

National Center for Multiscale Modeling of Biological Systems

Virtual Hands-on Workshop on Computational Biophysics

October 12-15, 2020

The workshop will cover a wide range of physical models and computational approaches for the simulation of biological systems at multiple scales, consisting of both theoretical and hands-on lectures.

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Software:

*ProDy API, NAMD,
FFTK, VMD, DynOmics,
NMWiz, and DruGUI
plugins for VMD &
QwikMD*



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Emad Tajkhorshid

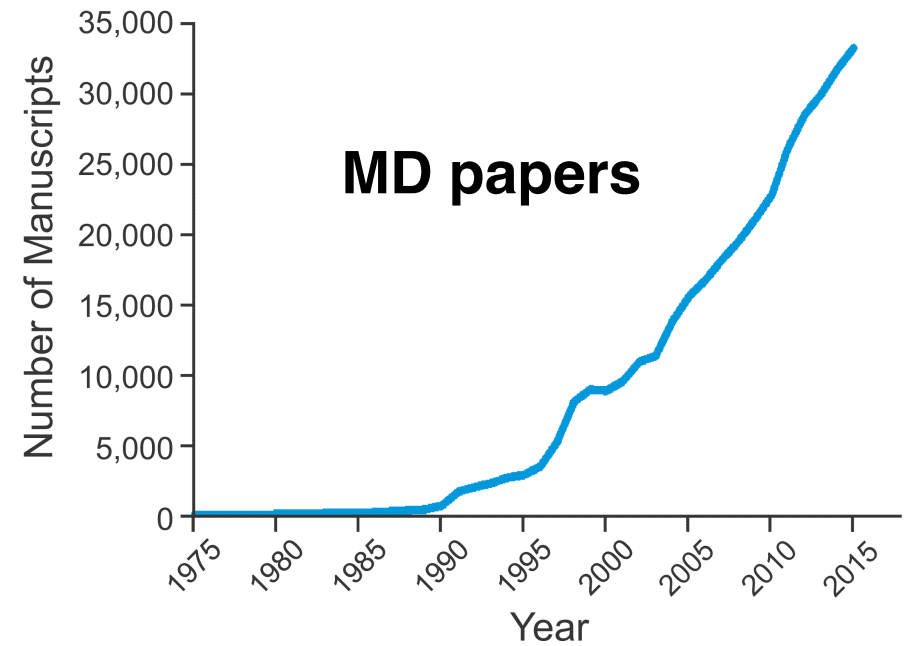
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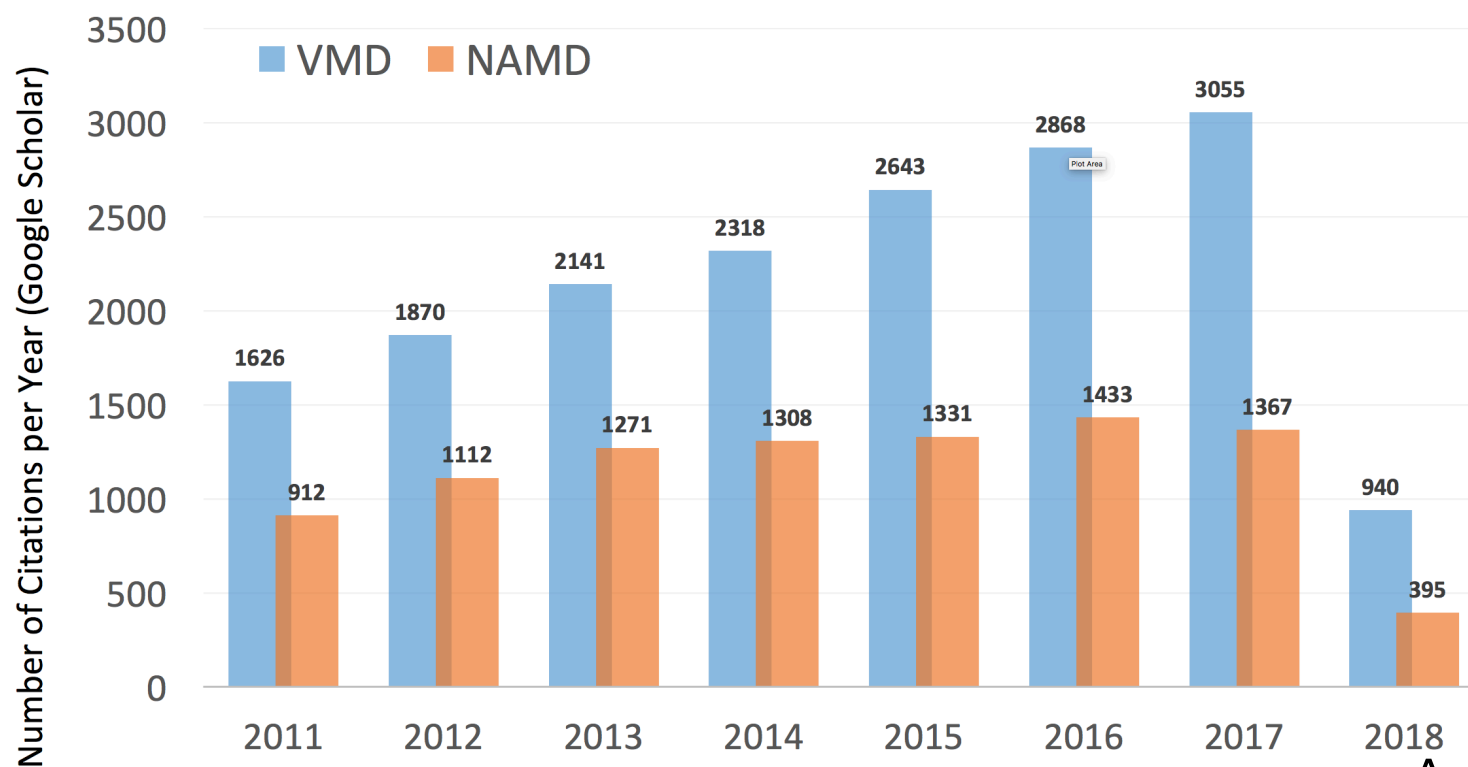
Serving the large and fast growing community of biomedical researchers employing molecular modeling and simulation technologies

103,000 VMD users
19,000 NAMD users
17,000 NIH funded
1.4 million web visitors
228,000 tutorial views



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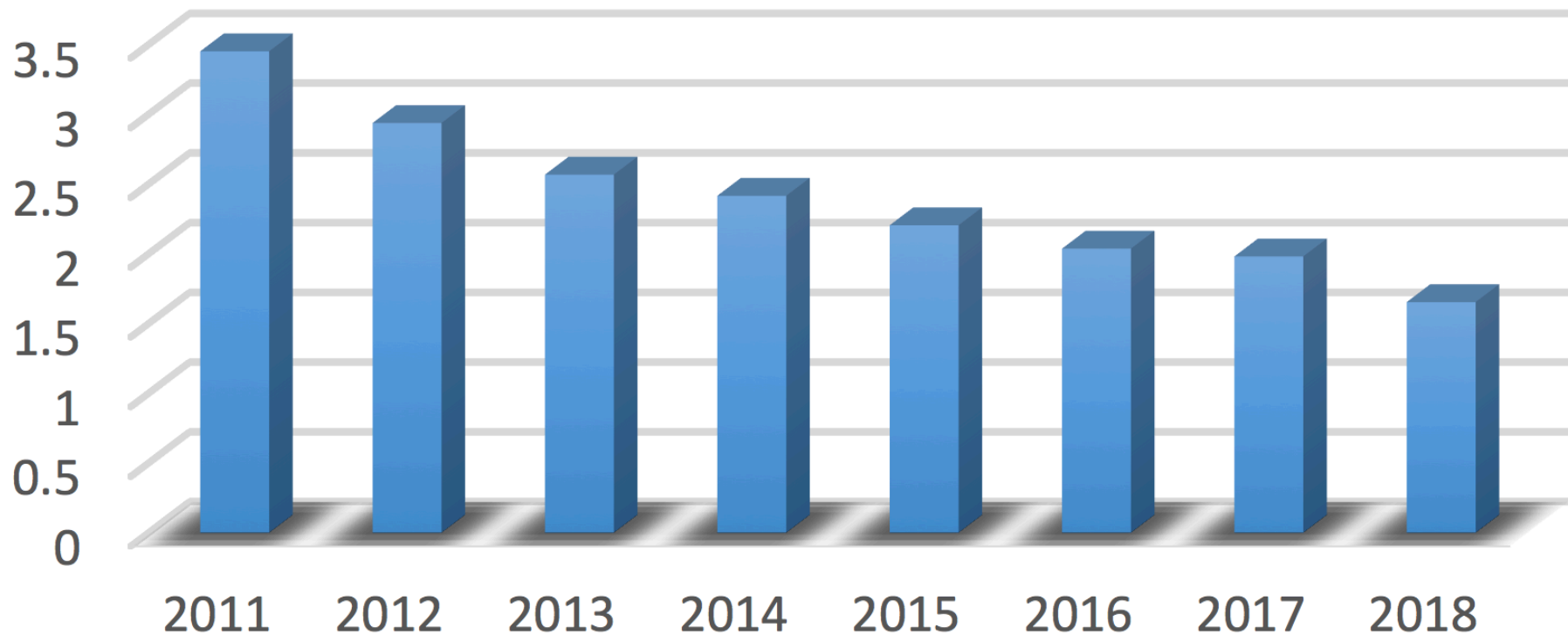


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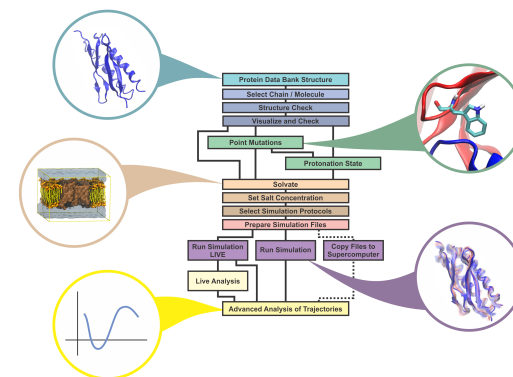
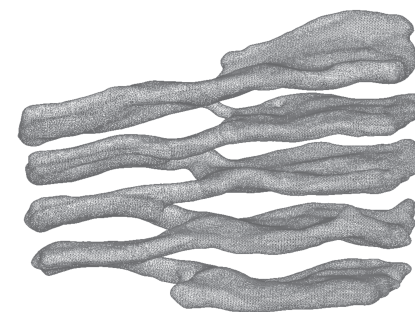
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Number of hours to next citation (**NAMD+VMD**)



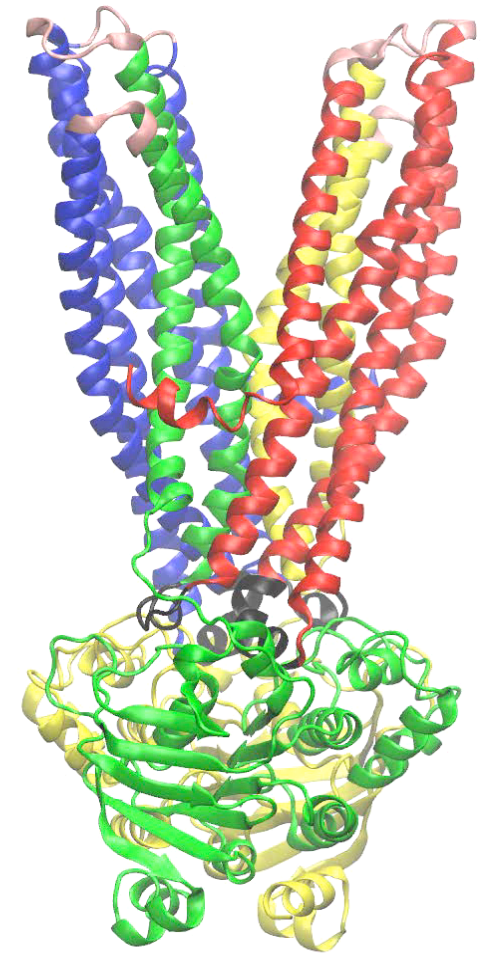
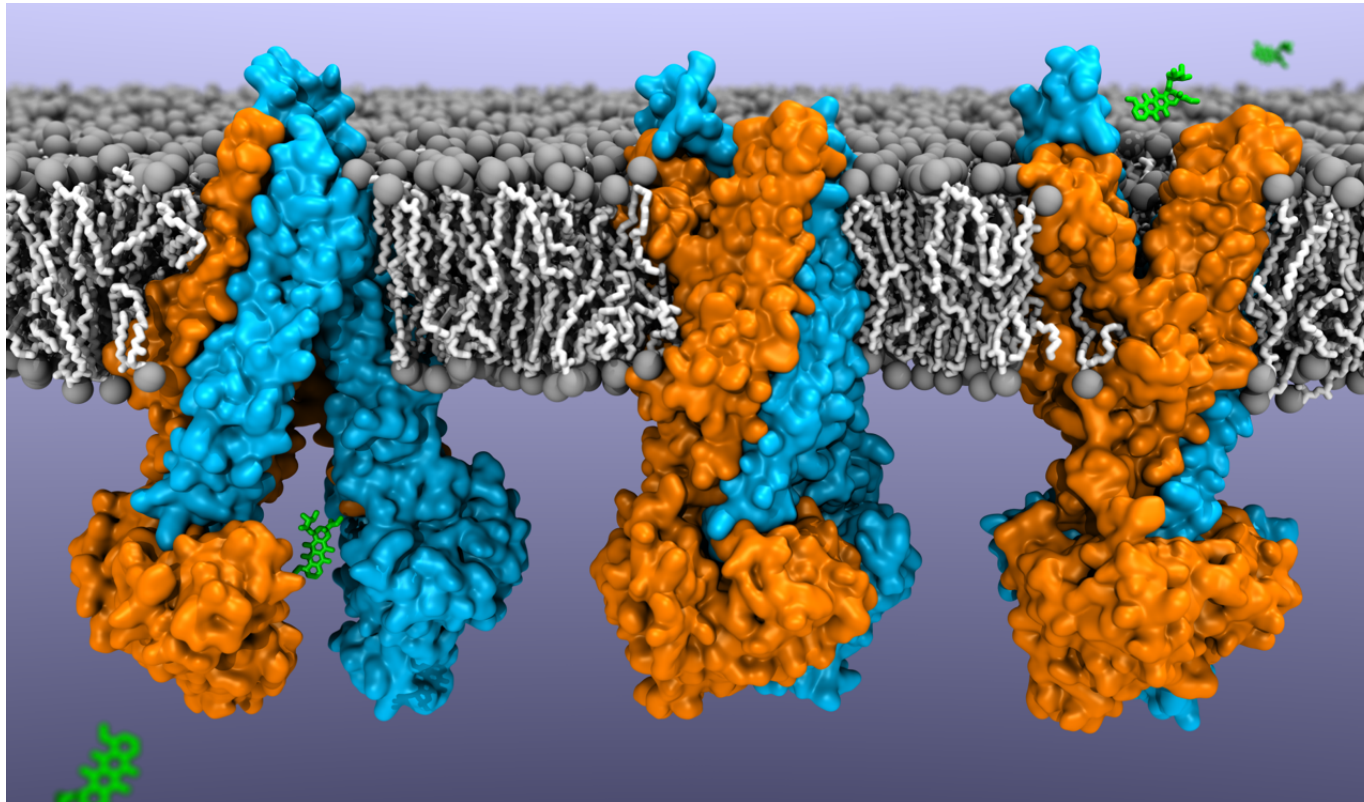
Serving a Large and Fast Growing Community

