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# Giants under force: titin, pilin and talin



# How does stretching work?



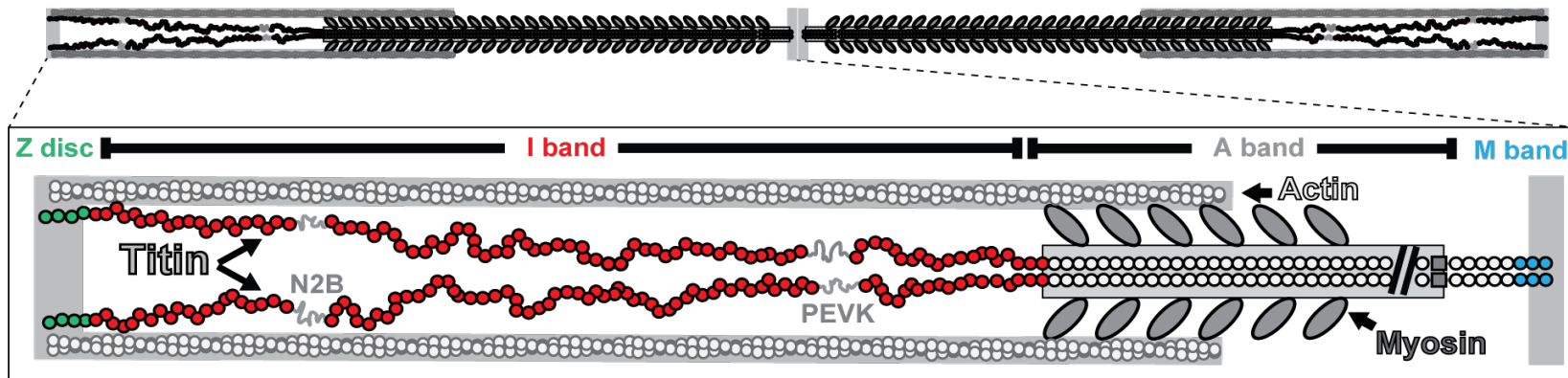
Do we understand how a man can throw a ball at  $>100$



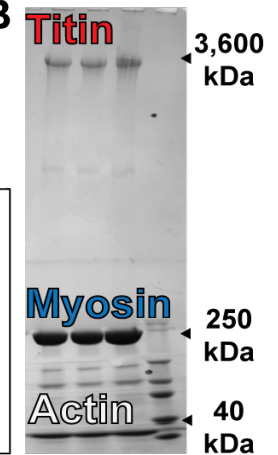
# Does **titin** contribute to pitching a ball at $>100$ mph?



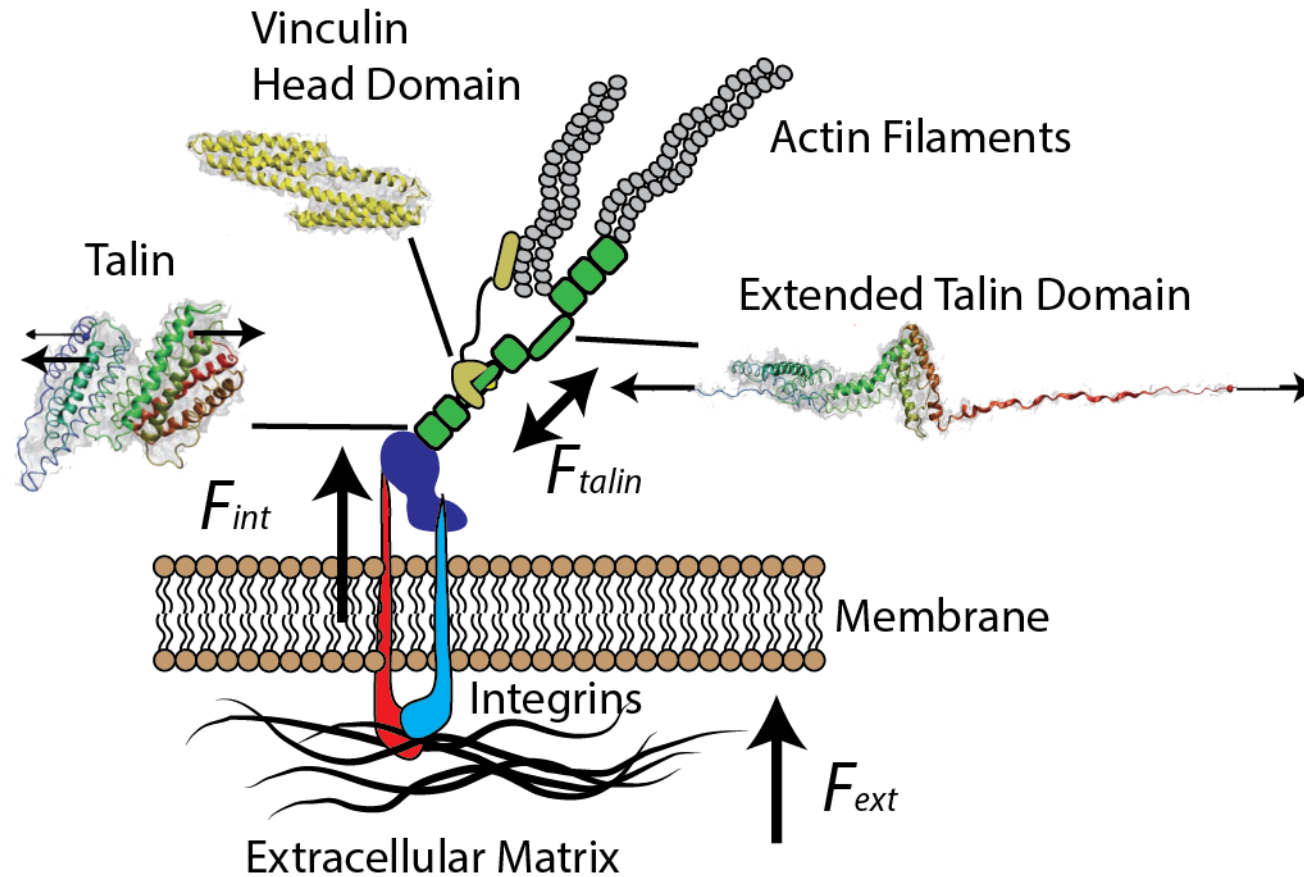
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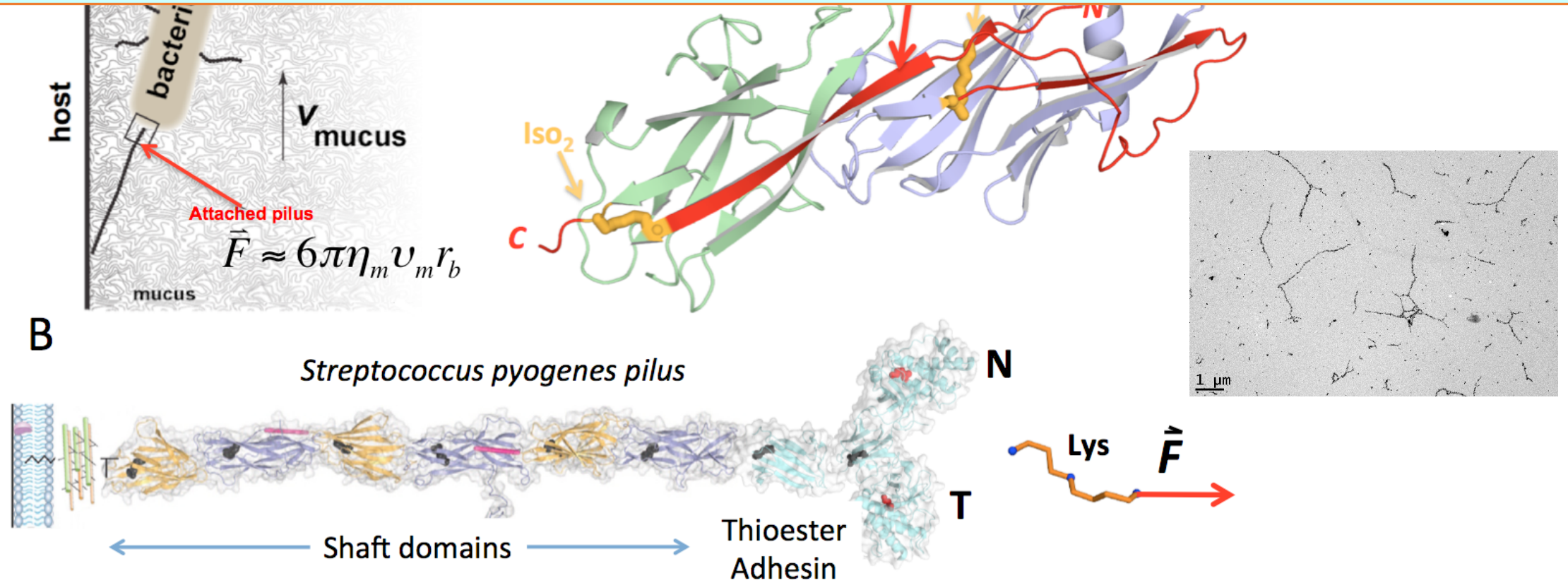


# Signal transduction by the mechanical force sensor talin a crucial member of focal adhesions



Gram-positive pili are the largest single polypeptide proteins known.

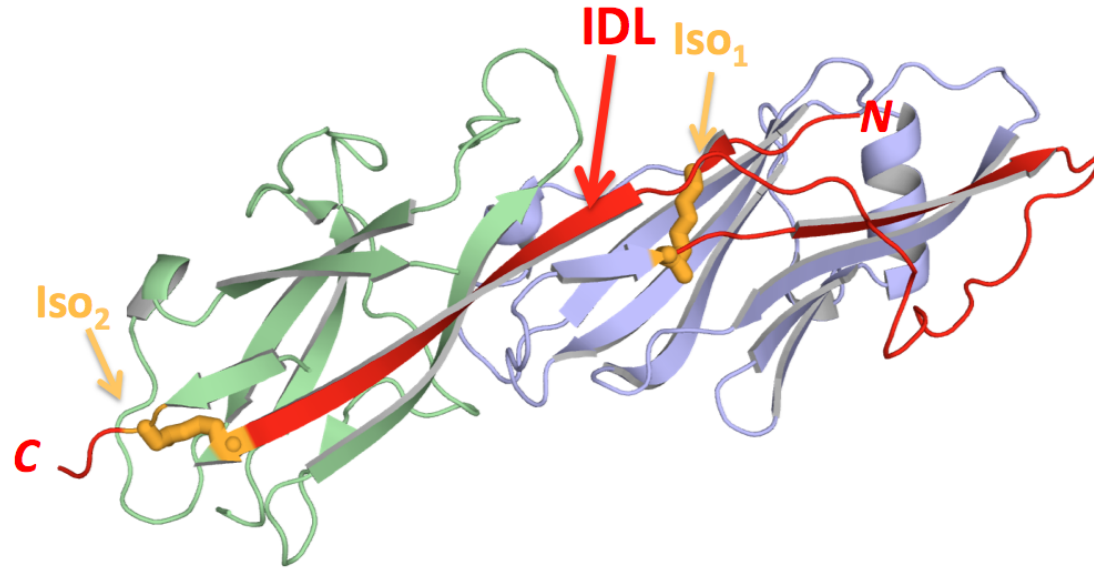
They have specialized features to resist large mechanical shocks!



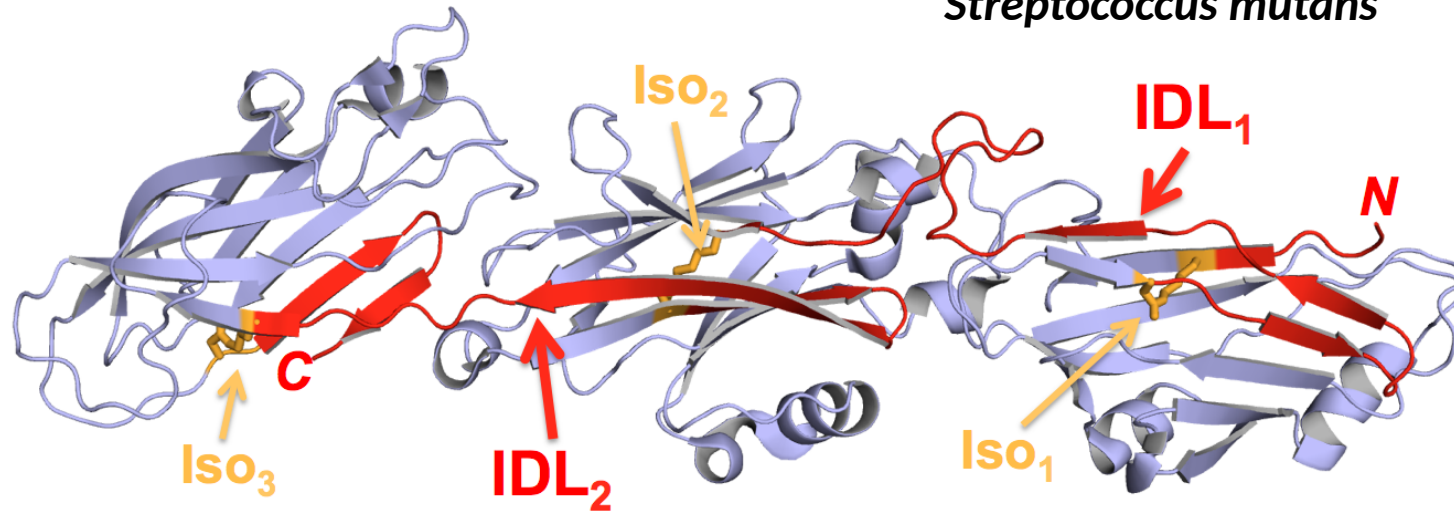
Alegre-Cebollada et al., 2010, *JBC*, 285:11235-11242

Echelmann et al., 2016, *PNAS*, 113:2490-2495

*FimA Actinomyces oris*



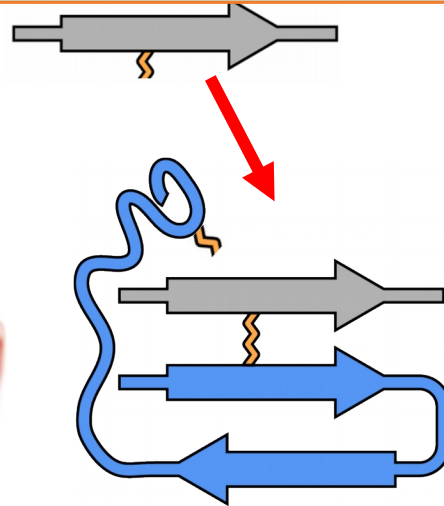
*Streptococcus mutans*





# Rational design of antiadhesive peptide antibiotics

A new type of toothpaste

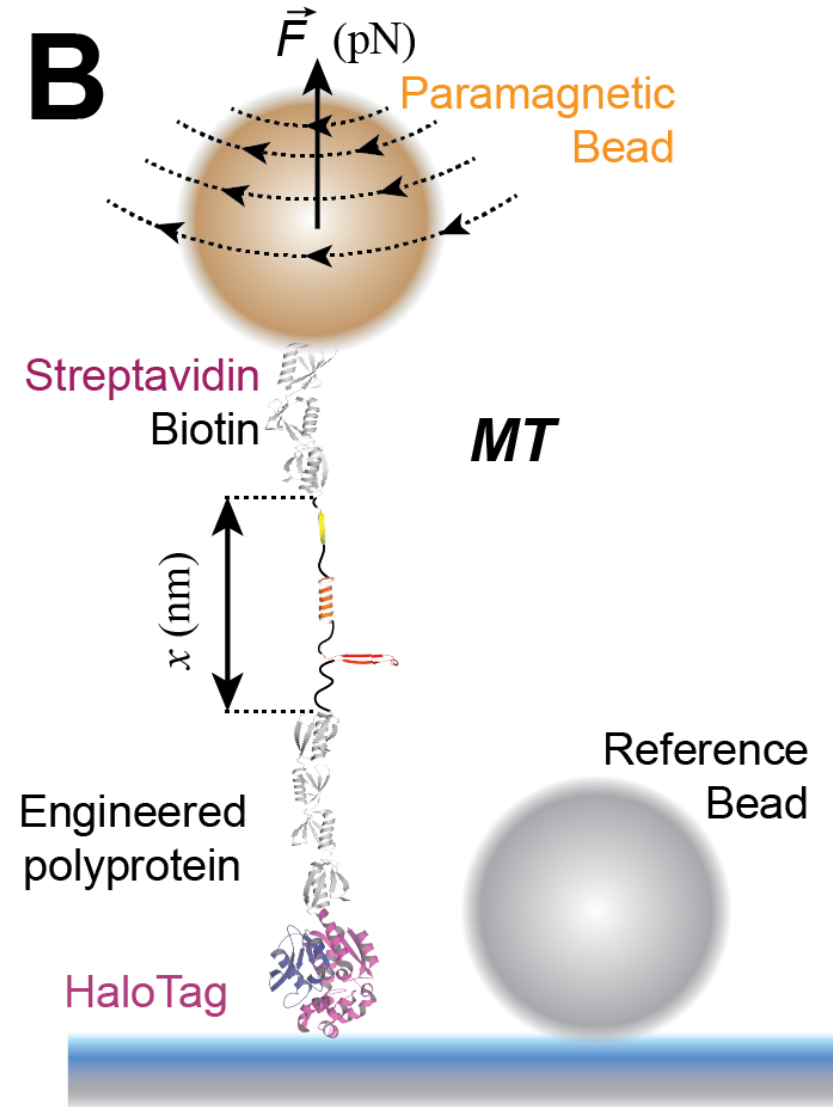
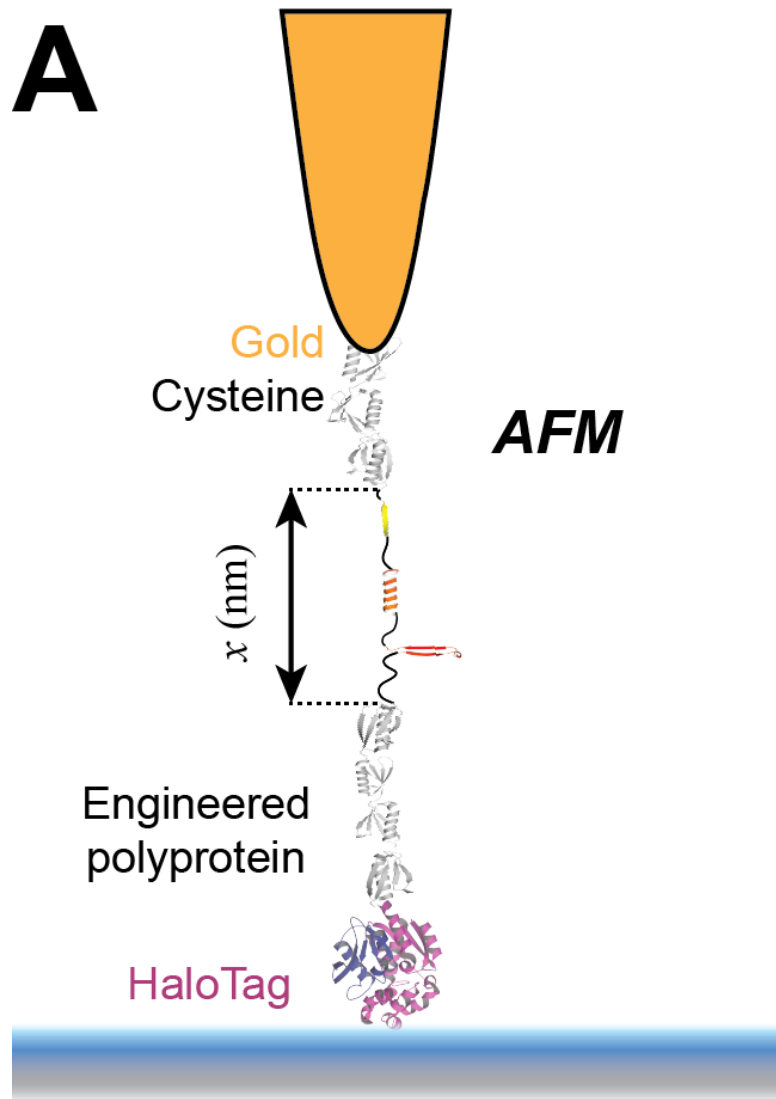


A new type of peptide



A vaccine against dental caries?  
Understand to design of coughing

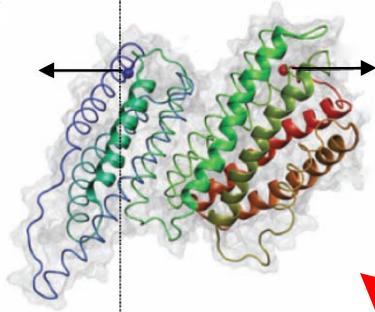
# Force spectroscopy measures force, work and power in folding proteins



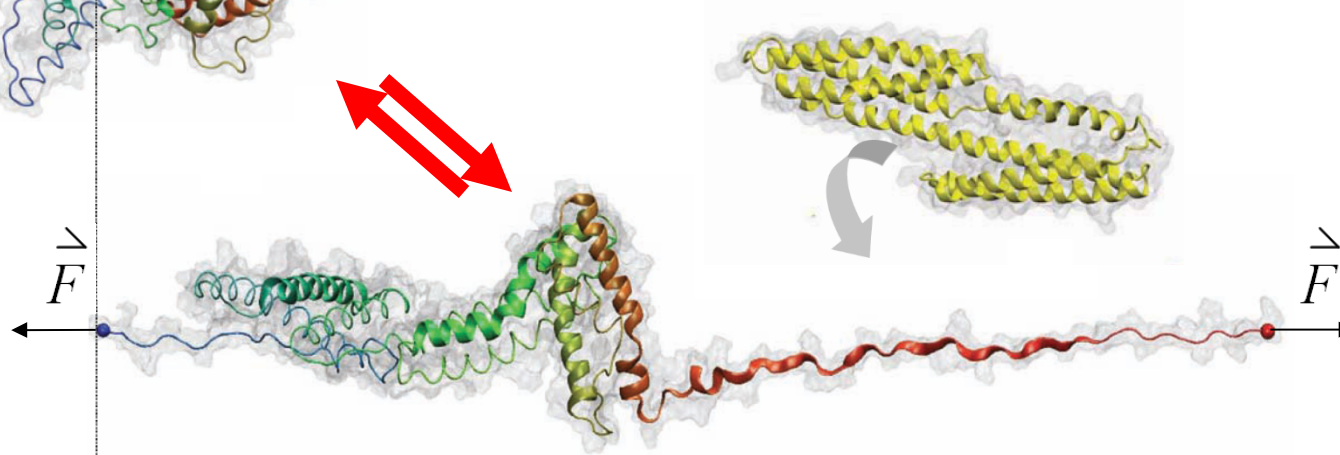
# The multiple roles of mechanical unfolding

