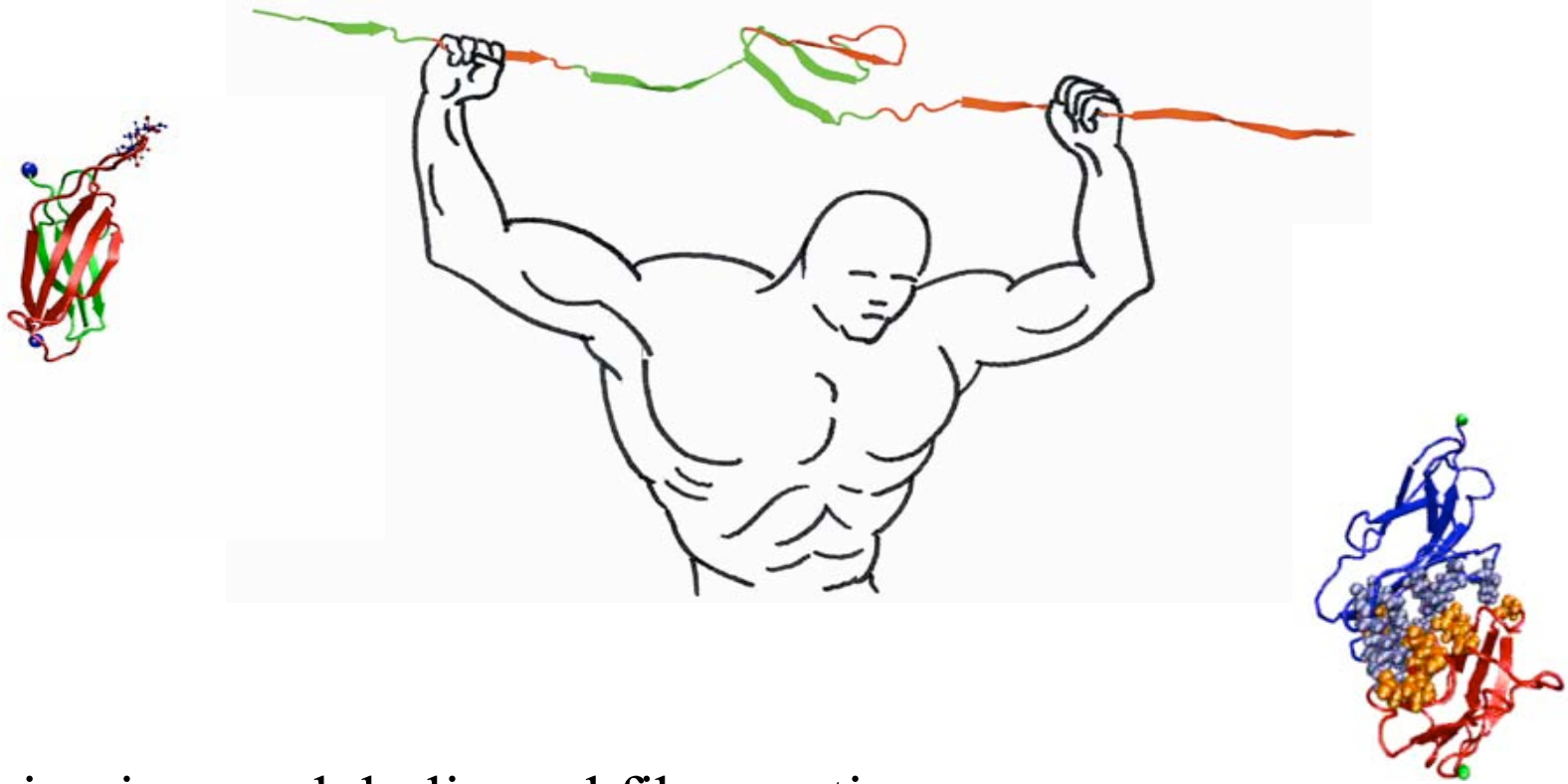


# Mechanical Proteins



Stretching immunoglobulin and fibronectin domains of the muscle protein titin

Adhesion Proteins of the Immune System



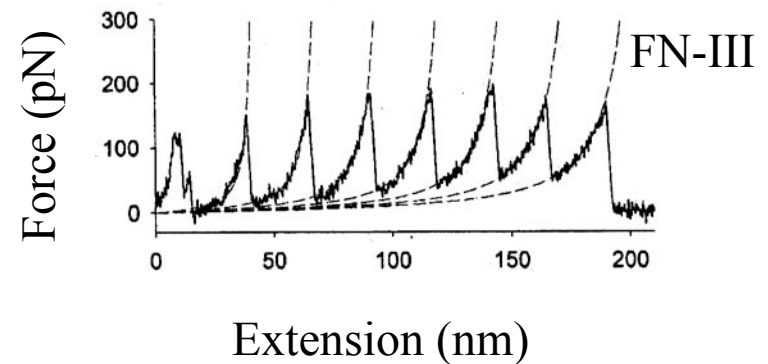
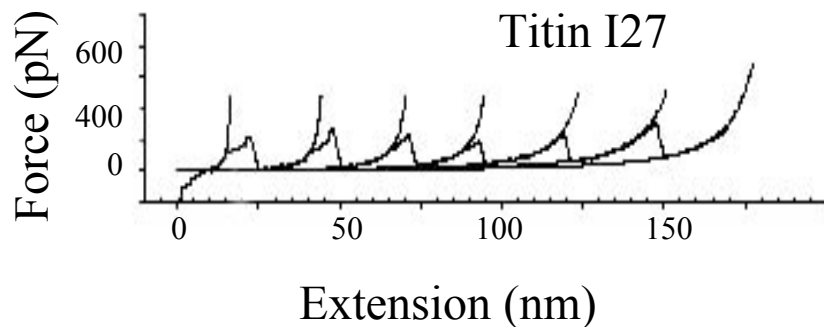
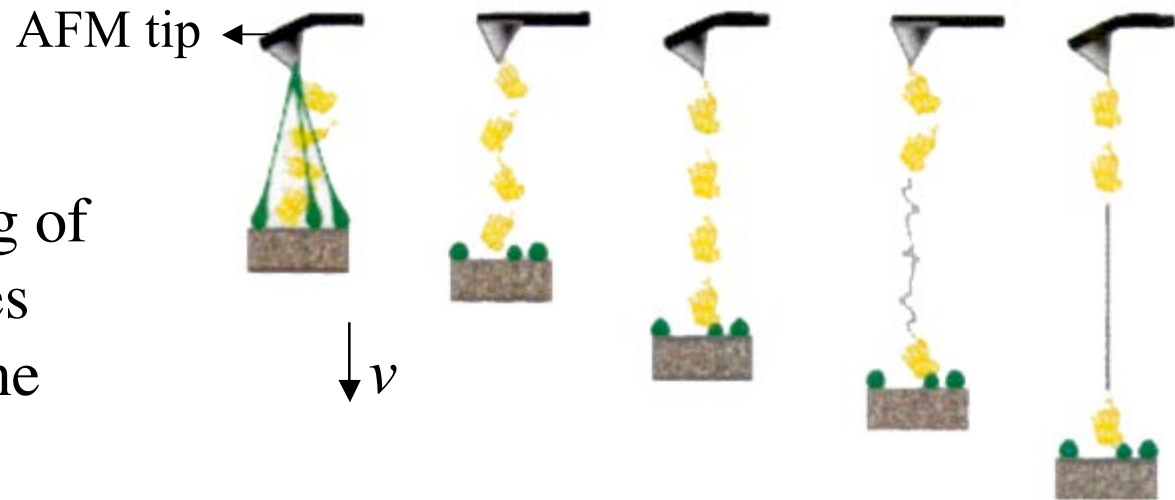
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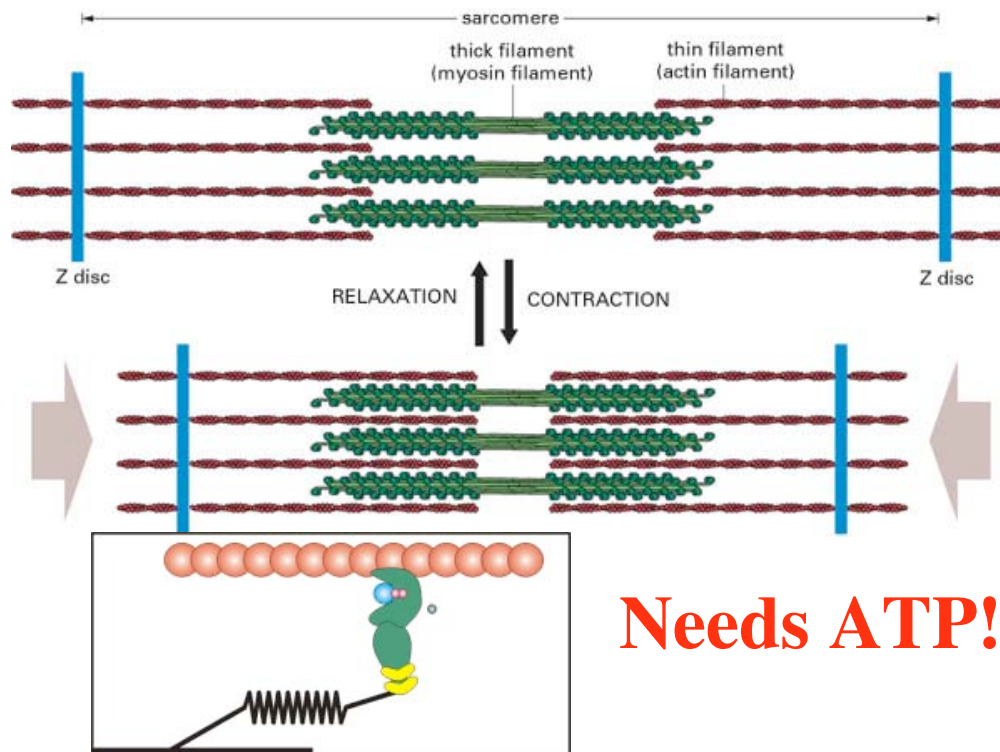
# AFM Studies of Titin And FN-III Modules

- Forced unfolding of identical modules occurs one by one

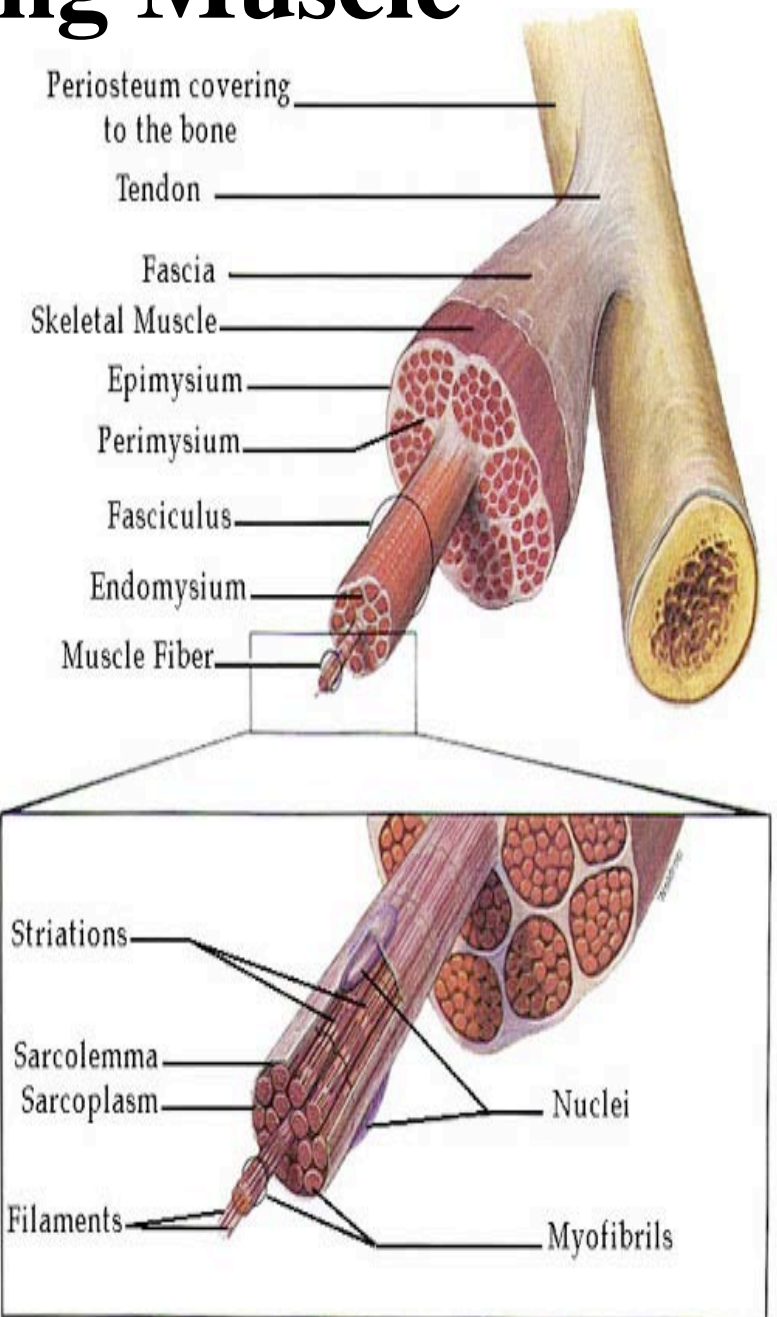


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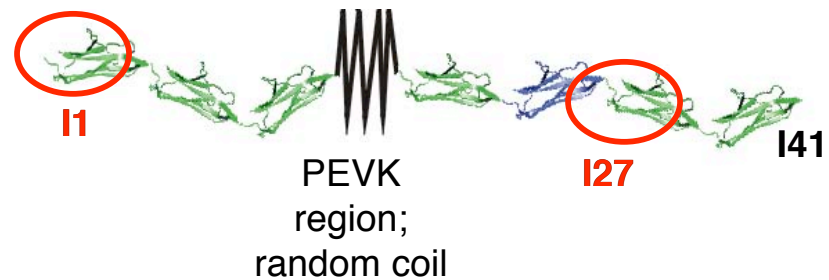
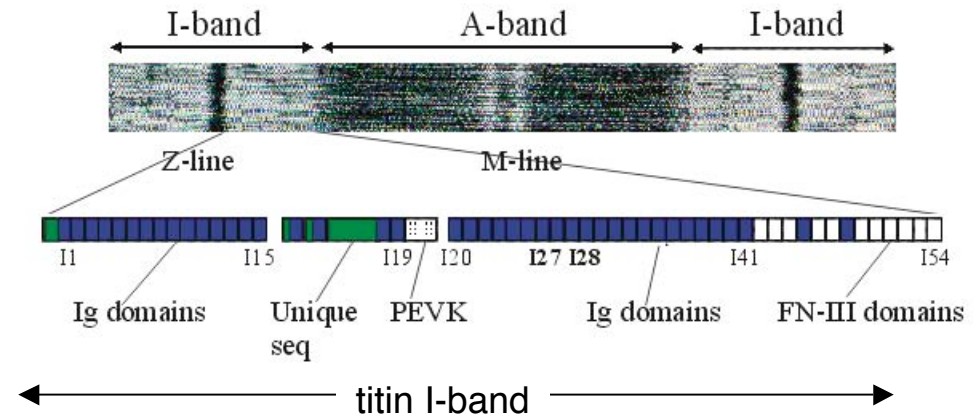
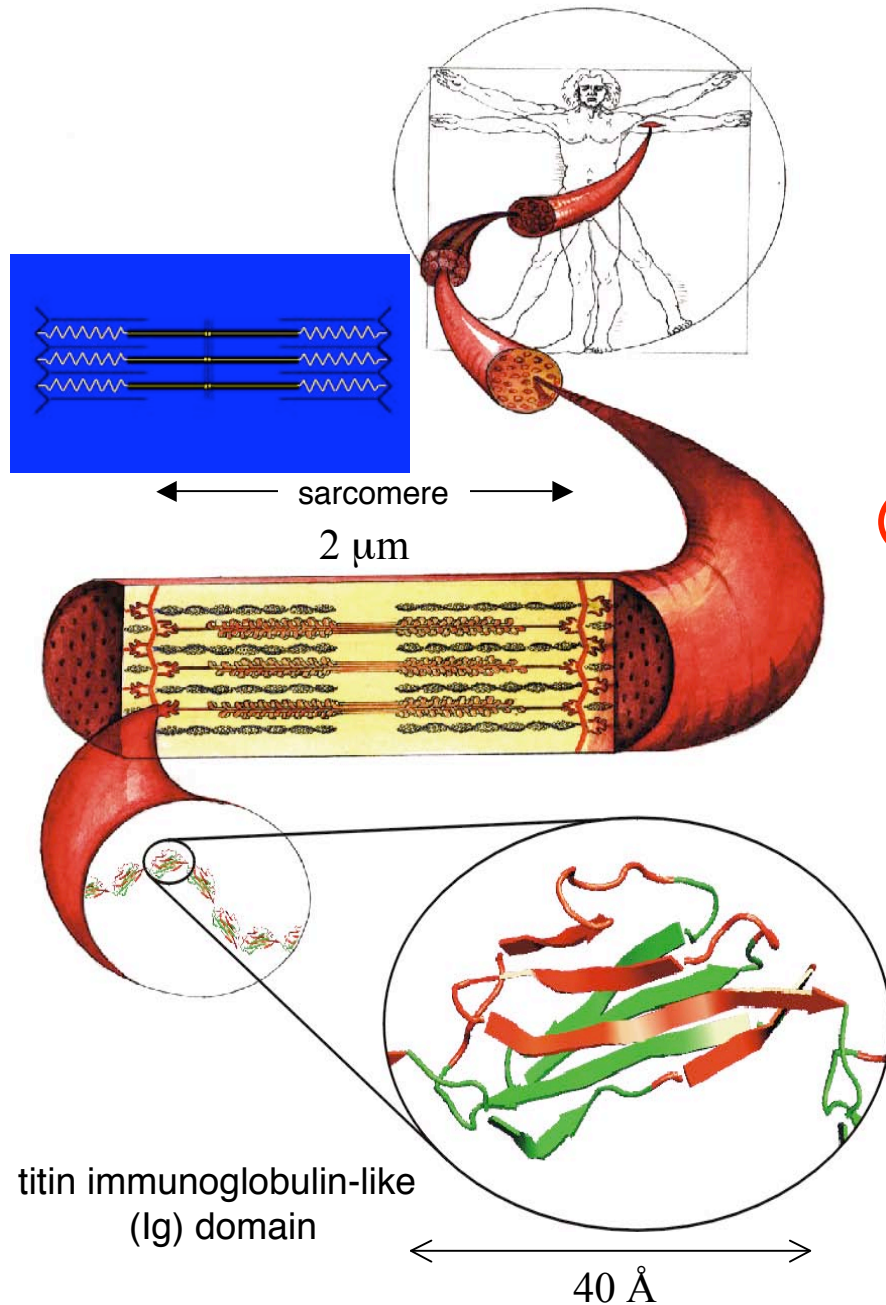
# Contracting and Relaxing Muscle



