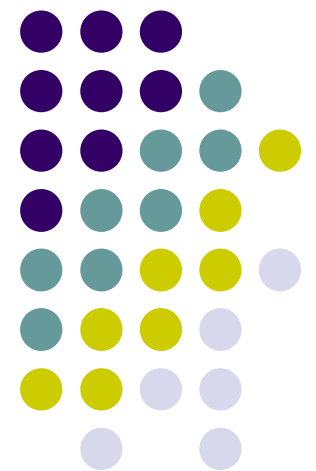


Making Resonance Energy Transfer Theory more “Coherent”

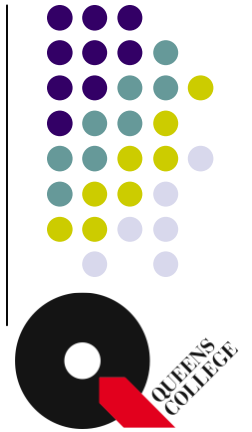
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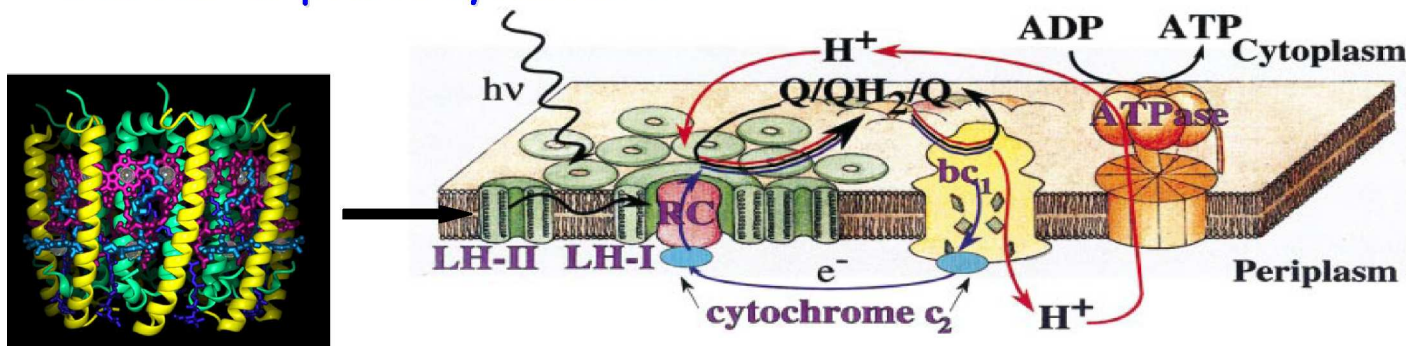
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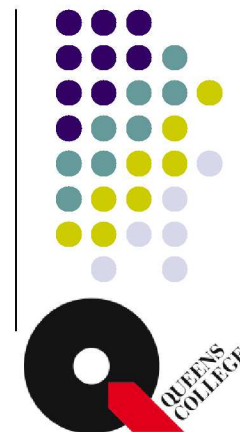


Energy flow in soft optoelectronic systems

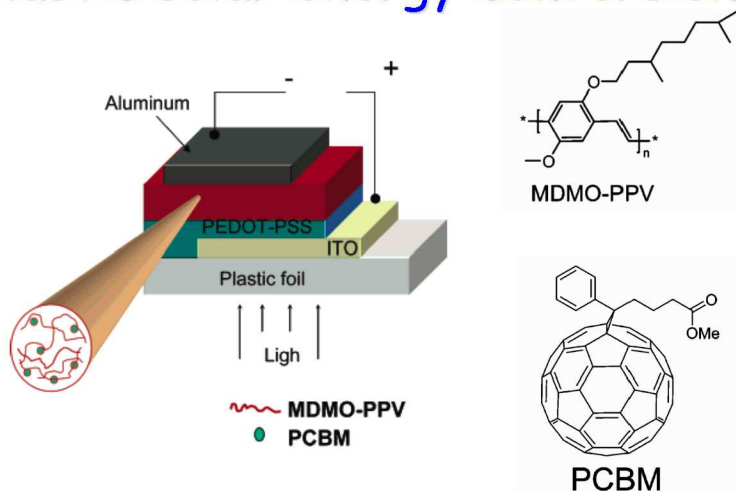
Bacterial photosynthesis



Hu *et al.*, Quart. Rev. Biophys. **35**, 1 (2002)

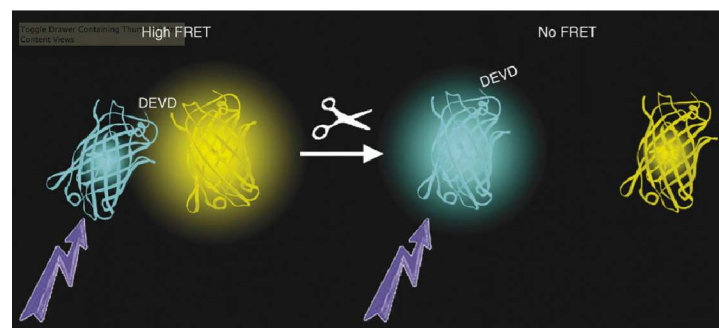


Plastic solar energy conversion



Gunes *et al.*, Chem. Rev. **107**, 1324 (2007)

FRET



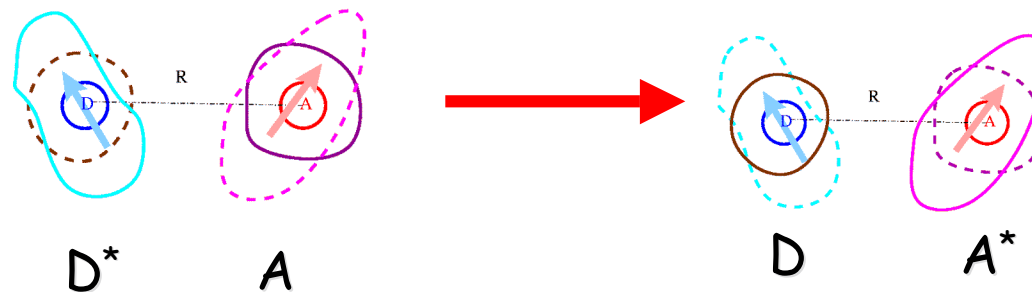
Piston *et al.*, Trends in Biochem. Sci. **32**, 407 (2007)

Förster Theory (FRET)



1910 - 1974

Th. Förster, Ann. Phys. (Leipzig) 6, 55 (1948)



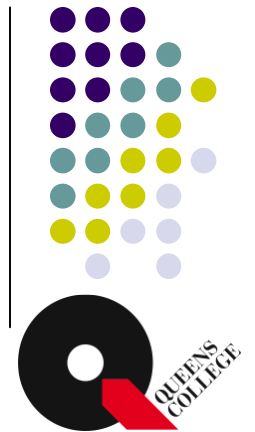
$$\frac{d[D^*]}{dt} = - \left(\frac{1}{\tau_D} + k_F \right) [D^*]$$

Normalized emission of donor

$$k_F = \frac{9000(\ln 10) \langle \kappa^2 \rangle}{128\pi^5 N_A \tau_D n_r^4 R^6} \left(\int d\tilde{\nu} \frac{f_D(\tilde{\nu}) \epsilon_A(\tilde{\nu})}{\tilde{\nu}^4} \right)$$

