



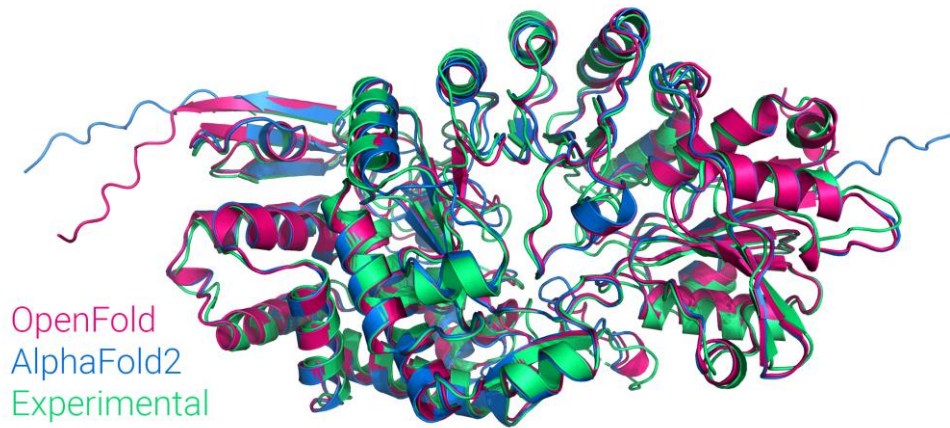
# Distributional Graphormer (DiG): From Structure Prediction to Distribution Prediction

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# AI for Scientific Computation

End-to-end prediction:

- Molecular-system descriptor  
→ Equilibrium structure, molecular property, ...
- Molecule structure  
→ Potential energy (for molecular dynamics simulation)



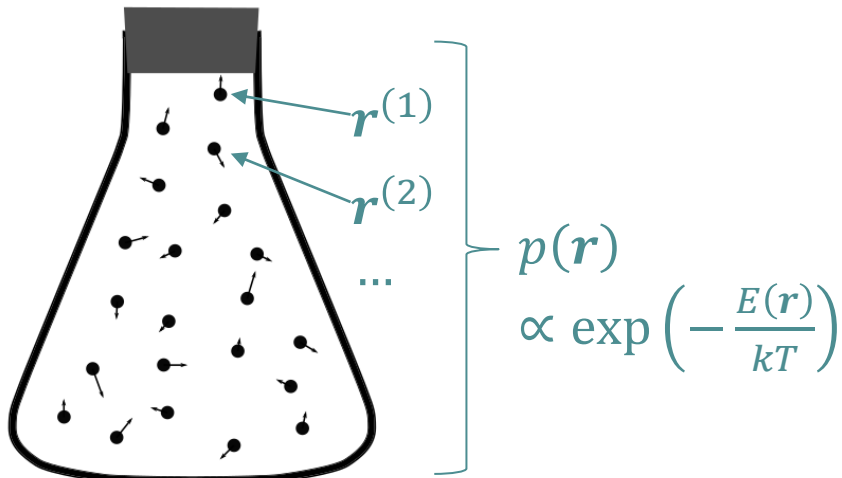
Protein Structure Prediction



# Distributions in Thermodynamics

But the world is *probabilistic* when zooming in:

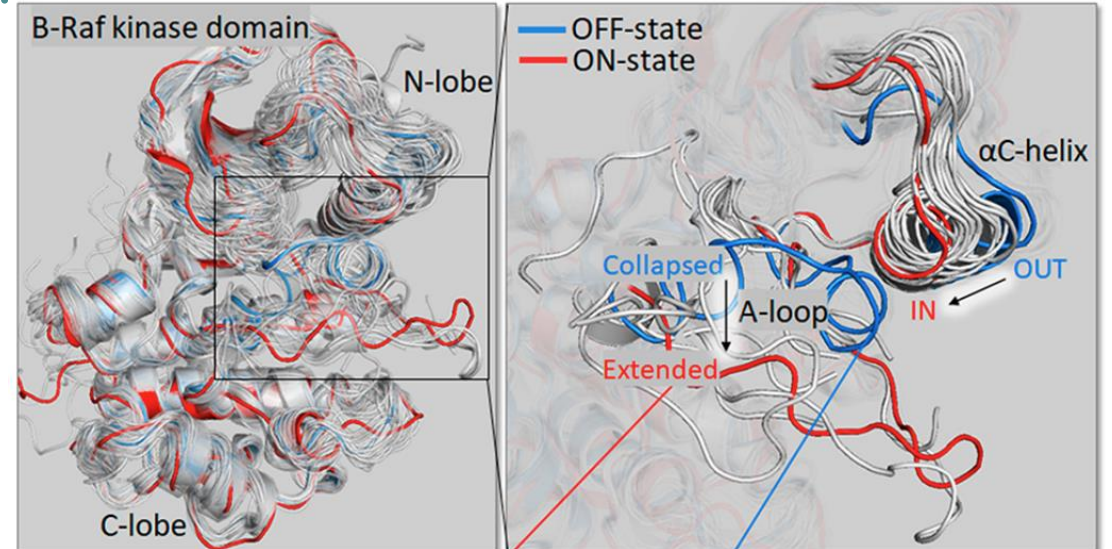
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  - Equilibrium structure  $\mathbf{r}^*$
  - **Structure distribution**  $p(\mathbf{r})$



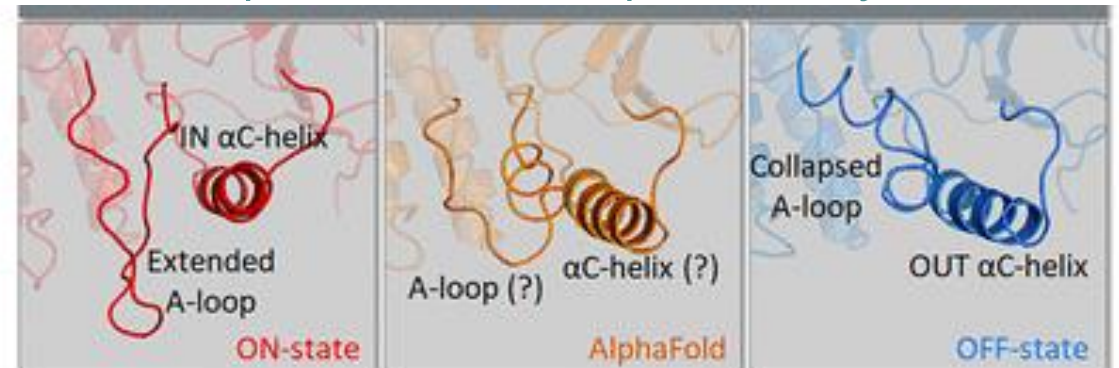
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Proteins function by multiple structures:



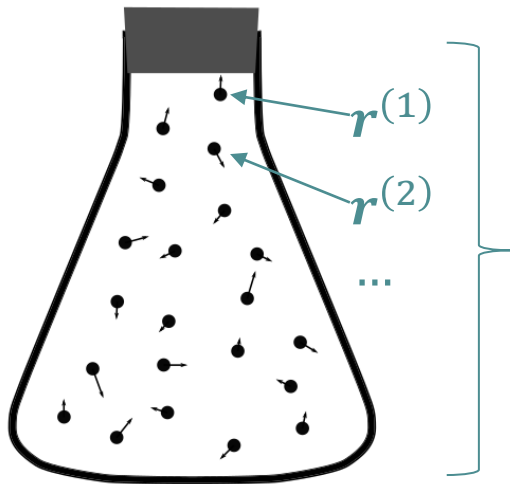
AlphaFold cannot predict any of them:



