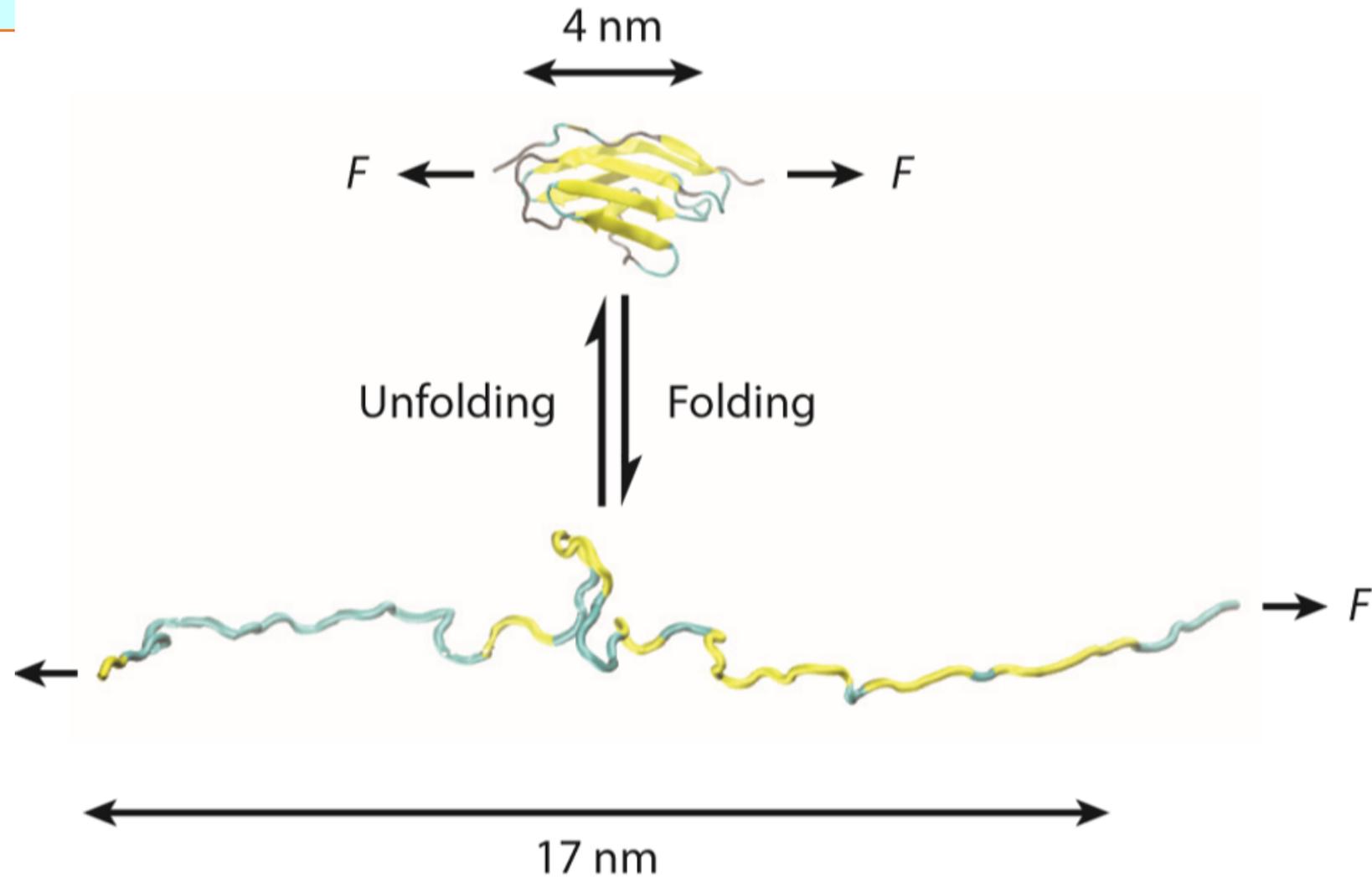


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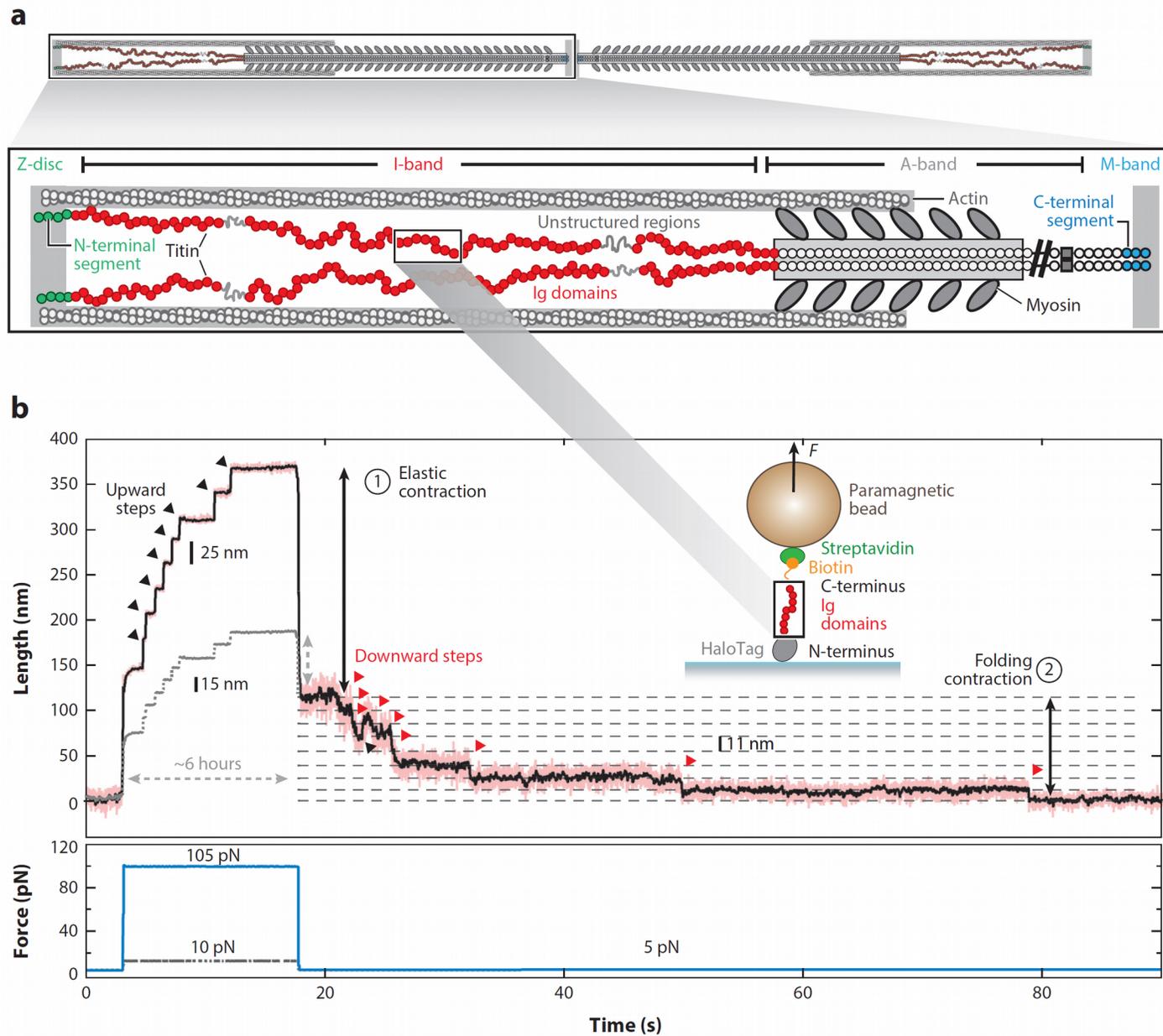


# The amazing mechanical power of titin

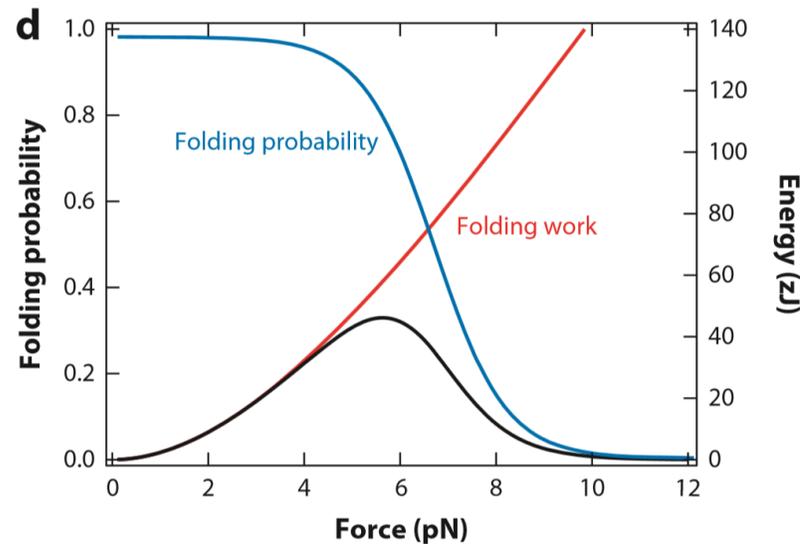
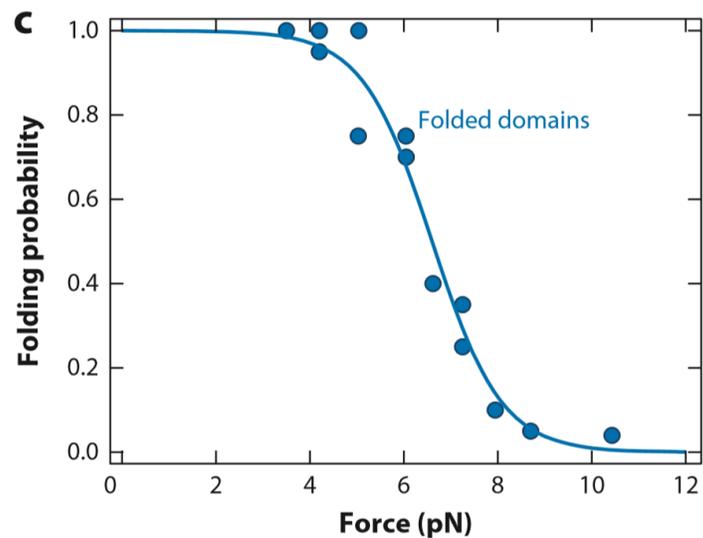
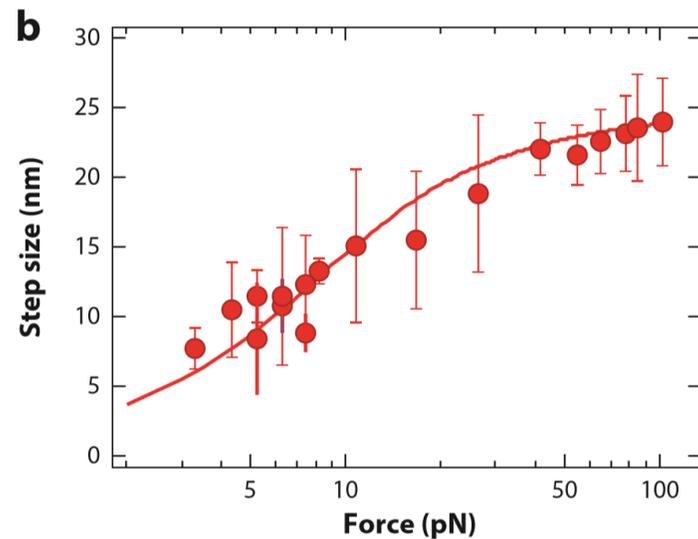
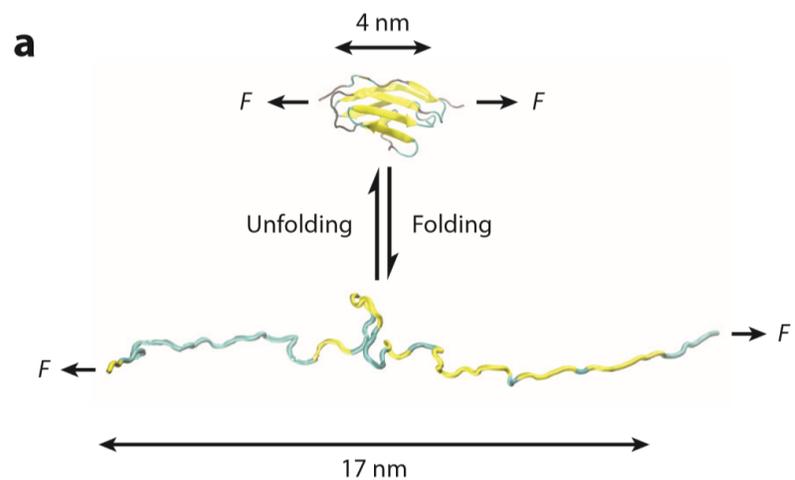


# Titin stores and releases elastic energy by

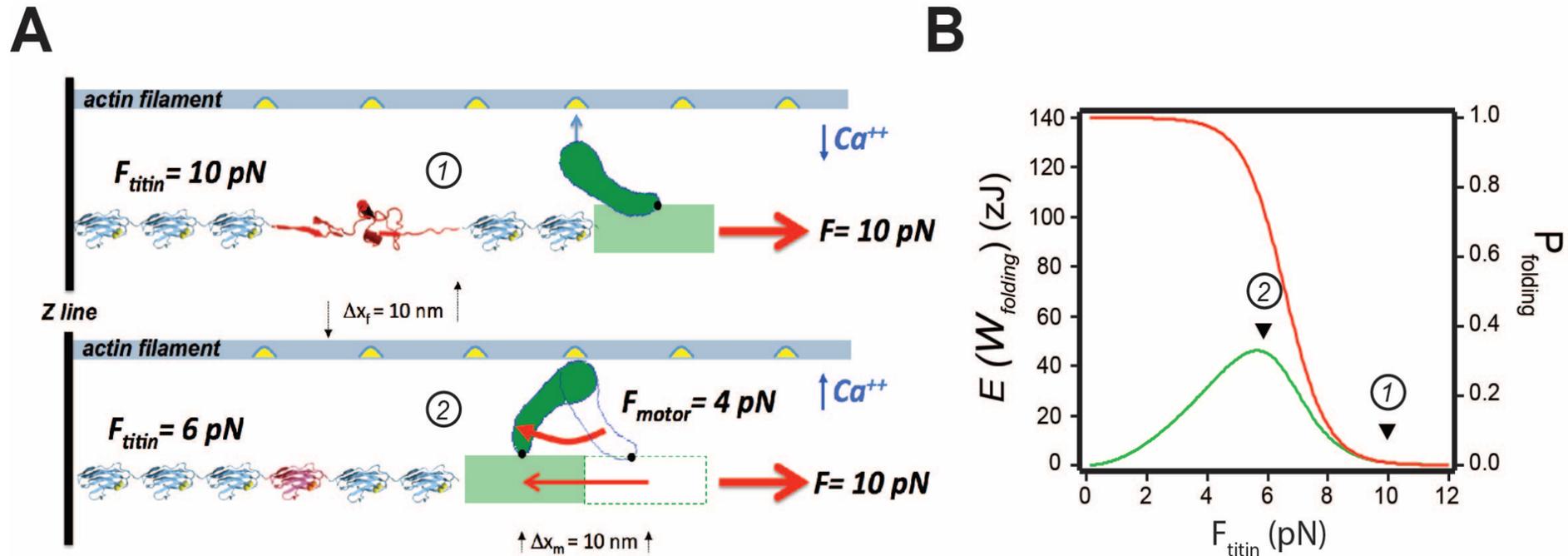
*folded and unfolded*



# Titin Ig folding work is similar to ATP-driven myosin motors



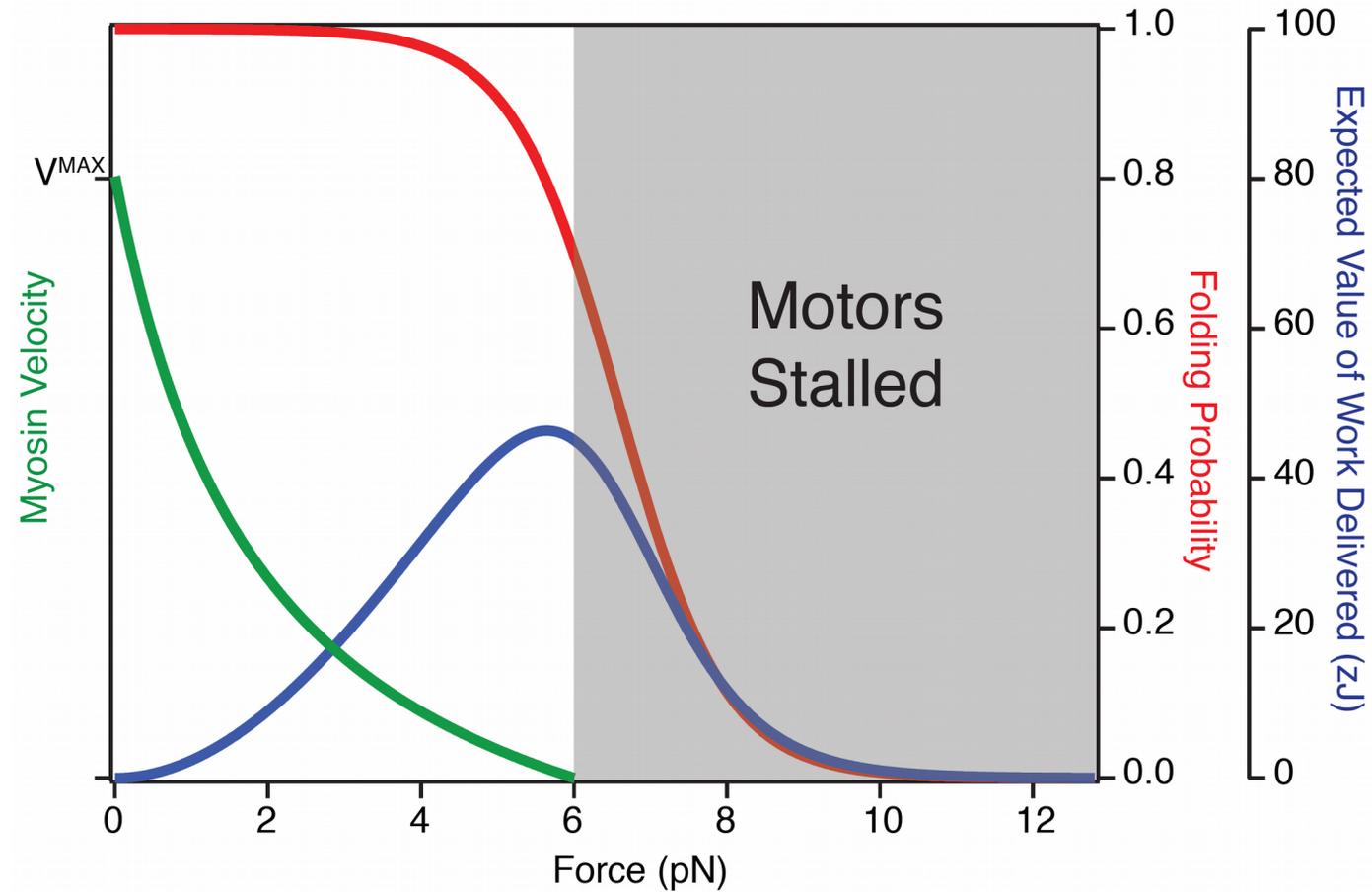
# Is titin placed to deliver mechanical power during muscle contraction?

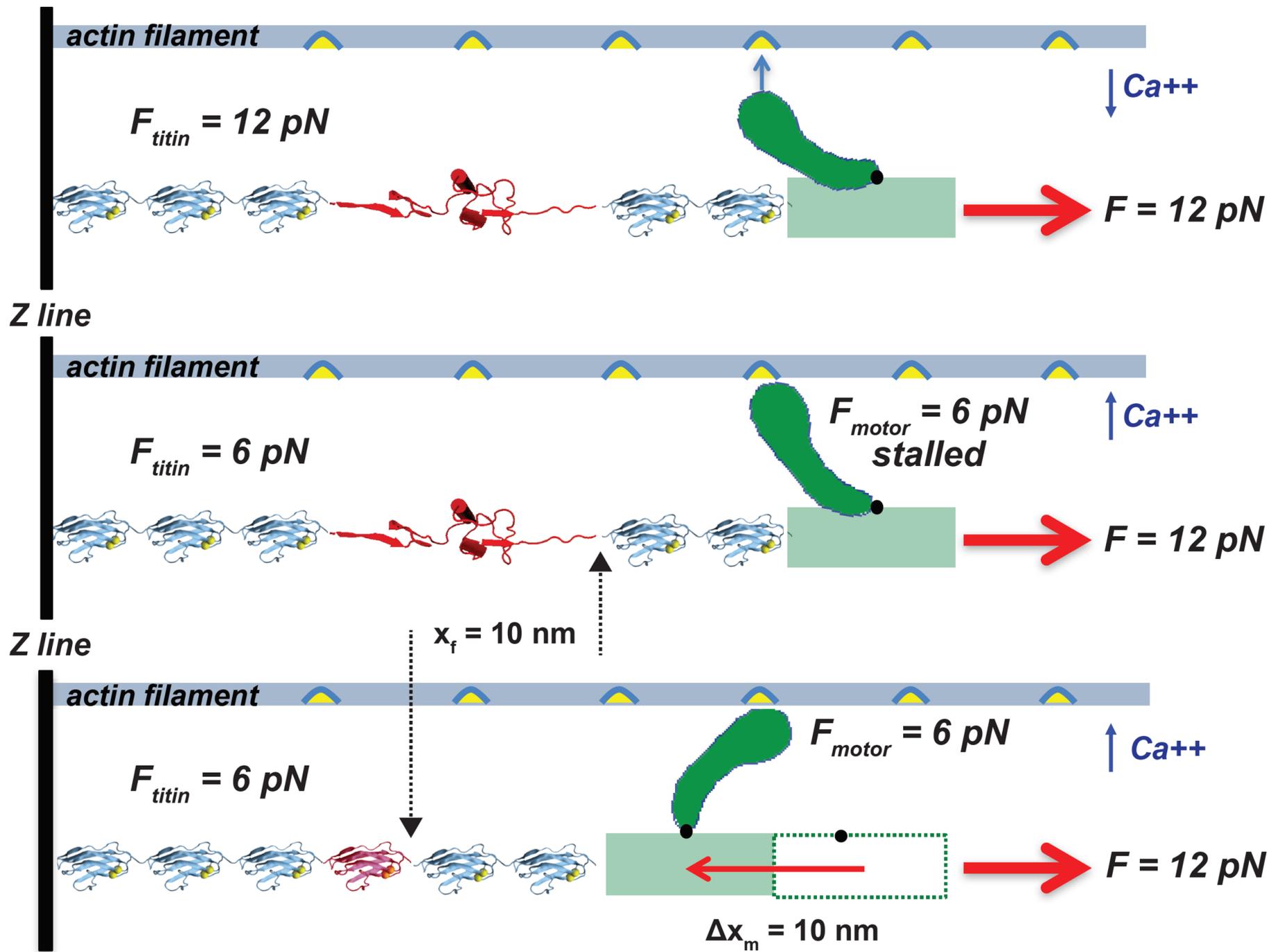


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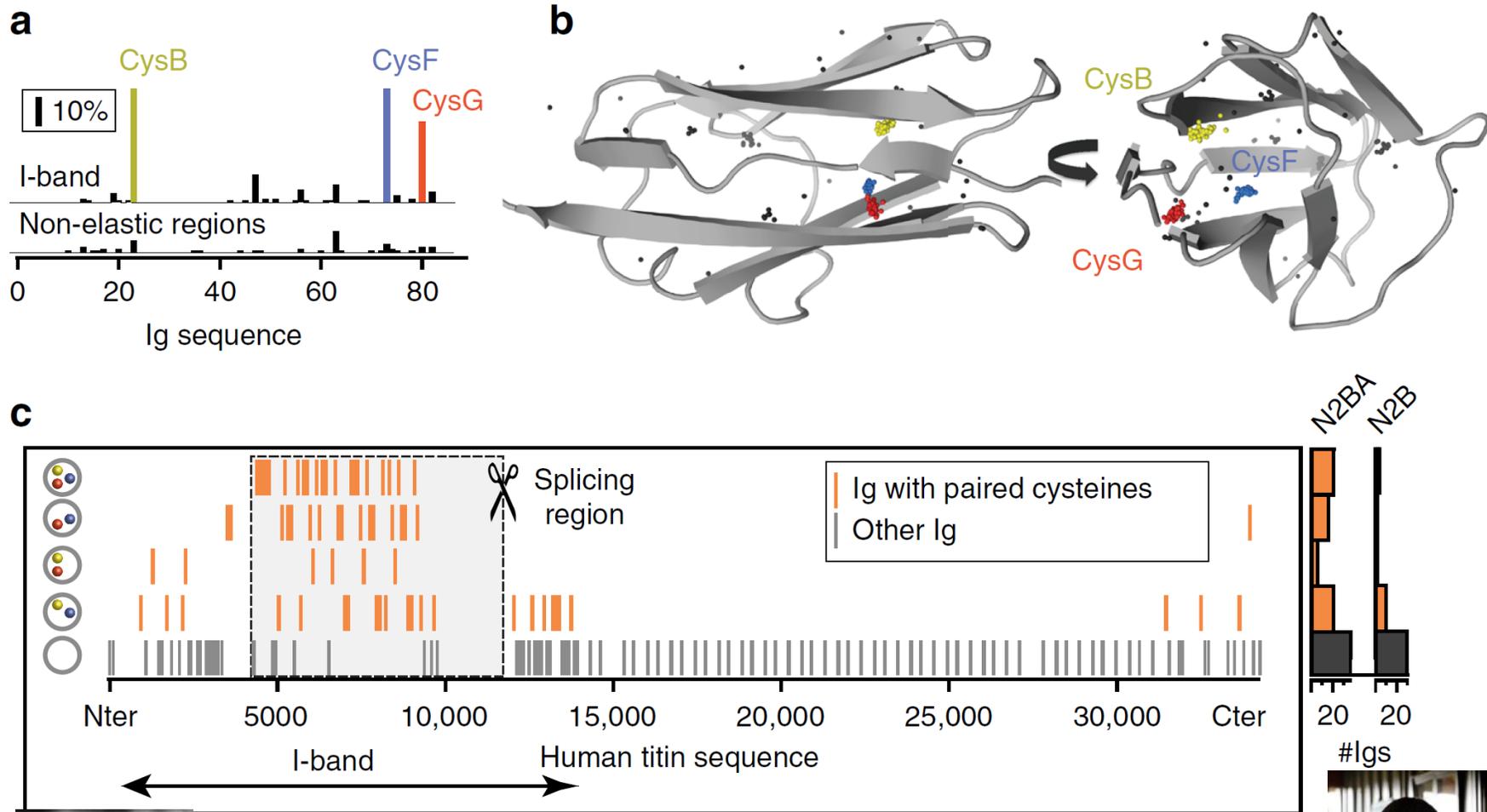
Eckels et al., 2018, *Annual Reviews of Physiology*, 80:327-351

# Titin folding does mechanical work at forces where myosin motors are stalled





# Cryptic cysteines regulate titin folding



Jorge Alegre-Cebollada

Wiita, et al., 2007, *Nature*, 450: 124 - 127

Kosuri, et al., 2012, *Cell*, 151: 794 - 806

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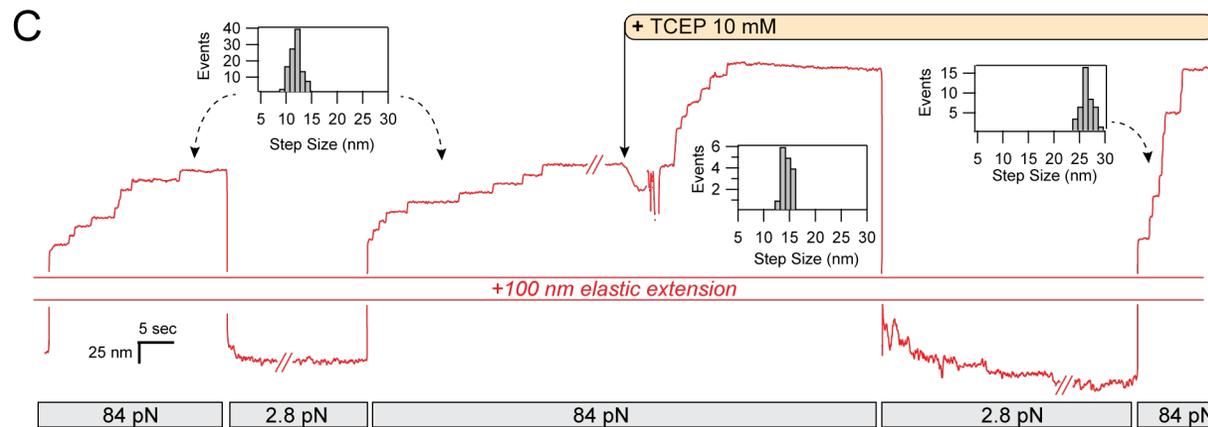
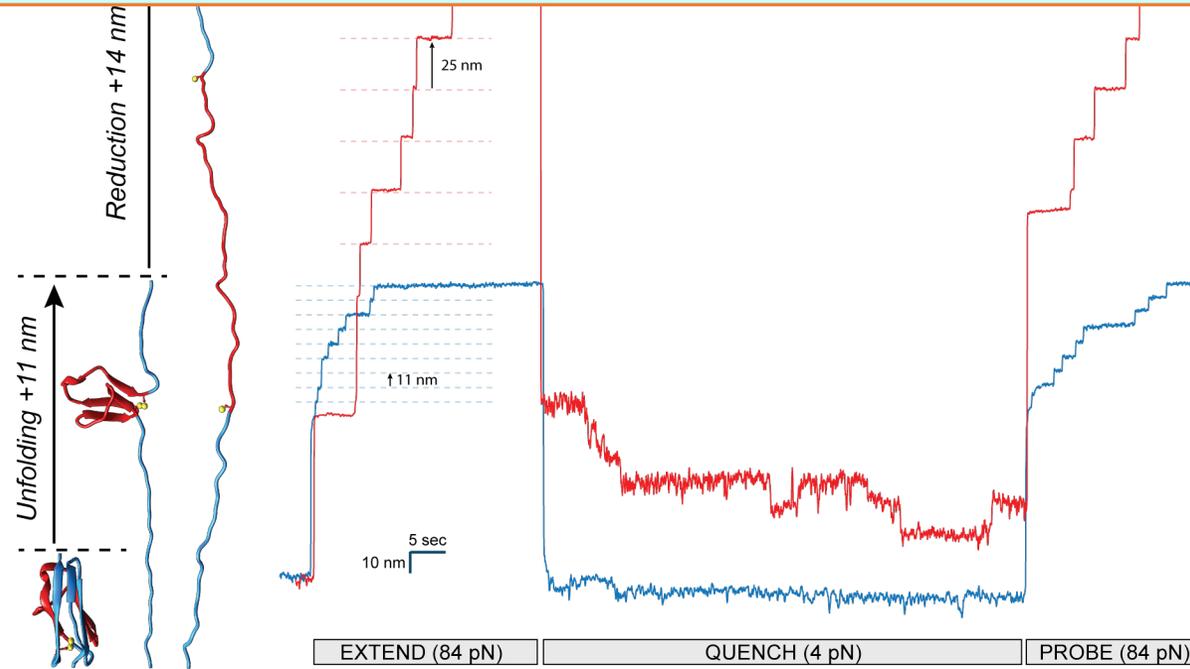
# Redox state of a titin domain can be easily controlled



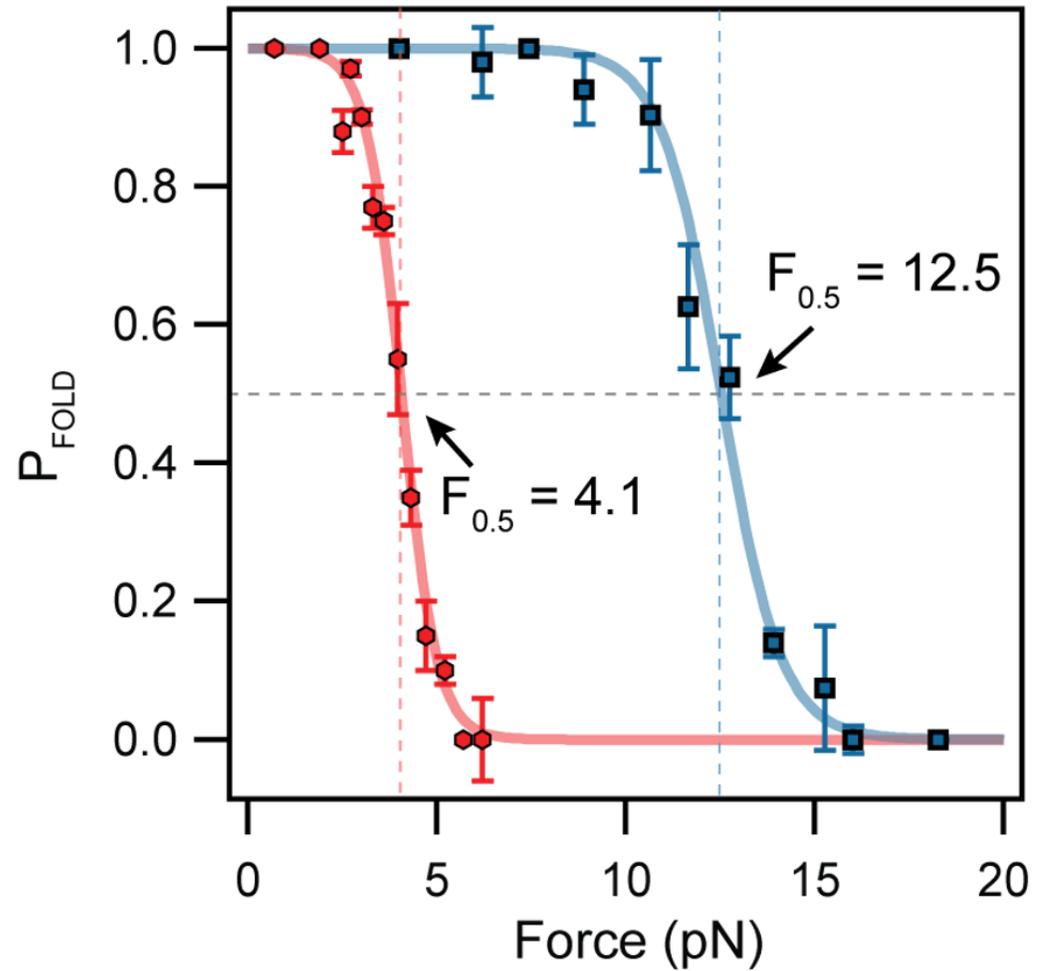
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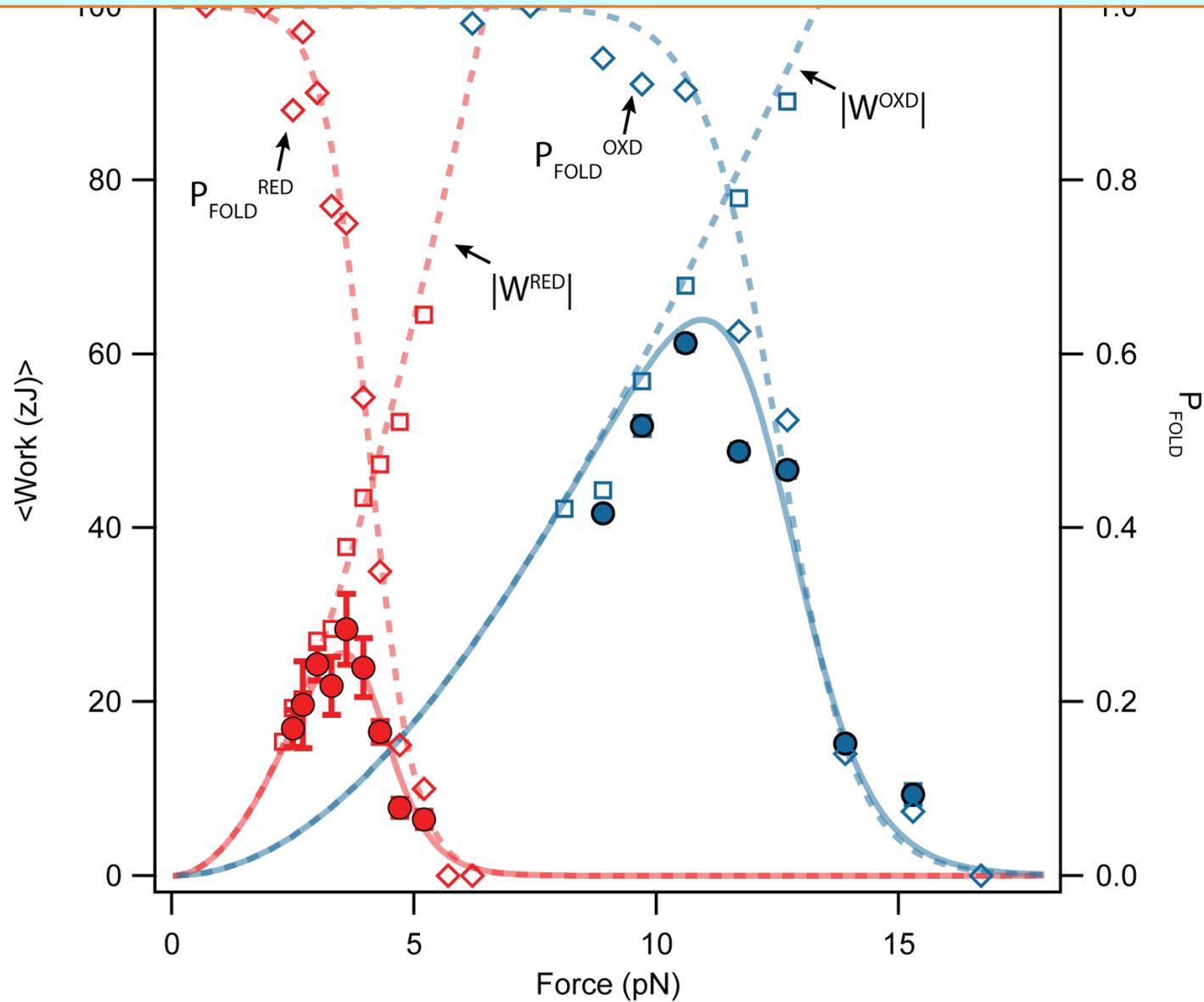
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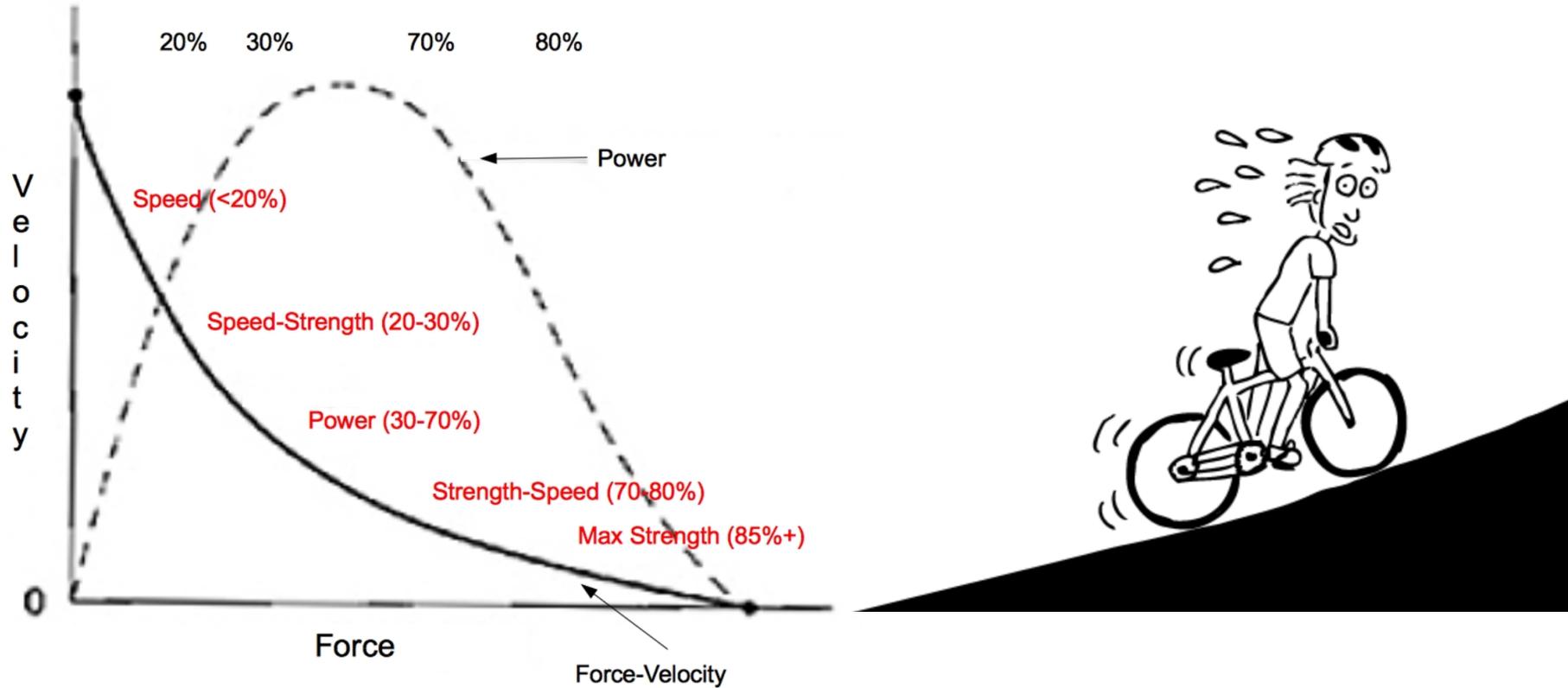
# Disulfides shift titin domain folding to higher forces



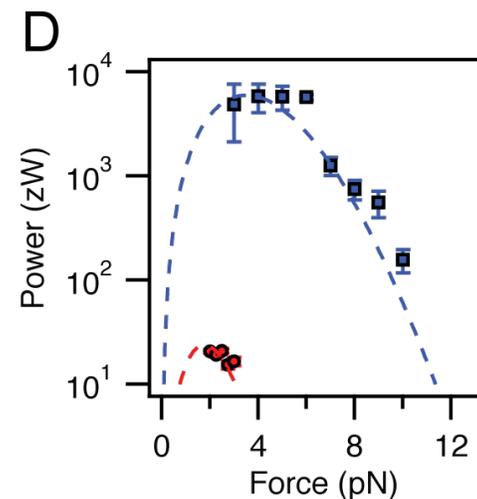
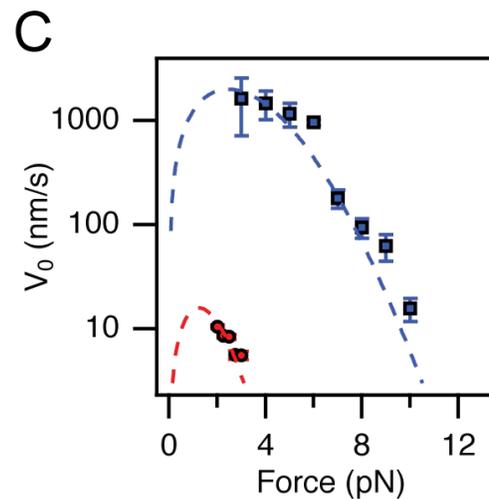
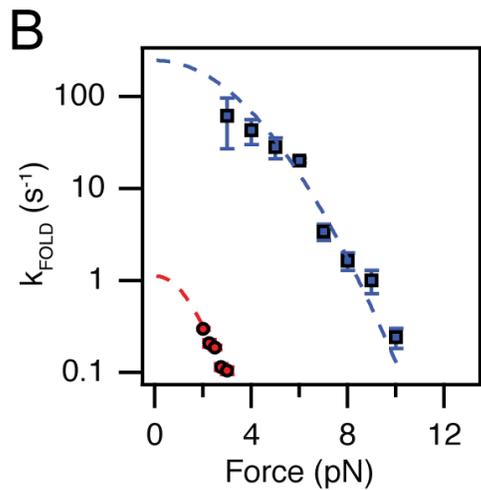
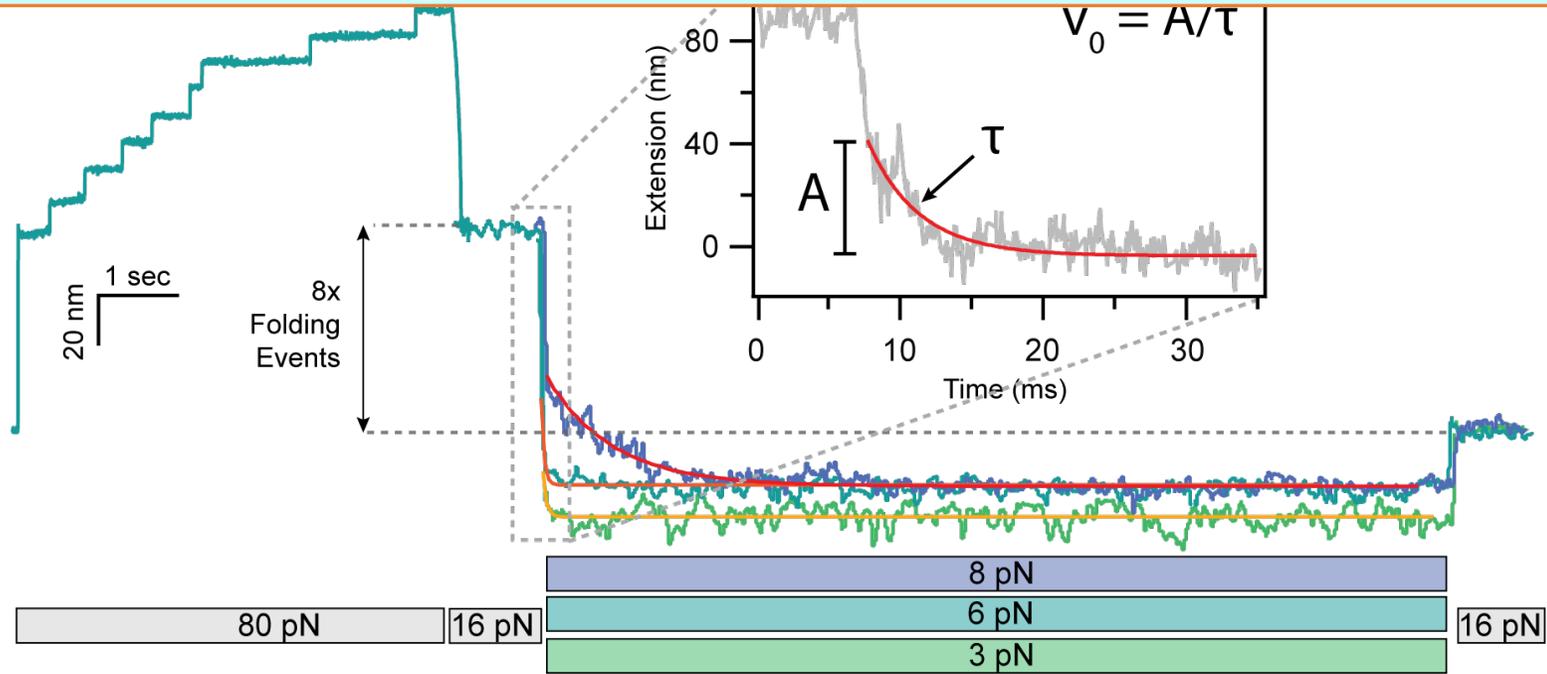
# S-S bonded domains do twice the work at three times the load



