

# Программа «Структурная биология»

# Курс « Оптическая спектроскопия»

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*Лекция 3*

**Цель изучения дисциплины:** получение базовых знаний о методах оптической спектроскопии, о возможностях и способах их применения к решению задач структурной биологии

**Методы оптической спектроскопии:**

- Молекулярная спектроскопия электронного поглощения света
- Молекулярная флуоресцентная спектроскопия
- Флуоресцентная спектроскопия с временным разрешением
- Поляризационная флуоресцентная спектроскопия
- Флуоресцентная спектроскопия на основе Фёрстеровского резонансного переноса энергии
- **Флуоресцентная микроспектроскопия одиночных молекул**
- Спектроскопия кругового дихроизма
- Инфракрасная (ИК) спектроскопия молекул
- Спектроскопия комбинационного рассеяния (КР) света и ее разновидности

# **Структурные исследования одиночных молекул и их комплексов с использованием FRET- эффекта**

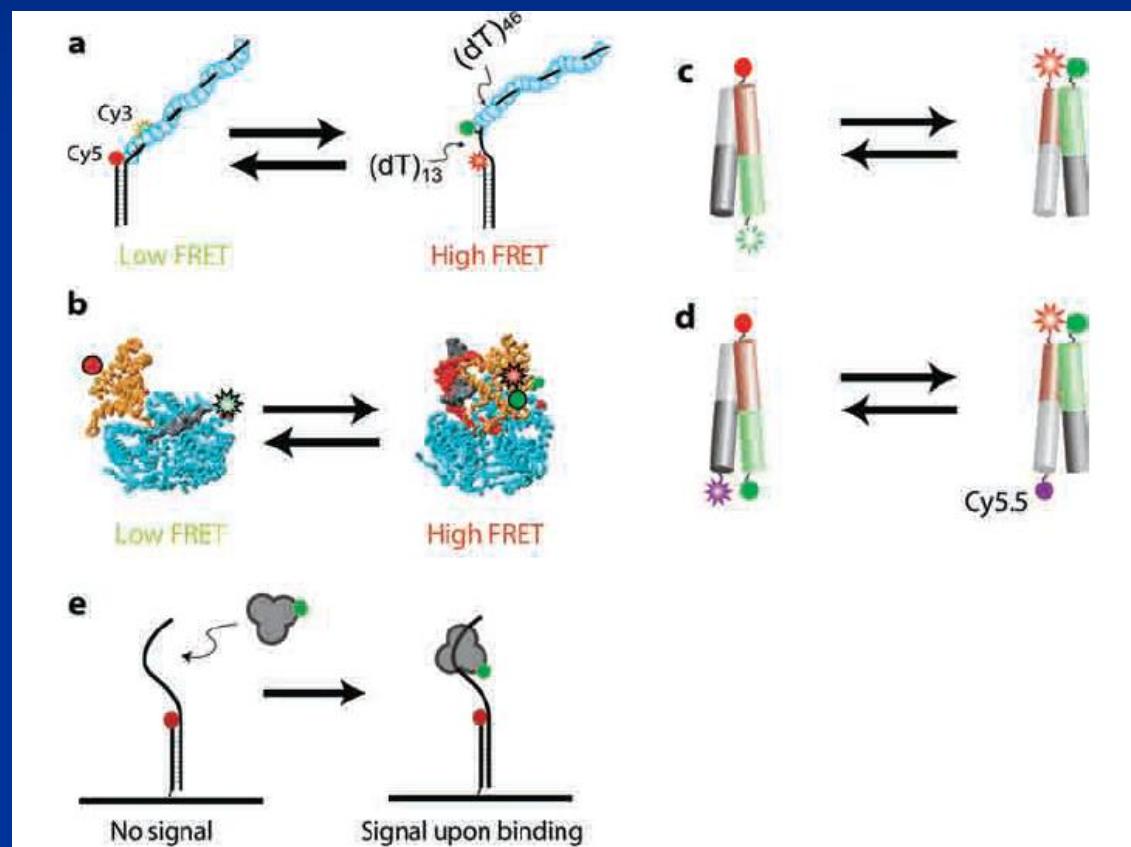
**Основная идея –пространственно изолировать, регистрировать и анализировать слабый сигнал от одной молекулы (одного комплекса)**

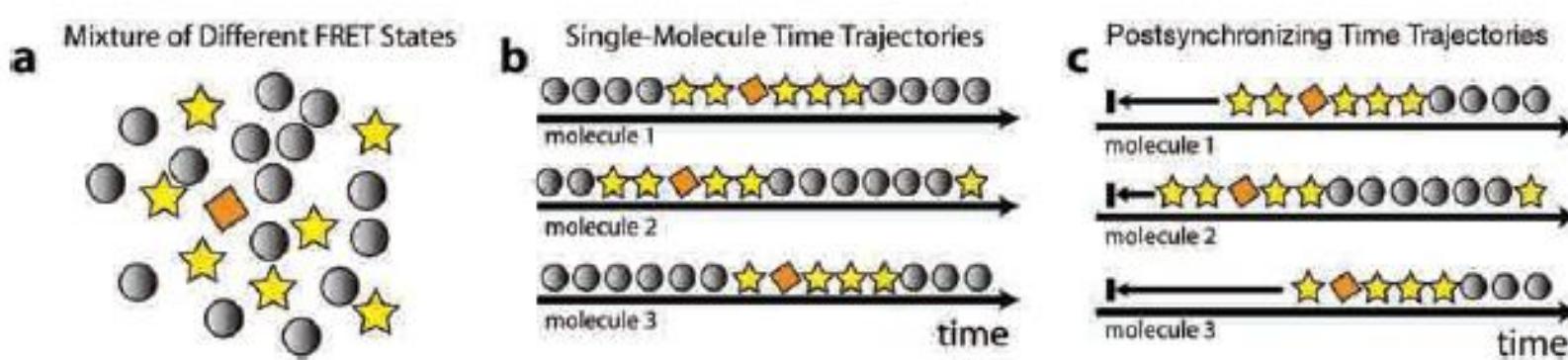
**с одновременной регистрацией сигнала в двух и более спектральных диапазонах (конформационные перестройки, взаимодействия молекул)**

**с разрешением во времени (анализ процессов с участием молекулы)**

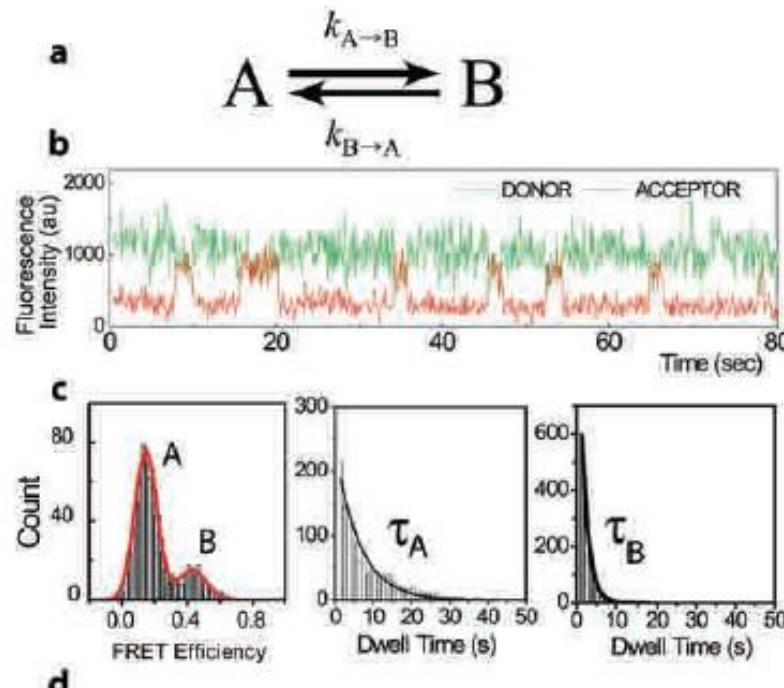
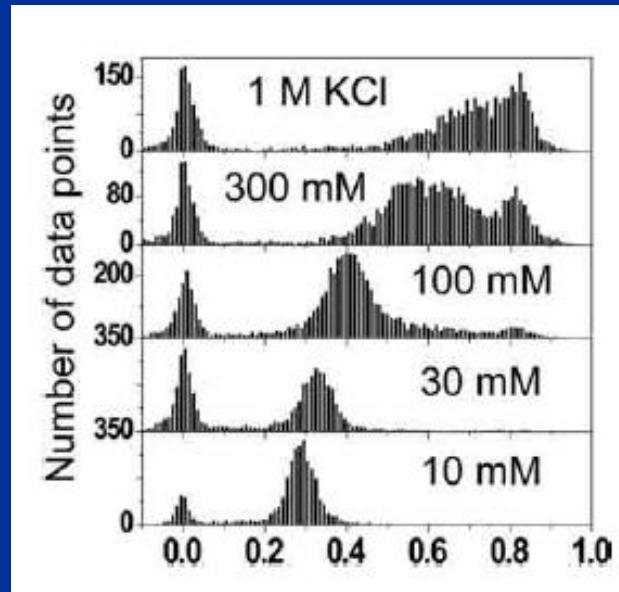
# Исследования на уровне единичных молекул и их комплексов методами флуоресцентной микроскопии

## Исследования с применением метода FRET

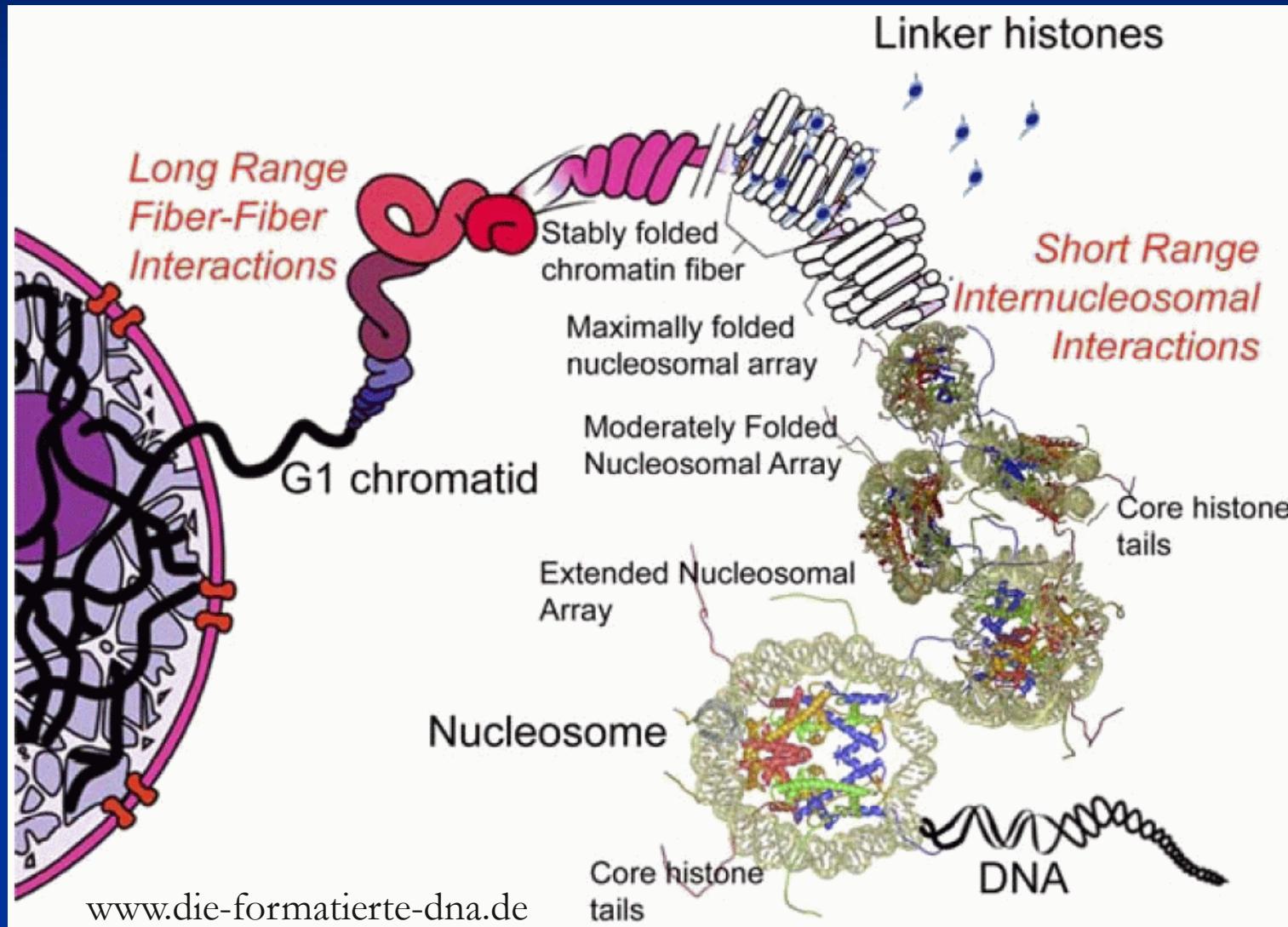




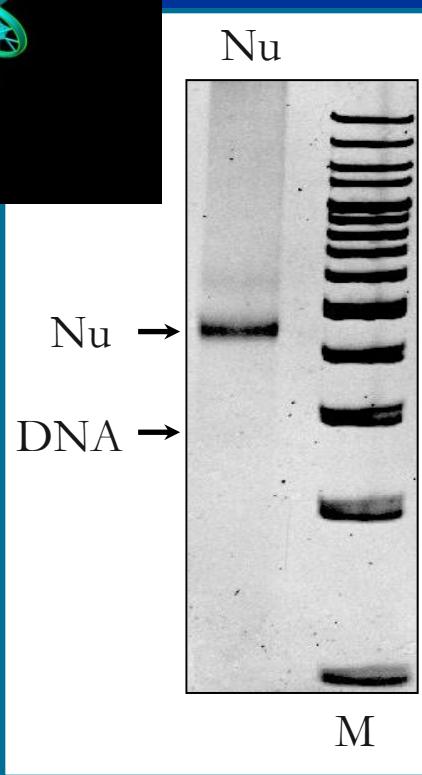
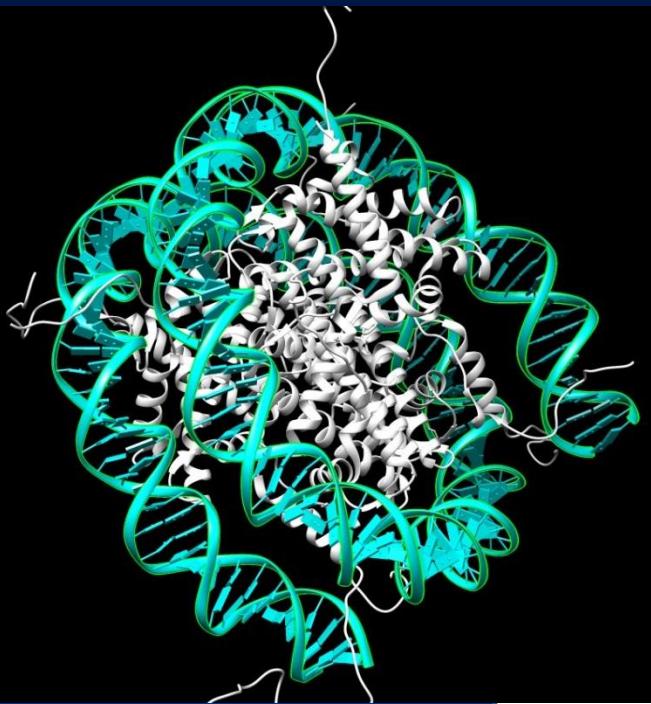
**FIGURE 2-2.** Single-molecule FRET study. (a) FRET in ensemble represents only the average value from many molecules. (b) The time traces of individual molecules reveal the true FRET states of different conformations in real time. (c) Events under study can be postsynchronized during data analysis.



