

# MMC & SASSIE Overview

Atomistic Modeling of Small-Angle Scattering  
Data Using SASSIE-web

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# Barriers: BUILD; EQUILIBRATE; PROPAGATE; ANALYZE

What software package(s) and force-fields do I use?

Starting structure?

How do I clean up the structure?

**How do I set up a trajectory** (time or **space**)?

How do I calculate scattering observables correctly?

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Graphical Representations

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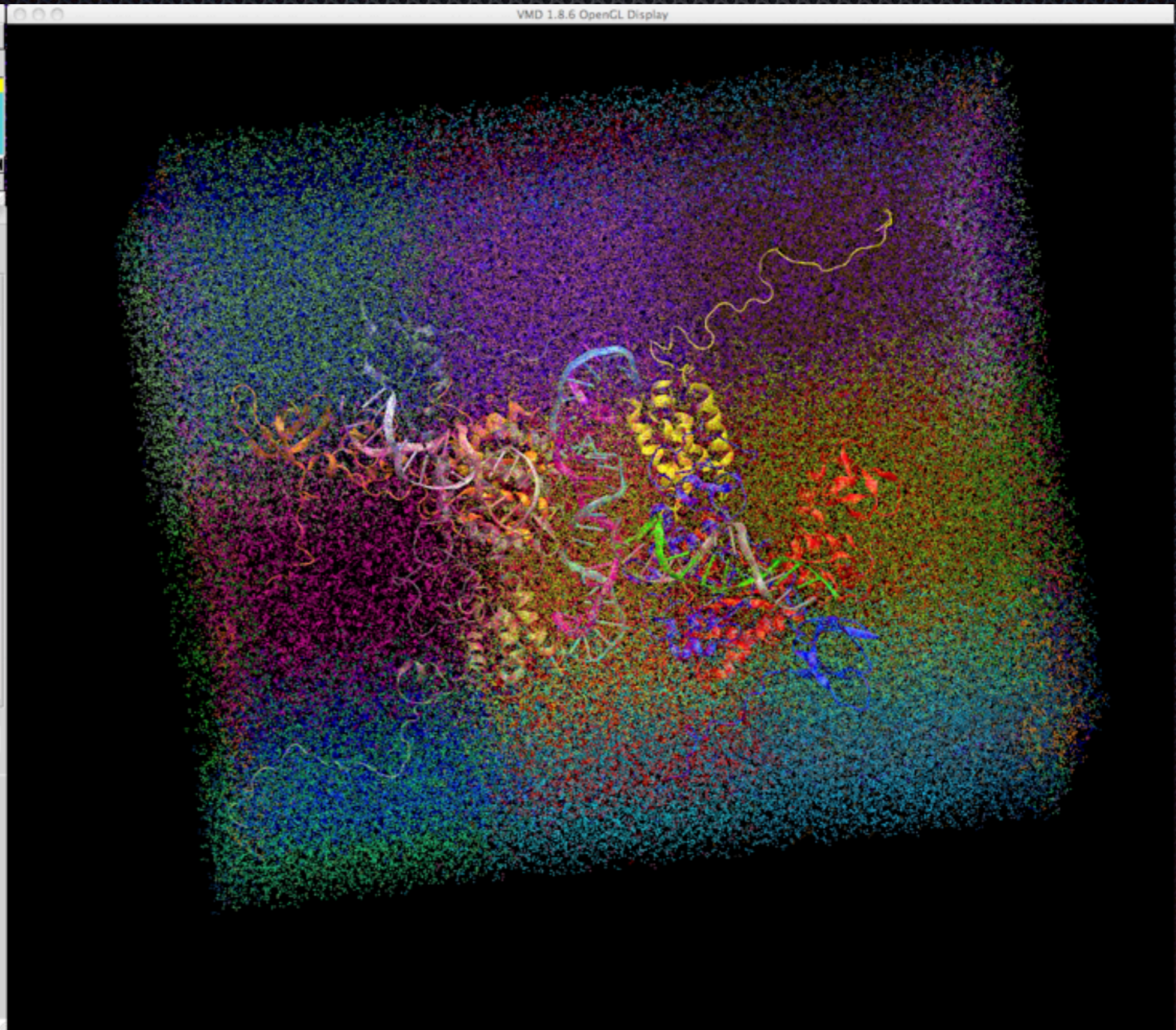
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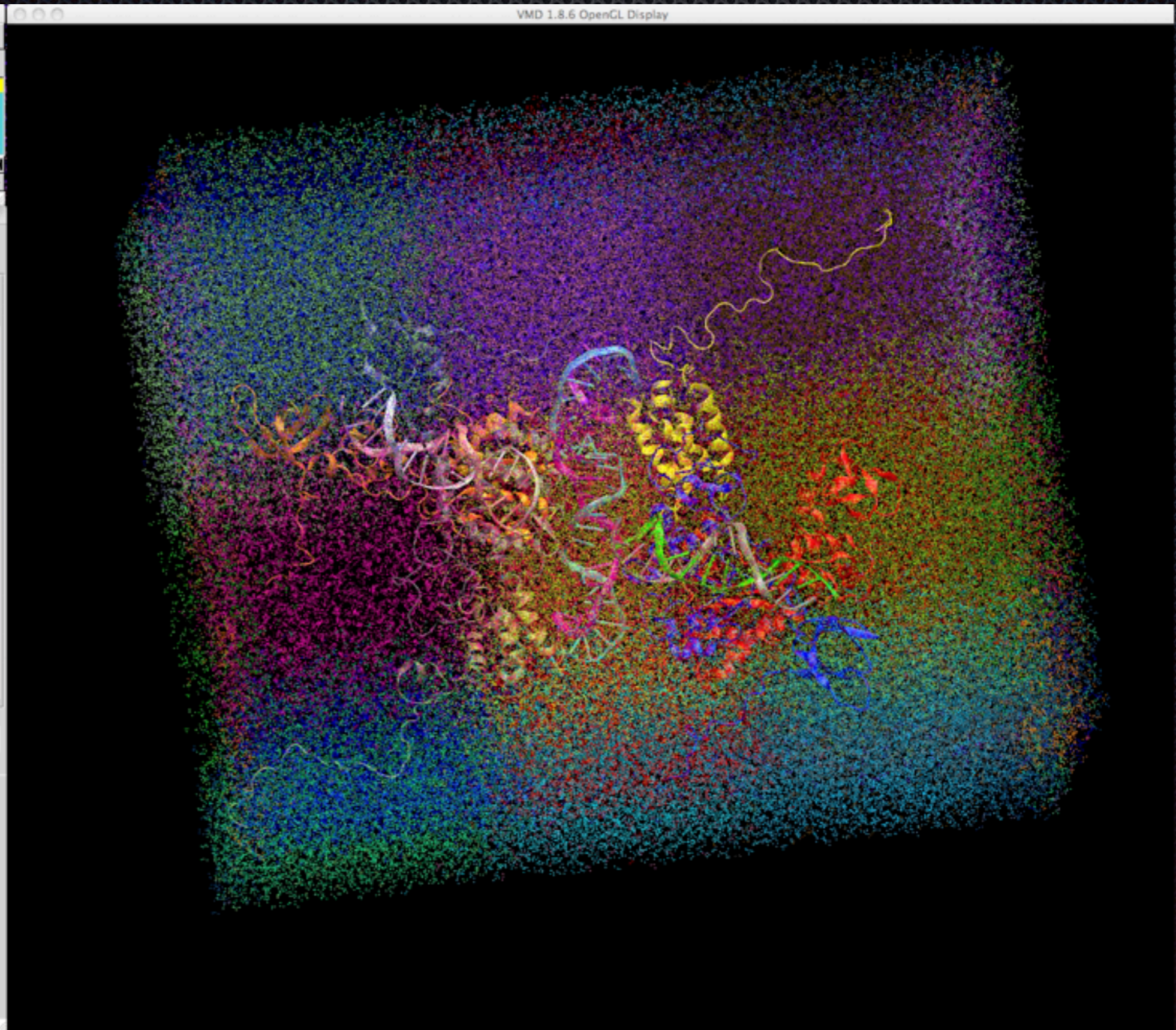
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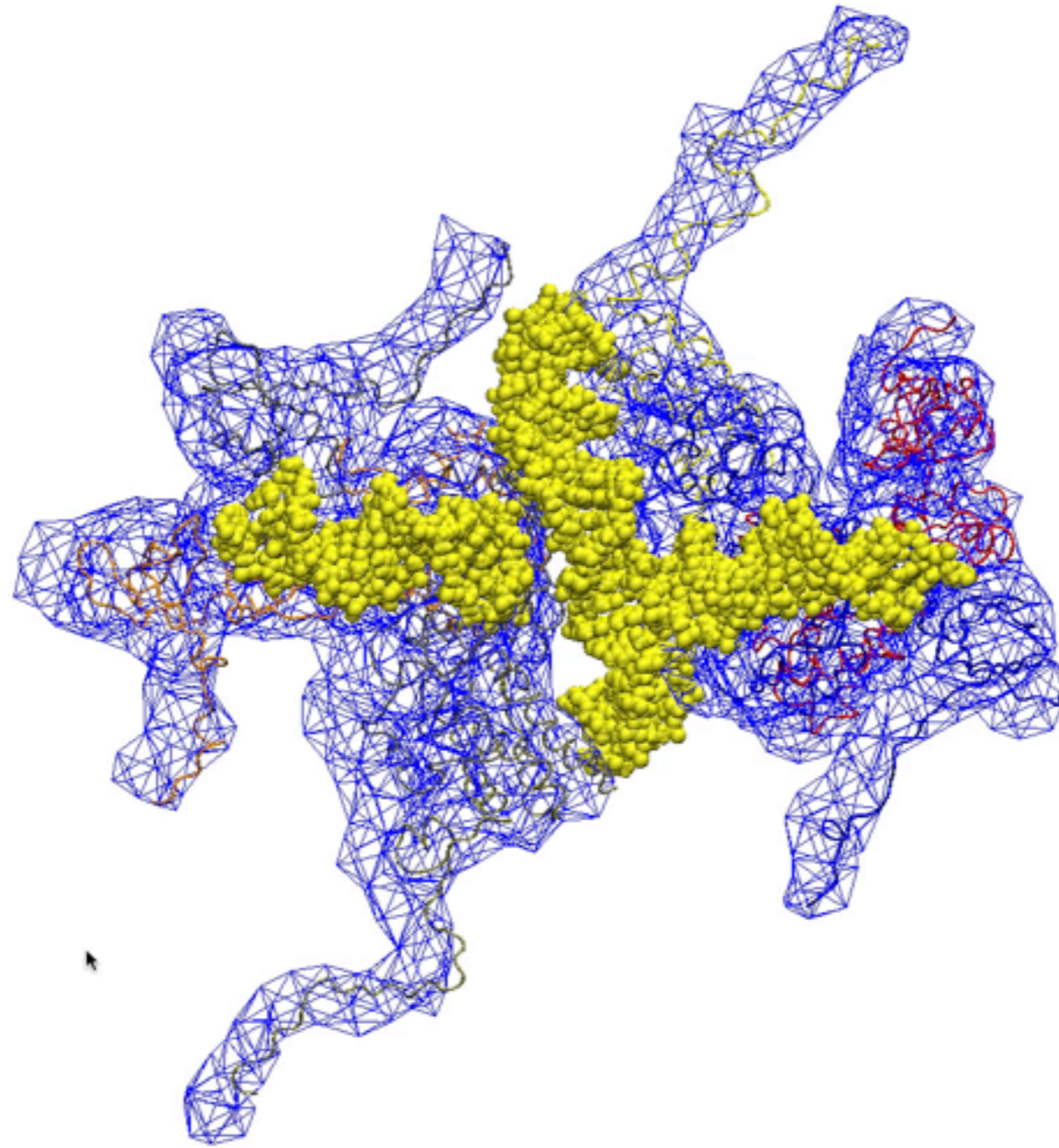
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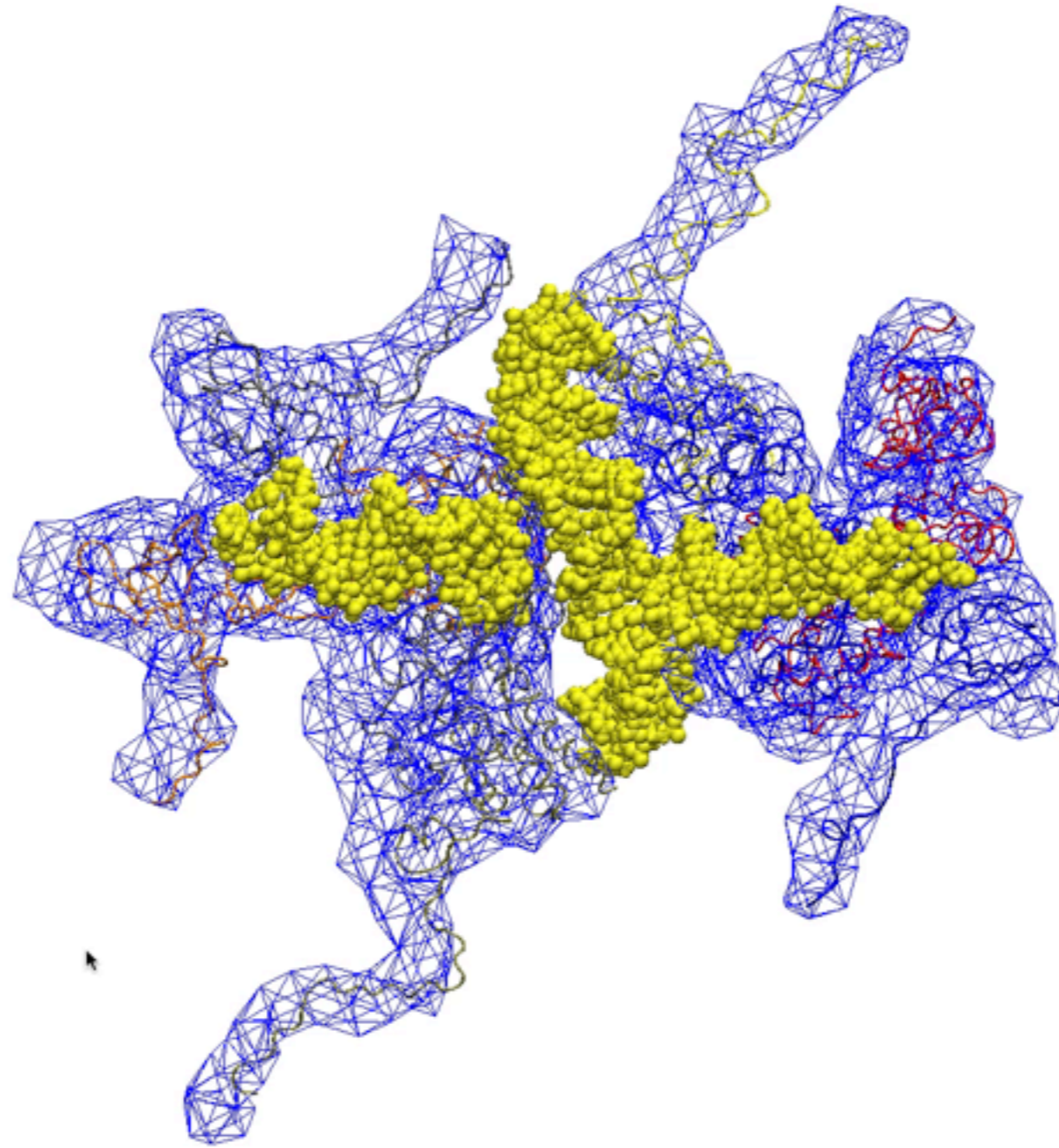
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# Options (today)

We don't have ANTON . . . (and even if we did, maybe you don't) . . . and even then 25 us may not be long enough, etc. etc.

**For many, yet not all, IDP/ID problems a fully-atomistic simulation is impractical for an average user.**

**For many, IDP/ID problems, even with massive computational resources, to obtain an answer for a particular starting model is going to take time.**

A number of hybrid MD/MC & MC routines exist to sample configuration space yet they are cumbersome to use and not ready for prime time.

Rigid body modeling packages exist (docking, etc.), but they don't handle flexible bits or scattering calculations.

**In 2004 there were fewer options**

# MMC

Monte Carlo samples configurations by generating moves (translational, rotational, etc.), within the molecular potential of your system. These structures taken together make up an ensemble of configurations covering “phase space”

There is an equivalence where by calculated observables, let's say for example the density of a system  $\rho = \rho(r)$

$$\langle \rho_i(r) \rangle_{time} = \langle \rho_i(r) \rangle_{phasespace}$$

This means that the “time-average” of a quantity calculated by MD is equivalent to the “ensemble-average” of the same quantity as calculated by Monte Carlo means. *For ergodic systems.*

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Chapter 6. Molecular Dynamics in Various Ensembles

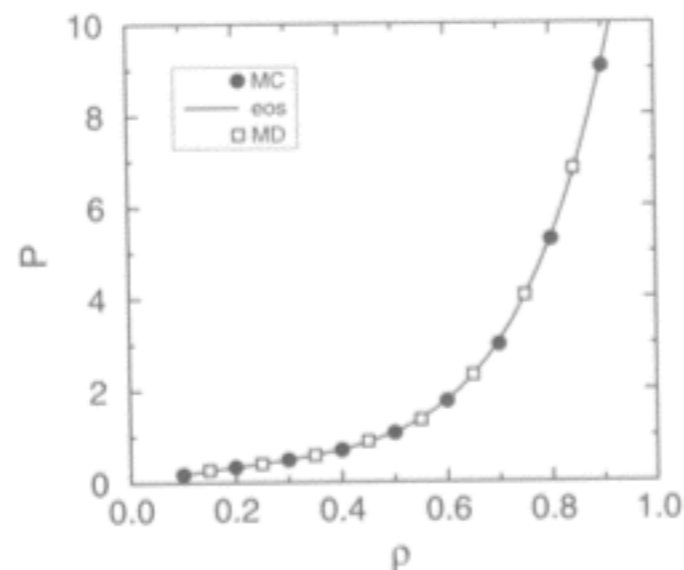


Figure 6.2: Equation of state of the Lennard-Jones fluid ( $T = 2.0$  and  $N = 108$ ); comparison of the Molecular Dynamics results using the Andersen thermostat (open symbols) with the results of Monte Carlo simulations (closed symbols) and the equation of state of Johnson *et al.* [62].

