

# Using GPUs to accelerate MD simulations of RNA/protein complexes

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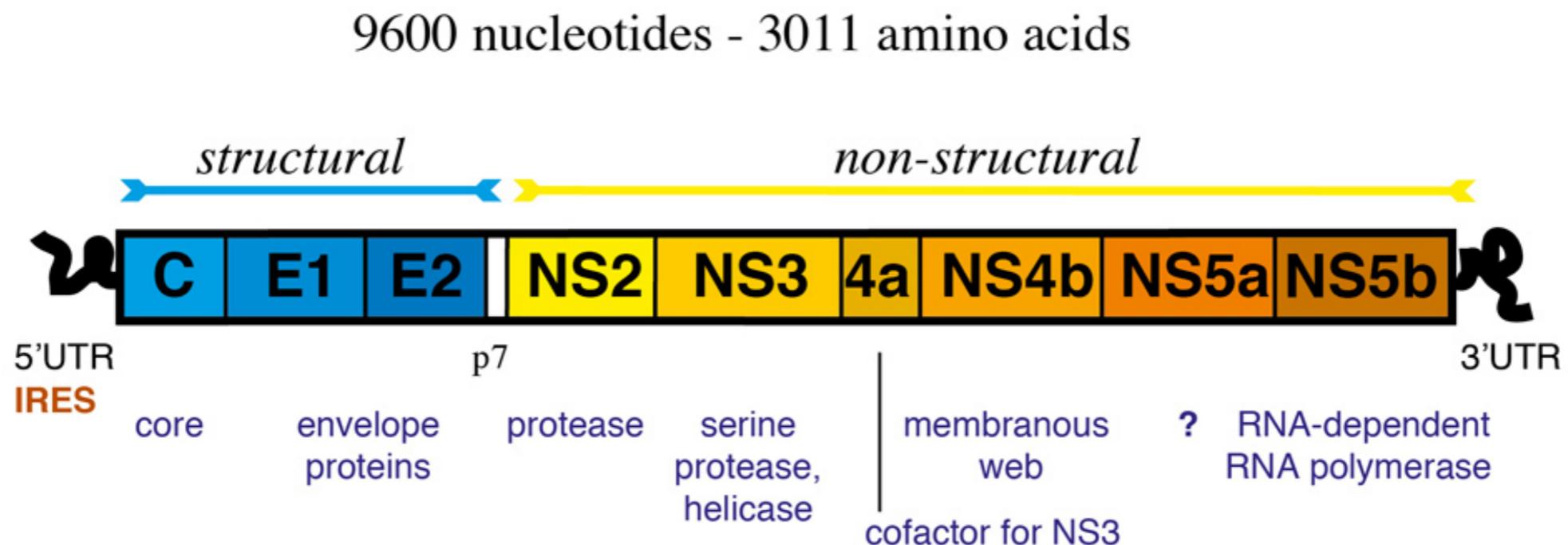


# Introduction

# Hepatitis C virus (HCV)

## Hepatitis C Virus:

- Flaviviridae virus, cause of hepatitis C in humans.
- Its (+)-ssRNA encodes for structural and nonstructural (NS) proteins.
- One of the NS proteins is **NS3** Helicase(h)/serine protease.