**Needs ATP!**



# Titin the Longest Protein in the Human Genome



Under weak forces, the PEVK region extends (entropic spring)



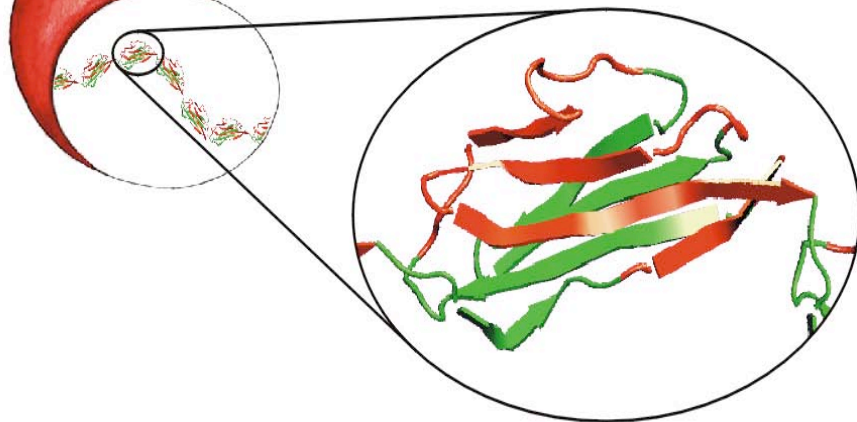
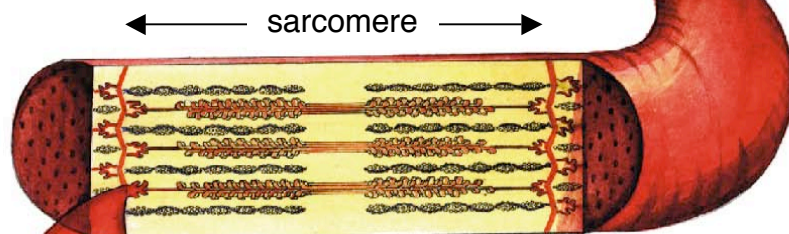
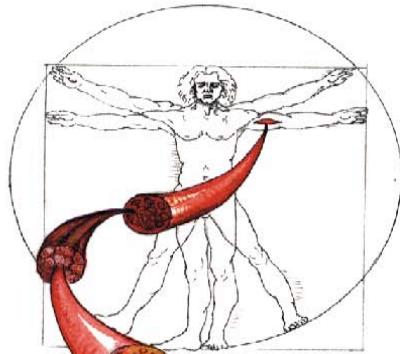
**Under intermediate forces, Ig domains stretch by  $\sim 10\text{\AA}$ ; under strong forces, they unfold one by one, by  $250\text{\AA}$**

# Probing the Passive Elasticity of Muscle: I27

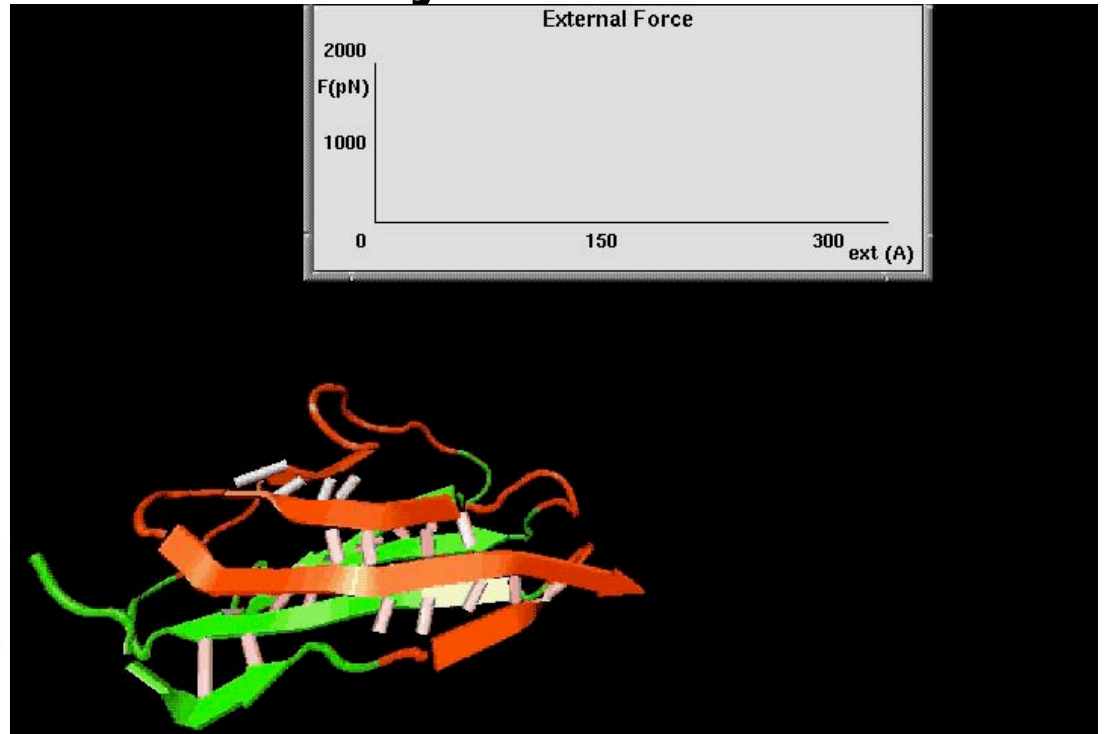
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titin immunoglobulin-like (Ig) domain



Computational Stretching of Ig: Trajectory Animation



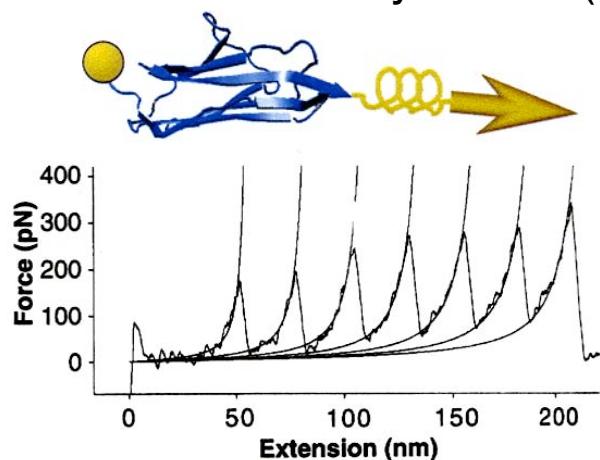
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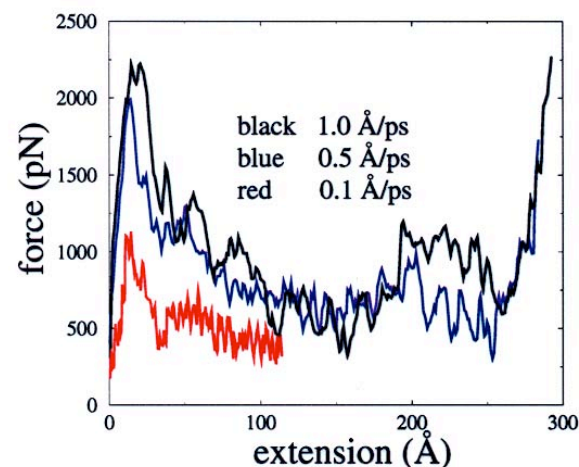
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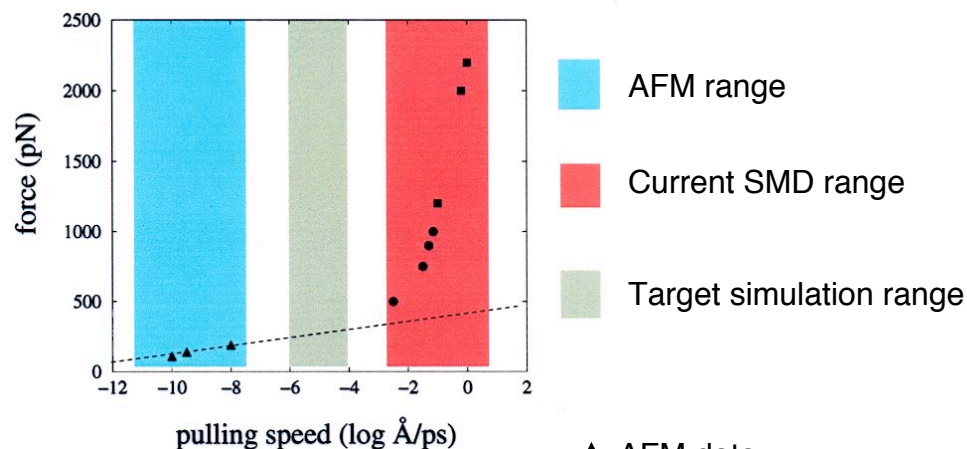
Steered Molecular Dynamics (SMD)



Force-extension curve



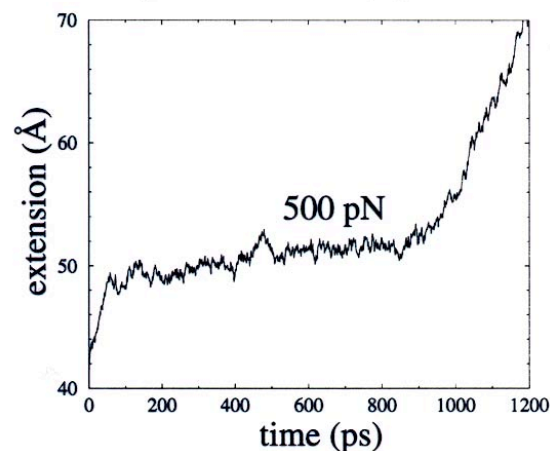
Force-pulling velocity relationship



■ SMD data

▲ AFM data

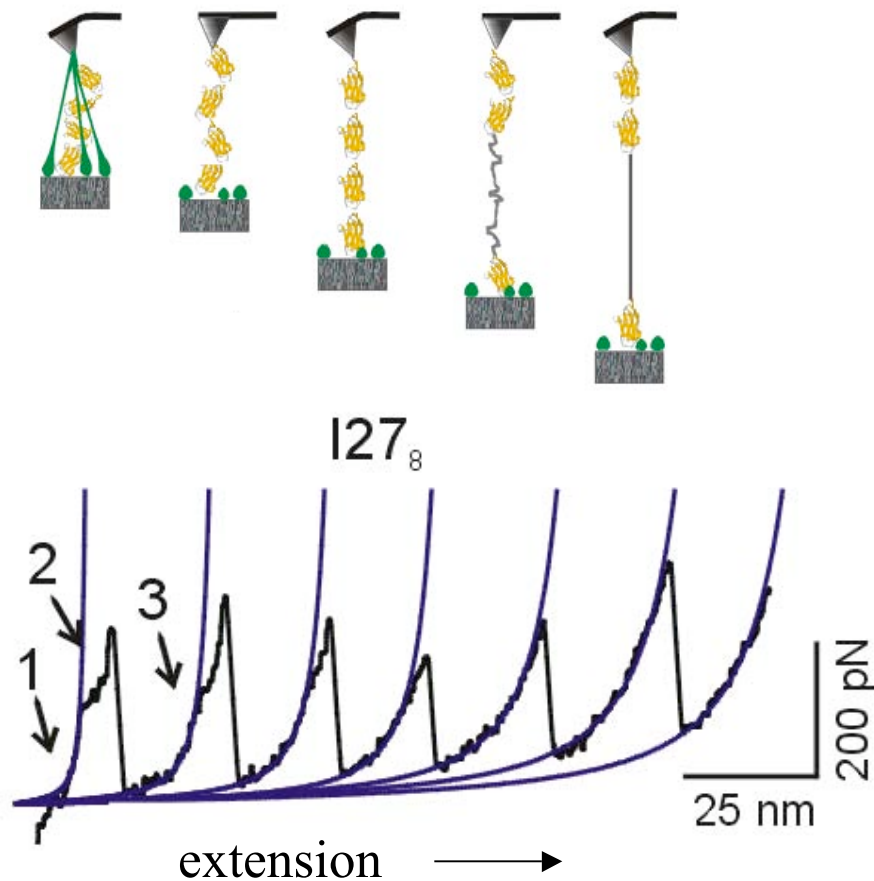
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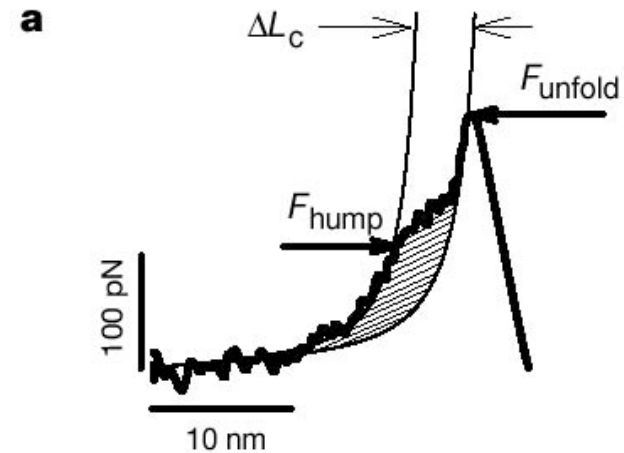
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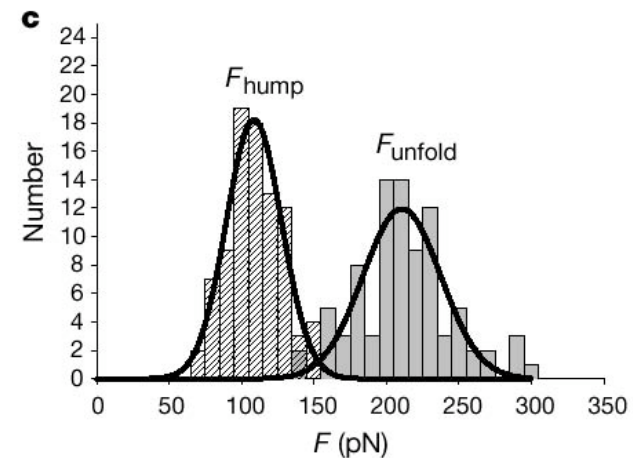
# Stretching modular proteins – Detailed View



