

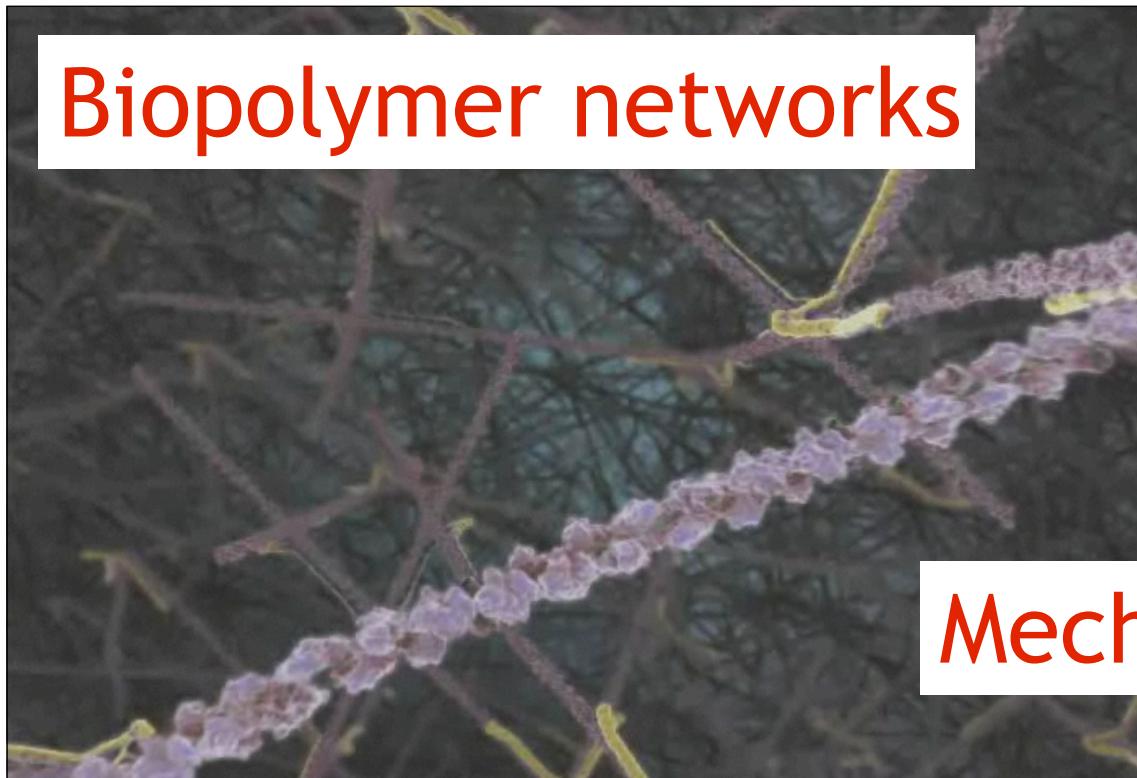
Inner Life of the Cell (Harvard Media)

## Nanofysica in de Levende Cel

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Biopolymer networks



Actin networks

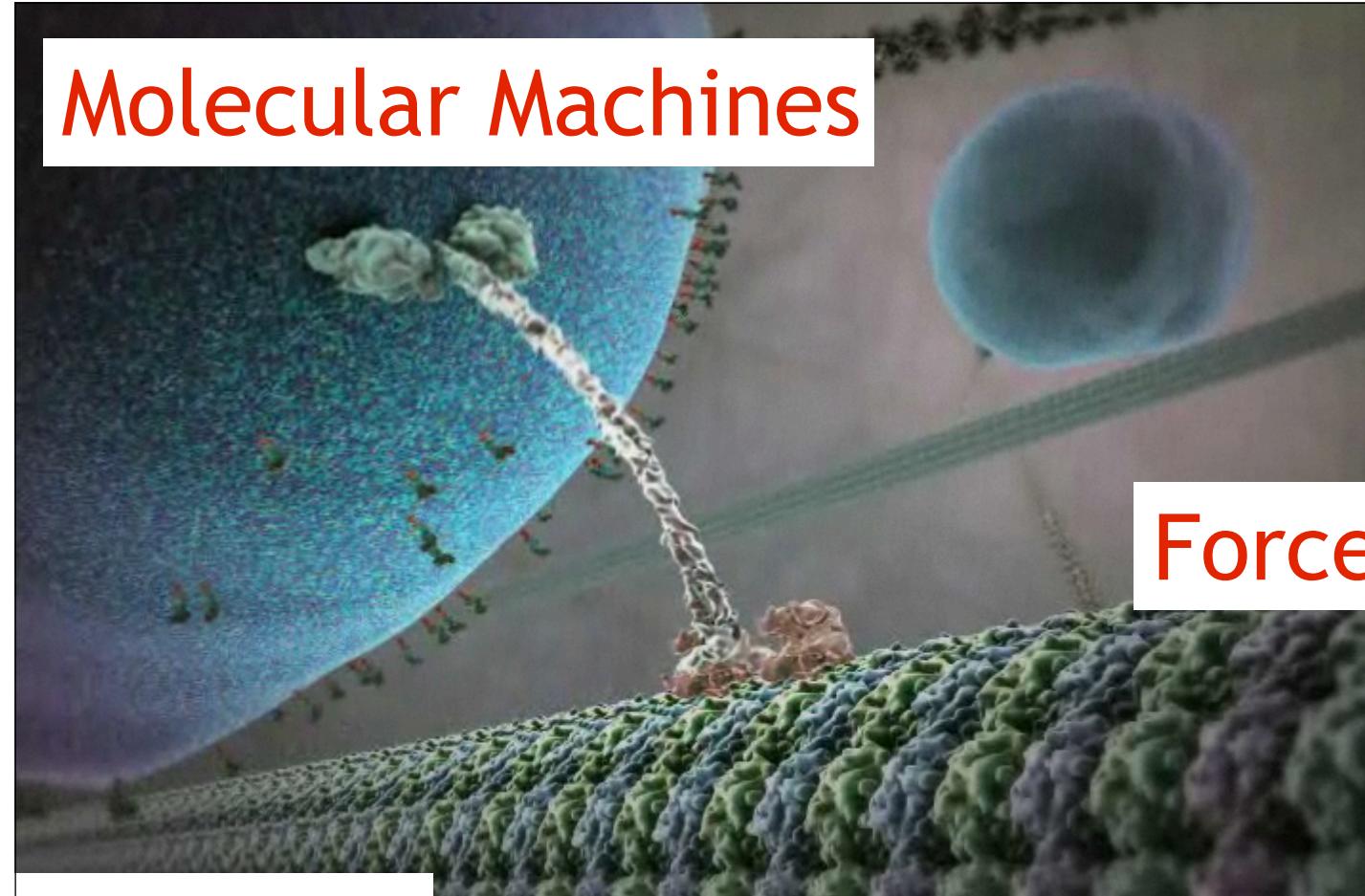
Mechanical framework

Visco-elasticity



Dynamic microtubules

# Molecular Machines



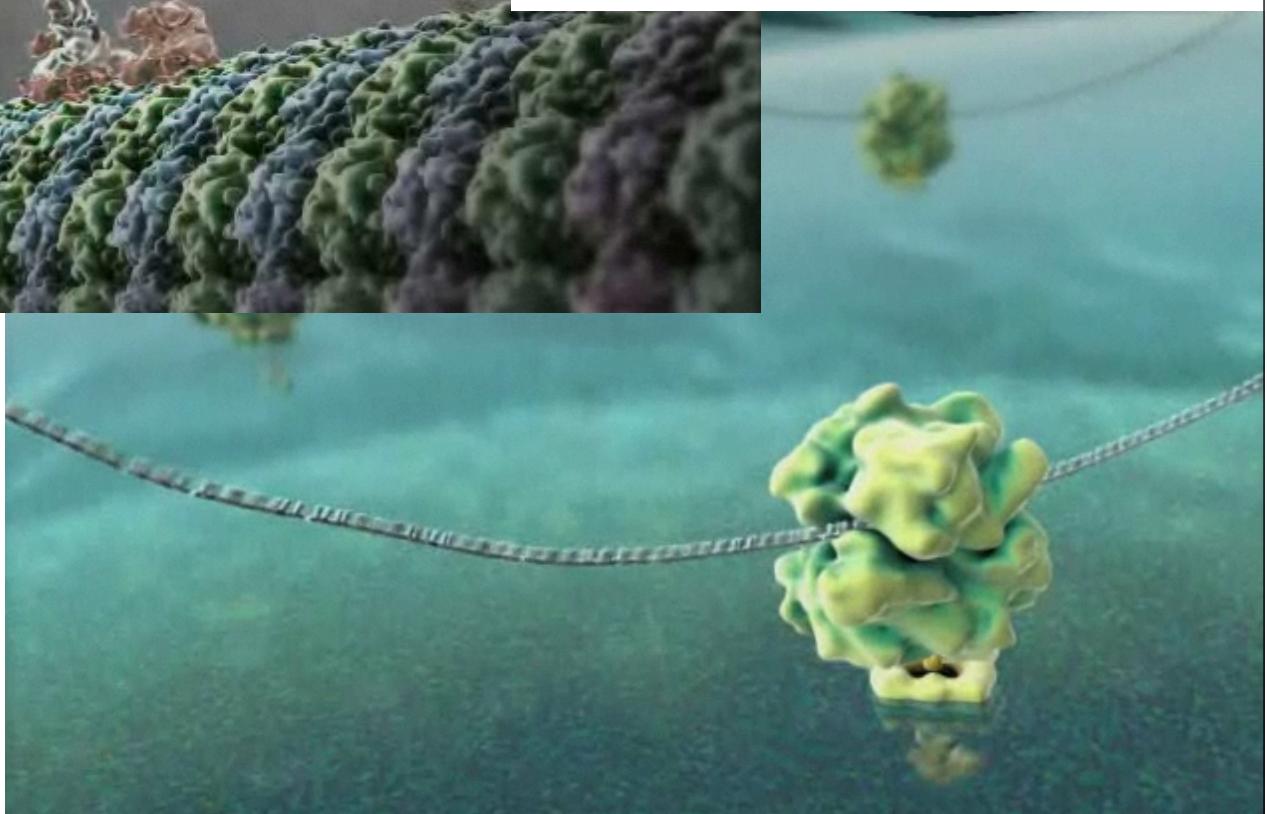
Kinesin

Force generation

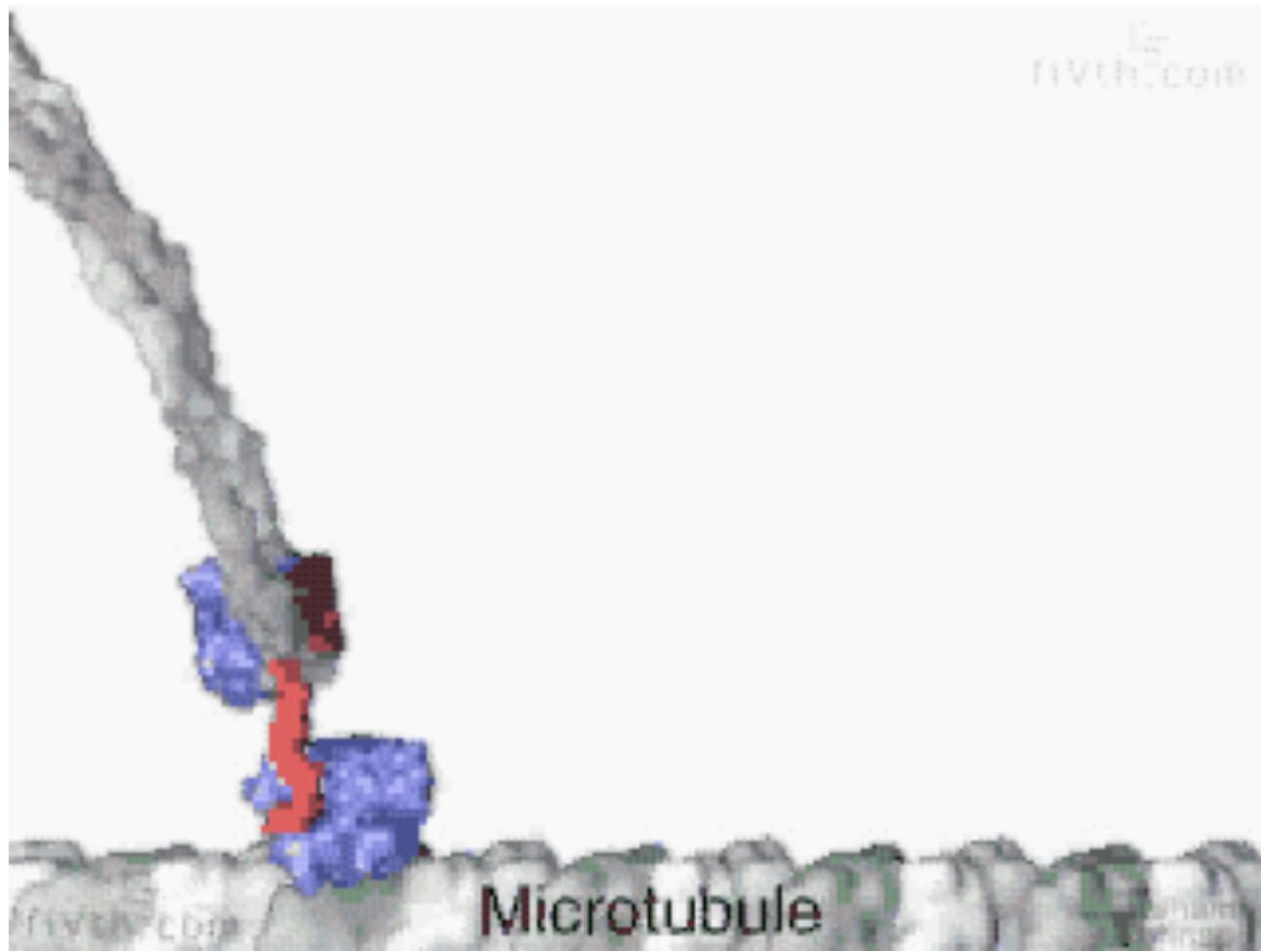
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Diffusion