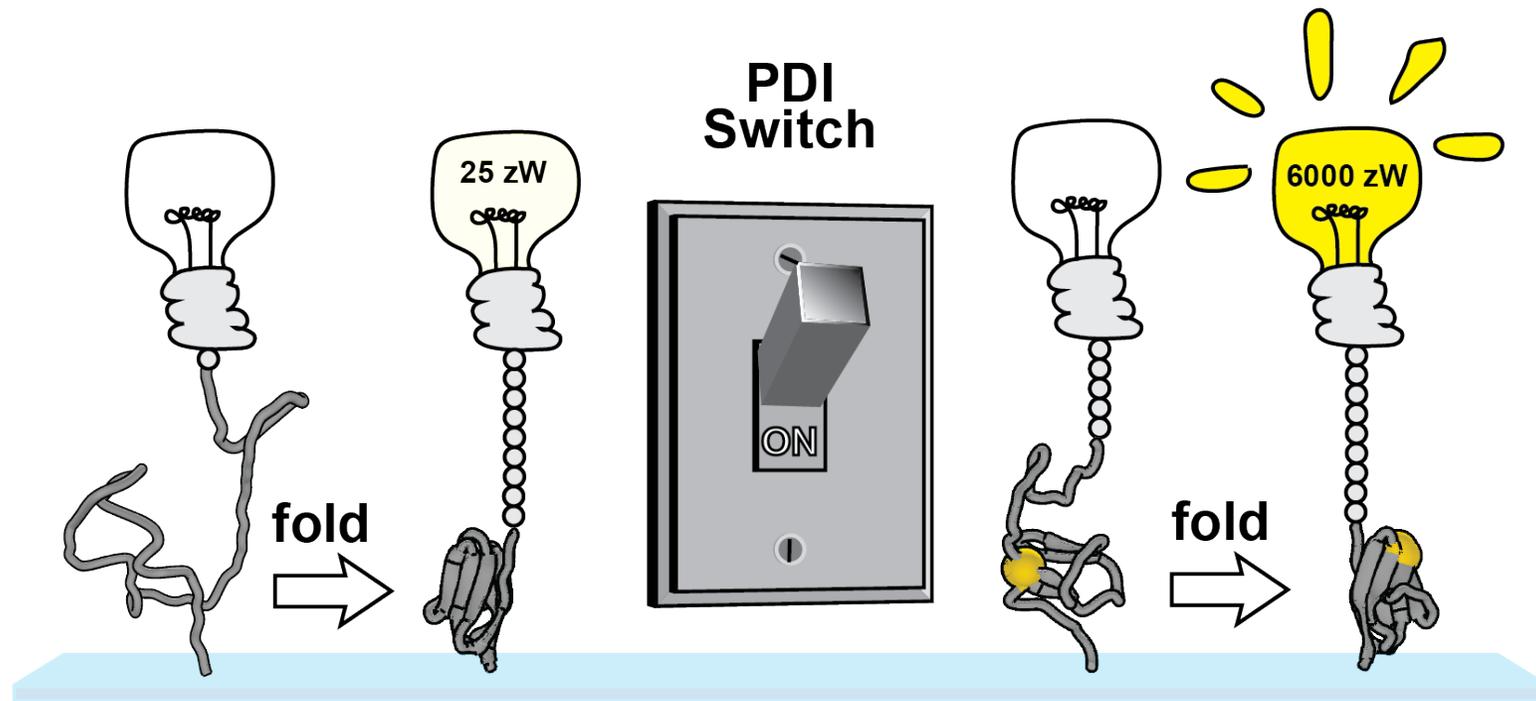
# Velocity vs Force, and Power



# Disulfide bonds greatly increase the power output of folding

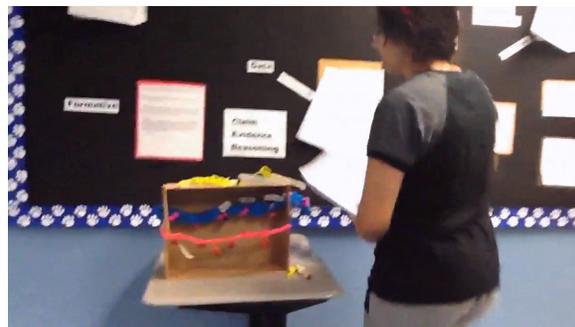
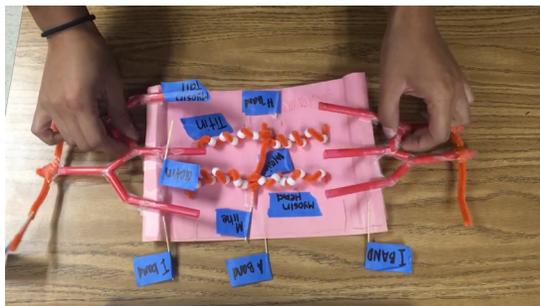
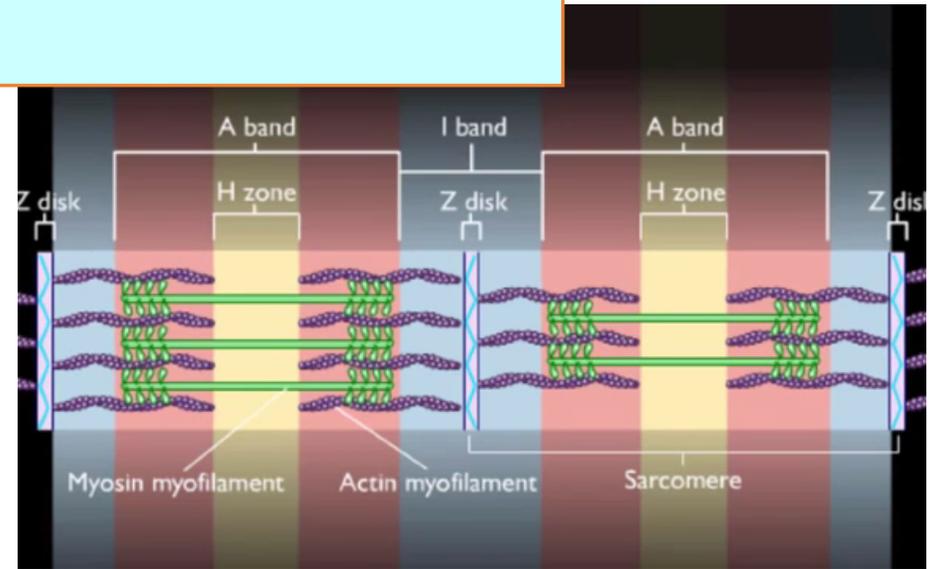
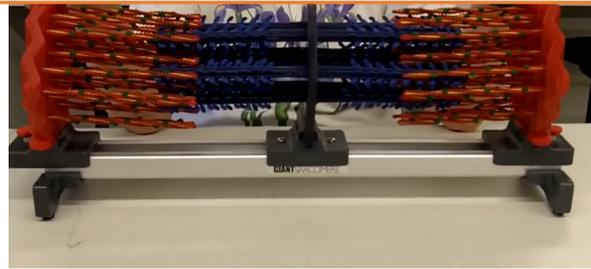
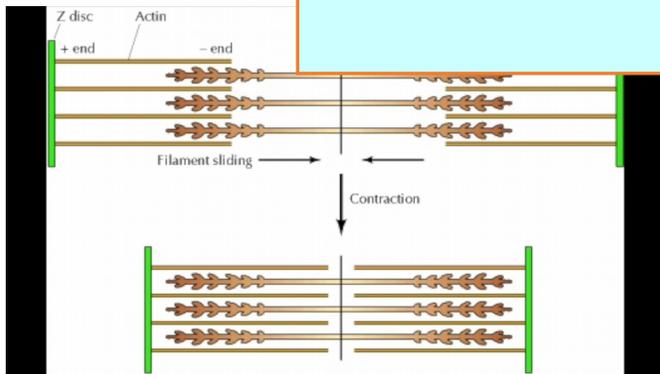


# Disulfide bonds are the power switches of titin



Eckels et al., 2019, *Cell Reports*, 27:1836-1847

# We have assumed that the power output from a contracting muscle is due solely to actin-myosin



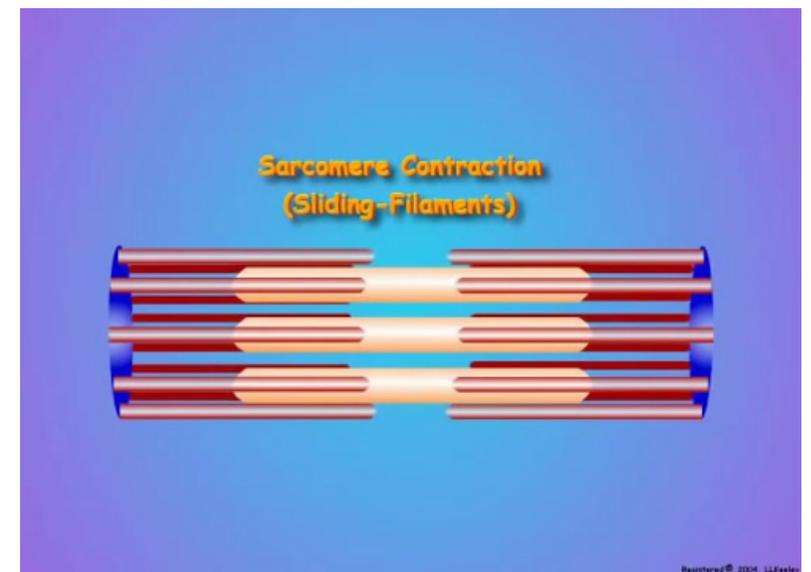
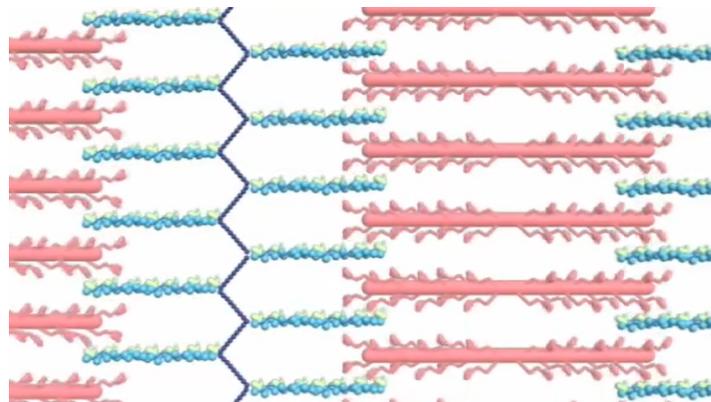
**MULTIPLE MYOFILAMENTS**

- In this view several myosin and actin filaments are interacting to demonstrate the **sliding filament theory** of muscle contraction.
- Notice that although the **sarcomere** shortens, the length of each **myofilament** does not change. However, the width of the **H zone** changes.

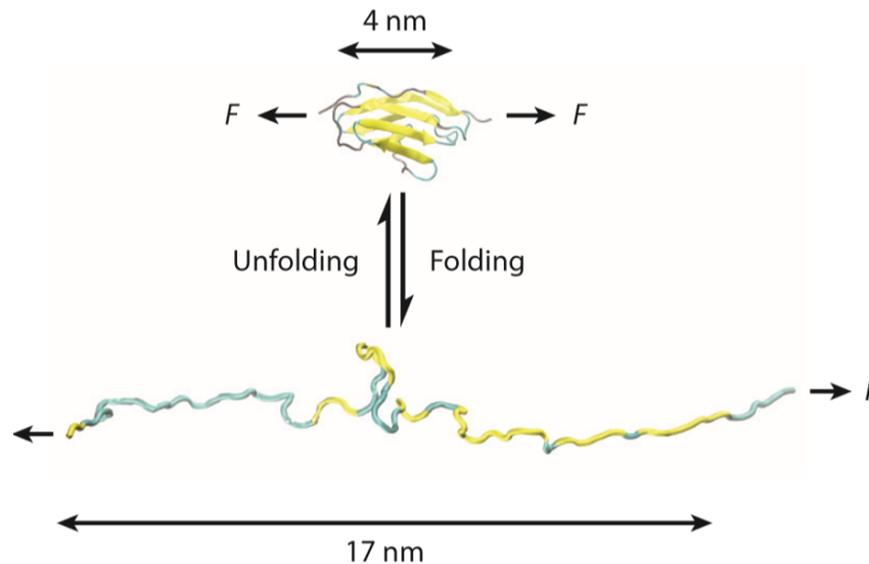
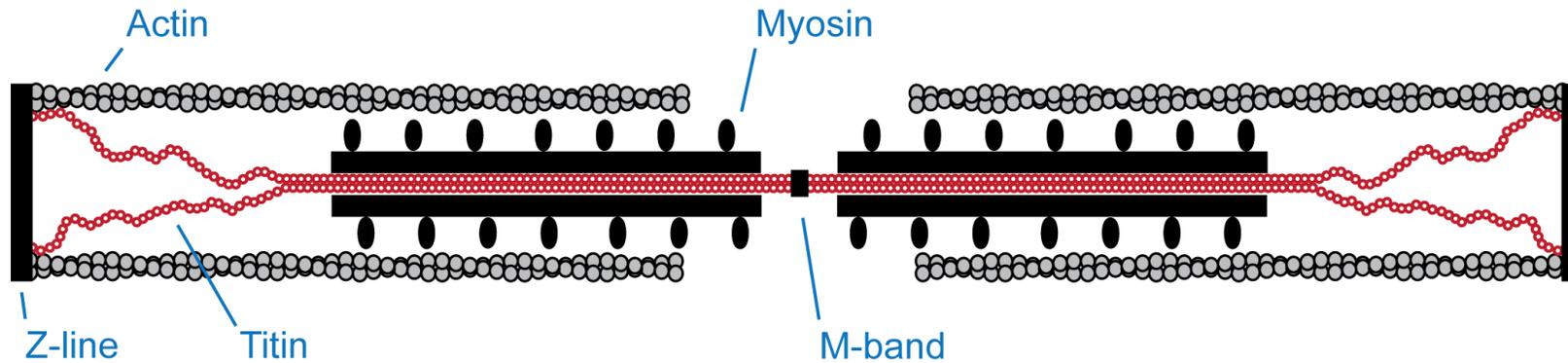
Click a thin filament to start the contraction.

**SARCOMERE**

Diagram of a sarcomere showing multiple myofibrils. Labels include Z line and H zone.

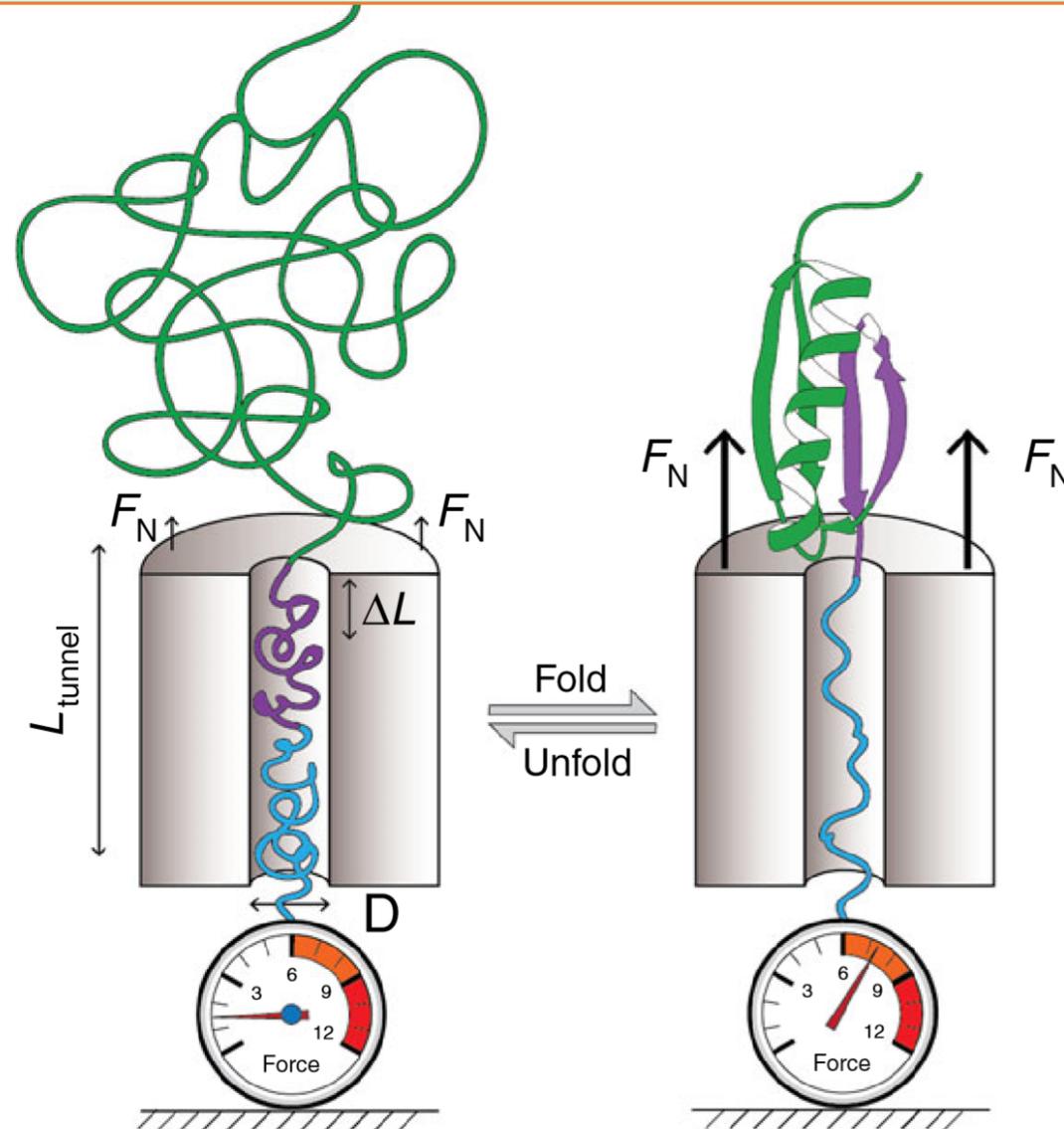


# This view needs urgent revision



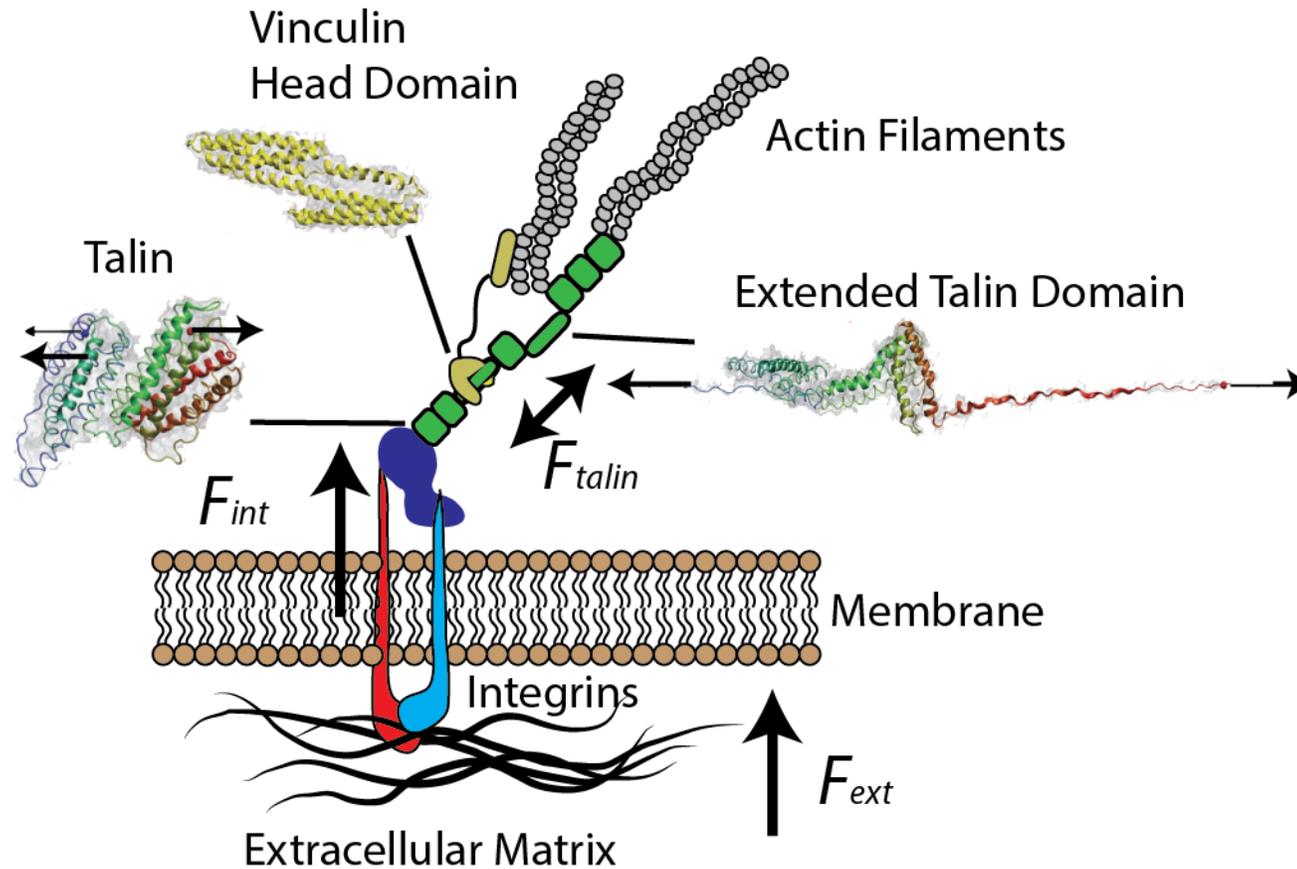
We must include titin folding as the crucial missing component

# Protein folding powers translocation of proteins across pores?

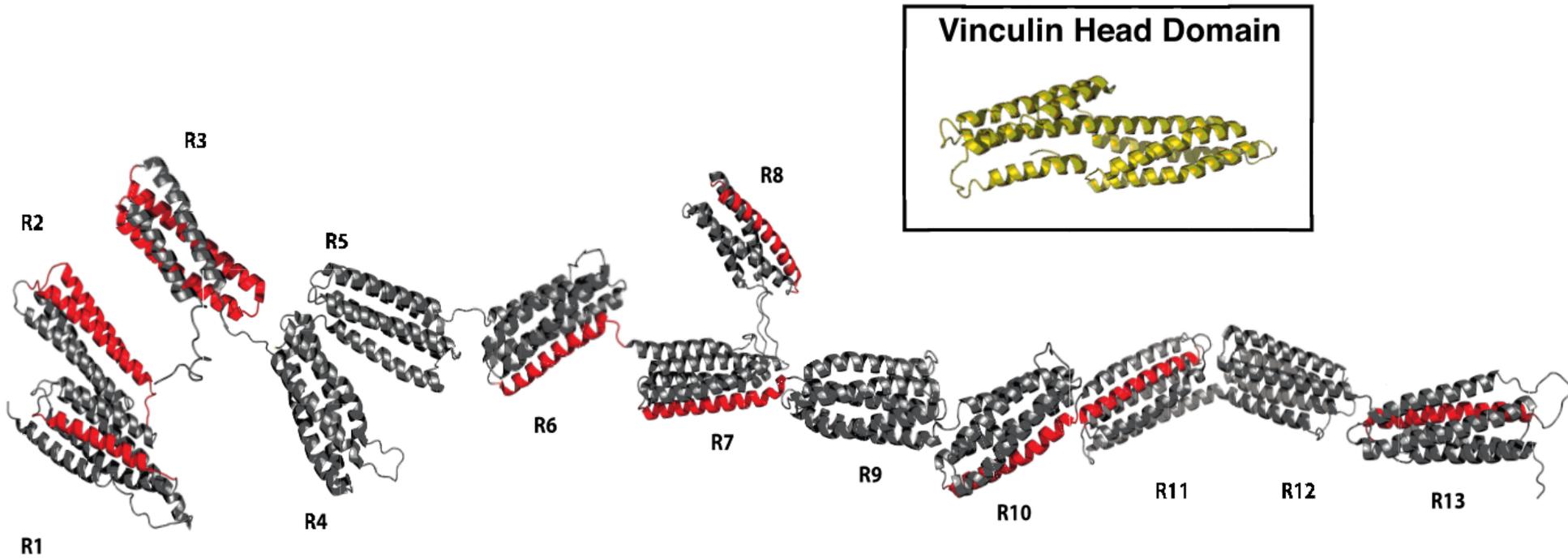


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# Signal transduction by the mechanical force sensor talin

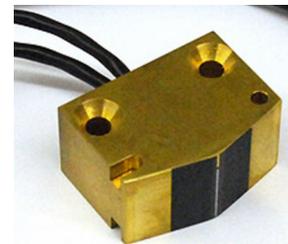
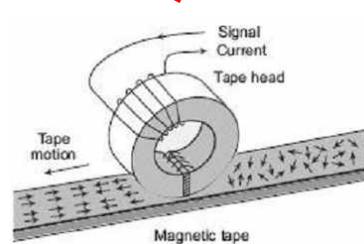


# 13 domains of Talin

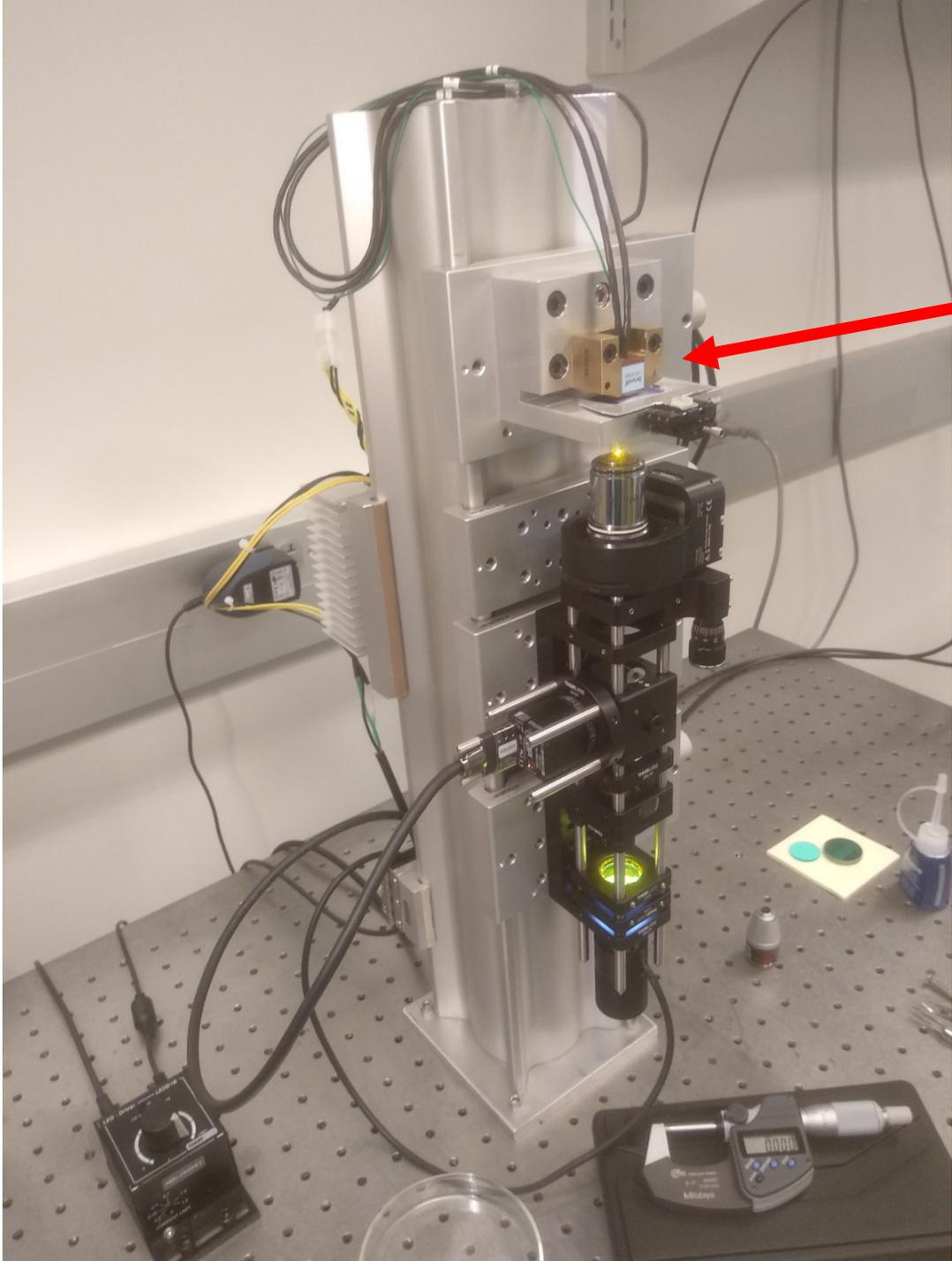




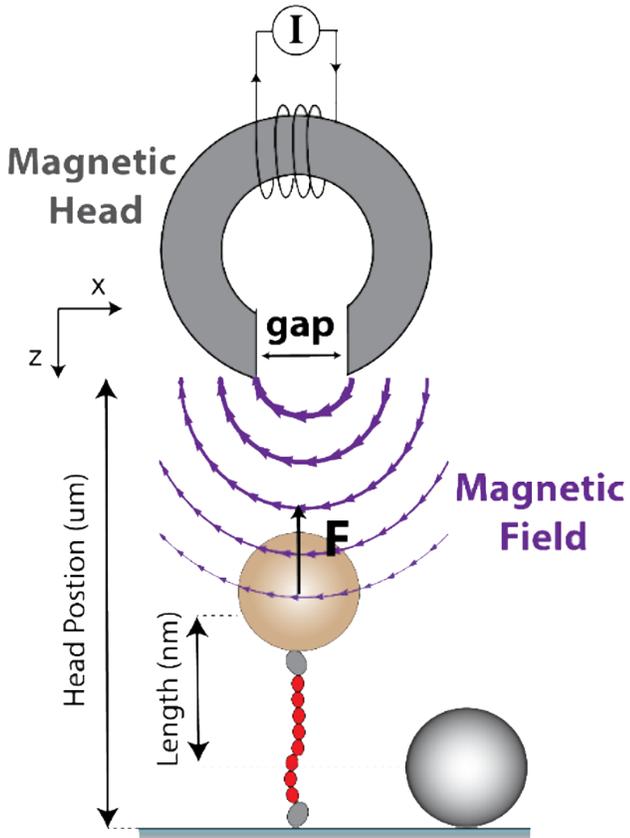
# Listening to heavy talin : Dr. Rafael Tapia Rojo



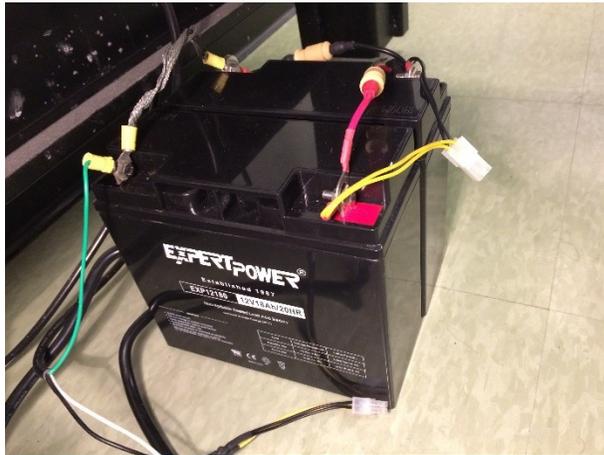
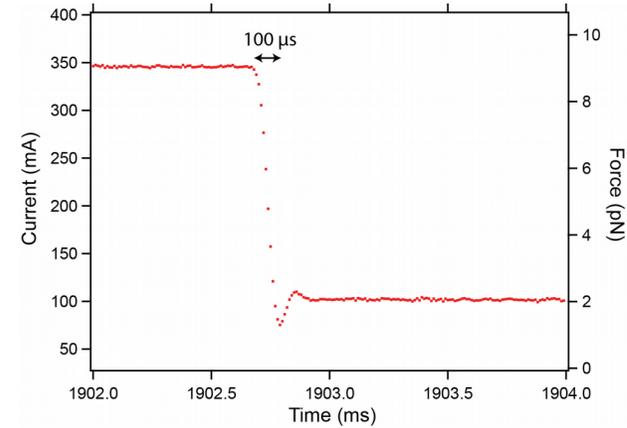
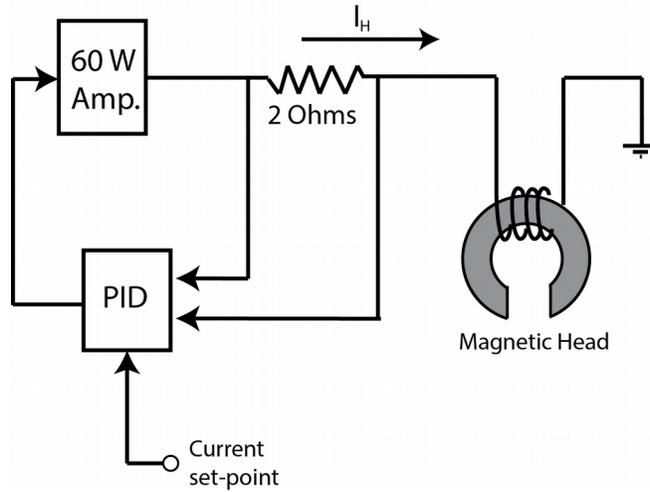
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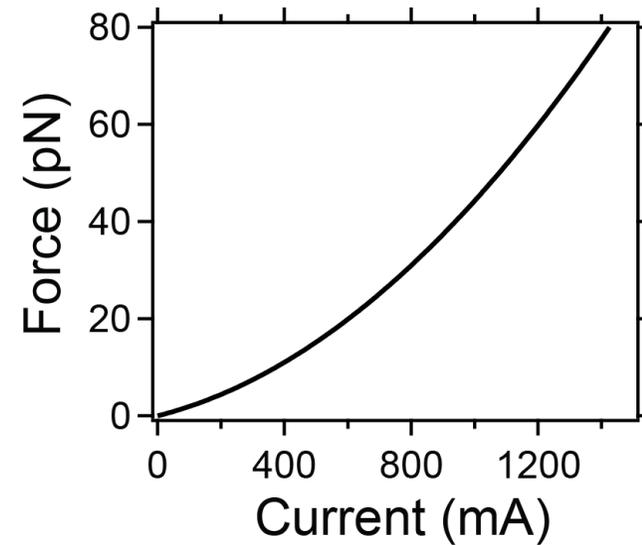
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> 10 kHz bandwidth with sub-pN resolution

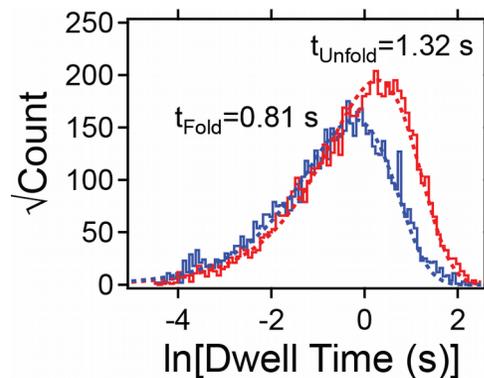
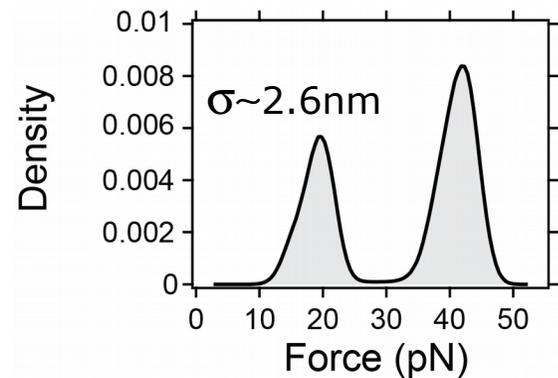
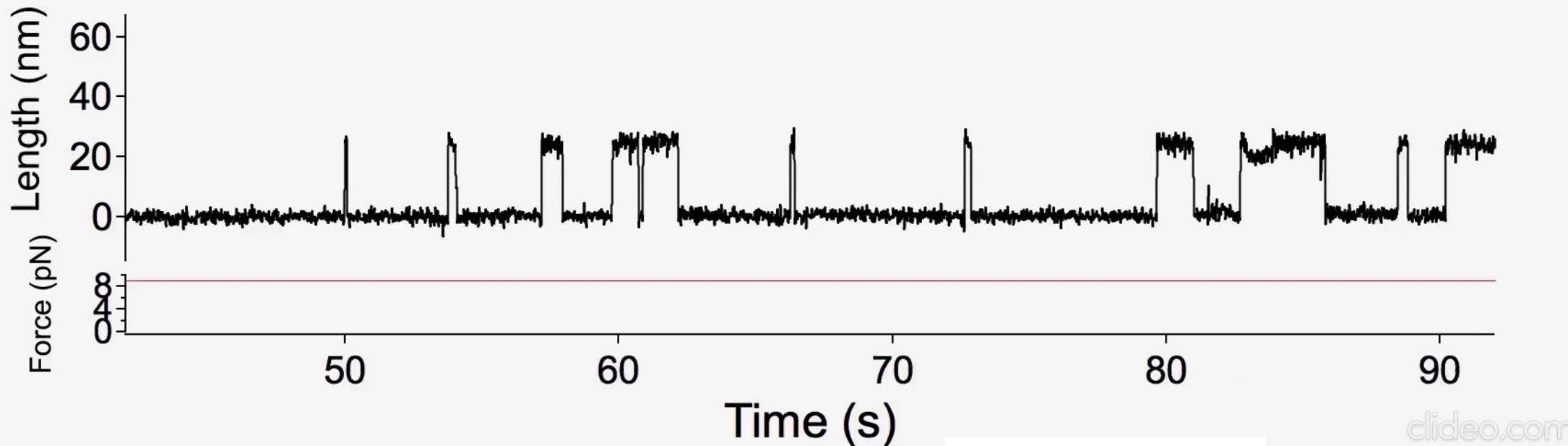


Battery powered

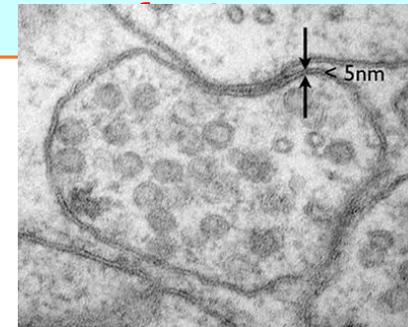


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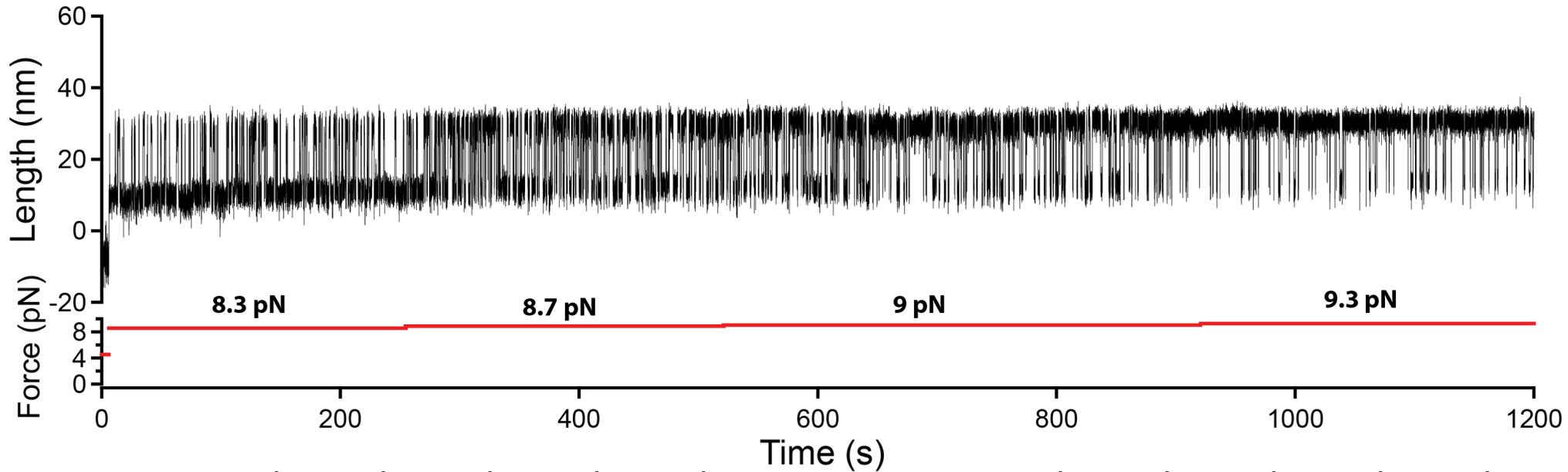
# 5 hour long recording of talin at 1400 fps with a total drift of 7 nm



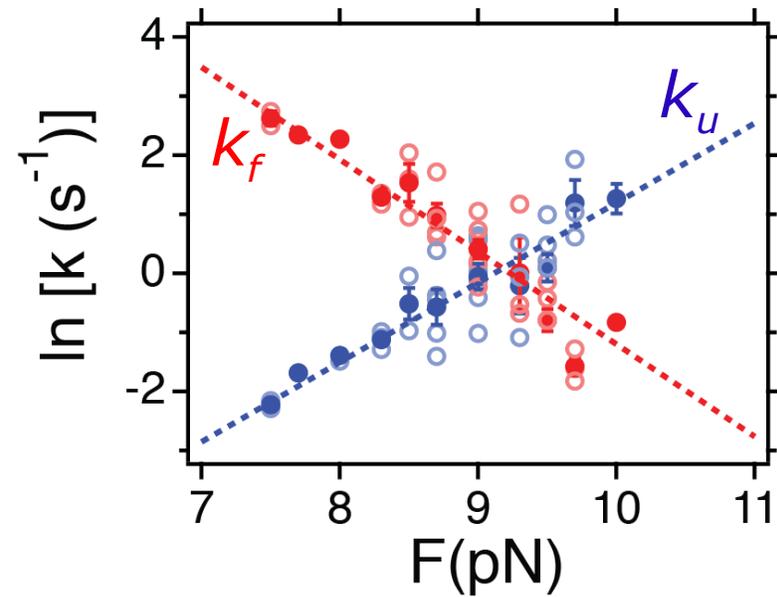
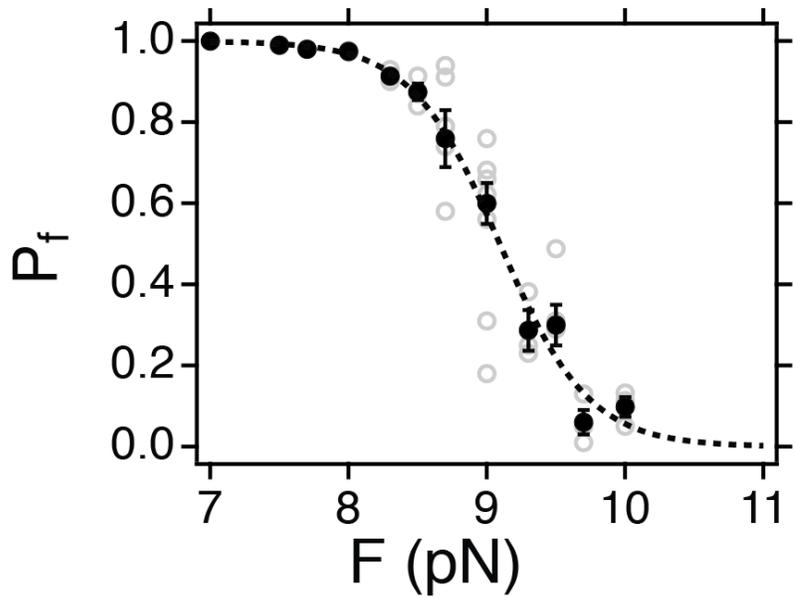
MT\_3 has the resolution of an electron microscope at >1400



# Measuring Talin R3 (IVVI) dynamics with MT3

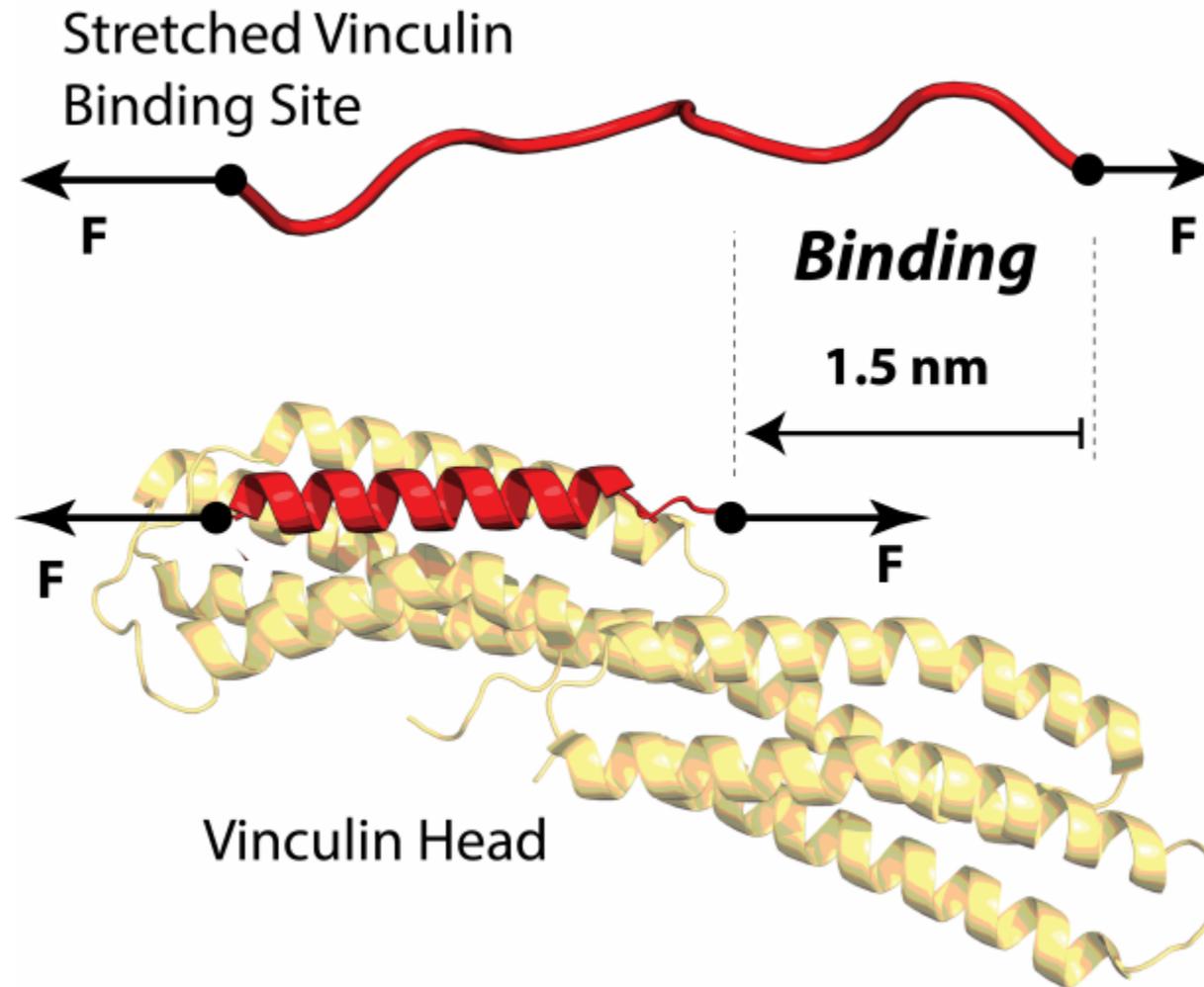


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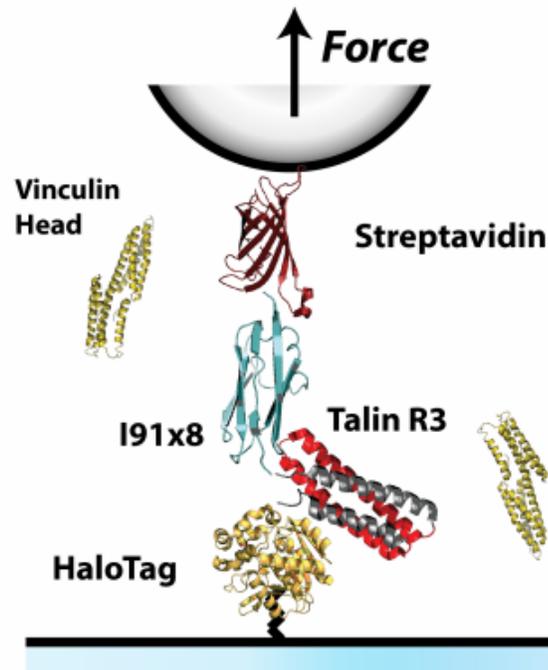
Alvaro Alonso-Caballero

