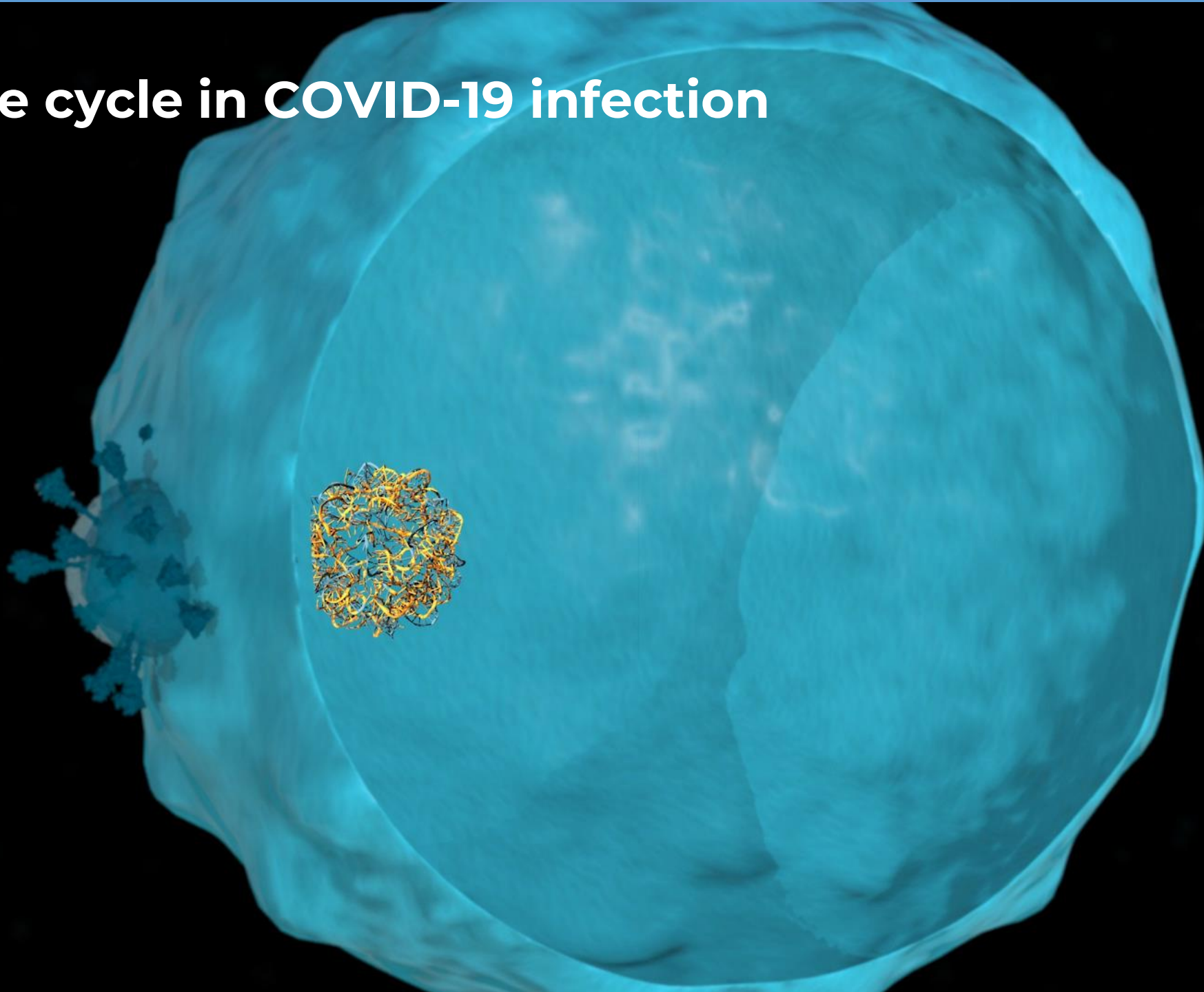


AI-enabled multi-resolution simulations to  
uncover mechanisms of SARS-CoV-2 virus

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# Virus life cycle in COVID-19 infection

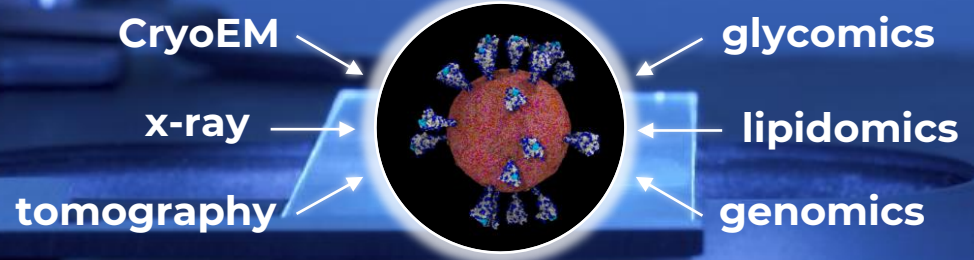


# Multiscale Challenge: Molecular Simulation at the Mesoscale



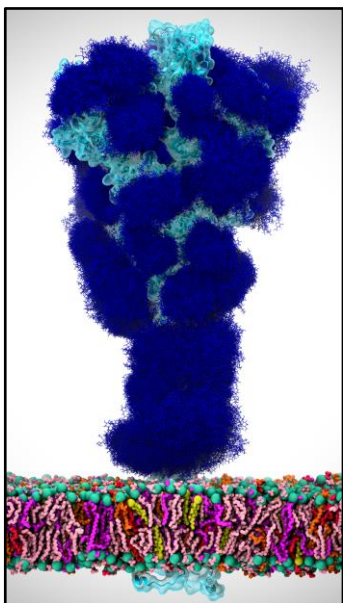
$$U(\vec{R}) = \sum_{bonds} k_i^{bond} (r_i - r_0)^2 + \sum_{angles} k_i^{angle} (\theta_i - \theta_0)^2 + \sum_{dihed} k_i^{dihed} [1 + \cos(n_i \phi_i + \delta_i)] + \sum_i \sum_{j \neq i} 4 \epsilon_{ij} \left[ \left( \frac{\sigma_{ij}}{r_{ij}} \right)^{12} - \left( \frac{\sigma_{ij}}{r_{ij}} \right)^6 \right] + \sum_i \sum_{j \neq i} \frac{q_i q_j}{\epsilon r_{ij}}$$

$$\vec{F}_i = ma = m_i \frac{d^2 \vec{r}_i}{dt^2} = -\vec{\nabla} U(\vec{R})$$

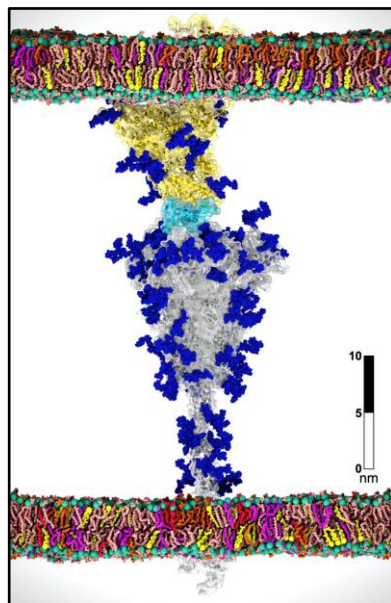


Data centric computational simulations integrate and extend experimental data

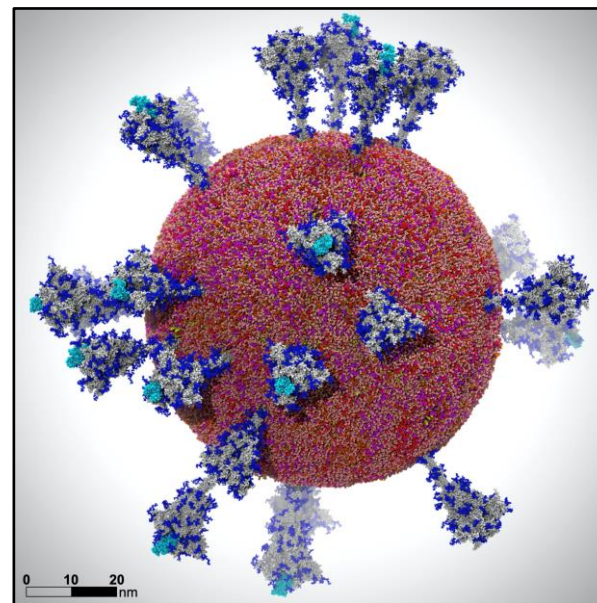
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**Molecular & Macromolecular**

