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INTRODUCTION TO HIGH SPEED ATOMIC FORCE MICROSCOPY

High Speed AFM
imaging of molecular
dynamics

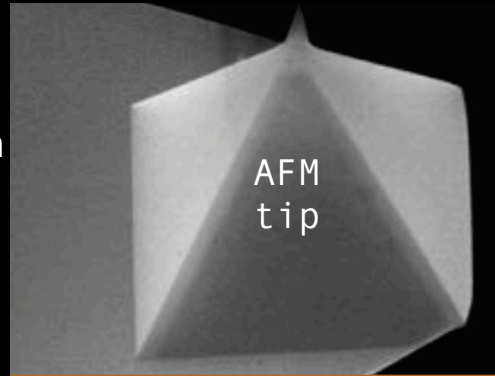
High Speed AFM
mechanical studies

Overview and
perspectives

ATOMIC FORCE MICROSCOPE (AFM)

Atomic force microscope

Lever length: $\sim \mu\text{m}$
Tip radius: $\sim \text{nm}$



Phonograph

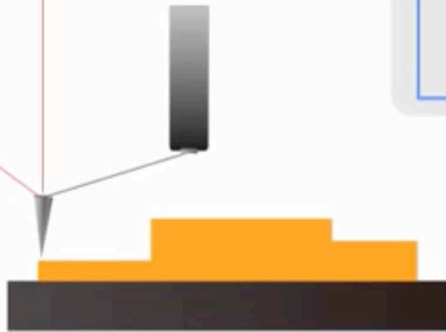
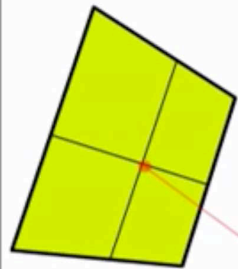
Mounting: $\sim \text{mm}$
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photodiode

laser

Z piezo
positioner



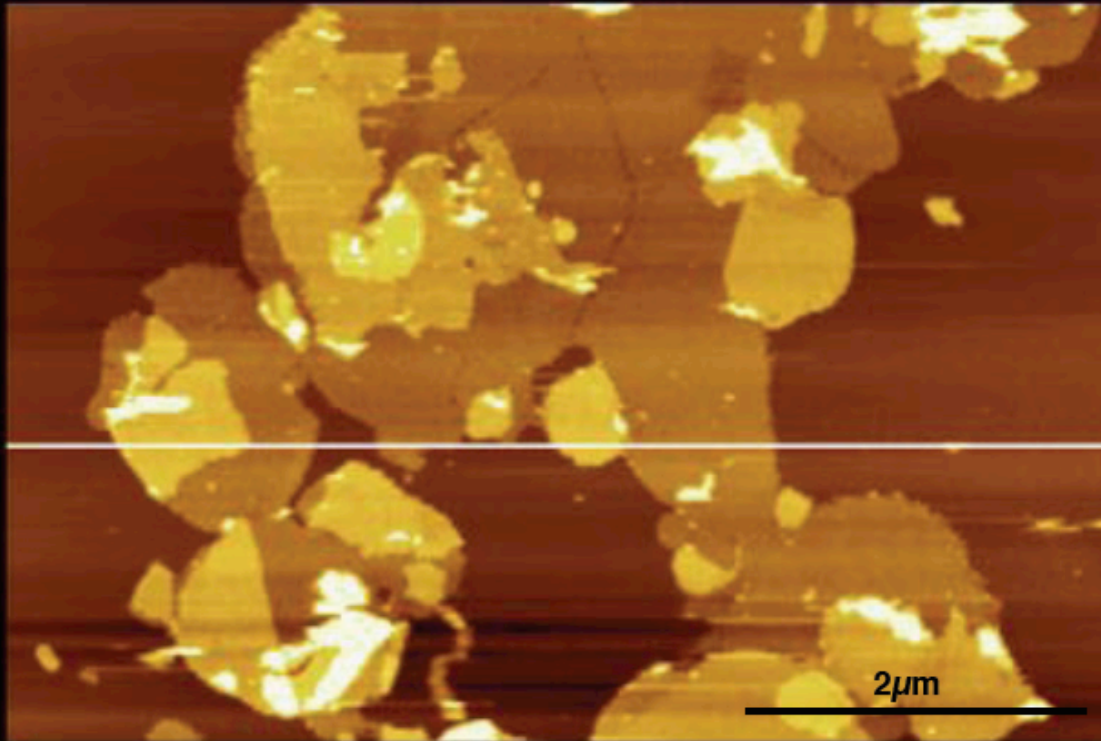
Deflection

Topography



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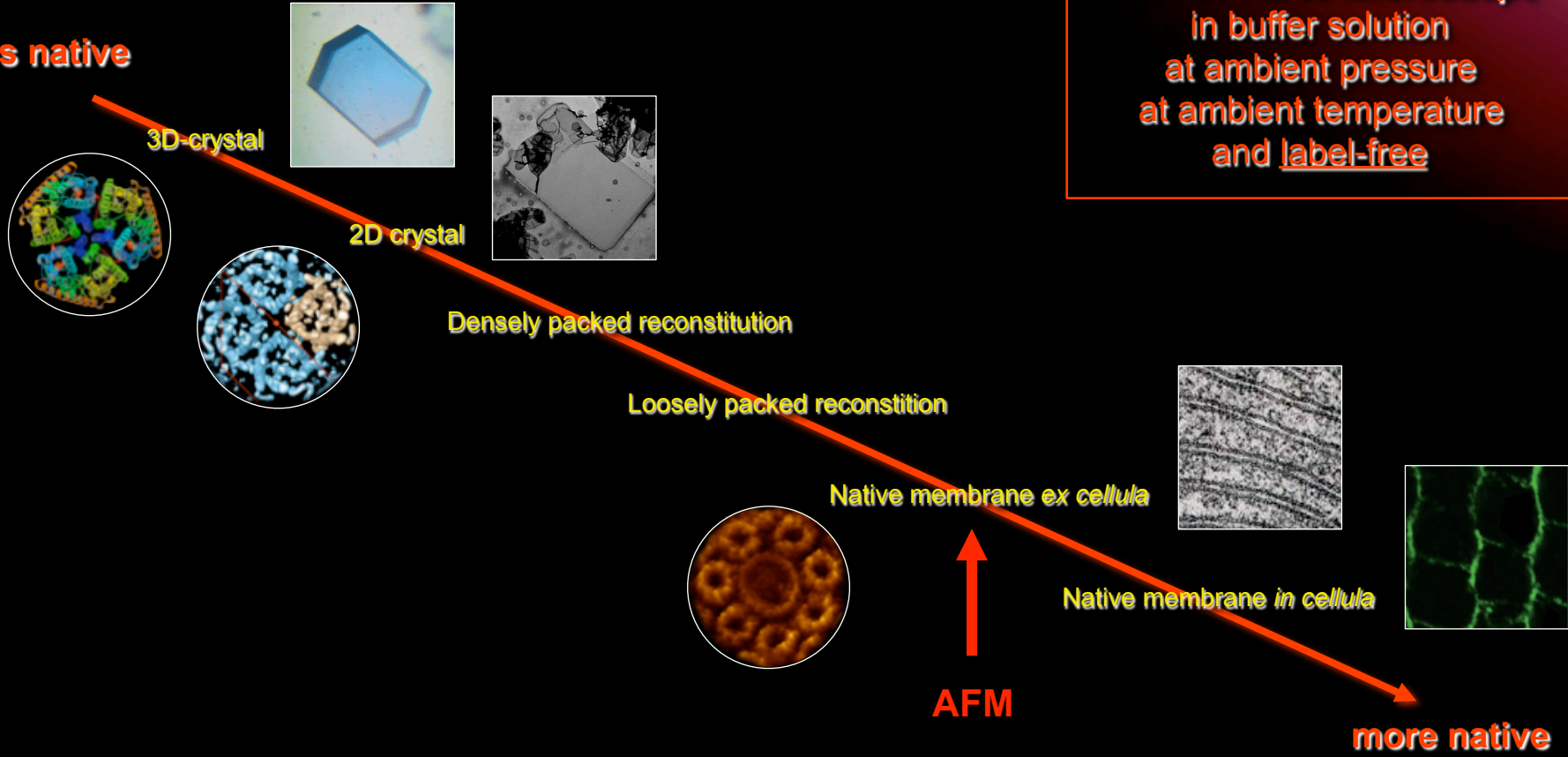
Membranes on mica - The color code



HOW NATIVE ARE THE PROTEINS SURROUNDINGS BY TECHNIQUE

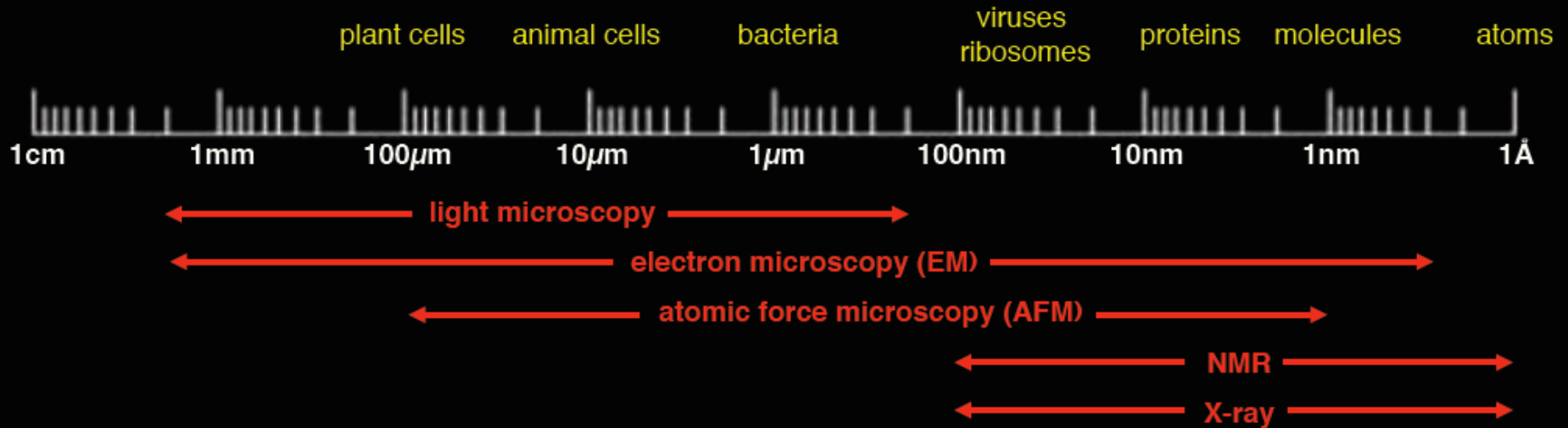
The nativeness of the proteins in structural biology

less native



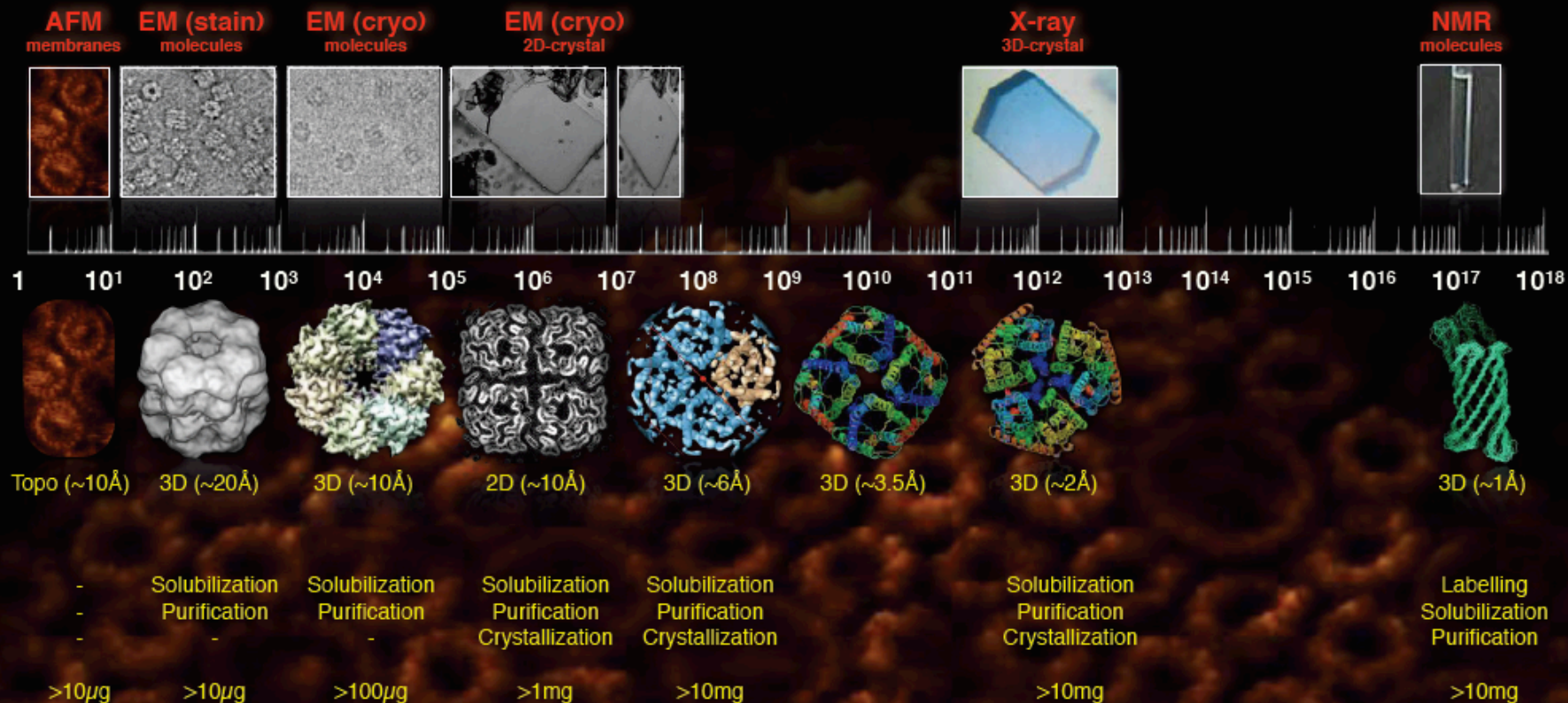
TECHNIQUES IN STRUCTURAL BIOLOGY

Dimensions in life sciences - what technique is appropriate



TECHNIQUES IN STRUCTURAL BIOLOGY

The signal-to-noise ratio (SNR) vs. The number of molecules to analyze



Nanoscale organization
in biology

ATP-synthase
dimer

AFM unique:
Label-free all-component
visualization



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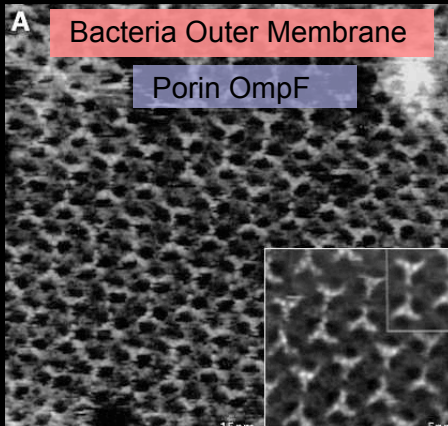


bacteriorhodopsin
lattice

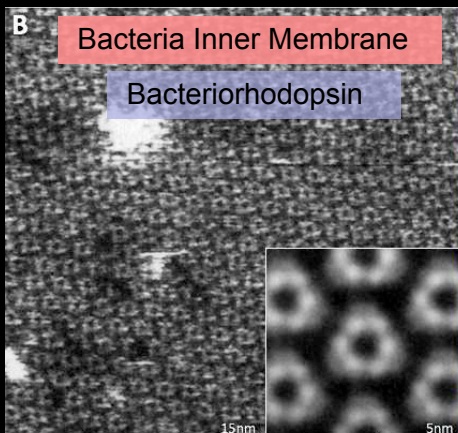
HISTORICAL TIMELINE OF MEMBRANES BY AFM

90's

One bacterial protein in crystal



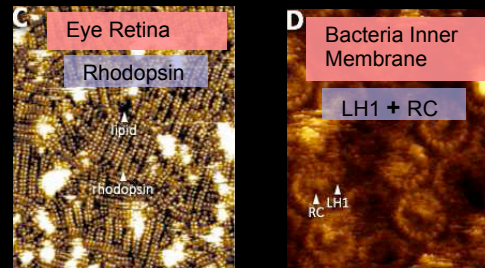
Schabert et al. 1995



Müller et al. 1995

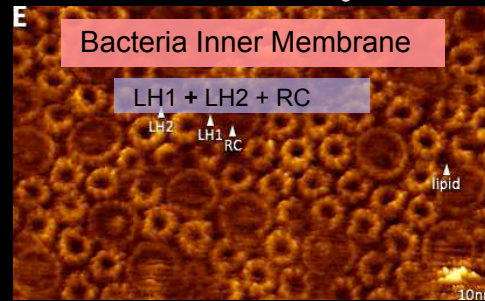
00's

No crystalline / Complex ensembles / Eukaryotes / slow Dynamics

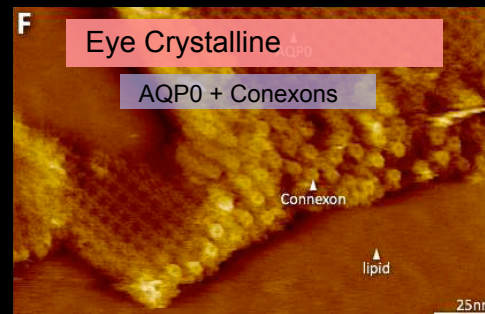


Fotiadis et al. 2003

Scheuring et al. 2003

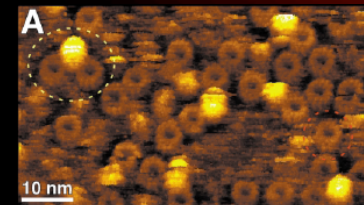


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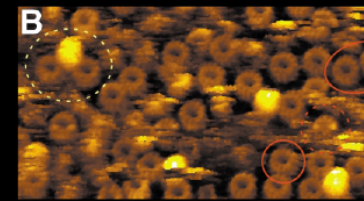


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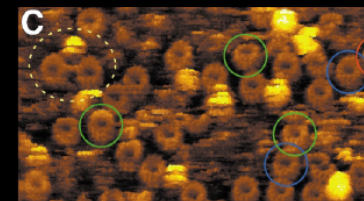
Bacteria Inner Membrane
ATP synthase



