

single-molecule  
fluorescence resonance  
energy transfer II

(8) multi-color FRET

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# Energy transfer between several fluorophores

## Examples

1. three color FRET

Schwille group, Ha group, Deniz group

2. photonic wires

Sauer group

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Single-Molecule Three-Color FRET

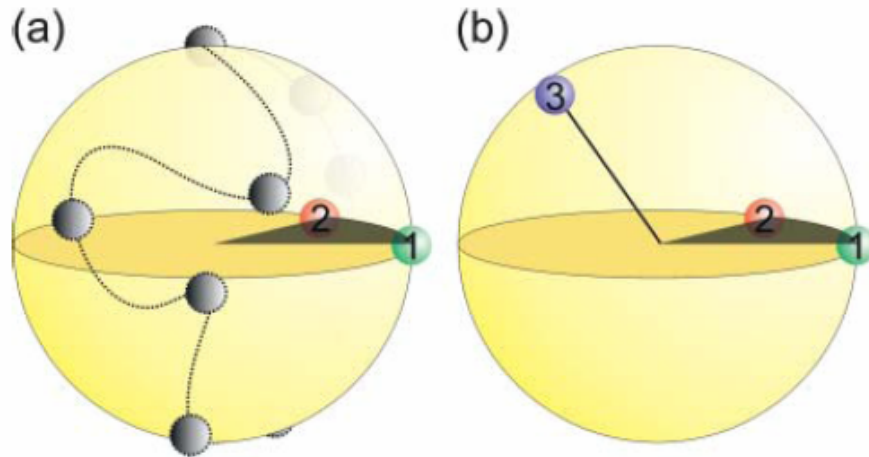


FIGURE 1 A need for three-color FRET. (a) A FRET pair attached to the points 1 and 2 reports on the distance between 1 and 2 but no information can be obtained on the position of the point 3. (b) By attaching another spectrally distinguishable fluorophore to the point 3 which has appreciable FRET with fluorophores 1 and 2, we can deduce the location of point 3.

1. two donors / one acceptor: exciting both donors with one laser
2. two-step FRET: middle-energy fluorophore acts as a bridge
3. one donor / two acceptors: donor is quenched by either of the acceptor dyes

or: expanding the FRET distance (by two-step FRET)

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1. ensemble

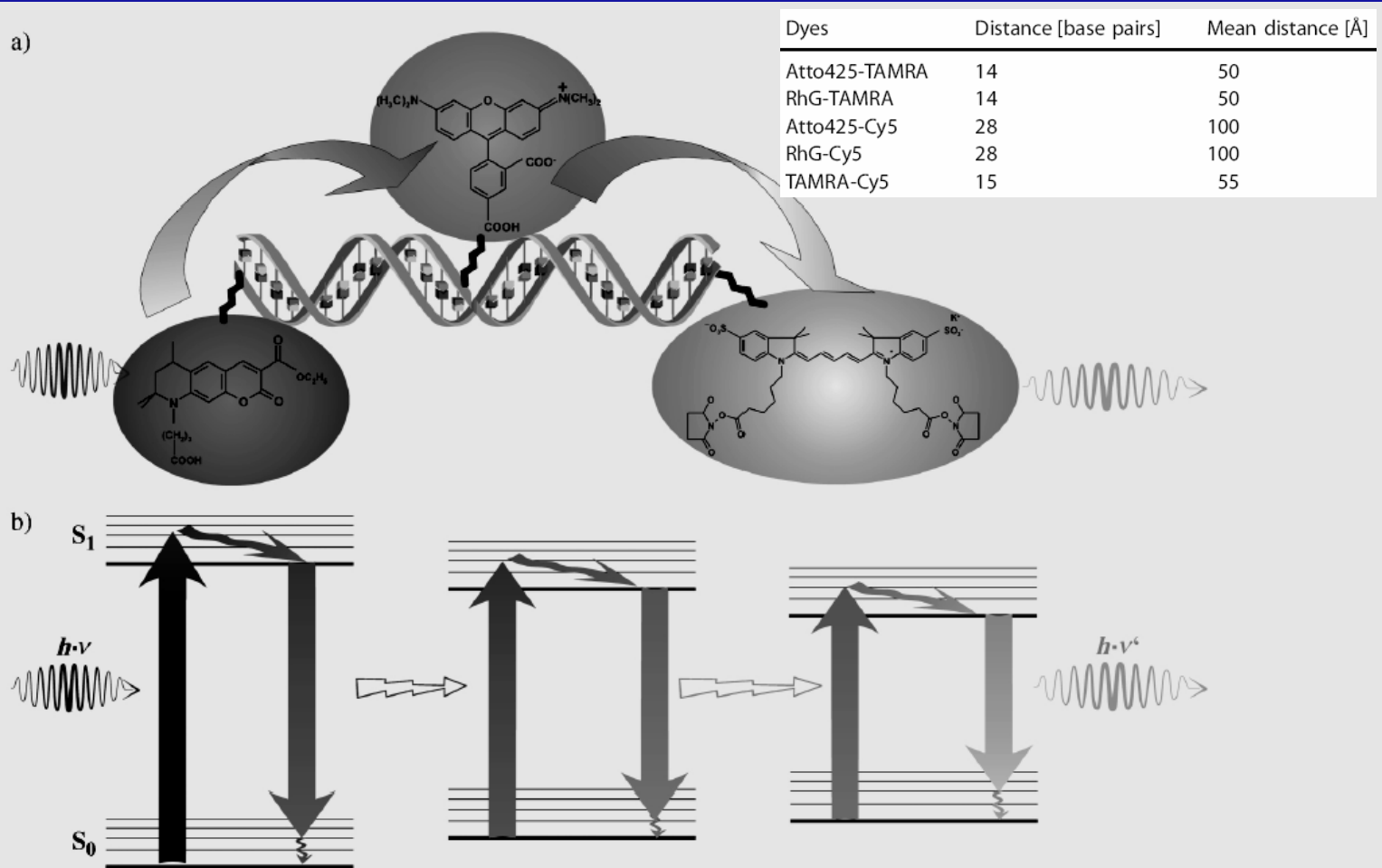
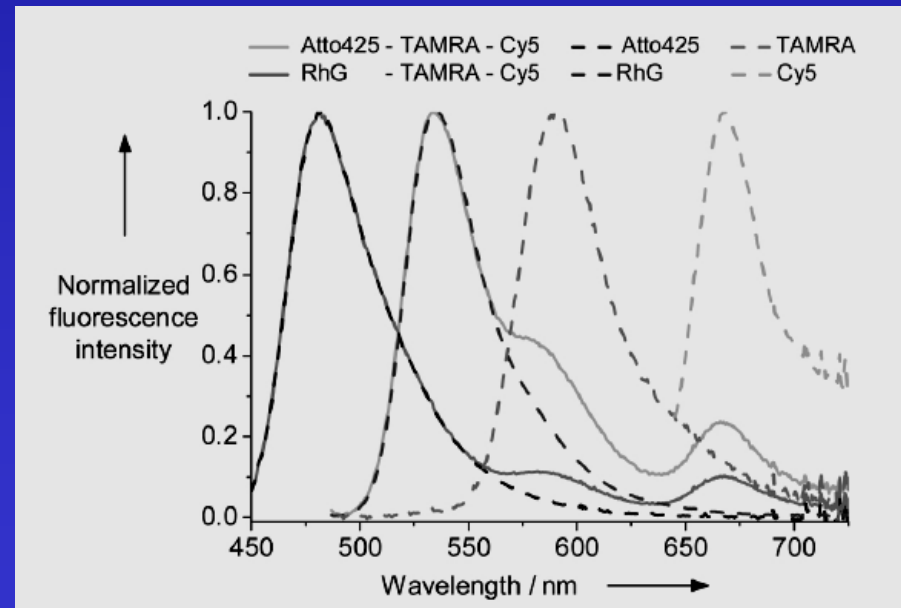
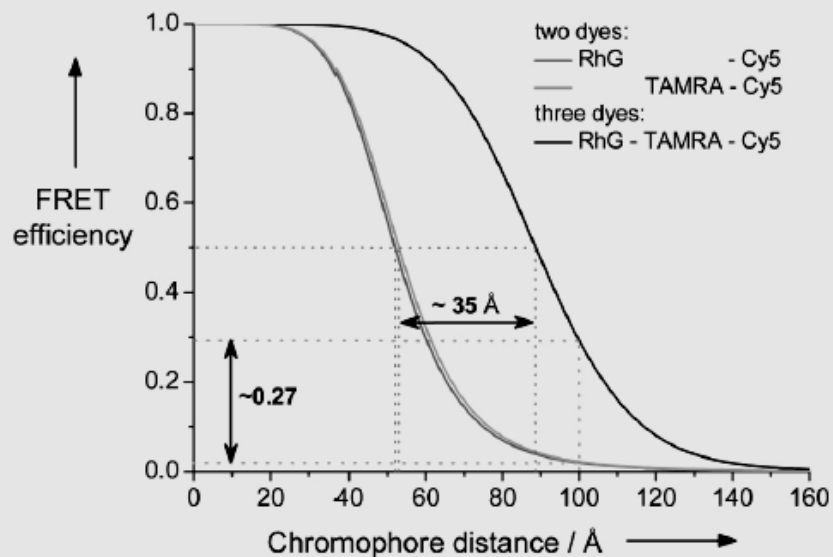


