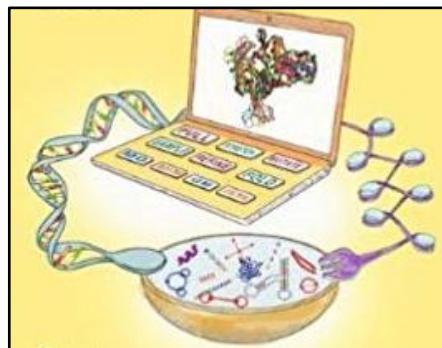


# Computational *Microscopy* of Biomolecular Processes using High Performance Computing Challenges and Perspectives

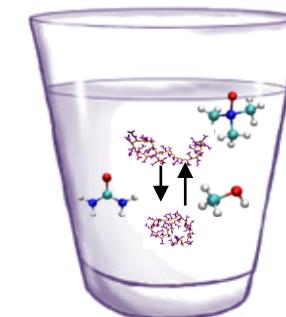
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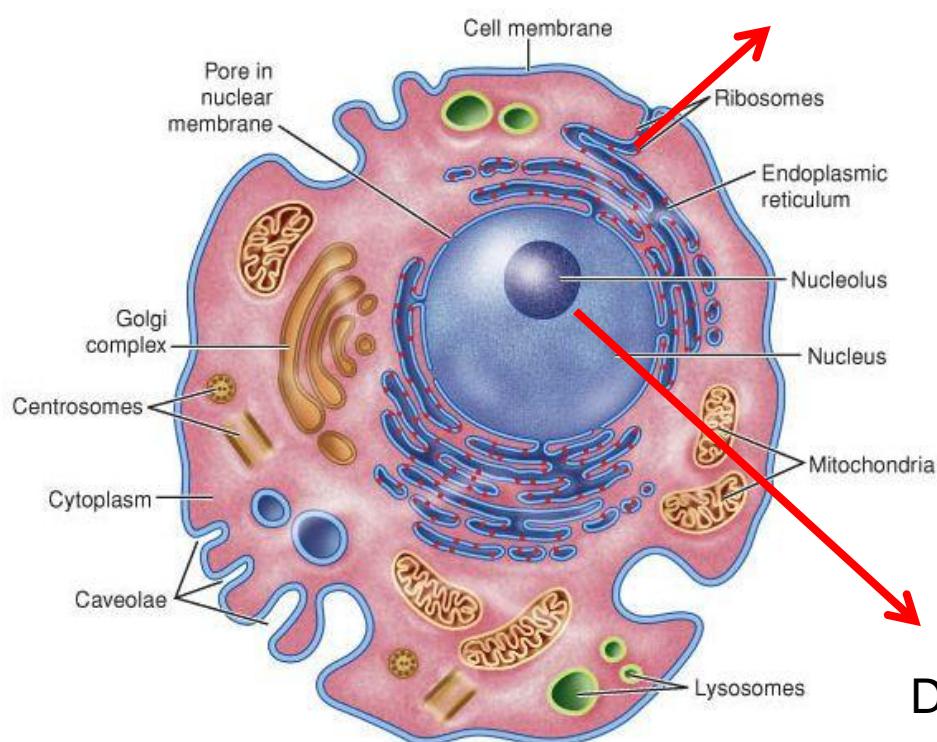


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# A living cell environment: Macromolecular crowding

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Protein folding-unfolding

Exascale

DNA condensation

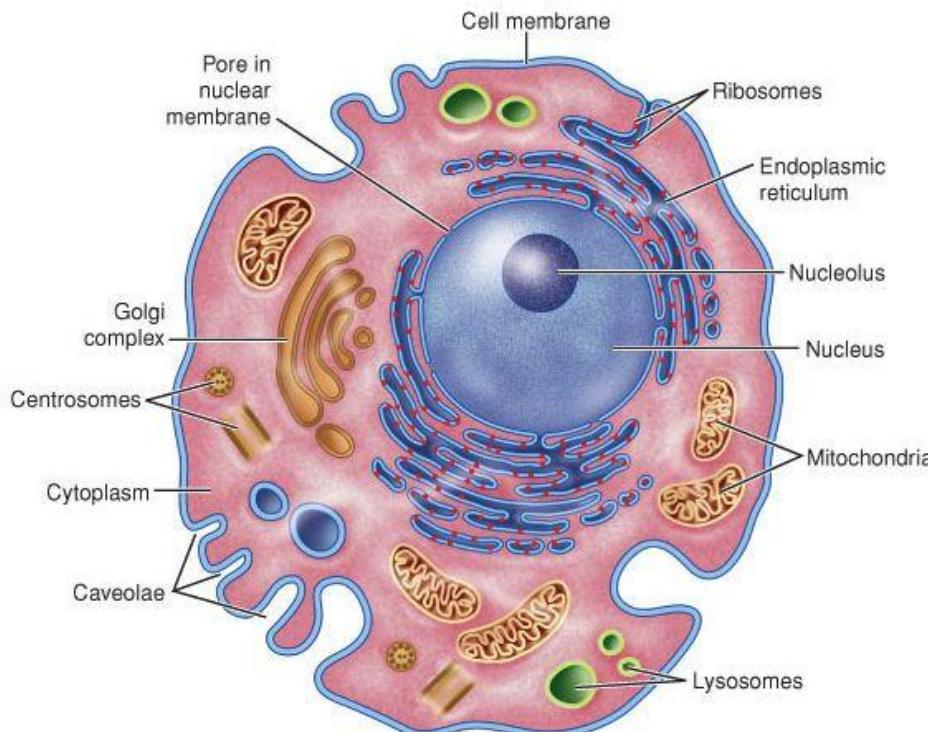
Representation of a living cell

- Steric interactions
- Water behaves differently
- Dynamics affected

*Large system sizes !*

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Current simulation stage: **Tera/Petascale**

