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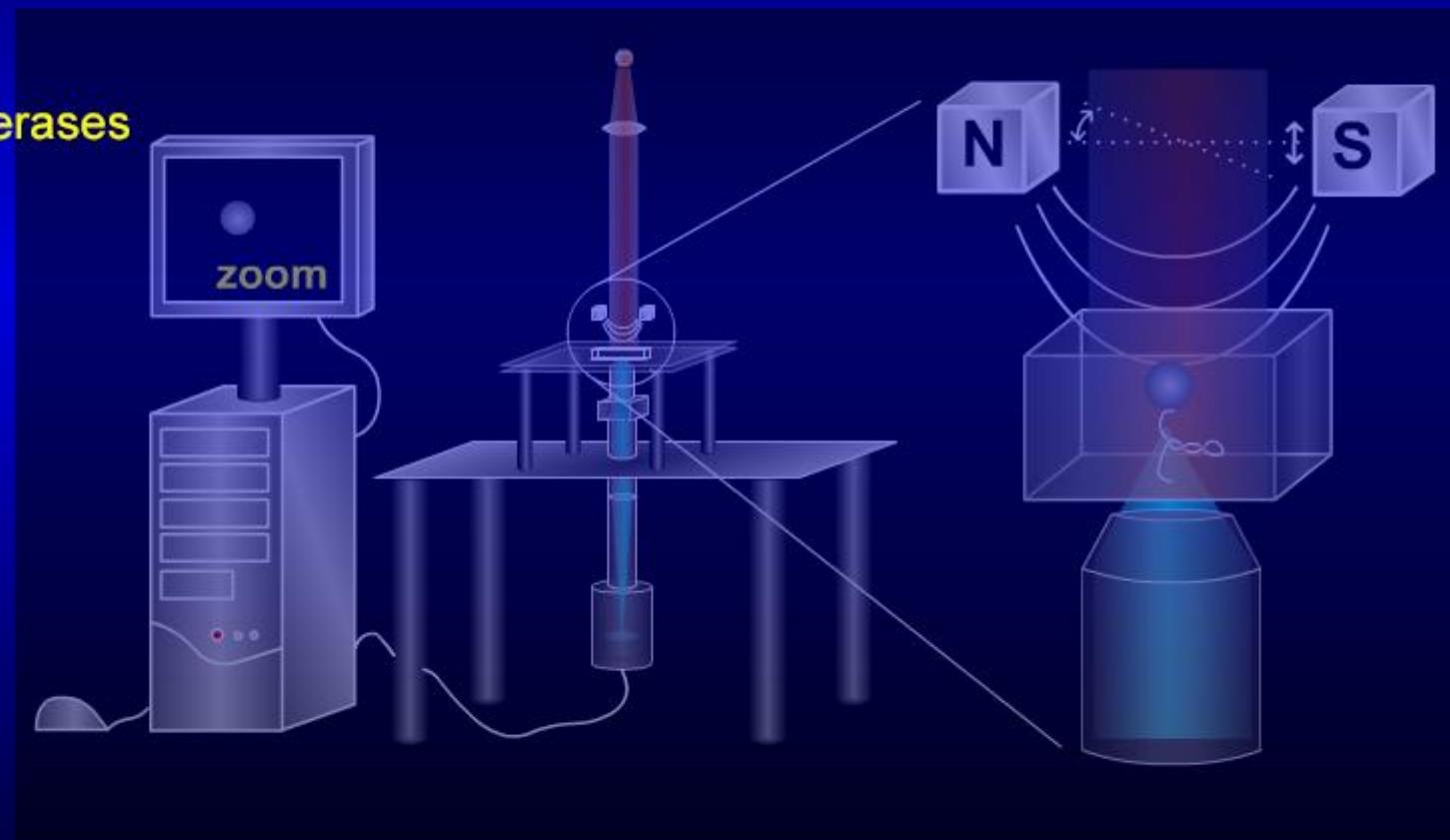
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## I Motivations:

**Forces at the molecular scale,**  
DNA entanglement,  
Myosine V steps 2 3, and rotates.  
ATP synthase, Muscle.  
Viral DNA packaging,  
DNA sequencing.

## II Single Molecule Techniques

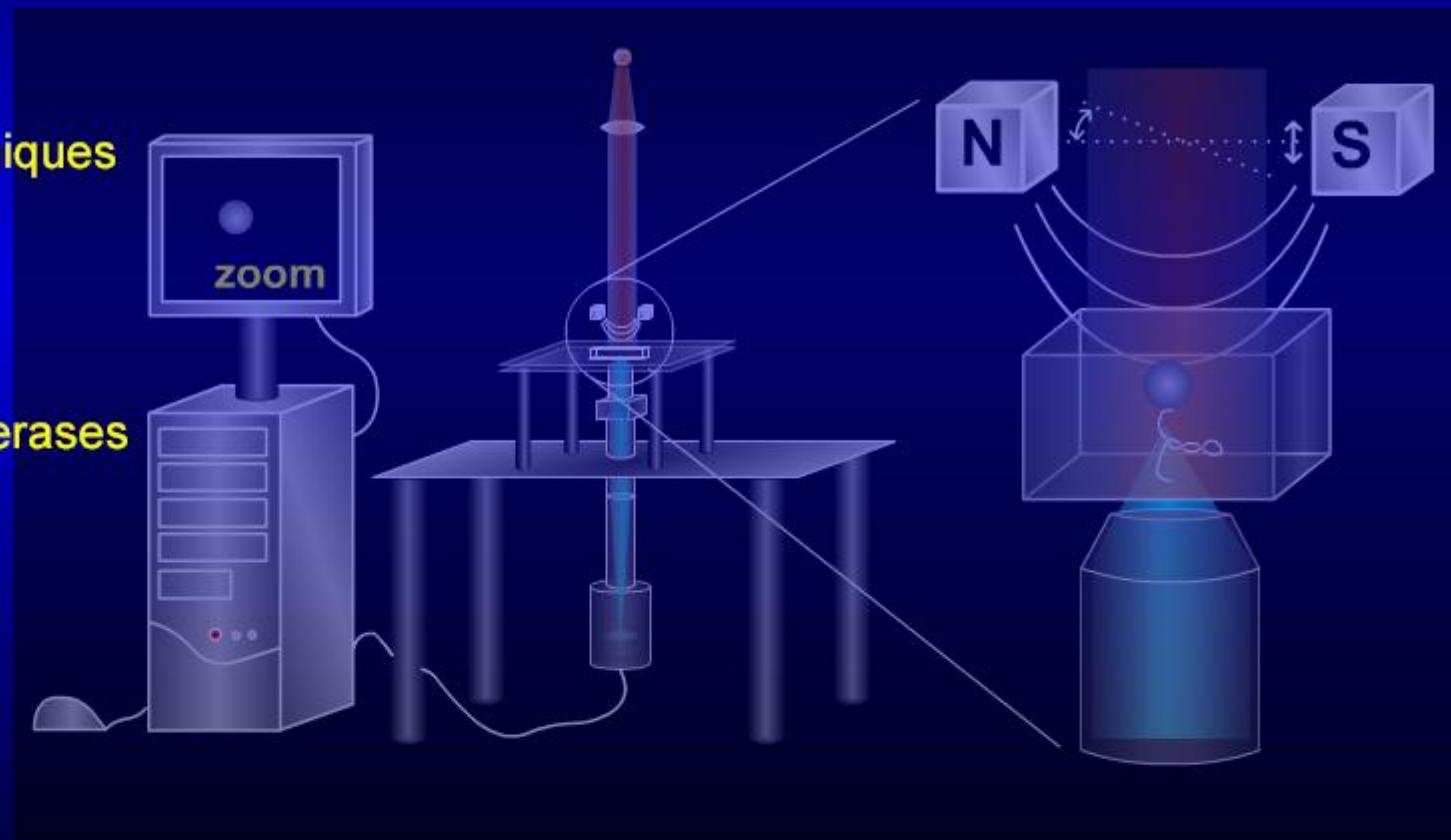
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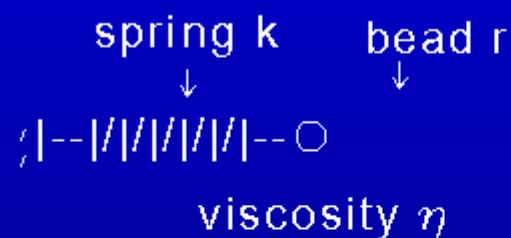
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# Force order of magnitude in pN ( $10^{-12}$ N)

- Weight of a strong man  $\rightarrow 10^{15}$  pN
- Covalent tensil strength :  $\frac{1\text{eV}}{\text{\AA}}$   $\rightarrow 10^3$  pN
- Weak bond :  $\frac{1k_B T}{1\text{nm}}$   $\rightarrow 4$  pN,  $1 k_B T = 0.6 \text{ Kcal/mole}$
- Molecular motors : 1 ATP  $\rightarrow 12 k_B T$ , step size 5 to 8 nm  $\rightarrow$  force stroke  $\rightarrow 4$  pN

## Minimum force $\rightarrow$ sensor sensitivity

- Weight of a E-coli  $\rightarrow 10^{-2}$  pN



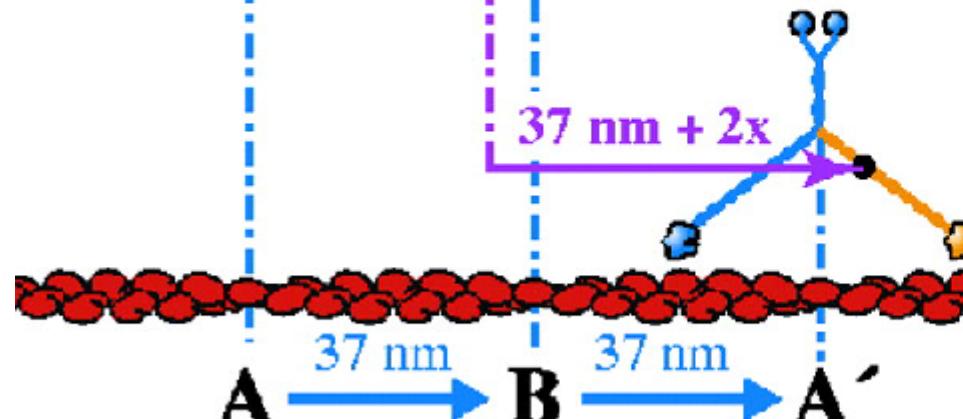
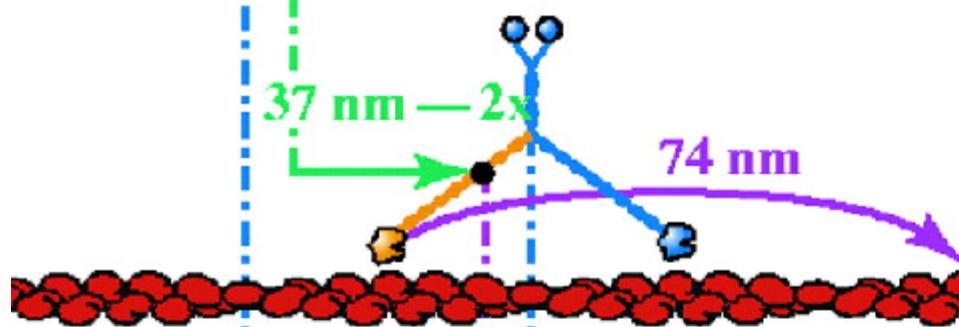
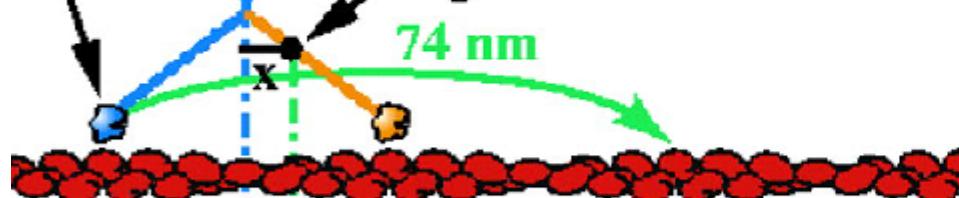
- Langevin force:  $f_n = \sqrt{4 k_B T / 6\pi\eta r \Delta F} = 0.02 \text{ pN.Hz}^{-1/2}$ ,  $r = 1 \mu\text{m}$

Noise comes from dissipation :  $\eta$  and  $r$  (not  $k$ )  $\rightarrow$  small detector

