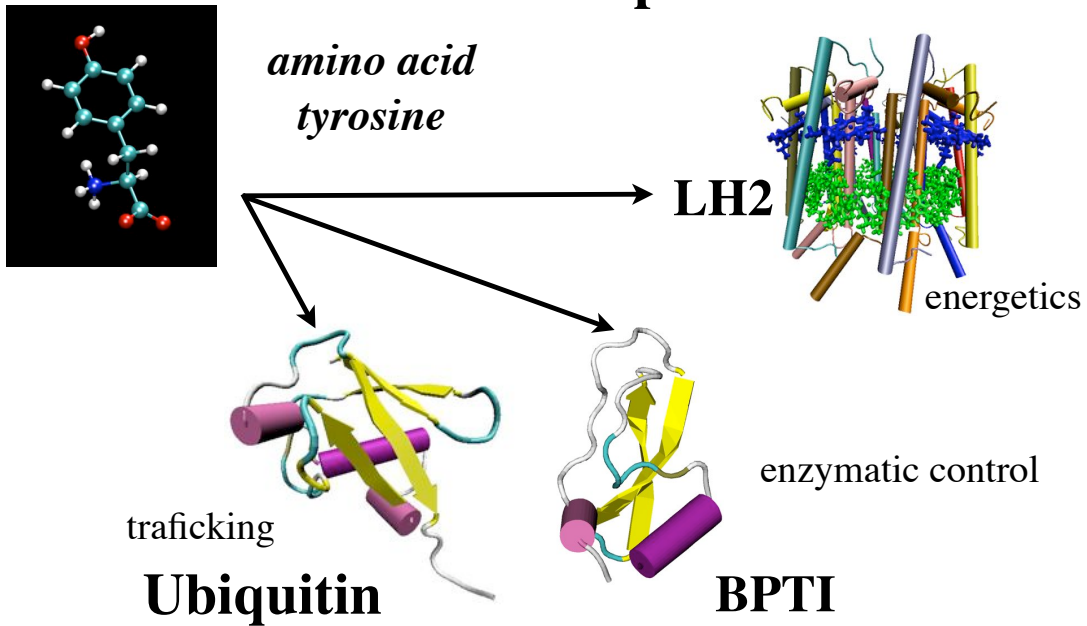


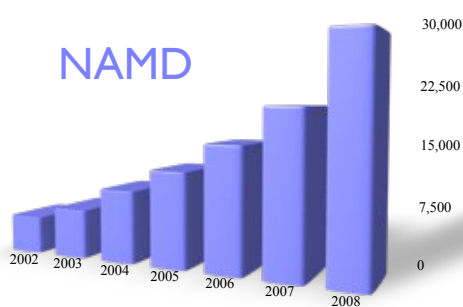
# Lecture 1a

## Introduction to Protein Structures - Molecular Graphics Tool



## Software Widely Used by Scientific Community

Sustained professional software development effort shipping products used by over 150,000 researchers/students worldwide



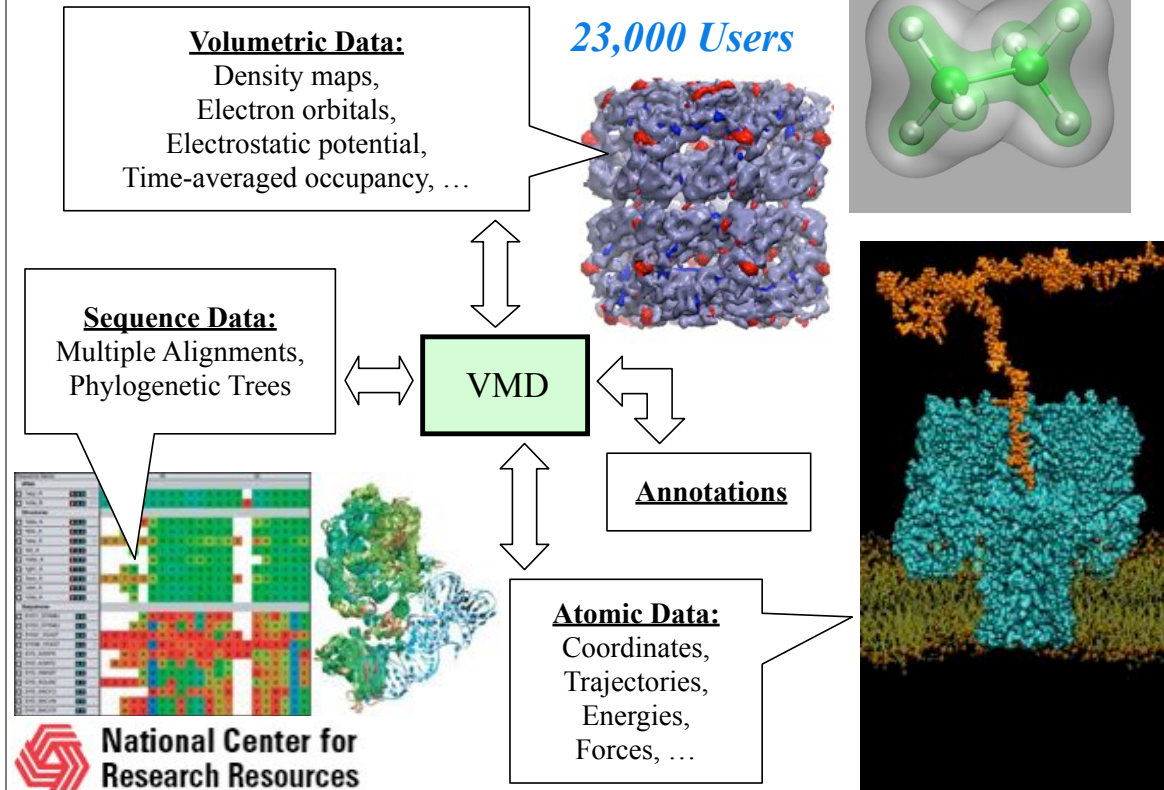
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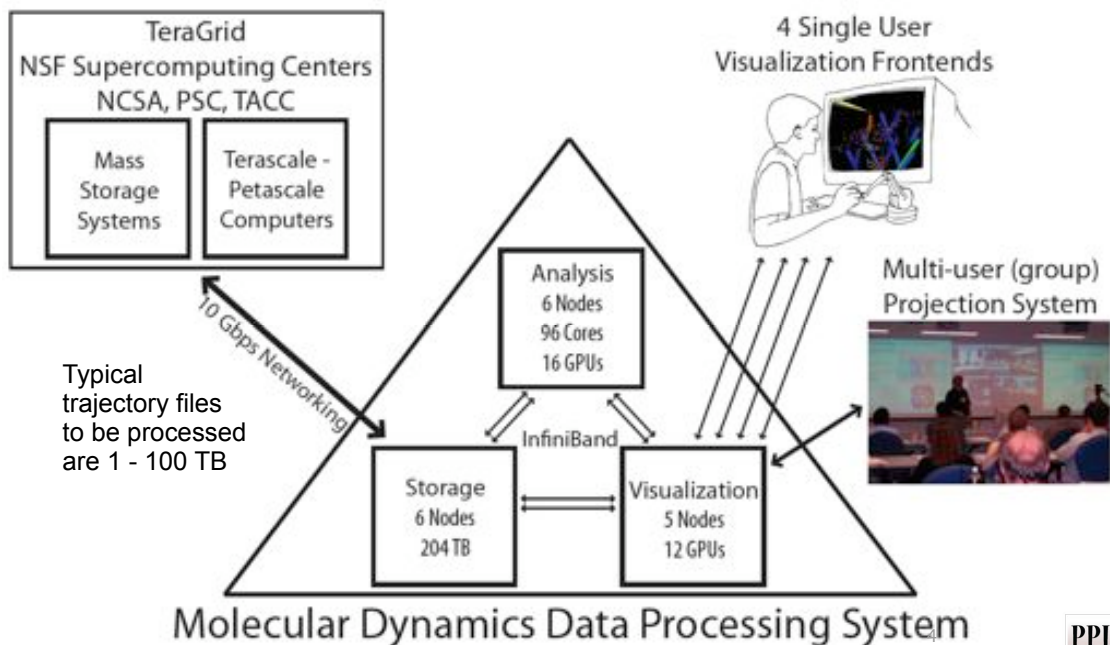
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# VMD – A Tool to Think

