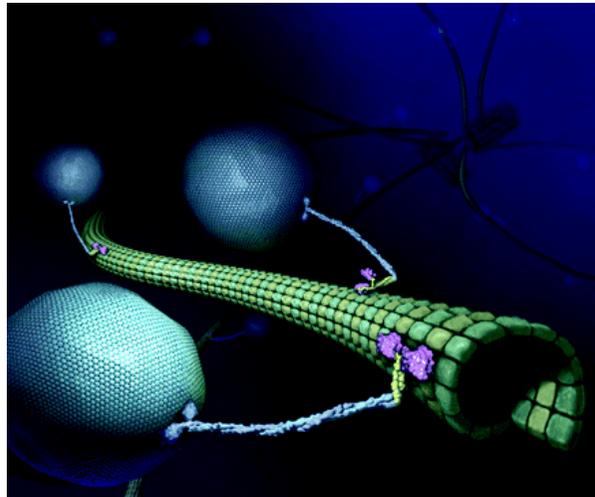


Single molecule imaging of motor proteins

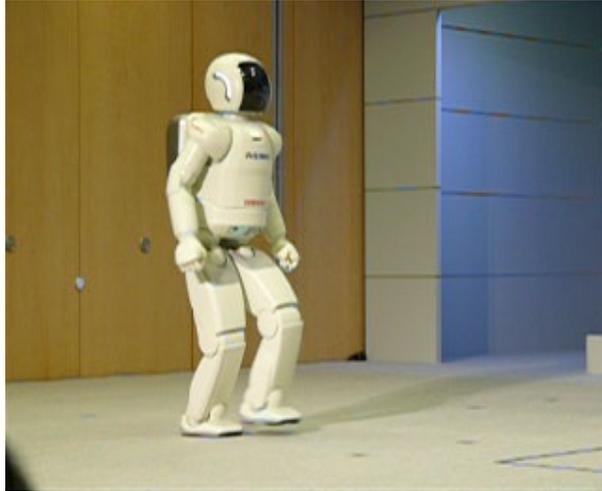
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“Walking” macro- and nano-machineries

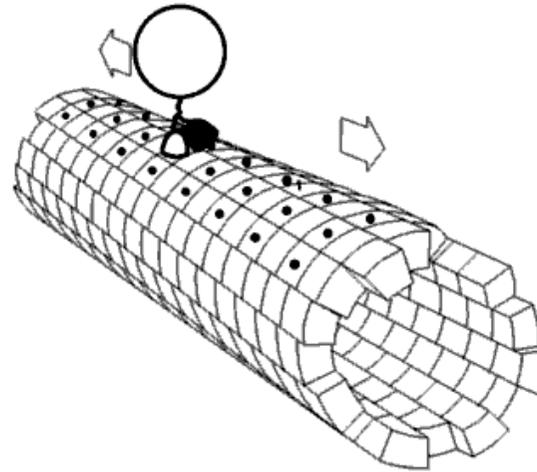
Macro
Robot (Honda ASIMO)



1 m

velocity: 3 km/h

Nano
Kinesin



10 nm

velocity: 500 nm/s
(in human size, 200 km/h)

Simple

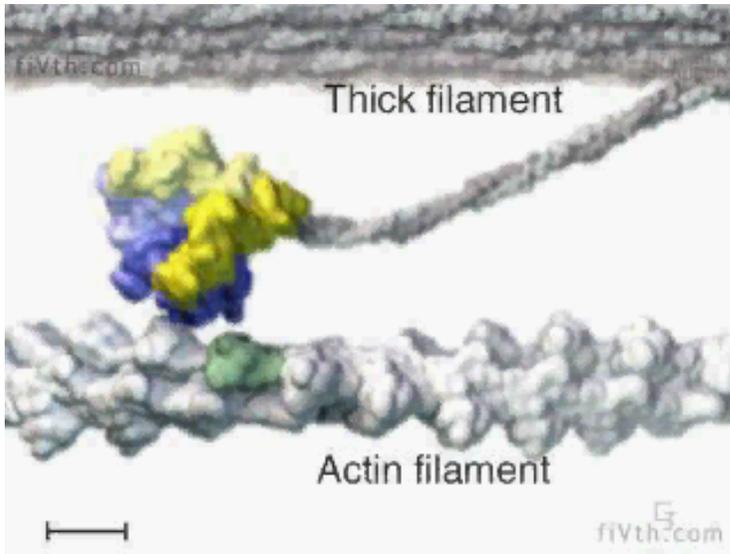
Small

Fast

Efficient
(<70%)

Examples of Motor Proteins

Myosin



ATP Synthase



Kinesin



Input energy : ATP hydrolysis

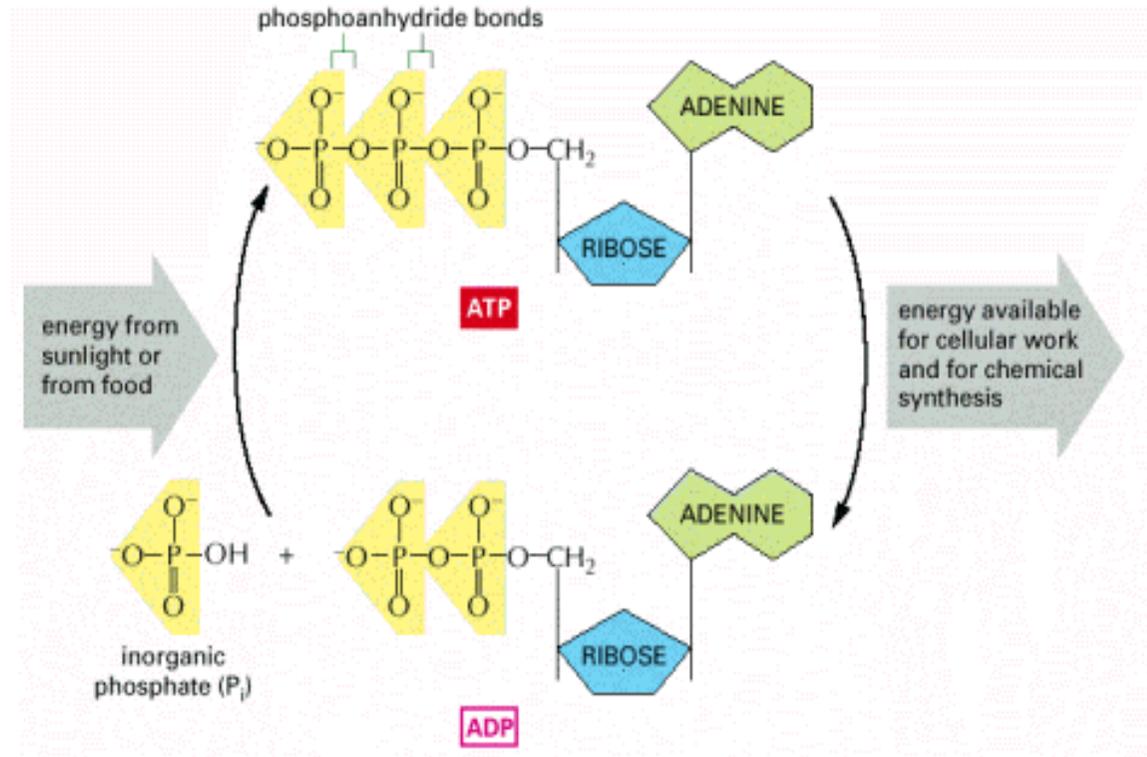
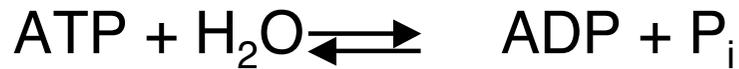


表 5.1 ATP が ADP と P_i に加水分解されるとき自由エネルギーの変化

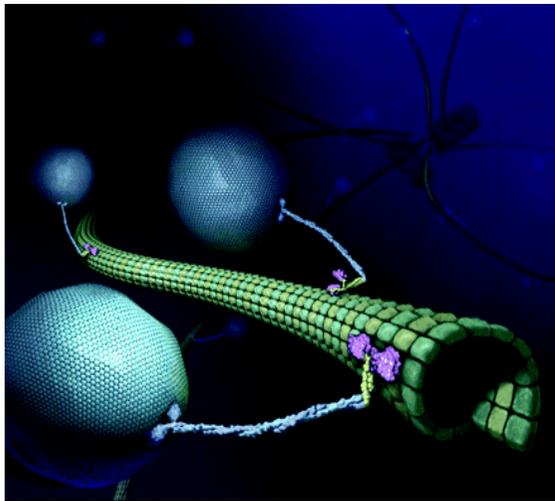
観察される質量作用比 (Γ)	非平衡度 (Γ/K)	ΔG (kJ mol ⁻¹)	$\frac{[\text{ATP}]}{[\text{ADP}]}$ ($[\text{P}_i]=1 \text{ mM}$ のとき)
10 ¹⁰	10 ⁵	28.5	10 ⁻¹³
10 ⁷	10 ²	11.4	10 ⁻¹⁰
10 ⁵	1	0	10 ⁻⁸
10 ³	10 ⁻²	-11.4	10 ⁻⁶
10	10 ⁻⁴	-22.8	10 ⁻⁴
1	10 ⁻⁵	-28.5 ΔG^0	10 ⁻³
0.1	10 ⁻⁶	-34.2	10 ⁻²
10 ⁻³	10 ⁻⁸	-45.6	10 ⁰
10 ⁻⁵	10 ⁻¹⁰	-57	10 ²

$$\Delta G = \Delta G^0 + RT \ln \frac{[\text{ADP}][\text{P}_i]}{[\text{ATP}]}$$

$$K = \frac{[\text{ADP}][\text{P}_i]}{[\text{ATP}]} = 10^5 \text{ M}$$

← $[\text{ATP}]/[\text{ADP}] \sim 10^2$ inside the cells

Kinesin's structure



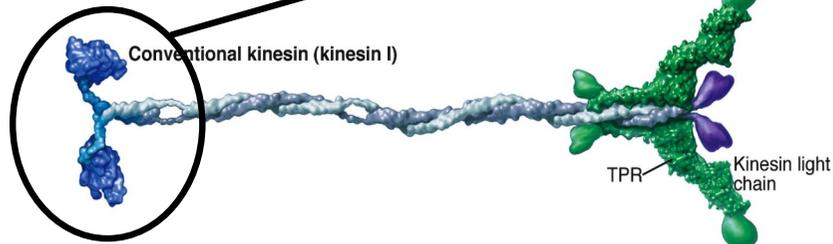
ATP

Catalytic core ("Head")