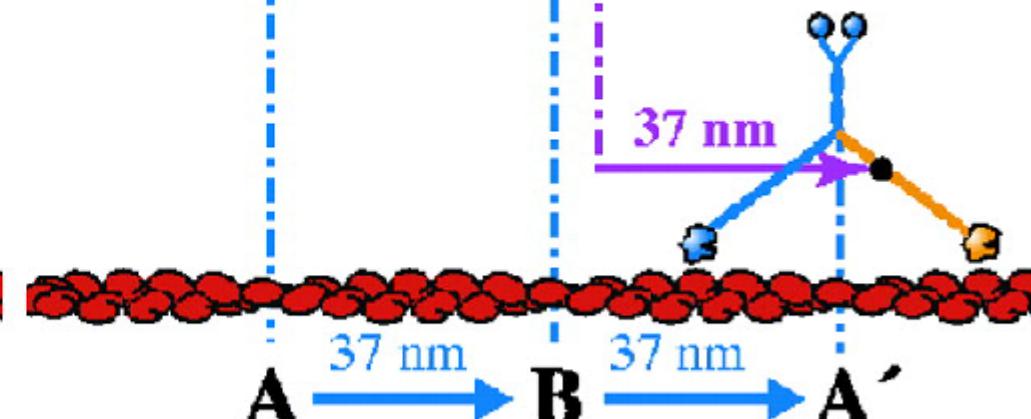
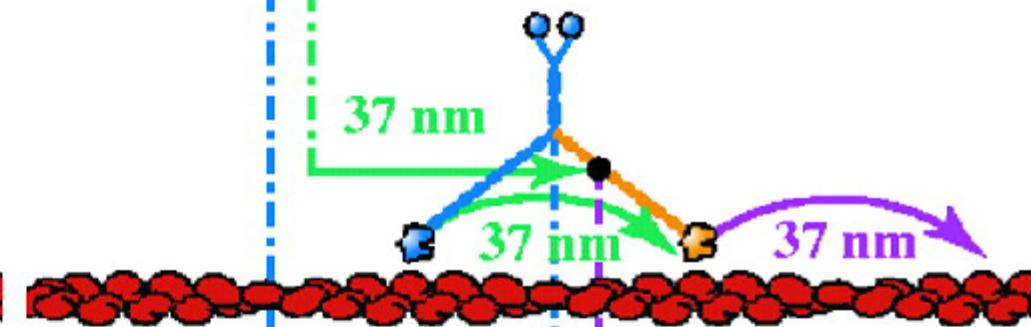
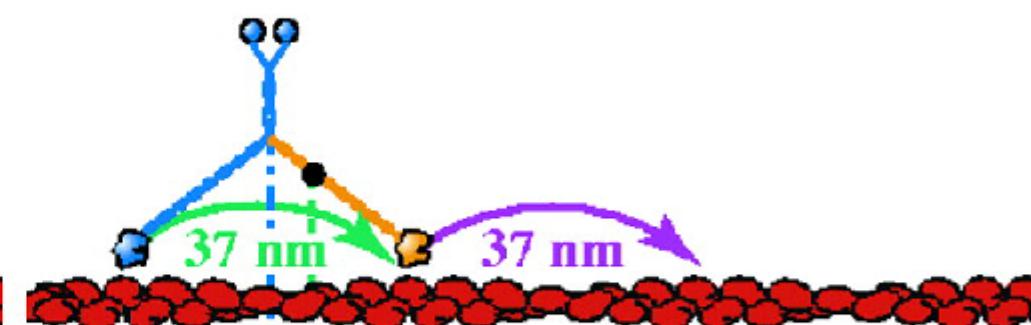
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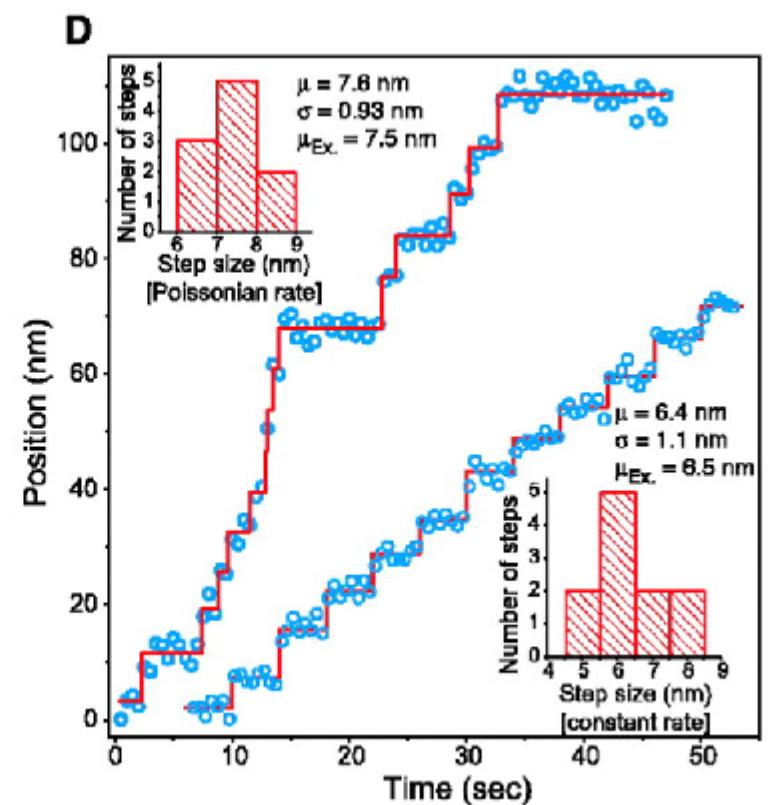
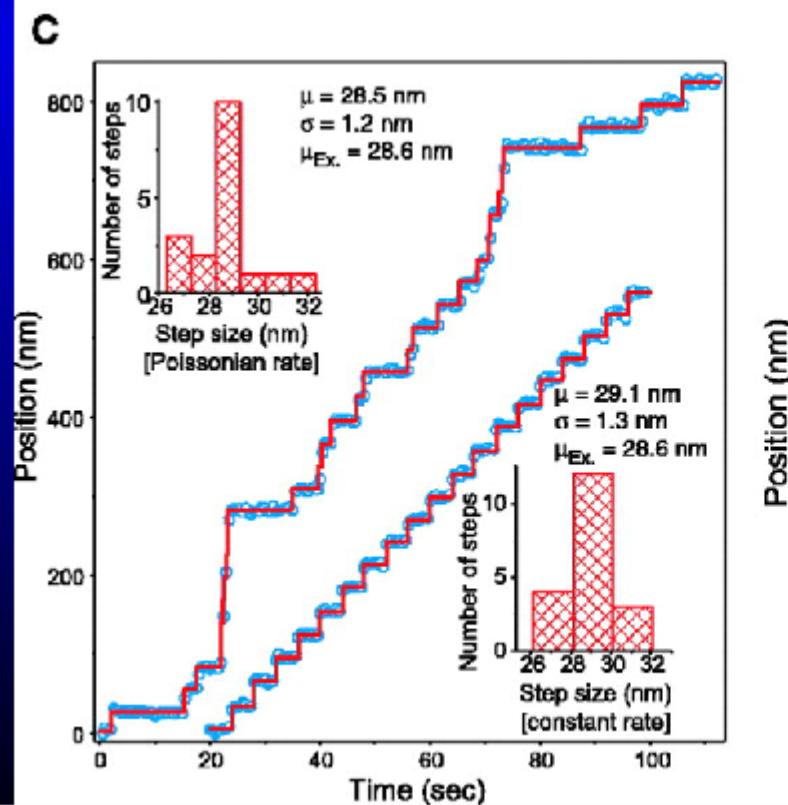
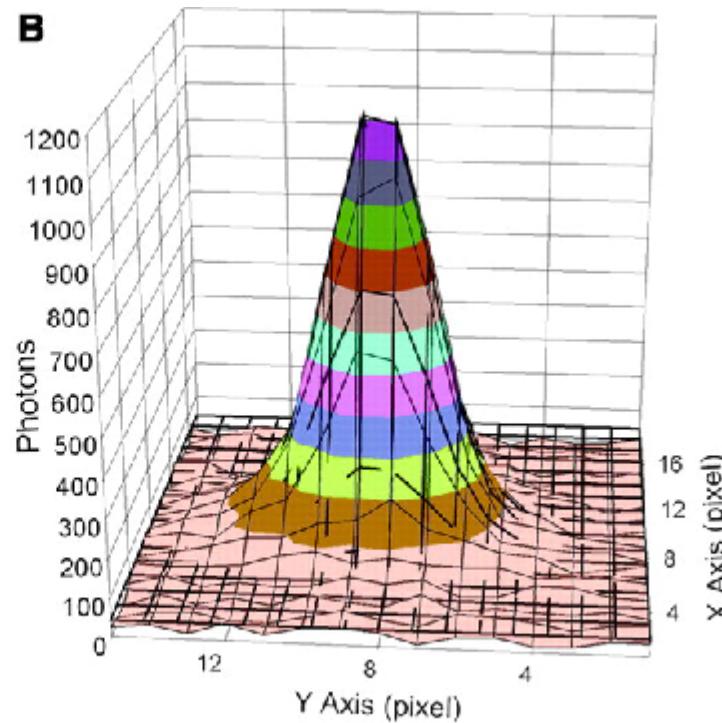
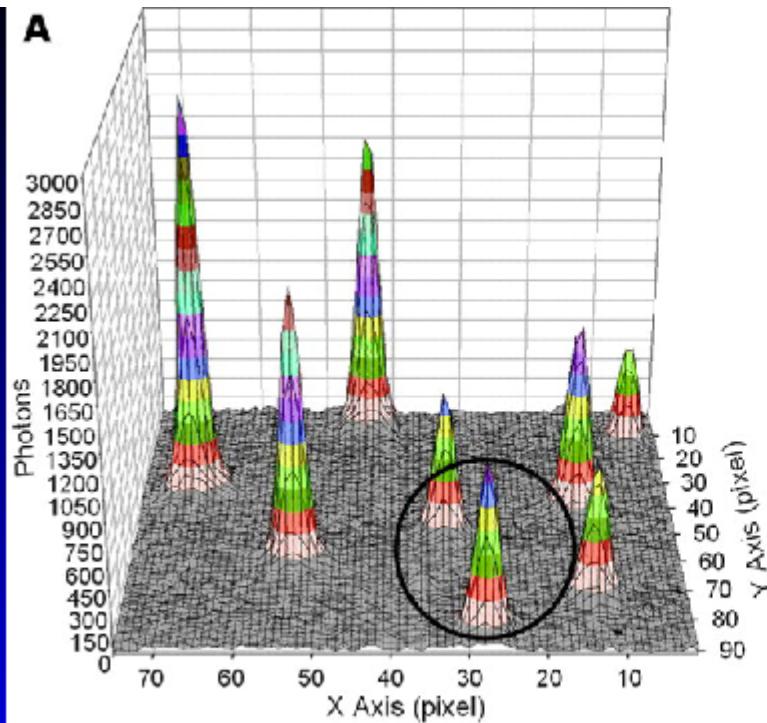
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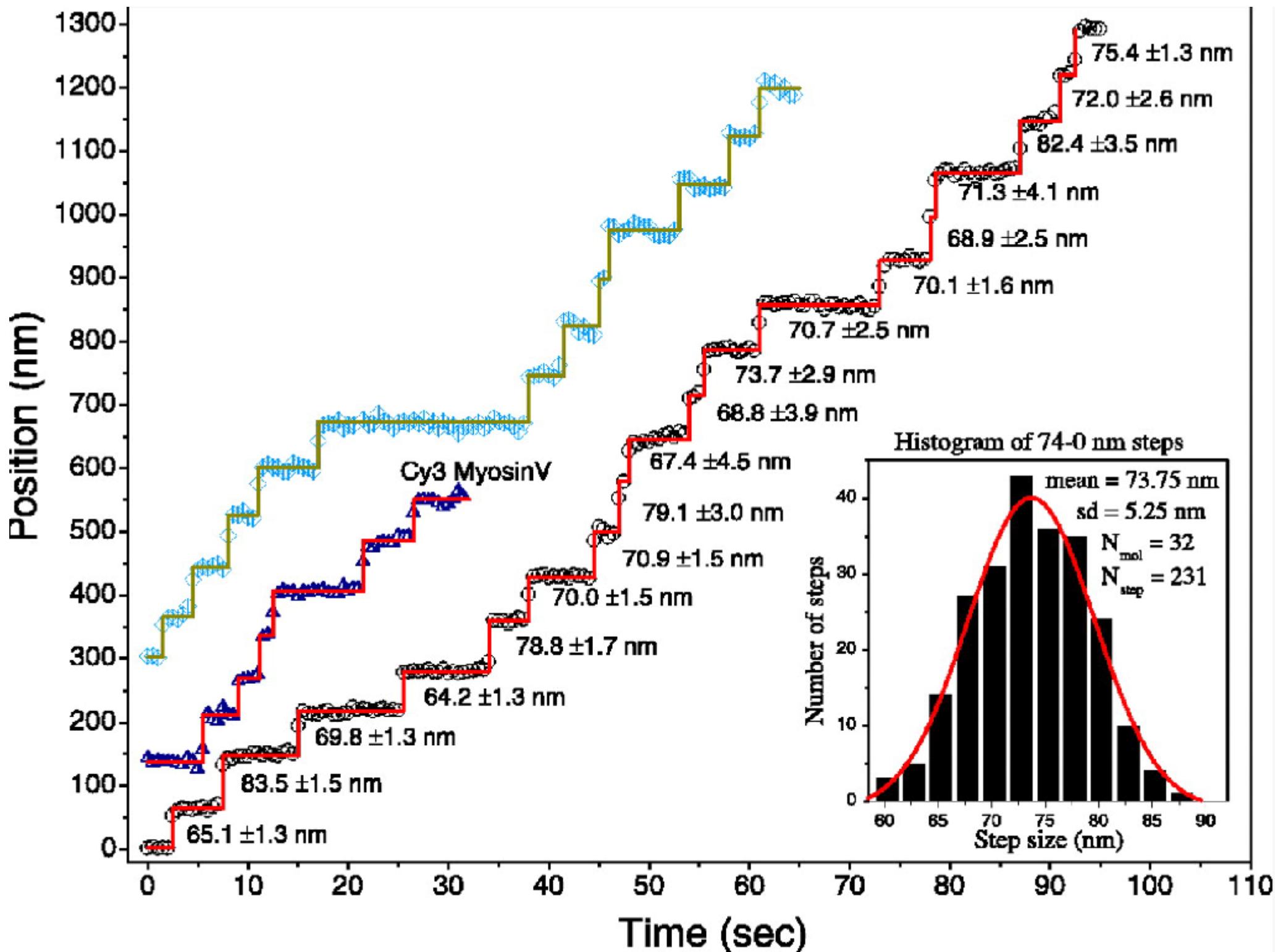
Catalytic domain  
Light chain domain



## Inchworm







# Single-Molecule, Motion-Based DNA Sequencing Using RNA Polymerase

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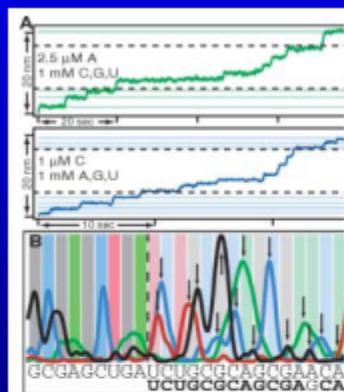
**T**raditional, dideoxy-based (Sanger) sequencing of DNA is remarkably reliable and robust. However, the quest for more rapid, economical ways to sequence genomes has driven interest in alternative approaches (1, 2). Methods capable of sequencing single DNA molecules represent the logical endpoint of miniaturization, leading to the maximum extraction of information from a minimum of material.

concentration, RNAP will be induced to pause at every DNA position that requires the addition of the limiting nucleotide.

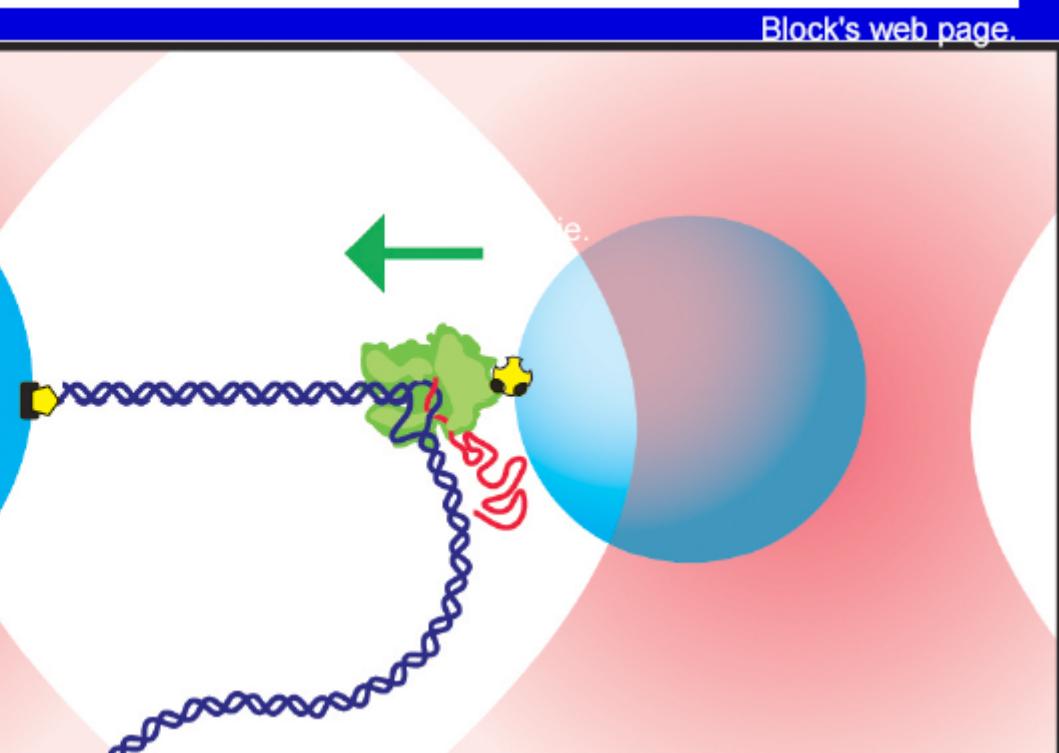
To sequence DNA, we repeated the single-molecule assay four times (on four copies of the target DNA sequence) with each NTP species held rate-limiting in turn, and we inferred the template sequence directly from the ordered sequence of pauses in the set of four transcrip-

peaks, the tallest peaks were associated with the nearest unassigned windows. Last, any remaining windows were assigned to the base with the highest histogram value found at the center of the window. With this scheme, we correctly identified 30 out of 32 bases in a target region on the basis of less than 3 min of net observation time for exactly four molecules (Fig. 1). Greatly improved accuracy can be obtained by combining statistics from multiple single-molecule records and by using more a sophisticated base-calling algorithm, e.g., one based on peak deconvolution.