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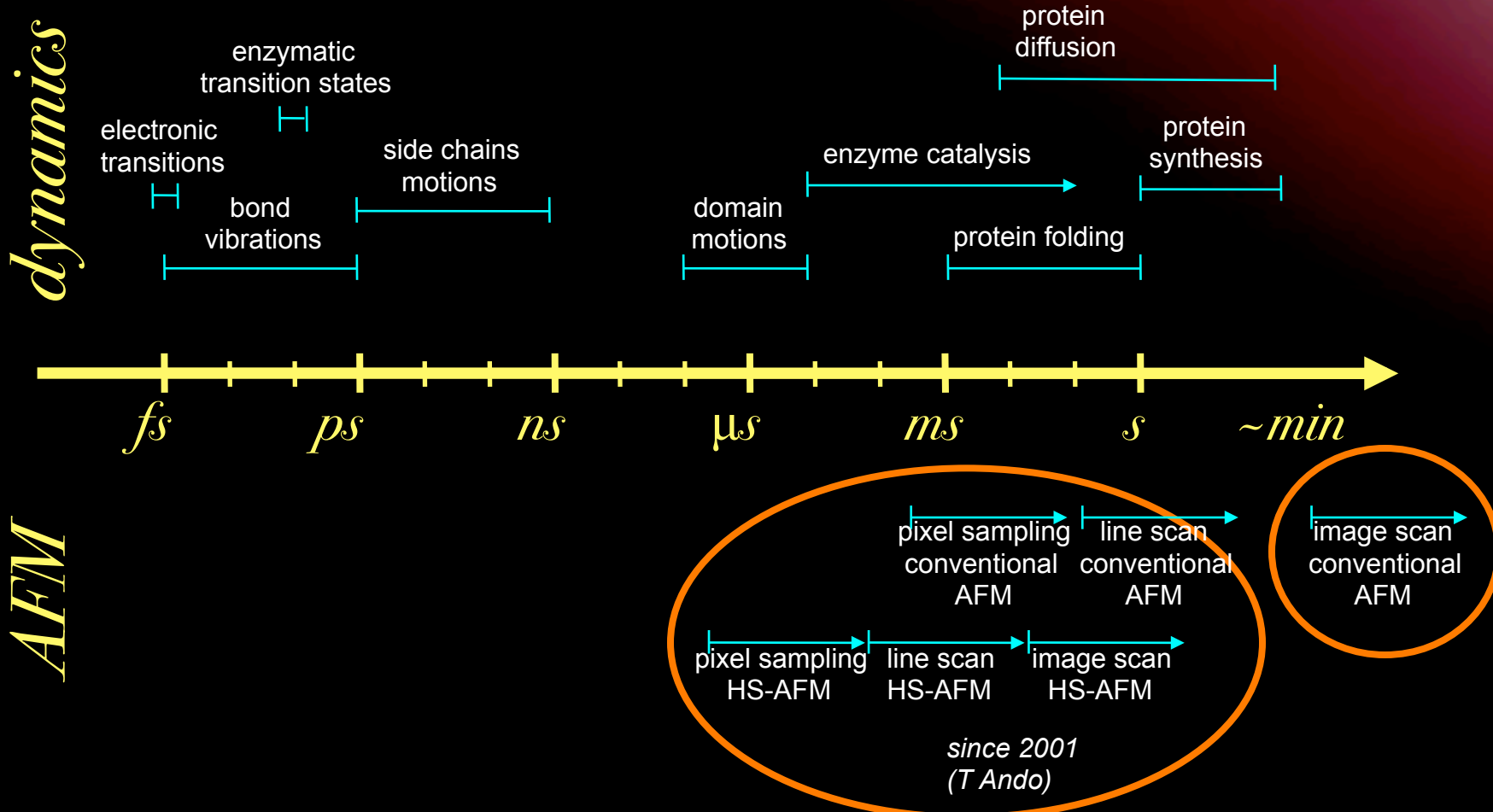
t = 90s



t = 180s

Müller et al. 2003

Times in biology

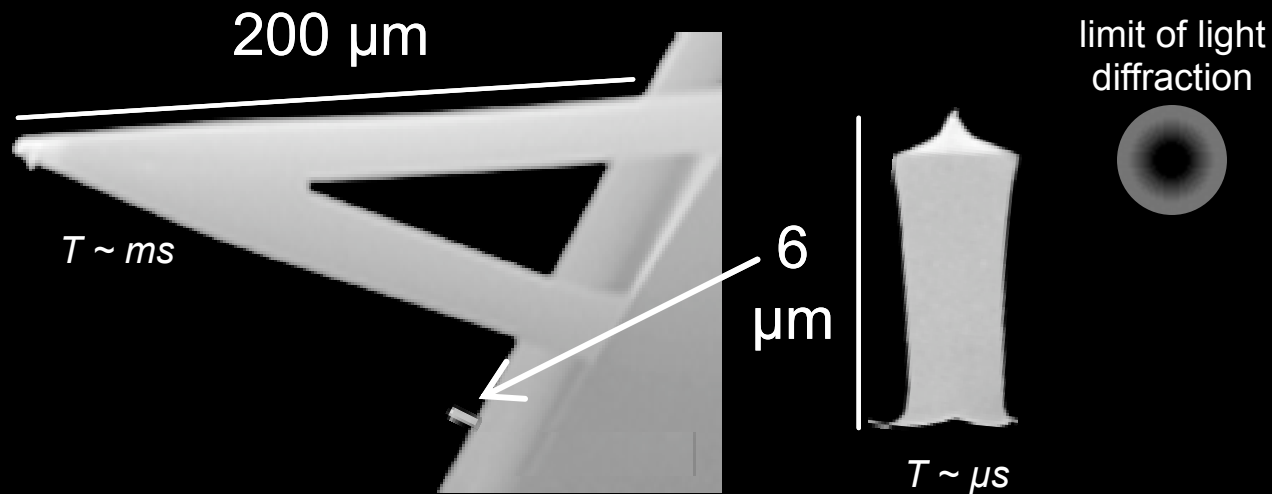


the High Speed AFM. Fundamentals

minimization of moving components to the limit of light diffraction

the HS-AFM is x1000 times faster than conventional AFM

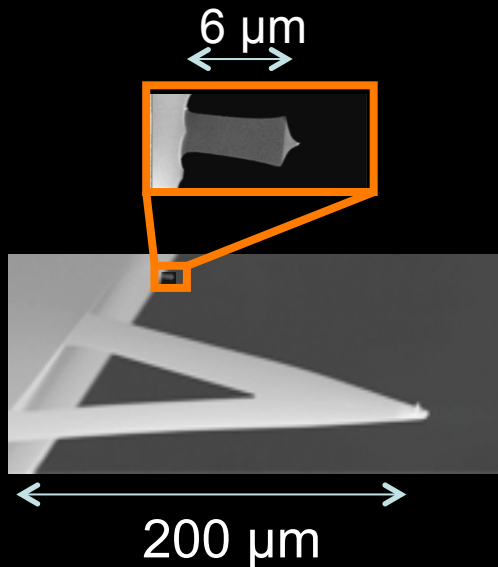
Speed Reaction $\sim 1/\sqrt{\text{mass}}$



Fundamentals of HS-AFM

Minimization of moving components

$$resonance \sim 1/\sqrt{mass}$$

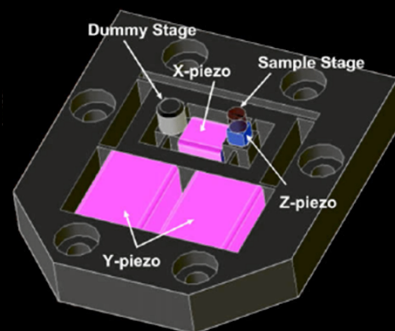


HighSpeed Cantilever

- Spring constant ~ 0.1 N/m
- Resonance frequency in water ~ 600 kHz
- $Q \sim 2$
- Typically Amplitude Modulation

Conventional Cantilever

- Spring constant ~ 0.1 N/m
- Resonance frequency in water ~ 7 kHz
- $Q \sim 2$
- Typically Contact mode



HS-AFM Scanner

- Scan area $\sim 1 \mu\text{m}^2$
- Resonance frequency ~ 300 kHz

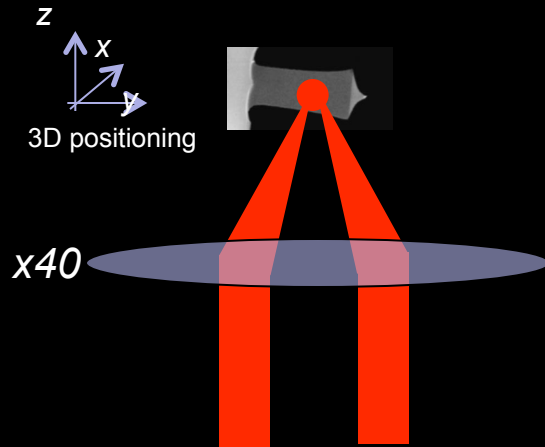


Details of HS-AFM

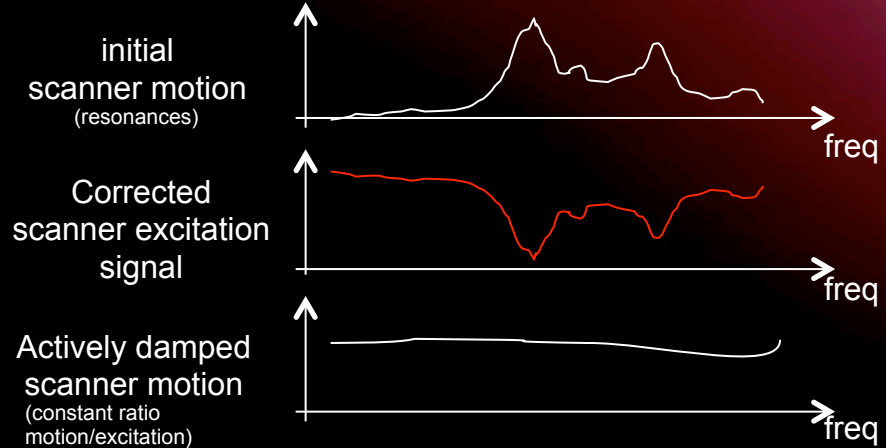


T. Ando et al. 2001

Laser focusing

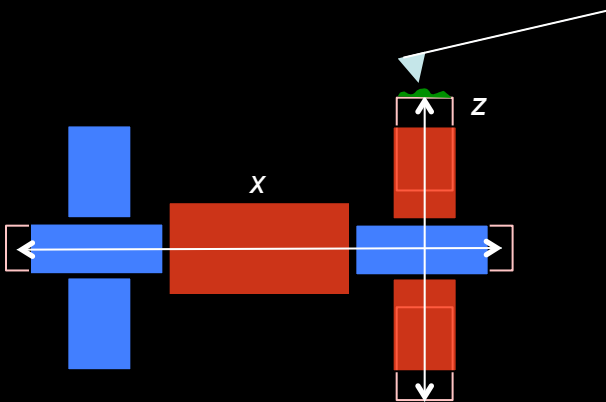


Active damping scanner vibrations

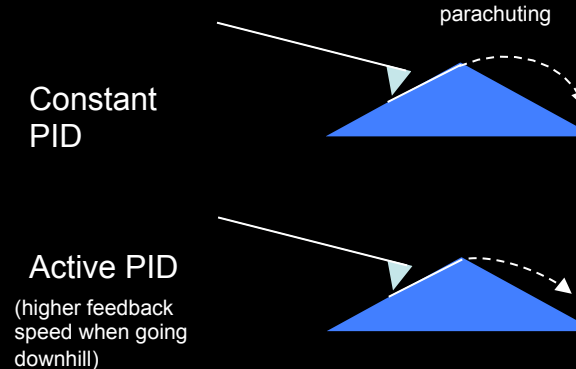


Scanner counterbalance

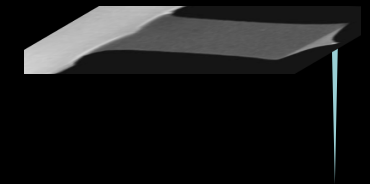
back to tripod



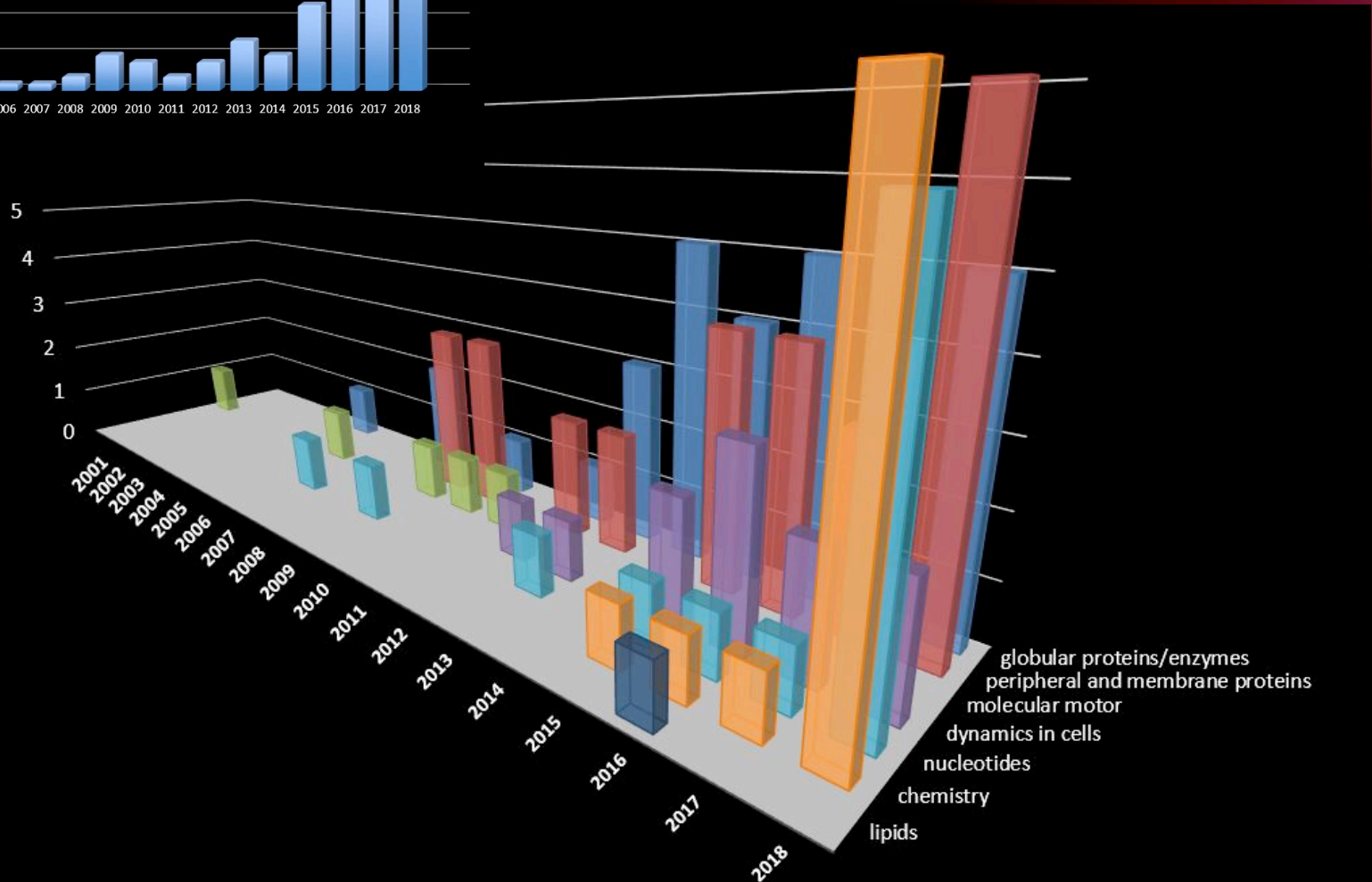
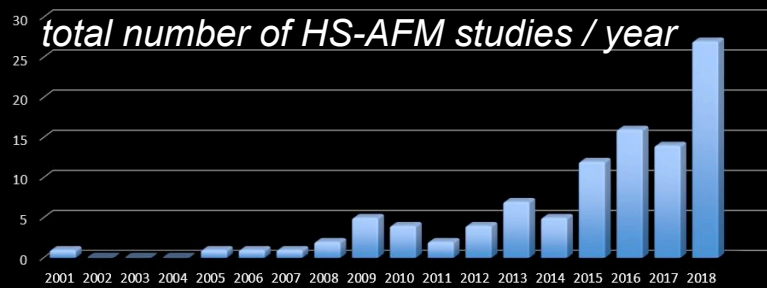
Active feedback



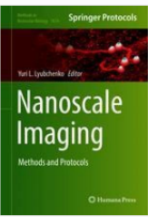
Electron Beam Deposited tip



History line of HS-AFM, 102 studies until Dec 2018



■ globular proteins/enzymes ■ peripheral and membrane proteins ■ molecular motor ■ dynamics in cells ■ nucleotides ■ chemistry ■ lipids



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High-Resolution and High-Speed Atomic Force Microscope Imaging

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Protocol

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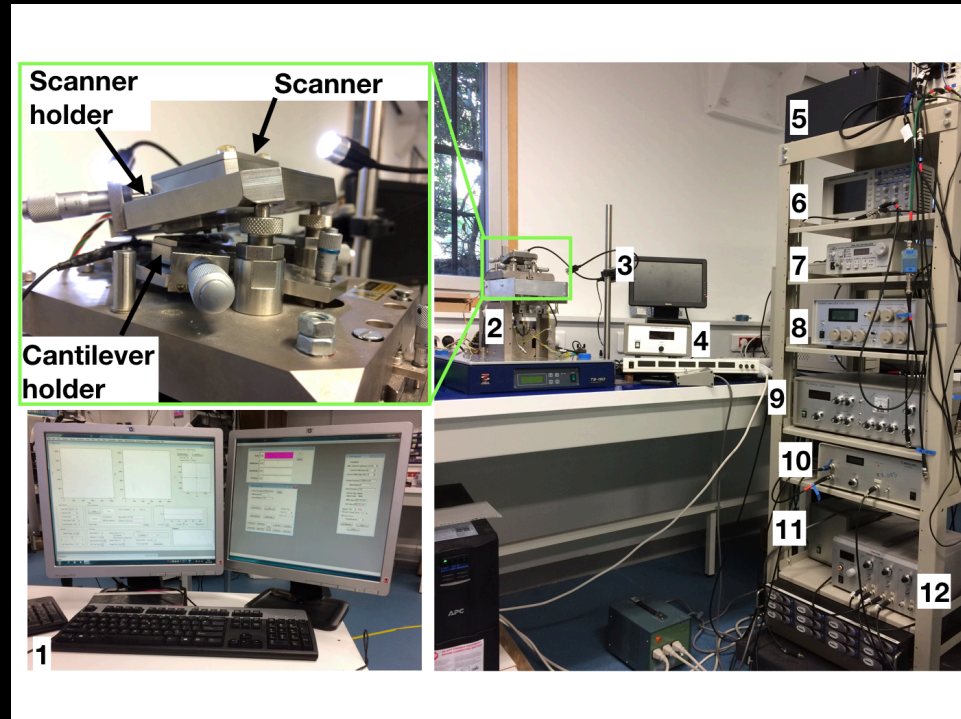