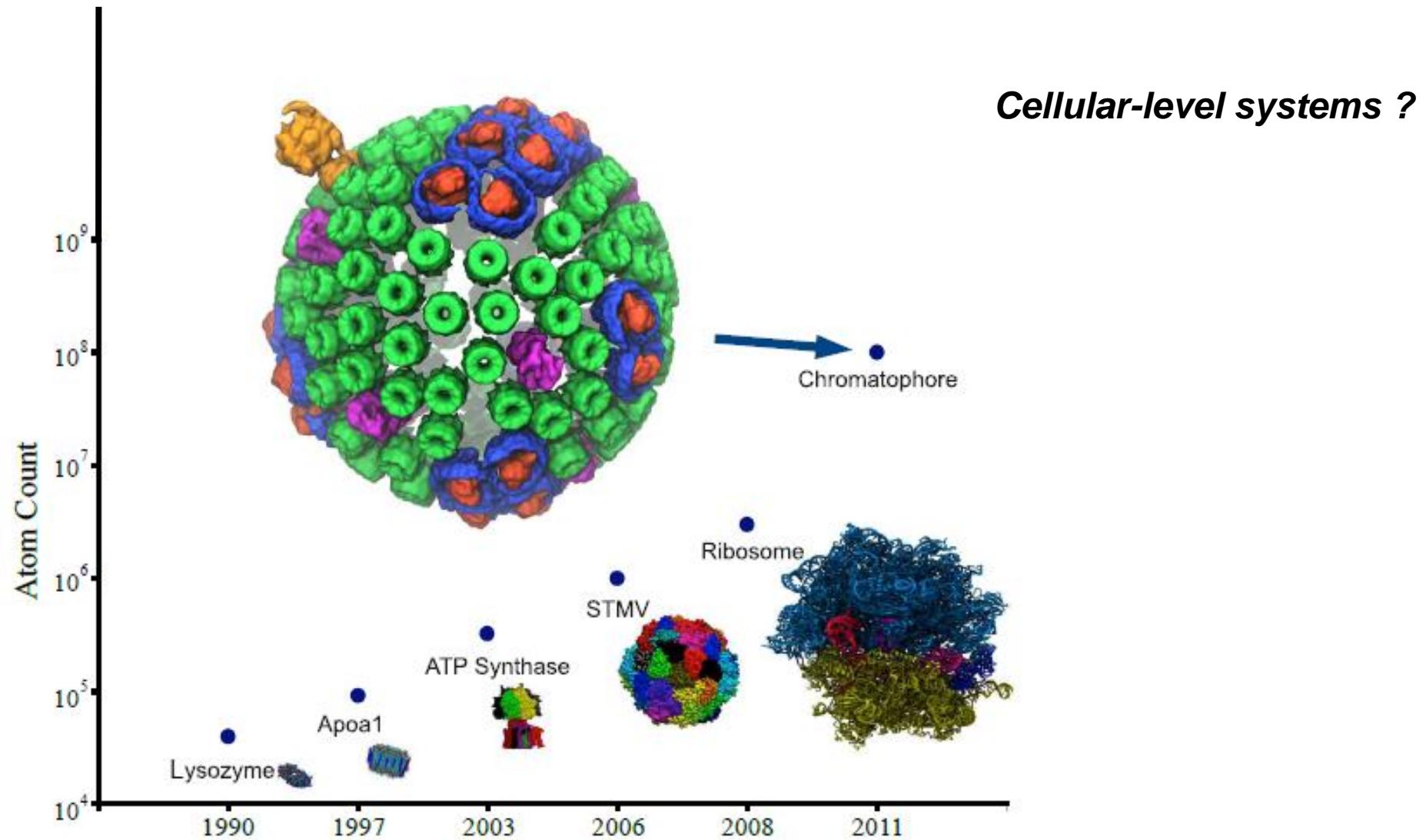


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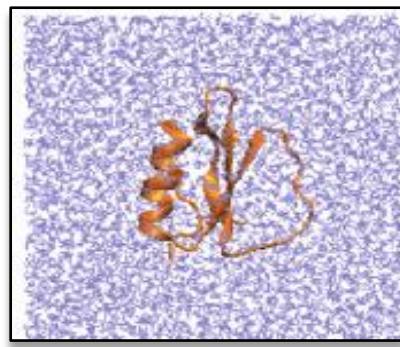
*Macromolecular crowding needs to be accounted for !*

# Breakthroughs: Molecular-level understanding



# Computational Challenges

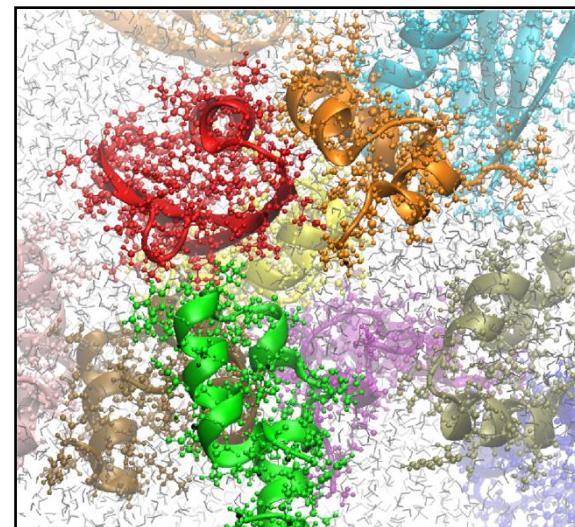
- Accurate modelling
- Large system sizes:  $N \sim 10 \text{ million atoms}$
- Long simulation times needed:  $\sim 100 \mu\text{sec}$
- Large data size generated:  $\sim 50 \text{ TB}$