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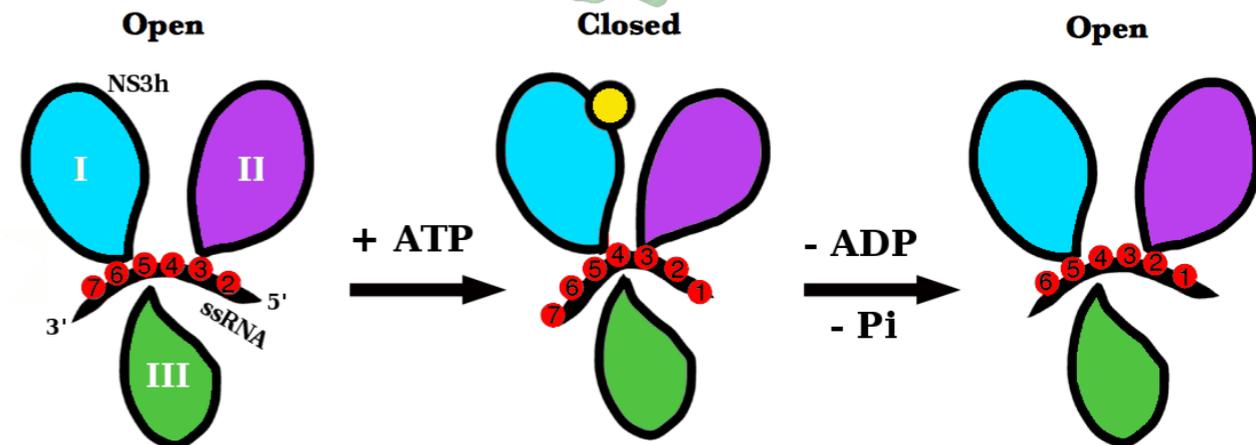
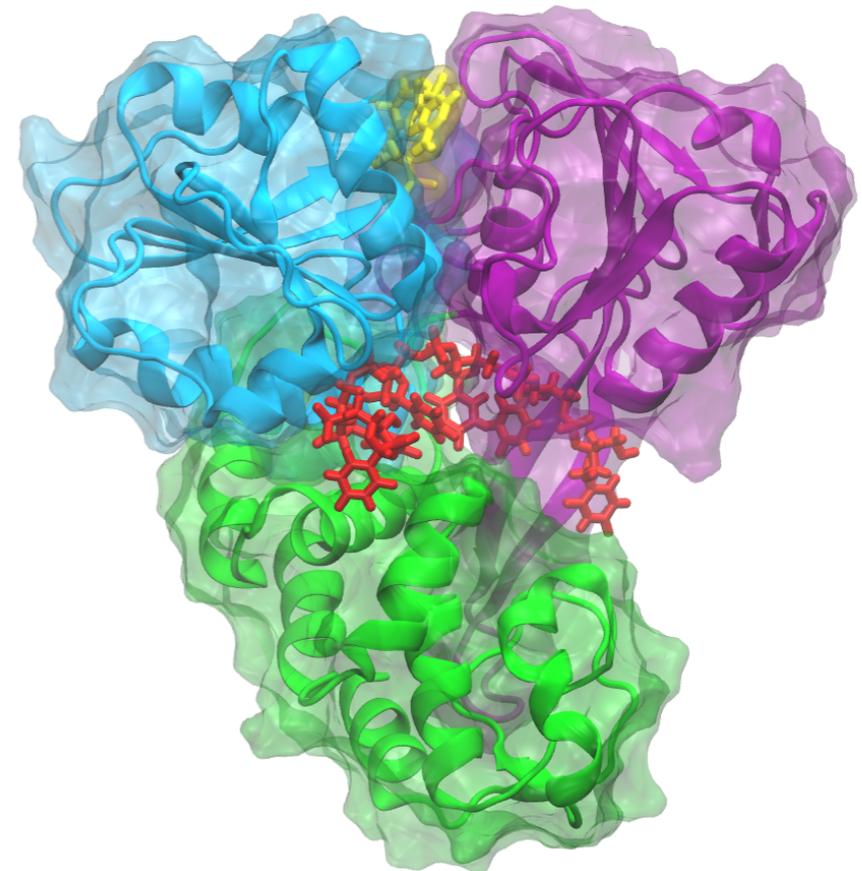
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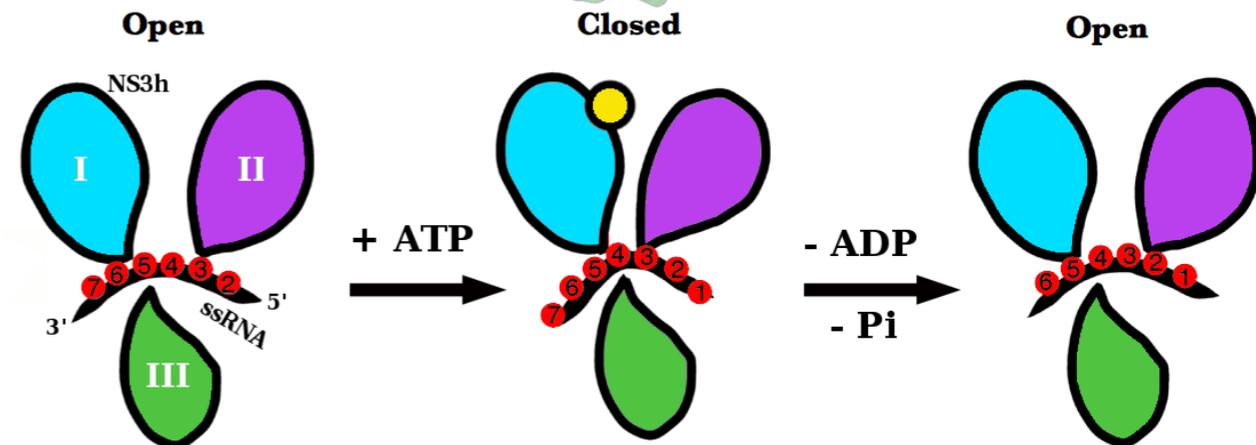
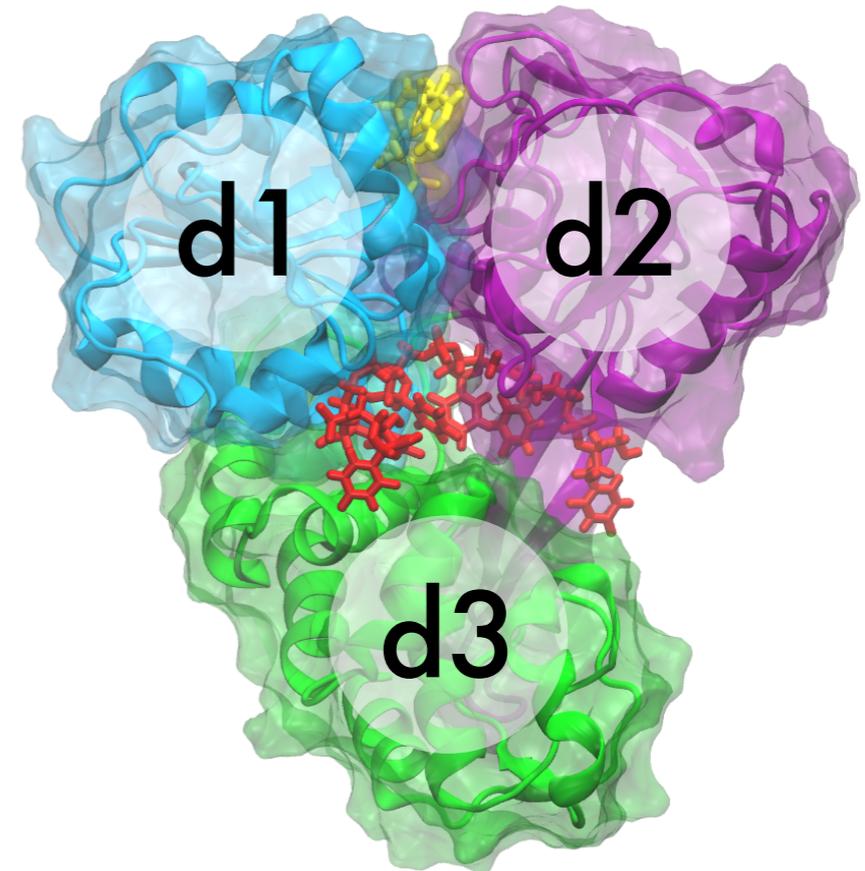
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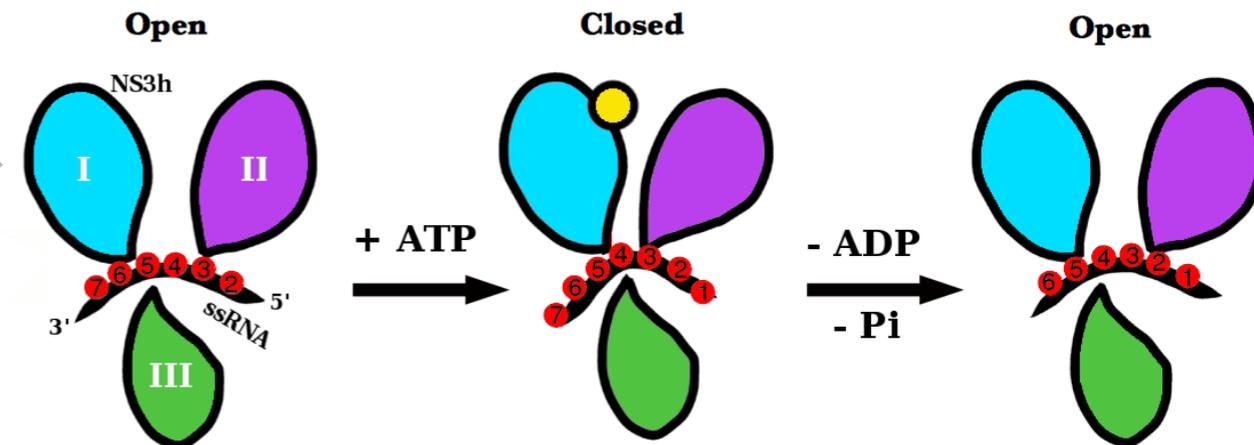
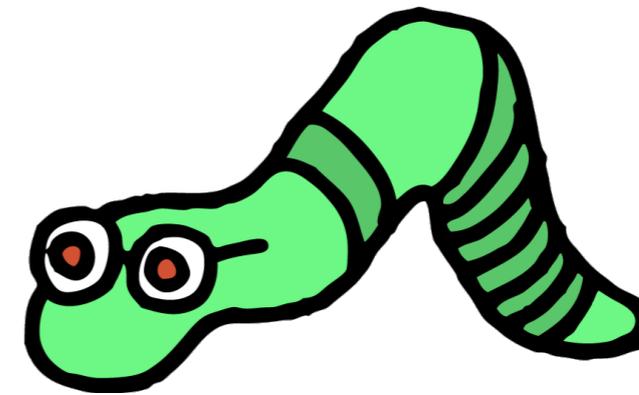
