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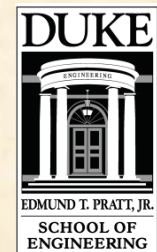
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Stretching molecules (DNA) by AFM allows exploring their high-energy conformations that are not accessible to X-ray crystallography, NMR and other mode of spectroscopy which investigate molecules near their equilibrium state

DNA-Inspired Physics

Nanomechanics of ssDNA

Base-stacking interactions

Measurement Errors in

Force Spectroscopy by AFM

Physics -Inspired Biology

Nanomechanics

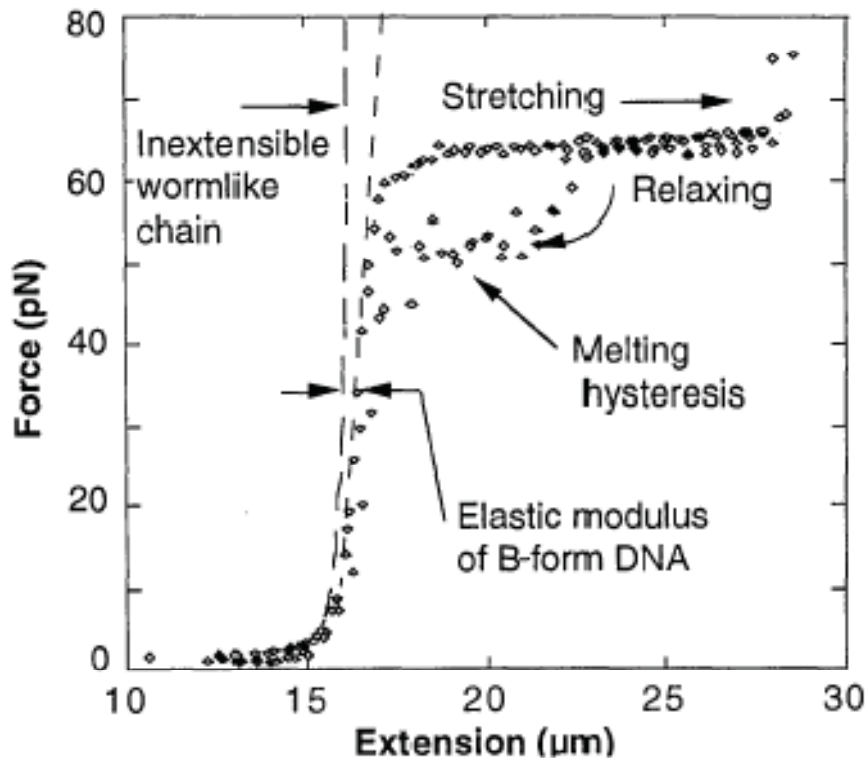
of intact and damaged dsDNA

UV-damage to DNA by AFM imaging

Overstretching B-DNA: The Elastic Response of Individual Double-Stranded and Single-Stranded DNA Molecules

Steven B. Smith, Yujia Cui, Carlos Bustamante*

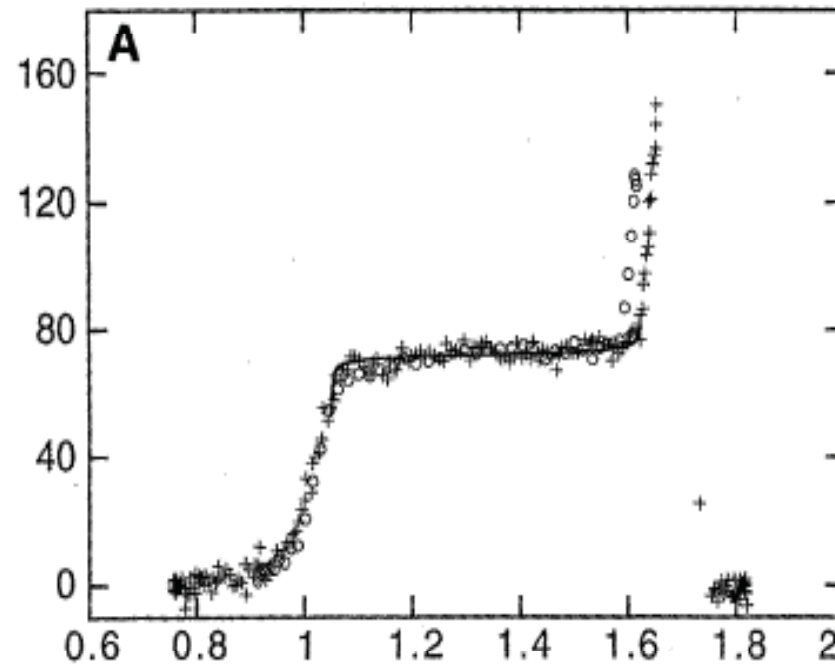
Single molecules of double-stranded DNA (dsDNA) were stretched with force-measuring laser tweezers. Under a longitudinal stress of ~ 65 piconewtons (pN), dsDNA molecules in aqueous buffer undergo a highly cooperative transition into a stable form with 5.8 angstroms rise per base pair, that is, 70% longer than B-form dsDNA. When the stress was relaxed below 65 pN, the molecules rapidly and reversibly contracted to their normal contour lengths. This transition was affected by changes in the ionic strength of the medium and the water activity or by cross-linking of the two strands of dsDNA. Individual molecules of single-stranded DNA were also stretched giving a persistence length of 7.5 angstroms and a stretch modulus of 800 pN. The overstretched form may play a significant role in the energetics of DNA recombination.



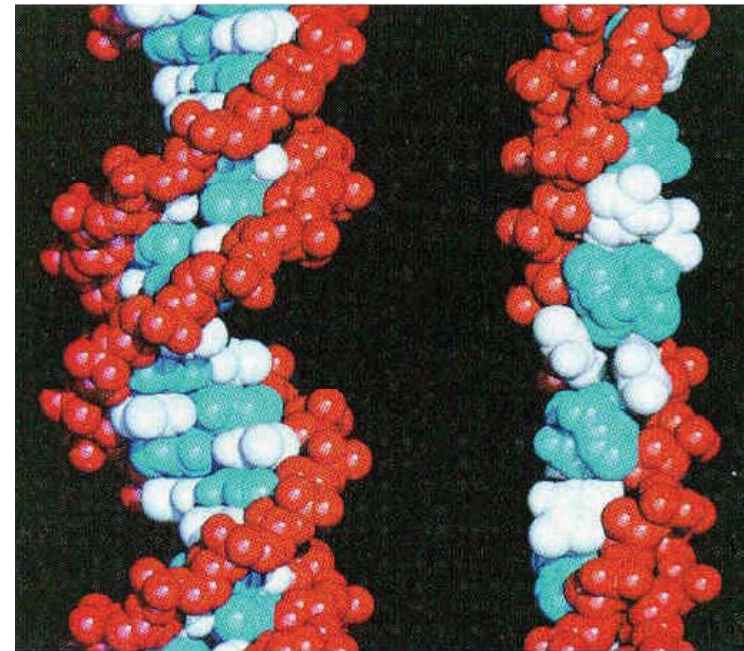
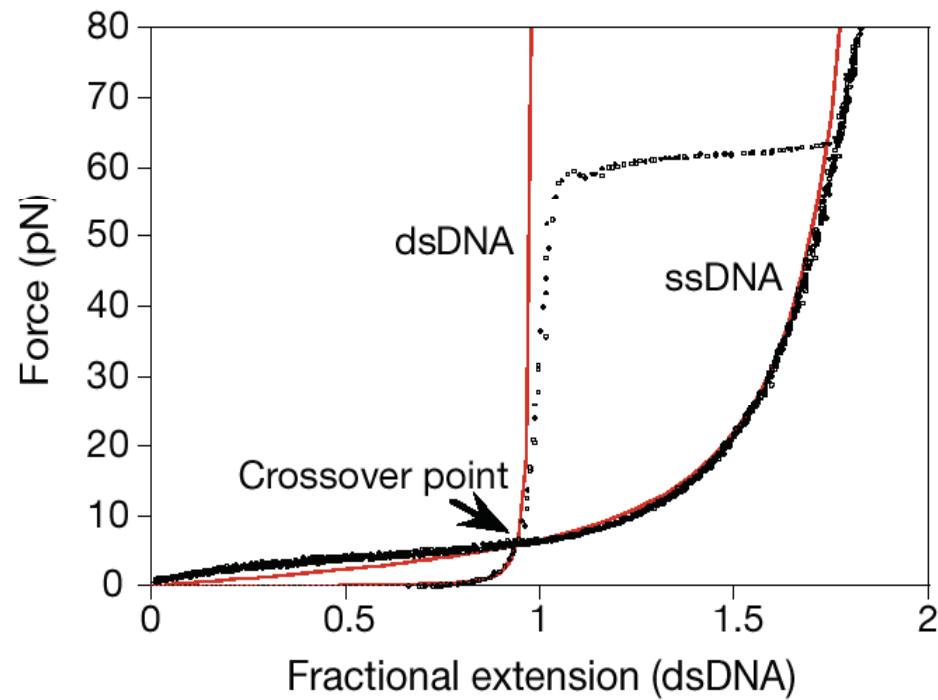
DNA: An Extensible Molecule

Philippe Cluzel, Anne Lebrun, Christoph Heller,*
Richard Lavery, Jean-Louis Viovy, Didier Chatenay,†
François Caron‡

The force-displacement response of a single duplex DNA molecule was measured. The force saturates at a plateau around 70 piconewtons, which ends when the DNA has been stretched about 1.7 times its contour length. This behavior reveals a highly cooperative transition to a state here termed S-DNA. Addition of an intercalator suppresses this transition. Molecular modeling of the process also yields a force plateau and suggests a structure for the extended form. These results may shed light on biological processes involving DNA extension and open the route for mechanical studies on individual molecules in a previously unexplored range.



Mechanochemistry of DNA damage and repair



From: Wuite et al, (2000). *Nature* **404**, 103.

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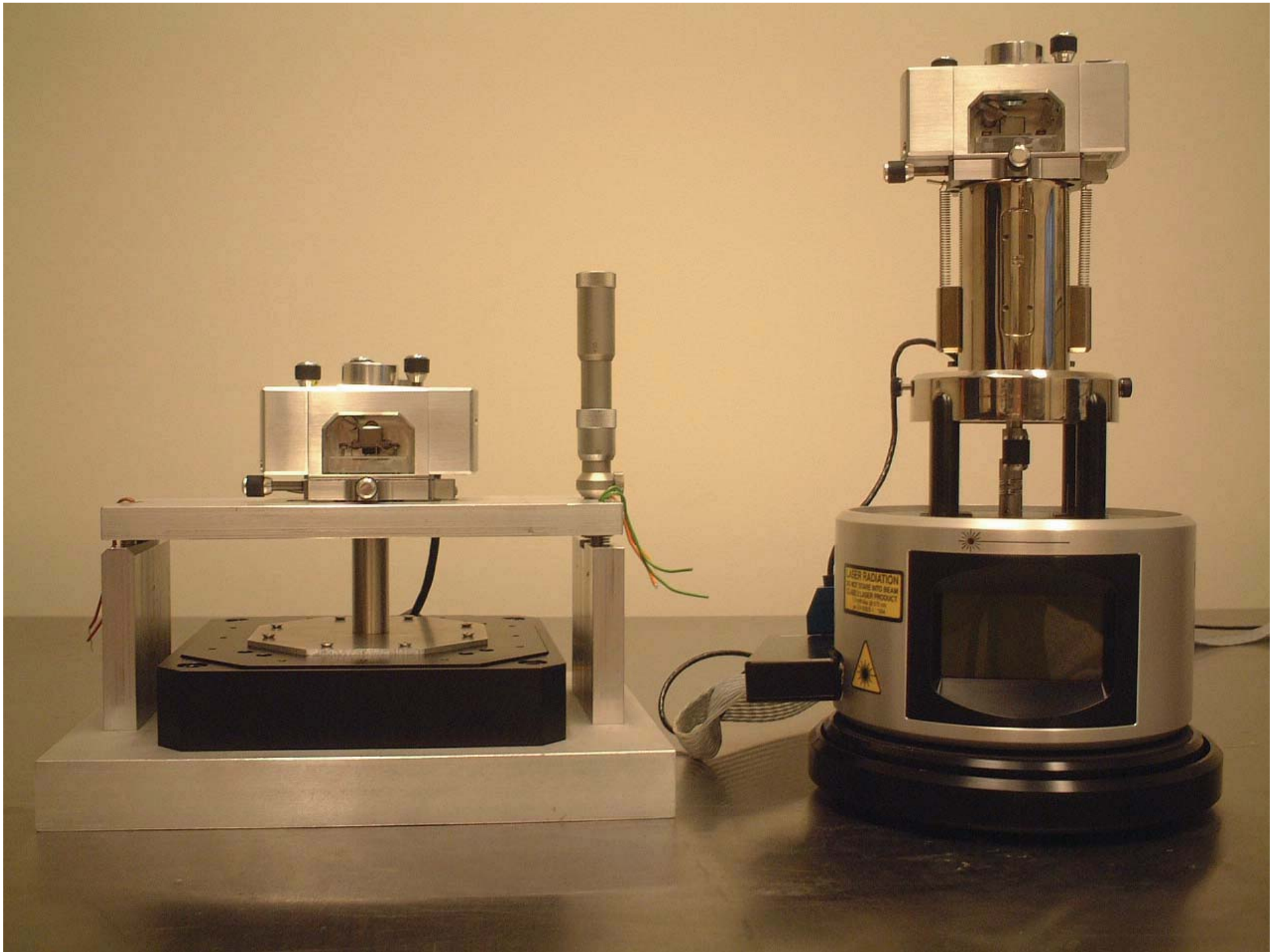
Atomic force microscopy: air and fluid imaging



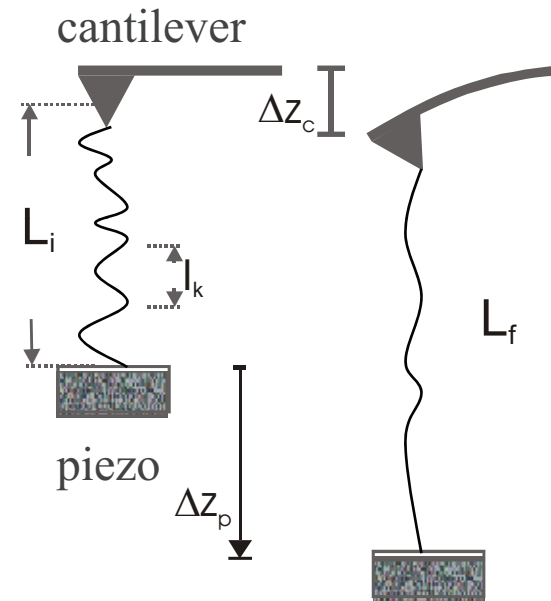
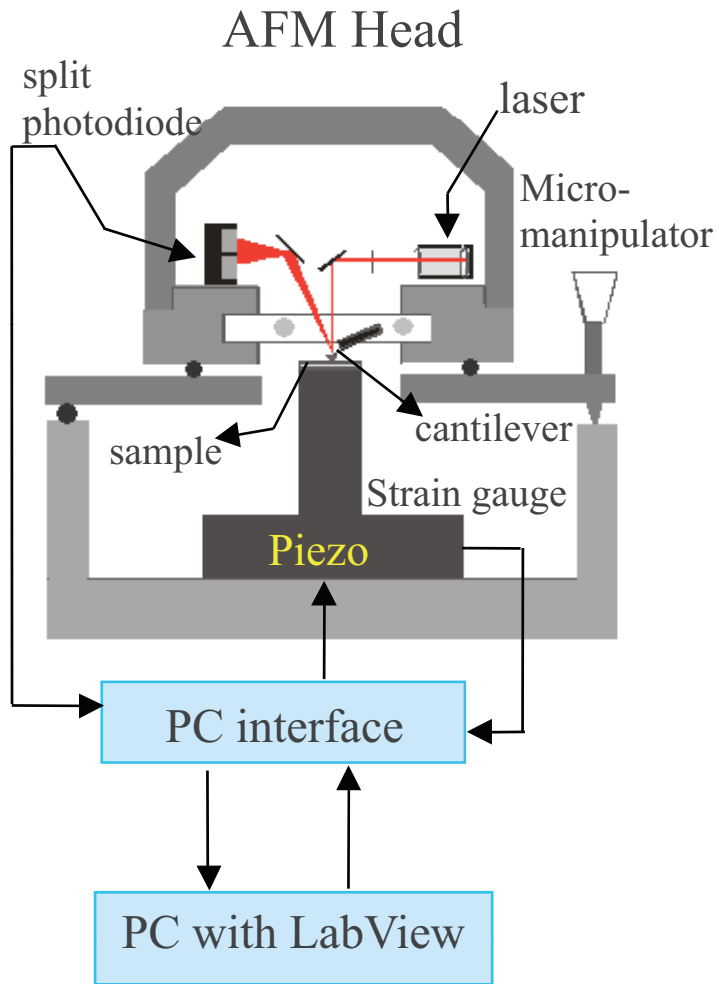
Optical microscope - made for King George III (second half of 18th century)



AFM - made by DI (end of 20th century)



Atomic Force Microscope

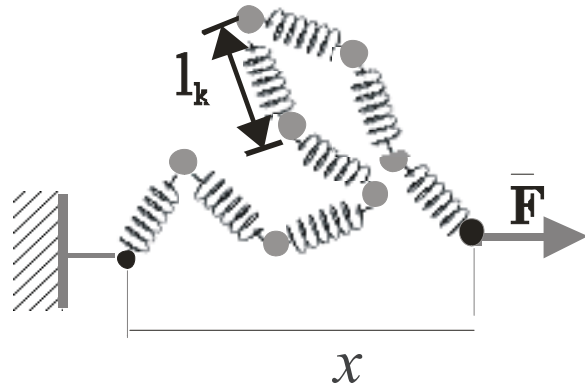


$$X = L_f - L_i$$
$$F = K_c \Delta Z_c$$

(K_c , spring constant)

Freely jointed chain with segment elasticity

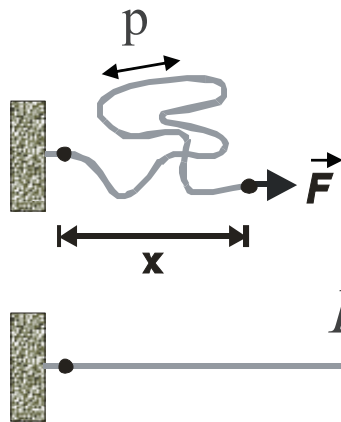
ssDNA polysaccharides



$$x(F) = \left(\coth\left(\frac{Fl_K}{k_B T}\right) - \frac{k_B T}{Fl_K} \right) \left(L_{con} + \frac{nF}{k_{segment}} \right)$$