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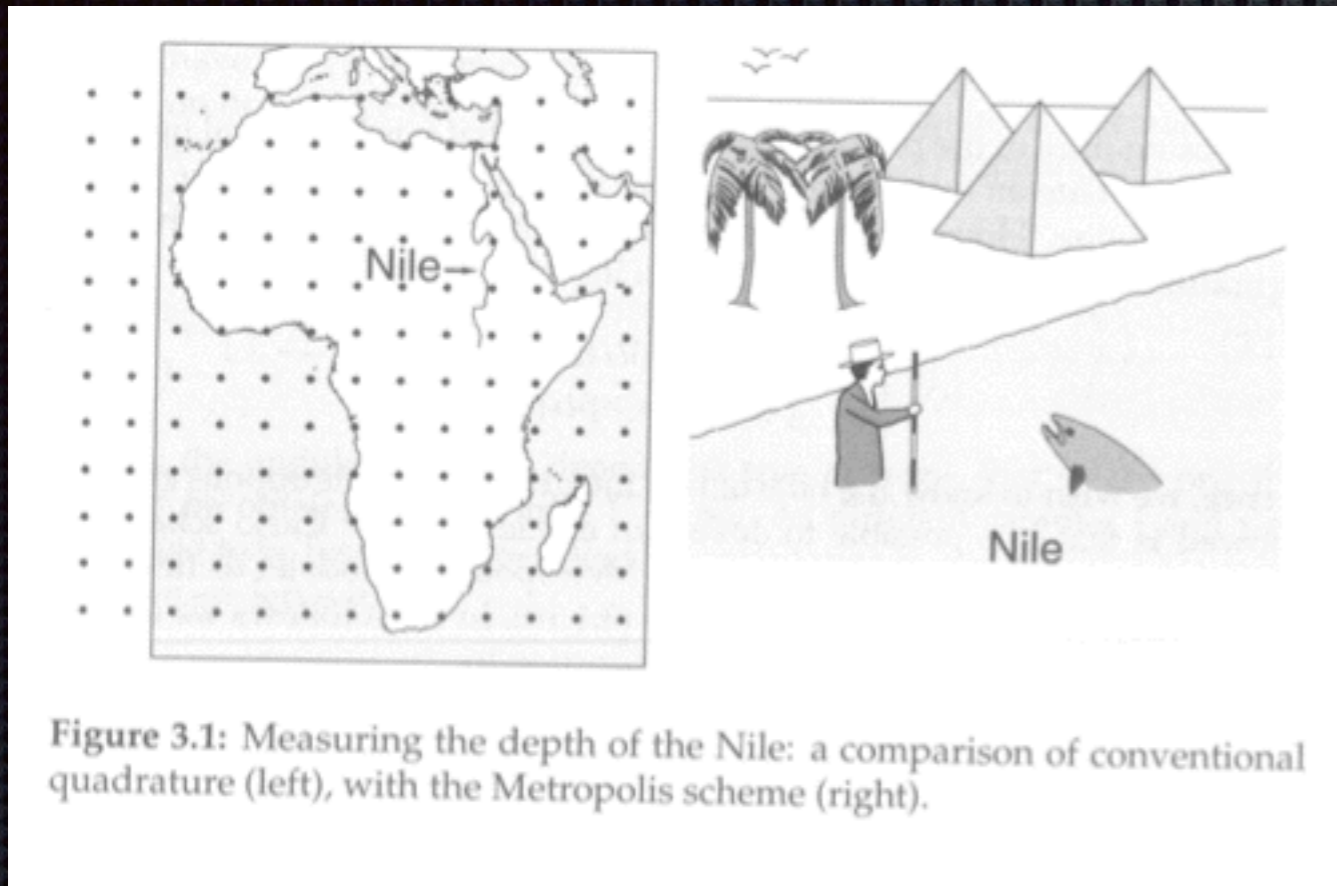


Figure 3.1: Measuring the depth of the Nile: a comparison of conventional quadrature (left), with the Metropolis scheme (right).

Two ways to sample.

## (1) Quadrature

You measure the depth of the “Nile” on a equidistant grid. --> get depth

## (2) “Metropolis”

a) trial move -->

rejected if you are not in the water

(b) trial move is accepted if you are in the water.

For molecular systems the important part of space ( $r$ ,  $\theta$ ,  $\phi$ , etc.) is related to the molecular potential.

After every move you measure the depth. The average of all measurements is the depth of the Nile

See: Frenkel & Smit for a nice description of MC (& MD).

# MC

For molecules, we generate points in configuration space with a relative probability proportional to the Boltzmann factor. So for a move from “old == o” to “new == n”, the probability that a move is accepted:  $\text{acc}(o \rightarrow n)$

$$\frac{\text{acc}(o \rightarrow n)}{\text{acc}(n \rightarrow o)} = \exp(-\beta [U(n) - U(o)])$$

If  $U(n) < U(o)$  then the trial move is accepted.

If  $U(n) > U(o)$  then the trial move is accepted if  $\exp(-\beta [U(n) - U(o)]) < 1$

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for i in xrange(number_of_steps):
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    x(o) = pick_a_random_atom(random(0,natoms))
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    Eold = energy ( x(o) )
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    Xnew = x(o) + random(0,1)*delta_x
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```
    Enew = energy( Xnew )
```

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    If Enew < Eold:
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        x(o) = Xnew
```