Figure 1. a) Positions of the three dyes (Atto425 (shown) or Rhodamine Green (RhG), respectively, TAMRA and Cy5) attached to the 28 mer dsDNA. b) Interaction of two

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two-step FRET: increase in FRET efficiency at 100 Å about 30 %, results in an increased  $R_0 \sim 35$  Å

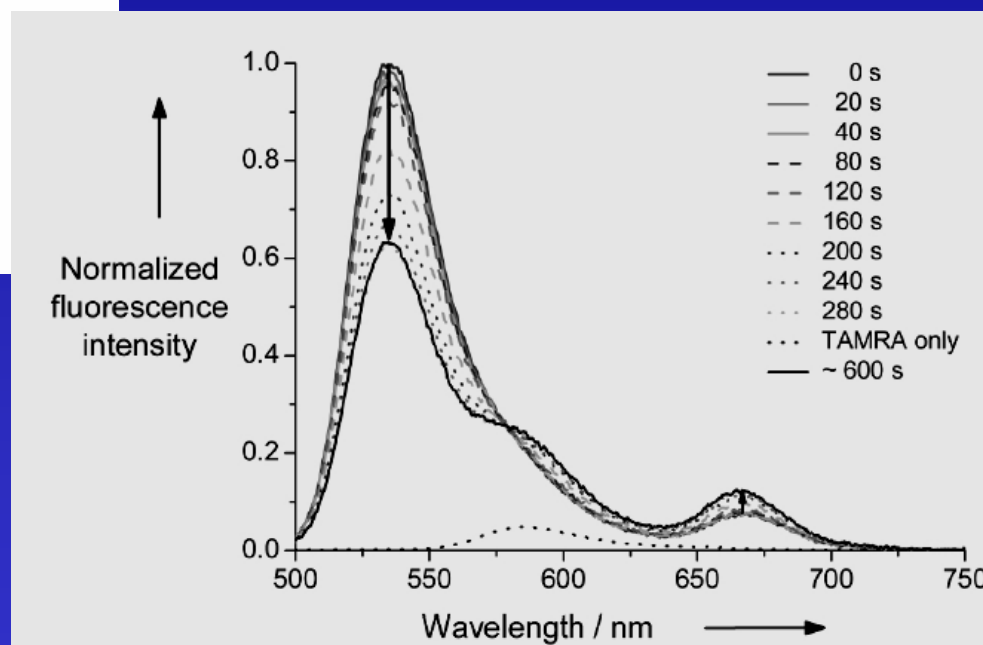


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Dyes	Calc. FRET efficiency	FRET Ratio [ $I_A/(I_D + I_A)$ ]
RhG-TAMRA	-	0.26
TAMRA-Cy5	0.42	0.57
RhG-Cy5	0.02	0.03
RhG-(TAMRA-)Cy5	0.29	0.17
Atto425-TAMRA	-	0.13
TAMRA-Cy5	0.42	0.60
Atto425-Cy5	-	0.01
Atto425-(TAMRA-)Cy5	-	0.08

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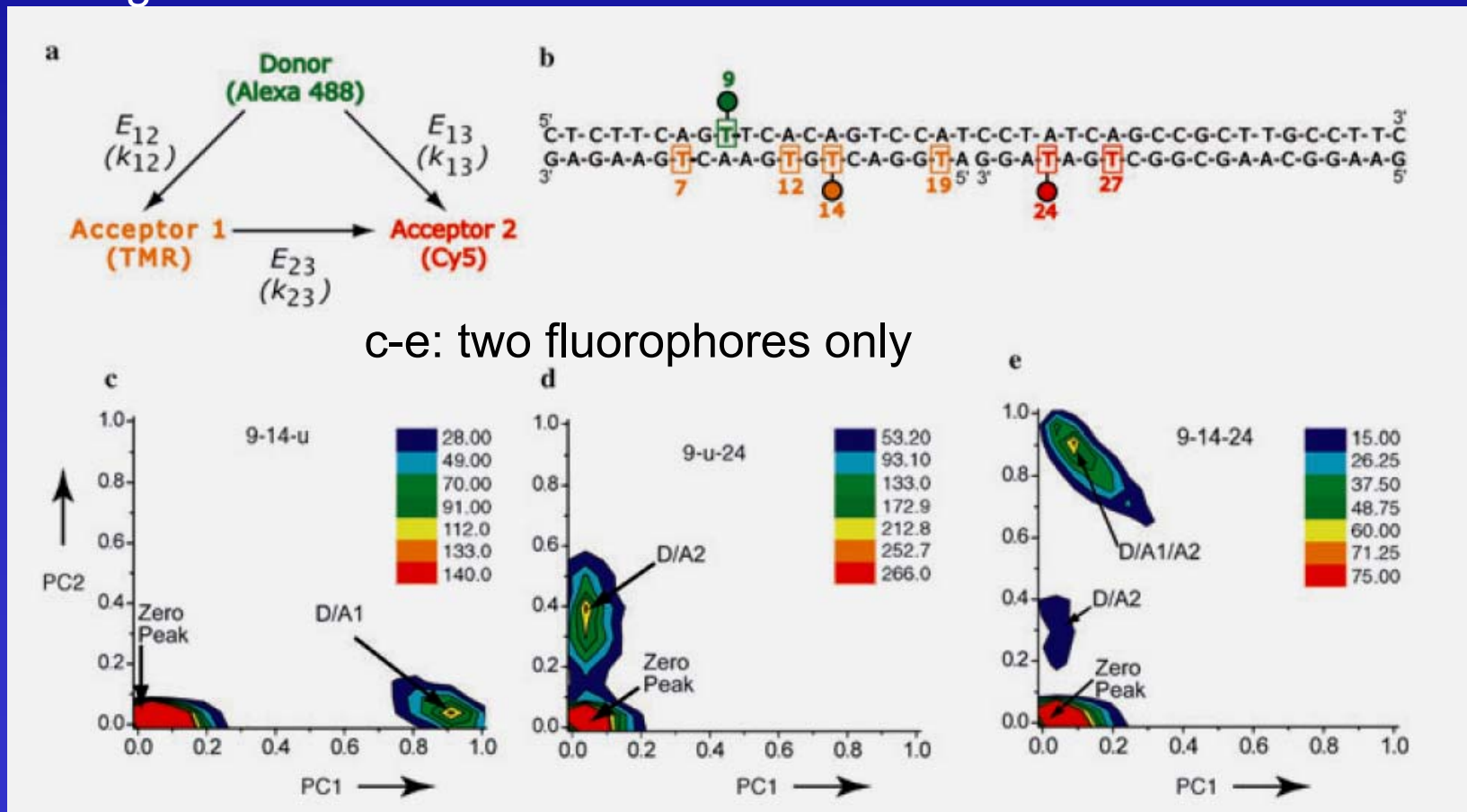
addition of the central TMR in the 'bridge' increases Cy5 intensity through FRET