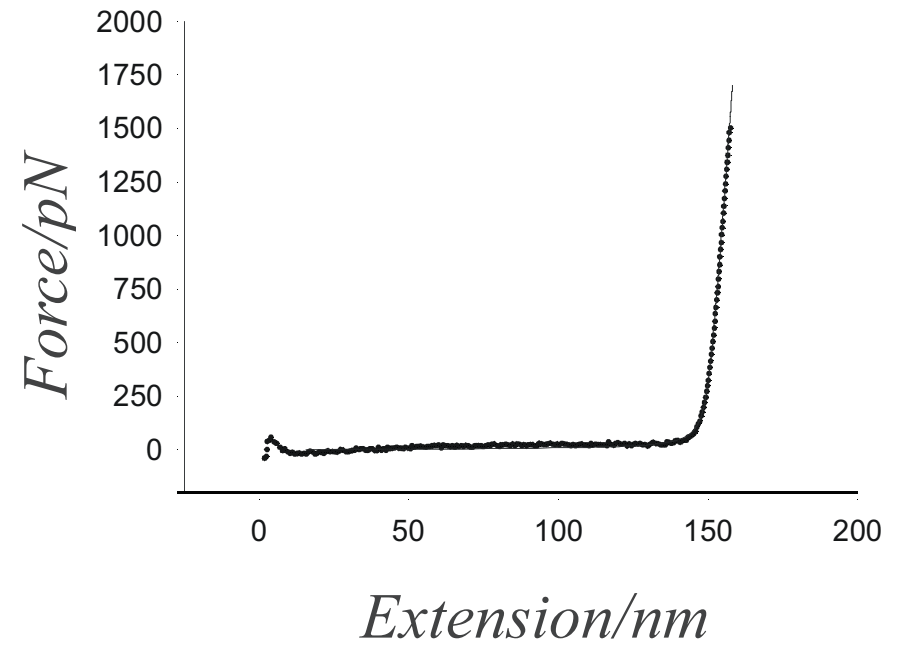
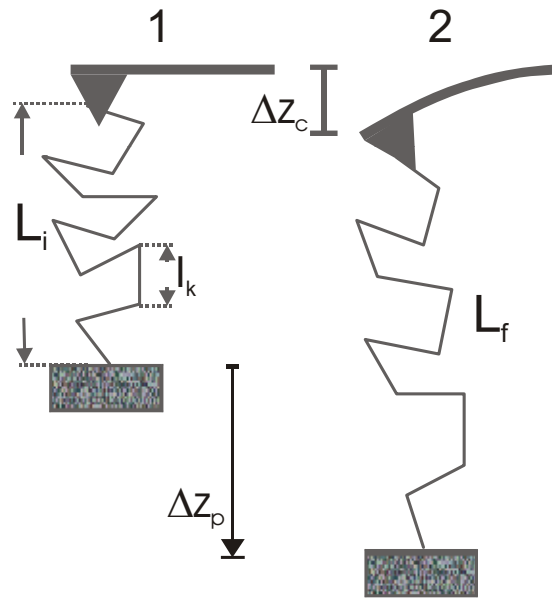
Worm-like chain

ds DNA modular proteins

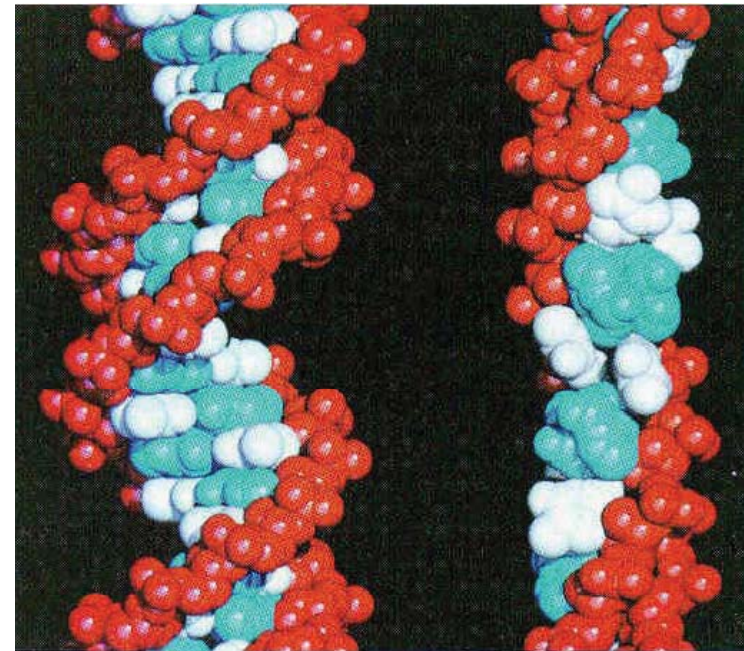
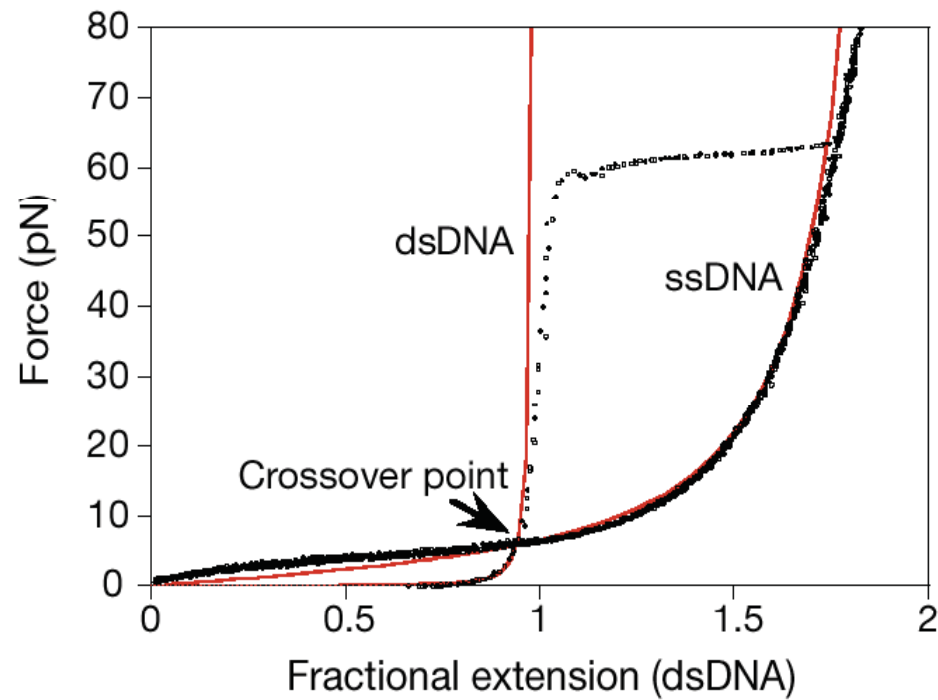


$$F(x) = \frac{k_B T}{p} \left[\frac{1}{4} \left(1 - \frac{x}{L_{con}} \right)^{-2} - \frac{1}{4} + \frac{x}{L_{con}} \right]$$

Entropic elasticity



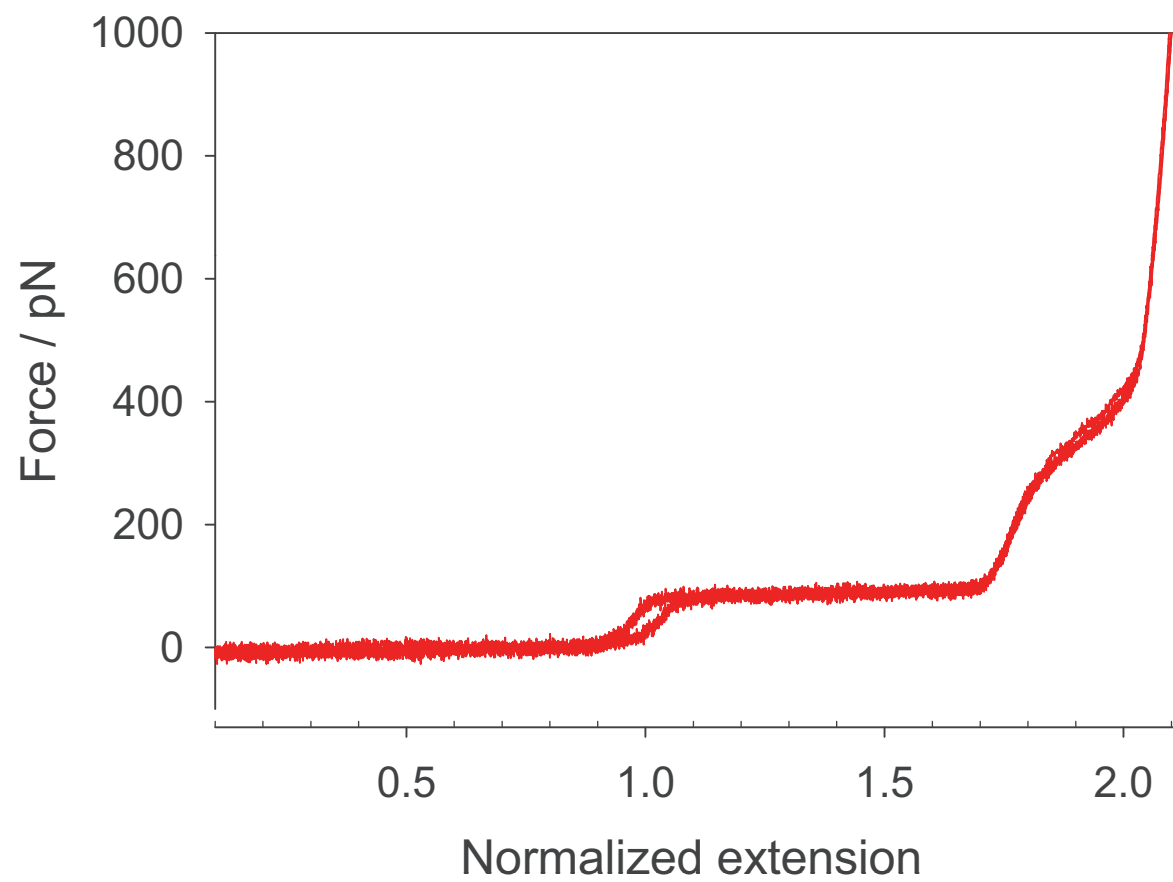
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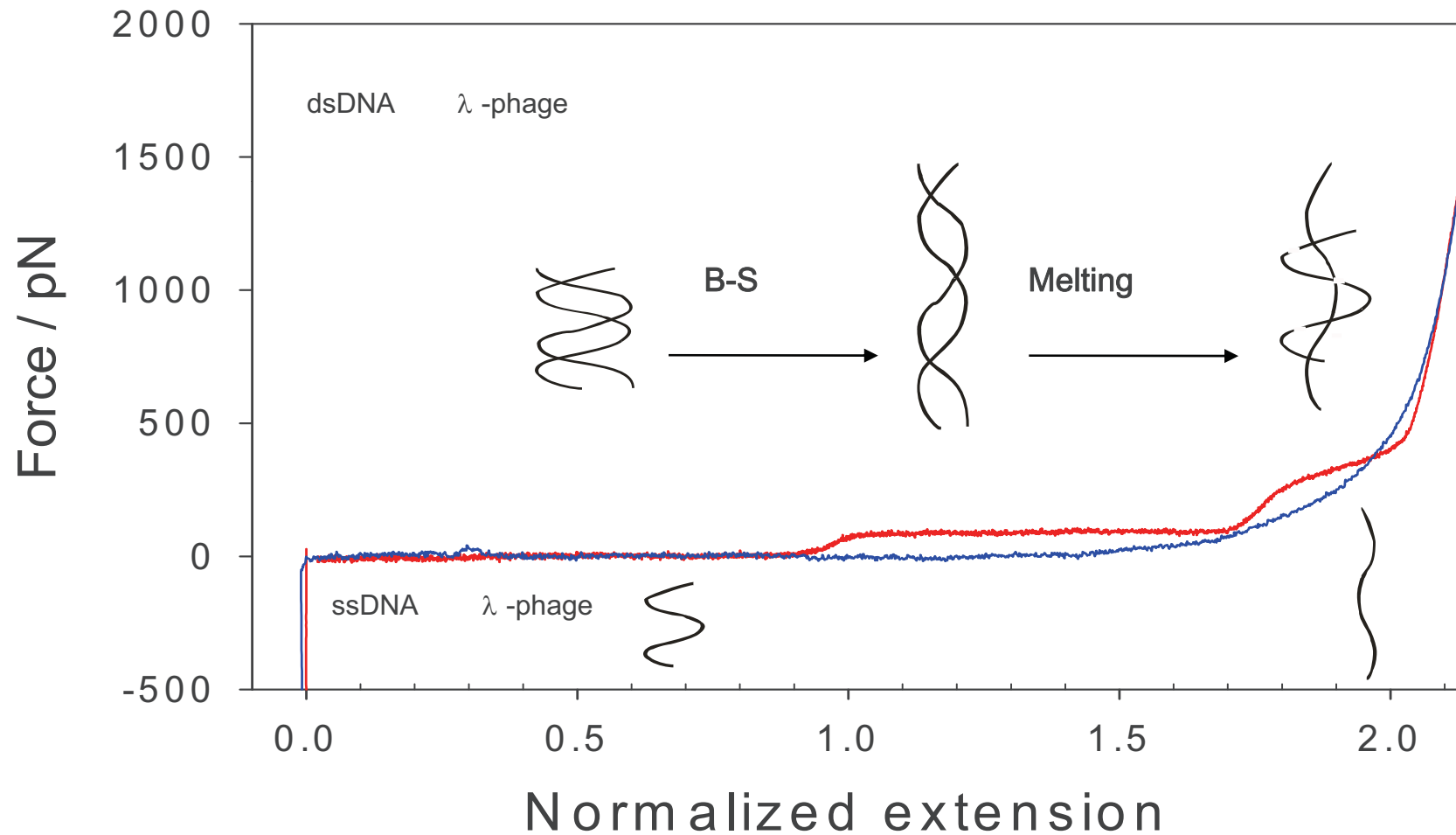
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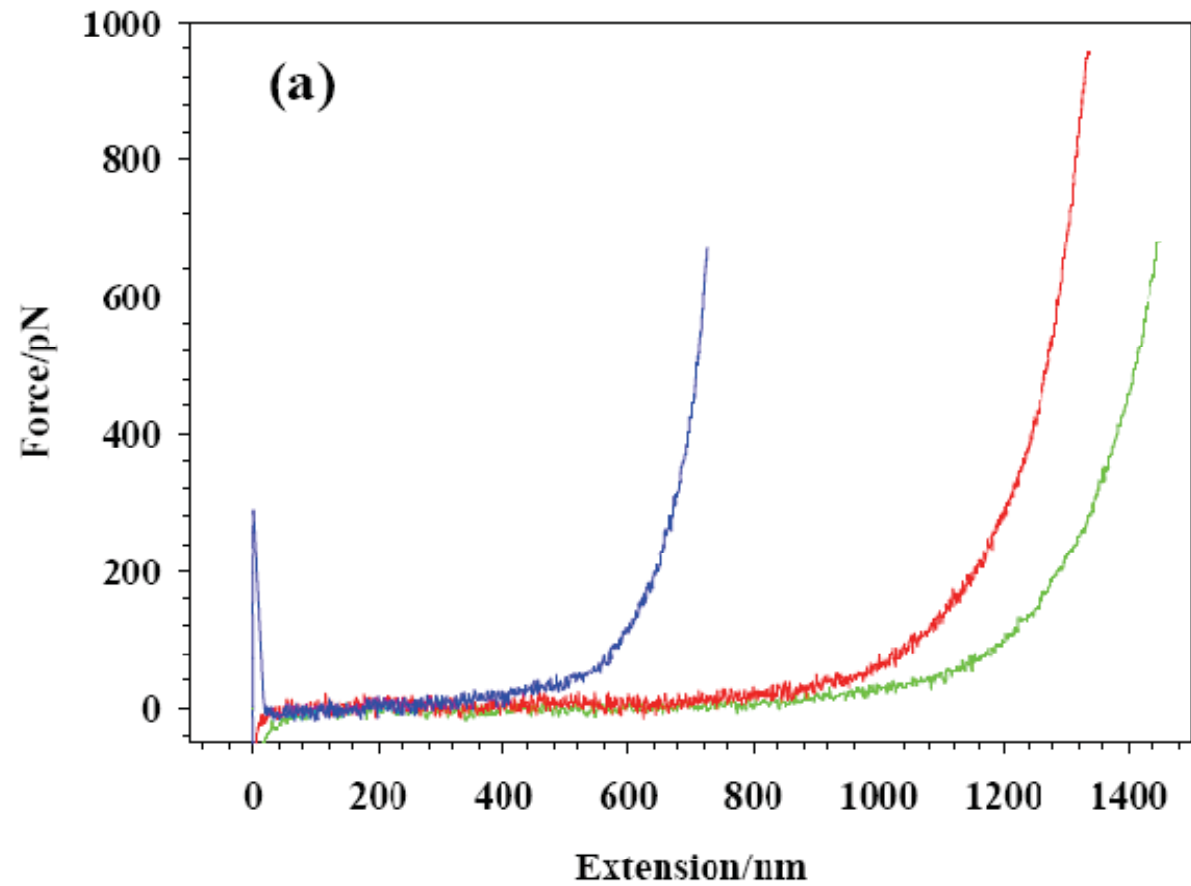
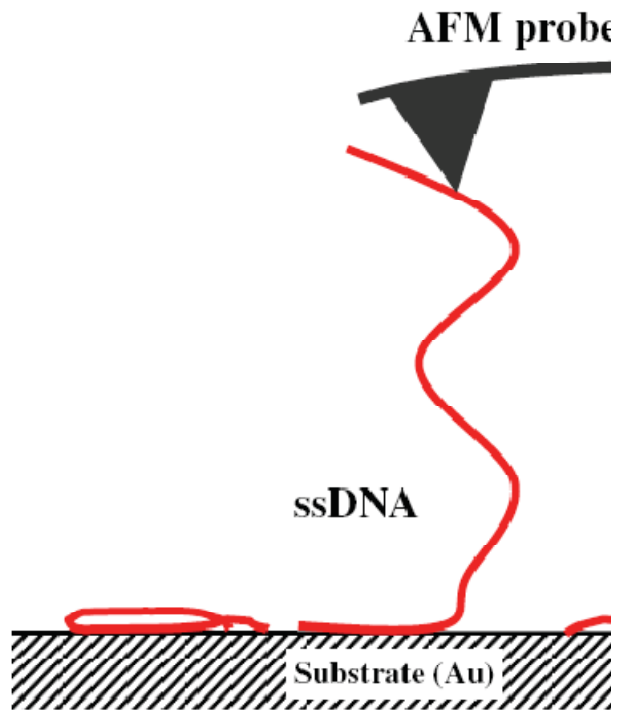
Force spectrograms of dsDNA measured by AFM



Force-extension curves of λ phage DNA

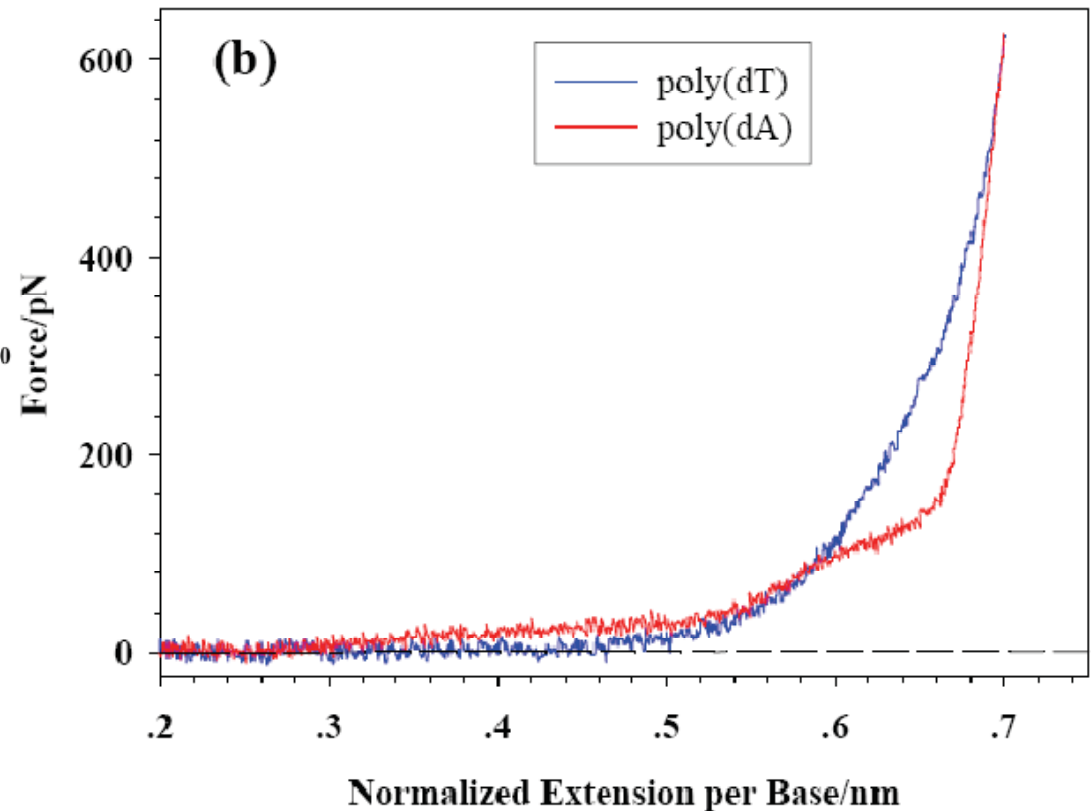
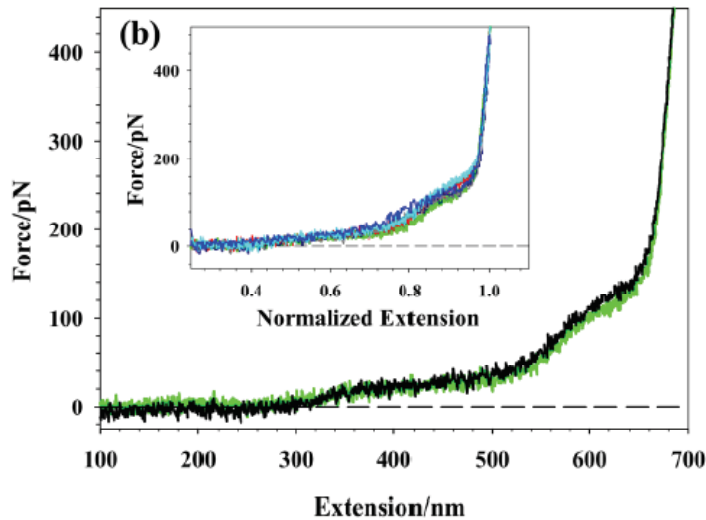
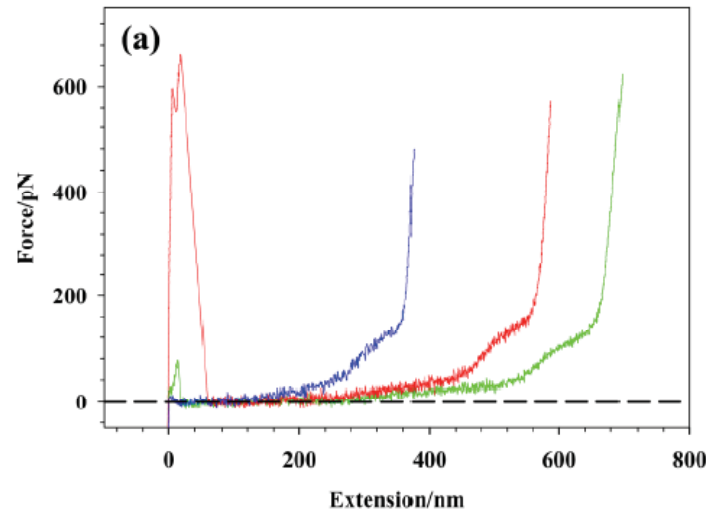