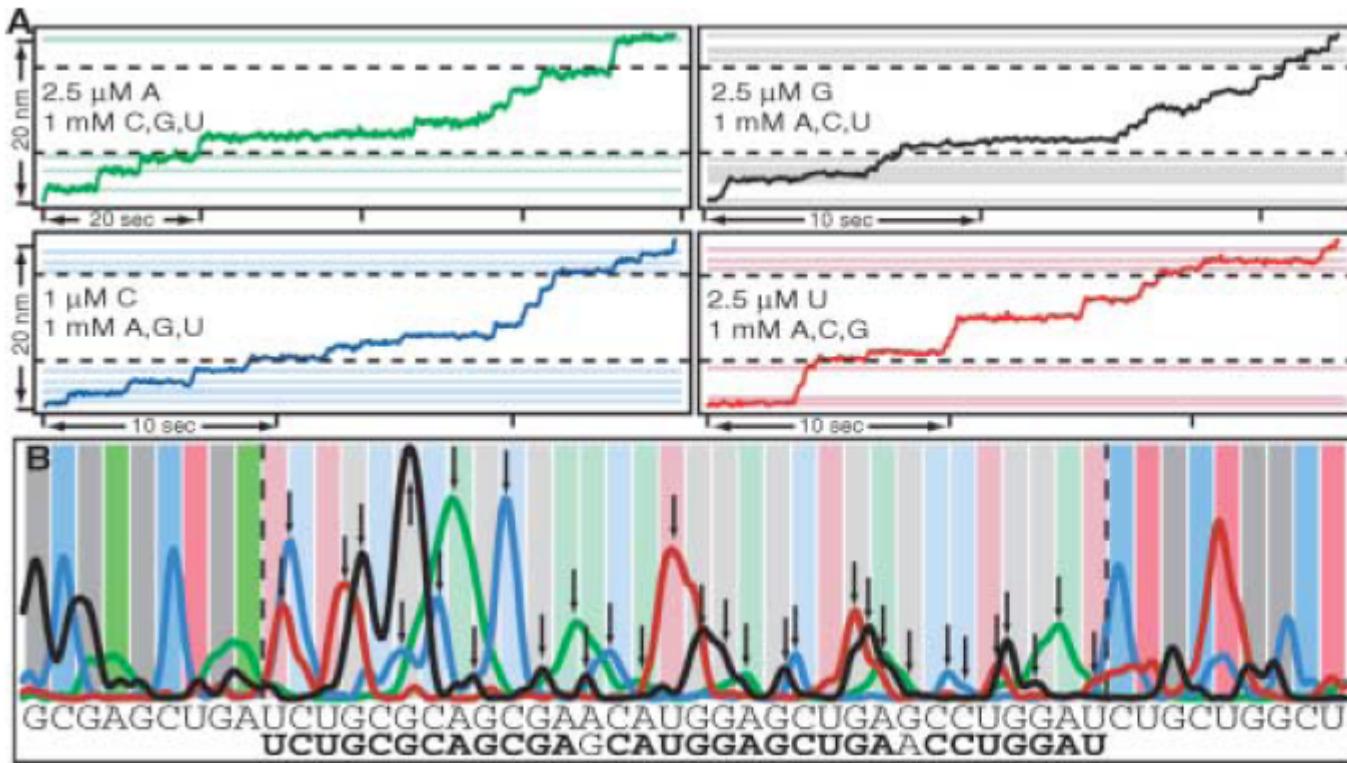
Read lengths of DNA sequences determined by this approach are ultimately limited, in principle, by the processivity of RNAP, which is thousands of base pairs. In practice, it has proved possible to follow RNAP at the single-molecule level with near-base pair accuracy over templates



**Fig. 1.** Motion-based DNA sequencing. (A) Positional dependence versus time for a single molecule at different limiting nucleotide conditions (A, C, G, U) and UTP (red). Positions of expected pausing (horizontal lines) flank the region to be sequenced. (B) Position histograms for the data shown in (A). Flanking positions used for alignment of the sequence to bases to be called (light vertical bars) are indicated by arrows. The true sequence of the target region is shown below the sequence, with 30 of 32 correct bases.



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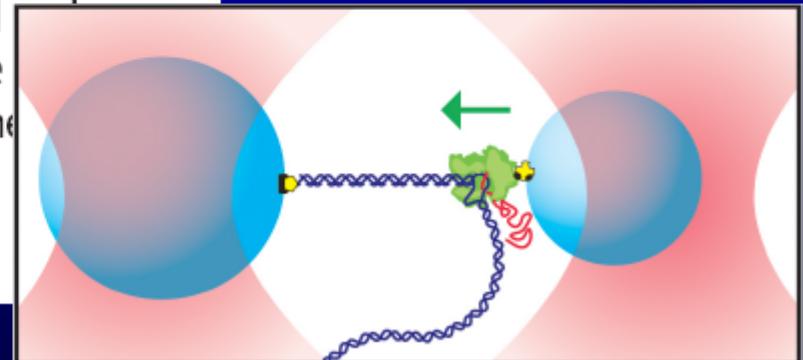


**Fig. 1.** Motion-based DNA sequencing. **(A)** Aligned records of transcriptional position versus time for a single molecule of RNAP under the four different limiting nucleotide conditions (ATP, green; CTP, blue; GTP, black; and UTP, red). Positions of expected pauses used for record alignment (solid horizontal lines) flank the region to be sequenced (dotted horizontal lines). **(B)** Position histograms for the data in (A), normalized and smoothed. Flanking positions used for alignment (dark vertical bars) and bases to be called (light vertical bars) are shown; base calls are indicated by arrows. The true sequence of the template is shown above the sequence, with 30 of 32 correct bases (boldface type).

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## I Motivations:

## II Single Molecule Techniques

### Catching a single molecule.

Optical tweezers, principle.

Magnetic tweezers,  
setup, beads, measure,

Force measurement

Anti-brownian trap

Polymer elasticity  
transition B-DNA to S-DNA,  
DNA unzipping, and RNA,  
Denaturation upon stretching,

Biotine-streptavidine,  
Single strand DNA,

## III Twisting DNA

## IV Topoisomerases

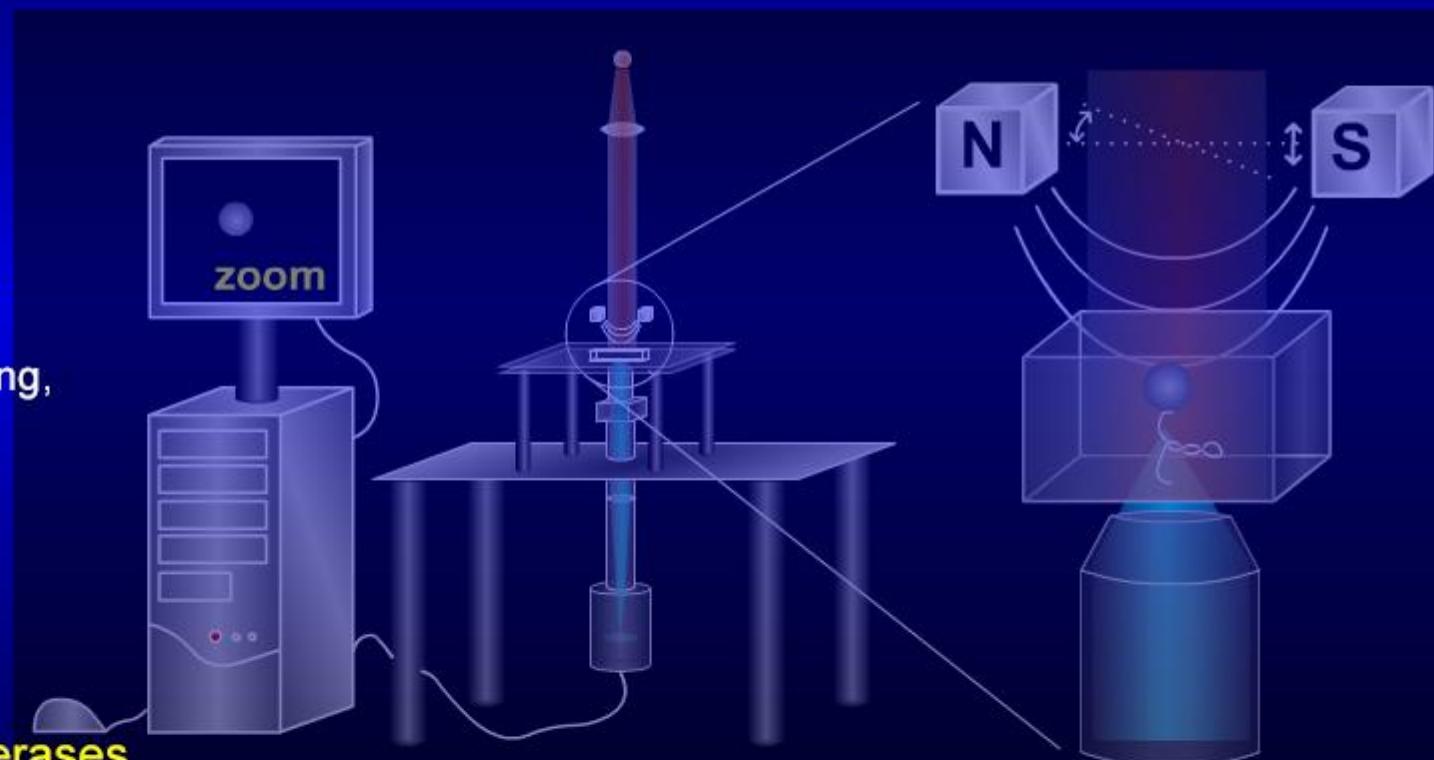
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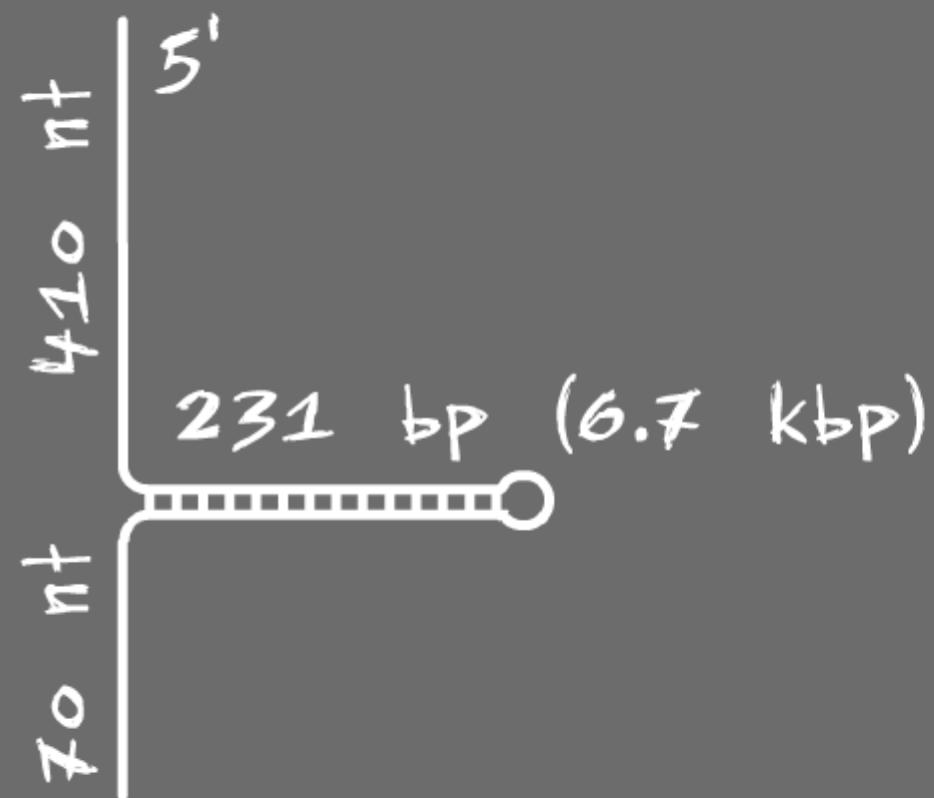
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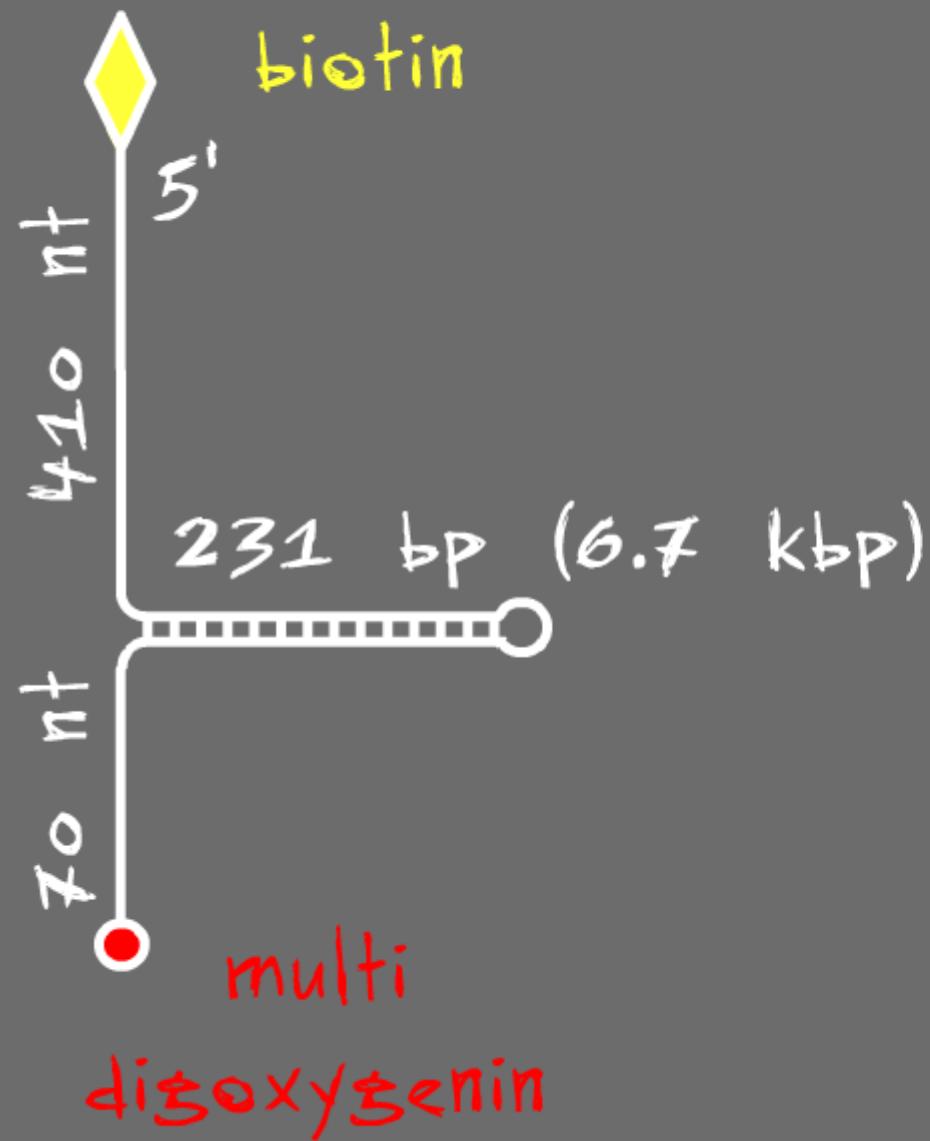
## VI Conclusion

The group.