Schematic view and typical  
Extension vs. force plot



Extension occurs in two steps



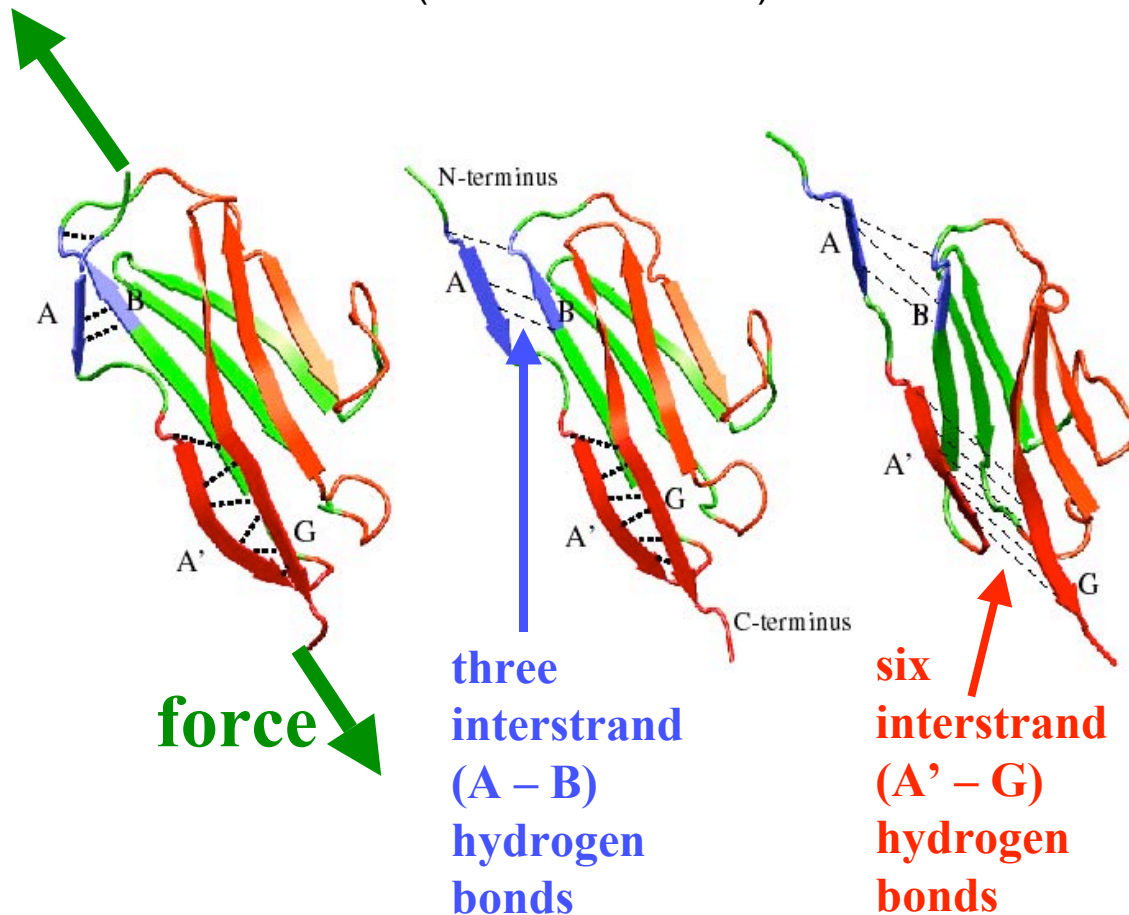
Distribution of measured forces  
For step 1 and step 2

# Two Force Bearing Components

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(2 Å of extension)

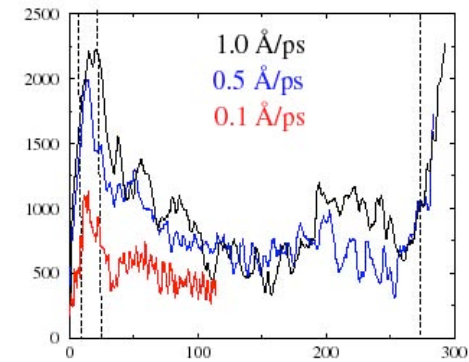
II. Mechanical  
unfolding  
intermediate  
(10 Å of extension)

III. Unfolded state  
(250 Å of extension)

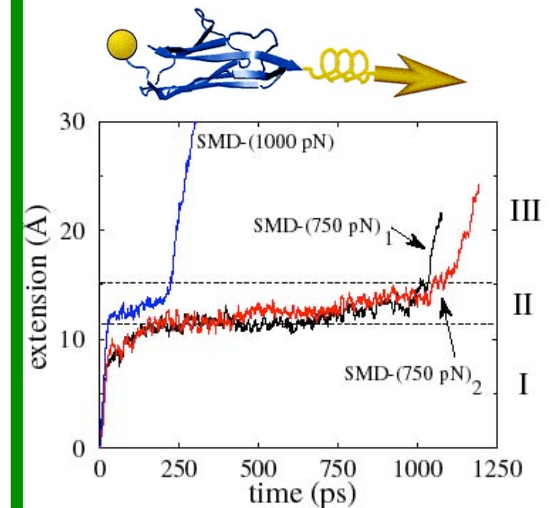


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## Two types of SMD simulations



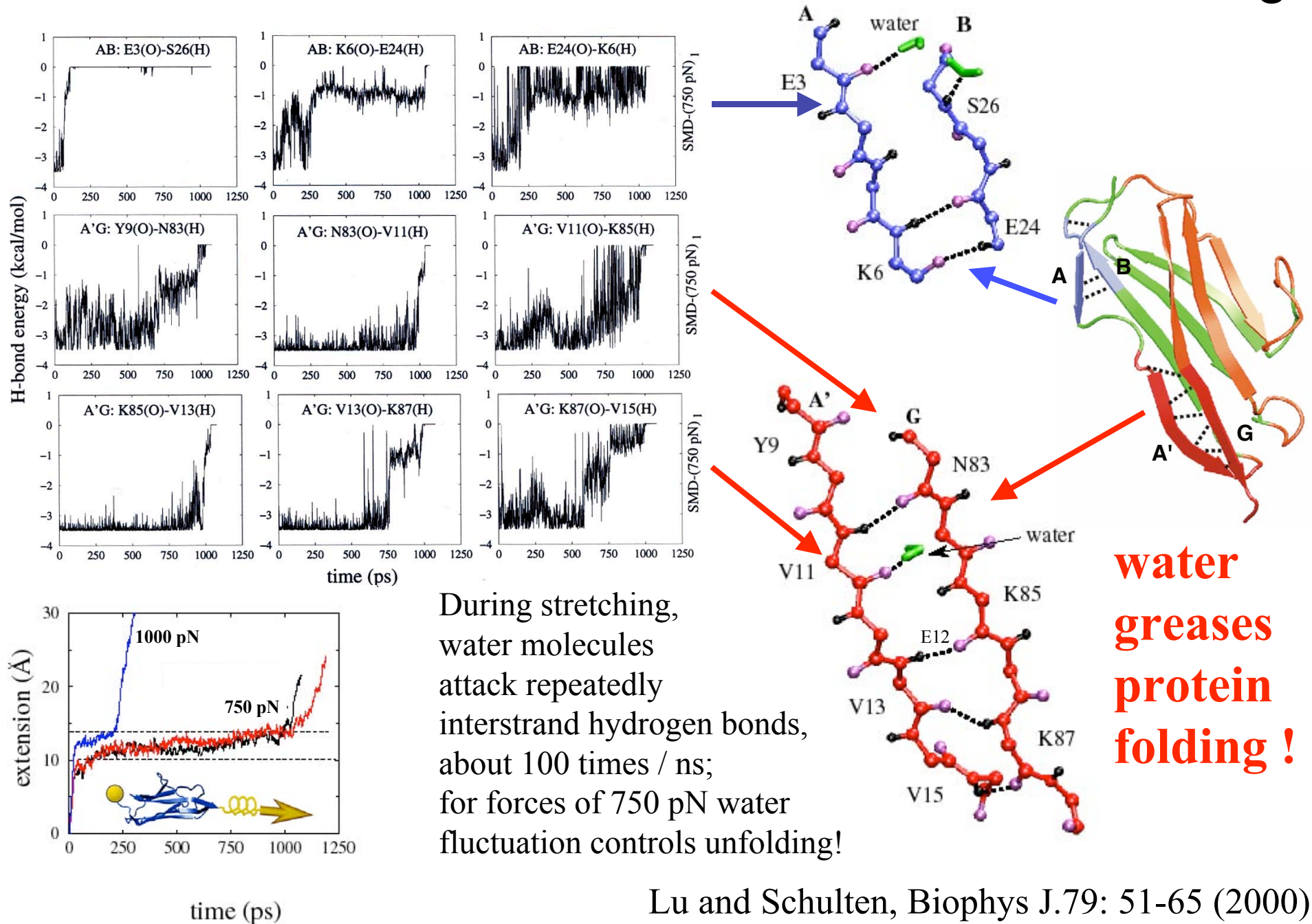
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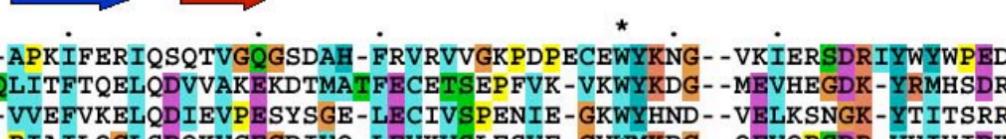
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# Water-Backbone Interactions Control Unfolding

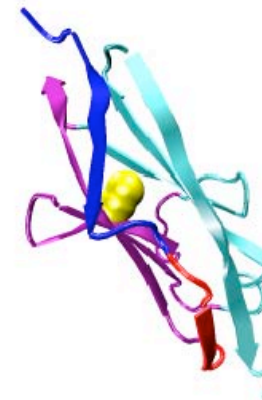


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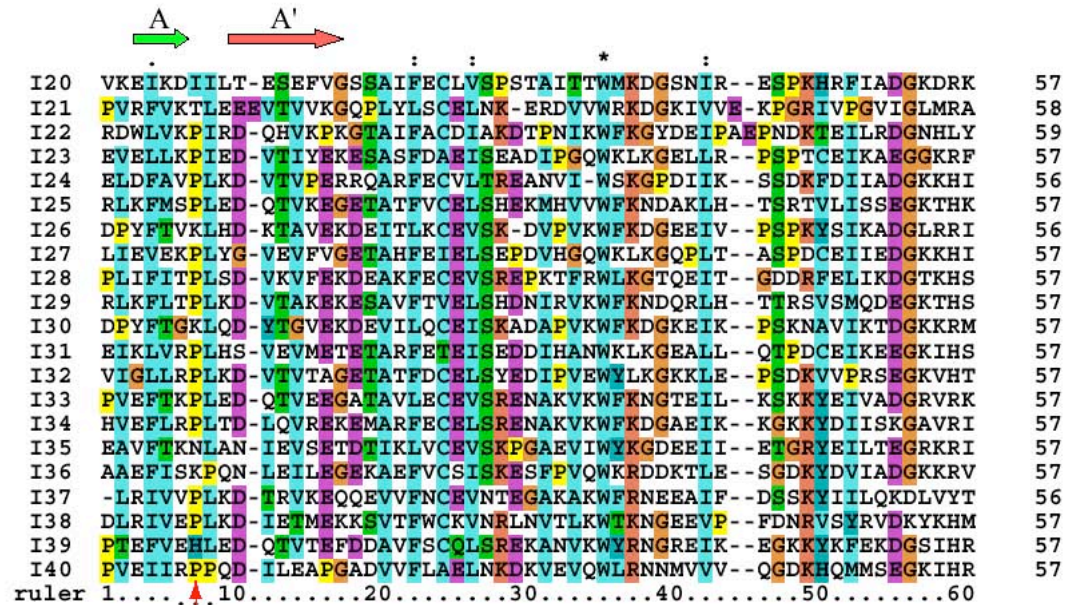


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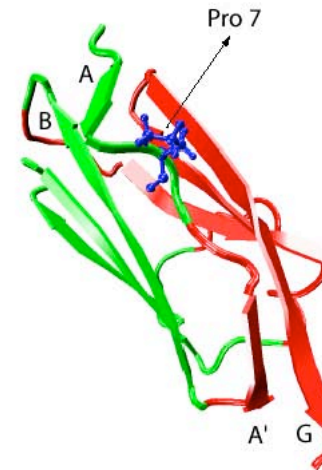
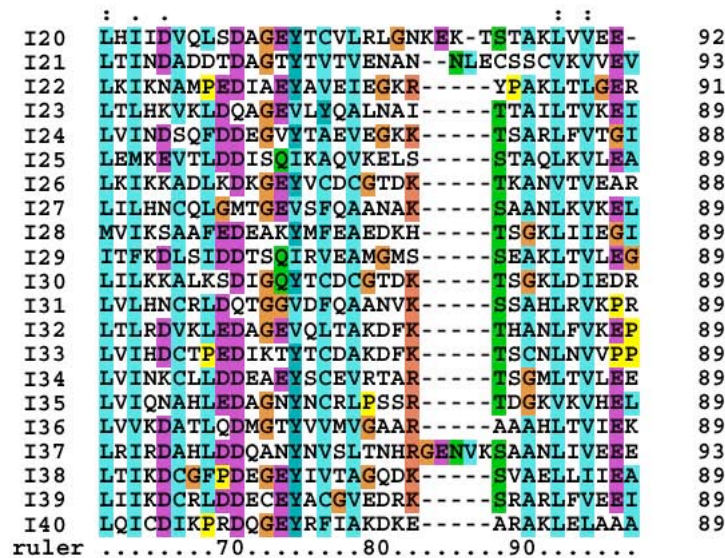
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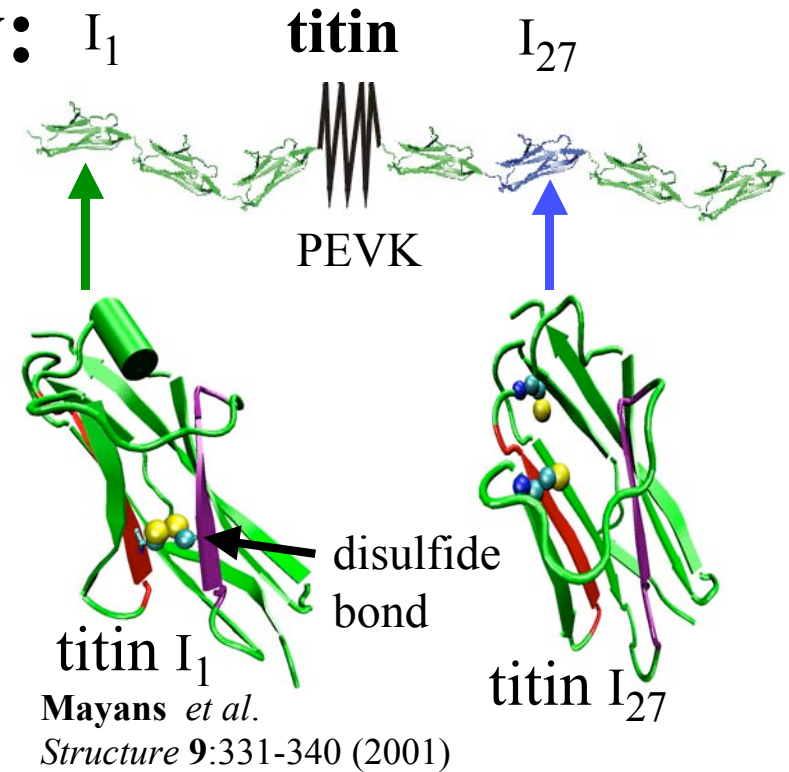
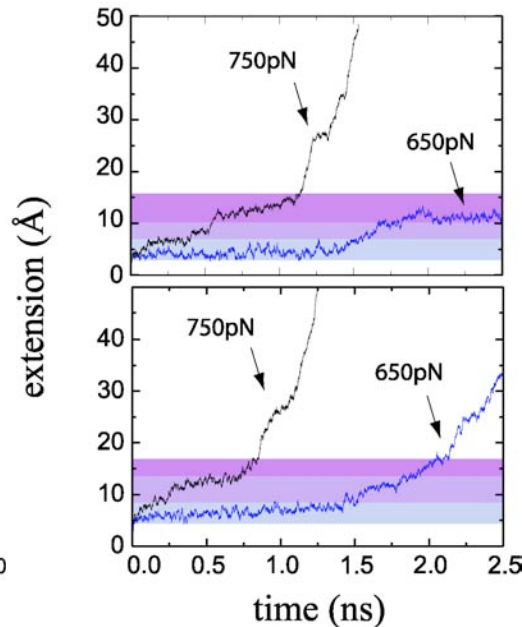
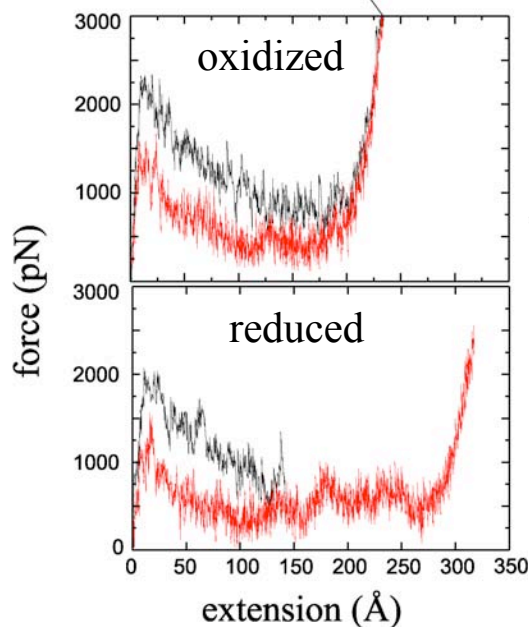


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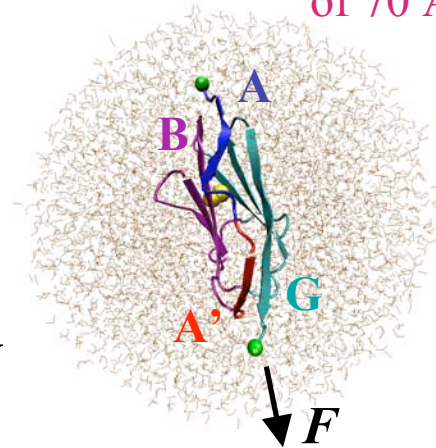


# Titin Domain Heterogeneity:

## Comparing Oxidized and Reduced I1



$I_1$  in 70 Å water sphere  
of 70 Å (18,000 atoms)