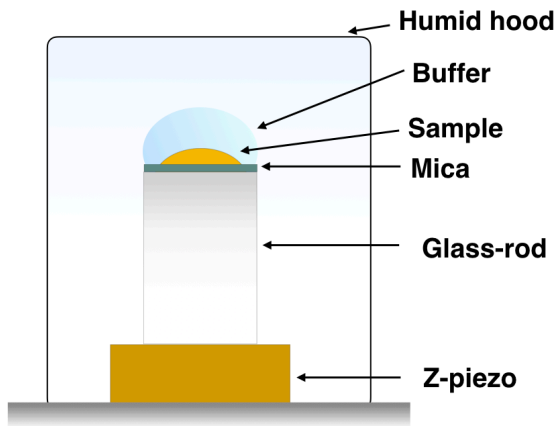
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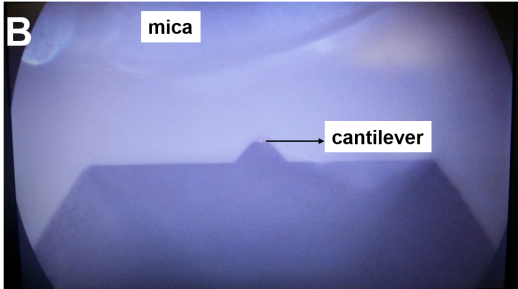
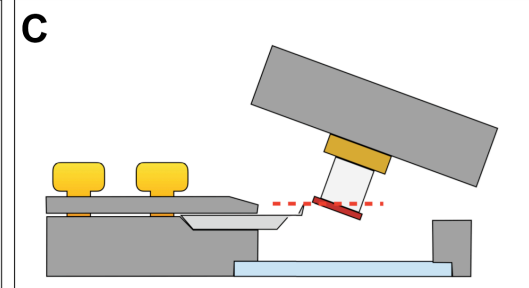
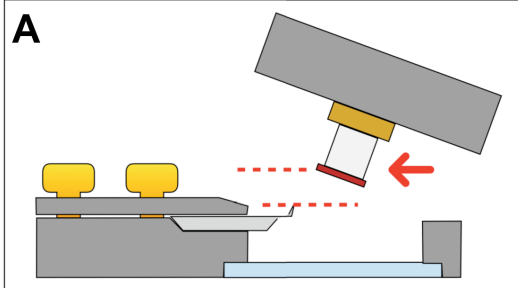
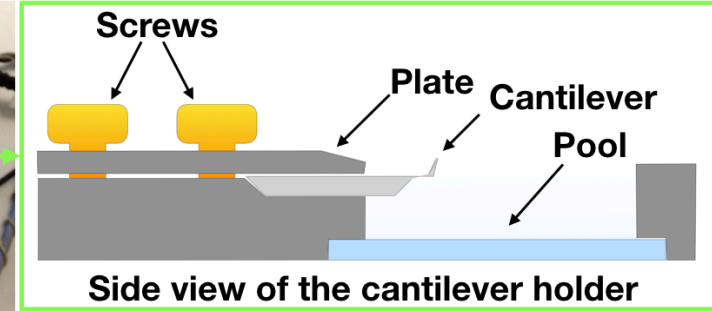
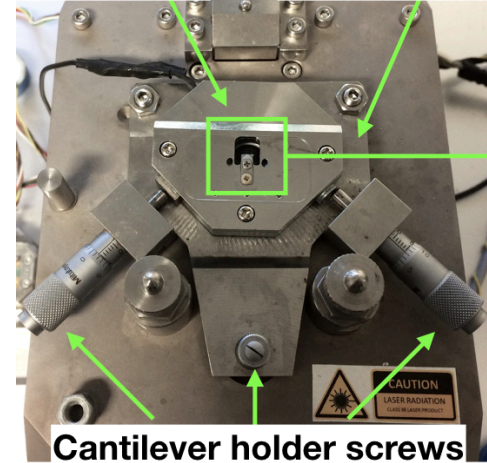
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Cantilever holder base



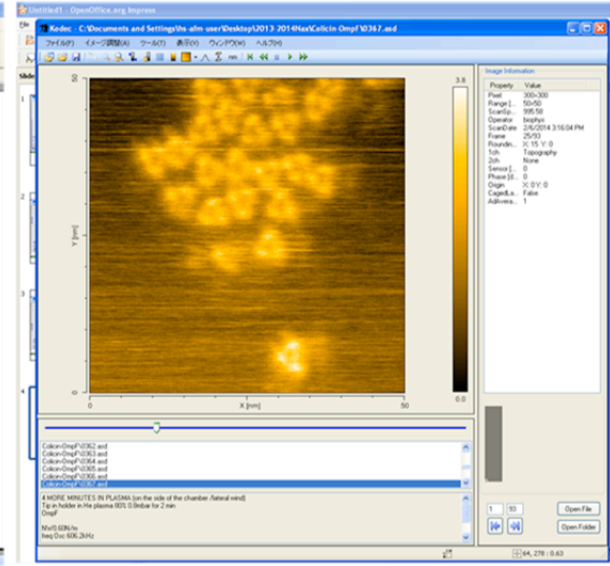
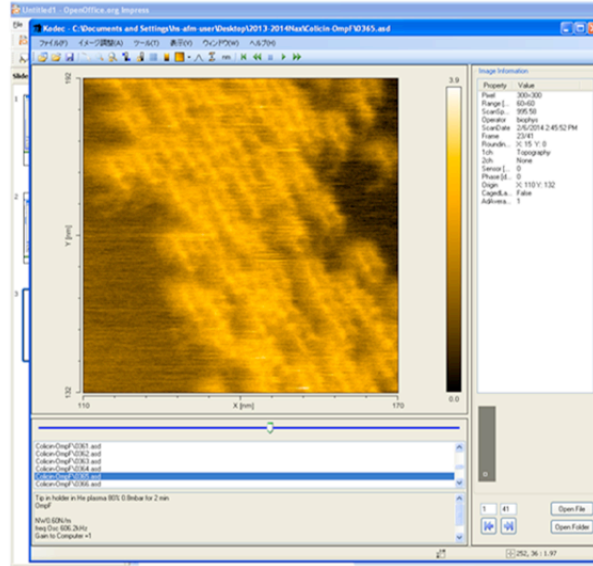
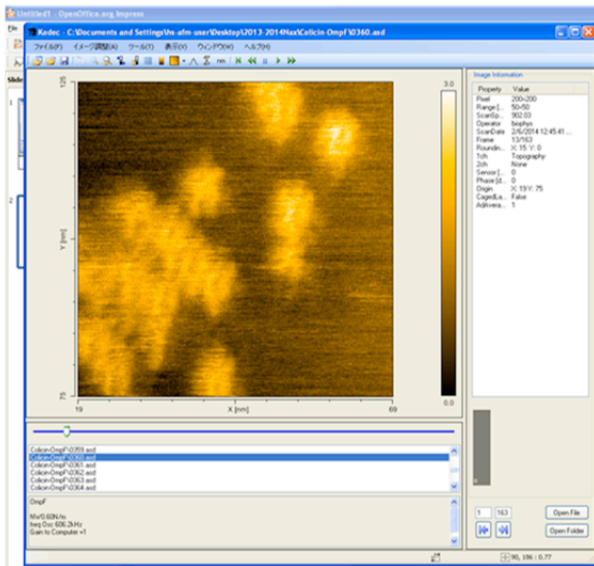
Amorphous carbon Electron Beam Deposition tips used in HS-AFM can be sharpened by plasma attack



Out of the box EBD tip

+ 2 min He₂(g) plasma

+ 4min He₂(g) plasma



ATOMIC FORCE MICROSCOPE (AFM)

Invention of the STM and AFM



The Nobel Prize in Physics 1986

for his fundamental work in electron optics, and for the design of the first electron microscope”

“for their design of the scanning tunneling microscope”



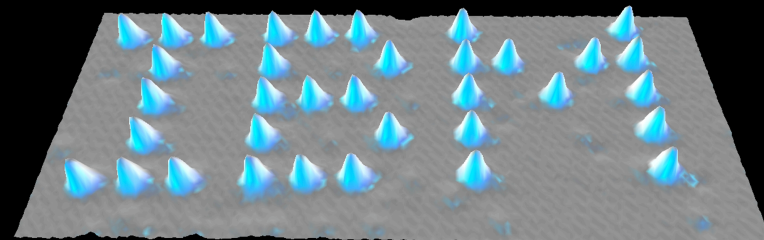
Ernst Ruska
Prize share: 1/2



Gerd Binnig
Prize share: 1/4



Heinrich Rohrer
Prize share: 1/4



Scanning tunneling microscopy – from birth to adolescence

Nobel lecture, December 8 1986

Atomic force microscope

Phys. Rev. Lett. 1986 Mar 3;56(9):930-933

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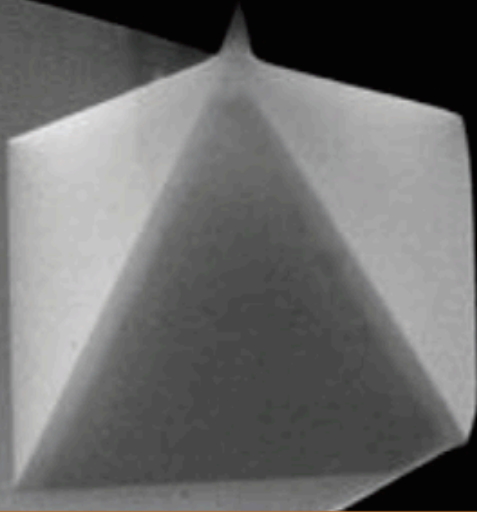
The tip and the protein

Protein
 $\sim 3 \text{ nm} = 3 \cdot 10^{-9} \text{ m}$



Basket-Ball
 $\sim 3 \text{ dm} = 3 \cdot 10^{-1} \text{ m}$

AFM-Tip
 $\sim 3 \mu\text{m} = 3 \cdot 10^{-6} \text{ m}$



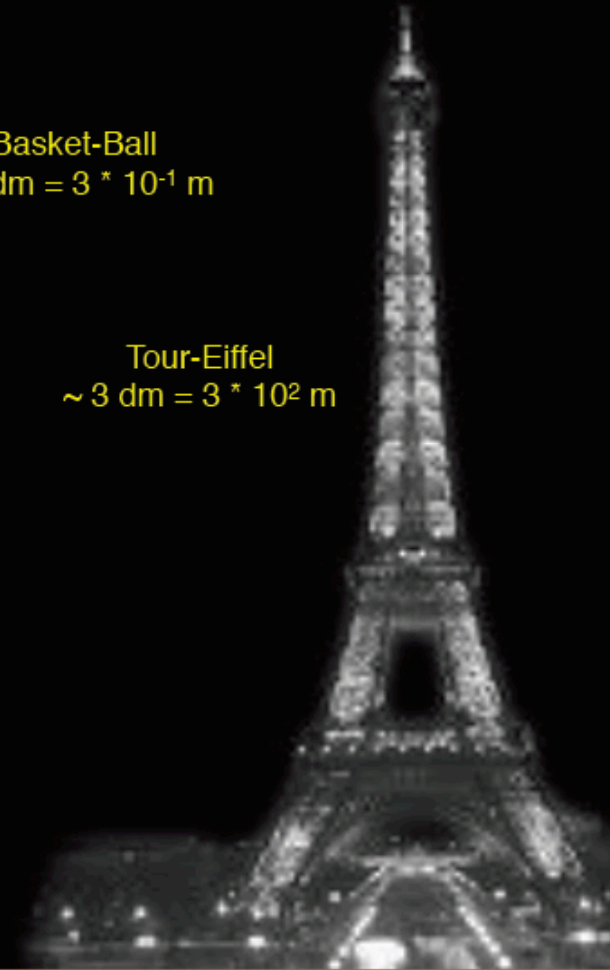
AFM-Tip / Protein

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Tour-Eiffel / Basket-Ball

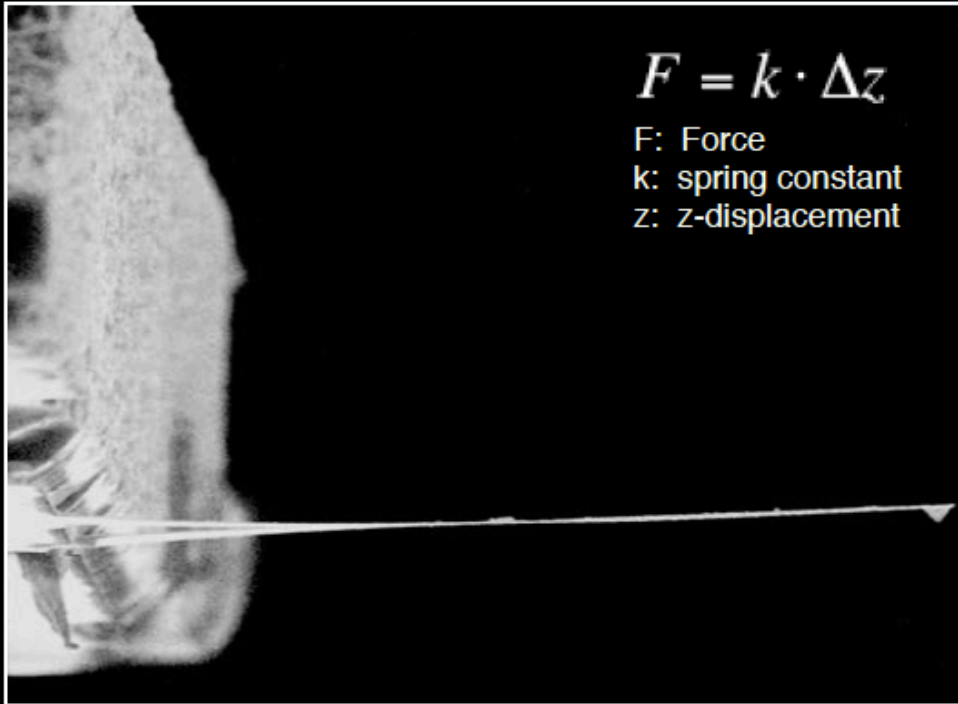
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Tour-Eiffel
 $\sim 3 \text{ km} = 3 \cdot 10^3 \text{ m}$



HIGH RESOLUTION AFM IMAGING

The force measured by the cantilever / The spring constant (k) of a cantilever



Geometrical consideration

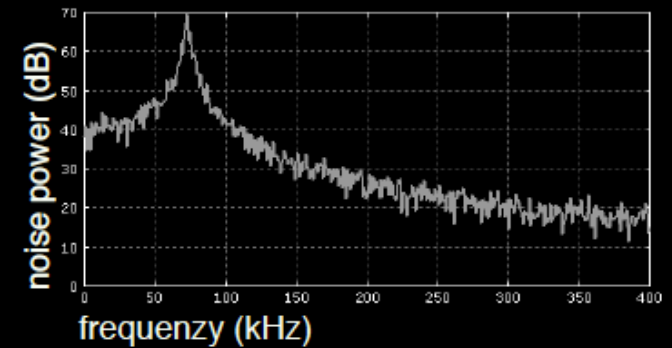
$$k \approx \frac{E \cdot w \cdot t^3}{l^3}$$

E: Young's modulus
w: cantilever width
t: cantilever thickness
l: cantilever length

Thermal noise analysis

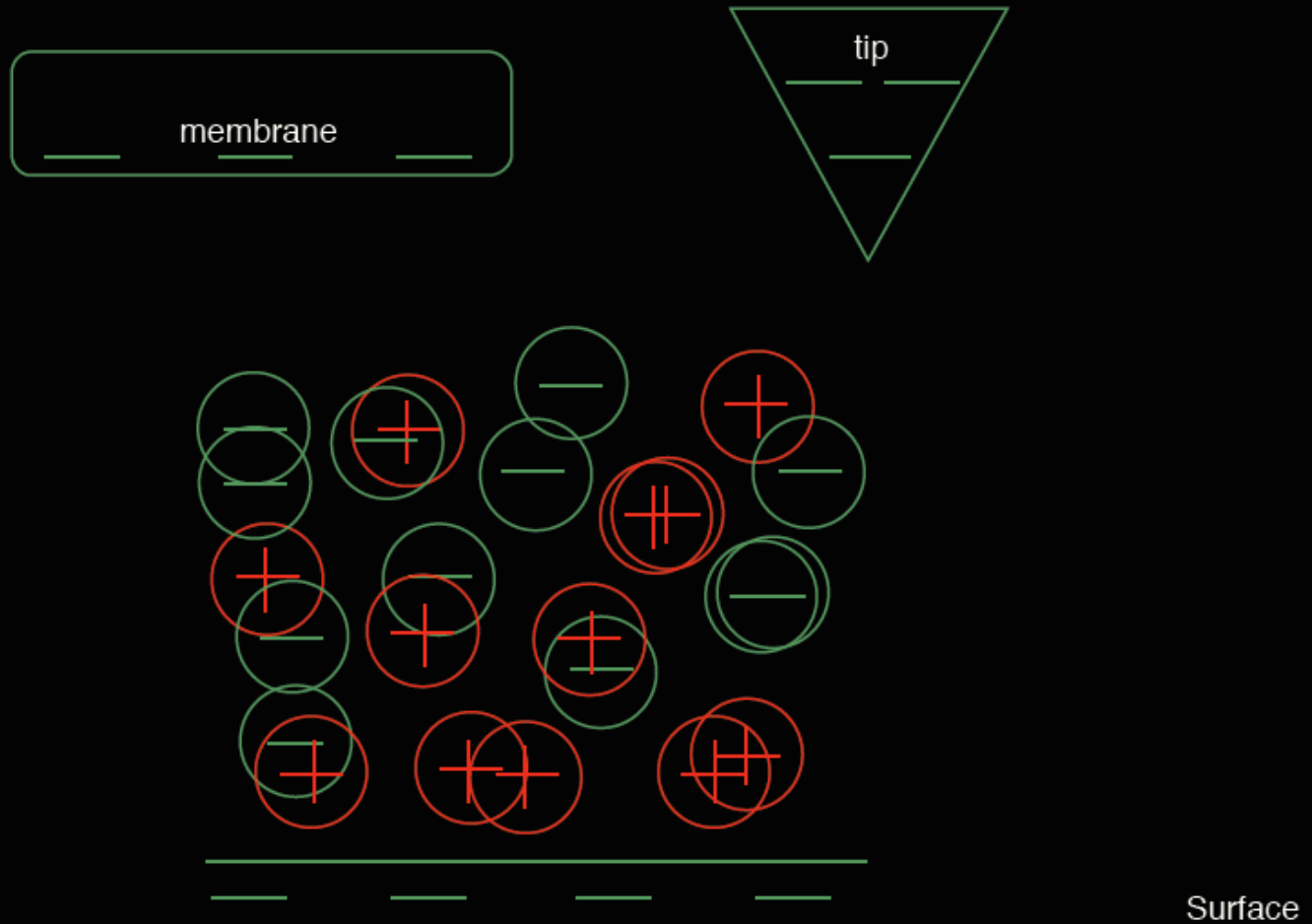
$$k = \frac{k_B \cdot T}{\langle x^2 \rangle}$$

k_B : Boltzmann constant
T: temperature
 x^2 : mean-squared amplitude of cantilever motion



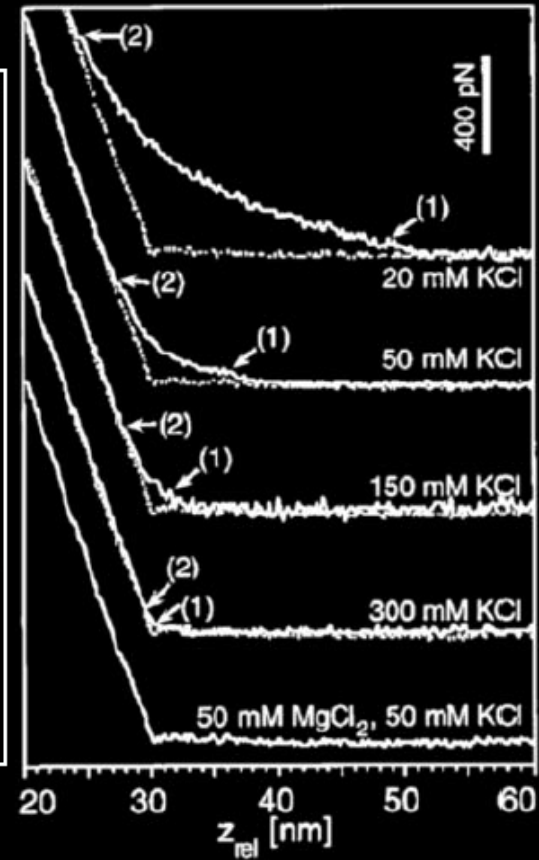
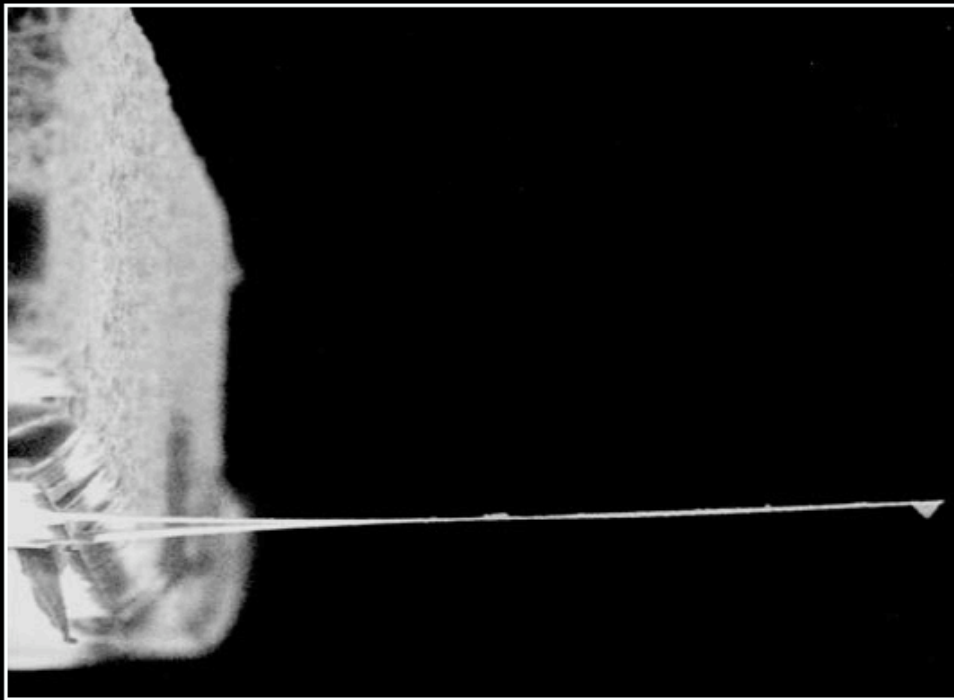
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Ions are important