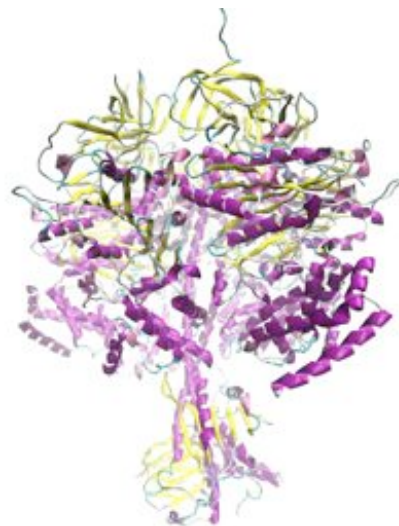


## Biomolecular Modeling Requires Data Processing with VMD



# Highlights of the VMD Molecular Graphics Program

- > 120,000 registered users
- Platforms:
  - Unix / Linux
  - Windows
  - MacOS X
- Display of large biomolecules and simulation trajectories
- Sequence browsing and structure highlighting
- Multiple sequence - structure analysis
- User-extensible scripting interfaces for analysis and customization



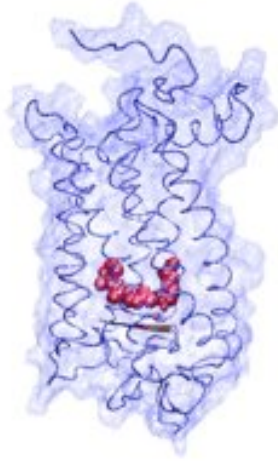
The program is used today more for preparation and analysis of modeling than for graphics

## Key Features of VMD

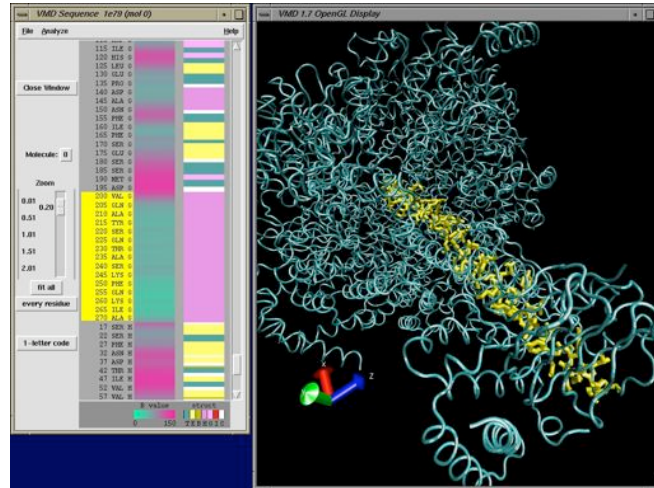
- General 3-D molecular visualization with extensive drawing and coloring methods
- Extensive atom selection syntax for choosing subsets of atoms for display
- Visualization of dynamic molecular data
- Visualization of volumetric data
- Supports all major molecular data file formats
- No limits on the number of molecules or trajectory frames, except available memory
- Molecular analysis commands
- Rendering high-resolution, publication-quality molecule images
- Movie making capability
- Building and preparing systems for molecular dynamics simulations
- Interactive molecular dynamics simulations
- Extensions to the Tcl/Python scripting languages
- Extensible source code written in C and C++

# Molecular Graphics Perspective of Protein Structure and Function

see tutorial at <http://www.ks.uiuc.edu/Training/Tutorials/>



animation



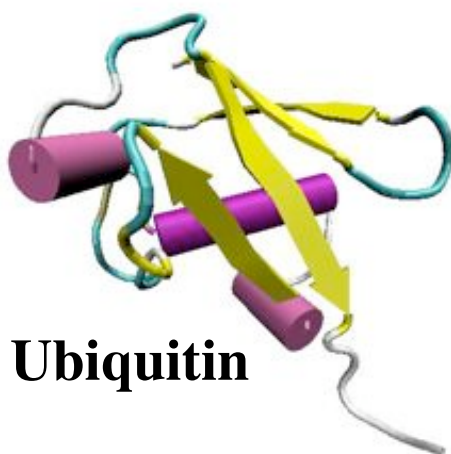
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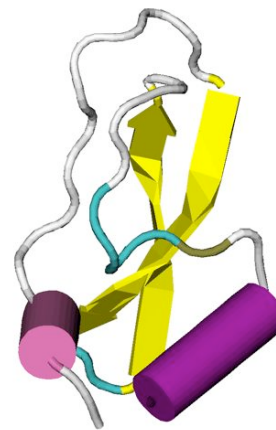
## Focus on two proteins

Ubiquitin (used in VMD Tutorial)

