

Single-Particle Tracking (SPT)

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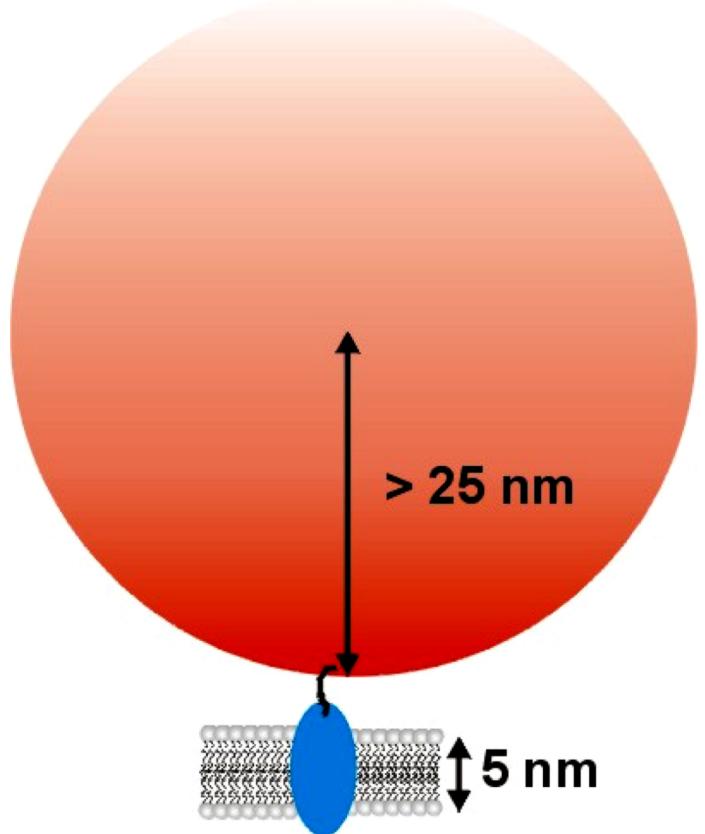


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how to visualize a biomolecule (by fluorescence) ?

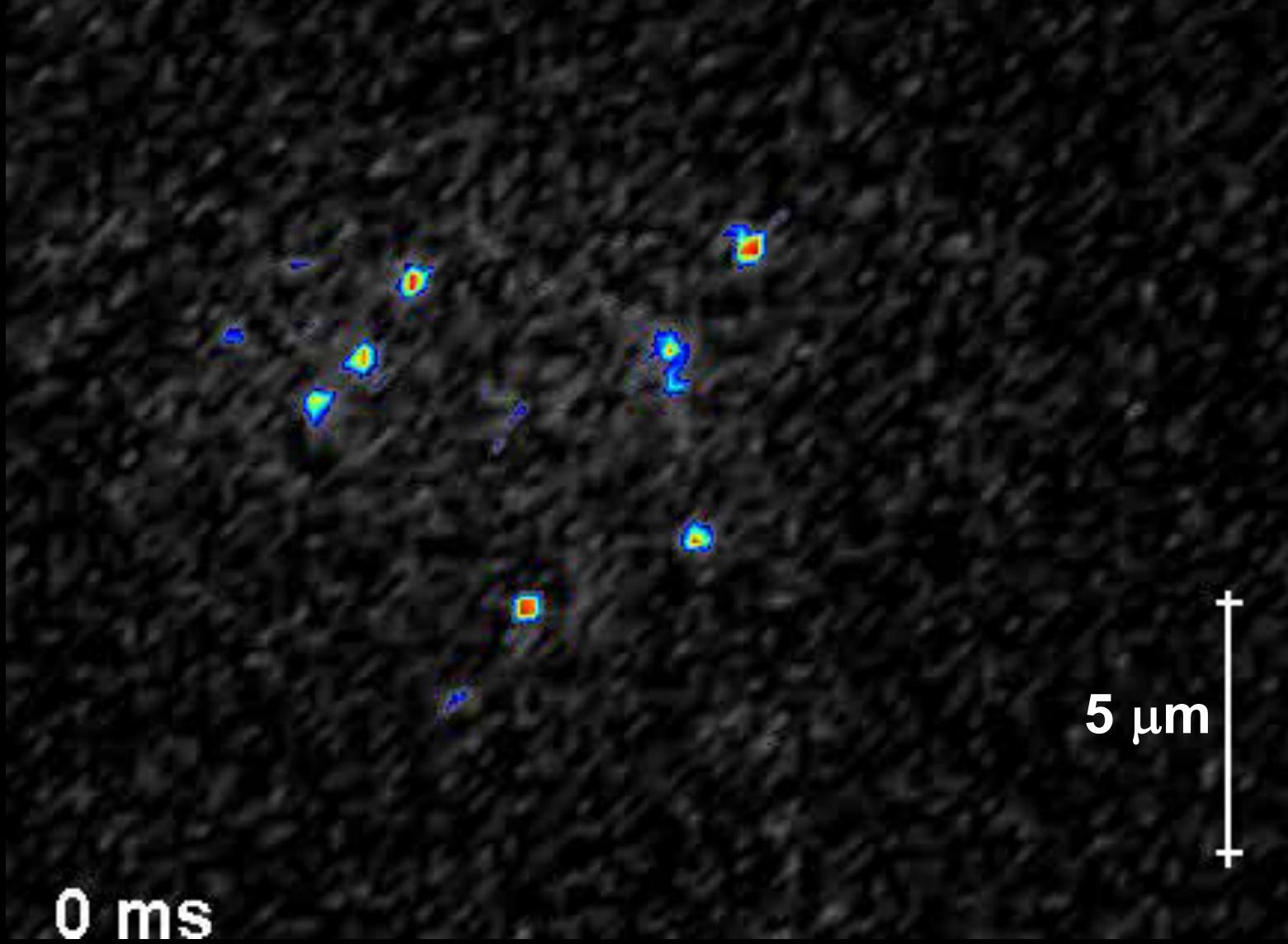
- single-particle tracking (SPT)



- **single-molecule**
 - Berg et.al., *Tracking of bacteria* (1980's)
 - de Brabanter & Geerts, *Nanovid microscopy*, Am J Anat (1989) 185:282
 - Qian, Sheetz & Elson, *Single particle tracking*, BJ (1991) 60:910
 - Gosh & Webb, *LDL tracking*, BJ (1994) 66:1301
 - ... many others
 - Kusumi, 10^5 images/s (2002)
 - Gratton, *3D single-particle tracking* (2004)

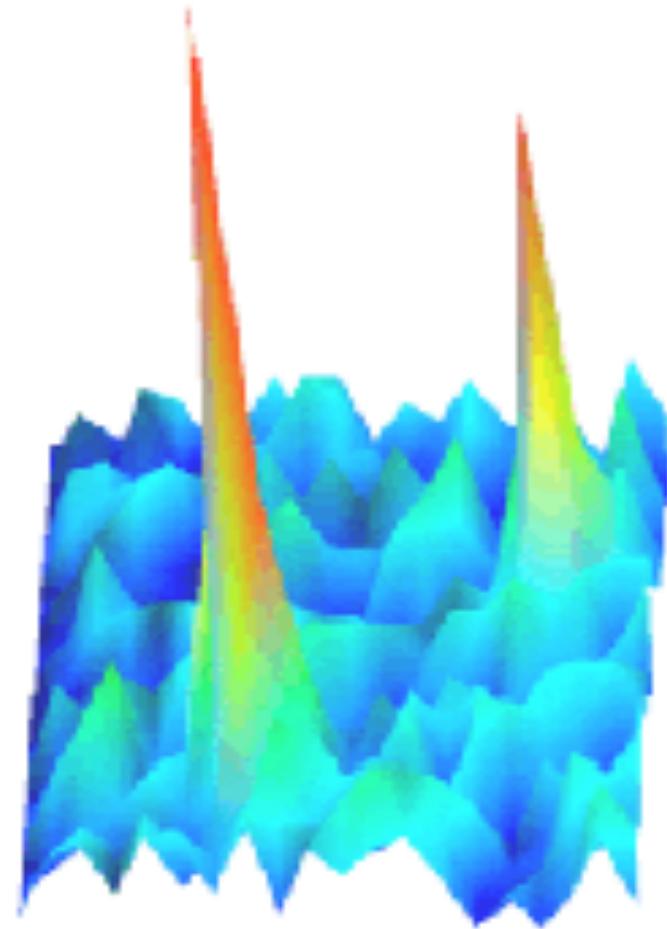
individual lipids on a phospholipid membrane

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Outline

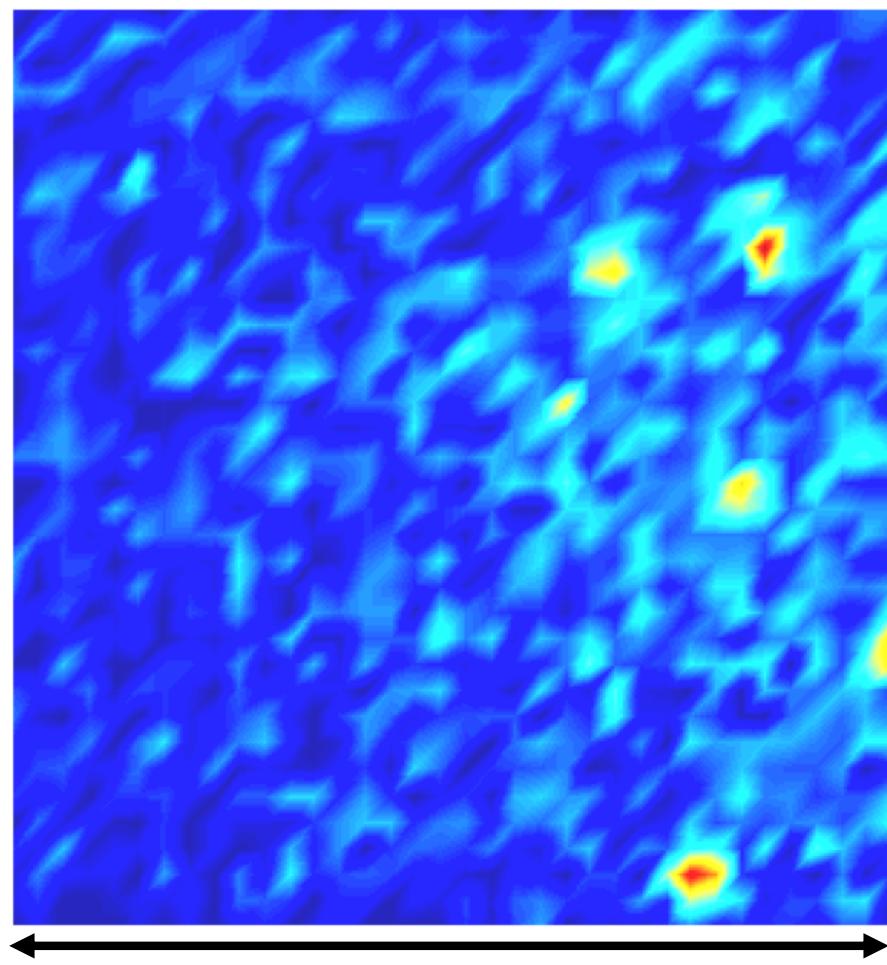
- Movie analysis
- Biomedical application
 - Aggregation
 - Local environment
 - Mobility



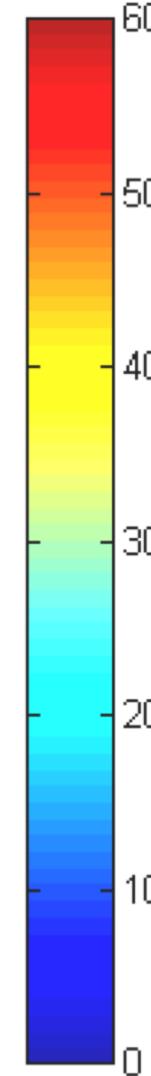
Movie analysis

- **Identification** of possible single-molecule signals
- extract **Information**: signal level + position
- statistical tests on the result

Identification (1) of possible single-molecule signals



36 pixel = 7.2 μm
200 nm/pxl



photon
counts

shot-noise

pixelation-noise

Identification (2): diffraction

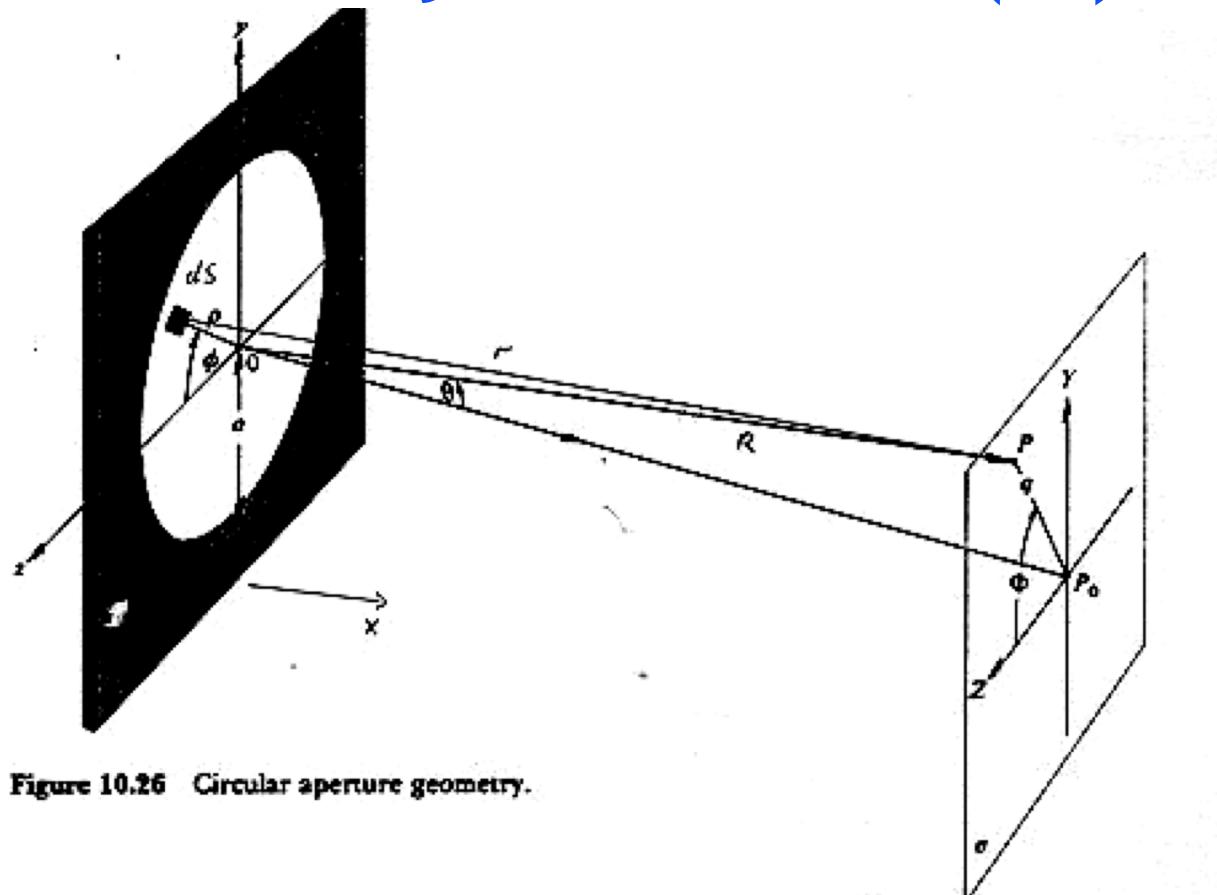
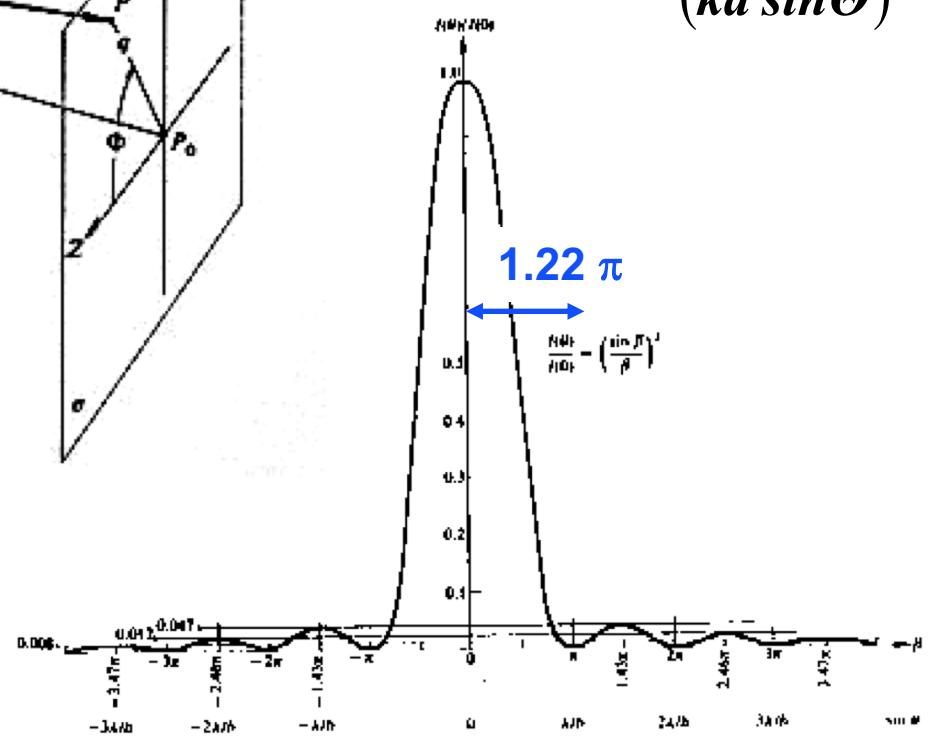


Figure 10.26 Circular aperture geometry.

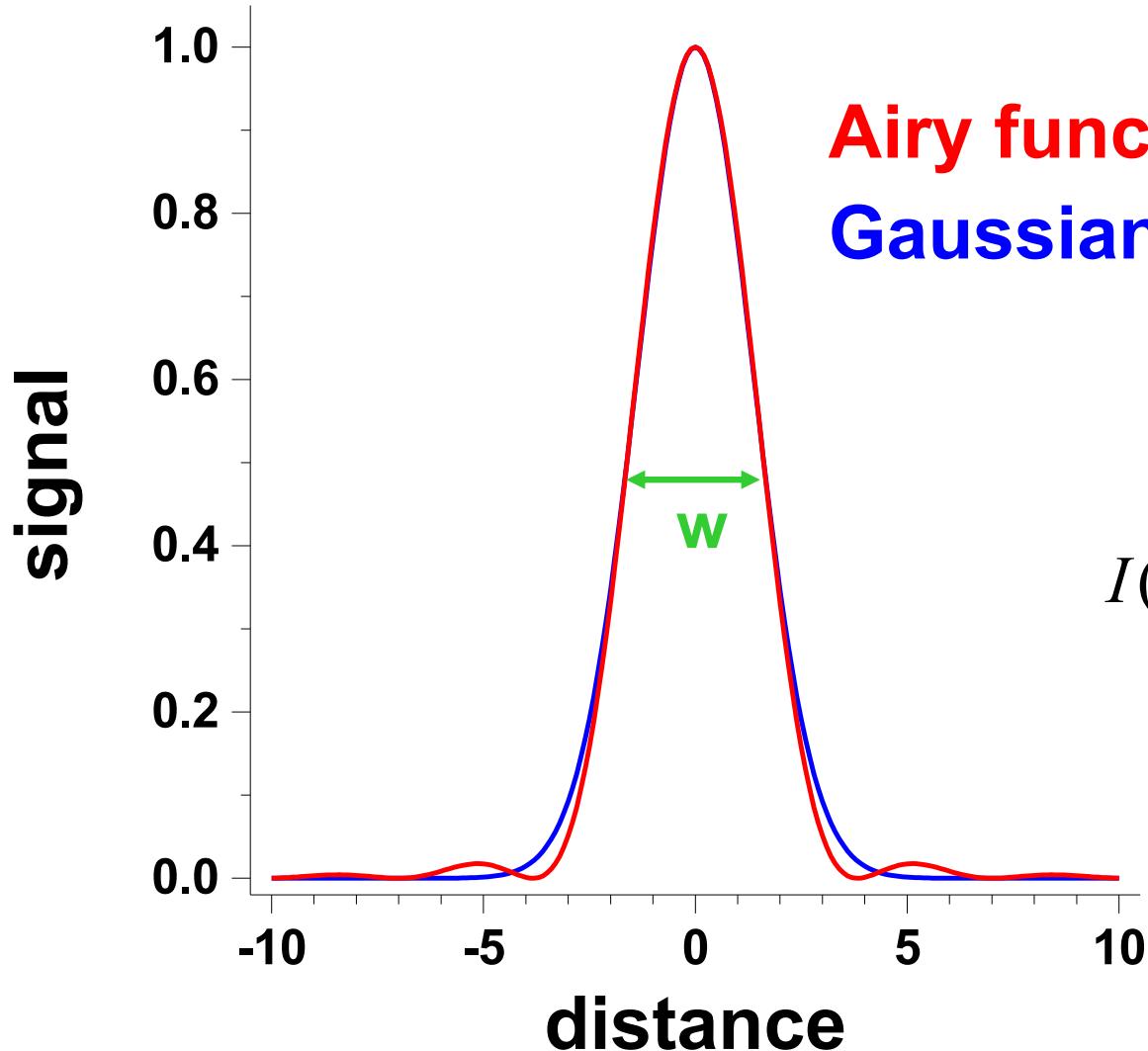
Airy pattern

$$I = I_0 \frac{J_1(kaq/R)^2}{(kaq/R)^2}$$

$$= I_0 \frac{J_1(ka \sin\Theta)^2}{(ka \sin\Theta)^2}$$



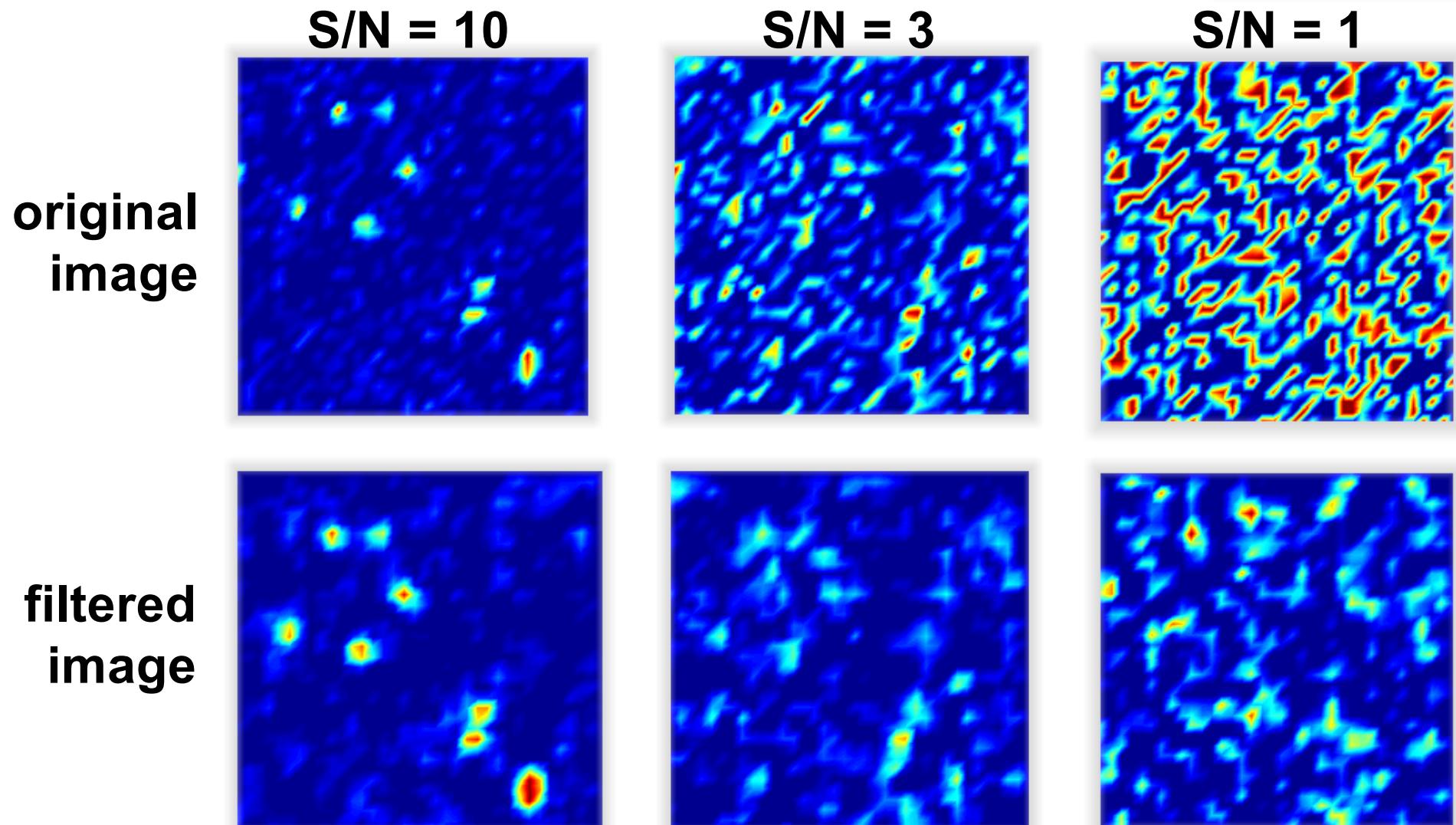
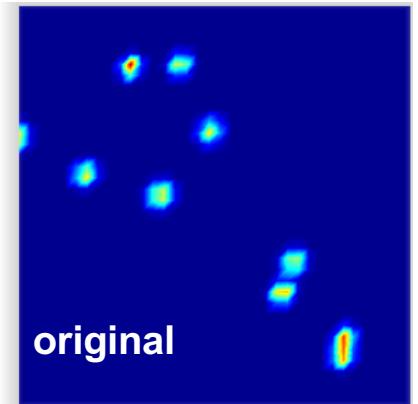
Identification (4): optimal filter



