

“Drug Design today ... between myth and reality.”

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Molecular Dynamics (MD) Simulations

... the virtualization of the concept of time





Why we need *time* virtualization?

1. Several molecular properties are time-dependent
2. Conformational space is naturally explored following time coordinate
3. Any recognition process is time-dependent
4. Dynamics controls equilibrium position
5. ...



Back again to stability concept:

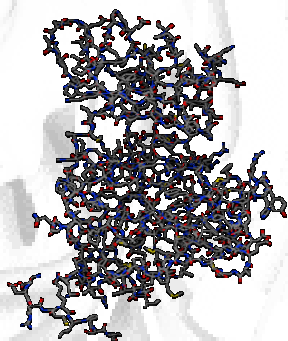
Molecular energy also fall under these categories:

POTENTIAL

stored energy

KINETIC

energy of motion



$$E_p = f(x, y, z)$$

$$E_k = \frac{1}{2}mv^2$$

$$E_i = \frac{1}{2}kT$$



How long we have followed MD simulation?

Bond vibrations: 1 fs

Collective vibrations: 1 ps

Conformational transitions: several ps or longer

Enzyme catalysis: microsecond/millisecond

Ligand Binding: micro/millisecond

Protein Folding: millisecond/second



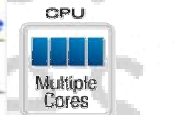
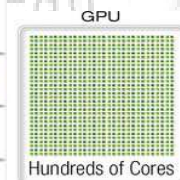
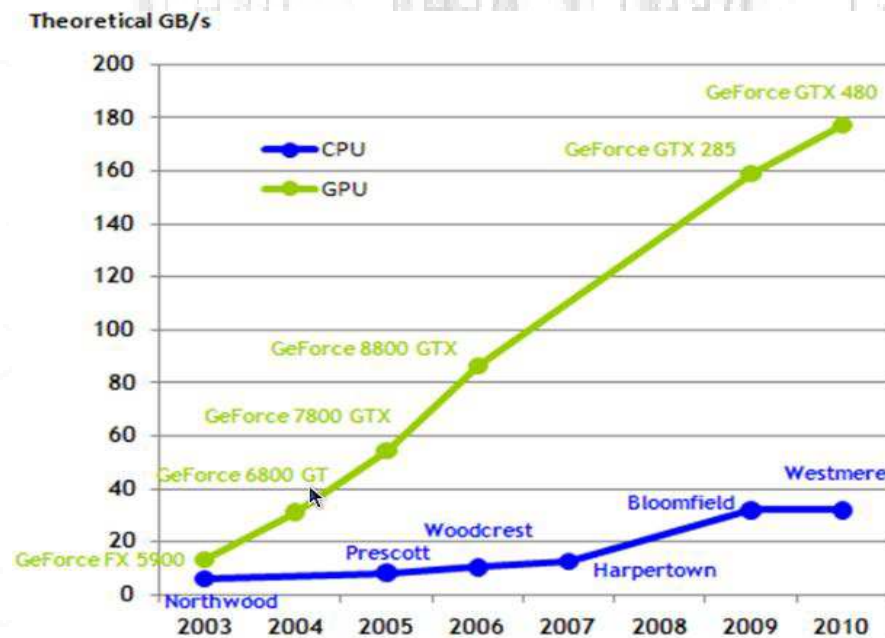
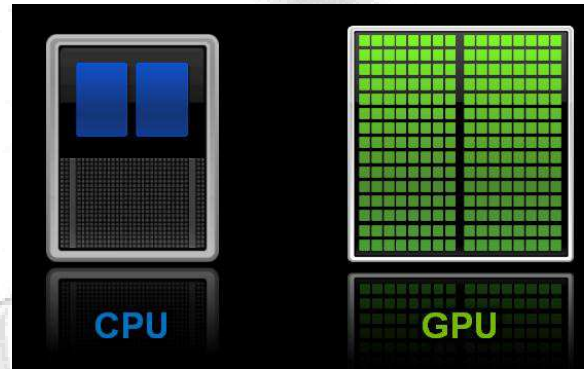
**MD simulations: where theory
needs technology.**

**Remember: for the exploration of a very
little “*molecular*” time we still need a huge
amount of “*computational*” time!**

