

# Supporting information

## DNA-assembled multilayer sliding nanosystems

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## Materials and Methods

### Design and self-assembly of the DNA origami structures

The DNA scaffold strands (p8064) were purchased from tibit nanosystems. All other DNA strands were purchased from Sigma-Aldrich. The three-layer DNA origami structures were designed using caDNAno software<sup>1</sup>. Five thymine bases were added to the respective staple strands at the edge of the origami to prevent non-specific aggregations. The DNA origami structures were prepared by mixing 15 nM scaffold strands with 10 times of the staple strands and capture strands in a buffer containing 0.5×TE (Tris, EDTA, pH = 8), 20 mM MgCl<sub>2</sub>, and 5 mM NaCl. The mixture was then annealed as follows: 85°C for 5 min; from 65°C to 61°C, 1°C /5 min; from 60°C to 51°C, 1°C /90 min; from 51°C to 38°C, 1°C /20 min; from 37°C to 26°C, 1°C /10 min; held at 25°C. The annealed structures were purified using agarose gel to remove the excess staple and capture strands.

### Preparation of the AuNPs

AuNPs (10 nm) were synthesized using a published method with minor modifications<sup>2</sup>. A 1.25 mL HAuCl<sub>4</sub> solution (0.2%, w/v) was diluted in 25 mL double-distilled water and heated to boiling. A 1 mL sodium citrate solution (1%, w/v; containing 0.05% citric acid) was added to the flask under vigorous stirring. The solution in the flask was kept boiling for 5 min under stirring and then cooled down at room temperature. Bis(p-sulfonatophenyl)phenylphosphine dihydrate dipotassium salt (BSPP) (15 mg) was added to the AuNP solution (20 mL, OD ~ 1) and the mixture was shaken overnight at room temperature. The concentration of the AuNPs was estimated according to the optical absorption at 520 nm.

### Functionalization of the AuNPs with DNA

The AuNP-DNA conjugation was carried out according to Ding *et al.* with minor modifications<sup>3</sup>. Thiol-modified DNA ([ThiolC6] TTTT GACTTACC) were reduced using tris(2-carboxyethyl)phosphine (TCEP) (100 mM, 1 h) in water. Thiol-modified

DNA and BSPP coated AuNPs were then incubated at a molar ratio of DNA to AuNPs of 300:1 in a 0.5×TBE buffer solution overnight at room temperature. The concentration of NaCl was slowly increased to 300 mM during the subsequent 20 h. The AuNP-DNA conjugates were then washed using a 0.5×TBE (tris-(hydroxymethyl)-aminomethan, borate, ethylenediaminetetraacetic acid) buffer solution with 300 mM NaCl in 100 kDa (MWCO) centrifuge filters to remove the free DNA. The concentration of the DNA modified AuNPs was measured by UV-vis absorption spectroscopy at 520 nm.

### **Self-assembly of the AuNPs with the DNA origami structures**

For sliding system I, 10 times excess of the blocking strands 1,2,5,6 were added to the purified DNA origami and incubated at room temperature for 0.5 h to block the footholds 1,2,5, 6 and locking sites a, b (attachment of the AuNPs at positions 3 and 4). For sliding system II, 10 times excess of the blocking strands 3,4,5,6 were added to the purified DNA origami and incubated at room temperature for 0.5 h to block the footholds 3,4,5,6 (attachment of AuNPs at positions 1 and 2). The purified DNA-modified AuNPs were mixed with the DNA origami structures at a 10:1 molar ratio, and annealed by decreasing the temperature from 38 °C to 25 °C at a rate of 1 °C per 60 min. An agarose gel purification step (1% agarose gel in a 0.5×TBE buffer with 11 mM MgCl<sub>2</sub>) was used to purify the successfully assembled product.

