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# Structure determination

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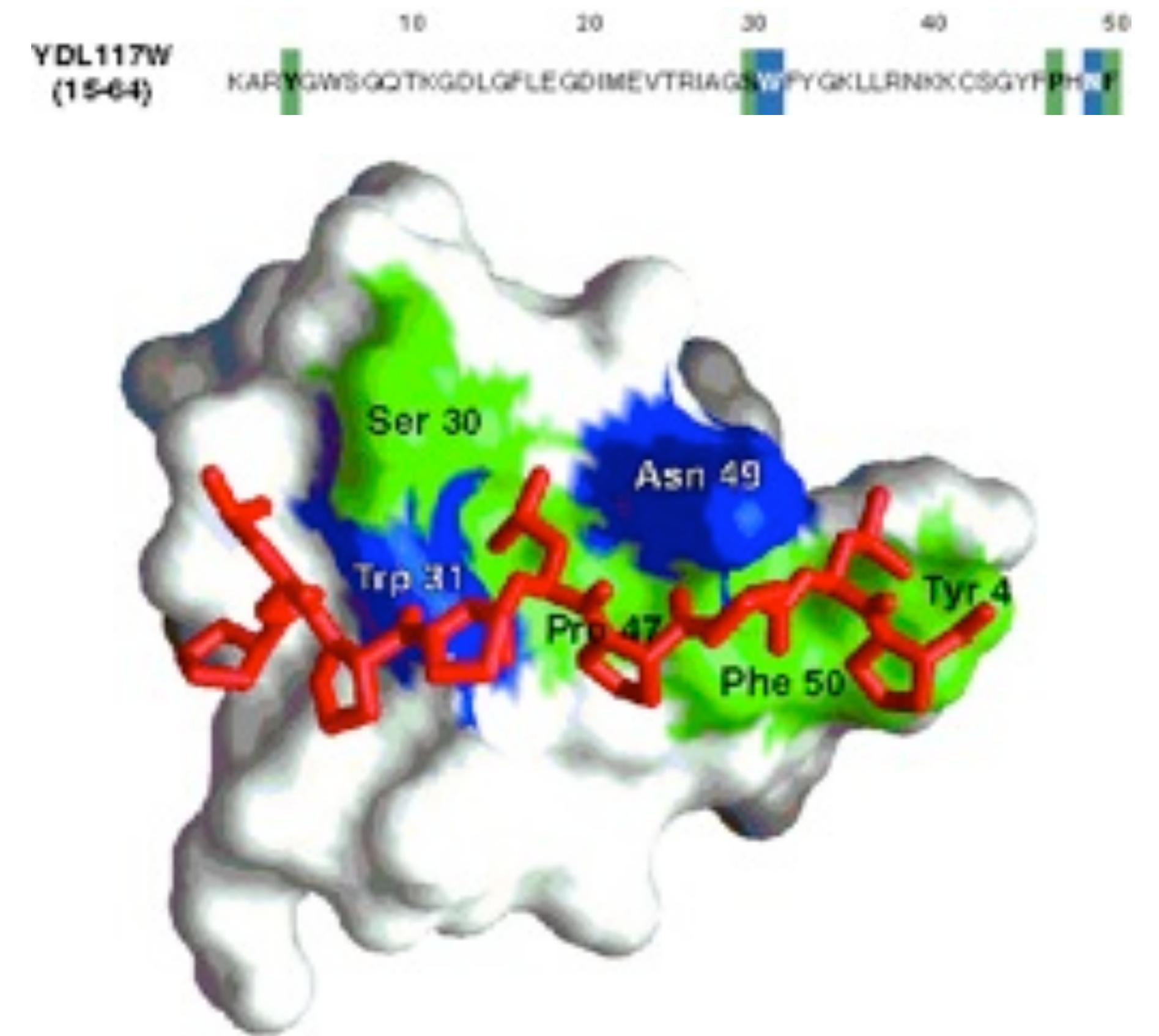
# The importance of the 3D structure

**The biochemical function of a molecule is defined by its interactions**

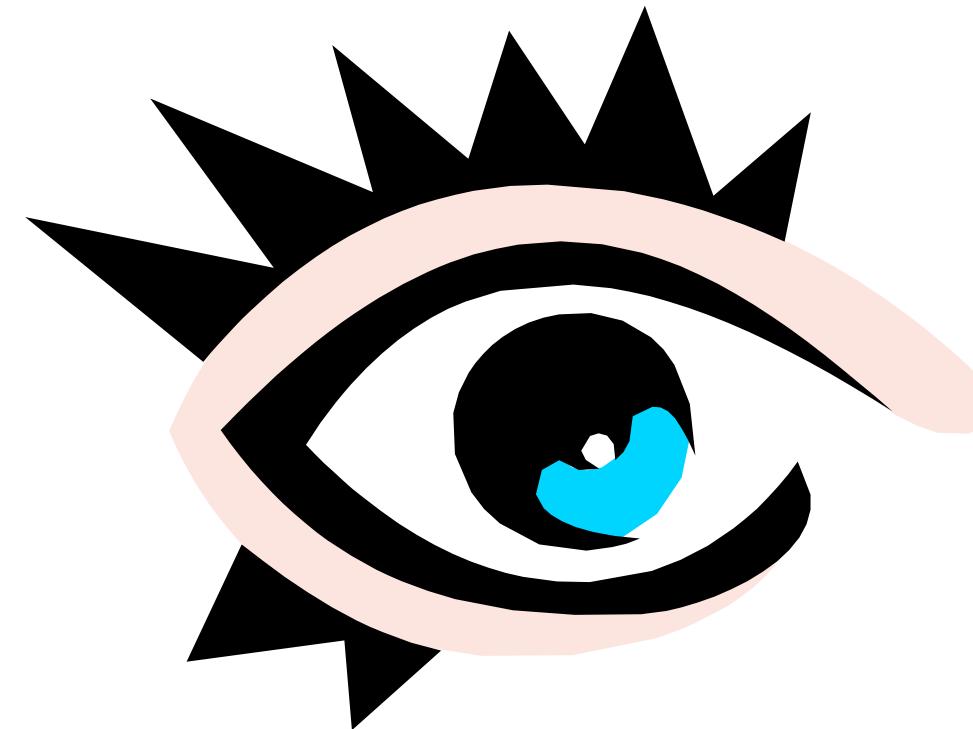
**The biological function is in large part a consequence of these interactions**

**The 3D structure is more informative than sequence alone**

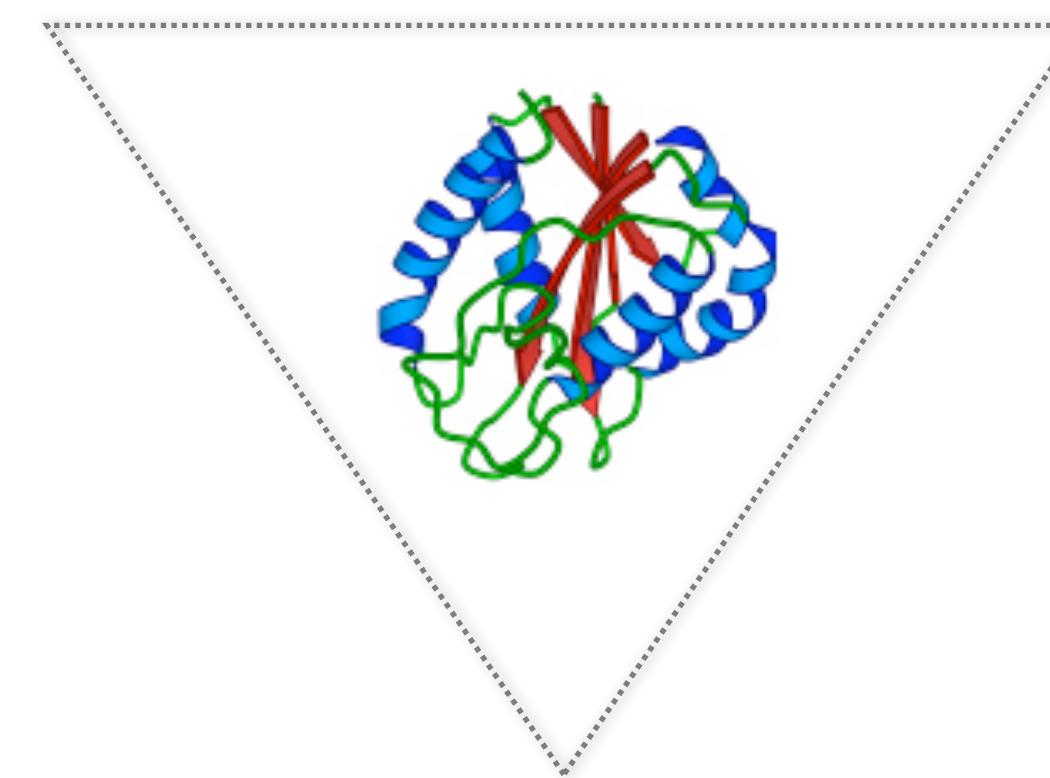
**Evolution tends to conserve function and function depends more directly on structure than on sequence**