Neck linker

10 nm

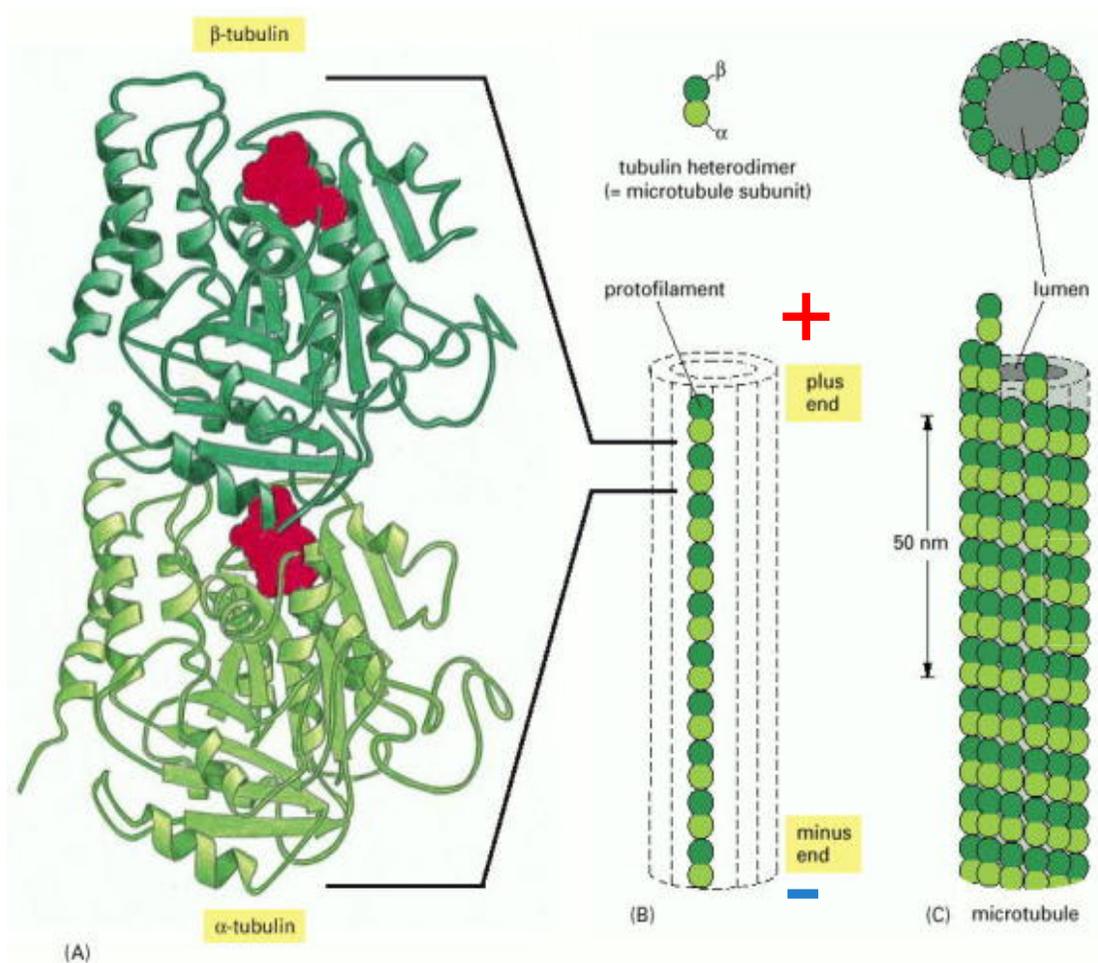
Neck coiled-coil



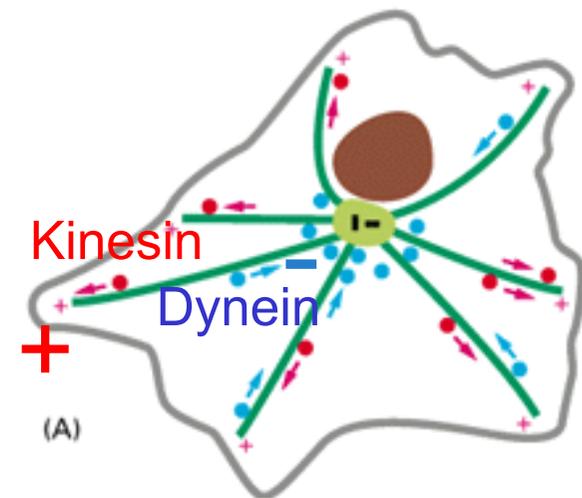
Microtubule
-binding

Cargo-binding

Microtubule: track for kinesin



Microtubule organization inside the cells



Molecular Biology of the Cell, 4th ed.

composed of α -tubulin and β -tubulin

Kinesin binds to β -tubulin subunit

has polarity (plus- and minus-ends)

Single molecule imaging using total internal fluorescence microscopy

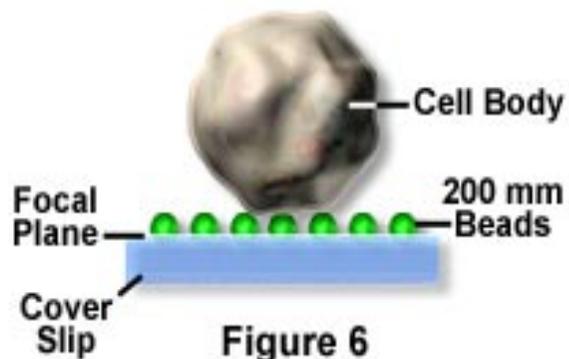
High-sensitivity camera (ICCD, EMCCD)

Reduce background fluorescence

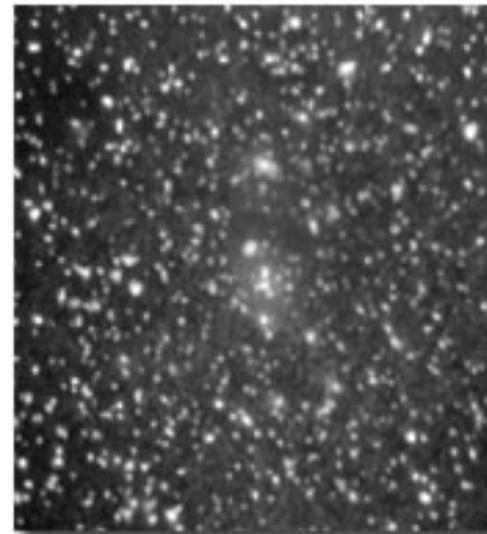
→ reduce the autofluorescence

→ reduce the illumination volume

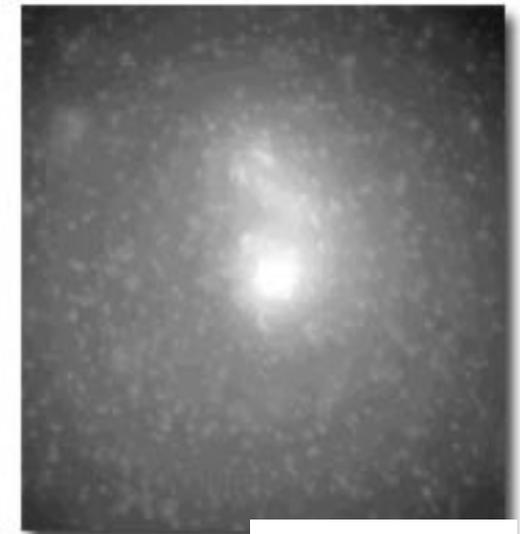
Fluorescent Beads and Cheek Cell



Fluorescent Beads and Cheek Cell

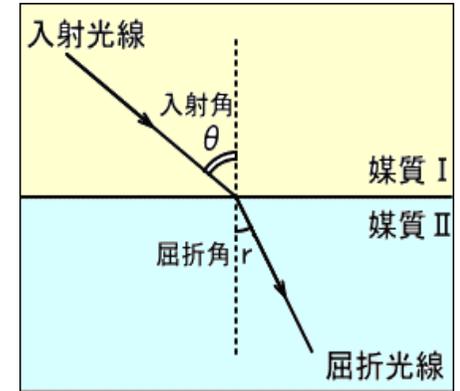


TIRFM



Widefield Fluorescence

Total internal reflection and evanescence field

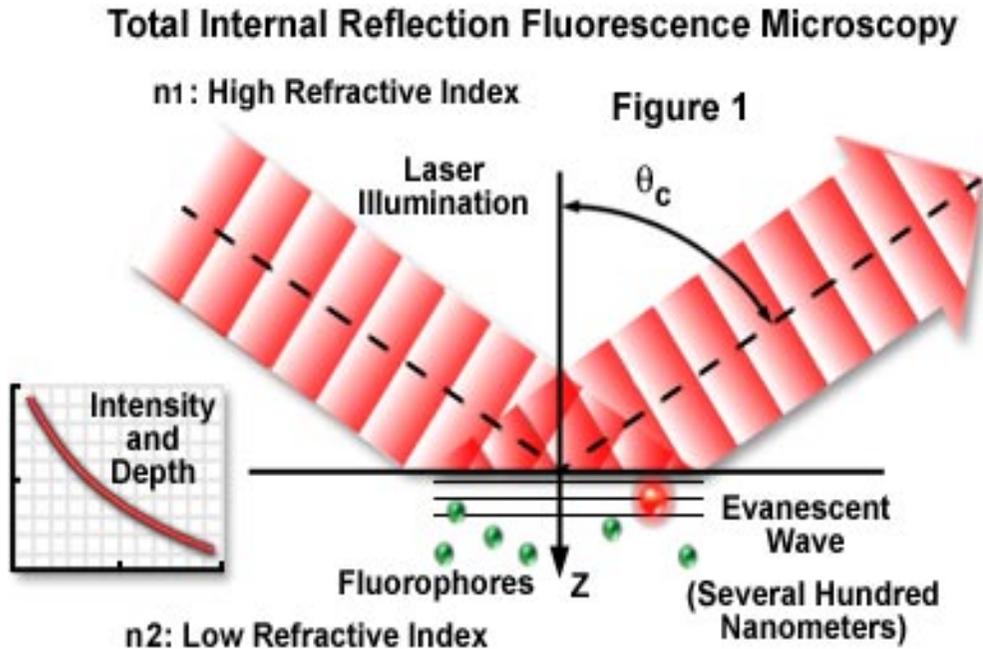


Snell's Law

$$n_1 \sin \theta_1 = n_2 \sin \theta_2 \quad (n_1 > n_2)$$

Critical angle

$$\theta_c = \sin^{-1}(n_2 / n_1)$$

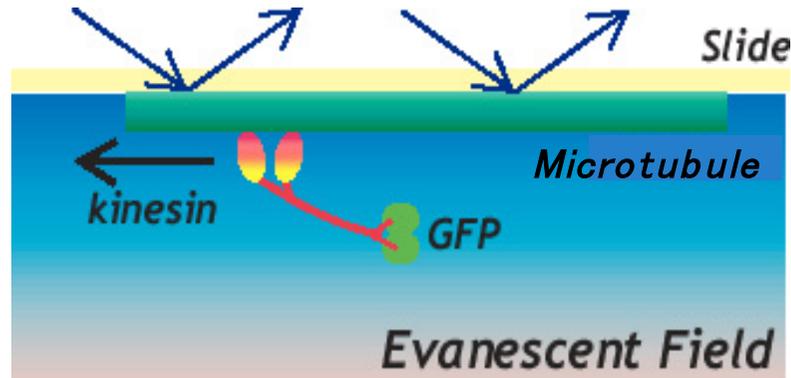


$$E(x, z) = T_0 \exp \left[i \left(\omega t - k_2 x \frac{\sin \phi_1}{n} \right) \right] \exp \left[-k_2 z \sqrt{\frac{\sin^2 \phi_1}{n_2} - 1} \right]$$

$$I(z) = I(0) e^{-z/d} \quad d = \frac{\lambda_0}{4\pi} (n_1^2 \sin^2 \theta - n_2^2)^{-1/2}$$

$$d = 0.25 \times \lambda \quad (\sim 150 \text{ nm}) \quad \text{at } \theta = 64^\circ$$