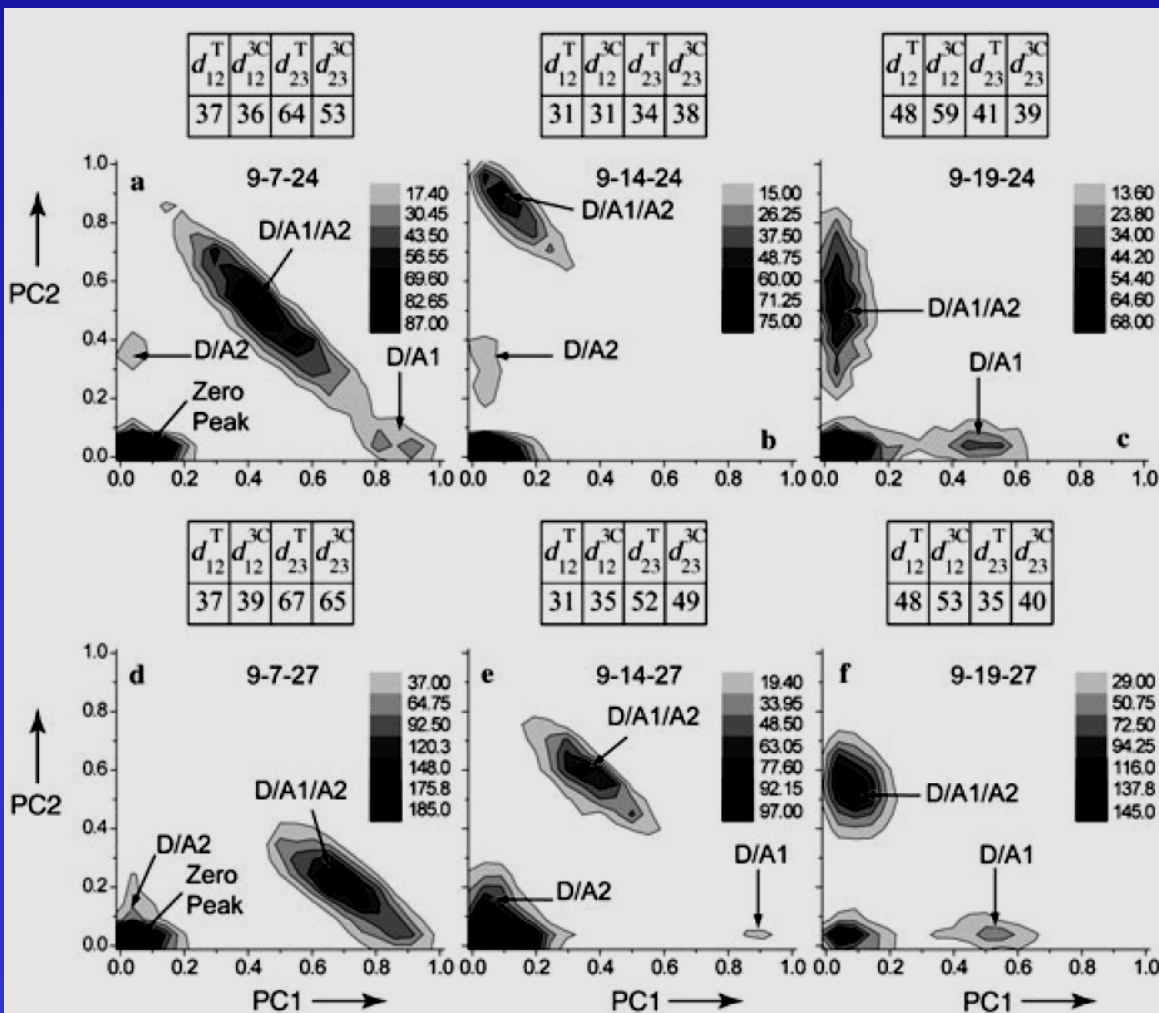
**Figure 5.** Annealing kinetics of the TAMRA-labeled ss-14 mer and the corresponding RhG-Cy5 labeled oligonucleotide at room temperature. During the annealing of the "centre dye" a distinct increase both in orange and in red fluorescence can be observed.

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## 2. single molecules in solution



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$$PC1 = \frac{I_2}{I_1 + I_2 + I_3} \quad PC2 = \frac{I_3}{I_1 + I_2 + I_3}$$

$$E_{23} = \frac{PC1 \cdot E_{13} - E_{13} + PC2}{PC1 + PC2 - E_{13}}$$

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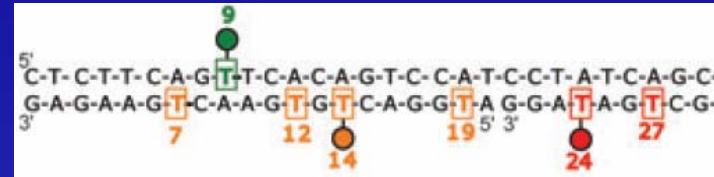
$E_{13}$  from PC2 values of two-label constructs

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- with constant D-A2, the different intermediary A1 positions can be discriminated (9-7-24, 9-14-24, 9-19-27)
- with constant D-A1, the different A2 positions can be discriminated (with limitations: 9-19-24 = 9-19-27)
- distance measurements in triple-FRET with 5 Å resolution (as stated in the paper)
- subpopulation analysis in 2D-plot (500000 points)
- improvements :  
cyclic multicolor excitation, fluorescence lifetimes