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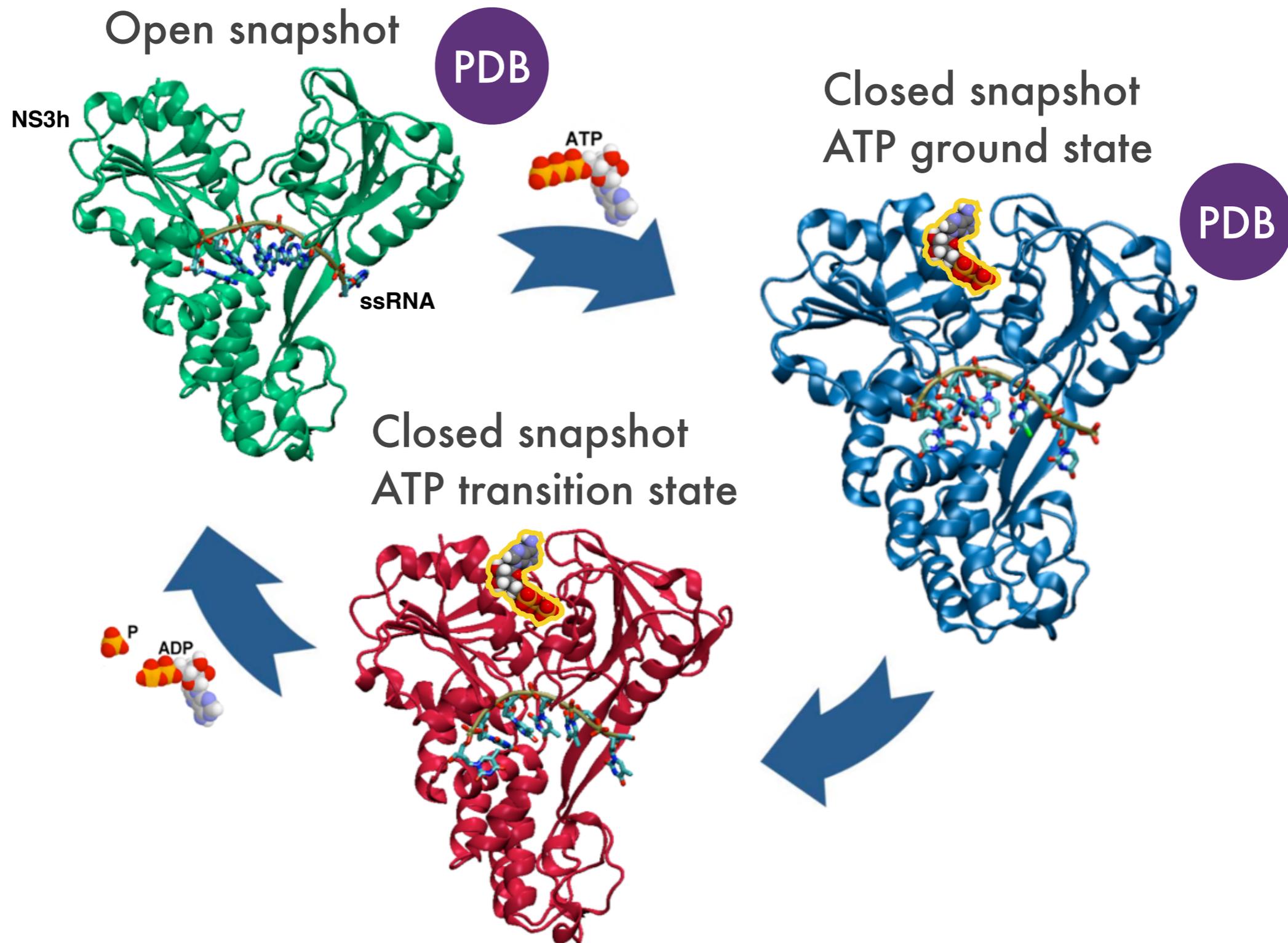
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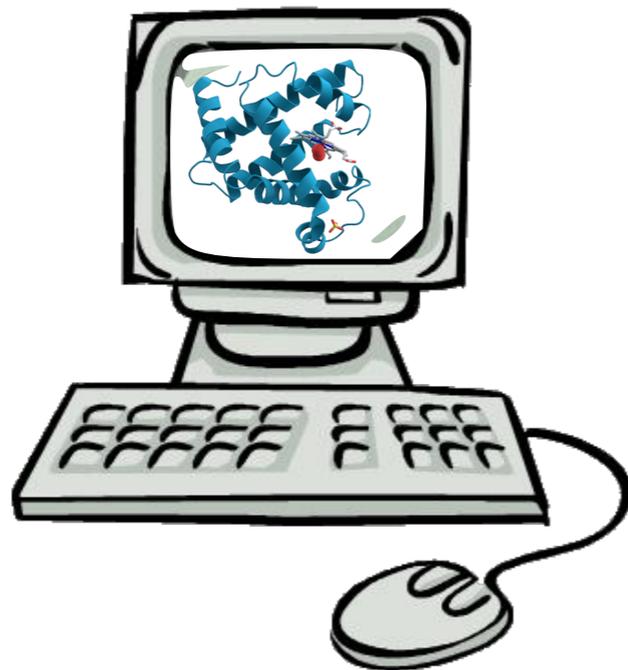
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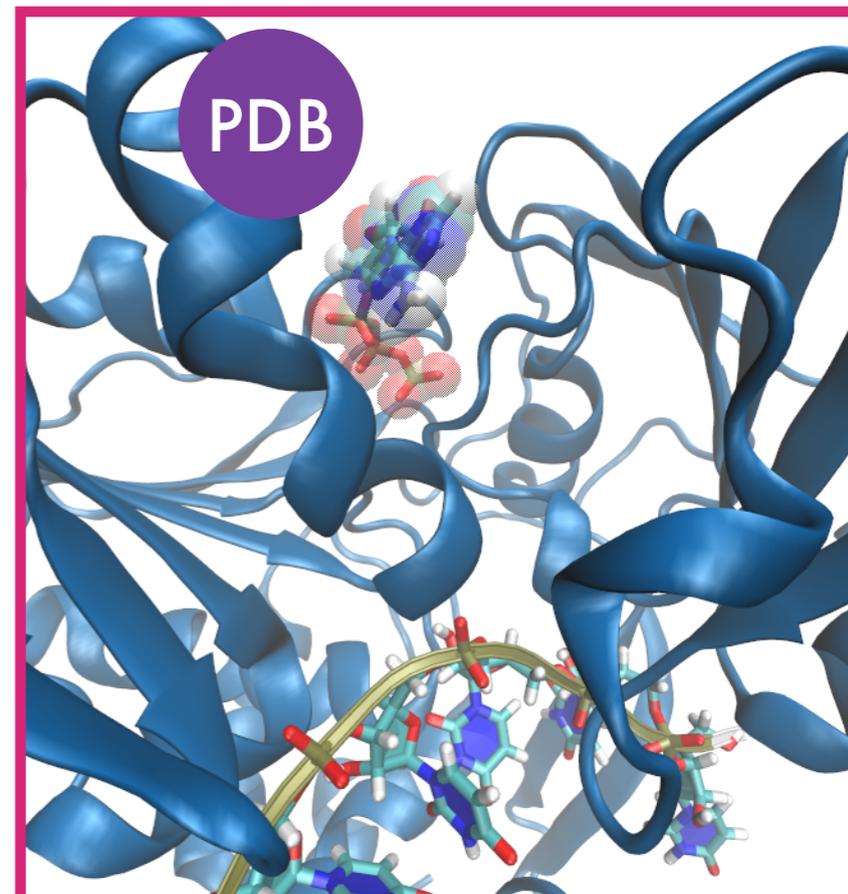
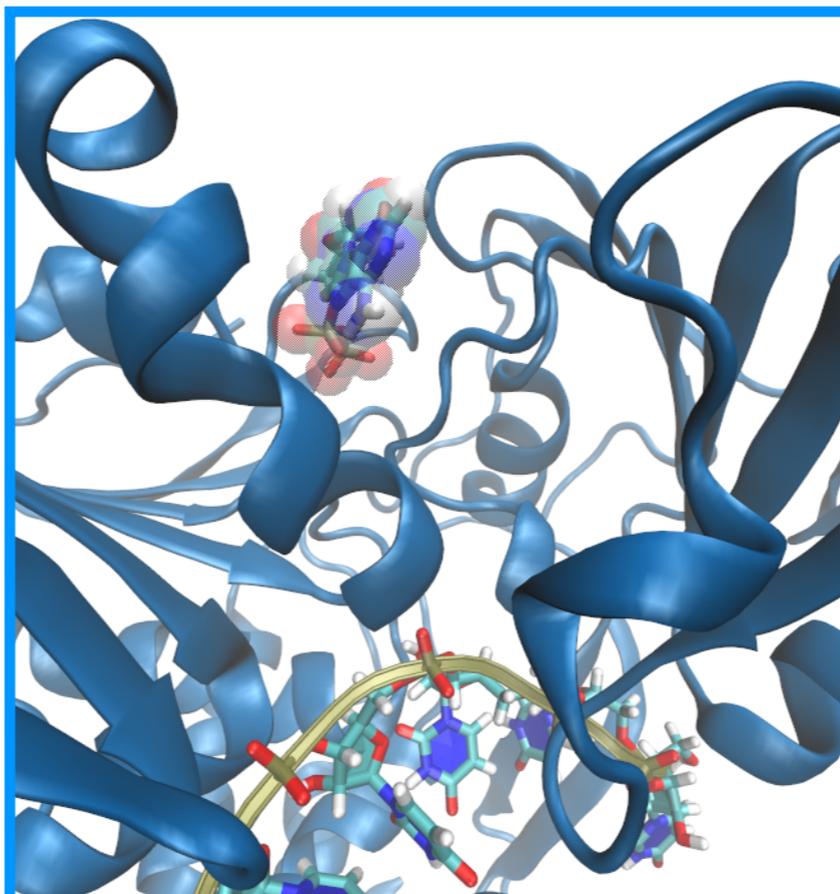
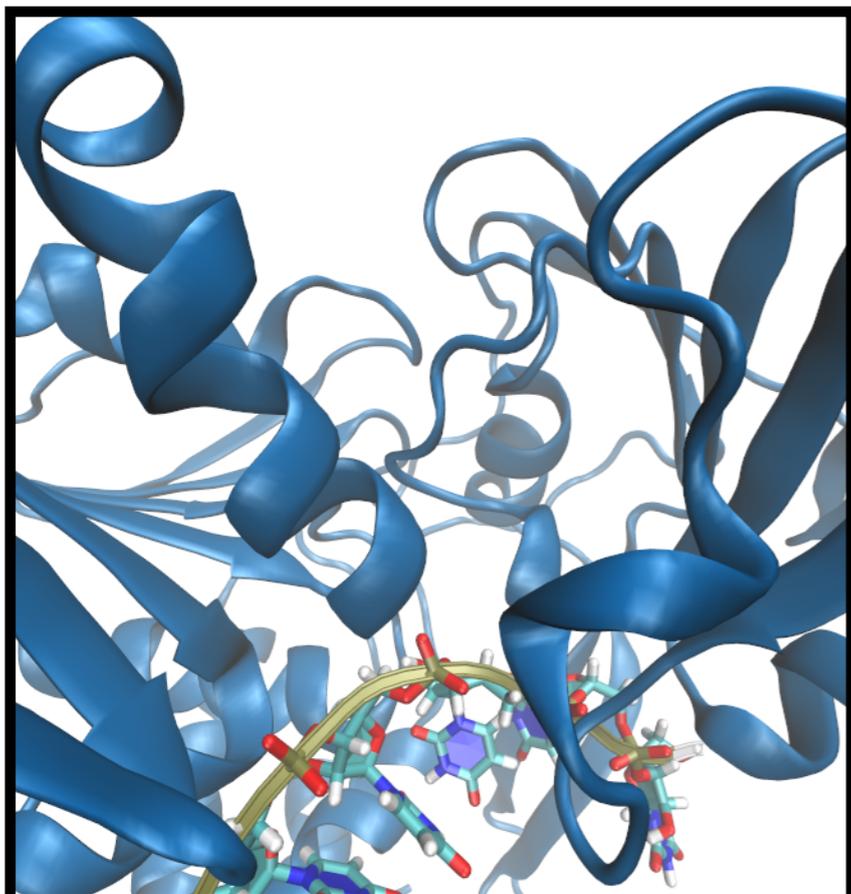
Molecular dynamics  
simulations

