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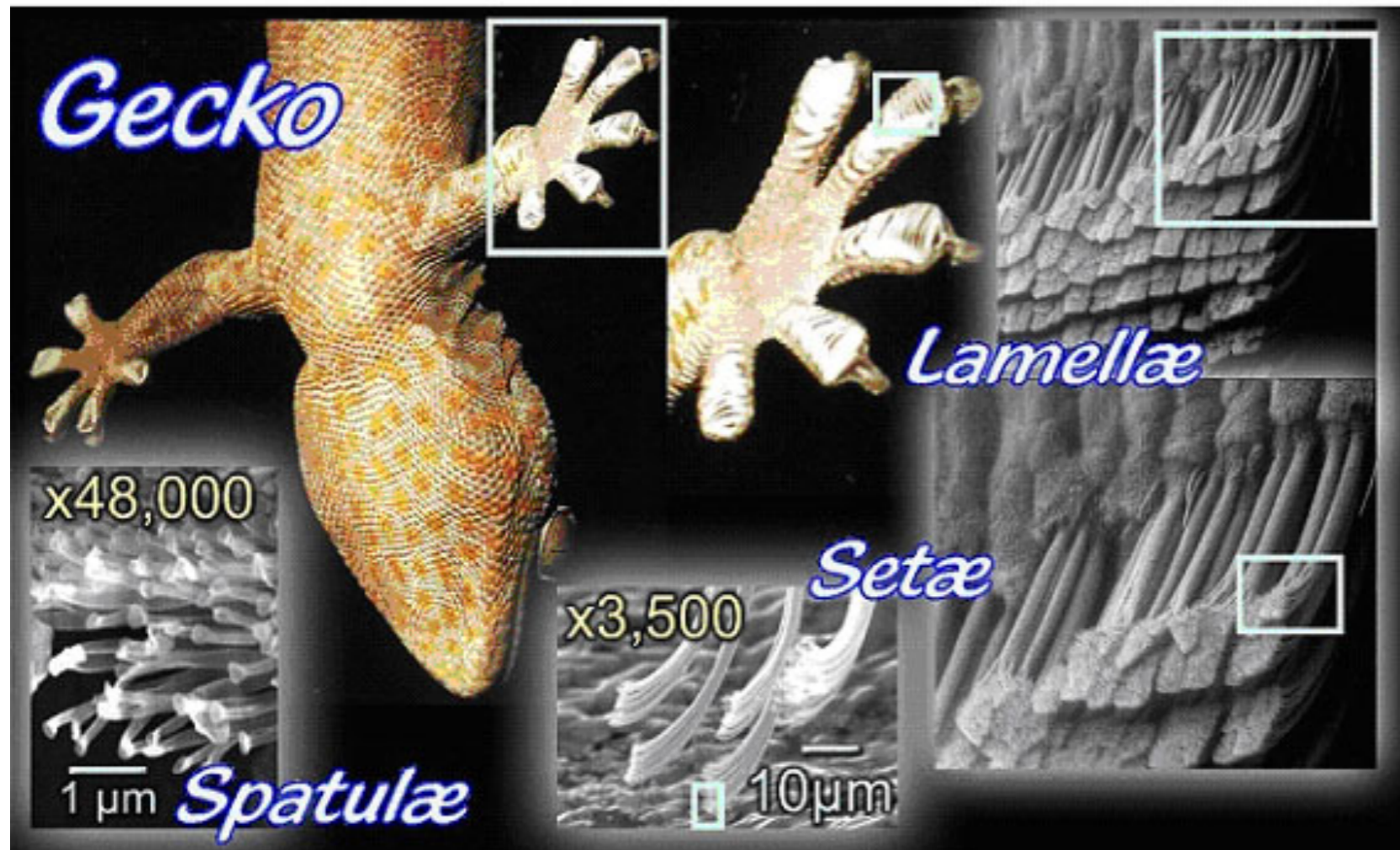


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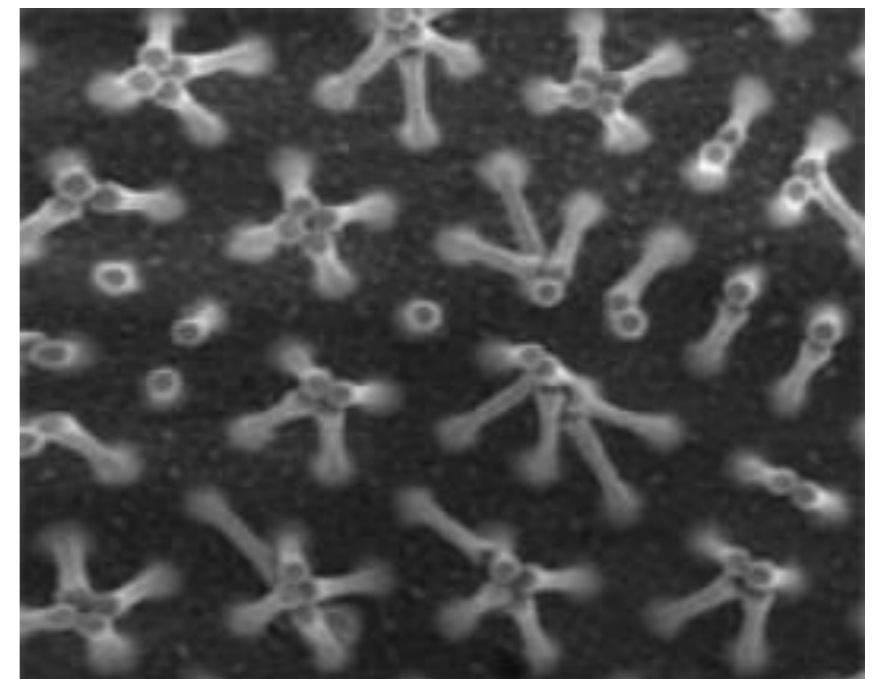
Fibrillar Adhesion: Gecko



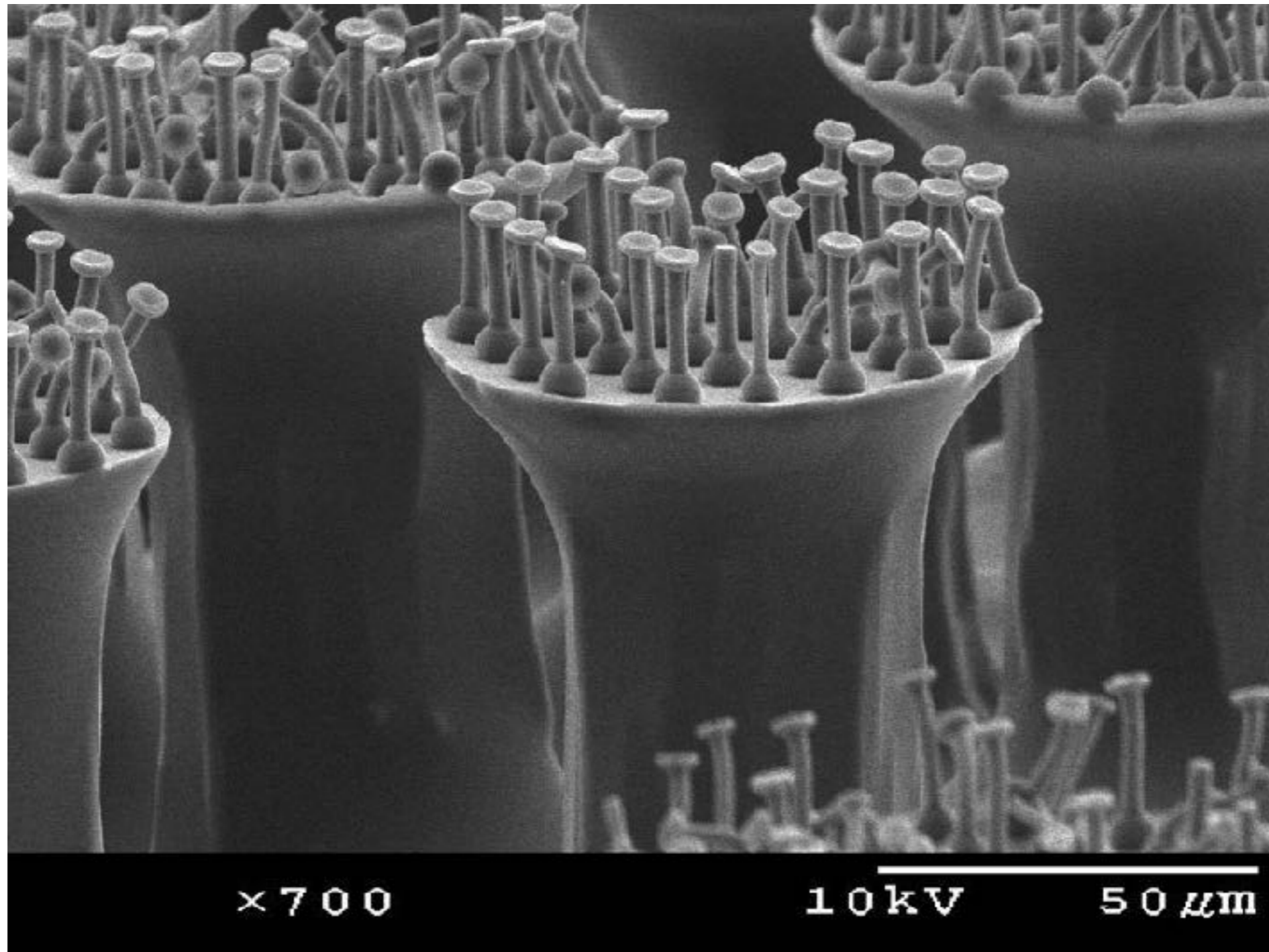
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Aristotele, Historia Animalum

*“It can run up and down a tree in any way,
even with the head downwards,
like the gecko-lizard” (Aristotele, 350B.C.)*

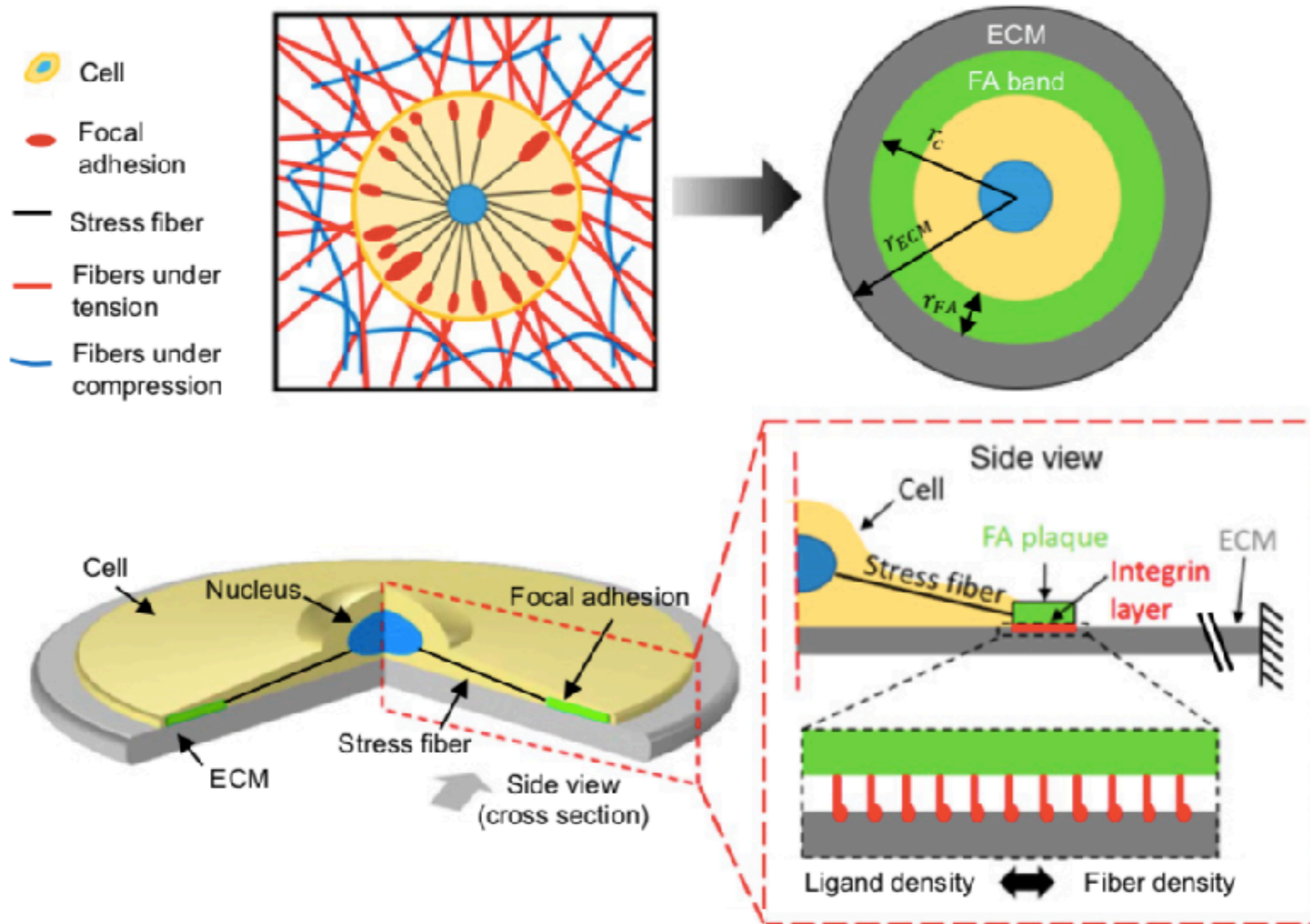


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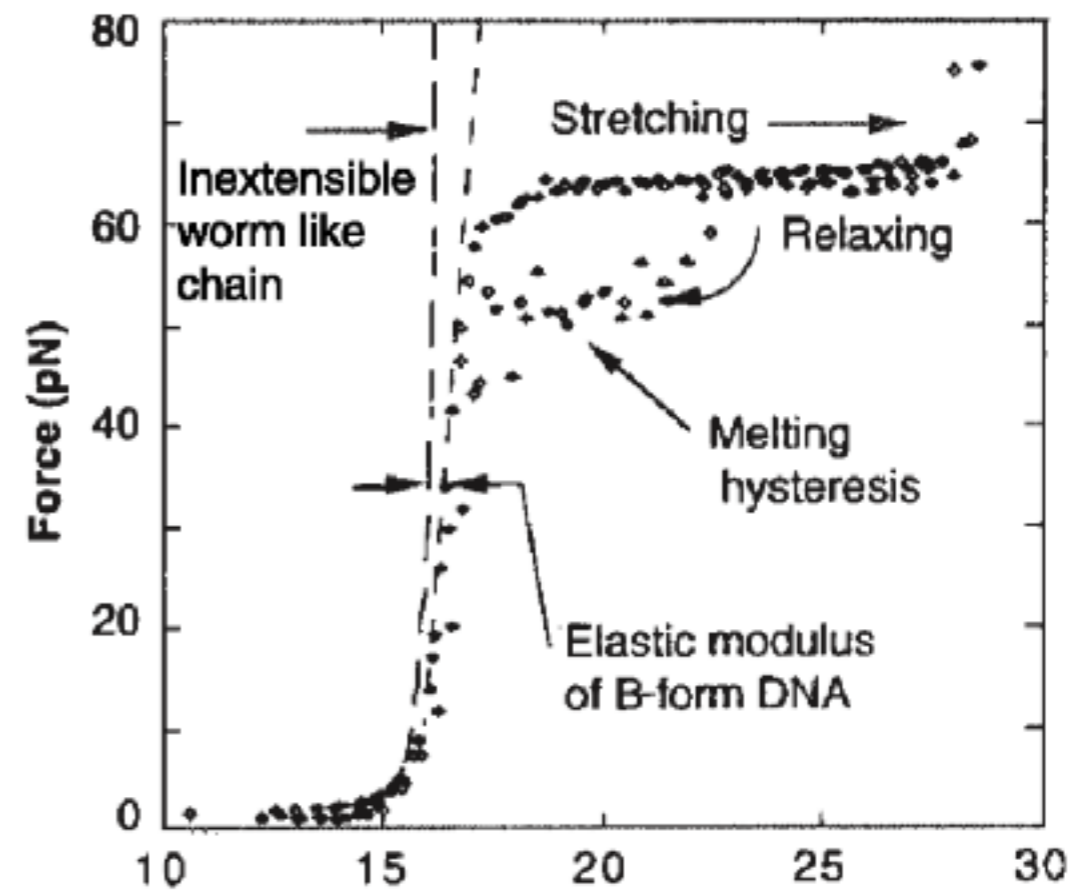
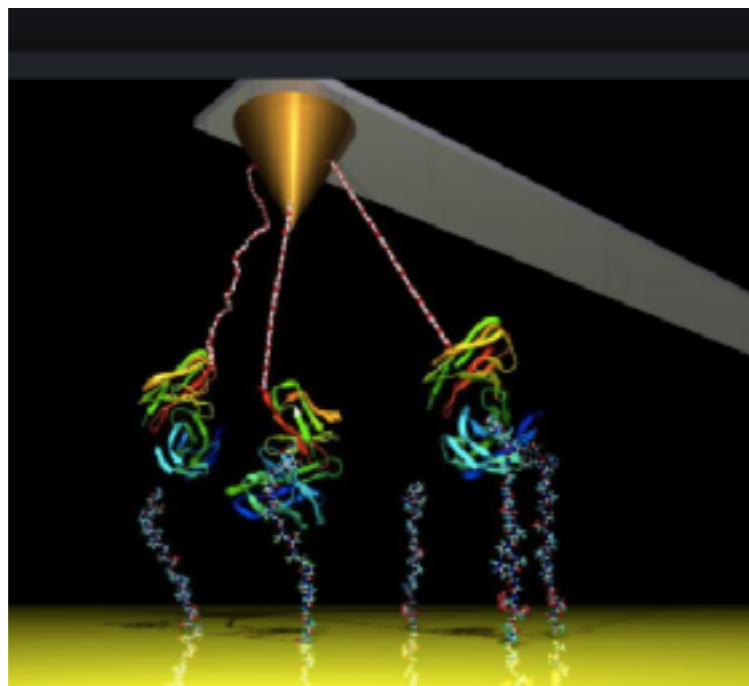
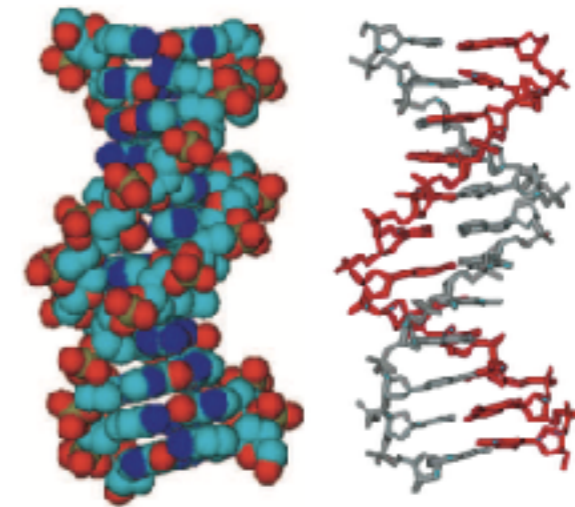
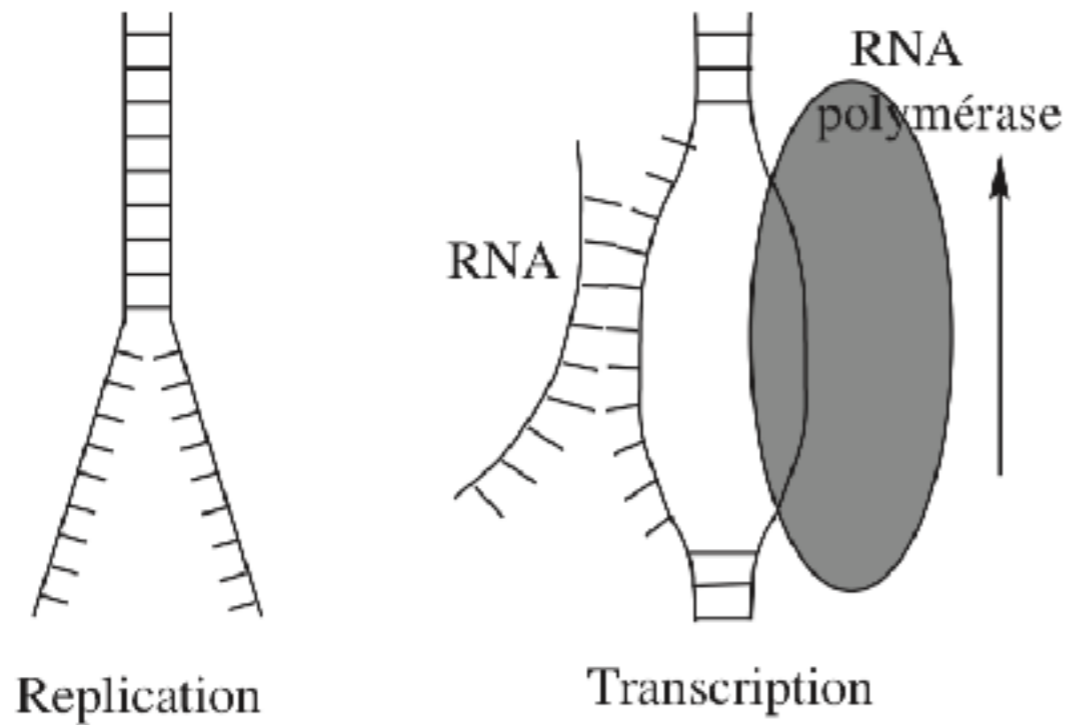


Dry fibrillar adhesives allow gecko-like robots to climb smooth, vertical surfaces. The NanoRobotics Lab created a synthetic version of the gecko's toes, consisting of microscopic fibers with special tips that allow them to stick to surfaces (courtesy of Wikimedia Commons).