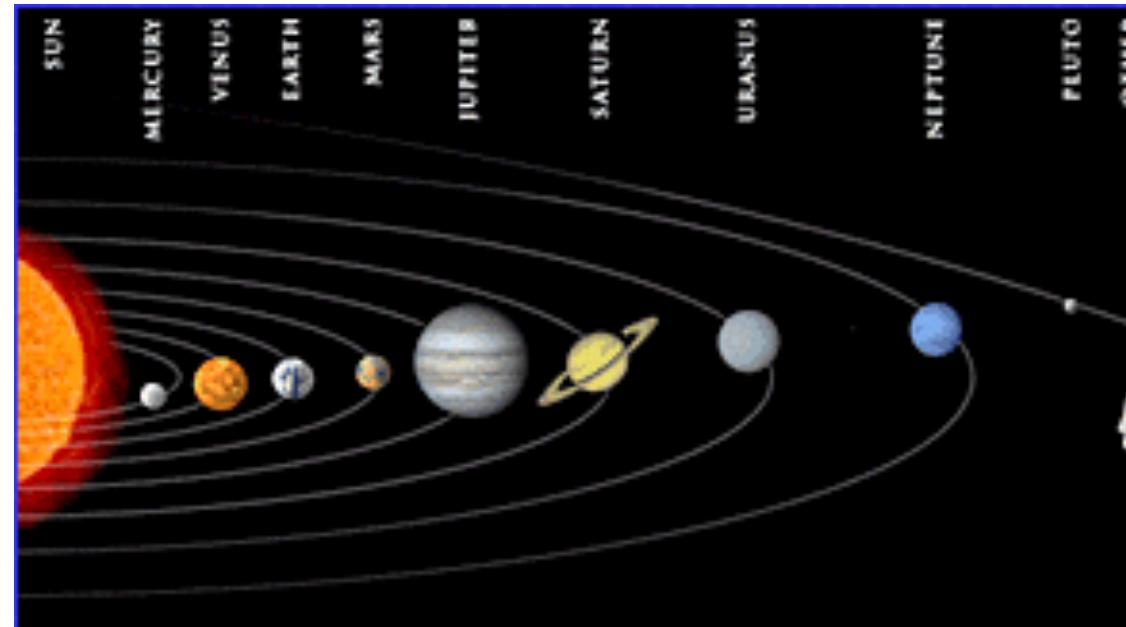
# Data groups



Experimental  
observations

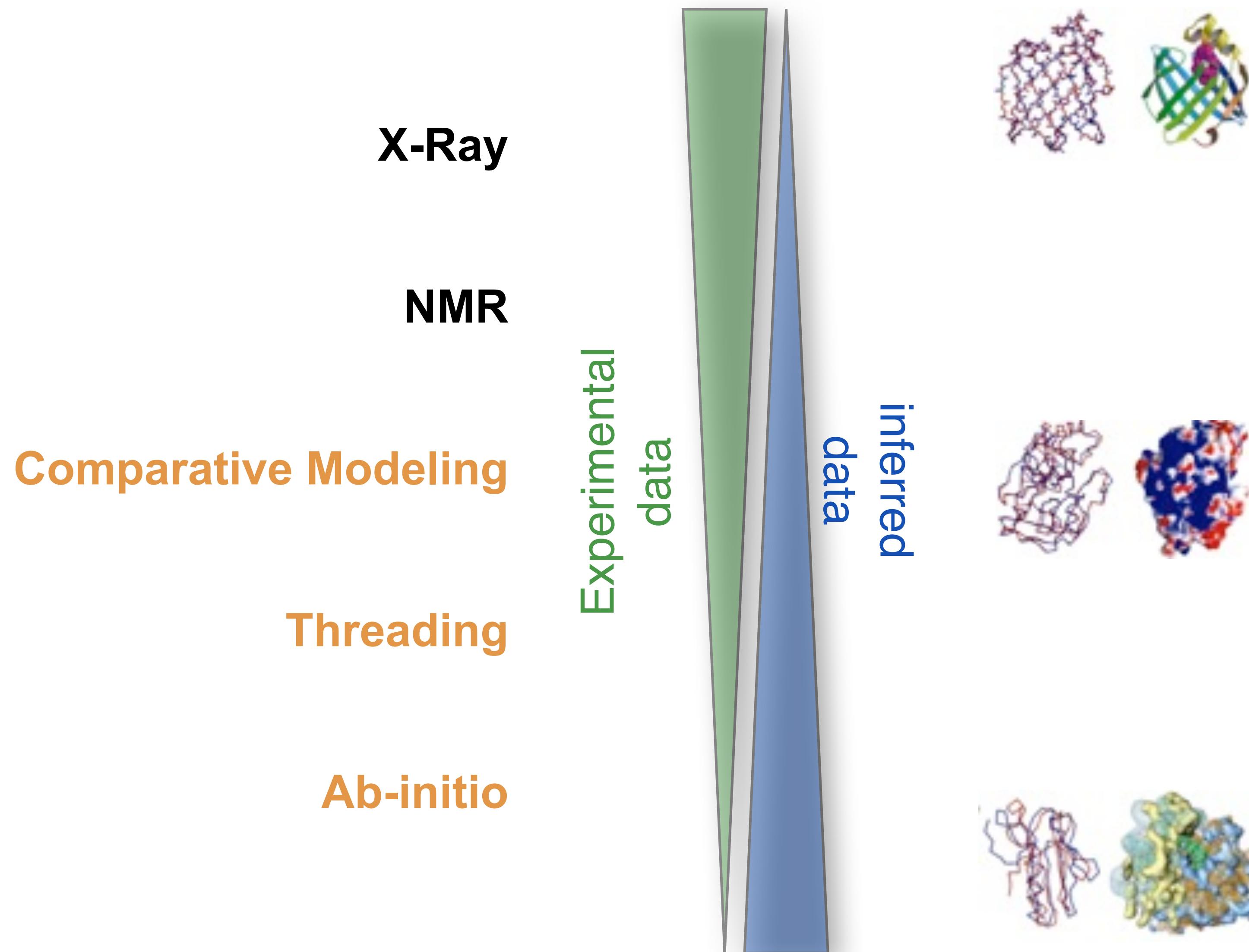


Statistical rules

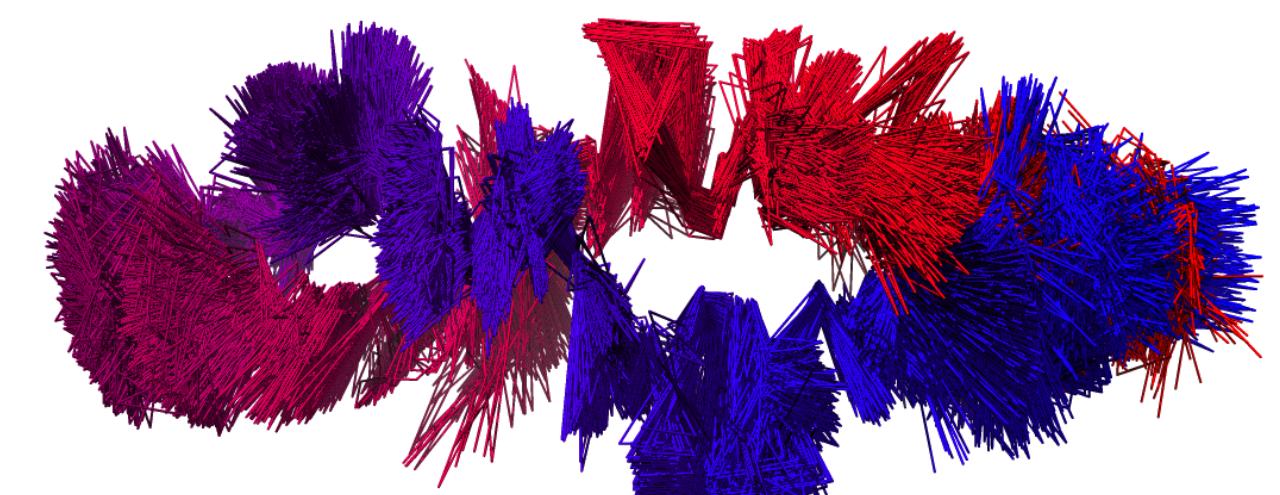
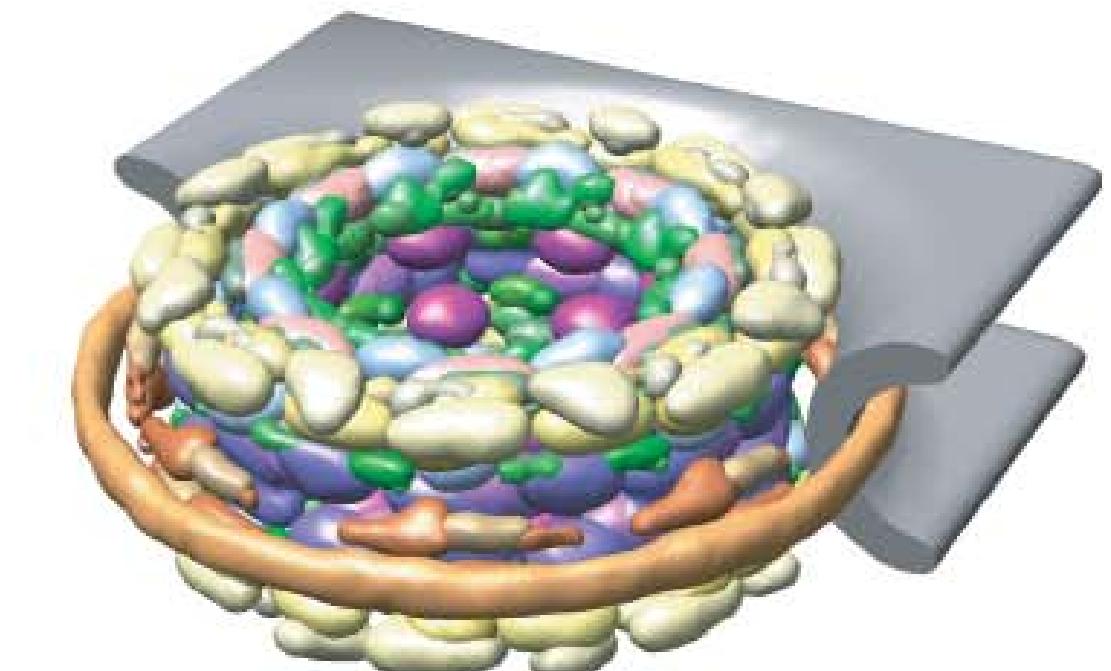
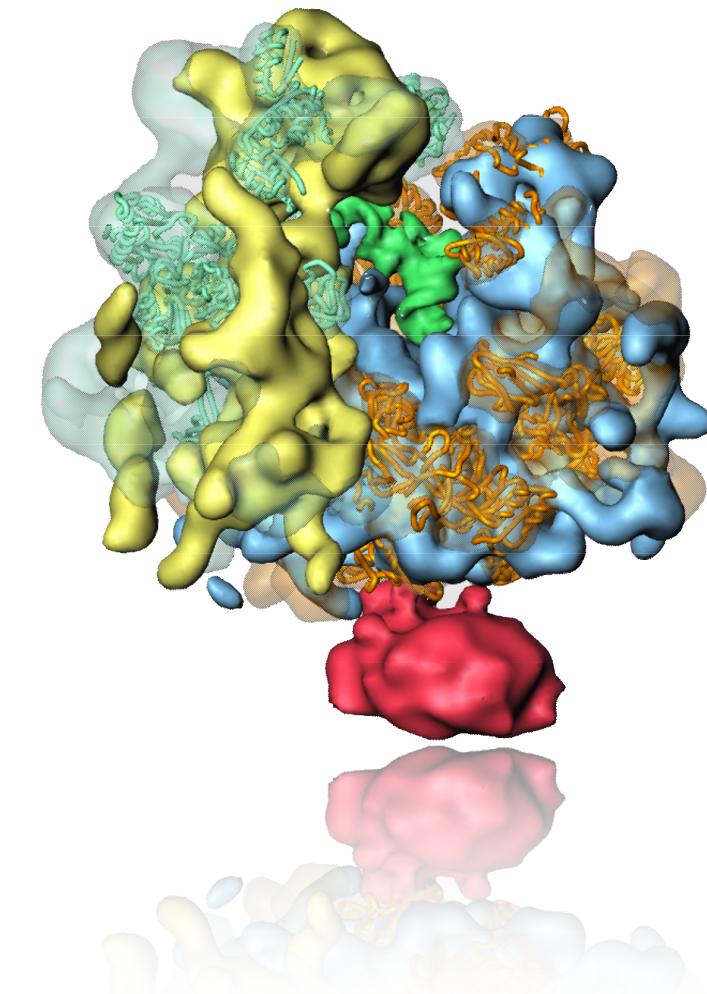
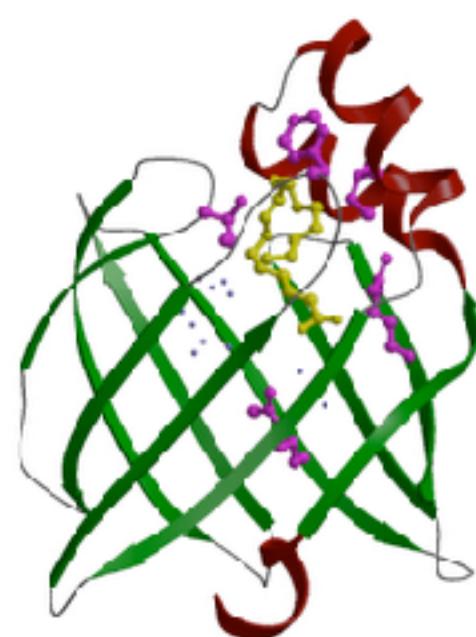
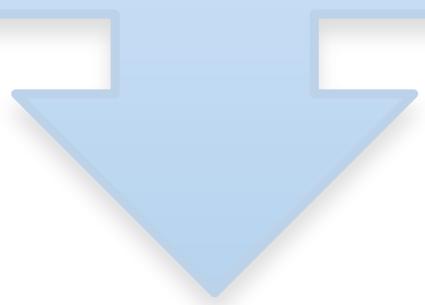