The Elasticity of poly(dT)

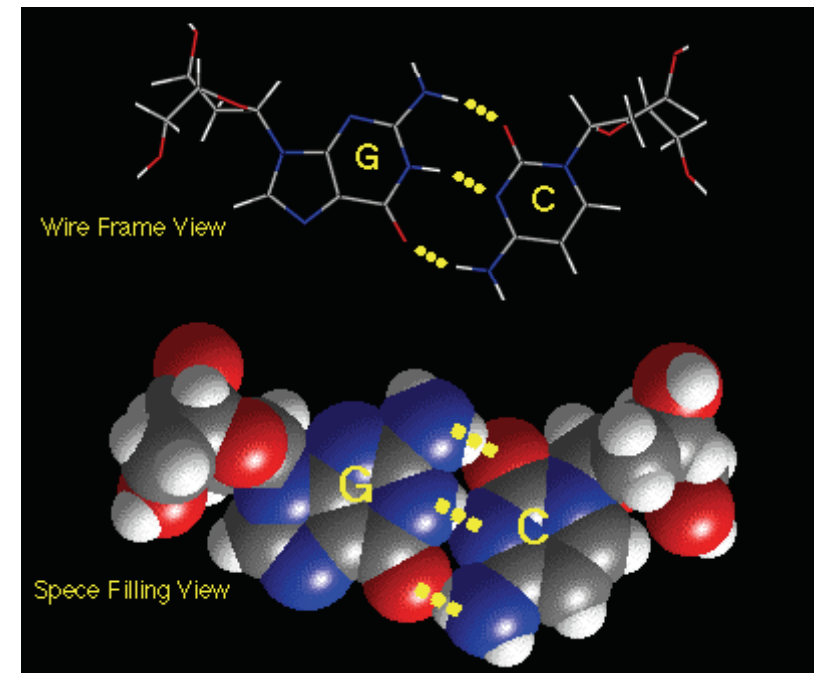
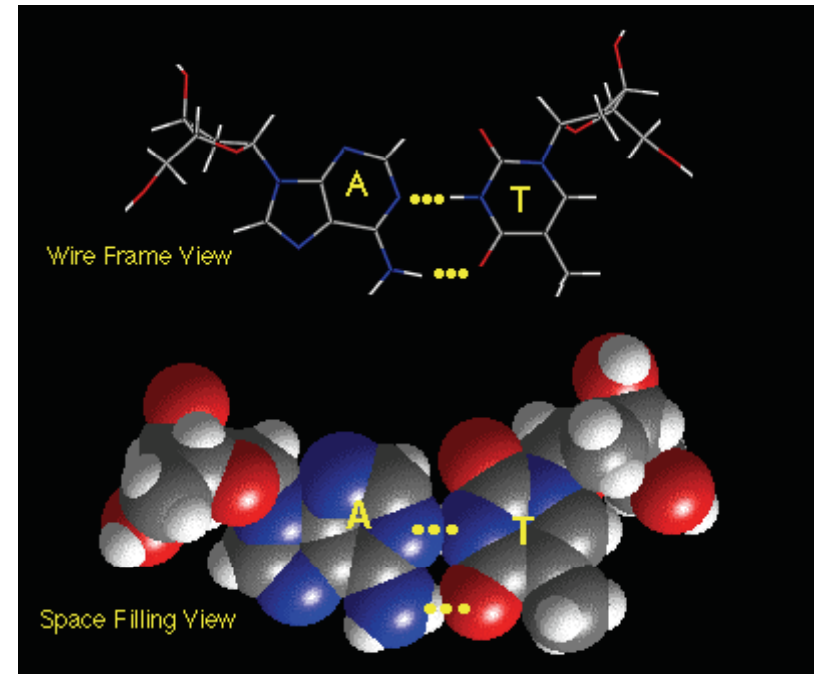
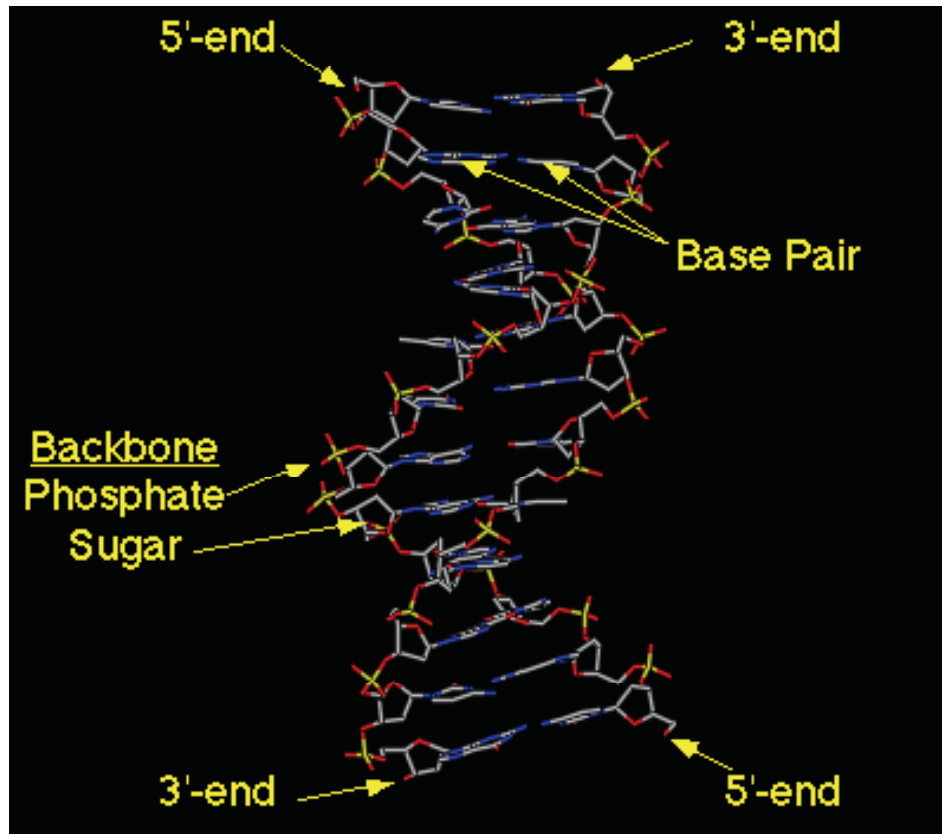


Direct Measurements of Base Stacking Interactions in DNA by Single-Molecule Atomic-Force Spectroscopy

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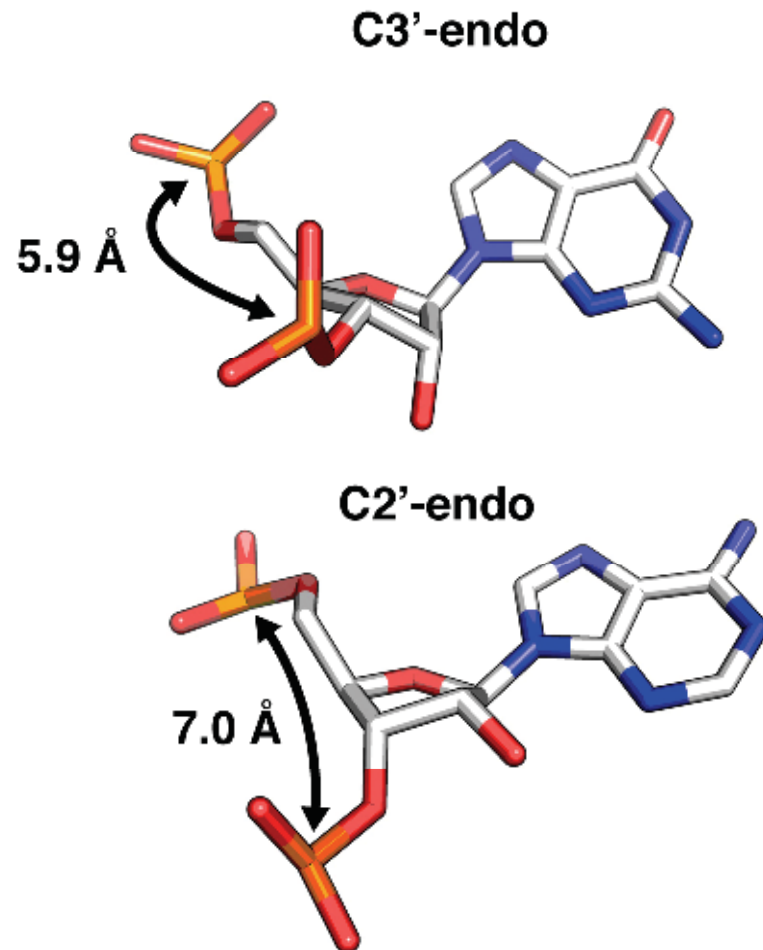


DNA structure: base pairing and stacking

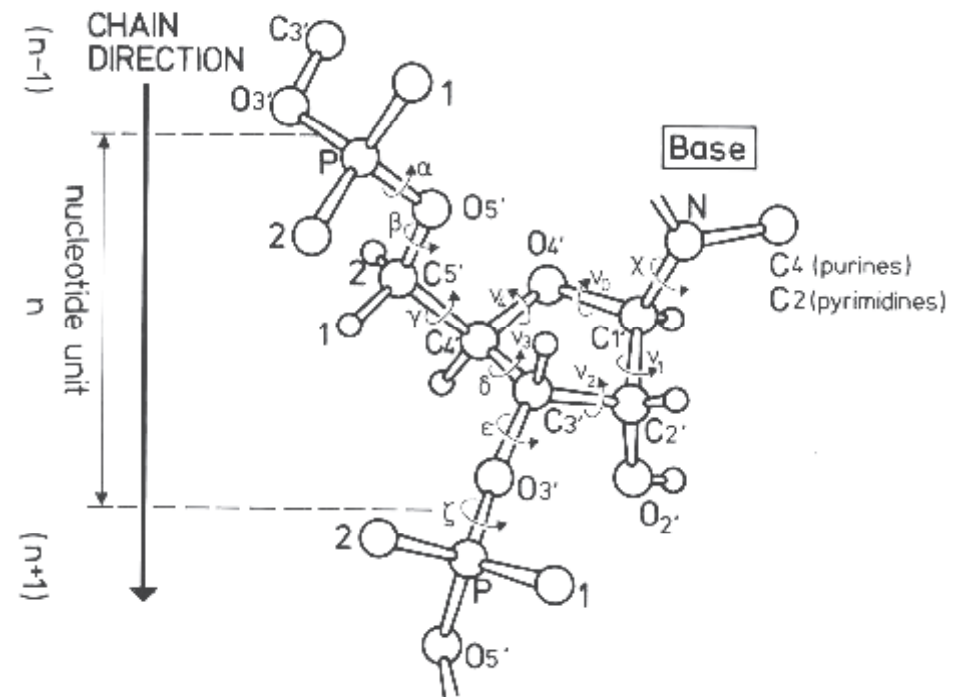


Nucleic Acid Structure

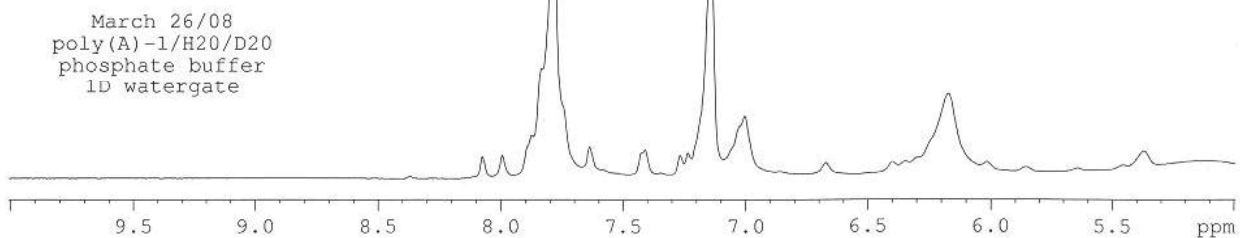
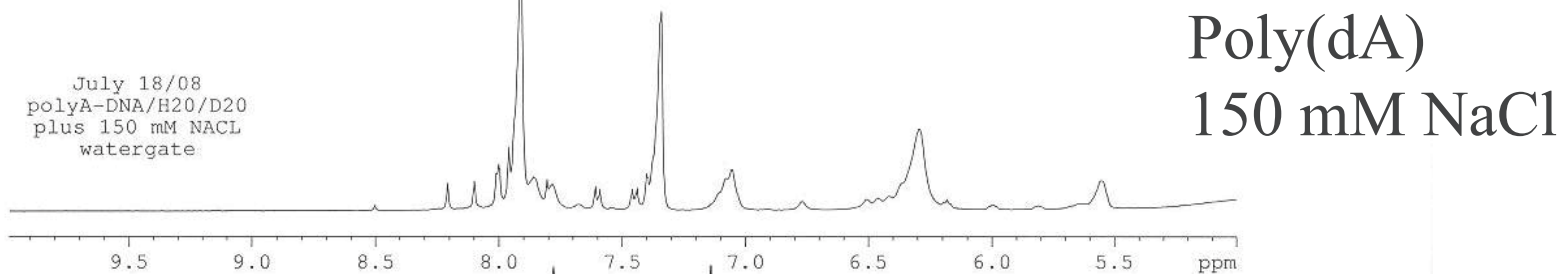
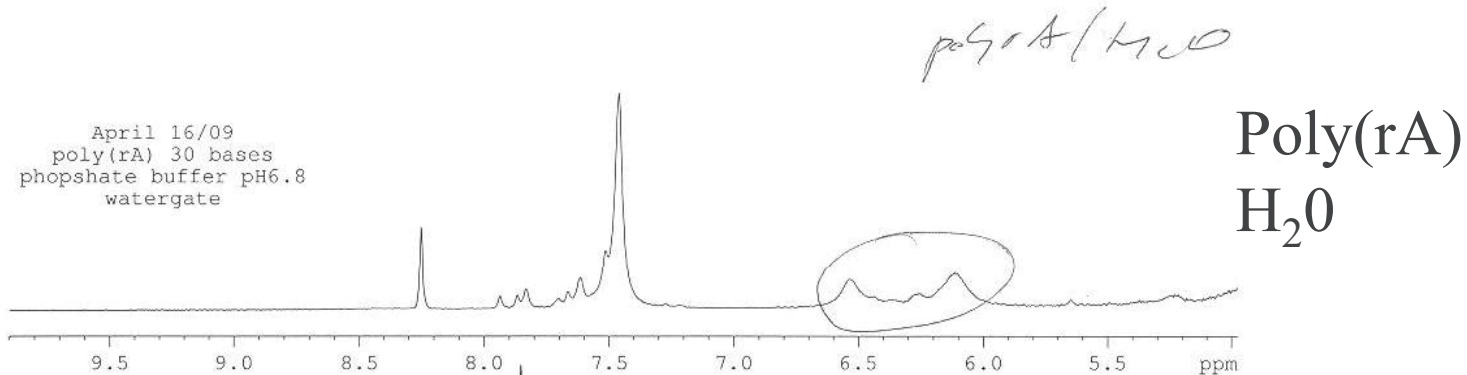
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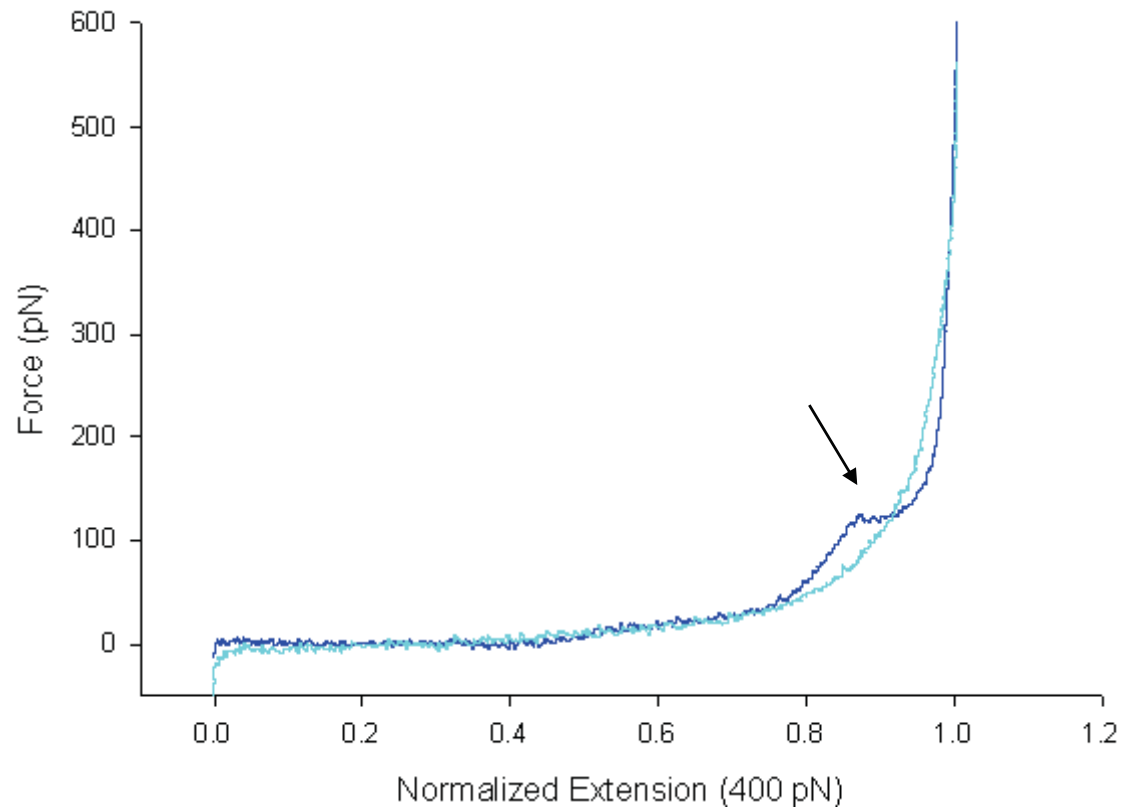
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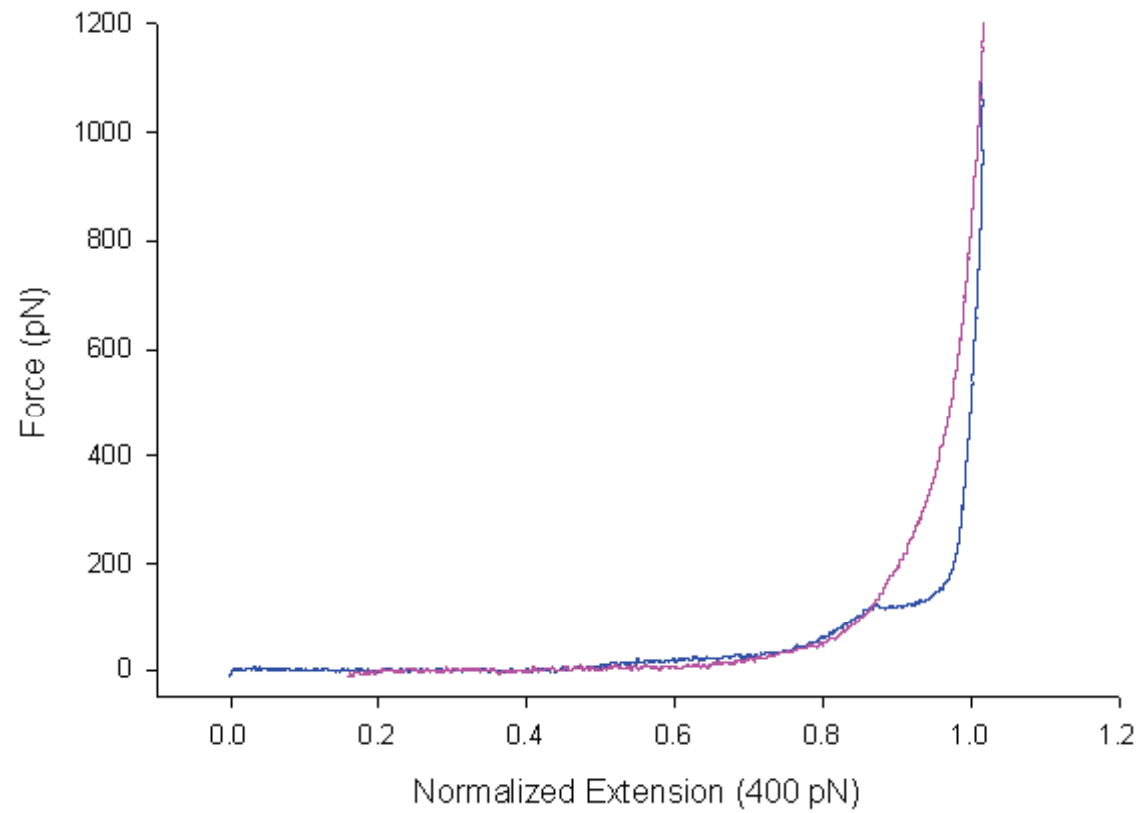
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Poly(rA) vs poly(dA)

