

# Using Supercomputers for Computer Modeling of Biomolecules & Drug Design

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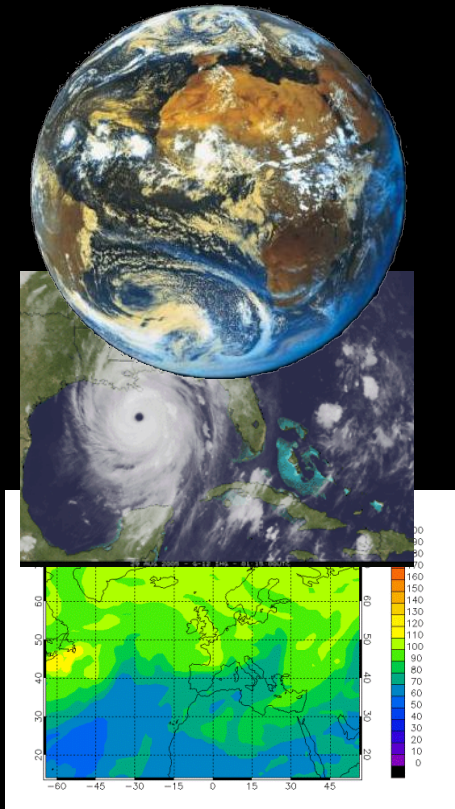
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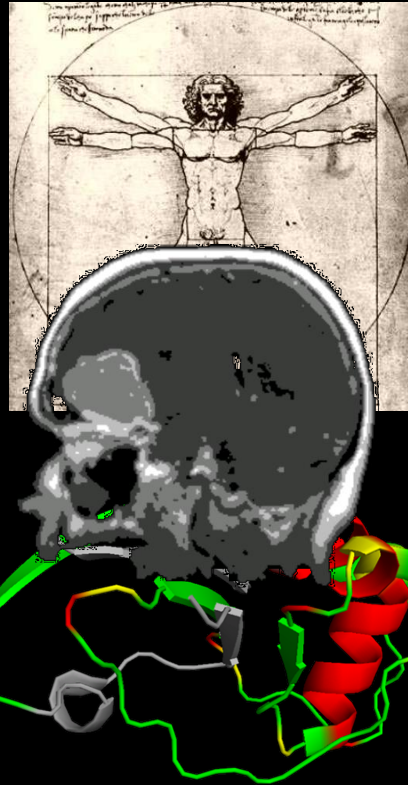
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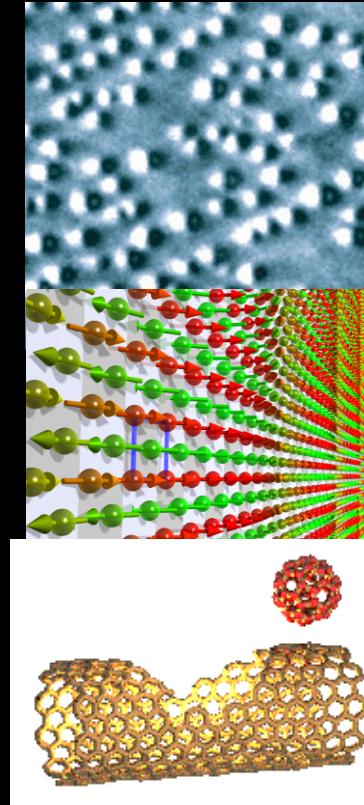
# Supercomputing Drives Science through Simulation



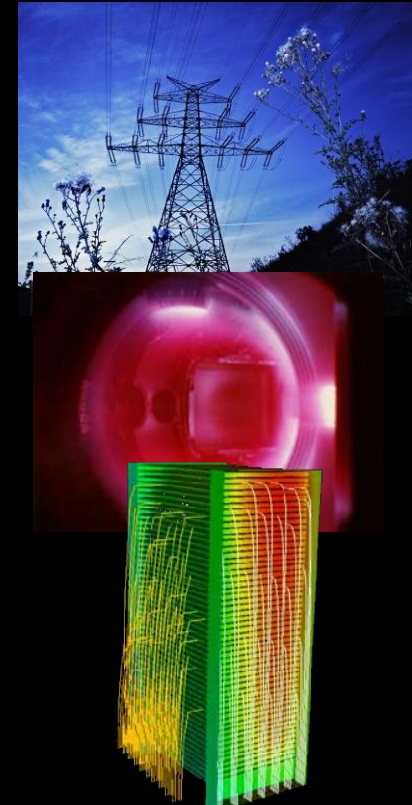
**Environment**  
Weather/ Climatology  
Pollution / Ozone Hole



**Finding Cures**  
Medicine  
Biology



**Materials/ Inf. Tech**  
Spintronics  
Nano-science

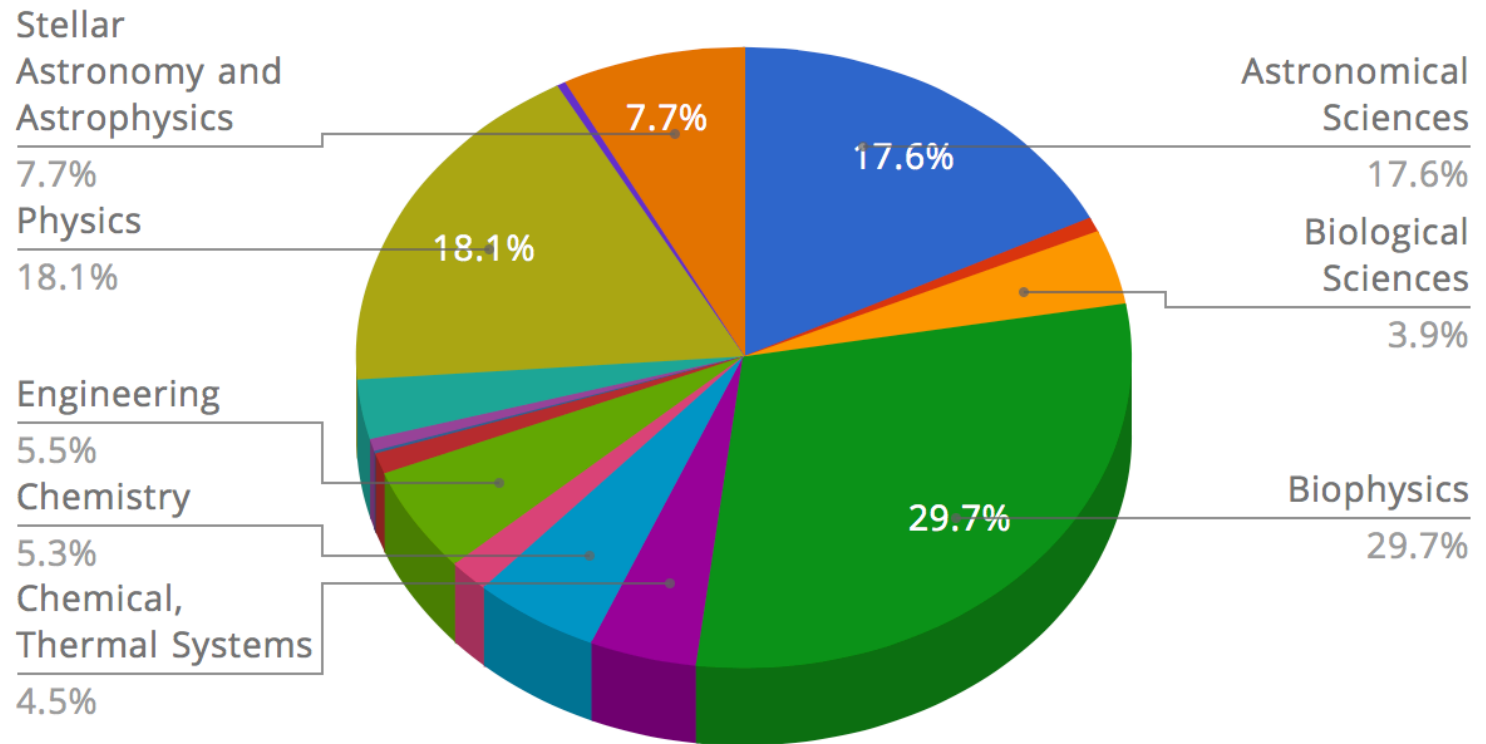


**Energy**  
Plasma Physics  
Fuel Cells



# Distribution of HPC based on Science Area

## CURRENT RUNNING JOBS BY SCIENCE AREA



Source: <https://bluwaters.ncsa.illinois.edu>

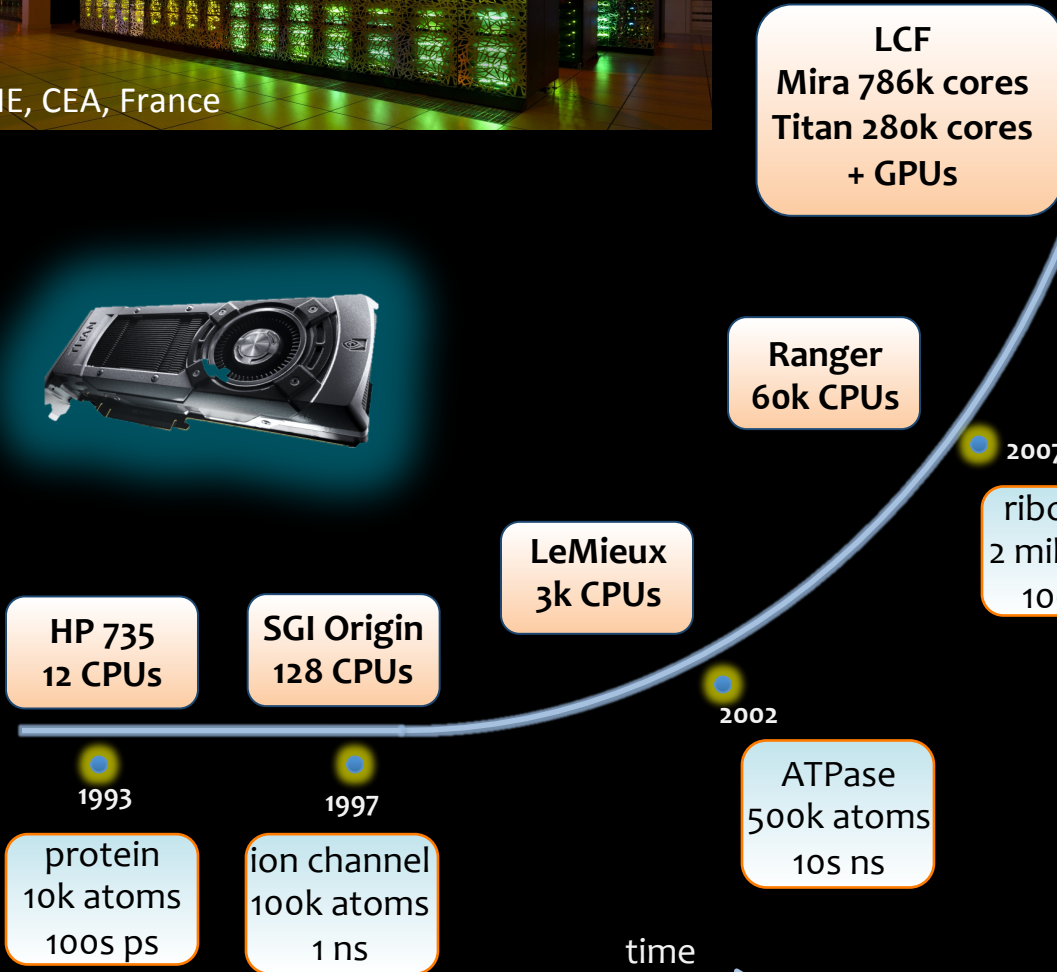


# Computing is transforming biomedical research



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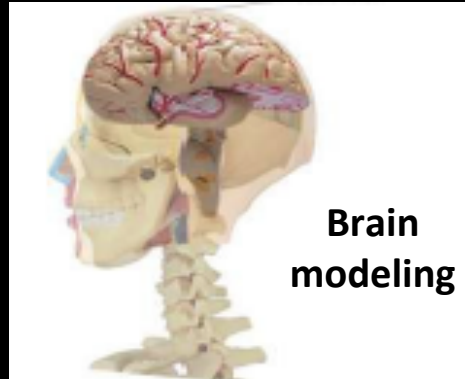
Compute Power ↑



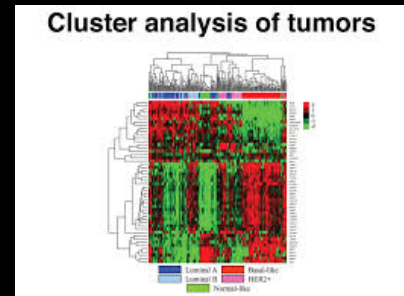
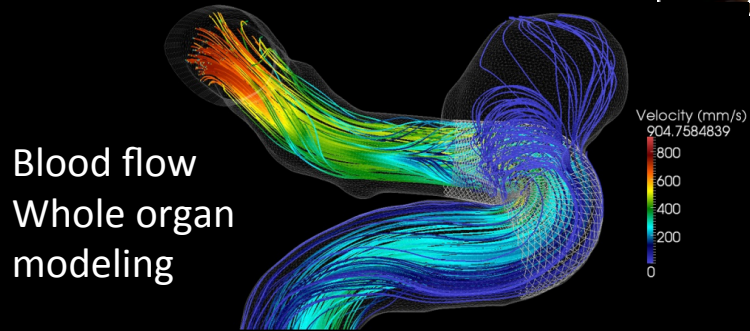
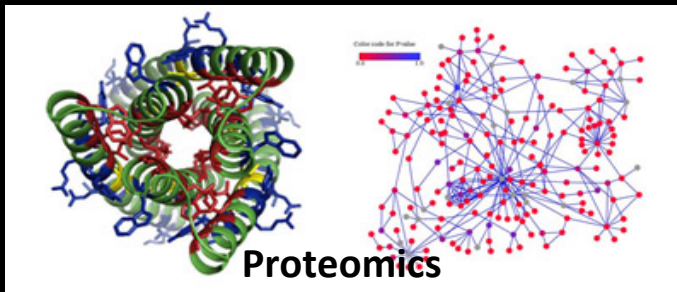
**Performance (in FLOPS):**  
 Megaflop  $10^6$   
 Gigaflop  $10^9$   
 Teraflop  $10^{12}$   
 Petaflop  $10^{15}$



# Key areas of biomedical research where HPC is key

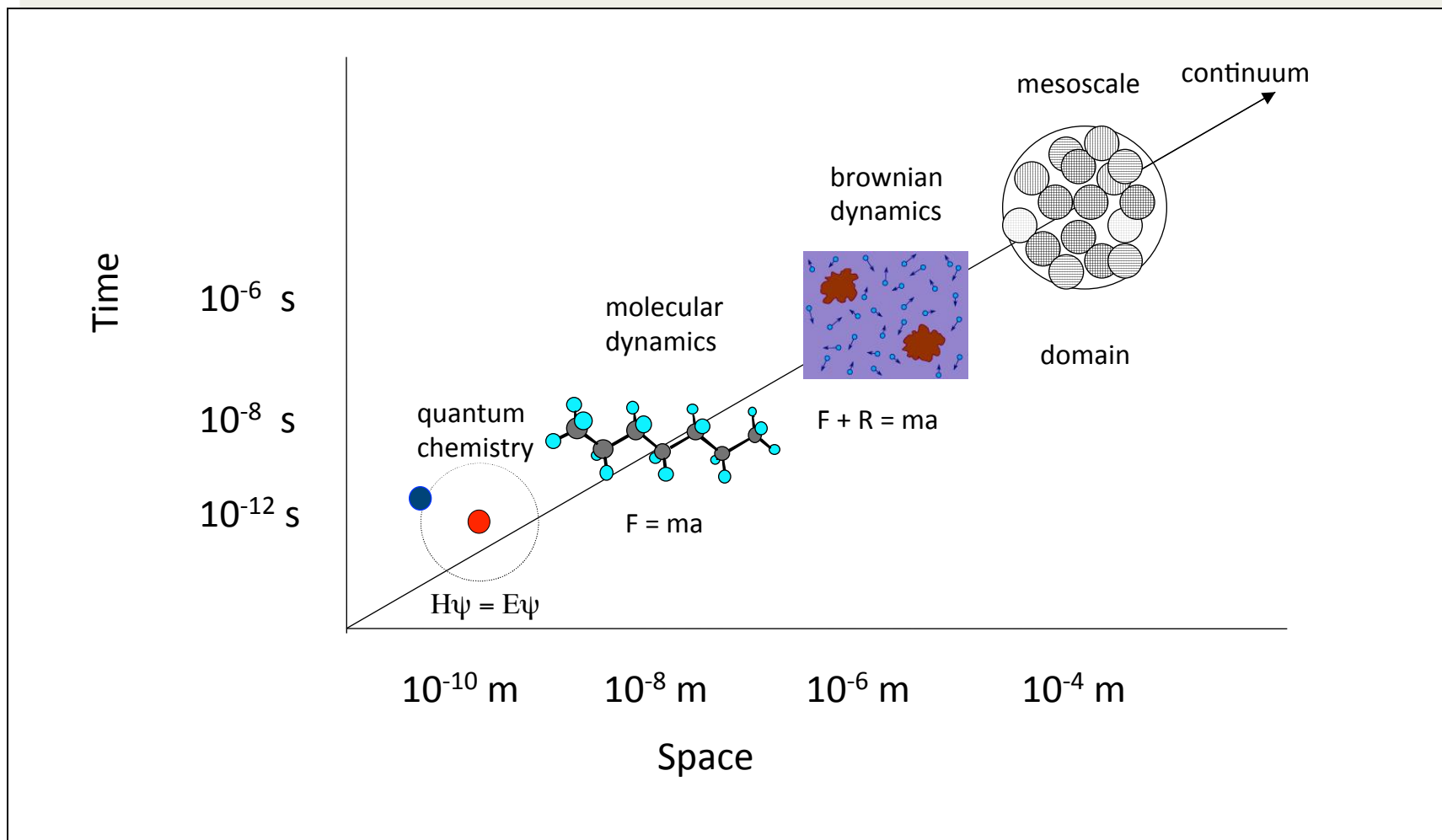


Protein Biophysics





# Molecular Simulations across scales





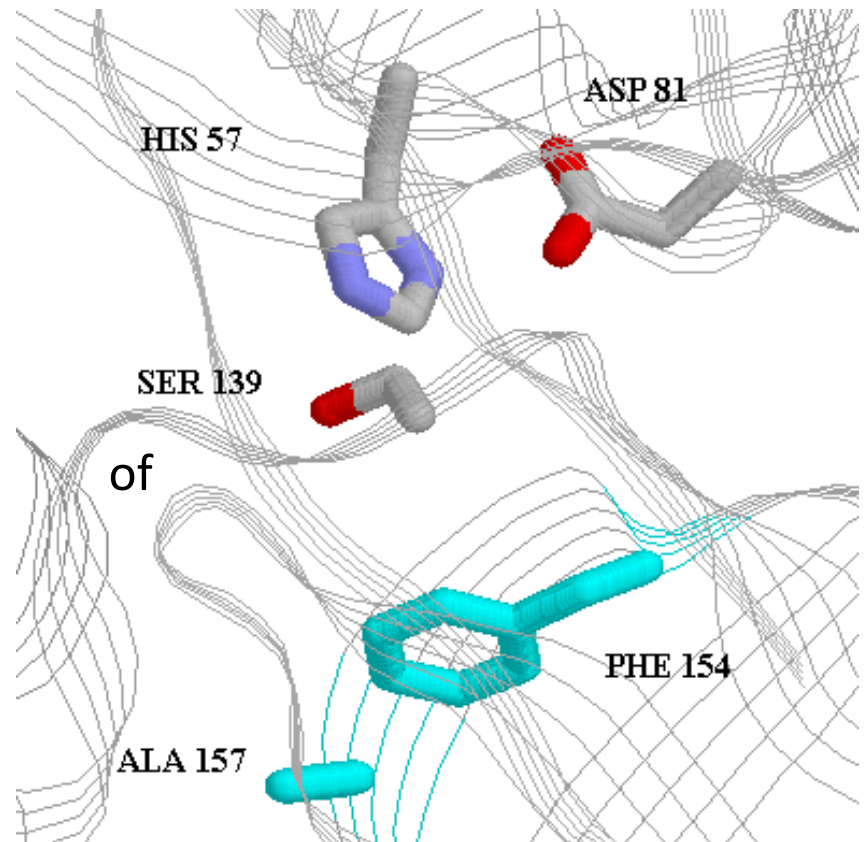
# Molecular Modeling

Structure *dynamics* -----> function

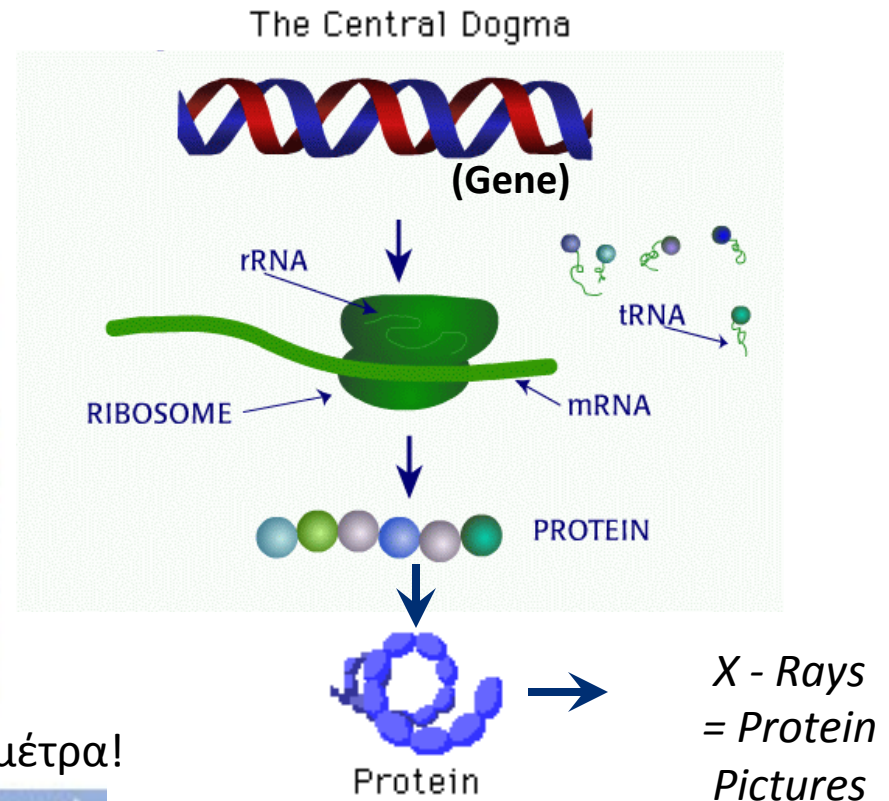
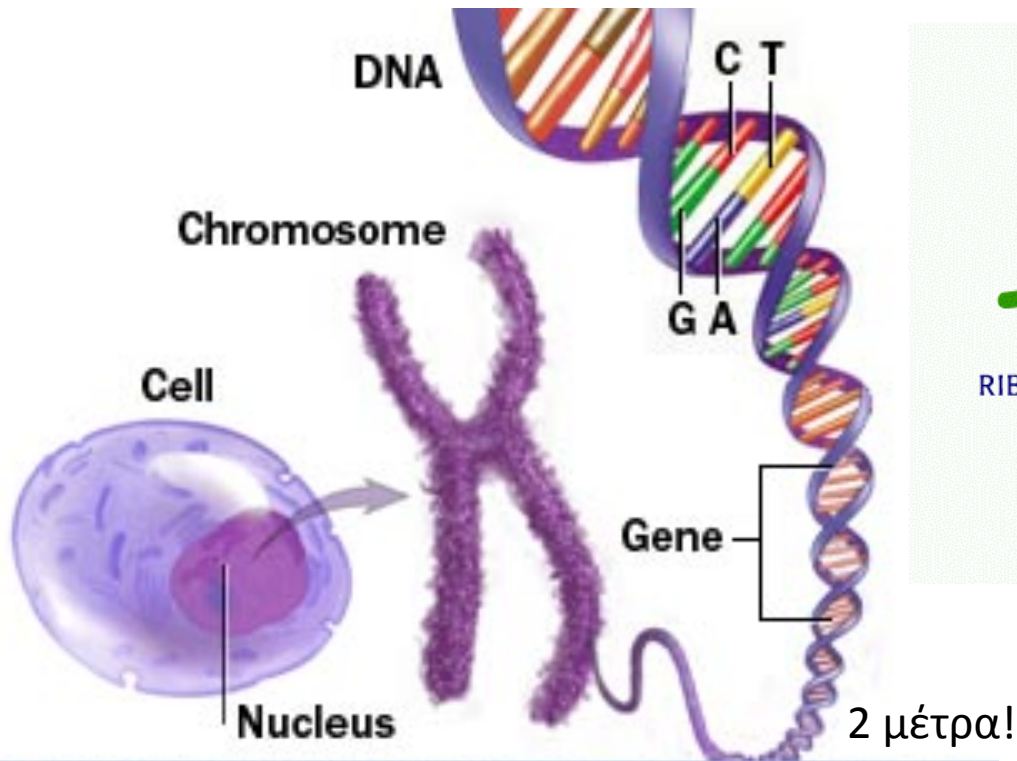
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## Molecular Dynamics

- molecular/atomic level picture structure and dynamics
- property prediction
- ion transport
- solvent effects
- protein stability / conform. changes, ...



