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Recent progress in fluctuation theorems and free energy recovery

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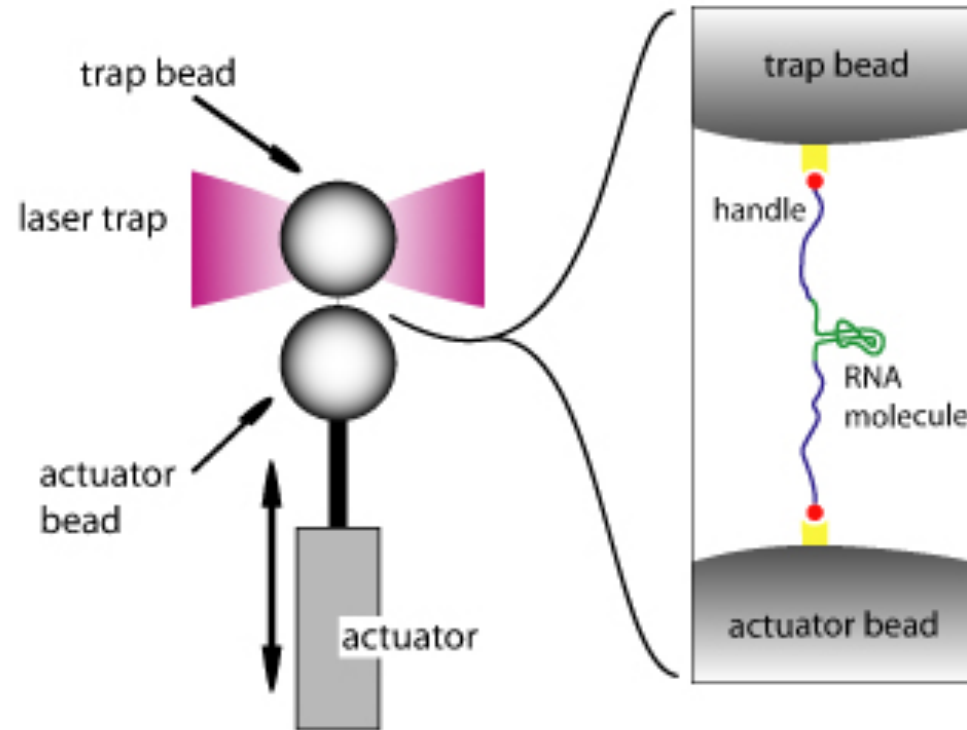
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Nonequilibrium transient states

Initially in equilibrium but driven out of equilibrium by externally controlled forces



The Nonequilibrium Thermodynamics of Small Systems

The interactions of tiny objects with their environments are dominated by thermal fluctuations. Guided by theory and assisted by new micromanipulation tools, scientists have begun to study such interactions in detail.

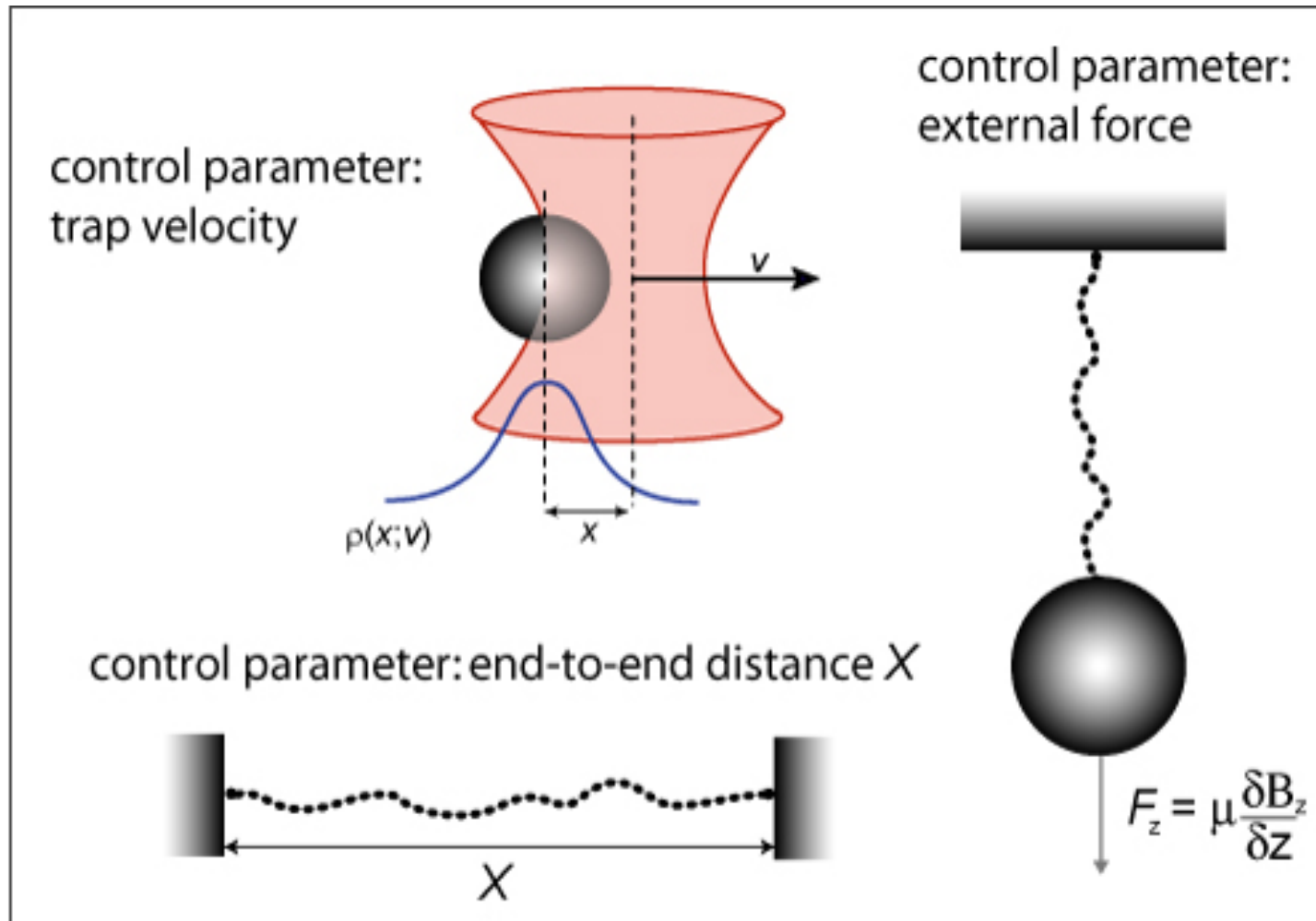


Main concepts

- **Configuration**
- **Path Γ** : sequence of configurations
- **Control parameter** $\lambda(t) \equiv \{ \lambda_0, \lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_k, \dots, \lambda_M \}$
 - It fully specifies the nonequilibrium experiment
 - In small systems the equation of state depends on which quantity is the control parameter
 - The system can reach thermal equilibrium for a fixed value of the control parameter

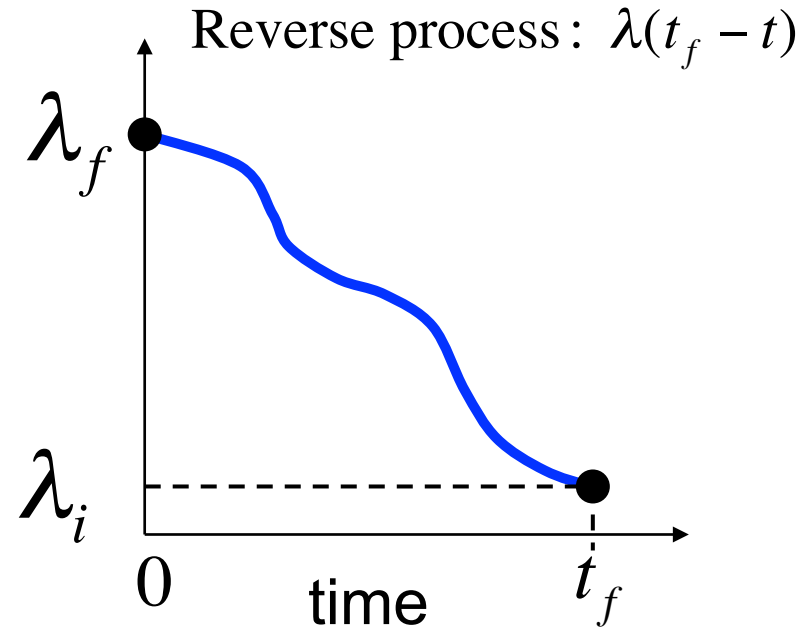
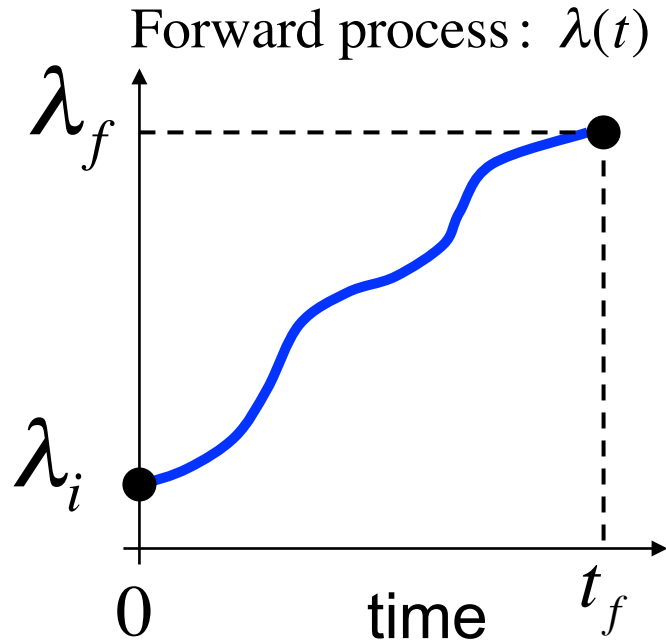


Control parameter



Crooks fluctuation relation

(G. E. Crooks, PRE 1998)



Crooks relation

G. E. Crooks, Phys. Rev. E. **60**, 2721 (1999)

$$\frac{P_F(W)}{P_R(-W)} = \exp\left(\frac{W_{dis}}{k_B T}\right) = \exp\left(\frac{W - \Delta G}{k_B T}\right)$$

For the bead in the trap: $\Delta G = 0$ and $P_F(W) = P_R(W)$



FREE ENERGY RECOVERY

A) The Jarzynski equality

G. Hummer and A. Szabo, PNAS **98**, 3658 (2001)

$$\Delta F = -k_B T \log \left\langle \exp \left(-\frac{W}{k_B T} \right) \right\rangle_F$$