Single molecule fluorescence imaging of kinesin



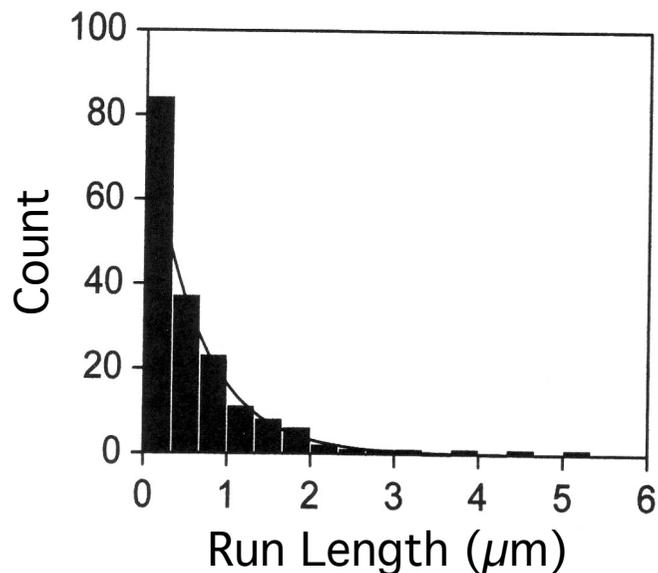
TIRF (Total Internal Reflection Fluorescence) Microscopy



velocity:
 ~ 500 nm/s

← plus-end

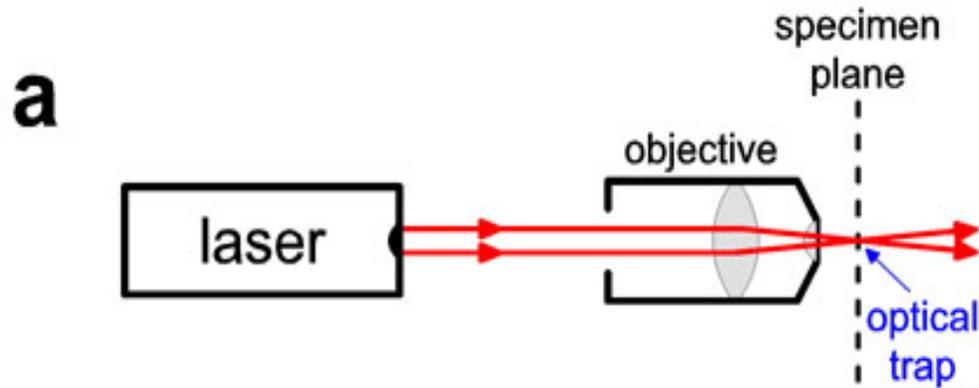
2 μm



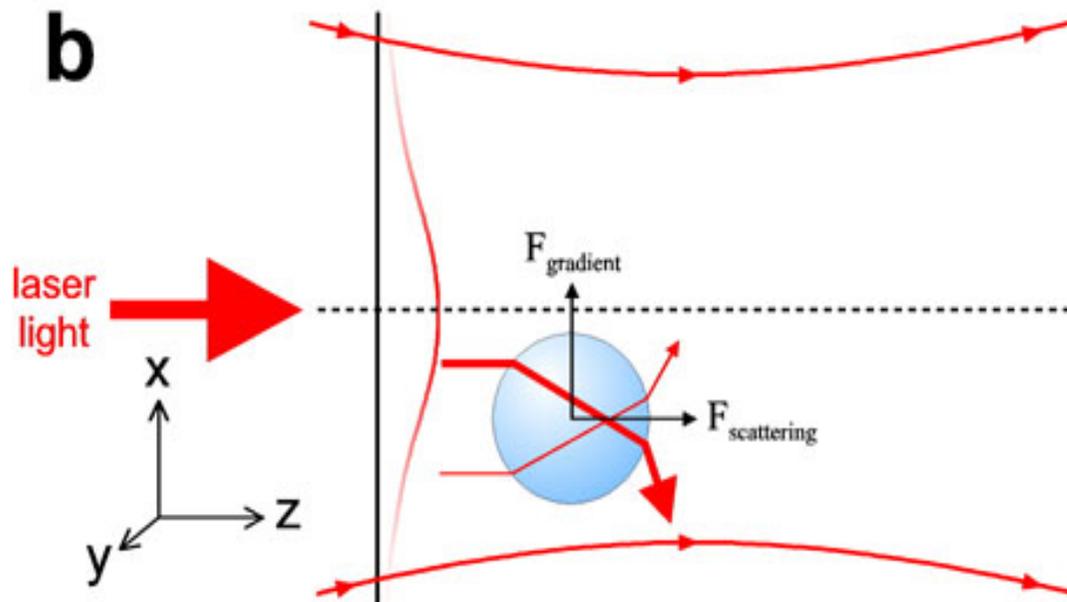
Kinesin moves toward plus-end of the microtubule, processively for ~ 1 μm (100 steps)

Kinesin is a **directional and processive** motor

Optical trap (Optical tweezers)

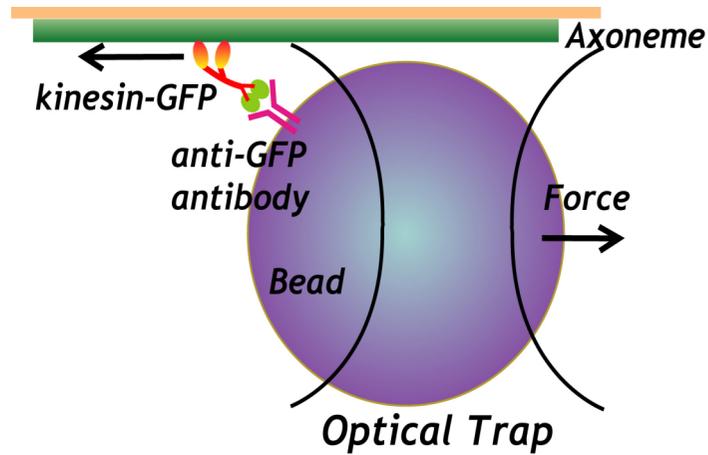
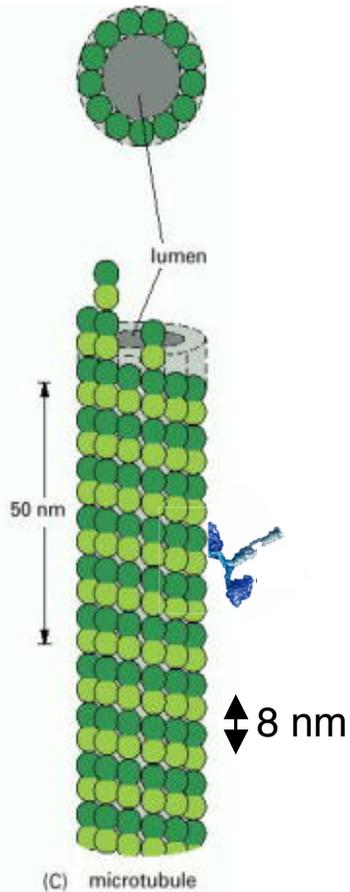


Focused laser beam (passed through the high NA objective lens) can be used to trap small objects near the focus

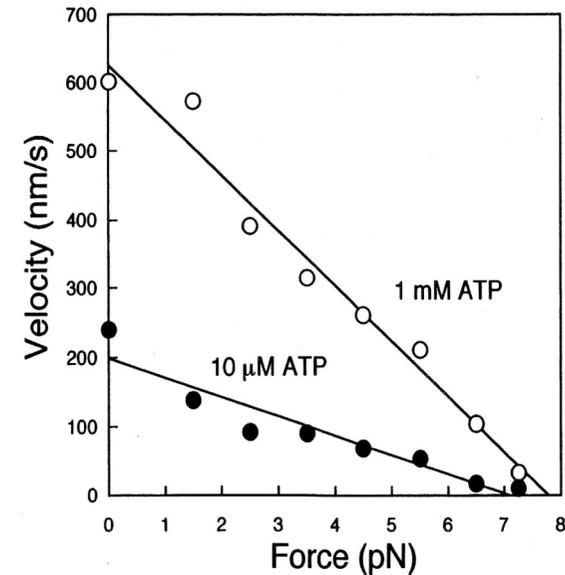
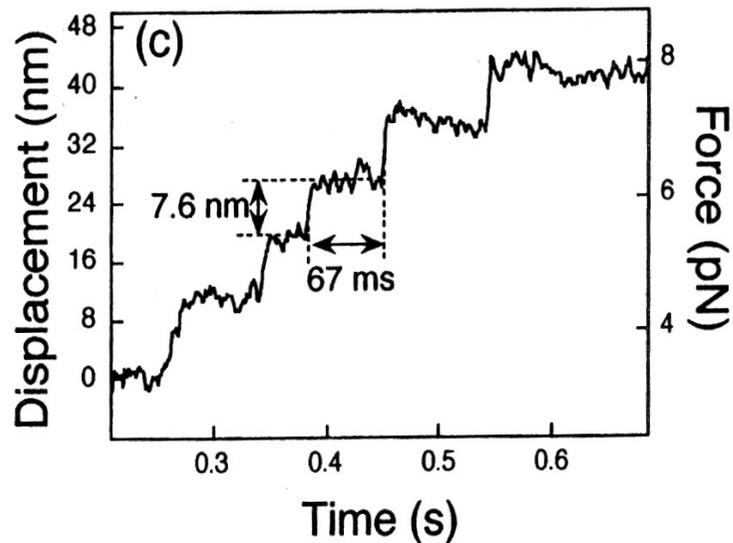


Dielectric particles ($10\ \mu\text{m}$ - $25\ \text{nm}$ diameter) and cells (eg. bacteria, yeast) can be trapped

Optical trapping bead assays of kinesin



Kojima et al.
Biophys. J. 1997



take **8 nm steps** × move against load up to **7 pN**

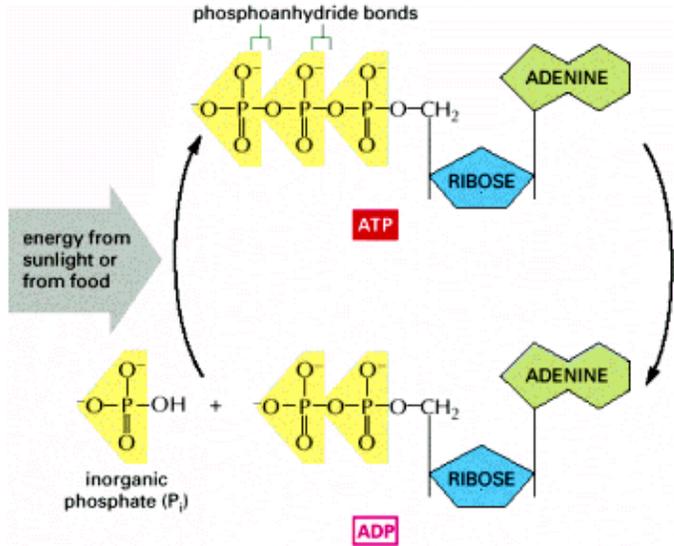
$56 \text{ pN} \cdot \text{nm}$ (max. work) \div $80 \text{ pN} \cdot \text{nm}$ (ATP hydrolysis) = **70%** efficiency

