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VENUE

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6th NanoLSI Symposium

November 14, 2022 DAY 1

8:30 AM **Reception opening and arrival tea**

9:00 AM **Opening remarks: Prof. Takeshi Fukuma, Director of NanoLSI**

9:10 AM **Session #1 9:10AM -11:10AM**

Chairperson: Prof. Takeshi Fukuma & Prof. Yasufumi Takahashi

Session theme: Probing Inside of Living Cells by SPM

Prof. Ricardo Garcia (Instituto de Ciencia de Materiales de Madrid, CSIC)

Advances in Single Cell Nanomechanics: Subsurface Imaging and Nanorheology

Prof. Hiroshi Uji-i (Hokkaido University)

Remote Excitation Single Cell Endoscopy

Assoc. Prof. Paolo Actis (University of Leeds)

Longitudinal Single-Cell Profiling with a Nanobiopsy Platform

Prof. Takeshi Fukuma (NanoLSI, Kanazawa University)

Intracellular Structures and Mechanics of Living Cells Investigated by Nanoendoscopy-AFM

11:10 AM **Poster session**

Lunch

1:00 PM **Session #2 1:00PM -3:00PM**

Chairperson: Assoc. Prof. Hitoshi Asakawa & Assoc. Prof. Satoshi Arai

Session theme: Molecular Assemblies and Reactions in Various Dimensional Spaces

Prof. Steven De Feyter (KU Leuven)

Formation and Functionalization of 2D Materials: A Molecular Approach

Assoc. Prof. Satoshi Arai (NanoLSI, Kanazawa University)

Subcellular Thermometry and Nanoheating Using Functional Dyes

Prof. Shiki Yagai (Chiba University)

Synthetic Supramolecular Polymers with Diverse Topological Features

Assoc. Prof. Hitoshi Asakawa (NanoLSI / NanoMaRi, Kanazawa University)

Molecular Pockets in 2D Supramolecular Assemblies Investigated by 3D-AFM

3:00 PM **Tea break**

3:20 PM **Session #3 3:20PM -5:20PM**

Chairperson: Asst. Prof. Holger Flechsig

Session theme: Theory and Modelling of Intracellular Dynamics

Dist. Prof. Tsvi Tlusty (Ulsan National Institute of Science and Technology)

The Collective Dynamics of Enzymatic Nano-Machines

Asst. Prof. Chiho Watanabe (Hiroshima University)

Cell-Size Space Effect on Molecular Diffusion and Liquid-Liquid Phase Separation

Dr. Tatsuo Shibata (RIKEN Center for Biosystems Dynamics Research)

Emergence of Cell Chirality from the Spatial Organization of Actin and Myosin Cytoskeleton

Prof. Ralf Metzler (University of Potsdam)

Beyond Brownian Motion: From Data to Models

5:40 PM **Banquet 5:40PM -7:10PM**

※ pre-registration required.

Banquet toast:

Prof. Yoshihiro Fukumori, Vice Director of NanoLSI

November 15, 2022 DAY 2

8:30 AM **Reception opening and arrival tea**

9:00 AM **Session #4 9:00AM - 11:00AM**

Chairperson: Prof. Richard W. Wong

Session theme: Recent Advances in Nuclear Biology

Prof. Robert Goldman (Northwestern University Feinberg School of Medicine)

Intermediate Filament Networks Connect the Nucleus to the Cell Cortex

Prof. Ohad Medalia (University of Zurich)

The Remarkable Structure and Mechanics of Nuclear Lamin Filaments

Assoc. Prof. Takeshi Shimi (Tokyo Institute of Technology)

The Role of A-Type Lamins in Repair of Nuclear Envelope Ruptures

Assoc. Prof. Hanae Sato (NanoLSI, Kanazawa University)

Real-Time Imaging of Transcriptional Feedback in Nonsense-Mediated mRNA Decay

11:00 AM

Poster session

Lunch

1:30 PM **Session #5 1:30PM - 3:00PM**

Chairperson: Prof. Mikihiro Shibata & Prof. Noriyuki Kodera

Session theme: Nanoprobe Technology for Understanding Neuroscience

Dr. Atsushi Miyawaki (RIKEN Center for Brain Science)

