

Active Assembly of Dynamic and Adaptable Materials

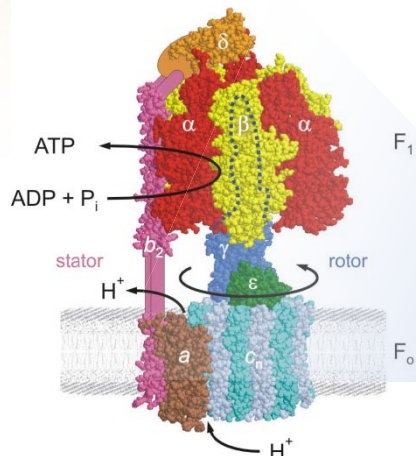
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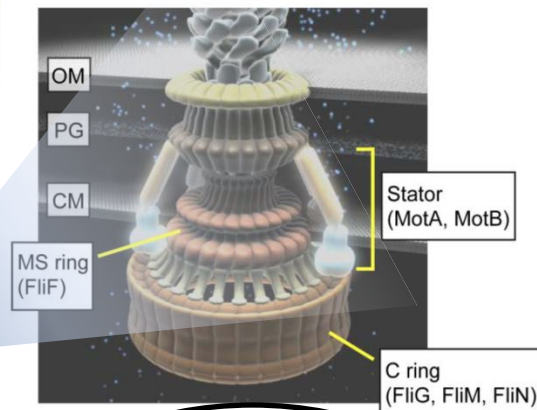
Molecular Motors/Machines in Cells

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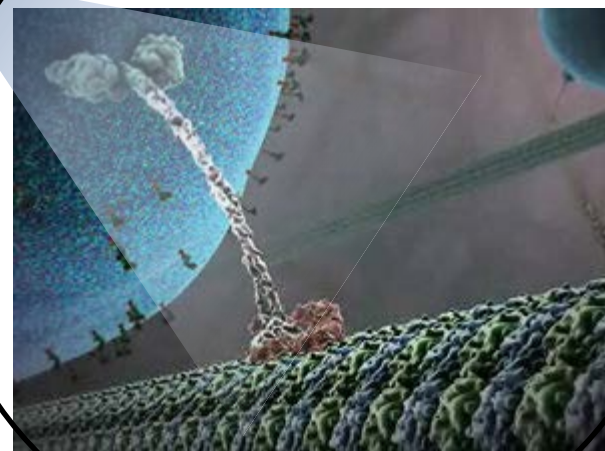
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Actuators



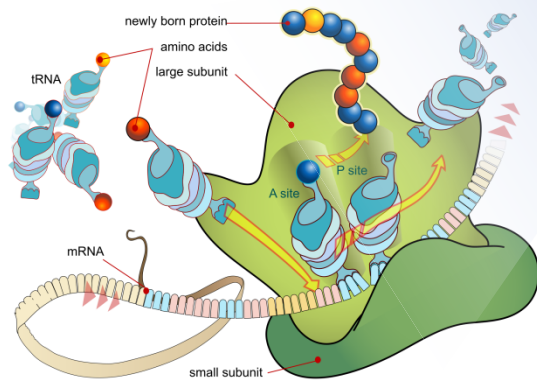
Morimoto & Minamino *Biomolecules* 4, 217 (2014)

Intracellular Transporters



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Molecular Assemblers



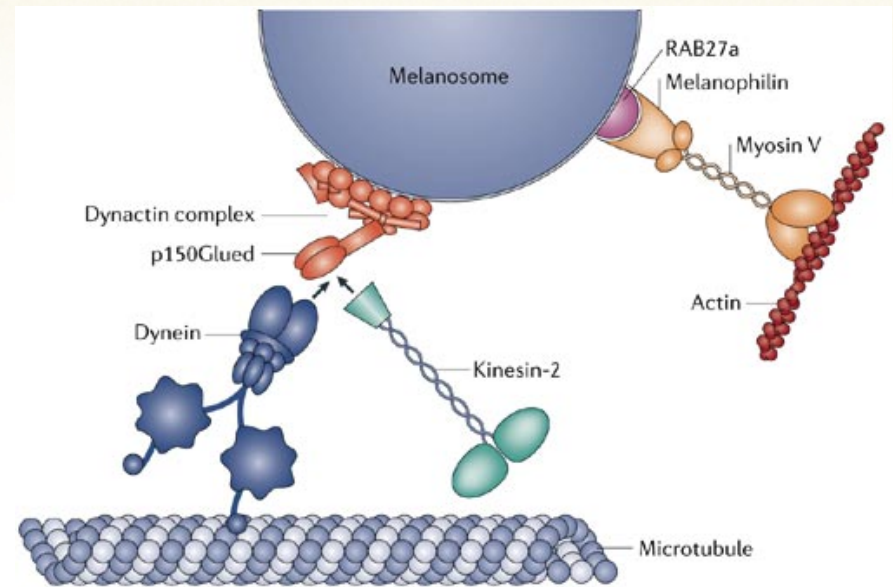
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Active Transport & Multiscale Phenomena



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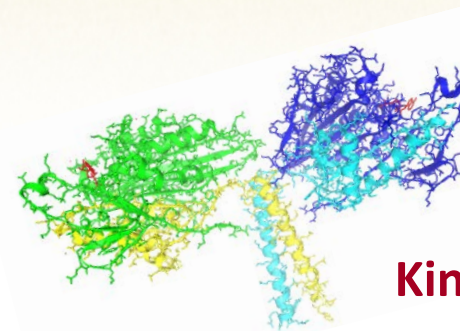
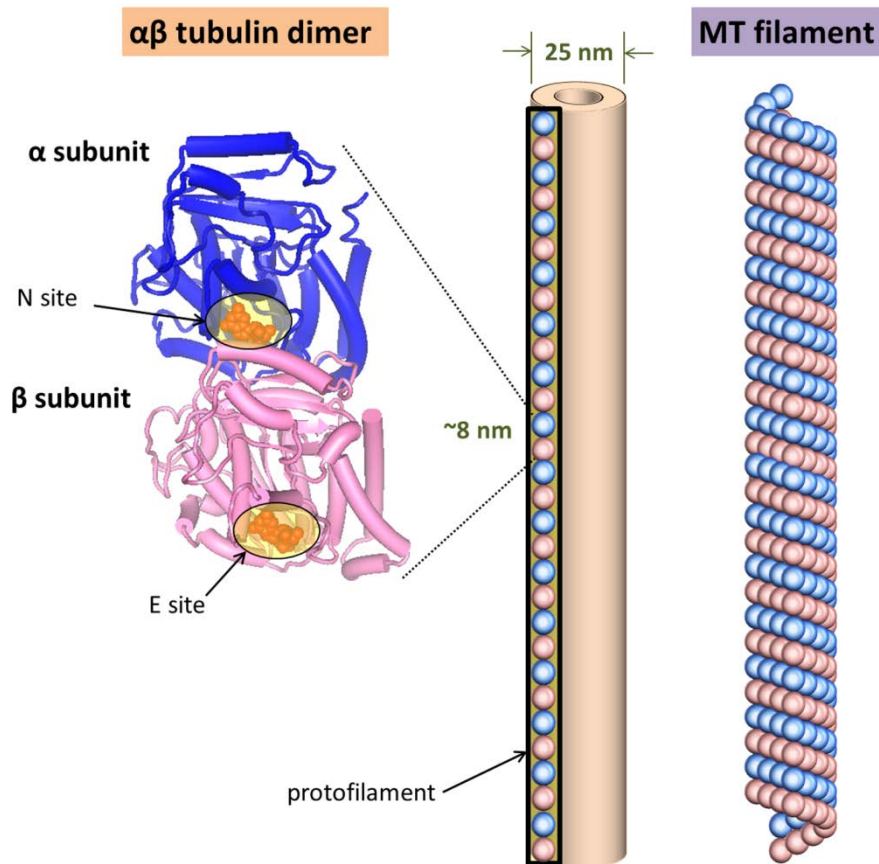
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Project goal: to understand how nature's biomolecular machines dynamically assemble materials across multiple lengths scales, and to apply these principles and components in hybrid or composite materials whose assembly and organization can be "self-directed" or autonomously responsive to stimuli



Active Transport Proteins

Microtubules (MTs)



Kinesin Motors

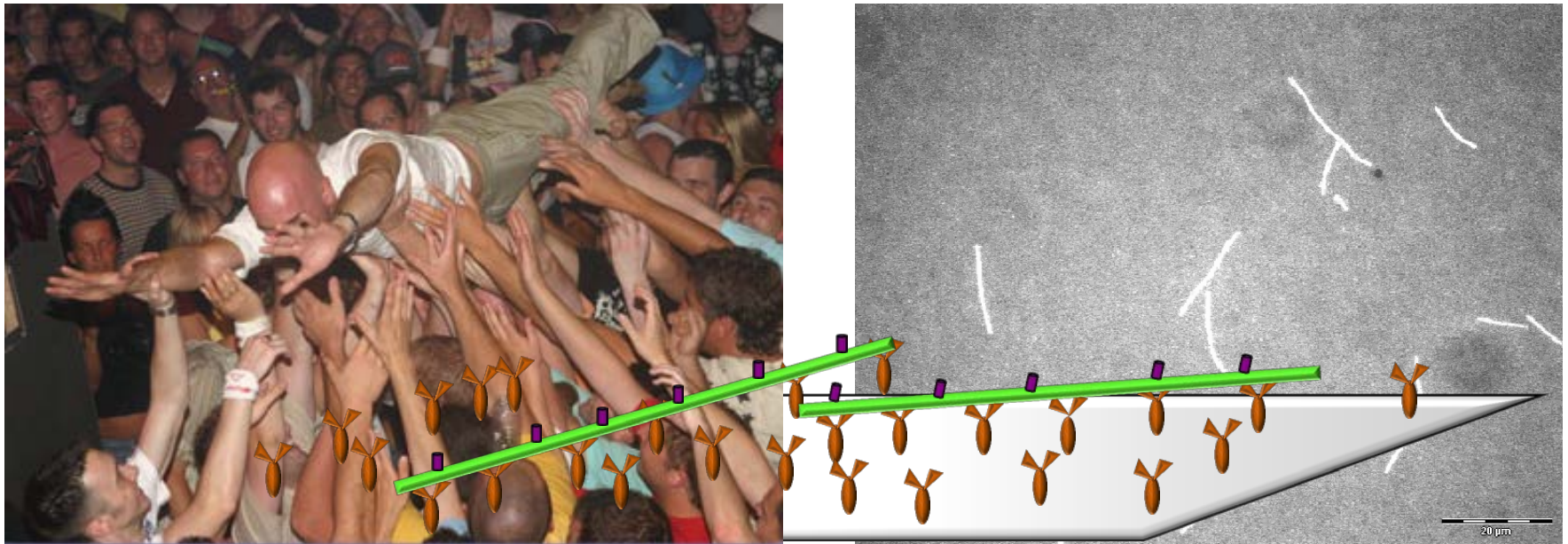
- Dimeric protein
- Consumes adenosine triphosphate (ATP) to produce mechanical force
- Work = ~ 40 pN \cdot nm; Efficiency = $\sim 50\%$
- “Walks” along MTs in 8-nm steps
- Transport velocity = $0.5 - 12$ $\mu\text{m}/\text{sec}$

- Consumes guanosine triphosphate (GTP)
- Forces of 40 pN (polymerization) & -15 pN depolymerization

Ex vivo Kinesin Biomolecular Machines

A minimalistic system can be assembled from:

- Solid surface
 - Kinesin motor proteins
 - Biotinylated microtubules
- Transport @ ~750 nm/s, forces >100s pN, near infinite range, angled cargo



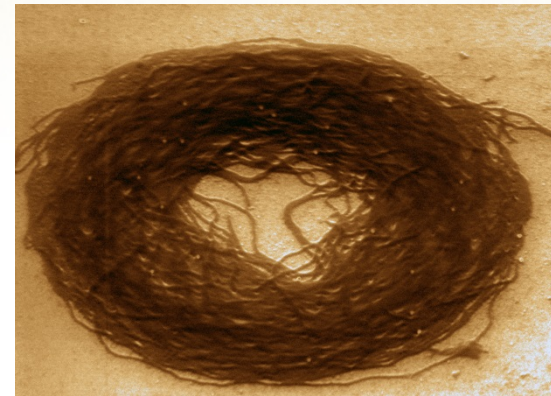
How can the energy-dissipative nature of these machines exploited to dynamically assemble hybrid/composite materials?