For a finite number of experiments the JE is biased

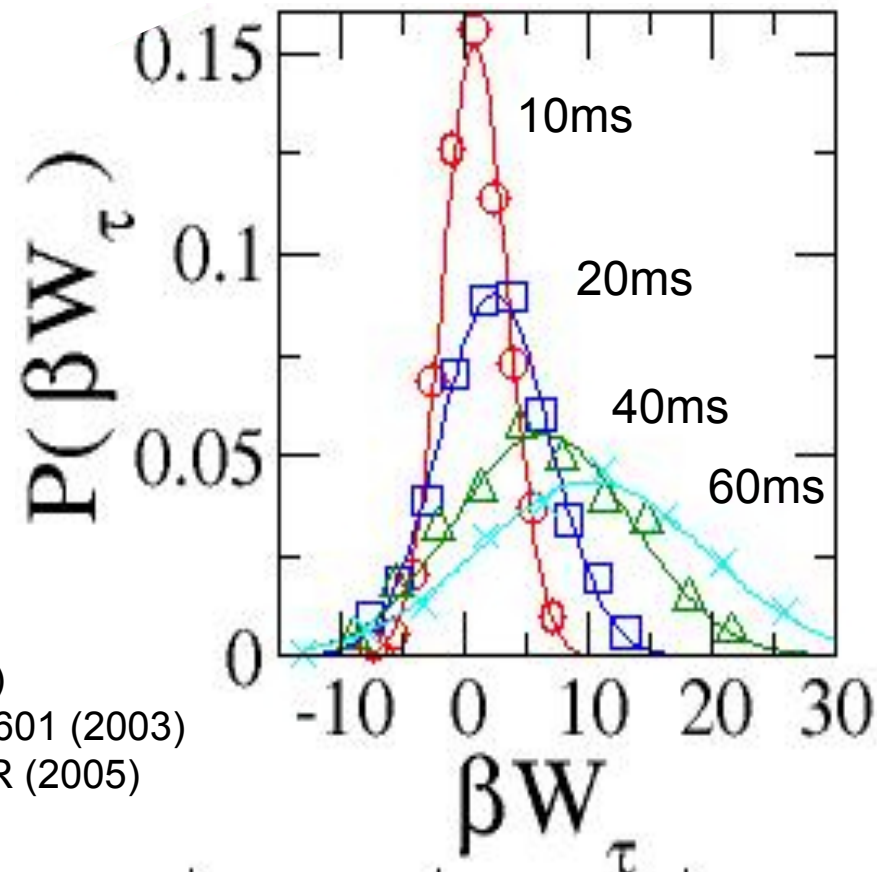
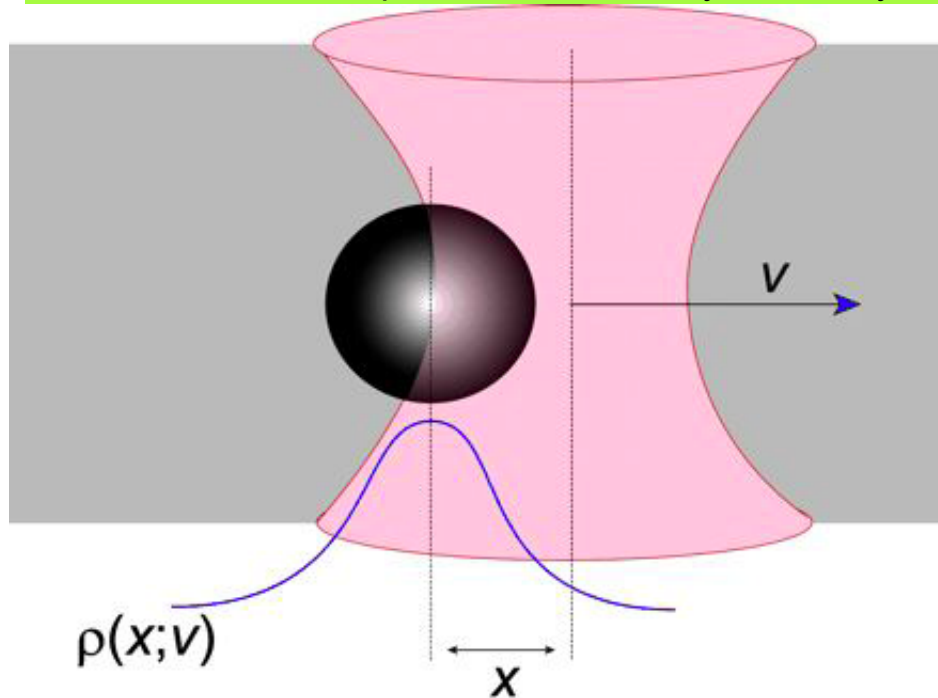
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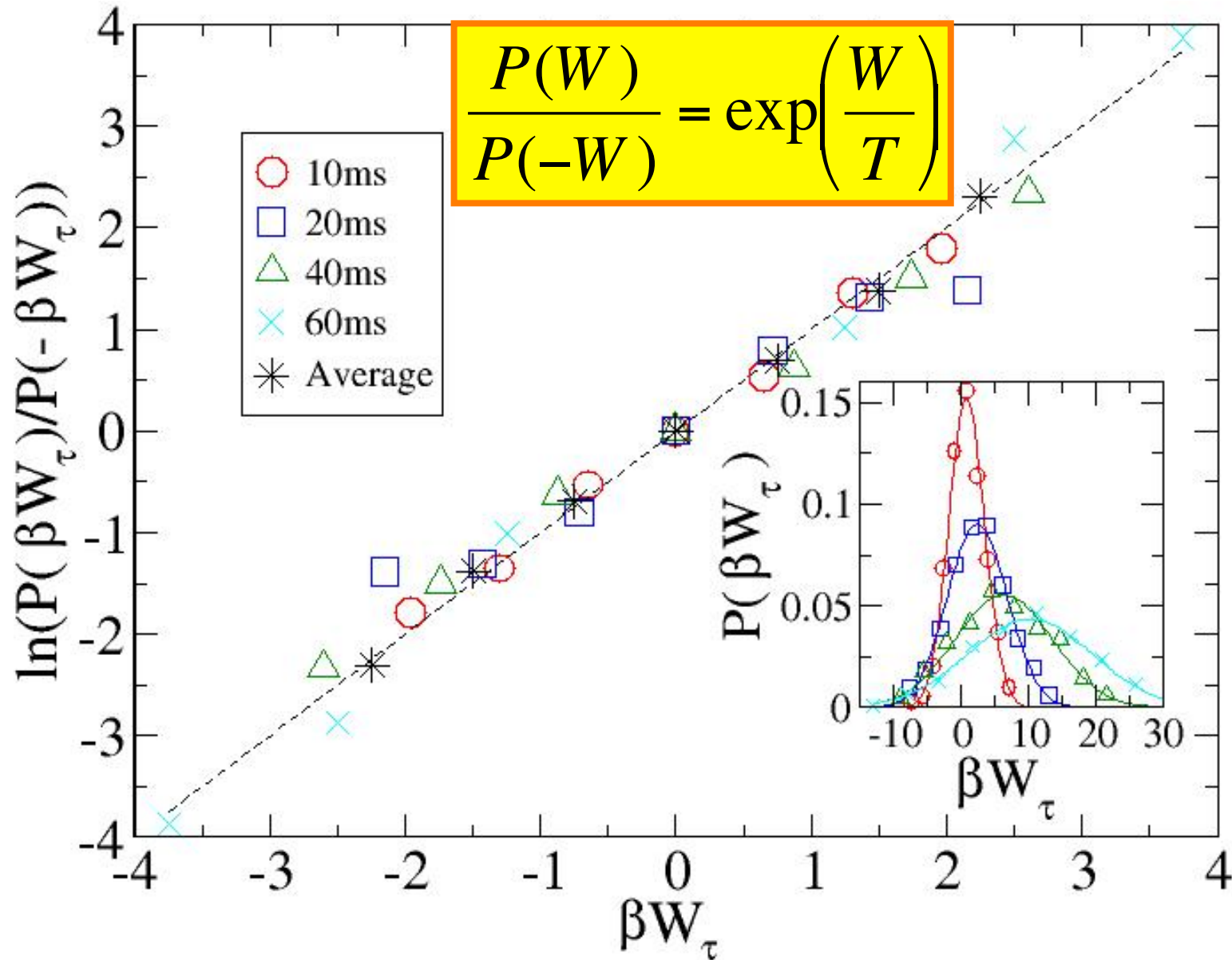
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★ Transient fluctuation relation





B) Bidirectional methods

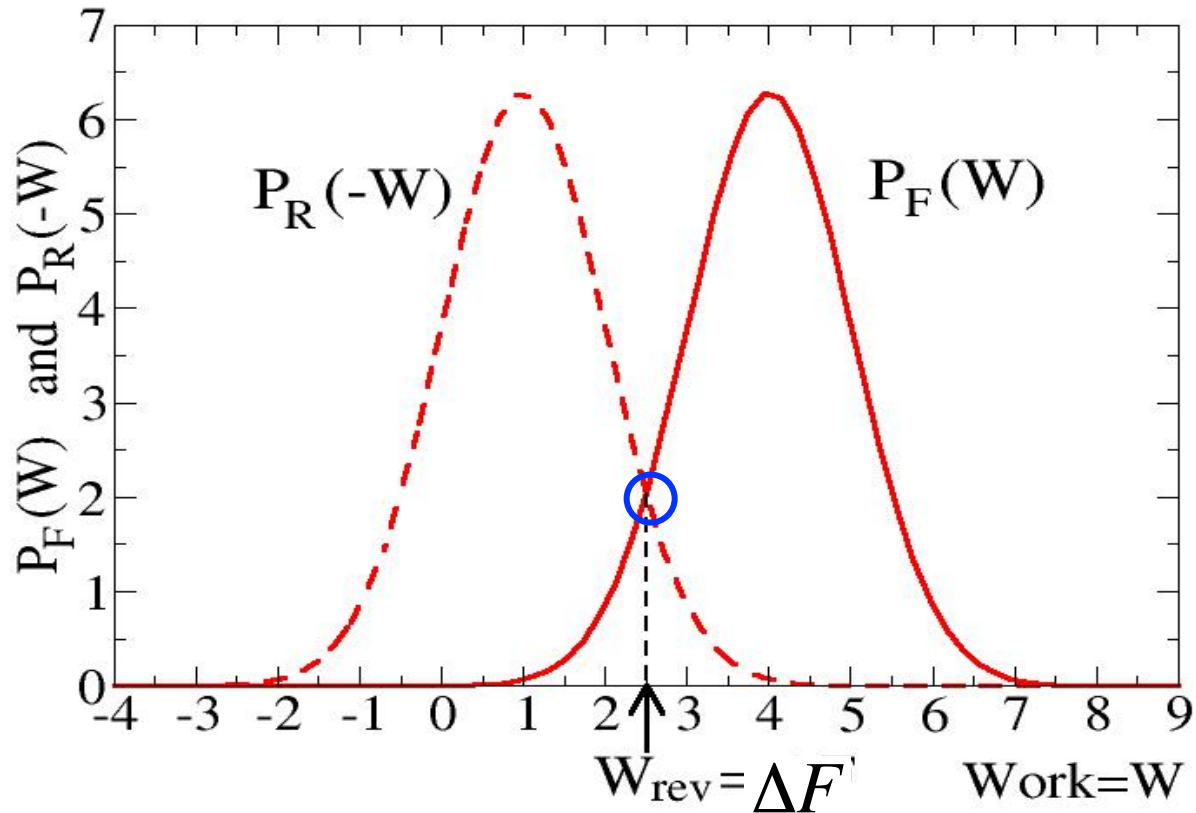
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Less biased than the JE

