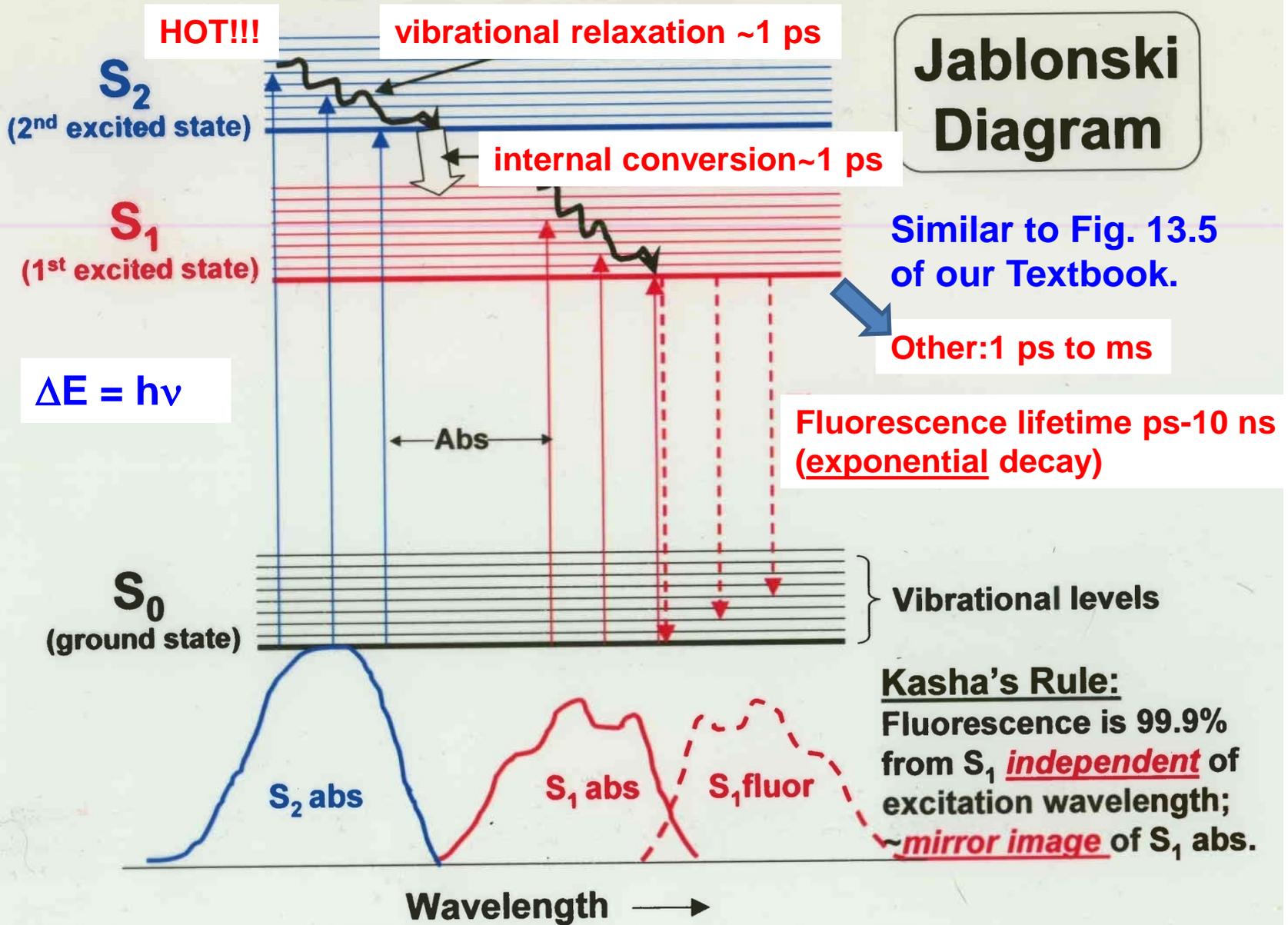


ABSORPTION & FLUORESCENCE



What is fluorescence lifetime?

$$d(\text{Intensity})/dt = -k (\text{Intensity})$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Fluor. intensity at time } t &= (\text{Fluor. Intensity at time } 0) \times e^{-kt} \\ &= (\text{Fluor. Intensity at time } 0 \times) e^{-t/\tau} \end{aligned}$$