# Vinculin binding to talin does mechanical work

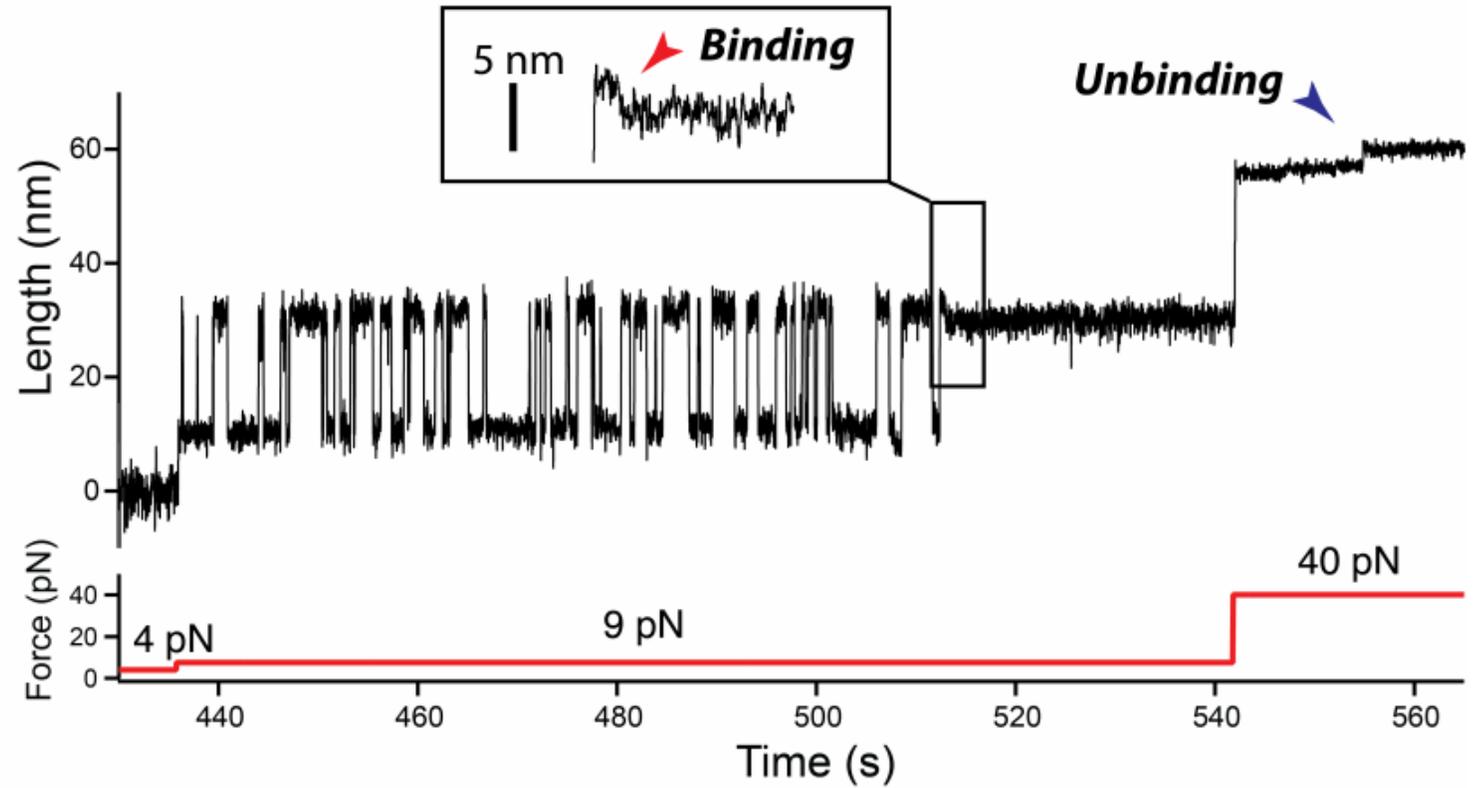


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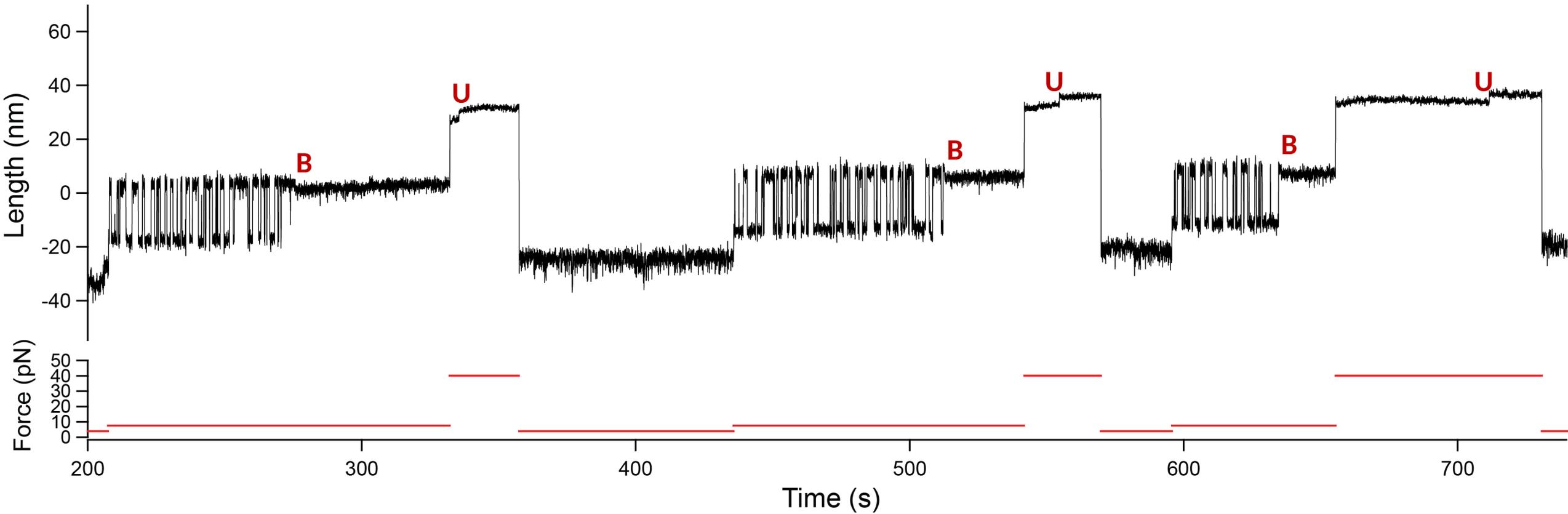
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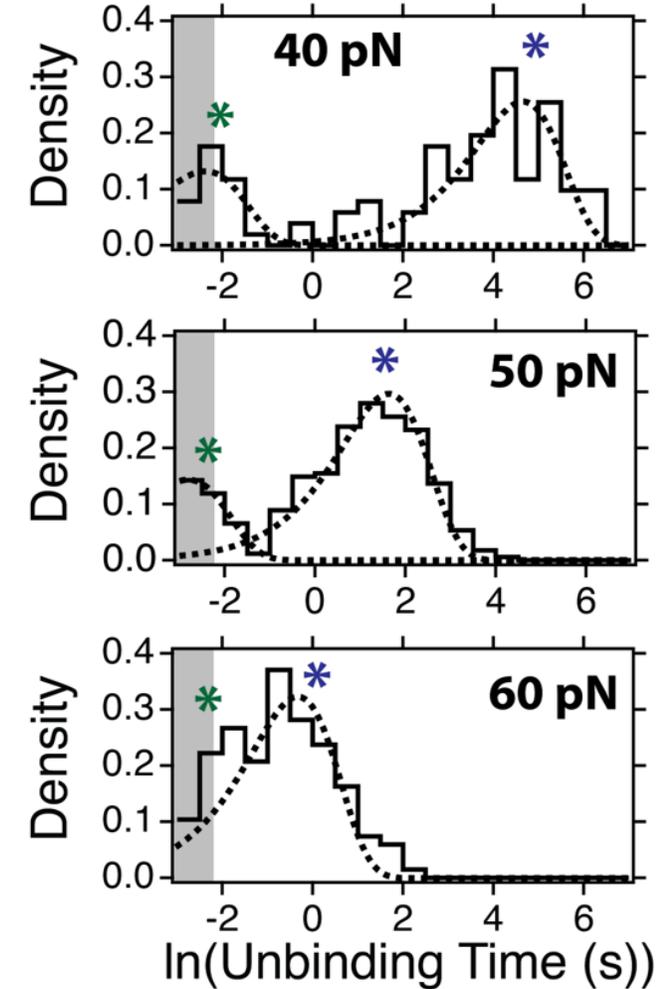
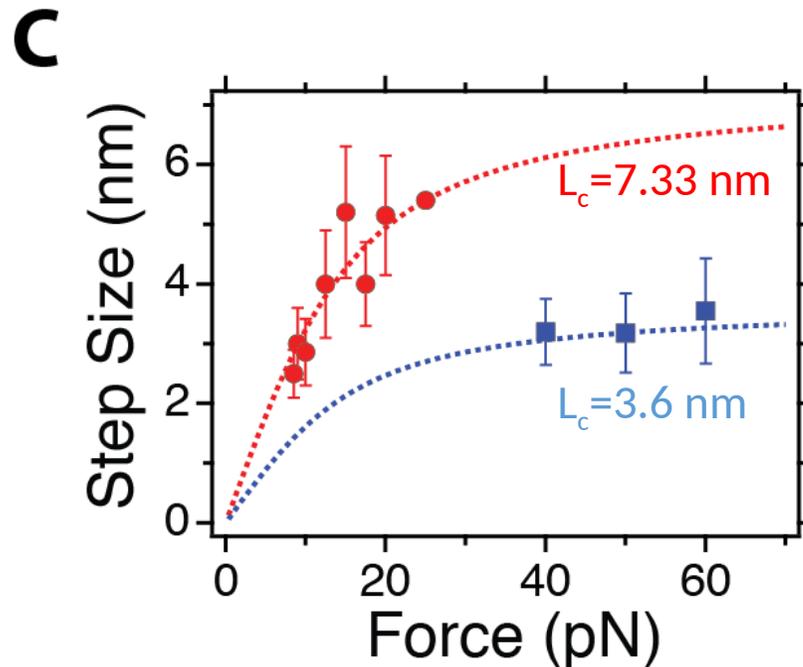
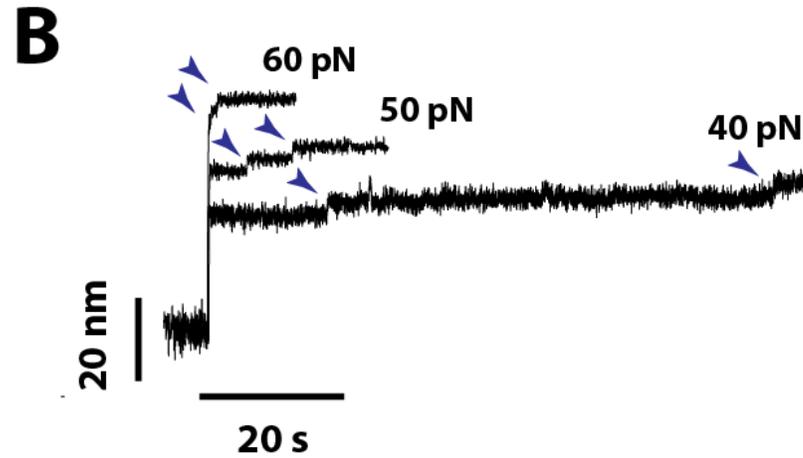
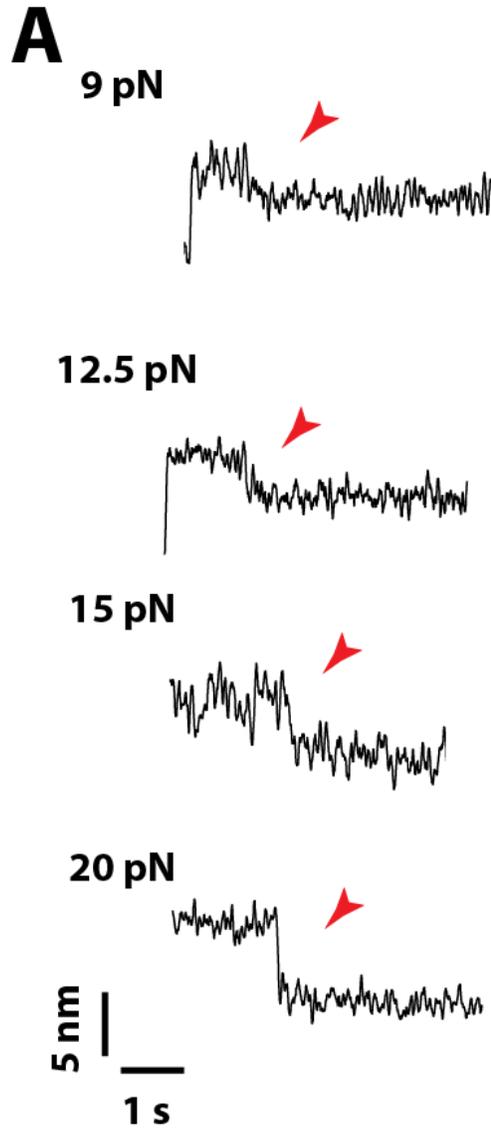
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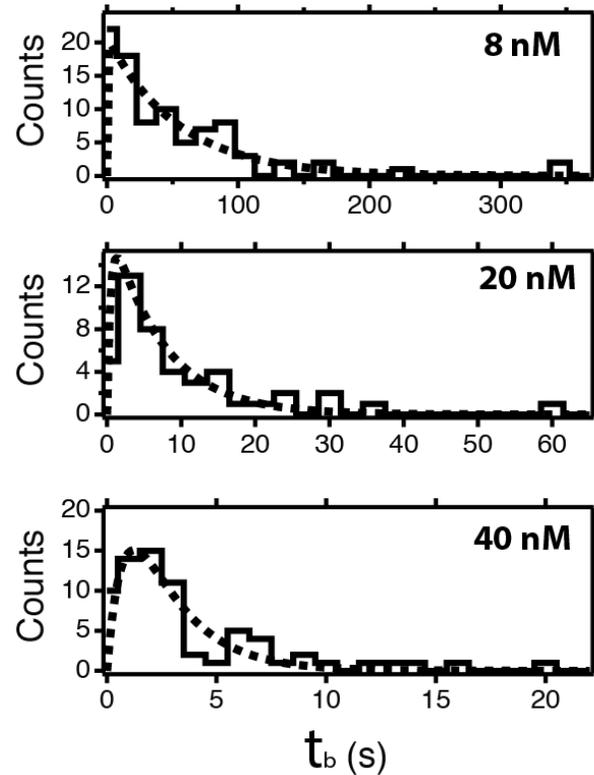
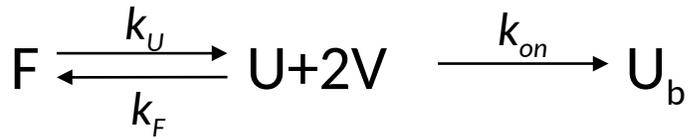
# Vinculin binding/unbinding can be cycled repeatedly



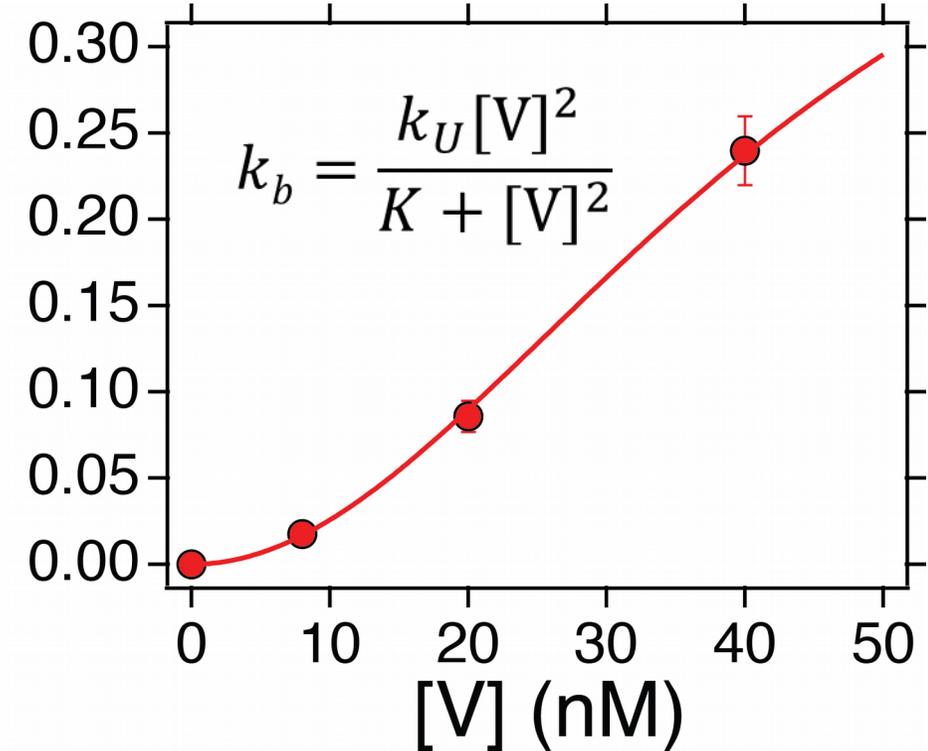
Two vinculin molecules bind simultaneously, they unbind separately, one very fast, the second more slowly.



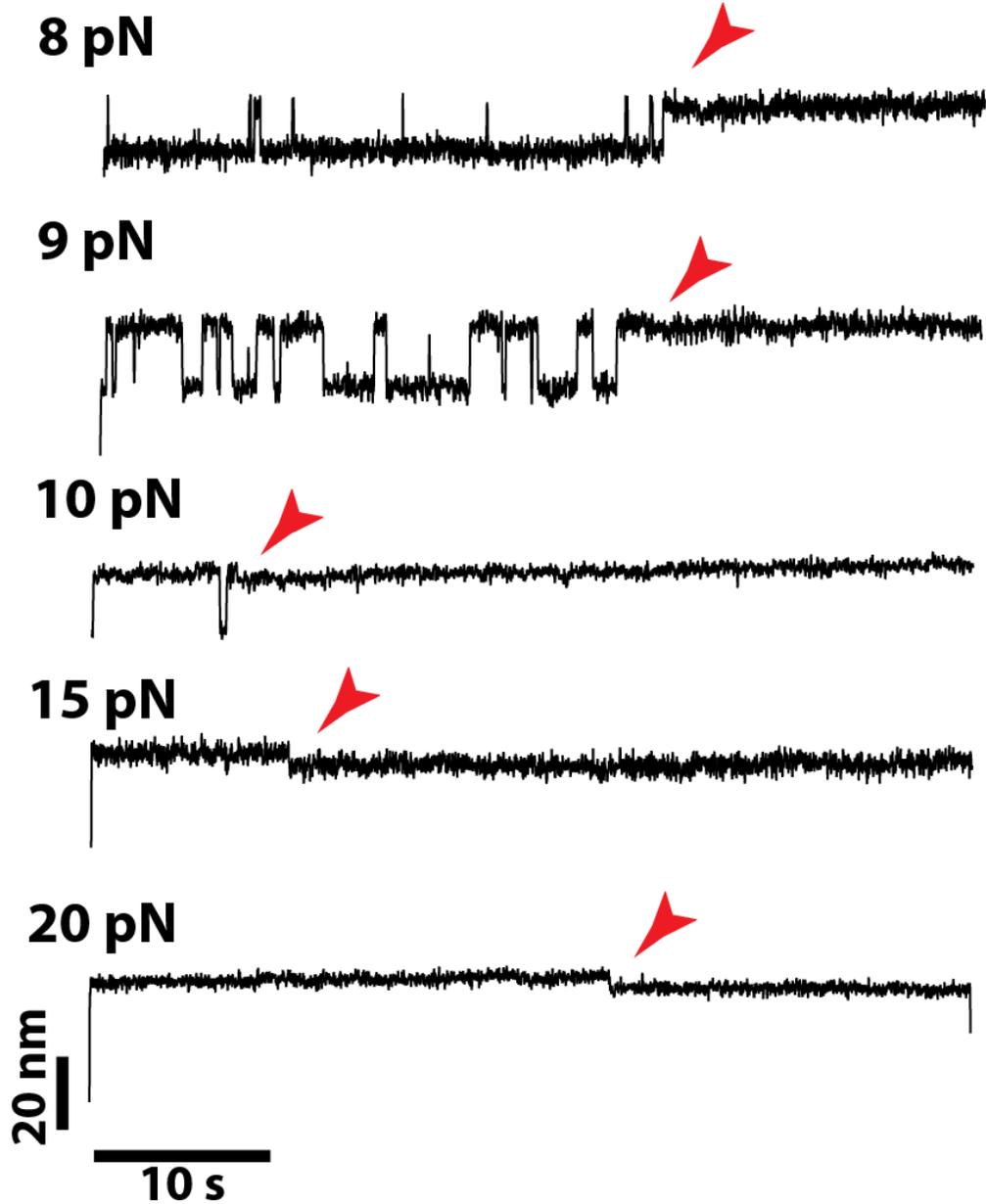
# Measuring the rate of reaching the bound-state, $k_b$ , at 9 pN



$k_b$  ( $s^{-1}$ )

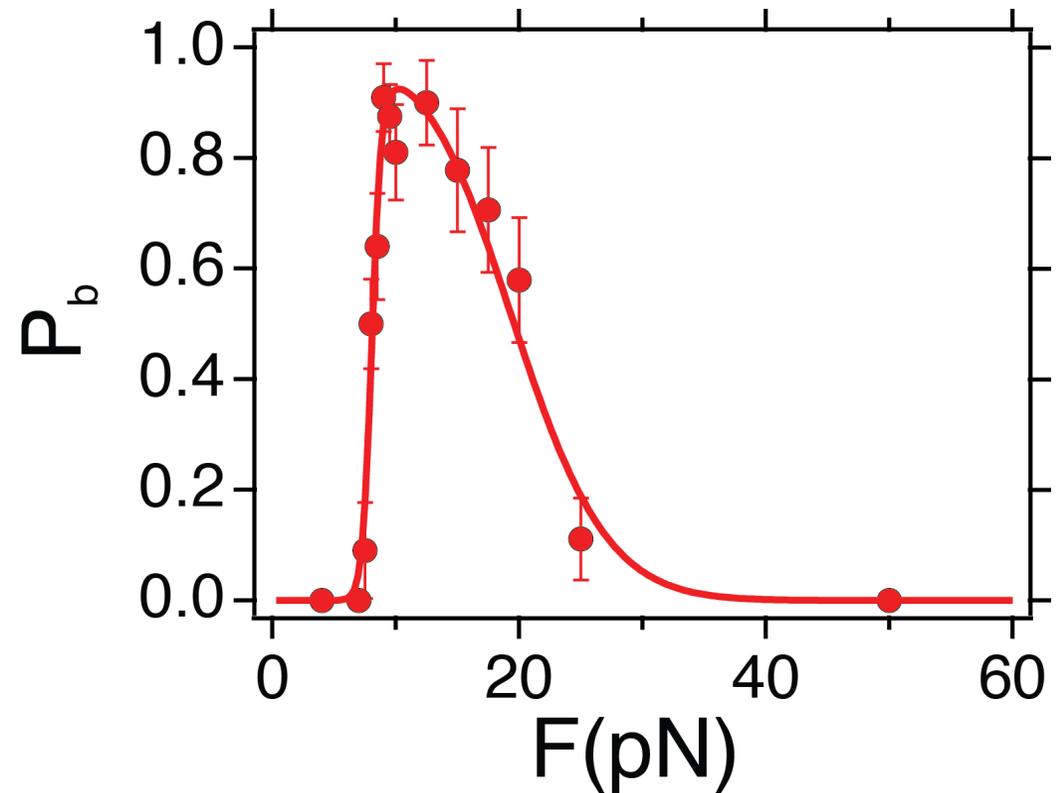


# Measure the bound-state probability, $P_b$ , as a function of force

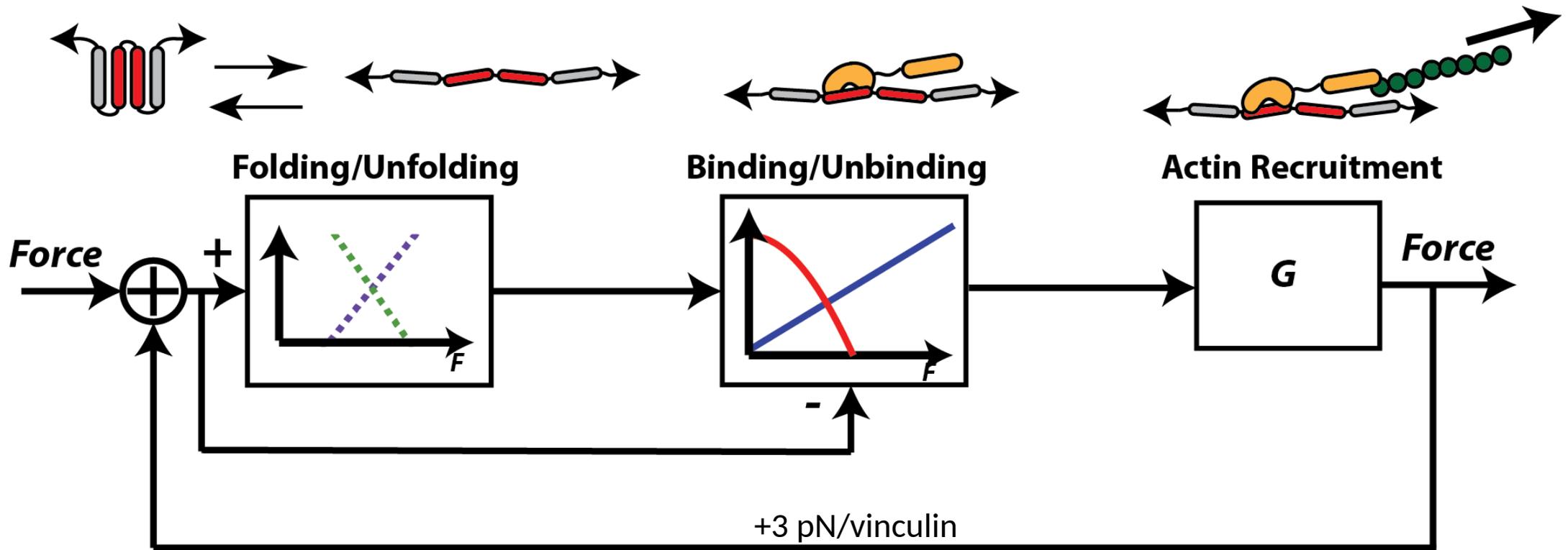


$$P_b = 1 - \exp\left[-\frac{k_u k_{on} t}{k_u + k_F + k_{on}}\right]$$

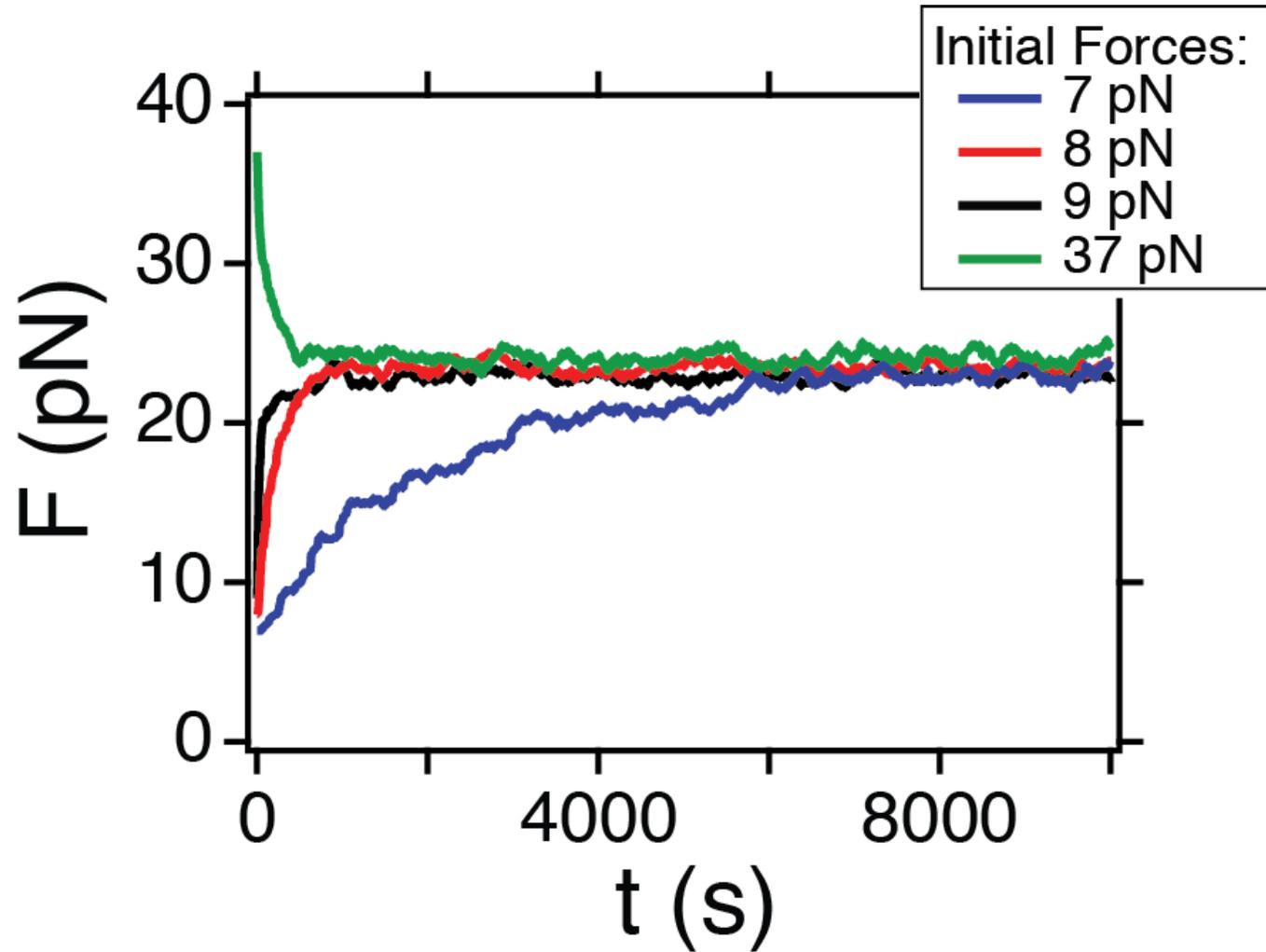
$$k_{on} = [V]^2 A e^{-\Delta W_b / kT} \quad ; \quad \Delta W_b = F \Delta L$$



# Talin-vinculin mechanical control system

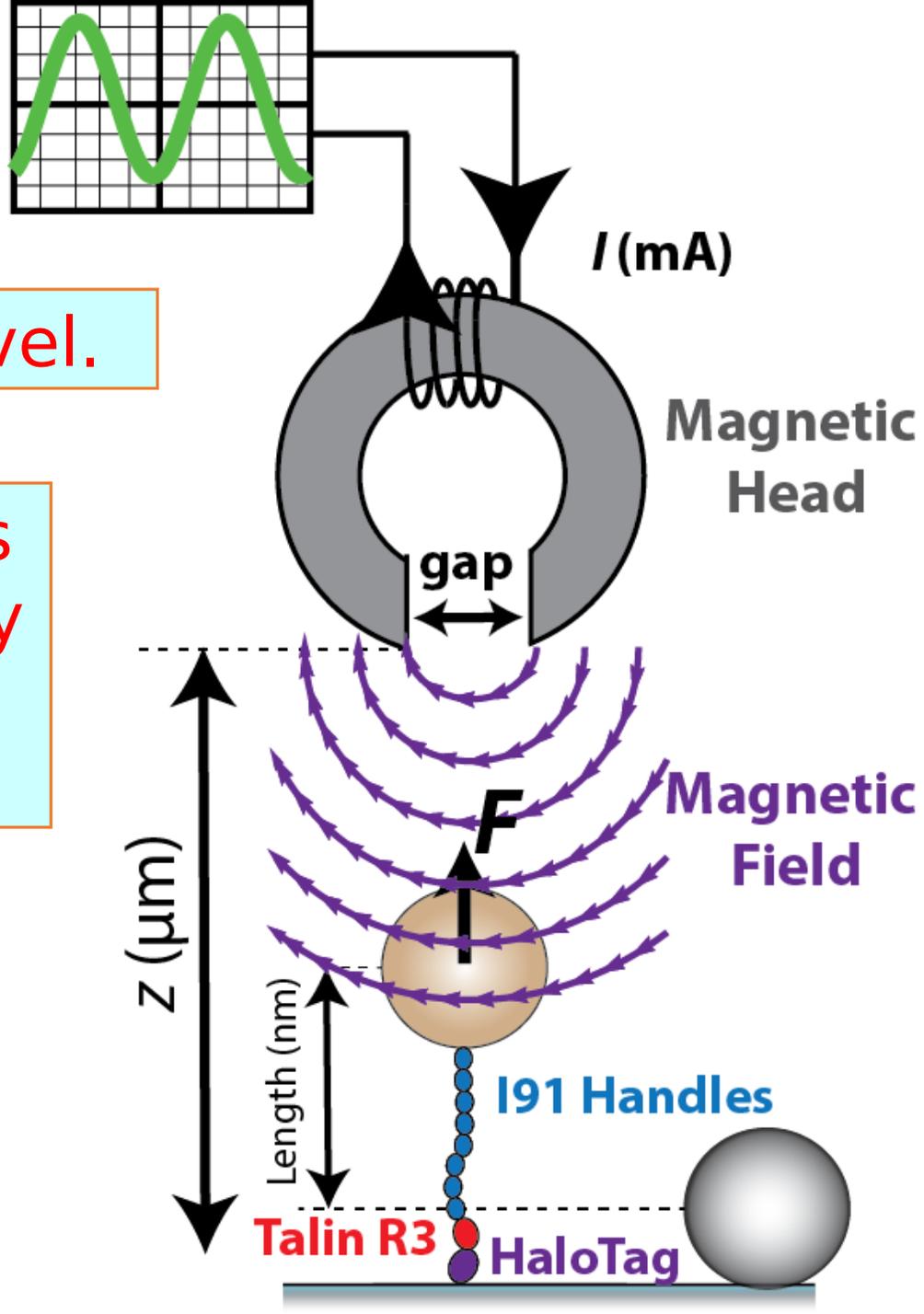


Monte-Carlo simulation of the talin-vinculin control system predicts a negative-feedback equilibrium at 23 pN



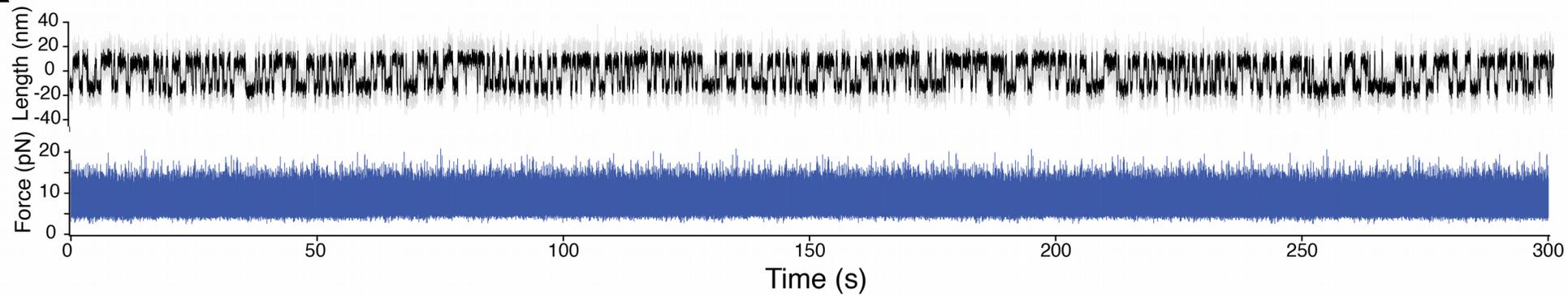
MT\_3: the next level.

Mechanical signals in biology are noisy and contain periodic signals

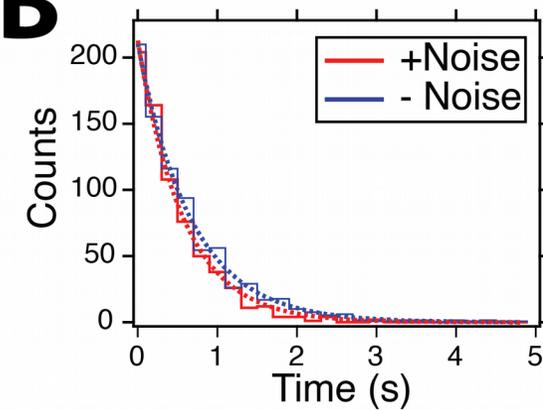


# Talin rejects mechanical noise

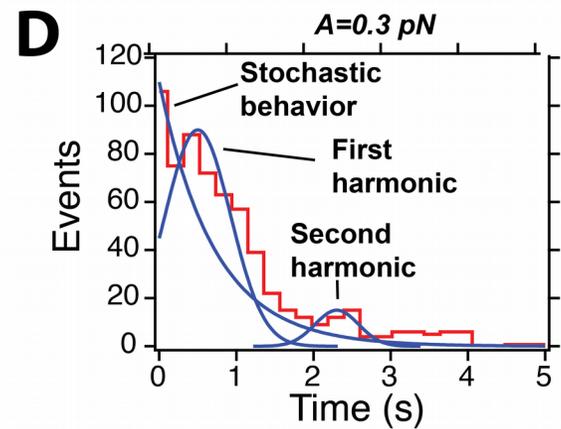
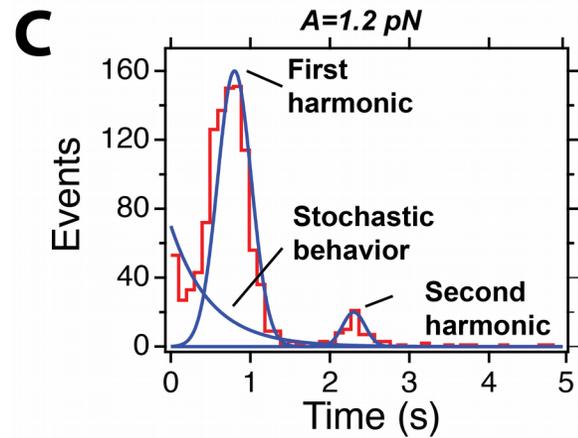
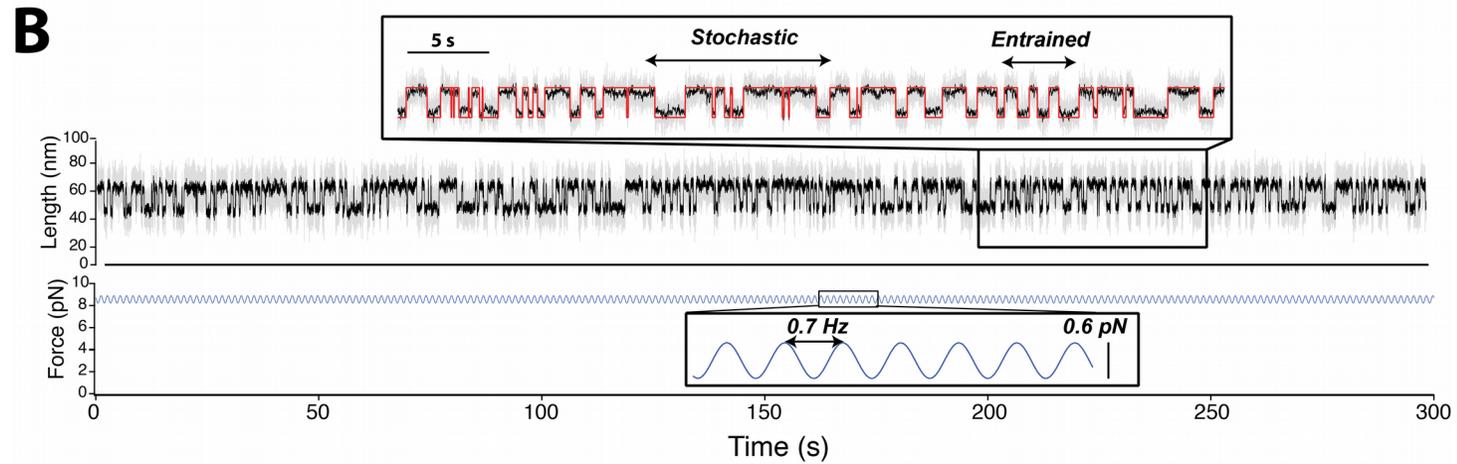
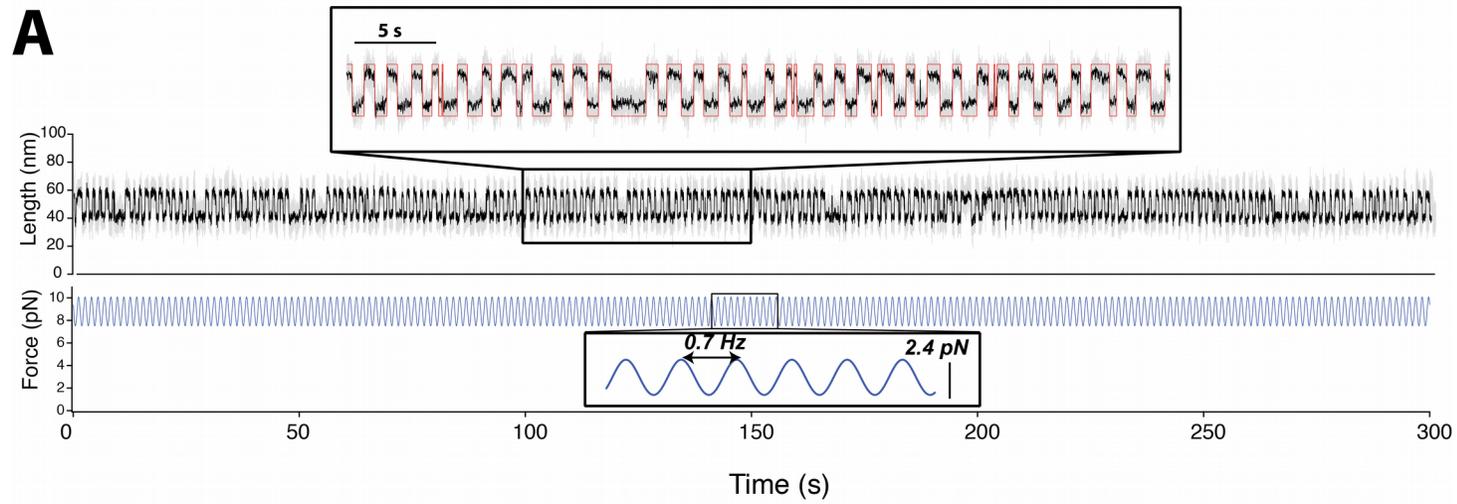
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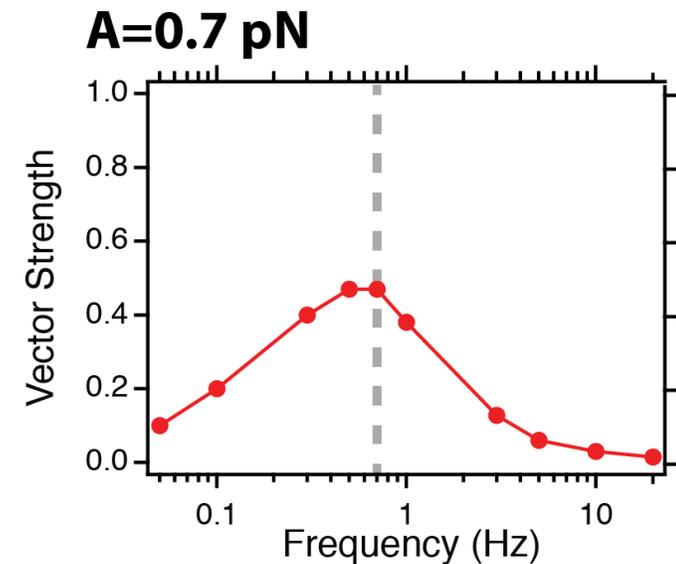
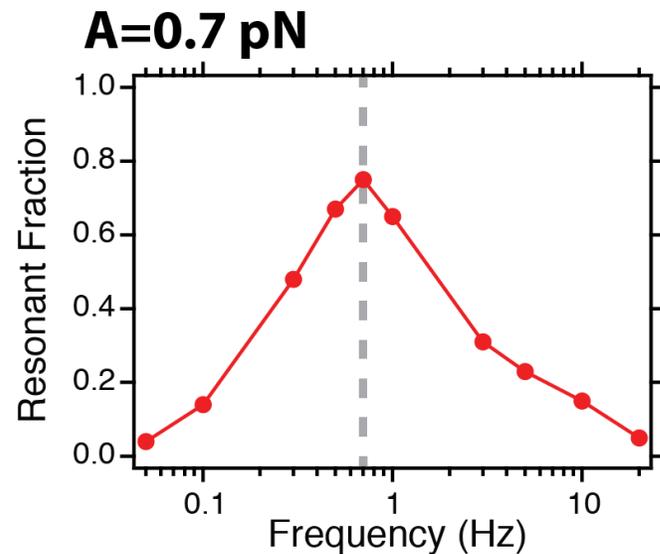
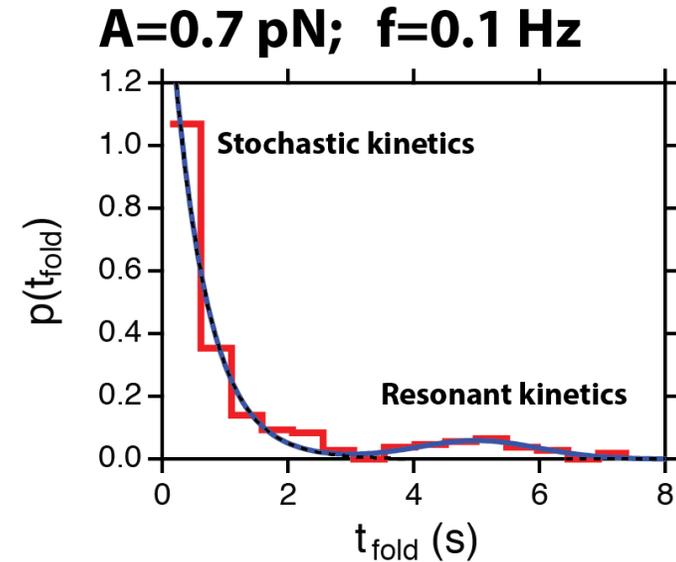
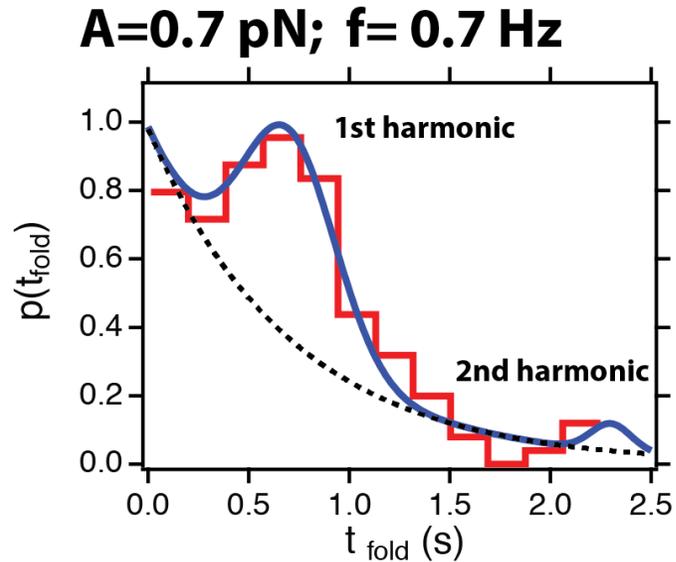
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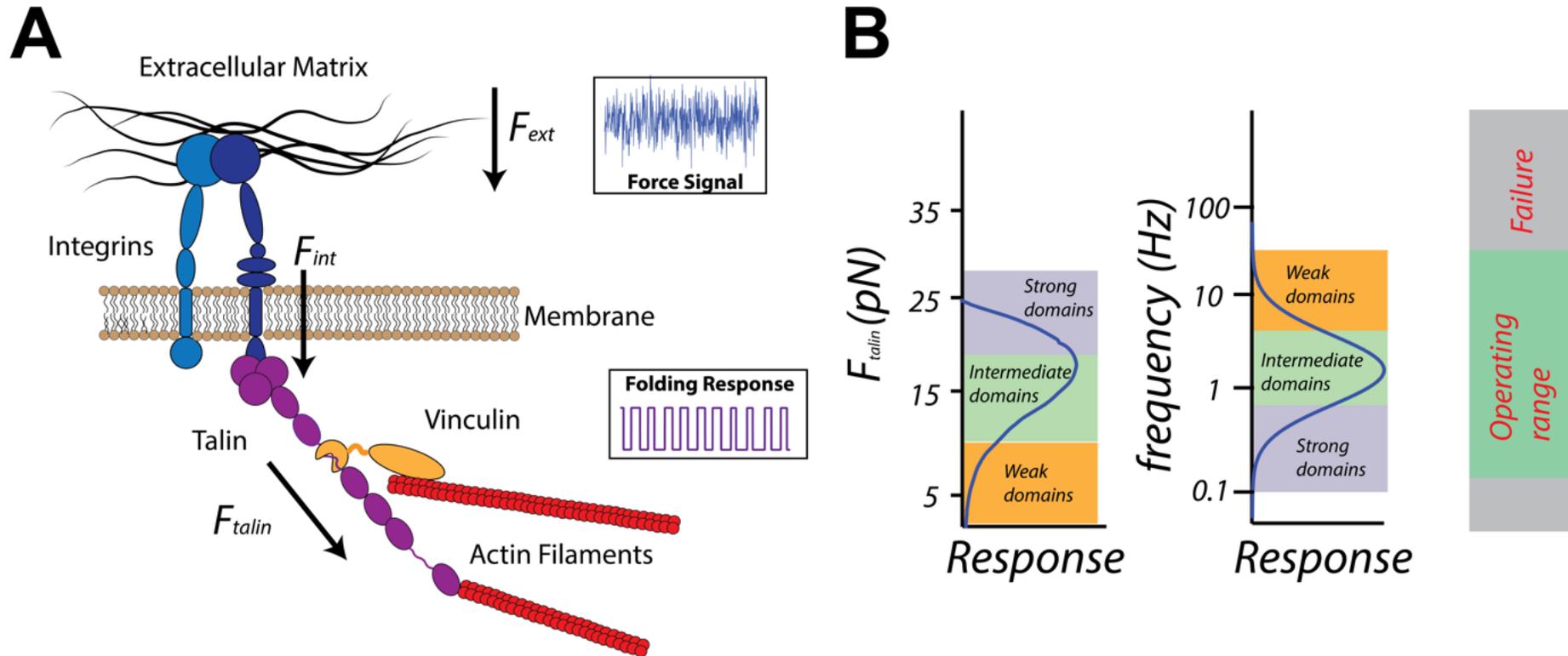
Talin entrains  
with  
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signals



# Entrainment is frequency dependent



# Stochastic resonance identifies periodic signals in noisy mechanical environments



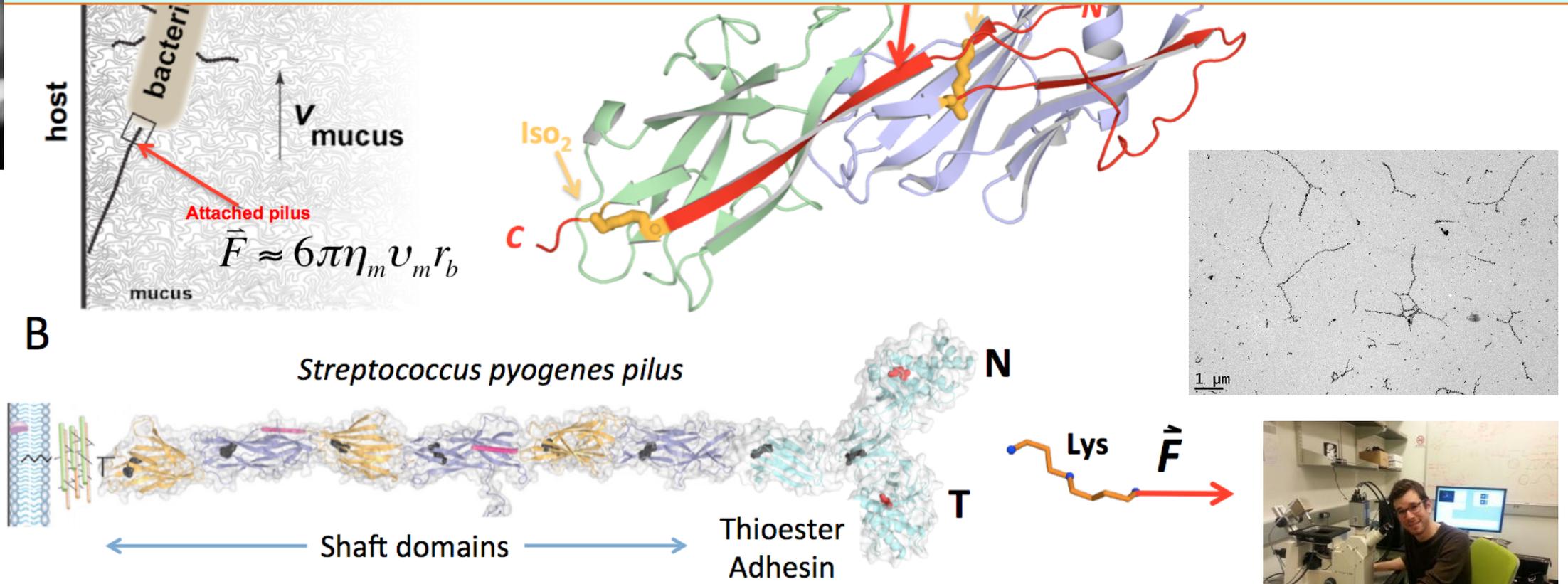
heart beat?, respiration?, rigidity sensing,  
cancer?

