

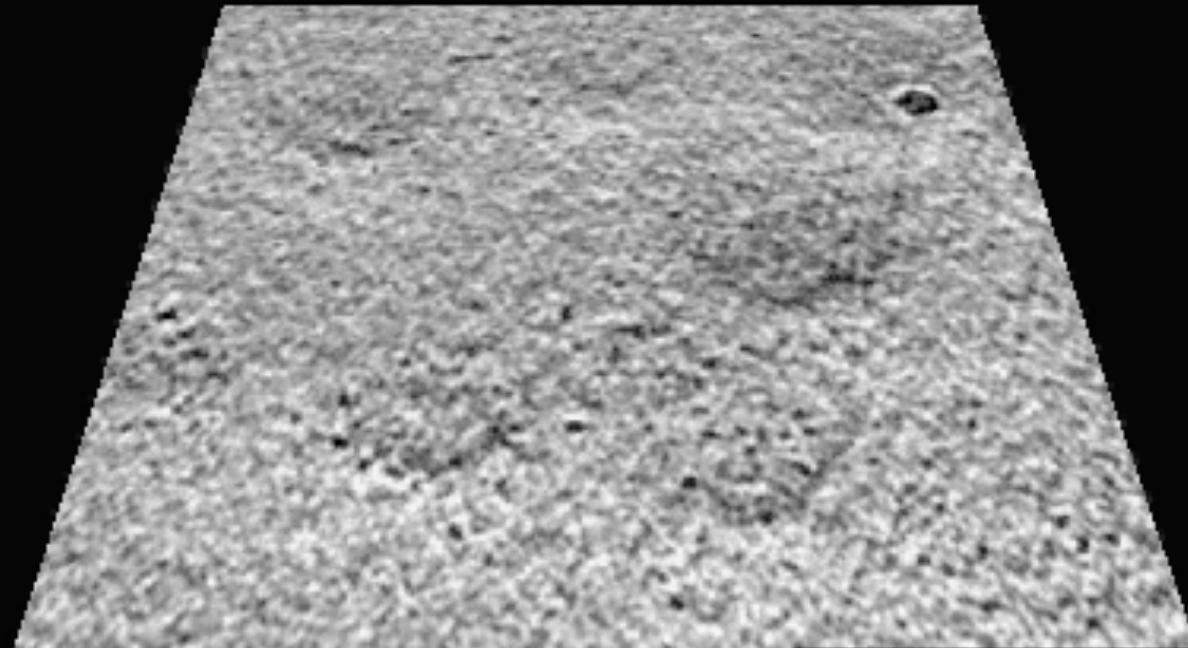
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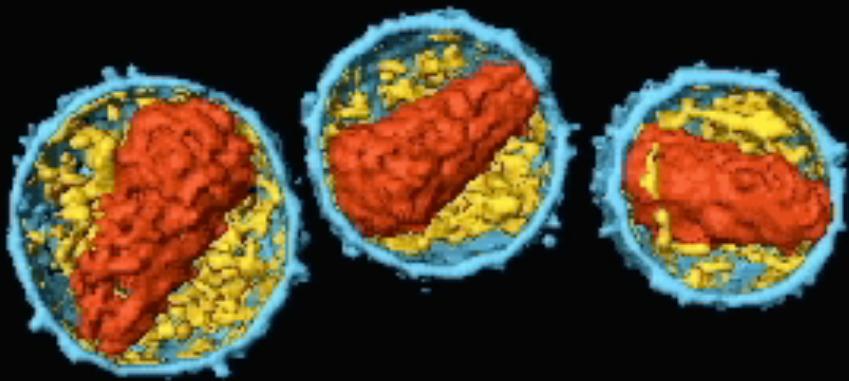
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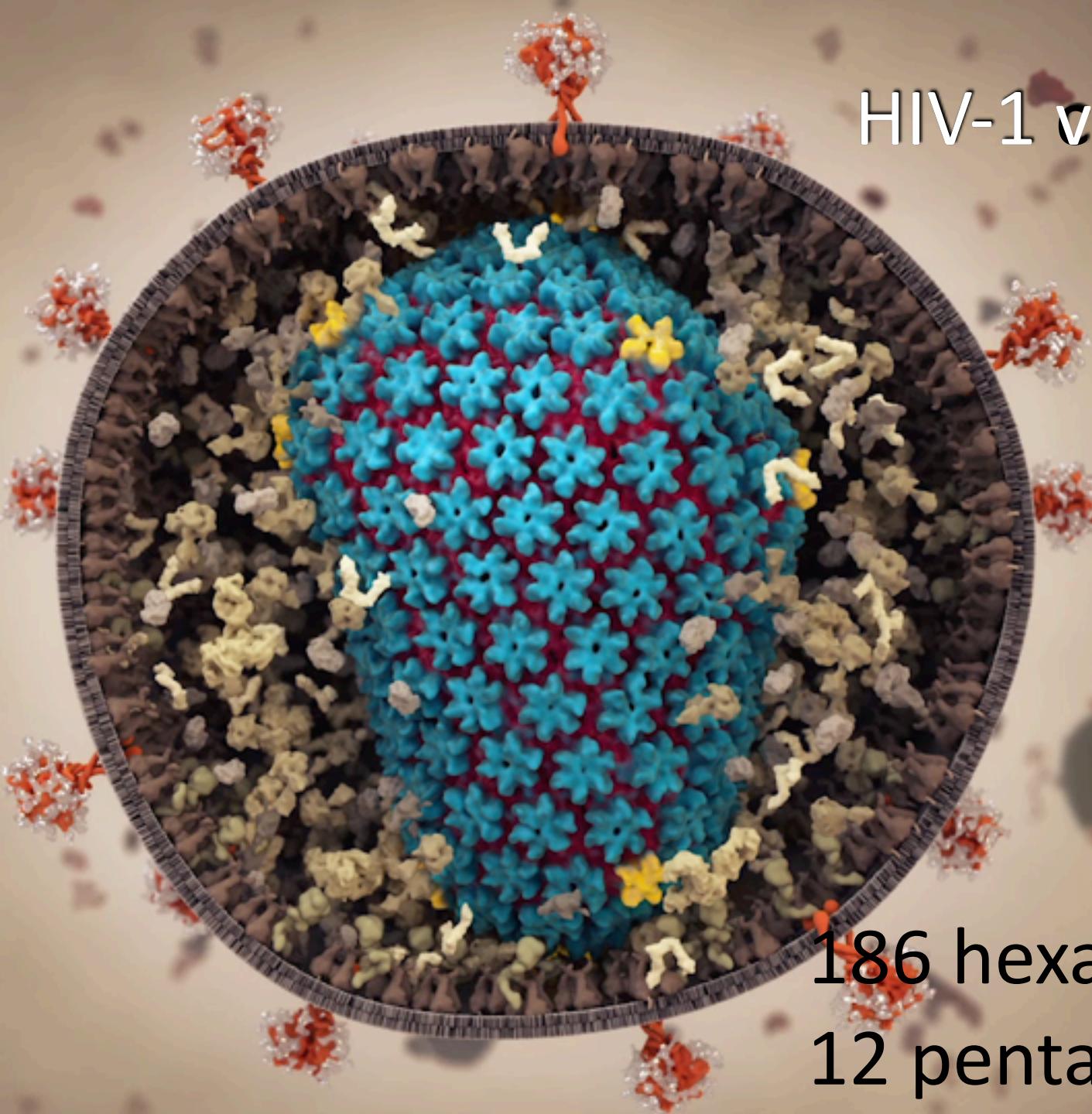
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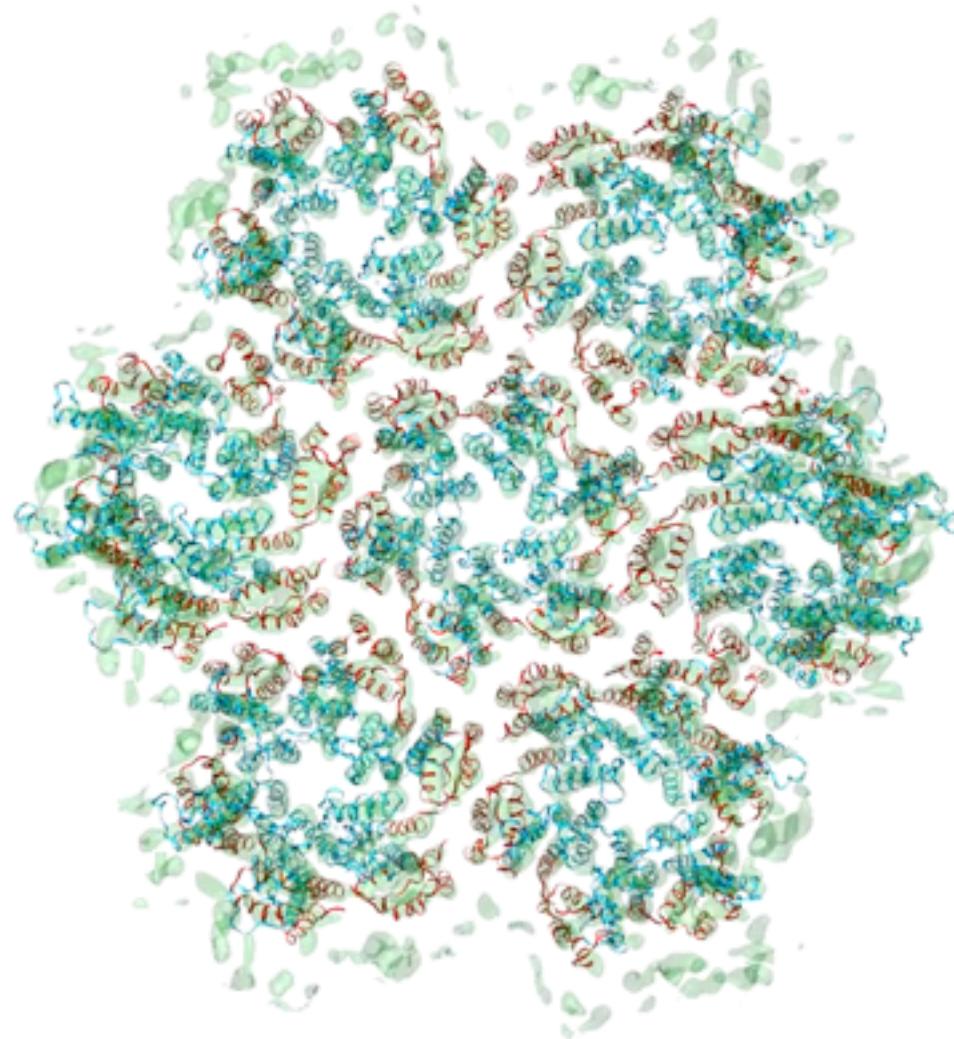
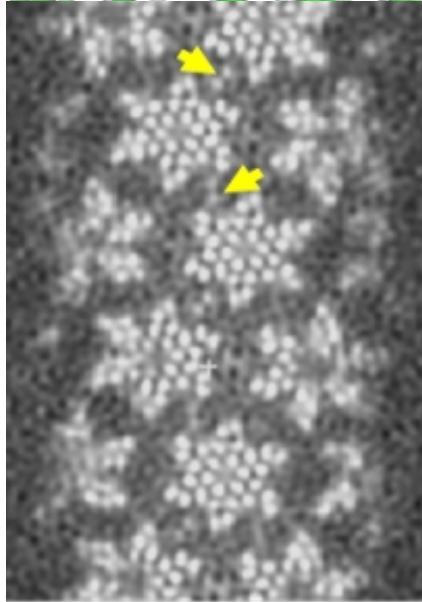