Dilute  $\sim 5 \times 10^4$  atoms<sup>4</sup>

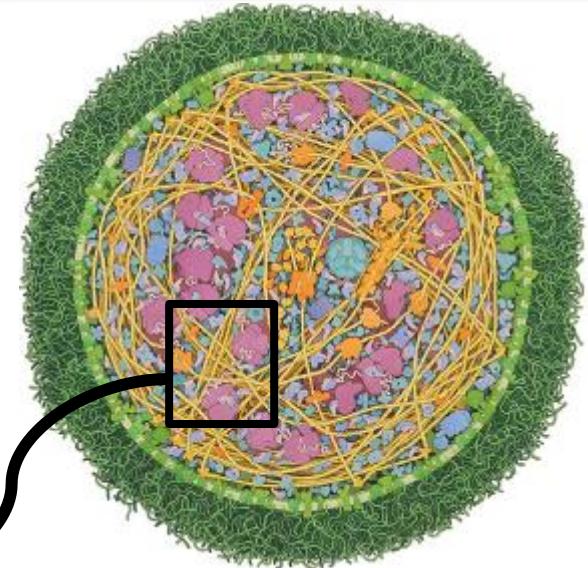
Current understanding

Tera/Petascale



Crowded  $\sim 10^7$  atoms<sup>7</sup>  
For complete understanding

Exascale



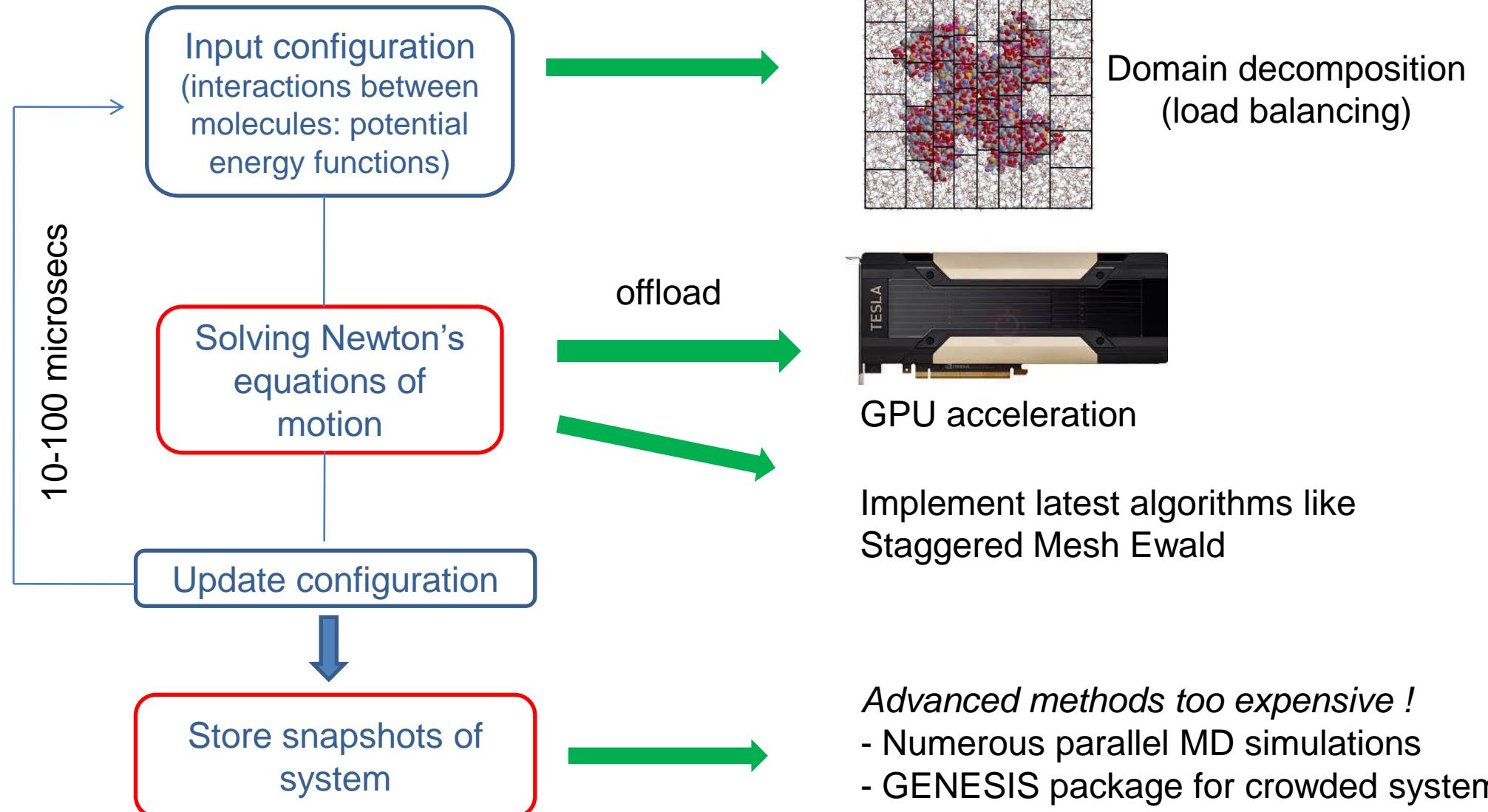
Needed:

- Efficient parallel simulations
- GPU acceleration
- Making MD packages efficient