Cruising in the Cell

Prof. Mikihiro Shibata (NanoLSI, Kanazawa University)

Correlation between Function and Mobility of Protein Complex Revealed by HS-AFM

Prof. Yasufumi Takahashi (NanoLSI, Kanazawa University / Nagoya University)

Development of Organelle Collection Technology Using Nanopipette

3:00 PM

Closing remarks: Overall Organizer Prof. Mikihiro Shibata

Photo session

Pre-event

November 13, 2022 4:00 PM - 5:00 PM Optional lab tour @ NanoLSI Building, Kakuma Campus, Kanazawa University

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Advances in Single Cell Nanomechanics: Subsurface Imaging and Nanorheology

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The development of high-resolution, label-free, quantitative and subsurface microscopy methods of living cells remains a formidable problem. Force microscopy-based measurements are contributing to our understanding of single cell properties. However, current AFM-methods have several limitations. First, the spatial resolution is in the 100 nm range. Second, the description of a cell is restricted to its elastic properties which implies that the measurements are semi-quantitative. Third, AFM does not provide images of intracellular structures (sub-surface).

This presentation introduces an integrated approach to overcome those limitations. We present a method to determine the complete nanomechanical response of a cell from a force-distance curve. The method incorporates the cell's finite-thickness, a power-law nanorheology model and the deformation history of the cell. It transforms the experimental data into viscoelastic parameters of the cell as a function of the indentation frequency. The method enables to generate three-dimensional maps of eukaryotic cells.

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Honors

2015	ERC starting grant "Plasmonics-based Energy Harvesting for Catalysis: PLASMHACAT"
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Publications

His research activity has been published in over 150 peer-reviewed international journals and three book chapters (h-index of 43 (web of science)). 5 publications related to Endoscopy

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Remote Excitation Single Cell Endoscopy

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Silver nanowires (AgNWs) serve as plasmonic waveguides for propagating surface plasmon polaritons (SPPs), allowing the spatial confinement and transfer light energy over micrometer distance through the structures below sub-diffraction limited diameter. In addition to this, surface plasmon allows us to concentrate light energy in nanometer regions, such as at the nanowire end, leading to a massive enhancement of electromagnetic field that can be used for surface enhanced Raman scattering (SERS) or fluorescence (SEF) spectroscopy/microscopy.

In this contribution, we will discuss noble nanoscopic techniques using a combination of SERS/SEF detection and sub-diffraction limit SPPs waveguiding for spectroscopic/microscopic. Specifically, we demonstrate that SPPs launched along an AgNW can remotely excite SERS [1] and SEF [2] in the vicinity of the nanowire surface due to the SPPs wave-guiding effect. The ability to transfer SERS/SEF excitation over several microns will be discussed with respect to single-cell endoscopy, understanding of the interaction between anti-cancer drug molecules and cellular components such as DNA for drug delivery systems [3], and surface characterization using tip-enhanced Raman/fluorescence microscopy [4].

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Publications

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2. A subcellular cookie cutter for spatial genomics in human tissue, AG Bury, A Pyle, F Marcuccio, DM Turnbull, AE Vincent, G Hudson, P Actis, 2022, Analytical and Bioanalytical Chemistry, 1-10
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Longitudinal Single-Cell Profiling with a Nanobiopsy Platform

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Physiological and pathological processes within the human body are controlled by complex cell-cell interactions within the context of a dynamic microenvironment. The ability to dynamically measure phenotypes (i.e. gene expression, protein activities, ion fluctuations, signalling) at the single cell level is key to understanding cellular behaviour in a complex environment.

I will present the integration of nanopipettes with scanning probe microscopy techniques to enable the extraction of genetic material from living cells. I will discuss the longitudinal profiling of brain cancer cells to characterize the transcriptional reprogramming at the single cell level after chemotherapy and radiotherapy.