Our unit of measurement is still... *ns/day*

Adenosiland – Bridging docking with MD

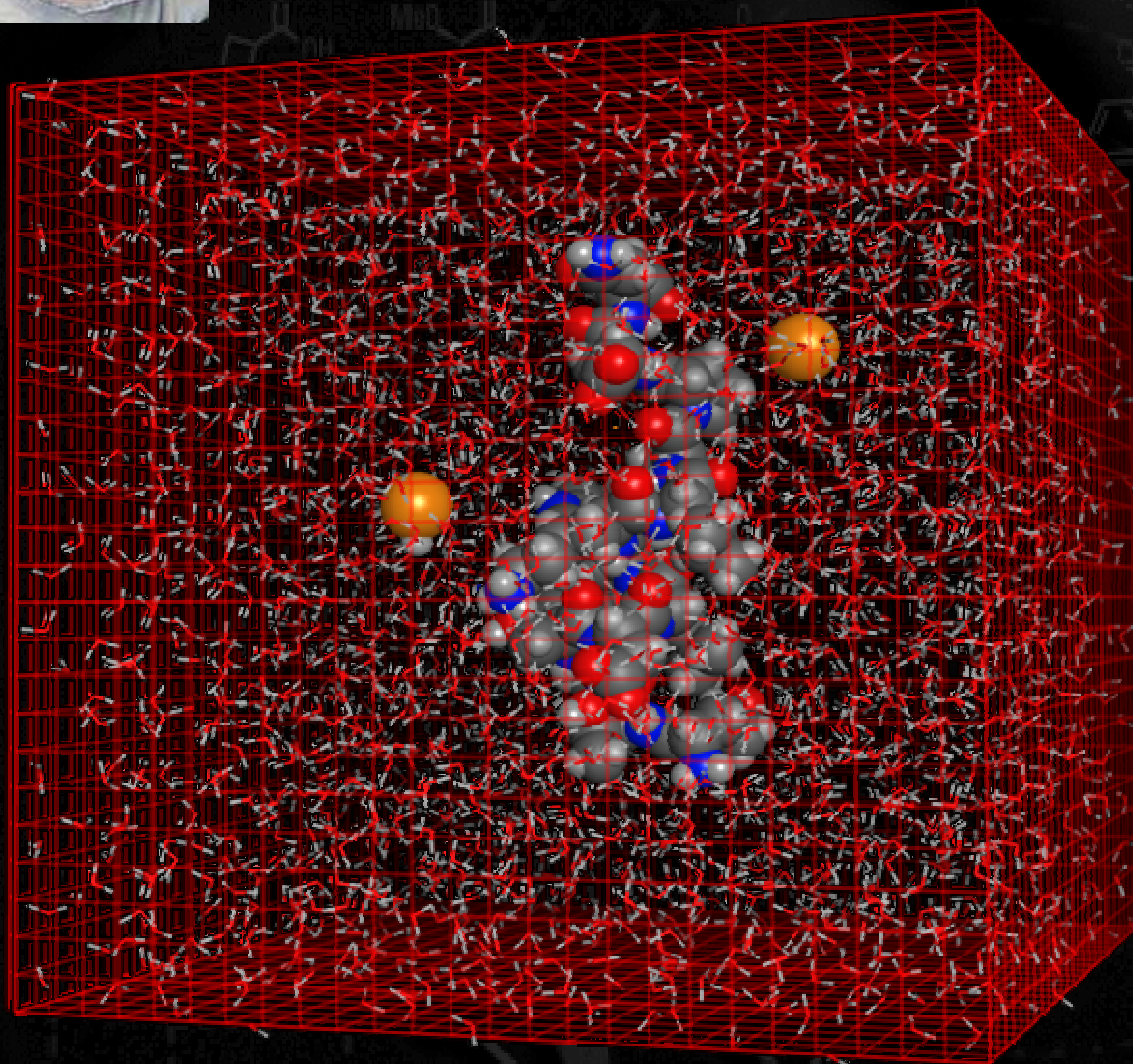
My favorite C/G mutation



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MD simulations: how does it work?



Atomic coordinates

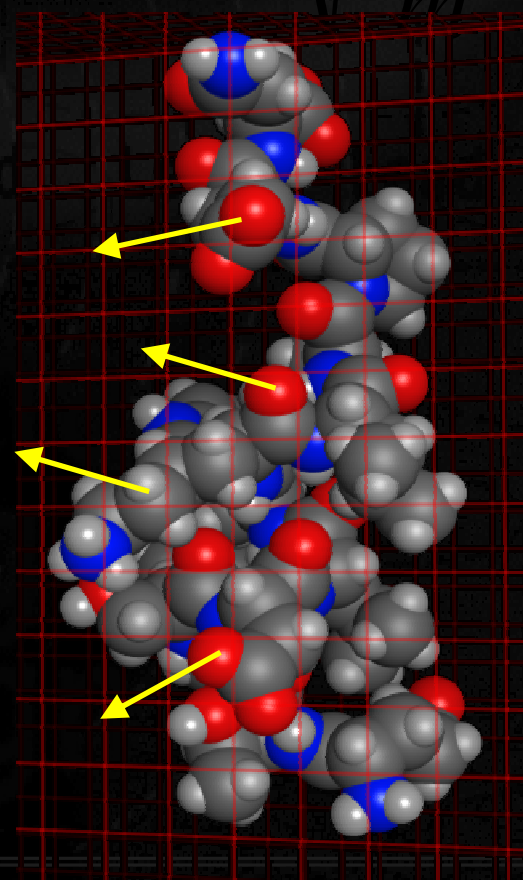
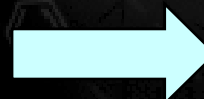
Solvation

