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Assembly, Forces, and Organization of the Cytoskeleton

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DYNAMIC MICROTUBULES GENERATE FORCES IN CELLS

Nuclear positioning in interphase fission yeast cells





Pushing and pulling at microtubule – kinetochore interface



Rieder et al.

NUCLEAR POSITIONING IN INTERPHASE FISSON YEAST





Tran et al (2001), JCB **153**, 397

MT end binding proteins and protein delivery





Tea1







Pmal3n

D. Brunner, EMBL



Cell polarity, Protein patterns, and MT-cortex interactions

Asymmetric spindle positioning





Cell locomotion

K. Kaibuchi









PROGRAM

- 1) Force generation capabilities on single MT level Force-regulation of dynamics
- 2) Positioning in simple model(s) (experiments)
- 3) Force generation and positioning in vivo
 - Regulation ?
 - Fine tuning ?





Single MT force generation in vitro







Peskin et al. 93

Aster positioning in vitro





Polymerization forces enough for aster positioning

 $\partial_t p_+ = -f_{+-}p_+ + f_{-+}p_- - v_+\partial_x p_+$

1D model

$$\partial_t p_- = +f_{+-}p_+ - f_{-+}p_- + v_-\partial_x p_-$$



- $f_0 P_0 = v_+ p_+ \big|_{x=0}$ $f_b P_L = v_- p_- \big|_{x=L}$
- $\partial_t P_0 = v_- p_- \big|_{x=0} f_0 P_0$

$$\partial_t P_L = v_+ p_+ \Big|_{x=L} - f_b P_L$$

NUCLEAR POSITIONING IN INTERPHASE FISSON YEAST





Enhanced Catastrophe Rate at Cell Ends in Interphase Fission Yeast Cells: IN RESPONSE TO FORCE?

Detection of MT catastrophes by automated movie analysis

- GFP-tubulin
- 3D spinning disk confocal microscopy
- Maximum projections of 3D stacks, dt=8 sec



20 µm



Francois Nedelec, EMBL Heidelberg



Full 3D simulation taking into account:

- Measured dynamic parameters in fission yeast
- Confinement effects, cell shape
- Mechanical effects

Tutorial:

a) Introduction Polymerization forces, Ratchet model

b) Force measurements in vitro

c) Positioning in Microfabricated chambers Simple model

d) Forces and catastrophes in Fission Yeast

Results:

Summary of some results

Microtubule structure











With an applied force F:

$$\frac{k_{on}c}{k_{off}}(F) = \frac{k_{on}c}{k_{off}} \exp\left(-F\delta/k_{B}T\right)$$

$$\frac{k_{on}c}{k_{off}} = \exp\left(\Delta G / k_B T\right)$$

$$V(F) = \delta \left(k_{on} c e^{-\alpha F \delta / k_{B}T} - k_{off} e^{(1-\alpha)F \delta / k_{B}T} \right)$$

$$F_{\max} = \frac{k_B T}{\delta} \ln\left(\frac{k_{on} c}{k_{off}}\right)$$

 $0 \le \alpha \le 1$



Peskin et al. 93

Single MT force generation in vitro









Individual MT growth: $V_0 = 2.8 \ \mu m/min$



Buckling experiment

MT length > 5 μm Small force: few pN



MT length < 5 μm Large force: > 10 pN



Growth stalls, Fast catastrophes

Growth slows down

Scale bar 5 μ m

Catastrophe times under force



Dynamics: Response to Force



Janson & Dogterom, PRL 2004

Janson et al., JCB 2003



Peskin et al. 93

Multifilament Brownian ratchet ?

"Optimal" growth $\int \Delta x = \frac{\delta}{N}$

Independent growth



 $0 \le \Delta x \le \delta$

Mogilner & Oster, EBJ, 99; van Doorn et al, EBJ, 00

STALL FORCE ?

DYNAMICS AT MOLECULAR SCALE ?

LASER TWEEZERS







"Key hole" trap:

Kerssemakers et al, APL 2003

Barriers: Schek et al, BPS (2003)



In optical trap, as MT grows: Force increases, Velocity decreases, and stalls ?



Towards molecular resolution ?



Some fast length increases larger than dimer size ????



MT regulator: Xmap215*

Can bind 7 to 8
tubulin dimers



 Enhances growth of microtubules
Mechanism ??







*Gift Tim Noetzel/Tony Hyman

With XMAP215: large step-like features



\rightarrow XMAP215 enhances growth by 'templating' ?





With Tim Noetzel / Tony Hyman, MPI-CBG Dresden

Kerssemakers et al, Nature, 2006



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Possible ways to enhance the catastrophe rate near cell boundary



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20 µm



- Catastrophe rate enhanced at cell ends

Cell size (µm)



Correlated catastrophes when contact at both ends





Evidence that the abrupt increase at cell end is due to compressive forces



"Force effect" decreases with cell length



Conclusions:

In vitro:

- Microtubules slow down under force leading to fast catastrophes

In vivo (interphase fission yeast):

- Catastrophe rate higher for longer MTs
- Additional enhancement at cell boundaries due to force

Polymerization forces can alter microtubule dynamics locally, thus contributing to MT organization in cells

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