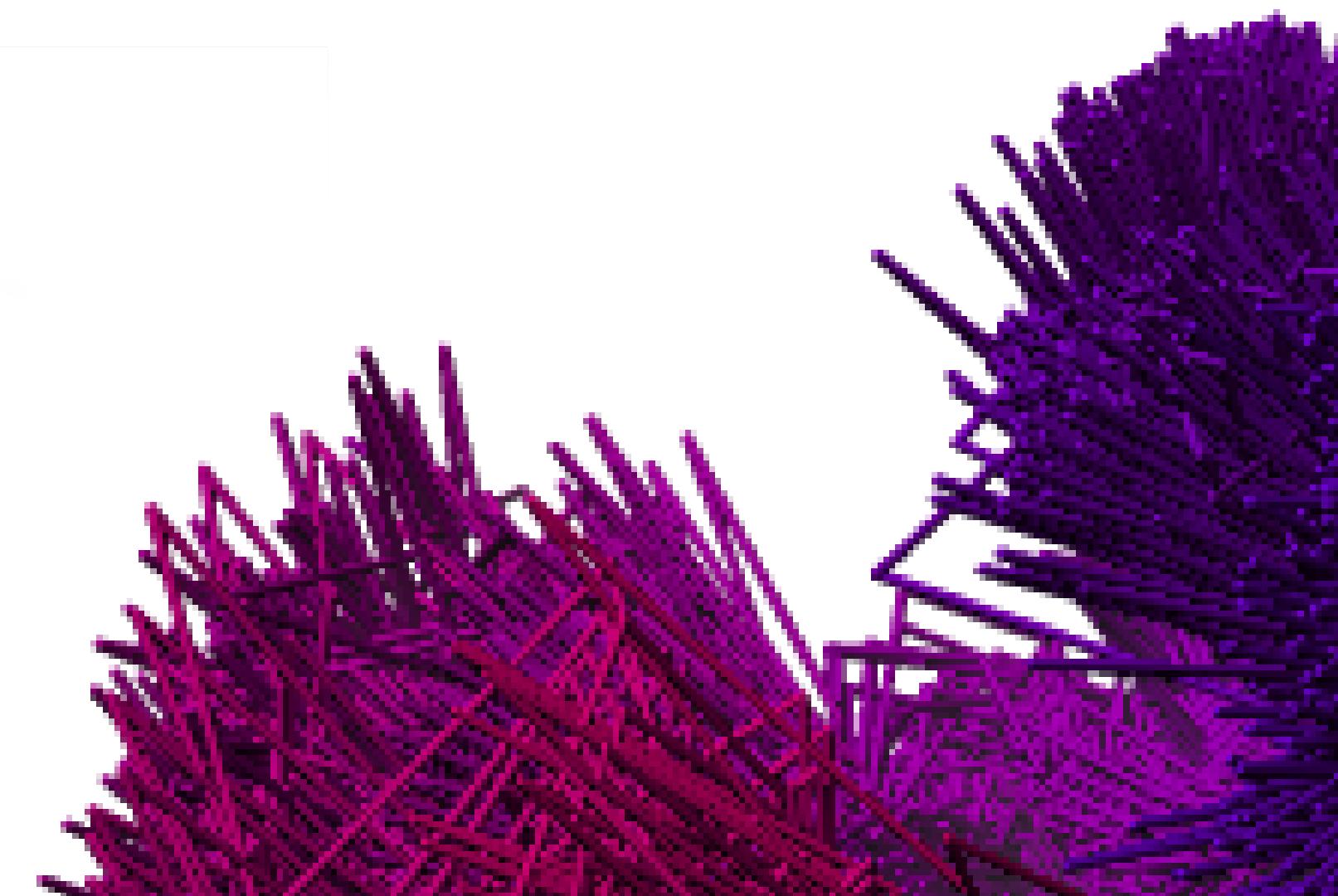
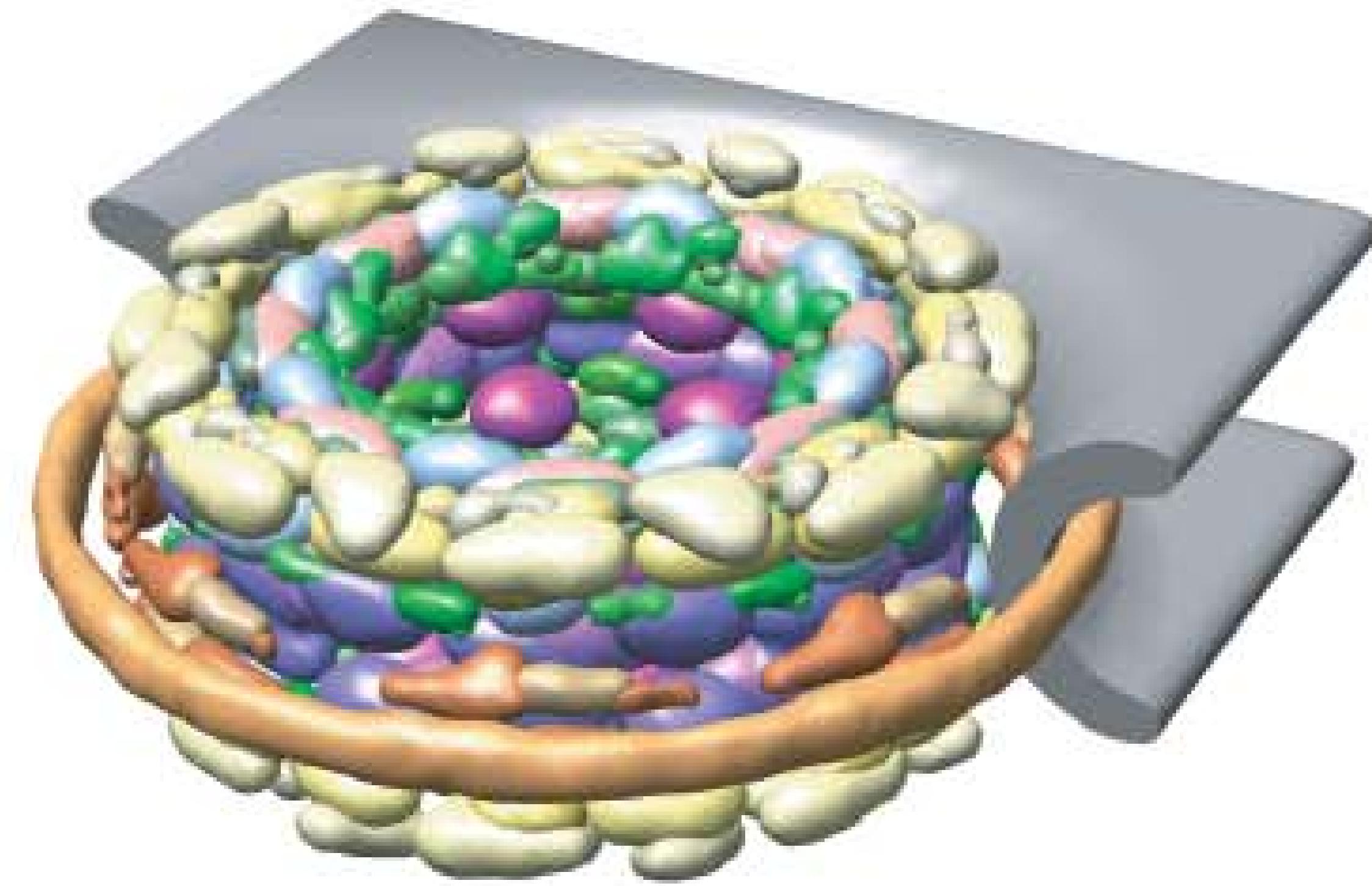
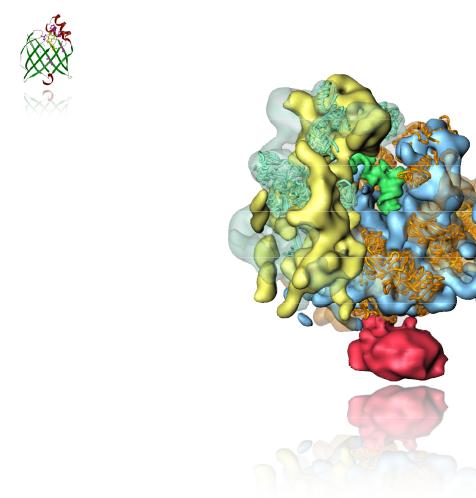
Laws of physics

# Structure prediction vs determination



# Data integration

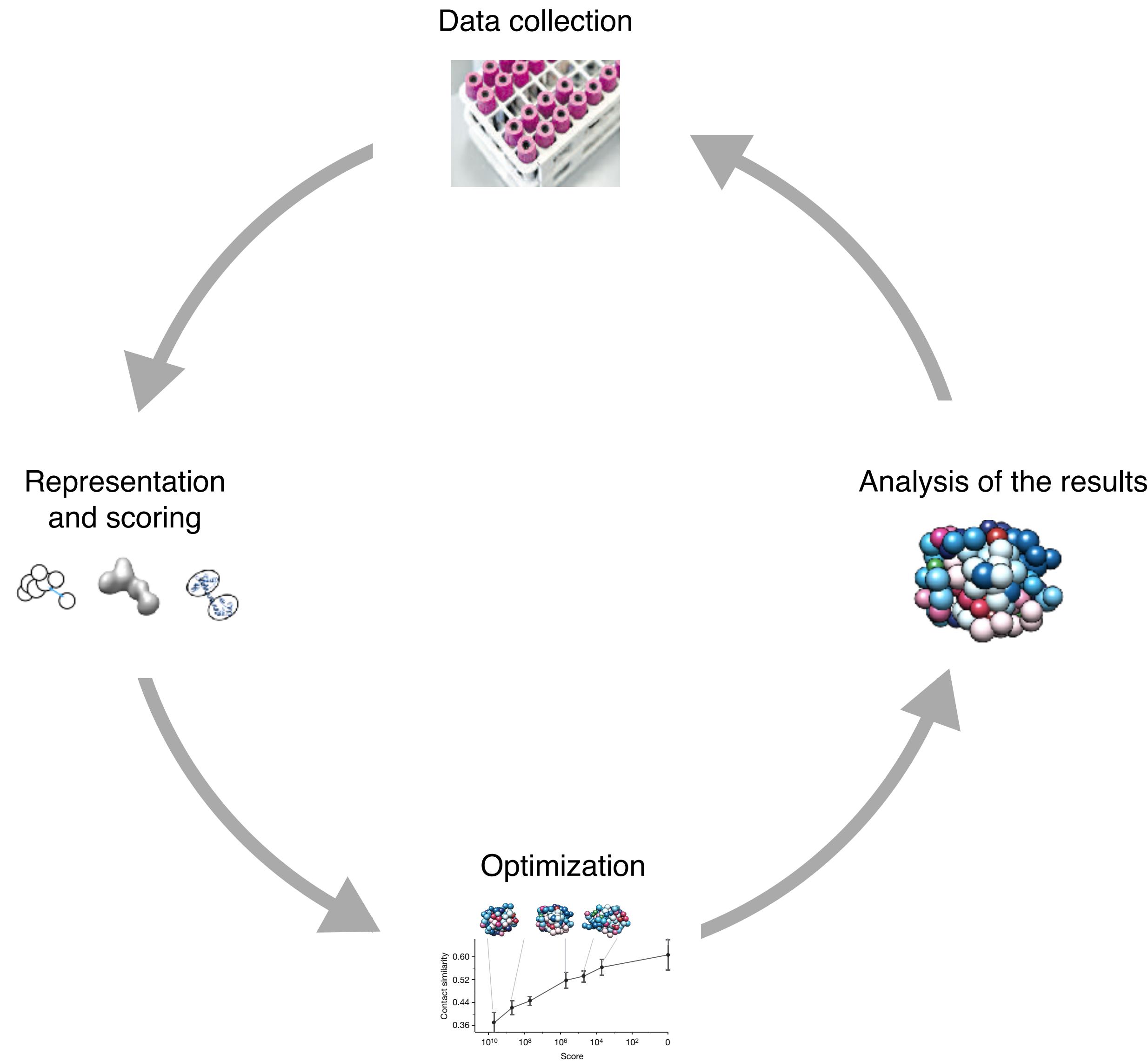




# Advantages of integrative modeling

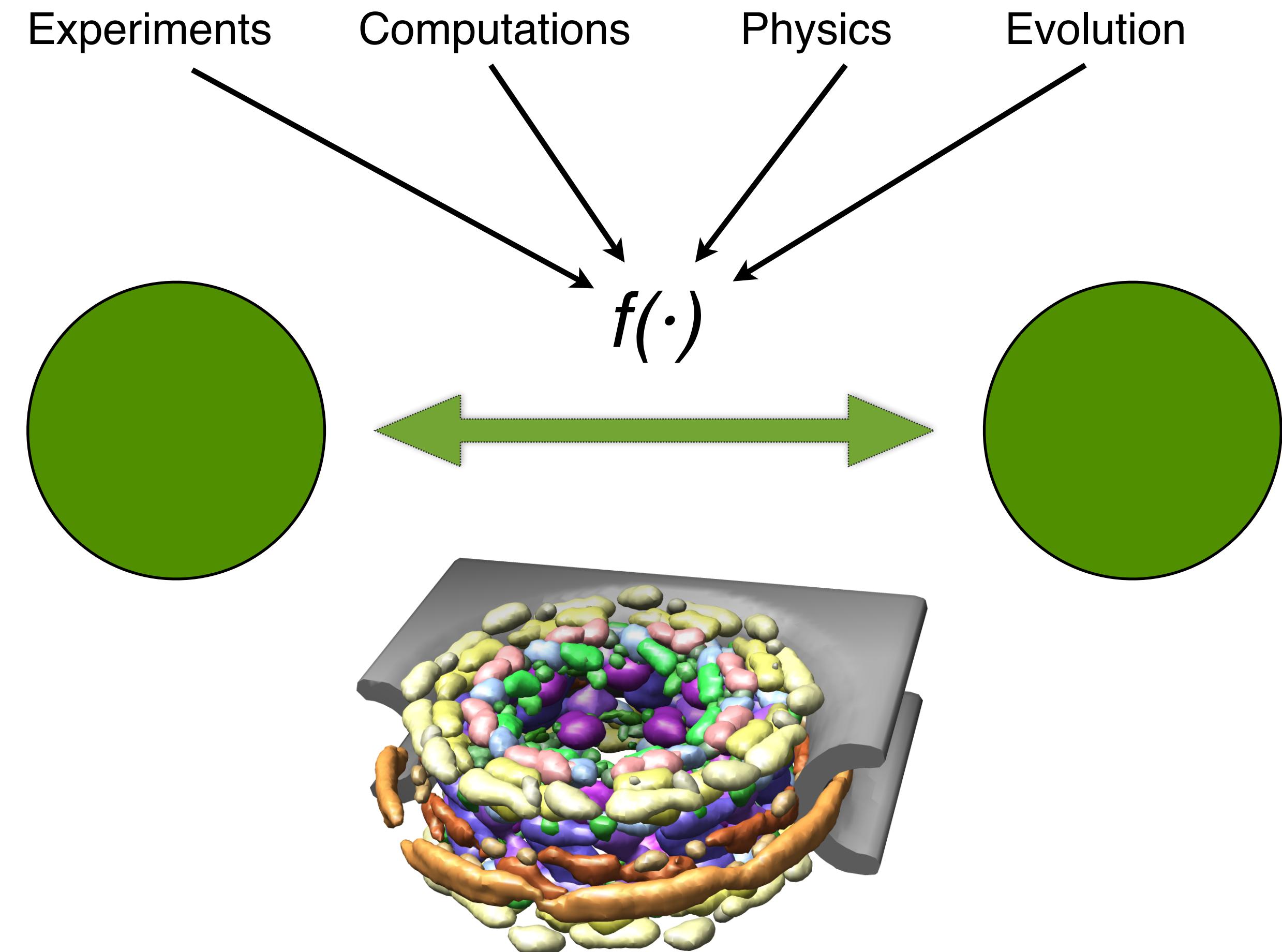
- It facilitates the use of new information
- It maximizes accuracy, precision and completeness of the models
- It facilitates assessing the input information and output models
- It helps in understanding and assessing experimental accuracy