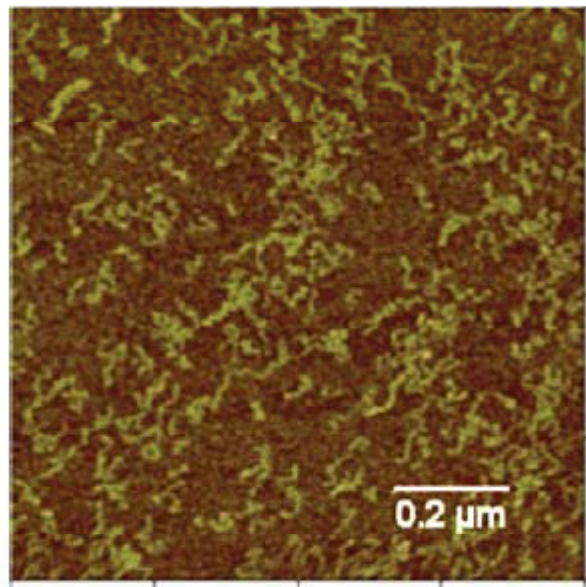
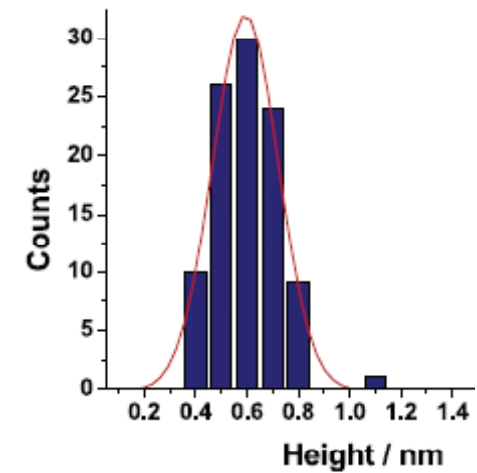
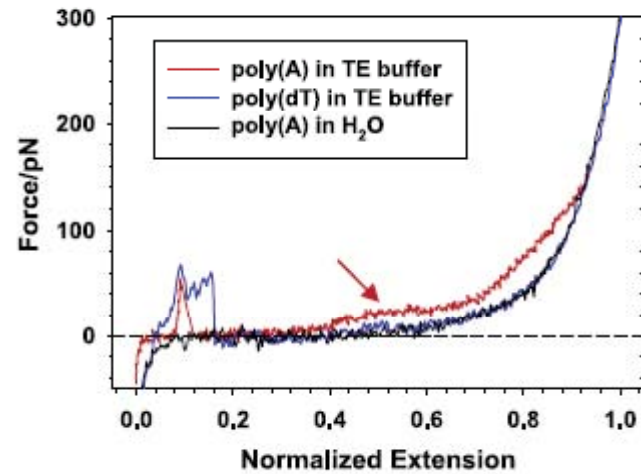


Poly(dA) TE Na150 vs dH2O



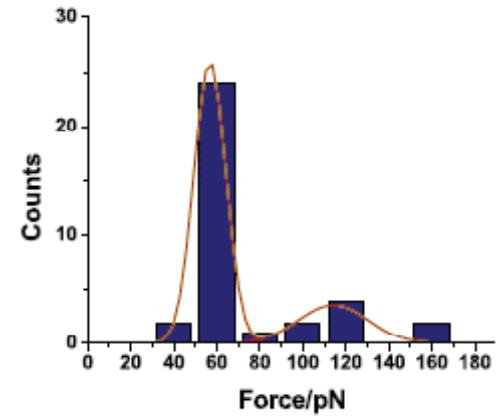
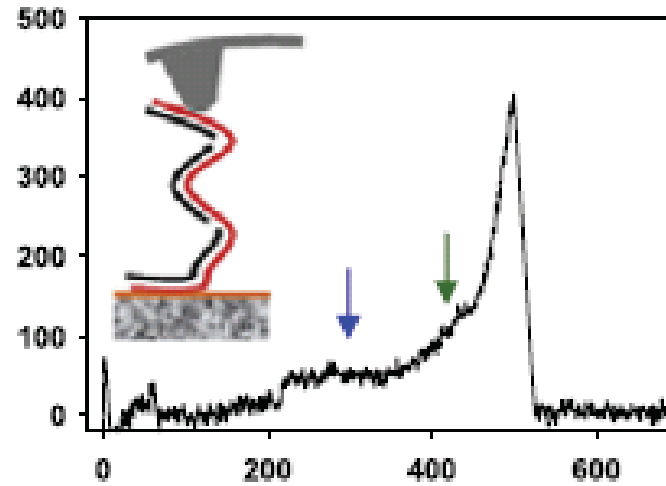
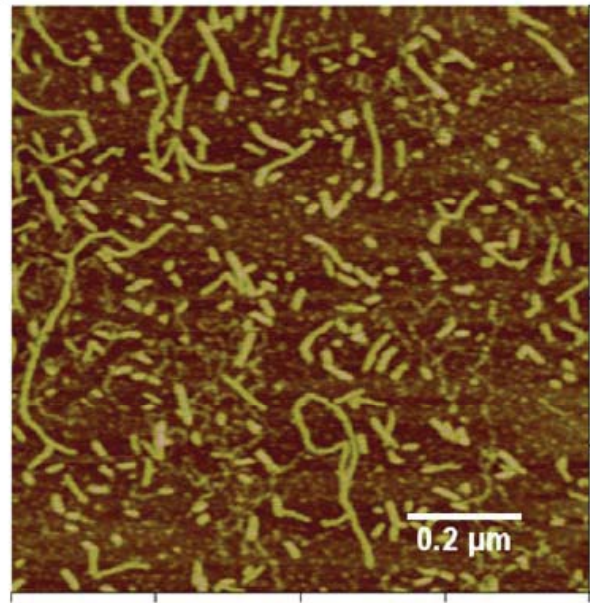
Detecting Solvent-Driven Transitions of poly(A) to Double-Stranded Conformations by Atomic Force Microscopy

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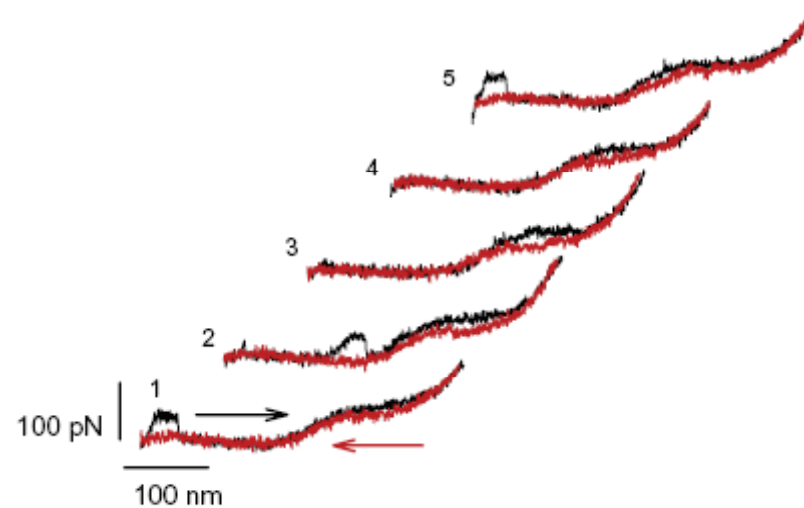
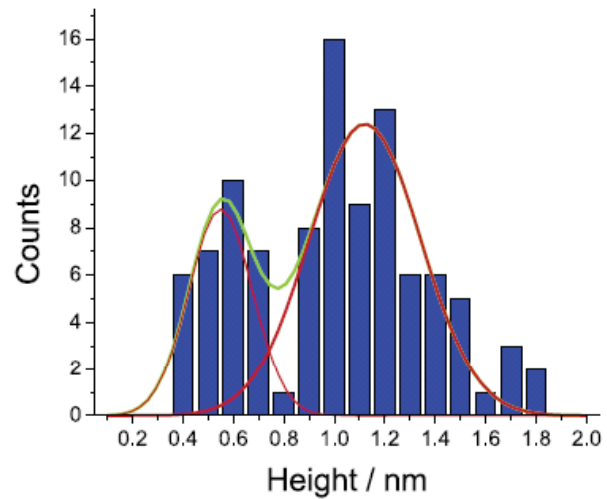
A**C**

Poly(rA) at the pH of 5.5

A



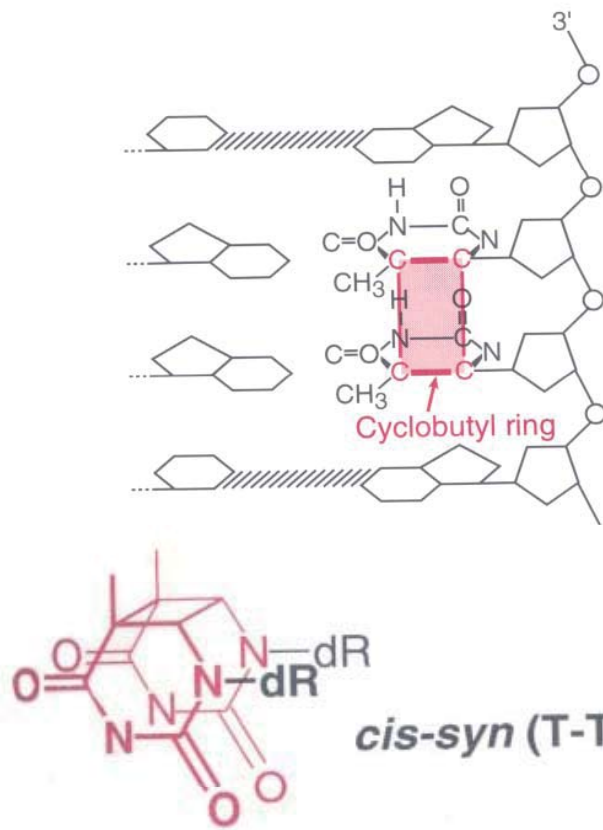
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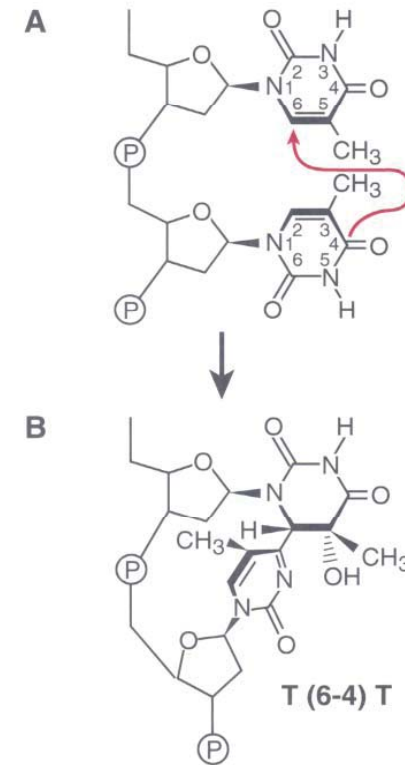
UV-induced DNA damage

Cyclobutane pyrimidine dimers

Pyrimidine-pyrimidone(6-4) lesions

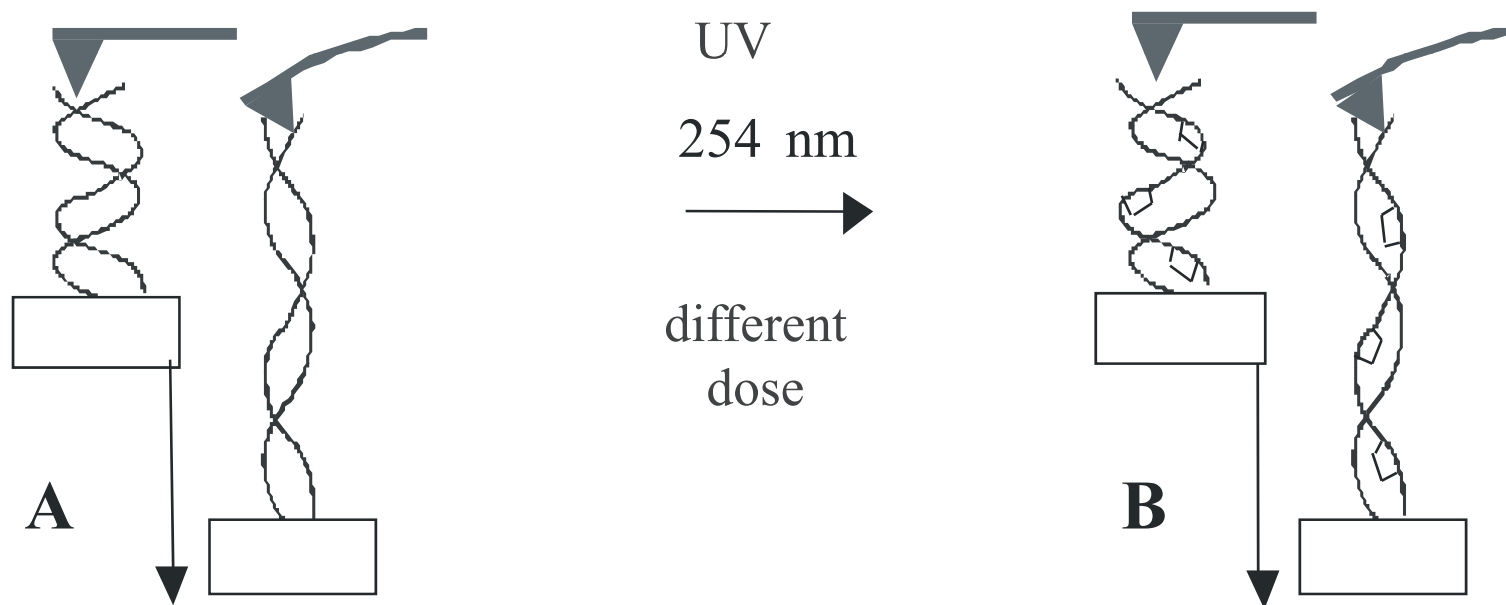


Population
75% : 25%

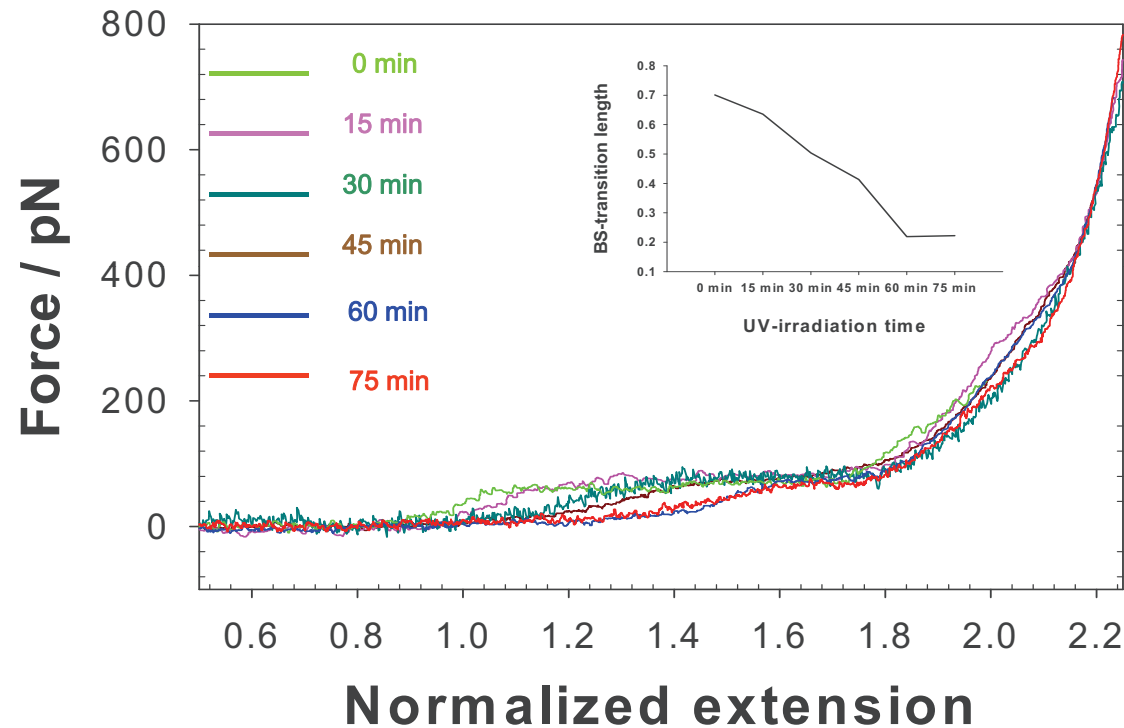


(Adopted from Friedberg et al.)