Adding ions

Equilibration

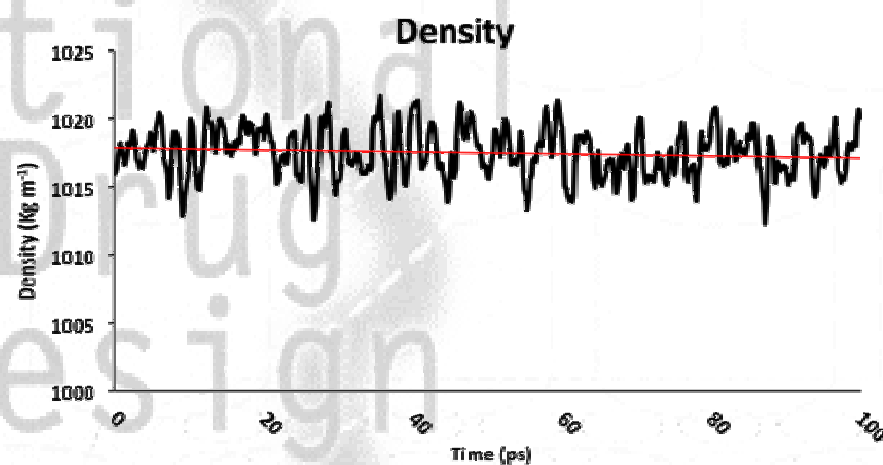
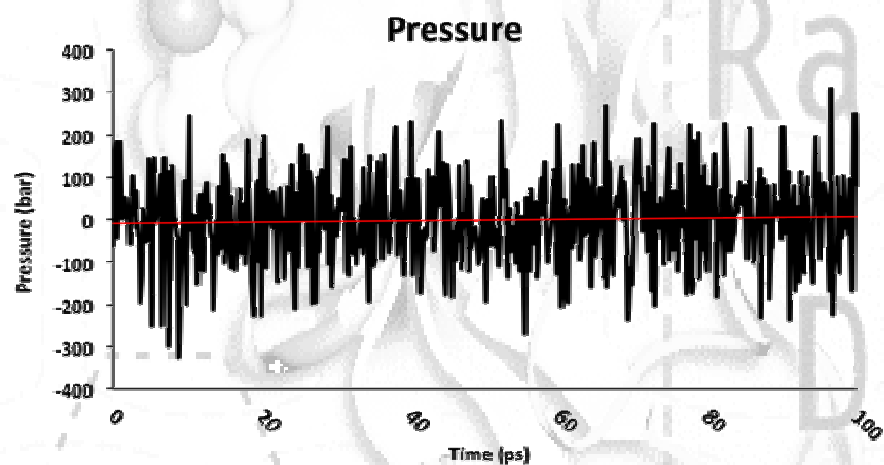
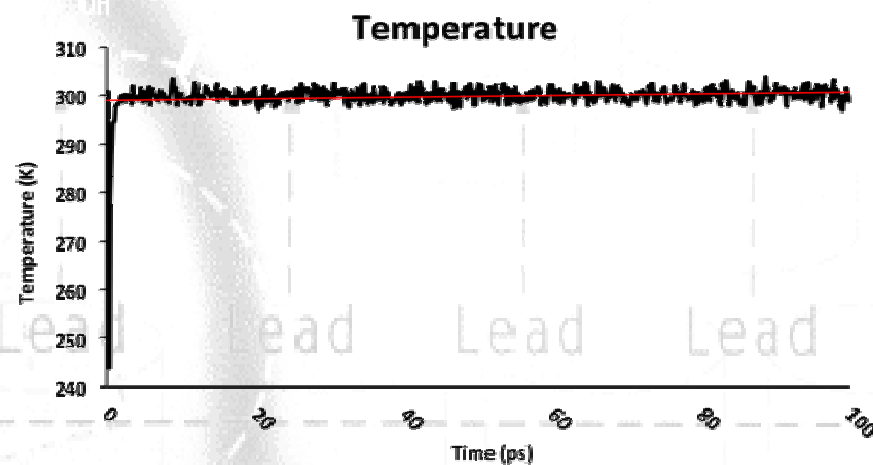
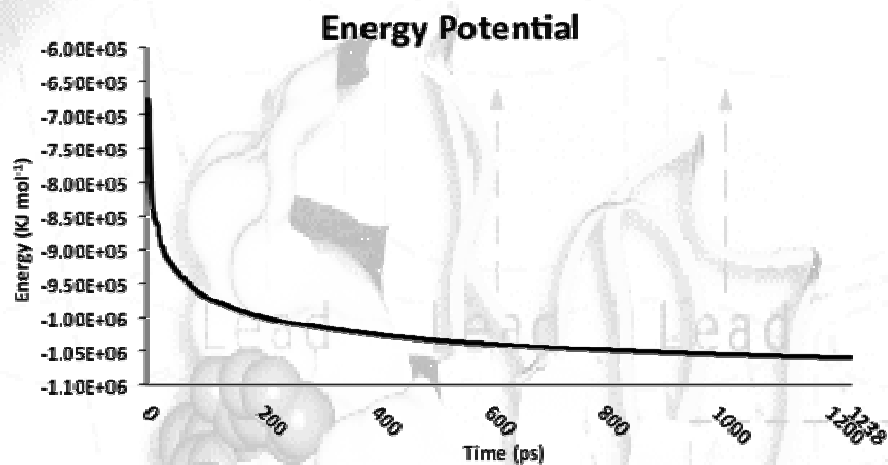


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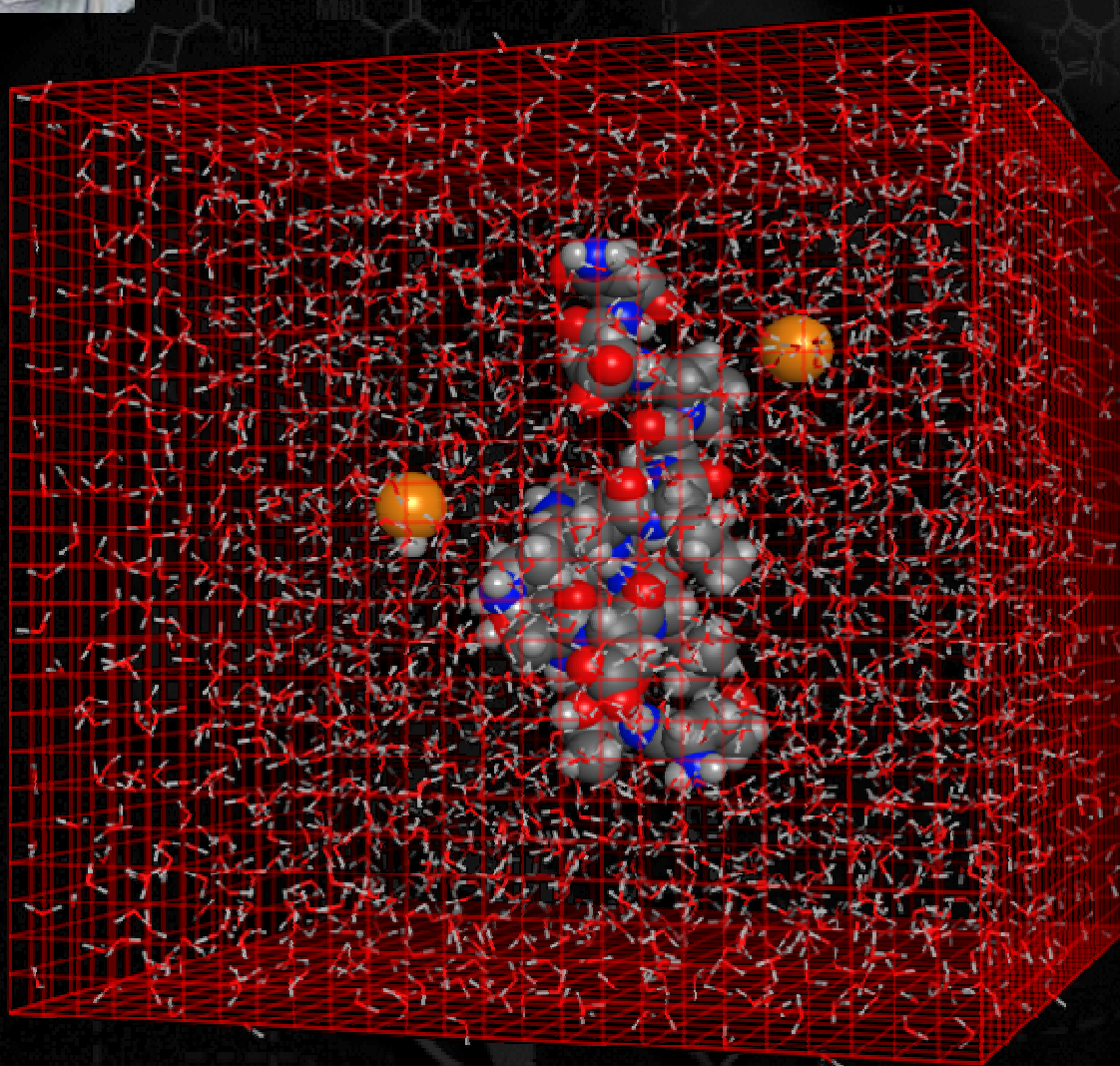