# From DNA, to genes and proteins



20.000 genes in the nuclei of our cells

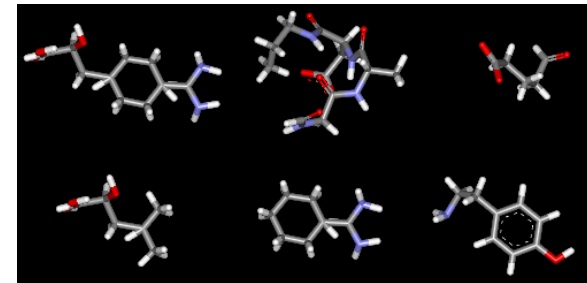
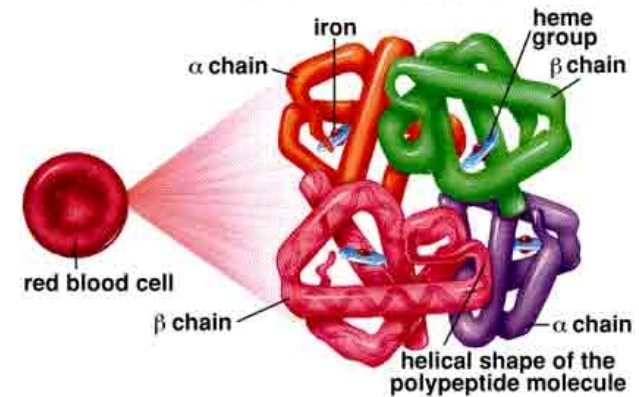
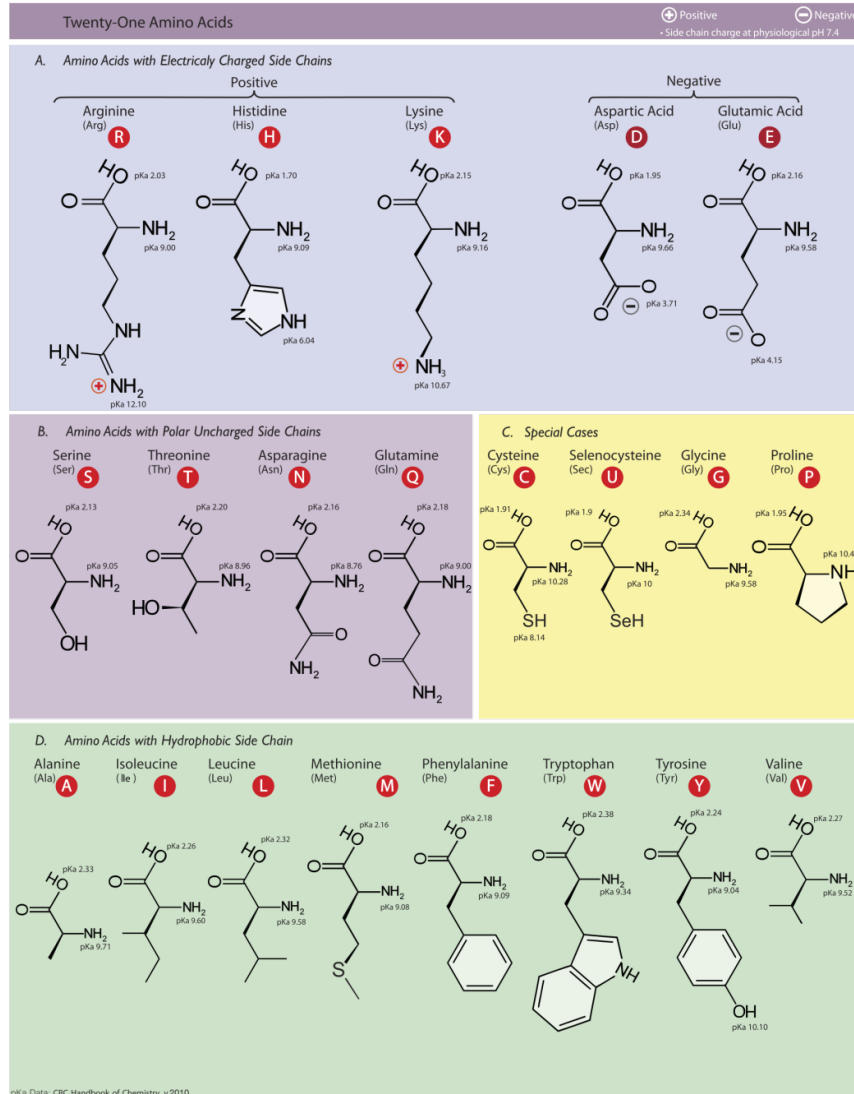
→ PROTEINS

- Proteins are the means of expression of genes to functional molecules

- Proteins perform essential functions in the cell



# Protein Modeling, Protein-Drug Modeling



**Drugs associate with proteins through Intermolecular Interactions!**

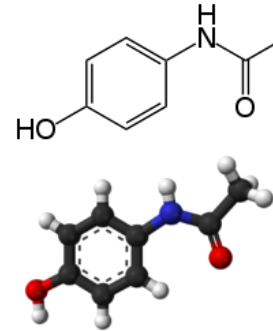
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**Electrostatic Interactions**  
**van der Waals Forces**  
 **$\pi - \pi$  Interactions**

# Drugs

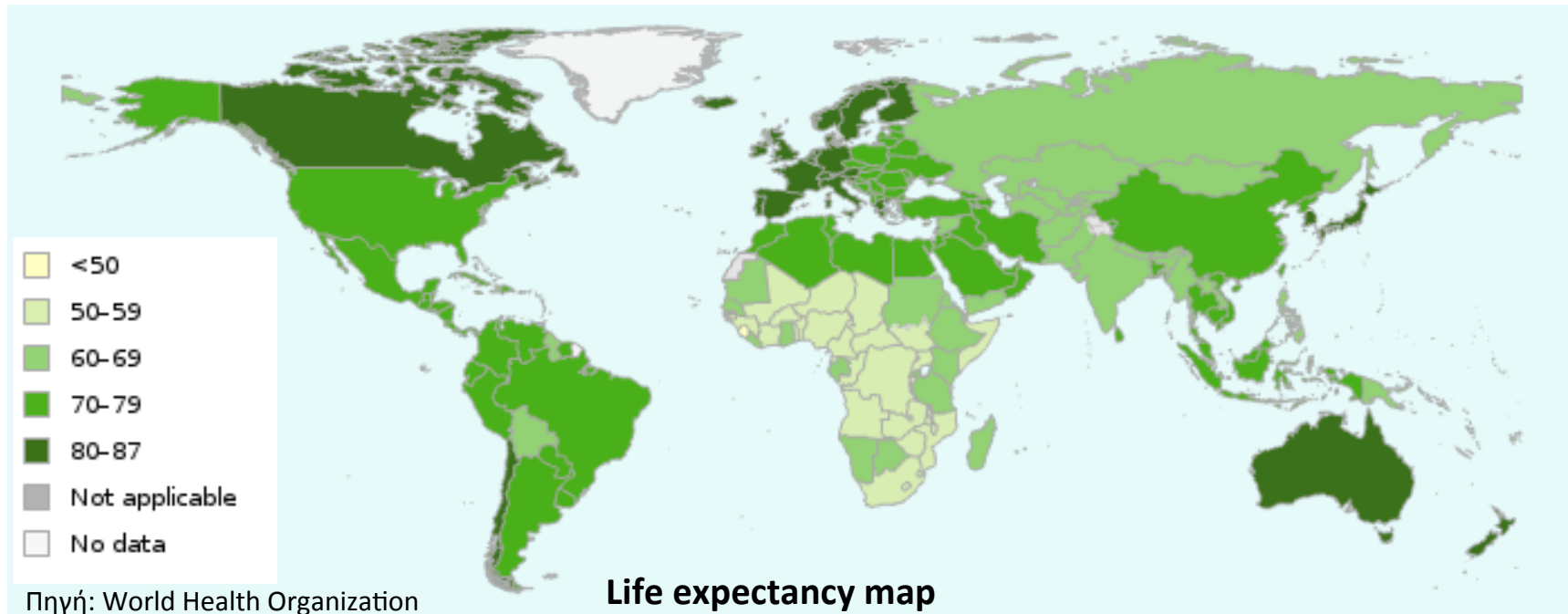
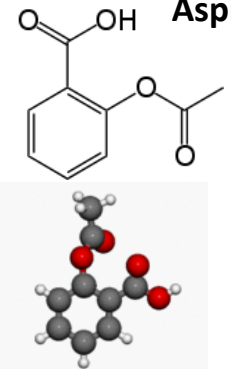
Normally they are small organic molecules

- Therapy
- Relief
- Prevention
- Quality of life improvement
- Life expectancy prolongation

Paracetamol (Depon)

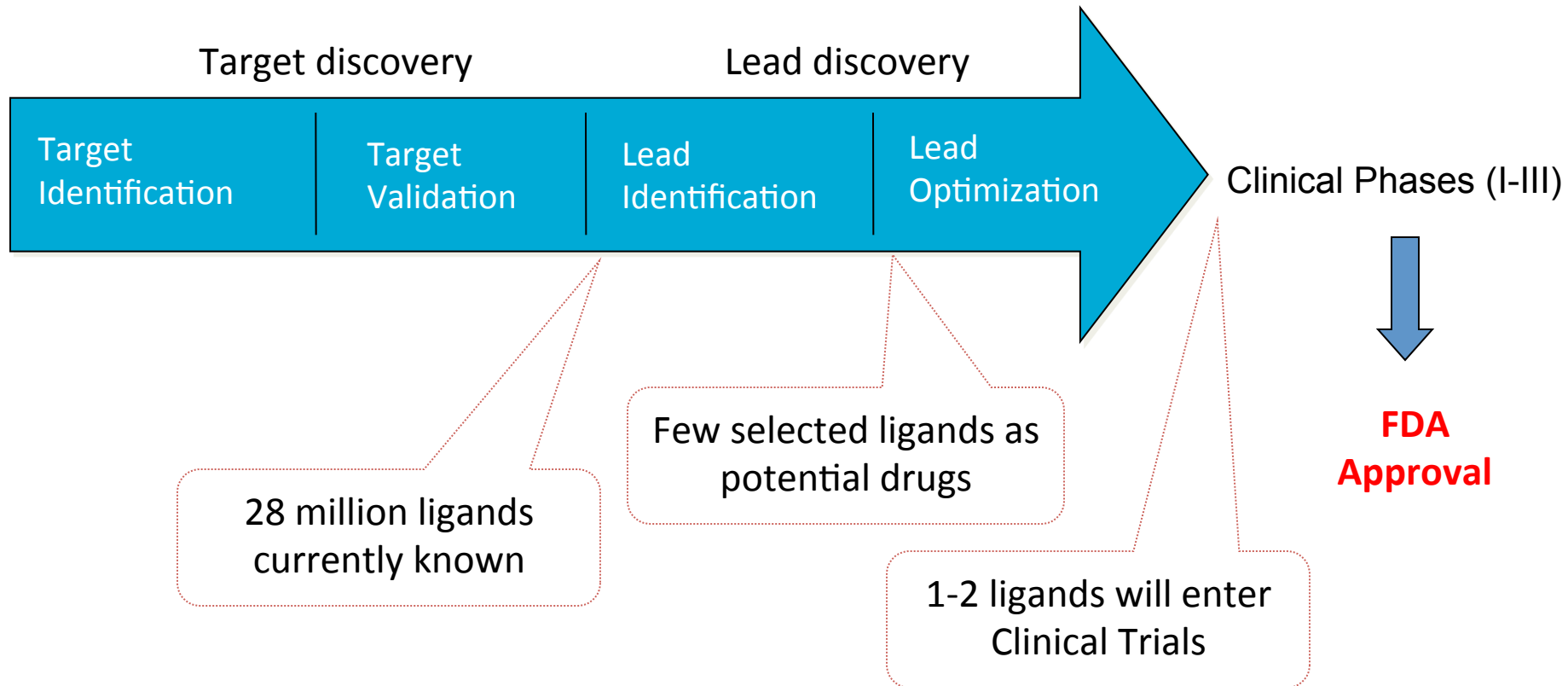


Aspirin





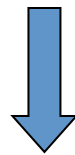
# Phases of Pharmaceutical Development



Duration: 12 – 15 years, Cost: ~ 1 billion US \$

# Traditional Drug Discovery

- Random screening of hundreds of thousands of molecules with High Throughput Screening (HTS) for combating the pathogen
- Random discoveries (i.e. penicillin, viagra)
- Trying out existing drugs and modifications
- Estimated number of small molecules that can act as drugs  $10^{66}$
- Estimated number of atoms in the world  $10^{50}$



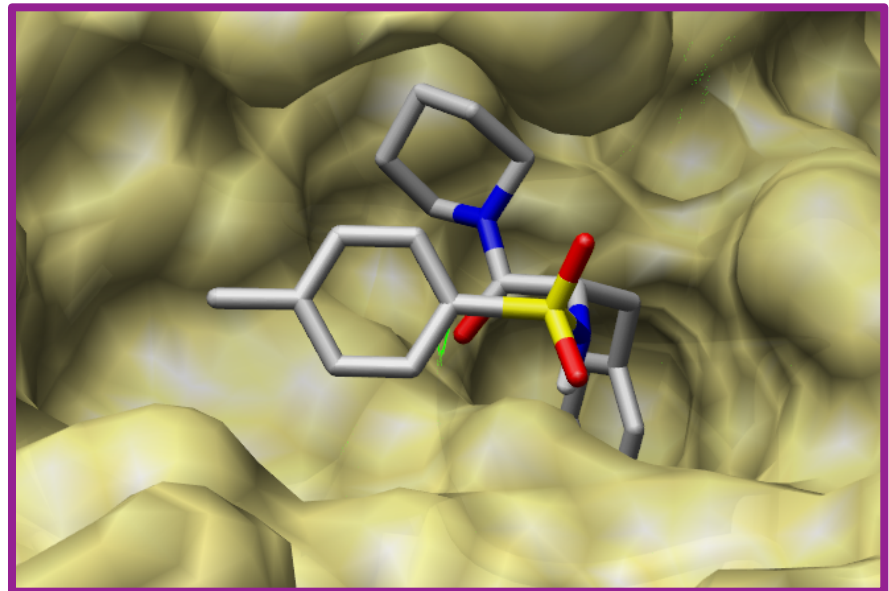
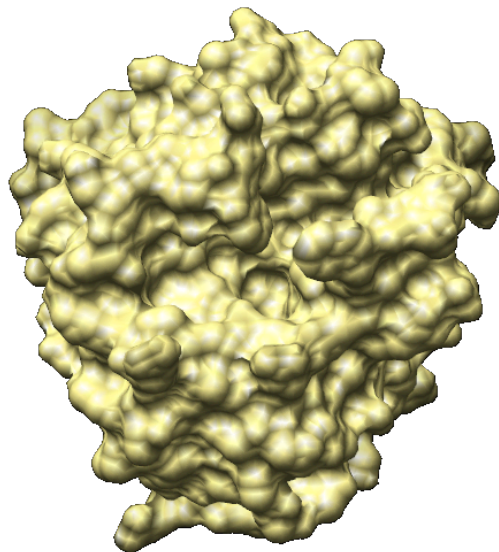
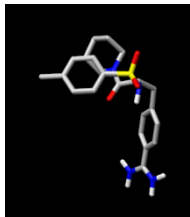
**Structure-based approaches + Targeted Therapy**



# Rational Drug Discovery

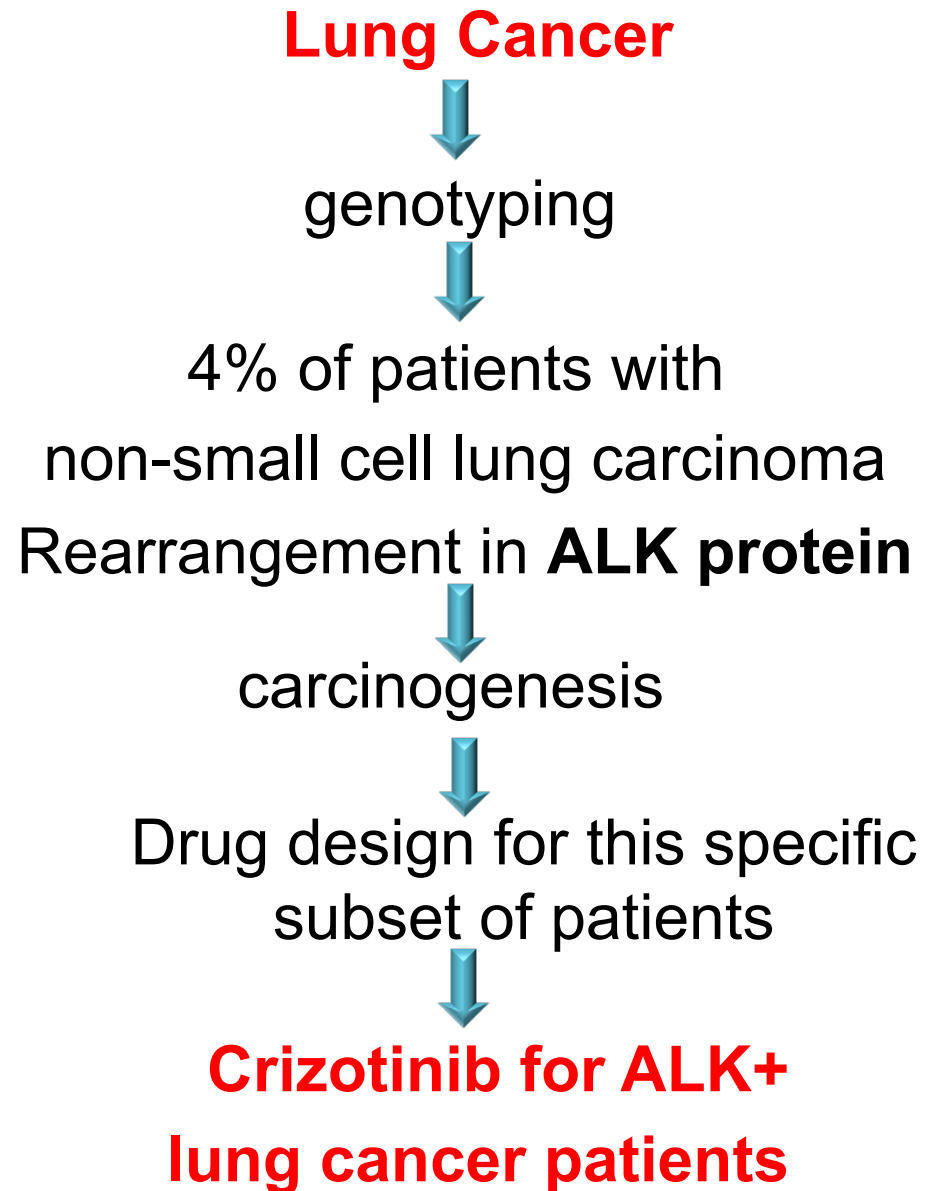
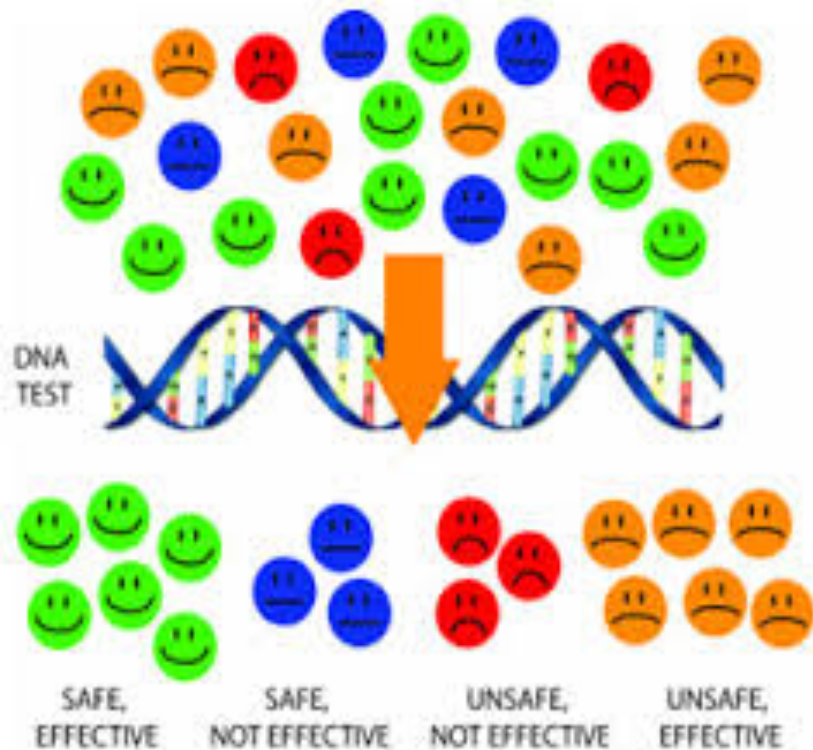
- Identify important genes for a disease
- Targeting/inactivating genes (proteins) of the pathogen with small molecules = drugs

**TARGETED THERAPY!**



Curr Opin Drug Discov Devel. 2002 May; 5(3): 355-360

# The era of Personalized Medicine



# Personalized Medicine: new drug generation

Table 1 | Selected oncology agents in Phase III biomarker-driven clinical trials

	Drug	Company	Indication	Biomarker	Options
	<i>Precedented biomarkers</i>				
Ca	Iniparib	Sanofi/BiPar Sciences	Breast cancer	Triple-negative	oxifen, apies
Bre	Pertuzumab	Roche/Chugai	Breast cancer	HER2	bitux,
Col	Neratinib	Pfizer	Breast cancer	HER2	
Nov	Bosutinib	Pfizer	CML	Philadelphia	Iressa,
Act	Nimotuzumab	YM BioSciences	Breast cancer	HER2	triple
	Afatinib	Boehringer Ingelheim	NSCLC	EGFR	ies
Nov	Dacomitinib	Pfizer	NSCLC	EGFR and KRAS	Zevalin
Ca	<i>Novel biomarkers</i>				
Adv	Midostaurin	Novartis	AML	FLT3	
Hor	Cilengitide	Merck Serono	Glioblastoma	Methylated MGMT	n
Hea	Trabedersen	Antisense Pharma	Glioma	TGFβ2	ssive
HIV	GSK2118436	GlaxoSmithKline	Melanoma	BRAF	
HIV	GSK1120212	GlaxoSmithKline	Melanoma	BRAF	es

AML, acute myeloid leukaemia; CML, chronic myeloid leukaemia; EGFR, epidermal growth factor receptor; FLT3, FMS-like tyrosine kinase 3; MGMT, 6-O-methylguanine-DNA methyltransferase; NSCLC, non-small-cell lung cancer; TGFβ2, transforming growth factor-β2.

Chiang and Million, Nature 2011



# Crizotinib (Xalkori, Pfizer)

**Structure of the anaplastic lymphoma kinase (ALK)  
Complexed with the drug crizotinib – (PDB ID: 2XP2)**



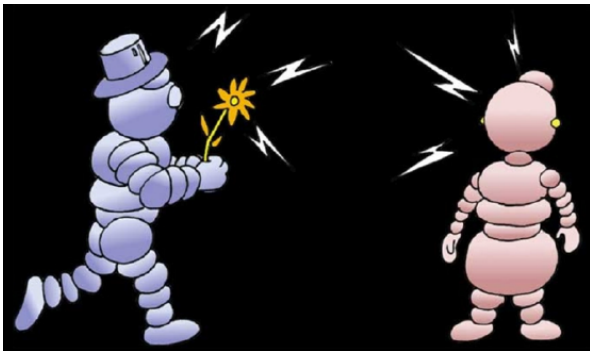
**Protein-Ligand interactions:**

**Intermolecular Interactions  
(Enthalpy)**

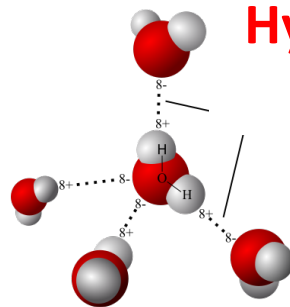
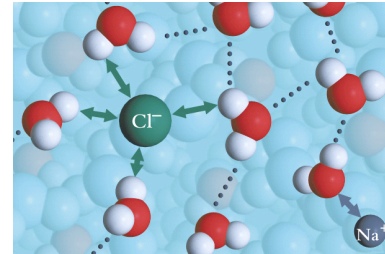
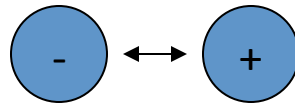
*Hydrogen Bonds*  
*Electrostatic Interactions*  
*van der Waals Forces*  
 *$\pi - \pi$  Interactions*

**Entropy**

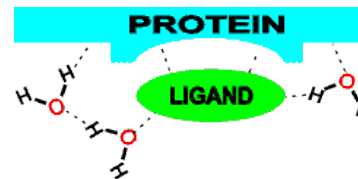
# Intermolecular Interactions



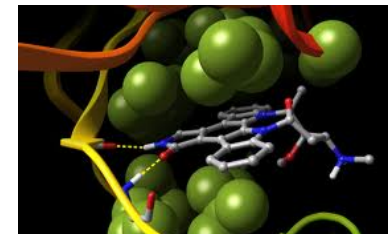
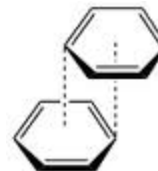
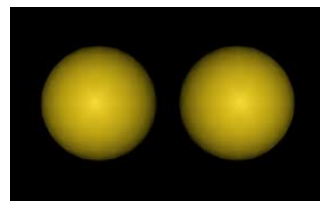
## Electrostatic Interactions



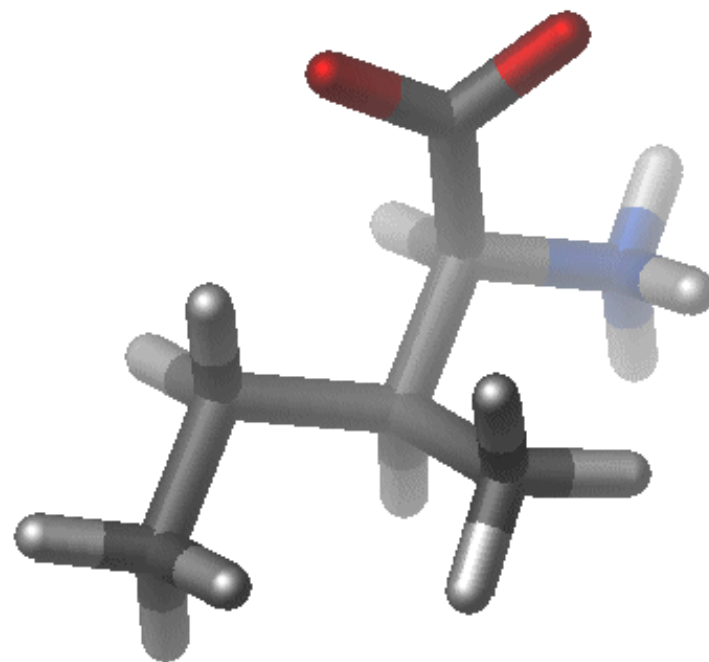
## Hydrogen Bonds



## van der Waals Forces $\pi - \pi$ , cation - $\pi$ interactions



# Molecular Simulations?



**Nobel Prize in Chemistry 2013**





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- Martin Karplus
- Michael Levitt
- Arieh Warshel

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The Nobel Prize in Chemistry 2013

Martin Karplus, Michael Levitt, Arieh Warshel

# The Nobel Prize in Chemistry 2013



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Martin Karplus



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Michael Levitt



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Arieh Warshel

The Nobel Prize in Chemistry 2013 was awarded jointly to Martin Karplus, Michael Levitt and Arieh Warshel "for the development of multiscale models for complex chemical systems".

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# MD Simulations study structure + dynamics

Is there a fast and efficient way to study the structure and dynamics of biomolecules in atomic-level detail?

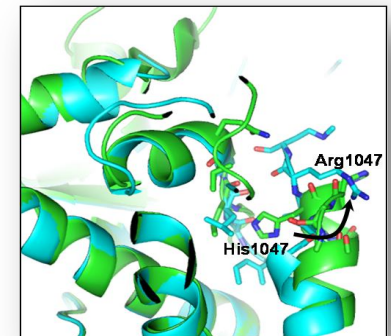
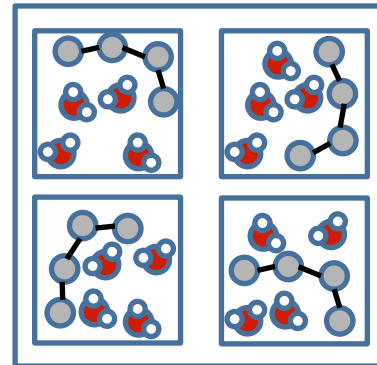


## Molecular Dynamics simulations

**Step 1.** Model the potential energy and use coordinates from experimental structures and assign initial velocities ( $E_{\text{total}} = E_{\text{potential}} + E_{\text{kinetic}}$ )

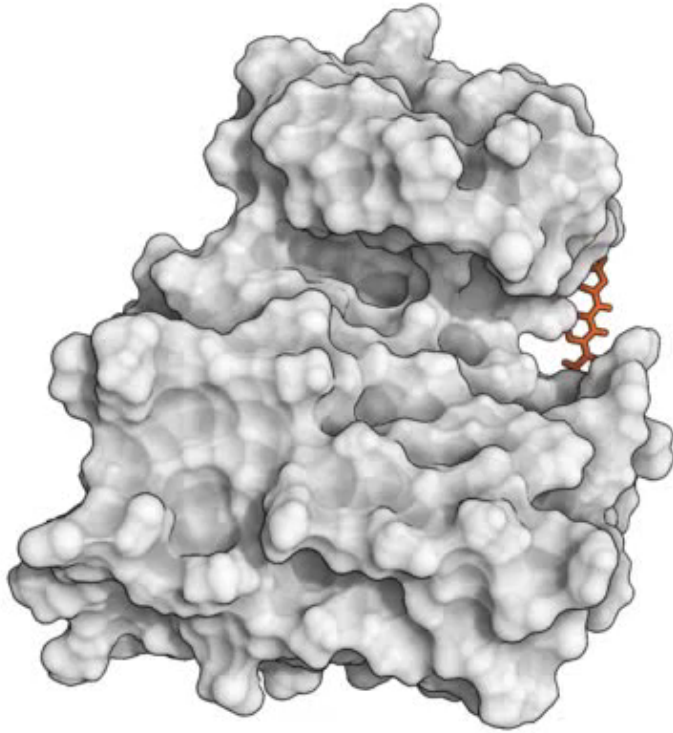
**Step 2.** Integrate Newton's second law and get the new velocities ( $\mathbf{v}$ ) of the system and the new coordinates ( $\mathbf{r}$ ) of the atoms

**Step 3.** Macroscopic properties can be expressed through  $\mathbf{v}$  and  $\mathbf{r}$  via *statistical mechanics*

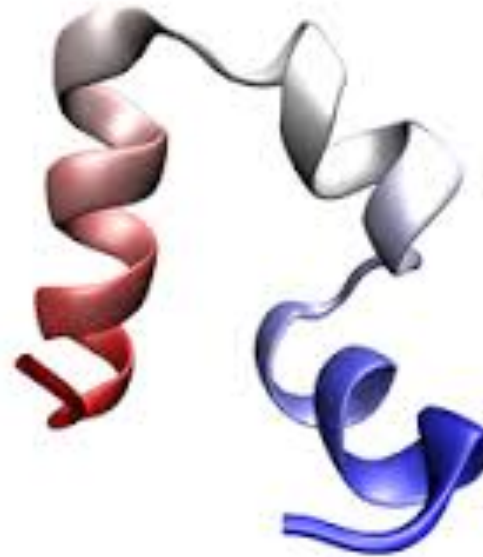


System of interest

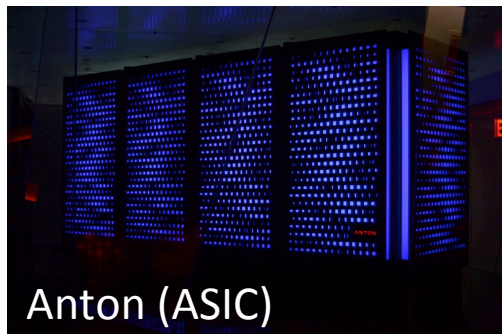
# Examples of MD simulations of proteins



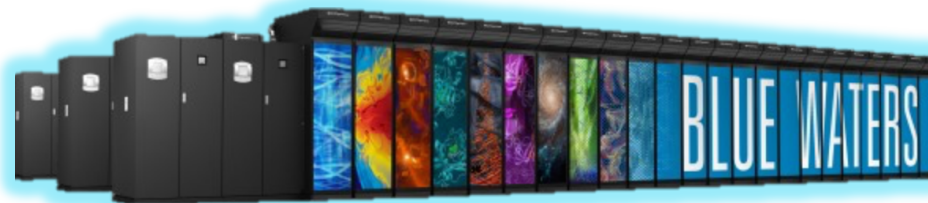
Shan et al (2011)  
**Cancer drug dasatinib binding on Src kinase**



Schulten et al (2012)  
**Folding of the Villin Headpiece protein**



Anton (ASIC)



