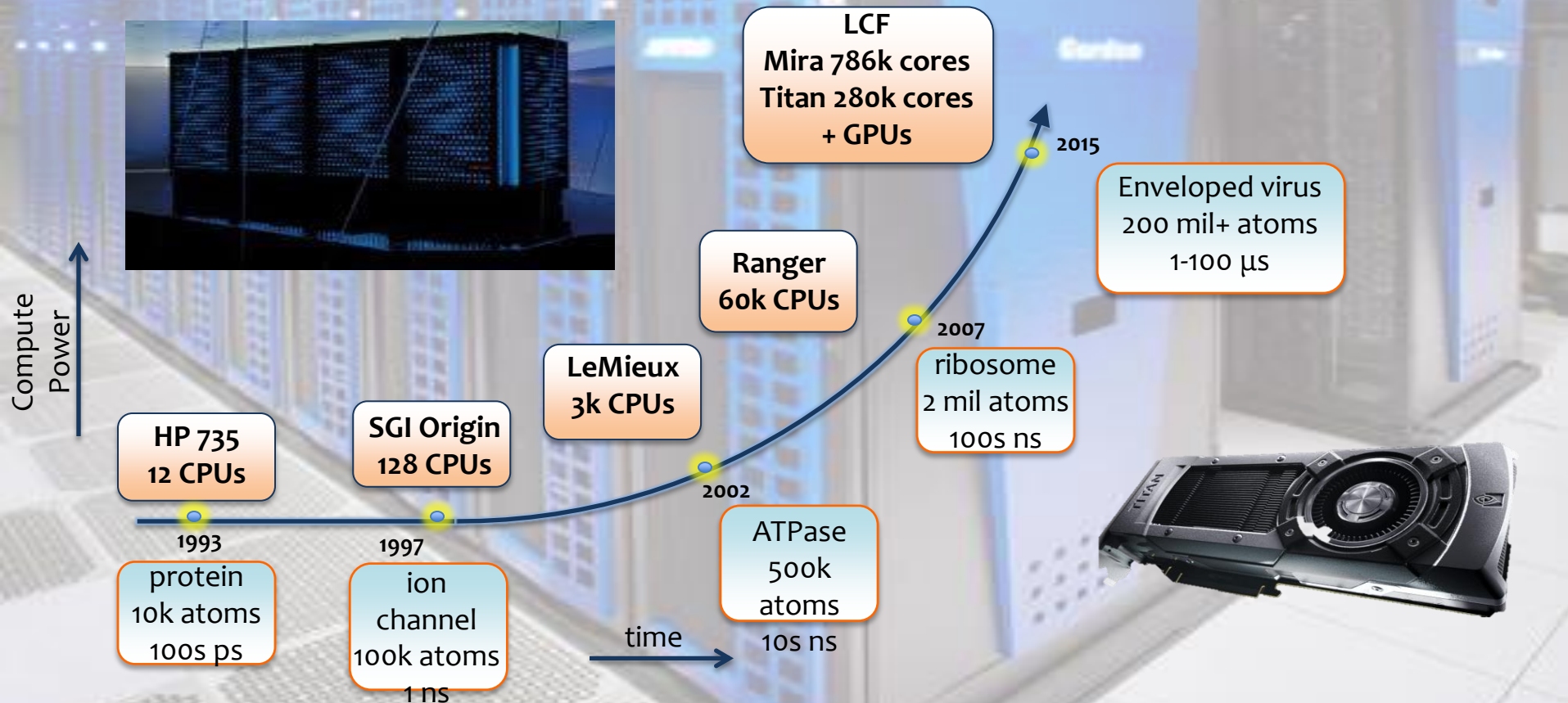




# Accelerating the Cure: GPU-Driven Drug Discovery for Targets in Cancer

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# Game-changing advances



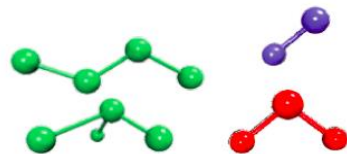
Enormous gains in computing power enabling new frameworks for drug discovery



# The Computational Microscope

100 - 1,000,000  
processors

## Chemistry



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

## Physics

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

## Math

$$\vec{r}_i(t + \Delta t) = 2\vec{r}_i(t) - \vec{r}_i(t - \Delta t) + \frac{\Delta t^2}{m_i} \vec{F}_i(t)$$

(repeat *one billion times* = microsecond)

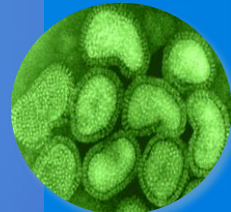
## Software & Tools

NAMD, AMBER, CADD pipeline, FTProd...