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Honors

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Intracellular Structures and Mechanics of Living Cells Investigated by Nanoendoscopy-AFM

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Atomic force microscopy (AFM) has been a powerful tool for directly visualizing nanoscale structures, dynamics and mechanics of biomolecular systems. However, it has been a great challenge to directly access intracellular components of living cells since AFM was originally developed as a 2D surface imaging tool. To overcome this limitation, we have recently developed nanoendoscopy AFM, where we insert a needle-like probe into a living cell to perform a 2D/3D AFM measurement. With the developed technique, we have demonstrated imaging of the whole cell structures, actin fibers, focal adhesions without giving a serious damage to the living cell. In addition, the method also allowed us to map the elasticity distribution on a nucleus to reveal its dependence on the cell cycle and cancer progression. Owing to the capability to directly access to the intracellular component with a probe, most of the functionality of the AFM should, in principle, be available even in a living cell. We also combined this method with confocal or TIRF microscope. The correlative imaging by fluorescence microscopy and AFM allows simultaneous imaging of dynamic transports of specific molecules and structural development of intracellular component. These methods should provide new insights into the nanodynamics and nanomechanics inside living cells.

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Honors

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Publications

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Formation and Functionalization of 2D Materials: A Molecular Approach

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In this presentation, I will mainly focus on the functionalization of graphite, graphene, and transition metal dichalcogenides using molecules, though the concepts can be applied to other 2D materials too. Nanostructuring is at the heart of all functionalization protocols that we develop because it opens new possibilities for control and functionality. A variety of scanning probe microscopy methods are used for visualization, characterization, and manipulation. The first approach is based on molecular self-assembly at the interface between a liquid or air, and graphite or graphene. A second approach is based on the covalent attachment of molecules on 2D materials via covalent chemistry. It will be demonstrated how in addition to bottom-up strategies that provide control on the density and layer thickness, as well as submicron to nanoscale nanostructuring, also top-down scanning probe microscopy and optical lithography can be used to structure such covalently modified surfaces. A third approach does not focus on the functionalization of the surface, but uses the surface as a support for the in-plane covalent stitching of molecules, leading to the formation of on-surface 2D dynamic covalent polymers.

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Publications

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2. A palette of site-specific organelle fluorescent thermometers, X. Liu, T. Yamazaki (equal first), H.-Y. Kwon, S. Arai*, Y.-T. Chang*, Materials Today Bio, 16, 100405 (2022)
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Subcellular Thermometry and Nanoheating Using Functional Dyes

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Temperature at nano- and microscale is a significant physical element to drive cellular system. To elucidate the system thermodynamically, the development of technology to measure and regulate subcellular temperature has been indispensable, named thermal cell engineering. Previously, using temperature-sensitive fluorescent dyes, we reported organelle targetable fluorescent thermometers that enable the read-out of temperature at organelles as detectable fluorescent signals such as intensity and lifetime. Yet, targeted organelles were only limited to mitochondria and ER as well-known heat sources in thermogenic cells. Very recently, we extended this to several organelles including lipid droplets, golgi, plasma membrane, nucleus, and lysosome which have never been reached by the other sensing methods. Using fluorescent lifetime imaging (FLIM), we further demonstrated these thermometers in quantitative thermometry of heat production in brown adipocytes.

Other than that, we have been developing local heating method at subcellular level. A key thing is a functional photothermal dye which absorbs near-infrared (NIR) light and converts to heat efficiently. Arrangement of the dyes to the target place, followed by NIR laser stimulation, allows to create a tiny heat spot at single cellular level. In this talk, we will share recent progress on thermal engineering in live cell and their cellular applications.

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Synthetic Supramolecular Polymers with Diverse Topological Features

