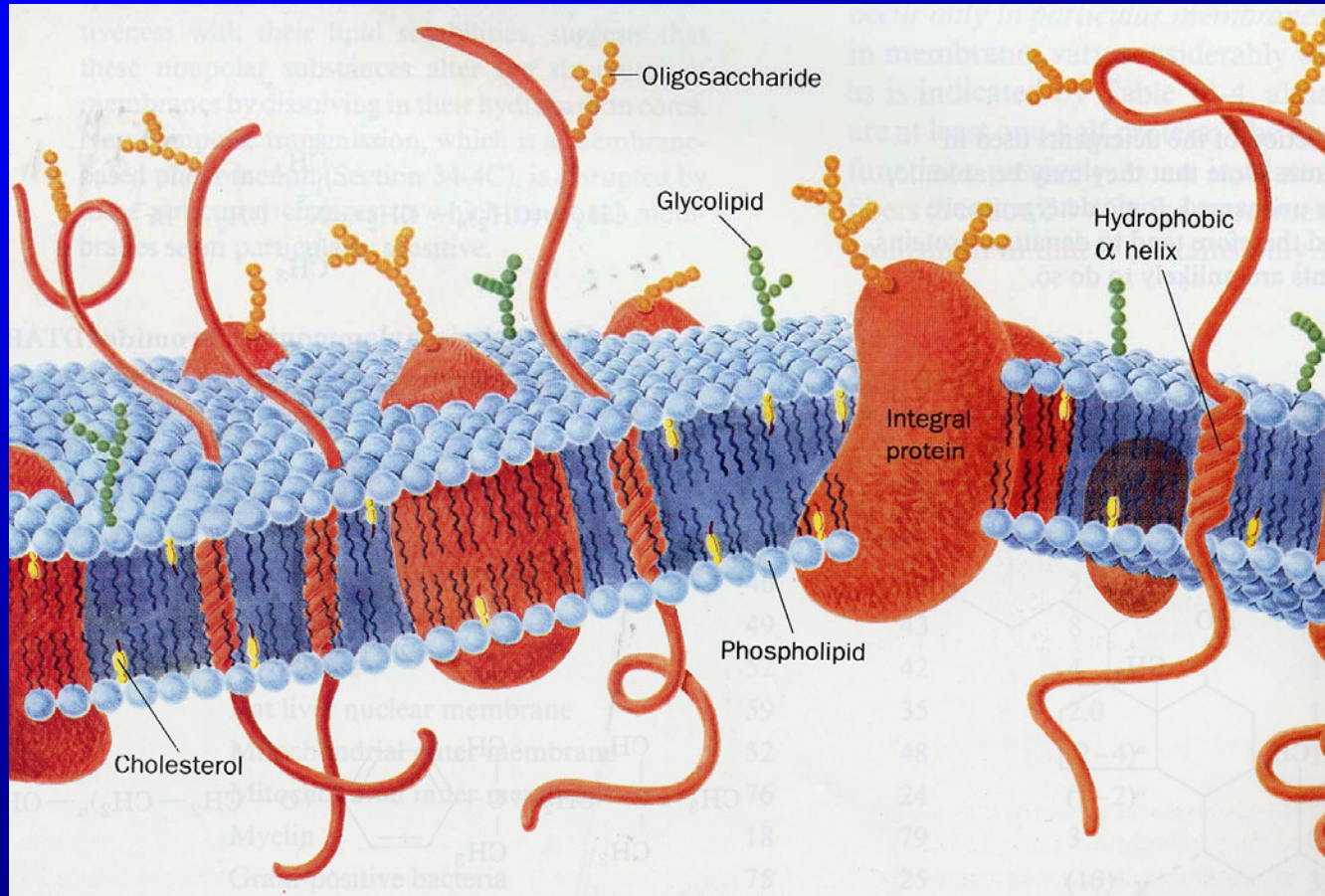


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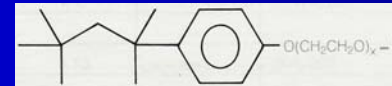
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Singer-Nicholson fluid mosaic model of a biological membrane organization (1972)

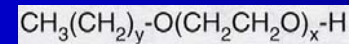


Only part of biological membranes is solubilized after treatment at low T ($\leq 4^\circ\text{C}$) with:

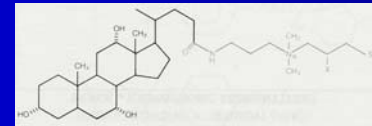
Triton X-100 (NP-40)



Brij-58

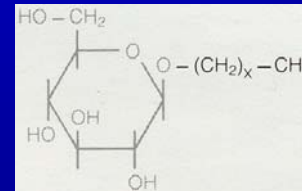


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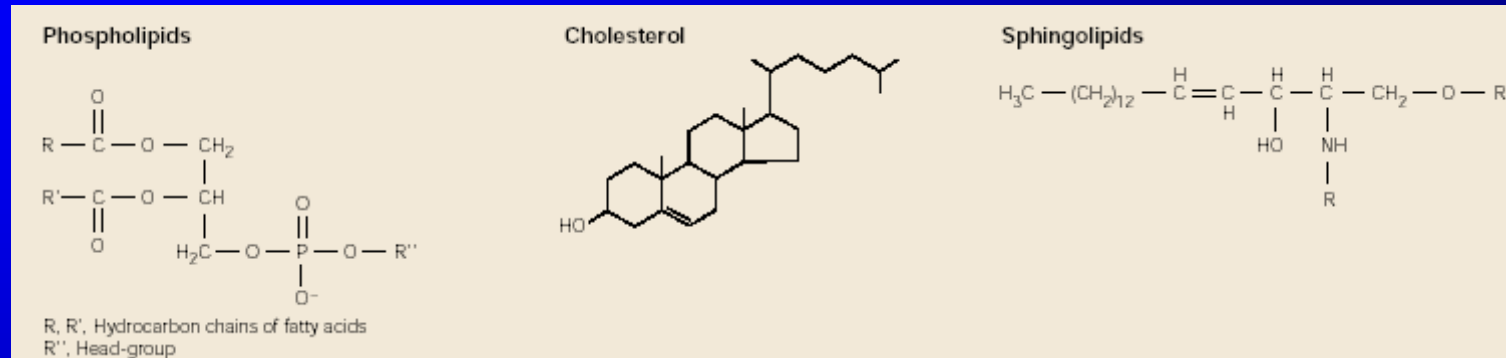
The remaining membranes are soluble in:

