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Research Excellence
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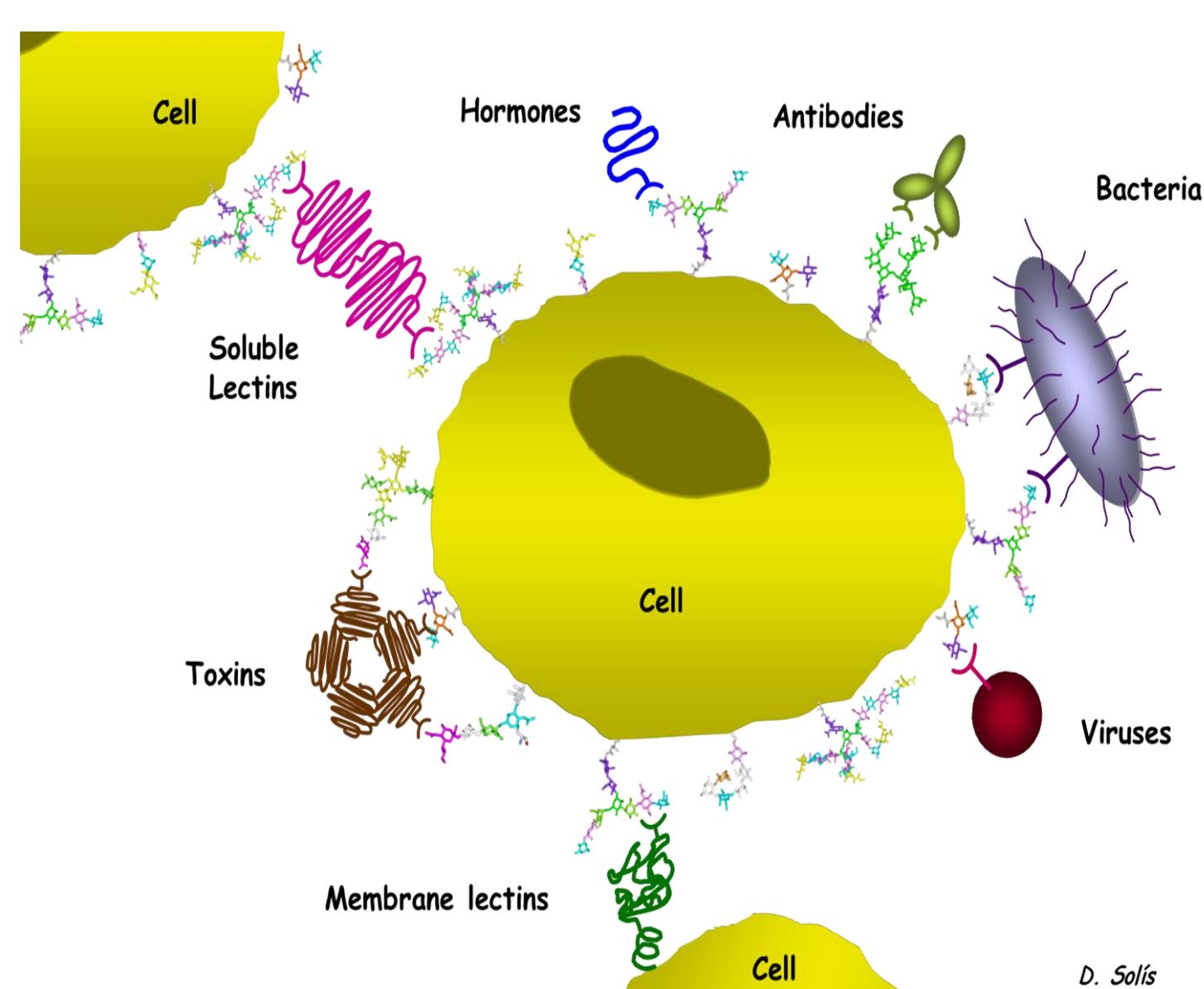
CCBRC

- Glycoscience Center of Research Excellence (CORE) is an NIH COBRE Phase 1 center in the Mid-South region of the USA focused on glycoscience research.
- The CCBRC, a core facility of GlyCORE, specializes in performing computational glycoscience research.
- The CCBRC provides training, access to hardware and software, and collaboration opportunities to support scientific problem-solving in the field of glycoscience.

