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**What the eye doesn't  
see in molecular  
interactions:  
a *virtual microscope* to  
understand  
cyclodextrins**

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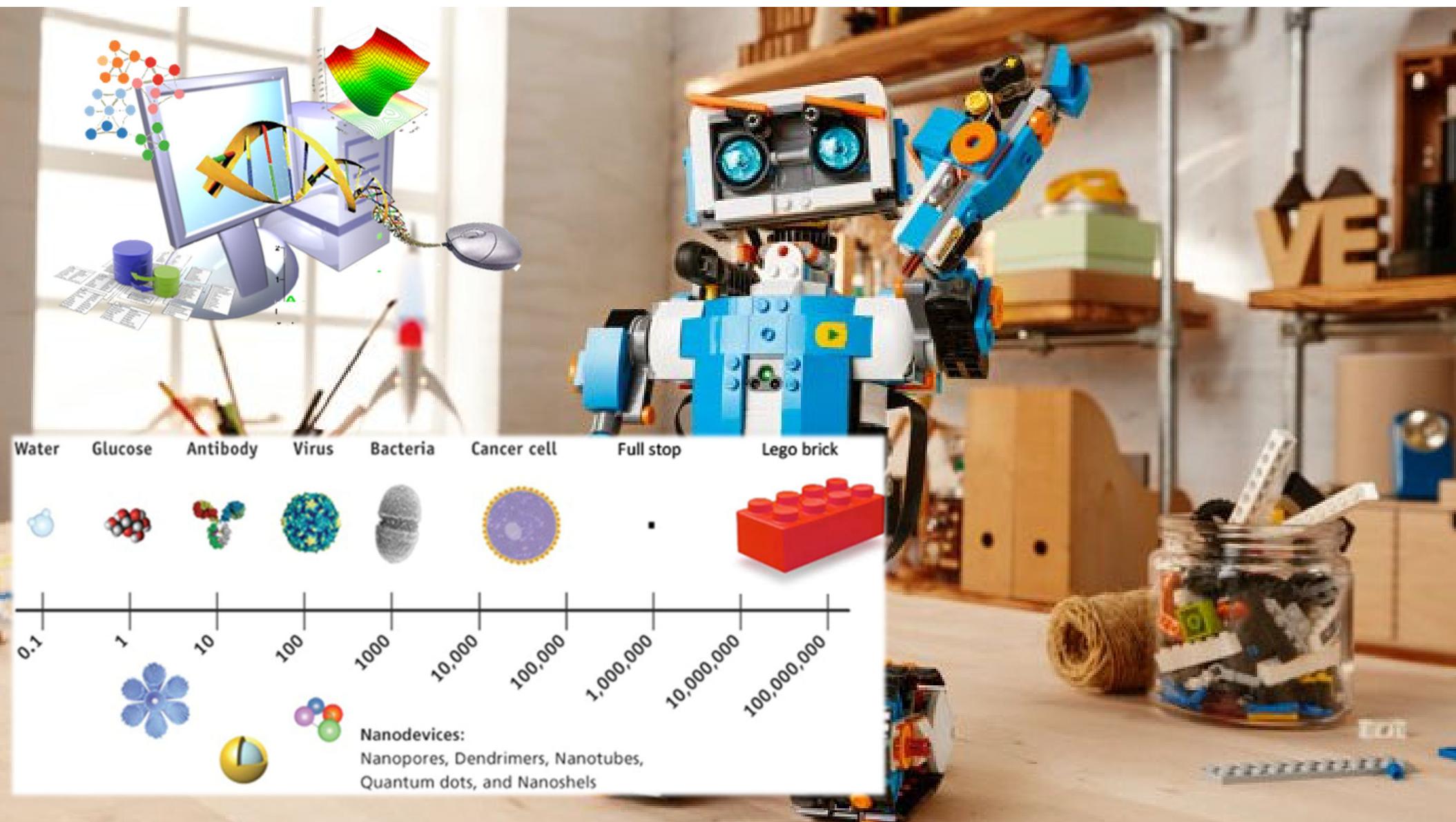
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**Characterization of molecular interactions: Molecular Dynamics & ITC experiments  
3D, VR, AR & 3D-printing for Research and Dissemination**

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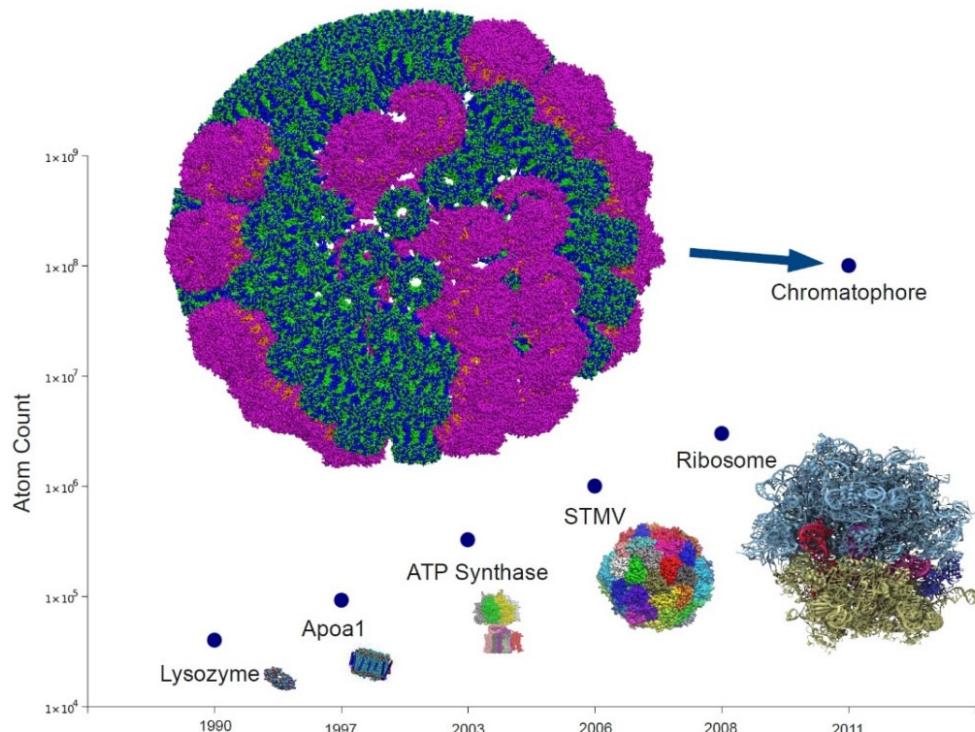
- Molecular Dynamics simulations studies, executed at supercomputer centers
- Isothermal Titration Calorimetry (ITC): experiments and analyses
- Software development for immersive visualization of molecules in Augmented and Virtual reality



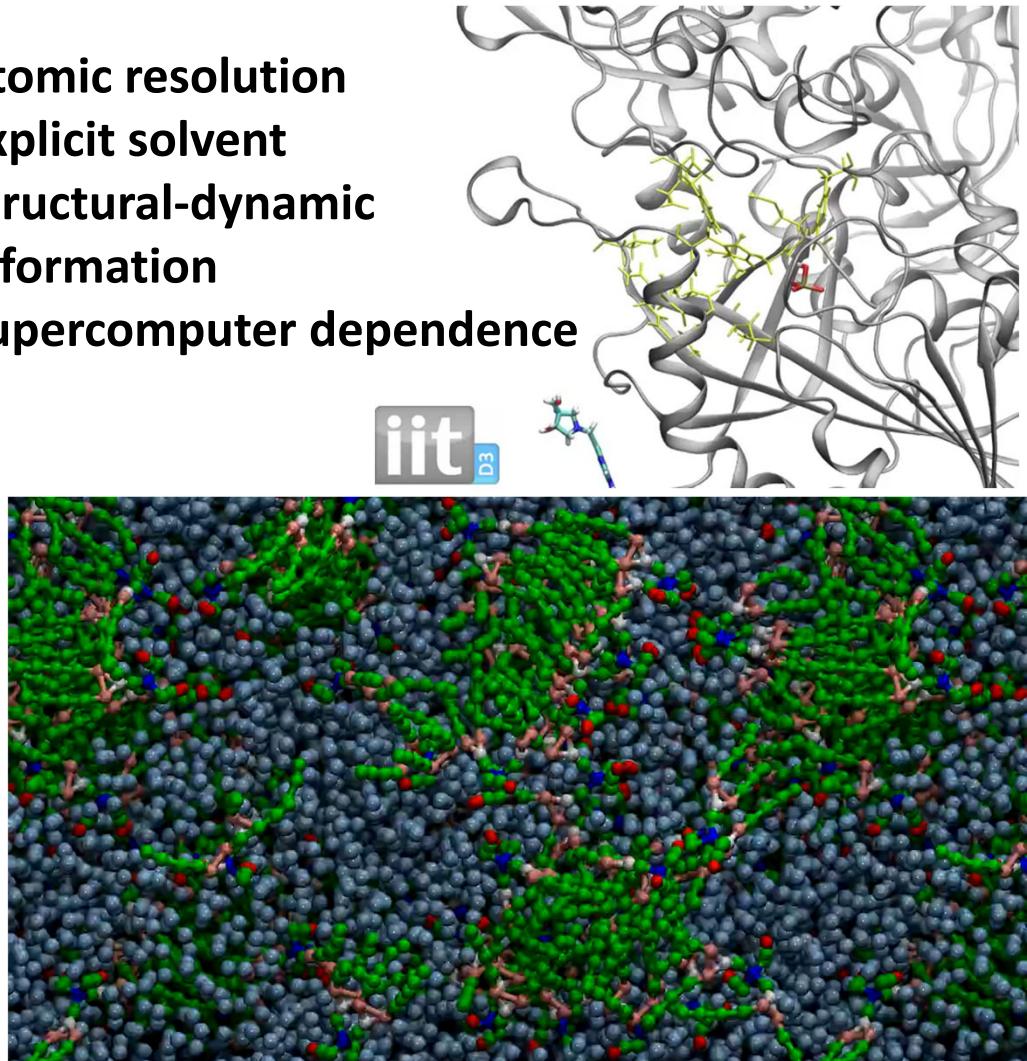




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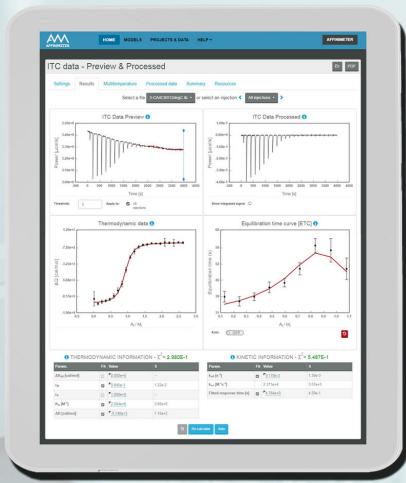


- Atomic resolution
- Explicit solvent
- Structural-dynamic information
- Supercomputer dependence





## WHAT THE EYES DOESN'T SEE...ITC CAN MEASURE!



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- Get the full kinetic and thermodynamic profiles of interactions.
- Generate tailored binding models.
- Perform global analysis of multiple ITC isotherms.