octyl glucoside



above mentioned detergents at higher T

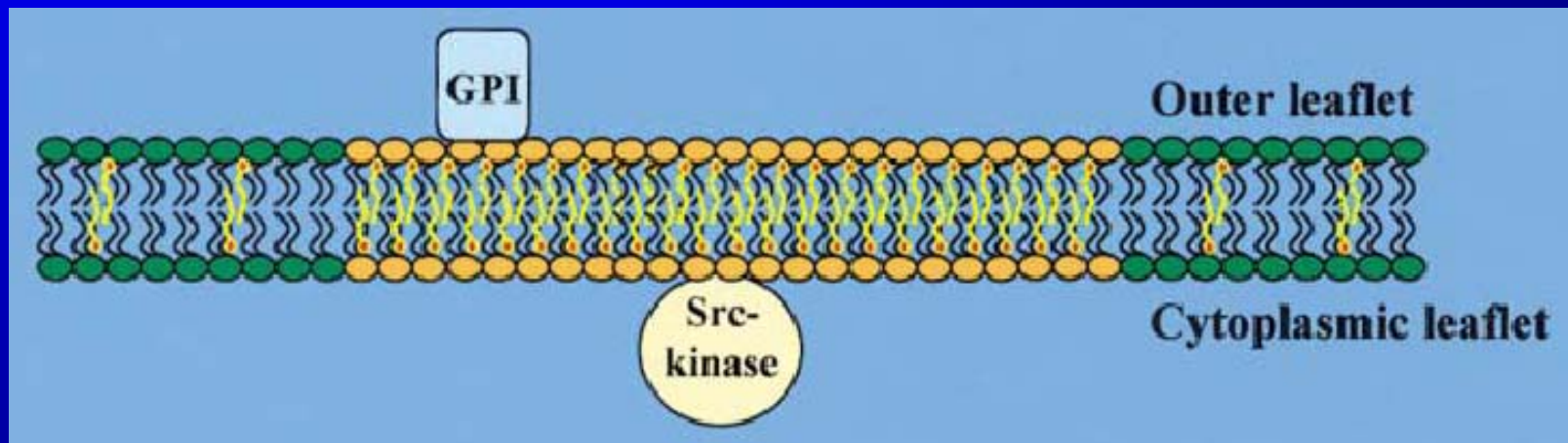
Basic lipid structures



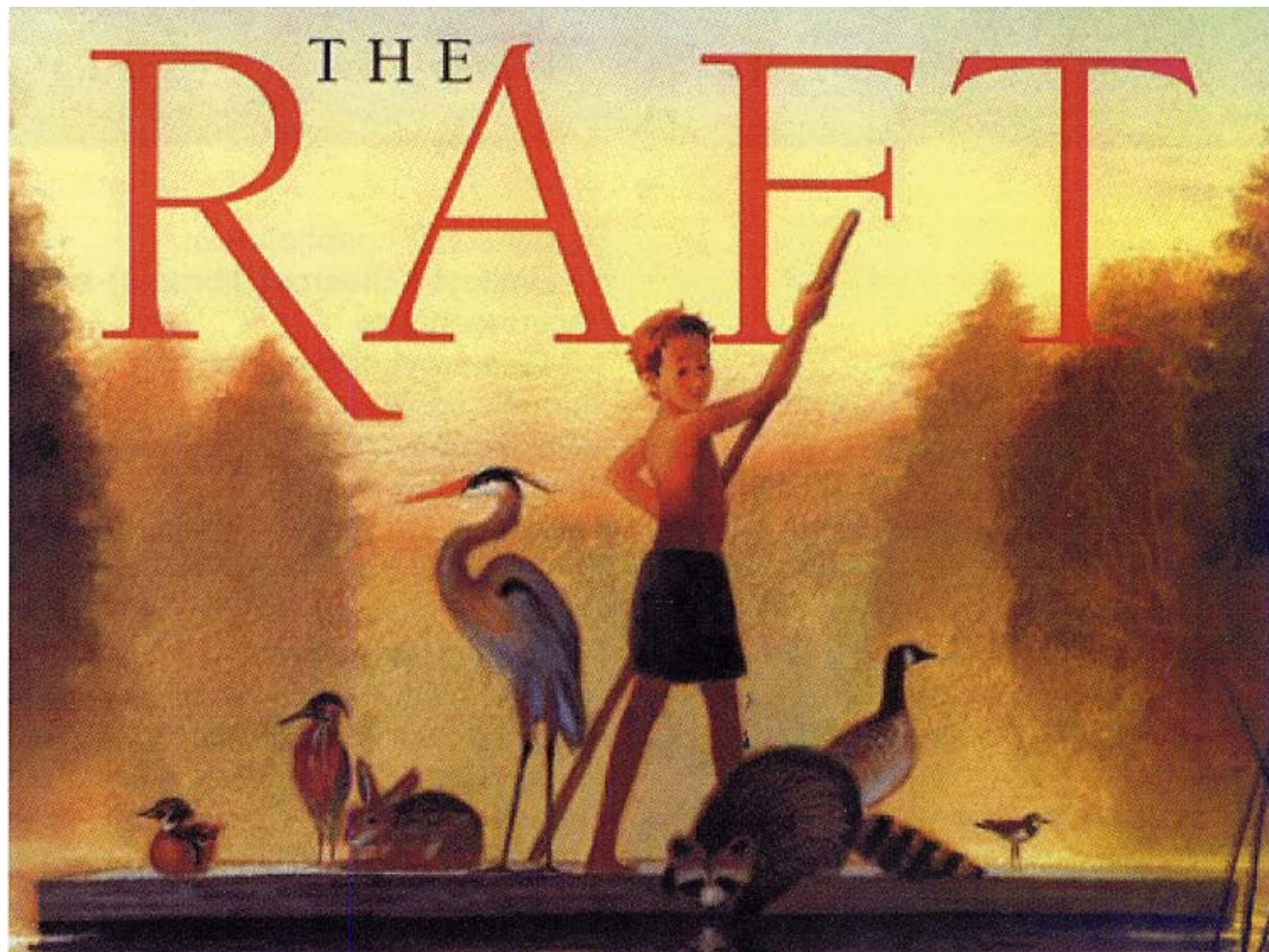
Lipids exist in:

- gel state (semi-frozen)
- liquid-ordered state
- liquid-disordered state (fluid mosaic)

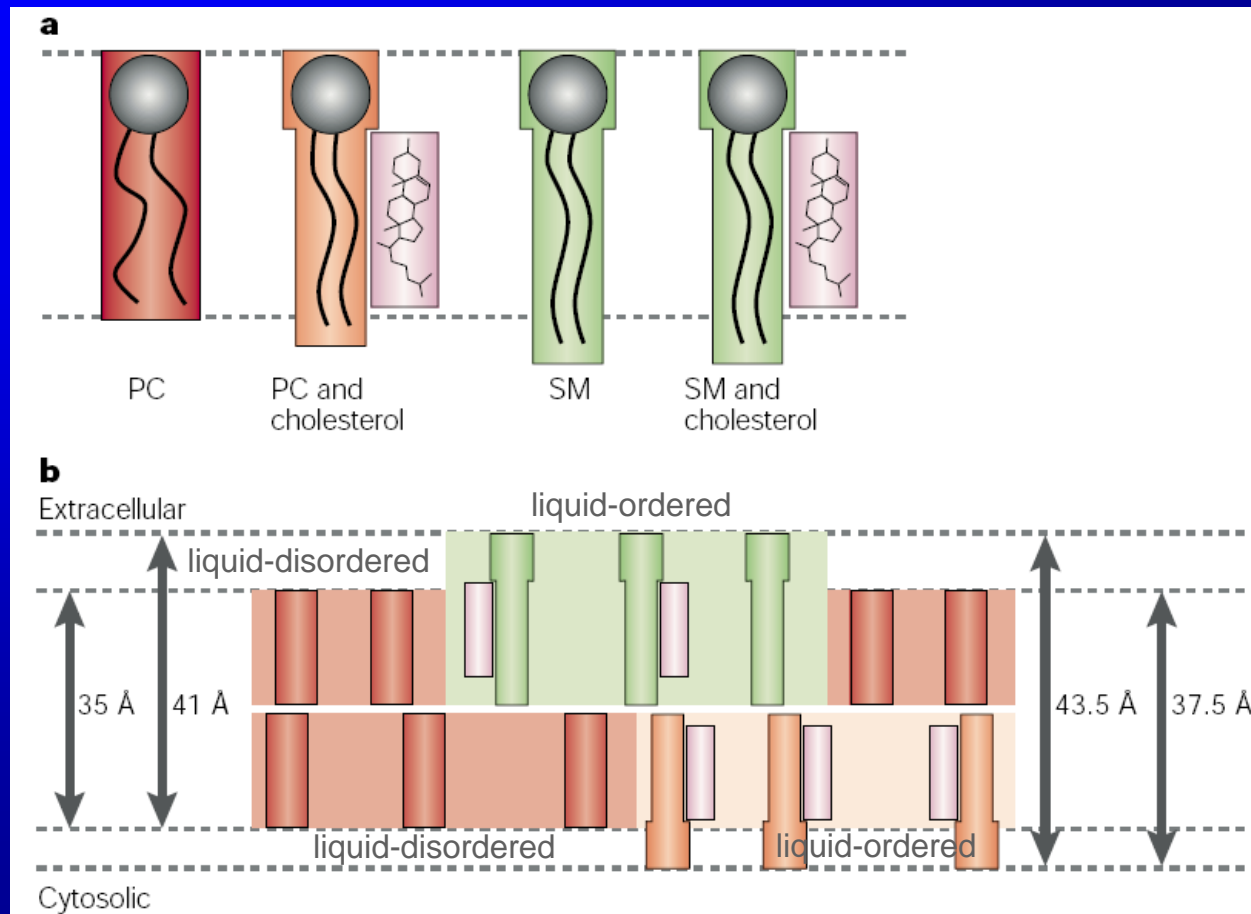
Biological membranes possess an intrinsic order: raft concept



Galbiati et al. (2001) Cell 106, 403-411.

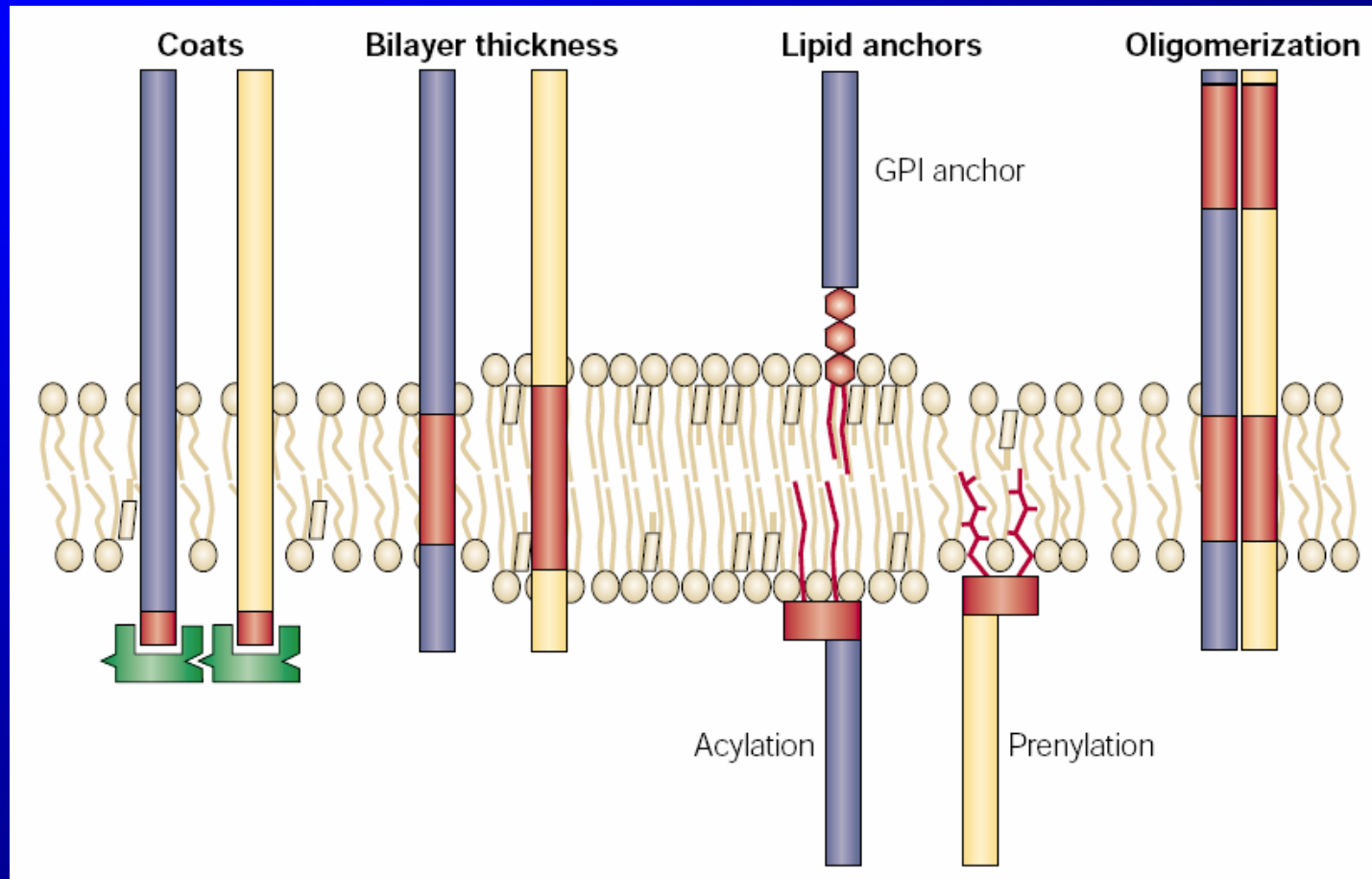


Cholesterol can induce fluid-fluid immiscibility



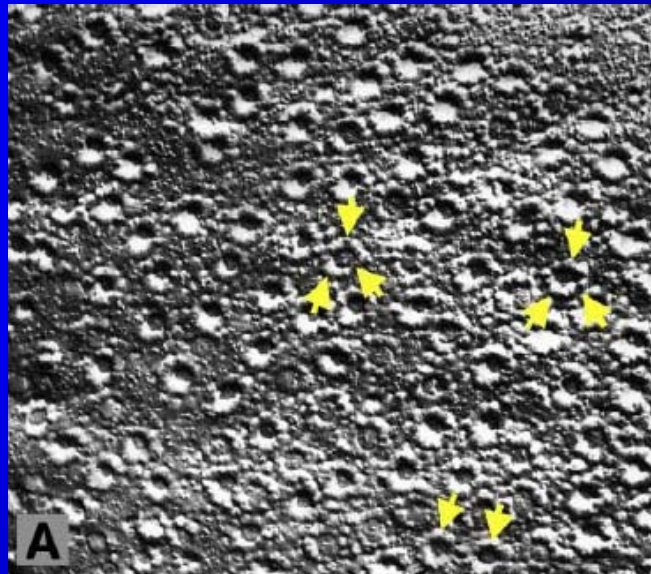
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Lateral sorting of membrane proteins