Outline

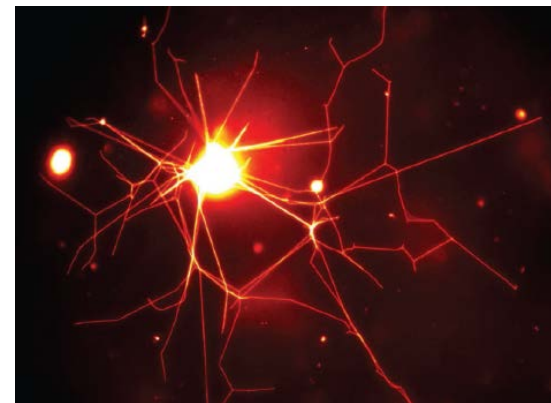
I. DSA of Nanocomposite Rings

- Background
- Mechanism of Assembly
- Regulating Ring Properties

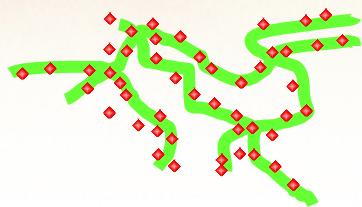


II. DSA of Lipid and Polymer Nanotube Networks

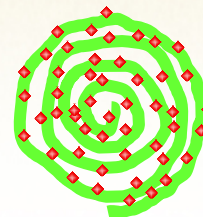
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- Lipid Nanotube Networks
- Polymer Nanotube Networks
- Transport on Nanotubes
- Conclusions & Future Work



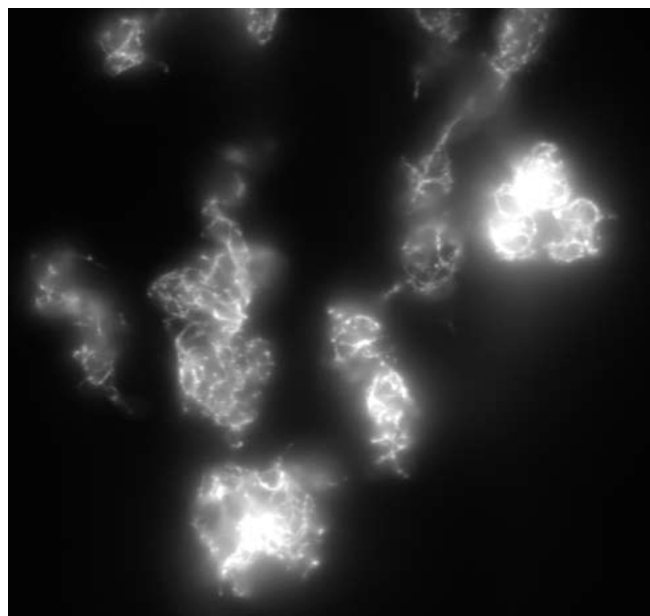
DSA of Nanocomposite Rings



Streptavidin-QDs +
biotinylated MTs



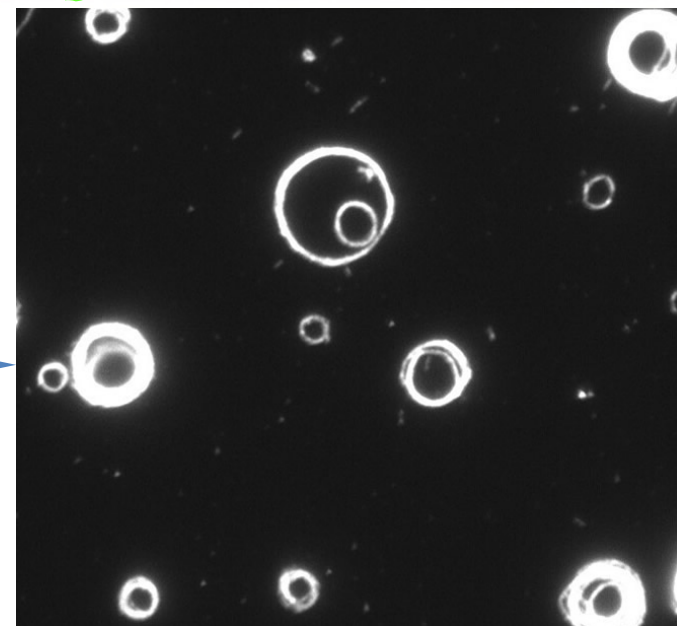
Streptavidin-QDs +
gliding biotinylated MTs



Randomly assembled MTs and
QDs (equilibrium)

Energy dissipation
via ATP hydrolysis

~50 kJ/mol ATP

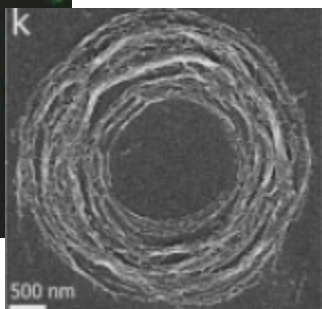
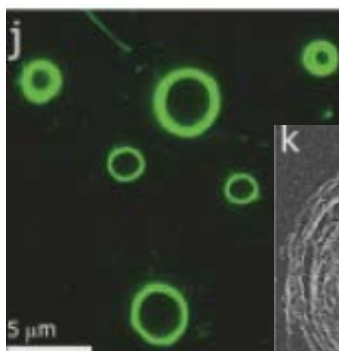
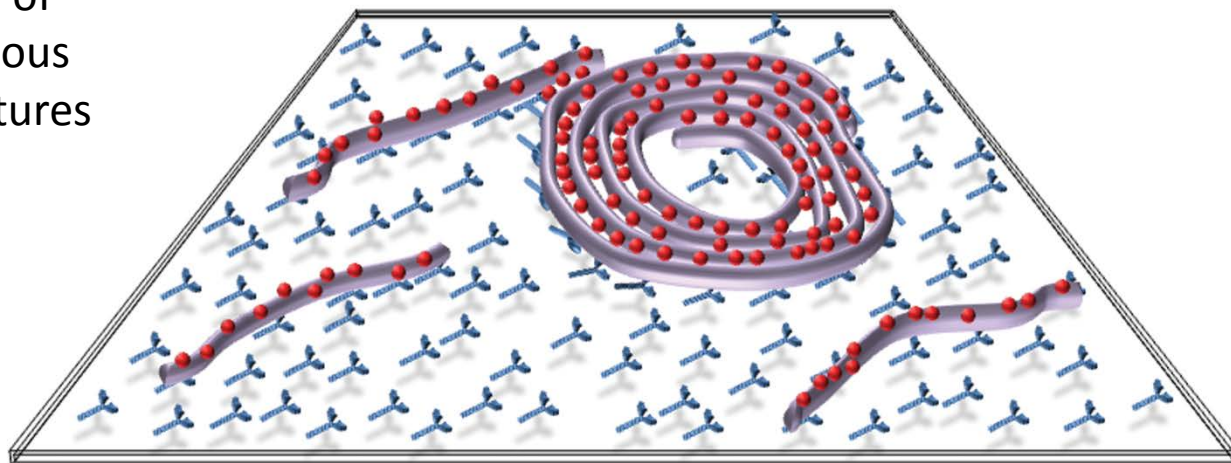
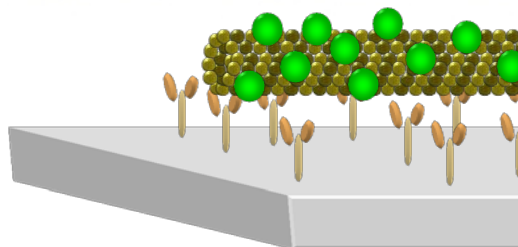


Actively assembled MTs and
QDs (+ work)

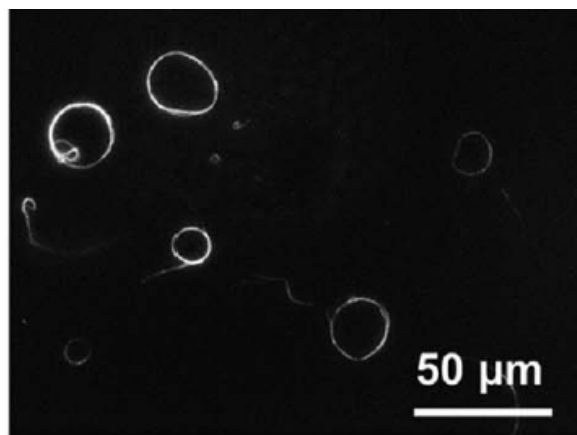
chemical energy → mechanical work → active assembly

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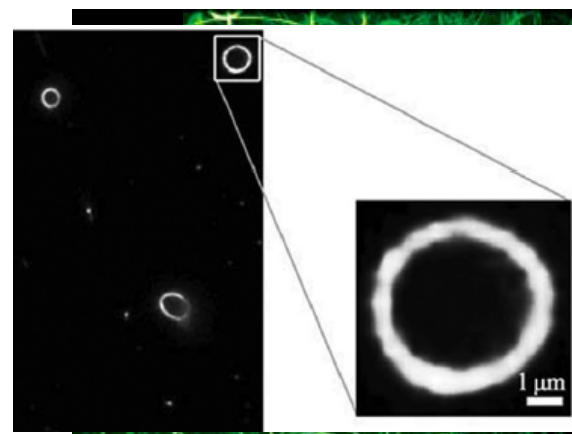
Collective reorganization of the addition of Qdots induces the spontaneous DSA of ring composite structures