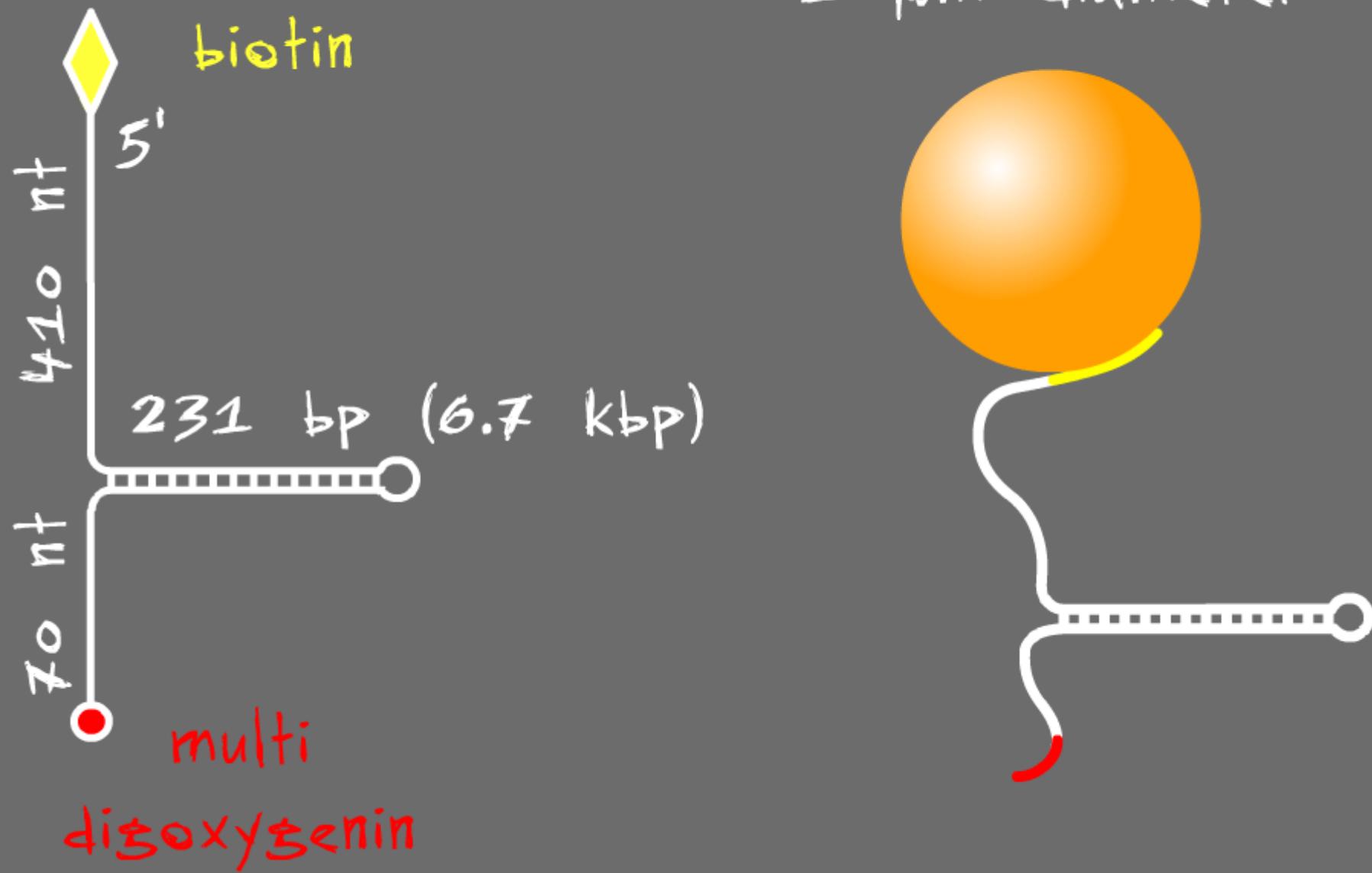




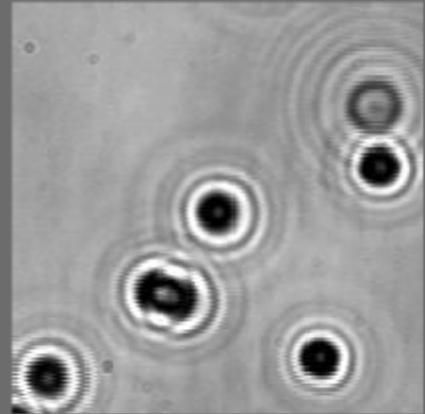
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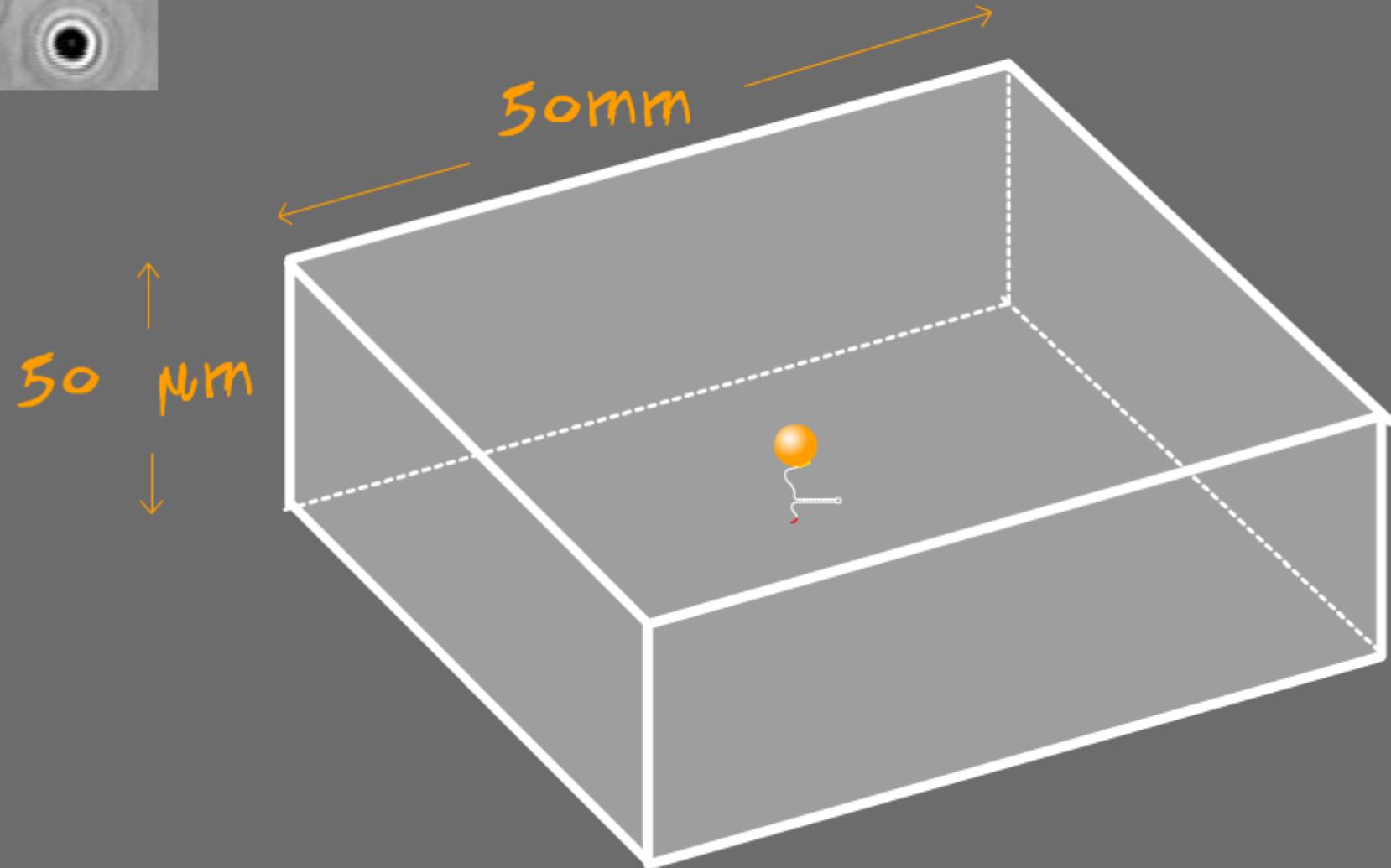
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1  $\mu\text{m}$  diameter

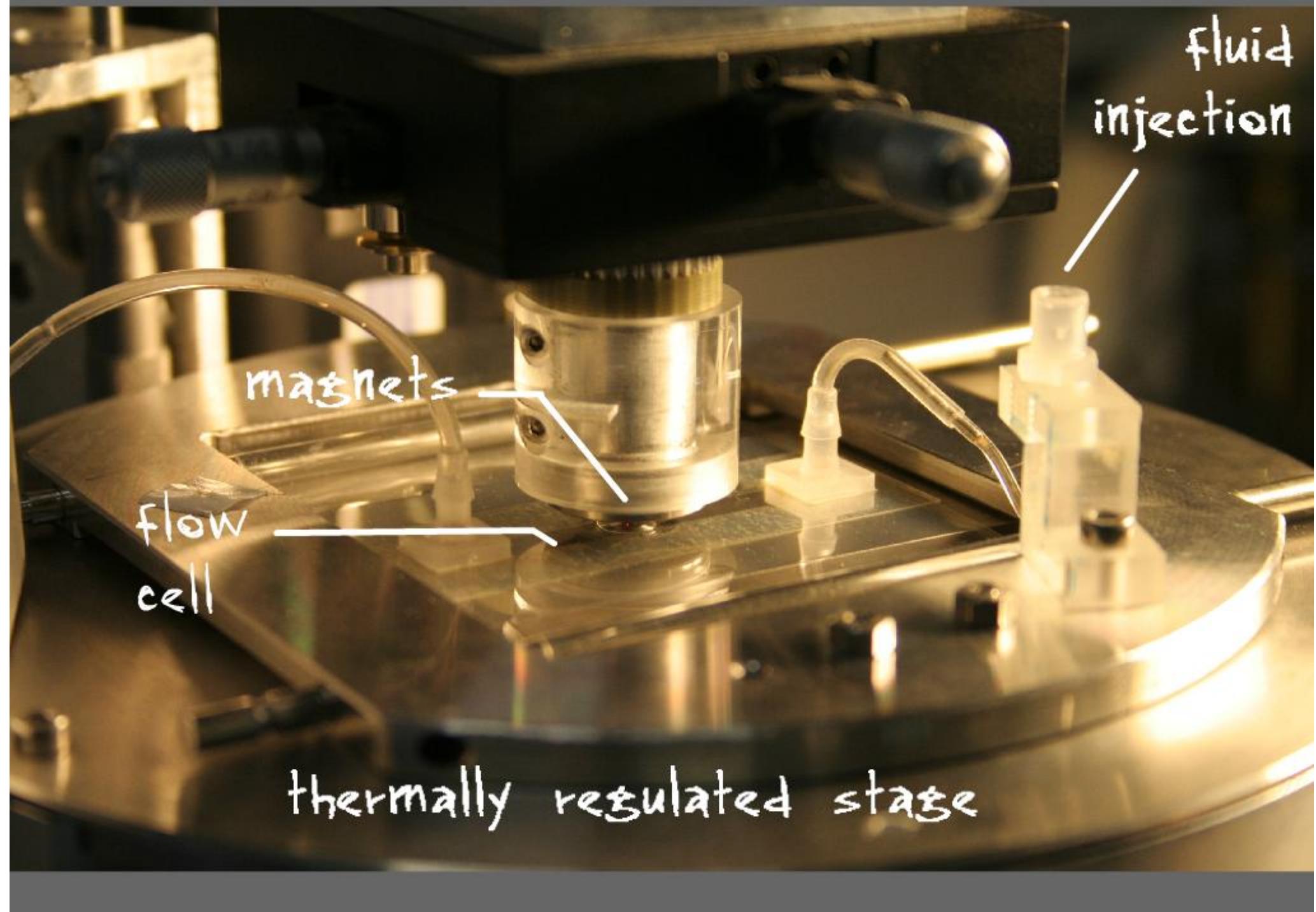


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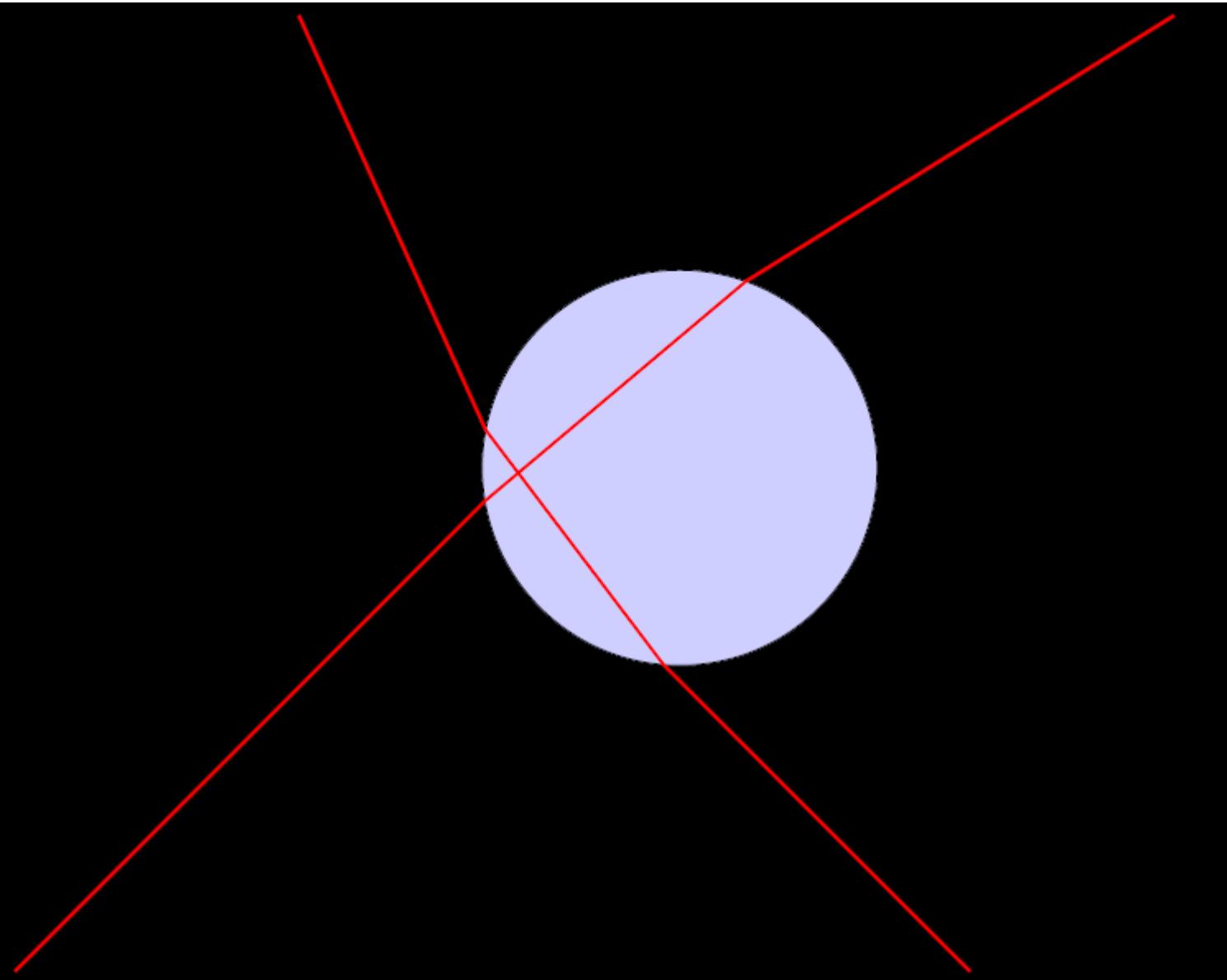
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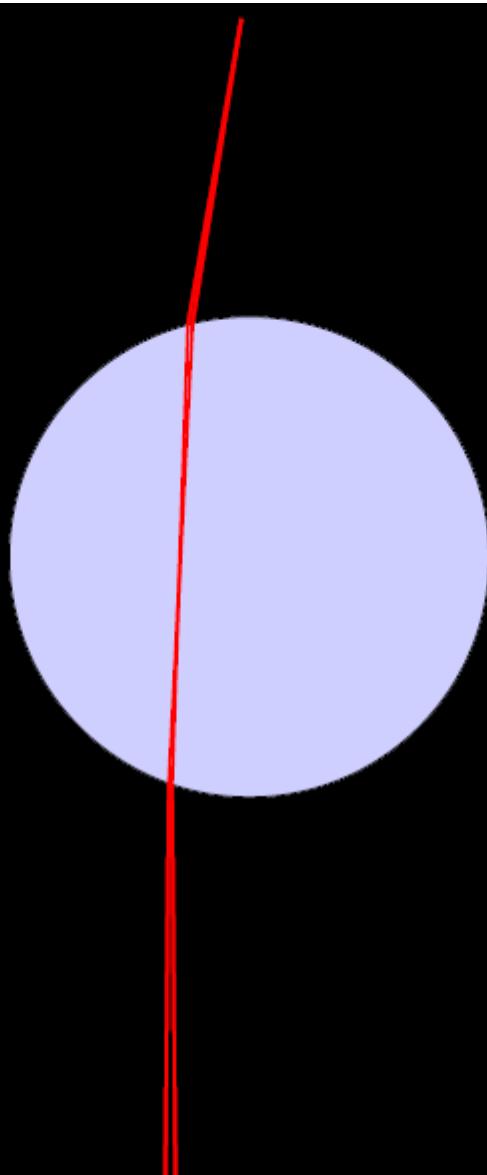
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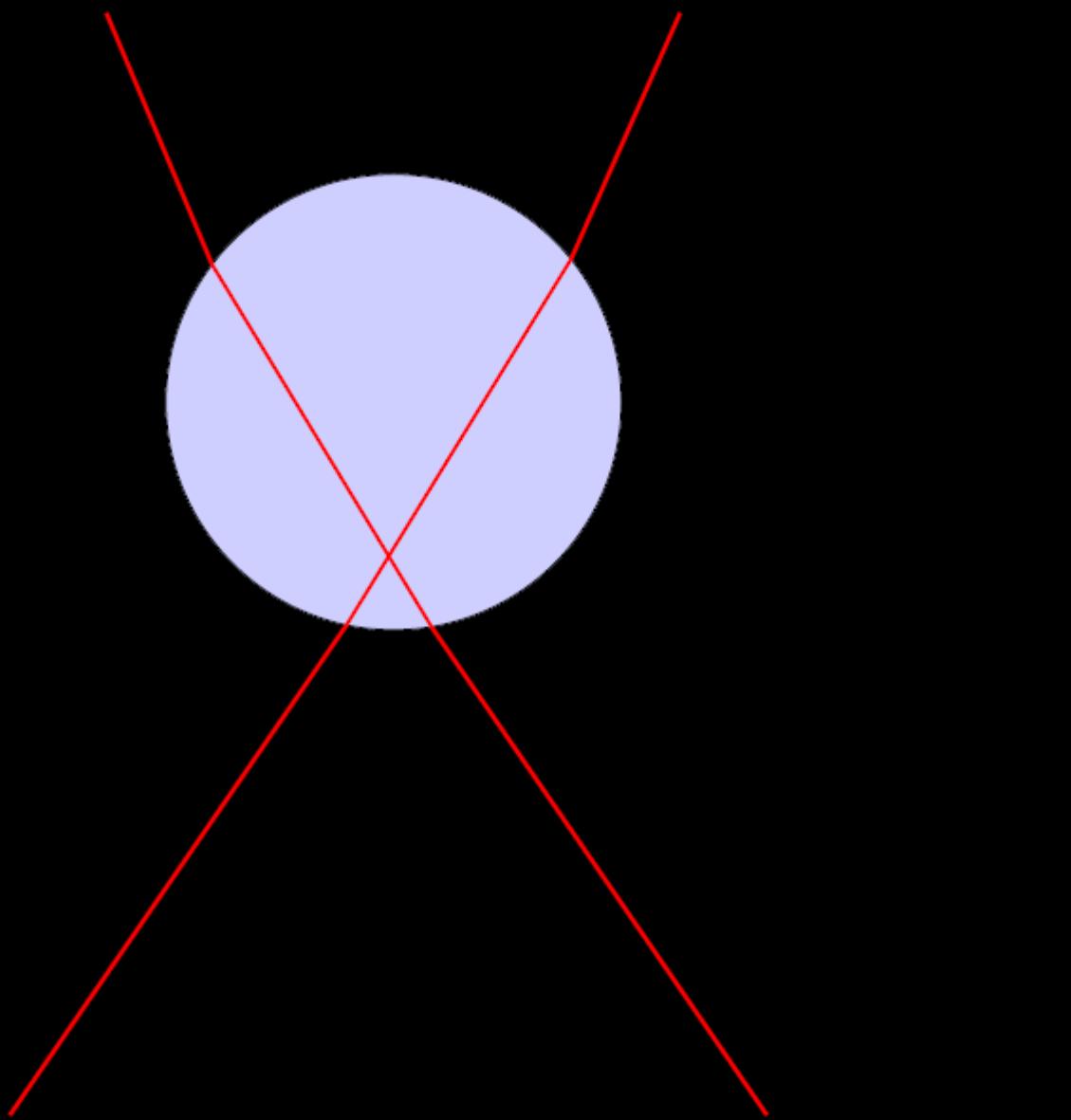
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pos 2