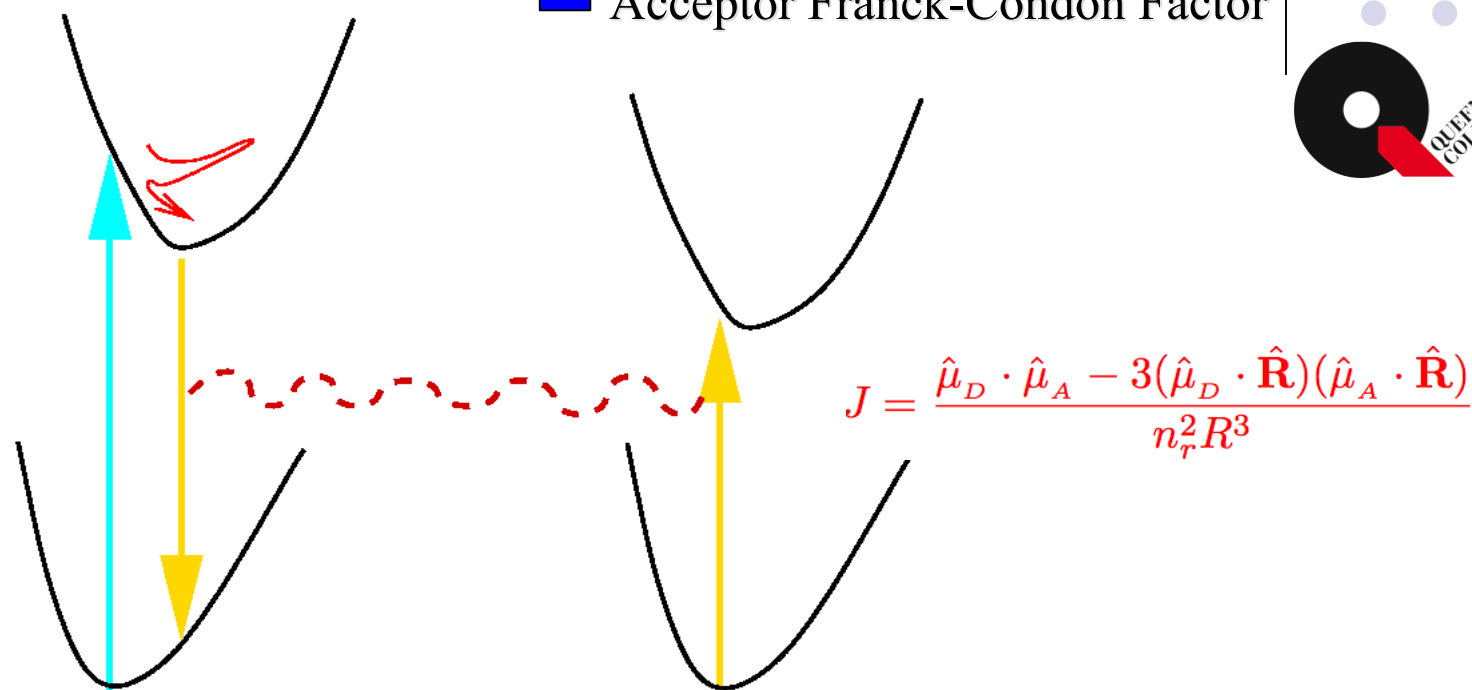
Molar extinction of acceptor

$$\kappa = \hat{\mu}_D \cdot \hat{\mu}_A - 3(\hat{\mu}_D \cdot \hat{\mathbf{R}})(\hat{\mu}_A \cdot \hat{\mathbf{R}})$$



$$k_F = \frac{\langle J^2 \rangle}{2\pi\hbar^2} \int d\omega L_D(\omega) I_A(\omega)$$

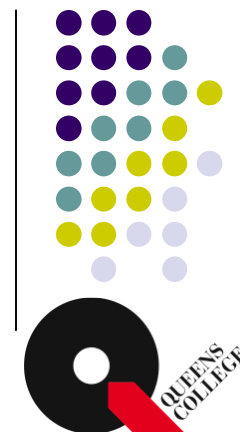
↙ Donor Franck-Condon factor
 ↘ Acceptor Franck-Condon Factor



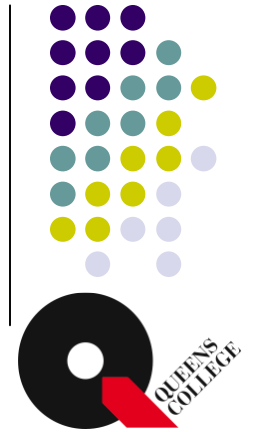
$$L_D(\omega) = \frac{3\hbar}{2^5 \pi^3 \tau_D n_r \mu_D^2 c} f_D(\tilde{\nu})$$

$$I_A(\omega) = \frac{3000(\ln 10) n_r \hbar}{(2\pi)^2 N_A \mu_A^2 \tilde{\nu}} \epsilon_A(\tilde{\nu})$$

S. Jang, *J. Chem. Phys.* **127**, 174710 (2007)

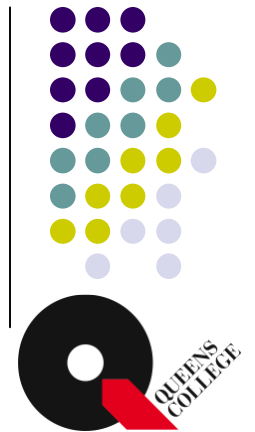


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Improving Förster (or Dexter) Theory

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Nonequilibrium extension

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Multichromophoric extension

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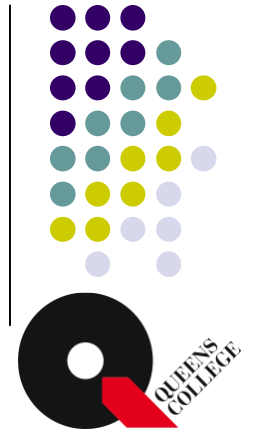
Inelastic extension

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Coherent resonance energy transfer

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Local field effects



Recent Theoretical Advances

Multichromophoric Effects

H. Sumi, G. Scholes and G. Fleming

Quantum Coherence

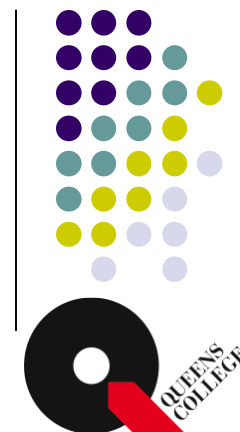
R. Silbey, G. Fleming, J. Gilmore and R. H. McKenzie,
S. Mukamel, A. Aspuru-Guzik, G. Scholes