Cell adhesion

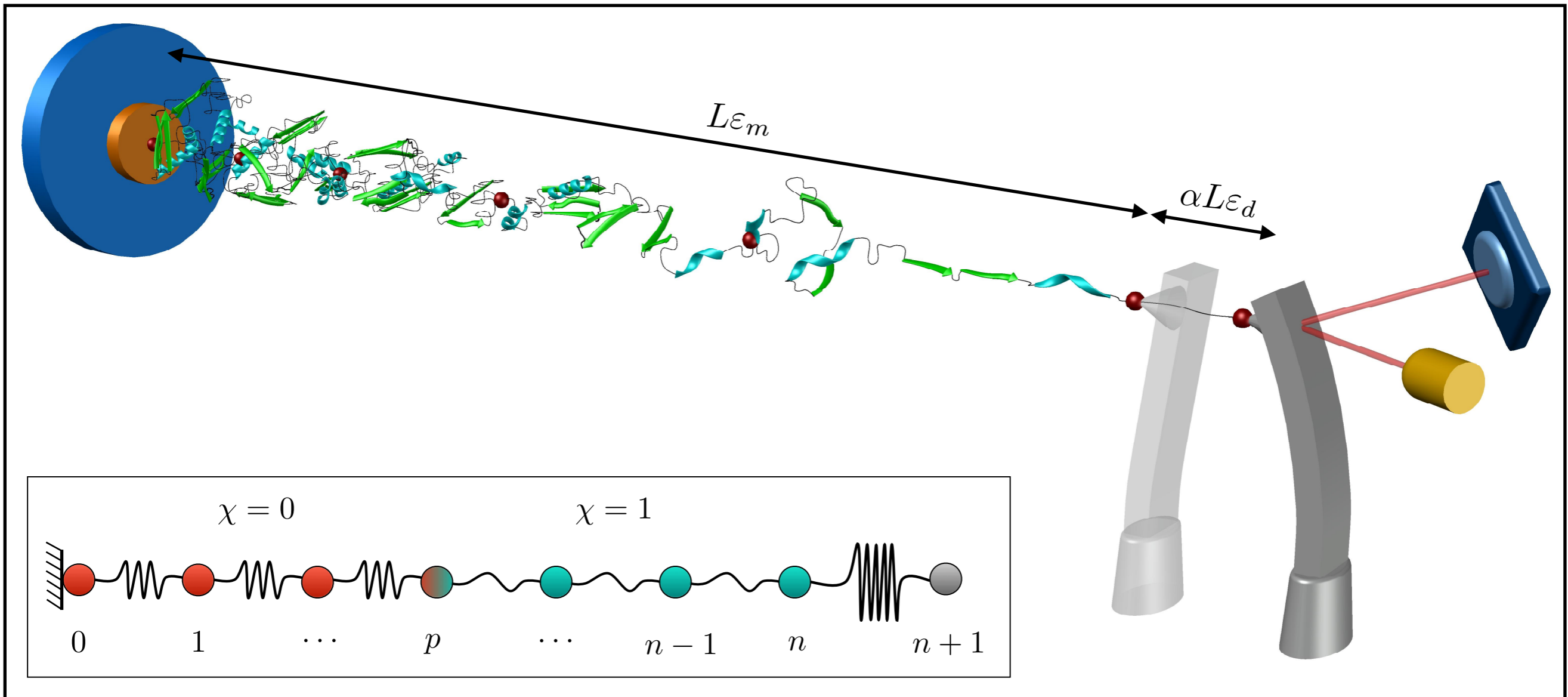


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Molecule Unfolding

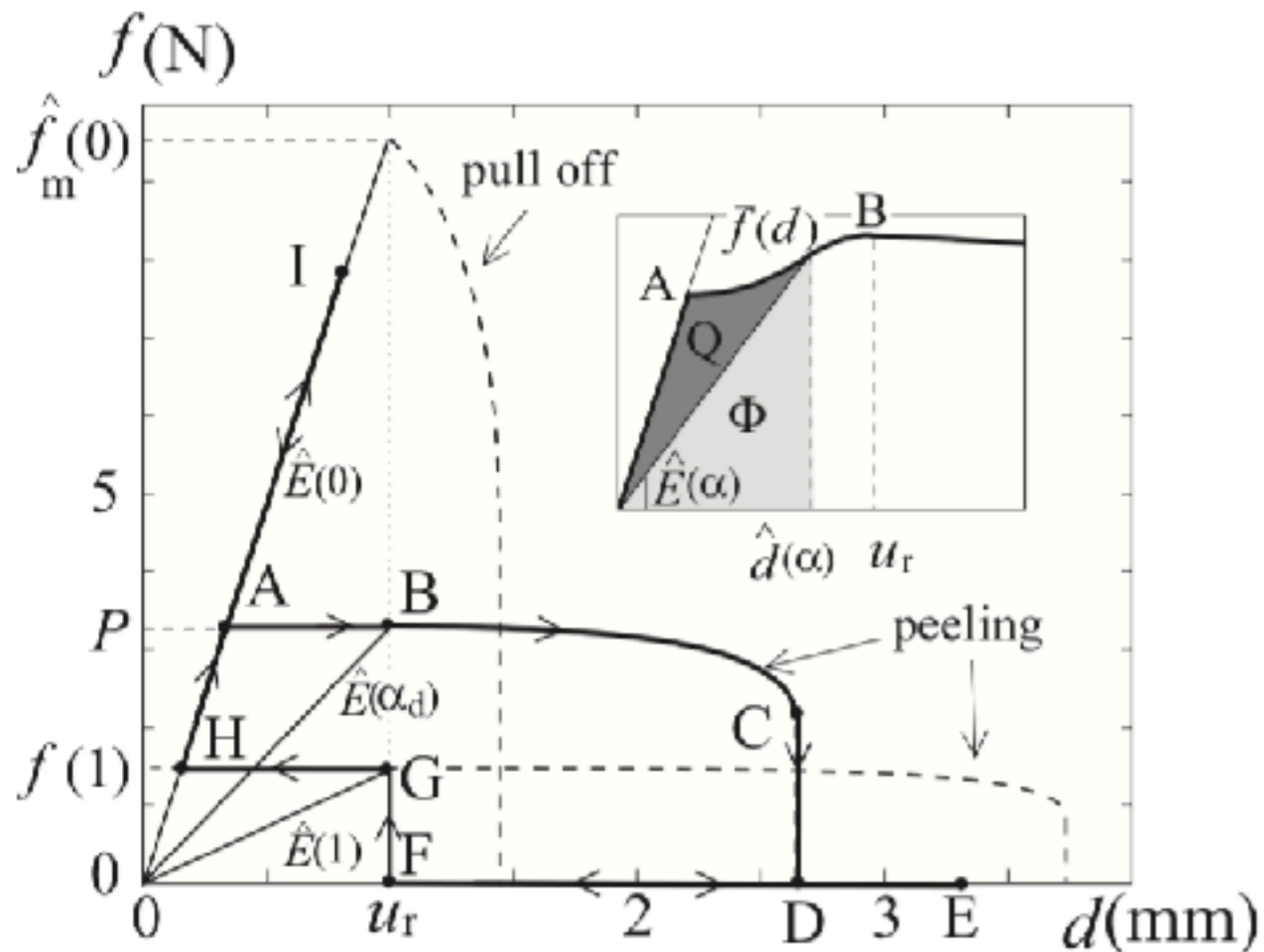


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Important open questions: elasticity of the adhering layer

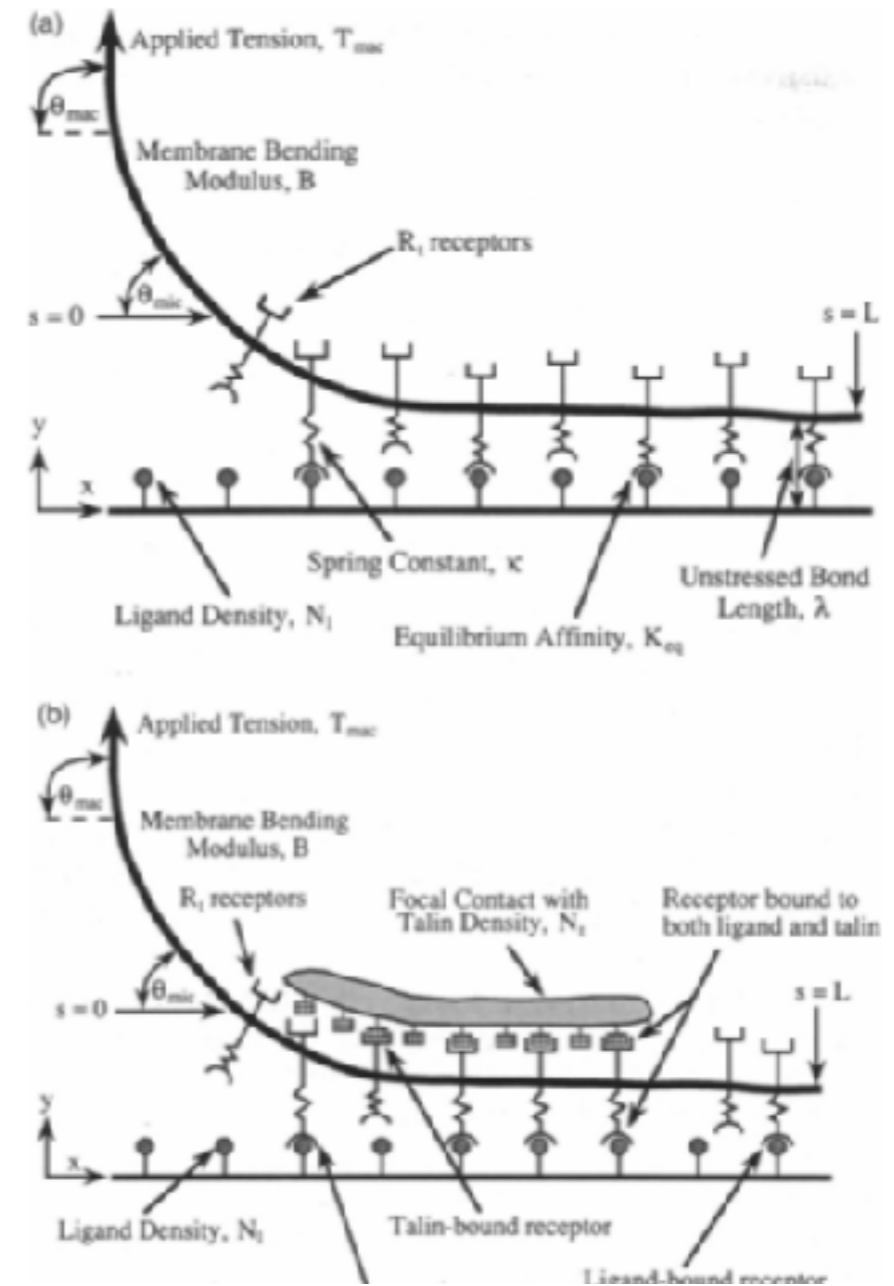


Gecko adhesion/decohesion asymmetry



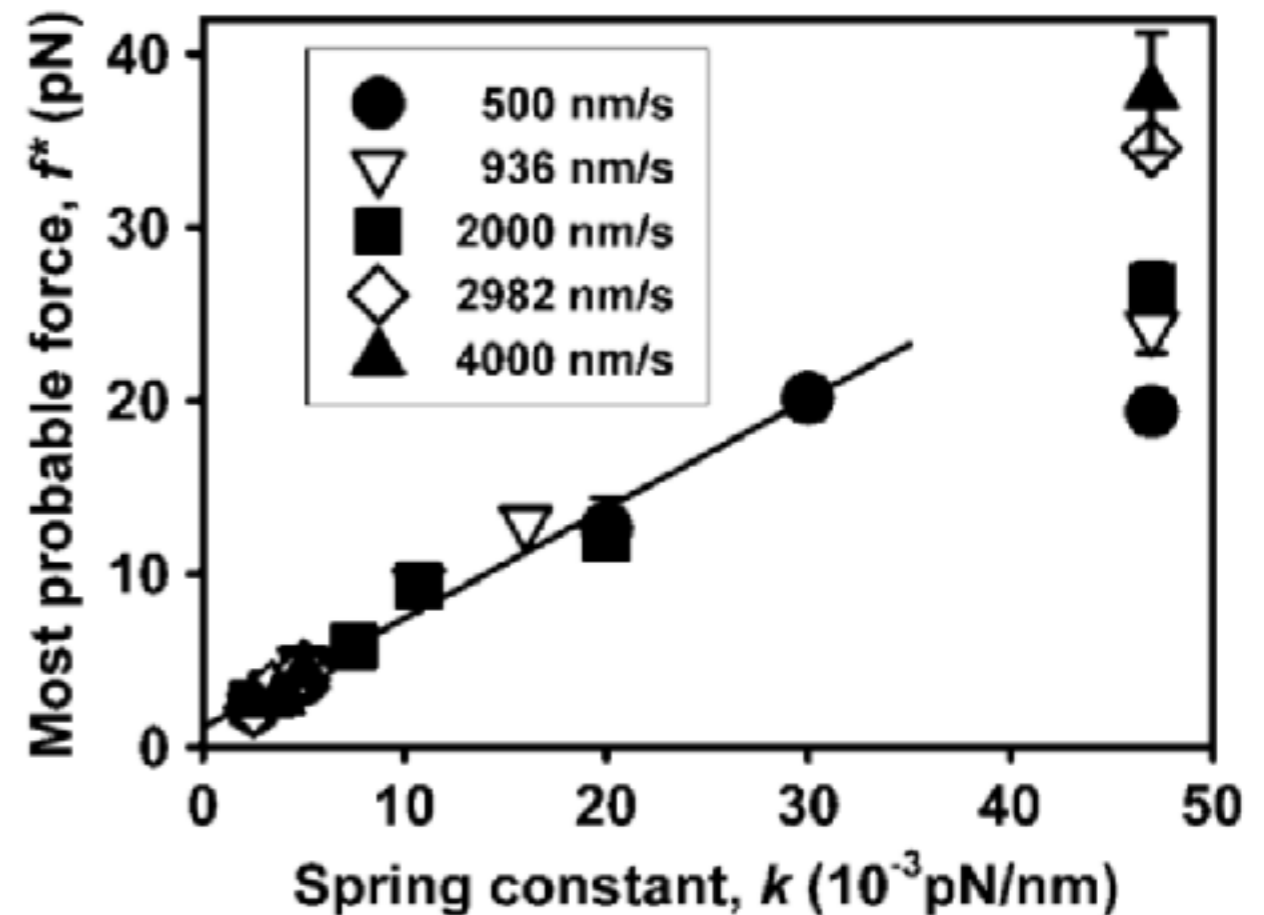
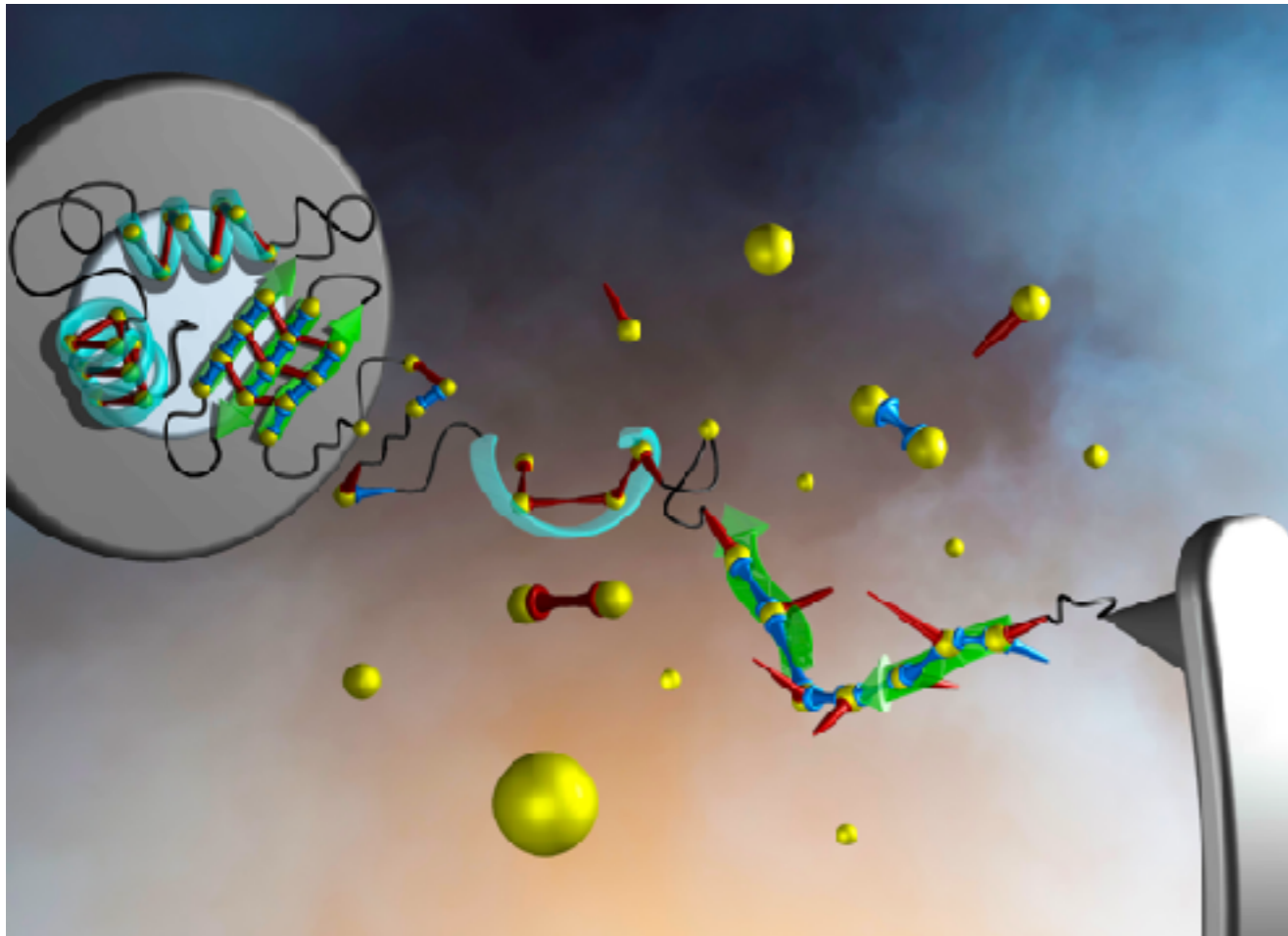
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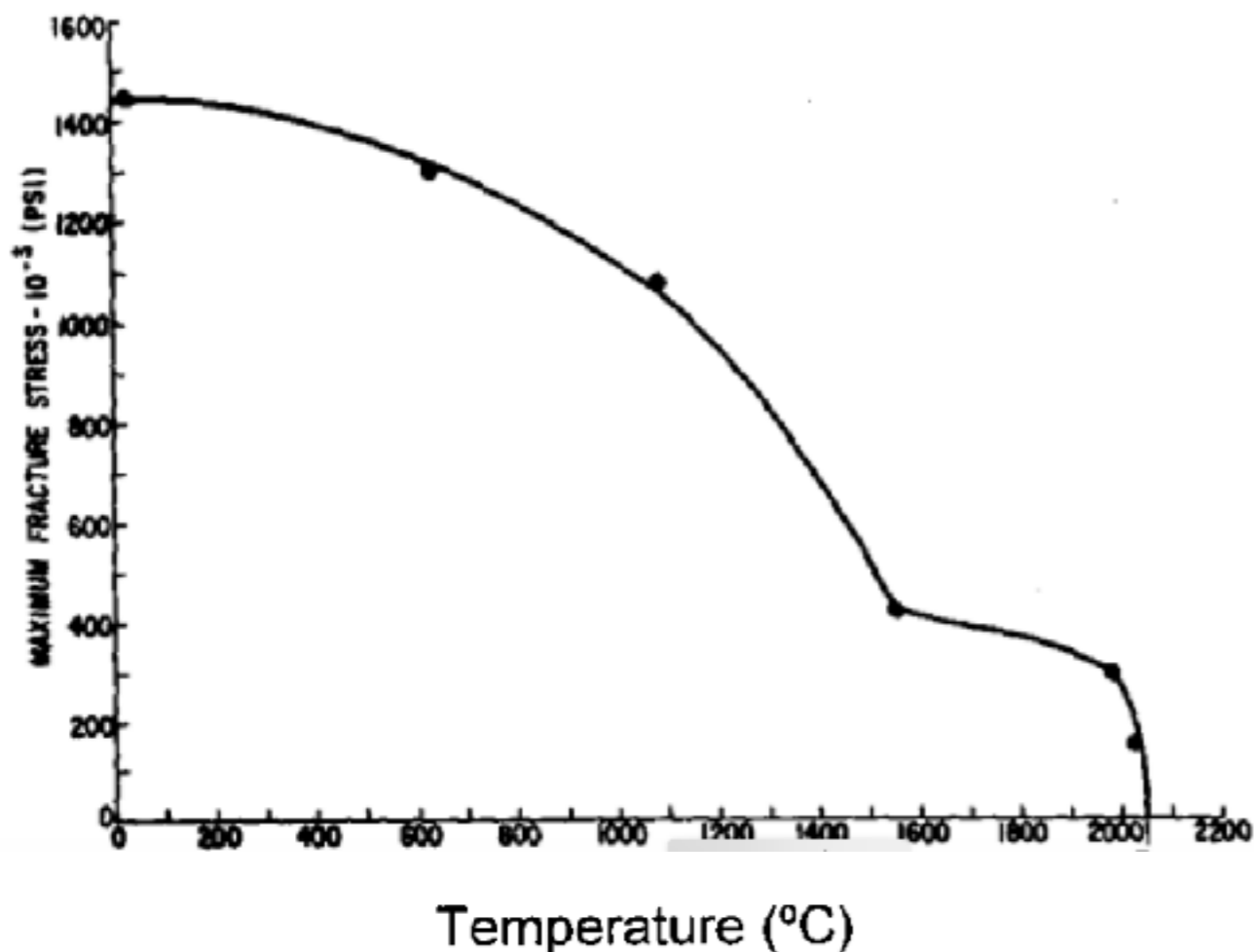
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Important open questions: stiffness of the loading device