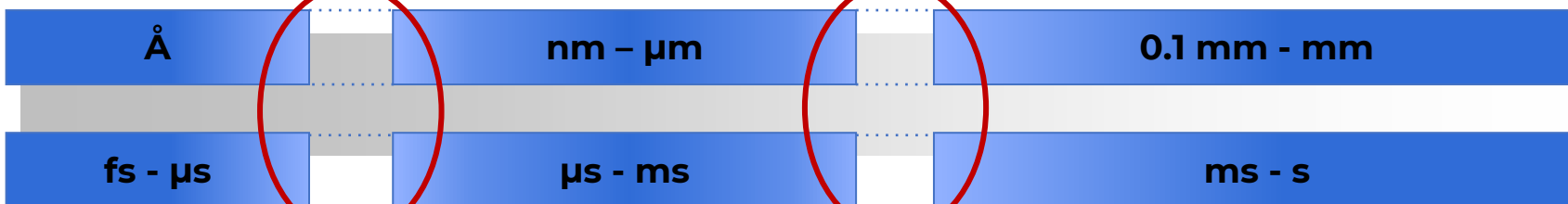


**Subcellular**



**Cellular**

**Spatial and  
Temporal Scales**



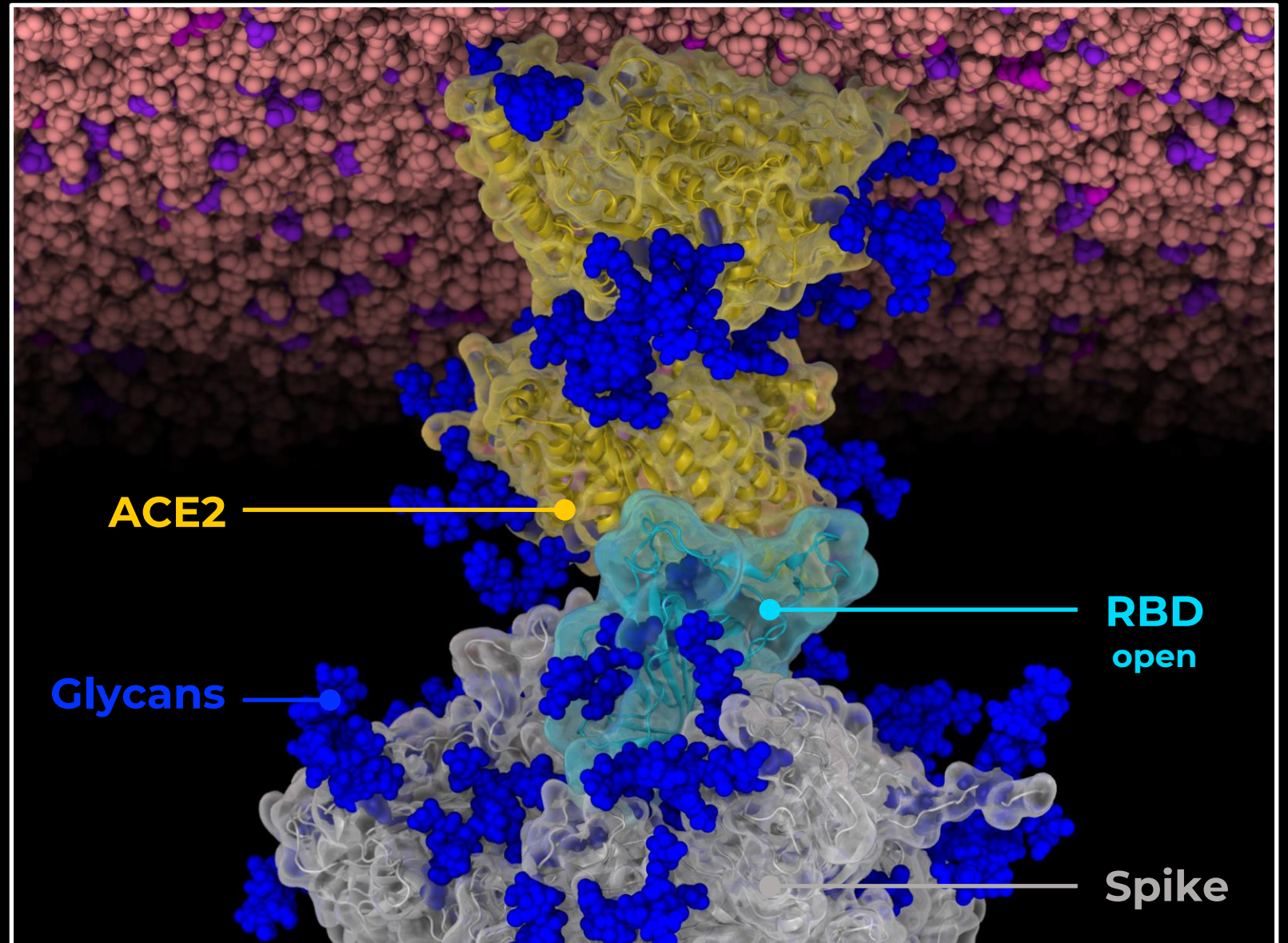
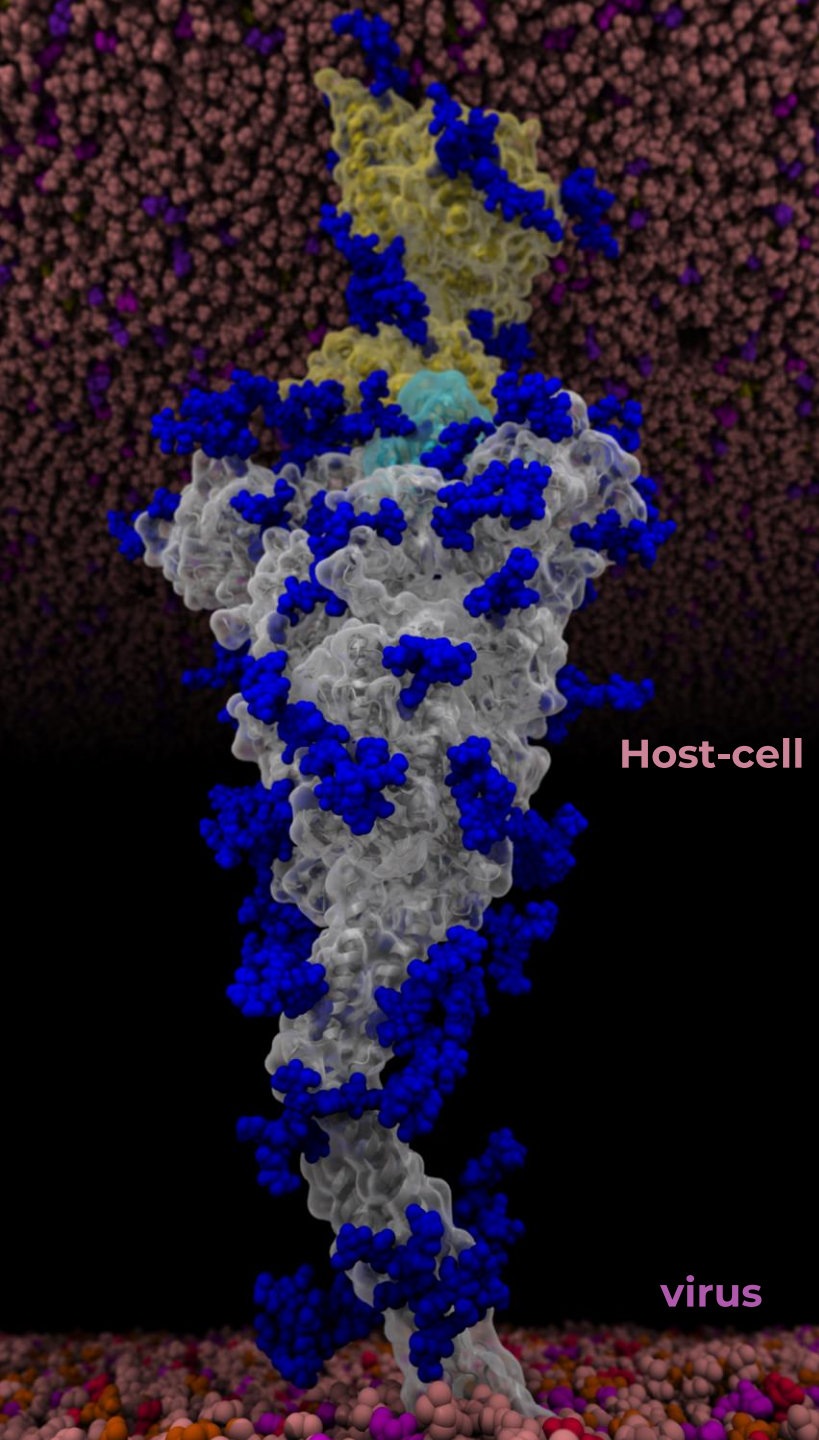
**Standard simulations**