Energy conversion by molecular motors

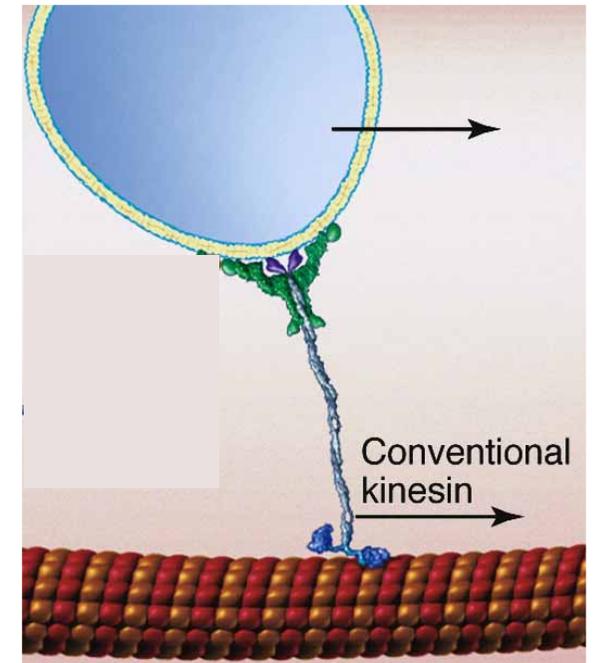
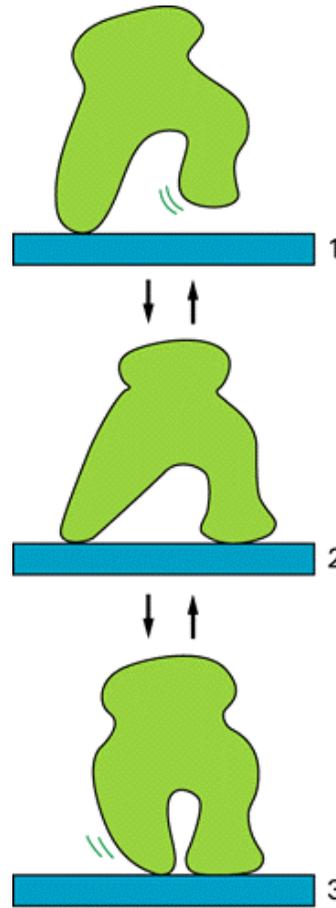
input