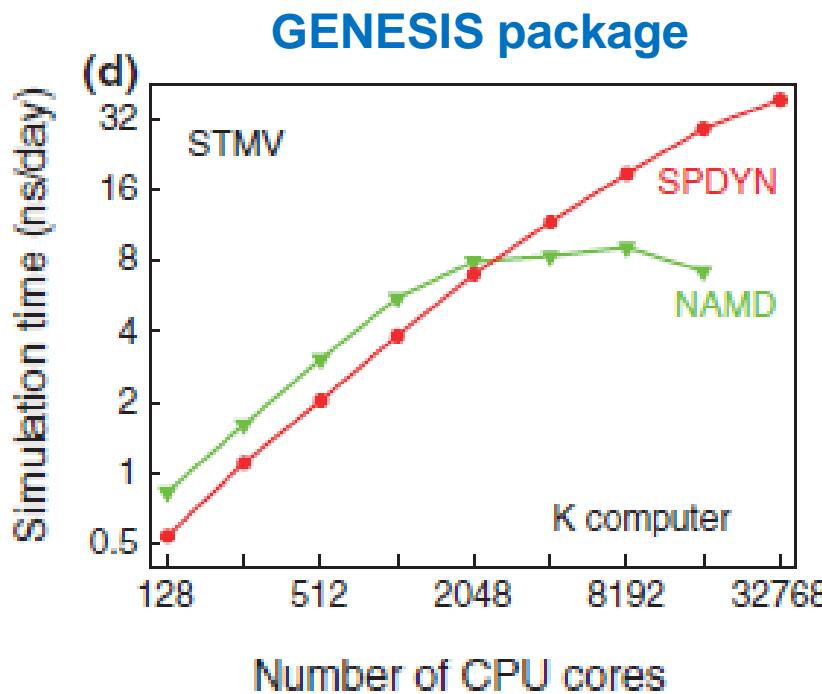
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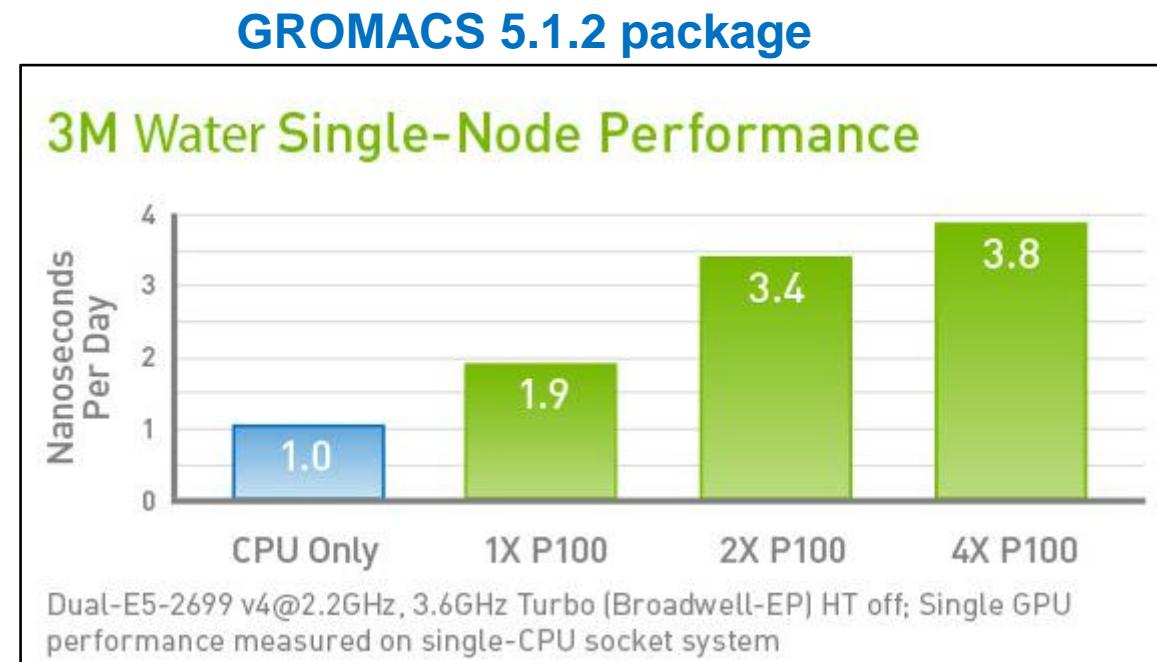
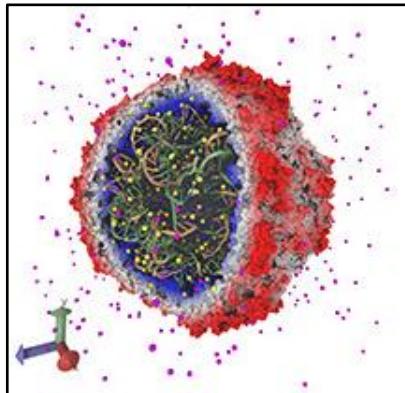
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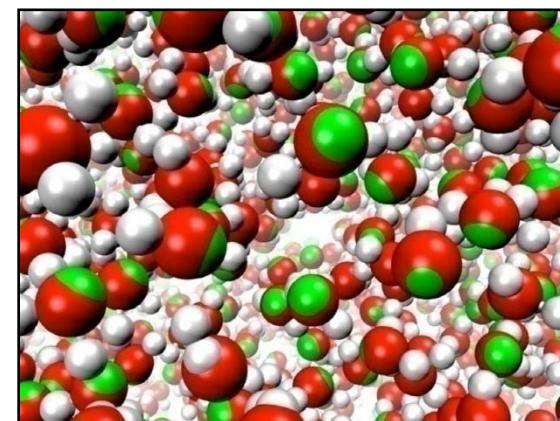
# Benchmark performance of MD simulations



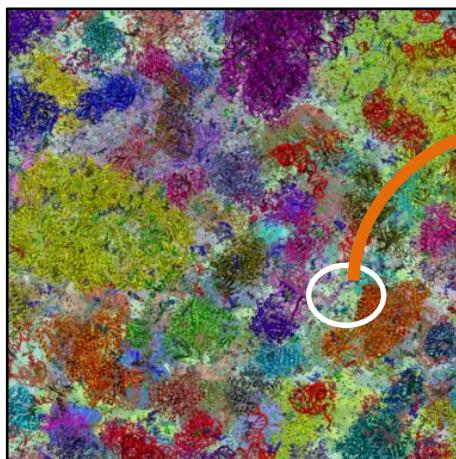
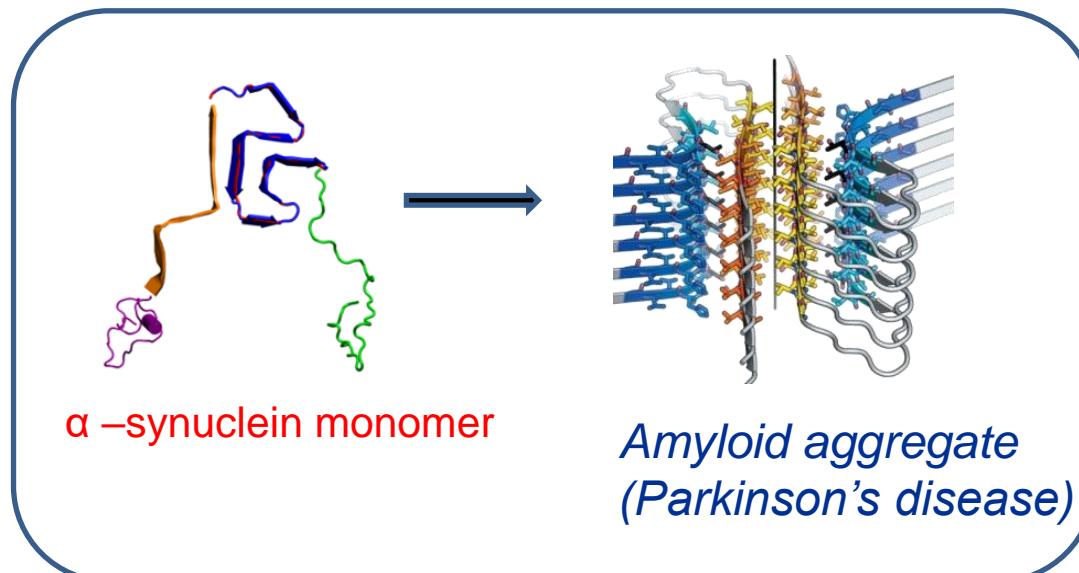
Intel Xeon E5-2690 CPUs, each with eight 2.9GHz cores ; System size: ~1 million atoms