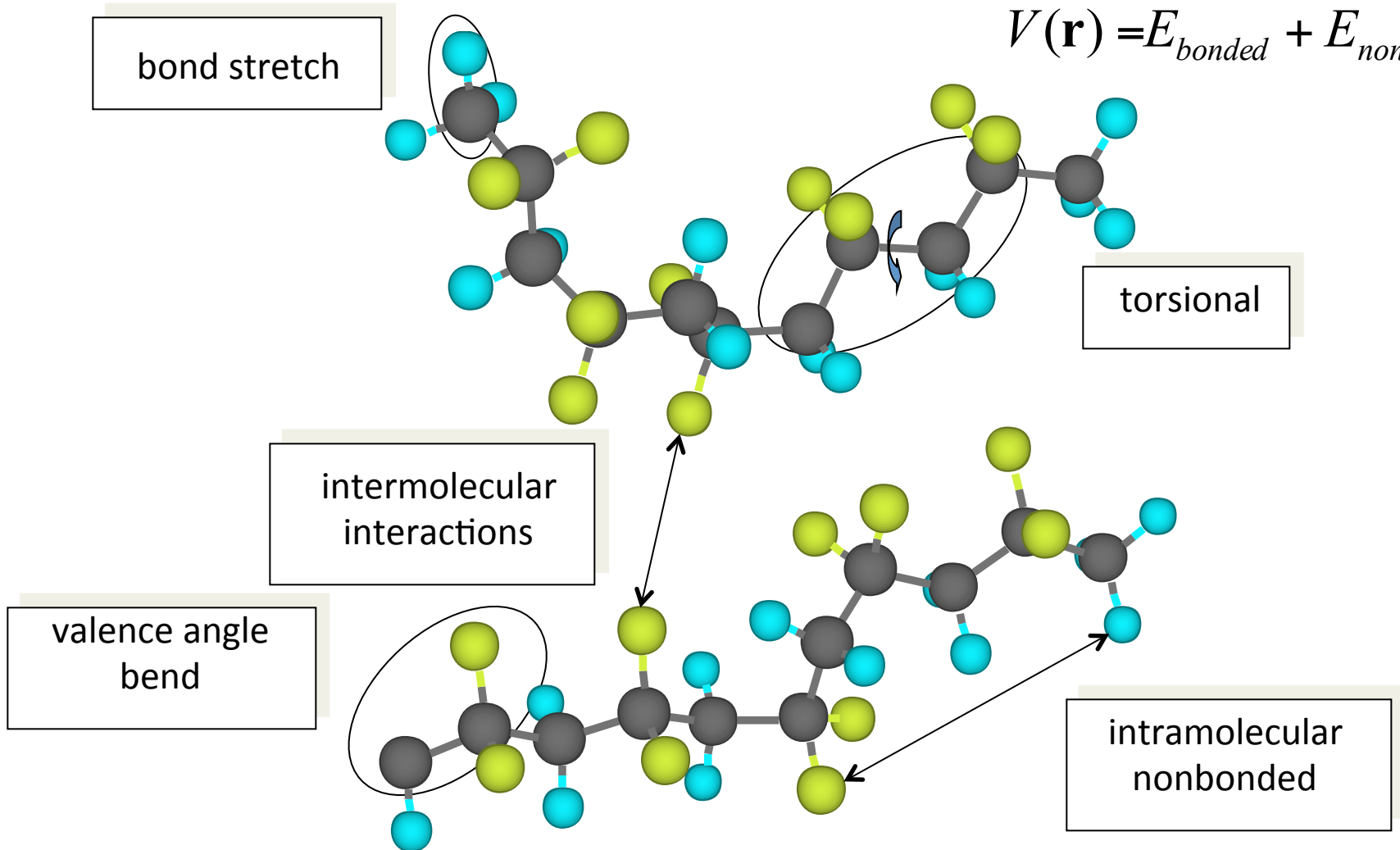
(Cray)



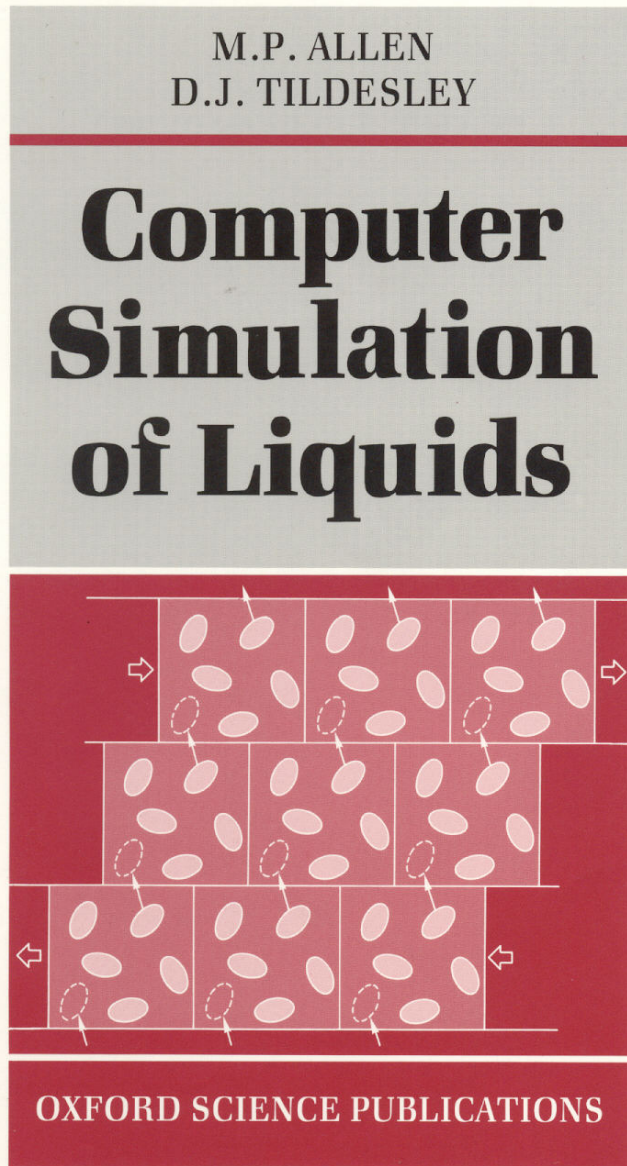
# The Potential Energy Function (Force Field)

The energy of the system is represented by the Hamiltonian:  $H = K + V = \frac{1}{2} m \mathbf{v}^2 + V(\mathbf{r})$

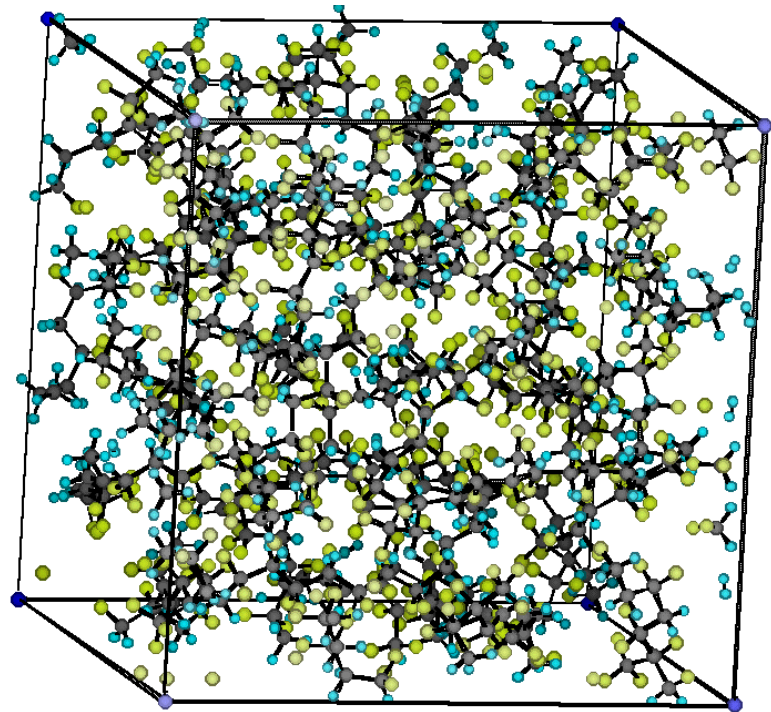
$$V(\mathbf{r}) = E_{\text{bonded}} + E_{\text{non-bonded}}$$



# Periodic Boundary Conditions

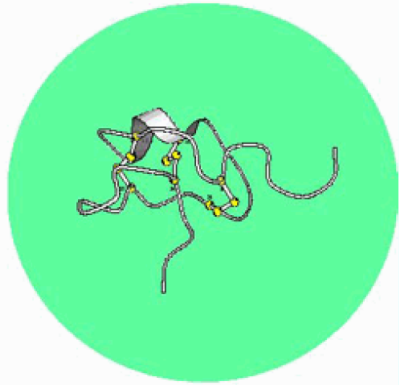


- *Goal:* To simulate 'infinite' system
- Particles experience forces as if they were in a bulk fluid
- If one molecule leaves the box then it is replaced by an image particle that enters from the opposite side



# Statistical Mechanics

Molecular Simulation



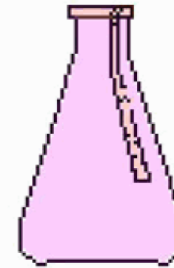
Microscopic Description

*Quantum Mechanics:*  
Eigenvalues  $E_i$  and eigenfunctions  
 $\Psi(r_1, r_2, \dots, r_N)$  of Schrodinger's equation

*Molecular Mechanics:*  
Kinetic and Potential energy  $E(\mathbf{r}, \mathbf{v})$



Experiment



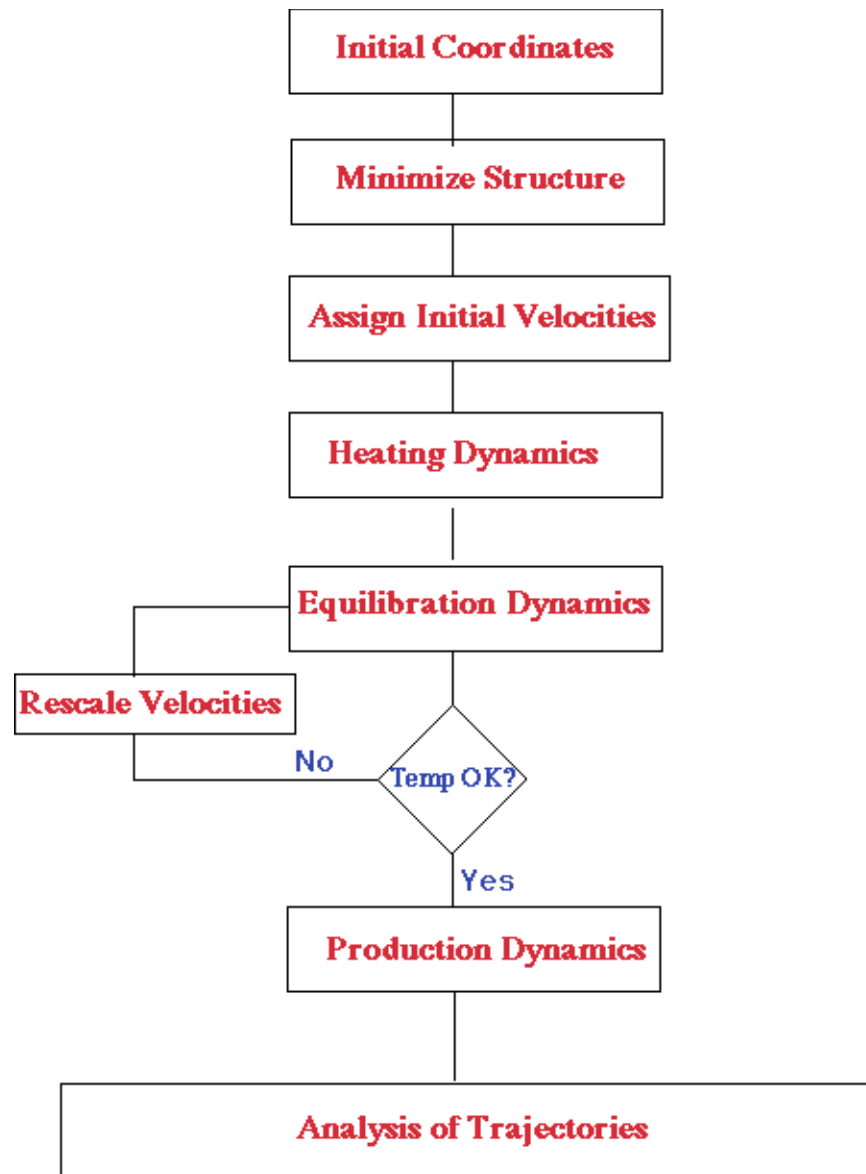
Macroscopic Description

*Thermodynamics:*

Relations for the system at  
equilibrium and  
non-equilibrium states

- Use statistical mechanics to derive macroscopic properties from the microscopic picture

# Running an MD simulation





# Case study: mutated protein PI3K $\alpha$

- PI3K $\alpha$  is a membrane-associated lipid kinase
- Involved in cell growth, proliferation, differentiation
- Most commonly mutated kinase in the human genome  $\Rightarrow$  cancer

80% of all mutations:

Glu545Lys

His1047Arg

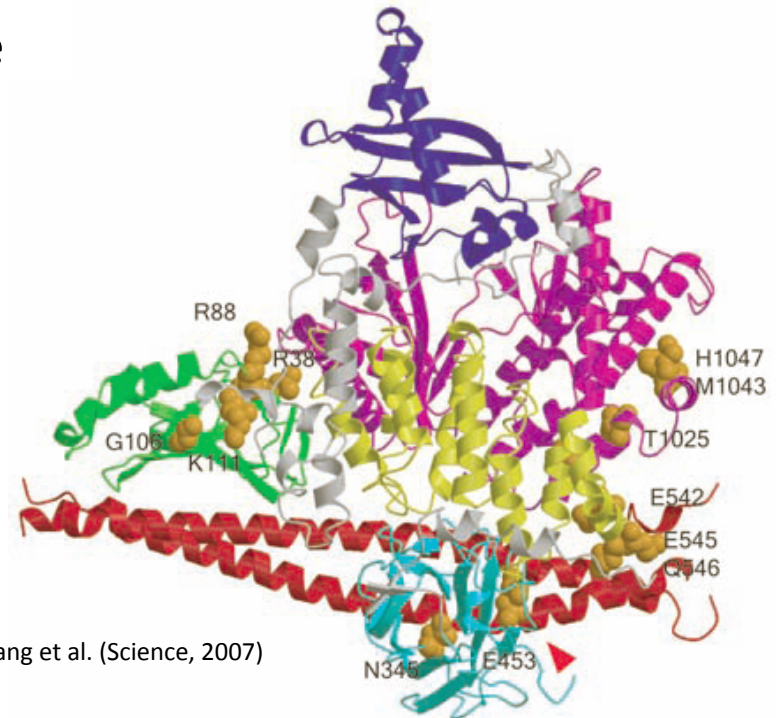


30% of breast cancer patients

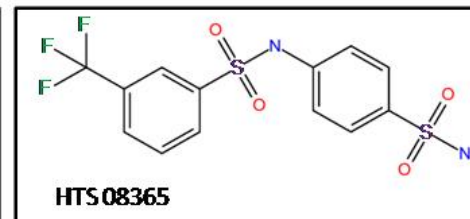
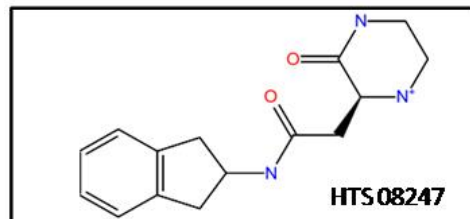
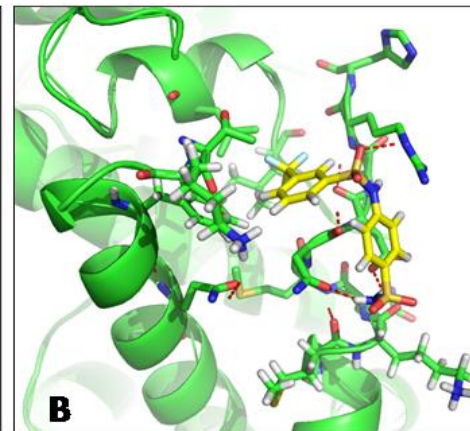
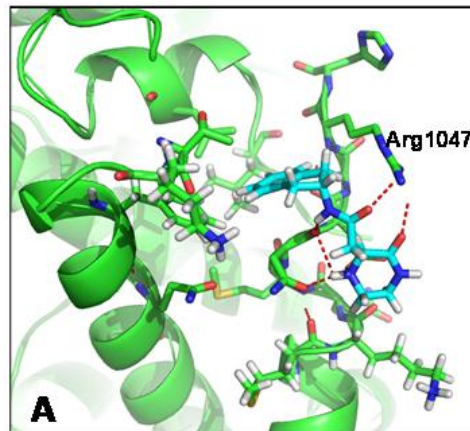
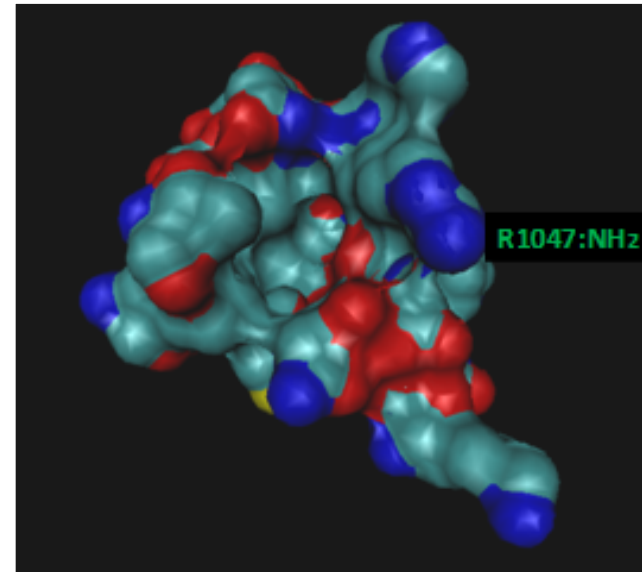
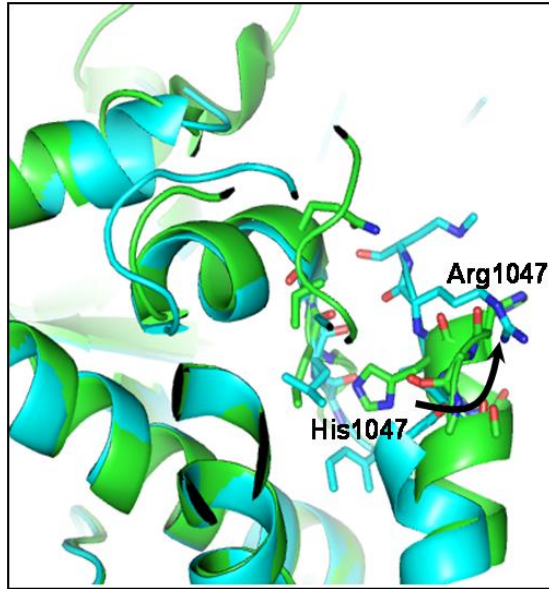
**Mechanism of overactivation?**  
**Mutant and isoform specific therapies?**



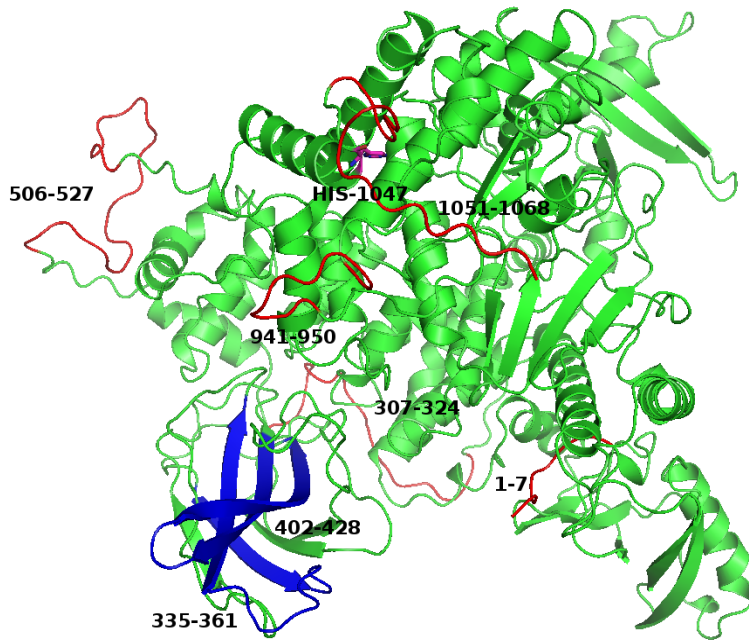
**MD Simulations**  
**Virtual screening**  
**Property prediction**  
***In vitro* & *In vivo* assays**  
**Lead Optimization**



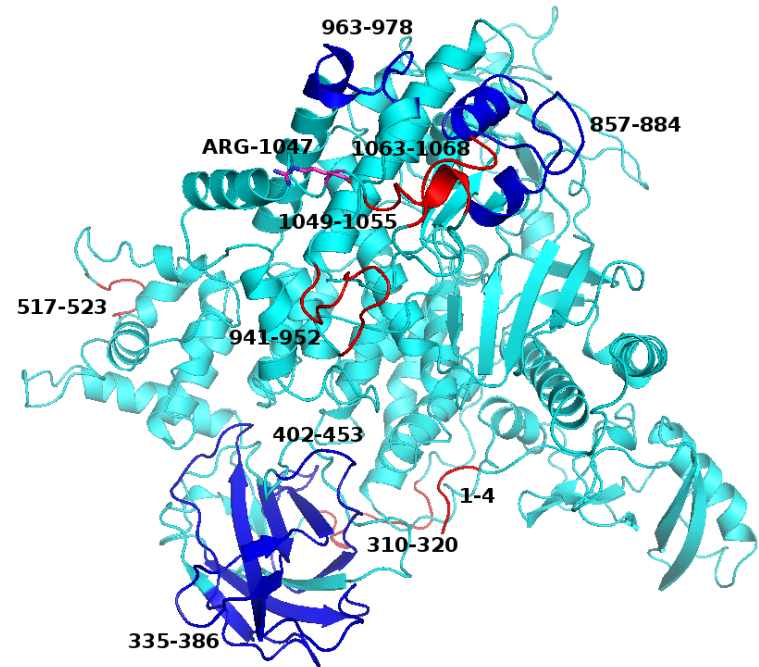
# The H1047R mutant of PI3K $\alpha$ opens up a crevice



# MD Simulations of WT and H1047R PI3K $\alpha$



**Model of the WT p110a subunit  
based on 2RD0 X-ray structure**

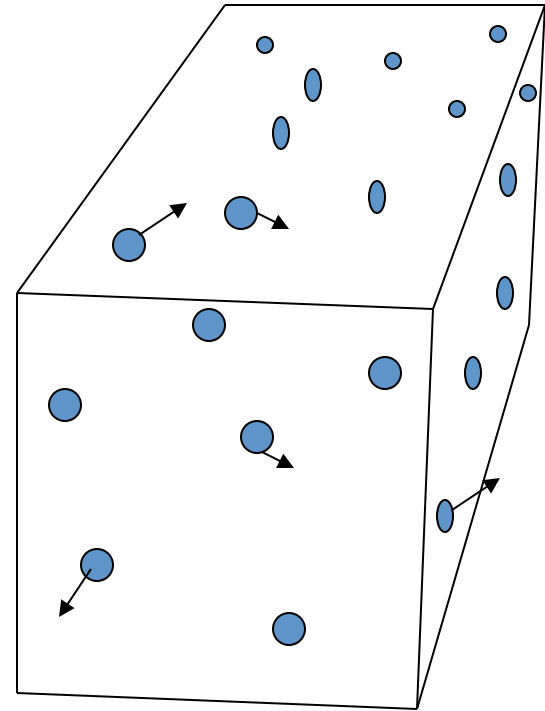


**Model of the H1047R p110a subunit  
based on 3HIZ X-ray structure**

- ✧ WT and H1047R PI3K $\alpha$  (modeling of p110 $\alpha$ ), 300K atoms
- ✧ 100-150 ns equilibration, 100 ns production run, NPT, NAMD+CHARMM
- ✧ **FIVE** independent MD simulations of each protein
- ✧ Total simulation time ( $\sim 1\mu\text{s}$ )

# MD Simulator requirements

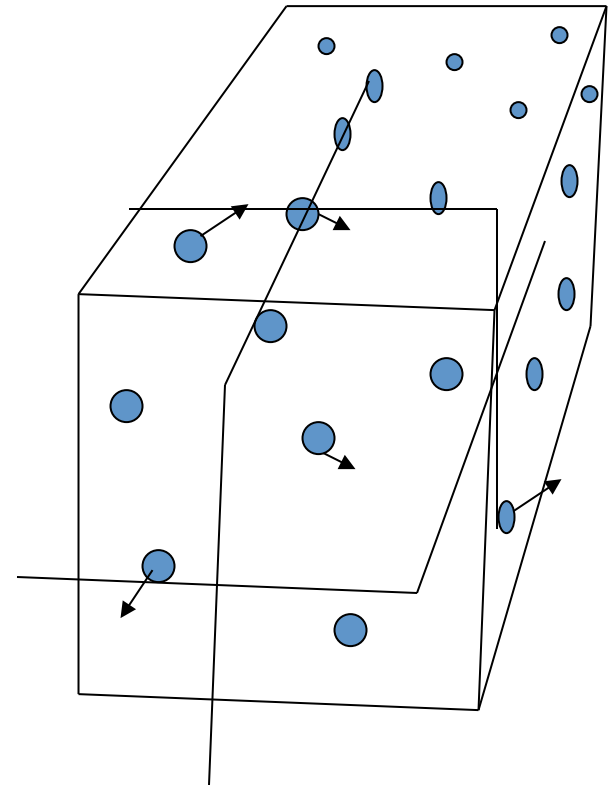
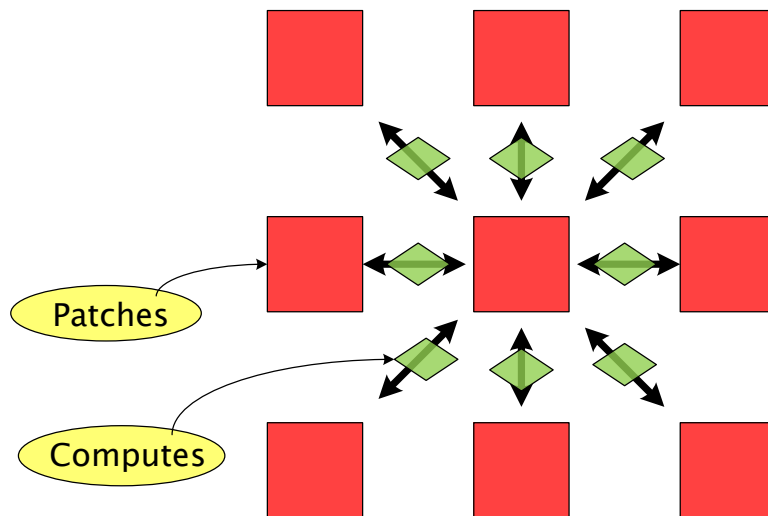
- Parallelization
  - (getting an idea of the level of computation needed)
  - For every time step, every atom must communicate within its *cutt-off radius* with every other atom.
  - A lot of inter-processor communication that can be scaled well is needed.





# MD Simulator requirements

- Parallelization
- (getting an idea of the level of computation needed)
- Whole System is broken down into boxes (processing nodes)
- Each node handles the bonded interactions within a cutoff



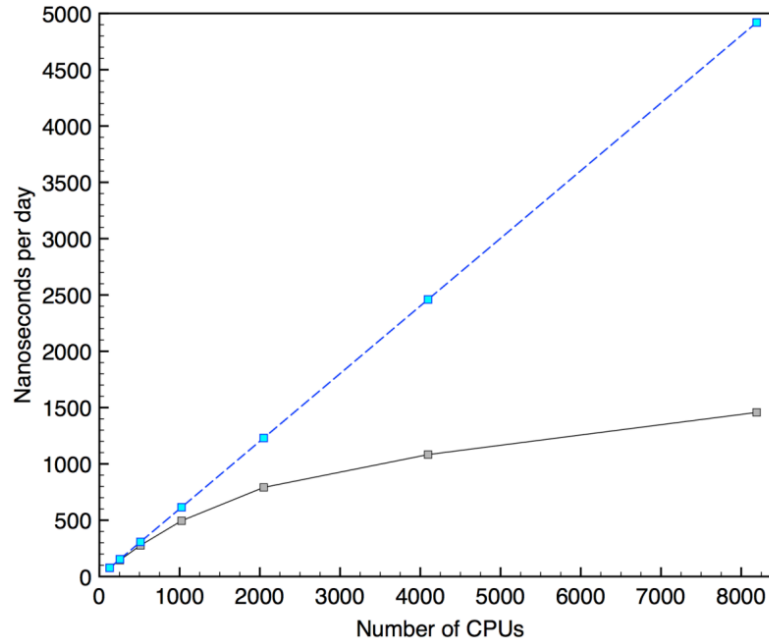


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# How many cores should be used?