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

They have specialized features to resist large mechanical shocks!

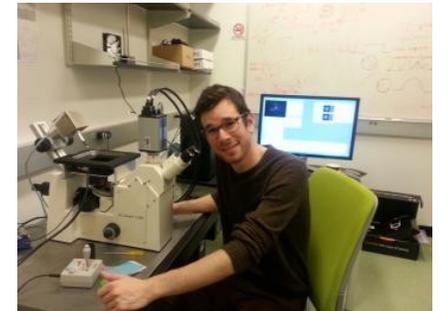


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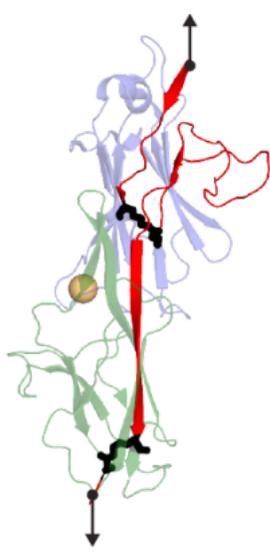
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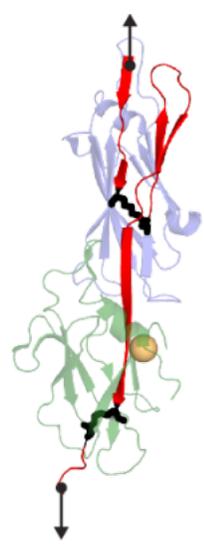


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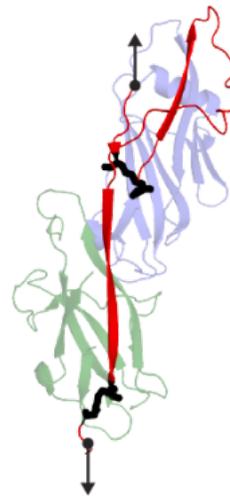
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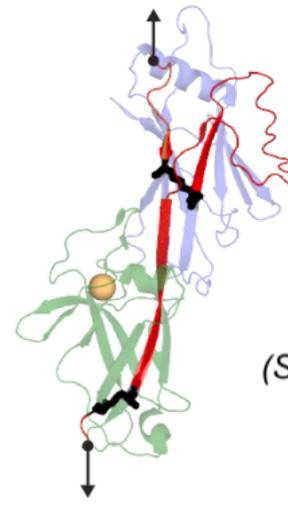
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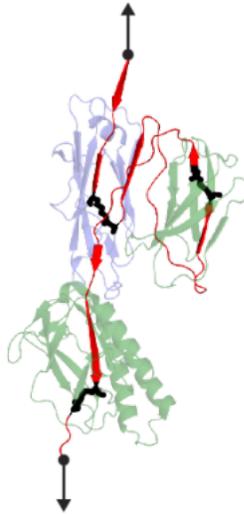
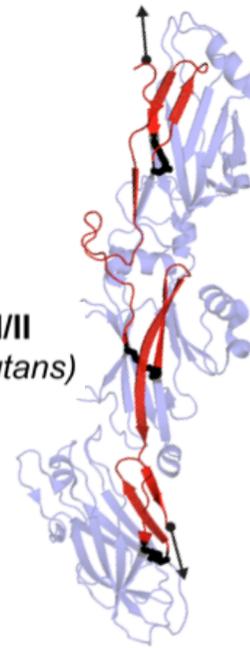


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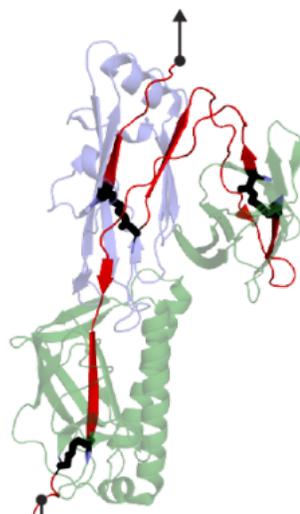


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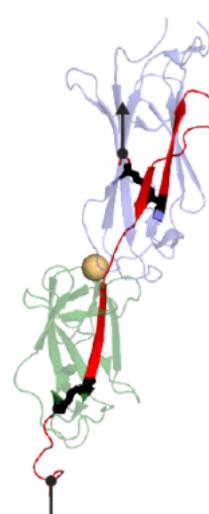
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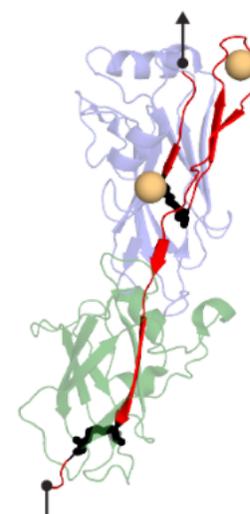
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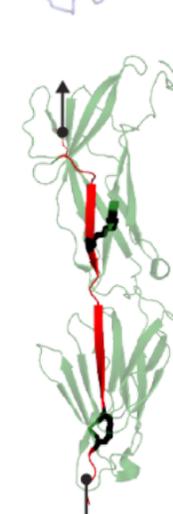
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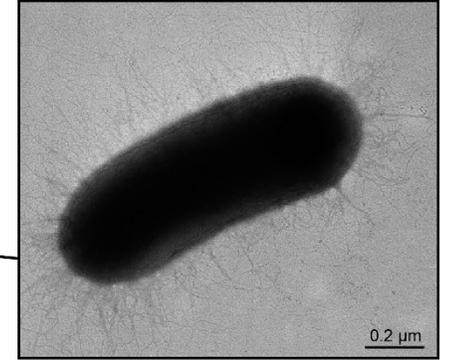
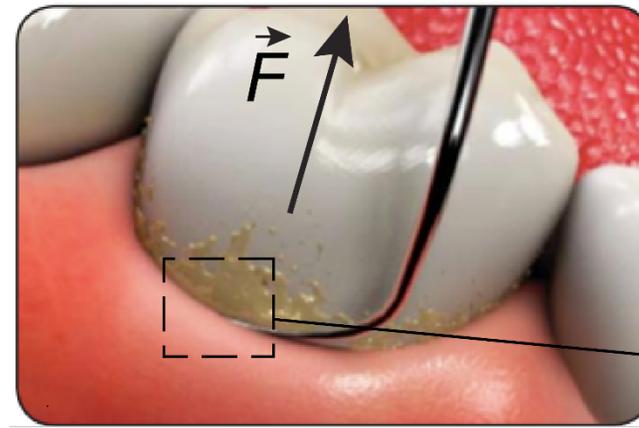
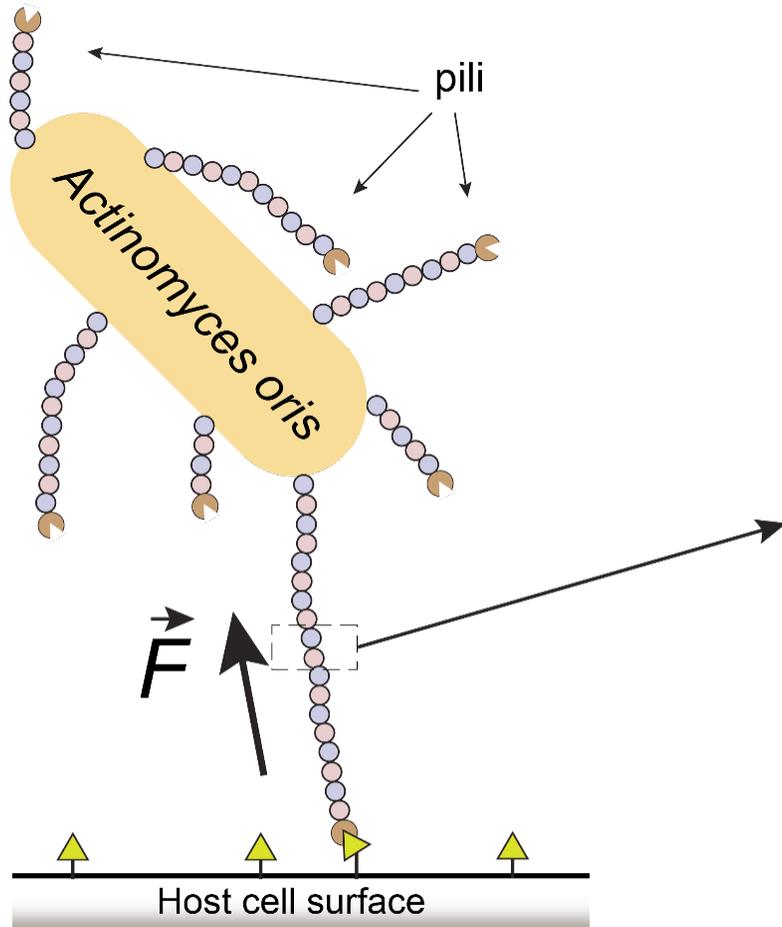


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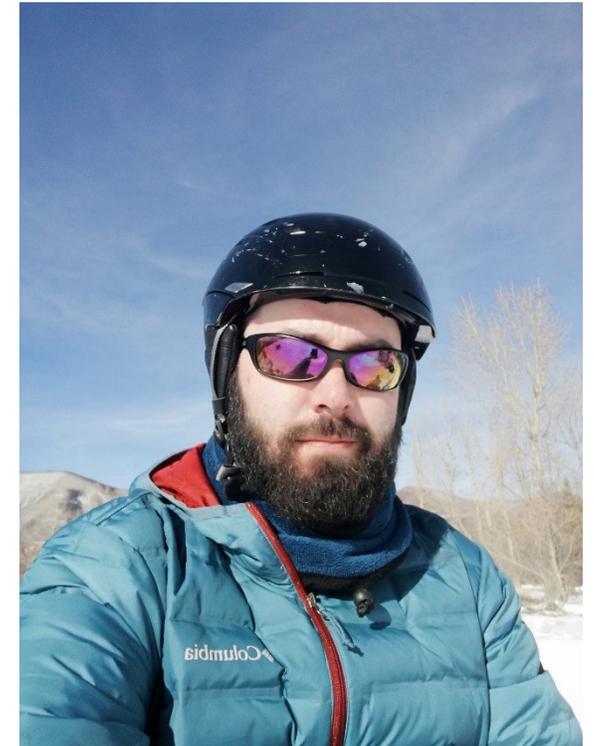
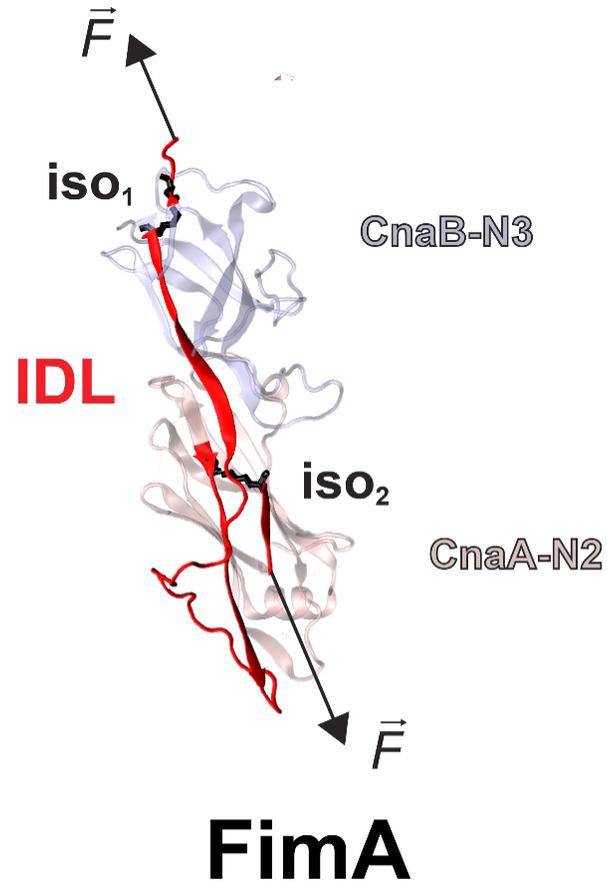


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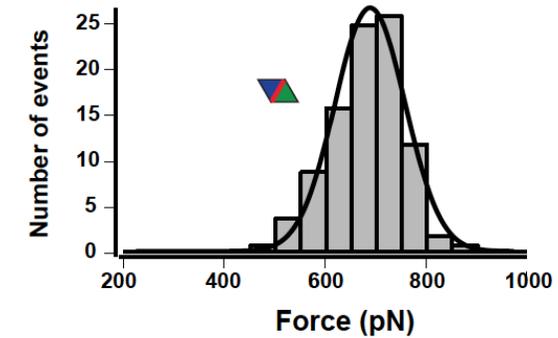
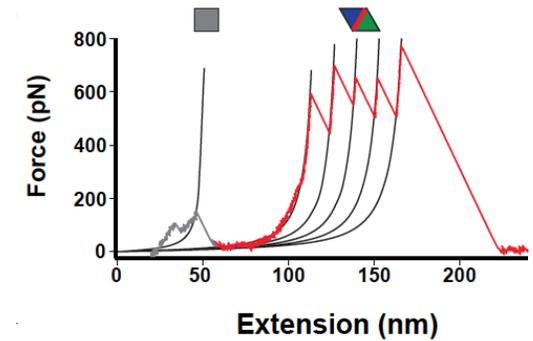
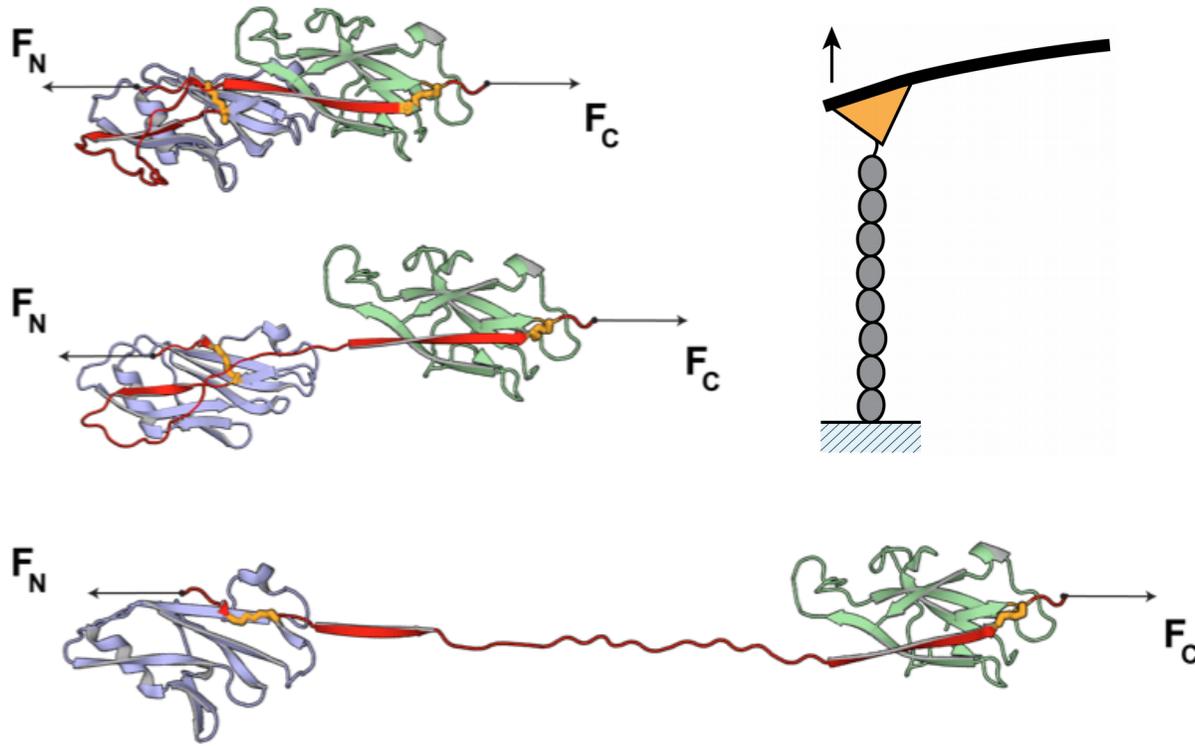


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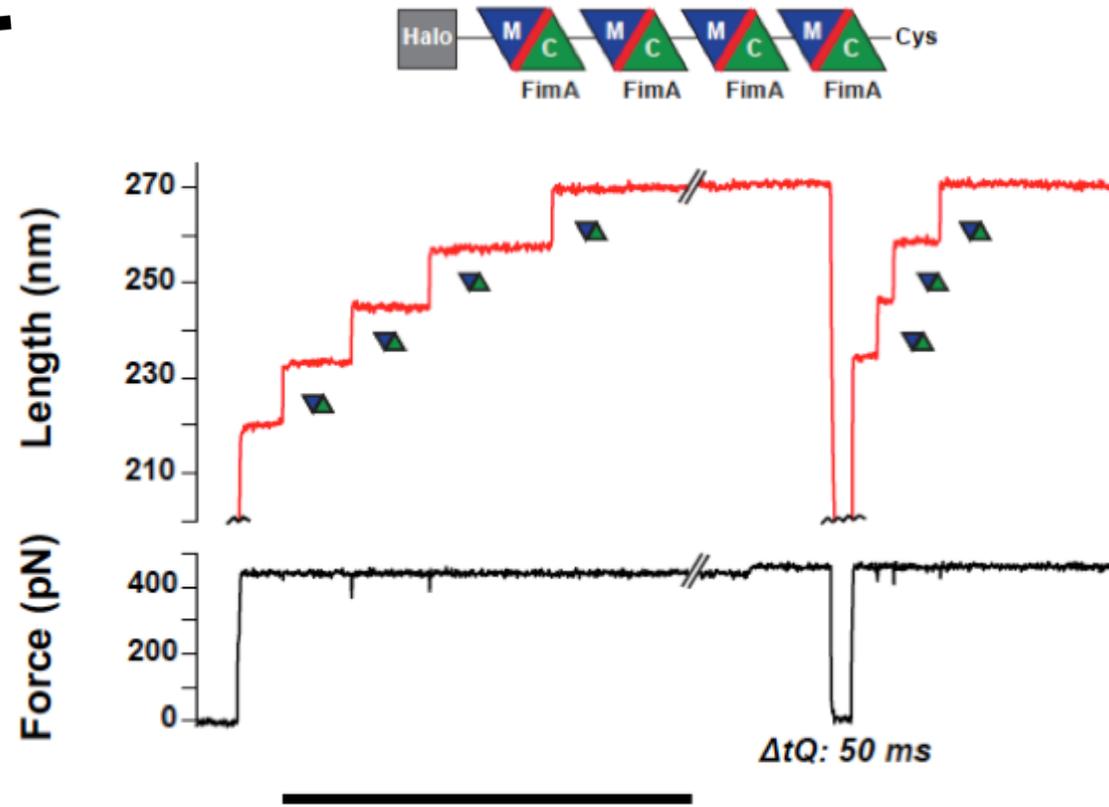
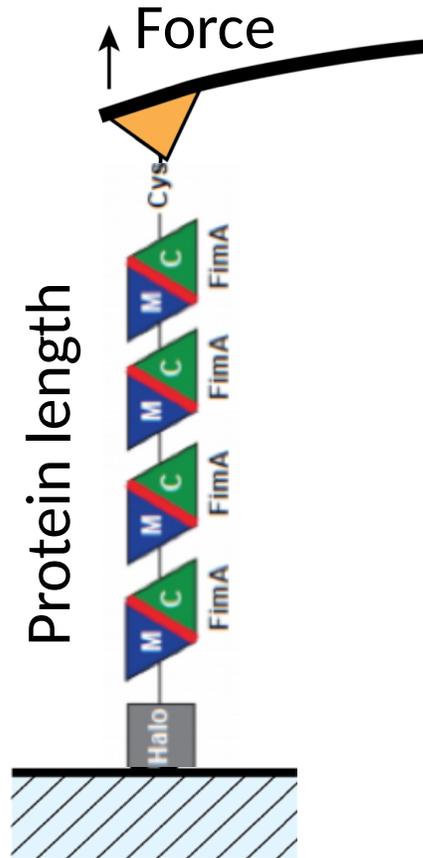


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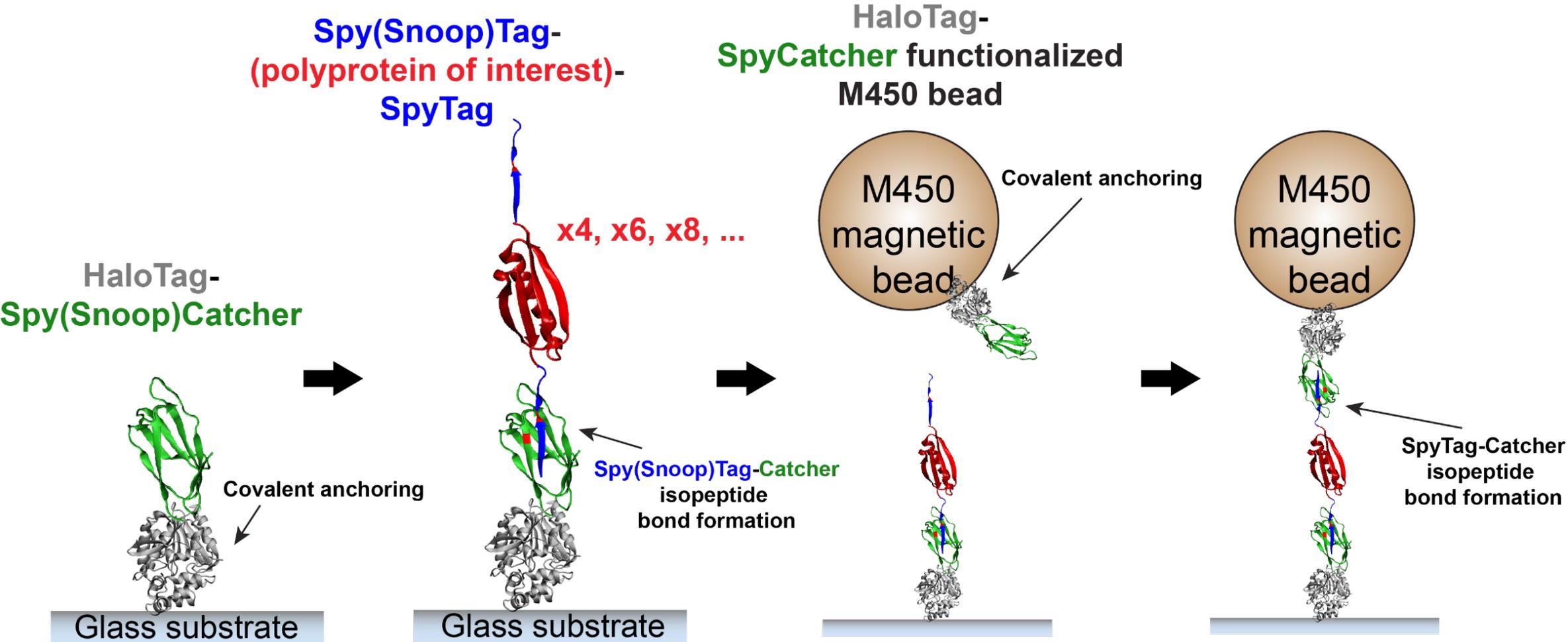
# The FimA IDL's require a large force to unfold (~700 pN)



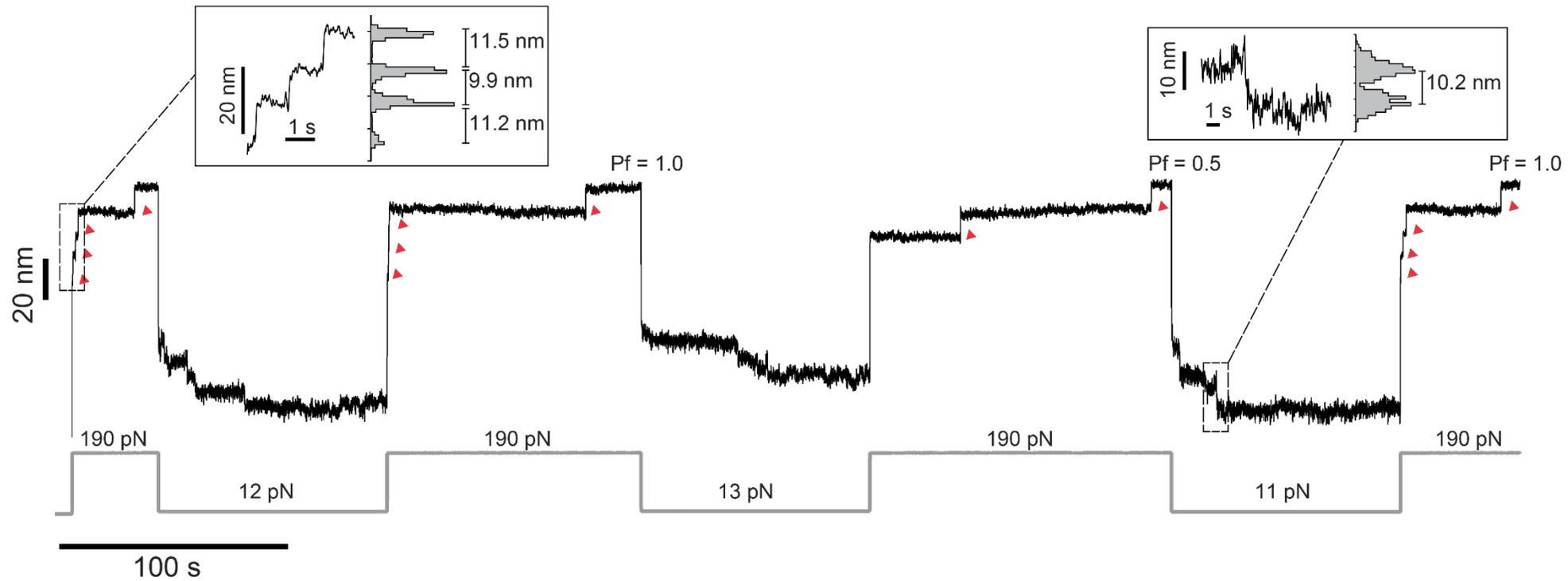
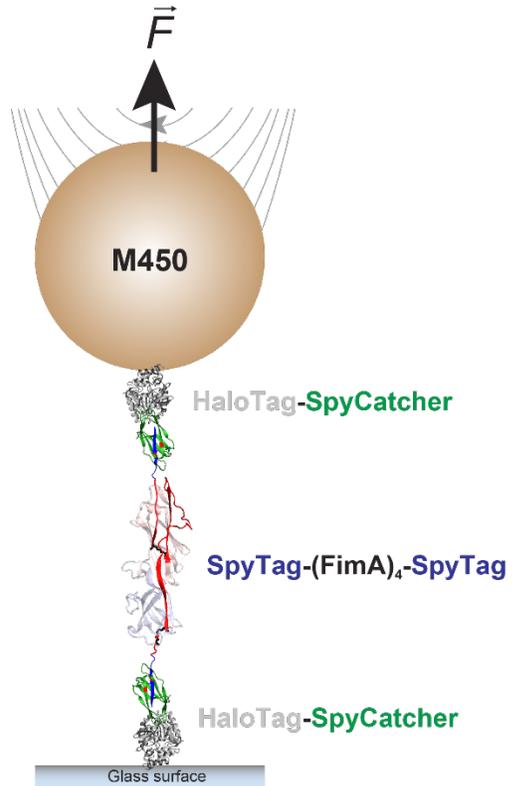
# FimA refolding requires that the force drops $<10$ pN



# Double-covalent and split-protein technique

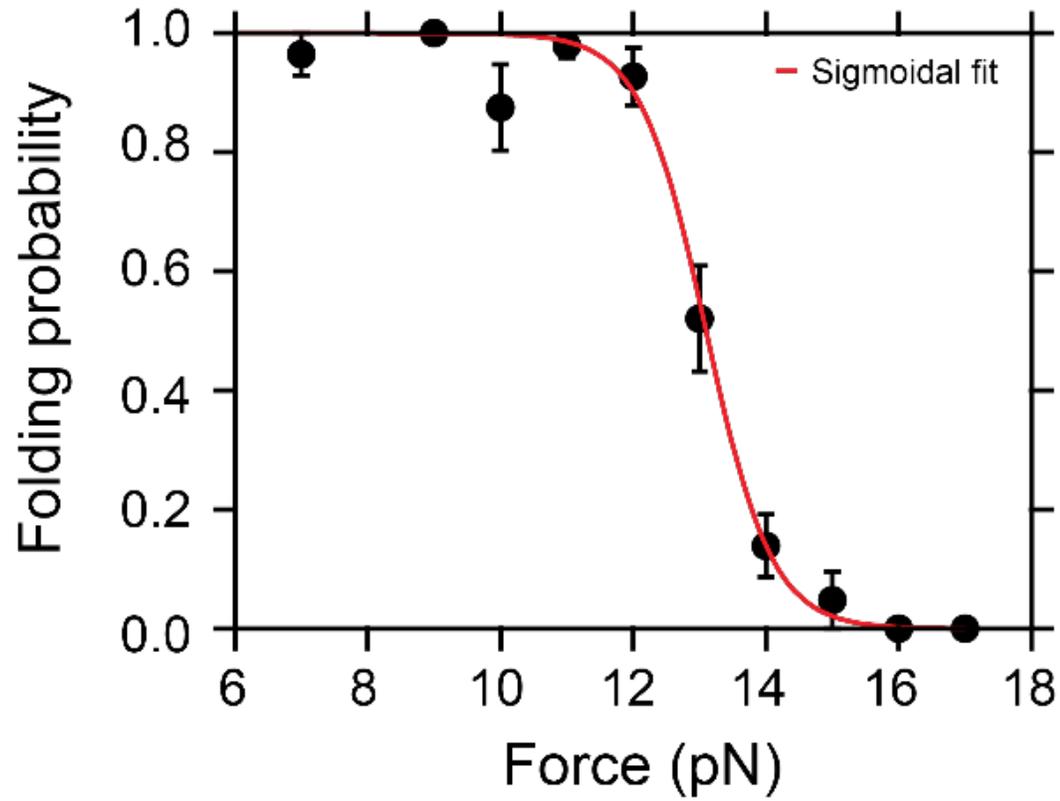


# FimA IDL's, **Not**-folding, **Not**-unfolding (P425)

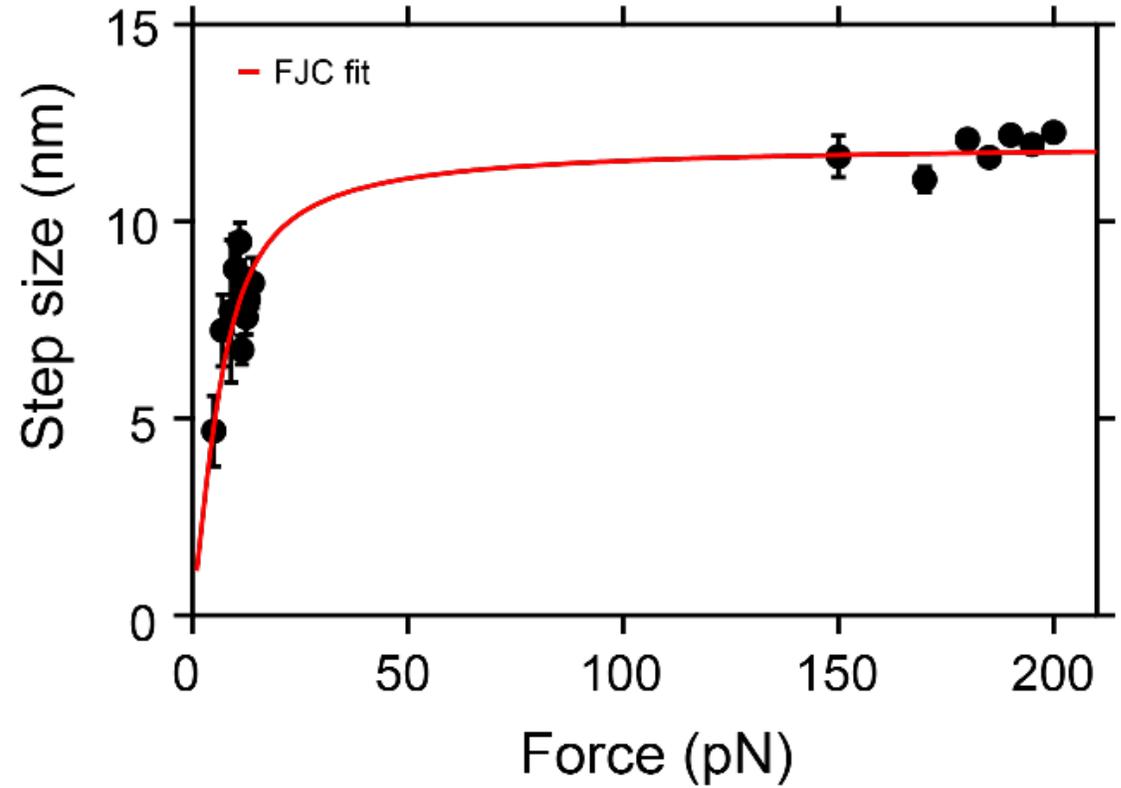


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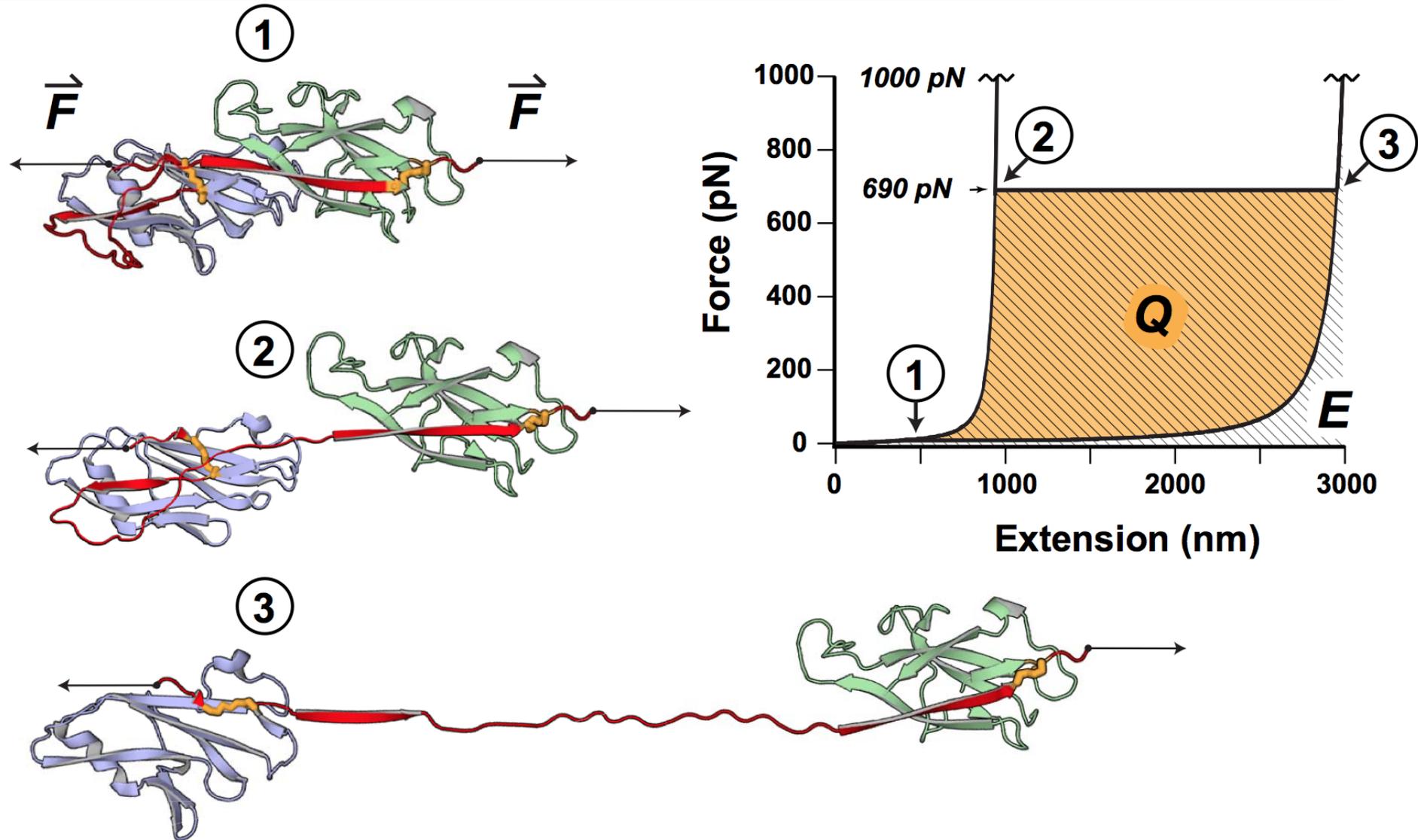
*IDL Folding contraction probability*



*IDL extension as a function of force*

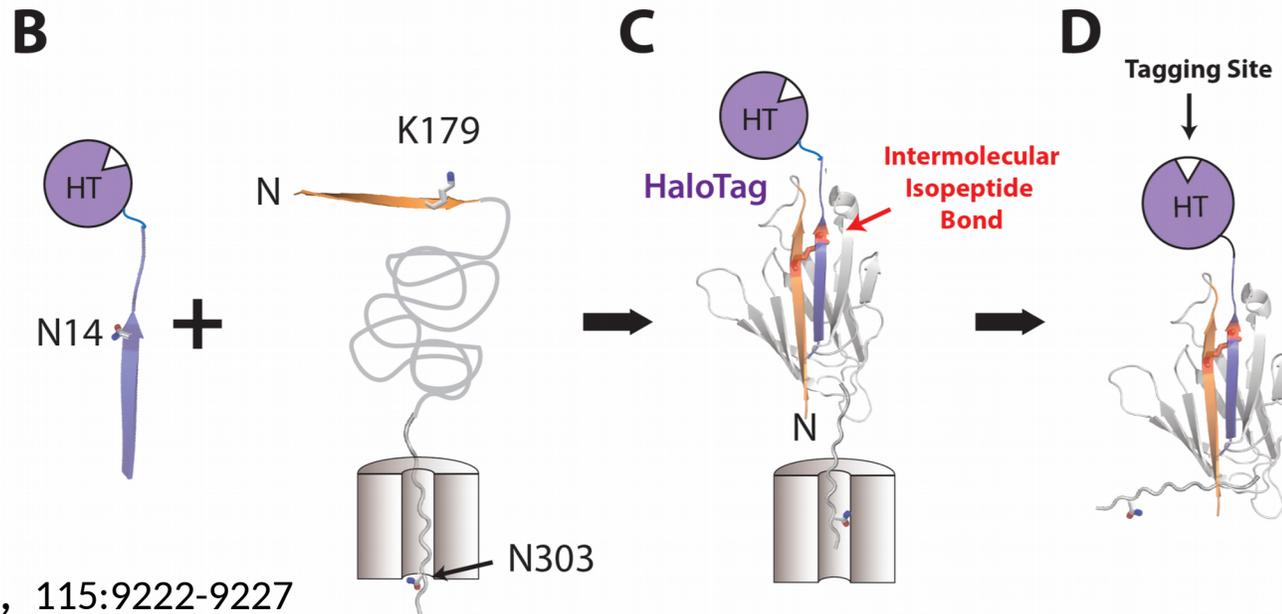
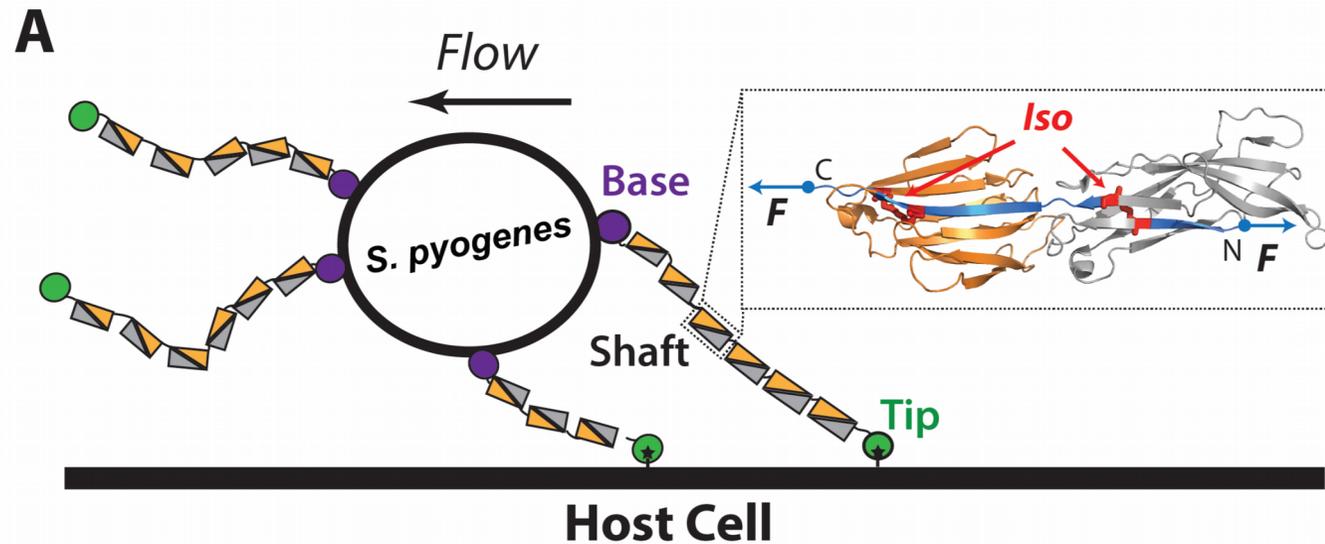


# IDL's are very effective shock dissipaters



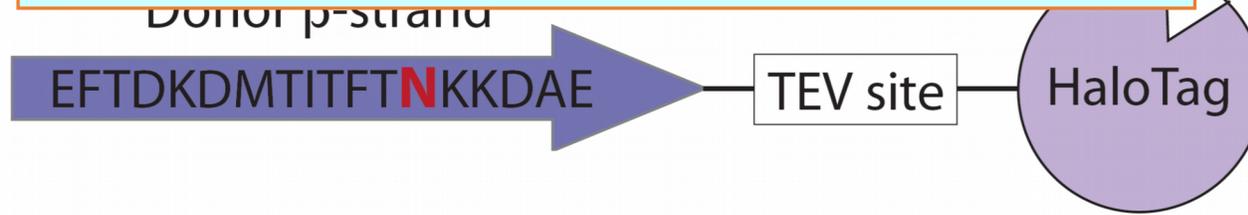
IDL folding = inter-domain polymer collapse and binding

