

Fibers made of polymerized protein







Cell Shape and Transportation:

(Cells, Figure 7.14)

Organization of the Cell



Organelles are not passive blobs?

(b) Eukaryotic cell





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(Figure 9.2)

A snapshot



Can we stop it?



Drugs can be used to study the functions of Microtubules



(13) protofilaments align to form a hollow tube

What is the structure? Microtubules are polymers How can we see this?



Self-assembly into polymer/microtubule





Transportation and Polarity:

Experiment to tell you where the MTOC is?





Microtubule Assembly



(13) protofilaments align to form a hollow tube = microtubule lateral bonds give tubule strength

(i)





0.3 µm



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Microtubule Assembly



(13) protofilaments align to form a hollow tube = microtubule lateral bonds give tubule strength

Where are subunits added?



Figure 9.26

Injected with biotin-Tubulin (1 minute)

<u>FRAP</u>



FRAP:



Can tell you about the dynamics of molecules in the polymer

We can watch MT dynamics



Injected with rhod-Tubulin

Dynamic Instability (Speckles)



Inject with GFP-Tubulin

GTP hydrolysis changes conformation and stability of MTs



(+) end cap regulates stability of MT



GTP-bound structure is different than GDP-bound

Stability of microtubules





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Stability of microtubules

1) GTP vs GDP bound cap



2) Microtubule associated proteins (MAPs)





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How do (+) TIPs stabilize the (+) tip?



XMAP215 CLIP170 (function)

Clip170



Role of the Cytoskeleton and Motor Proteins in Membrane Trafficking





Transportation and Polarity:

(Cells, Figure 7.14)

0.25 µm



Which direction do mitochondria travel on microtubules?



Pilling and Saxton, MBOC 2006



Microtubule motor proteins

MOSTLY Plus-end directed motors----- kinesins

Minus-end directed motors----dyneins

Motors "walk" along MTs towards the plus or minus end











What can measure from this movie?



+ End of Microtubule

Watching Kinesin-1 move -speed, processive



Figure 9.6



Motors "walk" along MTs towards the plus or minus end



kinesins:

-MT (+) end -motor domain at N-terminus -ATP-dependent

dyneins:

-MT (-) end -motor domain at C-terminus -cytoplasmic form (homodimer) -ATP-dependent



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Figure 9.66

Picture of Neuron labelled for actin and its shape



General principle 2: Large structural changes occur with microtubules, small changes are with actin filaments

Role of the Cytoskeleton and Motor Proteins in Membrane Trafficking



Actin filaments building block = actin



Functions: structural support, contraction, migration



Rate and direction of growth depends on free actin concentration



Actin polymerization







Proteins that regulate actin polymerization

Therefore, the direction of growth is regulated

Proteins that depolymerize actin filaments





Small G protein activation regulates actin organization





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Directed cell motility



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Figure 9.71





Myosin: variety of tail domains

Structure of myosin proteins



Binds tightly in the absence of ATP ATP hydrolysis - power stroke - lever arm



Regulation of myosin by phosphorylation

Rab proteins on vesicles are linked to cytoskeleton Also regulated by GTP-Rab state





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Myosin: variety of tail domains







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Bipolar filament

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Myosin: variety of tail domains

















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Myosin: variety of tail domains

Regulation of myosin by phosphorylation



The Cytoskeleton: Intermediate Filaments



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IF protein	Sequence type	Primary tissue distribution
Keratin (acidic)	1	Epithelia
(28 different polypept)	des)	P-145-17
(26 different polypepti	des)	Epithelia
Vimentin		Mesenchymal cells
Desmin		Muscle
Glial fibrillary acidic protein (GFAP)	ш	Astrocytes
Peripherin	111	Peripheral neurons
Neurofilament proteins		Neurons of central
NF-L	IV	and peripheral
NF-M	IV	nerves
NF-H	IV	
Nestin	IV	Neuroepithelial
Lamin proteins		All cell types
Lamin A	v	(Nuclear envelopes)
Lamin B	v	
Lamin C	v	

TABLE 9.2 Properties and Distribution of the Major Mammalian Intermediate Filament Proteins

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epidermolysis bullosa simplex



Keratins form Intermediate Filaments that organize tissues



Places where you'll find epithelial cells

Intermediate filaments

building block = variable

(keratin, vimentin, nuclear lamins, others)



Functions: mechanical integrity of tissue, cell, or subcellular organelle

Laminopathies (HGPS, progeria)



Some IFs are found in all cells.

Nuclear lamins, a special type of IF, form a basket underlying the nuclear membrane, giving it strength and organization.





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3 µm
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Cell Cycle NE/Lamin Changes





Phosphorylation of Tyrosine Residues