“AlphaFold, Artificial Intelligence (AI), and Allostery,” JPCB (2022)

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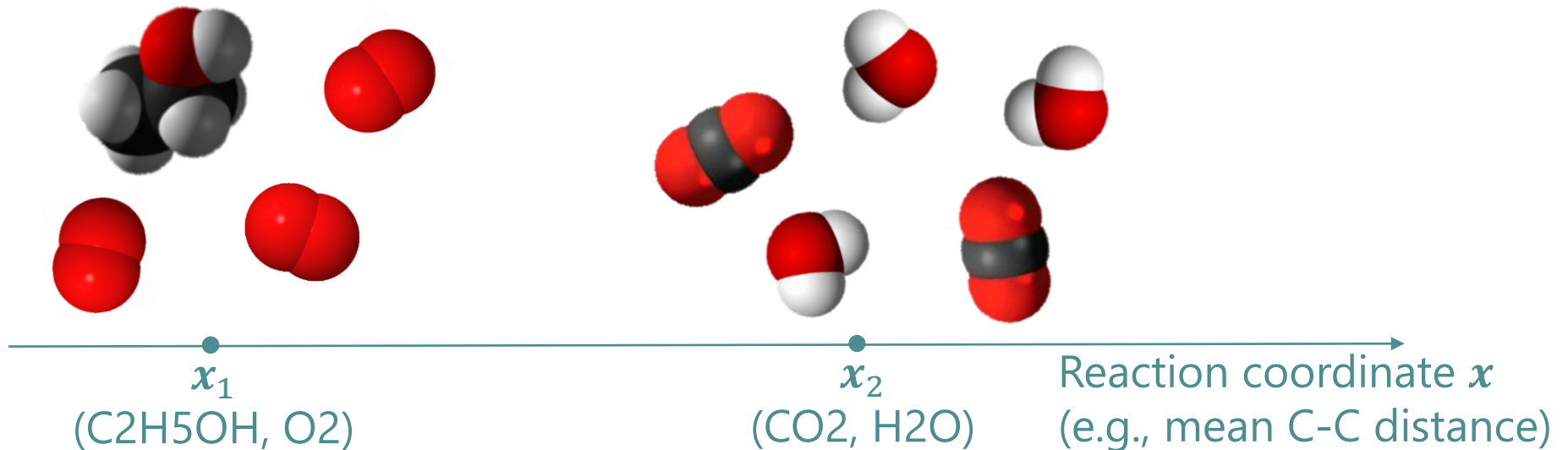


## Detailed Description:

- In equilibrium: Boltzmann distribution  $p(r) = \exp\left(-\frac{E(r)}{kT}\right) / Z$ .
- Non-equilibrium:  $q(r)$ .
  - $q(r) = p(z|x_1)\delta_{x_1}(x)$ ,  
where  $r \leftrightarrow$  (reaction coord  $x$ , other coord  $z$ ).

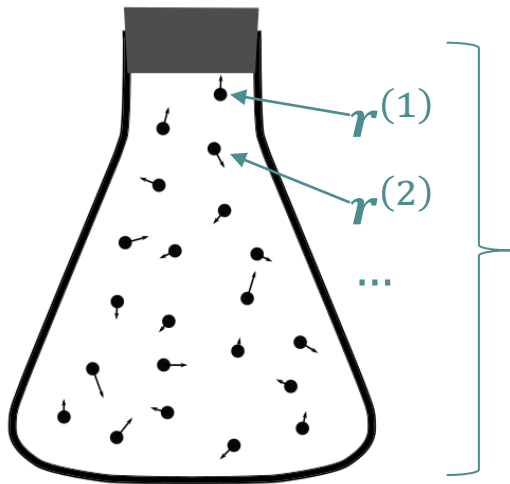
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If  $q_{x_1}(\mathbf{r}) = q(\mathbf{z}|\mathbf{x}_1)\delta_{x_1}(\mathbf{x})$ , then

$$\begin{aligned} F[q_{x_1}] &= -kT(\text{ELBO}[q(\mathbf{z}|\mathbf{x}_1), p(\mathbf{r})] - \log Z) \\ &= -kT(-\text{KL}(q(\mathbf{z}|\mathbf{x}_1) \| p(\mathbf{z}|\mathbf{x}_1)) + \log Z_{x_1}). \end{aligned}$$

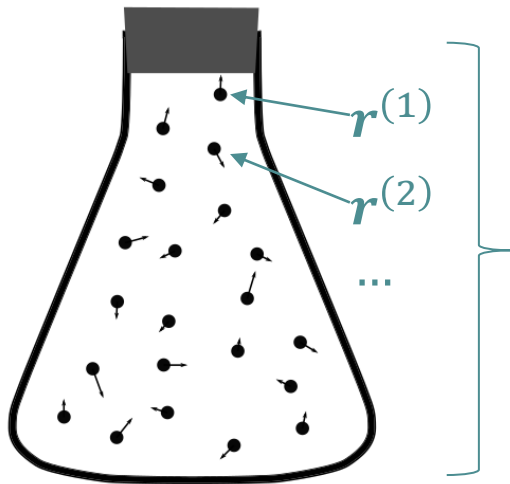
If in partial equilibrium (meta-stable state),  $q(\mathbf{z}|\mathbf{x}_1) = p(\mathbf{z}|\mathbf{x}_1)$ , then

$$F[q_{x_1}] = -kT \log \int \exp\left(-\frac{E(\mathbf{x}_1, \mathbf{z})}{kT}\right) d\mathbf{z},$$

and  $p(\mathbf{x}) = \exp\left(-\frac{F[q_x]}{kT}\right) / Z$  is preserved.

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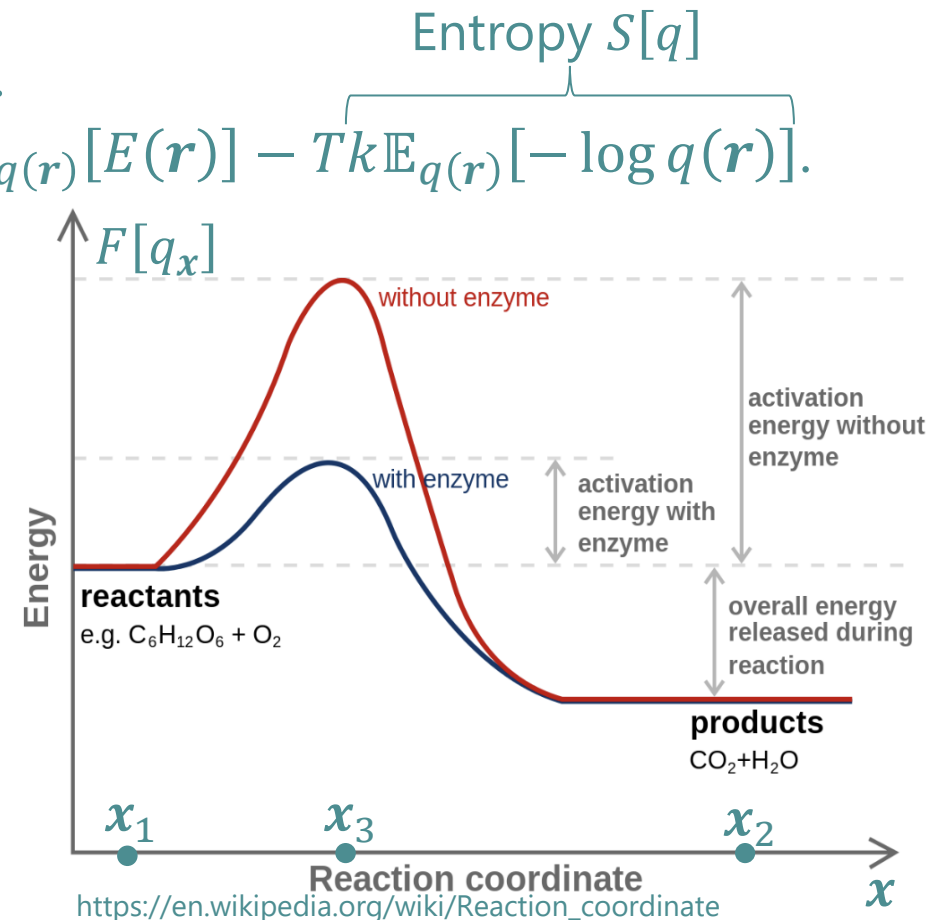
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- $F[q_{x_2}] - F[q_{x_1}]$ :  
Reaction free energy  
→ **stability/concentration.**
- $F[q_{x_3}] - F[q_{x_1}]$ :  
Activation energy  
→ **reaction rate.**