# Blocking isopeptide bond formation in pili

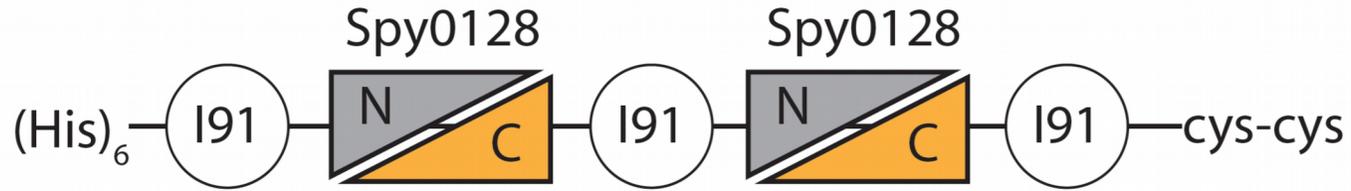


# design of a blocking isopeptide

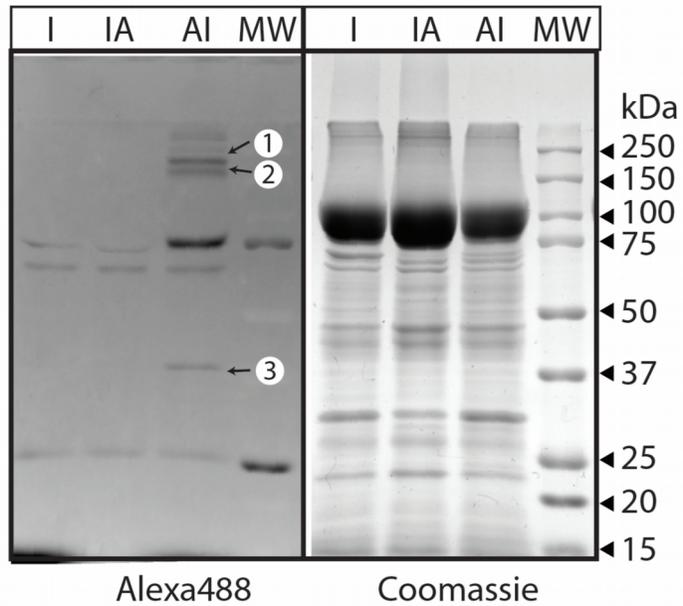
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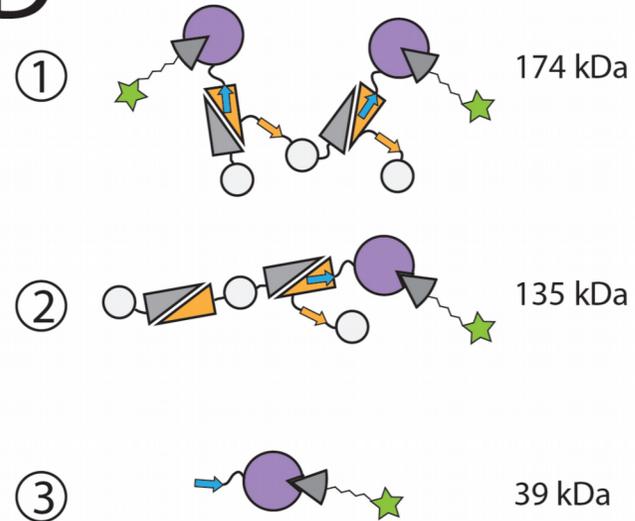
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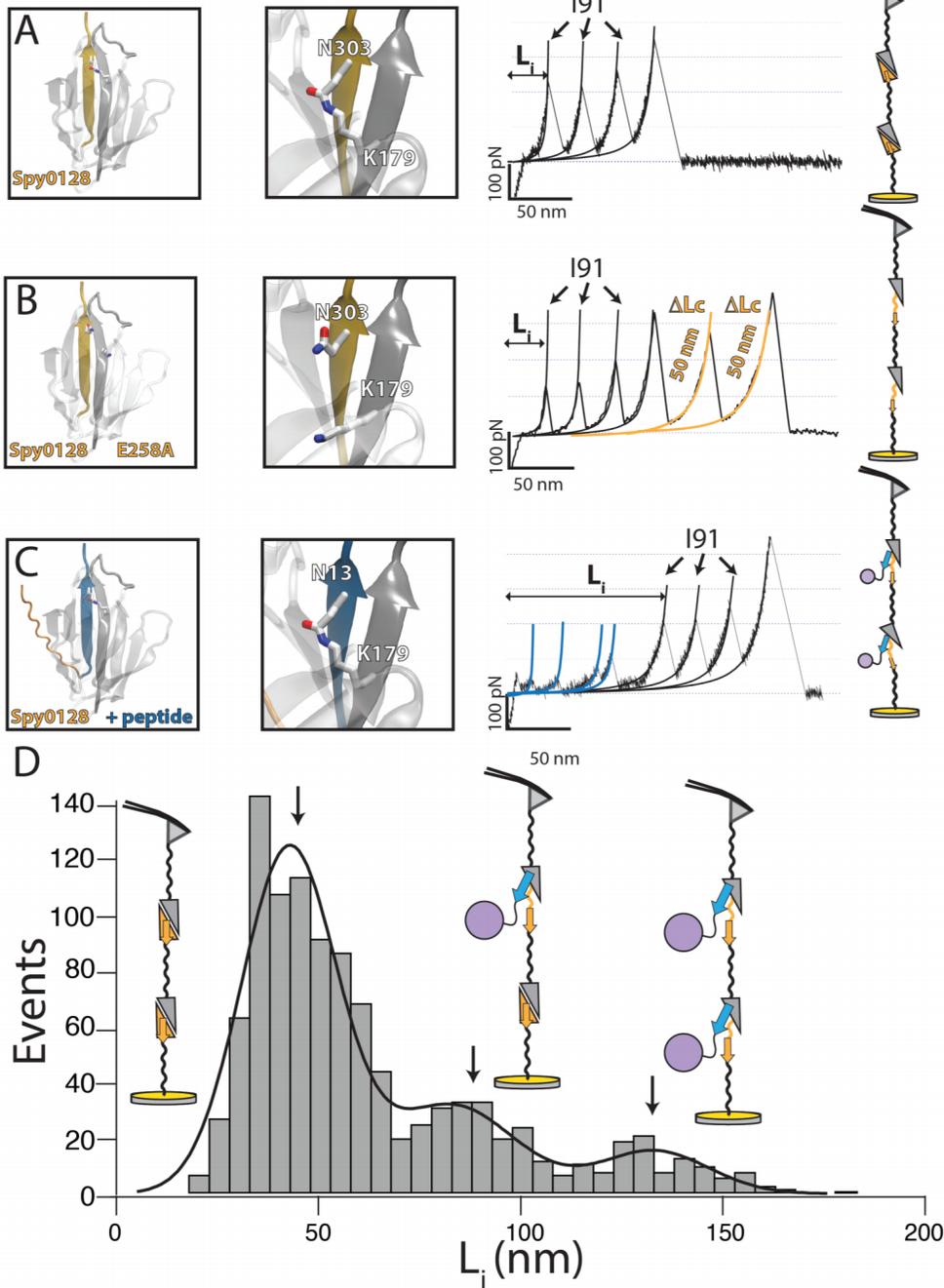
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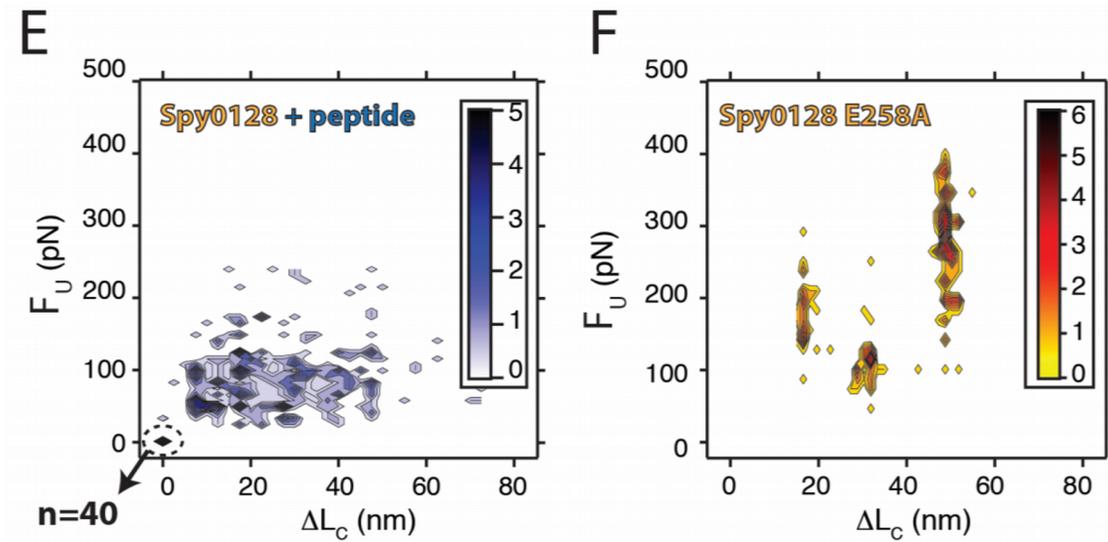
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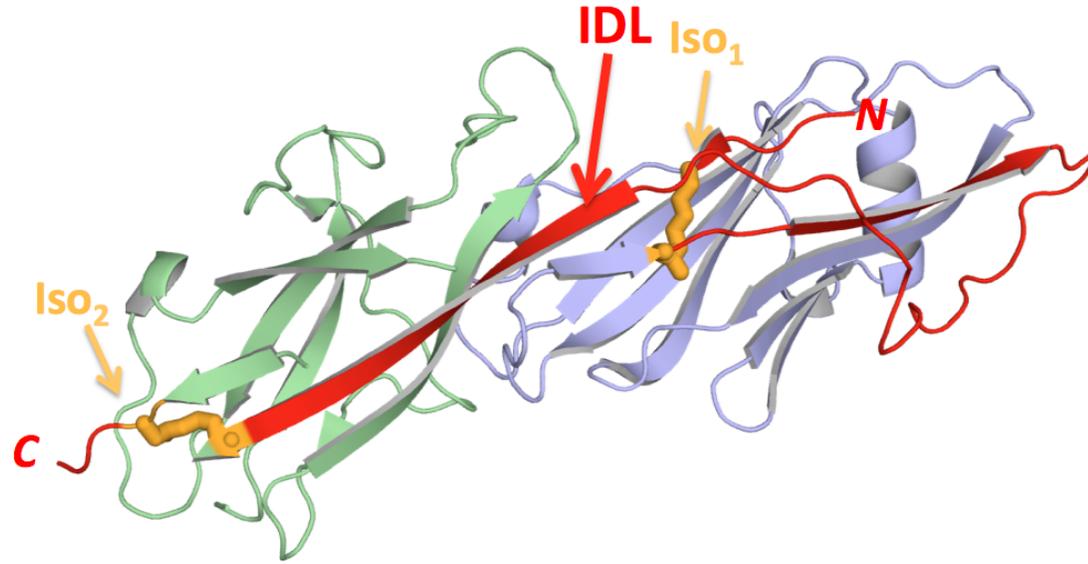
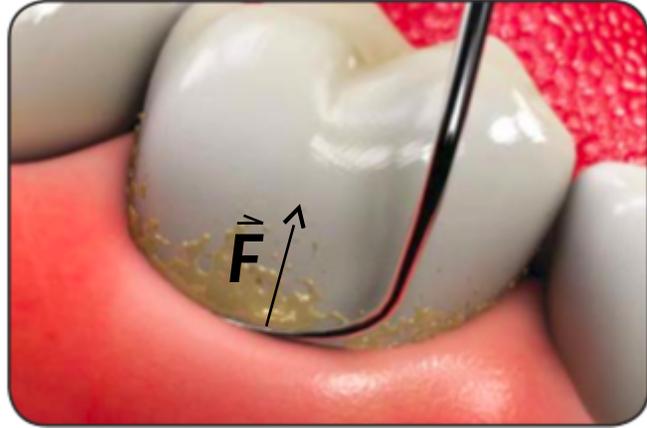
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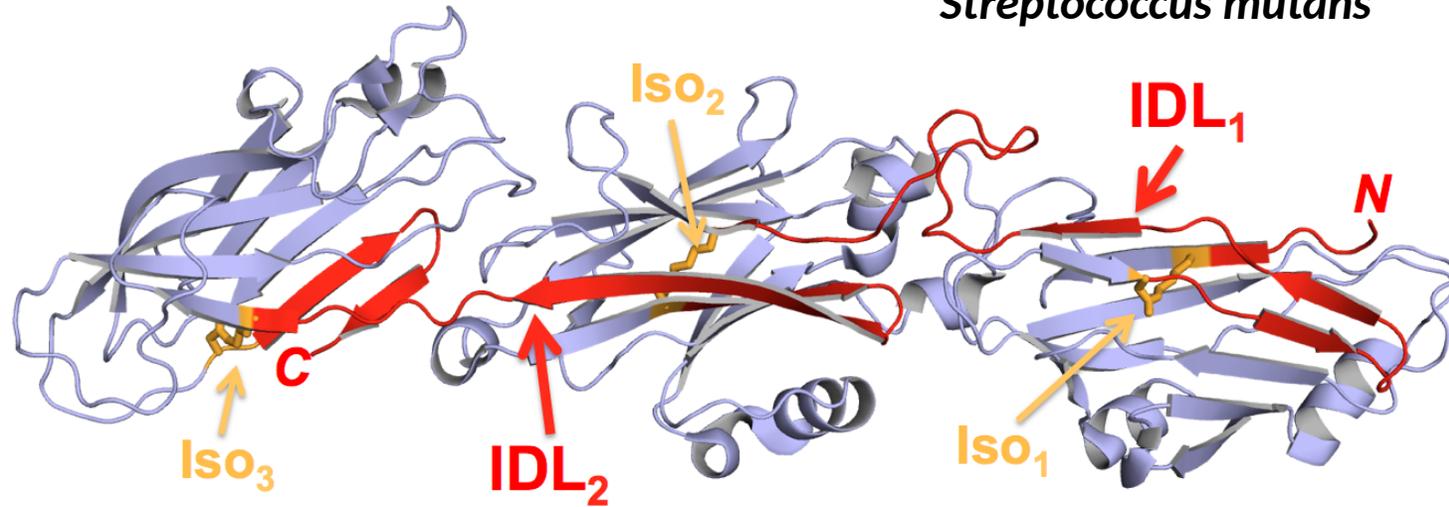
A blocking isopeptide is far more effective in knocking out the mechanical stability of pili than an isopeptide mutation



*FimA Actinomyces oris*

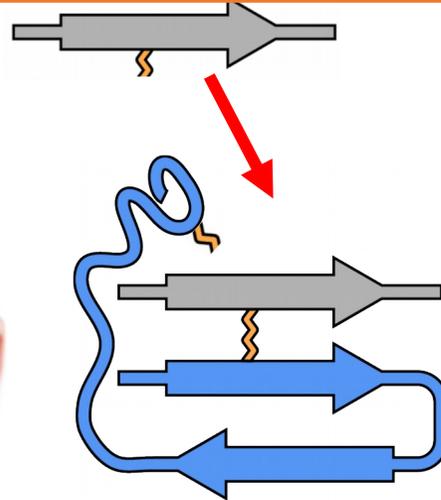


*Streptococcus mutans*



# Rational design of antiadhesive peptide antibiotics

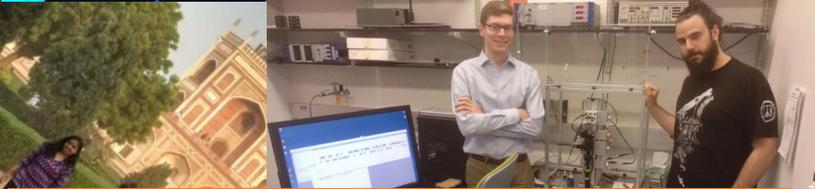
A new type of toothpaste



A new type of peptide



A vaccine against dental caries?



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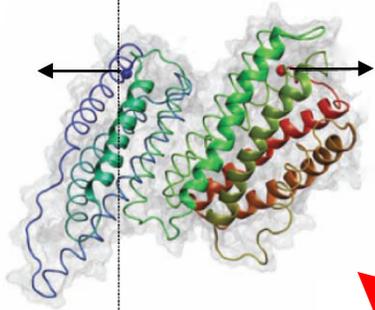
## Instrumentation

1.- AFM

2.- Magnetic Tweezers

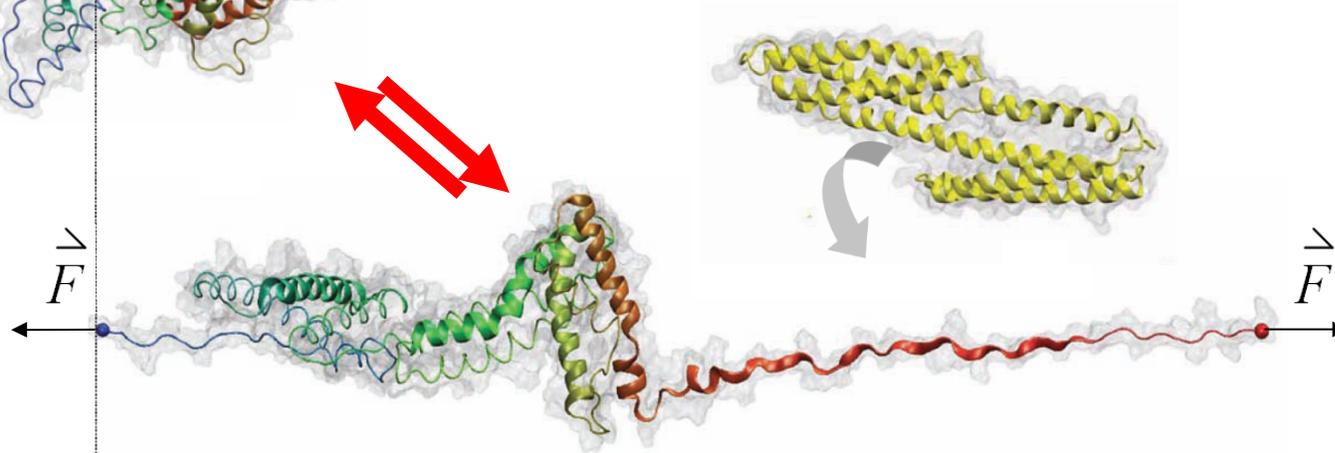
# The multiple roles of mechanical unfolding

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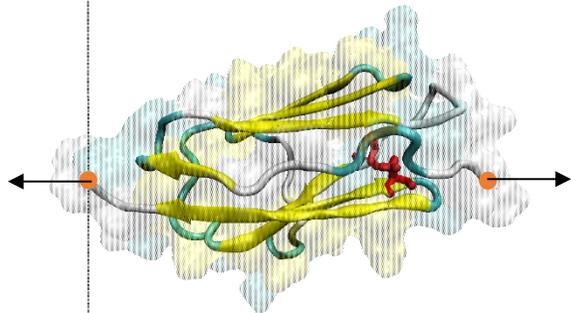
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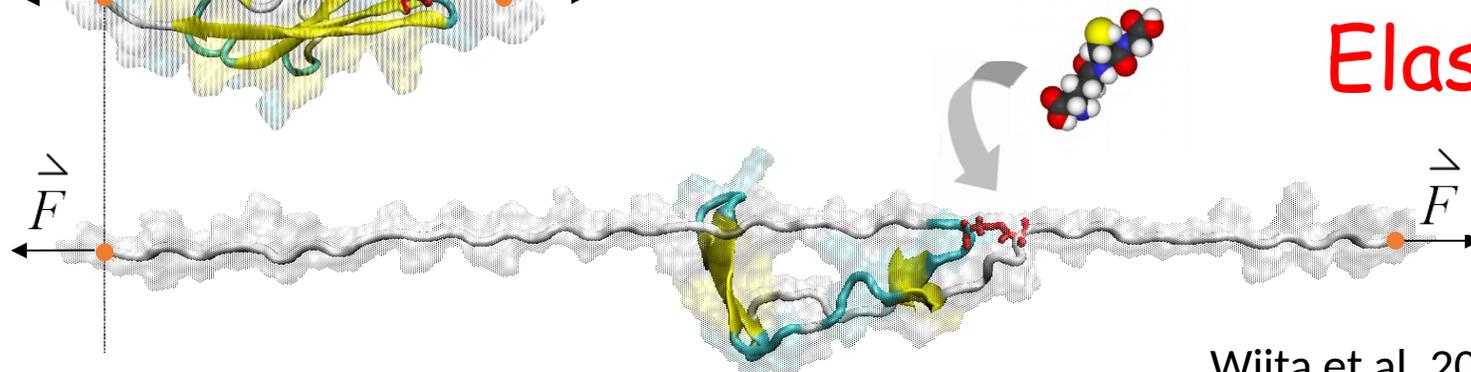
Cryptic  
Biochemistry

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Elasticity

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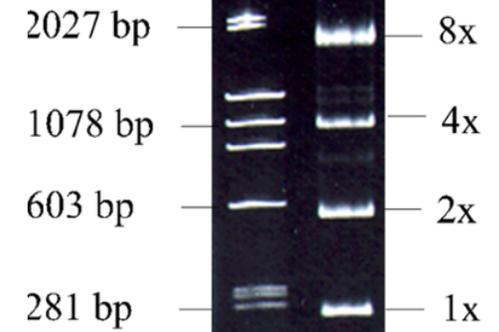
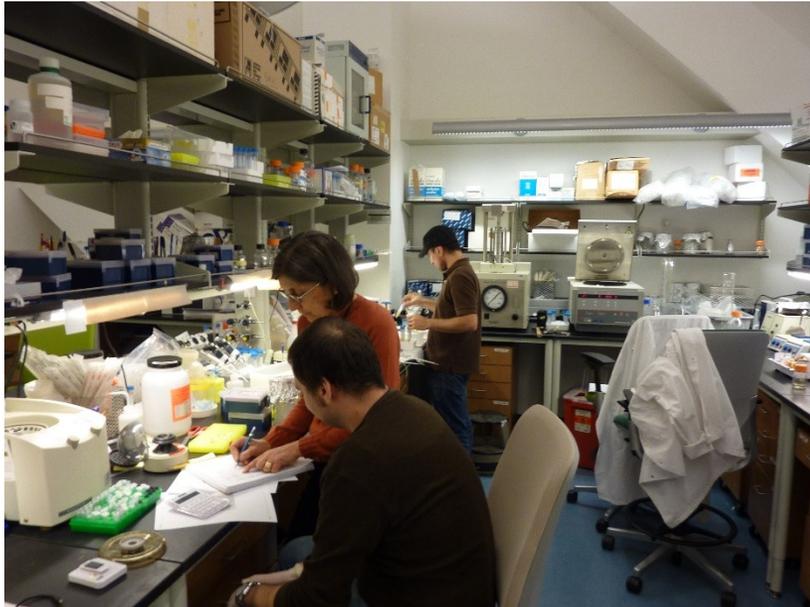
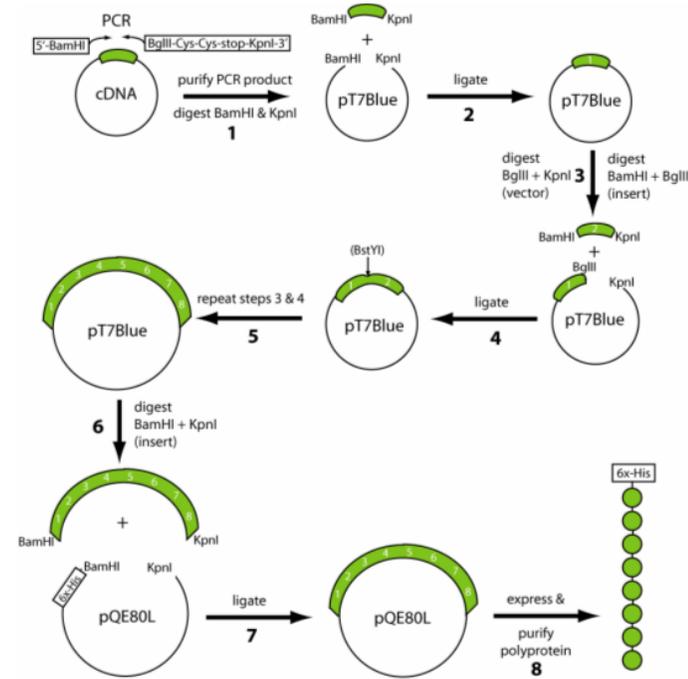
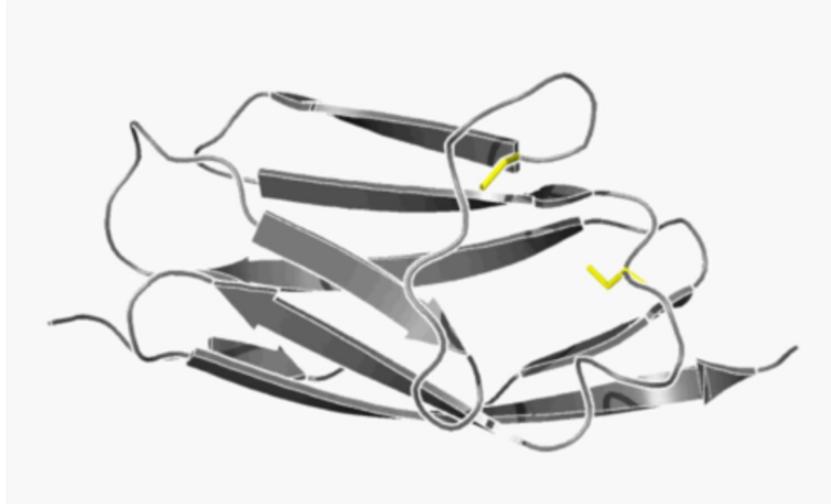


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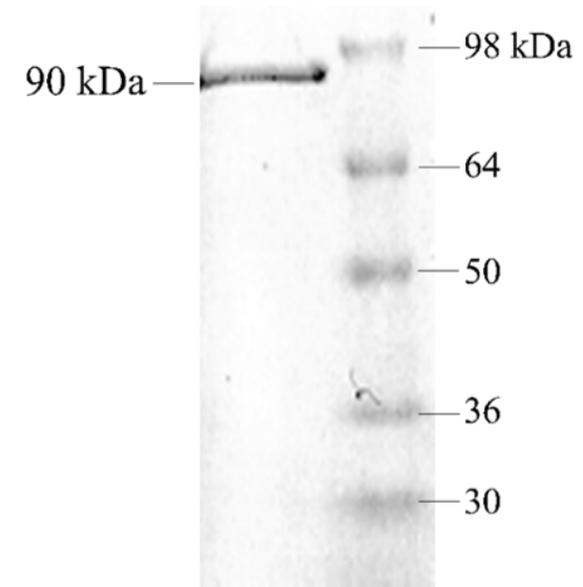
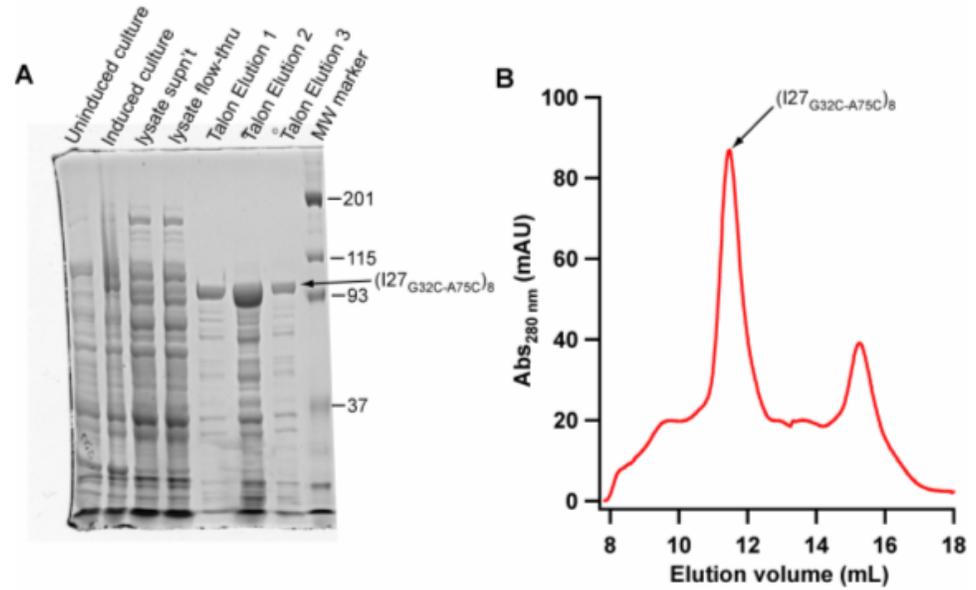
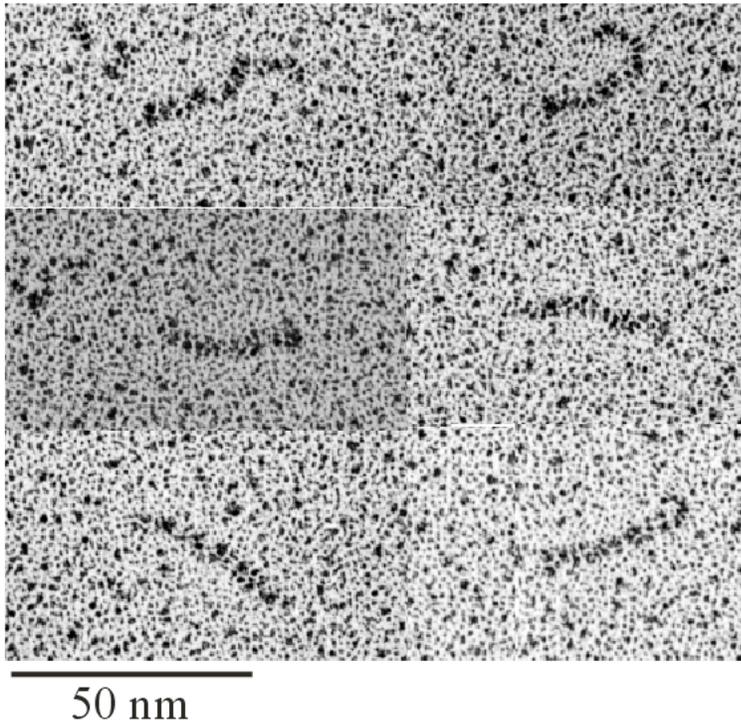
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# Polyprotein engineering for force spectroscopy

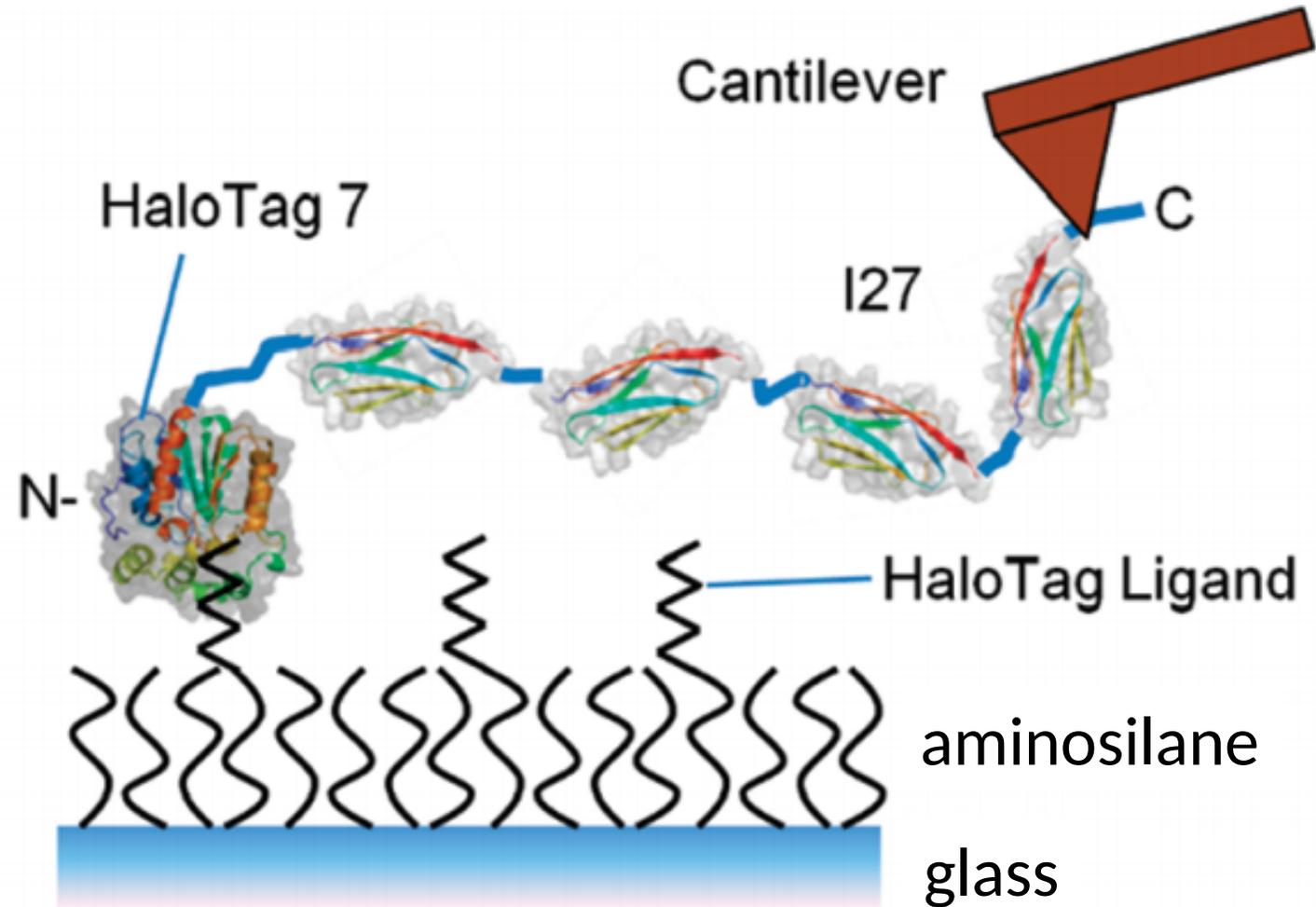
## I: DNA engineering



# Protein engineering II; expression and purification

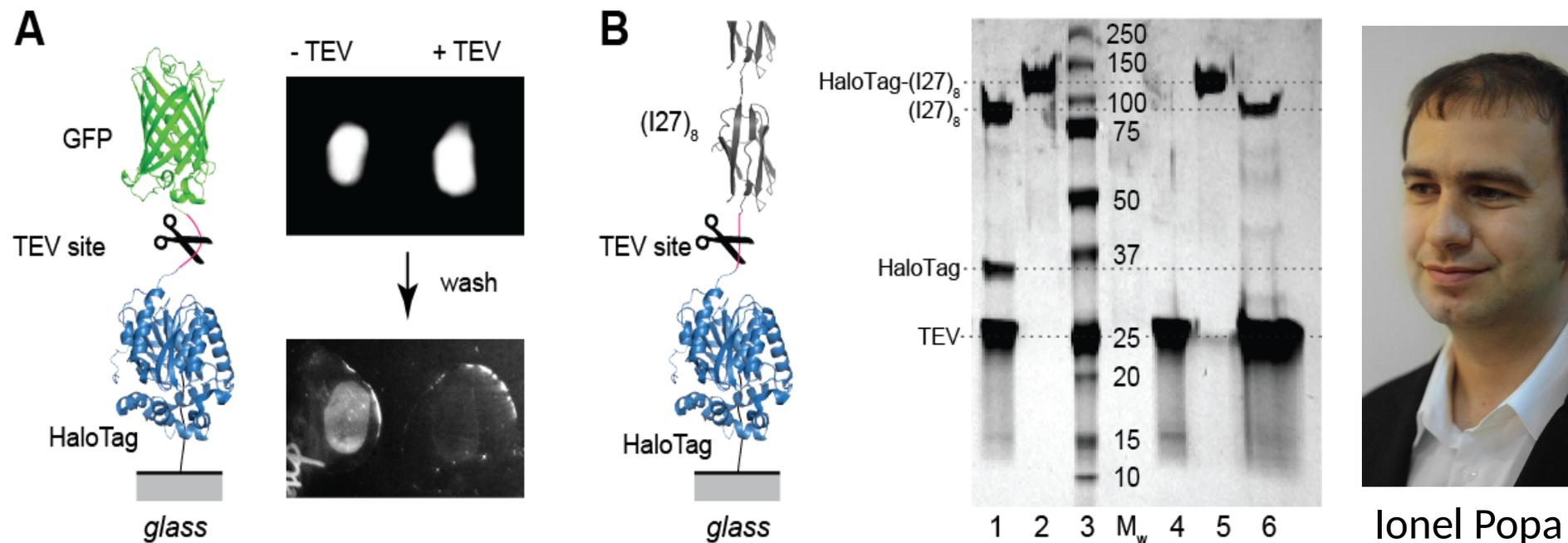


## Polyprotein engineering III; anchoring



*Taniguchi and Kawakami Langmuir* **2010**, 26(13), 10433–10436

# HaloTag and chloroalkane chemistry for the covalent anchoring of polyproteins



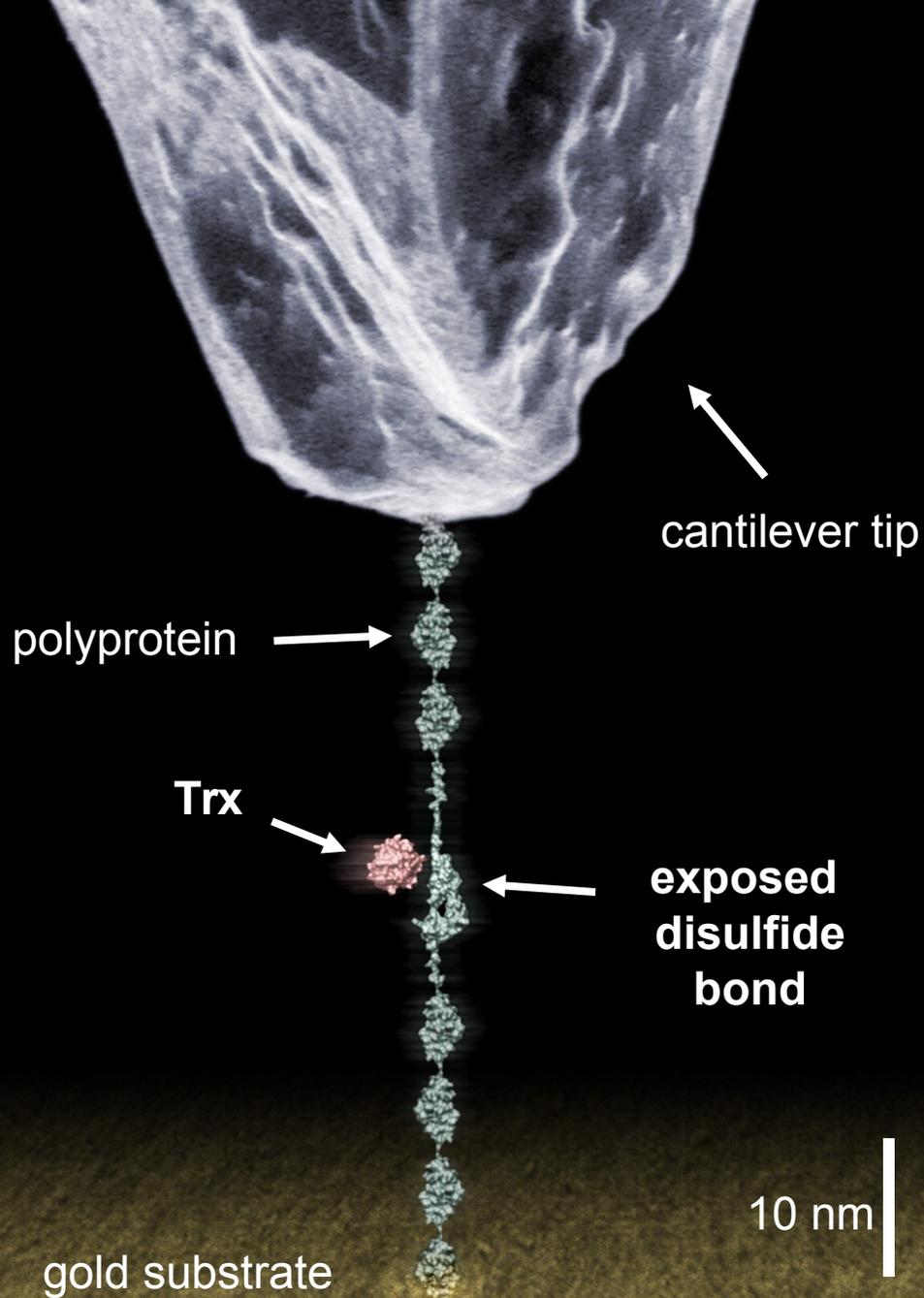
## Nanomechanics of HaloTag Tethers

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*Mechanical  
biochemistry*

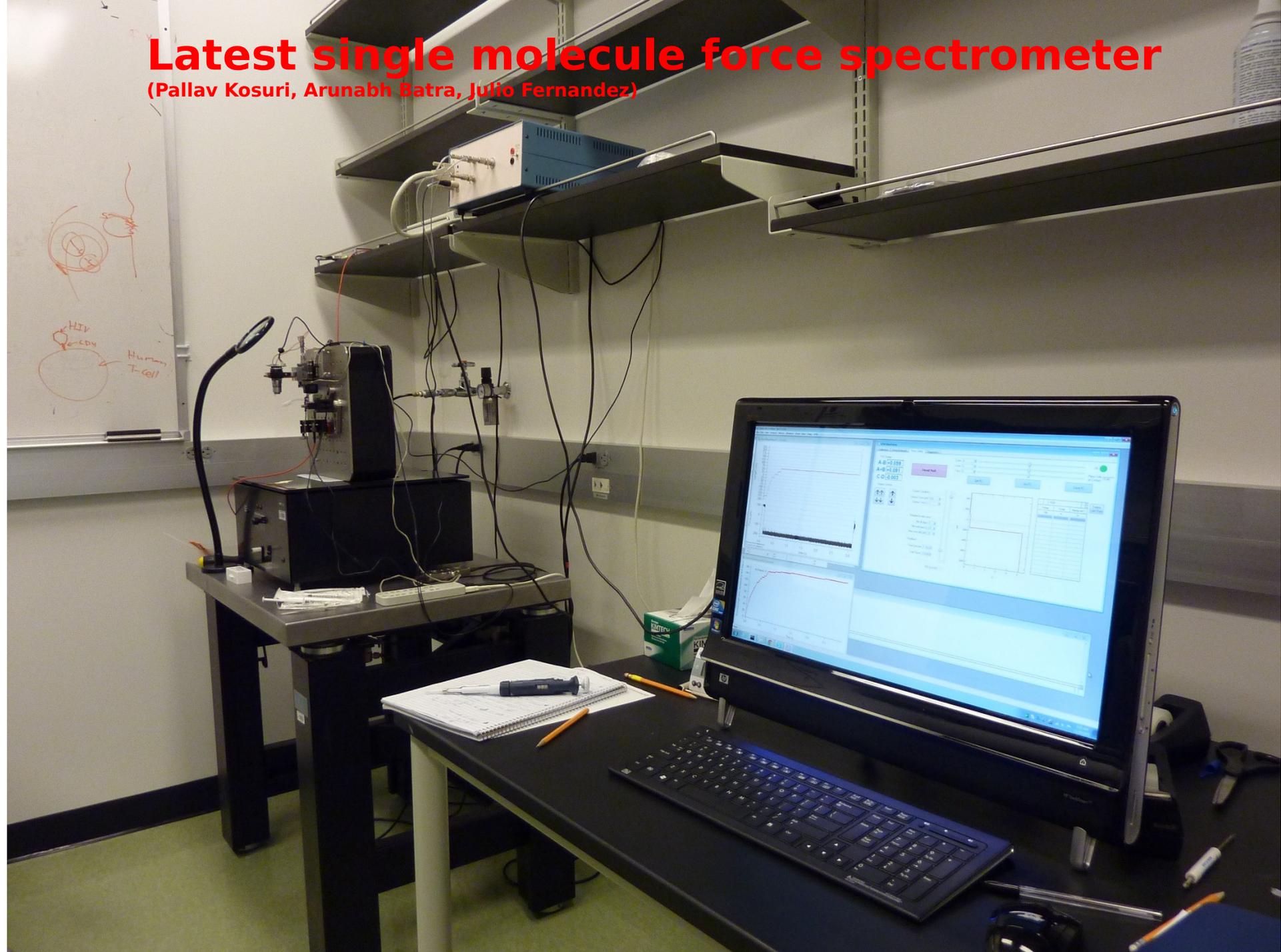
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Perspective in  
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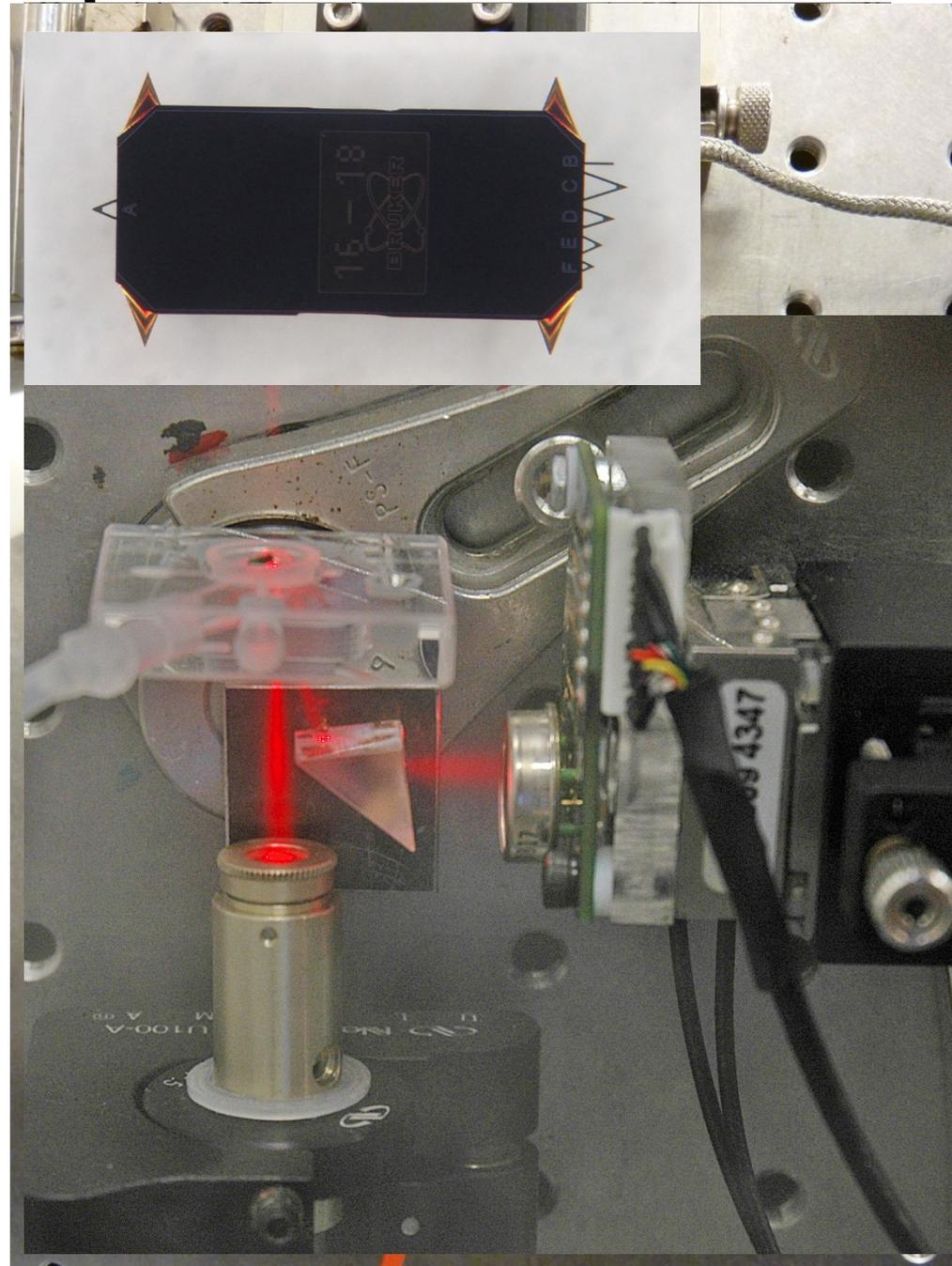
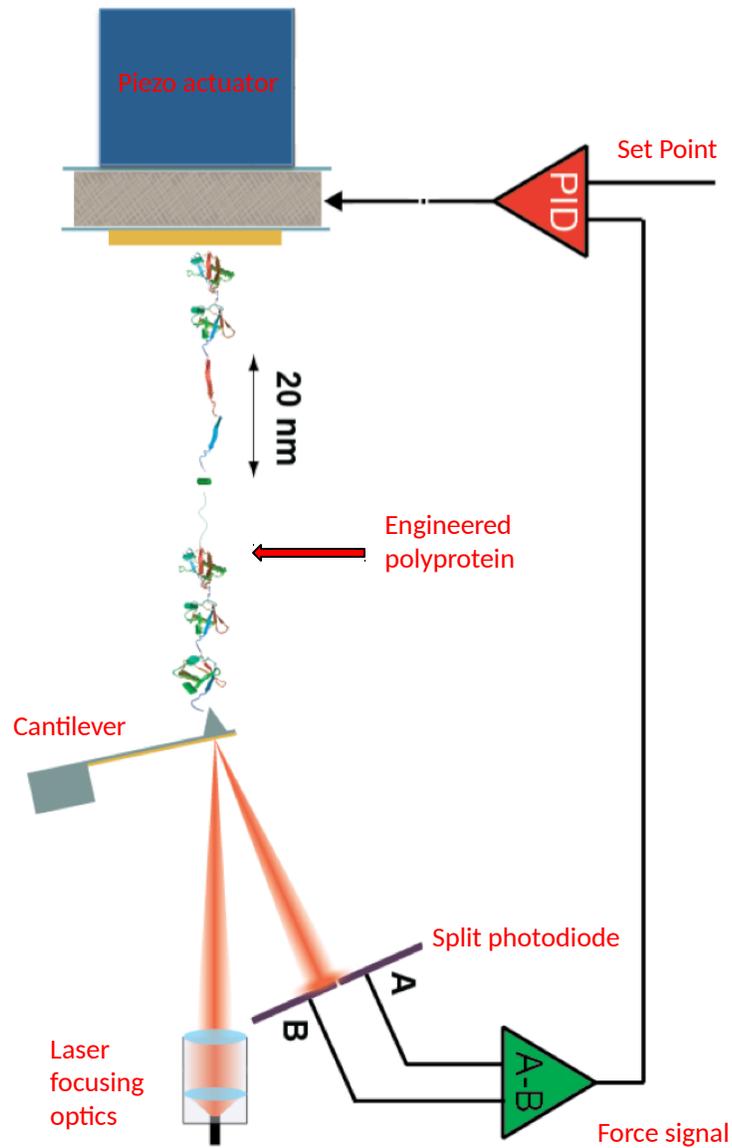
*Useful ?  
Real ?*