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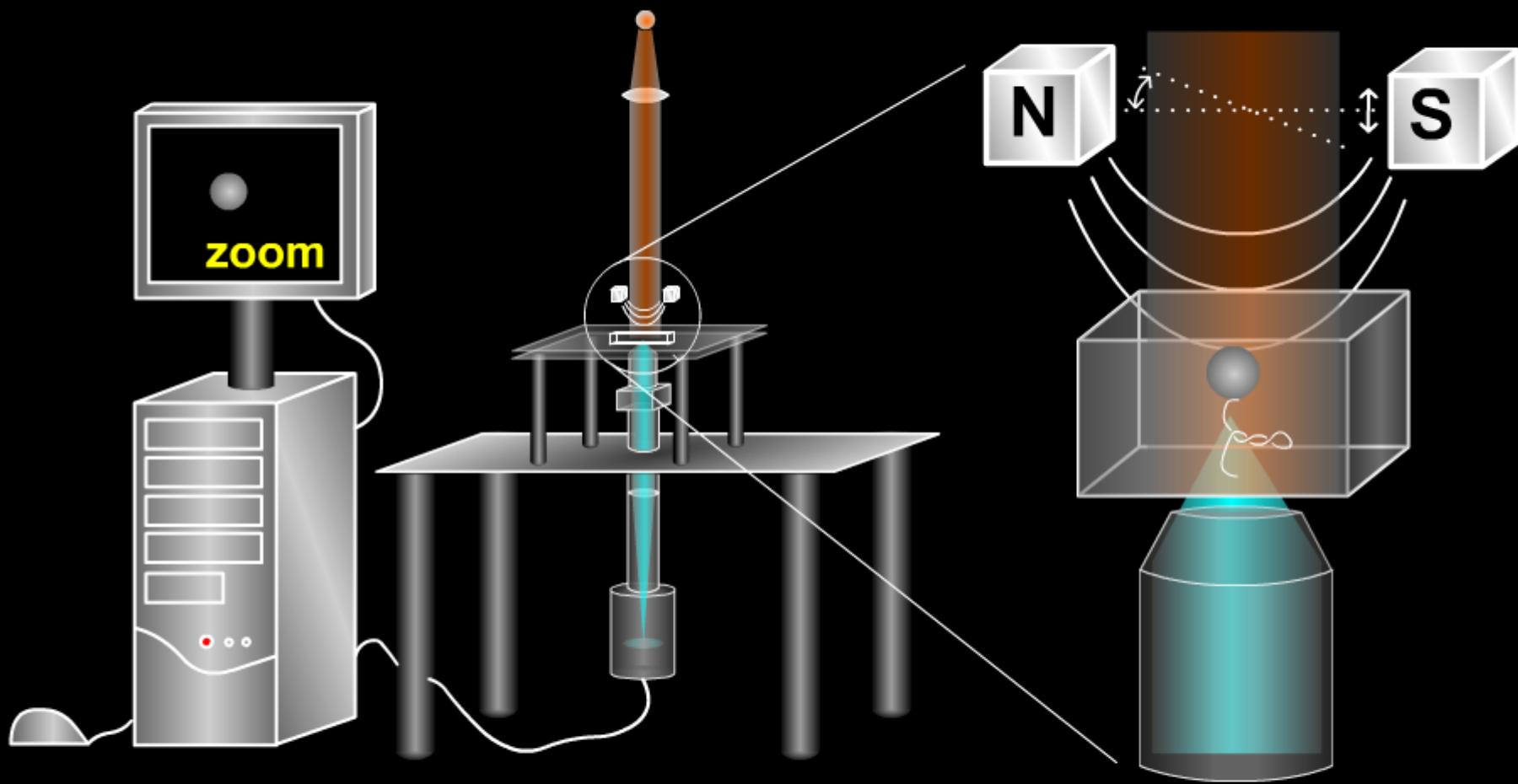
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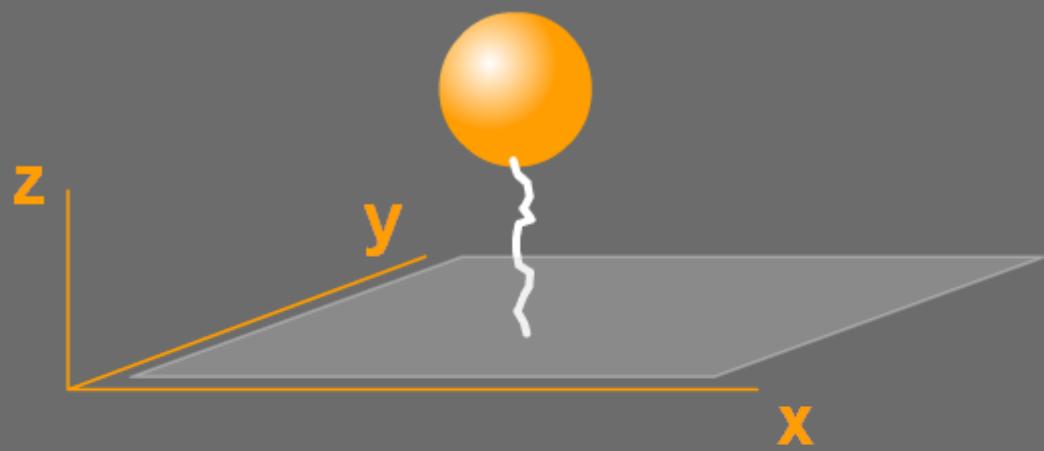
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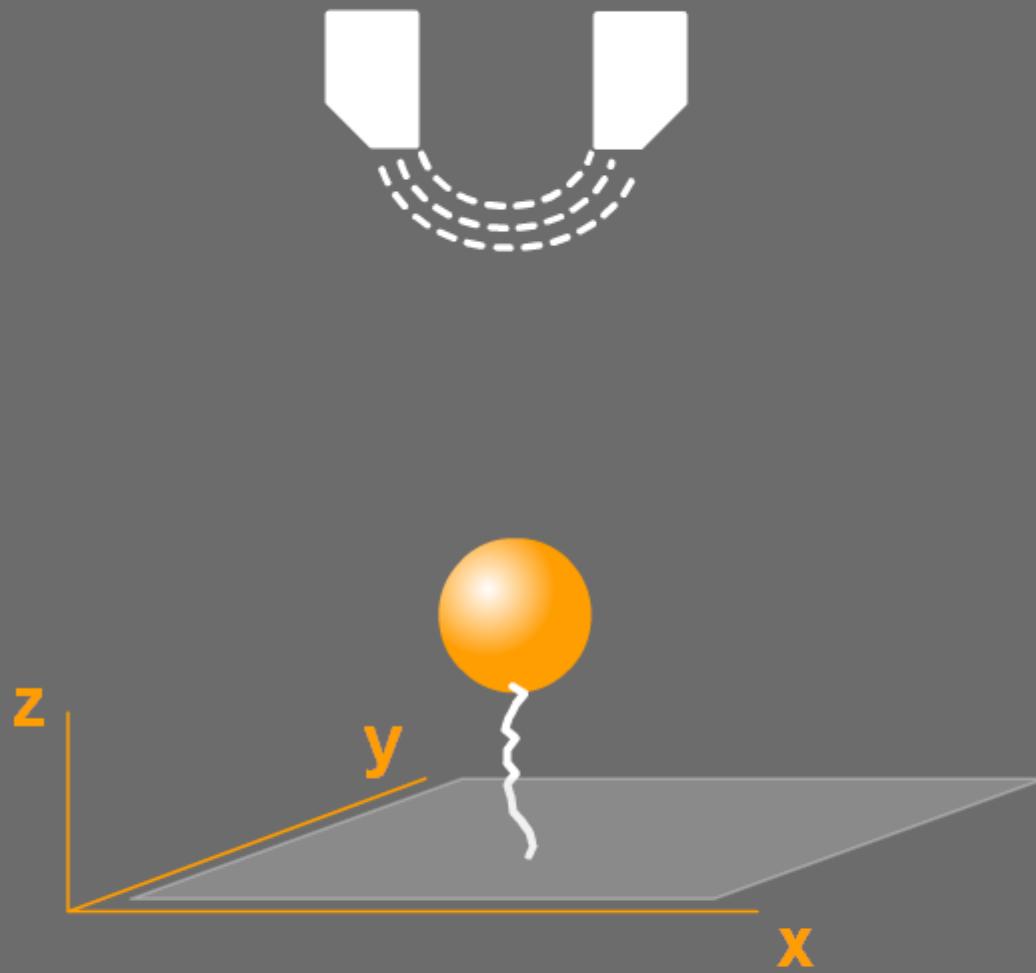




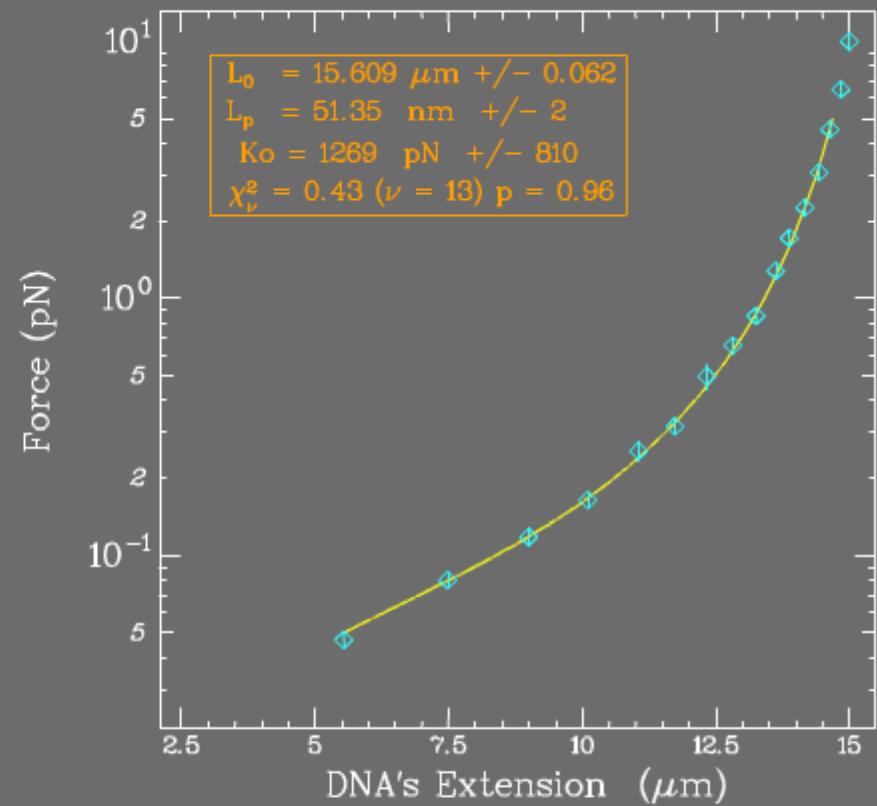
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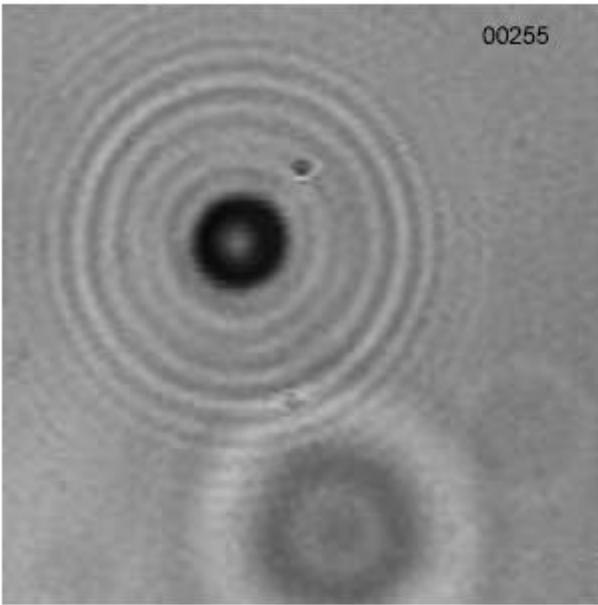
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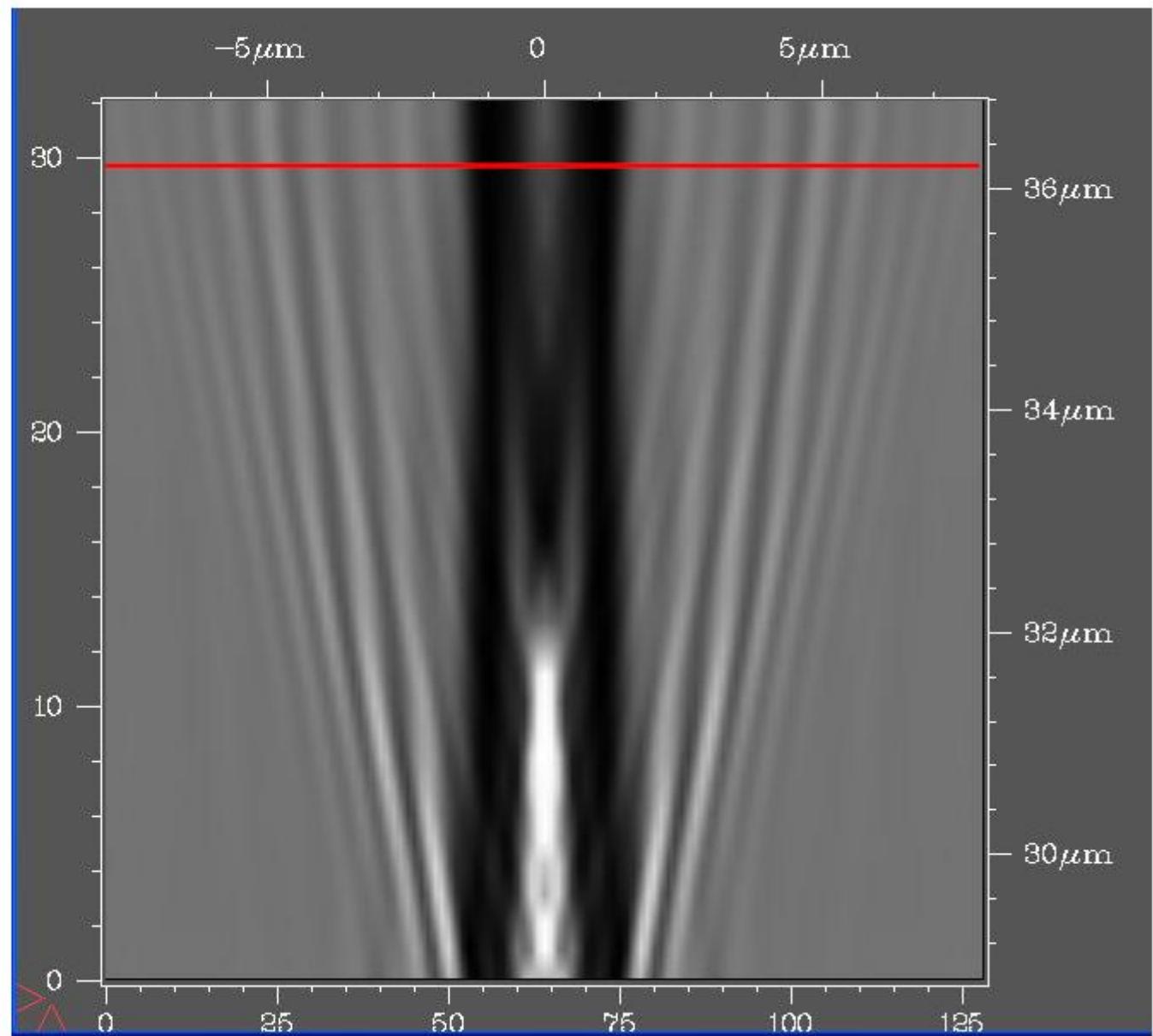
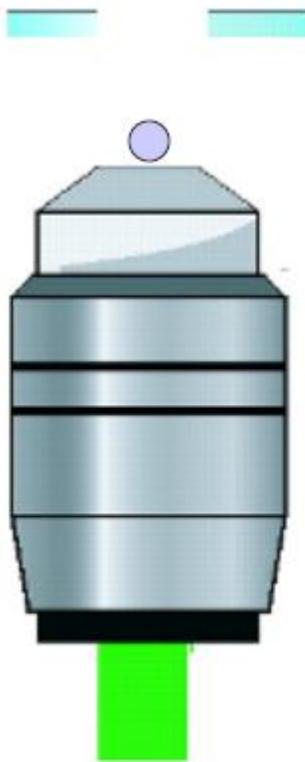
$$\frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{F}{\langle z \rangle} \right) \langle \delta x^2 \rangle = \frac{1}{2} k_b T$$