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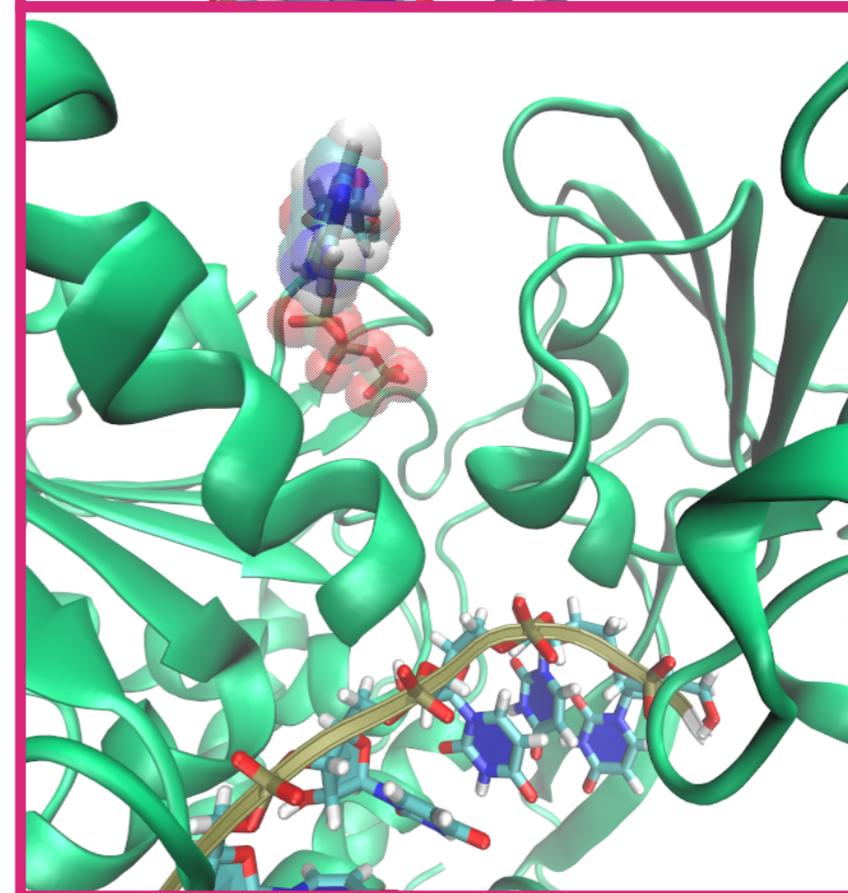
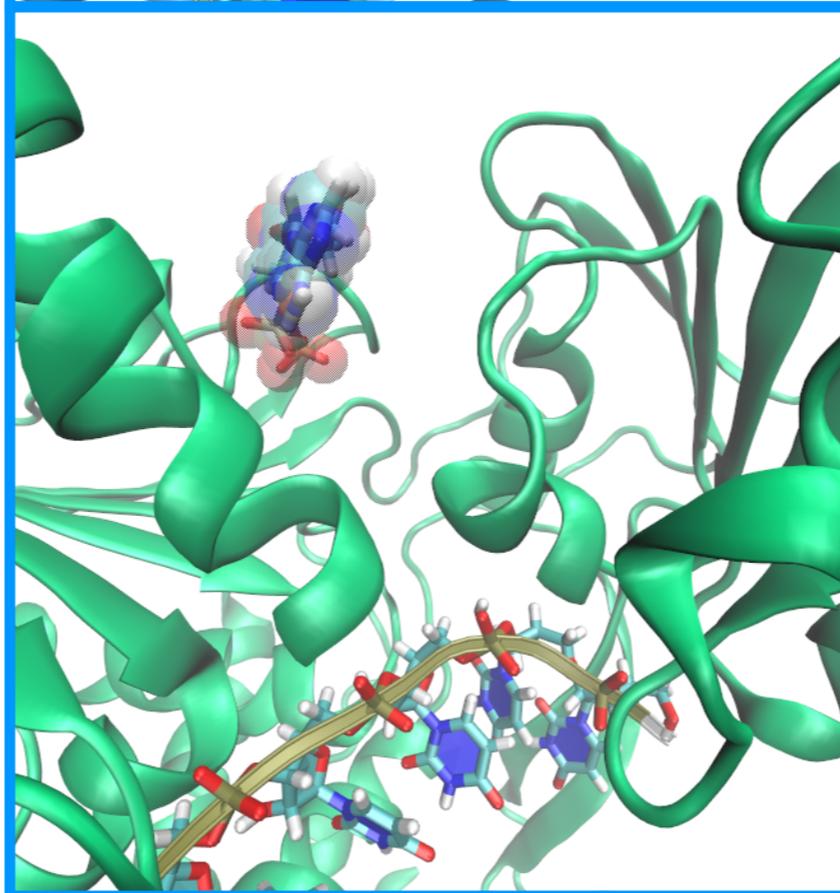
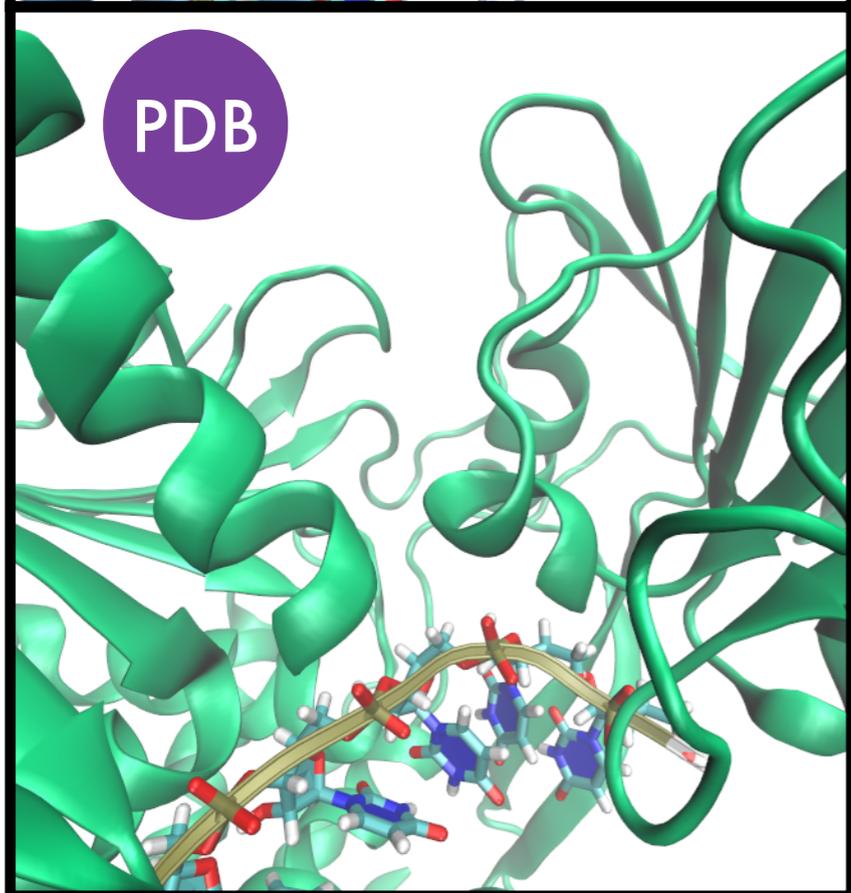
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Closed