<https://www.nvidia.com/en-us/data-center/gpu-accelerated-applications/gromacs>

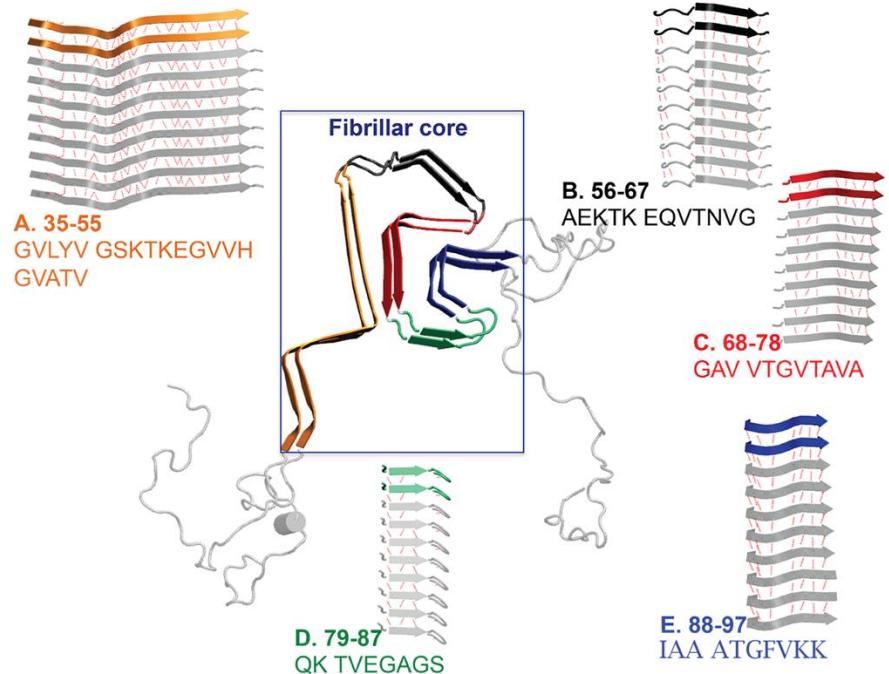


# Example: Aggregation of $\alpha$ -synuclein protein-Parkinson's disease Enabled predicting binding free energy to form Amyloid



Next step:  
*Realistic cellular environment*  
*Challenges to be addressed !*

Parallel MD simulations of dimers using HPC



- Dilute solutions !!
- Only dimers studied
- ~ 2  $\mu$ sec (Petascale)
- GROMACS 2016



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- **1.3 Peta-Flop Supercomputing facility : *National Supercomputing Mission (NSM)*.**
- IIT Kharagpur: Nodal Centre for the HR-development activities
- Interdisciplinary Centre
- Faculty working in different HPC application domains: **Computational Chemistry/Biology, Material science, Atmospheric Modeling, Computational Fluid Dynamics, Geo-Scientific Computations, Modeling and Mining of Heterogeneous Information Network, Computational Physics, Cryptanalysis, Numerical Mathematics, Computational Mechanics, Non-equilibrium Molecular Dynamics**
- Interdisciplinary teaching for Ph.D./ Master's students

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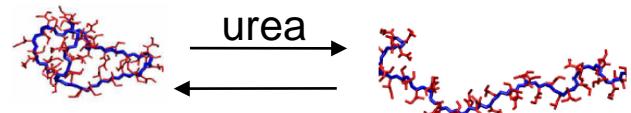
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# Example 1: Parallel MD simulations protocol

## Polymer in aqueous urea solution



**Big question:** How do cosolvents protect proteins in the cell under extreme conditions ?

Polymer System	System size (atoms)	No. of parallel simulations	Total simulation time per concentration	Total CPU time (core-hours)	Wall clock time per run of 20 ns (hrs)	CPU memory per core
PNiPAM	26000	1800	4 $\mu$ s	648000	9	200 MB
PDEA	72000	2000	4 $\mu$ s	3456000	20	400 MB
<b>Total</b>		<b>3800</b>	<b>8 <math>\mu</math>s</b>	<b>~4.1 million</b>		

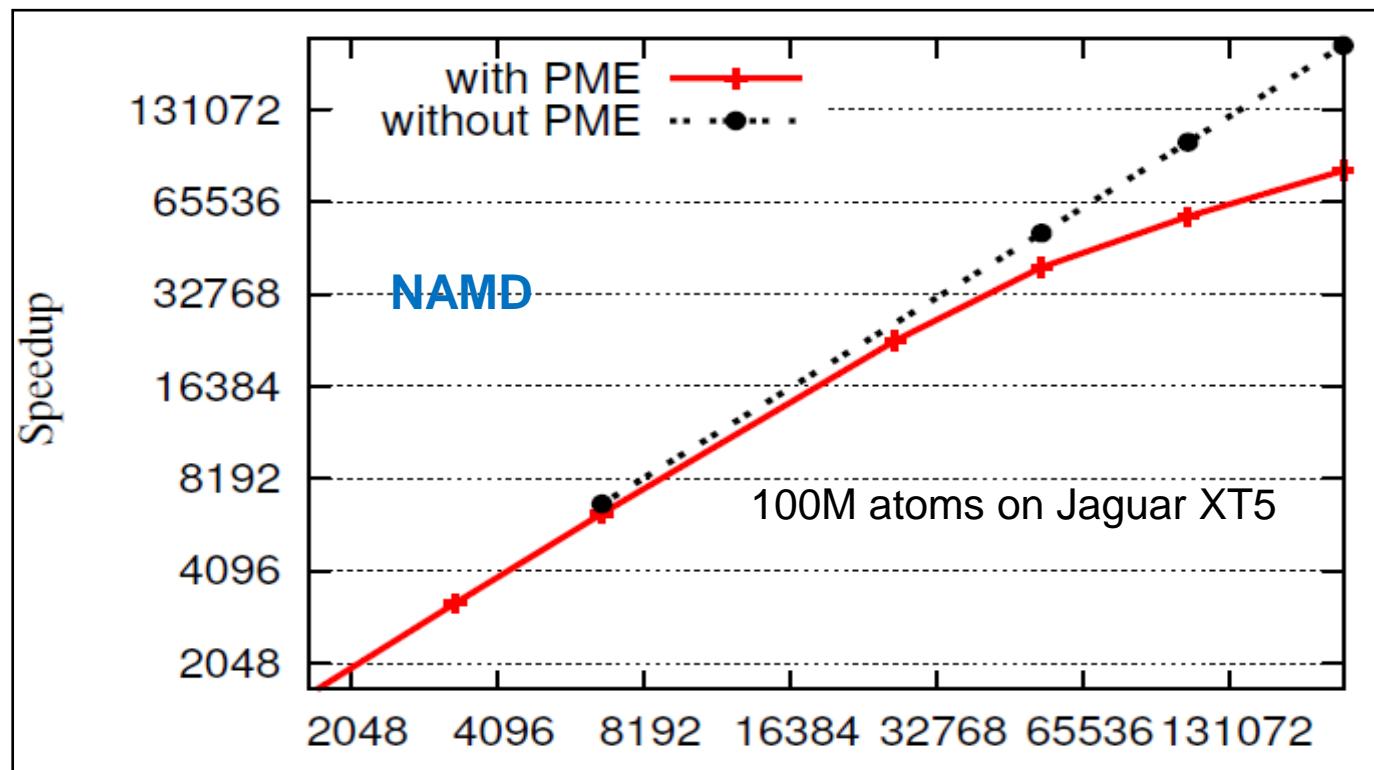
**MD package:** GROMACS 4.6.7 (MPI enabled, 64-bit)