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    elif ( random(0,1) < exp(-beta*(Enew-Eold) )):
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        x(o) = Xnew
```

# MC

**Size of moves in a Markovian chain:**

**“A MC sampling scheme is optimal if it yields the lowest statistical error of  $\langle A \rangle$  for a given length of CPU time”**

**In practice, you merely want to cover configuration space.**

**For an observable  $A$ , the mean square error in  $A$  should be inversely proportional to the number of uncorrelated configurations is given amount of CPU time.**

The point is that there is no golden rule.

Ad-hoc definitions mean, to me, that I should use common sense.

Each problem type needs to be optimized.

# MMC (with rotation)

So, to have a fully-atomistic MMC (vary all bonds and angles) our averages and hence our energy calculations become numerically much more complicated. **For large flexible systems, fully-atomistic MMC is slower than (or as slow as) MD!**

$$\langle A \rangle = \frac{\int d\mathbf{p}^N d\mathbf{r}^N \exp[-\beta H(\mathbf{p}^N, \mathbf{r}^N)] A(\mathbf{p}^N, \mathbf{q}^N)}{\int d\mathbf{p}^N d\mathbf{r}^N \exp[-\beta H(\mathbf{p}^N, \mathbf{r}^N)]}$$

$$\text{where } H(\mathbf{p}^N, \mathbf{r}^N) = \sum_j p_j^2 / (2m_j) + U(\mathbf{r}^n)$$

but for rotational moves (now in generalized coordinates);

$$H(\mathbf{p}^N, \mathbf{r}^N) = \frac{1}{2} \mathbf{p} \cdot \mathbf{G}^{-1} \cdot \mathbf{p} + U(\mathbf{r}^n)$$

when placed into our expression for  $\langle A \rangle$  leads to  $|\mathbf{G}|^{\frac{1}{2}}$  in the numerator.

# MMC with frozen dof

**An alternative strategy is to only sample the configurational landscape accessible by rotating the dihedral bonds of macromolecules.**

**Use the CHARMM force-field to sample only the dihedral potential using the Metropolis criterion, then if you have interesting result, you minimize the entire ensemble of structures.**

**Sampling on a grid (40 degree spacing for HIV-1 Gag) -->  $10^{67}$  configurations are required.**

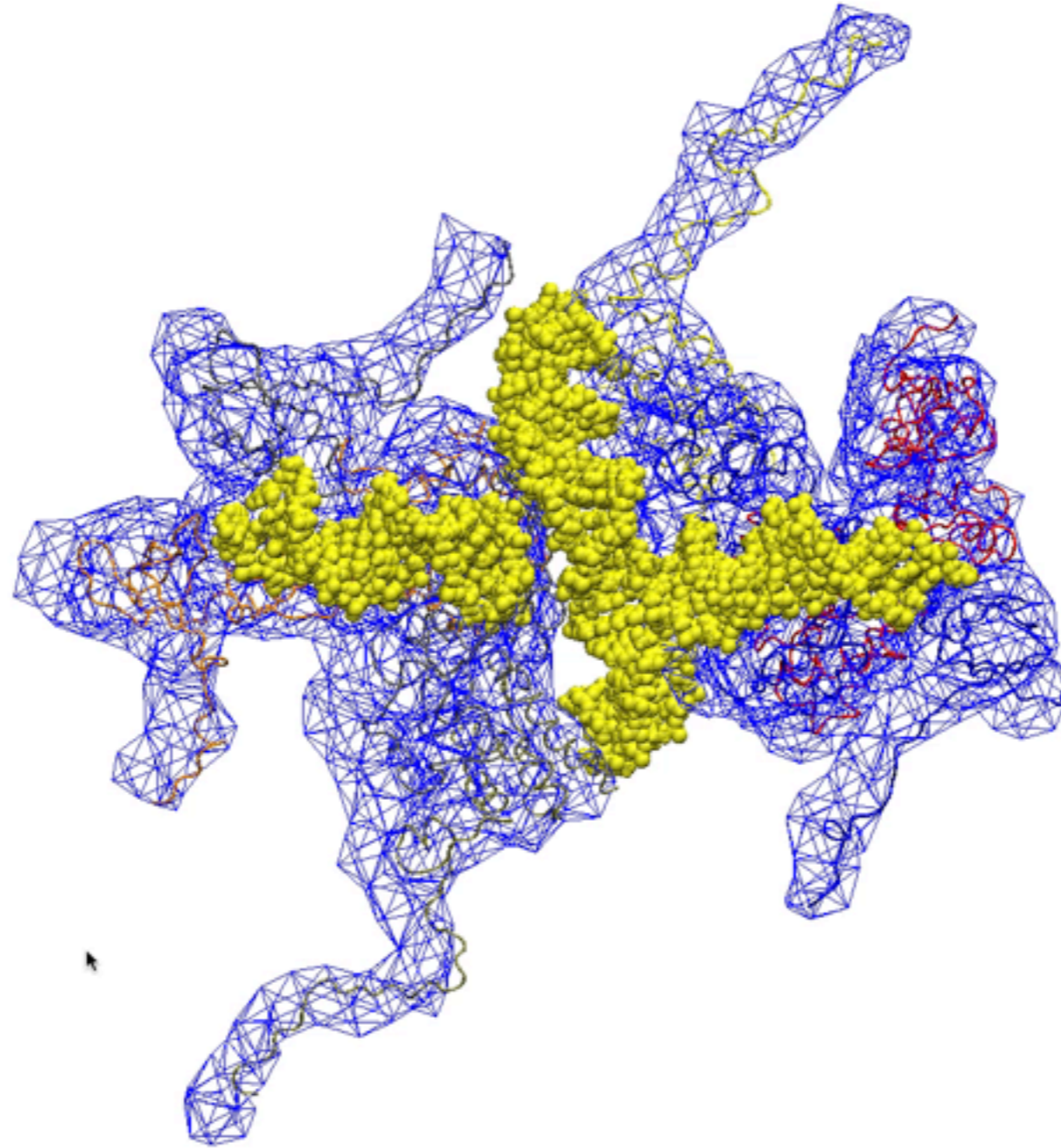
**Sampling from Ramachandran plot is fundamentally limiting.**

**Advantages:**

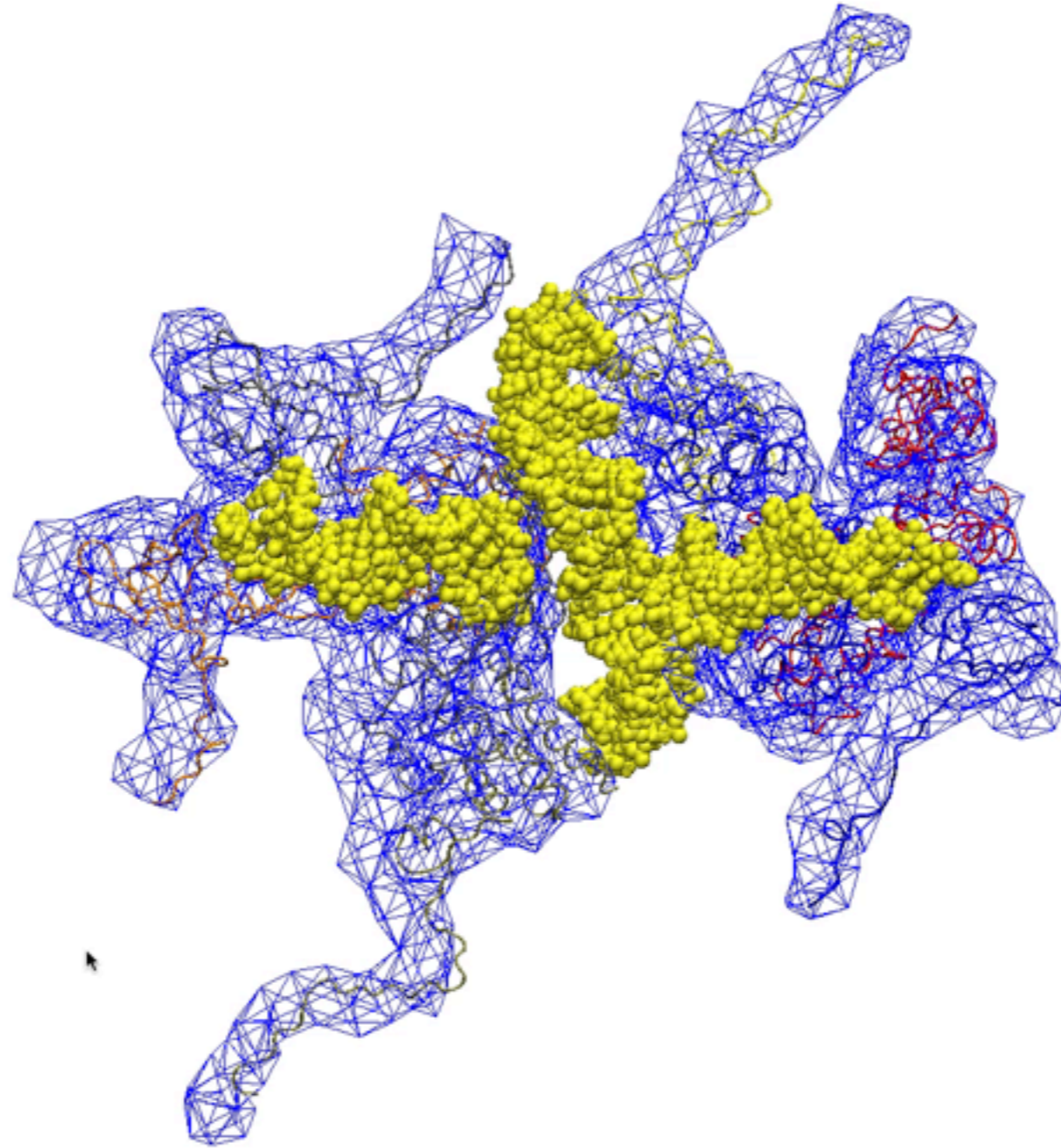
**Generate configurations quickly to test hypotheses.**

**Structures are minimized and ready for further analyses IF YOU WISH.**

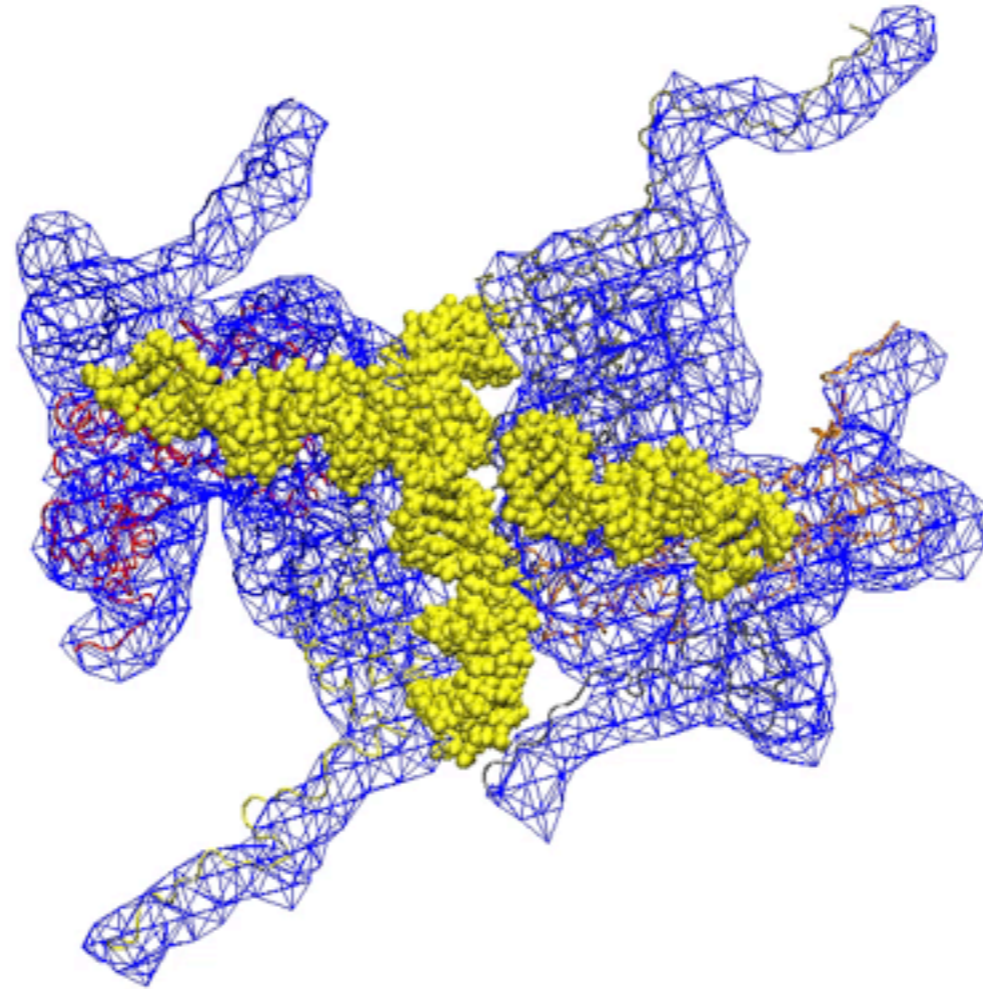
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15 min. then 45 min. : 1 CPU



# backbone torsion sampling

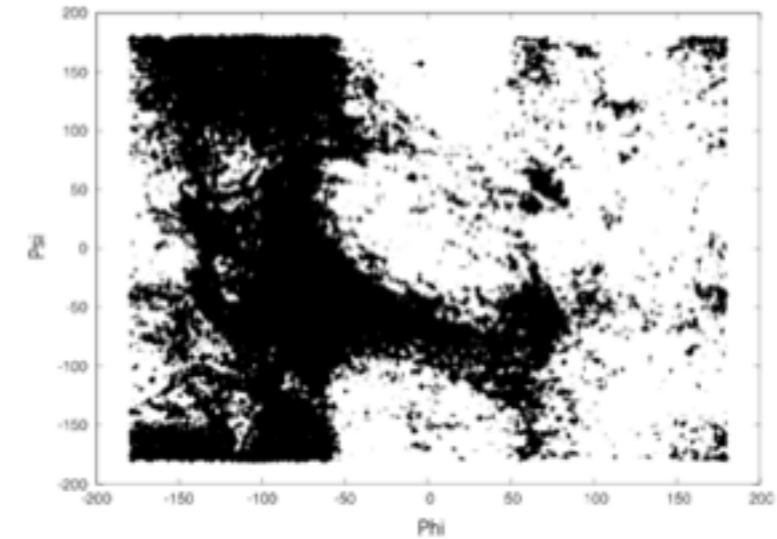
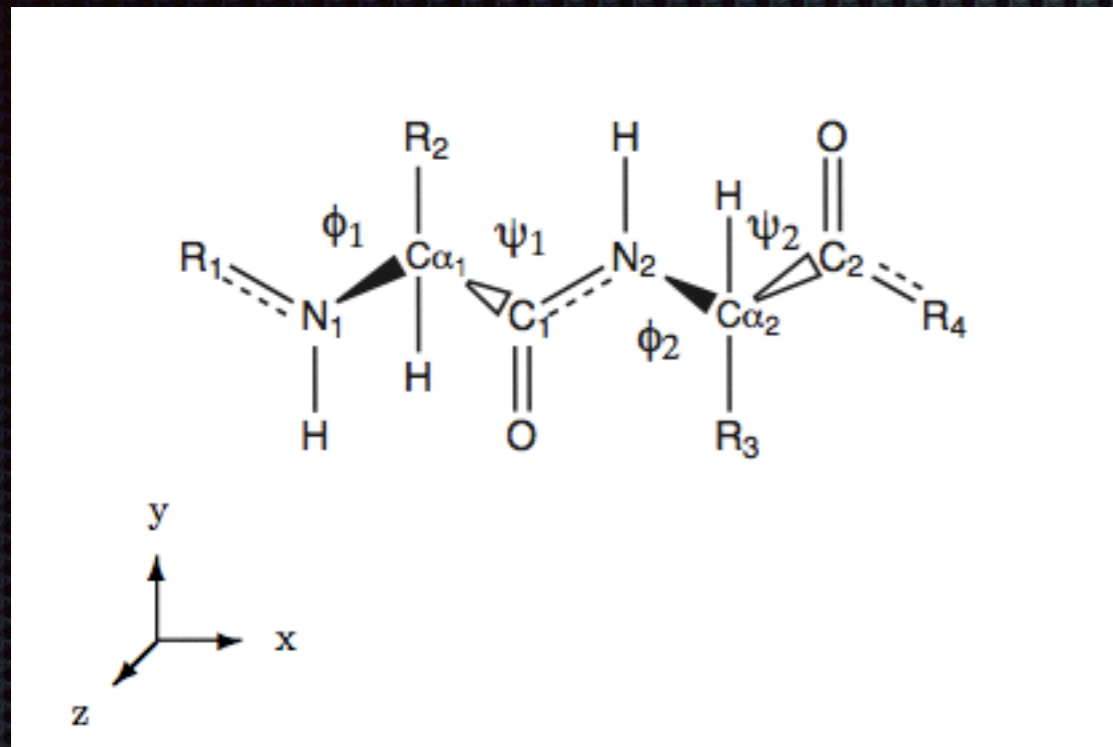


Fig. 5. The values of accepted angular values of  $\phi$  and  $\psi$  for the 65 amino-acids located in the five flexible regions of the  $10^5$  energy minimized full-length HIV-1 Gag protein structures. Angles are shown in degrees.

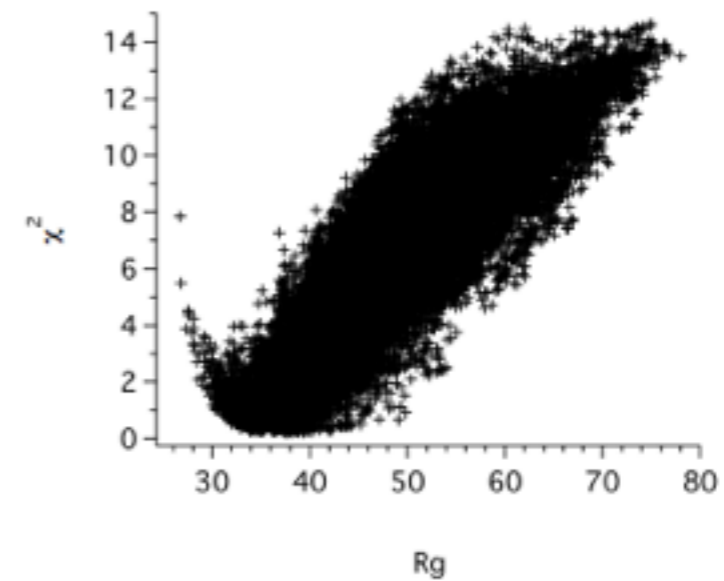
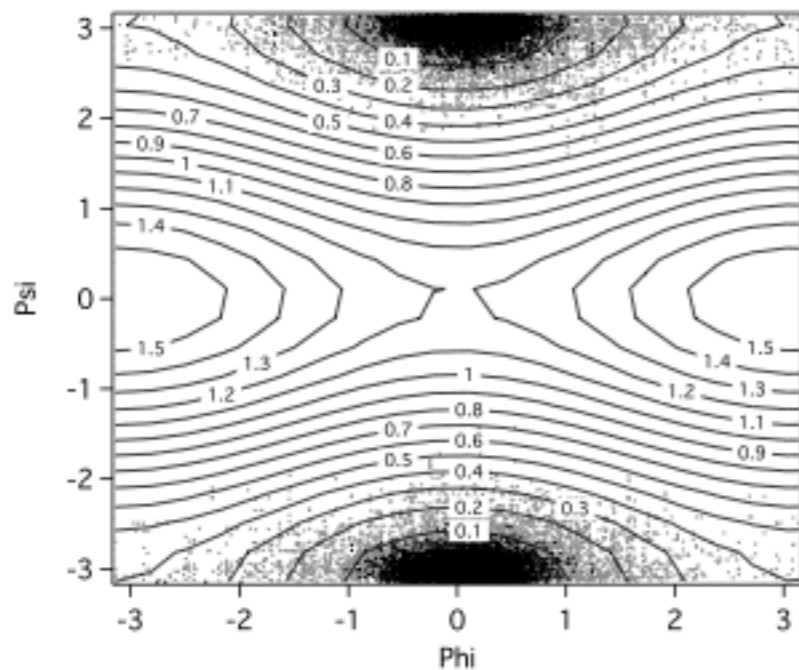
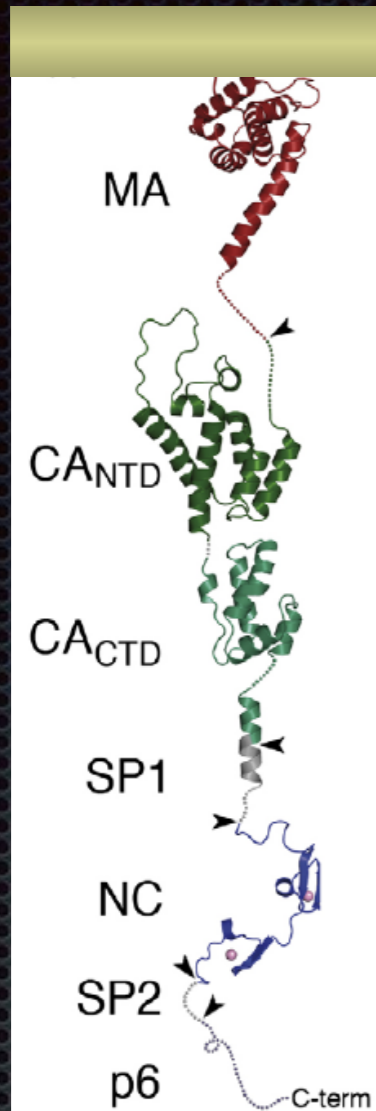


Fig. 6. A plot of  $\chi^2$  versus  $R_g$  obtained from  $10^5$  non-overlapping full-length HIV-1 Gag protein structures.

# representative envelope/st.



123-144 (21)  
278-283 (5)  
354-378 (24)  
378-389 (11)  
408-412 (4)

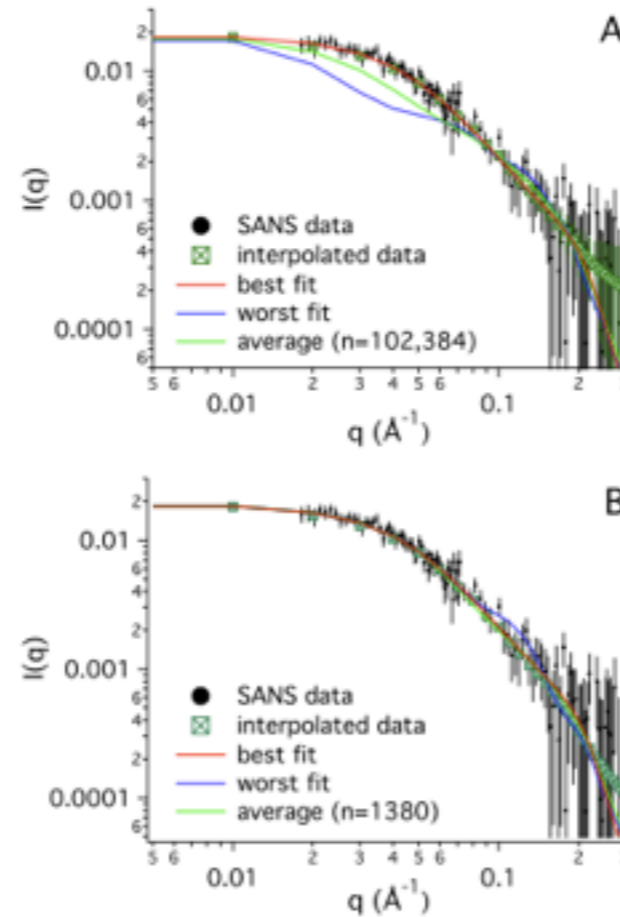