# Distributions in Thermodynamics

Querying detailed physics:

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Traditional computation:

- $\mathbb{E}_{q(\mathbf{r})}[\cdot]$  or  $\mathbb{E}_{p(\mathbf{r})}[\cdot]$ : MD/MCMC / umbrella (importance) sampling.
  - convergence issue (gap between state transition time scale ( $\mu\text{s}$  to  $\text{ms}$ ) and affordable simulation time ( $\text{ps}$ )), auto-correlation / particle degeneracy.
- $\log q(\mathbf{r})$ : harmonic approximation / direct free energy estimation.
  - coarse approximation (locally second-order) / need to know reaction coord.  $x$ .

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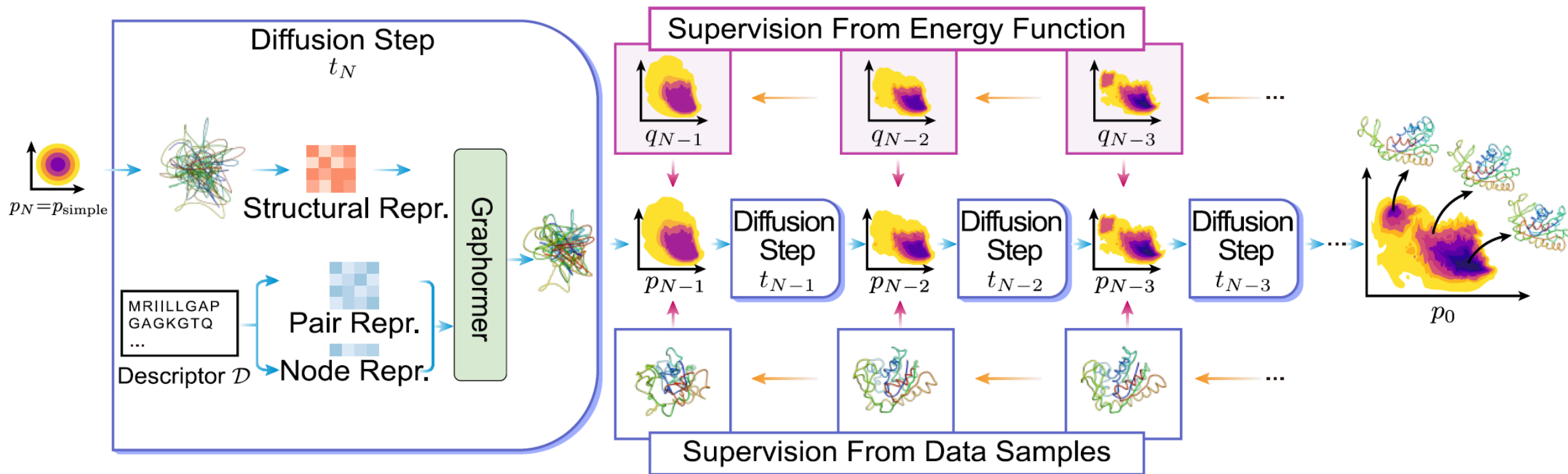
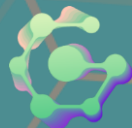
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Deep generative models:

- IID sampling: most sample-efficient way.
- Capability to approximate the complicated distribution.
- Boltzmann generator [Noé et al., 2019, *Science*]:
  - Only applicable to systems with MD data.
- **Distributional Graphormer (DiG)**:
  - Transferable to a range of systems.



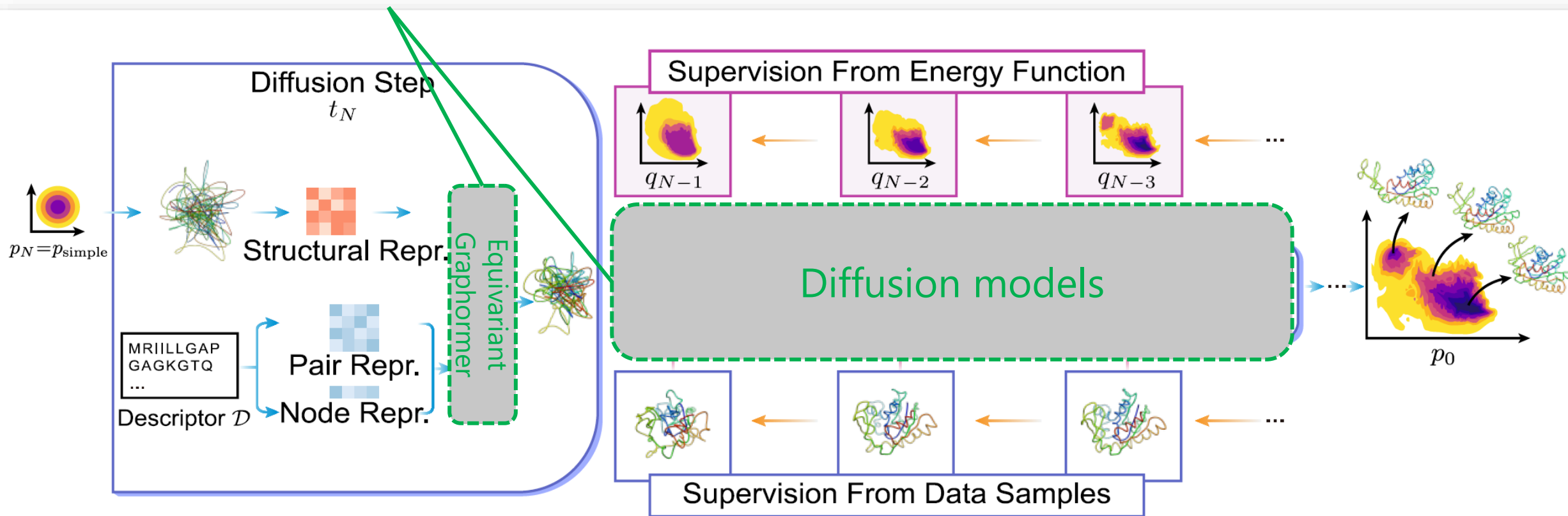
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Complex distribution