AFM experiments on UV irradiated DNA



Force-spectrograms of λ -phage DNA irradiated with different UV-doses

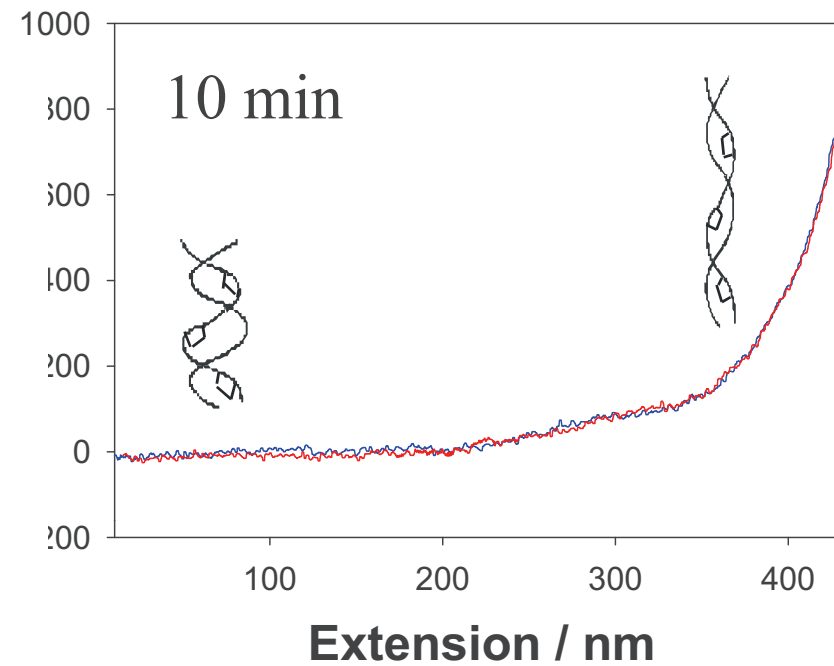
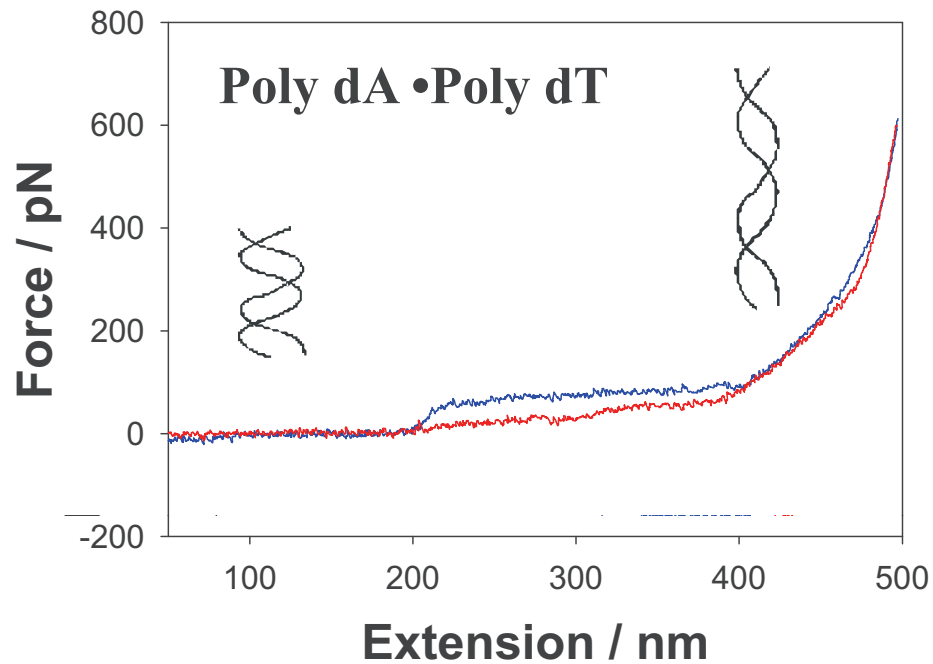
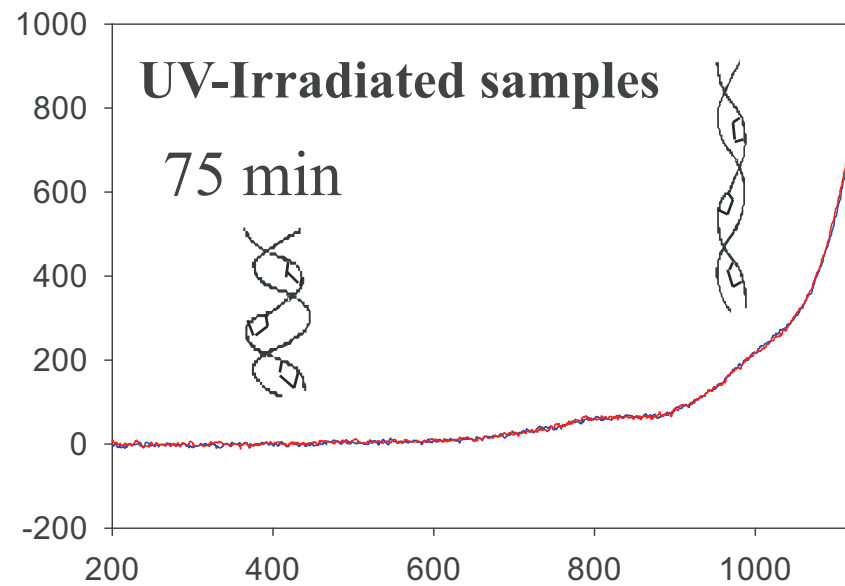
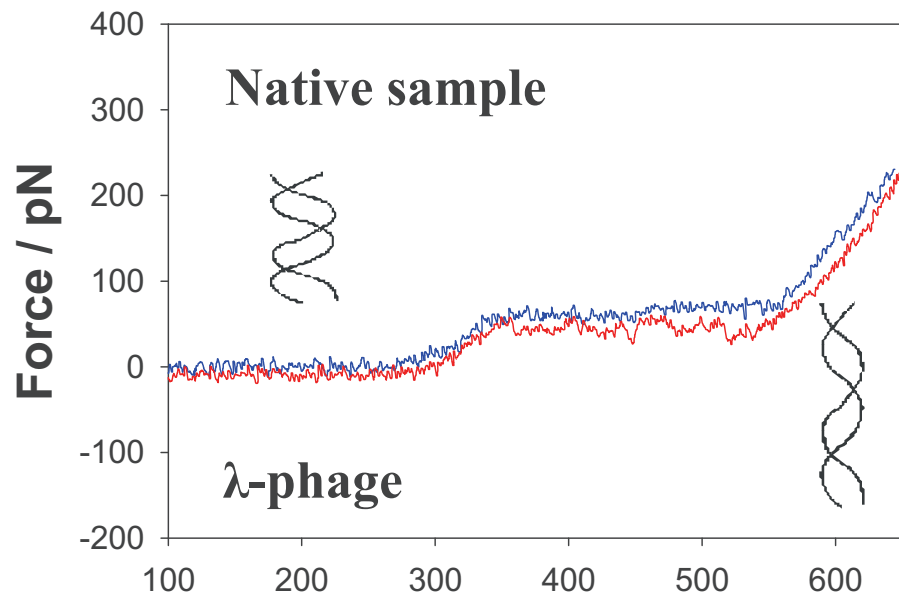


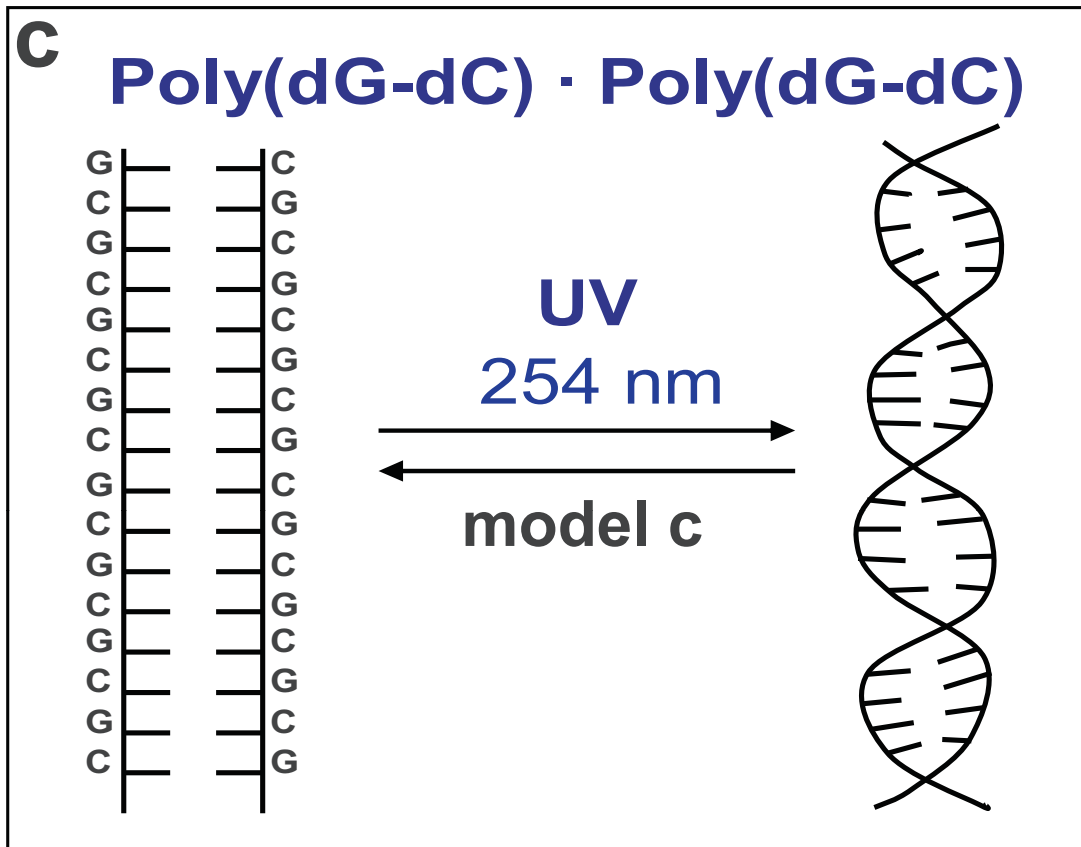
DNA irradiated with the UV light near ~ 260 nm can form *pyrimidine dimers and 6-4 photoproducts*, which can change the elasticity of double stranded DNA(dsDNA).

**Nanomechanical Fingerprints of UV Damage
To DNA****

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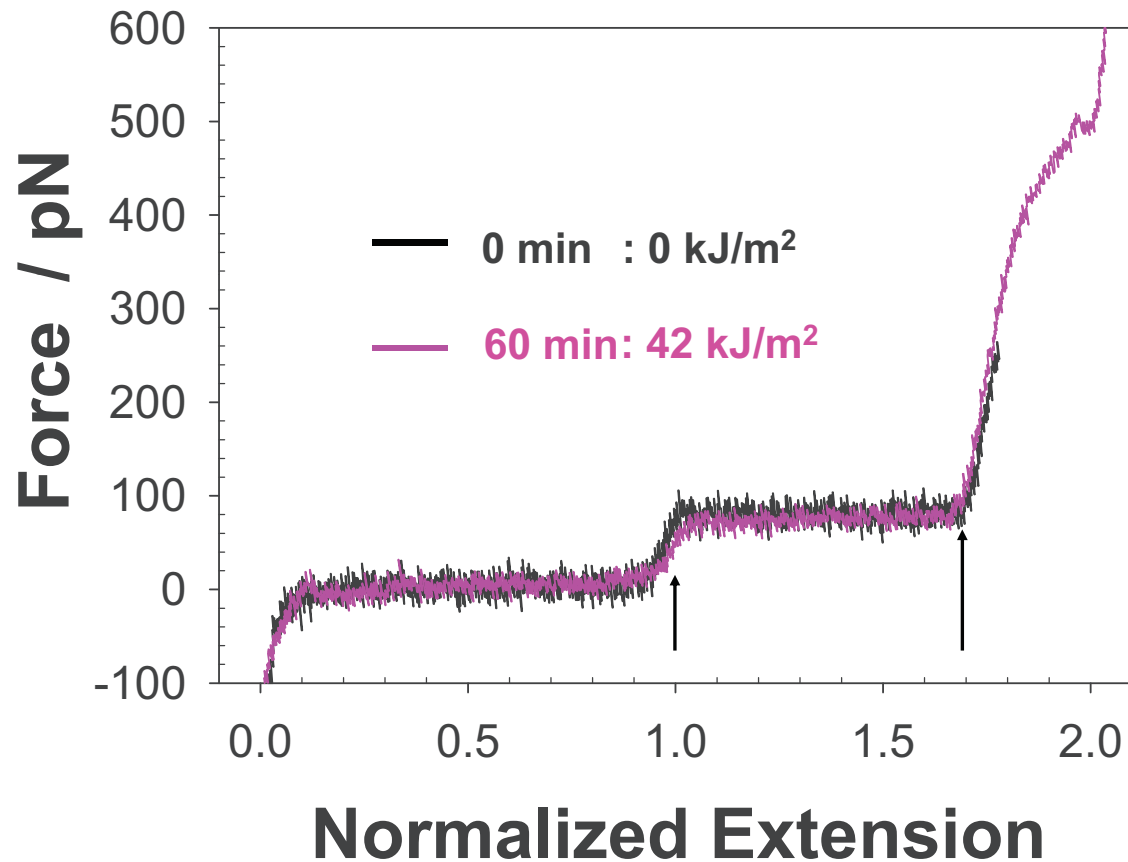


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Force-spectrograms of poly(dGdC)·poly(dGdC) irradiated by UV light at 256nm for 60 min



This observation support our hypothesis that the changes of B-S and melting transition comes from the extensive formation of CPDs and 6-4 lesions.

Pulling geometry induced errors in single molecule force spectroscopy measurements

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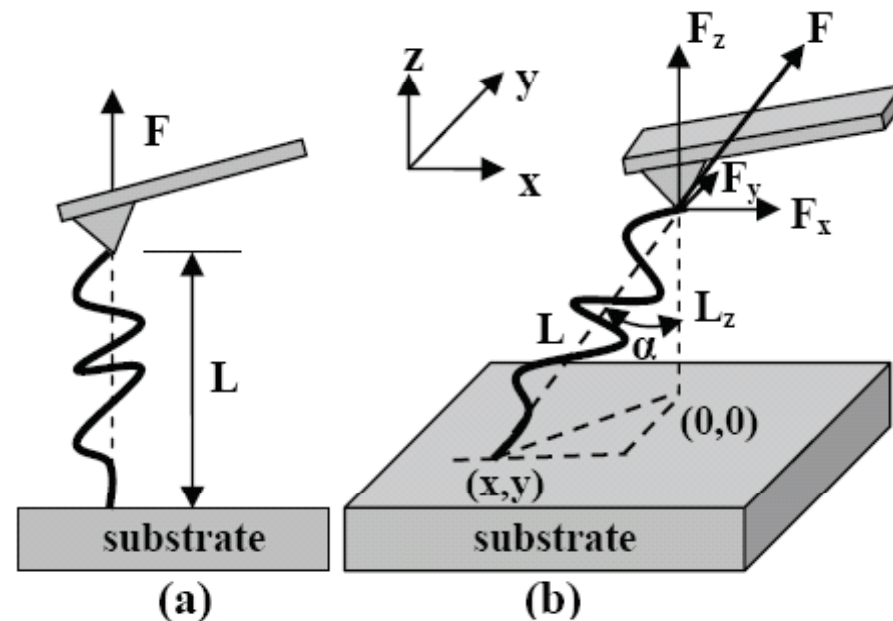
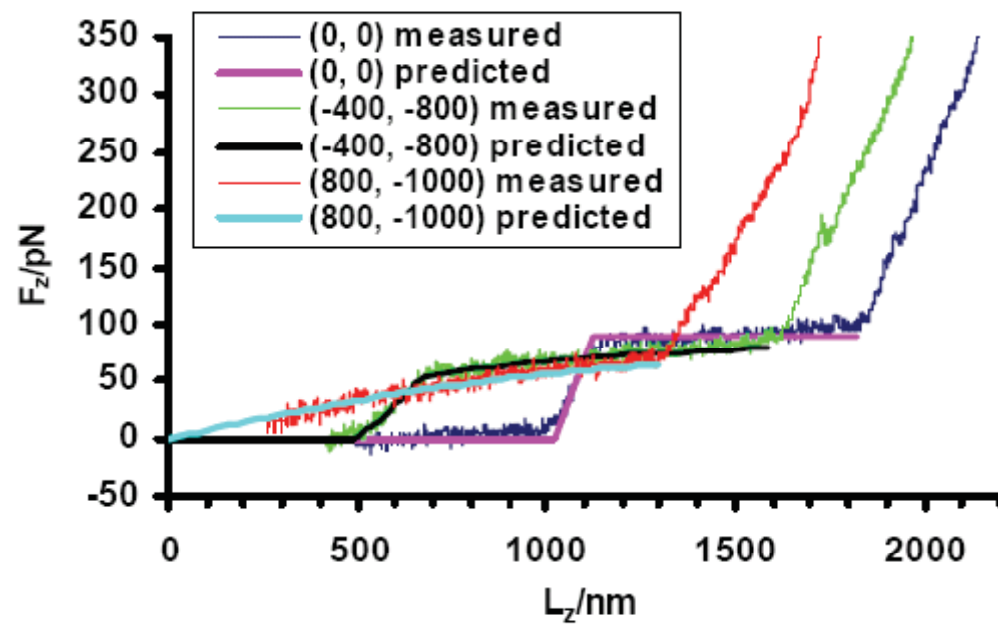
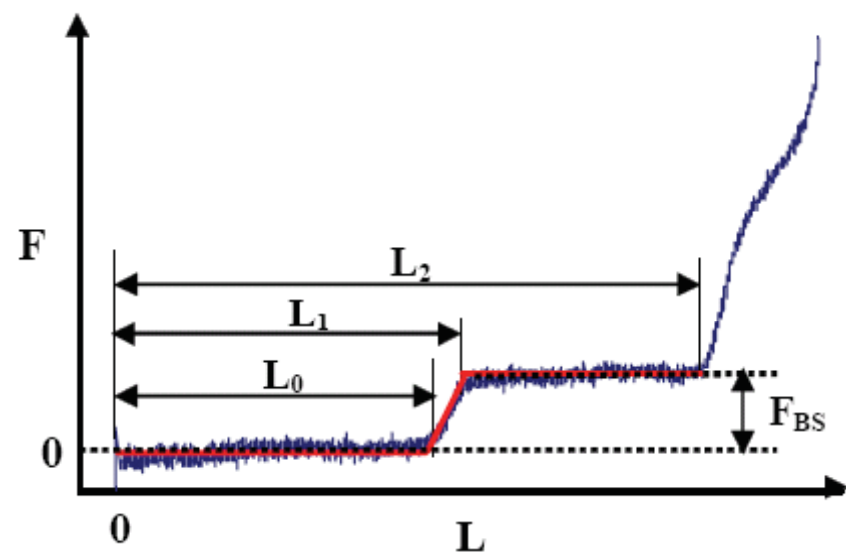
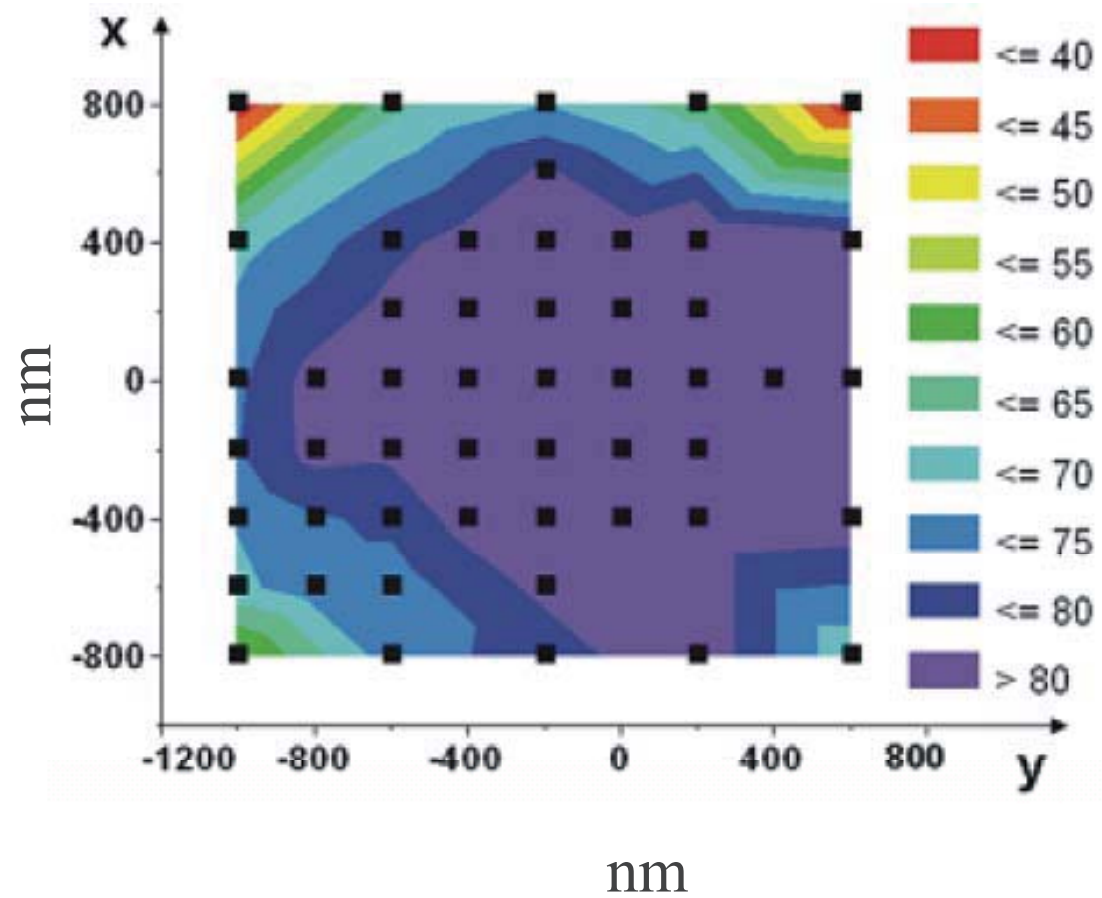


FIGURE 1 Schematic diagram of possible pulling situations in AFM-SMFS. (a) ideal situation; (b) general situation.