output

Chemical energy → **Conformational change** → Mechanical work



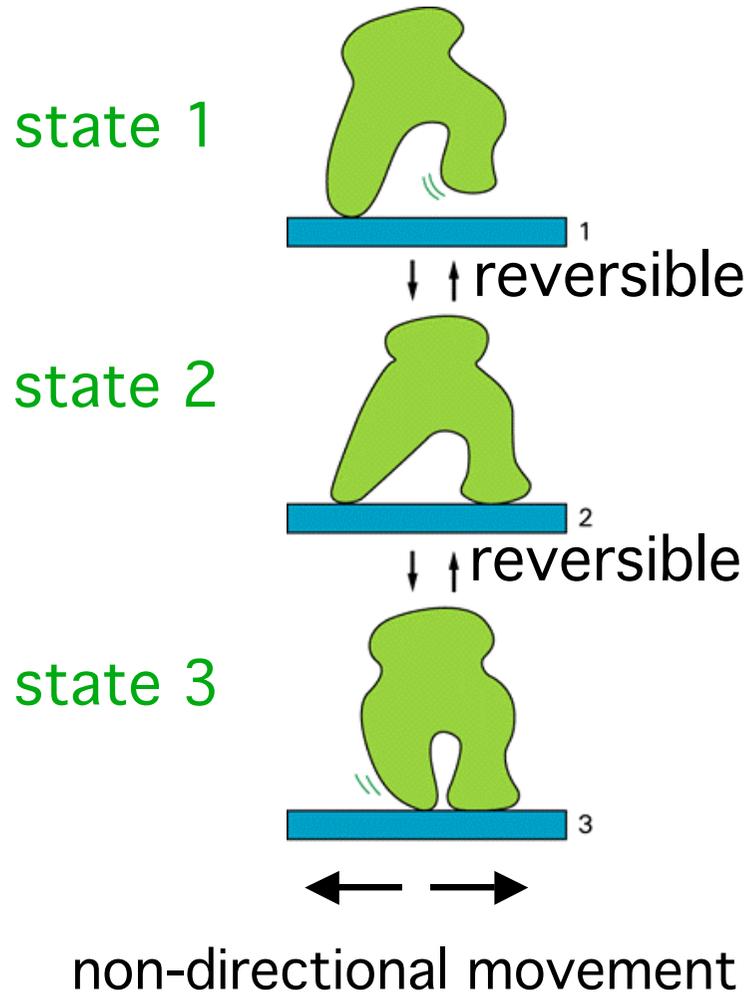
ATP hydrolysis



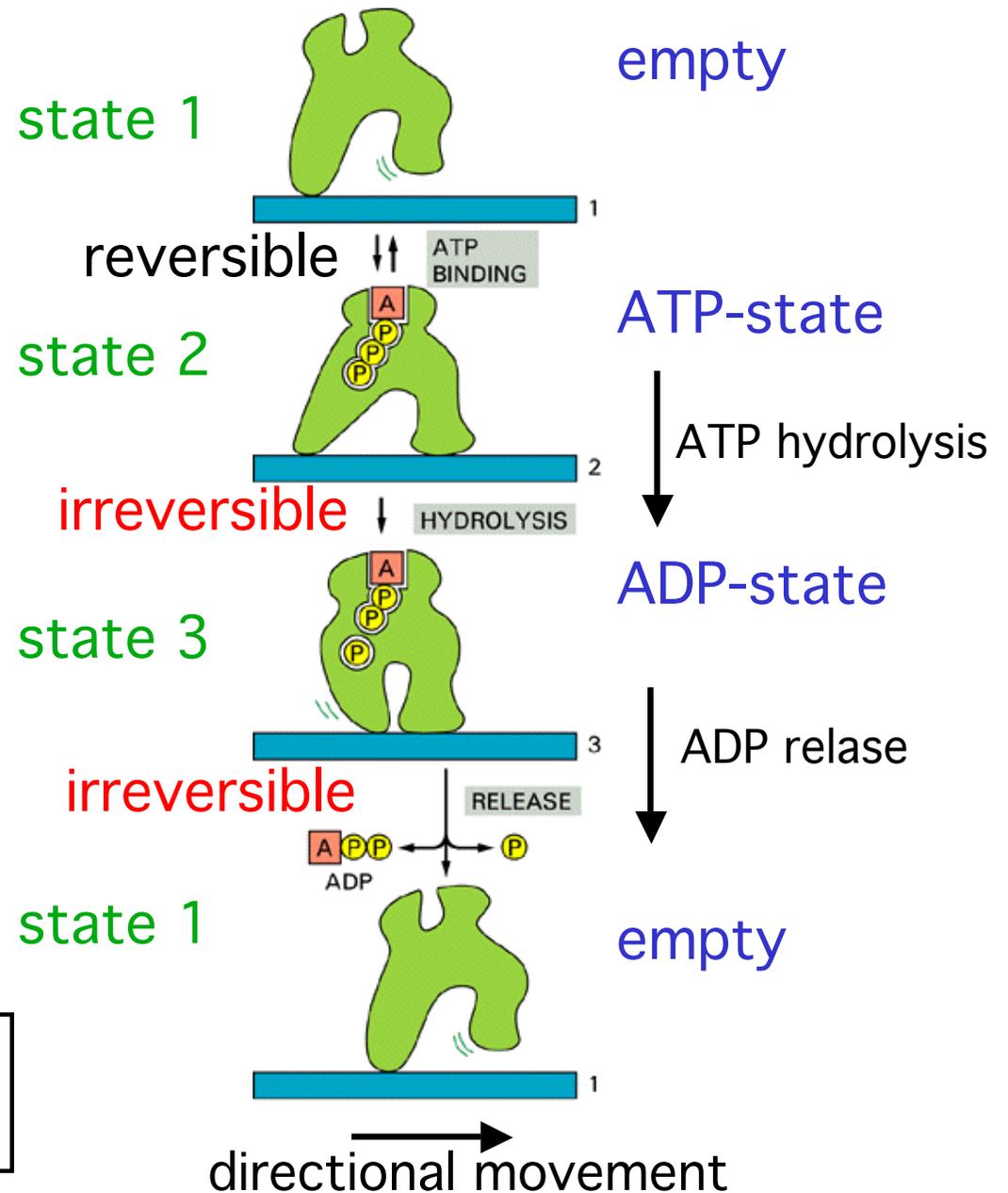
Unidirectional movement

Structural changes **coupled to ATP hydrolysis** produce directionality

No energy supply

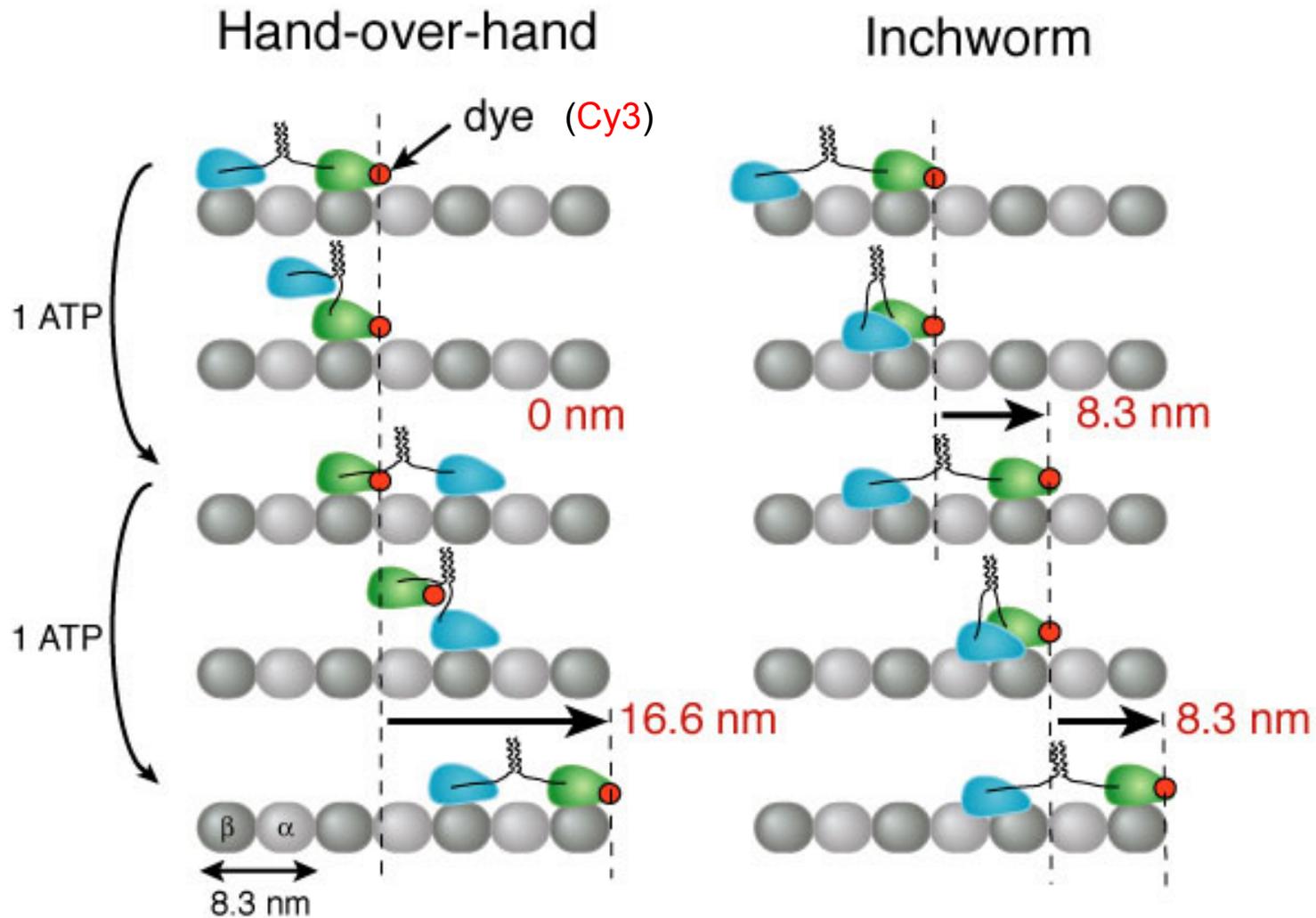


ATP hydrolysis coupled

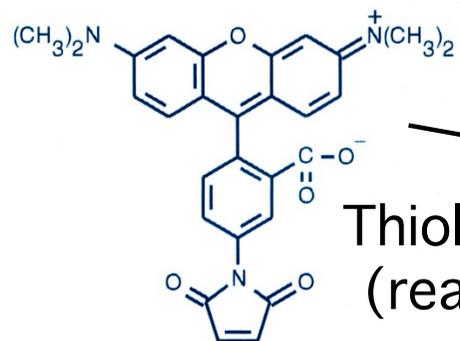
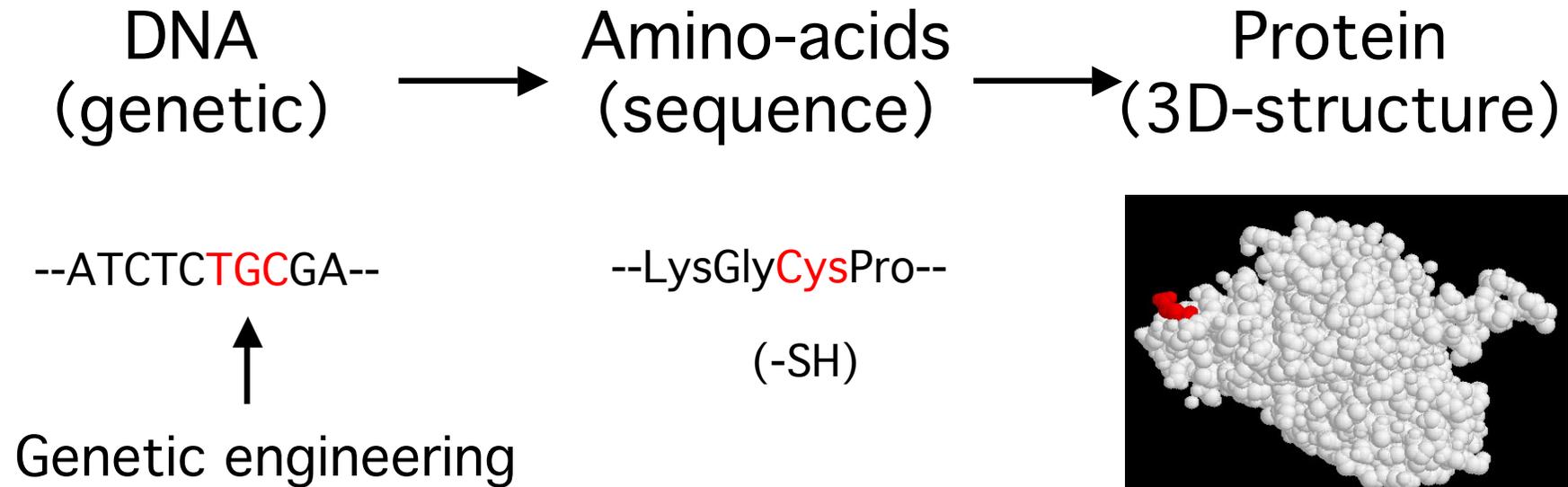


Structural state \rightleftharpoons Chemical state
coupling

Observe a moving part of kinesin (FIONA)



Protein engineering: essential tool for single molecule observation



Thiol-reactive dye
(react with Cys)

Fluorescence labeling ↓

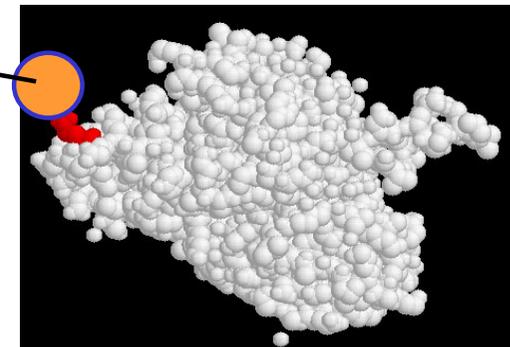
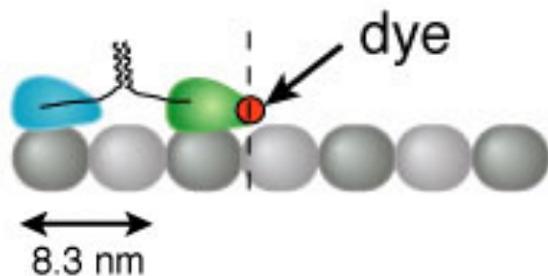
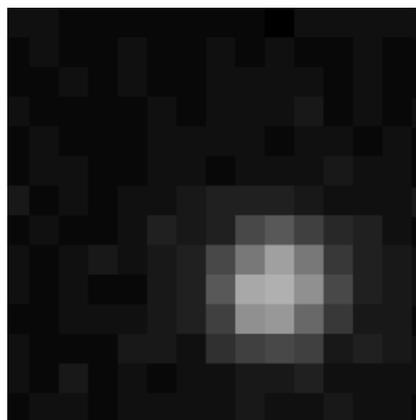


Figure 2.11 T-6027 tetramethylrhodamine-5-maleimide.

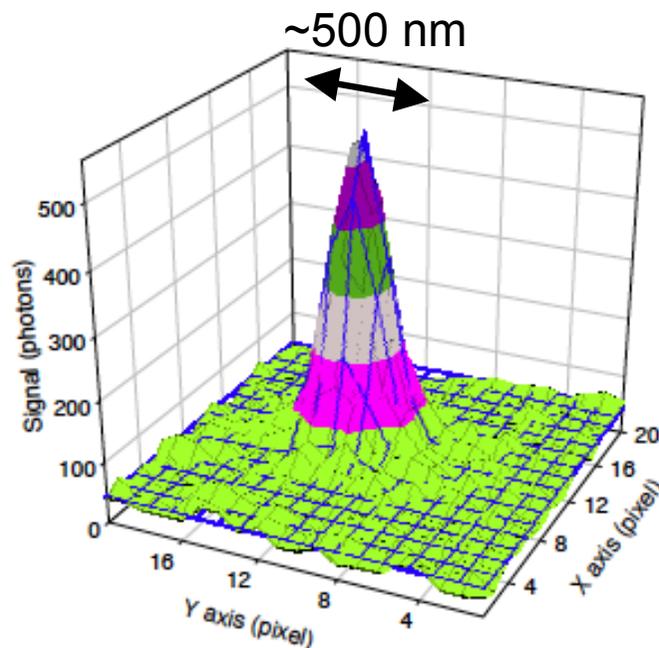
Detect single fluorophore at nanometer precision



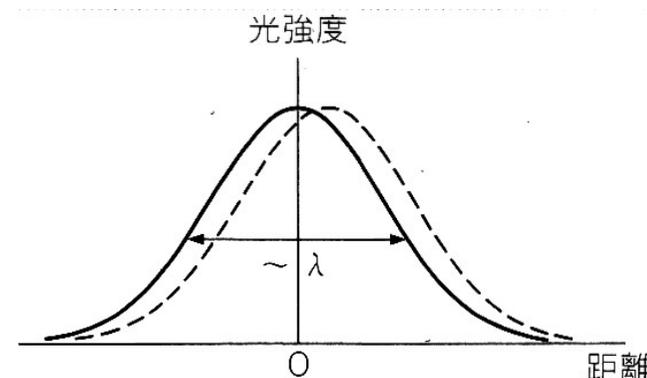
Fluorescence Imaging with One-Nanometer Accuracy (FIONA)



