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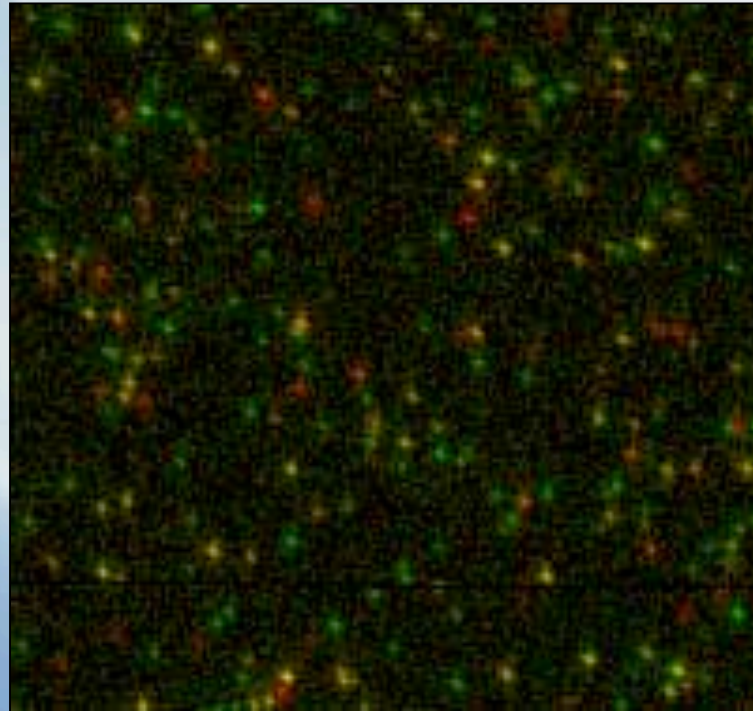
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# SP FRET

( single-pair fluorescence resonance energy transfer )

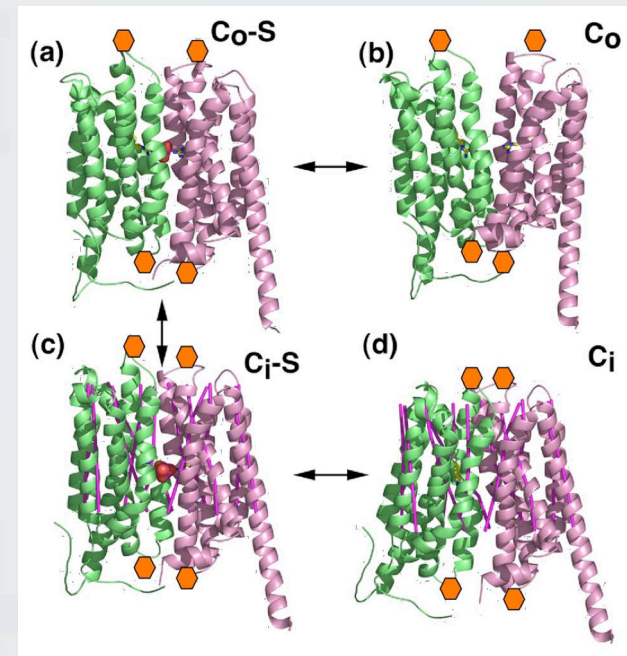
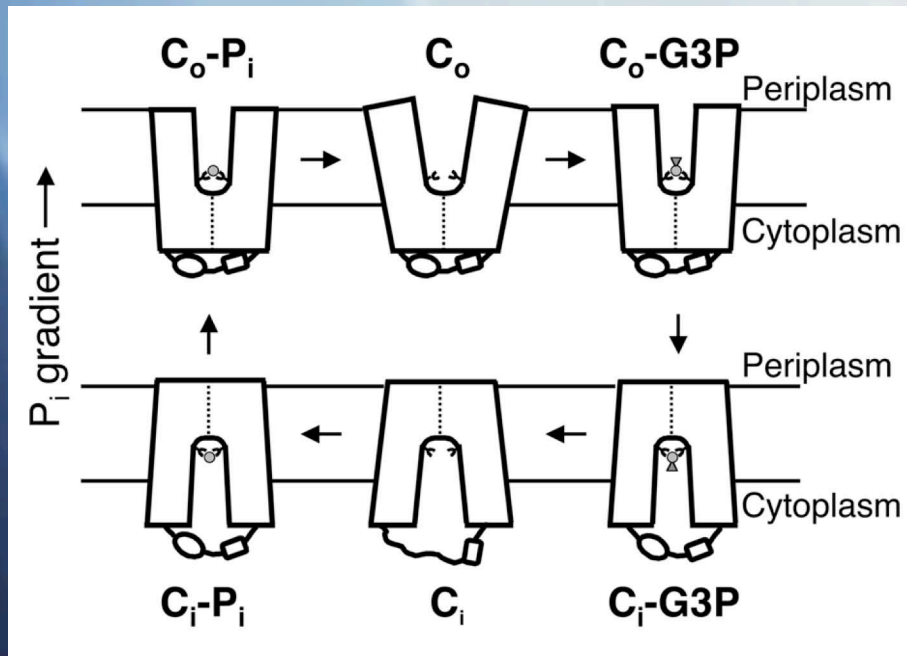


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# EXAMPLE: ROCKERSWITH MODEL FOR GlpT



Reaction cycle of substrate translocation: Proposed single-binding-site, alternating-access mechanism with a rocker-switch type of movement . Positions of Arg45 and Arg269 are indicated.  $P_i$  is represented by a small disk, and the G3P molecule as a small disk and a triangle.