# Latest single molecule force spectrometer

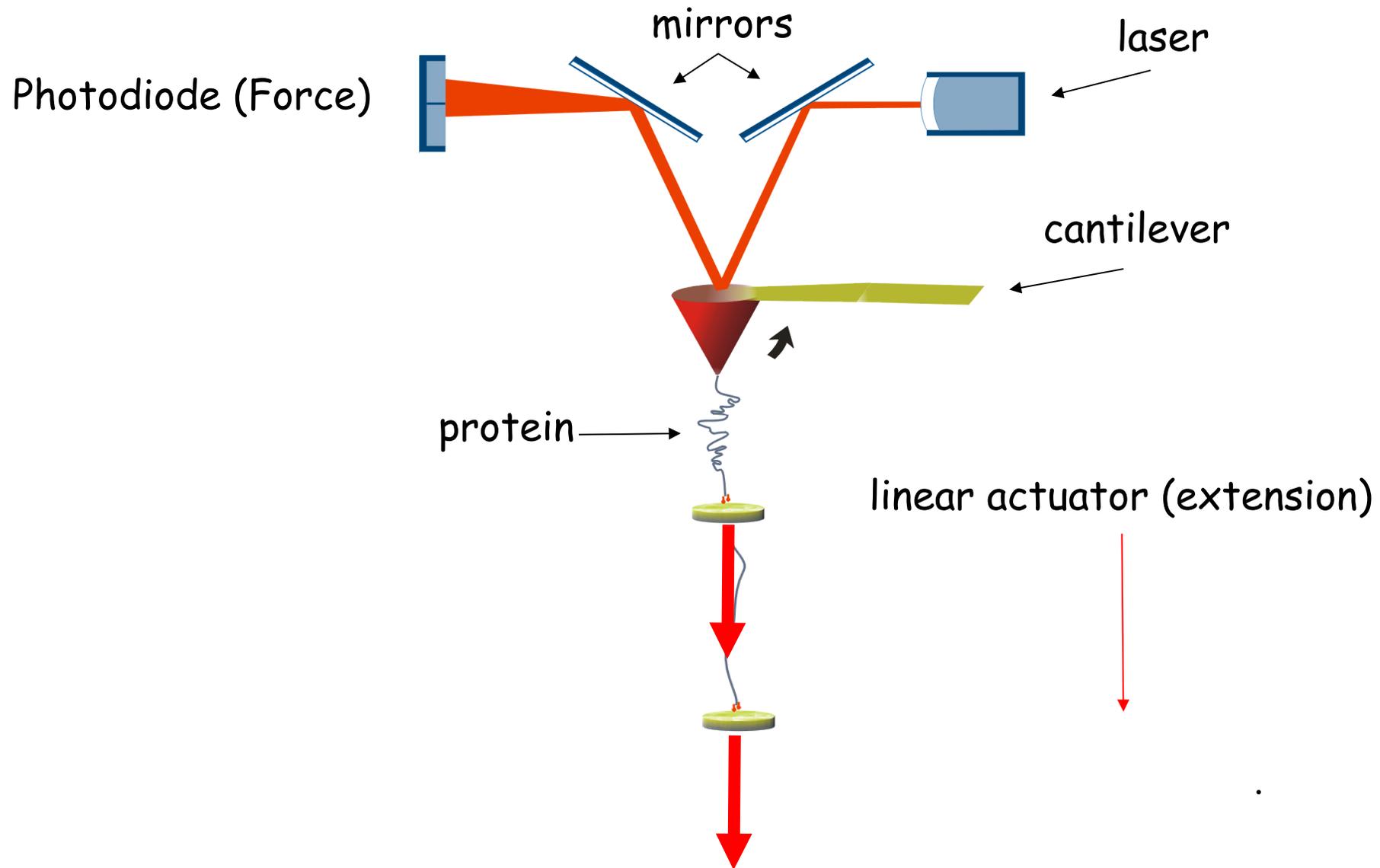
(Pallav Kosuri, Arunabh Batra, Julio Fernandez)

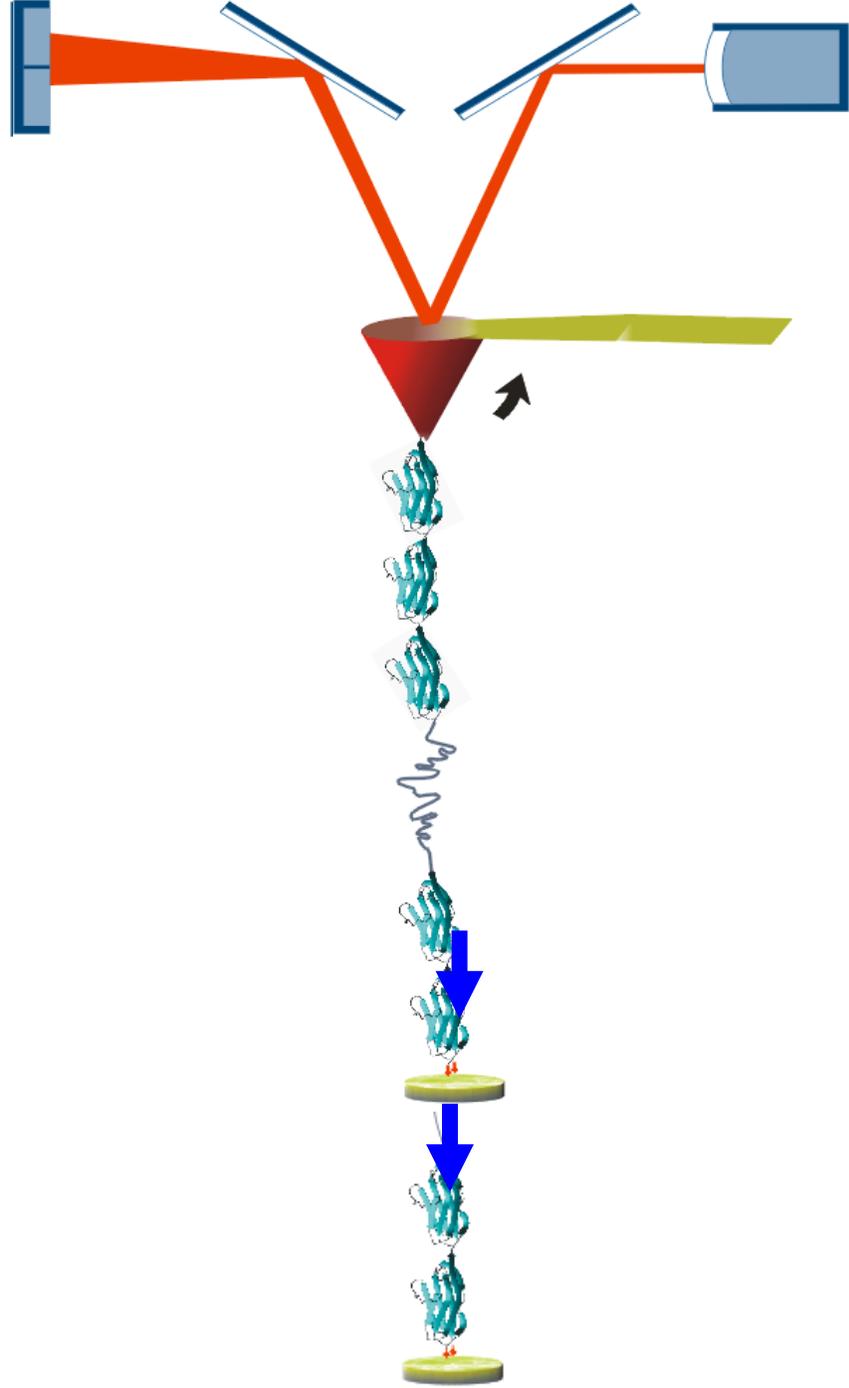


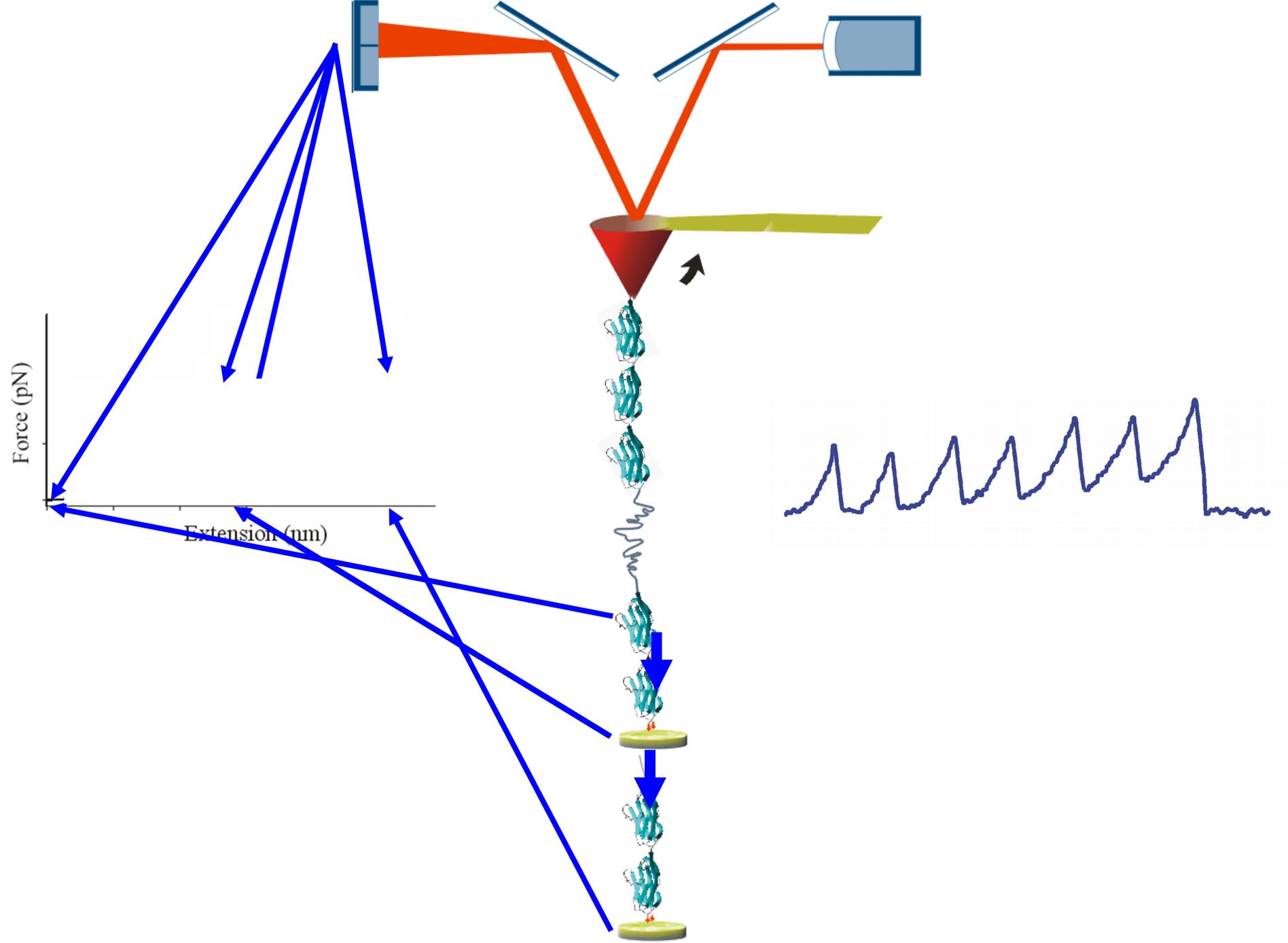
# Force sensor and piezoelectric actuator

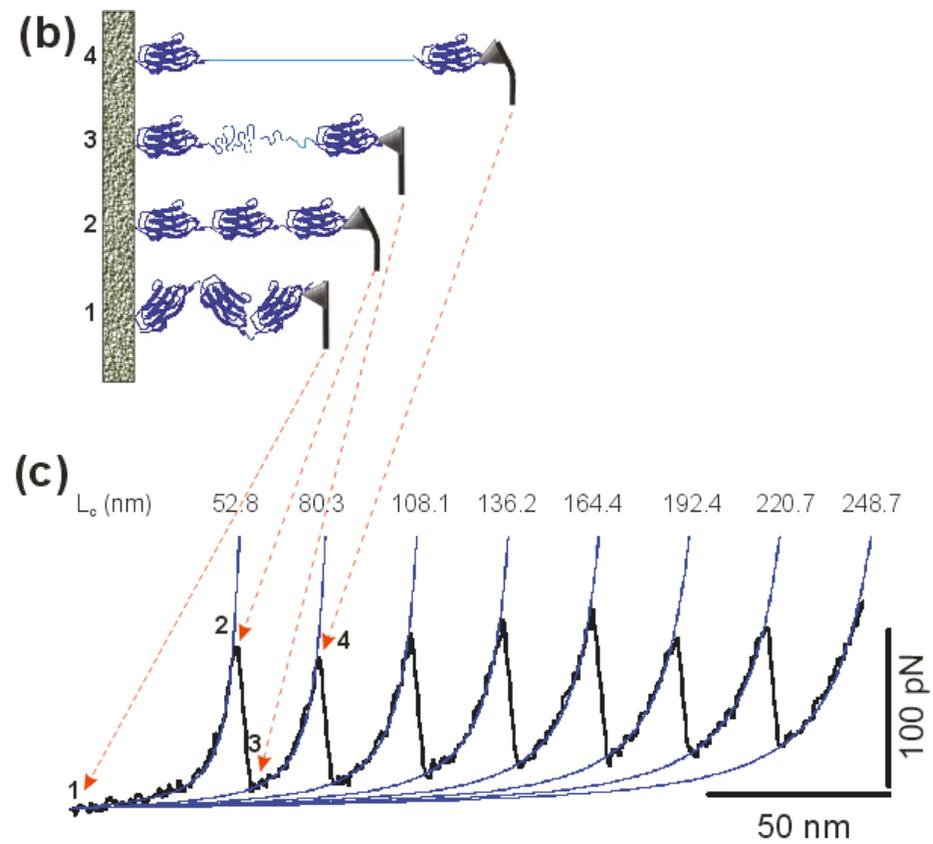
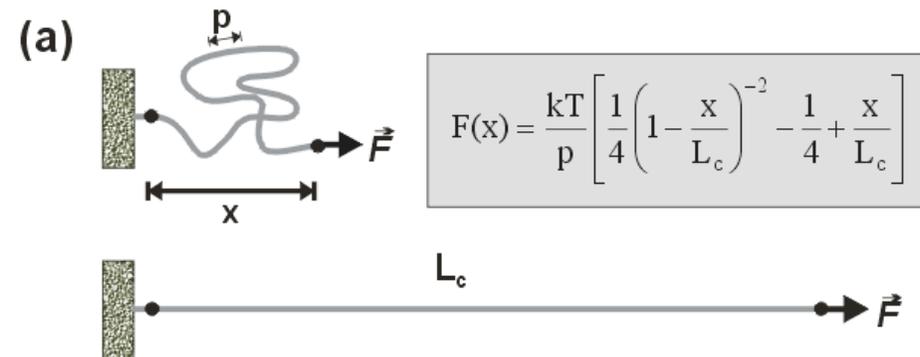


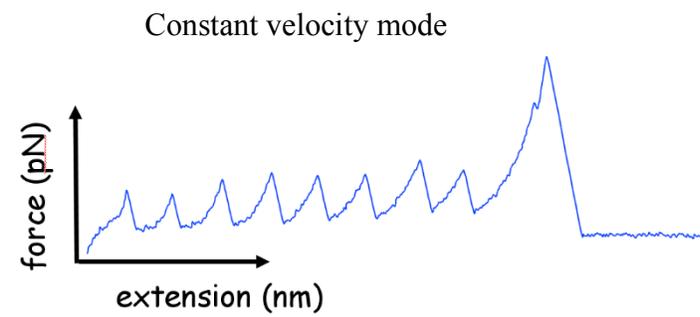
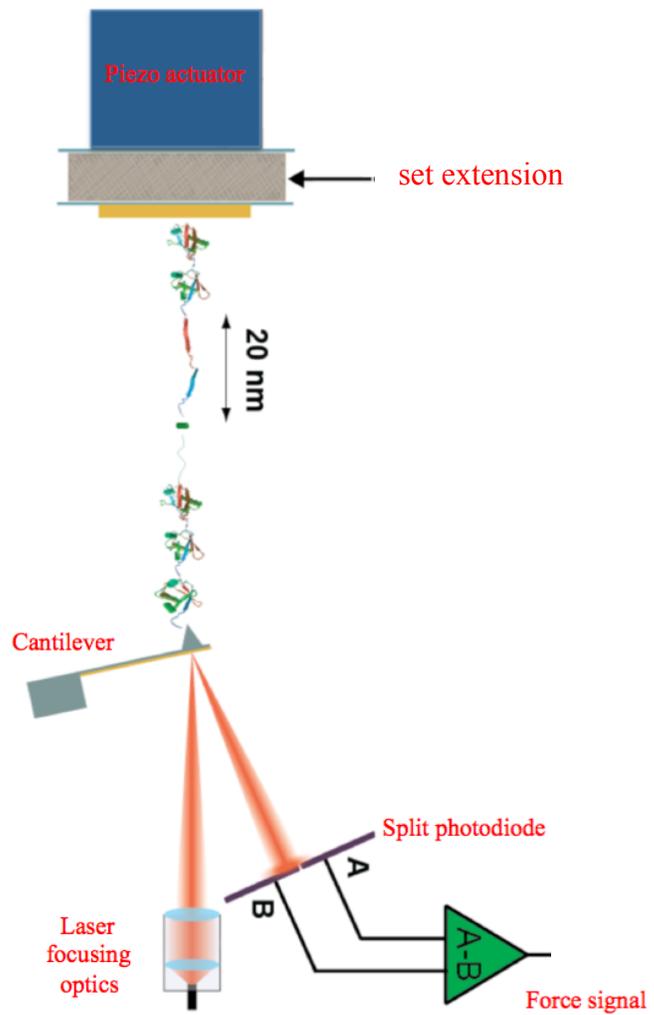
We can stretch a single protein and measure how the restoring force changes with the extension.



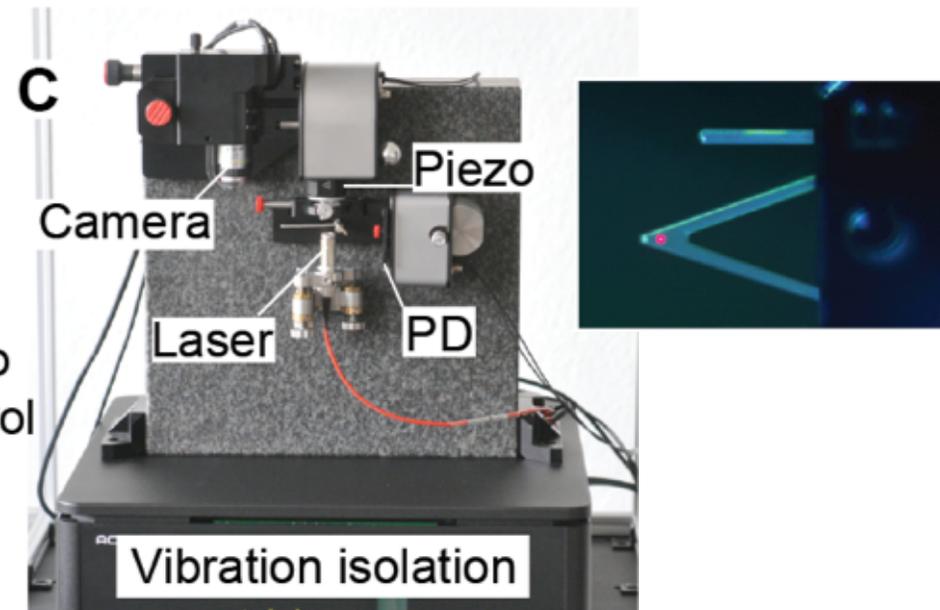
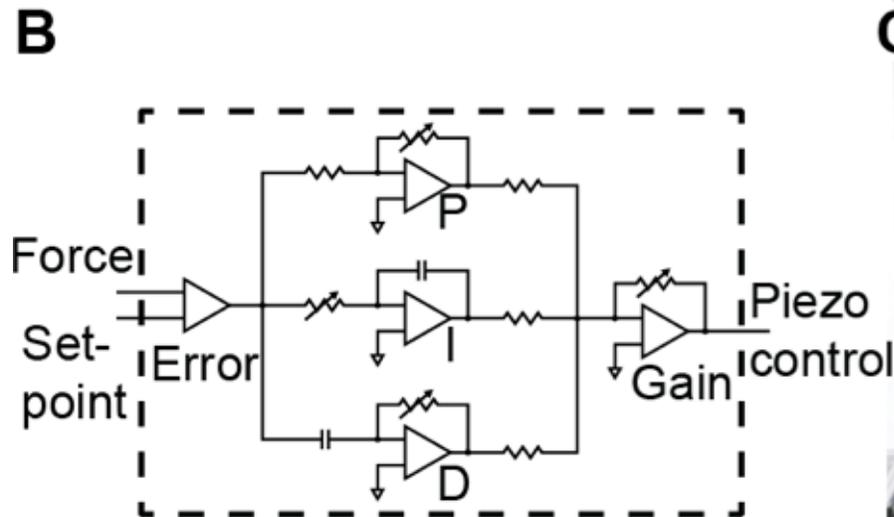
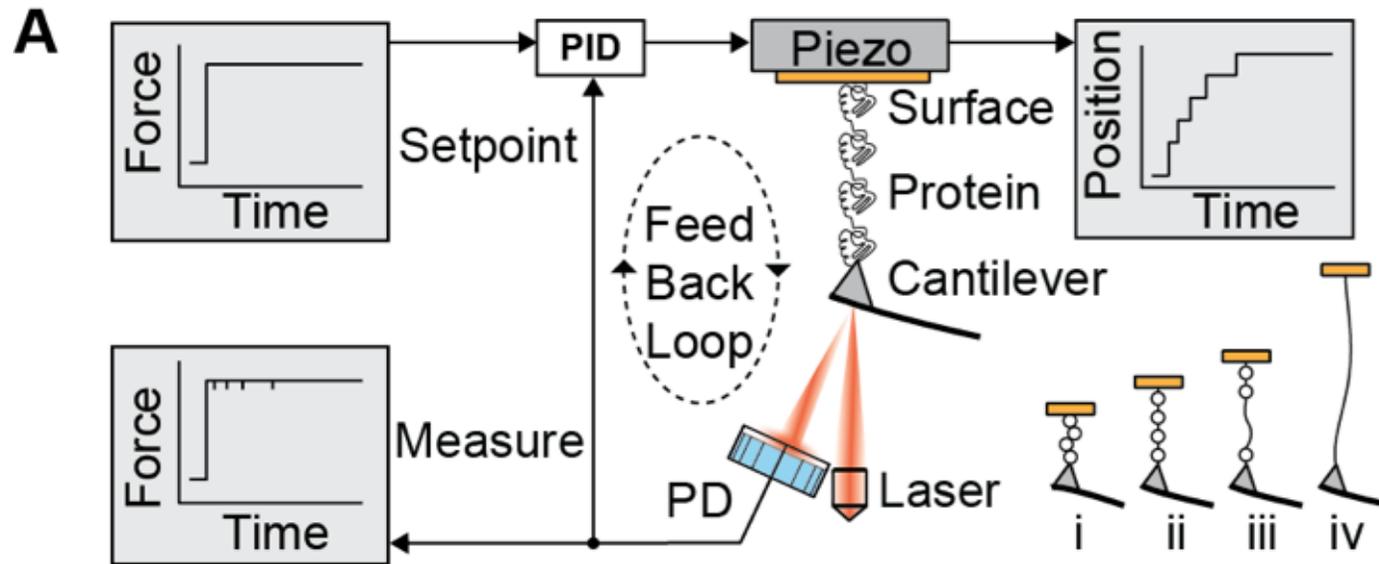








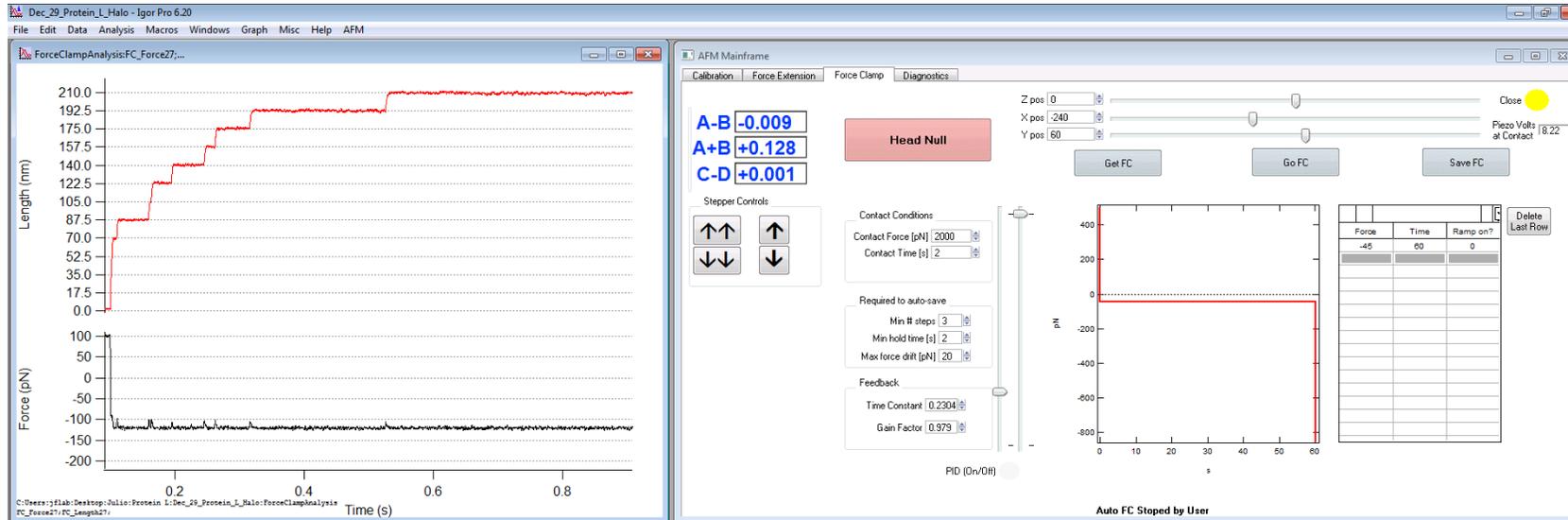
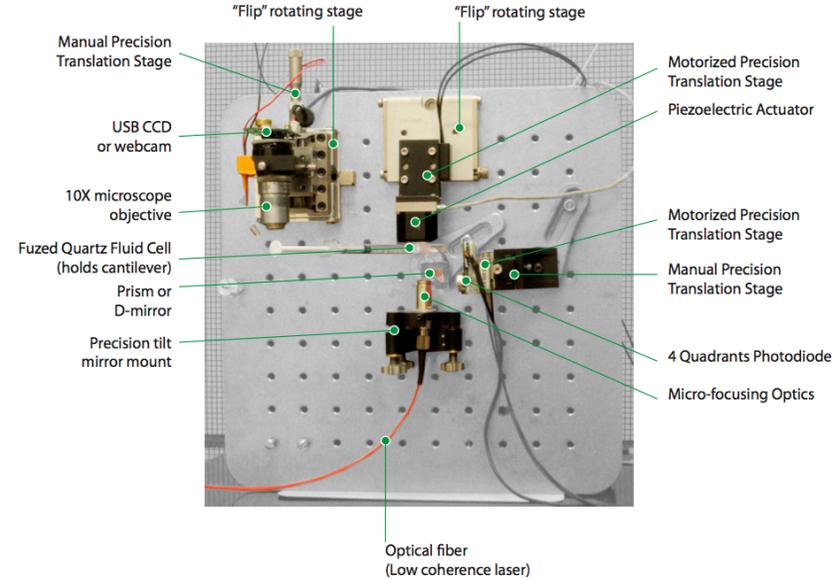
# Force-clamp spectroscopy apparatus



# Introducing the AFS

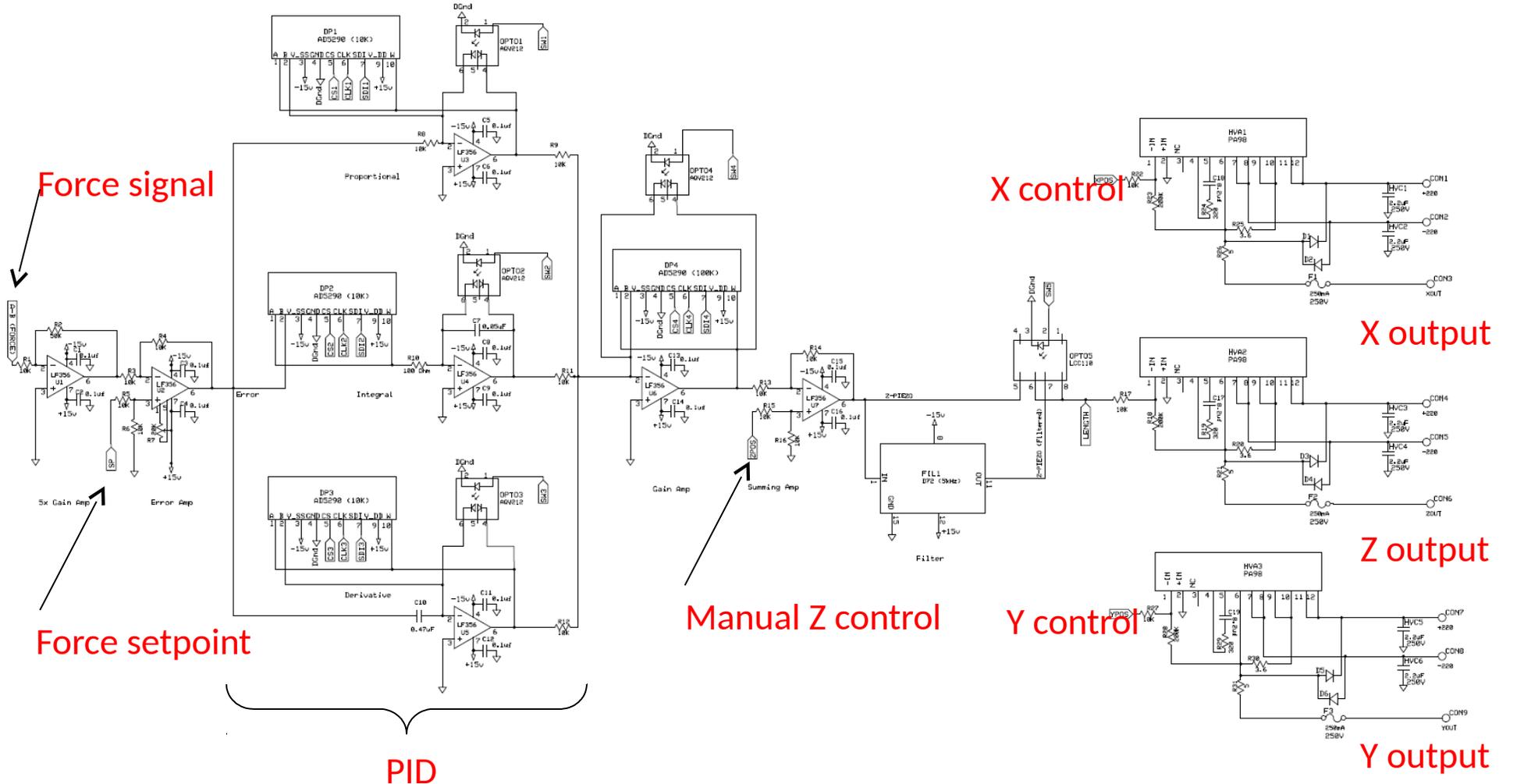
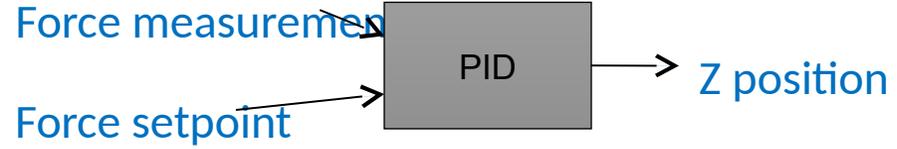
Single Molecule Atomic Force Spectrometer

- 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



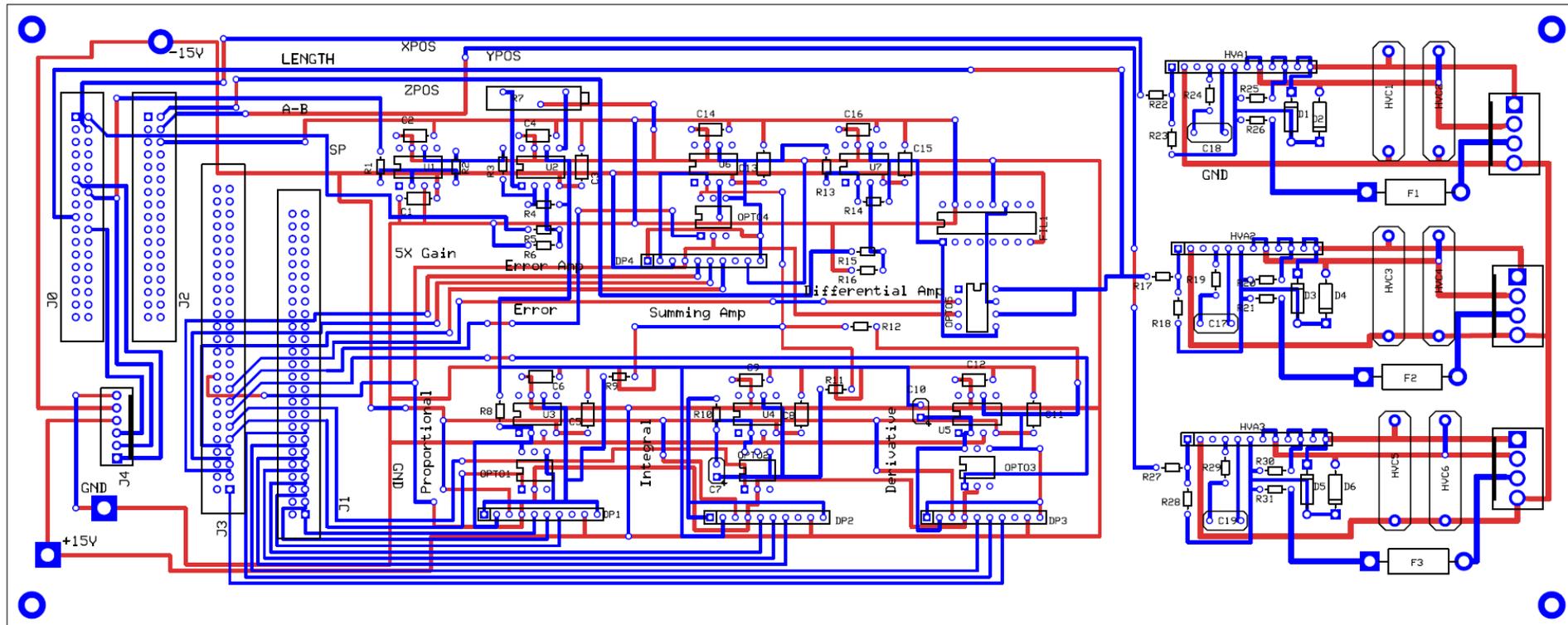
# AFS: Feedback electronics

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

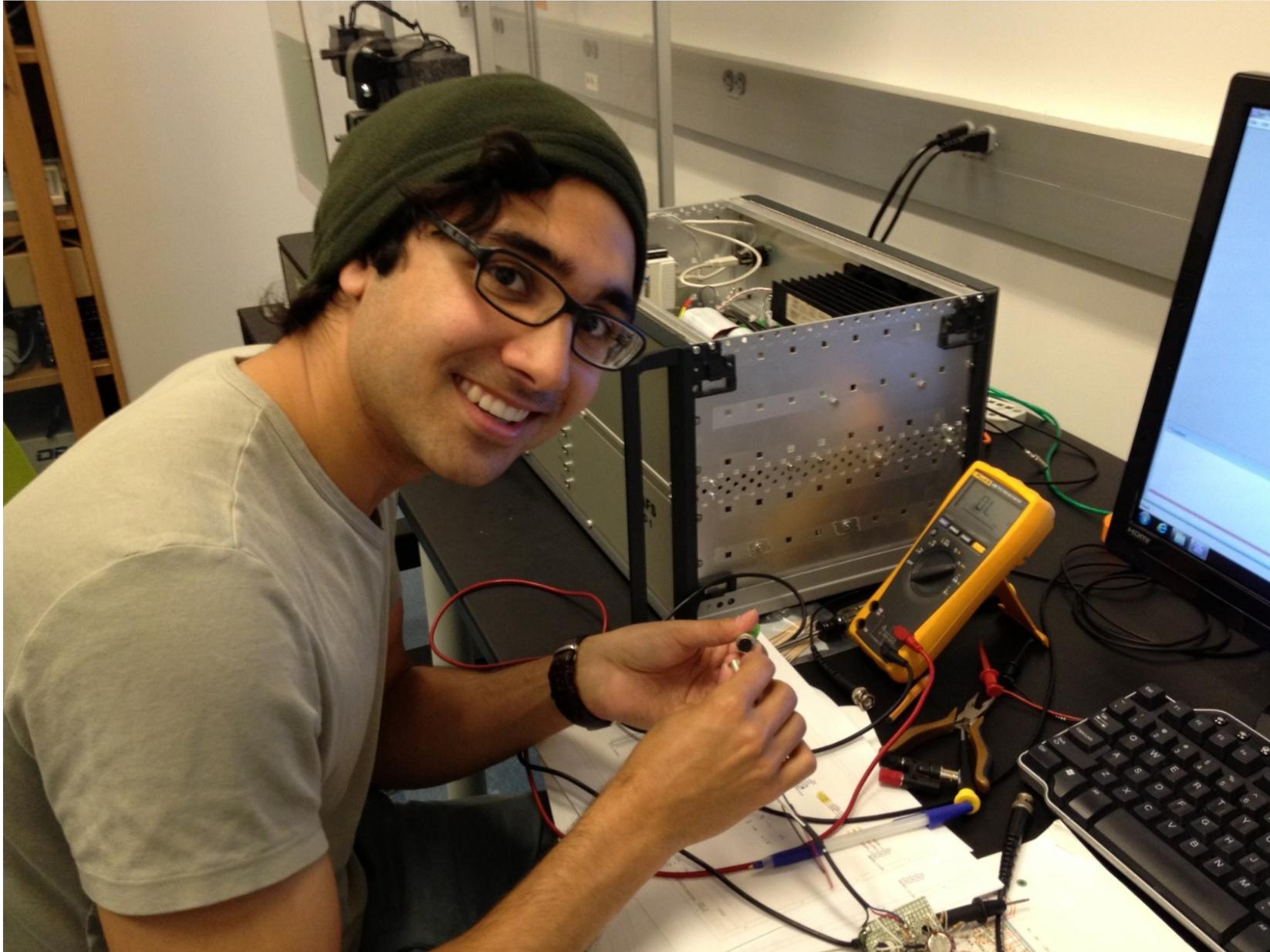


# AFS: Circuit boards

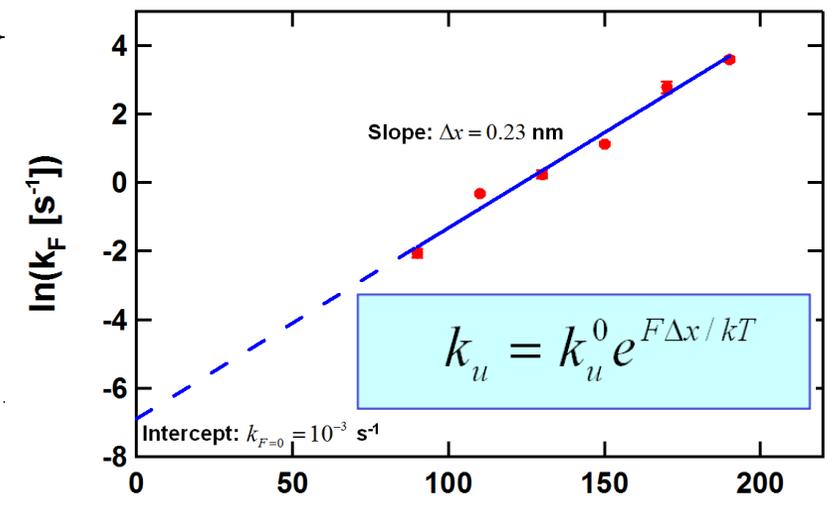
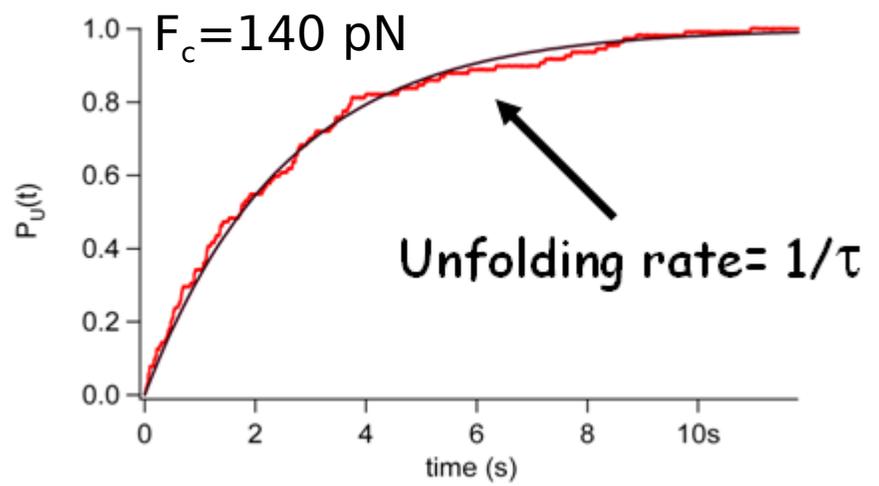
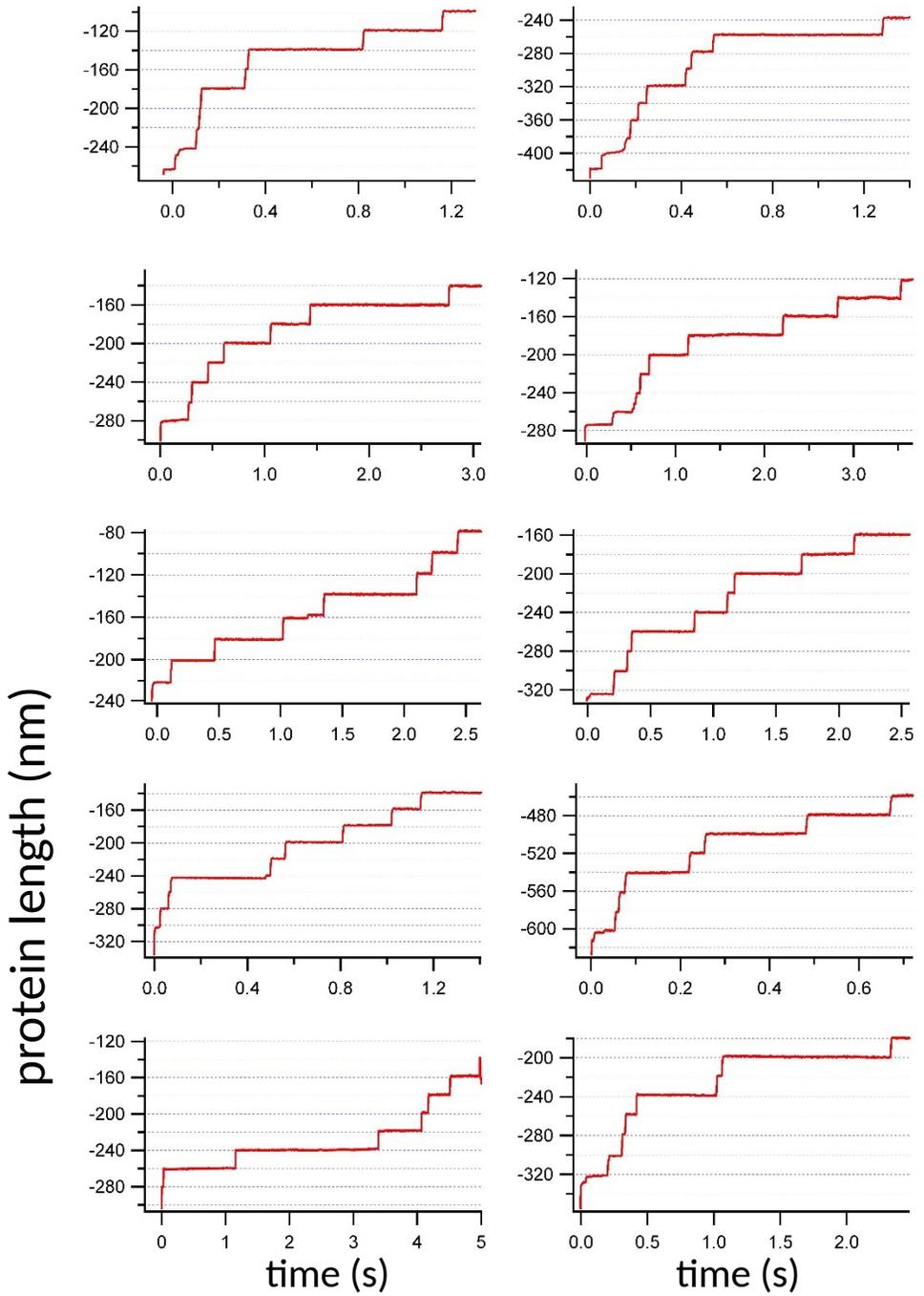
- AFS controller allows complete hands-off operation
- Standard DAQ
- Connects to any computer via USB