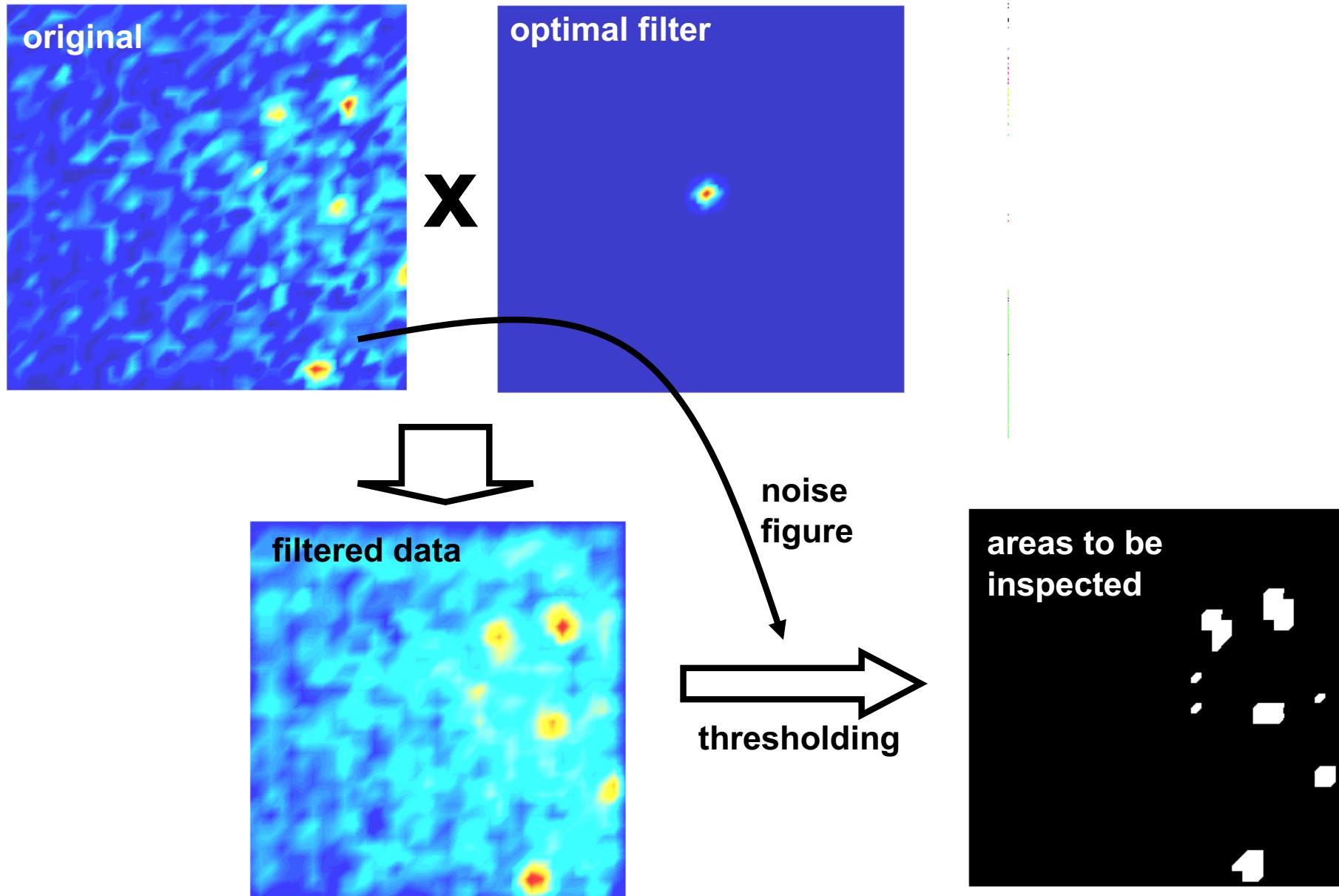
$$I(r) \propto \left(\frac{J_1\left(1.61 \frac{r}{w}\right)}{1.61 \frac{r}{w}} \right)^2$$

$$I(r) \propto \exp\left(-\frac{4 \ln 2 r^2}{w^2}\right)$$

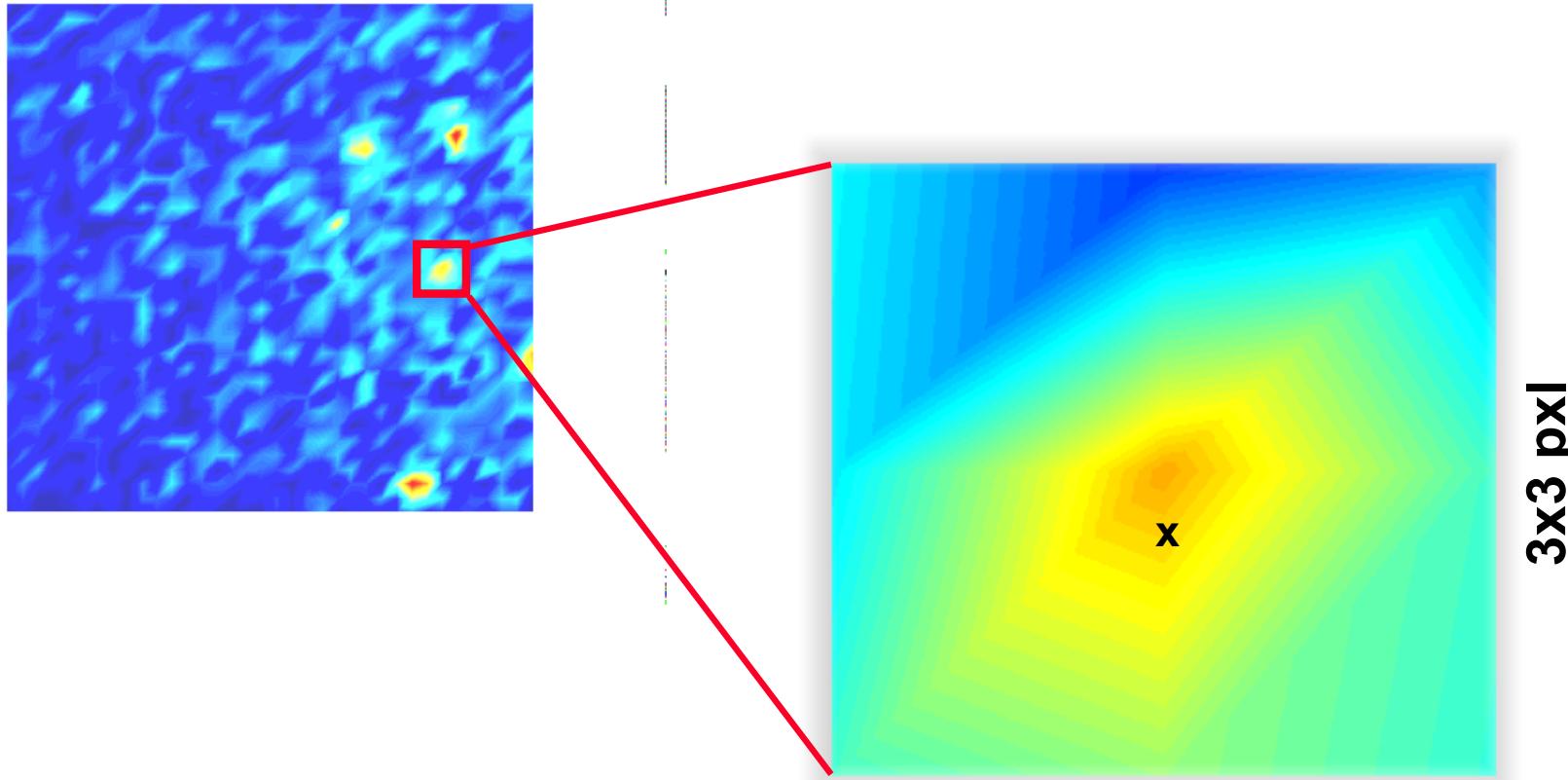
Identification (5): Gaussian correlation filter



Identification (7): thresholding



Information (1): center of mass



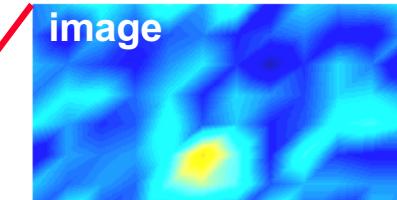
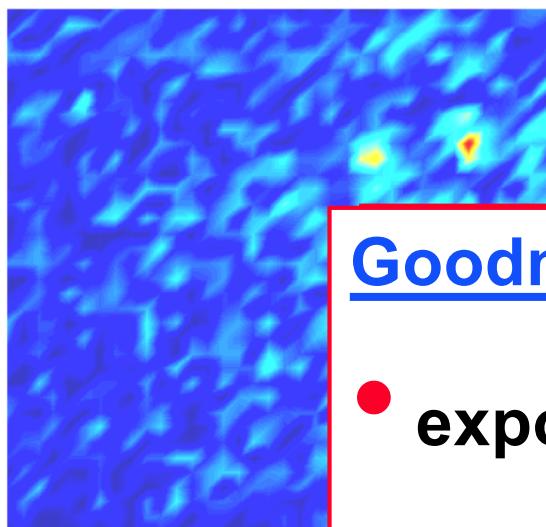
photonconts: $F = \sum_i \sum_j f_{i,j}$

**F = 220 cnts
x = 18.0 pxl
y = 29.8 pxl**

position: $\bar{x} = \frac{1}{F} \sum_i i \sum_j f_{i,j} \quad ; \quad \bar{y} = \dots$

Gosh & Webb, BJ (1994) 66:1301

Information (2): Gaussian fit



11 pxl

Goodness of fit: identification

- **exponential test**

is the image just noise: $\varepsilon = Q(N_i | n*m-1)$

- **chi-square test:**

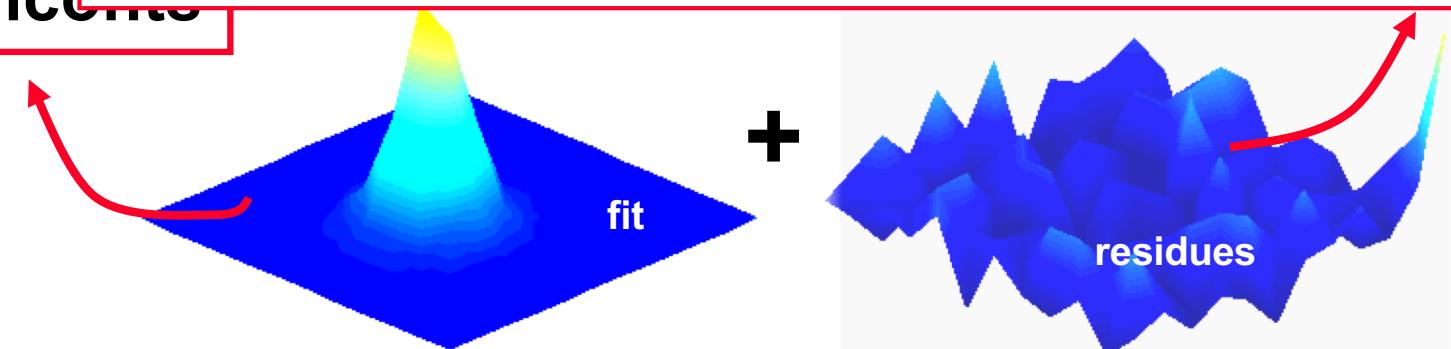
are the residues not noise: $\chi = 1 - Q(N_r | n*m-1)$

- **F-test**

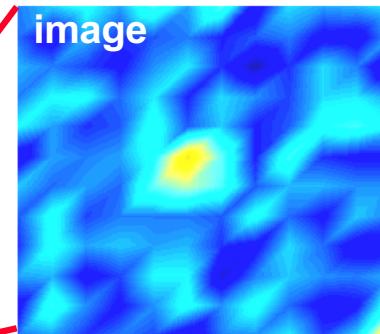
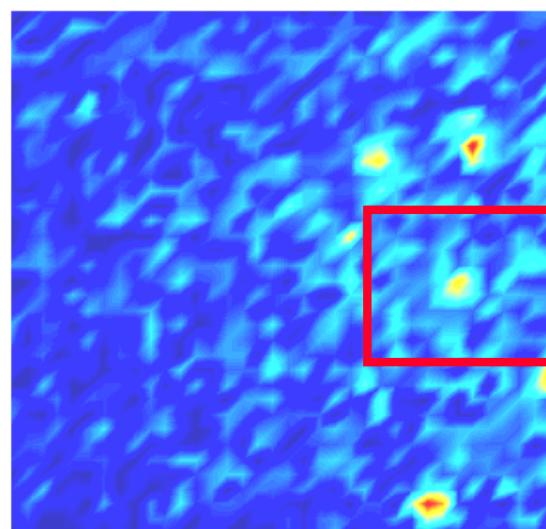
noise of residues = image noise: $F = I(N_r, N_i | n*m-1)$

(1) position

(2) photoncount



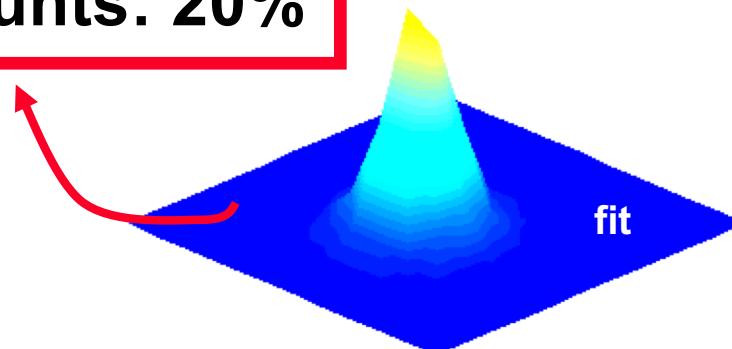
Information (2a): Gaussian fit



11x11 pxi

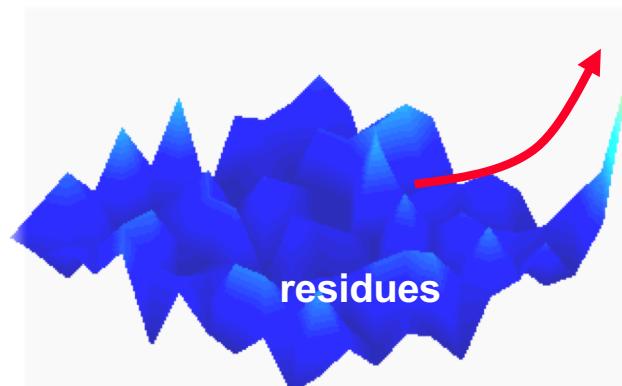
$F = 136 \pm 32$ cnts
 $x = 29.9 \pm 0.1$ pxi
 $y = 18.6 \pm 0.1$ pxi

position: 0.1 pxi
photoncounts: 20%



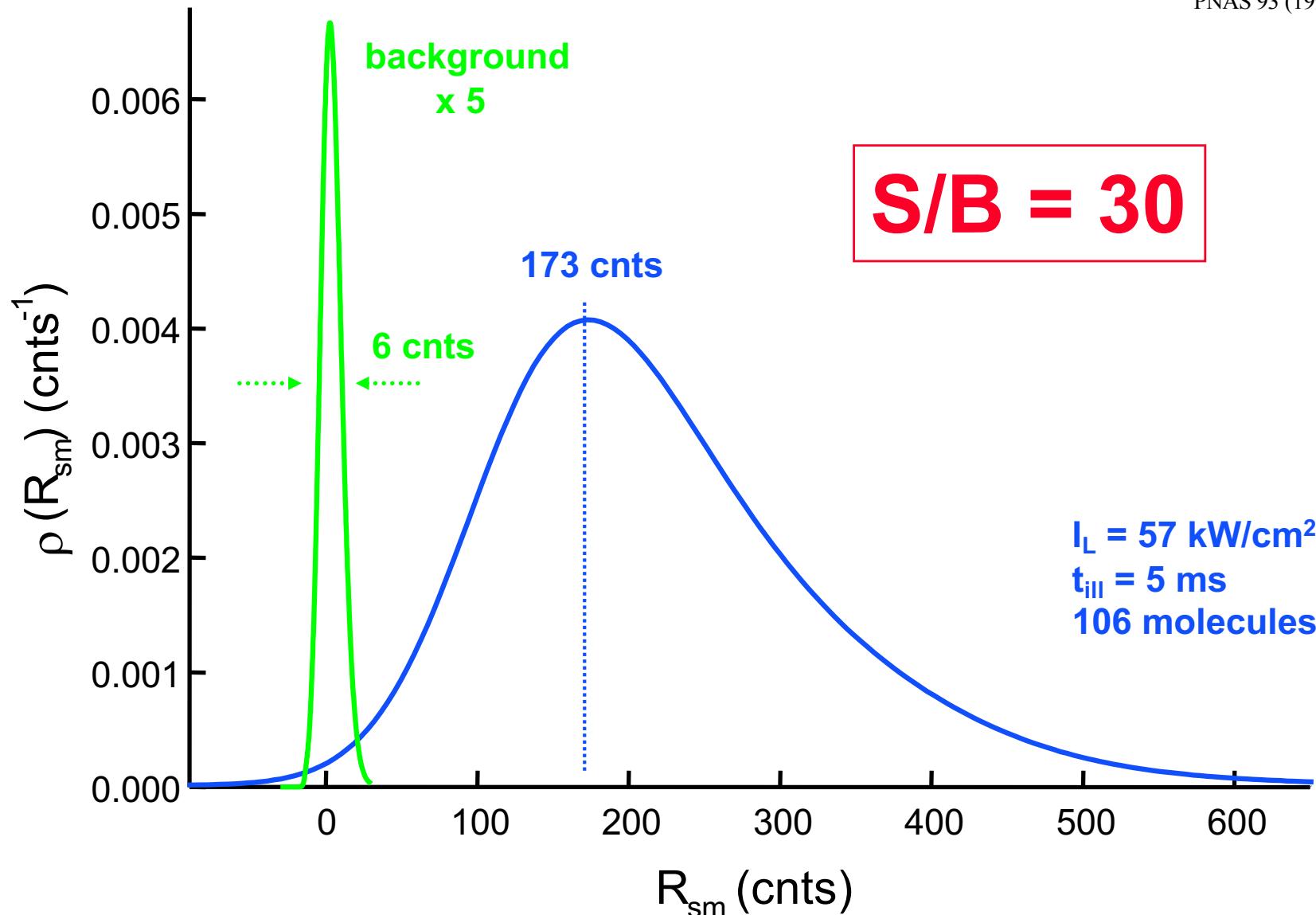
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signal-to-background

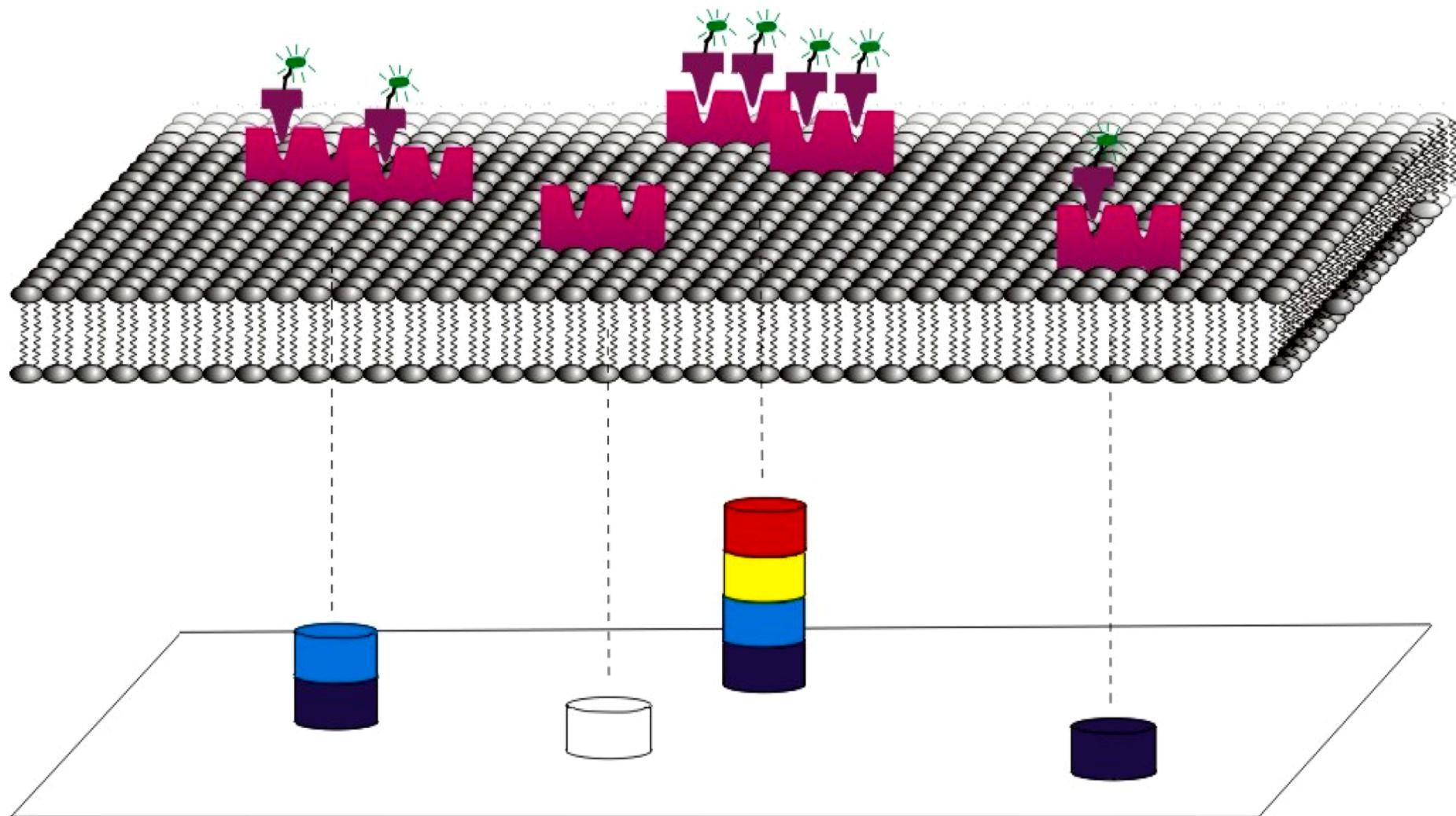
TS, Schütz, Gruber & Schindler
PNAS 93 (1996) 2926.



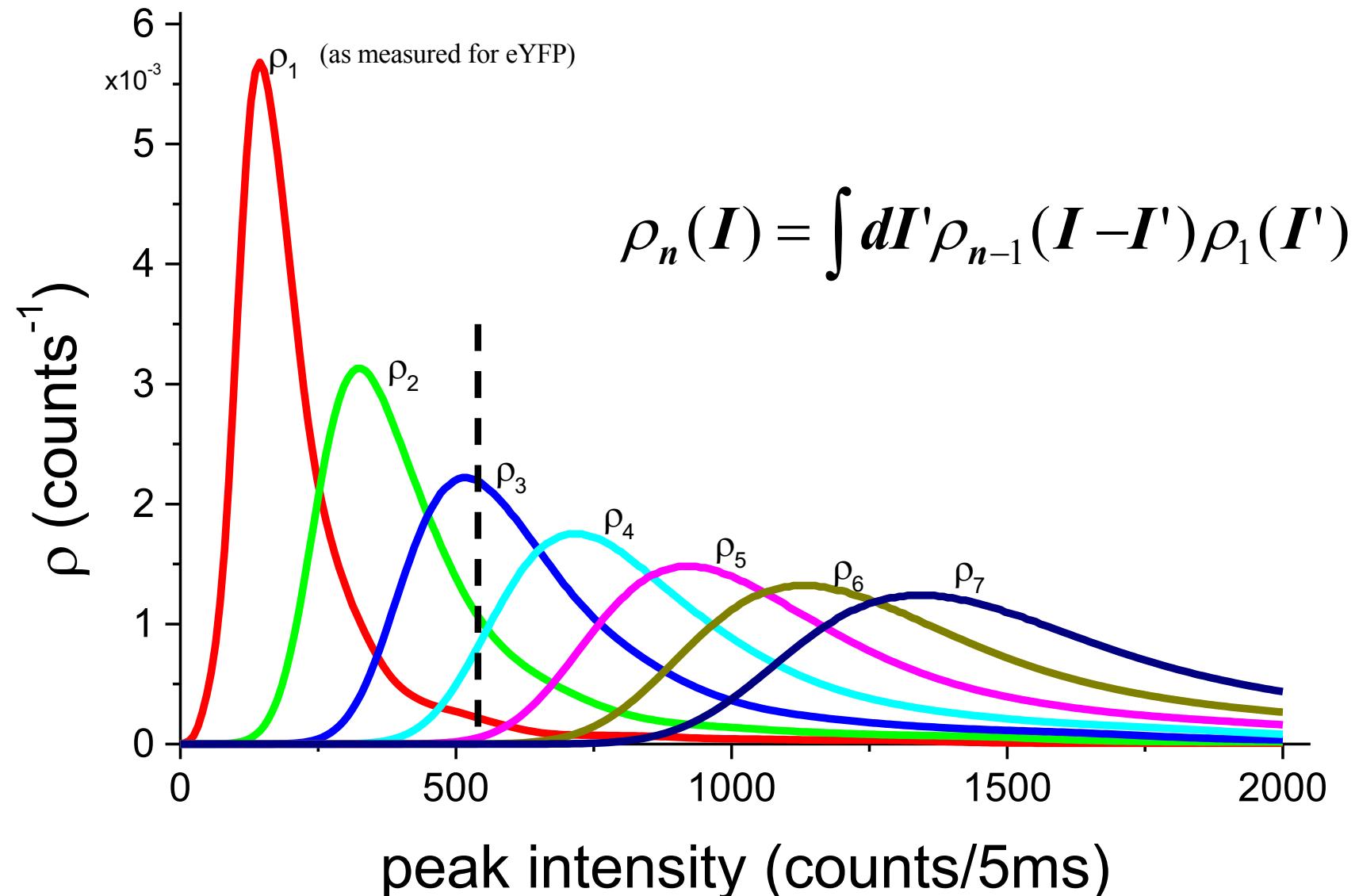
Application (1)