Fig. 7. The plot of experimental and theoretical SANS profiles obtained from  $10^5$  non-overlapping full-length HIV-1 Gag protein structures.

shown in Figure 6. Here,  $\chi^2$  is calculated using

$$\chi^2 = \frac{1}{(N-1)} \frac{\sum_Q (I_{exp}(Q) - I_{calculated}(Q))^2}{\sigma_{exp}(Q)^2} \quad (7)$$

where  $I_{exp}(Q)$  is the experimentally determined SANS profile,  $I_{calculated}(Q)$  is the value obtained using SASSIE,  $\sigma_{exp}(Q)$  is the experimentally determined  $Q$ -dependent variance, and the sum was taken over  $N = 19$  grid points of momentum transfer,  $Q$ . A plot of the best, worst, average, and experimental SANS profiles is shown in Figure 7.

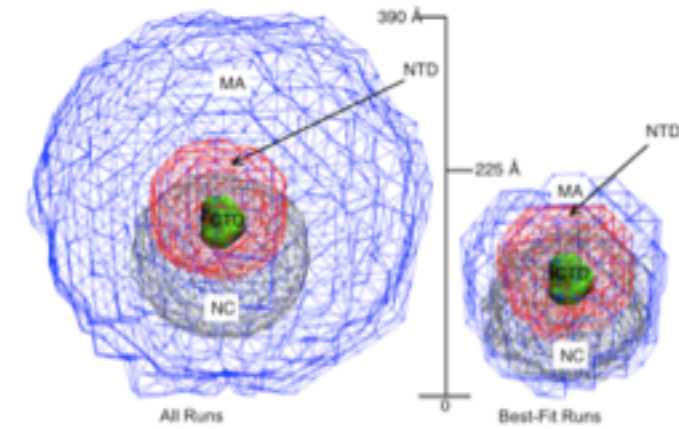


Fig. 8. Iso-density plots of all non-overlapping HIV-1 Gag structures (left: "All Runs") and structures with  $\chi^2 \approx 1.0$  (right: "Best-Fit Runs"). The different regions of Gag are colored for clarity (MA:blue, NTD:red, CTD:green, and NC:grey). Structures used to generate the plots were aligned on the alpha-carbon atoms of the CTD region.

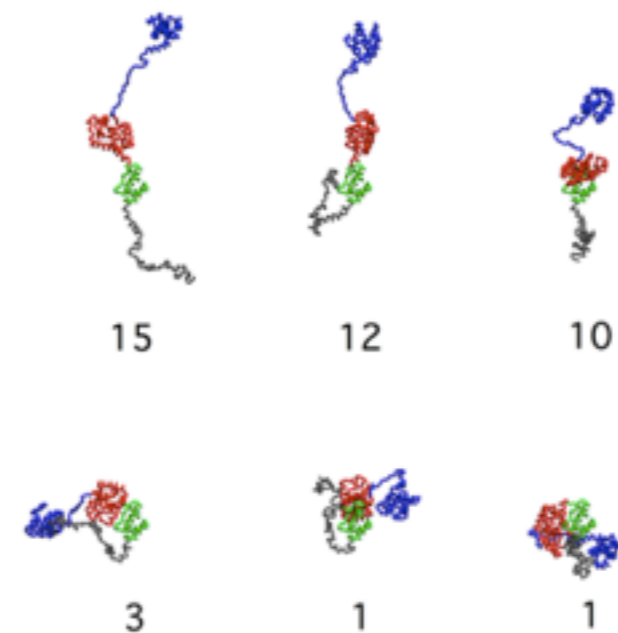


Fig. 9. Tube representations of example HIV-1 Gag structures with  $\chi^2$  values shown below each structure. The different regions of Gag are colored for clarity (MA:blue, NTD:red, CTD:green, and NC:grey). Structures are aligned on the alpha-carbon atoms of the CTD region.

# sassie-web

<https://sassie-web.chem.utk.edu/sassie2>

The screenshot shows the SASSIE-web interface. At the top left is a hamburger menu icon. The title "SASSIE-web" is centered at the top. On the top right, it says "Logoff joseph" and "Help on" followed by icons for a box, gears, and a user profile. A vertical navigation menu on the left lists the following items with corresponding icons:

- Tools (wrench icon)
- Build (molecular model icon)
- Interact (hand icon)
- Simulate (computer monitor with molecular model icon)
- Calculate (atom icon)
- Analyze (gears icon)
- Beta ( $\beta$  symbol icon)
- Alpha ( $\alpha$  symbol icon)
- Retired (gravestone icon with "RIP" text)

On the right side of the interface, there are two vertical buttons: "FEEDBACK" and "DOCS".

# sassie-web -- **Build**

Software to clean-up structure files

and

generate force field topology files

## **Build – evaluate and clean up structure files**

**PDB Scan** Generates a report that characterizes the user supplied PDB file (alpha).

**PDB Rx** Attempts to correct mistakes in user supplied PDB file (alpha).

**CG Builder** Tools to assist the generation of coarse-grain structures (alpha).

# sassie-web -- Simulate

**Monomer Monte Carlo:** single chain protein or ss-NA (think IDP / ID-NA)

**Complex Monte Carlo:** multiple single chain protein or ss-NA (think IDP / ID-NA complexes)

**Energy Minimization:** anything FF supports (NAMMD)

**Torsion Angle MD:** protein/NA/Carbs. FF supports (CHARMM)

**Docking:** anything FF supports

**Two-Body Grid:** anything FF supports

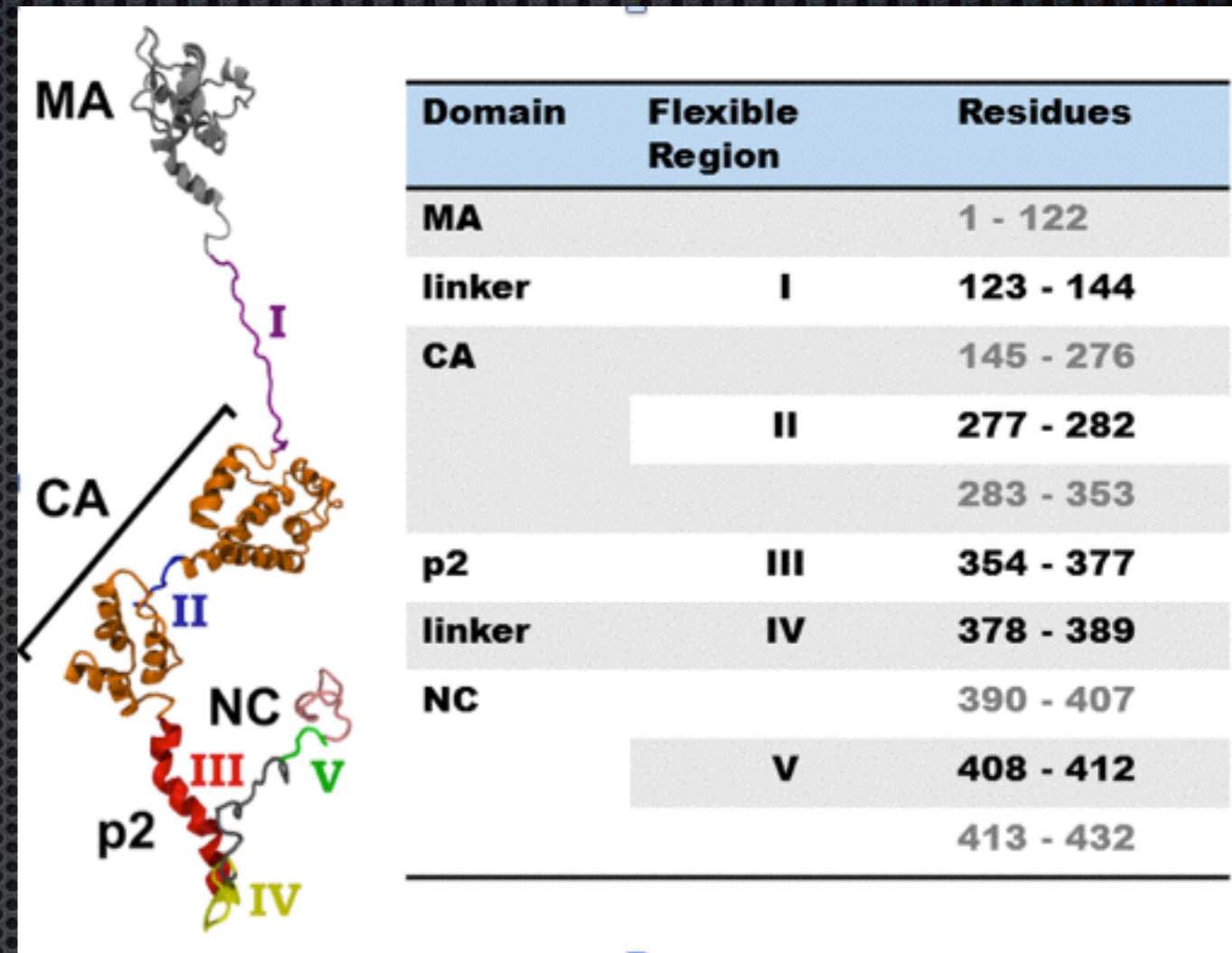
Rigid body

# Monomer Monte Carlo

Single chain IDP / ID-NA  
simple N → C or 5' – 3'  
backbone torsion sampling

“What if” questions and  
ensembles for further analysis

Configurations are correlated  
Not usable with internal loops  