Del Rio et al, 2009, *Science*, 323: 638-641

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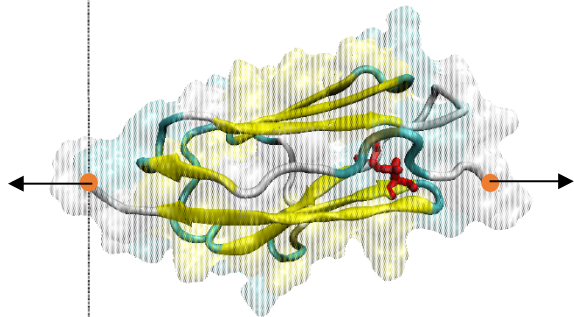


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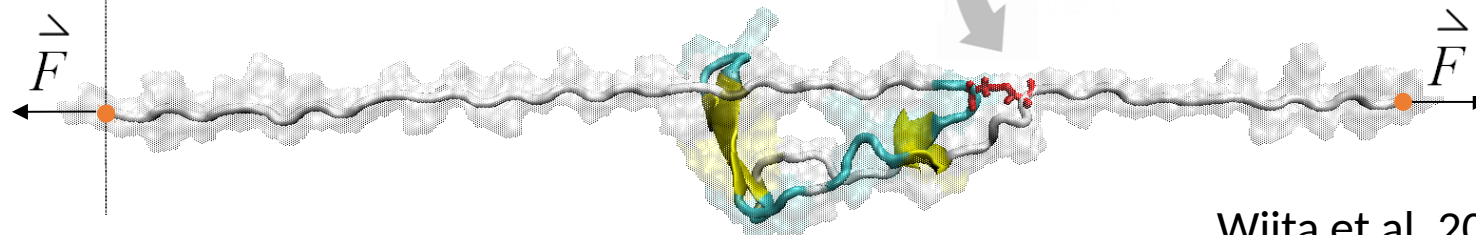
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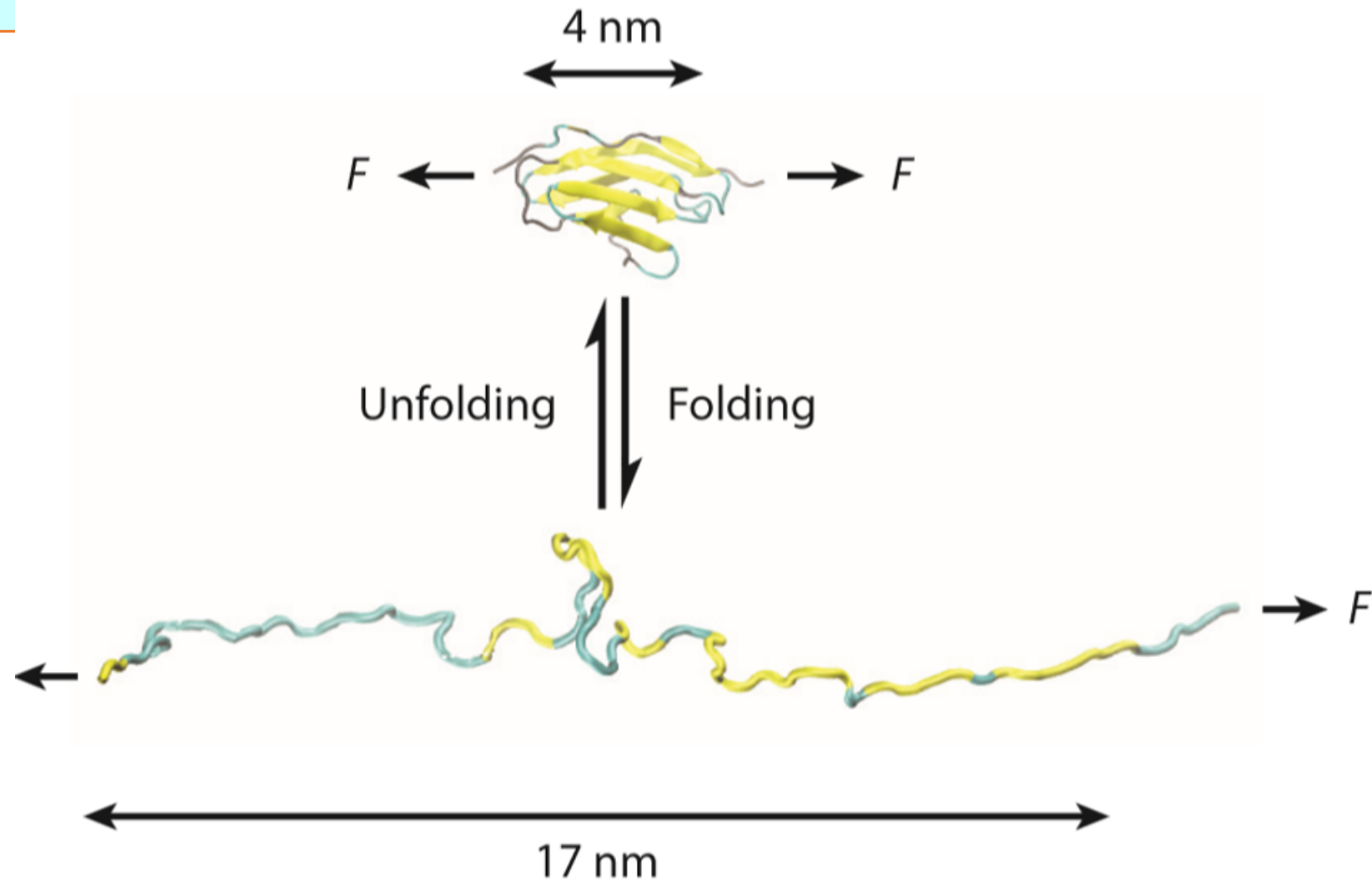
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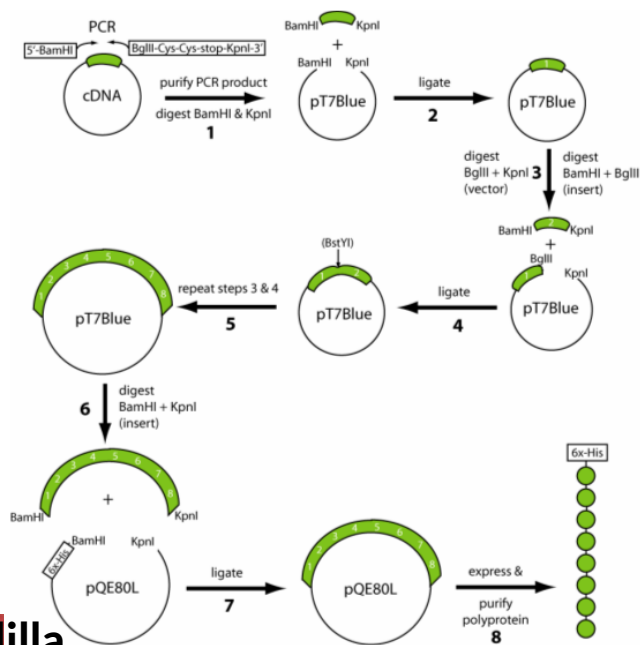
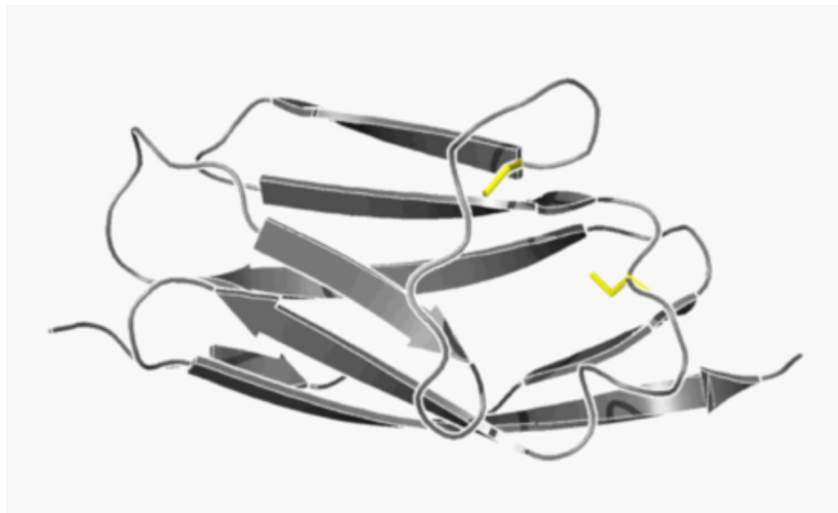
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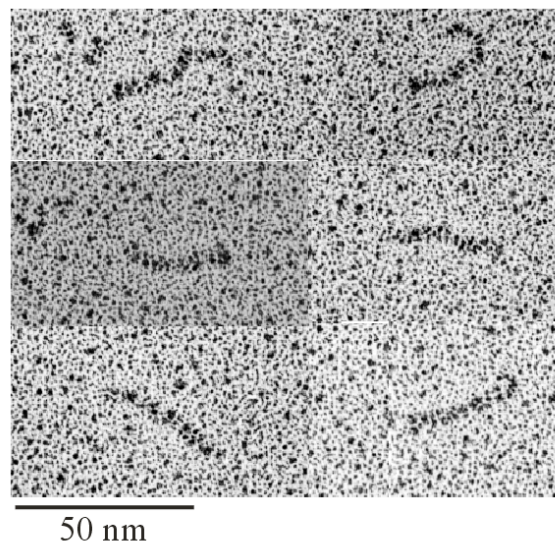
# The amazing mechanical power of protein



# Engineering proteins for force spectroscopy



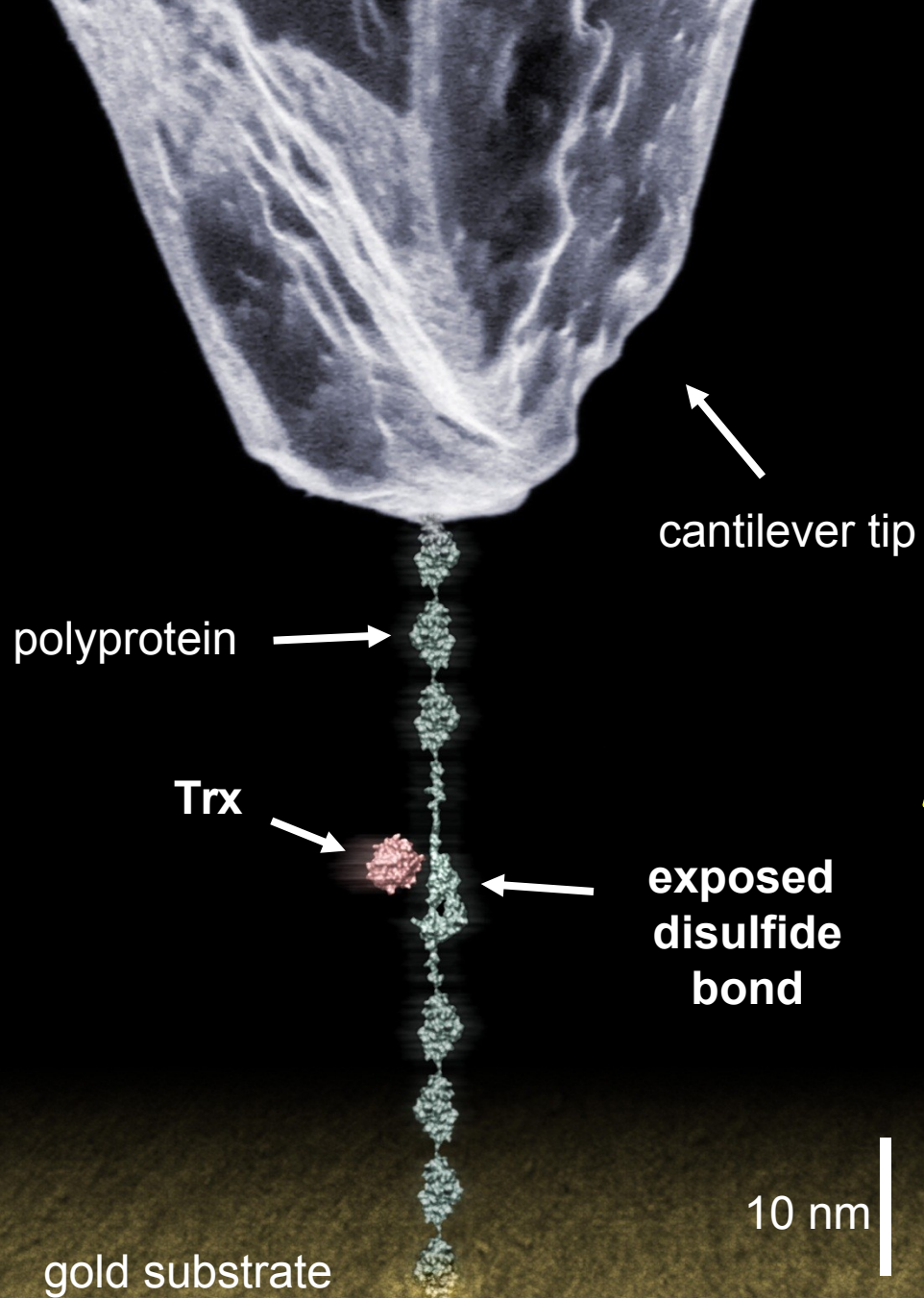
Carmelu Badilla



50 nm

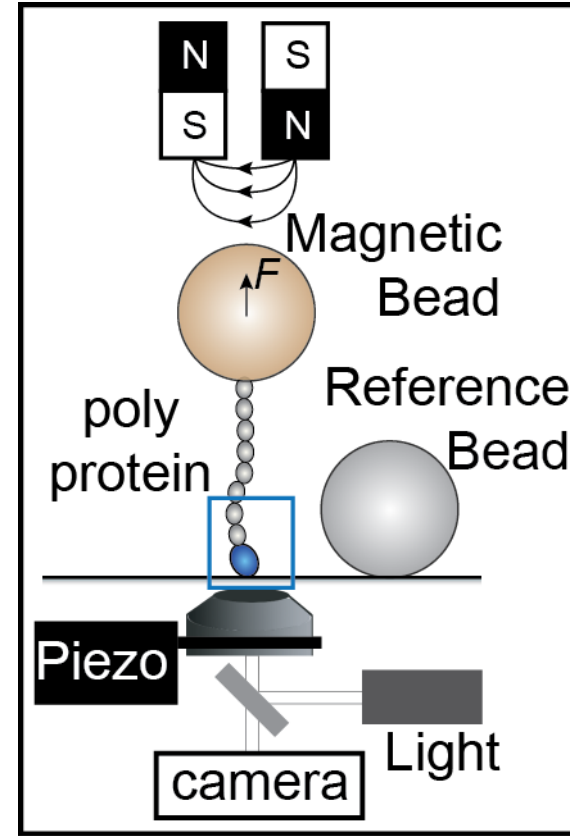
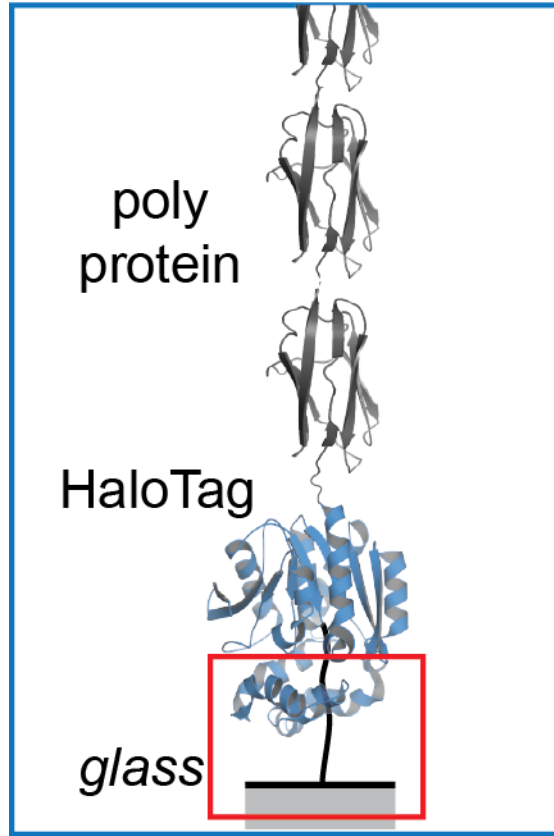
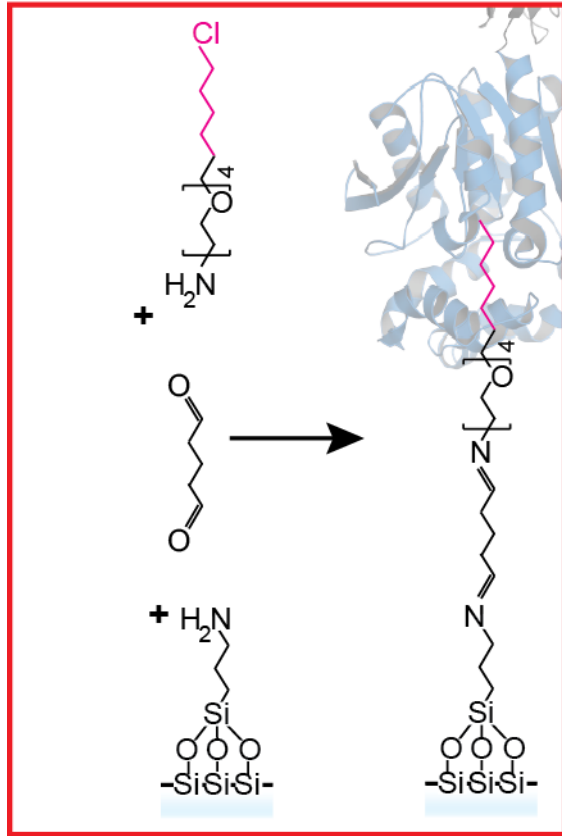
*Mechanical  
biochemistry*

*New  
Perspective in  
Biology !*

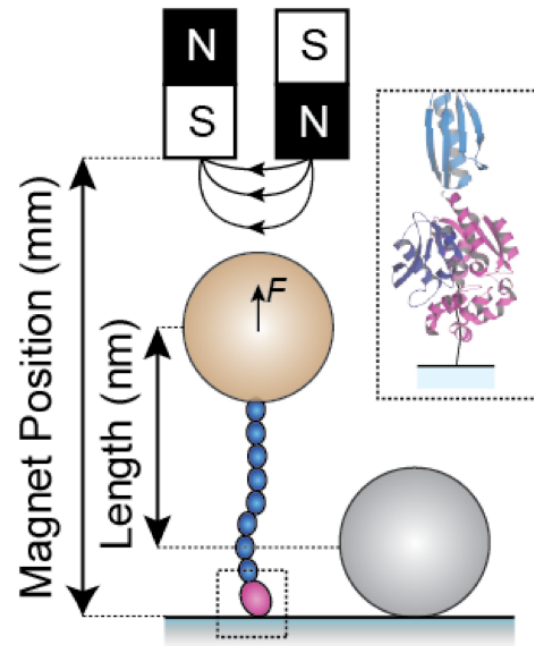
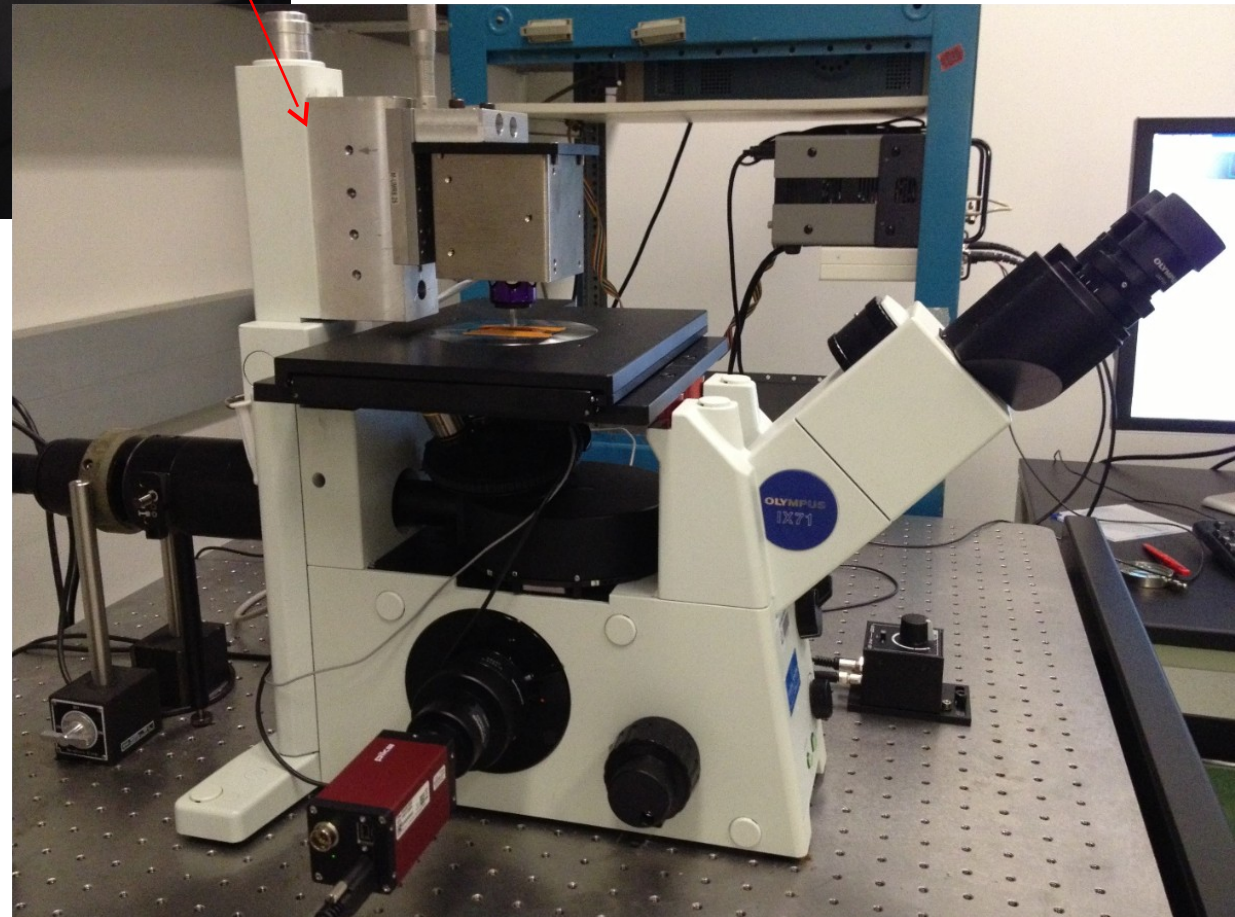
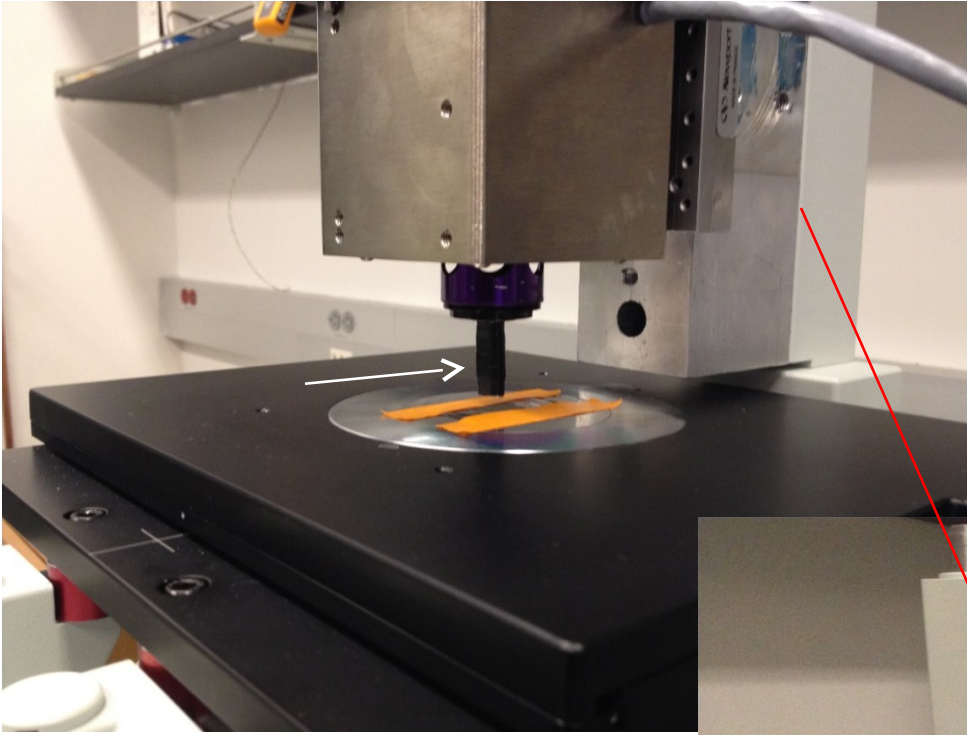