Analysis of aggregation

Local Stoichiometry

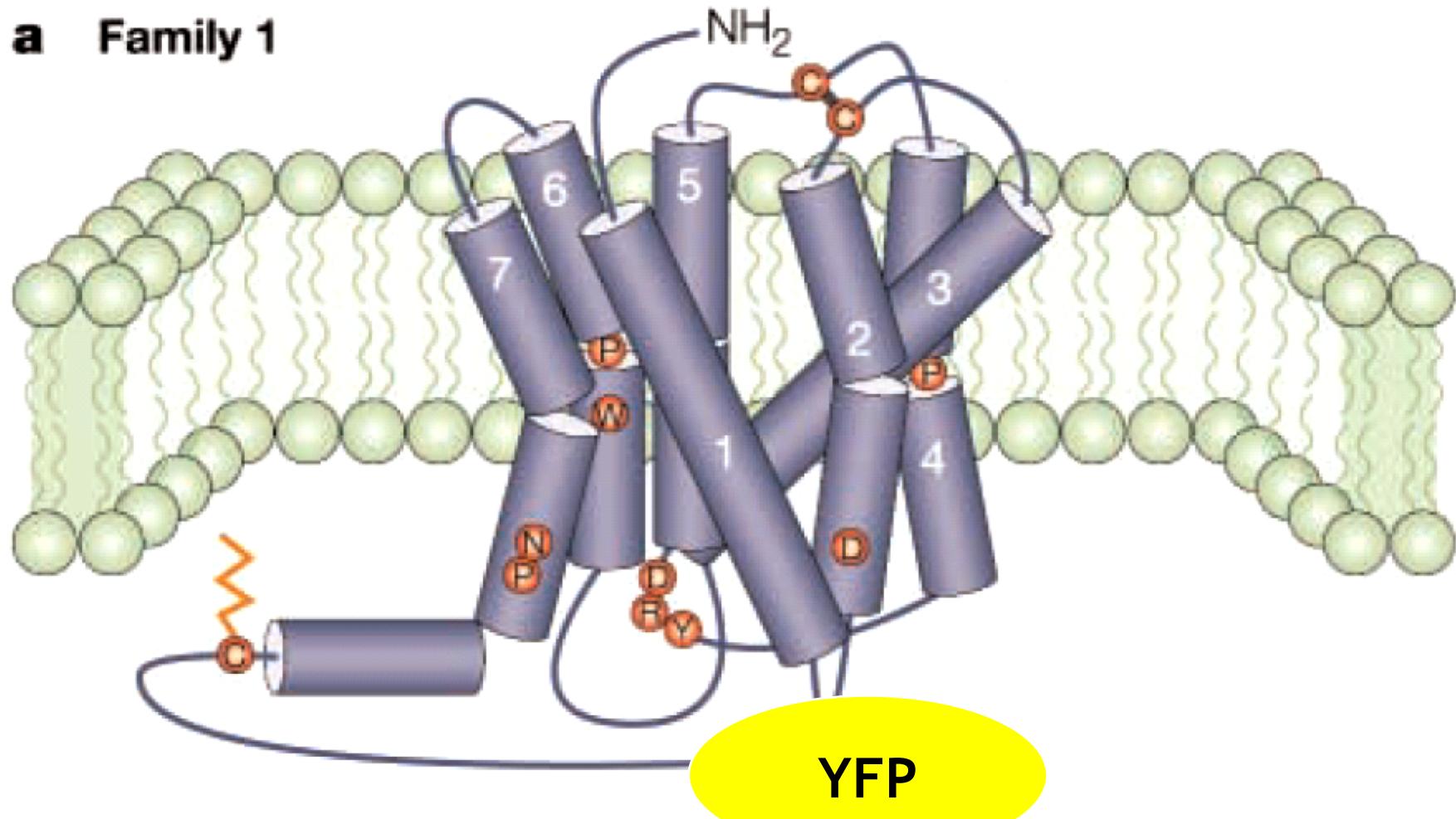


Stoichiometry Algorithm



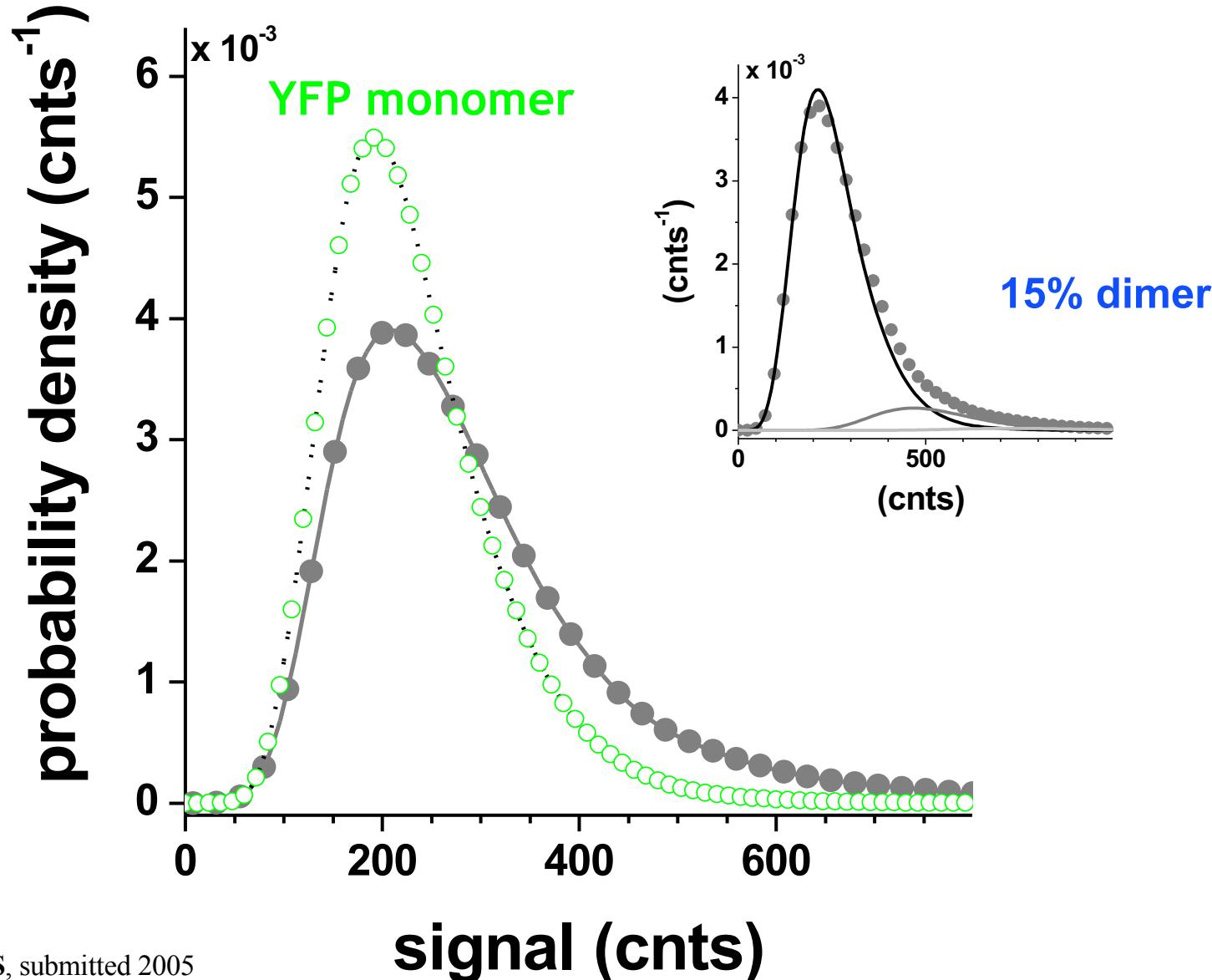
G-Protein-coupled receptor

a Family 1

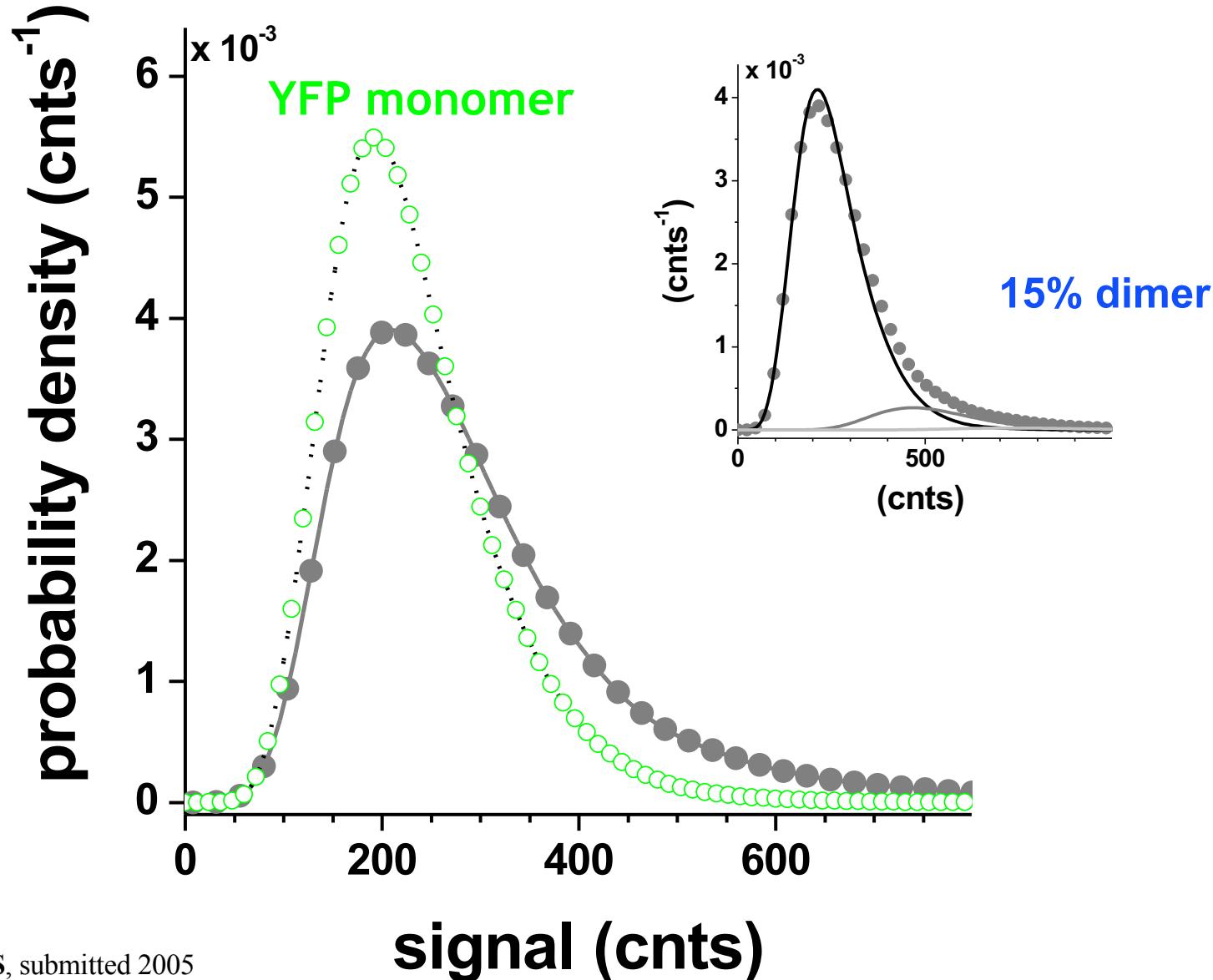


from “G-Protein-Coupled Receptor Oligomerization and its potential for drug discovery”, Susan R. George et al., Nature Reviews 1 (2002), 808-820

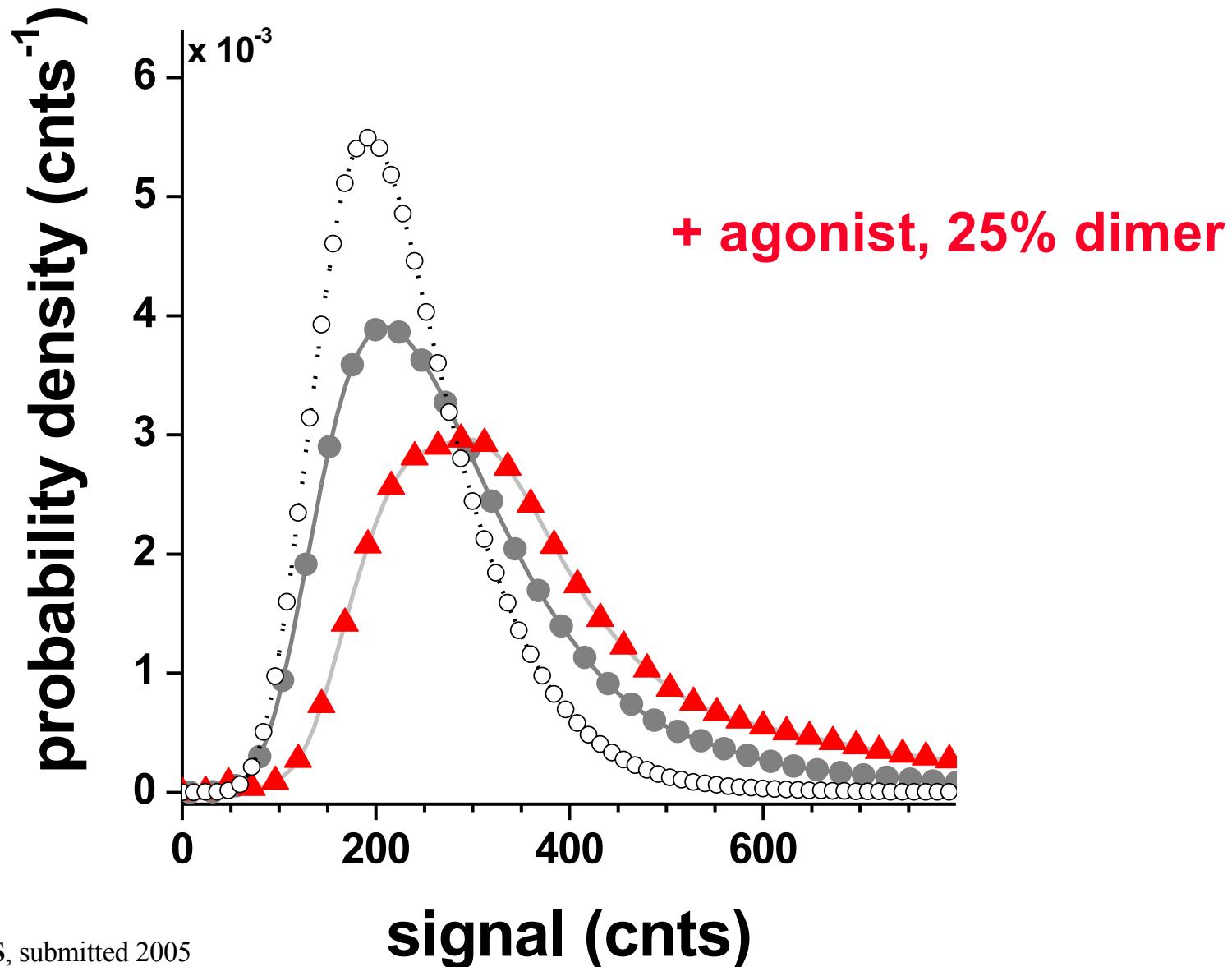
dimerization of $\beta 2$ adrenergic receptors on stimulation



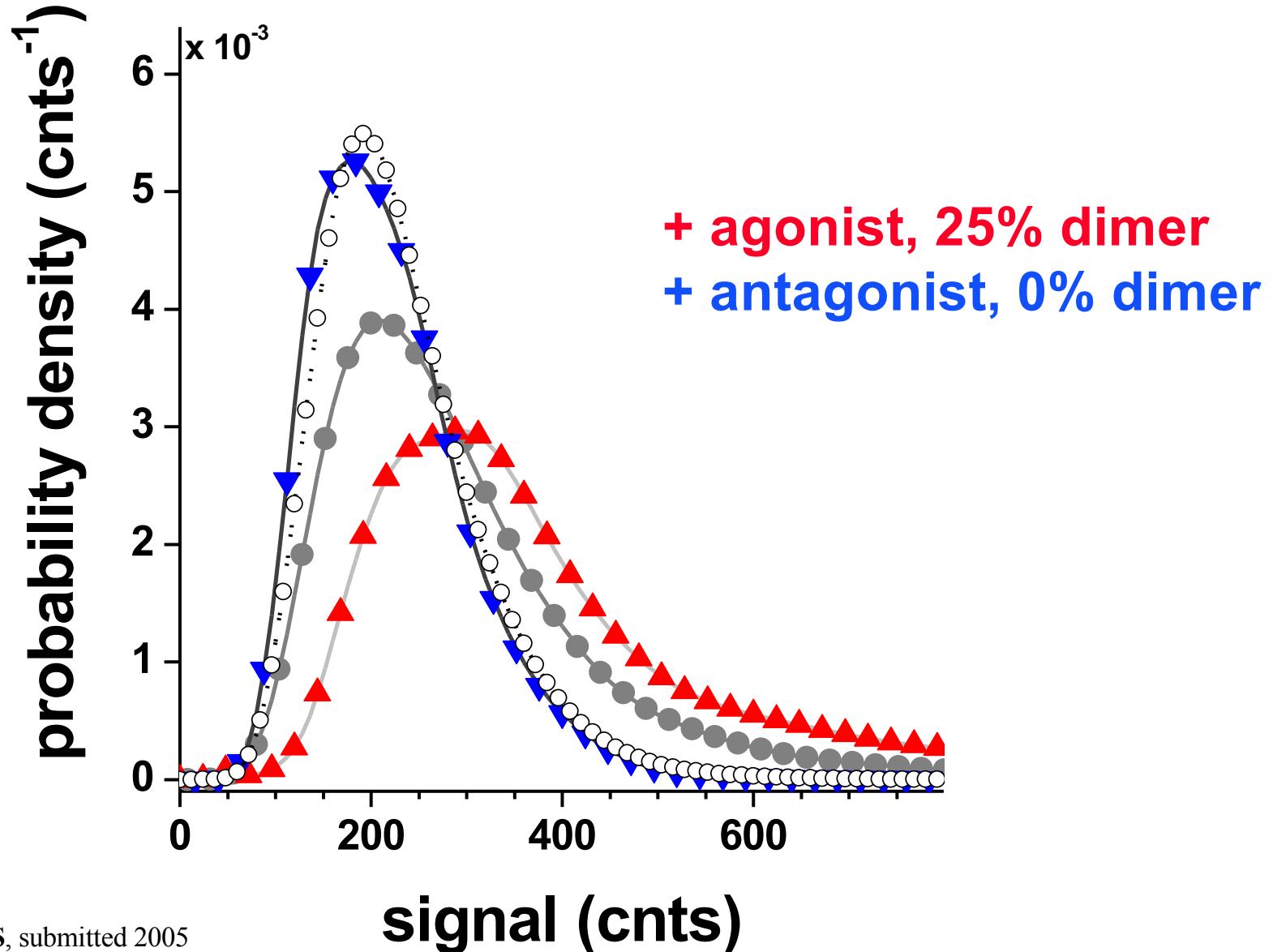
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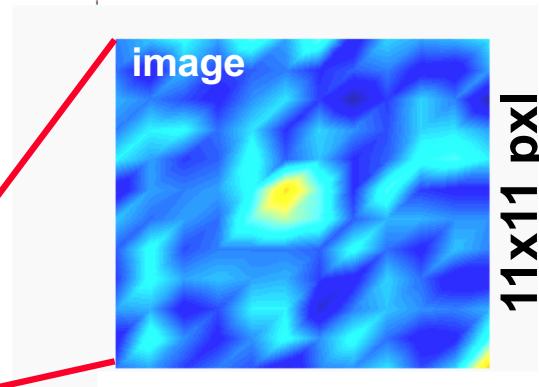
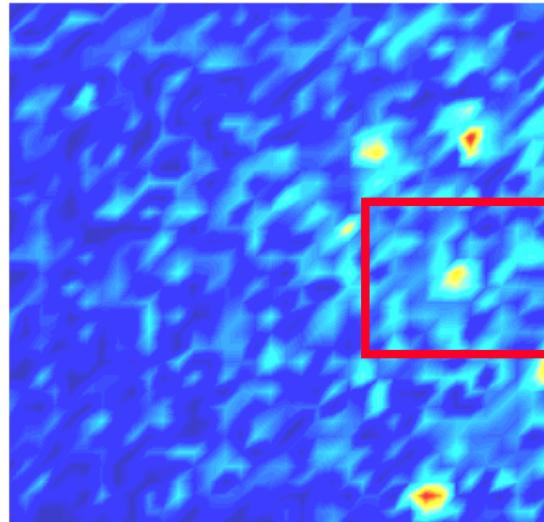


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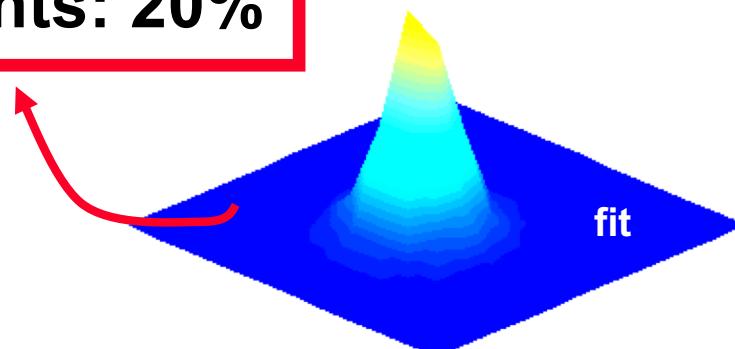
back to movie analysis ...

Information (2a): Gaussian fit



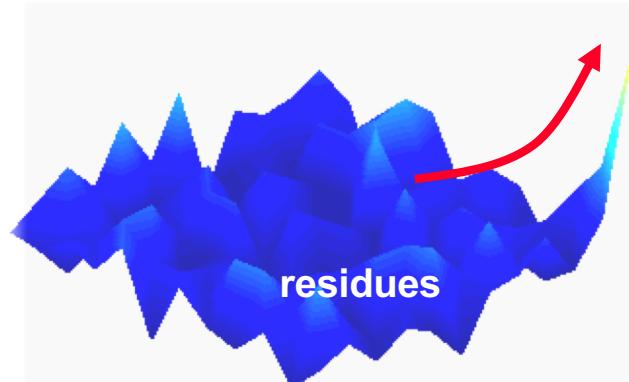
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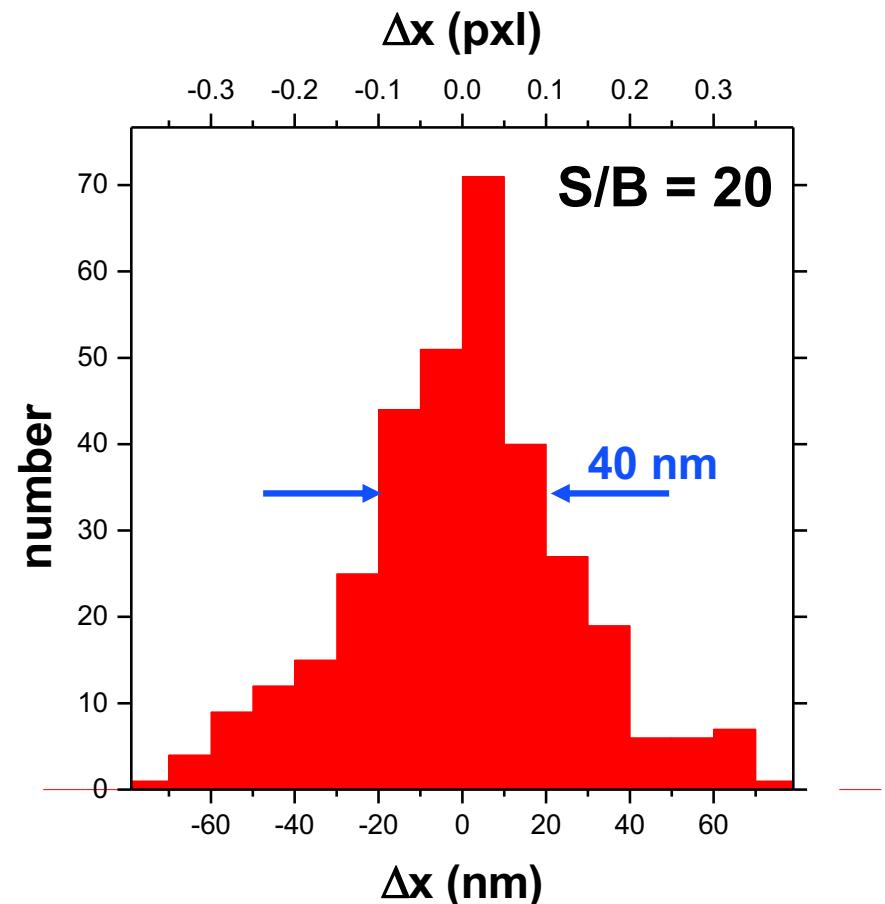
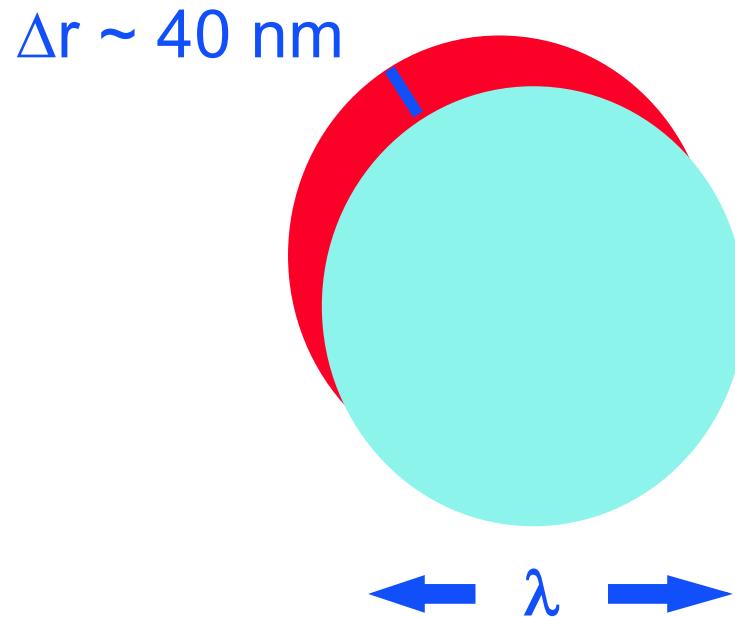


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Information (4): super-resolution



the accuracy for determination of the position $\ll \lambda$

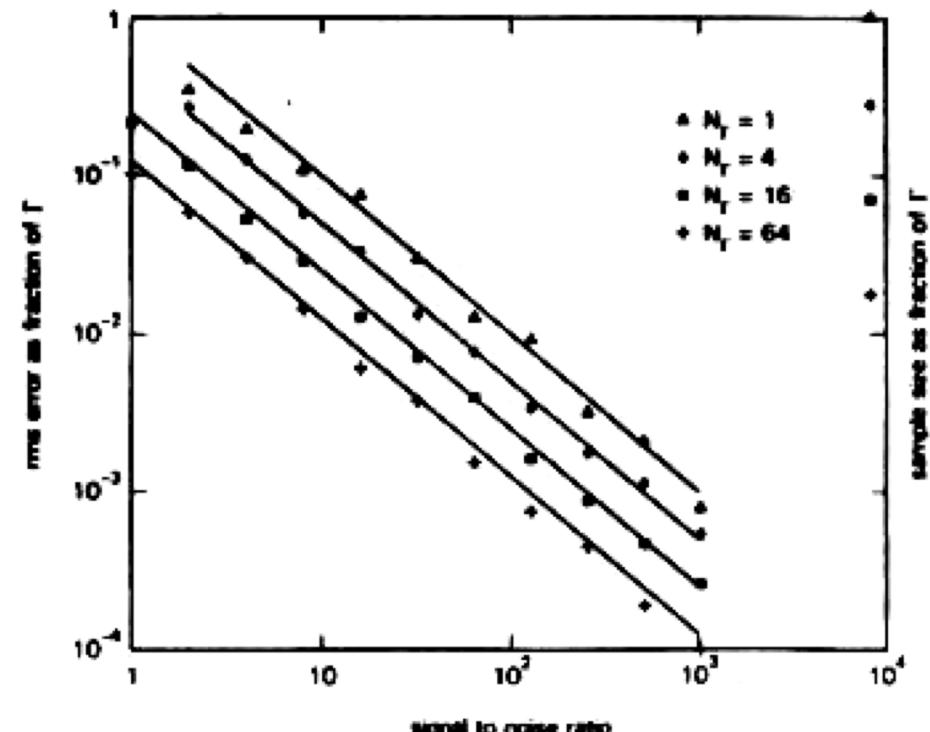
N. Bobroff, Rev.Sci.Inst. 57 (1986) 1152

Information (3): Bobroff model

Gaussian object characterized by

- Γ : width (pxl^{-1})
- N_{cnts} : total number of photoncounts
- N_{max} : photoncounts in maximum
- σ_B : background noise

$$\begin{aligned}\Delta x_{\text{max}} &= 0.7 \Gamma \sqrt{\frac{\sigma_B^2 / N_{\text{max}} + 2/3}{N_{\text{cnts}}}} \\ &= 0.57 \frac{\Gamma}{\sqrt{N_{\text{cnts}}}}\end{aligned}$$

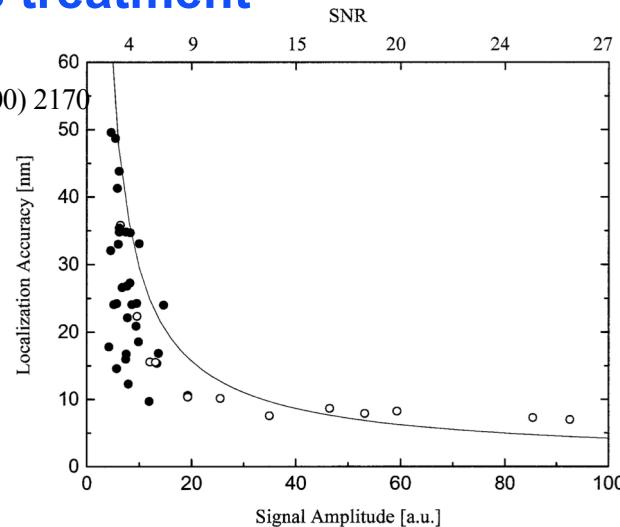


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Information (3): Bobroff model & beyond