HIV-1 virion

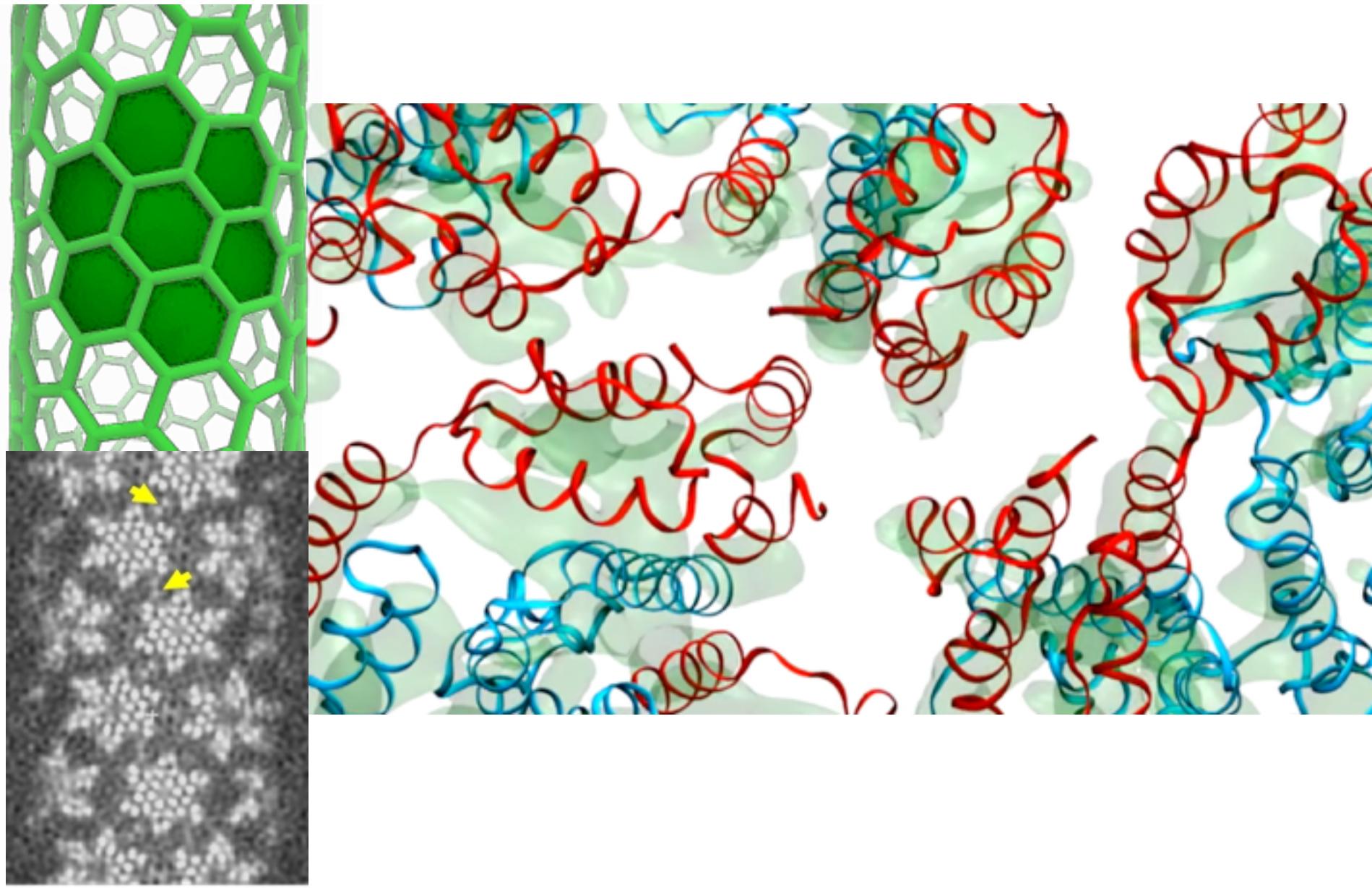


186 hexamers  
12 pentamers

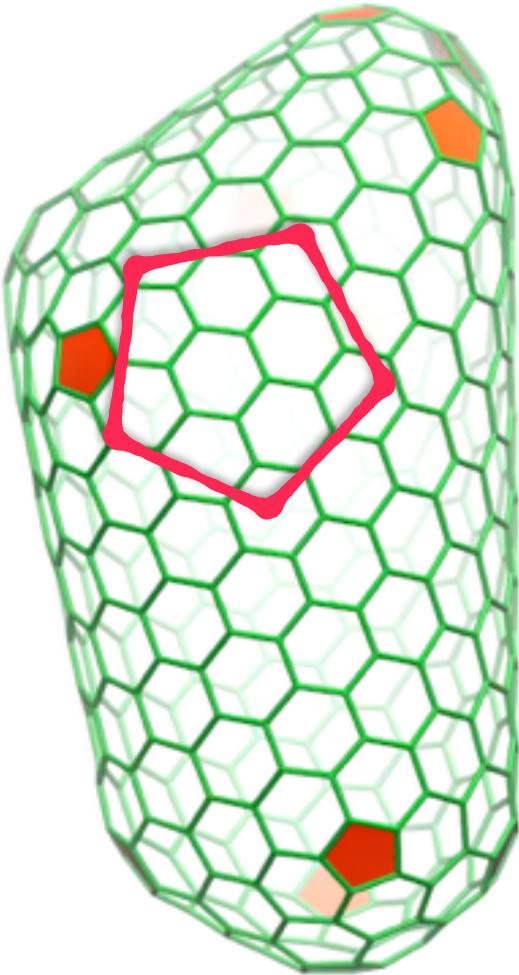
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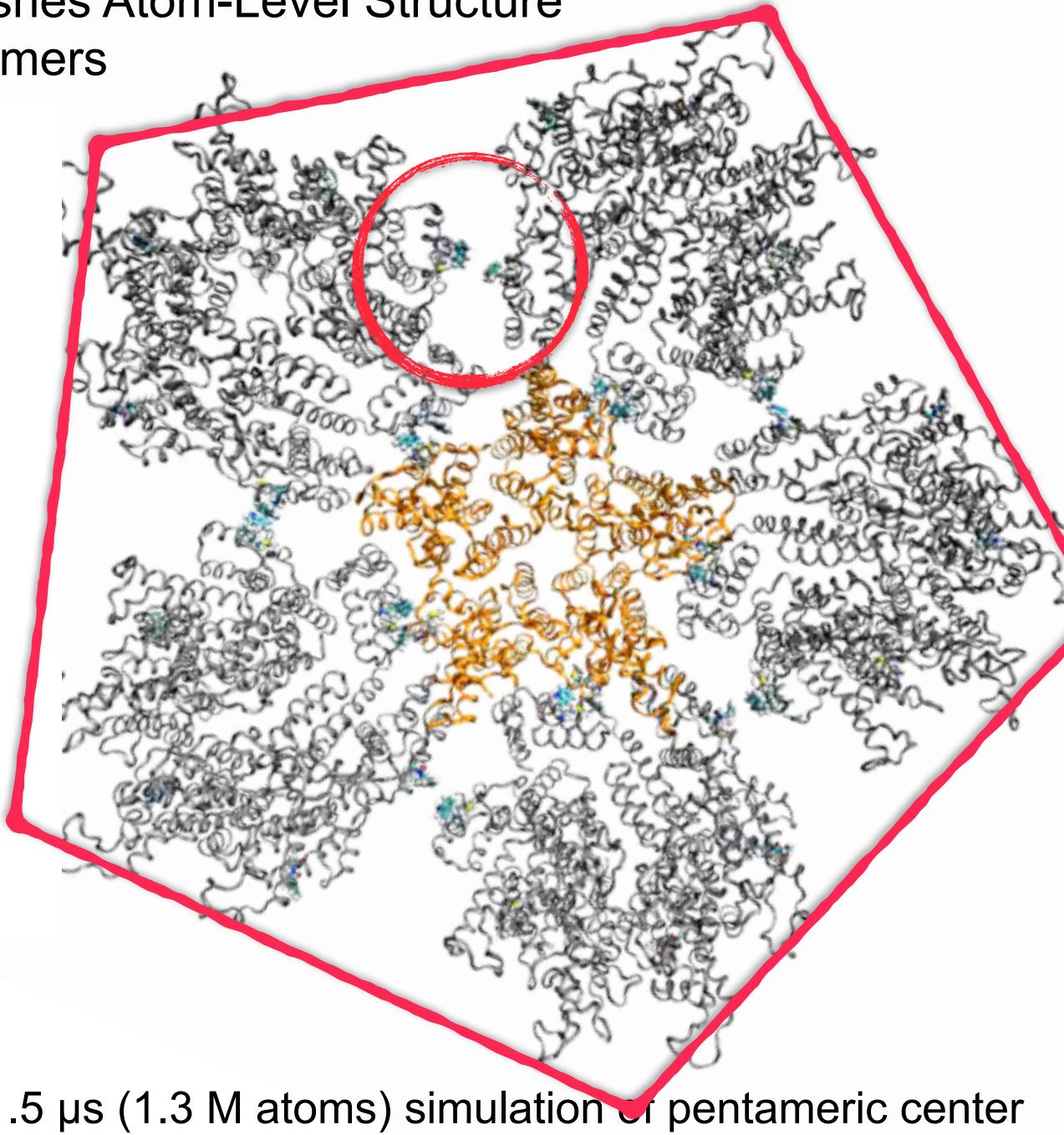
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# MD Simulation Furnishes Atom-Level Structure of Pentamer-of-Hexamers

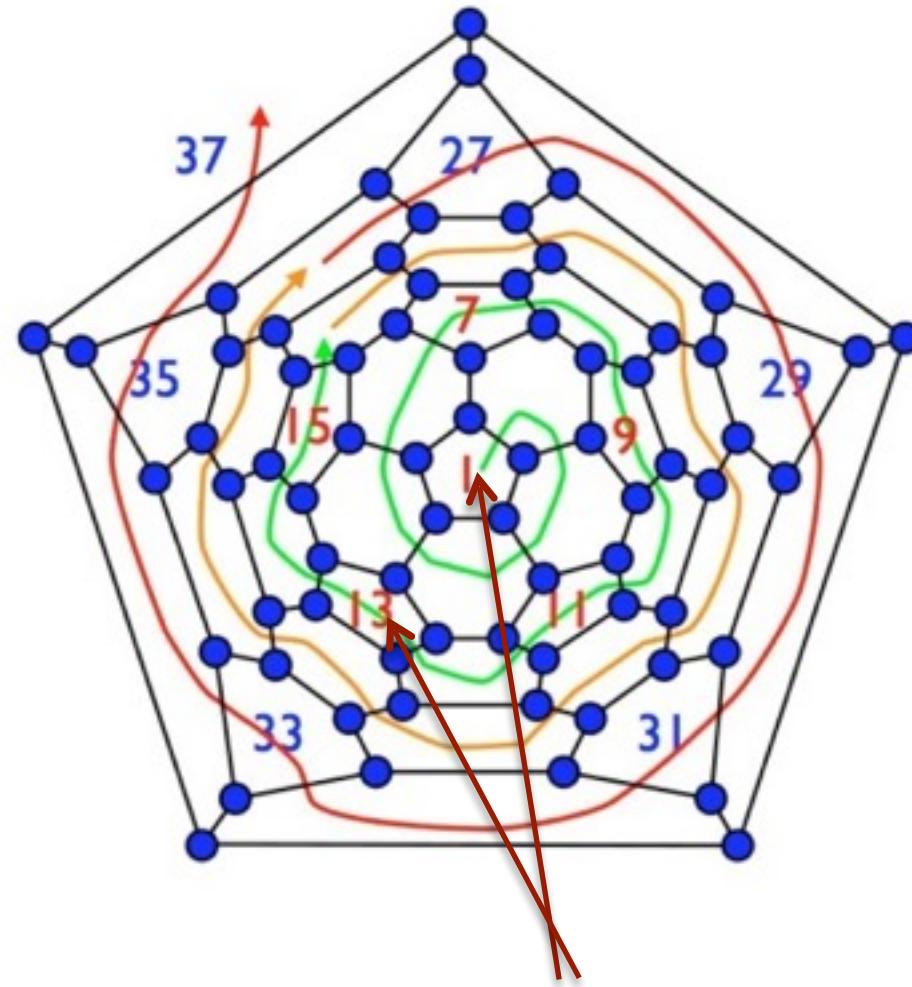
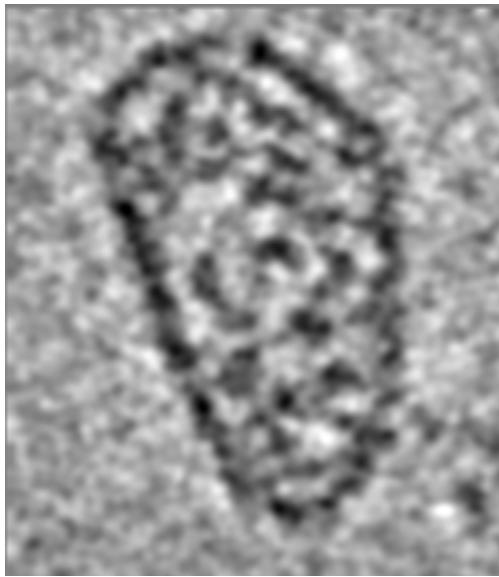