### **TEM characterization**

The DNA origami structures were characterized using Philips CM 200 TEM operating at 200 kV. For imaging, the purified samples were deposited on freshly glow-discharged carbon/formvar TEM grids. Before depositing the sample solution, the grids were treated by negative glow discharge. After 10 min deposition, TEM grids were treated with a uranyl formate solution (2%) for negative staining of the DNA structures.

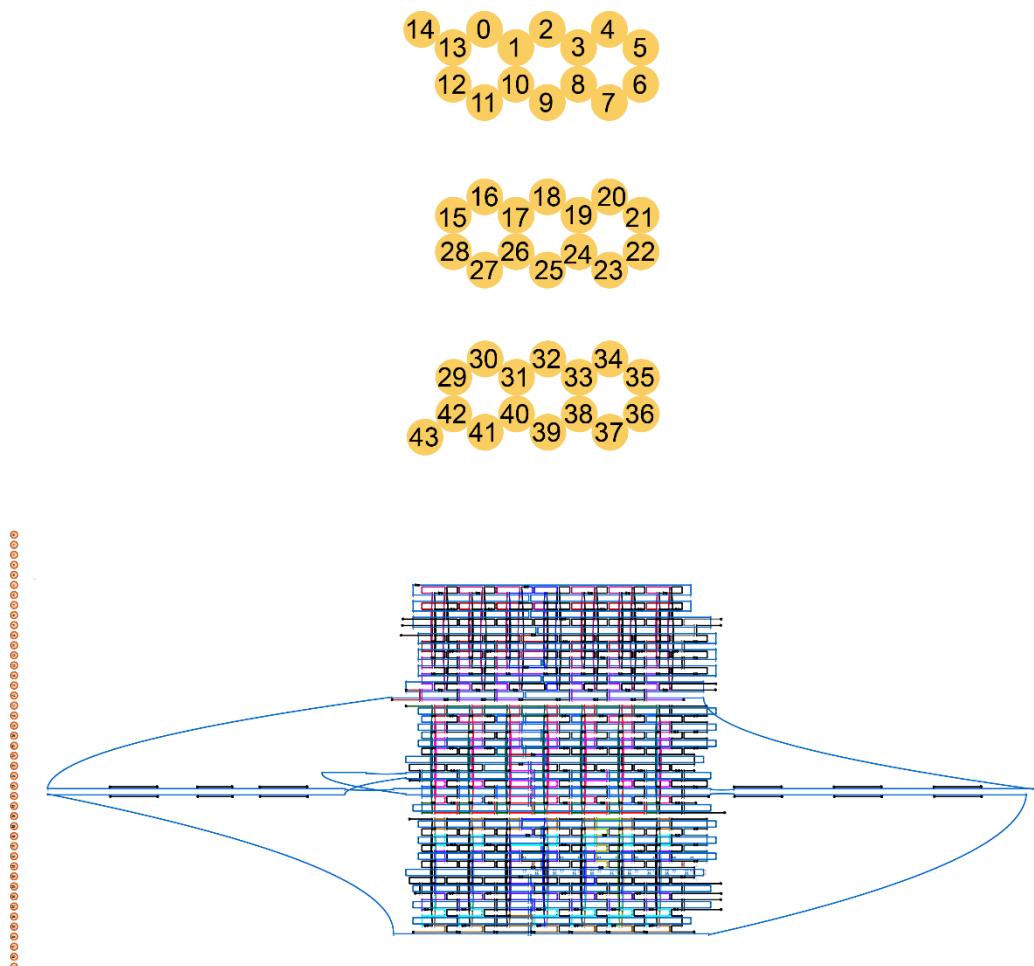
### **Fluorescence spectroscopy**

Fluorescence spectra were measured using a Jasco-FP8500 Fluorescence Spectrometer with a quartz SUPRASIL ultra-micro cuvette (path length, 10 mm). All measurements were performed at room temperature in a buffer after agarose gel purification (0.5×TBE buffer with 11 mM MgCl<sub>2</sub>, pH = 8). For the *in situ* fluorescence measurements, a 120 µL solution containing ~1 nM of the structures at the initial configuration was used. The fluorescence emissions at 578 nm and 663 nm were monitored using the dual-wavelength time-scan acquisition mode and a data pitch of 10 s. The excitation wavelengths were 550 nm and 647 nm for the ATTO 550 and ATTO 647N, respectively. Respective blocking and removal strands were added to enable the programmable sliding.