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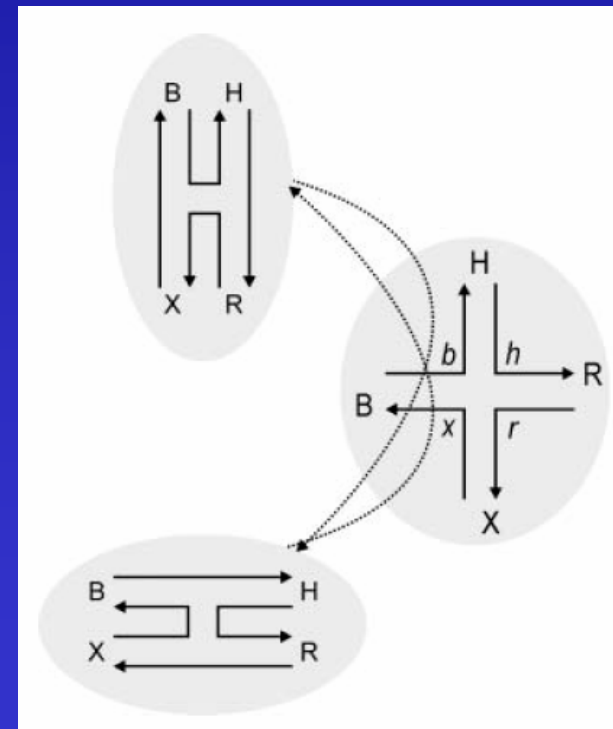
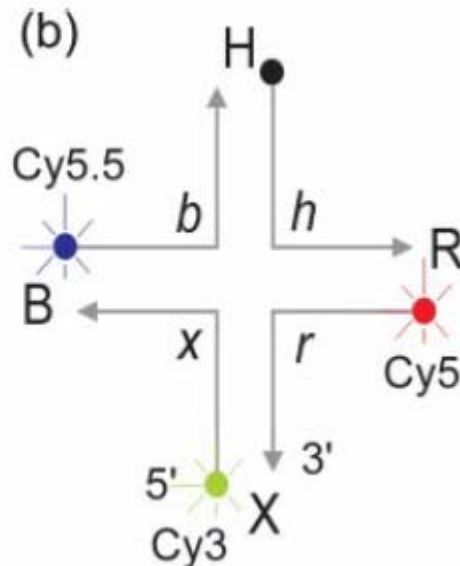
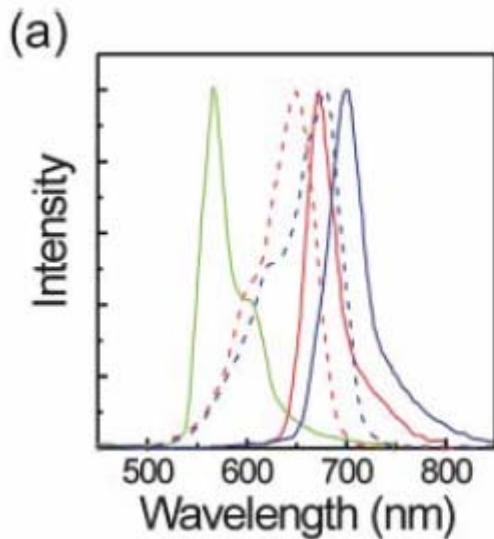
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3. time trajectories of single molecules (Taekjip Ha group)  
one donor / two acceptors for Holliday junction dynamics,  
question: correlated / noncorrelated switching, intermediate ?  
→ exploring the position of a third point

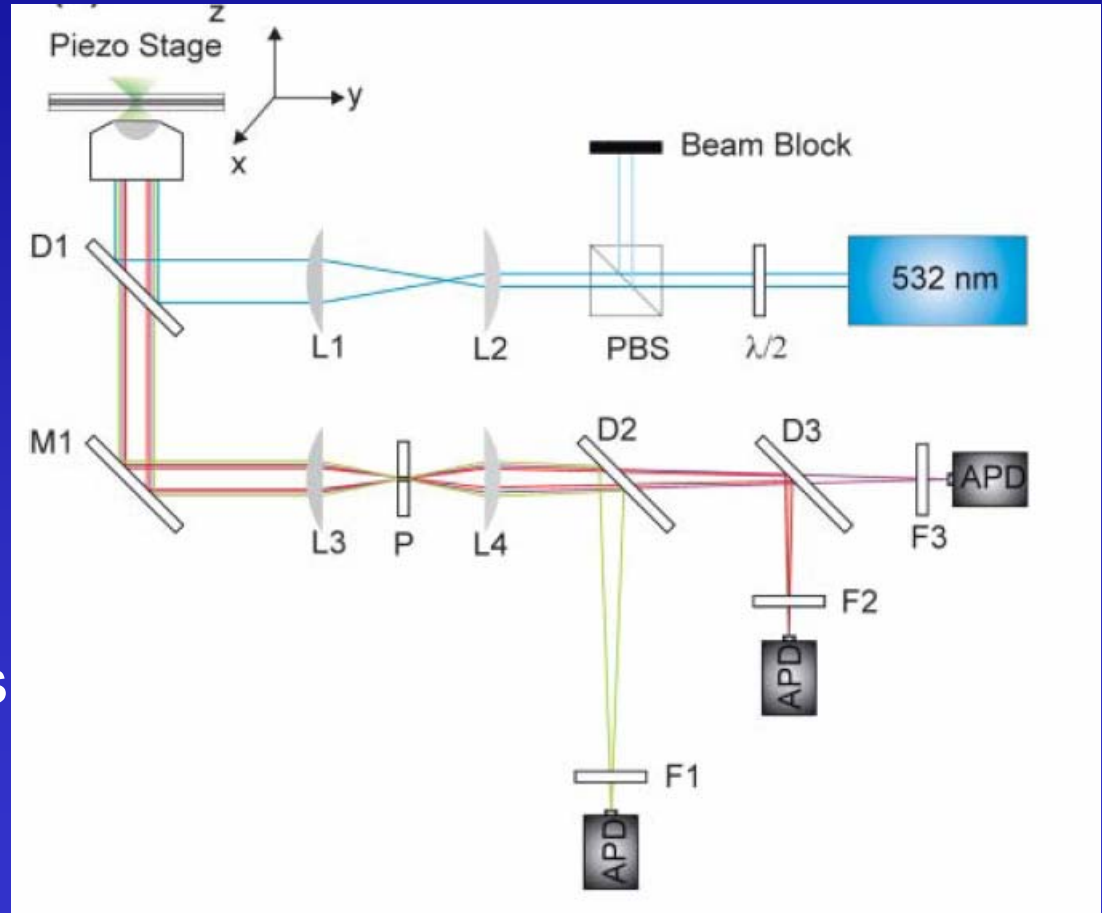


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confocal 3-APD setup

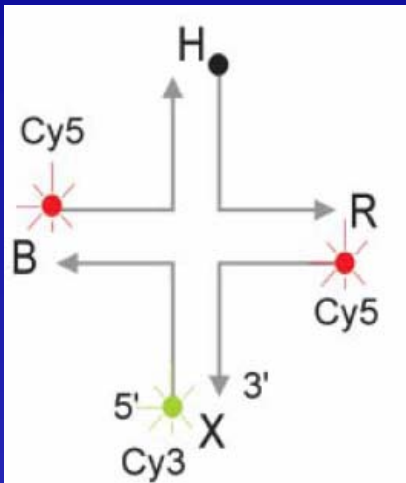
surface immobilized  
Holliday junctions,  
only 5% with 3 labels

(slow) surface scanning  
integration times 6-20 ms

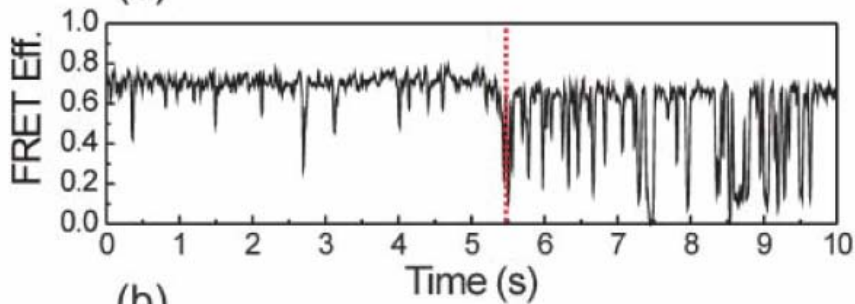


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evaluation 1: one donor, two identical acceptors  
different dwell times after photobleaching of one acceptor