*Useful ?  
Real ?*

# HaloTag anchored polyproteins

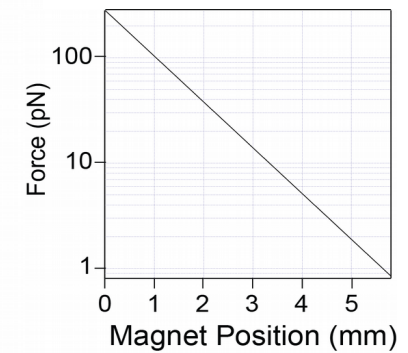
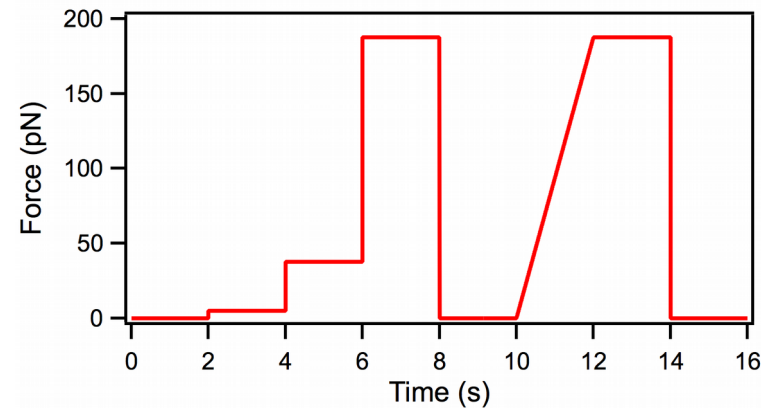
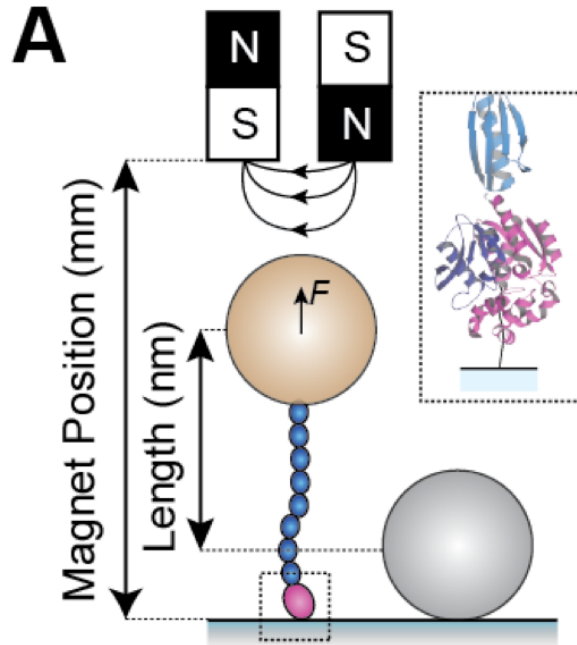
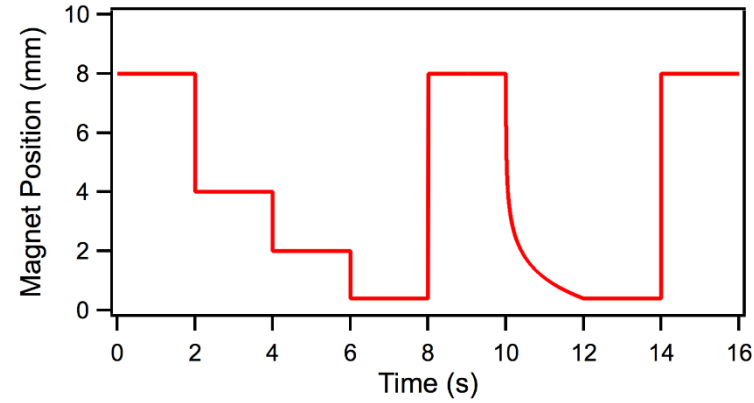
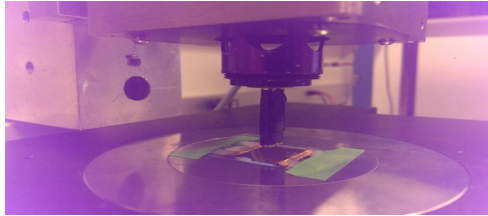


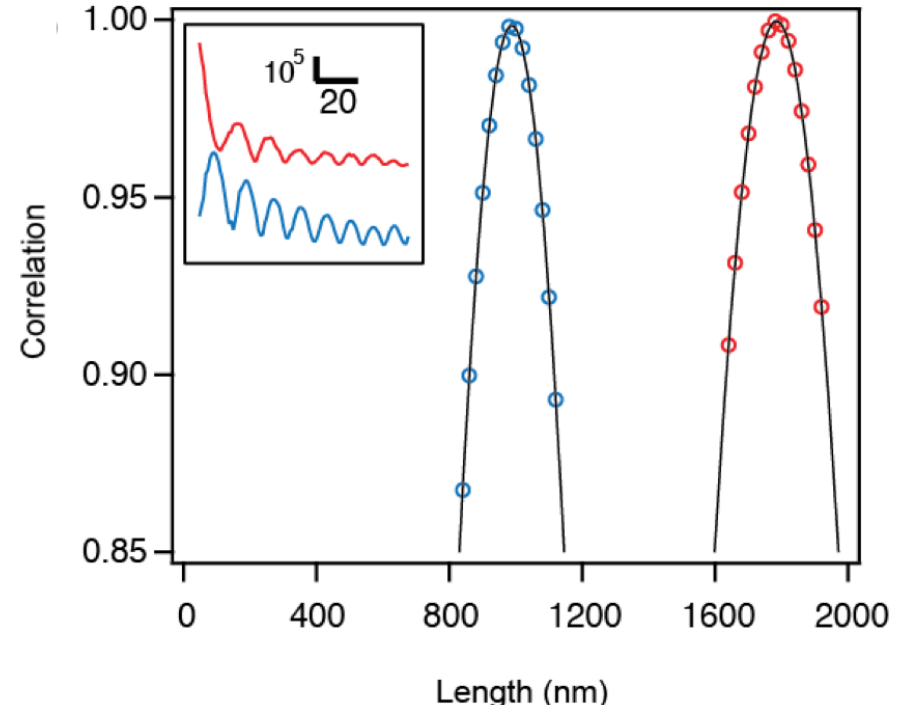
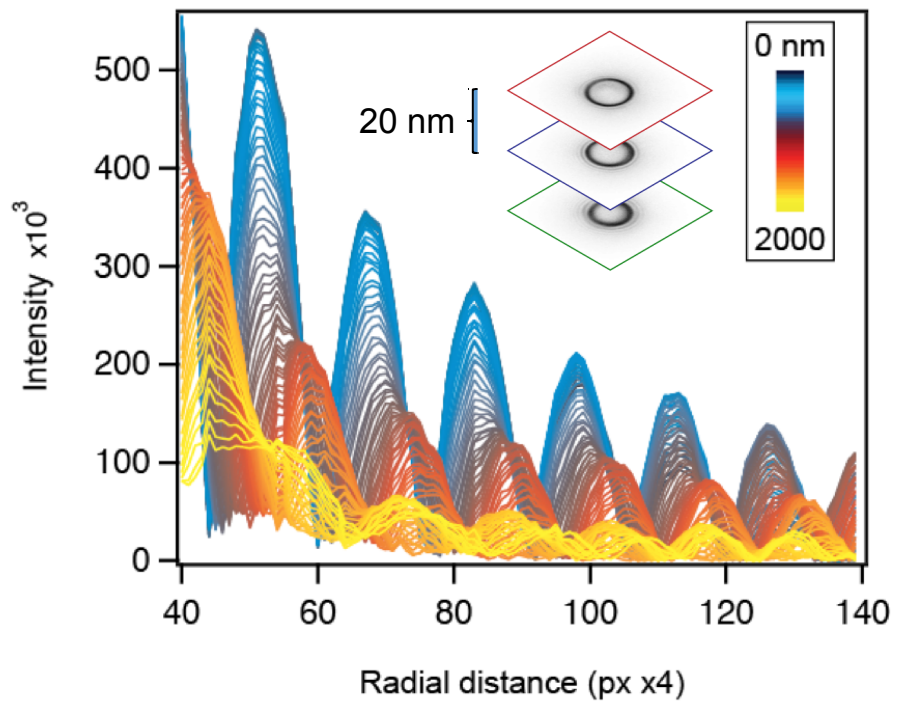
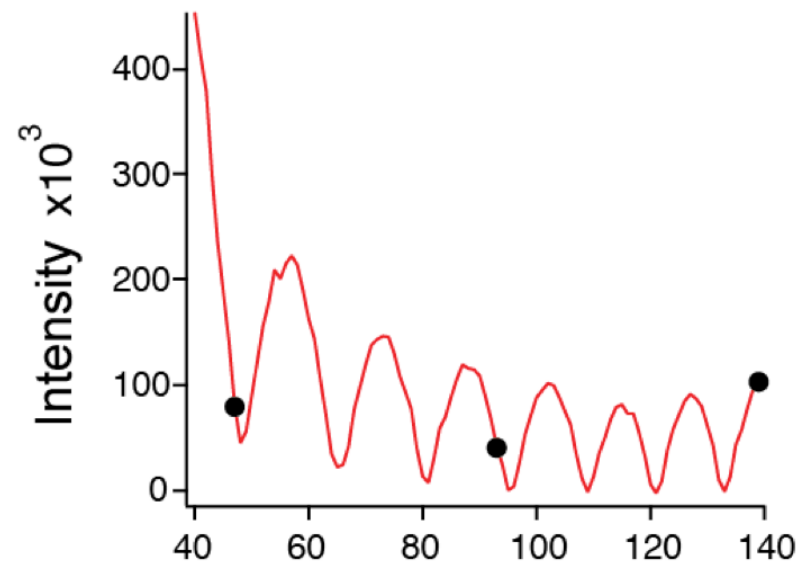
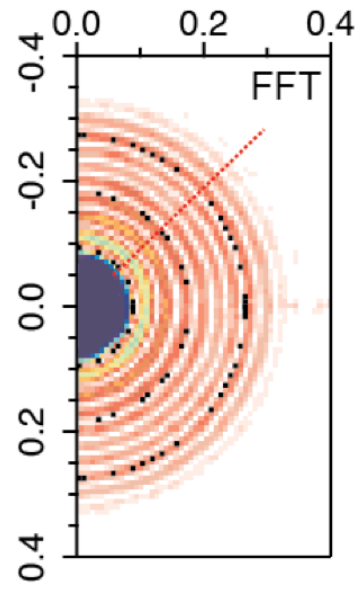
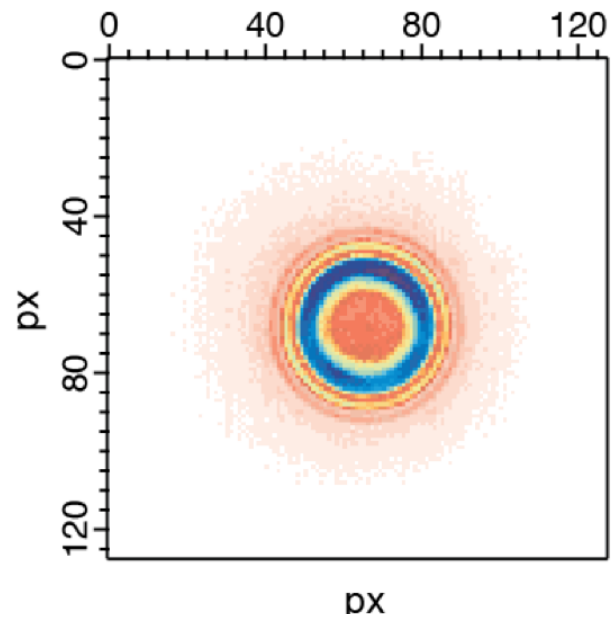
# HaloTag and magnetic tweezers