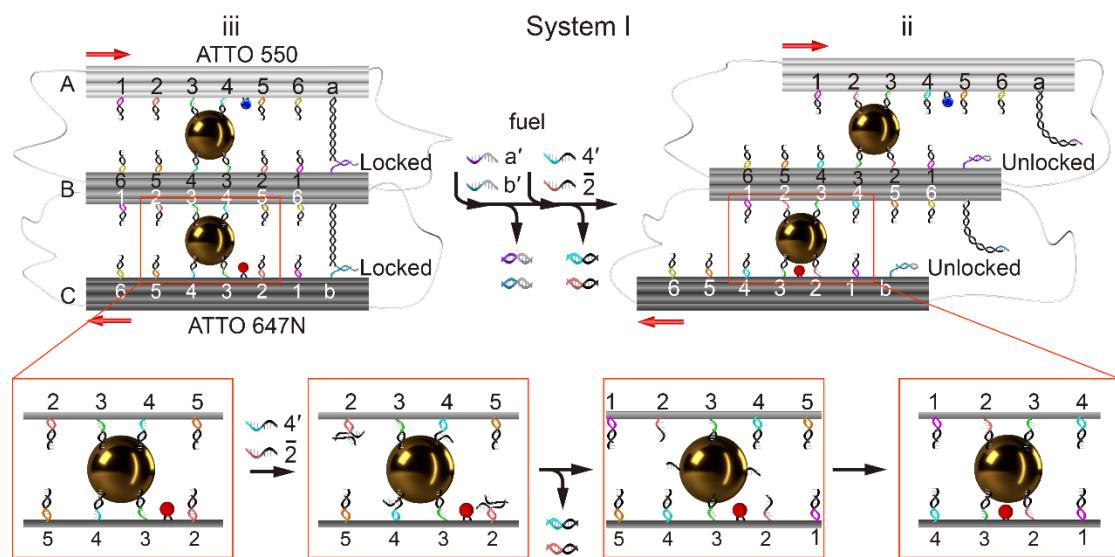
### **Numerical simulations**

The finite-element simulations were performed using commercially available software COMSOL Multiphysics. The dielectric function of gold was interpolated from experimental data<sup>4</sup>. Water as the surrounding medium was taken into account with a refractive index of 1.332. The emission spectra of the fluorophores, as well as the

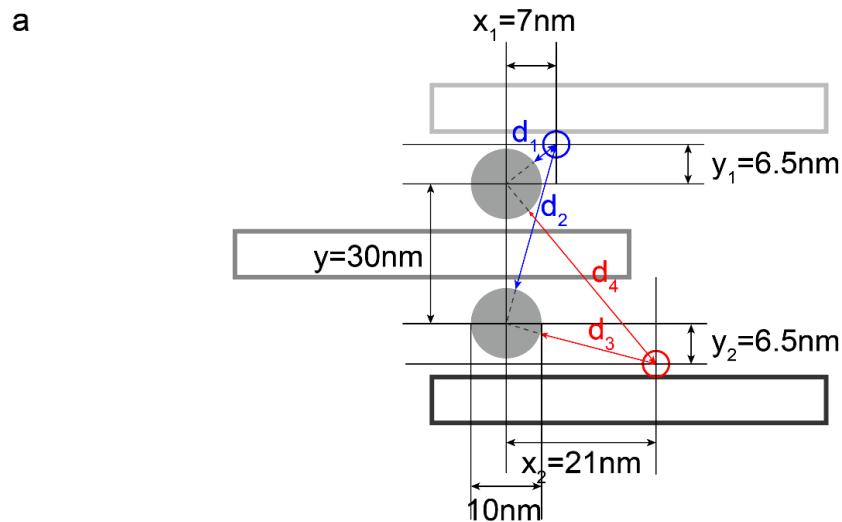
intrinsic quantum yields  $q_0$  (0.8 for ATTO 550 and 0.65 for ATTO 647N) were considered as specified by the supplier of the molecules (available under <https://www.atto-tec.com>).