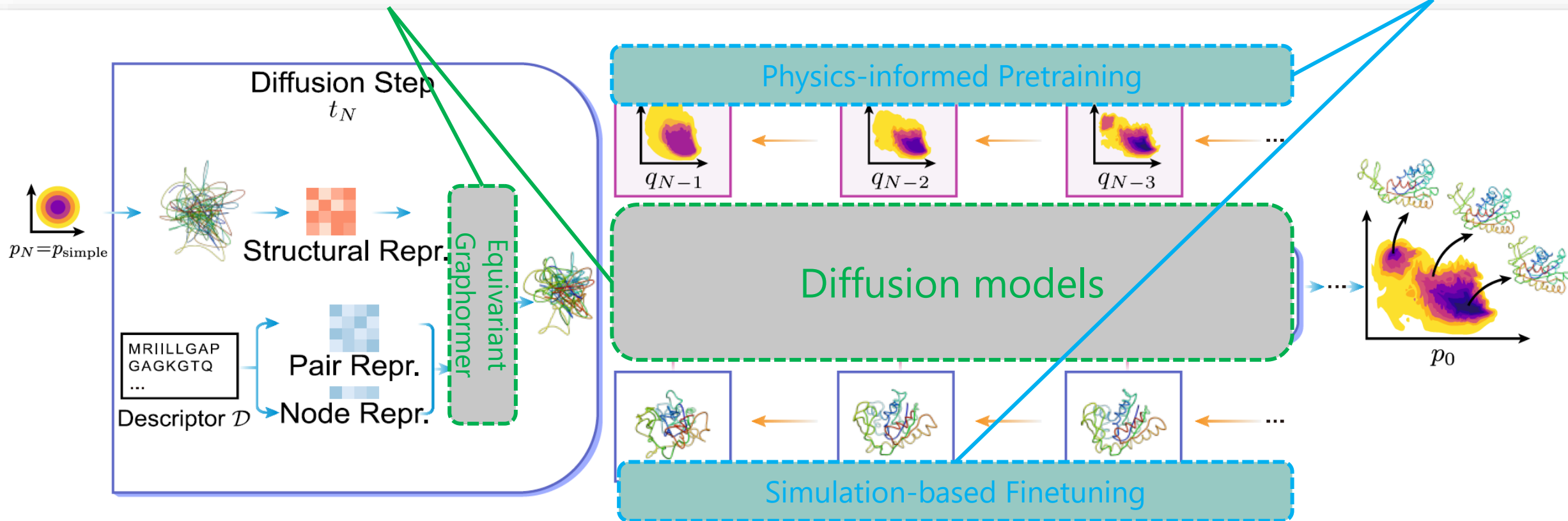


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Complex distribution

Data scarcity

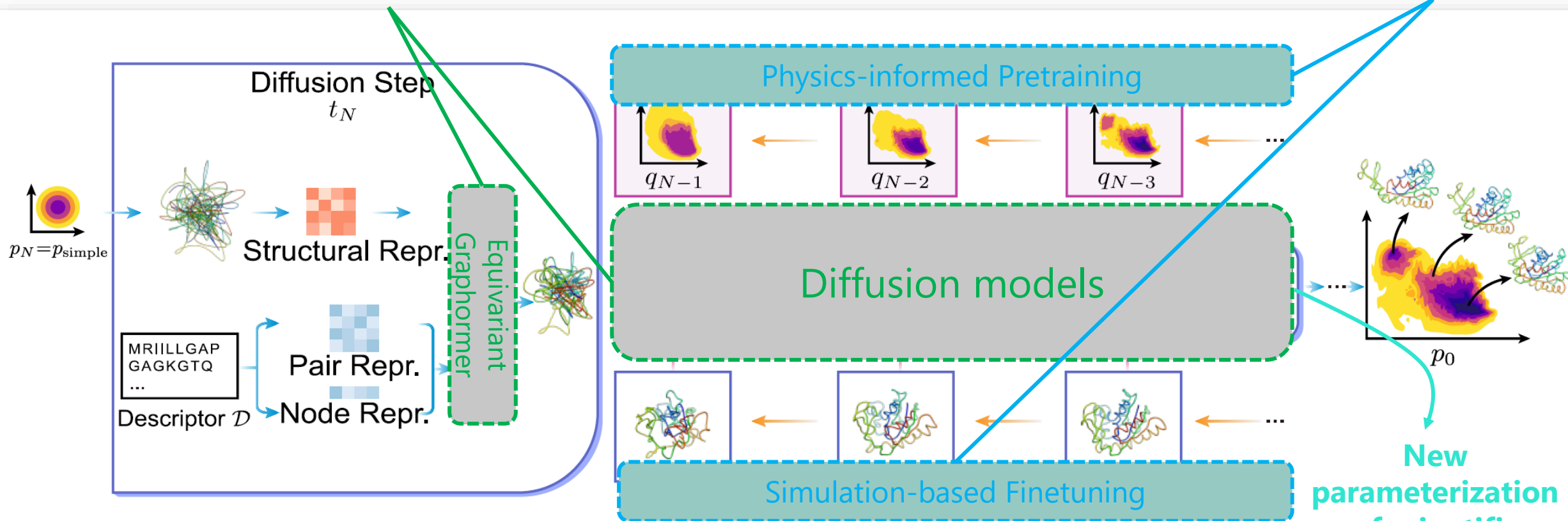


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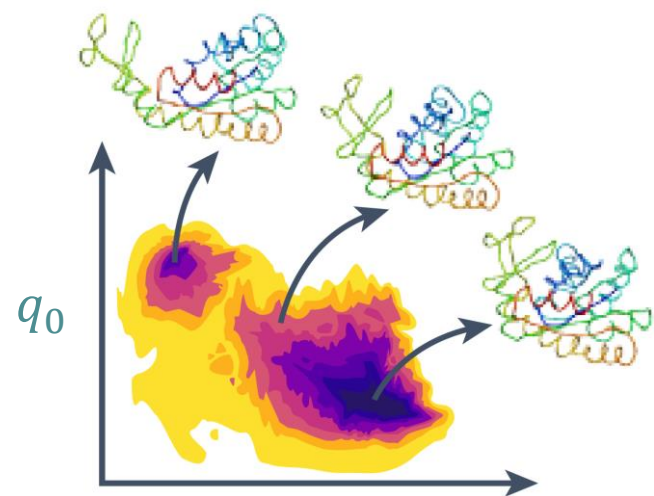
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Project Homepage: <<https://distributionalgraphormer.github.io/>>