# TEXTBOOK (Cambridge Univ. Press)

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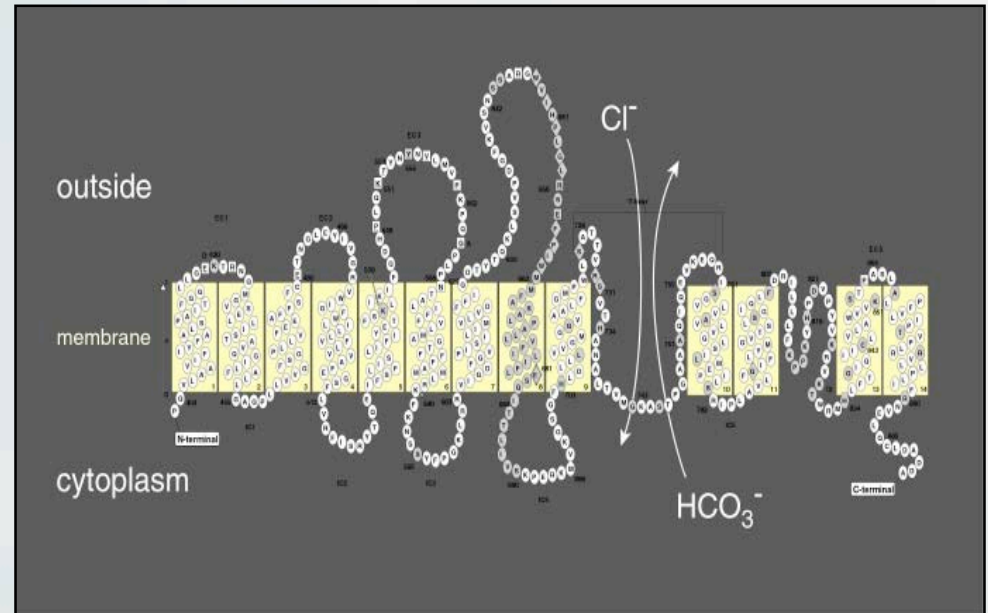
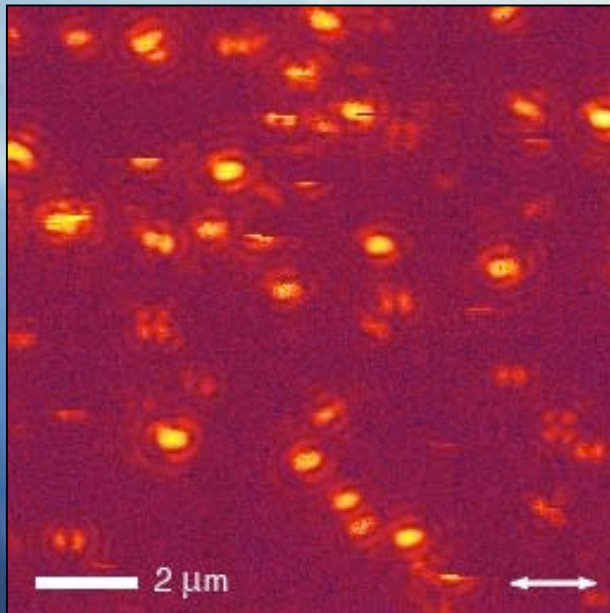
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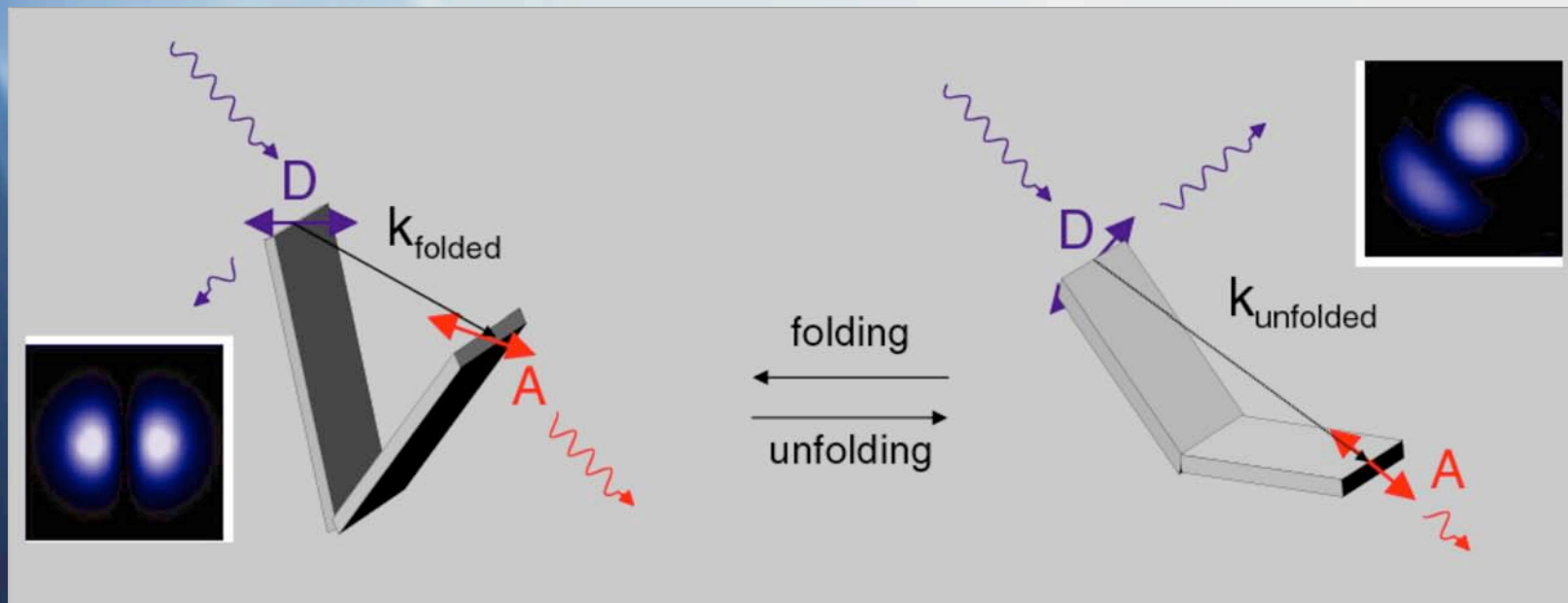
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# CONFORMATIONAL STATES OF AE1



Collaboration with Prof. P. Knauf (Biochemistry, Rochester)

# FOERSTER ENERGY TRANSFER



$$R_o^6 = \frac{9000(\ln 10) \kappa^2 \phi_D}{128\pi^2 N_{av} n^4} \int_0^\infty F_D(\lambda) \epsilon_A(\lambda) \lambda^4 d\lambda$$