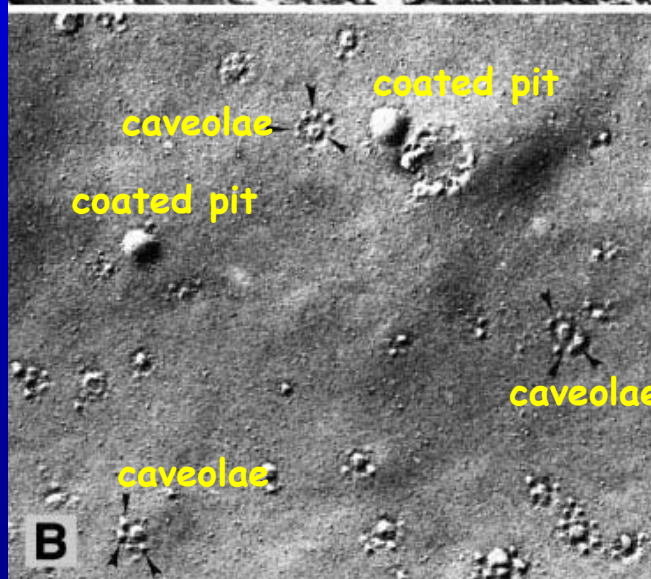
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**Cholesterol is
concentrated in
lipid rafts**



Endothelial cell PM

**filipin-cholesterol
precipitate**



Smooth muscle cell PM

Mineo & Anderson (2001) Histochem. Cell Biol. 116, 109-118.

Common tools to disrupt lipid rafts

Cholesterol sequestration

- Antibiotics:
Filipin | Nystatin | Amphotericin
- Pore-forming agents:
Saponin | Digitonin | Streptolysin O

Cholesterol depletion

- Methyl- β -cyclodextrin

Inhibition of cholesterol biosynthesis

- Lovastatin

Perturbation of raft stability

- Exogenous cholesterol
- Exogenous gangliosides
- Exogenous polyunsaturated fatty acids

Simons & Toomre (2000) *Nat. Rev. Mol. Cell Biol.* 1, 31-40.

Techniques to identify lipid rafts

Approach*	Information available	Live cells	Comments	References
Flotation of detergent-resistant membranes (DRMs)	Identifies putative raft association Identifies possible raft proteins	No	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Easy to do • Most common approach for identifying putative proteins involved in signalling • Artefacts possible • Weak associations with rafts are difficult to detect 	1, 4, 7
Antibody patching and immunofluorescence microscopy	Identifies putative raft association	No	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Easy to do • Common approach • Better than flotation for detecting weak raft associations • Cell-cell variability makes quantification difficult 	12, 29
Immunoelectron microscopy	Determines location of raft components	No	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Promising results • Requires technical expertise 	80, 81, 88
Chemical crosslinking	Identifies native raft protein complexes	Yes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Straightforward • Choice of appropriate conditions and reagents is semi-empirical 	32
Single fluorophore tracking microscopy	Monitors the diffusion and dynamics of individual raft proteins or lipids	Yes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Requires highly specialized equipment and expertise 	89
Photonic force microscopy	Determines the diffusion constant, size and dynamics of individual rafts	Yes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Very informative technique • Requires highly specialized equipment and technical expertise • Time-consuming acquisition and analysis 	30
Fluorescence resonance energy transfer (FRET)	Detects whether two raft components are spatially close (for example, <10 nm)	Yes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Powerful approach • Choice of appropriate donor and acceptor probes is important 	31, 33

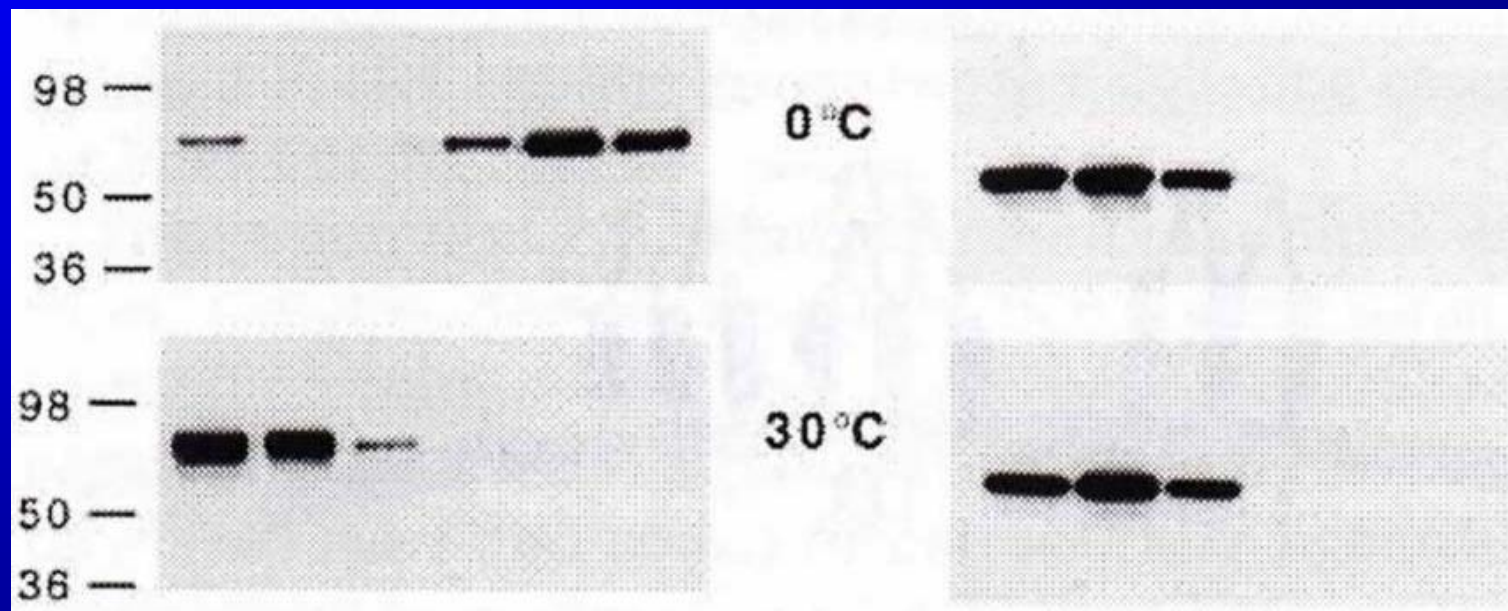
*The disruption of rafts by cholesterol depletion or sequestration is especially useful as a control for each of these approaches.

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**Solubilization of biological membranes in
2% (v/v) TR X-100 at 4 or 30°C followed by
sucrose gradient centrifugation (flotation) analysis.**

PLAP (PLacental Alkaline Phosphatase)

VSV-G (Vesicular Stomatitis Virus Glycoprotein)