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One-dimensional molecular aggregates, known as supramolecular polymers, are emerging next-generation polymeric materials owing to their reversible bonding. However, to compete over covalent counterparts, development of supramolecular polymers with well-defined higher-order structures (topologies) are desired. We have addressed this issue based on our unexpected discovery a decade ago on the formation of nanorings from hydrogen-bonded macrocyclic aggregates (rosettes) of barbituric acid-functionalized π -conjugated molecules in alkane solvent (J. Am. Chem. Soc. 2009, 131, 5408; Angew. Chem. Int. Ed. 2012, 51, 9679). The shape persistency of the nanoring along with its uniformity in diameter (ca. 14 nm) allowed us to propose that the generation of "intrinsic curvature" upon the continuous stacking of rosettes. Based on this idea, we synthesized various π -conjugated compounds based on the above molecular design to create curved supramolecular polymers with well-defined topological features. With the self-assembly behaviors of these newly prepared compounds, which have been revealed particularly by direct visualization of their supramolecular polymer chains by AFM, we can now comprehensively illustrate new aspects of our curved supramolecular polymers including complex self-assembly pathways and energy landscapes, dynamic topological change, topological extension by copolymerization, and truly topological structures in molecular assembly.

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Molecular Pockets in 2D Supramolecular Assemblies Investigated by 3D-AFM in Liquid

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Two-dimensional (2D) supramolecular assemblies of various building blocks on surfaces have been studied for constructing molecular architectures. The following important tasks are to establish design methodologies that create functions of the supramolecular assemblies and analysis methods of the functions. We recently proposed building blocks with a three-dimensional shape and the potential to form nanosized “molecular pockets” in the 2D supramolecular assemblies. The molecular pockets are expected to have molecular recognition functions like macrocyclic molecules and are helpful for various applications such as sensing, separation, and chemical storage. The recognition function of molecular pockets fundamentally originates from intermolecular interactions in real space. Thus, the intermolecular interactions around pockets, as well as the molecular-scale structures, should be investigated to understand their recognition functions. However, the direct observation of molecular-scale intermolecular interactions is difficult even with any analytical methods. Three-dimensional AFM (3D-AFM) is a promising technique for analyzing the interactions around molecular pockets in real space. The 3D-AFM has been developed as a unique technique to visualize the distribution of intermolecular interactions with sub-nanometer (sub-nm) spatial resolution and piconewton (pN) force sensitivity. The 3D-AFM images obtained in this study showed that attractive forces are localized in the molecular pockets formed by the self-assembly of the 3D building blocks. The characteristic attractive forces are likely caused by a decrease in the hydrogen bond networks compared with bulk water. Our results demonstrate that the 3D-AFM technique can visualize the distribution of interaction forces related to molecular recognition and should contribute to the design of functional supramolecular assemblies.

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The Collective Dynamics of Enzymatic Nano-Machines

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The cellular milieu is teeming with biochemical nano-machines, in particular enzymes – catalysts that speed up the rate of metabolic reactions by orders of magnitude, thereby making life possible. In this talk, we will examine the collective dynamics of these enzymatic nano-machines at multiple spatiotemporal scales of physics and evolution.

We will first discuss the internal dynamics of enzymes. Proteins such as enzymes are a matter of dual nature. As a physical object, an enzyme molecule is a folded chain of amino acids with multifarious biochemistry, but it is also an instantiation along an evolutionary trajectory determined by the enzyme's function. We will describe a physical framework that links the evolution of the gene sequence to the emergence of large-scale dynamical modes in the enzyme, revealing basic features of the genotype-to-phenotype map.

Then, we will discuss how the internal dynamics of enzymes may lead to collective external interactions. In the classical view, catalysis is a localized chemical process where enzymes operate independently and feel the external environment only as thermal agitation that jolts the activated complex past the transition state's energy barrier. The cell, however, is bustling with activity that generates significant athermal agitation, provoking the hypothesis we will examine that enzymatic catalysis is a collective, many-body process in which enzymes affect each other by inducing longrange hydrodynamic forces. To conclude, we will discuss potential ways to measure the proposed collective effects.