Local Field Effects

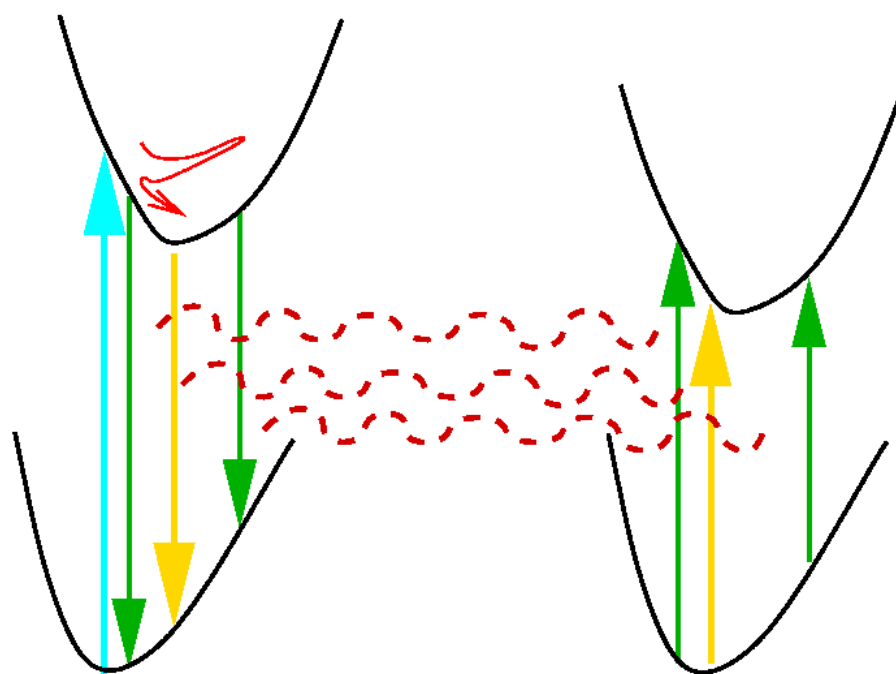
R. S. Knox, G. Scholes

Quantum Electrodynamics Formulation

D. L. Andrews

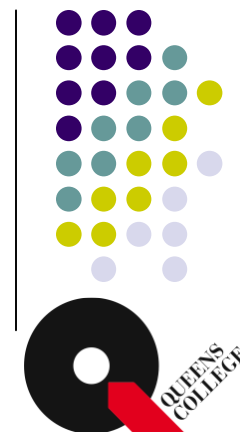


Nonequilibrium FRET



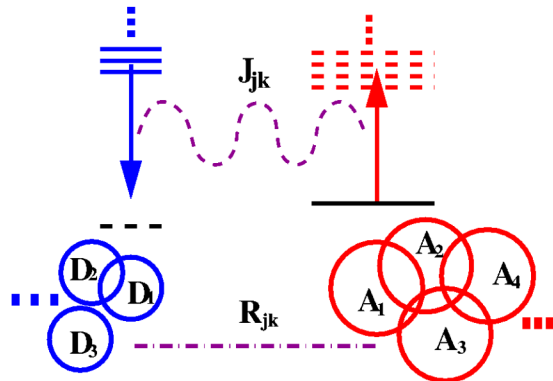
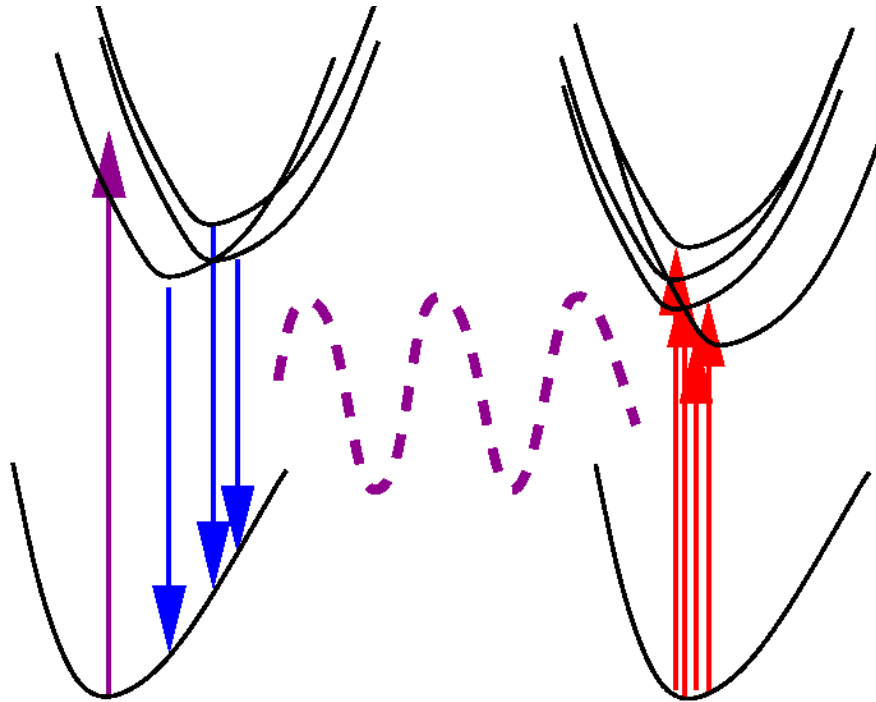
$$k_F(t) = \frac{\langle J^2 \rangle}{2\pi\hbar^2} \int d\omega L_D(t, \omega) I_A(\omega)$$

Jang, Jung, and Silbey, Chem. Phys. **275**, 319 (2002)



Multichromophoric FRET

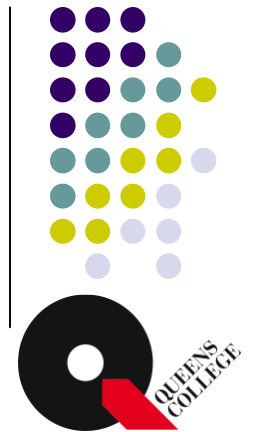
$$L_D^{j''j'}(\omega) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dt e^{-i\omega t} \text{Tr}_D \{ e^{-iH_D^g t/\hbar} \langle D_{j''} | e^{iH_D^e t/\hbar} \rho_D^e | D_{j'} \rangle \}$$

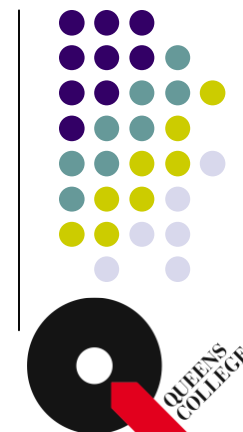
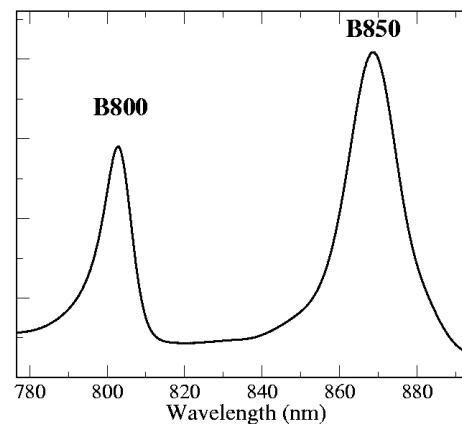
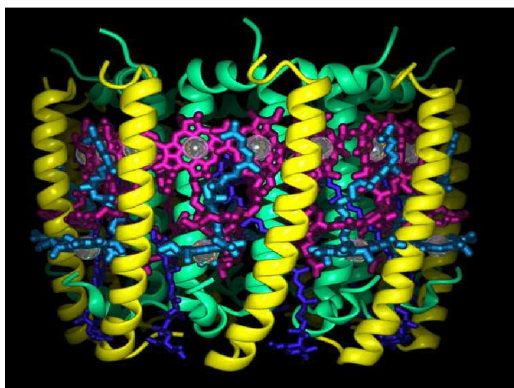


$$I_A^{k'k''}(\omega) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dt e^{i\omega t} \text{Tr}_A \{ e^{iH_A^g t/\hbar} \langle A_{k'} | e^{-iH_A^e t/\hbar} | A_{k''} \rangle \rho_A^g \}$$

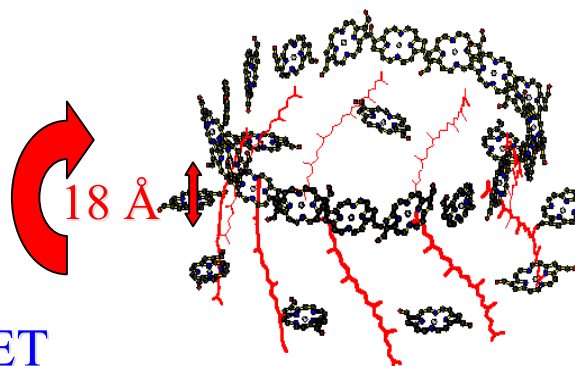
$$k_F^{MC} = \sum_{j'j''} \sum_{k'k''} \frac{J_{j'k'} J_{j''k''}}{2\pi\hbar^2} \int d\omega L_D^{j''j'}(\omega) I_A^{k'k''}(\omega)$$

Jang, Newton, and Silbey, Phys. Rev. Lett. **92**, 218301 (2004)





B800 → B850 Energy Transfer



Theoretical Prediction based on FRET

0.13 ps⁻¹ , Fleming et al., *J. Phys. Chem. B* **100**, 6825 (1996)

Experimental estimate (Pump-probe spectroscopy)

1.5 ps⁻¹ (300 K) - Fleming et al., *J. Phys. Chem. B* **100**, 6825 (1996)

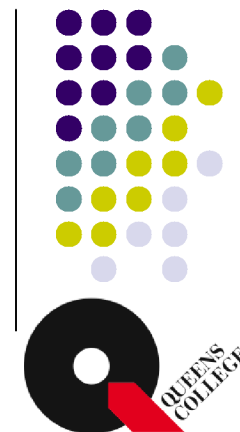
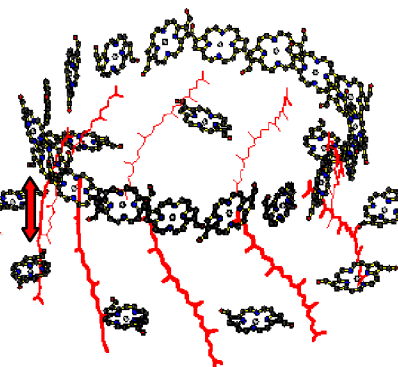
0.7 ps⁻¹ (4.2 K) - Sundstrom et al., *J. Phys. Chem. B* **101**, 10560 (1997)