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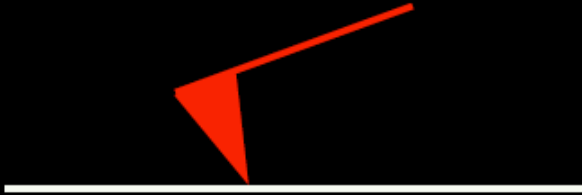
Tip - Sample : Repulsive forces



Daniel J Müller, Dimitrios Fotiadis, Simon Scheuring, Shirley A Müller & Andreas Engel*
Electrostatically balanced subnanometer imaging of biological specimens by atomic force microscopy
Biophys J, 1999, 76 (2): 1101-1111

ATOMIC FORCE MICROSCOPE (AFM)

Imaging modes



Contact mode
- Deflection / Force
(deflection when in contact)



Oscillating mode
- Deflection / Force
- Amplitude
- Phase
(Amplitude decreases and phase changes when in contact)

The highest impact ten HS-AFM studies

PNAS
2001
high-speed atomic force microscope for studying biological macromolecules

Shio Ando¹, Noriyuki Kodera¹, Eisuke Takai¹, Daisuke Maruyama¹, Kiyamu Saito¹, and Akiyoshi Toda¹

0 ms 80 ms 160 ms
240 ms 320 ms 400 ms
480 ms 560 ms 640 ms

10.1073/pnas.010500798

2001 MOLECULAR MOTOR
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2010 MEMBRANE PROTEIN
KANAZAWA

2017 CELLS
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nature physics

Letter | Published: 01 May 2017

High-frequency microrheology reveals cytoskeleton dynamics in living cells

$\Delta h = 15\text{-nm}$
 $\Delta_p \approx 300\text{-nm}$

0.01 kHz
1 kHz
100 kHz

2016 PROTEIN COMPLEX
BASEL

nature nanotechnology

Spatiotemporal dynamics of the nuclear pore complex transport barrier resolved by high-speed atomic force microscopy

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2016 PERIPHERAL MEMBR PROT
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High-speed atomic force microscopy shows that annexin V stabilizes membranes on the second timescale

Atsushi Miyagi, Christophe Chipot, Martina Rangl & Simon Scheuring

2016

Figure 2: Rotational freedom of the non-p6 A5 trimers.

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Letter abstract

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High-speed atomic force microscopy shows dynamic molecular processes in photoactivated bacteriorhodopsin

Makihito Shibata¹, Hayato Yamahita¹, Takayuki Uchihashi^{1,2}, Hideaki Sandoz¹ & Toshiro Aizawa^{1,2}

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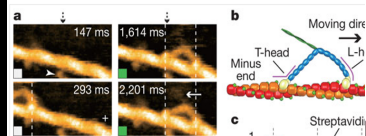
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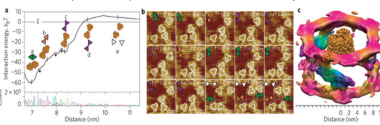
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Characterization of the motion of membrane proteins using high-speed atomic force microscopy

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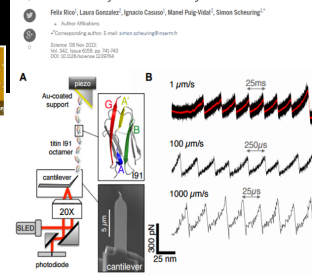
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High-Speed Force Spectroscopy Unfolds Titin at the Velocity of Molecular Dynamics Simulations

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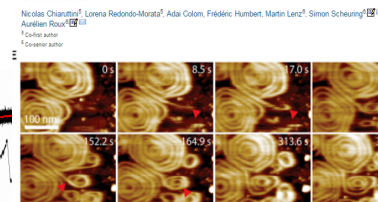
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Article
Relaxation of Loaded ESCRT-III Spiral Springs Drives Membrane Deformation

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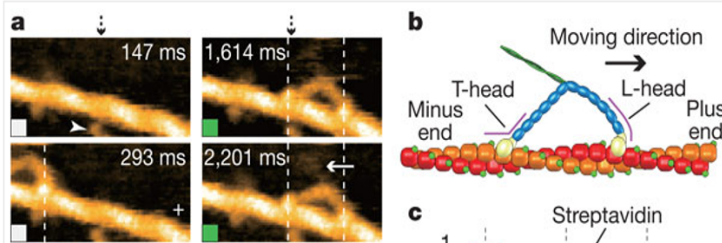
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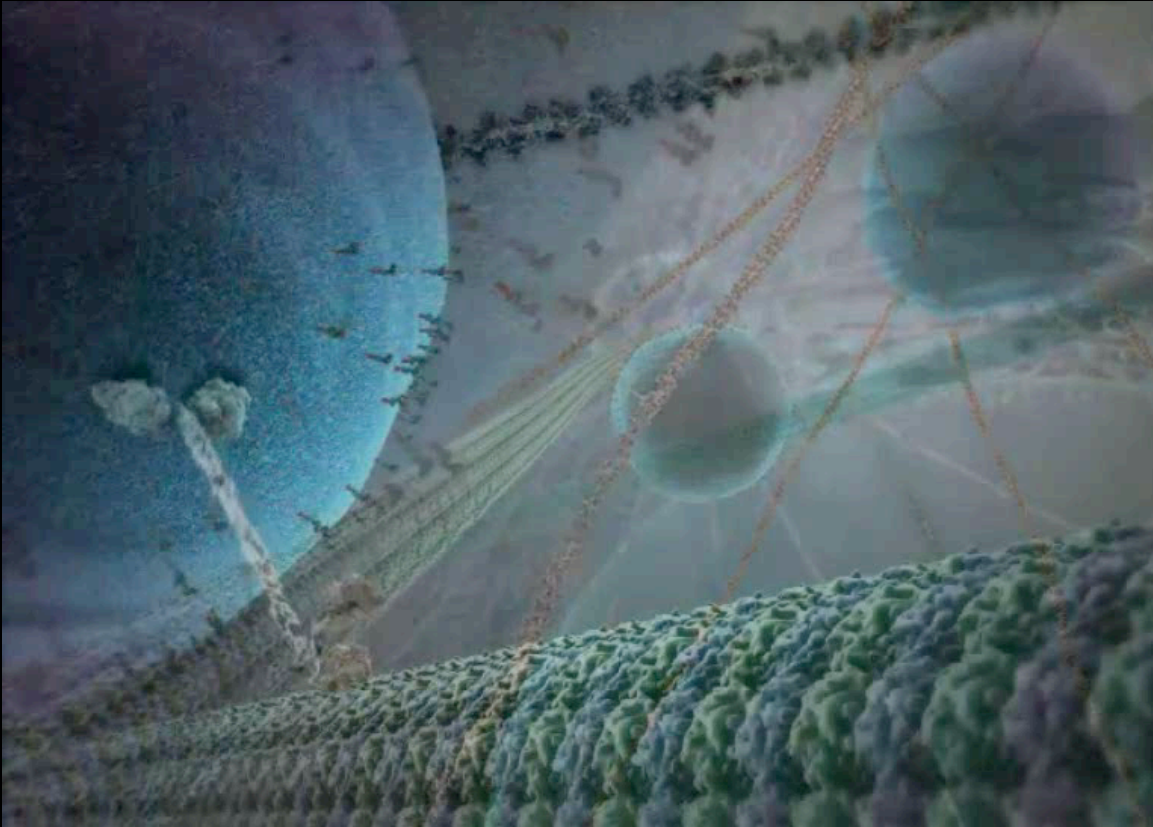


MOLECULAR MOTOR MYOSIN WALKING VISUALIZED BY HS-AFM

MYOSIN CARRYING CARGO VESICLE BETWEEN ORGANELLES

Recreation of the Swinging Lever-Arm Hypothesis

The Inner life of the Cell, 3D computer graphics animation, 2008



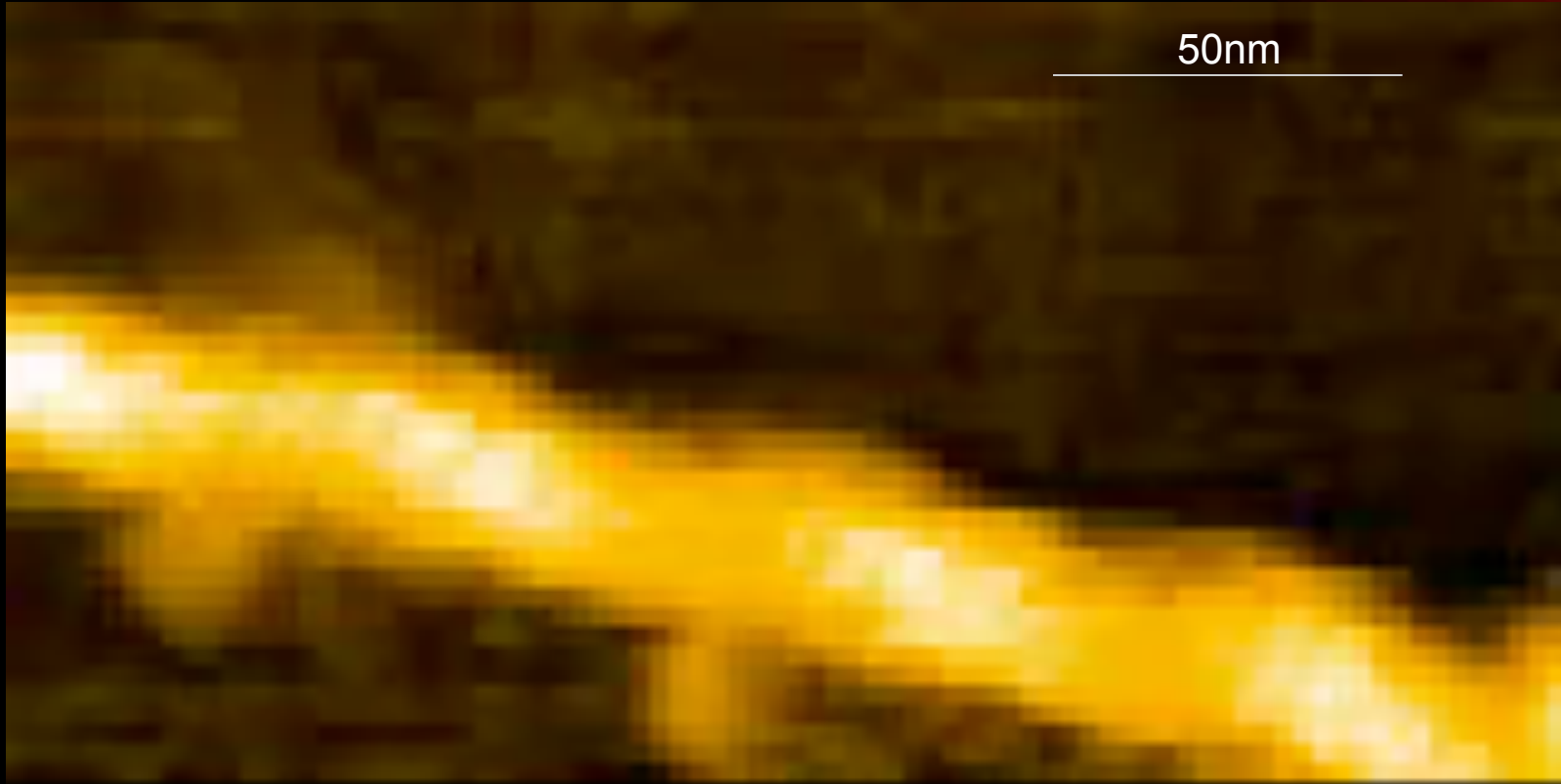
Hypothesis based on data from two sources

(i) Structural data from X-ray and electron microscopy data

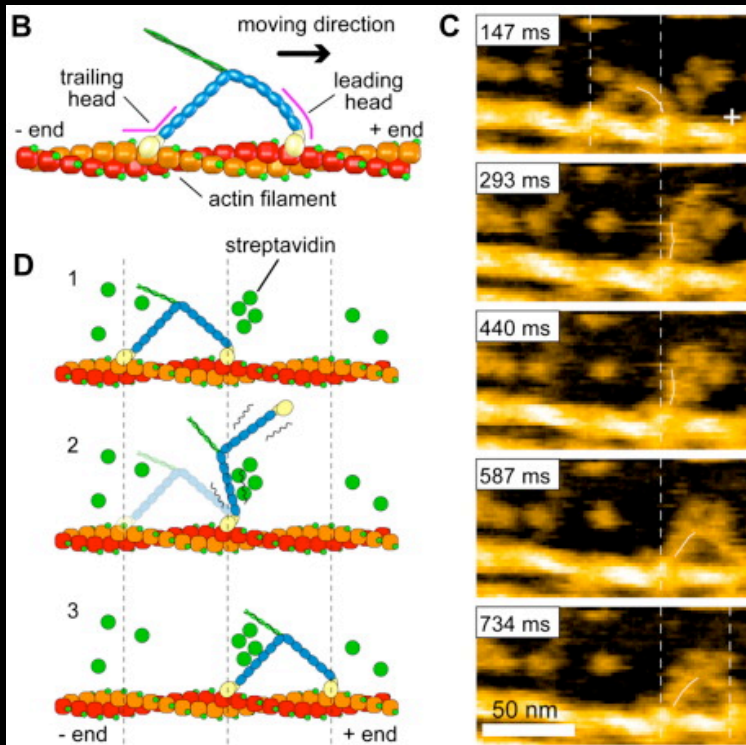
(ii) Dynamical data from fluorescence microscopy

MOLECULAR MOTOR. MYOSIN OBSERVED BY HS-AFM

Confirmation of swinging arm hypothesis
Simultaneous structural and dynamical HS-AFM data



Model previous to HS-AFM
1 to 1: configuration – chemical state
 (info based on static electron microscopy visualizations)

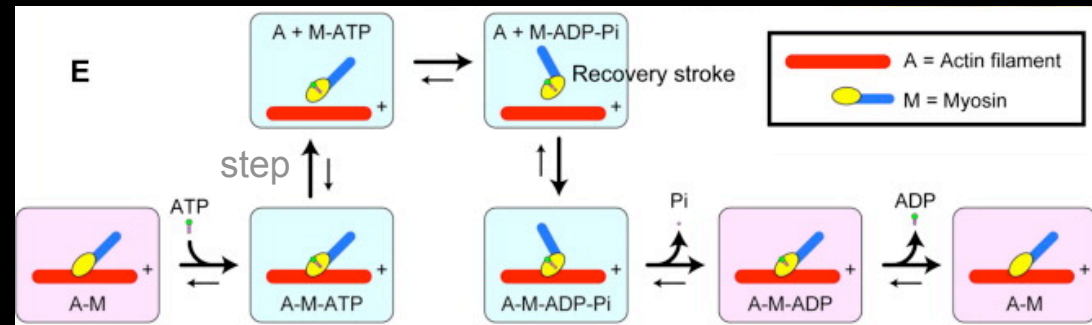


1 μ M ATP. 7 fps

HS-AFM visualization questions the established model

The step forward observed take place without any chemical transition (ATP-ADP- conditions)

New hypothesis chemical energy reaction only plays in the detaching the heads from actin. Change of paradigm



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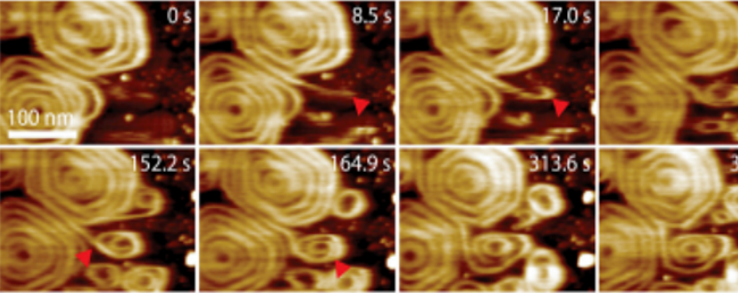
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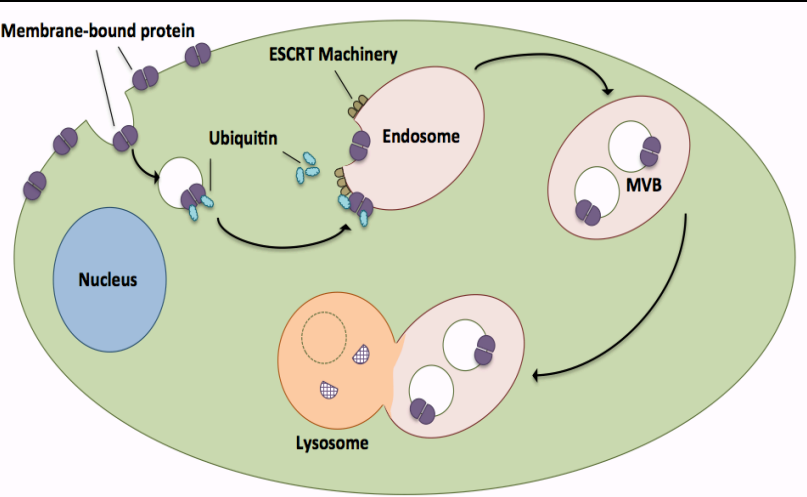
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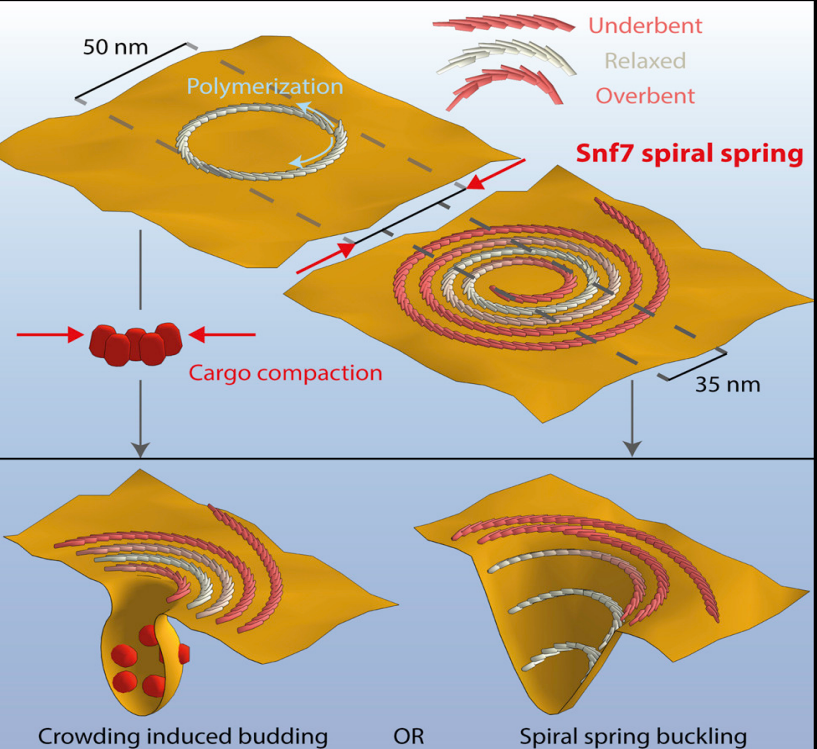
PERIPHERAL MEMBRANE
PROTEIN
INDUCED BUDDING
PROCESS VISUALIZED BY
HS-AFM