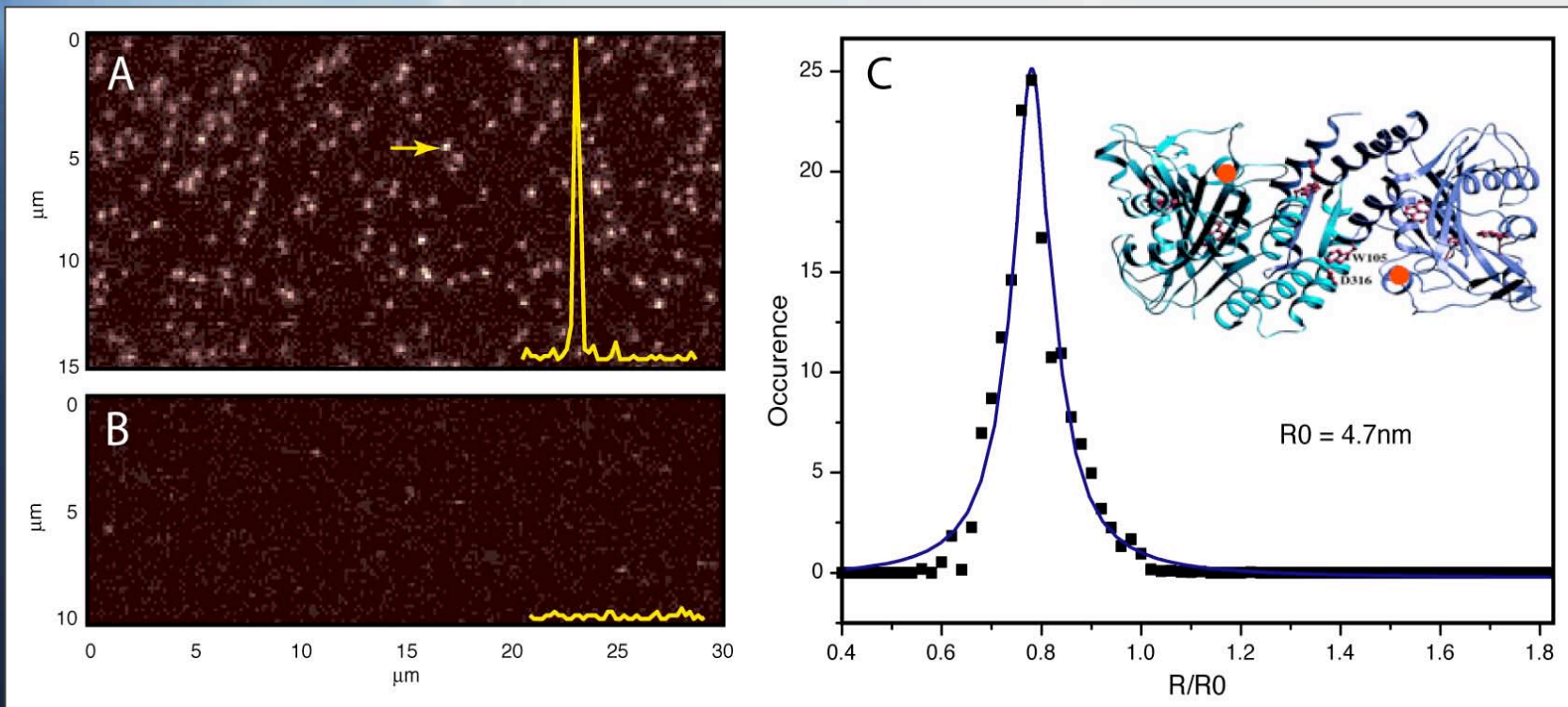
$$\kappa^2 = [\mathbf{n}_A \cdot \mathbf{n}_D - 3(\mathbf{n}_R \cdot \mathbf{n}_D)(\mathbf{n}_R \cdot \mathbf{n}_A)]^2$$

## FOERSTER WHO ?



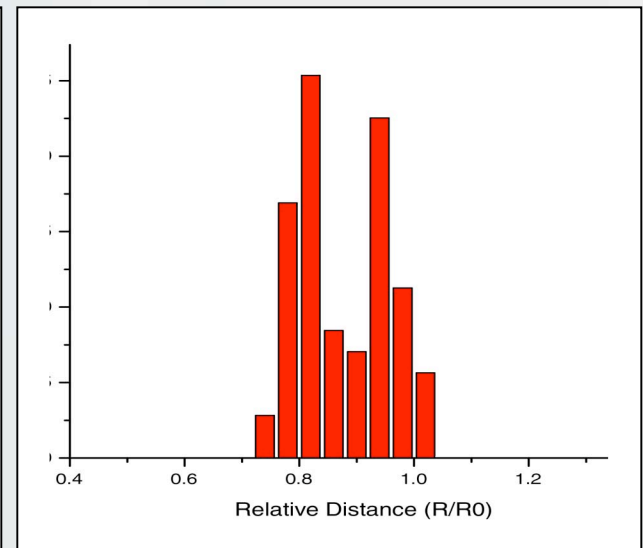
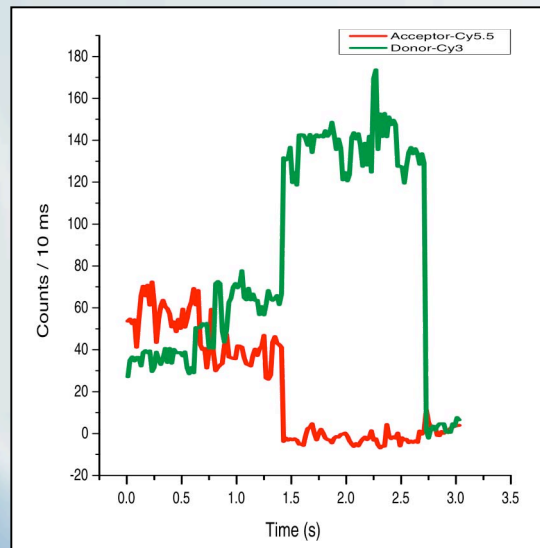
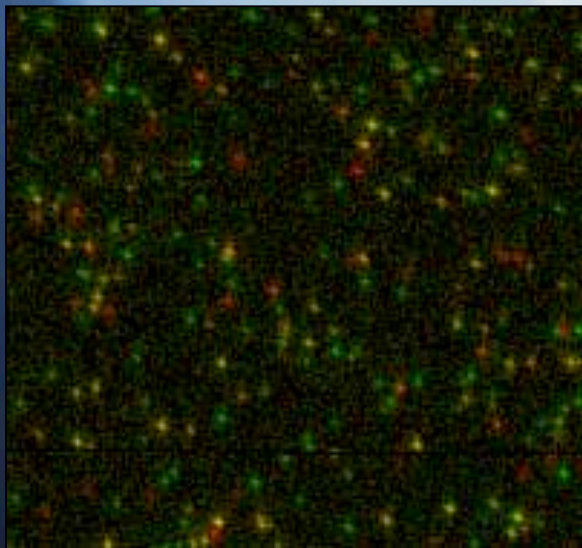
Robert S. Knox (left) and Theodore Foerster (right) preparing for mechanical energy transfer. Springwater, NY, August 1973.