# Chromatin: structural and functional complexities



# Mononucleosomes are convenient model system to study nucleosome interactions with different protein factors

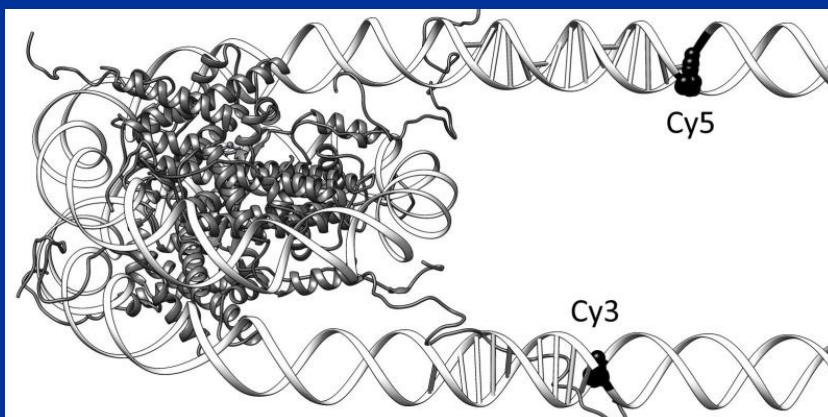
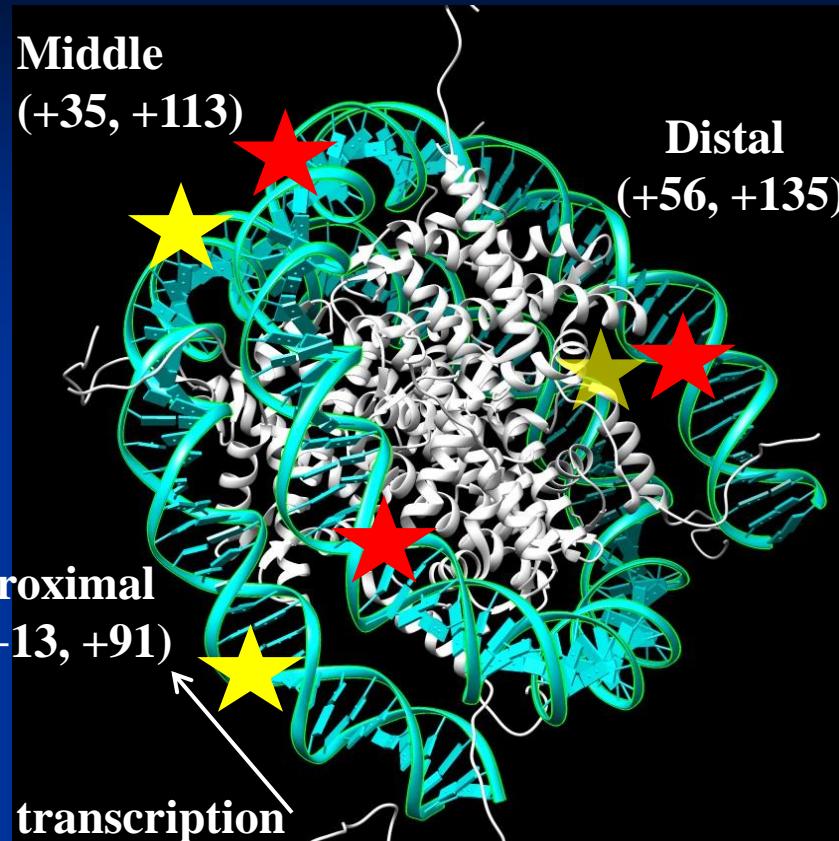


DNA (147 b.p. + 20 b.p. linker)  
603 strong nucleosome-positioning sequence  
+  
core histones  
(2×H2A, 2×H2B, 2×H3, 2×H4)

**nucleosome nanoparticle (10×5 nm size)**

**Studies with biochemical and molecular biology techniques**

# Method: fluorescence microscopy of single particles (complexes)



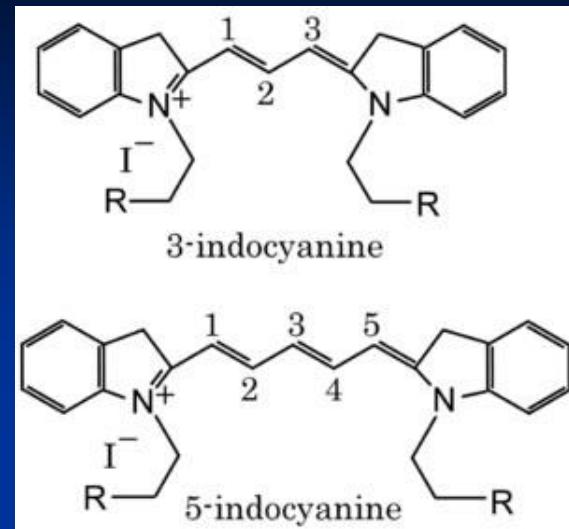
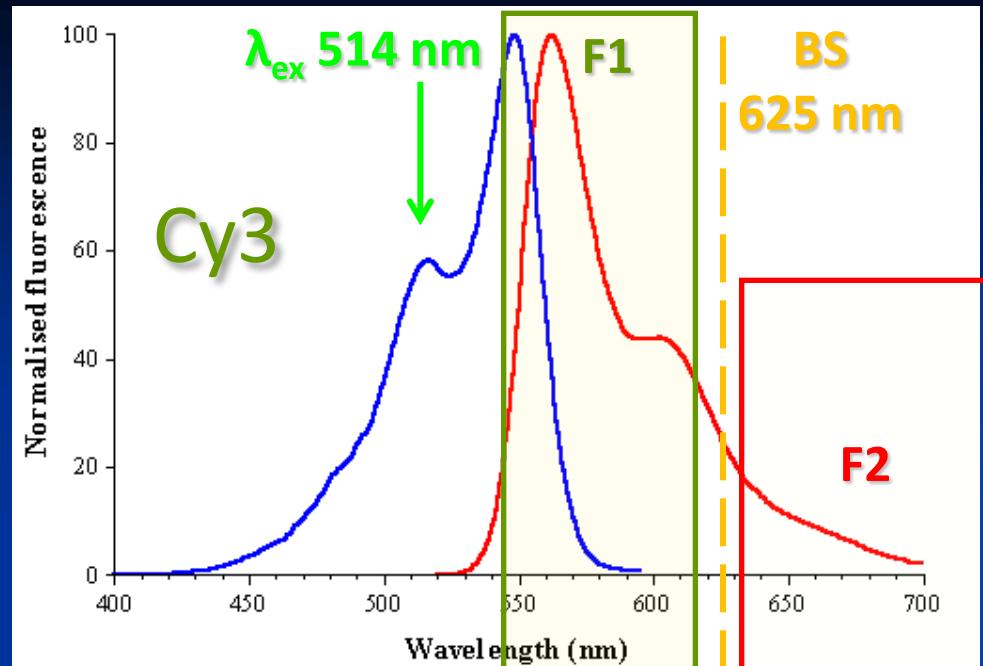
## Contradiction:

- Resolution of conventional optical microscopy: lateral 200 nm; axial 800 nm.
- Nucleosome size – about 10 nm.

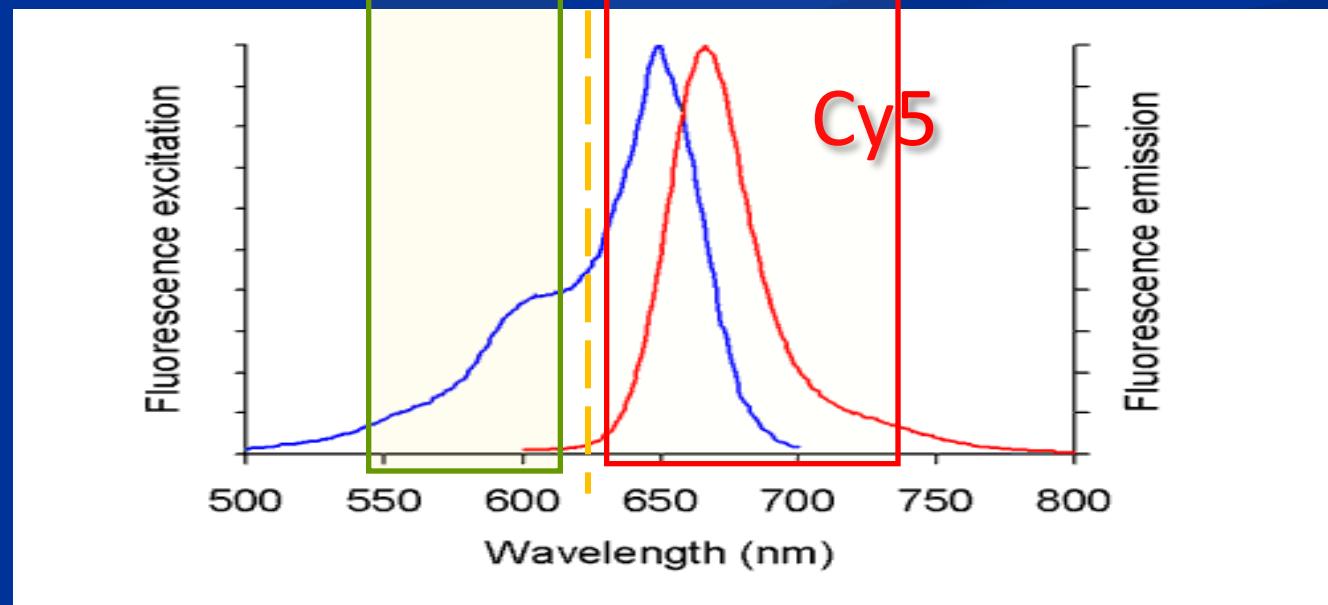
To study structural changes at the level of single nucleosomes it is necessary:

1. To use Forster resonance energy transfer (FRET) effect (a probe of conformational transitions at the scale of **4-9 nm**)
2. To isolate single nucleosomes in space and/or in time.

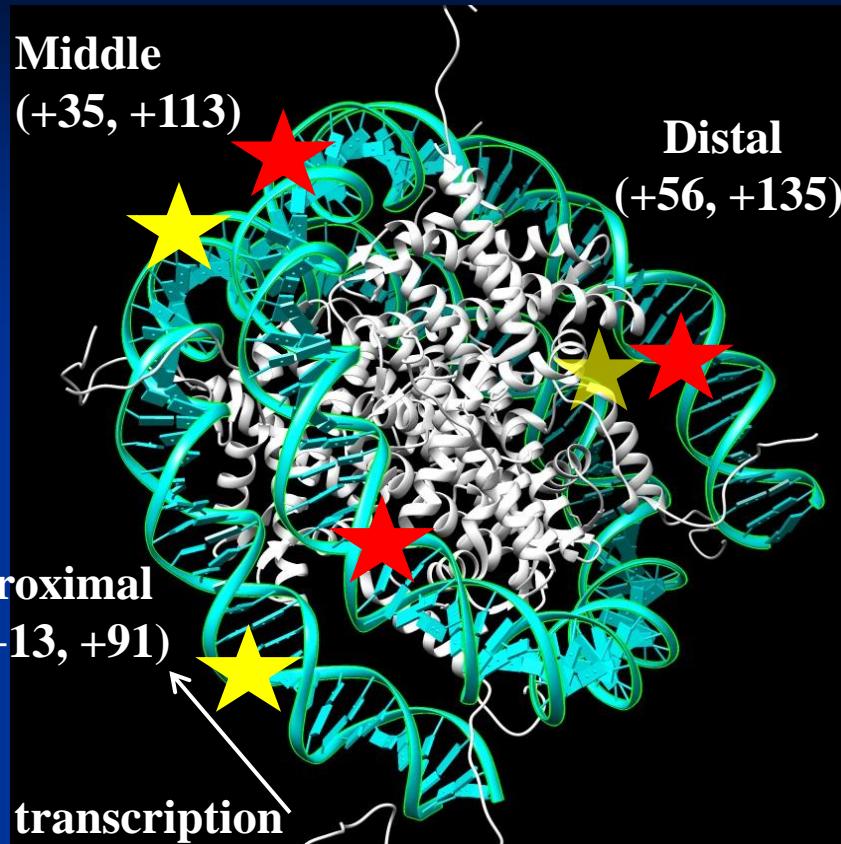
Kudryashova et al. Methods Mol Biol. 2015,  
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$$E \sim 1/[1 + (r/R_0)^6], R_0 = 5.6 \text{ nm}$$



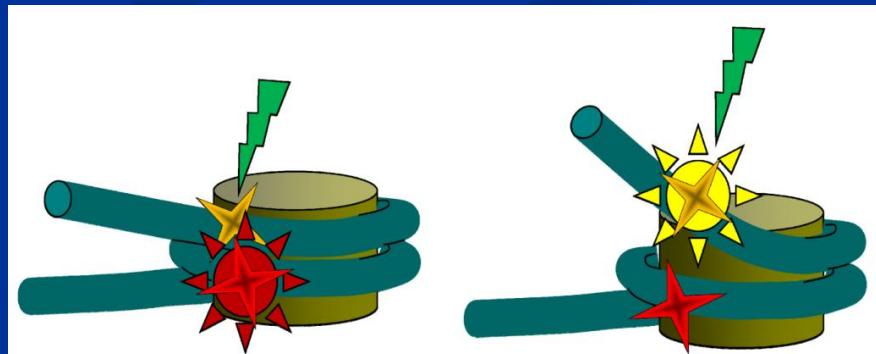
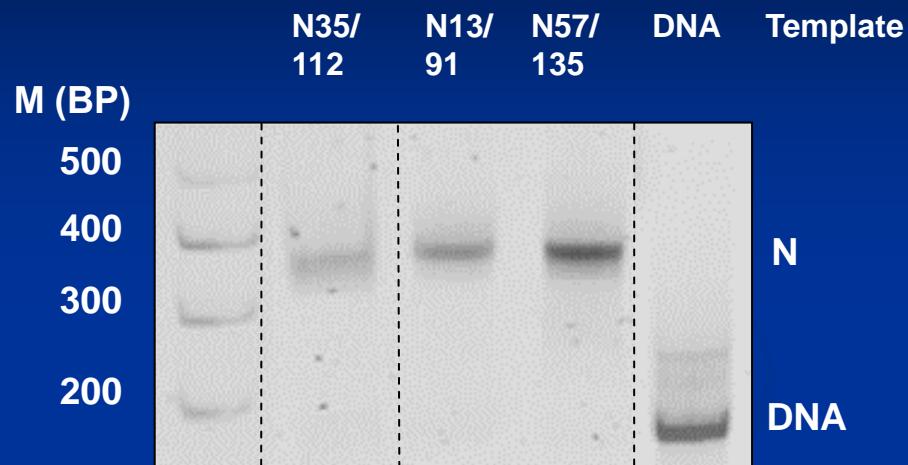
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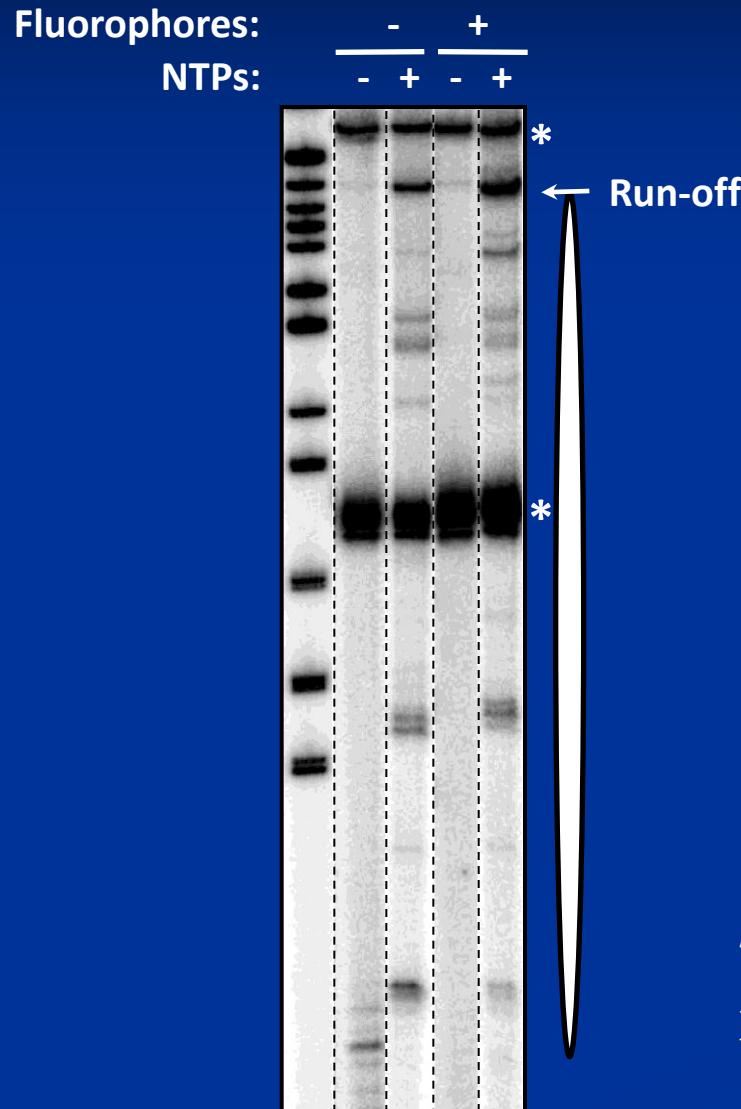
$$E \sim 1/[1+(r/R_0)^6], R_0=5.6 \text{ nm}$$