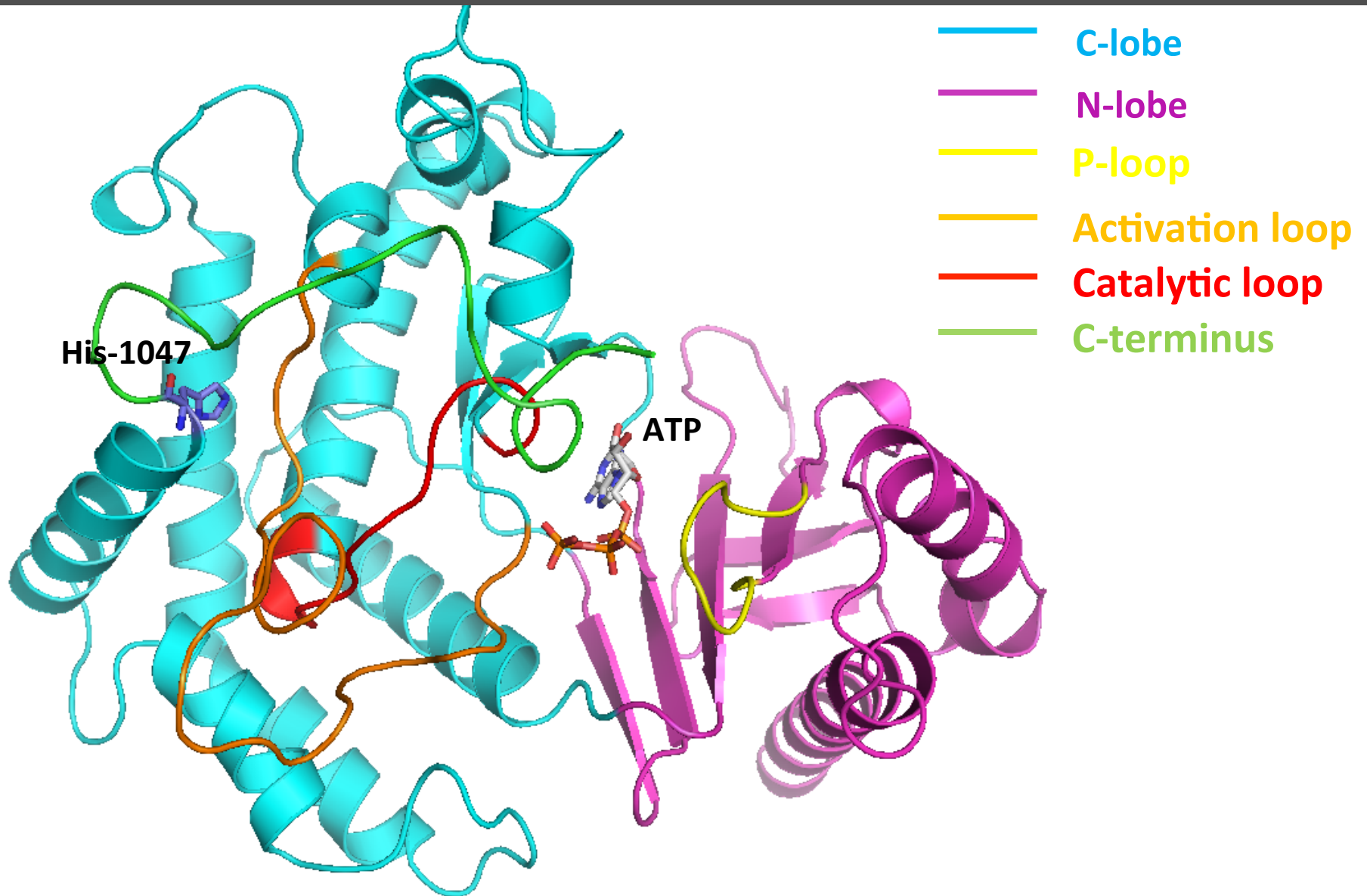


**Figure 2:** GROMACS performance in CURIE Thin Nodes for a system of 2M particles.

**Table 1.** Benchmark of a 2M-particle system on Curie Thin Nodes.

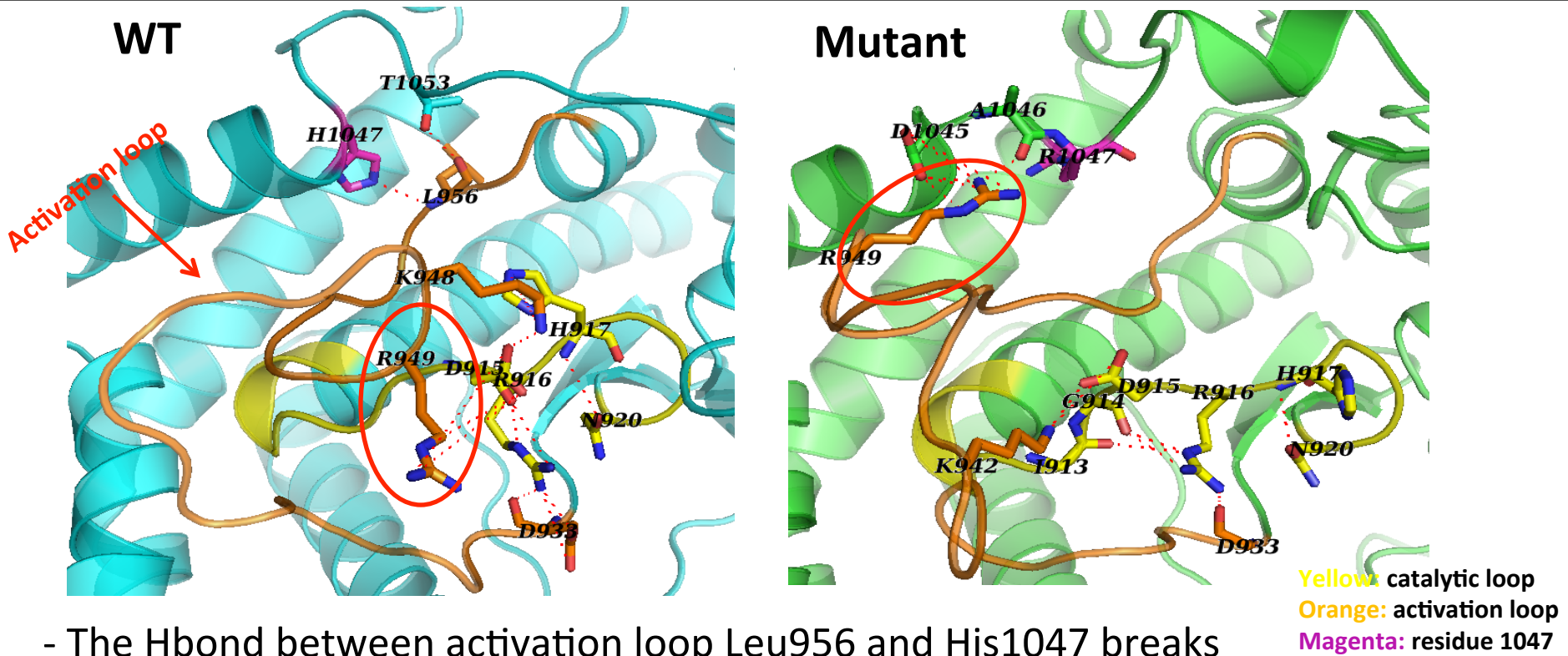
# cores	absolute timing (s)	speedup
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256	590.897	1.9
512	312.562	3.6
1024	174.532	6.5
2048	109.207	10.3
4096	79.805	14.1
8192	59.291	19.0

# Kinase Domain Organization





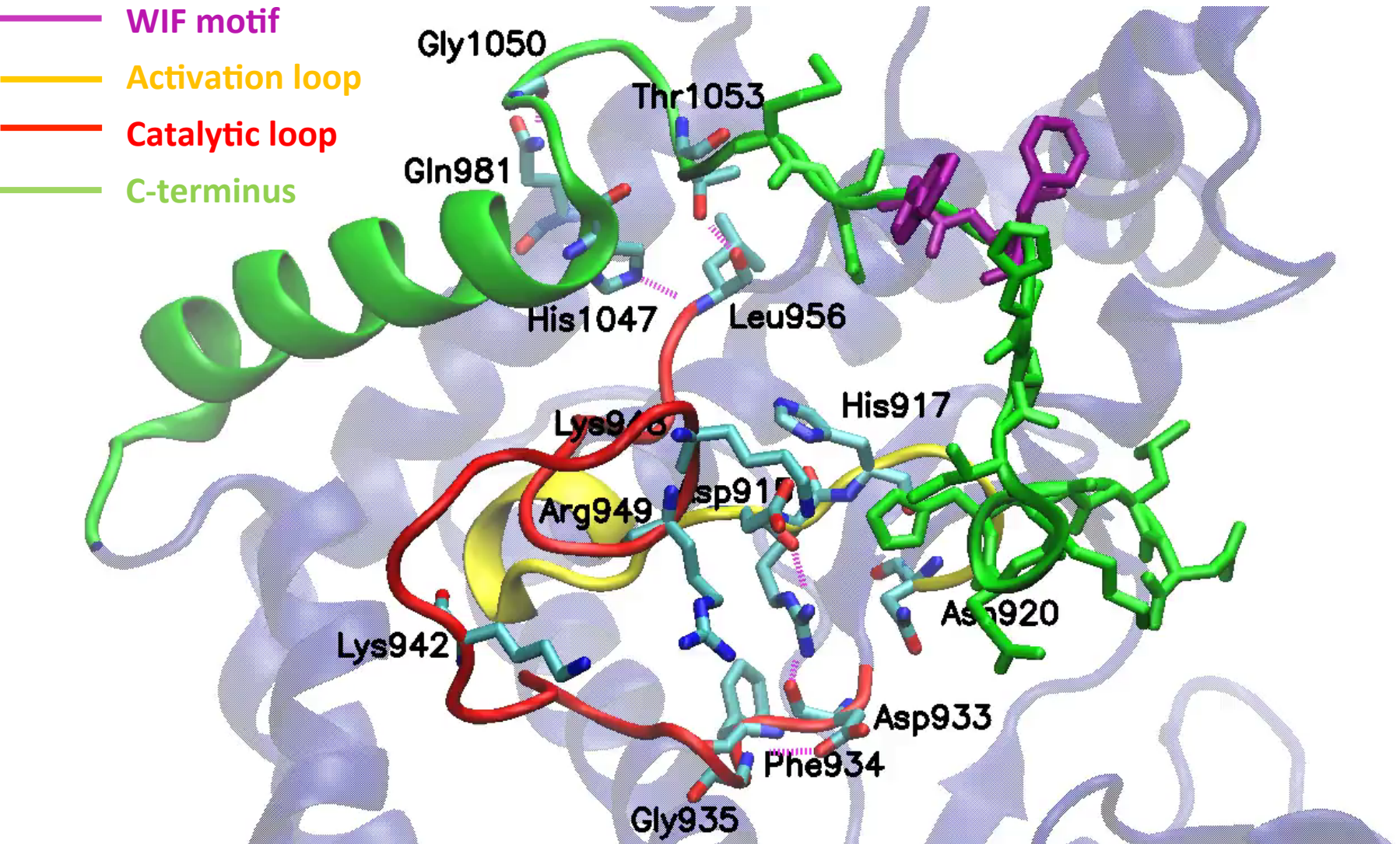
# Hydrogen Bond Analysis



- The Hbond between activation loop Leu956 and His1047 breaks
- The  $\alpha$ -helix of H1047 partially unfolds in the presence of 1047R
- Displacement of Arg949 creates a different Hbond network in the mutant, which changes the activation and catalytic loop positions

**H917, RESPONSIBLE FOR ATP HYDROLYSIS, IS ORIENTED TOWARD THE CATALYTIC POCKET IN THE MUTANT AND AWAY FROM THE POCKET IN THE WT**

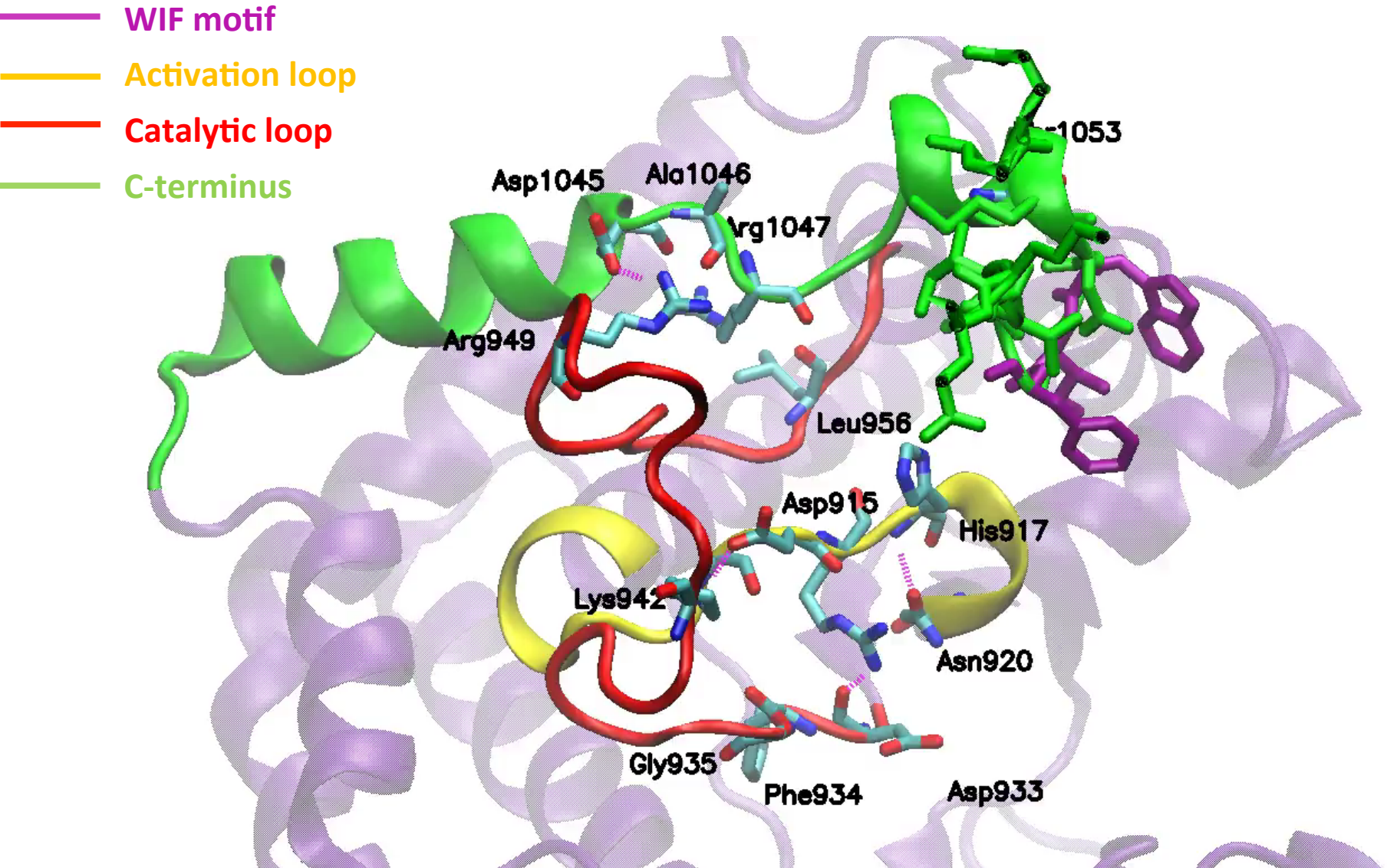
# Simulation of the normal protein



His-917 points away from the active site, while the **C-terminus** prevents the catalytic loop from reaching the ATP-binding site.

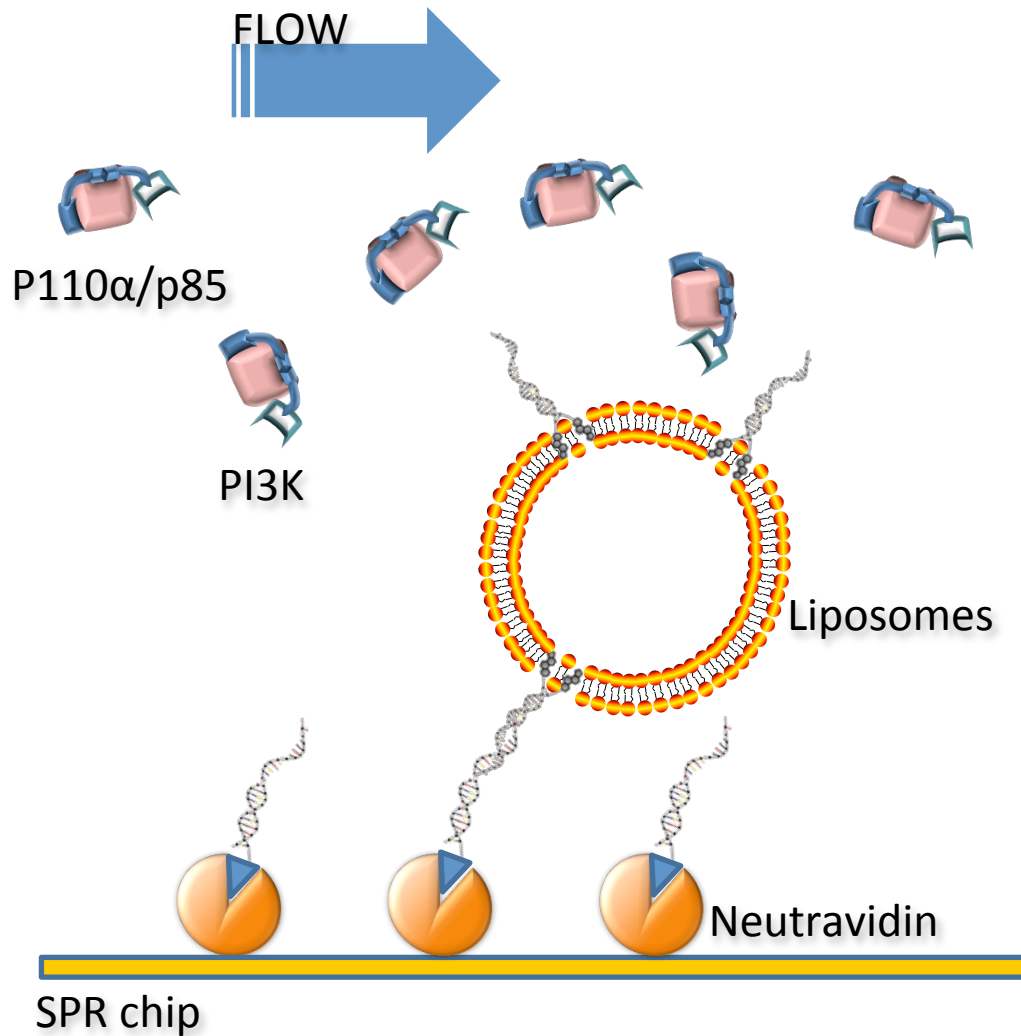


# Simulation of the mutated protein

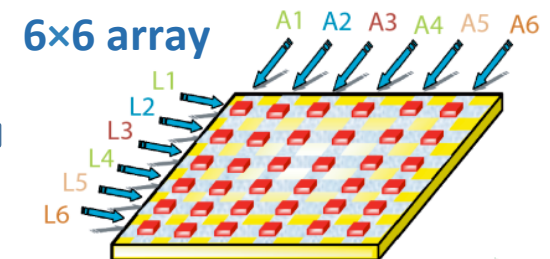


His-917 points towards the active site, while the **C-terminus** does not interfere with the access of the catalytic loop to the ATP-binding site.

# SPR Experiments for membrane-protein binding



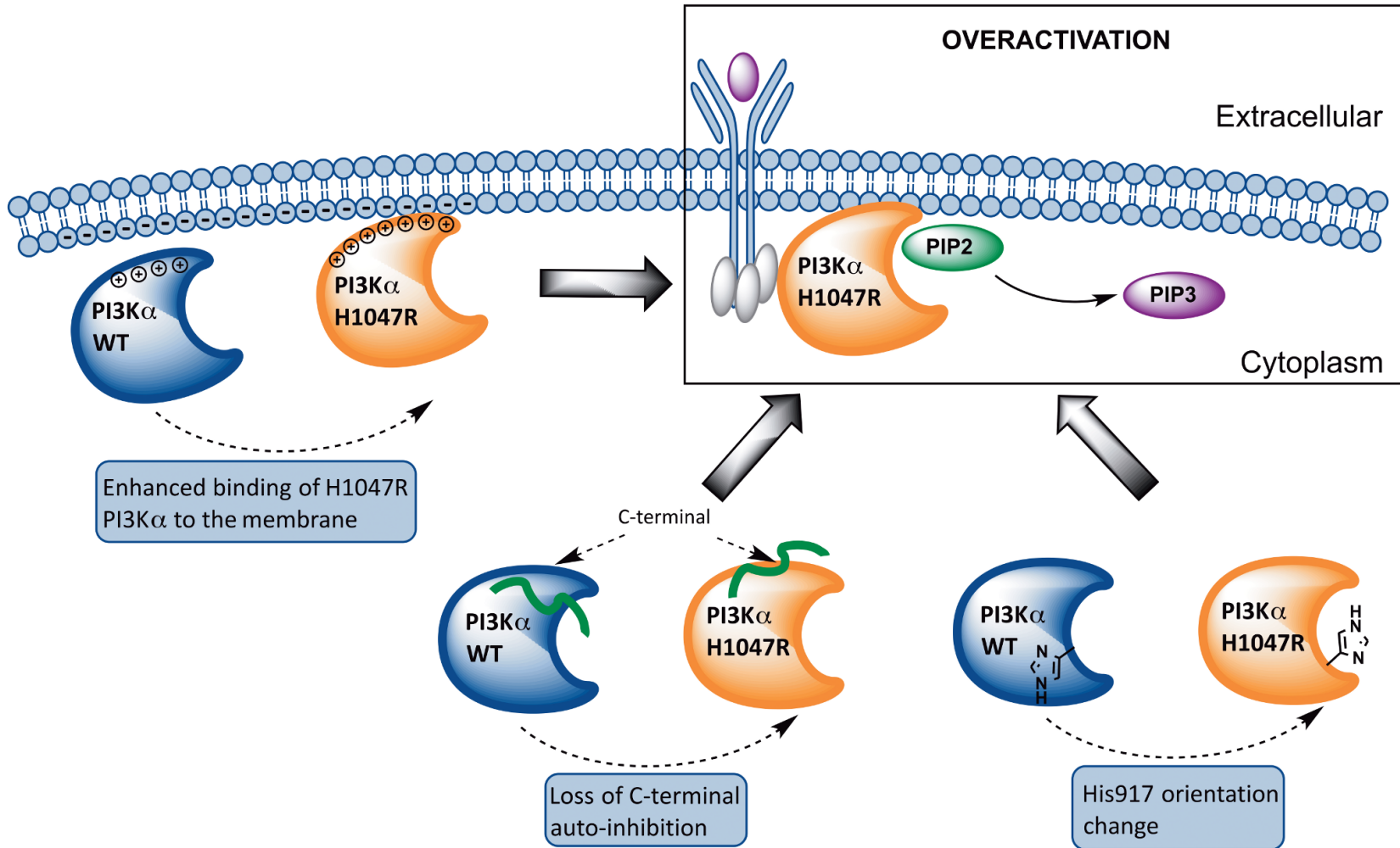
**Experiments & Simulations show that the mutated protein binds more to cell membranes than the normal one**



**(Agianian lab, University of Thrace, Greece)**

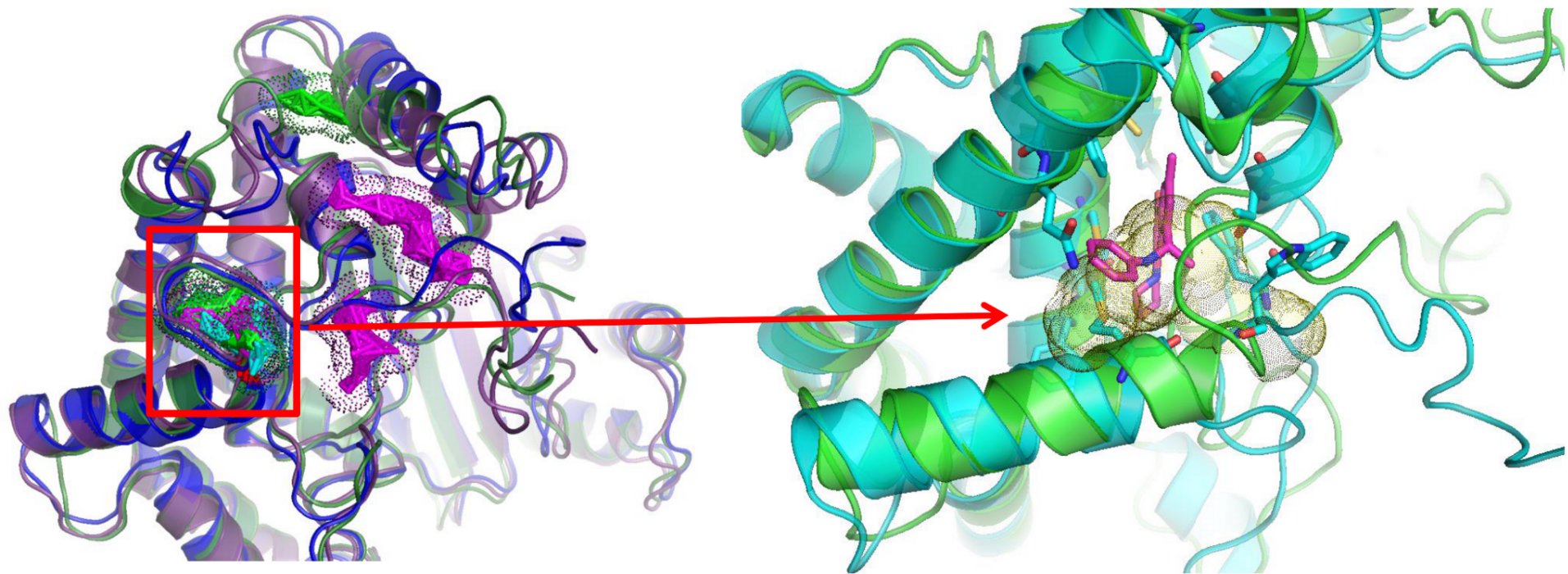


# Proposed mechanism of H1047R overactivation



Gkeka et al, PLOS Comput Biol (2014)

# Binding site identification on PI3K $\alpha$ conformers



Binding site prediction on PI3K $\alpha$  representative structures

Blue: WT Crystal Structure by Hon et al (2011)

Green: Cluster conformation from MD  
Dots: Predicted binding site

Does this binding site also exist in the mutant form and can it be exploited for selective drug design?