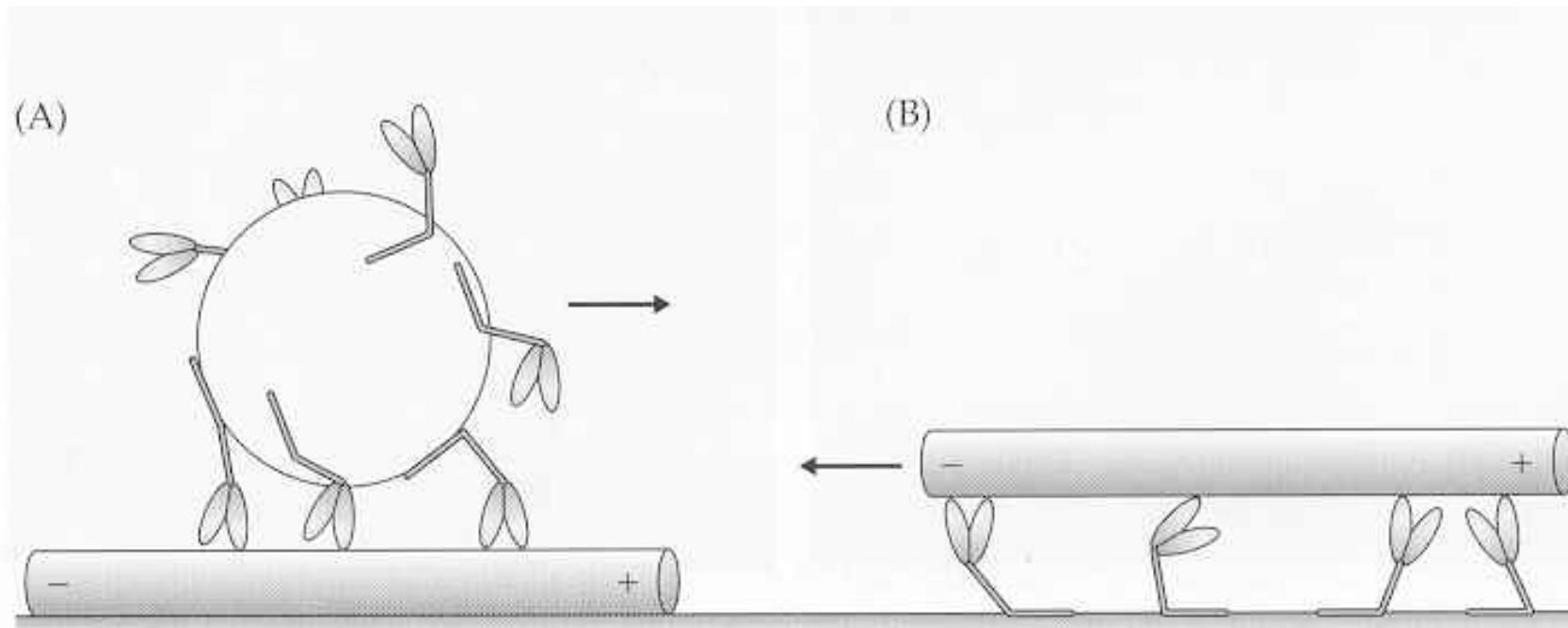
Ribosome



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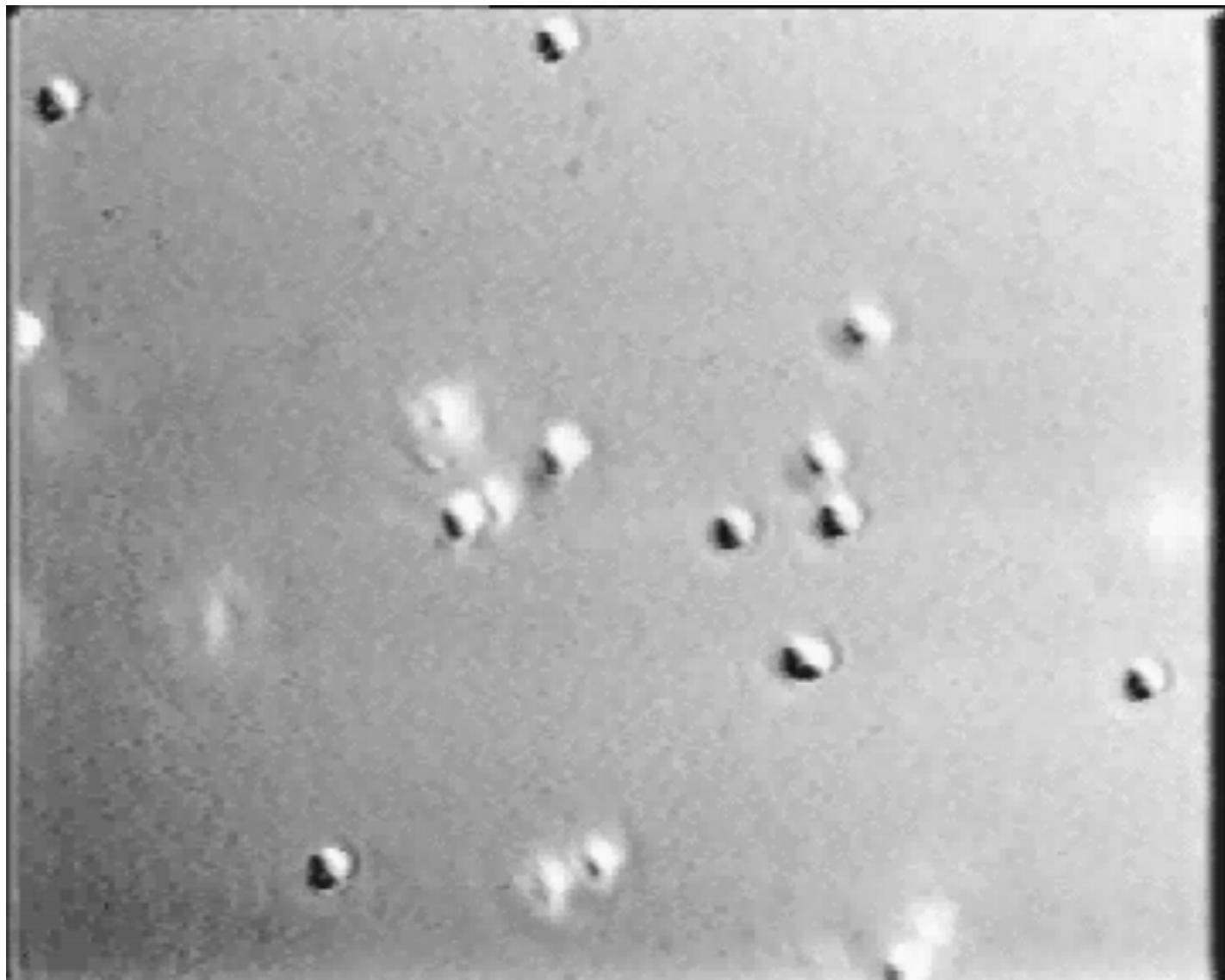
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Bead assay

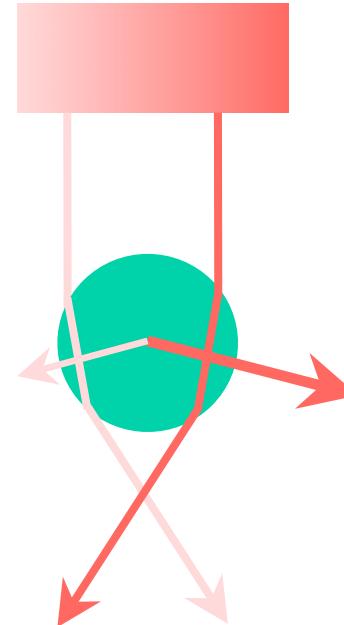
Gliding assay

## Optical tweezers

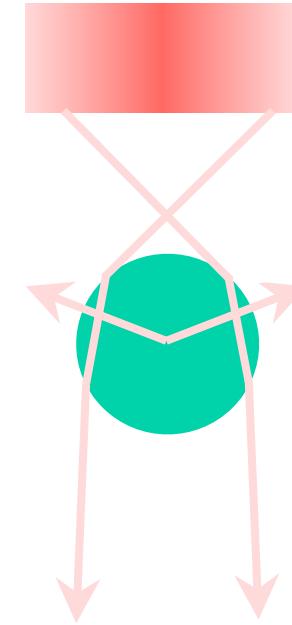


## Principles

Light gradient



Focused laser

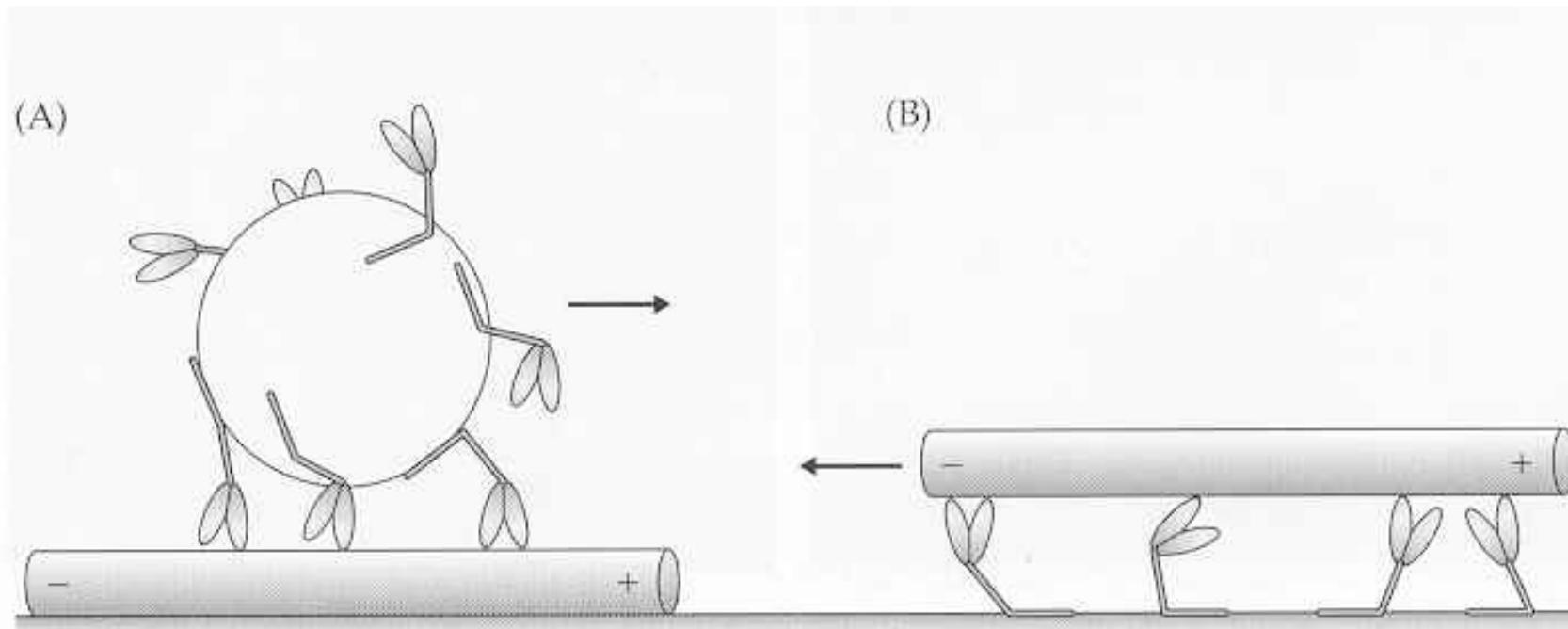


Stable trap:

Linear spring  $F_x = \kappa_x \Delta x$

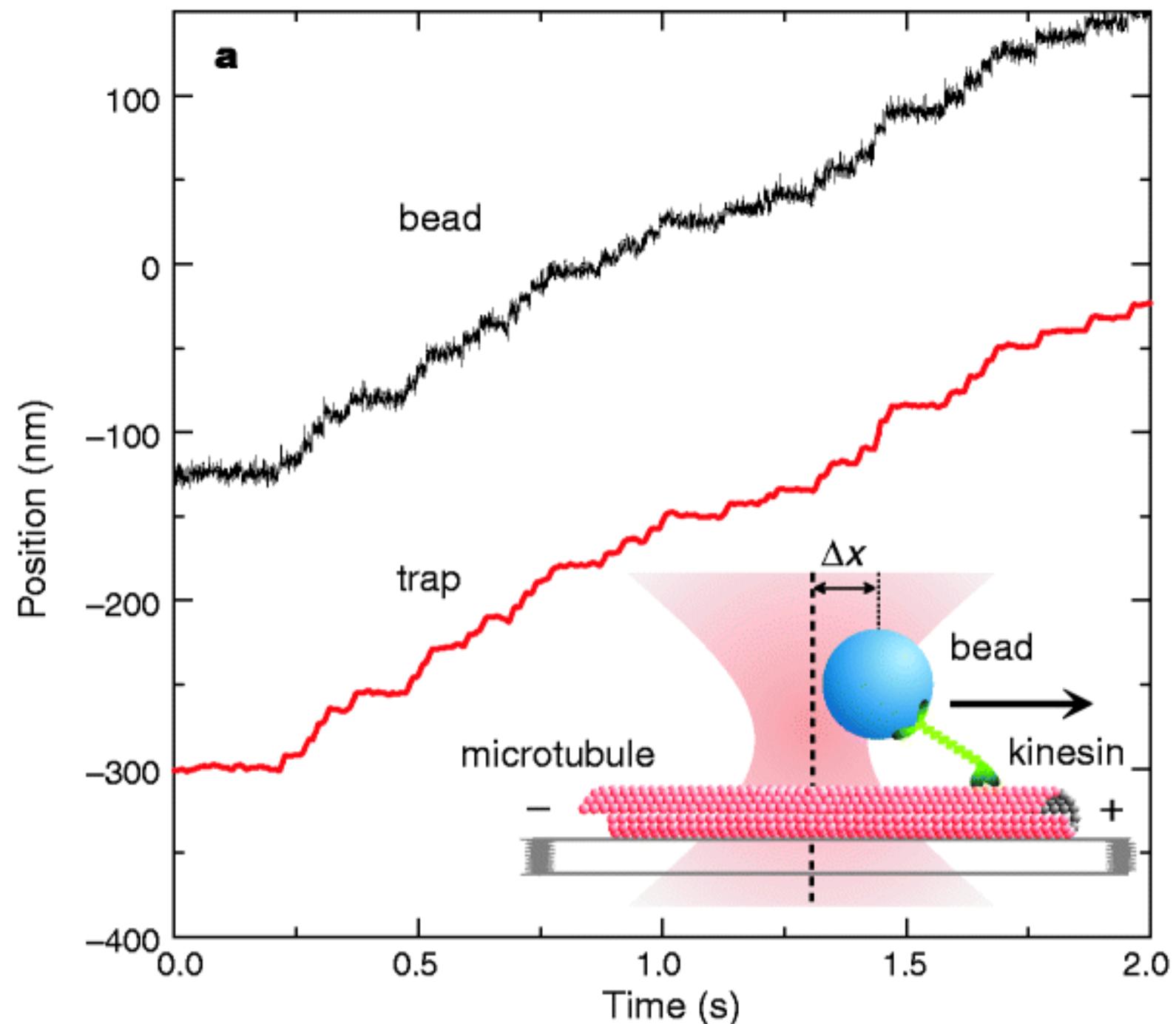
trap stiffness  $\kappa$  depends on  $r, l, n, \dots$

# Biophysical assays



Bead assay

Gliding assay



Steps: First direct observation

Nature 365, 721 (1993)

## **Direct observation of kinesin stepping by optical trapping interferometry**

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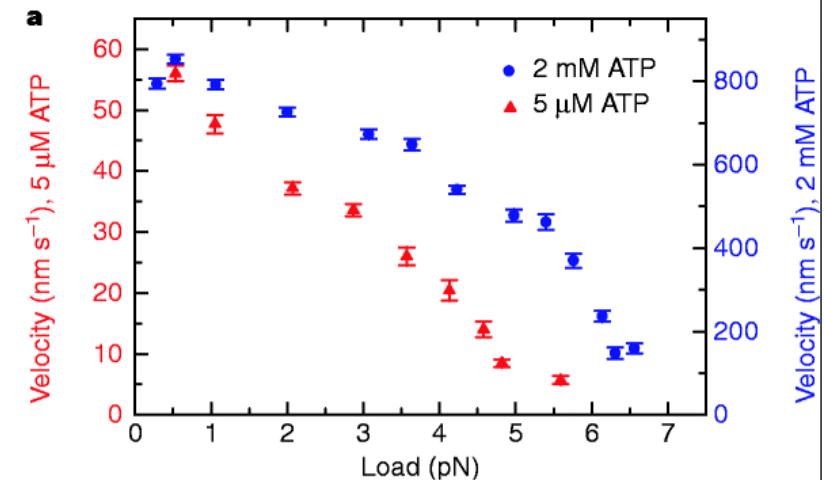
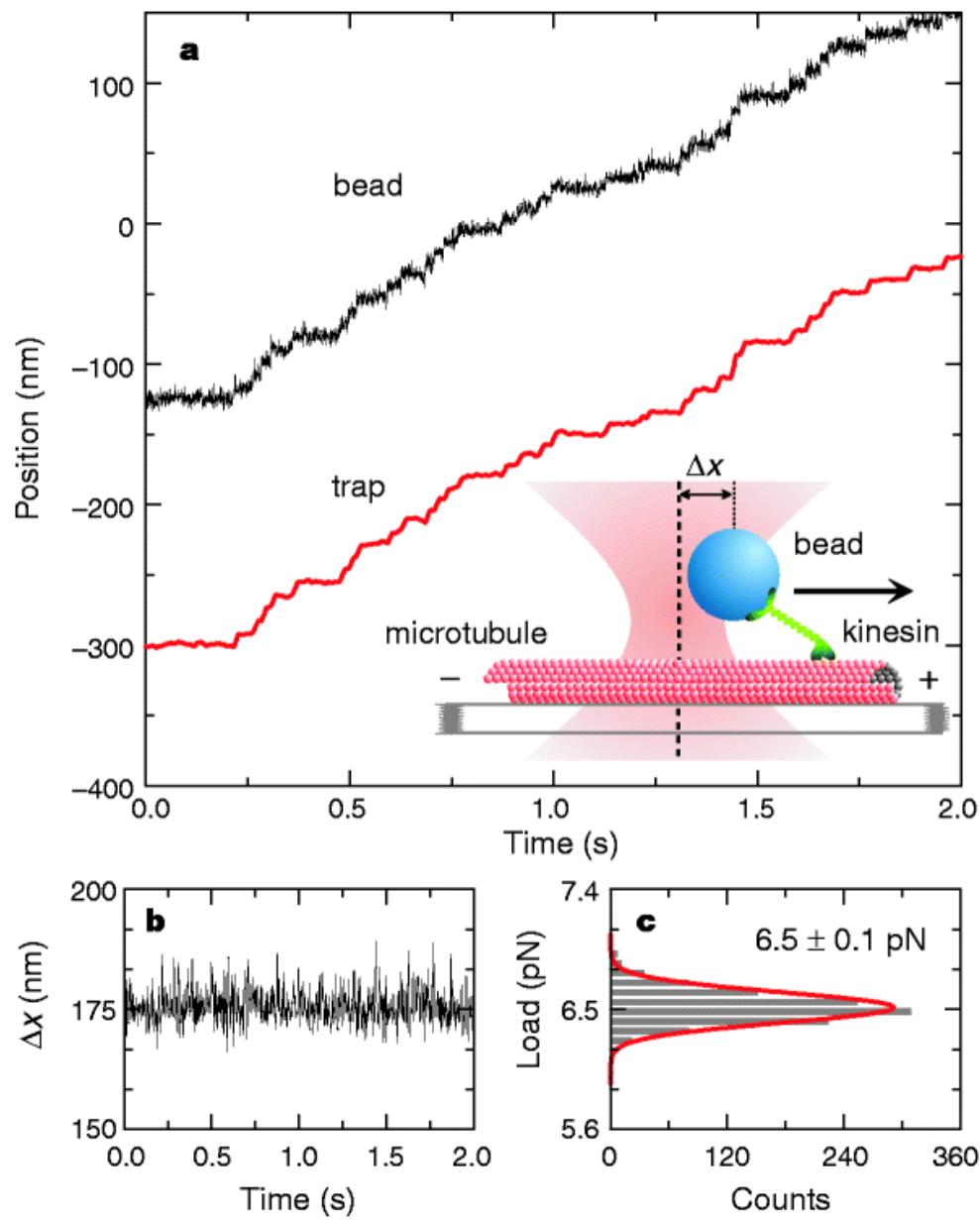
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**Do biological motors move with regular steps? To address this question, we constructed instrumentation with the spatial and temporal sensitivity to resolve movement on a molecular scale. We deposited silica beads carrying single molecules of the motor protein kinesin on microtubules using optical tweezers and analysed their motion under controlled loads by interferometry. We find that kinesin moves with 8-nm steps.**

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## Kinesin stepping in force clamp: $\Delta x$ kept constant through feed-back