# CYTOPLASMIC DOMAIN OF AE1 (CDB3)

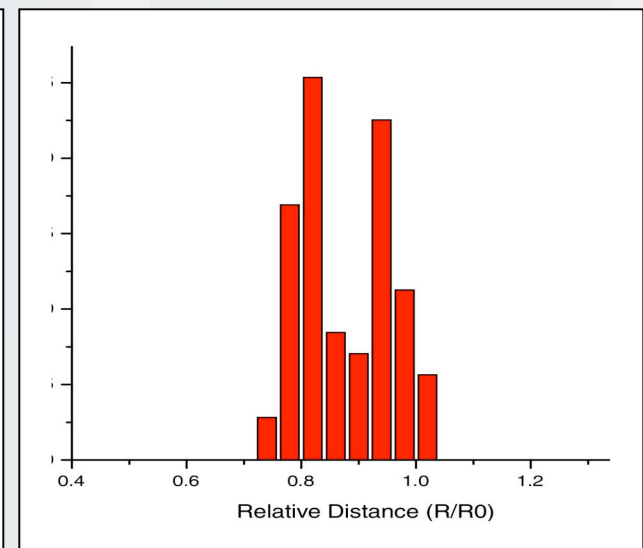
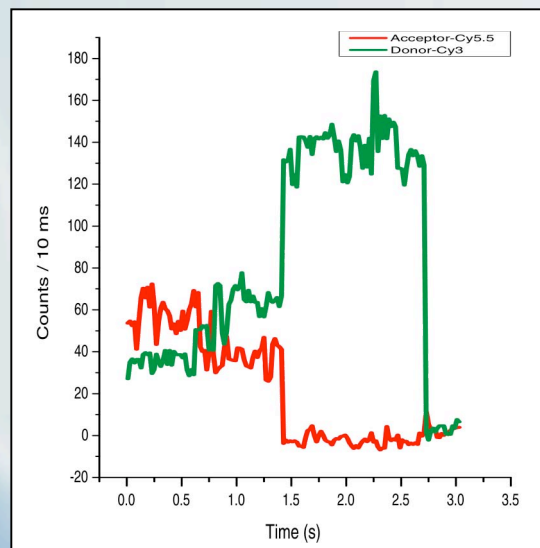
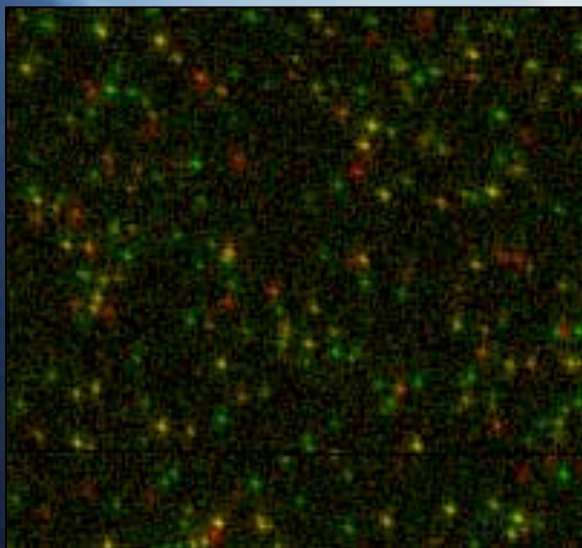