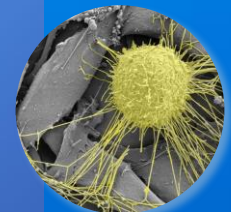
## Supercomputers & GPUs

Sustained  $10^{15}$  -  $10^{18}$  FLOPS

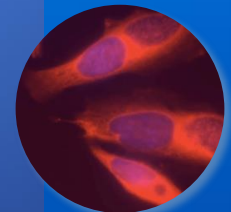




*Influenza*



*Cancer*

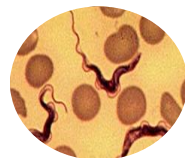
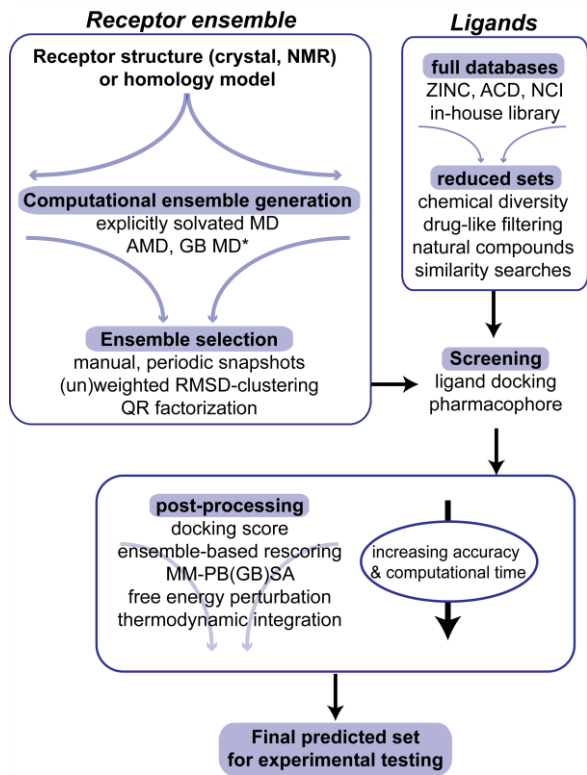


*Chlamydia*



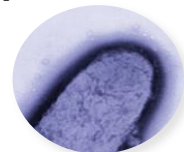
*Trypanosomiasis*

# Game changing GPU advances ... life changing advances in drug discovery



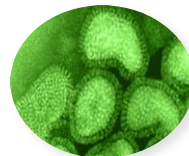
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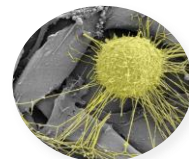
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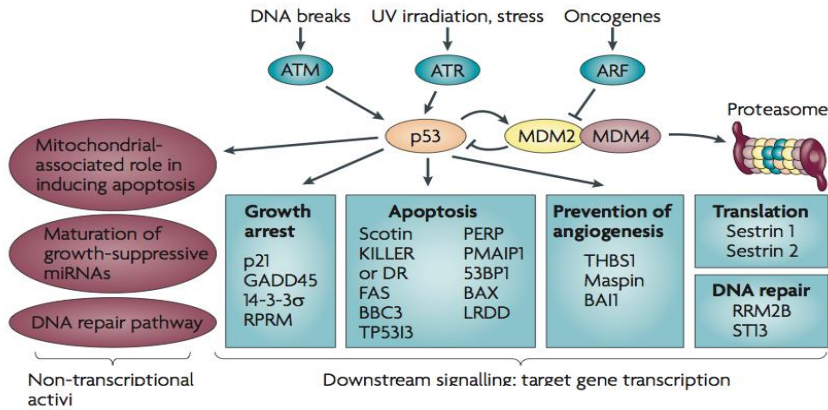
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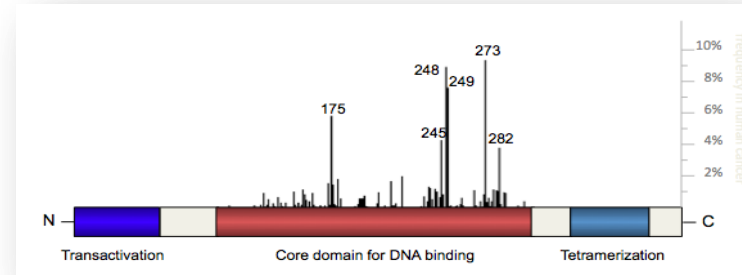
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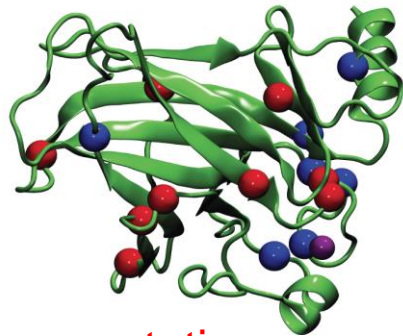
# p53: Guardian of the genome



