Tracking Fluorescence Correlation Spectroscopy of individual biomolecules

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Single-pair FRET measurements on dye-labeled DNA

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Fluorescence-modulation particle tracking (2D)

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Near axis of rotation the demodulated fluorescence provides a linear error signal



Cohen & Moerner: anti-Brownian electrokinetic trap

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Tracking data channel(s)

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Tracking performance near the shotnoise limit (2D)

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Fast classification of individual nano-particles (beads)

 $D[\mu m^2/s]$ 90% confidence with only ~600 photons! 2 4 6 8 Estimation time [s] ($\Delta t = 0.1 s$) 10 1.50.5 45 35 2515 ${}^{5}_{\Delta t}{}^{4}$ [$\mu m^2/s$] 0 4 D [Δ t=0.2 s] 2 3 5 6 7 8 Ν

Number of occurences

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3D Feedback tracking microscopy

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3-D sensing by beam switching





3-D tracking



Schematic apparatus

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Free-solution dynamics of large dsDNA molecules



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"Simple" (linearized) polymer models

- Rouse: Beads and springs
- Zimm: Hydrodynamic couplings
- Semi-flexible: Bending energy
- None: excluded volume

Question: which (if any) model quantitatively describes DNA?



Experiments on genomic lambda-DNA

K. McHale and HM, submitted

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FIG. 1. The measured autocorrelation curve g_2 for dilute λ -phage DNA deviates from the correlation function expected for a stiff finite-size polymer with $R_g = 0.73 \ \mu m$ (dashed line). The solid line shows the poor agreement with a best fit to the correlation function of a pointlike particle. The drawings illustrate labeled DNA as a chain of linked chromophores for (a) high and (b) low average label densities.

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- Dense tracking labels (POPO-3)
- Single probe label (Atto425)
- Fluorescence rate and beam intensity stabilization
- Alternating excitation to prevent cross-talk



Two-color alternating excitation

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Center-of-mass motion

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Get systematic parameters and D from stage motion



- ► Tracking bandwidths: $\gamma_{xy} = 15$ Hz, $\gamma_z = 2$ Hz
- RMS localization: $L_{xy} = 110$ nm, $L_z = 290$ nm
- ▶ Diffusion coefficient: $D = (0.80 \pm 0.05) \mu m^2/s$

D inconsistent with all other measurements! (but really can't be wrong...)

Intramolecular motion

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Fit parameters:

- ▶ r_0 : size parameter $(R_g \sqrt{2})$
- τ₁: characteristic time
- h: draining parameter

Interpretation

- (r_0 , τ_1) theoretically consistent with $D \approx 0.8 \mu \text{m}^2/\text{s}$
- Data and R/Z theories internally consistent to a factor of 2-4
- Zimm model is inconsistent with the FCS data!