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Cell-Size Space Effect on Molecular Diffusion and Liquid-Liquid Phase Separation

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Cells typically have a size of a few to several tens of micrometers and contain a solution with large amounts of biopolymers covered with a cell membrane (lipid membrane). There is interest in how cell-size spatial confinement affects the internal solution behavior that often differs from those in bulk systems. We attempted to decipher the cell-size space effect (CSE) by using polymeric droplets (w/o emulsions) as artificial cells, which can realize macromolecular crowding and cell-size confinement by lipid membranes, which are the characteristics of real cells. Specifically, we studied cell-size confinement effects on 1) molecular diffusion, which is the basis of solution properties, and 2) liquid-liquid phase separation (LLPS), which has attracted attention in recent years from experiments. Molecular diffusion was measured by fluorescence correlation spectroscopy (FCS), and it was found that the diffusion coefficient is slower in cell-size droplets than in larger ones. In addition, we found that phase separation is induced through cell-sized confinement of polymer mixtures, which are in a one-phase state in larger droplets or bulk solutions of microliters or larger. Furthermore, it was indicated that the membrane interfacial properties are important for both phenomena. We would like to introduce these physico-chemical studies on the cell-size space effect.

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Emergence of Cell Chirality from the Spatial Organization of Actin and Myosin Cytoskeleton

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The chirality or left-right asymmetry of the morphogenesis and arrangement of organ is essential for their function and development. The chirality of organ and tissue is derived from the chirality of the cells that compose of them, and the cellular chirality emerges by organizing the molecular chirality within the cell. However, the principle of how molecular chirality is organized to lead to cellular chirality is still unclear. To address this question, we experimentally study the dynamical chiral behaviors of single epithelial cells and provide a theoretical understanding of how the chiral behaviors at the single-cell level arise from the molecular-level chirality. We first found that the nucleus rotates, and the cytoplasm circulates in the clockwise direction, which is driven by the actin and myosin cytoskeleton. During the rotation, the actin and myosin cytoskeleton organizes in a vortex-like chiral orientational order, which apparently drives the rotation. However, when the formation of stress fibers was repressed by drug treatment, the vortex-like chiral order disappeared and concentric achiral order emerged while the cells still rotate. Hence, the cell can rotate without any macroscopic chiral order of the cytoskeleton. To elucidate the mechanism of these chiral rotation with and without macroscopic chiral orientational order of the cytoskeleton, we analyzed a hydrodynamic model considering the effect of chirality of cytoskeleton. Our experiment and theory suggest that the cell chirality emerges as a collective behavior of chiral molecules even without any macroscopic chiral orientational order of the cytoskeleton.

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Beyond Brownian Motion: From Data to Models

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After a brief historical introduction to Brownian motion I will address recent experimental and simulations results on diffusive transport in complex systems, ranging from dynamics in single molecules, motion of molecules and tracers in living biological cells, to ants and birds. The main characteristic of these system is the occurrence of non-Gaussian displacement distributions and/or anomalous diffusion of the form $\langle r^2(t) \rangle \simeq t^\alpha$ with $\alpha \neq 1$. Due to the non-universality of such kind of stochastic dynamics, it is important to know the precise underlying physical process [1]. I will discuss several examples. Data-science methods help us in identifying such physical processes encoded in experimental records and to extract physical parameters. I will provide an overview over different approaches and their performance in the context of diffusive motion [2,3].

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Intermediate Filament Networks Connect the Nucleus to the Cell Cortex

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Recent insights into the interactions of the nuclear and cytoplasmic Intermediate Filament (IF) systems demonstrate their functions in integrating the global response of mesenchymal cells to mechanical stress. Within the nucleus, each of the Type V IF proteins, lamins A, C, B1, and B2 assembles into a distinct meshwork. These meshworks are interspersed with nuclear pore complexes to form the nuclear lamina (NL). The lamin complex connects the inner nuclear membrane to chromatin. Evidence will be presented showing that the lamin meshworks are also connected to a juxtannuclear cage of Type III vimentin IFs (VIFs) located at the outer membrane of the nuclear envelope and that this cage connects to an extensive cytoplasmic network of VIFs associated with the cell surface. Our data show that the lamin meshworks are connected to the juxtannuclear cage of VIFs by specific components of the linker of nucleoskeleton and cytoskeleton (LINC) complex containing proteins spanning the inner and outer nuclear membranes. In the cortical region, VIFs are found deep within bundles of F-actin (stress fibers), thereby forming interpenetrating networks (IPNs). Using super-resolution microscopic techniques combined with live cell imaging, cryo-EMT, fluorescence recovery after photobleaching, atomic force microscopy, optical tweezer microrheology, traction force microscopy and particle tracking microrheology, we demonstrate that VIFs function in regulating the stiffness of the cell surface, the cytoplasm, overall cell contractility, adhesion and motility. These results are supported by analyses of reconstituted cytoskeletal networks prepared from purified proteins. Overall, these results alter the commonly held view that the contractile and adhesive properties of mammalian cells are solely regulated by F-actin and its associated proteins. This work involves collaborations with the Laboratories of David Weitz at Harvard University, Ming Guo at MIT, Paul Janmey at the University of Pennsylvania and Ohad Medalia at the University of Zurich. The work is supported by the NIH.