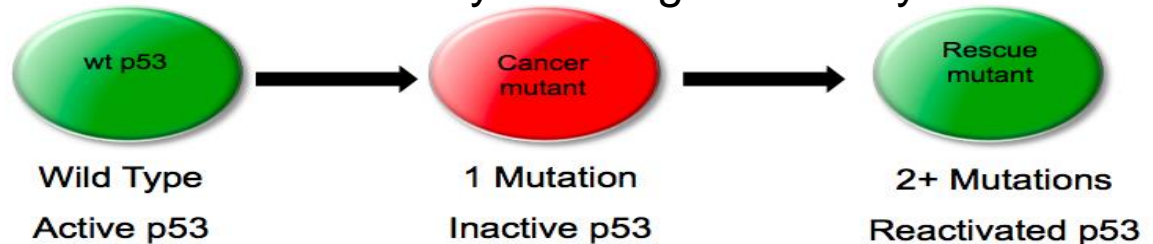
Frequency of p53 mutations in cancer



>600,000 new cancer patients annually in the US with p53 point mutations

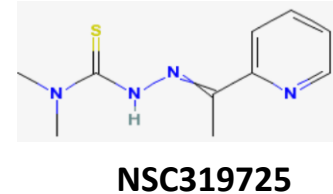
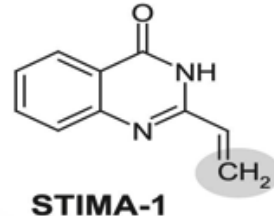
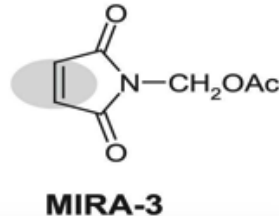
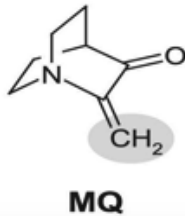
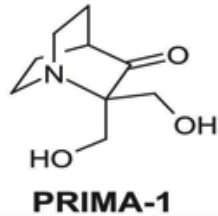
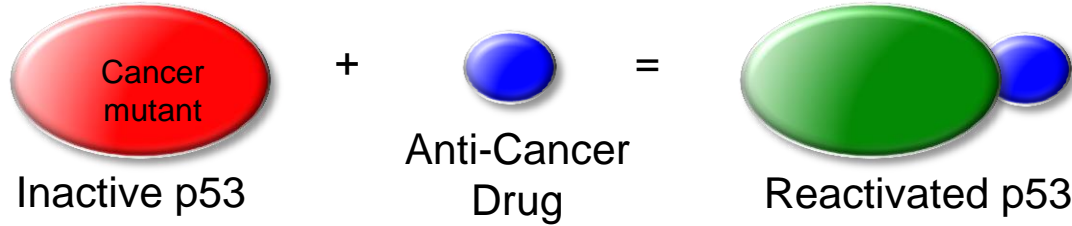


Susceptible to oncogenic mutations that inactivate by lowering its stability



Cancer mutations  
 Cancer rescue mutations

# Dream of cancer biologists: small-molecule p53 reactivation



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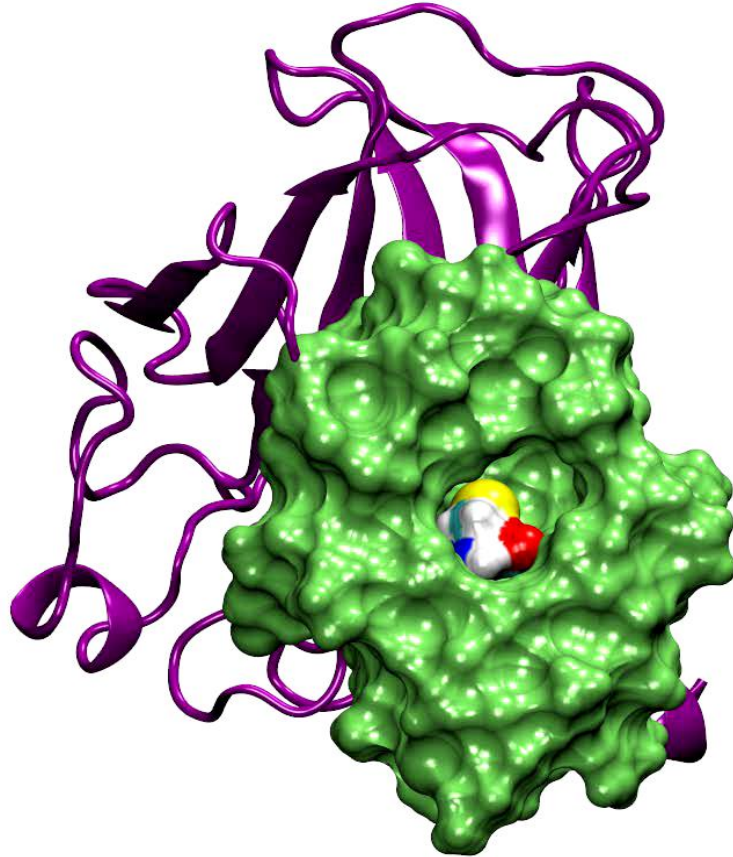
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Identified covalent attachment of products, but could not discern which of 10 cysteine residues