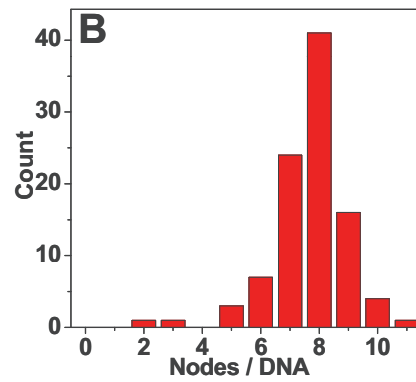
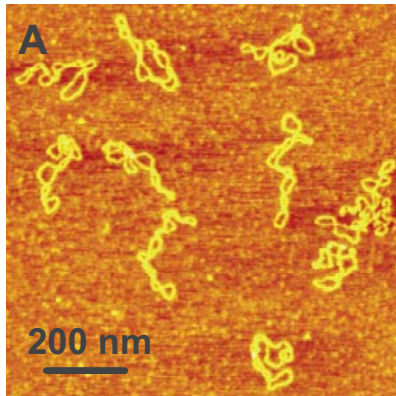




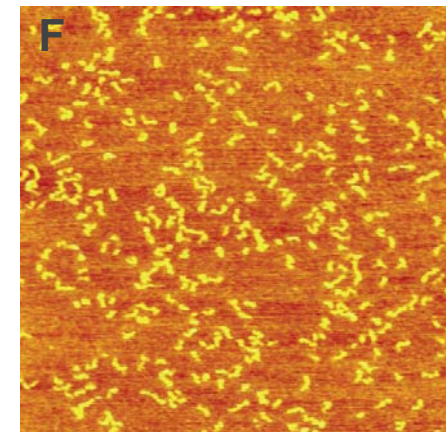
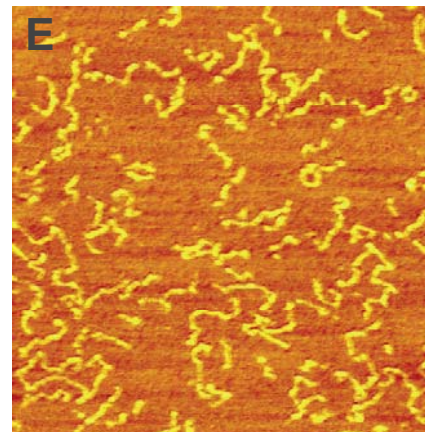
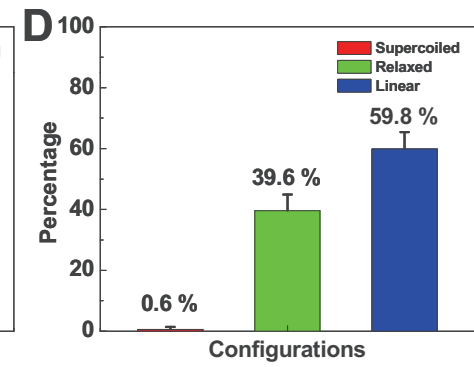
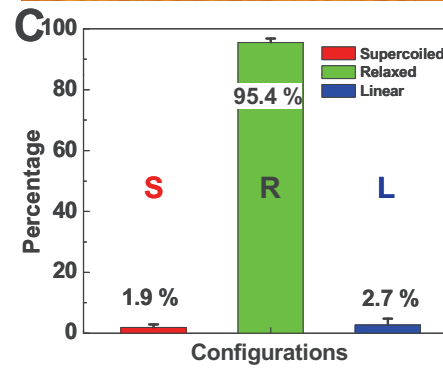
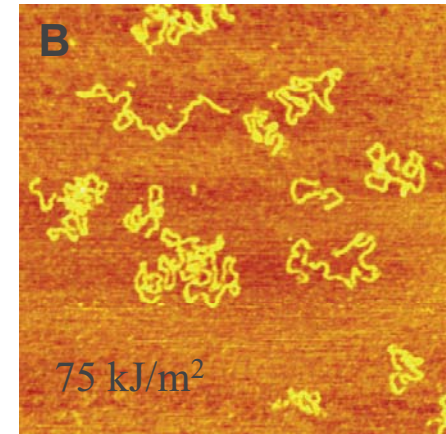
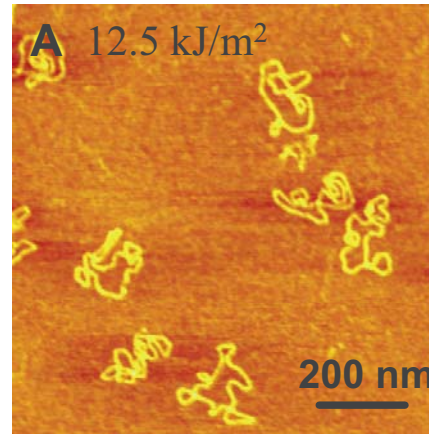
BS transition force/pN

Biophys J BioFAST, published on February 26, 2007 as doi:10.1529/biophysj.107.104901

pUC18 Damaged by UVC



Intact DNA (puc18)



150 kJ/m²

600 kJ/m²

T4 Endonuclease V

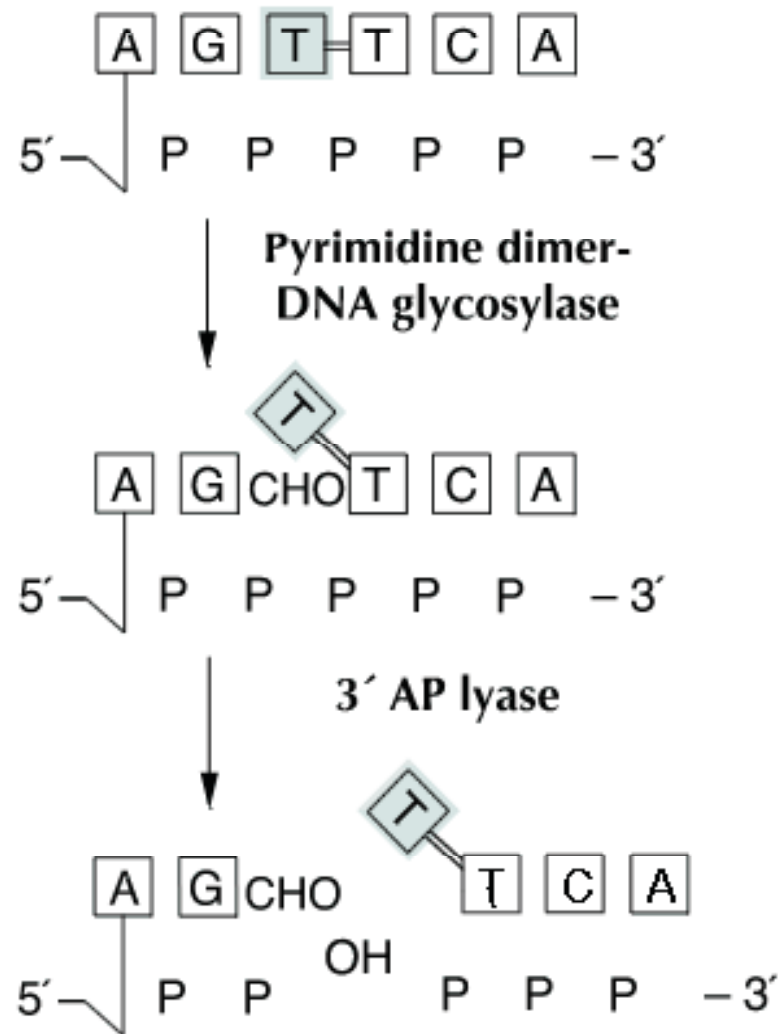
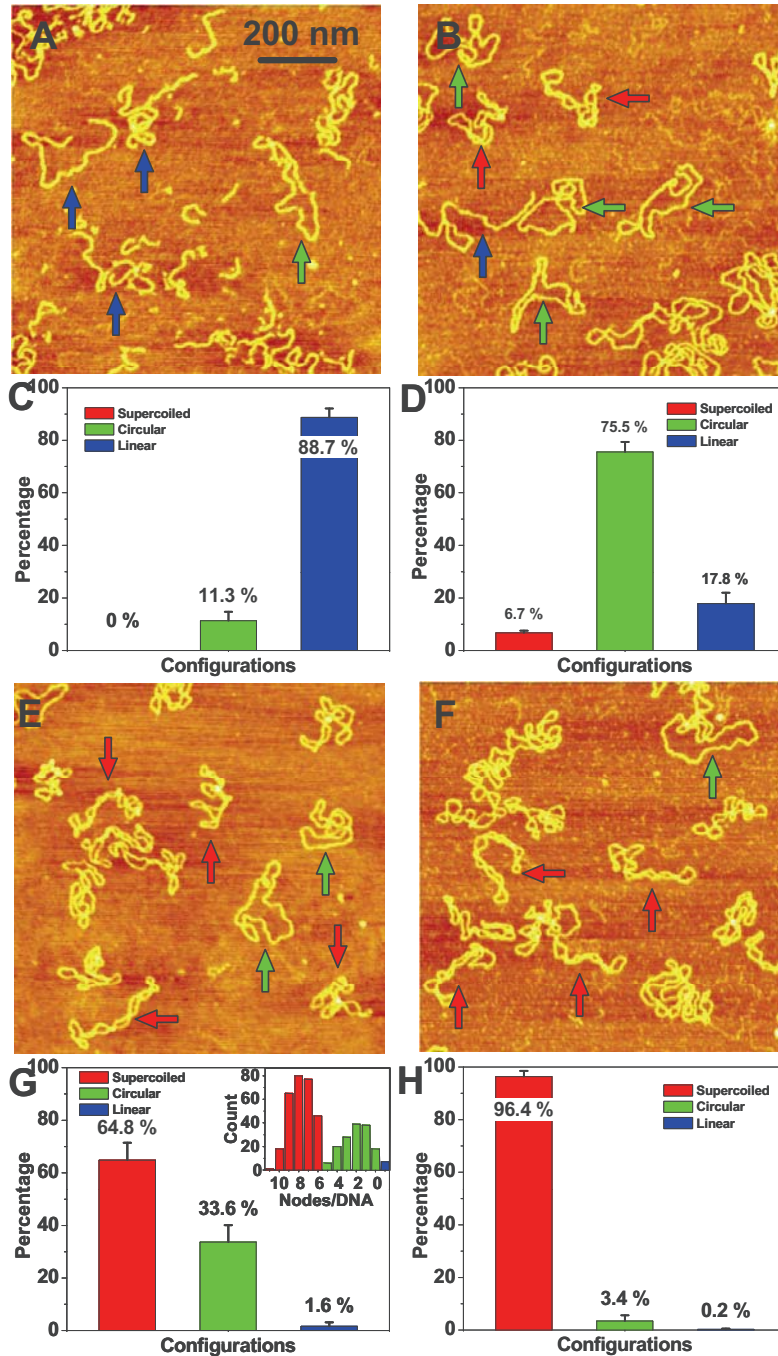


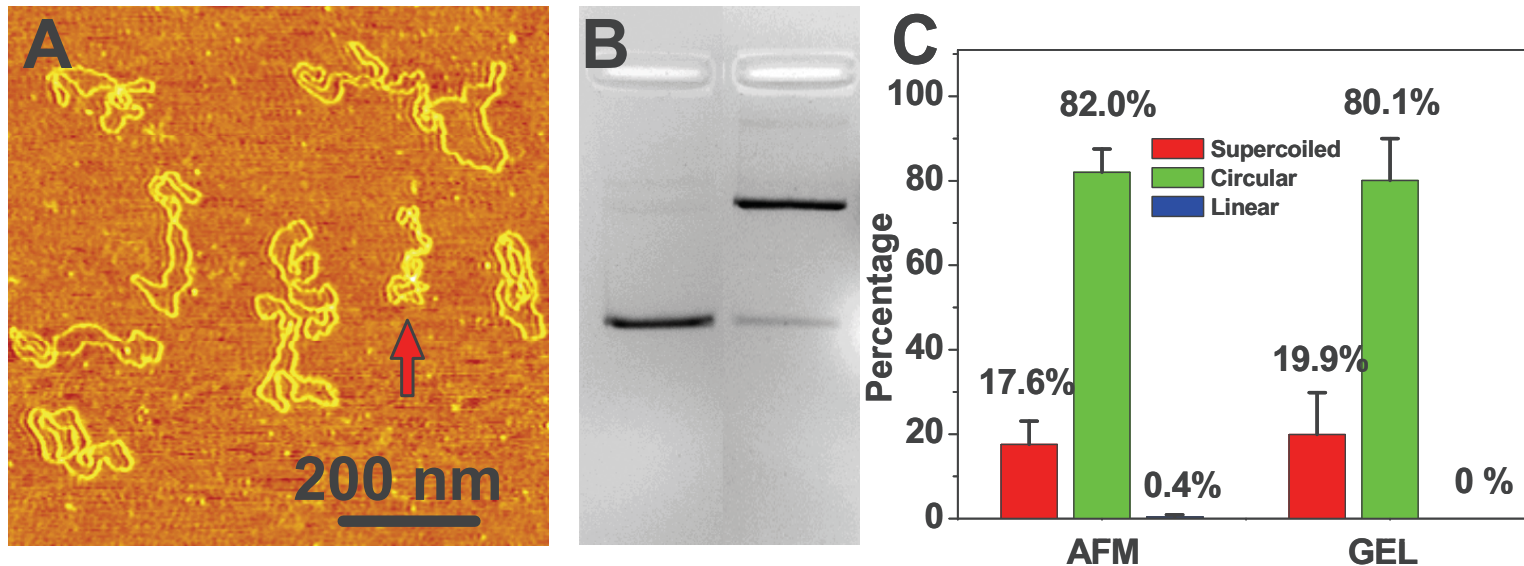
Fig. 1. Mechanism of pyrimidine dimer cleavage by T4 Endonuclease V. (Adapted with permission from Friedburg, E.C. et al. (1995) DNA Repair and Mutagenesis, ASM Press.)

pUC18+UVB+T4 EndoV



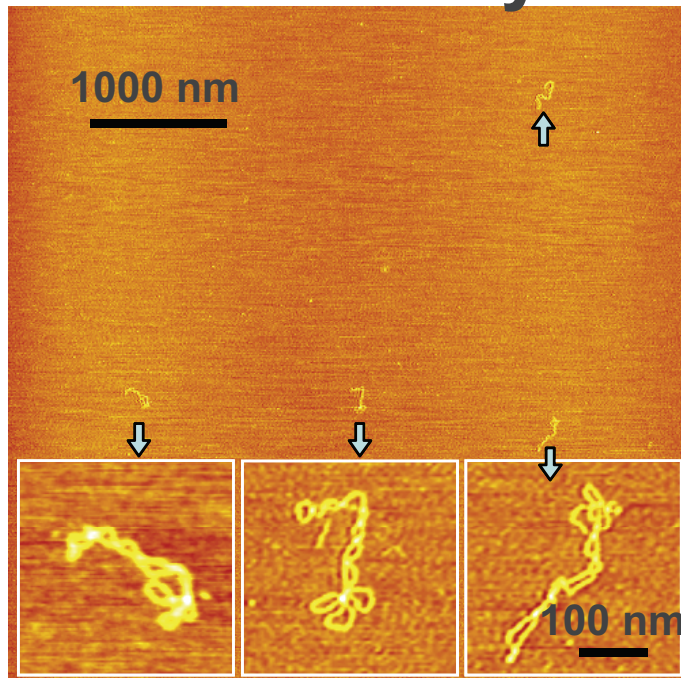
AFM images of pUC18 molecules irradiated with different doses of UVB radiation and incubated with T4 Endonuclease V. (A) 1.4 kJ/m²-irradiated pUC18 (B) 229 J/m²-irradiated pUC18 (E) 29 J/m²-irradiated pUC18 (F) intact pUC18 (control experiment).

Comparison of AFM-based methodology with gel electrophoresis



UVB:135 J/m²

Sensitivity



Detecting Ultraviolet Damage in Single DNA Molecules by Atomic Force Microscopy

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Biophysical Journal 93, 1758–1767 (2007).

TABLE 1 Comparison of DNA detection sensitivity by gel electrophoresis and by AFM

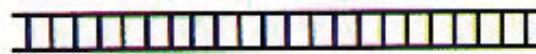
	Gel Electrophoresis	AFM
Minimum amount of DNA	~400 pg per lane (67)	~1 pg (total)
Sensitivity	~25 pg per band (67), (equivalent to 8.5×10^6 pUC18 molecules)	Single molecules

poly(dA)poly(dT)

.....A-A-A-A-A-A-A-A.....
.....T-T-T-T-T-T-T-T-T.....

Photolyase
54 kDa

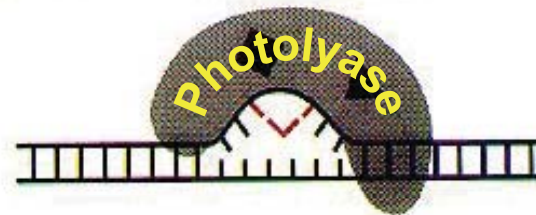
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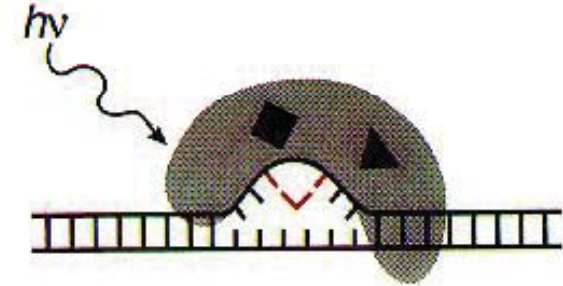
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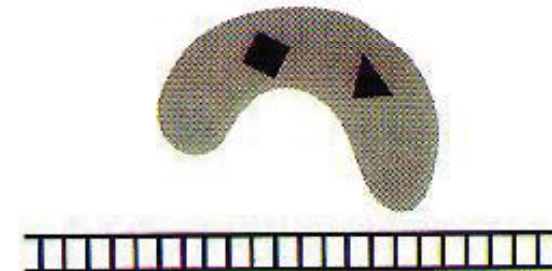
3. Complex of DNA with photoreactivating enzyme