$$\text{For } W = \Delta F \Rightarrow P_F(W) = P_R(-W)$$

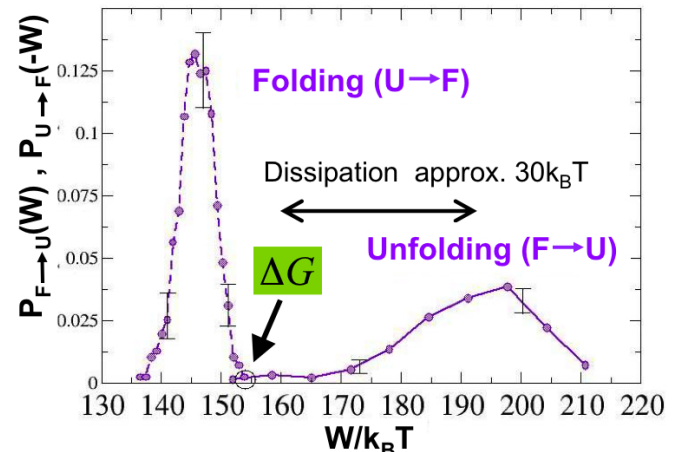
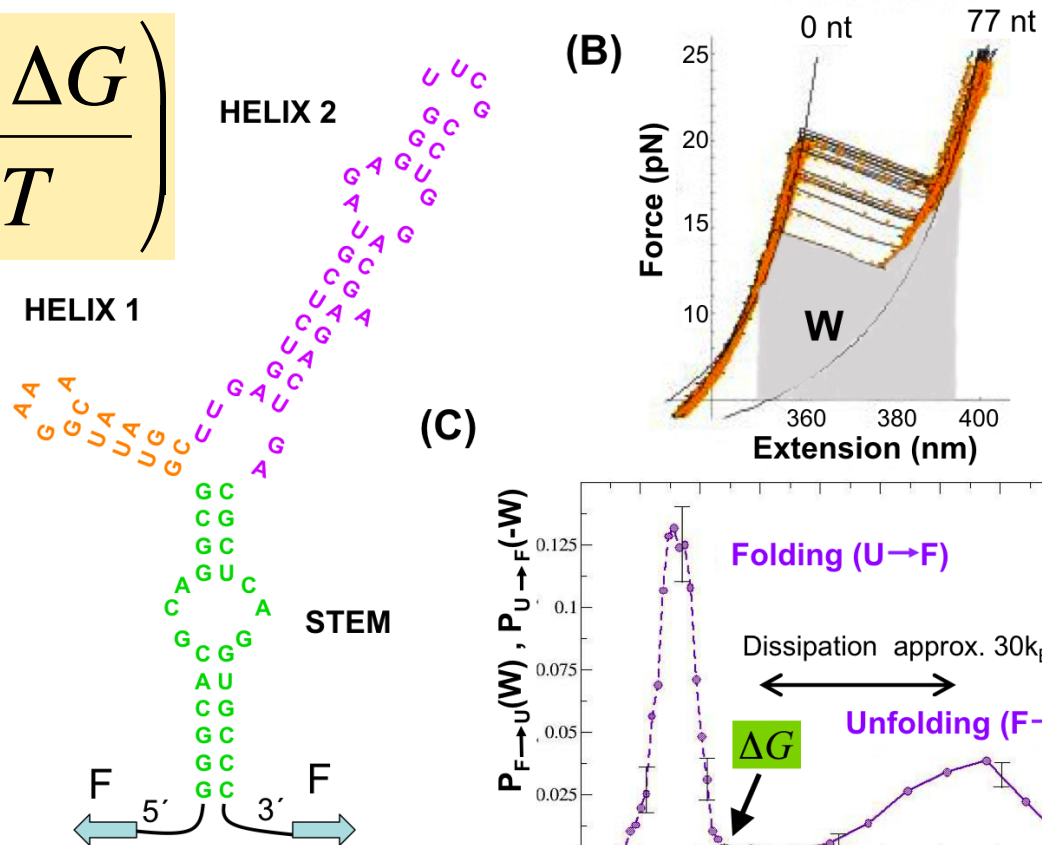


LETTERS

Verification of the Crooks fluctuation theorem and recovery of RNA folding free energies

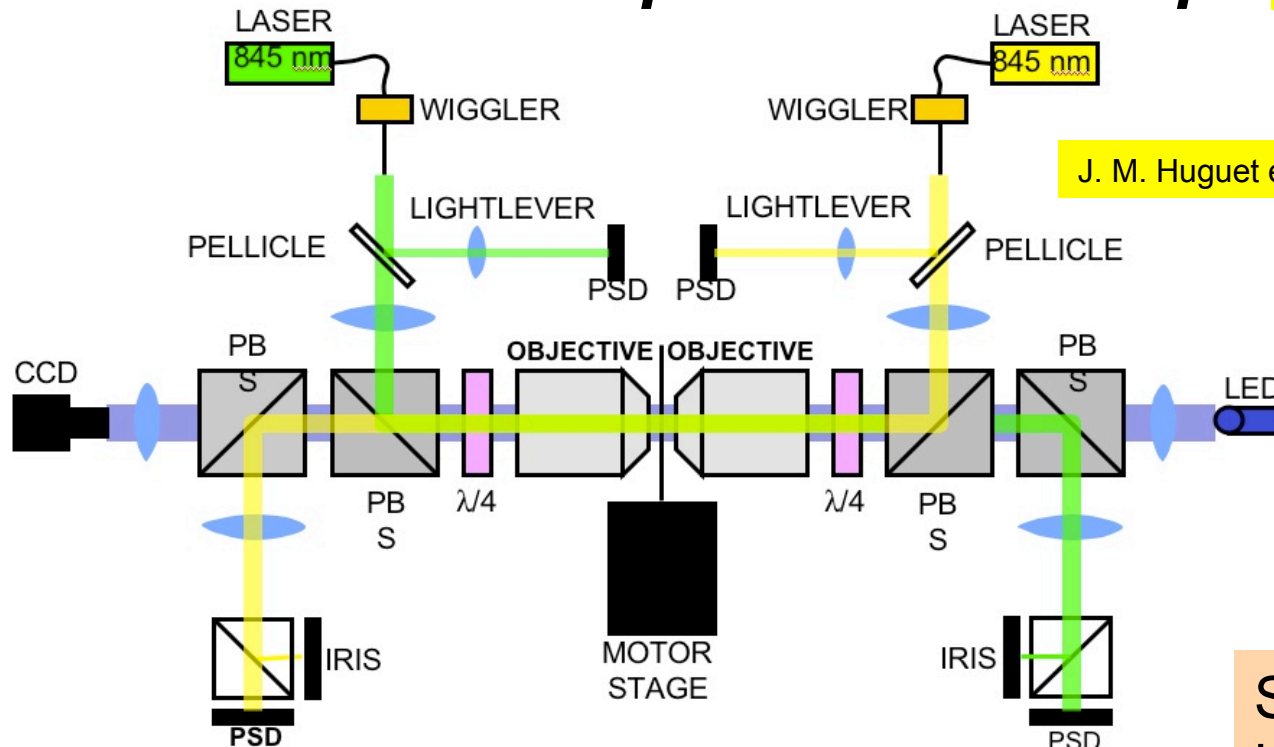
D. Collin^{1*}, F. Ritort^{2*}, C. Jarzynski³, S. B. Smith⁴, I. Tinoco Jr⁵ & C. Bustamante^{4,6}

$$\frac{P_U(W)}{P_R(-W)} = \exp\left(\frac{W - \Delta G}{k_B T}\right)$$



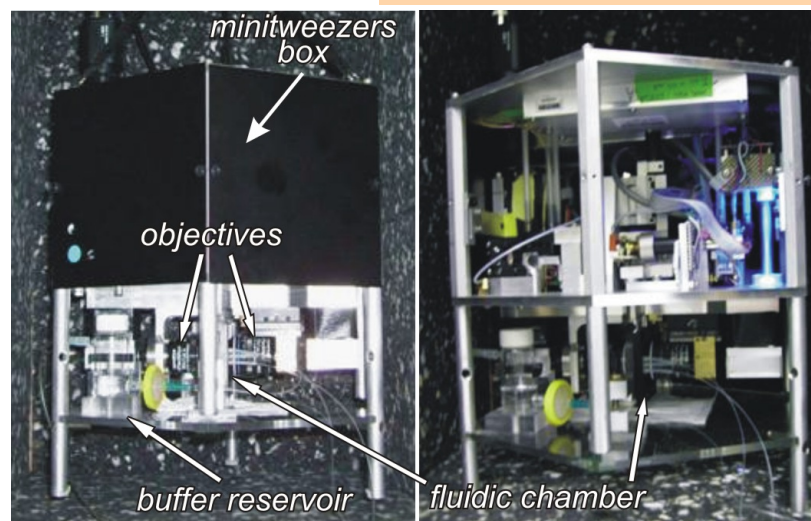
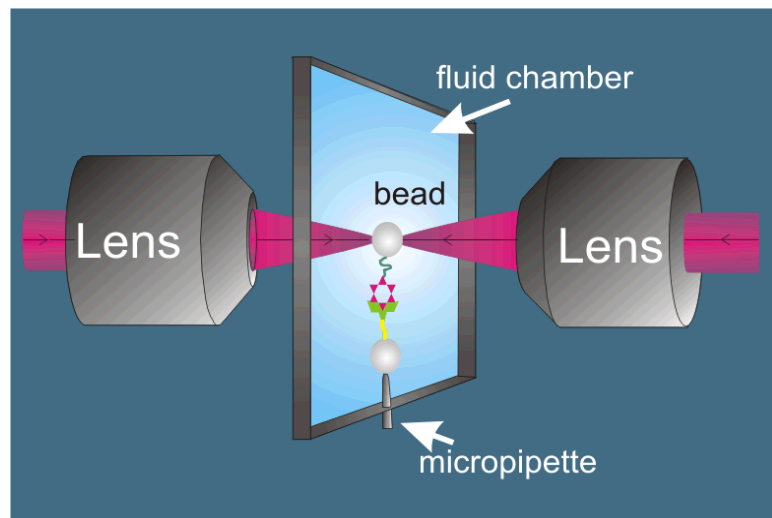
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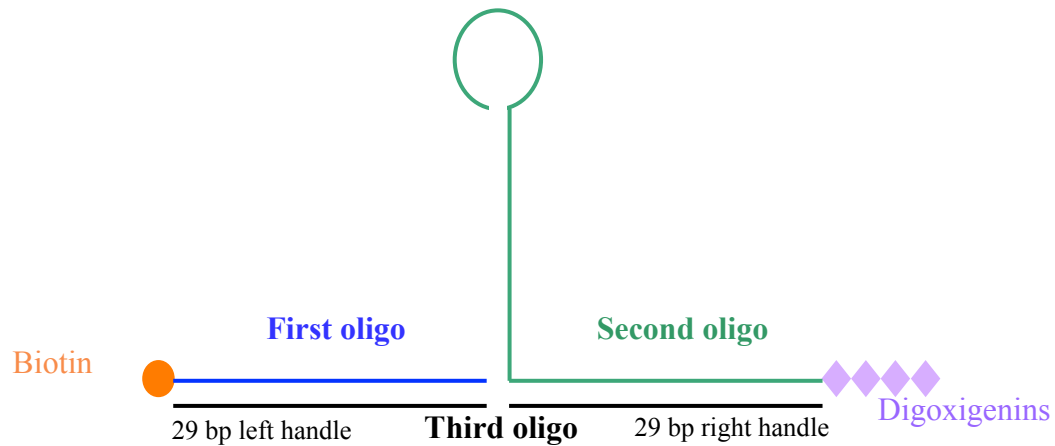


