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Single molecule fluorescence microscopy is a recent technique that has been developed to aid in the real-time, *in vivo* imaging and monitoring of nanometer-scale features. These capabilities make it a powerful technique for imaging molecular-scale rearrangements. It has been used to determine the walking pattern of Myosin V¹, to detect conformational changes in proteins², elucidate the mechanism of protein folding within a chaperonin molecule³, and study the kinetics of gold nanoparticle-catalyzed reactions^{4,5}. Two main microscope systems, confocal and total internal reflectance fluorescence, in combination with super-resolution techniques⁶, have been able to bring the nano-scale world to the bench-top.

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