**Weighted ensemble simulations**

**AI-driven  
workflows**

# SARS-CoV-2 infection route

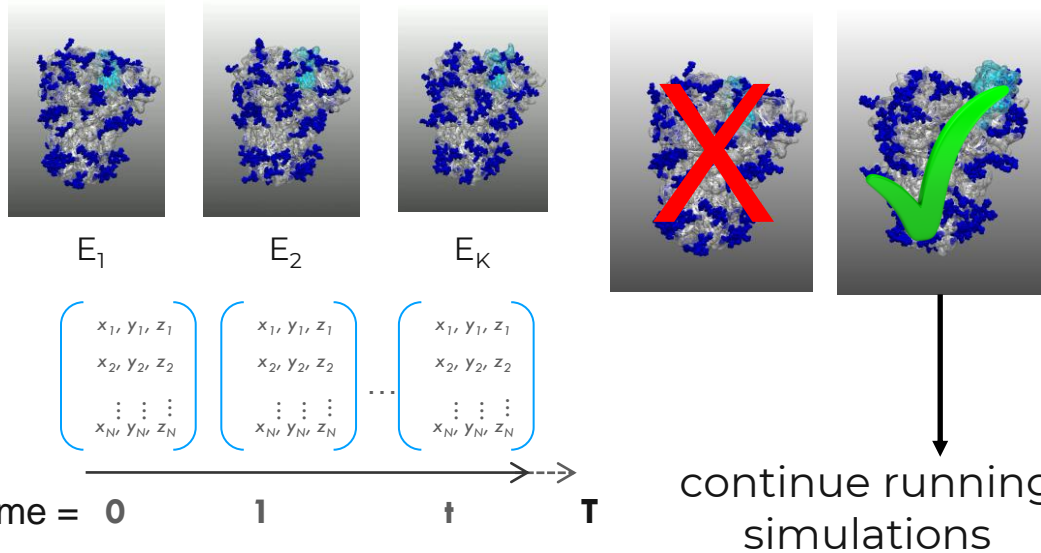
The spike protein latches onto ACE2 to infect the host-cell



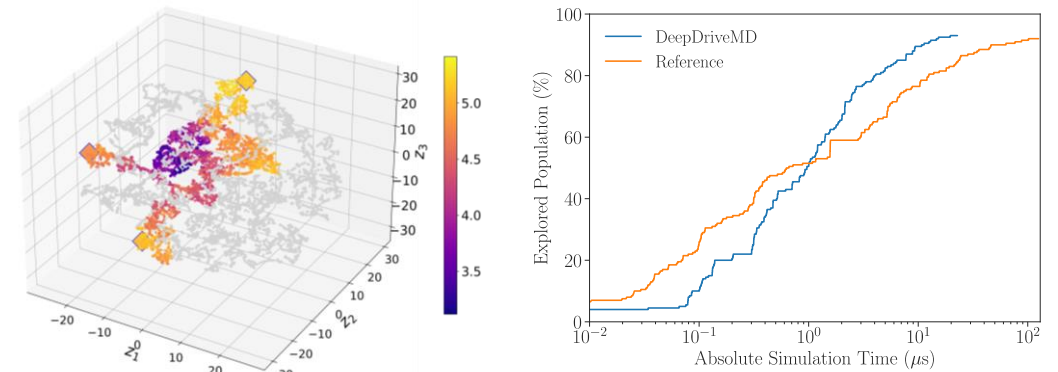
# Combining AI with HPC: AI-driven MD simulations -- DeepDriveMD

Coordinates, contact maps, other features

## Weighted Ensemble MD simulations



## Deep Learning/ Artificial Intelligence

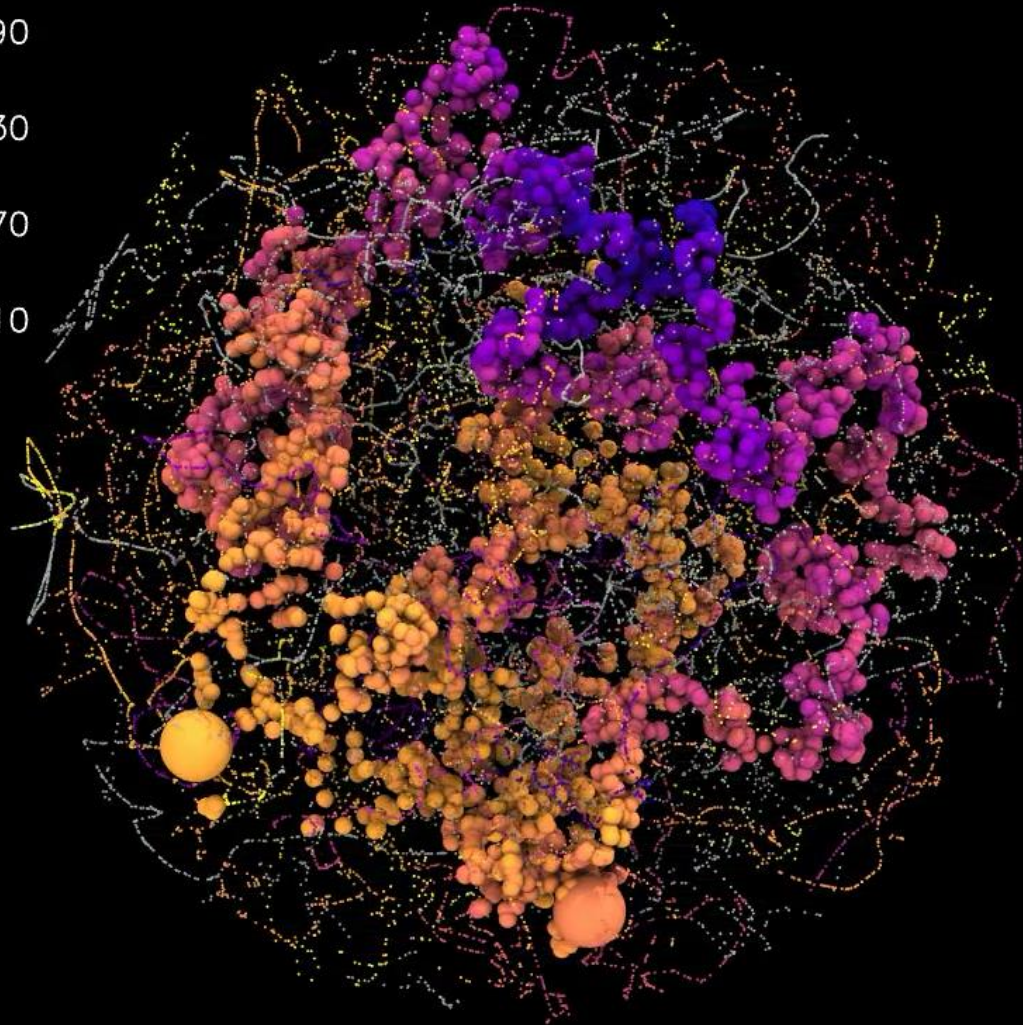
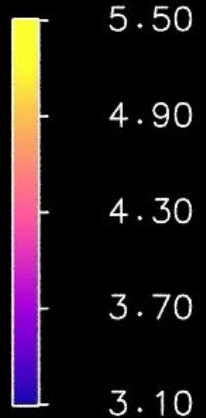