New parameterization of scientific equation

# Diffusion Model

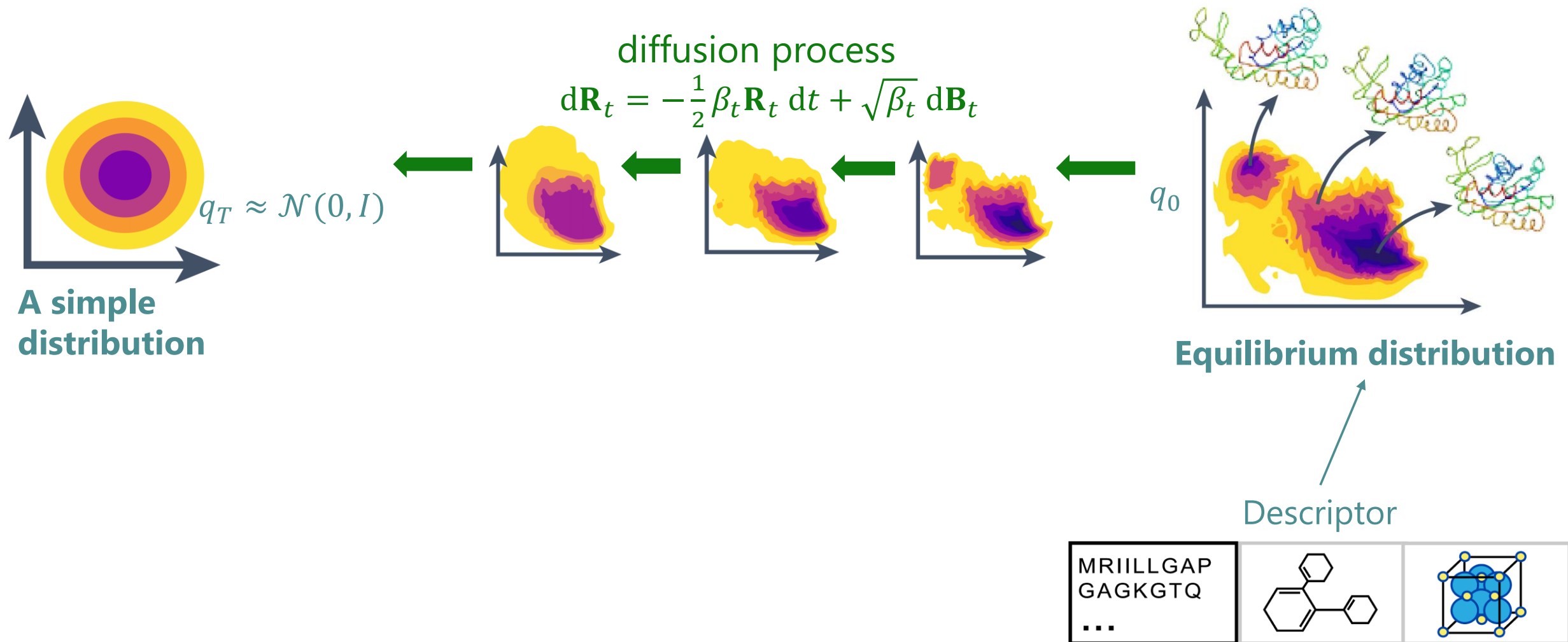


**Equilibrium distribution**

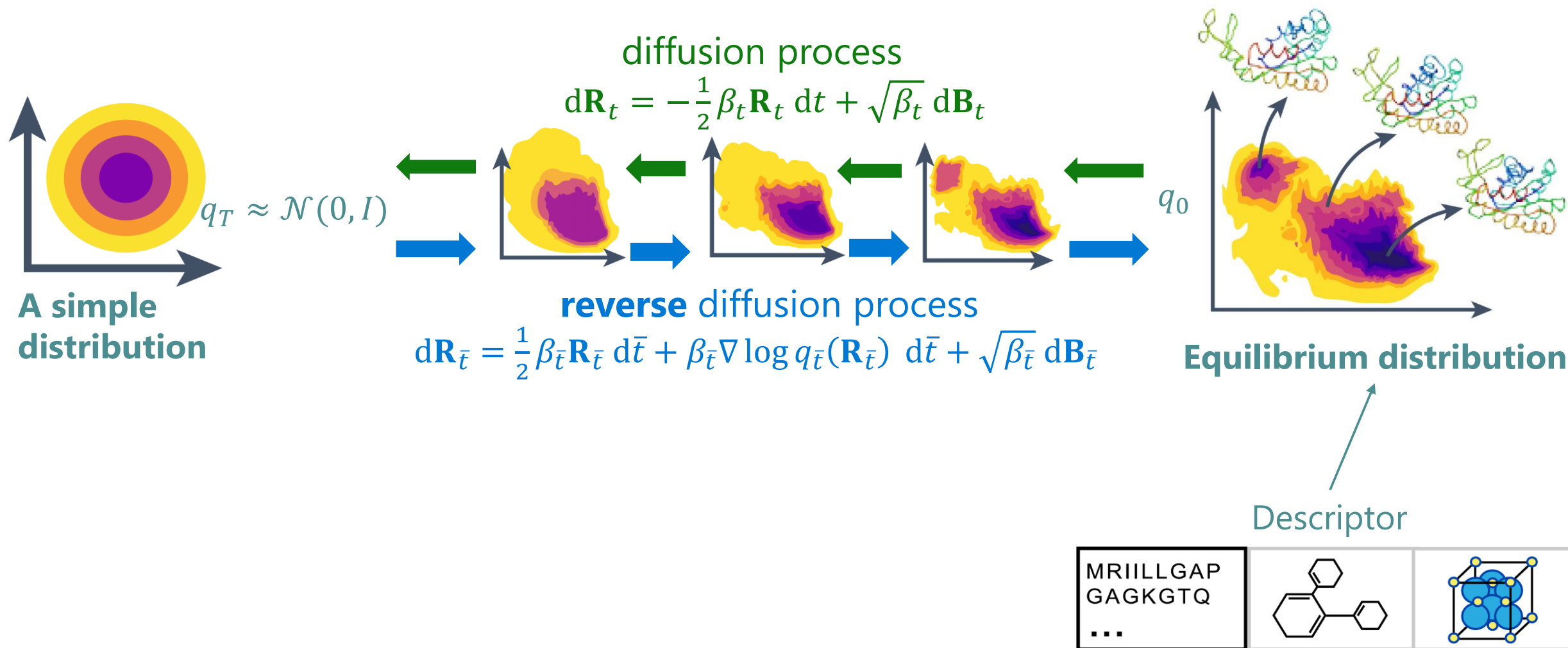
Descriptor

MRIILLGAP GAGKGTQ ...		
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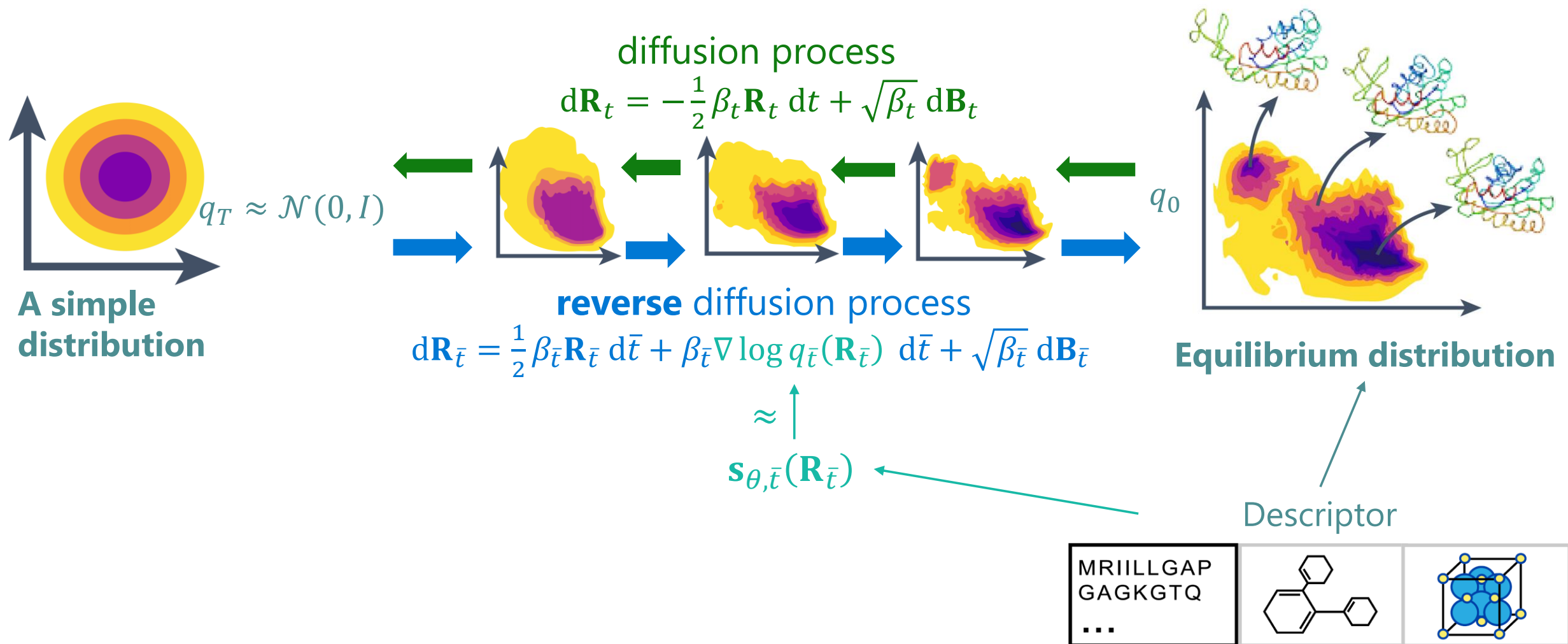
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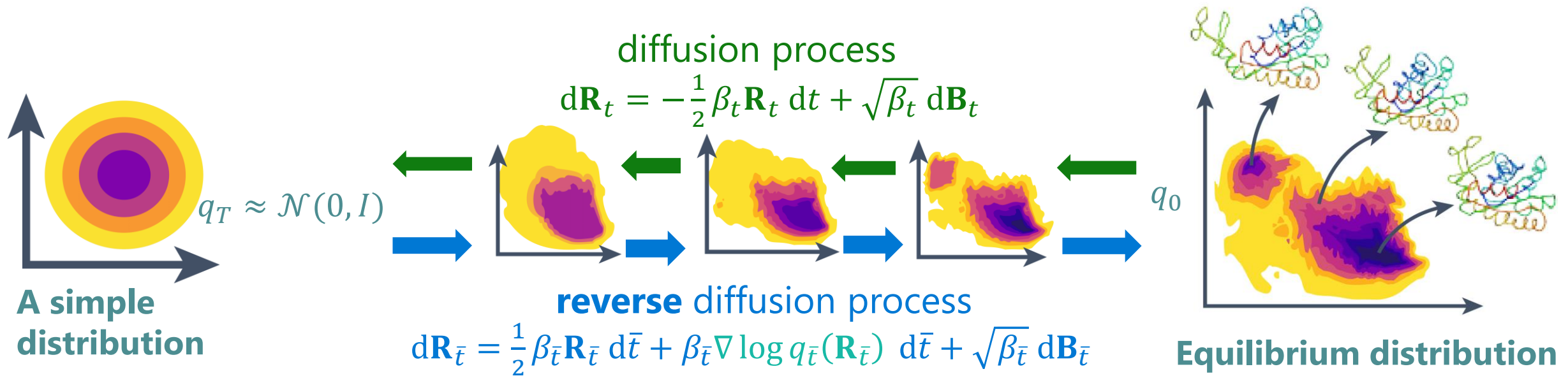


# Diffusion Model





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Structure generation

Density calculation

Conditional generation

# Capabilities

Structure generation

$$\mathbf{R}_T \sim \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{0}, \mathbf{I}) \xrightarrow{d\mathbf{R}_{\bar{t}} = \frac{1}{2}\beta_{T-\bar{t}}\mathbf{R}_{\bar{t}} d\bar{t} + \beta_{T-\bar{t}} \mathbf{s}_{\theta, \bar{t}}(\mathbf{R}_{\bar{t}}) d\bar{t} + \sqrt{\beta_{T-\bar{t}}} d\mathbf{B}_{\bar{t}}} \mathbf{R}_0$$