- Deploying Center's flagship programs NAMD and VMD on all major computational platforms from commodity computers to supercomputers
- Consistently adding user-requested features
 - simulation, visualization, and analysis
- Covering broad range of scales (orbitals to cells) and data types
- Enhanced software accessibility
 - QwikMD, interactive MDFF, ffTk, simulation in the Cloud, remote visualization



Computational Structural Biology

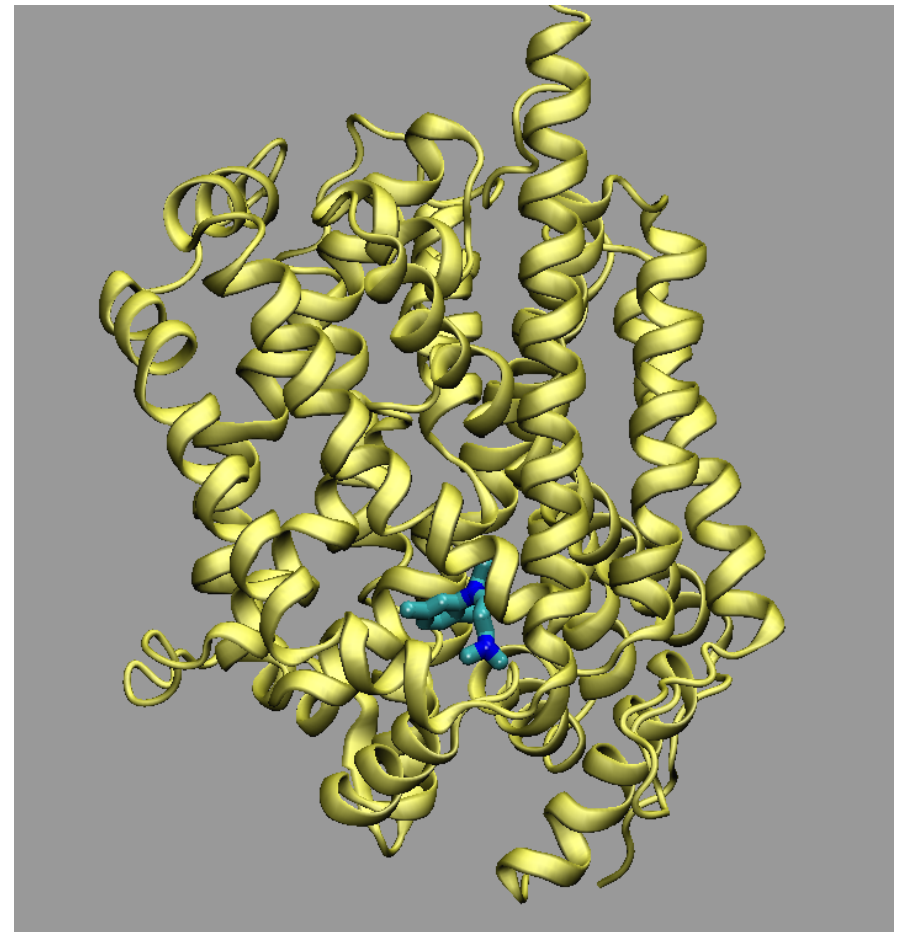
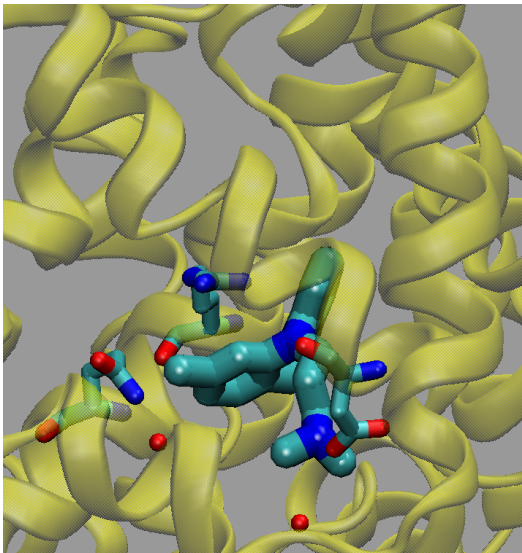
Describing Biomolecules at Nanoscale



Structure / Dynamics
@ nanoscale

Why Structural Biology at Nanoscale?

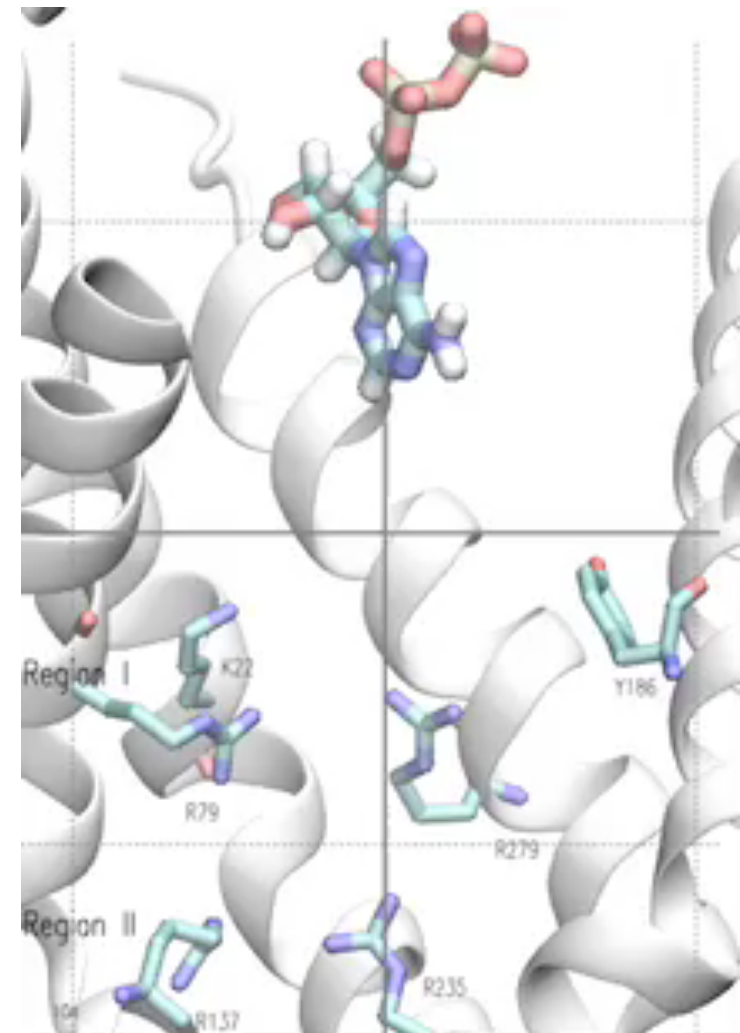
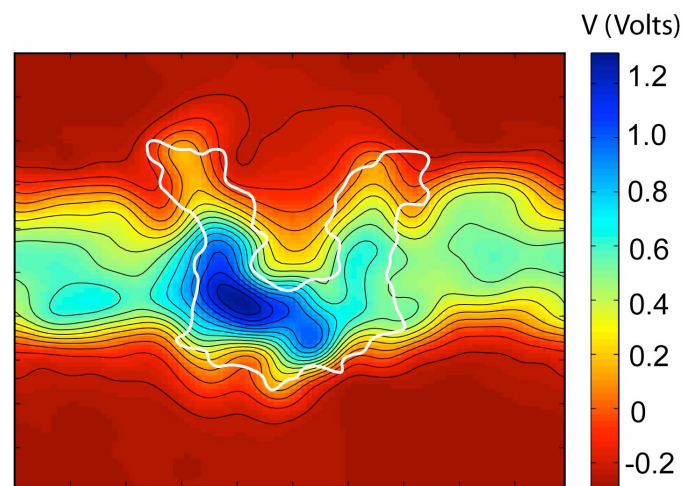
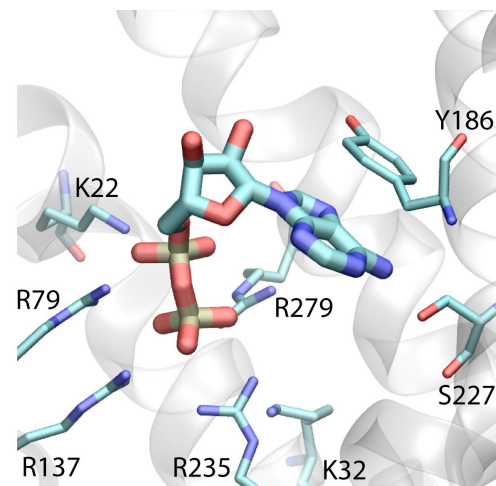
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- ◆ Molecular Basis of Disease
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Antidepressant binding site in a neurotransmitter transporter.
Nature 448: 952-956 (2007)

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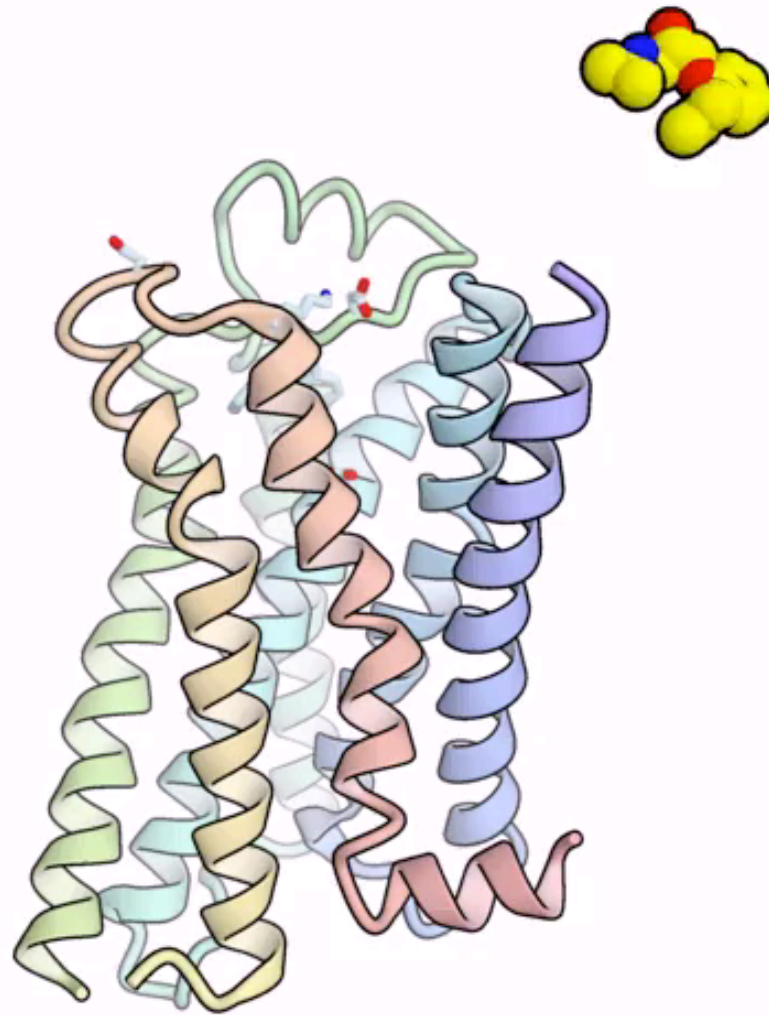
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Binding of a small molecule to a binding site
Y. Wang & E.T. PNAS 2010