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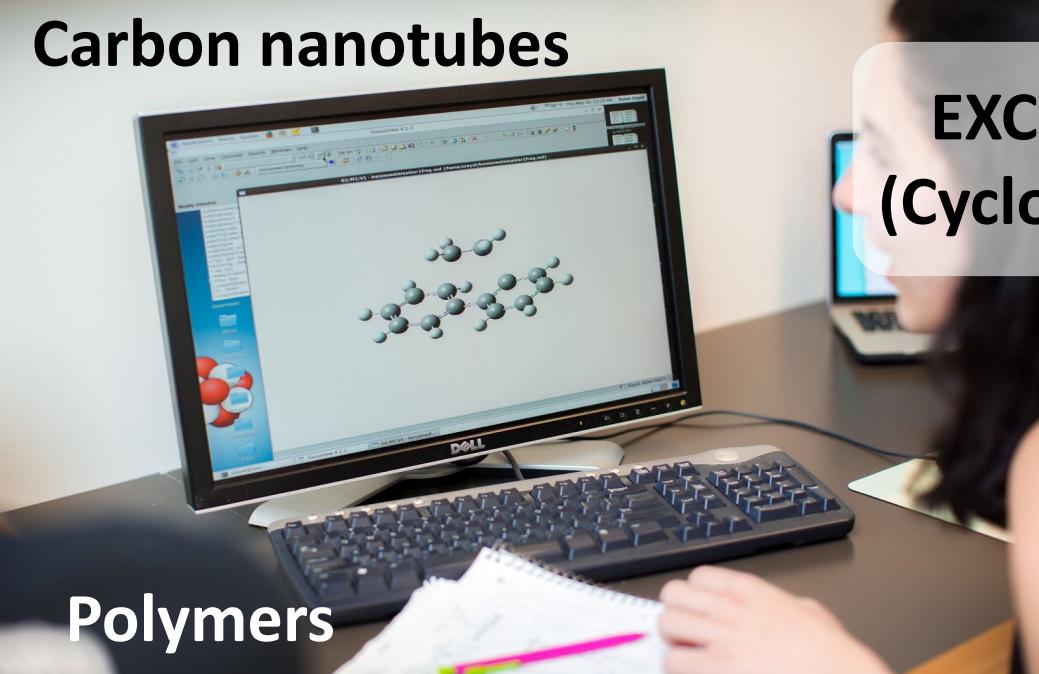
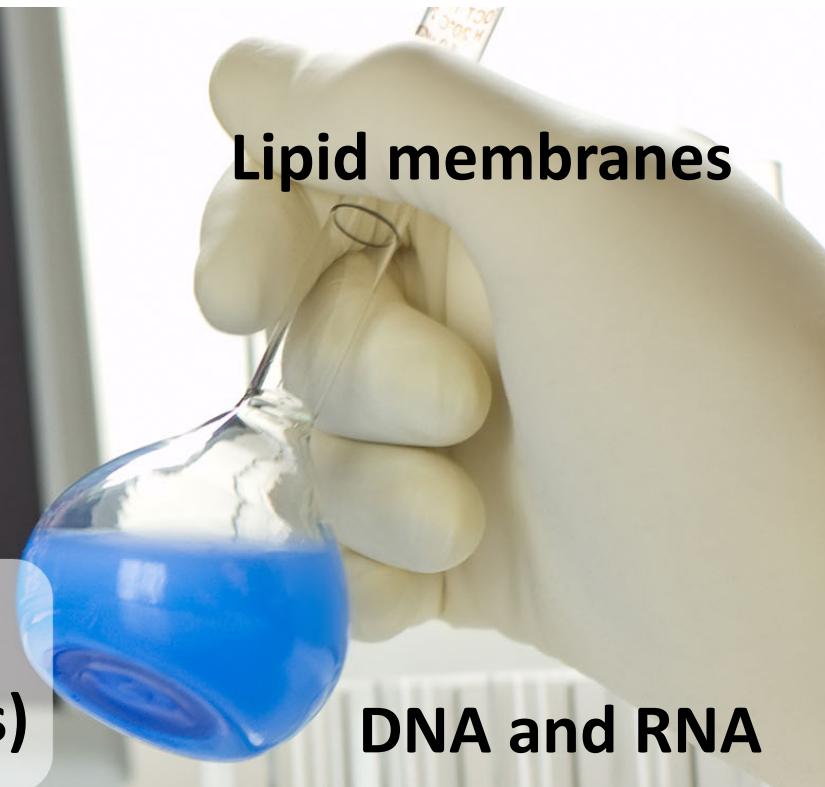
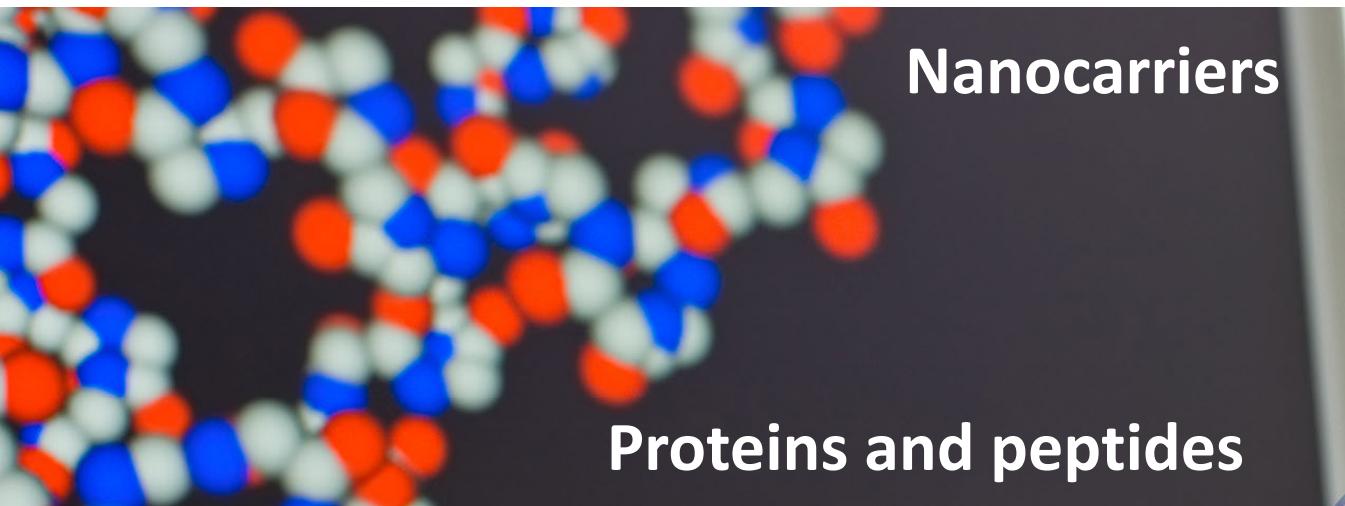
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- Use advanced binding models for the analysis of complex interactions.

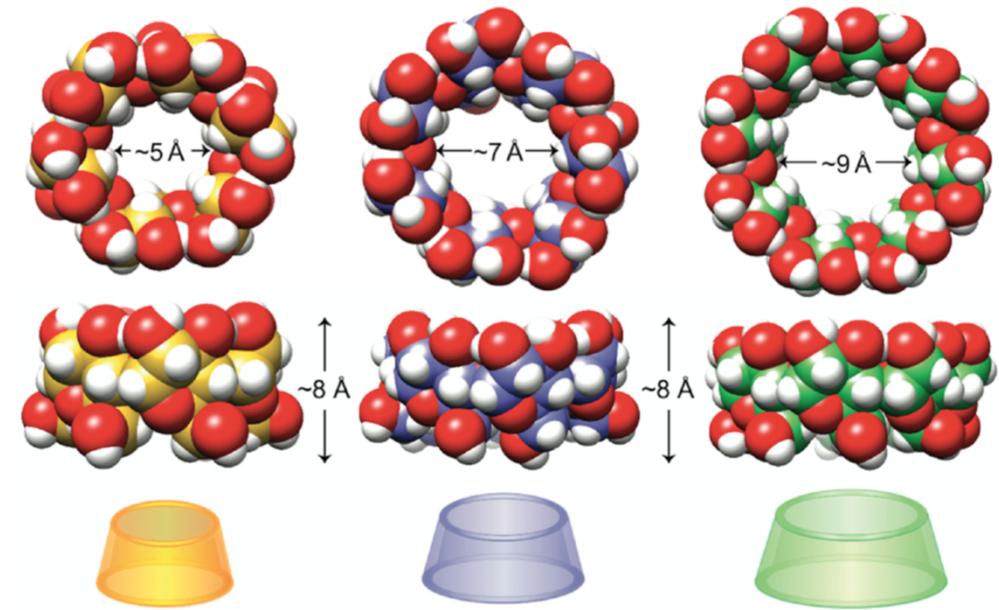
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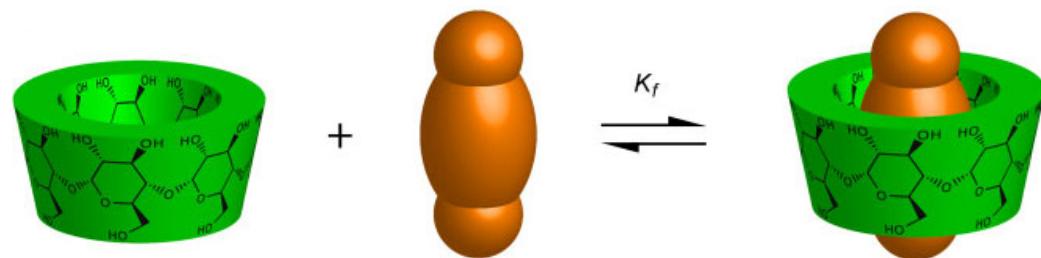




## WHAT ARE CYCLODEXTRINS?

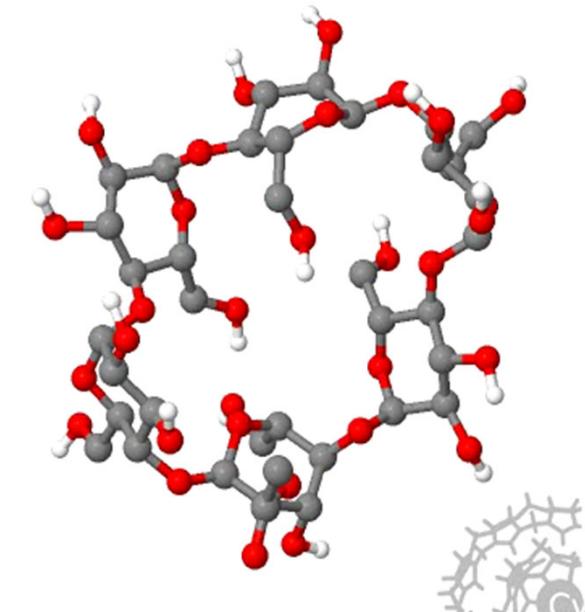
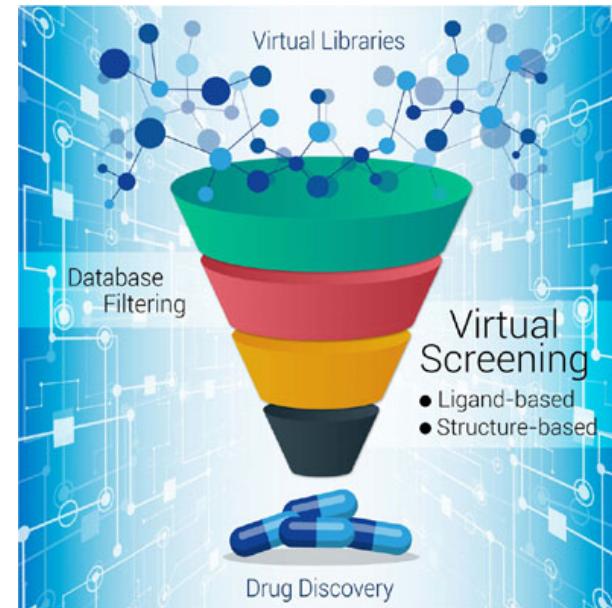
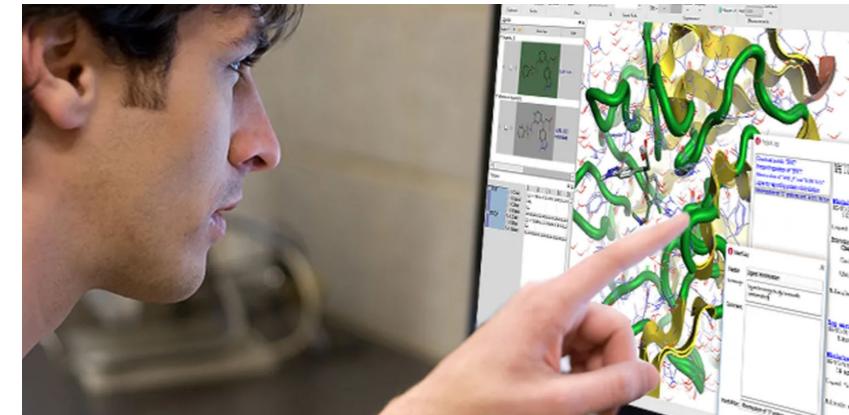


Cyclodextrins (CDs) are **excipients** which can influence the properties (such as toxicity, stability, solubility or skin penetration) of the active substance and other medicines.