MC-FRET in LH2

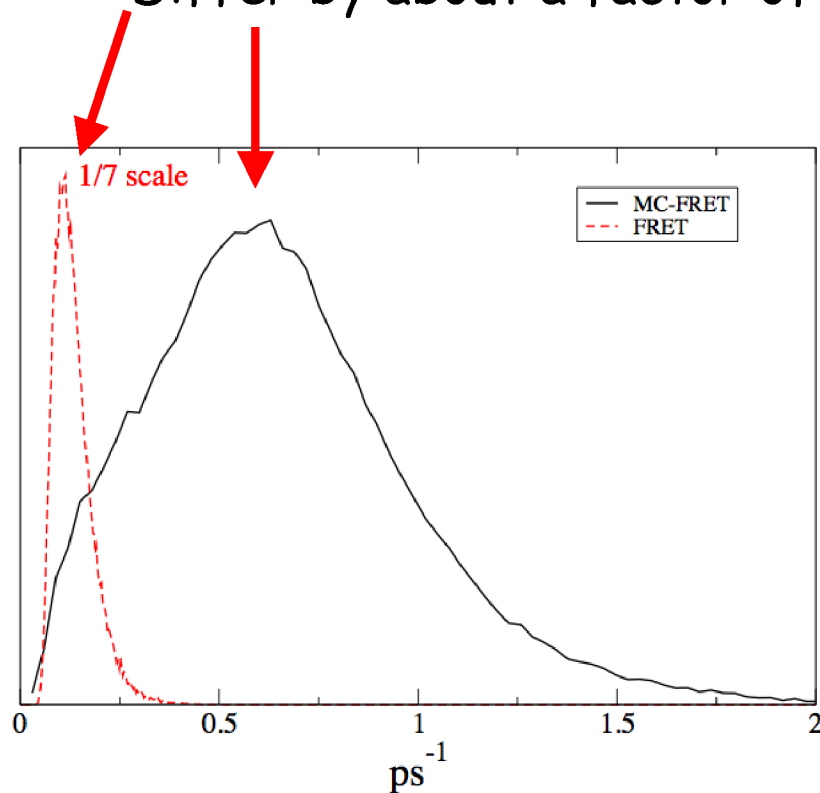
B800 → B850 Energy Transfer



18 Å



Differ by about a factor of 5



Average MC-FRET rate 0.7 ps^{-1} (4.2 K)



$$\mu_{tr} = 6.5 - 7.5 \text{ D for } \epsilon = 1.5 - 2$$

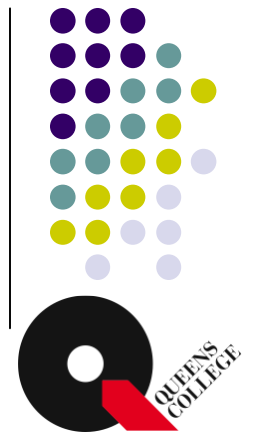
Experiment:

$$\mu_{tr} = 6.4 \text{ D, BChl in acetone}$$

Scherz and Parson, *Biochim. Biophys. Acta*,
766, 666 (1984)

Jang, Newton, and Silbey, *J. Phys. Chem. B* **111**, 6807 (2007)

Experimental Evidences for Inelastic Effects and Quantum Coherence



1. Torsional effects and distance modulation

Westenhoff et al., *Phys. Rev. Lett.* **97**, 166804 (2006)

Evidence for torsional relaxation accompanying energy transfer in polythiophene

2. Donor-acceptor quantum coherence

Yamazaki et al., *J. Phys. Chem. A.* **106**, 2122 (2002)

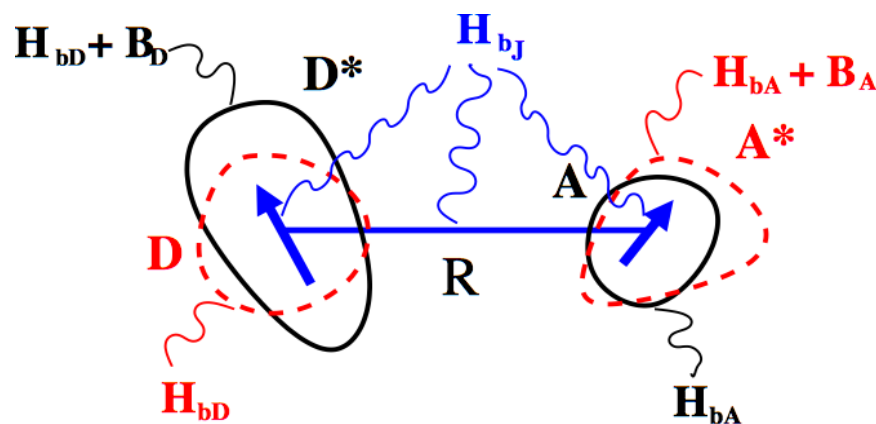
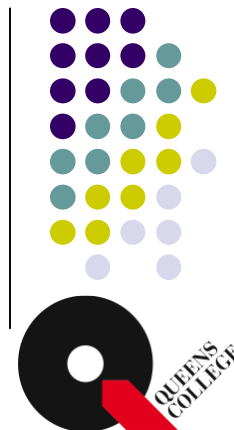
Oscillation in time-resolved anisotropy

Engel et al., *Nature* **446**, 782 (2007)

Collini and Scholes, *Science* **323**, 369 (2008)

Evidence of coherence in 2D-electronic spectroscopy

Inelastic FRET - Quantum Mechanical Modulation of Donor and Acceptor Coupling



Inelastic effects can enhance the rate and change the distance dependences.

$$k_s = \frac{9000(\ln 10)}{128\pi^5 N_A \tau_D \mu_D^2 \mu_A^2} \int d\tilde{\nu} \int d\tilde{\nu}' \frac{f_D(\tilde{\nu}) \epsilon(\tilde{\nu}')}{\tilde{\nu}^3 \tilde{\nu}'} \tilde{K}_J(\tilde{\nu} - \tilde{\nu}')$$

$$\tilde{K}_J(\tilde{\nu} - \tilde{\nu}') = c \operatorname{Re} \int_0^\infty dt e^{2\pi i c(\tilde{\nu} - \tilde{\nu}')t} \operatorname{Tr}_{b_J} \left\{ e^{iH_{b_J}t/\hbar} J e^{-iH_{b_J}t/\hbar} J \rho_{b_J} \right\}$$

S. Jang, *J. Chem. Phys.* **127**, 174710 (2007)

Coherent resonance energy transfer

$$H = H_s^p + H_s^c + H_{sb} + H_b$$

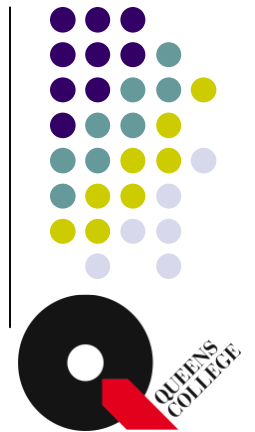
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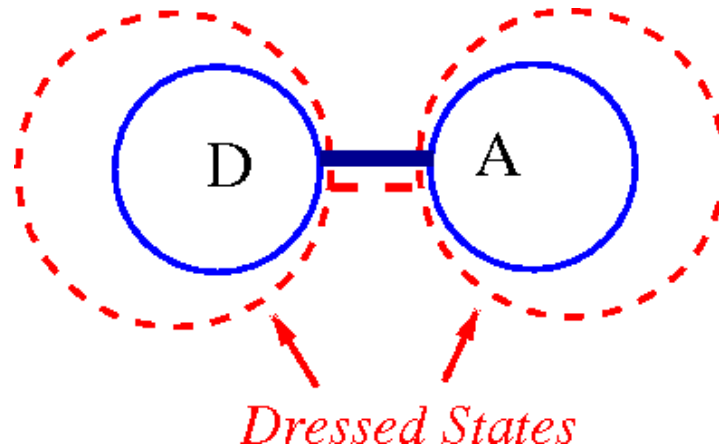
$$H_{sb} = B_D |D\rangle\langle D| + B_A |A\rangle\langle A|$$

$E_D - E_A$, J , B_D , and B_A are all comparable.