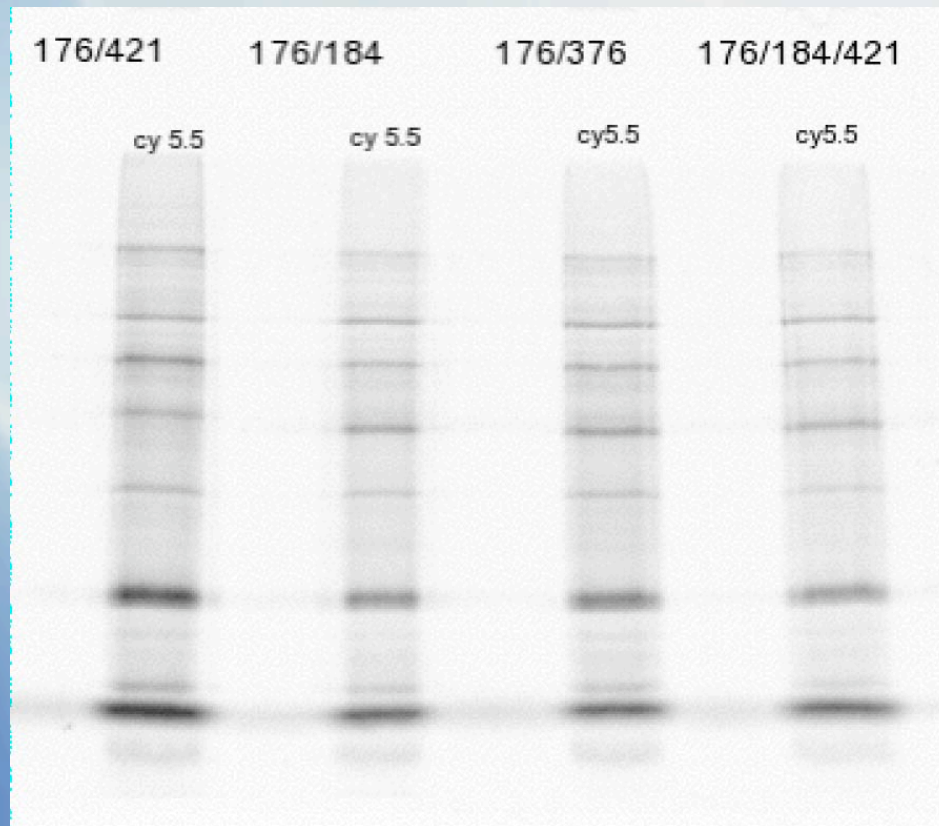
# STATIC CONFORMATIONS OF AE1



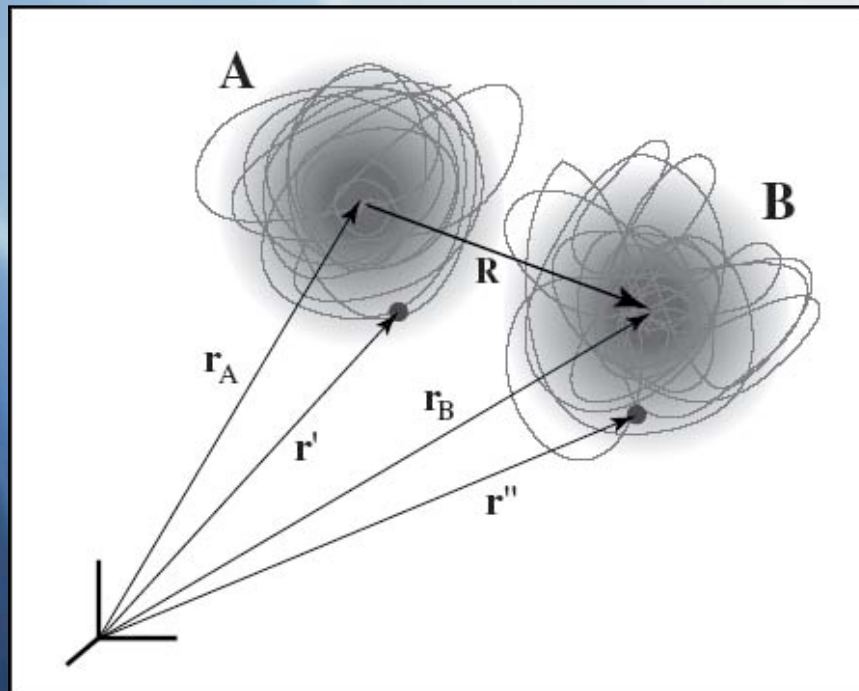
# STATIC CONFORMATIONS OF AE1



# PROBLEM: PURIFICATION



# ENERGY TRANSFER THEORY

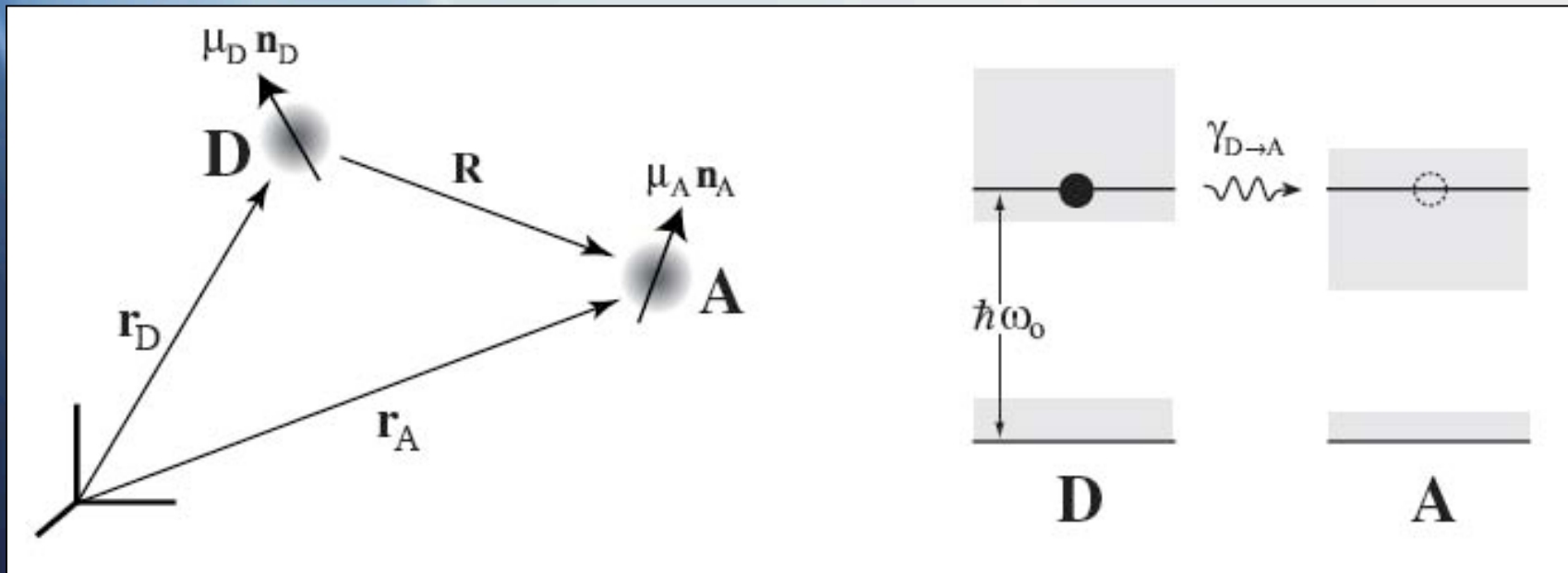


$$q_A = \int \rho_A(\mathbf{r}') dV'$$

$$\mu_A = \int \rho_A(\mathbf{r}') (\mathbf{r}' - \mathbf{r}_A) dV'$$

$$V_{AB}(\mathbf{R}) = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \left[ \frac{q_A q_B}{R} + \frac{q_A \mu_B \cdot \mathbf{R}}{R^3} - \frac{q_B \mu_A \cdot \mathbf{R}}{R^3} + \frac{R^2 \mu_A \cdot \mu_B - 3(\mu_A \cdot \mathbf{R})(\mu_B \cdot \mathbf{R})}{R^5} + \dots \right]$$