# The four stages of integrative modeling



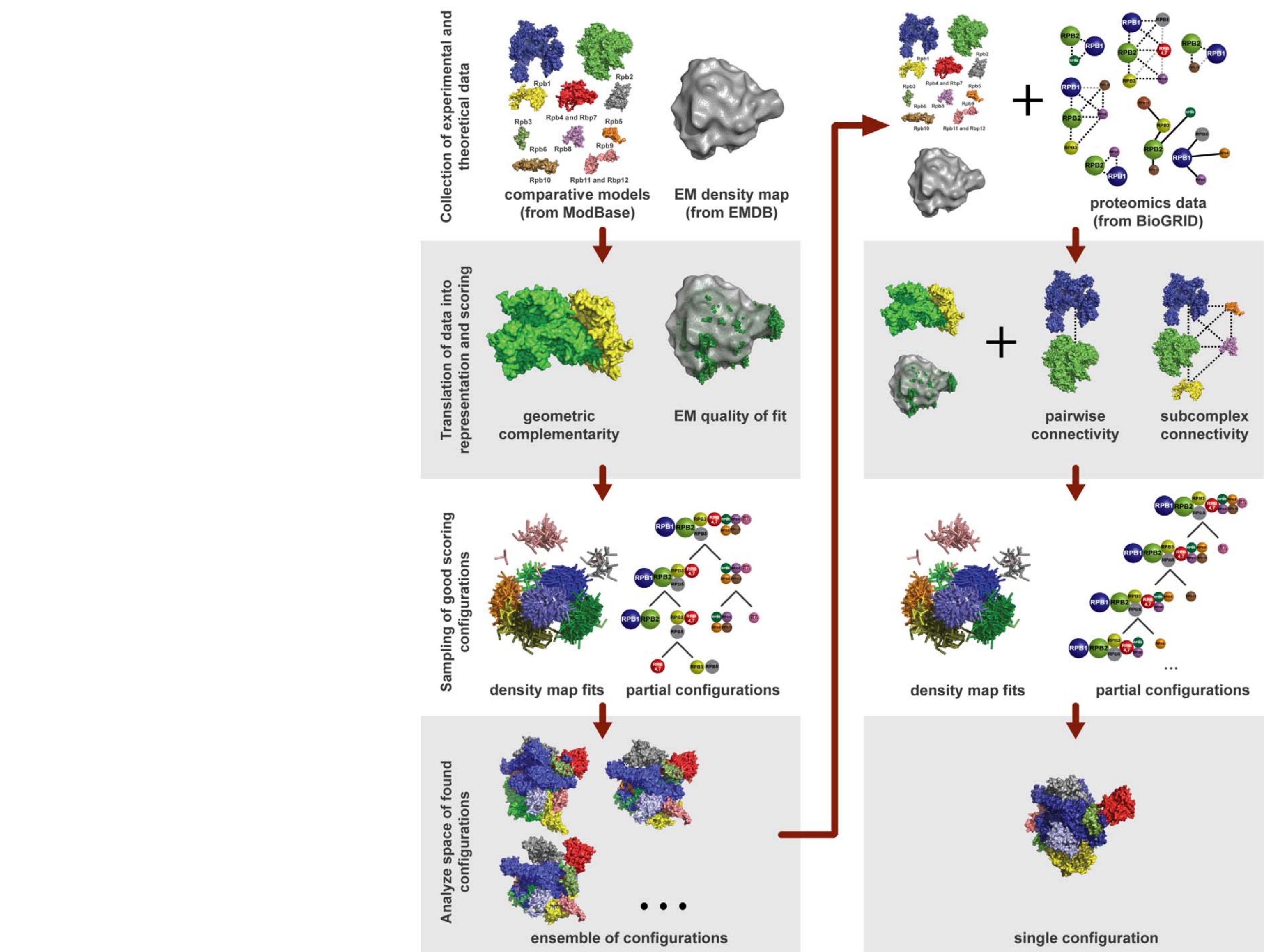
# Integrative Modeling Platform

<http://www.integrativemodeling.org>



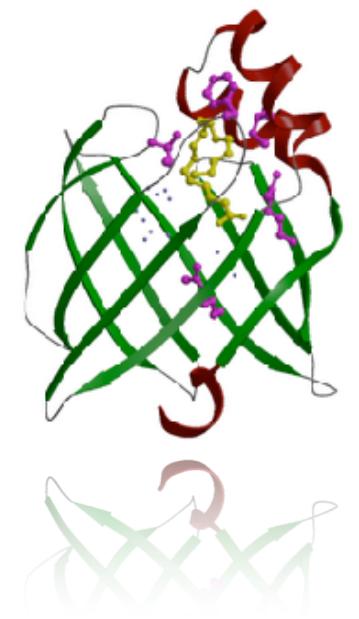
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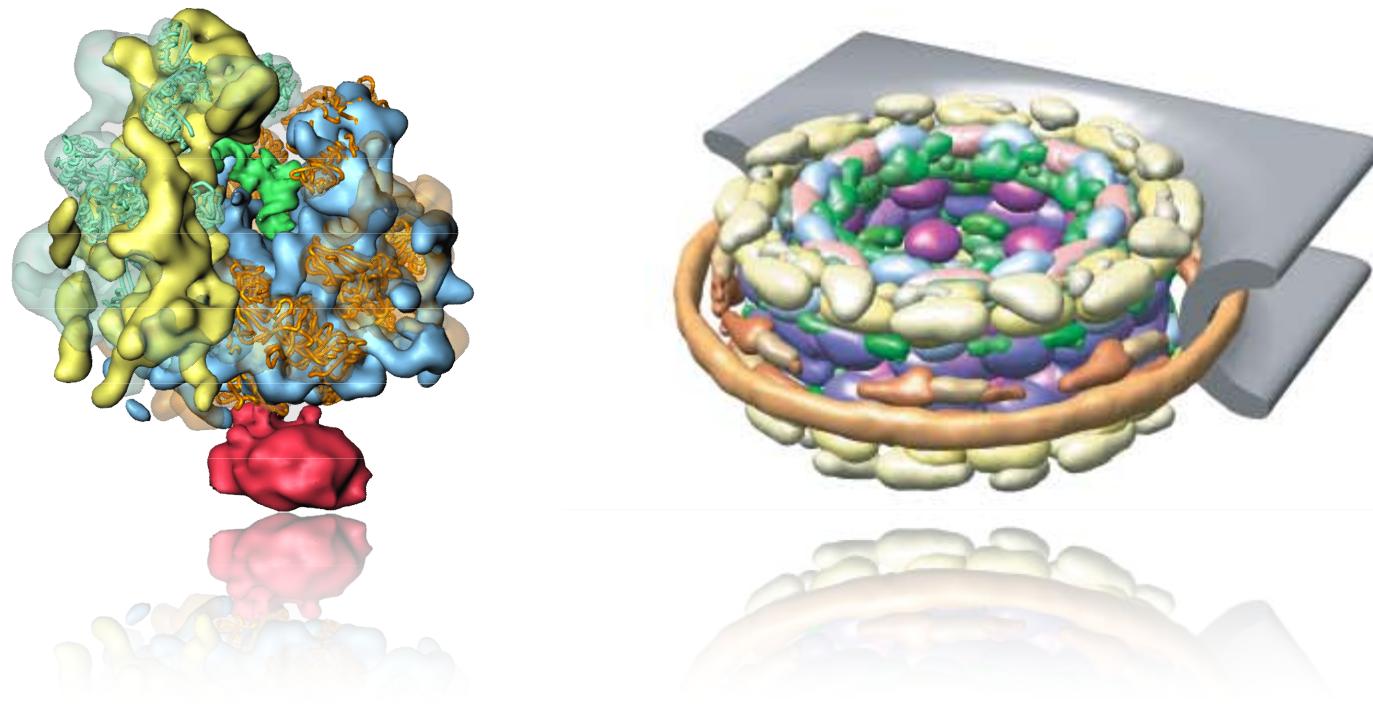