Closed capsid is made of  
**hexamers-of-hexamers**  
**pentamers-of-hexamers**



1.5  $\mu$ s (1.3 M atoms) simulation of pentameric center

# Isomer search and geometry optimization



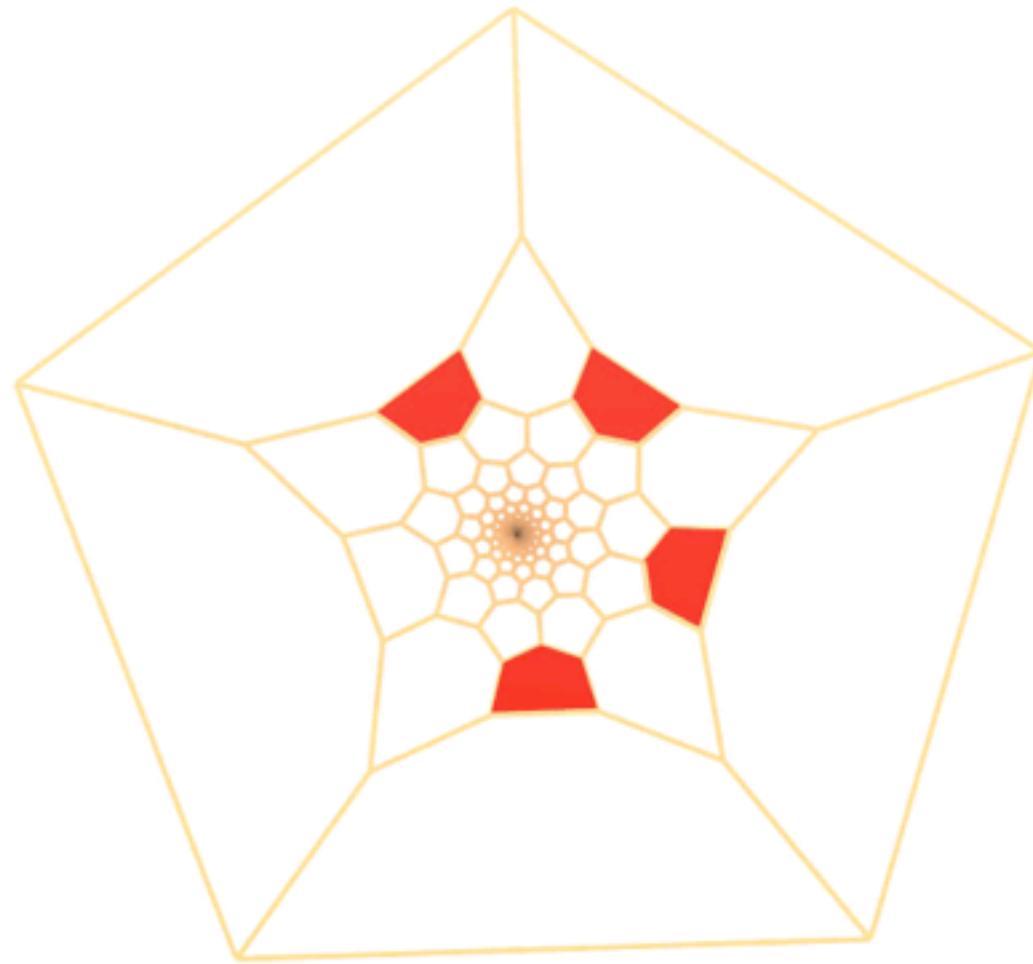
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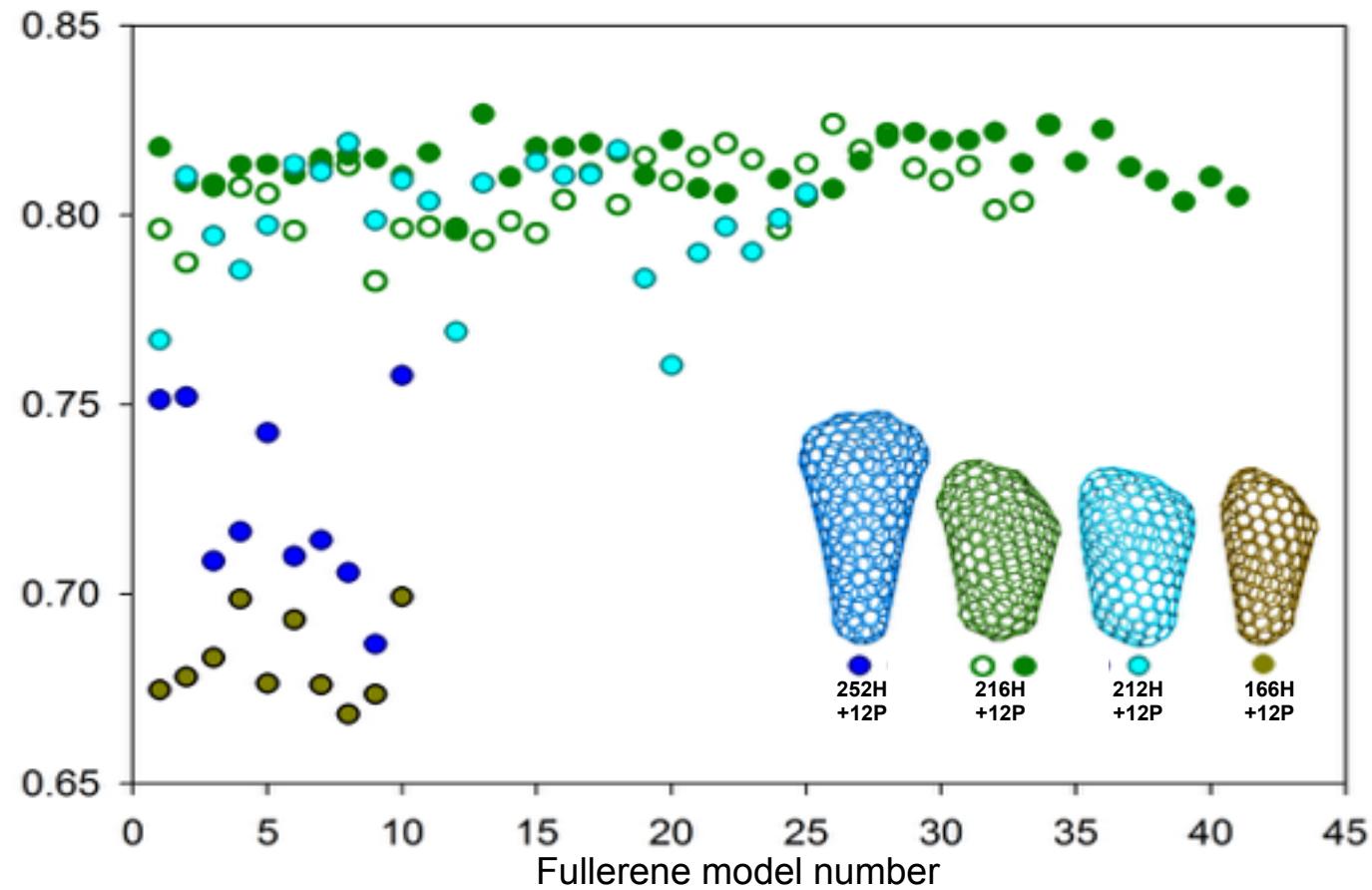
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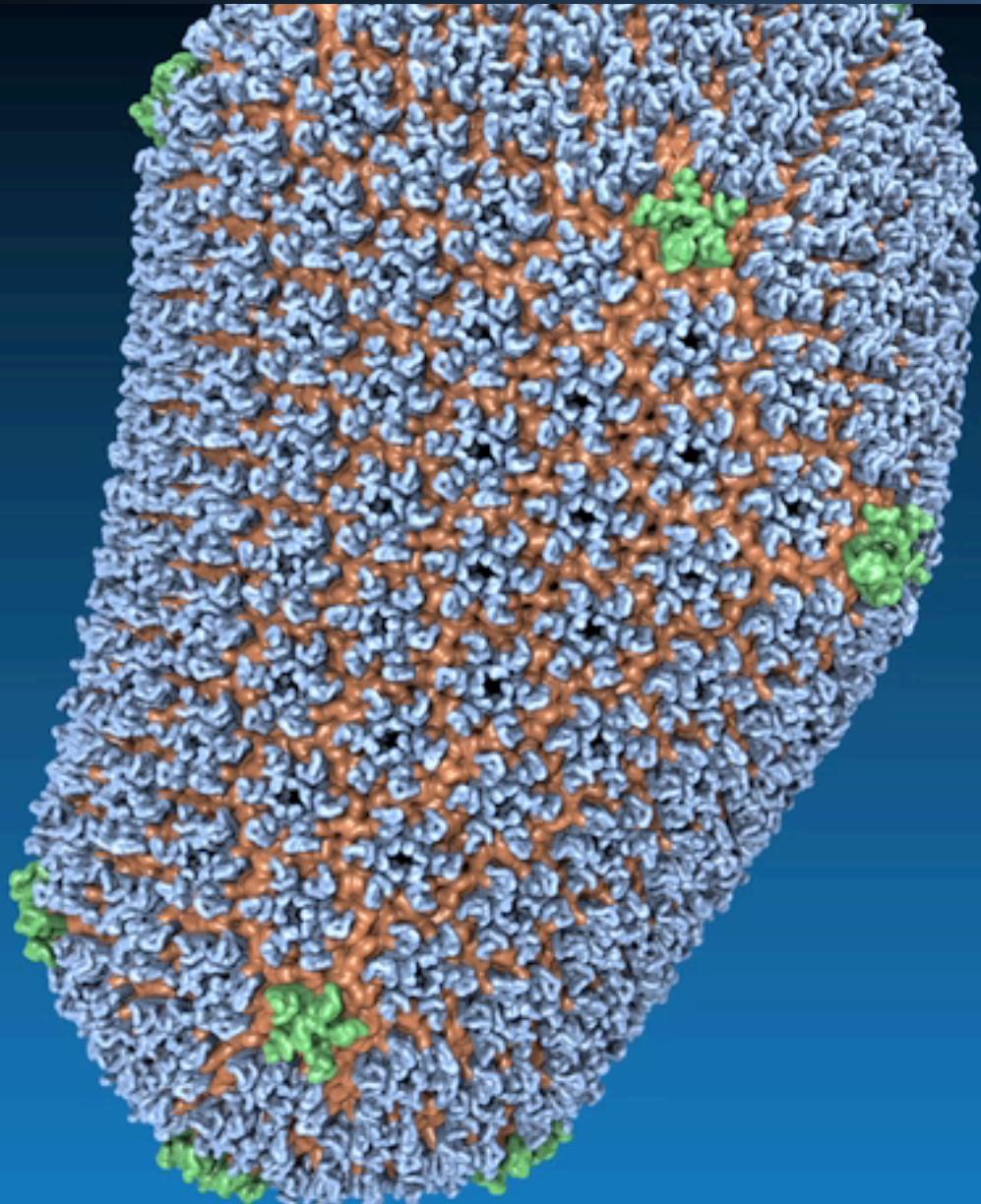
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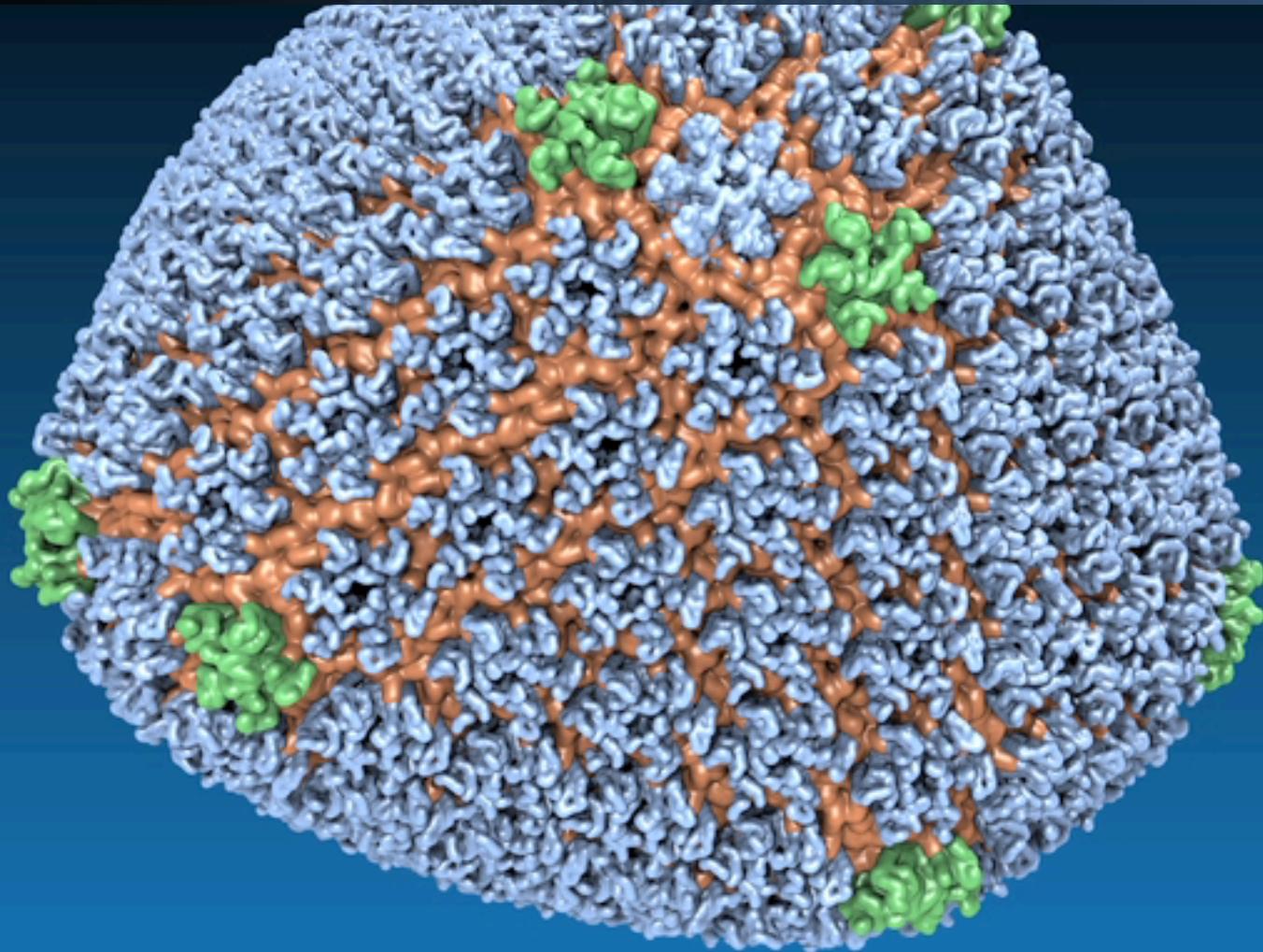
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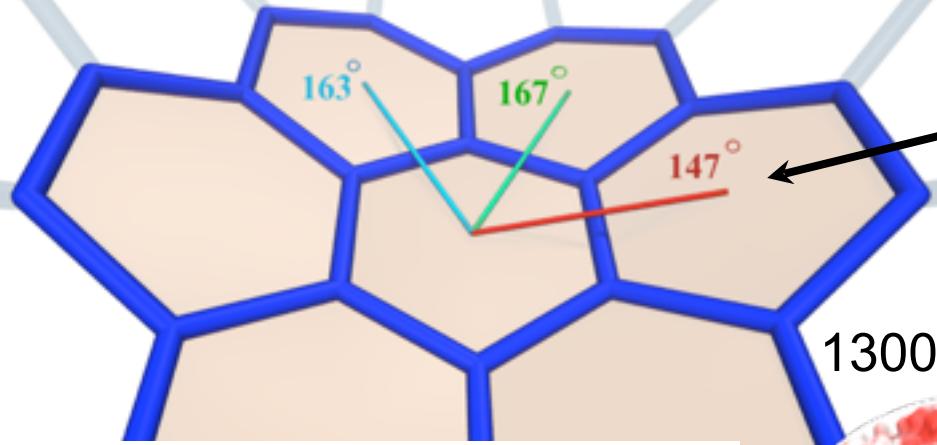
HIV capsid contains 186 tmons, 1300+ proteins