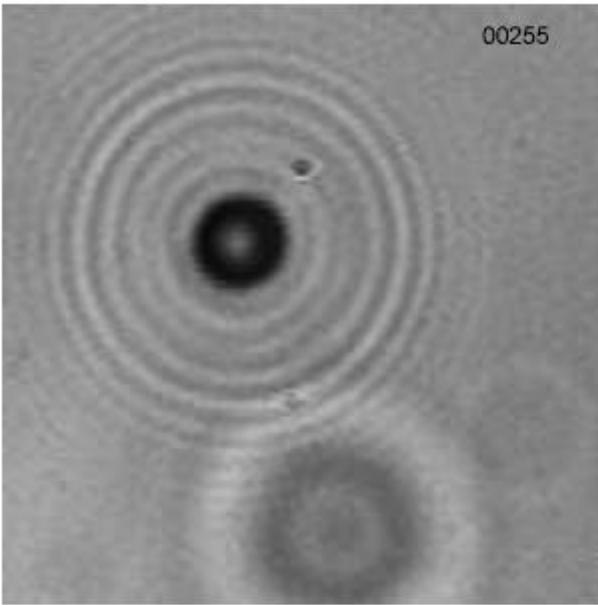


$$\langle \vec{t}(s) \cdot \vec{t}(s') \rangle = e^{-|s-s'|/L_p}$$

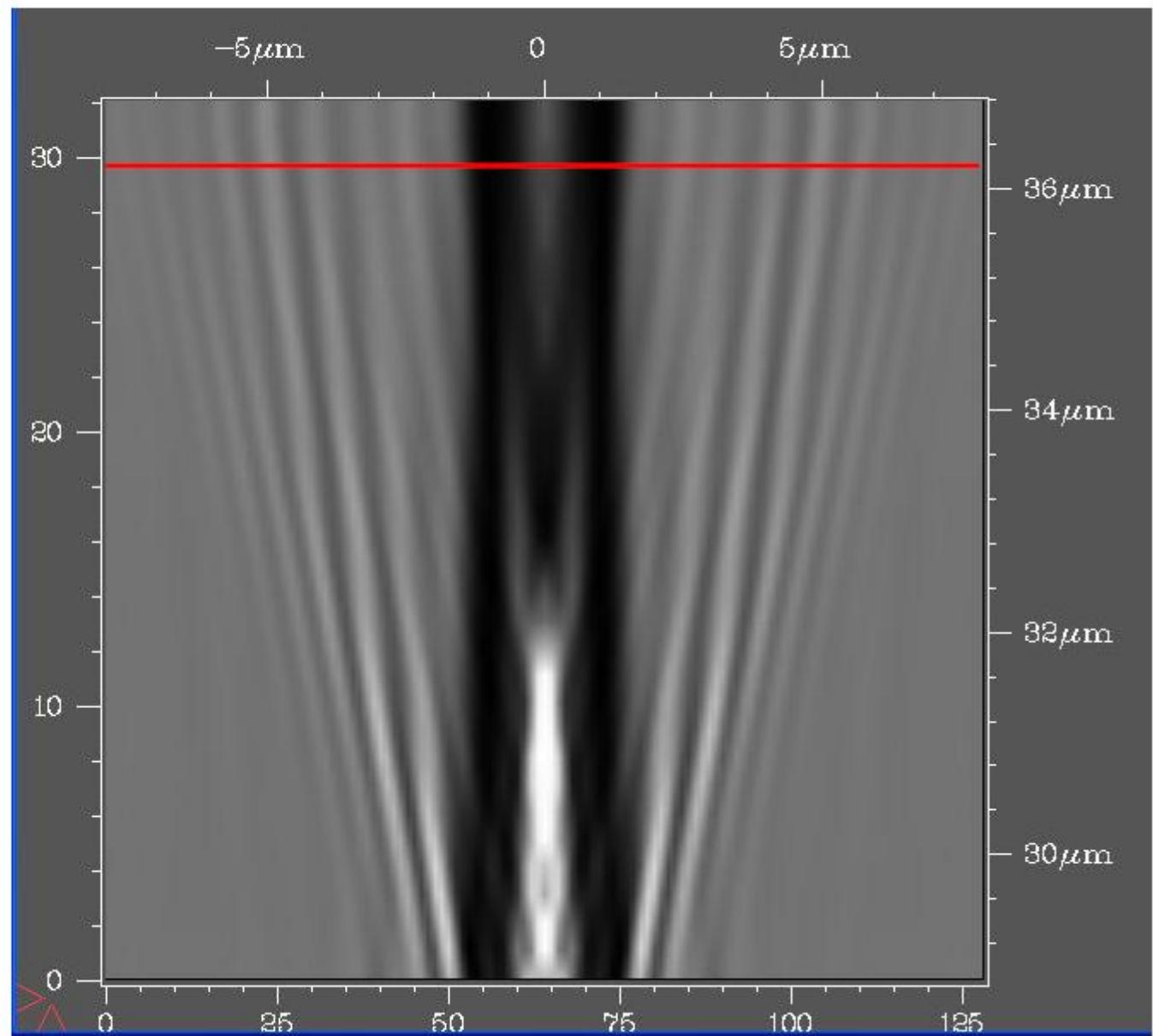
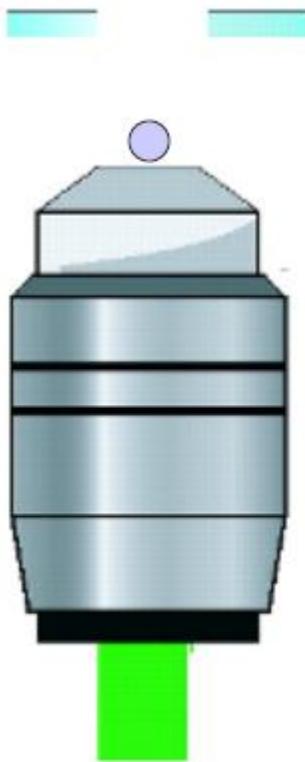


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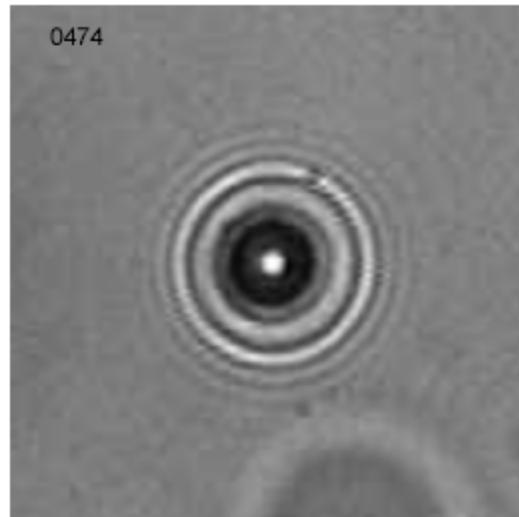