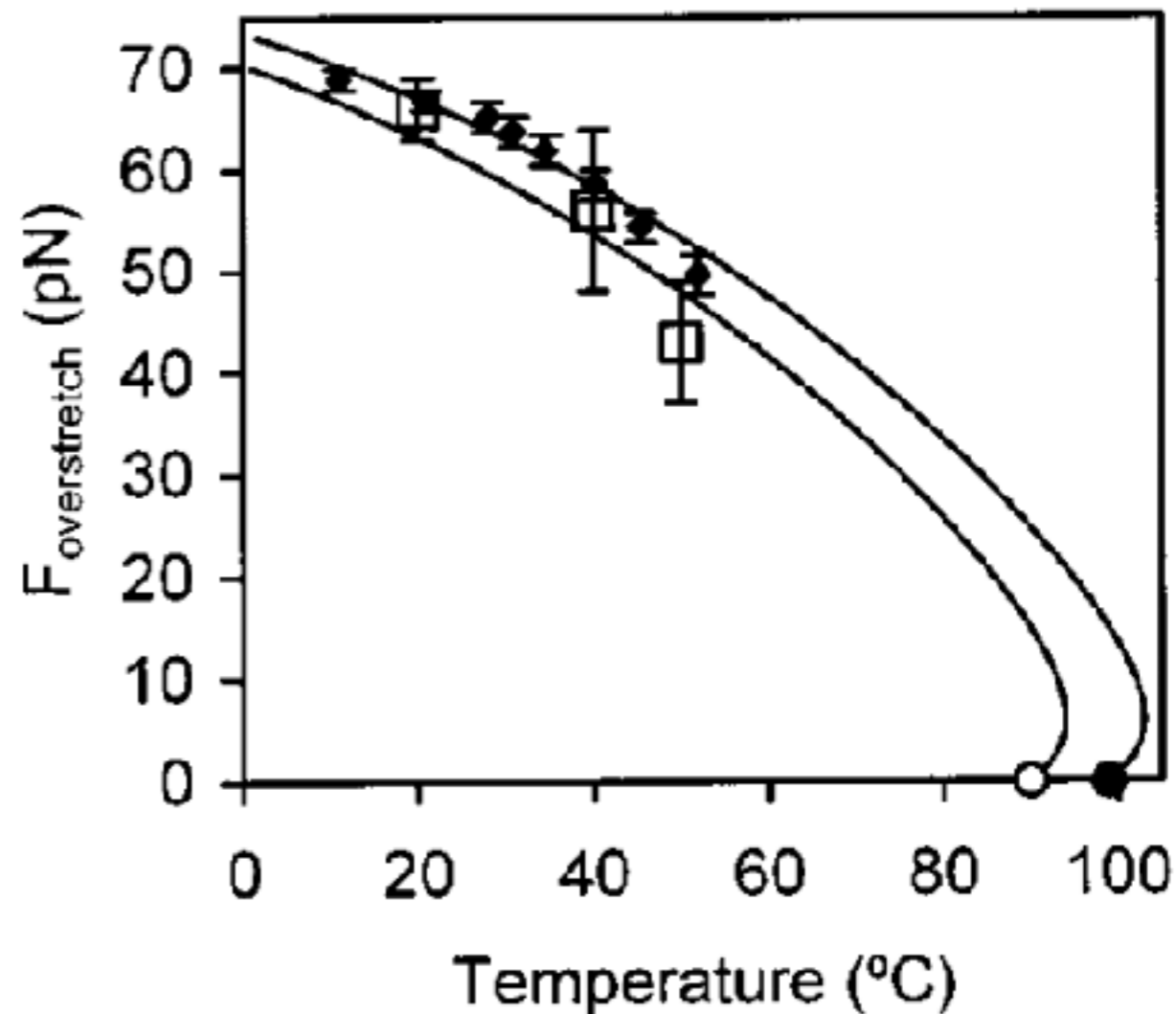


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Important open questions: temperature effects

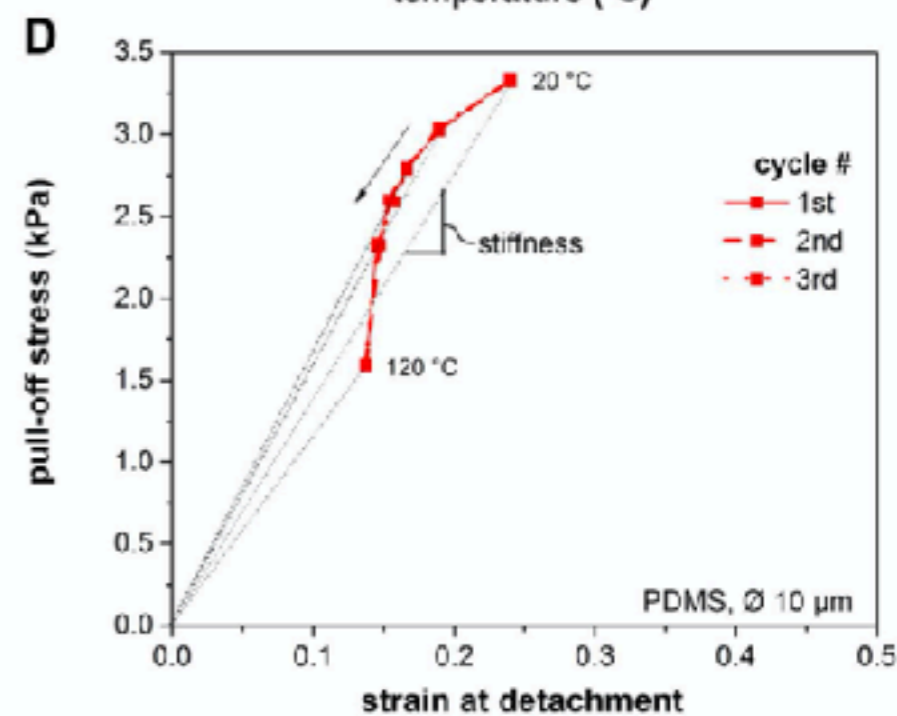
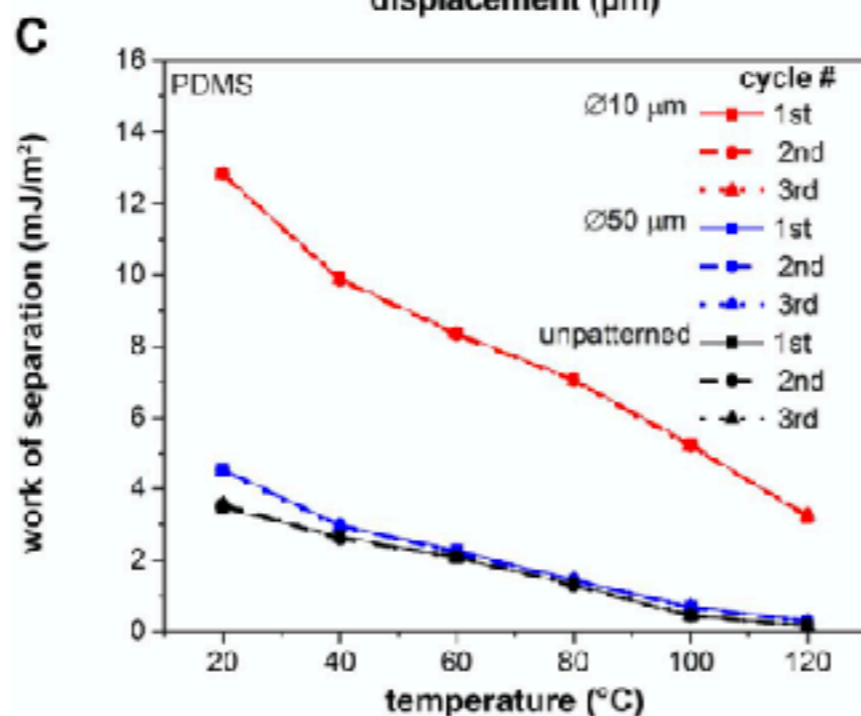
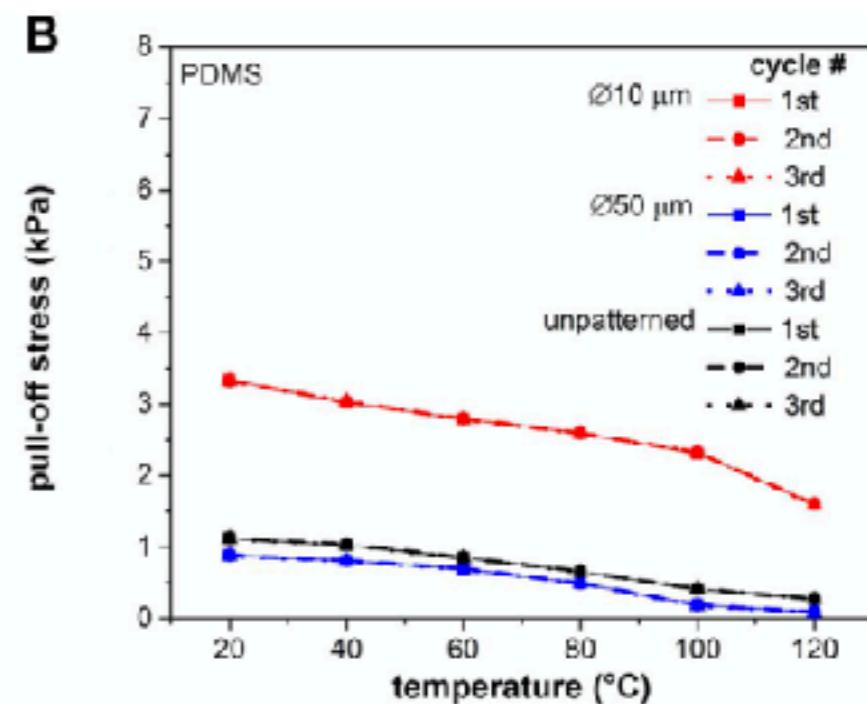
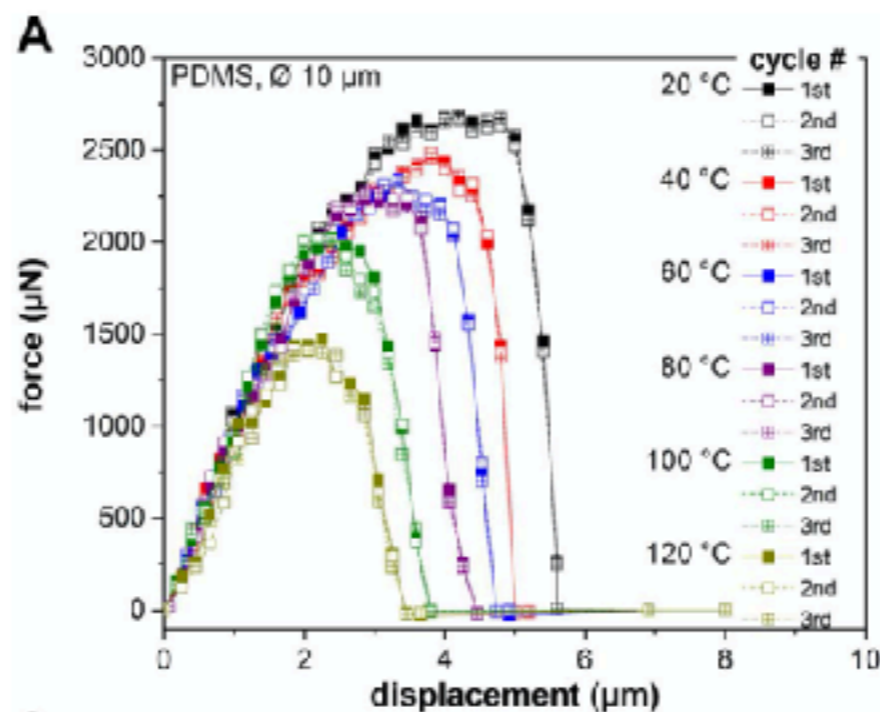
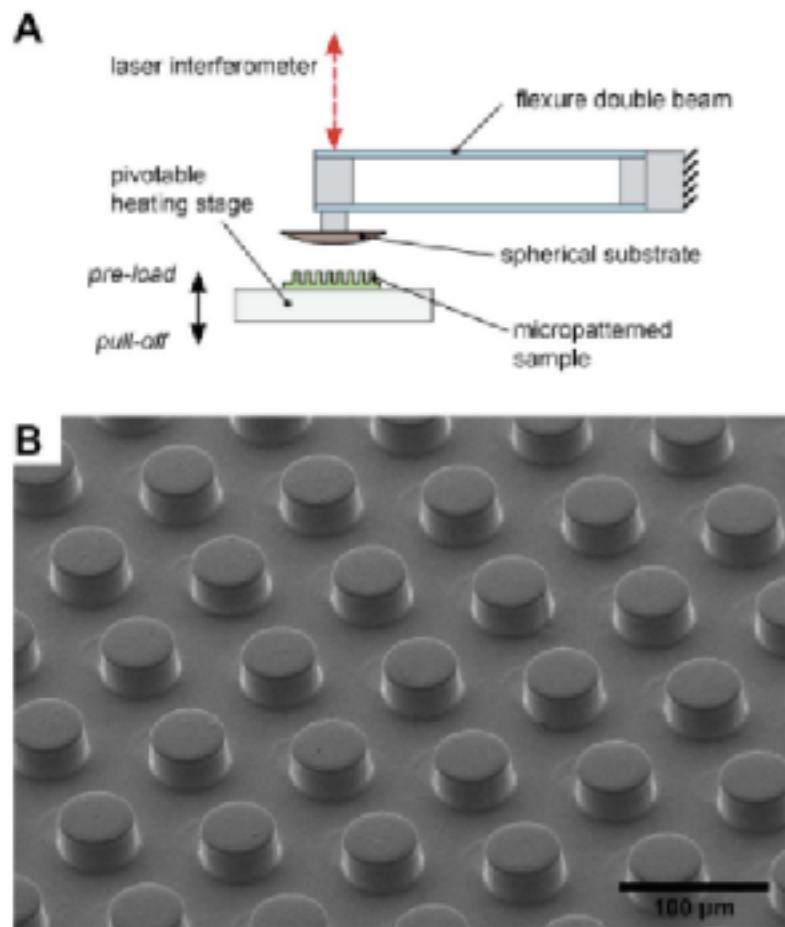