Eukaryotic endosome cargo sorting



Supplementary video 6

Nucleation of Snf7 disks
High-Speed AFM movie



Findings

- There exist a preferred ring size of the Snf7 rings (Energy minimum)
- The tendency to achieve the preferred ring size drives membrane budding
- Larger Snf7 rings, formed during initial oligomerization, squeeze inner rings



Spatiotemporal dynamics of the nuclear pore complex transport barrier resolved by high-speed atomic force microscopy

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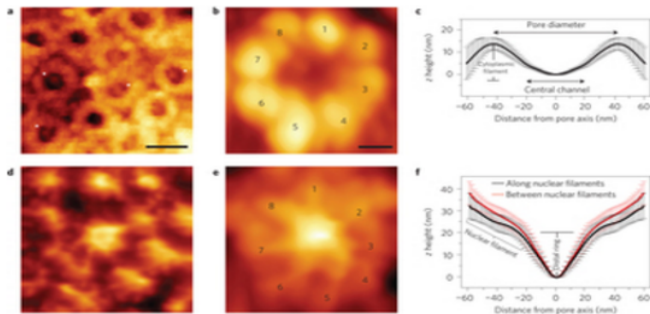
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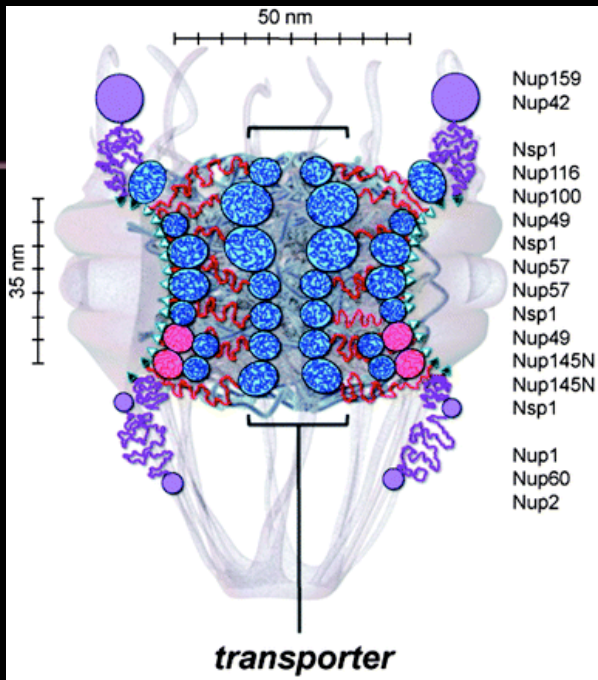
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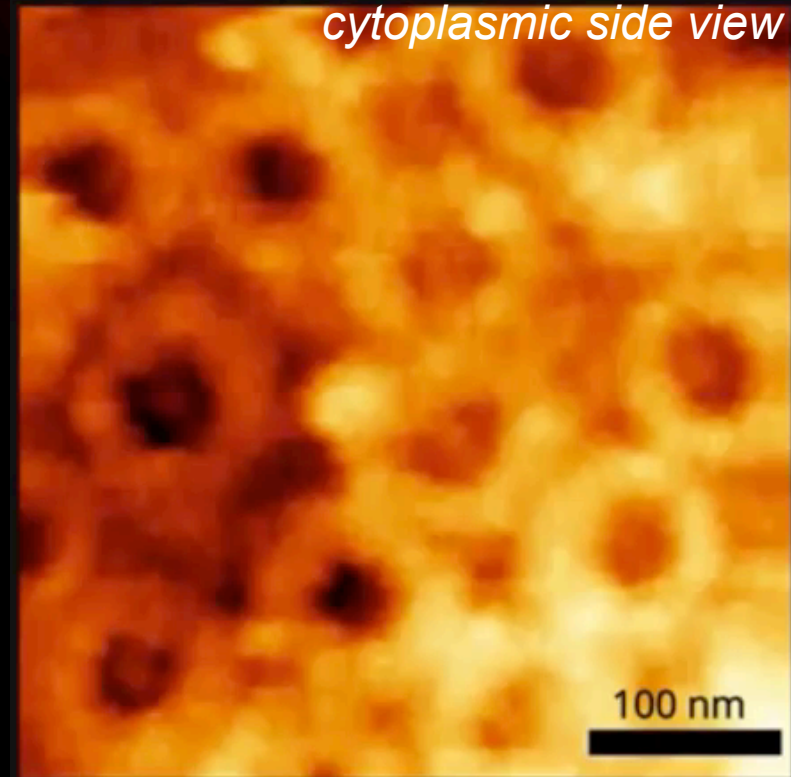


PERIPHERAL MEMBRANE COMPLEX NUCLEAR PORE COMPLEX VISUALIZED BY HS-AFM



Y Sakiyama *et al.* *Nature nano* (2016) doi:10.1038/nnano.2016.62

The mechanism by which the NPC selectively allows the transit of import or export complexes, while restricting the passage of inert species is poorly understood.



...highly dynamic FG Nups. Importantly, this brings consensus and clarity to barrier models, which mainly disagree on their static arrangements in the pore...

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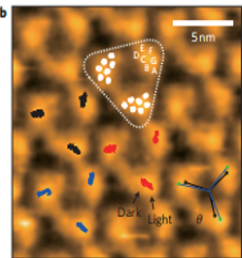
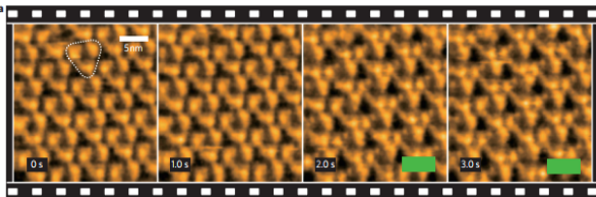
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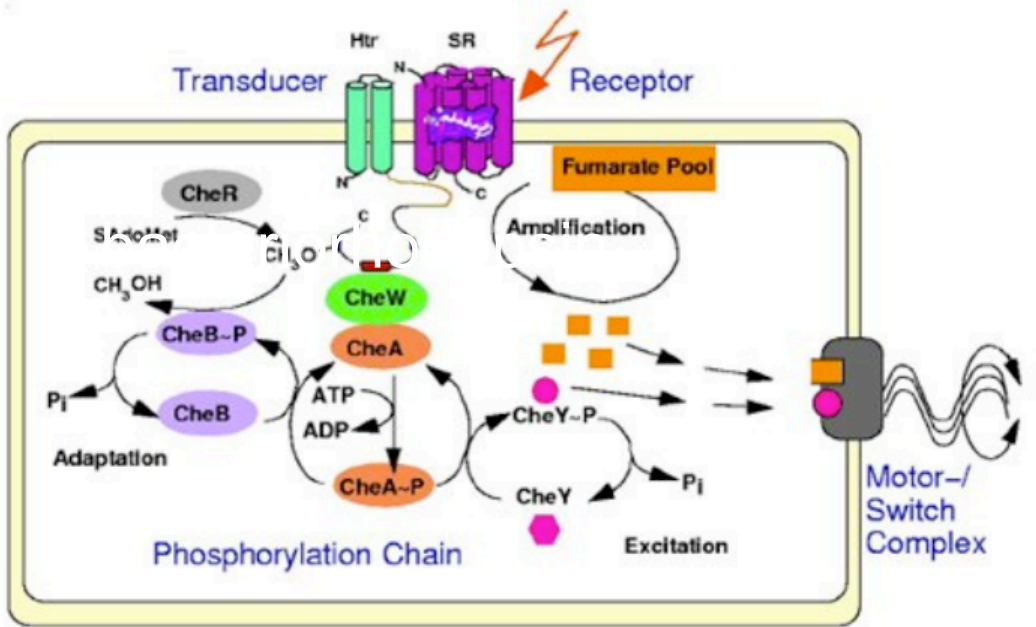
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High-speed atomic force microscopy shows dynamic molecular processes in photoactivated bacteriorhodopsin

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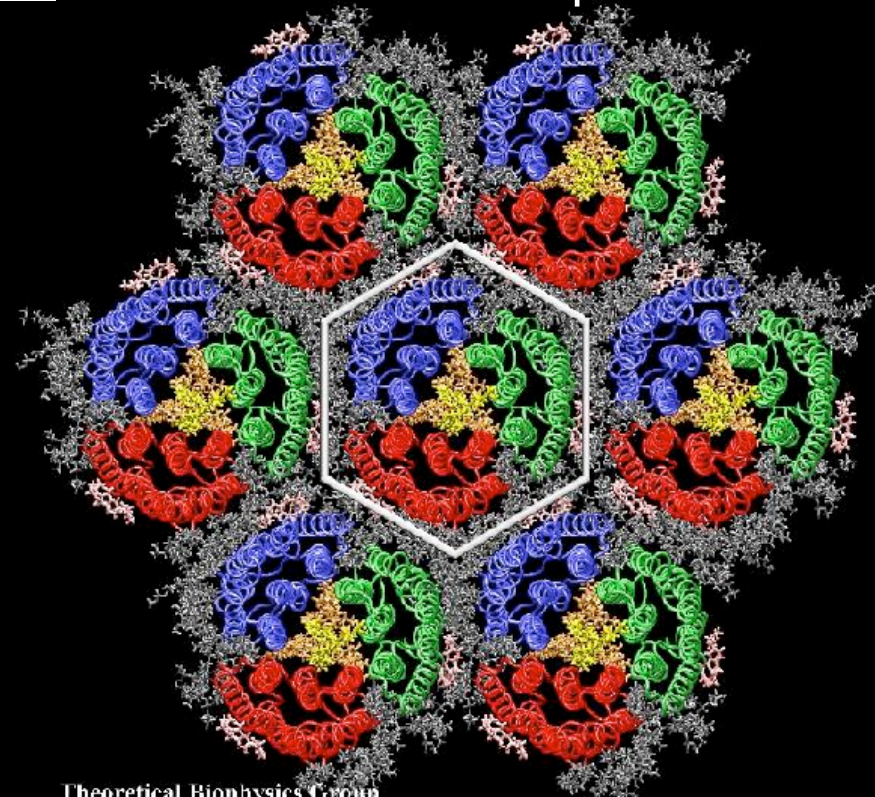
MEMBRANE PROTEIN CONFIGURATIONAL CHANGE VISUALIZED BY HS-AFM



Halobacterium salinarum



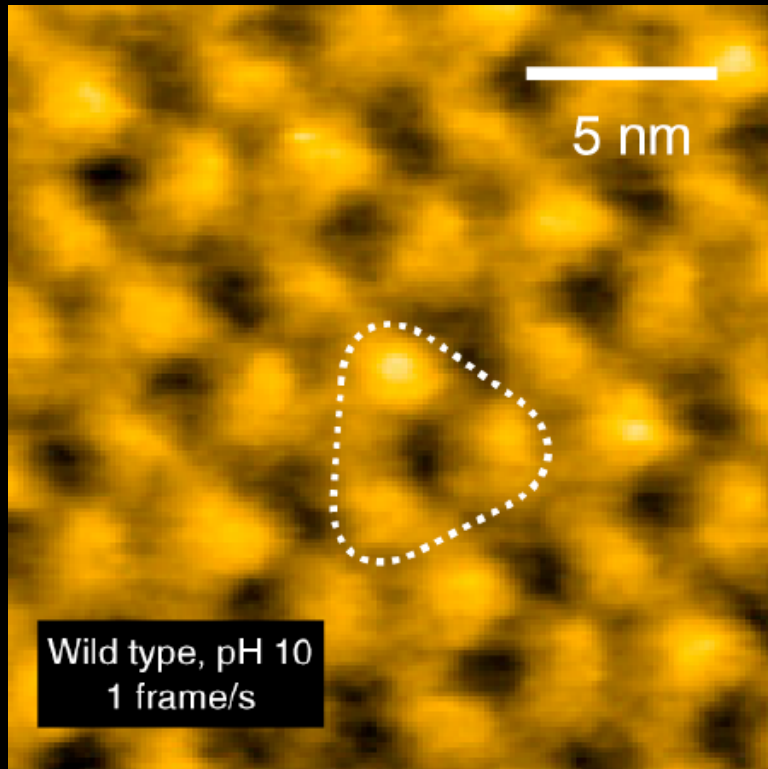
bacteriorhodopsin



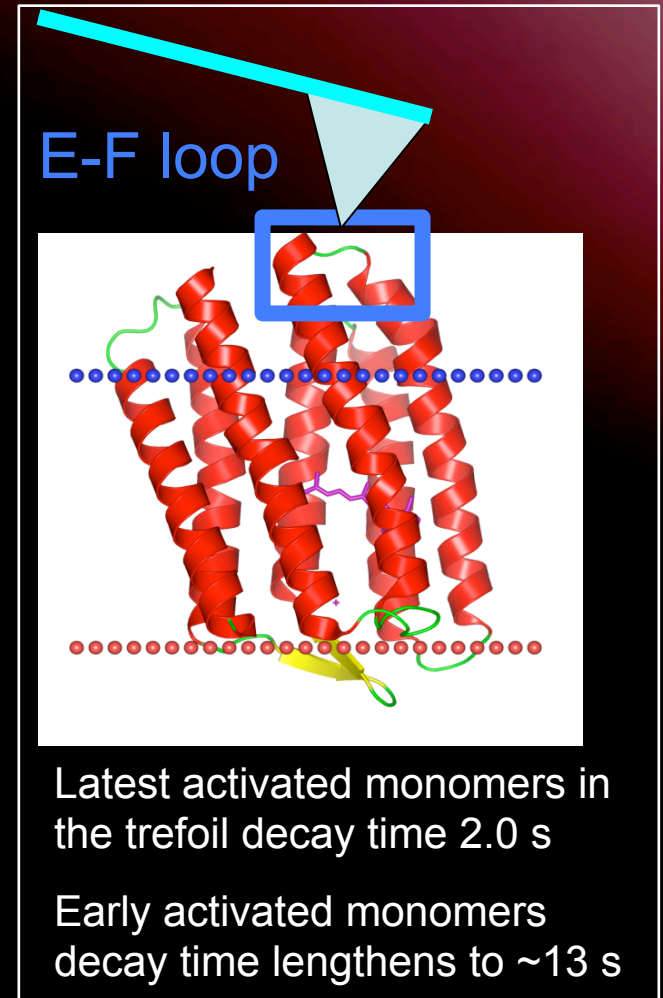
- Light driven proton pump
- 7 TM helices (reference for homologue proteins)
- Forms a homotrimer
- Homotrimers aggregate to form the purple membrane
- Stability of trimer by:
 - G113, I117, L48
 - Most stability comes from surrounding lipids

The trefoil assembly alters the decay kinetics of the activated state from individual trimers

bacteriorhodopsin



'trefoil', nearest-neighbour monomers trimer



M Shibata *et al.* *Nature nano* (2010) doi:10.1038/nano.2010.07

highlights the relevance out of the membrane interactions between neighbor oligomers in protein functioning (E-F loop bending/activation)

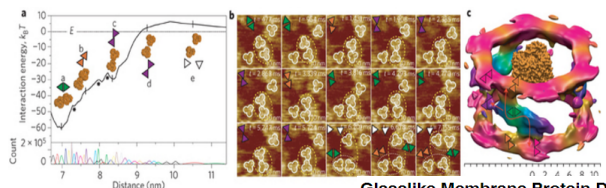
Characterization of the motion of membrane proteins using high-speed atomic force microscopy

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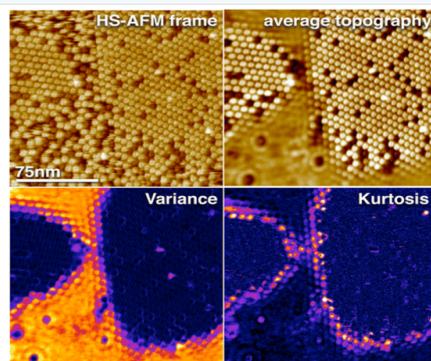
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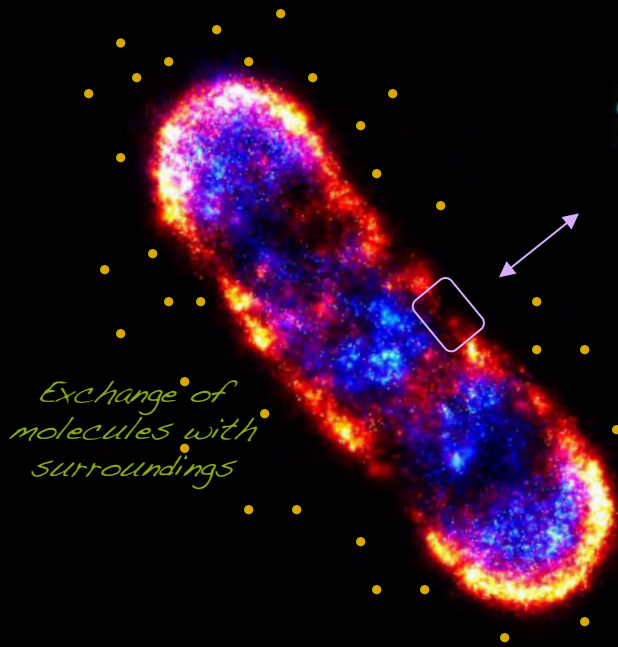
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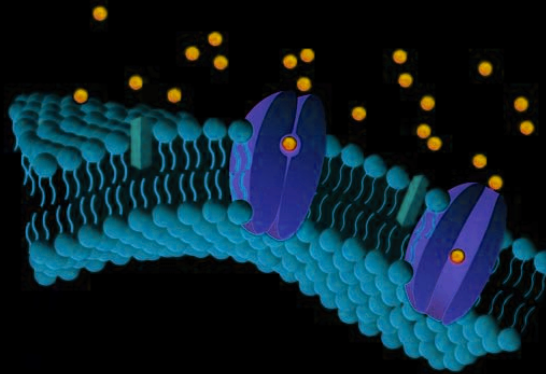
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HS-AFM study of Porin Mediated Cell Membrane Transport