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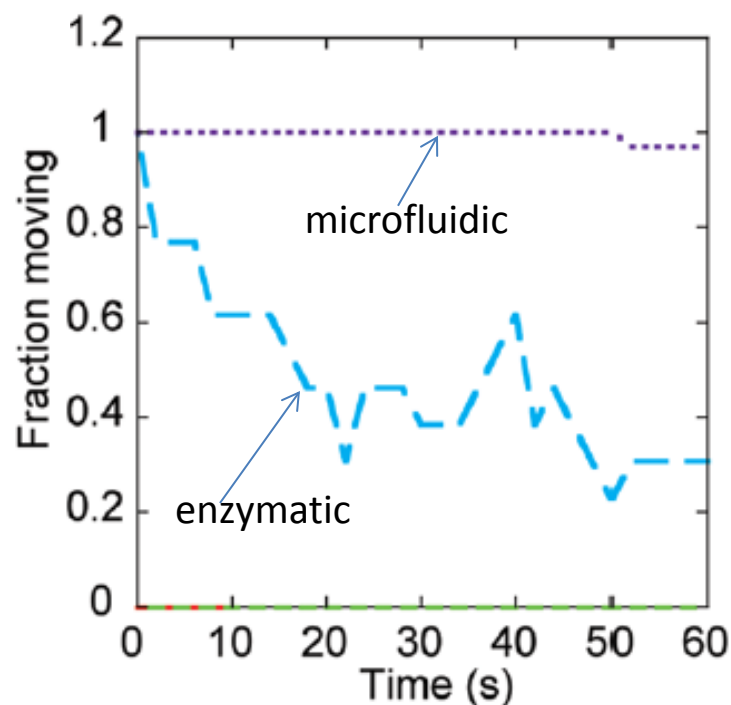
Mechanisms proposed, but not well-characterized (effects from ROS and photodamage)



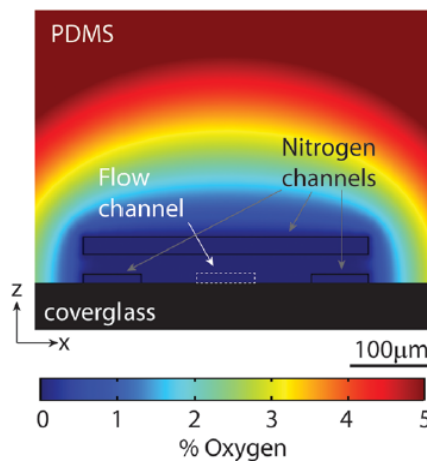
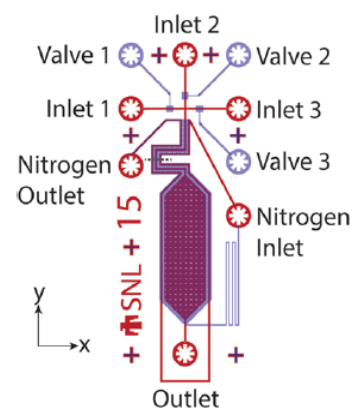
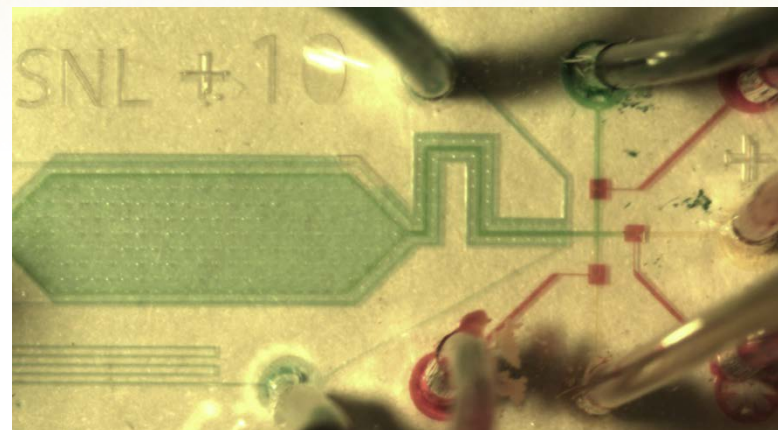
DSA of Nanocomposite Rings

Motor function and/or MT structure damaged by ROS generated during imaging

Microfluidic deoxygenation



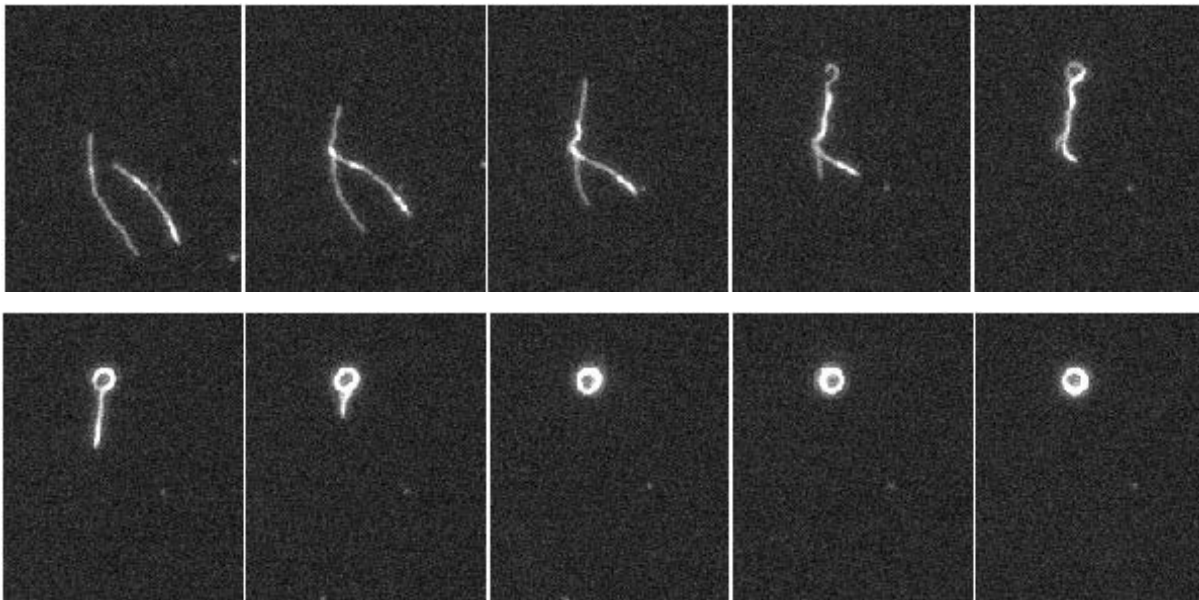
Device enables characterization of DSA without adverse effects due to dye excitation



DSA of Nanocomposite Rings

Three mechanisms were observed with differing frequency and resulting ring structures.

Pinning

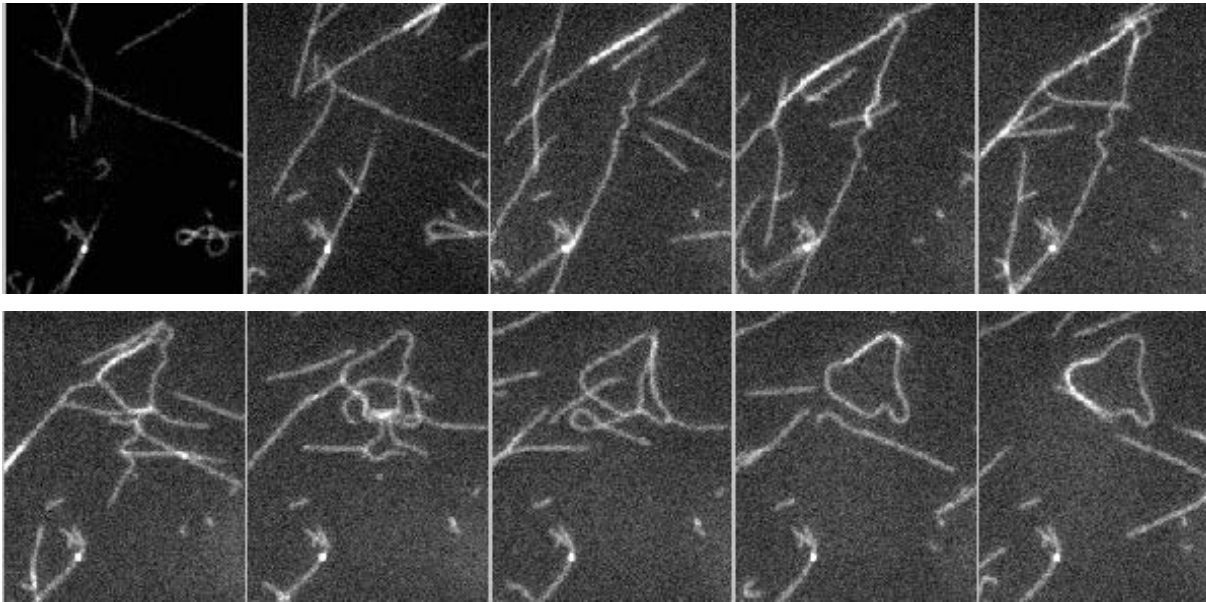


- Occurs when leading tip encounters inactive motor
- Results in ring w/ small inner diameter ($<3 \mu\text{m}$)
- Rarely observed when ROS are removed

DSA of Nanocomposite Rings

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Collisions



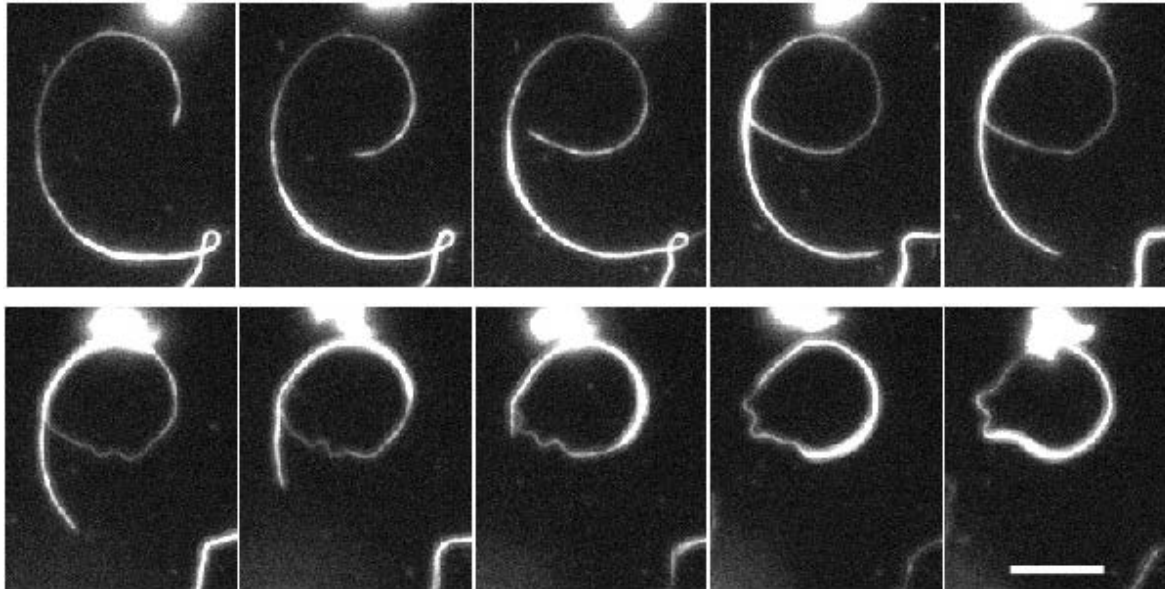
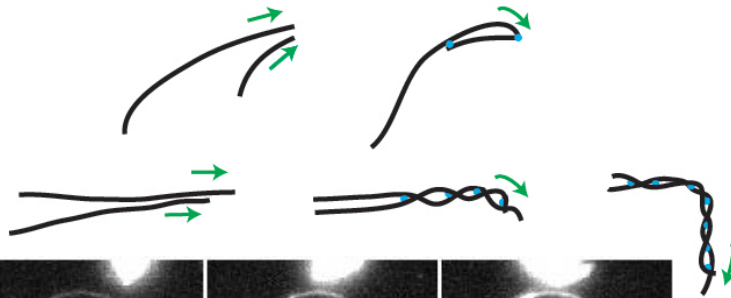
- Primary mechanism of ring DSA
- Strongly dependent on MT surface density
- Results in rings w/ intermediate inner diameters (3 - 8 μm)

