filopodia. However, the underlying mechanism of myosin-X induced filopodia formation is obscure. It is critical to directly observe the movements of myosin-X during various stages of filopodia protrusion (initiation, extension and retraction) in order to understand the mechanism underlying the myosin-X induced filopodia formation. we observed real-time movements of myosin-X fused with GFP (Green Fluorescent Protein) in filopodia of living cells using a total internal reflection fluorescent microscope, which enabled us to specifically observe the filopodia attached to a glass surface in living cells and trace the movements of myosin-X at the single-molecule level.
Myosin-X was recruited to the initiation site at the leading edge where it assembles with exponential kinetics before the filopodia extension. The myosin-X induced filopodia showed repeated extension-retraction cycles, with each extension of 2.4 μm, which was critical to produce long filopodia. Myosin-X, lacking FERM domain, could move to the tip like wild type, however, it transported towards the cell body during filopodia retraction and it could not show multiple extension-retraction cycles, thus failed to produce long filopodia. During the filopodia protrusion, myosin-X lacking FERM domain moves within filopodia with a velocity of ~600 nm/s same as wild-type myosin-X, suggesting that the myosin-X transports cargoes most likely integrin-β in filopodia without the interaction with the membrane via FERM domain. Based upon these results, we proposed the model of myosin-X induced filopodia protrusion. However, it is still unclear how myosin-X can initiate filopodia formation and promote the phased extension. It is plausible that myosin-X has a unique feature to generate force to promote the cytoskeletal structural change and membrane extension, but further studies are required to clarify this possibility.

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The Effect of the Interaction Between the Myosin-X Ferm Domain and Integrin on Filopodia Protrusion
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Filopodia are thin actin-rich plasma membrane structures found at the leading edge of migrating cells. Filopodia protrusions are regulated in part by myosin X, an unconventional myosin with a FERM domain that interacts with the adhesion factor integrin-β.We have previously found the long filopodia needed for cell adhesion were produced by having filopodia repeat cycles of short (~3um) extensions and retractions (phased elongation). This phased elongation could be suppressed by deleting the FERM domain. This result indicates that filopodia protrusion mediated by myosin-X is strongly responsible for cell adhesion.
To further investigate the importance of the FERM domain, we have examined the effects of substrate coating on filopodia. Two types of substrate coating, fibronectin and poly-lysine, were used. Fibronectin is an extracellular matrix glycoprotein that binds to integrins (integrin dependent), while poly-lysine is a synthetic molecules used to enhance cell attachment to plastic and glass surfaces (integrin independent). We found that the protrusion velocity of filopodia on fibronectin was less than that on poly-lysine, which is likely due to friction between the FERM domain and integrin.Also, the filopodia length of one elongation (one extension and retraction) on fibronectin was 1.5 fold longer than that on poly-lysine. However, this was compensated for by the number of phased elongation resulting in approximately equal filopodia lengths regardless of the substrate coating.
We are now observing the movement of myosin-X lacking FERM domain using the same substrate coatings. At this meeting, we will compare these results with the above in detail.

Microtubule Motors-Dynein

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Cysteine Mapping of Cytoplasmic Dynein Motor Domain
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Cytoplasmic dynein is a large cytoskeletal protein complex comprised of a heterodimer of heavy chains, intermediate chains, light intermediate chains and light chains. Cytoplasmic dynein is responsible for transporting cargo, other proteins, vesicles and organelles, throughout the cell by movement along microtubules in a retrograde fashion. This activity is mediated by a series of conformational changes to the motor domain induced by ATP binding, hydrolysis and the release of ADP to give a power-stroke motion. There are, however, many unknowns regarding the conformational changes and structure of the motor domain. The extremely large size of the motor domain (380 kDa) makes structural characterization a challenging task. As an initial step towards this goal, cysteine mapping of the motor domain was performed. Preliminary results from fluorescence spectroscopy indicate that 6 out of the 47 cysteines react with ThioGlo(r)1 (methyl 10-(2,5-dioxo-2,5-dihydro-1*H*-pyrrol-1-yl)-9-methoxy-3-oxo-3*H*-benzo[*f*]chromene-2-carboxylate) in the motor domain's native state. Under denaturing conditions, an additional 15 cysteines are revealed. The non-reactivity of the remaining 26 cysteines suggests the presence of 13 disulfide bonds in the motor domain. These results are being analyzed with mass spectrometry to confirm and identify the accessible, buried and oxidized cysteines. This information will be instrumental in mapping the location of residues within cytoplasmic dynein's motor domain. In addition to characterizing the structure of the motor domain, gold particle-bearing labels reactive with surface-accessible cysteines are being explored to provide cryoelectron microscopy data on the motor domain.

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Cytoplasmic Dynein is not a Classical Duty Ratio Motor
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The mechanical cross bridge cycle of cytoplasmic dynein has often been compared with that of myosin. Cytoplasmic dynein and myosin 5 are both organelle bound motors responsible for transport of their cargo over a long distance. It has also been demonstrated that myosin 5 is a processive motor and that its processivity is regulated by the duty ratio; i.e., the ratio between bound and free state during the cross bridge cycle. As the binding of ATP leads to the dissociation of the motor filament complex a decrease of the ATP concentration results in an increased duty ratio.
It was the aim of our study to investigate whether the processivity of cytoplasmic dynein is also governed by the duty ratio. With the optical trap single molecule measurements were carried out in a two bead dumbbell approach. At 100 μM ATP consecutive 8 nm steps up to stall force were observed often resulting in repeated 8nm forward and backward steps at stall force. To our surprise however, at low ATP concentrations dynein underwent only single binding events with an apparent working stroke of 8nm.
These results can not be explained by a simple one site model for ATP binding where processivity is governed by the duty ratio. In contrast to myosin, dynein possesses two essential ATP binding sites. At low ATP concentrations we hypothesis that only one of the ATP binding sites is occupied, thereby resulting in a loss of processivity.

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Collective Dynamics of Cytoplasmic Dynein Motors In Vitro
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Molecular motors are necessary for fundamental biological functions such as cell division and intracellular transport. These processes, which can lead to concerted movements in the cell often rely on the interplay of a multitude of motors exerting forces on microtubules. While current insight into the mechano-chemistry of single motor proteins is quite advanced, it is not sufficient for understanding collective motor activity.
Meiotic nuclear oscillations in the fission yeast Schizosaccharomyces pombe represent an easily accessible model process to study intracellular movements driven by a multitude of dynein motors [Vogel et al.]. We are developing a novel in vitro assay to identify the minimal set of components and conditions required to obtain oscillations similar to those in S. pombe. Initially we study the behavior of anti-parallel microtubule doublets [Leduc et al.] gliding on dynein. The parameters to be tested comprise motor density, ATP concentration and eventually the on- and off-rates of the motor proteins. The results of these investigations will provide insight into the collective behavior of motor proteins leading to large-scale movements in living cells.
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LIS1 and Nude Permit Multiple Dynein Motors to Cooperate to Transport High Loads
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Cytoplasmic dynein is involved in a wide range of intracellular movements including fast vesicular transport and slow nuclear translocation. How one motor contributes to fast, low load movement as well as slow, high-load movement is unknown. We have found that two dynein regulatory factors, LIS1 and NudE, cooperate to convert dynein to a novel persistent force state under load (MBC 19(suppl.), 1546). We found NudE to recruit LIS1 to dynein to form a triple