Complete simulation includes 64 million atoms  
NSF Blue Waters, NCSA and DOE Titan, ORNL

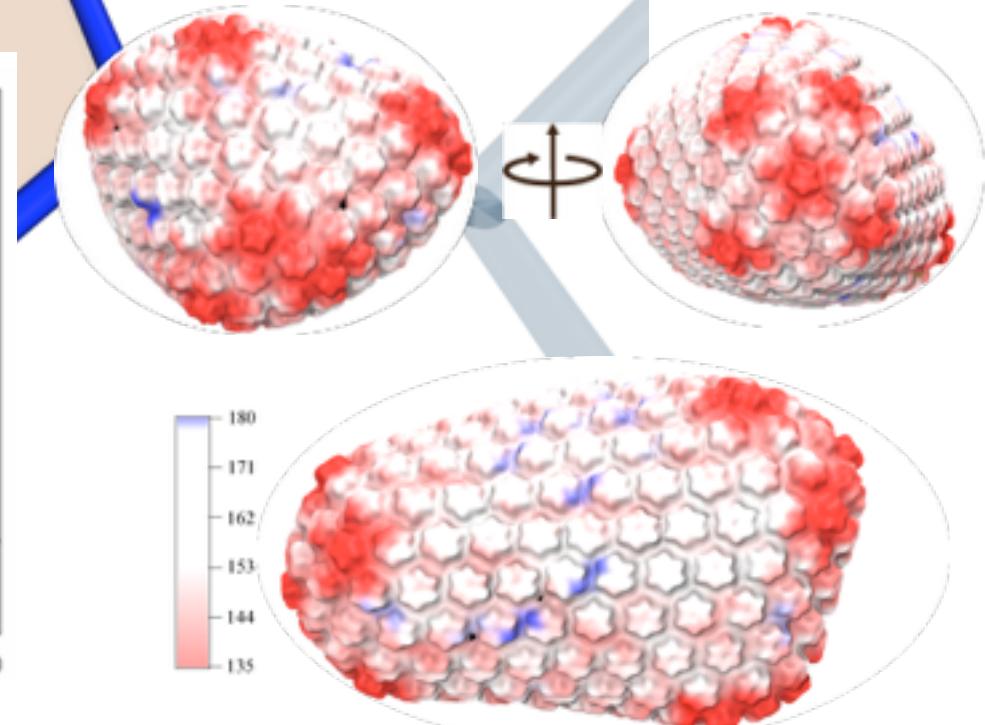
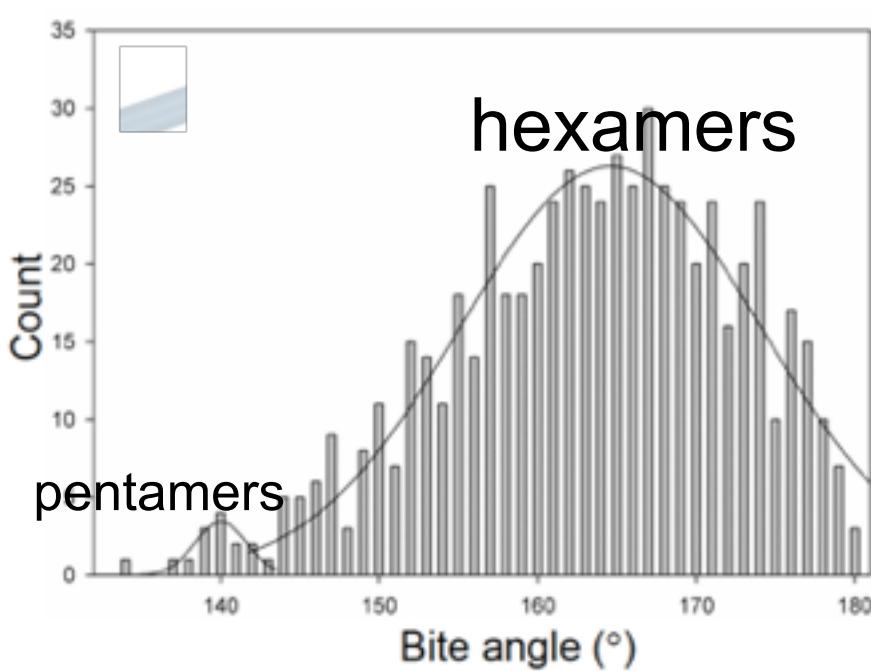


# Malleability of HIV-1 CA

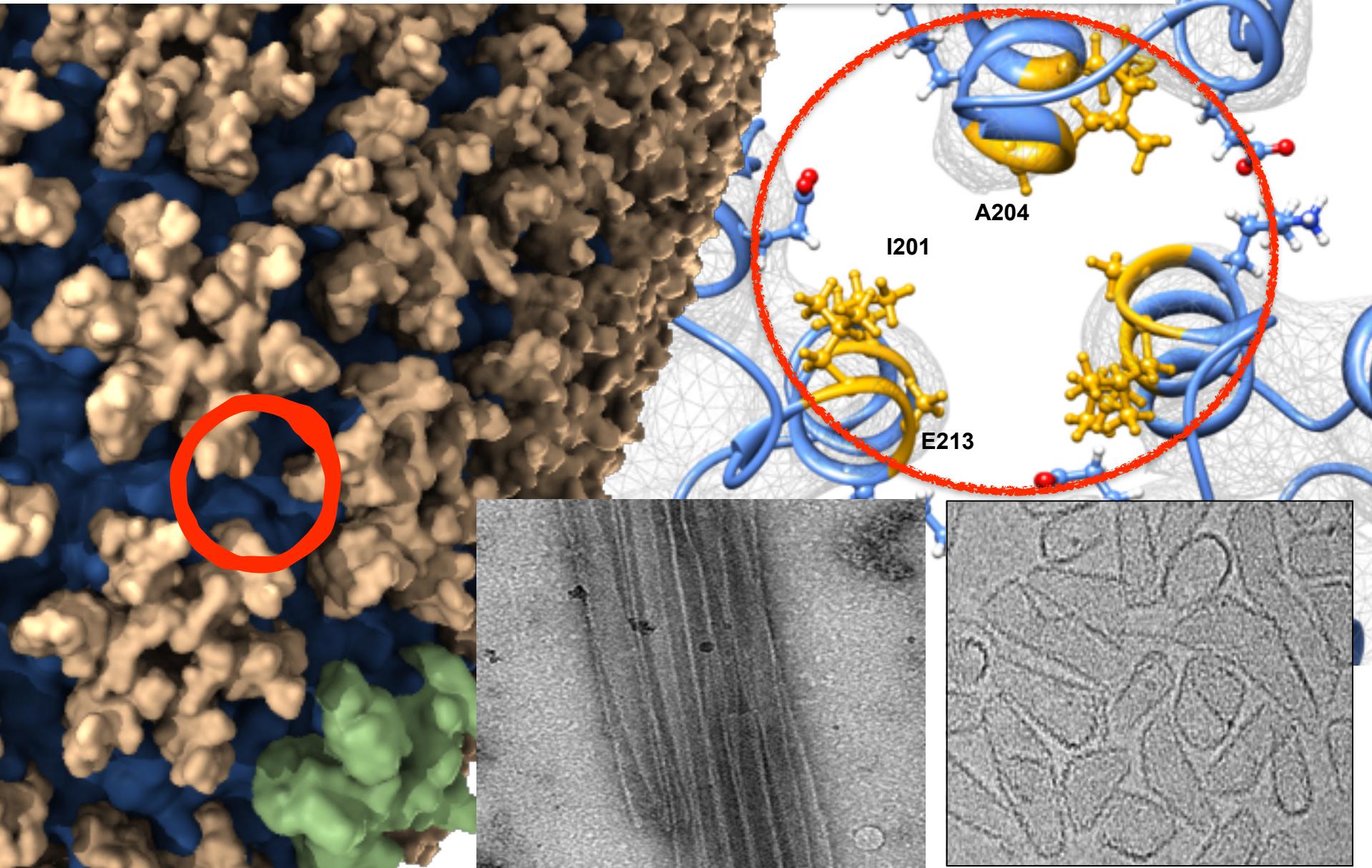


Hexamer of hexamers bite angles along chiral axis

1300 proteins in different conformations



# Curvature is regulated by the trimer interface



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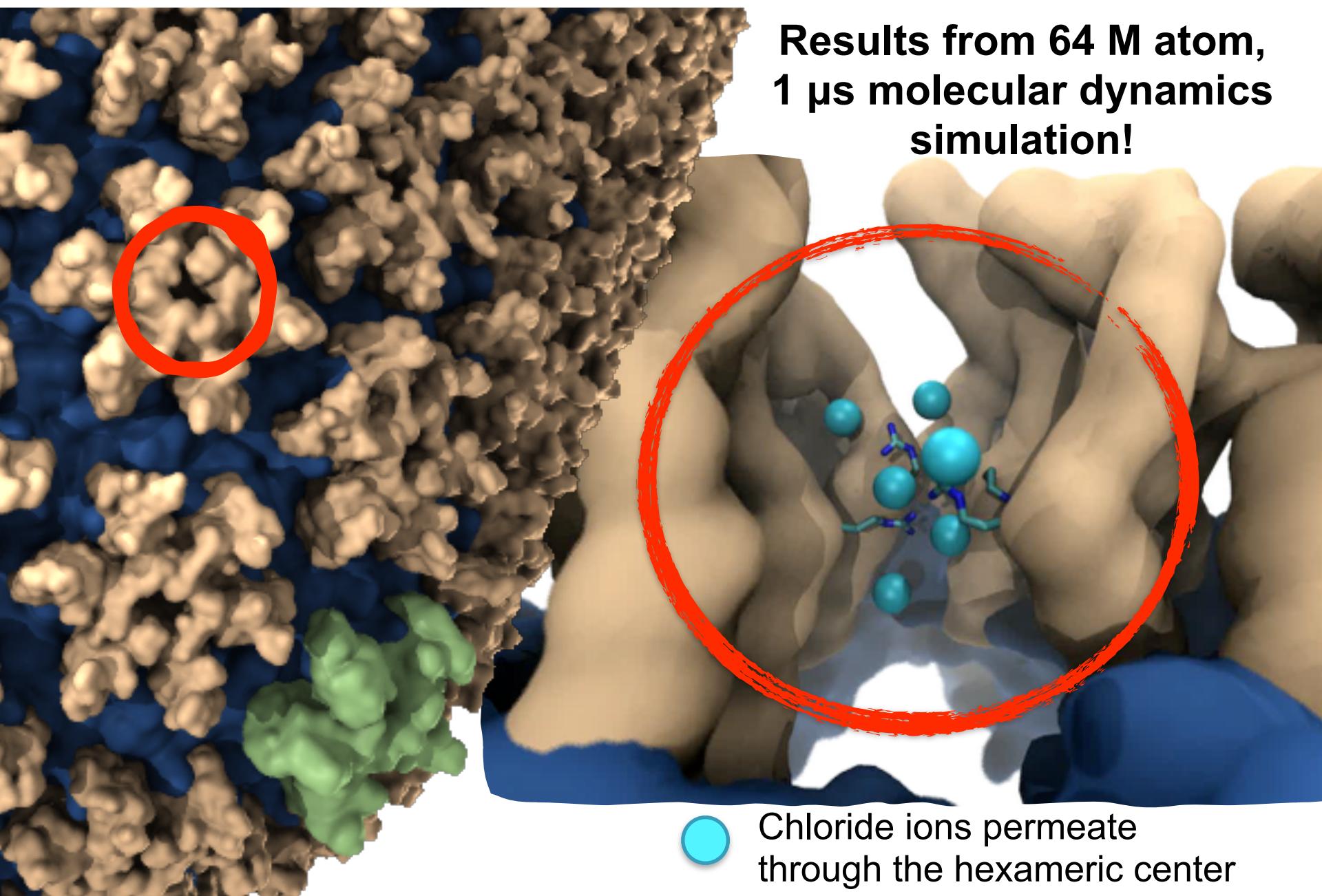
HIV-CA wild-type *in vitro*