Why Glycoscience?

Protein-Glycan Interactions

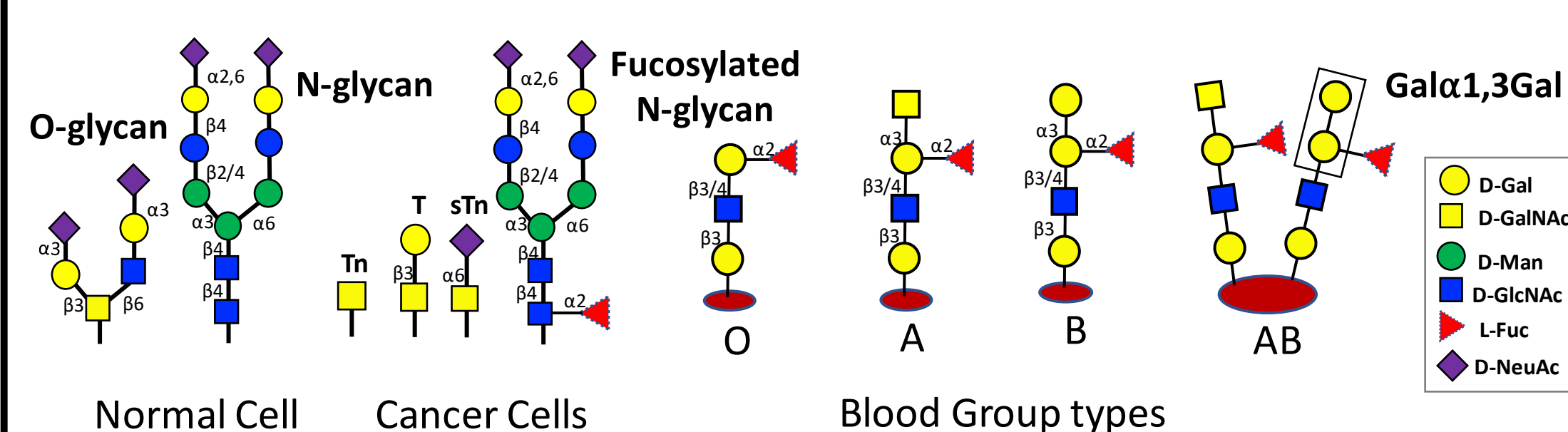
- Glycosylation is a most common posttranslational modifications.
- Protein-glycan interactions are important for many biological processes, including molecular recognition, cell signaling, immune response, and cell-cell adhesion [1-2].



Protein-glycan interactions are key to numerous physiological and pathological processes (Fig^[2])

- Cancer cells often have altered glycosylation patterns [3].
- Non-host glycans can trigger an immune response [4-6].

Glycoantigens and Glycomarkers



It is important to understand protein-glycan interactions and to design molecules that can recognize specific glycan patterns

Services

- Providing all sorts of computational support for GlyCORE RPLs.
- Research on computational glycosciences.
- Performing computations as part of service or collaboration.
- Consultation on glycoscience research.
- Providing access to high performance and GPU computing.
- Providing access to software for molecular modeling.
- Training and workshops on computational glycosciences.

CCBRC Personnel



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(CCBRC Director)



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CORE Facilities

Hardware:

- GAG: 8x A5000 GPUs, 384 GB memory, 42 TB storage
- GPU Cluster: 14x A6000 Ada GPUs, 1 TB memory, 60 TB storage
- High-end workstations: 2x RTX 3080 GPUs, 512 GB memory, 24 TB storage
- Workstations: 24 cores, 32 GB memory, RTX 3080/ TRX4000 GPUs
- Storage server: 80 TB of storage (6x 16 TB; RAID5)



GetForce 3080 (~ \$400)



RTX A5000 (~ \$2000)



NVIDIA A6000 Ada (~ \$12,000)



Computing Facility (March 2024)

Name	#Cores	Memory	GPUs	Storage
Front node	32	512 GB	Intel	48 TB
node1	64	512 GB	8x NVIDIA A6000 ADA	8 TB
node2	64	512 GB	6x NVIDIA A6000 ADA	8 TB
gag	48	384 GB	8x NVIDIA A500	42 TB
Fucose	64	512 GB	2x NVIDIA 3080	24 TB
Mannose	24	384 GB	2x NVIDIA 3080	36 TB
Glycocalyx	12	64 GB	-	80 TB
Total	308	2.8 TB	26 GPUs	246 TB