**Hardware:** Intel(R) Xeon(R) CPU E5-4650 @ 2.70GHz

CPU accelerator: avx2

- Particle Mesh Ewald: electrostatics
- Domain decomposition

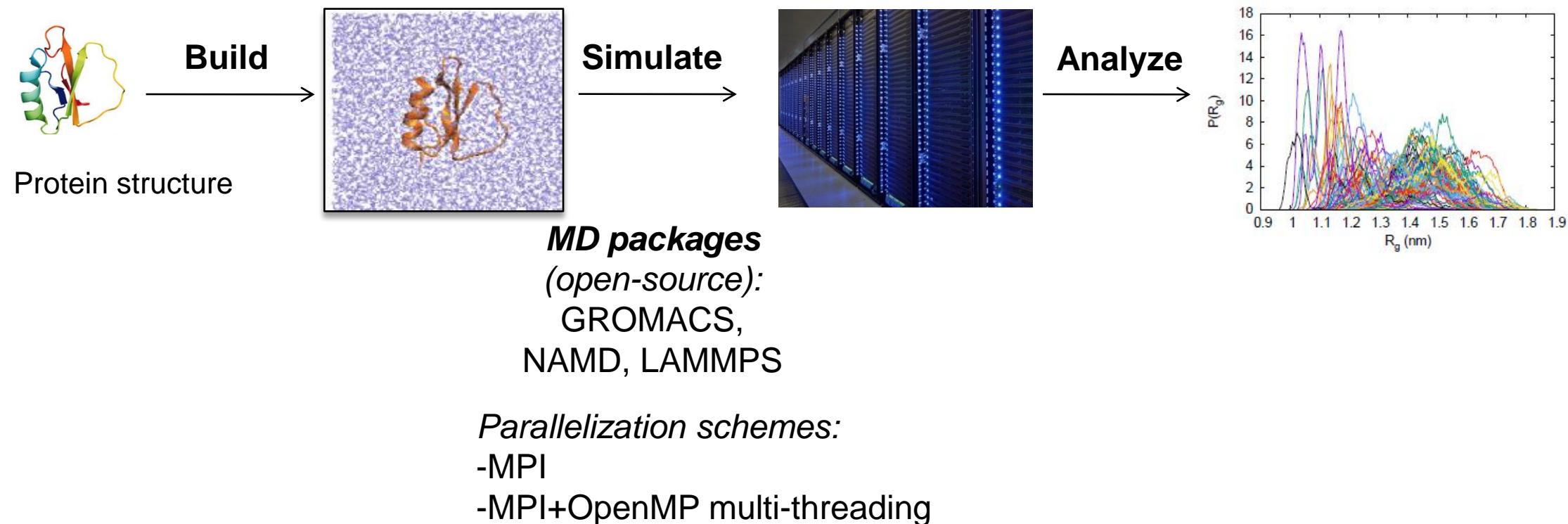
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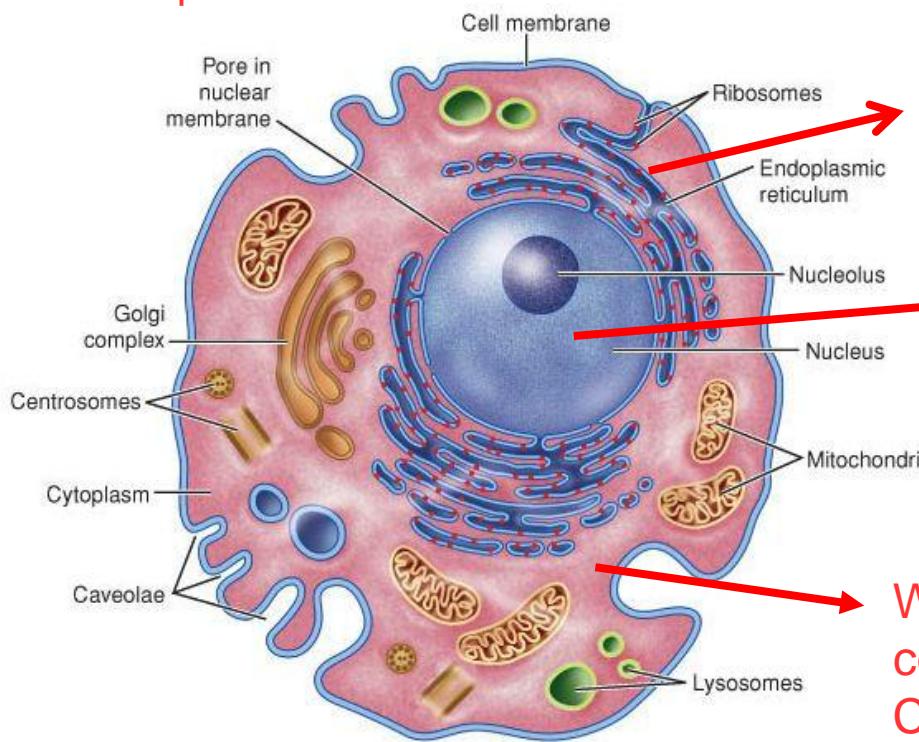
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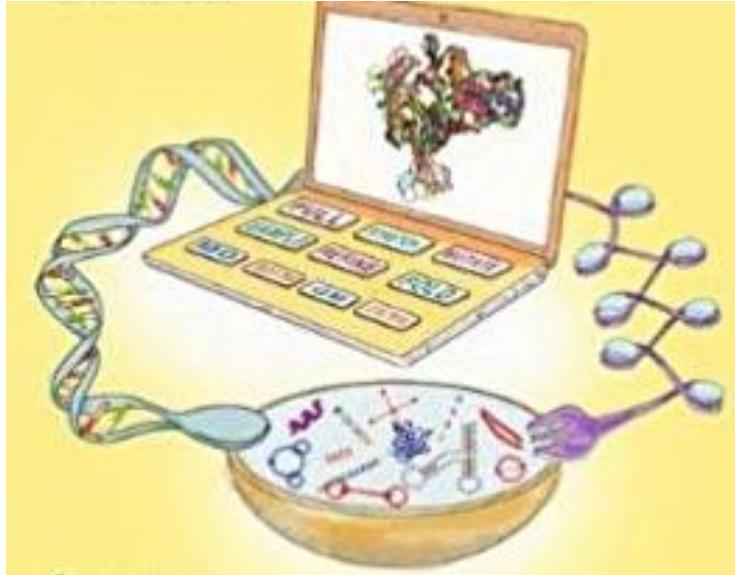