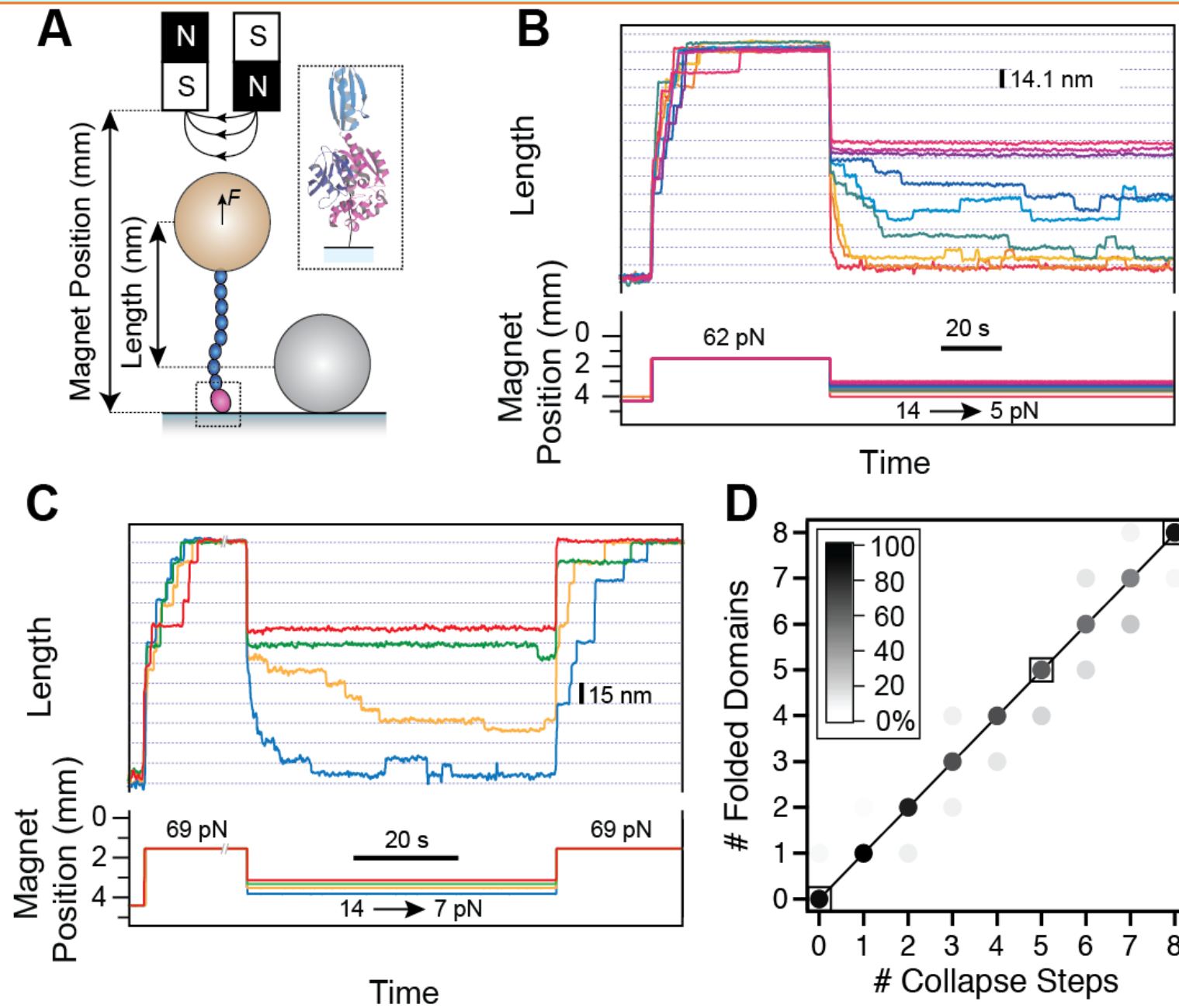


# Moving coil and control of magnet position/force

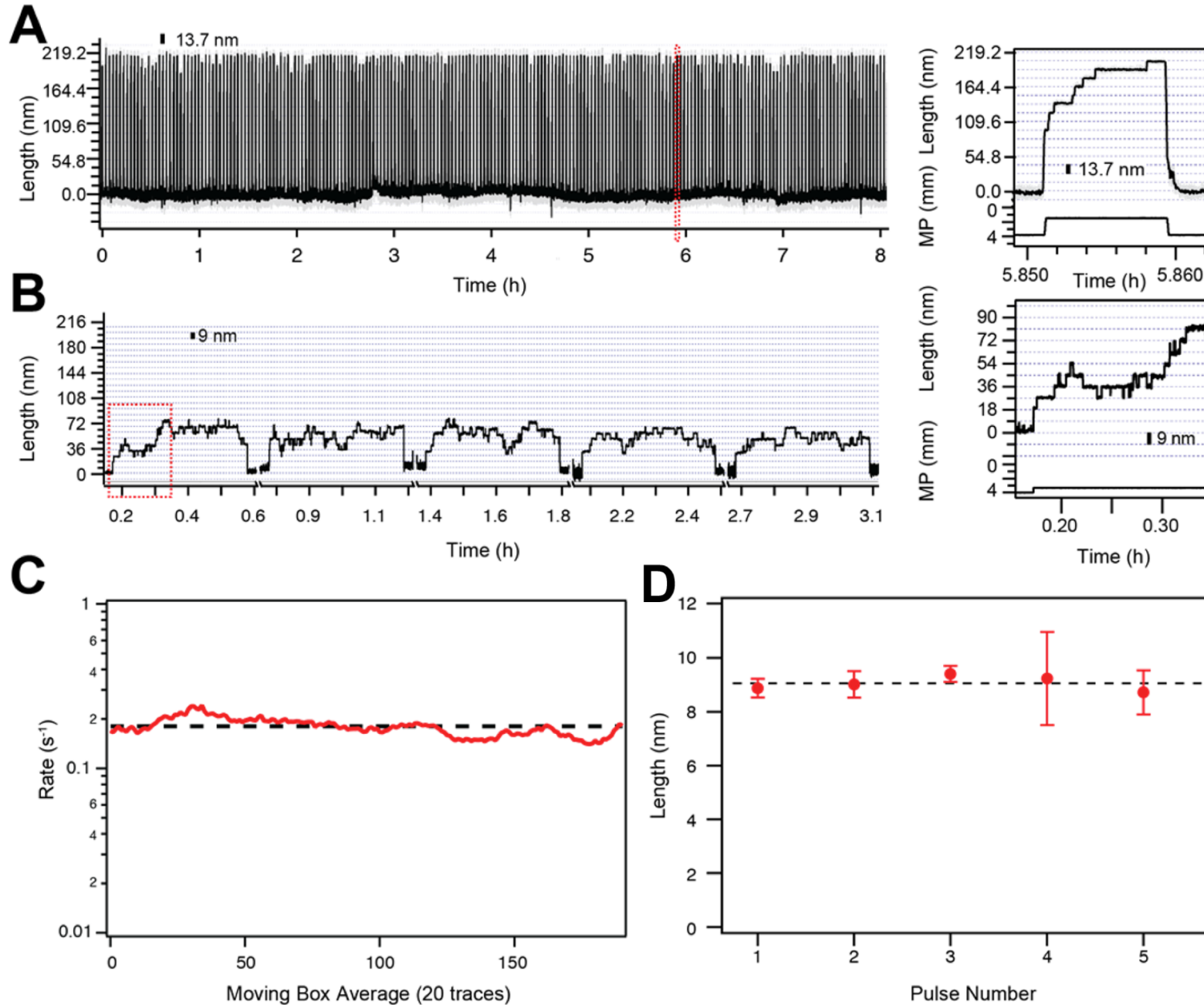




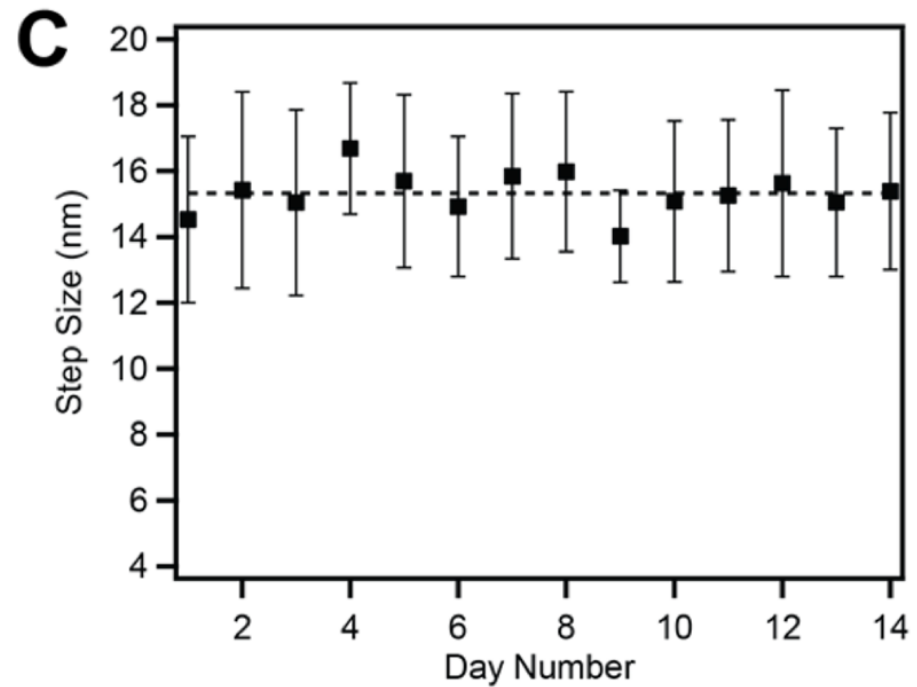
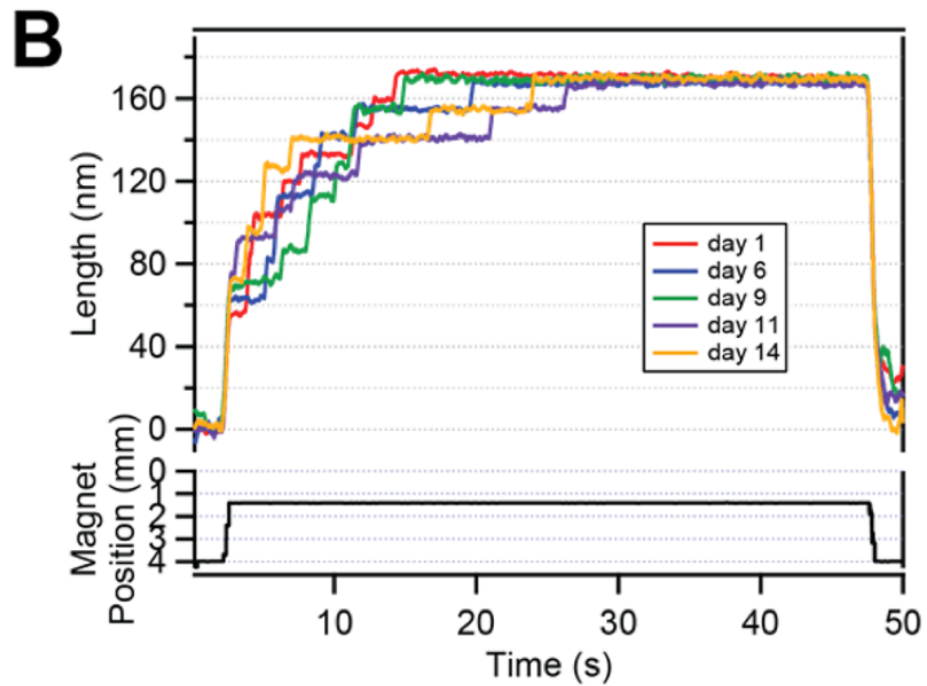
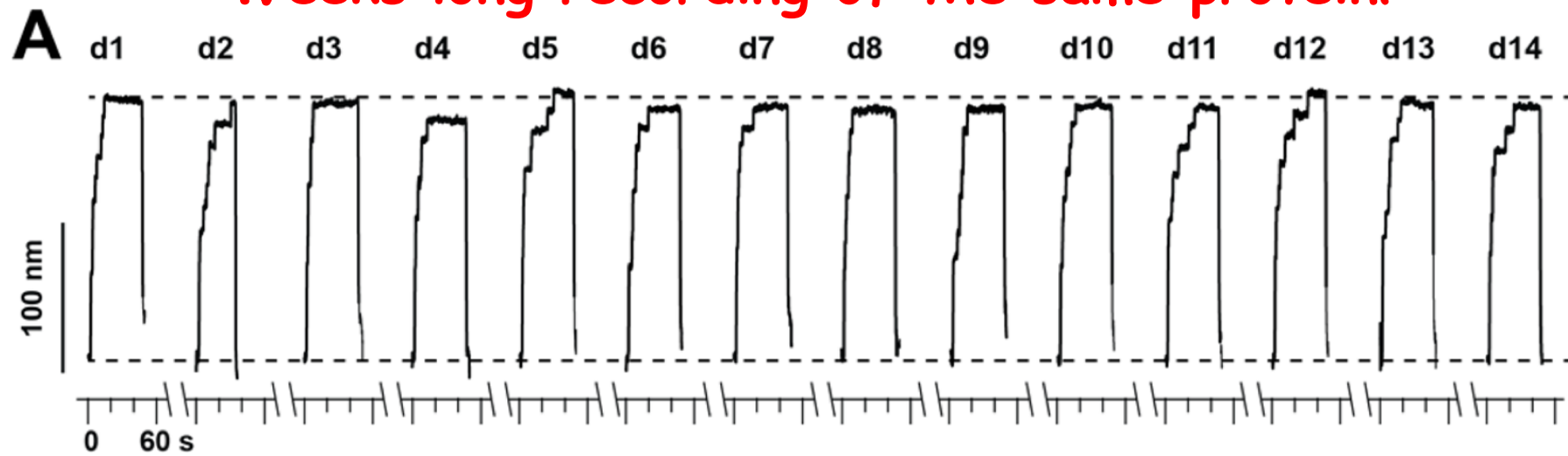
# Collapse and folding dynamics of protein L<sub>8</sub>



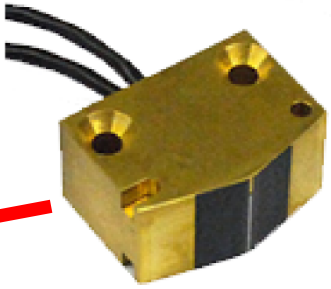
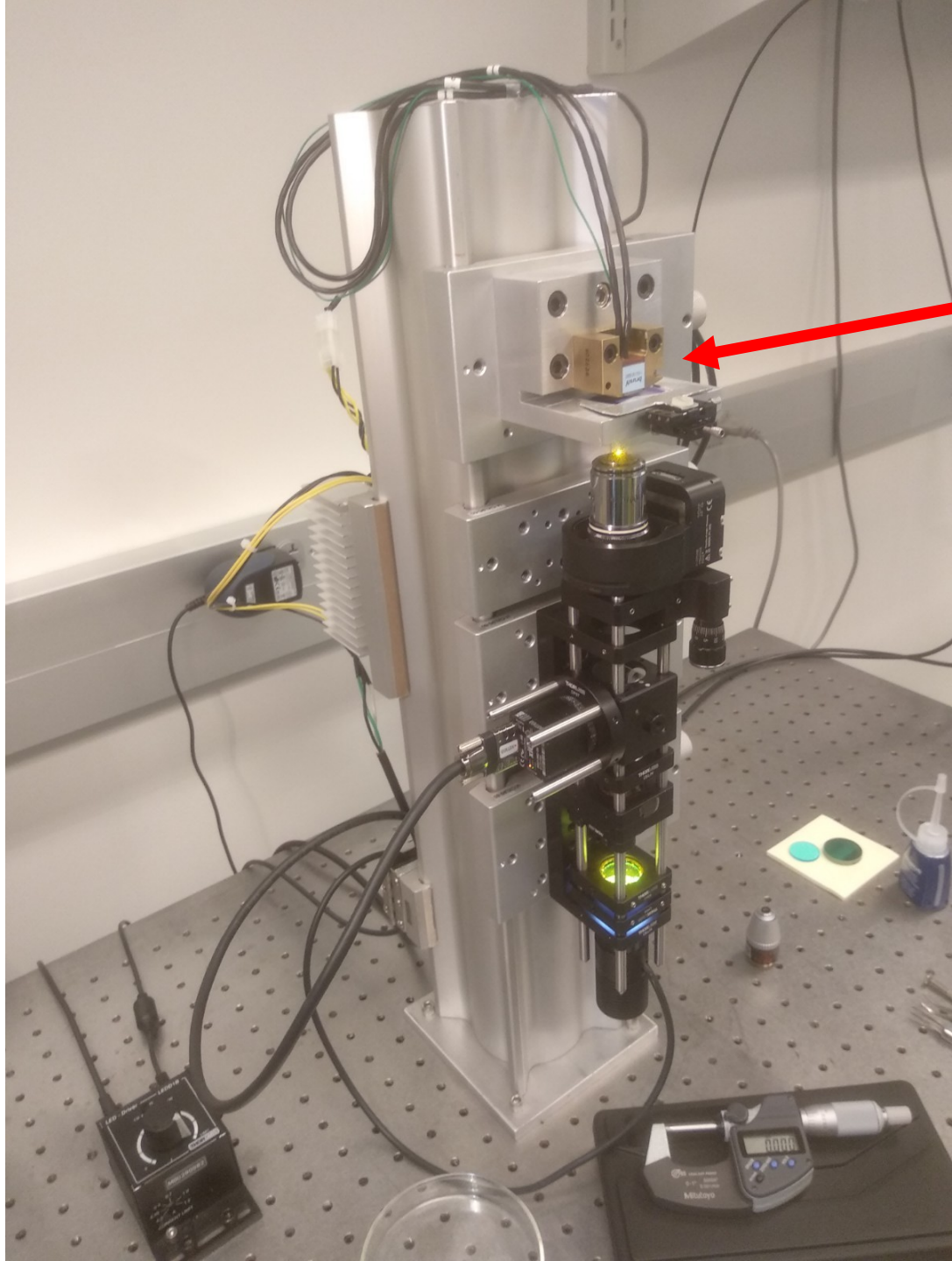
# Stable recordings of a single protein



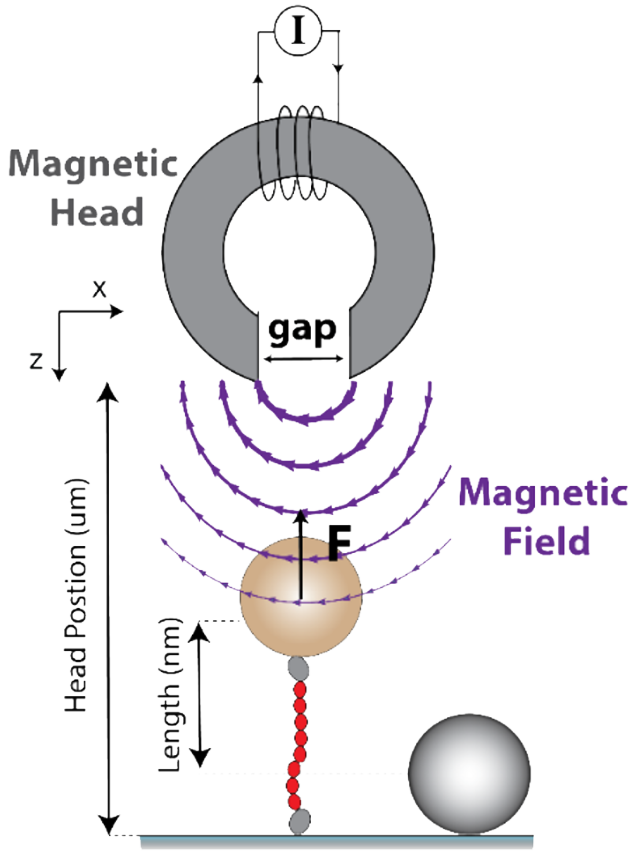
# Weeks long recording of the same protein!



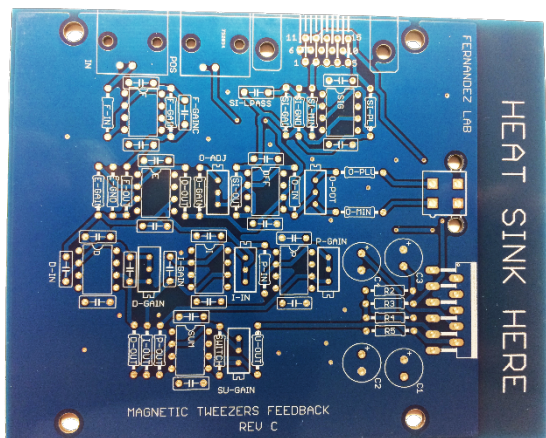
MT\_3



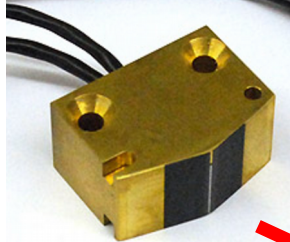
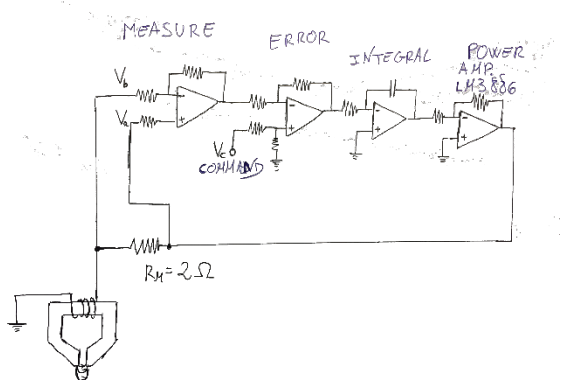
tape head



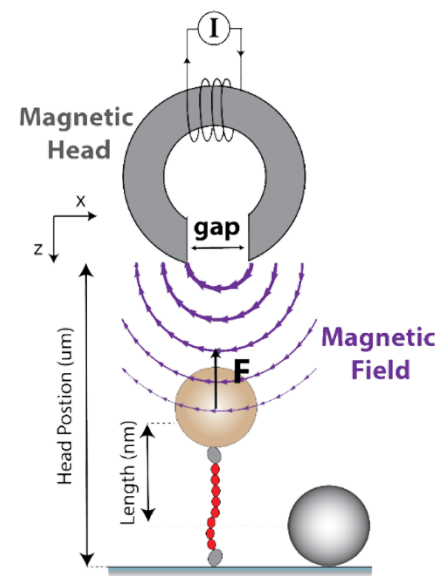
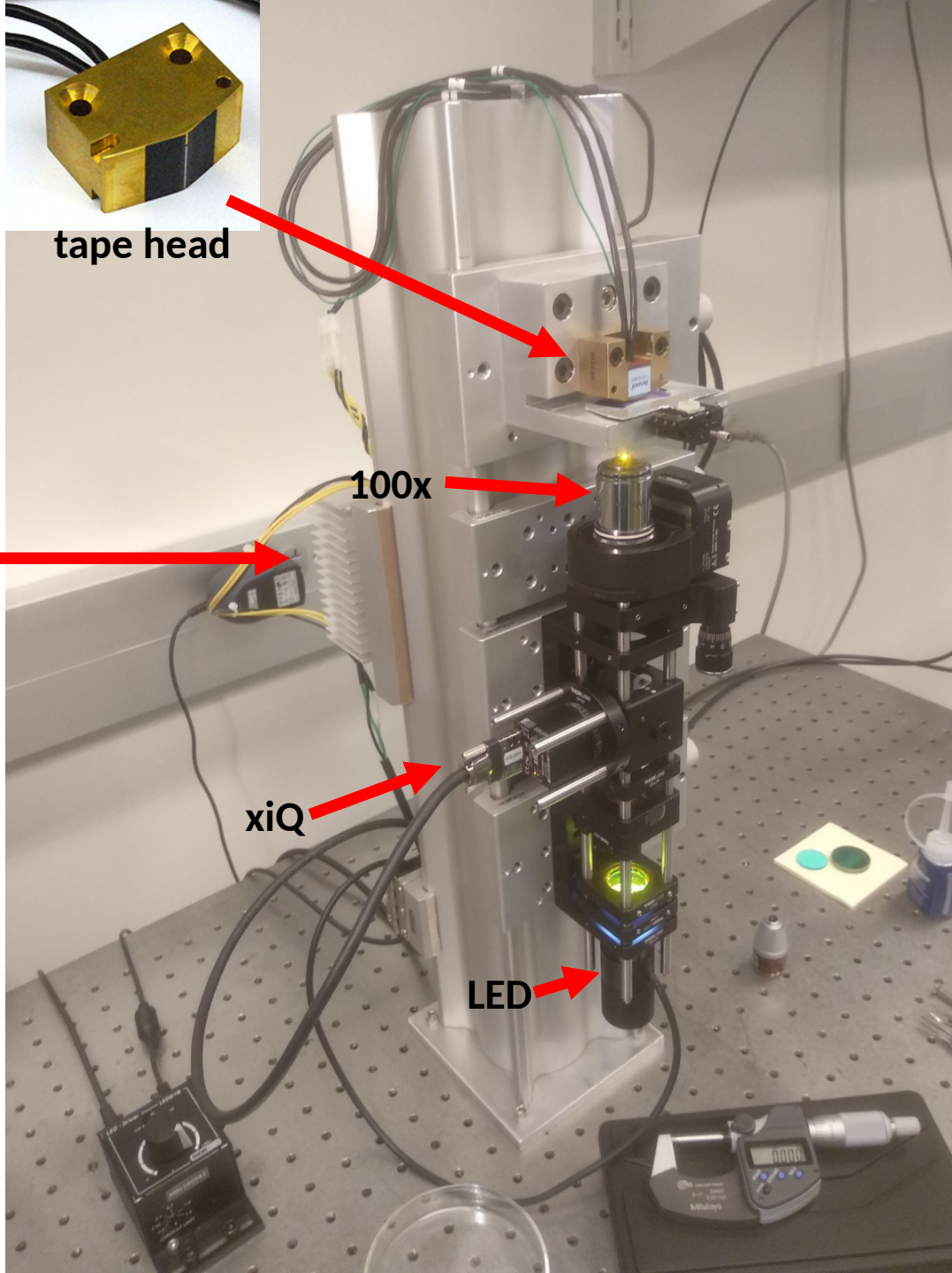
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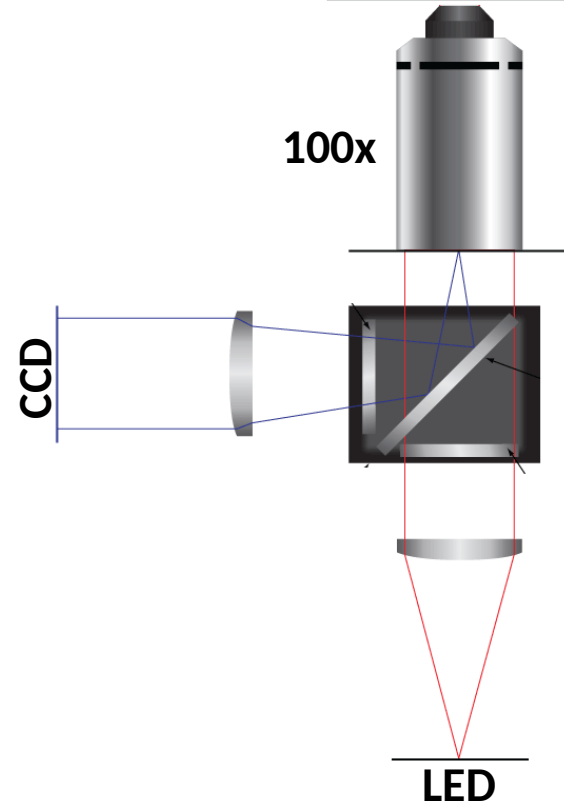
Current feedback electronics