**Figure S1.** Routing schematic of the DNA origami.



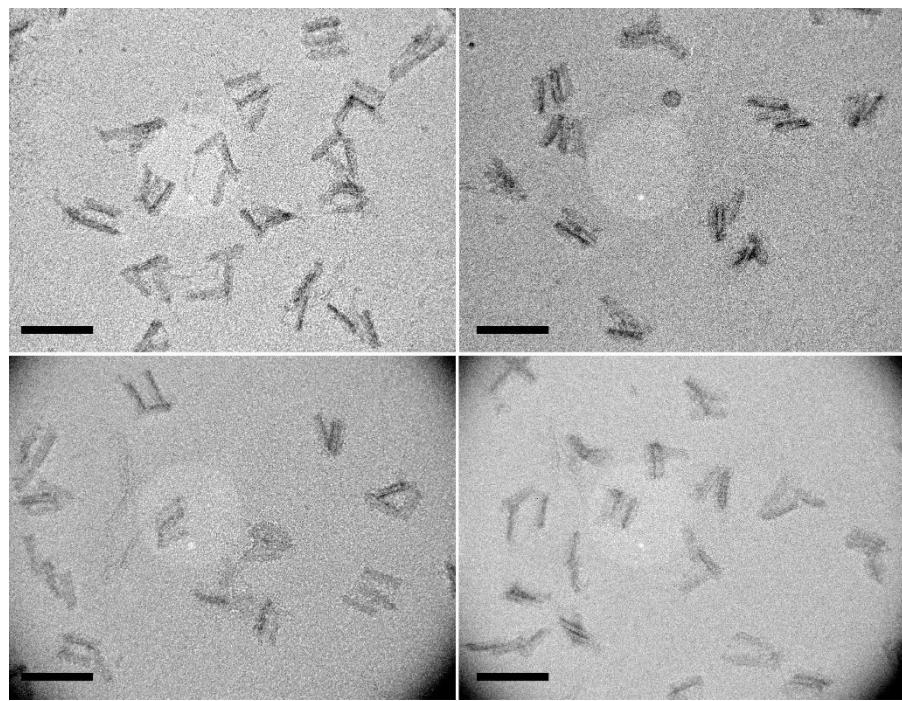
**Figure S2.** Schematic of the individual steps during sliding.