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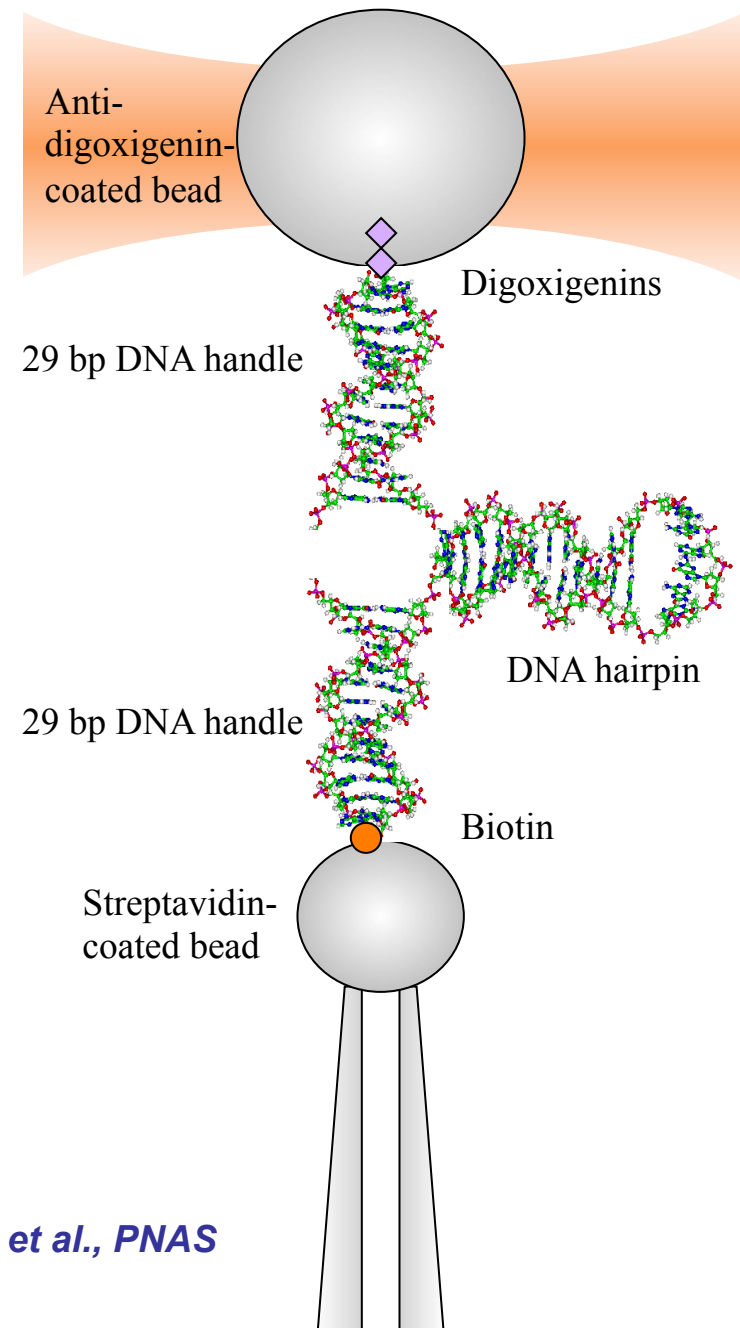
THE WORLD'S SHORTEST HANDLES



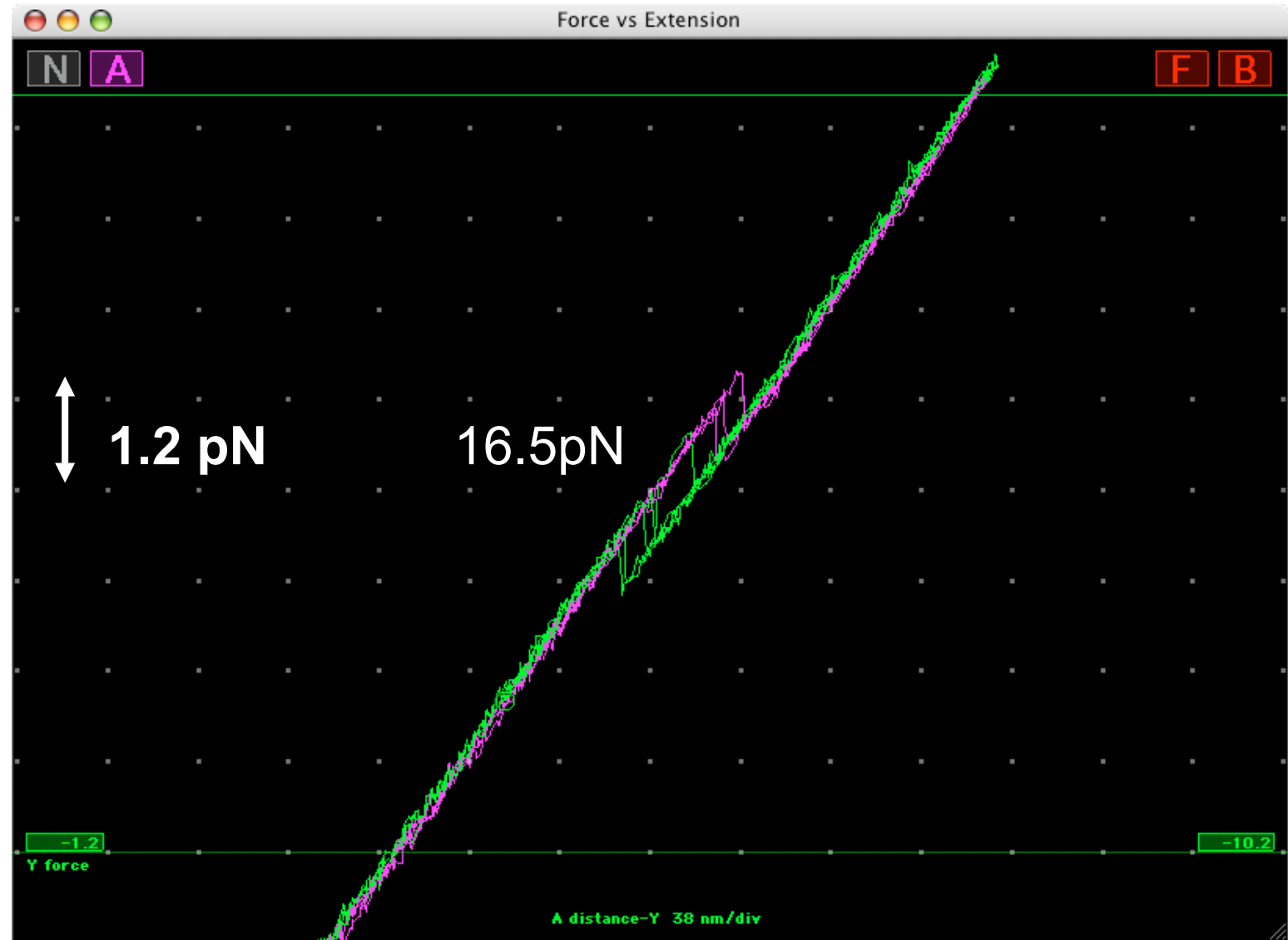
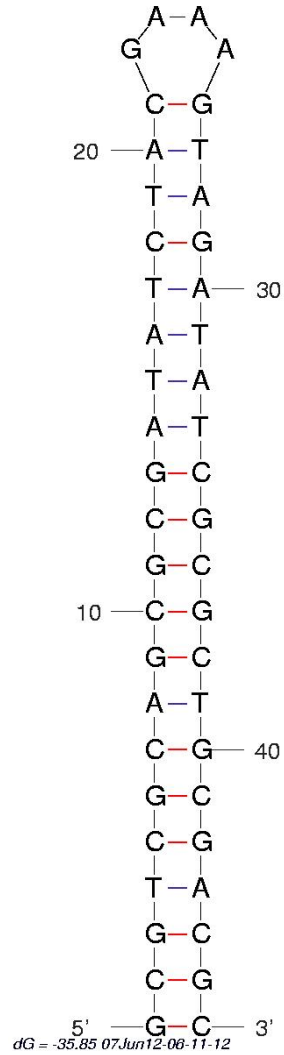
N. Forns et al., Biophys. J (vol. 100, issue 7, April 2011)

hairpin	
1st oligo	AGTTAGTGGTGGAAACACAGTGCCAGCGC CGAGCCATAAT
2nd oligo	CTCATCTGGAAACAGATGAGATTATGGCTCGCA GTTAGTGGTGGAAACACAGTGCCAGCGC
3rd oligo	
GCGCTGGCACTGTGTTCCACCACTAACT	