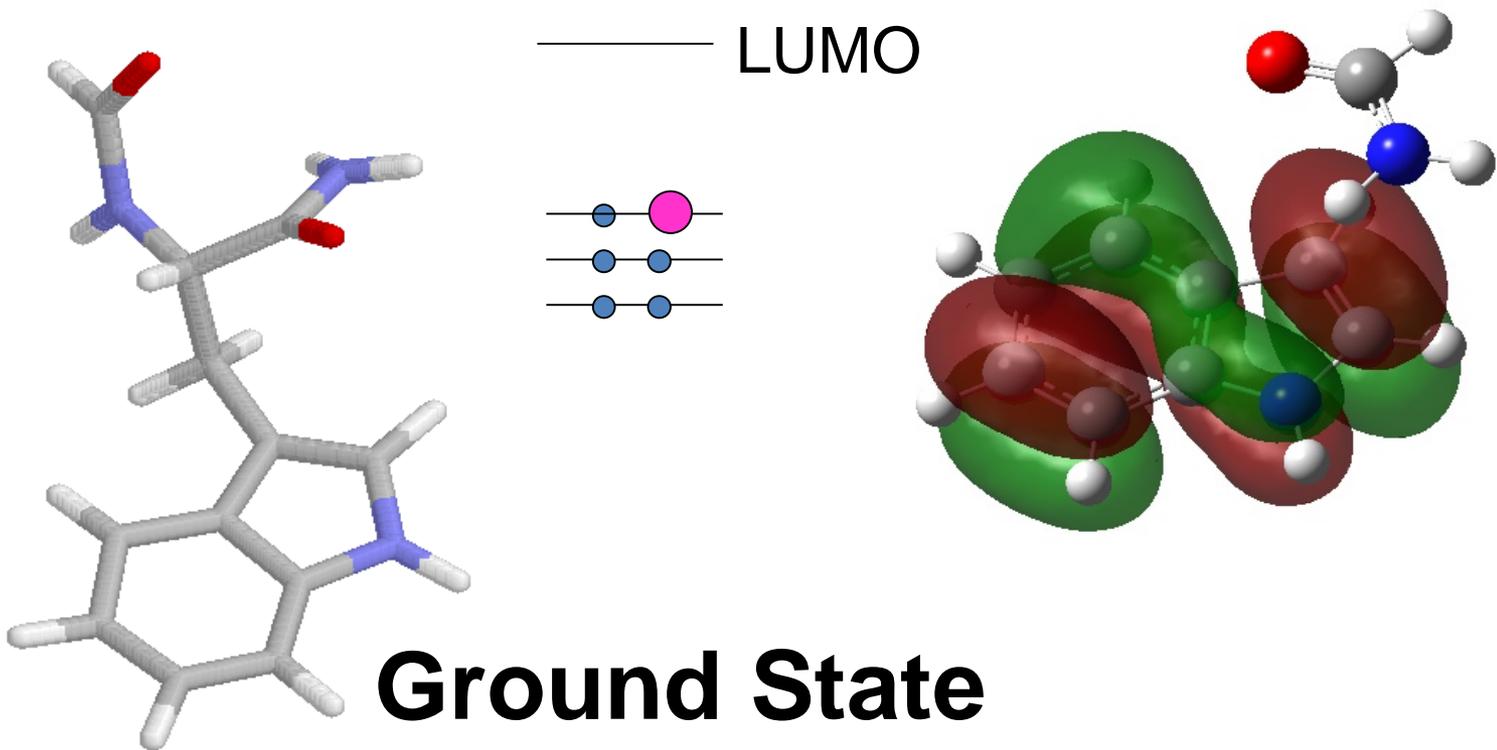
$$\tau = \text{“lifetime”} = 1/k$$

$$\tau = \text{inverse of } 1^{\text{st}} \text{ order rate constant}$$

Also internal conversion to ground state, or triplet, or photochemistry will shorten the lifetime (e.g., DNA bases at room temperature, 1ps)

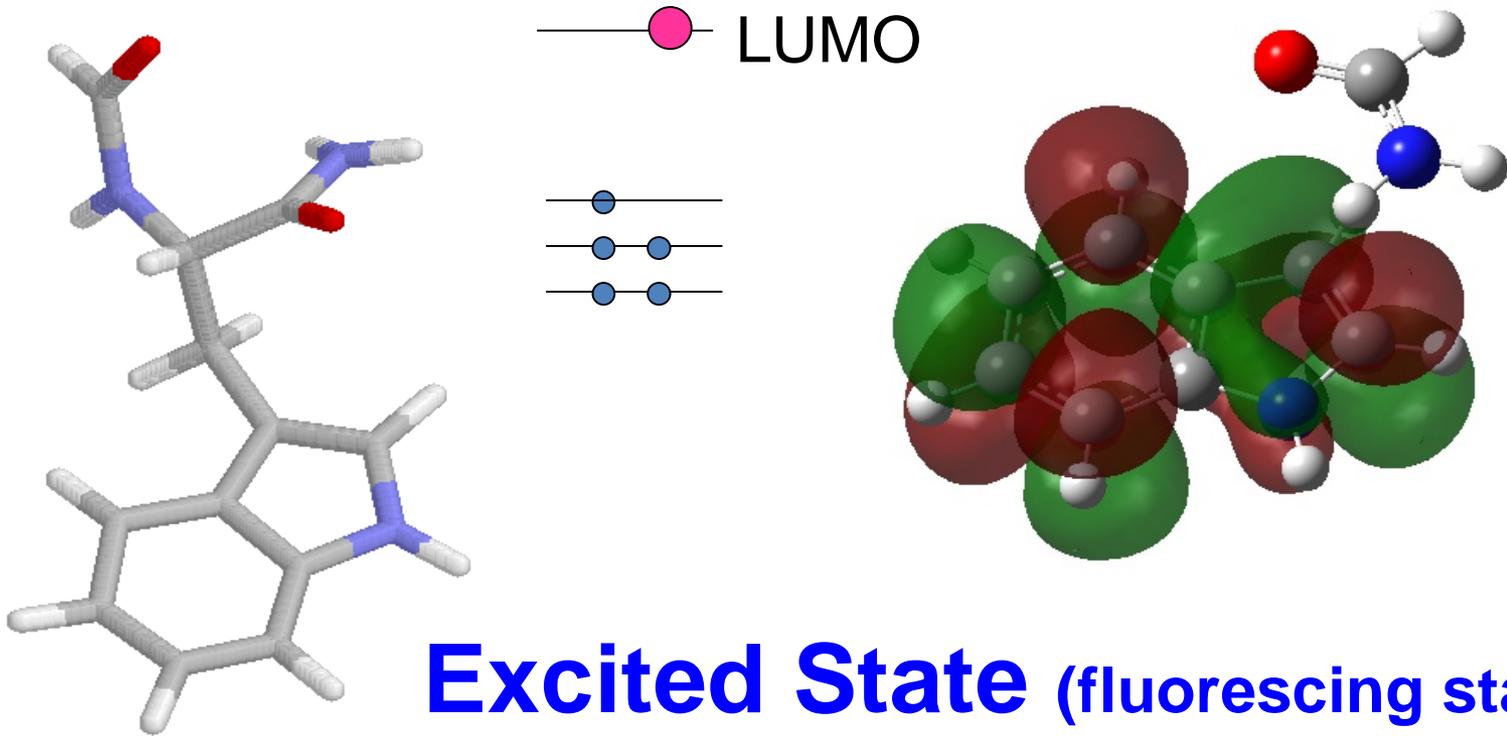
and Fluorescence “Quenching”