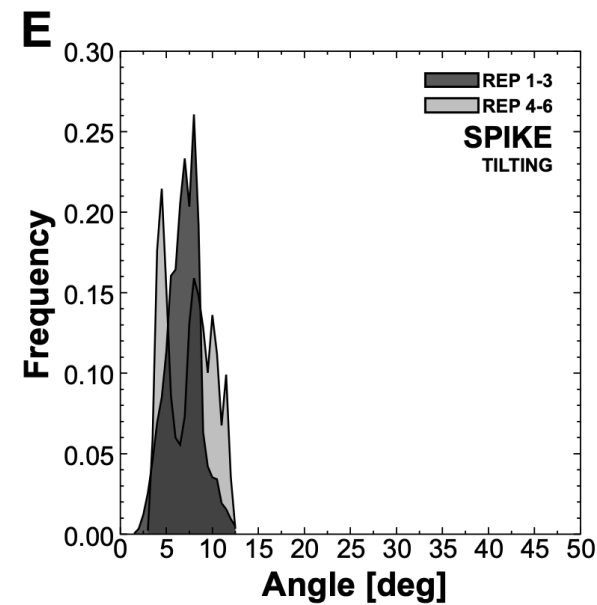
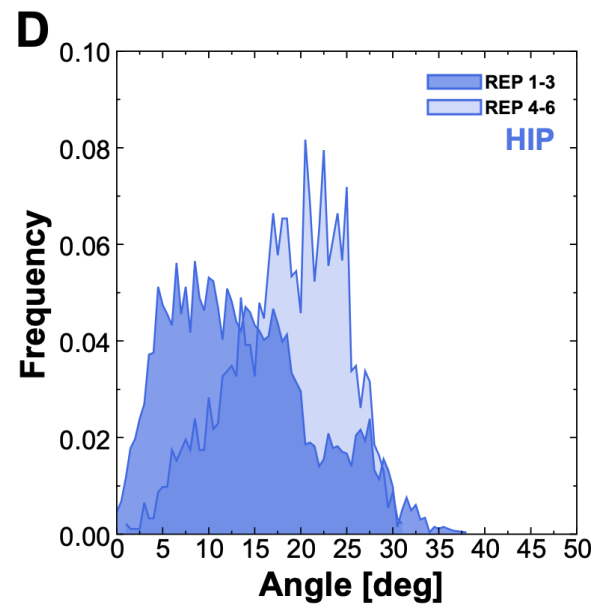
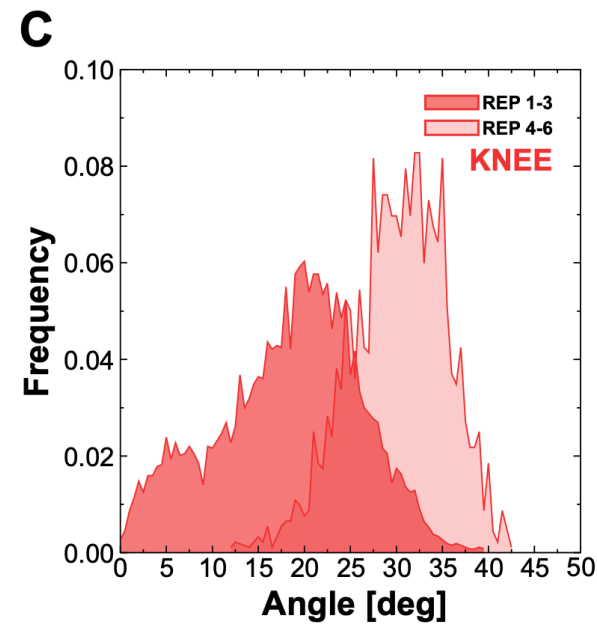
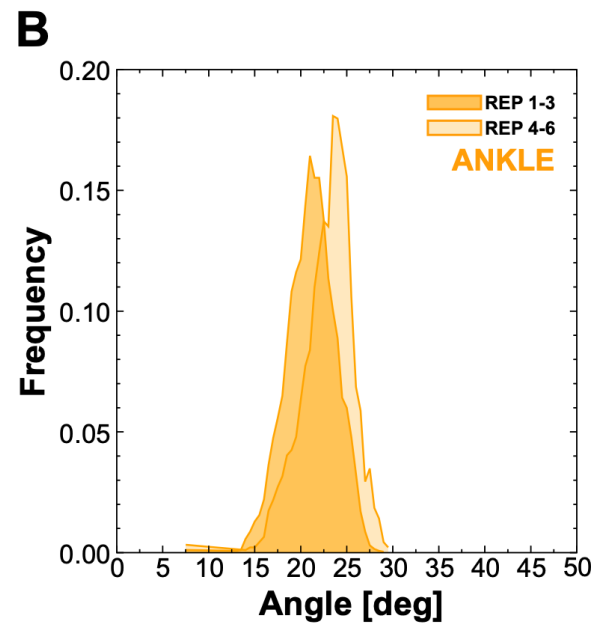
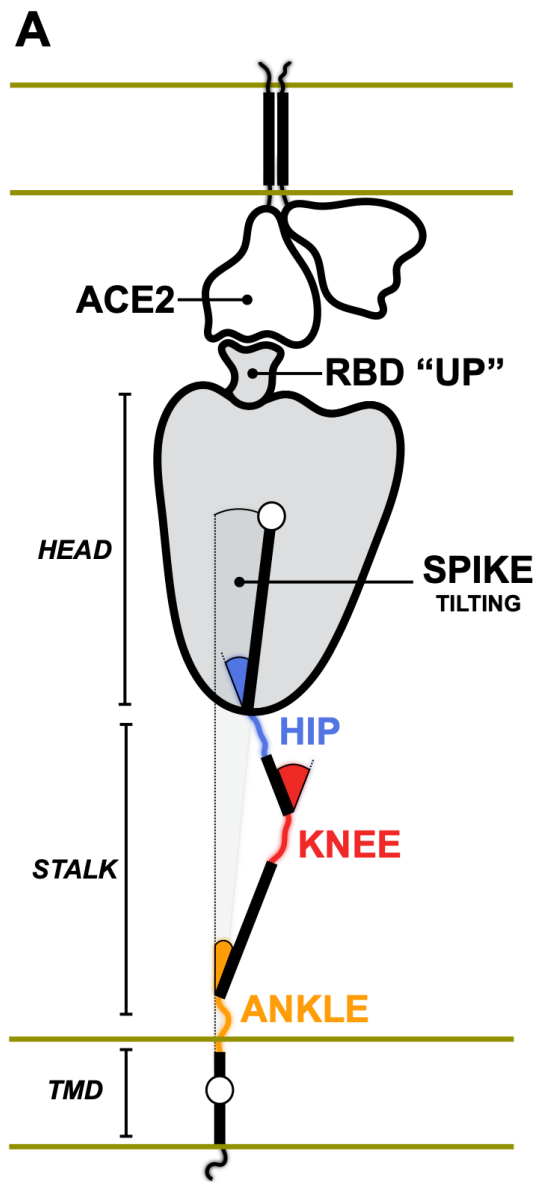
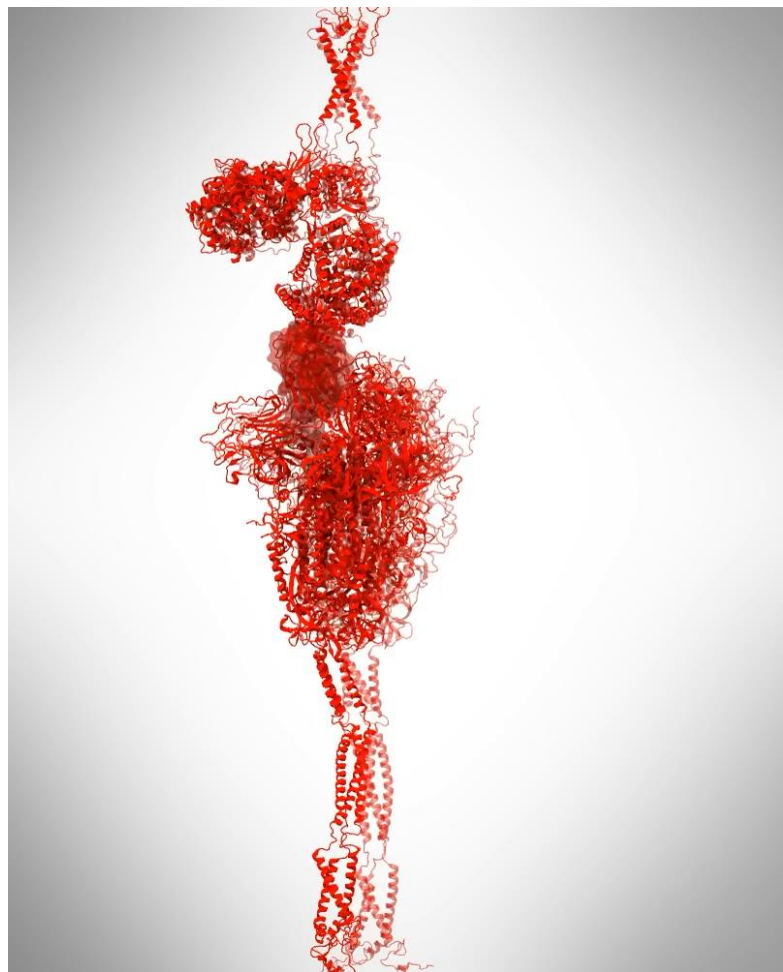
“Interesting conformations”, population sampled, and other features