Density calculation

$$\log p_{\theta}(\mathbf{R}) = \underbrace{\log \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{R}_T; \mathbf{0}, \mathbf{I})}_{\text{density of the simple distribution}} - \underbrace{\int_0^T \frac{\beta_t}{2} \nabla \cdot (\mathbf{R}_t + \mathbf{s}_{\theta, t}(\mathbf{R}_t)) dt}_{\text{track and integrate the instantaneous change of density}}$$

where  $d\mathbf{R}_t = -\frac{\beta_t}{2} (\mathbf{R}_t + \mathbf{s}_{\theta, t}(\mathbf{R}_t)) dt$  from  $\mathbf{R}_0 = \mathbf{R}$ .

Conditional generation

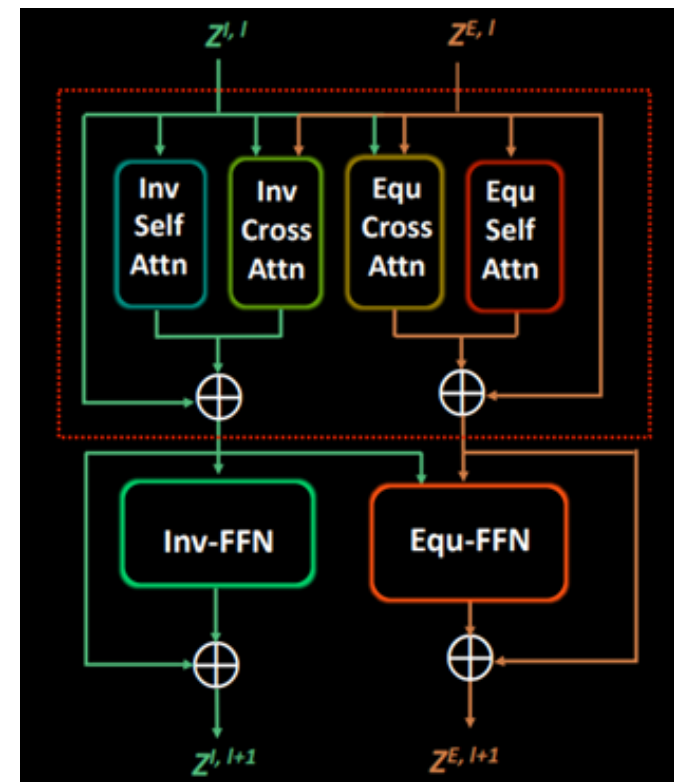
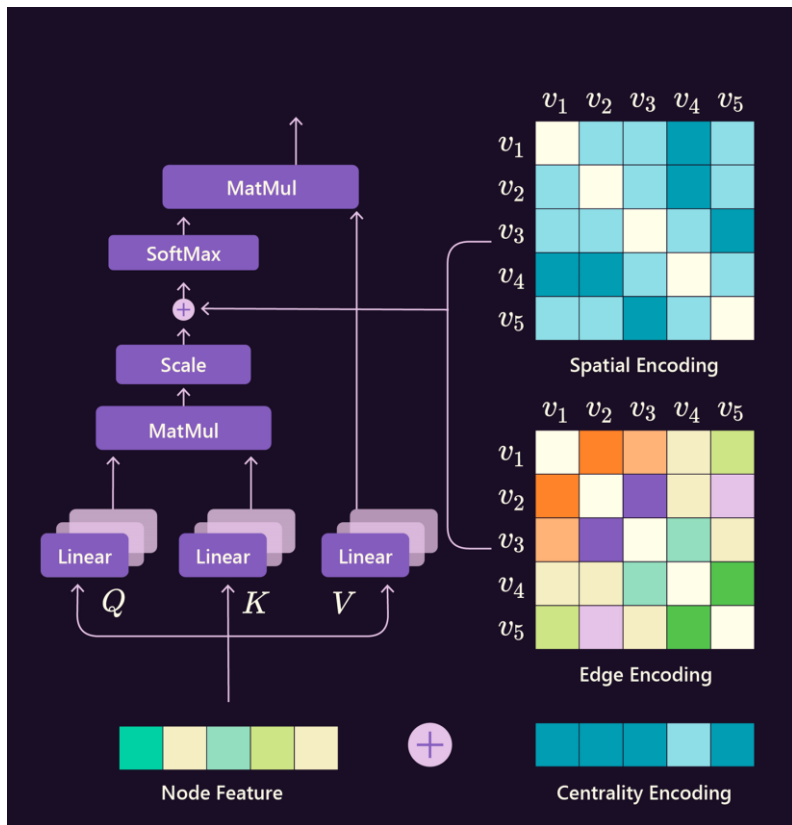
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$$\nabla_{\mathbf{R}} \log q(\mathbf{R}|c) = \nabla_{\mathbf{R}} \log q(\mathbf{R}) + \nabla_{\mathbf{R}} \log p(c|\mathbf{R})$$

# Equivariant Graphormer

Invariant distribution = invariant prior + equivariant score model.