$$8 \text{ nm} \times 6 \text{ pN} = 48 \text{ pNm}$$
$$= 60 \% \text{ ATP}$$

Visscher et al, Nature, '99



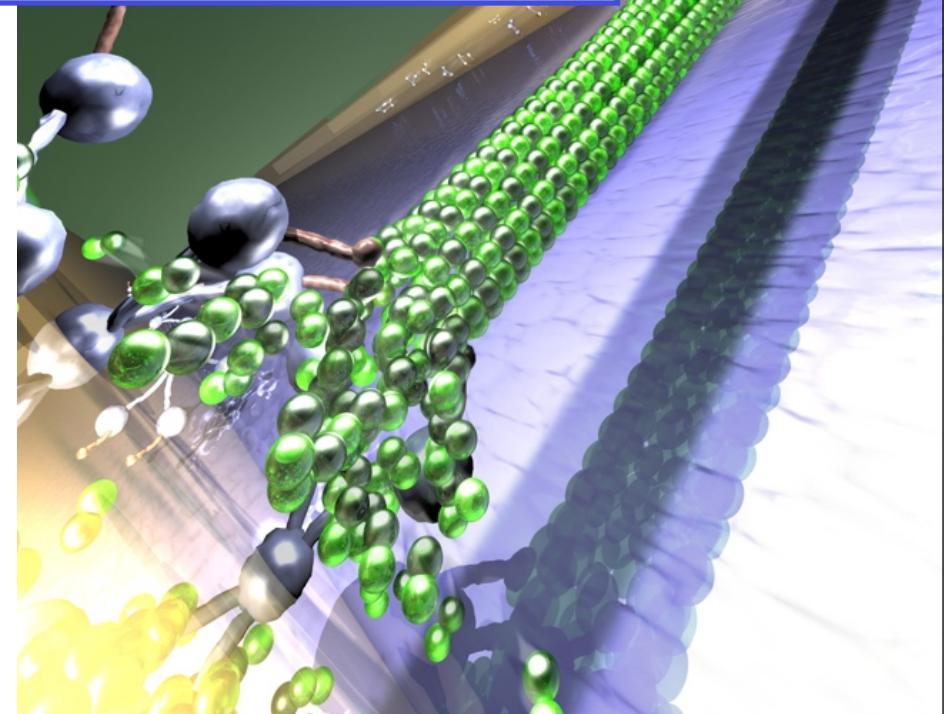
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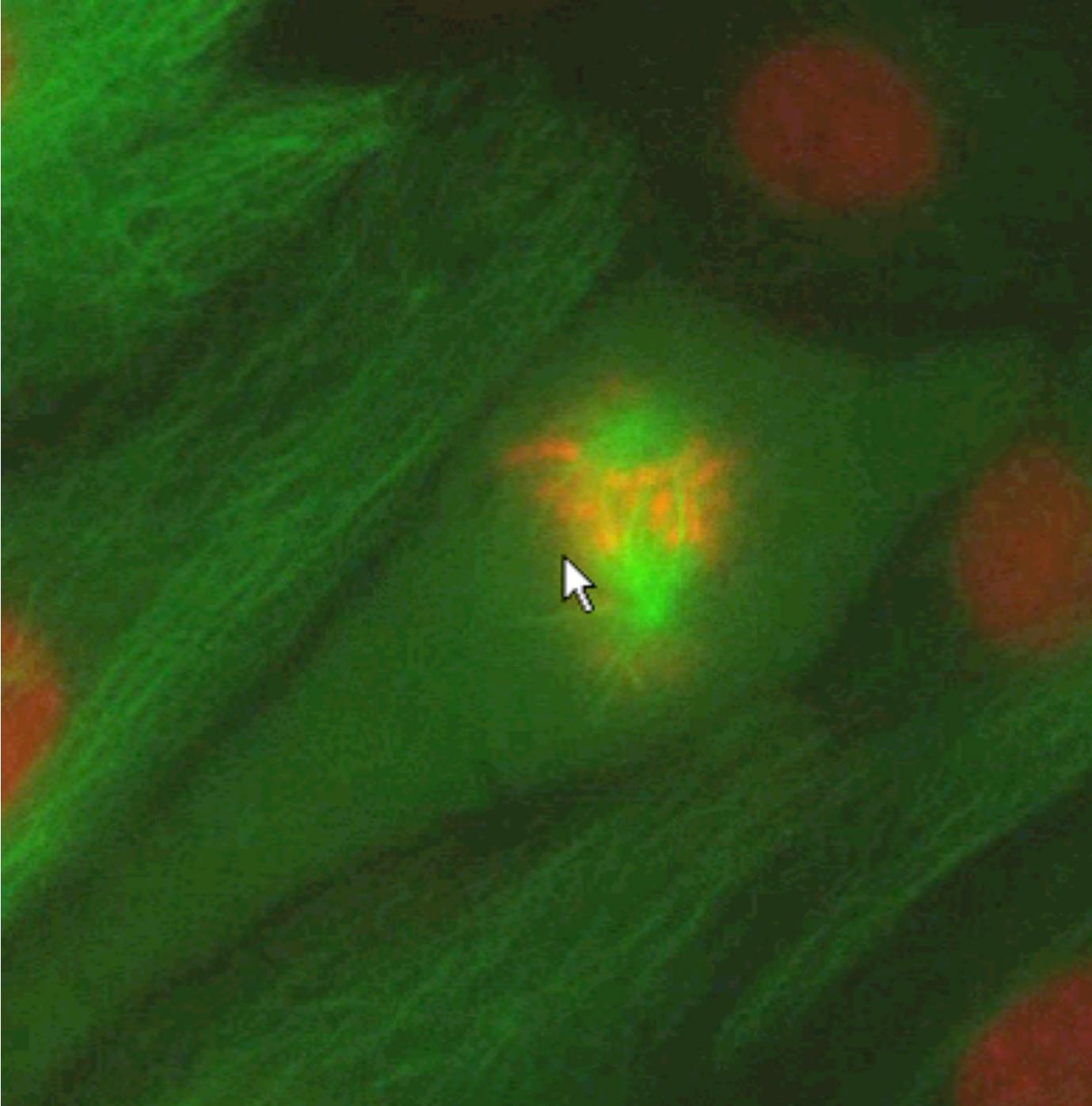
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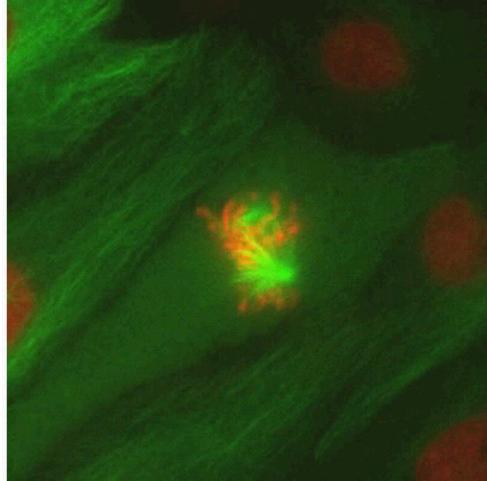
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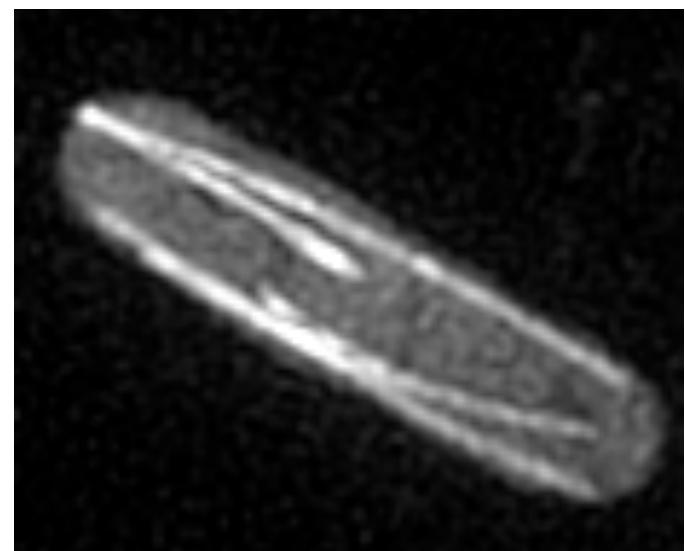
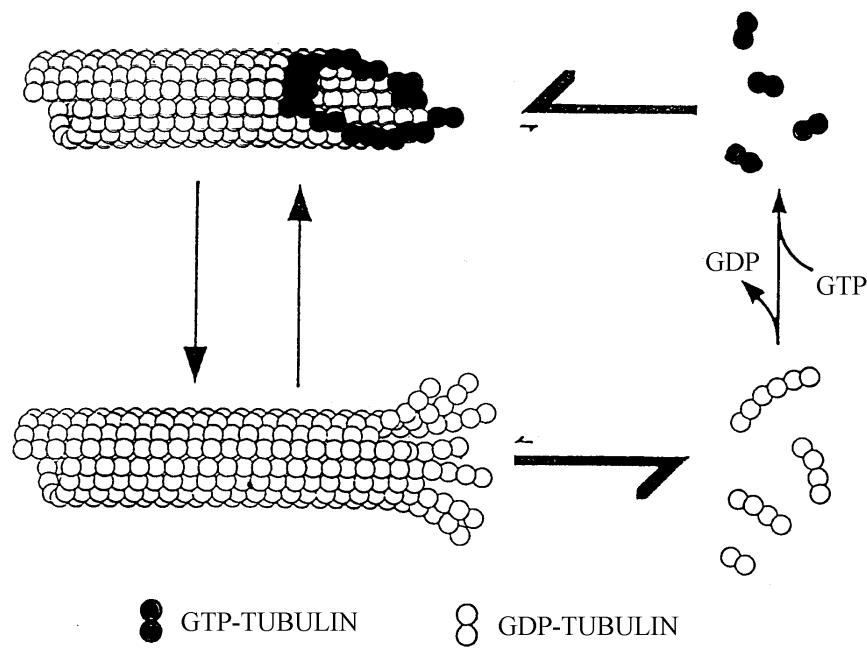




**dividing  
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## DYNAMIC MICROTUBULES GENERATE PUSHING AND PULLING FORCES IN CELLS



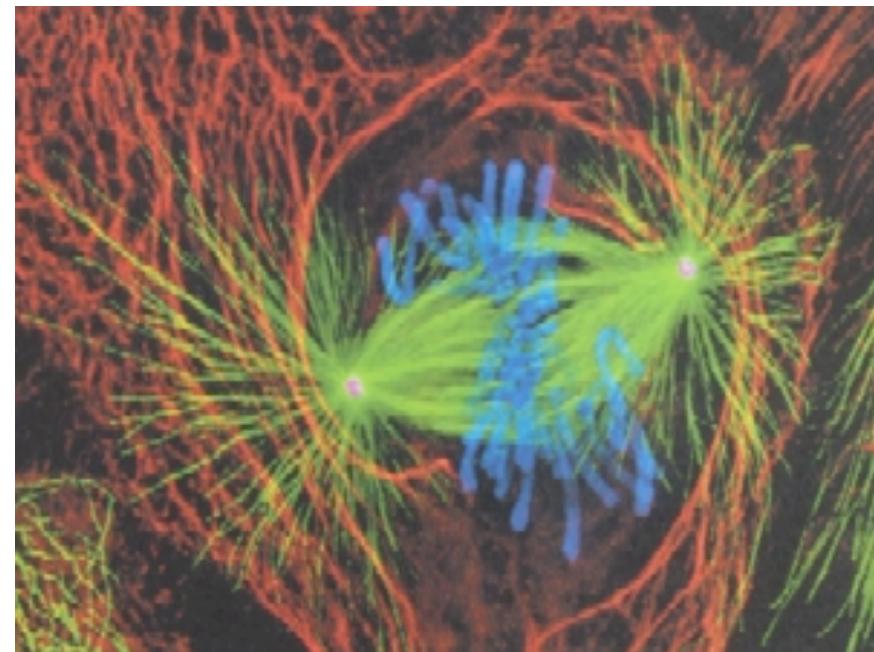
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Schibler et al.

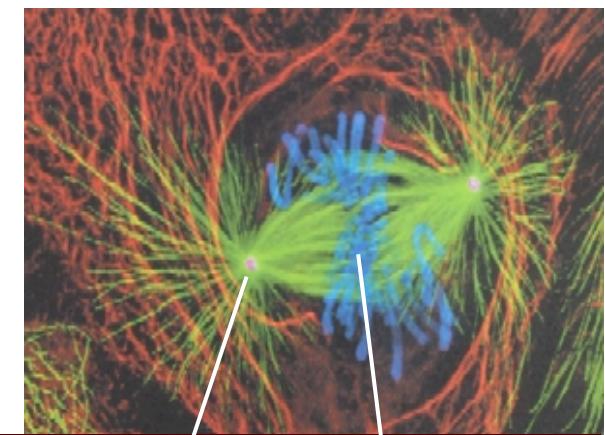
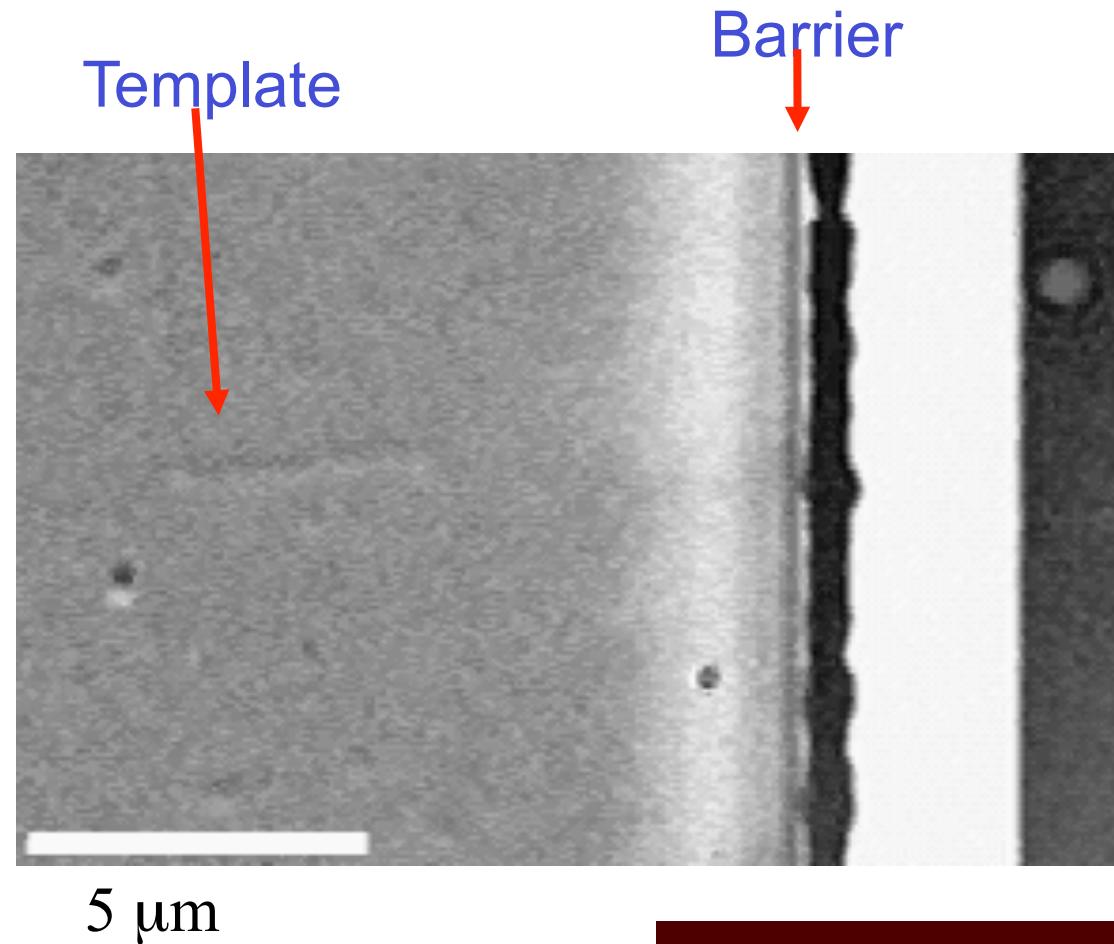
Pushing and pulling at  
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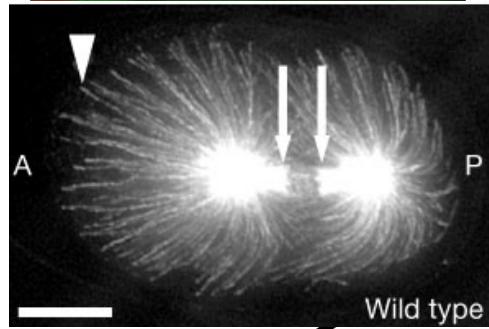
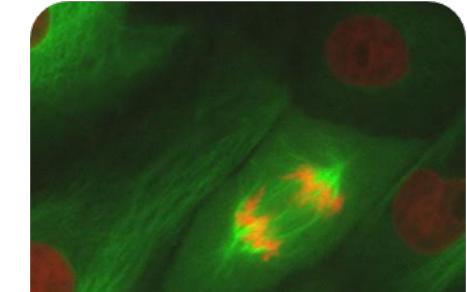
Inoue & Salmon, Mol. Biol. Cell, 1995