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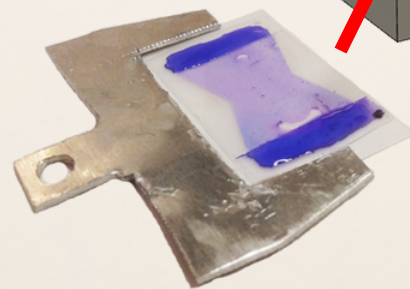
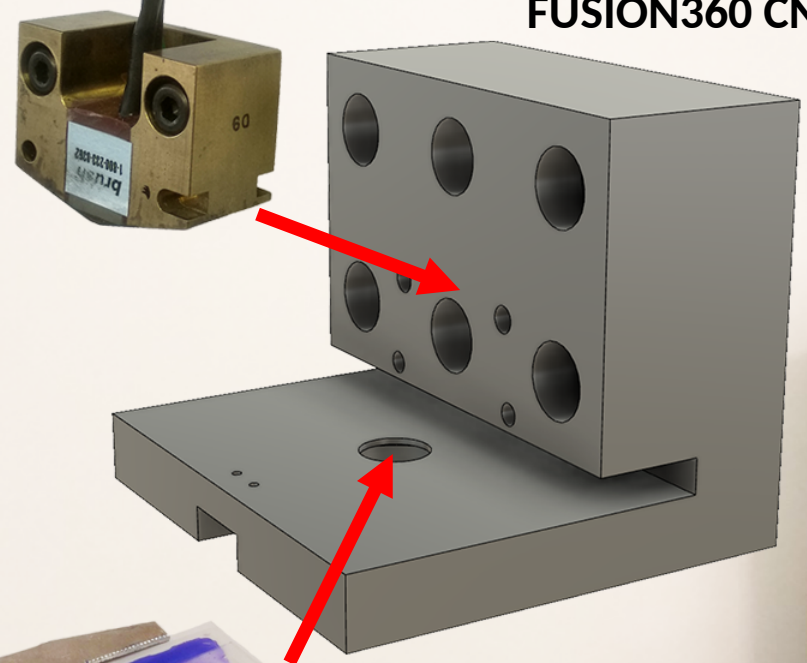
100x



tape head

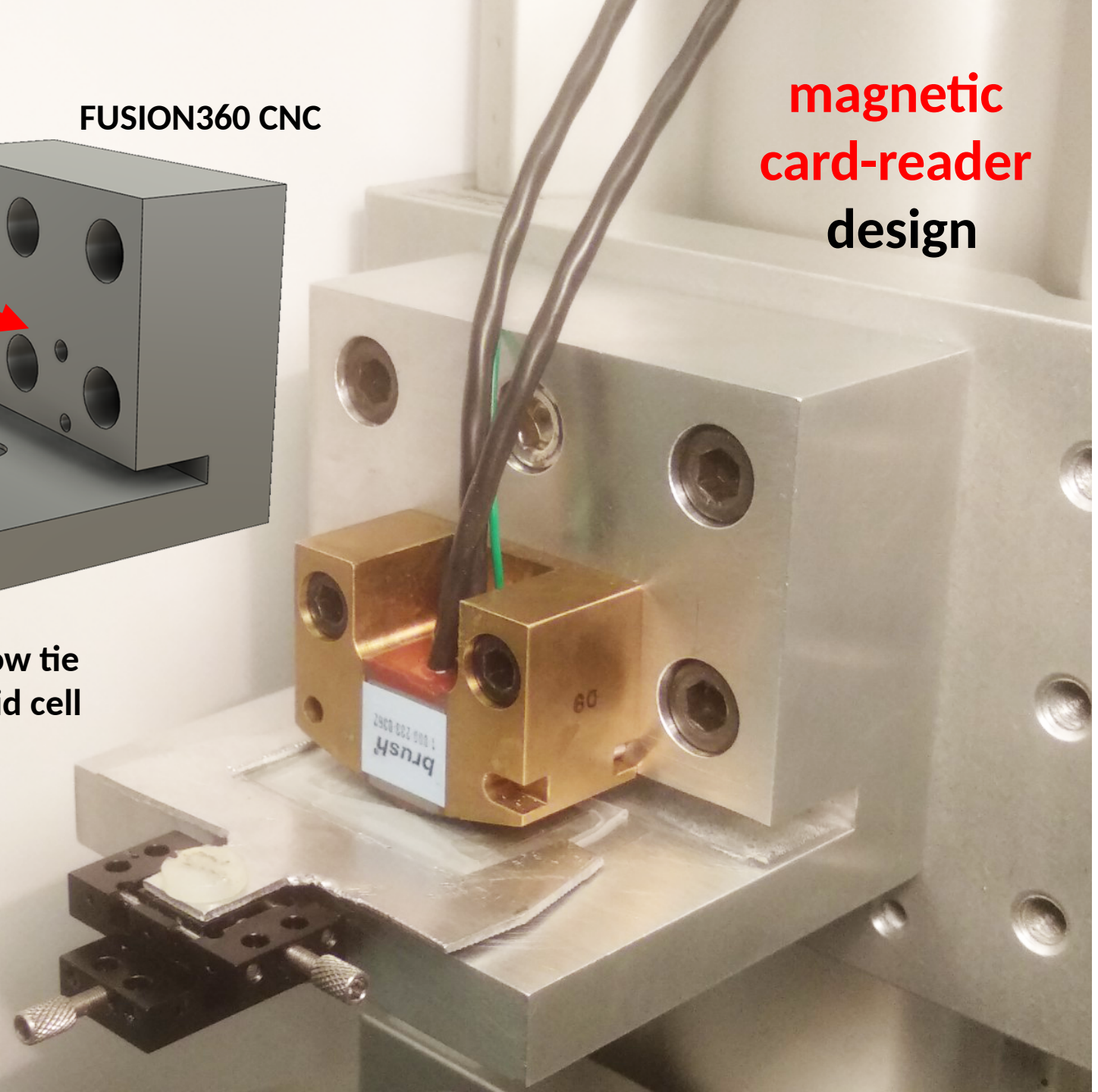
FUSION360 CNC

magnetic  
card-reader  
design



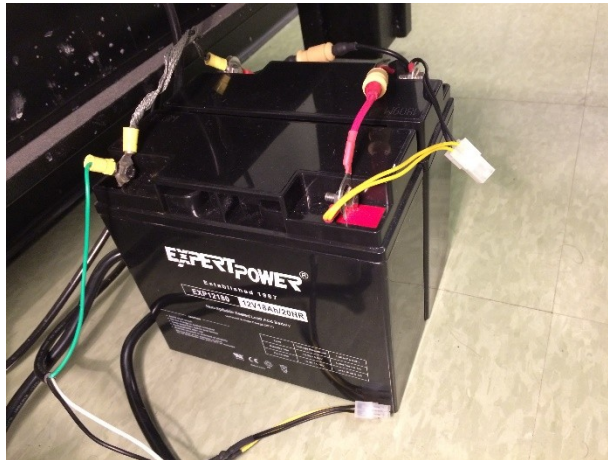
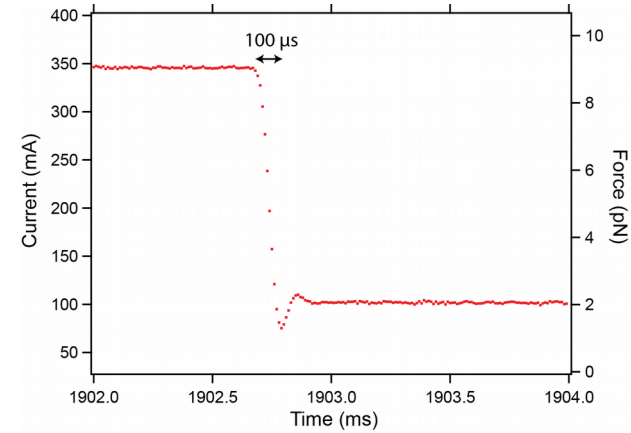
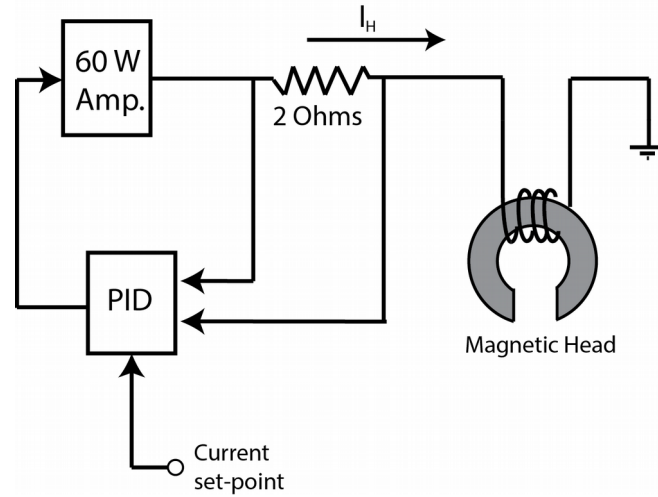
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fluid cell

holding fork

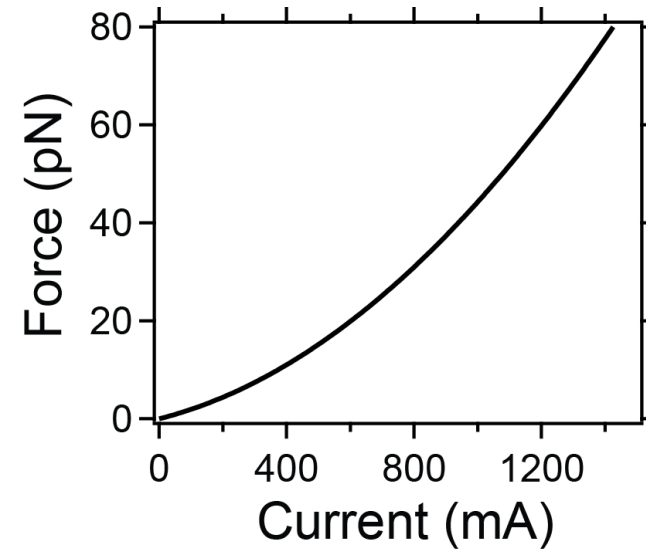




> 10 kHz bandwidth with sub-pN resolution



Battery powered



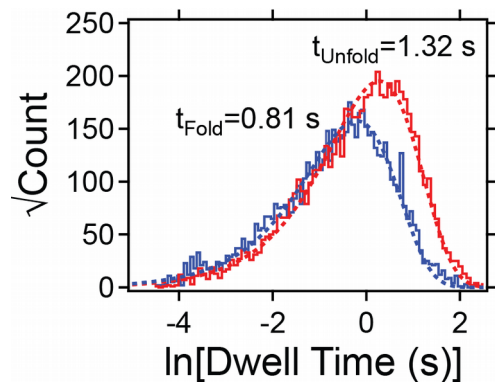
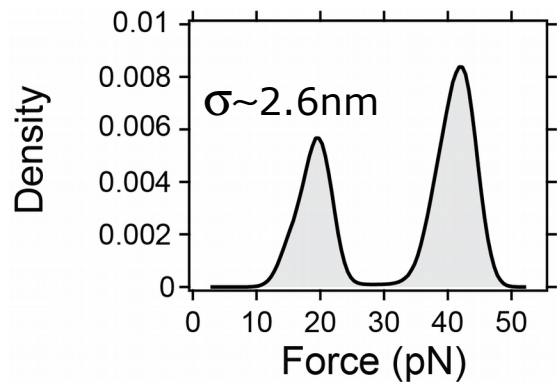
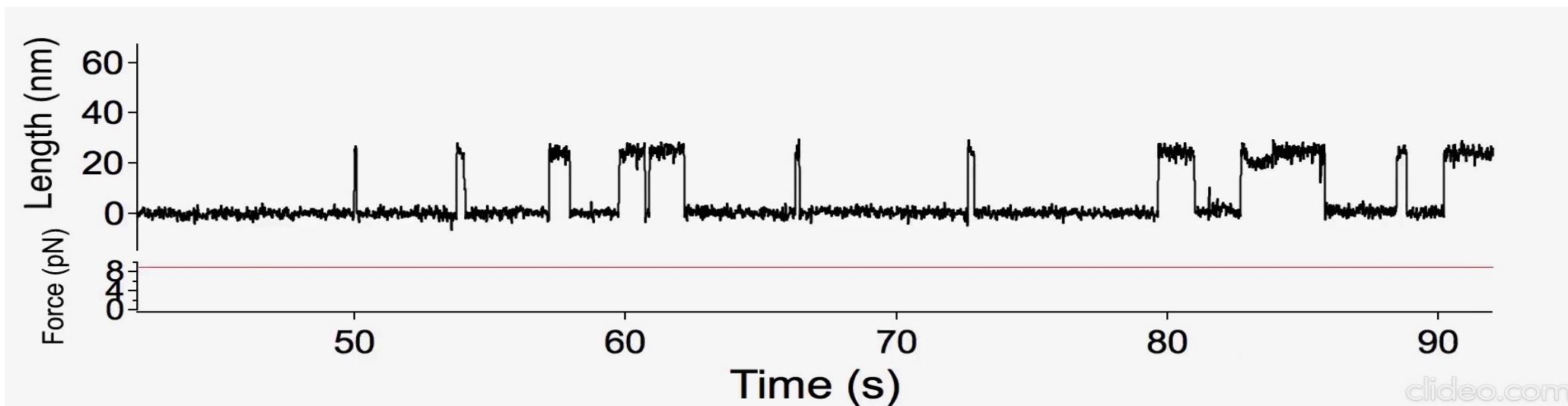
$$F(I) = 2.78610^{-5} \cdot I^2 + 0.016 \cdot I$$

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2
3 #include <QtWidgets/QMainWindow>
4 #include <xiApiPlusOcv.hpp>
5 #include <NIDAQmx.h>
6 #include "ui_MT_2_EMH.h"
7
8 class MT_2_EMH : public QMainWindow
9 {
10     Q_OBJECT
11 public:
12     MT_2_EMH(QWidget *parent = Q_NULLPTR);
13     xiAPIplusCameraOcv cam;
14     TaskHandle taskHandle_0 = 0;
15     TaskHandle taskHandle_1 = 0;
16     TaskHandle taskHandle_2 = 0;
17     QGraphicsScene *scene;
18     void ShowButtons(bool preview, bool init, bool R
19 public slots:
20     void measure();
21     void show_ROI();
22     void get_stack();
23     void Focus_box(int value);
24     void Current_box(double MP);
25     void Send_pulse();
26 private:
27     Ui::MT_2_EMHClass ui;
28 };
29
30
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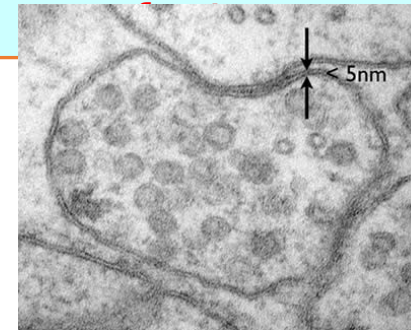
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MT_2_EMH_Application → MT_2_EMH
1 #include ...
14
15 using namespace ...
18
19 //////////////Function Declarations////////////////////
20 void onmouse(int event, int x, int y, int flags, void* param);
21 Mat FFT_MT(Mat Img);
22 float RadialVector(Mat Img, float *Profile);
23 void SetupDisplay();
24 float64 AI_Buffer[500];
25 float AI_average;
26 int32 CVICALLBACK EveryNCallback(TaskHandle taskHandle, int32 everyNsamplesEventType, uInt32 nSamples, void *callbackData);
27
28 //////////////Globals////////////////////
29 Point M_1, M_2, R_1, R_2;
30 Point M_1S, M_2S, R_1S, R_2S;
31 Point H_1 = { 480,0 }; Point H_2 = { 800,1024 };// Magnetic head only
32 int mouse_x, mouse_y, mouse_z;
33 int Save_mode_on = 0;
34 int mouse_c; int currentFocus; int lockFocus = 50;
35 float M_Stack[128][100]; float R_Stack[128][100];
36 __int64 now, t0;
37 int update_rate = 100;//samples/s
38 float Measuring_resistance = 2;// in Ohm
39 int32 num_read;
40 float Karlqvist_A = 0.386;
41 float Karlqvist_B = 9.462;
42
43 MT_2_EMH::MT_2_EMH(QWidget *parent) { ... }
93
94 void MT_2_EMH::measure() { ... }
248
249 void MT_2_EMH::get_stack() { ... }
291
292 void SetupDisplay() { ... }
303
304 Mat FFT_MT(Mat Img) { ... }
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313 float RadialVector(Mat Img, float *Profile) { ... }
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447 void MT_2_EMH::show_ROI() { ... }
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479 void onmouse(int event, int x, int y, int flags, void* param) { ... }
487
488 void MT_2_EMH::Current_box(double F) { ... }
500
501 void MT_2_EMH::Focus_box(int value) { ... }
509
510 void MT_2_EMH::Send_pulse() { ... }
579
580 void MT_2_EMH::ShowButtons(bool measure, bool savedata, bool ROI, bool stack) { ... }
588
589 int32 CVICALLBACK EveryNCallback(TaskHandle taskHandle, int32 everyNsamplesEventType, uInt32 nSamples, void *callbackData) { ... }
596
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C++ code  
implementing  
"kick-ass" modules