Bovine Pancreatic Trypsin Inhibitor (BPTI, available as a case study, [www.ks.uiuc.edu](http://www.ks.uiuc.edu))



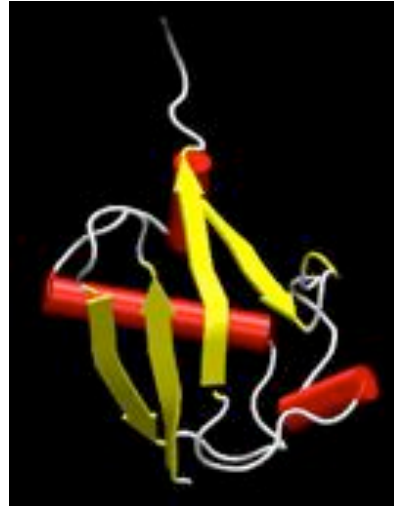
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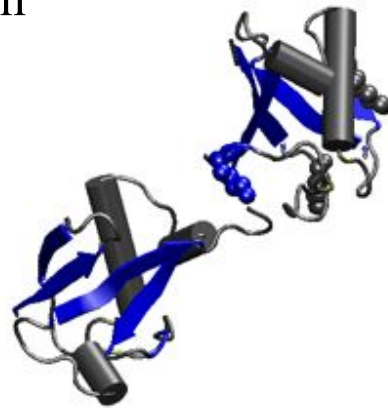
# Ubiquitin

- 76 amino acids
- highly conserved
- covalently attaches to proteins and tags them for degradation
- other cell trafficking



- Glycine at C-terminal attaches to the Lysine on the protein by an isopeptide bond.
- it can attach to other ubiquitin molecules and make a polyubiquitin chain.

There are 7 conserved lysine residues in ubiquitin.



Two ubiquitins attached together through LYS 48. LYS 63 and LYS 29 are also shown there.



# Ubiquitination Pathway



The Nobel Prize in Chemistry 2004

"for the discovery of ubiquitin-mediated protein degradation"

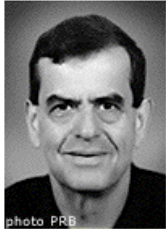


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**Aaron Ciechanover**

🏆 1/3 of the prize  
Israel

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Institute of  
Technology  
Haifa, Israel  
b. 1947



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**Avram Hershko**

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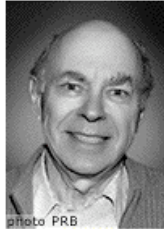


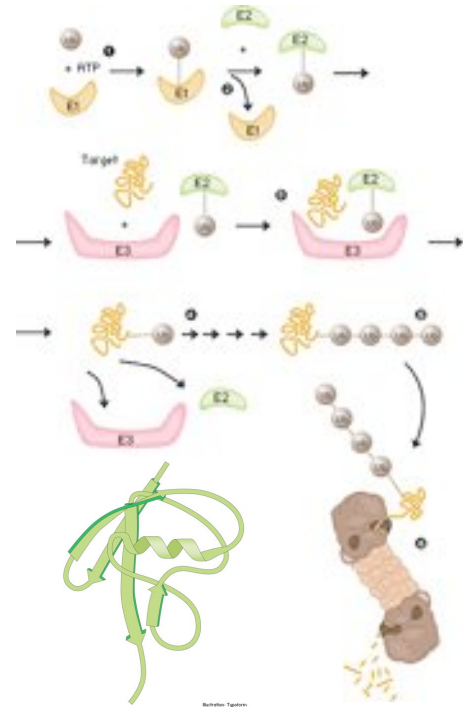
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**Irwin Rose**

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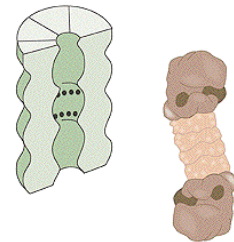
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Ubiquitin-mediated protein degradation



## Ubiquitin Functions

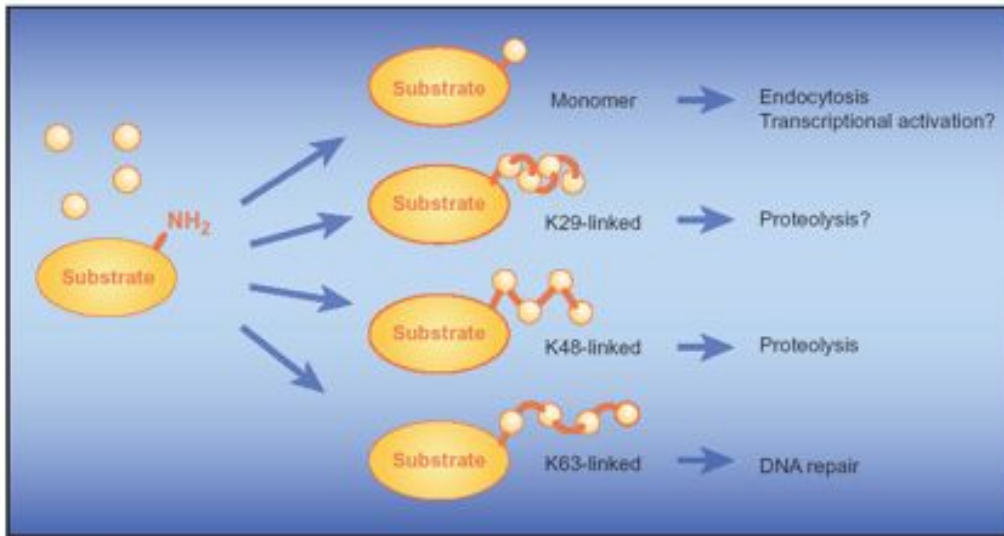
- tagging misfolded proteins to be degraded in the proteasome (kiss of death).
- regulates key cellular processes such as cell division, gene expression, ...



The cell's waste disposer, the proteasome. The black spots indicate active, protein-degrading surfaces.

A chain of at least four ubiquitins is needed to be recognized by the proteasome.

## Mono-ubiquitylation versus multi-ubiquitylation



**Multifaceted.** Ubiquitin can attach to its various substrate proteins, either singly or in chains, and that in turn might determine what effect the ubiquitination has. (K29, K48, and K63 refer to the particular lysine amino acid used to link the ubiquitins to each other.)