# Drugs bind on protein pockets through chemical interactions

**Structure of the anaplastic lymphoma kinase (ALK)  
Complexed with the drug crizotinib – (PDB ID: 2XP2)**



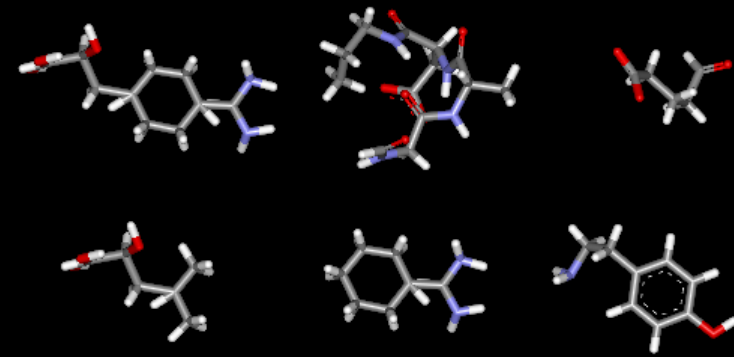
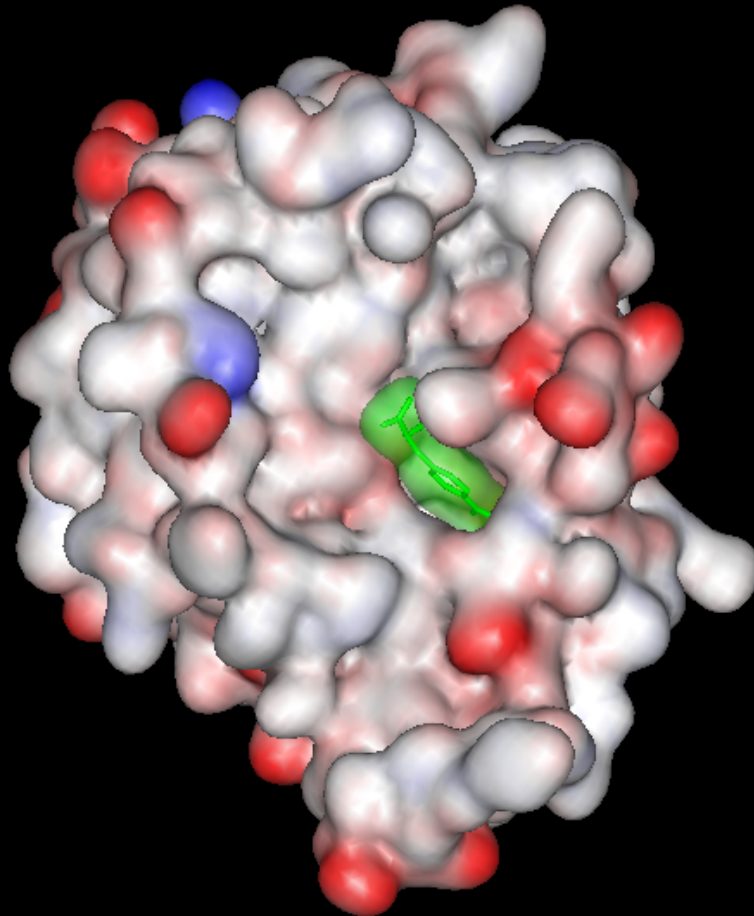
**Protein-Ligand interactions:**

**Intermolecular Interactions  
(Enthalpy)**

*Hydrogen Bonds  
Electrostatic Interactions  
van der Waals Forces  
 $\pi - \pi$  Interactions*

**Entropy**

# Computing protein-drug structure



*Virtual  
Screening*

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=u49k72rUdyc>

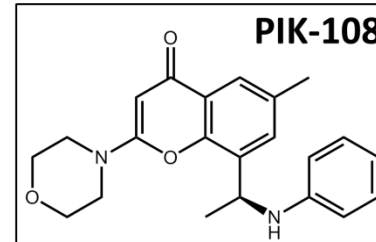


# Mutant-specific drugs in “allosteric” pockets

**PI3K $\alpha$**

**RBD**

**Allosteric Effect?**



**Non-ATP pocket**

**Kinase**

**Catalytic site**

**Helical**

**ABD**

**Mutation site**

**C2**

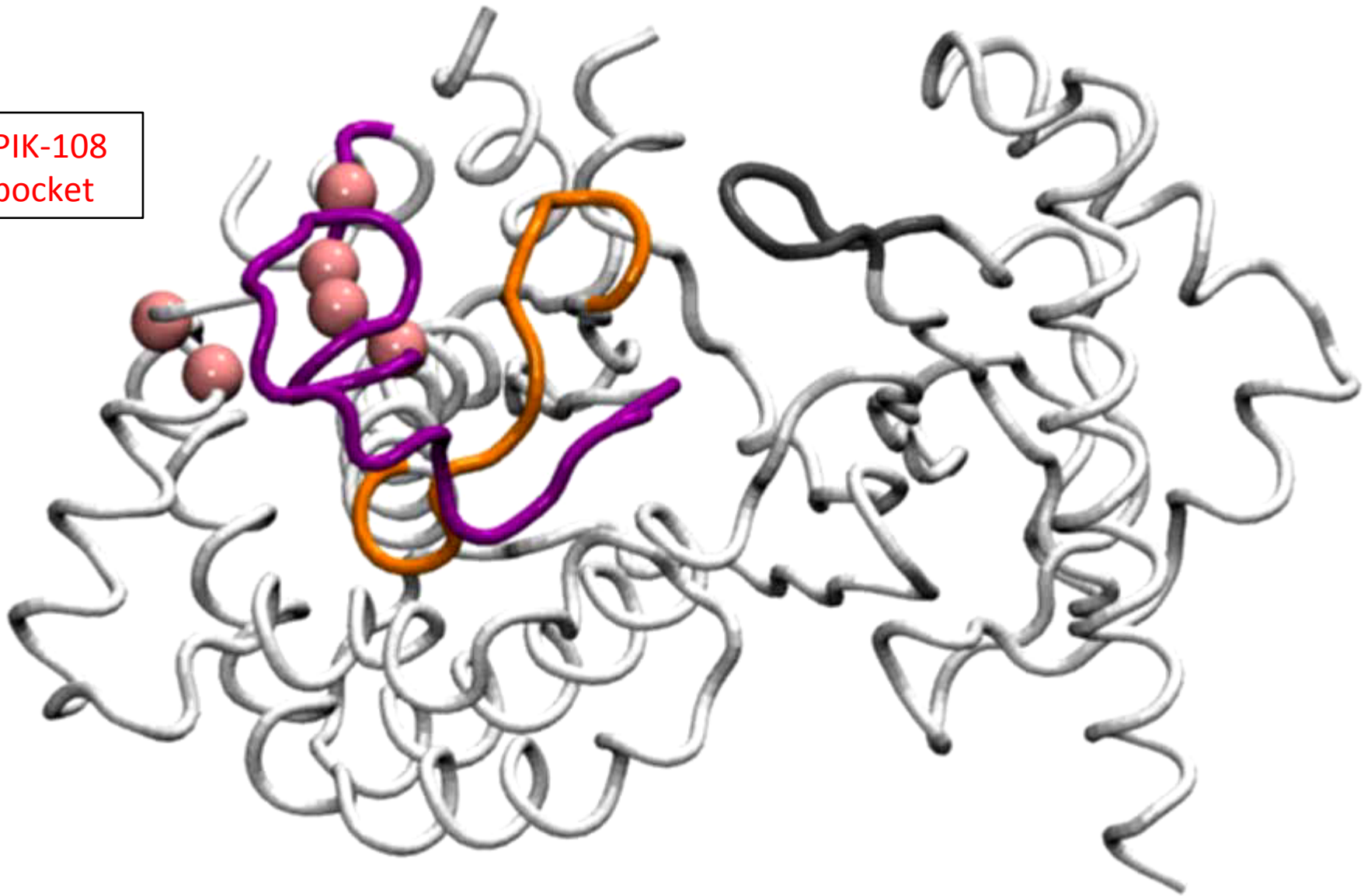
**iSH2**

Hon et al, Oncogene (2011)

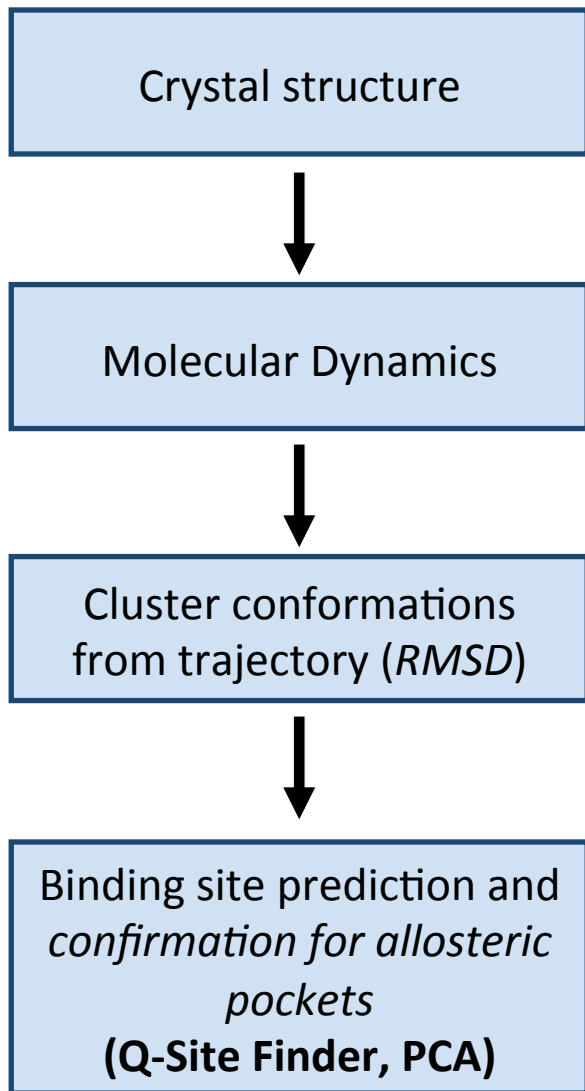
- Active site and non-ATP pocket occupied by **PIK-108**
- MD simulations of WT, H1047R apo and holo forms (100ns production run)
- Is the non-ATP pocket allosteric?
- Can we discover allosteric pockets with simulations?

# Assessment of allosteric pockets with PCA

PIK-108  
pocket

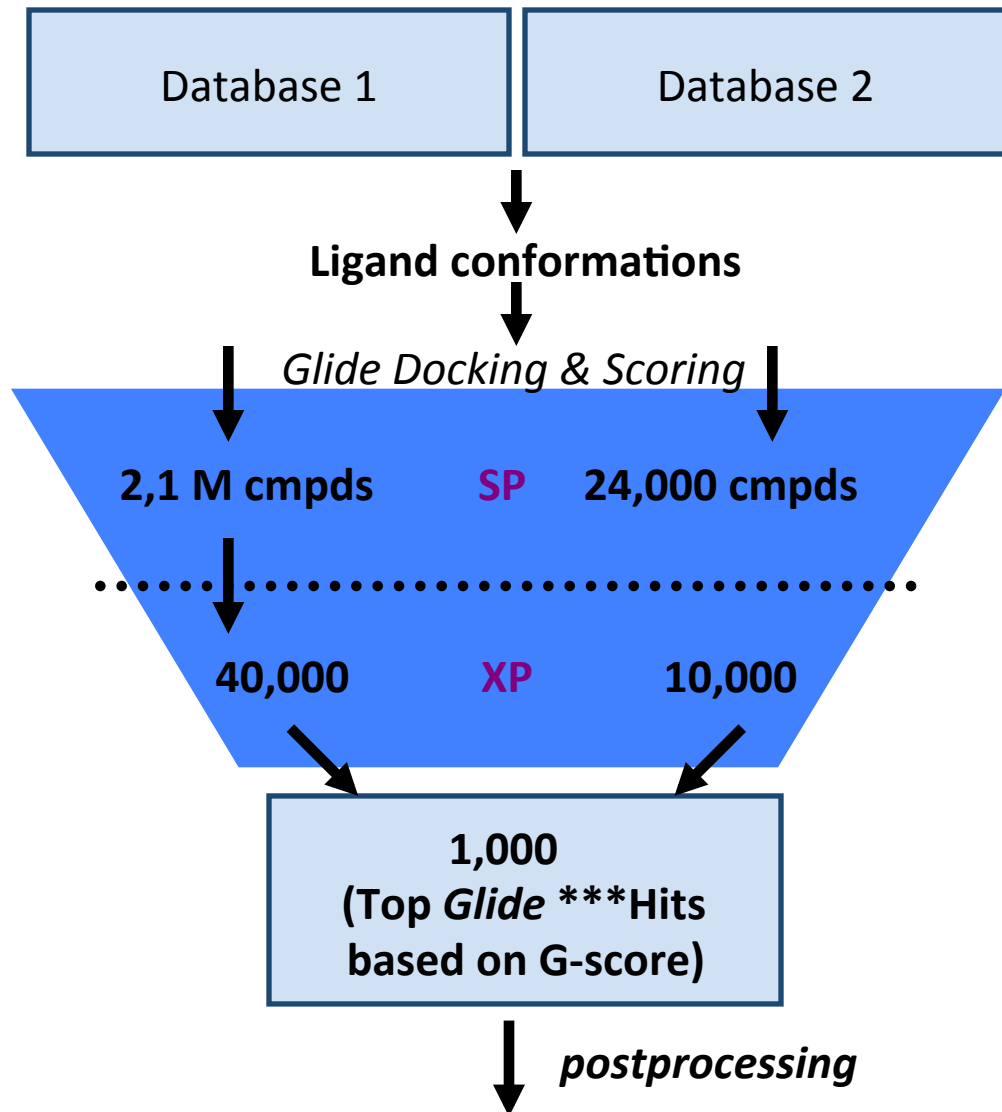


# Binding site Prediction



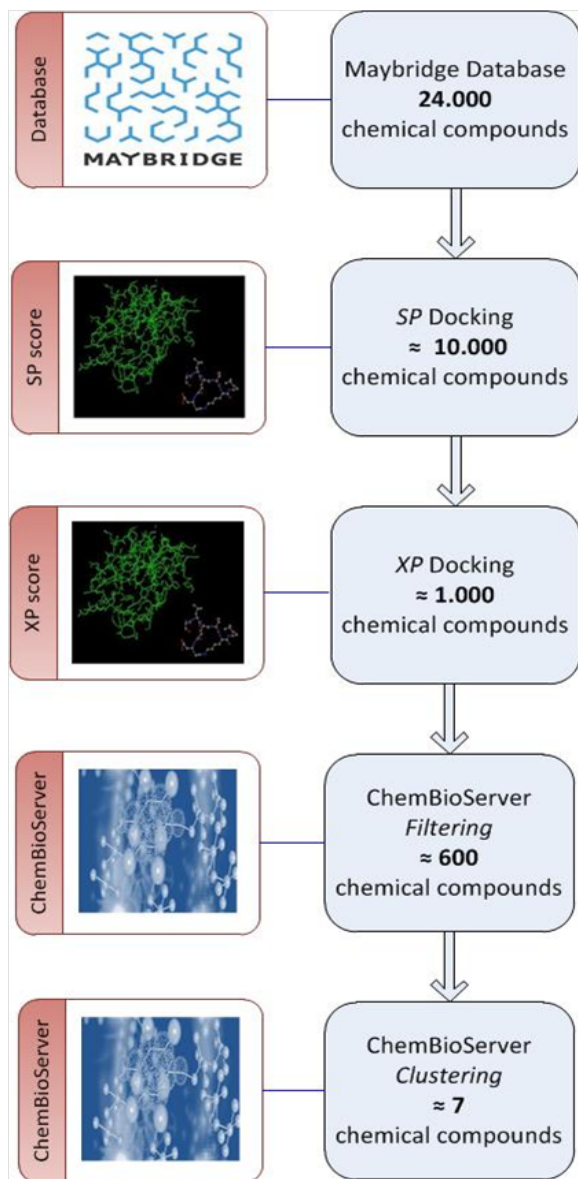
Lionta et al, *Curr Top Med Chem* (2014)

# Virtual Screening



**30 compounds purchased and assayed in vitro**

# How are compounds selected for assaying?



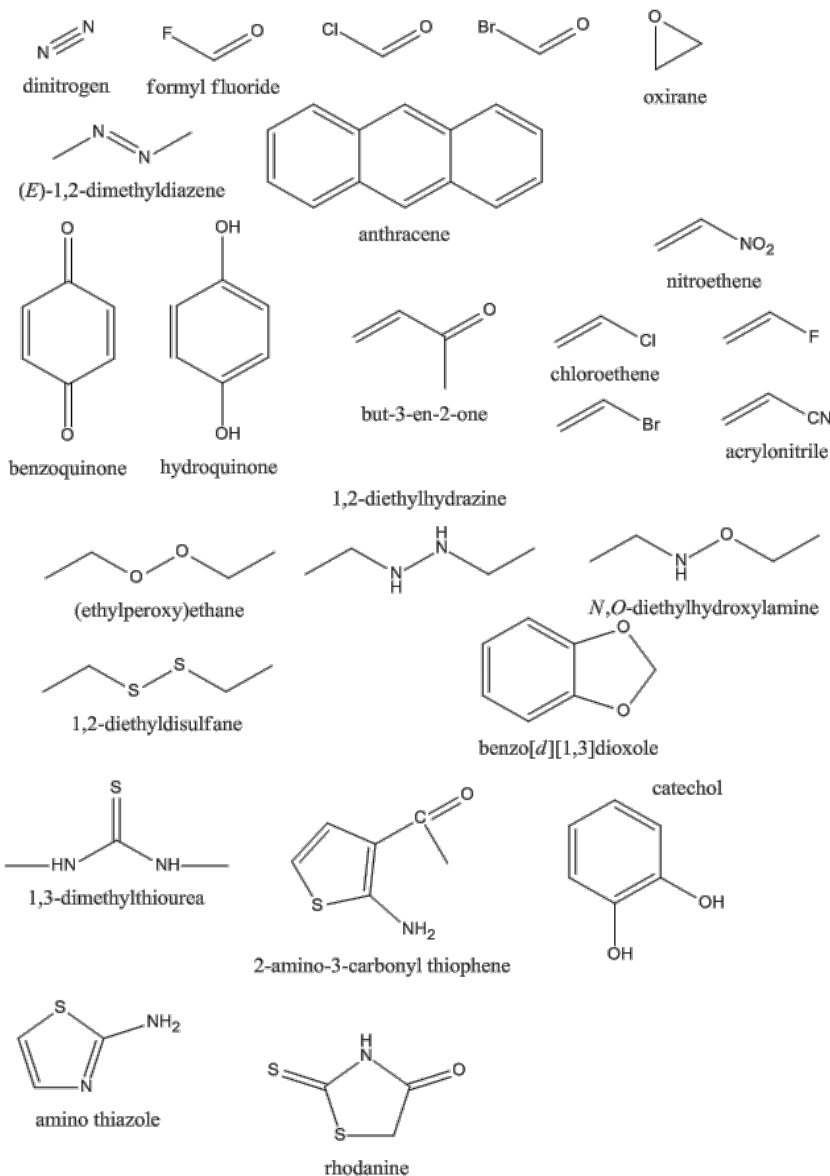
- Library docking using Glide SP, XP
- 1000 Top-scored XP compounds
- Postprocessing with ChemBioServer
- Calculate ADME/tox properties
- Check for bad vdW contacts
- Hierarchical Clustering
- Affinity Propagation (exemplars)
- Visualization: check for compound conformations

<http://bioserver-3.bioacademy.gr/Bioserver/ChemBioServer/>

Athanasiadis, Cournia, Spyrou, *Bioinformatics* (2012)



# Pre/Postprocessing with ChemBioServer



[.gr/Bioserver/ChemBioServer/](http://www.bioserver.gr/Bioserver/ChemBioServer/)

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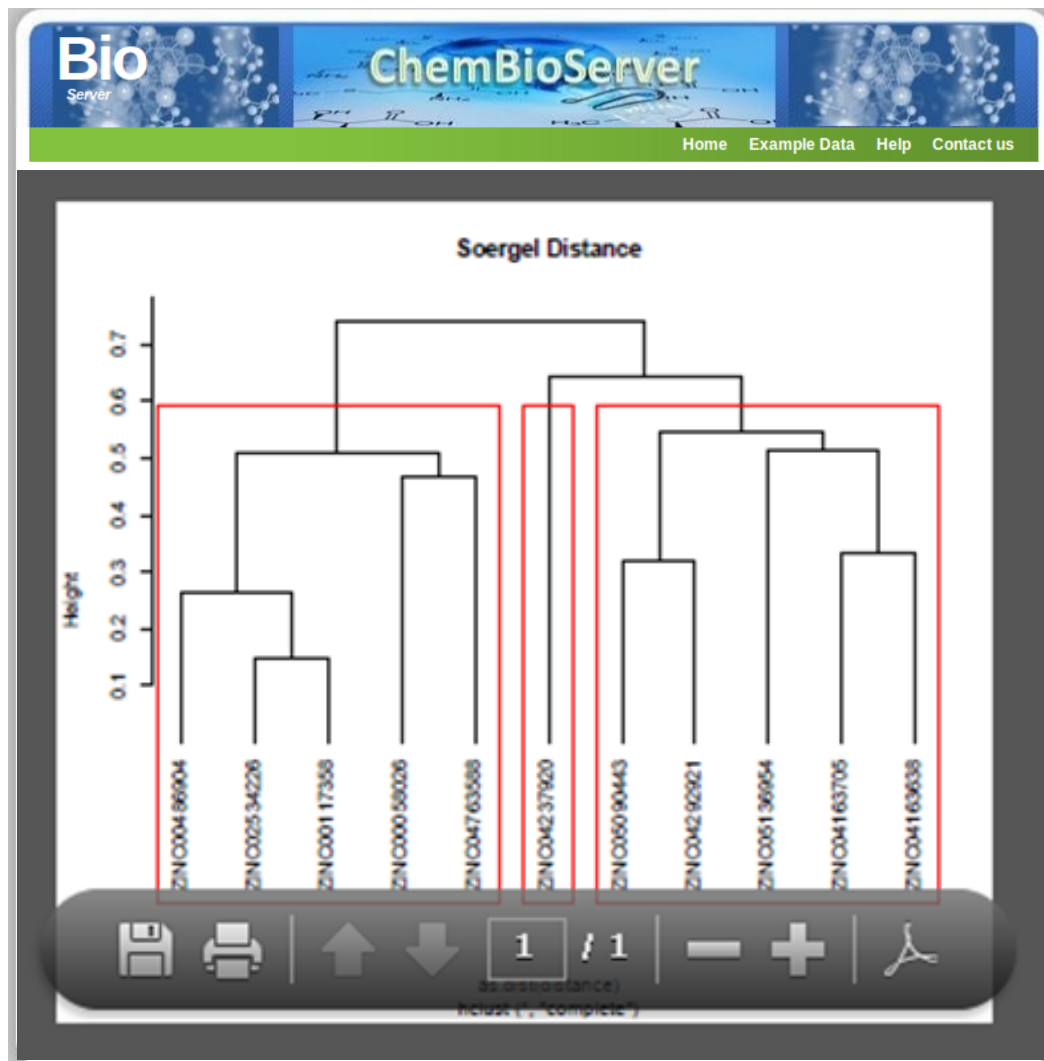
**Toxicity Filtering (Organic Toxic Compounds)**  
- STEP 1. Press Browse Button to select an sdf\* file.  
   
(\*Warning: \*.sdf files are temporary saved on the server and deleted after processing)  
- STEP 2. Press Process Data to upload, process data and Display the Results\*.

Launched on Dec 30th, 2011 Updated on Dec 30th, 2011

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# Clustering and molecular similarity

Similar structures and properties  $\Rightarrow$  similar activity



500- 1,000 compounds



Approximately 15 representative clusters

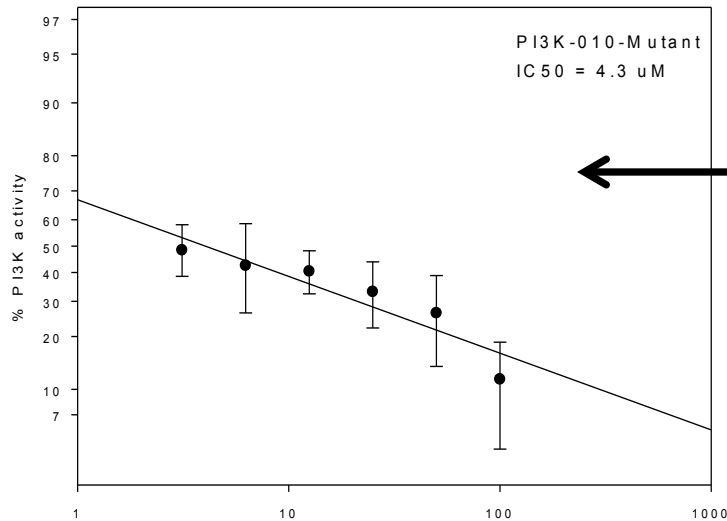
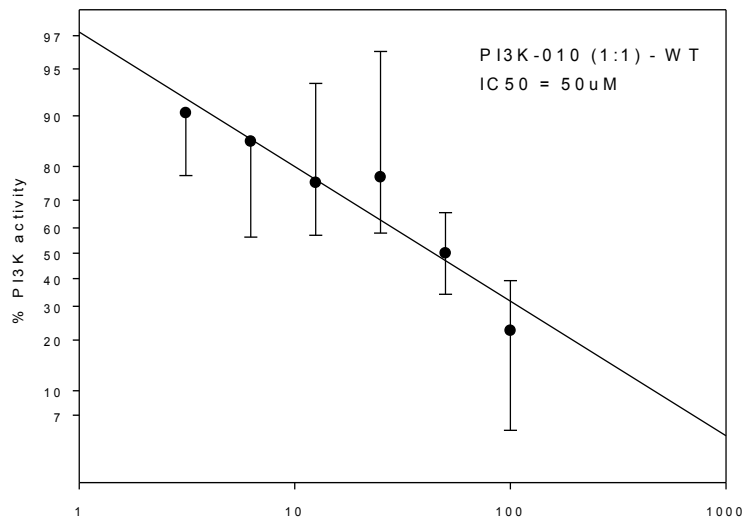


200 exemplars

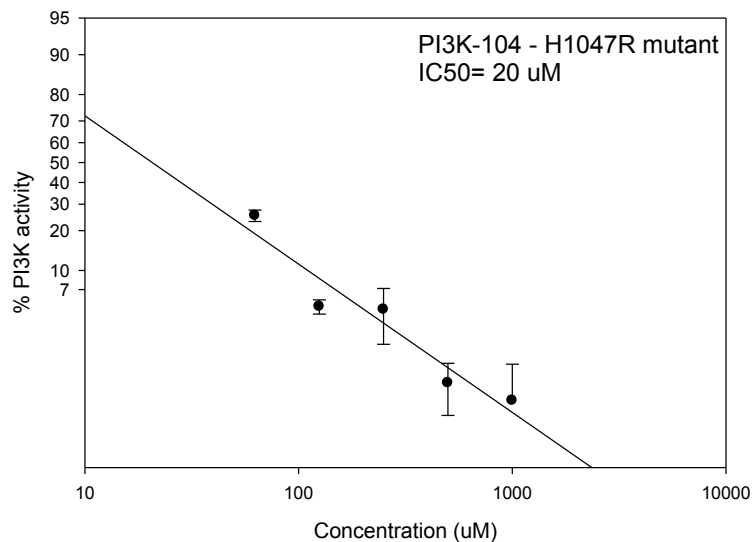
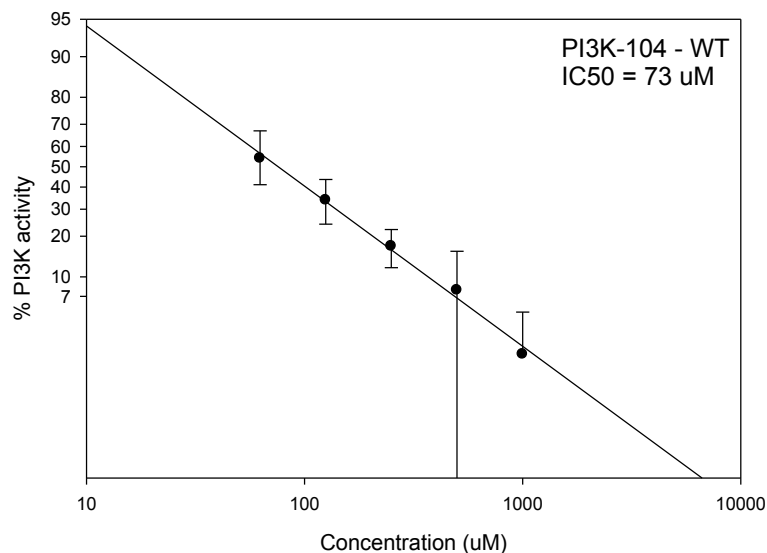


Visualization, purchase  
~10 compounds

# In vitro cell-free assay with cancer liposomes

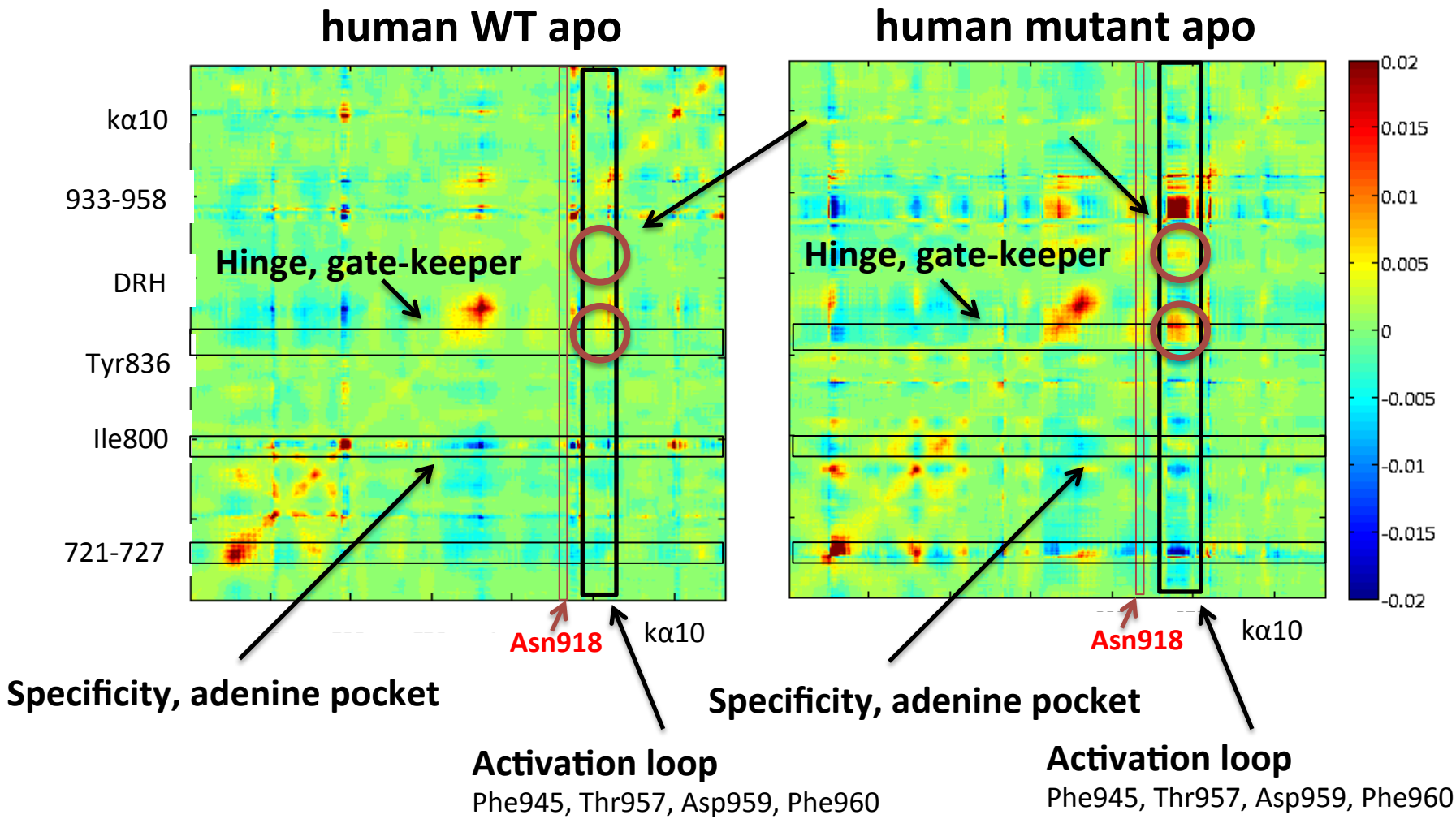


**11-fold  
selectivity of the  
mutant vs the  
WT**



**IC<sub>50</sub> = the  
concentration of  
the compound  
required to  
inhibit the  
protein by 50%**

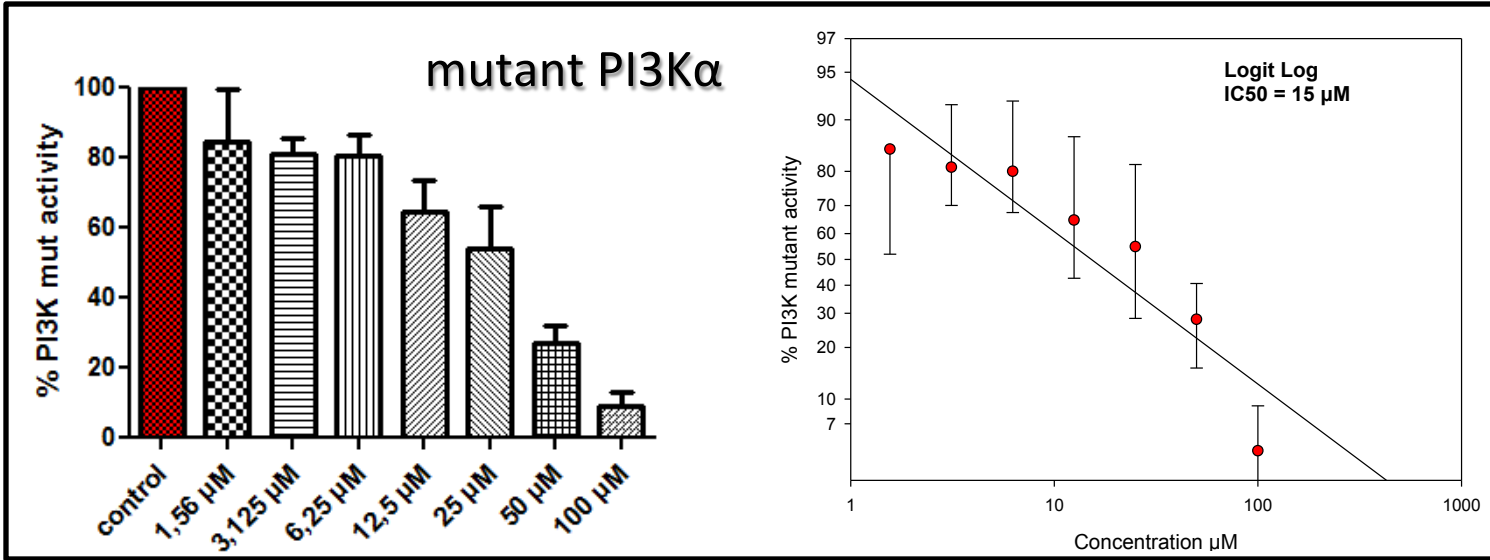
# Is PI3K-010 an allosteric (non-competitive) inhibitor?