Fermi's Golden rule or Redfield equation becomes unreliable!



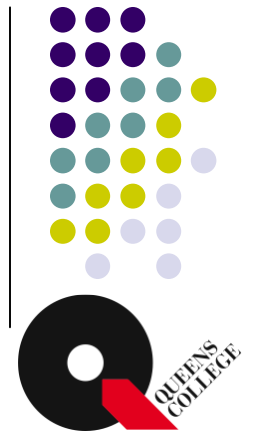
Polaron transformation - renormalizes donor-acceptor coupling



The bath degrees of freedom coupled to donor and acceptor can be included in the newly dressed (cloathed) donor and acceptor states.

The coupling between dressed states can become much weaker.

Holstein, Feynman, Silbey, ...



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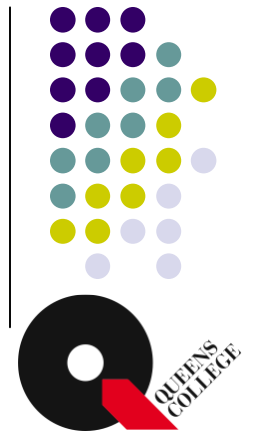
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1. Polaron transformation $\rightarrow$ renormalize system-bath coupling
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Rackovsky and Silbey, *Mol. Phys.* **25**, 61 (1973)

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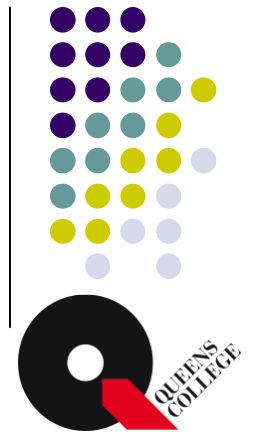
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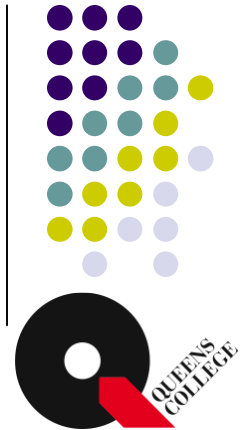
Quantum Liouville Equation

$$\frac{d\rho(t)}{dt} = -\frac{i}{\hbar} [H_s^p + H_s^c + H_{sb} + H_b, \rho(t)]$$

$$H_b = \sum_n \hbar\omega_n (b_n^\dagger b_n + \frac{1}{2})$$

$$B_D = \sum_n \hbar\omega_n g_{nD} (b_n + b_n^\dagger)$$

$$B_A = \sum_n \hbar\omega_n g_{nA} (b_n + b_n^\dagger)$$



$$G = \sum_n (b_n^\dagger - b_n) (g_{nD} |D\rangle\langle D| + g_{nA} |A\rangle\langle A|) - \text{Generator of polaron transformation}$$

(1) $\tilde{\rho}(t) = e^G \rho(t) e^{-G}$ ← **Density operator in the polaronic picture**

$$\frac{d\tilde{\rho}(t)}{dt} = -\frac{i}{\hbar} [\tilde{H}_s^p + \tilde{H}_s^c + H_b, \rho(t)]$$

$$\tilde{E}_D = E_D - \sum_n g_{nD}^2 \hbar\omega_n$$

$$\tilde{E}_A = E_A - \sum_n g_{nA}^2 \hbar\omega_n$$

$$\tilde{H}_s^p = \tilde{E}_D |D\rangle\langle D| + \tilde{E}_A |A\rangle\langle A|$$

$$\tilde{H}_s^c = J(\theta_D^\dagger \theta_A |D\rangle\langle A| + \theta_A^\dagger \theta_D |A\rangle\langle D|)$$

$$\theta_D = e^{-\sum_n g_{nD} (b_n^\dagger - b_n)}$$

$$\theta_A = e^{-\sum_n g_{nA} (b_n^\dagger - b_n)}$$

$$(2) \quad \frac{d\tilde{\rho}(t)}{dt} = -\frac{i}{\hbar}[\tilde{H}_0 + \tilde{H}_1, \tilde{\rho}(t)] \leftarrow \text{QLE in the polaronic picture}$$

$$\tilde{H}_0 = \tilde{H}_s^p + \langle \tilde{H}_s^c \rangle + H_b = \tilde{H}_{0,s} + H_b$$

$$\tilde{H}_1 = \tilde{H}_s^c - \langle \tilde{H}_s^c \rangle = J(\tilde{B}|D\rangle\langle A| + \tilde{B}^\dagger|A\rangle\langle D|) \quad \tilde{B} = \theta_D^\dagger \theta_A - \langle \theta_D^\dagger \theta_A \rangle$$

$$\tilde{\rho}_I(t) = e^{i\tilde{H}_0 t/\hbar} \tilde{\rho}(t) e^{-i\tilde{H}_0 t/\hbar}$$

$$\frac{d\tilde{\rho}_I(t)}{dt} = -\frac{i}{\hbar}[\tilde{H}_{1,I}(t), \tilde{\rho}_I(t)] \leftarrow \text{QLE in the interaction and \& polaronic picture}$$

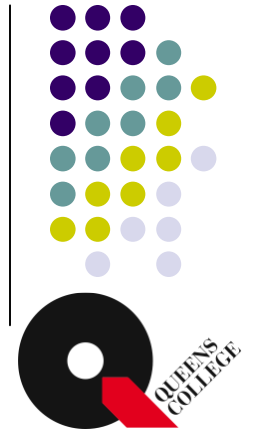
$$\tilde{H}_{1,I}(t) = J(\tilde{B}(t)\mathcal{T}(t) + \tilde{B}^\dagger(t)\mathcal{T}^\dagger(t))$$

$$\tilde{B}(t) = e^{iH_b t/\hbar} \tilde{B} e^{-iH_b t/\hbar}$$

$$\mathcal{T}(t) = e^{i\tilde{H}_{0,s} t/\hbar} |D\rangle\langle A| e^{-i\tilde{H}_{0,s} t/\hbar}$$

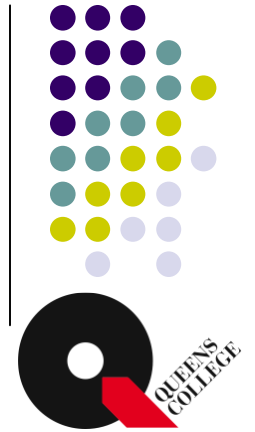
(3) Projection Operator $\rightarrow$ Quantum Master Equation

S. Jang, J. Cao, and R. J. Silbey, *J. Chem. Phys.* **128**, 114713 (2002)



$$\tilde{\sigma}_I(t) = \text{Tr}_b \{ \tilde{\rho}_I(t) \} \quad \leftarrow \text{Reduced system density operator}$$

$$\frac{d}{dt} \tilde{\sigma}_I(t) = -\mathcal{R}(t) \tilde{\sigma}_I(t) + \mathcal{I}(t) \quad \leftarrow \text{Quantum Master Equation}$$



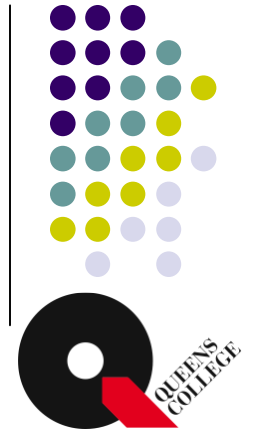
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2nd order approx. $\mathcal{K}(t) = \sum_n \delta g_n^2 \left\{ \coth\left(\frac{\beta \hbar \omega_n}{2}\right) \cos(\omega_n t) - i \sin(\omega_n t) \right\}, \quad \delta g_n = g_{nD} - g_{nA}$