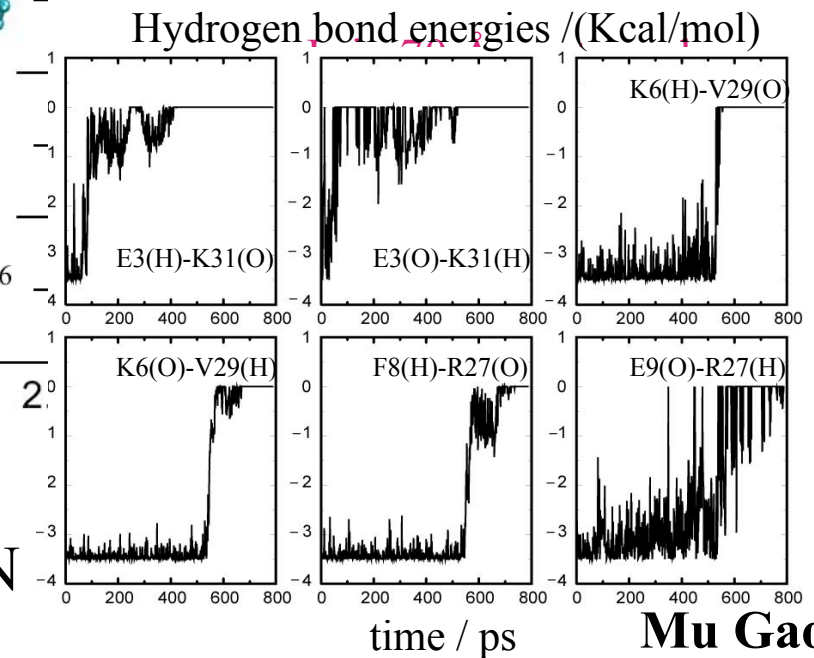
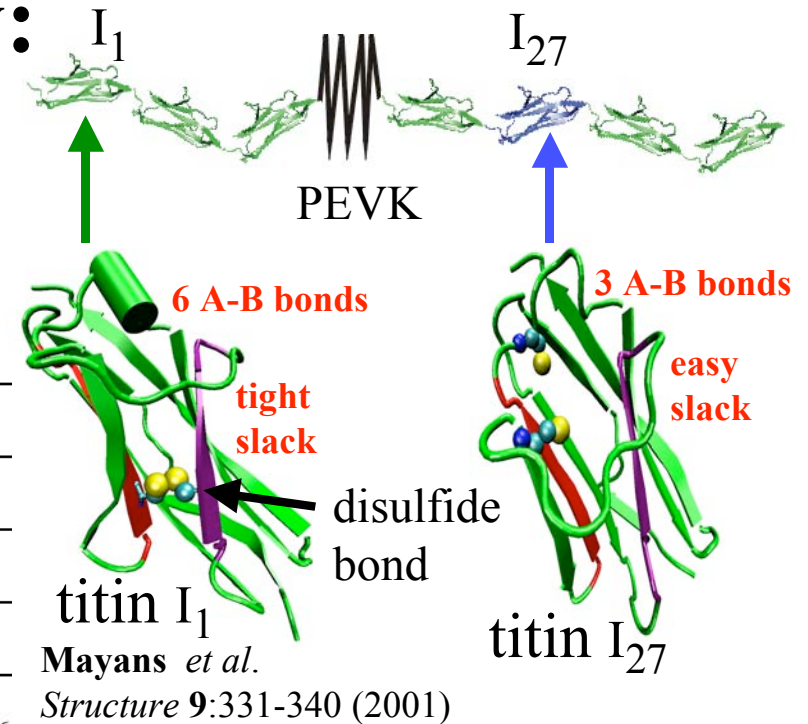
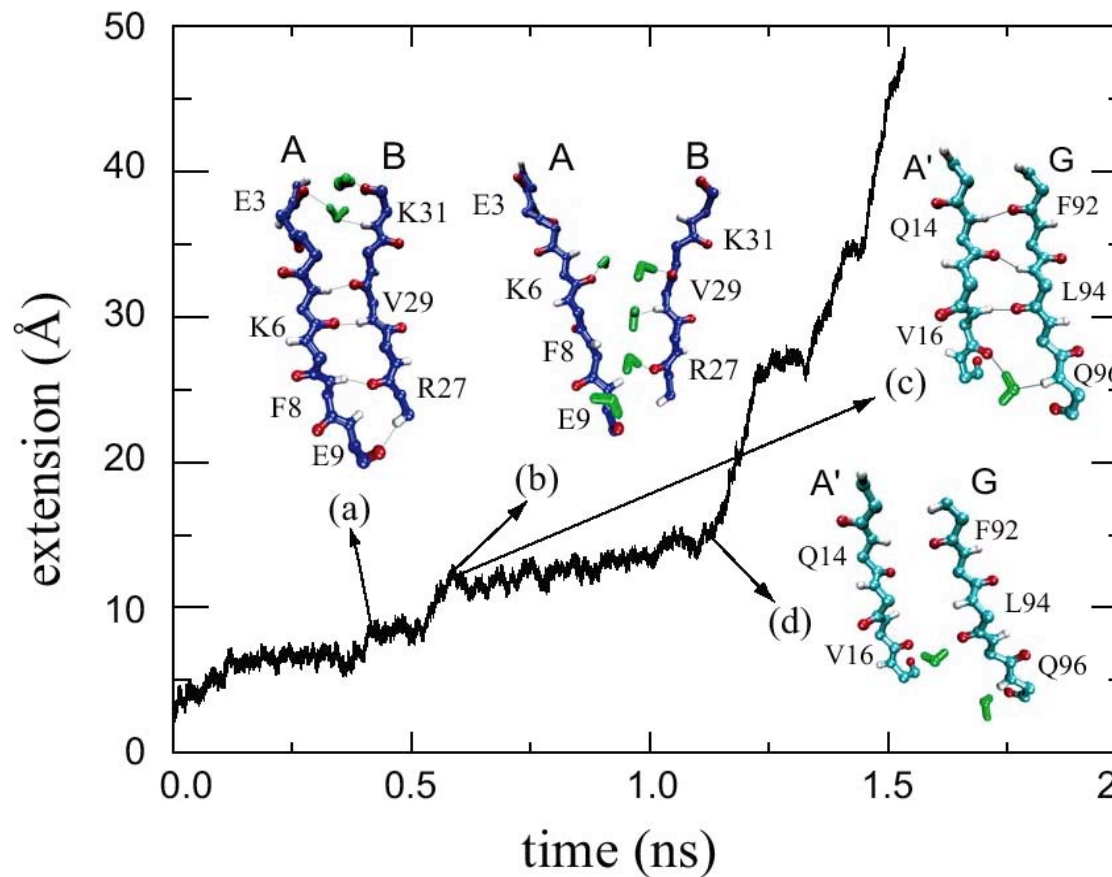
Use of program  
NAMD on 32  
Processor  
(1.1 GHz Athlon)  
Linux cluster:  
1 day/ns

Stretching  $I_1$  with constant velocity

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# Titin Domain Heterogeneity:

pre-stretching slack tight in I1

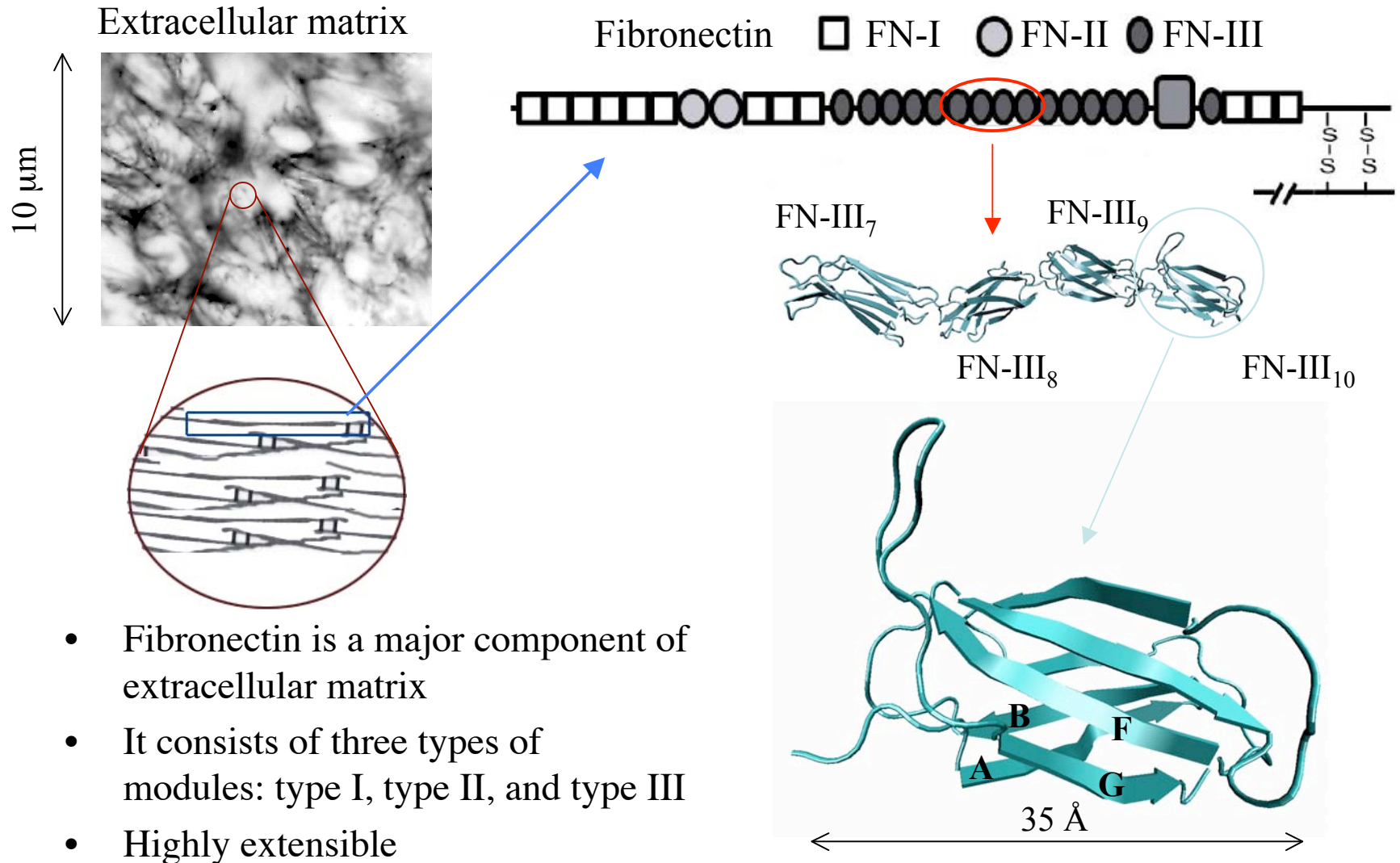


Stretching with constant force of 750 pN

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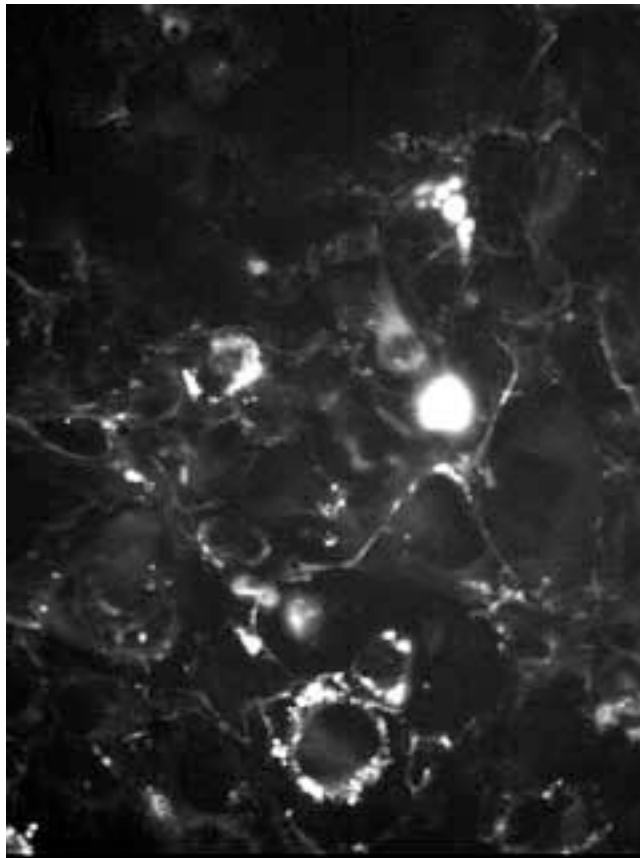
# **Fibronectins**

# Architecture and Function of Fibronectin Modules

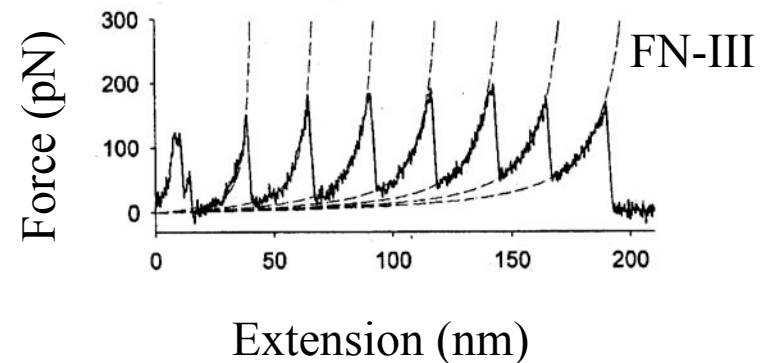
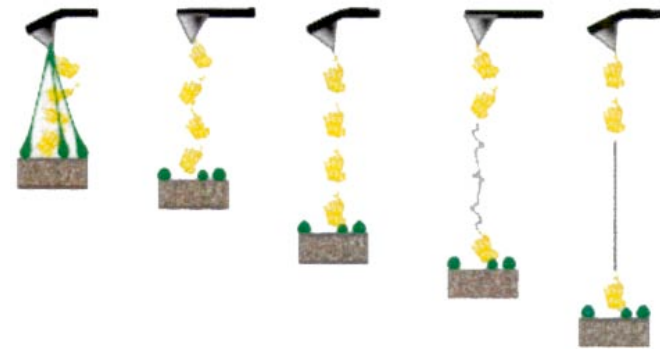


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# Fibronectin Matrix in Living Cell Culture



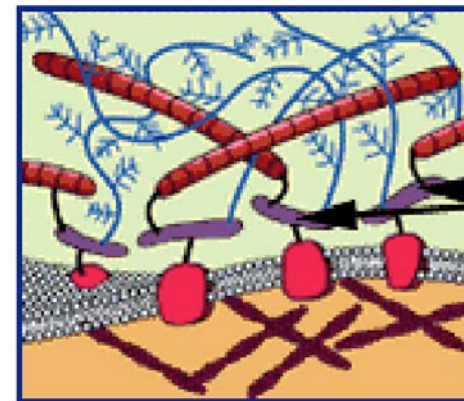
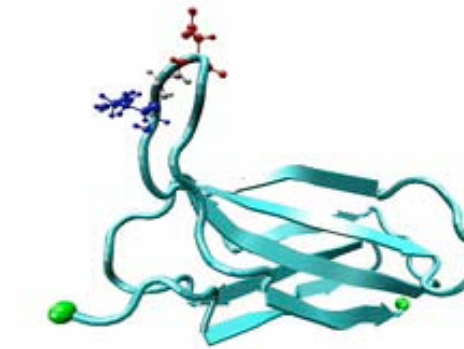
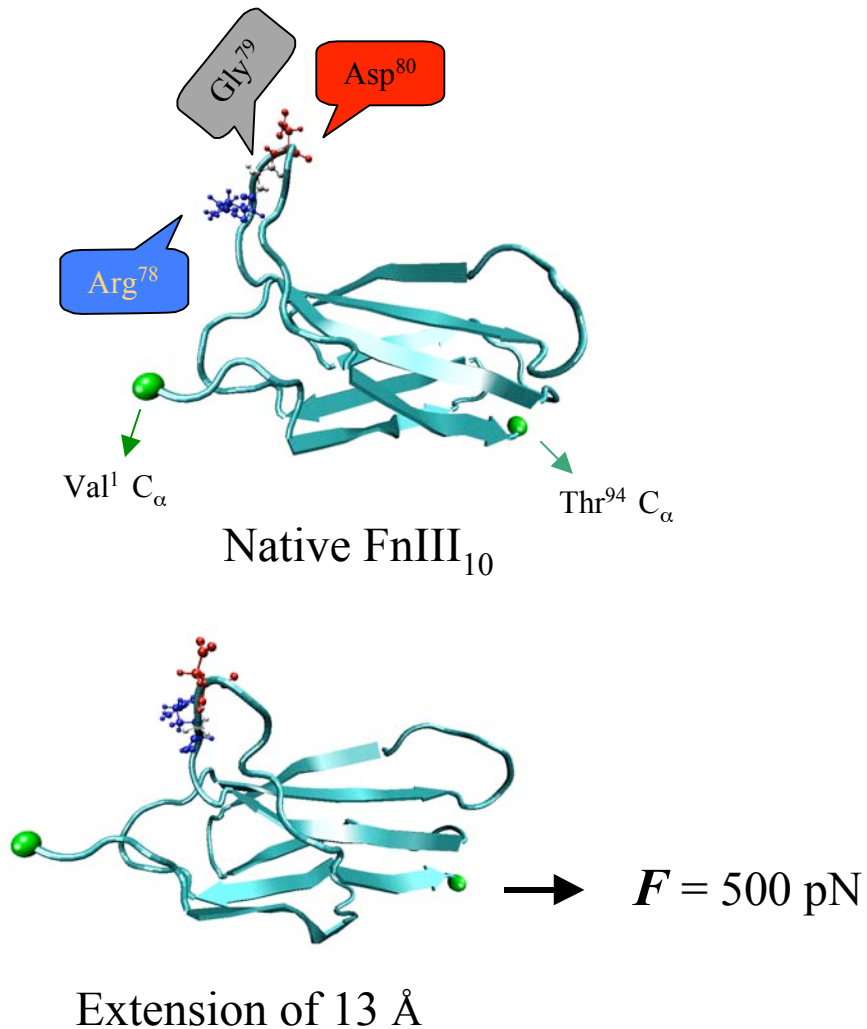
← 100  $\mu$  m →