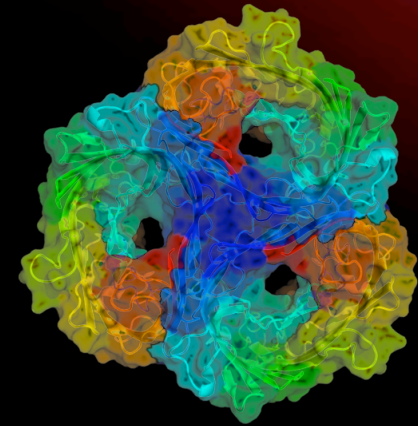
Escherichia Coli



Outer Membrane



Outer Membrane Porin F
OmpF trimer

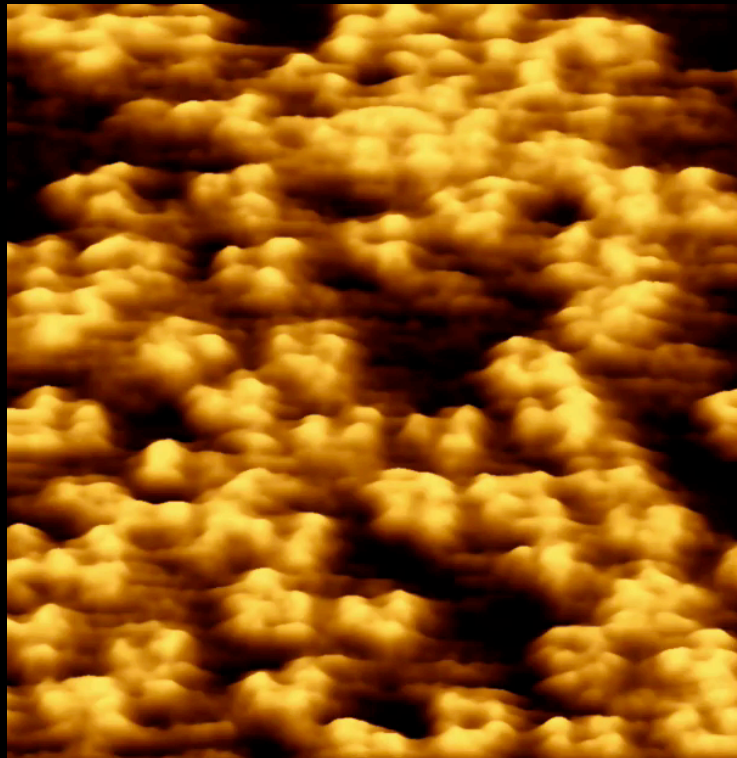
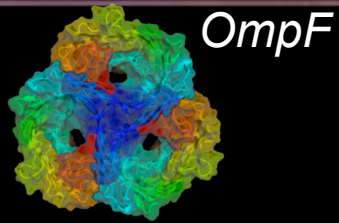


FUNCTION:
Passive diffusion transport of polar nutrients (water, ions sugars) and waste

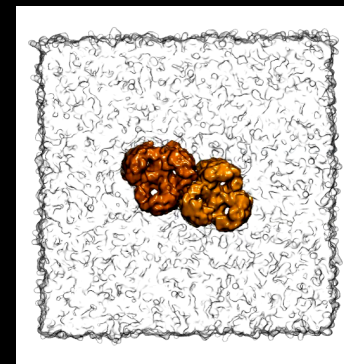
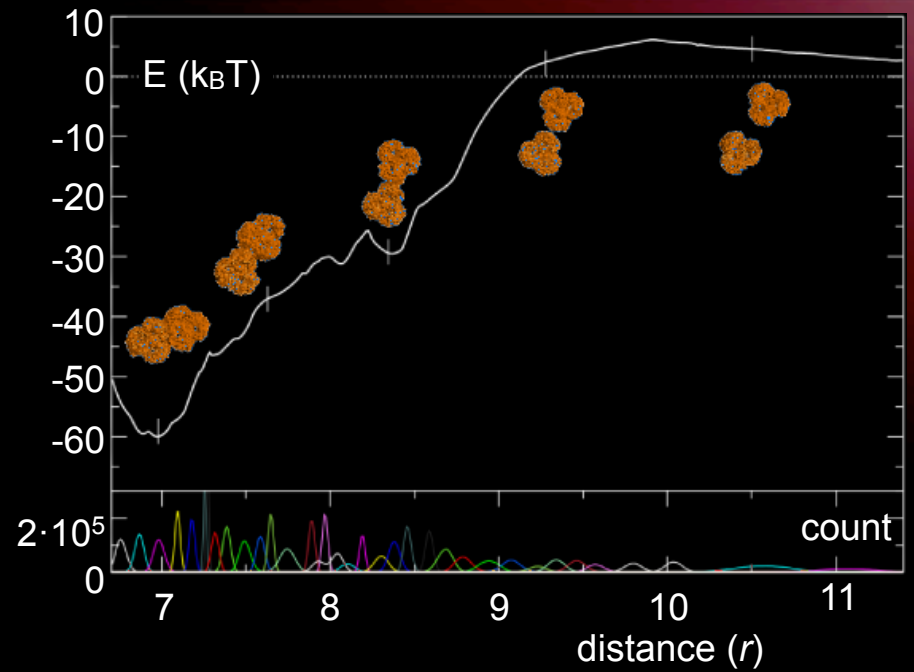
How are the OmpF molecules distributed in the bacterial membrane ?

Location of Porins in the membrane is critical for Cell Transport

OmpF covers ~40% of the outer membrane surface



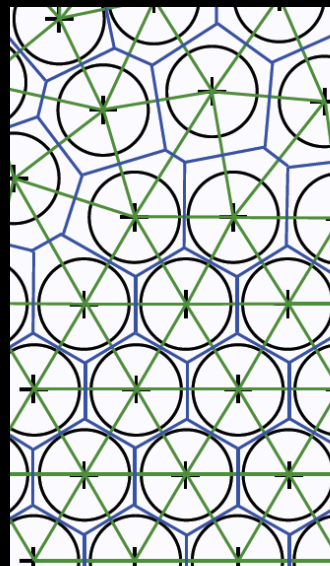
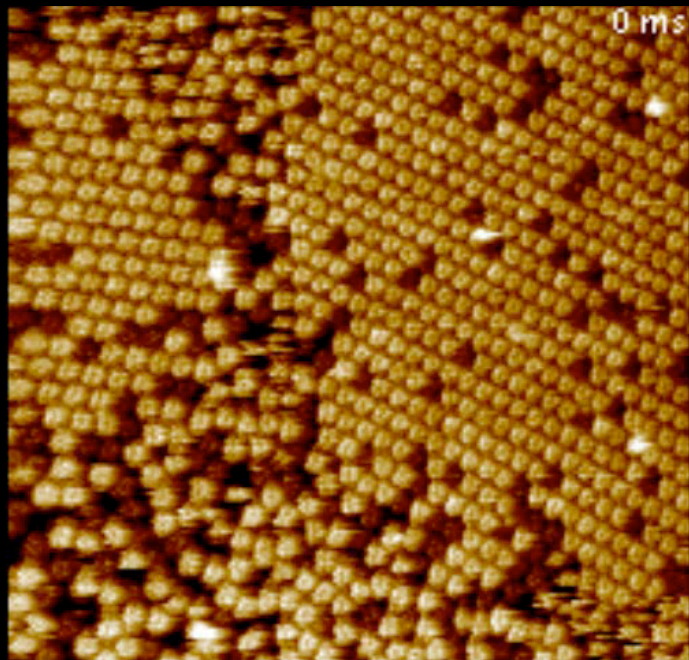
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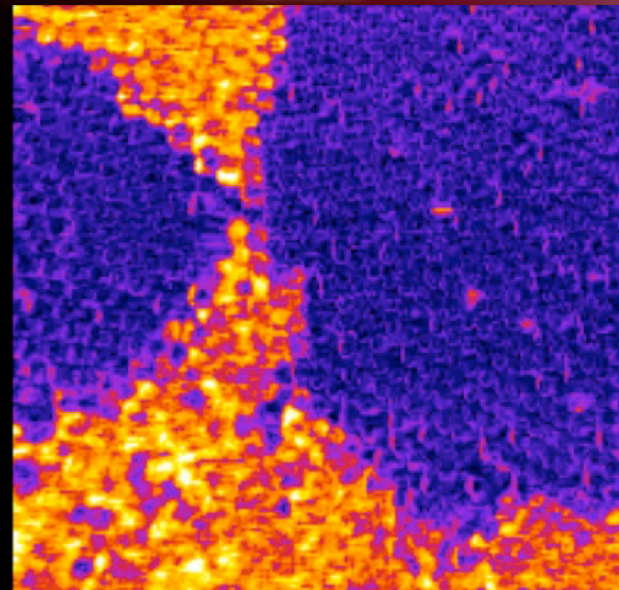
Coarsened grain molecular
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GLASSY BEHAVIOR IN CROWDED MEMBRANES

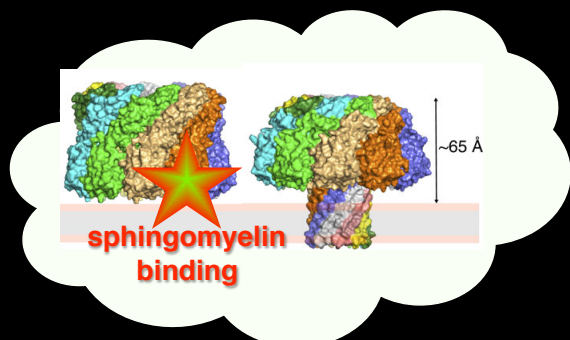
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HEAT MAP BY SD
(AT AVERAGE CAGE RESIDENCE TIME)



FLUCTUATION WAVES
DYNAMIC HETEROGENEITY



LYSENIN

PORE FORMING TOXIN

Collective motion is controlled by crowding effects (cages)

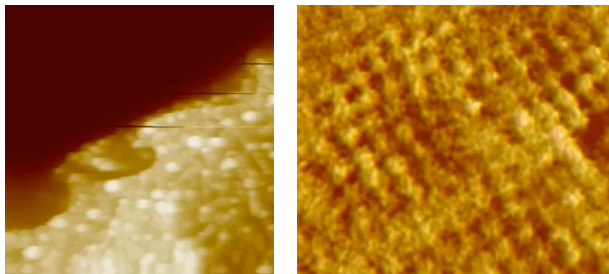
In these conditions, the individual molecules diffuse in anomalous-like diffusion trajectories

Article | Published: 16 July 2013

A hybrid high-speed atomic force–optical microscope for visualizing single membrane proteins on eukaryotic cells

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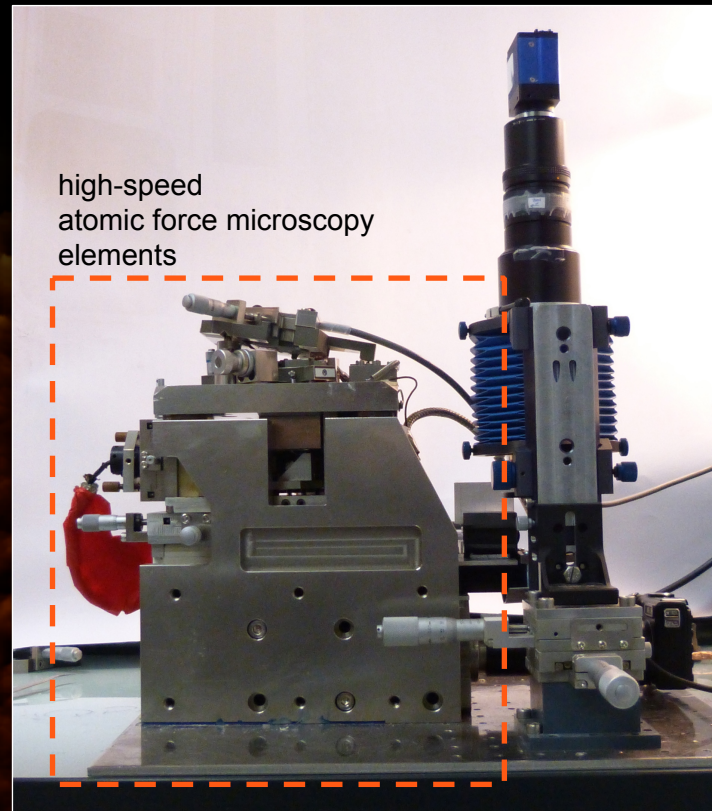
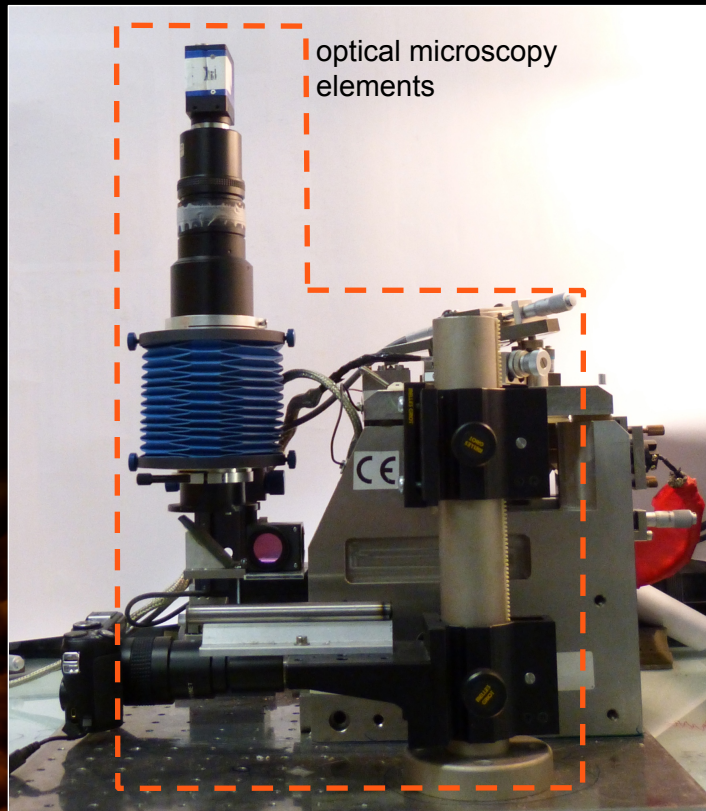
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IMAGING DIRECTLY
ON CELLS
HS-AFM FLUORESCENCE
INTEGRATION

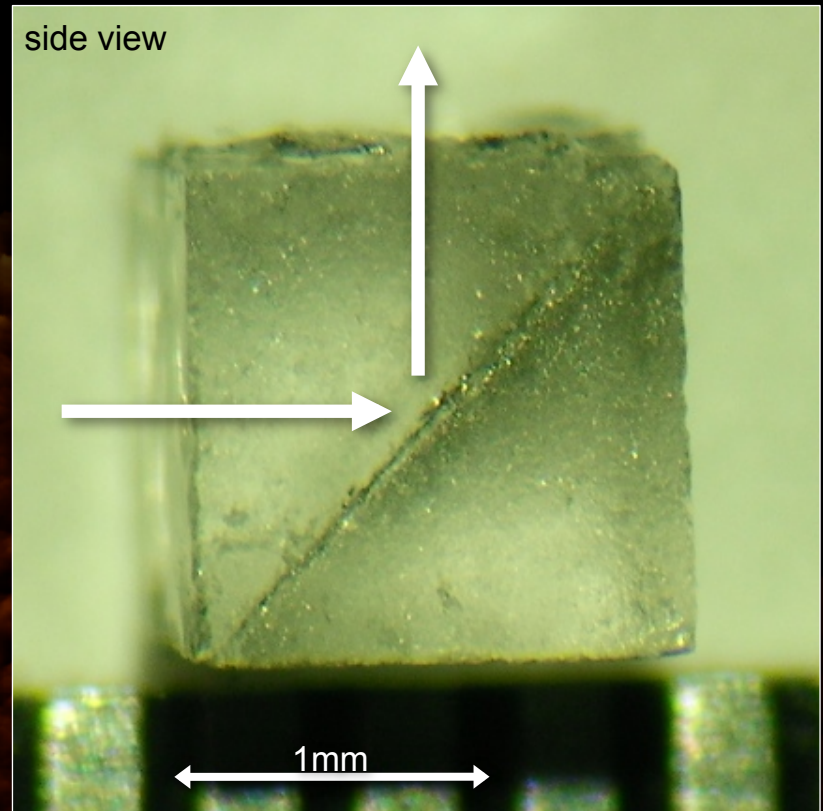
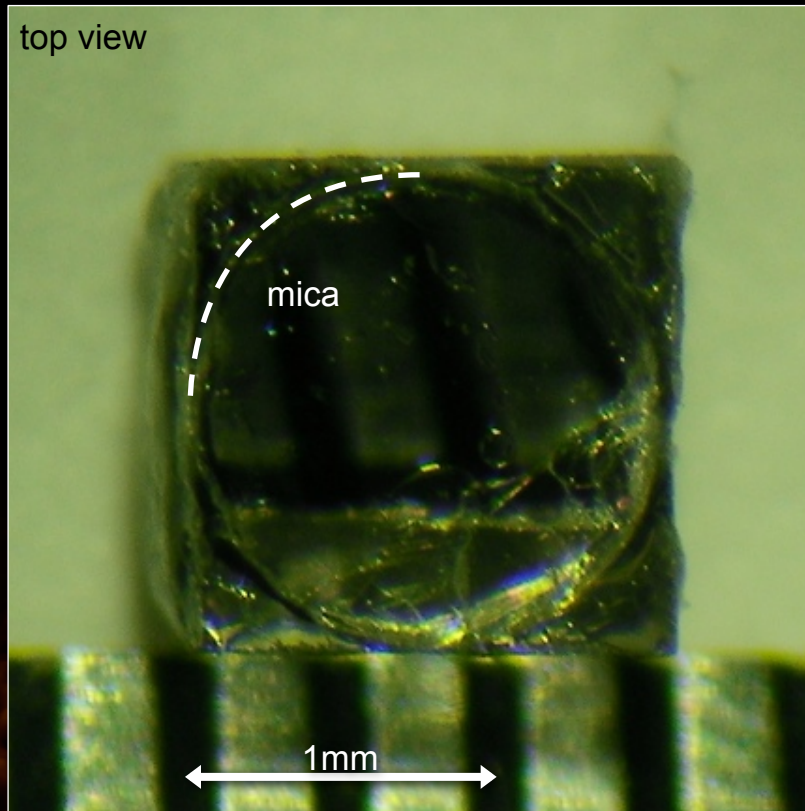
A HYBRID HS-AFM / OPTICAL MICROSCOPE SETUP

Objective: best HS-AFM performance; epifluorescence OM performance



A HYBRID HS-AFM / OM SETUP

Miniaturized light injection cube for bright field OM illumination

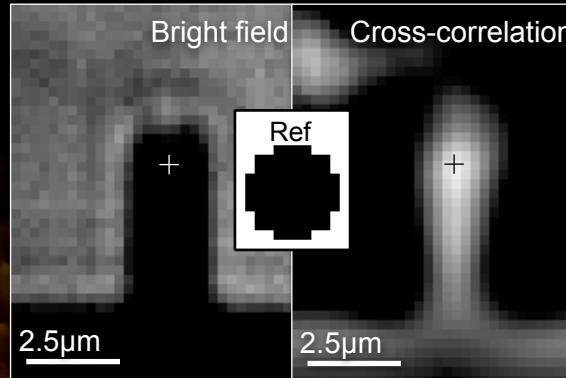
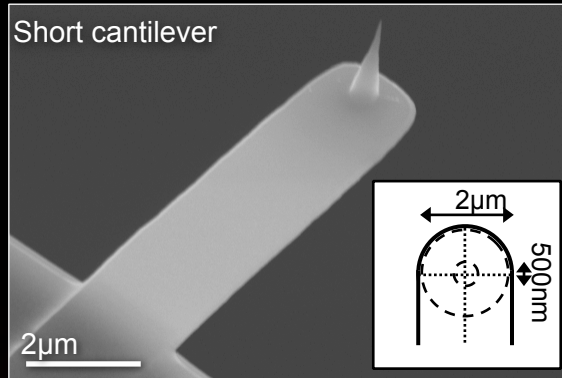


Weight (3.375mm³, 8.5mg + glue) - original cylinder sample holder (3.534mm³, 8.9mg)