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<http://deepdrivemd.github.io>

RMSD (Angstroms)







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# AAE map of Spike + ACE2 Receptor protein simulations

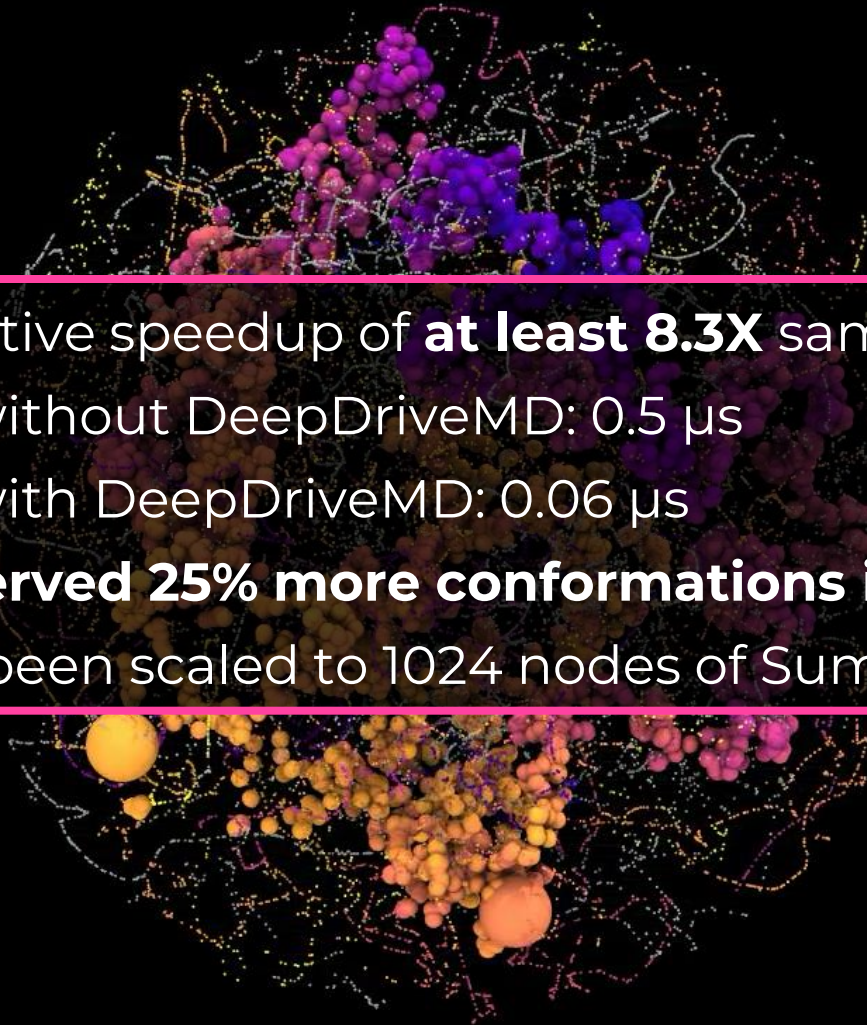
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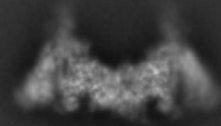
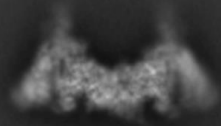
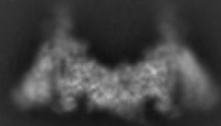
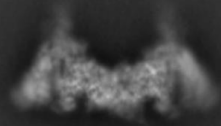
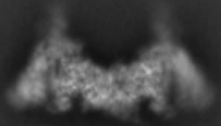
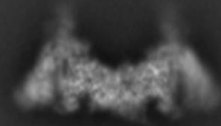
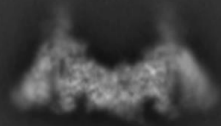
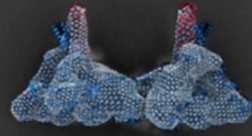
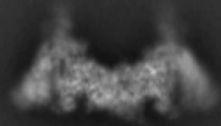
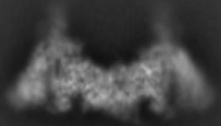
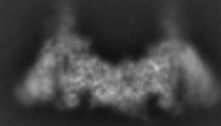
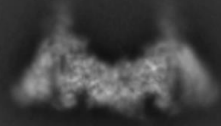
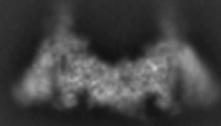
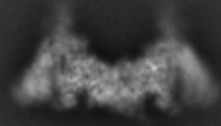
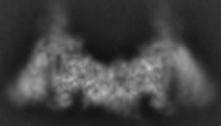
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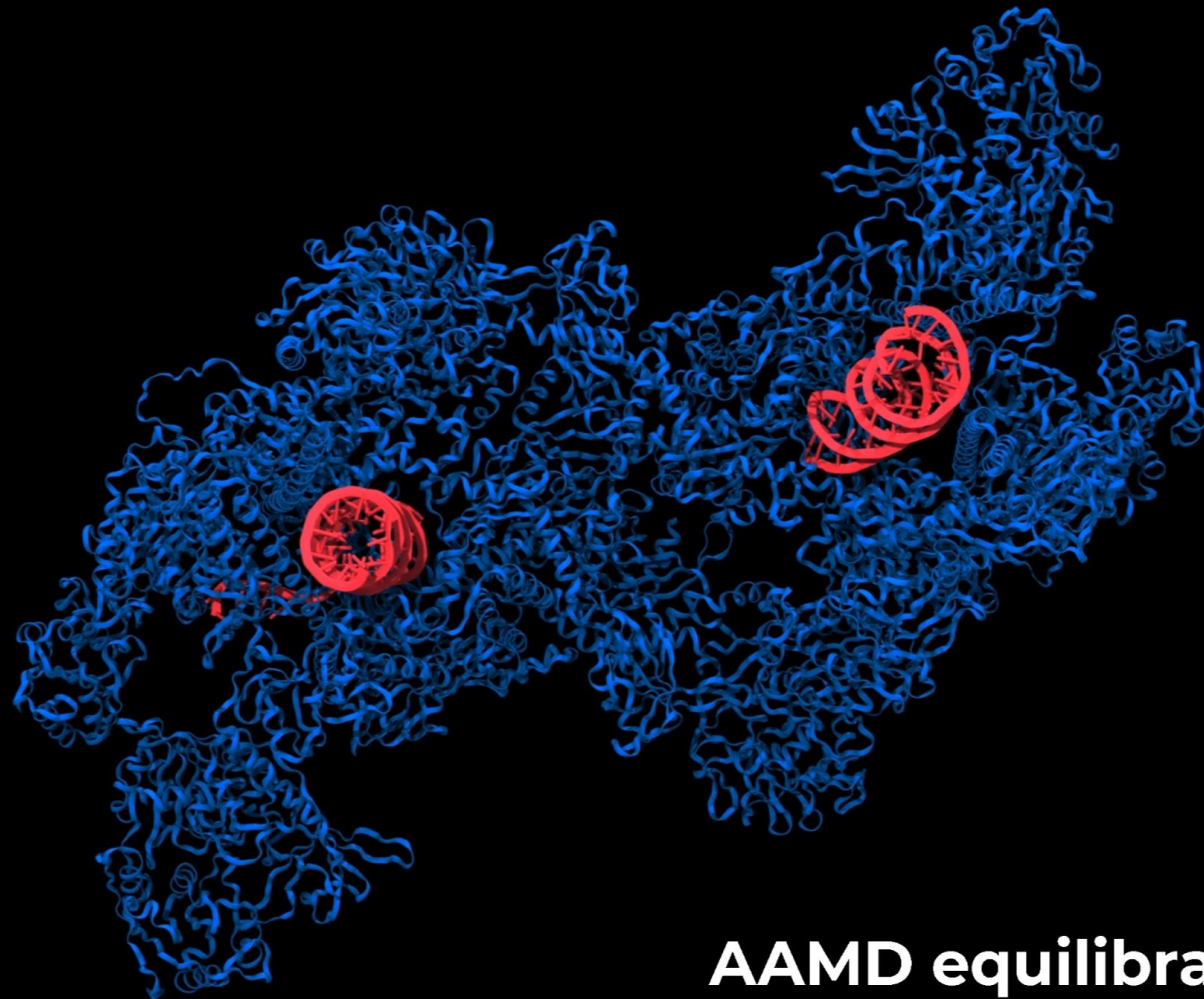
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- Effective speedup of **at least 8.3X** sampling efficiency for spike stalk bending:
  - without DeepDriveMD: 0.5  $\mu$ s
  - with DeepDriveMD: 0.06  $\mu$ s
- **Observed 25% more conformations in only 12% of the time!**
- Has been scaled to 1024 nodes of Summit with Ensemble Toolkit Workflow