A reaction with another molecule that competes with the rate of fluorescence

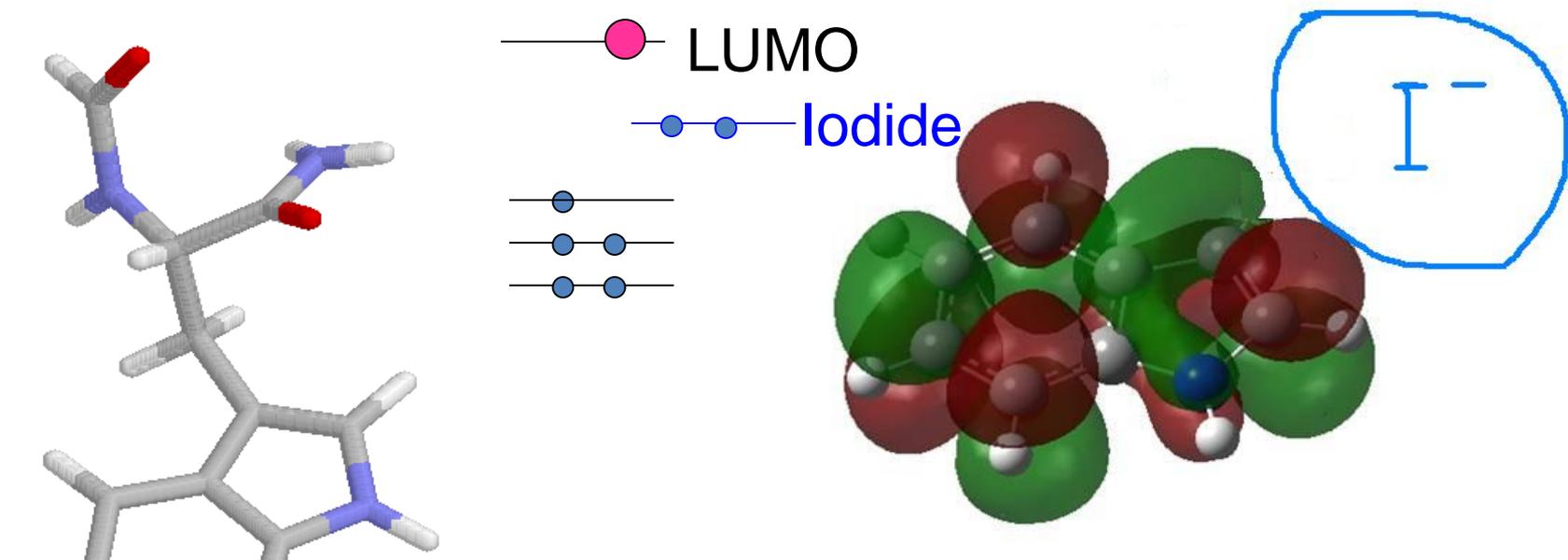


Ground State

Highest Occupied Molecular
Orbital (a linear combination of
atomic p orbitals)