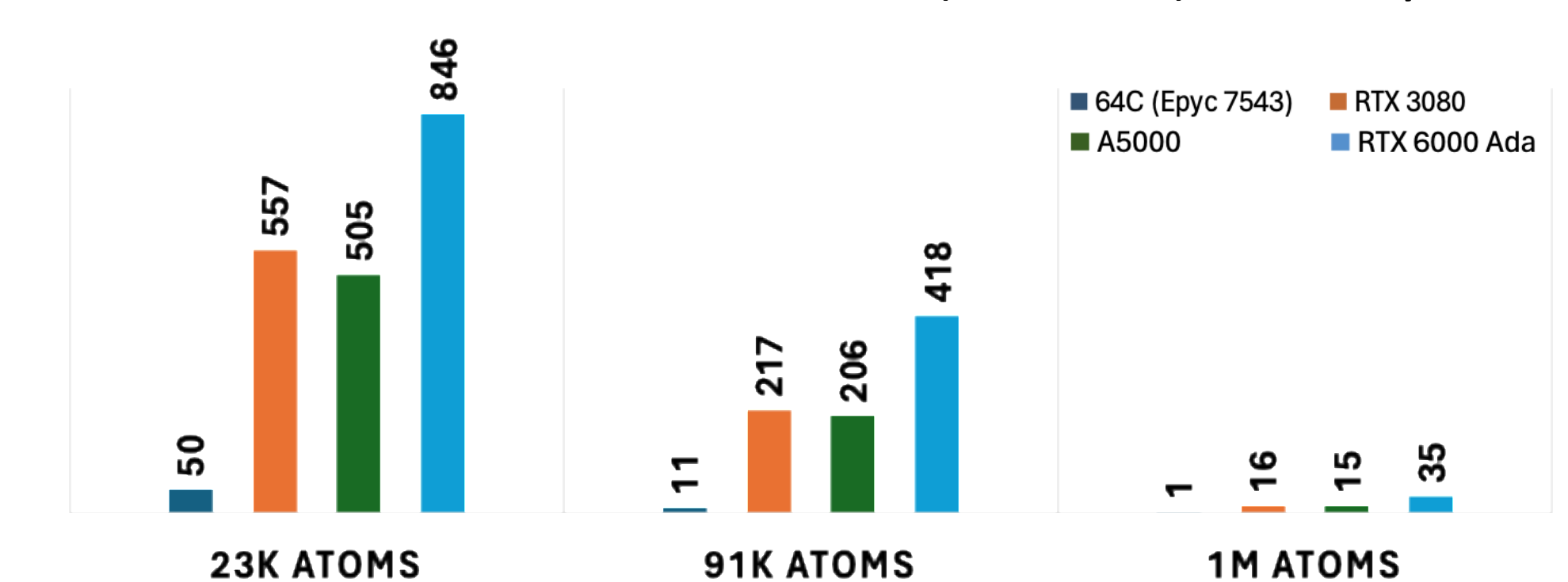
Licensed software:

- Schrödinger Drug Discovery Platform
- BioLuminate
- Desmond
- PyMol v.2

Other software:

- Molecular Dynamics: Amber22, NAMD, GROMACS, Desmond
- Docking: AutoDock Vina, Vina-Carb, GNINA, Glide,
- Structure Prediction: AlphaFold 2, MODELLER, ROSETTA
- Binding Energy Calculation: Sire, FESetup, Plumed
- Molecular Viewers: VMD, PyMol, Maestro, Chimera
- Sequencing: Guppy, Flye, PycoQC, Flitlong, racon, raven, porechop
- LC/MS Analysis: GlycoWorkbench, Glyconote

