## **Single Protein Mechanics and Engineering**

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## **Protein folding and unfolding**

- Using single molecule atomic force microscopy, we are attempting to understand the folding and unfolding dynamics for proteins that are subject to mechanical stretching forces inside the cell.





Engineering proteins with tailored mechanical properties

-We are interested the structure-mechanical properties. relationship for proteins at different length scales.

-Through protein engineering, we endeavor to design proteins with tailored nanomechanical properties that can be used as building blocks for nanomechanical devices by serving as nano-springs and force-sensors.

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