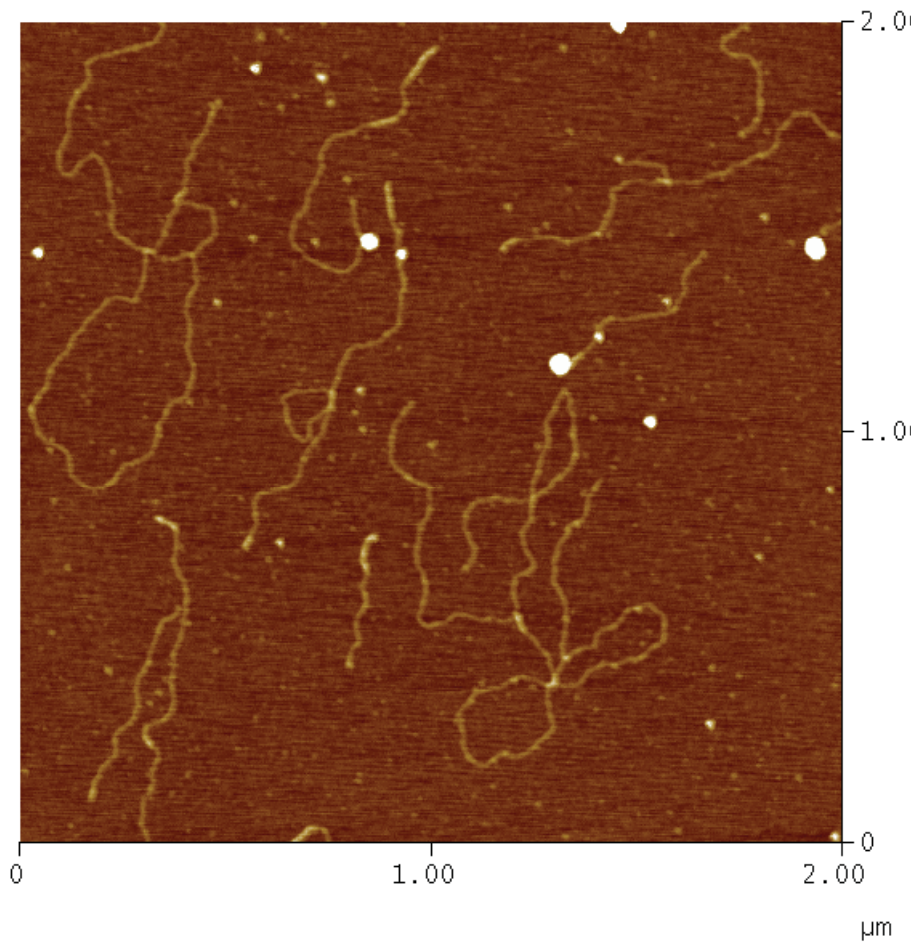


4. Absorption of light (>300nm)

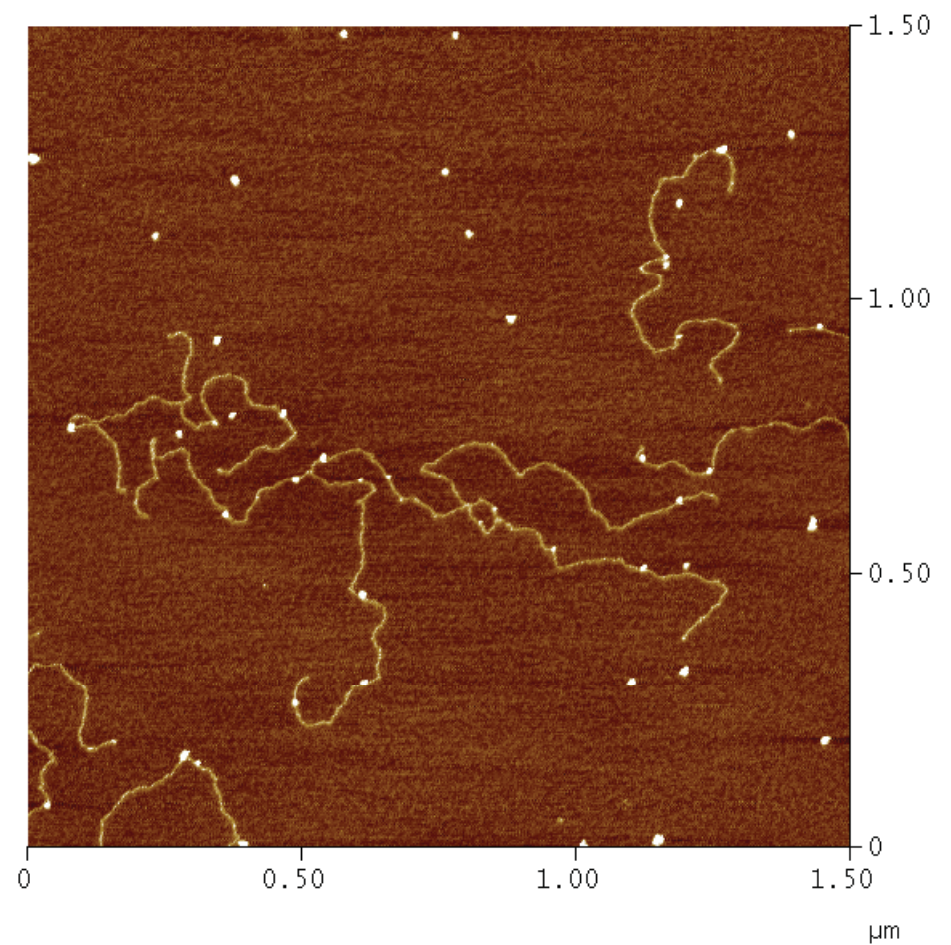


5. Release of enzyme to restore native DNA



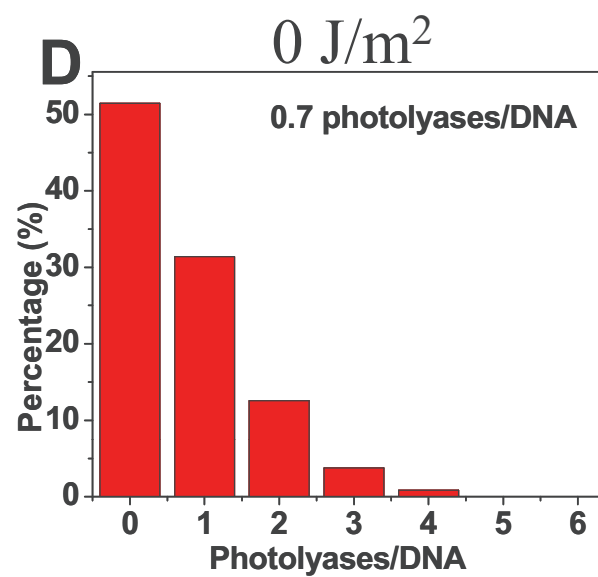
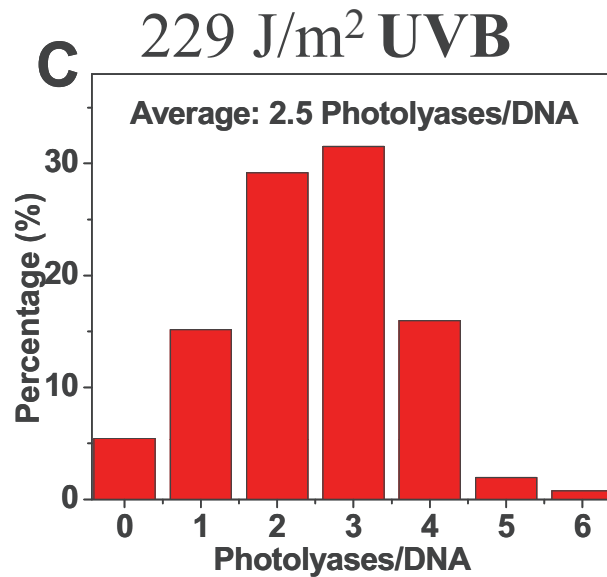
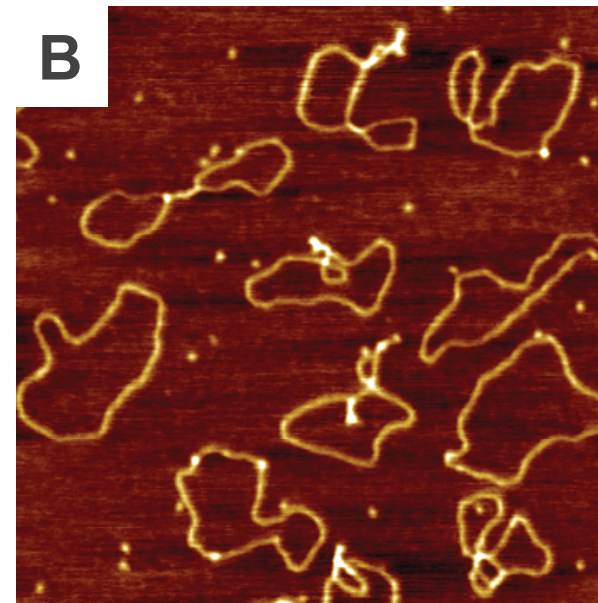
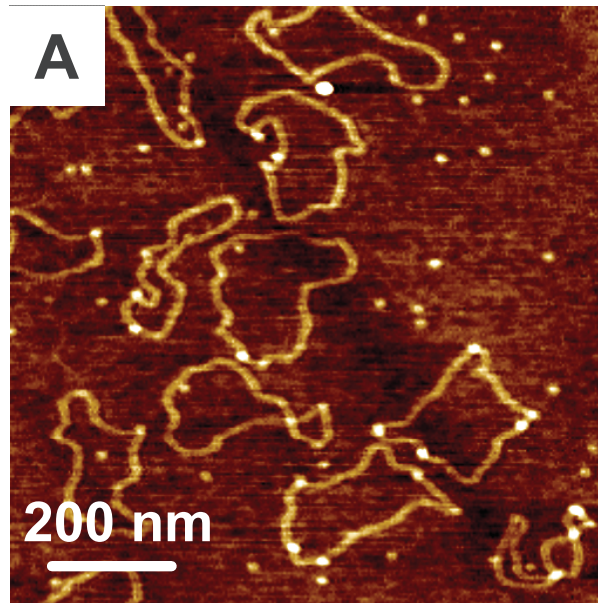


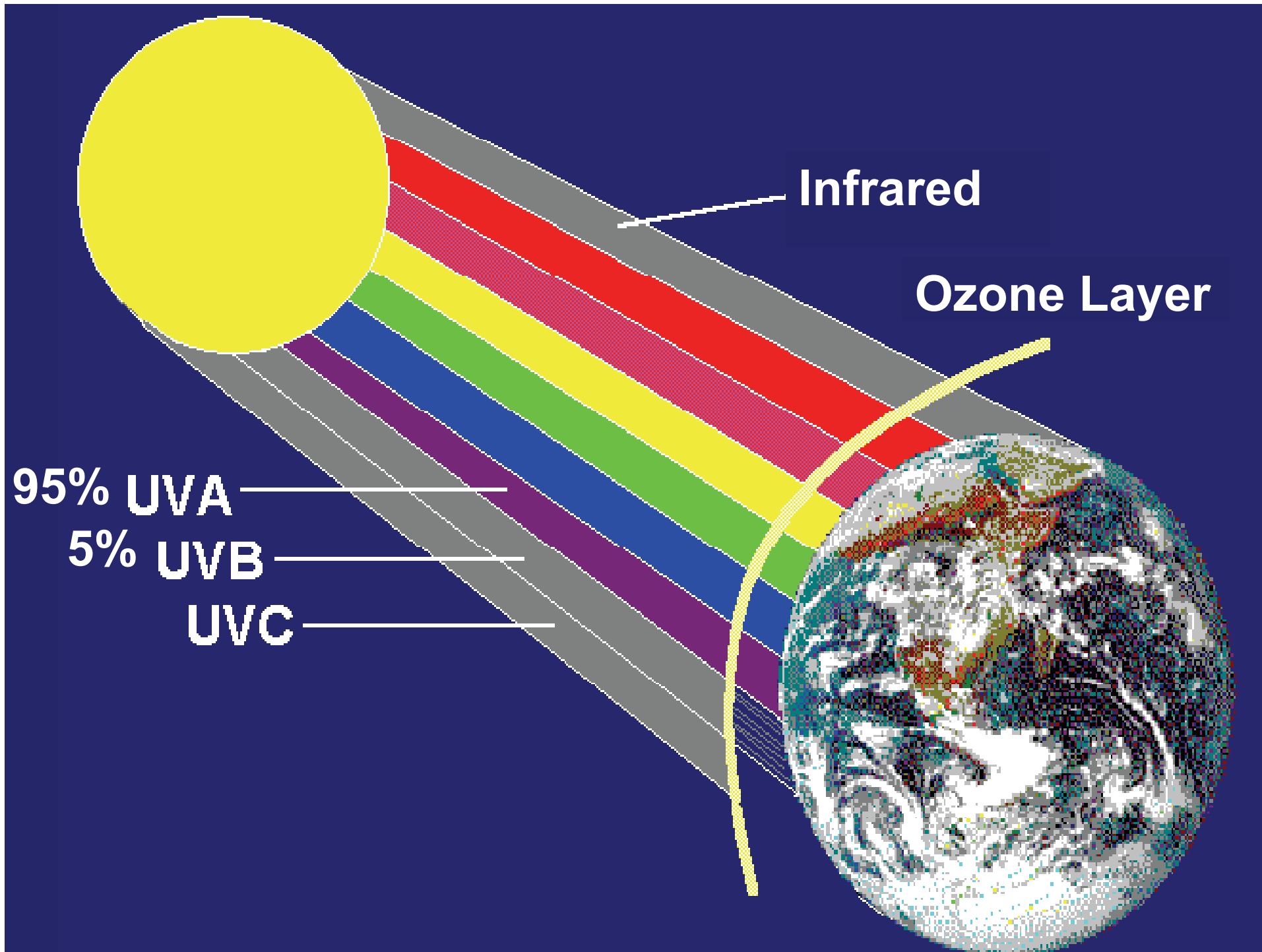
**Poly(dA)poly(dT),NO UV
with photolyase
0.6 enzyme/DNA**



**Poly(dA)poly(dT),10min UV
with photolyase
1.8 enzyme/DNA**

Photolyase binds to the CPD sites of pUC18





Recent findings

Cyclobutane pyrimidine dimers are predominant DNA lesions in most cells exposed to UVA radiation

Donors	8-oxodGuo	T<>T	Ratio T<>T/ 8-oxodGuo
F	0.0085 ± 0.0064	0.057 ± 0.007	6.7
G	0.0080 ± 0.0030	0.077 ± 0.009	9.6
H	0.0087 ± 0.0039	0.061 ± 0.004	7.0
I	0.0066 ± 0.0024	0.050 ± 0.005	7.6
J	0.0081 ± 0.0040	0.040 ± 0.003	5.0
K	0.0023 ± 0.0036	0.112 ± 0.004	48.8
Mean	0.0071 ± 0.0025	0.066 ± 0.025	9.4

The results (expressed in lesions per 10⁶ normal bases per Joules per centimeter squared) represent the slope ± SE of the linear regression for 8-oxodGuo or T<>T with respect to the applied UV dose for each donor. The mean is average ± SD.

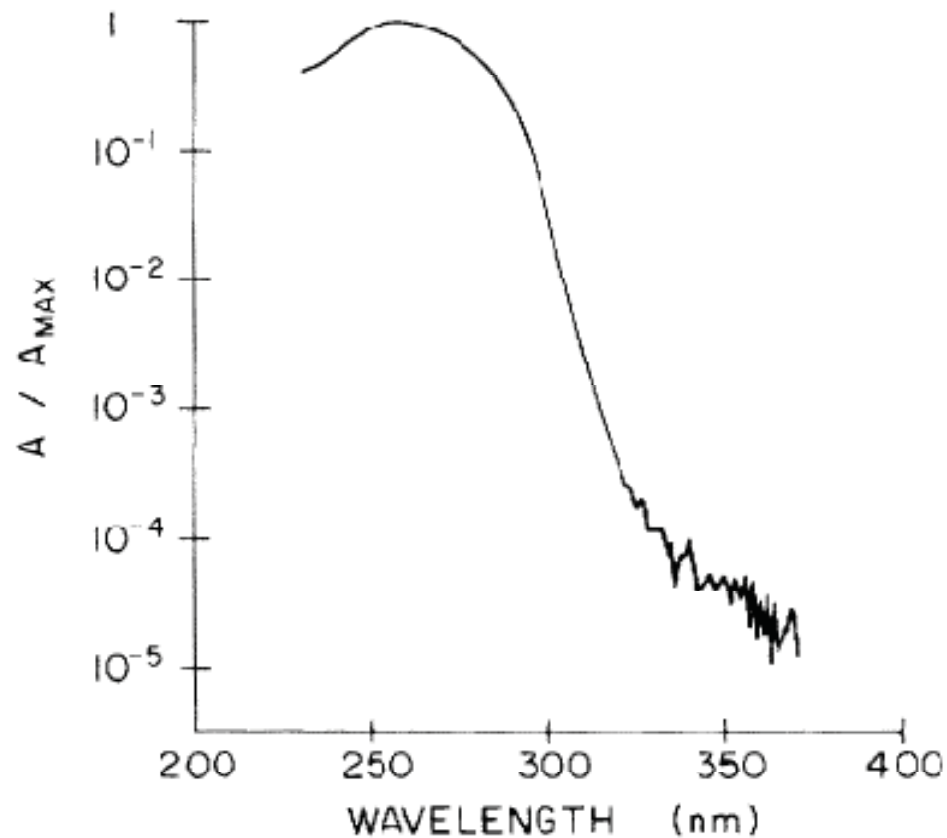
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Absorption Spectrum of DNA for Wavelengths Greater than 300 nm

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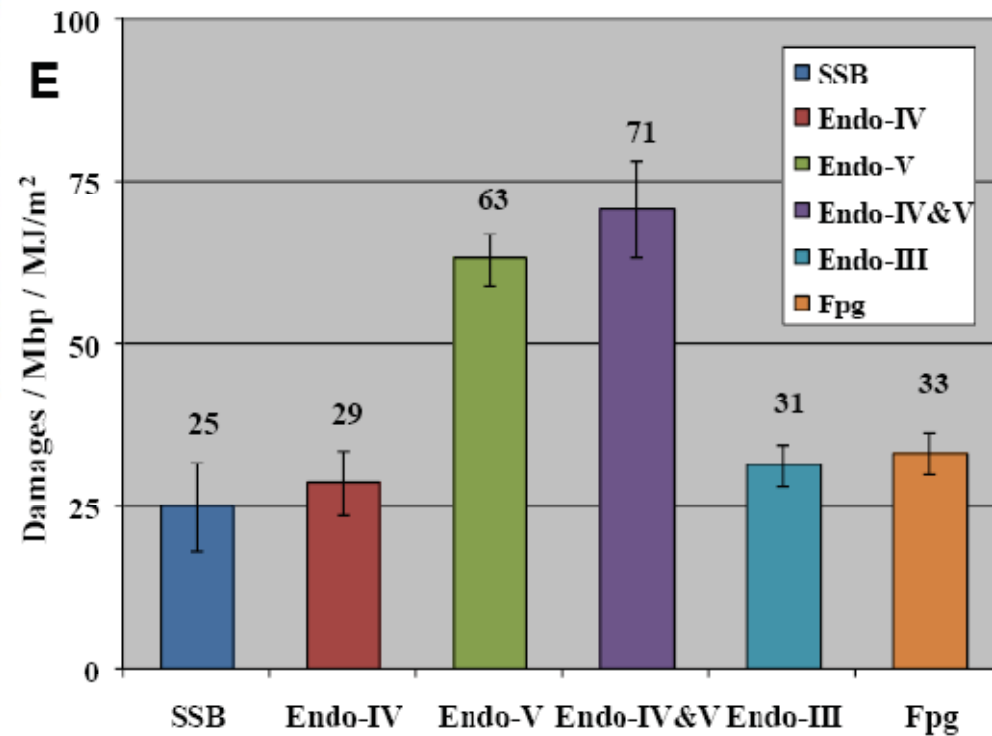
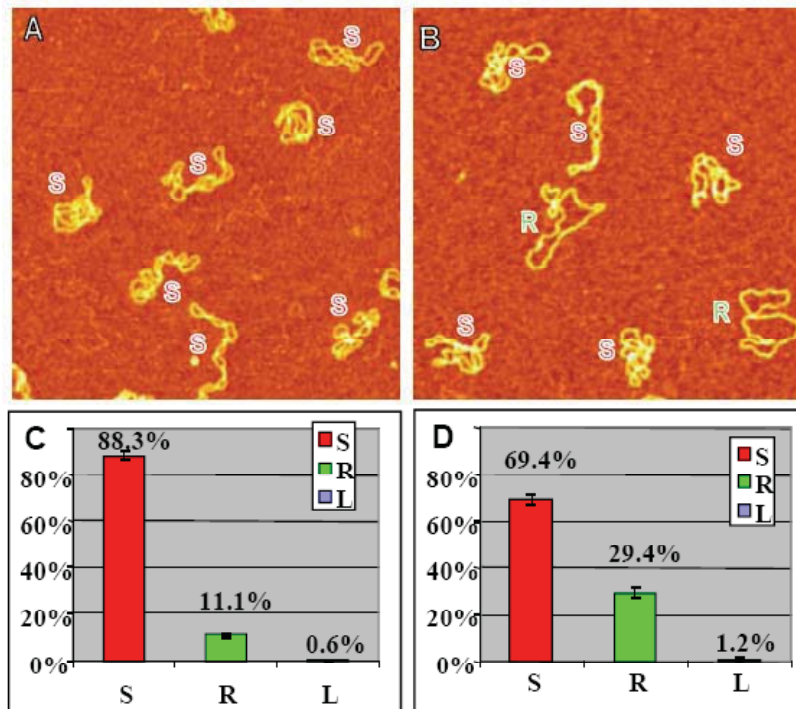
DNA ABSORPTION SPECTRUM ABOVE 300 nm