- Graphormer to encode complex structure
- Minimum inductive bias to ensure equivariance



# Challenges in Model Training

## Data scarcity

- Hard to collect sufficient experimental or simulation data to well characterize the equilibrium distribution for various systems.

## Need stepwise training signals

- Supervision is only available at the end of the diffusion process.
- Backprop through the whole diffusion-process simulation is very costly.

# Training from Energy Function & Simulation Data

- Physically-Informed Pre-training

$$\underbrace{\sum_m \|\mathbf{s}_{\theta,0}(\mathbf{R}^{(m)}) + \nabla E(\mathbf{R}^{(m)})\|^2}_{\text{Energy-function supervision}} + \underbrace{\sum_t \sum_m \left\| \frac{\beta_t}{2} \nabla \left( (\mathbf{R}_t^{(m)} + \nabla) \cdot \mathbf{s}_{\theta,t}(\mathbf{R}_t^{(m)}) + \|\mathbf{s}_{\theta,t}(\mathbf{R}_t^{(m)})\|^2 \right) - \partial_t \mathbf{s}_{\theta,t}(\mathbf{R}_t^{(m)}) \right\|^2}_{\text{Data supervision}}.$$

Energy-function supervision

- Propagate the supervision by consistency with Fokker-Planck equation
- Stepwise loss function

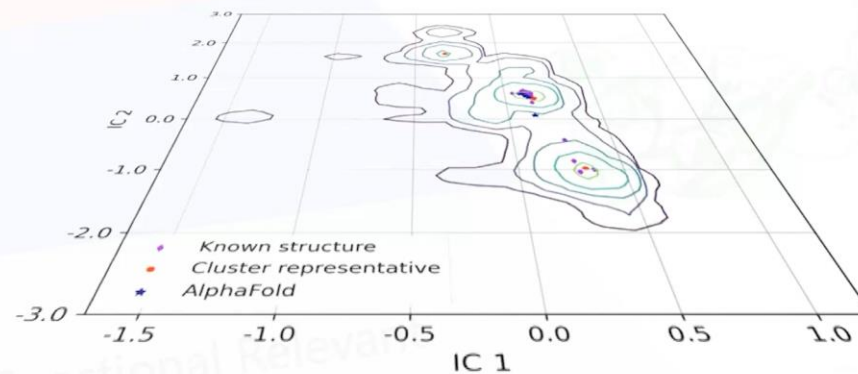
- Training with Simulation Data

$$\sum_t \sum_n \mathbb{E}_{\epsilon \sim \mathcal{N}(0, \mathbf{I})} \left\| \sigma_t^2 \mathbf{s}_{\theta,t}(\underbrace{\alpha_t \mathbf{R}^{(n)}}_{\text{Data supervision}} + \sigma_t \epsilon) + \epsilon \right\|^2.$$

# Protein Conformation Sampling

SARS-CoV-2 main protease  
(PDB id: 6lu7, 306 residues)

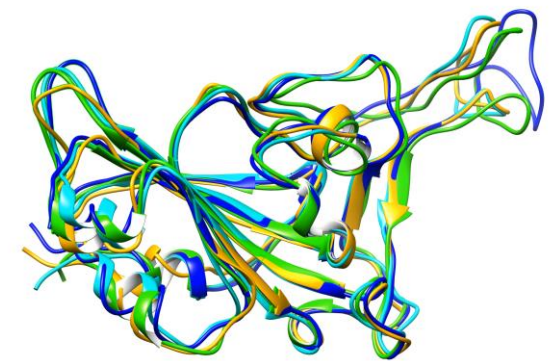
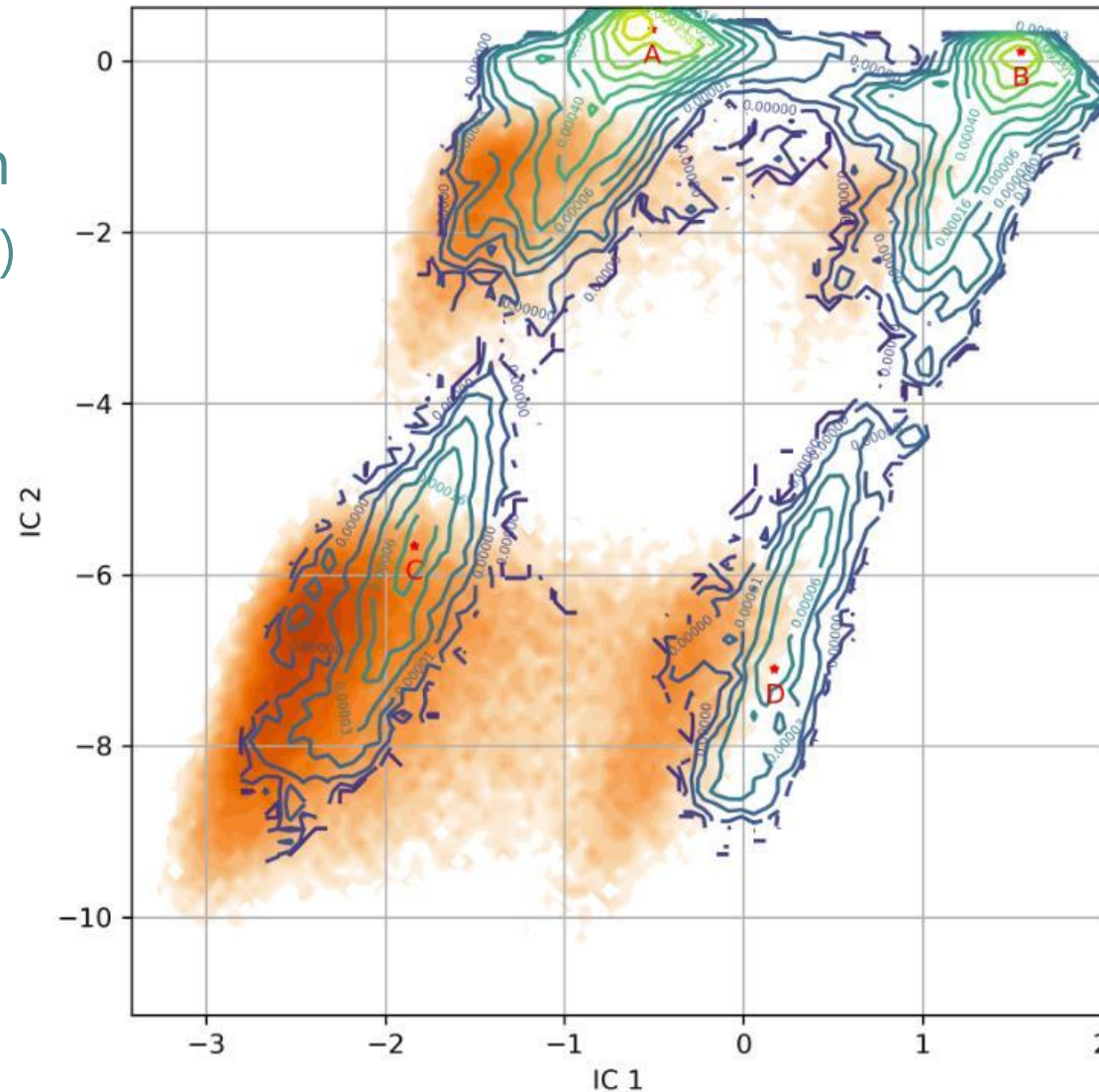
- Ground-truth:  
MD Simulation from  
Folding@home, 2.6 ms.  
Est. **26k GPU days.**
- DiG sampled structures:  
~40k structures,  
~**18 GPU days.**