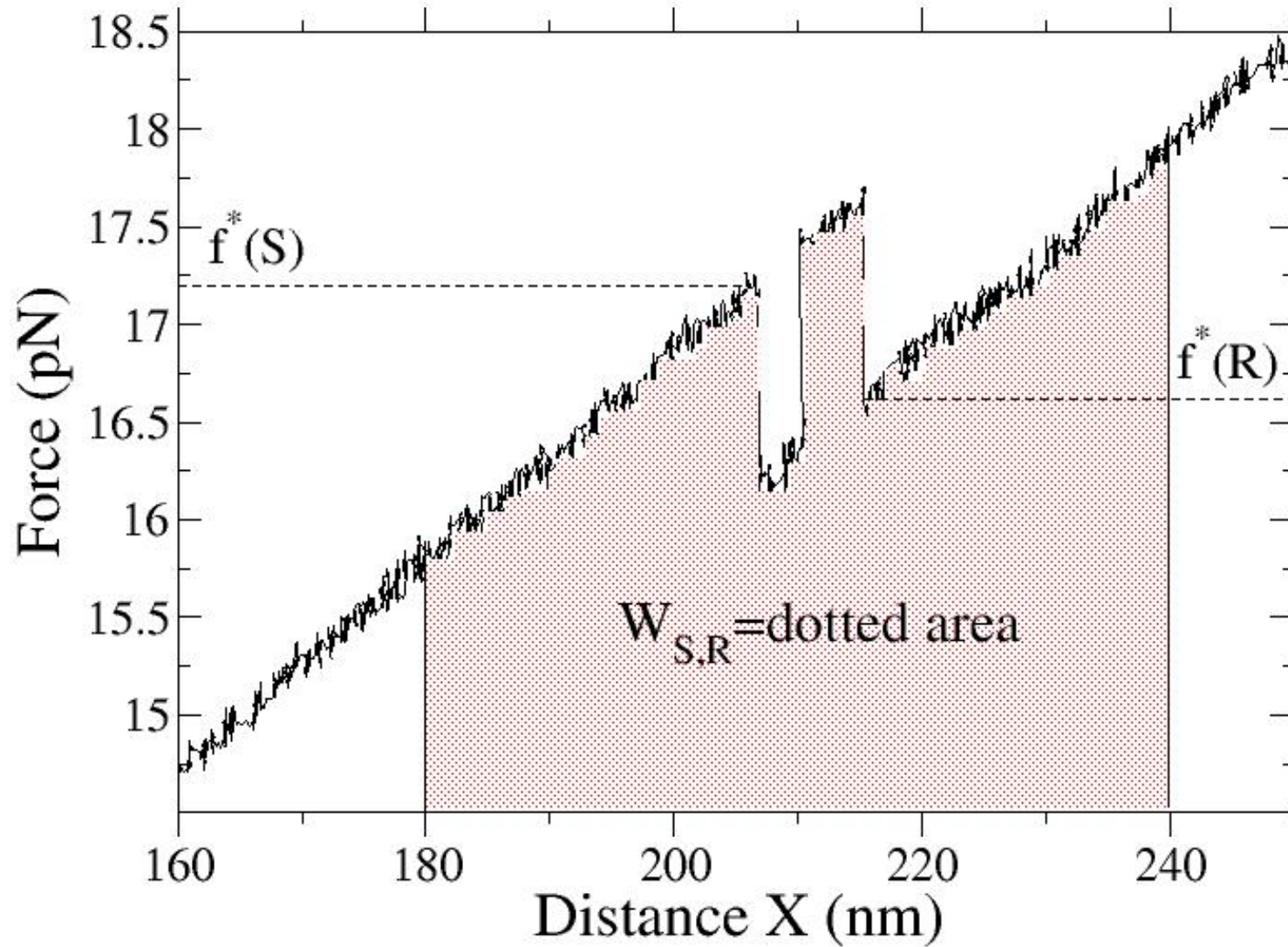
✓ Experiments similar to those carried out by M. Woodside et al., PNAS vol. 103, 6190-6195 (2006)



Pulling experiments



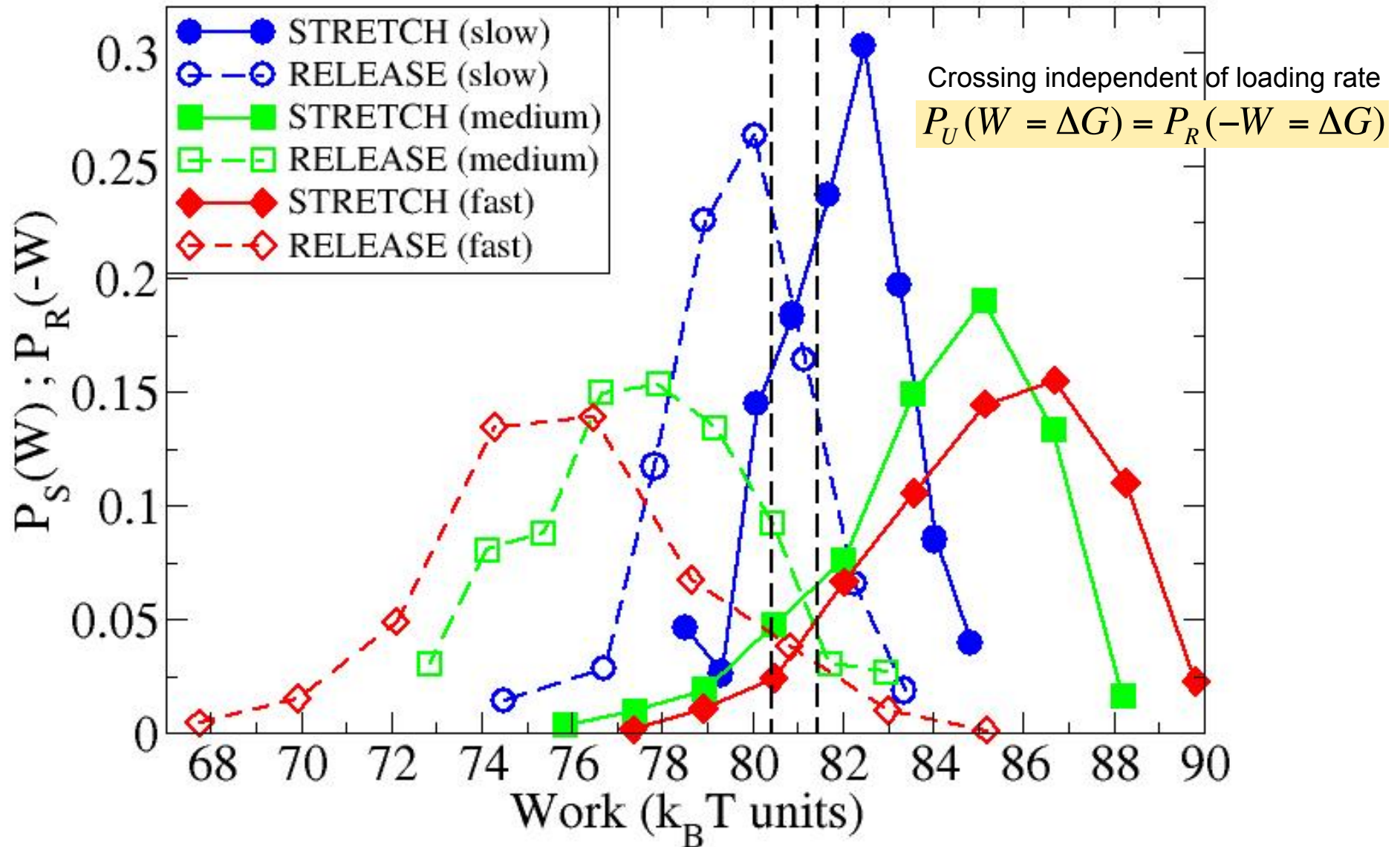
Mechanical work



Control parameter: trap-pipette distance X

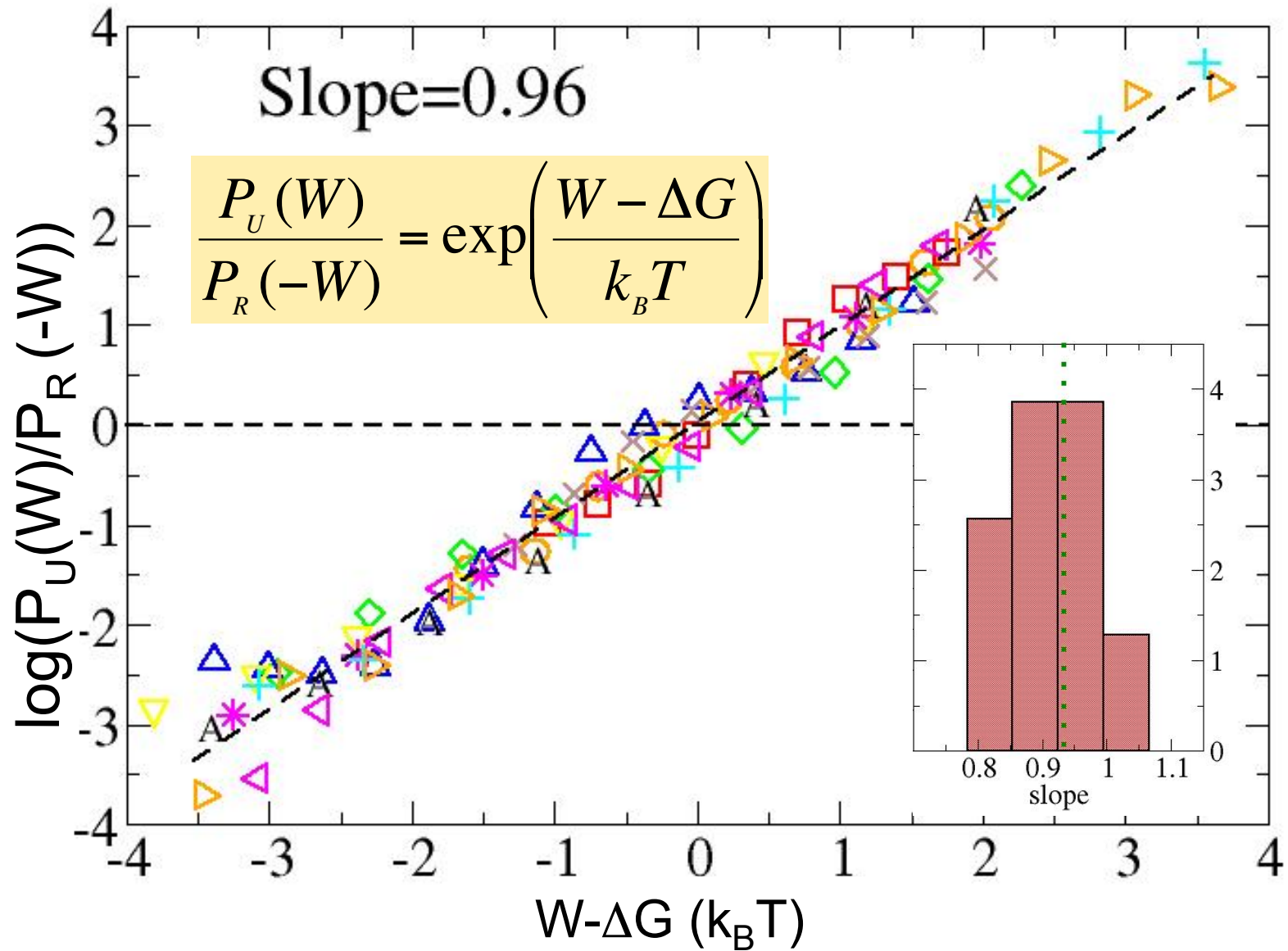
Work distributions (1 , 5 , 15 pN/s)