(a)



(b)

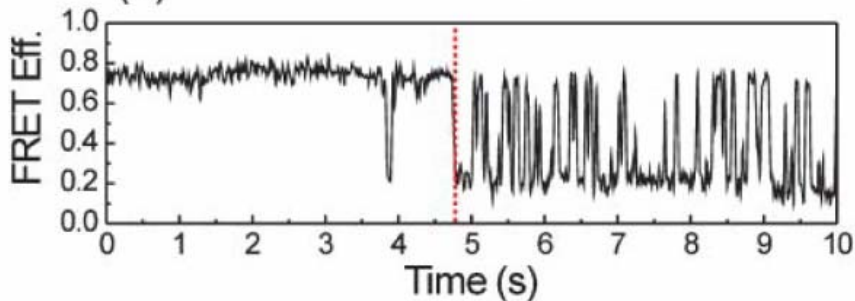


FIGURE 4 Single Holliday junction dynamics using one donor and two identical acceptors. (a and b). Two-color FRET experiment on  $X^3R^5B^5$ . When both of the two acceptors are active, the acceptor signals are almost constant, which supports the model depicted in Fig. 3. After one of the two acceptors bleaches (dotted red lines), time-traces show kinetics similar to  $X^3B^5$  (a) or  $X^3R^5$  (b), depending on which acceptor bleaches.

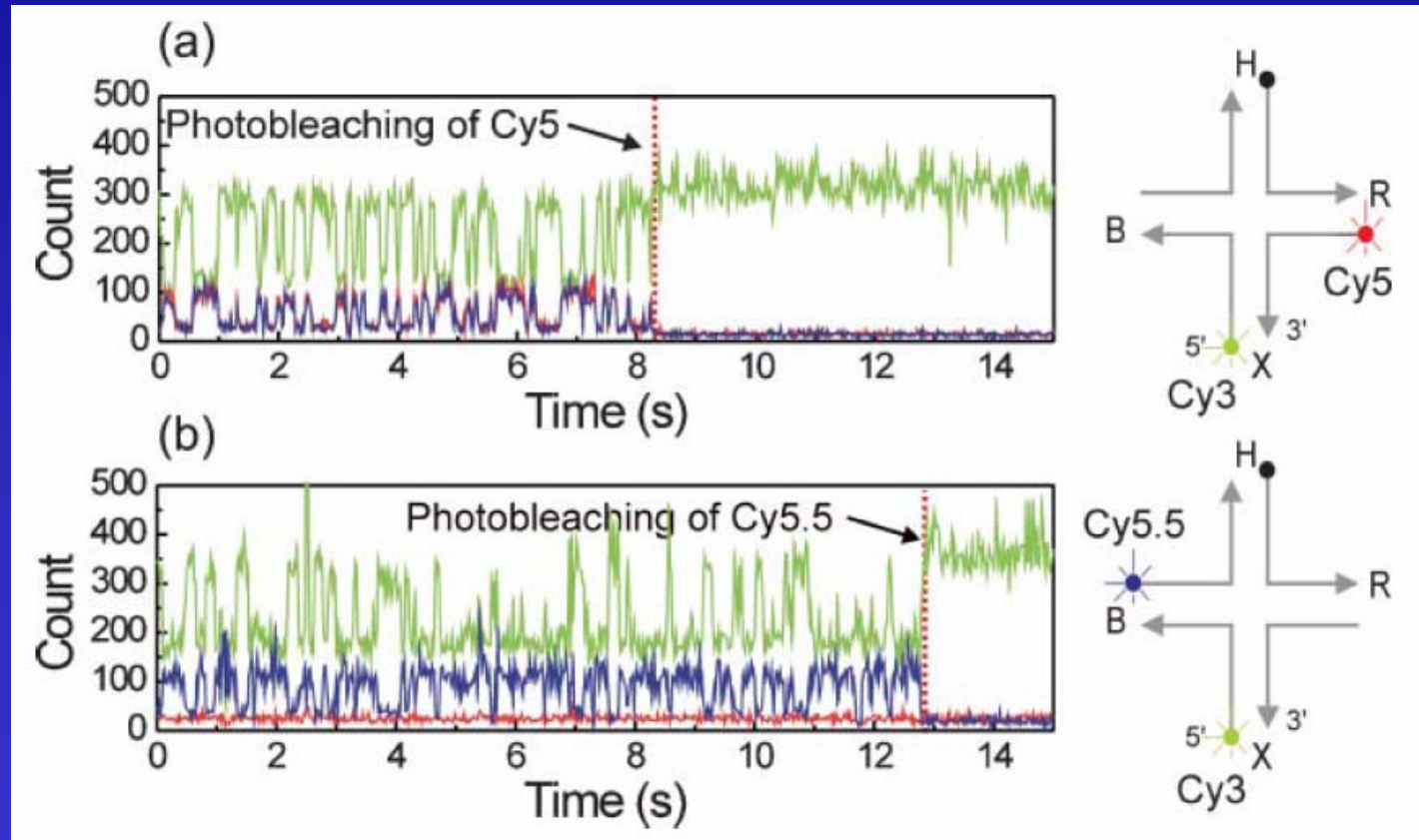
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cy3: green  
cy5: red  
cy5.5: blue