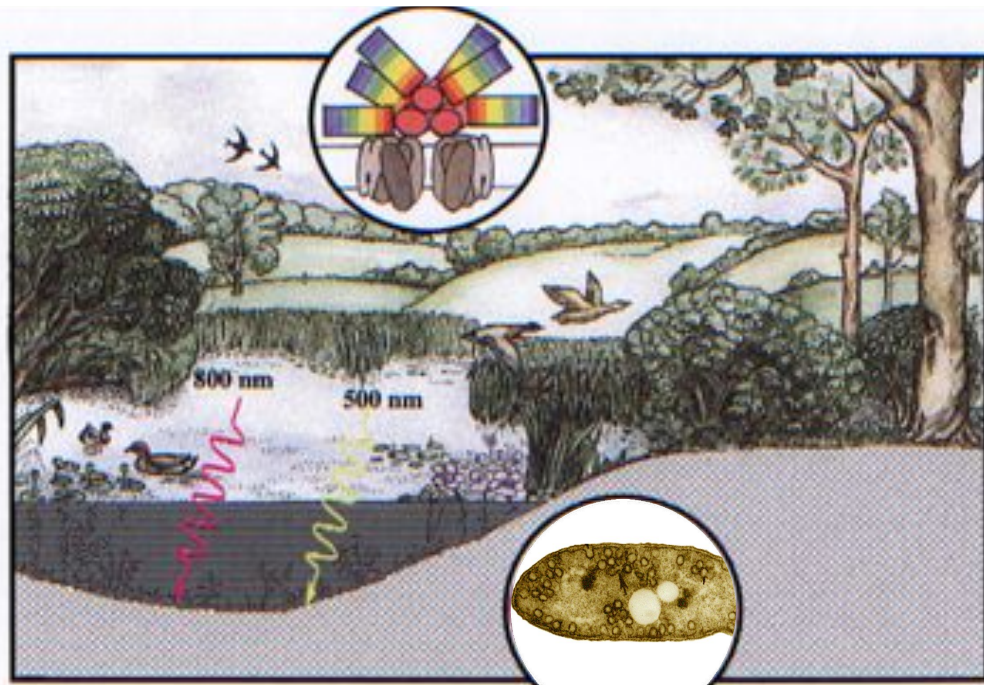
Marx, J., Ubiquitin lives up its name, *Science* 297, 1792-1794 (2002)

## Form-follows-function architecture of purple bacterial light harvesting systems

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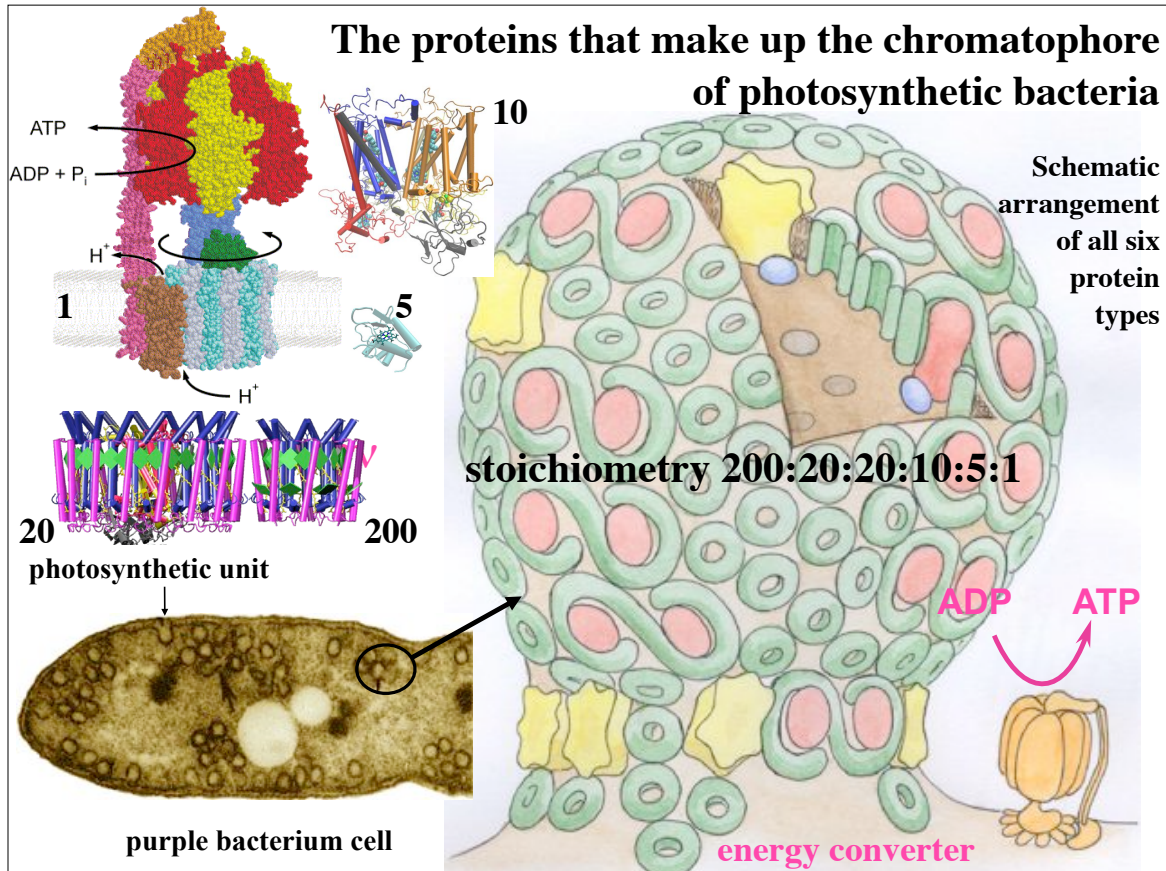