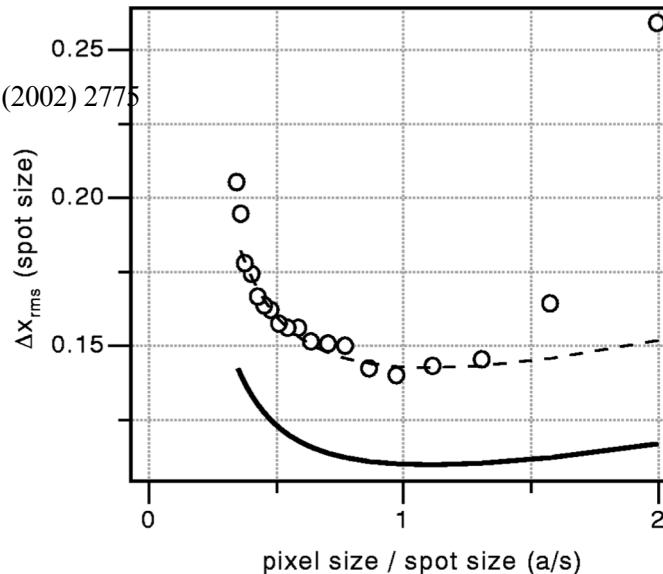
more rigorous treatment
of noise

Kubitscheck et al., BJ 78 (2000) 2170



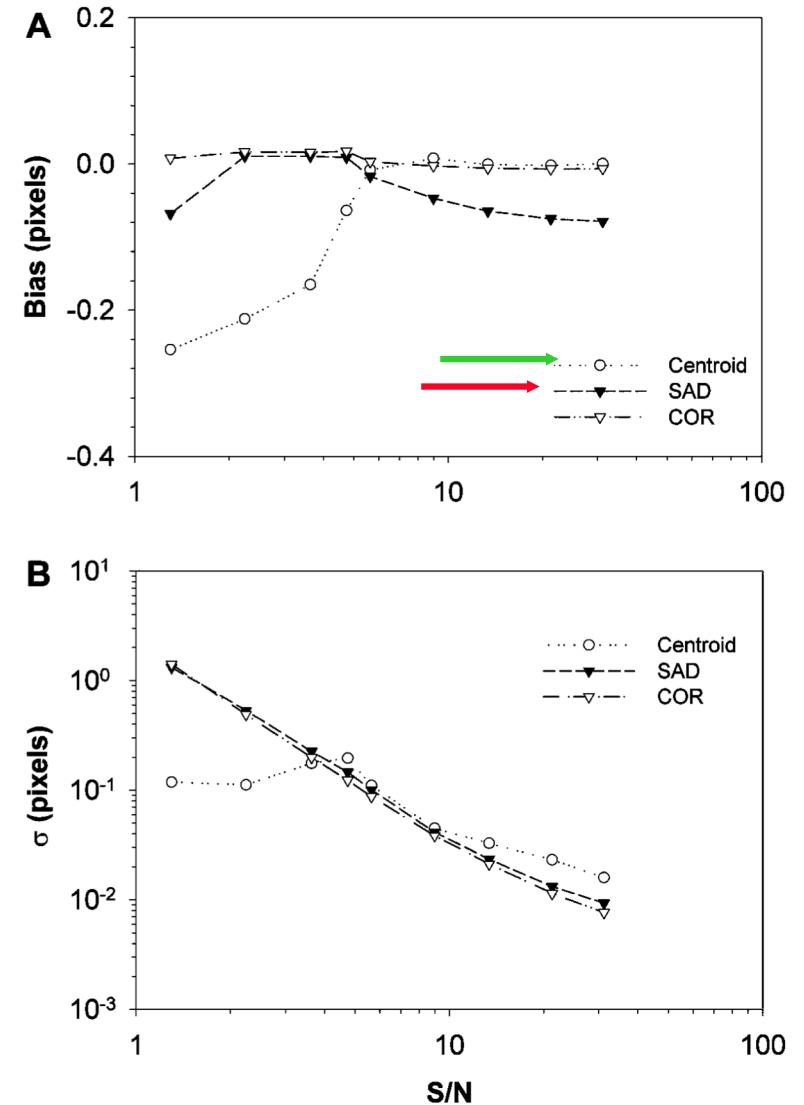
pixelation

Thompson, et al., BJ 82 (2002) 2775

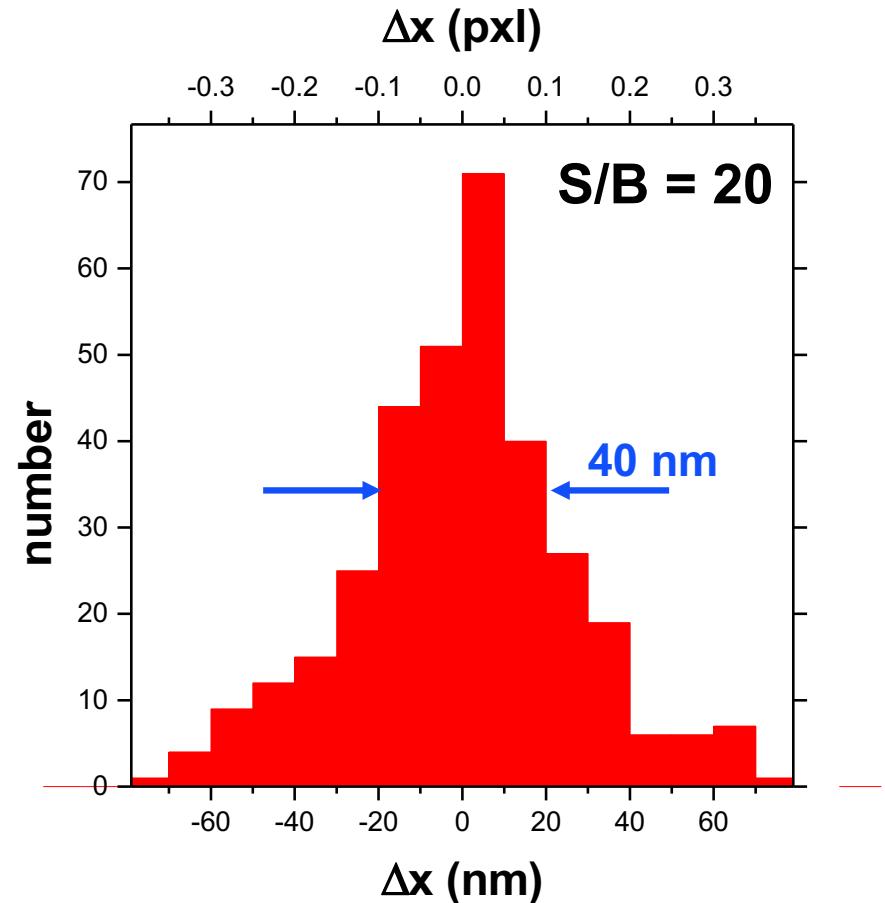
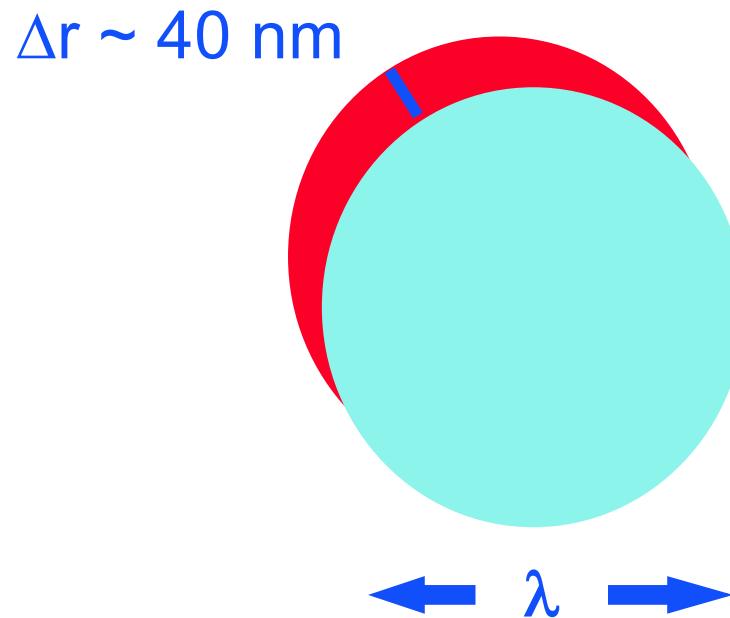


comparison of different methods

Cheezum et al., BJ 81 (2002) 2378



Information (4): super-resolution



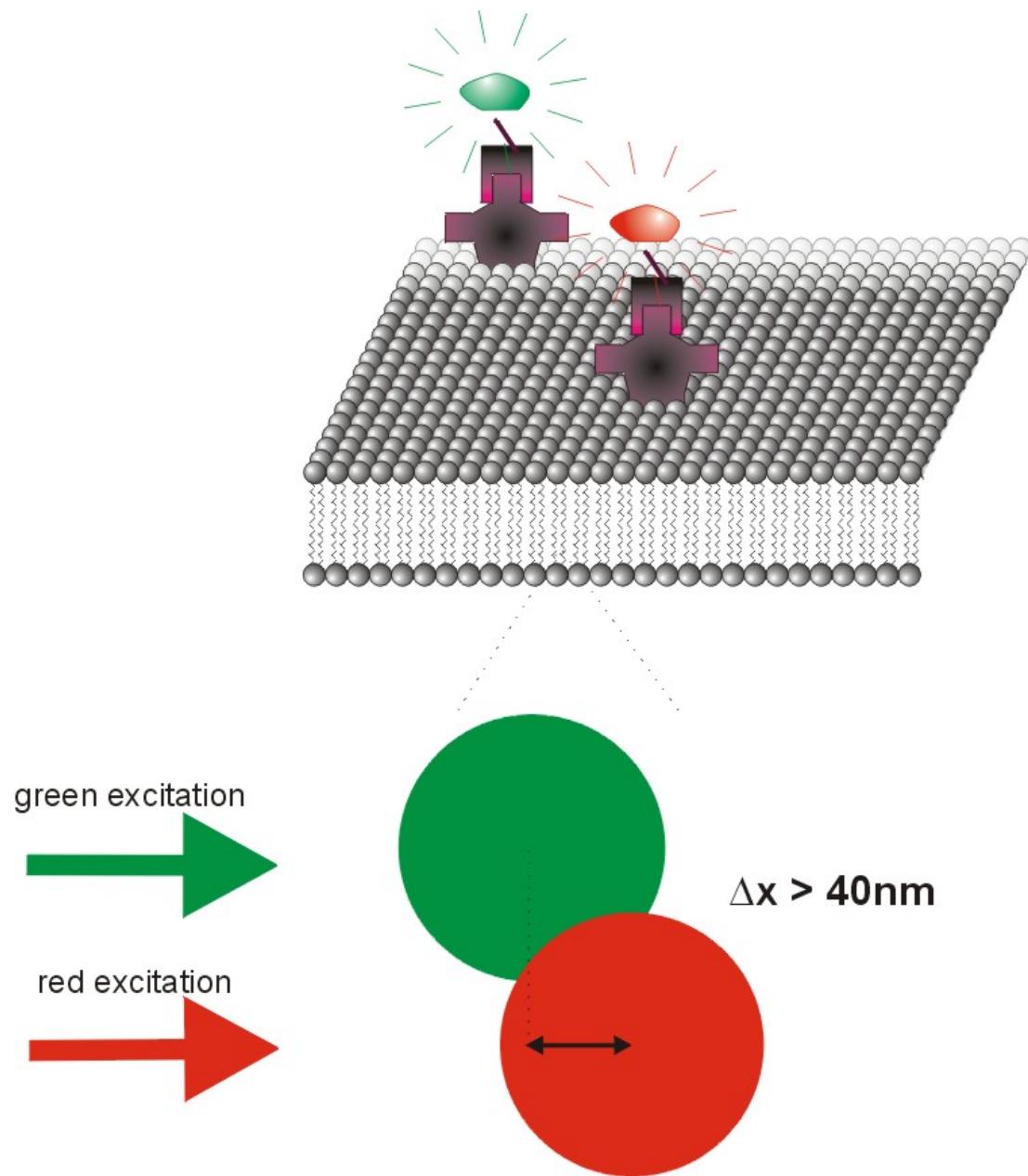
the record so-far: 1 Å
(Block, 2005)

N. Bobroff, Rev.Sci.Inst. 57 (1986) 1152

Application (2)

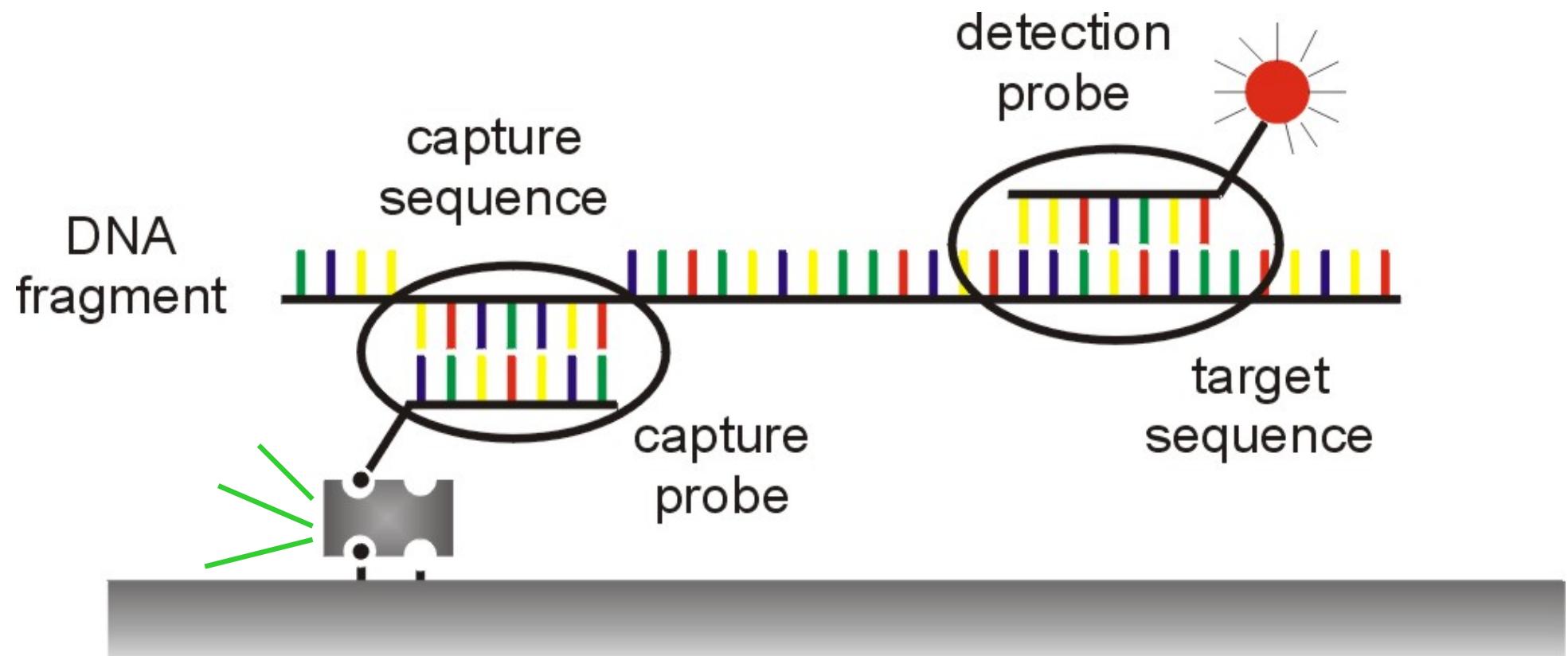
Analysis of distance
& colocalization

colocalization

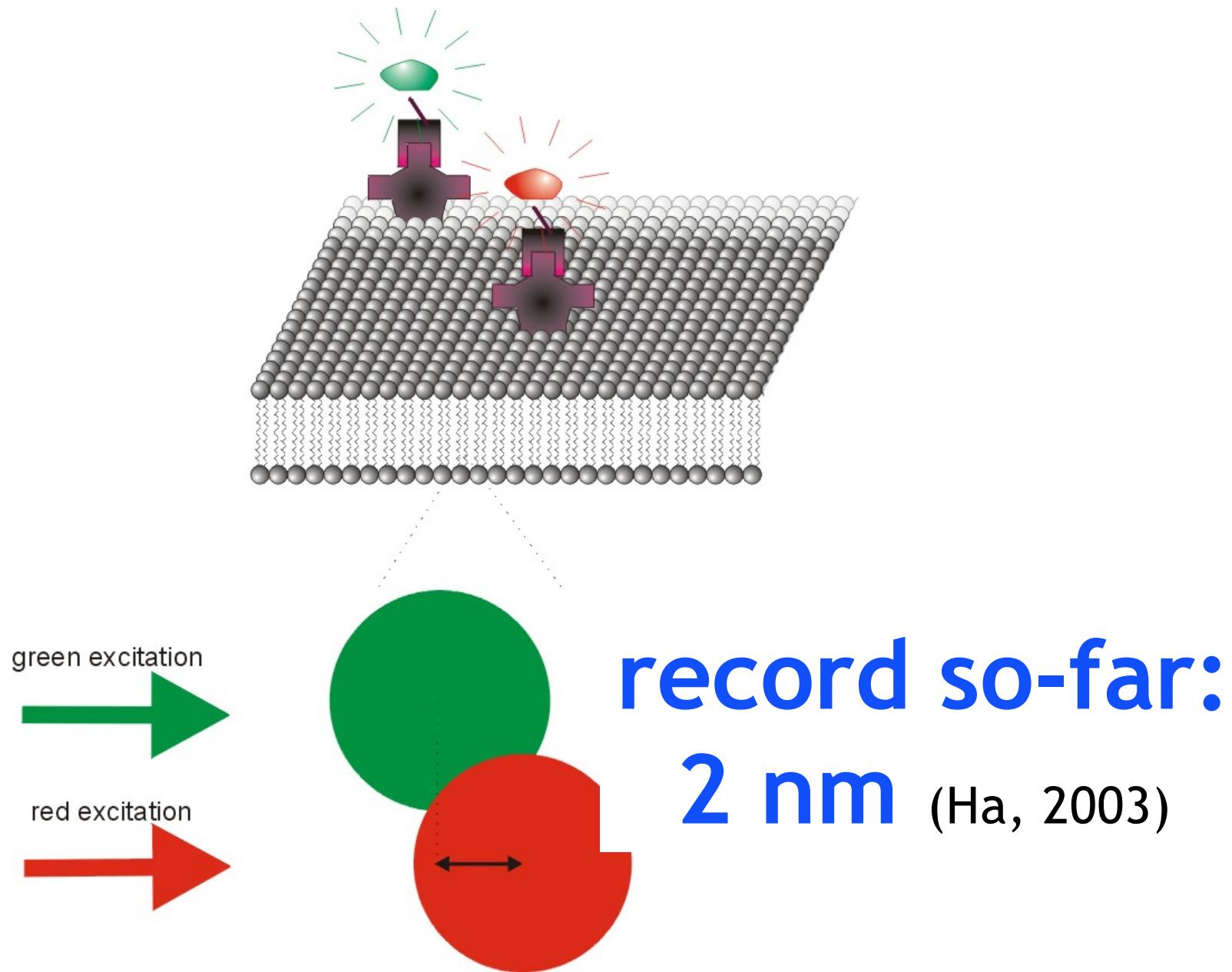


single-molecule DNA assay

Trabesinger, Schütz, Gruber, Schindler, TS, Anal. Chem. 71 (1998) 279

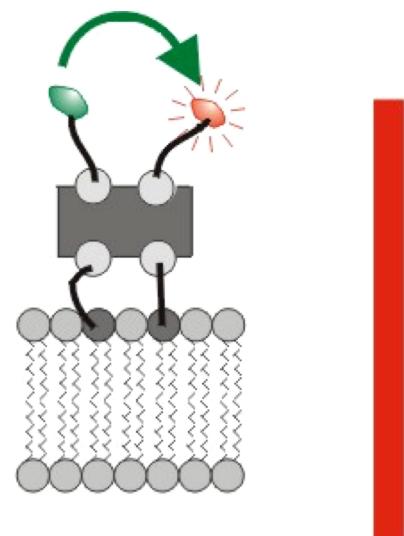


colocalization

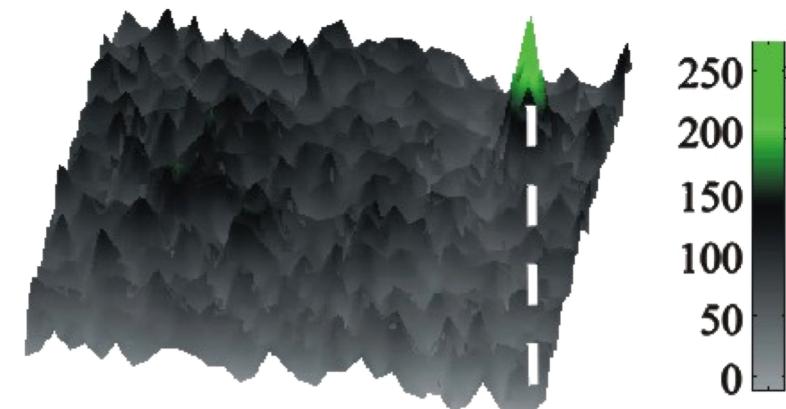


single-molecule Förster transfer

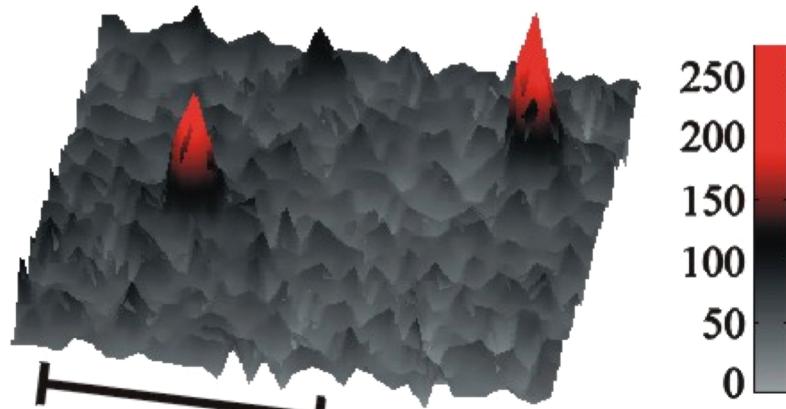
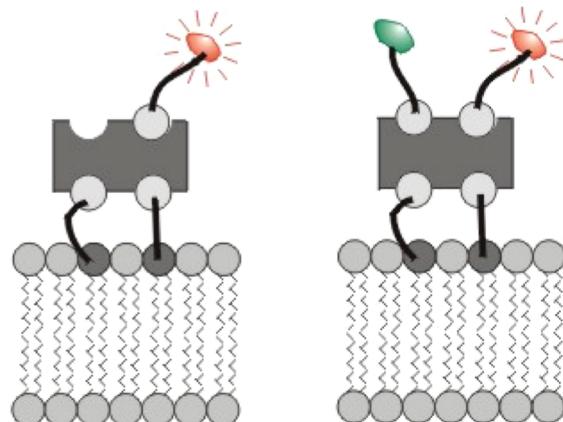
A



Schütz, Trabesinger, TS, Biophys.J. 74 (1998) 2223



B



670 LP

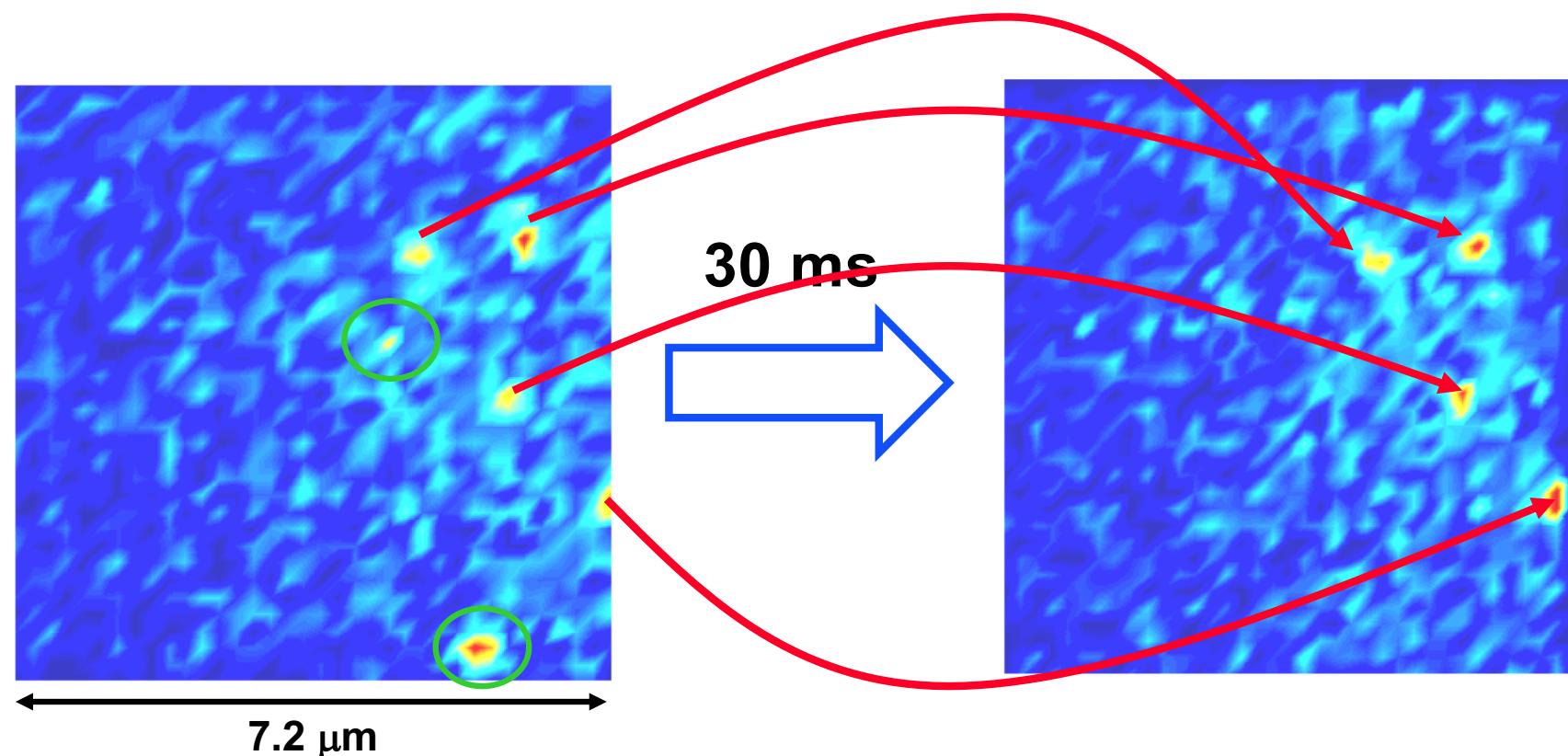
Movie analysis

- **Identification** of possible single-molecule signals
- extract **Information**: signal level + position
- statistical tests on the result
- identify **Trajectories** in subsequent frames
- analyze the mobility in terms of diffusion models
- correlate the observations in relevant biological terms

Trajectories (1)

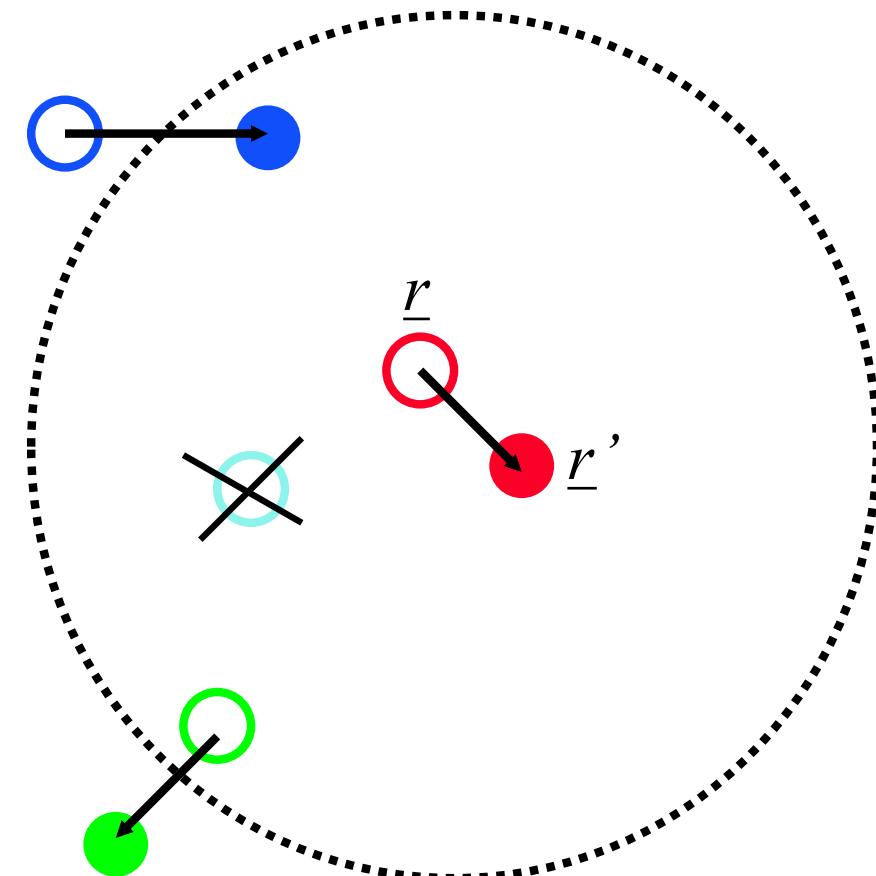
● frame n

● frame n+1



Trajectories (2)