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# Outline

- Computational details.
- Equilibrium properties (Long Plain MD).
- Performance issue on bias sampling.
- Summary.

# Computational details

## Plain MD set-up

- FF: amber99sb-\*ildn-parmbsc0- $\chi_{OL}$  corrections + ATP/ADP + Mg<sup>a</sup> + explicit water(TIP3P).
- Velocity Rescaling Thermostat, T<sub>ref</sub>: 300 K.
- Berendsen Barostat, P<sub>ref</sub>: 1.0 bar.
- Protease domain not included.
- Simulation time: 1  $\mu$ s x 6 systems

# GROMACS-4.6.x Software<sup>a</sup>

**GROMACS** FAST.  
FLEXIBLE.  
FREE.



- Hybrid acceleration,
  - GPU accelerated: **Non bonded** force calculations.
  - CPU: Bonded and PME electrostatics.
- Cut-off scheme: Verlet.

# Plumed2.0 plugin<sup>b</sup>

- CPU code.
- Analysis and enhanced sampling (e.g. metadynamics).



<sup>a</sup>[www.gromacs.org](http://www.gromacs.org)

<sup>b</sup>[www.plumed-code.org](http://www.plumed-code.org)

# Load balancing and PME

- Higher parallelization (at  $> 16$  processes): 1/4 of the nodes do PME, 3/4 of the nodes do non-bonded (with domain decomposition).
- Lower parallelization (at  $< 16$  processes).
- With GPU+CPU: 1 GPU per domain. Non-bonded on GPU, bonded + PME on CPU.
- Load balancing: cutoff of non-bonded is adapted on relative CPU/GPU load.