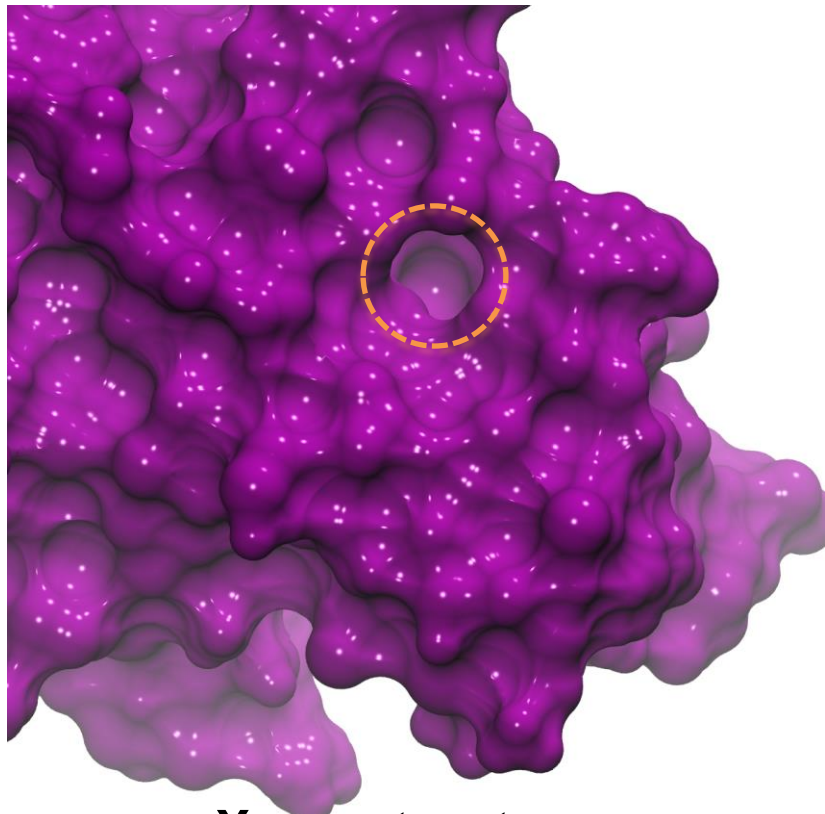
# Simulations Reveal Target Flexibility



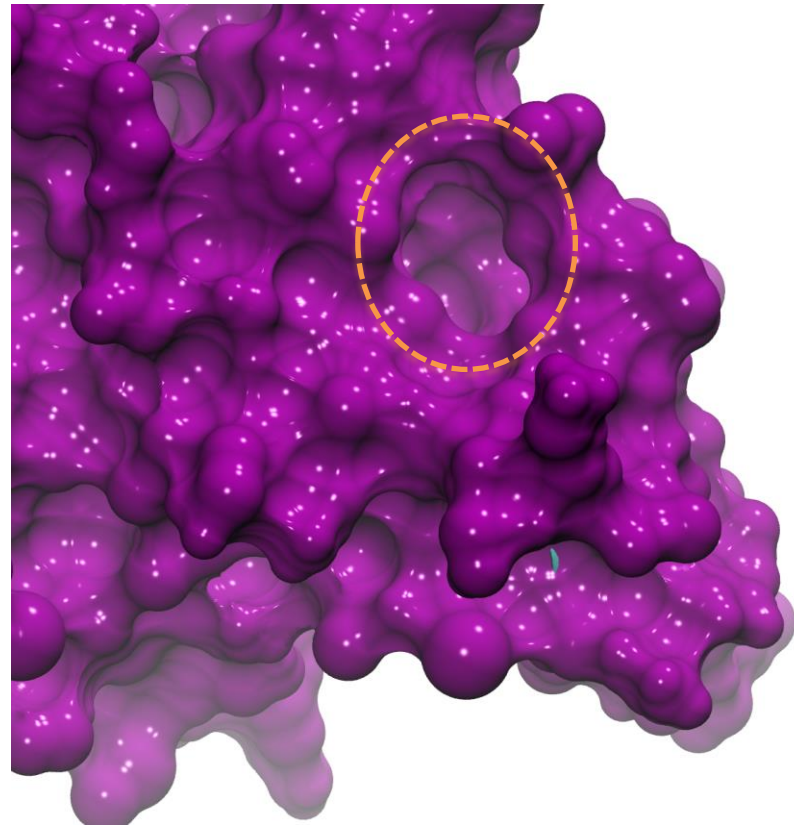
5% exposed,  
matches NMR