DSA of Nanocomposite Rings

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Frozen in curvature

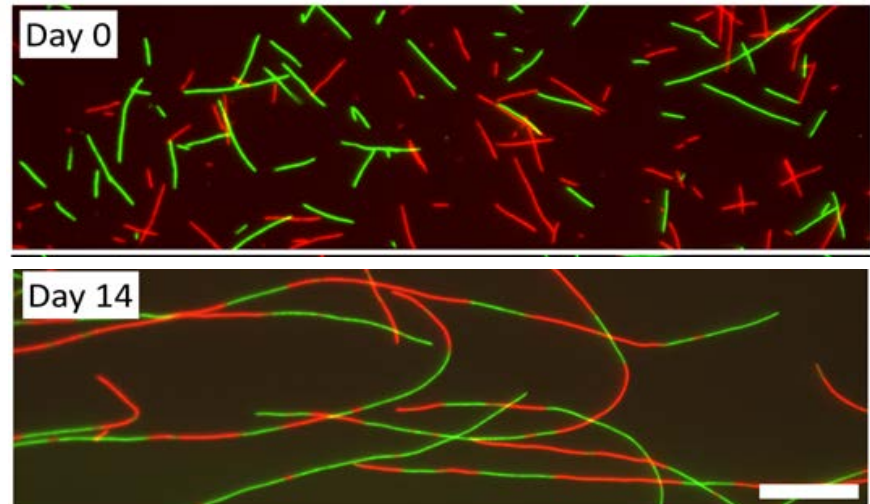
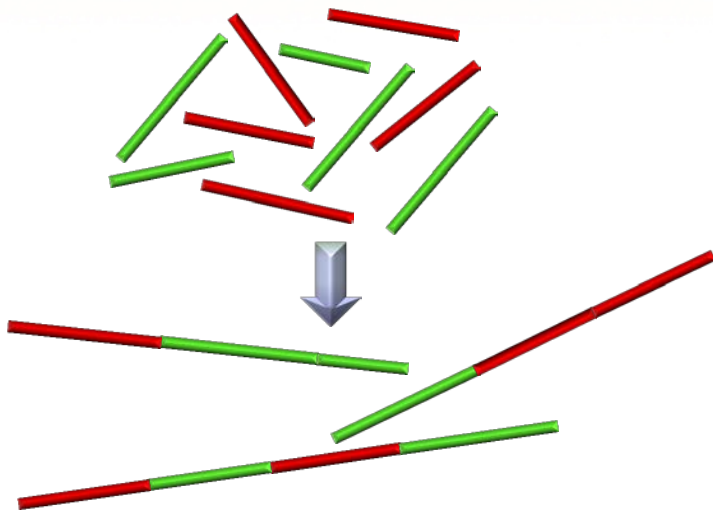
Coiling



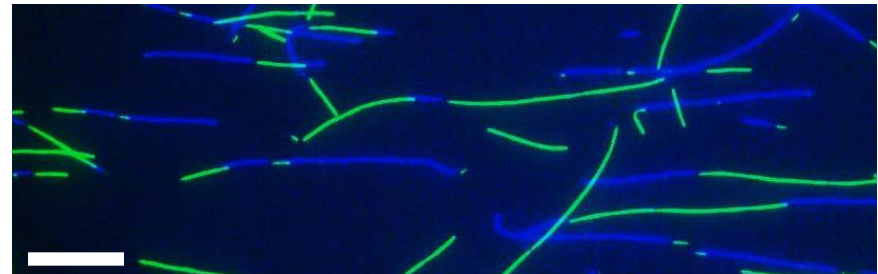
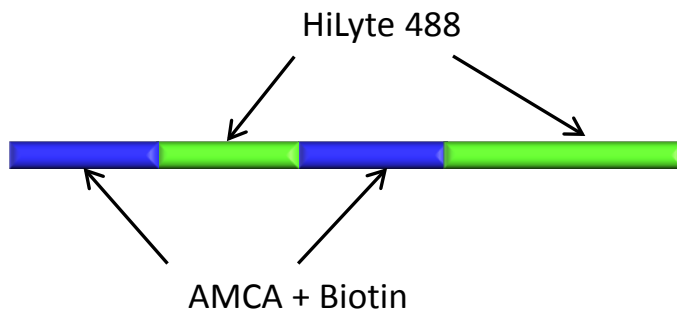
- Twisted and/or kinked domain – induced curvature
- Results in ring w/ large inner diameter ($>8\ \mu\text{m}$)

Regulating Ring Properties – Building Blocks

Head-to-tail assembly of MTs → permits the production of segmented MT building blocks with varying functionality, lengths, and frequency.



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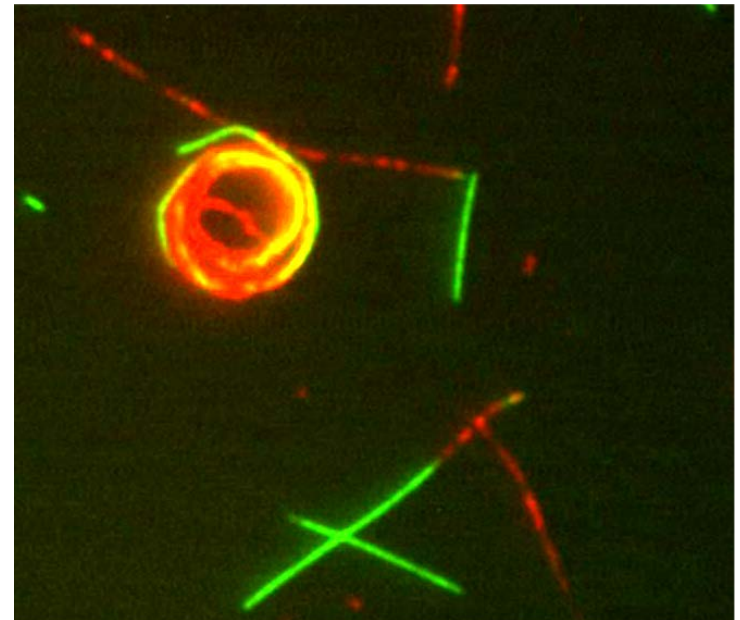
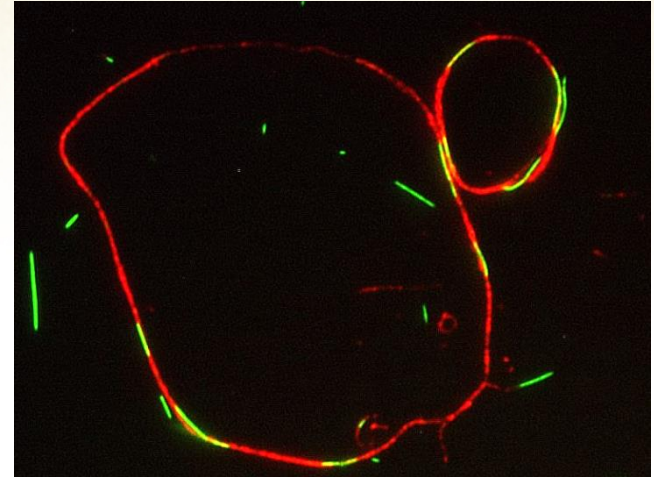
How will segmentation affect DSA of rings?



Changing Ring Building Blocks

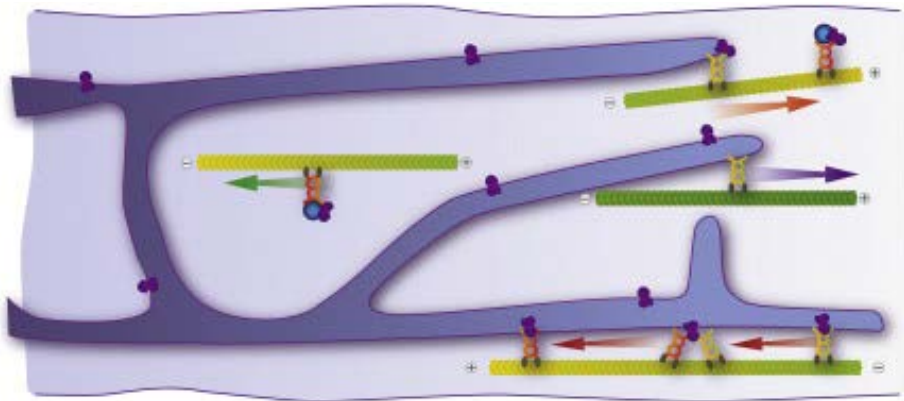
Segmented MT building blocks dynamically assemble into composite rings that display similar and unique behaviors:

- Rings form through all three mechanisms
- Rings with similar morphology and size
- Rings incorporate and maintain non-biotinylated segments of MT building blocks
- Shearing – primarily QD carrying section break upon collision
- Incorporation of MTs lacking biotin (transiently and stably)
- Unspooling – removal of QD carrying section



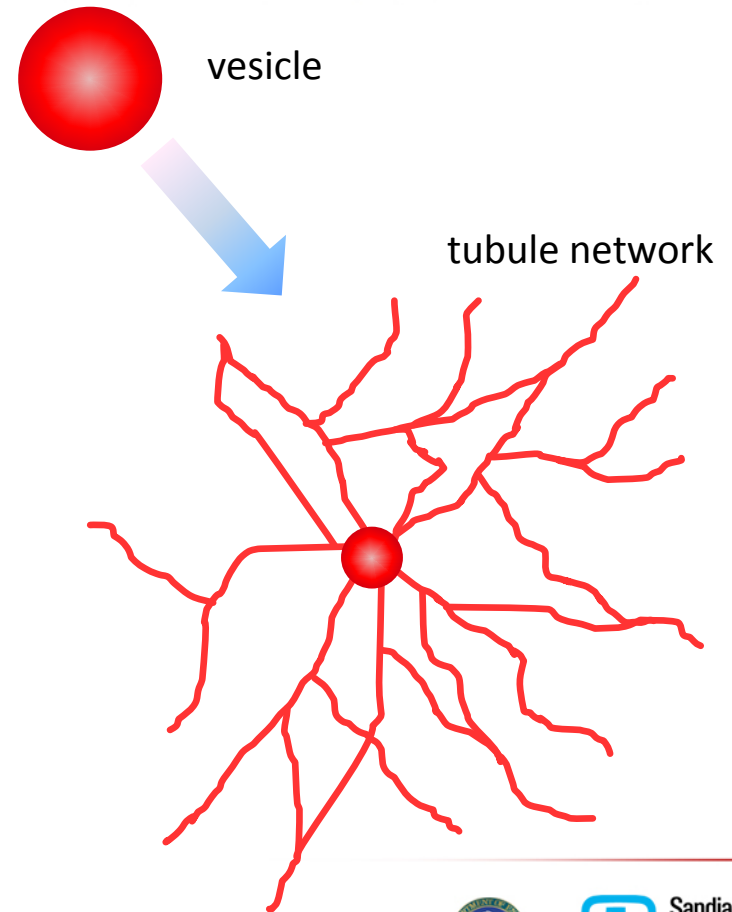
DSA of Lipid & Polymer Nanotube Networks

Energy-dissipative, active transport drives the dynamic assembly and reorganization of lipid-based organelles into complex structures such as the endoplasmic reticulum (ER) and Golgi apparatus.