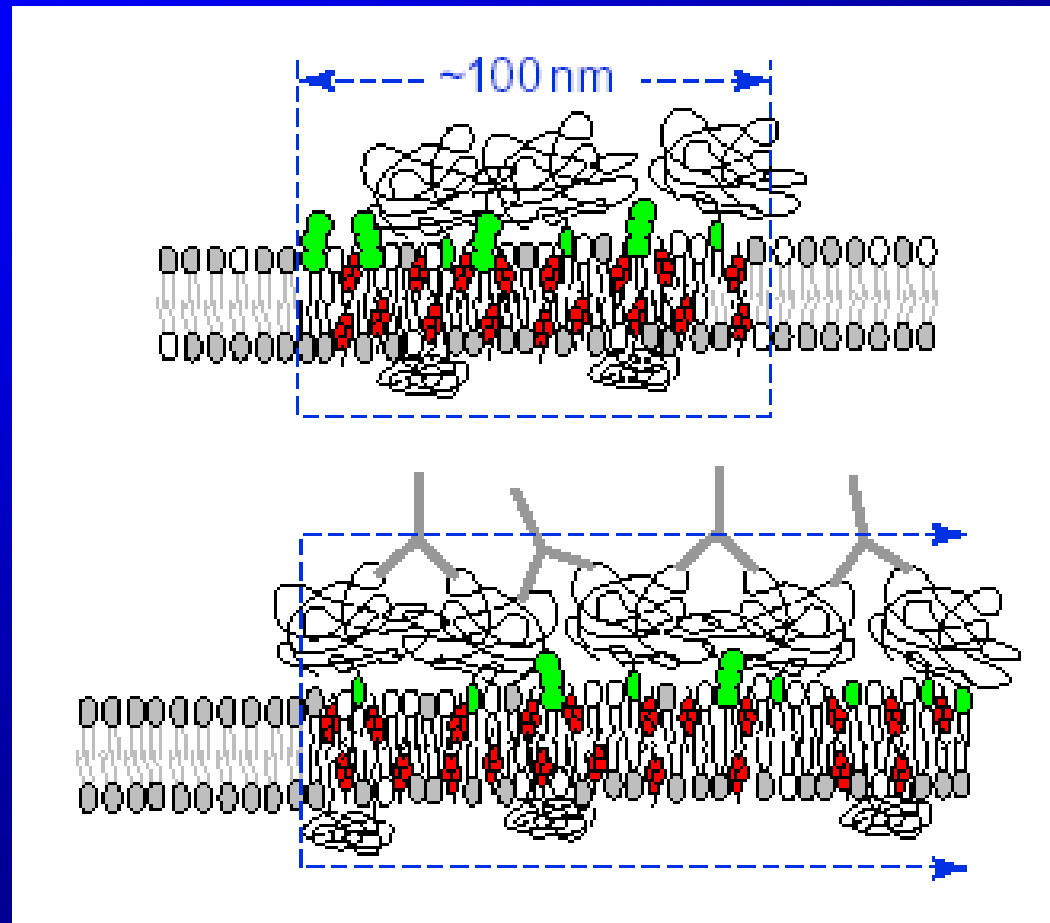


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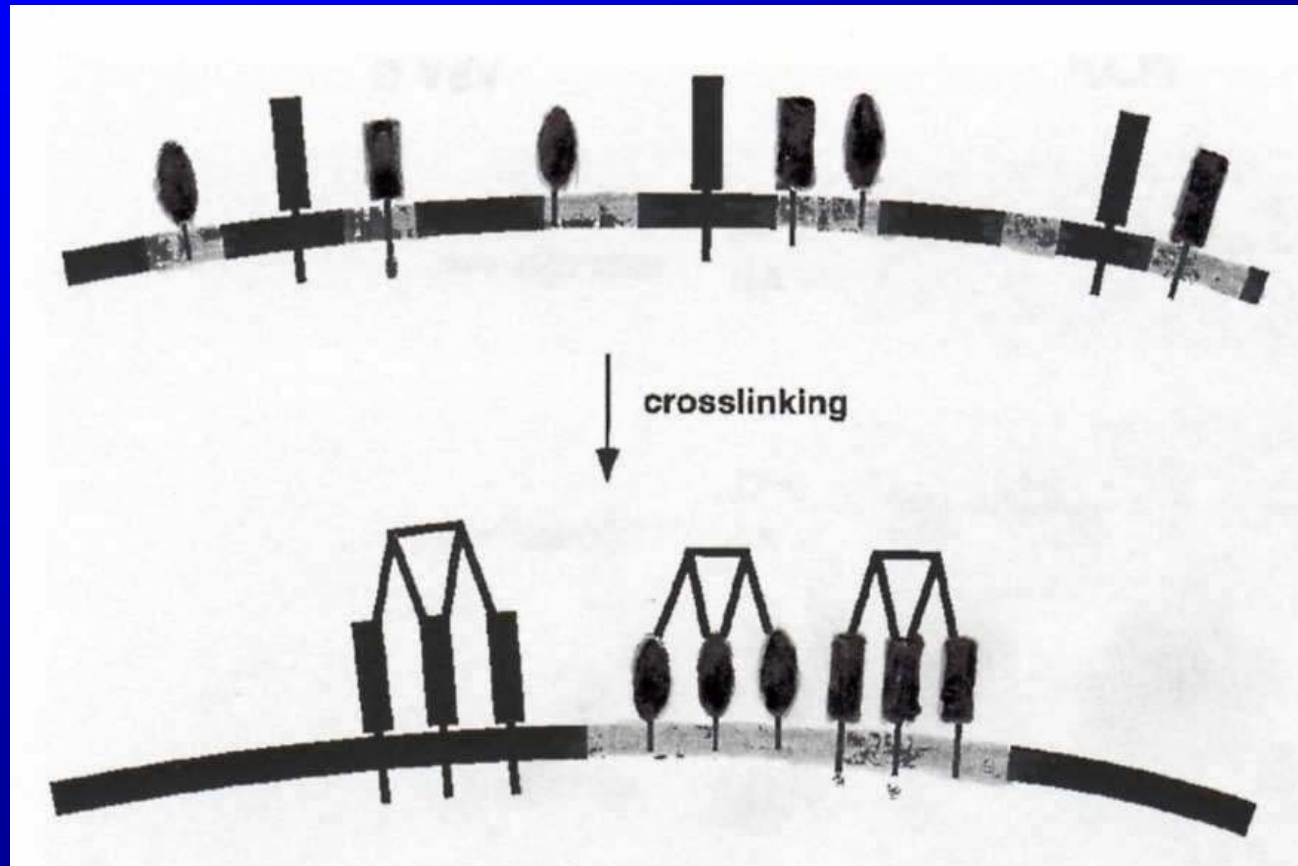
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Patching (clustering) of membrane components



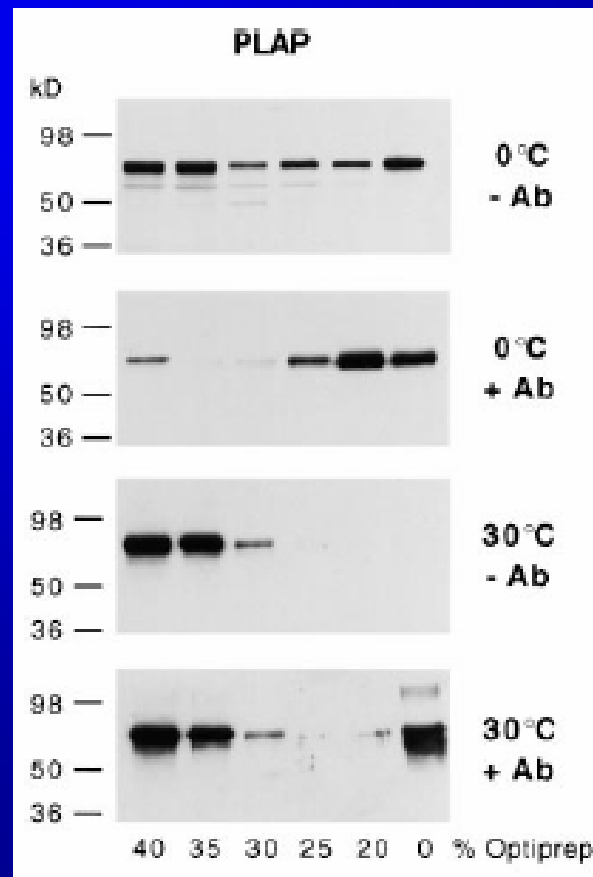
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Bulk separation of membrane phases caused by clustering (patching) of membrane components



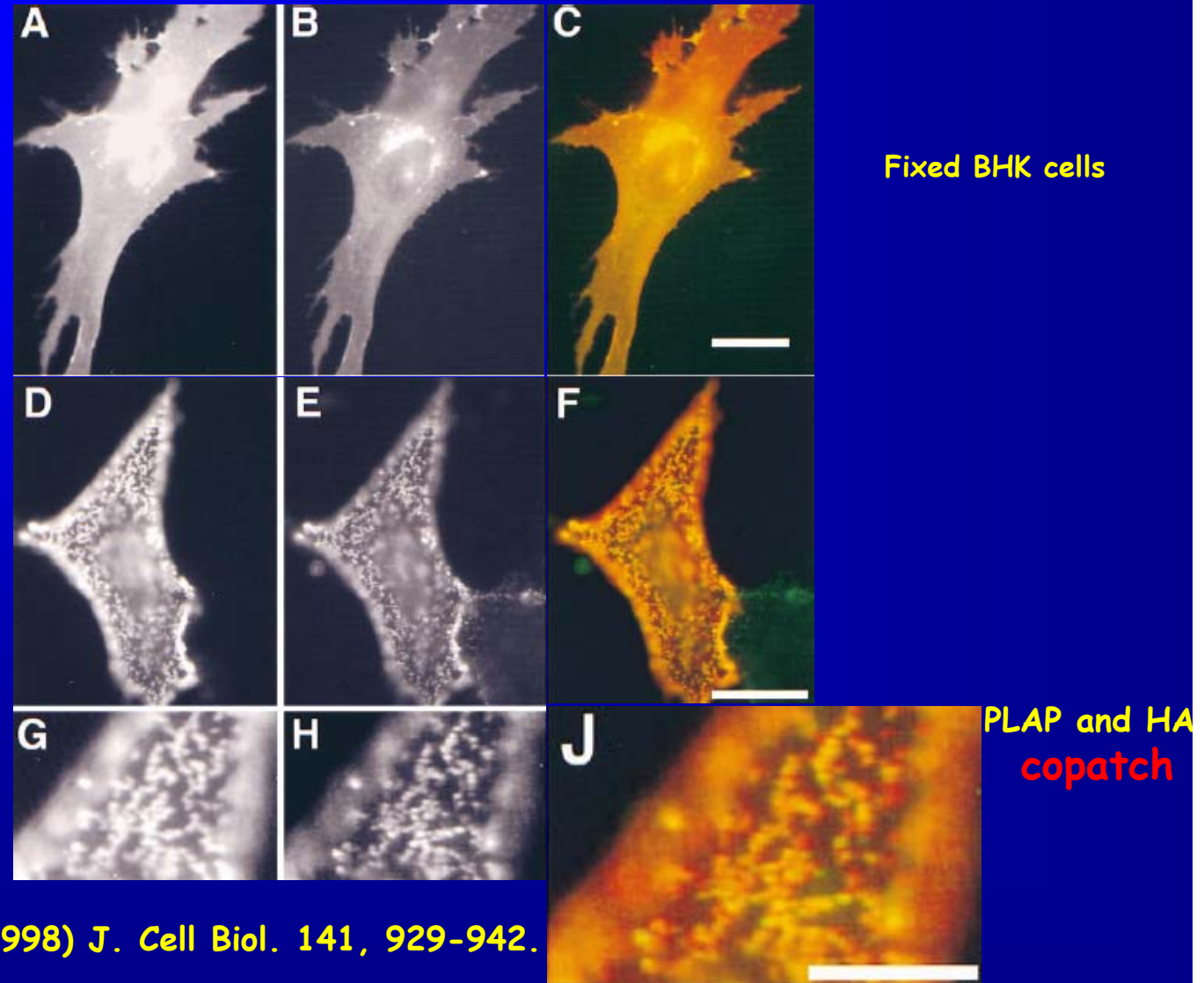
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**Stabilization of membrane domains by Ab crosslinking of
a GPI-protein PLAP,
transiently expressed in nonpolarized fibroblastoid BHK 21 cells**