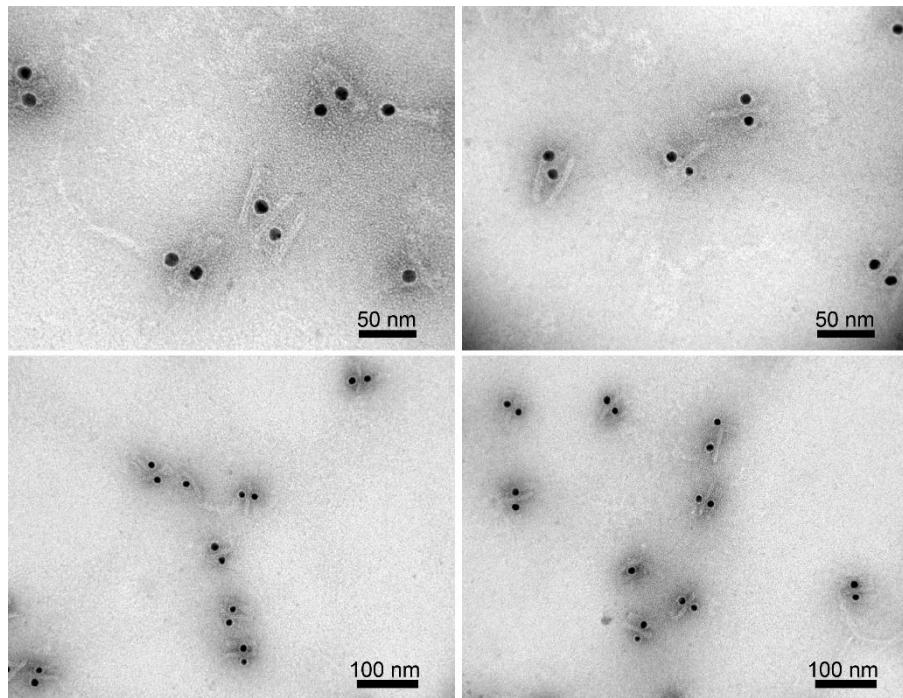
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System I						System II					
		i	ii	iii	iv	v	i	ii	iii	iv	v
ATTO 550	$d_1$ (nm)	17	10.5	4.5	1.5	4.5	4.5	1.5	4.5	10.5	17
ATTO 647N	$d_2$ (nm)	37	34	32	31.5	32	32	31.5	32	34	37
ATTO 647N	$d_3$ (nm)	4.5	1.5	4.5	10.5	17	17	10.5	4.5	1.5	4.5
ATTO 647N	$d_4$ (nm)	32	31.5	32	34	37	37	34	32	31.5	32

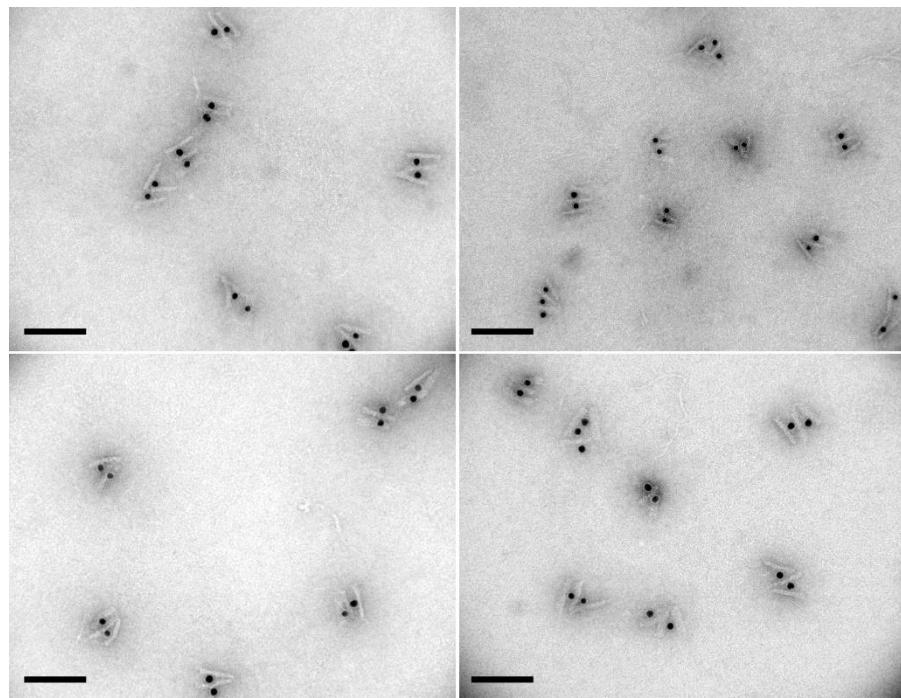
**Figure S3.** (a) Schematic of the relative distances from the fluorophores to the AuNP surfaces. (b) Corresponding distances for systems I and II at different states used in the simulations.