# Habitats of Photosynthetic Life Forms



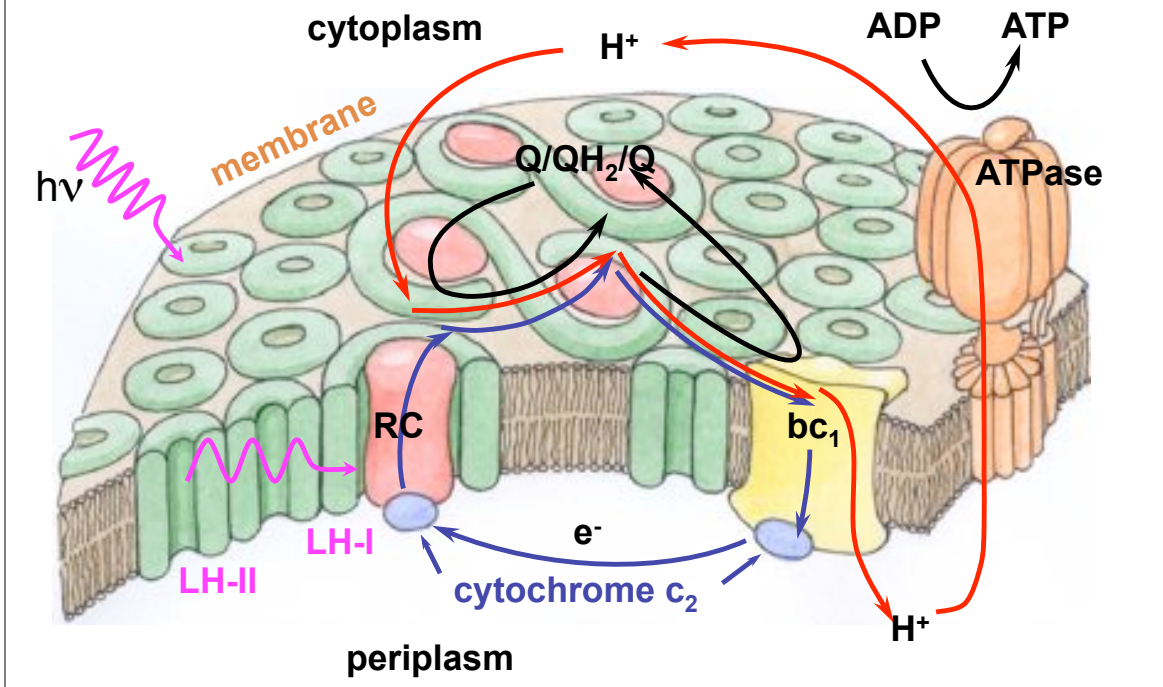
purple bacterium

## The proteins that make up the chromatophore of photosynthetic bacteria

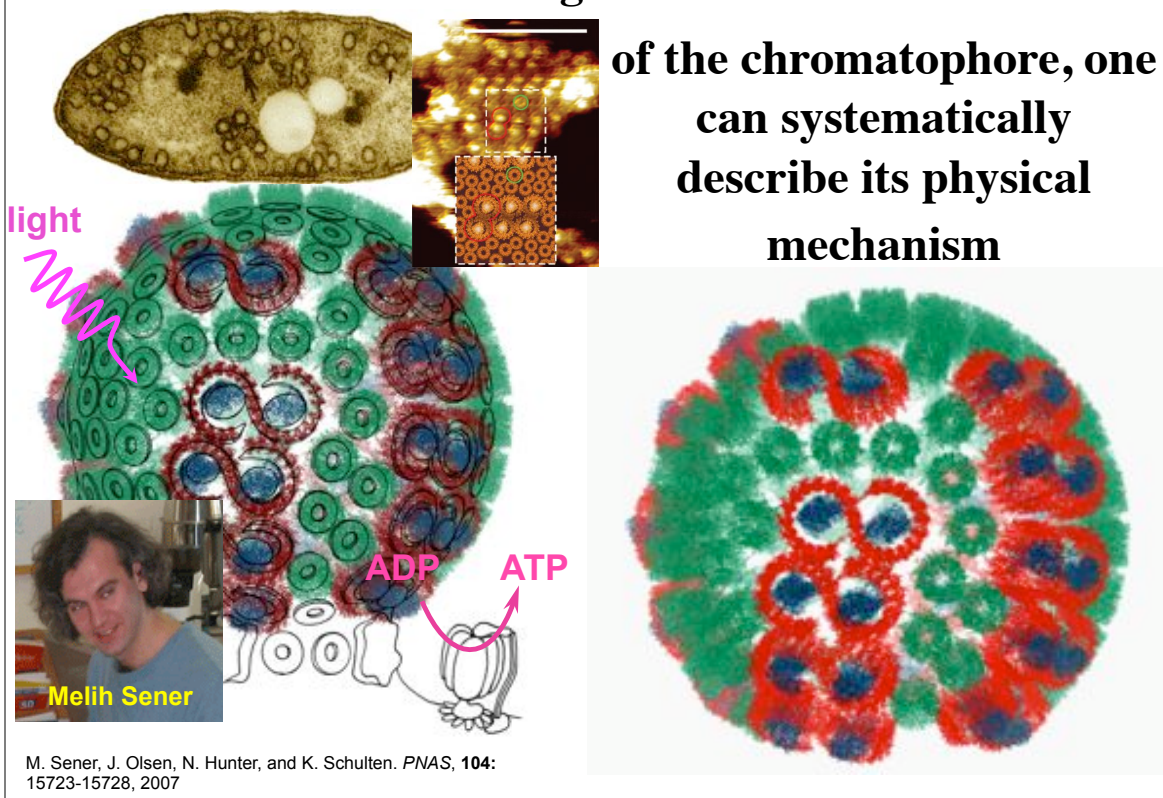




## Chromatophore of Purple Bacteria (section of the chromatophore membrane)



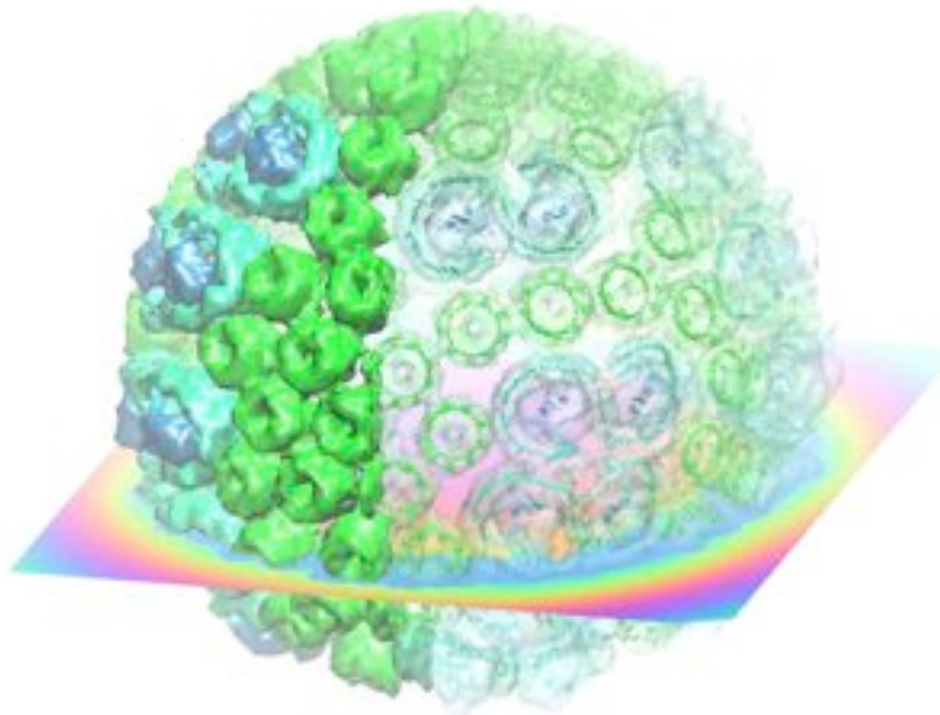
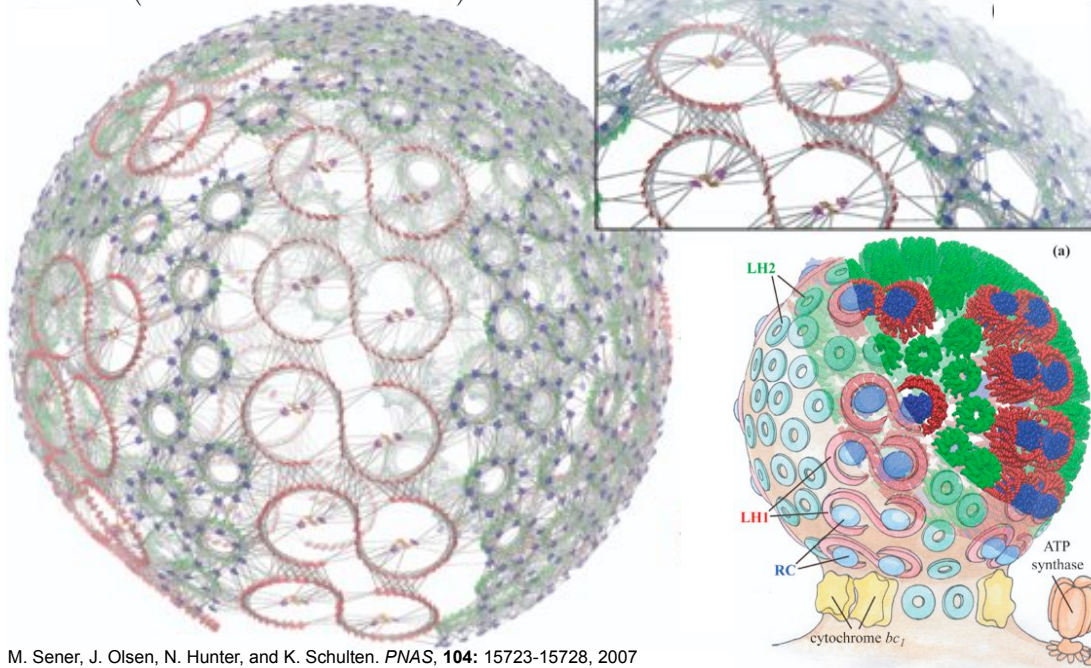
Knowing the Atomic Level Structure  
of the chromatophore, one  