# 5 hour long recording of talin at 1400 fps with a total drift of 7 nm



MT\_3 has the resolution of an electron microscope at >1400

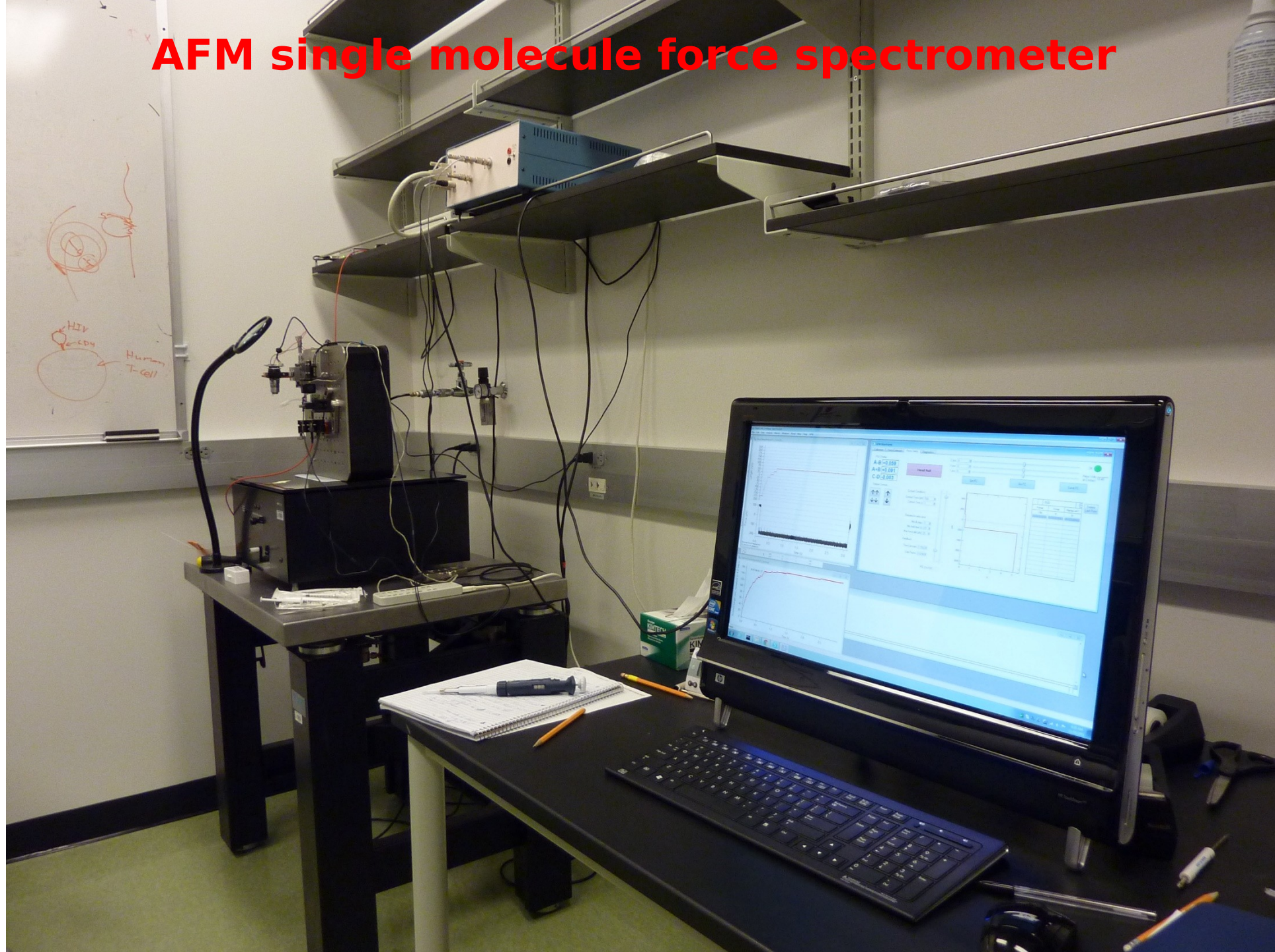




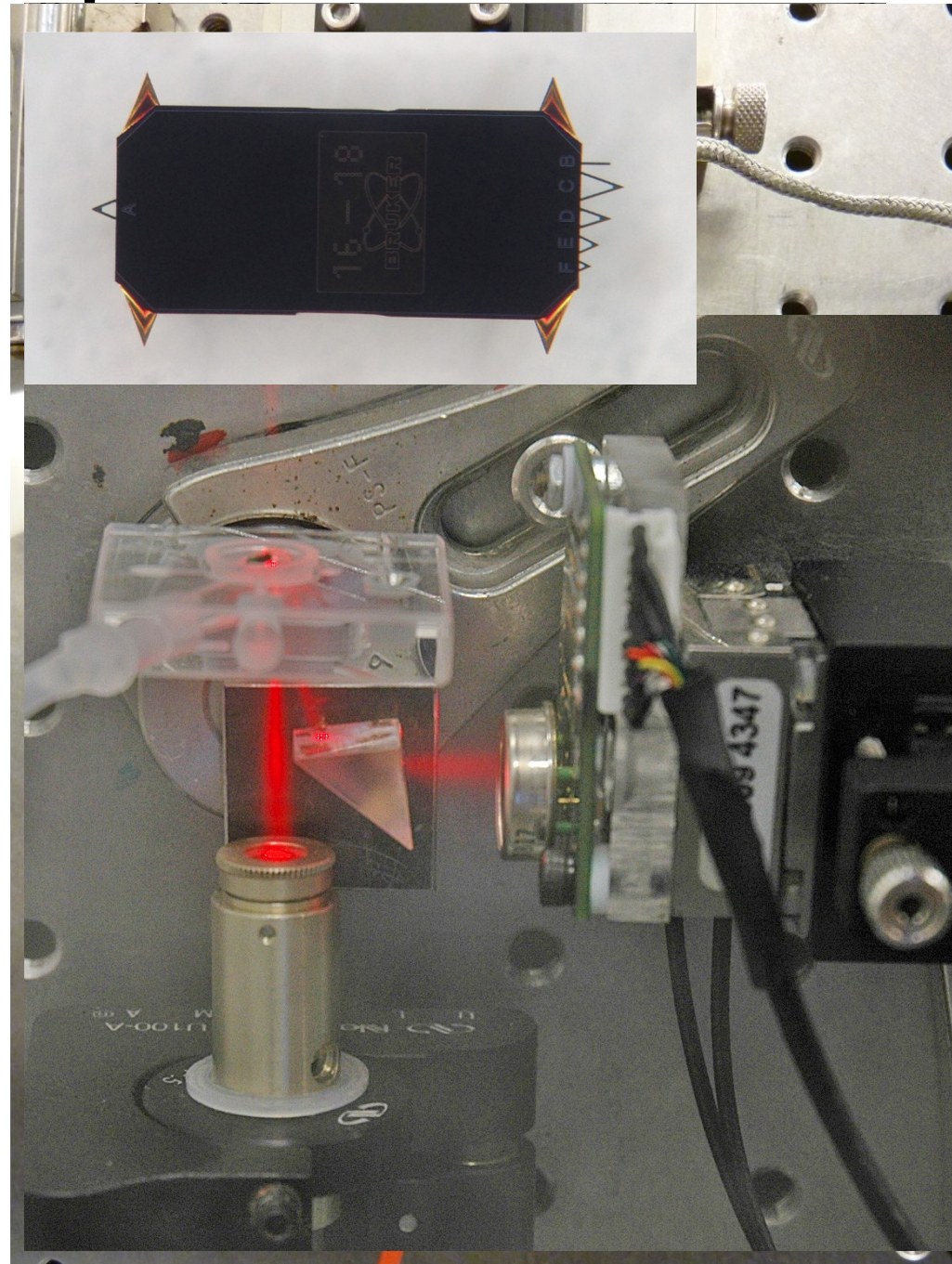
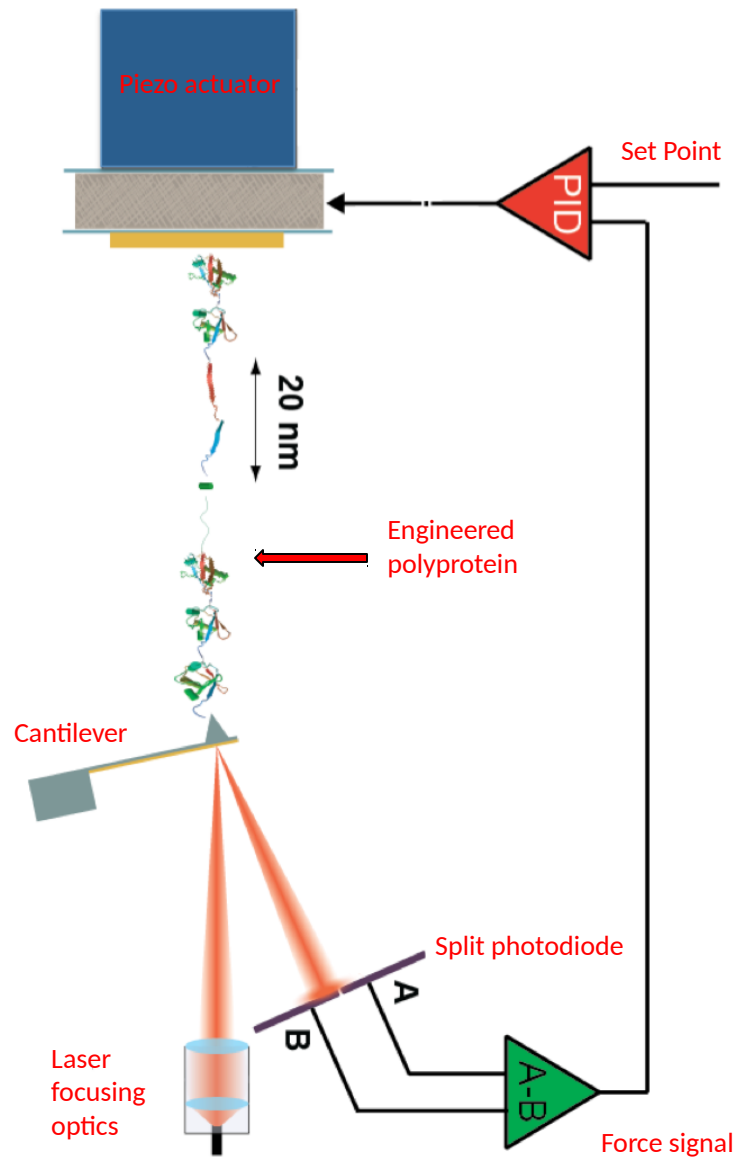
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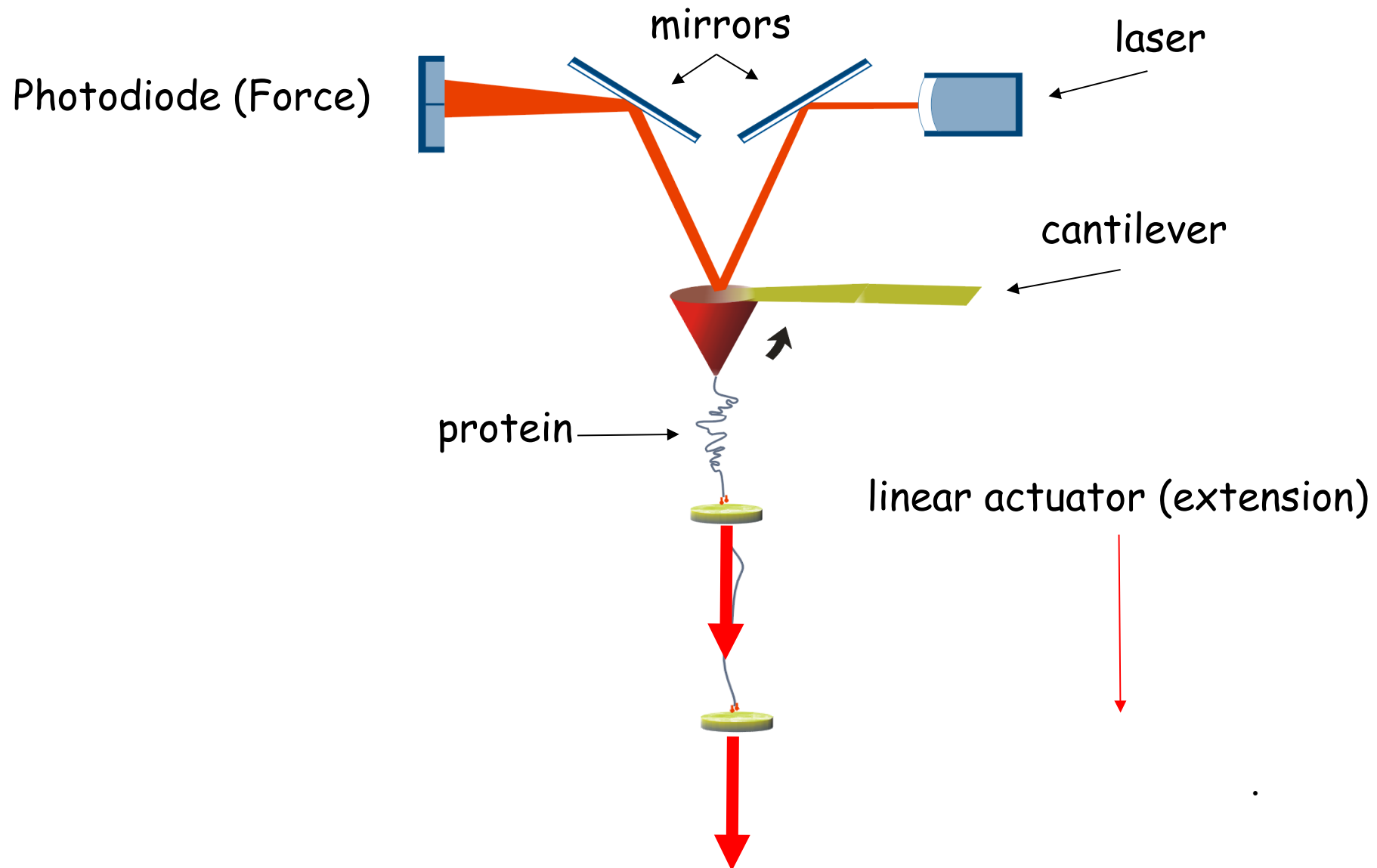
# AFM single molecule force spectrometer

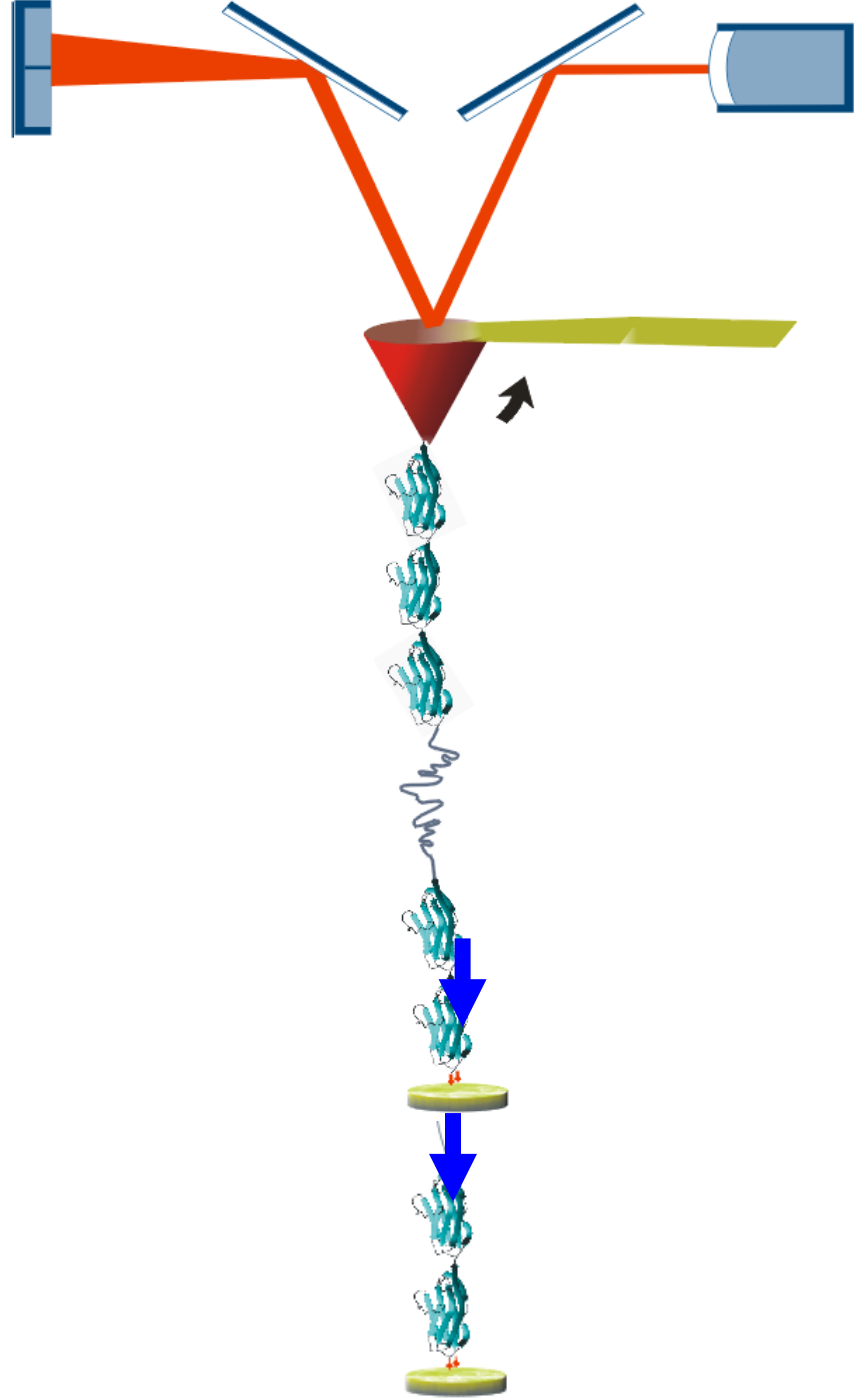


# Force sensor and piezoelectric actuator

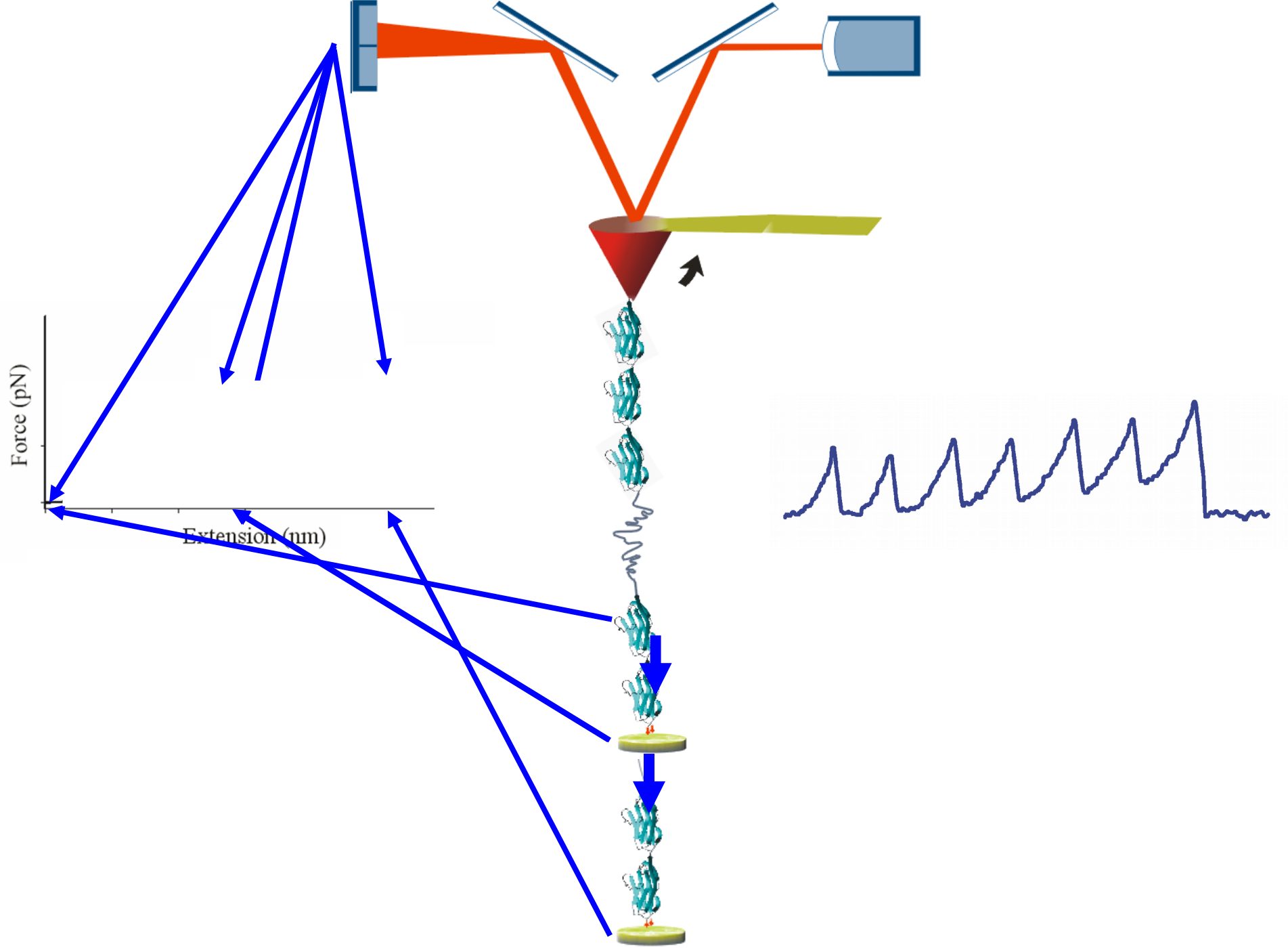


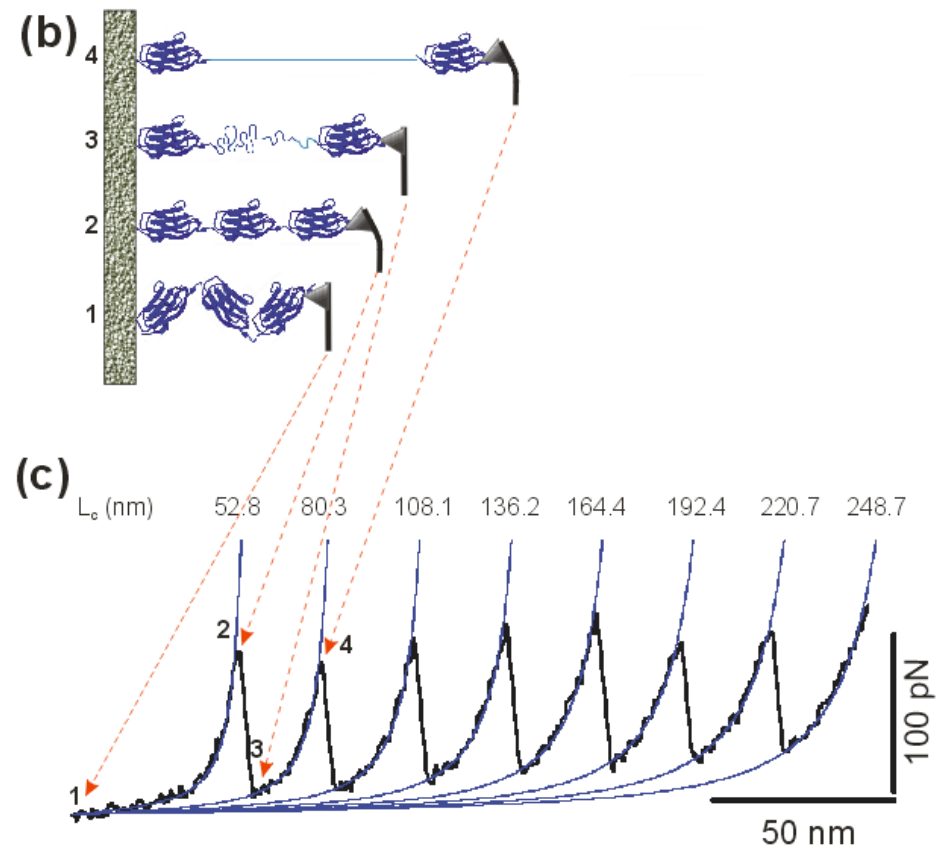
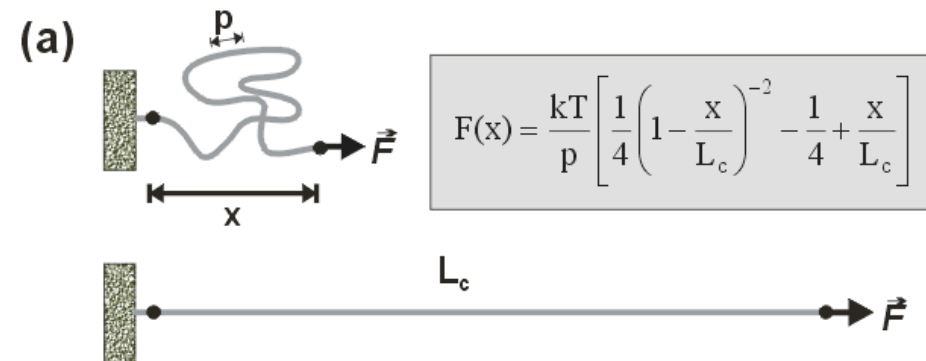
We can stretch a single protein and measure how the restoring force changes with the extension.