$X^3R^5$   
red-blue parallel

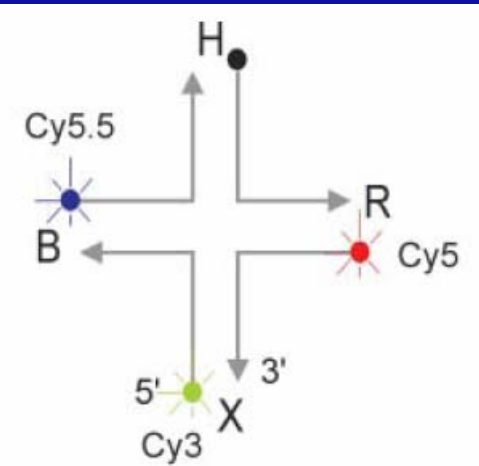
$X^3B^{5.5}$



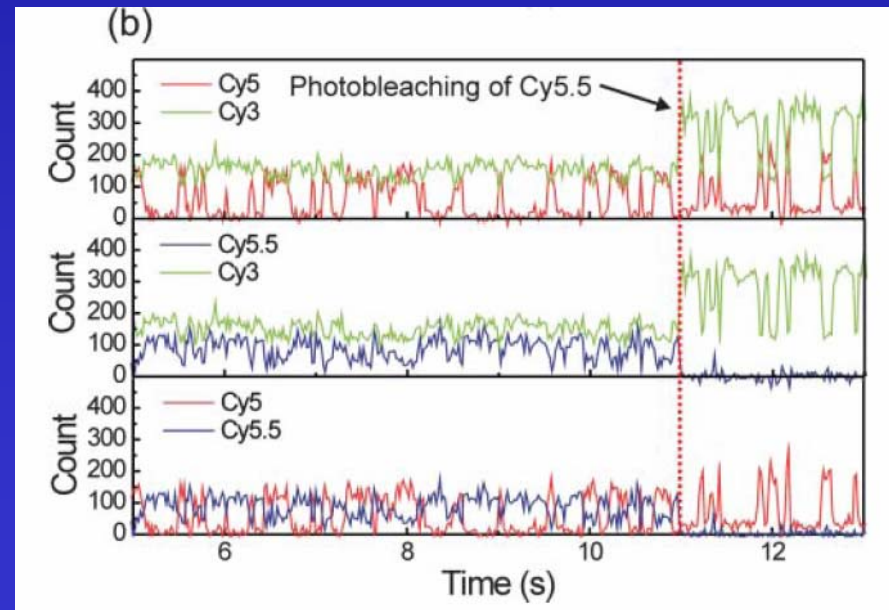
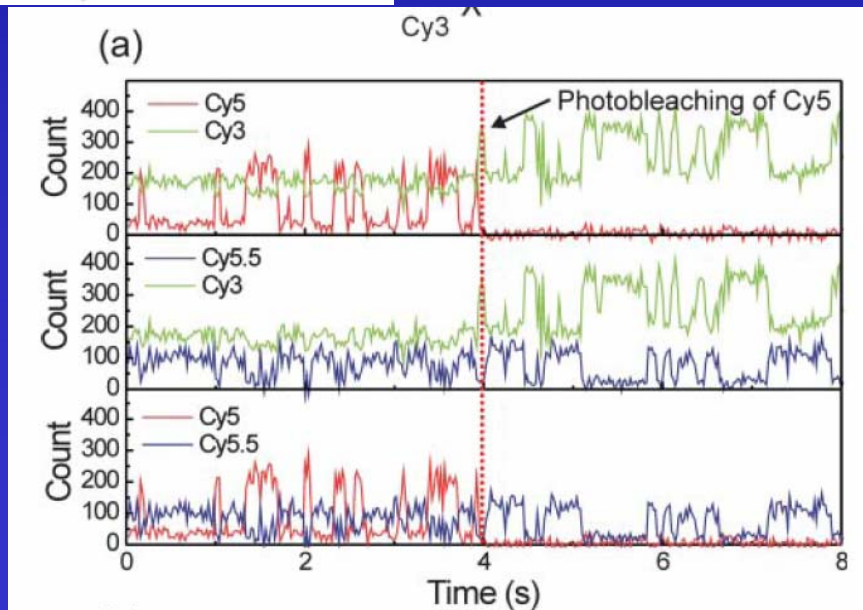
evaluation 2: one donor, one acceptor  
cross-talk determination

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red-blue intensity traces antiparallel,  
nearly constant green intensity (Cy3)

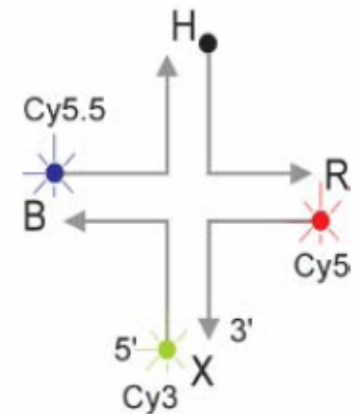
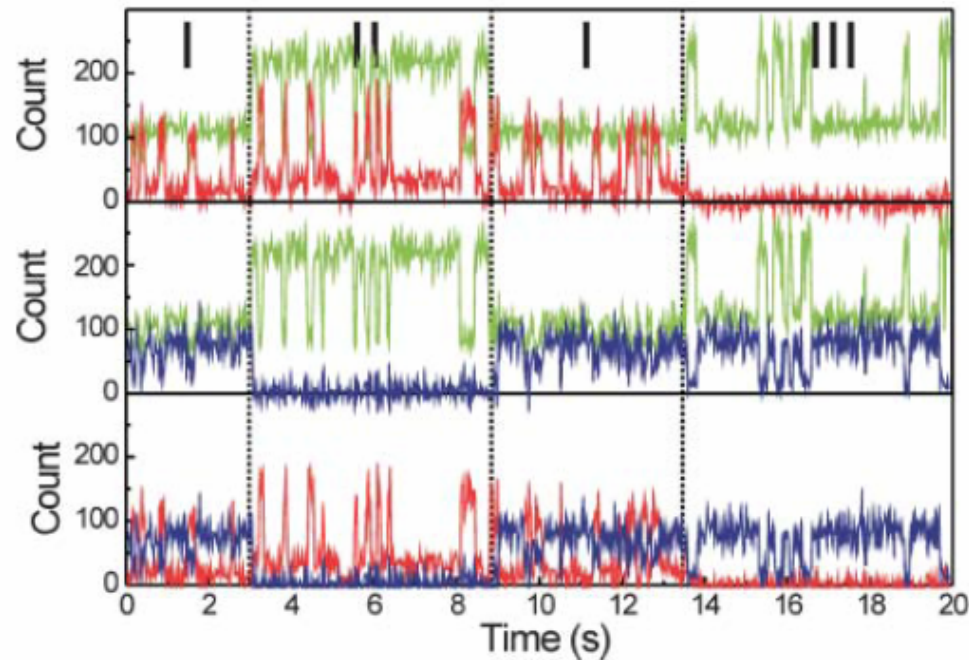


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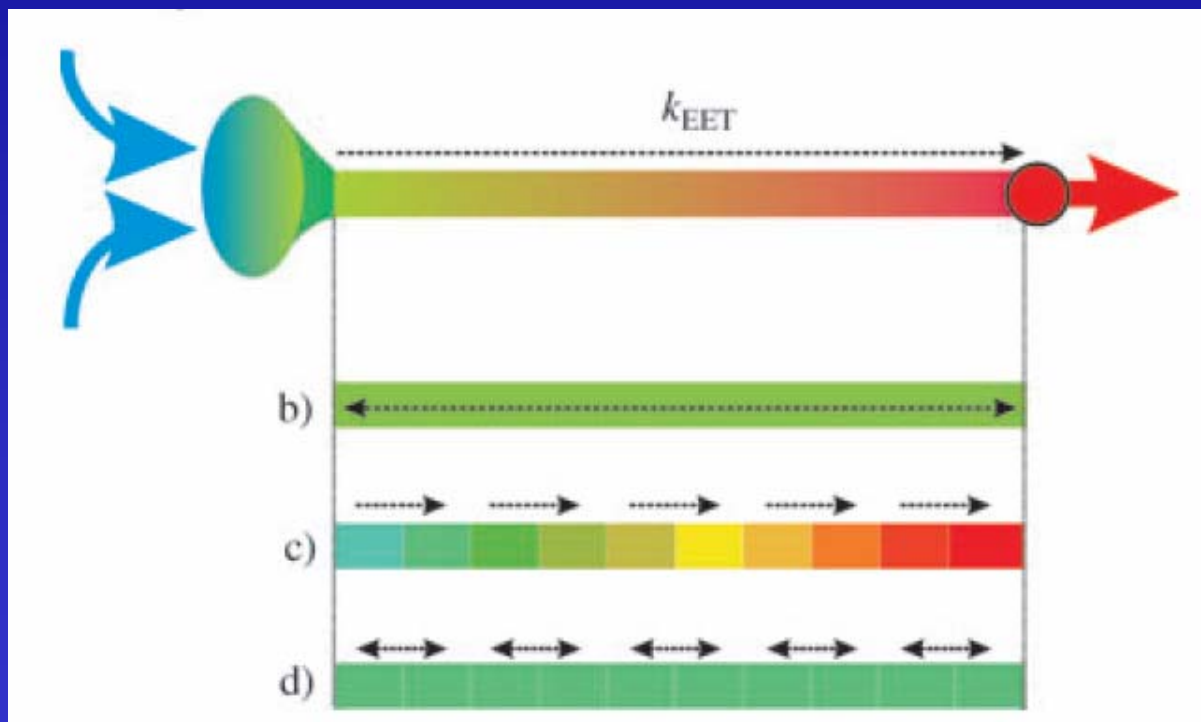
Three-color FRET time-traces (Cy3 in green, Cy5 in red, and Cy5.5 in dark blue) which were used to derive distances between three dyes. In the region I, the three dyes are all active. In the region II, Cy5.5 is inactive and data from this region is used for calculating  $E_{12}$ . Using data in region III where Cy5 is

bleached,  $E_{13}$  is calculated. As explained in the text,  $E_{23}$  is calculated by comparing Cy5 intensities in regions I and II or in regions I and III. Distances between the three dyes are readily obtained from  $E_{12}$ ,  $E_{13}$ , and  $E_{23}$  using the calculated values for  $R_0$  for each FRET pair.