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MD simulations: how does it work?



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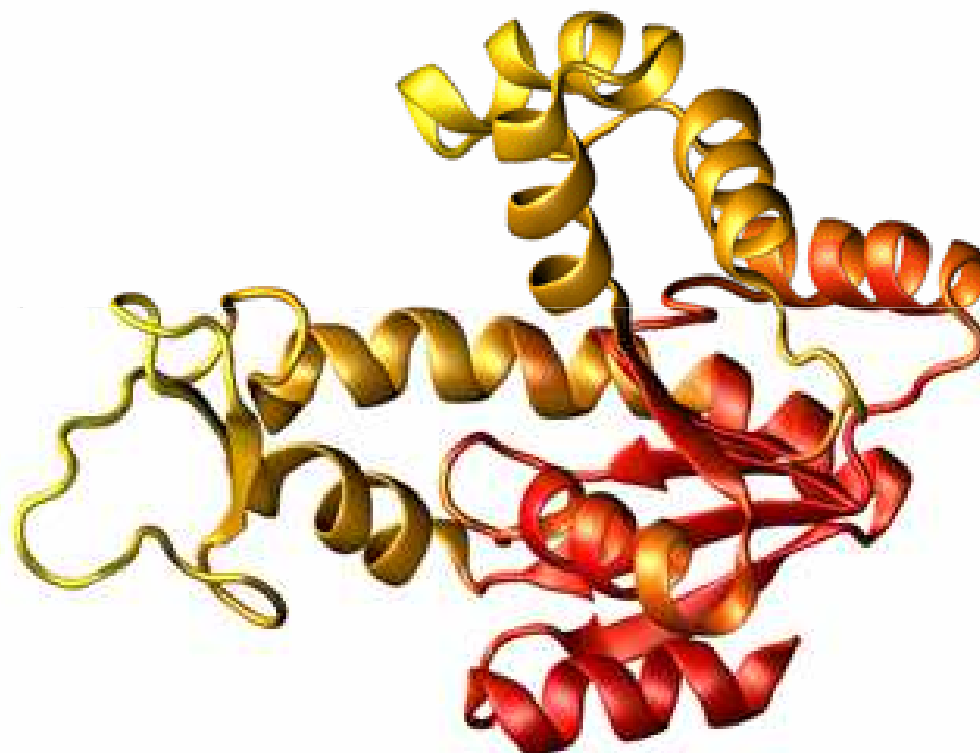
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MD trajectory



MD trajectory...