$$E = \frac{I_a}{I_a + Id}$$

$$E = \frac{I_a - \gamma Id}{I_a + Id(1-\gamma)}$$



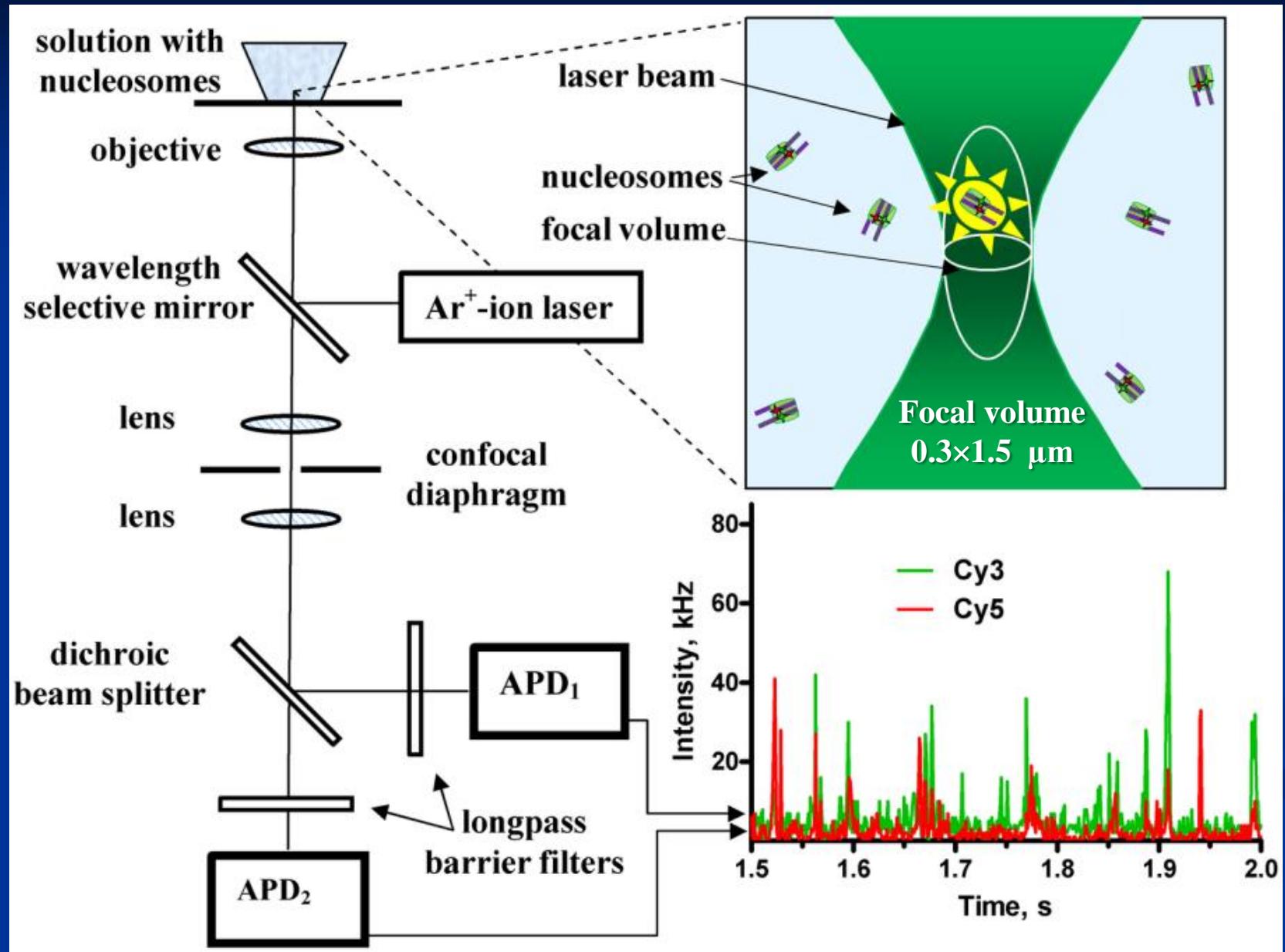
# Analysis of transcription through 603 nucleosome containing intact and fluorophore-labeled DNA



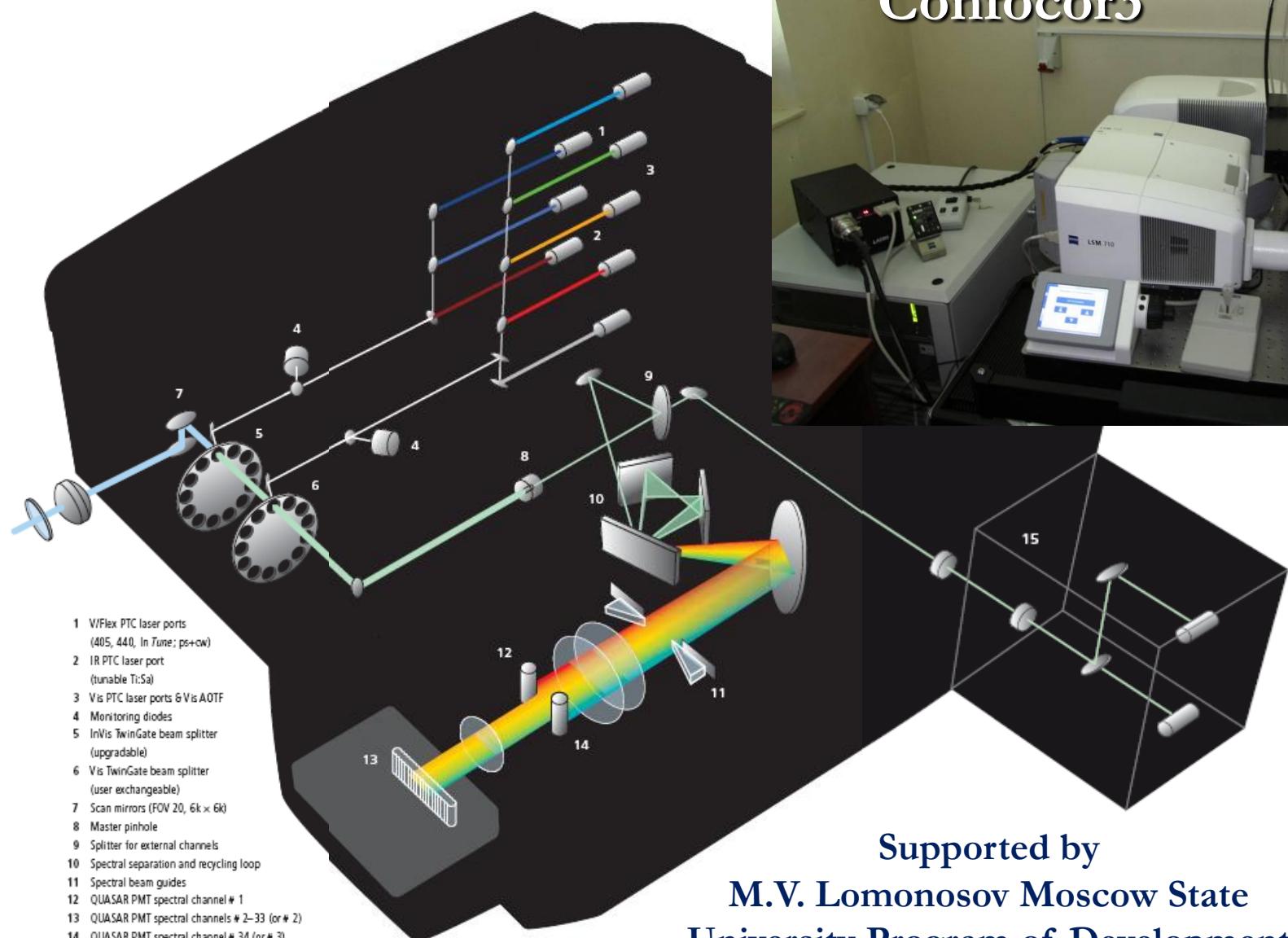
No additional pausing was detected on fluorophore-labeled DNA, suggesting that fluorophores do not interfere with progression of the enzyme.

Transcription by RNAP was conducted in the presence of NTPs for 30 s at 150 mM KCl

# Study of freely diffusing single nucleosomes and their complexes



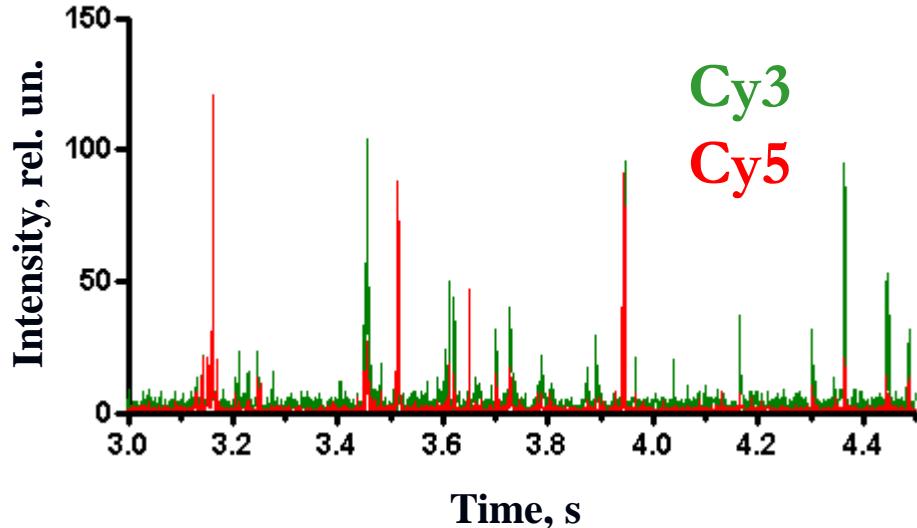
# Zeiss: LSM710- Confocor3



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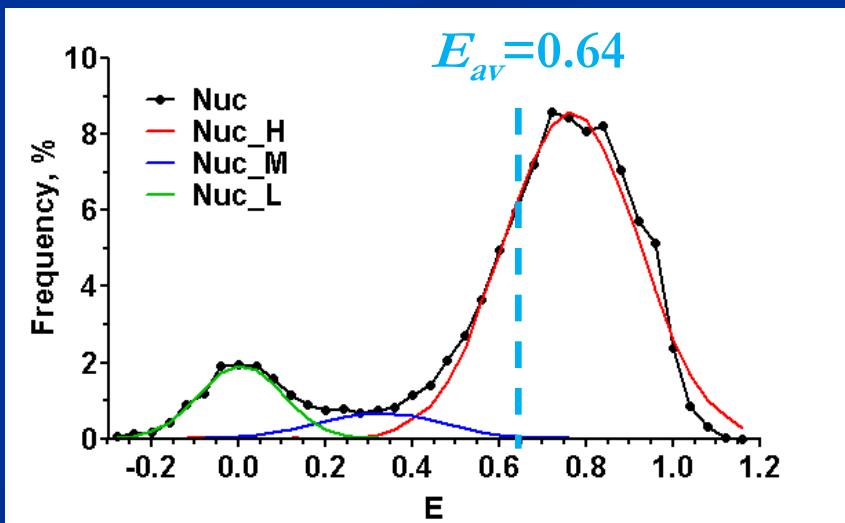
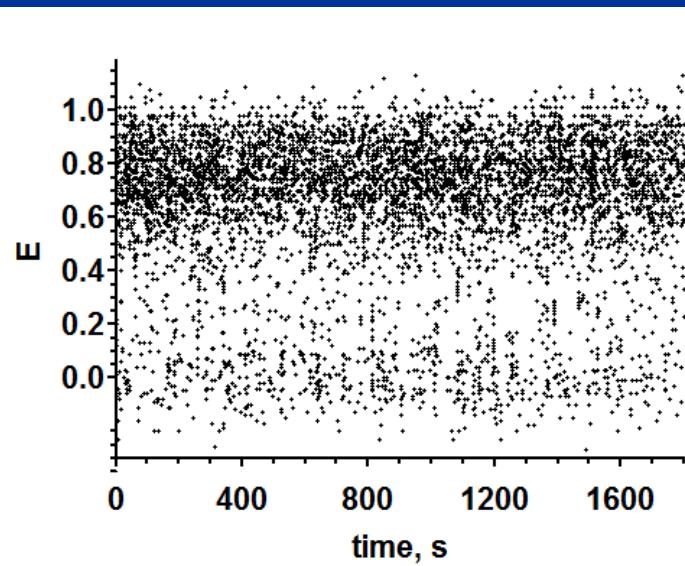
**Amount of sample:**  
**volume - 10 µl**  
**concentration – 0.2-1 nM**  
**statistics- 1000-10000 particles/ 10 min**

# Study of freely diffusing single nucleosomes and their complexes



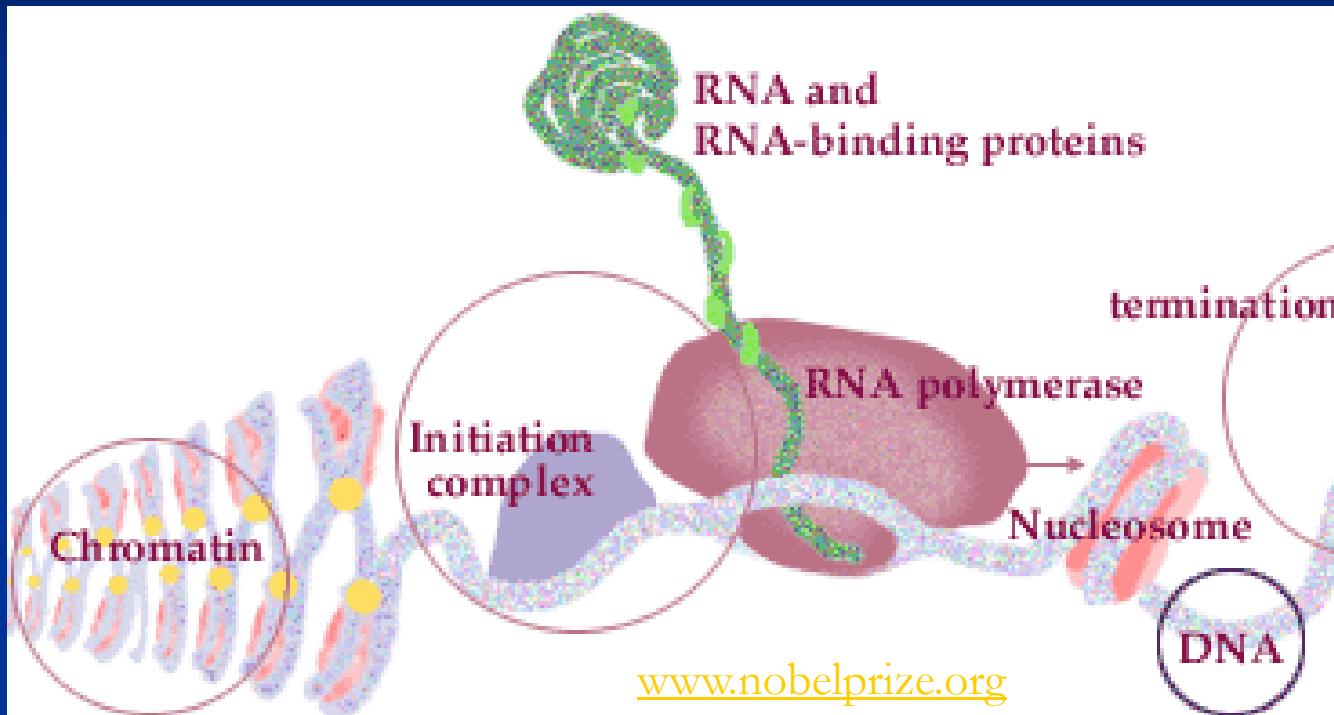
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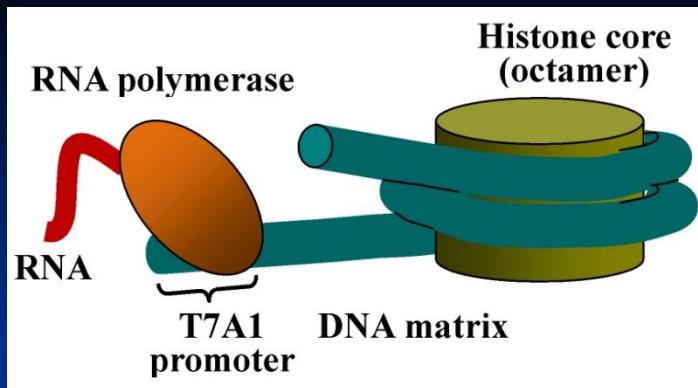