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A204C mutant *in vitro*

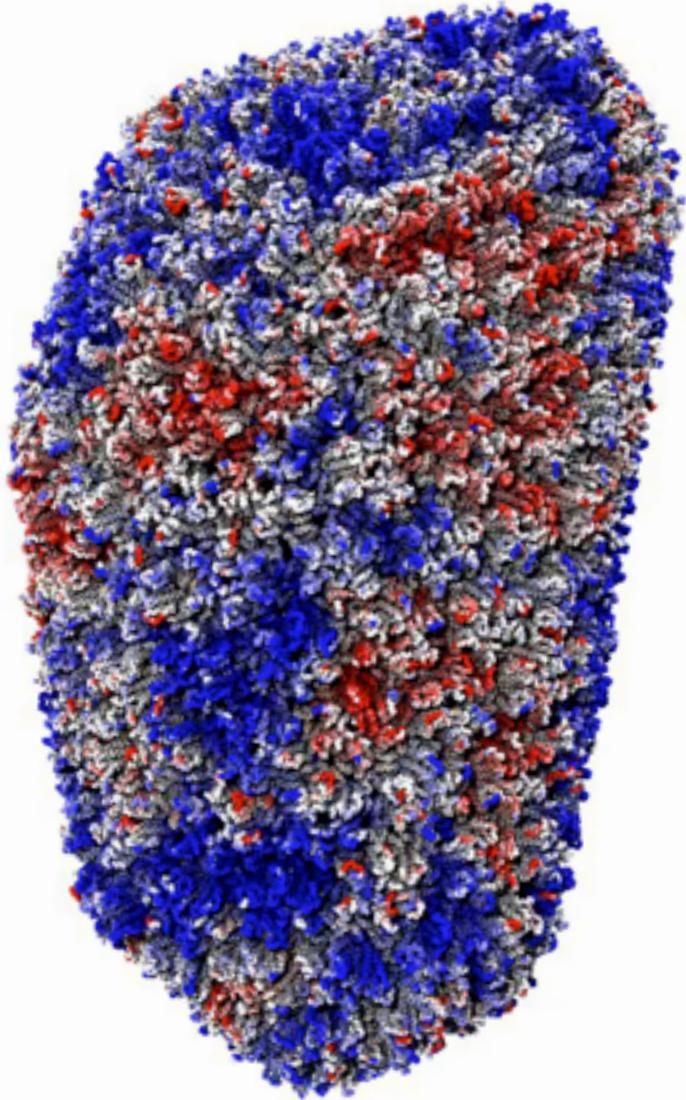
# Capsid acts as an osmotic regulator

Results from 64 M atom,  
1  $\mu$ s molecular dynamics  
simulation!



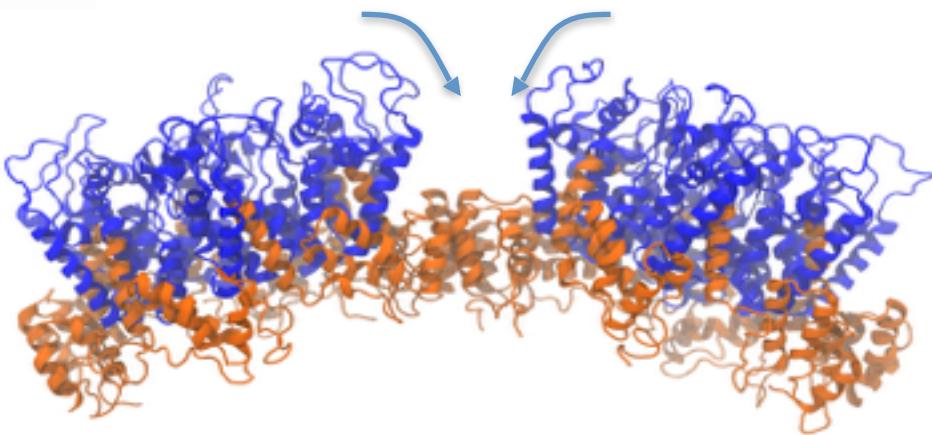
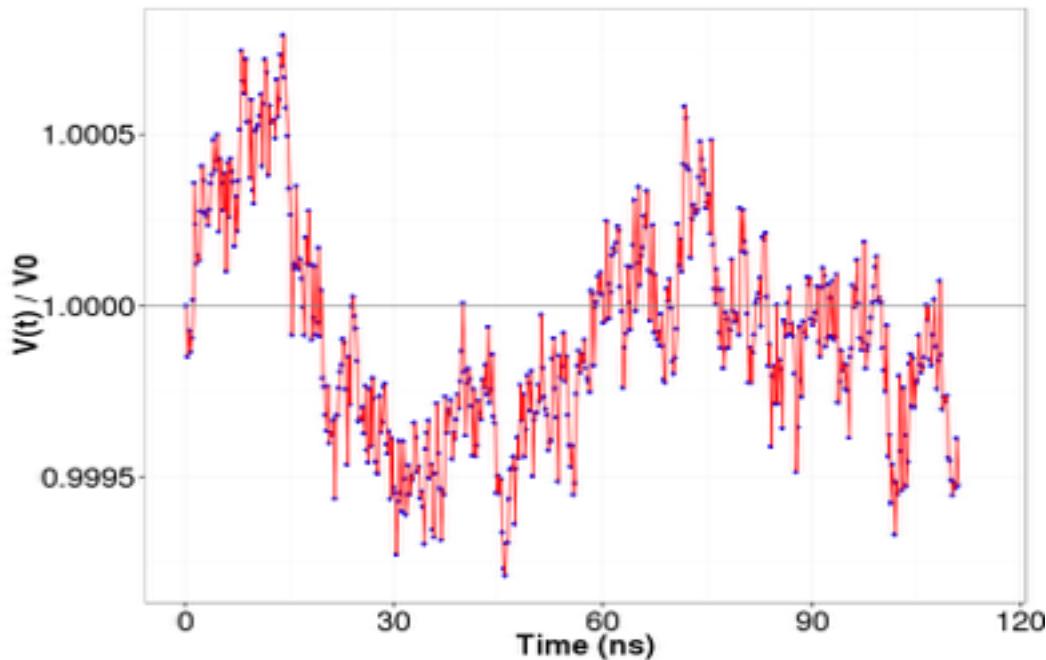
Chloride ions permeate  
through the hexameric center

# HIV Capsid is highly cooperative



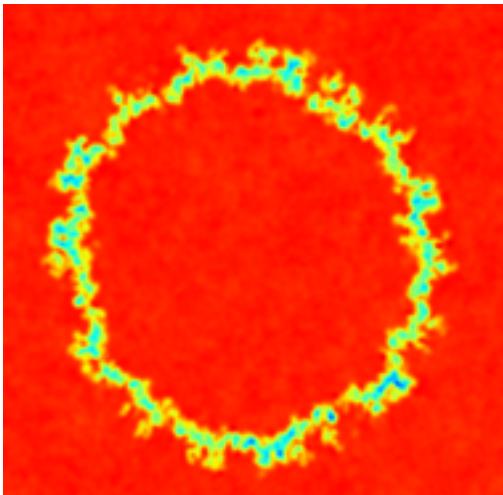
Global motion

Mean (white), inwards (blue),  
outwards (red)



Key motion involved in PCA  
mode

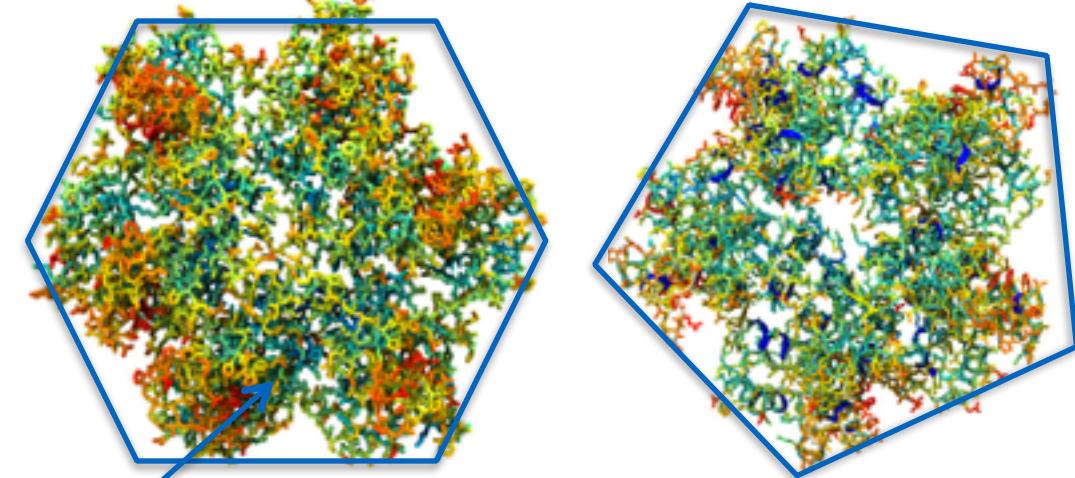
# Electrostatic potential suggest favorable binding sites for host factors



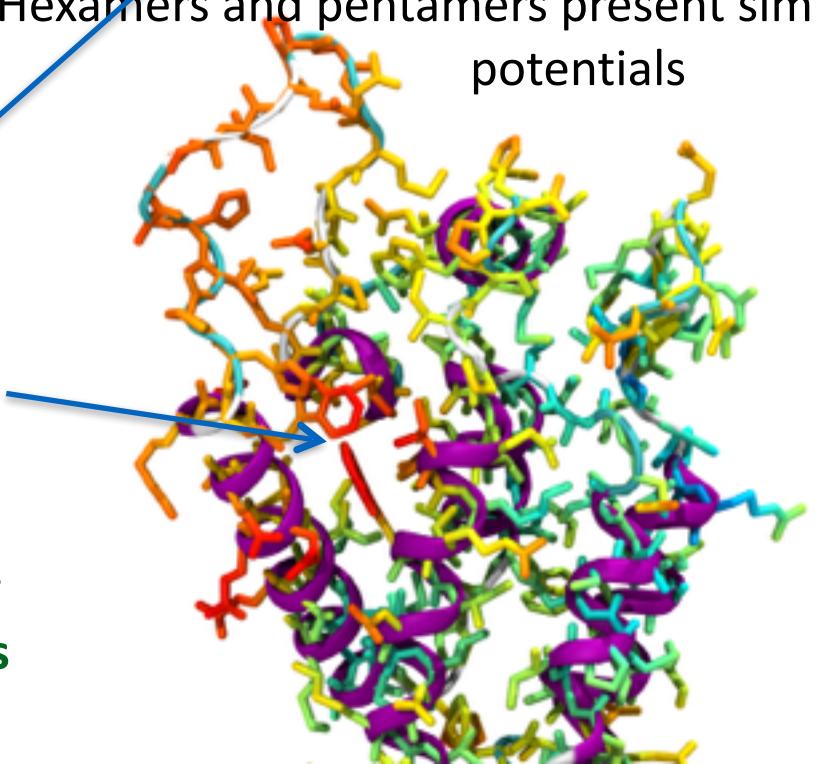
Electrostatic potential inside and outside,  $\Delta\phi = 0$  V.  
Averaged over 240ns of molecular dynamics simulation.

The potential differential between the **interior** of the hexamers/pentamers and the **CypA binding site** is  $\Delta\phi = 7$  V.

Such electrostatic signature suggests a novel binding site for host cell factors between **helices 4, 5 and 7**.