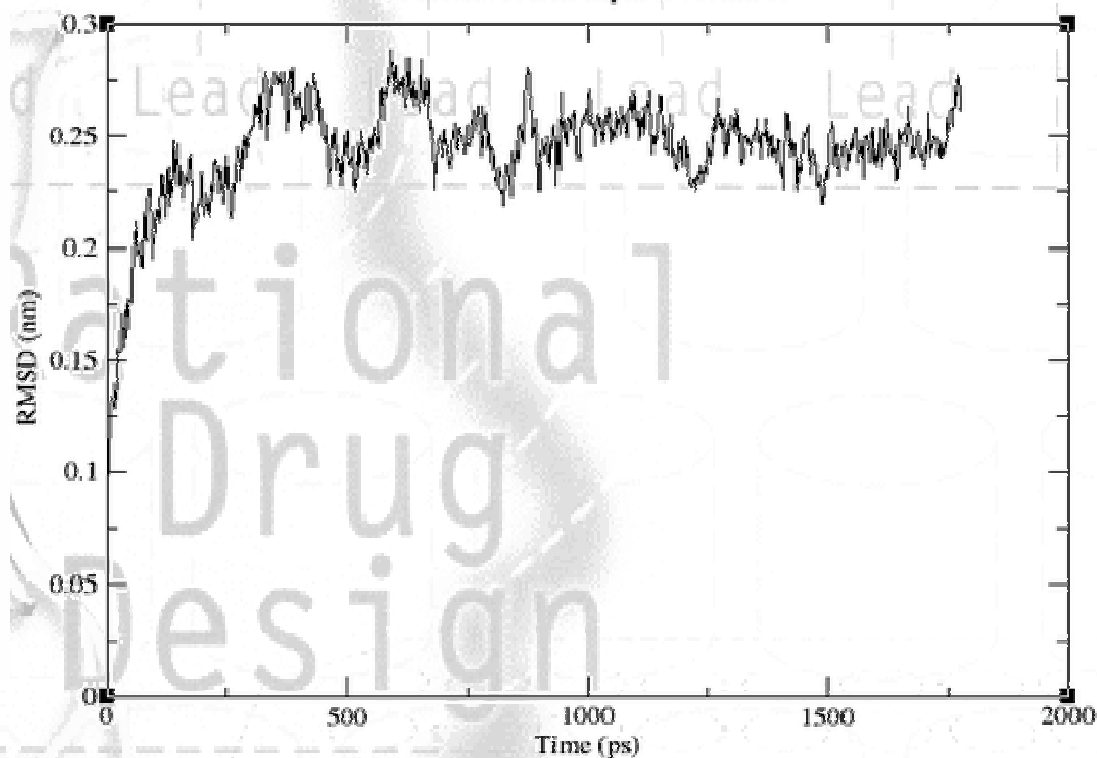
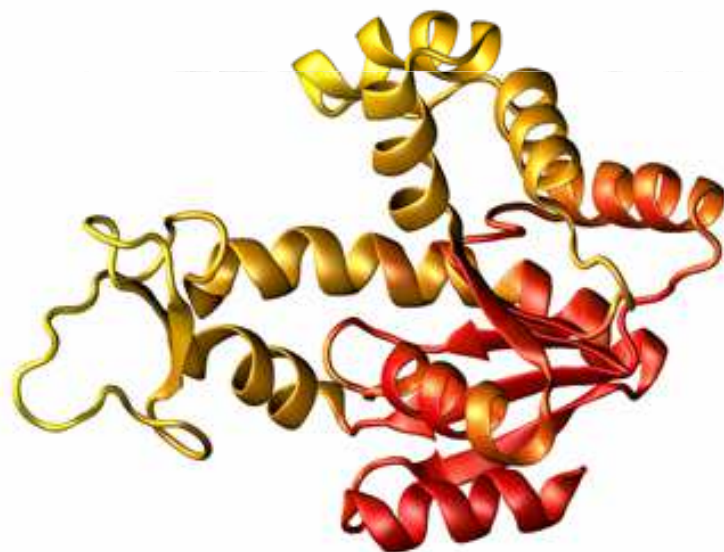




How to analyze a MD trajectory:

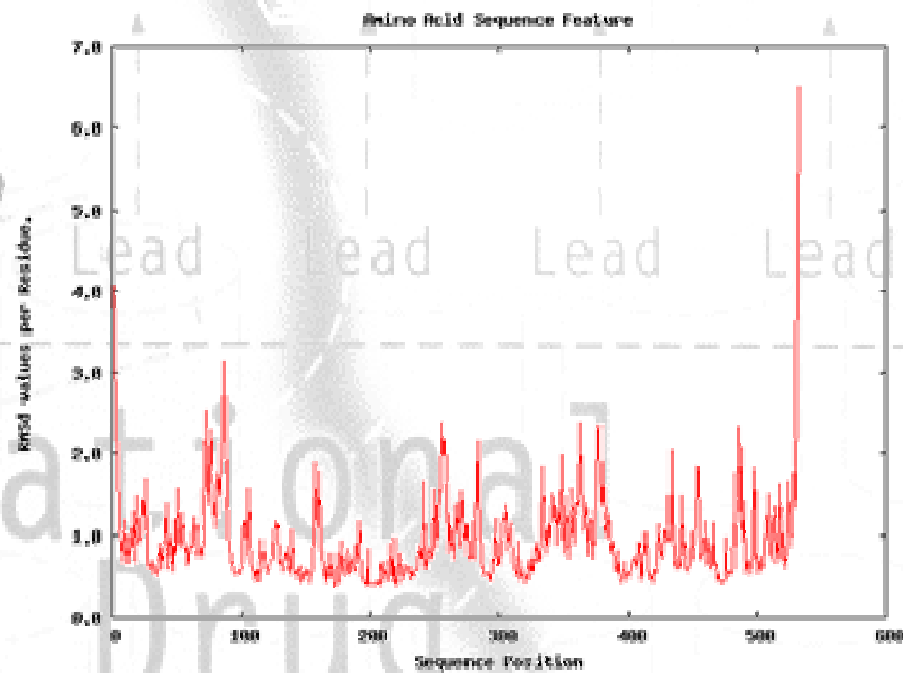
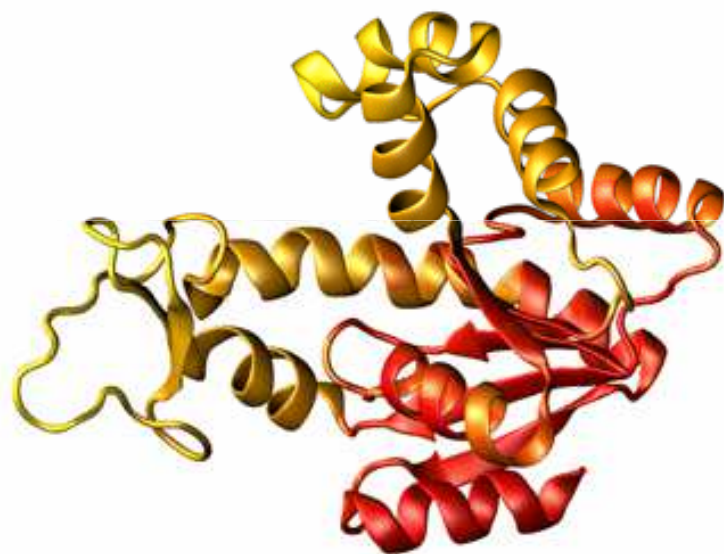
$$\text{RMSD}(\mathbf{v}, \mathbf{w}) = \sqrt{\frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \|\mathbf{v}_i - \mathbf{w}_i\|^2}$$
$$= \sqrt{\frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n (v_{ix} - w_{ix})^2 + (v_{iy} - w_{iy})^2 + (v_{iz} - w_{iz})^2}$$