Nucleosomes: distal labeling

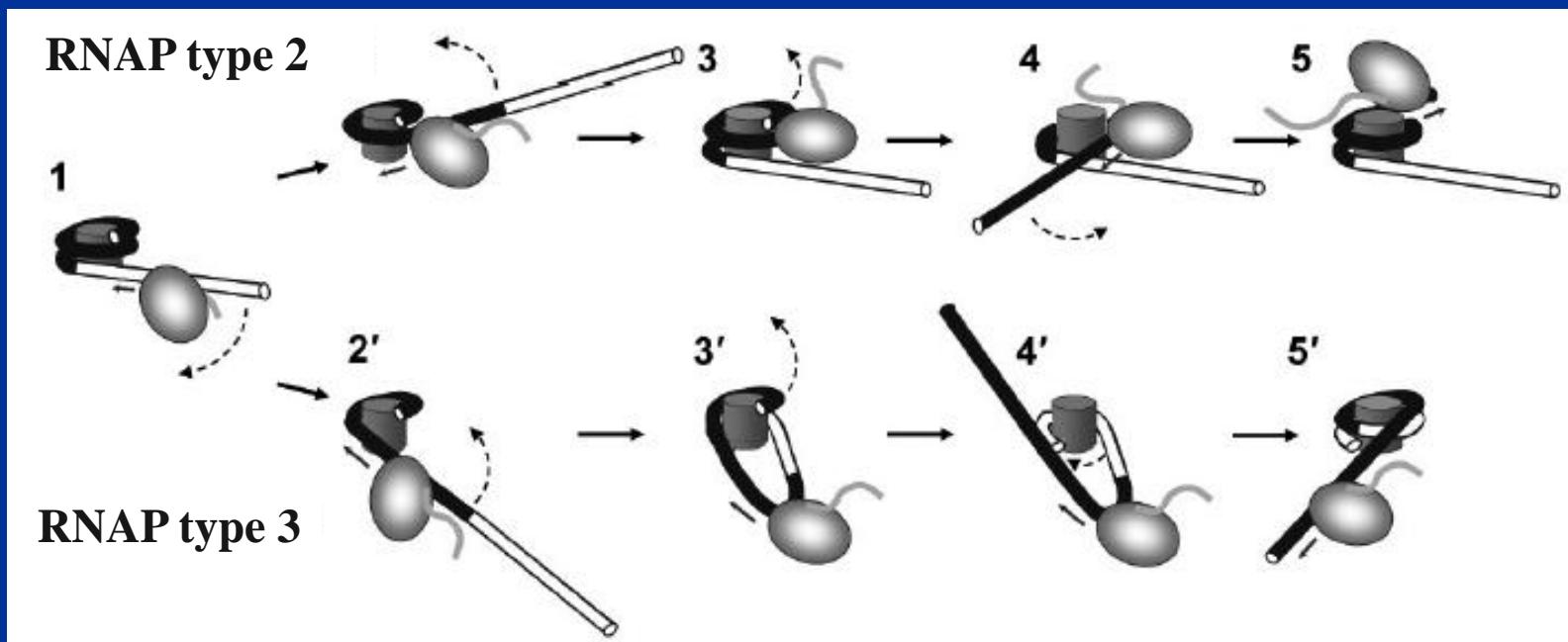
# Task1. Study of nucleosome transcription with RNA polymerase



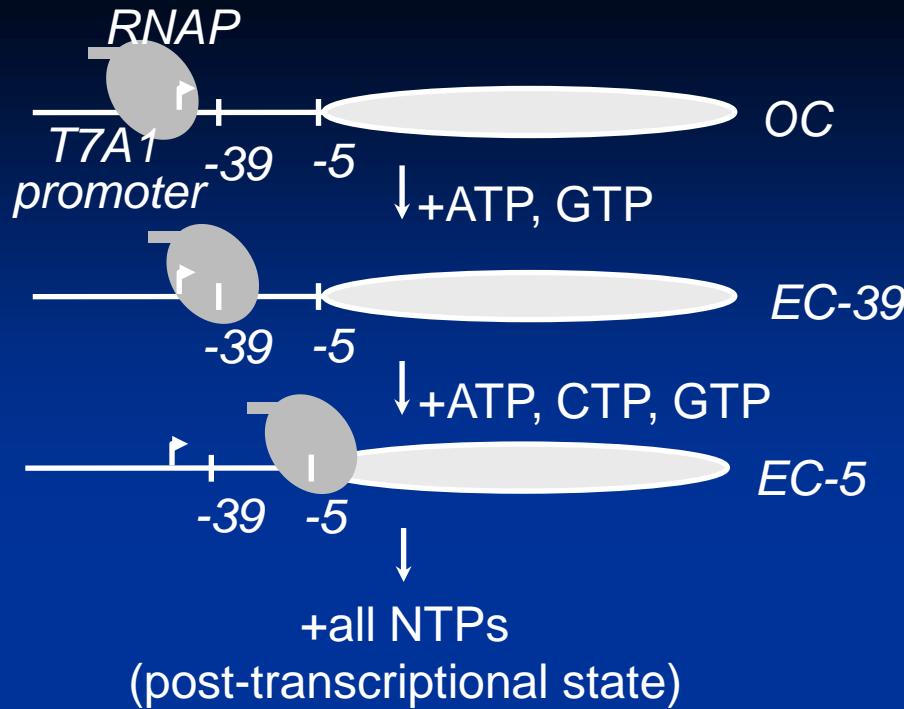
**Transcription** is the first step of gene expression:  
a particular DNA region is copied into RNA by  
the RNA polymerase enzyme.



Transcription of chromatin is a functionally important and complex process that occurs with participation of dozens different proteins

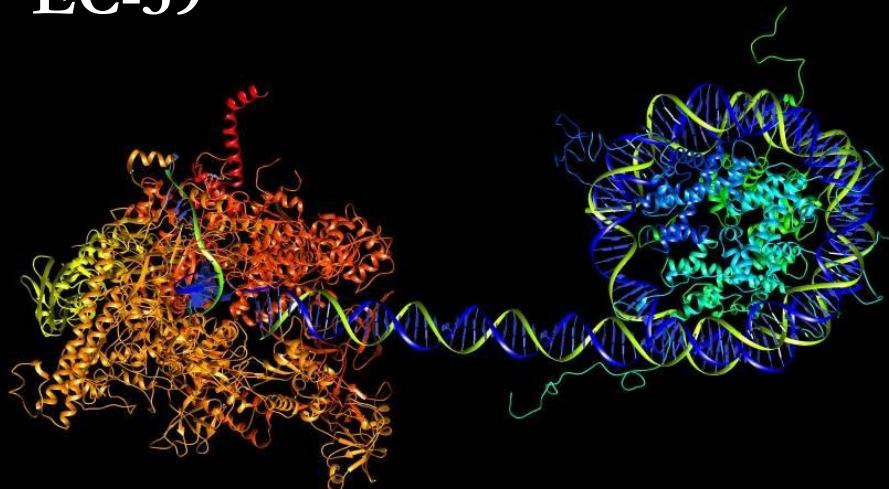


Transcription stages: RNAP binding to promoter, initiation, elongation and termination

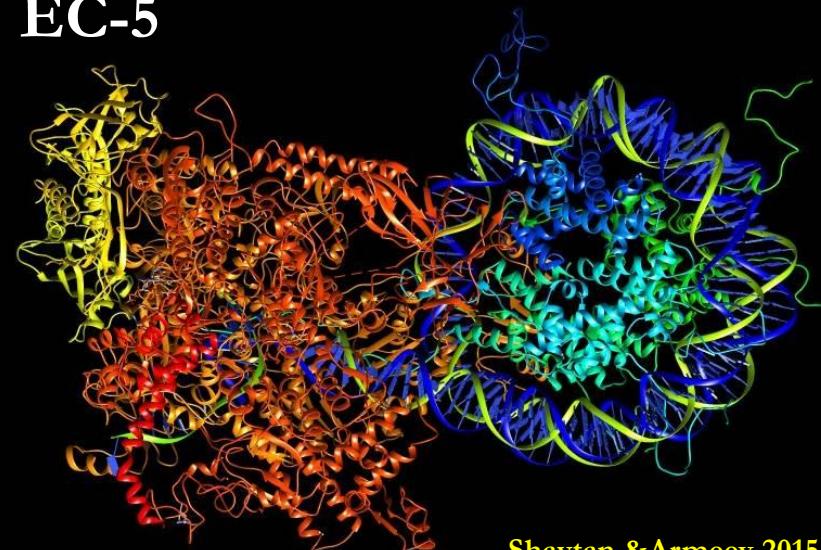


## Formation of stalled elongation complexes in a mononucleosome system

EC-39

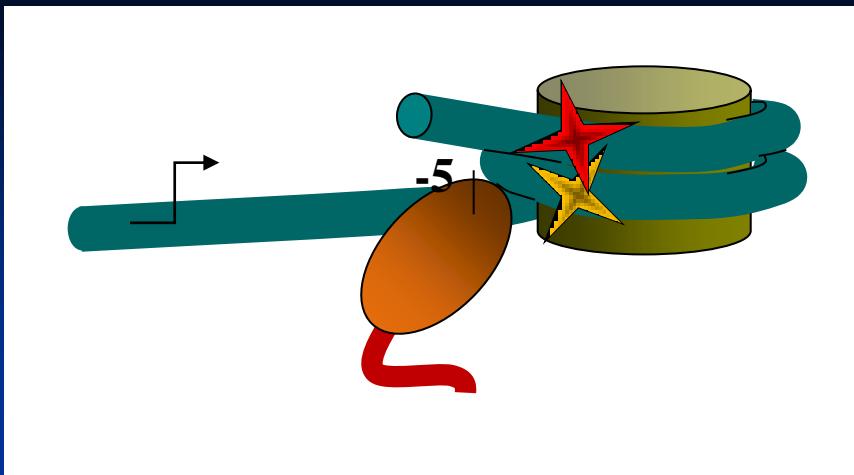
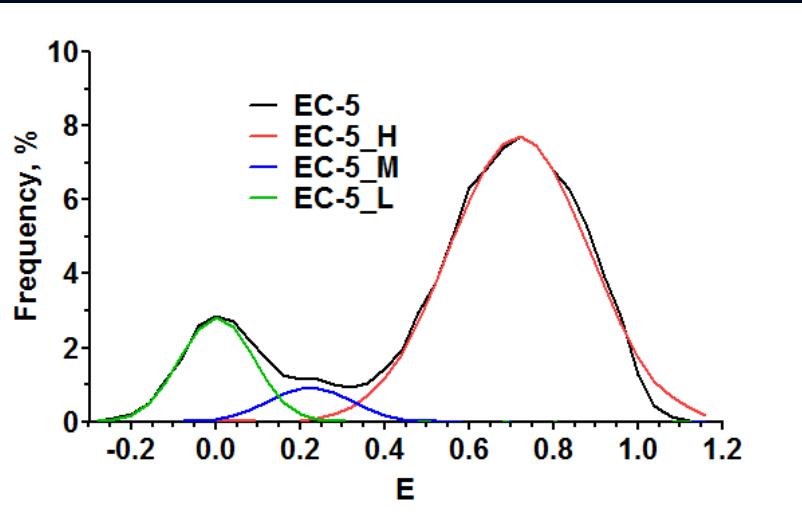


EC-5

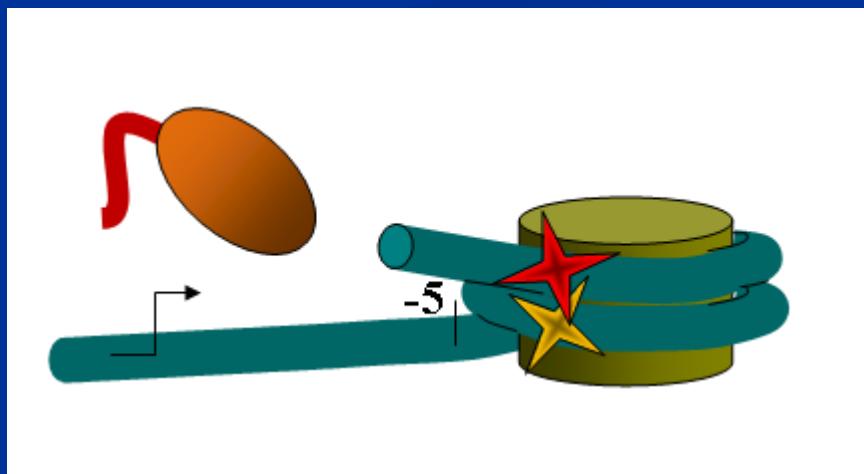
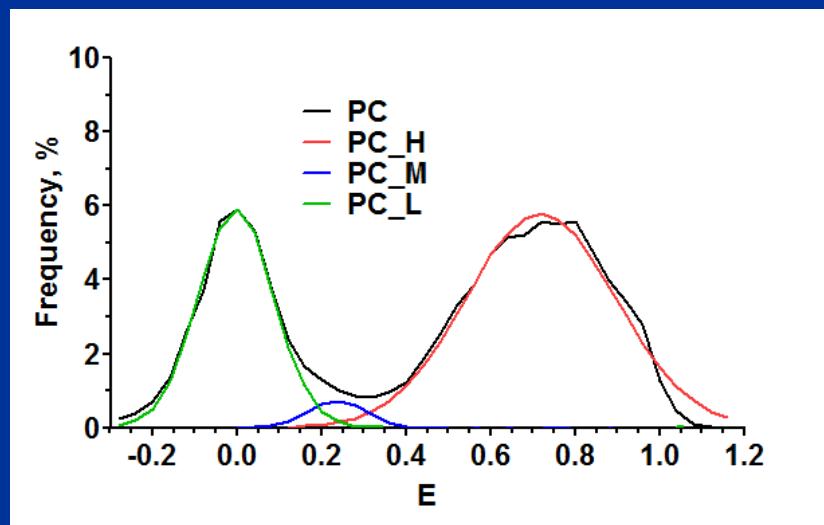


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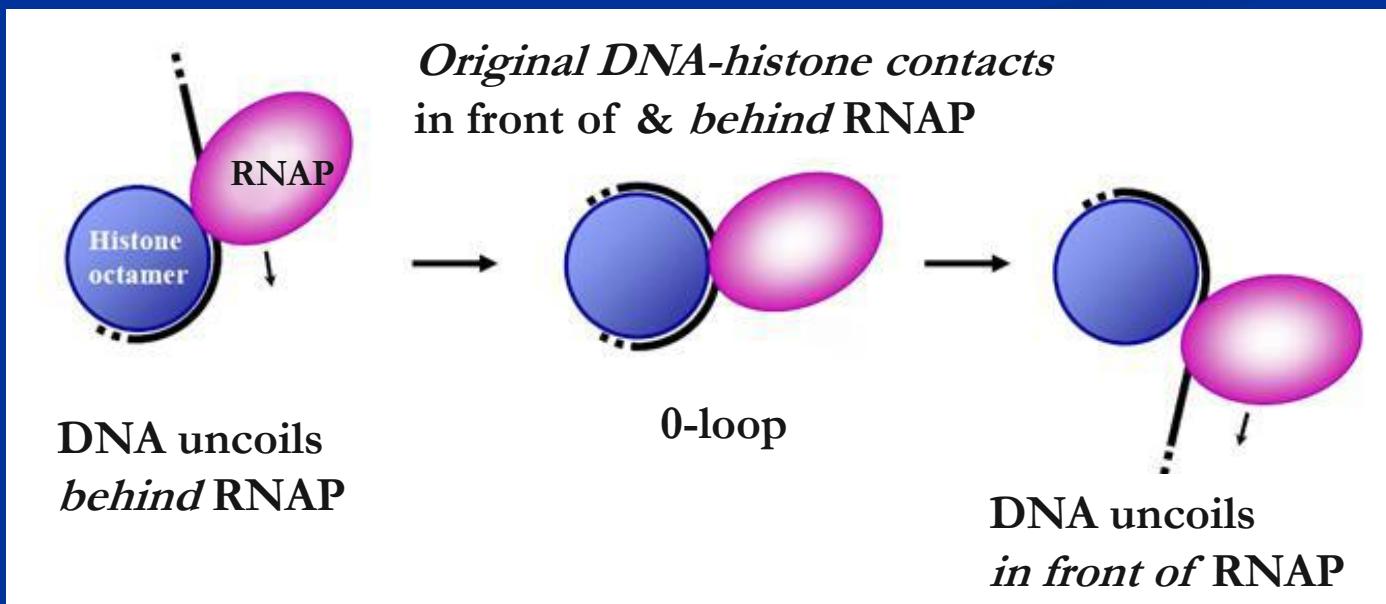
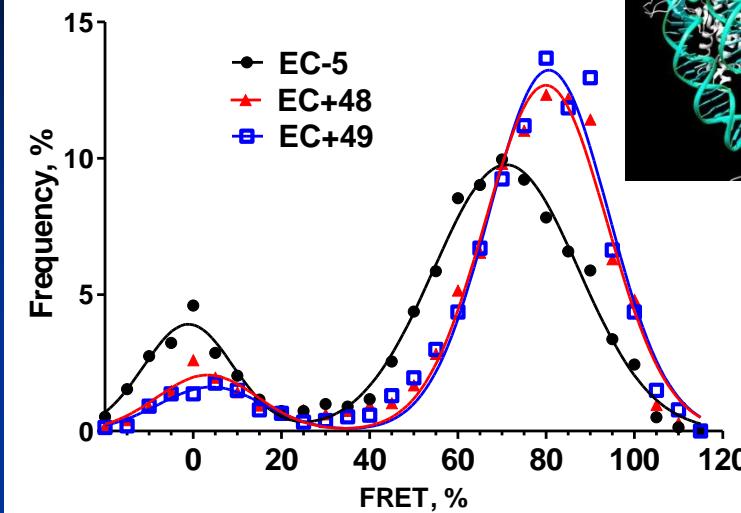
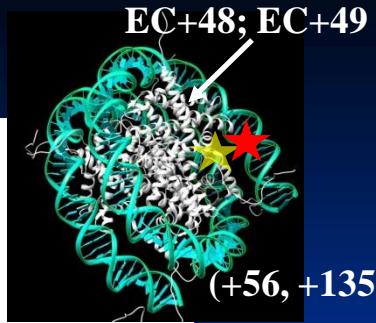
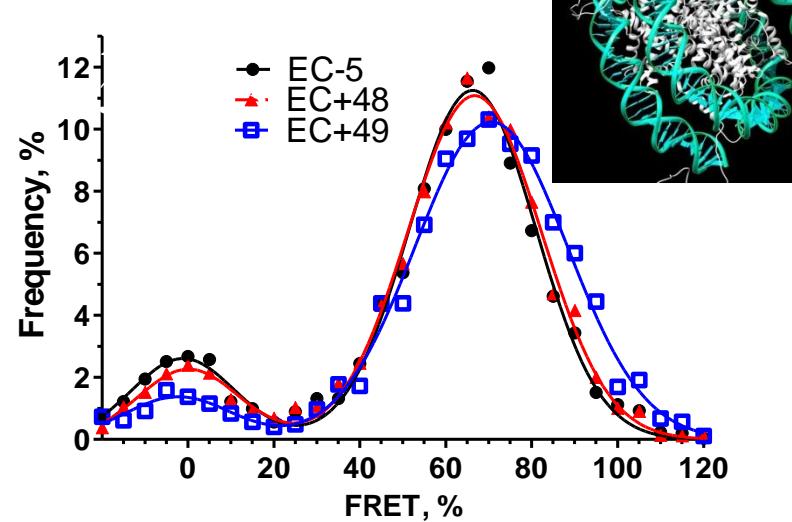