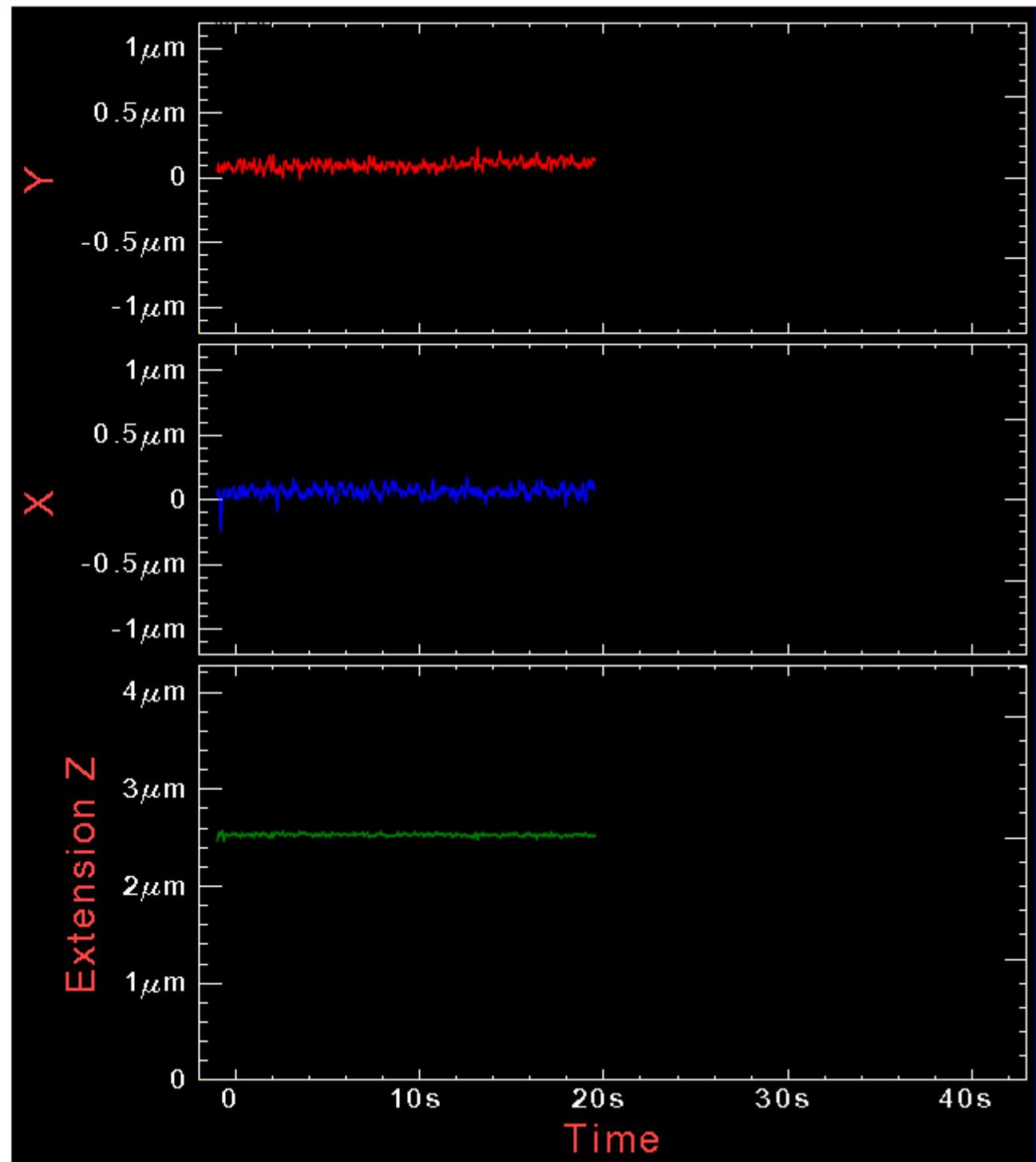
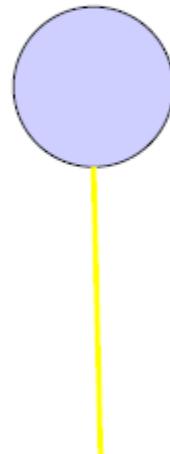
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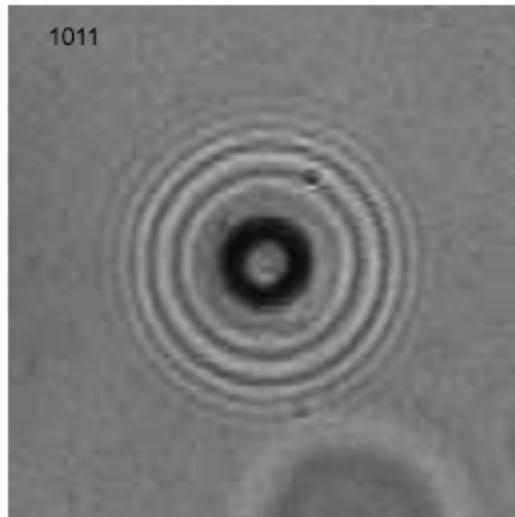
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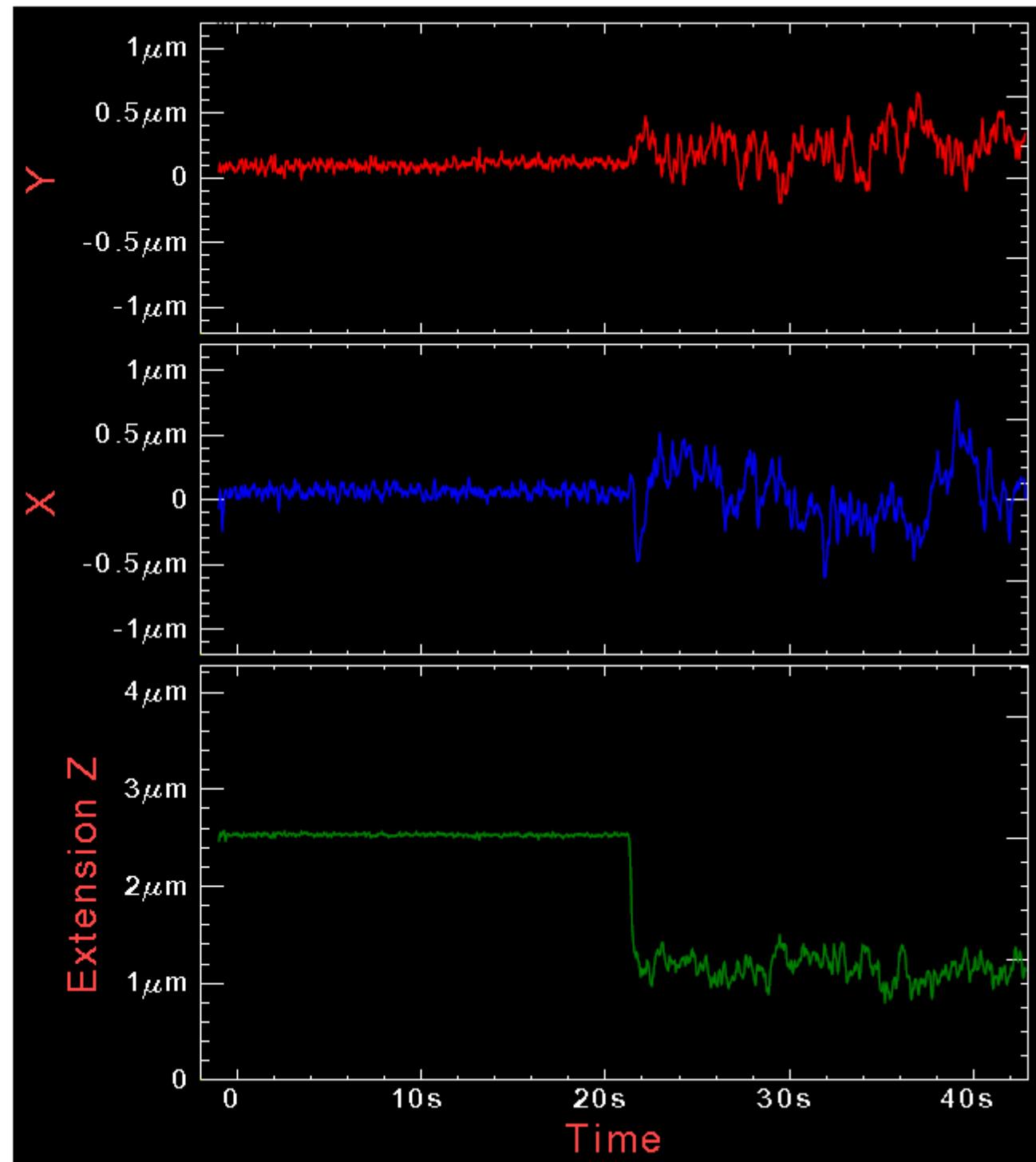
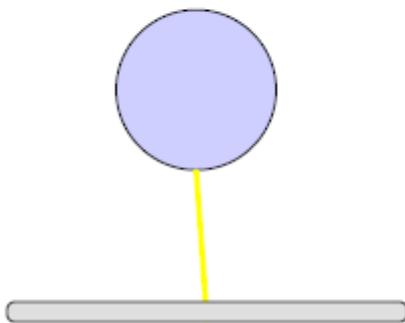
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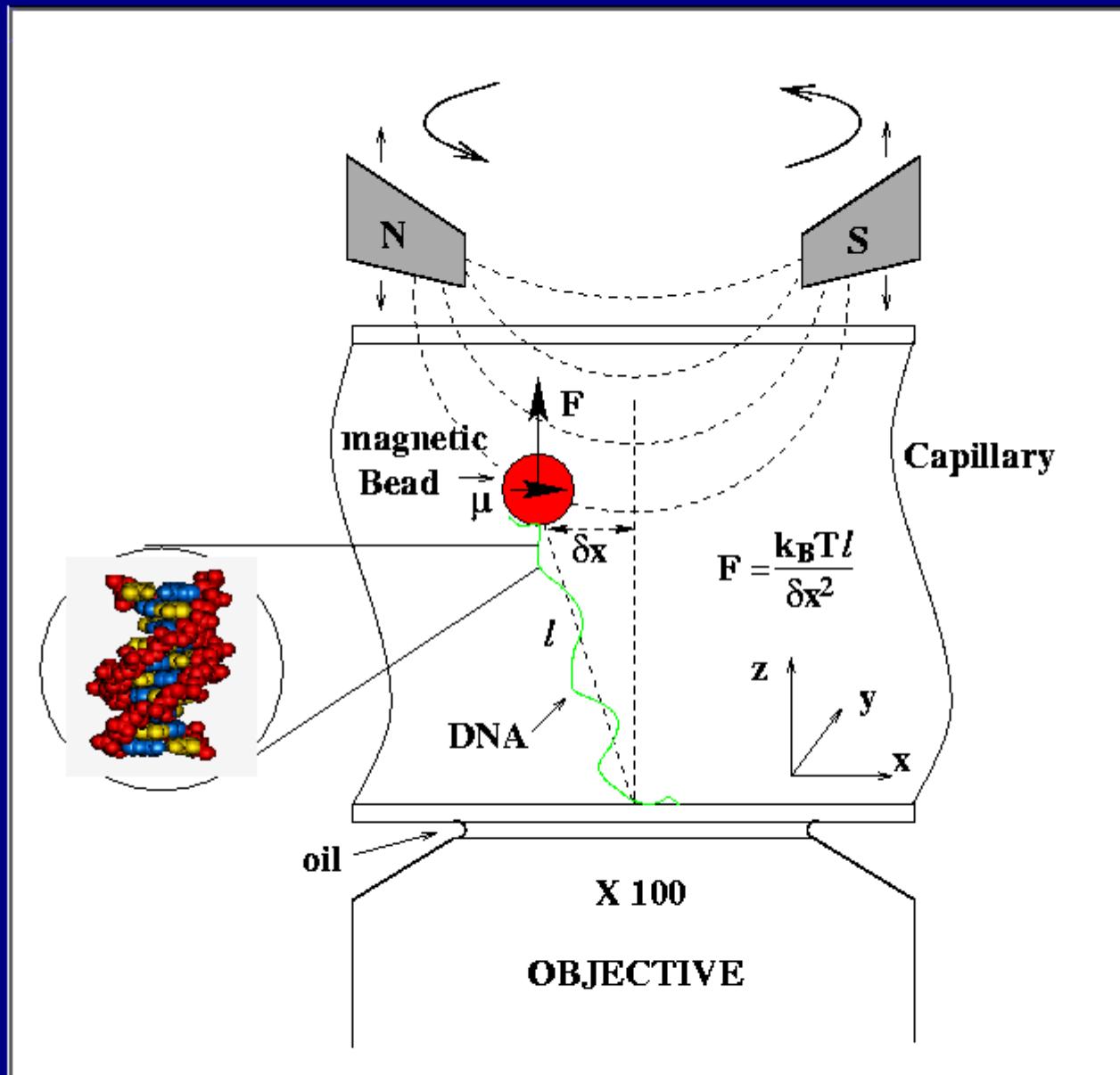
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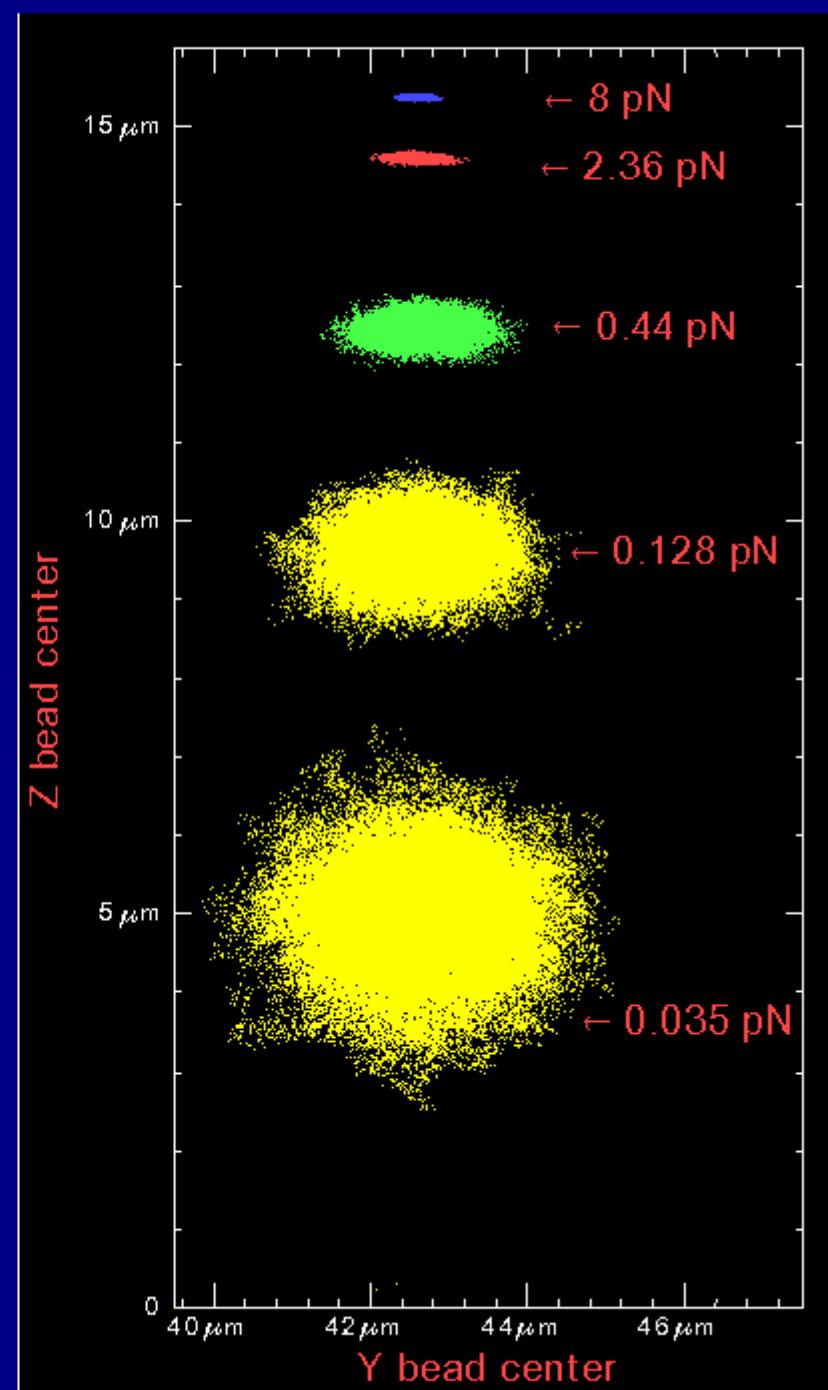
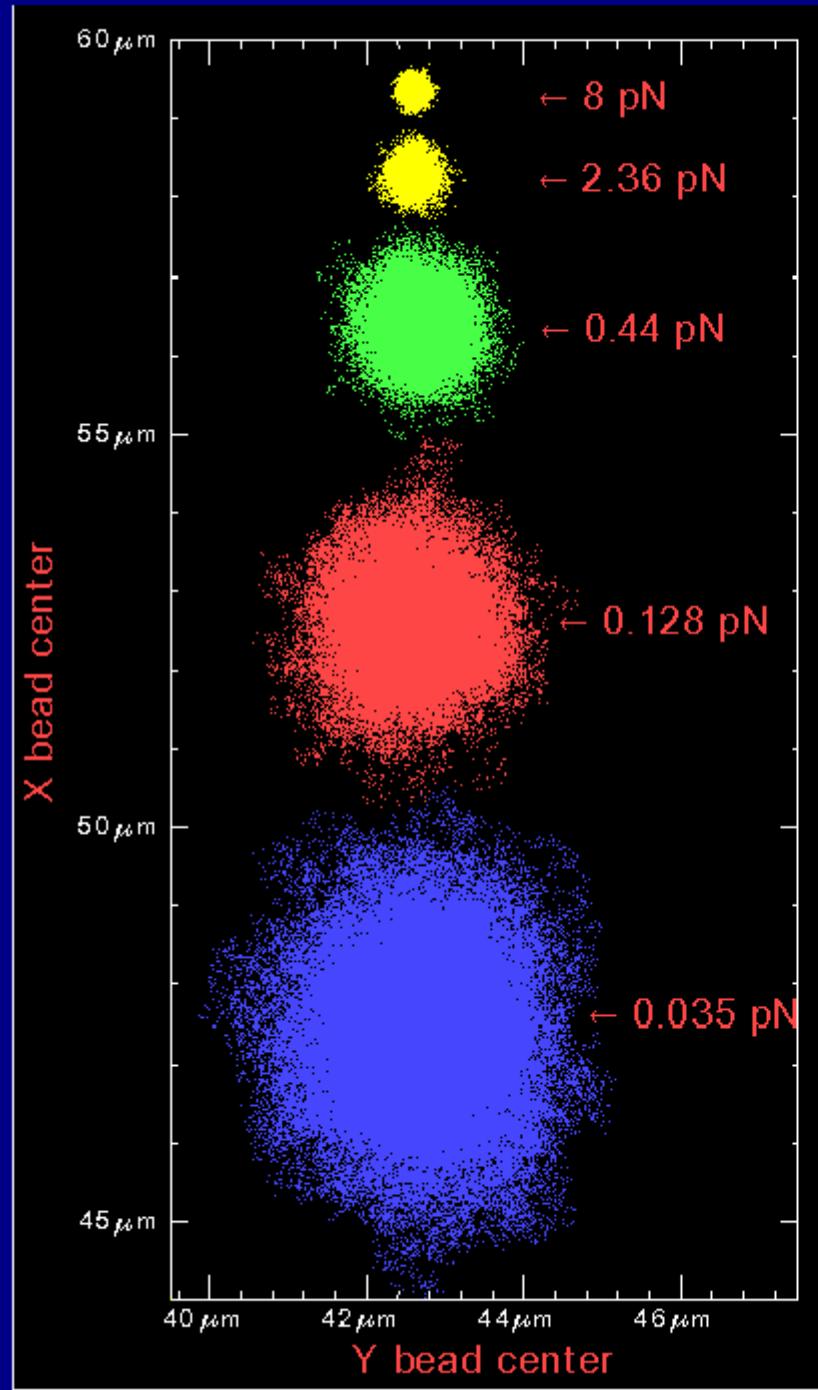