Valenzuela et al. (2011) *Mol. Cell. Neurosci.*, 48, 269

Can biomolecular motors dynamically assemble complex lipid structures *ex vivo*?



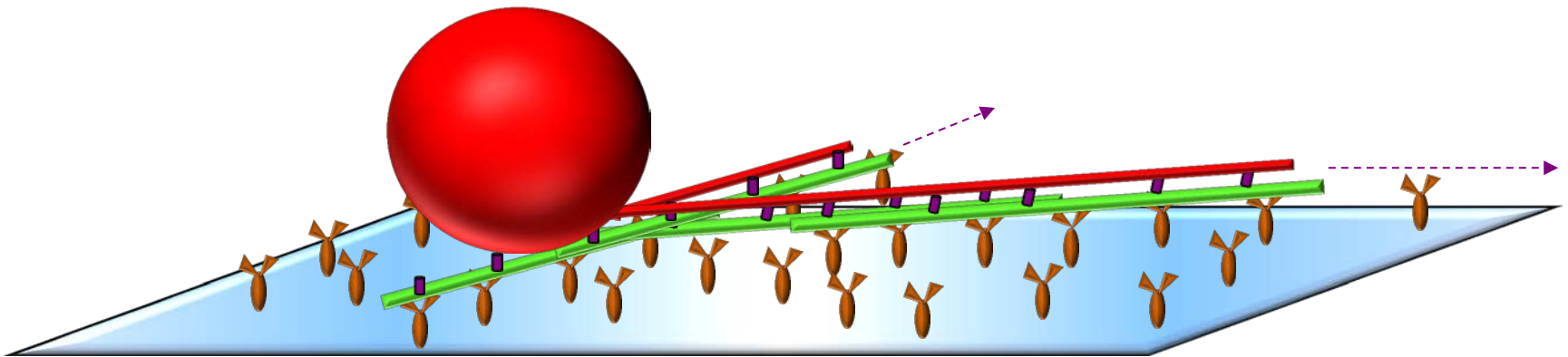
A Synthetic System for Creating Lipid Networks

A minimalistic system can be assembled from:

- Inverted kinesin motility
- Biotinylated microtubules
- Streptavidin bridge
- Biotinylated lipid vesicle

Multilamellar, single type of lipid,
supply of “source materials”

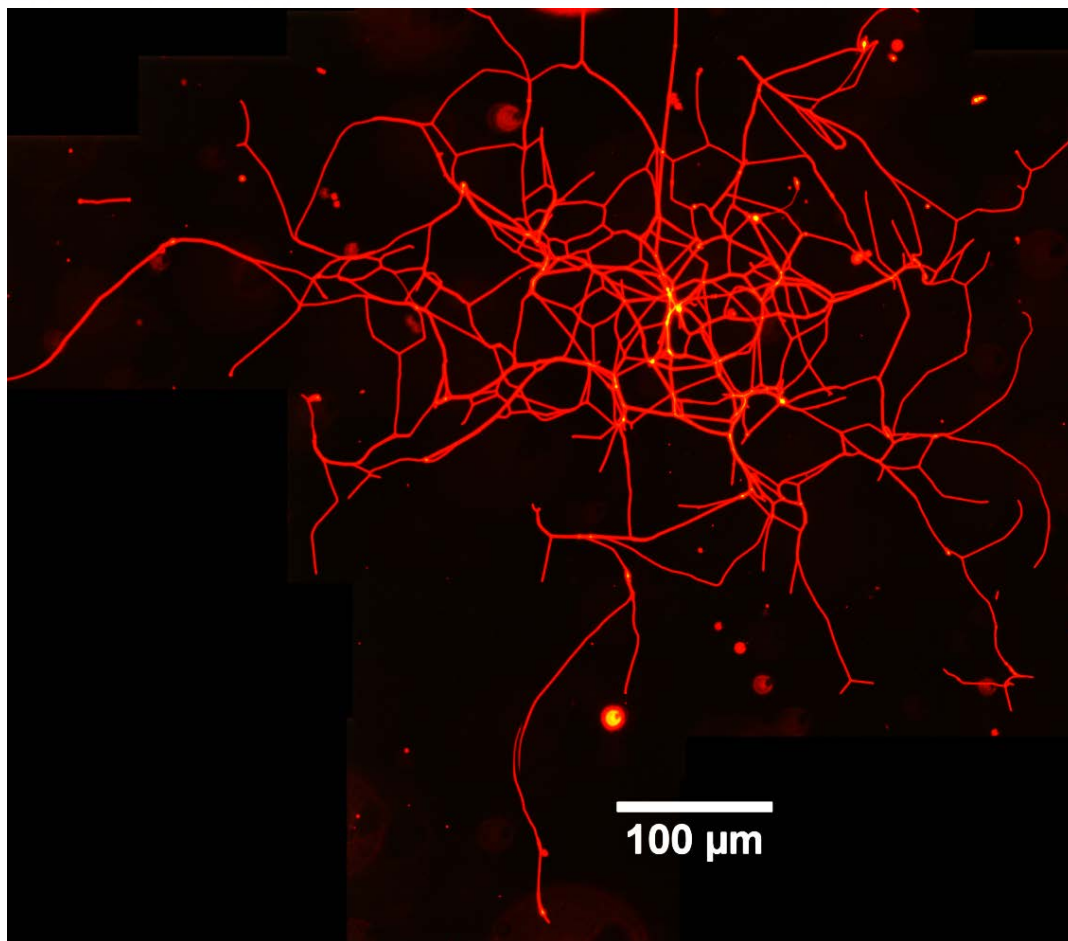
microtubule motility → dynamic tug-of-war → lipid nanotube formation



Transport, Nanotube and Network Formation

Motor protein-based transport enables DSA of multiscale networks of lipid nanotubes.

Large, highly bifurcate networks

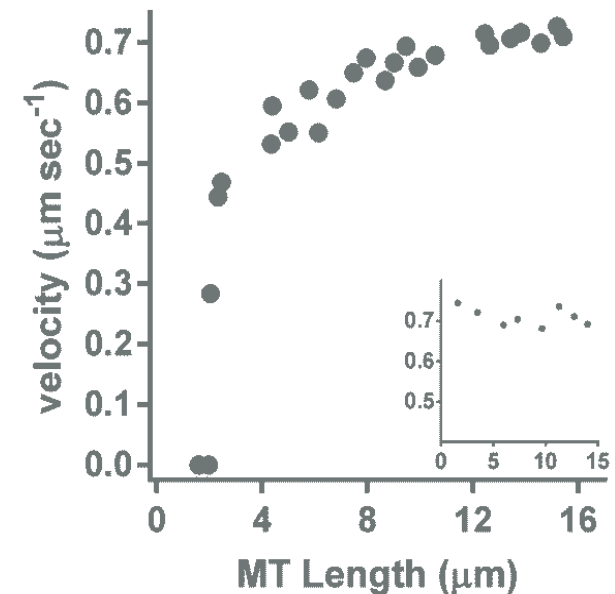
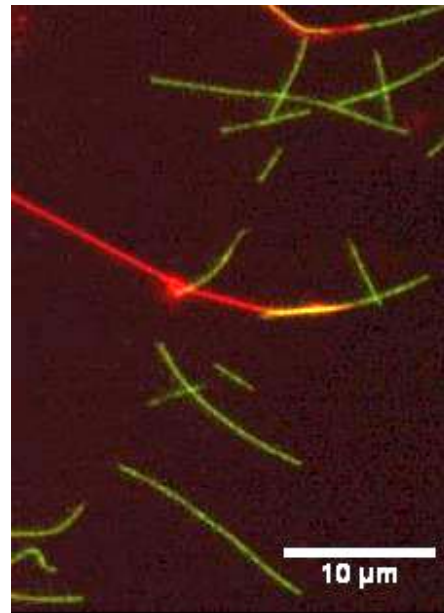
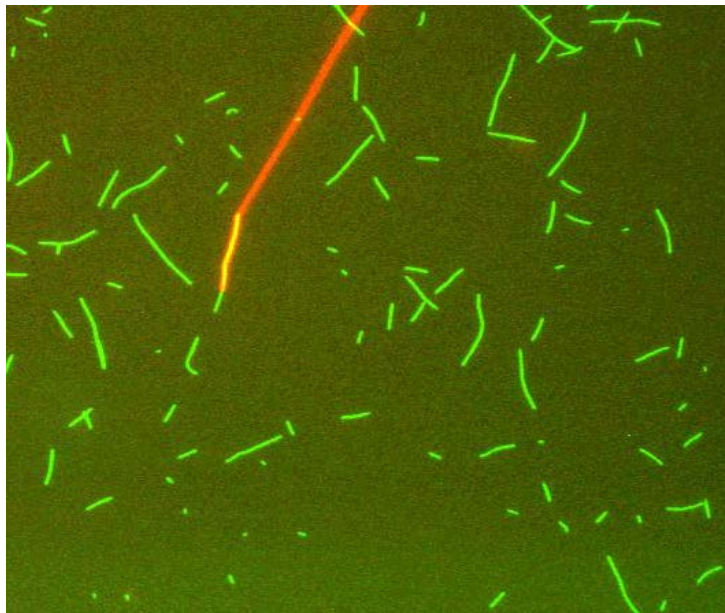


- Total network size >10 mm from a single MLV
- Assembly <15 min
- Self-healing: networks continue growing, shrinking, moving
- Morphology can be altered by surface density of moving MTs

Living Lipid Networks

Collective action of the kinesin motors enables extraction of nanotubes from a variety of lipid phase lipids.