# Load balancing and PME

```
aperez@login2:/scratch/aperez/largerRNA
File Edit View Search Terminal Help
-[no]hrex    bool  no    Enable hamiltonian replica exchange
-[no]ionize  bool  no    Do a simulation including the effect of an X-Ray
          bombardment on your system

Number of CPUs detected (20) does not match the number reported by OpenMP (1).
Consider setting the launch configuration manually!
Reading file topol0.tpr, VERSION 4.6.7 (single precision)
Changing nstlist from 10 to 40, rlist from 1 to 1.09

The number of OpenMP threads was set by environment variable OMP_NUM_THREADS to 10
Using 4 MPI processes
Using 10 OpenMP threads per MPI process

2 GPUs detected on host gn05-09:
 #0: NVIDIA Tesla K20m, compute cap.: 3.5, ECC: yes, stat: compatible
 #1: NVIDIA Tesla K20m, compute cap.: 3.5, ECC: yes, stat: compatible

2 GPUs auto-selected for this run.
Mapping of GPUs to the 2 PP ranks in this node: #0, #1

Overriding thread affinity set out of mpi

WARNING: This run will generate roughly 139533 Mb of data

starting mdrun 'Protein in water'
100000000 steps, 200000.0 ps.
^Mstep 80: timed with pme grid 96 96 96, coulomb cutoff 1.000: 495.6 M-cycles
^Mstep 160: timed with pme grid 80 80 80, coulomb cutoff 1.125: 416.9 M-cycles
^Mstep 240: timed with pme grid 72 72 72, coulomb cutoff 1.312: 441.0 M-cycles
^Mstep 320: timed with pme grid 64 64 64, coulomb cutoff 1.476: 506.6 M-cycles
^Mstep 400: timed with pme grid 84 84 84, coulomb cutoff 1.125: 434.9 M-cycles
^Mstep 480: timed with pme grid 80 80 80, coulomb cutoff 1.181: 414.9 M-cycles