A. Mossa, M. Manosas, N. Forns, J. M. Huguet, F. R., JSTAT, P02060 (2009)



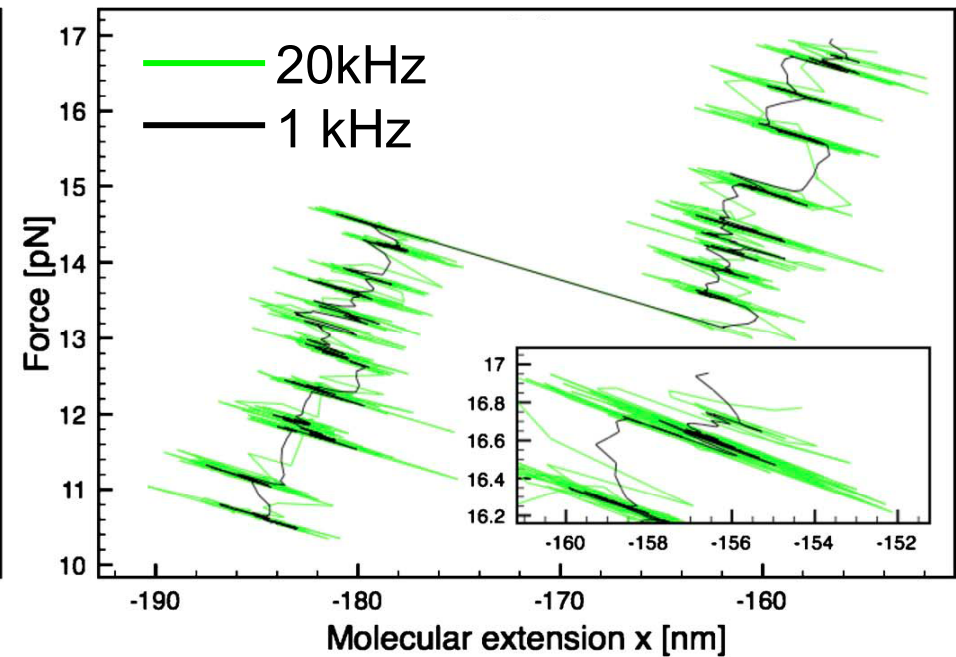
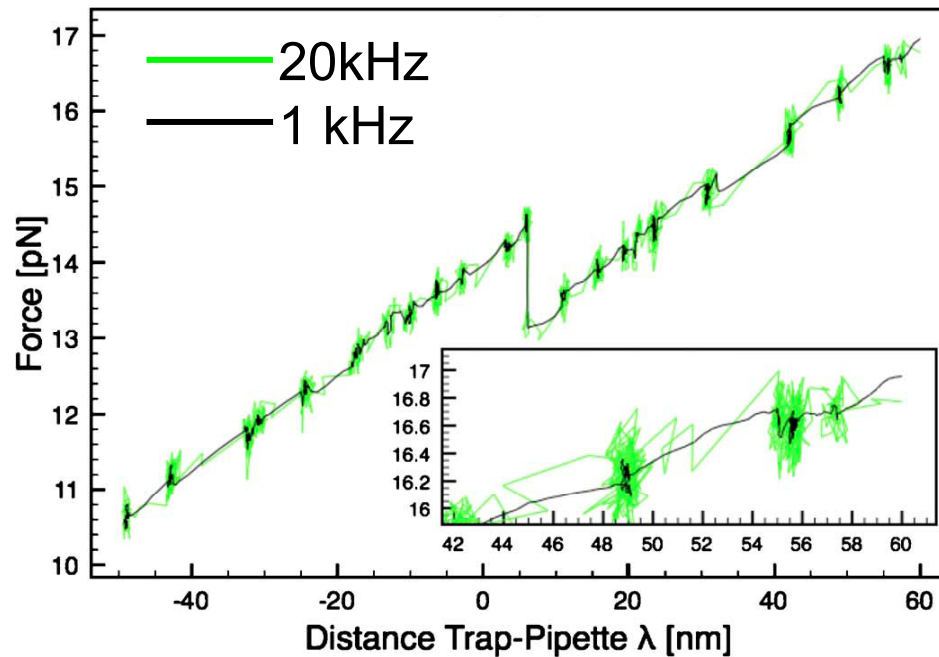
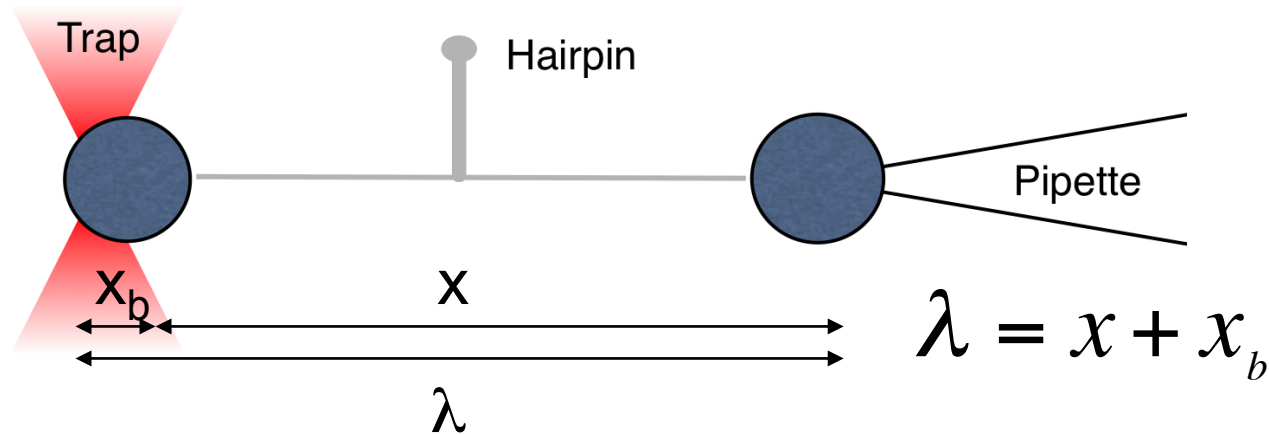
EXPERIMENTAL TEST

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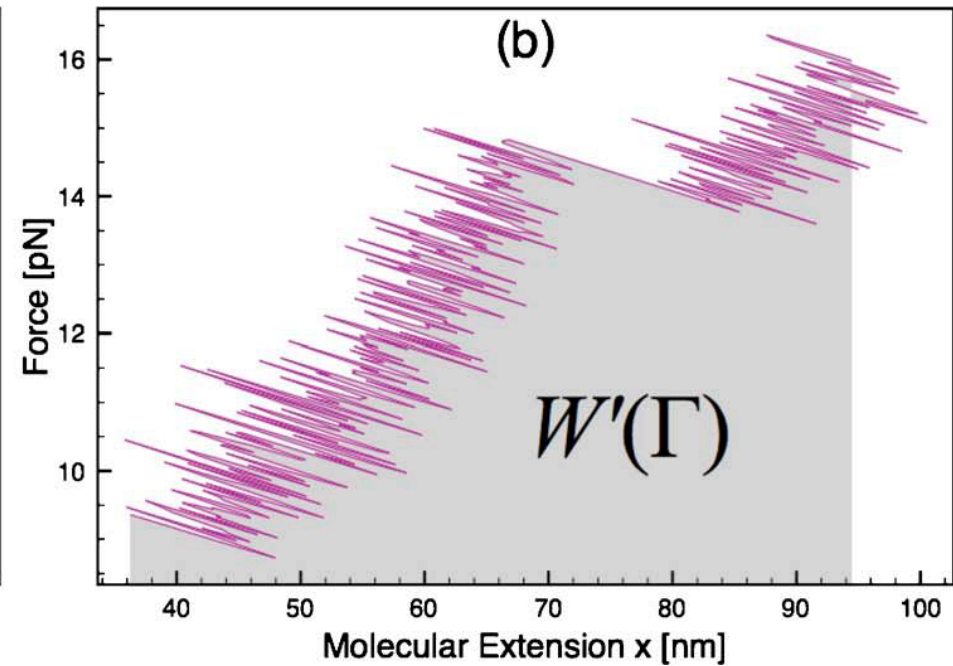
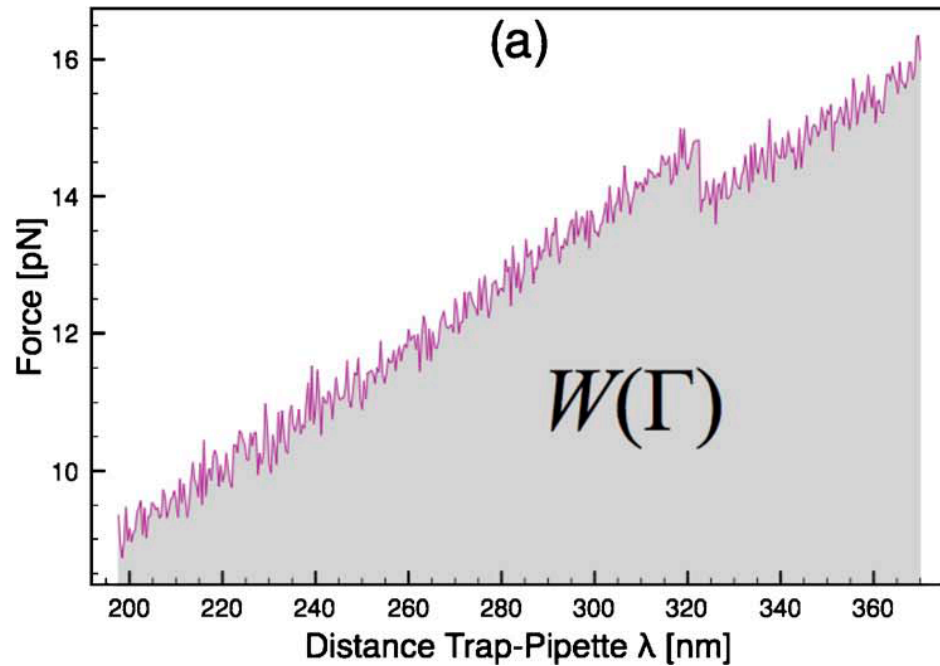


★ On the definition of mechanical work

A. Mossa, S. de Lorenzo, J. M. Huguet, F. R., J. Chem. Phys. **130**, 234116 (2009)



Are both descriptions equivalent?



$$W = \int F(x, \lambda) d\lambda$$

$$W' = \int F(x, \lambda) dx$$

✓ G. Hummer and A. Szabo, *PNAS* vol. 98, 3658 (2001); J. M. Schurr and B. S. Fujimoto, *J. Phys. Chem. B*, vol. 107, 14007 (2003); L. Peliti, *JSTAT* 2008.