Cy5-Cy5.5:  
~ 8.7 nm  
calc: 7.9 nm



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directed electronic  
excitation transfer:

b) strong coupling

c) weak coupling  
with stepwise EET

d) energy hopping

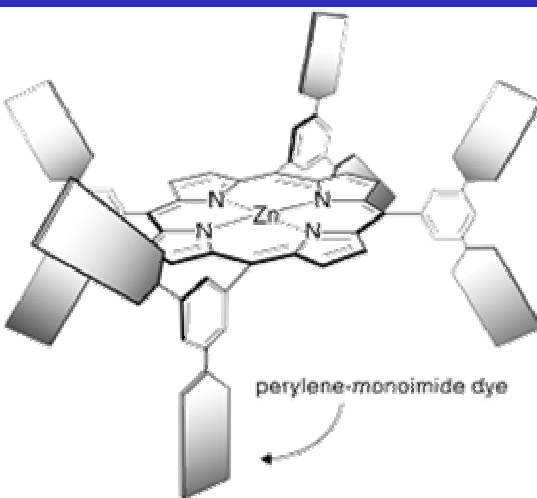
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directed electronic excitation transfer:



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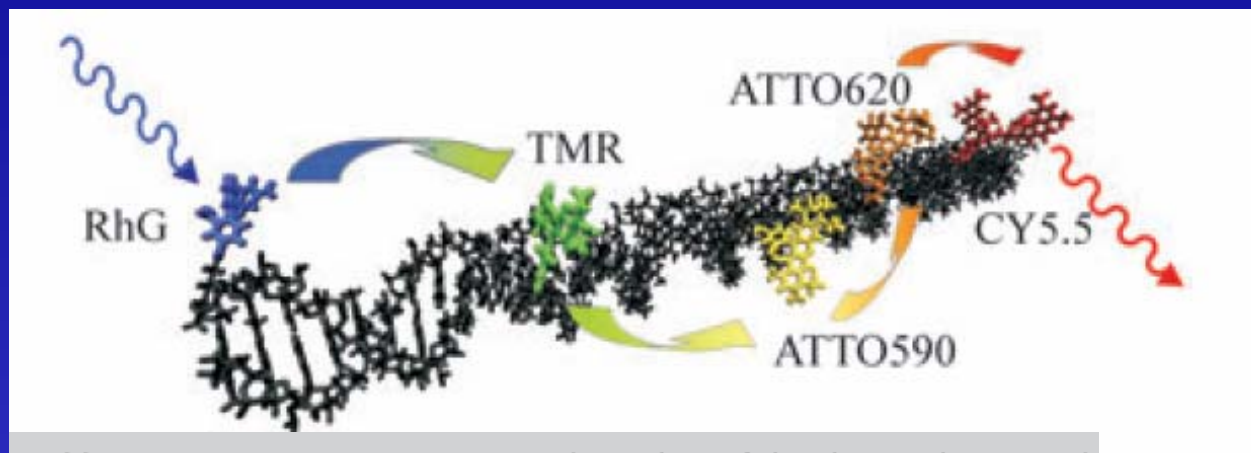
strong coupling: poly-perylene, coherent energy transfer



artificial light harvesting complexes with perylene and porphyrine

A. Ambroise, C. Kirmaier, R. W. Wagner, R. S. Loewe, D. F. Bocian, D. Holten, J. S. Lindsey, *J. Org. Chem.* 2002, 67, 3811–3826.

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**Table 1.** Spectroscopic parameters and  $R_0$  values of the chromophores used for the construction of DNA-based photonic wires.

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	$\lambda_{\text{abs}}$ [nm]	$\lambda_{\text{em}}$ [nm]	$\epsilon/l$ [ $10^5 \text{ mol}^{-1} \text{ cm}^{-1}$ ]	$\Phi_f$	$R_0$ [Å]
RhodGreen	508	534	0.74	0.9	65.0
TMR	560	582	0.95	0.9	71.7
ATTO590	603	625	1.20	0.8	72.3
LCR	622	638	1.20	0.8	74.5
ATTO680	689	703	1.25	0.3	

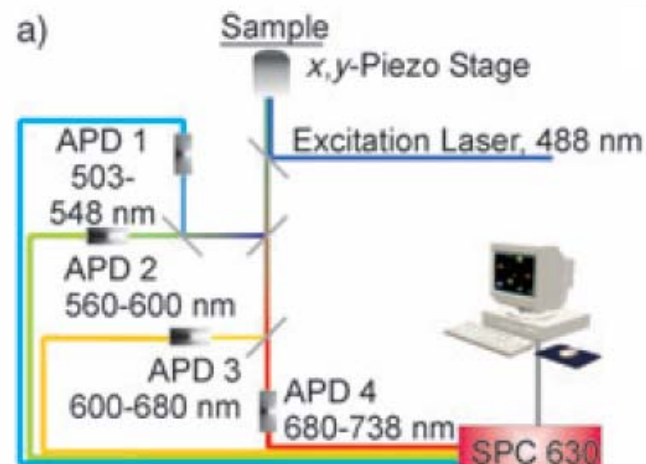
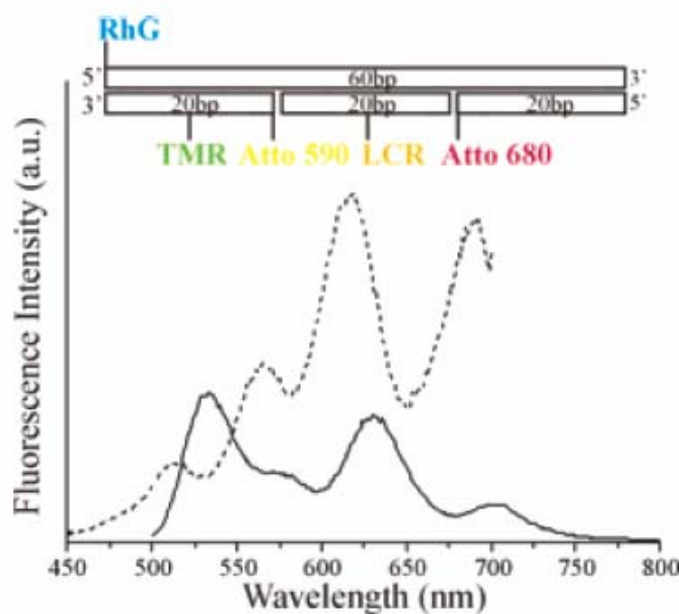
Ex @ 488 nm

$$E_{\text{end-to-end}} = E_{1,2} * E_{2,3} * E_{3,4} * E_{4,5}$$

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## Multistep Energy Transfer in Single Molecular Photonic Wires