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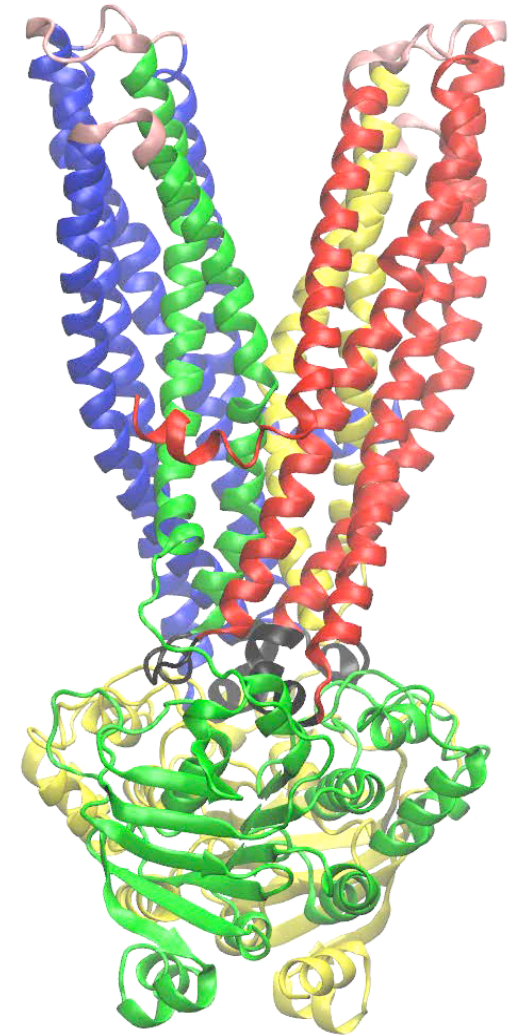
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Dror et al., PNAS 2011

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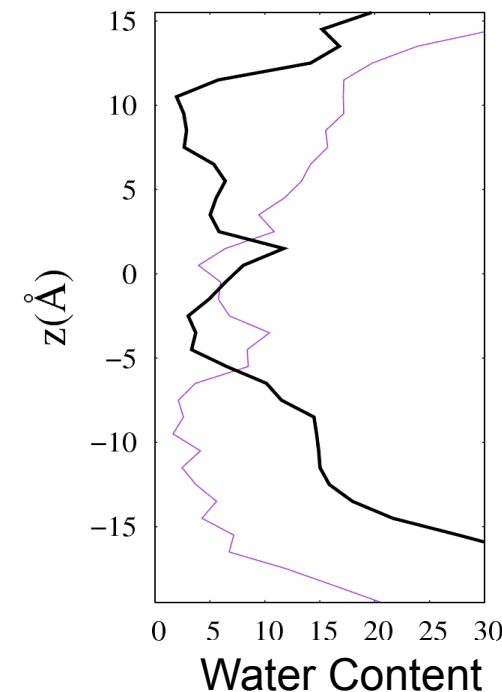
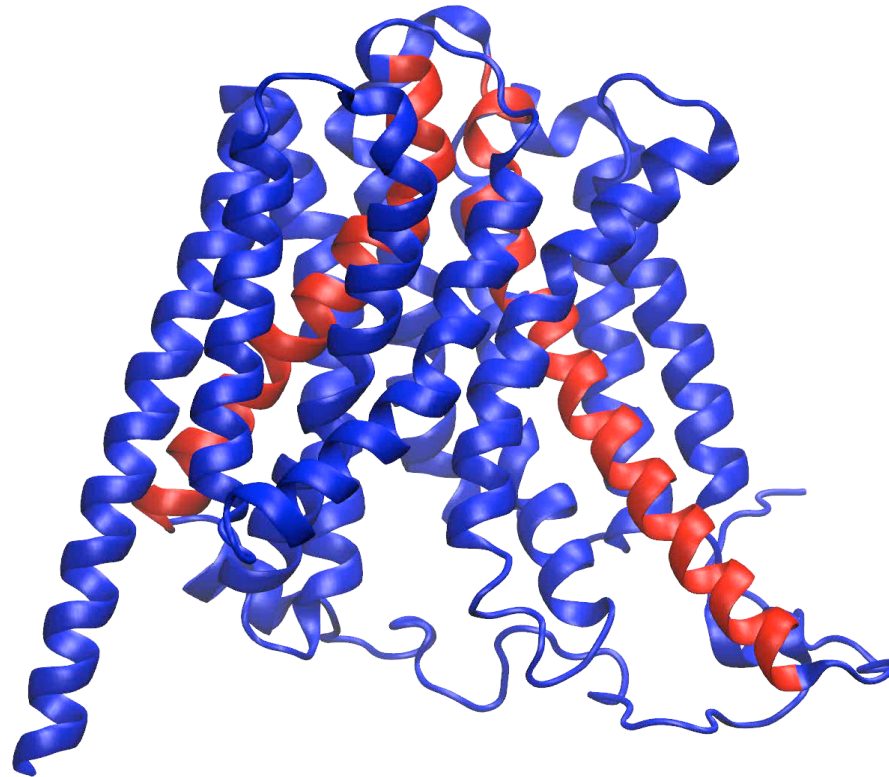
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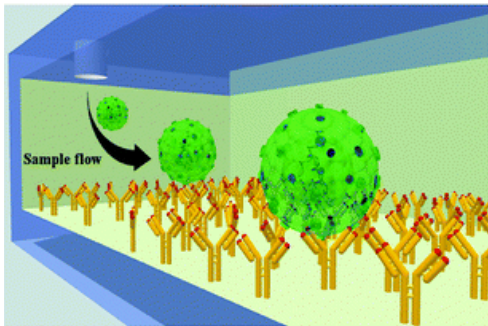
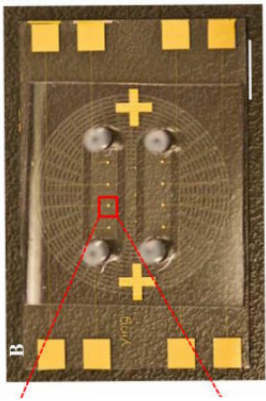


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Nano-biotechnology

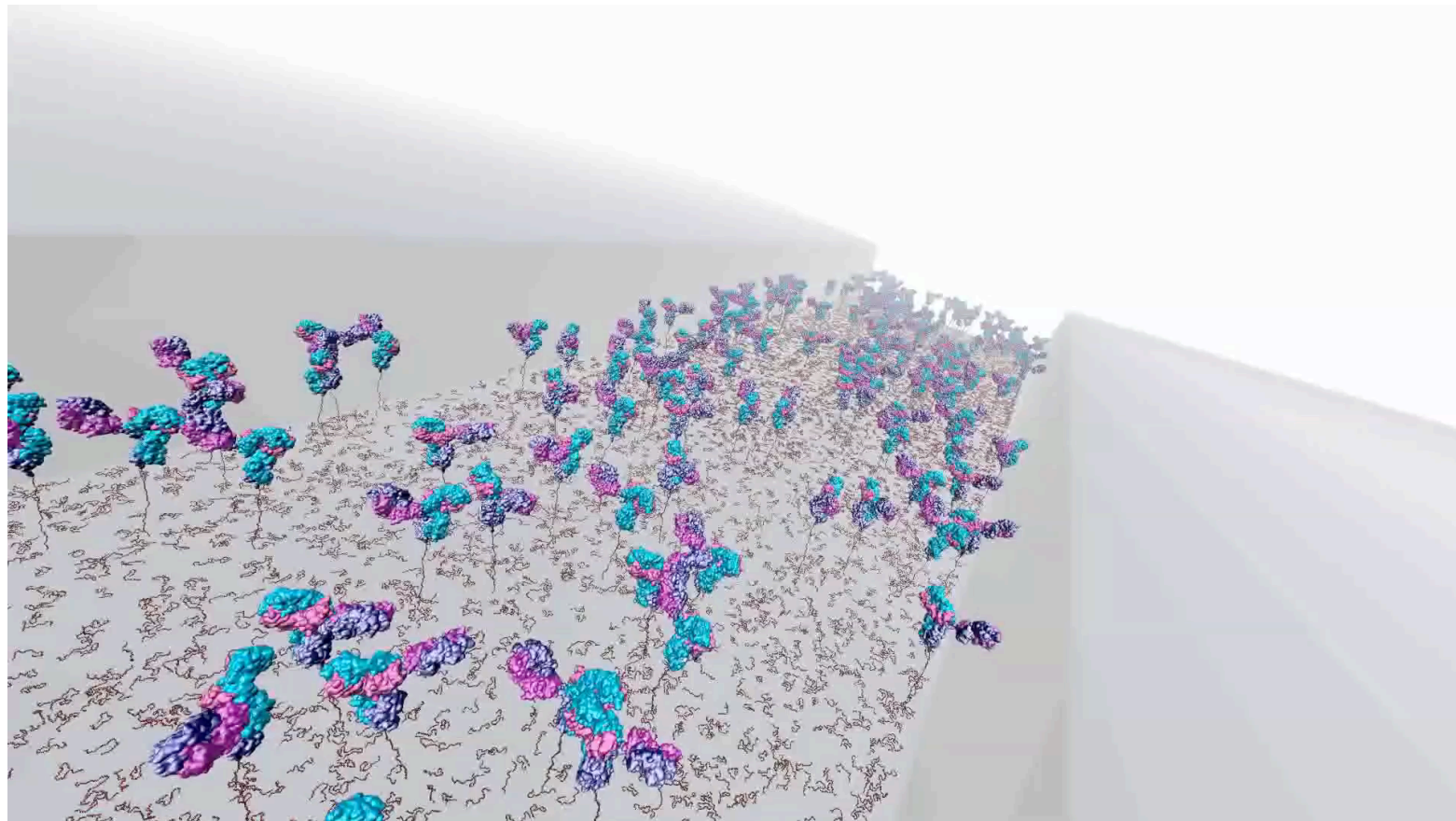
Microfluidic Sensing Devices

Functionalized nanosurface with antibodies



**HIV subtype
identification**

Lab Chip 2012



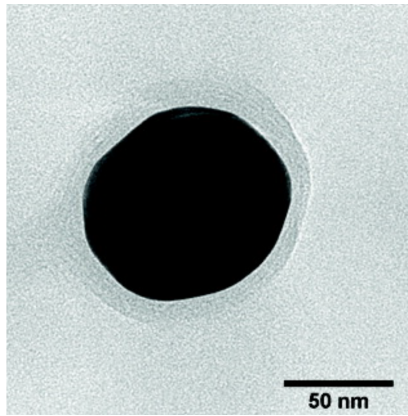
Created by **nanoBIO Node** tools

Nano-biotechnology

Gold Nanoparticles as Delivery Vehicles

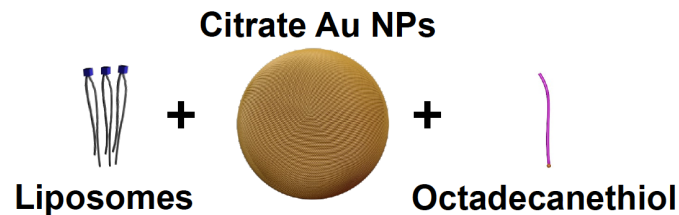
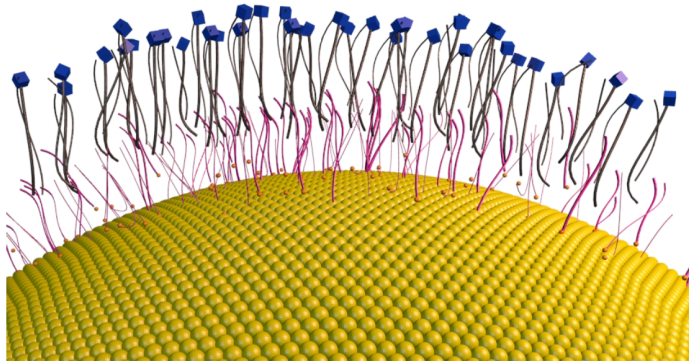
Schematic model with
no prediction power

Transmission
Electron Micrograph



Yang, J. A.; Murphy, C. J.
Langmuir 2012, 28, 5404–
5416

Cartoon representation of lipid Au NPs



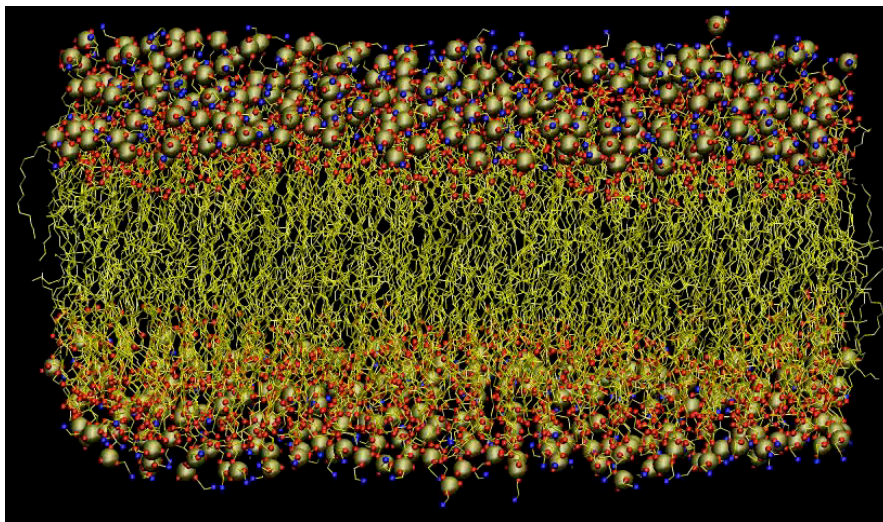
Experiment:
Murphy Lab

Modeling/Simulation:
Tajkhorshid Lab

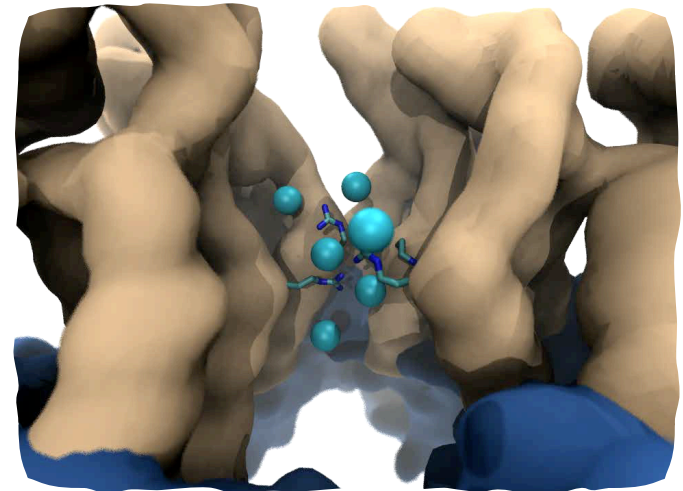
Applications of Computational Methodologies to Structural Biology