The motion of the pocket where PI3K-010 resides **IS** correlated to the motion of the active site.

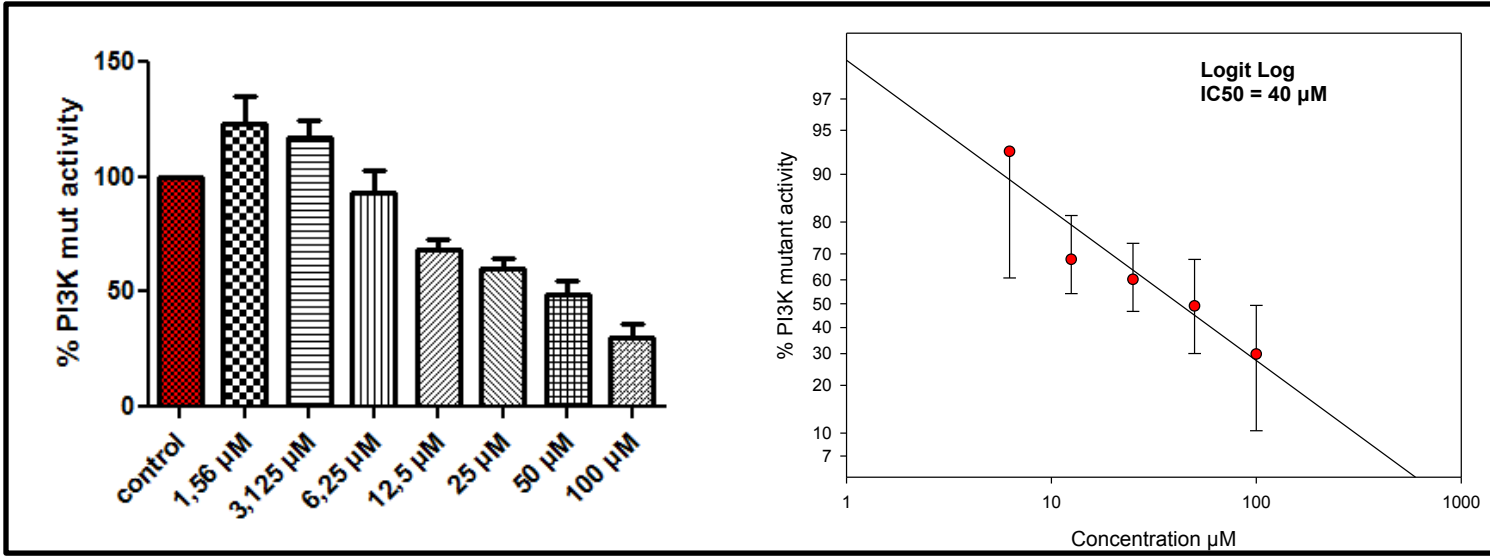


# Is PI3K-010 an allosteric (non-competitive) inhibitor?



Low ATP (100 $\mu$ M):  
**IC50 = 15  $\mu$ M**

High ATP (2mM):  
**IC50 = 40  $\mu$ M**

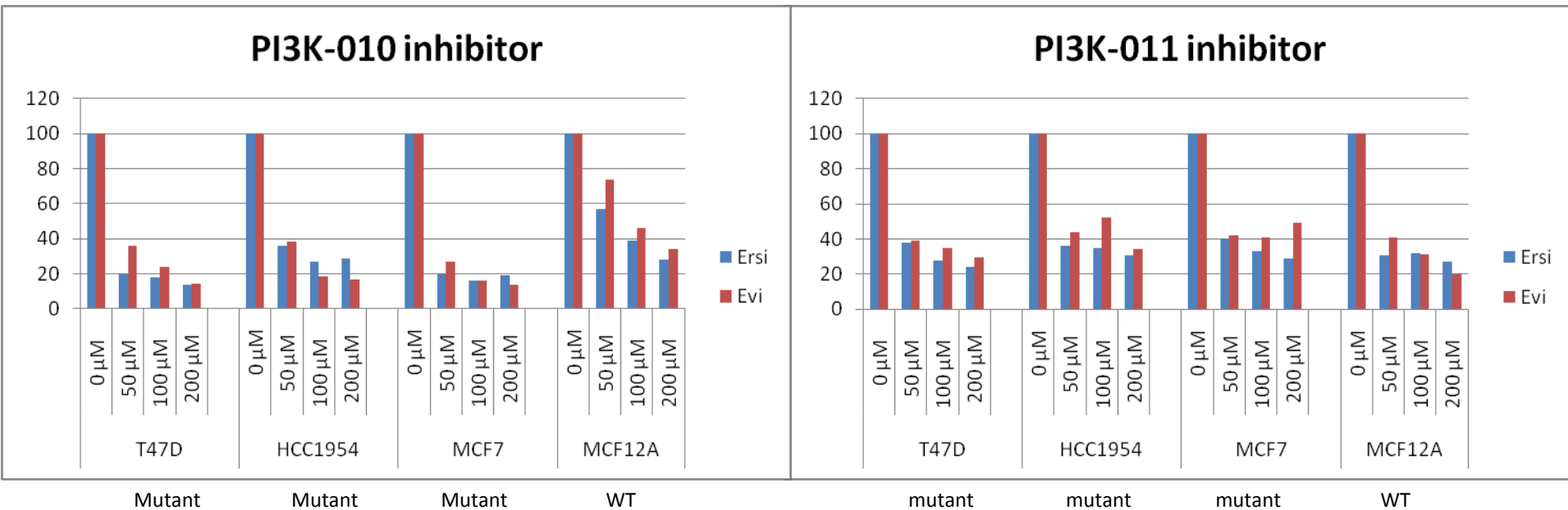


**PI3K-010 IC50 is not influenced by ATP concentration**

**Could be considered allosteric**

2 experiments low ATP, 4 experiments high ATP

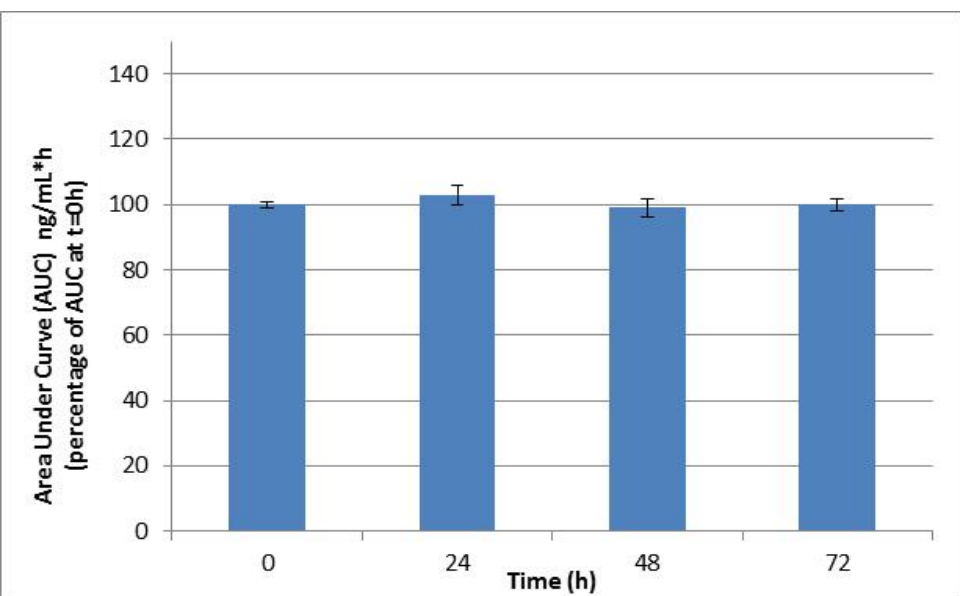
# MTT assay on mutant and WT PI3K $\alpha$



- Mutant-specific inhibition is possible
- IC<sub>50</sub> WT = 7 $\mu$ M
- IC<sub>50</sub> H1047R = 1 $\mu$ M

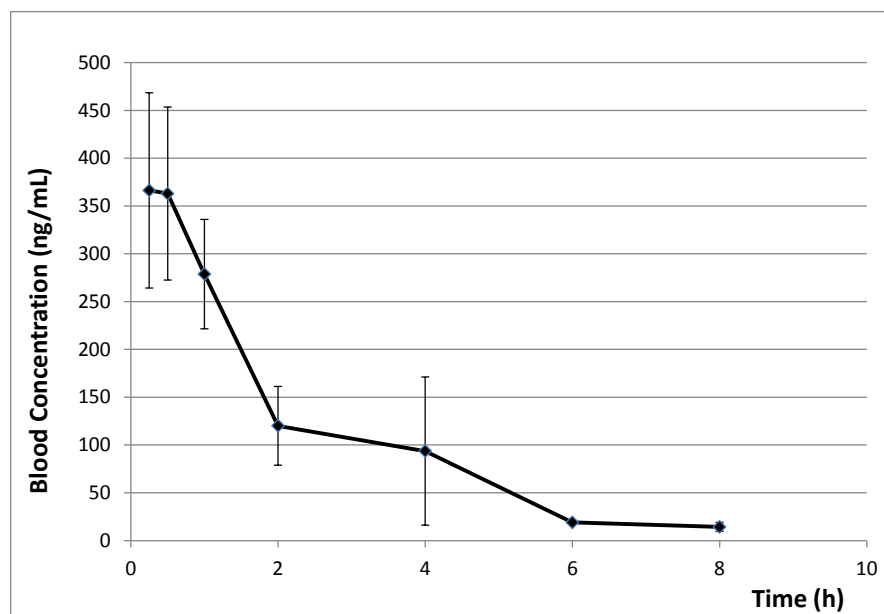
# Pharmacokinetic experiments on PI3K-010

*Stability of compound PI3K010 in cell conditioned- medium*



(Tamvakopoulos lab, BRFAA)

*Mean blood concentrations of PI3K010 in corn oil following oral dosing in mice (10 mg/Kg).*



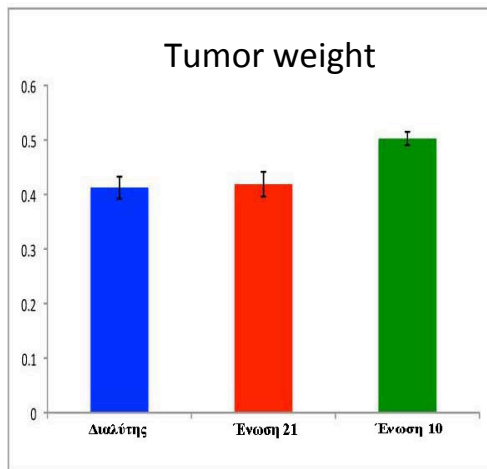
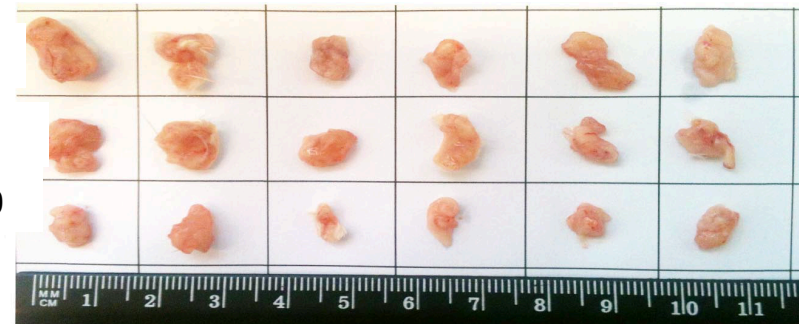
C<sub>max</sub> of 396 ng/mL (~ 1  $\mu$ M)  
4 h post-dose - average concentrations  
of 100 ng/mL (~ 0.3  $\mu$ M).

# Preclinical study of PI3K-010 (xenografts)

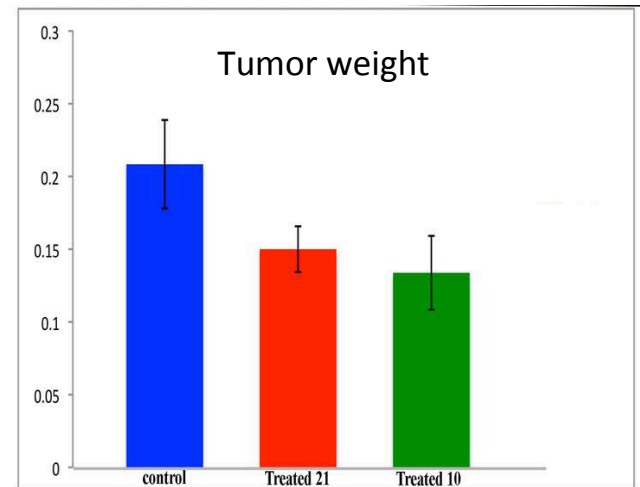
## MDA-231-MB (PI3K $\alpha$ WT)



## HCC1954 (H1047R PI3K $\alpha$ mutant)



Solvent  
PI3K-021  
PI3K-010



(D. Stellas, Klinakis & Efstratiadis labs)

***PI3K010 in corn oil following oral dosing in mice (100 mg/Kg).***



# PI3K $\alpha$ WT and E545K mutant MD simulations

80% of all mutations:

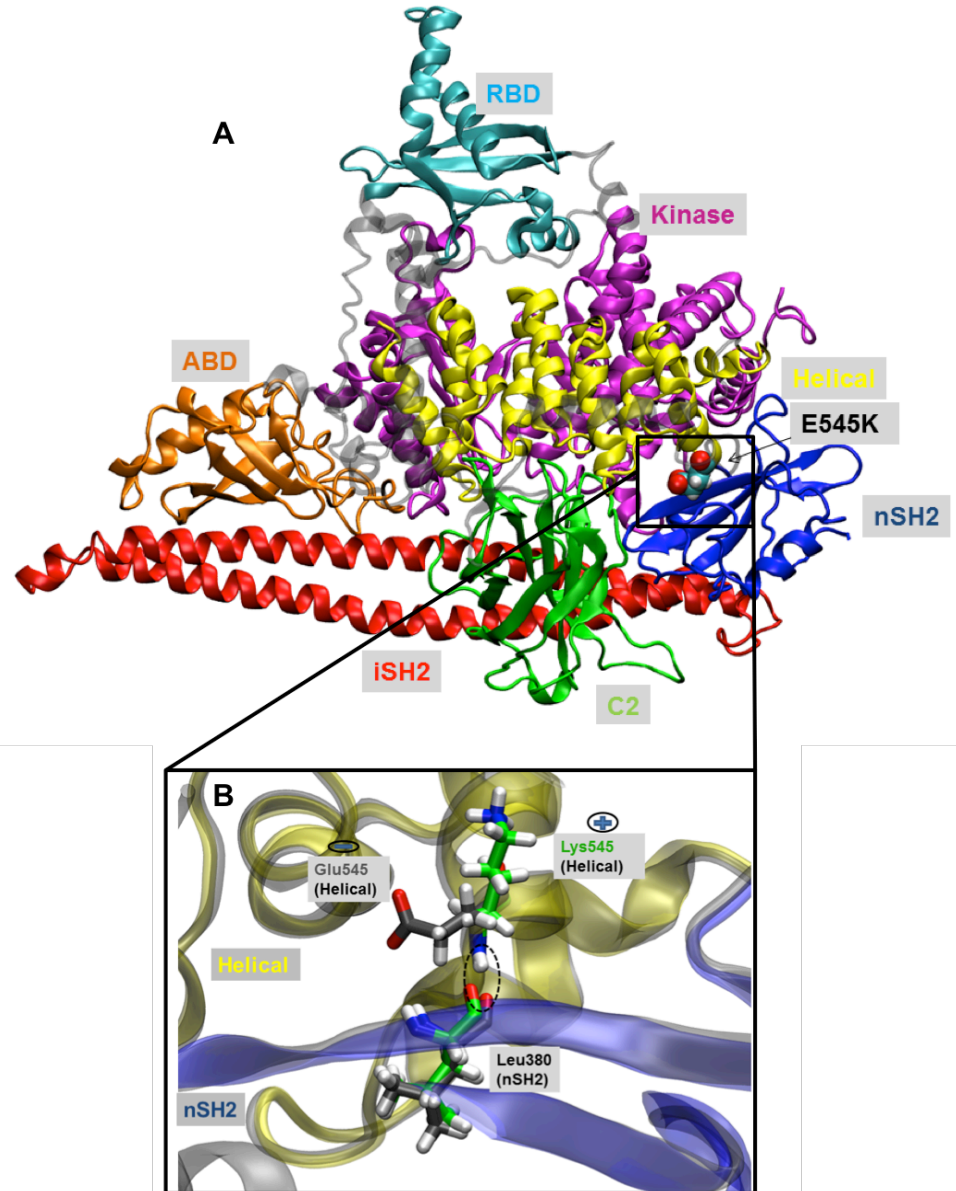
Glu545Lys His1047Arg

System size:

355.000 atoms

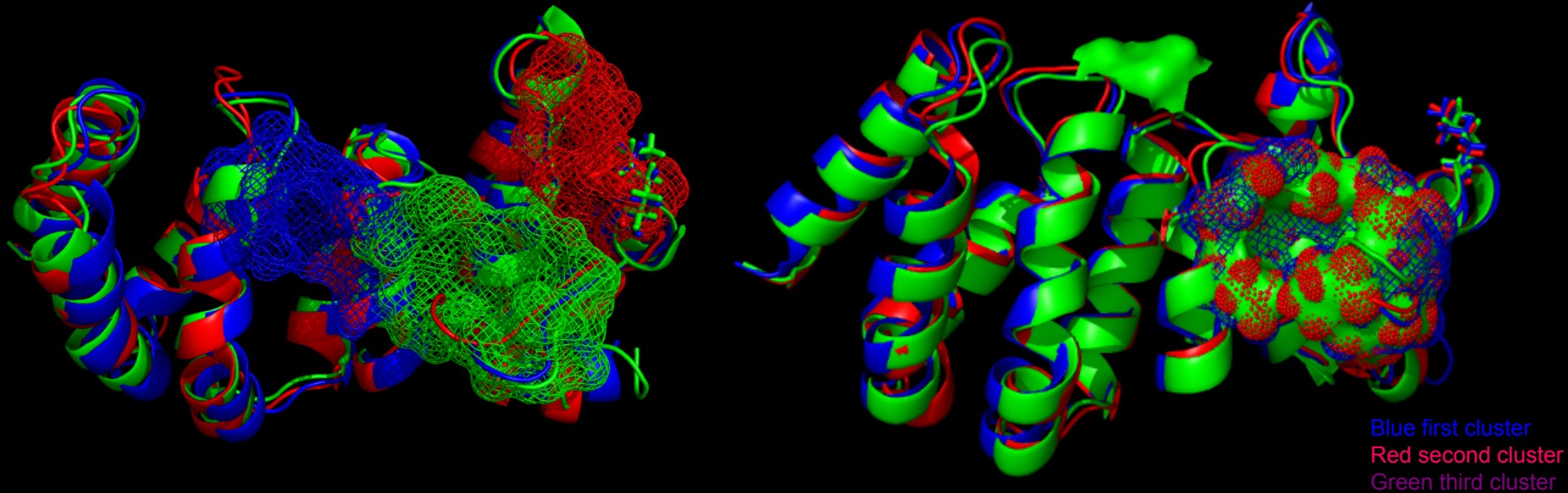
(1344 a.a + water+ions)

512 cores => 30 ns/day



Simulation	Time (ns)
WT replica 1	800
WT run 1	900
Mutant run 1	900
Mutant replicate 1	900
Mutant replicate 2	900
Mutant replicate 3	900

# Binding Site Prediction on WT and E545K

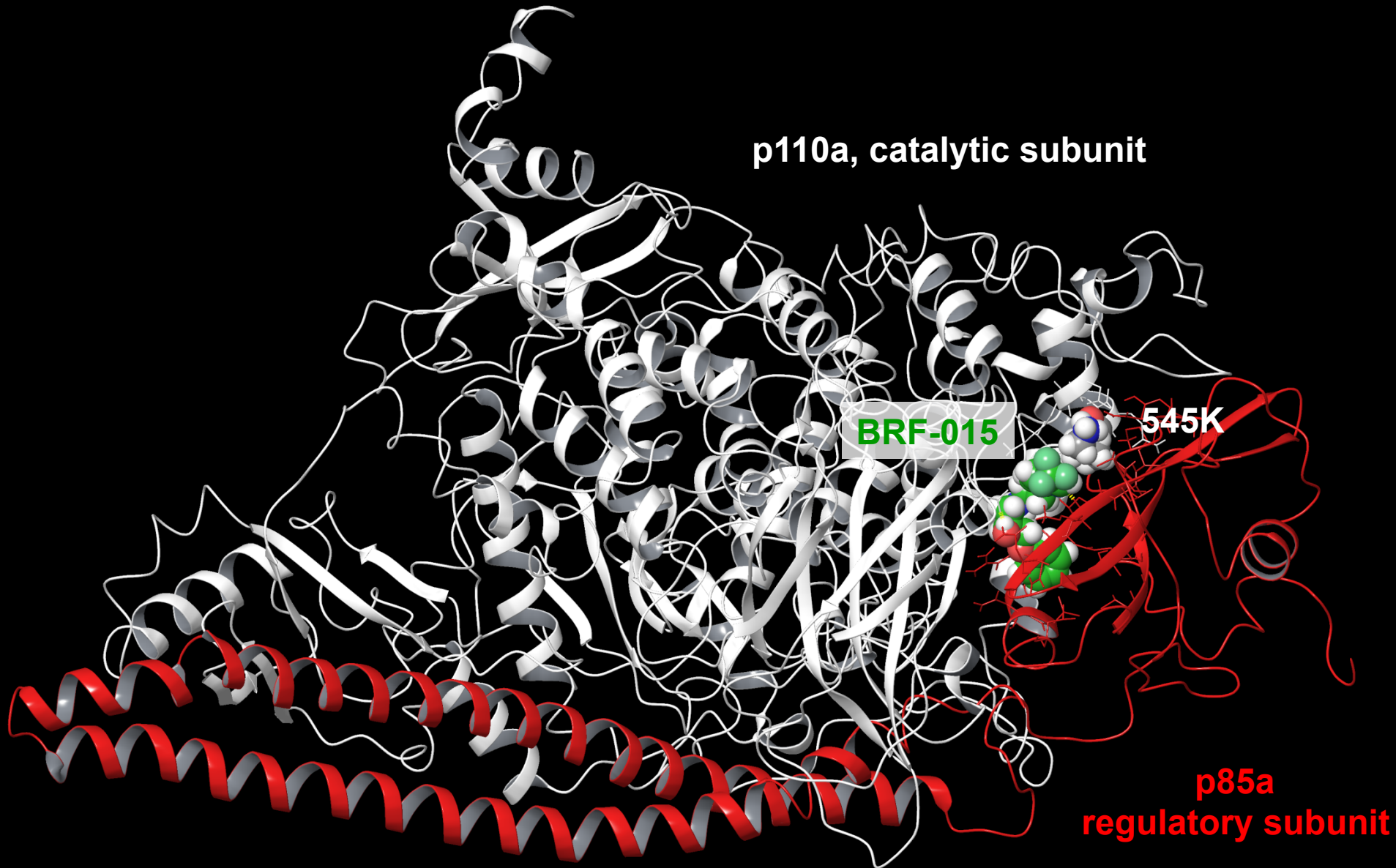


**WT**

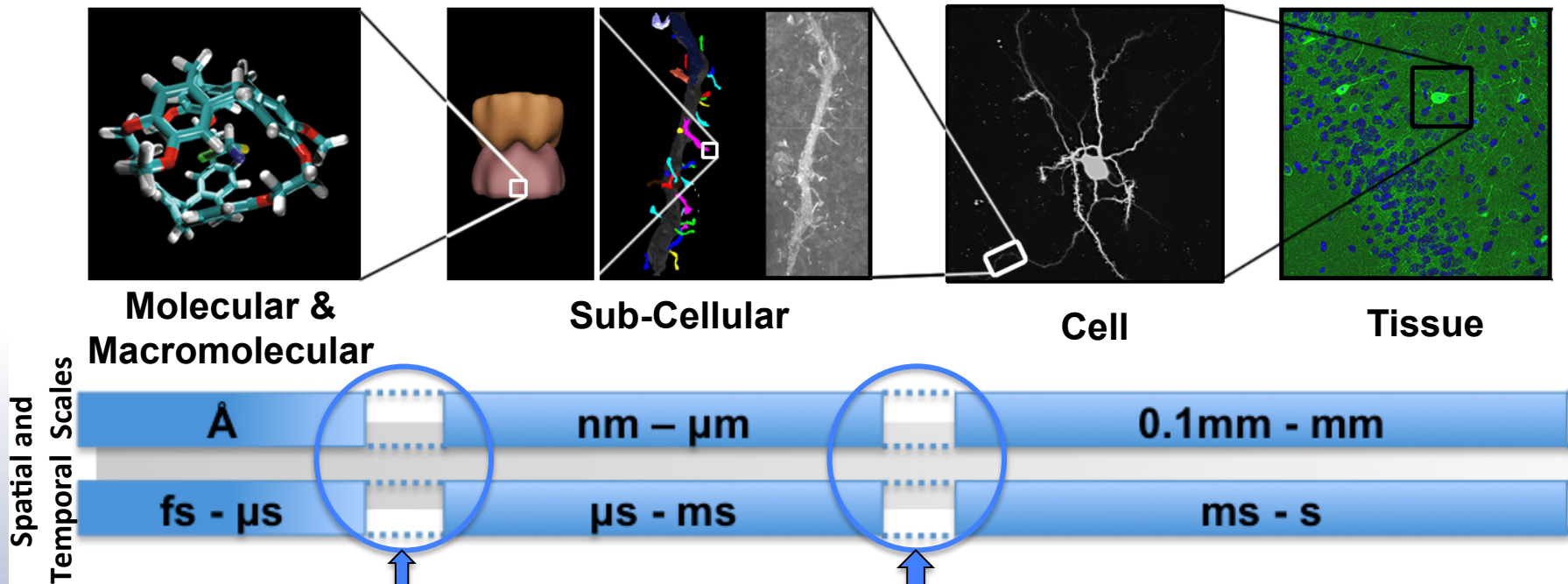
**Mutant**

- Cluster analysis was performed
- Binding site prediction on cluster representatives.
- Binding cavities discovered in a region close to the mutation site
- Screening (Glide docking, Maybridge) was performed in the discovered cavity for the WT and Mutant

# Targeting the p110a + p85a interface



# Mind the Gaps







**Challenge areas define the future of computational chemistry & biophysics**

*e.g., Can we understand the drug target in its real environment?  
Can we understand the molecular and chemical mechanisms underlying disease?*



# Coarse-graining membranes: MARTINI FF

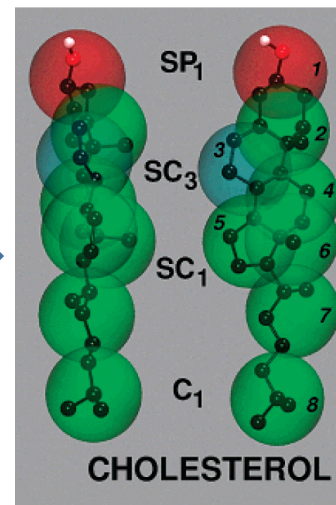
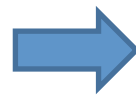
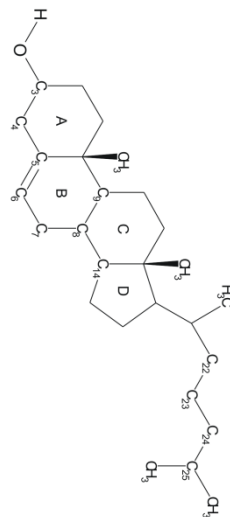
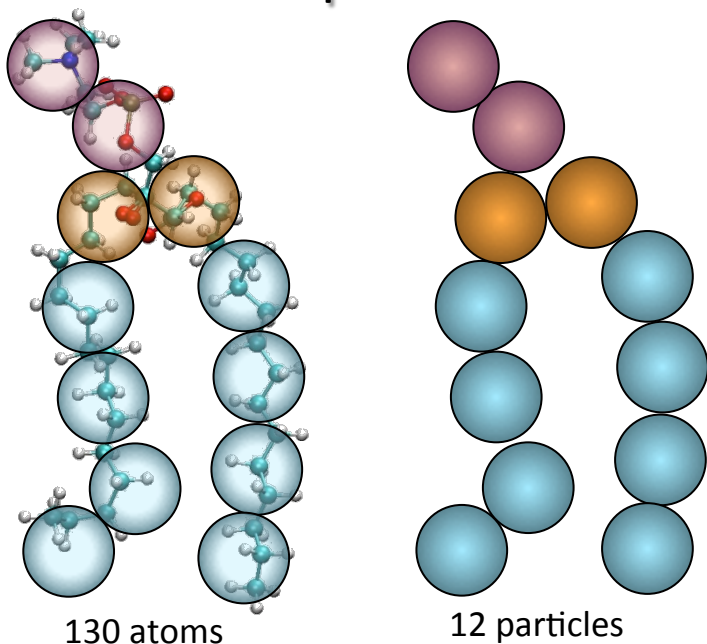
-  C - apolar
-  P - polar
-  N - nonpolar
-  Q - charged