# New Site Opens

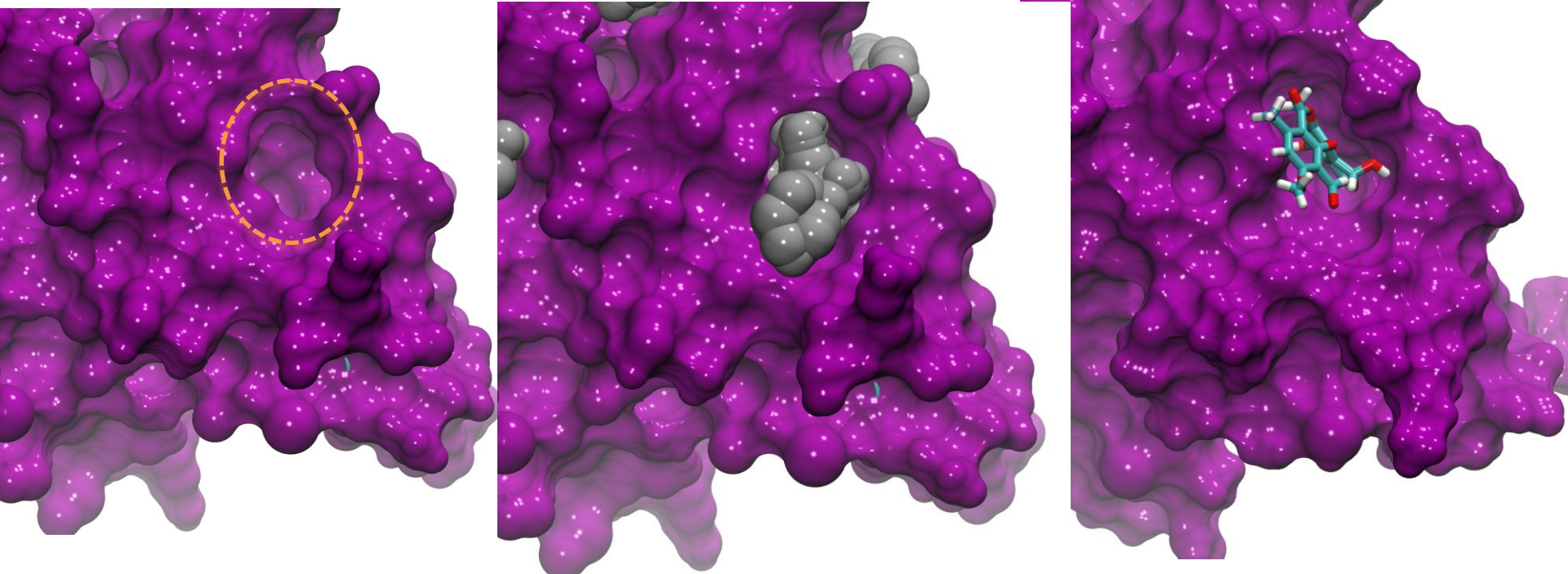


**X-ray structure**



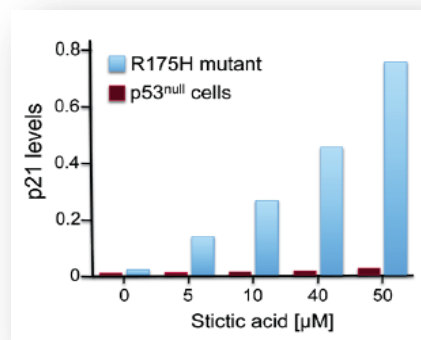
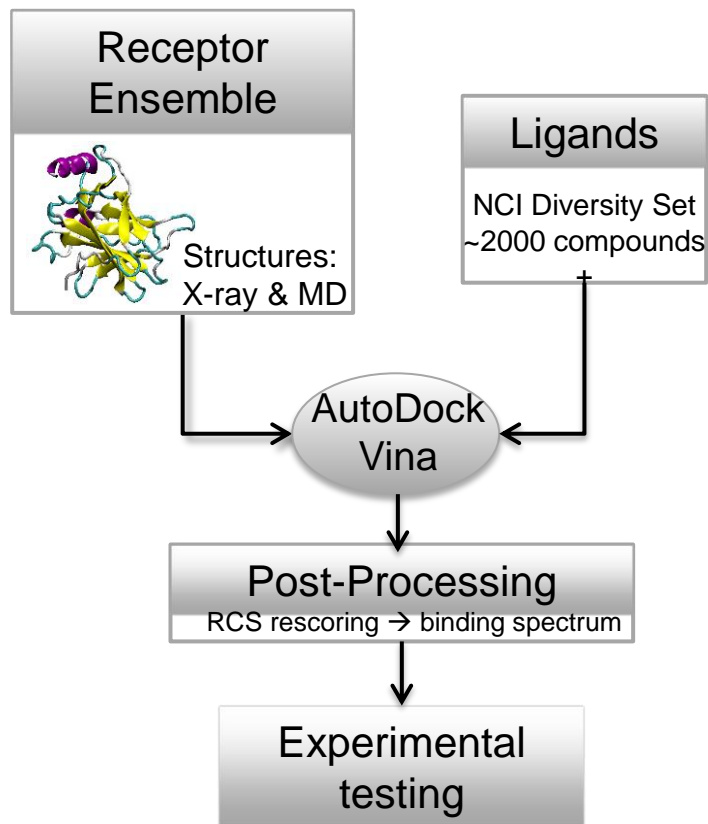
**“Open” MD structure**