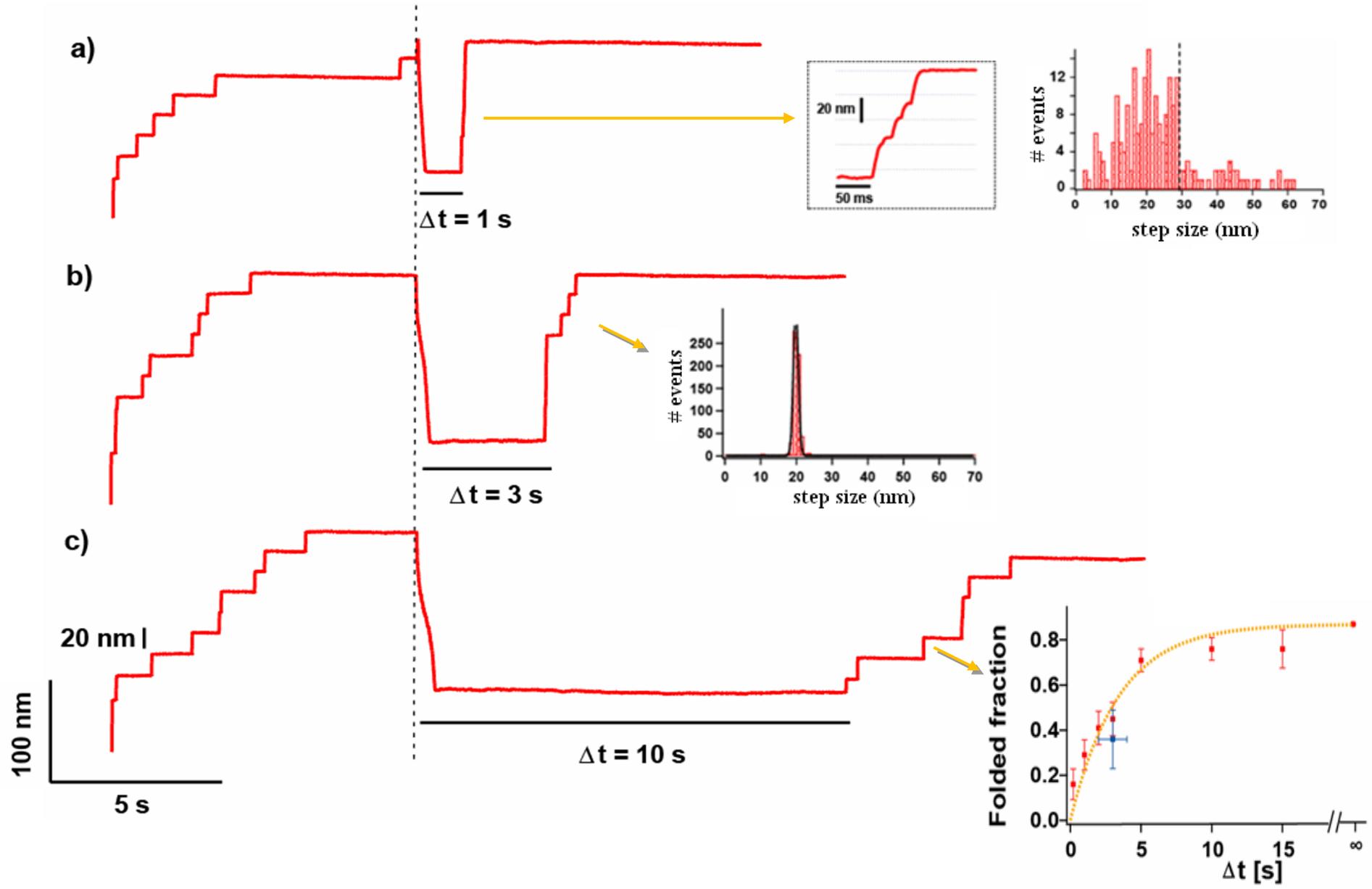
**Pallav Kosuri (PhD;2012)**  
**applying the final touches to the L&N prototype**



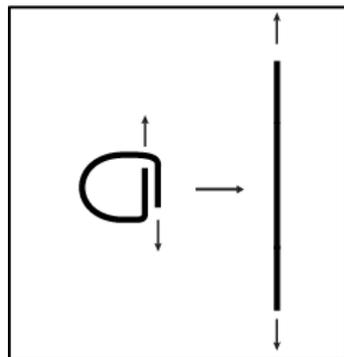
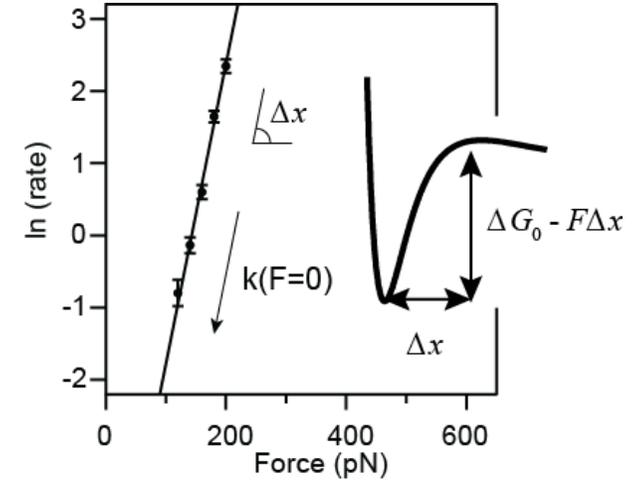
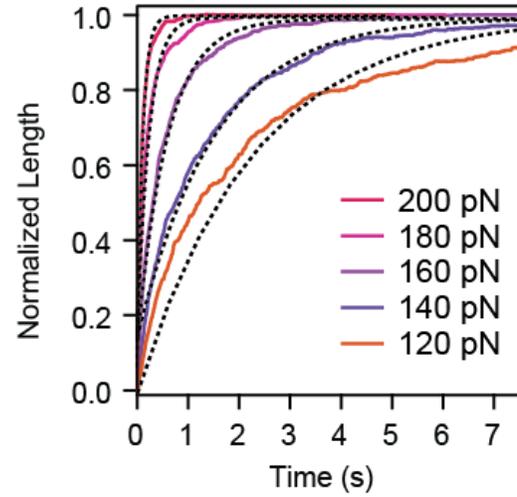
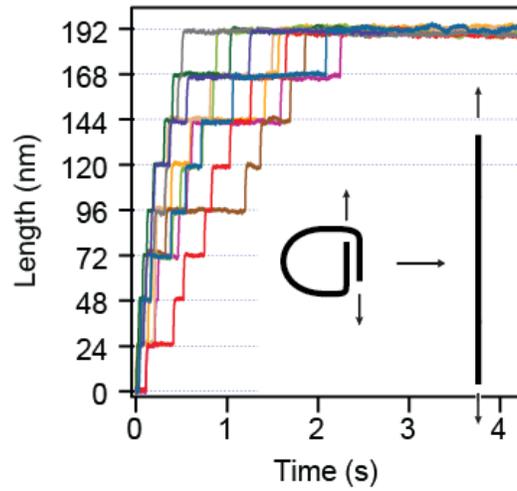
Unfolding polyproteins at constant force  
(Hongbin Li)



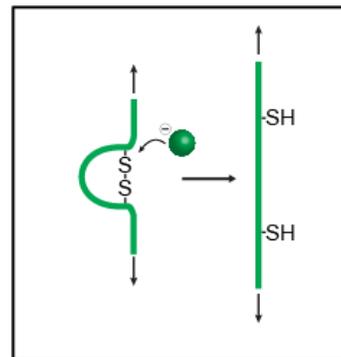
# Force-quench; molten globules and folding (Sergi Garcia-Manyes)



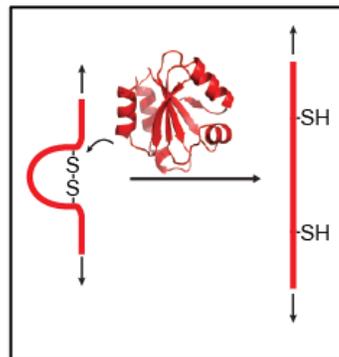
# Force dependent reactions



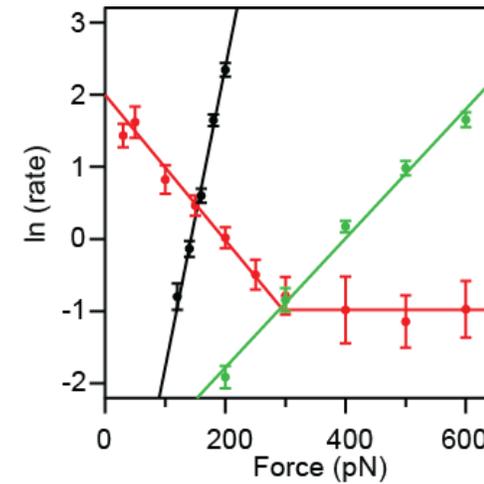
Unfolding



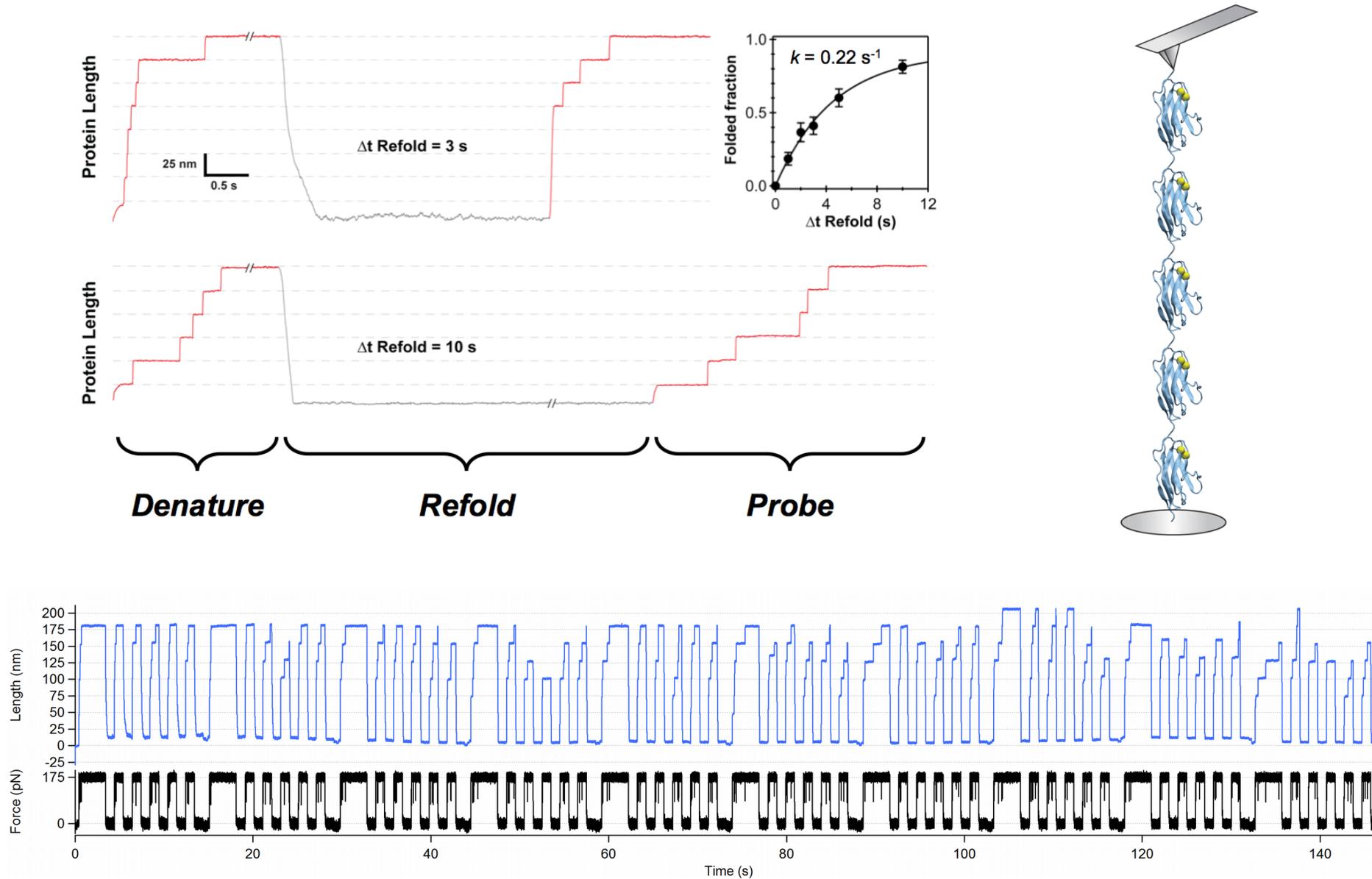
Chemical Reactions



Enzymatic Reactions



# Unfolding and refolding dynamics (Titin I27)



# The Mechano-Biology Institute in Singapore



# Refolding of titin polyproteins using Magnetic Tweezers at the MBI in Singapore



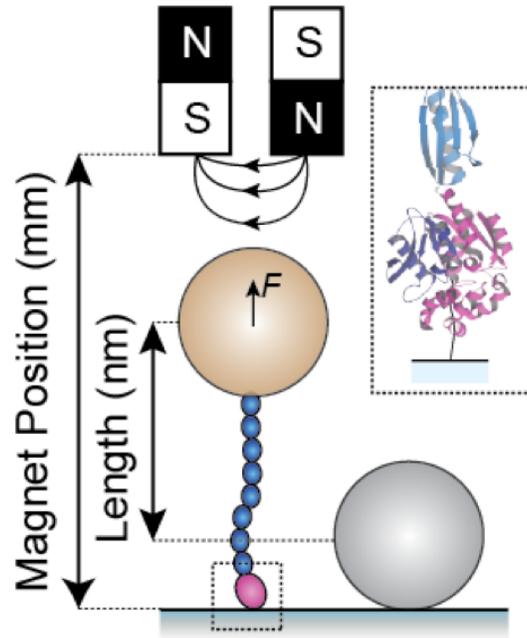
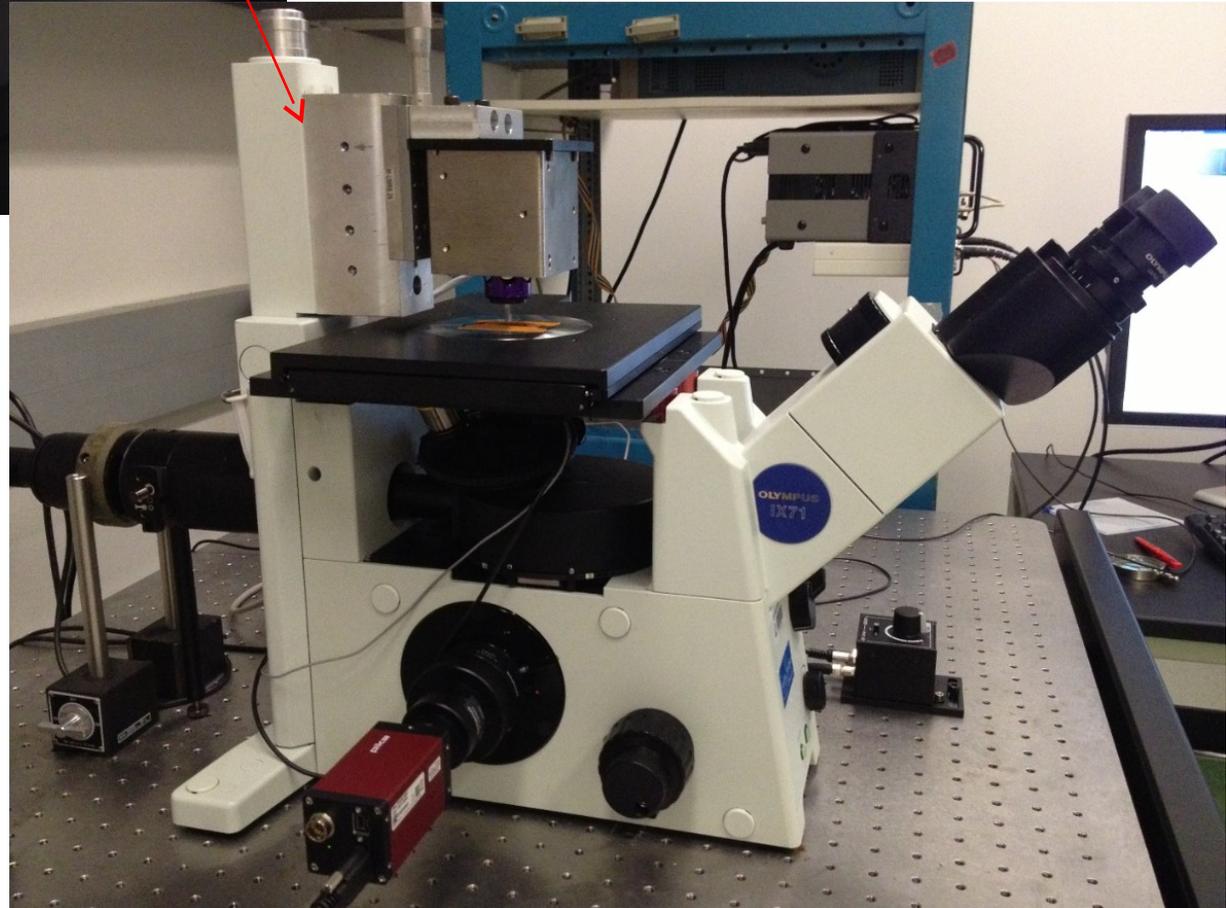
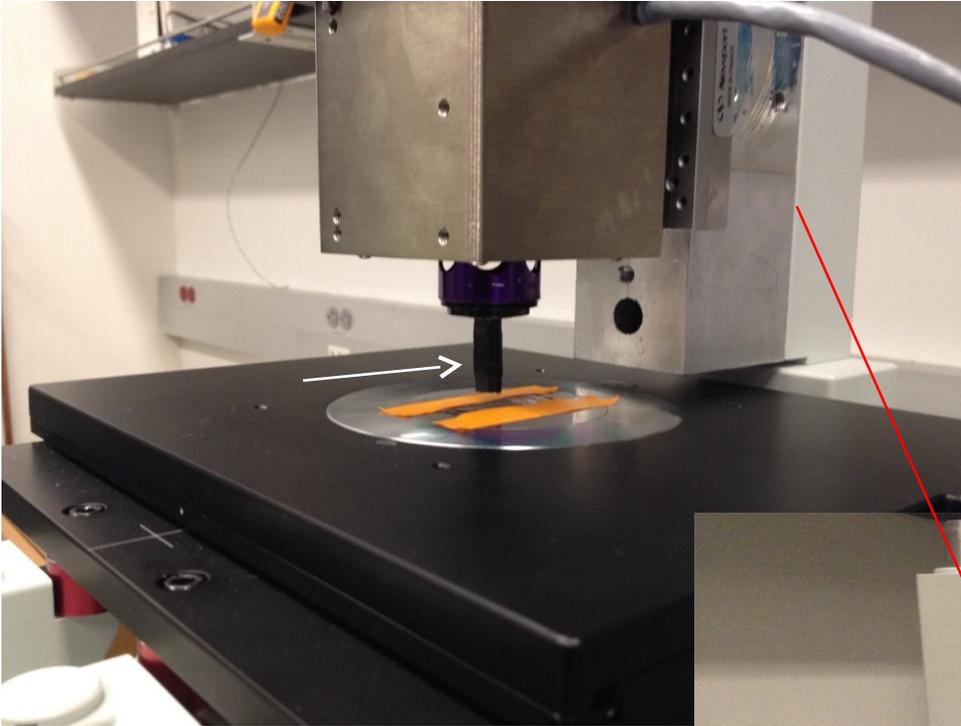
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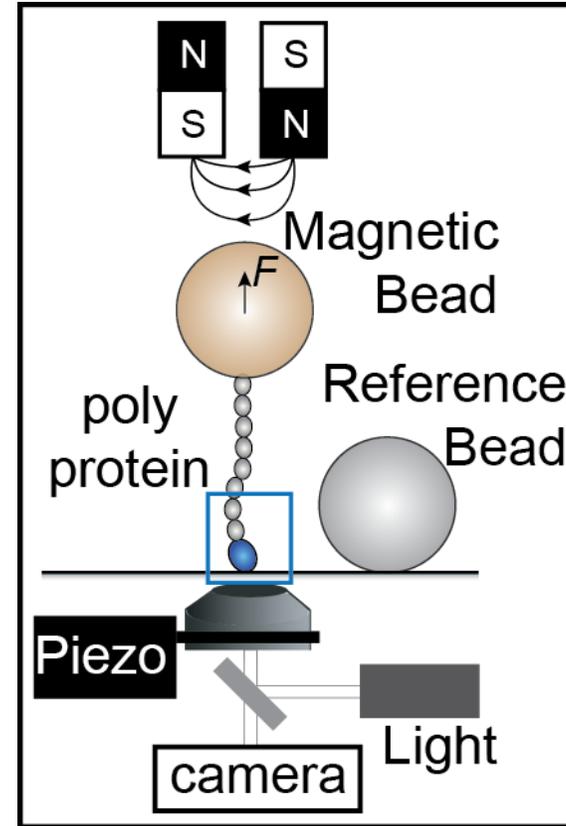
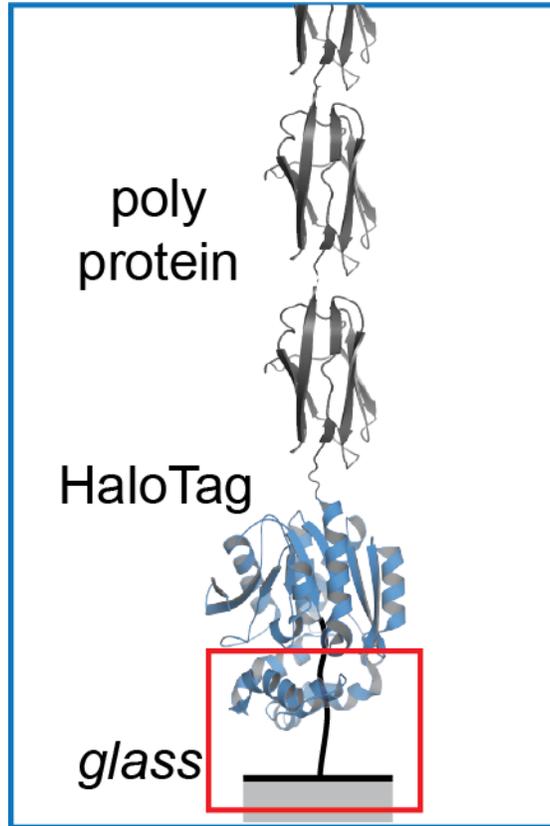
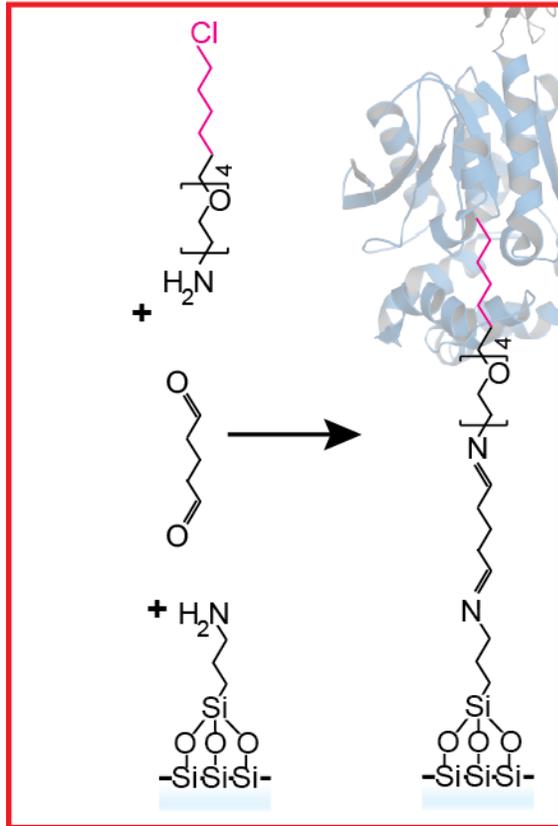
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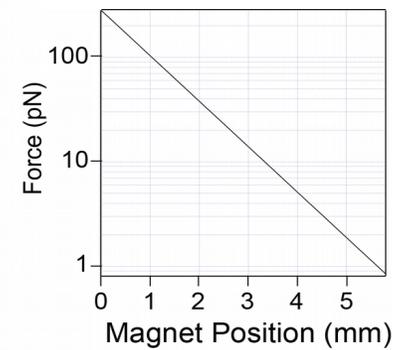
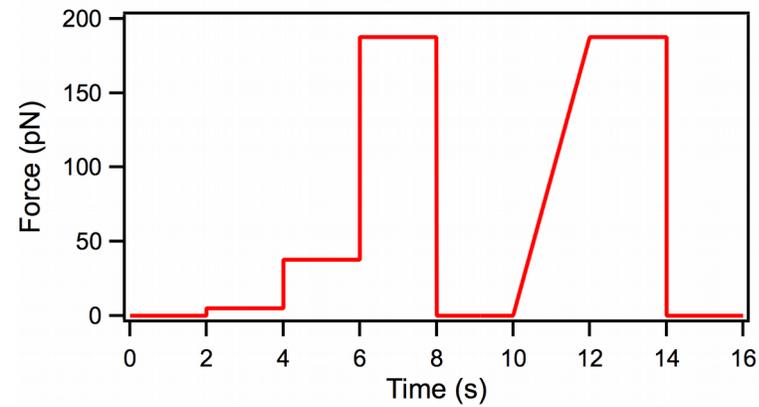
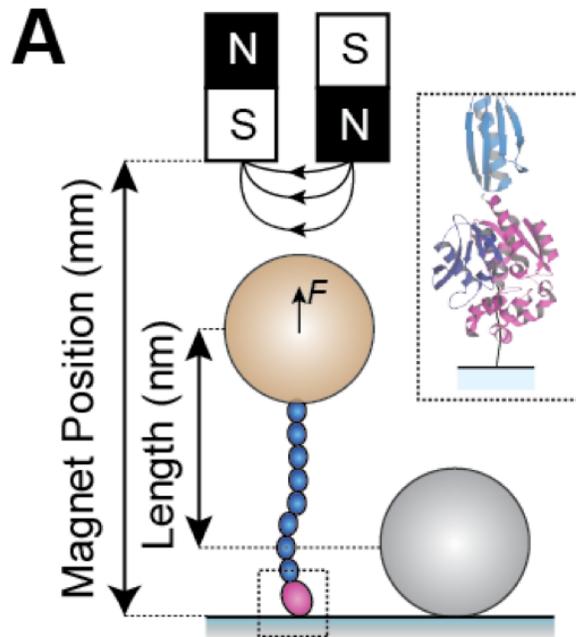
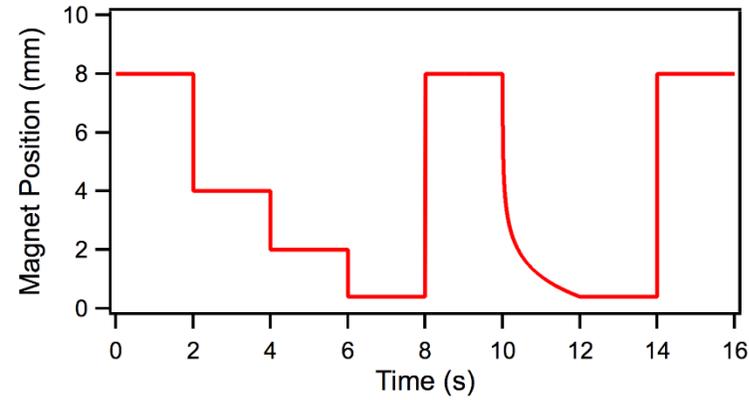
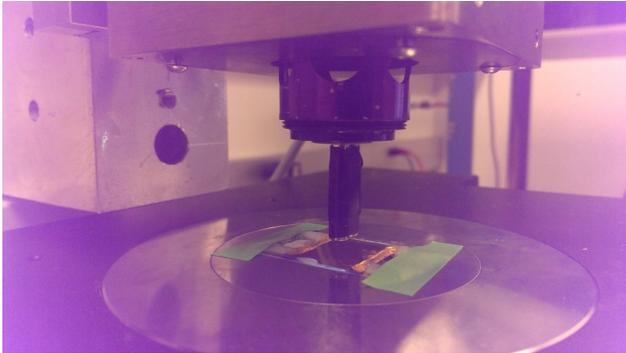
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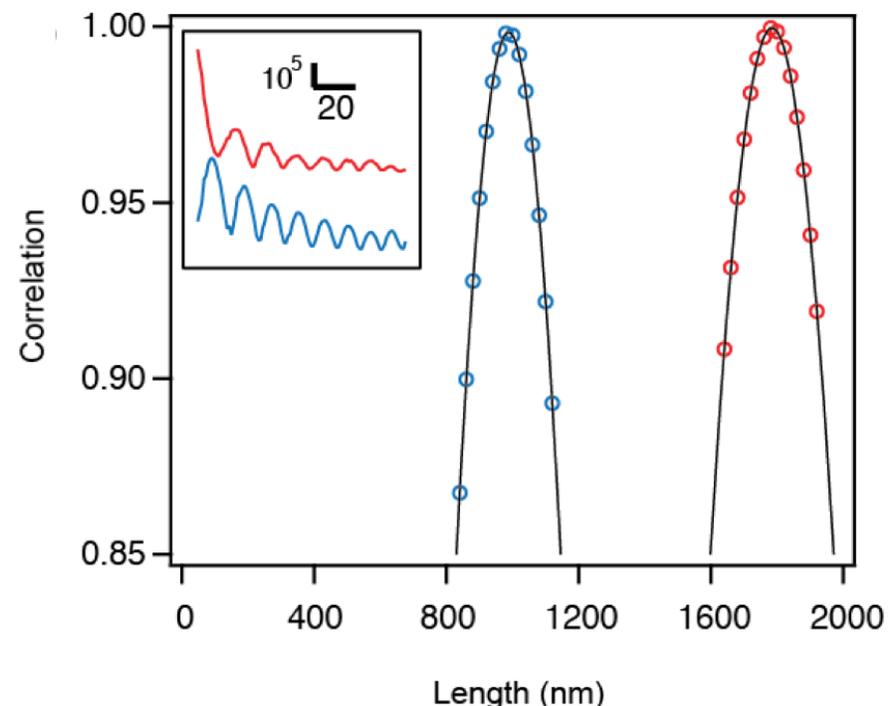
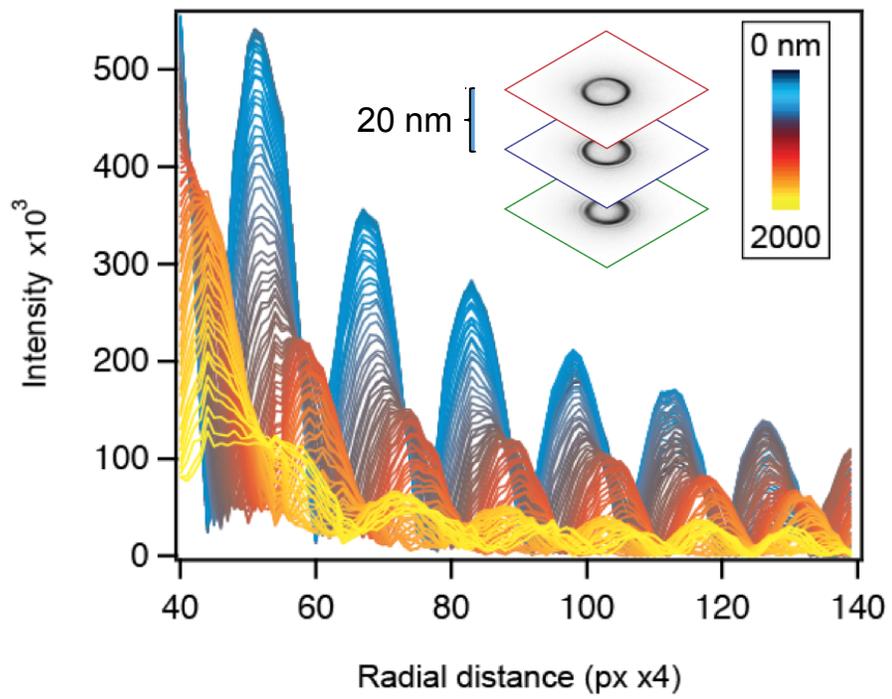
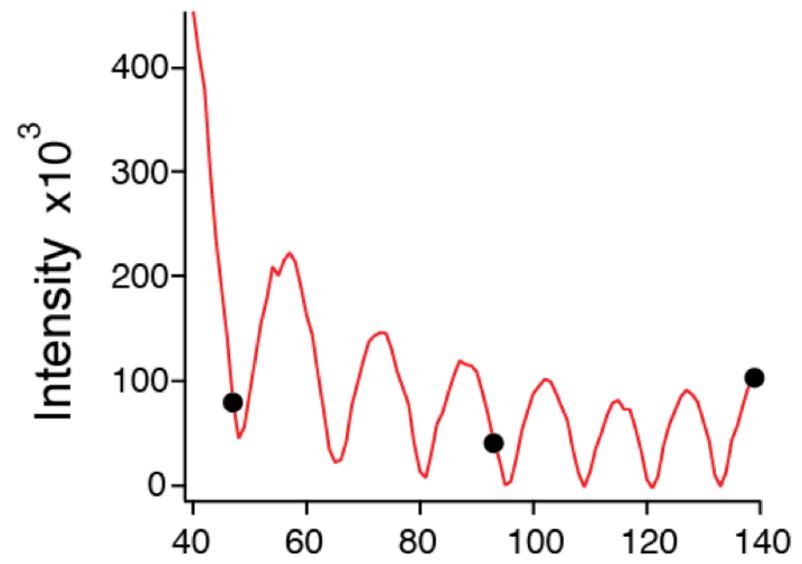
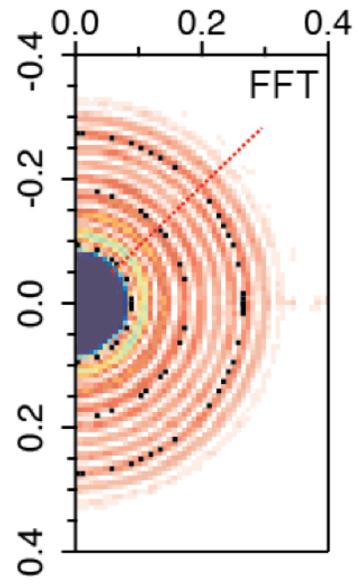
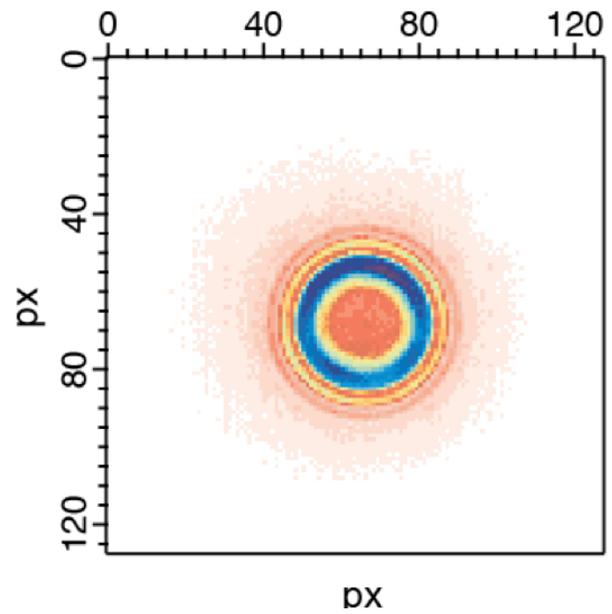


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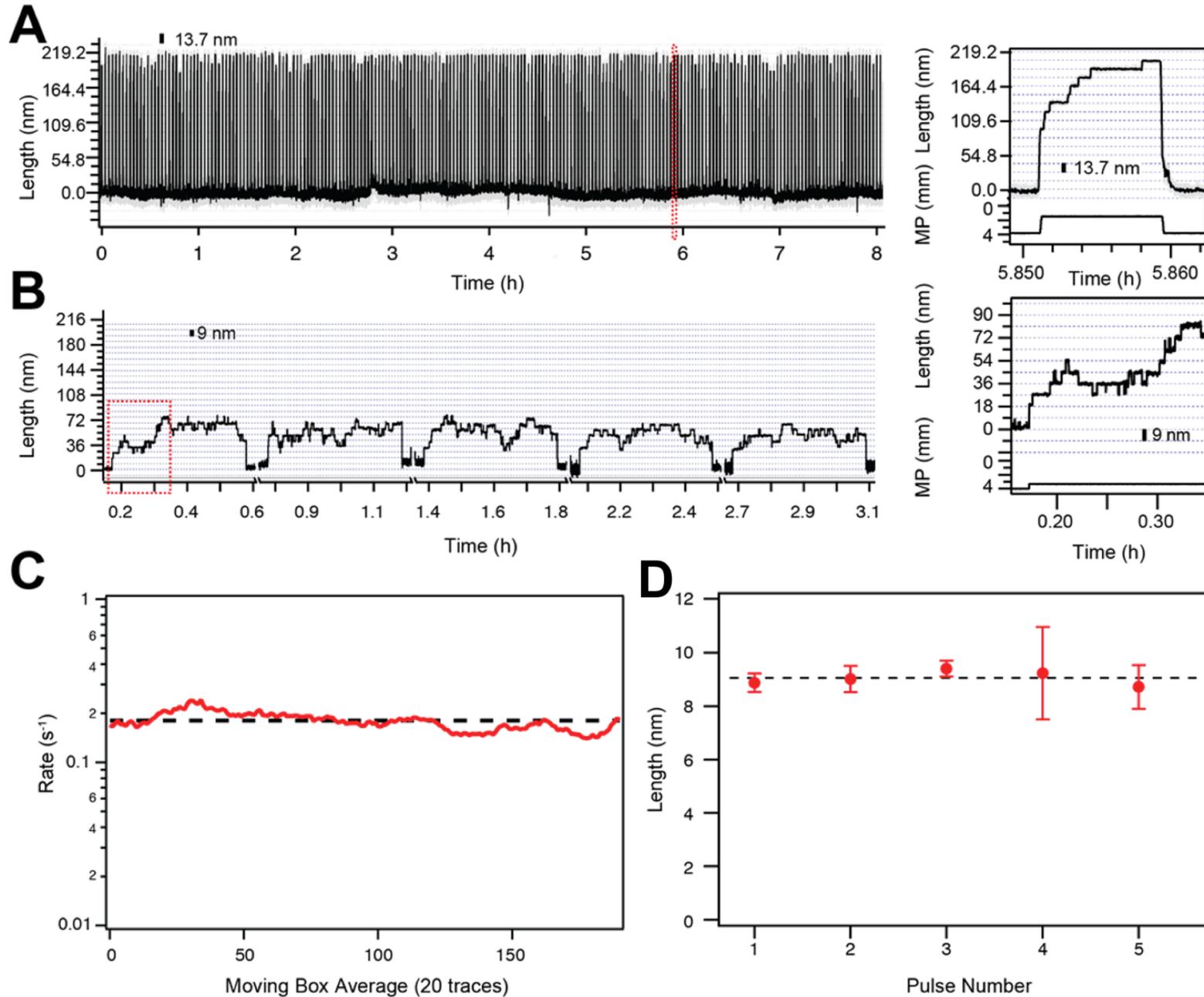
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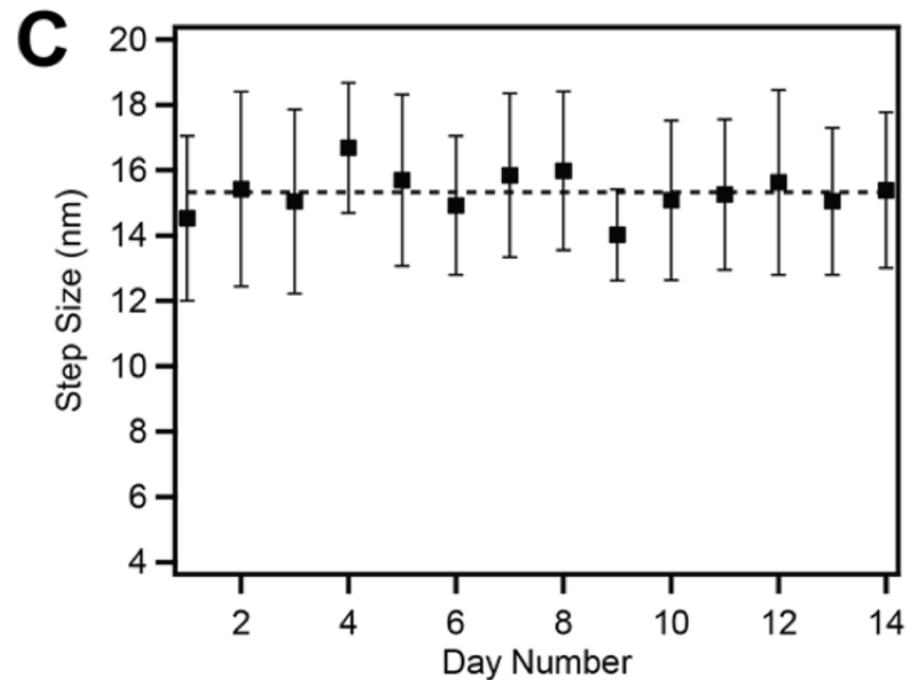
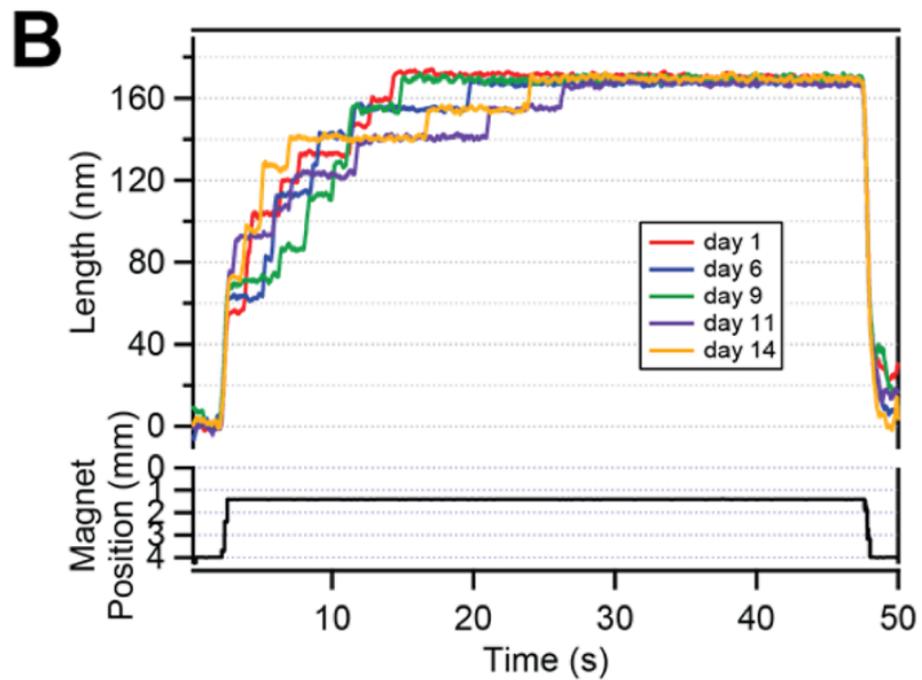
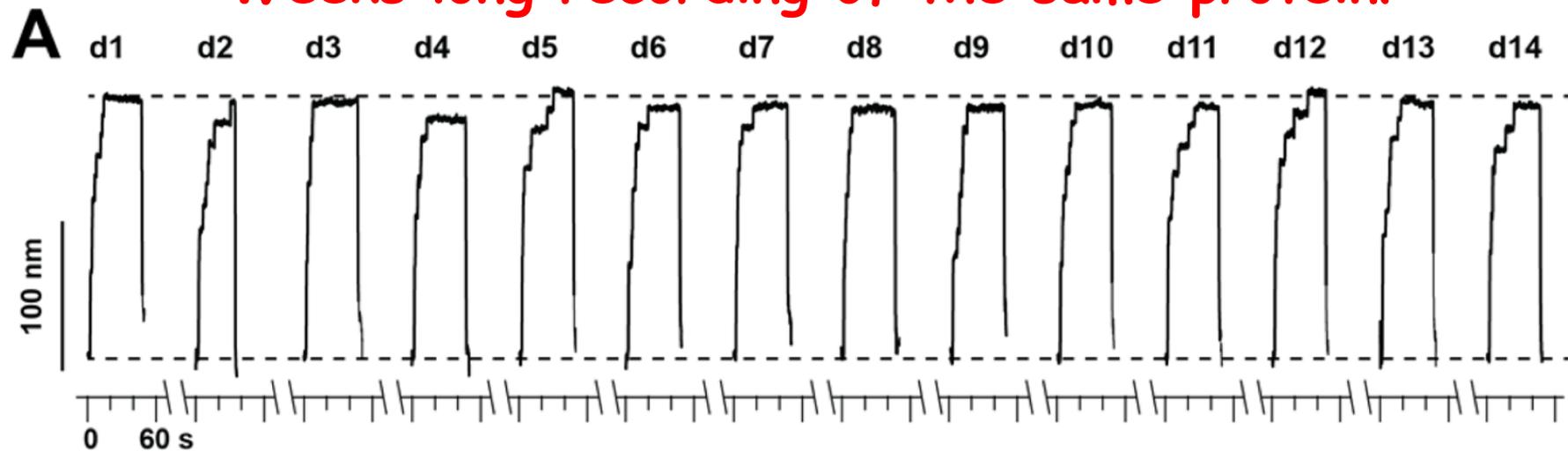




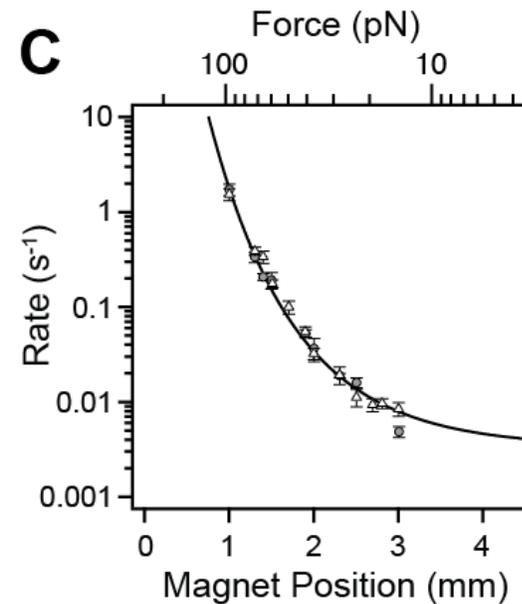
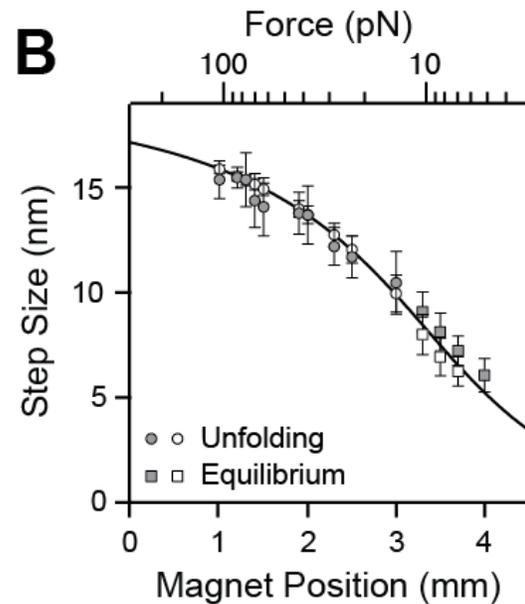
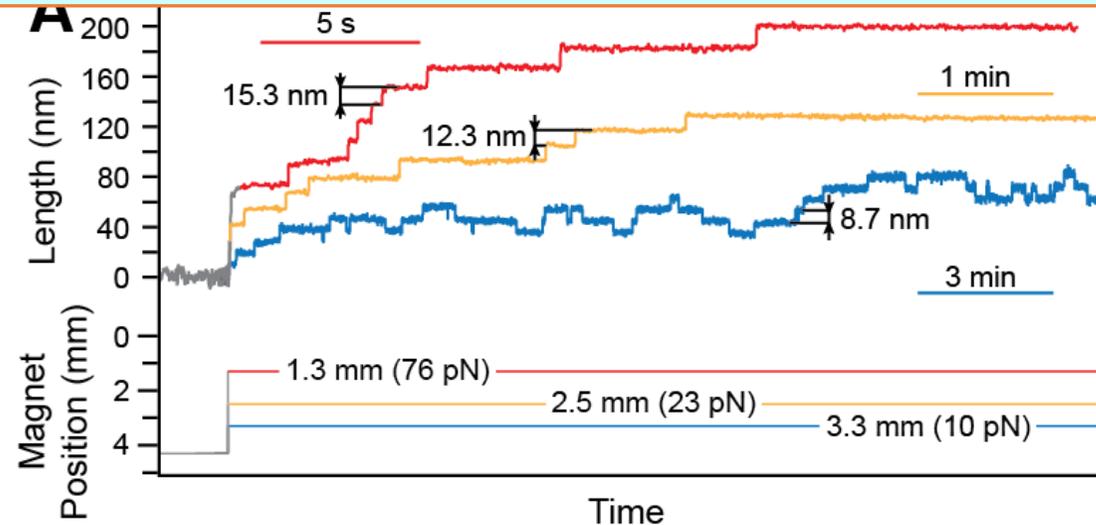
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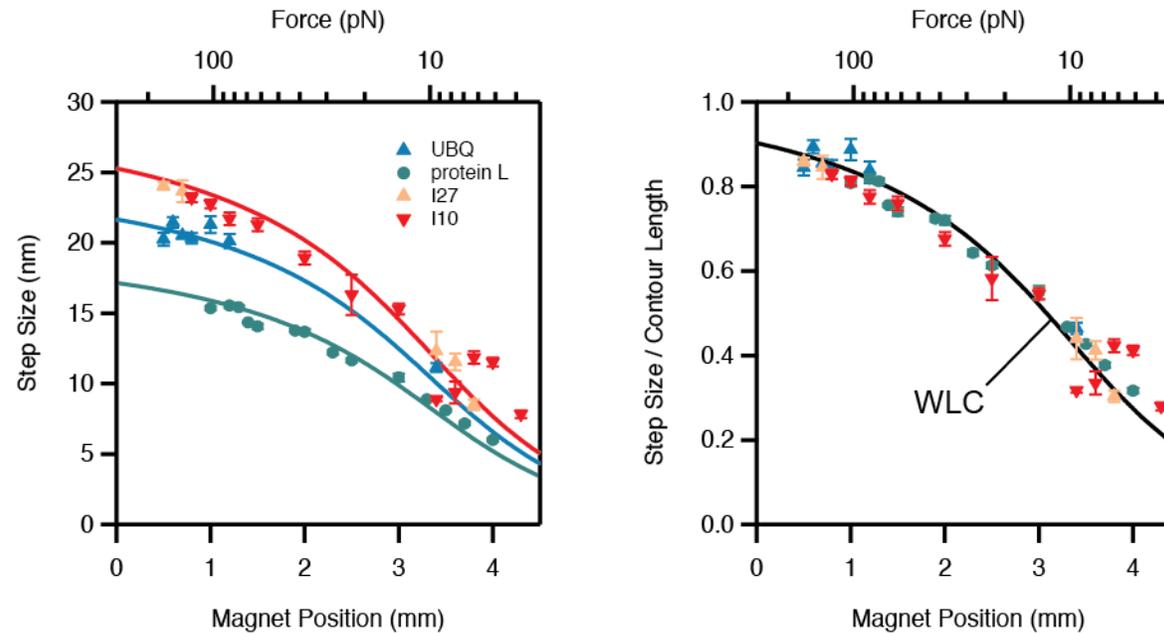
# Weeks long recording of the same protein!