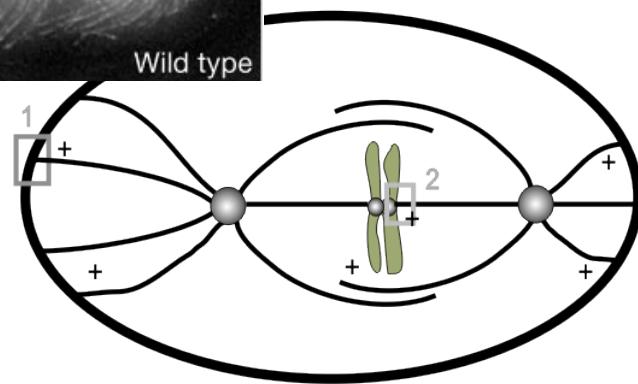
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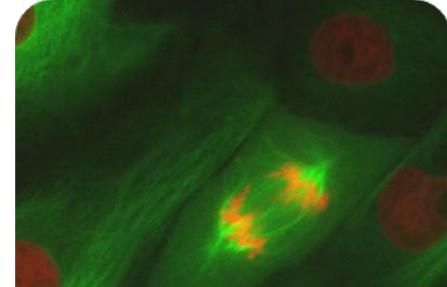
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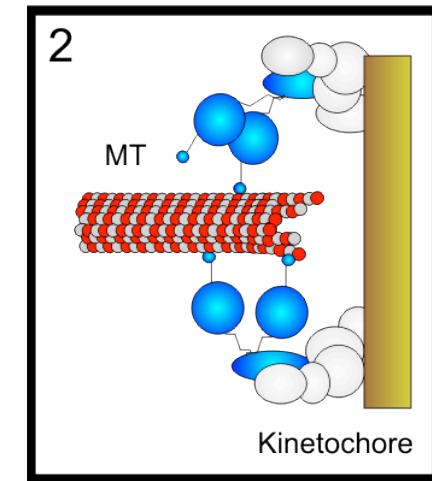
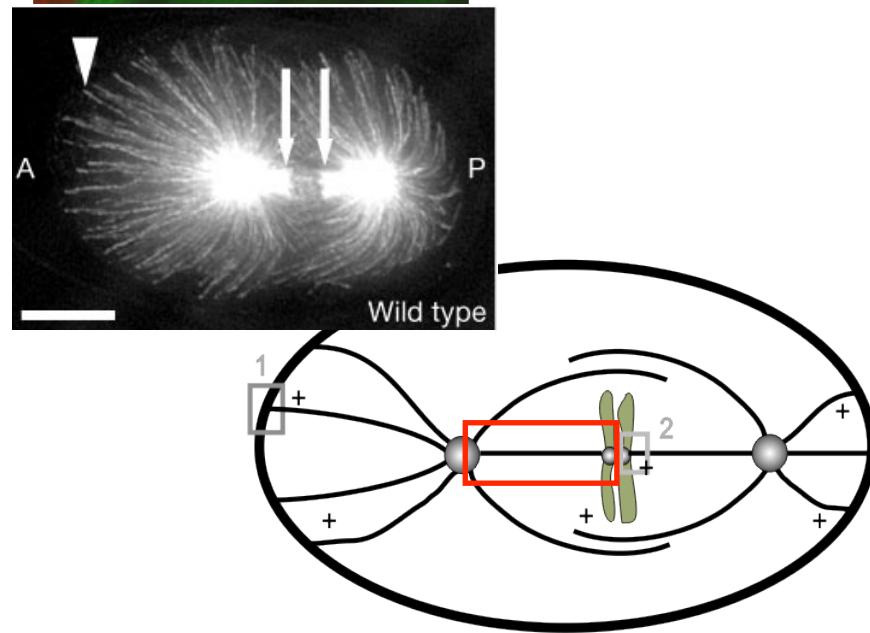


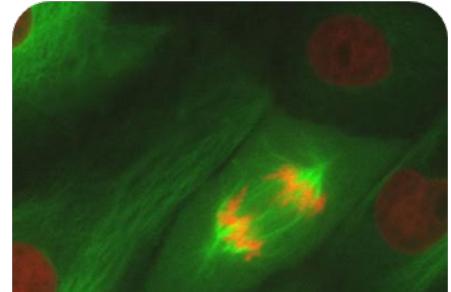
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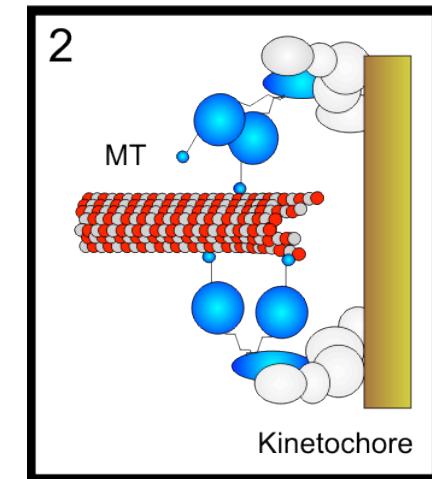
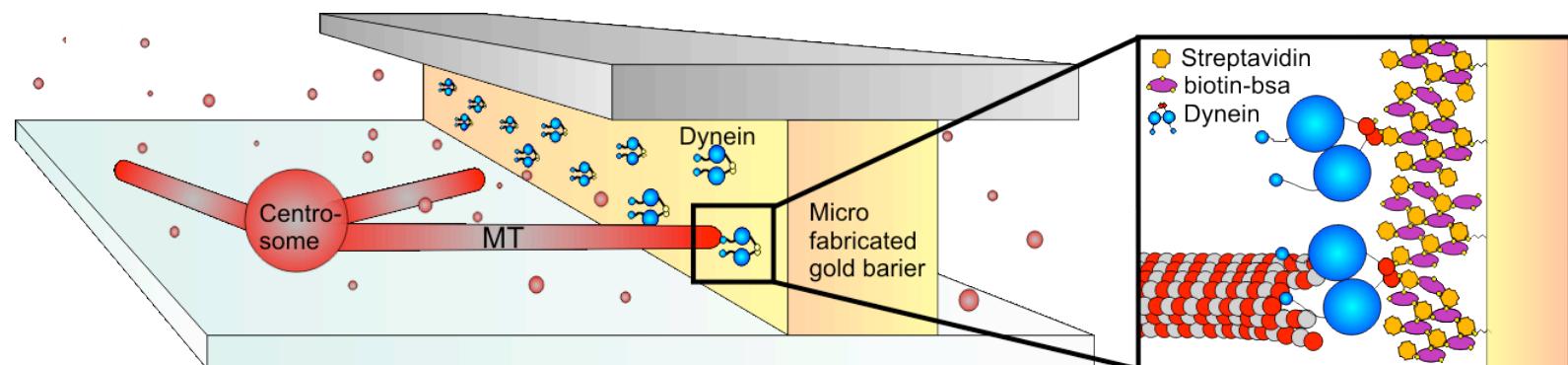
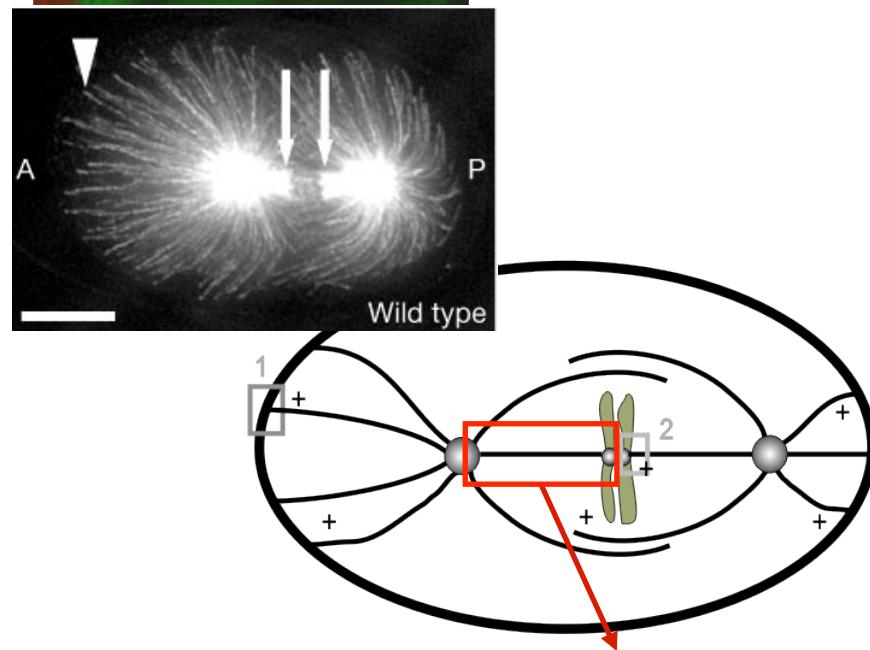


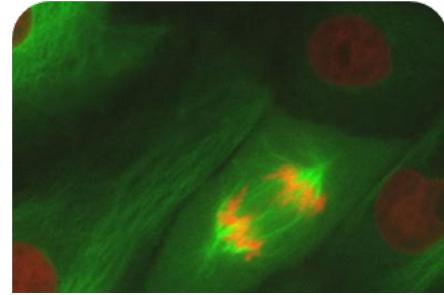
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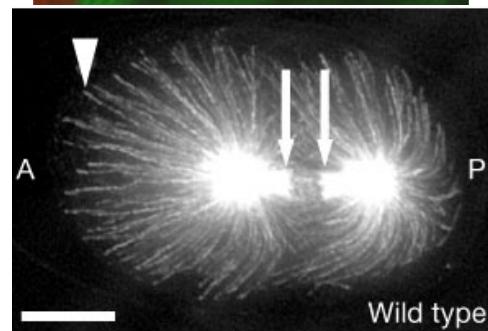