"Real" examples

**PROTEINS**



**COMPLEXES**

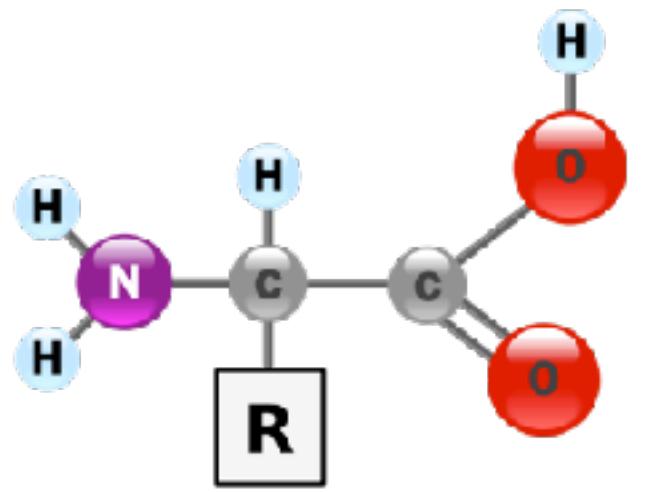


**GENOMES**



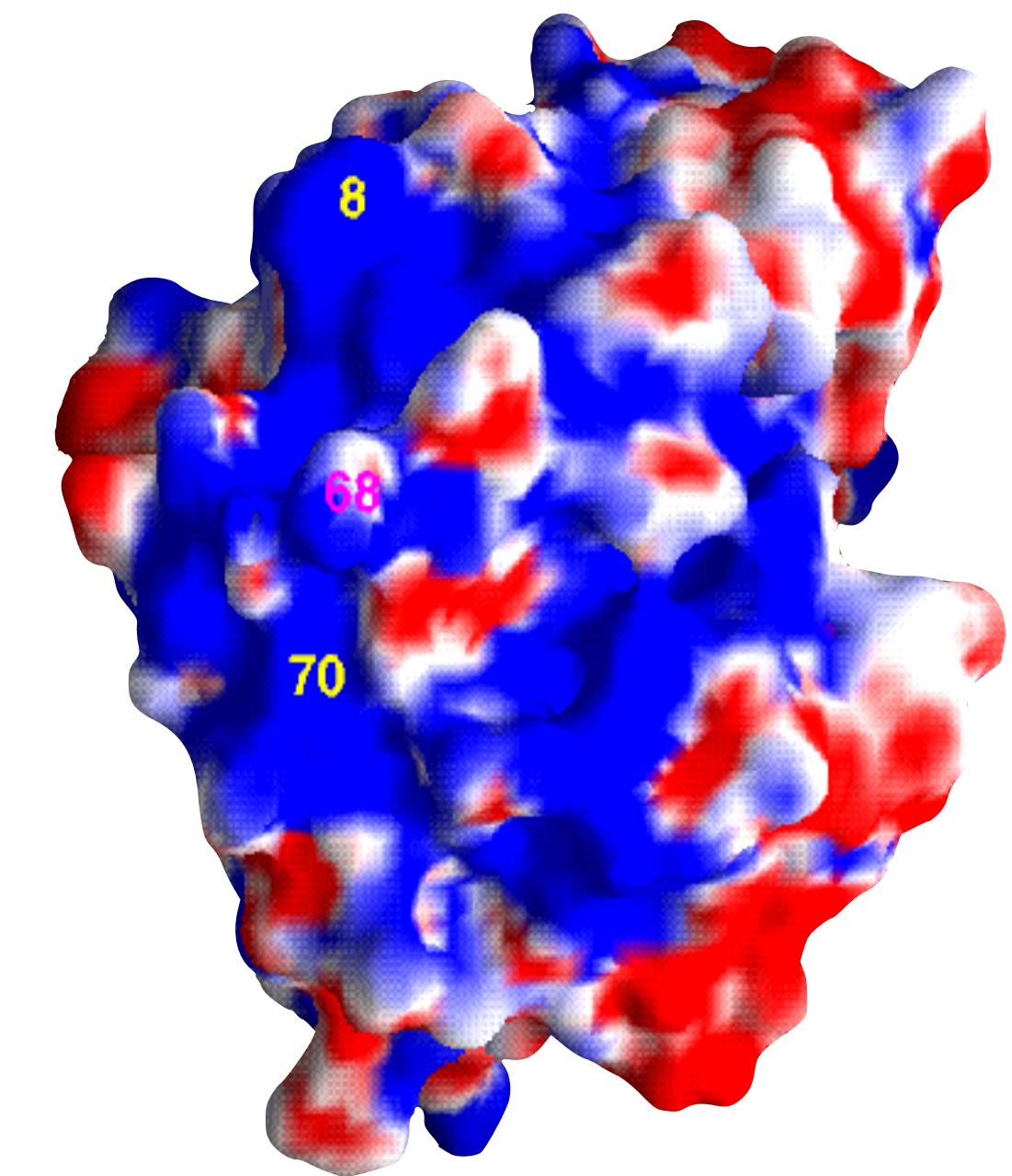
# Proteins

Single data type



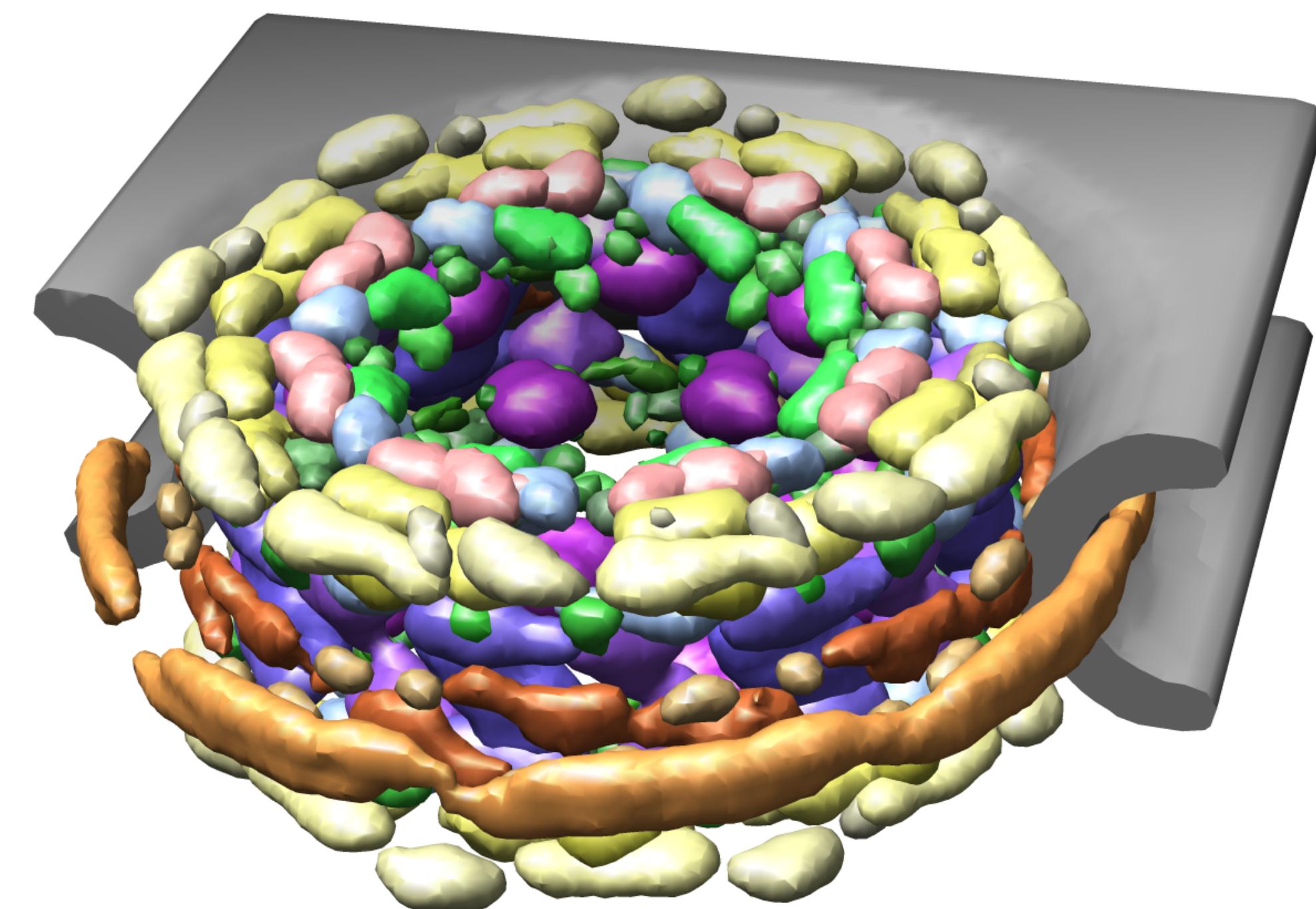
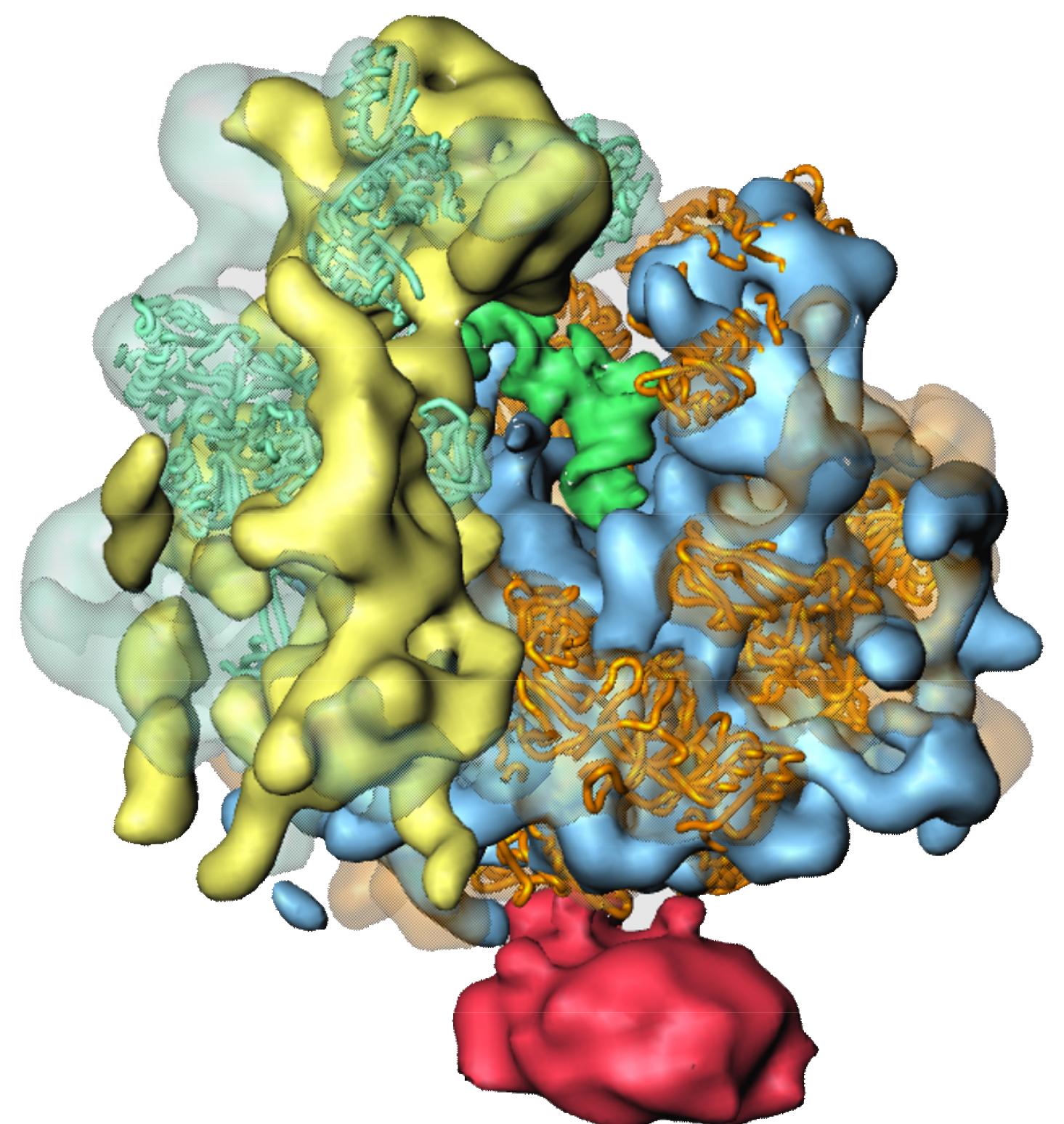
Amino Acids

X-Ray;  
NMR;  
Modeling

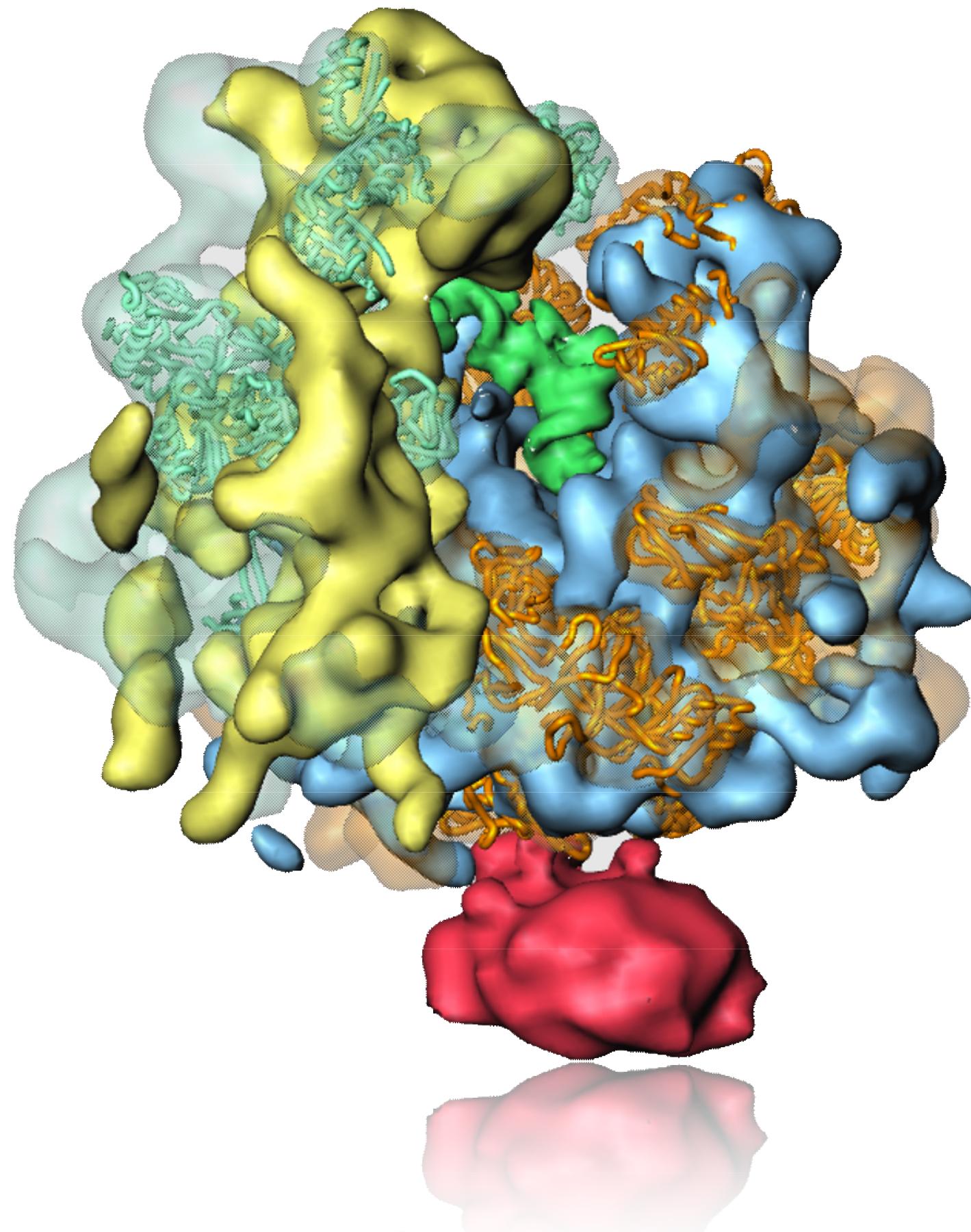


# Complexes

Multiple data types



# *S. cerevisiae* ribosome

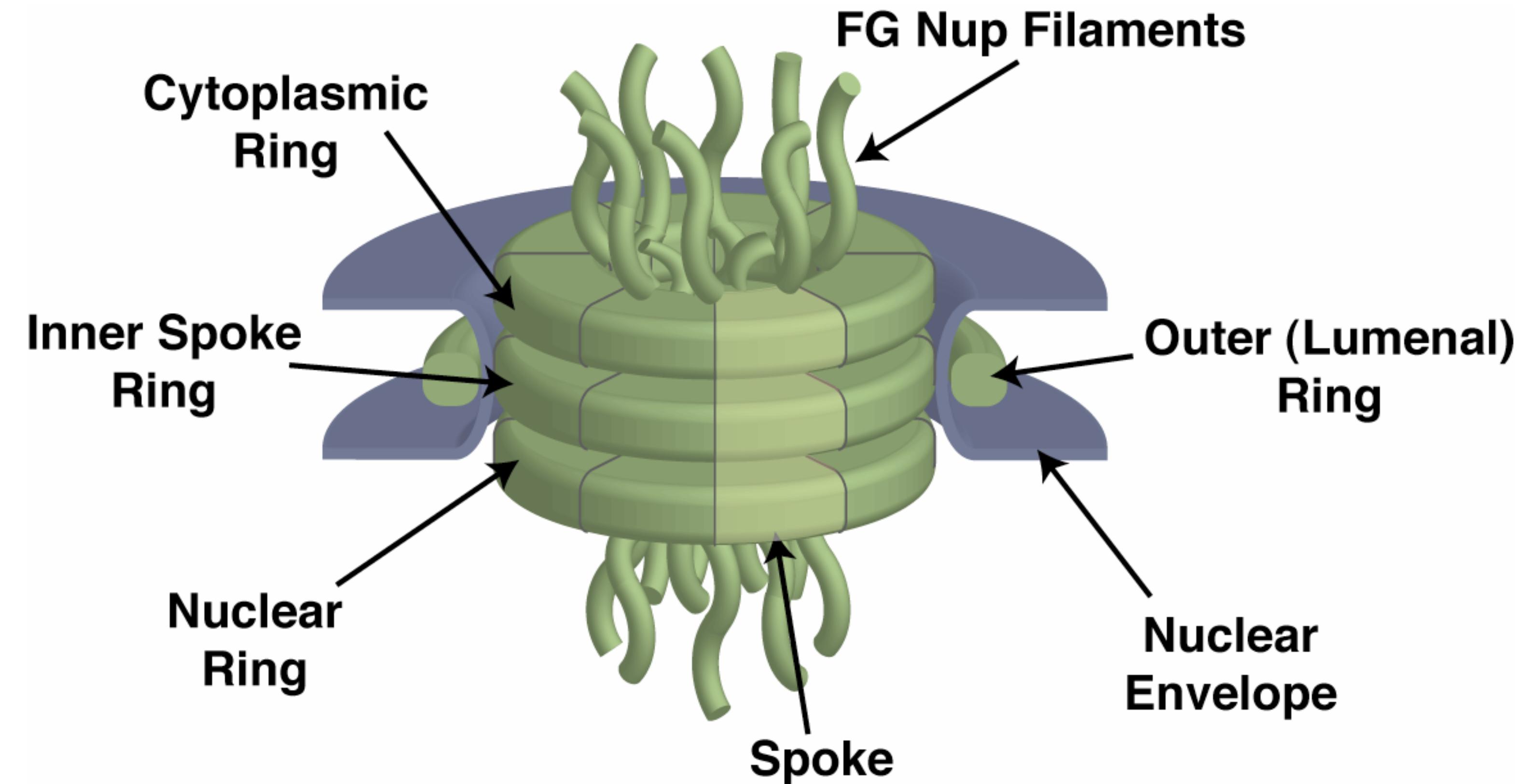


Fitting of comparative models  
into 15Å cryo-electron  
density map.