RMSD
of Protein-H after lsq fit to Protein-H





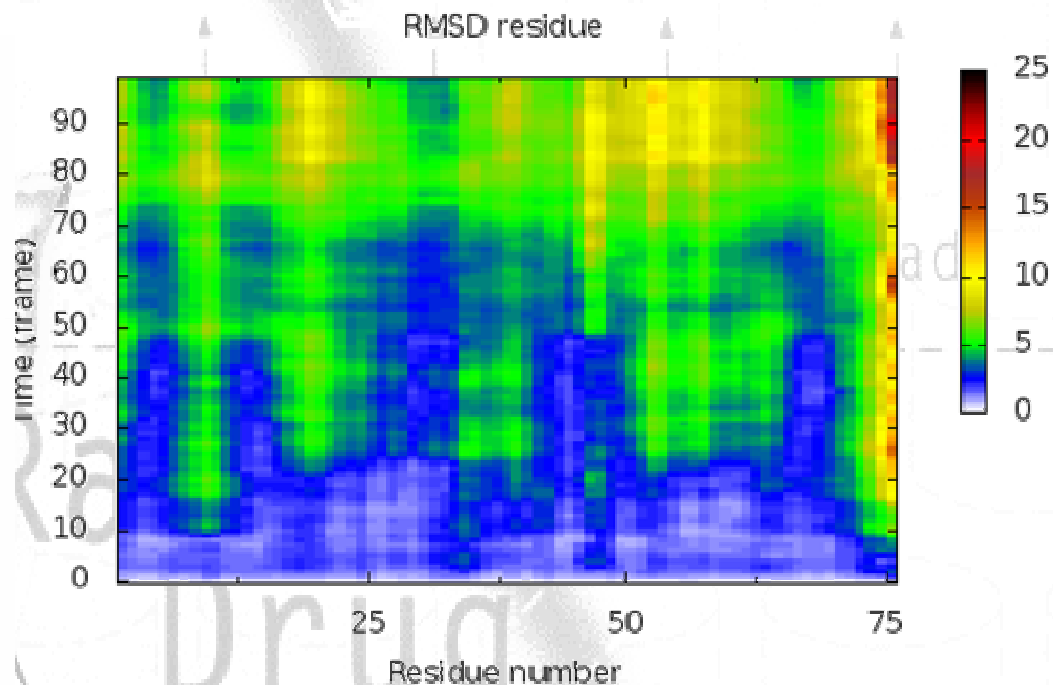
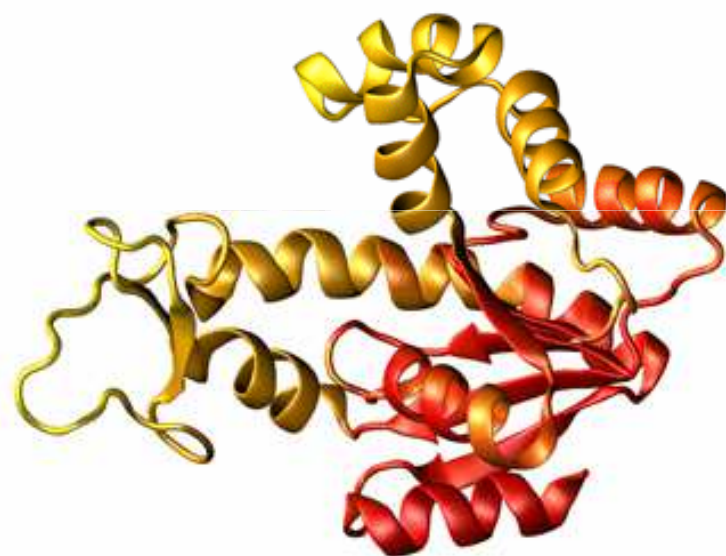
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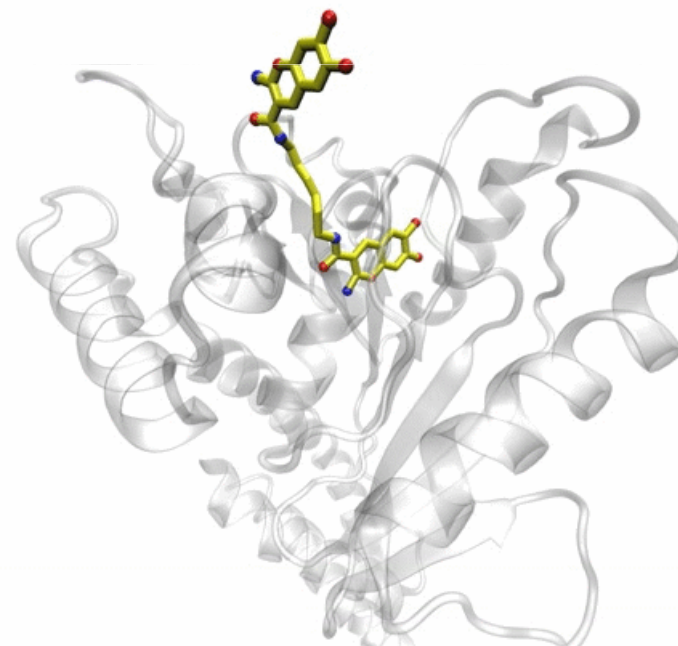
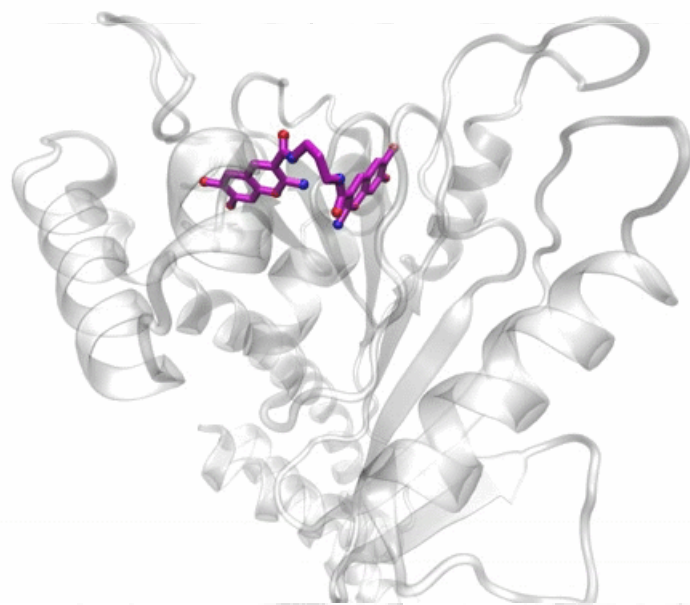
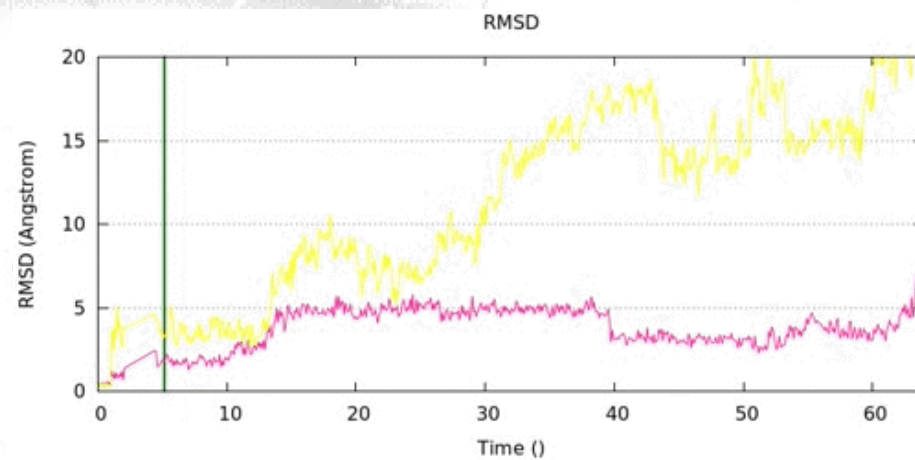
RMSd x Residue