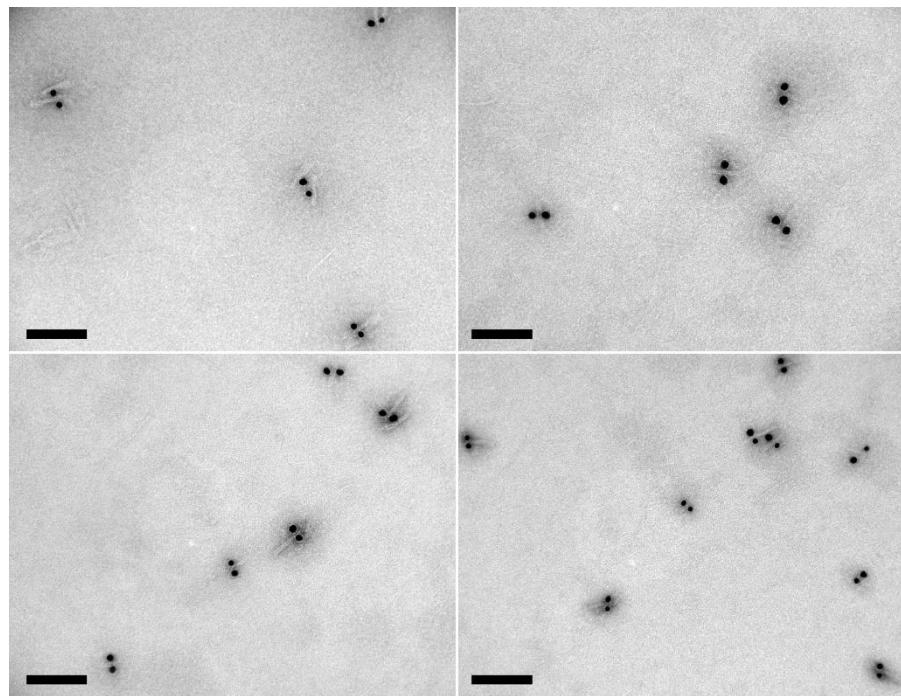
**Figure S4.** TEM images of the DNA origami filaments without AuNPs. Scale bar, 100 nm.



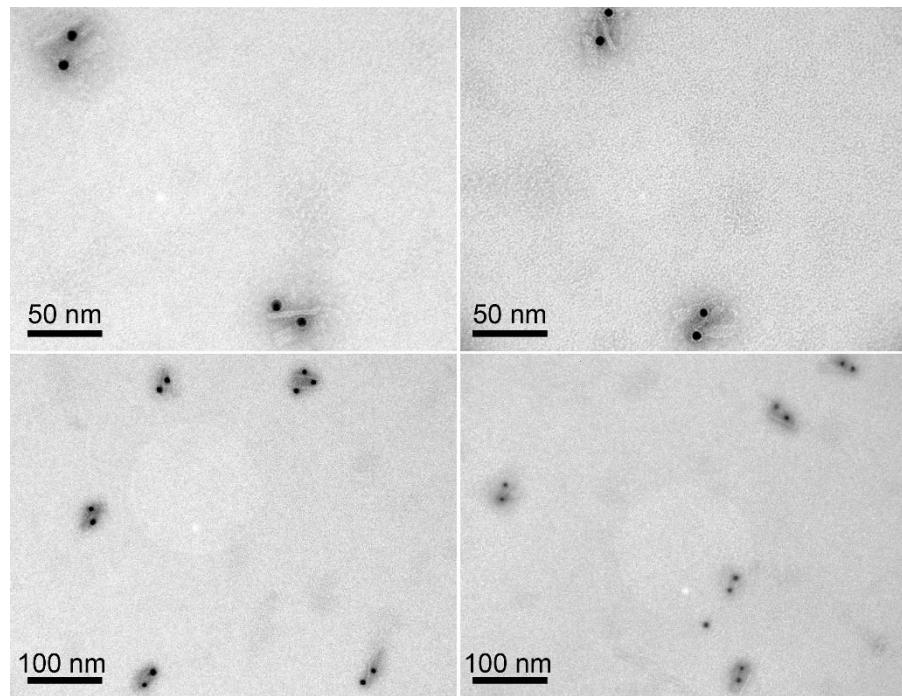
**Figure S5.** TEM images of the DNA origami-AuNP assemblies without the locking strands.