# New Site is Druggable

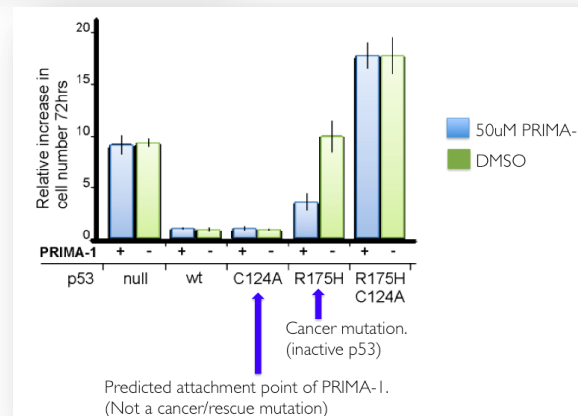
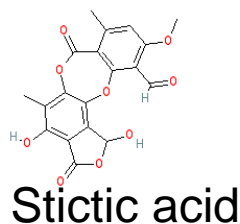


**structure**

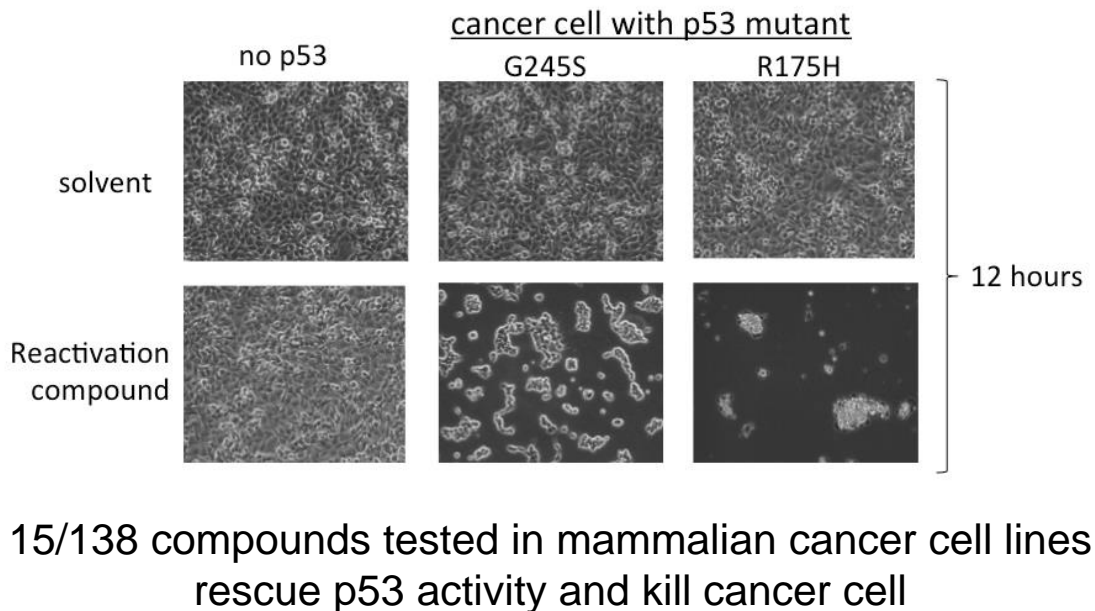
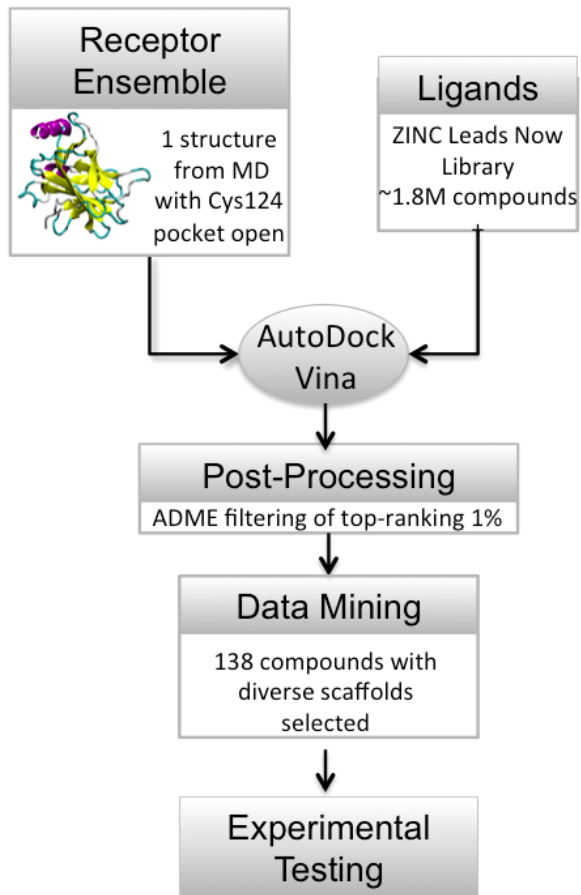
# Discovery of novel reactivation compound & rationalization of clinical trial compound



