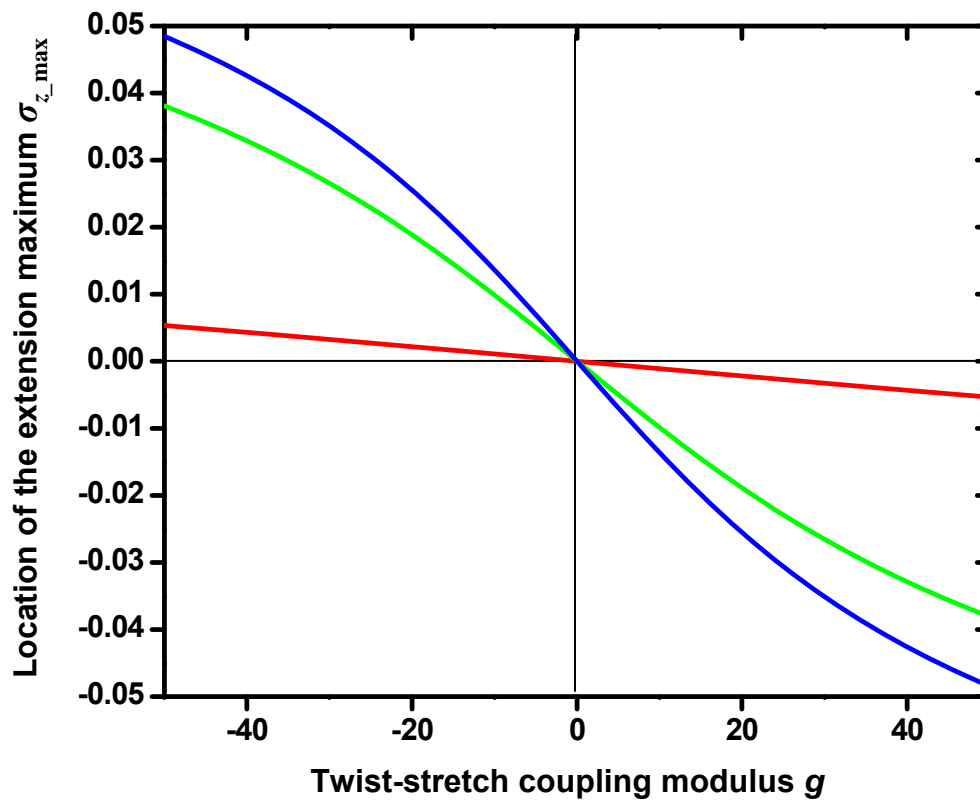


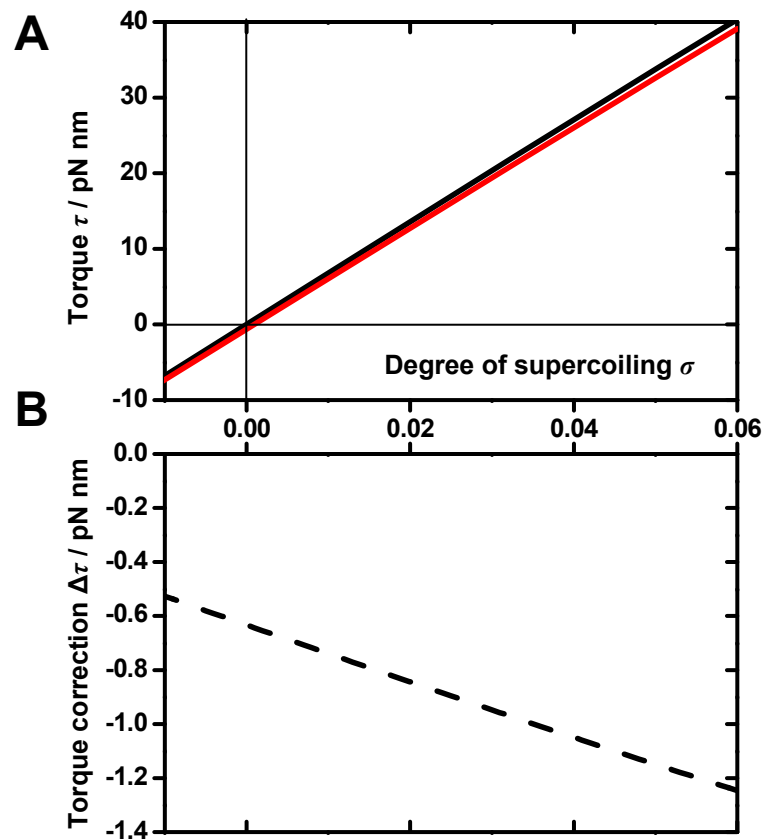
Supplementary Fig. 1



Supplementary Fig. 1 legend

- Effect of twist-stretch coupling on the location of the extension maximum σ_{z_max} . Values of σ_{z_max} have been numerically calculated from Equation (2) at three different forces: 1.9 pN (**red**), 7.7 pN (**green**) and 9.6 pN (**blue**).

Supplementary Fig. 2



Supplementary Fig. 2 legend

A) Effect of twist-stretch coupling on torque. According to Marko (1998), complete expression for the free energy of the DNA is

$$\frac{F}{kTL_0} = \frac{1}{A} \sqrt{\frac{Af}{kT} - \frac{1}{4} \left(C\omega_0\sigma + \frac{gf}{kT\gamma} \right)^2} + \frac{C}{2} \omega_0^2 \sigma^2 - \frac{f}{kT} - \frac{1}{2\gamma} \left(\frac{f}{kT} - g\omega_0\sigma \right)^2 \quad (\text{A})$$

Torque is equal to:

$$\tau = \frac{1}{\omega_0} \left. \frac{\partial(F/L_0)}{\partial\sigma} \right|_f = kT\omega_0\sigma \left(C - \frac{g^2}{\gamma} \right) + \frac{gf}{\gamma} - \frac{kTC}{4A} \cdot \frac{\left(C\omega_0\sigma + \frac{gf}{kT\gamma} \right)}{\sqrt{\frac{Af}{kT} - \frac{1}{4} \left(C\omega_0\sigma + \frac{gf}{kT\gamma} \right)^2}} \quad (\text{B})$$

The figure represents torque calculated using Equation (B) with same parameters as used elsewhere for 9.6 pN of force (highest force used in our experiments) and $\mathbf{g=0}$ (black) and our measured value of $\mathbf{g=-21}$ (red).

B) Calculated difference between torques expected in the presence and absence of twist-stretch coupling (i.e., the difference between the red and black curves in A).