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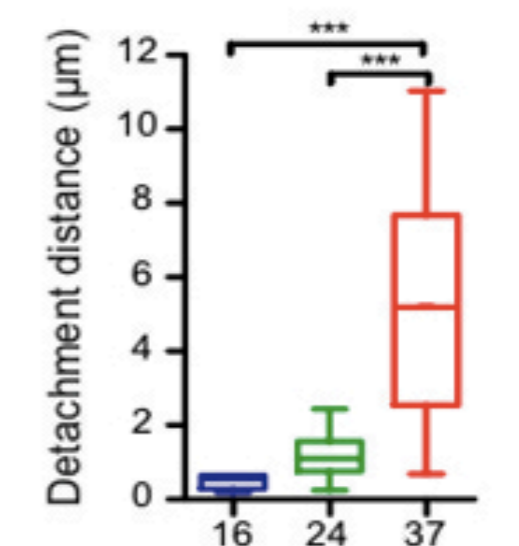
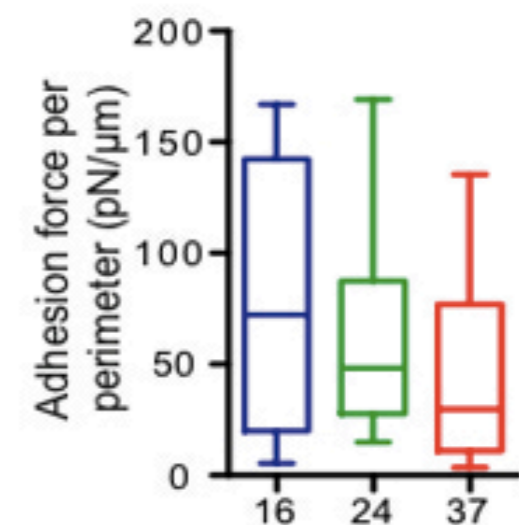
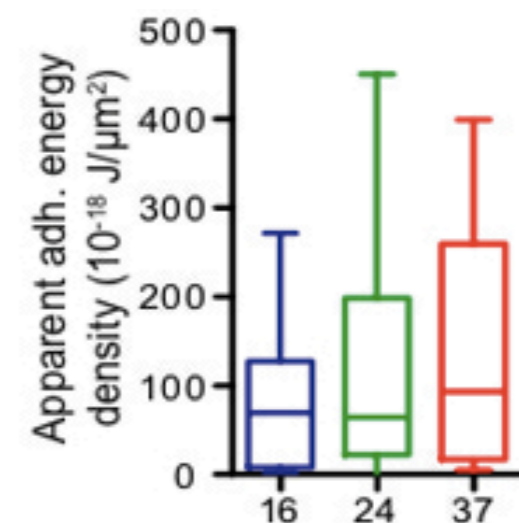
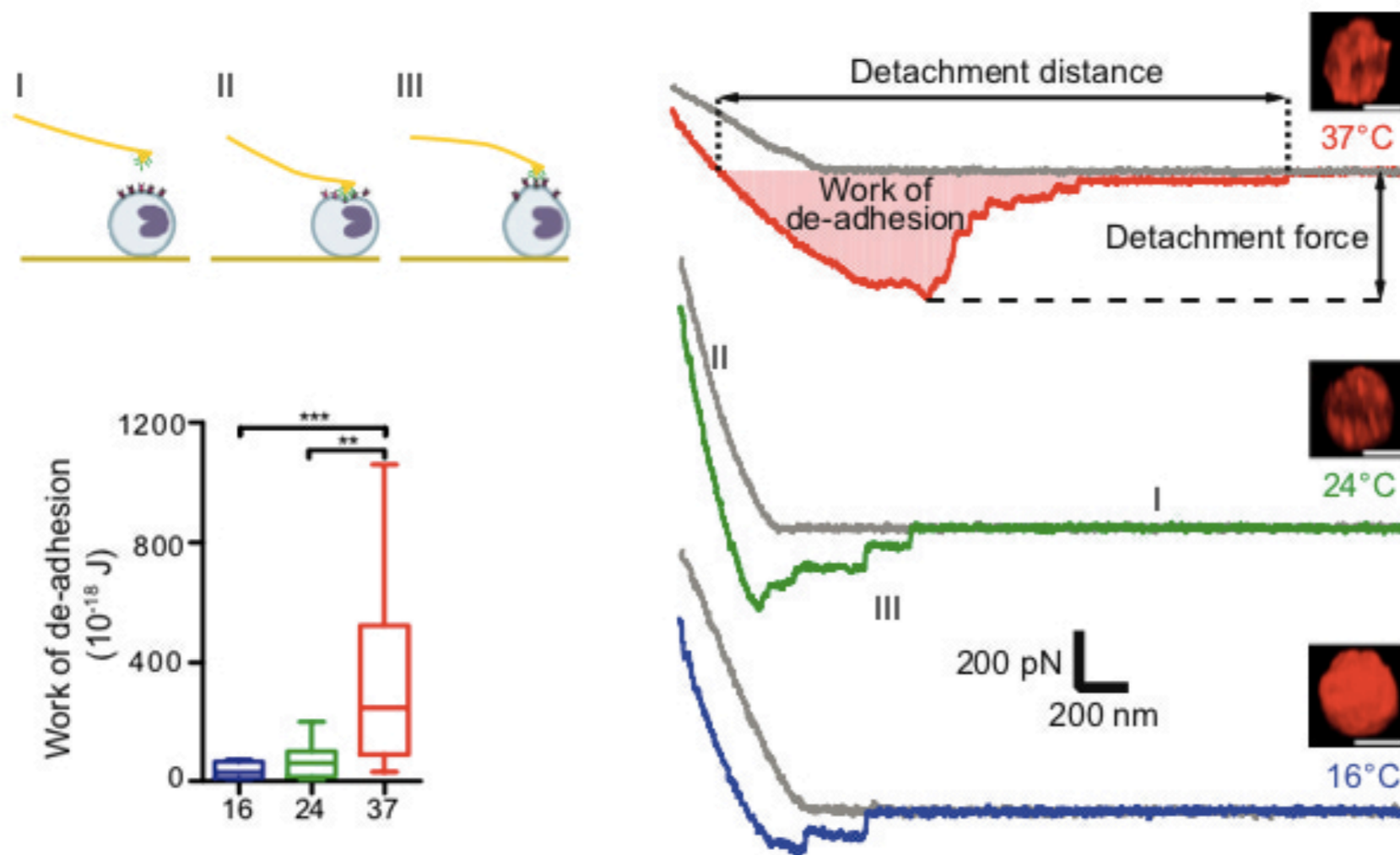
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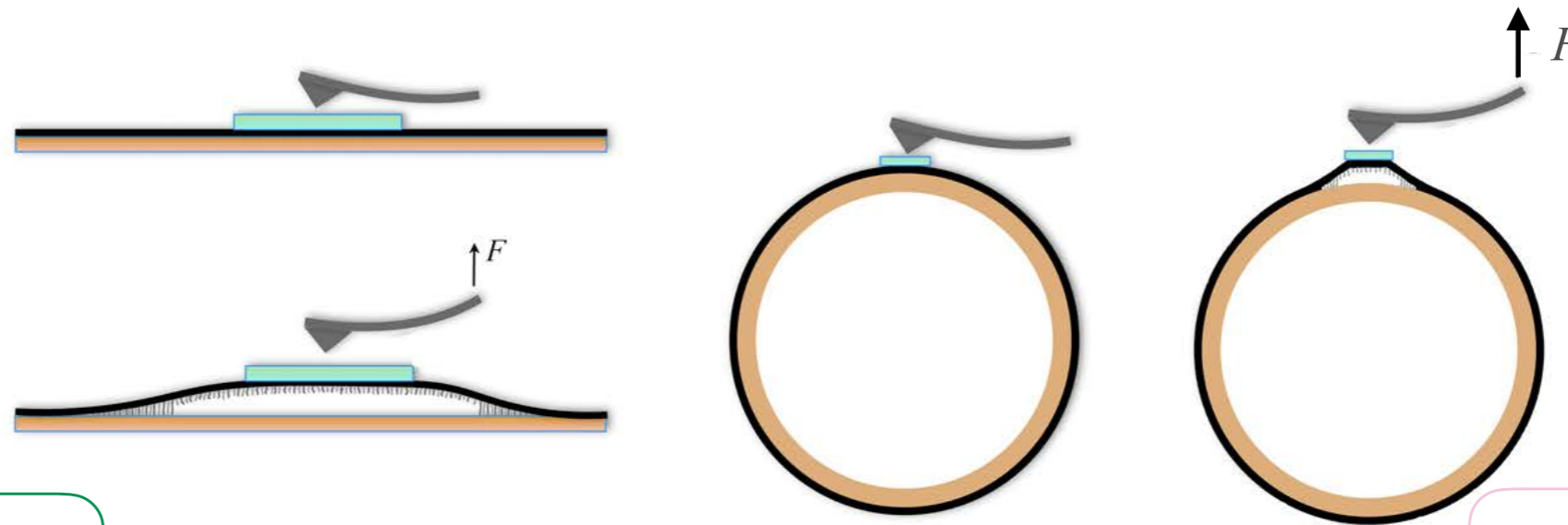
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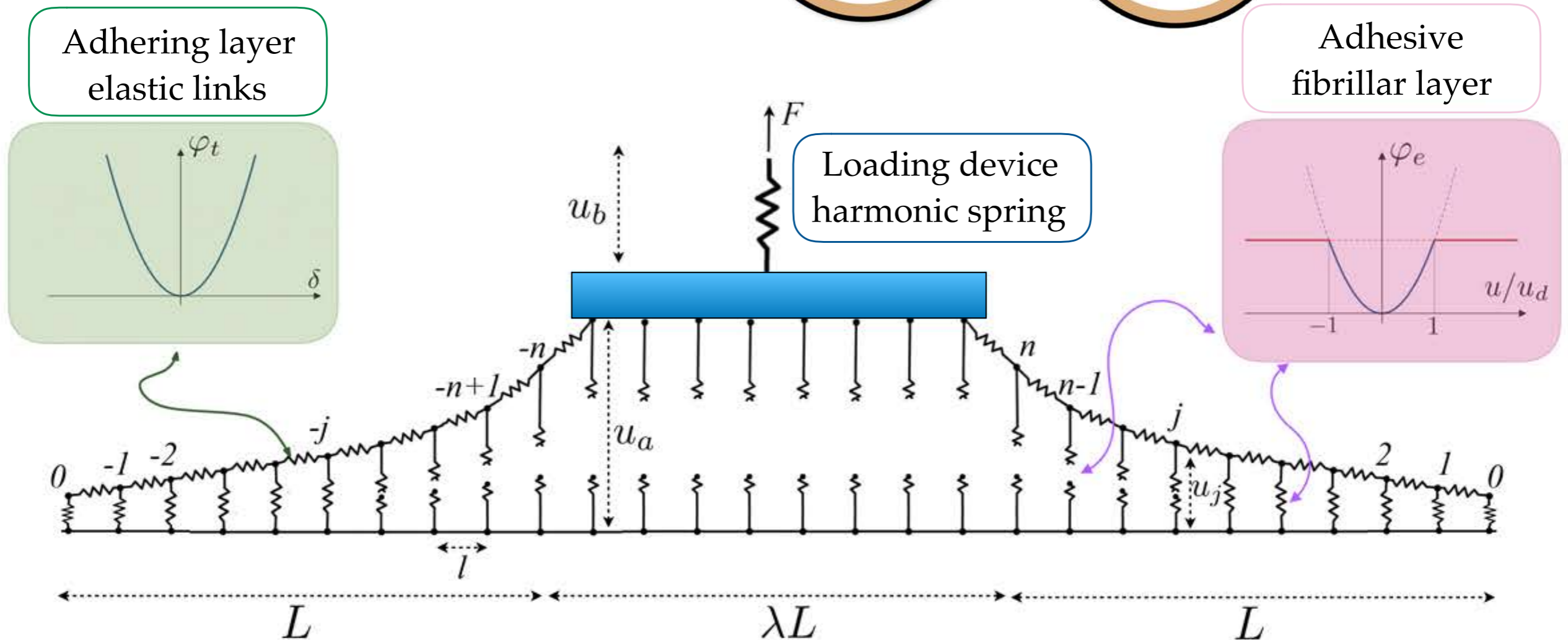
Model



Adhering layer
elastic links

Adhesive
fibrillar layer

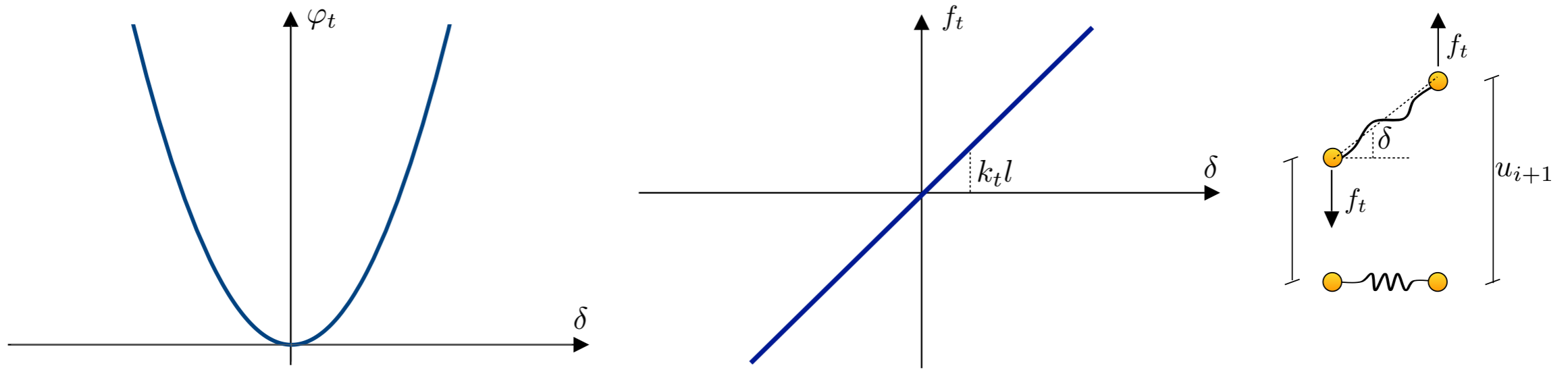
Loading device
harmonic spring



Model

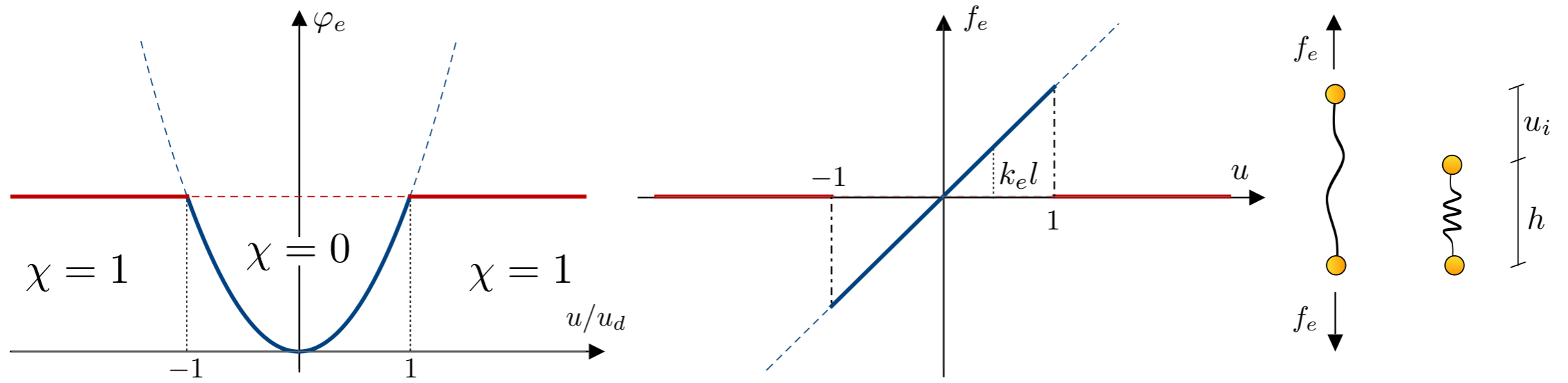


$$\varphi_t(\delta) = \frac{l k_t}{2} \gamma^2$$



$$\varphi_e(u) = \frac{l k_e}{2} [(1 - \chi(u))u^2 + \chi(u)] \quad \chi = \chi(u) = \begin{cases} 0, & \text{if } u \leq u_d, \\ 1, & \text{if } u > u_d, \end{cases}$$

attached fibril
detached fibril



$$nh = \frac{H}{k_e l} = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{j=l,r} \sum_{i=0}^n \left[\nu^2 (w_{i+1}^j - w_i^j)^2 + (1 - \chi_i^j)(w_i^j)^2 + \chi_i^j \right] + \frac{\lambda}{2} [(1 - \chi_a)w_a^2 + \chi_a] + \frac{\xi}{2} w_b^2$$

Adhering layer
 Adhesive fibrils
 Loaded fibrils
 Loading device

$$w_i = \frac{u_i}{u_d}, w_a = \frac{u_a}{u_d}, w_b = \frac{u_b}{u_d},$$

... non-dimensional displacements

$$w_a + w_b = \delta := \frac{d}{u_d}, w_o^l = w_o^r = 0$$

... boundary conditions

$$w_{n+1} = w_{-(n+1)} = w_a$$

... compatibility conditions

Main non-dimensional parameters

$$\nu = \sqrt{\frac{k_t}{k_e}} \frac{u_d}{l}$$

adhering vs adhesive

$$\xi = \frac{k_{dev} u_d^2}{L k_e}$$

loading device vs adhesive

Energy: compact notation

$$\mathbf{w}^j = \begin{pmatrix} w_1^j \\ \dots \\ w_n^j \end{pmatrix}, \quad \boldsymbol{\chi}^j = \begin{pmatrix} \chi_1^j \\ \dots \\ \chi_n^j \end{pmatrix}, \quad j = l, r, \mathbf{i}_1 \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ \dots \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{i}_n \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ \dots \\ 1 \end{pmatrix},$$

$$\mathbf{B}^j = \begin{bmatrix} 2\nu^2 + 1 - \chi_1^j & -\nu^2 & & & & & \mathbf{0} \\ -\nu^2 & 2\nu^2 + 1 - \chi_2^j & -\nu^2 & & & & \\ & & \ddots & \ddots & \ddots & & \\ & & & -\nu^2 & 2\nu^2 + 1 - \chi_{n-1}^j & -\nu^2 & \\ \mathbf{0} & & & & -\nu^2 & 2\nu^2 + 1 - \chi_n^j & \end{bmatrix}, \quad j = l, r.$$

$$nh(\mathbf{w}^l, \mathbf{w}^r, \boldsymbol{\chi}^l, \boldsymbol{\chi}^r, w_a, w_b) = \sum_{j=l,r} \left(\frac{1}{2} \mathbf{B}^j \mathbf{w}^j \cdot \mathbf{w}^j + (n - p^j) - \nu^2 w_a \mathbf{w}^j \cdot \mathbf{i}_n \right) + \frac{\xi}{2} w_b^2 + \lambda [(1 - \chi_a) w_a^2 + \chi_a^2] + \nu^2 w_a^2$$

Variational approach: Griffith

$$\min_{\mathbf{w}^l, \mathbf{w}^r, \boldsymbol{\chi}^l, \boldsymbol{\chi}^r, w_a, w_b} h(\mathbf{w}^l, \mathbf{w}^r, \boldsymbol{\chi}^l, \boldsymbol{\chi}^r, w_a, w_b) - f(w_a + w_b - \delta).$$

f Lagrange multiplier, force applied by the loading device (AFM, ancilla molecule, adhering cell,...)