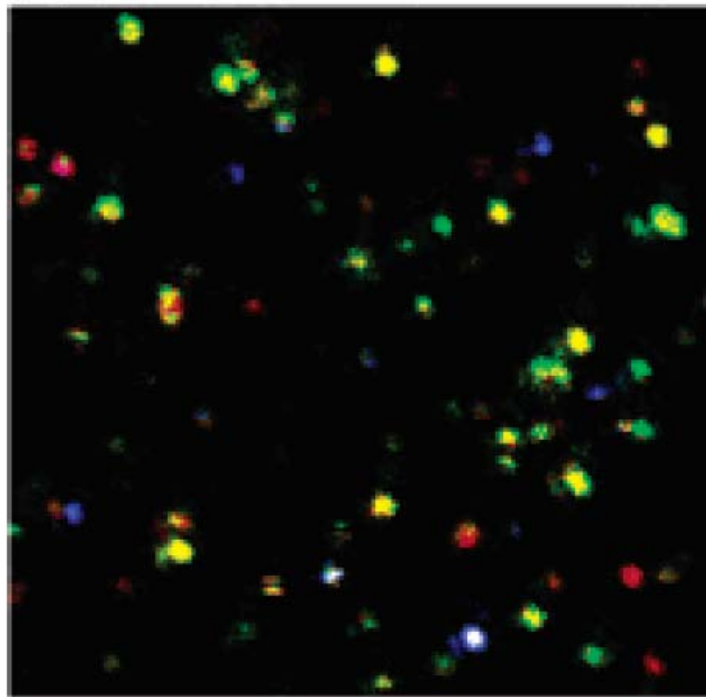
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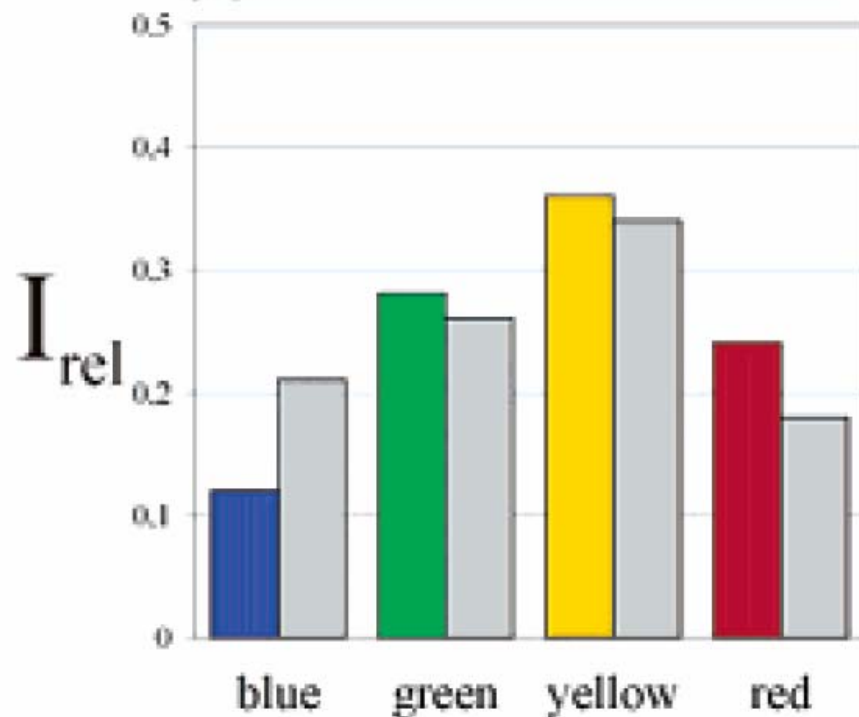
**Figure 1.** Fluorescence emission (488 nm excitation, straight line) and excitation spectrum (705 nm fluorescence, dotted line) of a DNA-based photonic wire containing five fluorophores measured in PBS, pH 7.4. The

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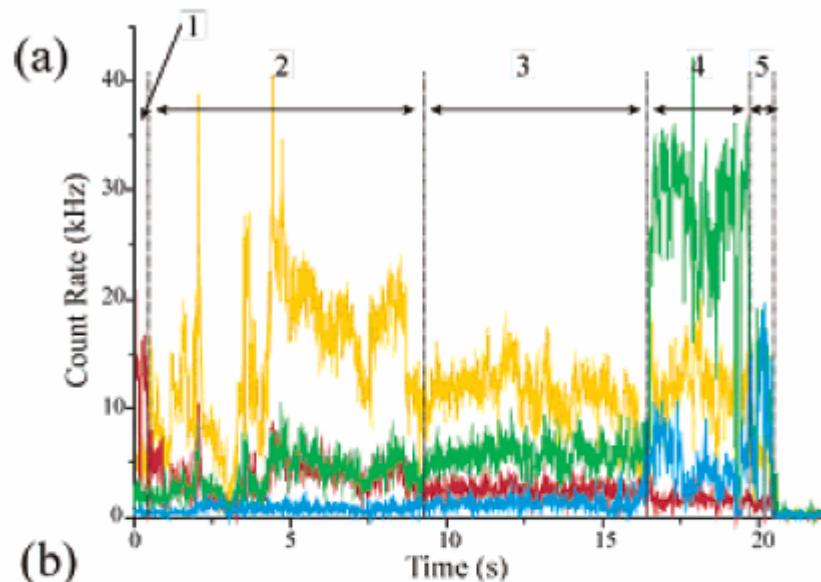


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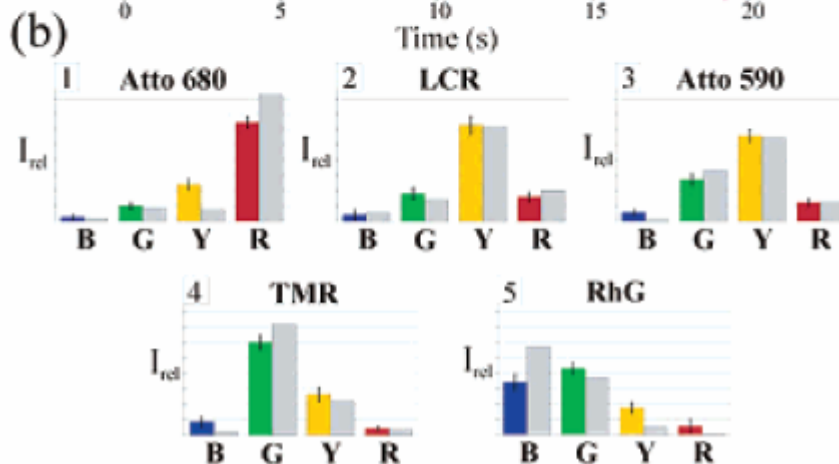


temporal FRET efficiency fluctuations (false colored) in single photonic wires revealed during scanning

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According to these patterns, five regions with different spectral characteristics can be retrieved from the four different fluorescence intensity trajectories. The first 0.4 s of the trajectory (part 1) can be attributed to the emission of the far red chromophore Atto 680. After photobleaching of the final acceptor, the fluorescence emission is dominated by LCR (part 2) followed by Atto 590 (part 3), TMR (part 4), and finally RhG (part 5). Overall, five subsequent photobleaching events can be uncovered.



- overall  $E_{FRET}$  up  $\sim 0.9$
- across 13.4 nm
- $\sim 200$  nm spectral shift

emission pattern of the 4 FRET acceptors and FRET donor R6G in 4 detection channels

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## photonic wires

- overall  $E_{\text{FRET}}$  up to  $\sim 0.9$  for 10% of the photonic wires
- across 13.4 nm
- $\sim 200$  nm spectral shift
  
- complex behaviour due to competing EET processes
- nonfluorescent energy traps

to be continued:

single-molecule

FRET

imaging

methods