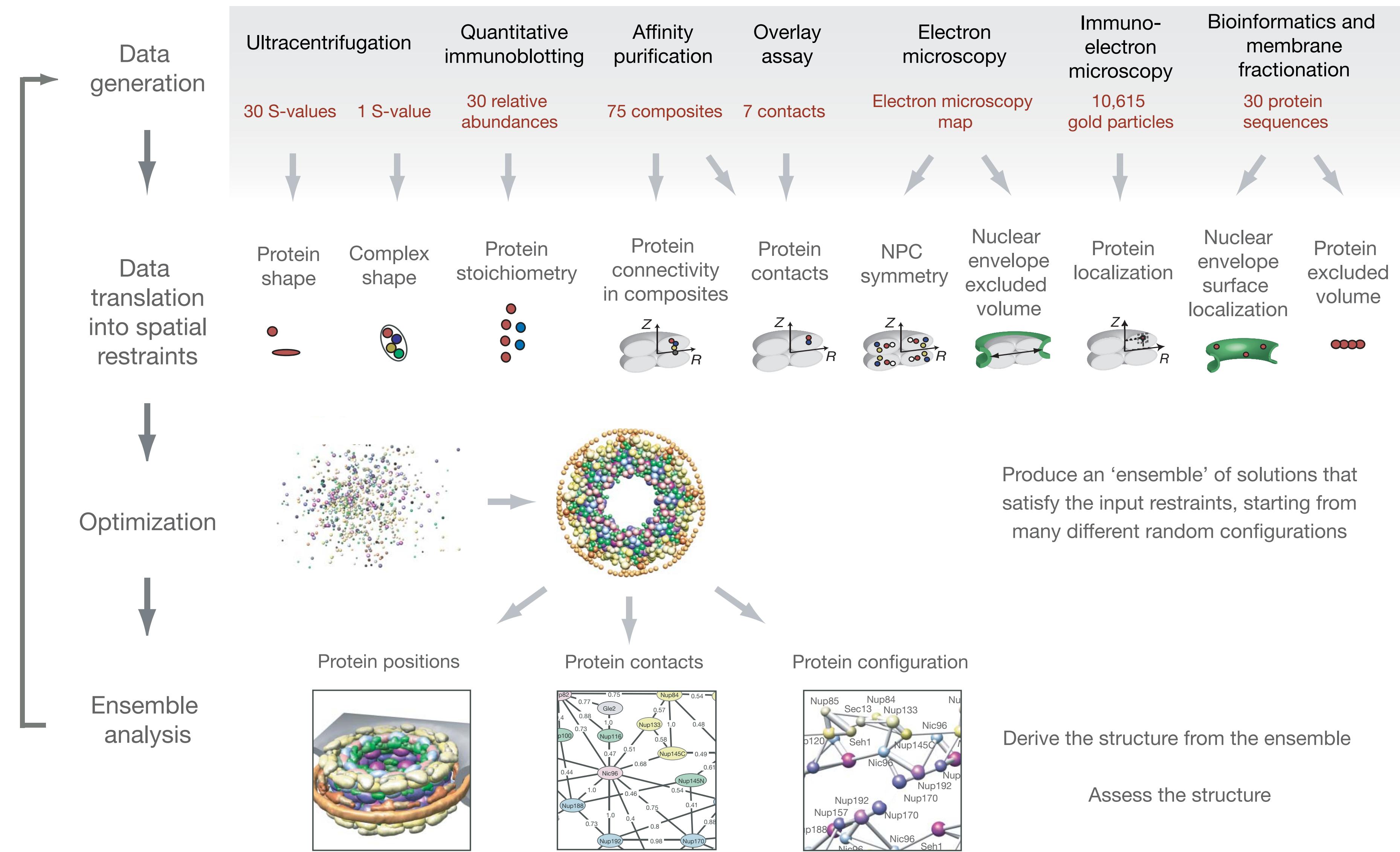
43 proteins could be modeled  
on 20-56% seq.id. to a known  
structure.

The modeled fraction of the  
proteins ranges from  
34-99%.

# The nuclear pore complex



# Integrative Modeling of the NPC

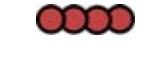
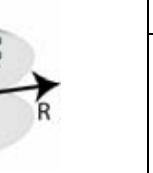
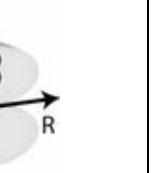
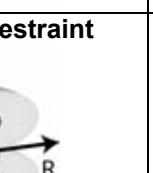


# Representation

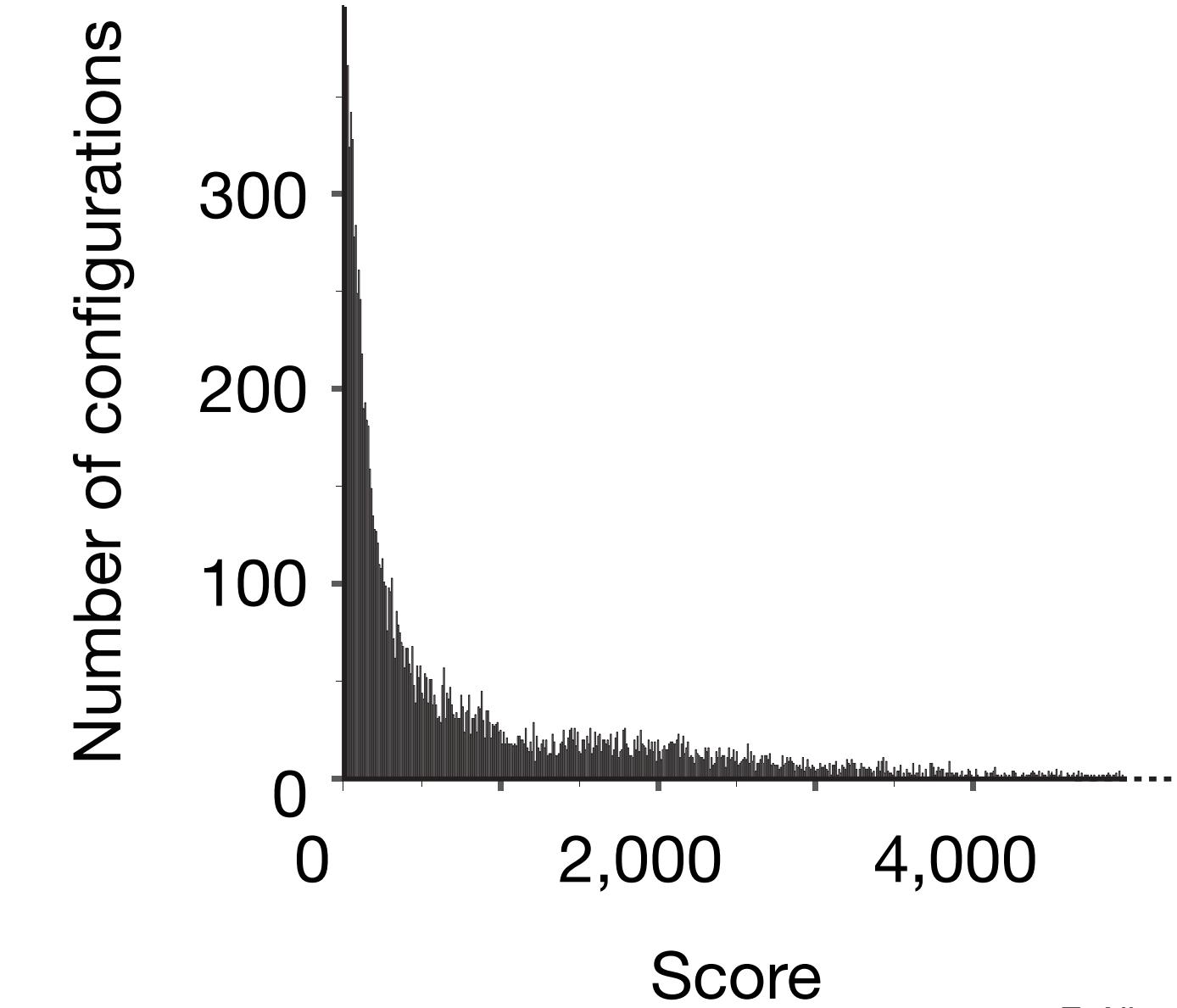
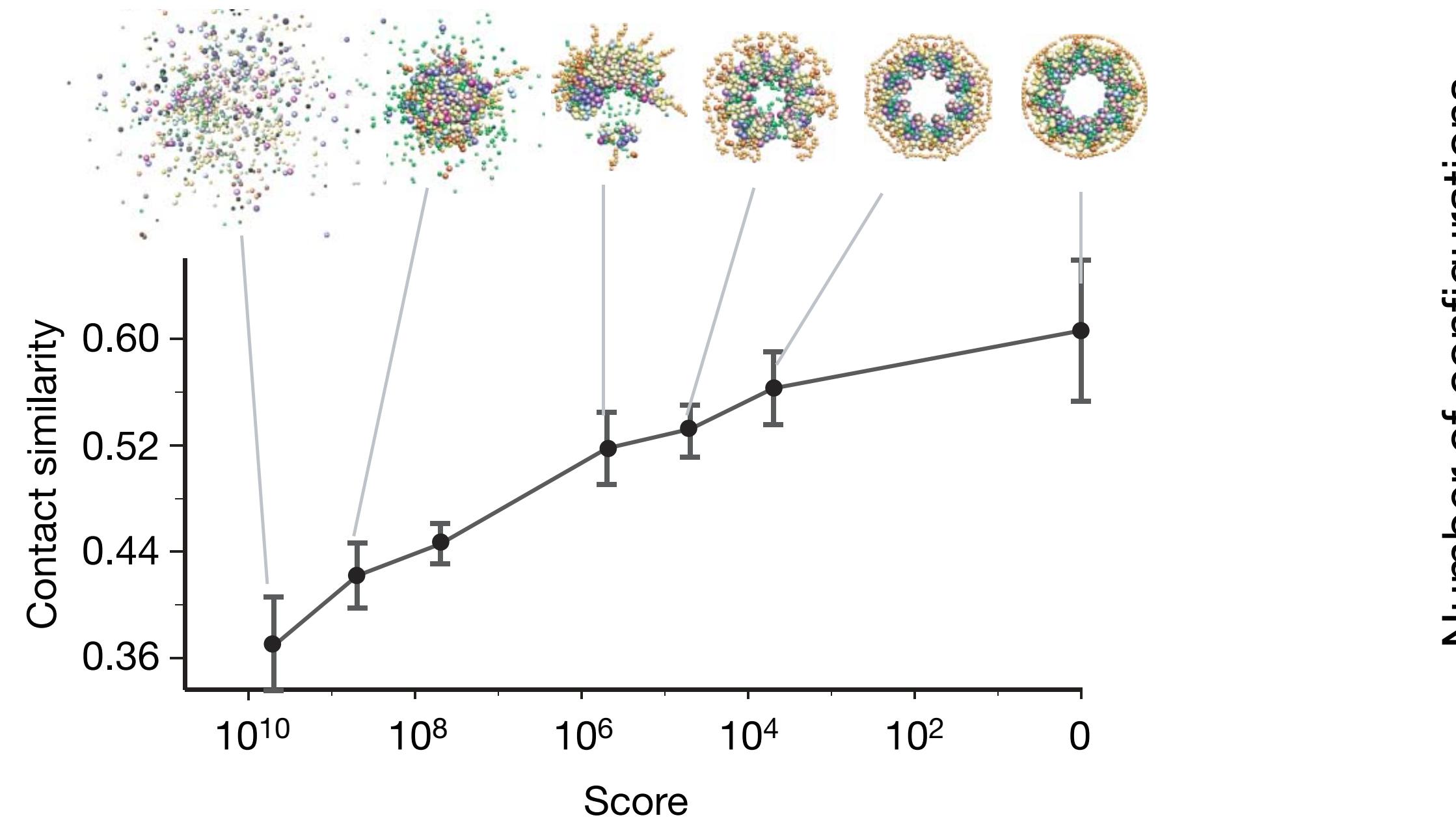
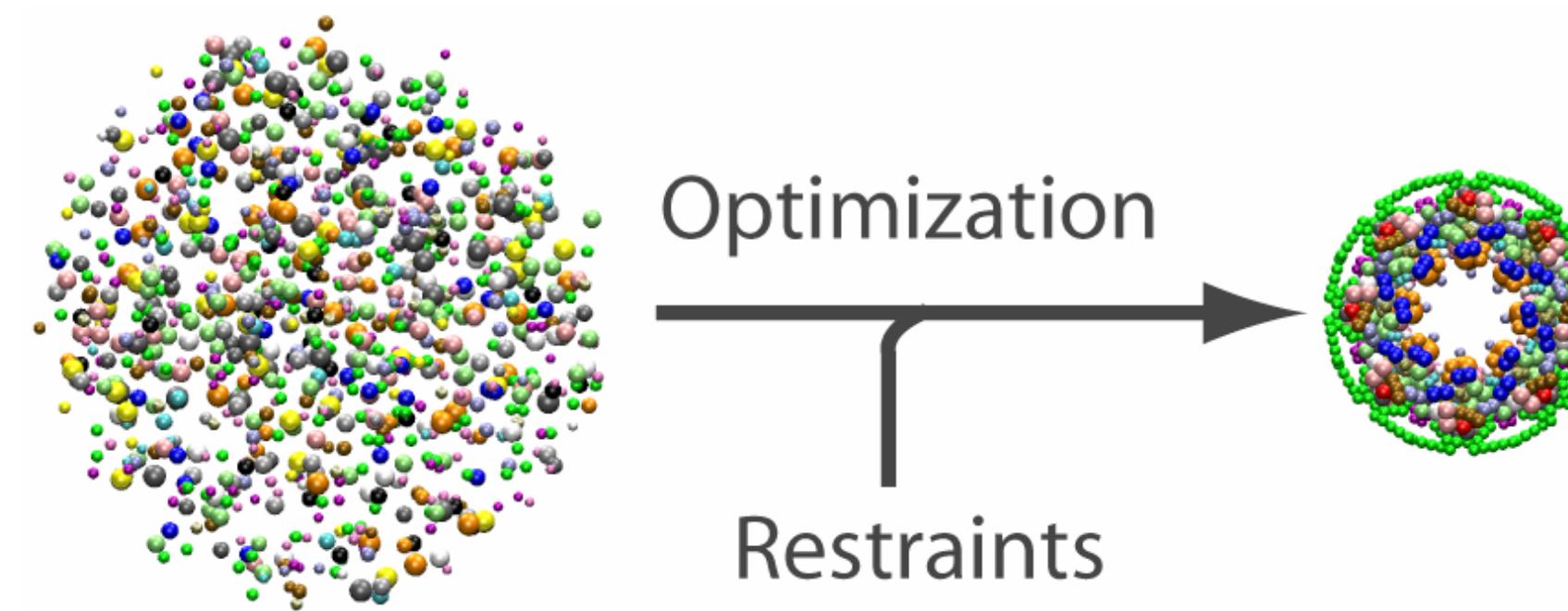
436 proteins!