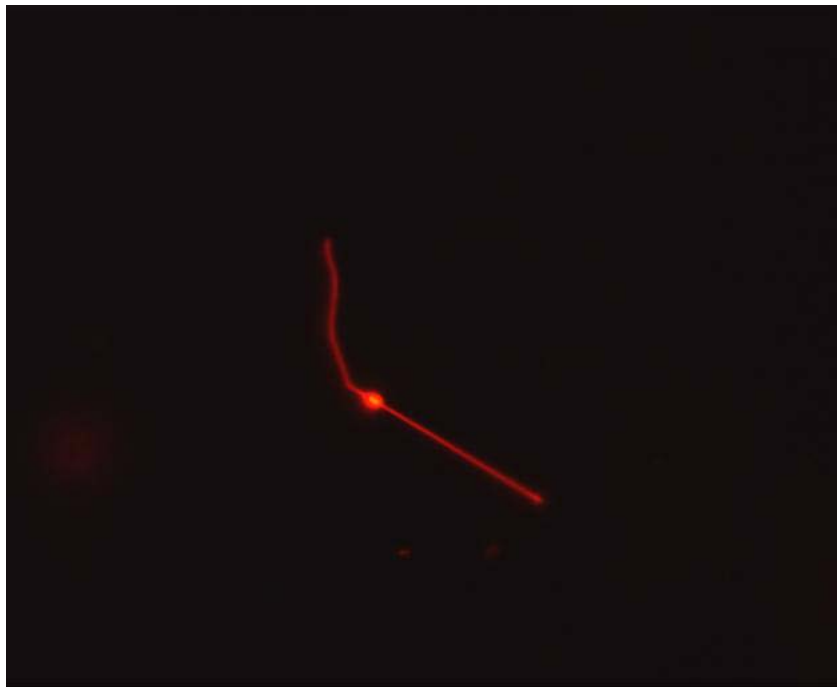
- Elongation & bifurcation of lipid nanotubes
- Plucking – sub-critical extraction force
- Velocity of elongation is dependent on MT length



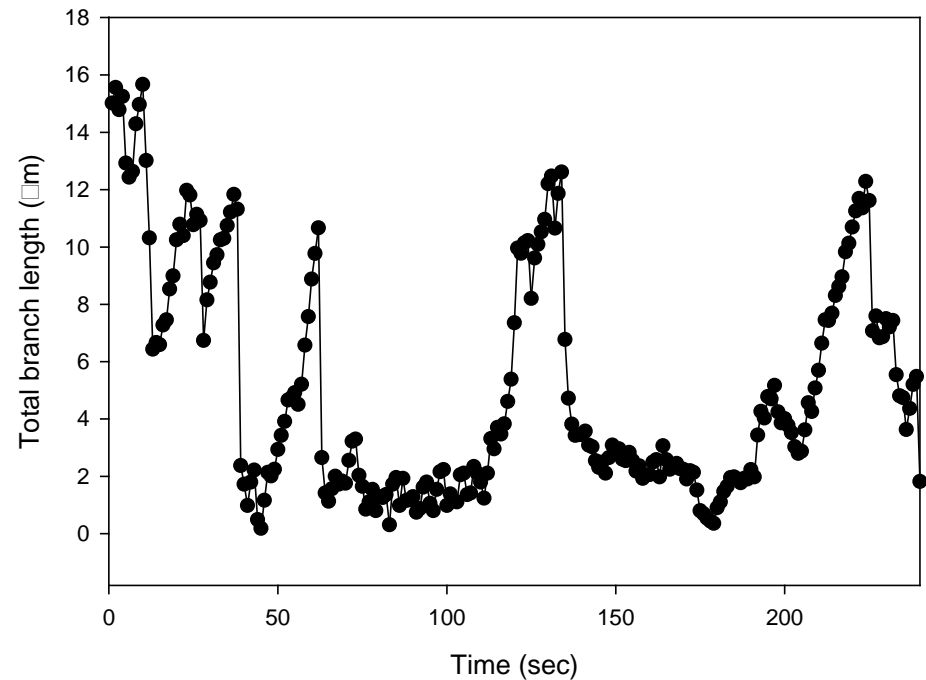
Self-Healing Networks

Dissipation of energy (i.e., motor transport) results in highly dynamic or self-healing networks capable of morphological self-healing:

- Branch collapse – bond rupture
- Action of motors generate new “replacement” nanotube



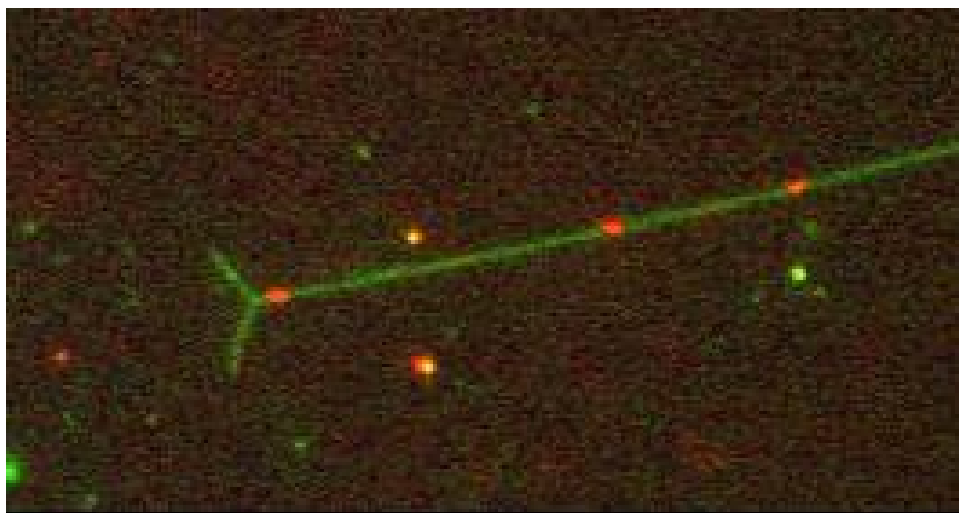
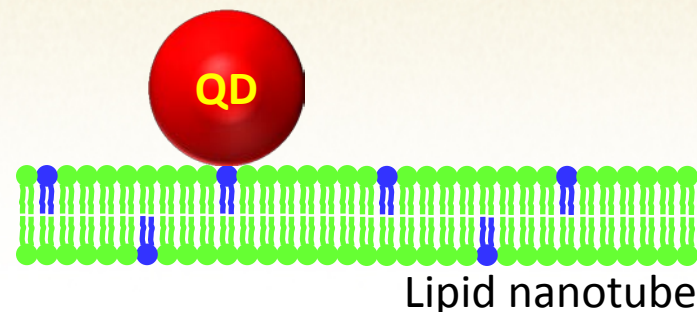
Vesicle = red; MTs = not visible



Materials Transport on Lipid Nanotube Highways

Nanoparticle (red) “surfing” – transport of materials on outer leaflet of lipid nanotubes (green) via thermal motion.

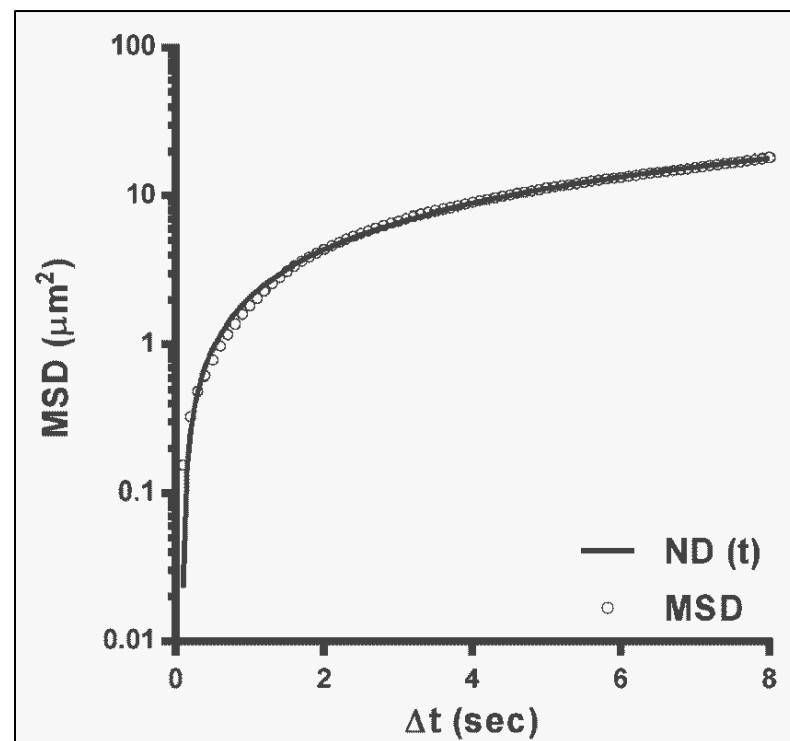
- Fluidity across junctions



Transport – 1D diffusion

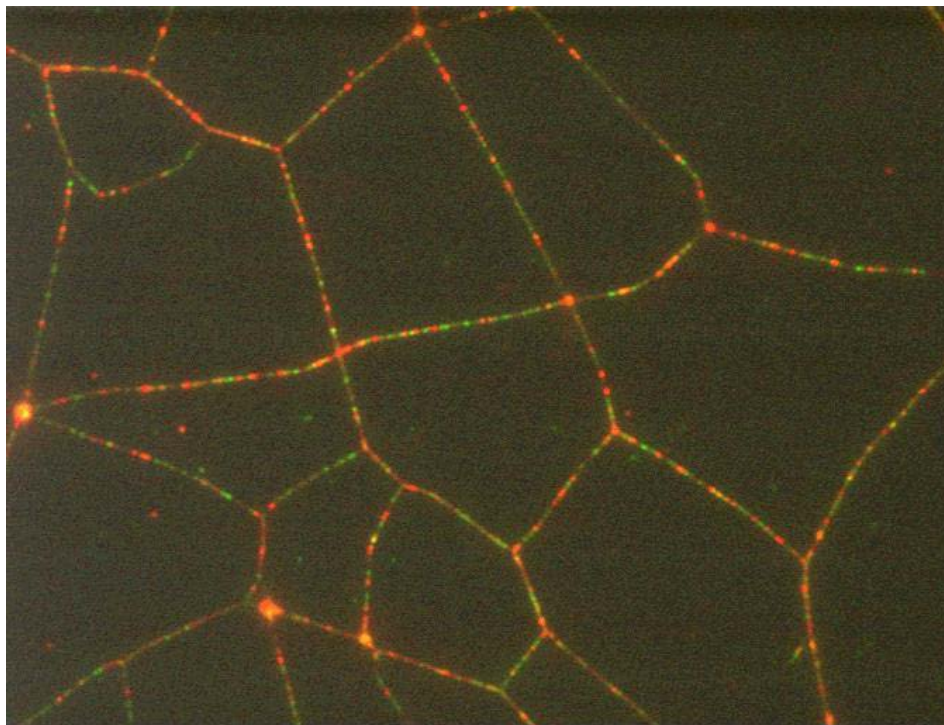
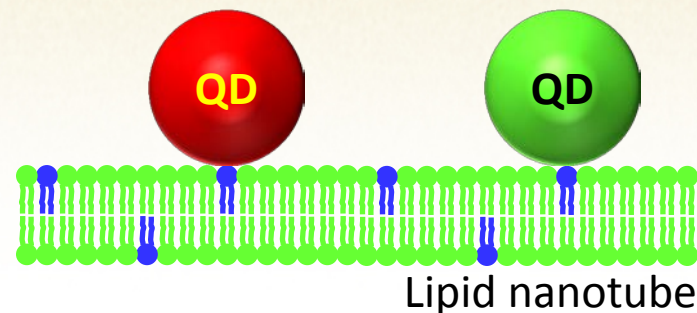
$$D_{QD} = 2.3 \mu\text{m}^2 \text{sec}^{-1}$$

$$(D_{DOPC} = 9.32 \mu\text{m}^2 \text{s}^{-1})$$

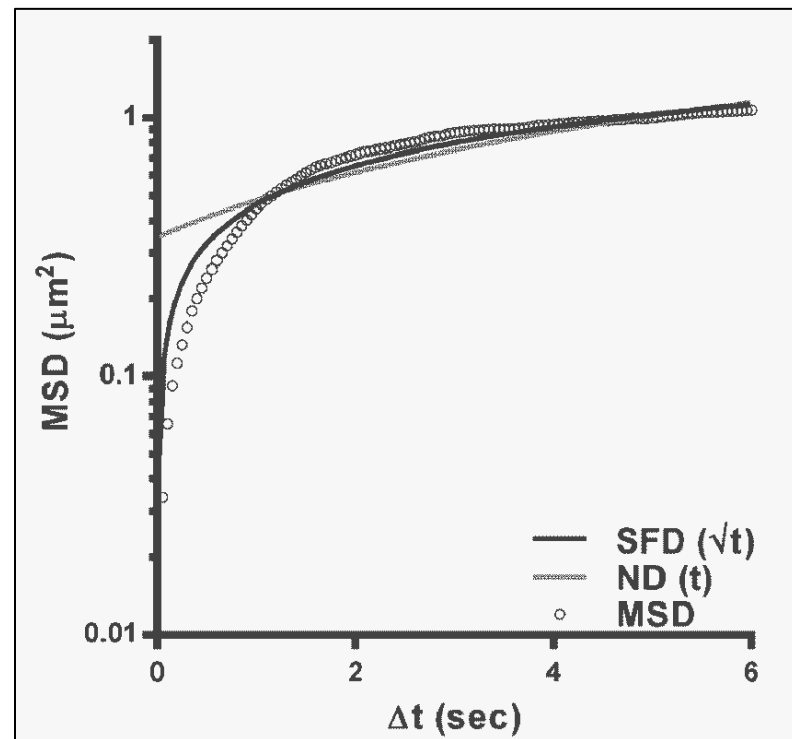


Lipid Nanotube Highways – Effects of Traffic

At high capture densities, nanoparticle surfing experiences significant traffic effects (red and green QDs).