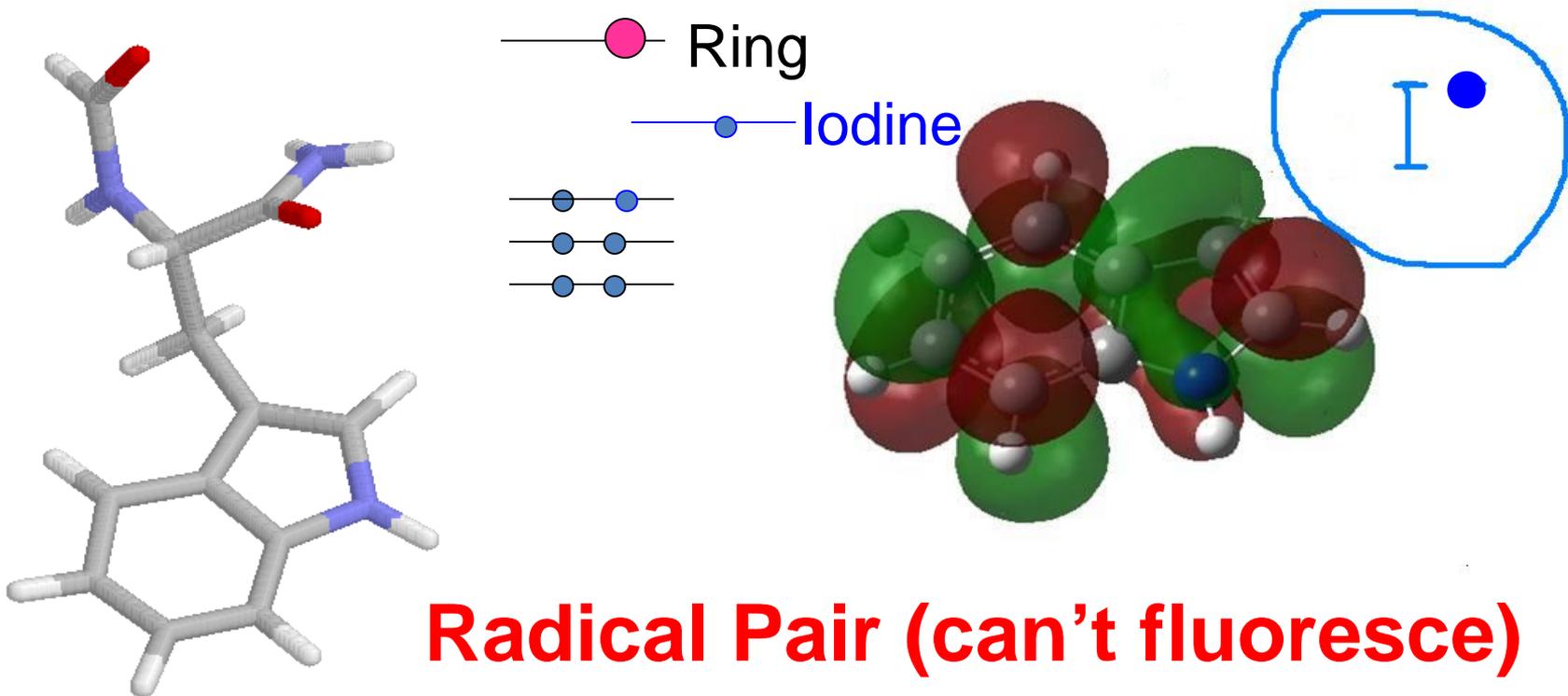


Lowest Unoccupied Molecular
Orbital (electron excited)



**Iodide ion collides;
(has higher HOMO)
will quench fluorescence**

Electron transfer from I⁻ to indole makes a radical pair that cannot fluoresce.
(would violate Pauli exclusion)

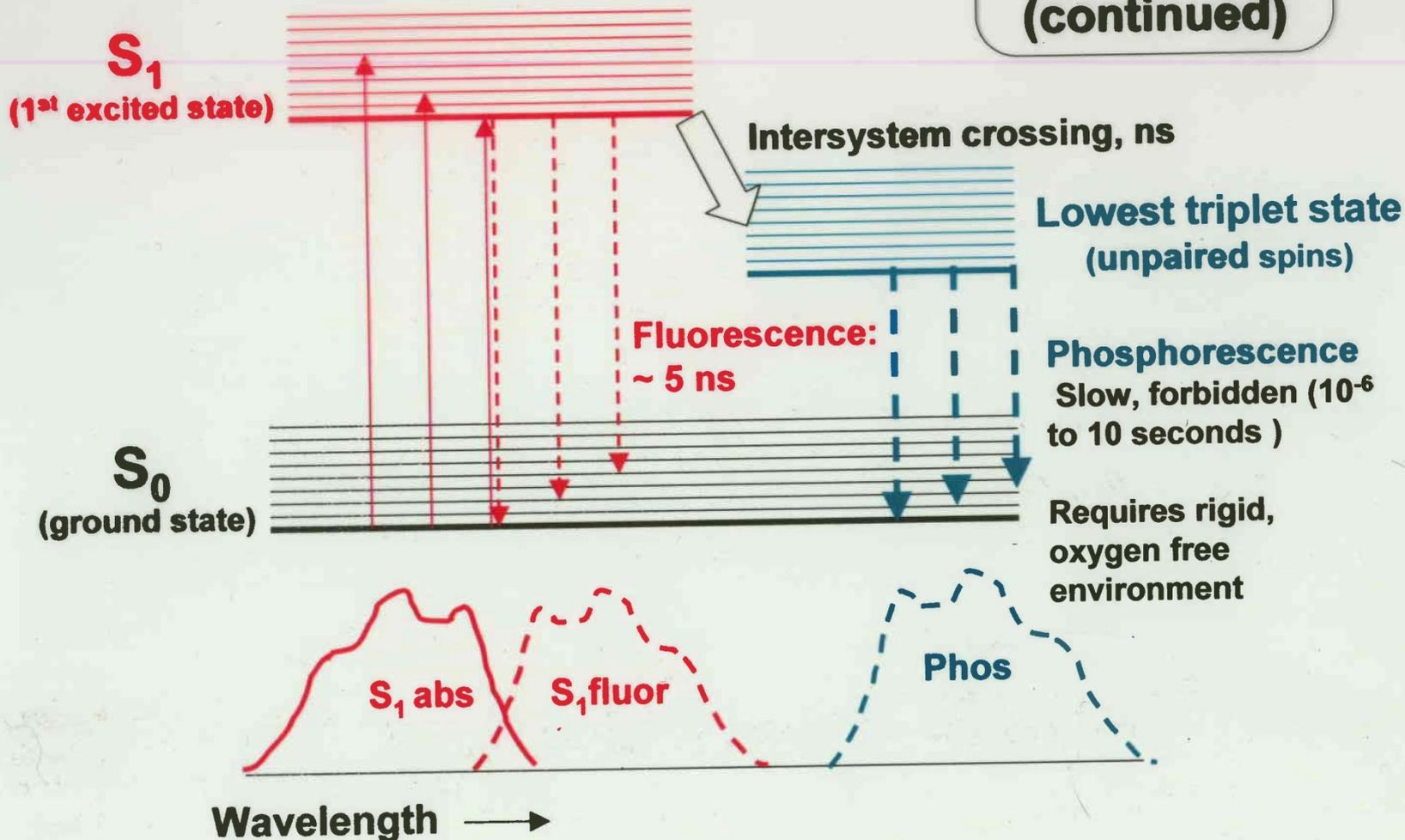


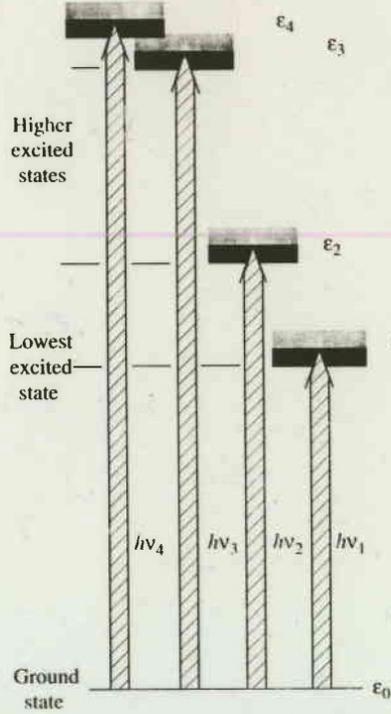
Radical Pair (can't fluoresce)