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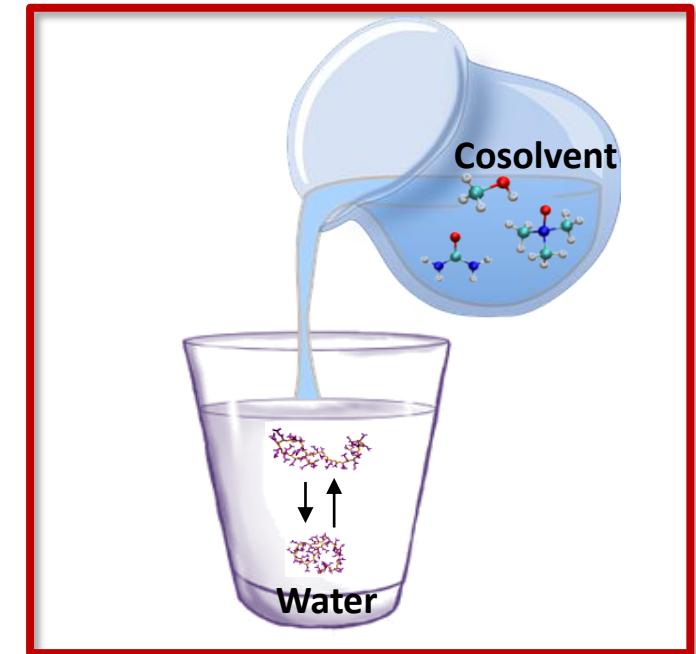
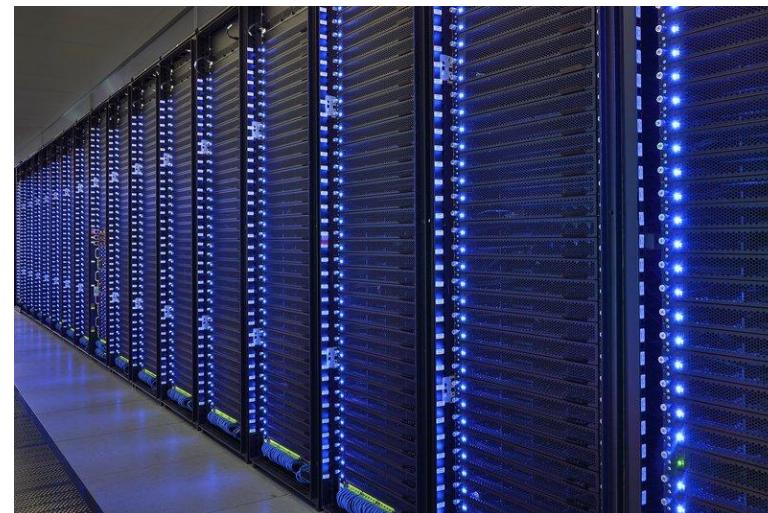


Microscope

# Our Computational Microscope: Molecular dynamics simulations



Molecular simulations



Elucidating molecular mechanisms

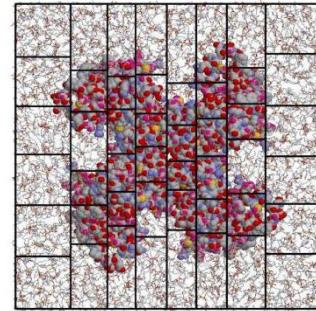
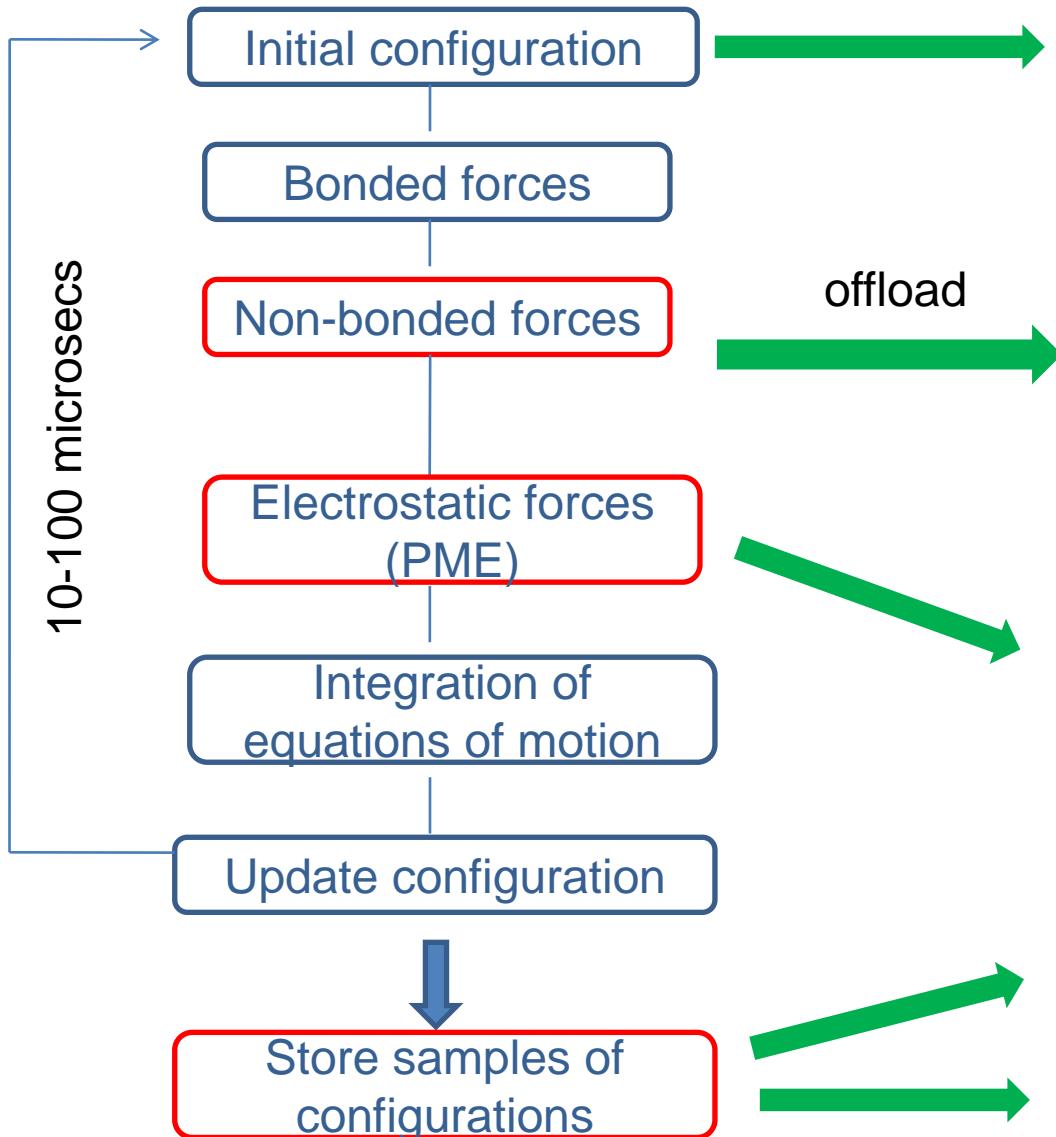