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The Remarkable Structure and Mechanics of Nuclear Lamin Filaments

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Lamins are nuclear intermediate filaments (IFs) of metazoan cells. They assemble into fibrous structures that are positioned between the inner nuclear membrane and the peripheral chromatin, although a small fraction of lamins is present in the nucleoplasm. Lamins are required to maintain nuclear structure and, together with many interaction partners, are involved in most nuclear activities. Mutations in lamins cause a group of >14 distinct diseases called laminopathies, it is not clear how lamins are organized *in vivo* and how these mutations affect lamin functions. Understanding how lamins are assembled, and how mutations in lamins and lamin binding proteins affect lamin filament assembly and cellular localization is essential for understanding their *modus operandi*. Moreover, lamins are intimately interacting with chromatin.

Using variety of microscopy modalities, such as protein design, atomic force microscopy, molecular dynamics (MD) simulations, quantitative fluorescence and cryo-electron microscopy, we provided unprecedented understanding of the remarkable structure and mechanical properties of nuclear lamins. The results of this study indicate the unique mechanical and functional properties of lamins.

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The Role of A-Type Lamins in Repair of Nuclear Envelope Ruptures

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The nuclear lamina (NL) lines the inner nuclear membrane of the nuclear envelope (NE) to maintain nuclear structure in mammalian cells. The major NL component, the nuclear lamins contribute to the protection against NE rupture induced by mechanical stress. However, the specific role of the lamins in repair of NE ruptures has not been fully determined. Our analyses using immunofluorescence and live-cell imaging revealed that among all the lamin isoforms (LA, LB1, LB2, and LC), only nucleoplasmic LC rapidly accumulated at sites of NE rupture induced by laser microirradiation and single-cell compression in mouse embryonic fibroblasts. The recruitment of LC from the nucleoplasm to the rupture sites required the binding of the immunoglobulin-like fold domain to Barrier-to-autointegration factor (BAF). BAF accumulation at the rupture sites and DNA sensing of cytoplasmic cyclic GMP-AMP synthase (cGAS) were partially dependent on LA/C. These results suggest that nucleoplasmic LC, BAF, and cGAS concertedly accumulate for rapid repair of NE ruptures.

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Real-Time Imaging of Transcriptional Feedback in Nonsense-Mediated mRNA Decay

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Nonsense-mediated mRNA decay (NMD) is a translation-coupled mRNA decay pathway triggered by a premature termination codon (PTC). Although only cytoplasmic ribosomes define the in-frame stop codon, unexpected transcriptional changes at the PTC-containing gene have been reported previously. While this observation implies PTC detection at the transcription site prior to the cytoplasmic translation or crosstalk between cytoplasmic decay and transcription, it has never been addressed with high temporal and spatial resolution. Here we utilize a real-time imaging approach that allows simultaneous detection of transcription sites expressing either wild-type or NMD-targeted β -globin reporter genes in the same cell to capture the transcriptional dynamics at the PTC-containing gene allele. Our study provides a robust link between cytoplasmic decay and transcription in the nucleus.

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Cruising in the Cell

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The behavior of biochemical molecules moving around in cells makes me think of a school of whales wandering in the ocean, captured by the Argus system on the artificial satellite. When bringing a whale back into the sea --- with a transmitter on its dorsal fin, every staff member hopes that it will return safely to a school of its species. A transmitter is now minute in size, but it was not this way before. There used to be some concern that a whale fitted with a transmitter could be given the cold shoulder and thus ostracized by other whales for "wearing something annoying." How is whale's wandering related to the tide or a shoal of small fish? What kind of interaction is there among different species of whales? We human beings have attempted to fully understand this fellow creature in the sea both during and since the age of whale fishing.