^Mstep 560: timed with pme grid 72 72 72, coulomb cutoff 1.312: 412.4 M-cycles
^Mstep 640: timed with pme grid 84 84 84, coulomb cutoff 1.125: 435.0 M-cycles
^Mstep 720: timed with pme grid 80 80 80, coulomb cutoff 1.181: 413.0 M-cycles
^Mstep 800: timed with pme grid 72 72 72, coulomb cutoff 1.312: 412.7 M-cycles
^M      optimal pme grid 72 72 72, coulomb cutoff 1.312
step 900, will finish Mon Jun 1 16:52:42 2015
imb F 24% step 1000, will finish Mon Jun 1 03:12:54 2015
step 1100, will finish Sun May 31 15:52:51 2015
imb F 25% step 1200, will finish Sun May 31 06:34:40 2015
step 1300, will finish Sat May 30 22:54:37 2015
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**PME** **Coulomb cut-off**

178,1 0%

# OpenMP

- OpenMP multithreading: Exploit multicore machines!
- Multi-core parallelization,
  - Each domain runs on a separate node
  - Intra-domain particle decomposition with OpenMP
- OpenMP multithreading faster than MPI-based parallelization.

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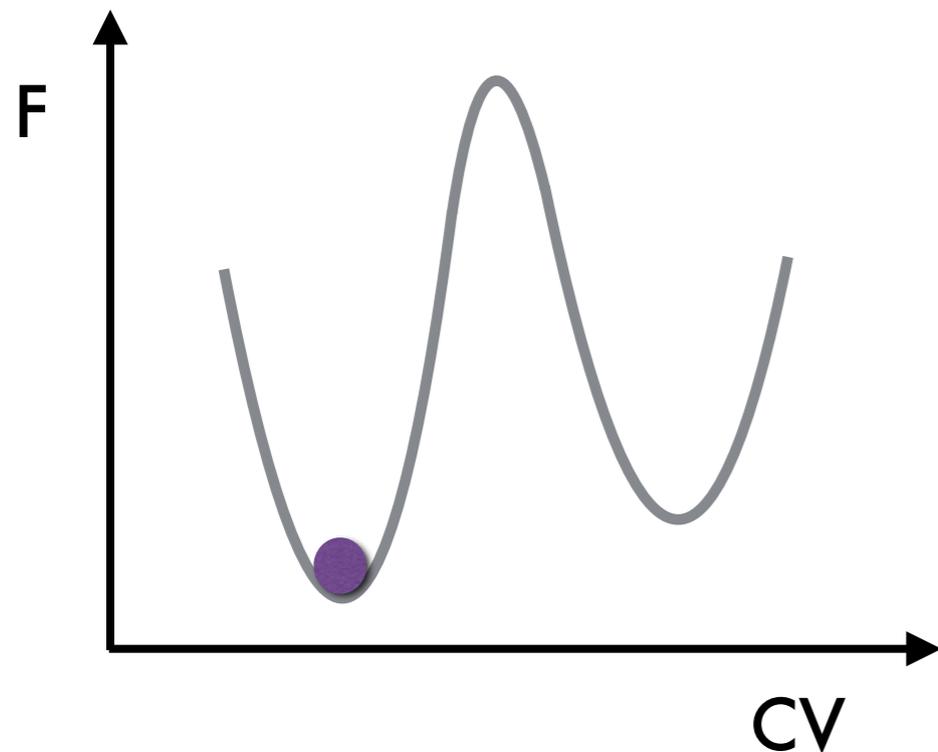
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ATP·Mg	6528	179	43	1	70	60	93174	100054

Keeping same protonation  
for all peptides.

Total water molecules:  
31058  
Solute far 20 Å from border

# Performance and bias sampling

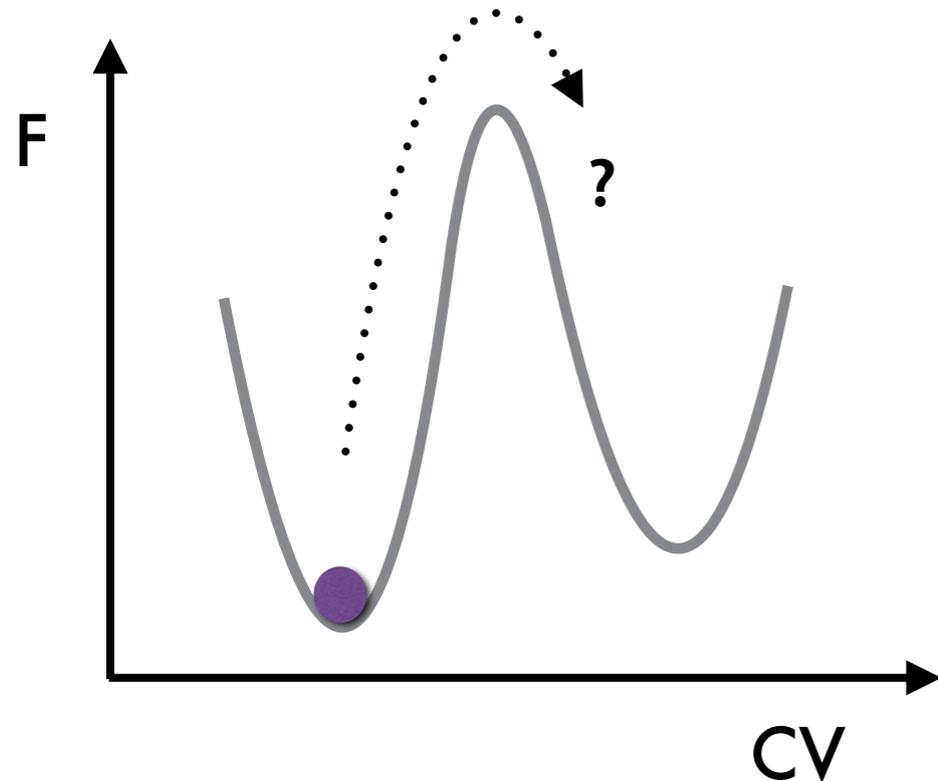
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**We need a strategy to speedup!**

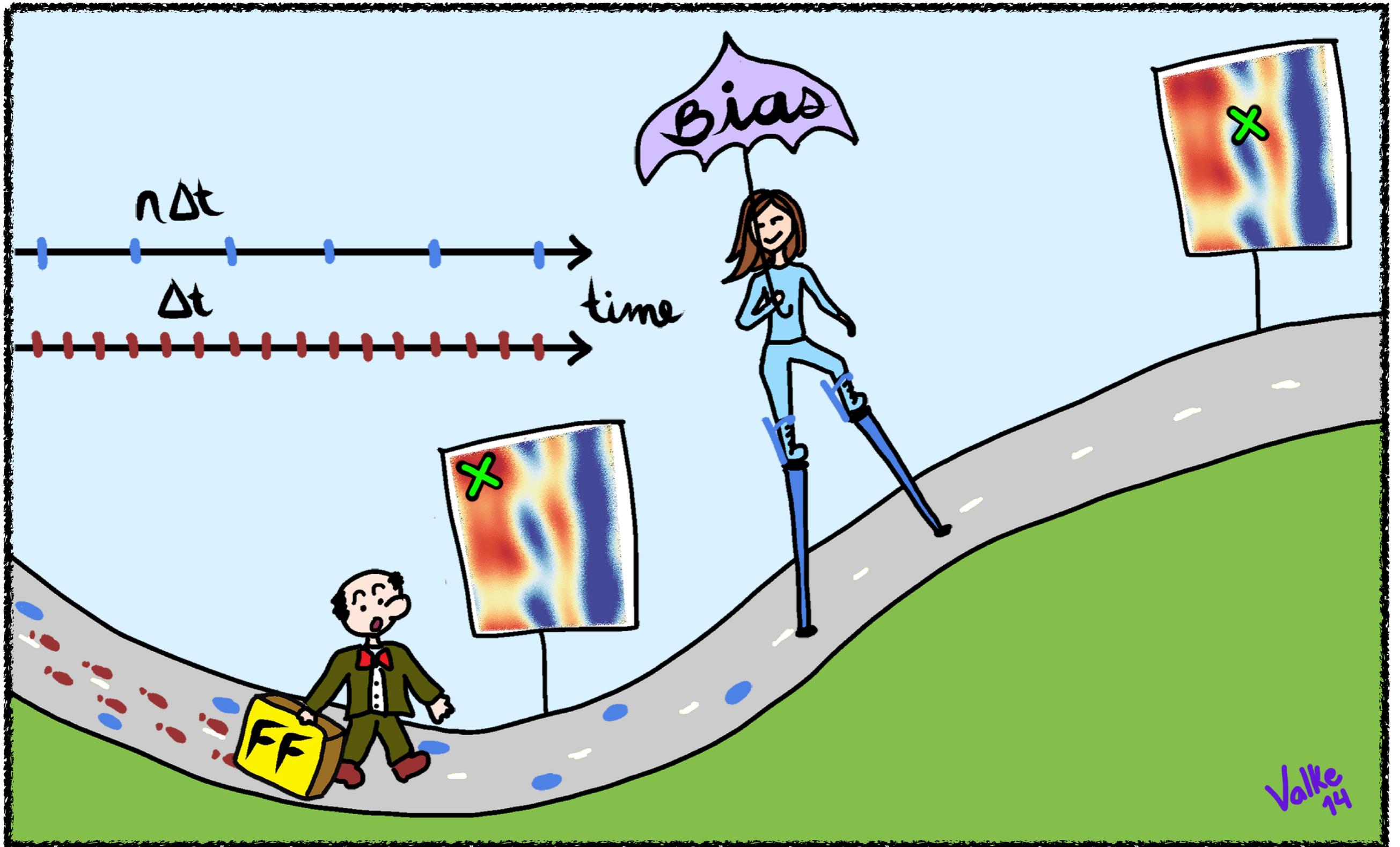
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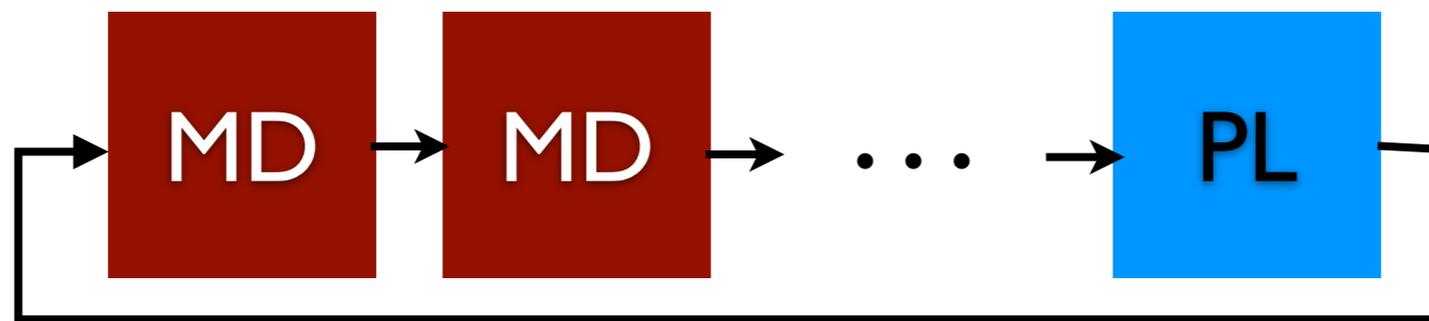