$\tau$	$N_\tau^1$	$N_\tau^2$	$\kappa$	$\{B_j^\kappa\}$	$n_\kappa$	r	$\tau$	$N_\tau^1$	$N_\tau^2$	$\kappa$	$\{B_j^\kappa\}$	$n_\kappa$	r
<b>Nup192</b>	1	1	1,2,5		2	3.0	<b>Nup1</b>	0	1	1,5		9	1.5
			3	-	1	-				2		2	1.5
<b>Nup188</b>	1	1	1,2,5		2	3.0	<b>Nsp1</b>	2	2	3	-	1	-
			3	-	1	-				4		7	1.5
<b>Nup170</b>	1	1	1,2,5		2	2.9	<b>Nsp1</b>	2	2	1,5		12	1.3
			3	-	1	-				2		3	1.3
<b>Nup157</b>	1	1	1,2,5		3	2.5	<b>Nsp1</b>	2	2	3	-	1	-
			3	-	1	-				4		9	1.3
<b>Nup133</b>	1	1	1,2,5		2	2.7	<b>Gle1</b>	1	0	1,2,5		2	2.1
			3	-	1	-				3	-	1	-
<b>Nup120</b>	1	1	1,2,5		2	2.6	<b>Nup60</b>	0	1	1,5		4	1.6
			3	-	1	-				2,3		1	1.6
<b>Nup85</b>	1	1	1,2,5		3	2.0	<b>Nup59</b>	1	1	4		3	1.6
			3	-	1	-				1,5		4	1.6
<b>Nup84</b>	1	1	1,2,5		3	2.0	<b>Nup59</b>	1	1	2		2	1.6
			3	-	1	-				3	-	1	-
<b>Nup145C</b>	1	1	1,2,5		2	2.3	<b>Nup57</b>	1	1	4		2	1.6
			3	-	1	-				1,5		3	1.8
<b>Seh1</b>	1	1	1,2,3,5		1	2.2	<b>Nup57</b>	1	1	2,3		1	1.8
<b>Sec13</b>	1	1	1,2,3,5		1	2.1				4		2	1.8
<b>Gle2</b>	1	1	1,2,3,5		1	2.3	<b>Nup53</b>	1	1	1,5		3	1.7
<b>Nic96</b>	2	2	1,2,5		2	2.4				2,3		1	1.7
			3	-	1	-				4		2	1.7
<b>Nup82</b>	1	1	1,2,5		2	2.3	<b>Nup145N</b>	0	2	1,5		6	1.5
			3	-	1	-				2,3		1	1.5

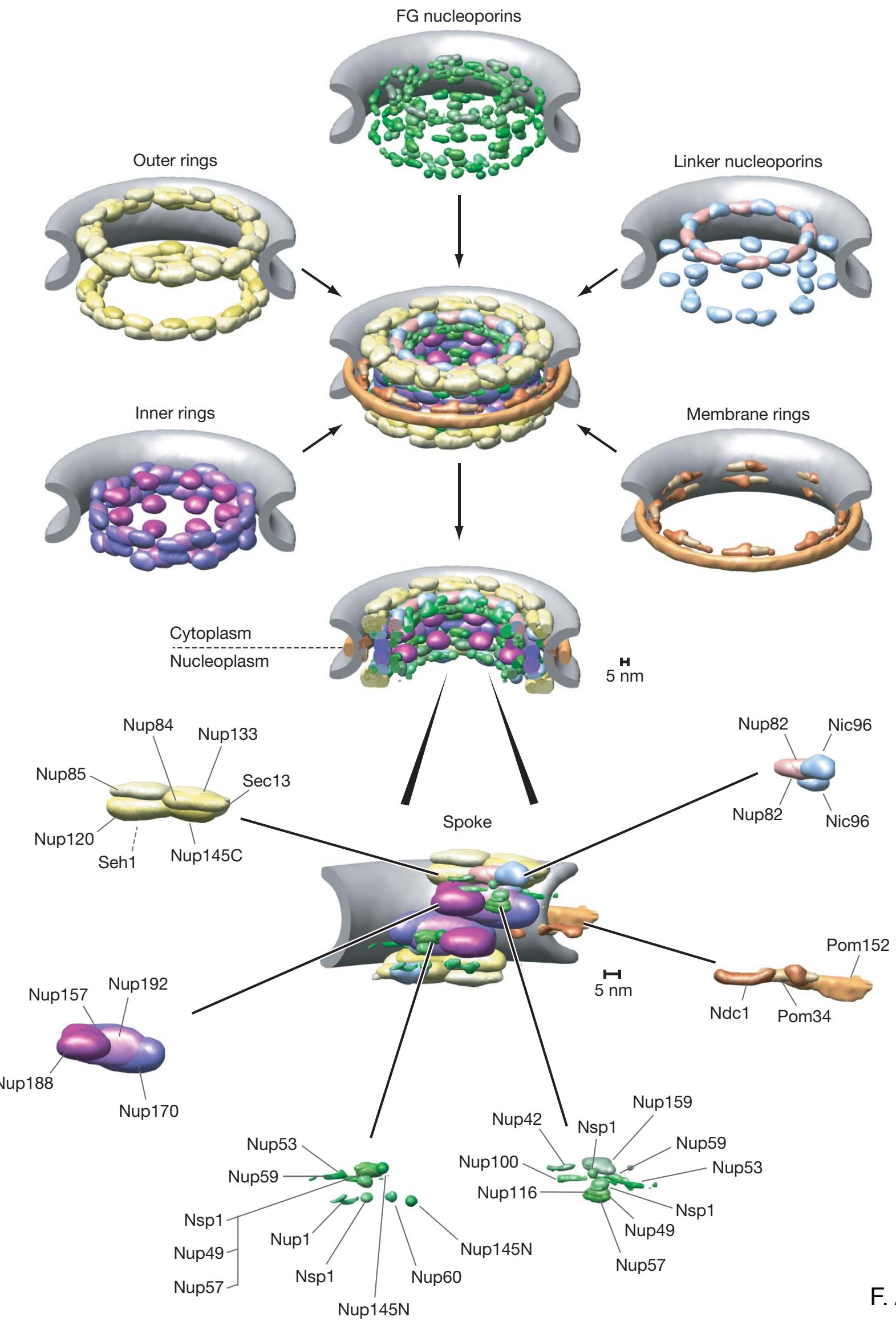
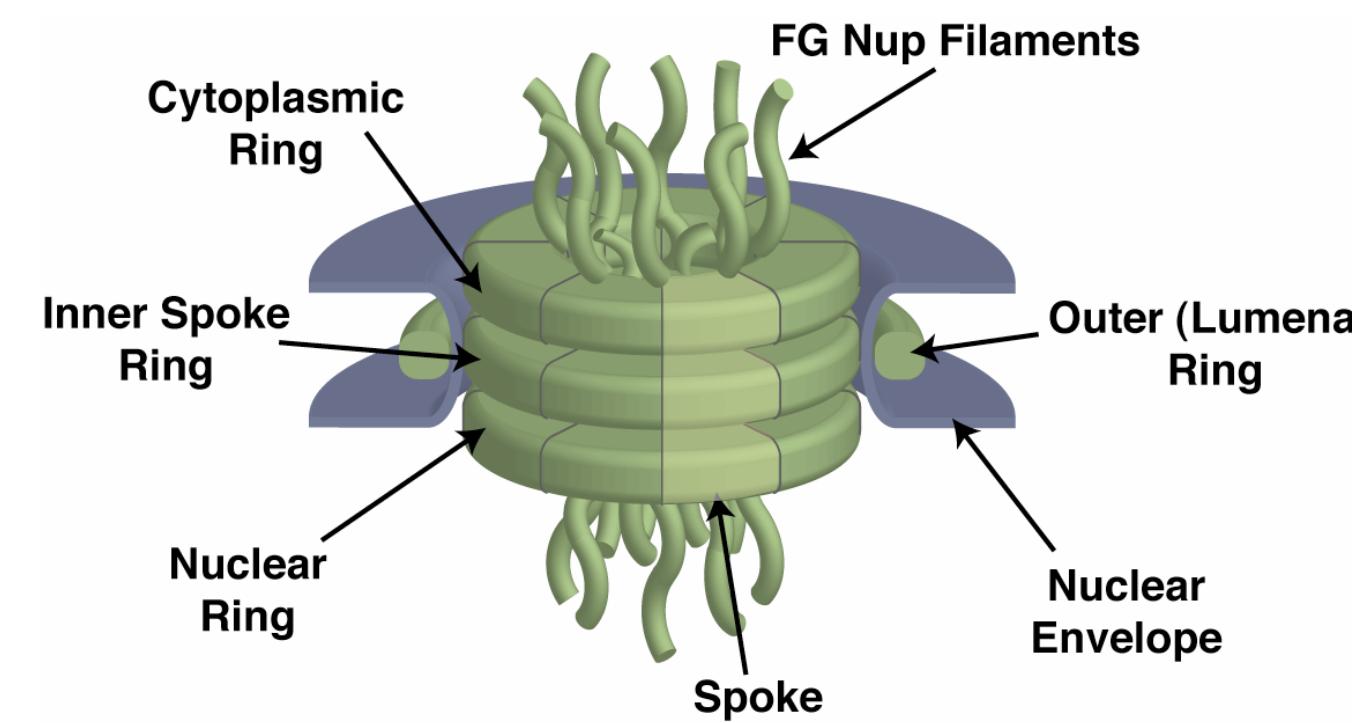
# Scoring