In a live cell imaging experiment, a luminescent probe replaces a transmitter. We label a luminescent probe on a specific region of a biological molecule and bring it back into a cell. We can then visualize how the biological molecule behaves in response to external stimulation. Since luminescence is a physical phenomenon, we can extract various kinds of information by making full use of its characteristics.

Cruising inside cells in a supermicro corps, gliding down in a microtubule like a roller coaster, pushing our ways through a jungle of chromatin while hoisting a flag of nuclear localization signal --- we are reminded to retain a playful and adventurous perspective at all times. What matters is mobilizing all capabilities of science and giving full play to our imagination. We believe that such serendipitous findings can arise out of such a sportive mind, a frame of mind that prevails when enjoying whale-watching.

Honors

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Correlation Between Function and Mobility of Protein Complex Revealed by HS-AFM

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Structural biology has long contributed to our understanding of how proteins work by providing detailed structures. However, the reported structures have been restricted to static information. High-speed atomic force microscopy (HS-AFM) allows direct visualization of individual proteins in action at sub-nanometer resolution under near physiological conditions. Our HS-AFM studies performed in past few years have provided new mechanistic insight into the functional mechanism of proteins. For example, HS-AFM movies of bacteriorhodopsin (bR), functions as a light-driven proton pump, clearly showed that a cytoplasmic portion of bR displaced toward adjacent bR molecules at ~ 0.7 nm by light [1]. In addition, oligomeric structures of various microbial rhodopsins were directly visualized and the stoichiometry of membrane proteins were determined in a lipid environment [2-4]. HS-AFM movies of CRISPR-Cas9, which has been widely used for genome editing tools, visualized the real-space and real-time DNA cleavage by Cas9 [5]. Moreover, HS-AFM movies of hepatocyte growth factor (HGF) with a macrocyclic peptide HiP-8 showed that binding of HiP-8 to HGF restricted the flexibility of domains of HGF into static closed conformations, resulting in allosteric inhibition [6]. Thus, HS-AFM is a powerful approach to directly visualize protein dynamics in liquid environment. In this symposium, I would like to introduce our recent HS-AFM results of calcium/calmodulin-dependent protein kinase II.

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Development of Organelle Collection Technology Using Nanopipette

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Super-resolution microscopy visualized nanoscale dynamics of proteins within the live cell. However, it is difficult to distinguish more than seven fluorescent proteins due to color restrictions, and a comprehensive evaluation technique for proteins and lipids is required. Scanning ion conductance microscopy (SICM) uses a nanopipette for detecting ion current and is an effective tool for live cell topography imaging. The topography information of SICM is also effective to navigate the nanopipette on the sample surface for detecting the chemical and ejecting/collecting the chemical at a local region on a cell with nanoscale accuracy. Previously, we fabricated nanopipette-based electrochemical and nanopore sensors to achieve oxygen, catecholamine, H_2O_2 , and pH imaging.^{1,3,4,5} However, it is difficult to detect proteins and lipids using electrochemical sensors.

The local cytosol collection is also an important application for SICM to reveal the localization of mRNAs at a single-cell level. Since the fine structure of the nanopipette is difficult to control with conventional pressure, we have established a cytosol collection technique that utilizes changes in interfacial tension by potential.² This system successfully detected local differences in Actb mRNA expression levels within a single mouse fibroblast cell. However, proteins and lipids analysis remains challenging due to collection volume issues. Machine learning and artificial intelligence have made it possible to perform general human visual recognition and comprehensive judgment and have produced significant results in the structural analysis of membrane proteins. We have developed a machine learning-based single cell recognition and collection system. This auto-collection system not only improves throughput but also has the potential to discover proteins that are expressed in a position-specific manner and molecules related to protein-protein interactions by using AI technology to perform identification equivalent to humans. The collected cytosol will be analyzed by NanoESI.

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