Transport follows single file 1D diffusion
i.e., Qdots cannot pass each other



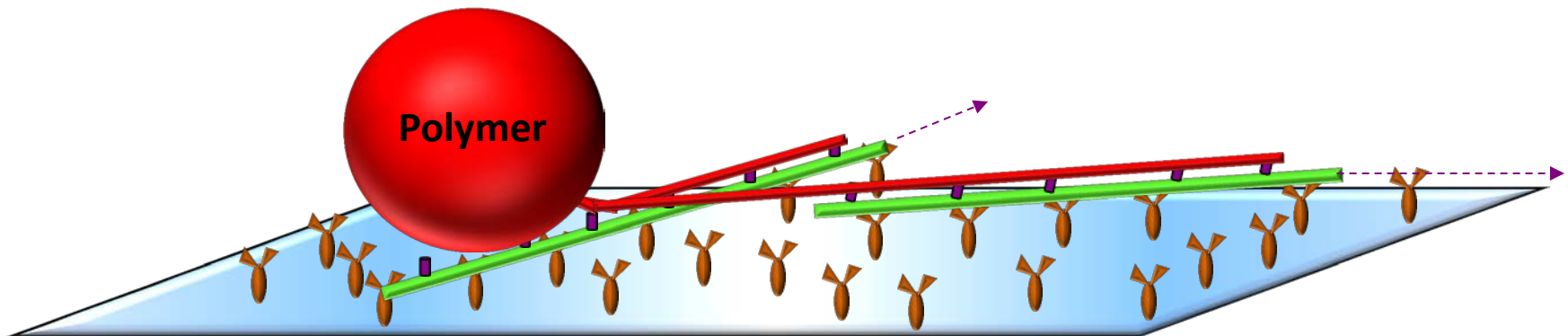
Lipids vs. Polymers

Lipids are inherently unstable, and thus poorly suited for long-lived (i.e., > a few hours) nanofluidic networks for materials transport.

Block copolymers

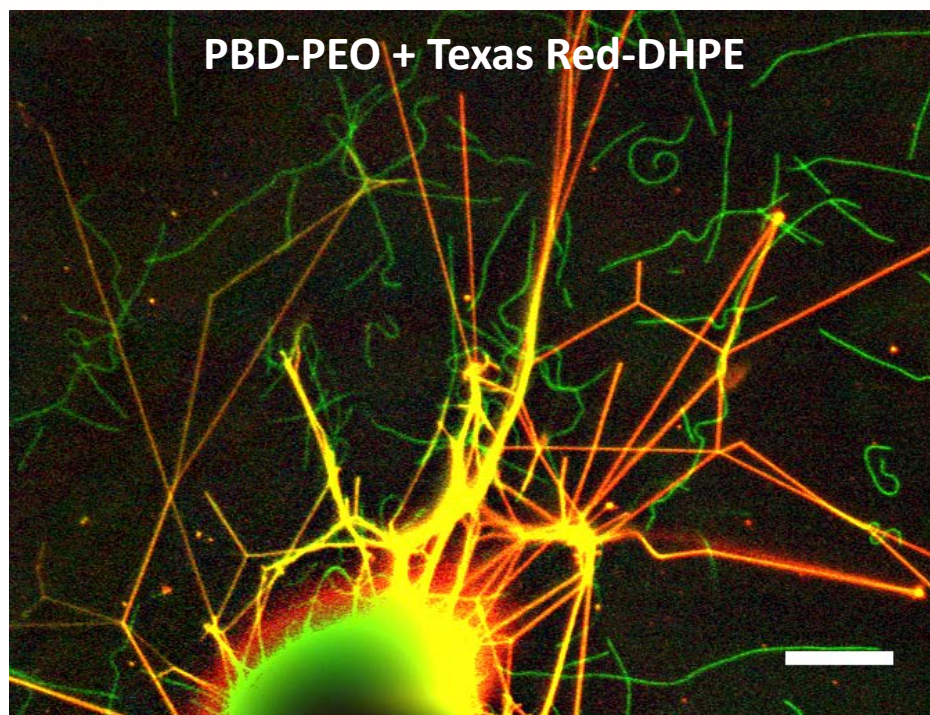
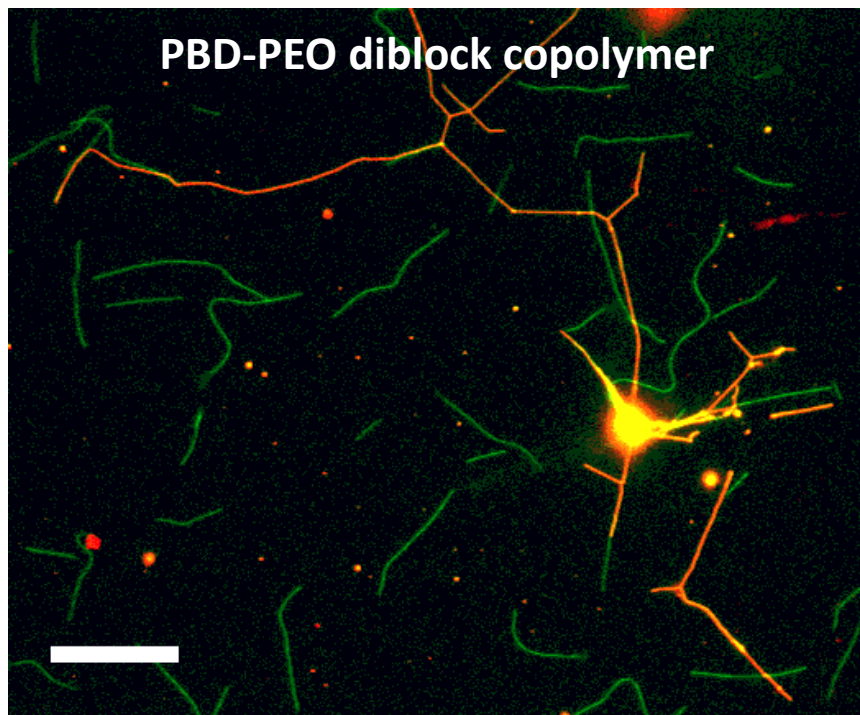
- synthetic analogues of lipid-based materials
- \approx physical behaviors
- \gg stability

Can the collective force from kinesin motors extract nanotubes from polymersomes?



Assembly of Polymer Nanotube Networks

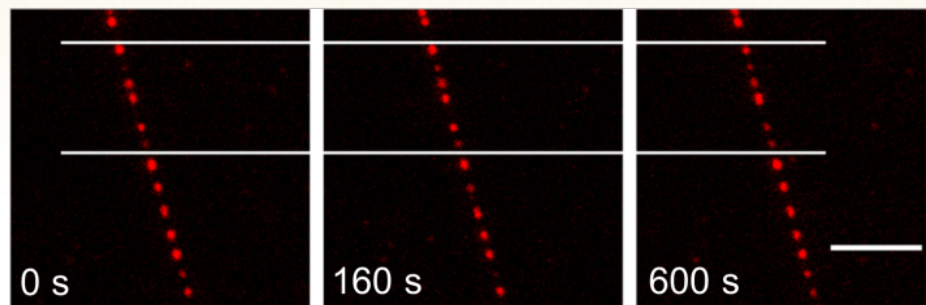
Yes, but...addition of lipid (0.5 mol %) enhances the formation of large extended networks from polymersomes



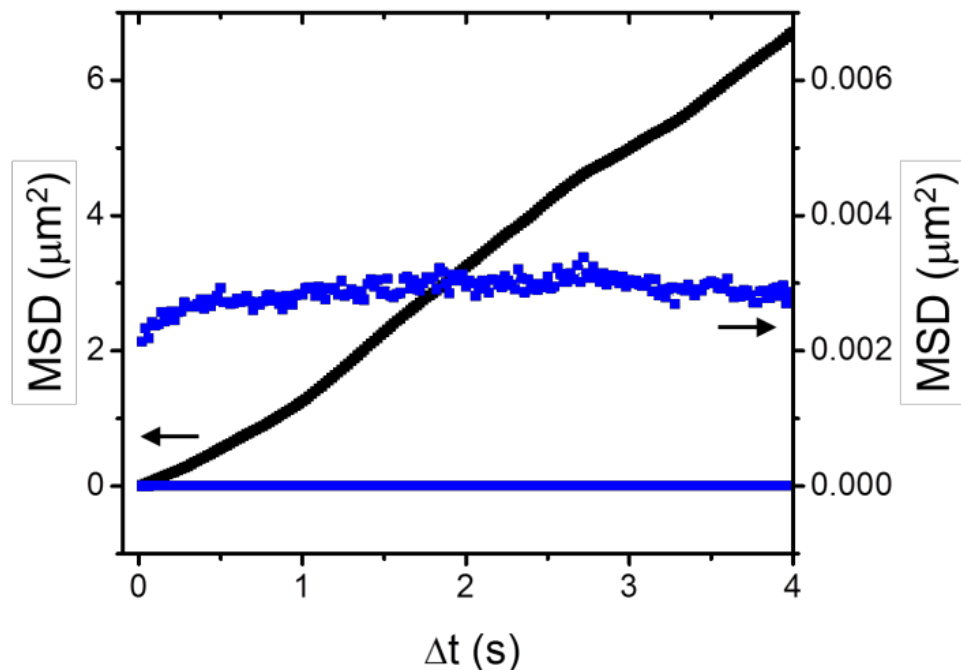
Will polymer nanotubes also support Qdot surfing?

Qdot Surfing Along Polymer Nanotubes

Streptavidin Qdots adhered to polymer nanotubes do not diffuse as previously observed with lipid nanotubes.