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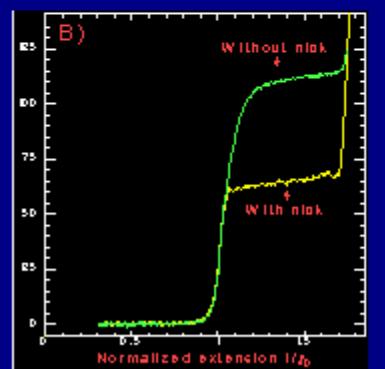
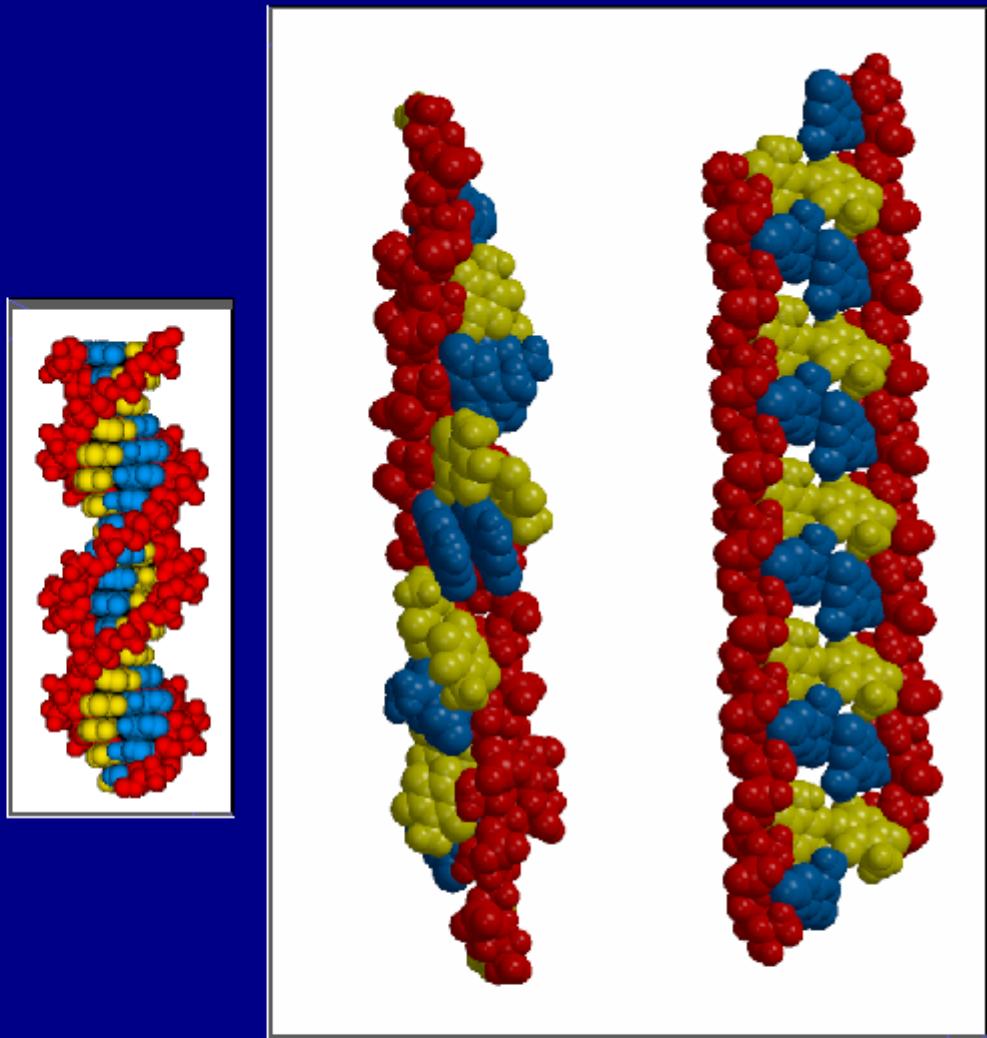
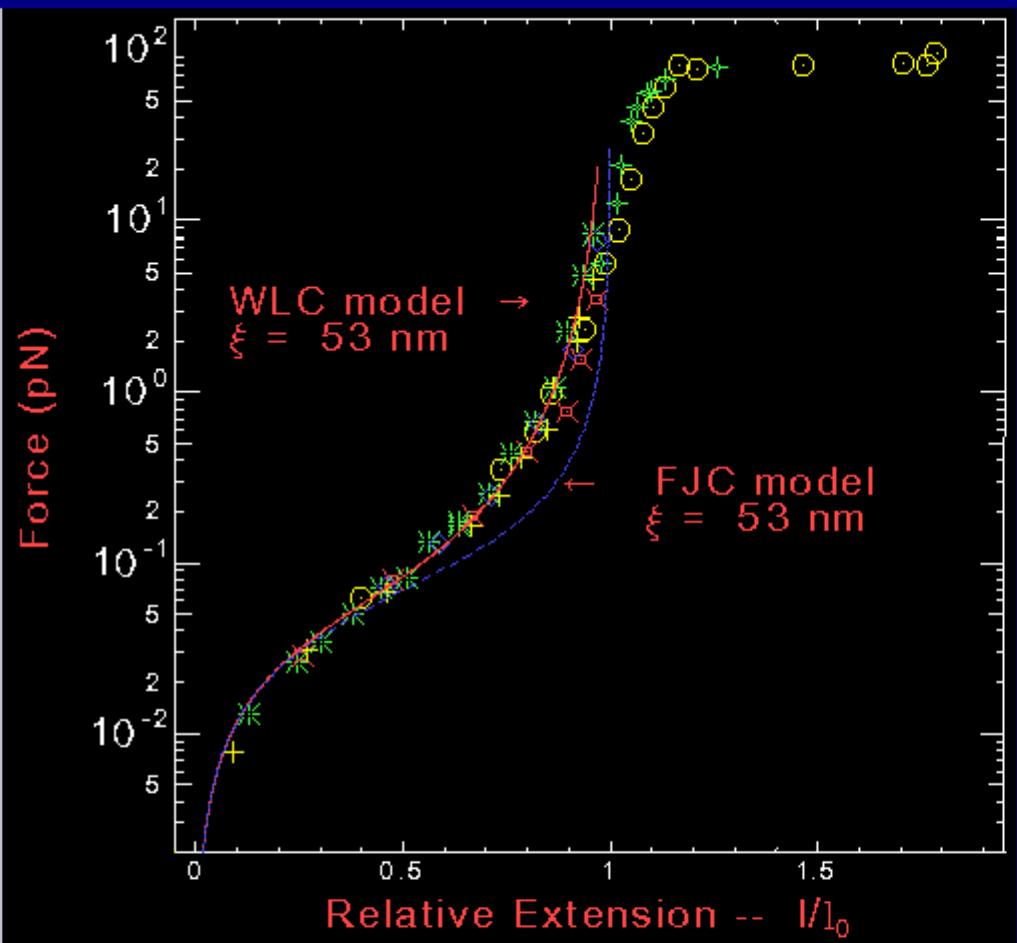


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# Brownian motion of a bead in x,y,z

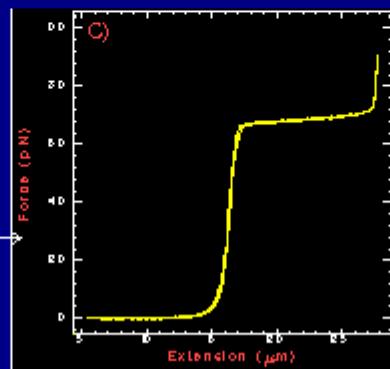


# Structure du S-DNA

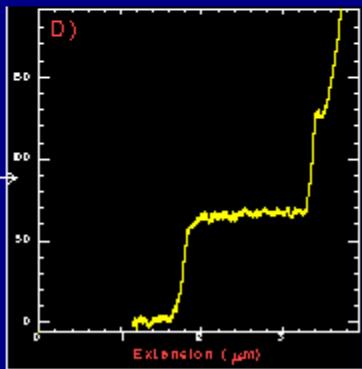


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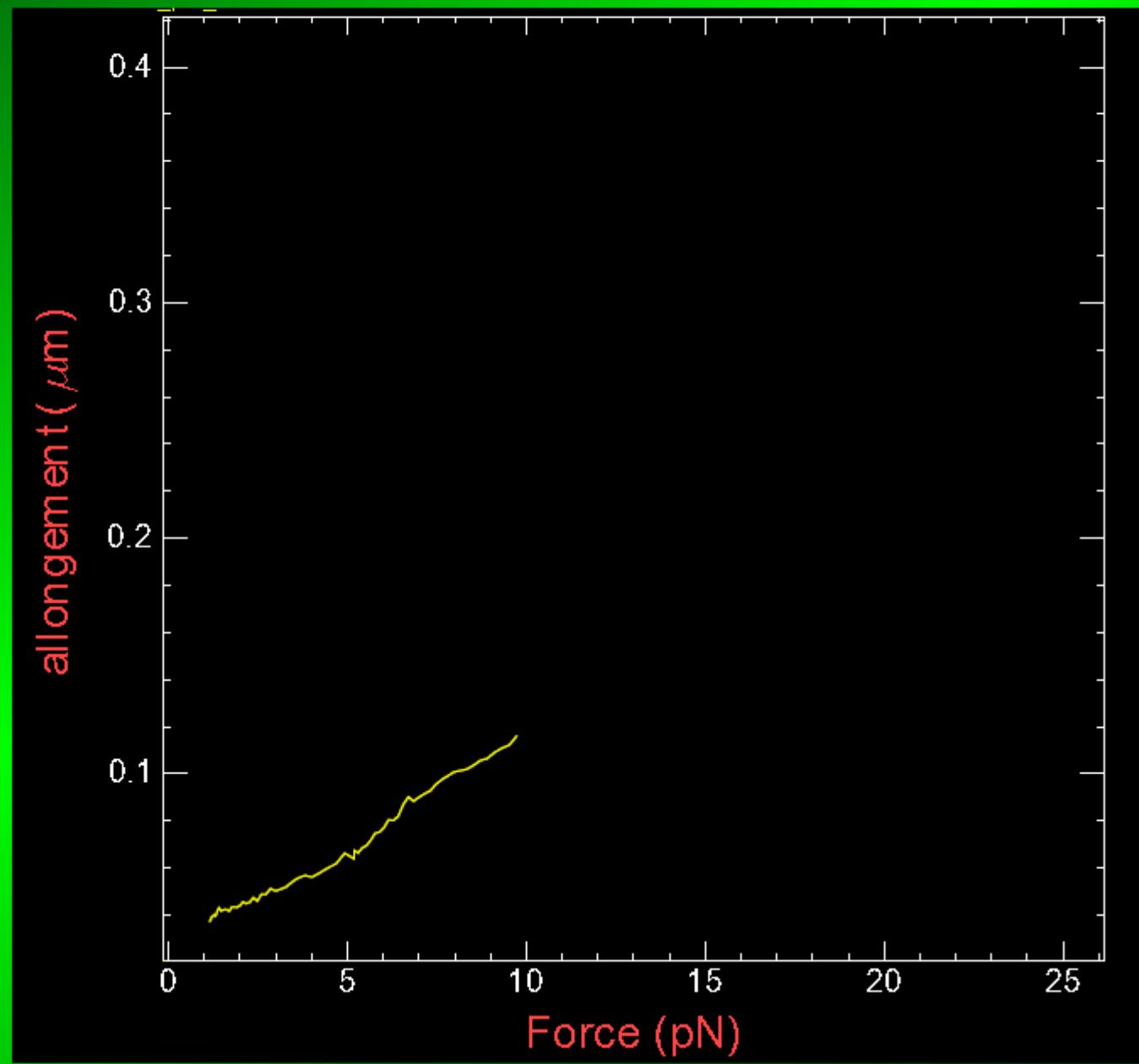
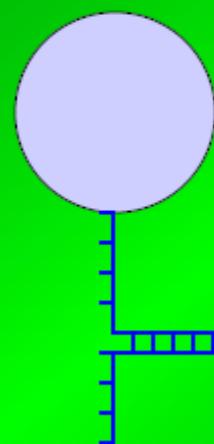




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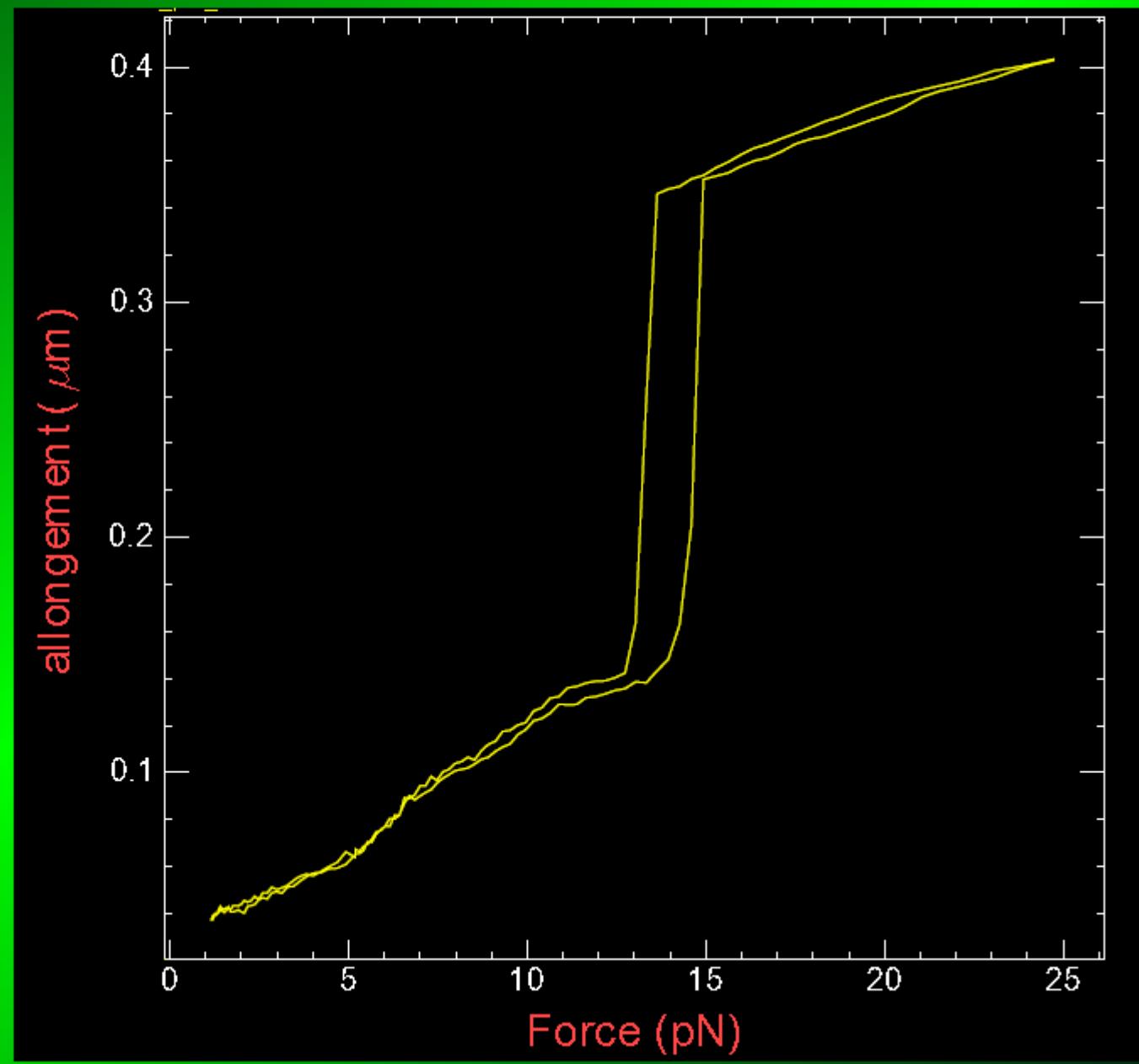
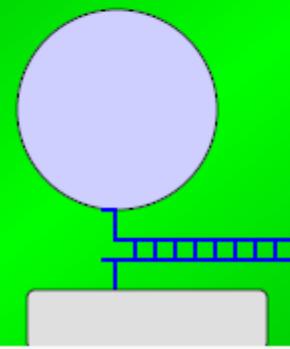
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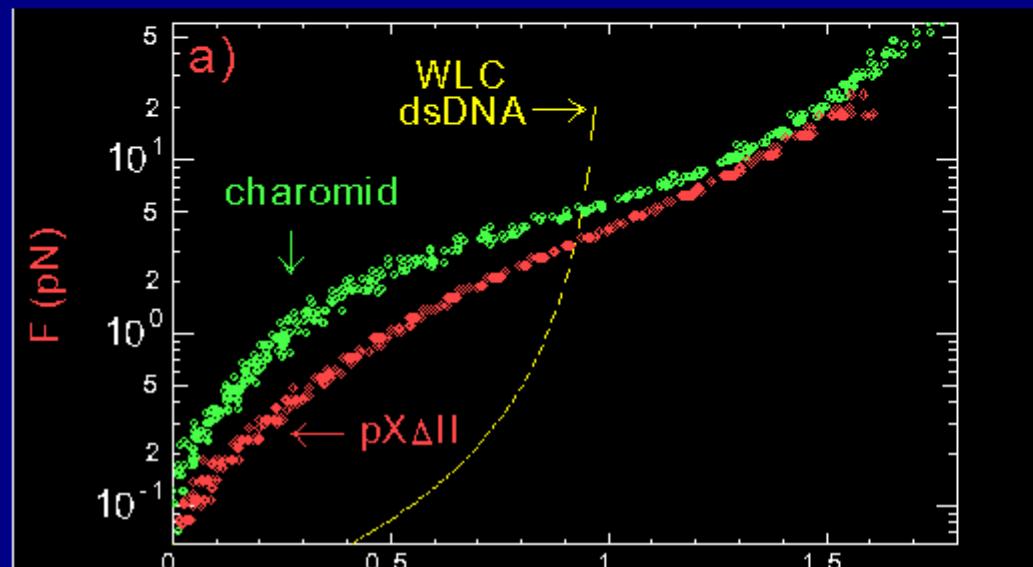
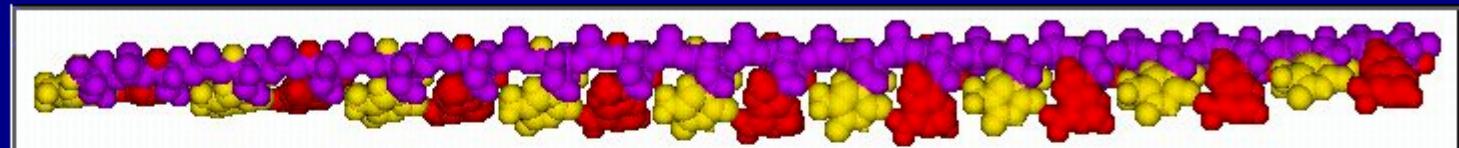


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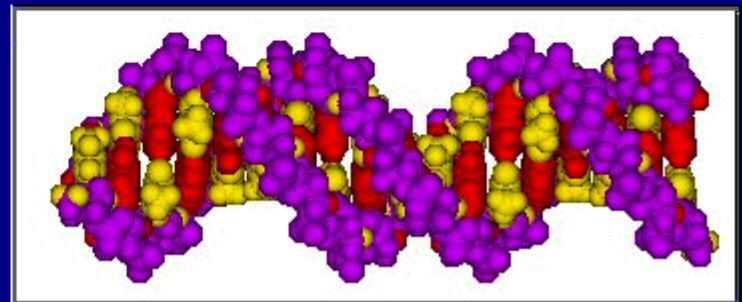
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# Elasticité d'une molécule d'ADN simple brin



ADN simple brin (18b)



ADN-B (18bp) R. Lavery