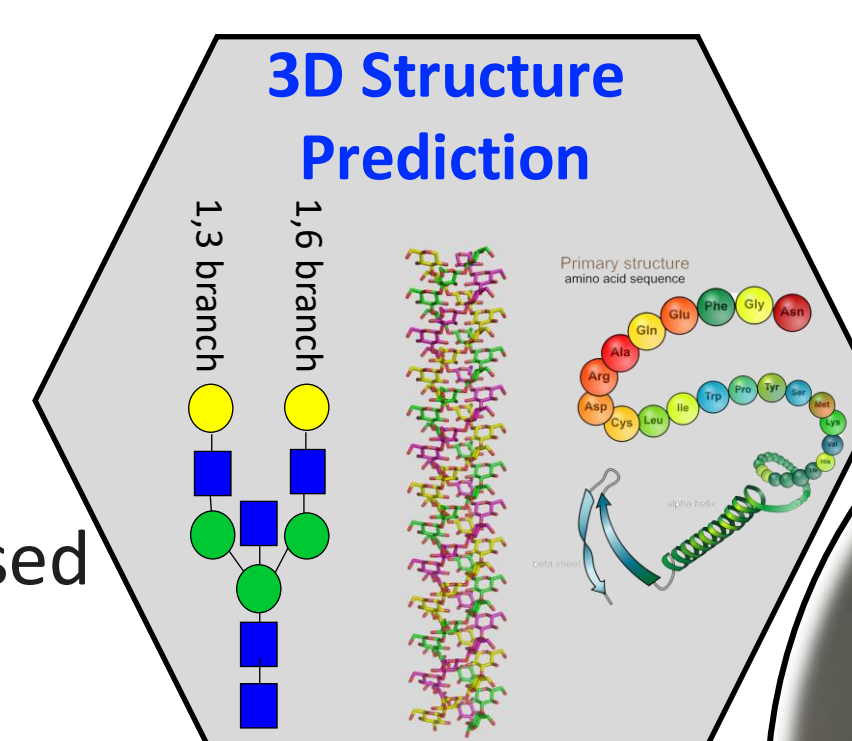
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CORE Competencies

Structure Prediction

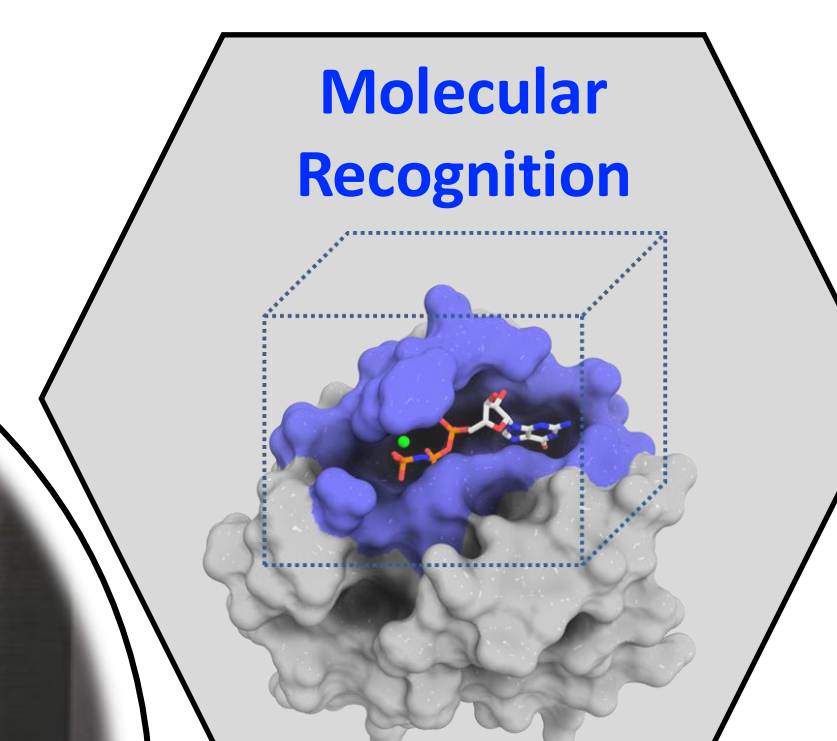
- Glycam-web
- Homology modeling
- ab Initio: Rosetta
- Machine learning based