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{R}(t) \tilde{\sigma}_I(t) = & \frac{J^2}{\hbar^2} e^{-\mathcal{K}(0)} \int_0^t d\tau \left\{ (e^{-\mathcal{K}(t-\tau)} - 1) \left([\mathcal{T}(t), \mathcal{T}(\tau) \tilde{\sigma}_I(t)] + [\tilde{\mathcal{T}}^\dagger(t), \tilde{\mathcal{T}}^\dagger(\tau) \sigma_I(t)] \right) \right. \\ & \left. + (e^{\mathcal{K}(t-\tau)} - 1) \left([\mathcal{T}^\dagger(t), \mathcal{T}(\tau) \tilde{\sigma}_I(t)] + [\mathcal{T}(t), \mathcal{T}^\dagger(\tau) \tilde{\sigma}_I(t)] \right) \right\} + \text{H. C.} \end{aligned}$$

$$\mathcal{T}(t) = e^{i\tilde{H}_{0,s}t/\hbar} |D\rangle \langle A| e^{-i\tilde{H}_{0,s}t/\hbar}$$



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$$\rho(0) = \sigma(0) e^{-\beta H_b} / \text{Tr} \{ e^{-\beta H_b} \}, \sigma(0) = |D\rangle \langle D| \quad f(t) = e^{2i \sum_n g_{nD} \delta g_n \sin(\omega_n t)}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{I}(t) = & -\frac{iJ}{\hbar} e^{-\mathcal{K}(0)/2} (f(t) - 1) [\mathcal{T}(t), \sigma(0)] \\ & -\frac{J^2}{\hbar^2} e^{-\mathcal{K}(0)} \int_0^t d\tau \left\{ F_{(1)}(t, \tau) [\mathcal{T}(t), \mathcal{T}(\tau) \sigma(0)] + F_{(2)}(t, \tau) [\mathcal{T}^\dagger(t), \mathcal{T}(\tau) \sigma(0)] \right. \\ & \left. + F_{(3)}(t, \tau) [\mathcal{T}(t), \mathcal{T}^\dagger(\tau) \sigma(0)] + F_{(4)}(t, \tau) [\mathcal{T}^\dagger(t), \mathcal{T}^\dagger(\tau) \sigma(0)] \right\} + \text{H. C.} \end{aligned}$$

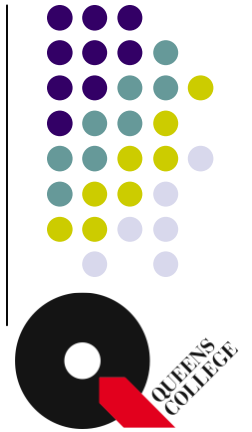
$$F_{(1)}(t, \tau) = (f(t)f(\tau) - 1)e^{-\mathcal{K}(t-\tau)} - f(t) - f(\tau) + 2$$

$$F_{(2)}(t, \tau) = (f(-t)f(\tau) - 1)e^{\mathcal{K}(t-\tau)} - f(-t) - f(\tau) + 2$$

$$F_{(3)}(t, \tau) = (f(t)f(-\tau) - 1)e^{\mathcal{K}(t-\tau)} - f(t) - f(-\tau) + 2$$

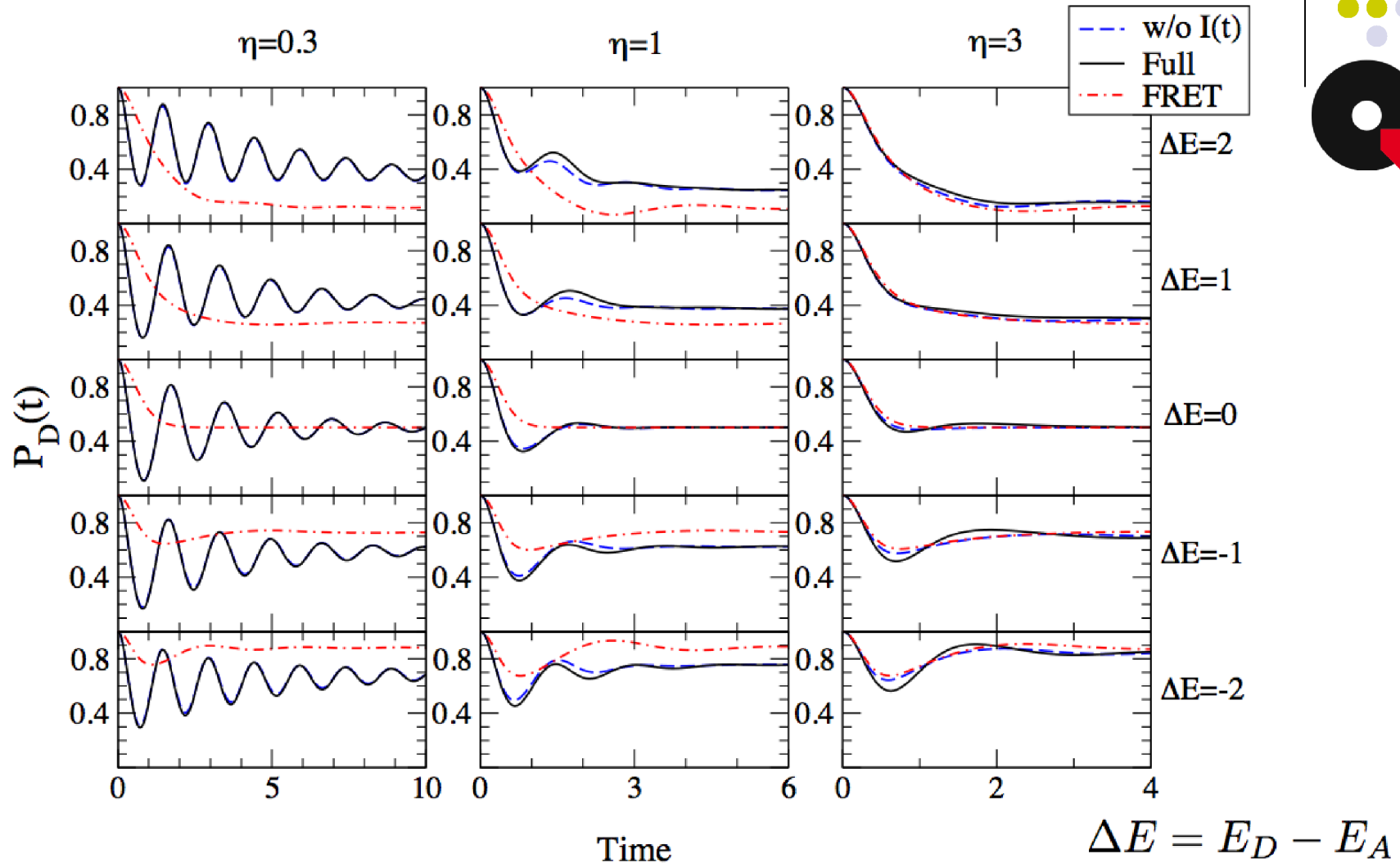
$$F_{(4)}(t, \tau) = (f(-t)f(-\tau) - 1)e^{-\mathcal{K}(t-\tau)} - f(-t) - f(-\tau) + 2$$

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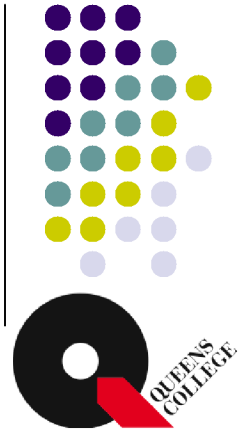


$$\hbar = \omega_c = k_B T = 1, J = 2$$

$$\frac{1}{2} \sum_n \delta(\omega - \omega_n) \omega_n^2 \delta g_n^2 = \sum_n \delta(\omega - \omega_n) \omega_n^2 g_{n_D} \delta g_n = \frac{\eta}{3!} \frac{\omega^3}{\omega_c^2} e^{-\omega/\omega_c}$$



$$\text{FRET: } \frac{d}{dt} P_D^r(t) = -k_{DA}^r(t) P_D^r(t) + k_{AD}^r(t) (1 - P_D^r(t))$$