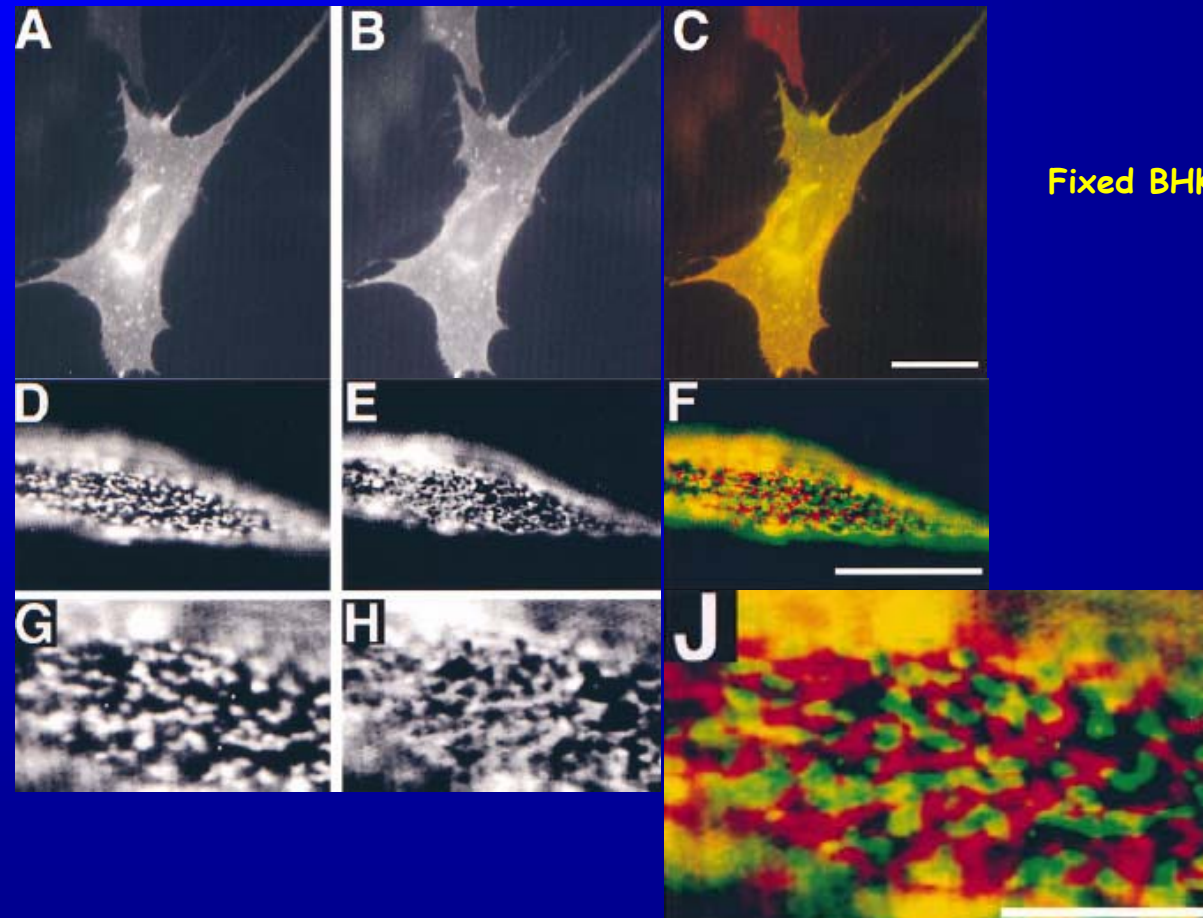
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Patching of GPI-anchored PLAP (red) and influenza HA (green)
transiently coexpressed in nonpolarized BHK-21 cells



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Patching of GPI-anchored PLAP (green) and hTfR (red) transiently coexpressed in nonpolarized BHK-21 cells

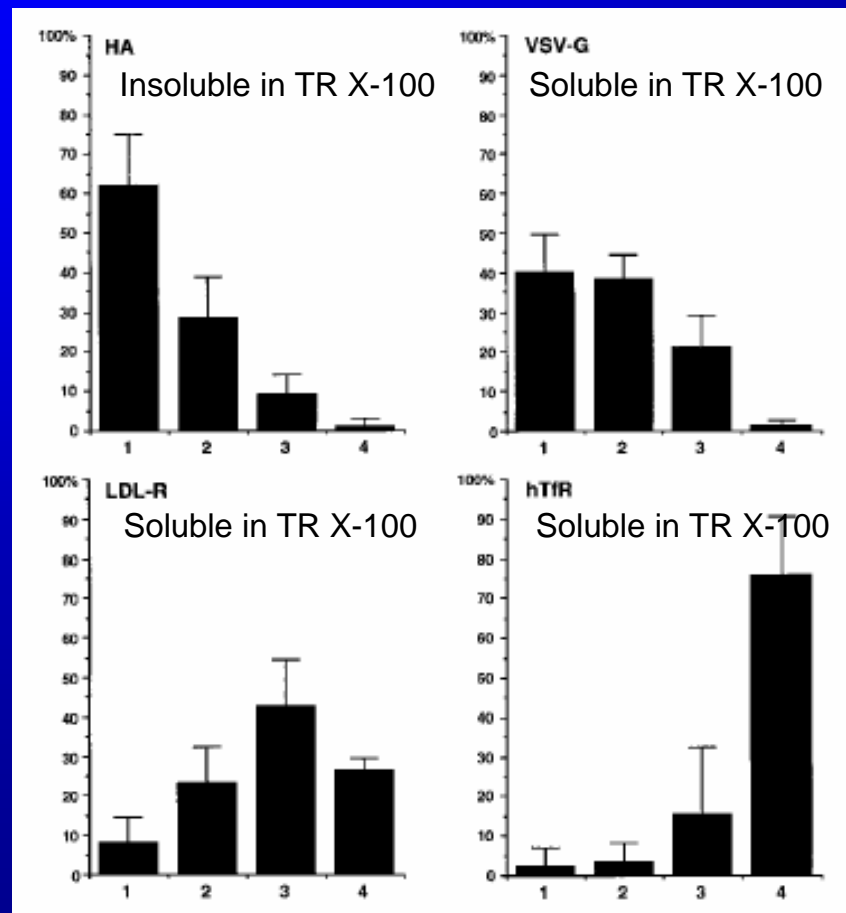


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PLAP and hTfR segregate

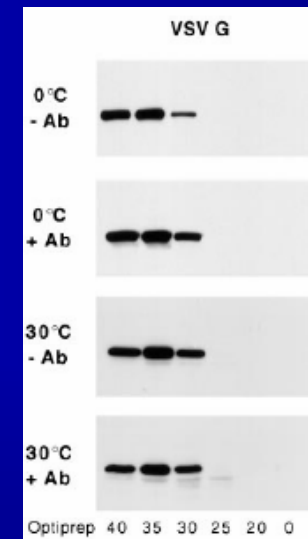
Certain proteins exhibit a weak but significant raft interaction which is not detectable by the TR X-100-solubility criterium

PLAP copatching



- (1) copatching (80% overlap)
- (2) partial copatching
- (3) random distribution
- (4) segregation

