# FRET and FLIM Applications: Single Pair FRET

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### **Single Molecule Measurements**





### **Ensemble versus Single Molecule**





## **Overview**



#### Dynamics of TBP-NC2

A Mechanistic Model for Gene Regulation



#### Chaperon Assisted Protein Folding

GroEL is a Strict Chaperon



Hsp70

#### Probing the Conformation of Chaperons











# Protein Dynamics in vitro:

# A Mechanistic Model for Gene Regulation







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In vitro: DNA-Transcription-Inhibition caused by Negative Cofactor 2 (NC2)



Current belief: Inhibition by NC2 is only due to sterical hindrance



## Footprinting















#### Visualize movement using in vitro FRET measurements on single molecules





## **Prism-type TIRFM setup**

















 > 90 % of all molecules show steady FRET

N = 631



 Final binding positions / conformation of TBP on DNA.













Schluesche et al 2007 NSMB 14:1196





- The first conformation (E = 0.41) is the initial steady state
- > 2<sup>nd</sup> conformation is DNA-unbending





#### **Dynamics at 30 ms/Frame**







modified PDB-File 1RM1

➢ 3<sup>rd</sup> conformation is movement of TBP along the DNA

FRET-States << 0.40 cannot be described by conformational changes of DNA



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TBP-DNA complexes exhibit constant FRET-traces before the addition of NC2.

Upon binding of NC2, the FRET-traces converts to a dynamic behavior

Discrete steps between two dominant populations are observed. The populations correspond to DNA in the bent and stretched conformation



A low FRET population is also observed which can only be explained by movement of TBP-NC2 along the DNA complex.

DWA12 Dynamic (AI VII)

Dynamic properties vary with promoter

The kinetic information can be extracted using a Hidden Markov Model

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high FRET



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# Protein Folding:



# The Role of Chaperonins in Protein Folding





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## **Burst Analysis**

















### Additional Information: Excitation Source of Each Photon







#### PIE in spFRET can be used to:

- Determine the stoichiometry of donor and acceptor labeled complexes
- Lifetime and intensity information can be used for determining FRET efficiency
  - Changes in fluorescence intensity of the dye can be monitored



Muller et al. 2005 *Biophys J* 89:3508



## **Heat shock proteins**





Increased production if cell undergoes heat shock or other stress

### Classification according to molecular weight:

**Hsp70:** ATP-dependent stabilization of hydrophobic segments, motor protein

# **Hsp60:** ATP-dependent facilitation of folding to the native state

**Hsp90**: Protein folding, cell signalling, and tumor repression

**Hsp110:** ATP-dependent disaggregation and unfolding for degradation

**Small Hsps:** Stabilization against aggregation during heat-shock

# Ubiquitous in virtually all living organisms







GroEL helps other proteins to fold correctly

- $\boldsymbol{\cdot}$  The folding pathway is
  - 1) Unfolded protein
  - 2) Binding protein to GroEL
  - 3) Binding of ATP and GroES to GroEL
  - Release of the substate into the cavity of GroEL
  - 5) Folding of the substrate
  - 6) Release of folded protein from GroEL

*cis* cavity: hydrophilic

*trans* cavity: hydrophobic



Hartl F.U and Hayer-Hartl M, 2002 Science 259:1852



#### **MBP Folding**





> MBP folding is accelerated by a factor 13 in the prescence of GroEL



## **MBP Binding to GroEL at [pM]**









A bimodal distribution is observed

The low FRET state has a similar donor-acceptor separation as the denatured state

The high FRET state is compact, but broadly distributed



The low FRET state disappears upon addition of ATP



The ATP-induced conformational change in MBP-GroEL is reversable



The low FRET population is present in GroEL / MBP after 200s spontaneous folding

>A fraction of the substrates are stretched upon binding to GroEL

Sharma et al, Cell 133:142-153



0.0

0.001

0.01

0.1

Time (s)

тп

1

This is opposite to hydrophobic collapse

Sharma et al 2008 Cell 133:142



Sharma et al 2008 Cell 133:142





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