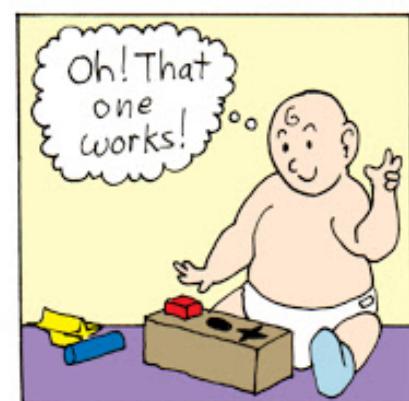
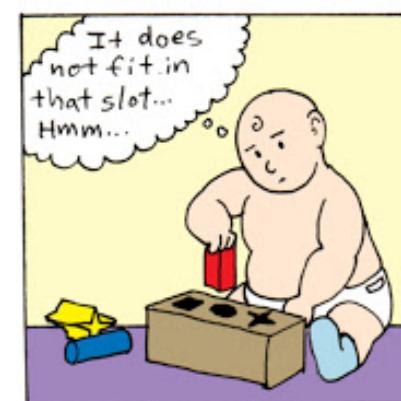
## THE “CYCLODEXTRIN PARADOX”



Almost any drug in the market has gone, at least in any step of its development, through a computational modelling process, saving to this sector a lot of money and time in their R&D process.

Typical for protein + drug... but what happens to cyclodextrins?

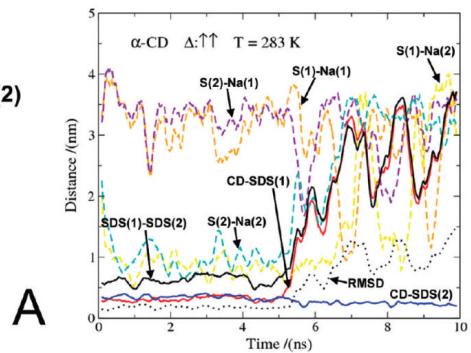
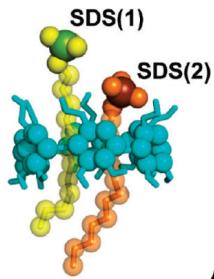
Computational tools are scarcely used in cyclodextrin industry...! ...despite the elements implied in the process (receptor + ligand = CD + guest), are analogous to those typically implicated in the pharmaceutical industry.



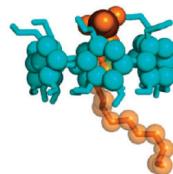


## MOLECULAR DYNAMICS SIMULATIONS WITH CYCLODEXTRINS

Starting Conformation



Final Conformation



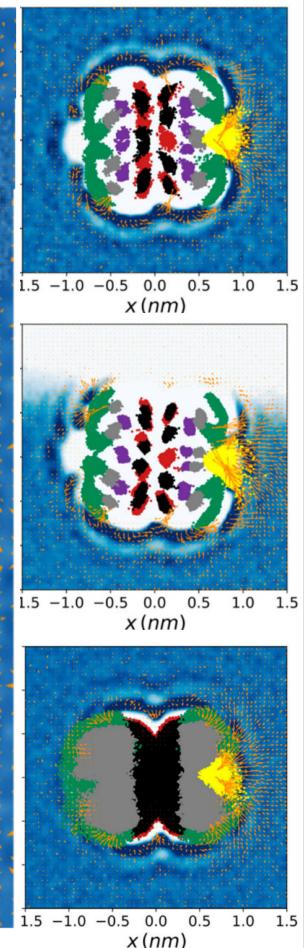
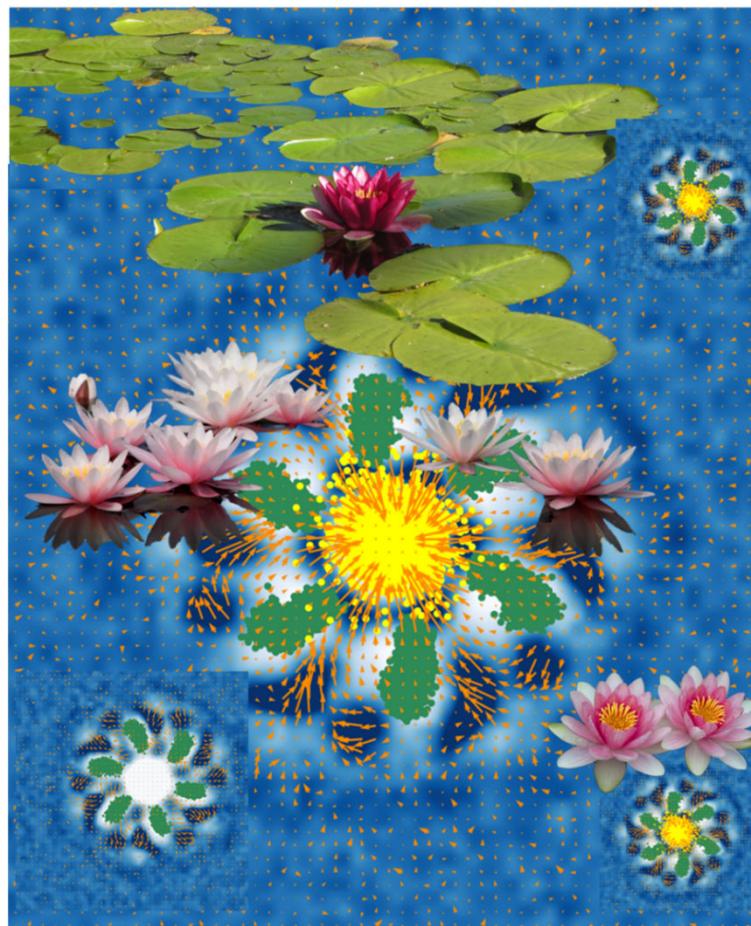
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### Cyclo-lib: A database of computational molecular dynamics simulations of cyclodextrins



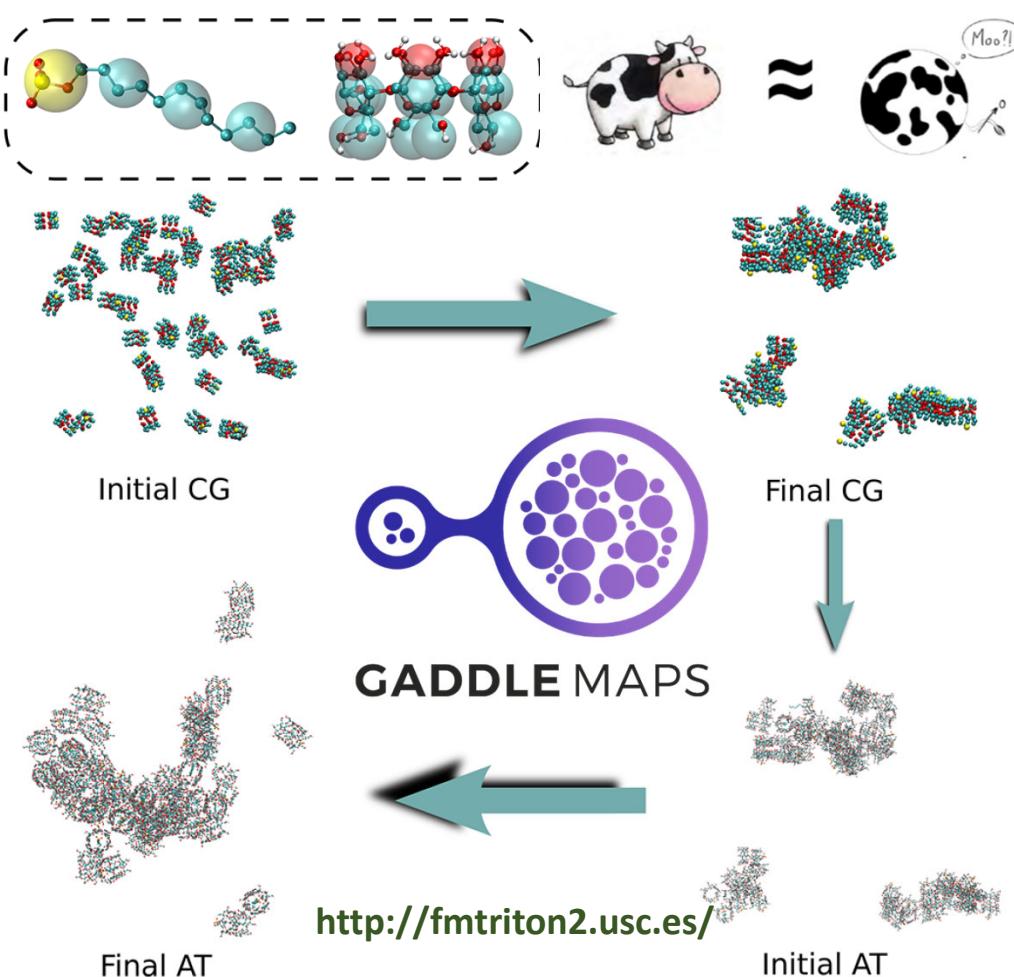
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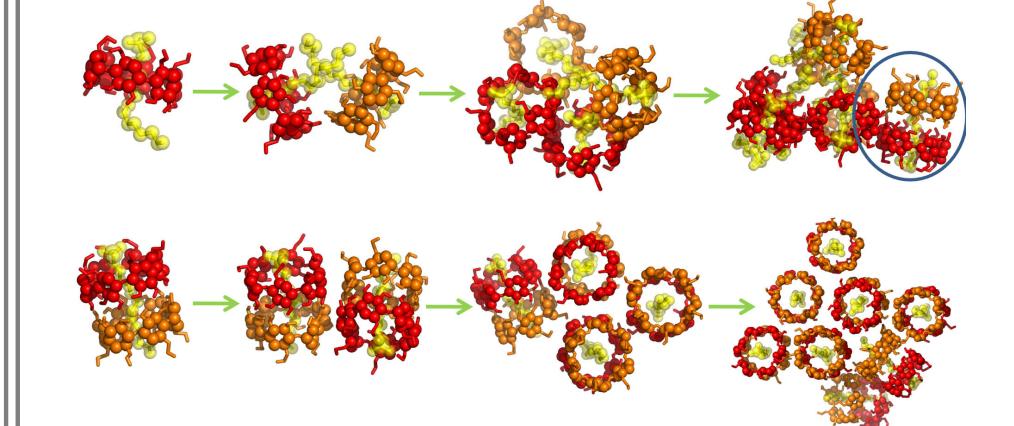