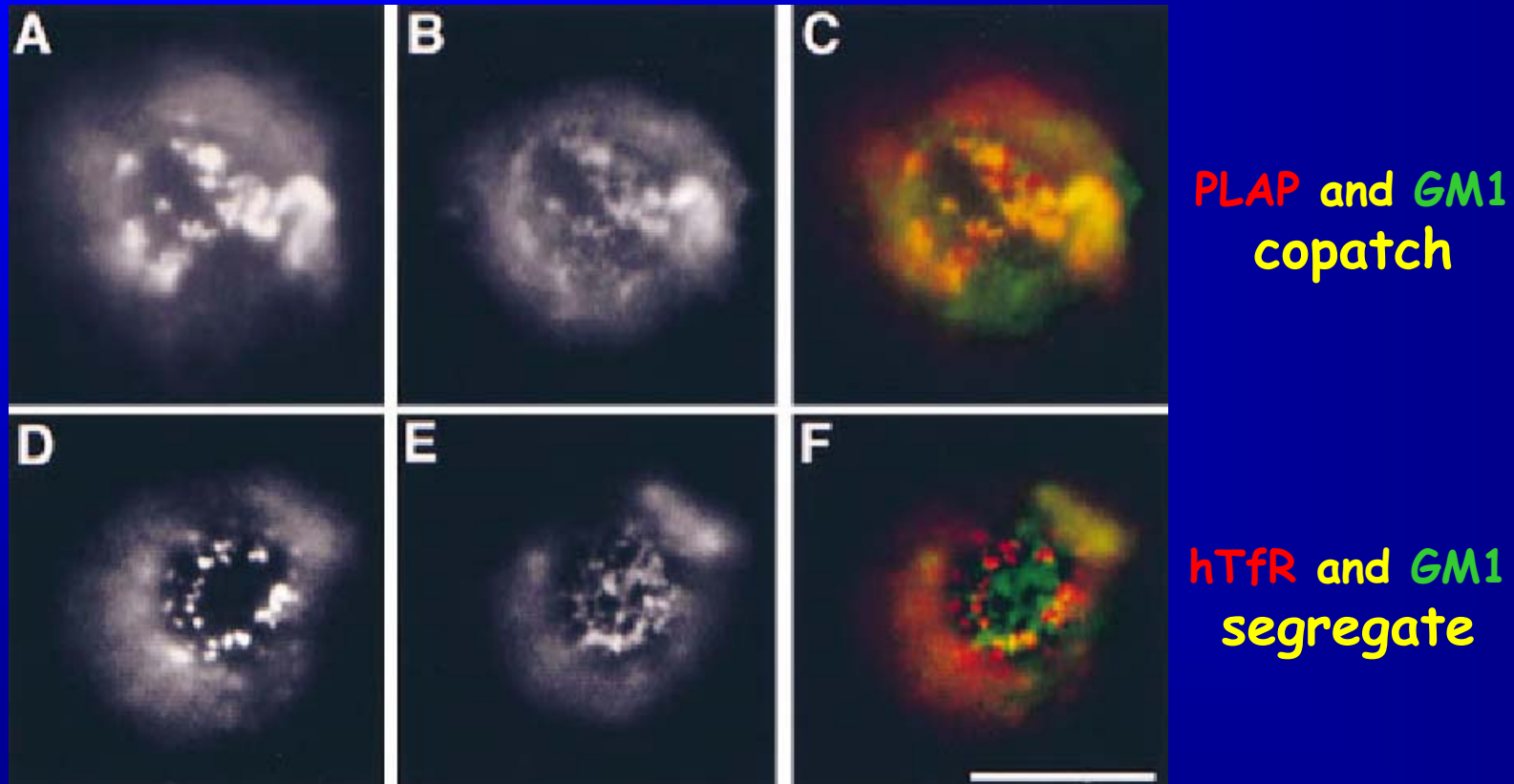
TR X-100 solubility



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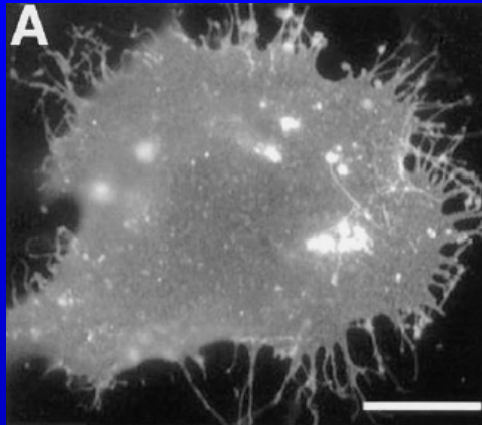
Specific involvement of lipid interactions in the copatching phenomenon

PLAP (A-C) and hTfR (D-F) were transiently coexpressed in Jurkat T-lymphoma cells.

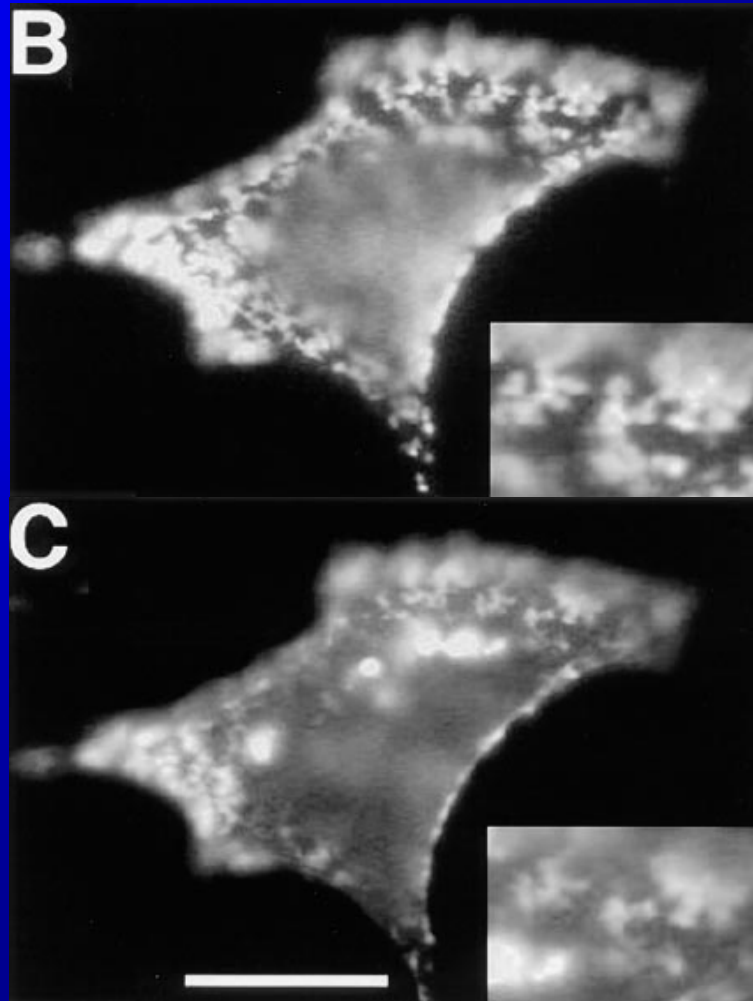


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Accumulation of src-like Tyr kinase fyn
in membrane domains formed by patched PLAP
transiently expressed in nonpolarized BHK-21 cells.



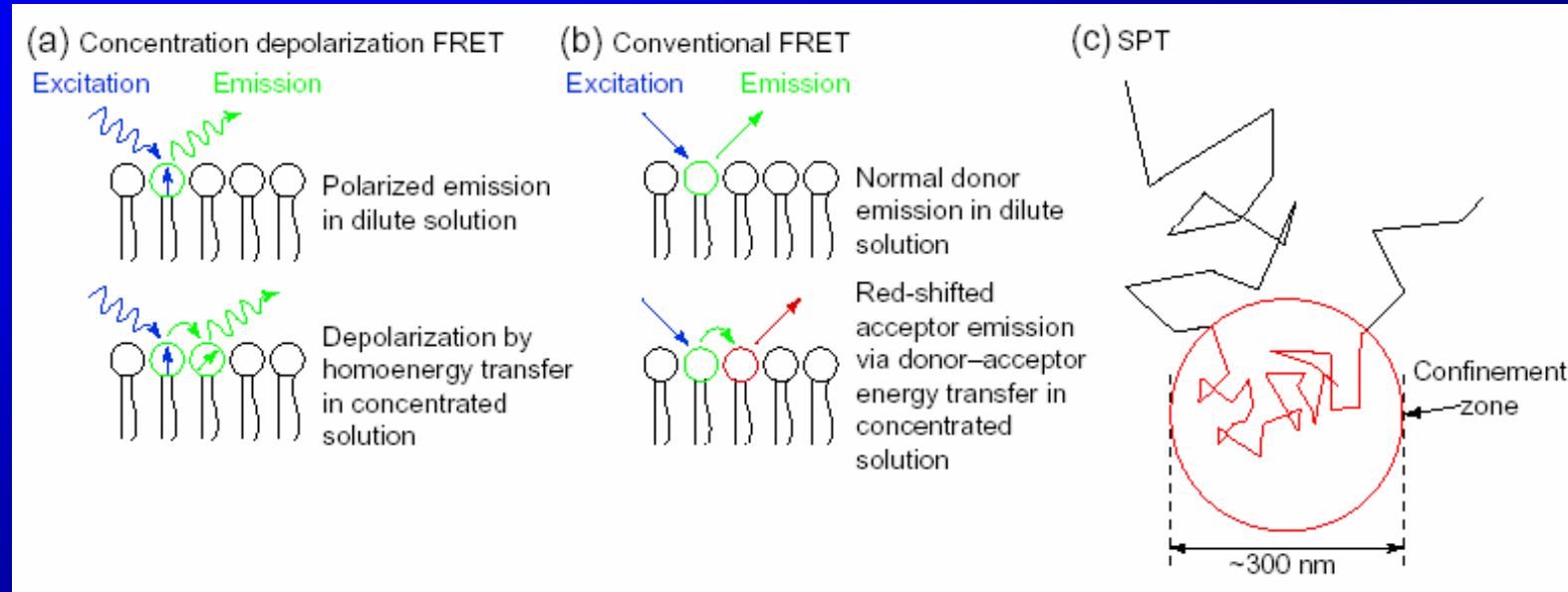
Distribution of overexpressed fyn
in fixed BHK cells is even.



Patches of PLAP

Distribution of fyn
in PLAP patched cells

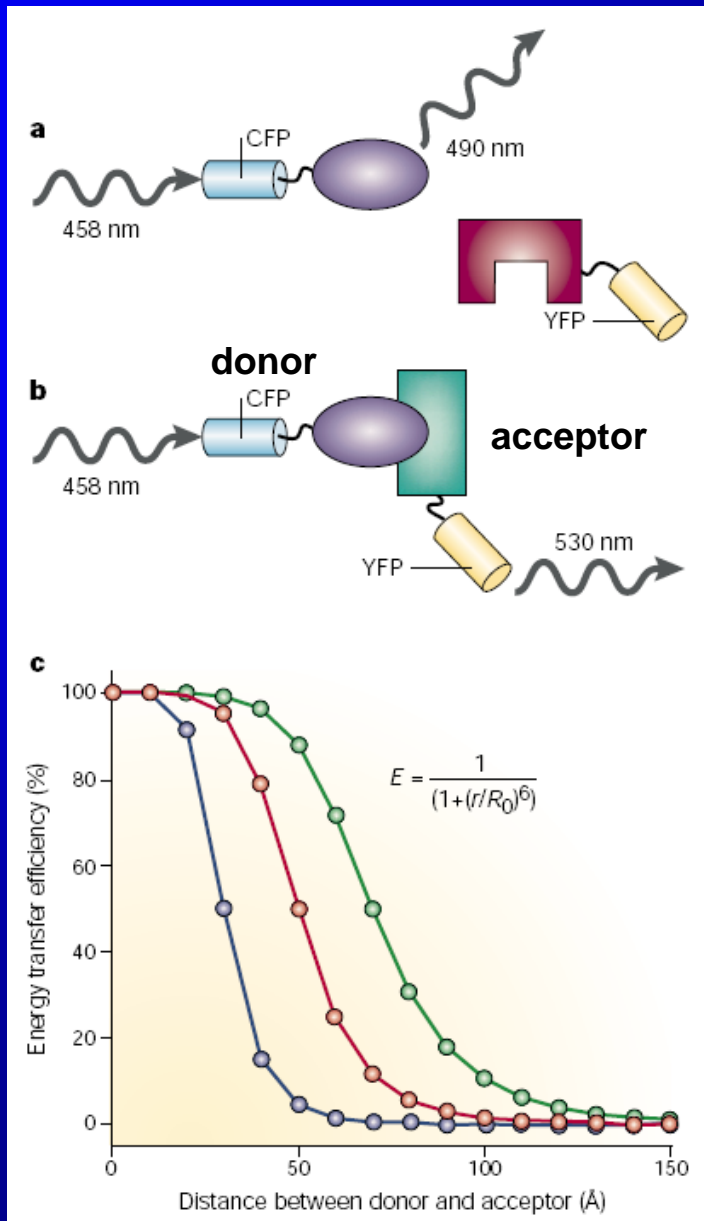
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Principle of