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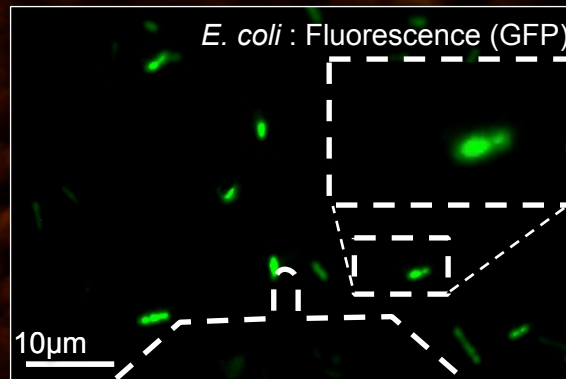
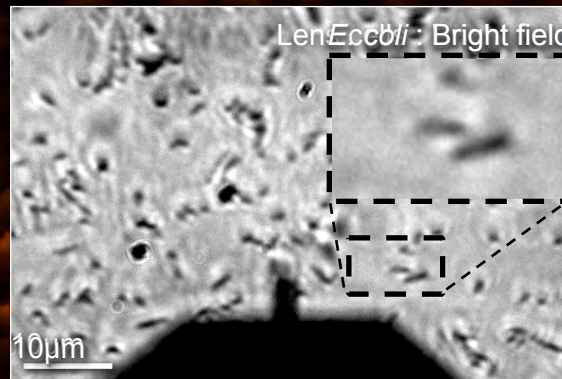
Tip position definition & Tip placement on *E. coli* cells

SEM of short cantilever and schematic representation of its geometry (6 x 2 x 0.1 μm)



Cross-correlation based tip position definition

Bright field optical microscopy imaging



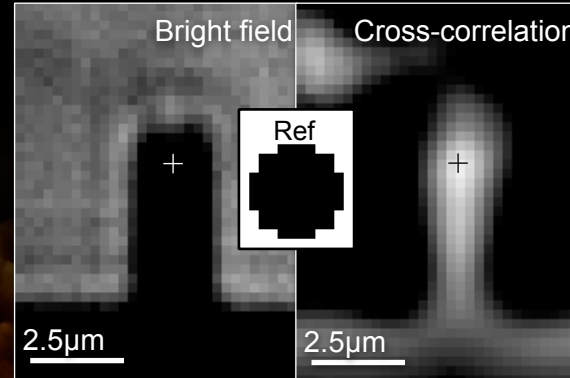
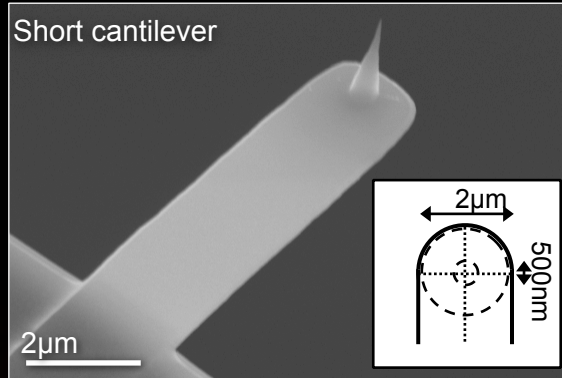
Fluorescence optical microscopy imaging

Cantilever placement on molecules / cell / subarea of a cell based on fluorescence microscopy

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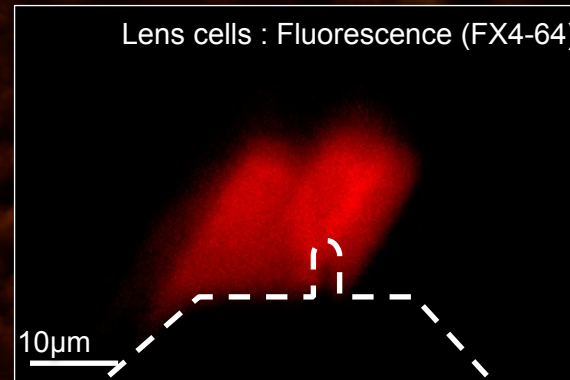
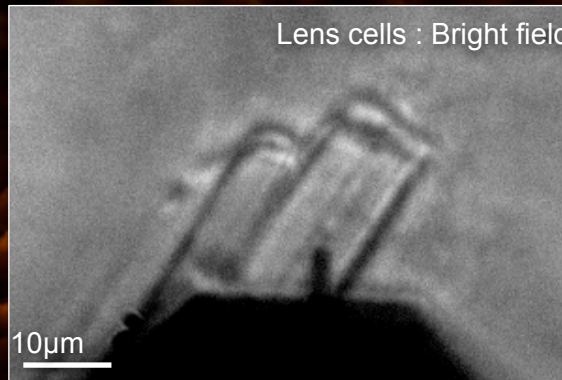
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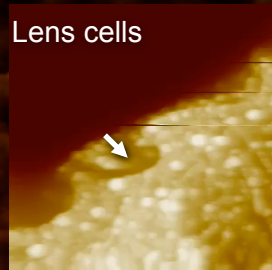
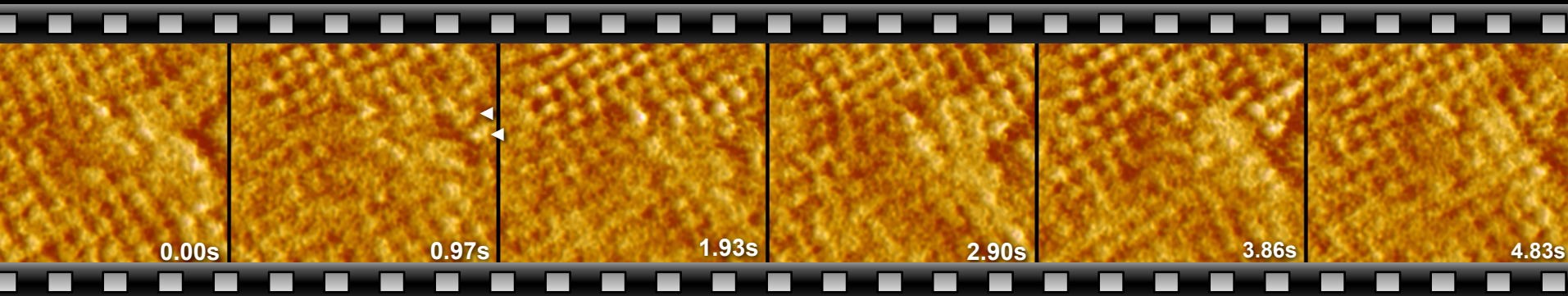
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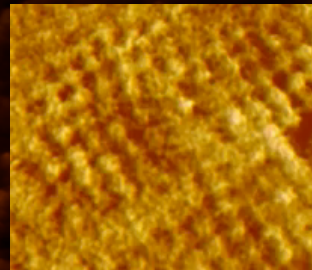
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First HS-AFM movies of unlabeled membrane proteins on a cell

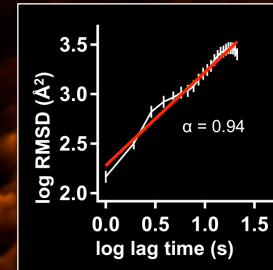
20nm



300 x 300 pixels
3.3 s/frame
5 μ m frame size



209 x 178 pixels
960 ms/frame
70 nm frame size



slow but free
diffusion of
AQP0 arrays

Visualization of unlabeled AQP0 on lens cells
HS-AFM images acquired in buffer solution and under ambient temperature and pressure

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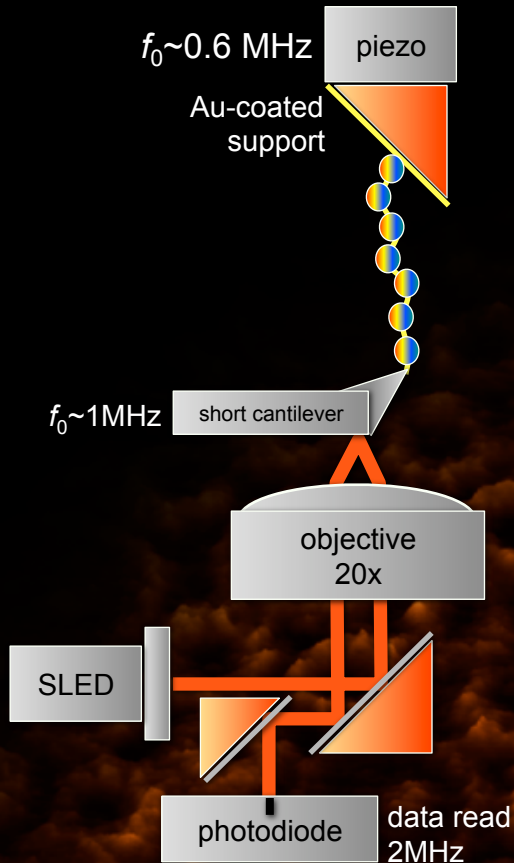
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HIGH-SPEED FORCE SPECTROSCOPY (HS-FS) TITIN UNFOLDING AT THE SPEED OF MD SIMULATIONS

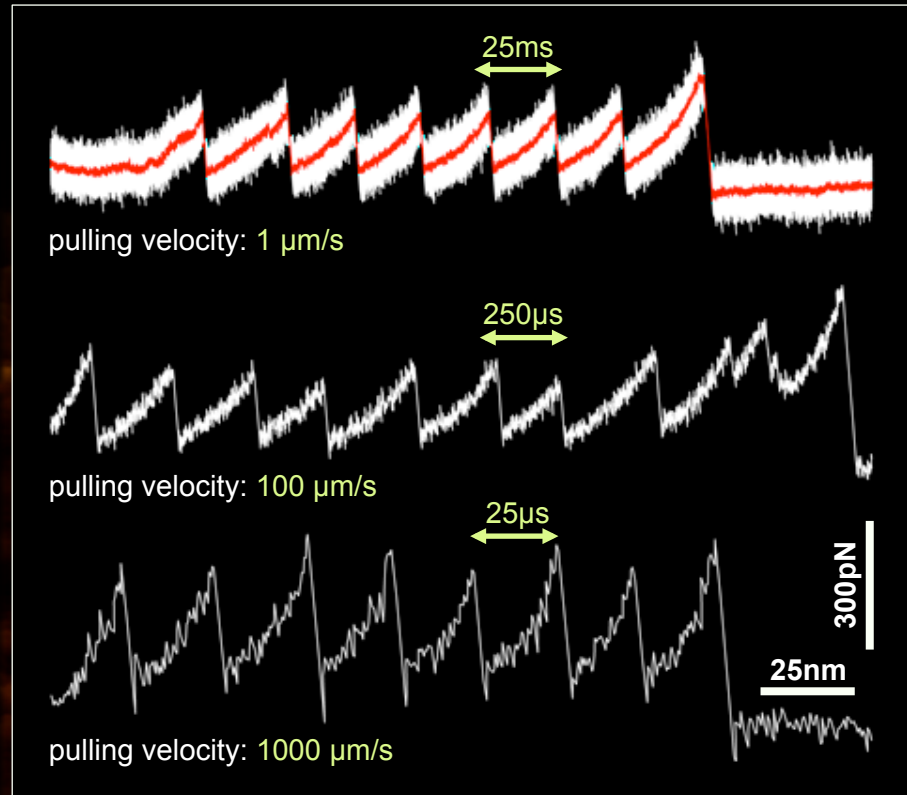
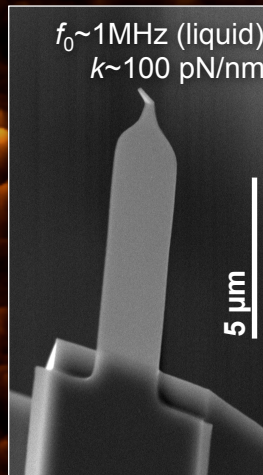
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HIGH-SPEED FORCE SPECTROSCOPY (HS-FS)

Experiment and simulation



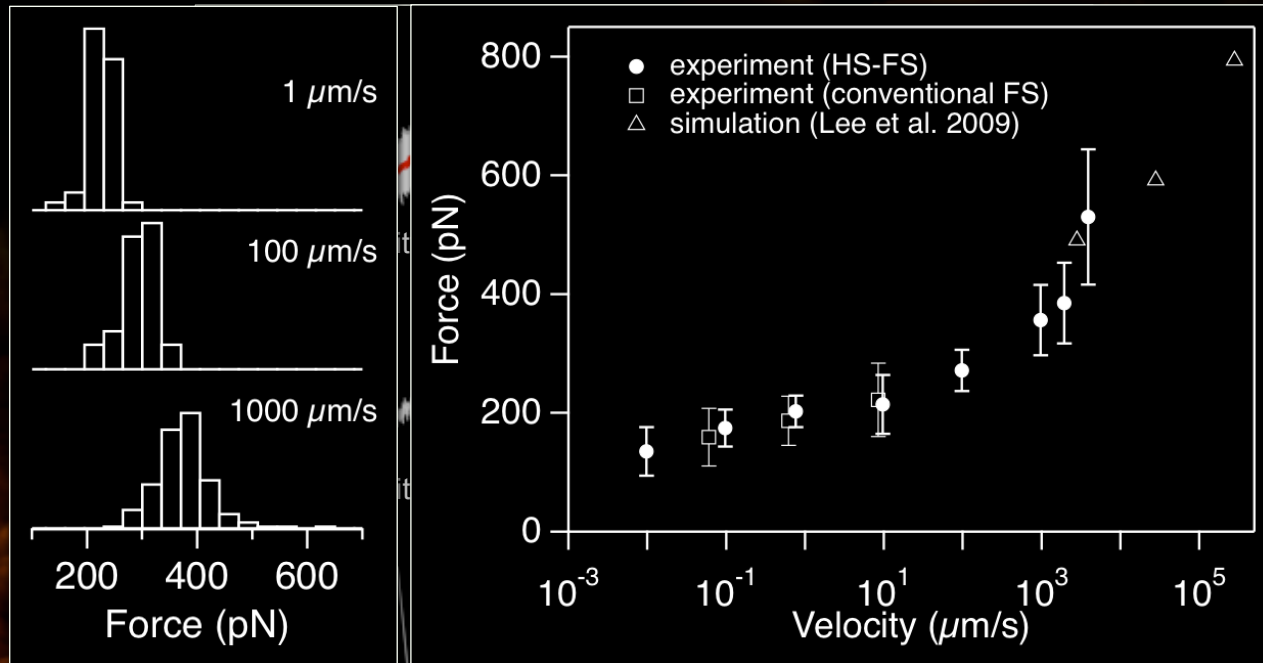
cantilever: $f_0 \sim 1$ MHz ('average' oscillation snap back $1 \mu\text{s}$)
 data read: 2 MHz (one data point every $0.5 \mu\text{s}$)



Raw data force curves

HIGH-SPEED FORCE SPECTROSCOPY (HS-FS)

From force curves to force histograms to the dynamic force spectrum



Unfolding force histograms

Dynamic force spectrum

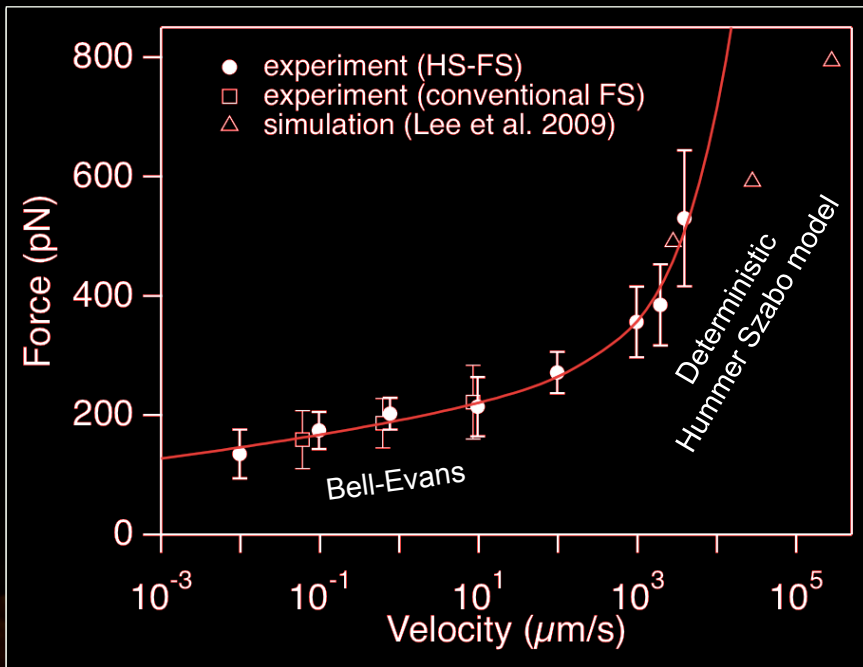
pulling velocity: 1000 $\mu\text{m/s}$

HS-FS bridges conventional FS to molecular dynamic simulations

Raw data force curves

HIGH-SPEED FORCE SPECTROSCOPY (HS-FS)

The dynamic force spectrum is non-linear
 Provides realistic kinetic values and
 fitting to the Hummer & Szabo model



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Kinetics from Nonequilibrium Single-Molecule Pulling Experiments

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ABSTRACT Mechanical forces exerted by laser tweezers or atomic force microscopes can be used to drive rare transitions in single molecules, such as unfolding of a protein or dissociation of a ligand. The phenomenological description of pulling experiments based on Bell's expression for the force-induced rupture rate is found to be inadequate when tested against computer simulations of a simple microscopic model of the dynamics. We introduce a new approach of comparable complexity to extract more accurate kinetic information about the molecular events from pulling experiments. Our procedure is based on the analysis of a simple stochastic model of pulling with a harmonic spring and encompasses the phenomenological approach, reducing to it in the appropriate limit. Our approach is tested against computer simulations of a multimodule titin model with anharmonic linkers and then an illustrative application is made to the forced unfolding of I27 subunits of the protein titin. Our procedure to extract kinetic information from pulling experiments is simple to implement and should prove useful in the analysis of experiments on a variety of systems.