Data generation		Data interpretation				
Method	Experiments	Restraint	$R_c$	$R_o$	$R_A$	Functional form of activated feature restraint
Bioinformatics and Membrane fractionation	30 nup sequences	Protein excluded volume restraint 	-	-	1,864 1,863/2	<b>Protein-protein:</b> Violated for $f < f_o$ . $f$ is the distance between two beads, $f_o$ is the sum of the bead radii, and $\sigma$ is 0.01 nm. Applied to all pairs of particles in representation $\kappa=1$ : $B^{mi} = \{B_j^{\kappa=1}(\theta, s, \tau, i)\}$
		Surface localization restraint 	-	-	48	<b>Membrane-surface location:</b> Violated if $f \neq f_o$ . $f$ is the distance between a protein particle and the closest point on the NE surface (half-torus), $f_o = 0$ nm, and $\sigma$ is 0.2 nm. Applied to particles: $B^{mi} = \{B_j^{\kappa=6}(\theta, s, \tau, i) \mid \tau \in (\text{Ndc1}, \text{Pom152}, \text{Pom34})\}$
	30 Nup sequences and immuno-EM (see below)	-	-	-	64	<b>Pore-side volume location:</b> Violated if $f < f_o$ . $f$ is the distance between a protein particle and the closest point on the NE surface (half-torus), $f_o = 0$ nm, and $\sigma$ is 0.2 nm. Applied to particles: $B^{mi} = \{B_j^{\kappa=4}(\theta, s, \tau, i) \mid \tau \in (\text{Ndc1}, \text{Pom152}, \text{Pom34})\}$
		-	-	-	80	<b>Perinuclear volume location:</b> Violated if $f > f_o$ . $f$ is the distance between a protein particle and the closest point on the NE surface (half-torus), $f_o = 0$ nm, and $\sigma$ is 0.2 nm. Applied to particles: $B^{mi} = \{B_j^{\kappa=7}(\theta, s, \tau, i) \mid \tau \in (\text{Pom152})\}$
Hydrodynamics experiments	1 S-value	Complex shape restraint 	1	164	1	<b>Complex diameter</b> Violated if $f < f_o$ . $f$ is the distance between two protein particles representing the largest diameter of the largest complex, $f_o$ is the complex maximal diameter $D=19.2-R$ , where $R$ is the sum of both particle radii, and $\sigma$ is 0.01 nm. Applied to particles of proteins in composite $C_{45}$ : $B^{mi} = \{B_j^{\kappa=1}(\theta, s, \tau, i) \mid \tau \in C_{45}\}$
	30 S-values	Protein chain restraint 	-	-	1,680	<b>Protein chain</b> Violated if $f \neq f_o$ . $f$ is the distance between two consecutive particles in a protein, $f_o$ is the sum of the particle radii, and $\sigma$ is 0.01 nm. Applied to particles: $B = \{B_j^\kappa(\theta, s, \tau, i) \mid \kappa = 1\}$
Immuno-Electron microscopy	10,940 gold particles	Protein localization restraint 	-	-	456	<b>Z-axis position</b> Violated for $f < f_o$ . $f$ is the absolute Cartesian Z-coordinate of a protein particle, $f_o$ is the lower bound defined for protein type $\tau$ , and $\sigma$ is 0.1 nm. Applied to particles: $B = \{B_j^\kappa(\theta, s, \tau, i) \mid \kappa = 1, j = 1\}$
			-	-	456	Violated for $f > f_o$ . $f$ is the absolute Cartesian Z-coordinate of a protein particle, $f_o$ is the upper bound defined for protein type $\tau$ , and $\sigma$ is 0.1 nm. Applied to particles: $B = \{B_j^\kappa(\theta, s, \tau, i) \mid \kappa = 1, j = 1\}$
		Radial position 	-	-	456	Violated for $f < f_o$ . $f$ is the radial distance between a protein particle and the Z-axis in a plane parallel to the X and Y axes, $f_o$ is its lower bound defined for protein type $\tau$ , and $\sigma$ is 0.1 nm. Applied to particles: $B = \{B_j^\kappa(\theta, s, \tau, i) \mid \kappa = 1, j = 1\}$
			-	-	456	Violated for $f > f_o$ . $f$ is the radial distance between a protein particle and the Z-axis in a plane parallel to the X and Y axes, $f_o$ is its upper bound defined for protein type $\tau$ , and $\sigma$ is 0.1 nm. Applied to particles: $B = \{B_j^\kappa(\theta, s, \tau, i) \mid \kappa = 1, j = 1\}$
Overlay assays	13 contacts	Protein interaction restraint 	20	112	20	<b>Protein contact</b> Violated for $f > f_o$ . $f$ is the distance between two protein particles, $f_o$ is the sum of the particle radii multiplied by a tolerance factor of 1.3, and $\sigma$ is 0.01 nm. Applied to particles: $B = \{B_j^\kappa(\theta, s, \tau, i) \mid \kappa \in (2, 4, 9), \theta \in (1, 2, 3)\}$
Affinity purification	4 complexes	Competitive binding restraint 	1	132	4	<b>Protein contact</b> Violated for $f > f_o$ . $f$ is the distance between two protein particles, $f_o$ is the sum of the particle radii multiplied by a tolerance factor of 1.3, and $\sigma$ is 0.01 nm. Applied to particles: $B = \{B_j^\kappa(\theta, s, \tau, i) \mid \theta \in (1, 2, 3), \kappa \in (2, 4, 6), \tau = (\text{Nup82}, \text{Nic96}, \text{Nup49}, \text{Nup57})\}$
	64 complexes	Protein proximity restraint 	692	25,348	692	<b>Protein proximity</b> Violated for $f > f_o$ . $f$ is the distance between two protein particles, $f_o$ is the maximal diameter of a composite complex, and $\sigma$ is 0.01 nm. Applied to particles: $B = \{B_j^\kappa(\theta, s, \tau, i) \mid \theta \in (1, 2, 3), \kappa \in (2, 4, 9)\}$

# Optimization

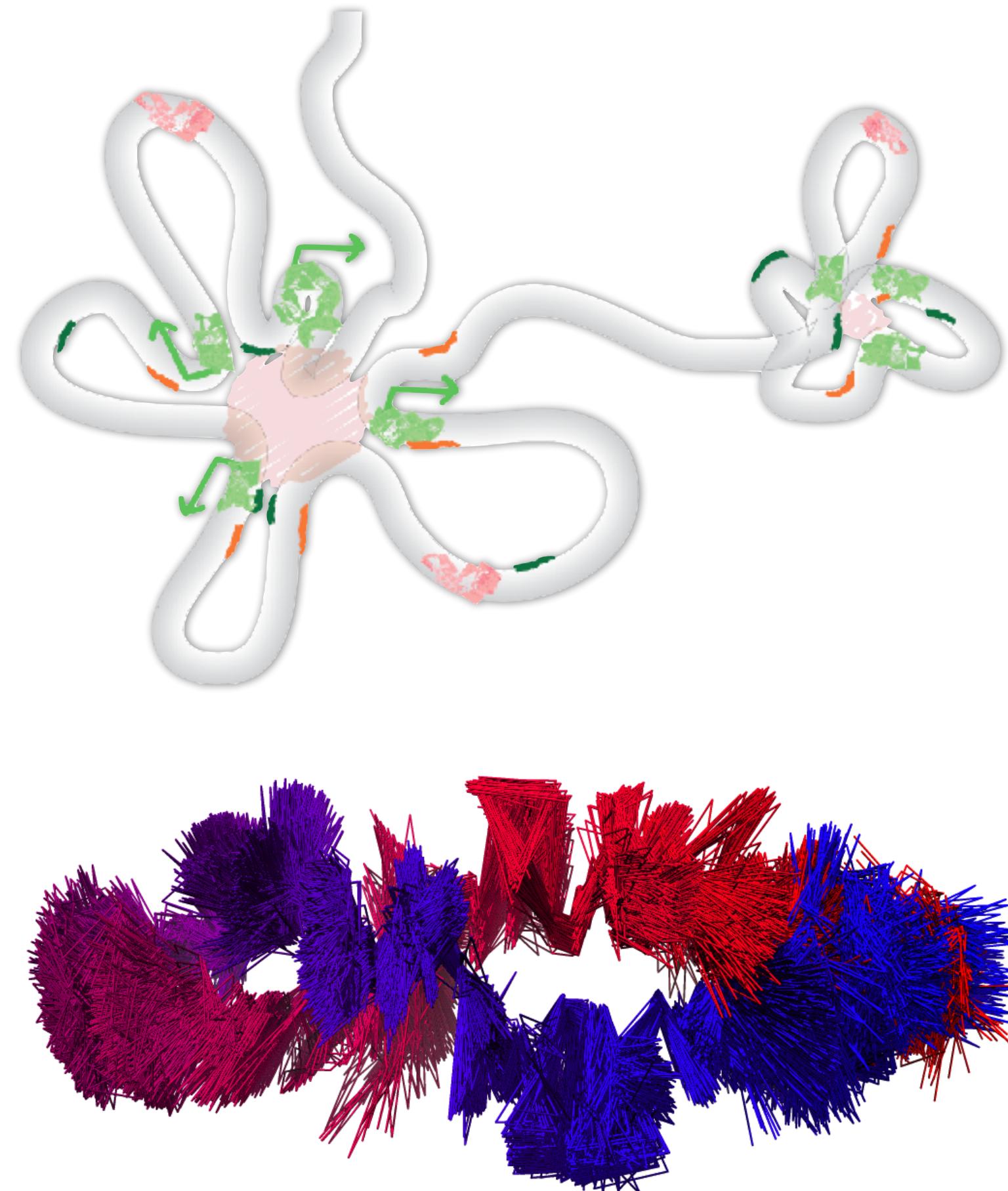


# The structure of the nuclear pore complex



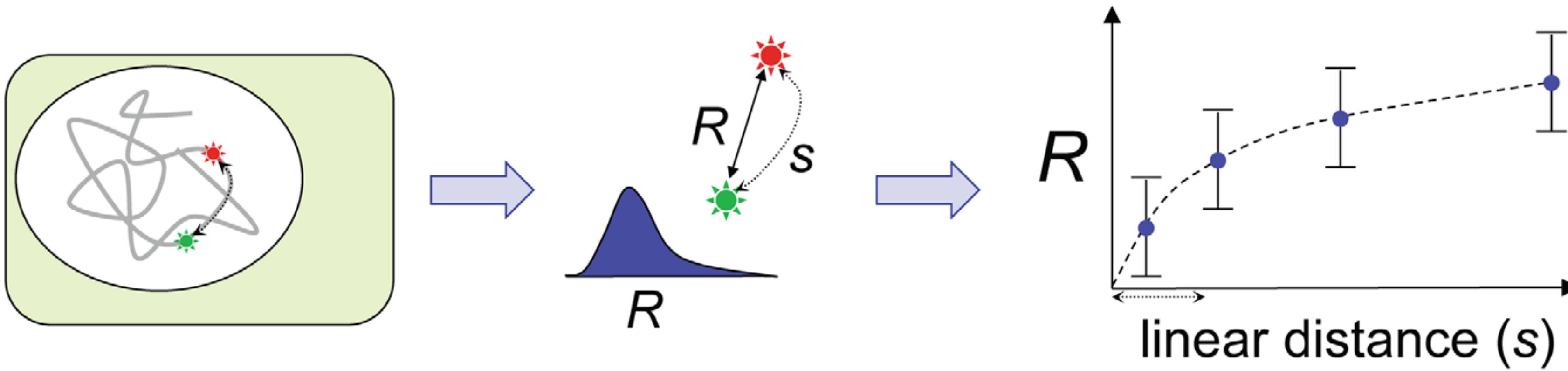
# Genomes

## Limited data types

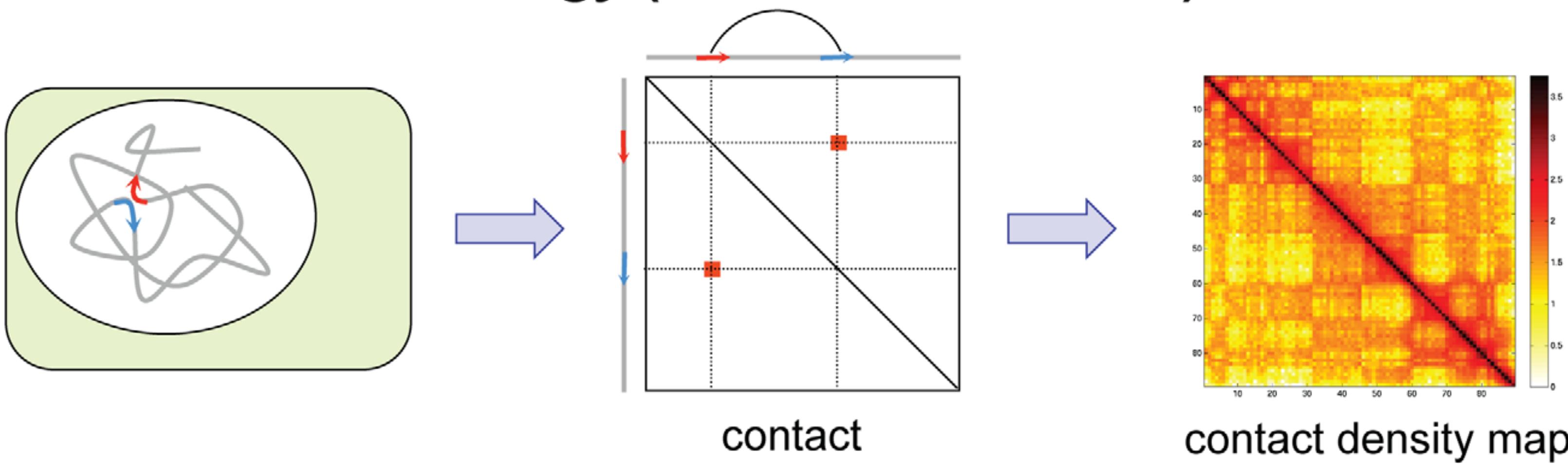


# Main approaches

## Light microscopy (FISH)



## Cell/molecular biology (3C-based methods)



# Take home message