Equilibrium: Euler-Lagrange equations

$$w^j = \nu^2 w_a (\mathbf{B}^j)^{-1} i_n, \quad j = l, r \quad \dots \text{ adhesive system equilibrium}$$

$$w_a = \frac{f + \nu^2 (w_n^l + w_n^r)}{\lambda(1 - \chi_a) + 2\nu^2}, \quad \dots \text{ action-reaction principle}$$

$$w_b = \frac{f}{\xi}. \quad \dots \text{ equilibrium loading device}$$



$$w_i^j = \nu^2 (\mathbf{B}^j)^{-1}_{i,n} w_a \quad \dots \text{ monotonic}$$

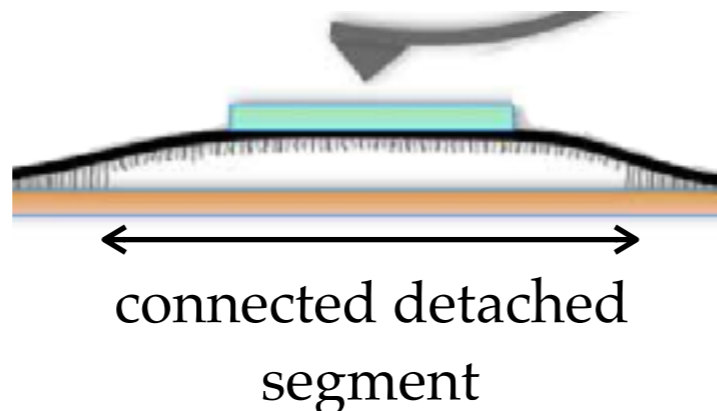


di-block solutions

$$f = k_{tot}(p)\delta,$$

$$h = \frac{\delta^2}{2k_{tot}(p)} + 2(n - p),$$

$$k_{tot}(p) = \frac{\xi k(p)}{\xi + k(p)}.$$



$$k(p) = \nu^2 [1 - \nu^2 \mathbf{B}_{n,n}^{-1}(p)] = \frac{2\nu^2}{n - p + a(p)},$$

$$a(p) = \left(1 - \frac{\sinh[p\bar{\lambda}]}{\sinh[(p+1)\bar{\lambda}]} \right),$$

$$\cosh \bar{\lambda} = 1 + \frac{1}{2\nu^2}.$$

Metastable Configurations: Hysteresis

$$f = k_{tot}(p)\delta, \quad \dots \text{equilibrium force-displacement relation}$$

$$h = \frac{\delta^2}{2k_{tot}(p)} + 2(n-p), \quad \dots \text{equilibrium energy-displacement relation}$$

$$k_{tot}(p) = \frac{\xi k(p)}{\xi + k(p)}. \quad \dots \text{effective global elastic modulus}$$

$$w_i = a(p) \frac{\cosh[(1+i)\lambda] - \cosh[(1-i)\lambda]}{2 \sinh \lambda \sinh[(1+p)\lambda]} \frac{k_{tot}(p)\delta}{2\nu^2}, \quad i = 1, \dots, p \quad \dots \text{attached segment}$$

$$w_i = \left(\frac{\nu^2}{k(p)} - (n+1-i) \right) \frac{k_{tot}(p)\delta}{2\nu^2}, \quad i = p, \dots, n+1. \quad \dots \text{detached segment}$$

$$\delta \in (\delta_m(p), \delta_M(p)) := \left(\frac{\nu^2}{a(p) k_{tot}(p)}, \frac{\nu^2}{(a(p)-1) k_{tot}(p)} \right). \quad \dots \text{metastability domain}$$

Global minima: reversible adhesion

$$\delta = \delta_{\text{Max}}(p) := \frac{1}{\nu\xi} \sqrt{\frac{(\xi b(p) + \nu^2)(\xi b(p+1) + \nu^2)}{b(p) - b(p+1)}}, \quad p = 0, \dots, n-1,$$

$$b = b(p) := n - p + a(p). \quad \frac{d\delta_{\text{Max}}(p)}{dp} < 0.$$



Coherent propagation

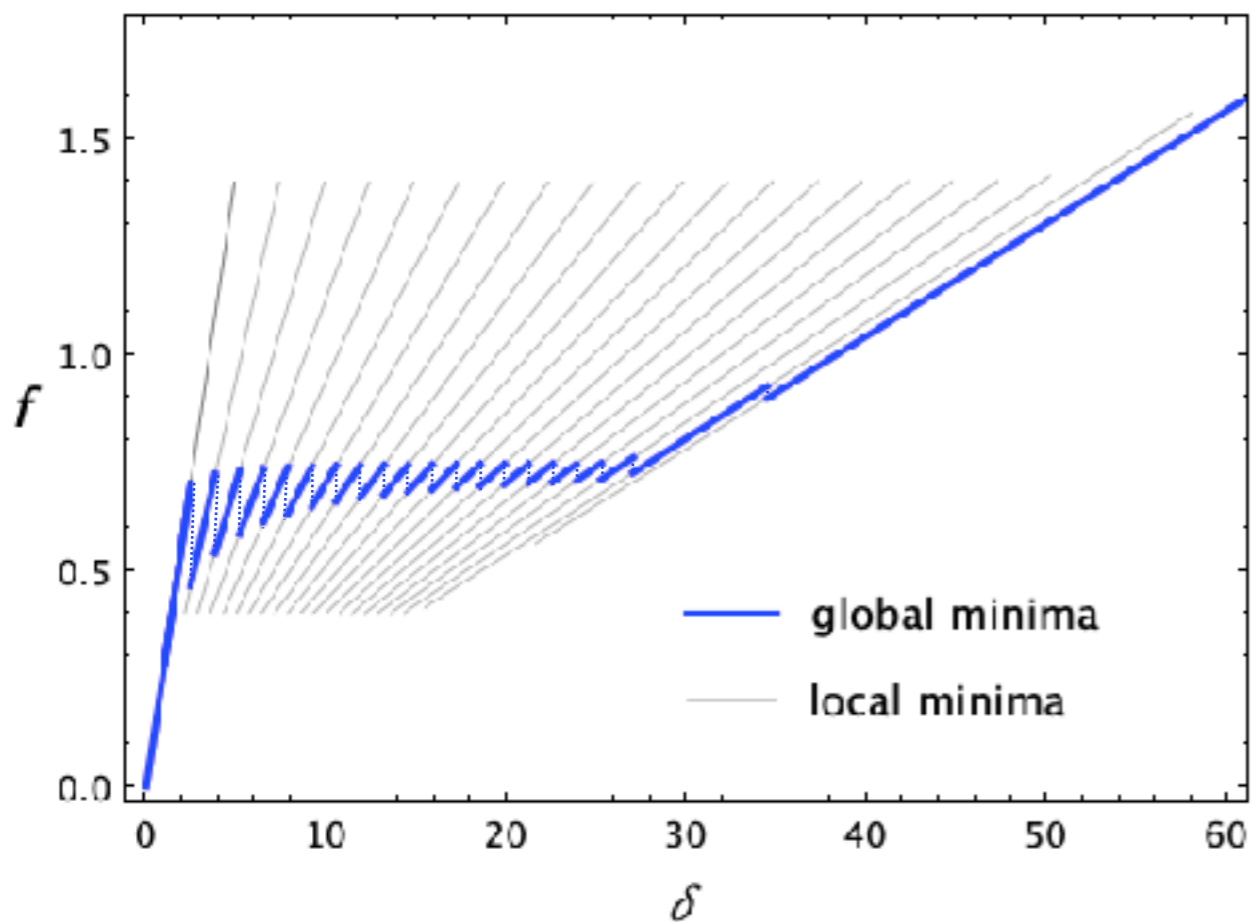
$$\begin{array}{lll} \delta < \delta_{\text{Max}}(n-1) & \text{if } p = n & \text{(fully attached)} \\ \delta \in [\delta_{\text{Max}}(p), \delta_{\text{Max}}(p-1)] & \text{if } 0 < p < n & \text{(partially detached)} \\ \delta > \delta_{\text{Max}}(0) & \text{if } p = 0 & \text{(fully detached).} \end{array}$$

$$f \in [f_m(p), f_M(p)] \quad \text{where} \quad f_m(p) := \bar{k}(p)\delta_{\text{Max}}(p), \quad f_M(p) := \bar{k}(p)\delta_{\text{Max}}(p-1).$$

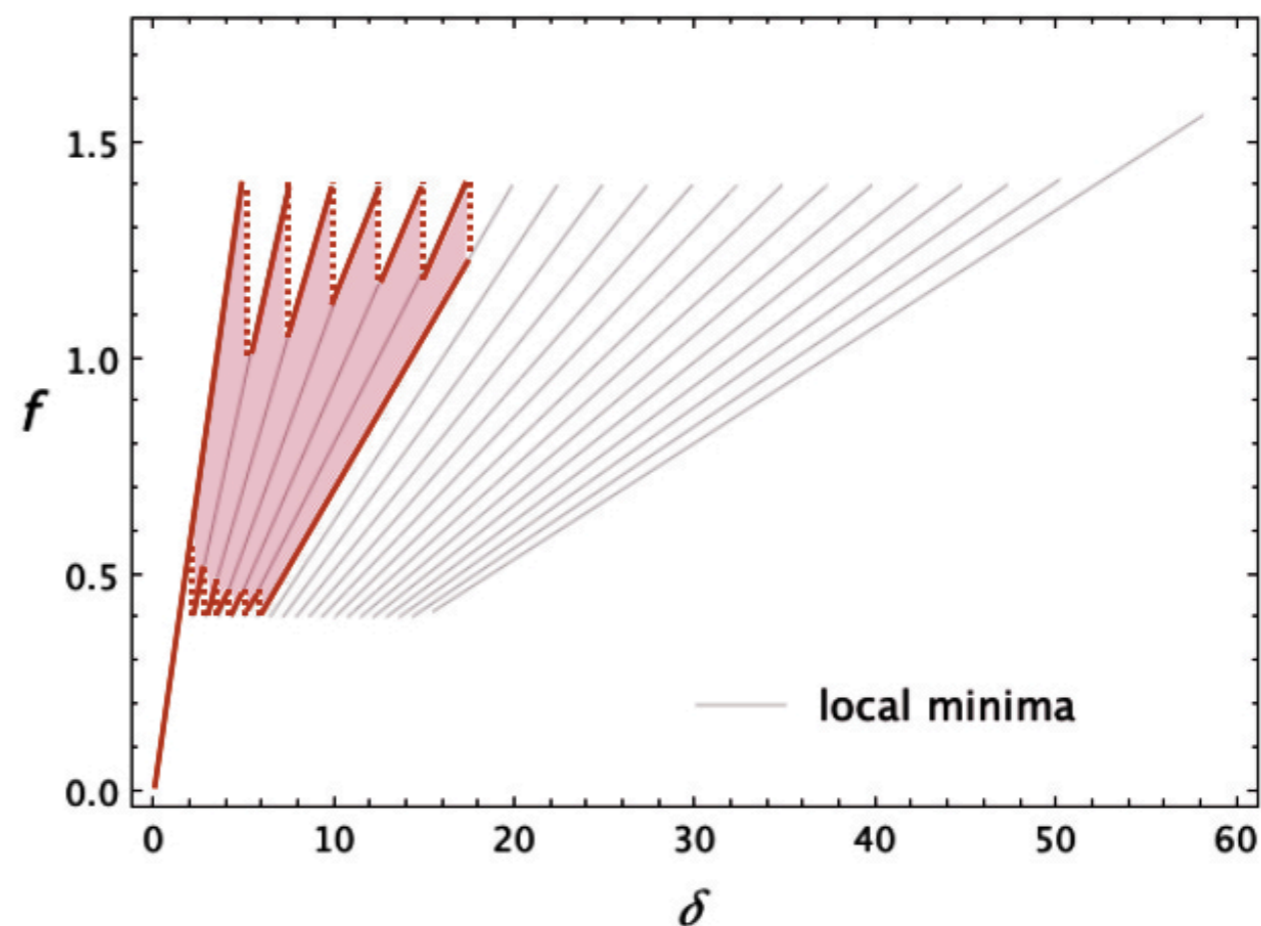


$f_M(n)$... maximum adhesion force

Maximum delay vs Maxwell conventions

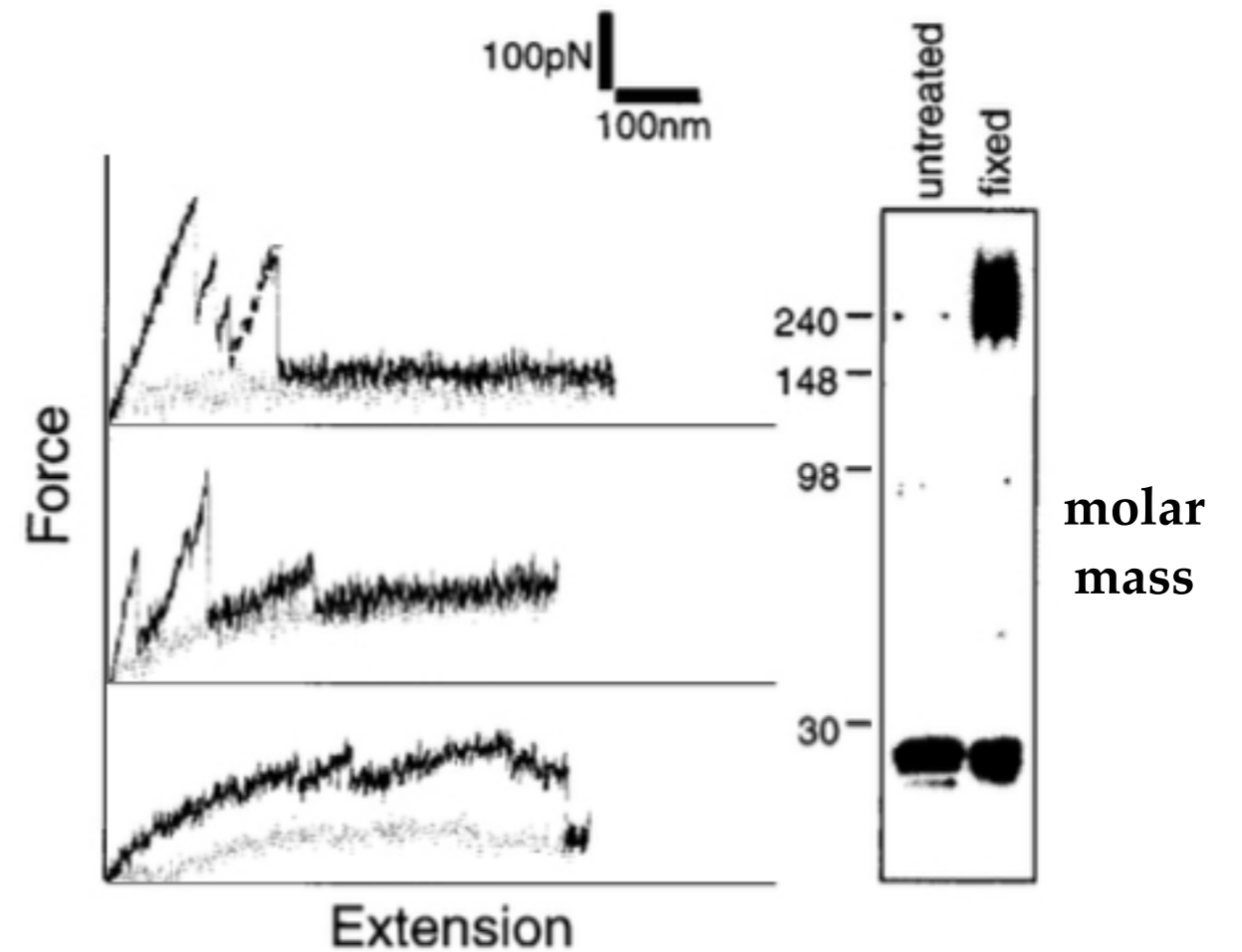
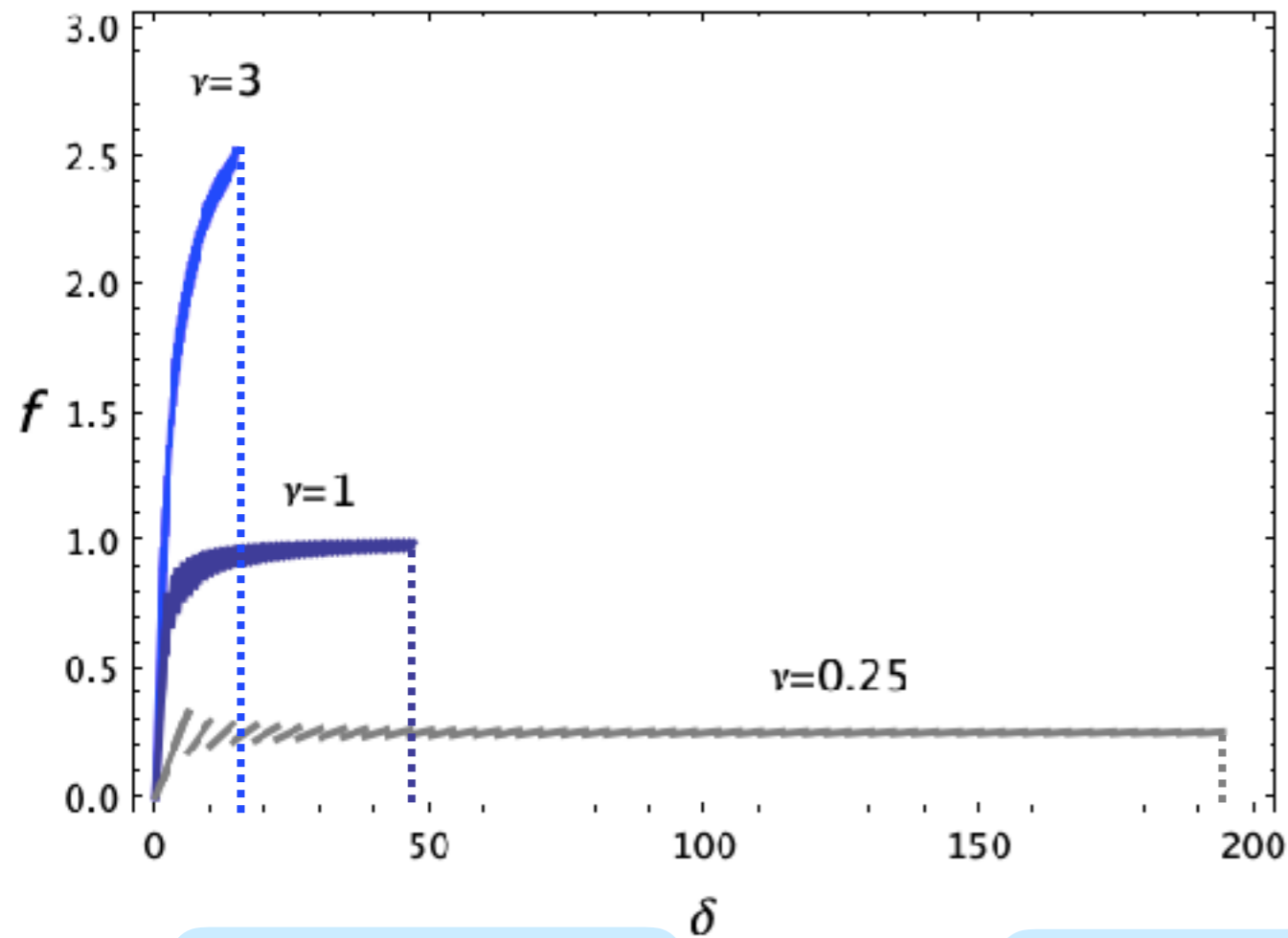


reversible adhesion



hysteresis

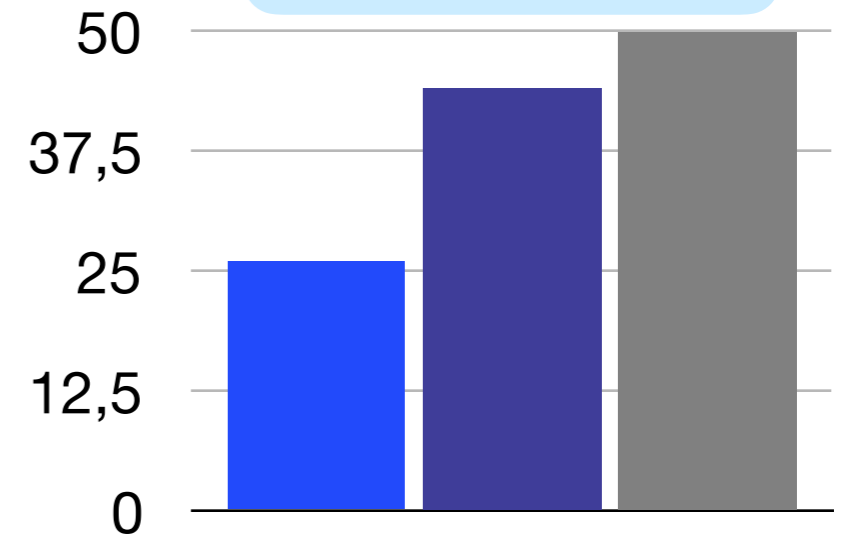
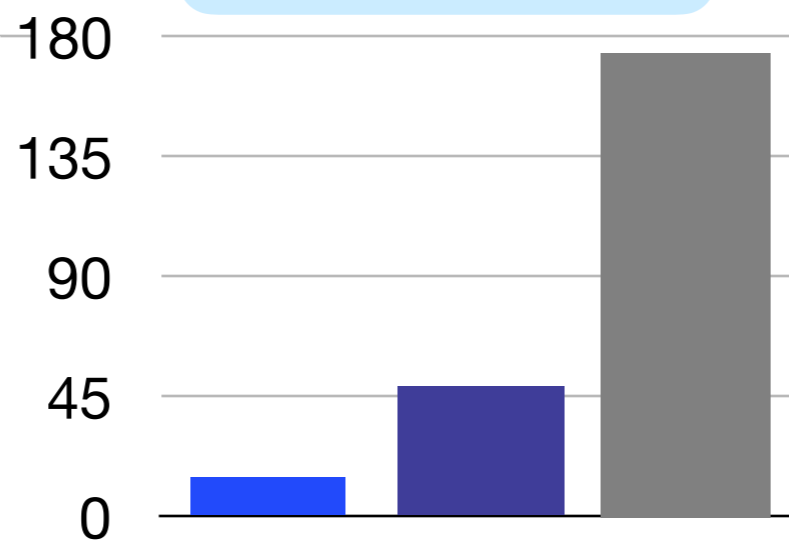
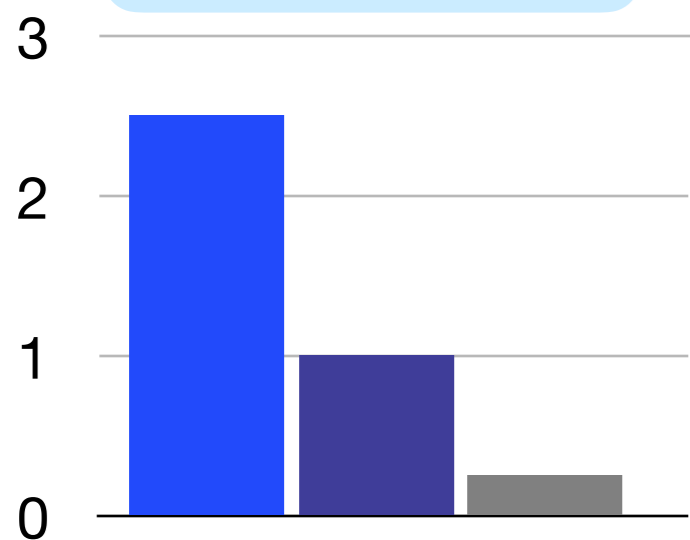
Adhering stiffness effect