- molecules can
 - move from $\underline{r} \rightarrow \underline{r}'$ due to diffusion
 - disappear due to diffusion
 - disappear due to photobleaching
 - appear due to diffusion



Trajectories (3): diffusion

- diffusion

probability to move from \underline{r}_0 to \underline{r} in a given time interval, t, and diffusion constant, D

$$p(\vec{r}, \vec{r}_0, t) d\vec{r} = \frac{1}{4\pi D t} \exp\left(\frac{- (\vec{r} - \vec{r}_0)^2}{4Dt}\right) d\vec{r}$$

- diffusion out of the area

$$P_{out}(\vec{r}, t) = 1 - \text{erf}\left(\frac{- (\vec{r} - \vec{b})^2}{2\sqrt{Dt}}\right)$$

- photobleaching

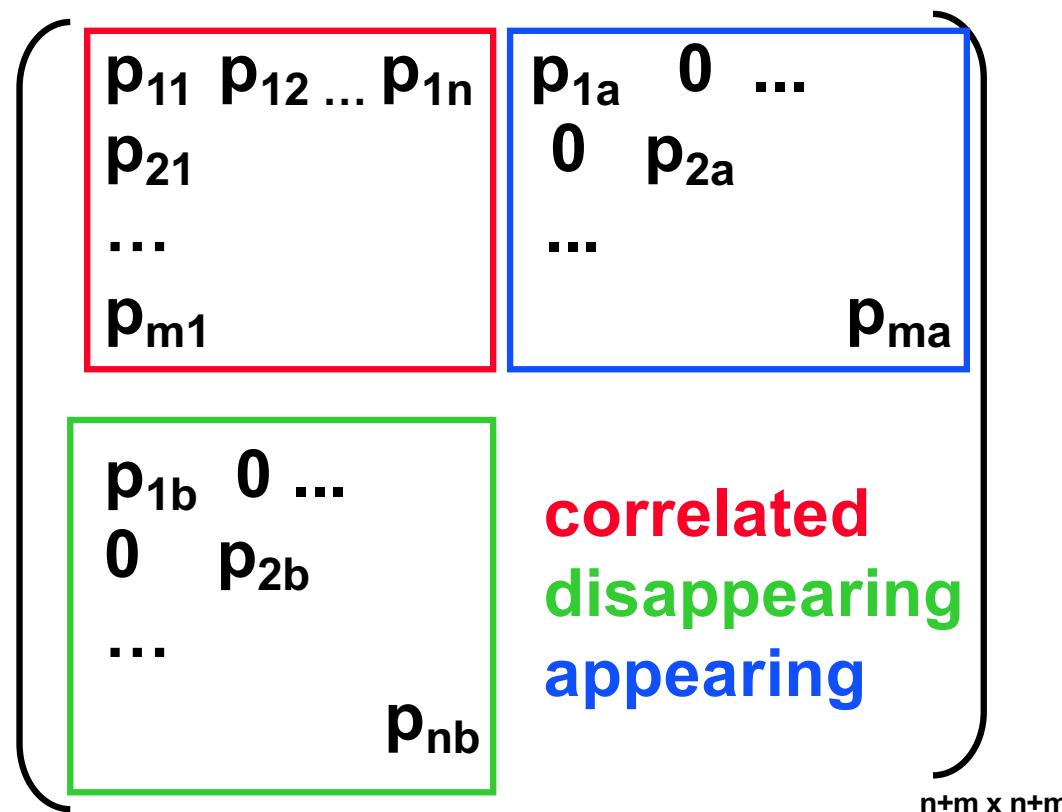
$$P_{bleach}(t) = 1 - \exp\left(\frac{-t}{\tau_{bleach}}\right)$$

- diffusion into area

$$P_{in}(\vec{r}, t) = \bar{c} \left(1 - \text{erf}\left(\frac{- (\vec{r} - \vec{b})^2}{2\sqrt{Dt}}\right) \right)$$

Trajectories (4): traveling salesman

- generate a probability matrix for all possibilities



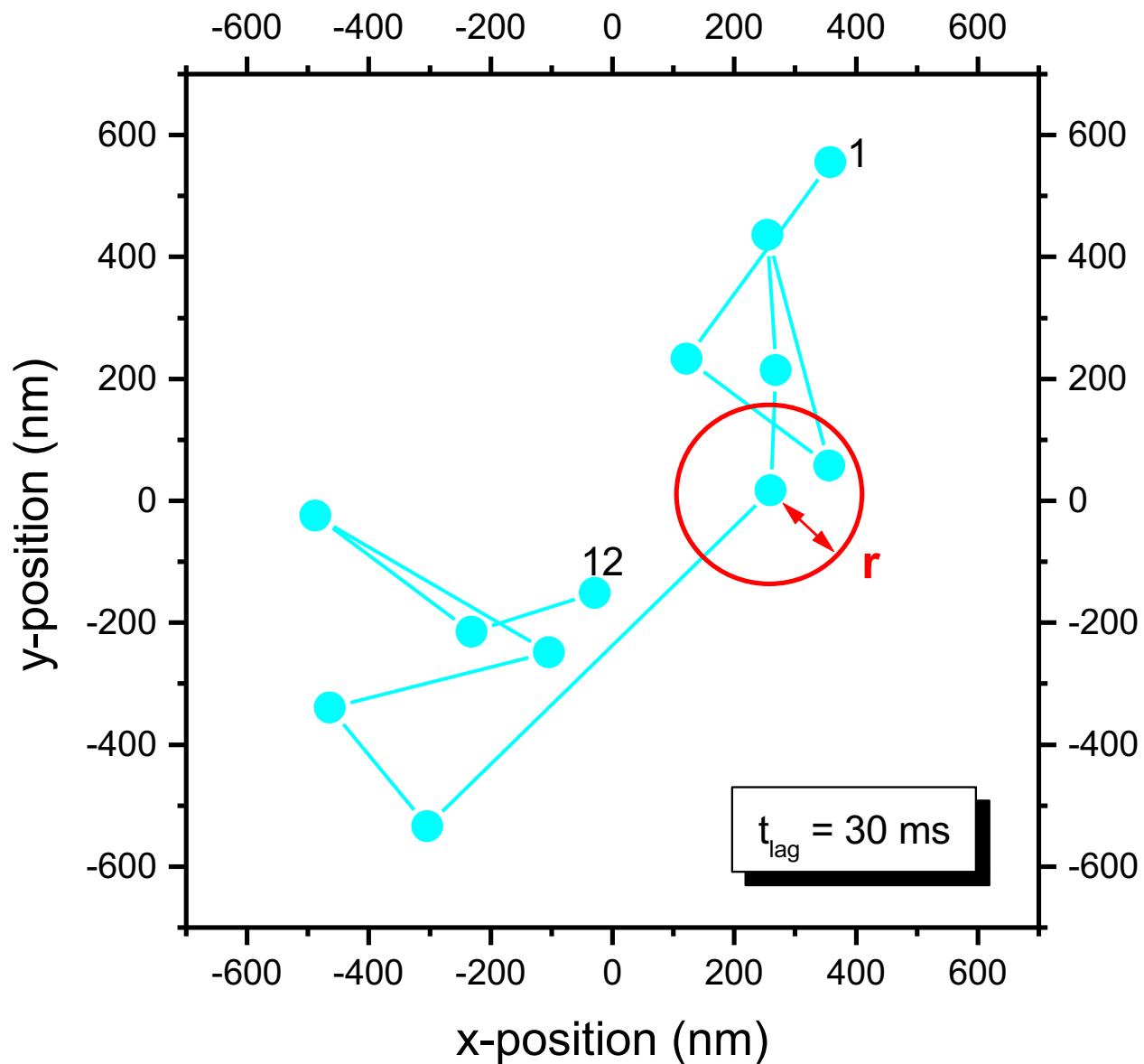
- for every molecule in n take the highest probability (Gosh&Webb)

- calculate the highest combined probability (Schmidt et al)

$$P_{tot} = \max_{i,j} \left[\log \left(\sum_{i,j} p_{ij} \right) \right]$$

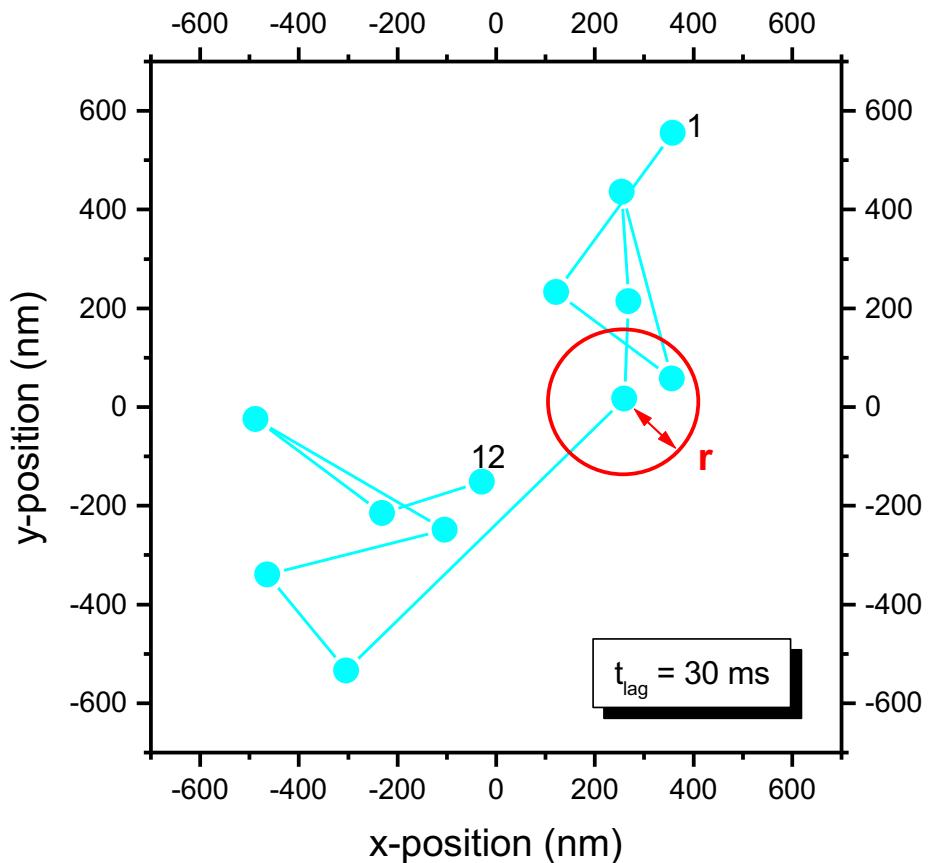
- tree: $O(n!)$
- Vogel algorithm: $O(n)$

single-molecule trajectory



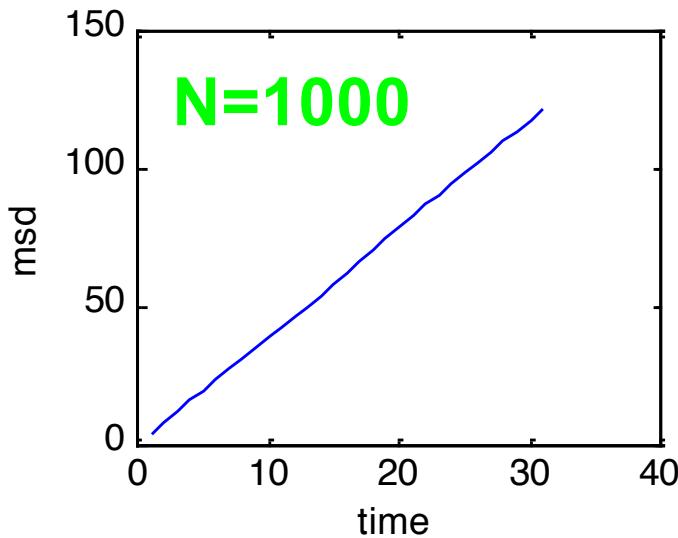
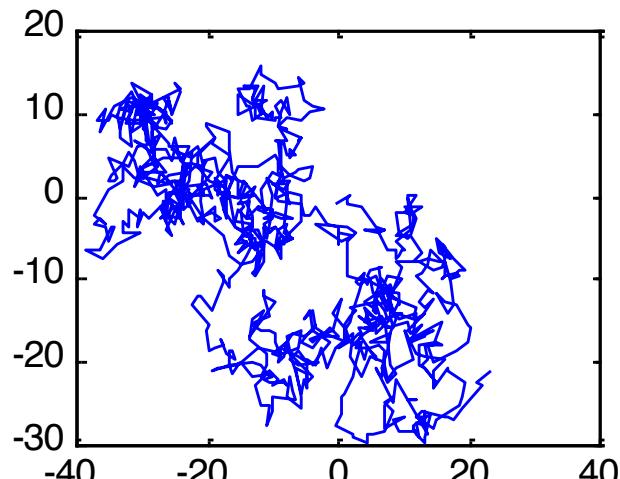
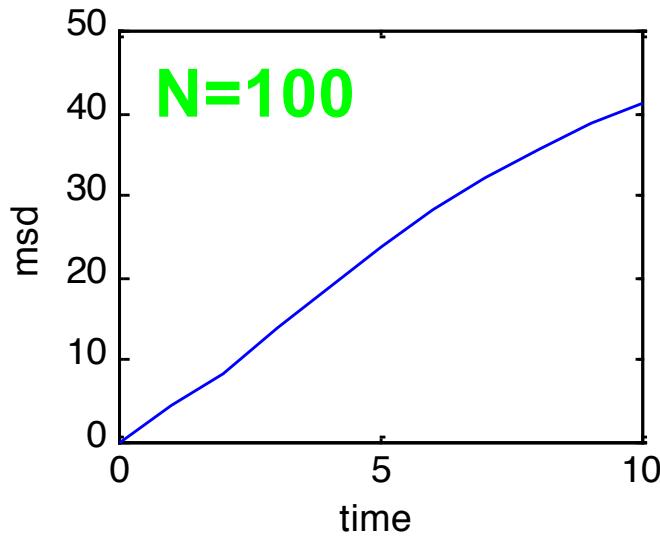
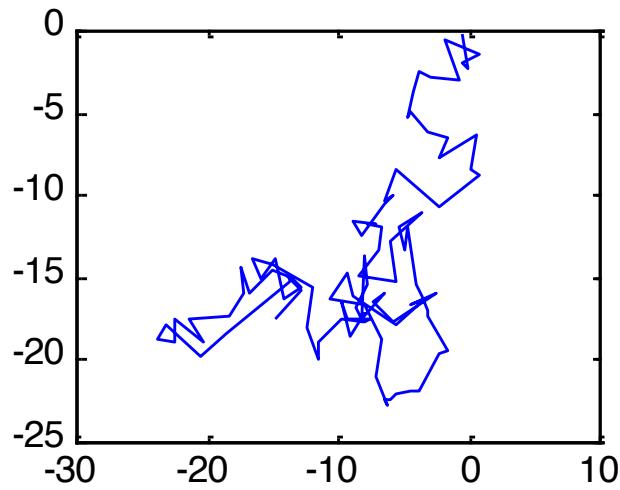
analysis

- mean squared-displacements



$$\begin{aligned}msd(n\Delta t) &= \left\langle \frac{1}{N-n} \sum (\vec{r}(t) - \vec{r}(t + n\Delta t))^2 \right\rangle \\&= \left\langle \frac{1}{N-n} \sum_{i=1}^{N-n} (\vec{r}_i - \vec{r}_{i+n})^2 \right\rangle\end{aligned}$$

particle tracking



analysis

- mean squared-displacements
- diffusion equation

$$\dot{p}(\vec{r}, t) = D \nabla^2 p(\vec{r}, t)$$

$$p(\vec{r}, t) d\vec{r} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{8\pi D t}} \exp\left(\frac{-r^2}{4Dt}\right) d\vec{r}$$

- in 2D:

$$p(r^2, t) dr^2 = \frac{1}{r_0^2} \exp\left(\frac{-r^2}{r_0^2}\right) dr^2$$

$\Rightarrow \text{mean} = \text{std}$

$$r_0^2 = 4Dt$$

statistical accuracy of SPT

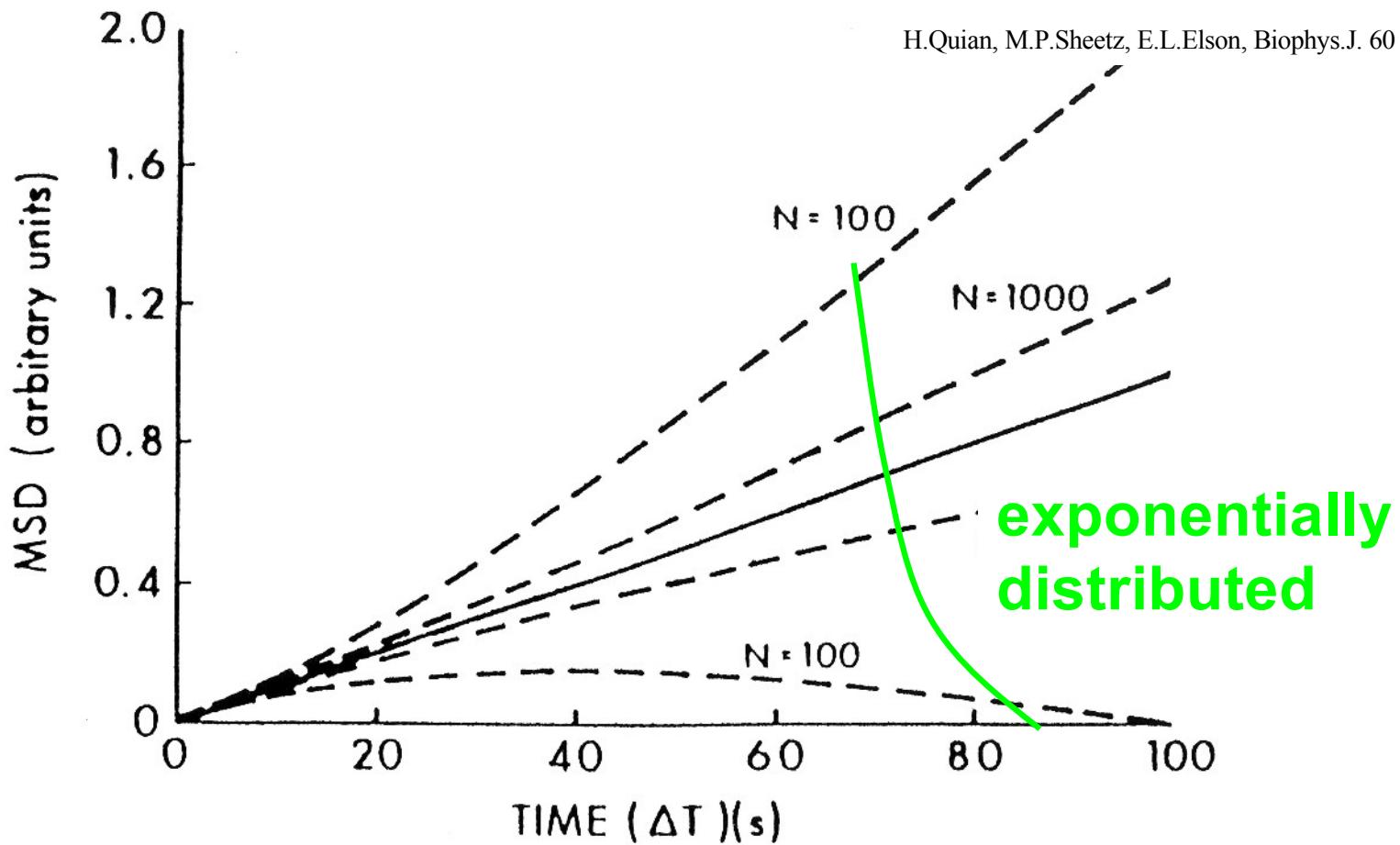


FIGURE 5 The relative statistical error in msd, $\rho(t)$ (—). Upper and lower curve are $\langle \rho_n \rangle \pm (\langle \Delta \rho_n \Delta \rho_n \rangle)^{1/2}$. N is the total number of position measurements.

diffusion analysis

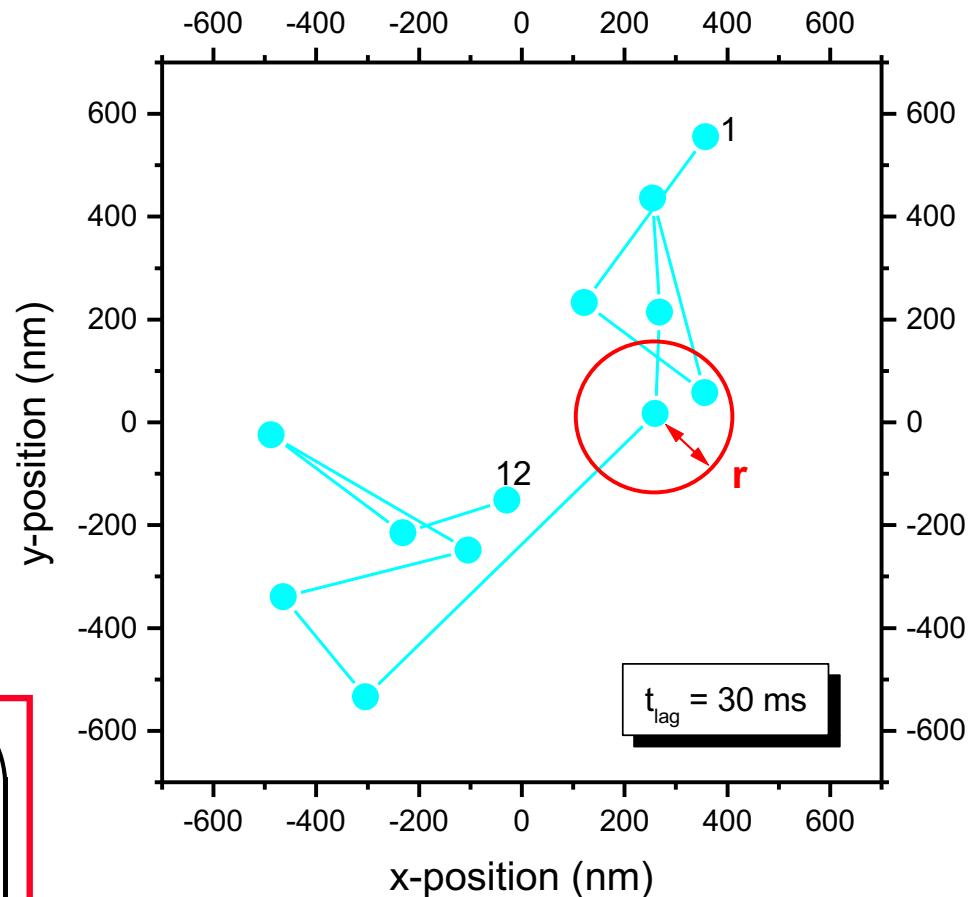
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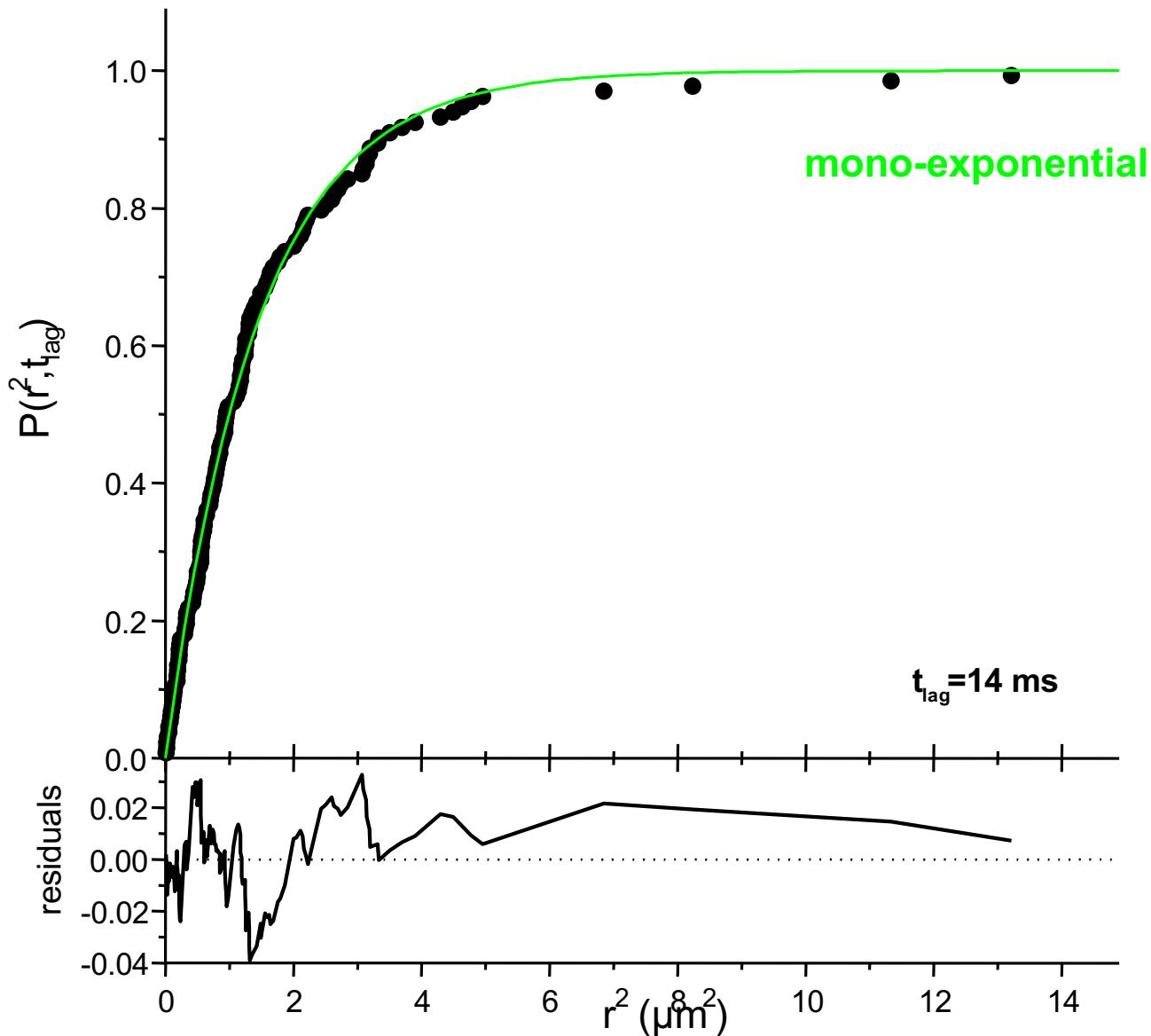
$$r_0^2 = 4Dt$$