**Atomic force microscopy  
observations**

# RGD Loop of FnIII<sub>10</sub>

Krammer *et al.*  
*Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci USA*  
96:1351-1356 (1999)



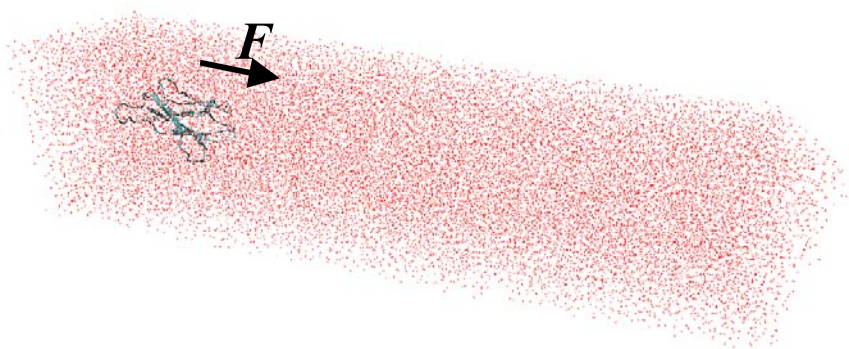
fibronectin  
binding  
with RGD  
loop to  
integrin

integrin interacting  
with extracellular matrix

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<http://www.ks.uiuc.edu>

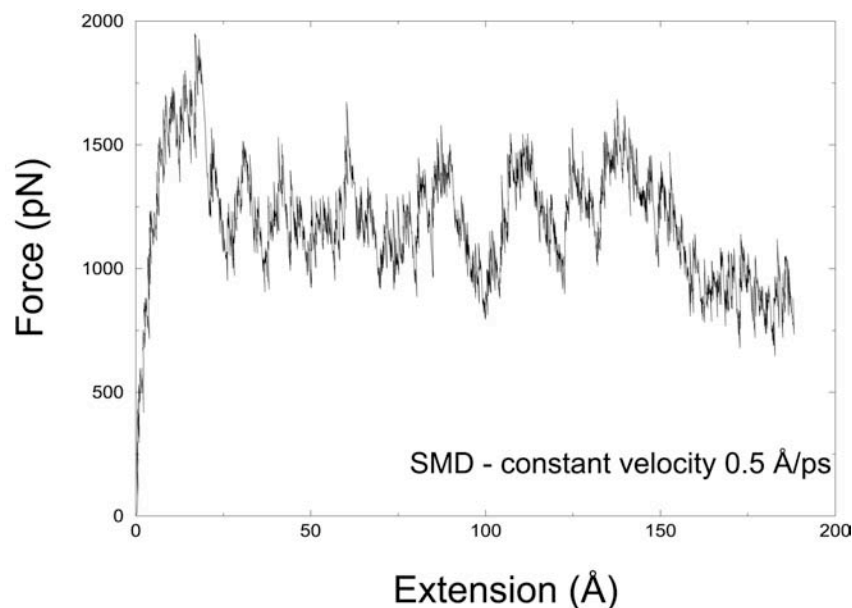
# Probing Unfolding Intermediates in FN-III<sub>10</sub>



FnIII<sub>10</sub> module solvated in a water box  
55×60×367 Å<sup>3</sup> (**126,000 atoms**)

Steered Molecular Dynamics, periodic  
boundary conditions, NpT ensemble,  
Particle Mesh Edwald for full electrostatics

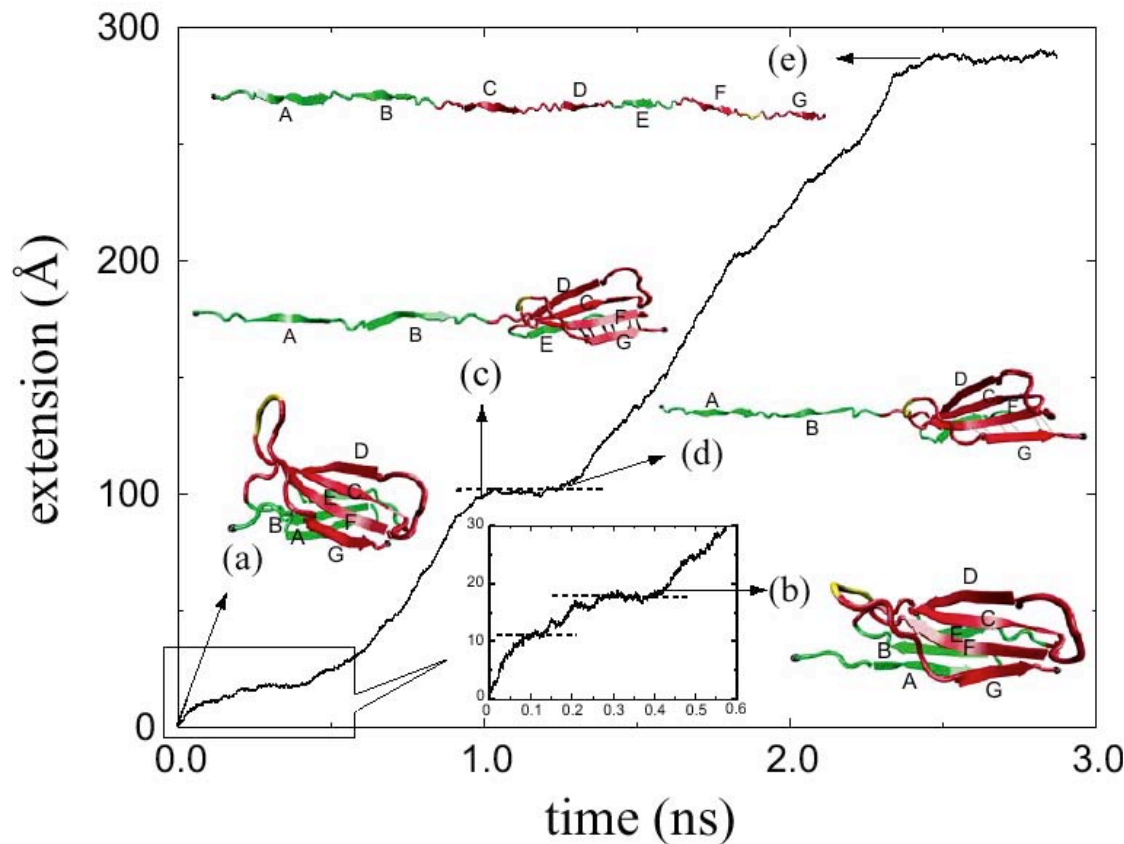
NAMD on Linux cluster of 32 Athlon  
1.1GHz processors: **10 days/ns**



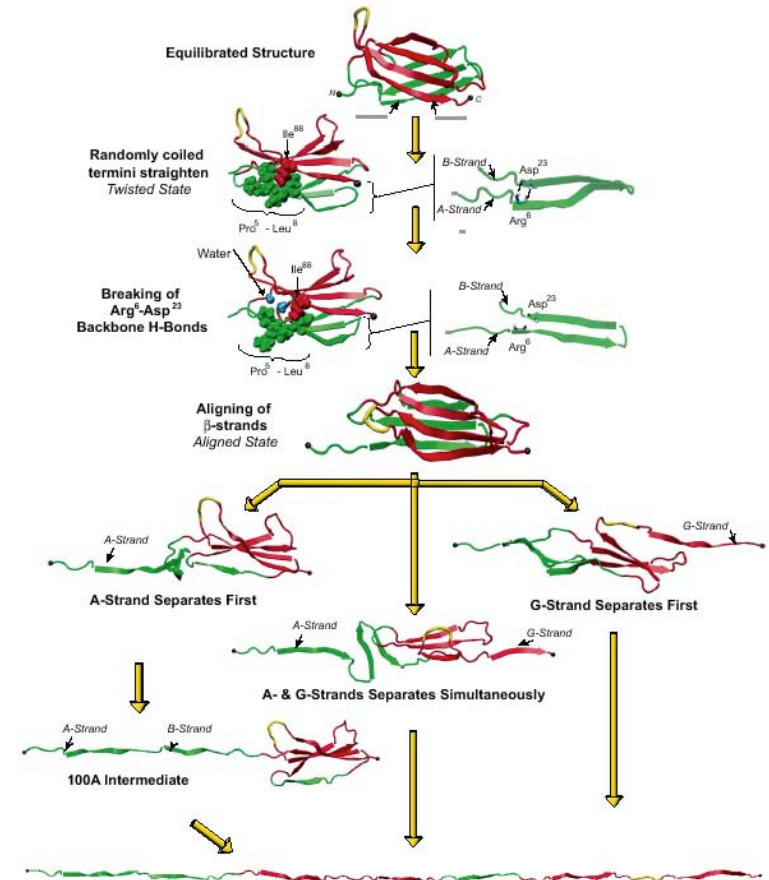
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**A. Krammer, D. Craig, V. Vogel, U. Wash.**

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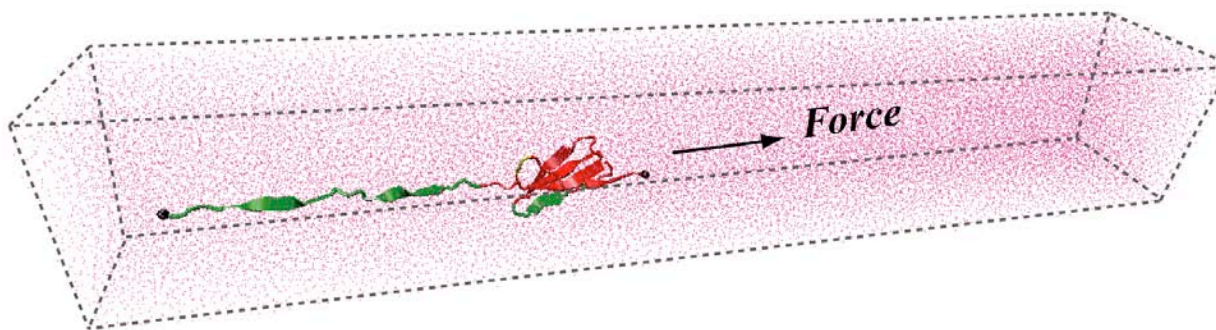
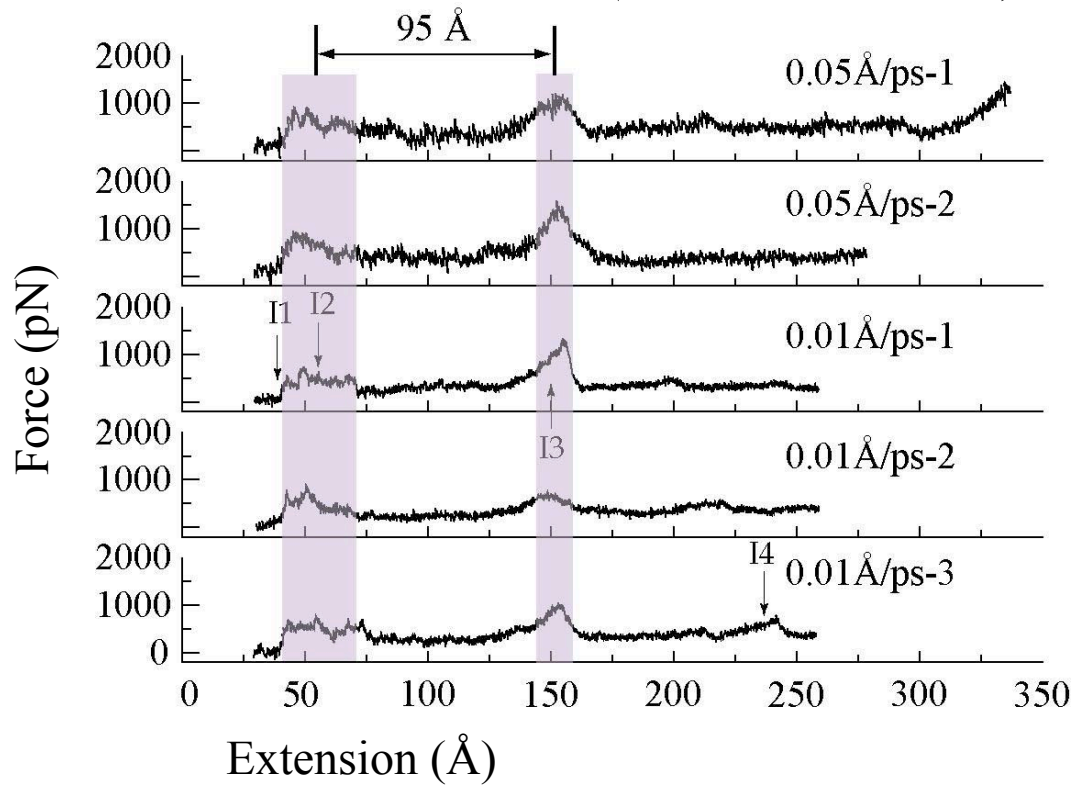
Specific stretching and unfolding pathway for constant force (500 pN) stretching: scenario with A rupturing first



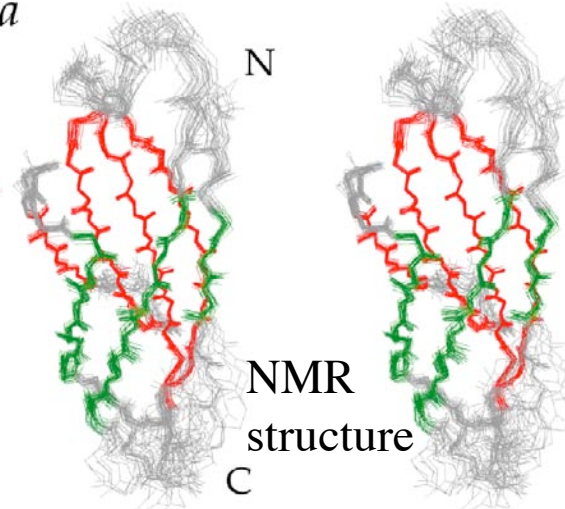
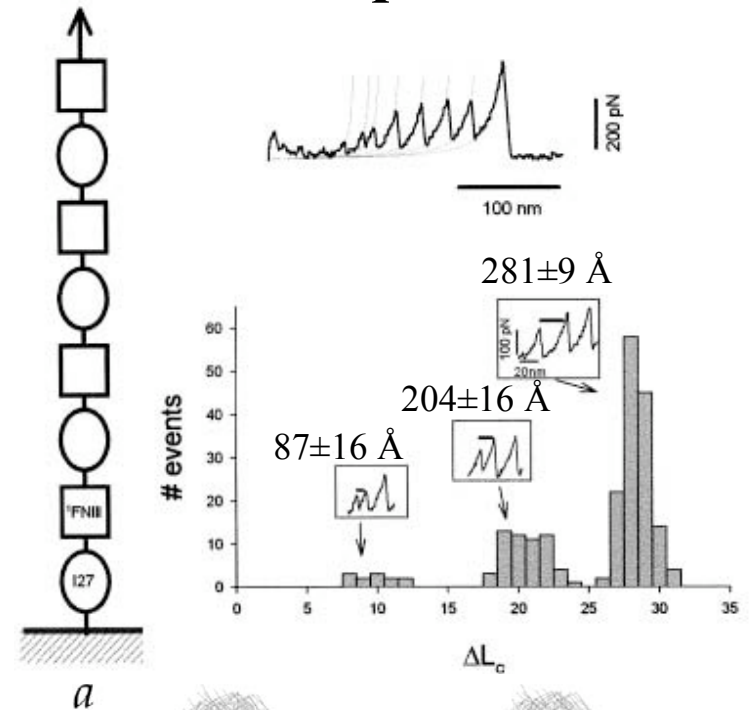
Complete stretching and unfolding pathway: after straightening and partial A-B separation, A, , or A+G or G rupture first