Simulation of the dynamics of the molecular system (MD)

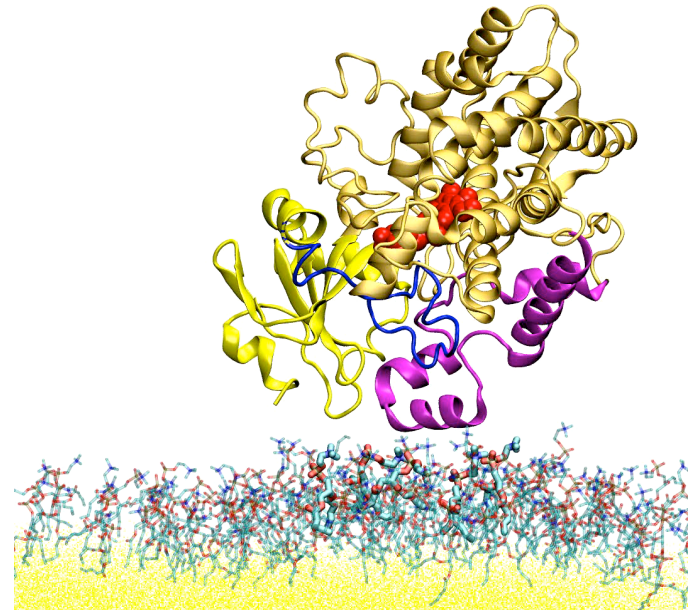
- Calculating ensemble-averaged properties of microscopic systems to compare to macroscopic measurements
- Providing a molecular basis for function
- Describing the molecular/structural changes underlying function
- ...



Thermal fluctuations of a phospholipid bilayer

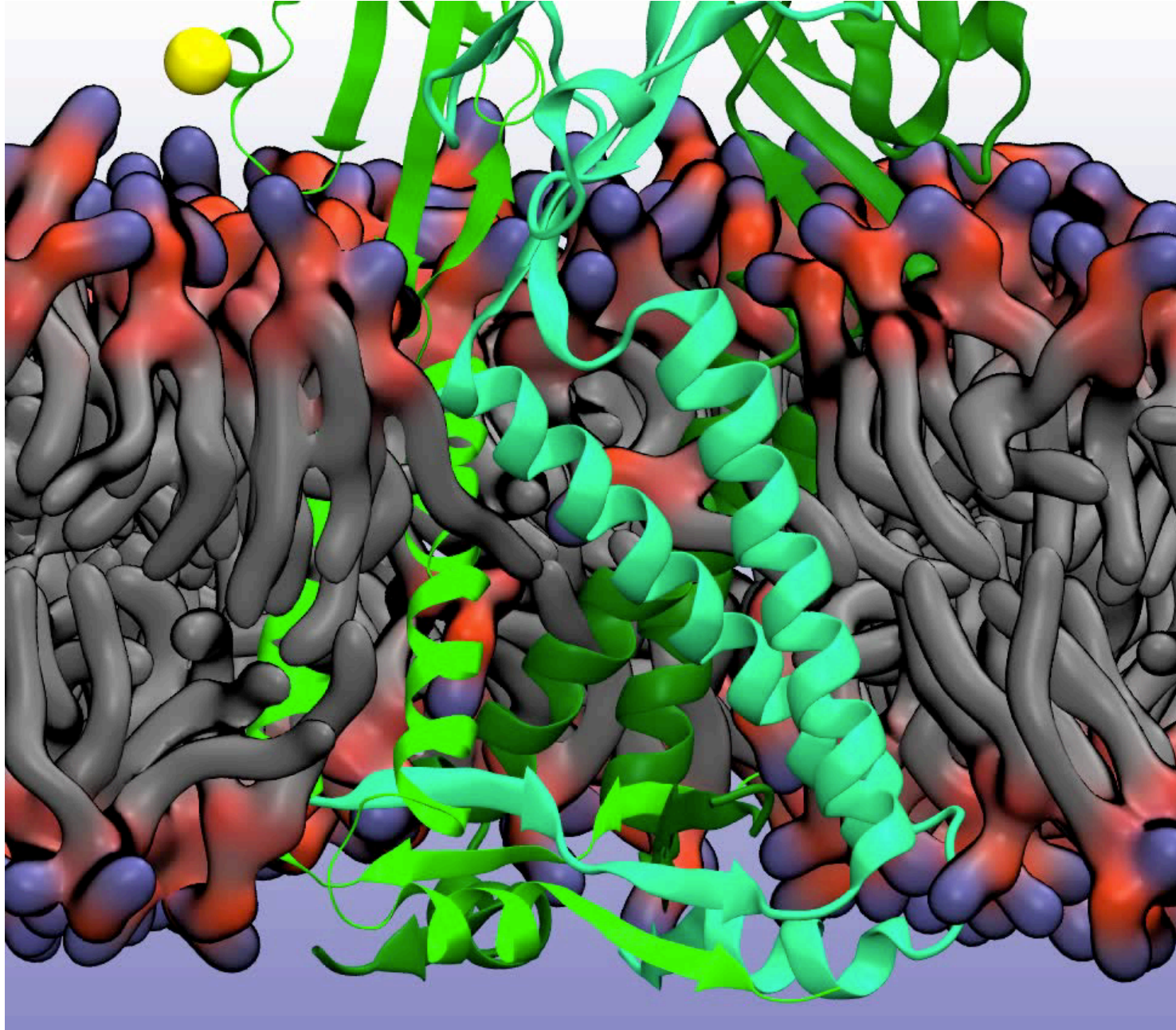


Hydration at the interface of viral shell proteins

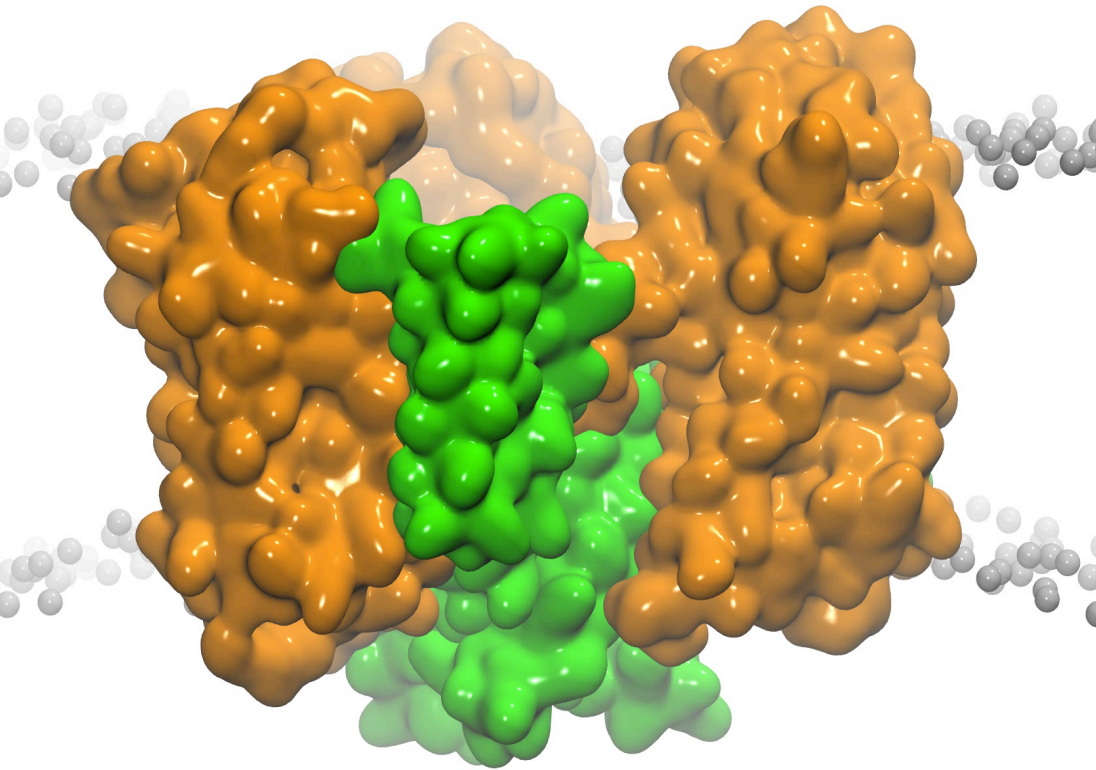


Membrane binding of a coagulation protein

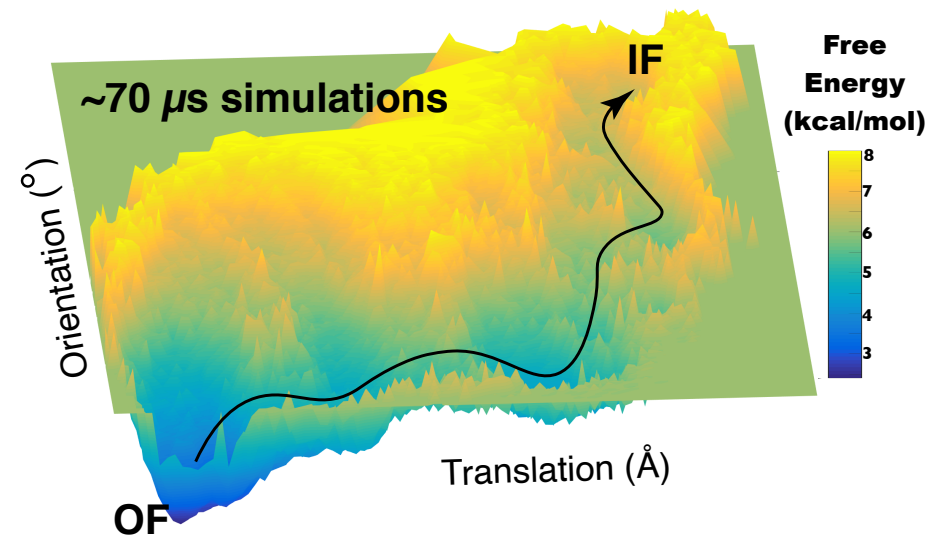
Lipid Protein Interaction



Characterizing Energy Landscapes Associated with Functional Motions of Proteins



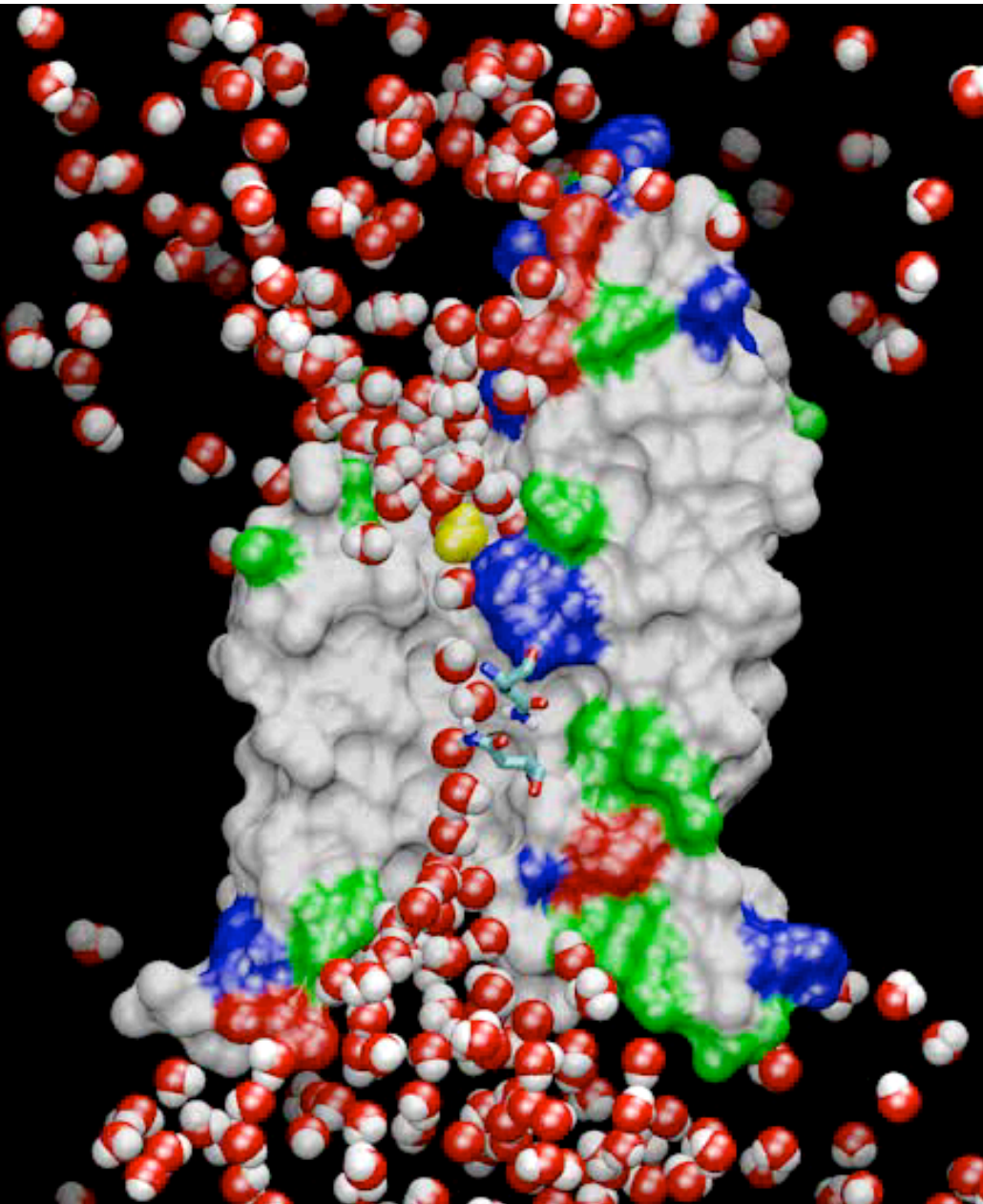
Outward-facing (OF) to Inward-facing (IF) Transition