$$P(r^2, t) = 1 - \exp\left(-\frac{r^2}{r_0^2}\right)$$

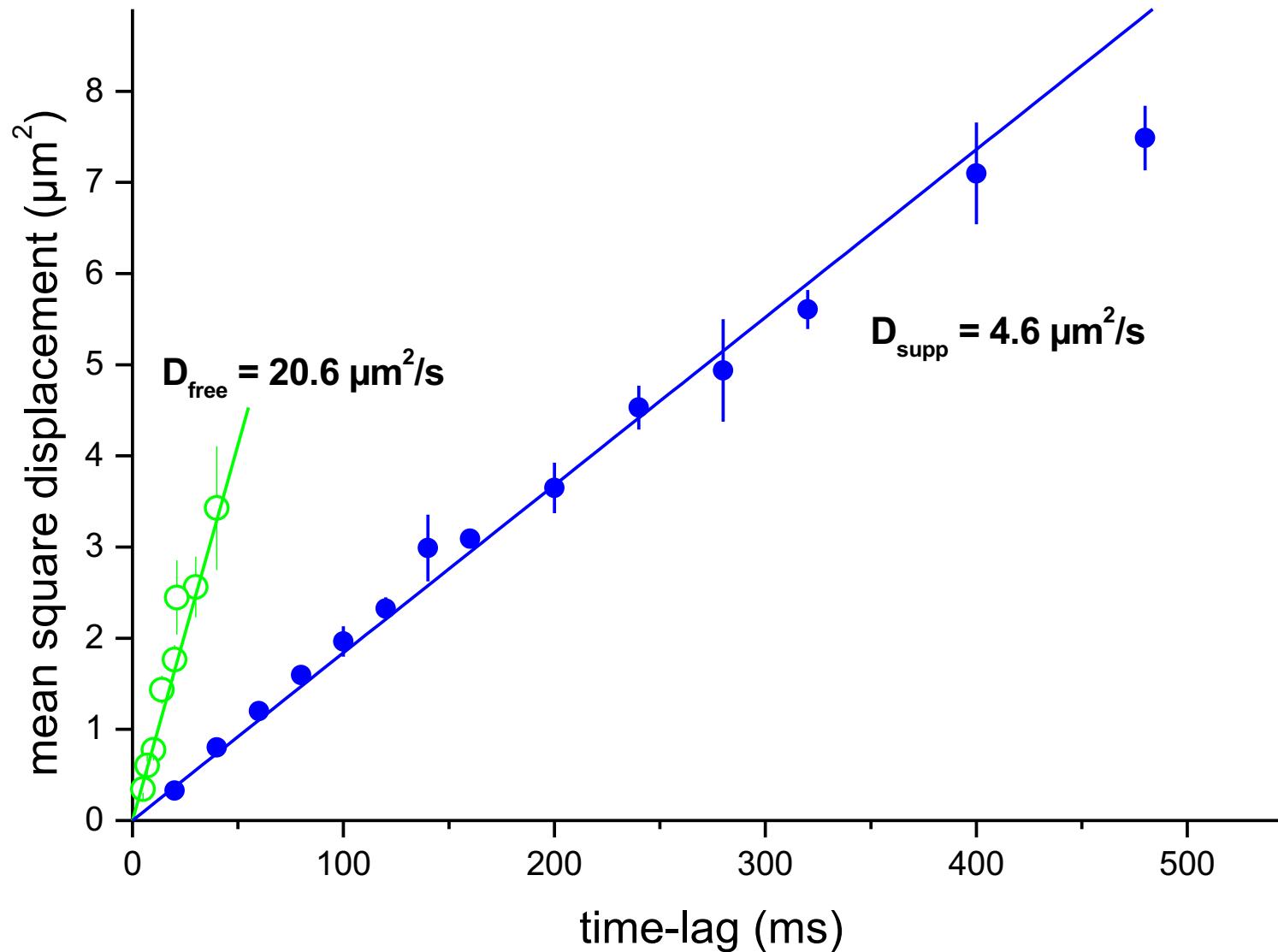


diffusion in a black lipid membrane

A.Sonnleitner, G.J.Schütz & TS, Biophys.J. 77 (1999)



diffusion in artificial membranes

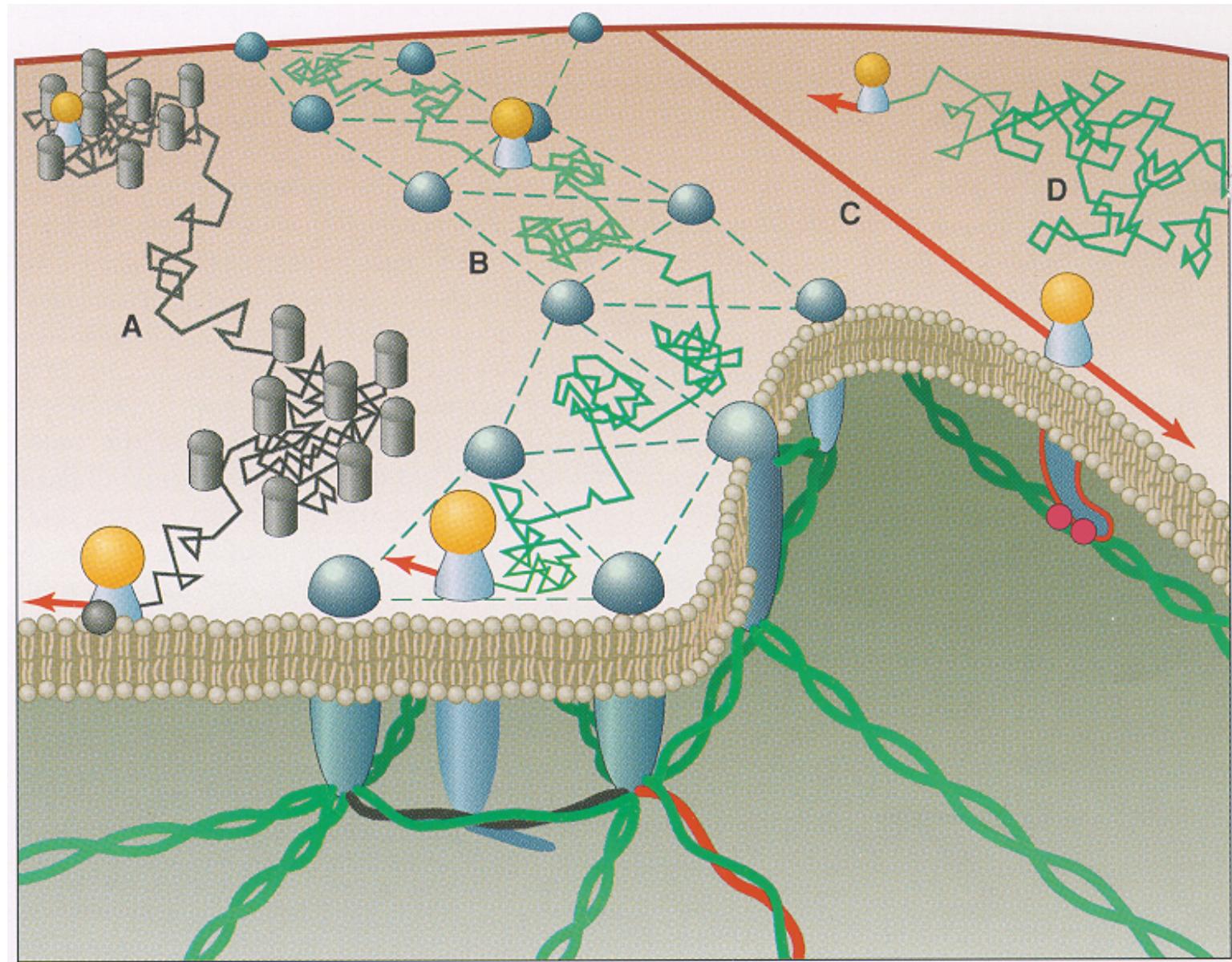


Application (3)

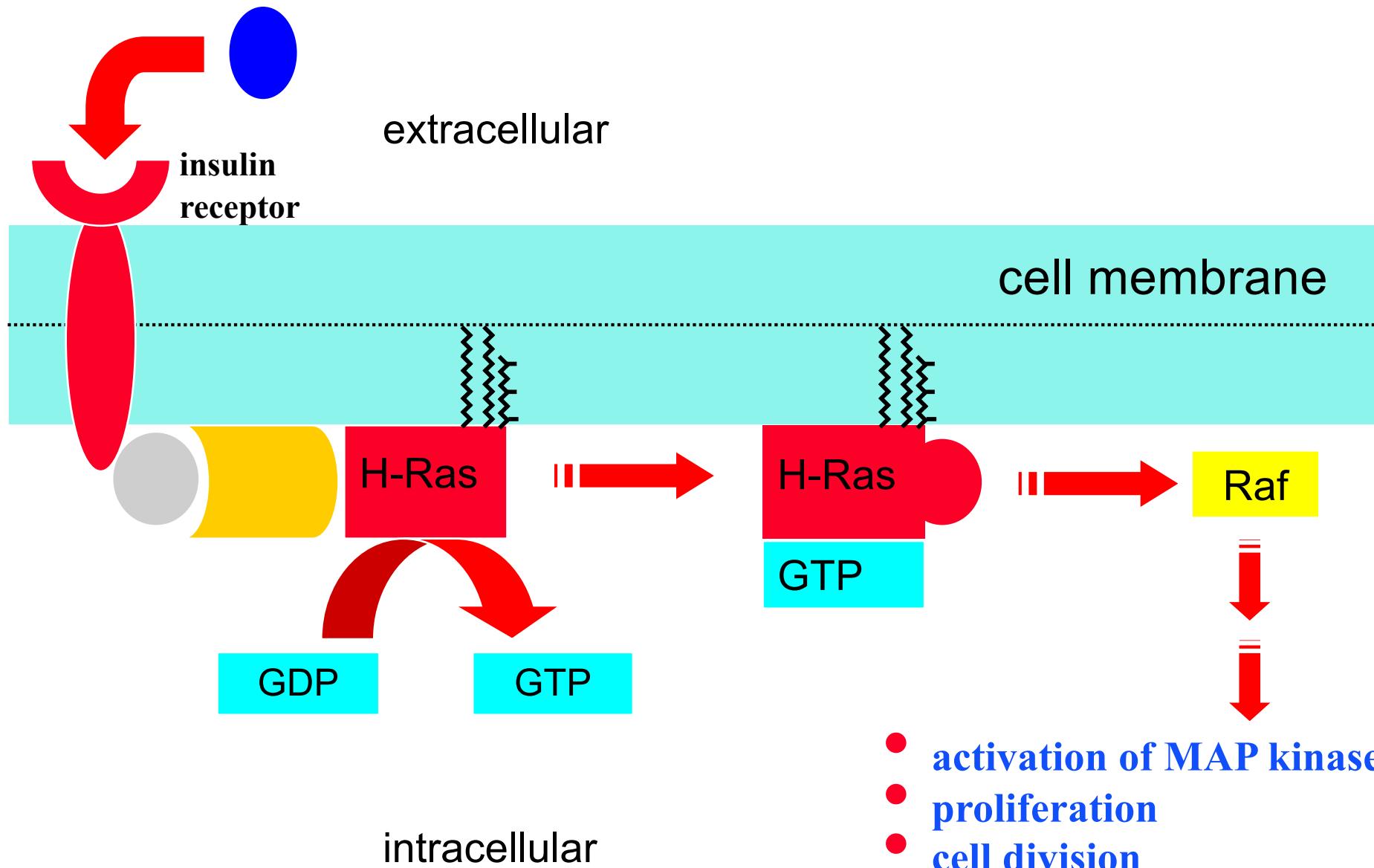
Biomolecular mobility

mobility on the plasma membrane

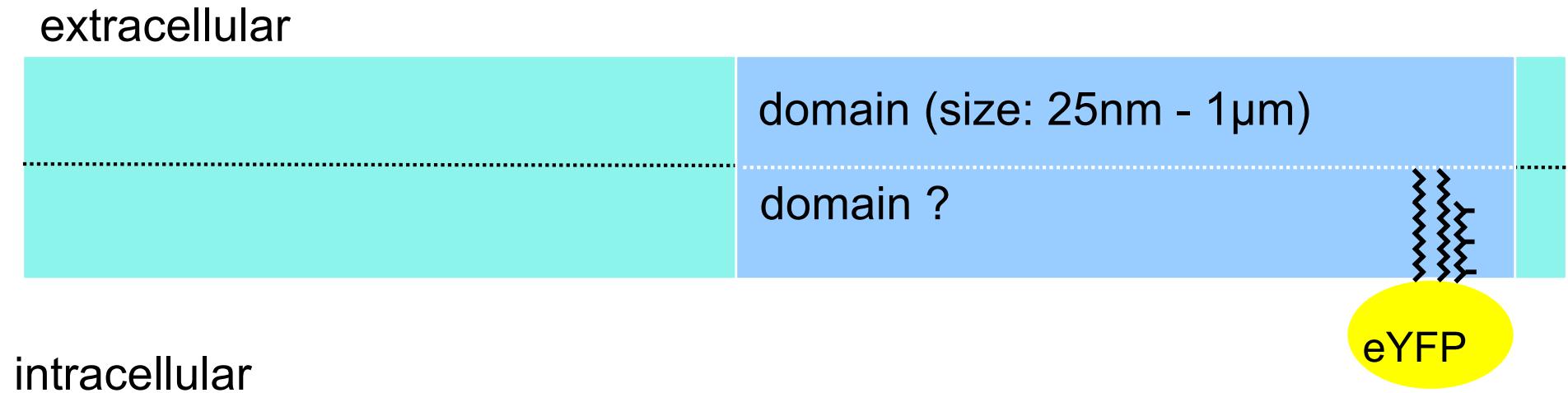
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H-Ras: its role in signal transduction



H-Ras activation: domains involved?

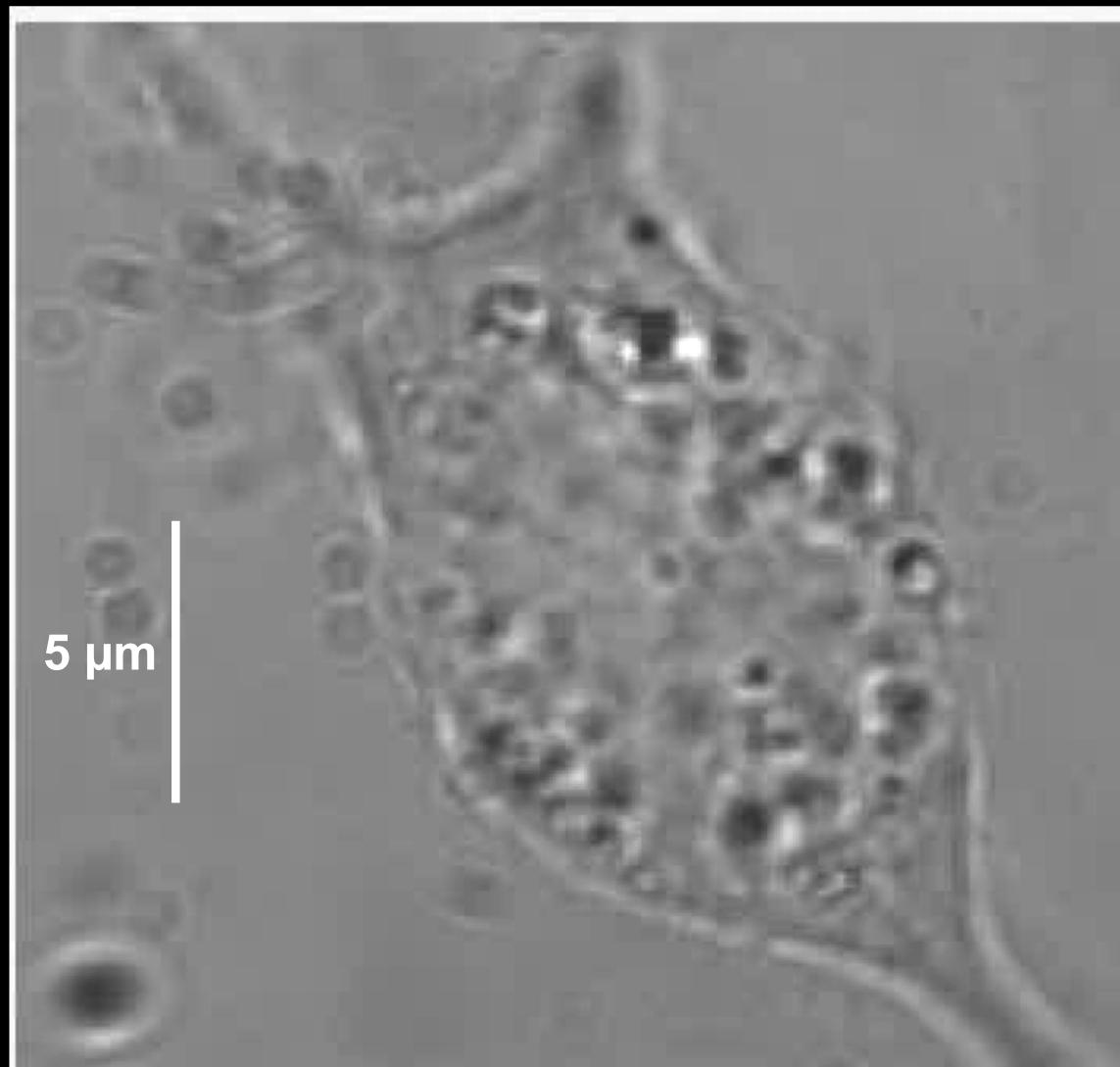


**are there
domains in the
intracellular leaflet ?**

eYFP-C10HRas
membrane anchor

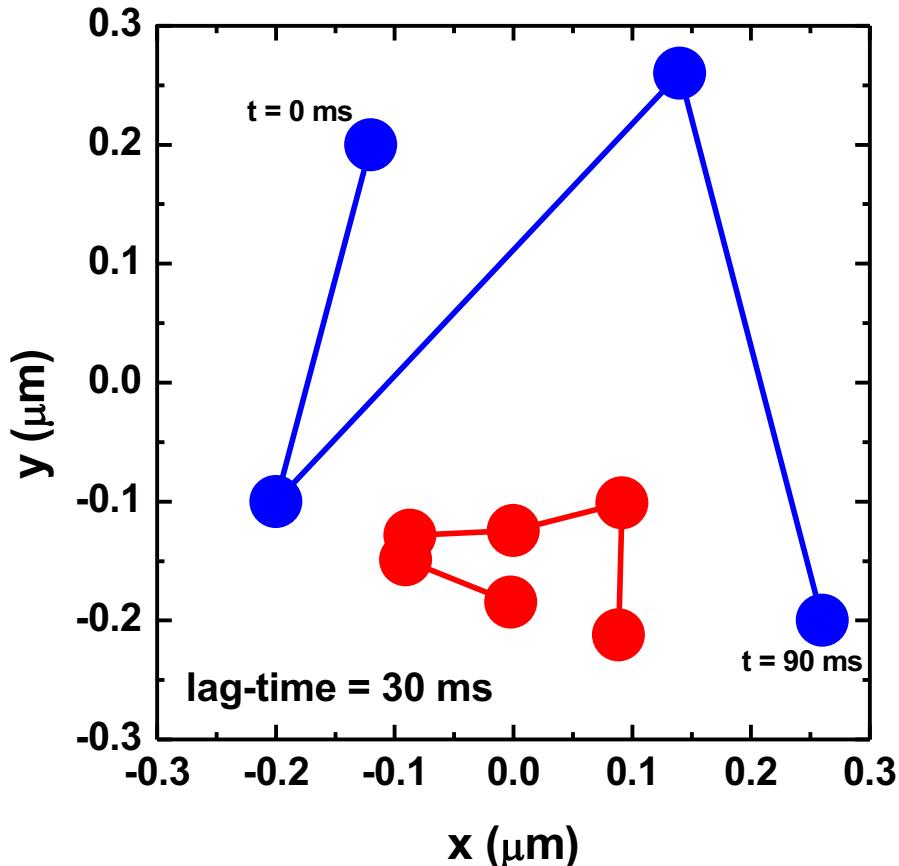
individual eYFP-C10HRas on the apical membrane of HEK293

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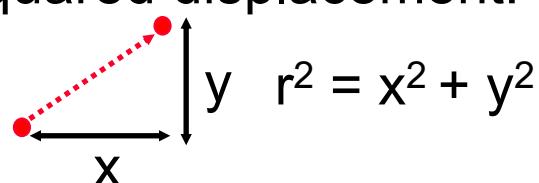


analysis of single-molecule trajectories

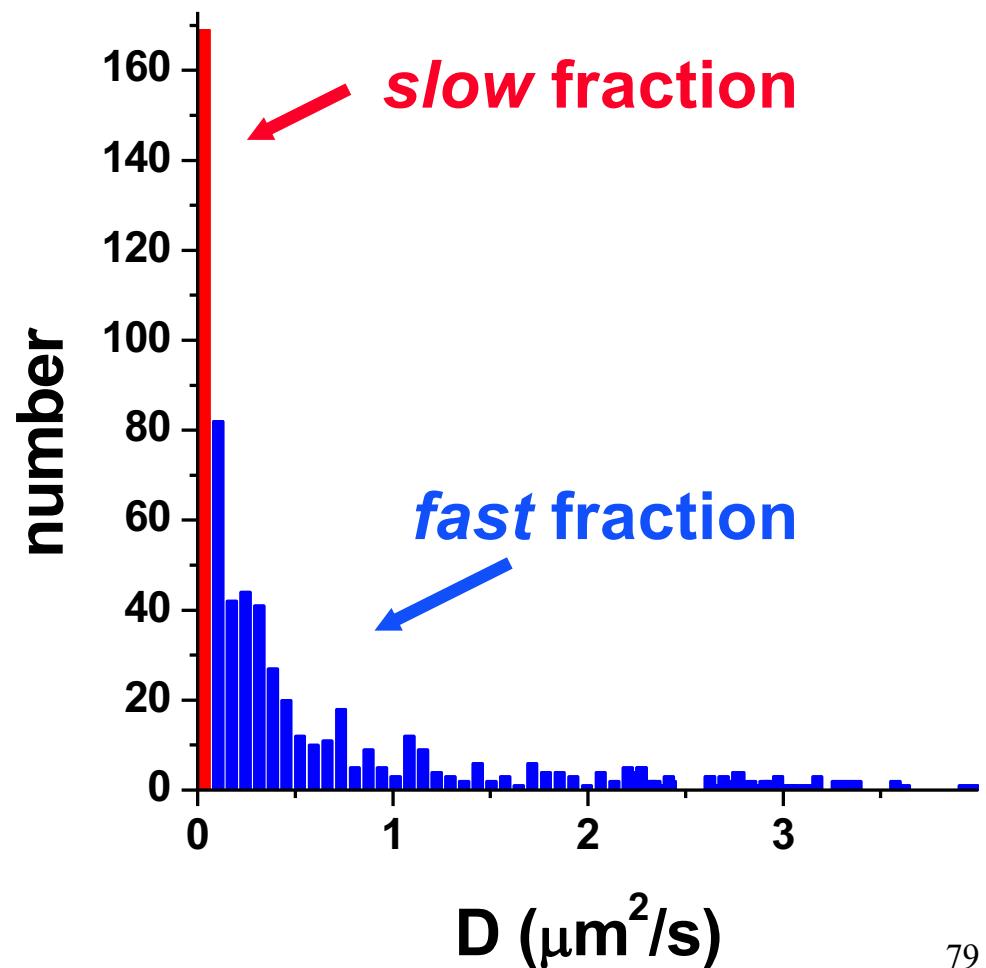
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Spaink & TS, Biophys.J. 86 (2004)



squared displacement:

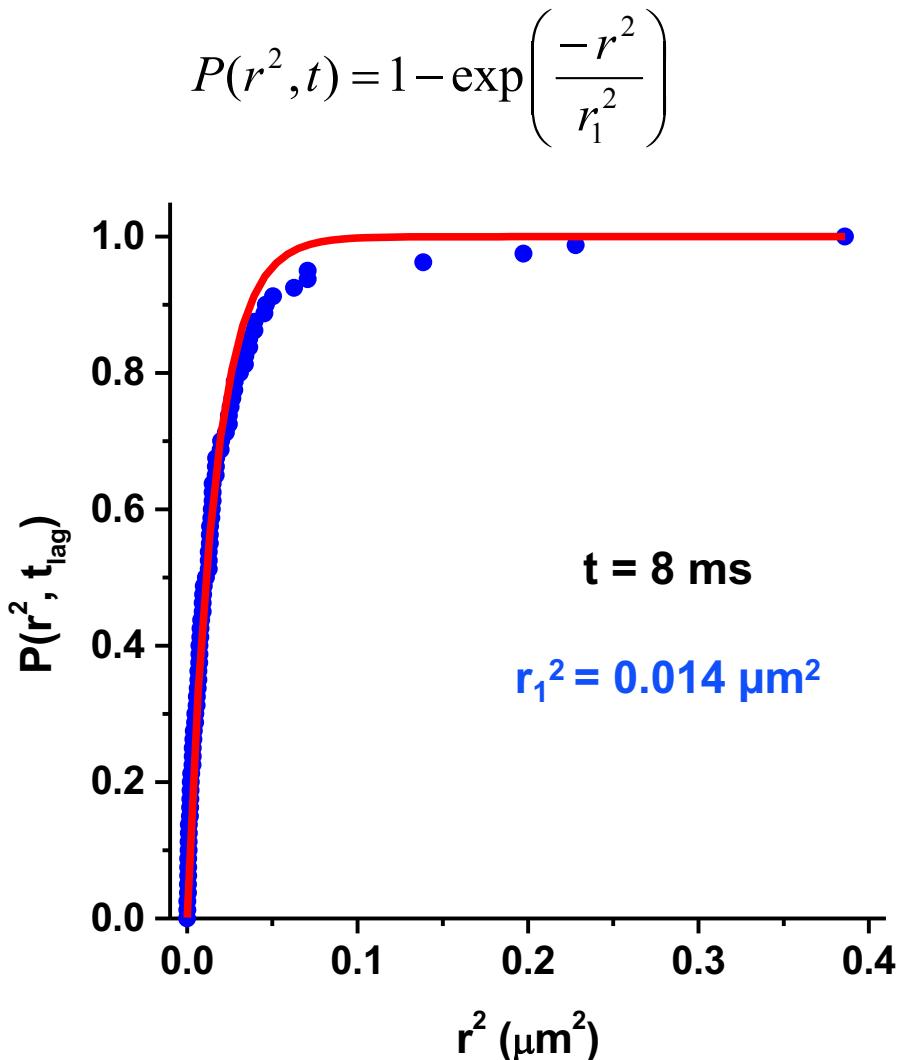


● statistics of diffusion constants

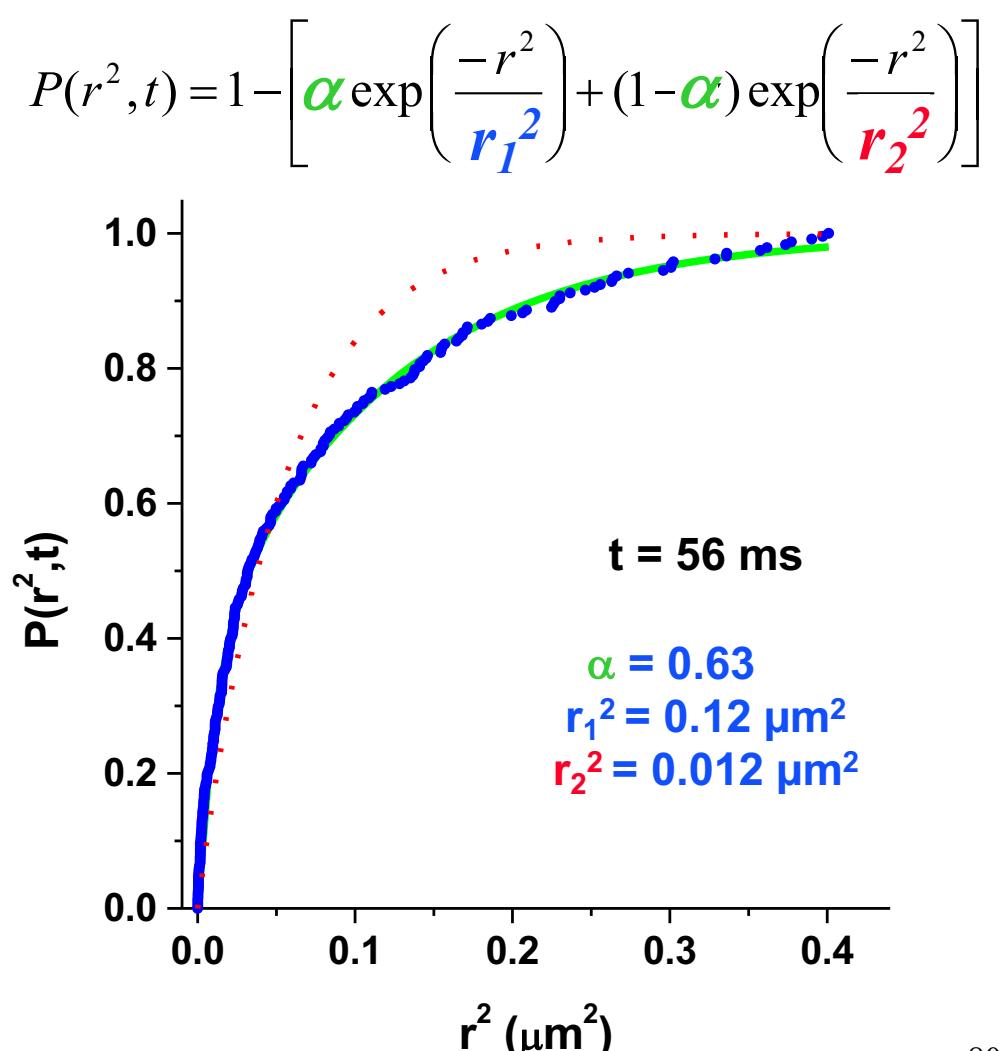


results: two fractions

- timelags < 15 ms

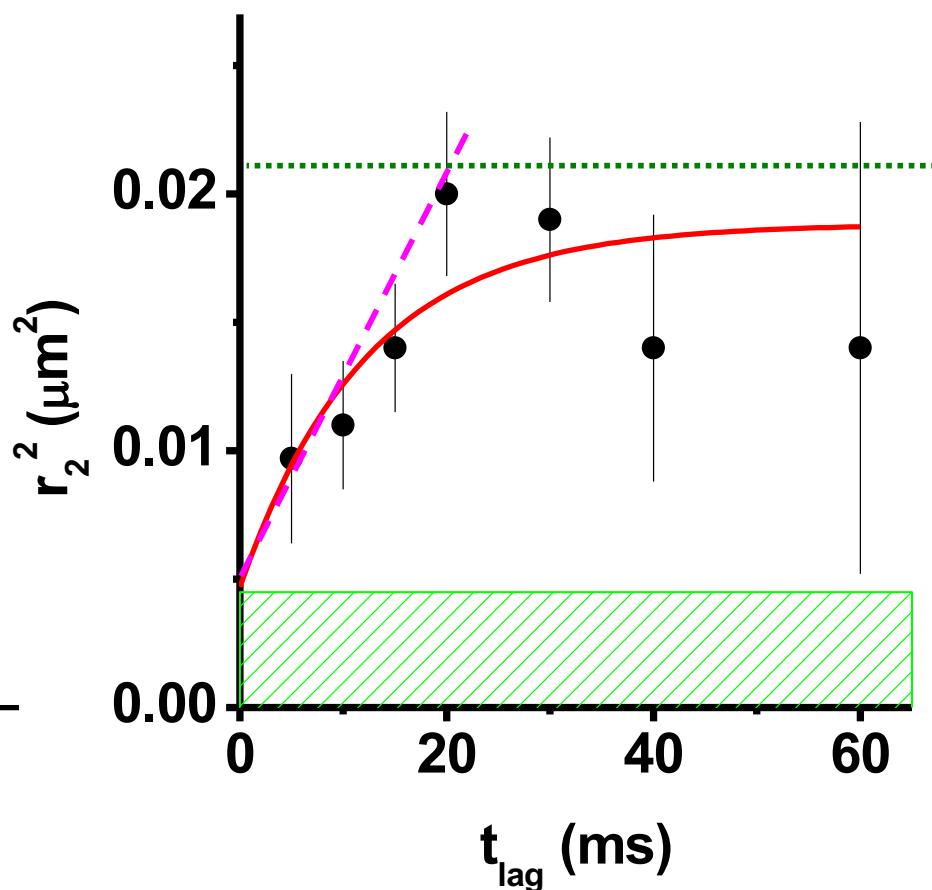
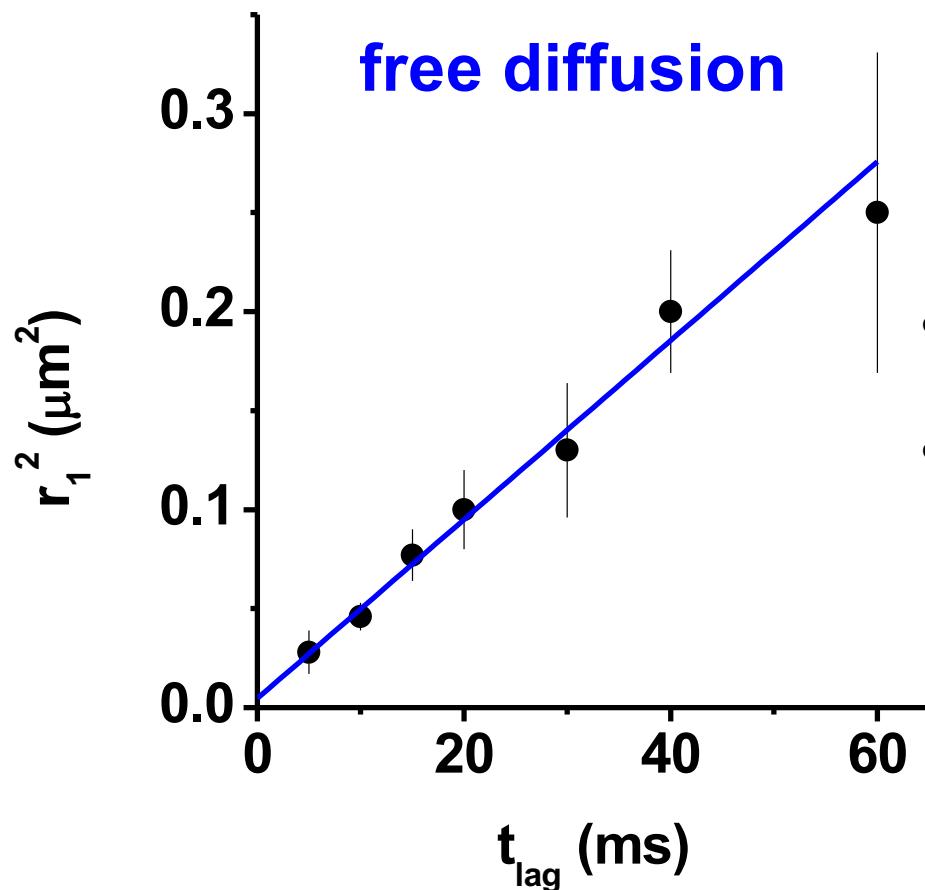


- timelags > 15 ms
- Lommerse, Cognet, Blab, Harms, Snaar-Jagalska,
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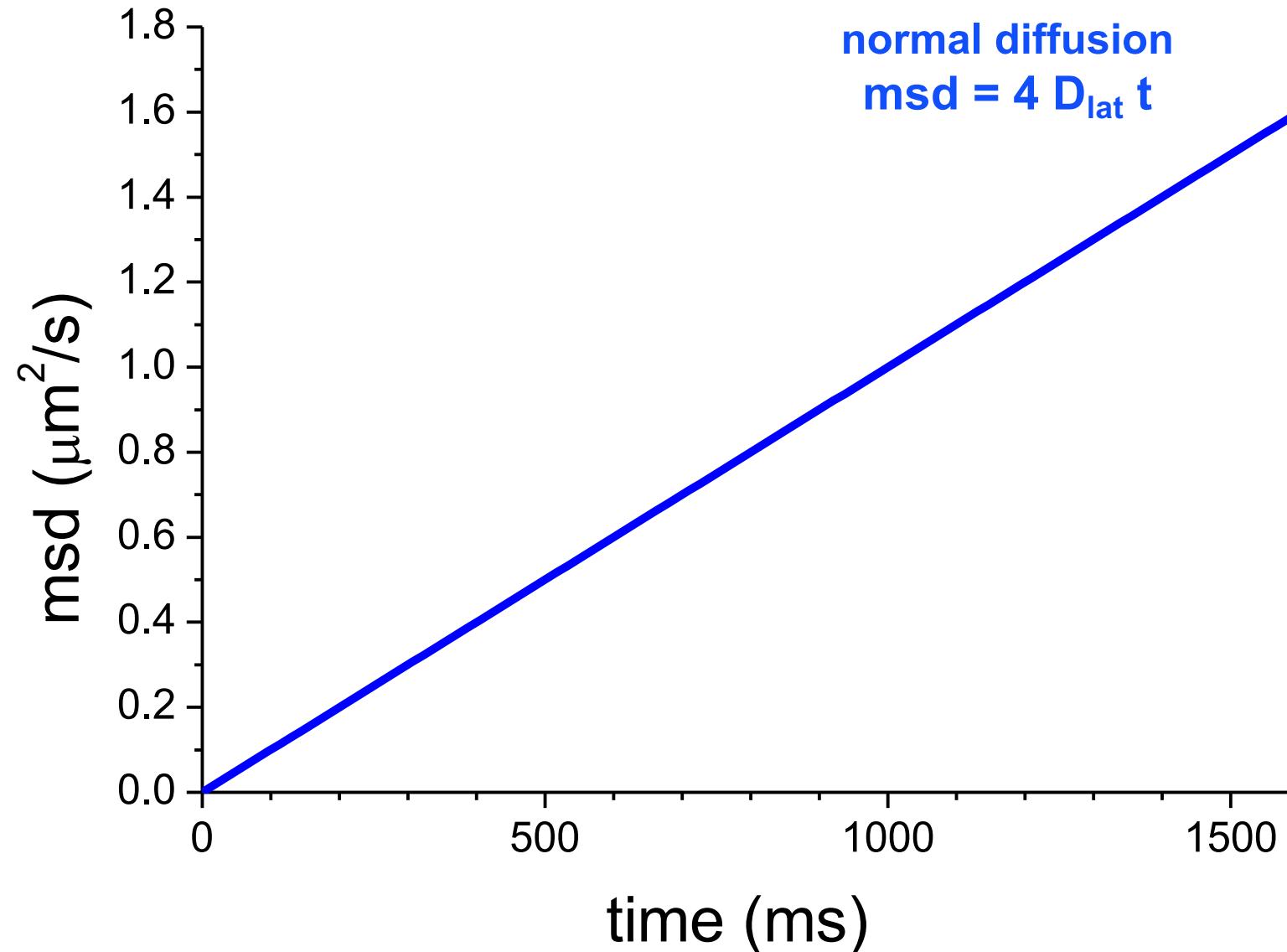
diffusion of H-Ras membrane anchor

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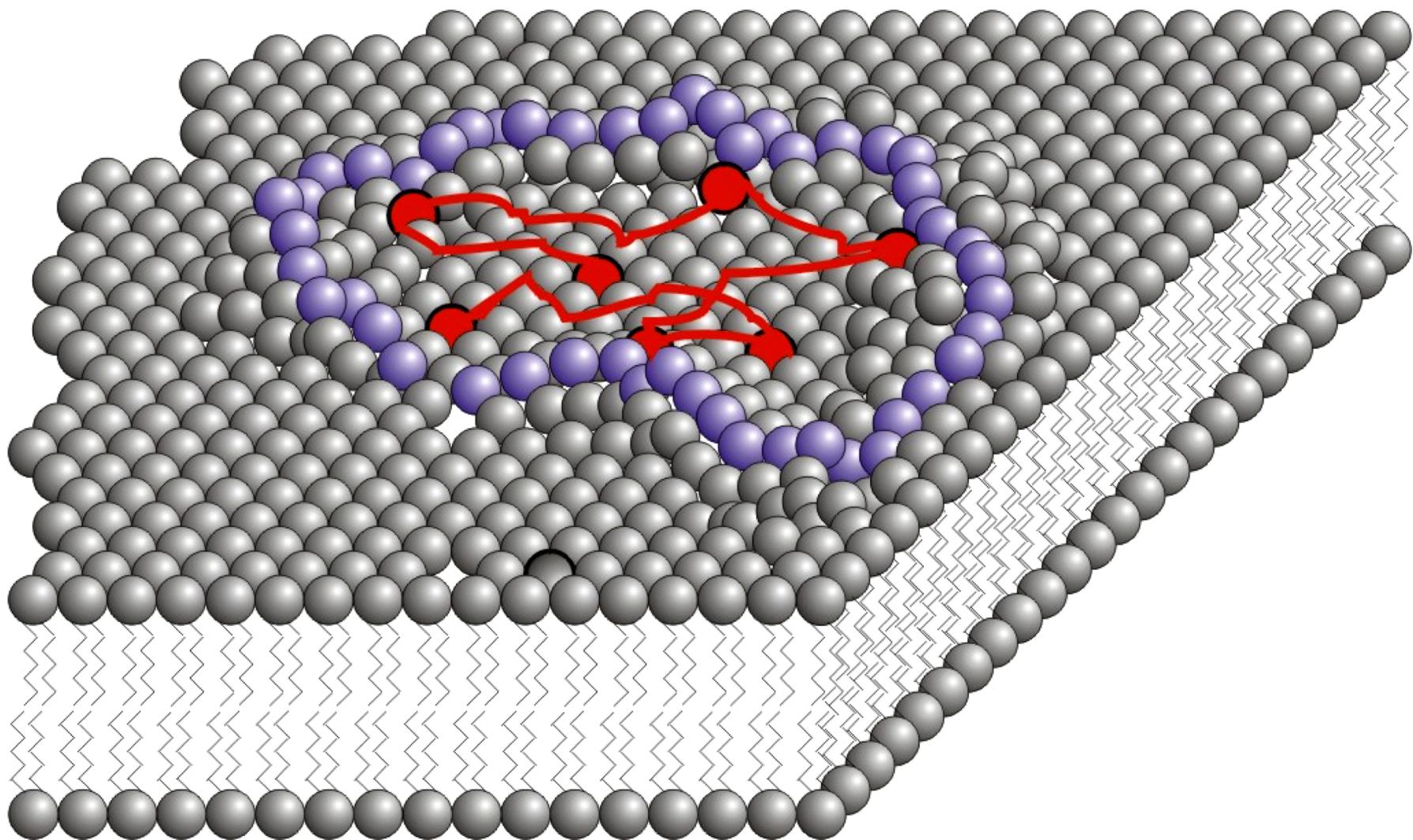


● $D = 1.13 \pm 0.09 \mu\text{m}^2/\text{s}$

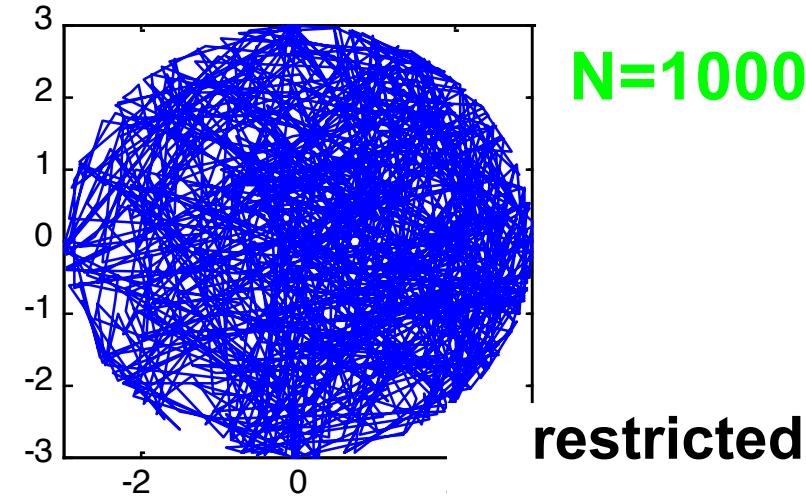
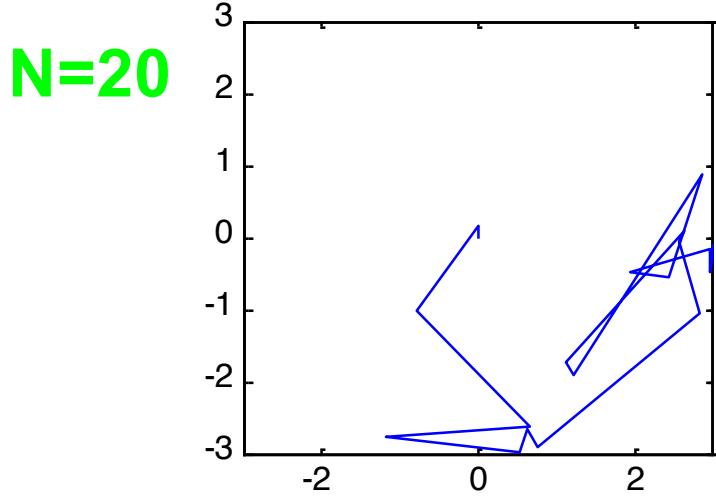
diffusion: summary



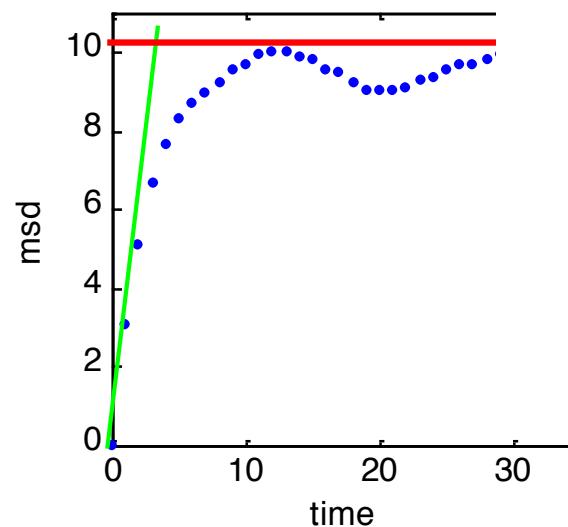
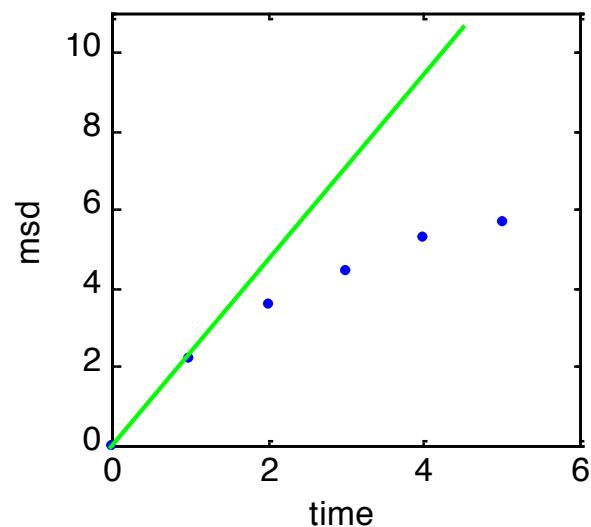
coralled diffusion



corralled diffusion



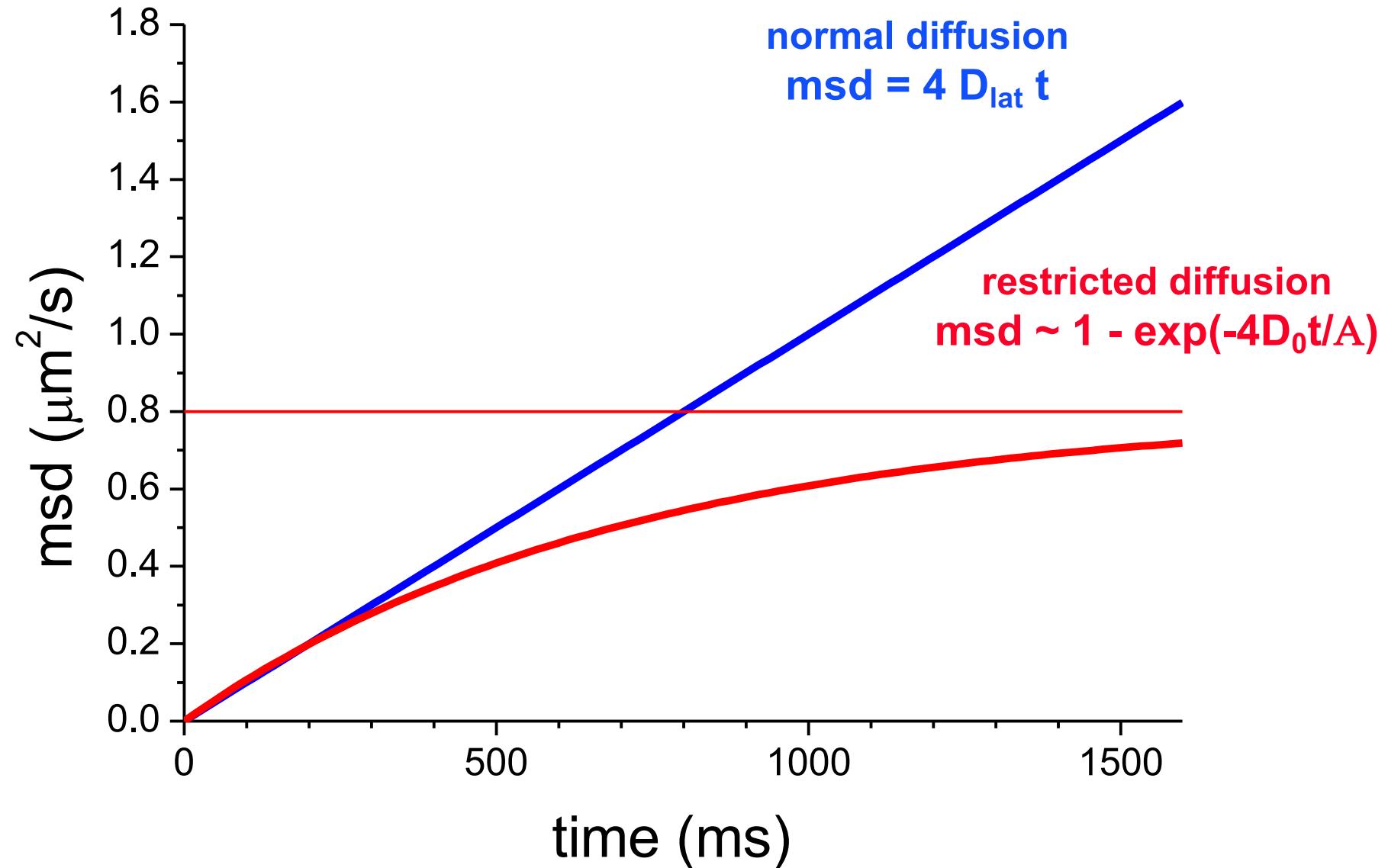
restricted diffusion



$$msd = A \left[1 - \exp\left(\frac{-4D_0 t}{A}\right) \right]$$

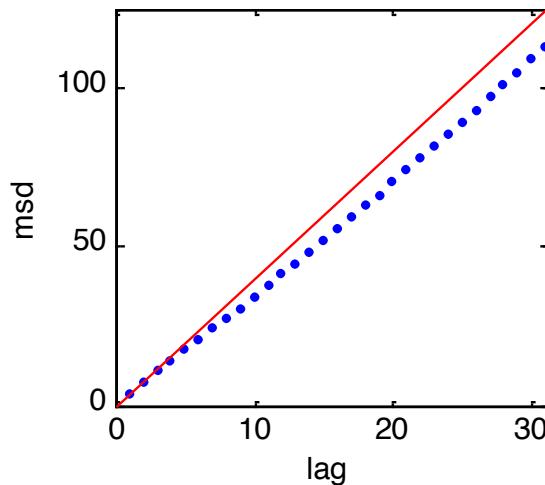
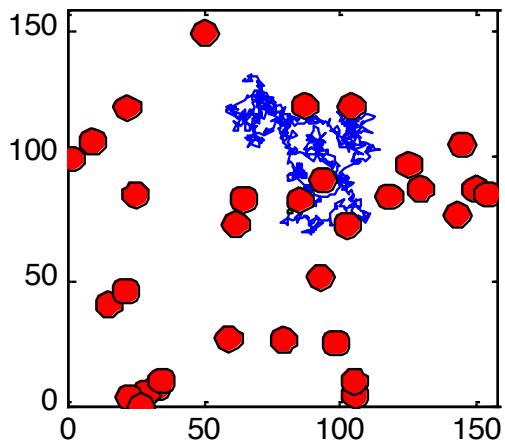
Kusumi, et al. Biophys.J. (1986)

diffusion: summary

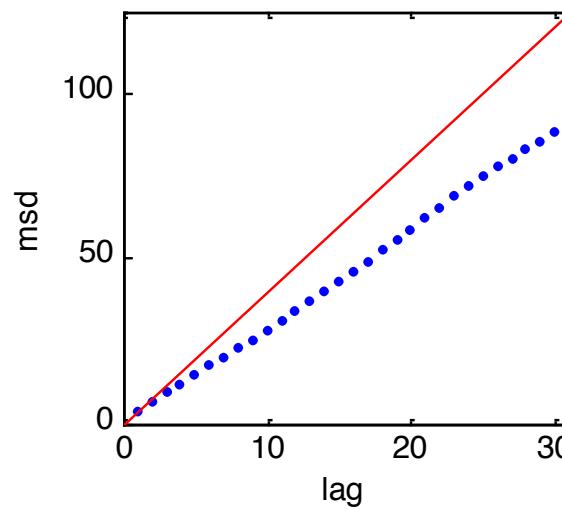
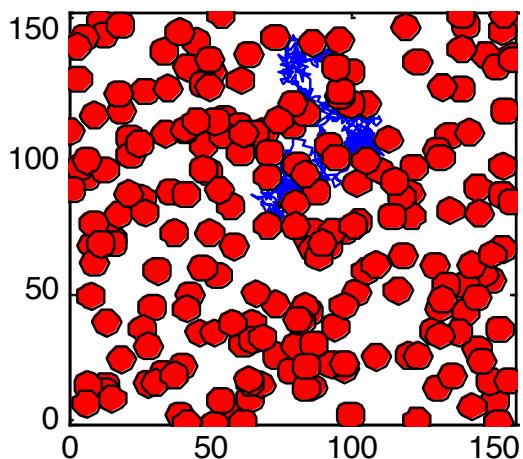


diffusion with obstacles

$c = 0.1$



$c = 0.7$



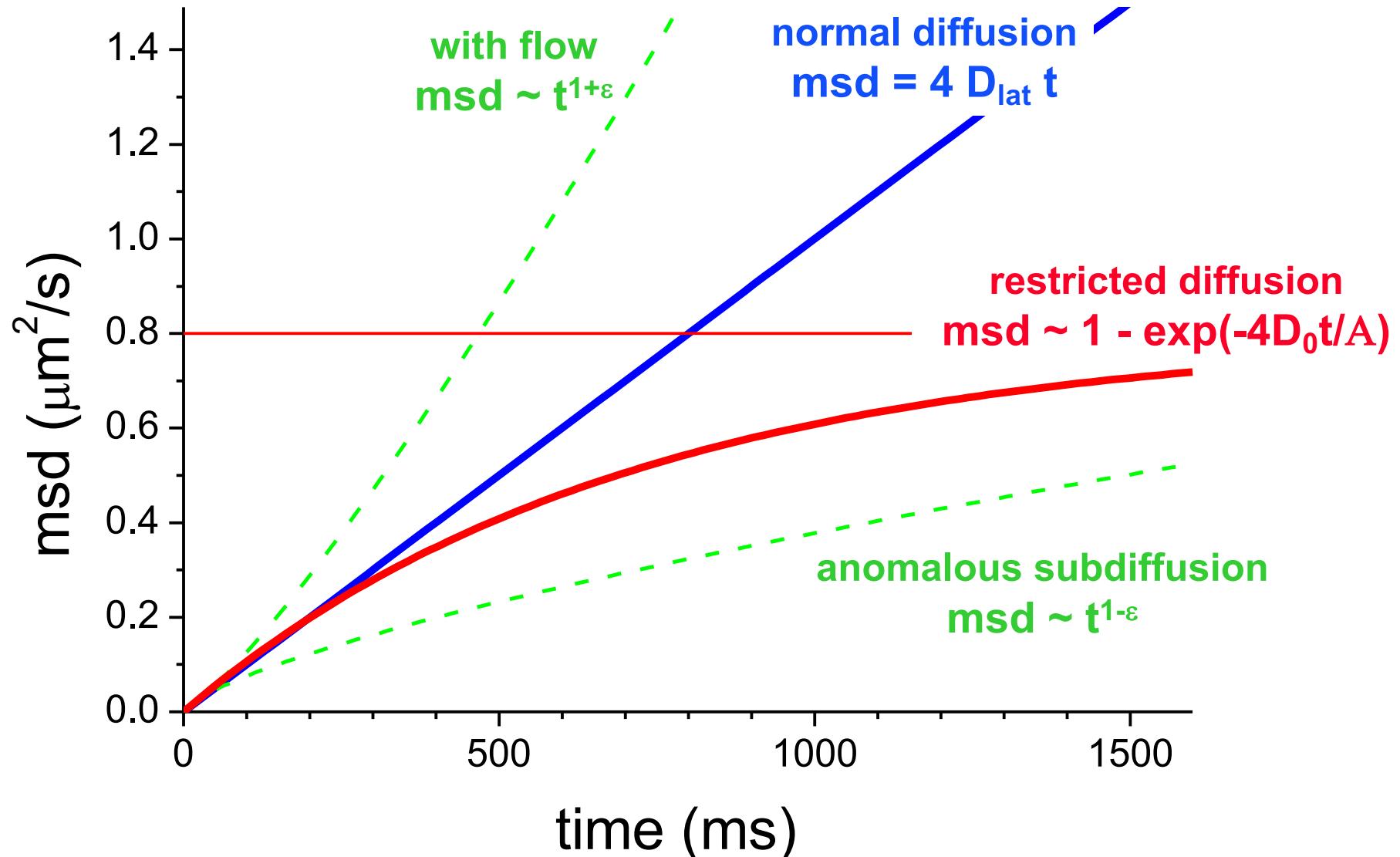
diffusion in an archipelago

$$msd = 4D_0 t^{1-\varepsilon}$$

M.P.Saxton, Biophys.J. 64 (1993) 1766.