Formation of EC-5 does not disturb nucleosome structure in the distal region

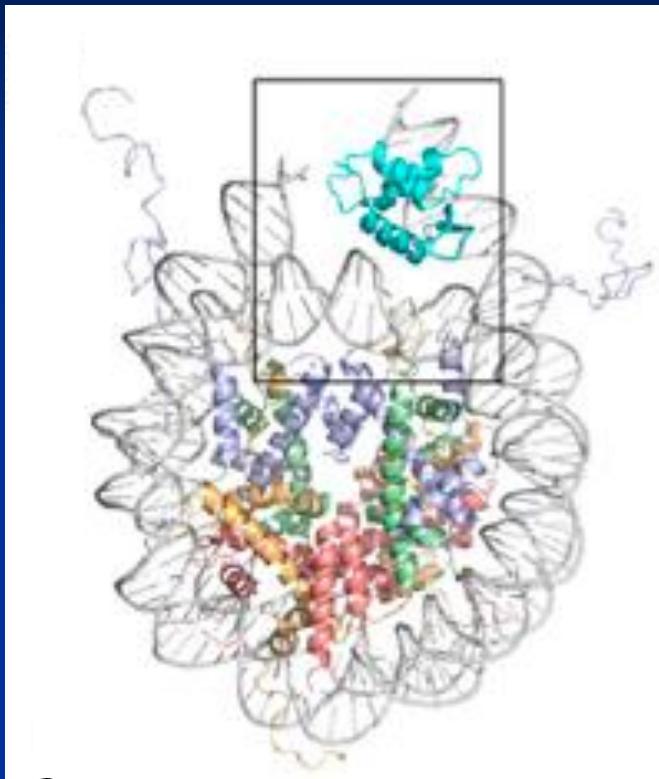


Nucleosome survives after transcription

(+35, +113) EC+48; EC+49

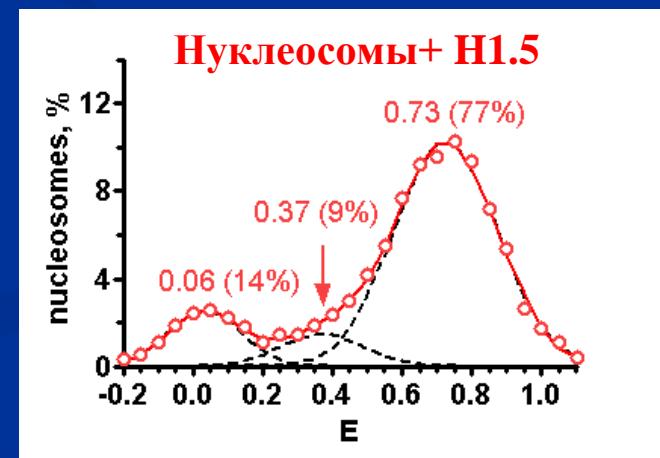
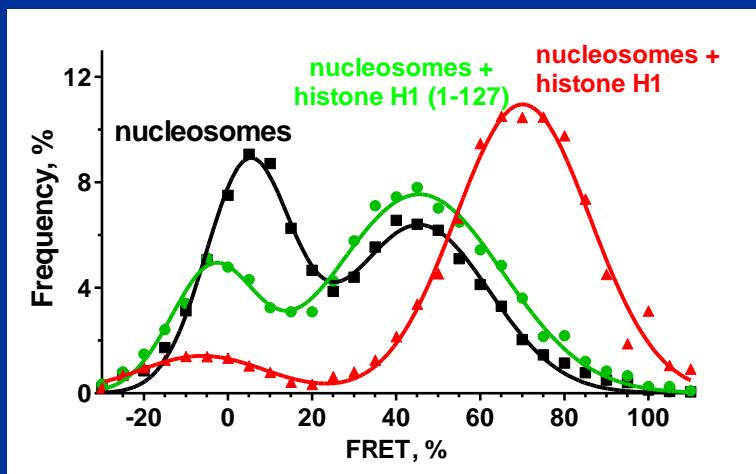
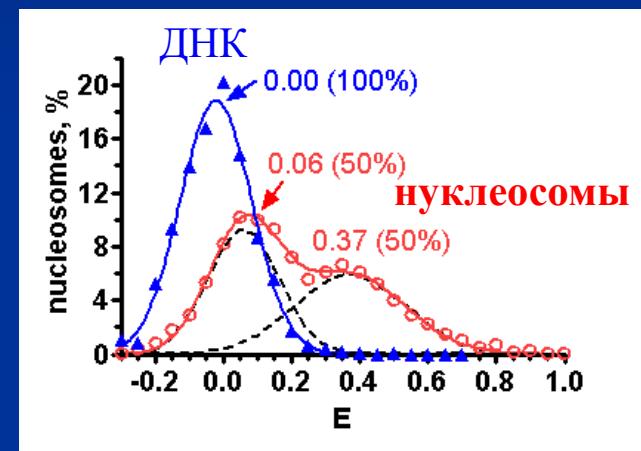
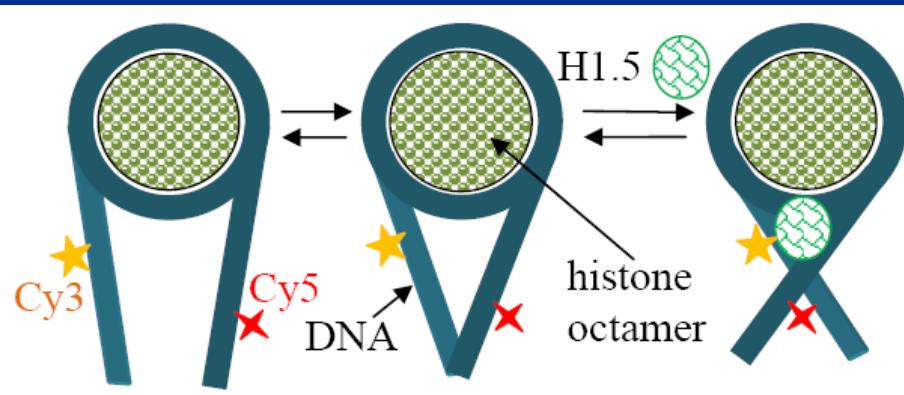
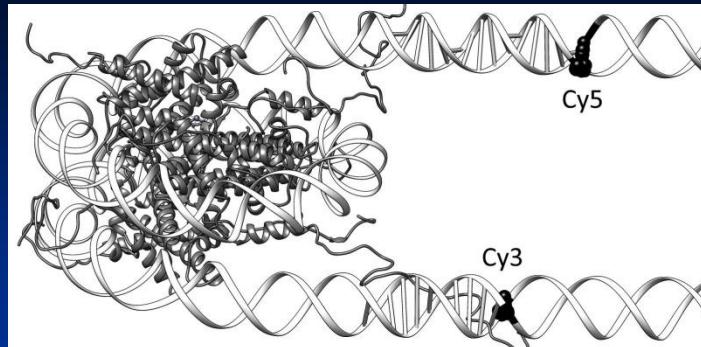


## Task 2. Study of interactions of nucleosomes with linker histone H1



An asymmetrical structural model  
of the gH1-nucleosome complex.  
Zhou et al. PNAS (2013), 110, 19390–  
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# Interactions of nucleosomes with the linker histone H1.5

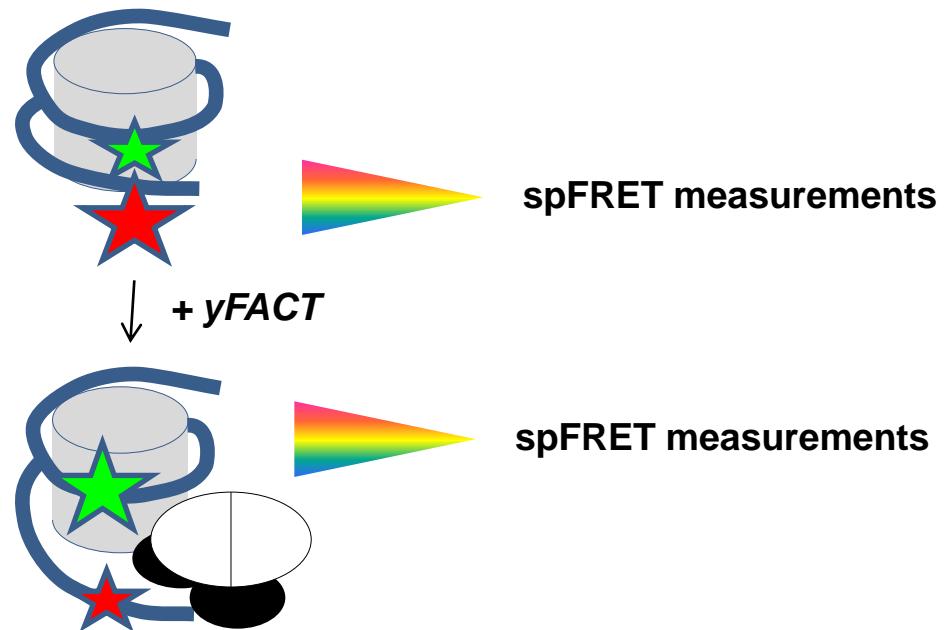


# Interactions of FACT with nucleosomes

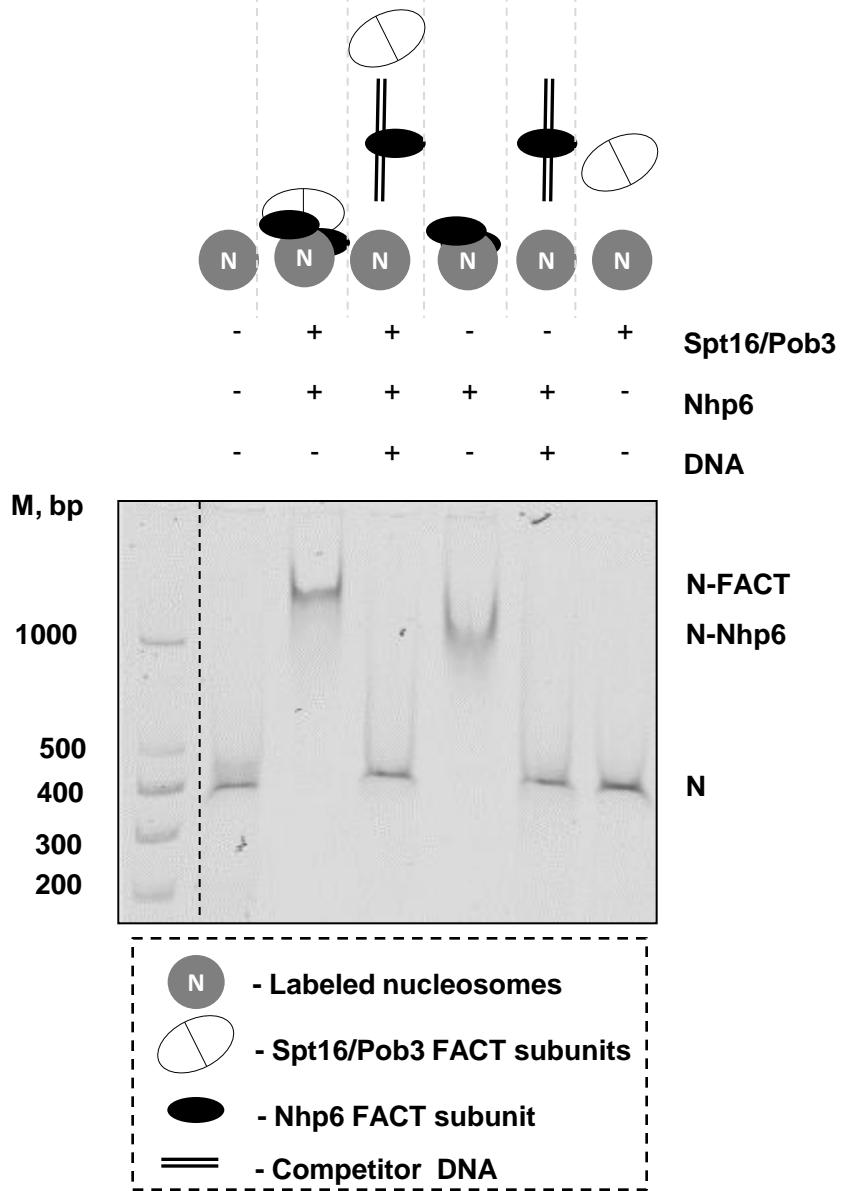


**Yeast FACT consists of**

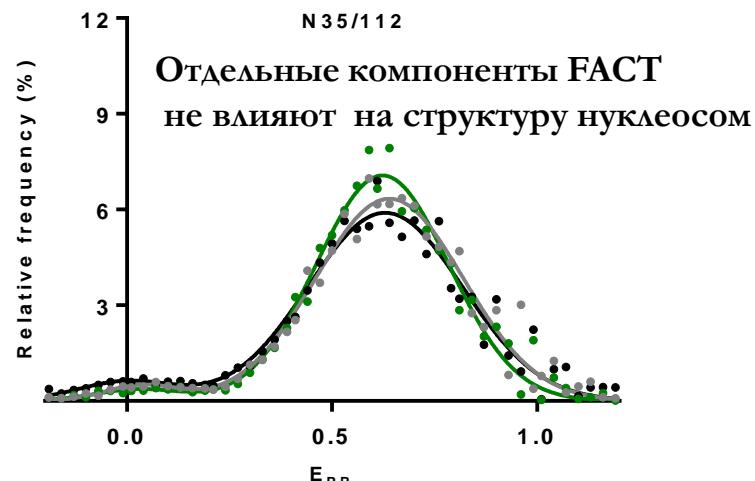
- Spt16/Pob3 subunits
- and require
- Nhp6