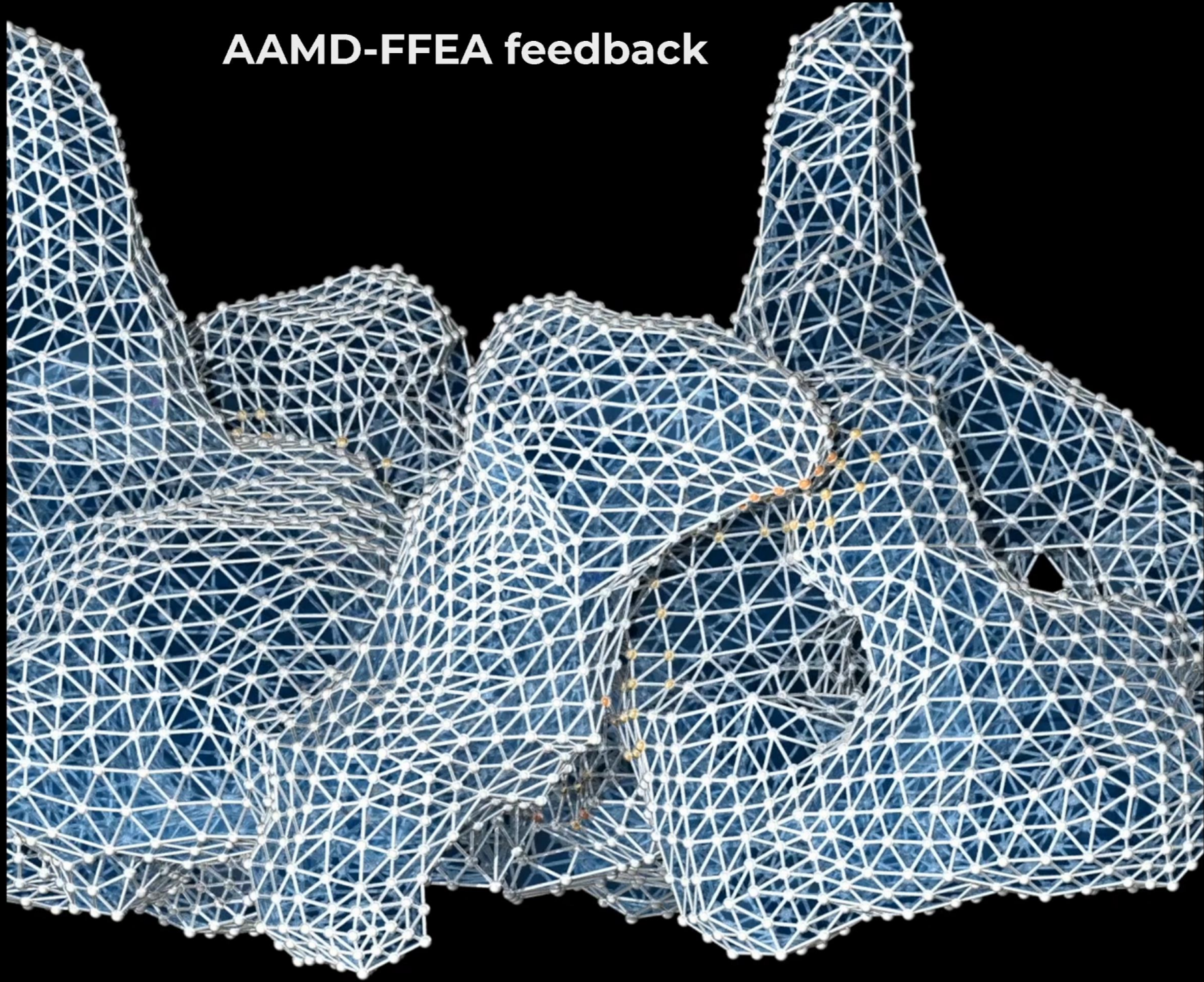
**CRYO-EM**





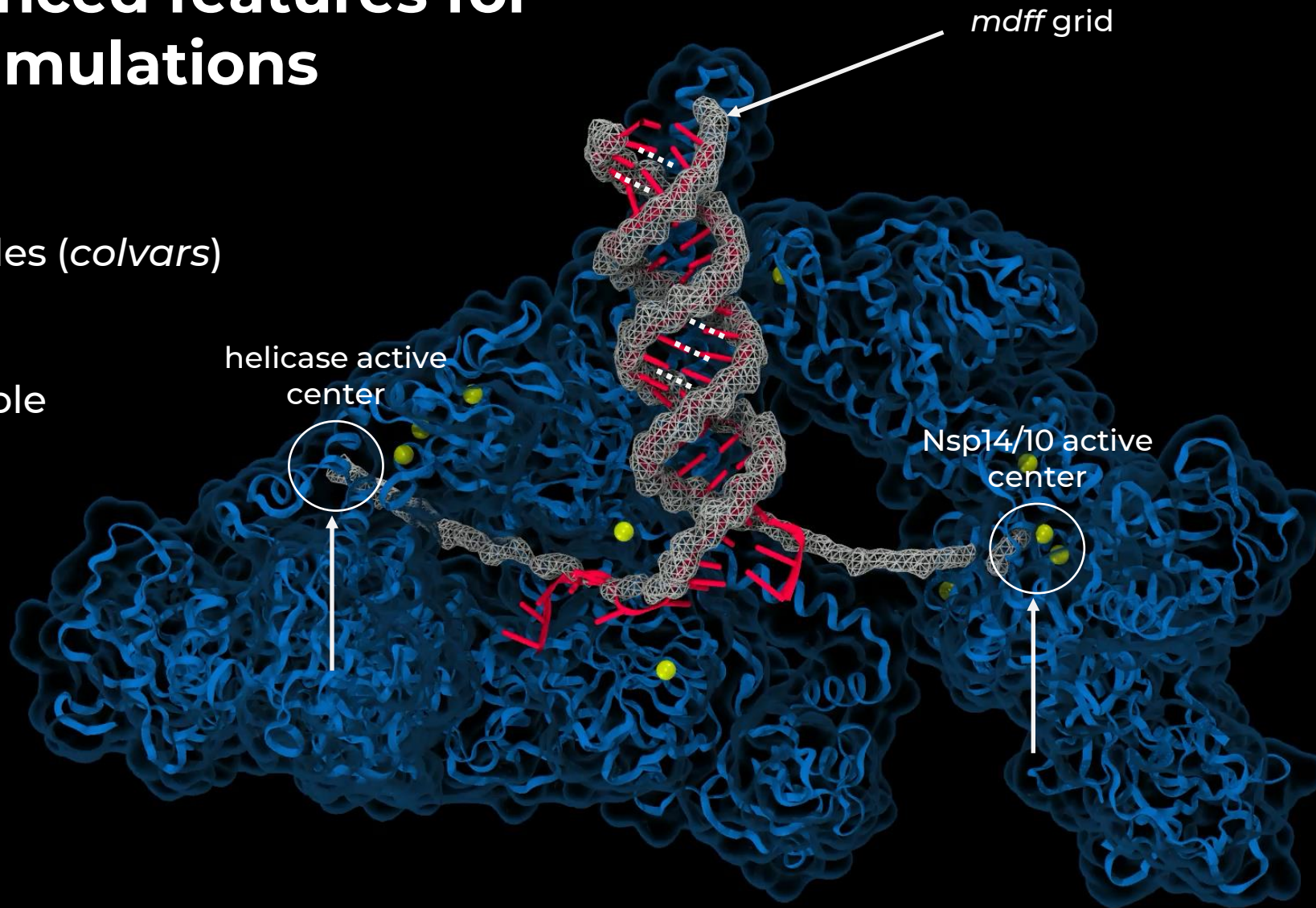
**AAMD equilibration**

# AAMD-FFEA feedback

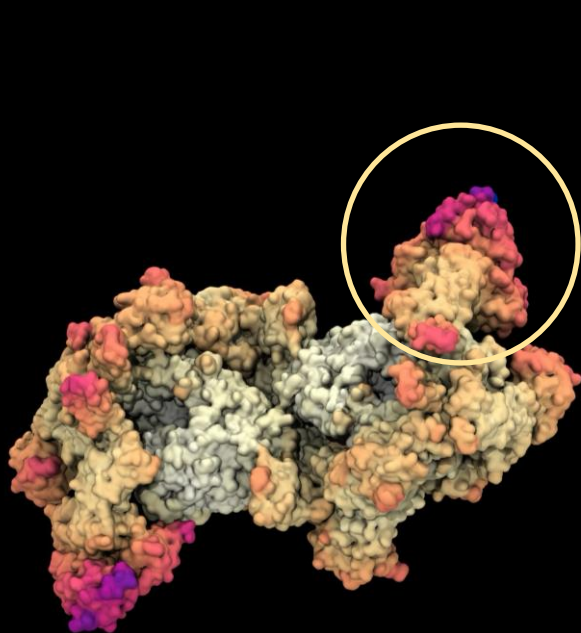


# Using NAMD advanced features for non-equilibrium simulations

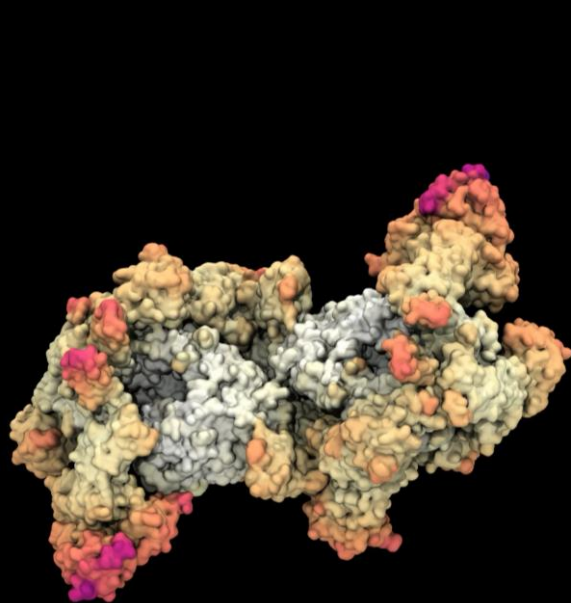