Dose-dependent rescue in mammalian cancer cells



# Our computational approach discovers more novel p53 reactivation compounds in 6 months than all the research efforts of the previous 20 years combined





**NEWS, Apr 7, 2014**


## Aprea presents preclinical data at AACR – APR-246 re-sensitizes ovarian cancer cells to platinum compounds and doxorubicin

**Stockholm – April 7, 2014.** Aprea AB today presented preclinical data at the American Association for Cancer Research (AACR) meeting in San Diego, USA. The data reveals that Aprea's candidate drug APR-246, a compound that reactivates mutant p53, is able to resensitize ovarian cancer cells to platinum compounds and doxorubicin. A Phase Ib/II study with APR-246 in relapsed platinum sensitive ovarian cancer is currently open for recruitment. Aprea is part of the Karolinska Development portfolio.

**NEWS, Jan 22, 2015**

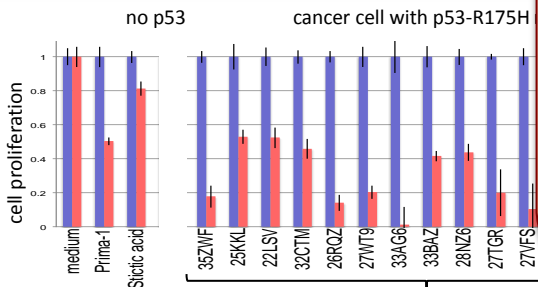
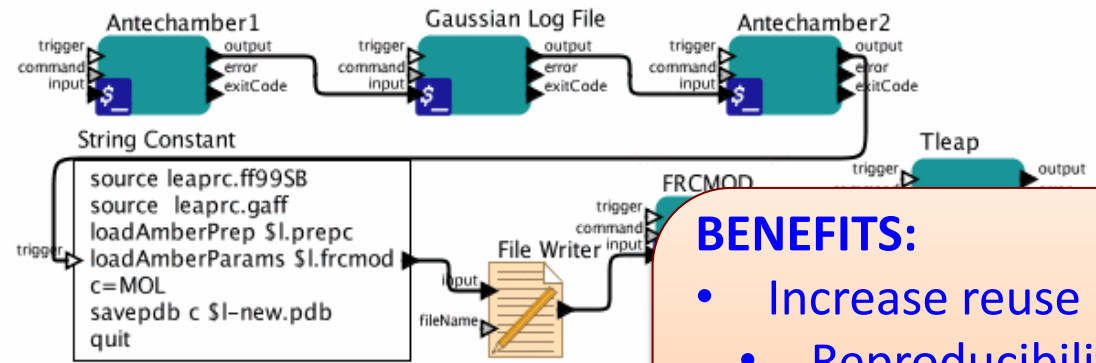
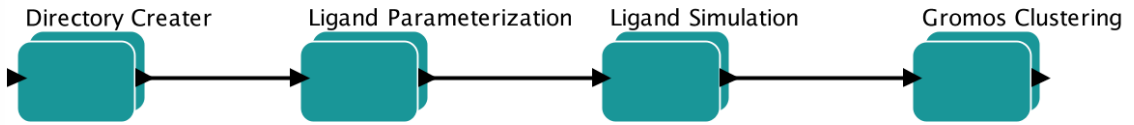
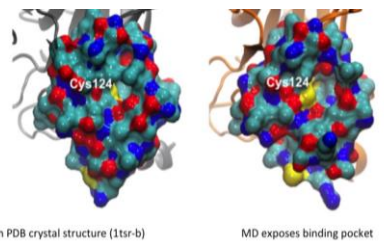
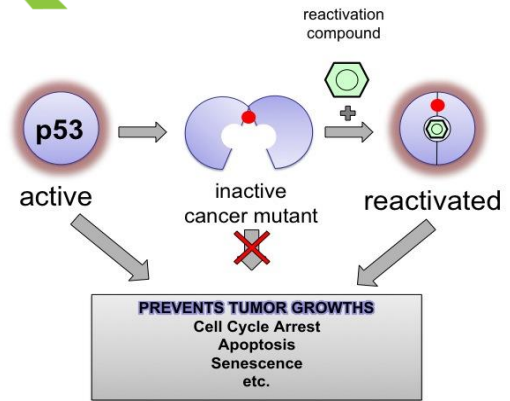
## Aprea granted European orphan drug designation for APR-246 in ovarian cancer