GPU Cluster



Molecular Recognition

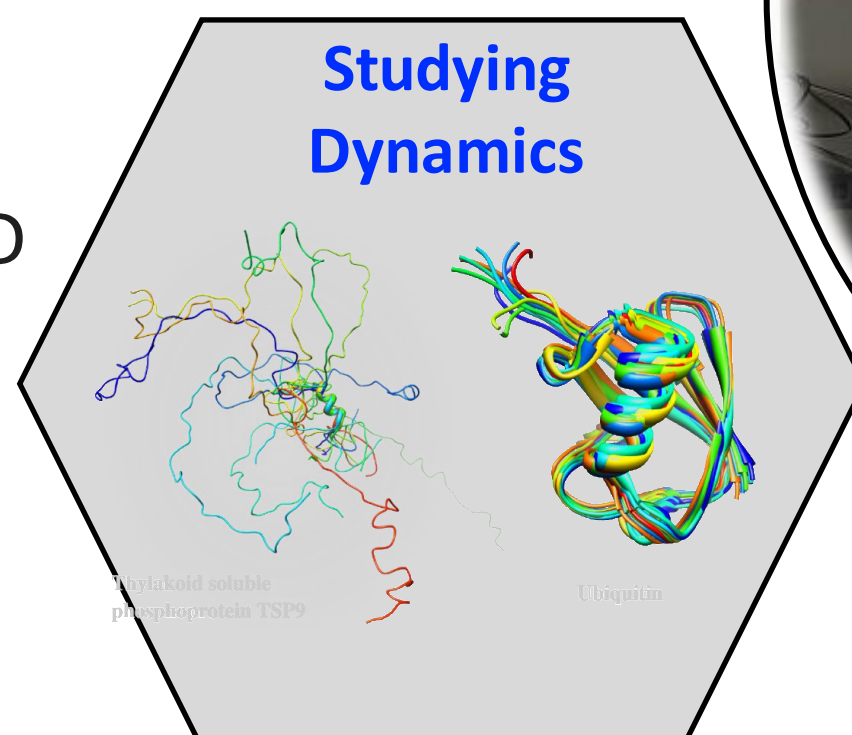


Docking

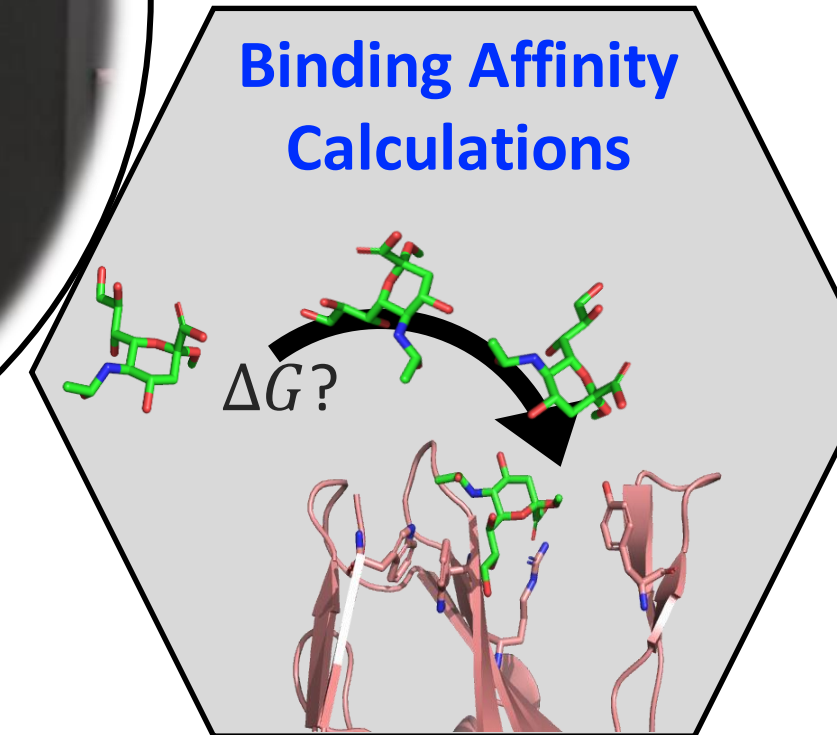
- Empirical
- Machine-learning based
- Deep-learning based
- Protein-glycosaminoglycans

Molecular dynamics (MD)

- Replica Exchange MD
- Umbrella sampling
- Steered MD
- Metadynamics



Binding Affinity Calculations



Binding-energy calculations

- Scoring functions
- End-point approaches
- Alchemical approaches
- Potential of Mean Force



Some Recent Publications:

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