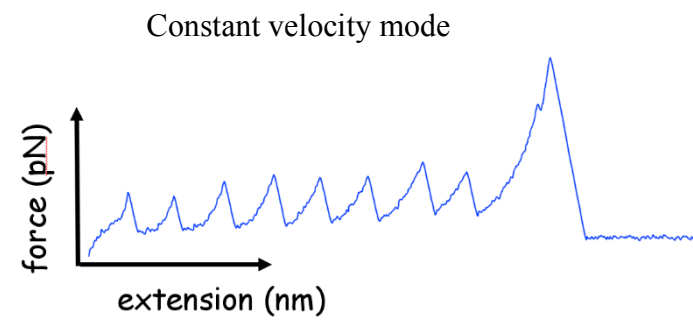
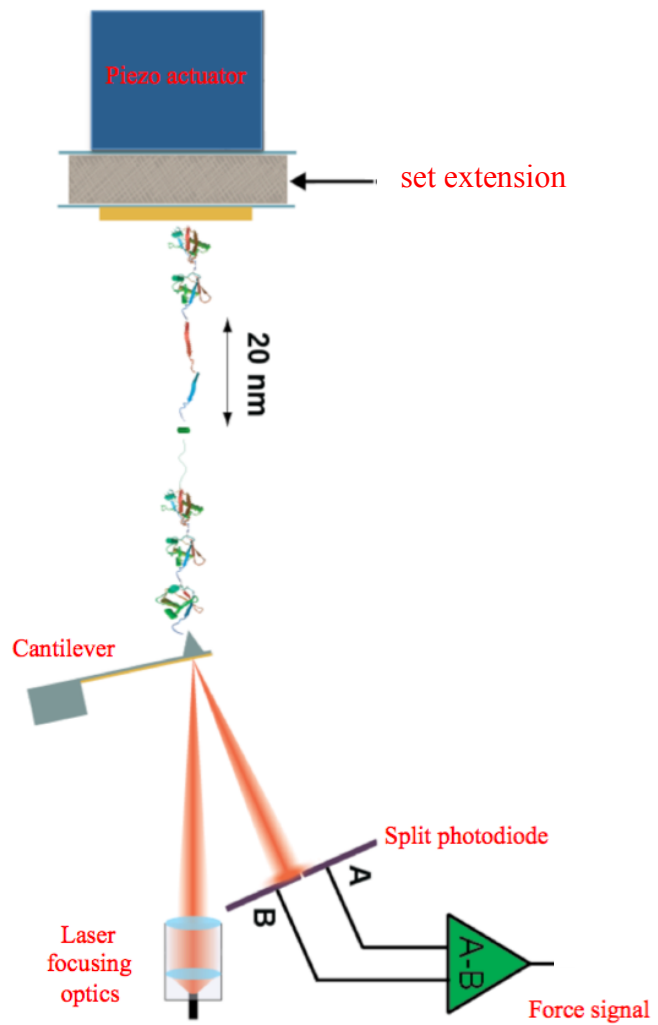




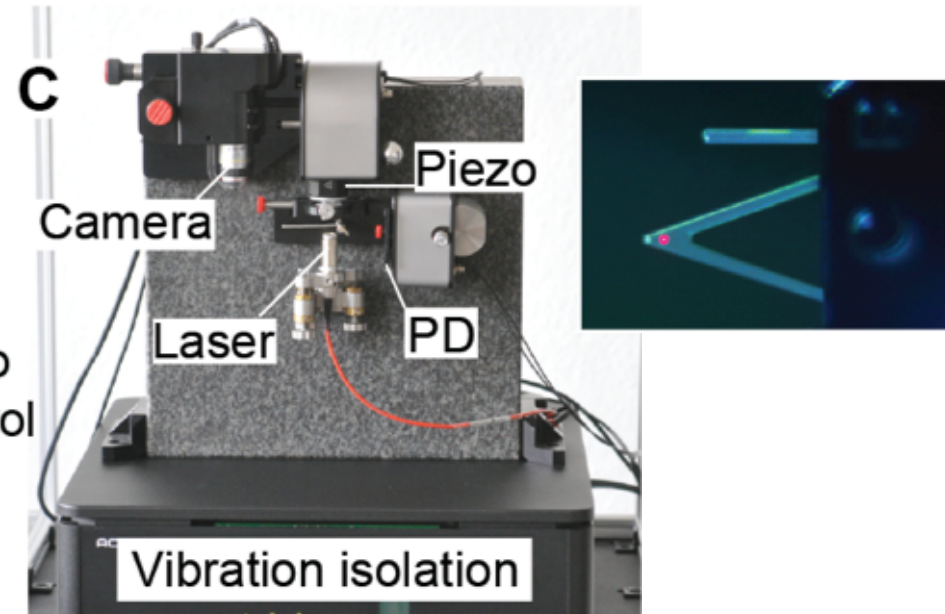
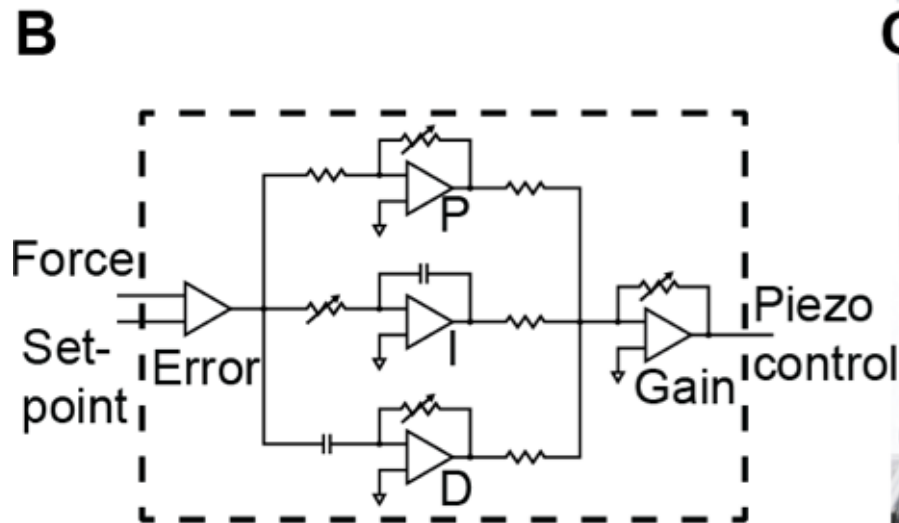
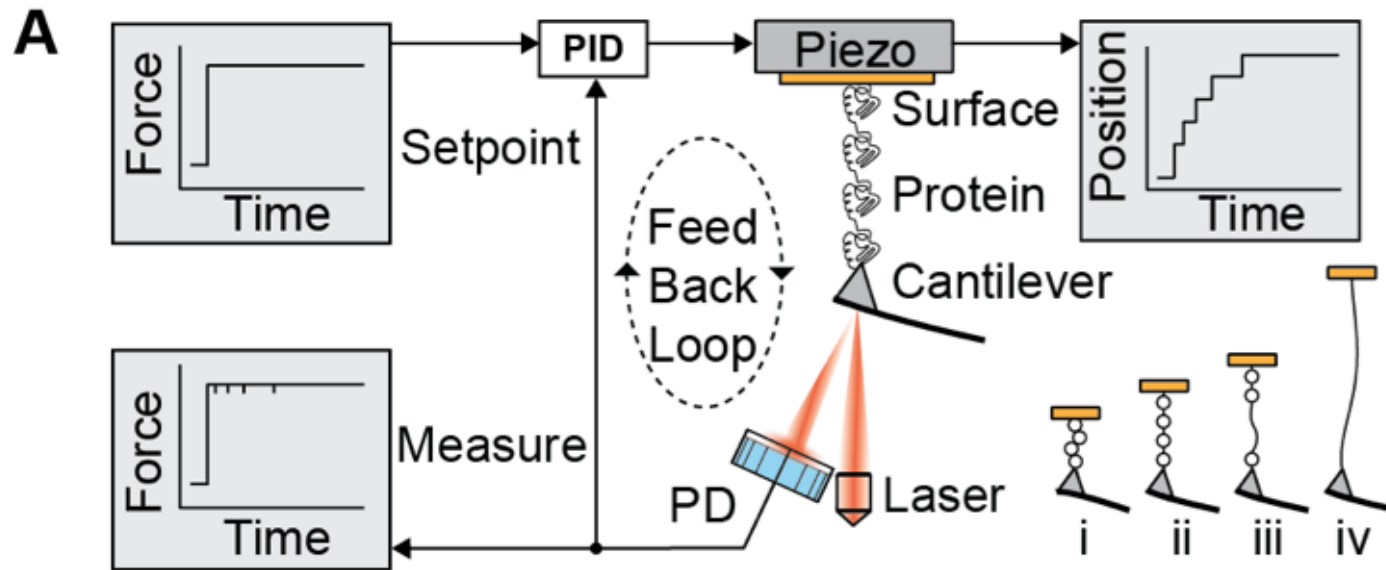








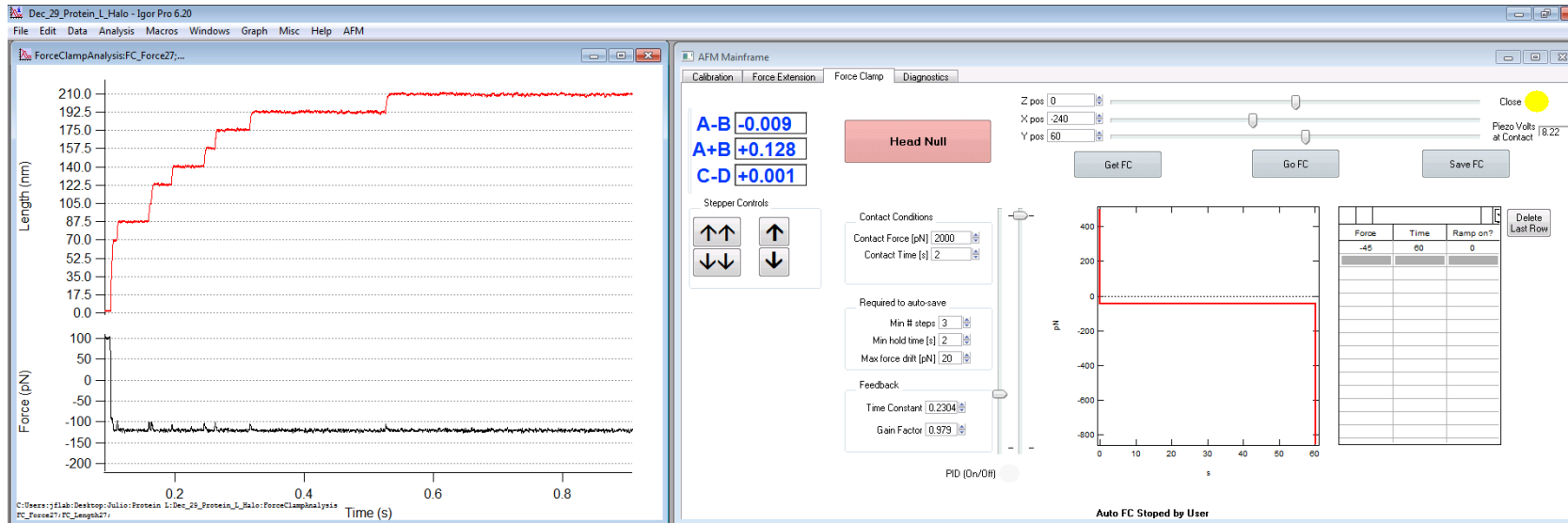
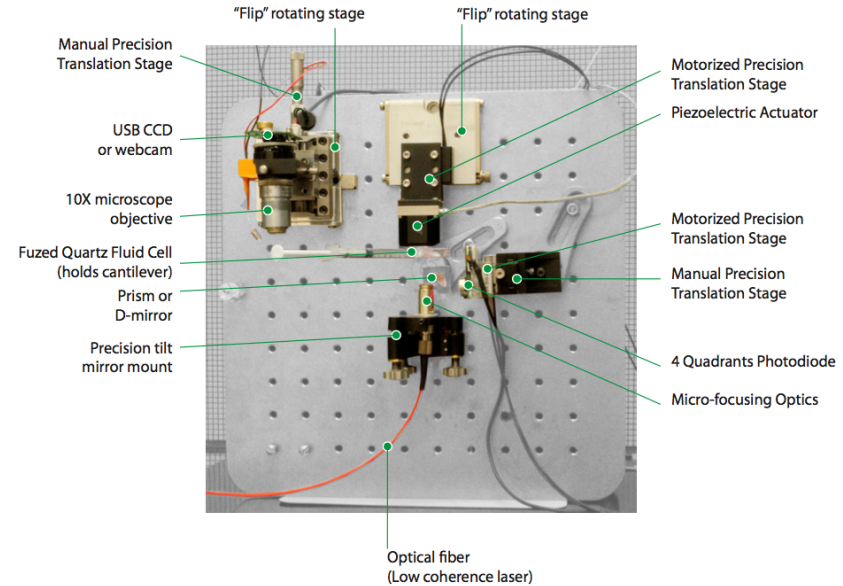
# Force-clamp spectroscopy apparatus



# AFS Software (Igor)

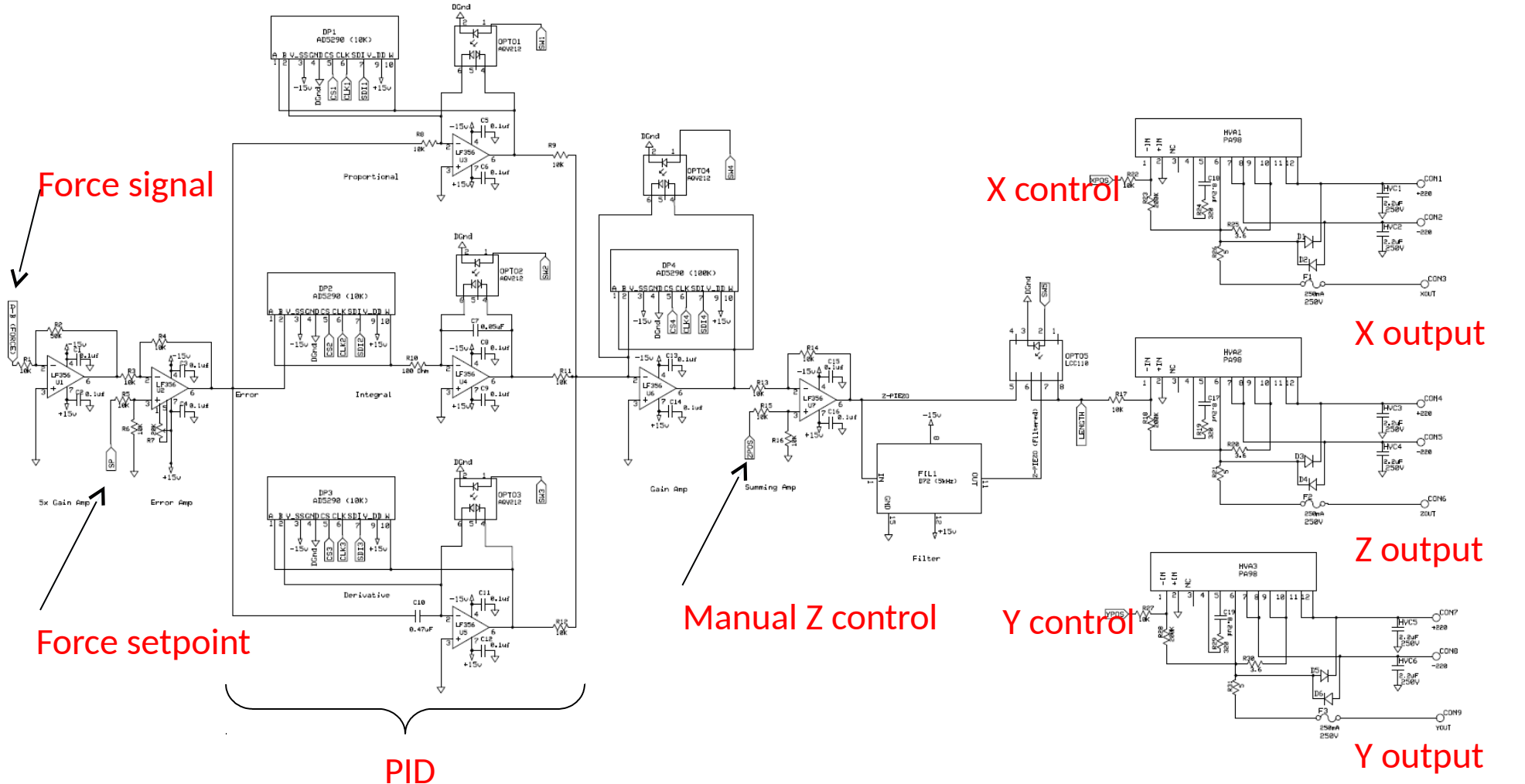
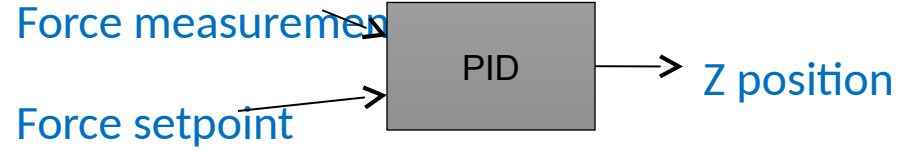
Single Molecule Atomic Force Spectrometer

- Force-clamp and force-extension
- Sub-nanometer resolution
- Sub-millisecond time resolution
- Protein folding and unfolding
- Bond cleavage and formation
- Fully automated operation
- Powerful analysis software
- Simple user interface



# AFS: Feedback electronics

$$u(t) = MV(t) = K_p e(t) + K_i \int_0^t e(\tau) d\tau + K_d \frac{d}{dt} e(t)$$



PID

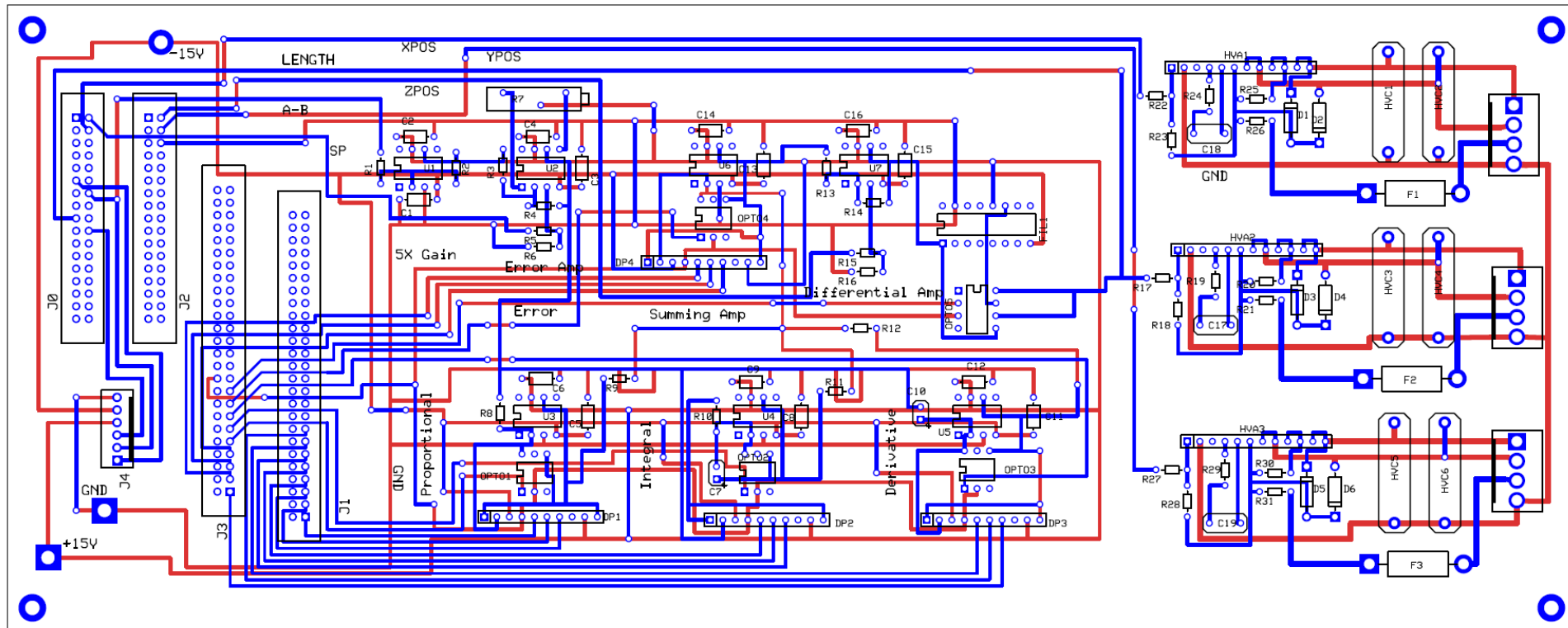
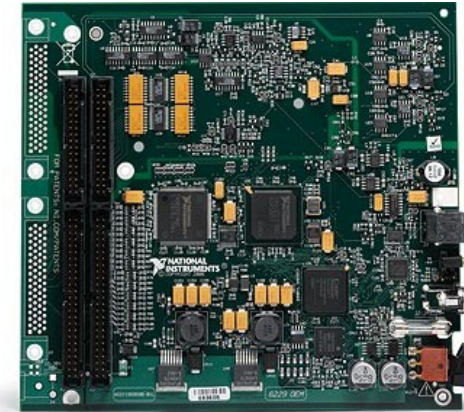
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Y control

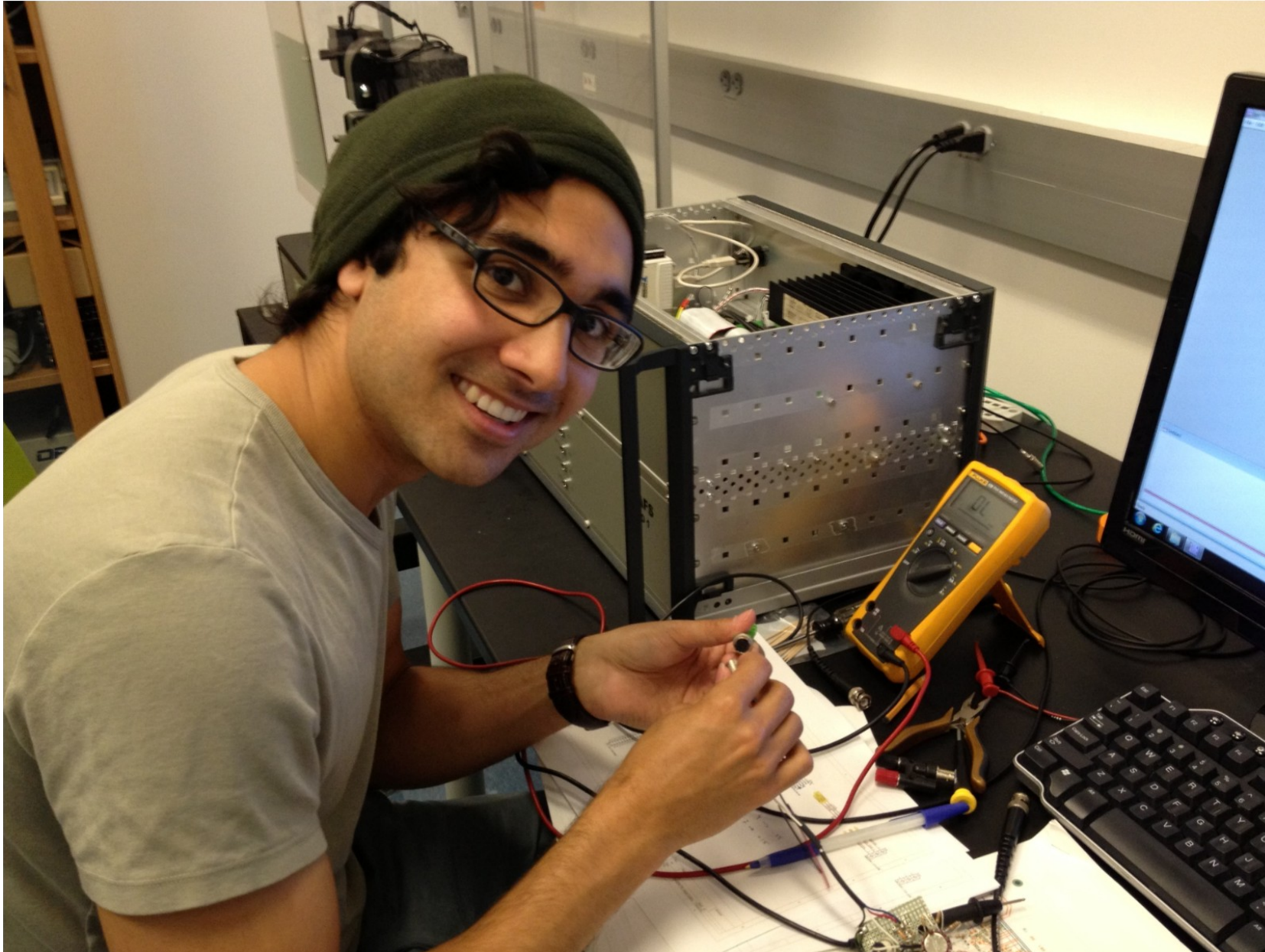
Y output

# AFS: Circuit boards

- AFS controller allows complete hands-off operation
- Standard DAQ
- Connects to any computer via USB