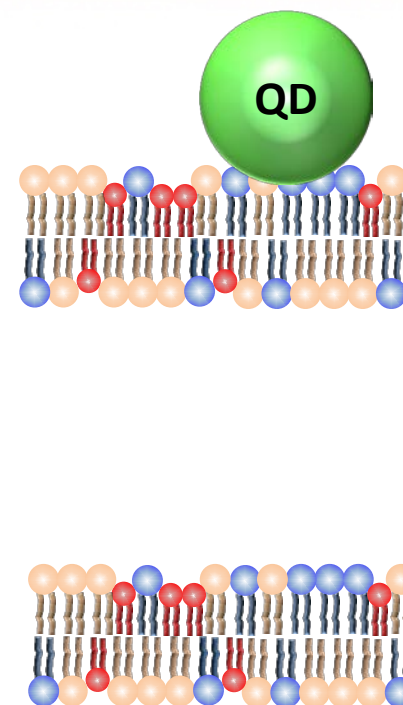
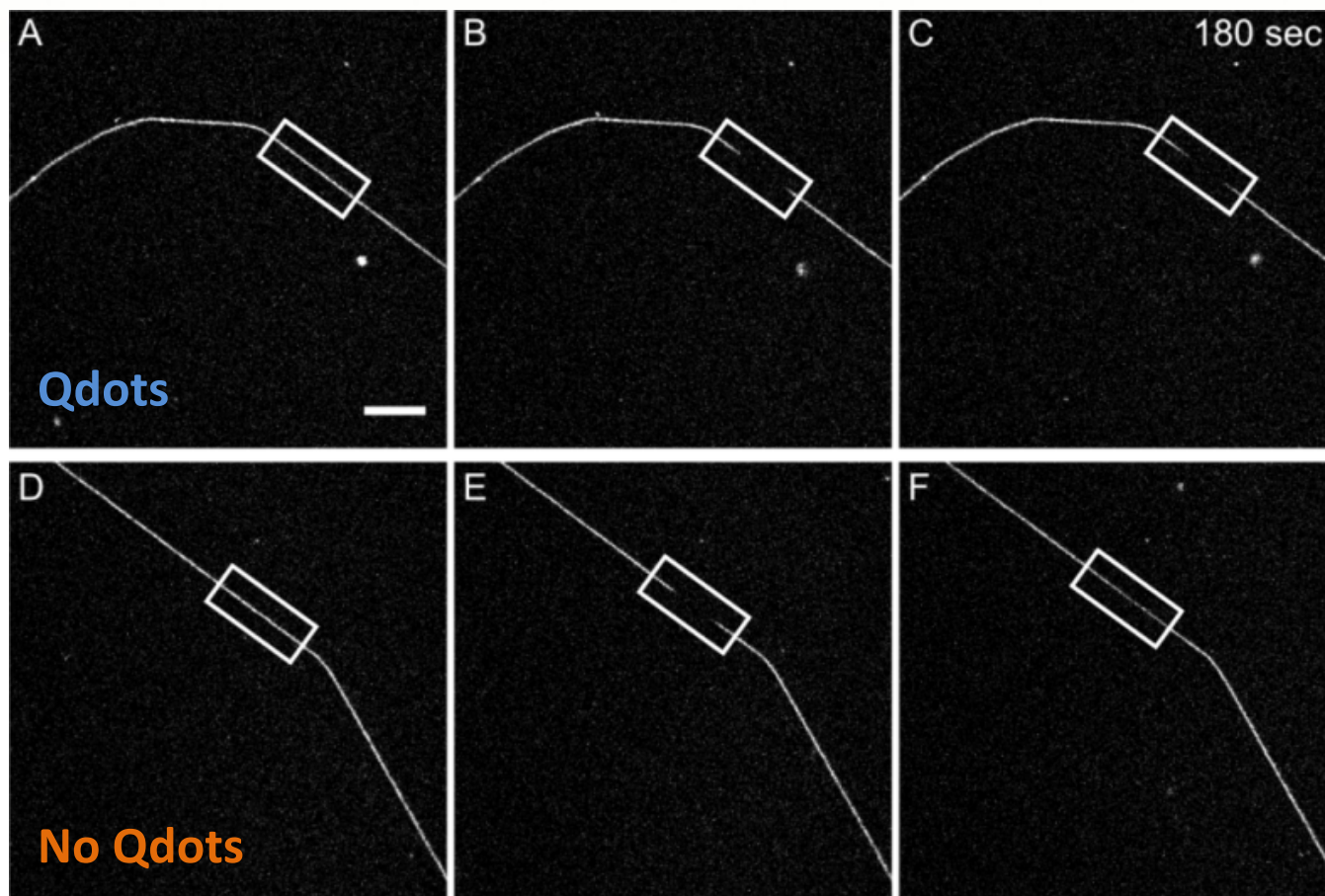
- Black line = MSD of Qdots on **lipid nanotubes**
- Blue line = MSD of Qdots on **polymer nanotubes**
- Blue squares = MSD of Qdots on **polymer nanotubes** (right axis)



Immobile islands of polymer generated by multivalent binding of Qdots to polymers?

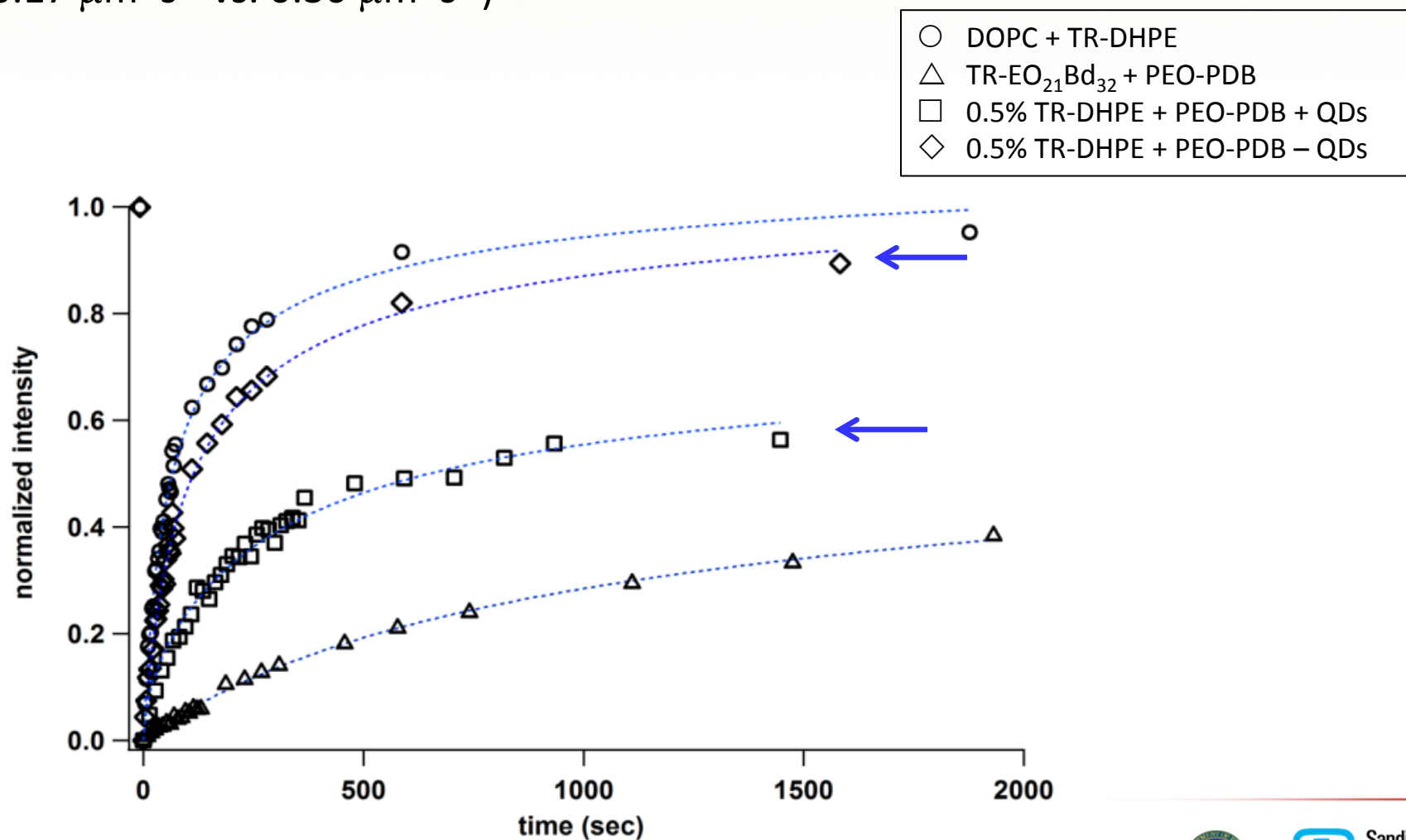
Biomolecular Crosslinking & Mobility

Binding of streptavidin-Qdots to polymer nanotubes alters the diffusivity of the fluorescent lipids, suggesting the formation of larger immobile islands.



Biomolecular Crosslinking & Mobility

Lipid diffusivity $\sim 50\%$ slower when Qdots adhered to polymer nanotubes
($0.17 \mu\text{m}^2 \text{s}^{-1}$ vs. $0.30 \mu\text{m}^2 \text{s}^{-1}$)



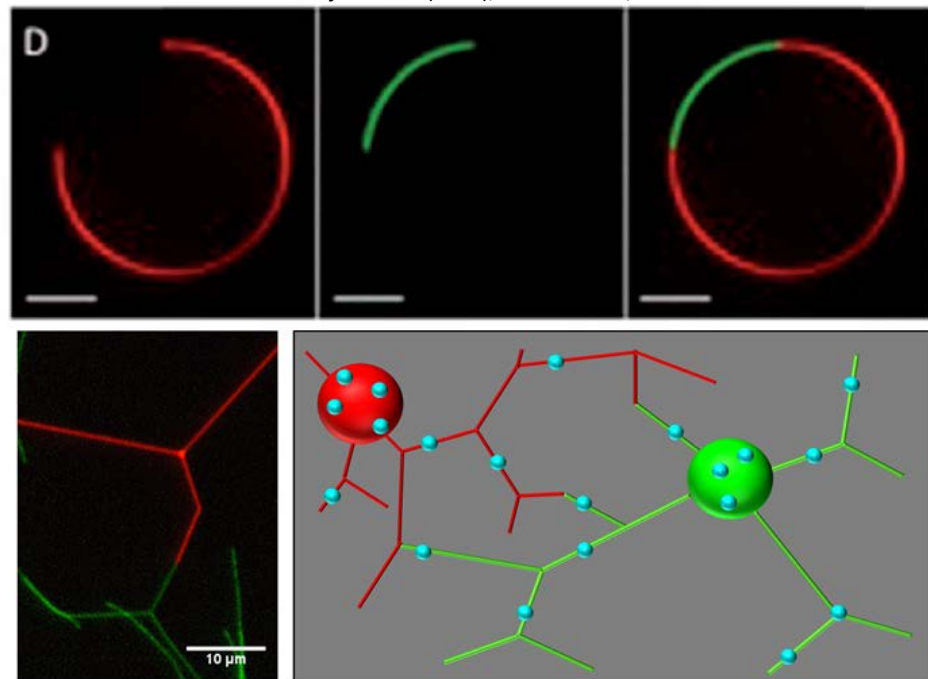
Conclusions & Future Directions

Collective force of biomolecular motors drives the assembly and dynamic reorganization of complex polymer and lipid nanotube networks.

Differences in lipid/polymer properties result in different diffusive behaviors and materials transport along nanotubes.

- Nanotube and vesicle extraction from biphasic liposomes & polymersomes
- Materials transport (e.g., nanoparticles) in interstitial space of lipid and polymer nanotubes
- Multi-network connection and communication

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