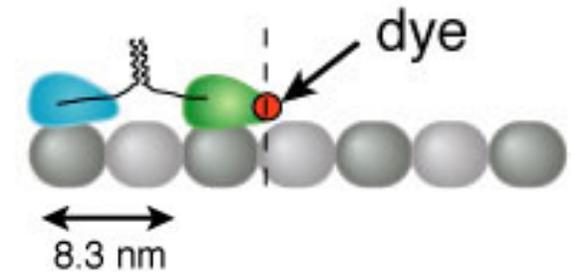
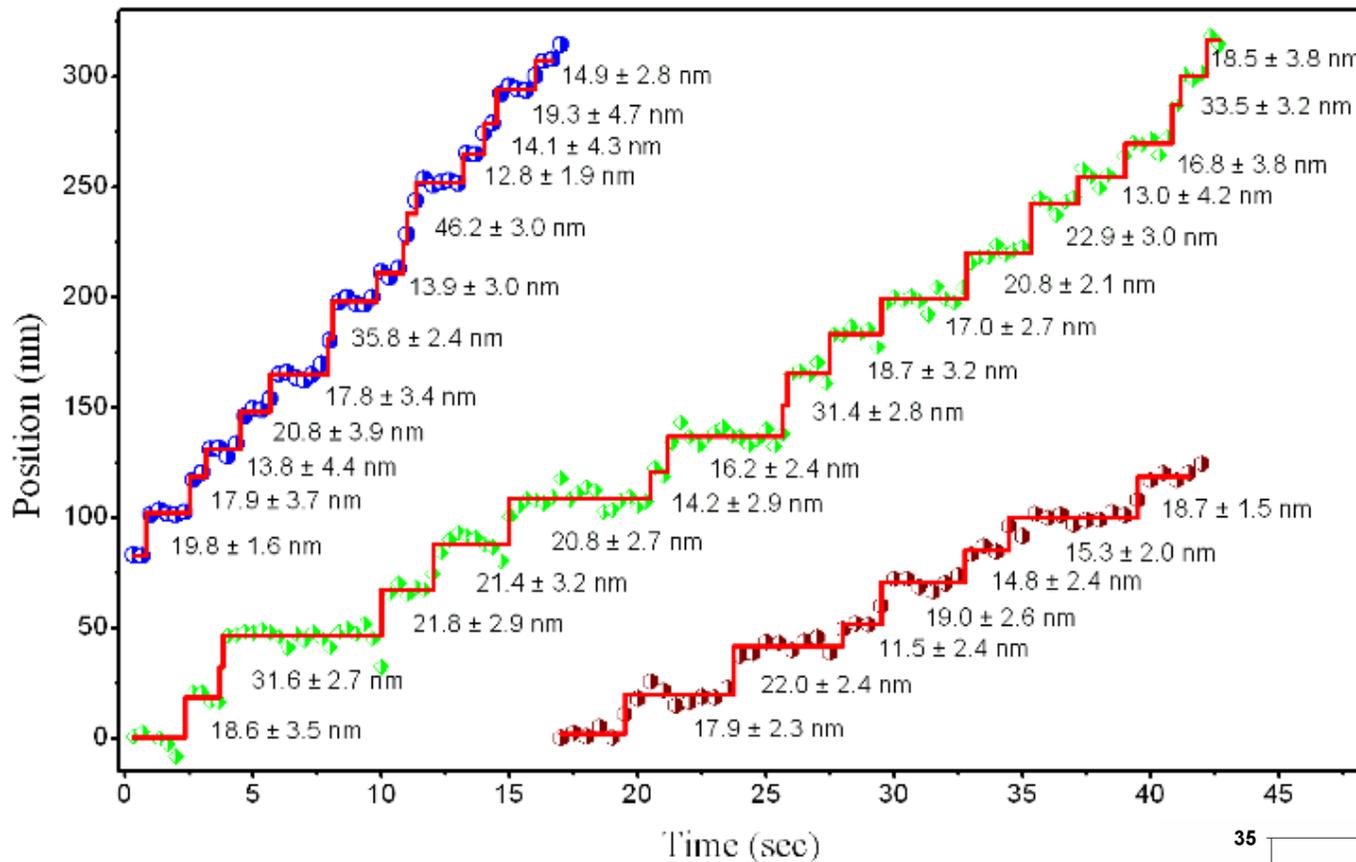
Images were taken using cooled CCD (2 frames/s)



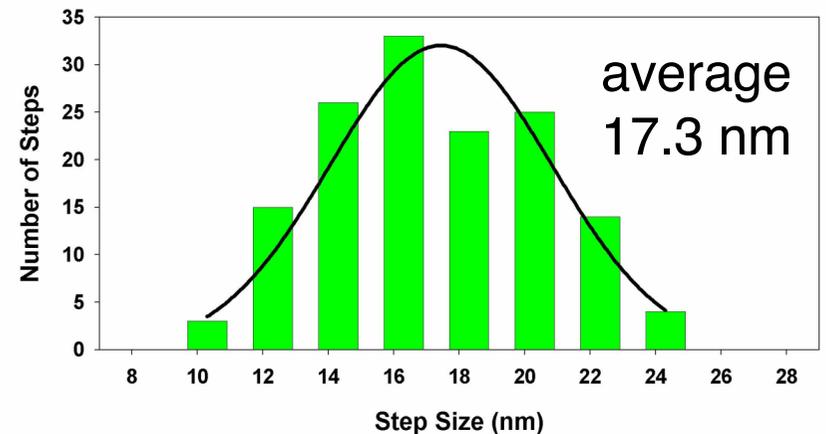
Fitting the image with 2D Gaussian



Fluorophores attached on one of the heads showed 16 nm steps



Step size

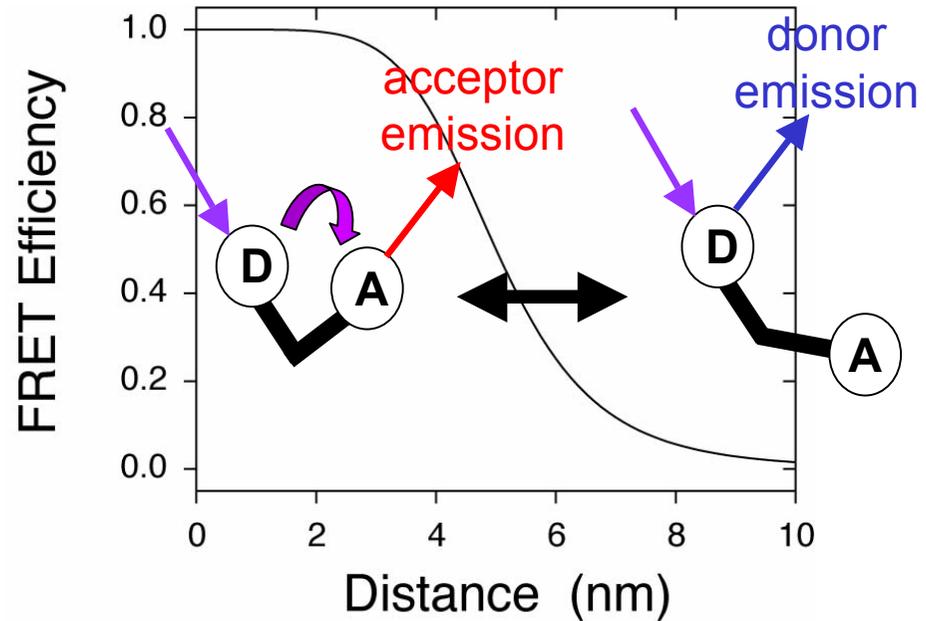
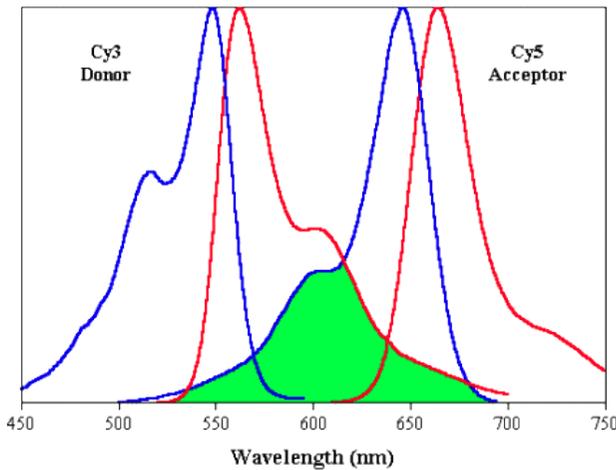


Yildiz et al, Science 303, 676 (2004)

Single Molecule FRET

FRET: Fluorescence Resonance Energy Transfer

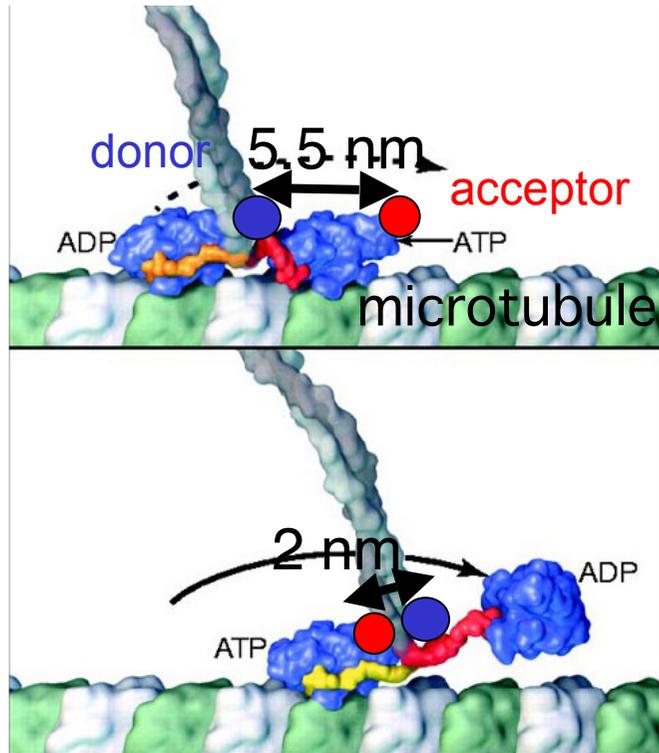
Probing the conformational changes in kinesin



$$E_{FRET} = \frac{I_{Acceptor}}{I_{Donor} + I_{Acceptor}} = \frac{1}{1 + (R/R_0)^6}$$

R_0 : Foster distance (5.4nm for Cy3&Cy5)

Labeling for neck linker FRET



Neck linker structural state

undock

=

FRET reporter

Low FRET
(40%)

dock

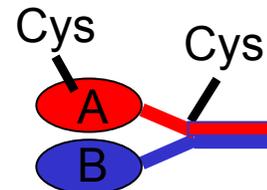
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High FRET
(100%)