Spontaneous unfolding: $k_0 = 2 \times 10^{-10} \text{ s}^{-1}$
Transition barrier: $x^\ddagger = 0.89 \text{ nm}$
Molecular elasticity: $k_m = 376 \text{ pN/nm}$
Unfolding barrier height: $\Delta G^\ddagger = 36.4 k_B T$
Diffusion coefficient: $D = 4 \times 10^3 \text{ nm}^2/\text{s}$

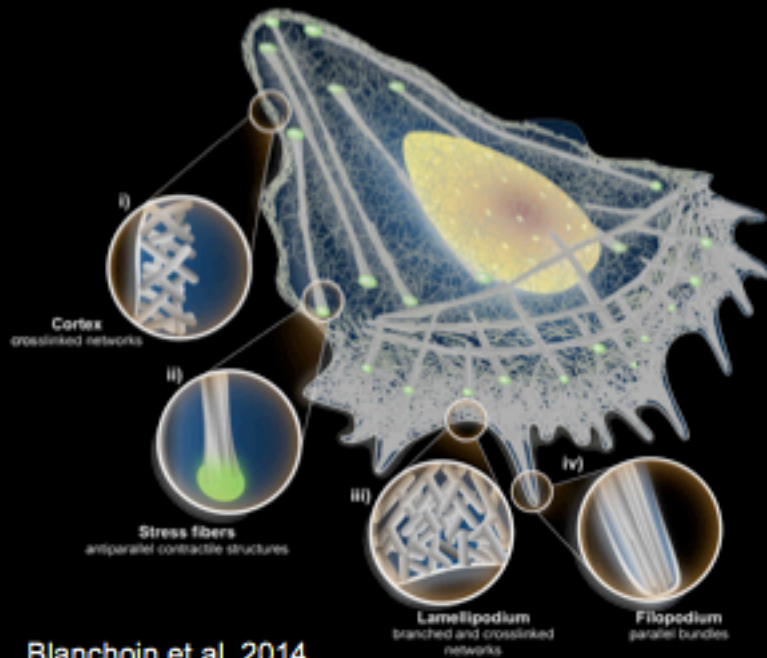
Transition barrier according to Bell-Evans model: $x^\ddagger = 0.25 \text{ nm}$

High-frequency microrheology reveals
cytoskeleton dynamics in living cells

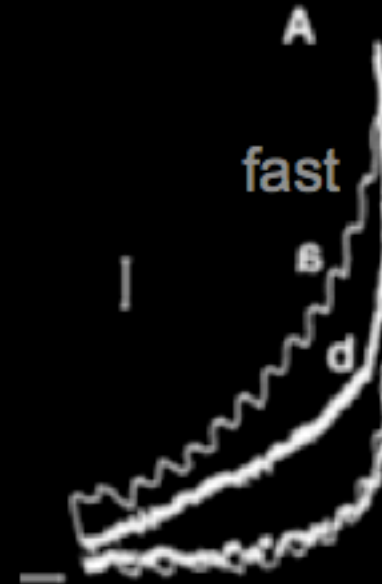
CELLS

HIGH SPEED AFM MEASURES
MECHANICAL REGIMES IN CELLS
NEVER MEASURED BEFORE

Cells are viscoelastic



Blanchoin et al. 2014



Force
deformation

Petersen 1982 PNAS



G'

G''

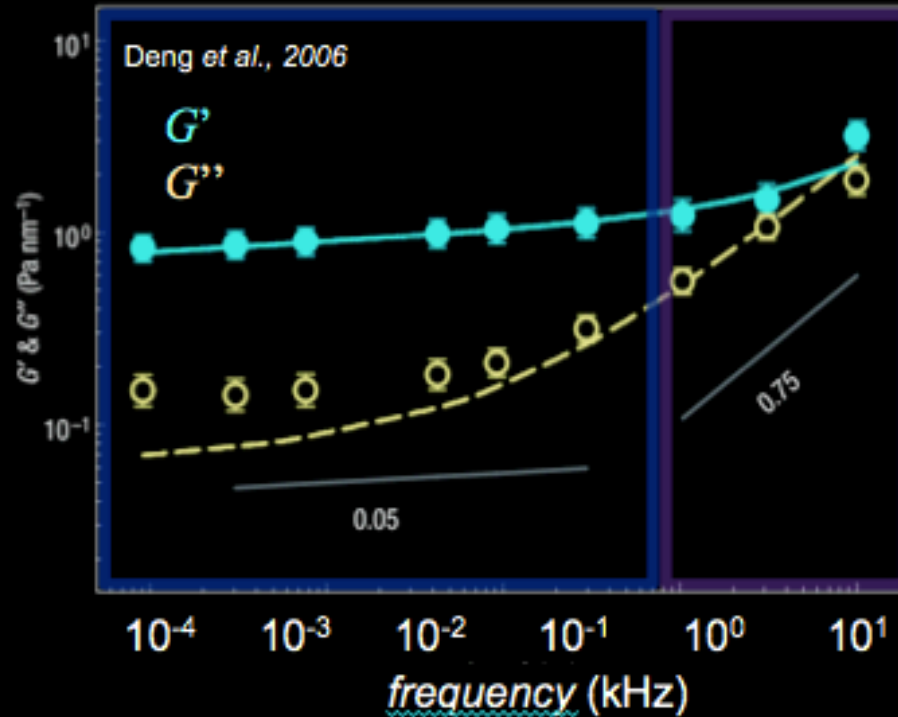
Viscoelasticity of cells

Two power law regimes

Phenomenological
Soft Glassy Rheol.

Mesoscopic/structural
elements

$$G \sim f^\alpha, \alpha \sim 0.05-0.20, \\ G'' < G'$$



Universal?

Mechanistic

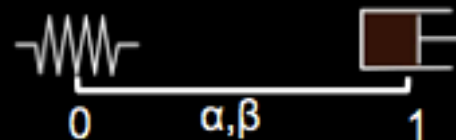
Single filaments
dynamics

$$G \sim f^\beta, \beta \sim 3/4, G'' > G'$$



Transverse fluctuations
 $f^{3/4}$ (<1kHz)

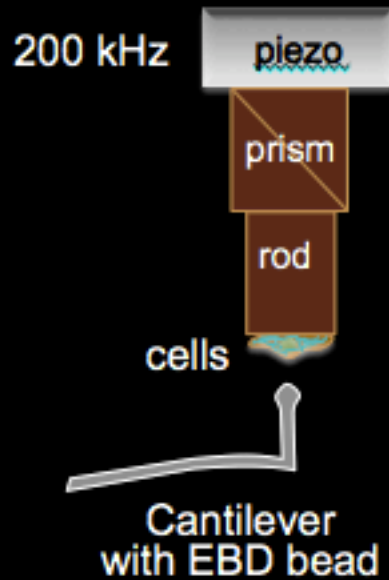
$$G^*(f) = A(i\omega/f_0)^\alpha + B(i\omega/f_0)^\beta$$



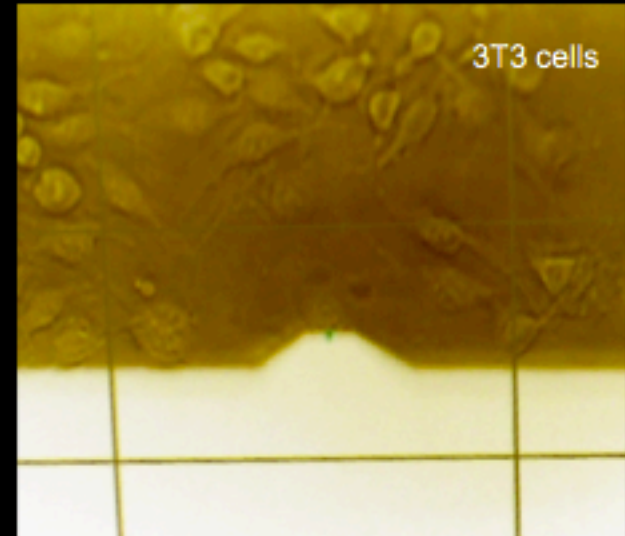
Aim: to probe viscoelastic response of living cells at high frequencies

High frequency microrheology of living cells

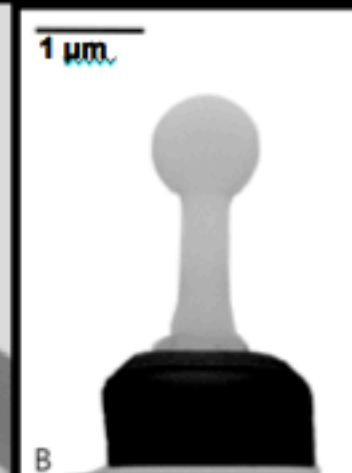
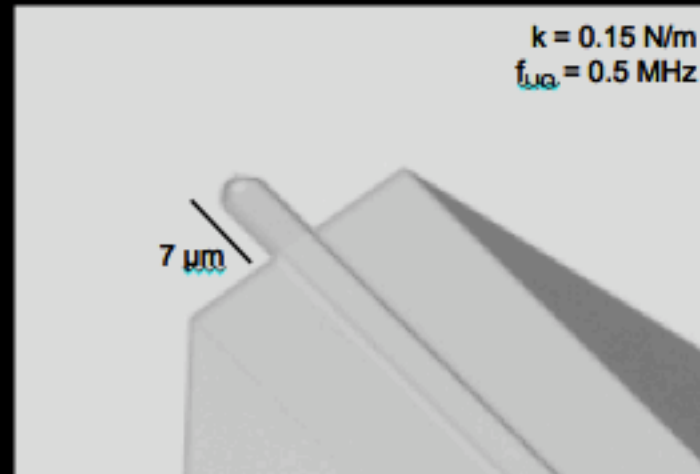
HS-AFM setup



Prism: bright field image of cells



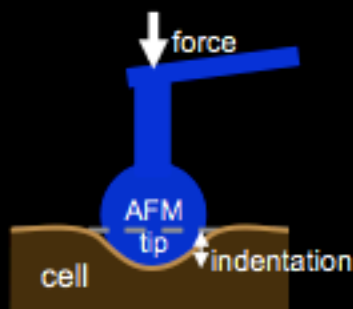
EBD sphere: defined contact geometry



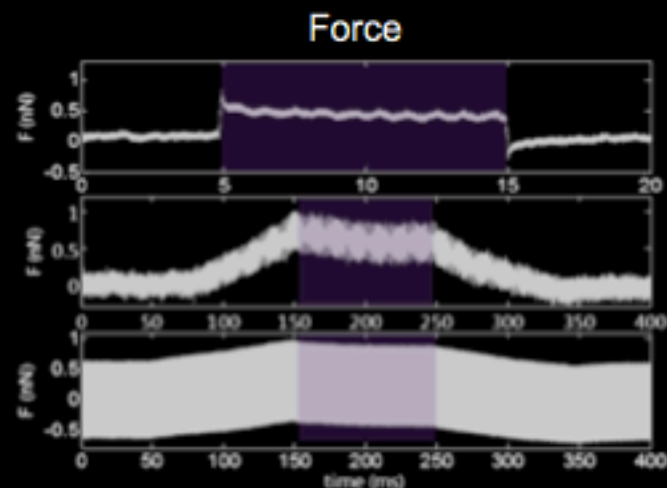
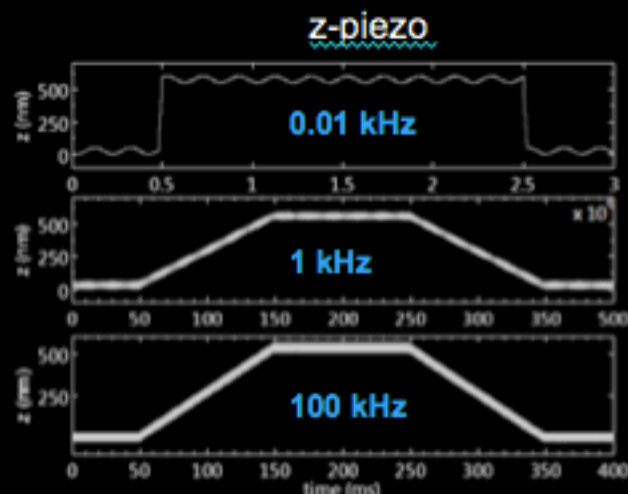
Calibration

Spring constant (Sader in air)
Sensitivity (thermal in liquid)

High frequency microrheology of living cells

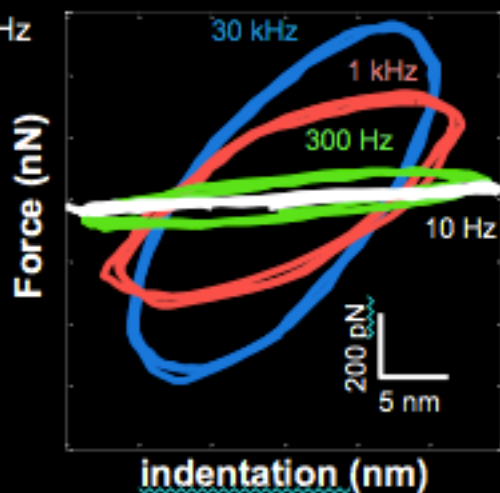


$\Delta\delta = 15\text{-nm}$
 $\delta_0 \sim 300\text{-nm}$



Force-indentation loops

Freq < 500 kHz



Frequency response

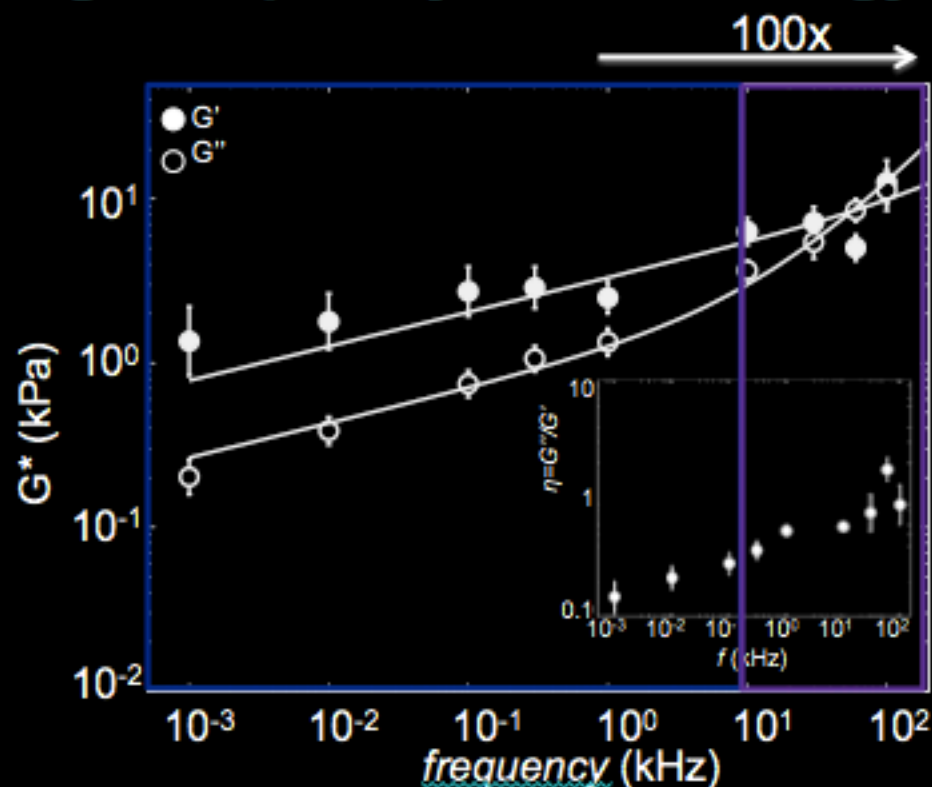
higher slope \rightarrow increased elasticity $G'(f)$

higher hysteresis \rightarrow increased viscosity $G''(f)$

$$H_{tot}(f) = F(f) / \delta(f) e^{-i\phi}$$

$$G^*(f) = H_{tot}(f) \cdot \frac{1-\nu}{4} \cdot \sqrt{R} \cdot \delta_0$$

High frequency microrheology of living fibroblasts



~~Transverse fluctuations
 $f^{3/4}$ (<1kHz)~~

Longitudinal fluctuations
 $f^{7/8}$

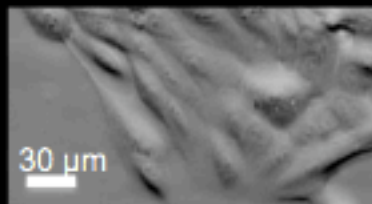
$$G^*(f) = A(i f / f_0)^\alpha + B(i f / f_0)^\beta$$

Condition	A (kPa)	α (low freq.)	B (kPa)	β (high freq.)
Untreated	3.48 ± 0.17	0.21 ± 0.01	0.15 ± 0.03	0.92 ± 0.03

High frequency microrheology of cancer cells

MCF-10A

benign cancer cells



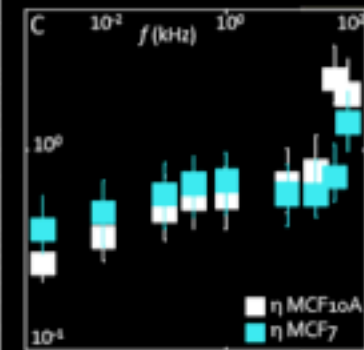
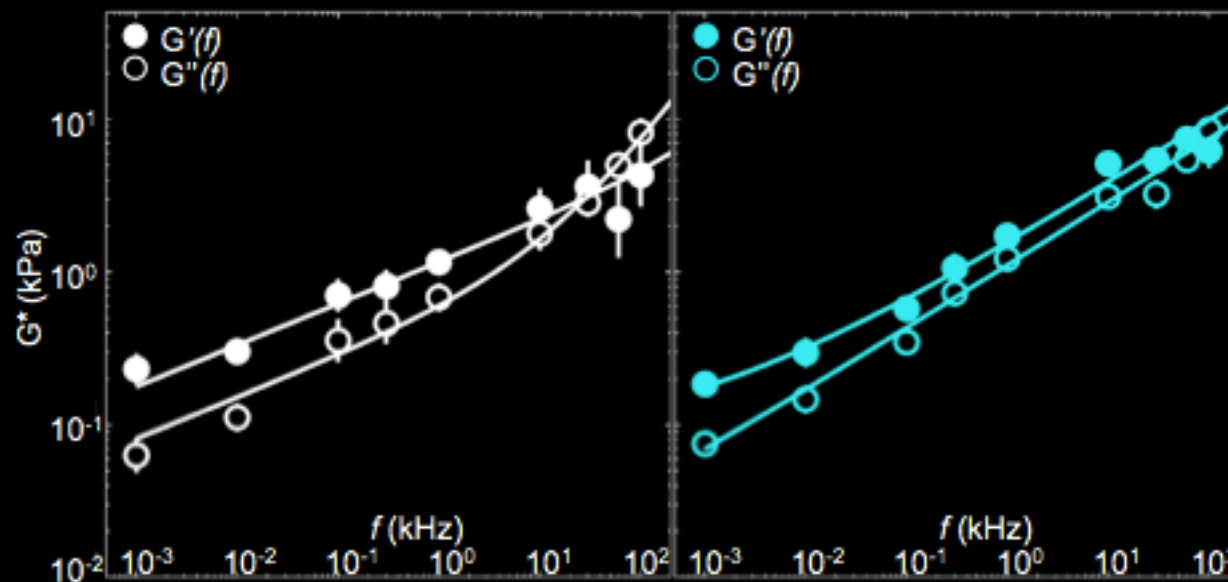
MCF-7

malignant cancer cells



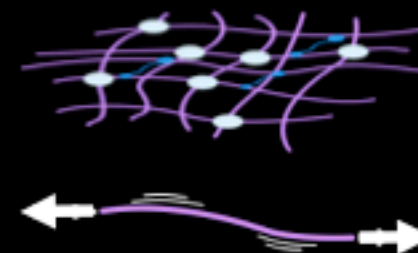
Physical features

- MCF-7 softer (lower G')
- MCF-7 generate higher intracellular forces



$$G^*(f) = A(if/f_0)^\alpha + B(if/f_0)^\beta$$

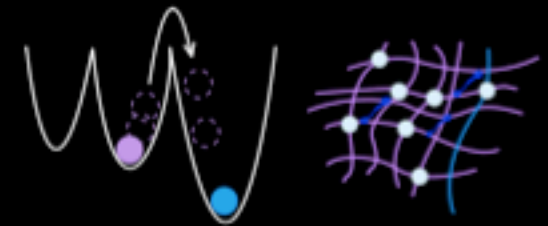
Cell type	A (kPa)	α (low freq.)	B (kPa)	β (high freq.)
MCF-10A	1.27 ± 0.26	0.27 ± 0.05	0.08 ± 0.28	0.93 ± 0.24
MCF-7	0.14 ± 0.03	0.05 ± 0.02	1.77 ± 0.11	0.41 ± 0.01



Active **high-frequency microrheology** >5 frequency decades (>100X faster)

Cell viscoelasticity: $G^*(f) = A(if/f_0)^\alpha + B(if/f_0)^\beta$

Low frequency \rightarrow **Mesoscale dynamics**
 $\alpha \sim 0.1 - 0.3$ **Soft glassy rheology**



High frequency \rightarrow **Deterministic, single filament dynamics**

$\beta \sim 0.75-1$ **Unstressed single filament dynamics, purely viscous**

$\beta \sim 1/2$ **Stressed single filament dynamics**



Rich viscoelastic response at high frequencies
Univocal mechanical phenotype (β): biomarker (diagnosis?)

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