**Figure S6.** Additional TEM images of the DNA origami-AuNP assemblies with the locking strands. Scale bar, 100 nm.



**Figure S7.** TEM images of system I before sliding. Scale bar, 100 nm.



**Figure S8.** TEM images of system I after two sliding steps from state iii to i.

**Table S1.** Detailed sequences of the DNA origami sliding system.

Name	Sequence (5' - 3')
1[248]	CTGACCTTCTGGCCACGT
1[269]	ACGTGGCGACCAAGTAAGT
1[332]	AAACAGCGTCCGGCACC
1[353]	TTTCTGCAGTTAAATTGC
1[374]	CAGTTGGGCCTTAGGTT
11[391]	CGGGTGCTGGACAGGCGGCGGTTGTACAT
12[315]	CCGATTGCAGGCAGCCTGGTCGTAAAAAGACGTGGTG
13[248]	AATCAGGAAAGGGACATGAAAGCGCGAACACCAGCAGACAC
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#### Foothold strands

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#### Locking strands for TEM imaging

3[255]-7-1-C9-staple	GCT AAC GAT TCA ATT CTG ATC TAC TGT GTG ttt TCACGCCAGCCACCGTGCTTCCTCGTTAGGCGCGTAAAG
5[406]-7-2-H4-staple	CAT TGA GAT TCA TCG AAT GAT TCT GTA TGG tttt TGTGTTCTAACGGCGCCTCCTCATTTTTT
1[248]-11-1-A1-staple	CAC ACA GTA GAT CAG AAT TGA ATC GTT AGC tttt CTGACCTCTGGCCACGT
9[391]-11-2-B6-staple	CCA TAC AGA ATC ATT CGA TGA ATC TCA ATG tttt CGACATAGTAAAAAAAGCCGCTCTGGTC
25[244]-16-1-A8-staple	GCT AAC GAT TCA ATT CTG ATC TAC TGT GTG tttt AGTTTGATACATAGTGTGAGCGGAACACTAGCTTAGGT AAGTCT
18[392]-16-2-E4-staple	CAT TGA GAT TCA TCG AAT GAT TCT GTA TGG tttt AAGATTACATTTAAATATTACGGTG
24[231]-20-1-F6-staple	GCT AAC GAT TCA ATT CTG ATC TAC TGT GTG tttt CCTTATGAACAAAGGGATATTACCGGCGCAGGAACC TA
23[381]-20-2-D6-staple	CAT TGA GAT TCA TCG AAT GAT TCT GTA TGG tttt AAAGAAATAGGGTGAAGACAGTCAAATCAATGT
20[245]-27-1-A6-staple	ACG CAA CAC TAT AGC AAA CTT TAT CTA ACG tttt AAAGAAAATAATGGAACTGGCTTGAATTAACTAGCTTAGGT AAGTCT
16[371]-27-2-G4-	CGT TAG ATA AAG TTT GCT ATA GTG TTG CGT tttt

footholds	TAAGTTAAAGGCCGCTTTACCCGGCGAA
20[255]-23-1-H4-staple	ACG CAA CAC TAT AGC AAA CTT TAT CTA ACG tttt ATCATAAAAGAACCGCTGCTCATTAGTGATCA
27[255]-23-2-D8-staple	CGT TAG ATA AAG TTT GCT ATA GTG TTG CGT tttt ACCTTCTGAACCACCAGTCGCCTGGAGG
40[241]-30-1-D2-staple	ACG CAA CAC TAT AGC AAA CTT TAT CTA ACG tttt CTCCCGACCGCACTCTAC
32[392]-30-2-E10-staple	CGT TAG ATA AAG TTT GCT ATA GTG TTG CGT tttt AAAAATGAAACAATGAAATAGCTTACCG
38[234]-34-1-D12-staple	ACG CAA CAC TAT AGC AAA CTT TAT CTA ACG tttt TTCAGCTAGAATCGAACCGCTCAACAGTATTGAAATGGT
31[381]-34-2-A10-staple	CGT TAG ATA AAG TTT GCT ATA GTG TTG CGT tttt GTTTATTTGTCACGCAACATTAAAGGAGC