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Compute PLUMED forces every  $n$  steps:



$$t_{\text{tot}} = t_{\text{MD}} + t_{\text{PL}}/n$$

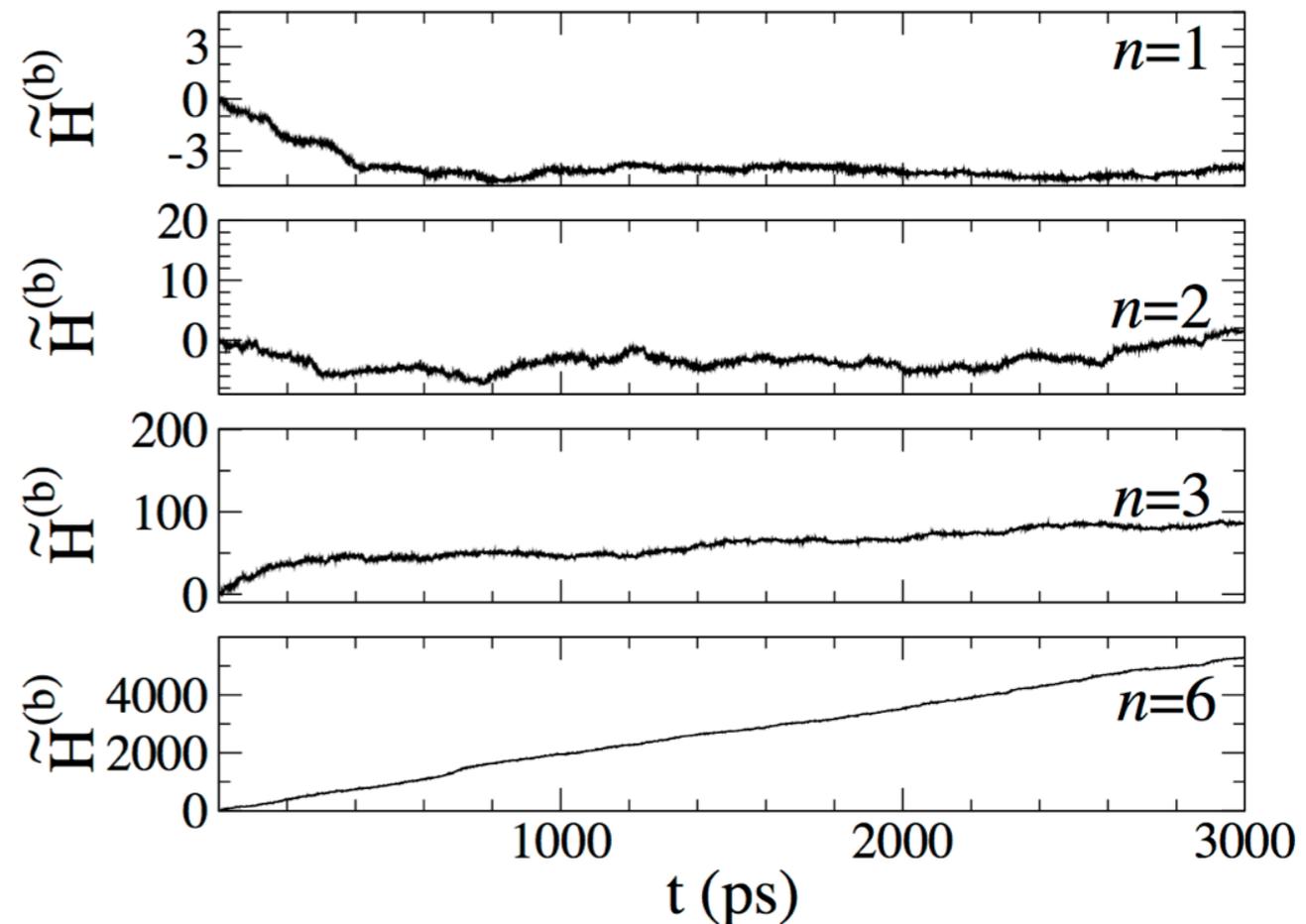
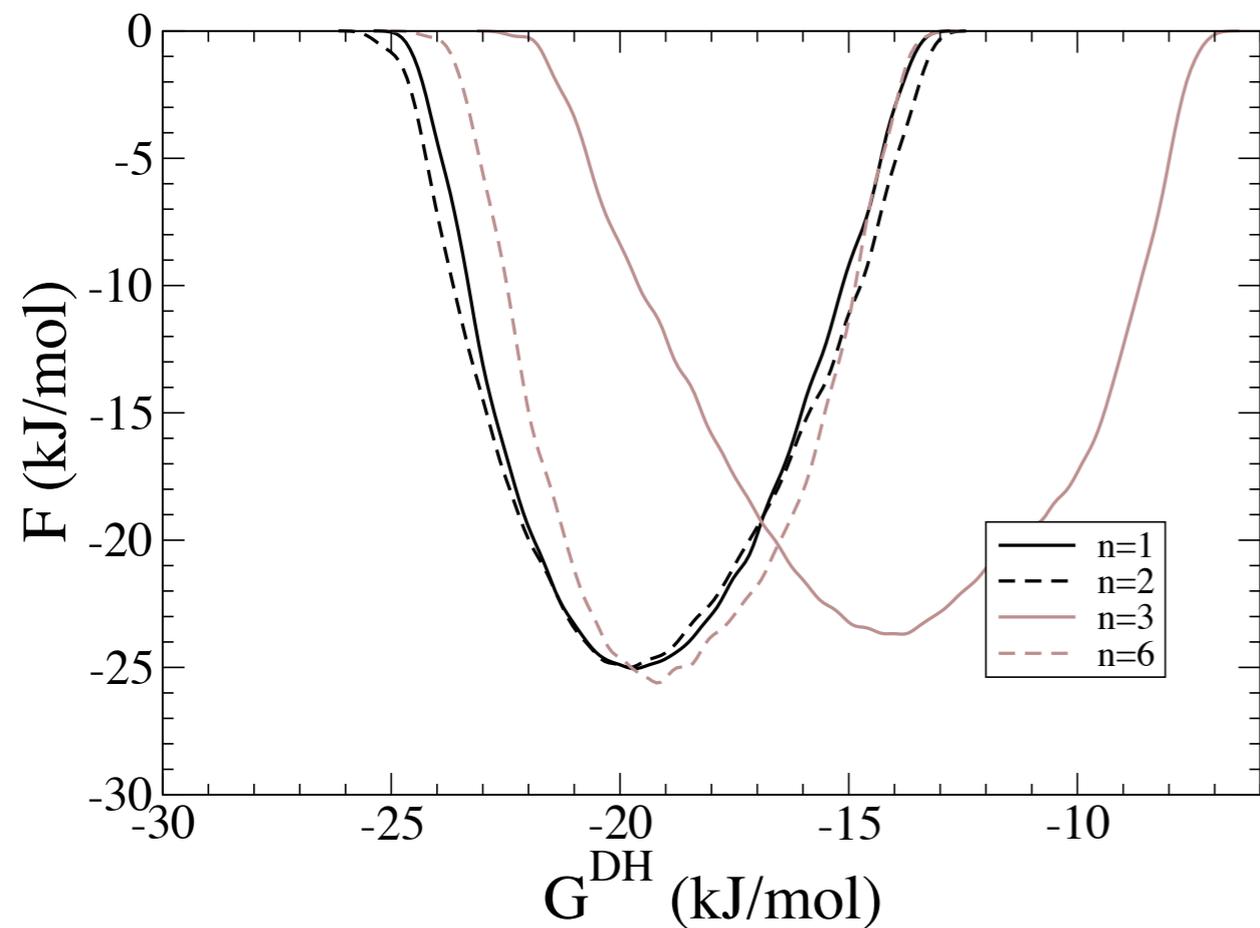
$$e^{A+B} \approx e^{\frac{A}{2}} e^B e^{\frac{A}{2}}$$

- Forces from PLUMED scaled up by a factor  $n^a$
- Reversible trajectories

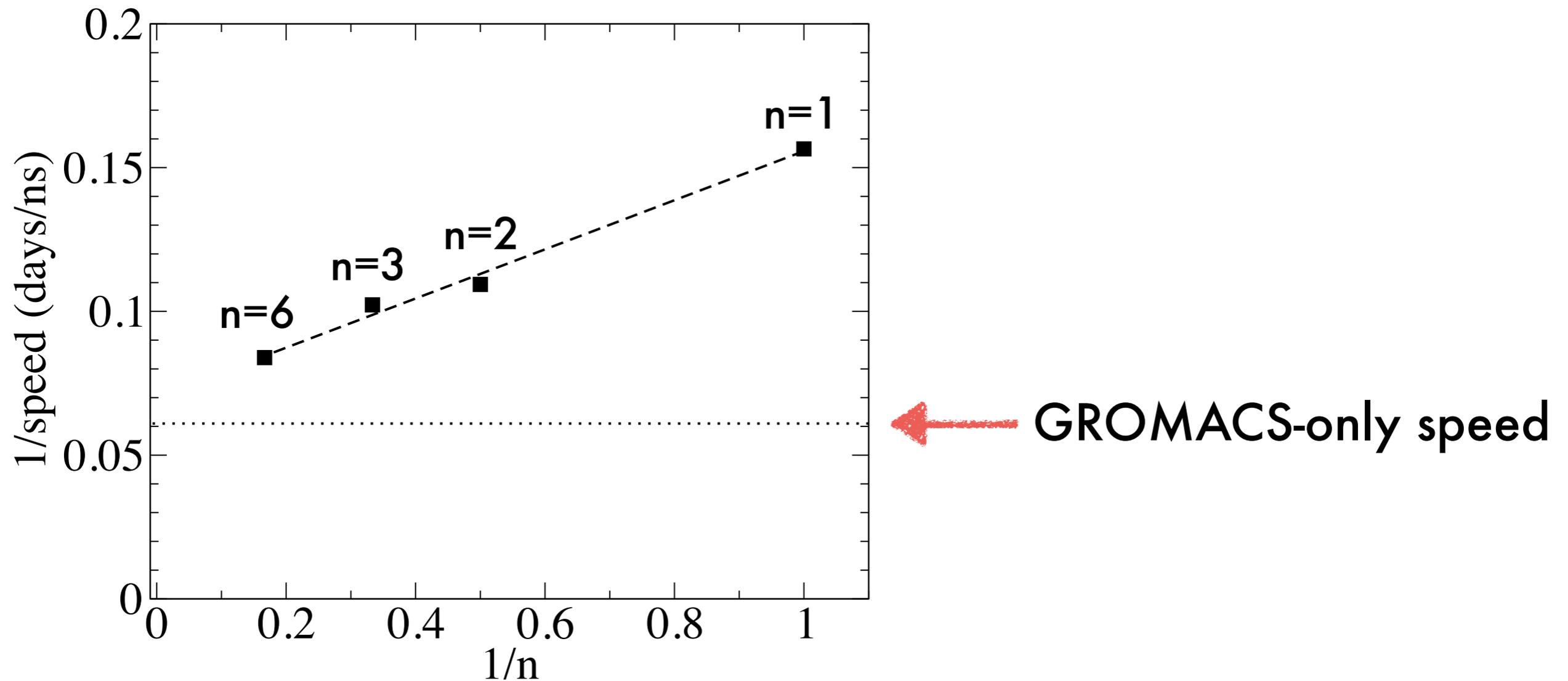
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## Metadyn RNA/NS3h interaction:

$$G^{DH} = \frac{1}{k_B T \epsilon_w} \sum_{i \in \text{prot}} \sum_{j \in \text{RNA}} q_i q_j \frac{e^{-\kappa |\mathbf{r}_{ij}|}}{|\mathbf{r}_{ij}|}$$



# Speed up



**PLUMED overhead can be decreased by a factor  $n$**   
**Even  $n=2$  can be interesting!**

# Conclusions II

- Bias enhanced-sampling useful to tackle rare events.
- When CVs are expensive → Bottleneck in enhanced simulations 😞
- Multiple time step algorithm: A way to speedup simulations when CVs are expensive 😊
- Splitting integration of biasing forces and physical forces.

# Summary

- Translocation of NS3 helicase along RNA: Mechanism still not very clear (A way to tackle: MD simulations 😊 )
- 1  $\mu$ s Plain MD, 6 systems. No significant conformational change.
- Analysis of HB network and contacts between RNA, peptide and ligand.
- GROMACS **hybrid parallelization**: faster simulations.
  - GPU accelerated non-bonded force calculations!!
- **Multiple time step** scheme: Strategy to speedup bias enhanced-sampling when selected CVs are expensive.

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