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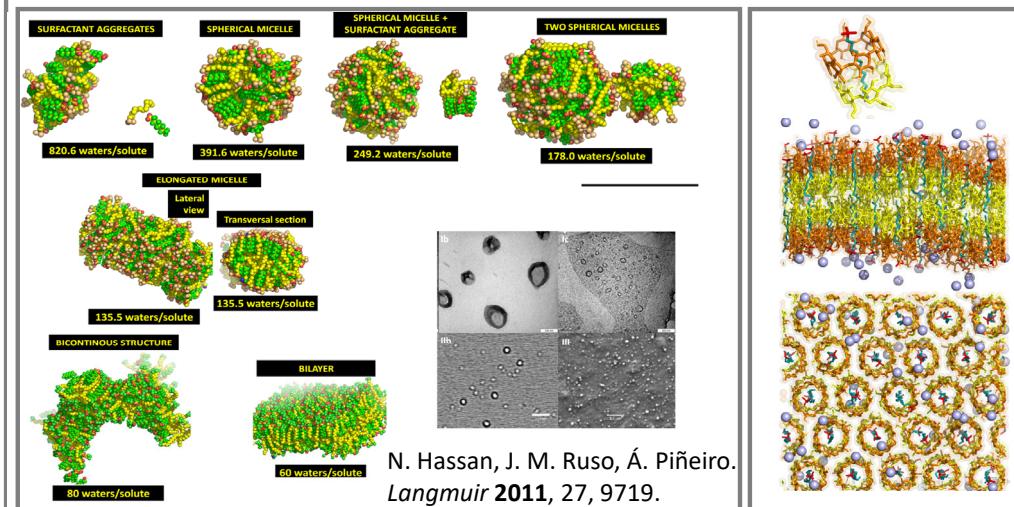
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## I. The encapsulating Army *Excipients for antiviral drugs*

## II. Collaborative weapons *Stabilizers or co-drugs*

## III. Using the ring as a direct weapon *Modified CDs as antiviral drugs*

## IV. Sentinels to prevent invasions *CDs in antiviral vaccines*

## V. Trying to break the enemy's borders *Cholesterol trappers to damage the viral capsid membrane*

## VI. Intercepting messages of the enemy *CD in RNA therapies*

## VII. Blood on the battlefield *CDs as anticoagulant agents*



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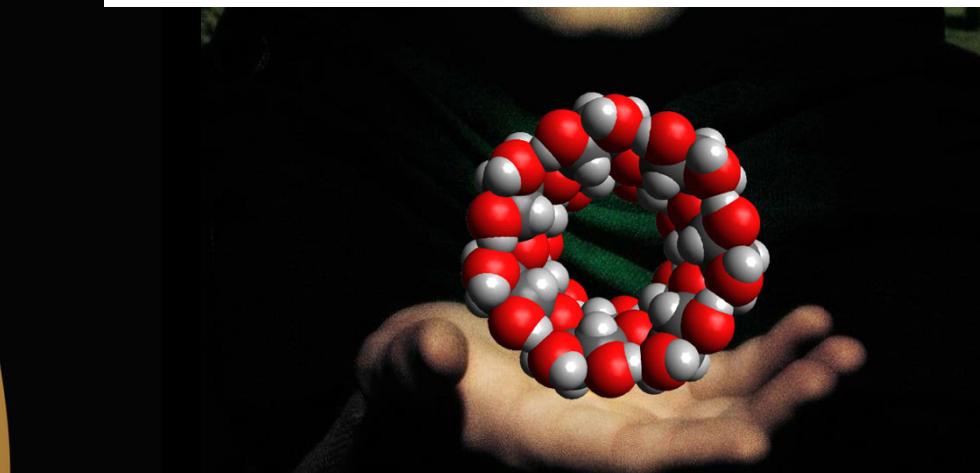
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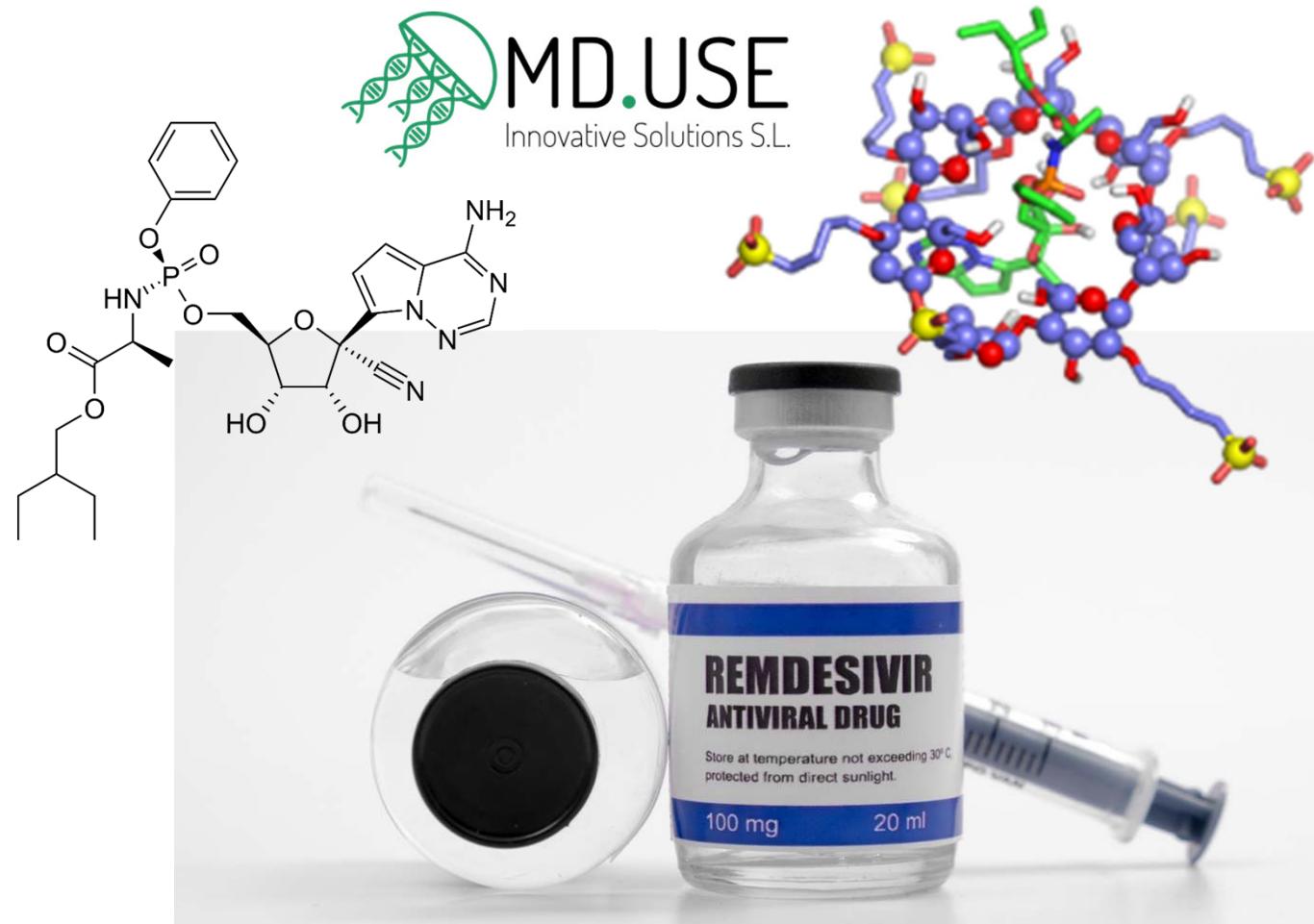
Dedicated to Prof. Thorsteinn Loftsson, one of the greatest Nanoring Lords, in his 70th birthday.

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## CICLODEXTRINAS EN LA FORMULACIÓN DEL REMDESIVIR



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Captisol Electropherogram

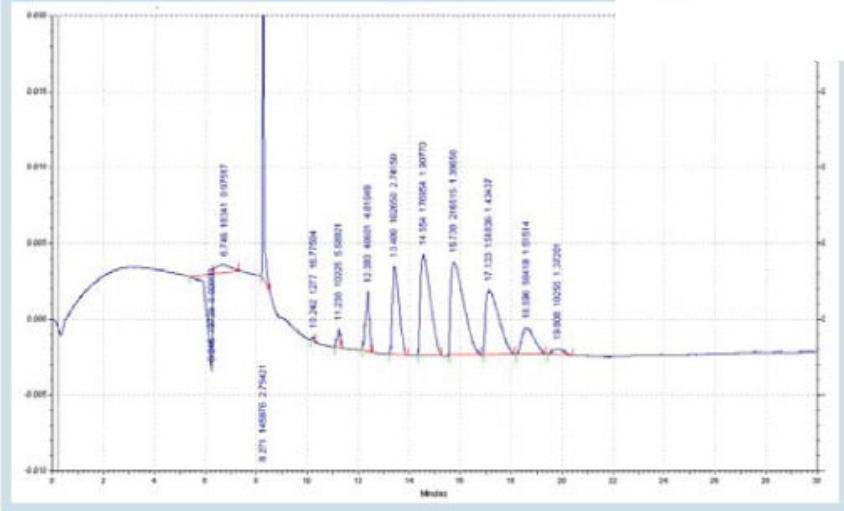
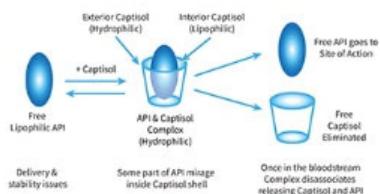


Figure 2 How Captisol Works



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(amiodarone HCl)

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ONCE-DAILY Cerenia™  
metoclopramide citrate

Pfizer

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posaconazole  
Injection 15mg/ml

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remdesivir  
100 MG FOR INJECTION

Gilead

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(voriconazole)