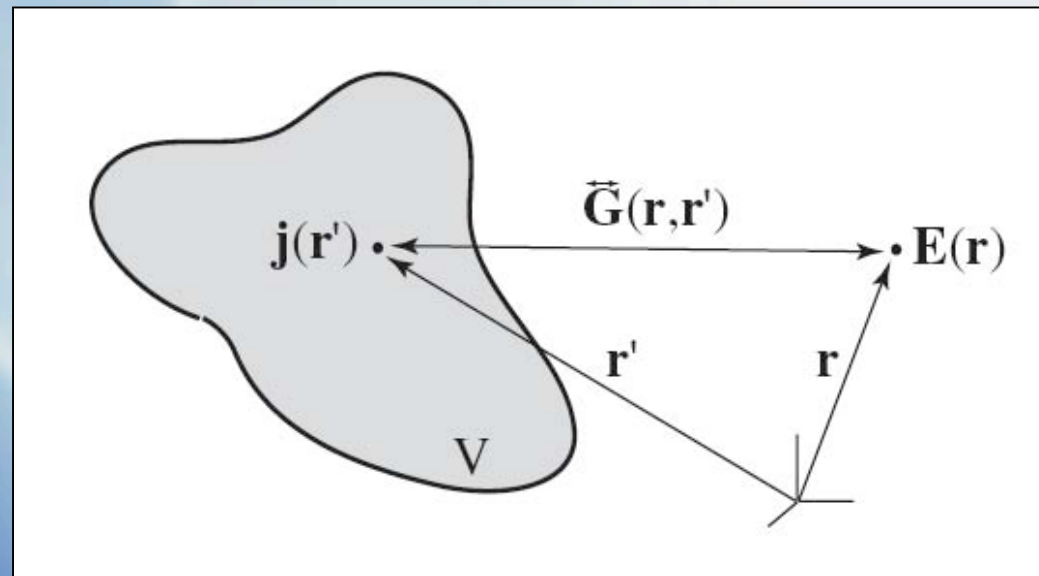
# LIMIT: WEAK COUPLING



$$\frac{\gamma_{D \rightarrow A}}{\gamma_0} = \frac{P_{D \rightarrow A}}{P_0}$$

$$P_0 = \frac{|\mu_D|^2 n(\omega_0)}{12\pi \epsilon_0 c^3} \omega_0^4$$

# GREEN'S FUNCTIONS



$$\mathbf{j}(\mathbf{r}) = -i\omega\mu\delta[\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{r}_o]$$

$$\mathbf{E}(\mathbf{r}) = \omega^2\mu_o\mu\vec{\mathbf{G}}(\mathbf{r}, \mathbf{r}')\mu$$

## POWER TRANSFER

$$P_{D \rightarrow A} = -\frac{1}{2} \int_{V_A} \text{Re}\{\mathbf{j}_A^* \cdot \mathbf{E}_D\} dV$$

For  $\mathbf{j}_A = -i\omega_o \mu_A \delta(\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{r}_A)$  :

$$P_{D \rightarrow A} = \frac{\omega_o}{2} \text{Im}\{\mu_A^* \cdot \mathbf{E}_D(\mathbf{r}_A)\}$$

Induced dipole  $\mu_A = \vec{\alpha}_A \mathbf{E}_D(\mathbf{r}_A)$  with  $\vec{\alpha}_A = \alpha_A \mathbf{n}_A \mathbf{n}_A$  :

$$P_{D \rightarrow A} = \frac{\omega_o}{2} \text{Im}\{\alpha_A\} |\mathbf{n}_A \cdot \mathbf{E}_D(\mathbf{r}_A)|^2$$

## ABSORPTION CROSS-SECTION

$$\sigma(\omega_o) = \frac{\langle P(\omega_o) \rangle}{I(\omega_o)}$$

$$\sigma(\omega_o) = \frac{(\omega_o/2) \operatorname{Im}\{\alpha(\omega_o)\} \langle |\mathbf{n}_p \cdot \mathbf{E}_D|^2 \rangle}{(1/2) (\epsilon_o/\mu_o)^{1/2} n(\omega_o) |\mathbf{E}_D|^2} = \frac{\omega_o}{3} \sqrt{\frac{\mu_o}{\epsilon_o}} \frac{\operatorname{Im}\{\alpha(\omega_o)\}}{n(\omega_o)}$$

$$P_{D \rightarrow A} = \frac{3}{2} \sqrt{\frac{\epsilon_o}{\mu_o}} n(\omega_o) \sigma_A(\omega_o) \left| \mathbf{n}_A \cdot \mathbf{E}_D(\mathbf{r}_A) \right|^2$$



## FIELD OF DONOR EVALUATED AT ACCEPTOR

$$\mathbf{E}_D(\mathbf{r}_A) = \omega_o^2 \mu_o \vec{\mathbf{G}}(\mathbf{r}_D, \mathbf{r}_A) \mu_D$$

Short-hand:

$$T(\omega_o) = 16\pi^2 k^4 R^6 \left| \mathbf{n}_A \cdot \vec{\mathbf{G}}(\mathbf{r}_D, \mathbf{r}_A) \mathbf{n}_D \right|^2$$

where  $R = |\mathbf{r}_D - \mathbf{r}_A|$

$k = (\omega_o/c) n(\omega_o)$ .

$$\frac{\gamma_{D \rightarrow A}}{\gamma_o} = \frac{9c^4}{8\pi R^6} \frac{\sigma_A(\omega_o)}{n^4(\omega_o) \omega_o^4} T(\omega_o) = \frac{9c^4}{8\pi R^6} \int_0^\infty \frac{\delta(\omega - \omega_o) \sigma_A(\omega)}{n^4(\omega) \omega^4} T(\omega) d\omega$$

## INCLUDE EMISSION SPECTRUM

$$\int_0^{\infty} \delta(\omega - \omega_0) d\omega = 1 \quad \longrightarrow \quad \int_0^{\infty} f_D(\omega) d\omega = 1$$

$$\frac{\gamma_{D \rightarrow A}}{\gamma_0} = \frac{9c^4}{8\pi R^6} \int_0^{\infty} \frac{f_D(\omega) \sigma_A(\omega)}{n^4(\omega) \omega^4} T(\omega) d\omega$$