***Both***, the step sizes and rates are force dependent.

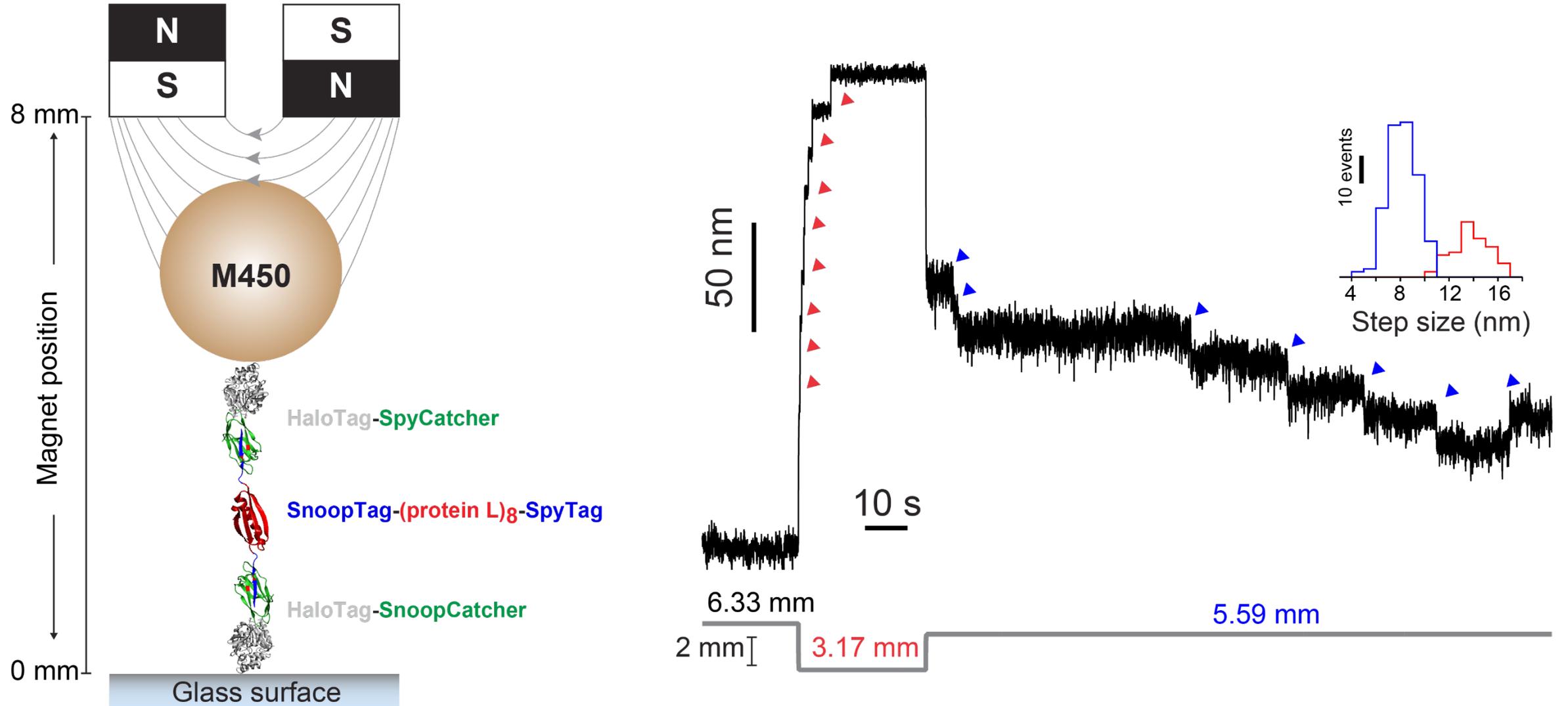


# Force-dependent step sizes: a universal property of proteins.

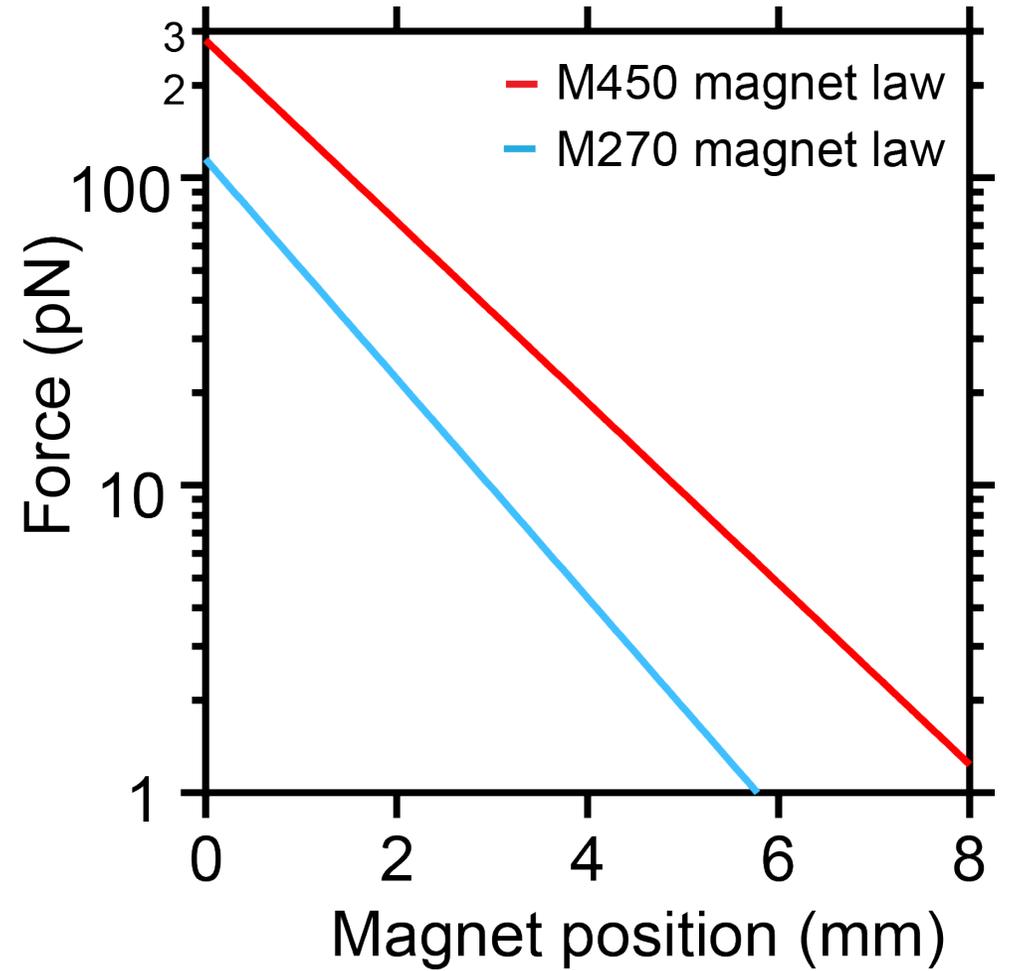
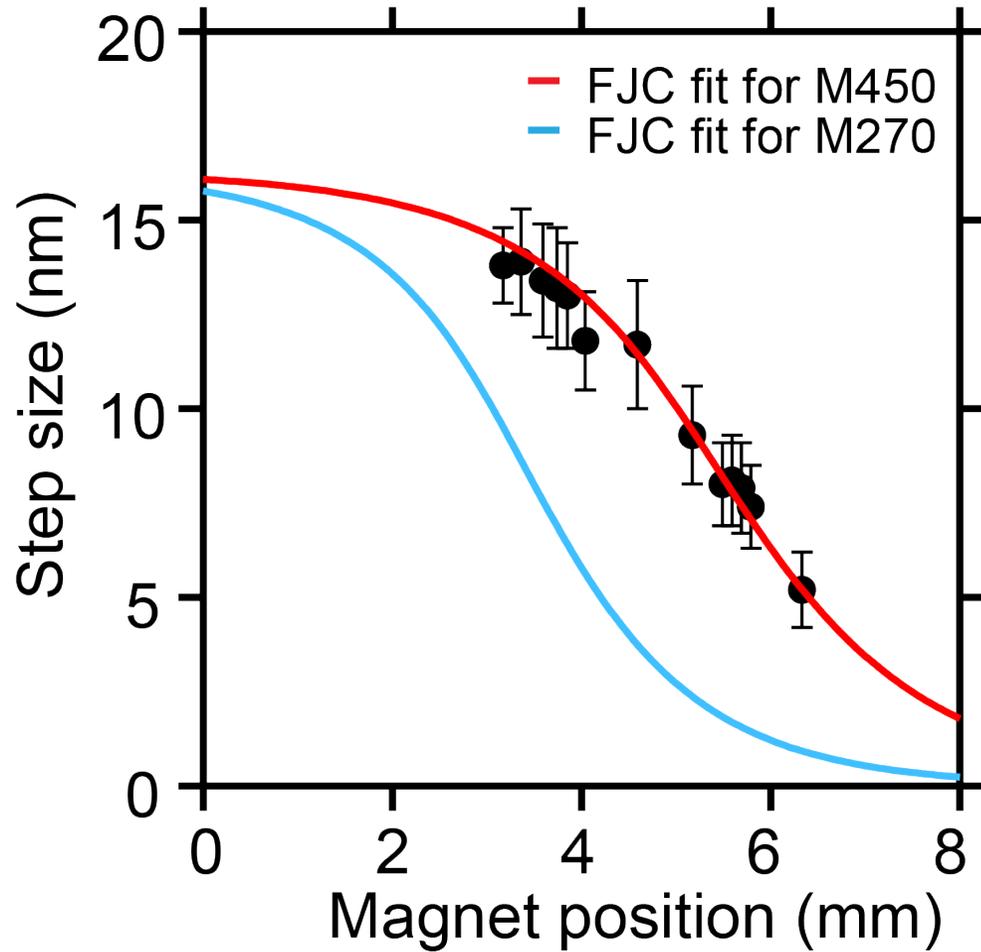


Folding under force is dominated by polymer elasticity!

# Calibration of M450

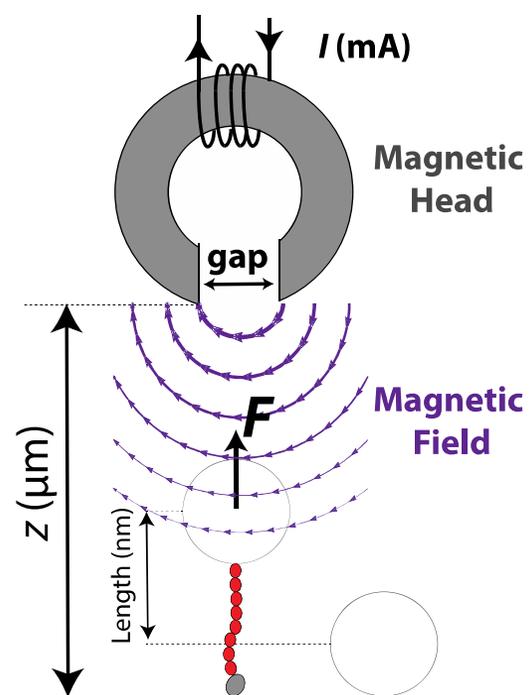
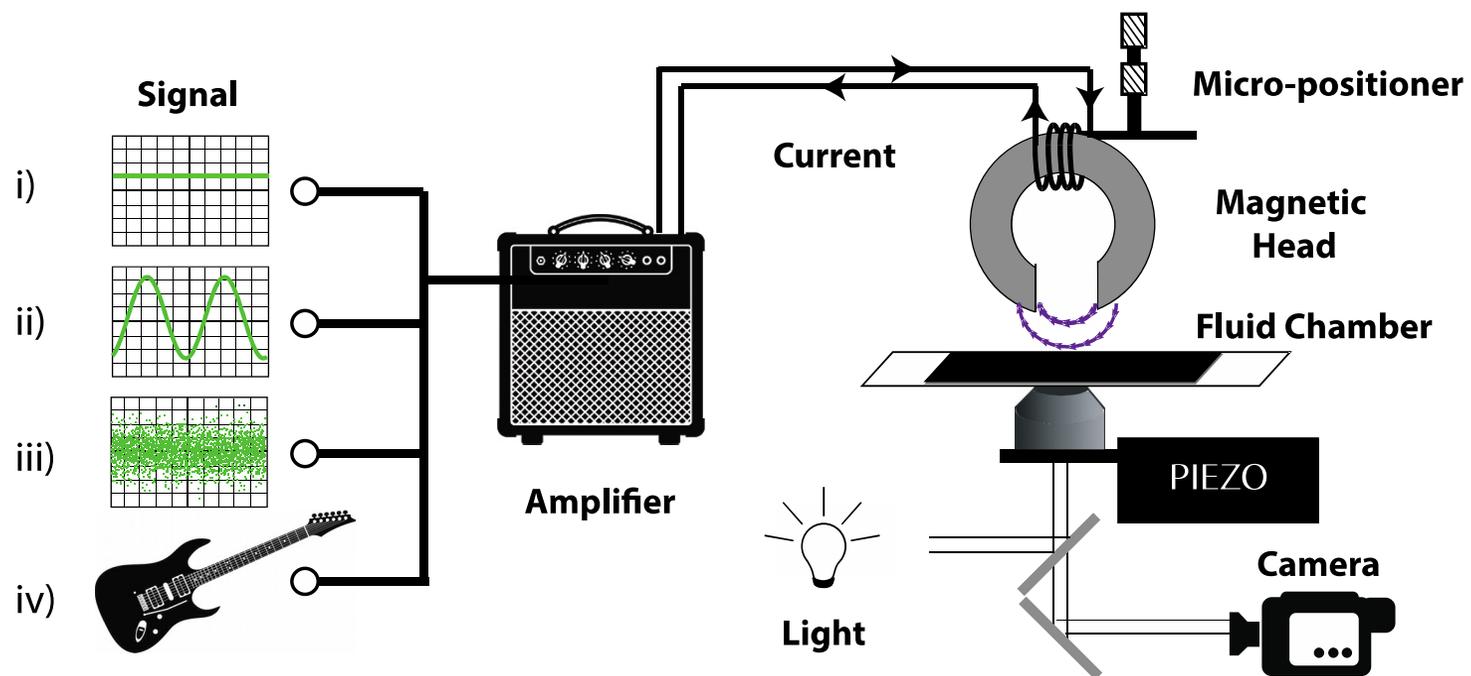


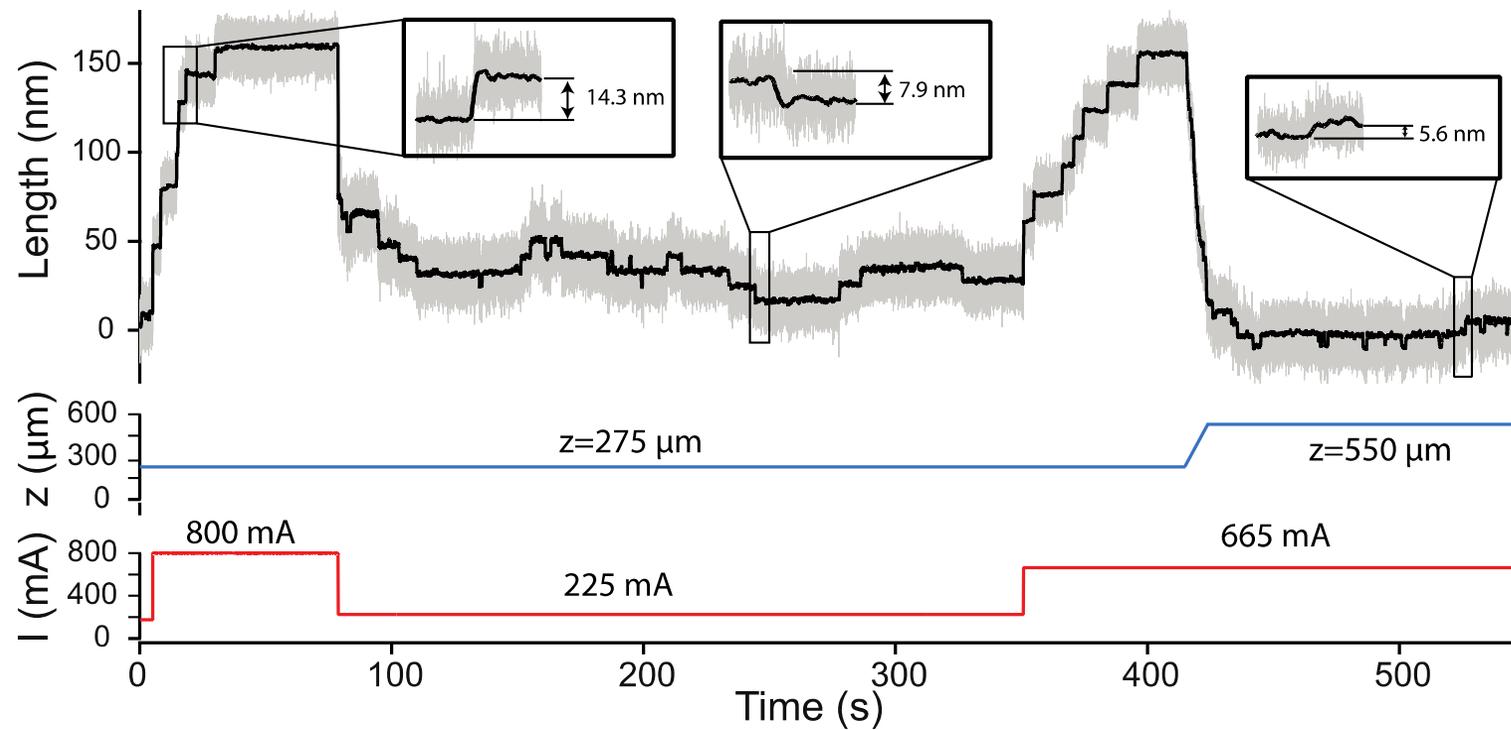
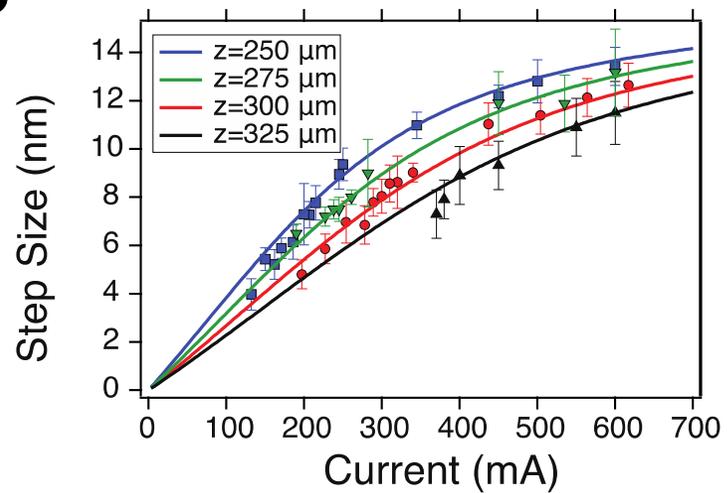
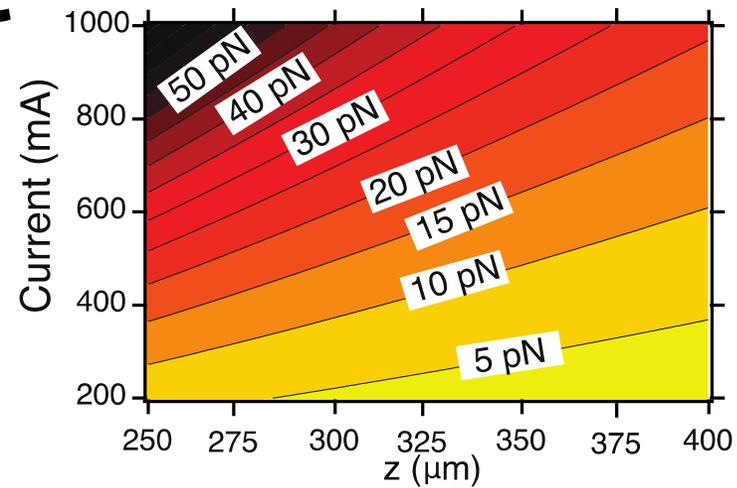
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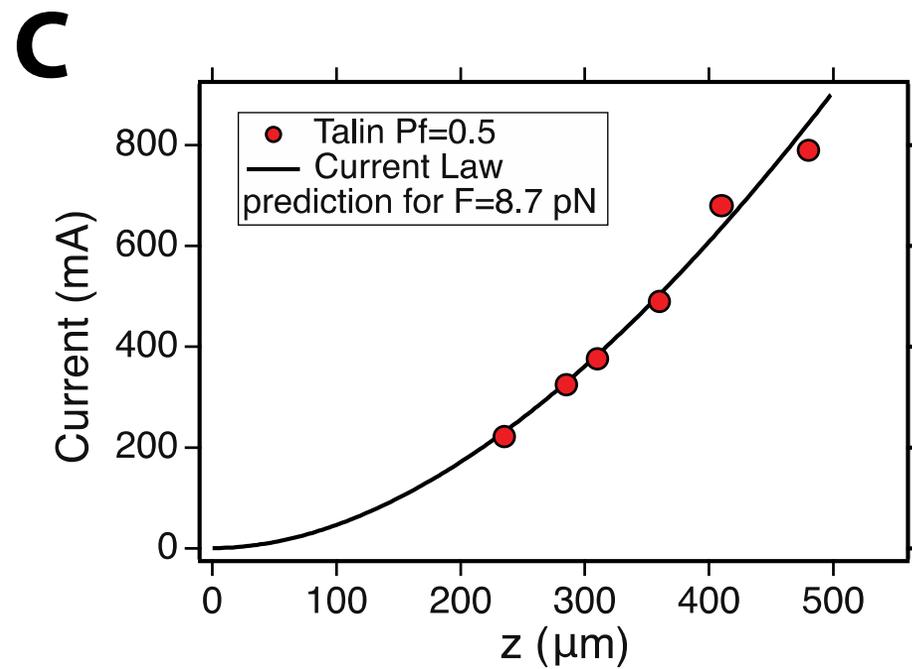
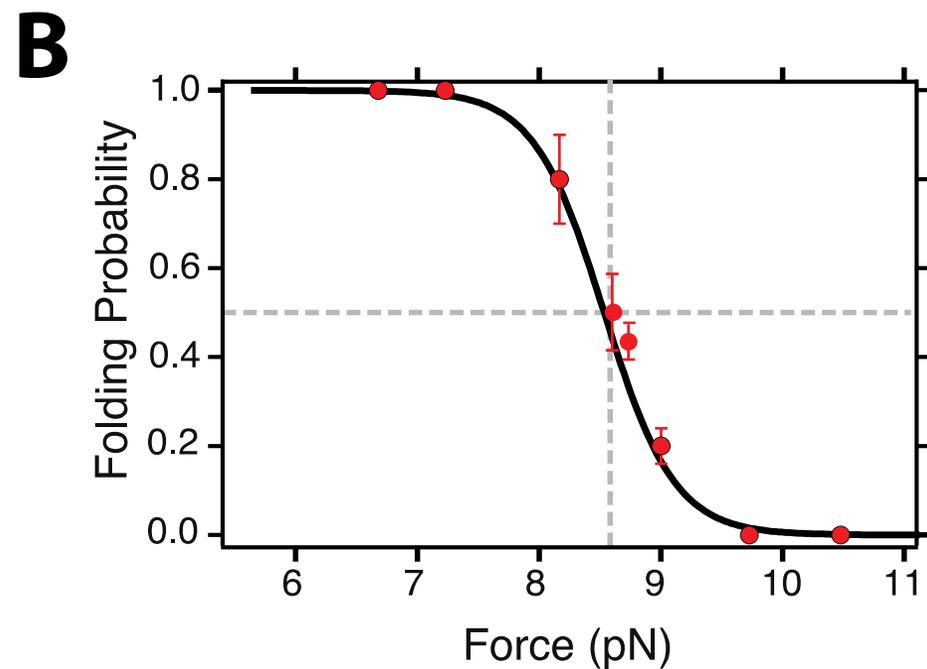
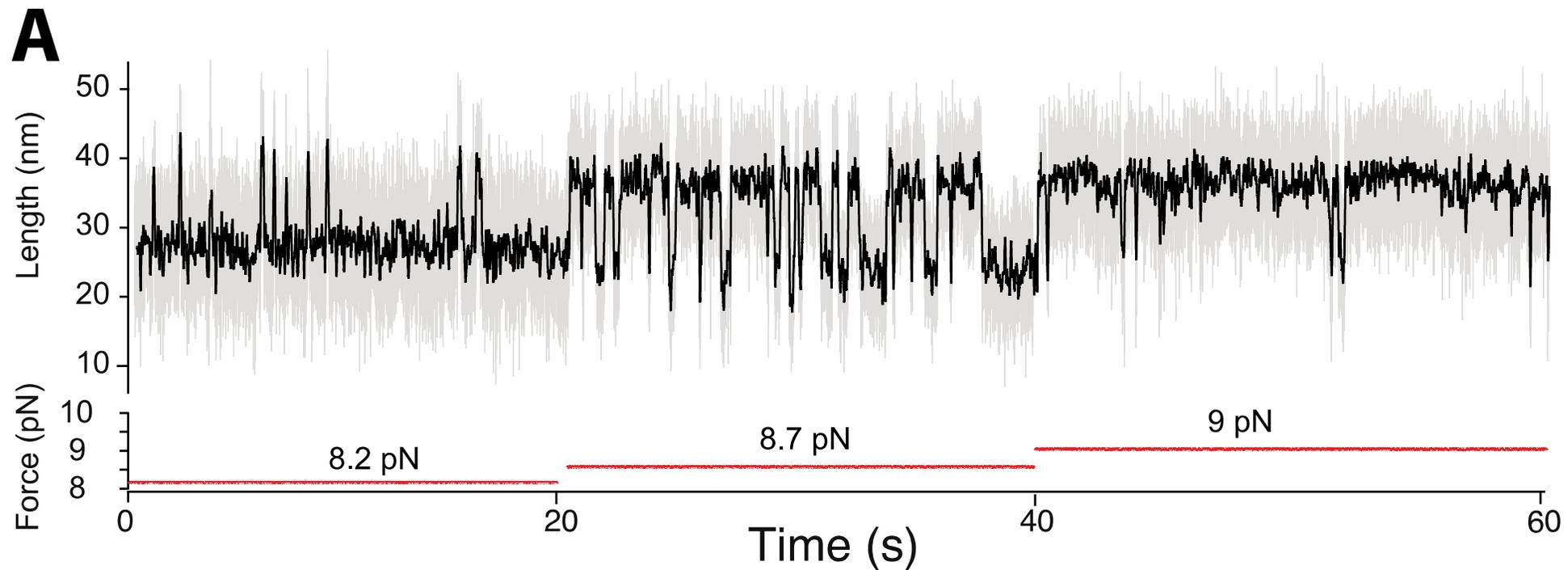


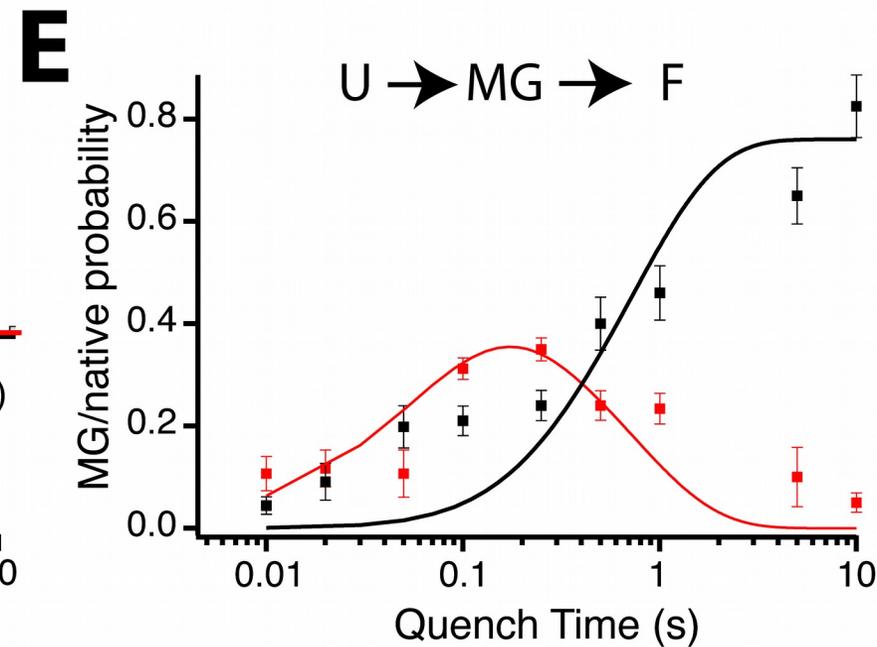
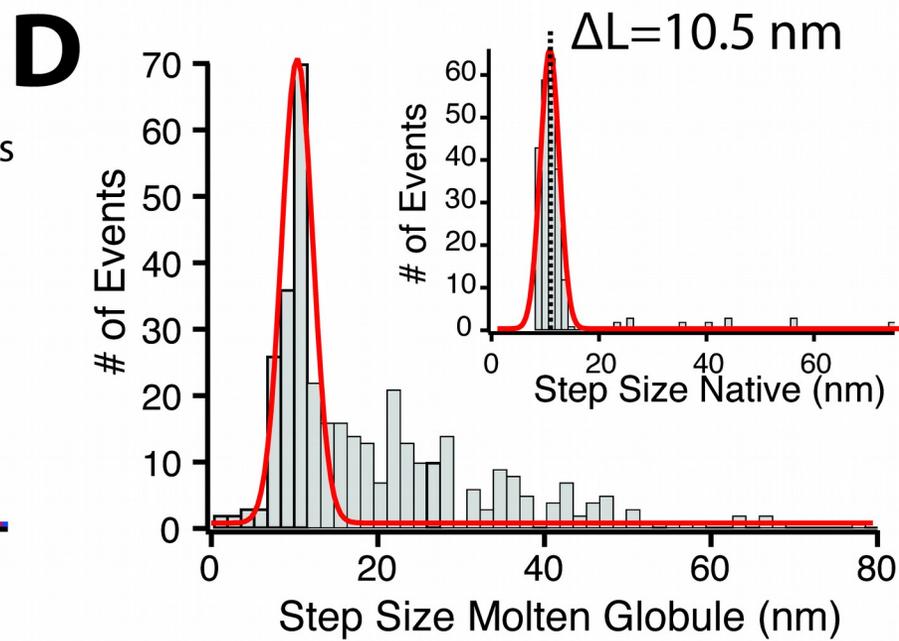
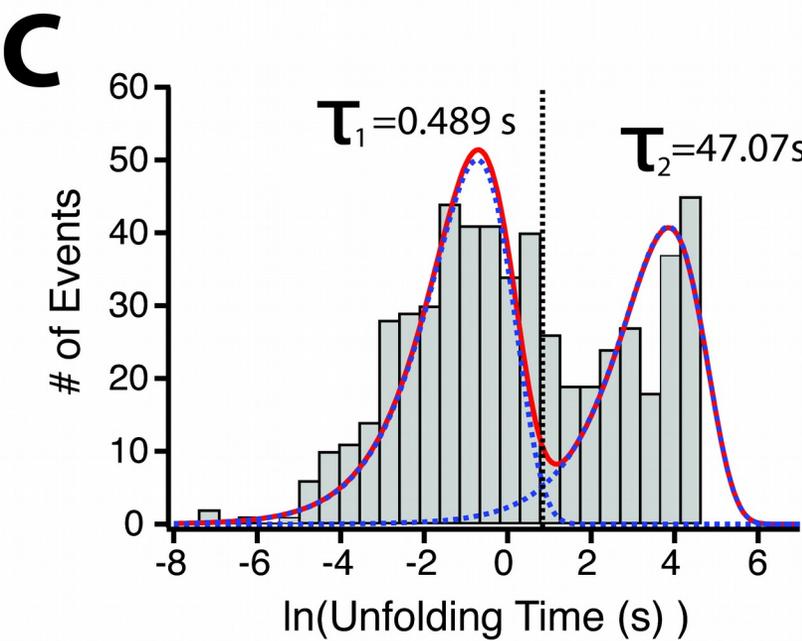
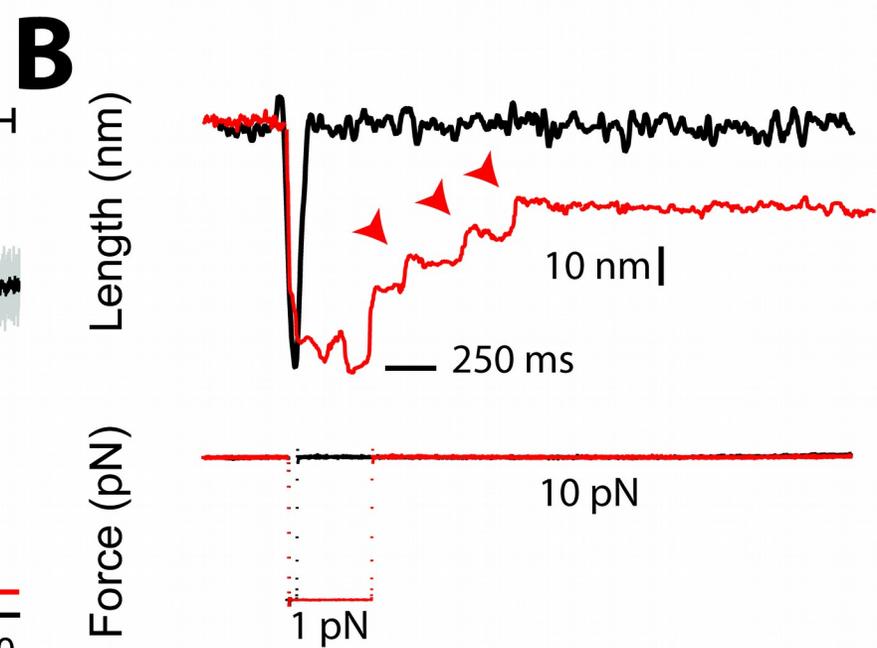
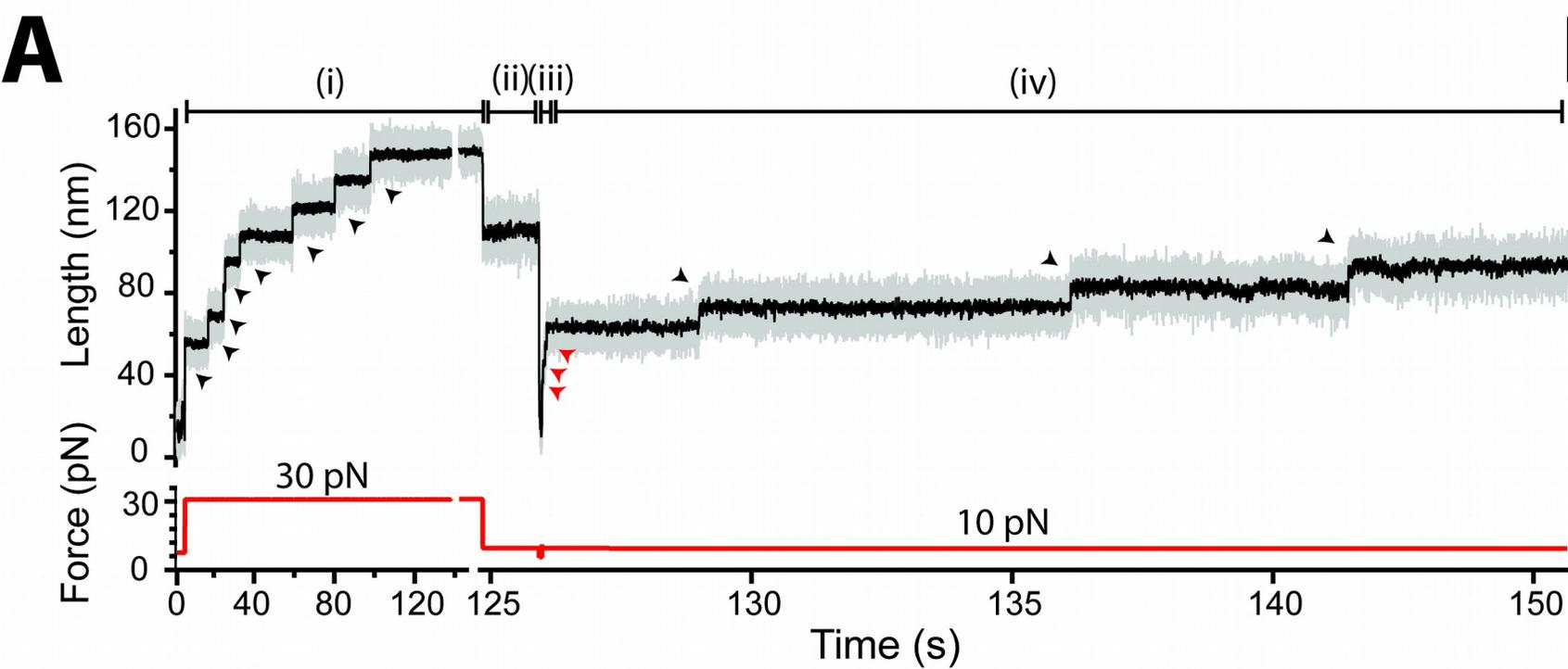
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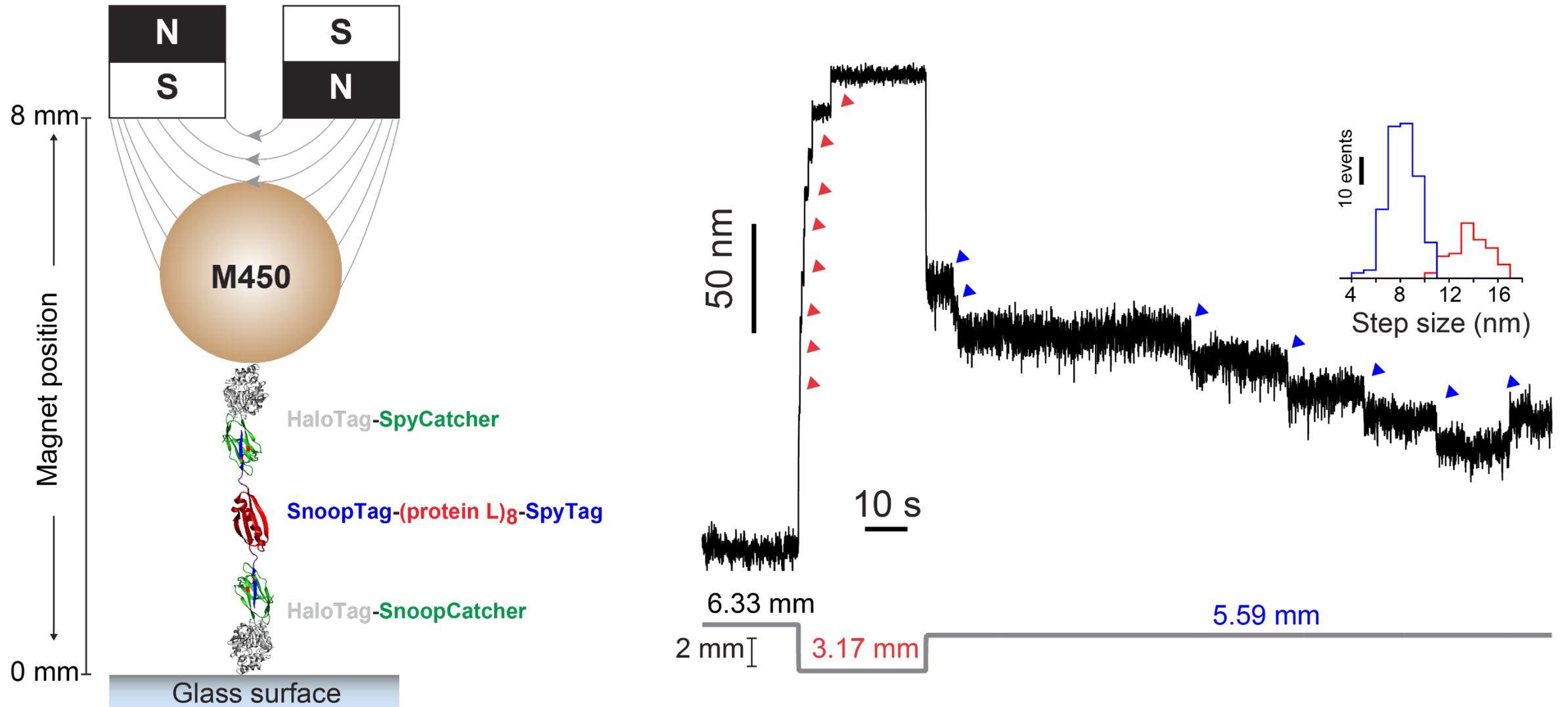
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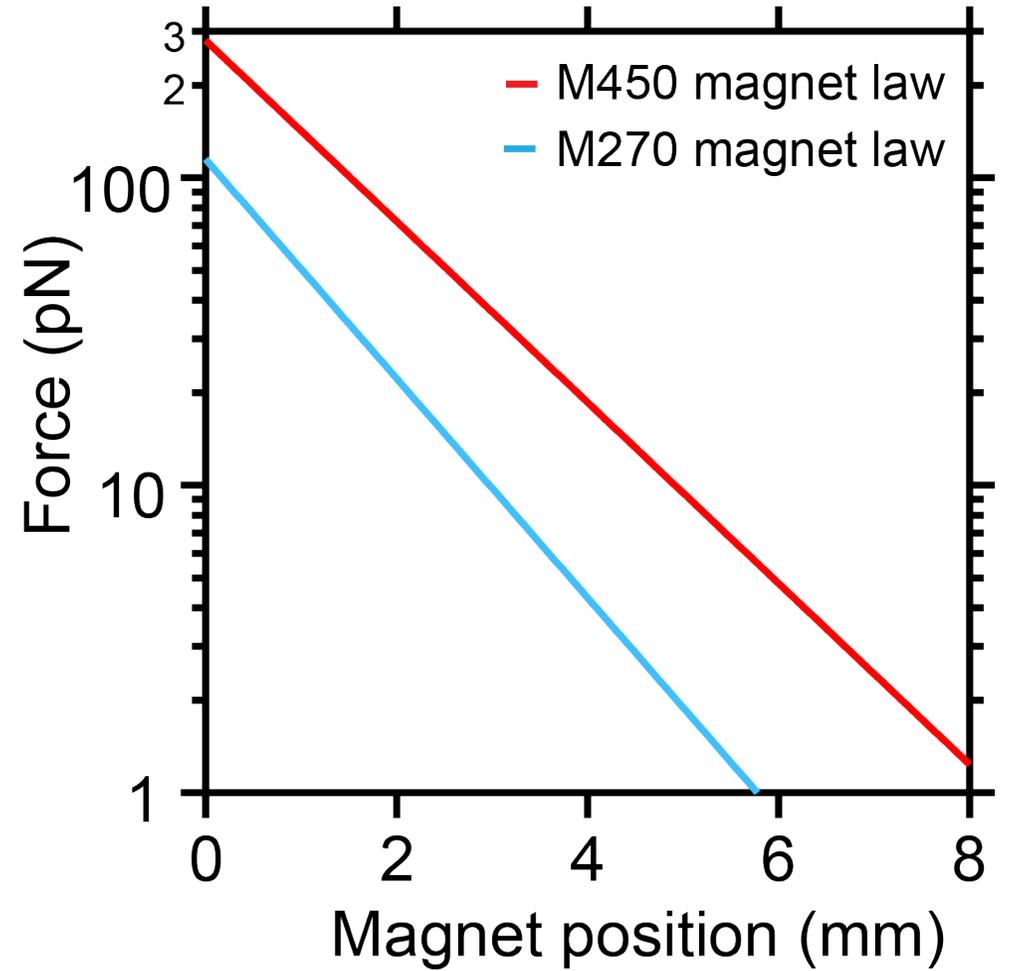
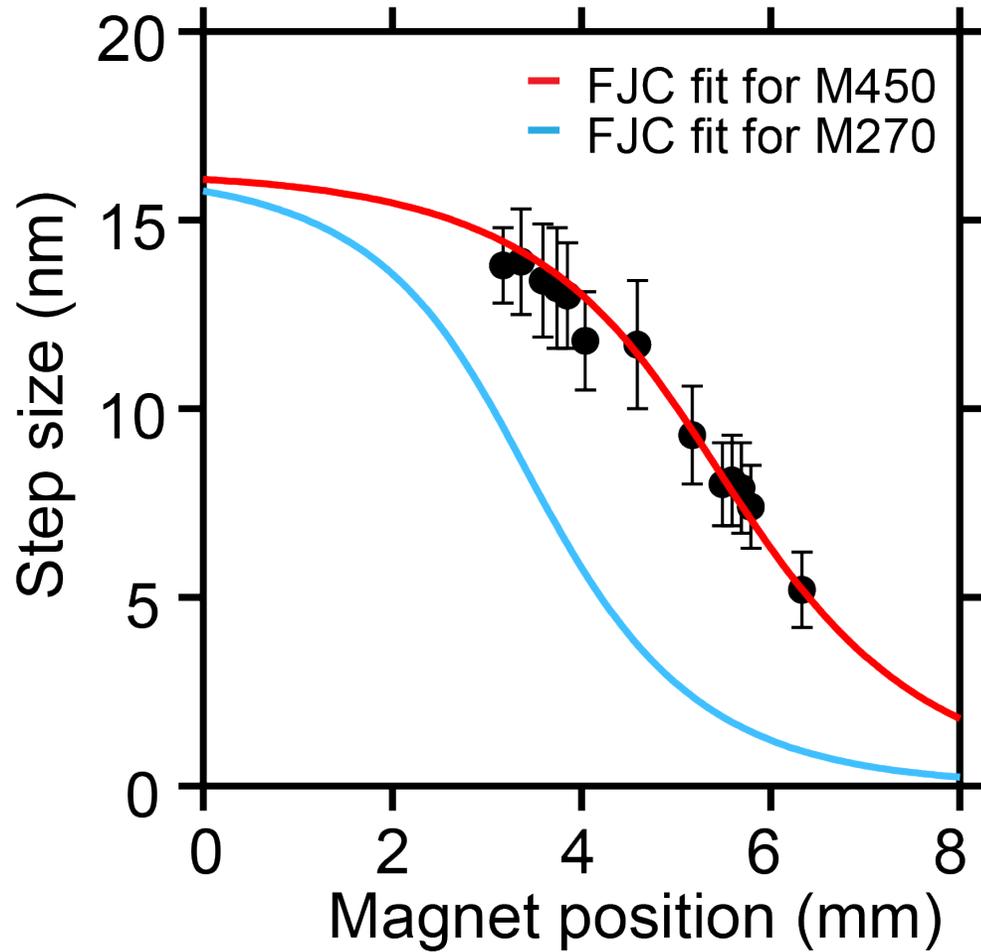




# Calibration



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MT\_3: the next level.

Mechanical signals in biology are noisy and contain periodic signals