Not usable for ds NA moves



Generate  
Ensemble

Energy Minimize  
&  
Calculate  $I(q)$

Compare to Exp.:  
Chi-square Filter  
Density Plot

# Monomer Monte Carlo II

## Monomer Monte Carlo

run name

reference pdb   OR  *Local: hiv1\_gag.pdb*

output file name (dcd)

number of trial attempts

return to previous structure

temperature (K)

molecule type

number of flexible regions to vary

maximum angle sampled for each region

residue range for each flexible region

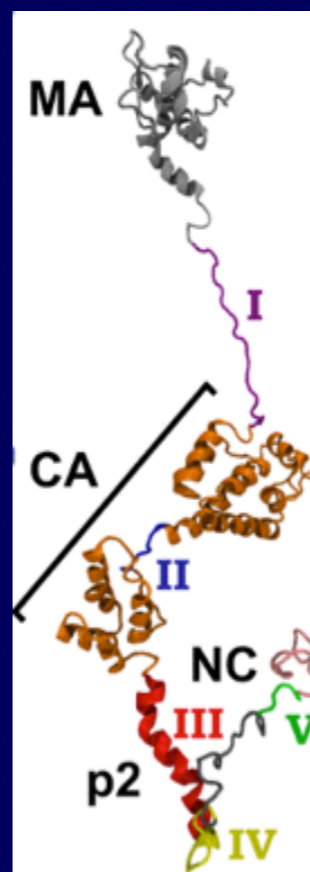
structure alignment: low residue

structure alignment: high residue

overlap basis

## Advanced Input

Check Box for Advanced Input



Domain	Flexible Region	Residues
MA		1 - 122
linker	I	123 - 144
CA		145 - 276
	II	277 - 282
		283 - 353
p2	III	354 - 377
linker	IV	378 - 389
NC		390 - 407
	V	408 - 412
		413 - 432

# Monomer Monte Carlo III

Rg filter(s)

(eg.  $55 < Rg < 60$ )



low Rg cutoff

55

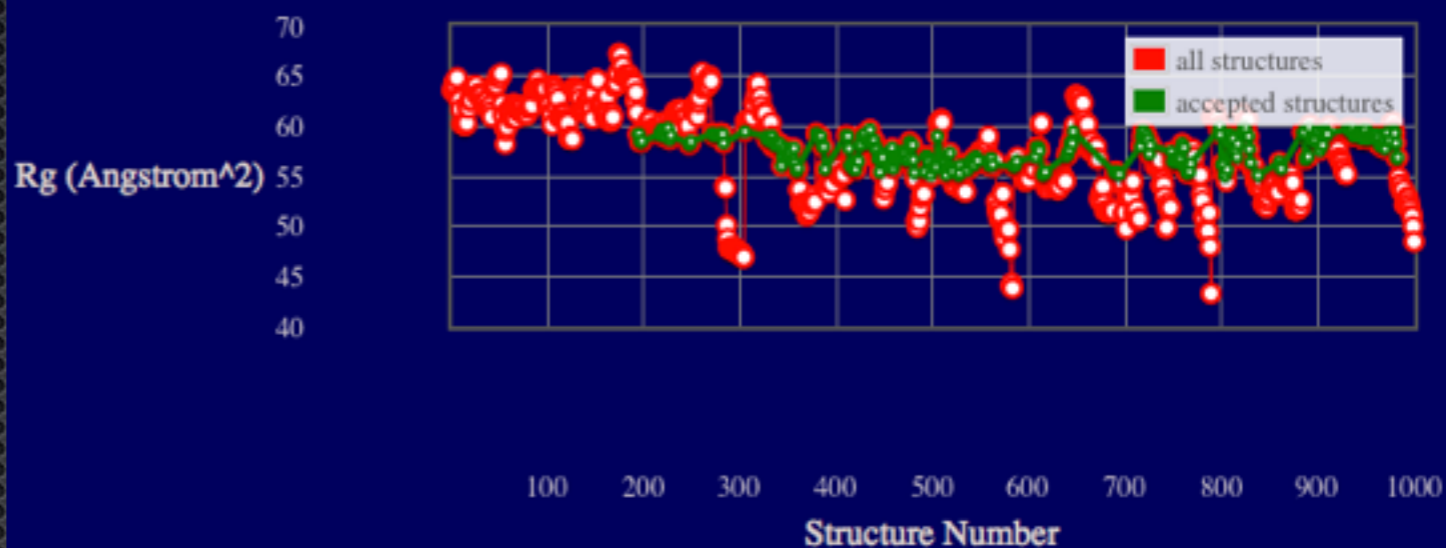
high Rg cutoff

60

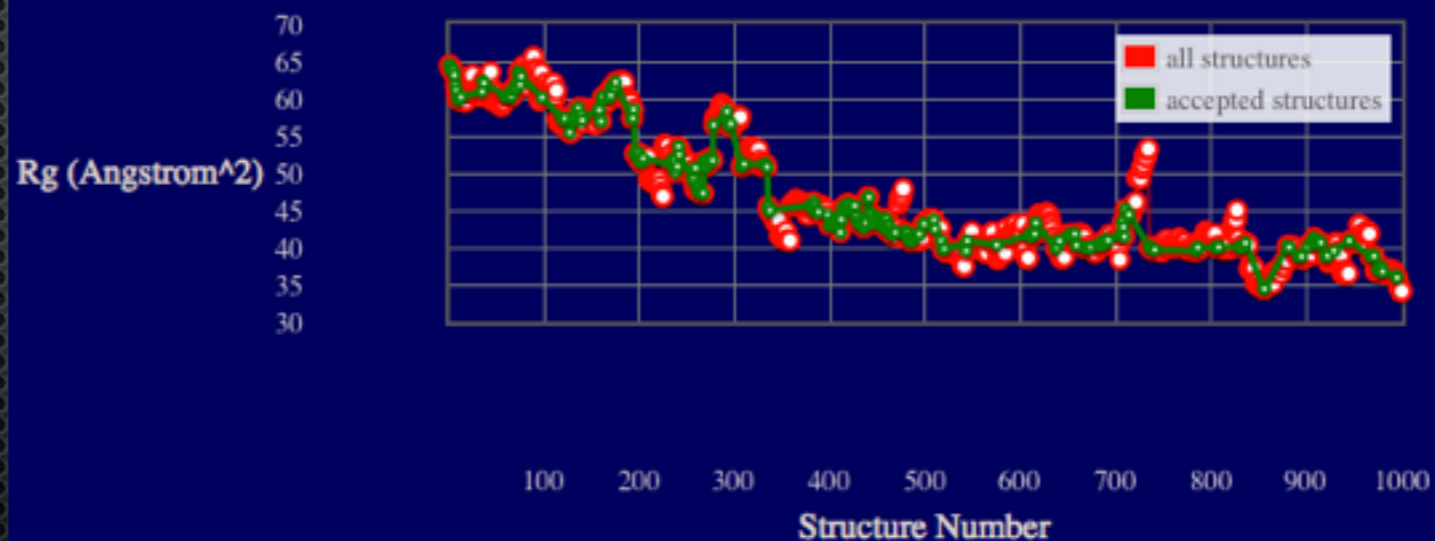
Directed Monte Carlo  
(bias to an Rg value)

directed Monte Carlo (0=no or Rg value) 30

Rg Results



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# Monomer Monte Carlo IV

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Z filter

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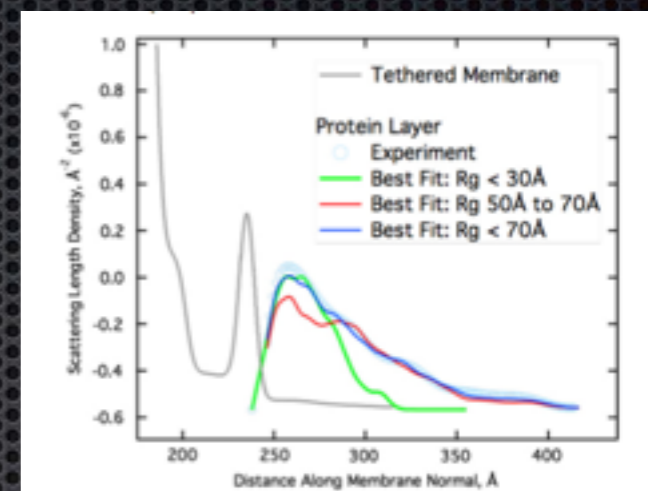
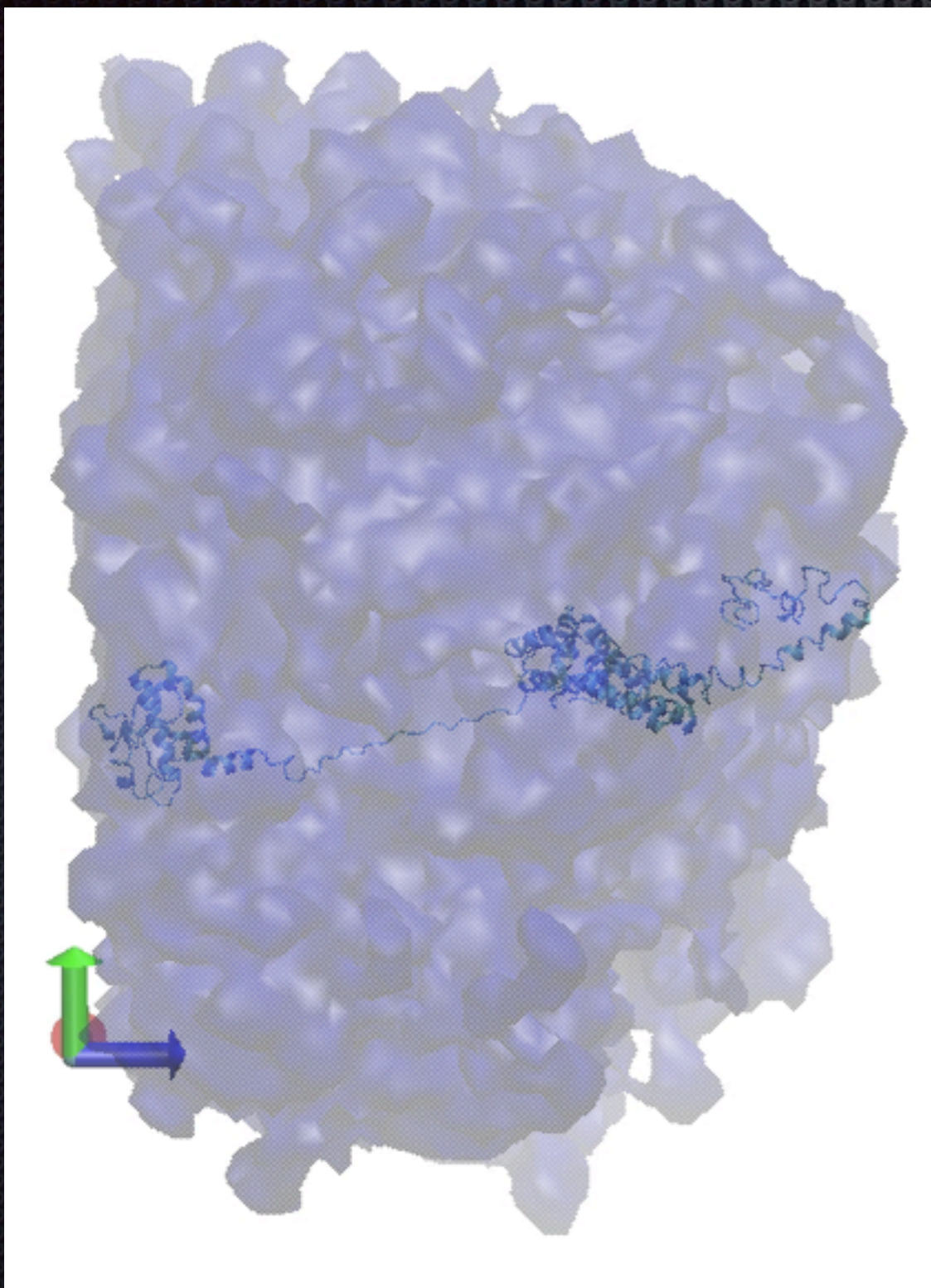


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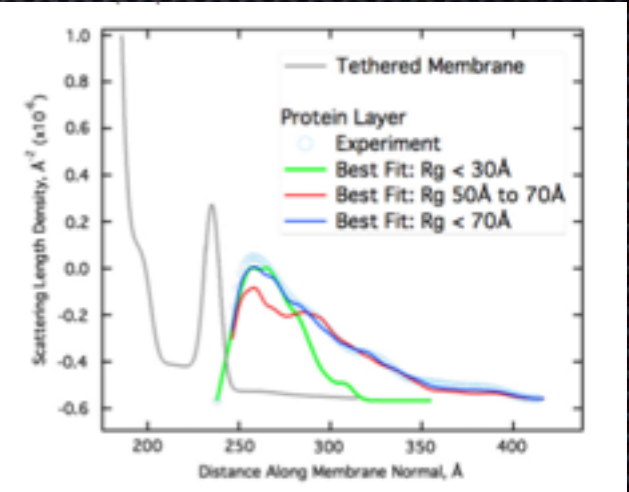
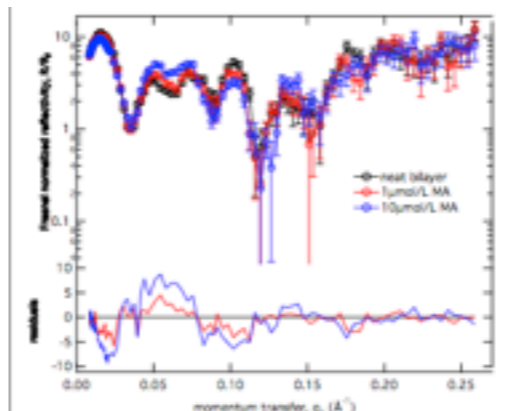
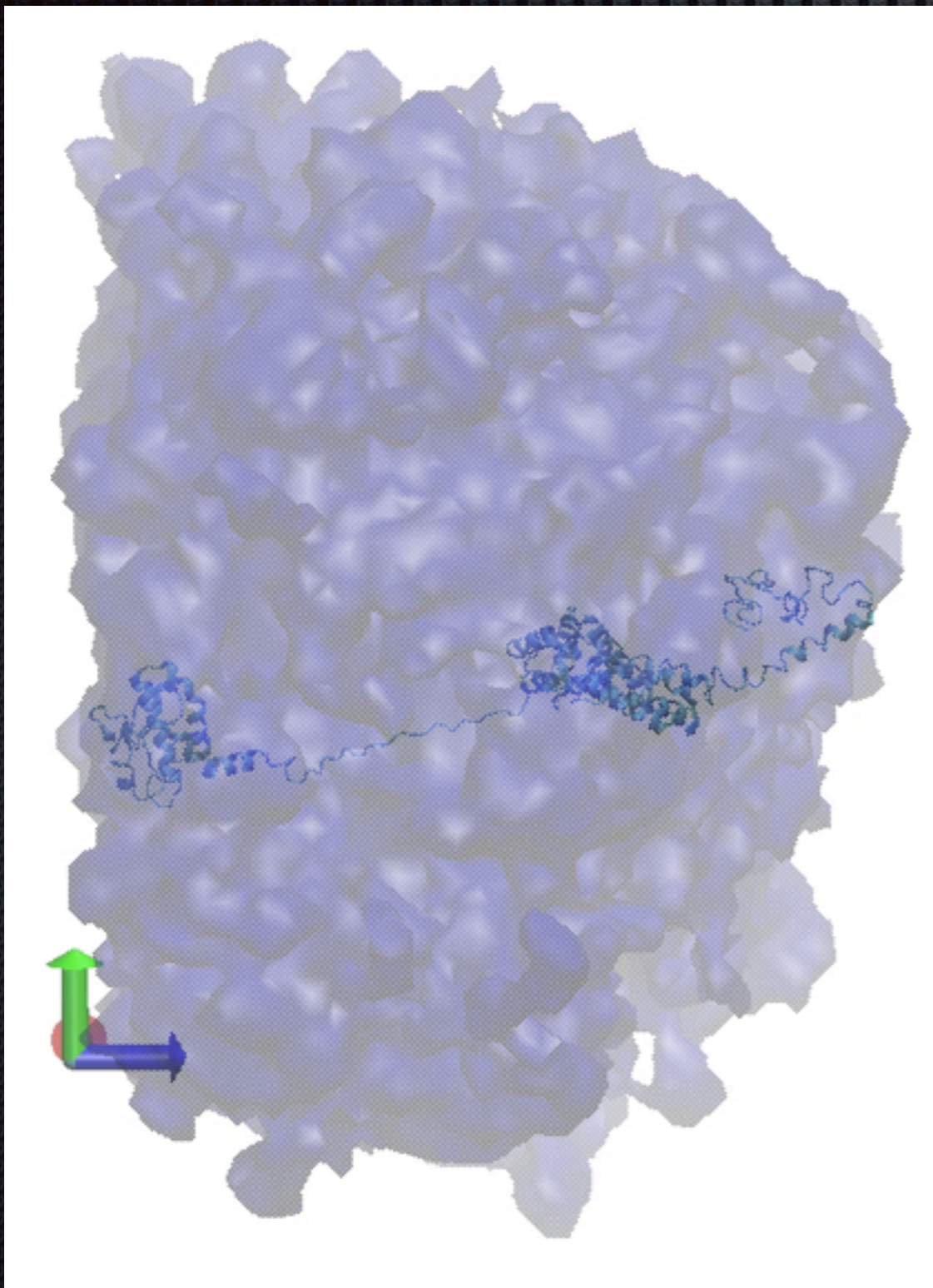
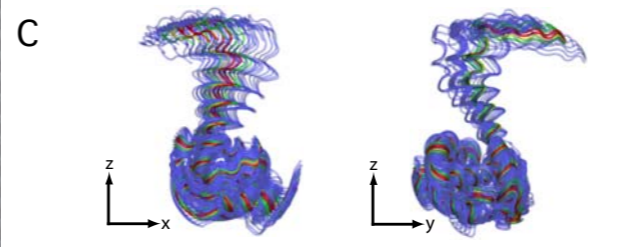
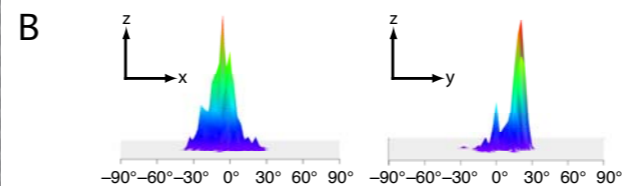
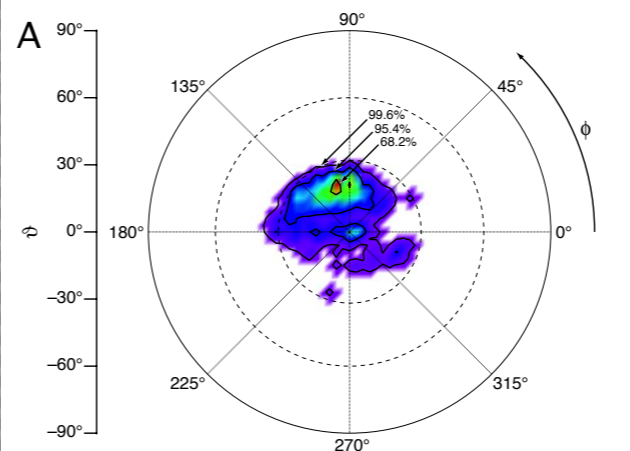


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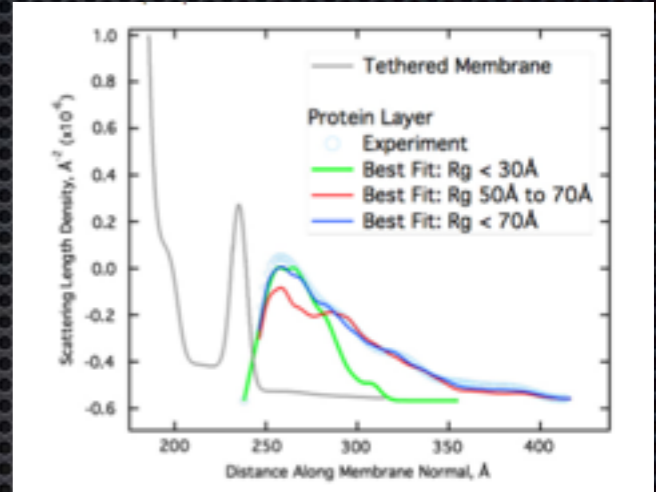
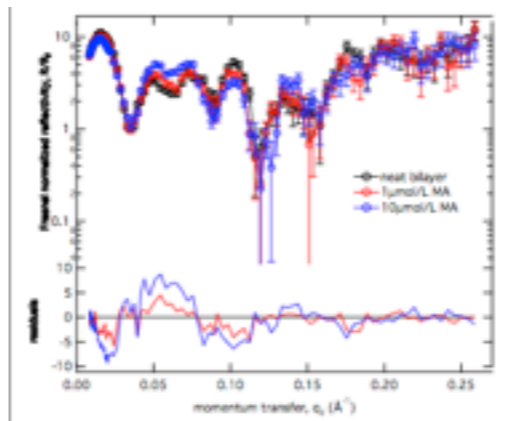
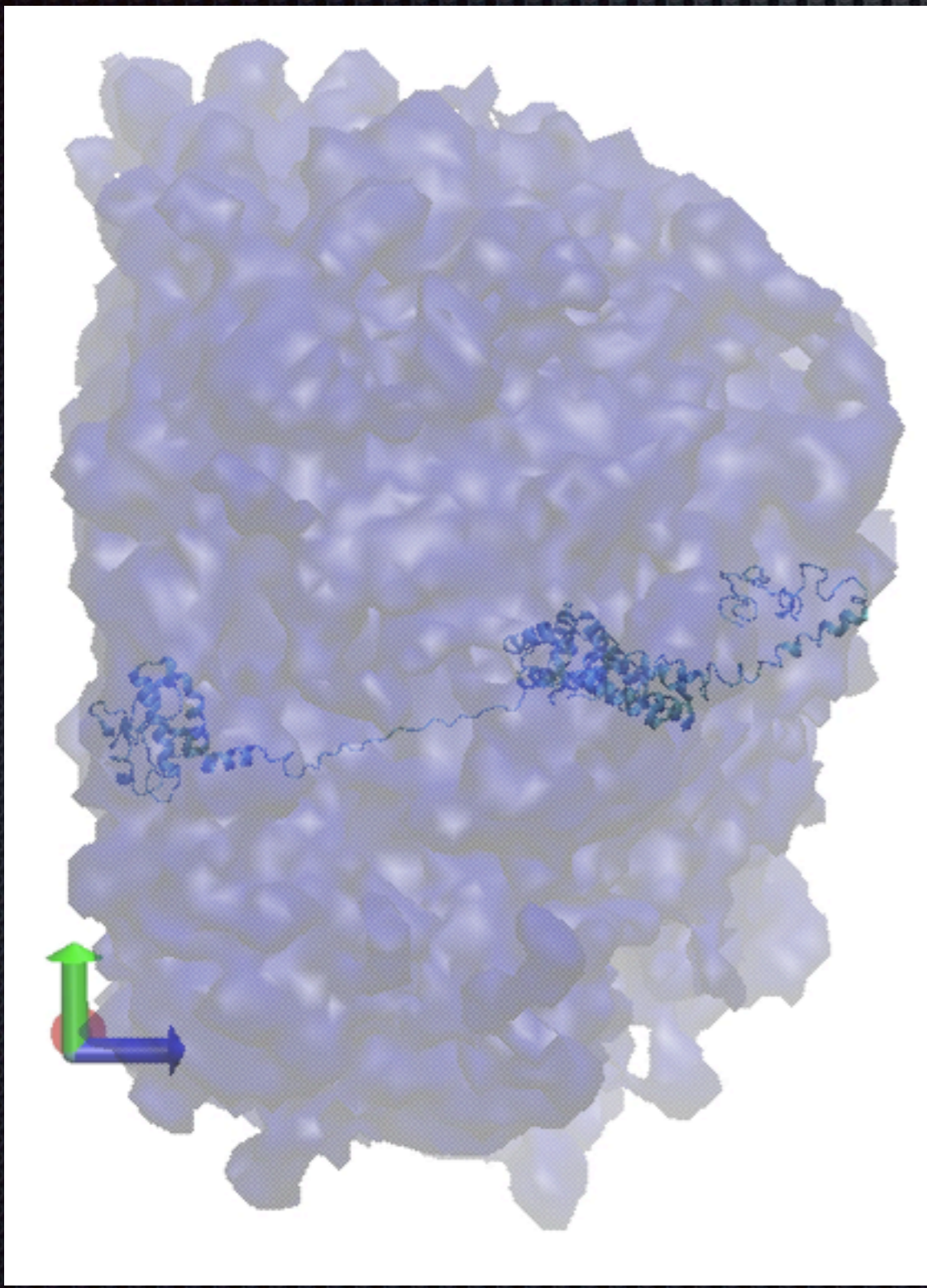
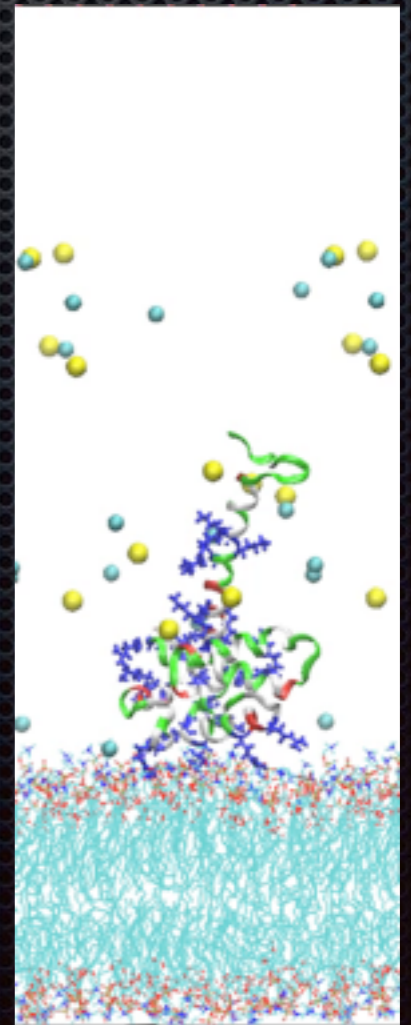
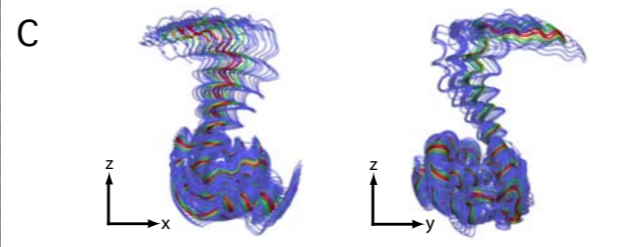
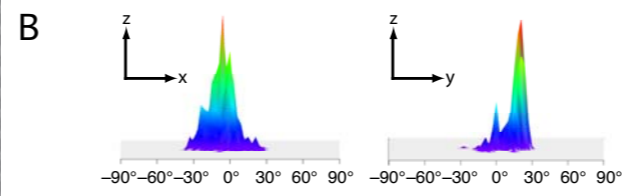
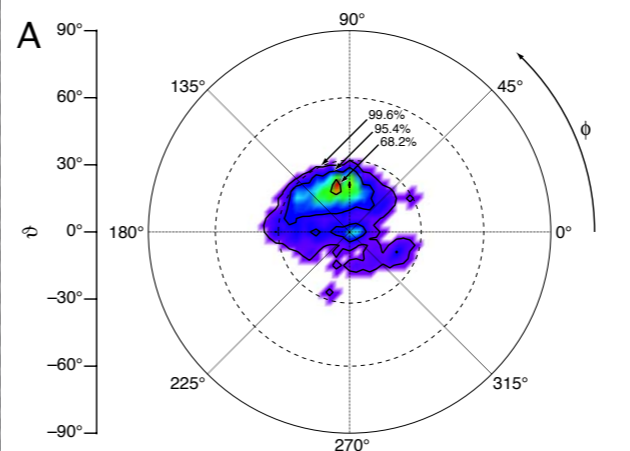


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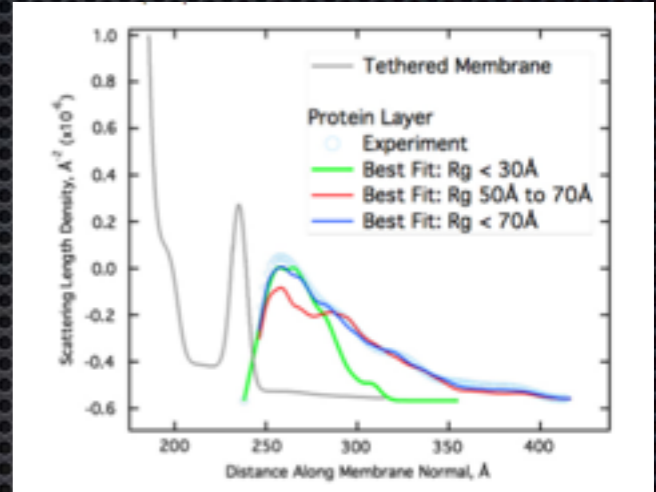
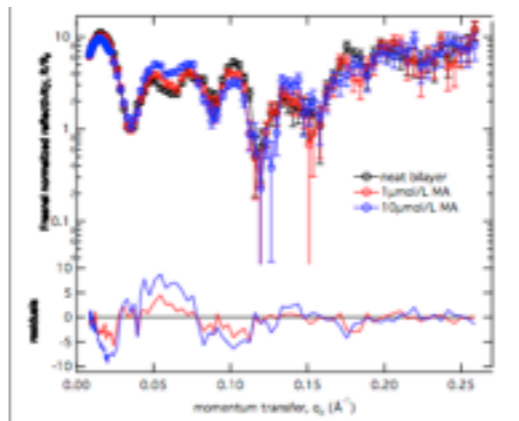
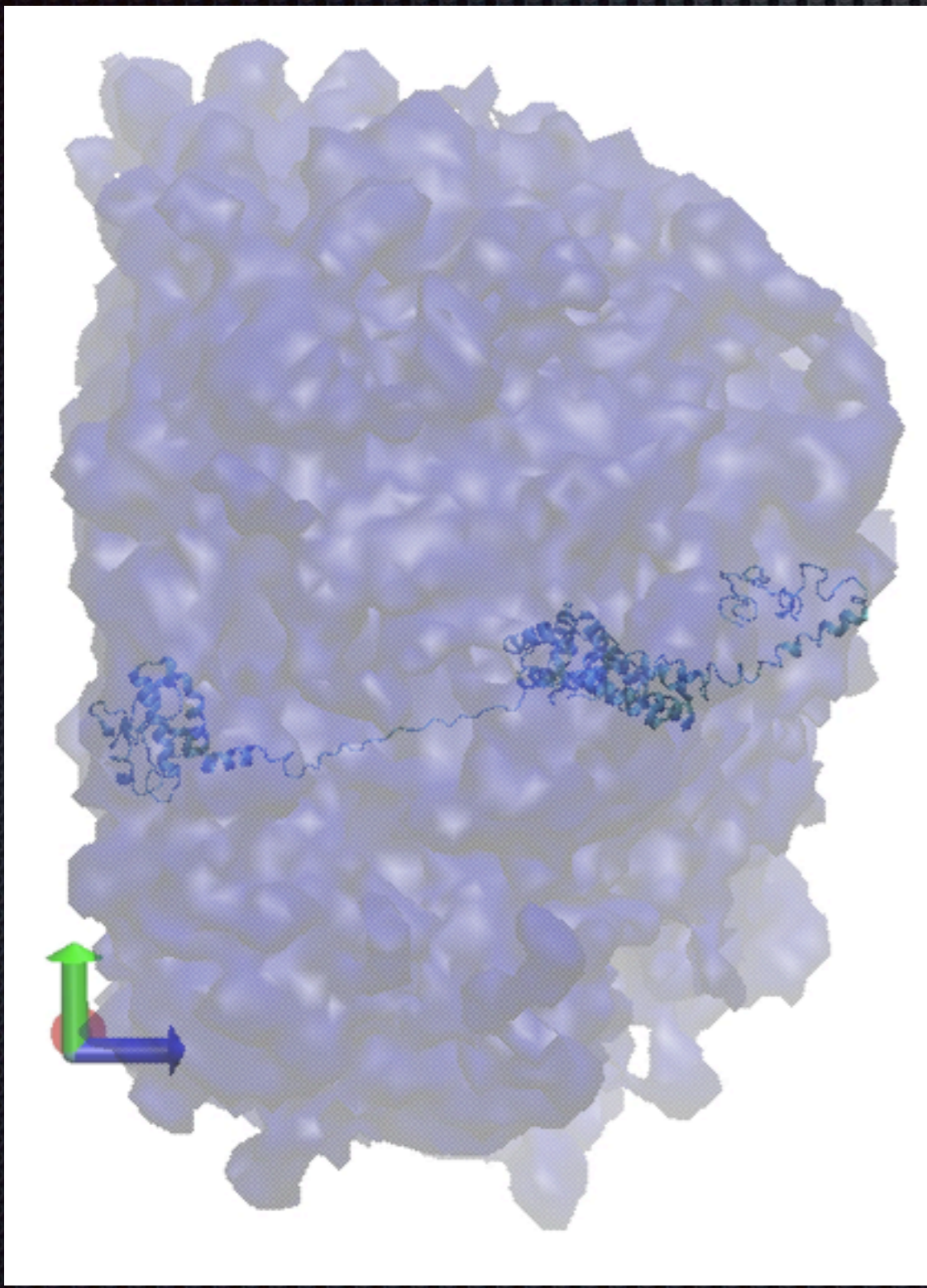
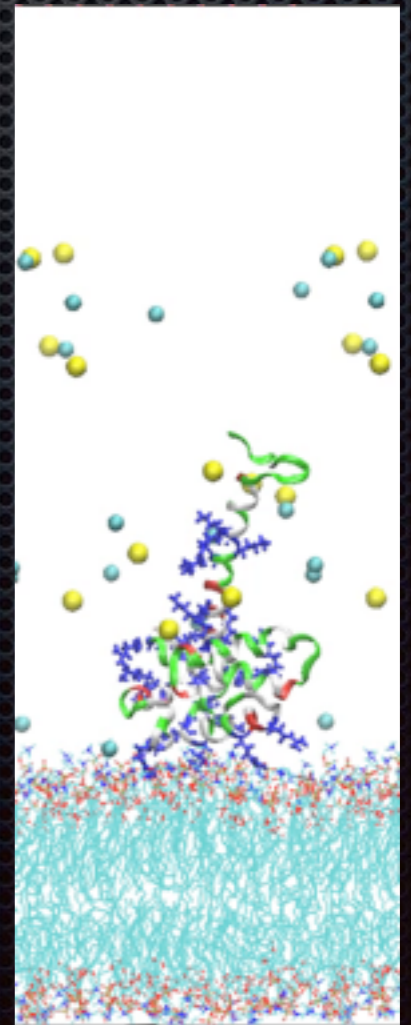
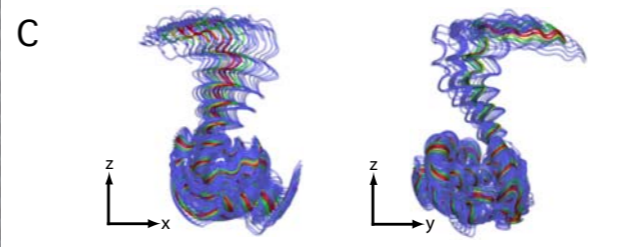
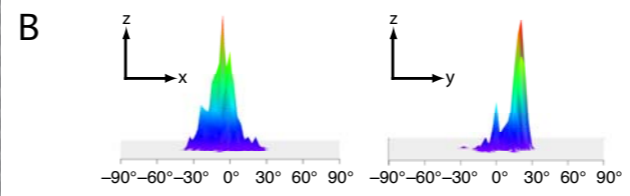
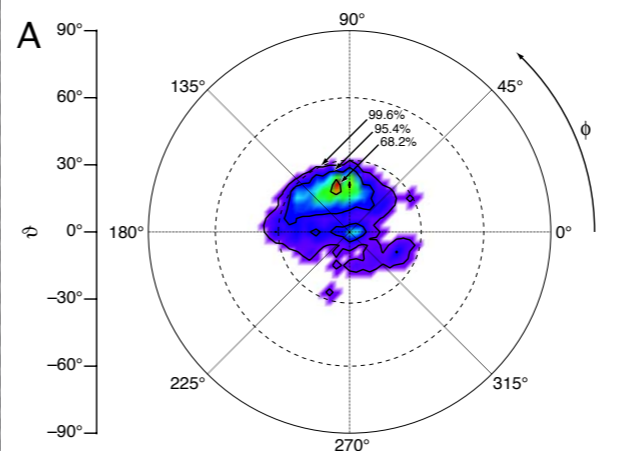
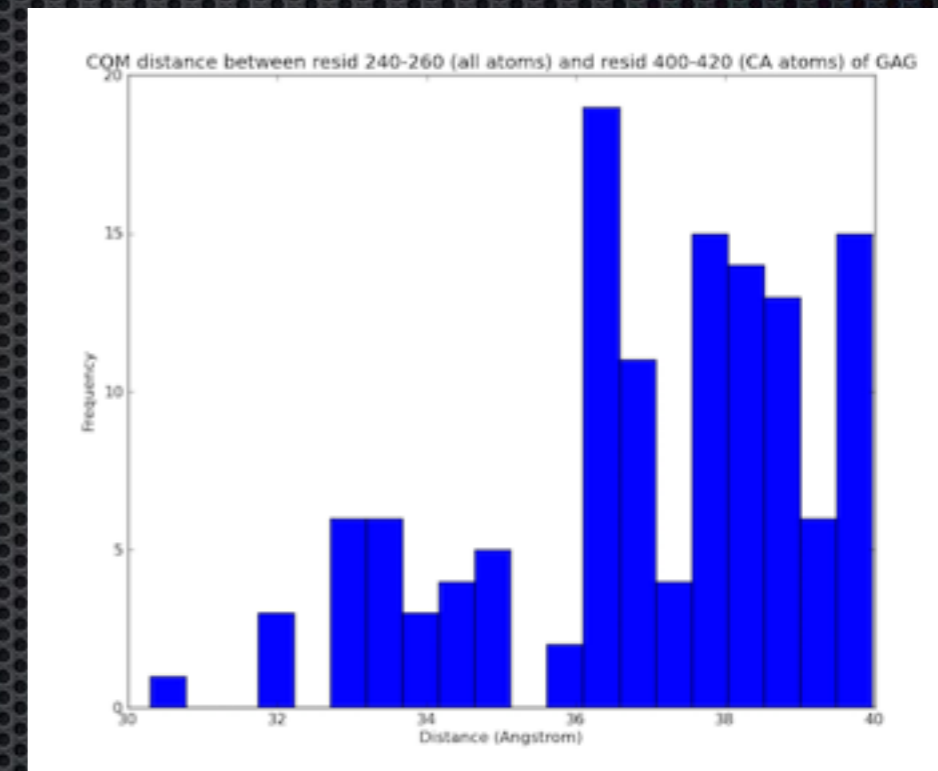
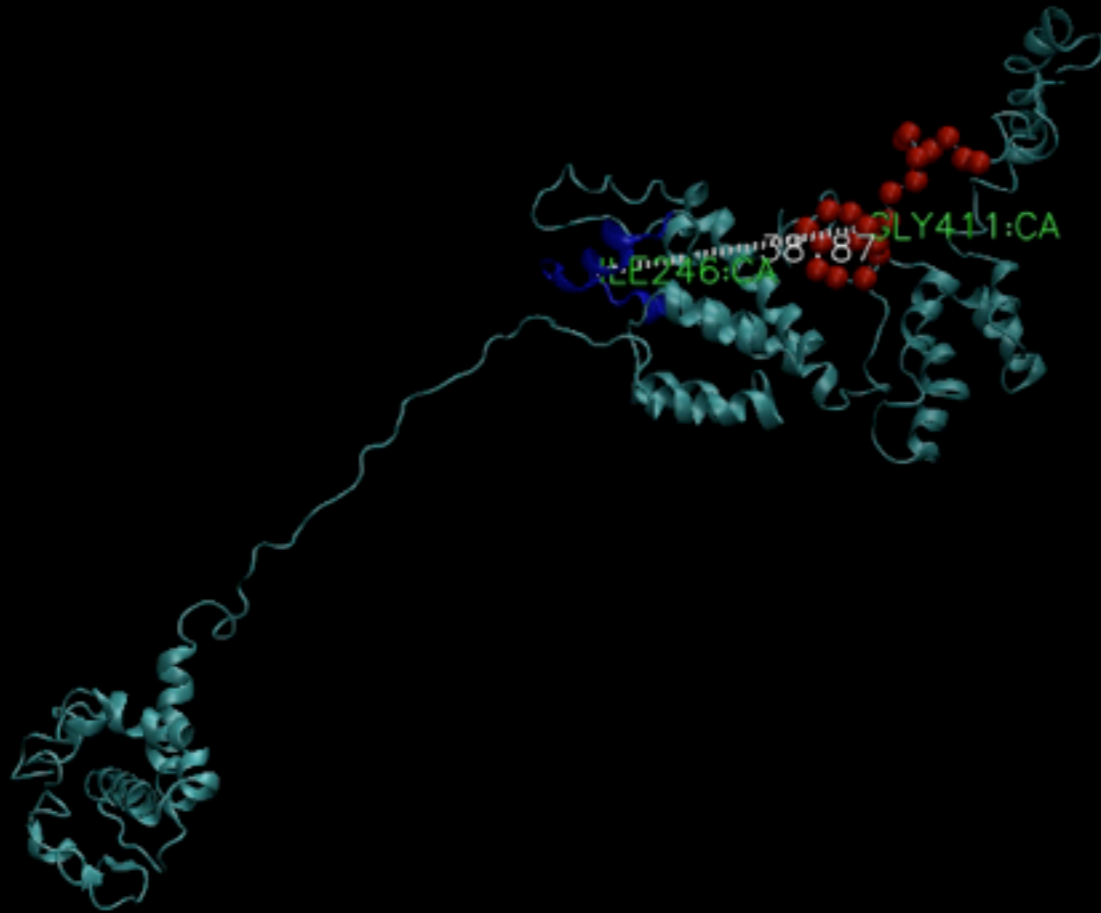


Fig. 2. Molecular modeling of Gag protein structure on the membrane using SLDMOL to fit experimentally derived SLD profiles. The experimentally derived SLD profiles for Gag, light blue circles, are shown in the compact conformational state, panel A, and the extended state, panel B. Using the SASSIE software package 100,000 independent conformations of the Gag protein were generated and subsequently filtered based on Rg values. An average SLD profile using a Monte-Carlo optimization to weight the structures provided a best fit for each Rg range and can be seen as solid lines. (For interpretation of the references to color in this figure legend, the reader is referred to the web version of this article.)



# Monomer Monte Carlo V

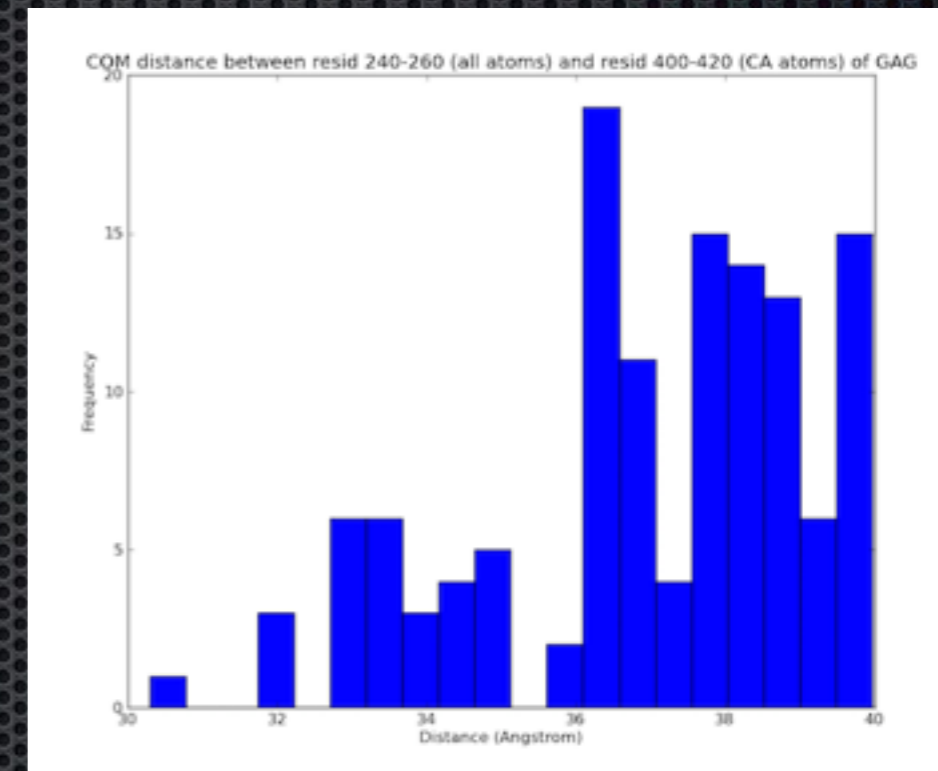