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# The “Physics” of Light Harvesting in the Chromatophore

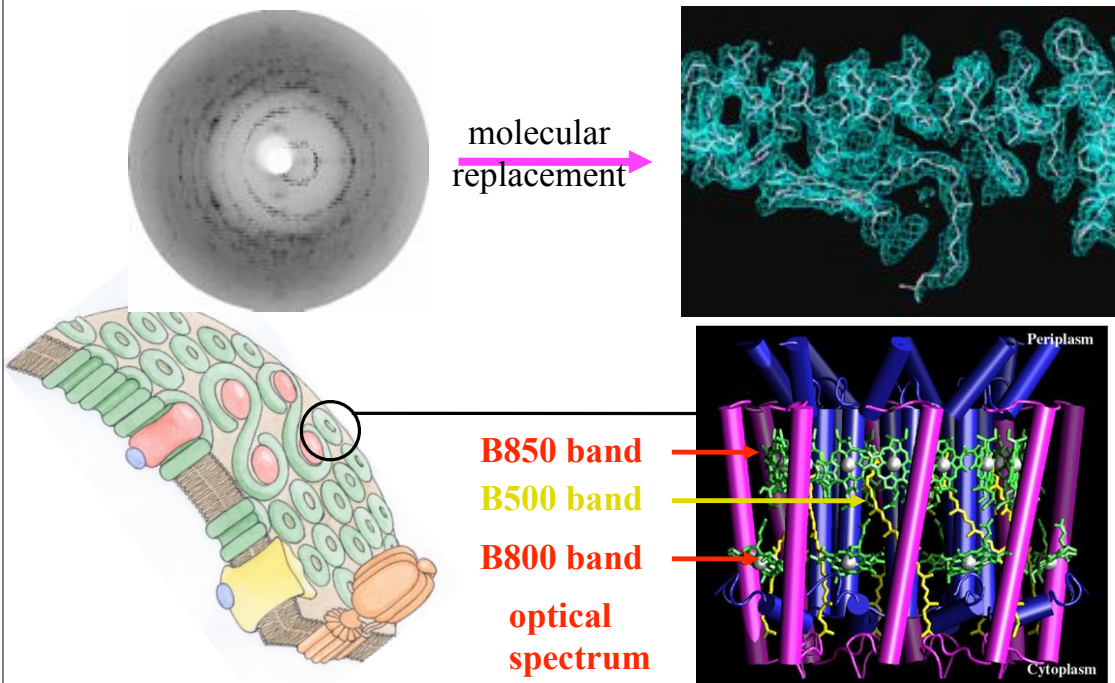
Calculated Energy Transfer Rates Determine Optimal Placement of Proteins in Chromatophore

$$W_{jk} = C \left( \frac{\vec{d}_j \cdot \vec{d}_k}{r_{jk}^3} - \frac{3(\vec{r}_{jk} \cdot \vec{d}_j)(\vec{r}_{jk} \cdot \vec{d}_k)}{r_{jk}^5} \right) \text{ links: induced dipole - induced dipole interaction}$$