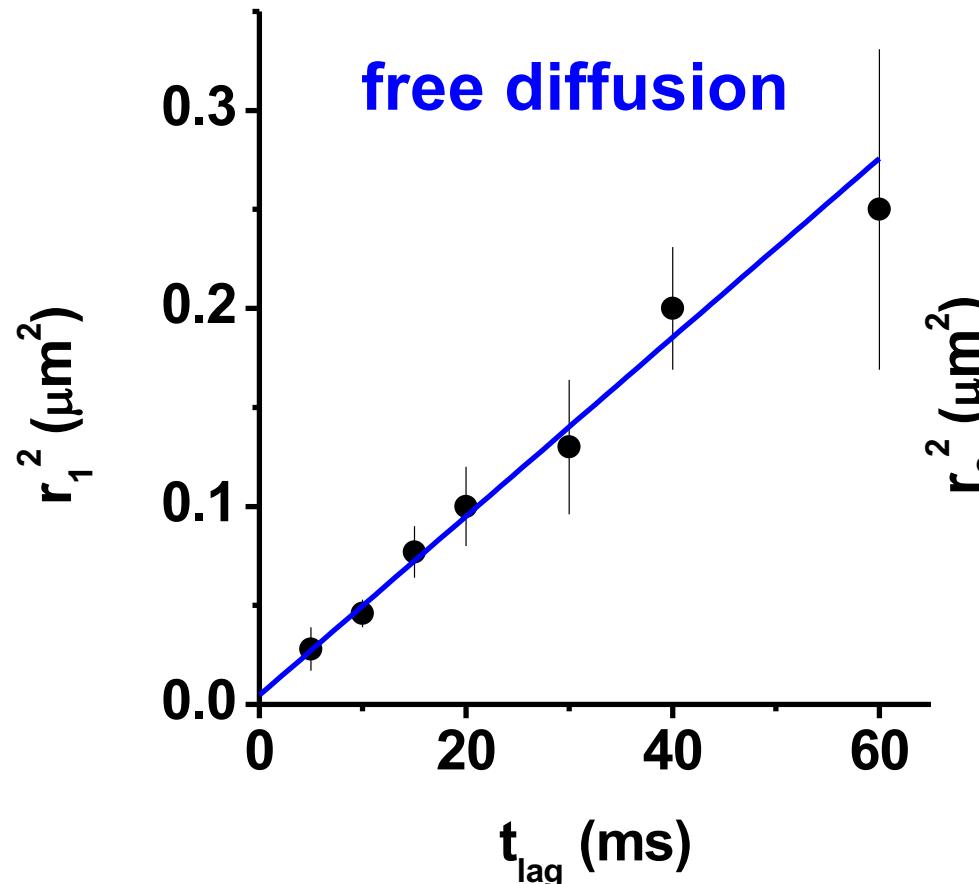
J.P.Bouchaud & A.Georges
“The physical mechanisms of anomalous diffusion.”
Disorder & Mixing (1988) 19

diffusion: summary

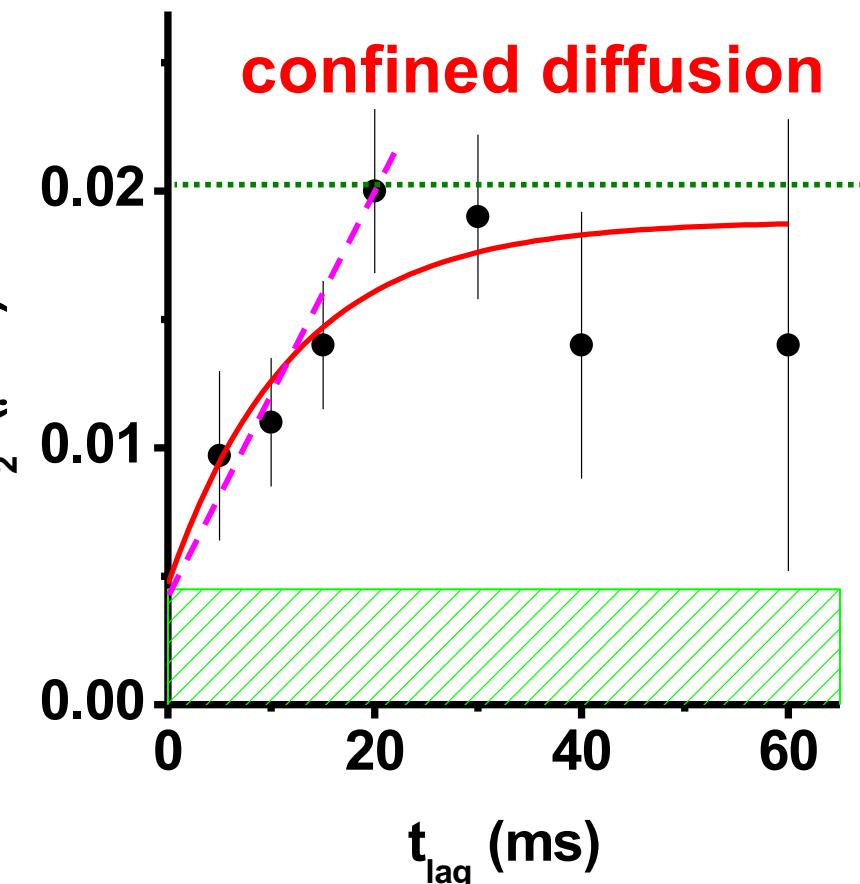


diffusion of H-Ras membrane anchor

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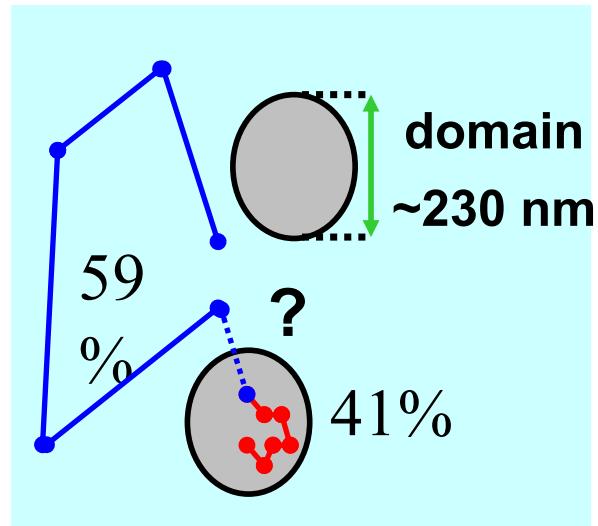
$$\bullet D = 1.13 \pm 0.09 \mu\text{m}^2/\text{s}$$



$$\bullet D_0 = 0.29 \pm 0.10 \mu\text{m}^2/\text{s}$$

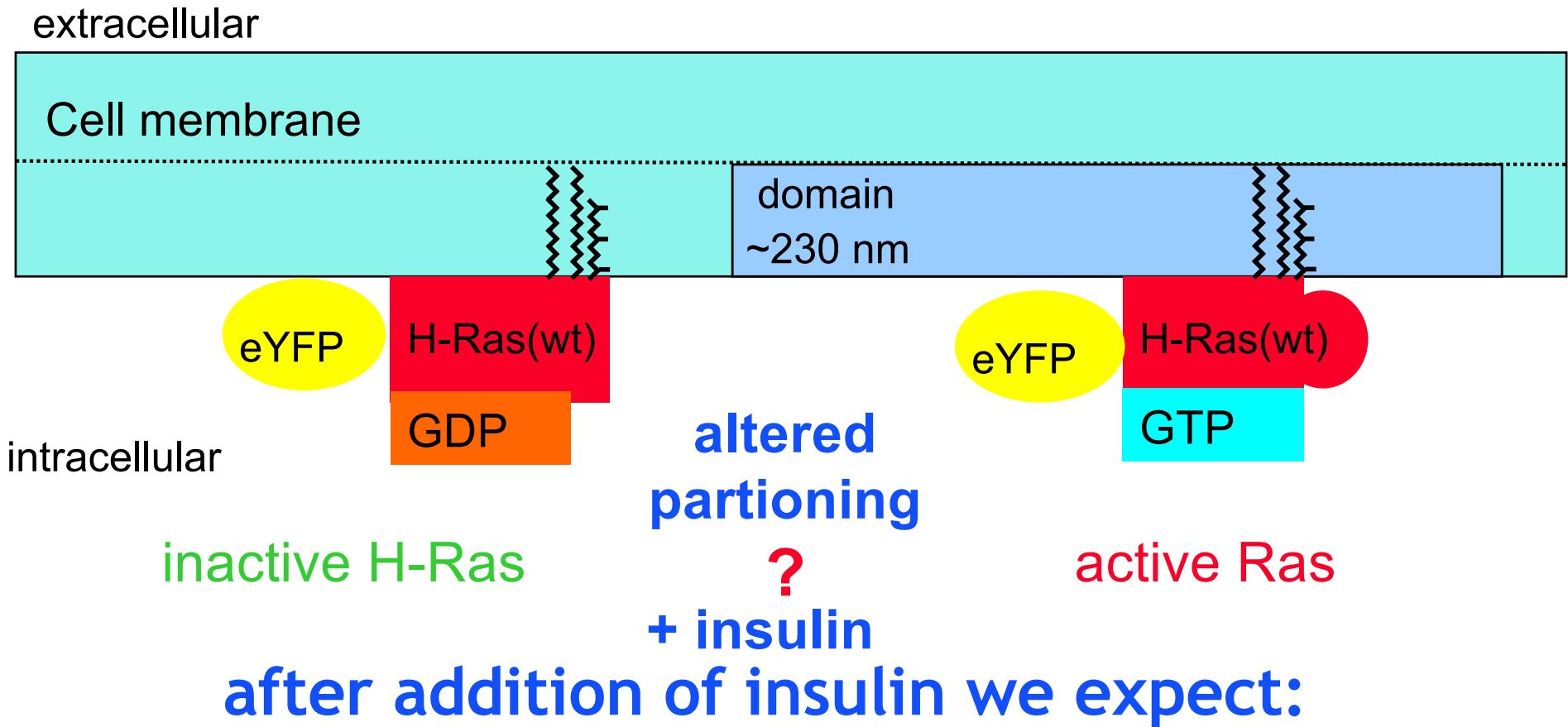
$$\bullet \text{domains: } 232 \pm 31 \text{ nm}$$

diffusion of the anchor: domains



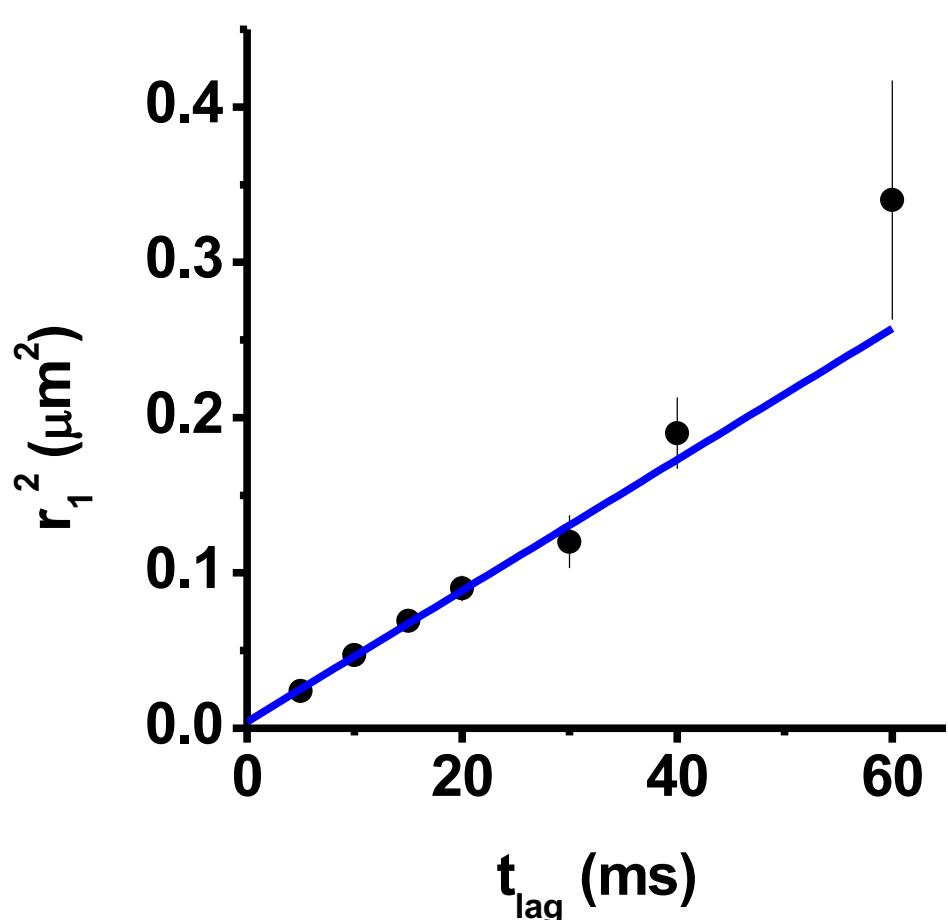
- observed domains in cytoplasmic leaflet of plasma membrane

H-Ras(wt) activation: domains involved?

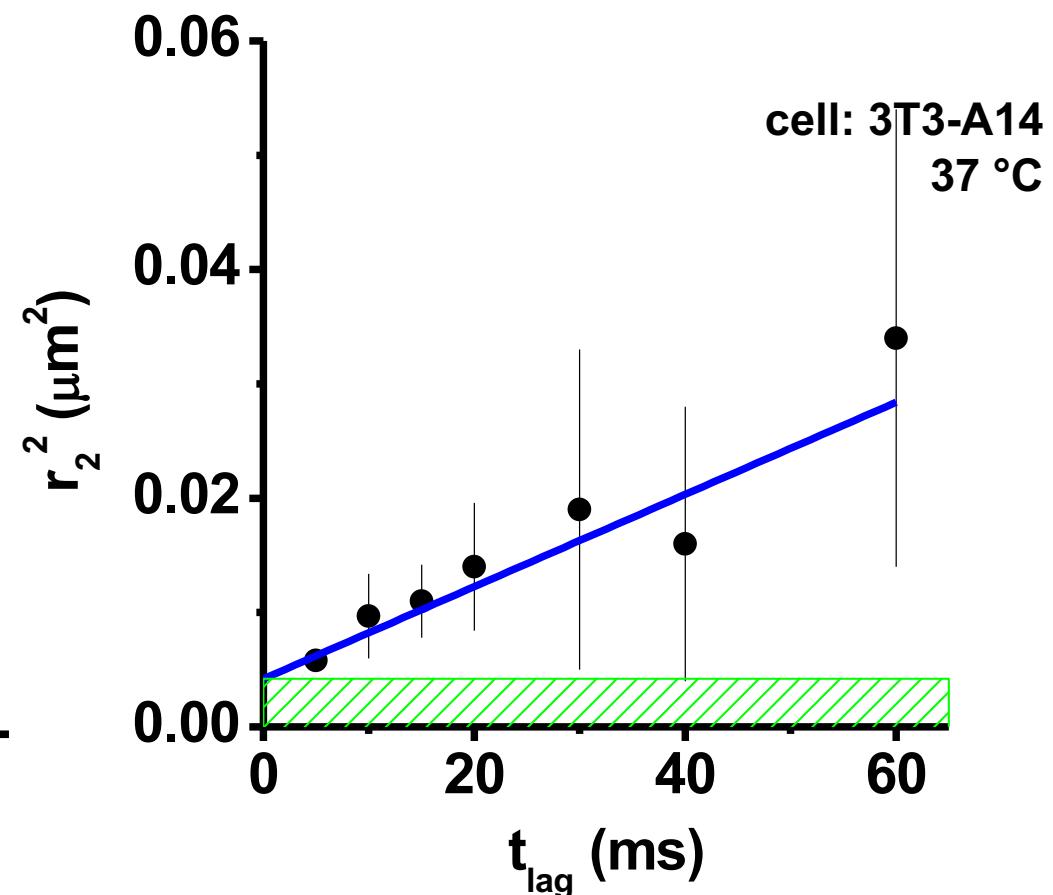


- increase in slow diffusing fraction ~20%
- reduction of diffusion coefficient of fast fraction

eYFP-H-Ras(wt) unstimulated

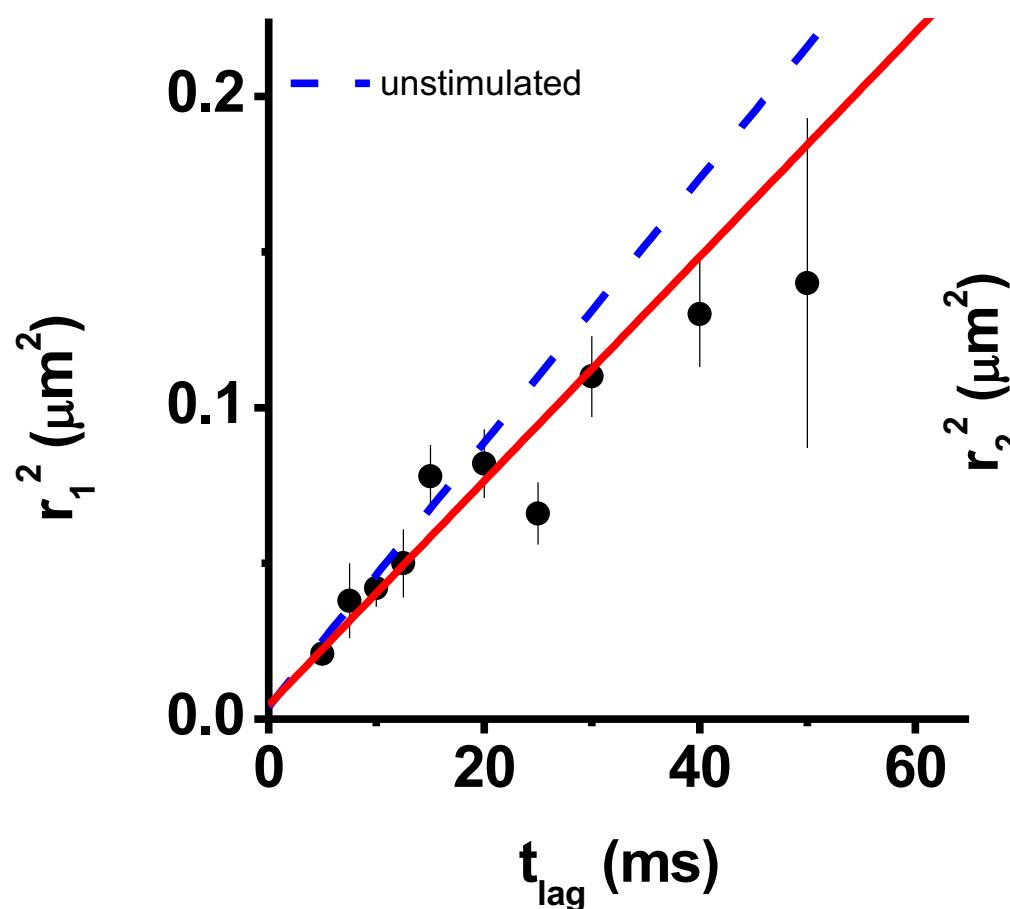


- $78 \pm 4\%$ of population
- $D = 1.06 \pm 0.04 \mu\text{m}^2/\text{s}$
- no domains observed

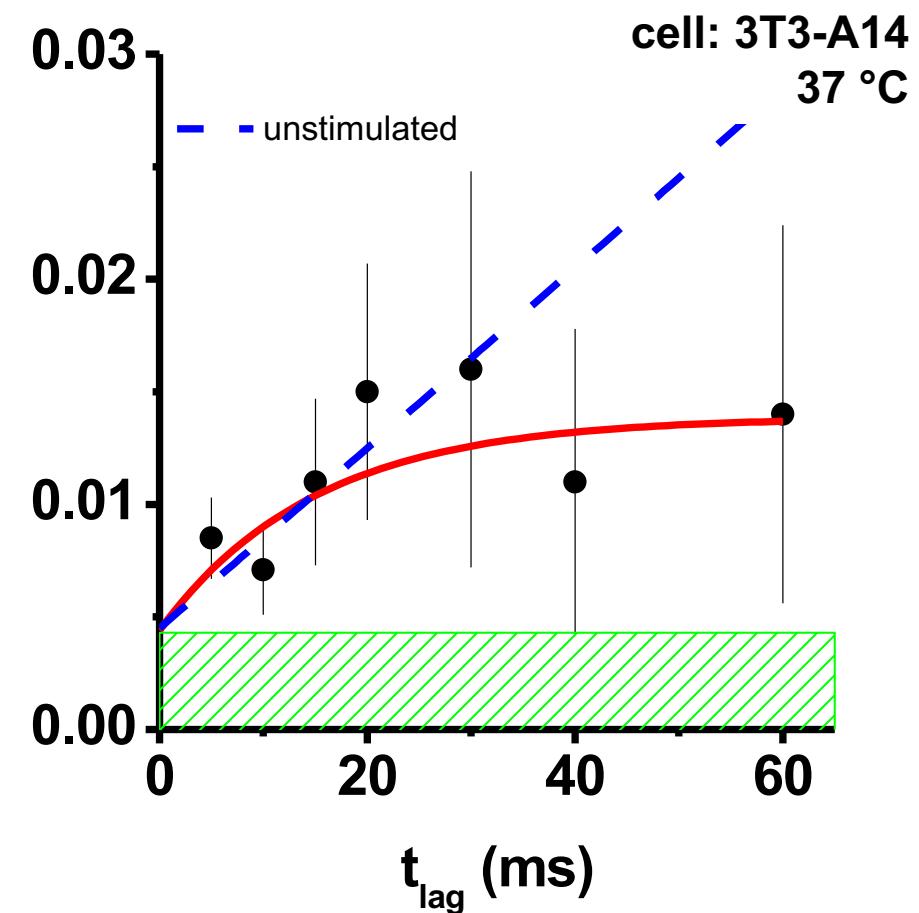


- $22 \pm 4\%$ of population
- $D = 0.10 \pm 0.03 \mu\text{m}^2/\text{s}$
- no domains observed

eYFP-H-Ras(wt) 5 min stimulated



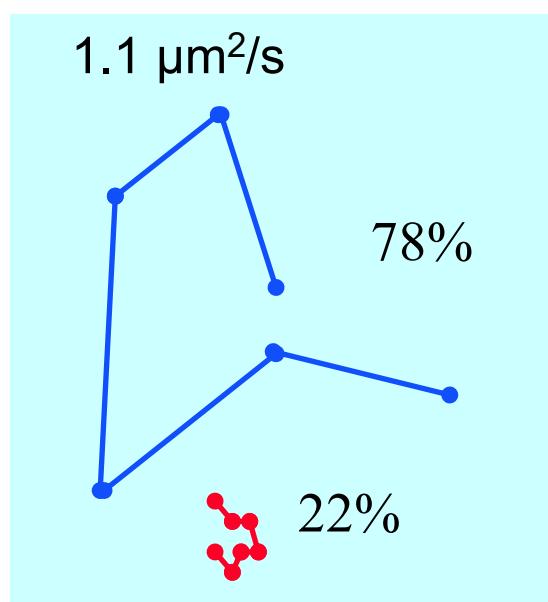
- $75 \pm 6\%$ of population
- $D = 0.93 \pm 0.04 \mu\text{m}^2/\text{s}$
- no domains observed



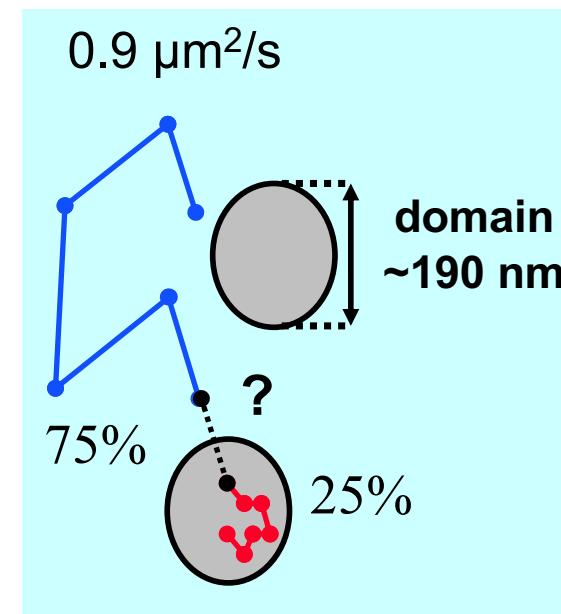
- $25 \pm 6\%$ of population
- $D_0 = 0.16 \pm 0.09 \mu\text{m}^2/\text{s}$
- domains ($190 \pm 54 \text{ nm}$)

eYFP-HRas(wt) activation

unstimulated



stimulated



**after activation HRas is captured in domains
of 200 nm size**

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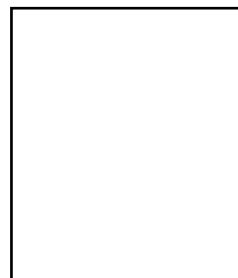
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