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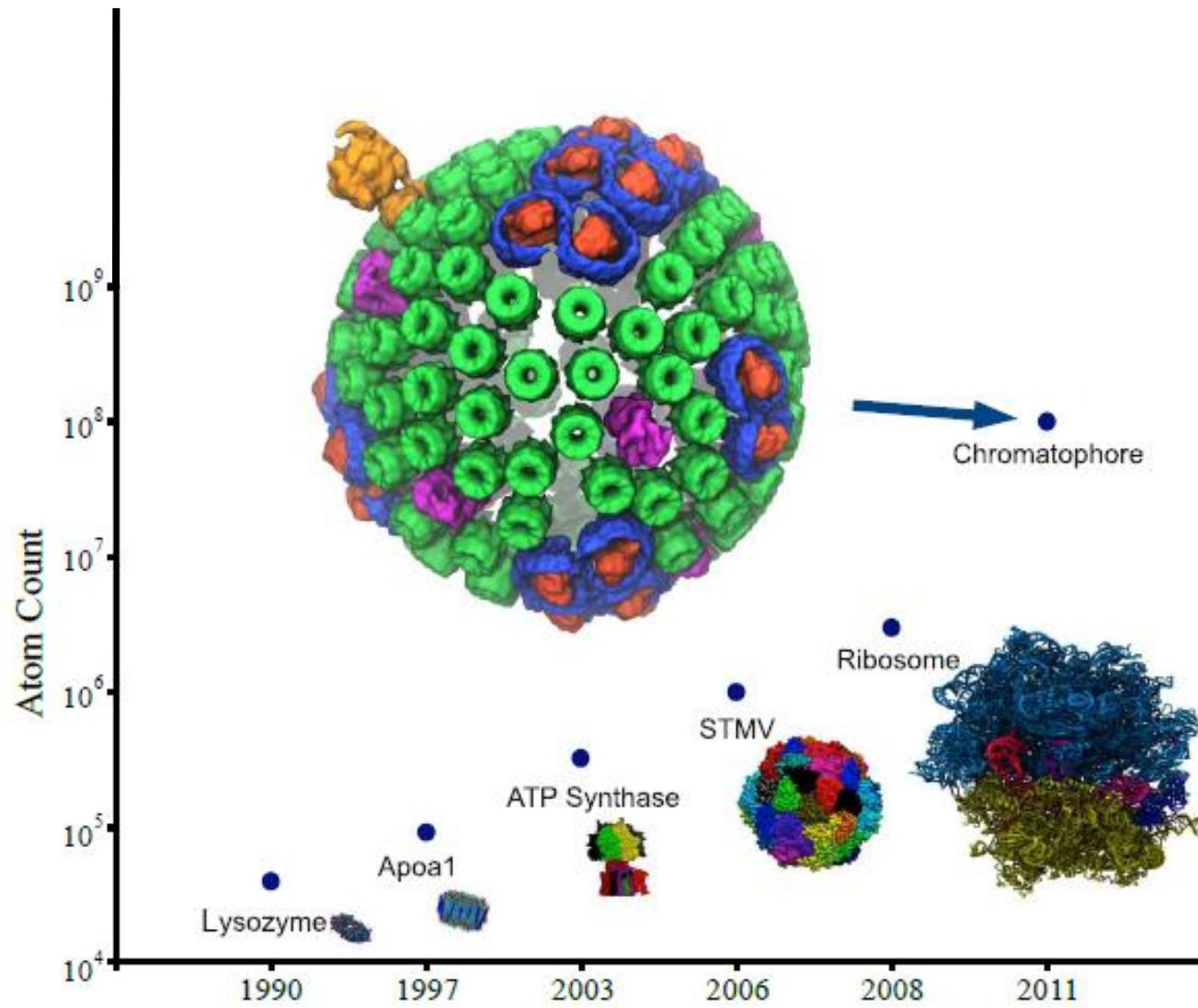
Implement latest algorithms like  
Staggered Mesh Ewald

*Advanced methods too expensive !*

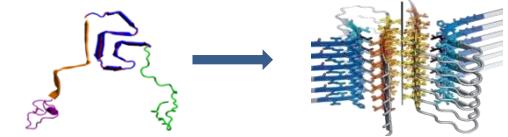
- Numerous parallel MD simulations
- GENESIS package for crowded systems

CUDA-enabled analysis codes

# Other breakthroughs: Molecular-level understanding



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