Pfizer

Kyprolis.  
(carfilzomib) by Millennium

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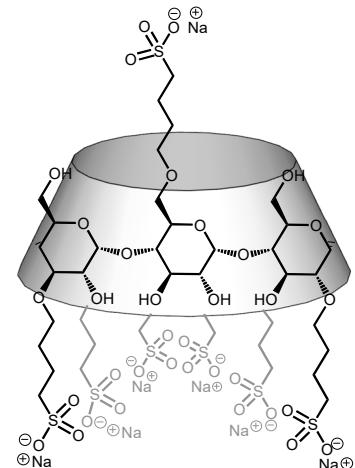
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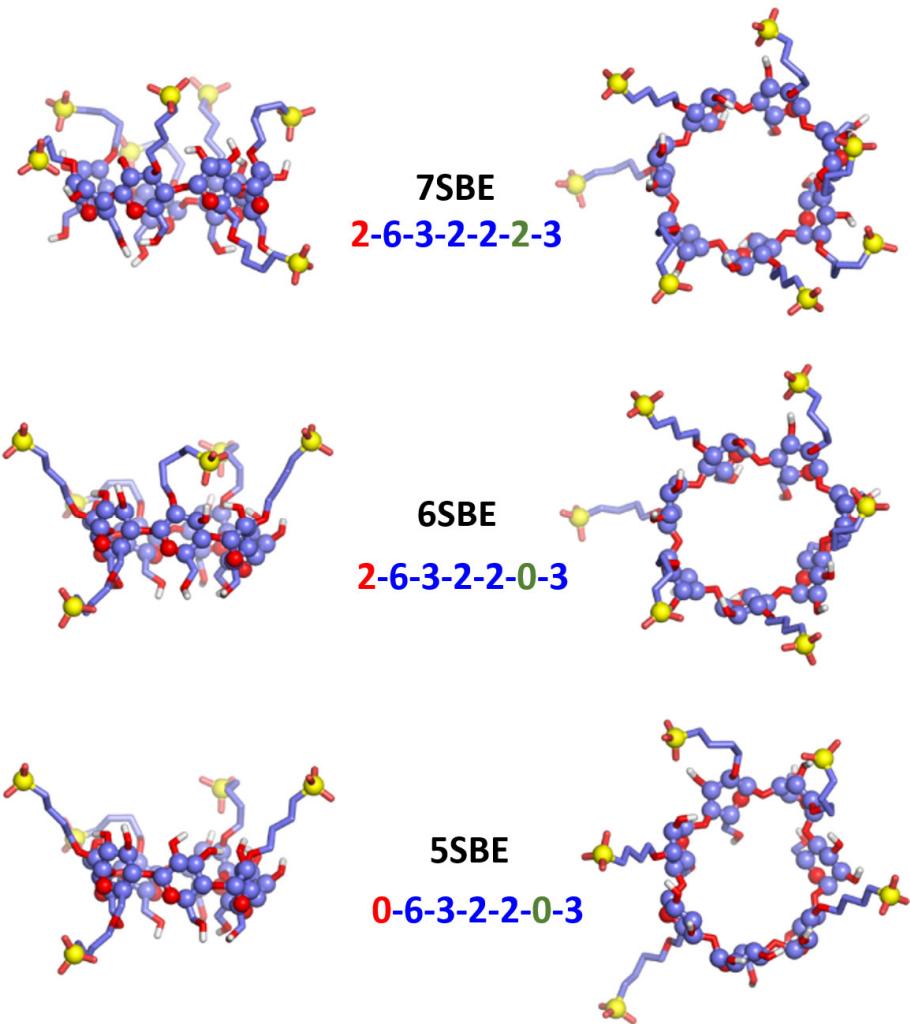
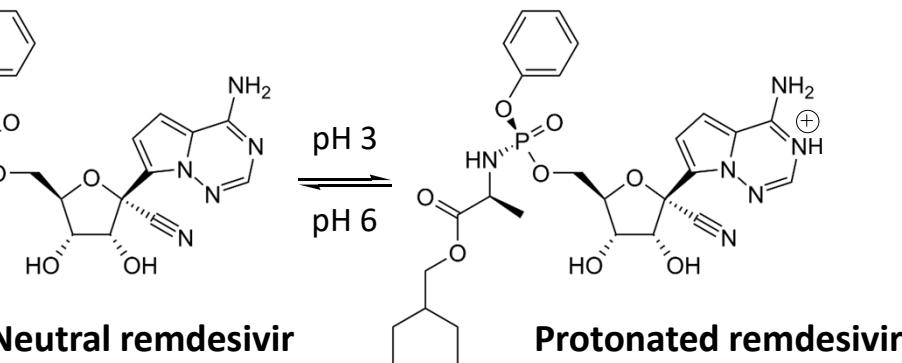
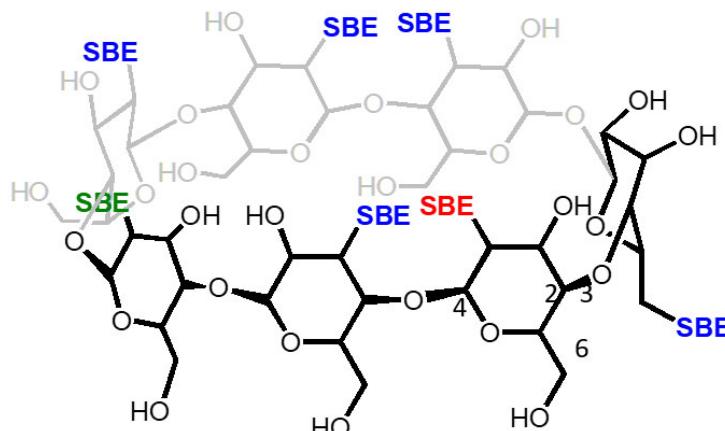




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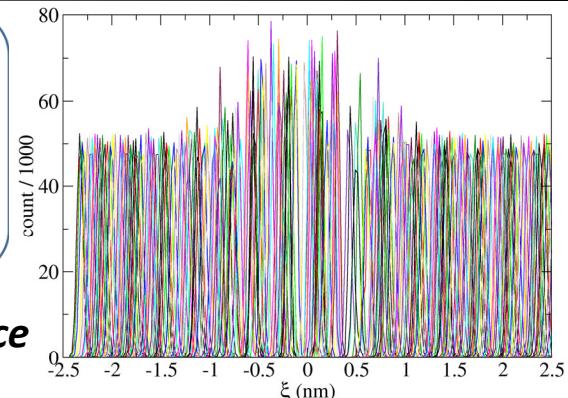
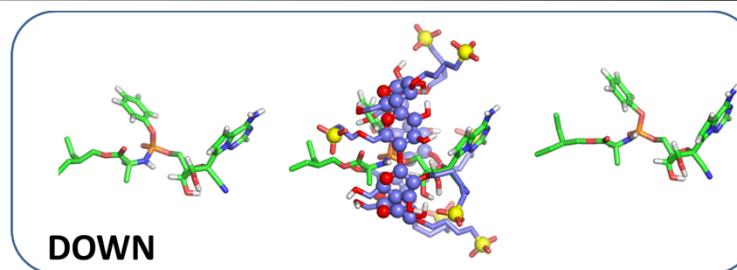
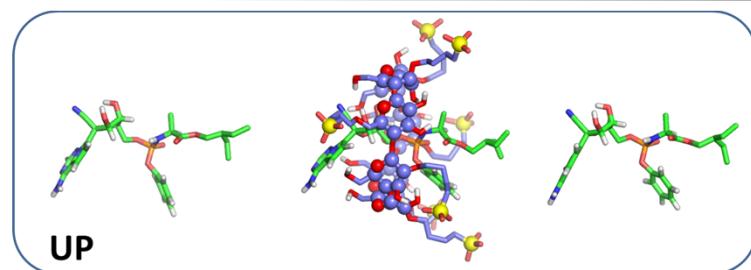
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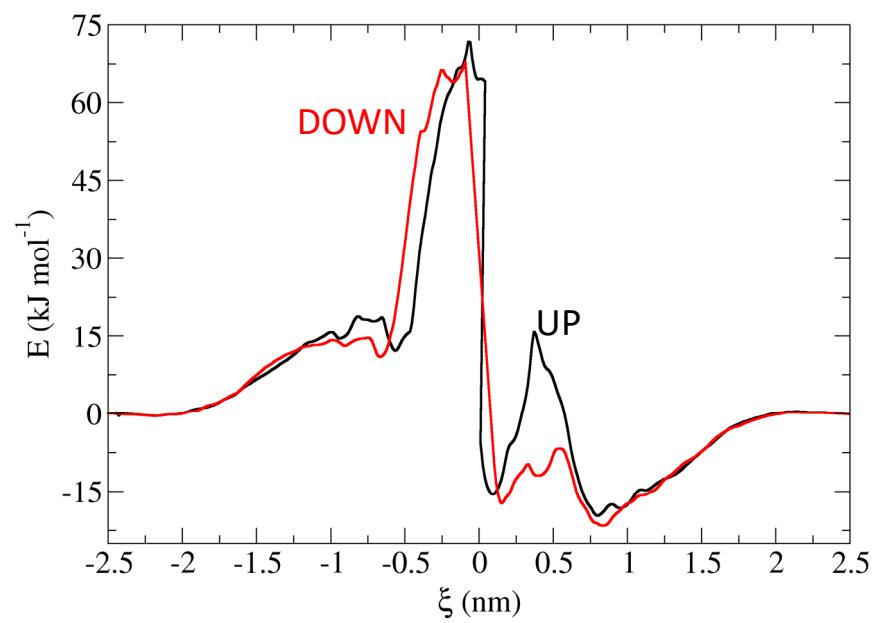
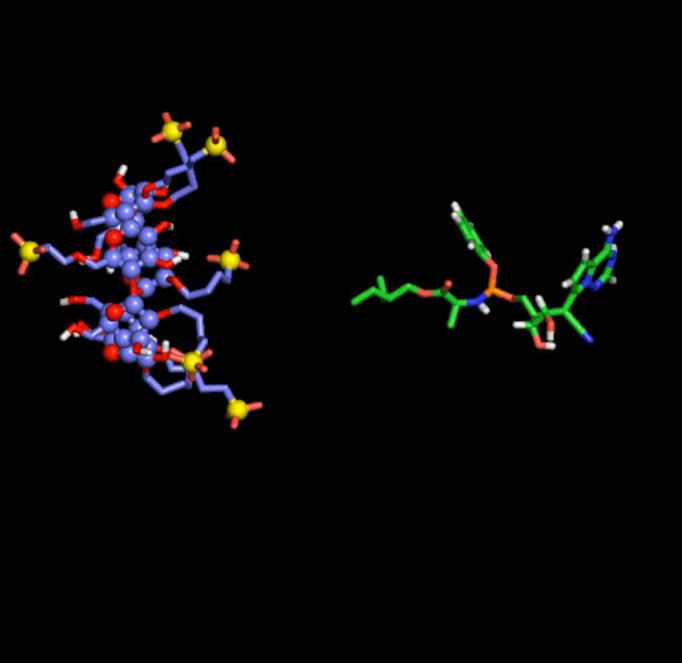


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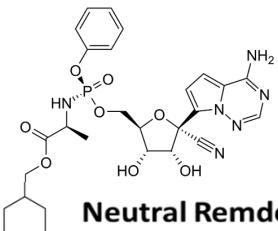
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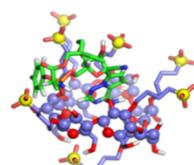
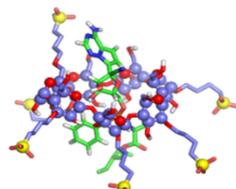
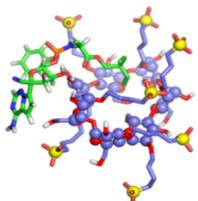


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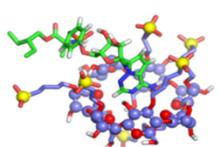
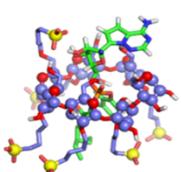
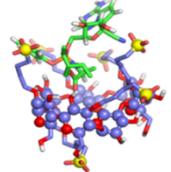
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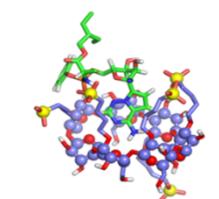
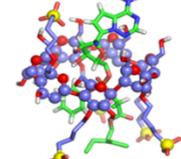
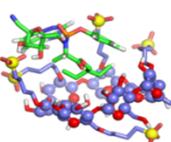
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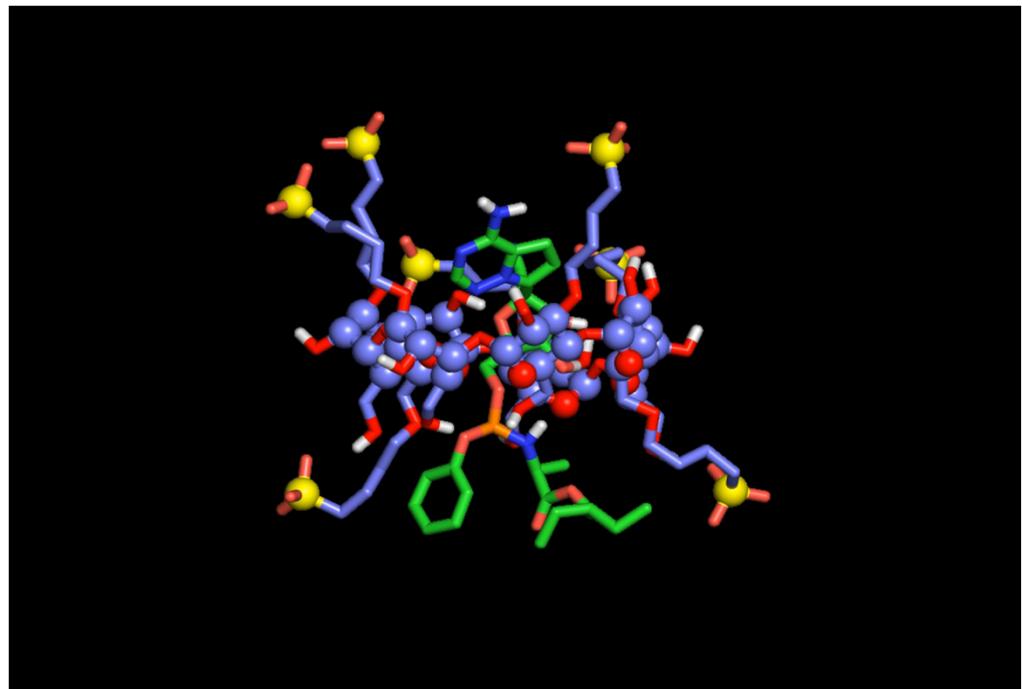