Moradi and Tajkhorshid PNAS 2013
Moradi, ..., Tajkhorshid Nat. Comm. 2015
Verhalen, ..., Tajkhorshid, Mchaourab, Nature 2017

String method and Bias-exchange
umbrella sampling

Molecular Dynamics Simulations



Solving the Newtonian equations of motion for all particles at every time step

Major limitations:

- Time scale / sampling
- Force field approximations

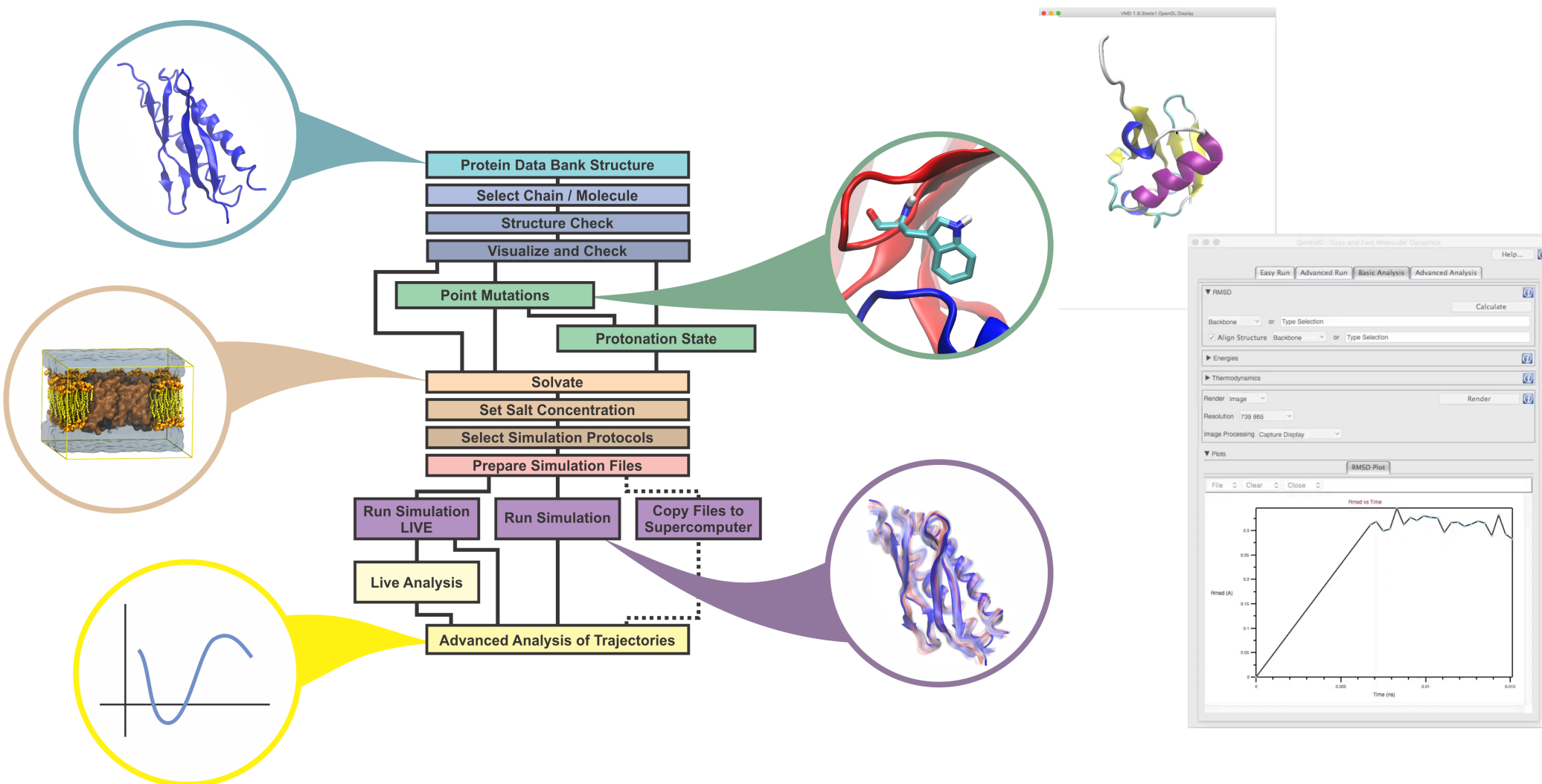
Major advantage:

- Unparalleled spatial and temporal resolutions, simultaneously

**SPEED
LIMIT**

1 fs

QwikMD- Gateway to Easy Simulation



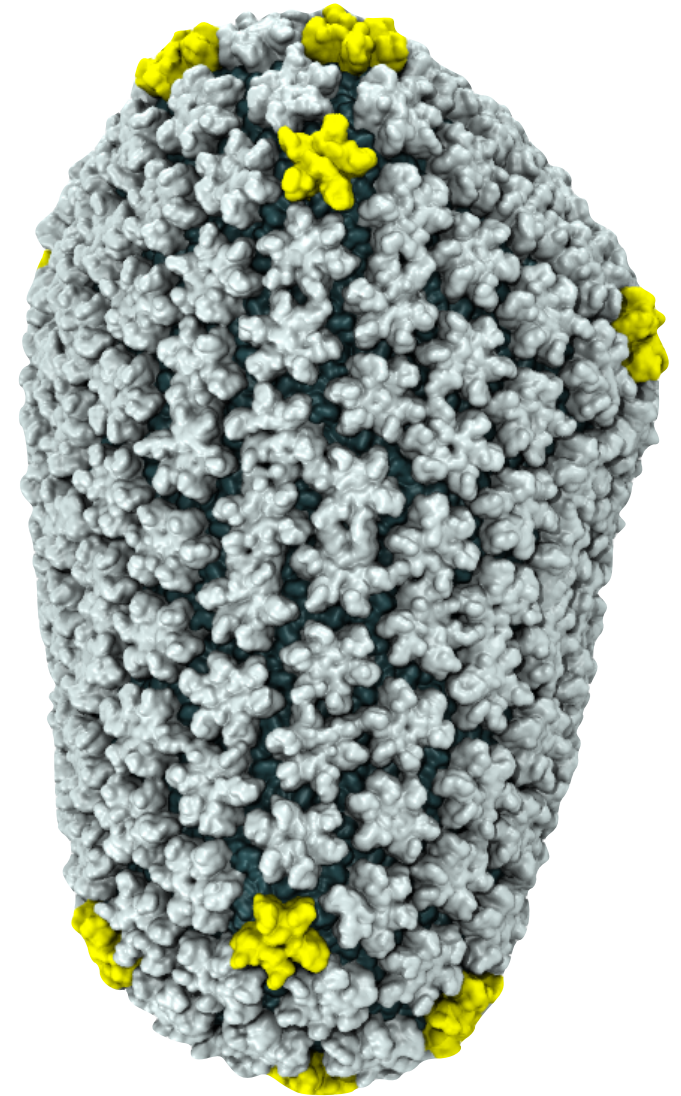
Ribeiro, J. V., ..., Schulten, K.. QwikMD — Integrative Molecular Dynamics Toolkit for Novices and Experts. **Sci. Rep.** 6, 26536; doi: 10.1038/srep26536 (2016)

Applications of Computational Methodologies to Cell-Scale Structural Biology

Using computational methods as “structure-building” tools

All experimental Structural biological approaches heavily rely on computational methods to analyze their data

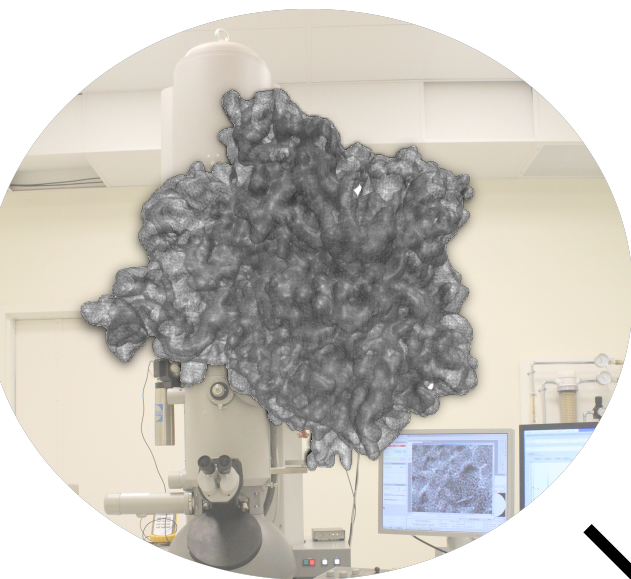
- NMR
- X-ray
- Electron Microscopy
- ...



Structural model of HIV virus

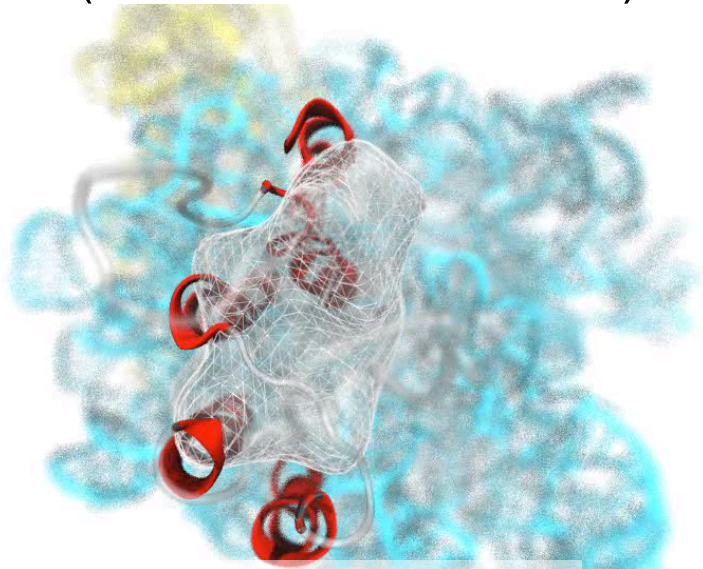
Molecular Dynamics Flexible Fitting (MDFF)

Electron
Microscope



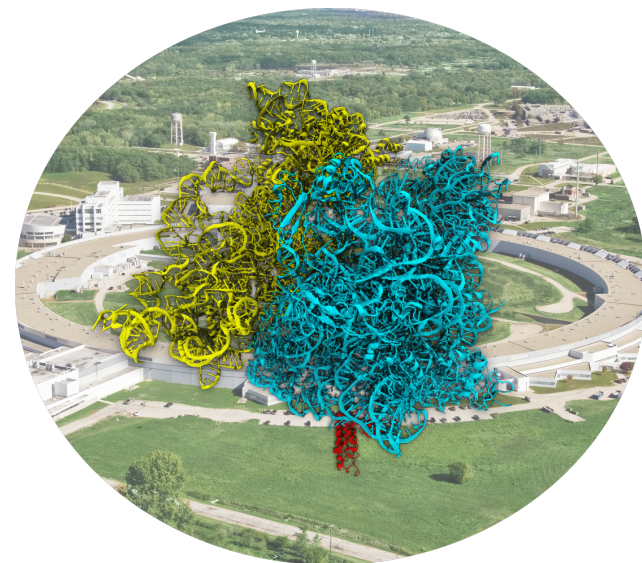
cryo-EM density
map

(Ribosome-bound YidC)