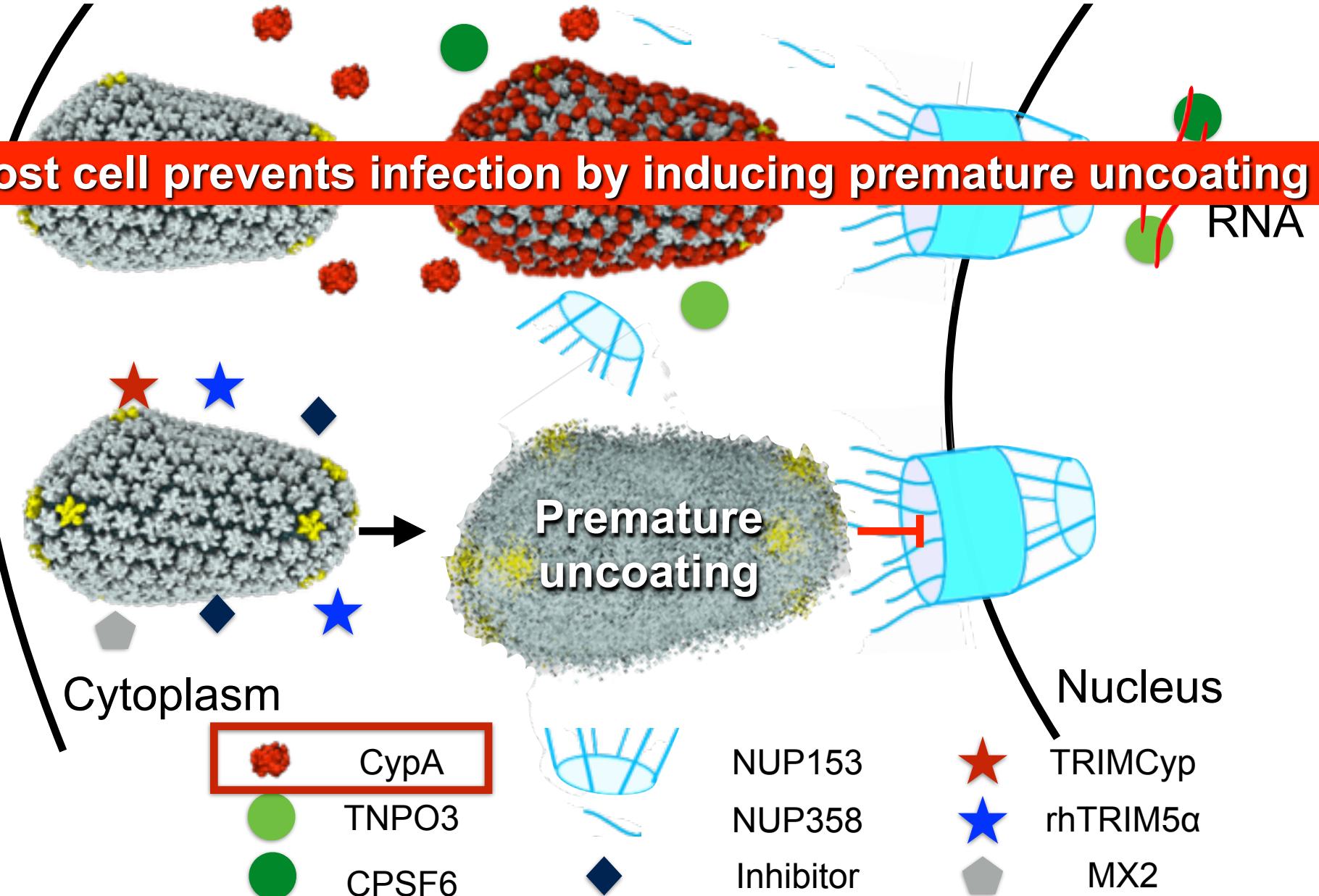
Hexamers and pentamers present similar electrostatic potentials



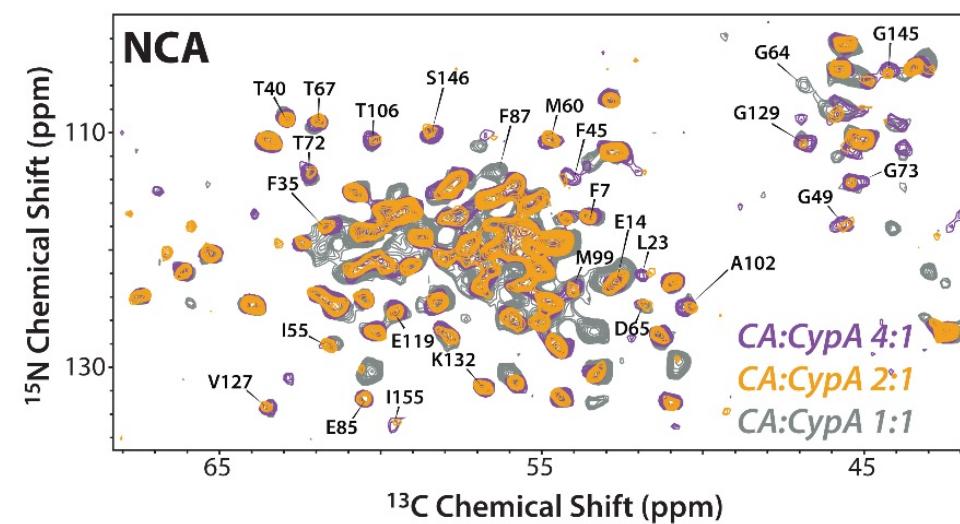
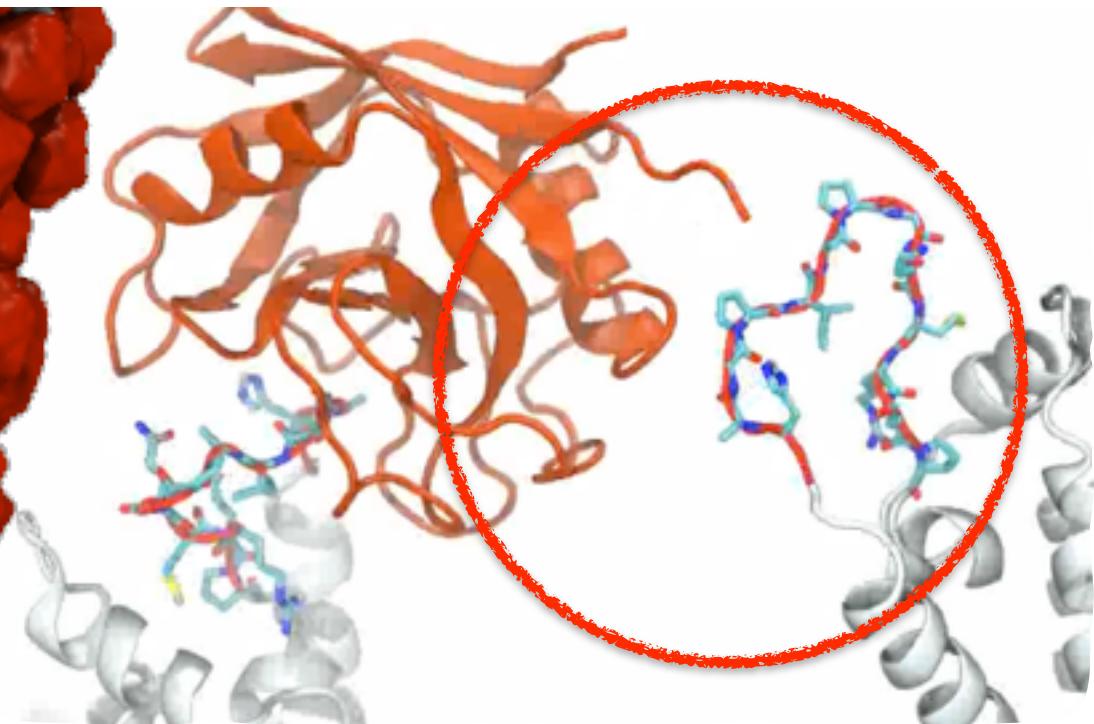
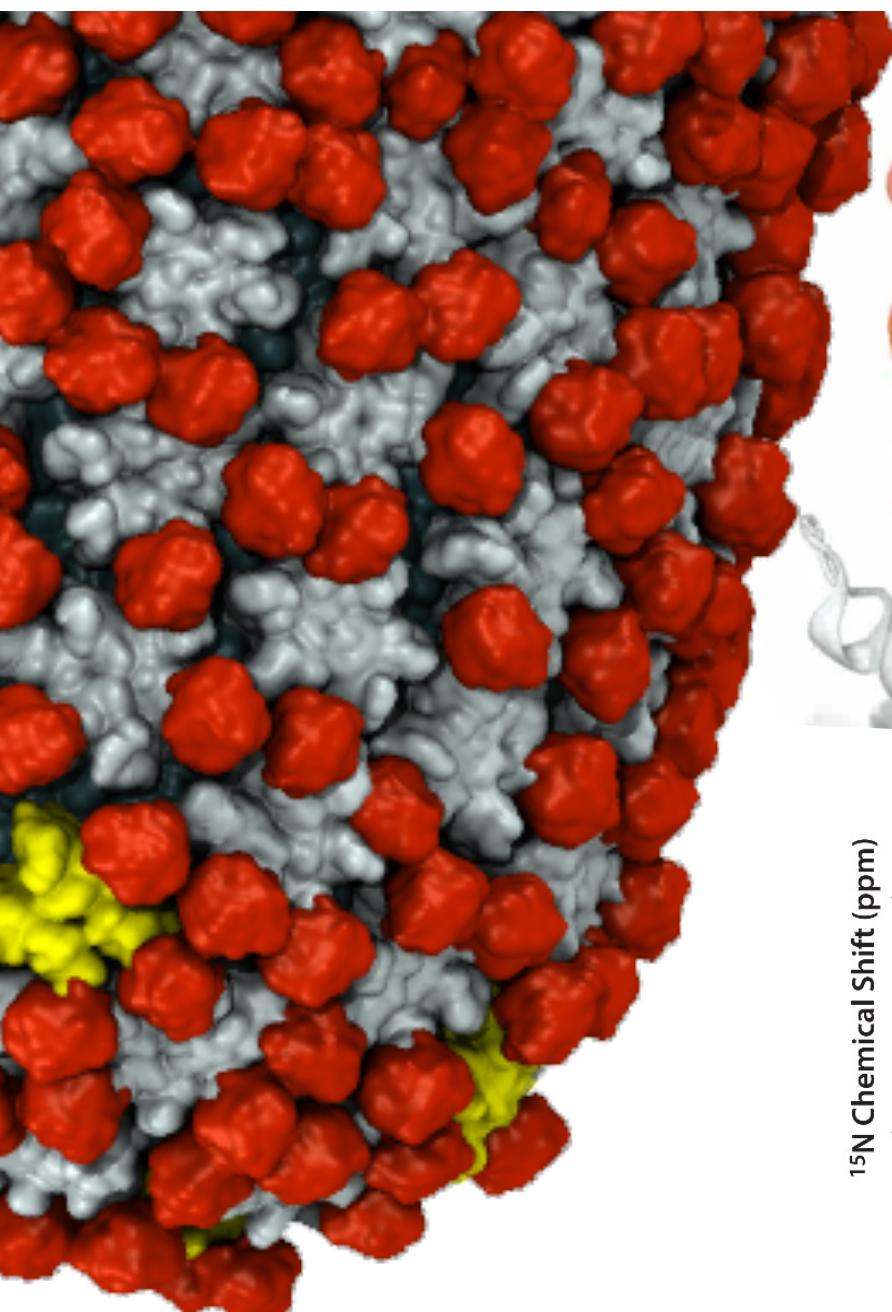
# HIV-1 infection