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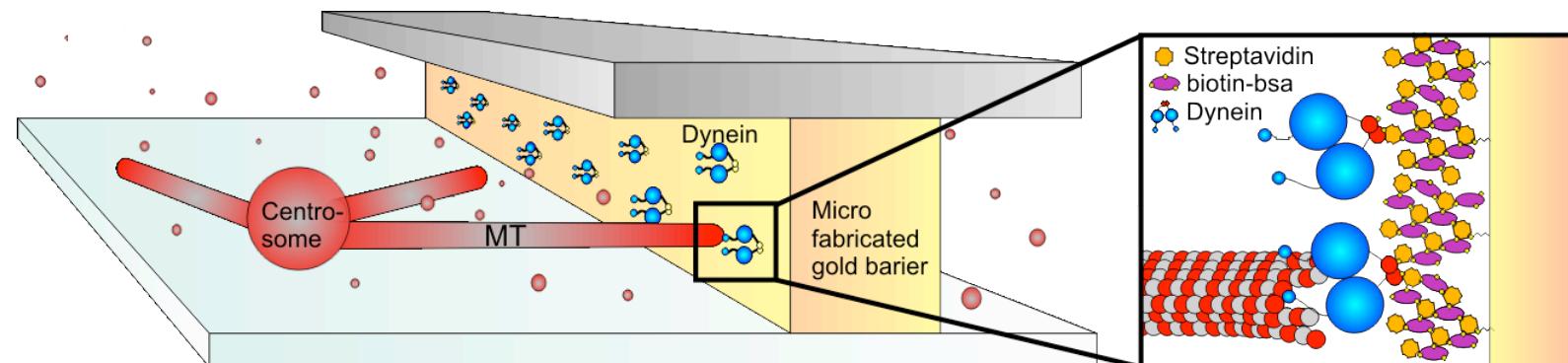
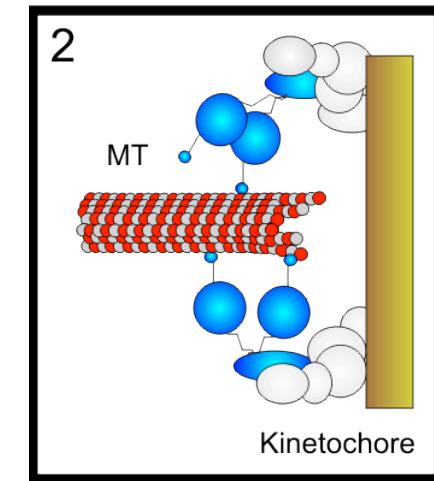
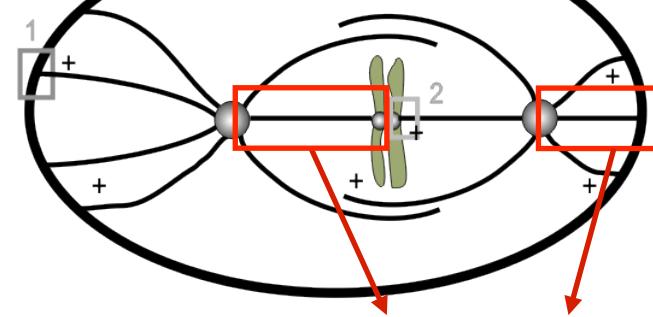


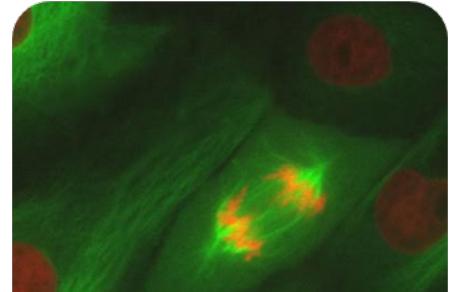


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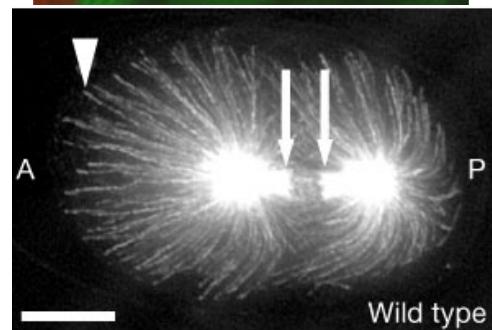


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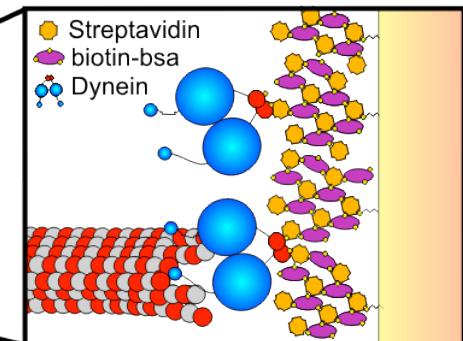
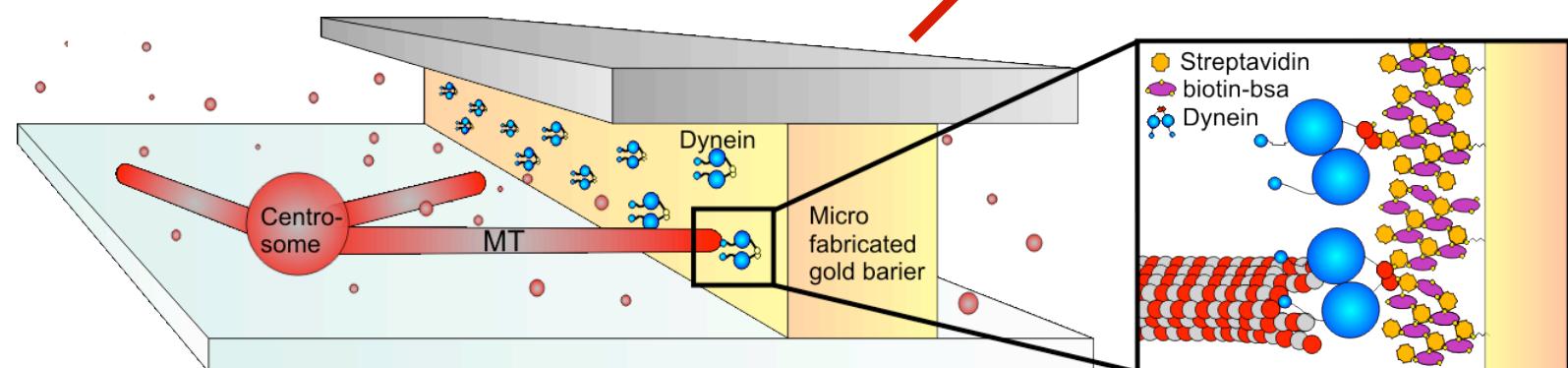
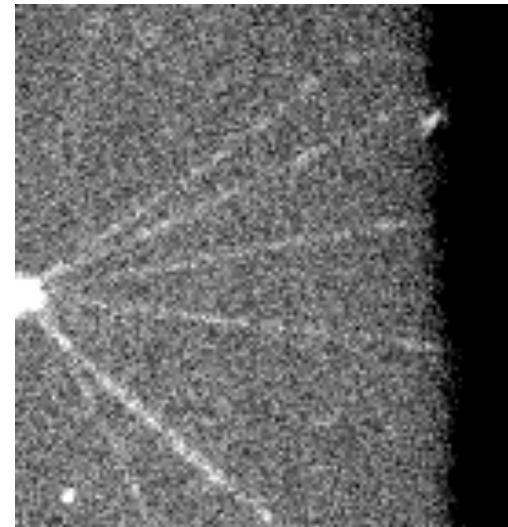
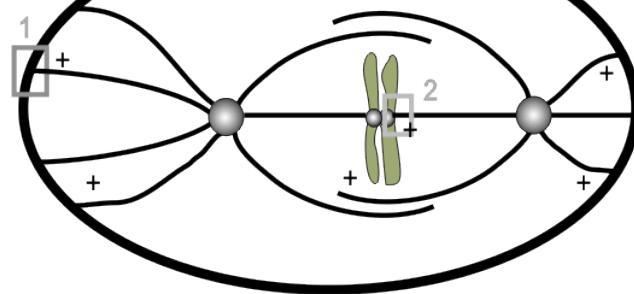