Electron transferred from iodide
to vacancy in HOMO of ring
i.e., QUENCHING

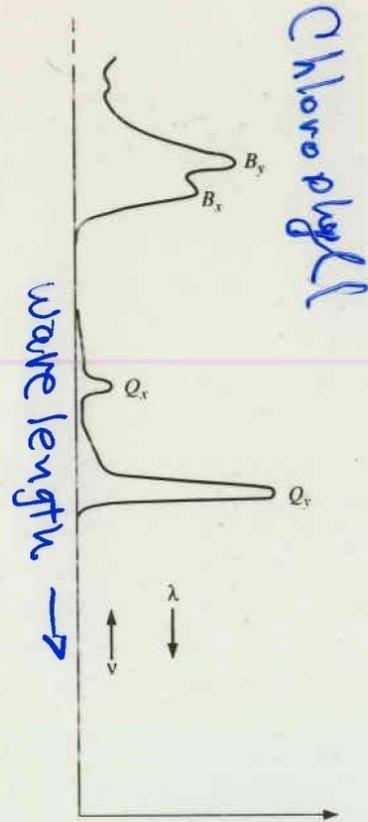
Phosphorescence

Jablonski Diagram (continued)

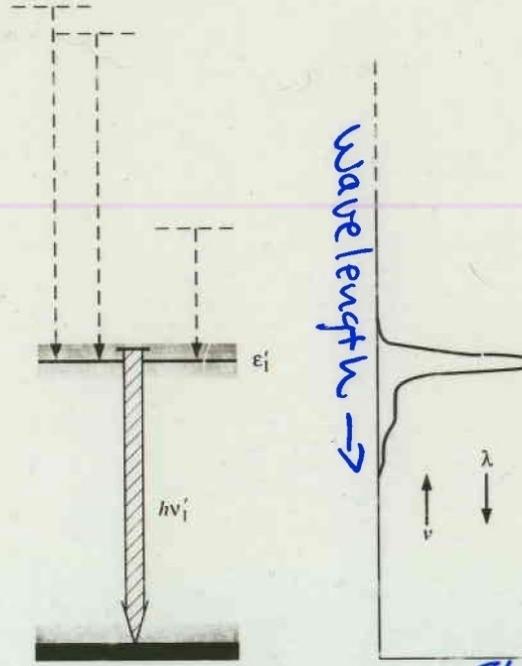




Absorption
Absorption
(a)



Absorbance
ABSORBANCE
(b)



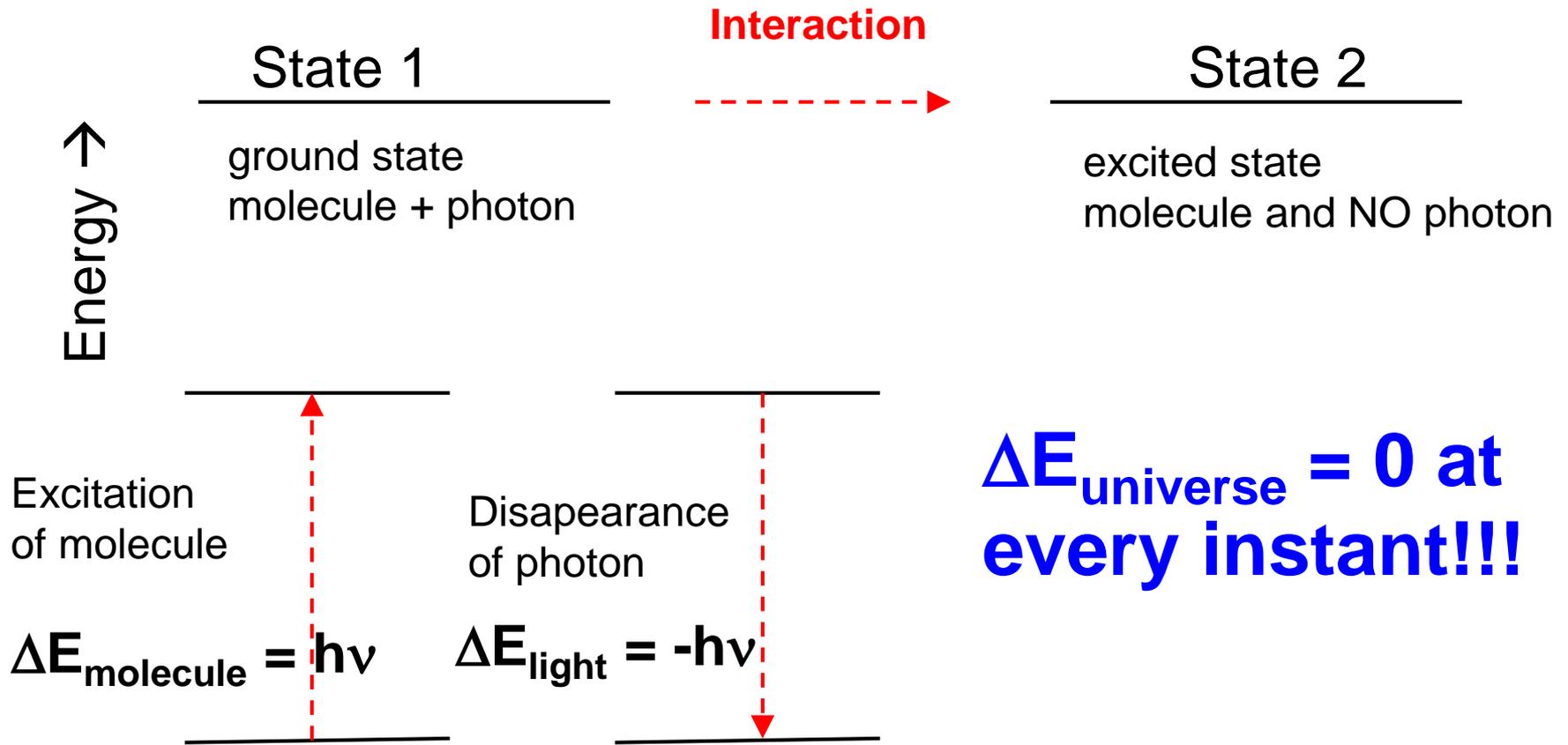
Fluorescence
Fluorescence
intensity
(d)
Fluorescence
Intensity