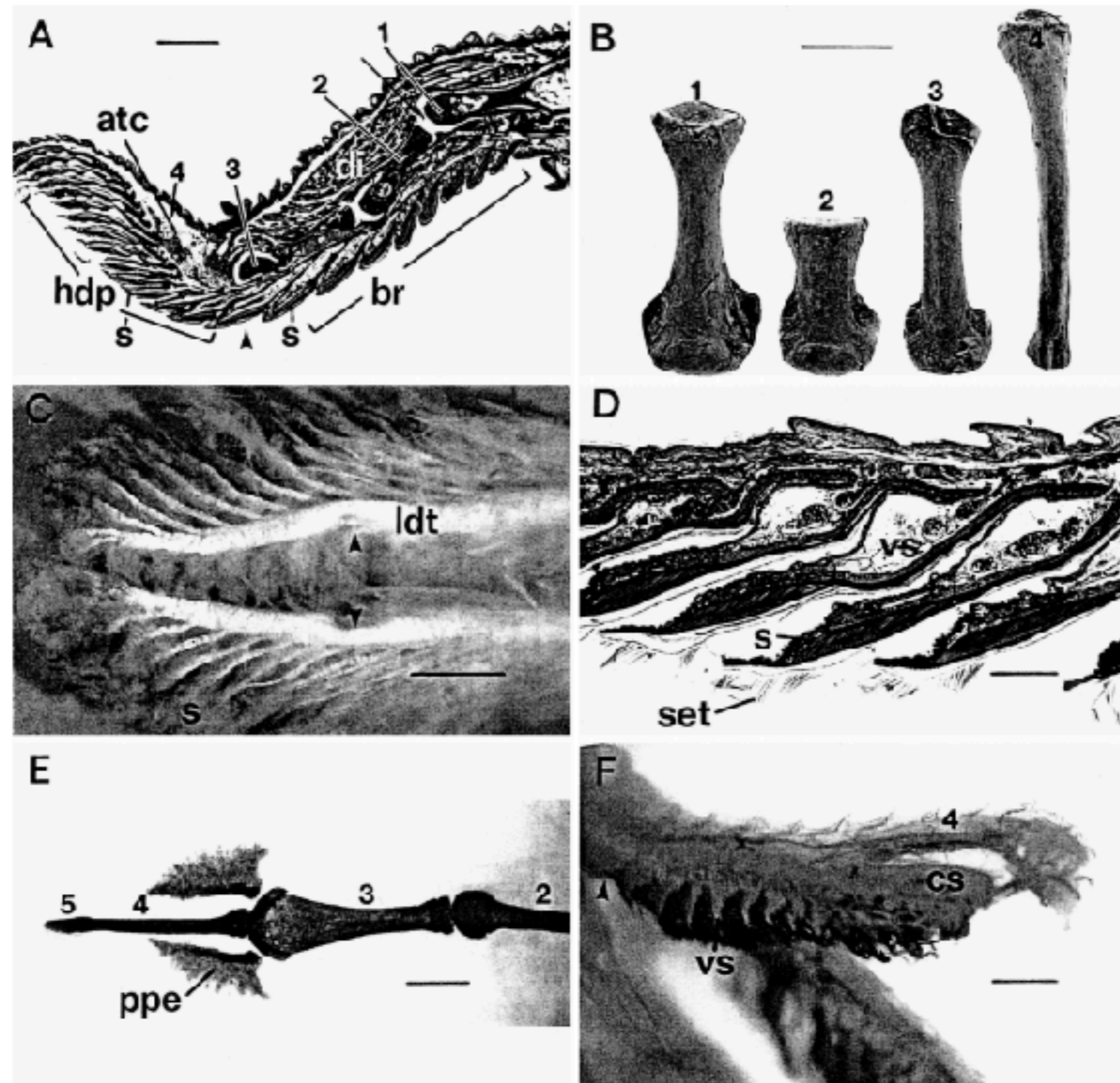
decohesion force

limit displacement

decohesion work



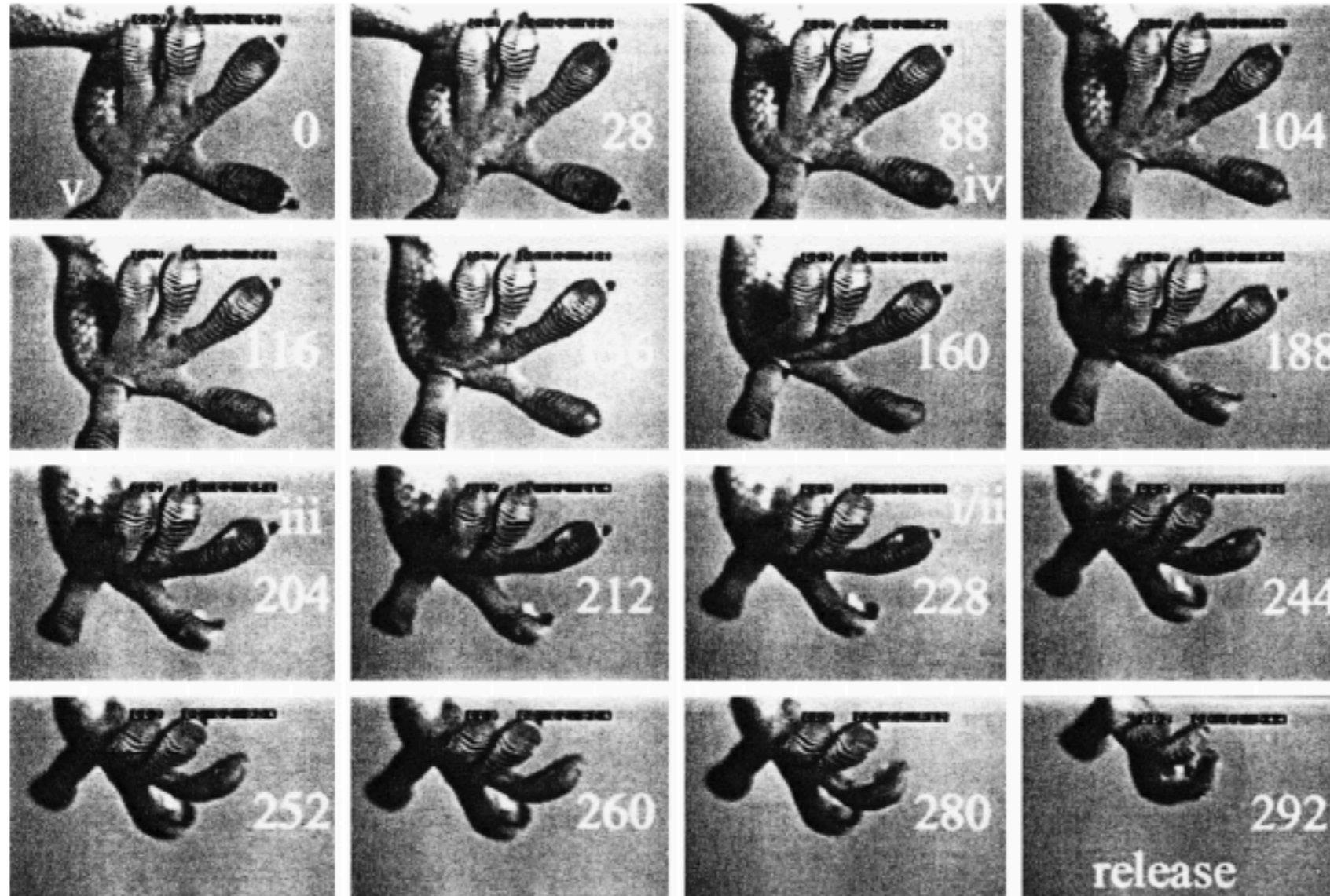
Hypothesis on gecko adhesion-decohesion asymmetry



Hypothesis on gecko adhesion-decohesion asymmetry



digital hyperextension



At the macroscale the easy release is achieved through the localization of the cohesive region

geckos (A. P. Russell, *Integr. Comp. Biol.* **42**, 1154 (2002))

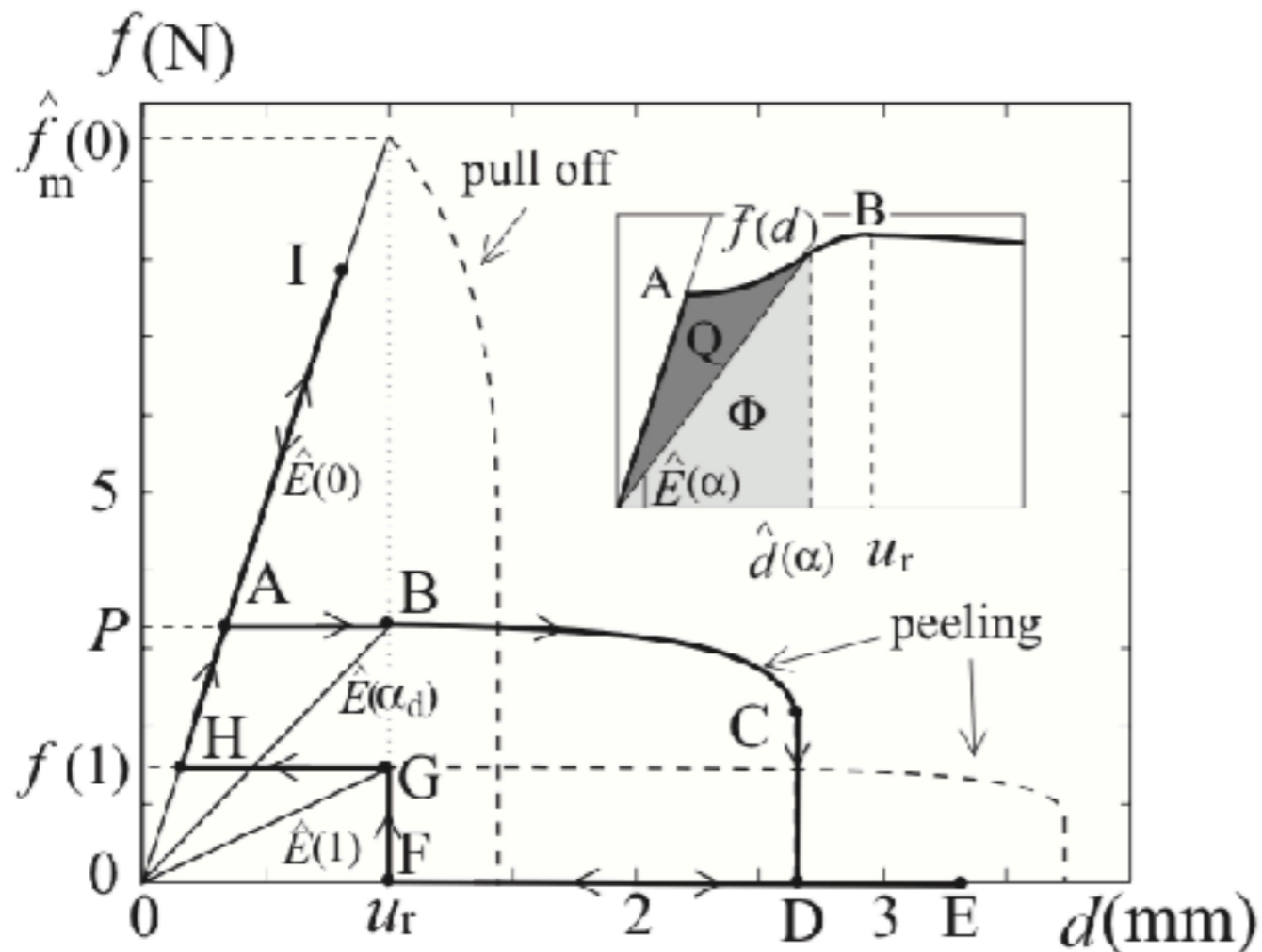
frogs (G. Hanna and W. Barnes, *J. Exp. Biol.* **155**, 103 (1991))

ants (W. Federle and T. Endlein, *Arthropod Struct. Dev.* **33**, 67 (2004)) also show that.

To simplify horizontal walking geckos keep the hyperextended state and start activating the attachment mechanism only at sufficiently high slope requiring stronger adhesion

(A. P. Russell and T. E. Highman, *Proc. R. Soc. London, Ser. B* **276**, 3705 (2009))

Hypothesis on gecko adhesion-decohesion asymmetry



external work

$$W = \int_{P/\hat{E}(0)}^{\hat{d}(\alpha)} \bar{f}(\tilde{d}) d\tilde{d} > 0$$

elastic energy

$$\|\Phi\| = P^2/[2\hat{E}(0)] - \hat{E}^2(\alpha)\hat{d}(\alpha)/2$$

dissipation

$$Q = - \int_0^\alpha \frac{1}{2} \hat{E}'(\tilde{\alpha}) \hat{d}^2(\tilde{\alpha}) d\tilde{\alpha}.$$

decohesion: damage, peeling, path ABC

minimize dissipation → horizontal path AB

$$\|\Phi\| = Q = (P/2)[u_r - P/\hat{E}(0)] > 0.$$

adhesion: metabolic energy, reattachment, path FGH

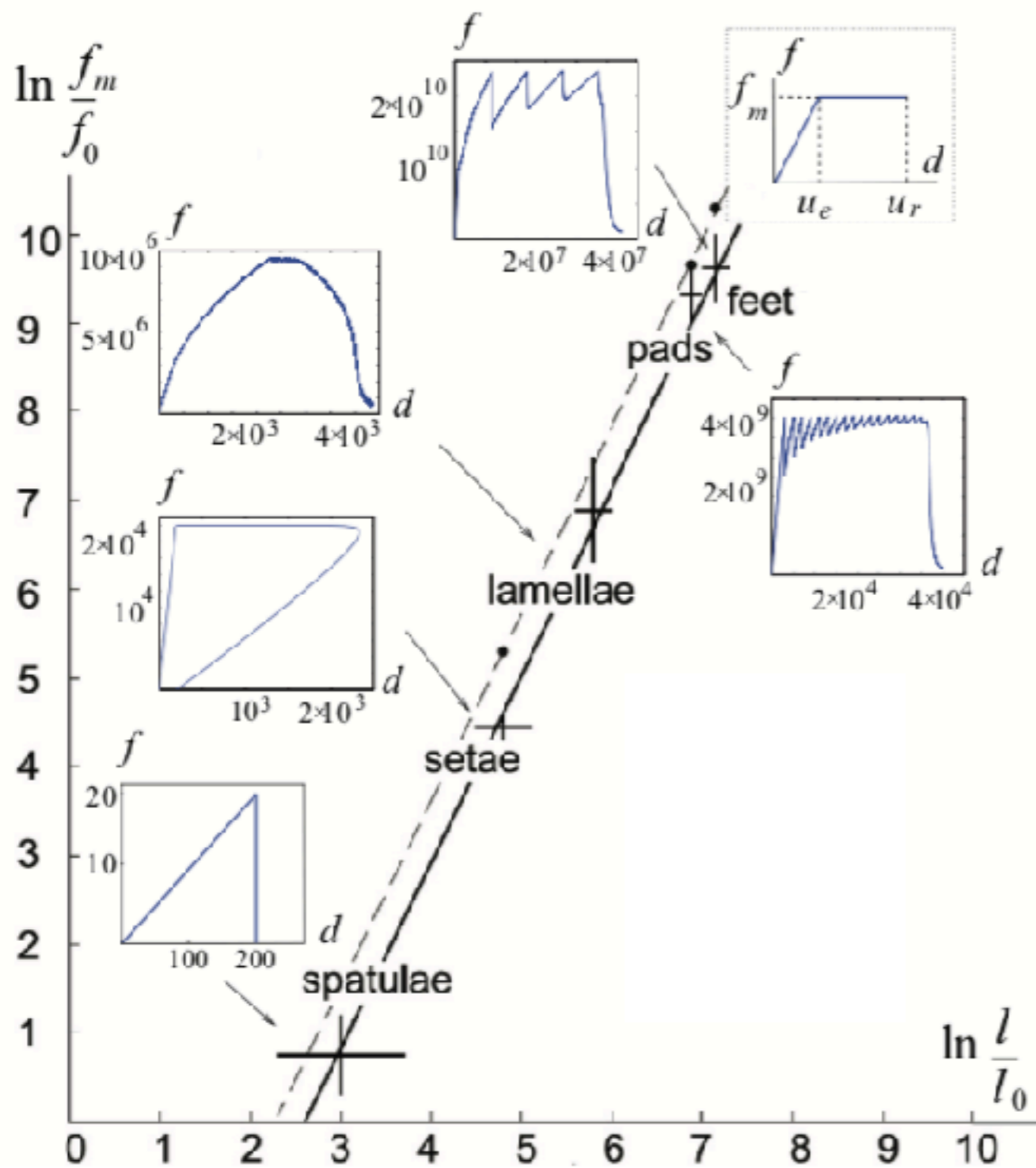
minimize metabolic energy → horizontal path GH

$$\|\Phi\| = \frac{\hat{f}_m(1)}{2} \left(\frac{\hat{f}_m(1)}{\hat{E}(0)} - u_r \right) = M < 0$$

geckos in the compliant state have a very low detaching threshold

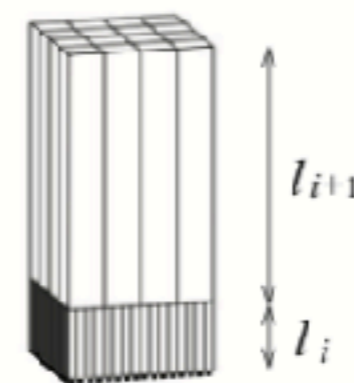
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Fractal behavior, multiscale modeling