#### Locking strands for system I

5[406]-7-2-H4-staple2	AGGTGAGTAAGT TGTGTTCTAACGGCGCCTCCTCATTTTTT	tttt
9[391]-11-2-B6-staple2	AGGTGAGTAAGT CGACATAGTAAAAAAAGCCGCTCTGGTC	tttt
18[392]-16-2-E4-staple	ACTTACTCACCT AAGATTACATGTTTAAATATTACGGTG	tttt
23[381]-20-2-D6-staple	ACTTACTCACCT AAAGAATAGGGTGAAGACAGTCAAATCAATGT	tttt
16[371]-27-2-G4- footholds	TGTAGAGGATGA TAAGTTAAAGGCCGCTTTACCCGGCGAA	tttt
27[255]-23-2-D8-staple	TGTAGAGGATGA ACCTTCTGAACCACCAGTCGCCTGGAGG	tttt
32[392]-30-2-E10- staple	TCATCCTCTACAACCTATCTACTC AAAAATGAAACAATGAAATAGCTTACCG	tttt
31[381]-34-2-A10- staple	TCATCCTCTACAACCTATCTACTC GTTTATTTGTCACGCAACATTAAAGGAGC	tttt

#### Blocking strands and removal strands

B-1	ACTTCACTCCTTACCTAACGCTAGT
R-1	ACTAGCTTAGGTAAGGAAGTGAAGT
B-2	TGTATCCATCCTTACCCATGACACA
R-2	TGTGTCATGGTAAGGATGGATACA
B-3	GCTATTCCCTCCTTACCATGCTACCT
R-3	AGGTAGCATGGTAAGGAAGGAATAGC
B-4	CAACCATGTTCTTACCCACCTAGAGA
R-4	TCTCTAGGTGGTAAGAAACATGGTTG
B-5	CCTTATATCCTCTTACCCGTGATTG
R-5	CAATCACAGGGTAAGAGGATATAAGG

B-6	ATTCTTCAATCCTTACCGAGTTCACAA
R-6	TTGTGAACGGTAAGGATTGAAGAAT
Open lock a	A GGT TAG TAT TGA TGT GTG TTT AGG TGA GT
Open lock b	T ATG ATA GAG GAG ATA GAT AGT TGT AGA GG

**Table S2.** Sample volumes added to drive system I for *in situ* fluorescence detection in Fig. 2c (main text). Small volumes with high concentration (200 µM) of the blocking and removal strands were used to reduce the dilution effect. The raw data were corrected by calculation of the signal reduction through dilution and addition of these values.

Step	Strands added	Volume added per stand
State iii to ii	4', 2	0.5 µL, 0.5 µL
State ii to i	3', 1	0.5 µL, 0.5 µL
State i to ii	1', 3	1 µL, 1 µL
State ii to iii	2', 4	1 µL, 1 µL
State iii to iv	3', 5	2 µL, 1 µL
State iv to v	4', 6	2 µL, 1 µL

**Table S3.** Sample volumes added to drive system II for *in situ* fluorescence detection in Fig. 4c (main text).

Step	Strands added	Volume added per stand
State i to ii	1', 3	0.5 µL, 0.5 µL
State ii to iii	2', 4	0.5 µL, 0.5 µL
State iii to iv	3', 5	1 µL, 0.5 µL
State iv to v	4', 6	1 µL, 0.5 µL
State v to iv	6', 4	1 µL, 2 µL

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