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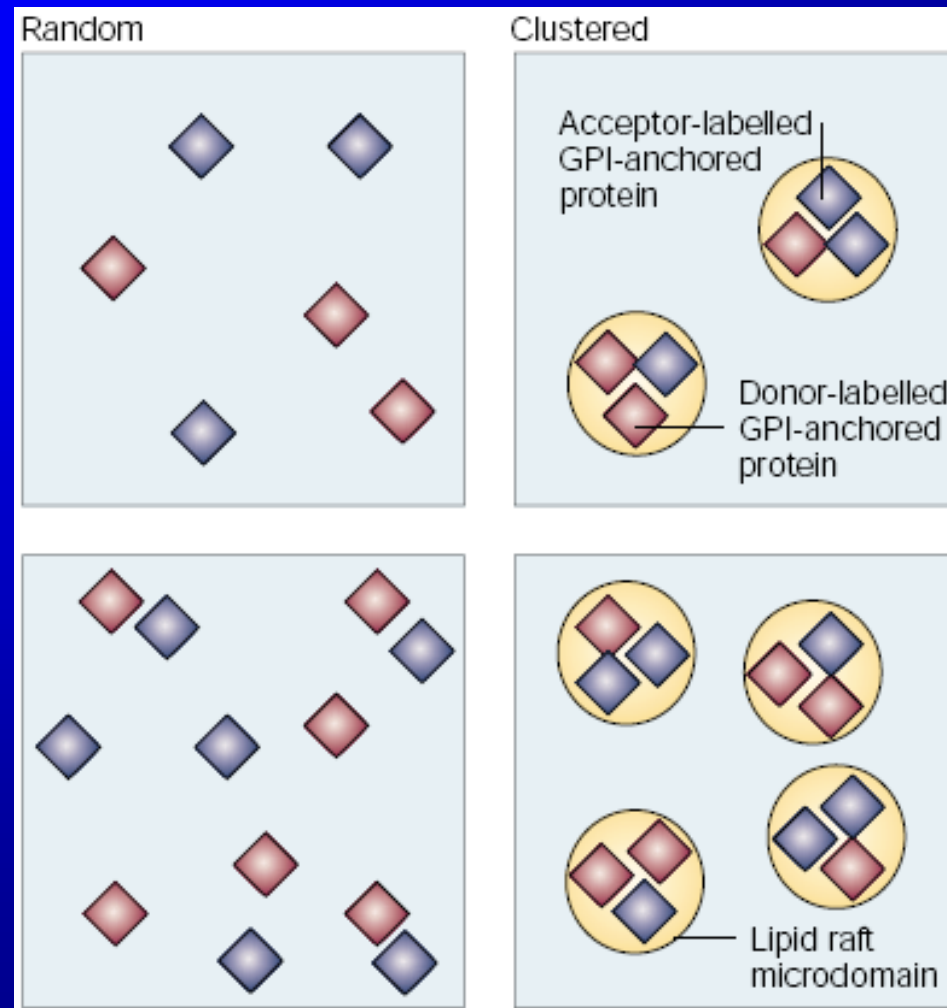


FRET pairs:
CFP-GFP
FITC-rhodamine
Cy3-Cy5
GFP-Cy3
GFP-Cy5

Lippincott-Schwartz et al.
(2001) NRCB 2, 444-456.

FRET assay for detecting lipid rafts

FRET as a function of donor and acceptor surface density



Lippincott-Schwartz et al. (2001) NRMCB 2, 444-456.

Table 1. Lipid and Protein Components of Lipid Rafts/Caveolae

Lipids	
	Cholesterol
	Sphingo-myelin
	Glyco-sphingolipids (e.g., GM ₁)
	PIP ₂
Proteins	
Integral/Structural	
	Caveolins (Cav-1, -2, and -3)
	Flotillins (FLO-1 and -2; aka, Reggies or Cavatellins)
	LAT/PAG
	MAL/BENE
	Stomatins
	VIP36
Acylated	
Exoplasmic	
	GPI-linked proteins (e.g., Thy-1, alkaline phosphatase, folate receptor)
Cytoplasmic	
	Src-family tyrosine kinases (NRTKs)
	G proteins
	eNOS
	H-Ras
Scavenger Receptors	
	CD 36
	SRBI
	RAGE
Other receptors	
	Receptors Tyrosine kinases (RTKs; e.g., EGF-R, PDGF-R, Insulin-R)
	Hepta-helical Receptors (e.g., Endothelin receptor)

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Raft distribution and trafficking is cell type-dependent

Polarized epithelial cells

- accumulated in apical PM

Neurons

- accumulated in axonal PM

Lymphocytes and fibroblasts

- uniform distribution

Raft nomenclature

Present raft nomenclature*

Rafts | DRMs | DIGs | DICs | GPI domains | Glycosphingolipid signalling domains | Caveolae-like domains | Microdomains | LDM | Liquid-ordered domains | DIM | GEMs | TIFF

Suggested raft nomenclature

	I. Rafts	II. Clustered rafts	III. DRMs	IV. Caveolae
Components	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Glycosphingolipids • Cholesterol • Lipid-modified proteins containing saturated acyl chains: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – GPI-anchored proteins – Doubly acylated Src-type kinases • Transmembrane proteins 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rafts clustered by: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Antibody – Lectin – Adjacent cell proteins – Physiological crosslinking proteins 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rafts remaining insoluble after treatment on ice with detergent§: Triton X-100 (most popular), Brij-58, CHAPS, NP-40 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Raft proteins and lipids • Caveolins
Properties	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 50 nanometres in diameter • Mobile ($\sim 10^{-8}$ cm² sec⁻¹) • Liquid-ordered phase 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Large, often hundreds of nanometres to micrometres in size • Often bound to cytoskeleton 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Float to low density in sucrose or Optiprep™ density gradients 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Morphological 'cave-like' invaginations on the cell surface
Comments	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Native rafts are only detected in living cells 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clustering is used both artificially and physiologically to trigger signalling cascades 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Non-native (aggregated) raft • Variable effects depending on: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Detergent type – Detergent:lipid ratio – Cell type 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Raft subcategory • Highly specialized

* DRM, detergent-resistant membrane; DIG, detergent-insoluble glycolipid-rich domain; DIC, detergent-insoluble complex; LDM, low-density membrane; DIM, detergent-insoluble material; GEM, glycolipid-enriched membrane; TIFF, Triton X-100 insoluble floating fraction.

† Care should be taken when choosing solubilization conditions for co-immunoprecipitation experiments, as these popular detergents do not solubilize rafts on ice.

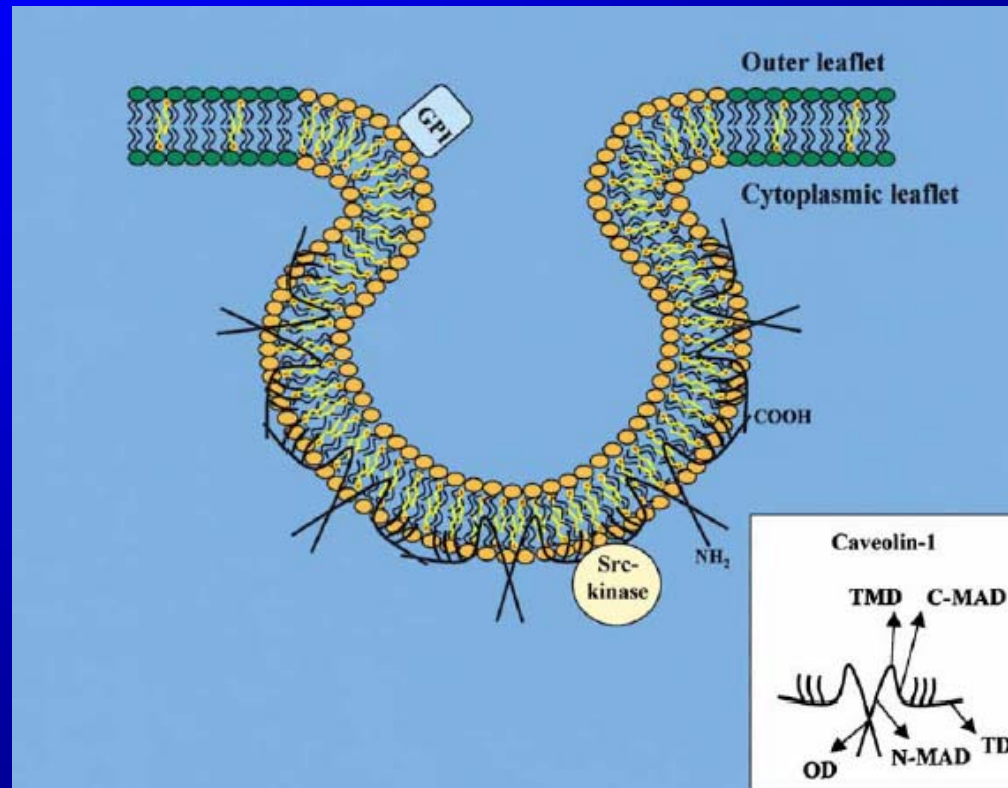
‡ Co-localization of proteins in rafts or DRMs could be mistaken for direct protein-protein interactions if rafts are not completely solubilized.

§ Rafts can be solubilized in octyl glucoside or in the detergents listed above at raised temperatures.