# Stretching FN-III<sub>1</sub>: Pronounced Intermediate

## *SMD simulations (150,000 atoms)*



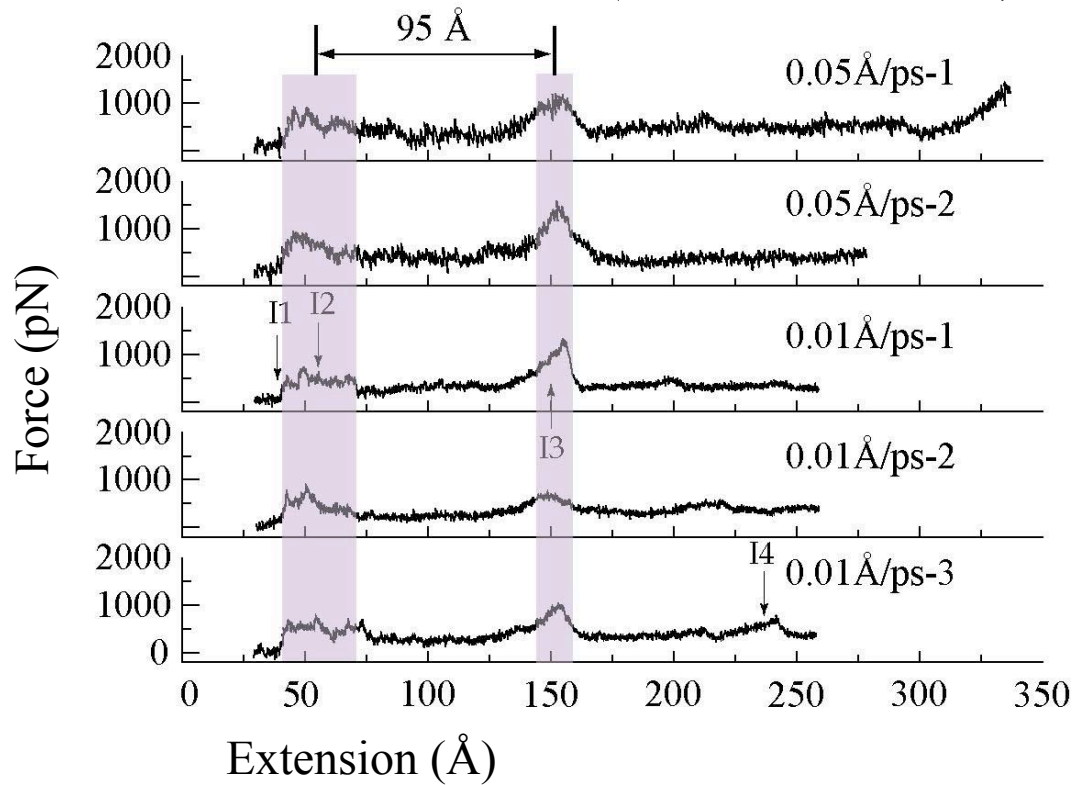
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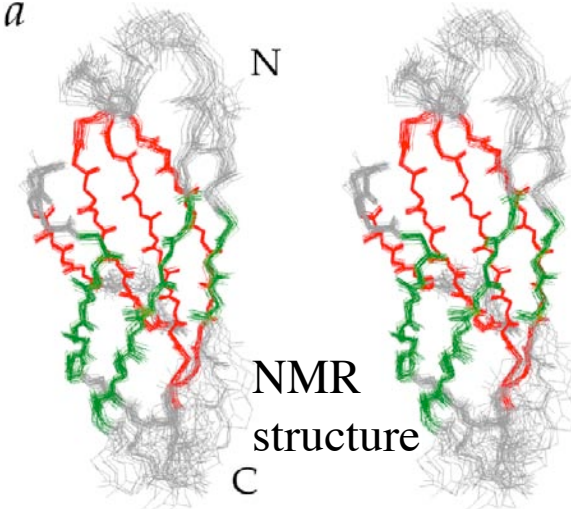
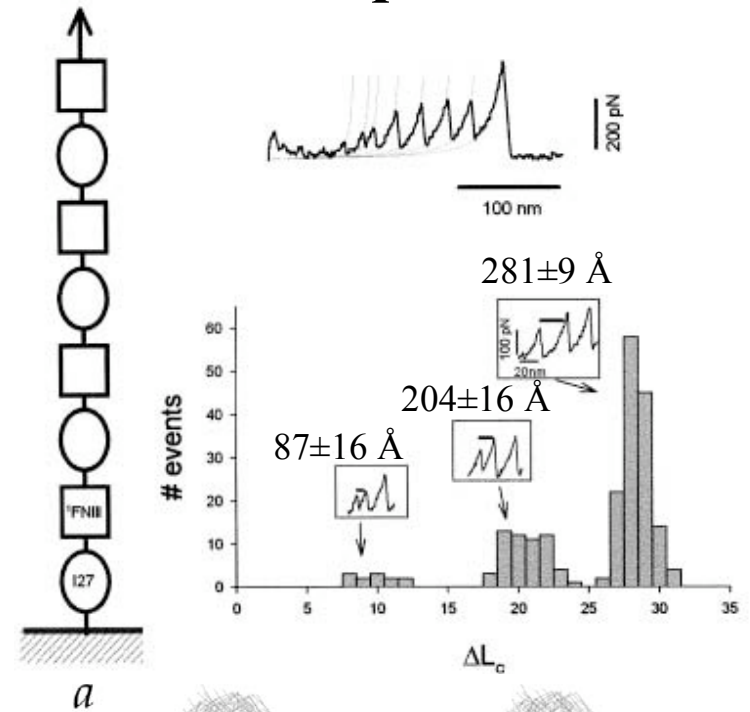
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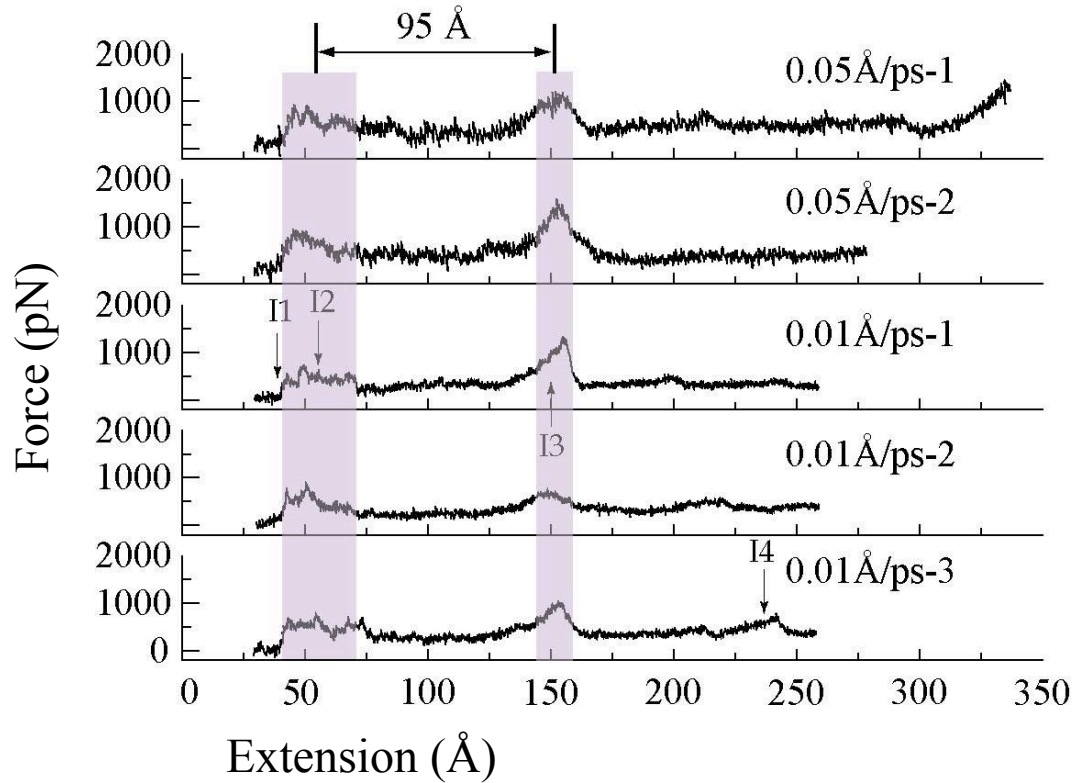
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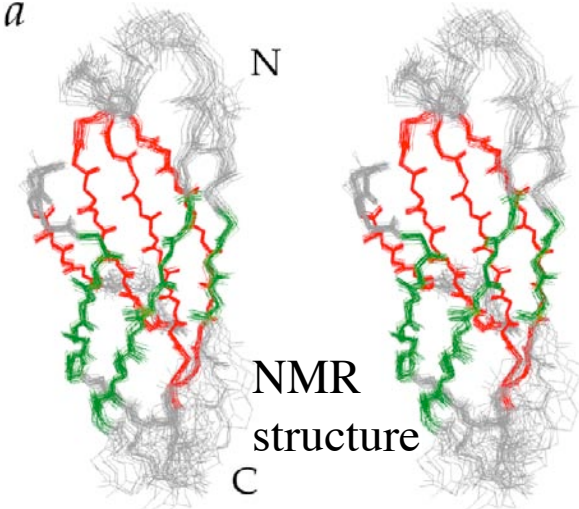
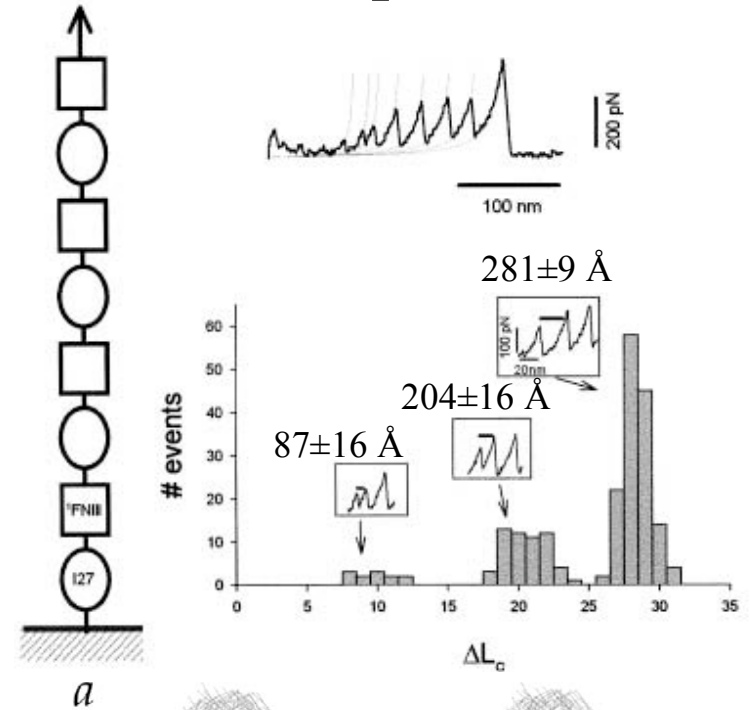
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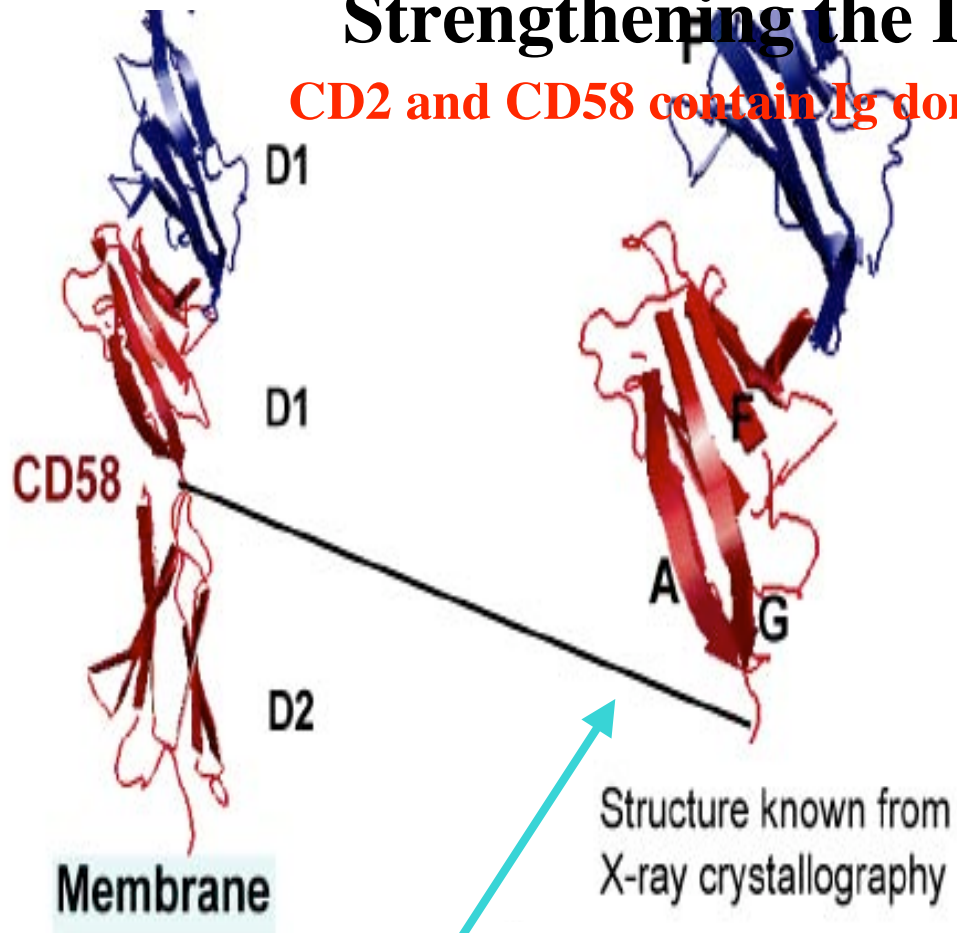
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# **Adhesion Proteins of the Immune System**

# Strengthening the Immune System

CD2 and CD58 contain Ig domains



0.05 Å / ps  
**slow**

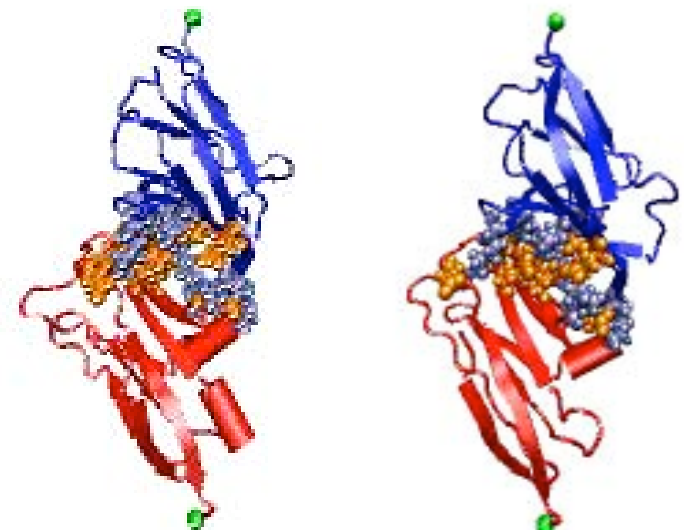
- **Model** Based on Crystal Structure:

*Wang et al. (1999) Cell, 97, 791*

- **90,000 atoms**
- NAMD simulation on Linux cluster  
120 ps so far
- 1 – 0.05 Å / ps pulling velocity

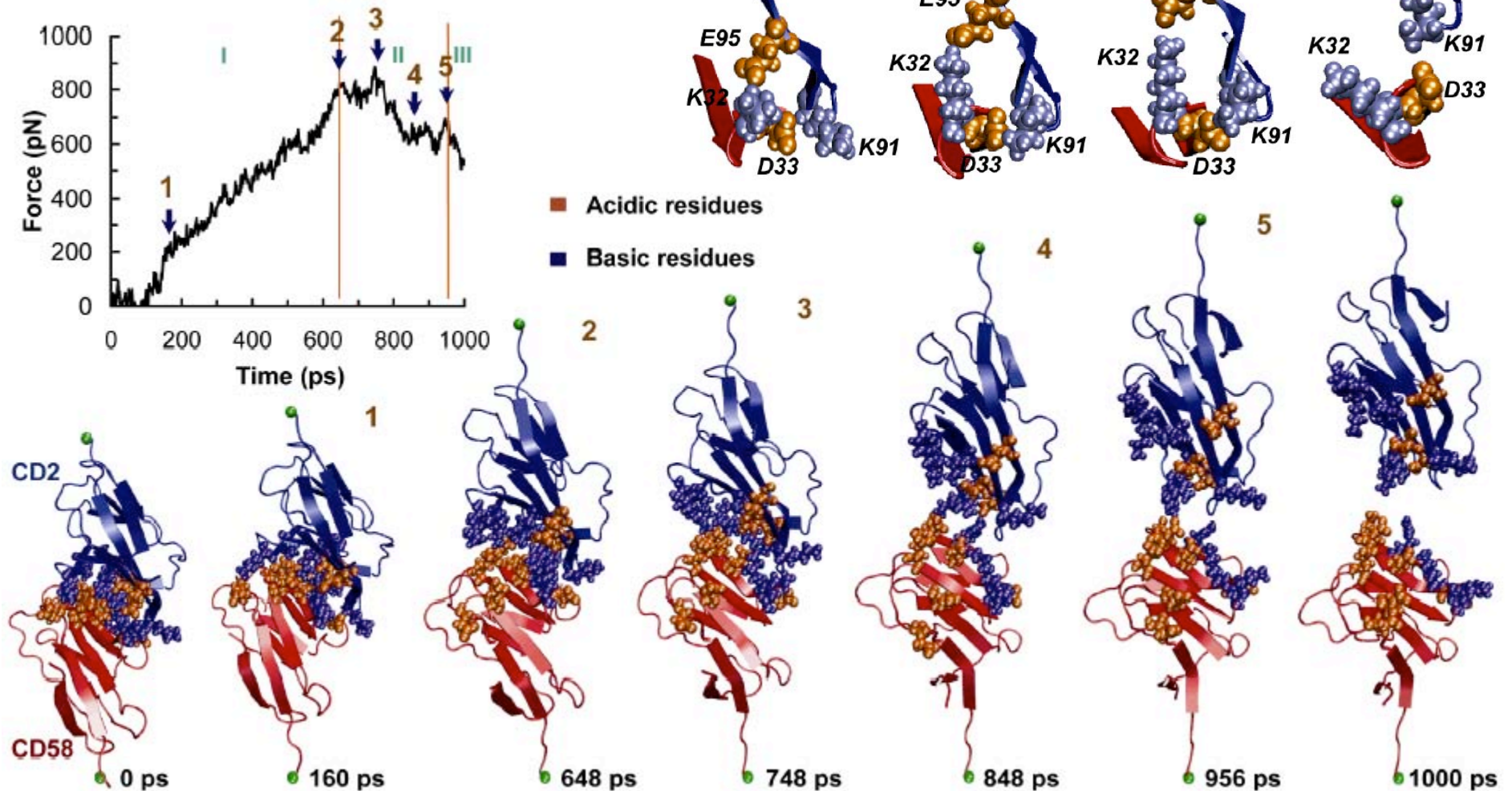
Marcos Bayas, D. Leckband, K. Schulten, submitted