How to analyze a MD trajectory:



Bridging Docking and Molecular Dynamics





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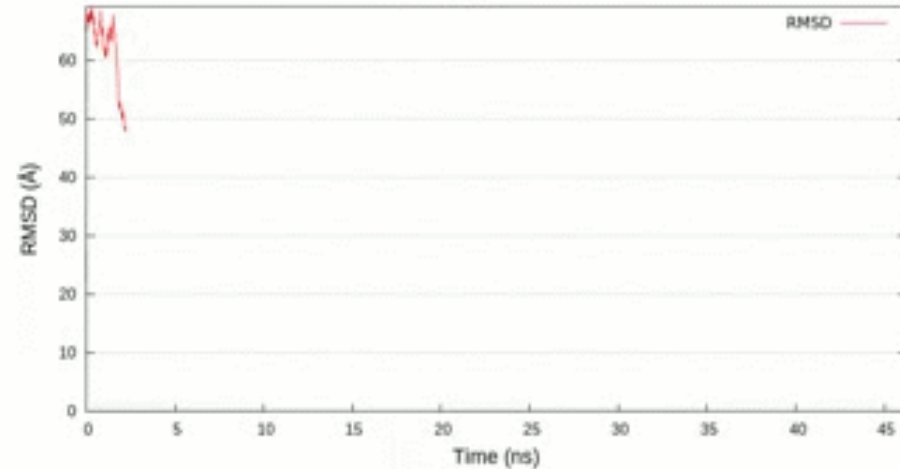
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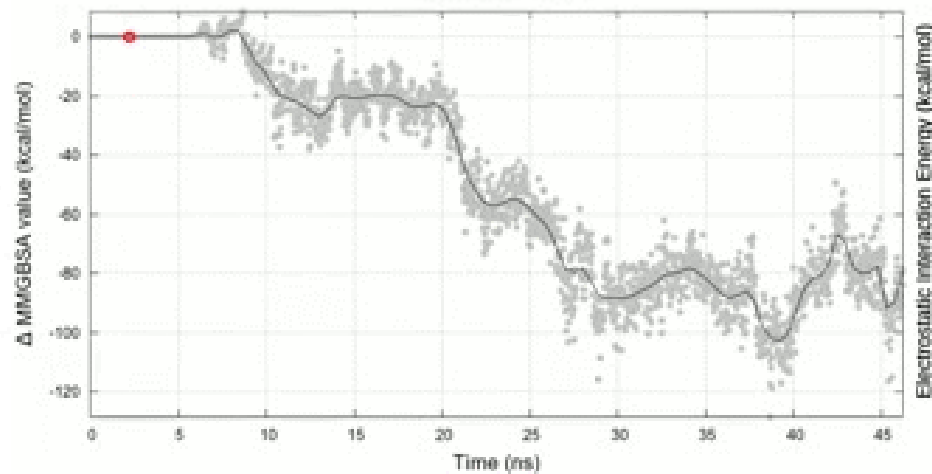
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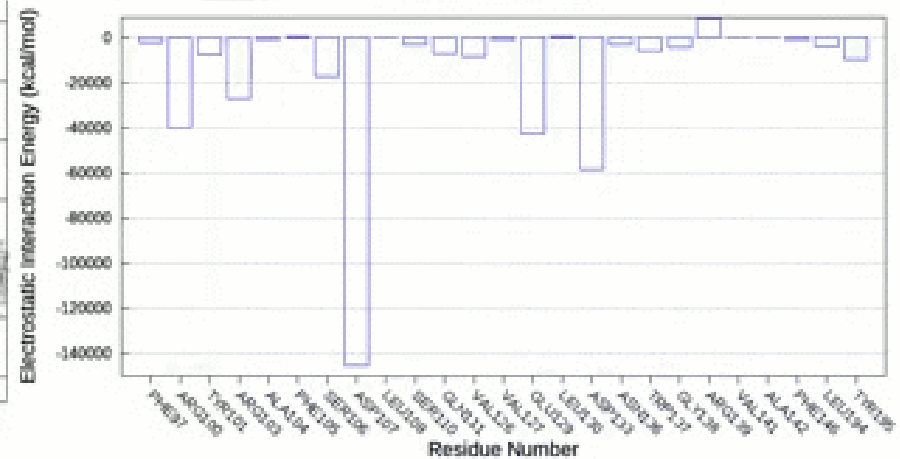
CA-RMSD peptide/reference