Evaluate  $T(\omega)$  :

$$\begin{aligned} T(\omega) = & (1 - k^2 R^2 + k^4 R^4) (\mathbf{n}_A \cdot \mathbf{n}_D)^2 + \\ & (9 + 3k^2 R^2 + k^4 R^4) (\mathbf{n}_R \cdot \mathbf{n}_D)^2 (\mathbf{n}_R \cdot \mathbf{n}_A)^2 + \\ & (-6 + 2k^2 R^2 - 2k^4 R^4) (\mathbf{n}_A \cdot \mathbf{n}_D) (\mathbf{n}_R \cdot \mathbf{n}_D) (\mathbf{n}_R \cdot \mathbf{n}_A) \end{aligned}$$

$$\langle T(\omega) \rangle = \frac{2}{3} + \frac{2}{9} k^2 R^2 + \frac{2}{9} k^4 R^4$$

## ONLY NEAR-FIELD TERMS

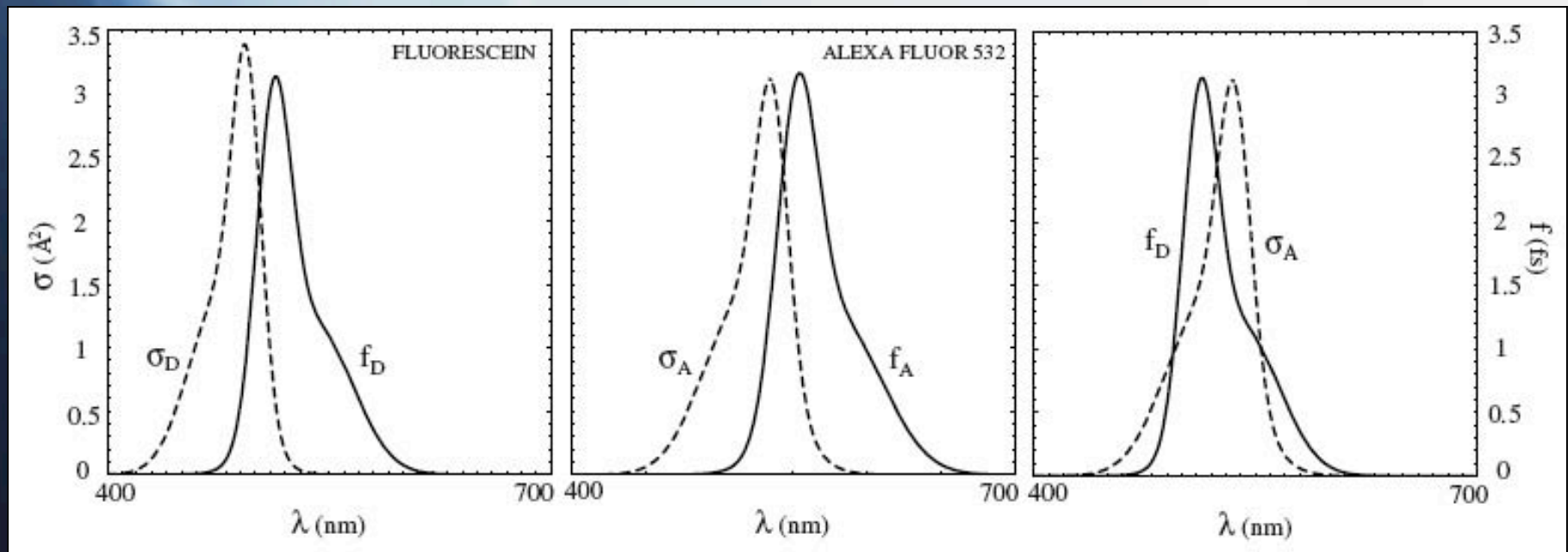
$$\frac{\gamma_{D \rightarrow A}}{\gamma_o} = \left[ \frac{R_o}{R} \right]^6, \quad R_o^6 = \frac{9c^4 \kappa^2}{8\pi} \int_0^\infty \frac{f_D(\omega) \sigma_A(\omega)}{n^4(\omega) \omega^4} d\omega$$

$$\kappa^2 = [\mathbf{n}_A \cdot \mathbf{n}_D - 3(\mathbf{n}_R \cdot \mathbf{n}_D)(\mathbf{n}_R \cdot \mathbf{n}_A)]^2$$

# EXAMPLE: Alexa Fluor 532 (A) and Fluorescein (D)

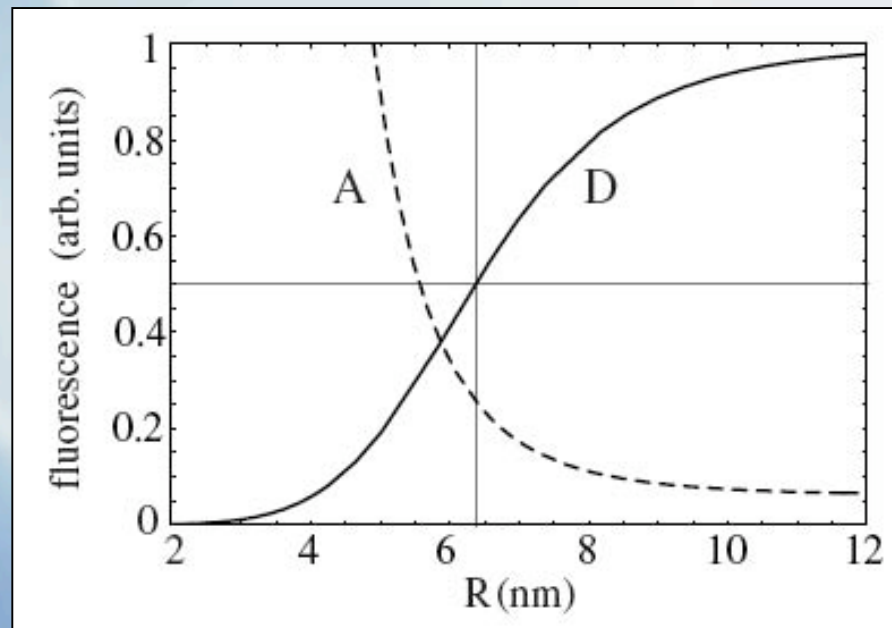
Fitting :