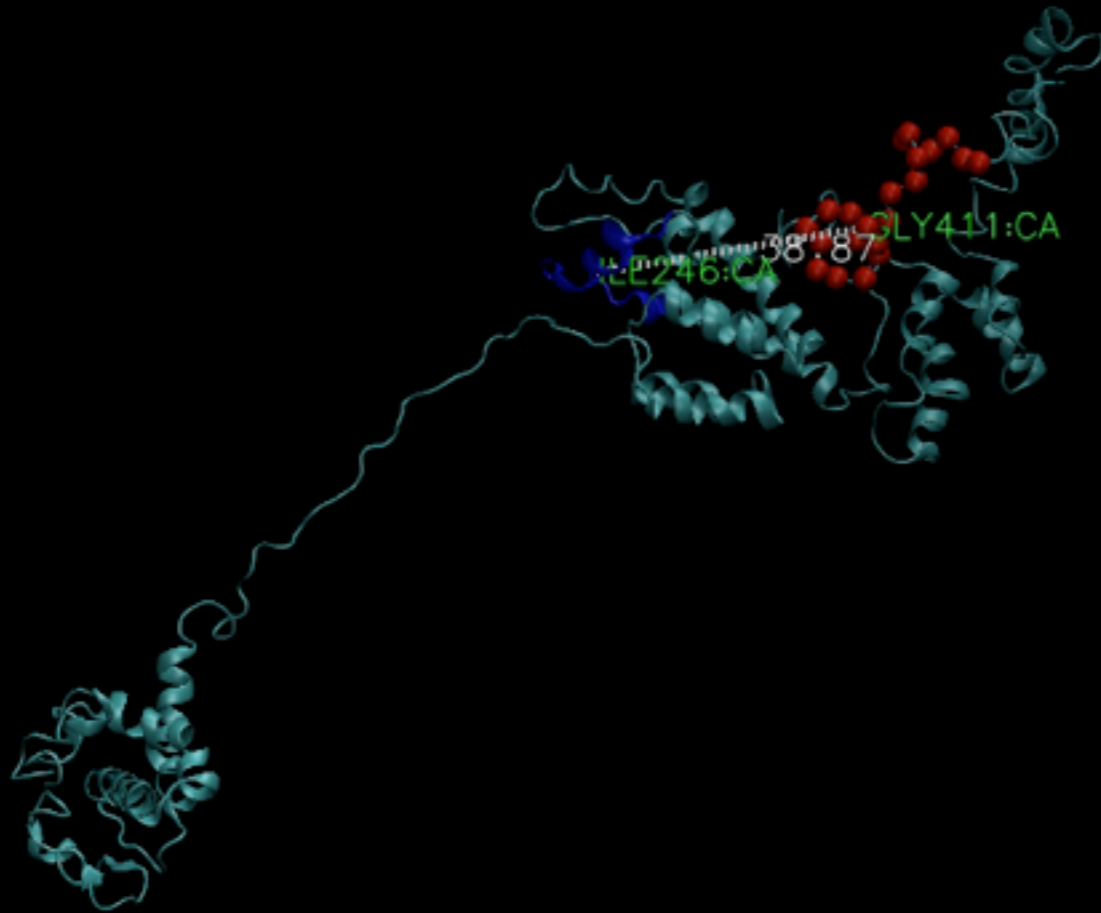


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GAG 240-260 : GAG 400-420 CA : 40.0 : COM : COM

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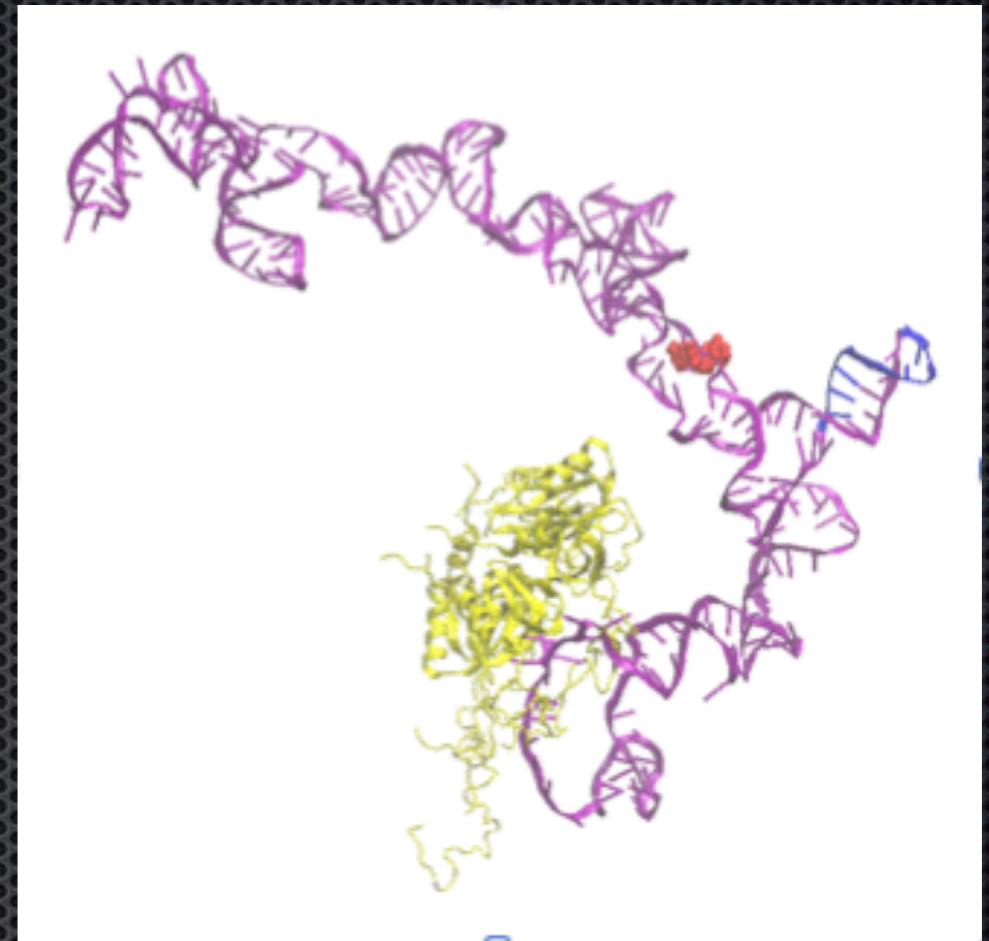
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# Complex Monte Carlo

Multiple, single chain IDP / ID-NA  
simple N → C or 5' – 3'  
backbone torsion sampling

“What if” questions and  
ensembles for further analysis  
Not all chains need to be flexible  
(ds DNA etc. can be present)  
Configurations are correlated  
Not usable with internal loops  
Not usable for ds NA moves



Generate  
Ensemble

Energy Minimize  
&  
Calculate  $I(q)$

Compare to Exp.:  
Chi-square Filter  
Density Plot

# sassie-web -- Complex MC II

Rg filter(s)

Monte Carlo

Z-filter

Constraints etc.

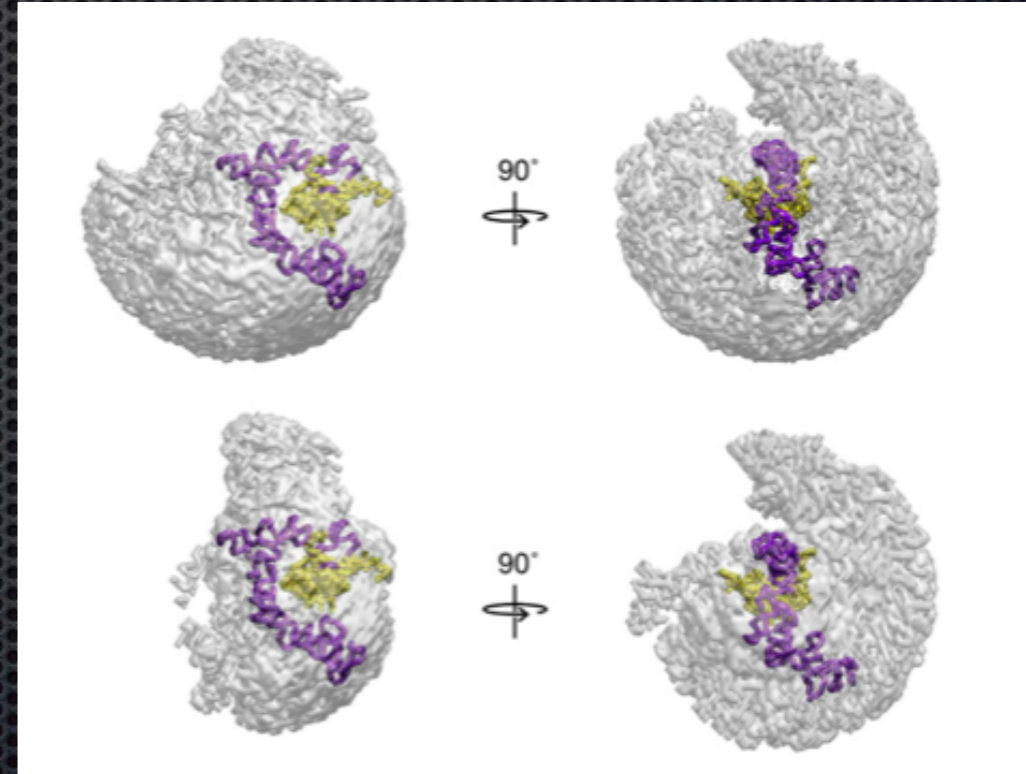
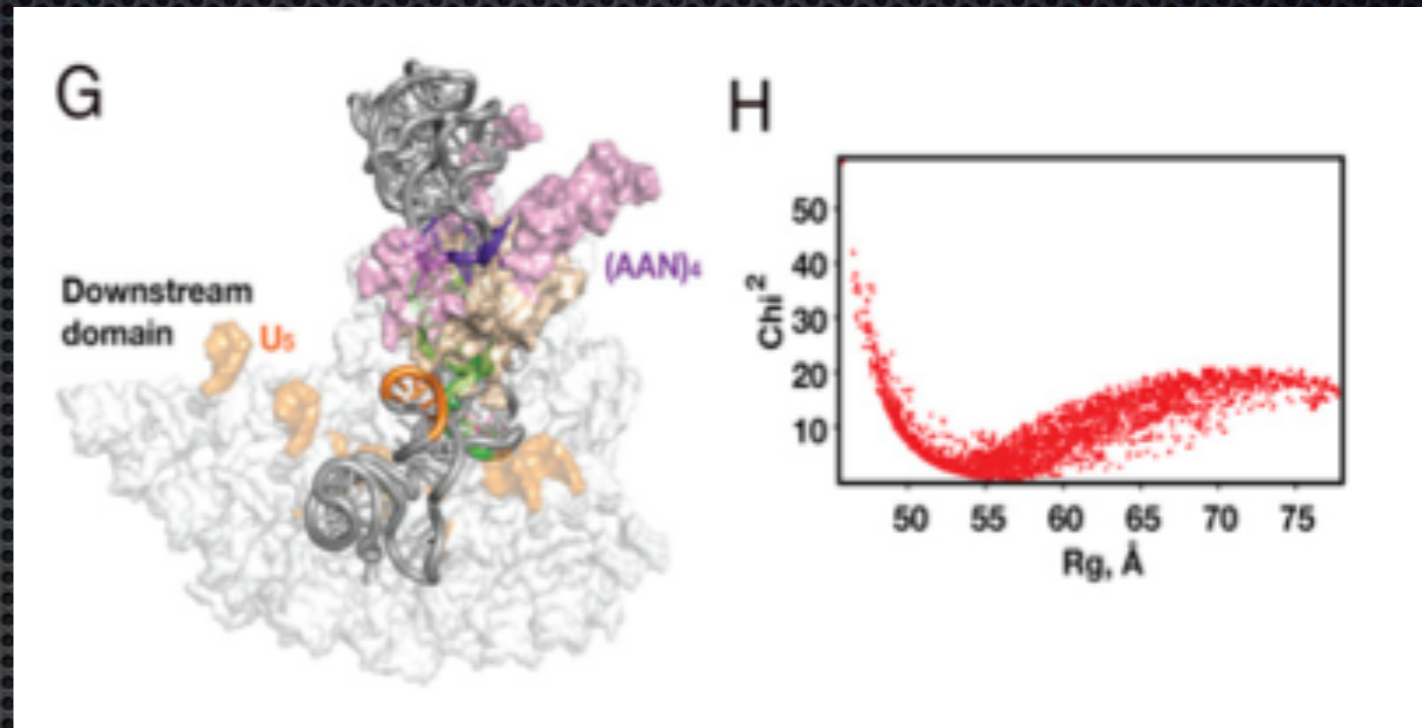
Example: RNA – protein complex

→ many experimental constraints (SHAPE)

→ 12 flexible regions in 6 protein segments (tails)

→ several RNA torsions sampled (systematically)

→ best fitting structures indicated a restricted range of motion:  
opening and closing



# Torsion Angle MD

Much more robust than Cartesian MD (no high-frequency bond/angle vibrations)

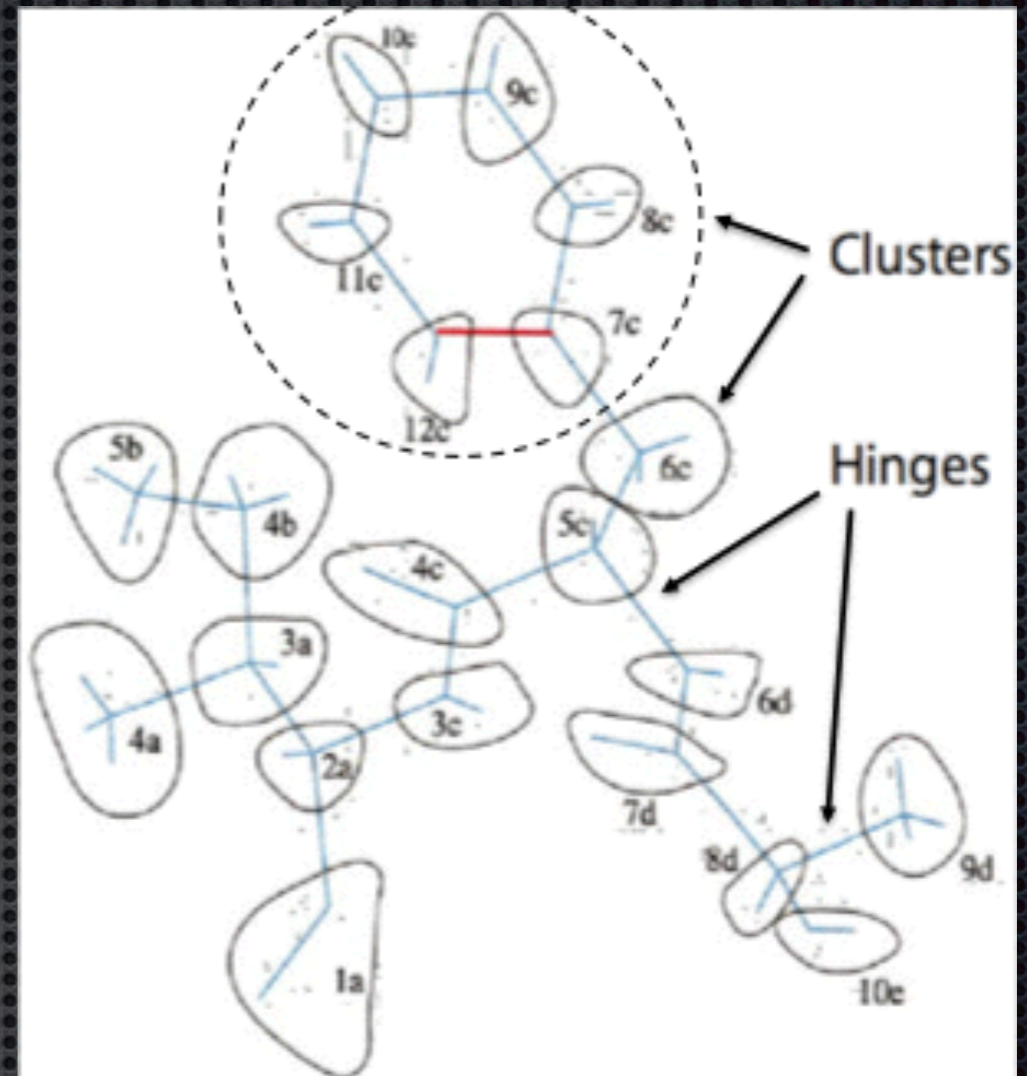
Larger MD time steps

Sample the most relevant degrees of freedom (dihedrals)

Convenient classification of rigid and flexible regions

Can handle internal loops

Requires extensive energy minimization to start



Run MC then TAMD: multi-scale sampling use SAS as a guide

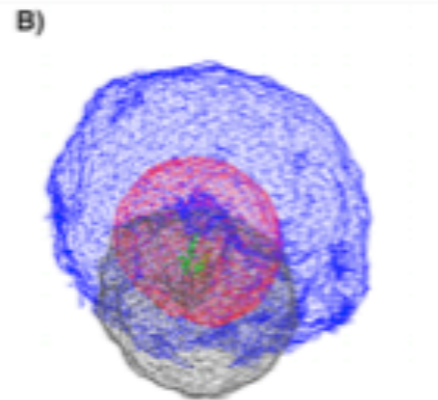
J. Chen, W. Im, C. Brookes, JCC 26, 1565 (2005), Zhang et al. (in preparation)

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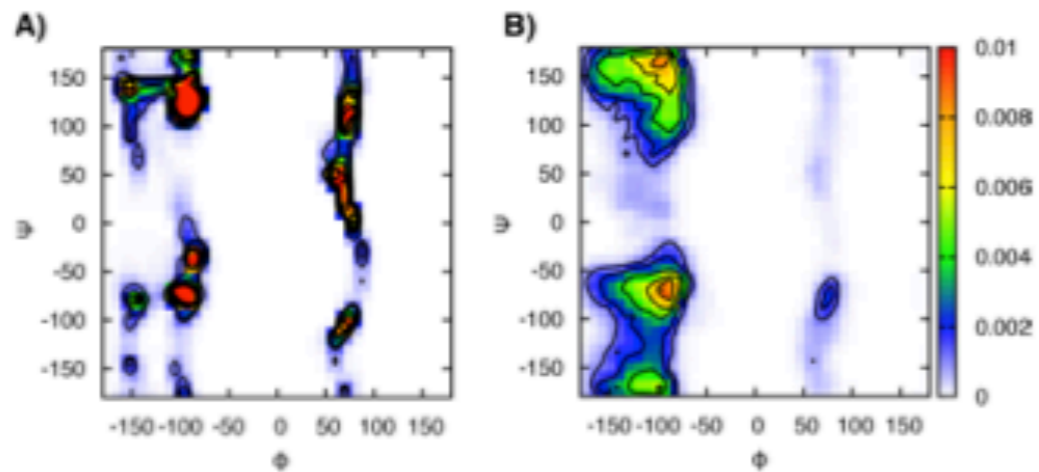
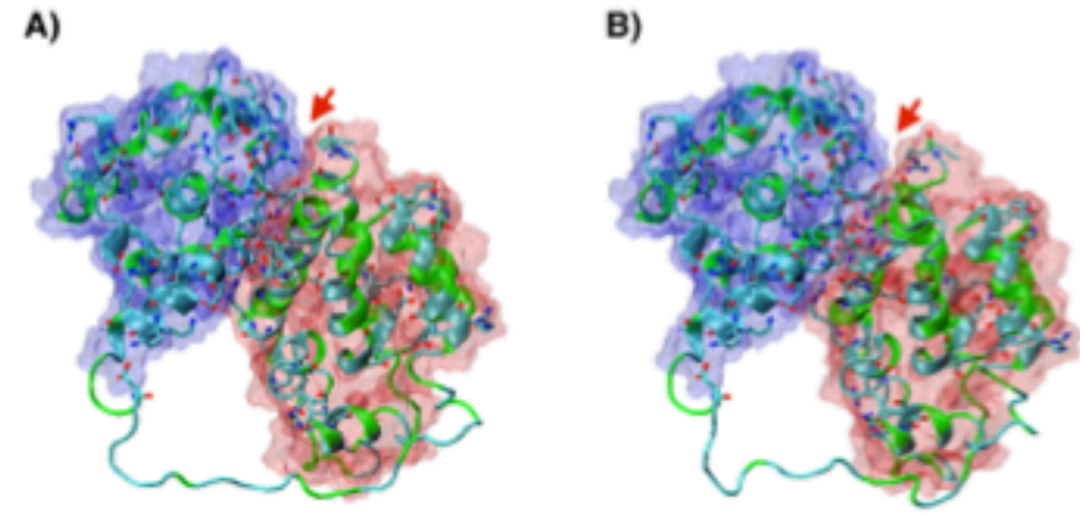
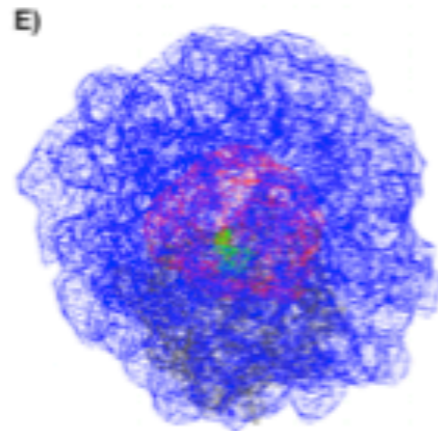
TAMD : combine MC w/ fast MD

Protein, DNA, RNA,  
carbohydrates . . . and complexes

MC (50000)

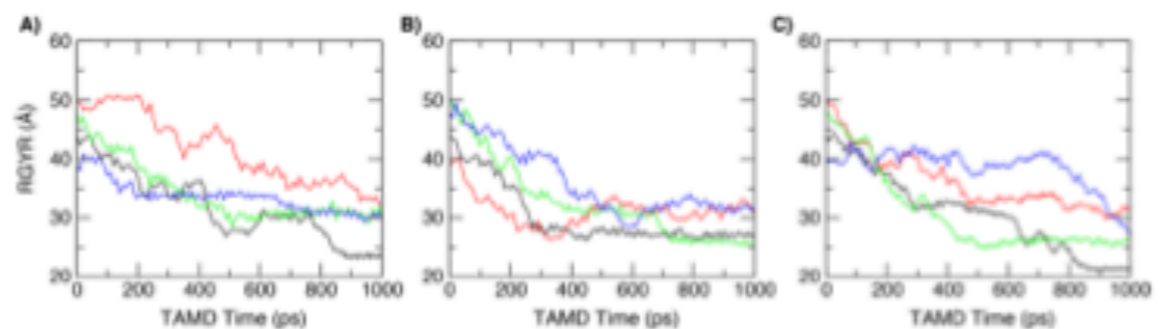


Spatial Clusters  
(~100)



Zhang et al. (in preparation)

Implicit solvent effects



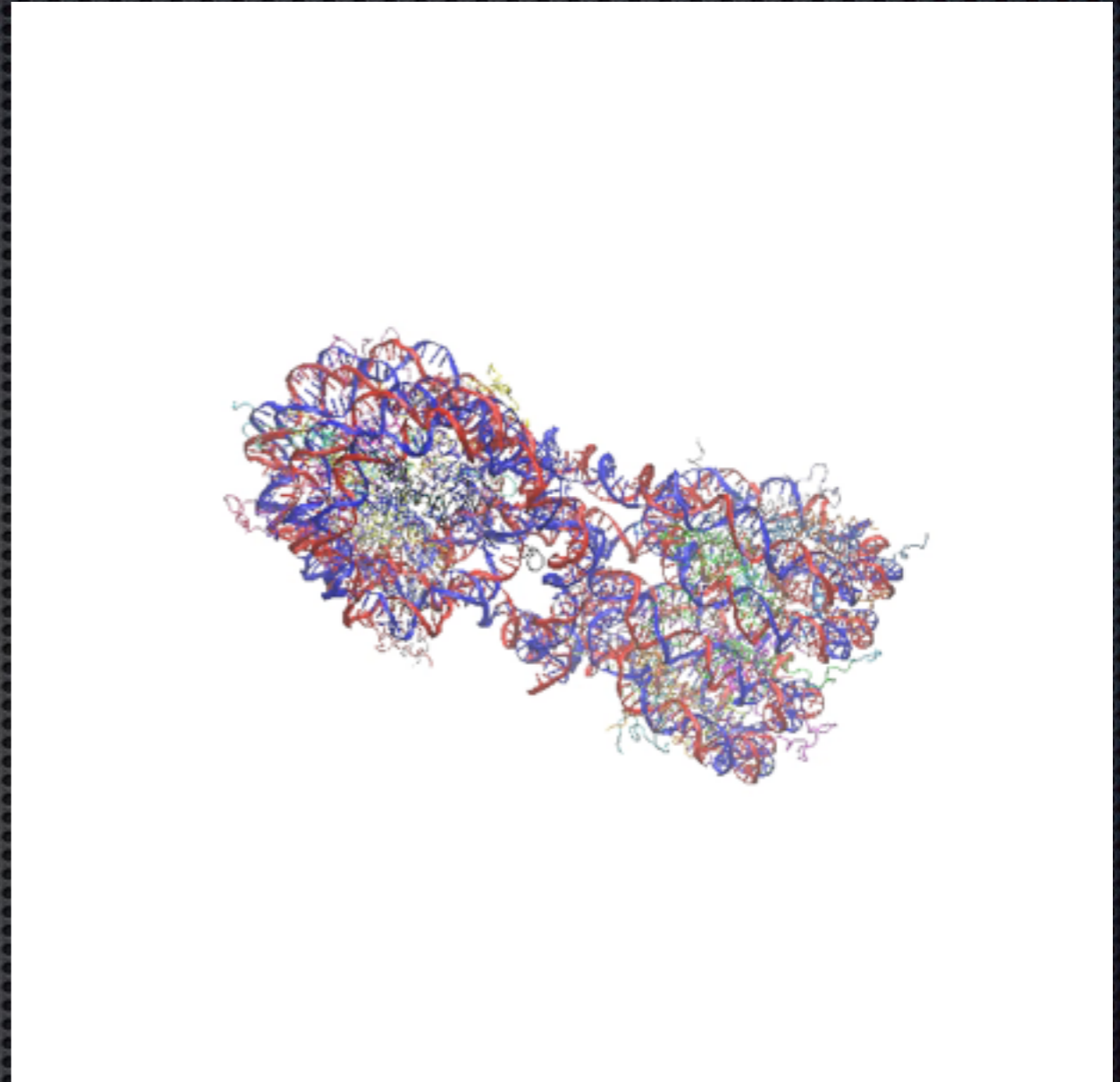
EFF1, SASA, GB, ACE

# Torsion Angle MC

Multiple, multi-chain species: ds-DNA, proteins, RNA, carbohydrates, etc.

Group based rotations ... can handle odd topologies (mAb) natively.

User defined torsion sampling backbone, concerted motions, side-chains, carbohydrates, iso-peptide bonds, etc.



Beta testers are needed ;)

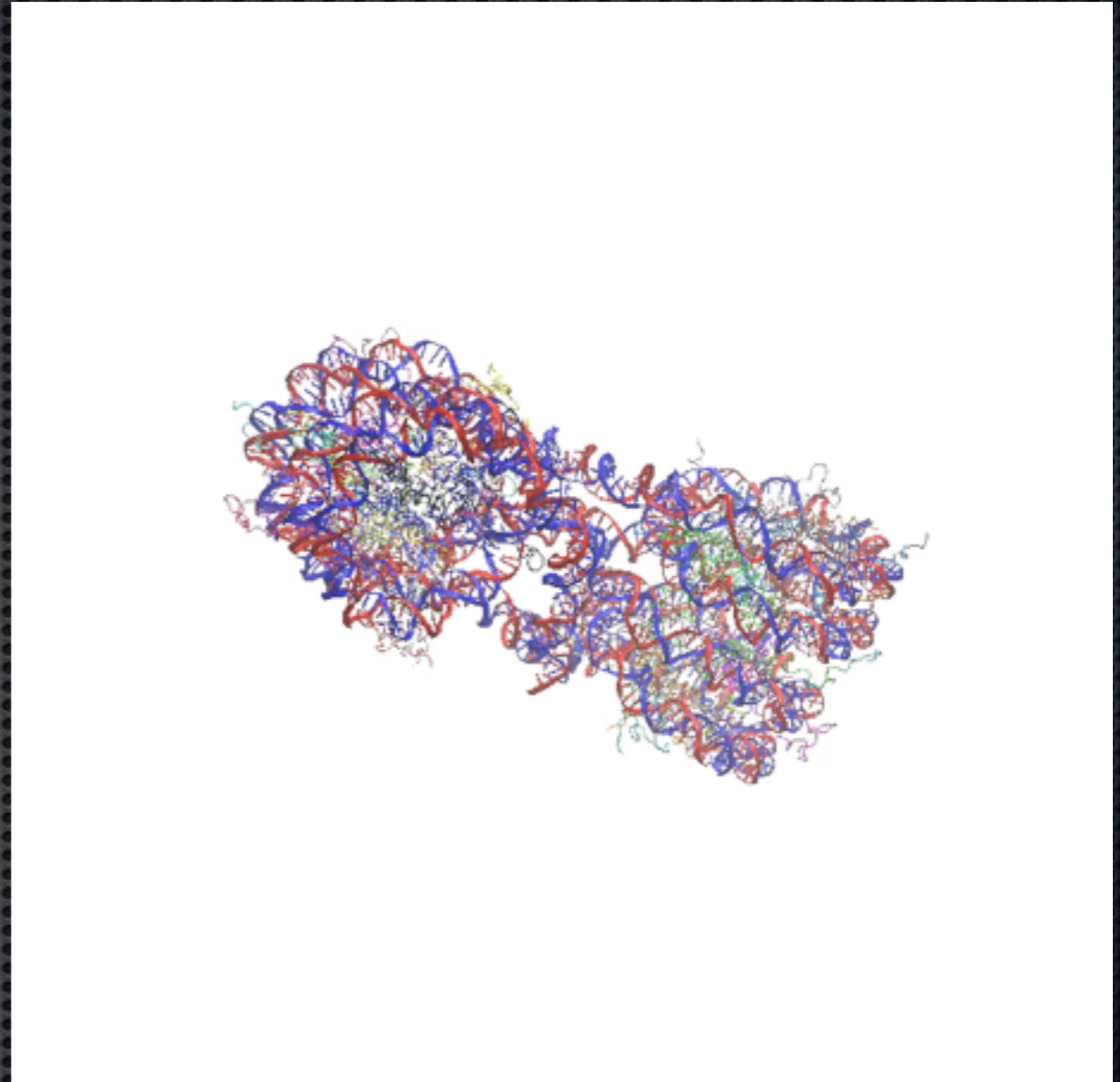
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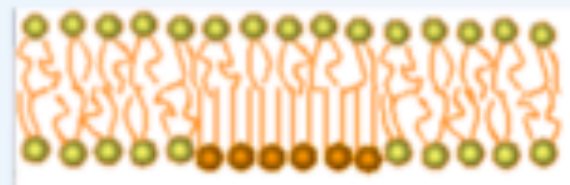
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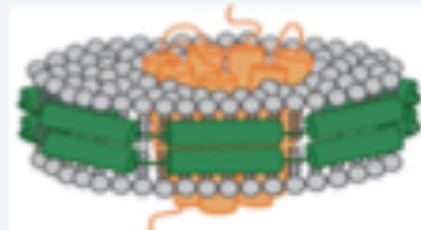
# CG Sim. For Chem.

- Martini / LAMPPS etc. accessible *now* via SASCALC (contrast coming soon)
- But some systems are even bigger and may benefit from specialized CG Methods

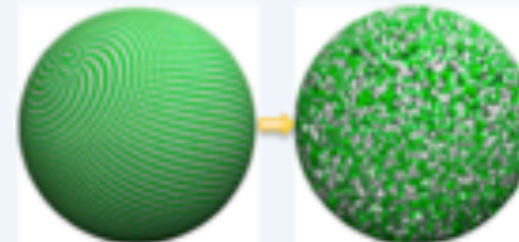
## Coarse-grain model systems



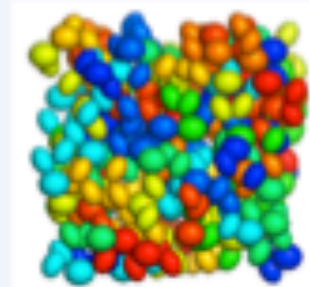
Lipid rafts



Nanodiscs

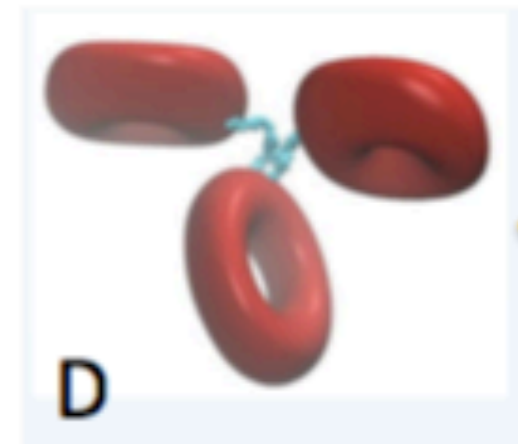
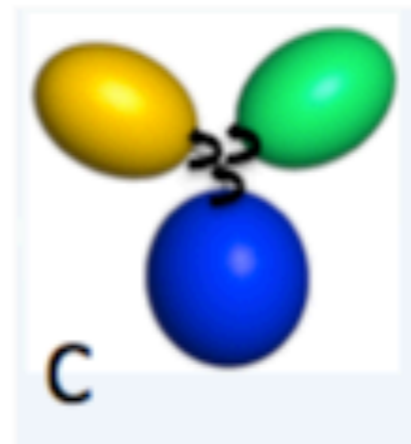
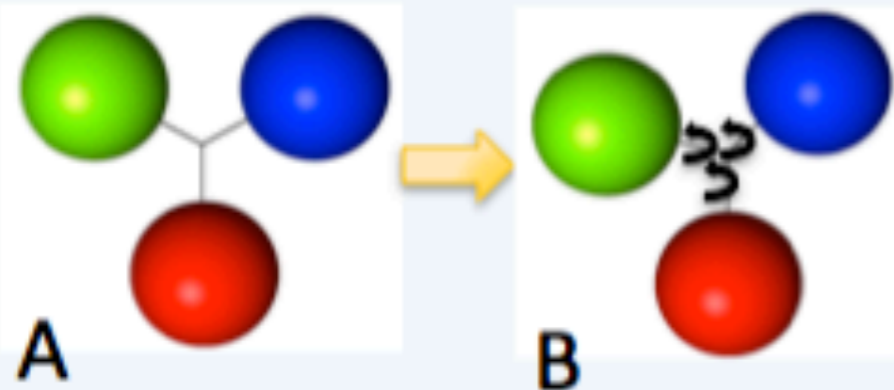


Lipid rafts on  
sphere surfaces



High-density  