FIG

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Fig. 10.13 Absorption and fluorescence of bacteriochlorophyll. (a) Energy-level diagram showing spectral transitions (vertical arrows). The energy levels are broadened (shading) by vibrational sublevels that are not usually resolved in solution spectra. (b) Absorption spectrum corresponding to energy levels of part (a). This spectrum is turned 90° from the usual orientation to show the relation to the energy levels. (c) Radiationless relaxation (dashed arrows) and fluorescence (shaded arrow). (d) Fluorescence emission spectrum corresponding to part (c). Note the red shift of the fluorescence compared with the corresponding Q_v absorption illustrated in parts (a) and (b). (From K. Sauer, in *Bioenergetics of Photosynthesis*, Govindjee, ed., Academic Press, New York, 1975, pp. 115–181.)

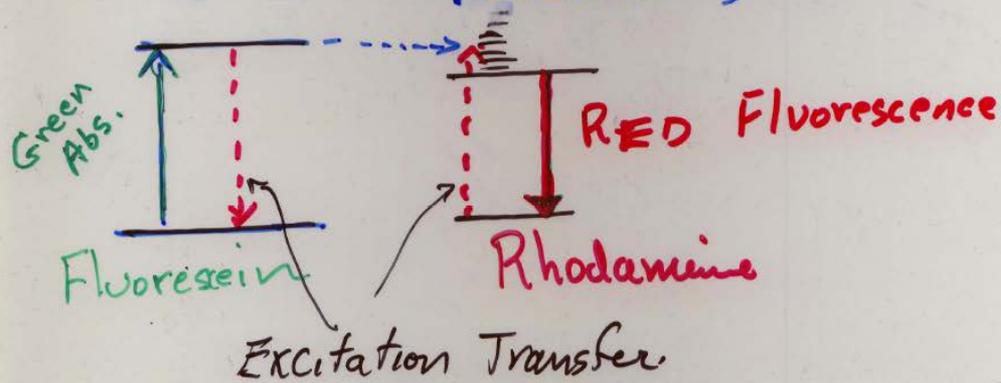
Resonance: What we call “happening” is the world moving between states in RESONANCE. i.e., two states of the UNIVERSE obeying the **FIRST LAW**



$\Delta E_{\text{universe}} = 0$ at every instant!!!

Only ***half*** the story

FRET ("Fluorescence" Resonant Energy Transfer or Förster)



Not emission + absorption.

It is through space Coulomb Law
~~and~~ interaction of electrons

$$\text{Efficiency} \propto \frac{1}{(\text{distance apart})^6}$$

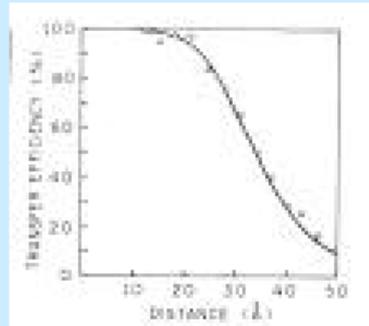
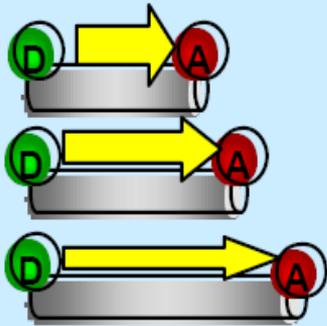
"Molecular ruler"

London dispersion force (the very same force that holds liquid nitrogen together.)

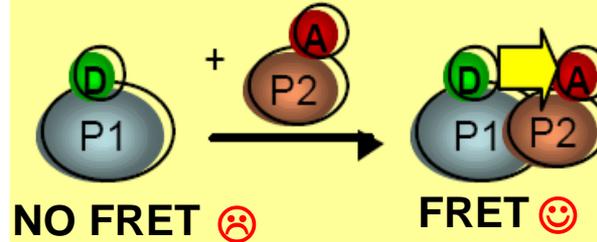
FRET: APPLICATIONS

Measure distances within macromolecules;
generate structures of large complexes

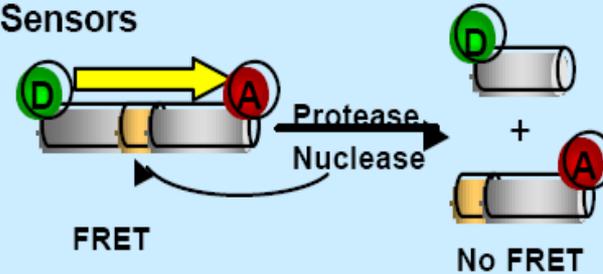
FRET as a "molecular ruler": Stryer and Haugland, 1967