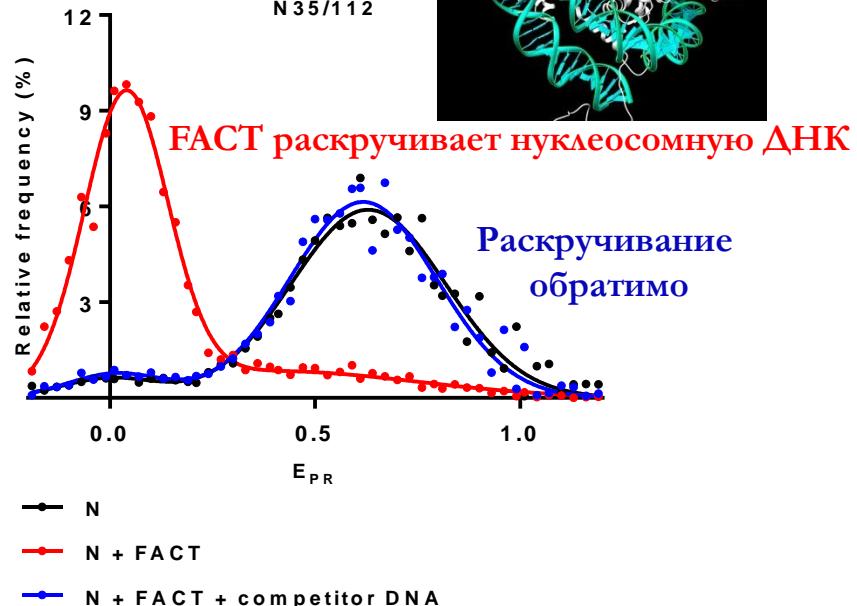
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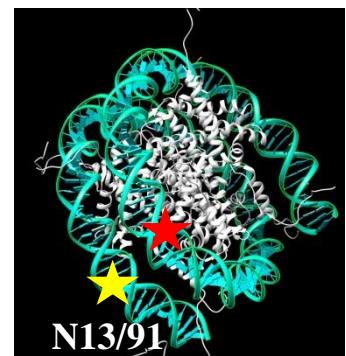
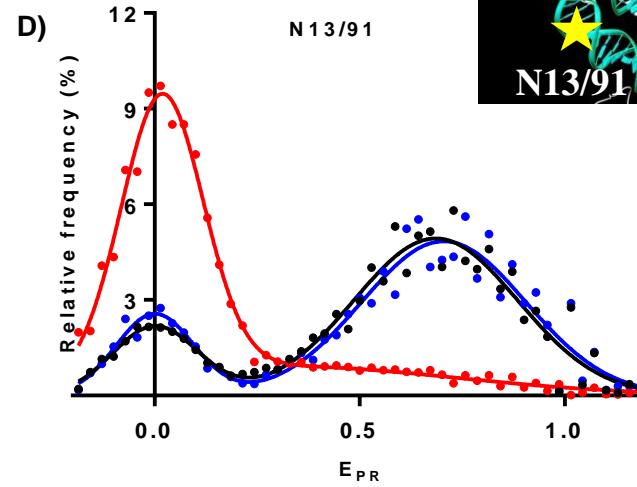
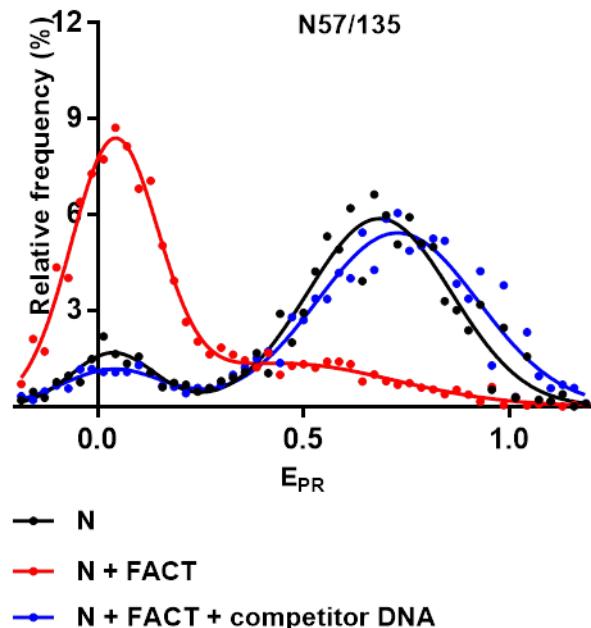
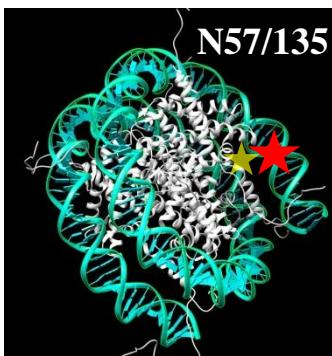
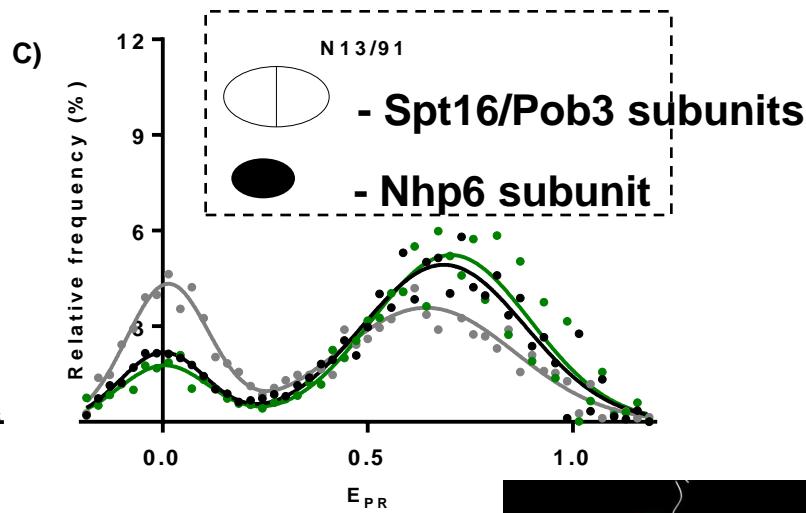
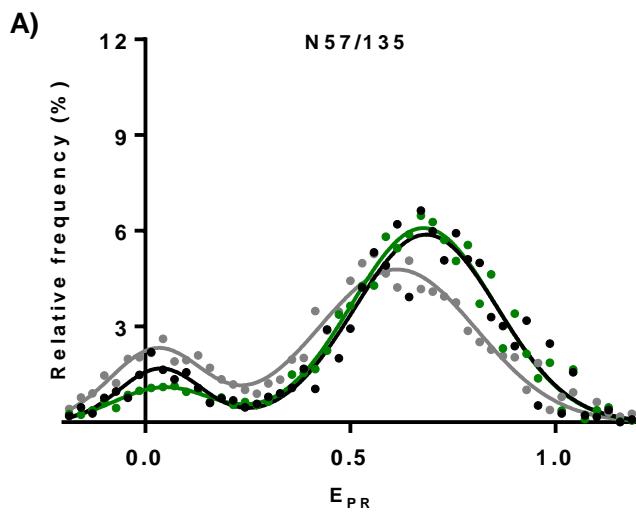


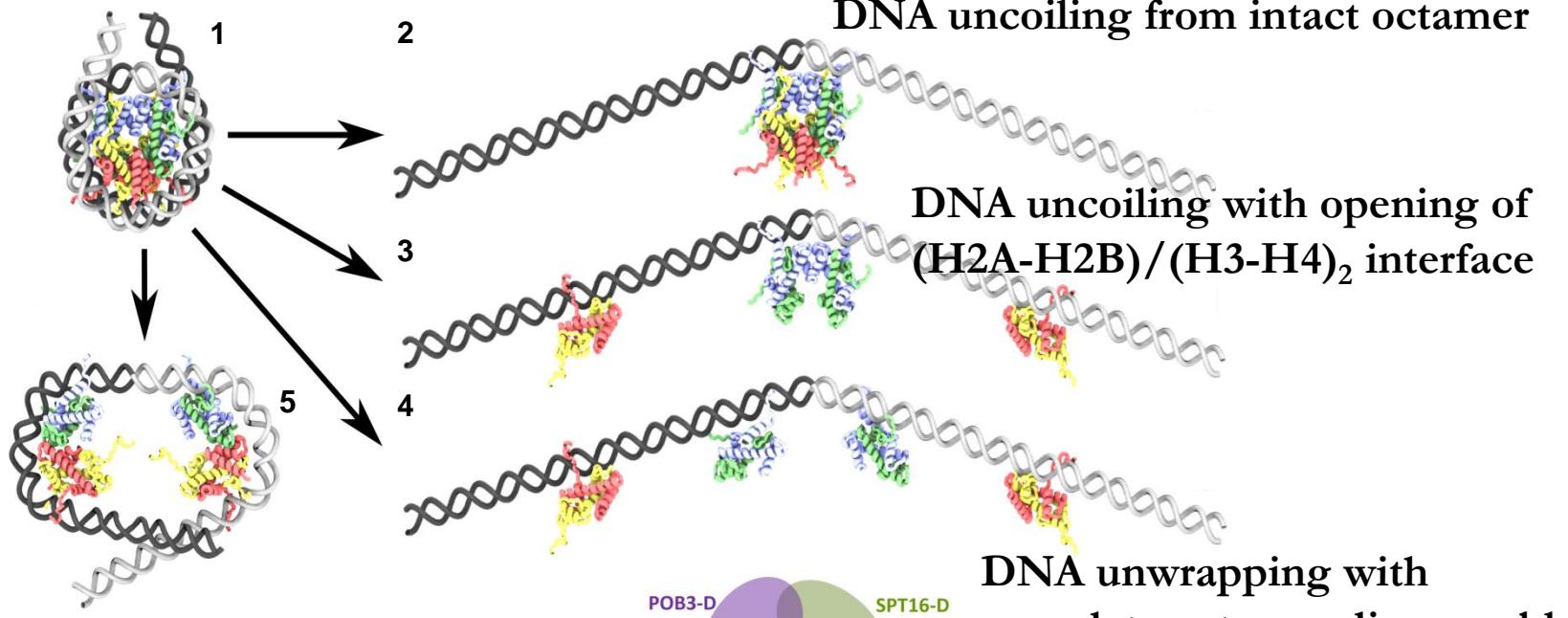
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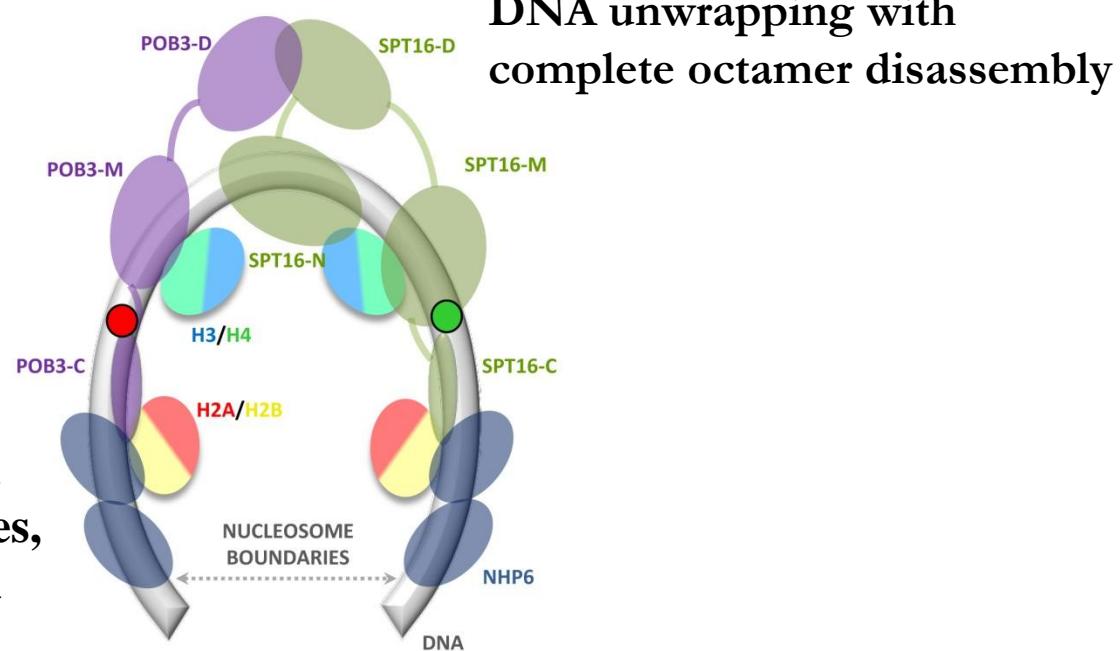






**Opening of (H3-H4) dimer-dimer interface; no further DNA uncoiling**

**FACT is likely to interact both with uncoiled DNA and with core histones, replacing some of DNA-histone and histone-histone interactions**

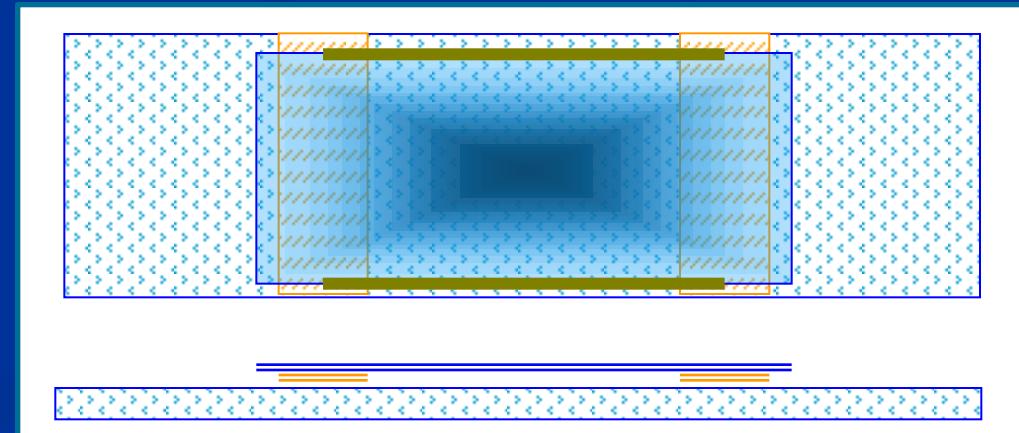
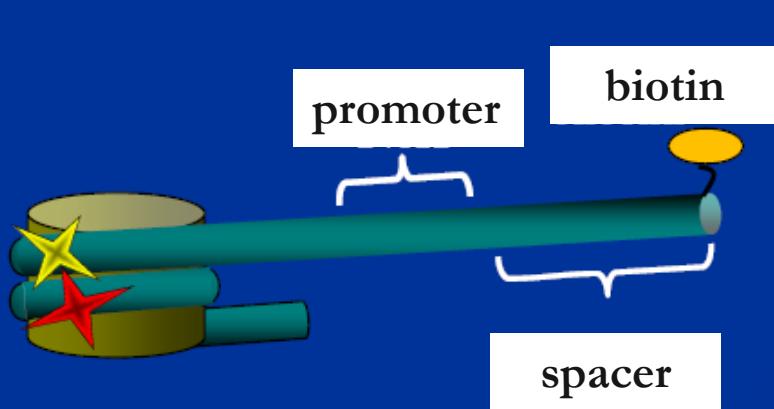
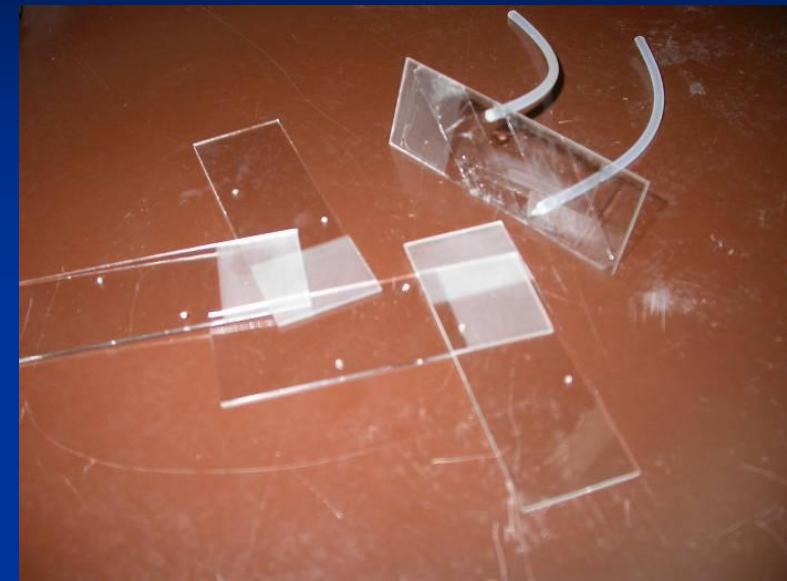
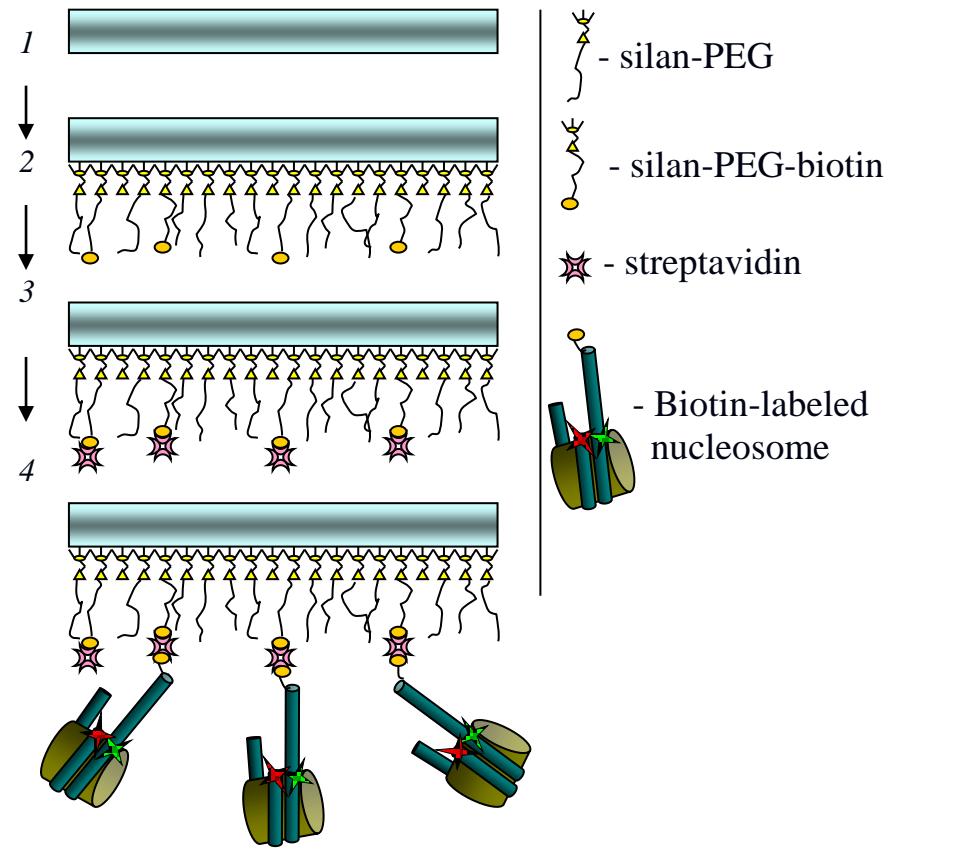