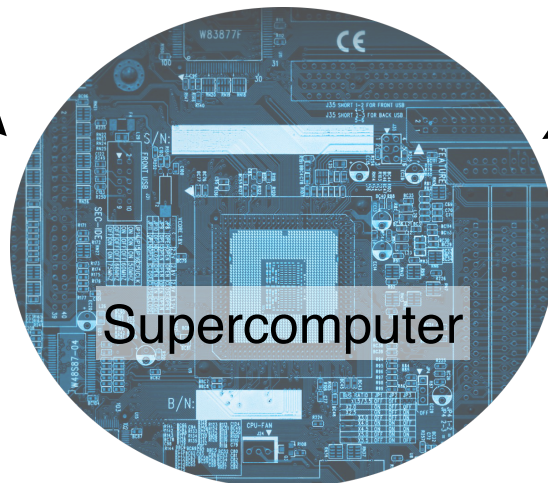


Match through MD

APS
Synchrotron



crystallographic
structure



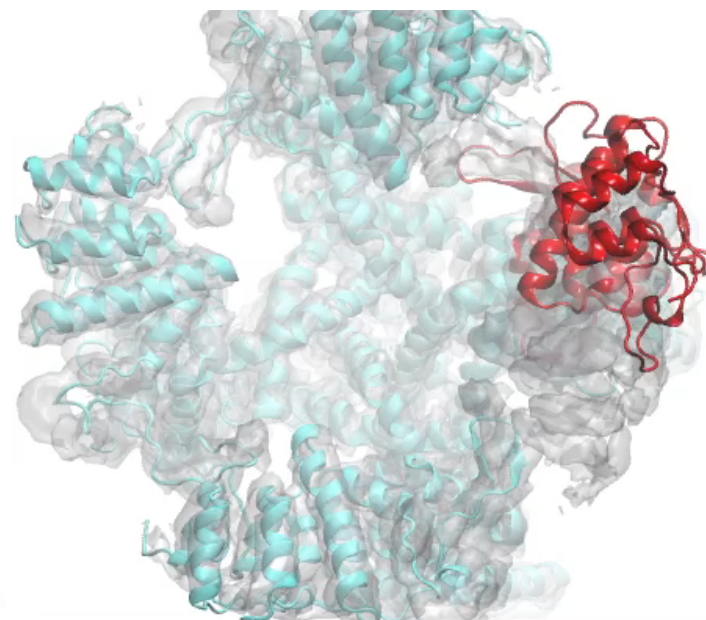
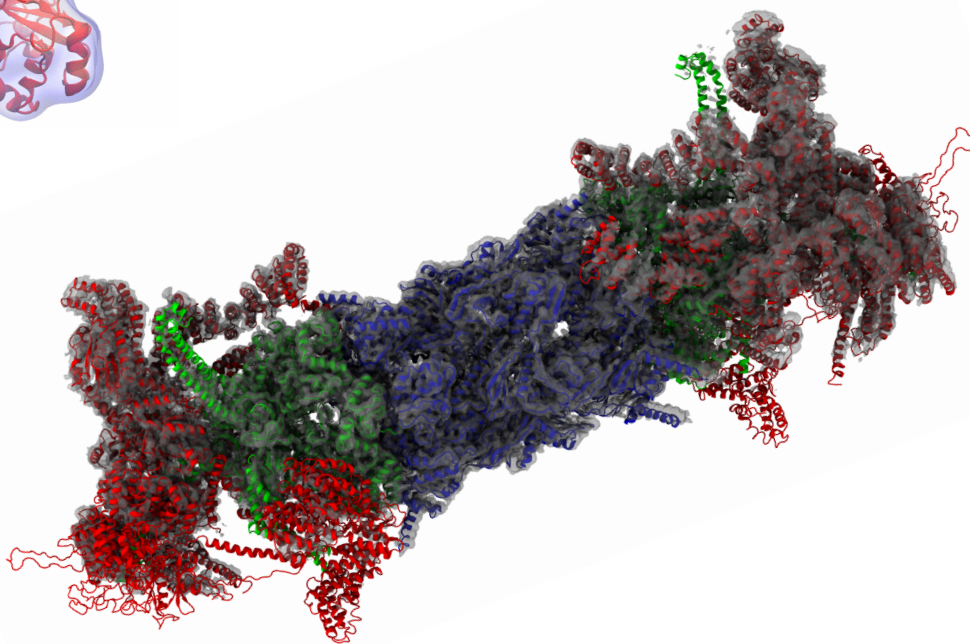
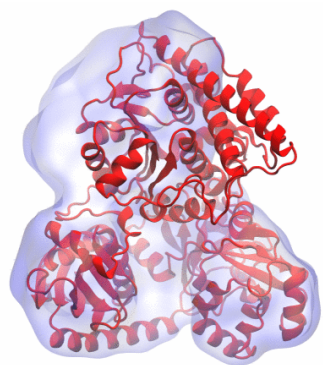
Supercomputer

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Molecular Dynamics Flexible Fitting (MDFF)

Integrating experimental data to
produce models of biomolecular
complexes with atomic detail

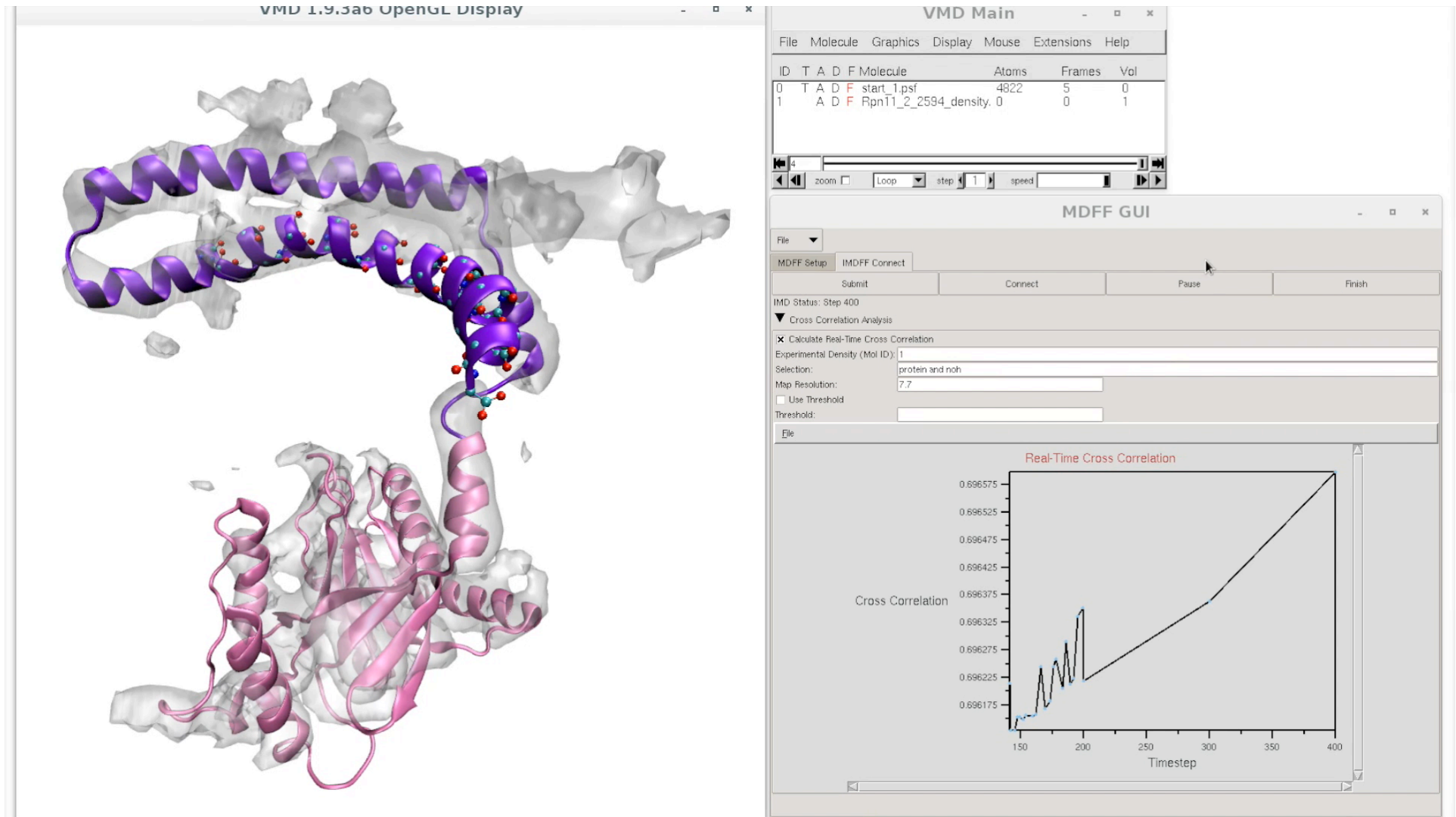


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Technology Made Highly Accessible to the Community

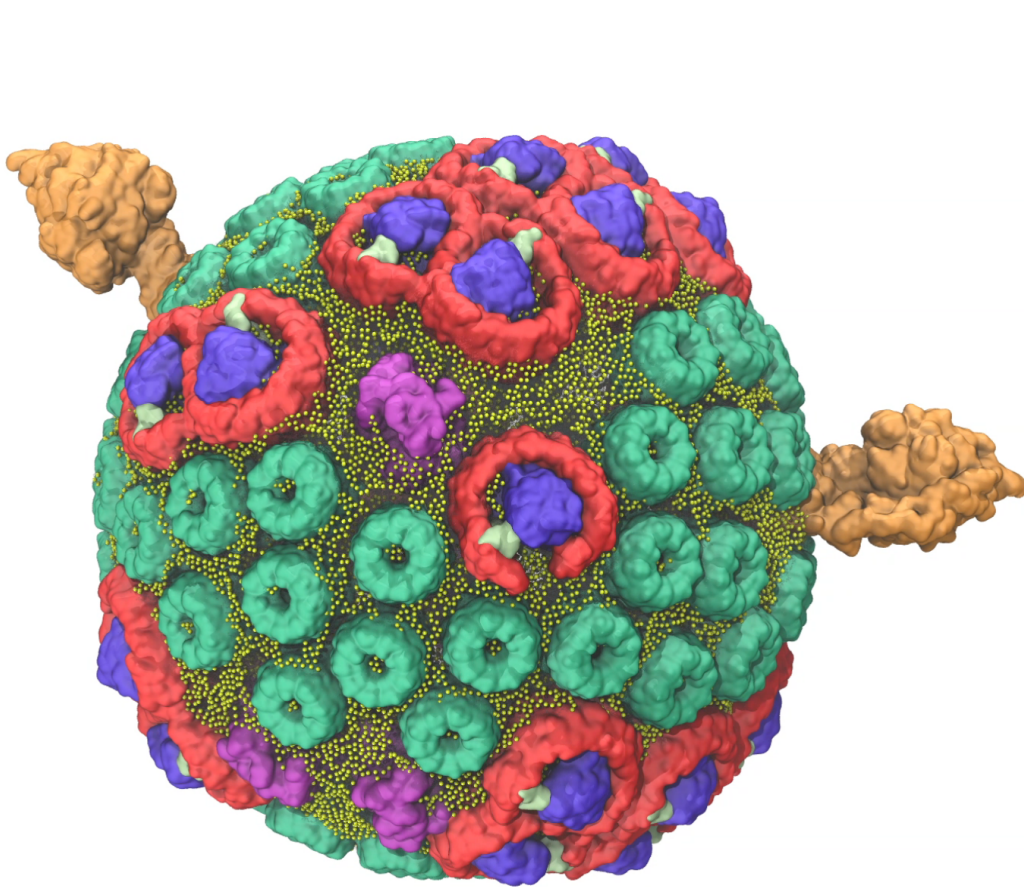
interactive MDFF



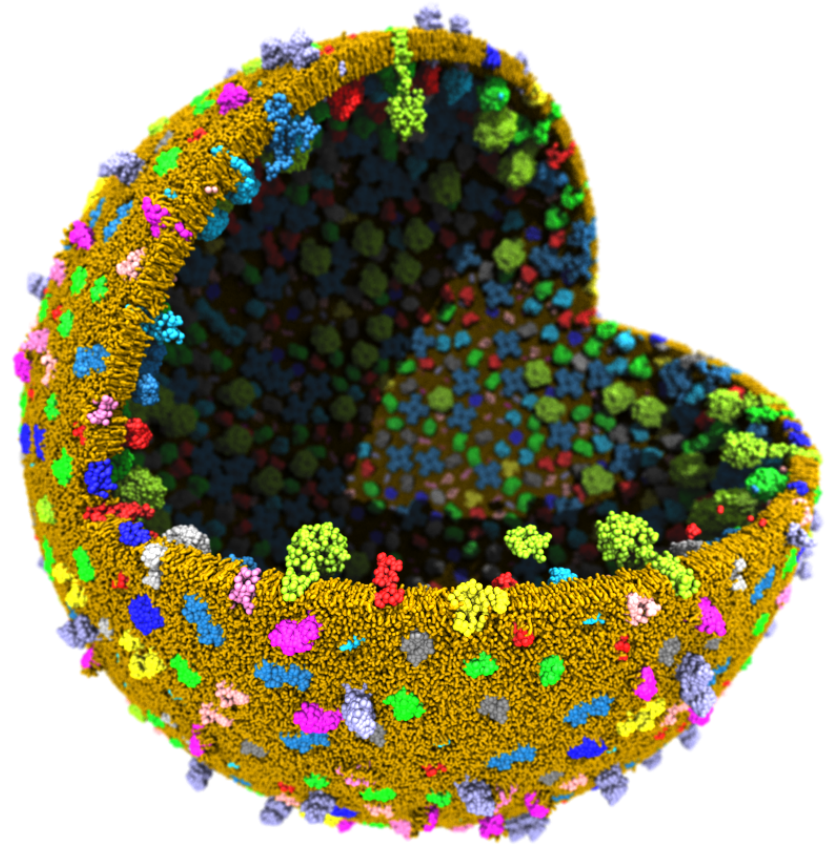
Developed primarily for experimental users

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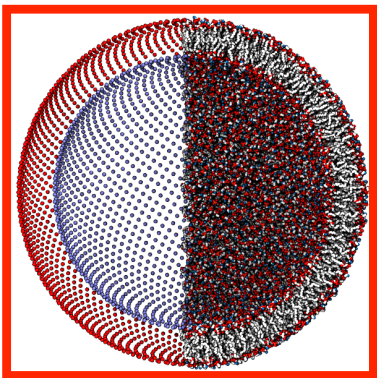
The most detailed model of a chromatophore



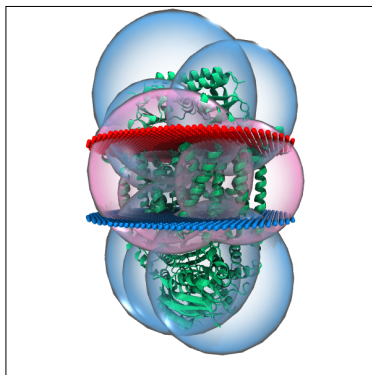
Computational model of a minimal cell envelope