**STOCKHOLM – January 22, 2015.** Aprea AB, a Karolinska Development portfolio company, today announced that the European Medicines Agency (EMA) has granted its drug candidate APR-246 orphan drug designation for the treatment of ovarian cancer. Aprea is currently conducting a Phase Ib/II trial of APR-246 in combination with standard of care chemotherapy in patients with relapsed platinum sensitive high-grade serous ovarian cancer.



**1:3 COMPUTE  
THE CURE**

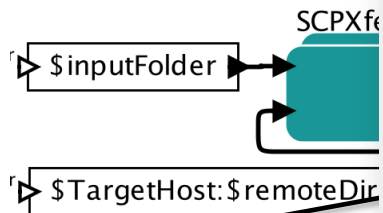
# Scalable Drug Discovery



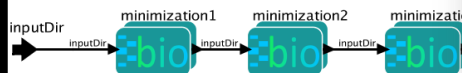
15 new reactivation compounds

**BENEFITS:**

- Increase reuse
- Reproducibility
- Scale execution, problem & solution
- Compare methods
  - Training



## Minimization Actor



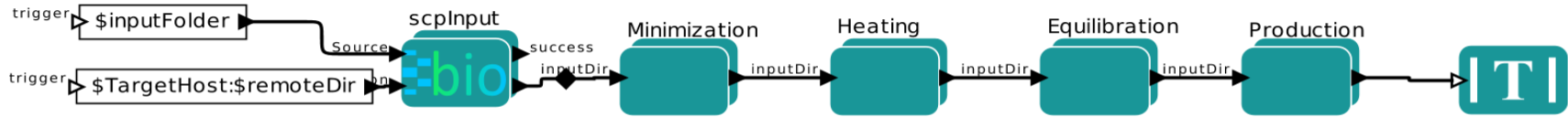
Edit parameters for Production

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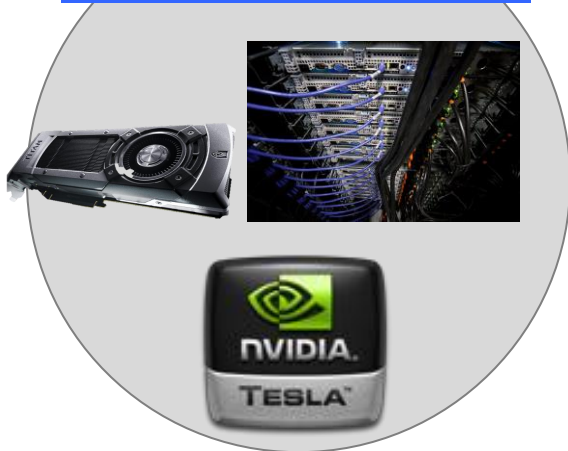
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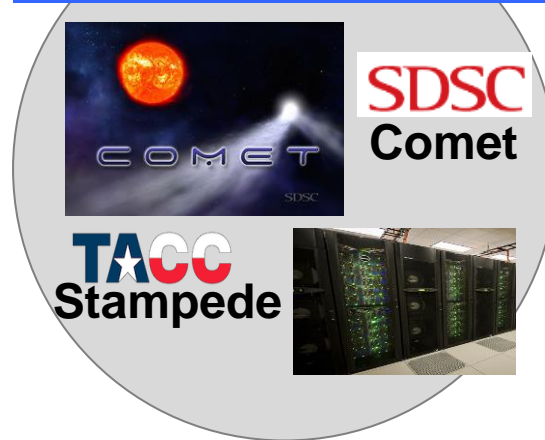
# Nimble execution on most efficient platforms



**Local:** Desktop or Cluster



**NSF/DOE:** Tera/Peta Scale Resources (XSEDE)



**Cloud:**  
*Amazon*  
*Coming soon!*





**Tool & tutorial is available for download:**

**<http://amarolab.ucsd.edu/resources.html>**

**Contact: [ramaro@ucsd.edu](mailto:ramaro@ucsd.edu)**

***“Hands on” workshop coming soon!***