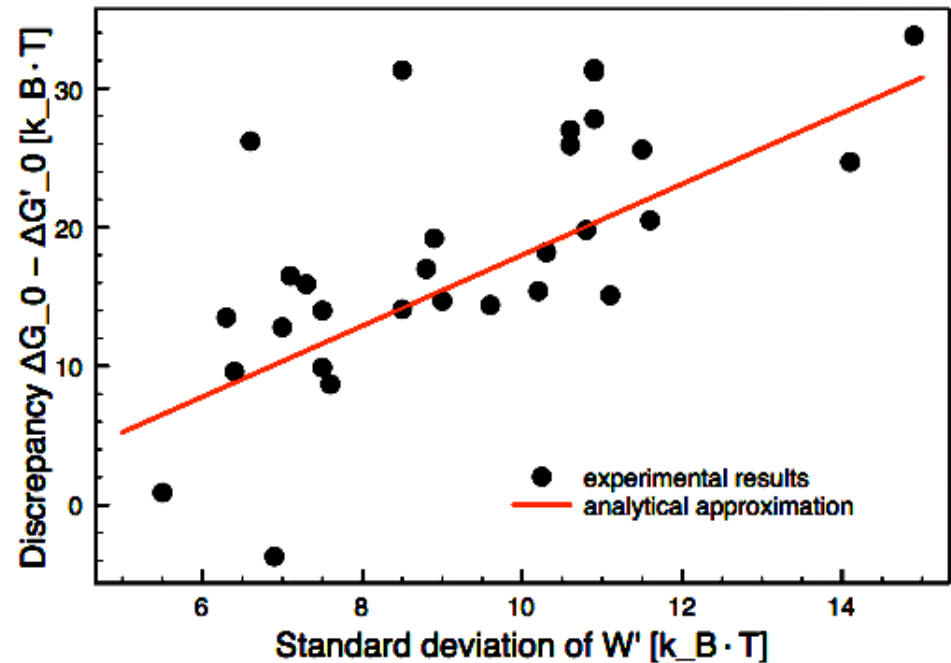
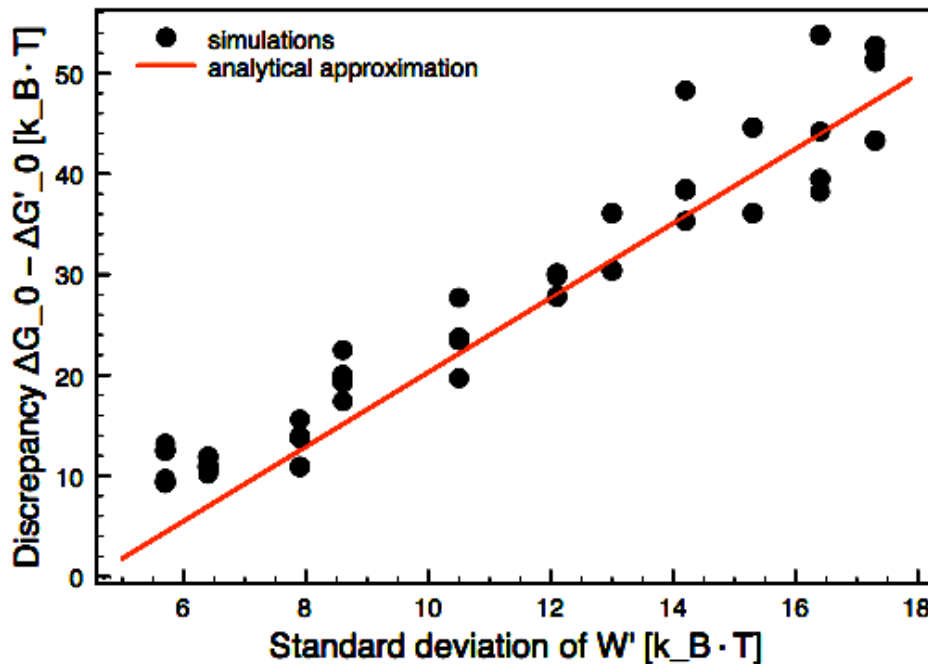
Jarzynski estimates

$$\Delta G_0 = -k_B T \log \left(\left\langle \exp \left(-\frac{W}{k_B T} \right) \right\rangle \right)$$

$$\Delta G'_0 = -k_B T \log \left(\left\langle \exp \left(-\frac{W'}{k_B T} \right) \right\rangle \right)$$

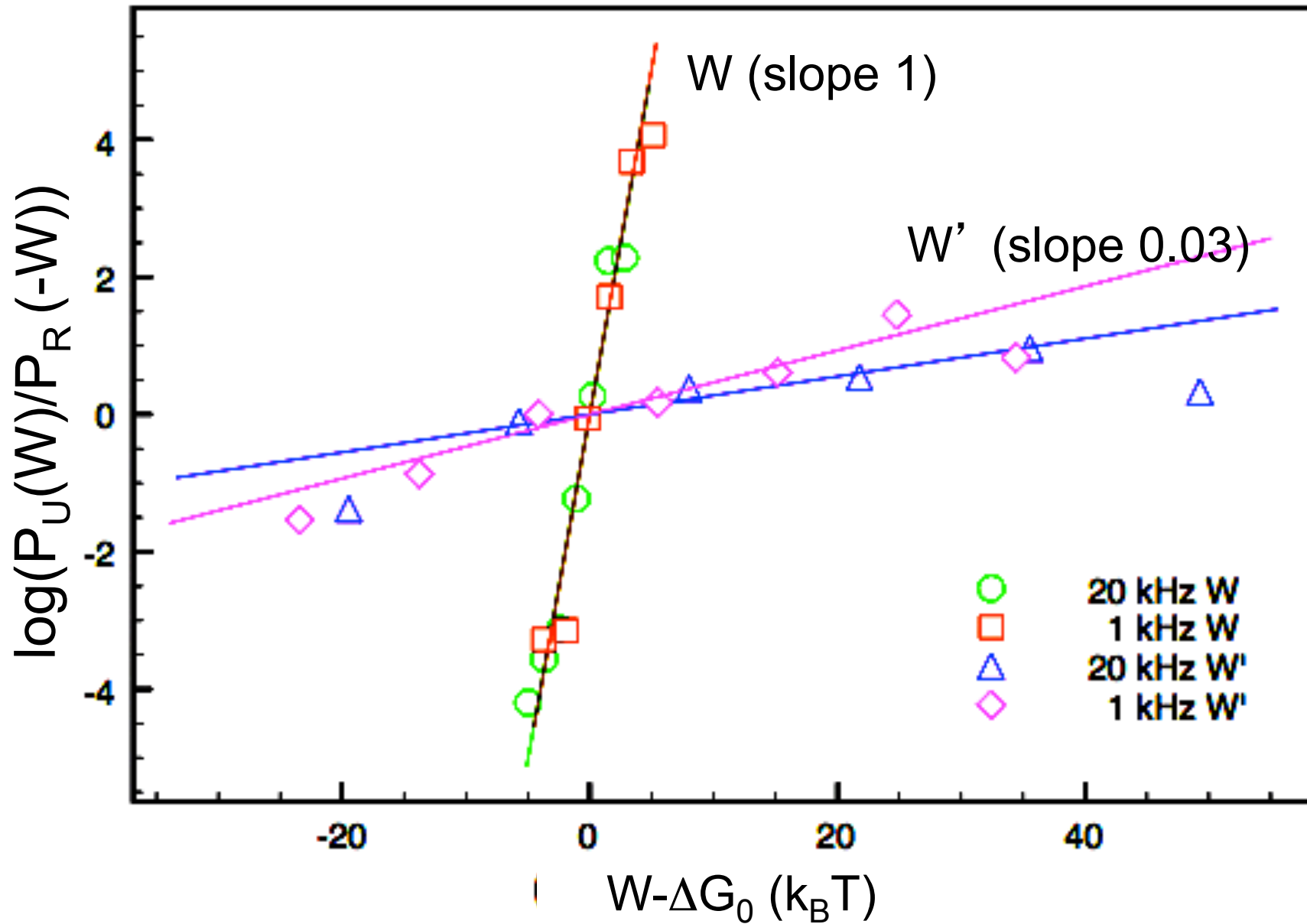
Gaussian approximation

$$W = W' + \frac{F_f^2 - F_i^2}{2k_b} \Rightarrow \Delta G_0 - \Delta G'_0 = -k_B T \log(n) - \sqrt{2} \sigma z(n)$$





Bidirectional methods



GENERALIZED FLUCTUATION RELATION

I. Junier, A. Mossa, M. Manosas and F. R., Phys. Rev. Lett. **102**, 070602 (2009)

Let S_0 stand for A,B,C,..initially at λ_0 along the forward path

Let S_1 stand for A,B,C,..initially at λ_1 along the reverse path

$$\frac{p_F^{S_0 \rightarrow S_1}}{p_R^{S_0 \leftarrow S_1}} \frac{P_F^{S_0 \rightarrow S_1}(W)}{P_R^{S_0 \leftarrow S_1}(-W)} = \exp\left[\beta(W(\Gamma) - \Delta G_{S_0, \lambda_0}^{S_1, \lambda_1})\right]$$

$p_F^{S_0 \rightarrow S_1}$ (fraction of F paths starting at S_0 and ending at S_1)

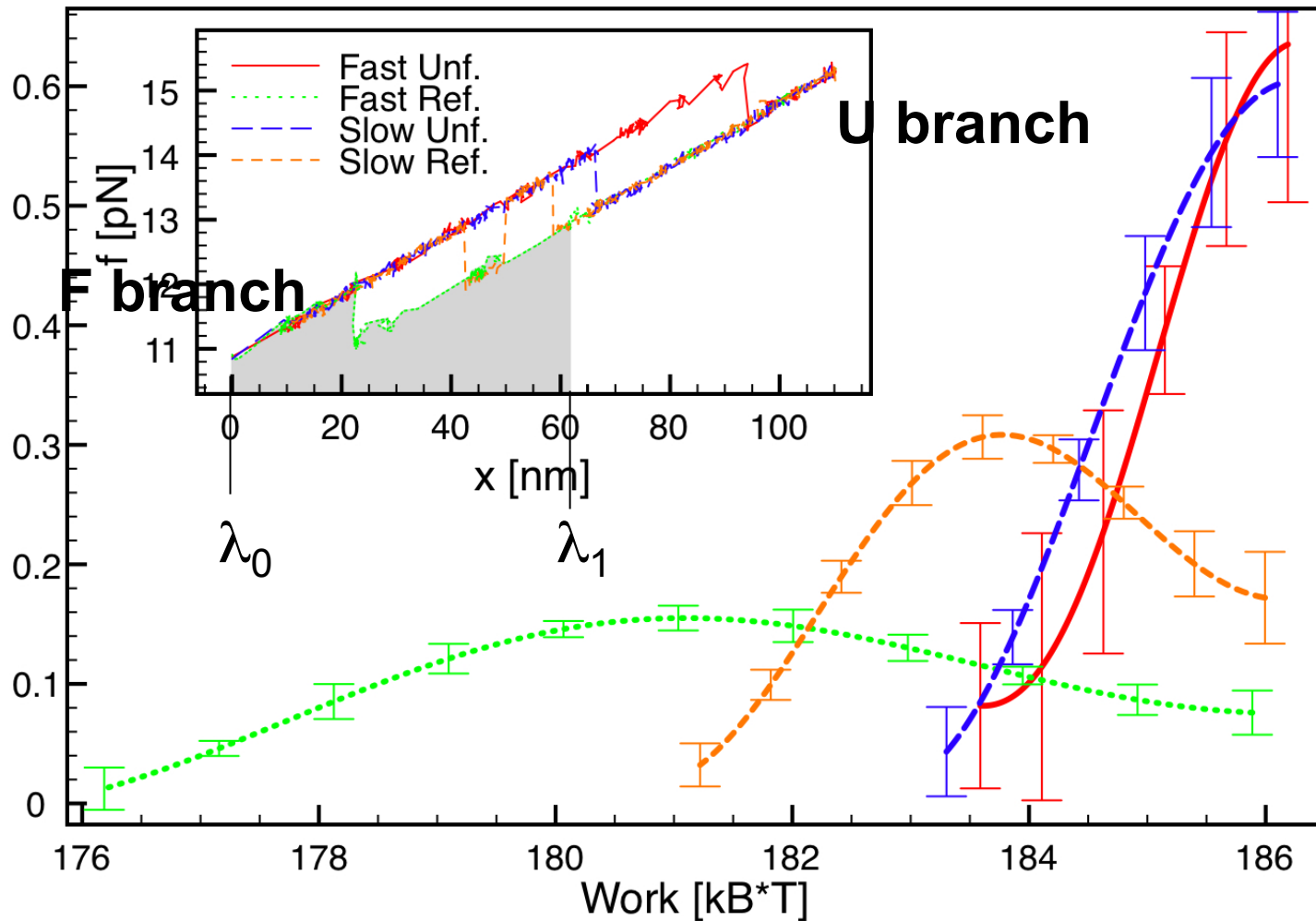
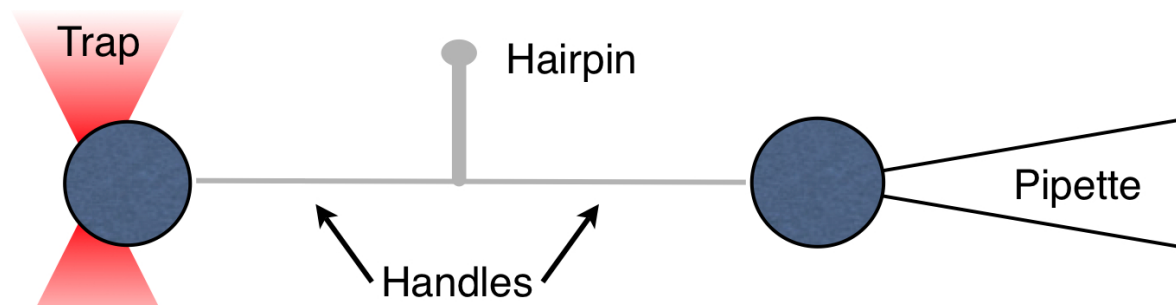
$p_R^{S_0 \leftarrow S_1}$ (fraction of R paths starting at S_1 and ending at S_0)