$$f_m \sim l^\beta$$

$$\beta = 2 \pm 0.5$$



$$f_i = cEl_i^2$$

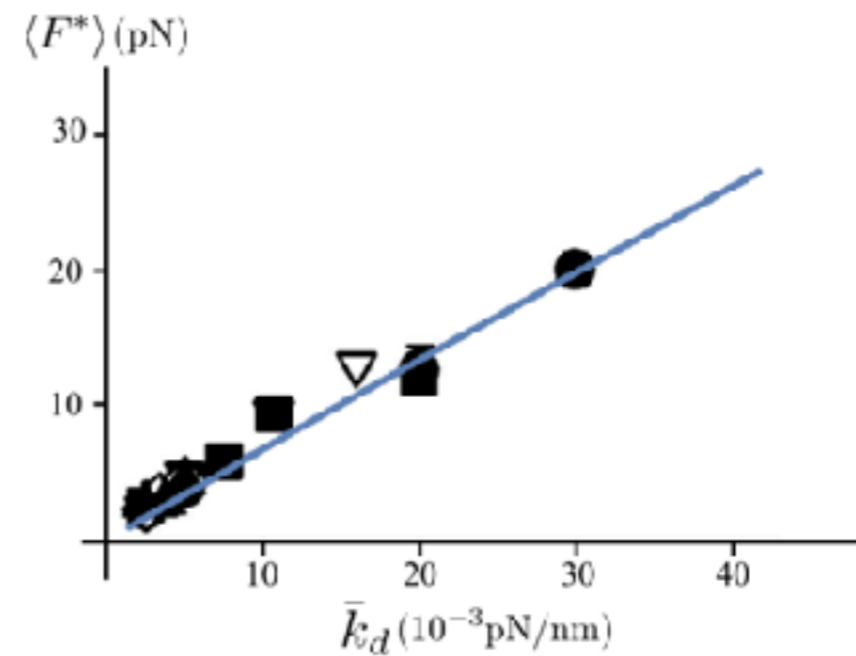
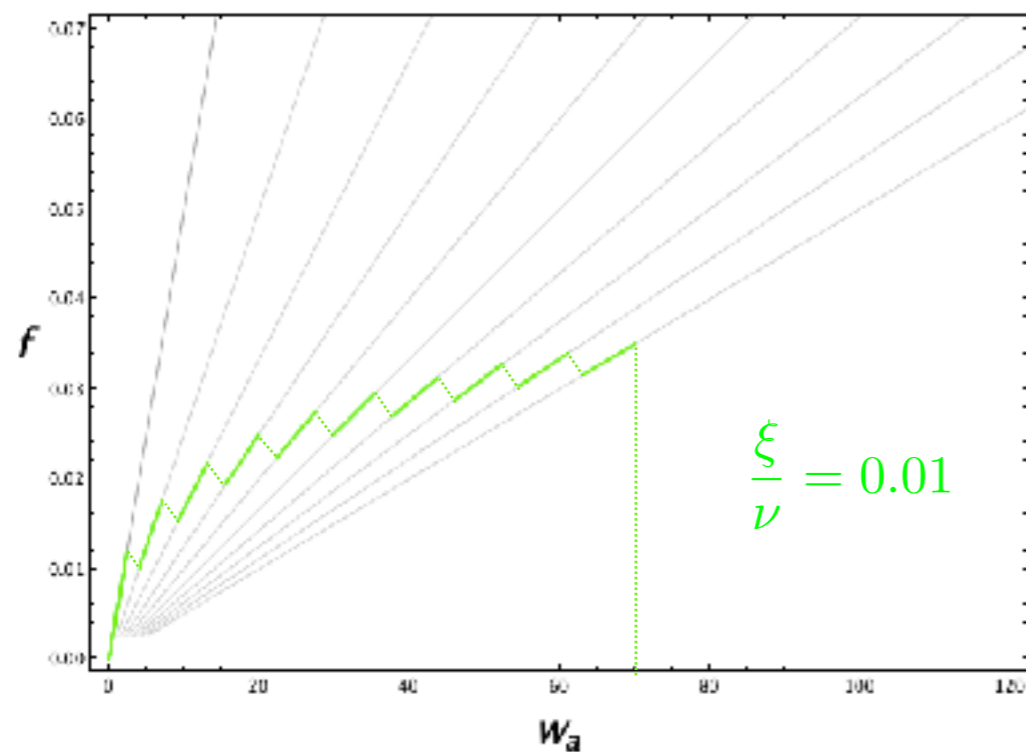
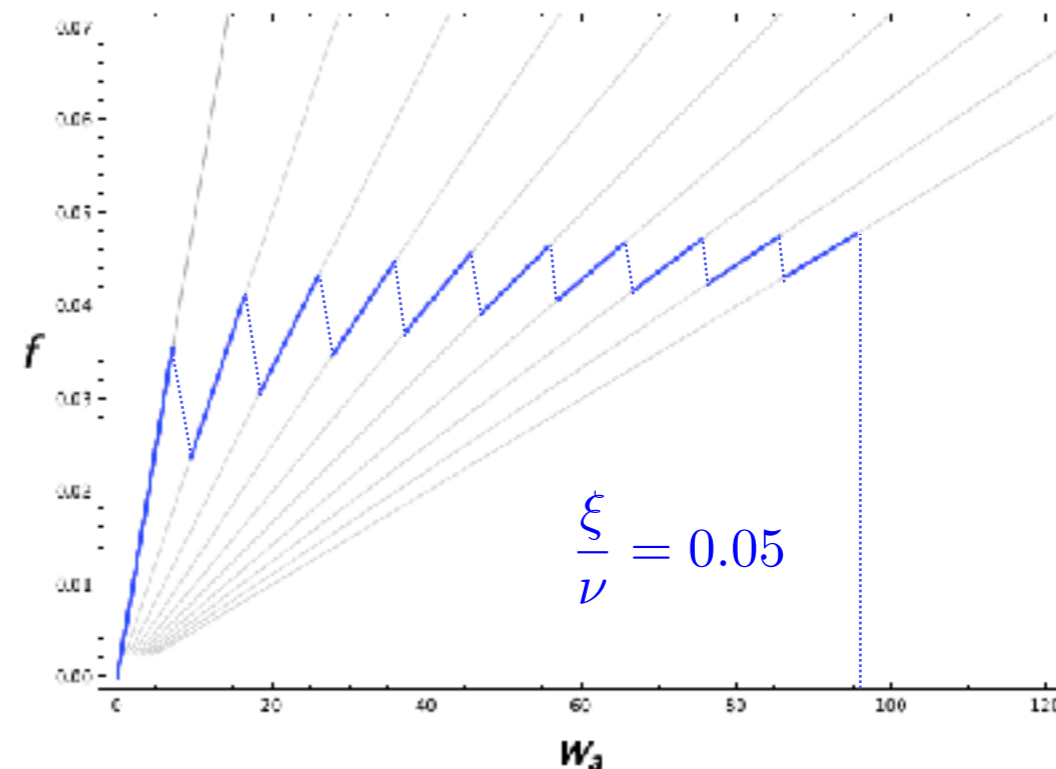
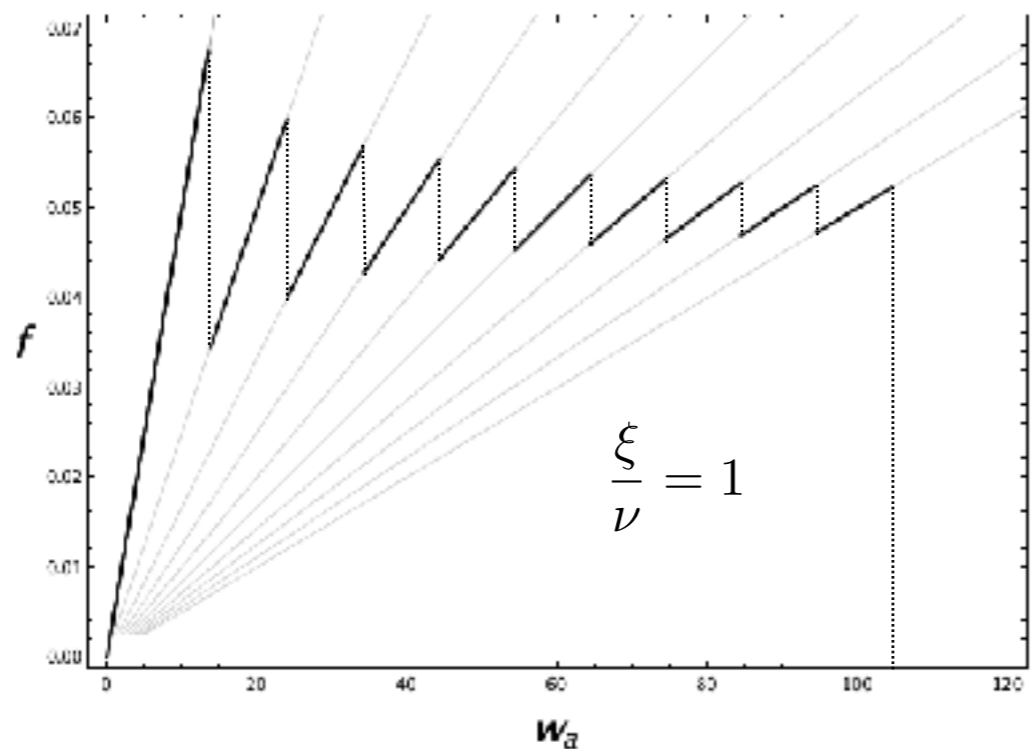
Euler buckling
Selfsimilarity
contemporary at all the scales

scale-free detachment mechanism



scale-generic BP model

Device stiffness effect



Rupture force $\langle F^* \rangle$ for dissociating P-selectin-PSGL-1 bond on the stiffness of the transducer

Temperature effects



Partition function

$$\mathcal{Z}_H = \left(\frac{2\pi n}{\tilde{\beta}} \right)^{n+3/2} \sum_{\chi} \Gamma_{\chi}(\tilde{\beta}, \delta), \quad \Gamma_{\chi}(\tilde{\beta}, \delta) = \frac{e^{-\frac{\tilde{\beta}}{2n}(\chi^r + \chi^l + \lambda\chi_a)} e^{-\frac{\tilde{\beta}}{2n}\xi(1 - \xi \frac{a_l a_r}{s})} \delta^2}{\sqrt{\det B^l} \sqrt{\det B^r} \sqrt{s}}$$

Main coefficients

$$a_j = \nu^2 \left(1 - \nu^2 (B^j)_{11}^{-1} \right)$$

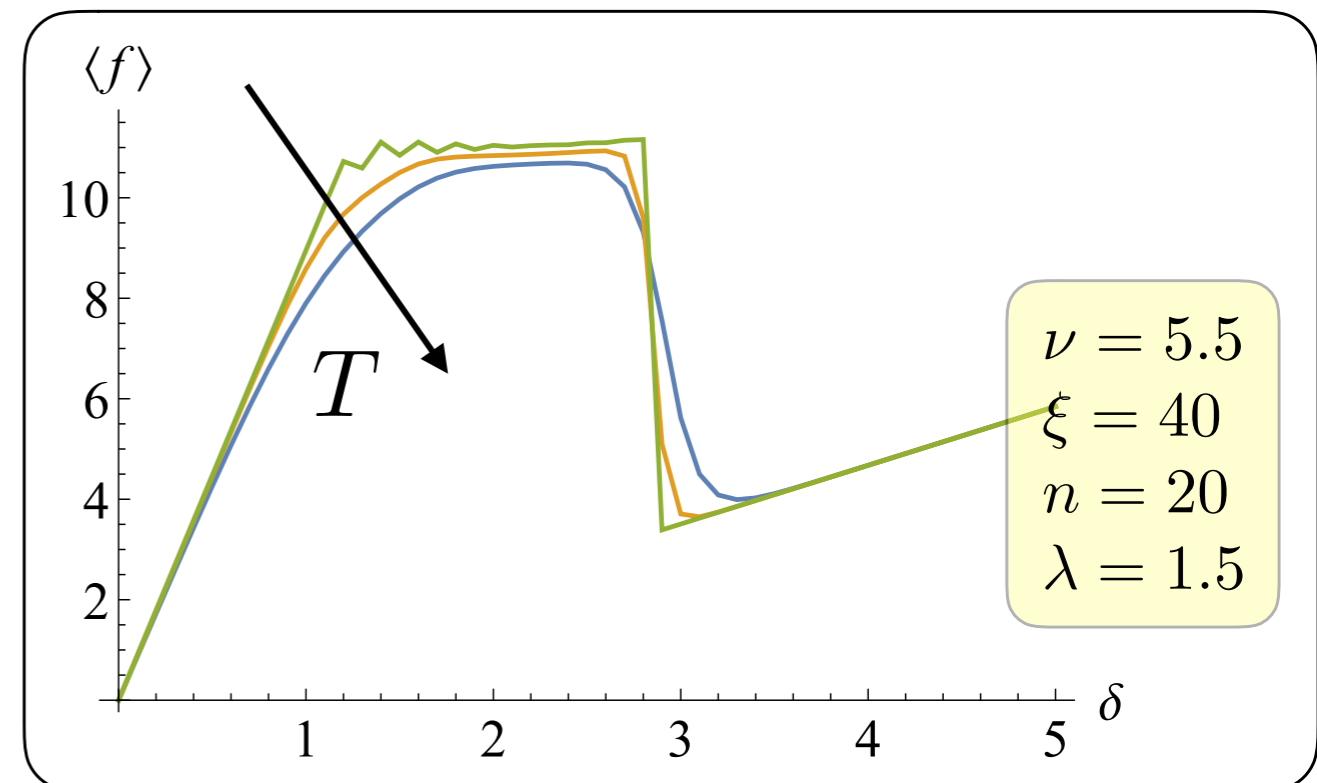
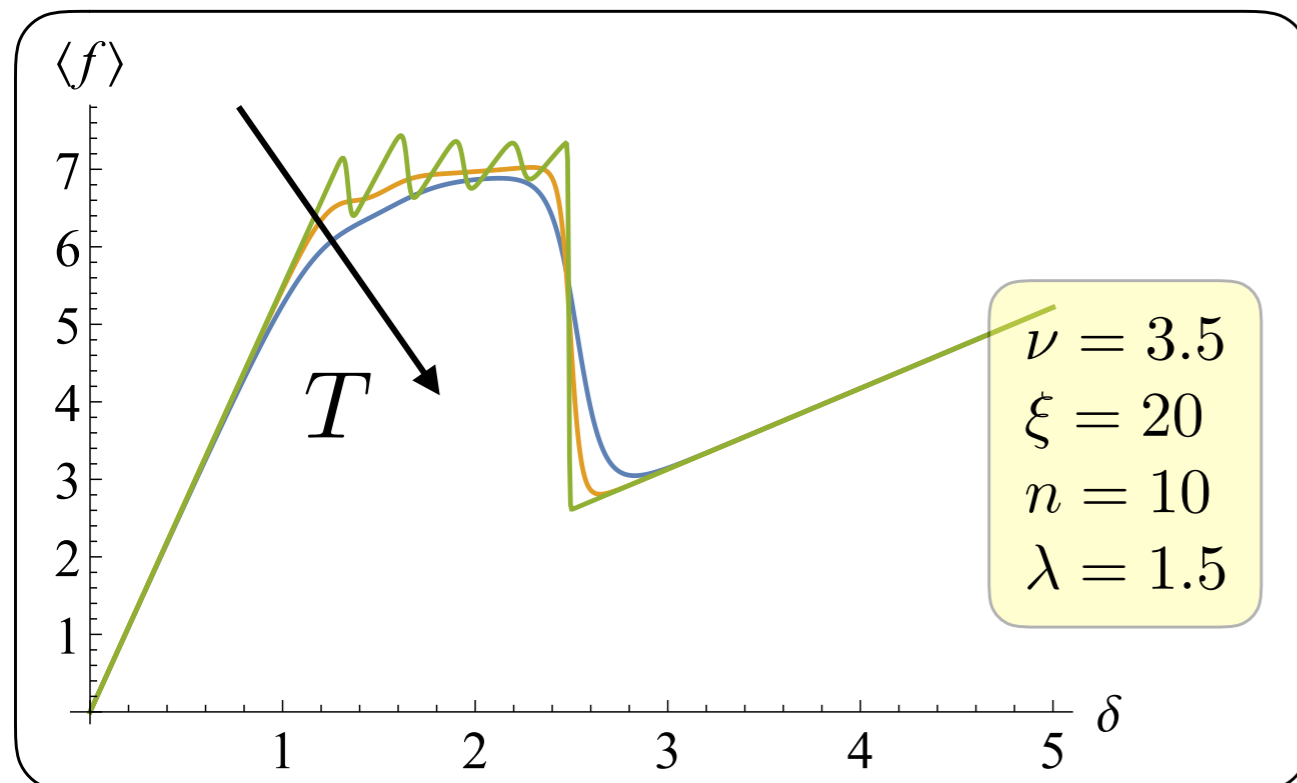
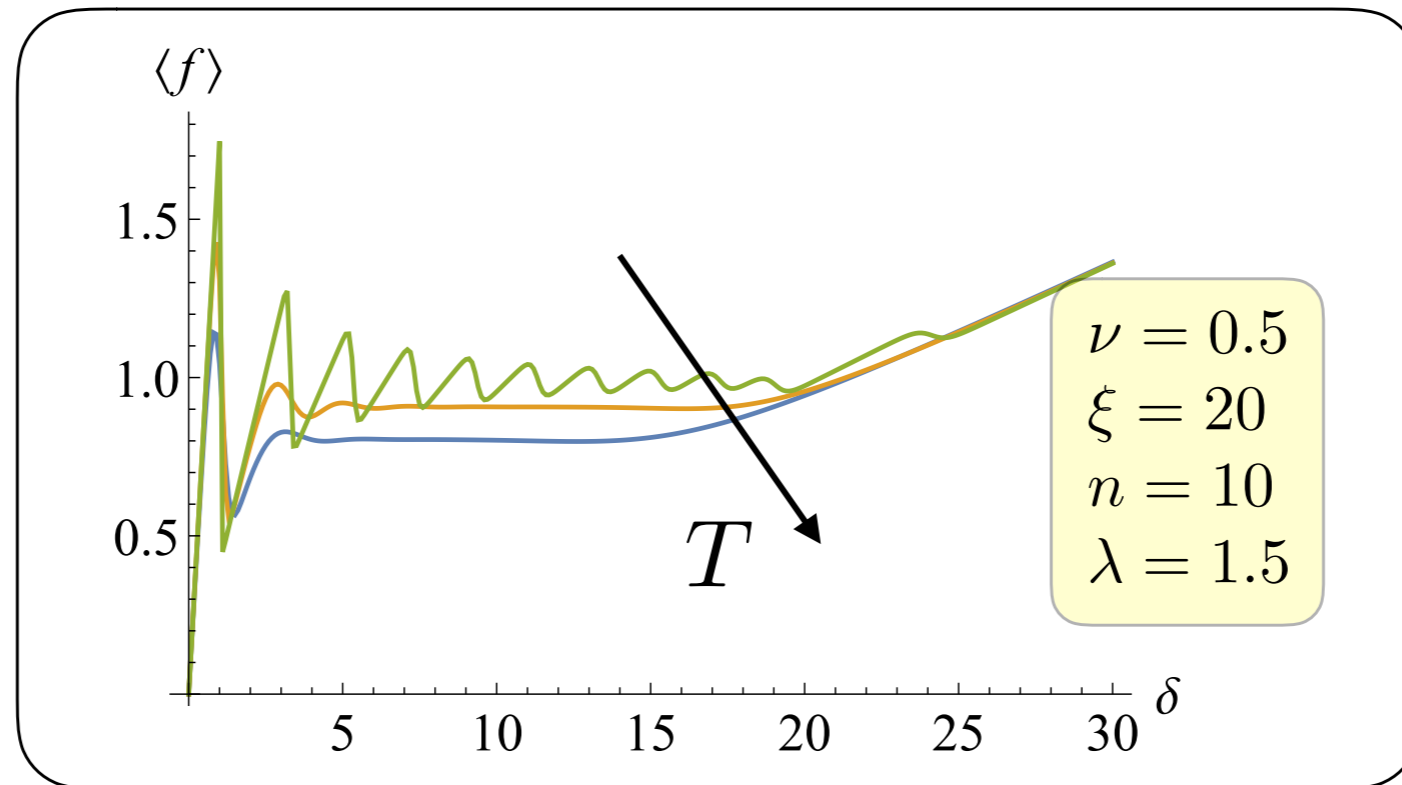
$$s = a_r a_l c - a_r \left(\nu^4 (B^l)_{1n}^{-1} \right)^2 - a_l \left(\nu^4 (B^r)_{1n}^{-1} \right)^2$$

$$c = \xi + \lambda(1 - \chi_a) + \nu^2 \left(2 - \nu^2 (B^l)_{nn}^{-1} - \nu^2 (B^r)_{nn}^{-1} \right)$$