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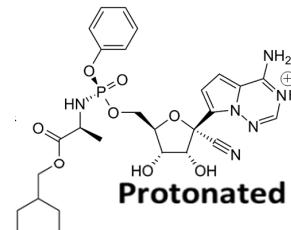
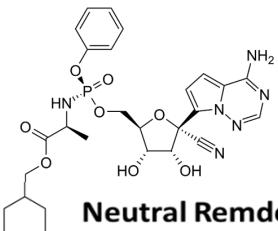
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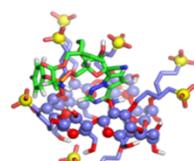
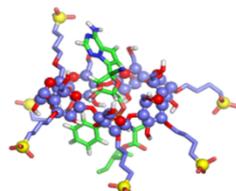
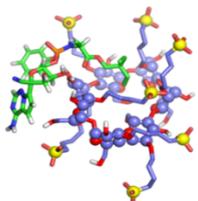


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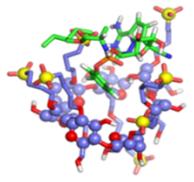
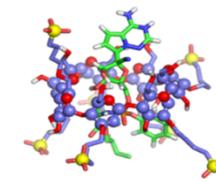
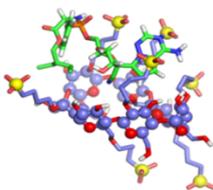
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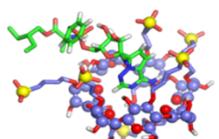
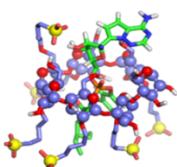
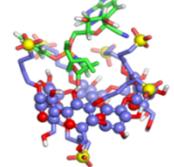
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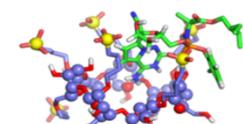
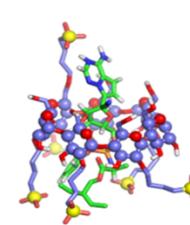
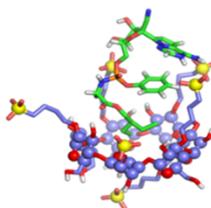
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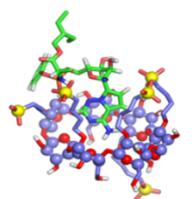
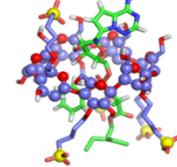
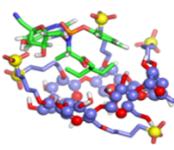
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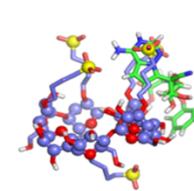
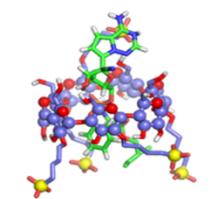
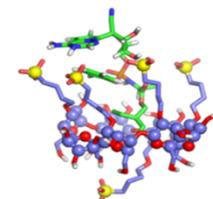
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*Molecular Dynamics simulations*

Equilibrium constant:  $A + B \rightleftharpoons C$ :

$$K_{eq} = \frac{q_C/V}{q_A/V q_B/V}$$

(V is the volume of the system)

No internal degrees of freedom for A and B

$$H_A = \sum_{l=1}^3 \frac{p_l^2}{2m_A}; \quad H_B = \sum_{l=1}^3 \frac{p_l^2}{2m_B}$$

$$q_A = V(2\pi m_A k_b T / h^2)^{3/2}$$

$$q_B = V(2\pi m_B k_b T / h^2)^{3/2}$$

Si  $U=U(r) \Rightarrow$  spherical symmetry  
Reference state  $\Rightarrow 1 M$  concentration  
(since U only depends on r, the two angles in the volume element are integrated)

$$K_{eq} = 4\pi N_a \int_0^\infty r^2 e^{-U(r)/k_b T} dr$$

$U(\xi) \rightarrow$  potential describing the interaction between A and B

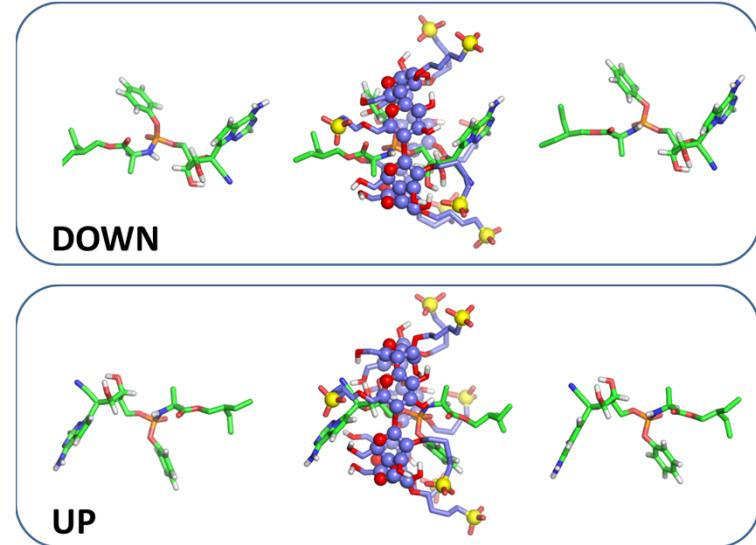
$$H_{AB} = \sum_{l=1}^3 \frac{(p_i^{com})^2}{2(m_A + m_B)} + \sum_{l=1}^3 \frac{(p_i^R)^2}{2\mu} + U(\xi) \quad \mu = \frac{m_A \cdot m_B}{(m_A + m_B)}$$

$$q_{AB} = V [2\pi(m_A + m_B)k_b T / h^2]^{3/2} \cdot (2\pi\mu k_b T / h^2)^{3/2} \cdot \int e^{-U(\xi)/k_b T} d\xi$$

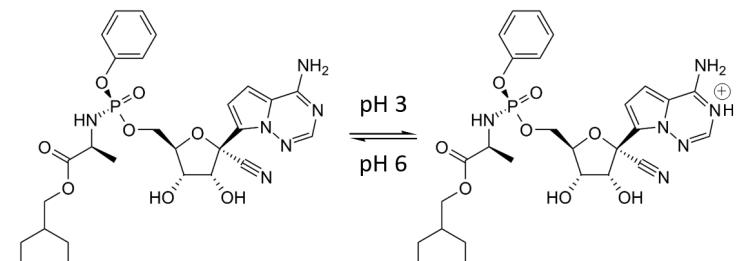
Substituting the partition functions in the expression for  $K_{eq}$ :

$$K_{eq} = \int e^{-U(r)/k_b T} dx dy dz$$

### Mathematical development to obtain affinity constants from PMFs



Cyclodextrin	Neutral		Protonated	
	UP	DOWN	UP	DOWN
SBE7	30	40	$2.0 \cdot 10^4$	$8.2 \cdot 10^3$
SBE6	24	13	$2.3 \cdot 10^4$	$4.0 \cdot 10^3$
SBE5	13	11	$2.3 \cdot 10^3$	$2.1 \cdot 10^3$

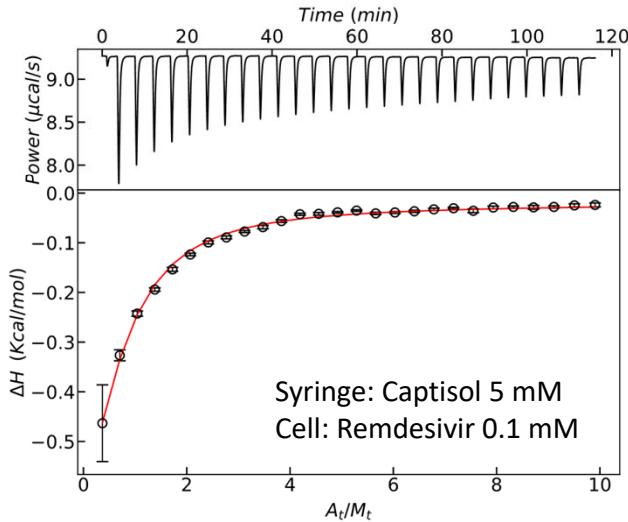
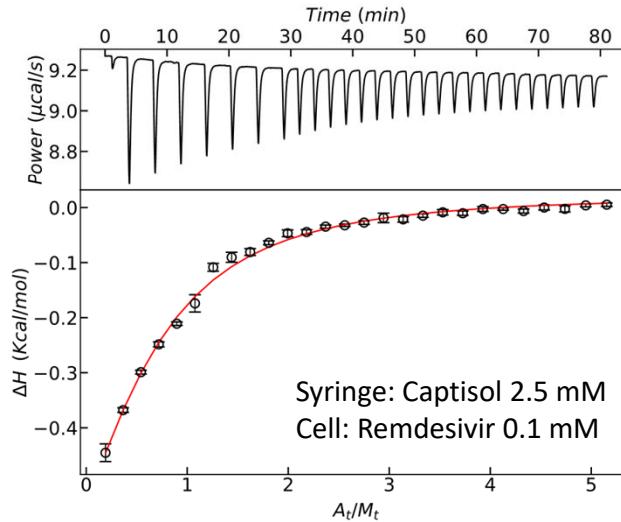
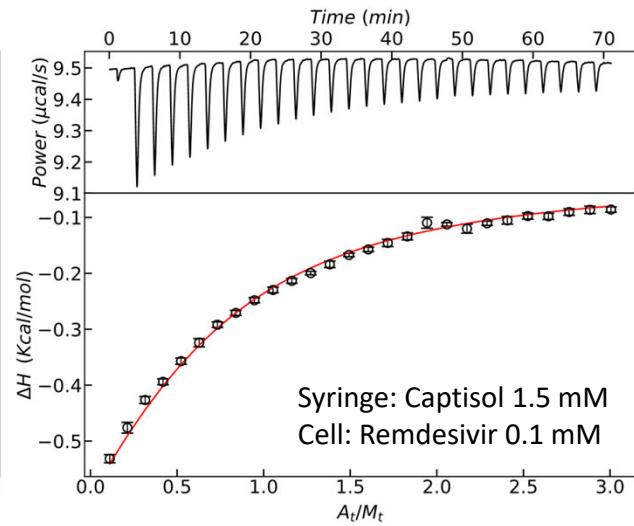
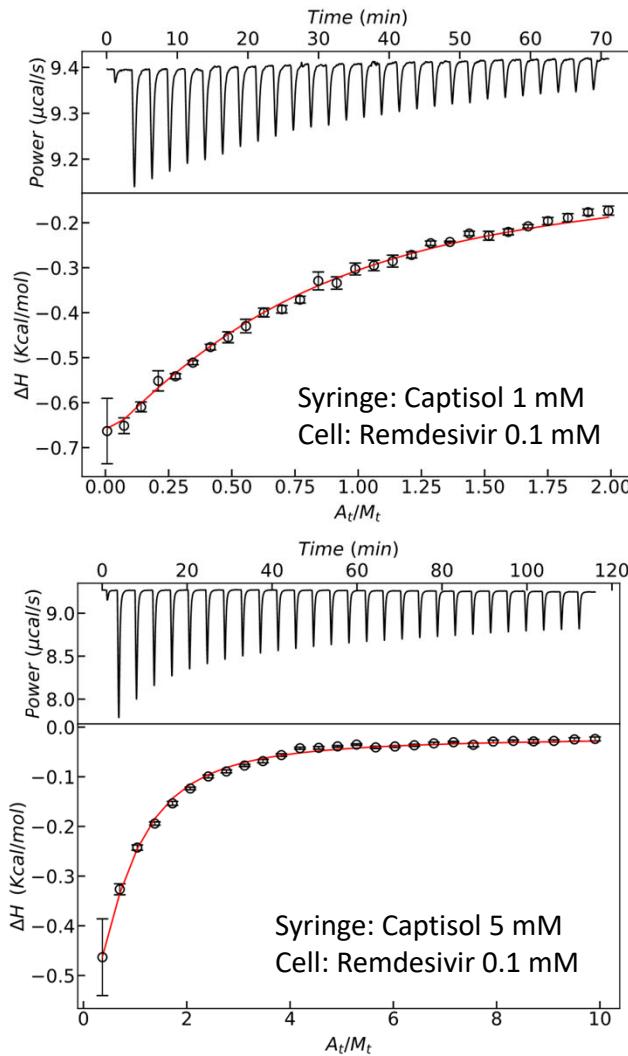
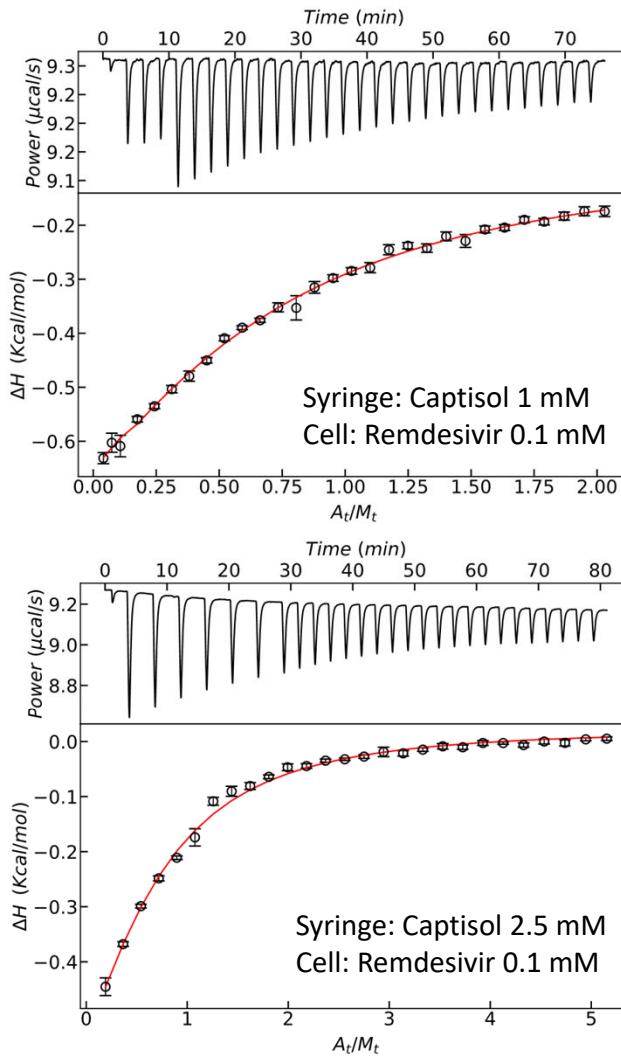