$\Delta G_{S_0, \lambda_0}^{S_1, \lambda_1}$ (free energy difference between substates S_0 and S_1)

A similar relation has been obtained by P. Maragakis et al., J. Phys. Chem. B, vol. 112, 6168 (2008).



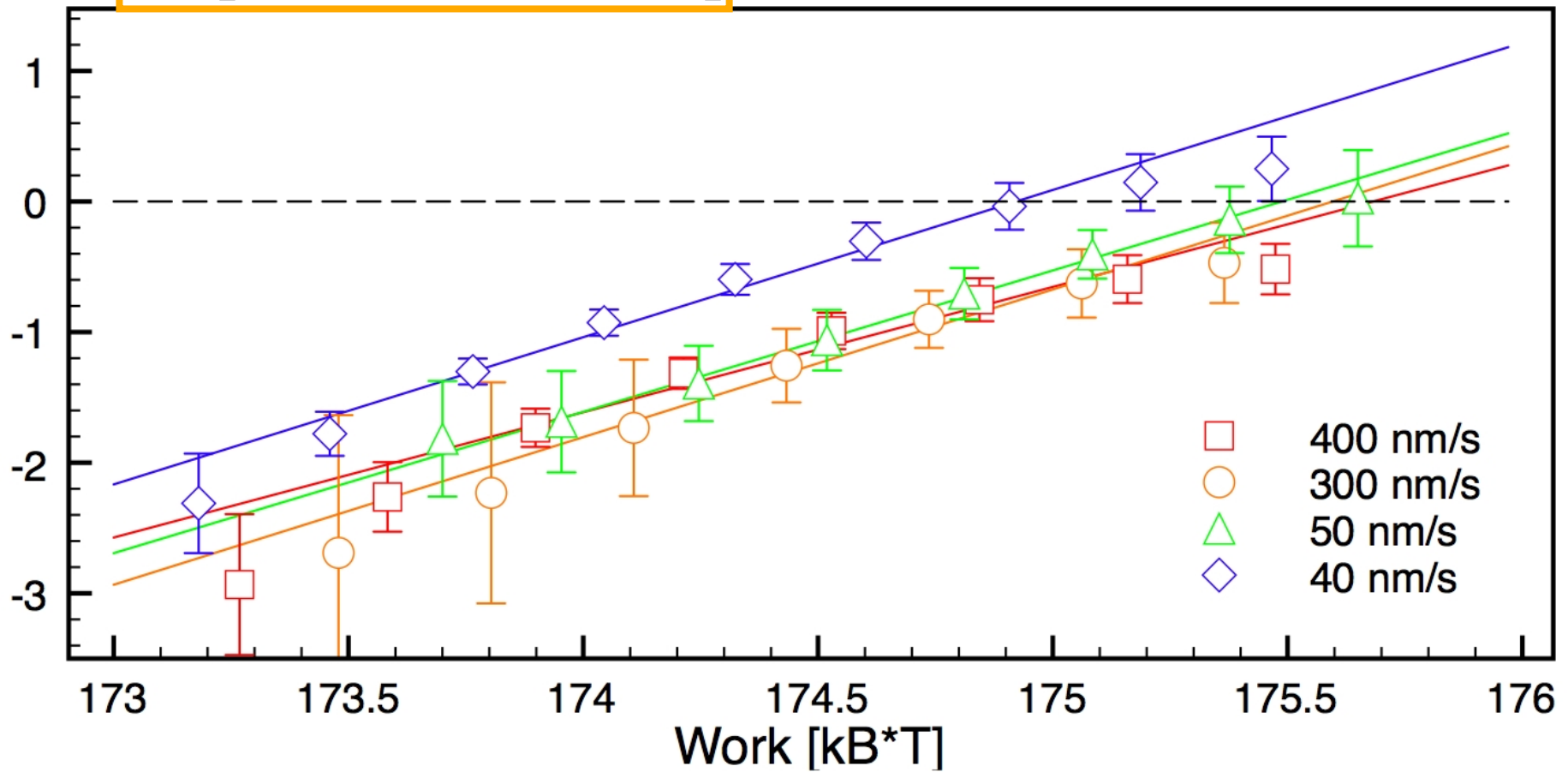
PARTIAL WORK DISTRIBUTIONS





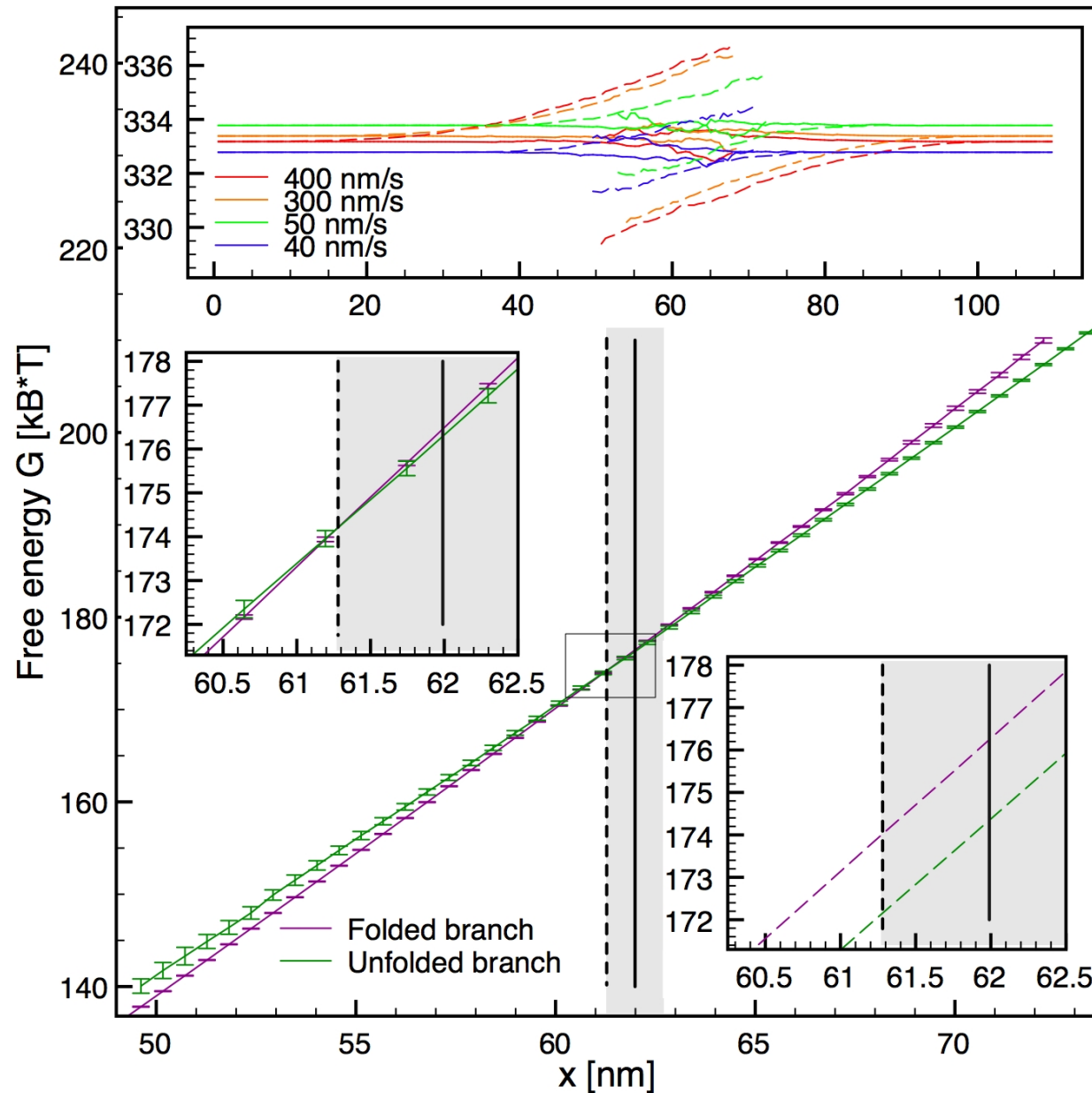
EXPERIMENTAL TEST

$$\log \left[\frac{p_F^{S_0 \rightarrow S_1}}{p_R^{S_0 \leftarrow S_1}} \frac{P_F^{S_0 \rightarrow S_1}(W)}{P_R^{S_0 \leftarrow S_1}(-W)} \right]$$



Slopes: 0.91, 1.07, 1.02, 1.07

★ RECOVERY OF FREE ENERGY BRANCHES





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Take home messages....

- Unzipping/zipping experiments provide valuable information about **thermodynamics** and **kinetics** of molecular interactions
- **Fluctuation relations** are currently used to extract free energies of native structures (nucleic acids and proteins)
- They can be used to recover free energies of **kinetic states** such as intermediates and misfolded structures
- Single molecule measurements open new perspectives to better understand **energy processes** at the molecular level with unprecedented detail