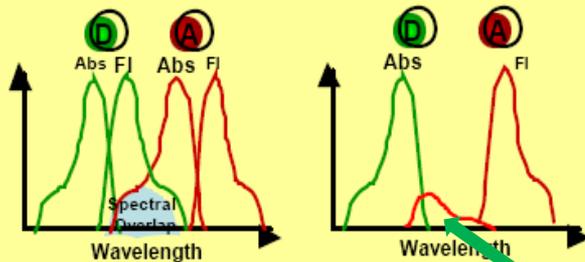
Monitor interactions & their kinetics



Sensors



Generate new probes with large Stokes shift
("energy transfer probes") by placing D-A
at $R \ll R_0$



should be green

Conformational transitions

Cellular work

Chameleons (Ca^{2+} sensors)

Protein-protein interaction
(GFPs)

Real-time PCR

Single-molecule DNA sequencing

Hypochromic Effect due to Stacking of bases.

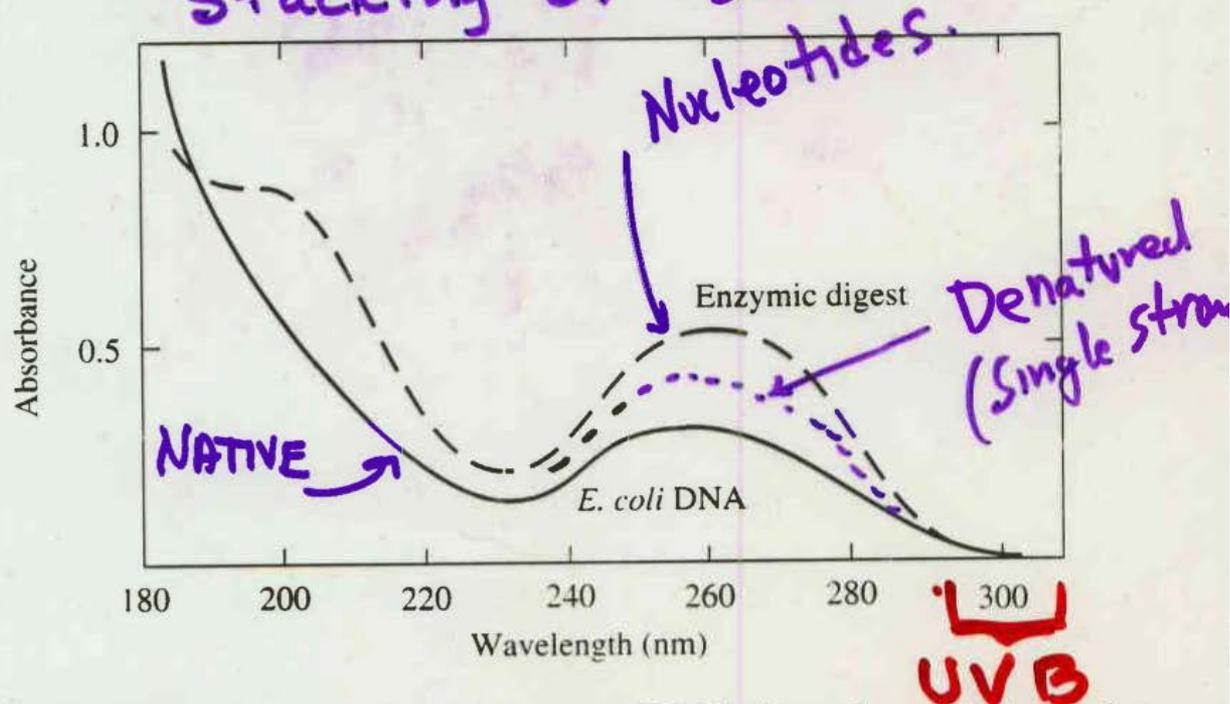
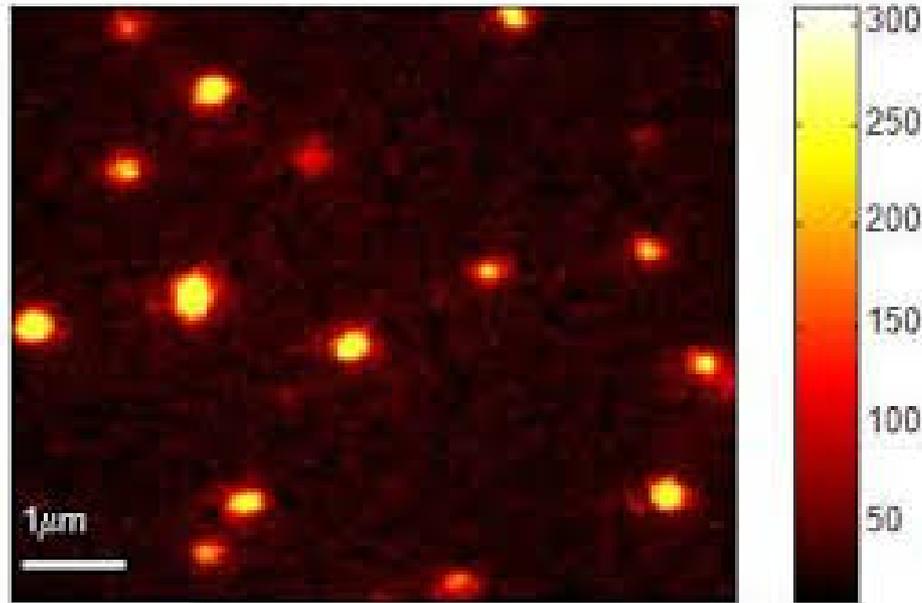