Coherent initial condition

$$\rho(0) = \sigma(0)\rho_b = |I\rangle\langle I|\rho_b$$

$$|I\rangle = I_D|D\rangle + I_A|A\rangle$$

Linear superposition of donor and acceptor excitations

$$\frac{d}{dt}\tilde{\sigma}_I(t) = -\mathcal{R}(t)\tilde{\sigma}_I(t) + \mathcal{I}(t)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{I}(t) = & -\frac{iJ}{\hbar} \sum_{l=1}^4 \mathcal{C}_l(t) [\tilde{\mathcal{T}}(t), \tilde{\sigma}_l(0)] \\ & -\frac{J^2}{\hbar^2} \int_0^t d\tau \sum_{l=1}^4 \left\{ \mathcal{F}_{(1),l}(t, \tau) [\tilde{\mathcal{T}}(t), \tilde{\mathcal{T}}(\tau)] \tilde{\sigma}_l(0) + \mathcal{F}_{(2),l}(t, \tau) [\tilde{\mathcal{T}}^\dagger(t), \tilde{\mathcal{T}}(\tau)] \tilde{\sigma}_l(0) \right. \\ & \left. + \mathcal{F}_{(3),l}(t, \tau) [\tilde{\mathcal{T}}(t), \tilde{\mathcal{T}}^\dagger(\tau)] \tilde{\sigma}_l(0) + \mathcal{F}_{(4),l}(t, \tau) [\tilde{\mathcal{T}}^\dagger(t), \tilde{\mathcal{T}}^\dagger(\tau)] \tilde{\sigma}_l(0) \right\} + \text{H.C.} \end{aligned}$$

$$\mathcal{C}_1(t) = w(f_D(t) - 1)$$

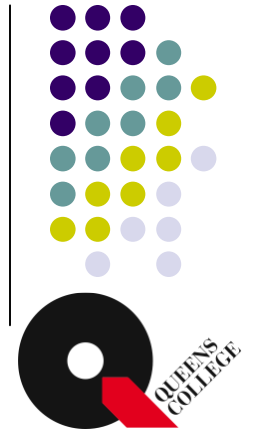
$$\mathcal{F}_{(1),1}(t, \tau) = w^2 \{ (f_D(t)f_D(\tau) - 1)e^{-\mathcal{K}(t-\tau)} - f_D(t) - f_D(\tau) + 2 \}$$

....

$$f_D(t) = e^{2i \sum_n g_{nD} \delta g_n \sin(\omega_n t)}$$

$$\mathcal{K}(t) = \sum_n \delta g_n^2 \left\{ \coth\left(\frac{\beta \hbar \omega_n}{2}\right) \cos(\omega_n t) - i \sin(\omega_n t) \right\}, \quad \delta g_n = g_{nD} - g_{nA}$$

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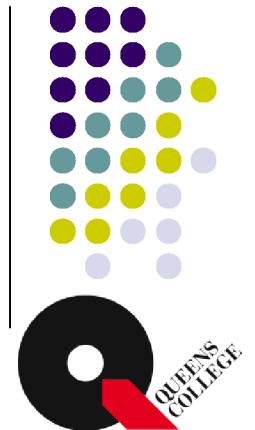


$$\mathcal{J}_D(\omega) = \sum_n \delta(\omega - \omega_n) \omega_n^2 g_{n_D}^2 = \frac{\eta_D}{3!} \frac{\omega^3}{\omega_c^2} e^{-\omega/\omega_c}$$

$$\mathcal{J}_A(\omega) = \sum_n \delta(\omega - \omega_n) \omega_n^2 g_{n_D}^2 = \frac{\eta_A}{3!} \frac{\omega^3}{\omega_c^2} e^{-\omega/\omega_c}$$

$$\mathcal{J}_c(\omega) = - \sum_n \delta(\omega - \omega_n) \omega_n^2 g_{n_D} g_{n_A} = \frac{\eta_c}{3!} \frac{\omega^3}{\omega_c^2} e^{-\omega/\omega_c}$$

Sensitivity of early
nonequilibrium population
dynamics on details of
initial condition!

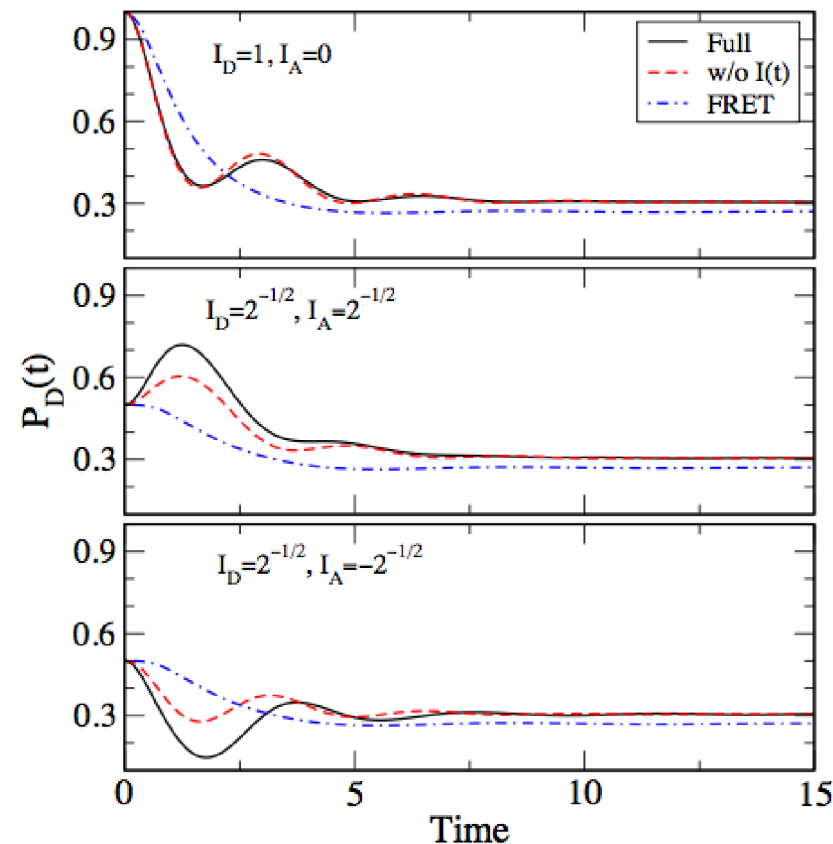


$$J = 1$$

$$\eta_D + \eta_c = \eta_A + \eta_c = 1$$

$$E_D - E_A = 1$$

$$|I\rangle = I_D |D\rangle + I_A |A\rangle$$



Units: $\omega_c = \hbar = k_B T = 1$

$$\mathcal{J}_D(\omega) = \sum_n \delta(\omega - \omega_n) \omega_n^2 g_{n_D}^2 = \frac{\eta_D}{3!} \frac{\omega^3}{\omega_c^2} e^{-\omega/\omega_c}$$

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$$\mathcal{J}_c(\omega) = - \sum_n \delta(\omega - \omega_n) \omega_n^2 g_{n_D} g_{n_A} = \frac{\eta_c}{3!} \frac{\omega^3}{\omega_c^2} e^{-\omega/\omega_c}$$