$$\sum_{n=1}^N A_n e^{-(\lambda - \lambda_n)^2 / \Delta \lambda_n^2}$$



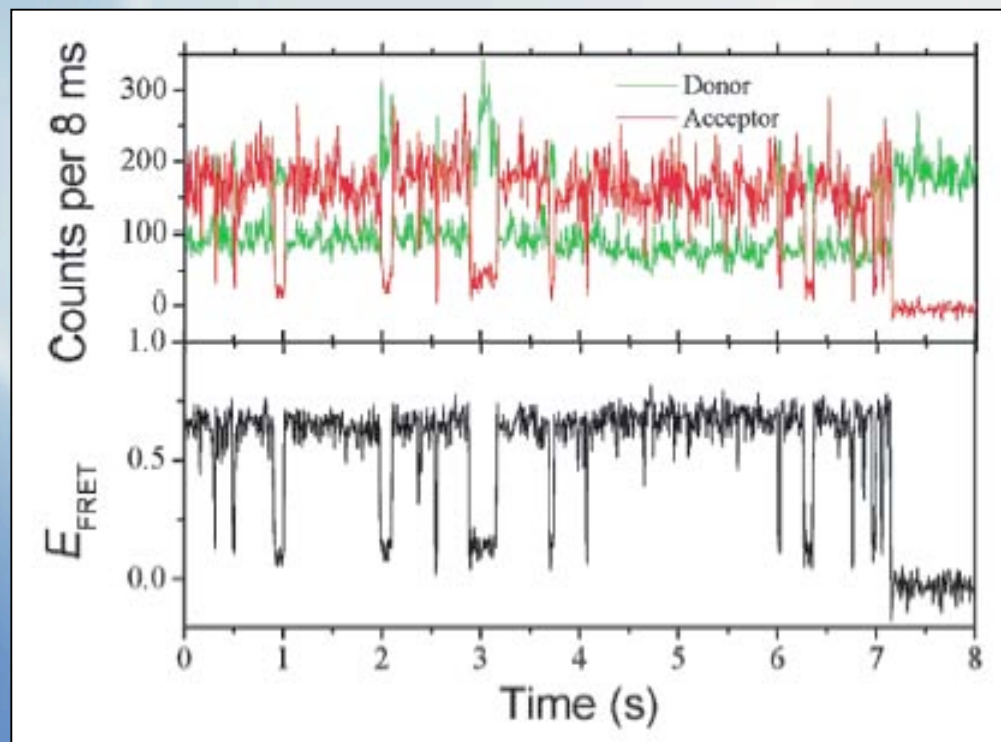
Water:  $R_0 = 6.3\text{nm}$  ; Air:  $R_0 = 7.6\text{nm}$

## DONOR / ACCEPTOR FLUORESCENCE



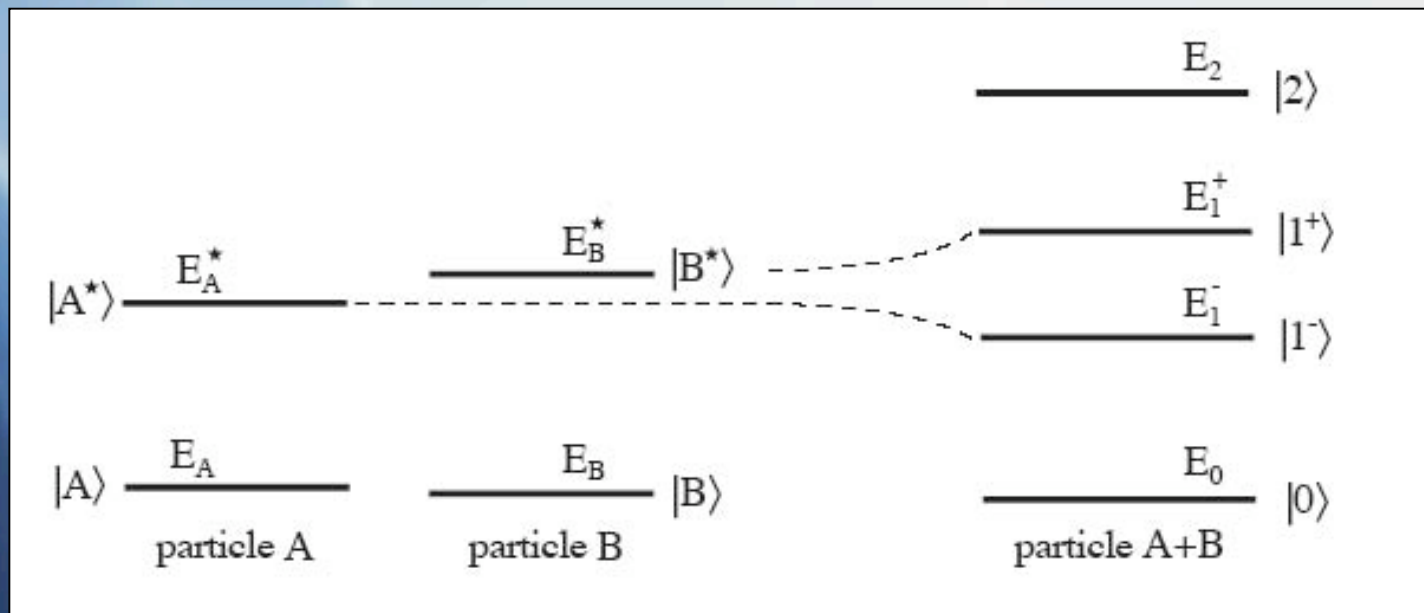
$$E = \frac{P_o}{P_o + P_{D \rightarrow A}} = \frac{1}{1 + (\gamma_o / \gamma_{D \rightarrow A})} = \frac{1}{1 + (R/R_o)^6}$$

## EXAMPLE: DNA HOLIDAY JUNCTION



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## STRONG COUPLING REGIME



$$|1^+\rangle = \cos \alpha |A^*B\rangle + \sin \alpha |AB^*\rangle$$

$$|1^-\rangle = \sin \alpha |A^*B\rangle - \cos \alpha |AB^*\rangle$$

## SUMMARY

FRET IS A POWERFUL TECHNIQUE TO MEASURE NANOSCALE DISTANCES

EFFECT CAN BE UNDERSTOOD BASED ON ANTENNA THEORY

- Gives correct Result for Near-field, Intermediate Field, and Farfield
- Strong Coupling Regime requires QM