Fig. 10.9 Ultraviolet absorption spectrum of DNA from *E. coli* in the native form at 25°C (solid curve) and as an enzymic digest of nucleotides (dashed curve). [From D. Voet, W. B. Gratzer, R. A. Cox, and P. Doty, *Biopolymers* 1, 193 (1963).] Reprinted with permission of John Wiley and Sons, Inc.

are sufficiently general that the ratio of absorbances A_{260}/A_{280} has been used to determine quantitatively the ratio of nucleic acid to protein in a mixture of the two. This requires careful calibration, however, because proteins differ significantly in their content of aromatic amino acids.

Single Molecule Spectroscopy

The Nobel Prize in Chemistry **2014** was awarded jointly to Eric Betzig, Stefan W. Hell and William E. Moerner *"for the development of super-resolved fluorescence microscopy"*.



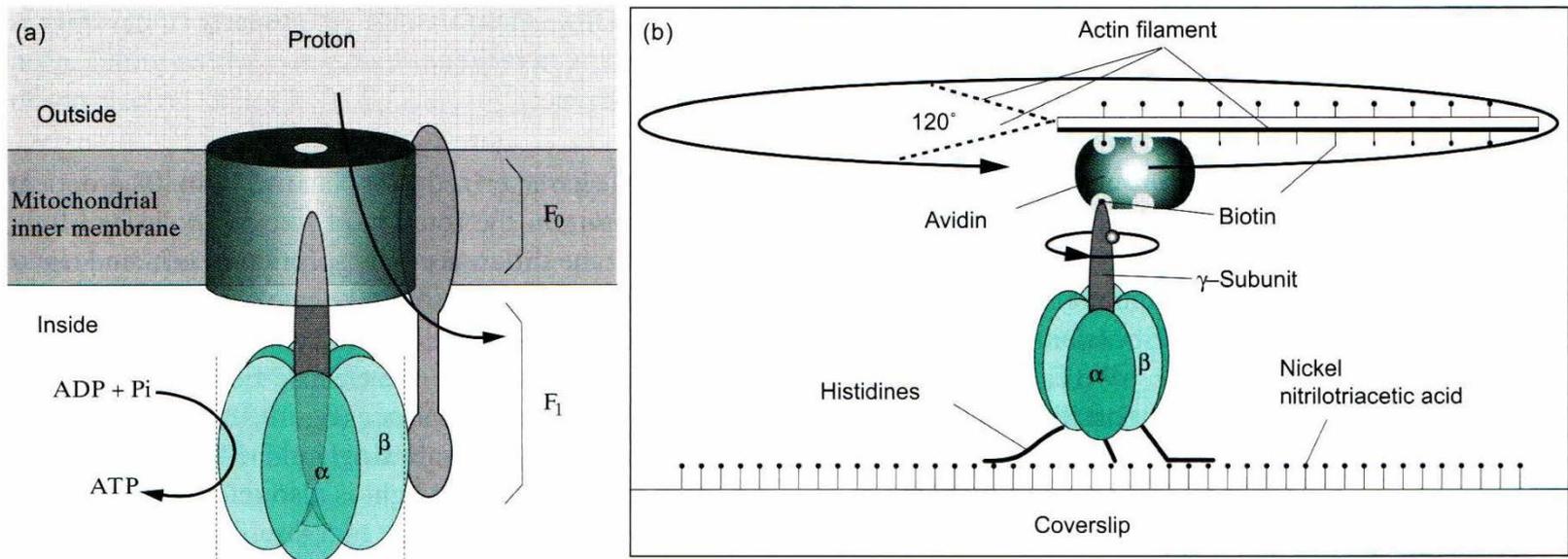
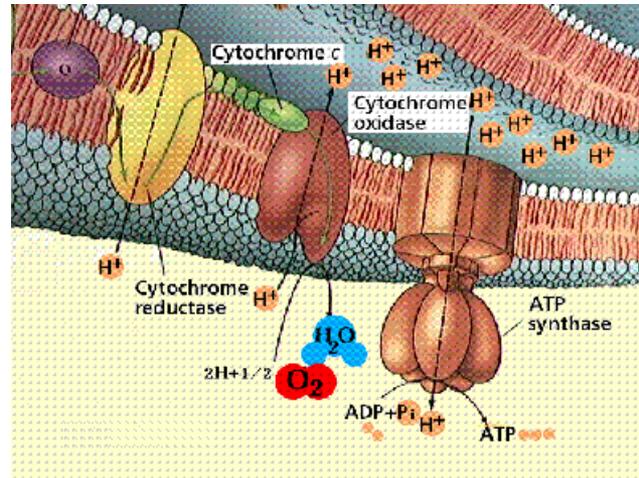


FIGURE 13.27 Single-molecule studies of F_1 -ATPase. (a) The F_0F_1 -ATP synthase is shown schematically. The F_0 subunit is embedded in the membrane and is a proton pump. The F_1 -ATPase is a rotary motor that synthesizes ATP from ADP and inorganic phosphate. (b) In the experiment, the F_1 subunit was attached to a glass coverslip through nickel-histidine linkages, and a fluorescent actin filament was attached to the gamma subunit. The rotation of a single actin filament could be observed by fluorescence microscopy. (Reprinted from Cell, 93 (1), F1-ATPase: A Rotary Motor Made of a Single Molecule, pp. 21, Copyright © 1998, with permission from Elsevier.)