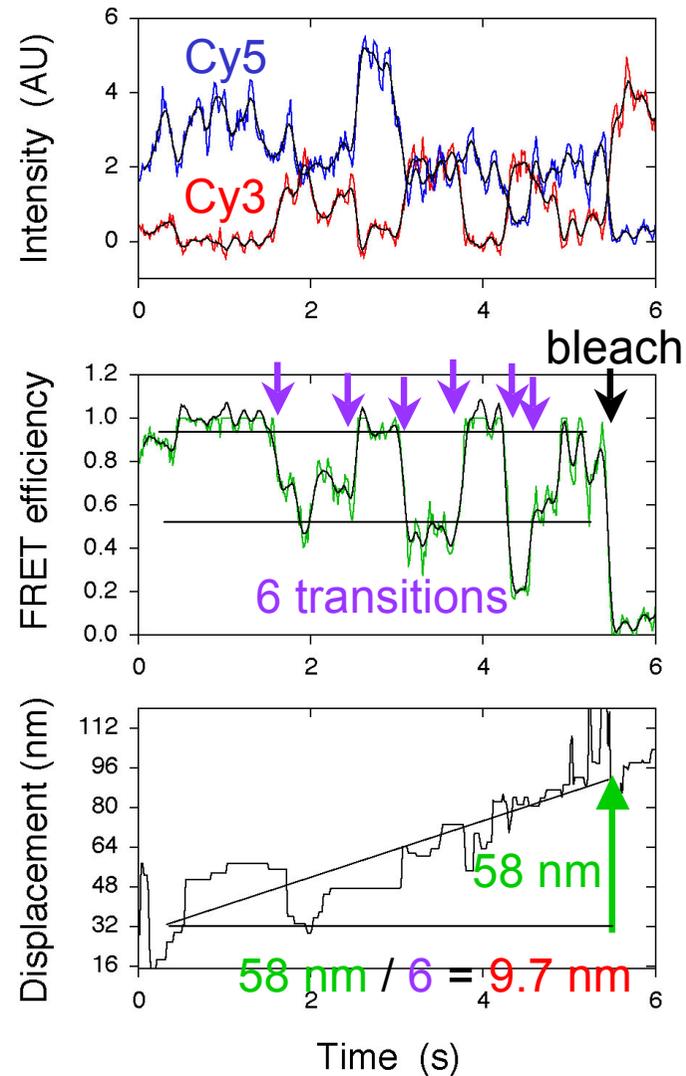
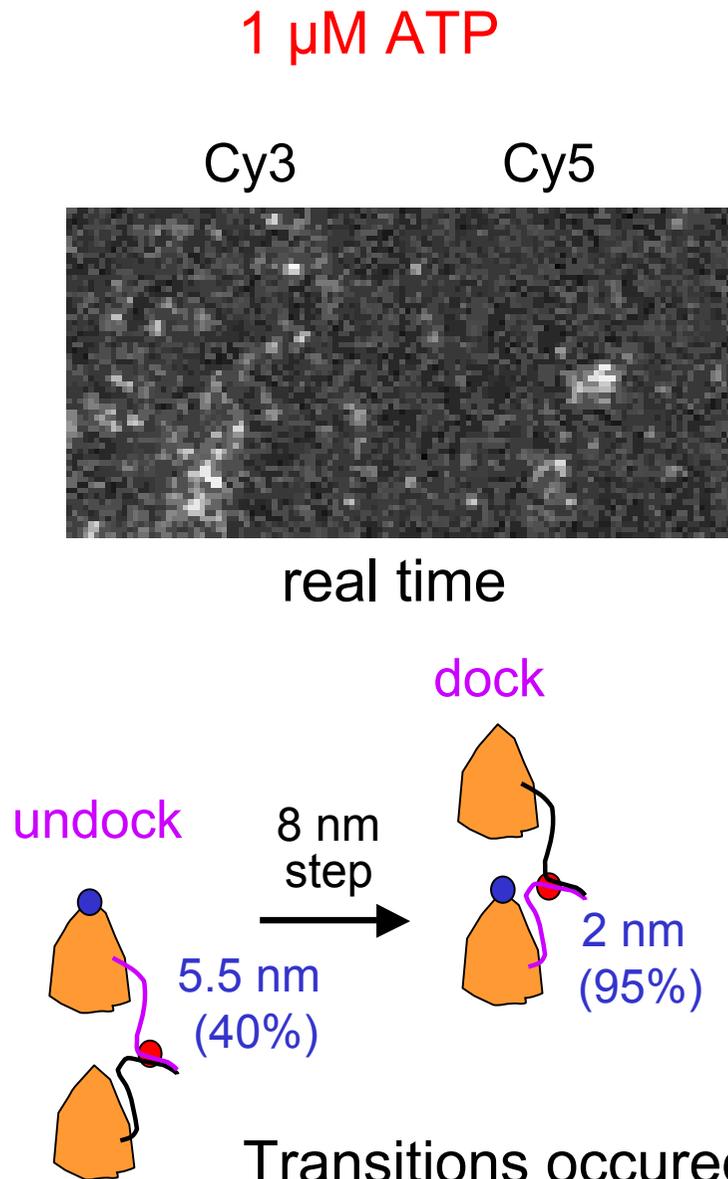
Cysteine-light heterodimer



Labeling with Cy3, Cy5-maleimide

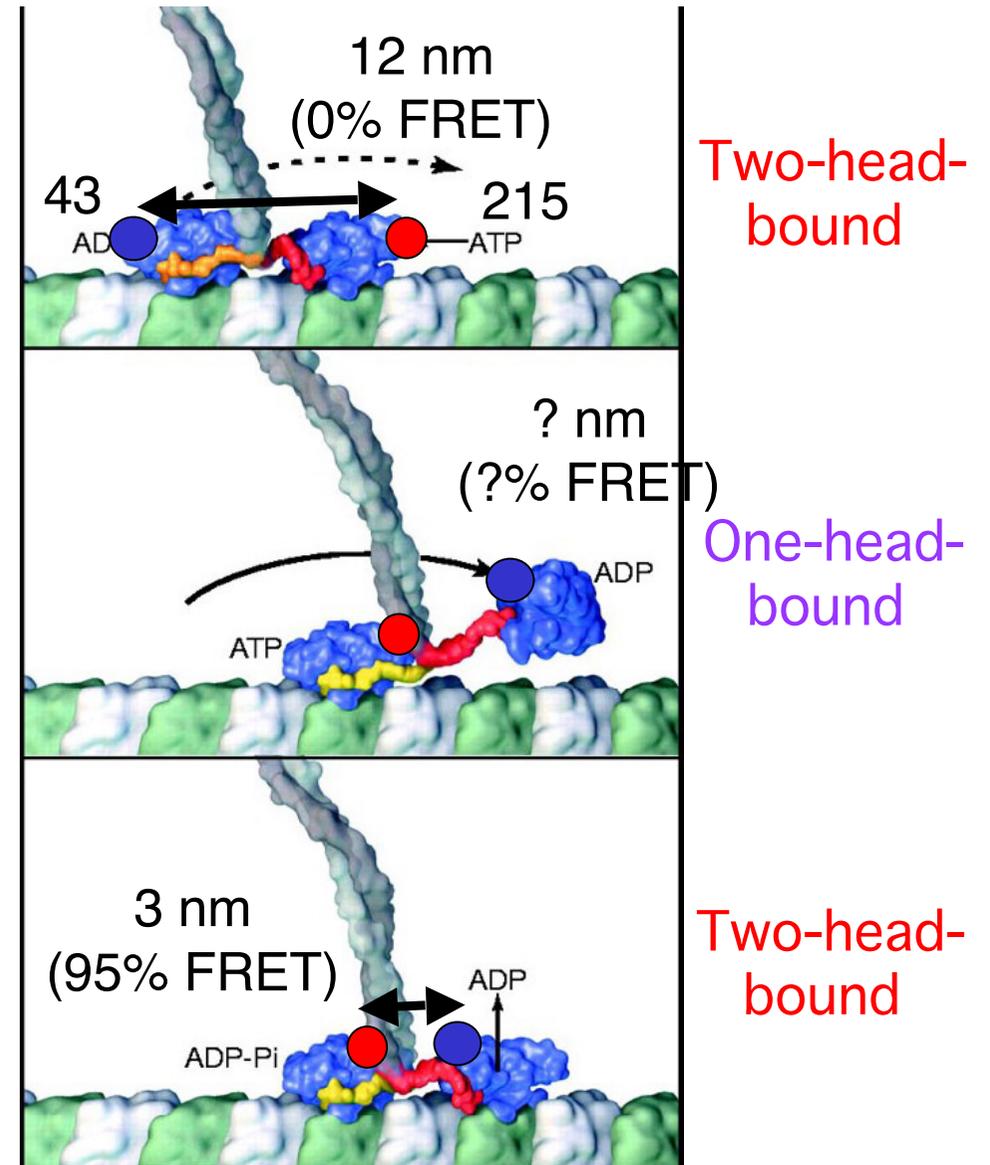
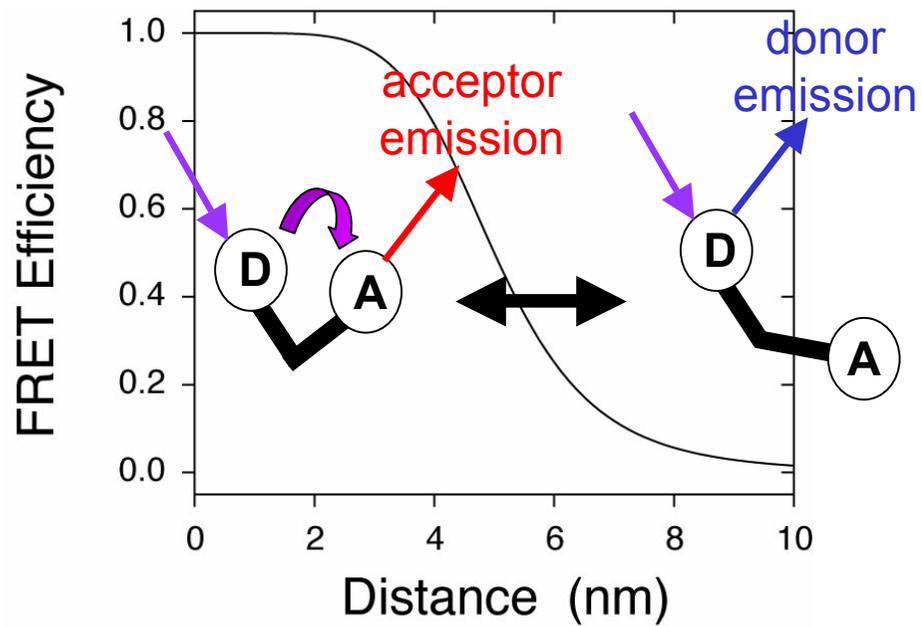


