Kinesin stepping mechanism





Stepping mechanism of kinesin









Microtubule dynamics



• During dwells, one head is bound, the other is parked

Biochemical kinetics

- Binding stoichiometries confirm I binding site per heterodimer
- Weak & strong binding states
- Heads trap ADP in absence of microtubules. Microtubule binding activates ADP release ~1000x
- Only one ADP is released when a 2-headed kinesin binds to a microtubule. Release of the second ADP depends on ATP binding.
- Roadblock experiment indicates not much forwards strain sensitivity
- ATP-gated ADP release with tubulin as well as microtubules ..

Cross R.A. (2004) The kinetic mechanism of kinesin Trends in Biochemical Sciences **89** 301-309

Controversy | the structure of the waiting state



Kinesin's moonwalk *Current Opinion in Cell Biology* **18** 61-67

ATP-dependent binding of a second tubulin heterodimer



Single molecule mechanics

- 8 nm steps
- Alternate-heads stepping

Single beam optical trap





Kaseda et al (2003) Alternate fast and slow stepping of a heterodimeric kinesin molecule *NCB* Asbury et al (2003) Kinesin moves by an asymmetric hand-over-hand mechanism *Science* Yildiz et al (2004) Kinesin walks hand over hand *Science* Higuchi et al (2004) Rapid double 8-nm steps by a kinesin mutant *EMBO J*







Rat kinesin, 2μ M ATP, trap stiffness 0.018pN/nm, 10ms median filter applied.



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Pull backwards or forwards on walking kinesin molecules..



Brief period of force-feedback moves the microtubule (piezo. stage) till the kinesin is loaded by approximately 14pN.



Multiple events. At 14pN, kinesin usually detaches before many back-steps. (The number of 8nm back-steps, indicated over each event.)







Forwards pull

At 4pN trigger point, the stage is moved until more than 13pN forward load is applied to the kinesin molecule.

(Conditions: *Drosophila* kinesin, 560nm beads, 20kHz sampling, 1mM ATP, K_{trap}=0.06pN/nm)



Kinesin can walk processively backwards from forces > stall force



Individual steps are too noisy - need stepfinder & averaging

- 1. Scan *t* test through entire data set, mark where value goes over a threshold.
- 2. Do a global exponential fit across all steps in data set, mark step-origins.
- 3. Line up the steps and average them together.







Kinesin approaching stall force

Kinesin approaching stall force.

Raw data

100 400

150 500 1000

200 600 1100

300 800 1200

0

10

20

50

900

(Conditions: *Drosophila* kinesin, 500nm beads, 100kHz sampling, 1mM ATP, K_{trap}=0.054pN/nm)

14.0Mb (100.0%)

36.79

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Focus

Z=0

Z=1

ON

Bench

mark

Conditions D 500nm T 23.5°C

Buffer BRB80-GOC, 5mMDTT, 1mMATP

Motor Drosophila kinesin (JH)

Users Nick



GO.





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Locating steps automatically...





<u>T-Test applied to</u> the unfiltered data.

Up-spikes for forward steps, down-spikes for back steps.





Averaged forward and back-steps from multiple traces



500nm beads

Fore-steps (n=1693) time const.=15.3µs

Back-steps (n=316) time const.=19.4µs

800nm beads

Fore-steps (n=565) time const.=35.9µs

Back-steps (n=68) time const.=37.3µs

10µs between data points. Dependence of step duration on bead size











Mechanics of the kinesin step Nick Carter & Rob Cross



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Back step pathway

Forward step pathway

to do ..

http://mcll.mcri.ac.uk/motorhome.html

to do ..

- neck linker docking cycle
- protofilament tracking (straddle/tightrope)
- 2 parked states (?)
- roadblocks
- low-friction attached states
- product rebinding under load

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