## HIV-1 uncoating: regulation by host factors

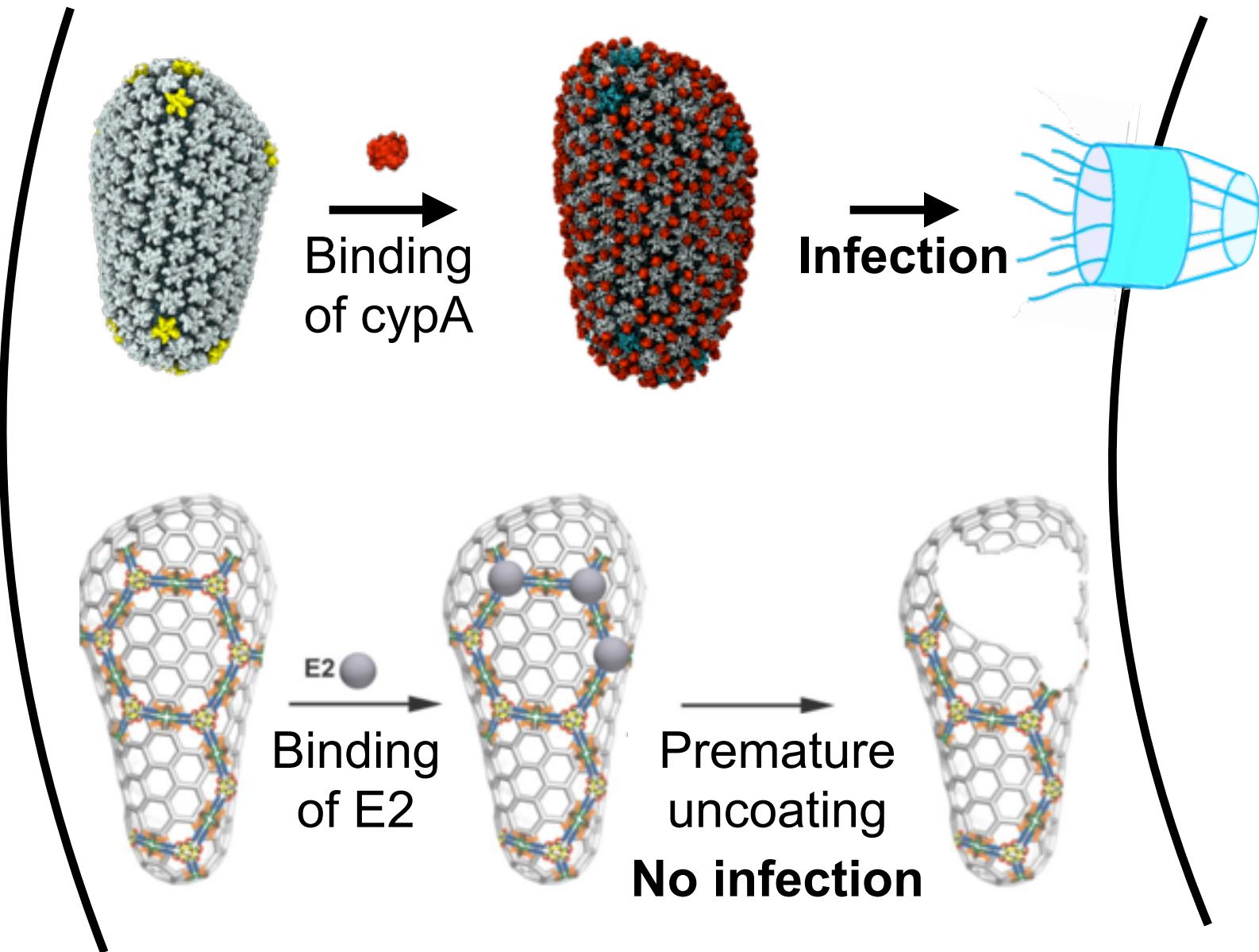
Host cell prevents infection by inducing premature uncoating



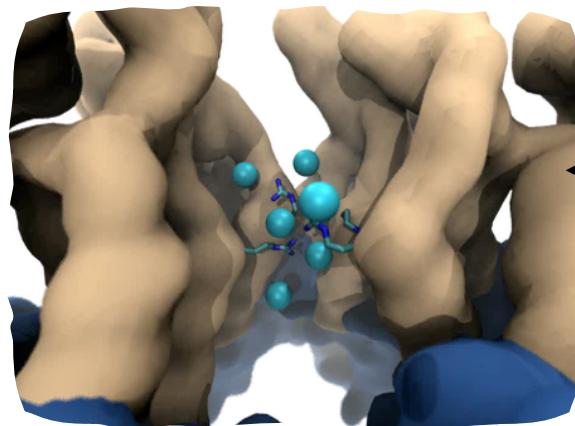
# CypA bridge model MD simulations identify a novel catalytic site



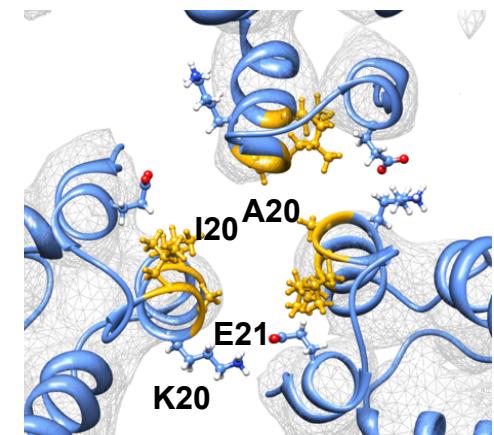
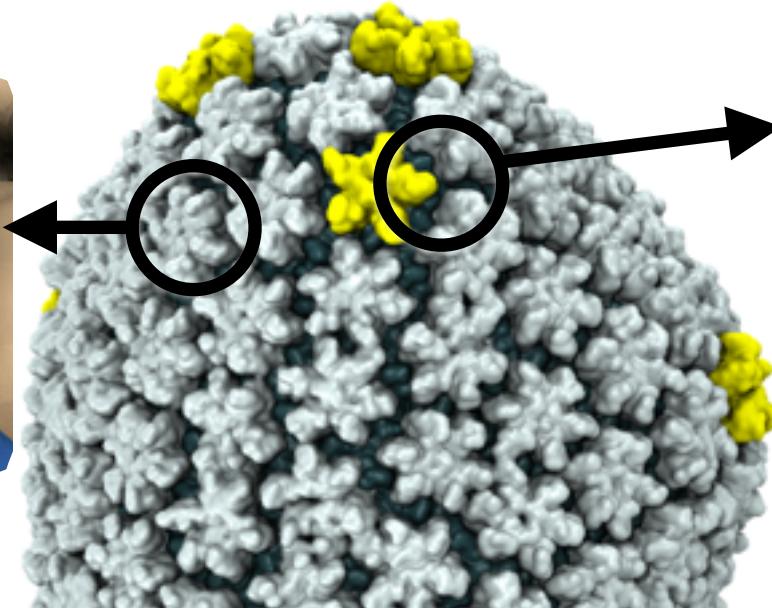
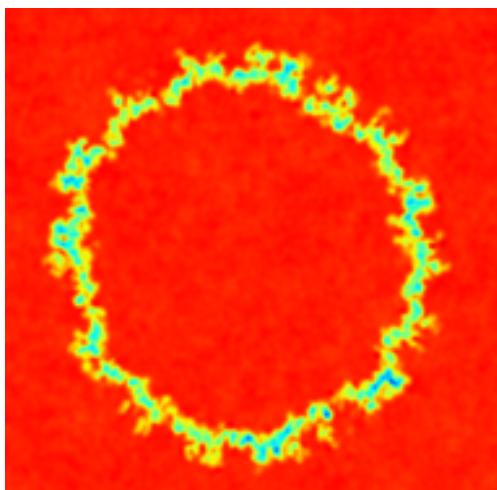
# Competitive binding between CypA and Trim



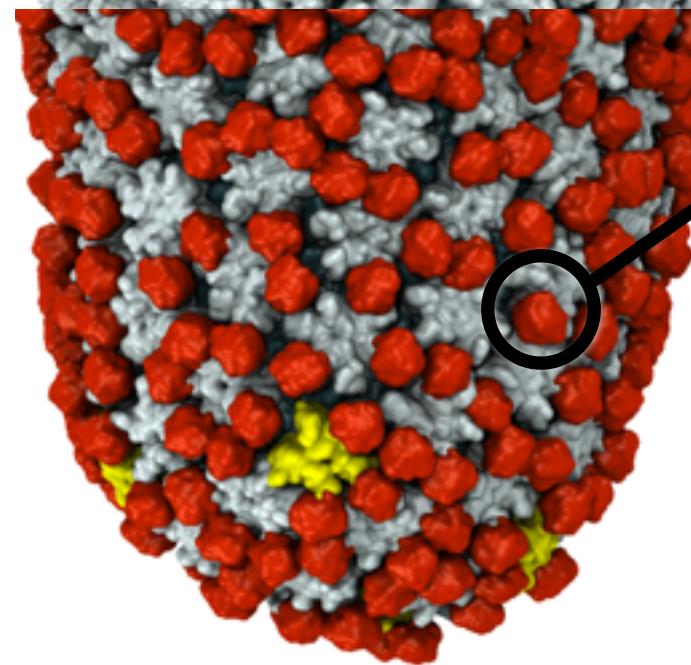
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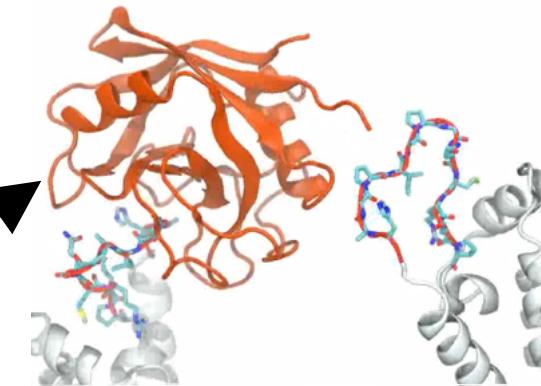
Ions permeate  
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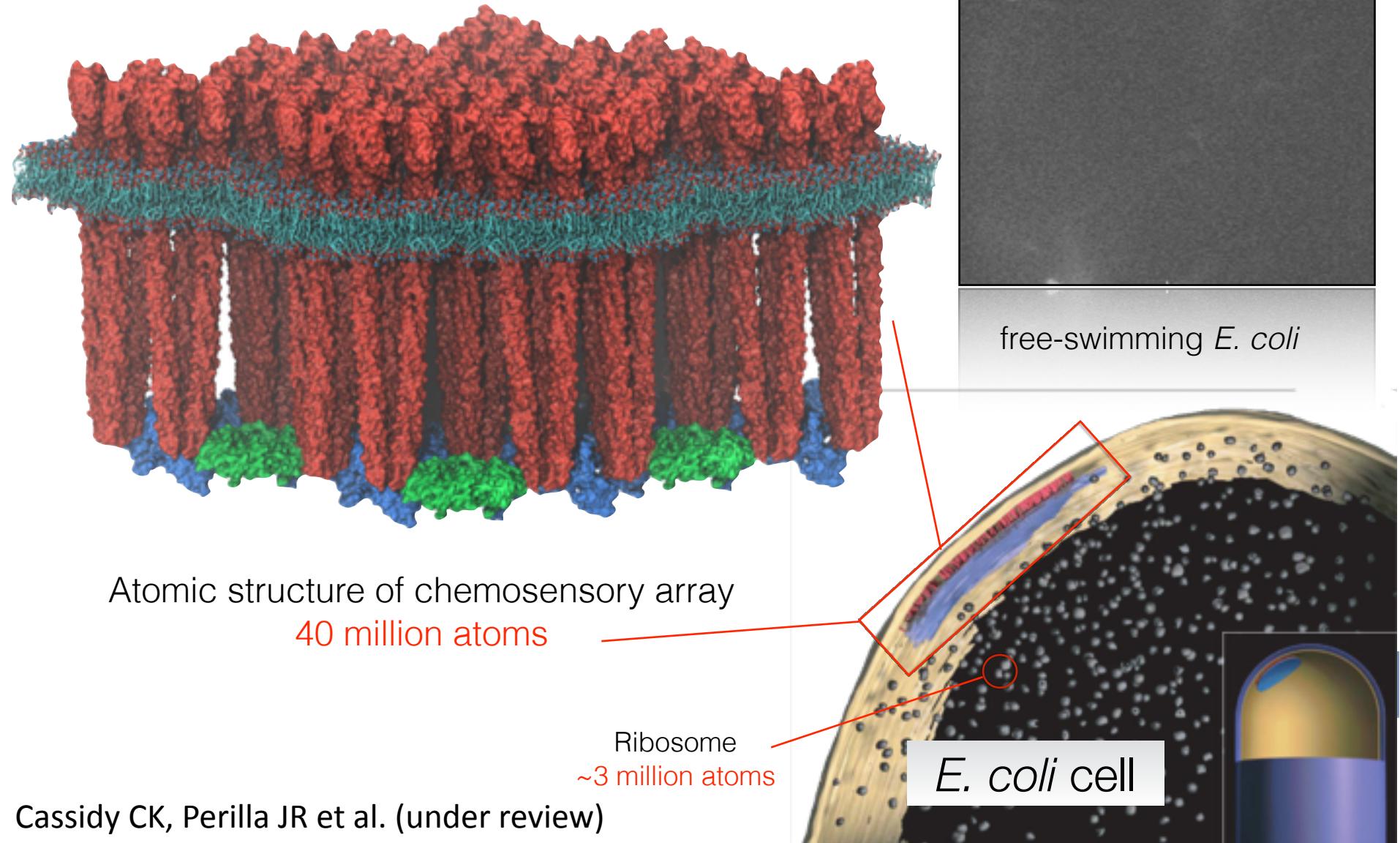