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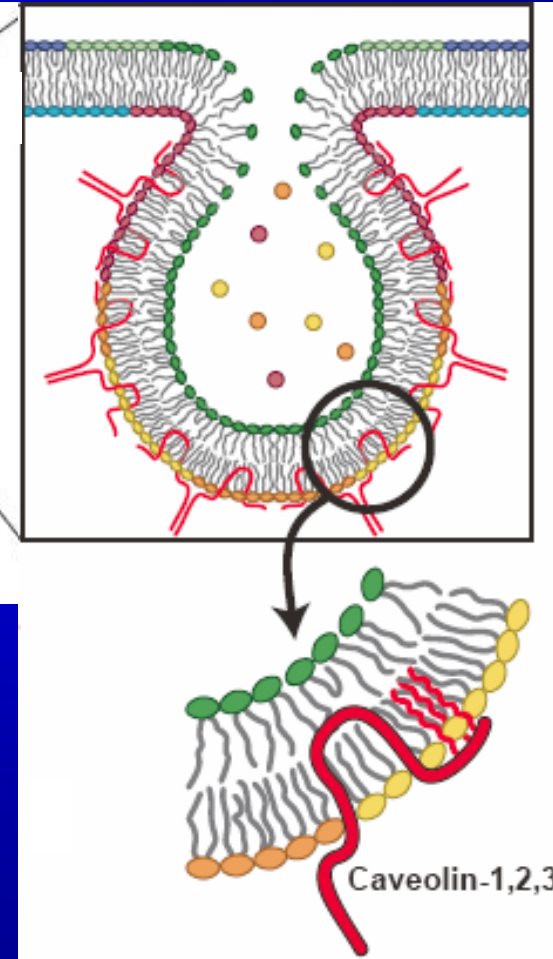
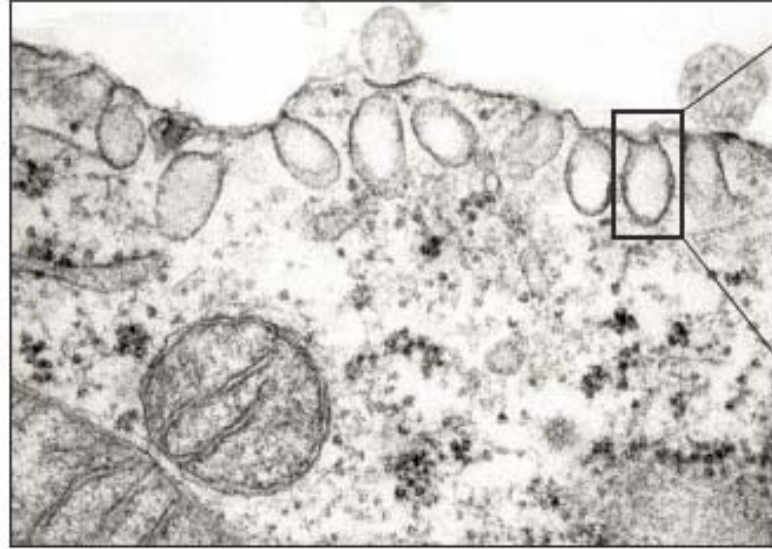
Caveolae

highly specialized raft subcategory



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Hu fibroblast

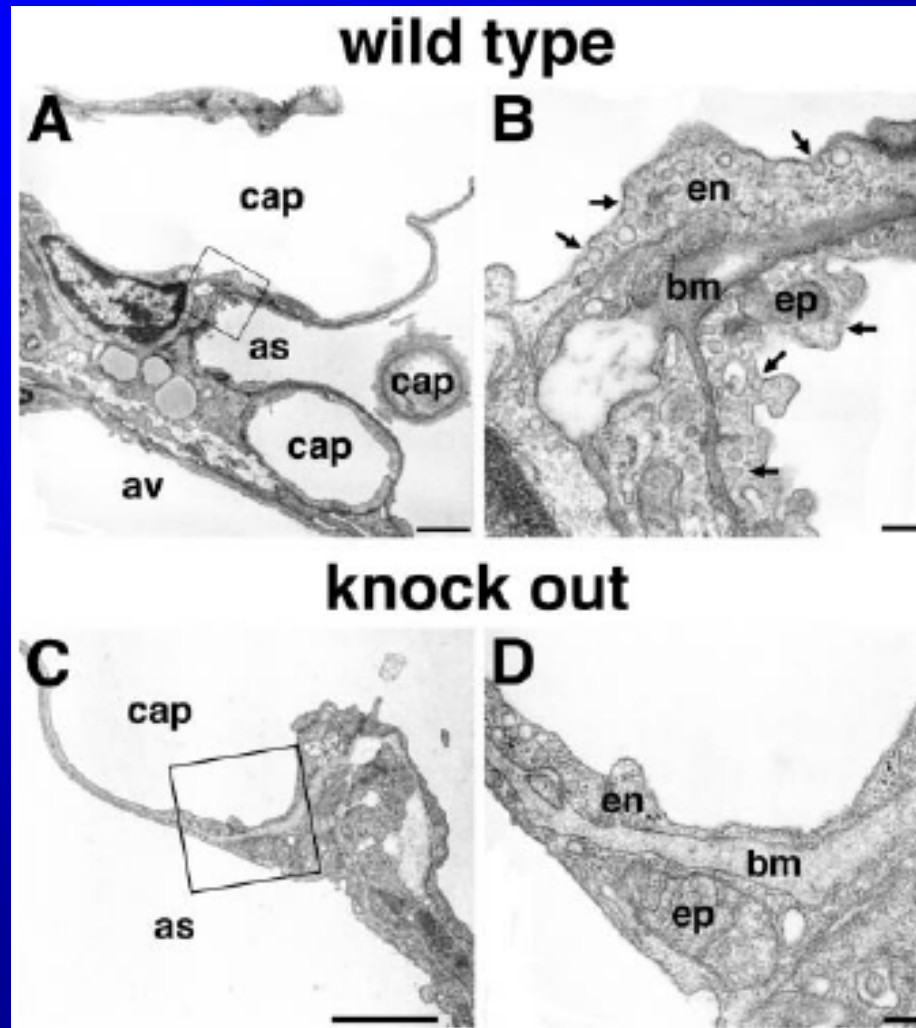


Parton (2001) Science 293, 2404-2405.

Caveolins (Cav)

- Essential for the formation of caveolae.
- Cav gene family structurally and functionally conserved from worms (*C. elegans*) to humans.
- Cav-1(α and β), -2 and -3 in mammals (21- to 25-kDa).
- Integral membrane proteins (tri-palmitoylated).
- Cav-1 and -2 are coexpressed, Cav-3 is muscle-specific.
- Polymerize (14-16) and shape up caveolae.
- Bind cholesterol, fatty acids and interact with the broad range of signal transducing molecules (*e.g.* Tyr kinase R, eNOS, heterotrimeric G proteins).
- Not present in lymphocytes and neurons.

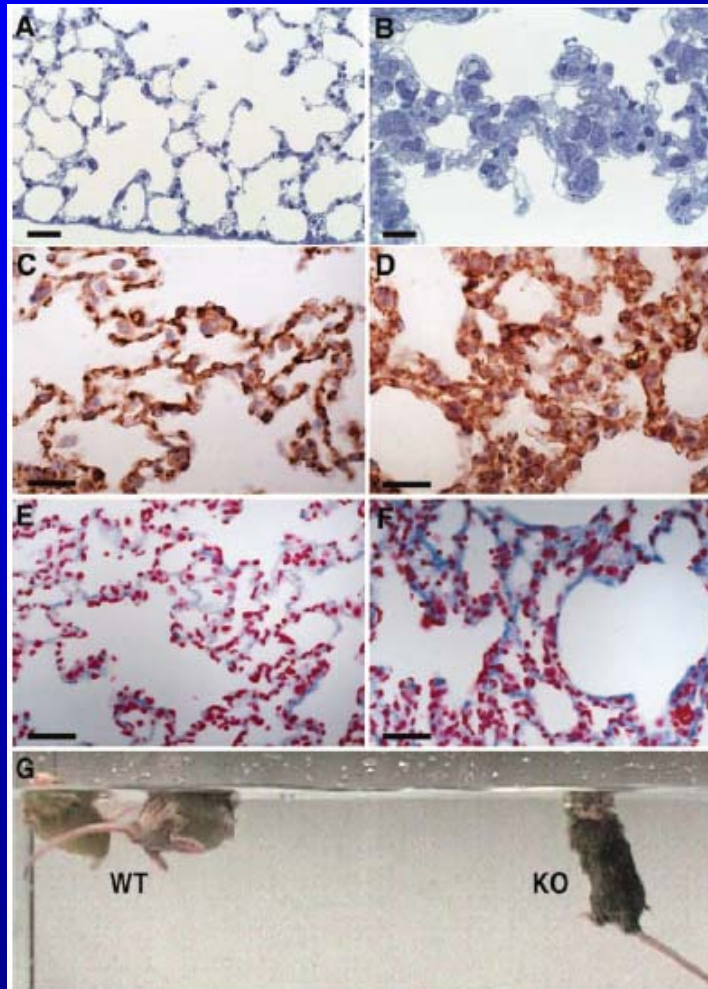
Disappearance of caveolae from cells in cav-1 (-/-) mice



as - alveolar space
cap - capillary
av - arterial vessel
en - endothelium
ep - epithelium
bm - basal membr.

Drab et al. (2001) Science 293, 2449-2452.

Patomorphological defects in lungs and physical disability of cav-1 (-/-) mice



Thickening of
alveolar walls

caused by:

- uncontrolled
endothelial cell
proliferation

- increased content of
extracellular fibrillar
matrix (fibrosis)

results in:

physical weakness.

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Features of caveolin-deficient mice

Gene knockout	Features
<i>Caveolin-1</i>	Loss of caveolae in non-(striated) muscle cells, loss of caveolin-2 protein, pulmonary defects — exercise intolerance*, vasoconstriction or dilation abnormalities, resistance to diet-induced obesity — high serum triglyceride levels, defects in albumin uptake or transendothelial transport, defects in glycosylphosphatidylinositol-anchored protein transport
<i>Caveolin-2</i>	Pulmonary defects — exercise intolerance
<i>Caveolin-3</i>	Loss of caveolae in striated muscle, dystrophic muscle, disorganization of T-tubule network
*Proposed to be due to the loss of caveolin-2 protein in caveolin-1-null mice.	

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