Automated Protein Embedding into Complex Membrane Structures

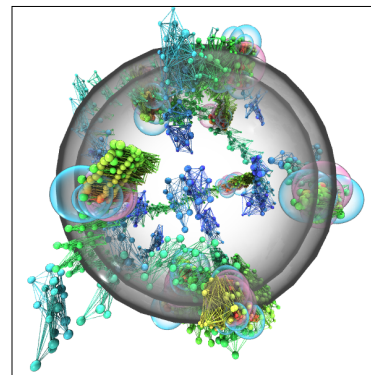
Vesicle Construction



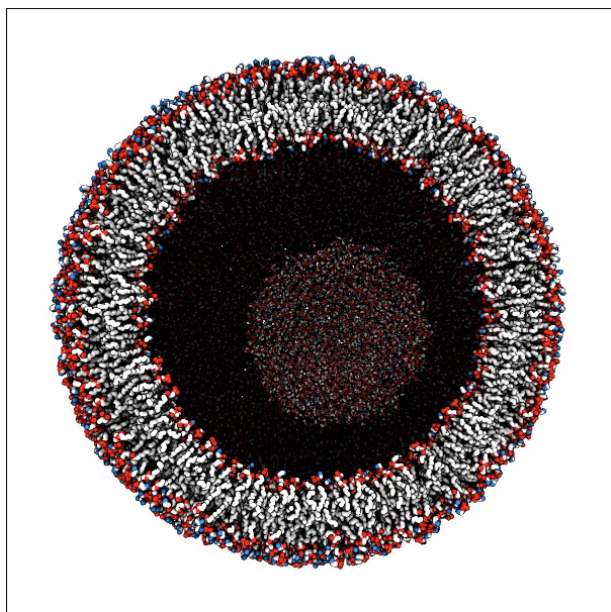
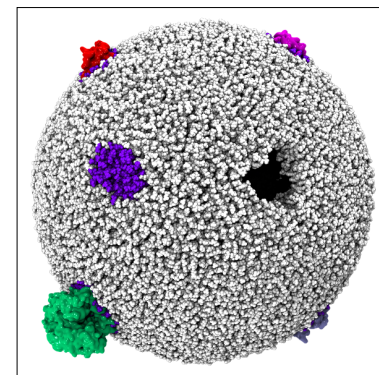
Coarse Grain Protein



CG Protein Placement



Combine Lipid + Protein



Distribution of proteins across the membrane surface (dense environment)

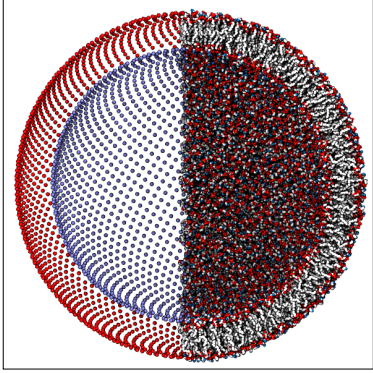
- Ability to handle a variety of protein geometries
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Embedding proteins into the membrane

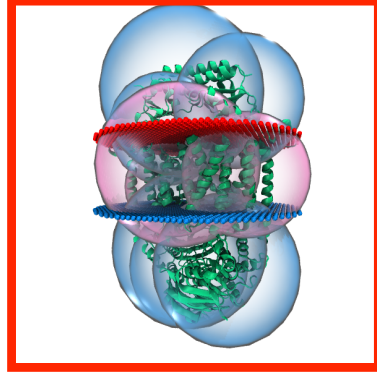
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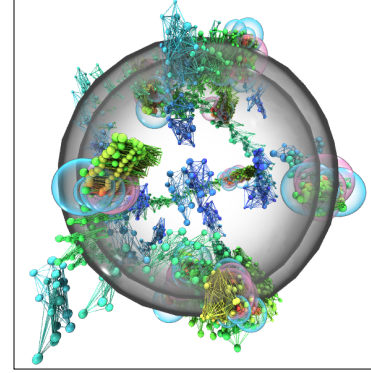
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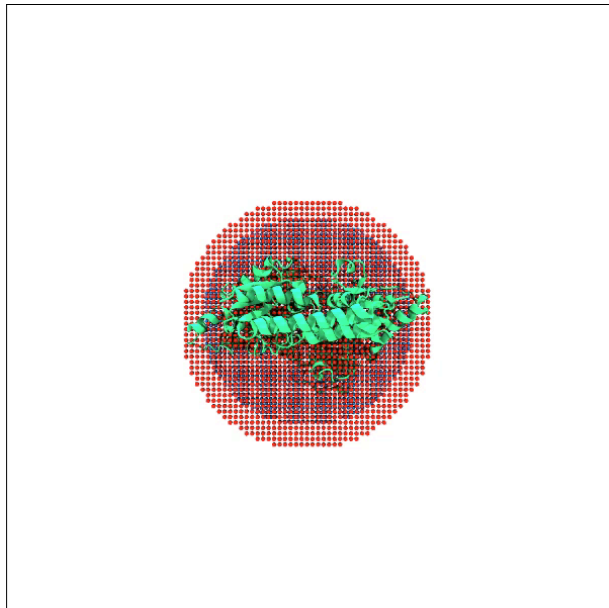
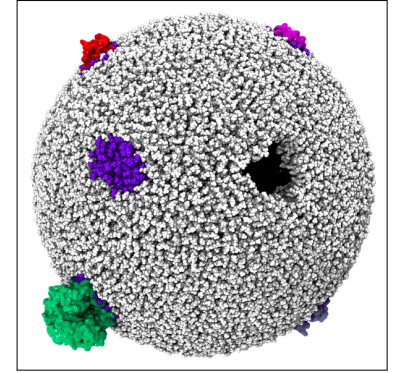
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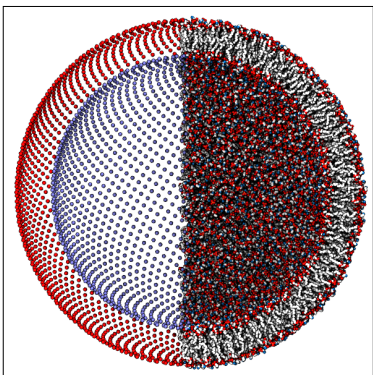
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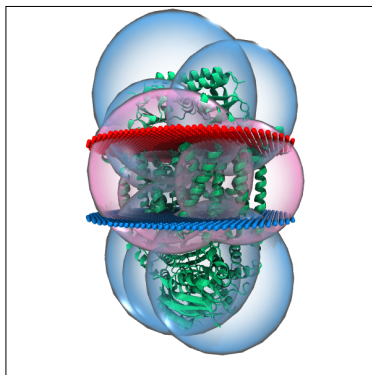
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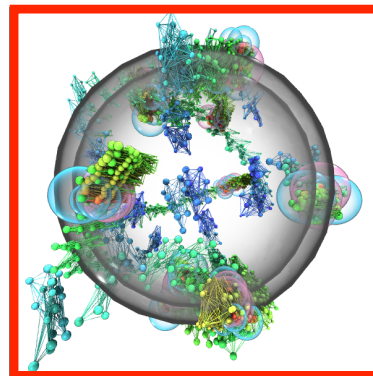
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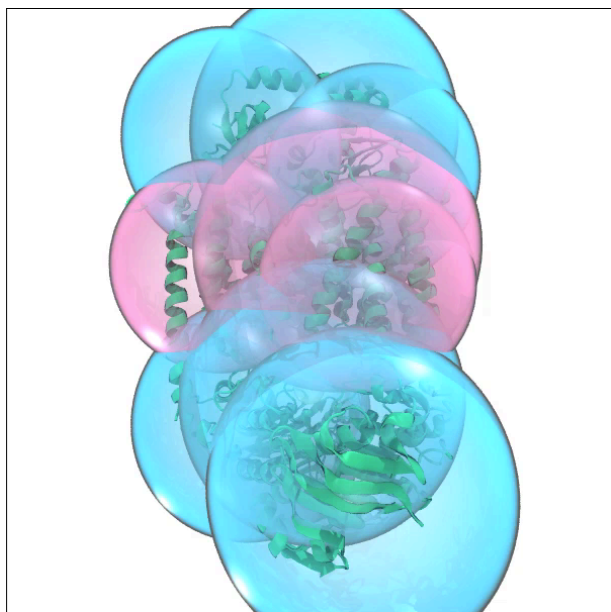
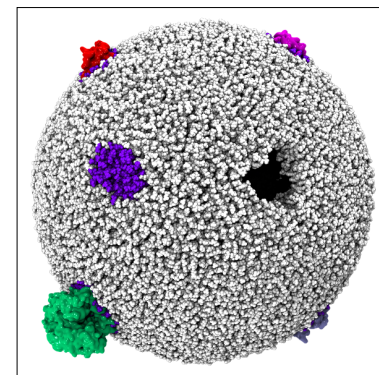
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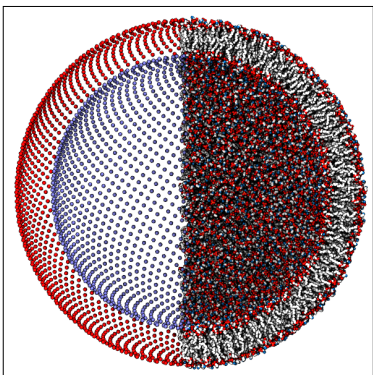
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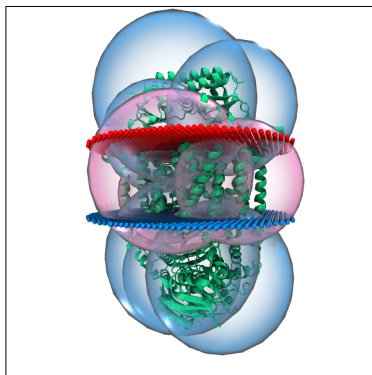
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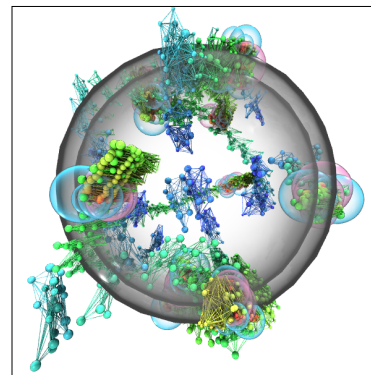
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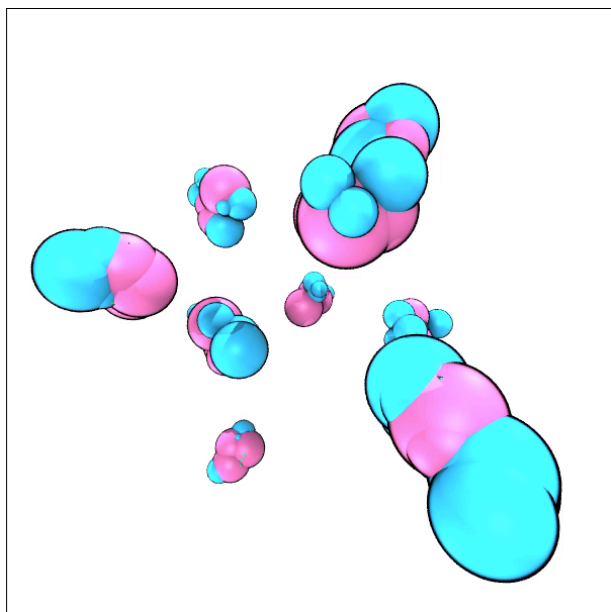
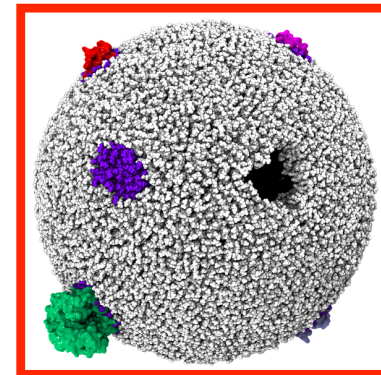
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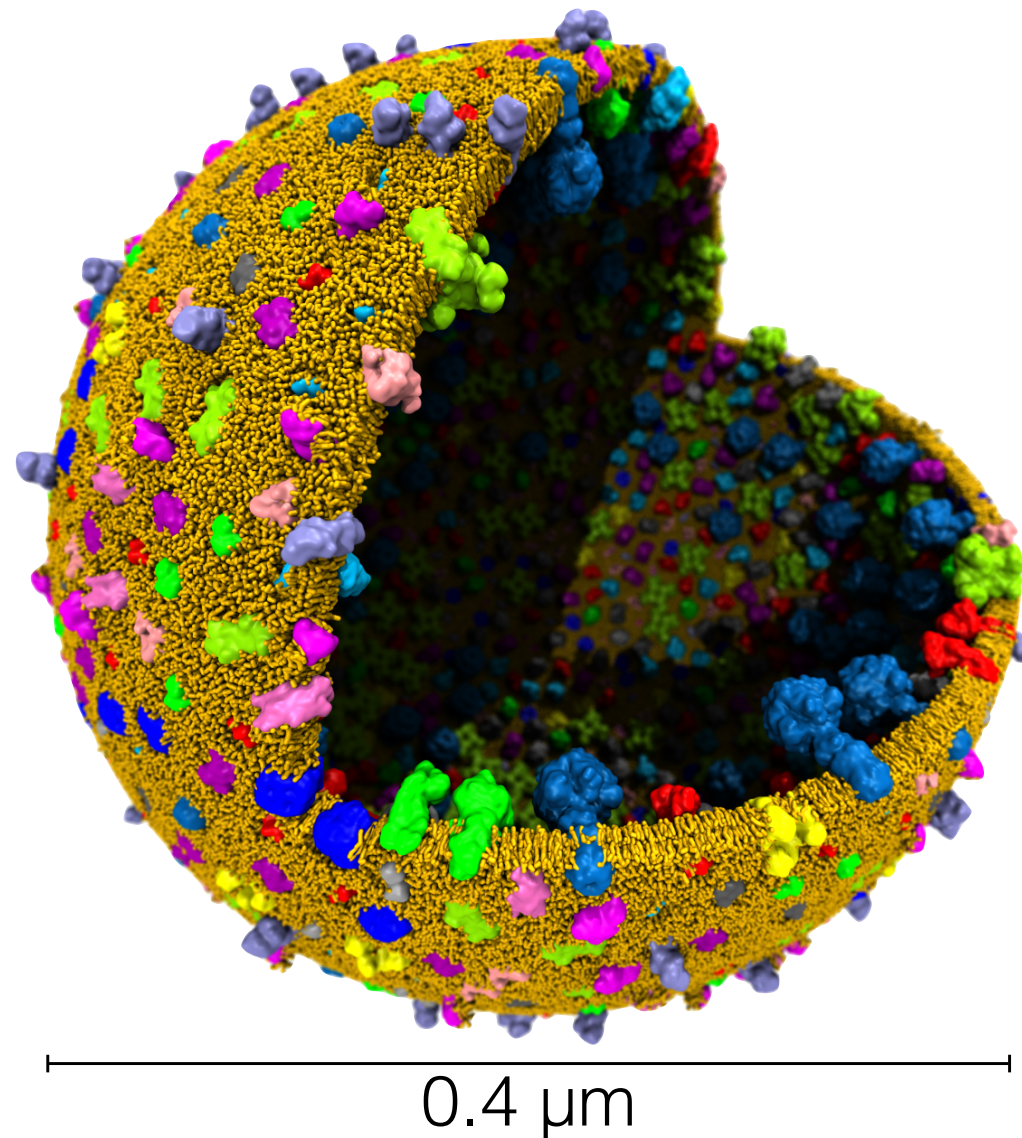
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113 million Martini particles
representing **1 billion** atoms