1 Å / ps



# Separation at 0.05 Å /ns Pulling :

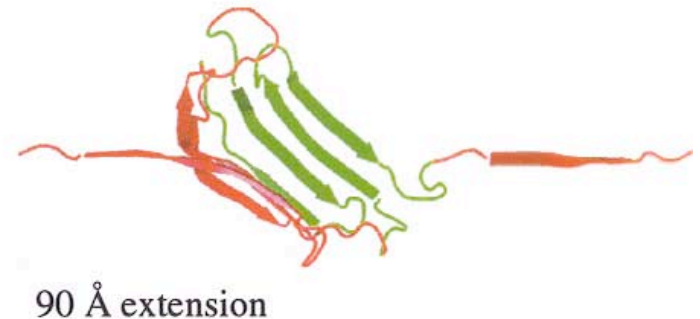
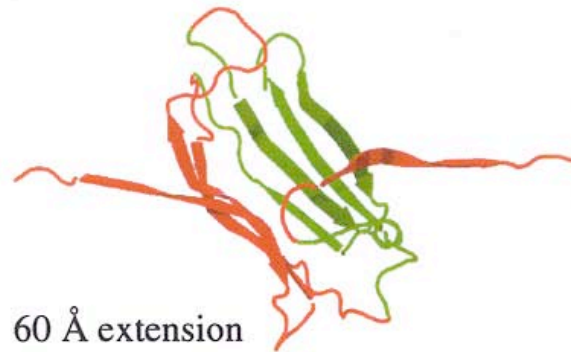
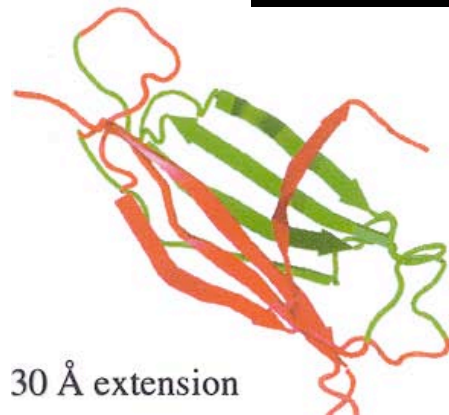
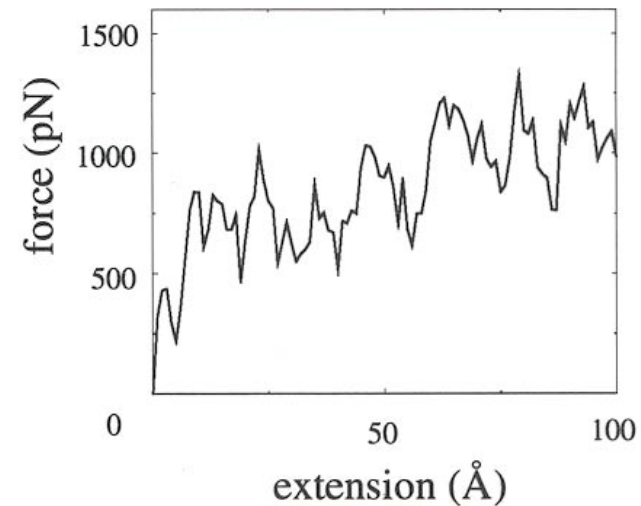
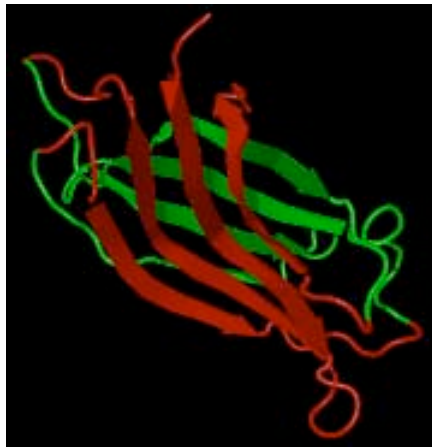
salt bridges important (Aralunandam et al 1993, 1994) for adhesion are broken last



# **Behavior of Non-Mechanical Proteins**

# Force-induced Unfolding of Other Domains

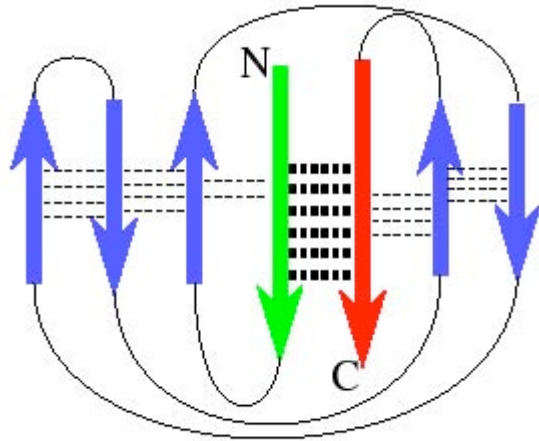
## C2 domain of synaptotagmin I (all sheet protein)



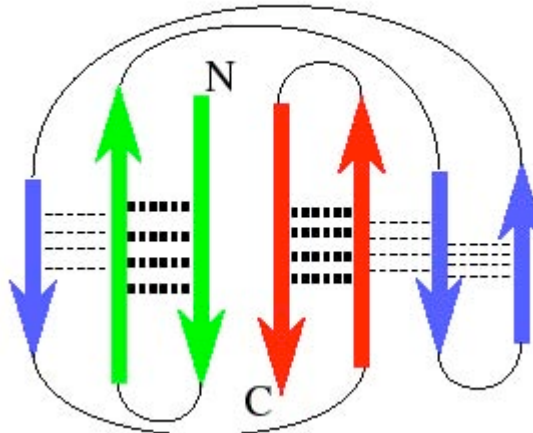
- no initial force peak
- much less resistance to external forces than Ig and FnIII
- during unfolding hydrogen bonds not required to be broken in clusters

# Classification of $\beta$ Sandwich Domains

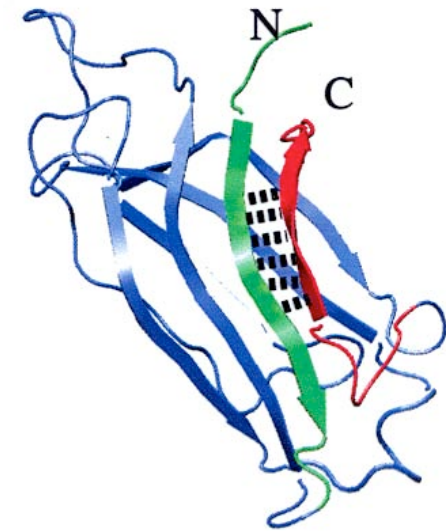
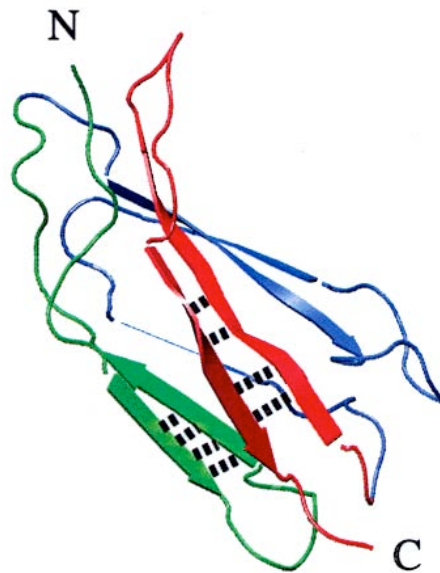
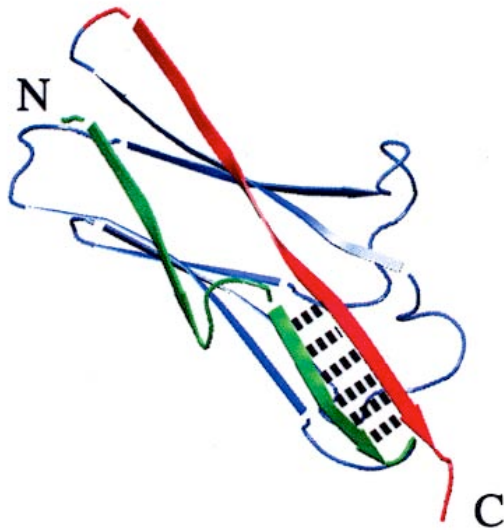
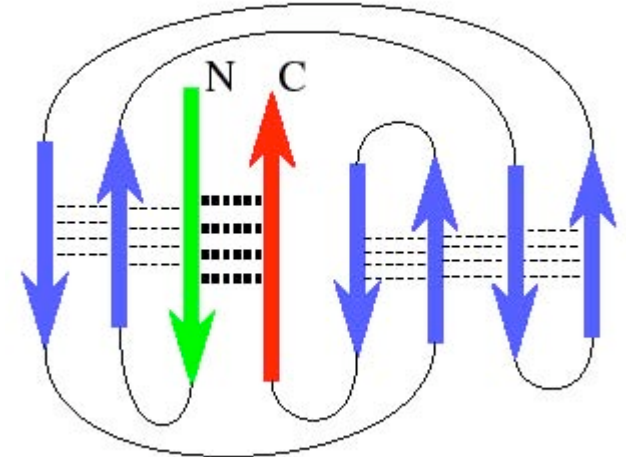
Class I a:  
strong resistance



Class I b:  
less resistance

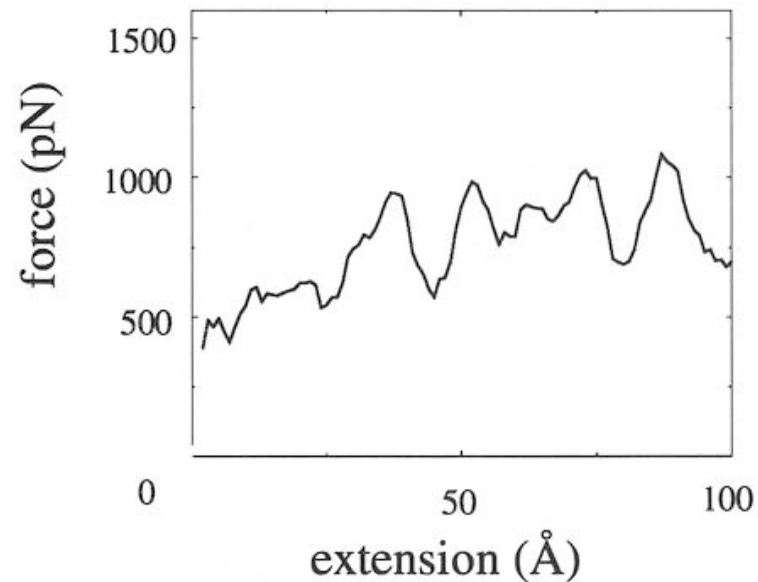
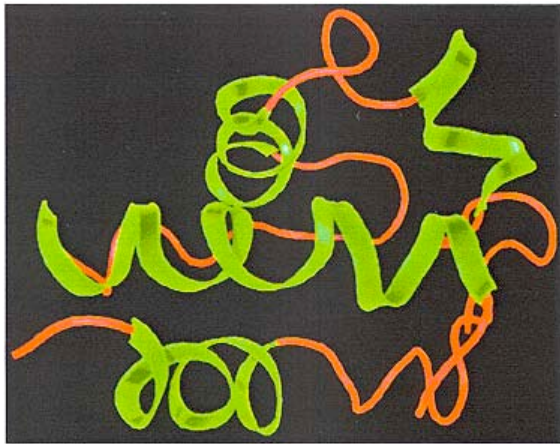


Class I c:  
little resistance



# Force-induced unfolding of alpha-helical protein

## Cytochrome C6 (all helix protein)



30 Å extension



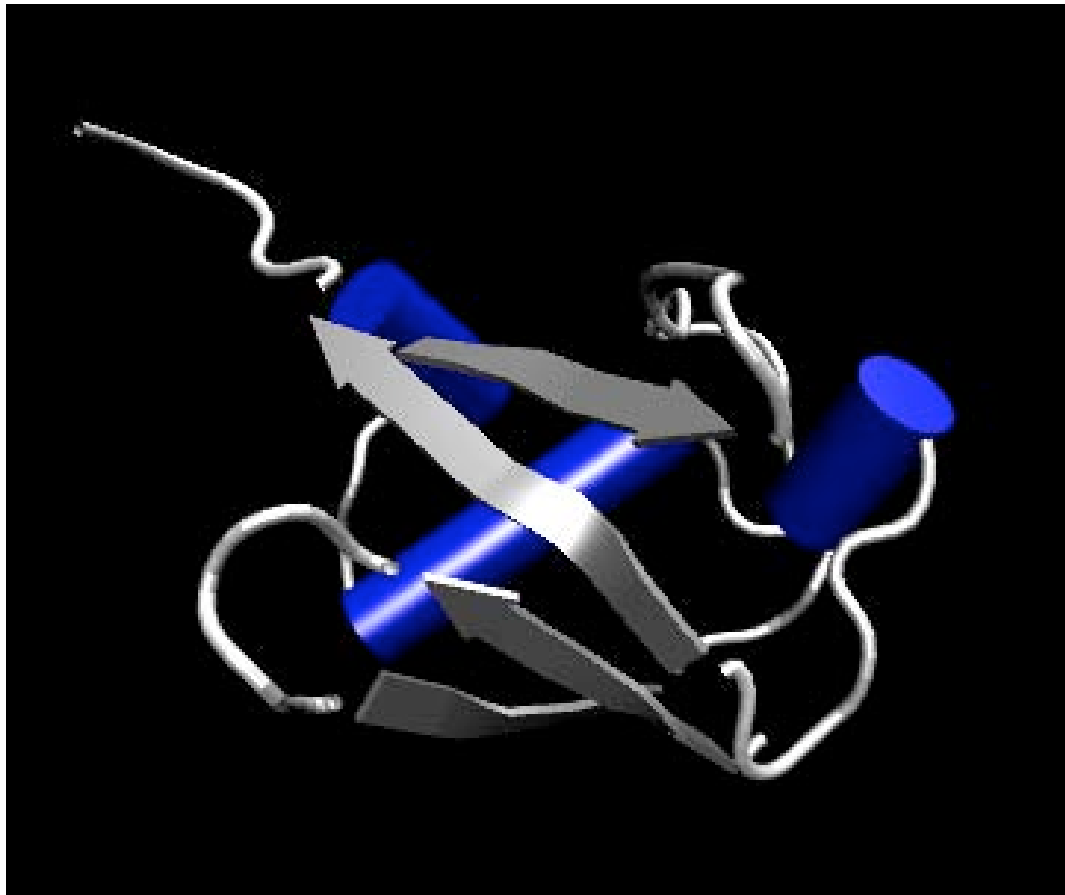
60 Å extension



90 Å extension

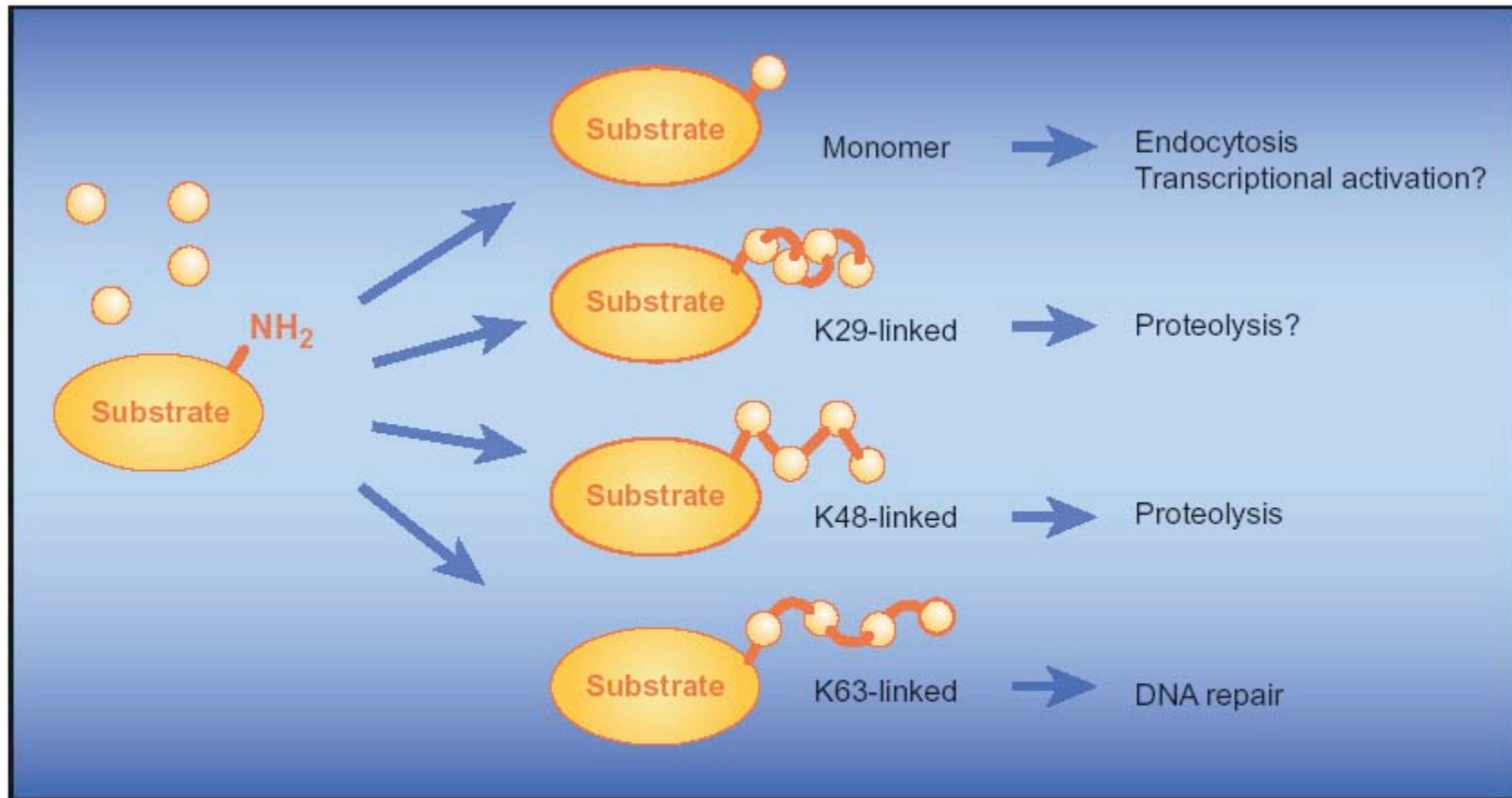
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# Ubiquitin