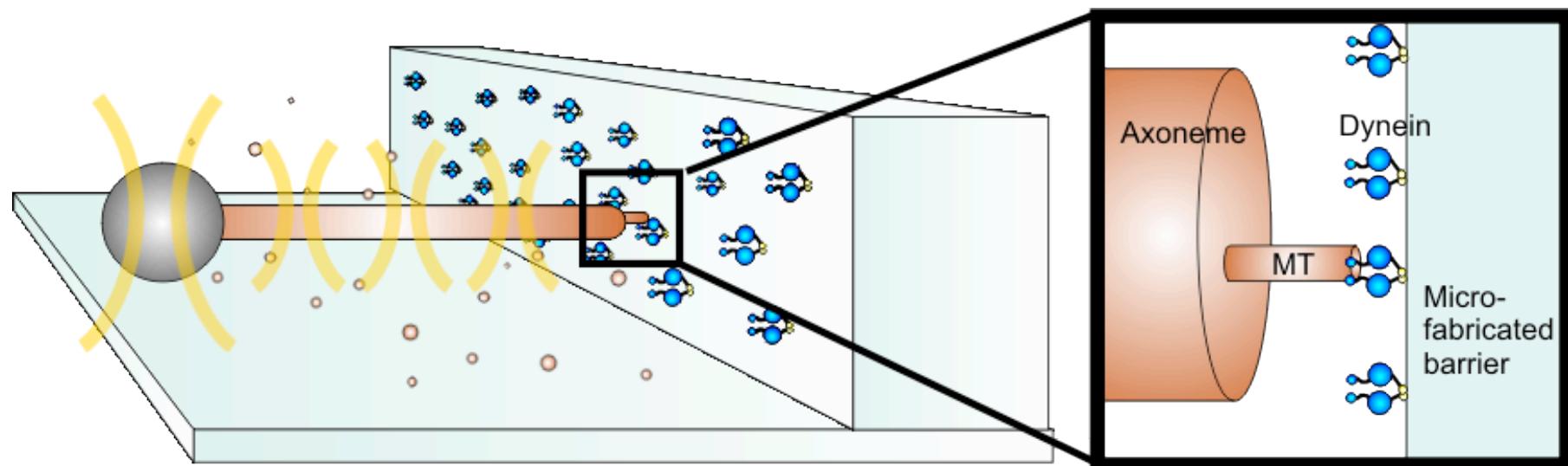
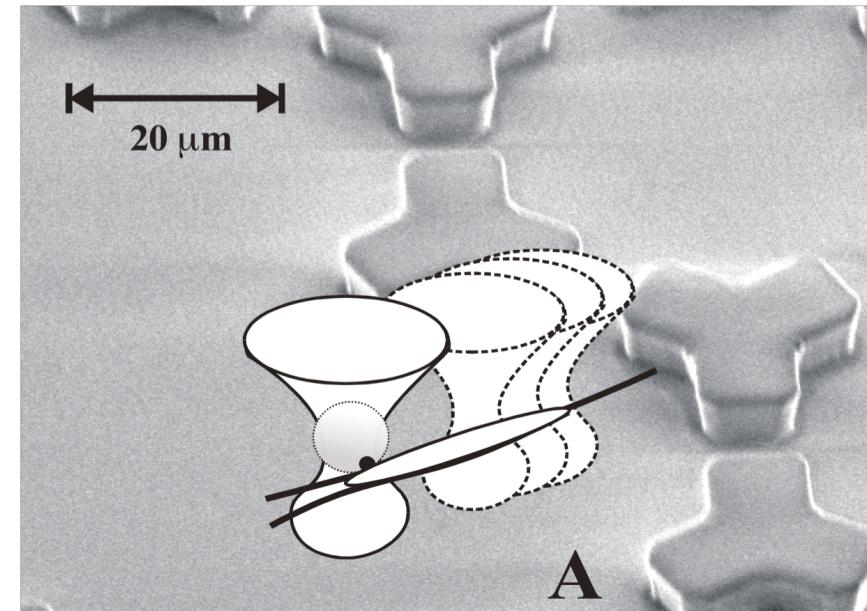
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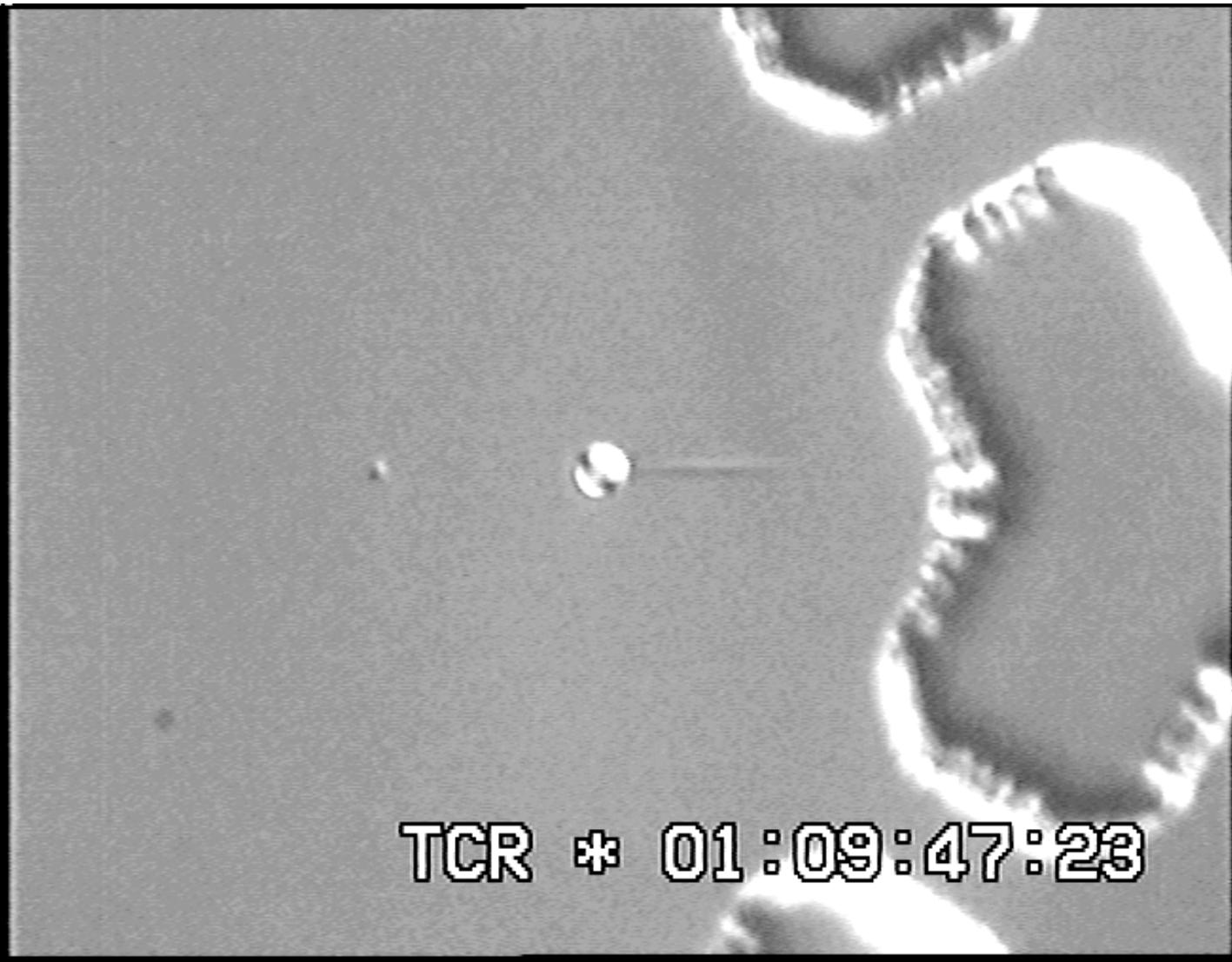
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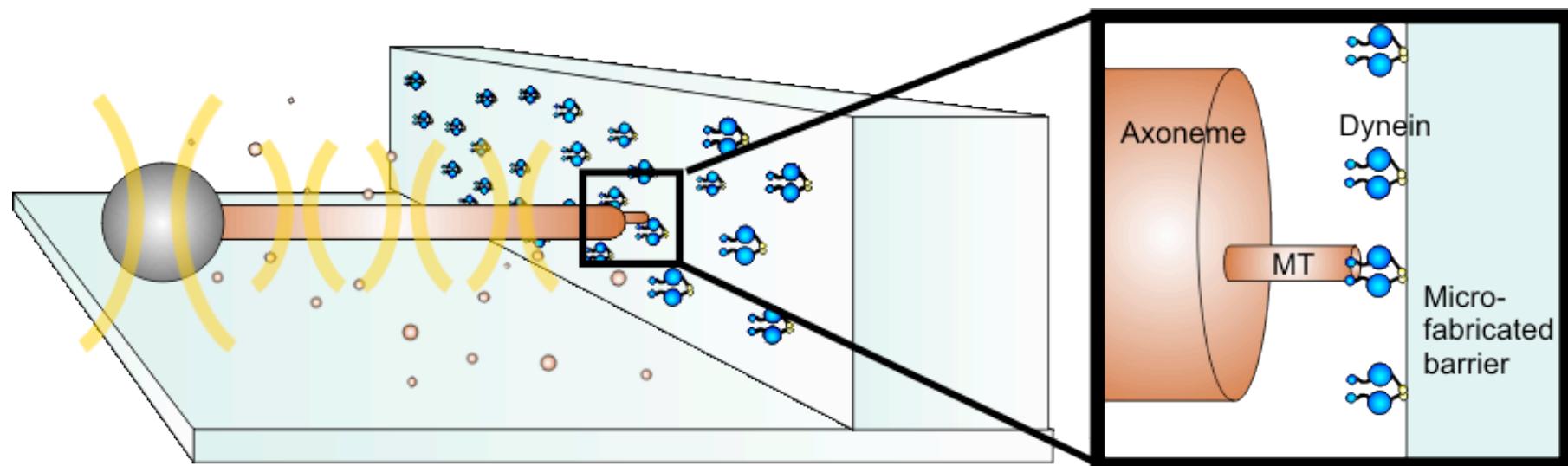
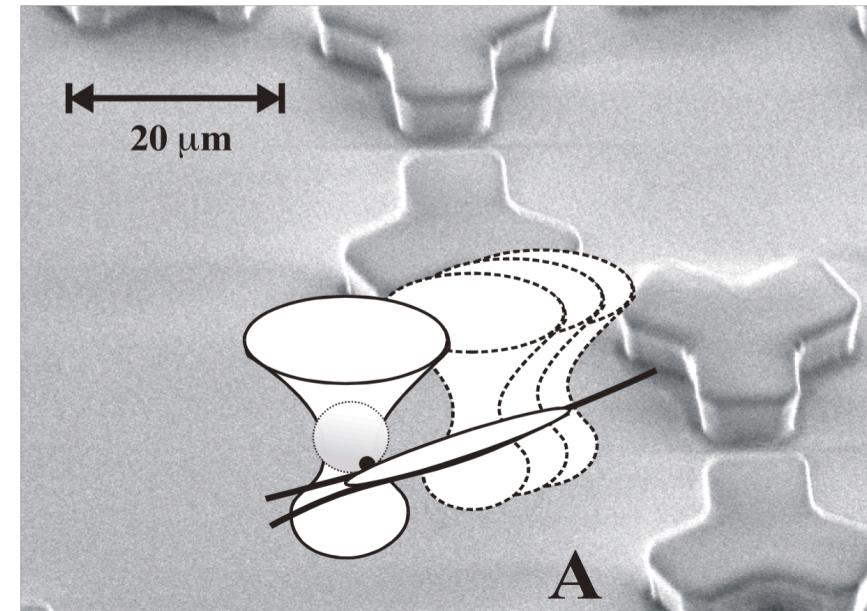




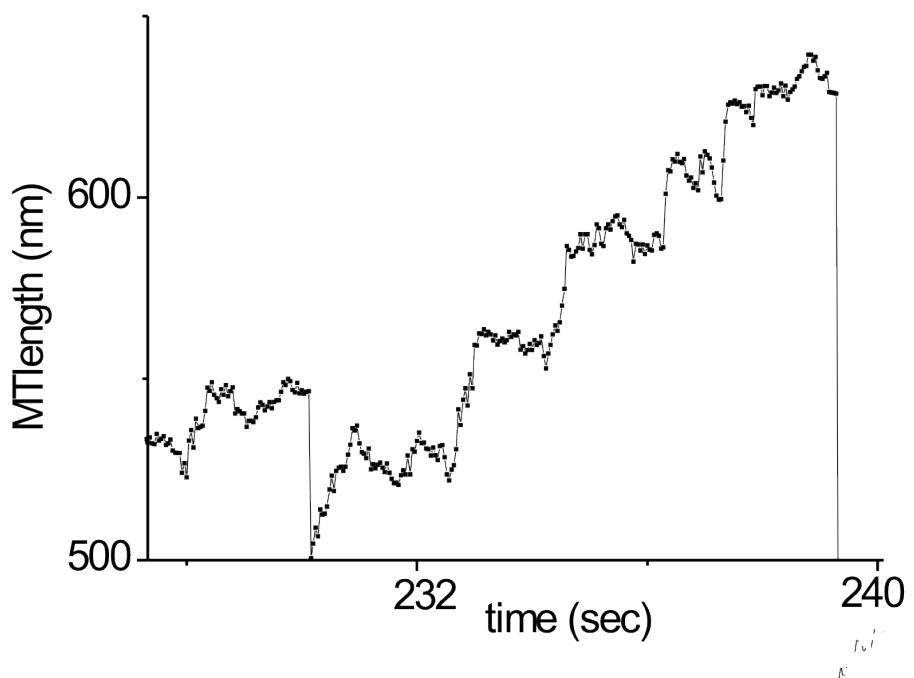
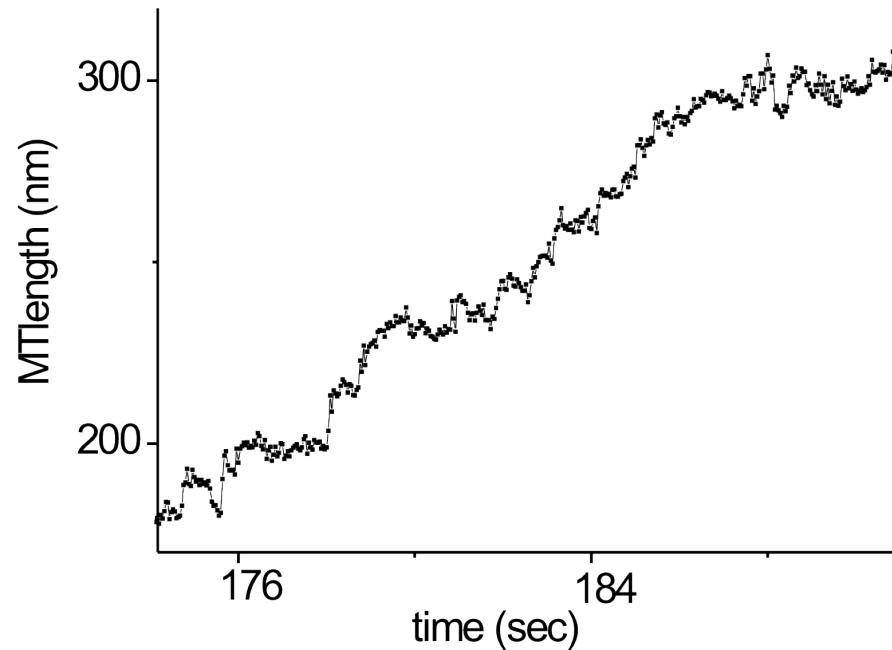