18 subtypes

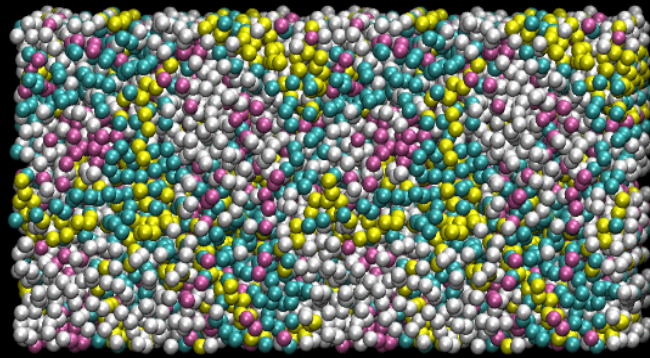
- Hydrogen bond capabilities: d, a, da, 0
- Degree of polarity: 1, low.... 5, high

$$V = V_{bond} + V_{angle} + V_{id} + U_{LJ} + U_{el}$$

## DPPC lipid



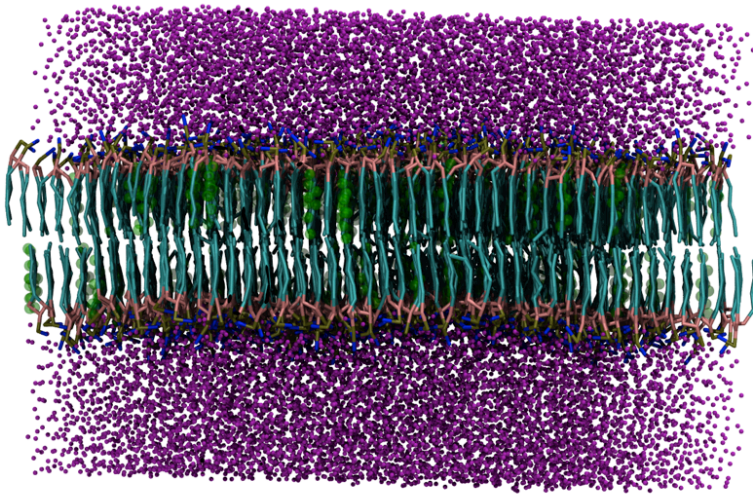
# Lipid bilayer formation



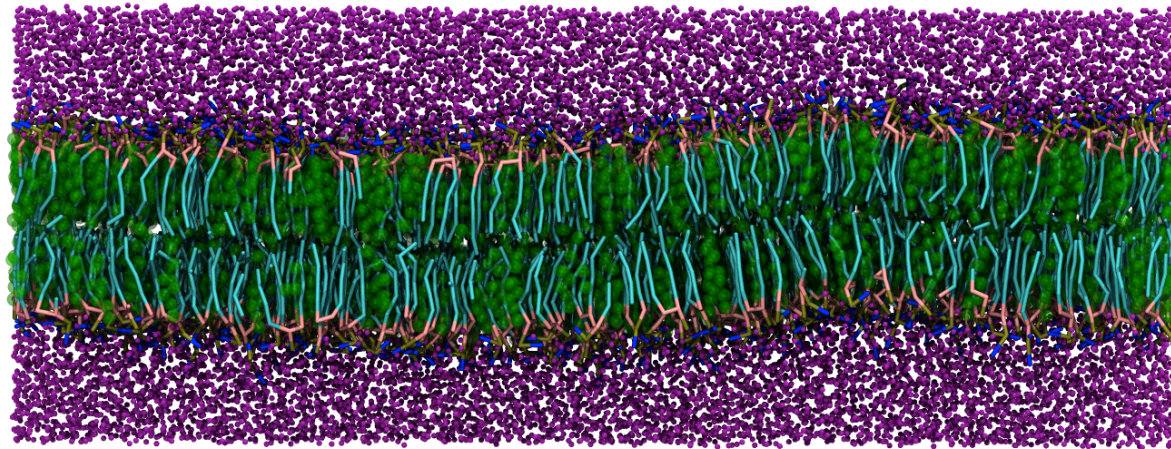
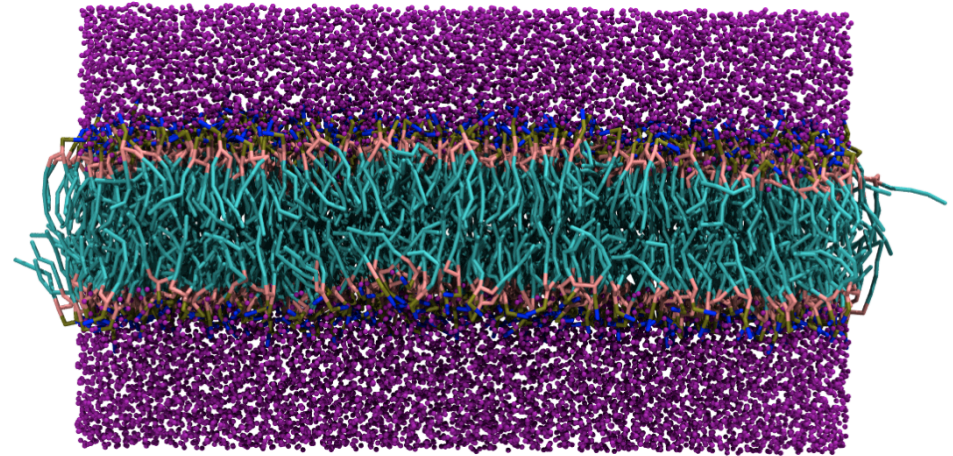


# Three lipid bilayer phases observed with CG-MD

**Gel phase (T=290K, 10% mol. chol.)**



**Liquid phase (T=323K, 0% mol. chol.)**



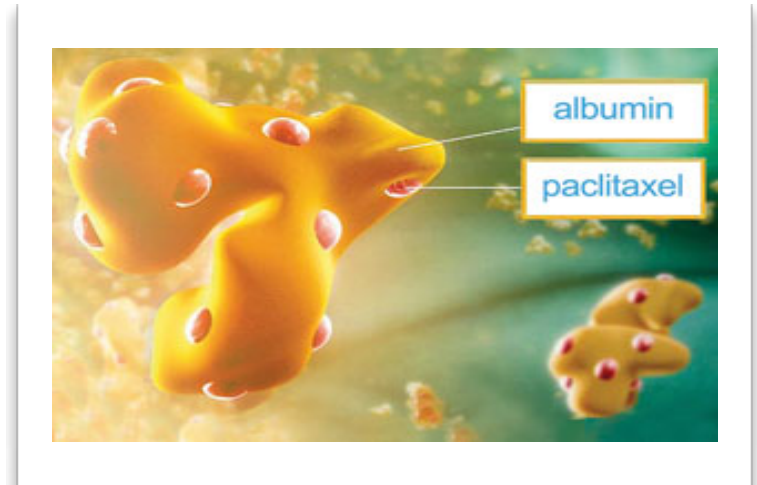
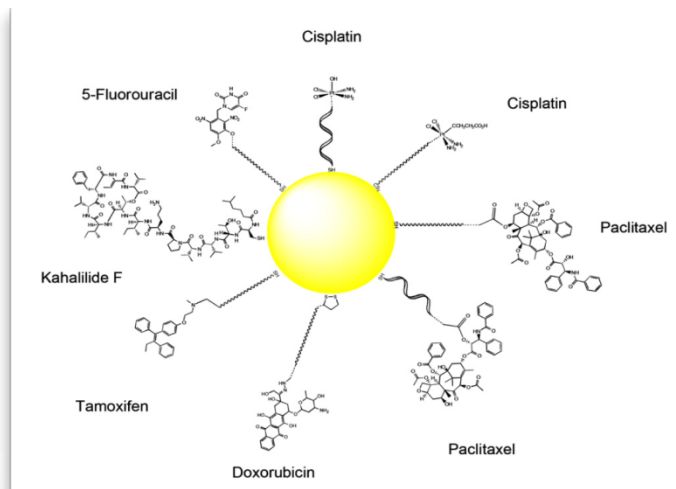
**Liquid-ordered  
T=323K  
50% mol. chol.**

# Nanoparticle applications in medicine

## Nanoparticle albumin-bound paclitaxel (Abraxane®)

<http://www.abraxane.com/>

### Targeted Drug Delivery

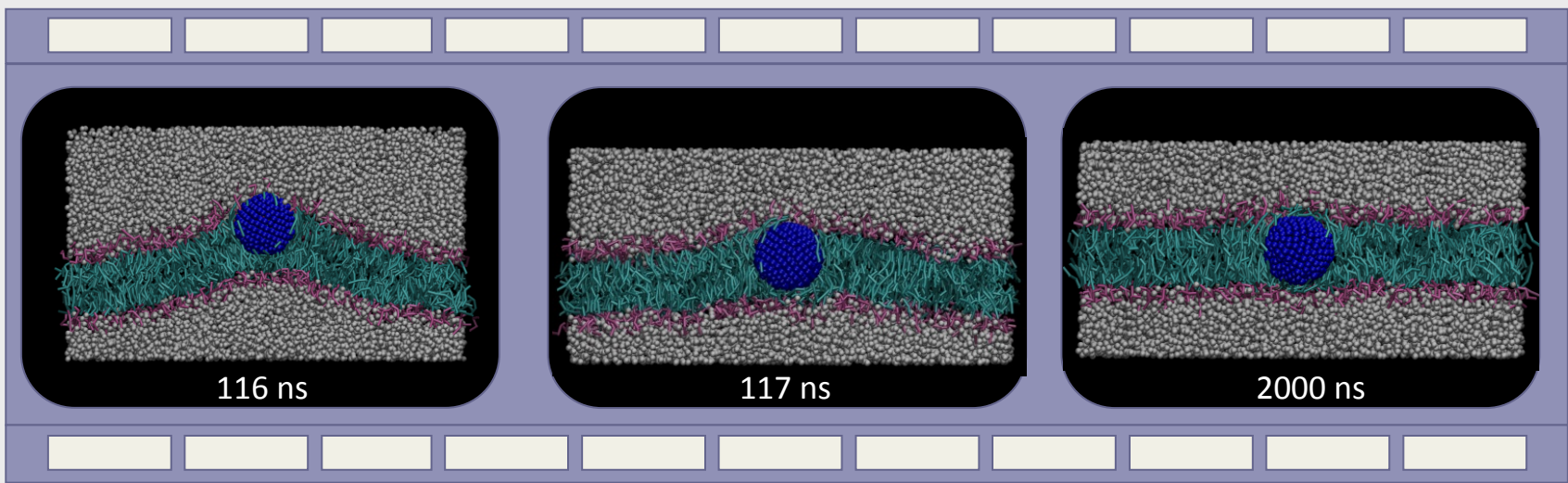
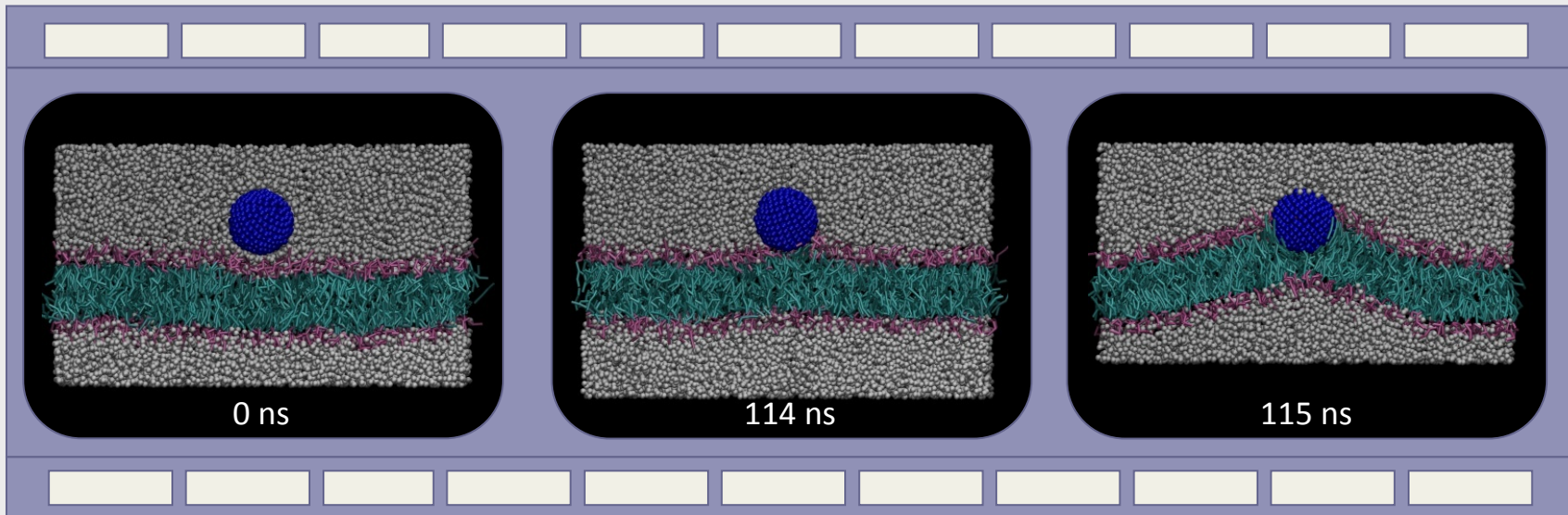


## Anticancer drugs covalently conjugated to gold nanoparticles

*L. Vigderman, E.R. Zubarev / Advanced Drug Delivery Reviews 65 (2013) 663–676*



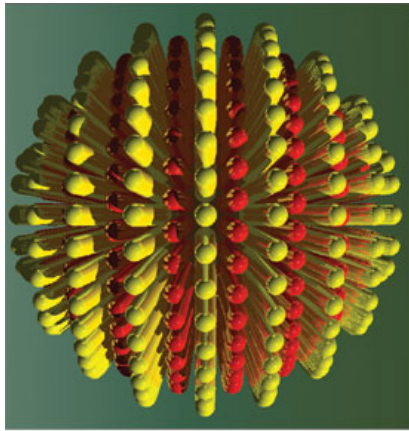
# The fully hydrophobic nanoparticle



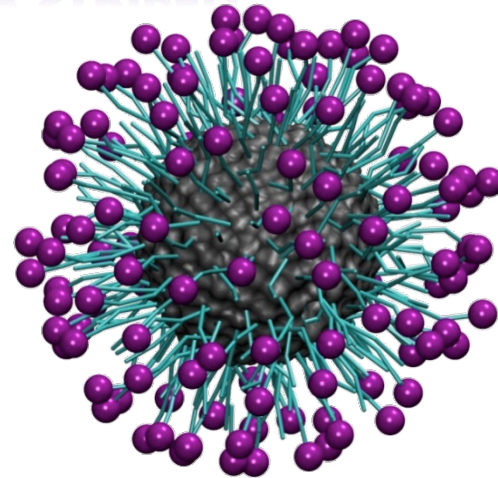
# The “hairy” nanoparticle

## STRIPED NP IS NOT REALLY STRIPED

Evi Gkeka

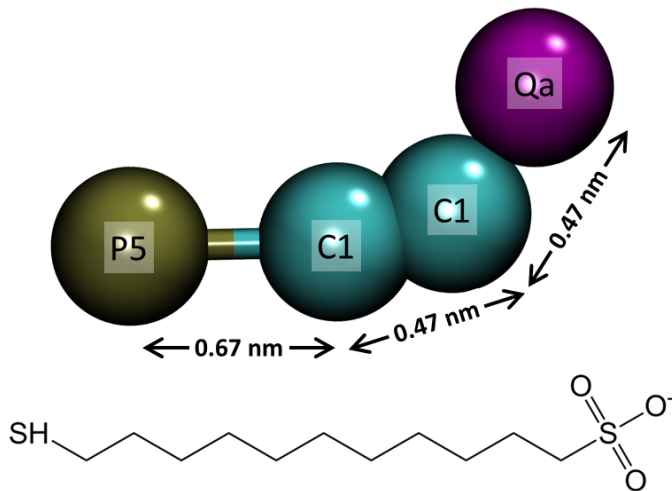


Verma *et al.* Nature Materials 2008

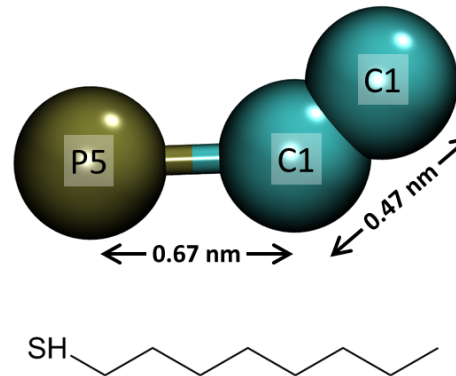


Gkeka *et al.* PLOS Comput Biol 2014

### 11-mercapto-1-undecanesulphonate (MUS)



### 1-octanethiol (OT)



### MARTINI modeling of NP surface ligands

#### Harmonic bond potential

$$k^{P5-C1} = 12,500 \text{ kJ mol}^{-1}$$

$$k^{C1-C1} = 1,250 \text{ kJ mol}^{-1}$$

$$k^{C1-Qa} = 1,550 \text{ kJ mol}^{-1}$$

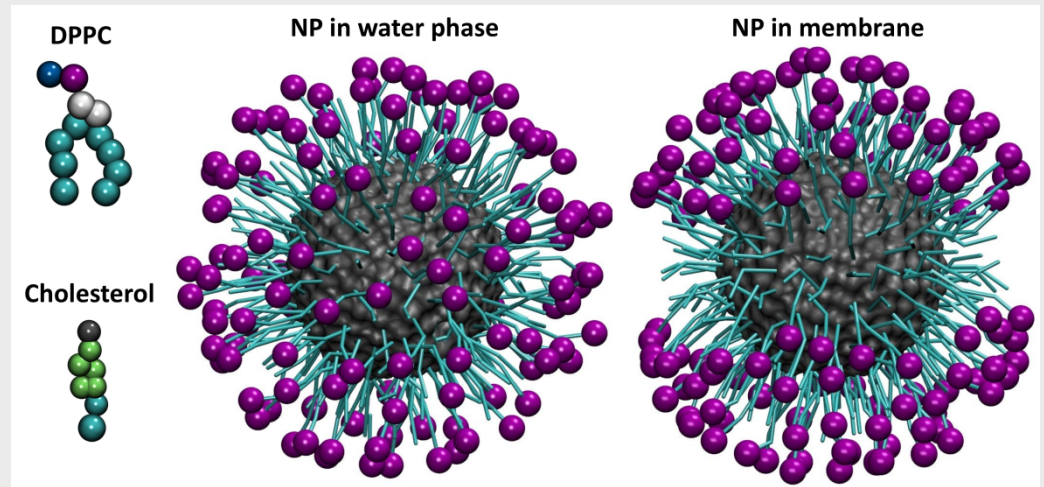
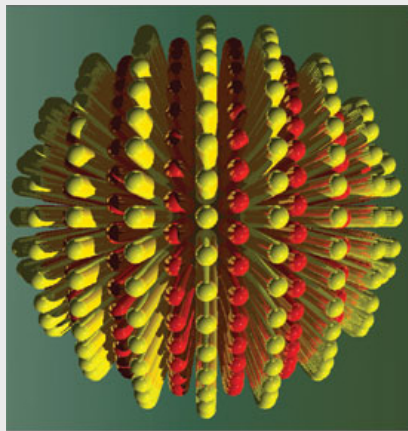
#### Cosine based angle potential

$$\theta_0 = 180^\circ$$

$$k = 25 \text{ kJ mol}^{-1}$$

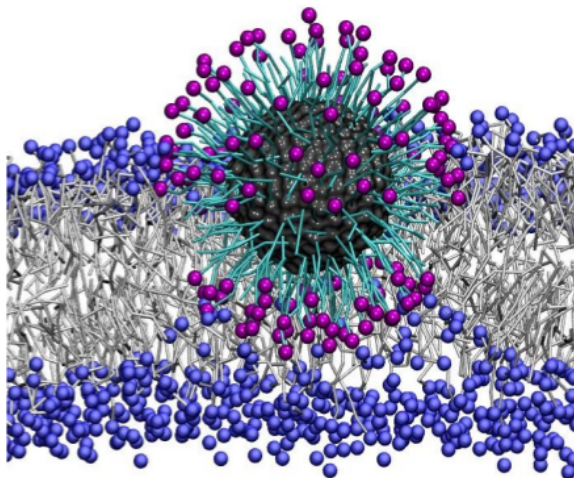


# The effect of cholesterol on NP insertion

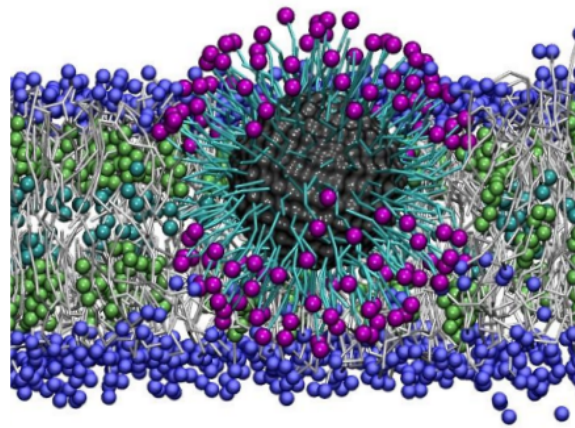


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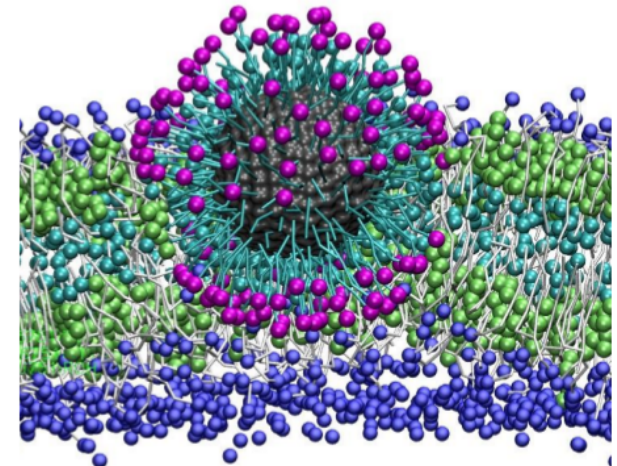
**6 different membrane cholesterol concentrations: 0%, 10%, 20%, 30%, 40%, and 50%**



0% cholesterol

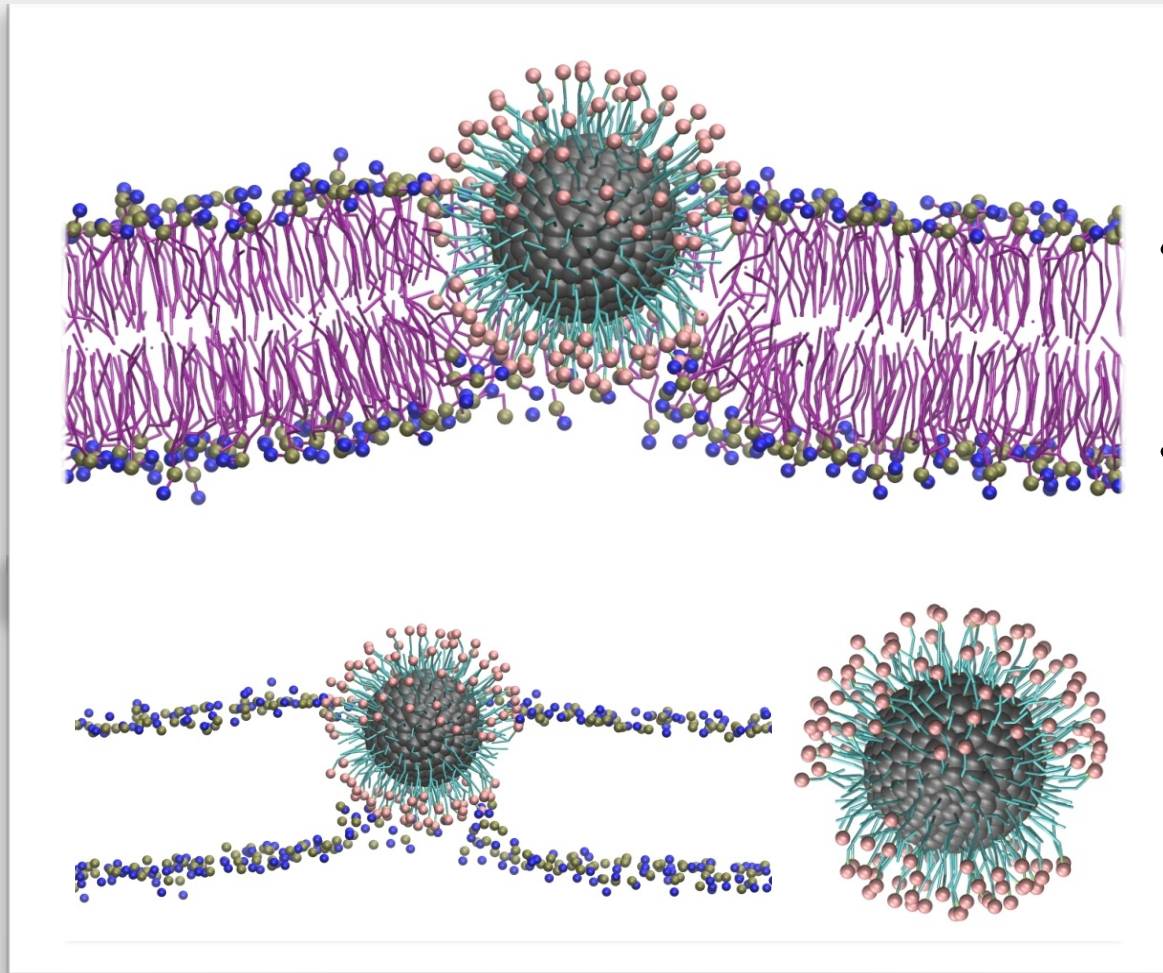


30% cholesterol



50% cholesterol

# NP is thinning the membrane



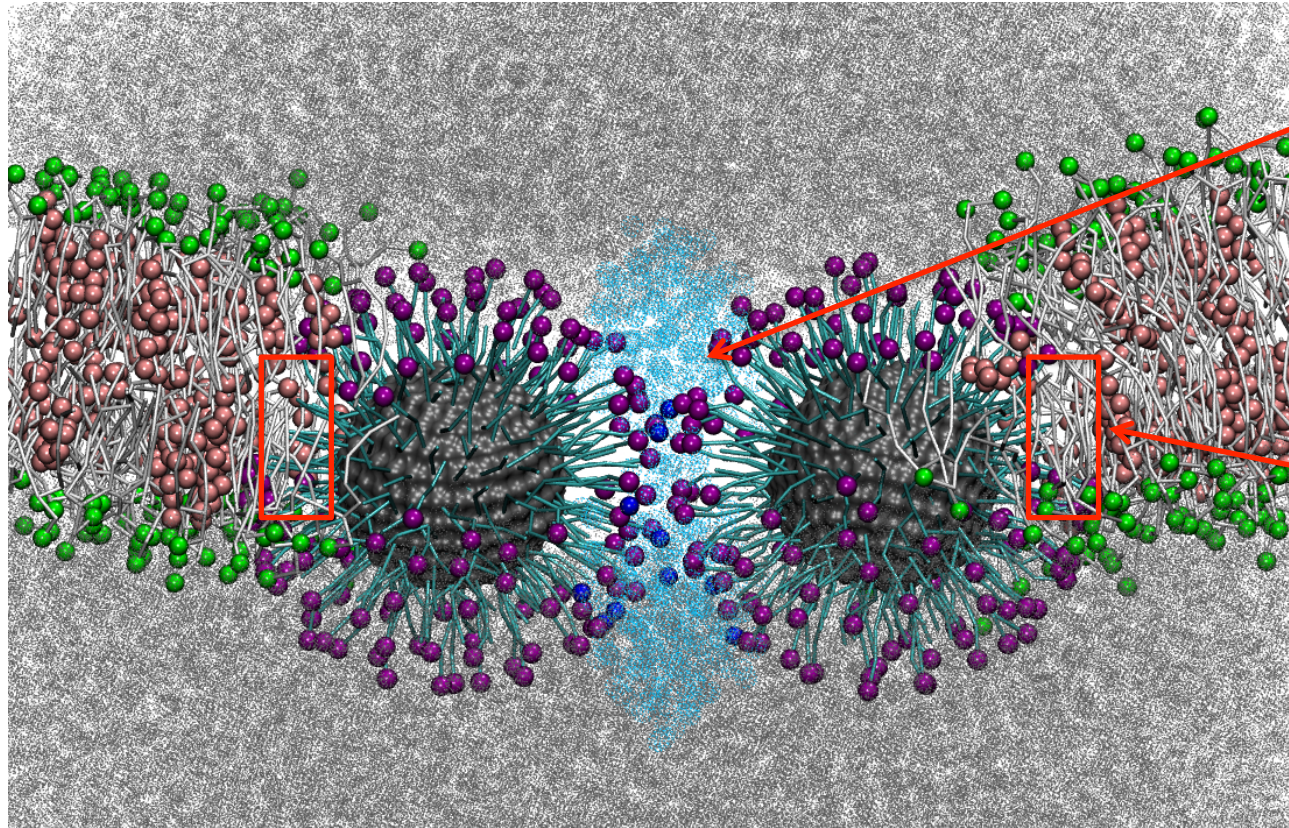
**Bilayer  
Thickness**

Measure the bilayer thickness at the area of NP penetration and in the bulk lipid bilayer