Neutral remdesivir    Protonated remdesivir



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ITC experiments



Parameter	Value	std dev
$K_A$ ( $\text{M}^{-1}$ )	6562	72
$DH$ (cal/mol)	-678	2
$r_c$	1.905	0.009

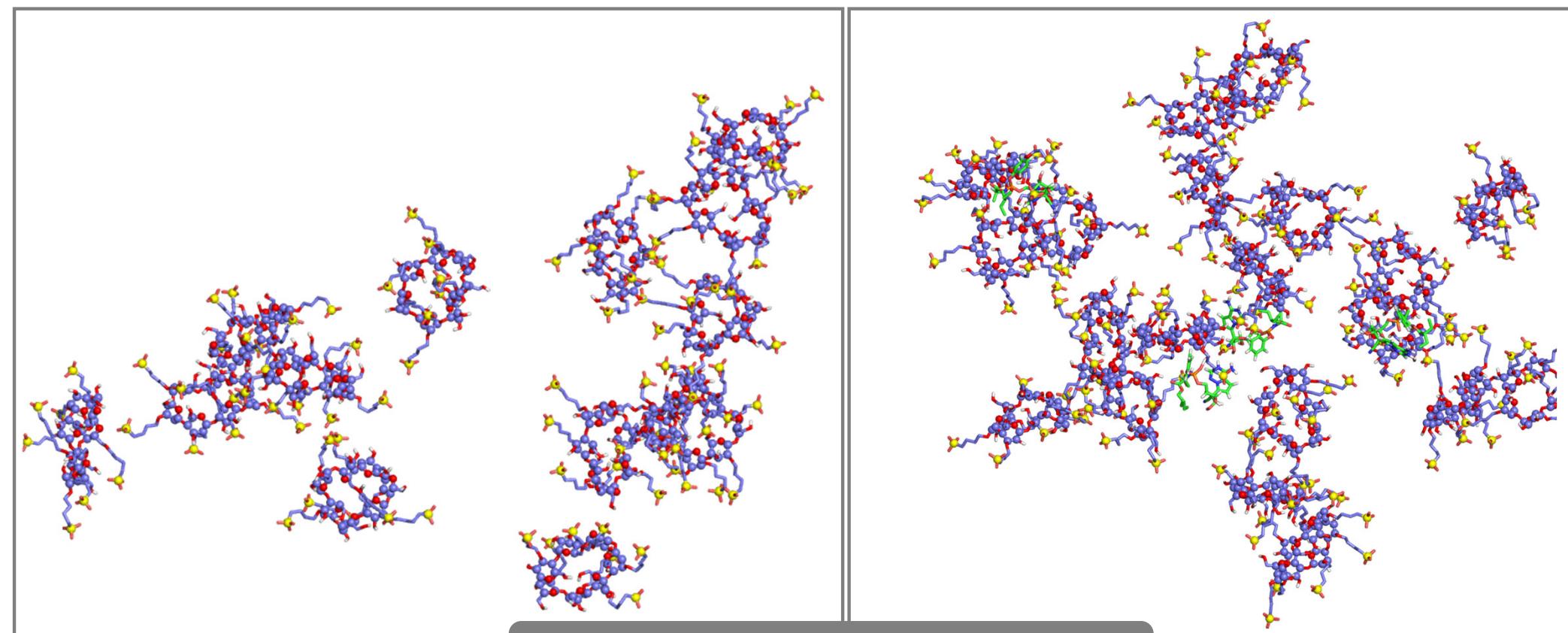
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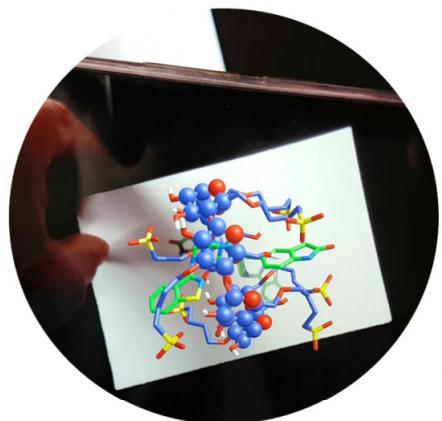


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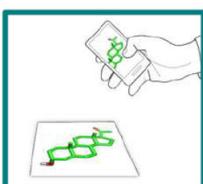


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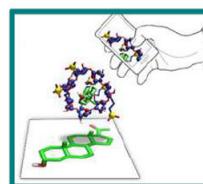
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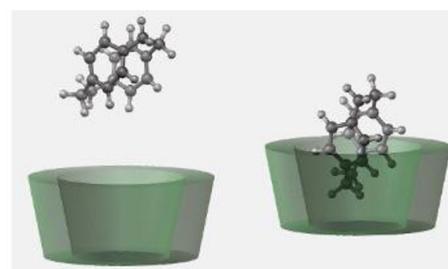
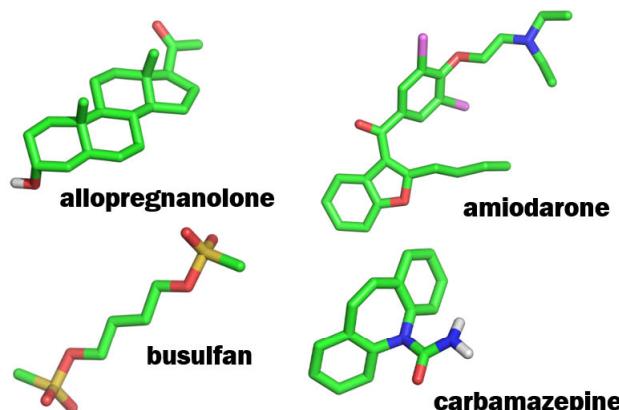