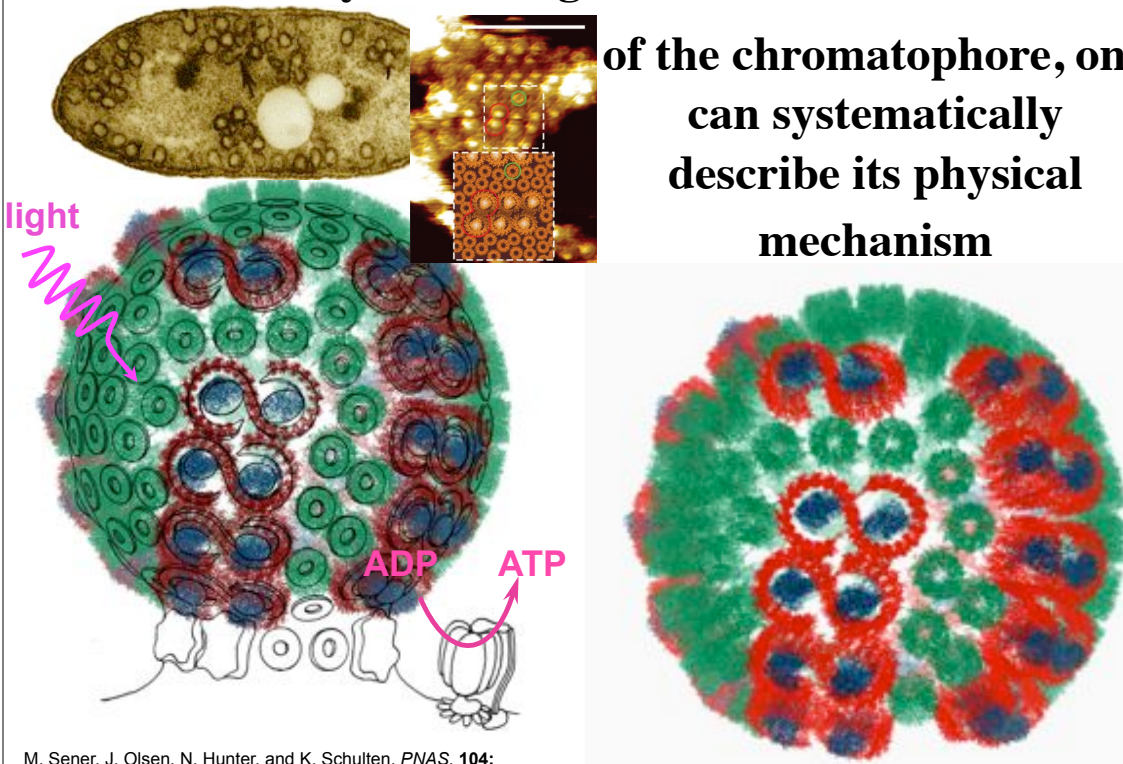


## Structure of LH 2 of *Rs. molischianum*



Koepke et al., Structure, 4, 581 (1996)

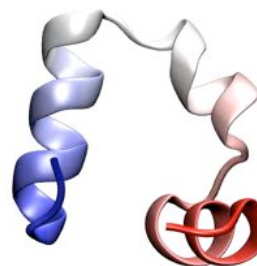
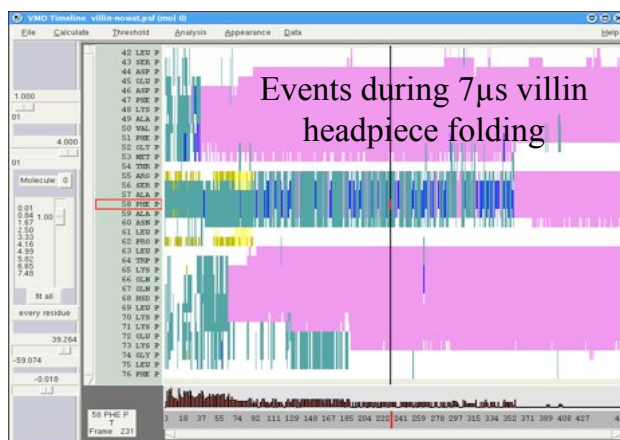
## Summary: Knowing the Atomic Level Structure of the chromatophore, one can systematically describe its physical mechanism



M. Sener, J. Olsen, N. Hunter, and K. Schulten. *PNAS*, 104: 15723-15728, 2007



# VMD New Timeline plug-in



Alpha helix   
  Extended beta   
  Isolated bridge   
  3-10 helix   
  Beta turn   
  None (coil)

Per-residue secondary structure: villin headpiece folding from a fully denatured state.  
 7 $\mu$ s simulation; 654 atoms; over 1 million frames to examine

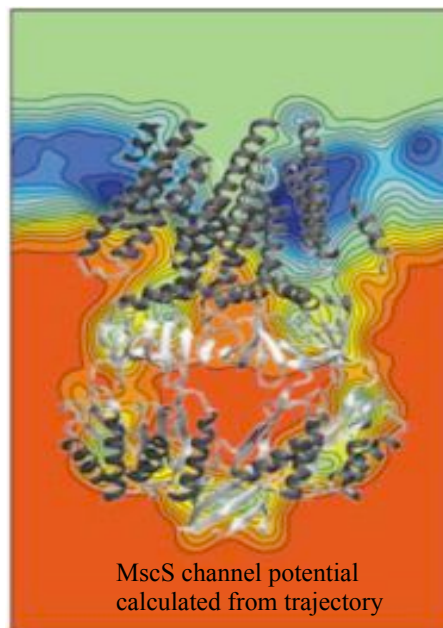
VMD **Timeline plug-in**: graphing and analysis tool to identify events in an MD trajectory

- a single picture shows changing properties across entire structure, entire trajectory.
- explore time vs. attribute (per-residue or per-selection) linked to molecular structure
- many analysis methods available; user-extendable

## Electrostatic Potential Maps

New VMD features made possible through GPU computing

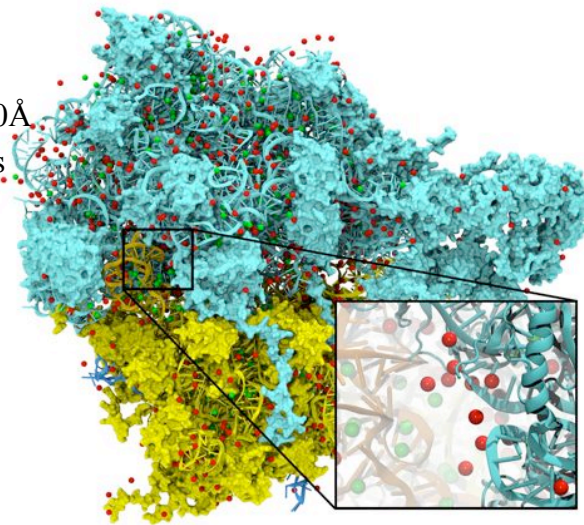
- Electrostatic potentials evaluated on 3-D lattice
- Applications include:
  - Ion placement for structure building
  - Time-averaged potentials for simulation
  - Visualization and analysis



MscS channel potential calculated from trajectory

# Time-averaged Electrostatic Potential Calculation for the Ribosome with VMD

- Direct Coulomb summation  
~580,000 atoms
  - Lattice spacing 1.0Å, padding 10Å
  - Time-average from 1,000 frames
- 3 GPUs: 49 hours
- 3 CPUs: 0.23 years (est.)