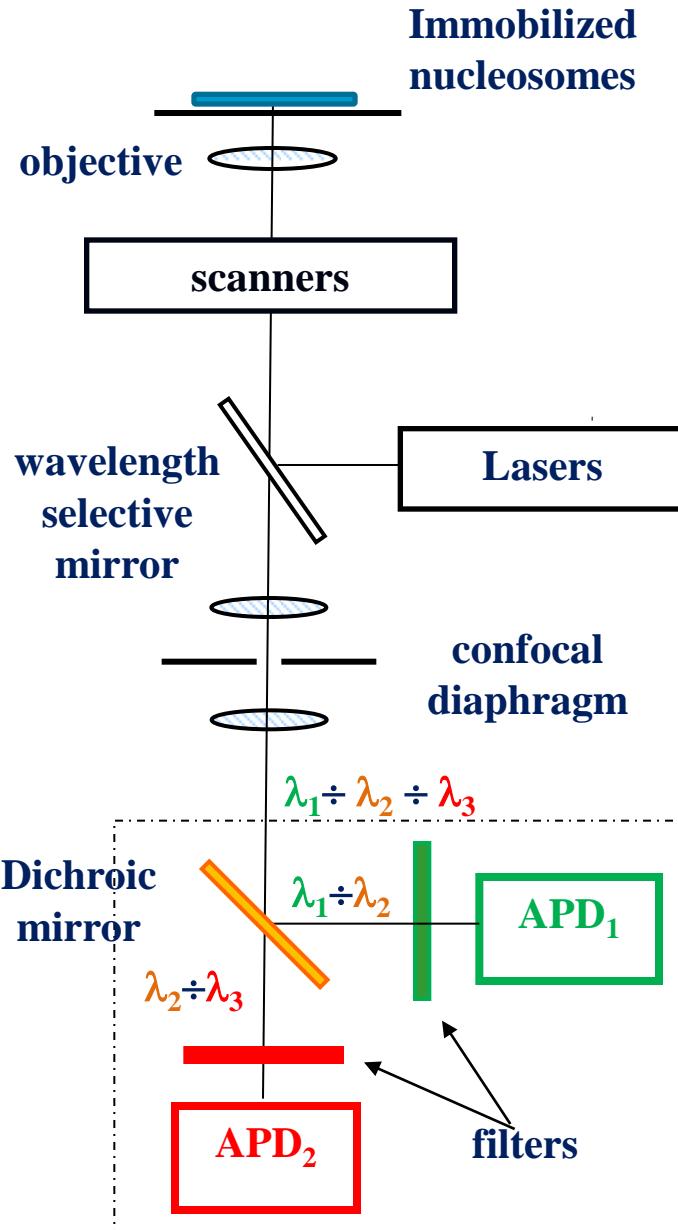
**FACT binding results in  
a dramatic,  
ATP-independent,  
symmetrical and  
reversible uncoiling of DNA**

**This uncoiling affects at least 70% of DNA in a nucleosome,  
occurs without apparent loss of histones and  
proceeds *via* an all-or-none mechanism.**

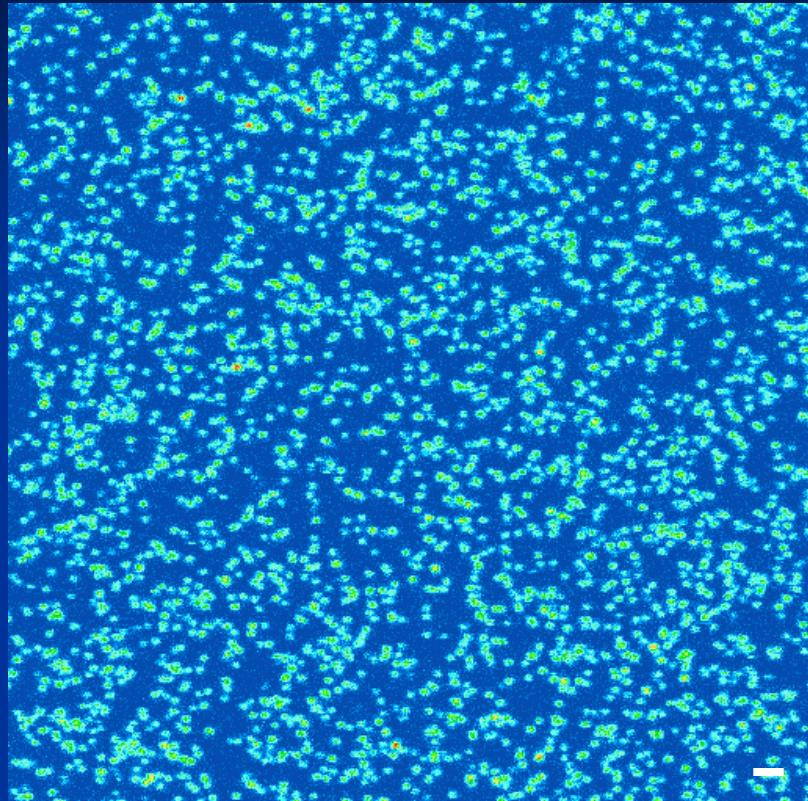
**FACT-dependent nucleosome unfolding modulates the  
accessibility of nucleosomal DNA, and this is an important  
function of FACT *in vivo*.**

# Study of immobilized single nucleosomes

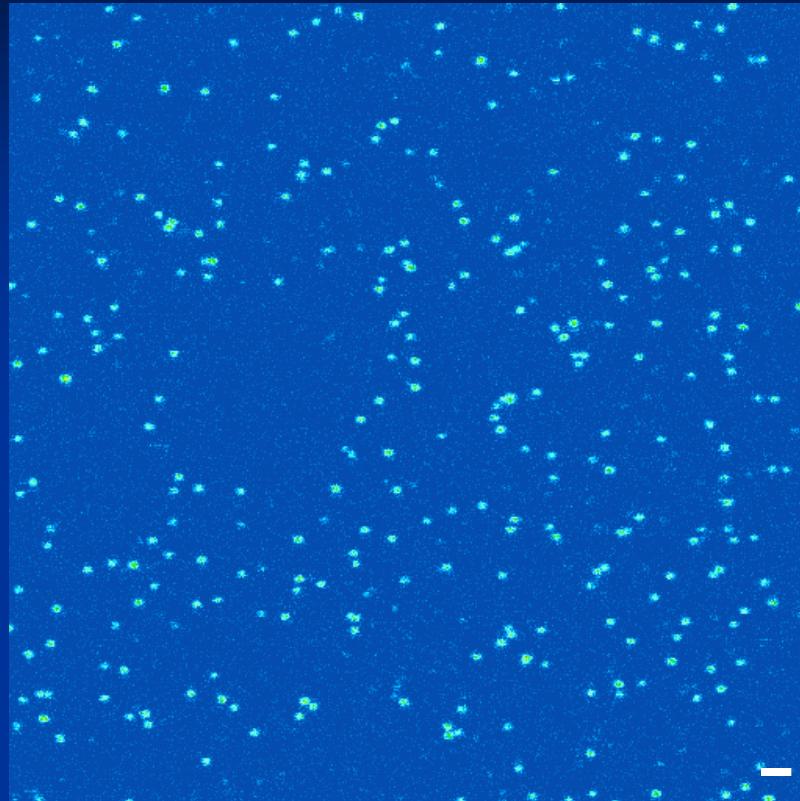




# Immobilization of Cy3-avidin



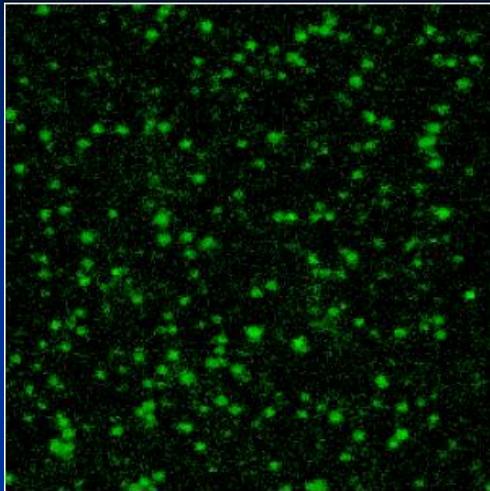
*100 ng/ml*



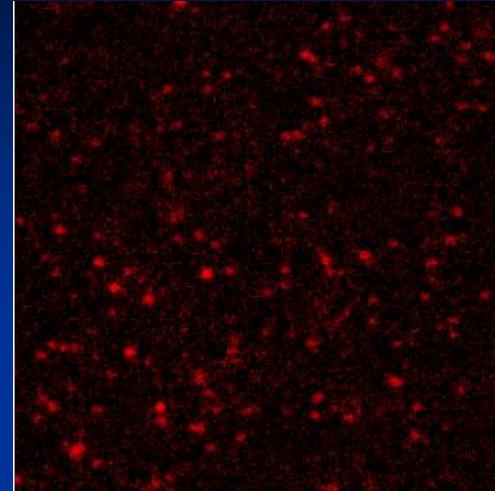
*10 ng/ml*

Bar– 1  $\mu\text{m}$ . Field:  $37.5 \times 37.5 \mu\text{m}$

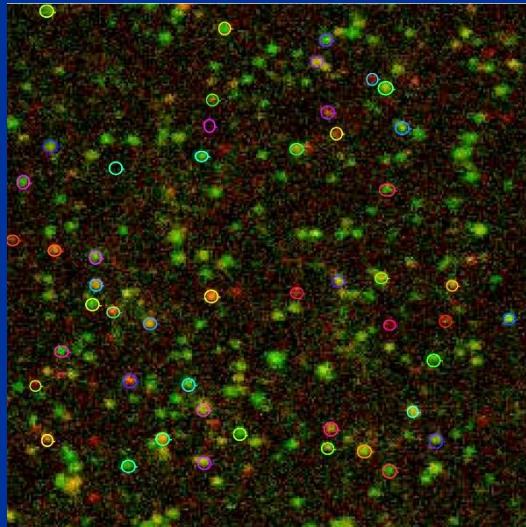
# Immobilized nucleosomes (distal labeling)



Cy3

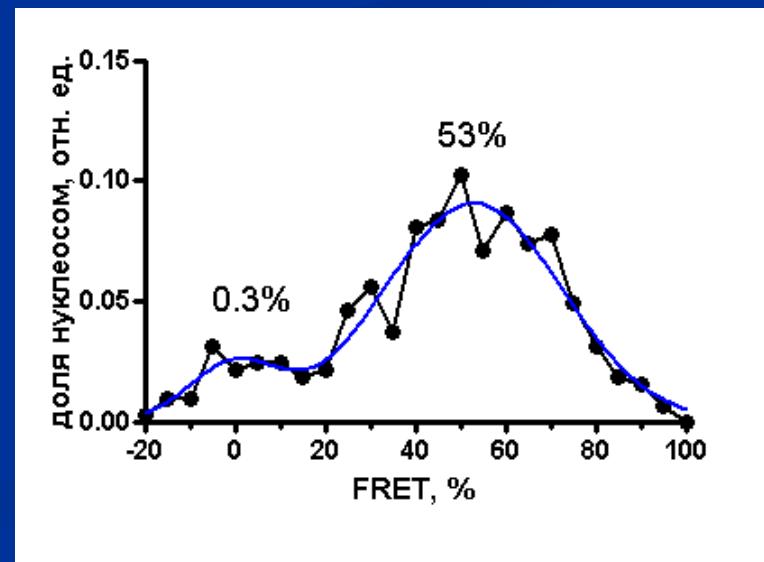


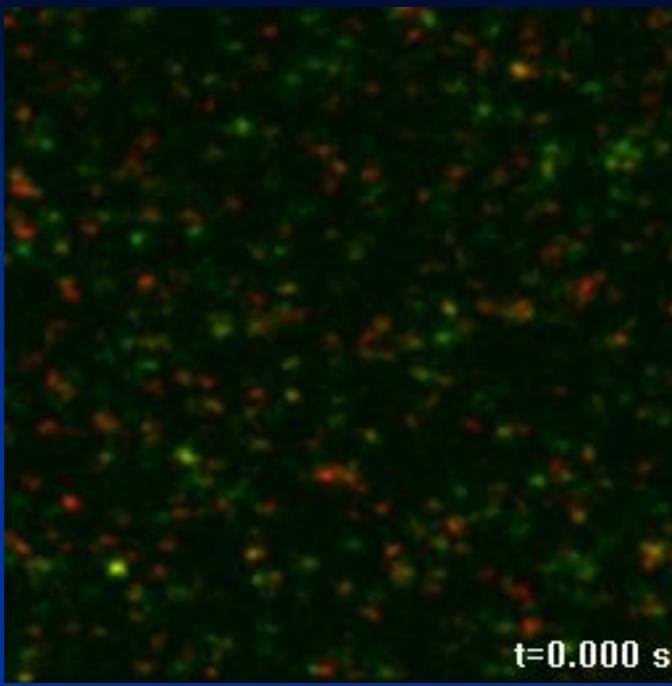
Cy5



overlapping

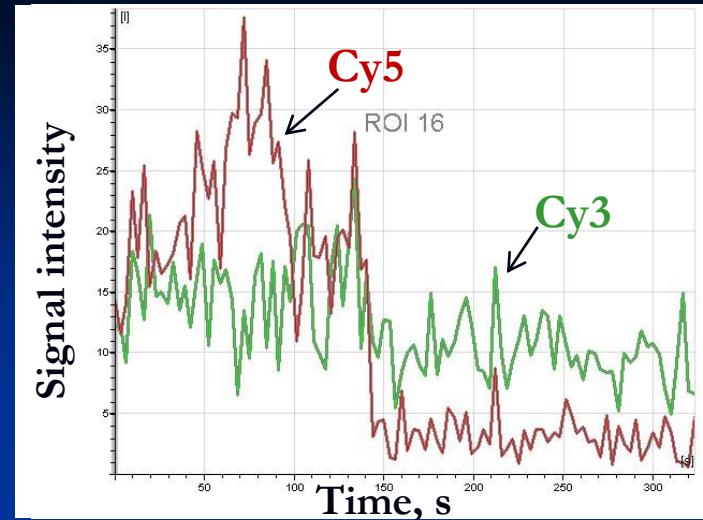
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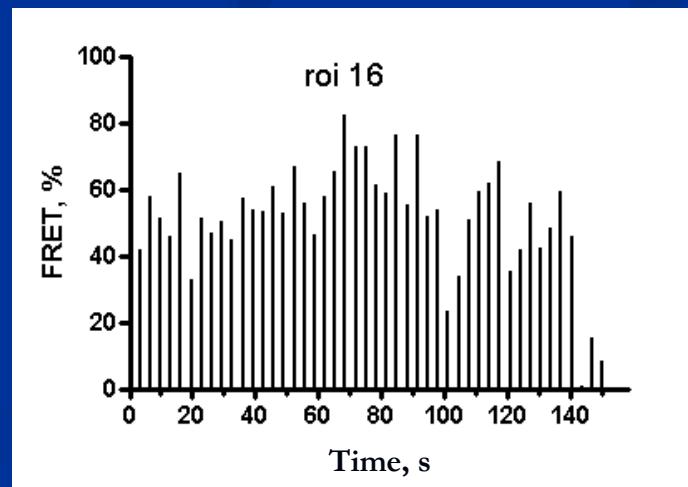