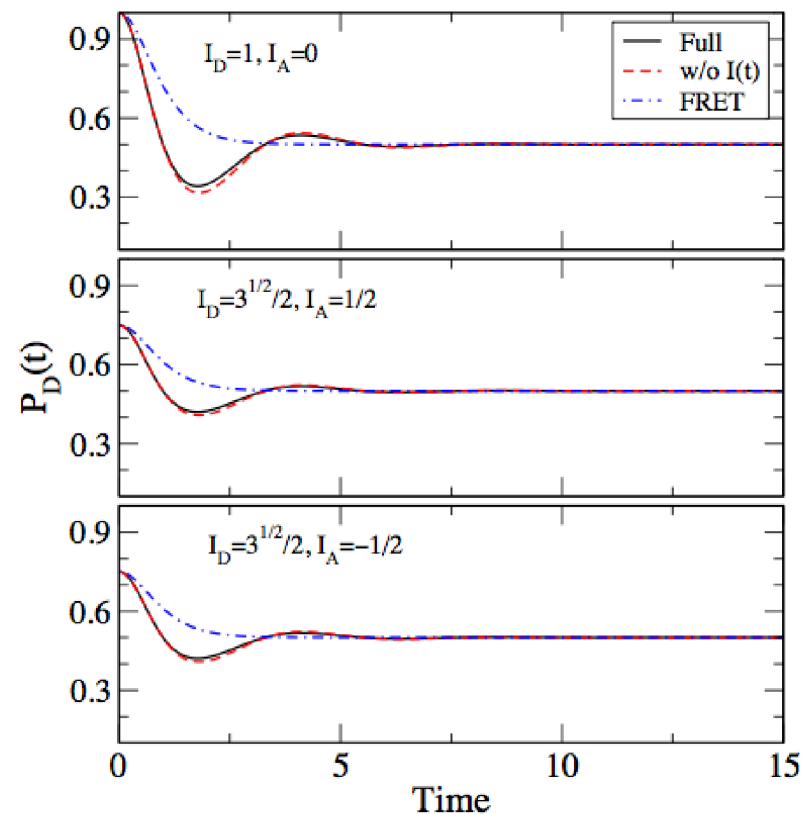
Less sensitive for
degenerate donor
and acceptor
excitation energies

$$J = 1$$

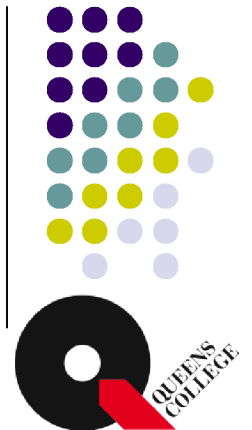
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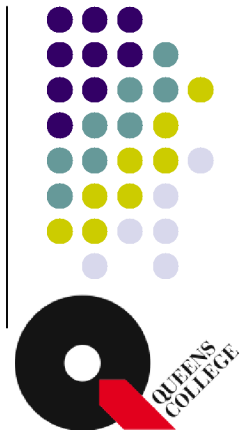


$$\mathcal{J}_D(\omega) = \sum_n \delta(\omega - \omega_n) \omega_n^2 g_{n_D}^2 = \frac{\eta_D}{3!} \frac{\omega^3}{\omega_c^2} e^{-\omega/\omega_c}$$

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$$\mathcal{J}_c(\omega) = - \sum_n \delta(\omega - \omega_n) \omega_n^2 g_{n_D} g_{n_A} = \frac{\eta_c}{3!} \frac{\omega^3}{\omega_c^2} e^{-\omega/\omega_c}$$

Smaller donor-bath
coupling results in more
population transfer



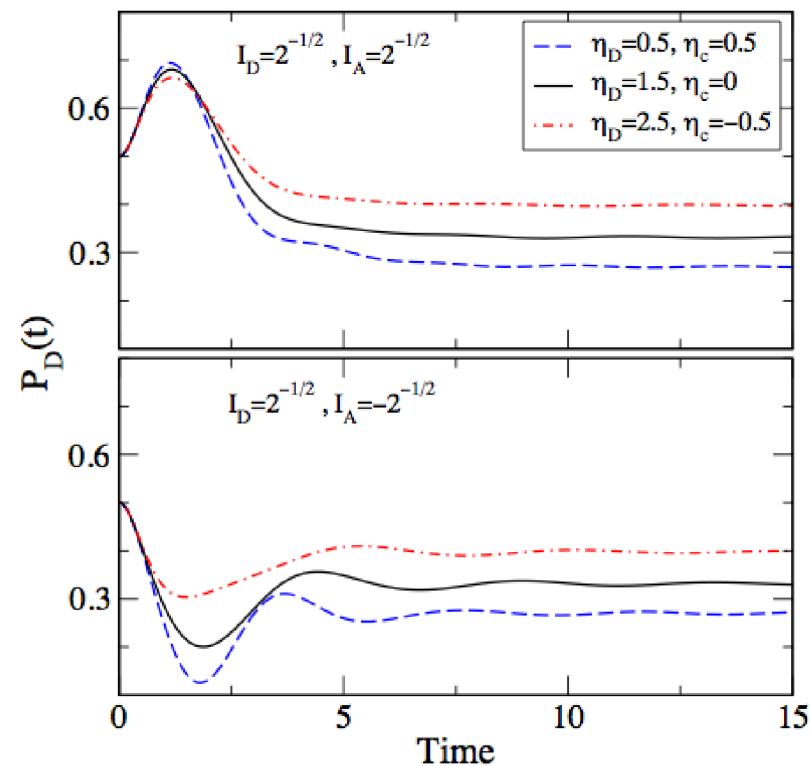
$$J = 1$$

$$\eta_A = 1$$

$$\eta_D + 2\eta_c = 1.5$$

$$E_D - E_A = 1$$

$$|I\rangle = I_D|D\rangle + I_A|A\rangle$$



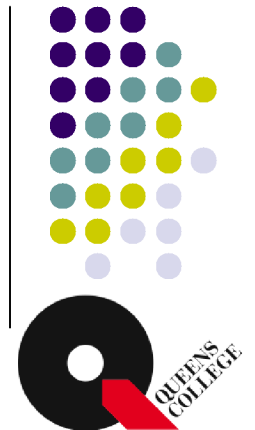
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The same sign of common modes results in weak-system bath coupling and protects coherence.

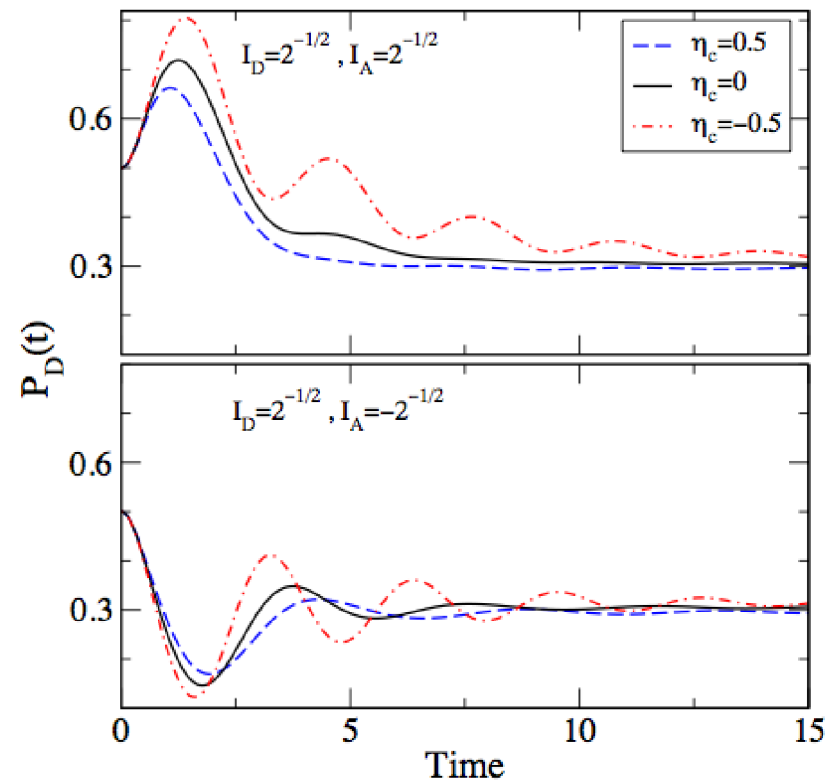


$$J = 1$$

$$\eta_D = \eta_A = 1$$

$$E_D - E_A = 1$$

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Summary

Incoherent Quantum Kinetics

Nonequilibrium,

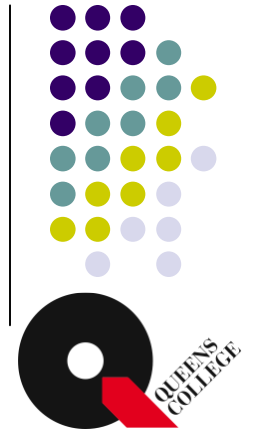
Multichromophoric, and

Inelastic generalization of FRET

Coherent Resonance Energy Transfer

QME with polaron transformation

- General spectral densities with common modes
- Non-Markovian bath
- Coherent Initial Condition



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