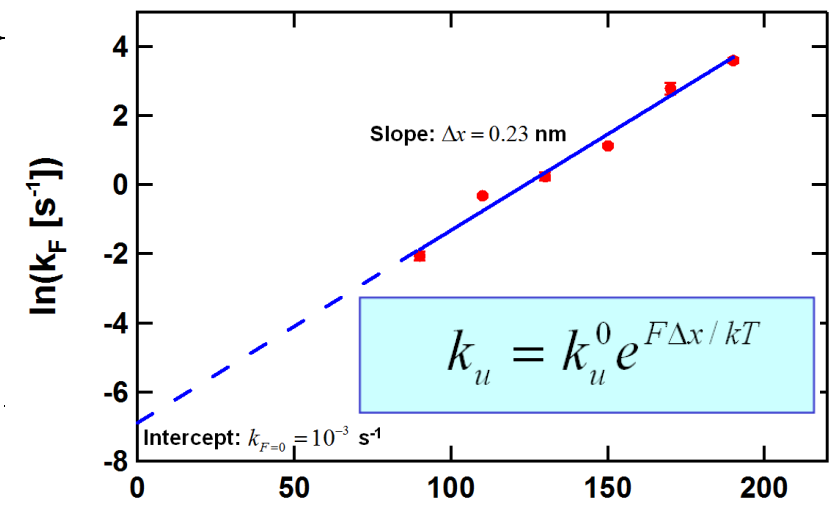
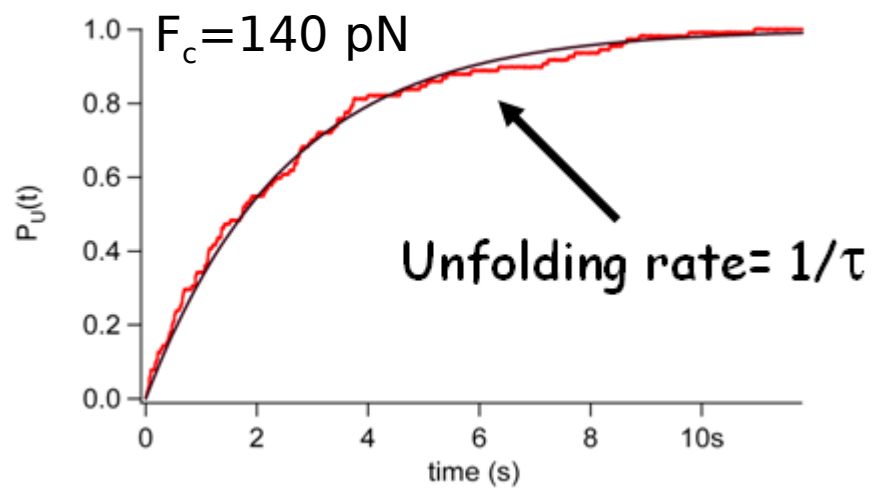
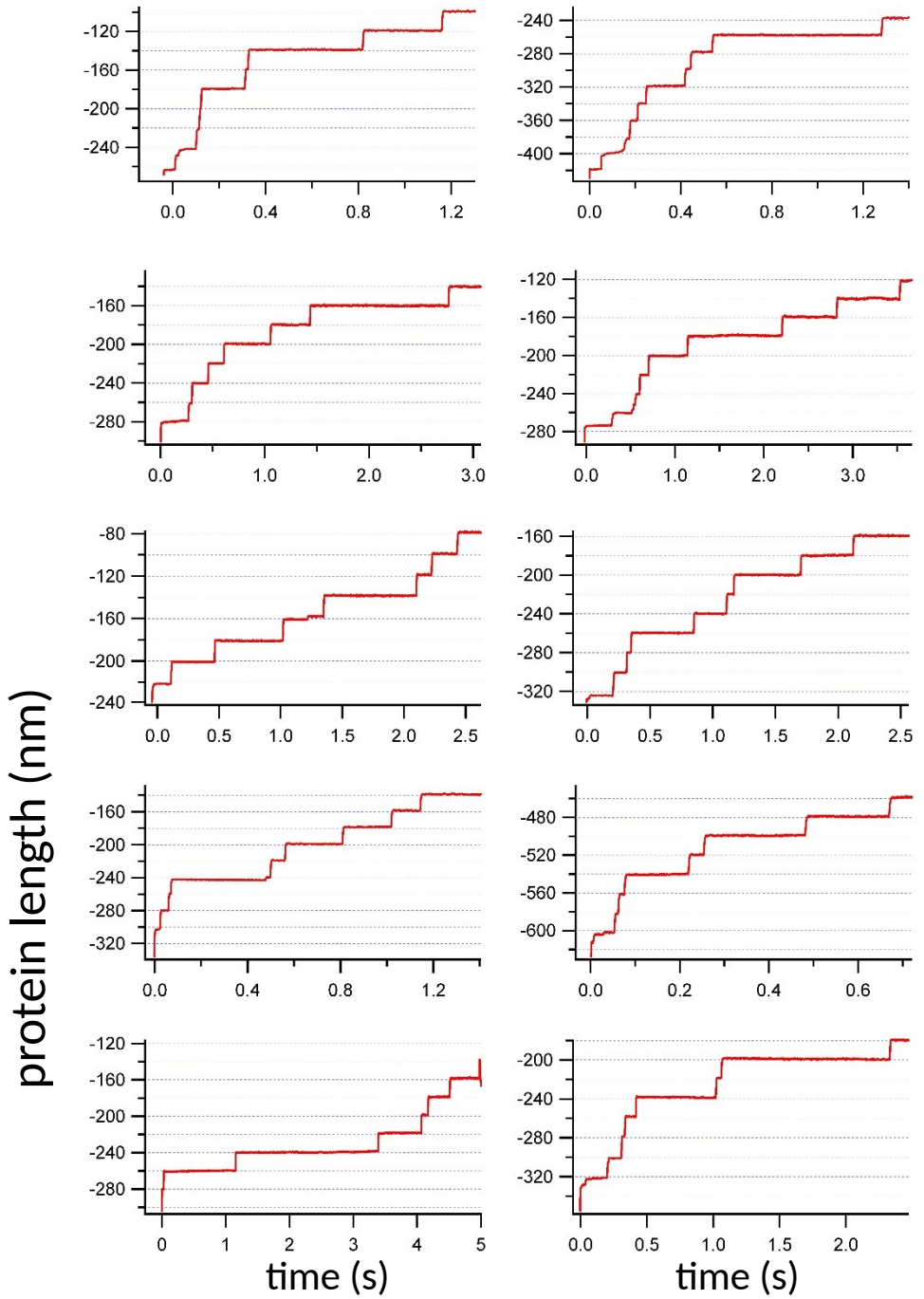


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**applying the final touches to the AFM prototype**

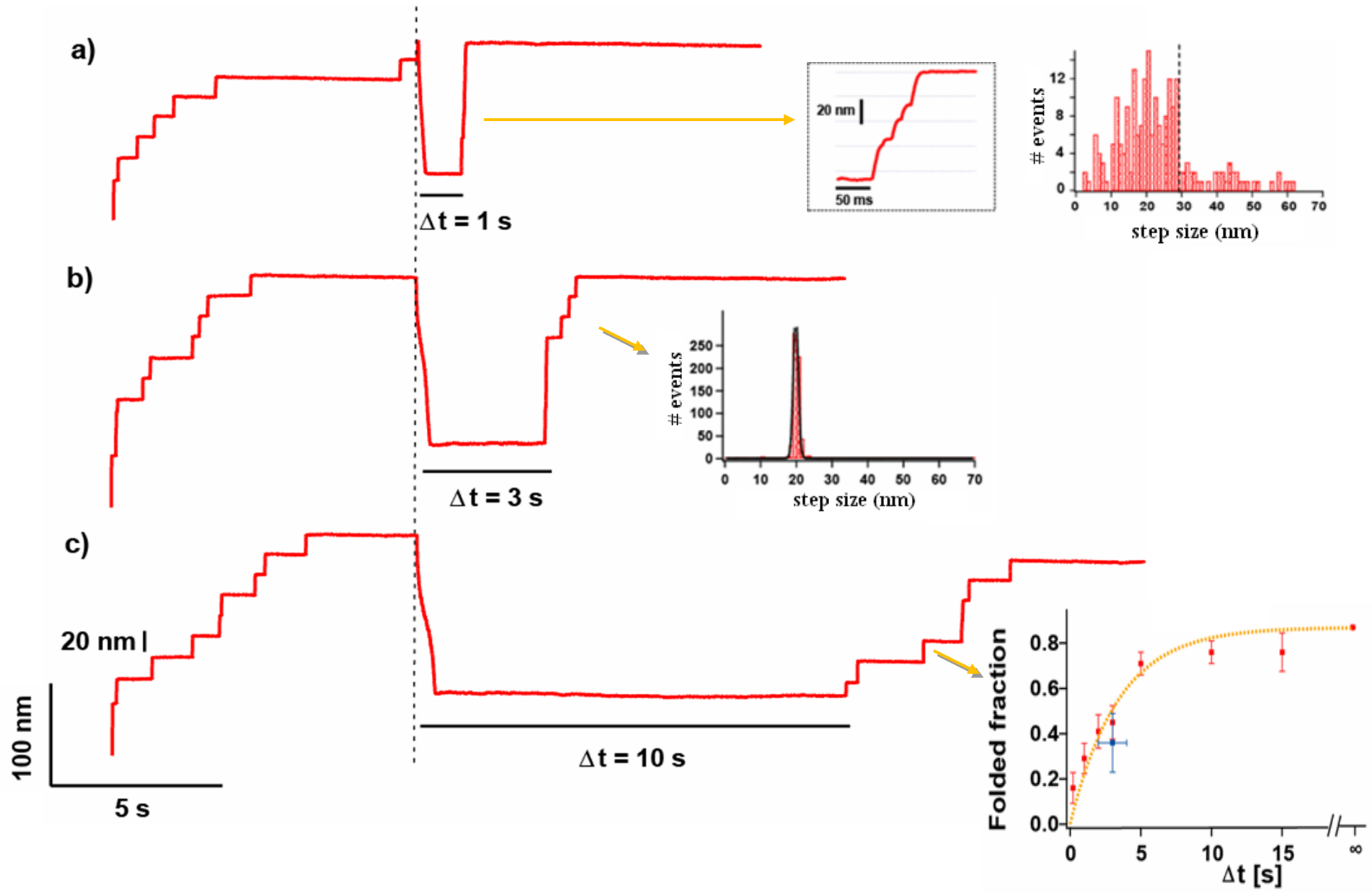




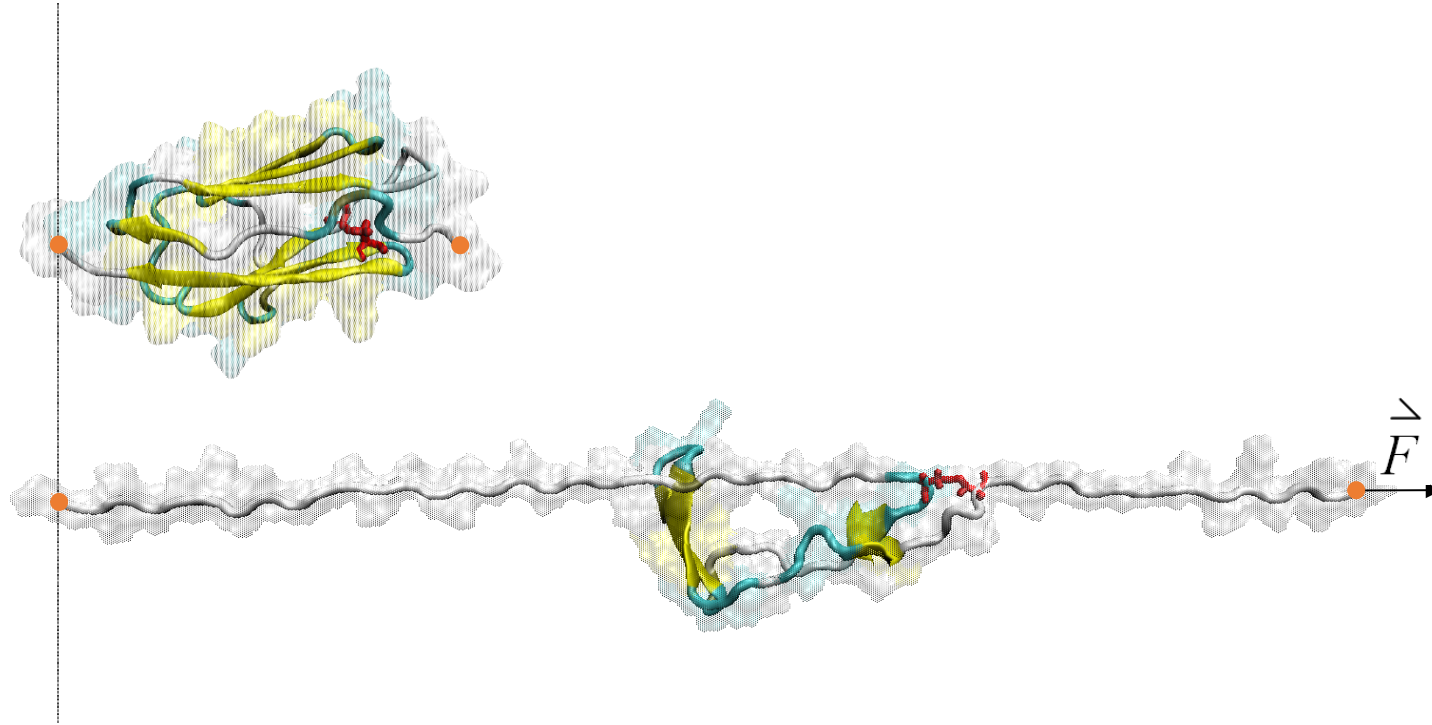
Unfolding polyproteins at constant force



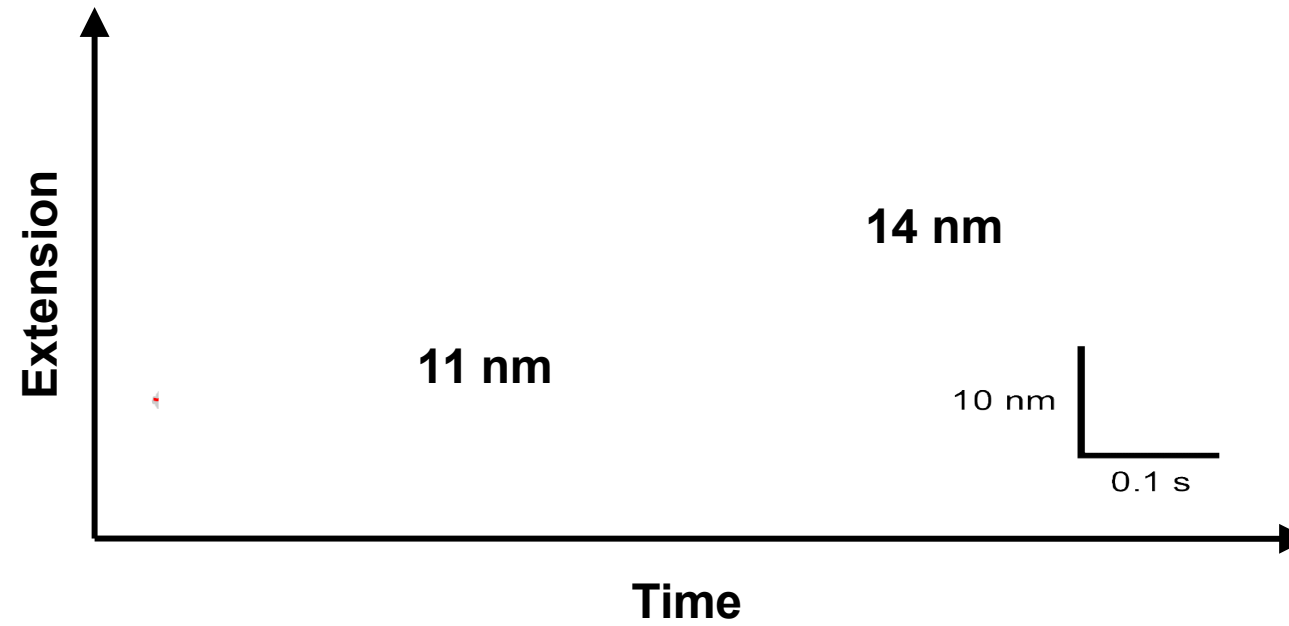
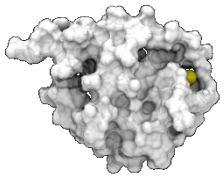
# Force-quench; molten globules and folding



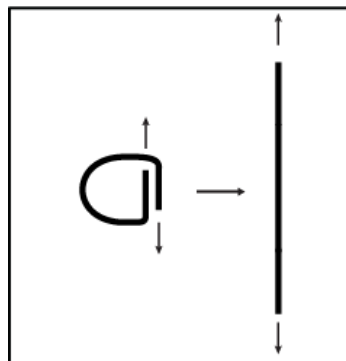
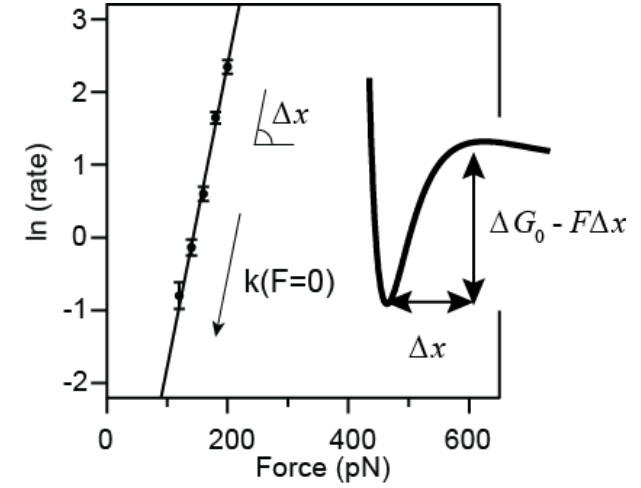
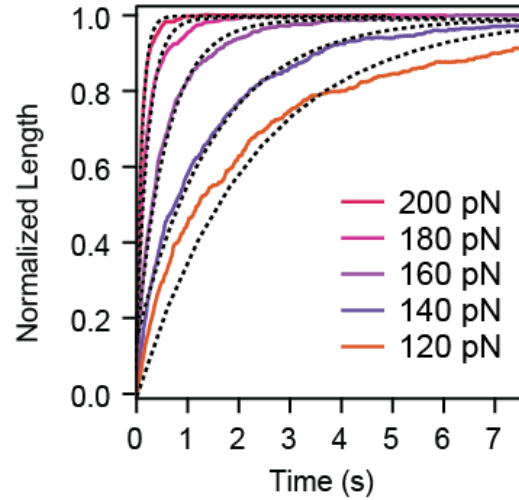
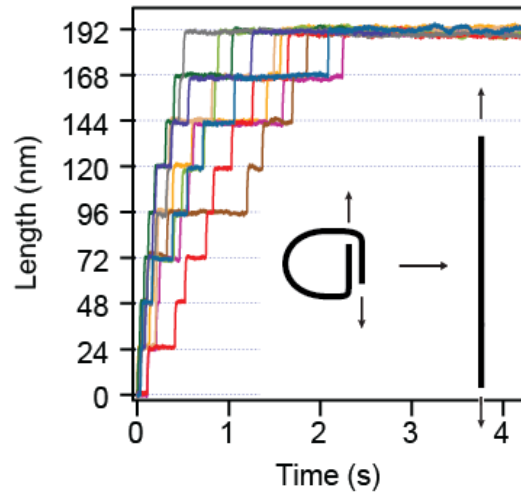
Disulfide bonds restrict the elongation of an unfolding protein, and accelerate refolding 20-50 fold making the protein stiffer



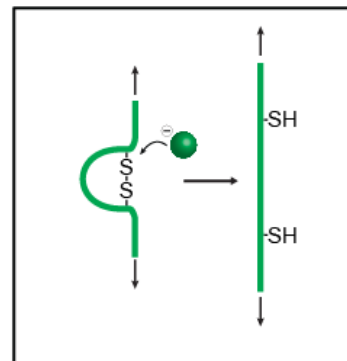
# Detecting cryptic disulfide bonds in I27



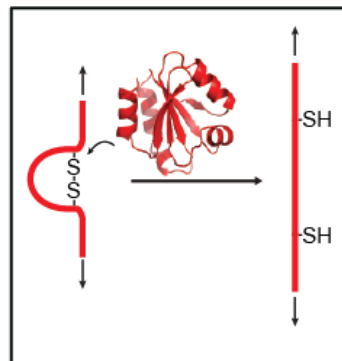
# Force dependent reactions



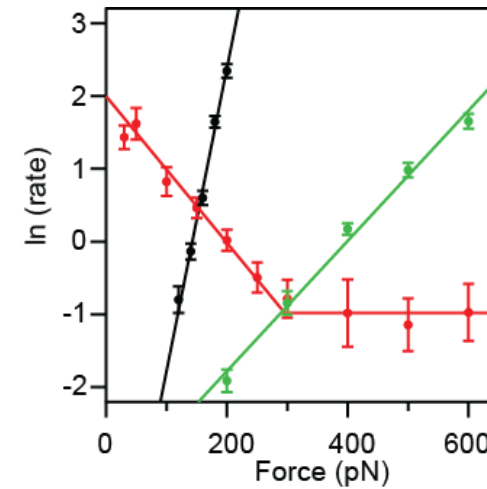
Unfolding



Chemical Reactions



Enzymatic Reactions



# Unfolding and refolding dynamics (Titin I27)