Immobilized EC-5 complex

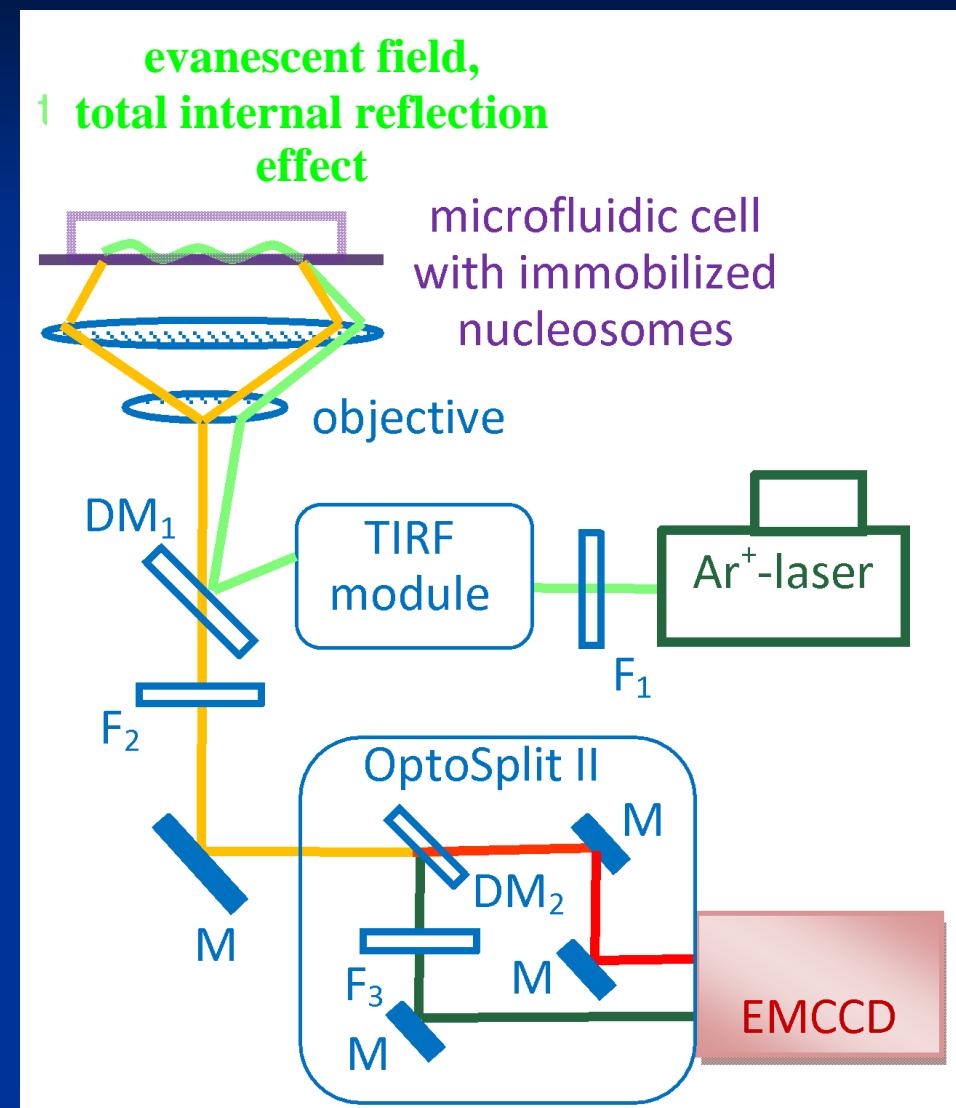
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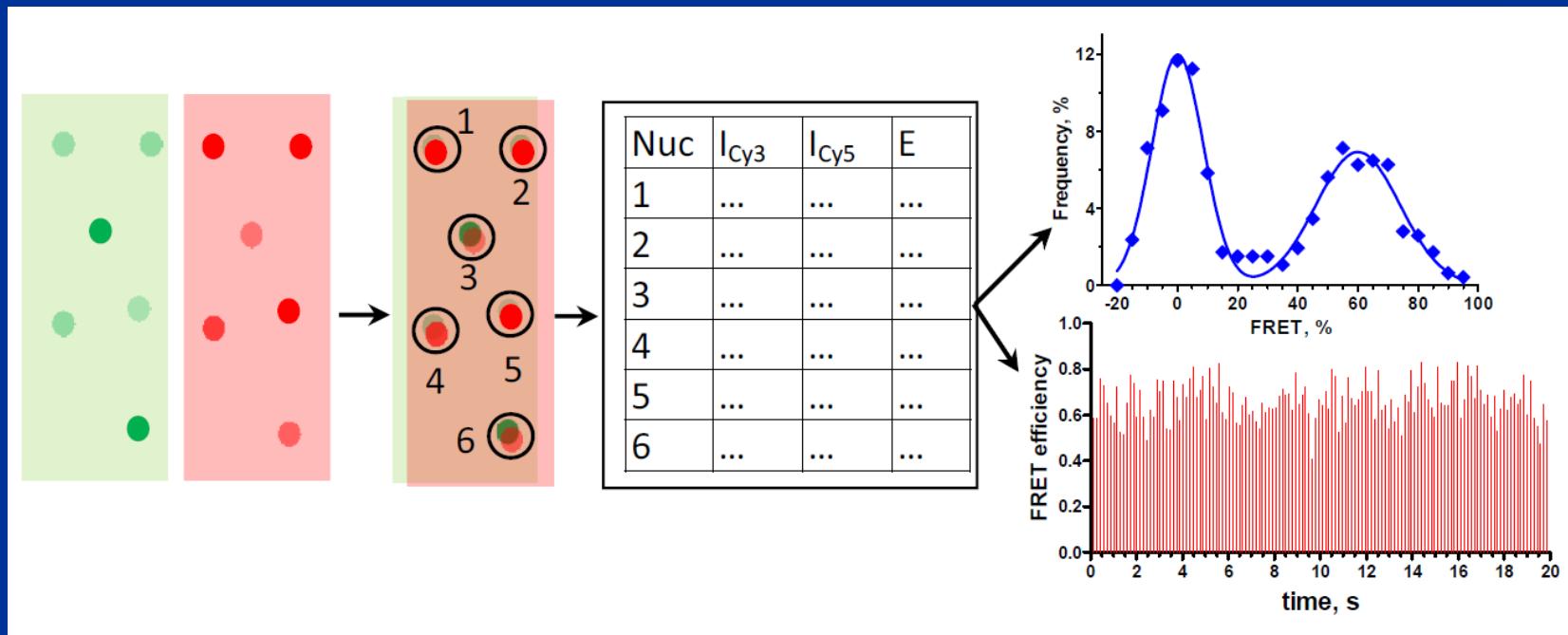
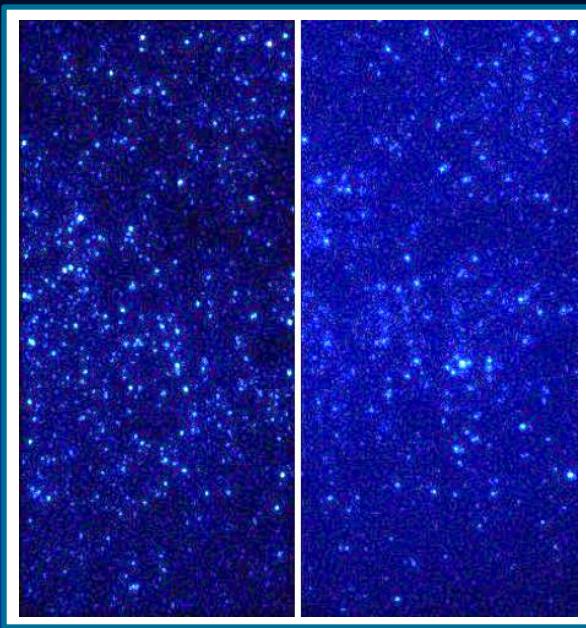
$$E = \frac{I_a - \gamma I_d}{I_a + I_d(1-\gamma)}$$



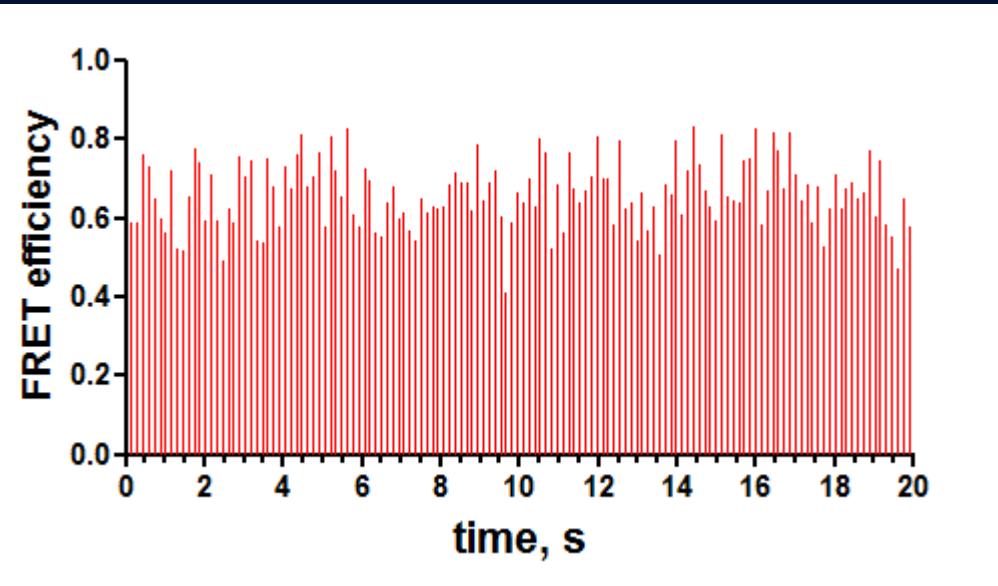
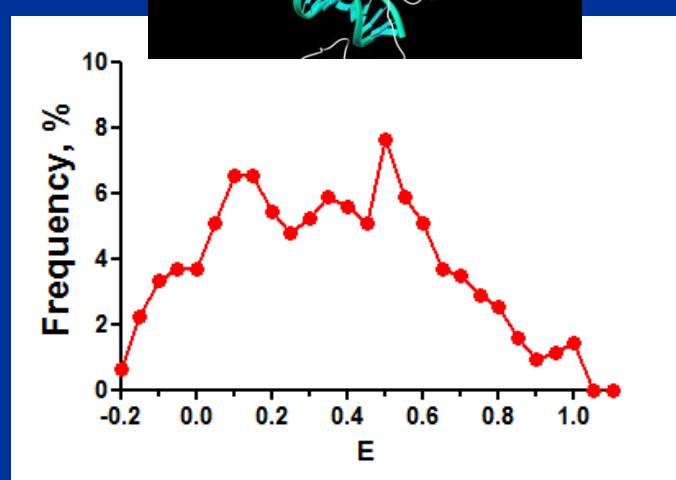
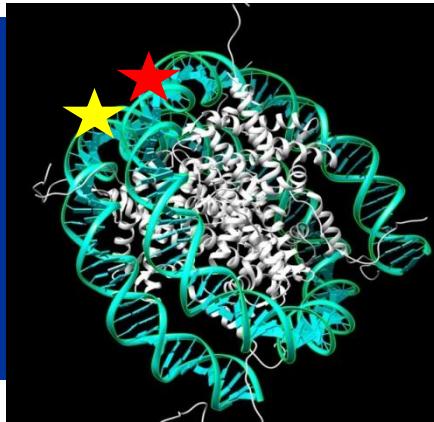
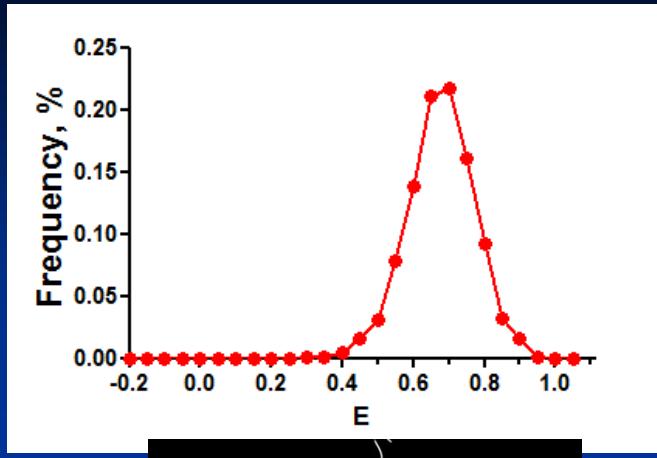
# Experimental setup for the study of immobilized nucleosomes using Total Internal Reflection Fluorescence (TIRF) microscopy



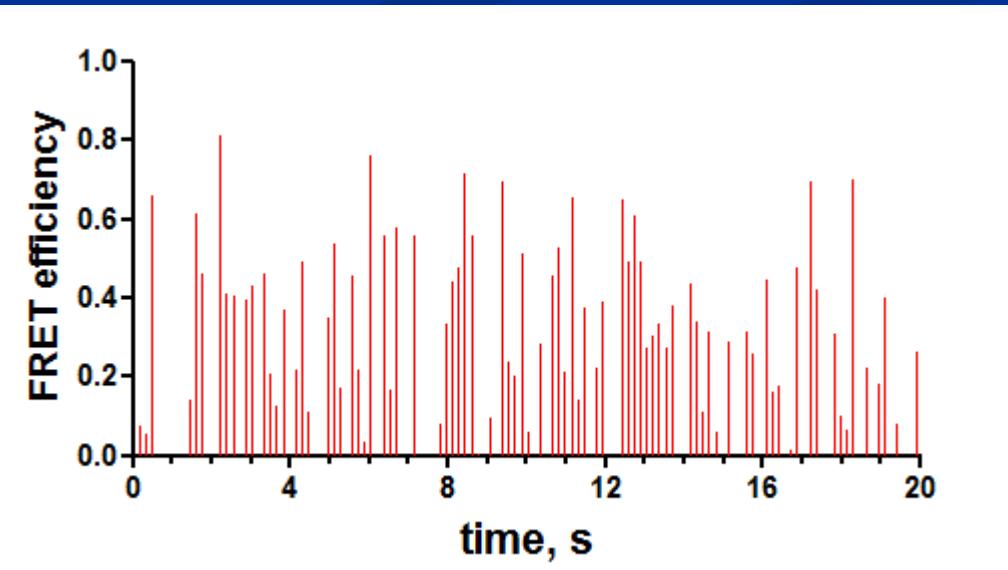
Time resolution is ca. 100 ms



## FRET kinetics of an immobilized nucleosome with 140 ms step



## FRET kinetics of an immobilized elongation complex with 140 ms step



# Tasks that can be solved with immobilized nucleosomes

Structure in dynamics (DNA “breathing”)

Lifetime of conformational states

Kinetics of complex formation and dissociation (dissociation constant)

Titration of complexes (dissociation constant)

Formation of an extended set of stalled elongation complexes with RNAP

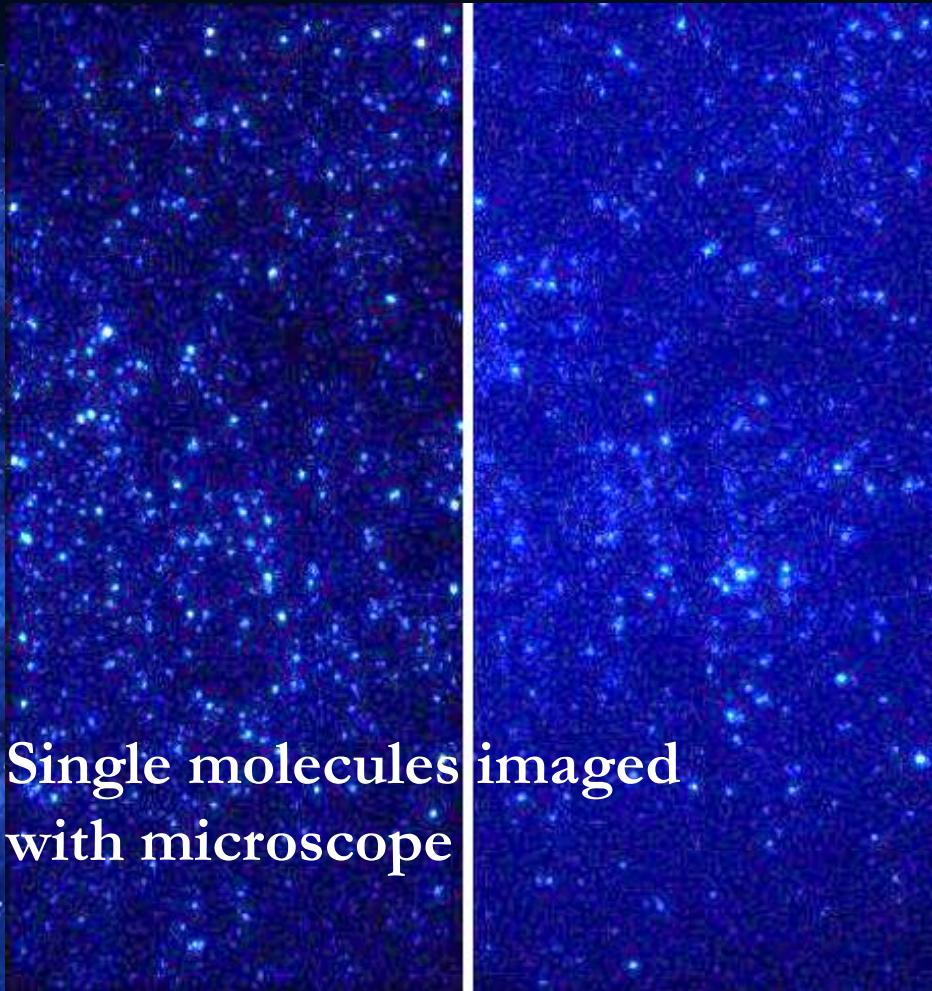
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