# NP-NP interface in the cell membrane

**A water pore is formed at the NP-NP interface**



Water and ions lie at the interface between the two NPs

The snorkeling effect is still evident at the side of the NP that is interacting with the cell membrane

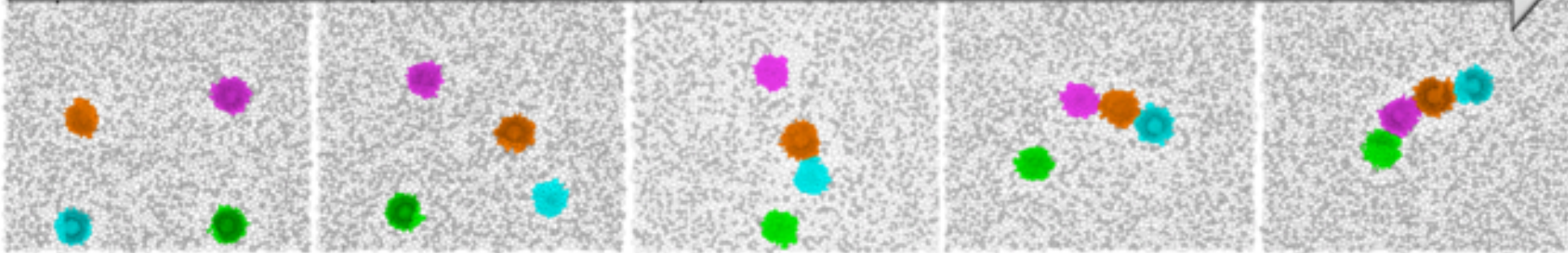
**Evi Gkeka**

● NC3 ● polar ligand ends ● hydrophobic tails ● cholesterol ● water ● ions

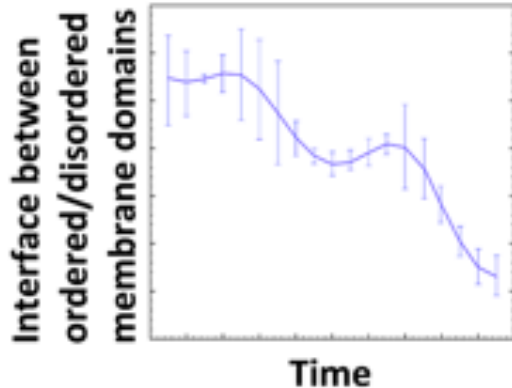


# Nanoparticles as drug delivery systems

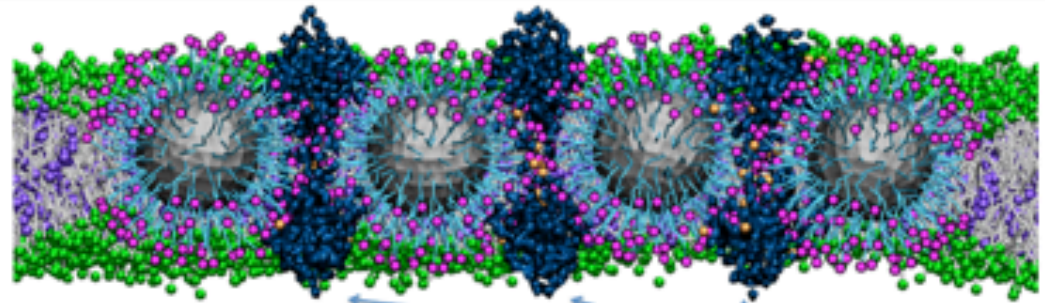
## Linear self-assembly of anionic nanoparticles in membranes



### The orderophobic effect



### Tetramer formation in a membrane containing cholesterol

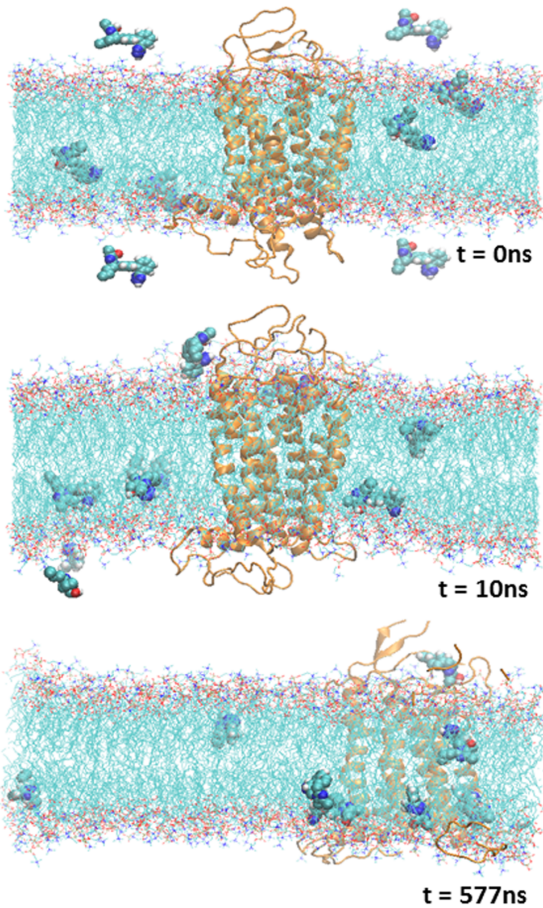


Water and ions stabilize NP-NP interactions

Angelikopoulos *et al.* submitted

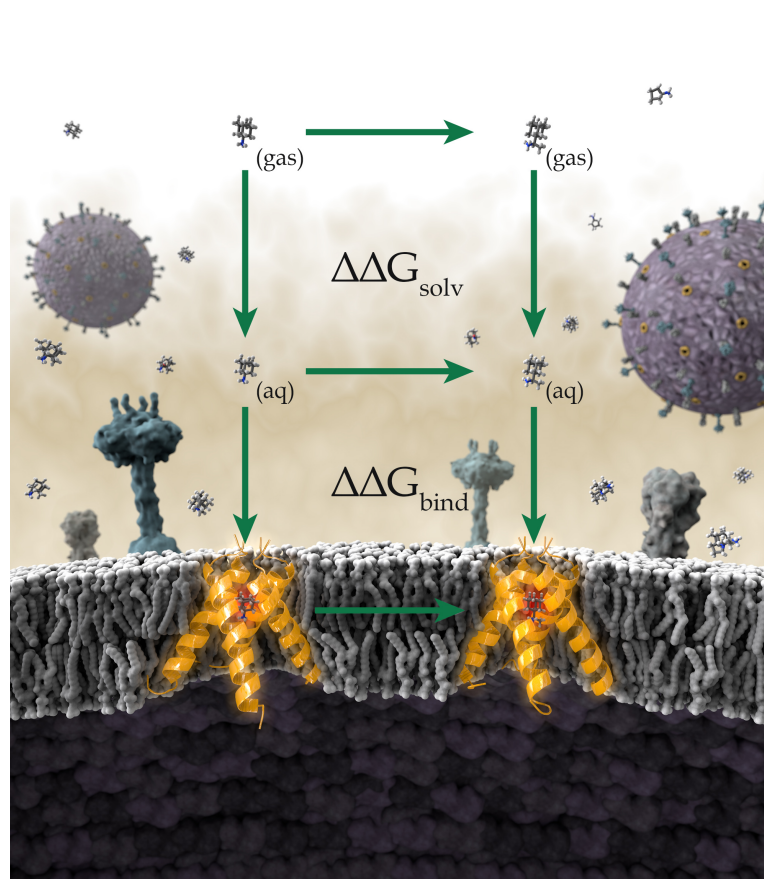
# Targeting membranes/membrane interfaces for computer-aided drug design and drug delivery

AT1 receptor



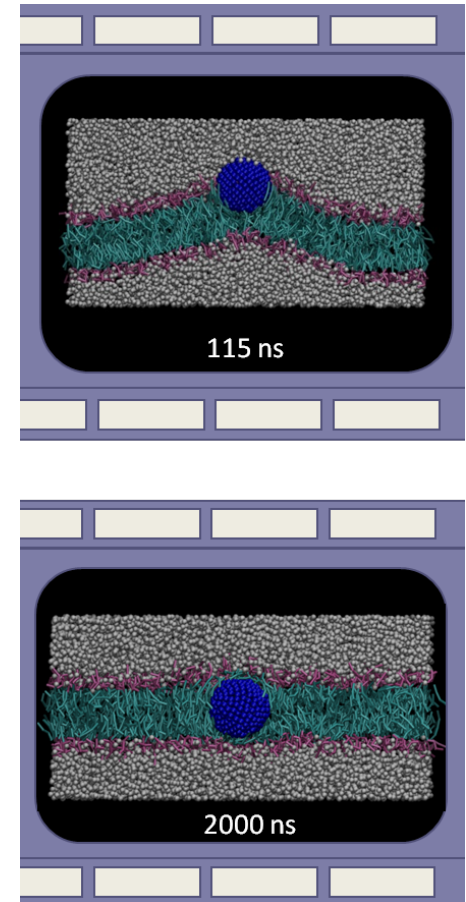
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M2TM Influenza A



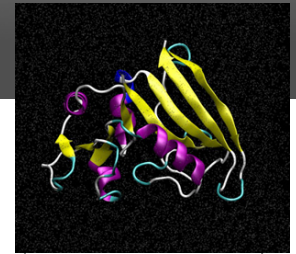
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NPs as drug delivery systems

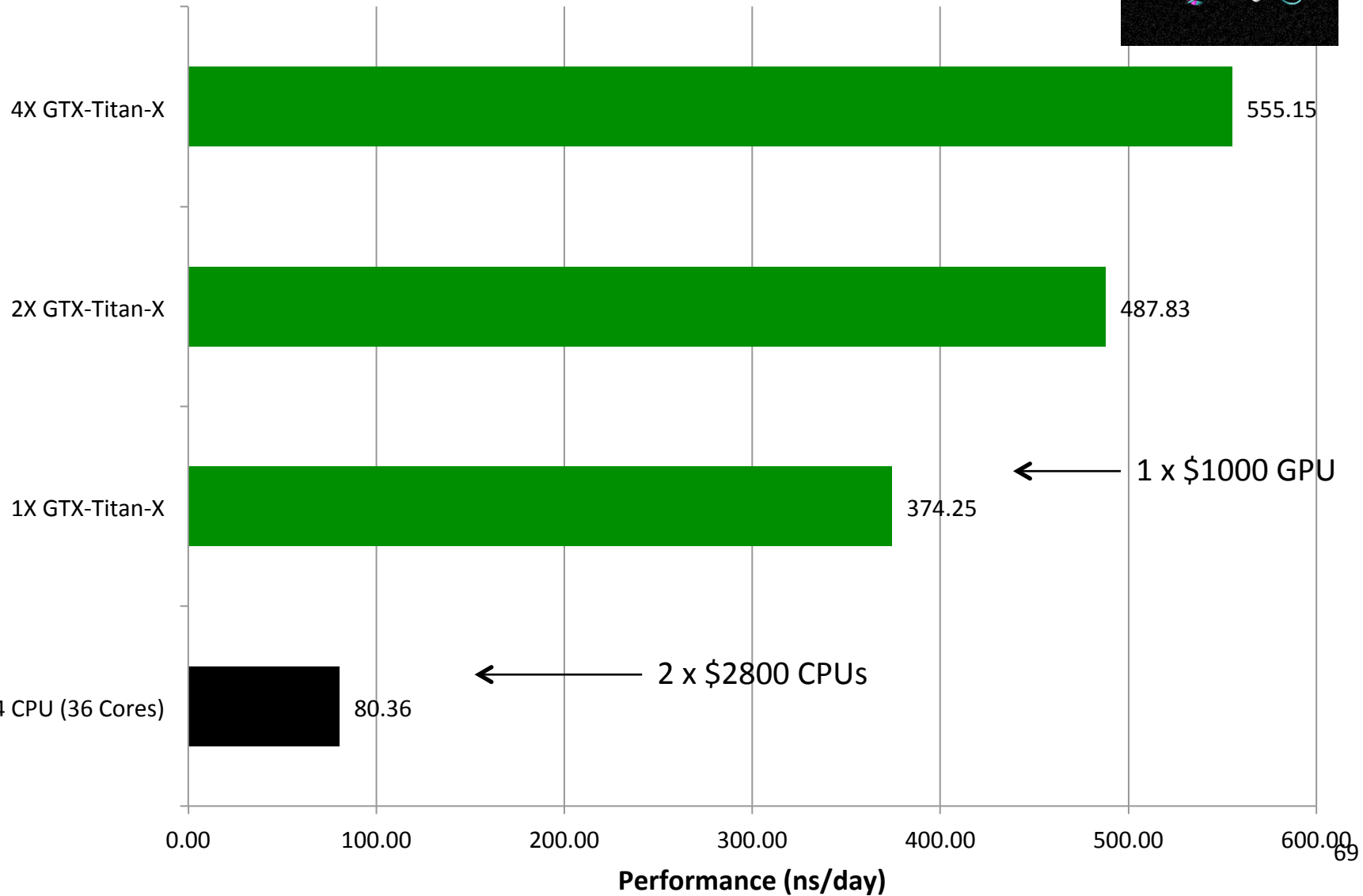


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# The new era: GPU acceleration



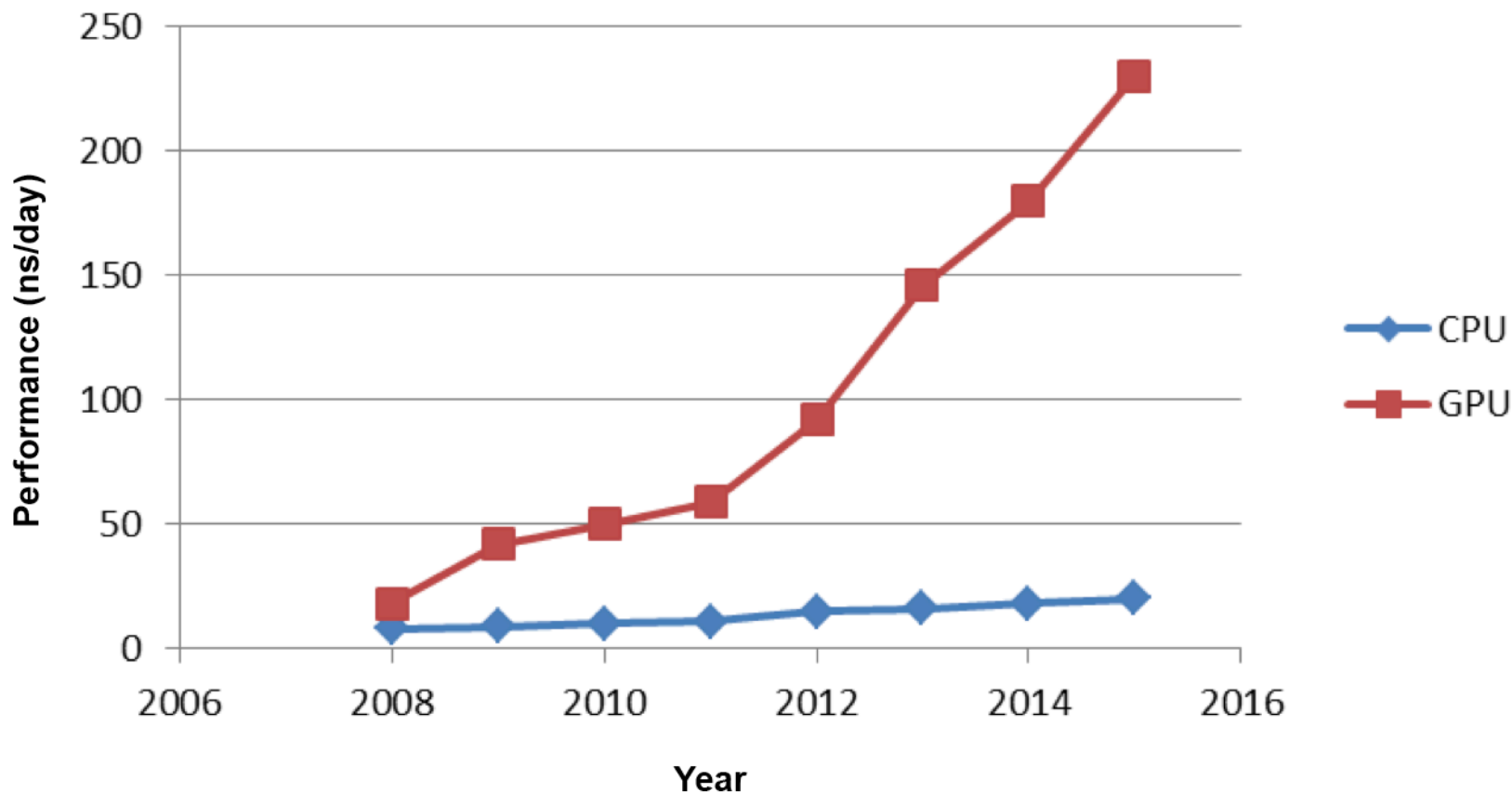
**DHFR HMR 4fs 23,558 Atoms**





# Historical Single Node / Single GPU Performance

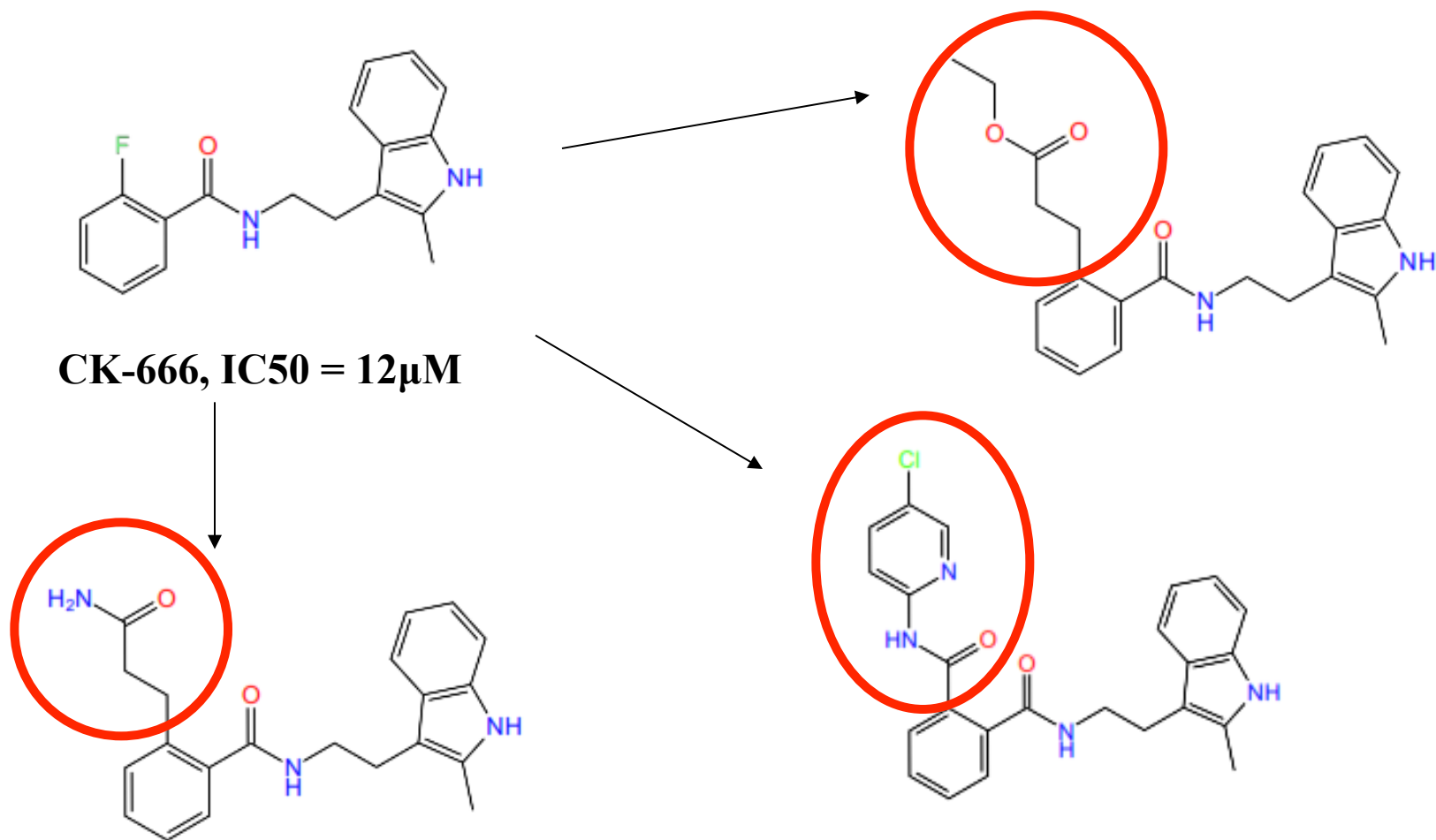
Historical AMBER PMEMD Performance  
(DHFR Production NVE 2fs)



Credit: Professor Ross Walker, UCSD Supercomputing Center, AMBER developer

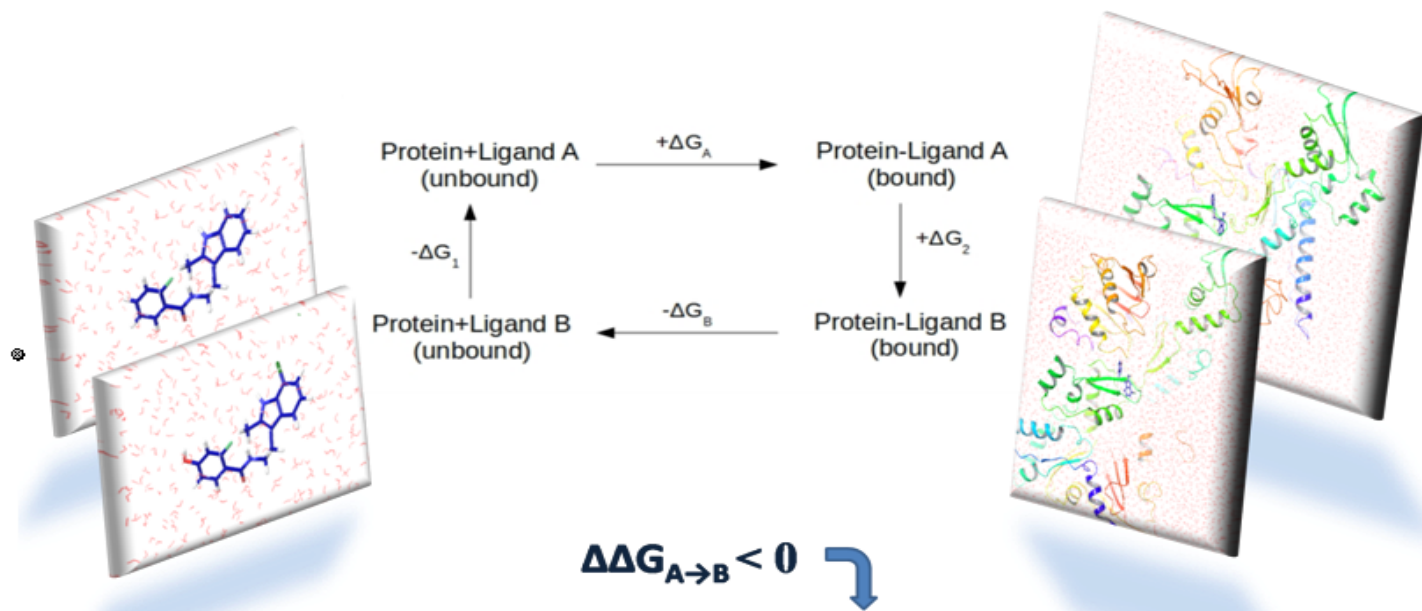
# GPU Acceleration: Example on Drug Design

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# Free Energy Perturbation Calculations

Zwanzig's formula:  $\Delta G(A \rightarrow B) = G_B - G_A = -kT \ln \left\langle \exp \left( -\frac{V_B - V_A}{kT} \right) \right\rangle_A$

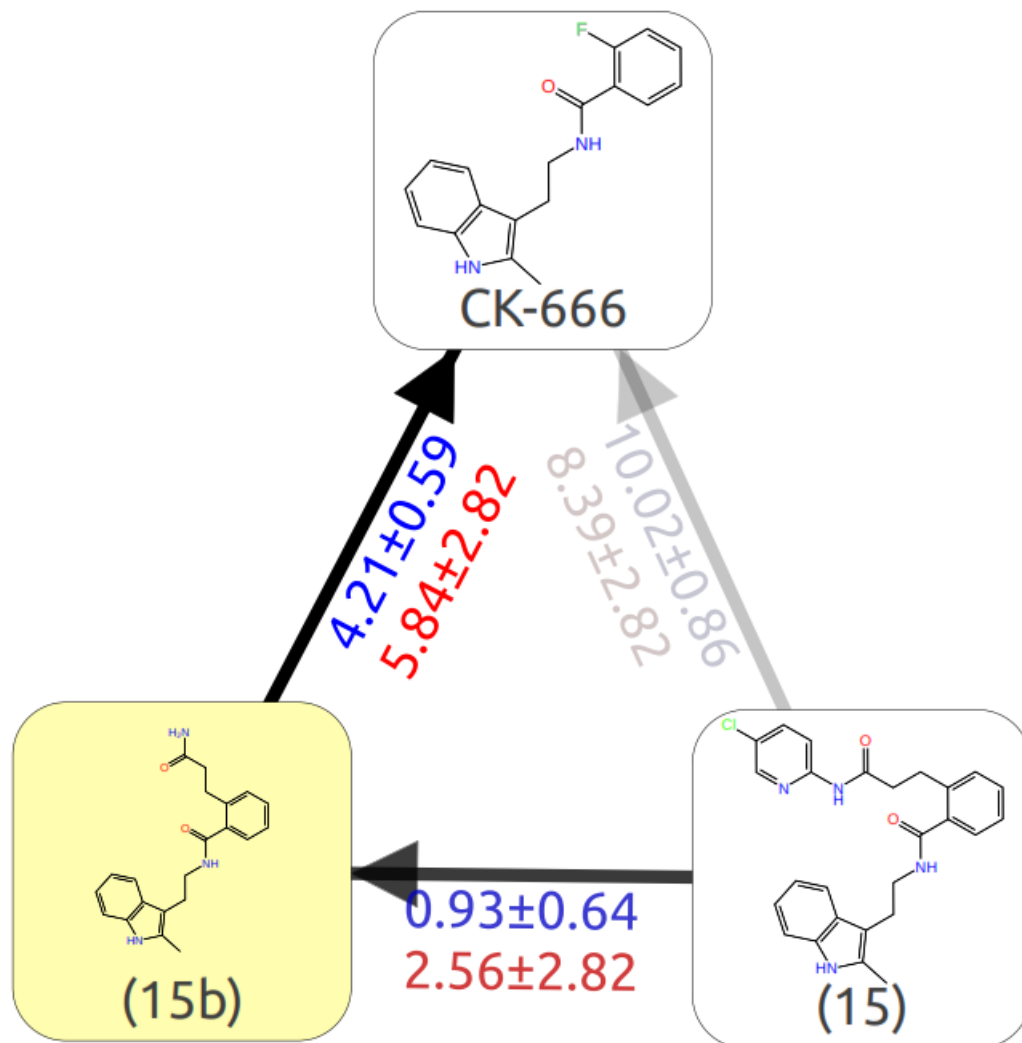


The binding of compound B is favored with respect to A.

$$\Delta\Delta G_{\text{binding}} = \Delta G_2 - \Delta G_1 = \Delta G_A - \Delta G_B$$

$\Delta G_A$  and  $\Delta G_B$  are the free energies of **transfer** of A and B from the unbound to the bound state.  
 $\Delta G_1$  and  $\Delta G_2$  are the free energy differences of the **mutation of A into B** in solvent and bound to protein

# FEP: GPU Acceleration



FEP chemical transformation in protein and in water

*CPU: 24 hours on 768 cores per transformation*

***GPU: 7 hours on 1 GPU per transformation!!***

Simulations performed in ARIS - GRNET



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# Links to the movies I 've shown

## **Villin headpiece protein folding**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sD6vyfTtE4U>

## **A basic introduction to proteins & drugs**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=u49k72rUdyc>

## **How Does a Drug Molecule Find its Target Binding Site?**

<http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC3221467/>

(link to .avi file at the end of the article will d/l the movie)

## **Simulation of the Wild Type PI3K $\alpha$ protein**

<http://journals.plos.org/ploscompbiol/article/asset?unique&id=info:doi/10.1371/journal.pcbi.1003895.s031>

## **Simulation of the oncogenic H1047R mutant PI3K $\alpha$ protein**

<http://journals.plos.org/ploscompbiol/article/asset?unique&id=info:doi/10.1371/journal.pcbi.1003895.s032>