- distance collective variables (*colvars*)
- molecular dynamics flexible fit grid (*mdff*)
- extrabonds



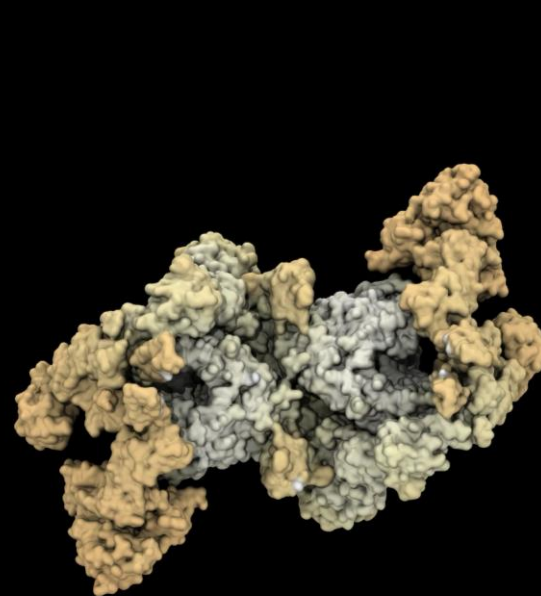
# Complementary biophysical insights from FFEA and AAMD simulations