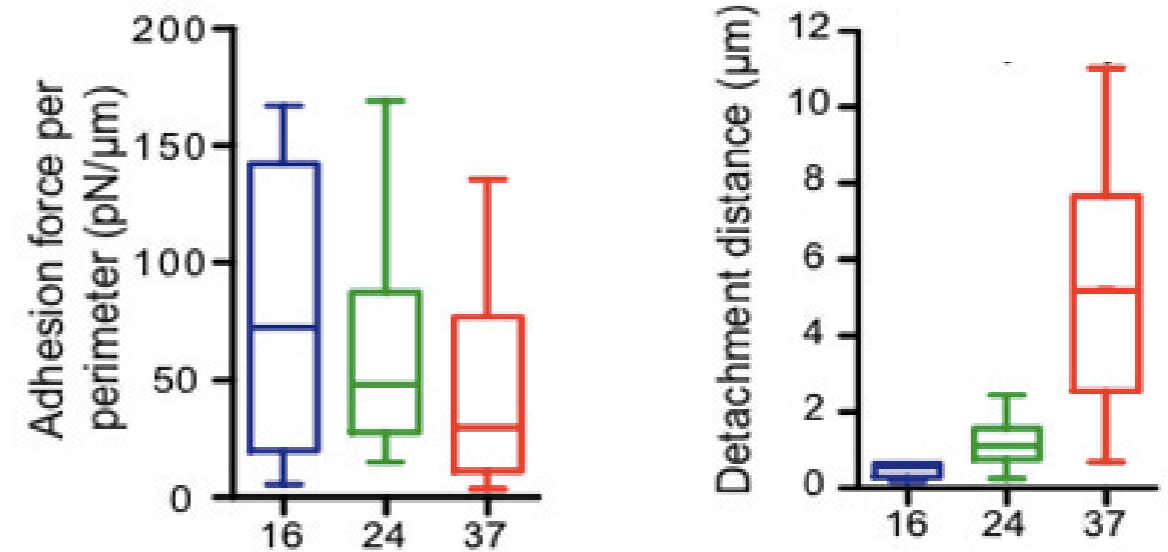
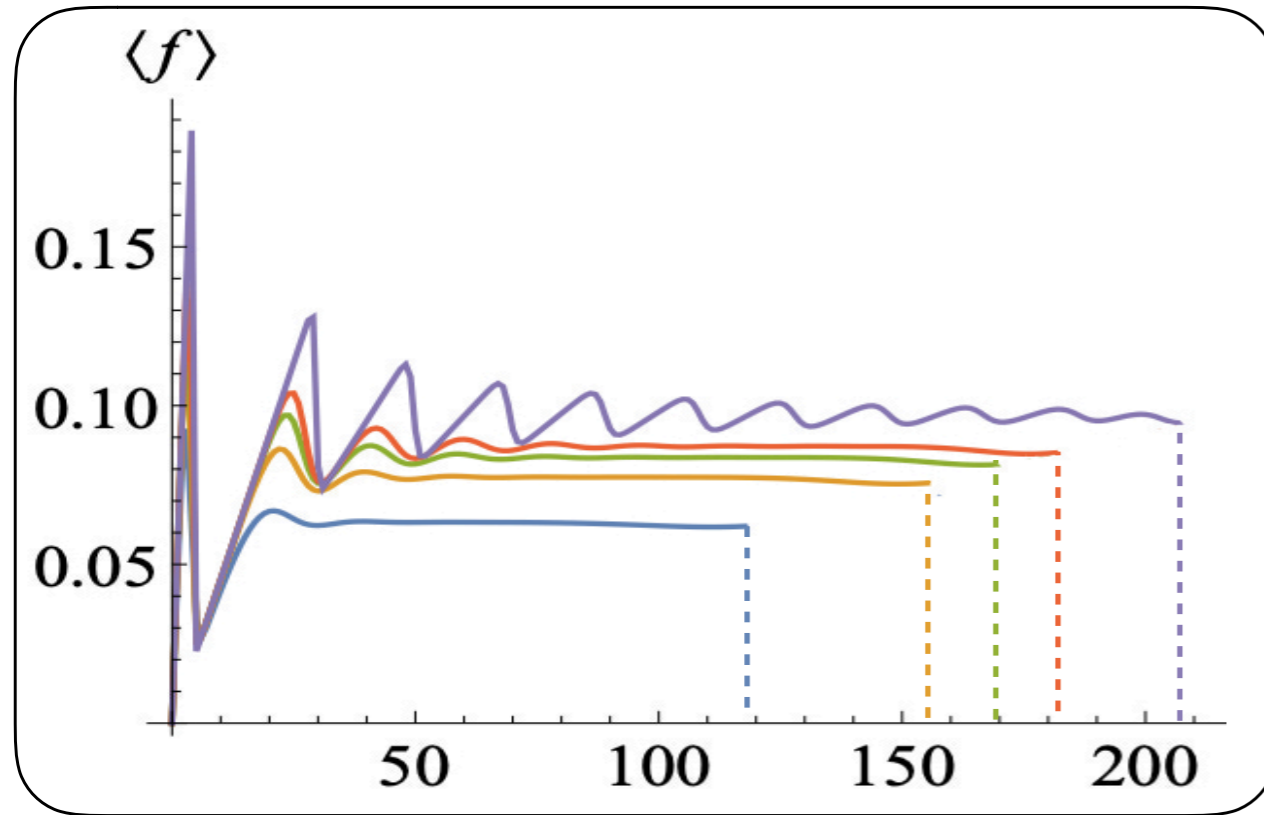
Average Force vs δ

$$\langle f \rangle = \delta \frac{\sum_{\chi} \xi \left(1 - \xi \frac{a_l a_r}{s} \right) \Gamma_{\chi}(\tilde{\beta}, \delta)}{\sum_{\chi} \Gamma_{\chi}(\tilde{\beta}, \delta)}$$

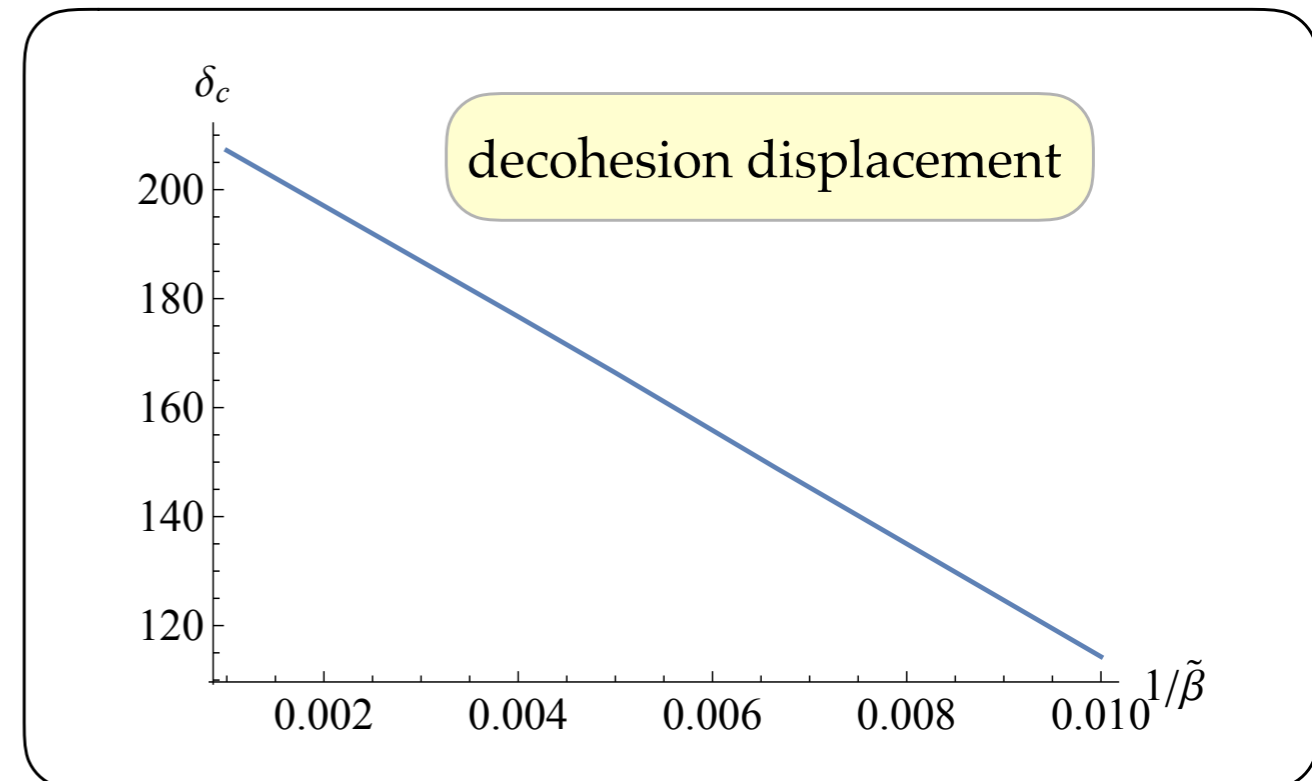
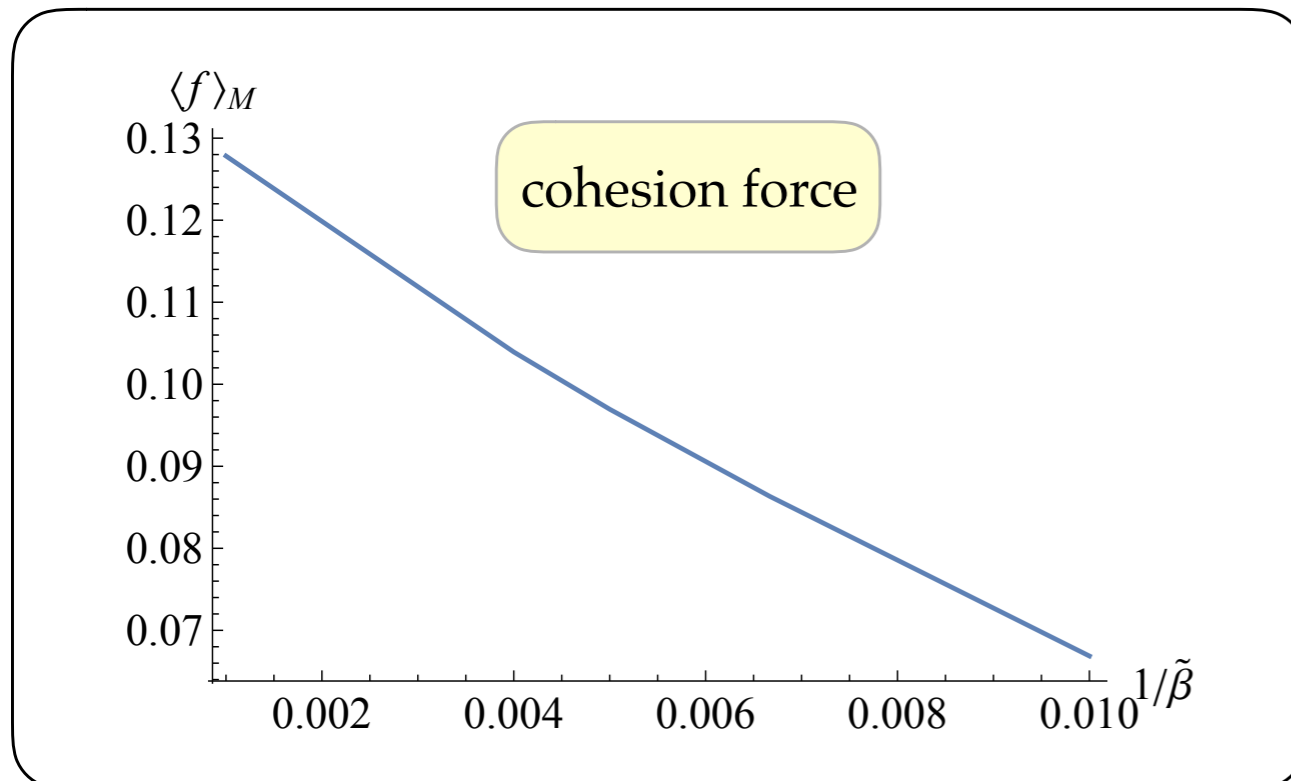
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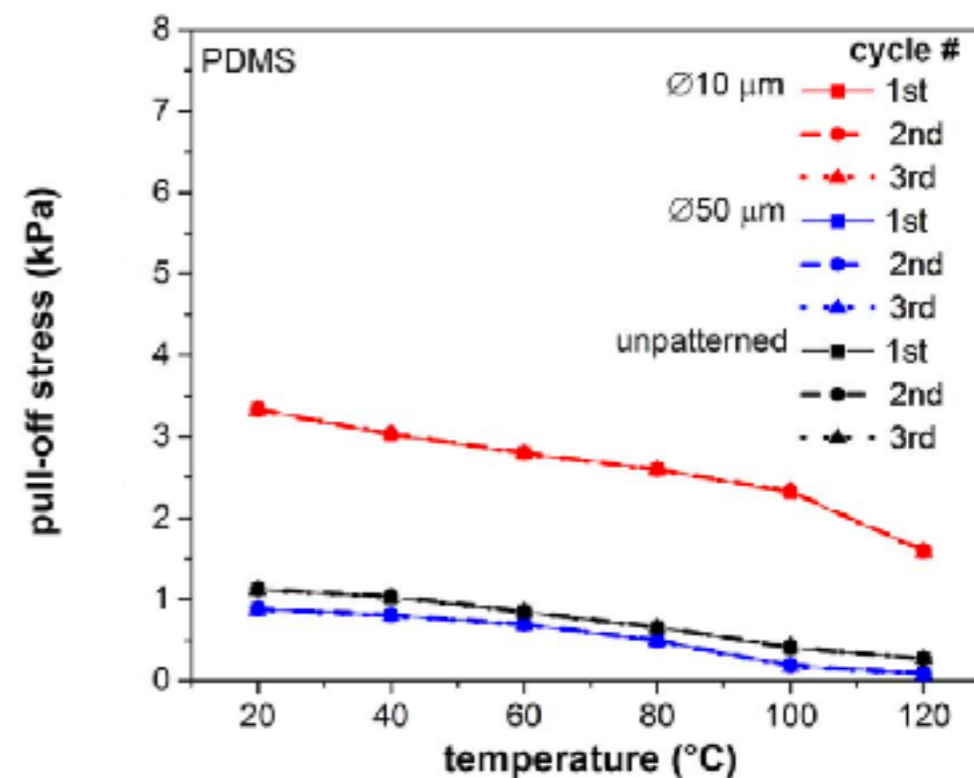
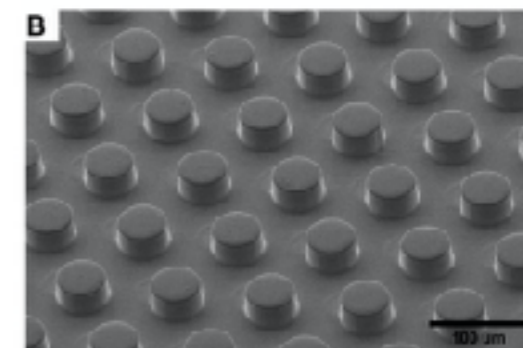
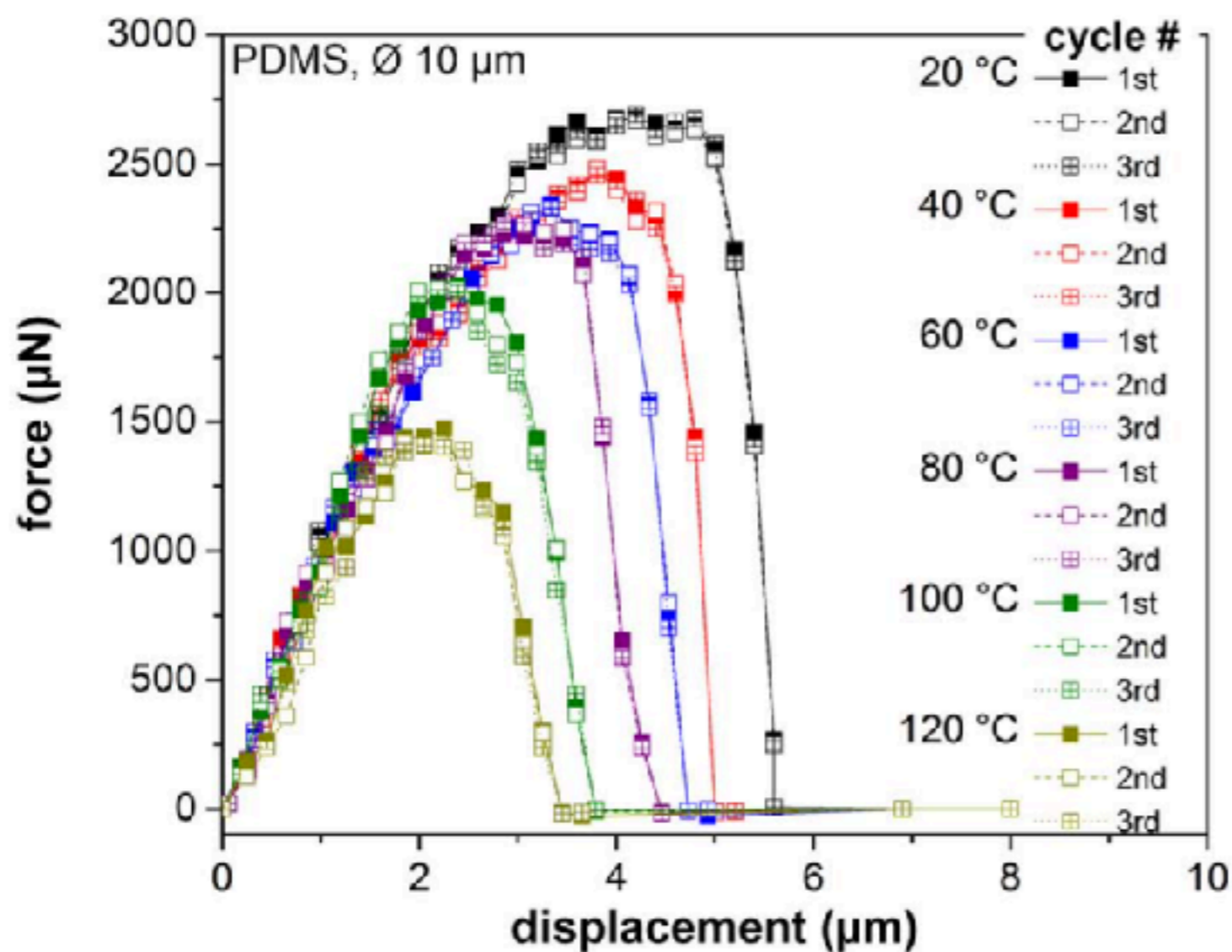
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Extensions / on going works



- rate effects
- DNA denaturation
- multiscale modeling, cerebral damage
- multiwells energy: partial unfolding, dislocations, phase transitions
- non local interactions
- ...

Thank you for your attentions