MMGBSA profile



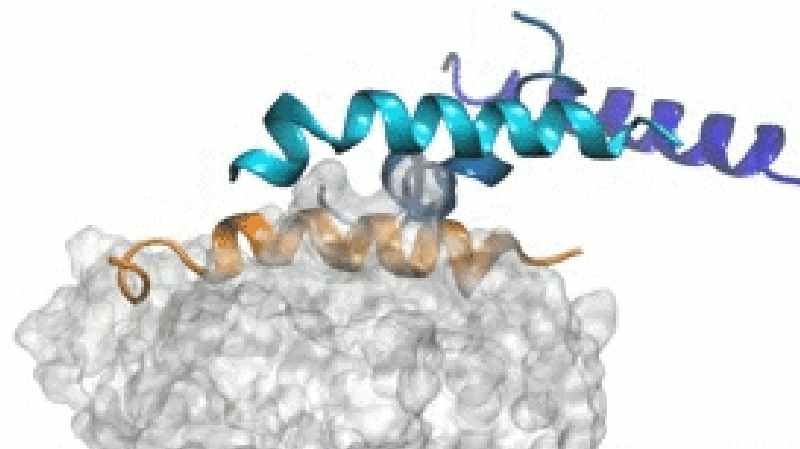
Electrostatic Interactions



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Supervised MD:

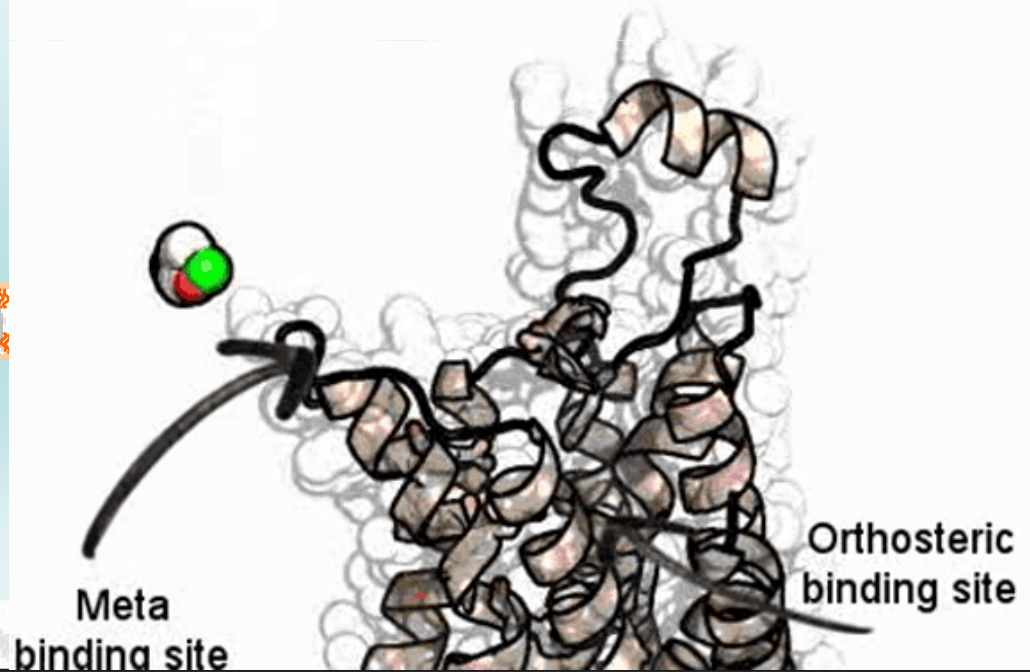
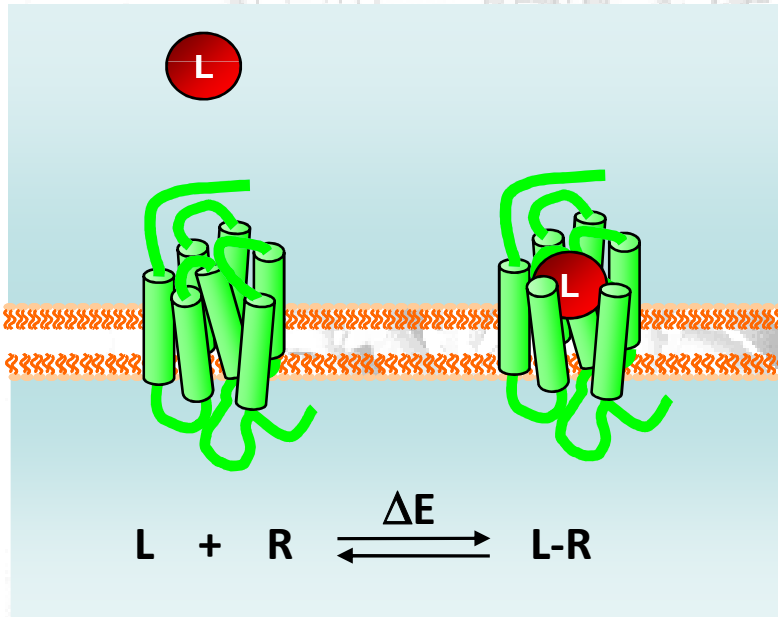


T4E - A2A Adenosine Receptor

suMD - GPU: NVIDIA GTX680 - Simulation time: 2.3 ns



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