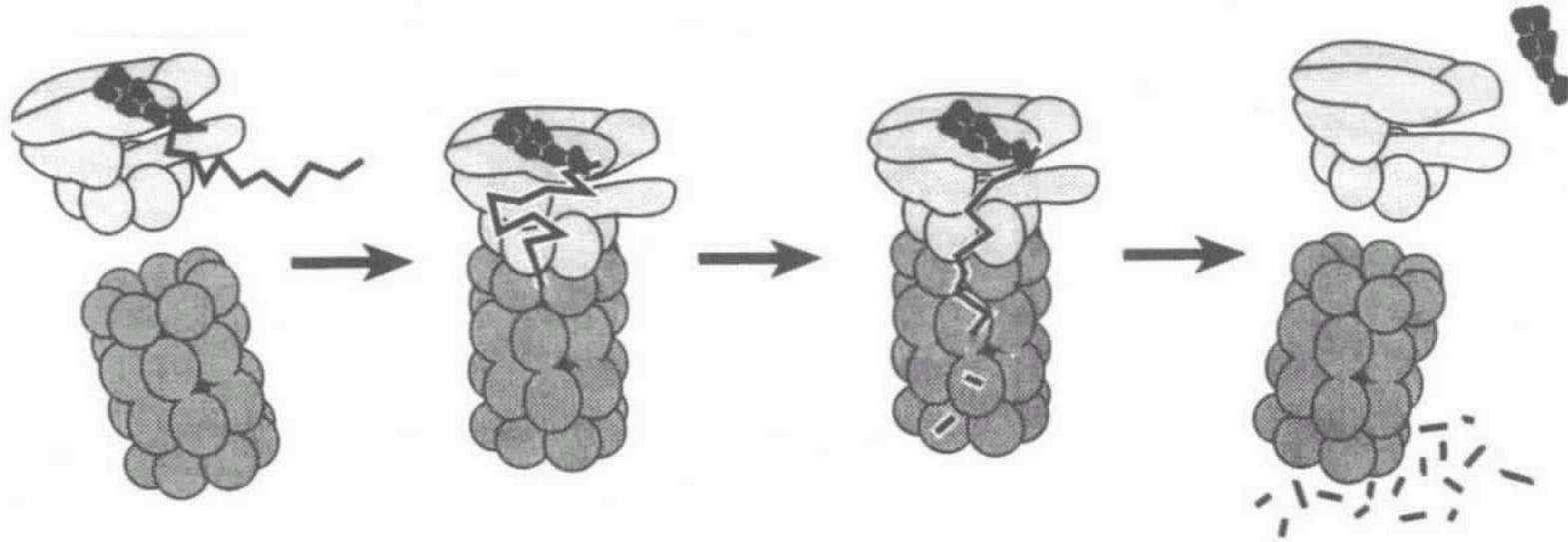
Fatemeh Araghi, Timothy Isgro, Marcos Sotomayor

# Monoubiquitylation versus multi-ubiquitylation



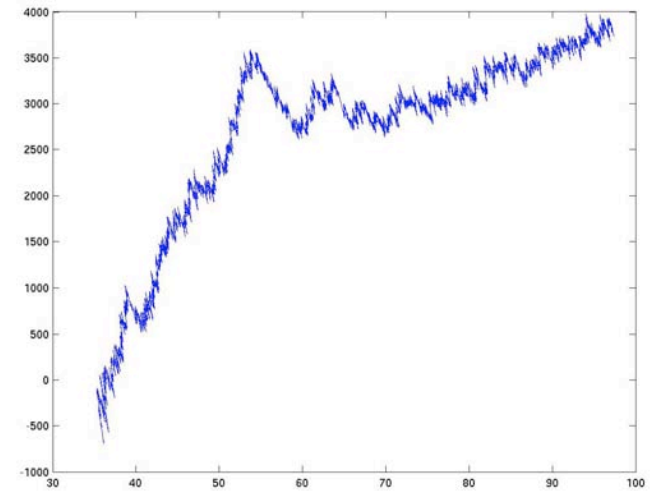
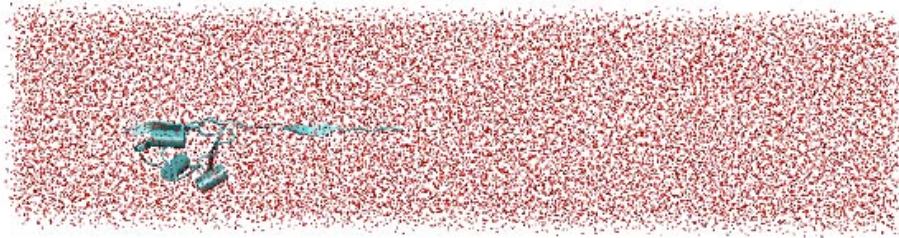
**Multifaceted.** Ubiquitin can attach to its various substrate proteins, either singly or in chains, and that in turn might determine what effect the ubiquitination has. (K29, K48, and K63 refer to the particular lysine amino acid used to link the ubiquitins to each other.)

# Structure-Function Relationship



Proteasome Degradation

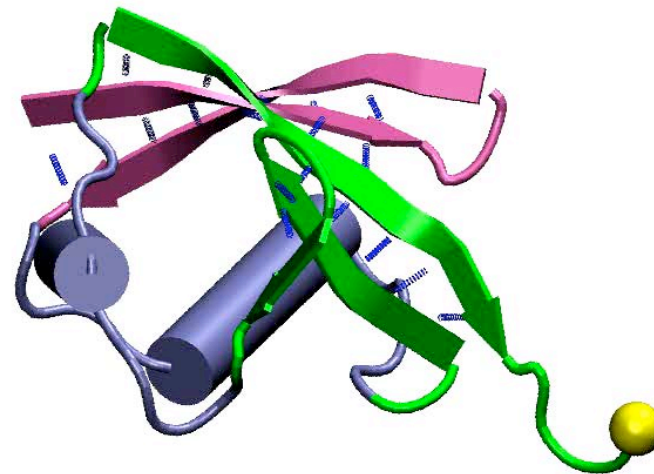
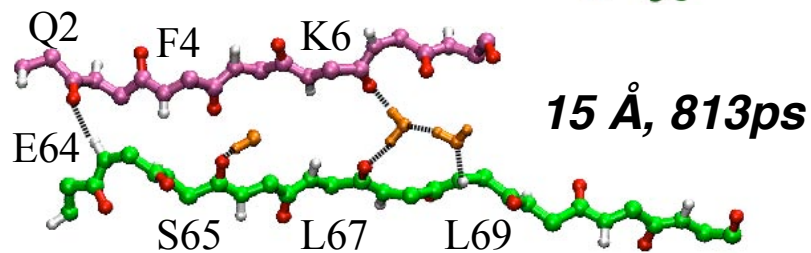
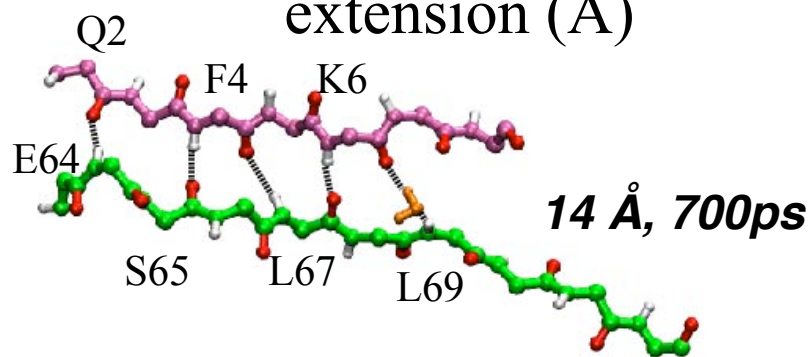
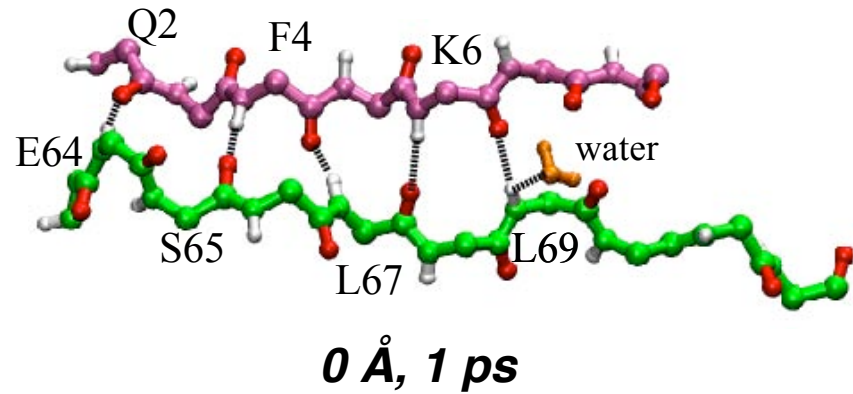
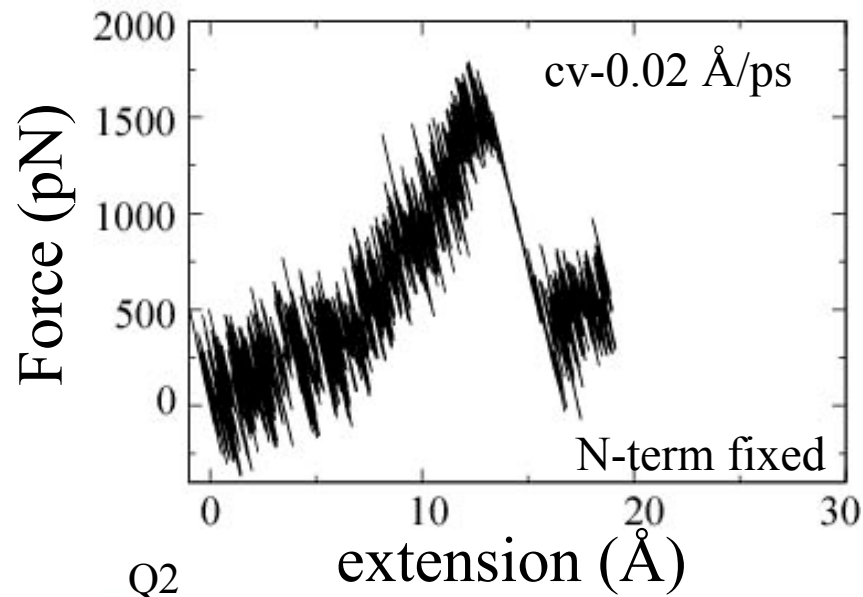
# First SMD Simulation



First peak when the first beta strand is stretched out

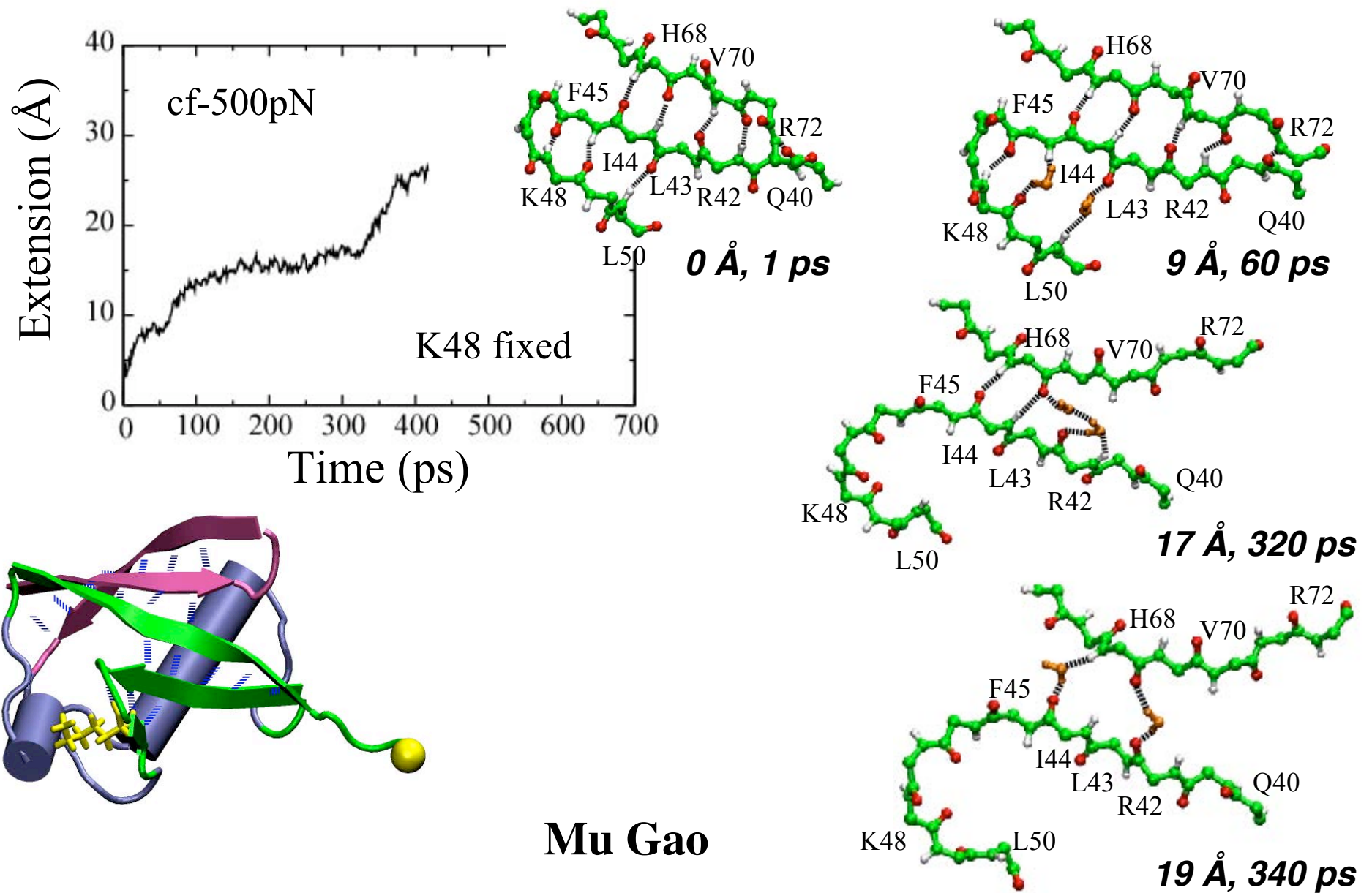
- SMD simulation, with constant velocity
- Box of water 70x240x70 Å ~81K atoms
- smd velocity 0.4 Å/ps
- smd spring constant 7 kcal/mol Å<sup>2</sup>

# Ubiquitin Unfolding I



Mu Gao

# Ubiquitin Unfolding II



# Pulling Dimer

- SMD ( $v=0.4$  Å/ps  $k=7$  kcal/mol Å<sup>2</sup>)  
constant P
- Two monomers separate.