Neck linker FRET: dock-undock transitions were observed during the movement

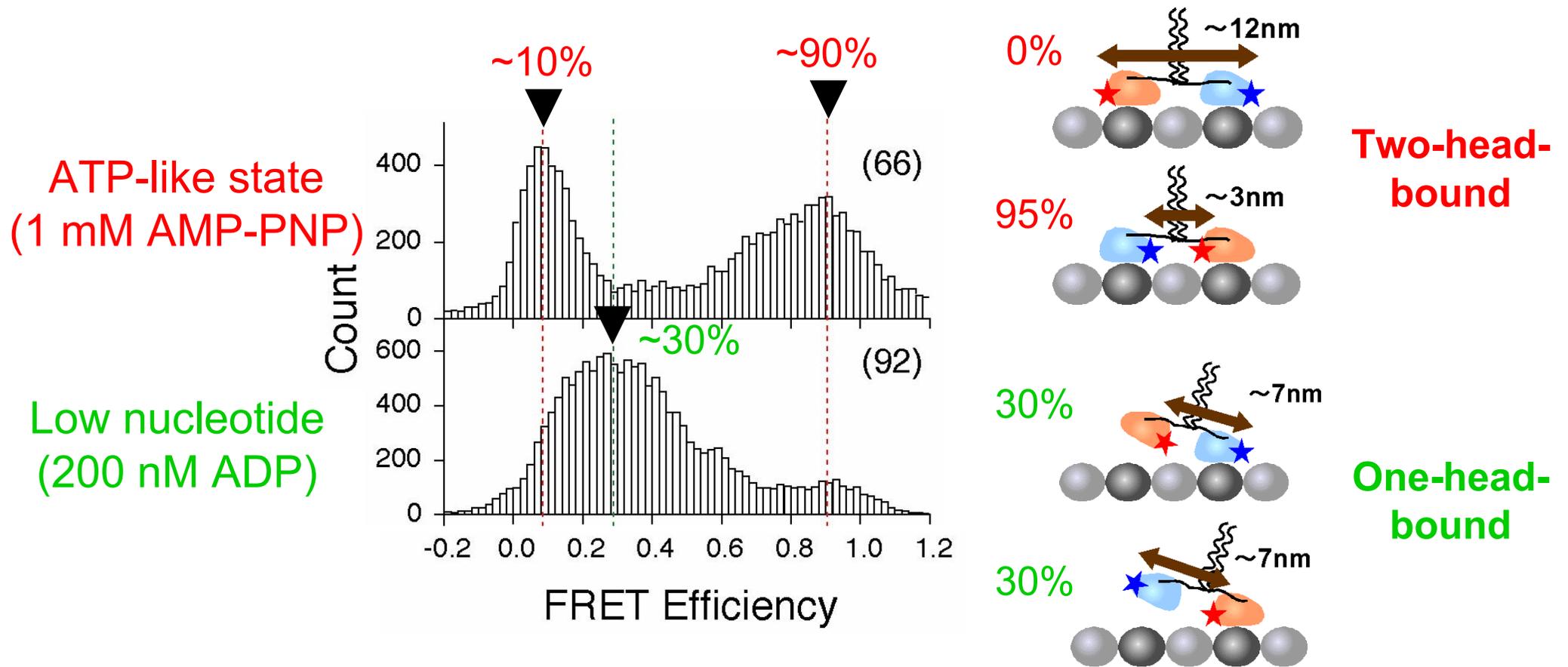


Transitions occurred once per ~ 8 nm step on average

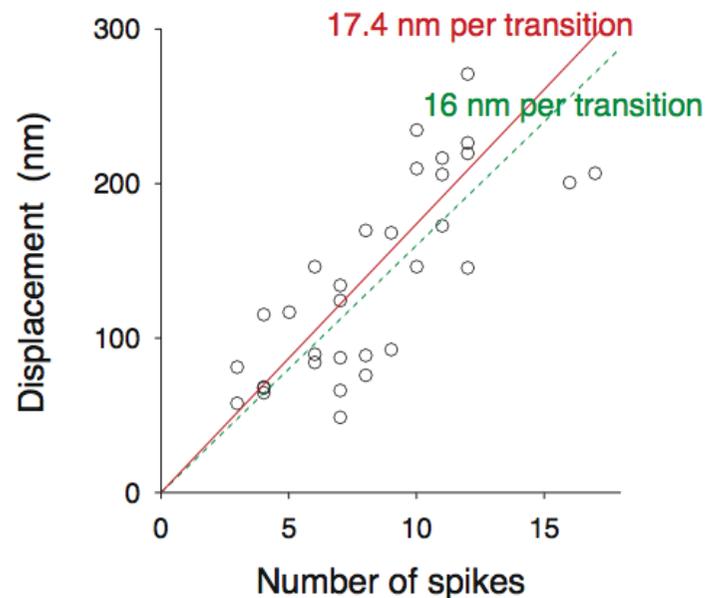
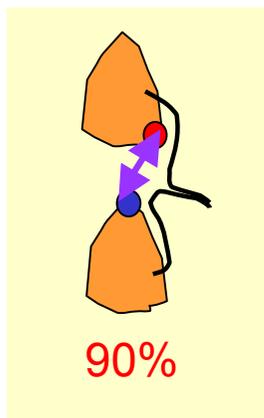
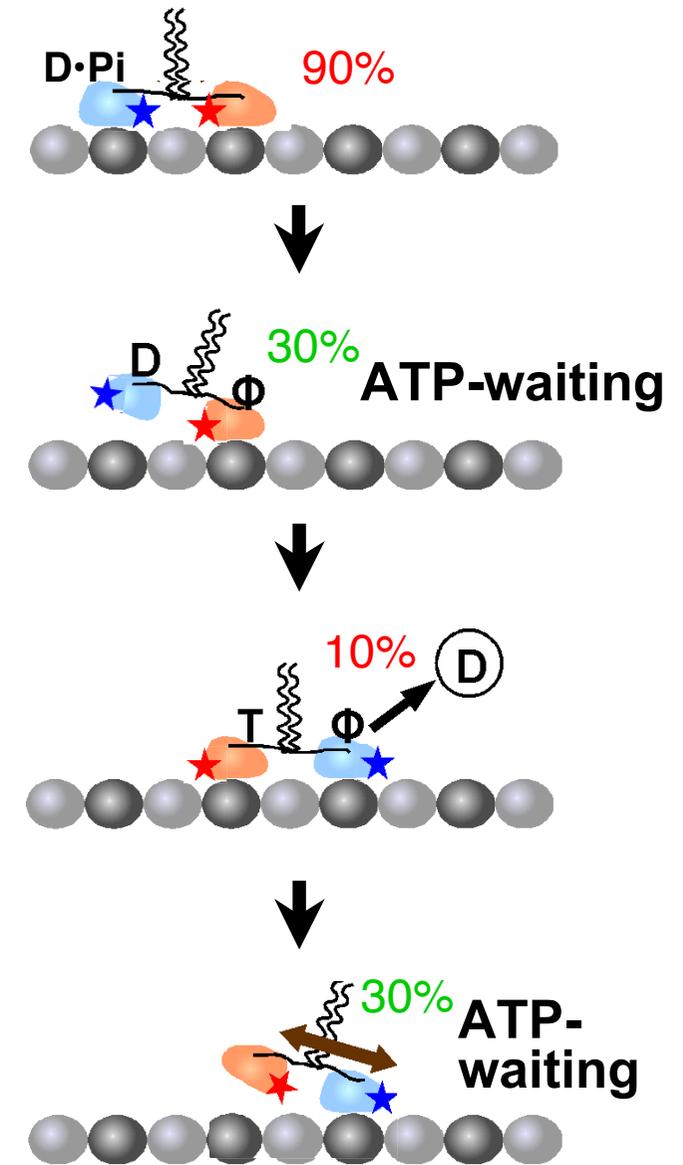
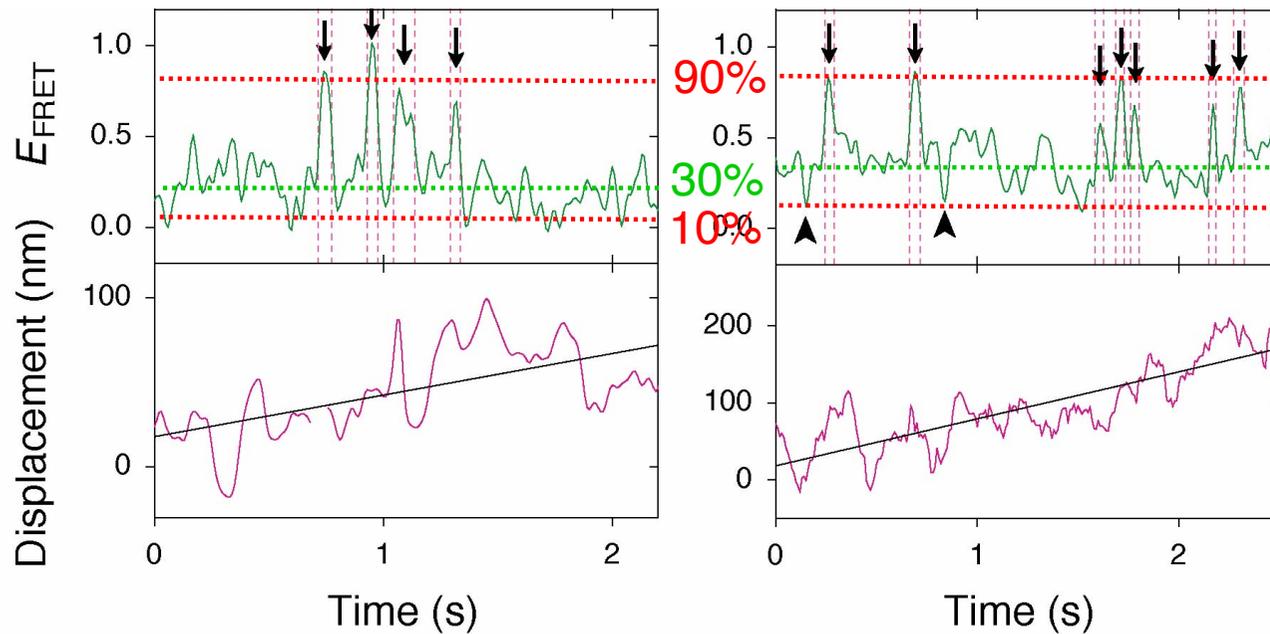
Donor/acceptor labeling for head-head FRET



Front-to-rear FRET to distinguish one/two-headed states



At low ATP (where ATP-binding is rate-limiting), kinesin spent most of the time in one-head-bound state



Mori et al, Nature 450, 750 (2007)

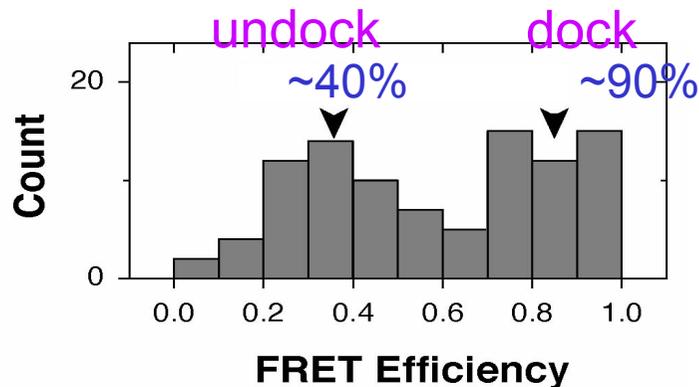
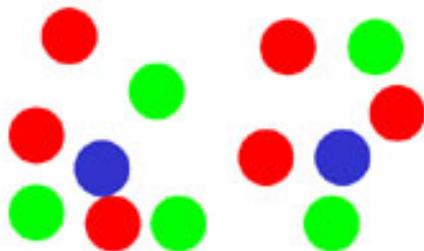
Why “single molecule”?

Advantages against bulk measurements

1) Detection of multiple states

Distribution

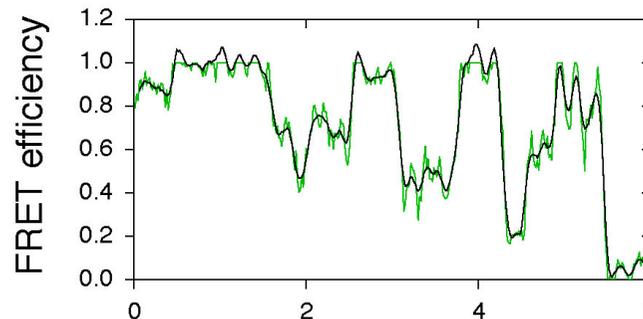
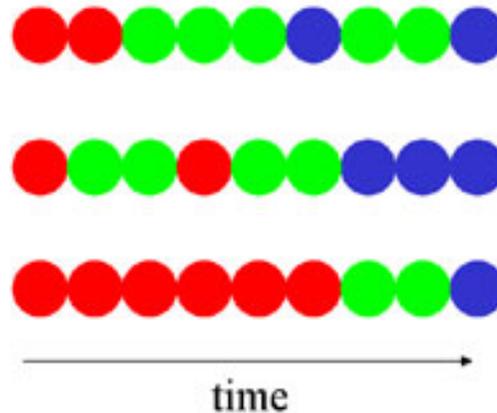
-useful if population is heterogeneous.



2) Transition between states

Time trajectory

-useful if the dynamics is not synchronizable



3) Select specific molecules

Active,
MT bound
doubly labeled
motor

4) Directly linking
the function and
structure