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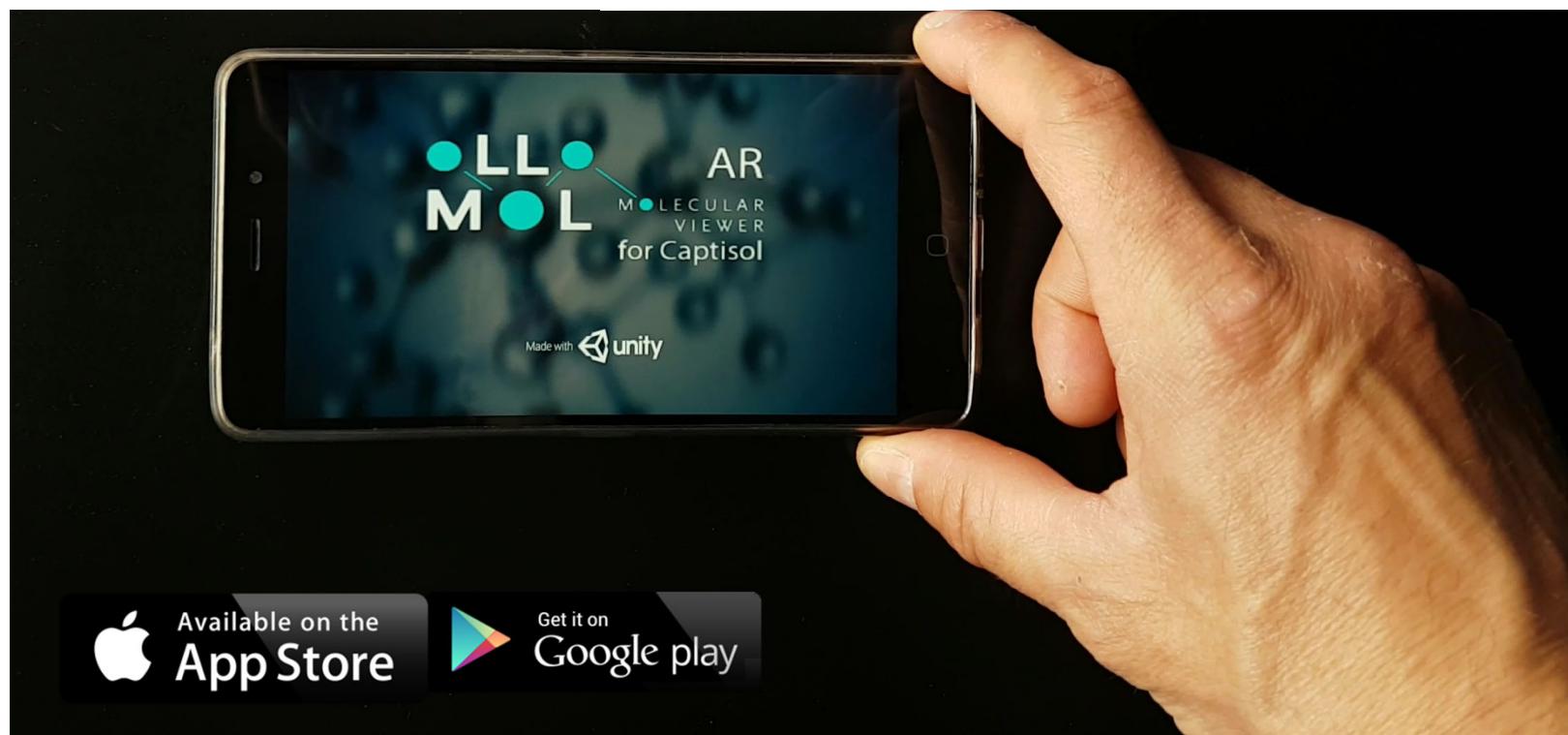
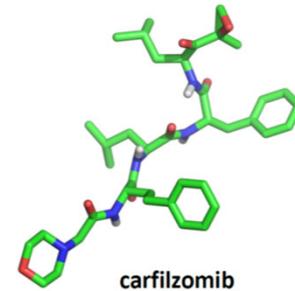
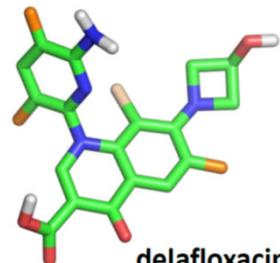
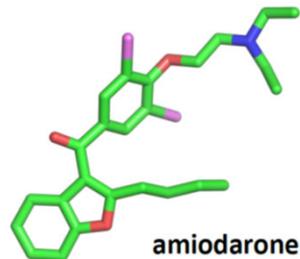
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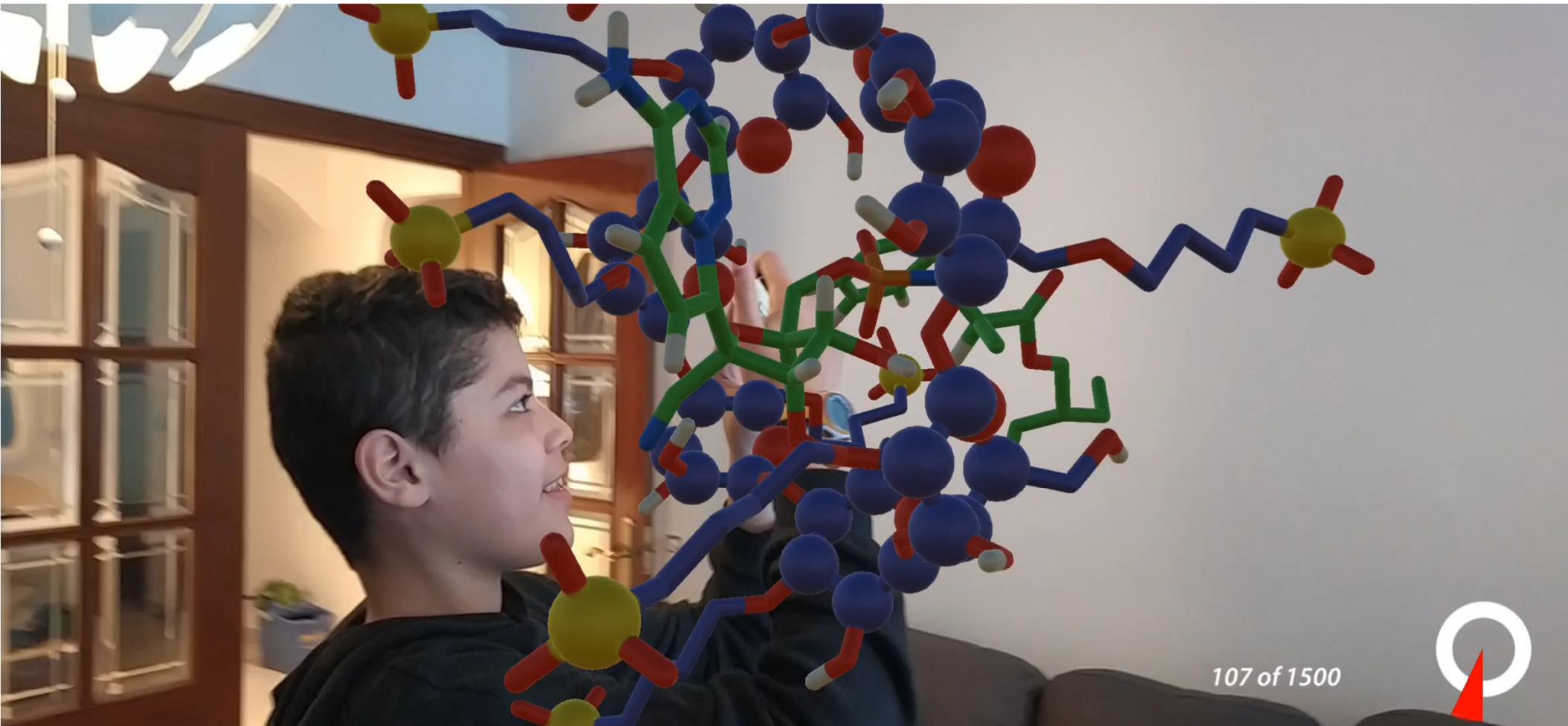
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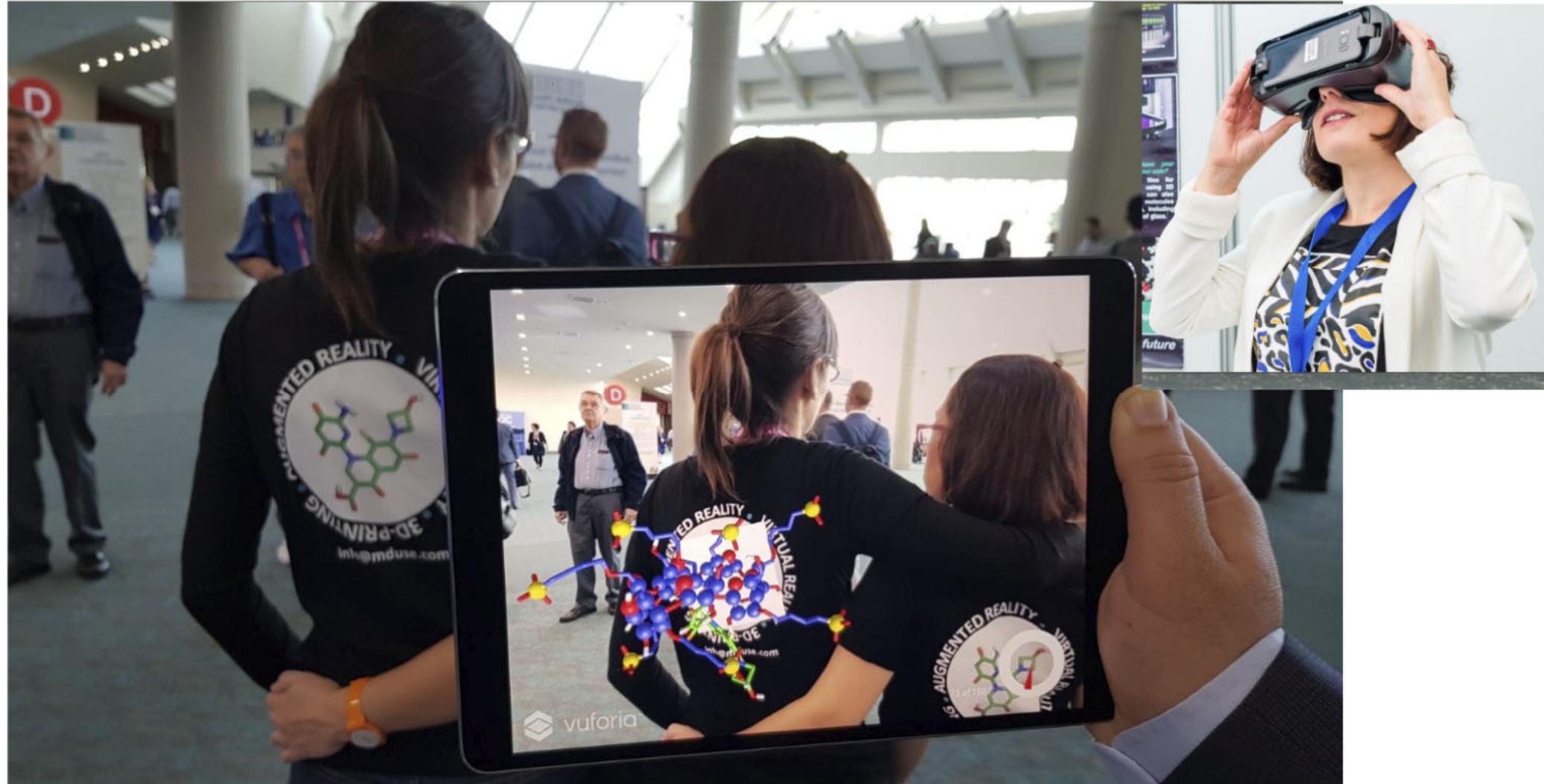
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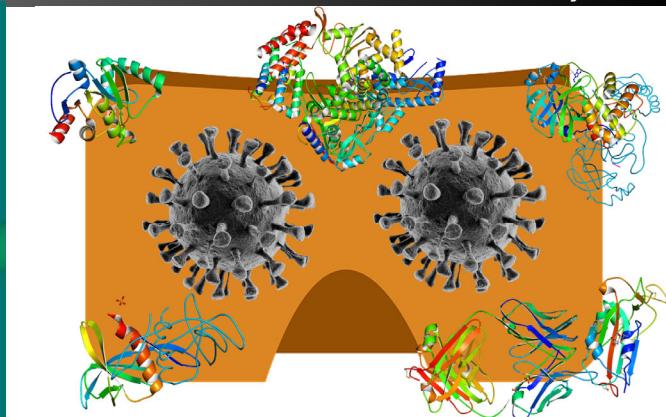




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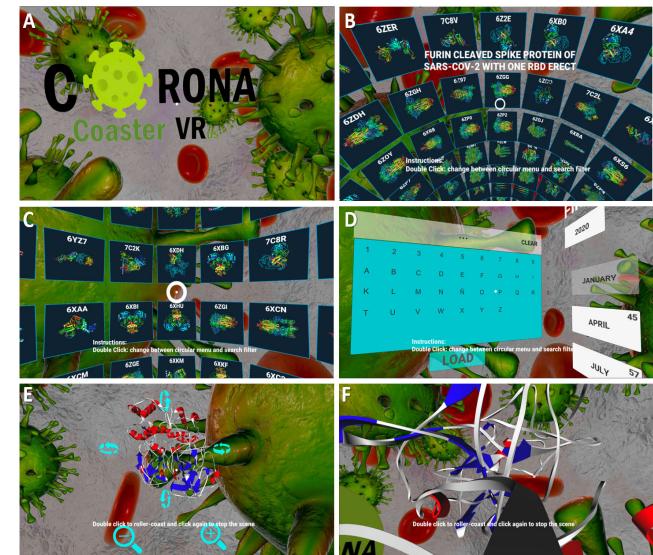


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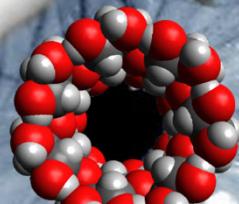


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