protein systems

Apply the level of detail required by experiment



Zhang & Curtis (in preparation)

$$S(\mathbf{q}) = 1 + \rho \int_V d\mathbf{r} e^{-i\mathbf{q}\cdot\mathbf{r}} g(\mathbf{r})$$

# sassie-web -- Calculate

Input a TRAJECTORY and get an ensemble of scattering profiles

## Calculate -- generate theoretical scattering data from structures

[SasCalc](#) Calculates neutron and X-ray scattering profiles from input structures. Will replace xtal2sas once completed.

[SasCalc-MD](#) Calculates neutron and X-ray scattering profiles from MD trajectories with explicit water.

[Xtal2sas](#) Calculates neutron scattering profiles from input structures.

[Cryson](#) Calculates neutron scattering profiles from input structures.

[Crysol](#) Calculates X-ray scattering profiles from input structures.

[SCT Calculate](#) Calculates neutron and X-ray scattering profiles from input structures.

[SLD MOL](#) Calculates neutron and X-ray reflectivity scattering length density from user supplied structures. Utilities for experimental planning and isotopic labeling and optimization of ensemble populations are supplied.

[EM to SANS](#) Calculates neutron scattering profile from user supplied electron density map.

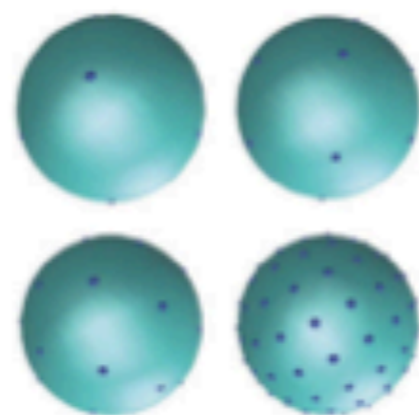
# calculate scattering

## SASCALC (gpu – golden vector method)

J. Appl. Cryst 46, 1171 (2013) & somewhere (2015)

$$I(\mathbf{q}) = \left[ \sum_j^N b_j \cos(\mathbf{q} \cdot \mathbf{r}_j) \right]^2 + \left[ \sum_j^N b_j \sin(\mathbf{q} \cdot \mathbf{r}_j) \right]^2$$

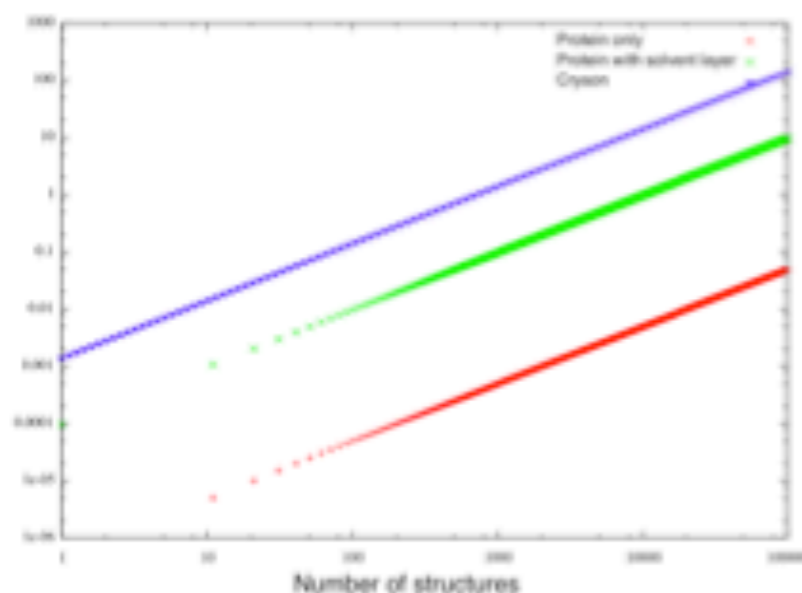
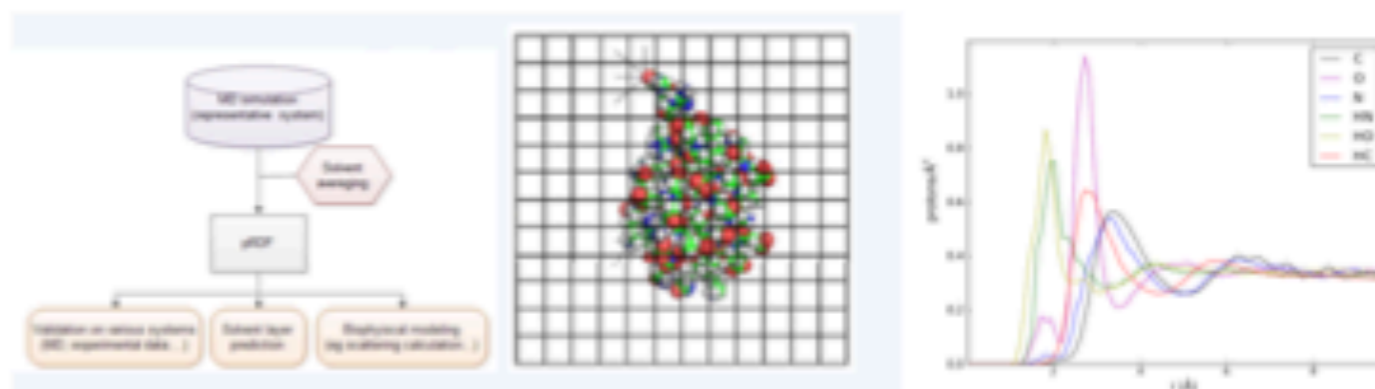
$$I(q) = \frac{1}{n} \left\{ \sum_{k=(1-n)/2}^{(n-1)/2} I[\mathbf{q}^{(k)}] \right\}$$



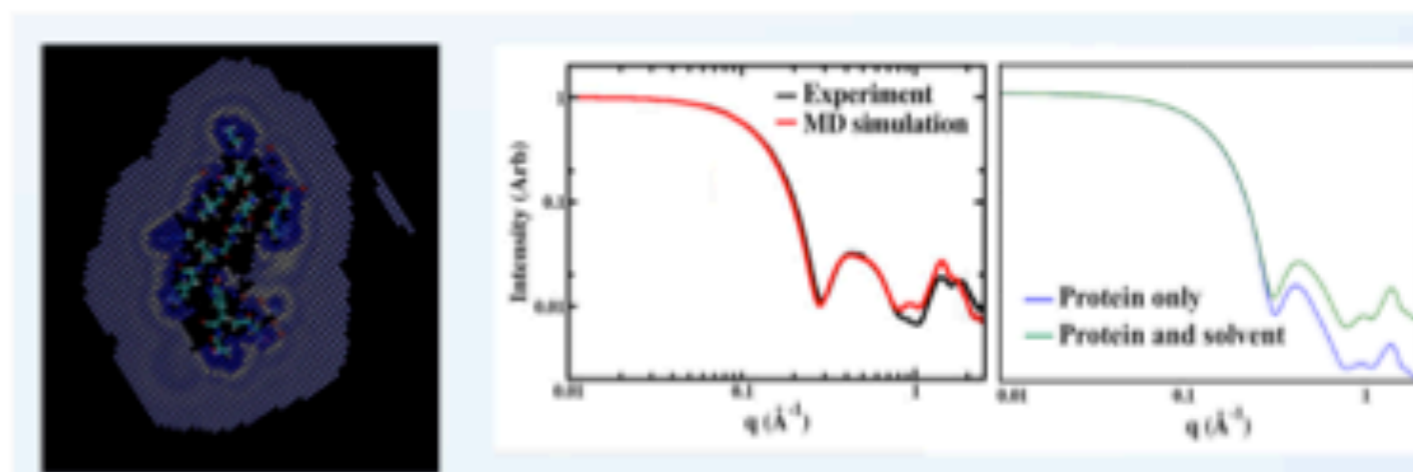
Chemical RDF Library

## Implicit: HyPred BPJ 99, 1611 (2010)

“library of pRDFs” for chemical systems / co-solutes



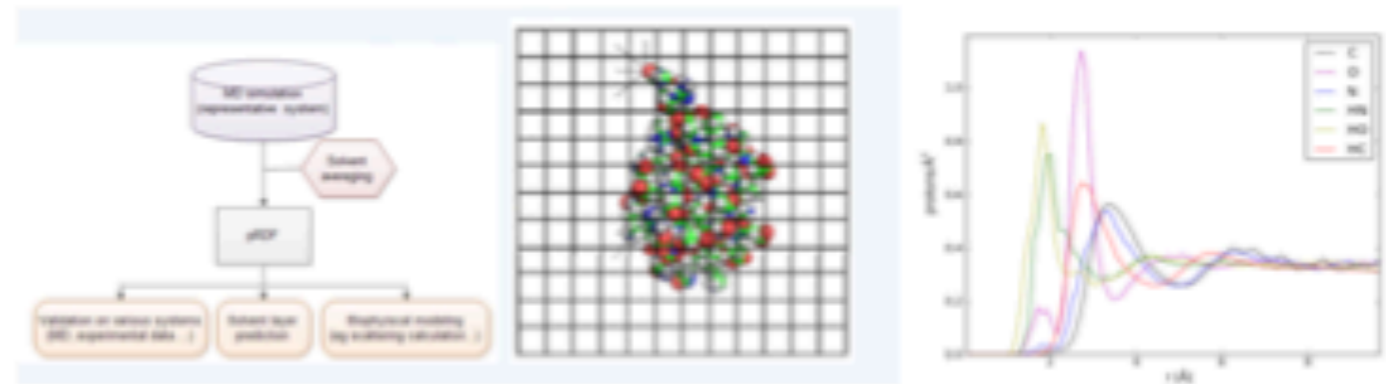
10<sup>5</sup> structures in 3 mins versus 159 hours ;  
Implicit solvent -> ~ 11 hours



Now, w/ K. Freed U. Chicago

# calculate scattering

Chemical RDF Library



Documentation, MD requirements, code, and API

→ so LIBRARY can be built for new chemical systems (formatted)

→ SasCalc will read formatted LIBRARY

→ vacuum scattering already covers X-ray / neutron for periodic table

→ Initial LIBRARY : proteins, NA, carbohydrates in water

Krueger, Koefinger, Grisev, Stanley  
→ high Q validation data

SasCalc – MD

Code to calculate scattering from MD trajectories

All-atom: J. Koefinger PRE 87 (2013)

# sassie-web -- Analyze

## Analyze -- compare theoretical data to experimental data and advanced analysis methods

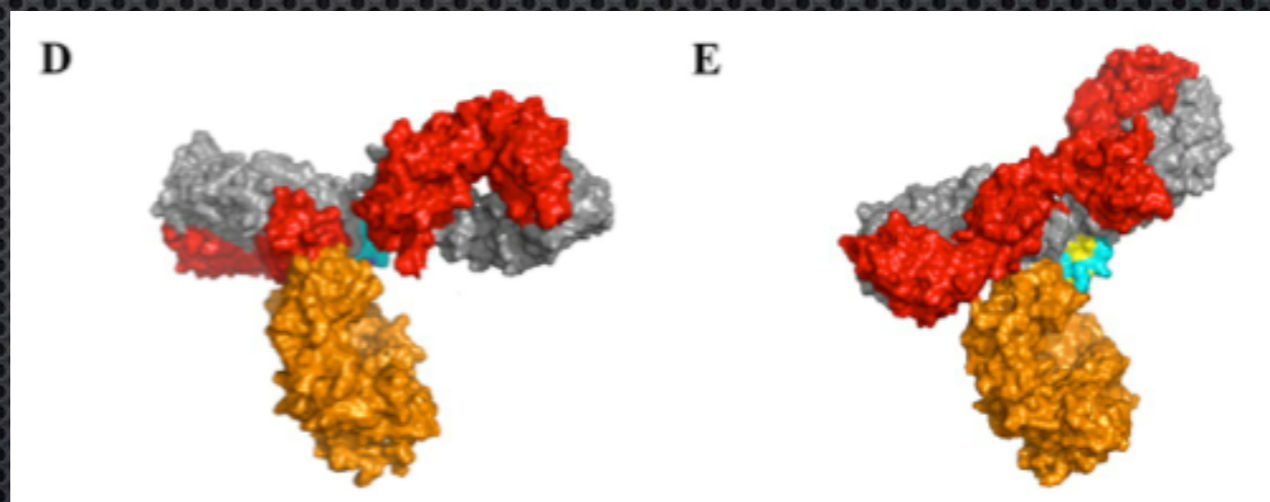
**Chi-Square Filter** Compares calculated scattering profiles to user supplied interpolated scattering profiles. No fitting.

**SCT Analyze** Compares calculated scattering profiles to user supplied interpolated scattering profiles. No fitting.

**Density Plot** Calculates volumetric gaussian cube files from user supplied structures. These files can be rendered in VMD and Pymol.

**APBS** Calculates non-polar solvation energy using adaptive Poisson-Boltzman solver from user supplied structures.

Both  $\chi^2 \sim 1$



Free Energy differs by  $> 400$  kCal/mol