This was one of our early results, using the multi-GPU direct Coulomb summation algorithm, showing the benefit it gave at the time. Now that we have MSM (multilevel summation) we would get much faster performance since it is a linear-time algorithm, but we haven't yet re-run these tests using MSM.

Stone et al. (2007) *J Comp Chem* 28:2618-2640



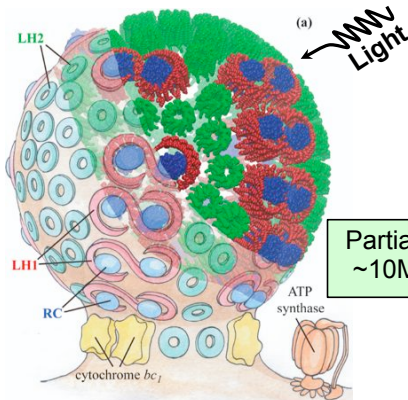
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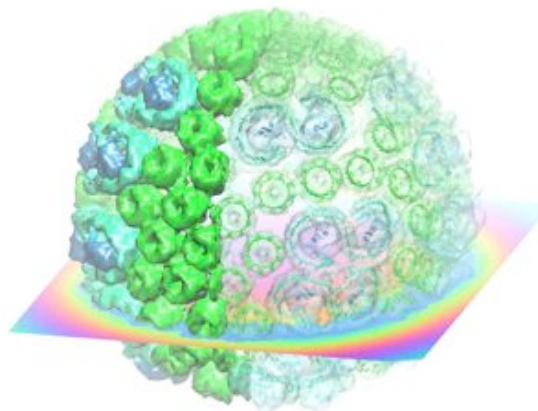
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# Photobiology of Vision and Photosynthesis

## Investigations of the chromatophore, a photosynthetic organelle



Partial model:  
~10M atoms



Electrostatics needed to build full structural model, place ions, study macroscopic properties

Electrostatic field of chromatophore model from multilevel summation method: computed with 3 GPUs in ~90 seconds, 46x faster than single CPU core

**Full chromatophore model will permit structural, chemical and kinetic investigations at a structural systems biology level**

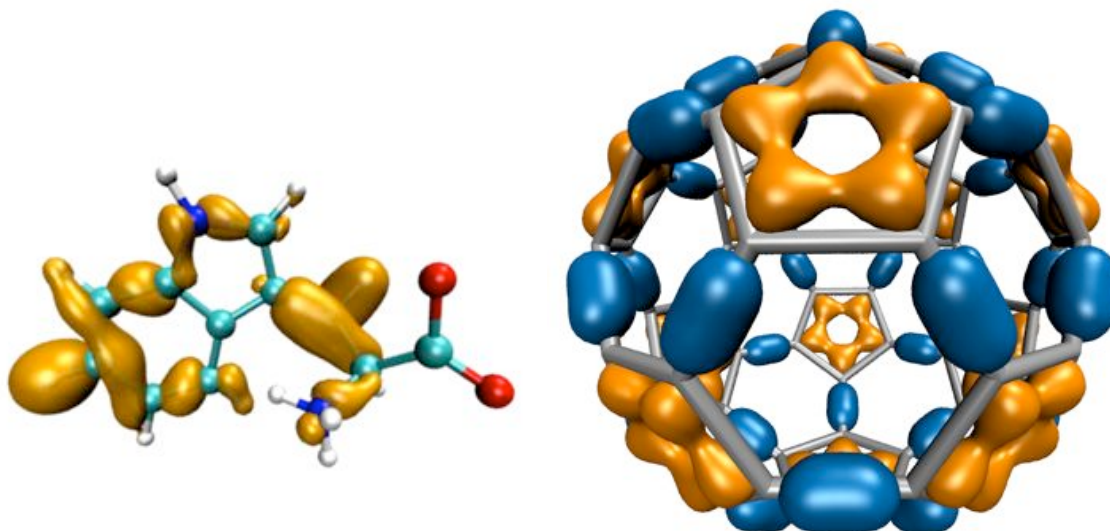


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# Interactive display of molecular orbitals



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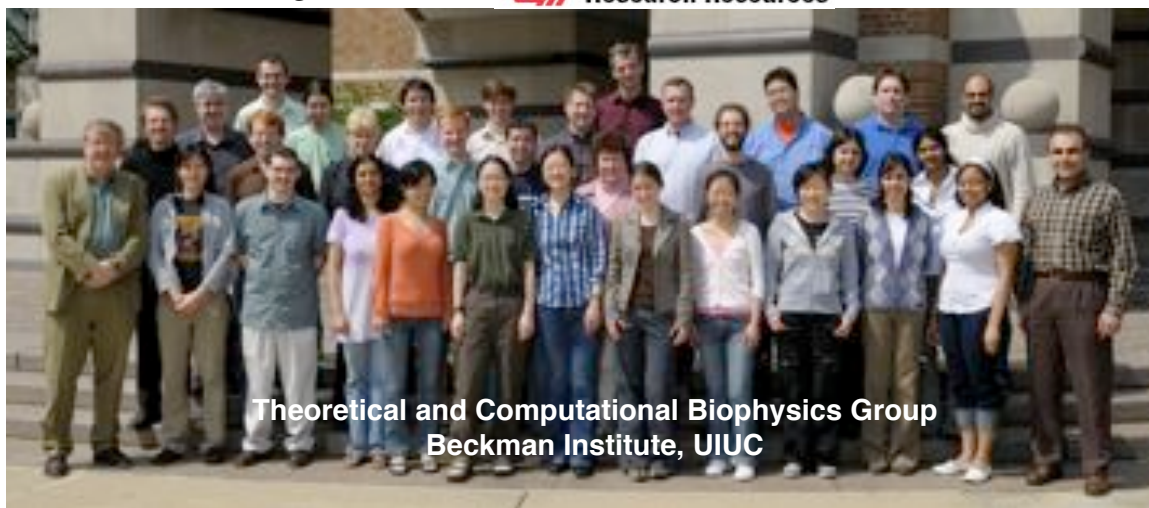
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