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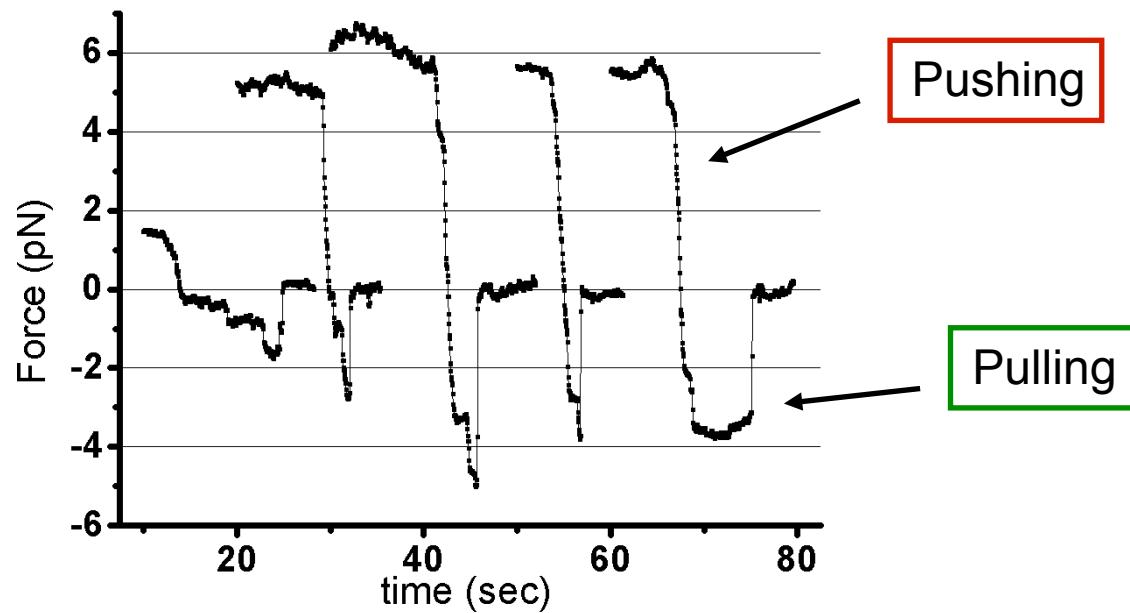
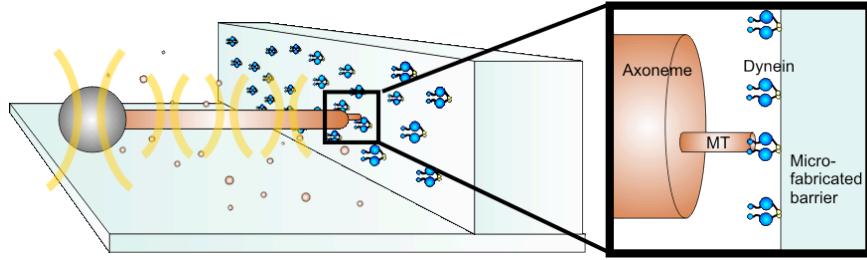
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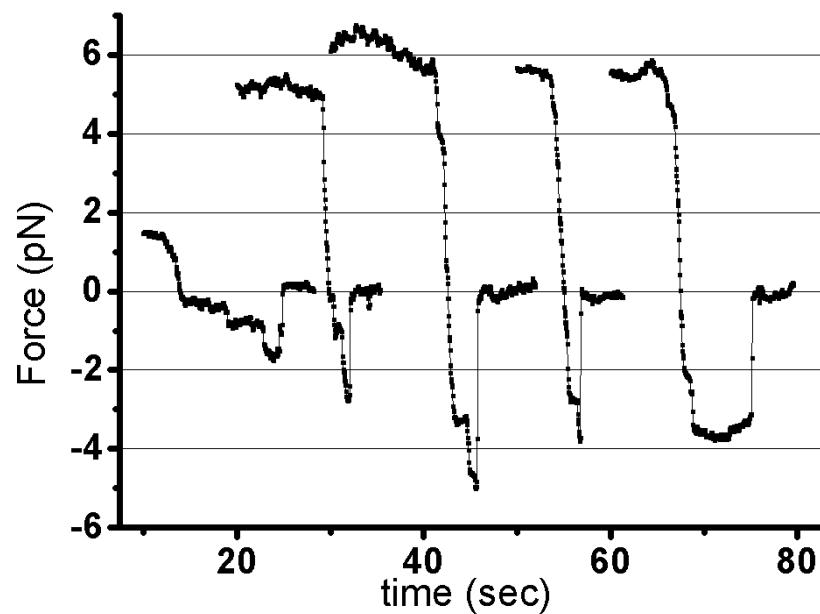
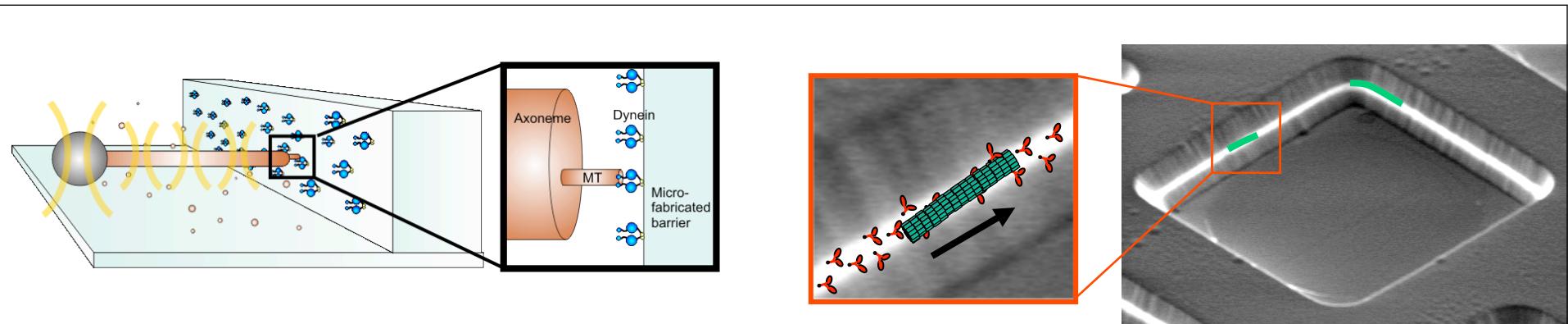
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Older results: Kerssemakers et al, Nature 2006

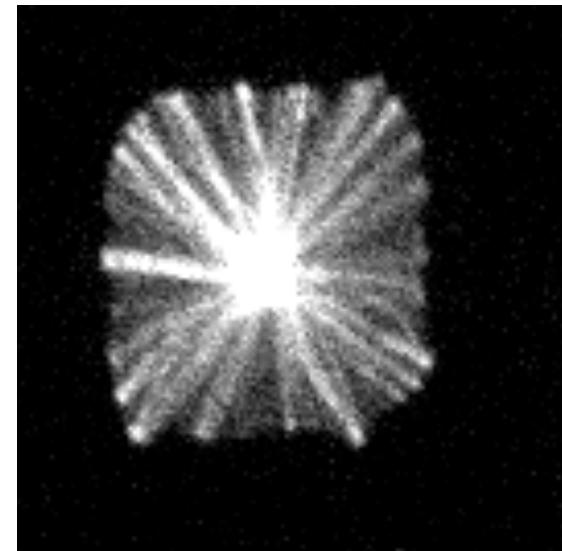
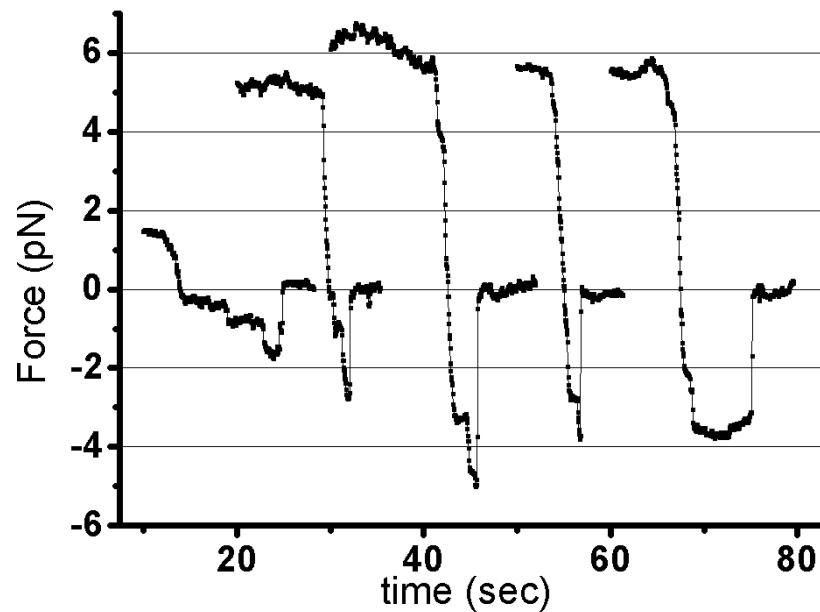
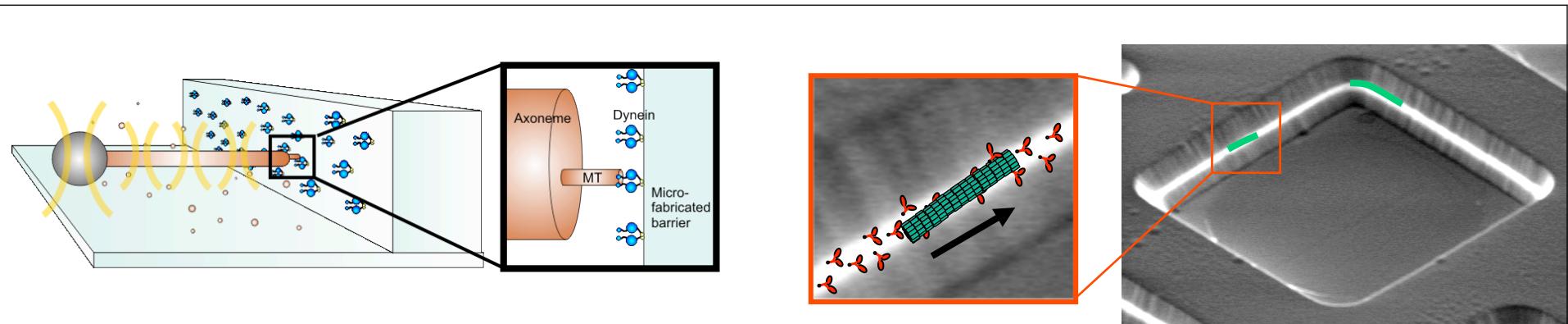
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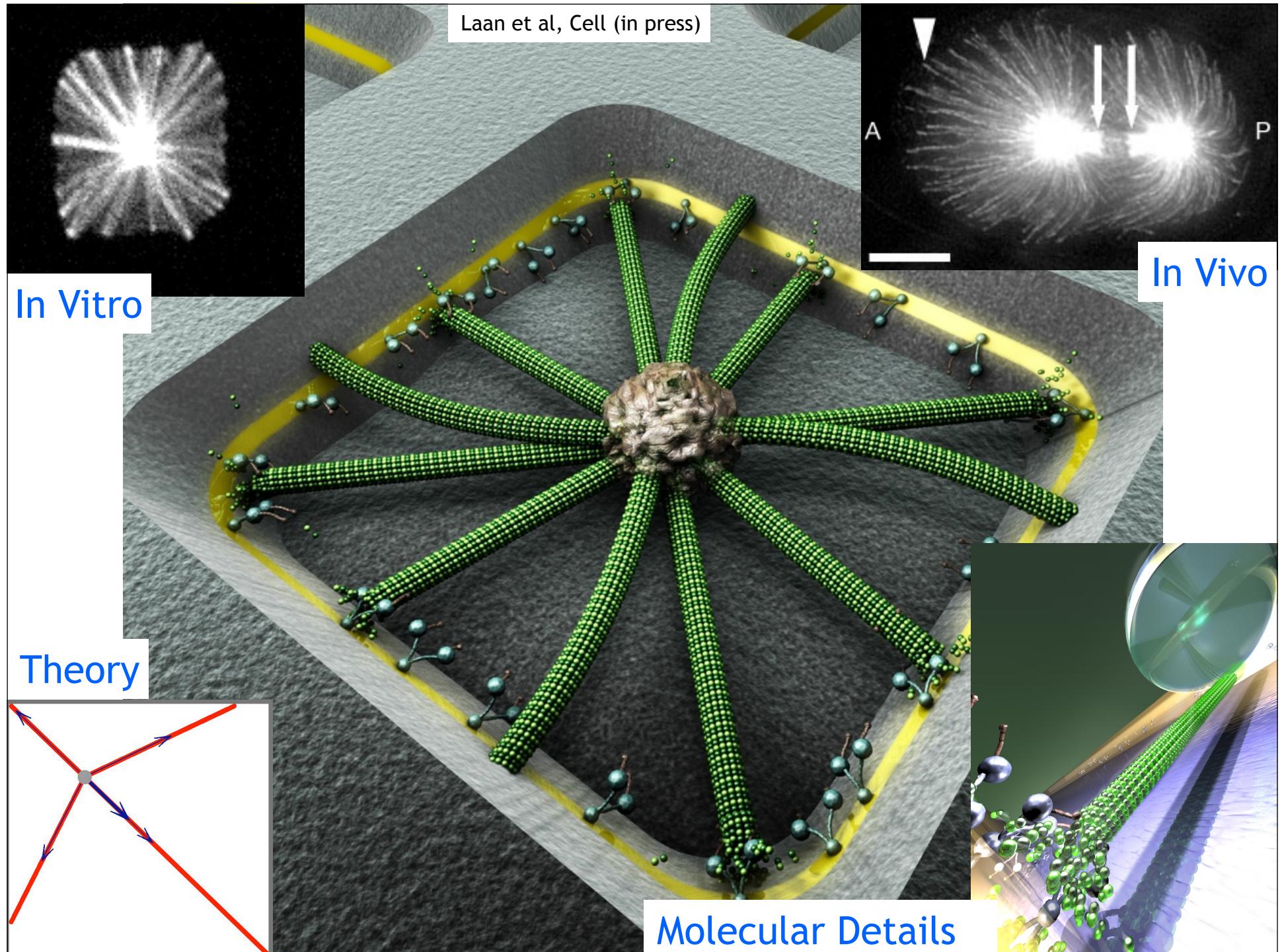
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which position microtubule asters in confined spaces!



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