CypA bridges  
adjacent capsid subunits

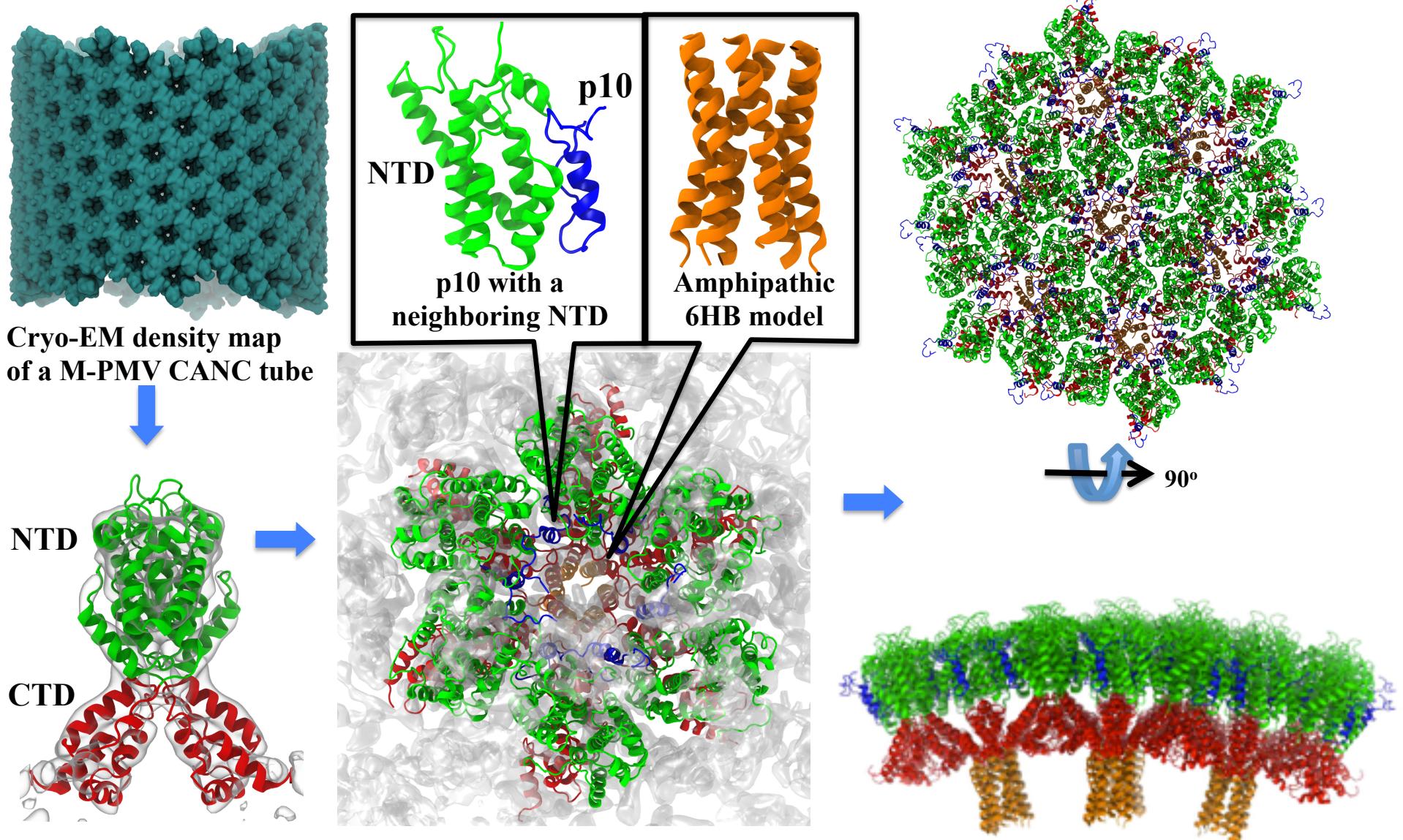


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Array controls signal transduction  
ultimately regulating cell motility



# Immature retroviral lattice



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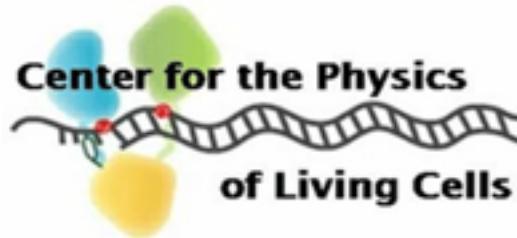
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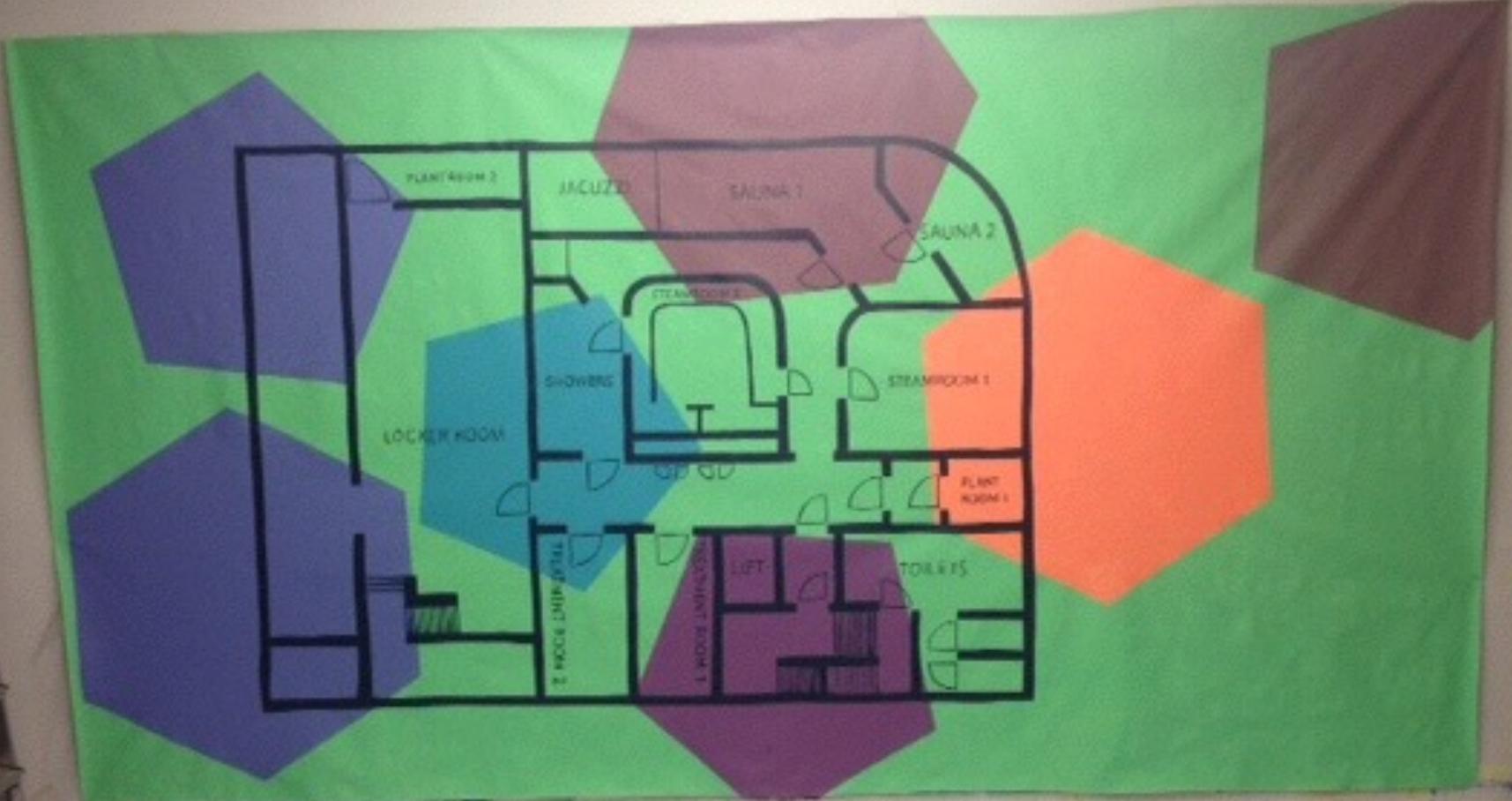


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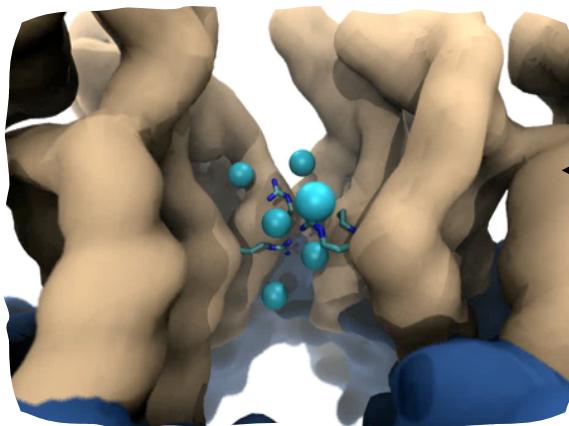
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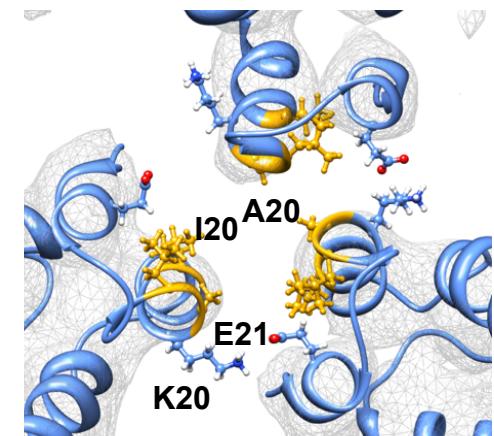
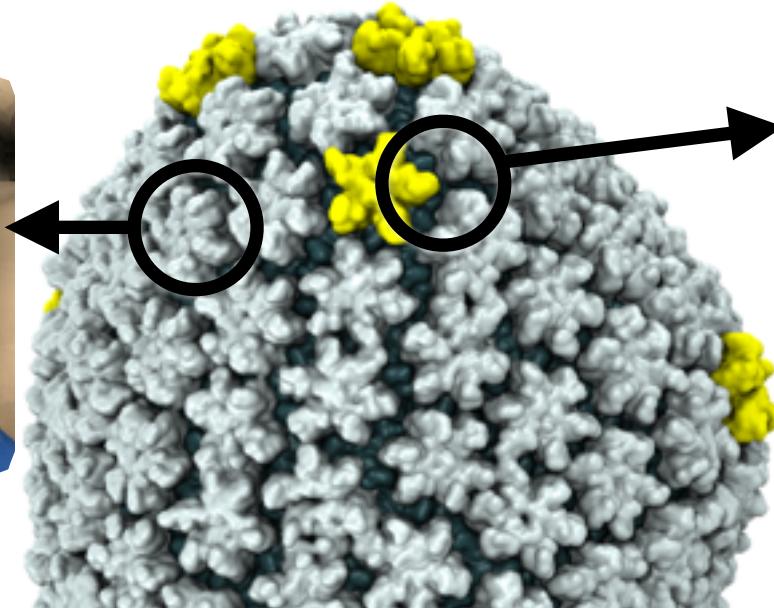
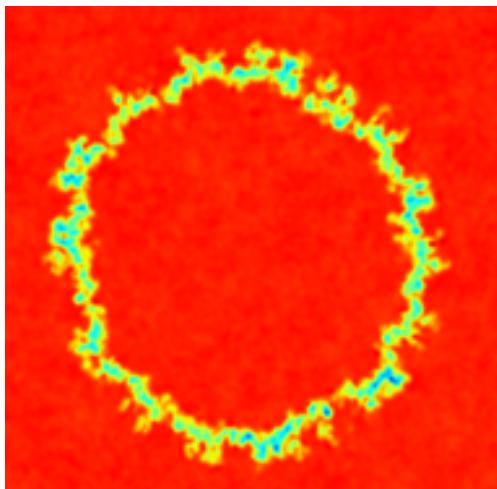
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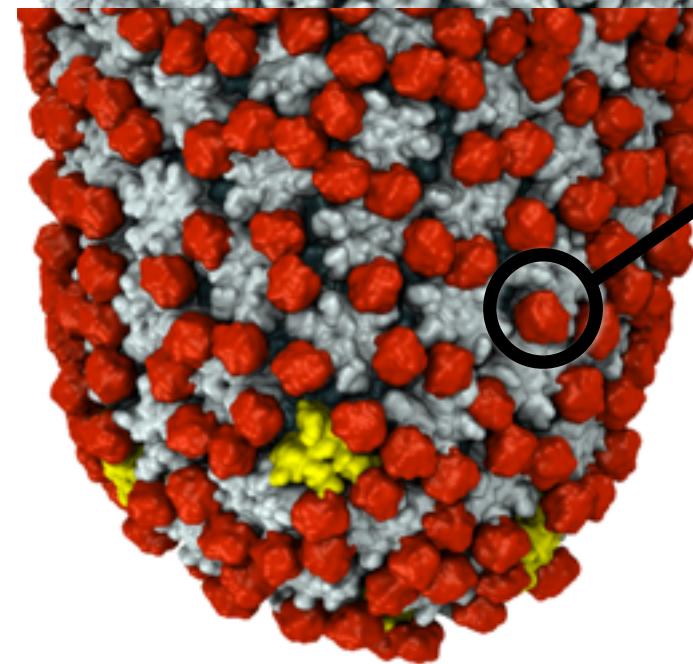
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