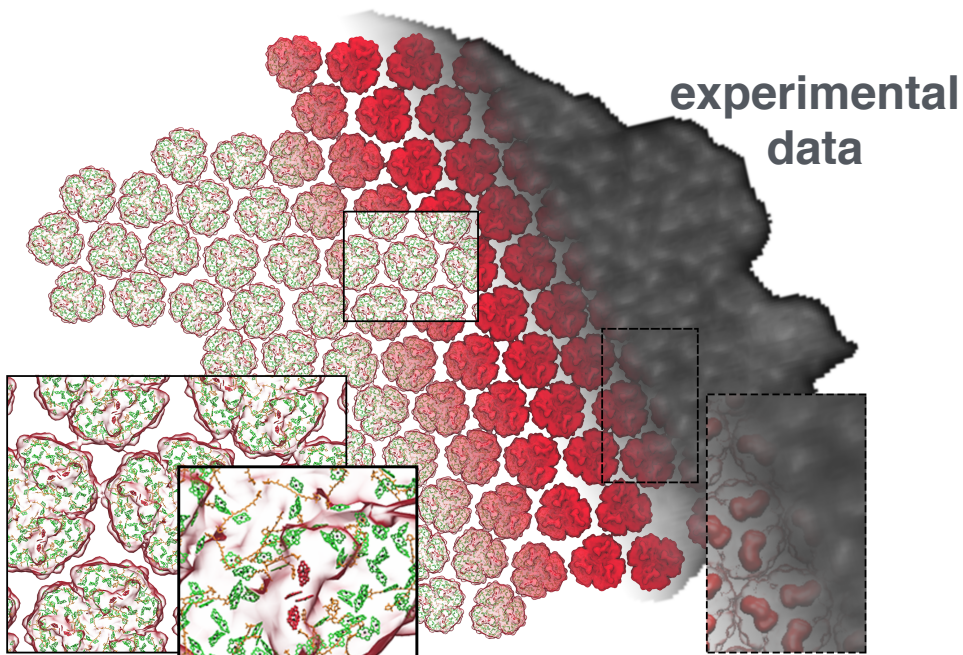


<u>Protein Components</u>	<u>Copy #</u>
● Aquaporin Z	97
● Copper Transporter (CopA)	166
● F1 ATPase	63
● Lipid Flipase (MsbA)	29
● Molybdenum transporter (ModBC)	130
● Translocon (SecY)	103
● Methionine transporter (MetNI)	136
● Membrane chaperon (YidC)	126
● Energy coupling factor (ECF)	117
● Potassium transporter (KtrAB)	148
● Glutamate transporter (Glt _{TK})	41
● Cytidine-Diphosphate diacylglycerol (Cds)	50
● Membrane-bound protease (PCAT)	57
● Folate transporter (FolT)	134
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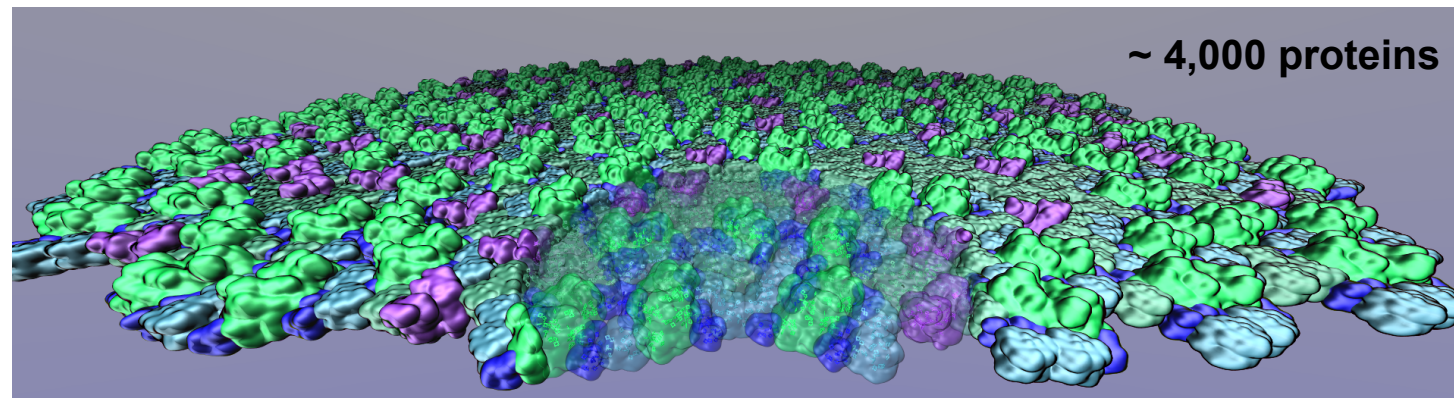
3.7 M lipids (DPPC), 2.4 M Na⁺ & Cl⁻ ions,
104 M water particles (4 H₂O / particle)

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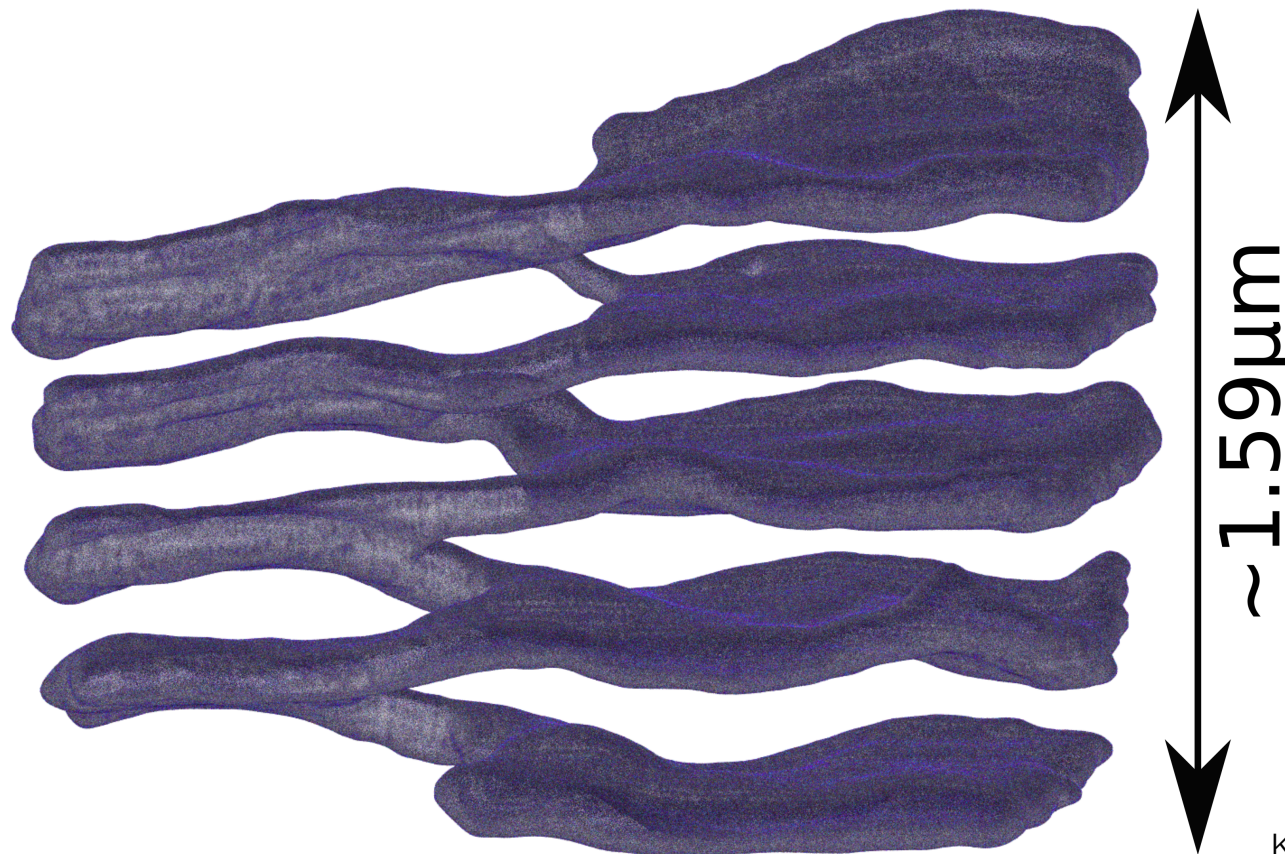
A bioenergetic membrane



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Guided Construction of Membranes from Experimental Data
Experimentally-Derived Membrane of Arbitrary Shape Builder

Terasaki Ramp
~4 Billion Atoms



— Outer Leaflet

— Inner Leaflet

— Cholesterol

● POPC

● POPE

● POPI

● POPS

● Sphingomyelin

● Cardiolipin

Terasaki et al., *Cell*, **2013**.

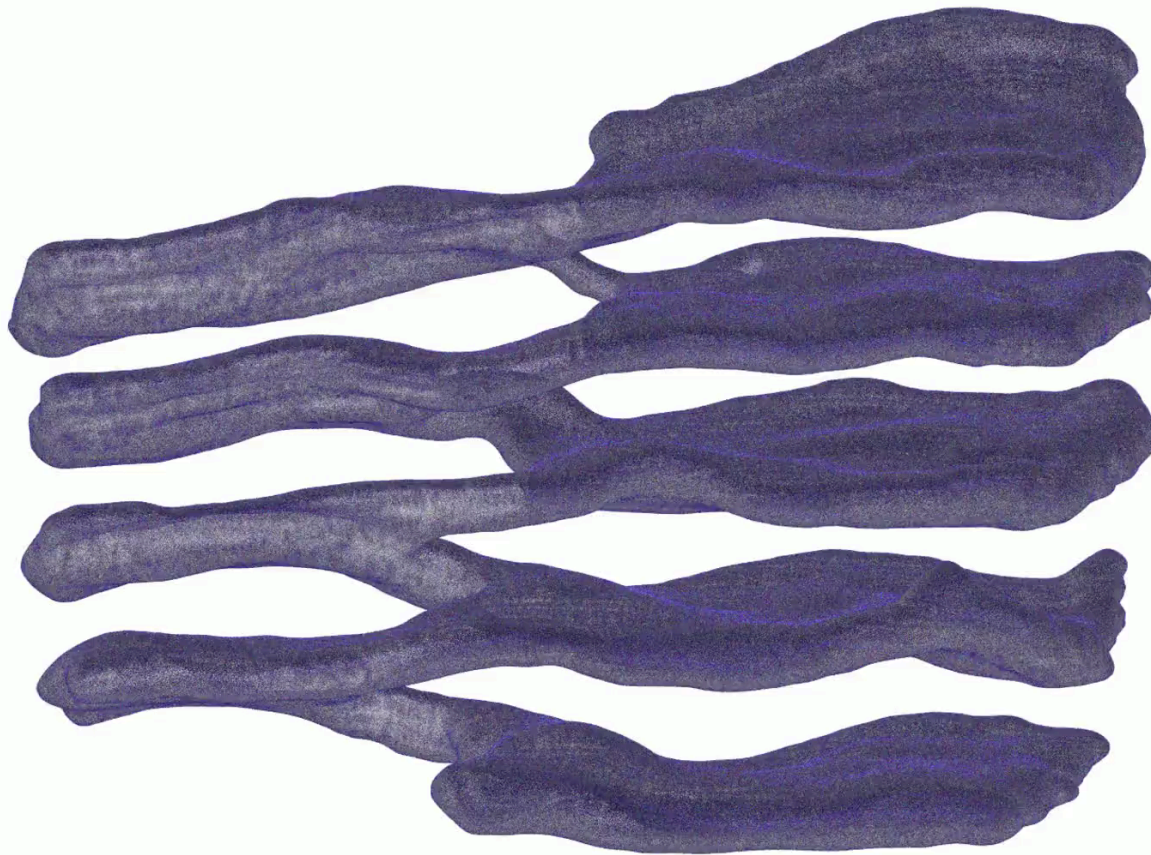
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