Damage-specific enzymes

Enzymes for damage detection	Supplier	Specific damages these enzymes can detect	Enzyme's activity to the damages
<i>E. coli</i> endonuclease IV	New England Biolabs	apurinic/aprimidinic site base paired with adenine	100%
		5,6-dihydrothymine	<10%
T4 endonuclease V	New England Biolabs and Epicentre	cyclobutane pyrimidine dimers	100%
		apurinic/aprimidinic sites	100%
<i>E. coli</i> endonuclease III	Trevigen	thymine glycol	100%
		apurinic/aprimidinic sites	100%
		5,6-dihydrothymine	<10%
<i>E. coli</i> Fpg	Trevigen	8 oxoguanine base paired with a cytosine or guanine	100%
		apurinic/aprimidinic site base paired with adenine	<10%
		5,6-dihydrothymine	<10%
<i>E. coli</i> Photolyase	Trevigen	cis-syn cyclobutane pyrimidine dimers	
Anti-Thymine Dimer Antibody, clone KTM53	Kamiya Biomedical Company	Thymine dimers	

DNA dialyzed in Tris-HCl, buffer and irradiated in the same solution by UVA

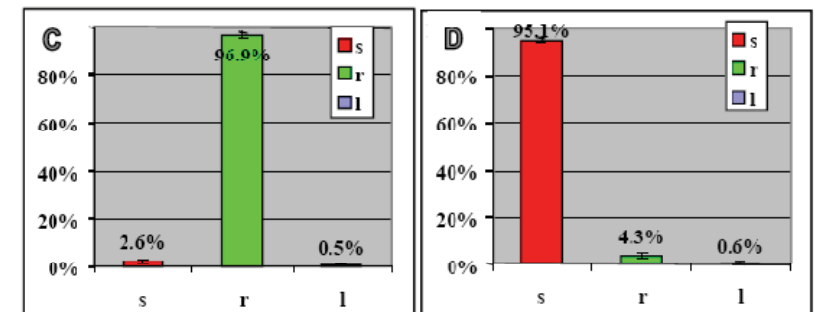
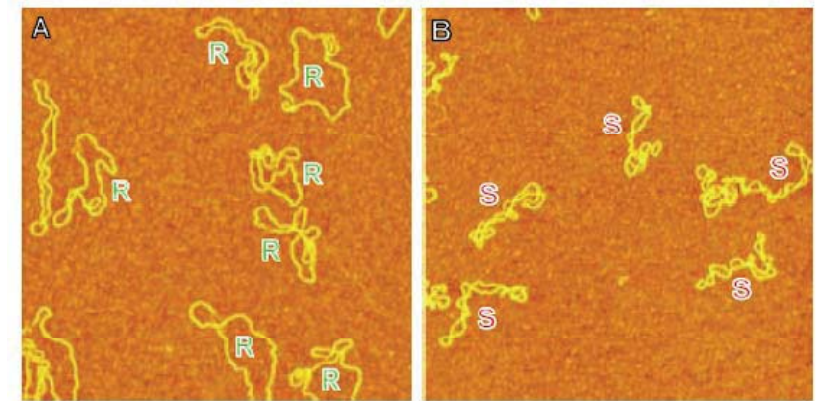
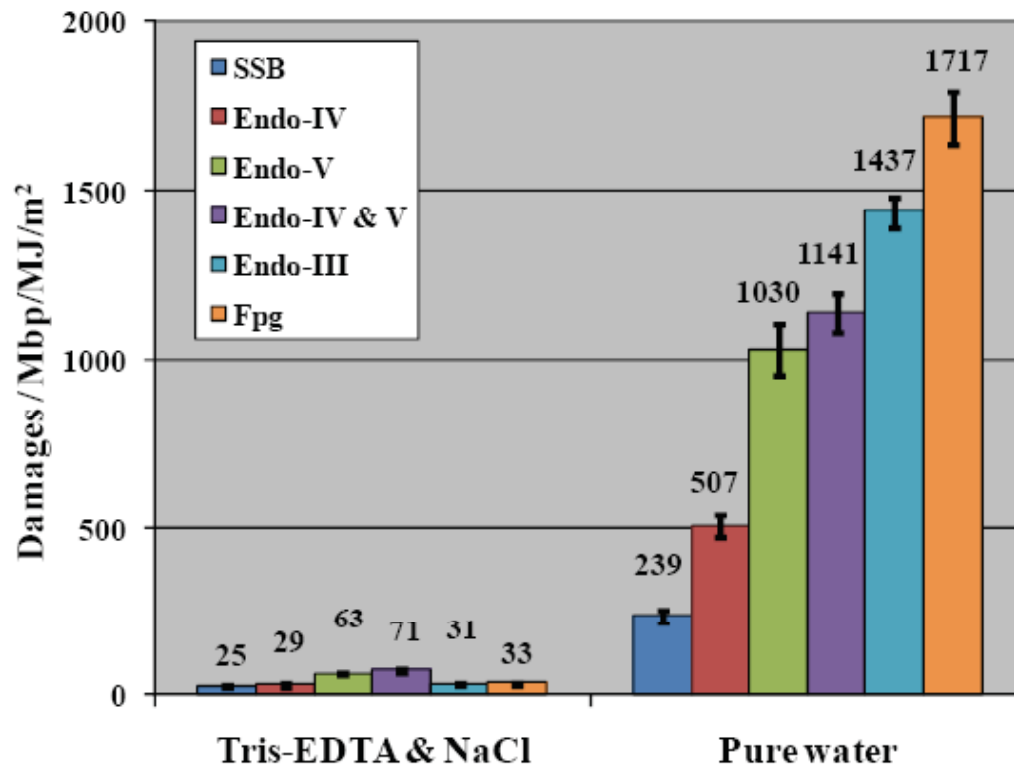


M1

Figure 1. AFM images on APS-mica (42) of different pUC18 DNAs that were subjected to 1.3 MJ/m² UVA radiation and different enzyme treatments prior to imaging. DNA was dialyzed in 10 mM Tris-HCl, 1 mM EDTA and 100 mM NaCl buffer and irradiated in the same solution by UVA. After that the sample was diluted back to the suitable buffer for different enzyme incubation: (A) no enzyme treatment as control, (B) first E. coli endonuclease IV and then T4 endonuclease V. Scan size in all the images is 1 x 1 μm². (C, D) are histograms of the occurrence of various configurations of pUC18 plasmids determined from the AFM images such as these shown in (A and B). Color code: red, supercoiled DNA (S); green, relaxed circular plasmids (R); blue, linear DNA (L). The error bars in the figures represent the standard deviation. Each histogram is based on 600-1000 DNA molecules from 30–36 AFM images. (E) Histogram summarizes the number of different damages per million base pairs per MJ/m² after UVA irradiation and specific enzyme treatments. The values shown in the histogram represent averages from 2-5 separate experiments.

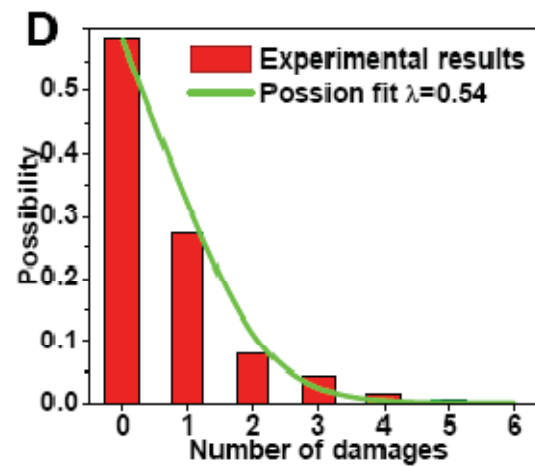
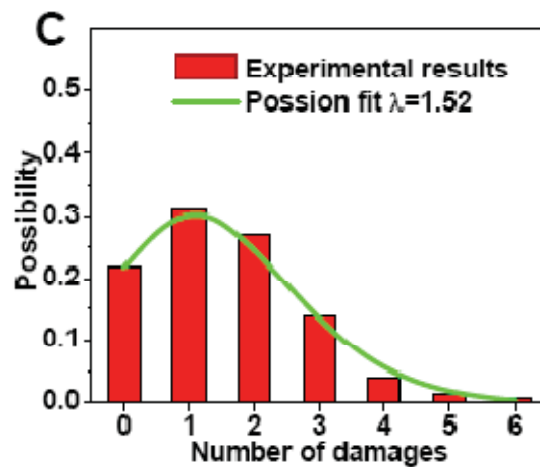
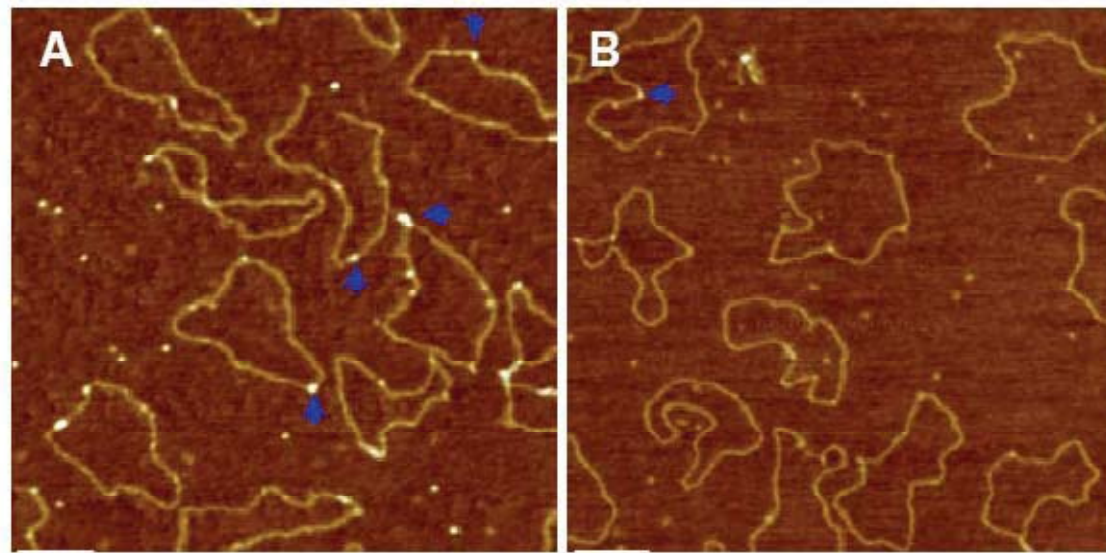
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pUC18 dialyzed against Millipore water and irradiated in pure water by UVA



In pure water Transferred back to Tris/NaCl

pUC18 irradiated in Millipore water and incubated with photolyase

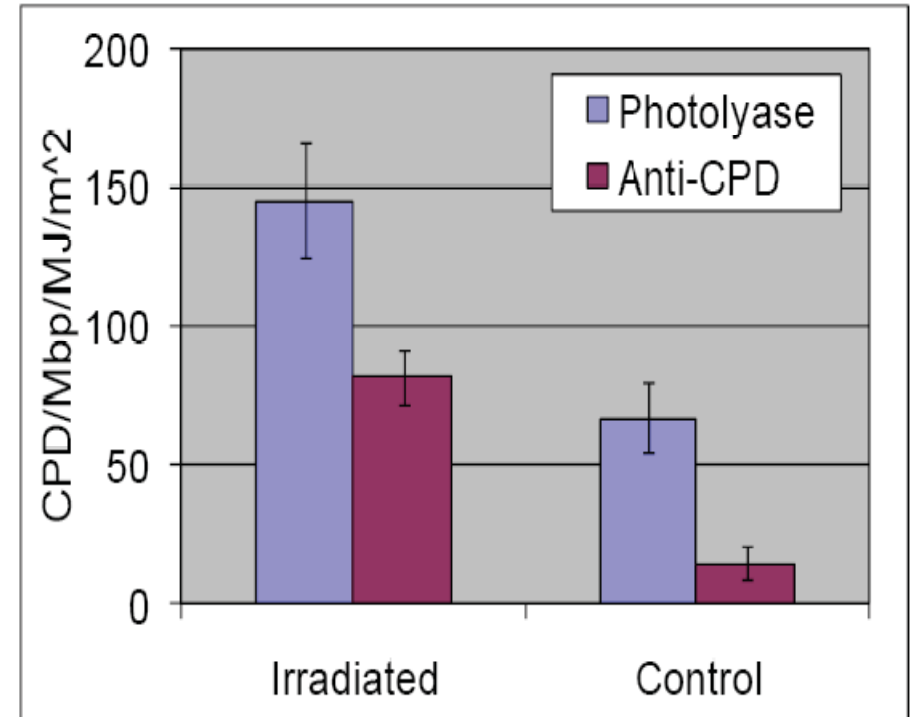
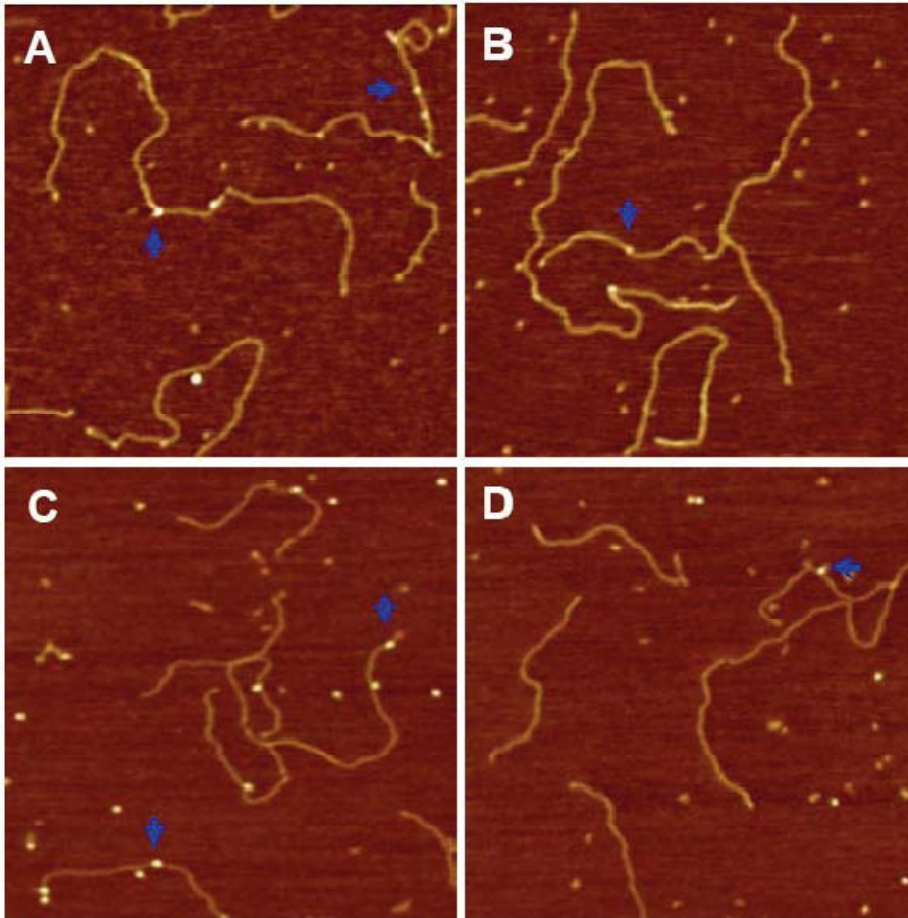


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Figure 3. AFM images show photolyases binding to the CPD sites of pUC18 (some of them marked by blue arrows) with (A) 1 MJ/m² UVA radiation and (B) no UVA radiation. Irradiation was performed on dialyzed plasmids suspended in pure water. Scan size in all the images is 1 x 1 μm². (C-D) Histograms show the distribution of photolyase on pUC18 molecules as shown in A and B. The curves show the Poisson distribution fits which give the average damage $\lambda=1.52$ /plasmid for the UVA radiated DNA and 0.54 for control DNA, respectively.

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UVA-irradiated poly(dA)Poly(dT) incubated with photolyase and with anti-CPD antibodies

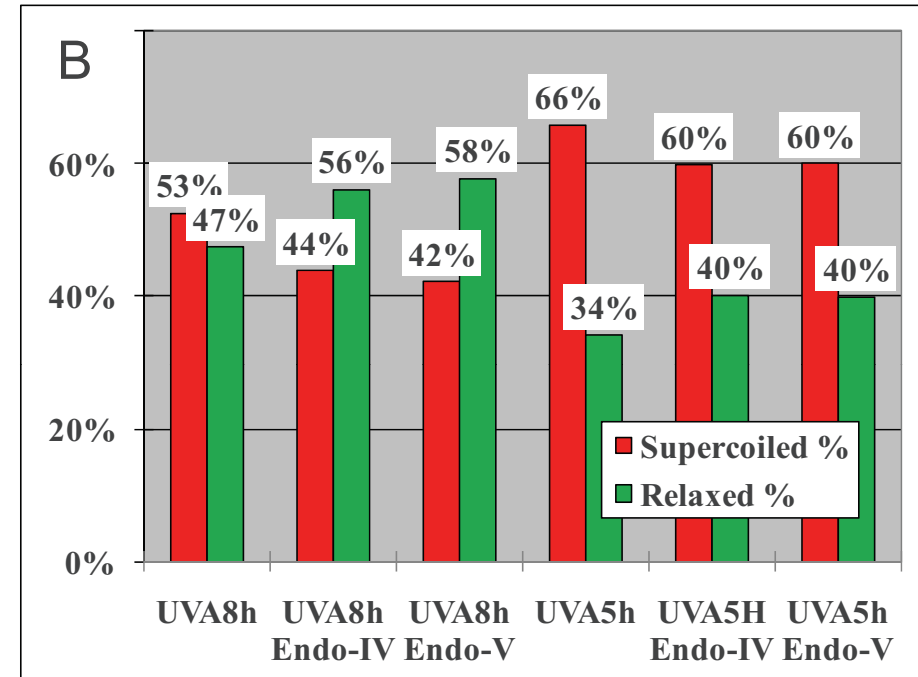
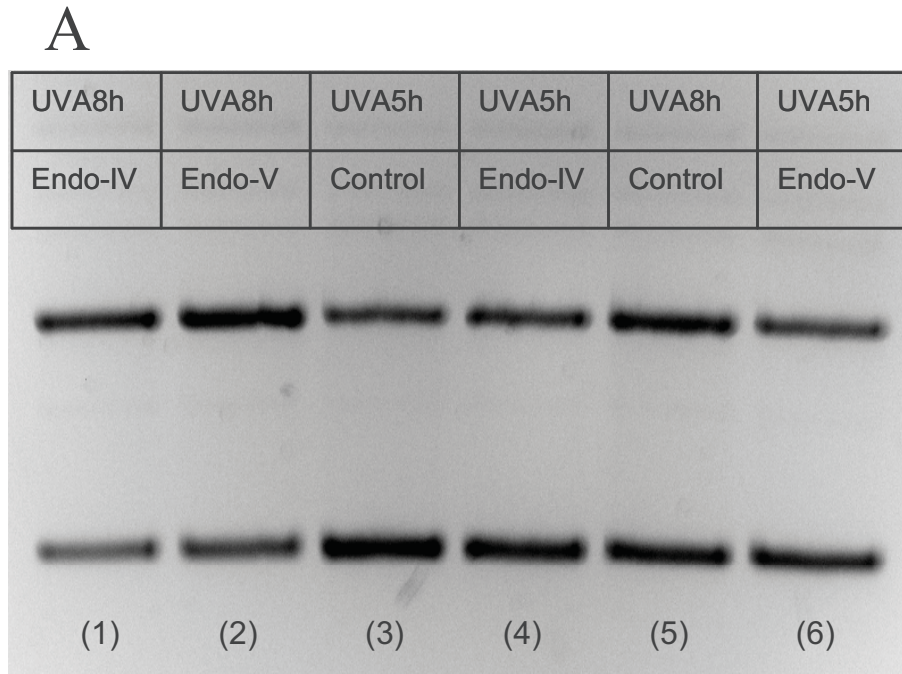


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Figure 4. (A-B) AFM images show photolyases binding to the CPD sites of poly(dA)-poly(dT) with (A) 6 MJ/m² UVA radiation, and (B) no UVA radiation. (C-D) AFM images show anti-thymine dimer antibodies binding to the CPD sites of poly(dA)-poly(dT) with (C) 6 MJ/m² UVA radiation, and (D) no UVA radiation as control. Scan size in all the images is 1 x 1 μm². Histograms compare the damages detected by photolyase and anti-thymine dimer antibody on UVA irradiated poly(dA)-poly(dT) and intact poly(dA)-poly(dT).

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Separating UV-damaged and enzyme-treated DNA by gel electrophoresis



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