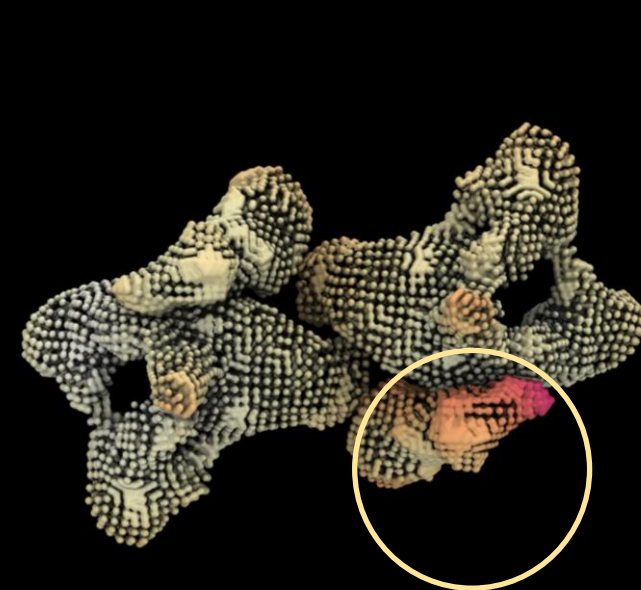
Pre-RNA unwinding



Post-RNA unwinding



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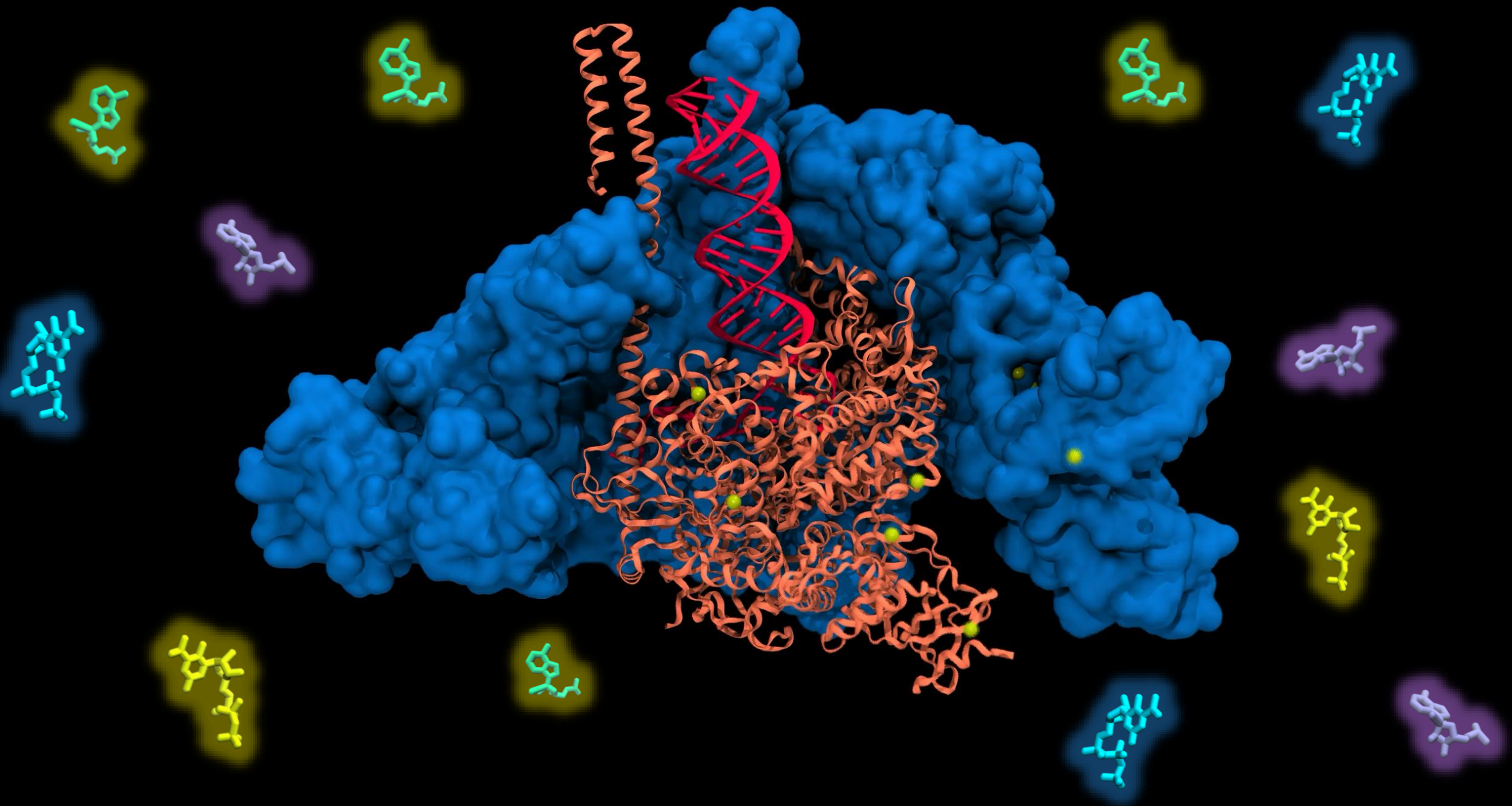


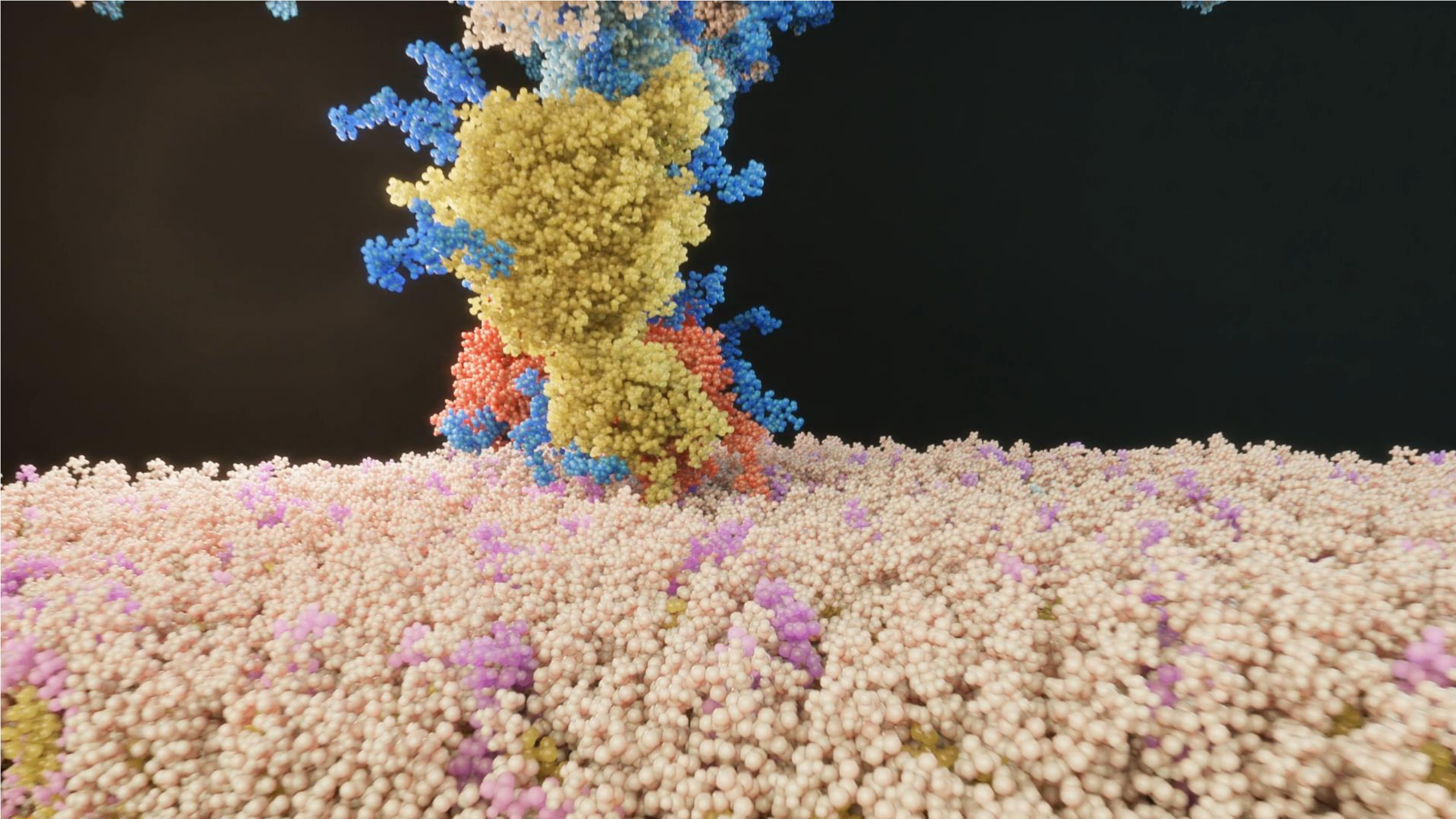
FFEA

## Key Insights:

- ❖ refine FFEA / AAMD simulation parameters (based on experimental data)
- ❖ indicate RTC dynamics (predict subunit re-arrangements)
- ❖ alternative conformations of helicases (AAMD) vs. nsp10-14 (FFEA)











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