Clark et al. J. Phys. Chem. B 2013, 117, 14029–14038, 2013

# sassie-web -- Tools

## Tools -- general utilities

**Contrast Calculator** Experimental planning to predict scattering length density and  $I(0)$  from input PDB file, Fasta sequence file, or chemical formula.

**Align** Moves structures from input structure file so that they overlap with a reference input structure.

**Data Interpolation** Creates a new data file that is spaced in a uniform grid from input experimental data file.

**Extract Utilities** Allows user to extract individual structures and/or SAS profiles from a larger input structure file and/or folder containing SAS profiles.

**Merge Utilities** Allows user to combine user supplied structures and calculated scattering profiles into a single set of new files.

Small-Angle Scattering Contrast Calculator for Protein and Nucleic Acid Complexes in Solution, J. Appl. Cryst. 46, 1889-1893 (2013).

# sassie-web



20+ modules ported using GenApp

[sassie-web.chem.utk.edu/sassie2](http://sassie-web.chem.utk.edu/sassie2)

User persistent data structure

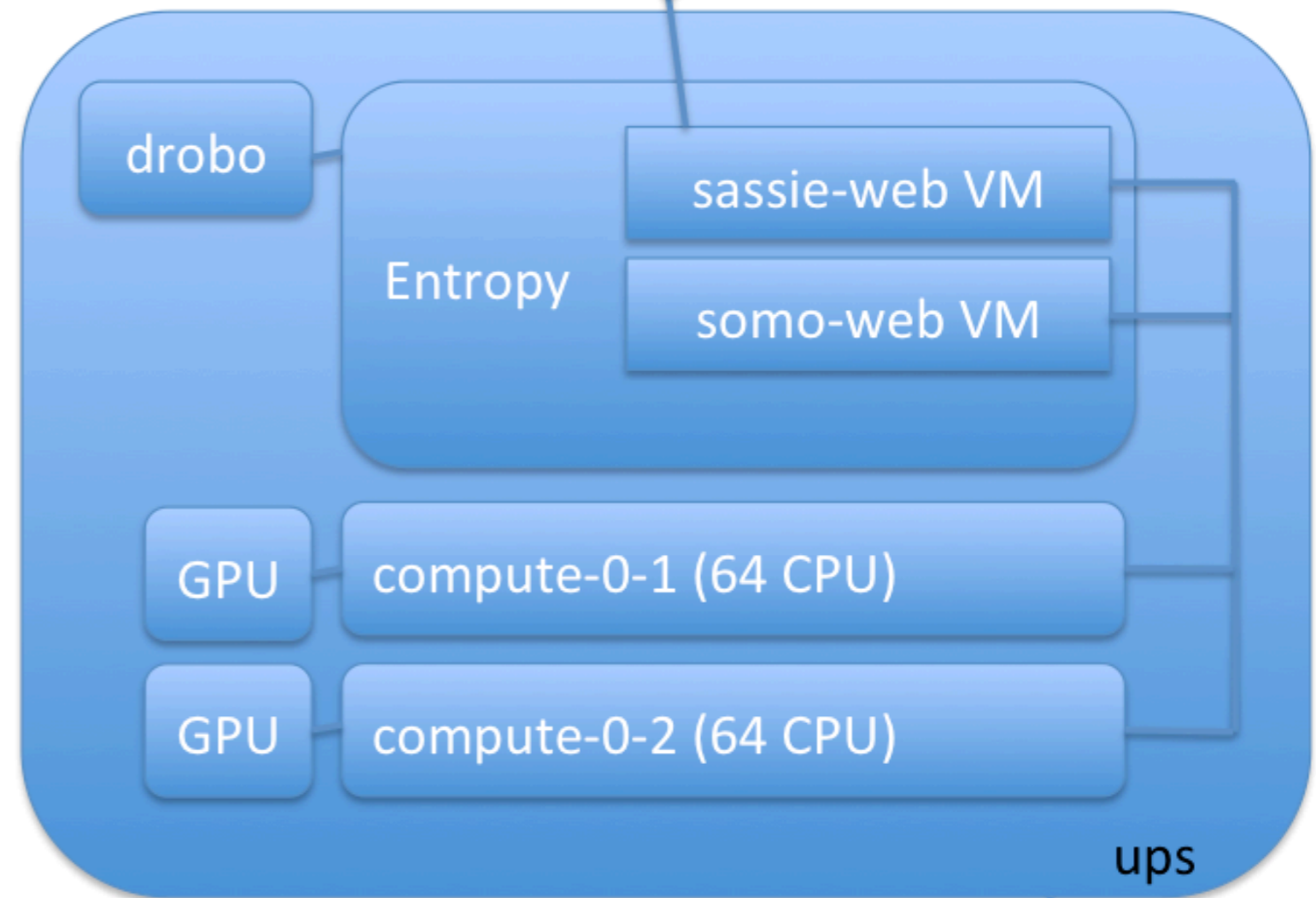
128 CPU / ~20,000 GPU cluster / 30 TB

beta testers Google Group:

CCP-SAS SASSIE

<https://groups.google.com/forum/#!forum/madscatt>

Allows fewer stand-alone roll-outs && potential GenApp stand-alone GUI version(s) && iOS & Android Apps.



Remote web-monitoring  
& control

**Please contribute feedback to Group!**

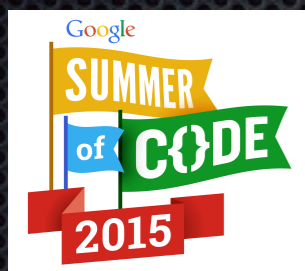


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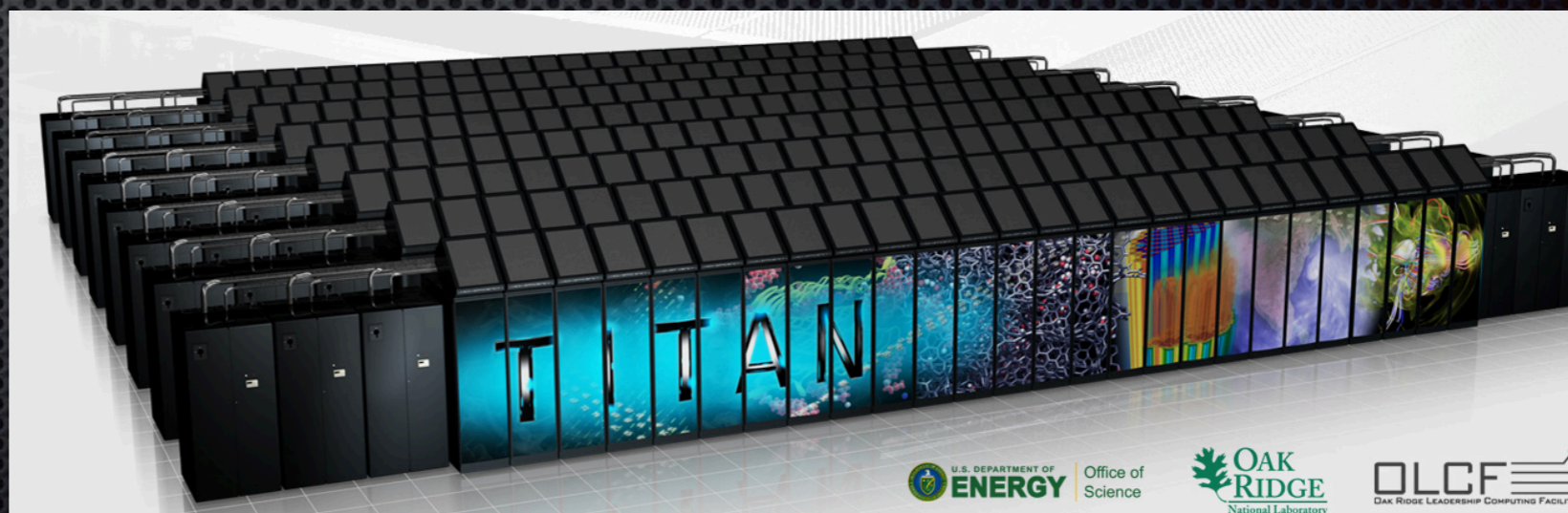
Basic server: mobile-entropy



Prototype server: Entropy → sassie-web



Enable advanced  
MD & APBS



Langan & Smith



# HPC is relative

SASSIE-web : Beta

Login Help on

Tools

Build

Interact

Simulate

Calculate

Analyze

DOCS

FEEDBACK

-web



2015

## Enable advanced MD & APBS

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# sassie-web -- work in progress

<https://sassie-web.chem.utk.edu/sassie2>

The screenshot displays the SASSIE-web Beta interface. At the top, there is a navigation bar with a hamburger menu icon on the left, the title "SASSIE-web : Beta" in the center, and "Login Help on" with a user icon on the right. A vertical sidebar on the left contains six menu items: "Tools" (wrench icon), "Build" (molecular model icon), "Interact" (hand icon), "Simulate" (computer monitor icon), "Calculate" (atom icon), and "Analyze" (gears icon). The main content area features a feedback form titled "Please give your feedback" with a close button (X) in the top right corner. The form includes the following fields and options: "Server date" (2015 May 05 01:50:08 UTC), "Email address" (gibblygop@gmail.com), "Repeat email address" (gibblygop@gmail.com), "Subject" (empty text box), "Suggestion" (radio button), "Important" (radio button), "Critical" (radio button), and "Provide a reference job(s) if available" (dropdown menu with "Select a job or jobs" selected). Below these is a large text area for "Your comments" and a "Submit" button. On the right side of the interface, there are two vertical buttons: "FEEDBACK" (highlighted) and "DOCS".

Ease of use, then HPC and advanced simulation tools