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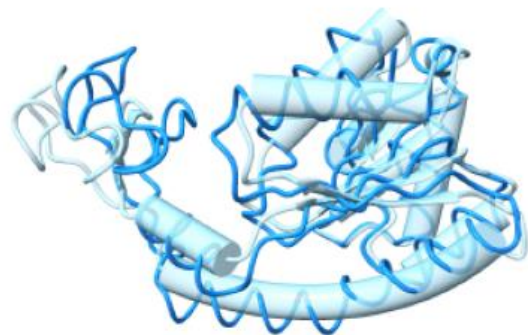
SARS-CoV-2 spike  
receptor-binding domain  
(PDB id: 6m0j, 229 residues)

- Ground-truth:  
MD Simulation from  
Folding@home, 1.8 ms.  
Est. **20k GPU days**.
- EDP sampled structures:  
~80k structures,  
~**18 GPU days**.



# Sampling Meta-Stable Structures

## ■ Adenylate kinase 腺苷酸激酶



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1ake

## ■ LmrP membrane protein LmrP 膜蛋白

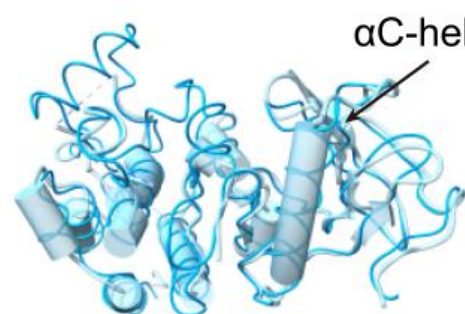


DEER-AF



6t1z

## ■ Human B-Raf kinase 人类 B-Raf 激酶



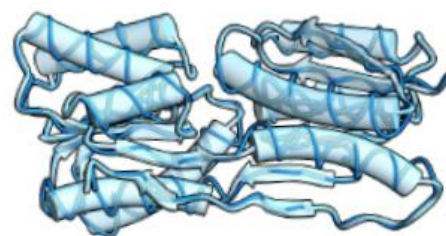
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$\alpha$ C-helix

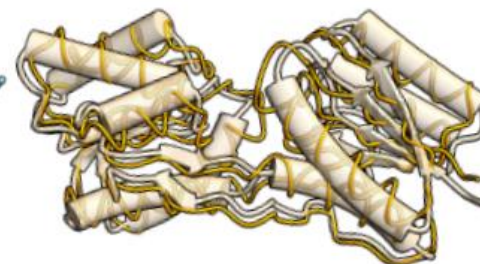


3skc

## ■ D-Ribose binding protein 大肠杆菌 D-核糖结合蛋白



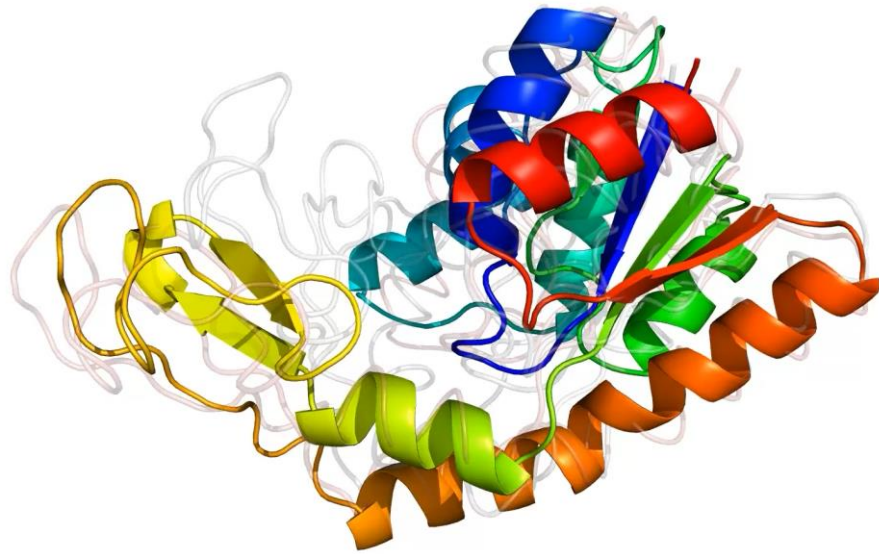
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# Conformation Transition Pathway Prediction

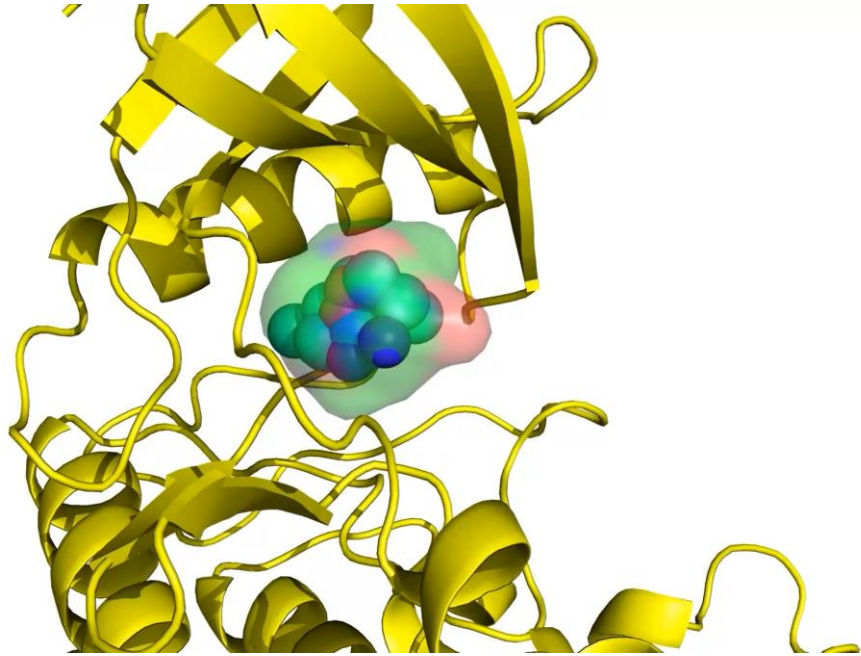


Adenylate Kinase (open ↔ close)  
腺苷酸激酶

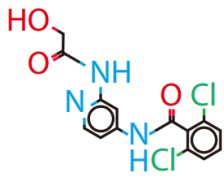


LmrP membrane protein (open ↔ close)  
LmrP 膜蛋白

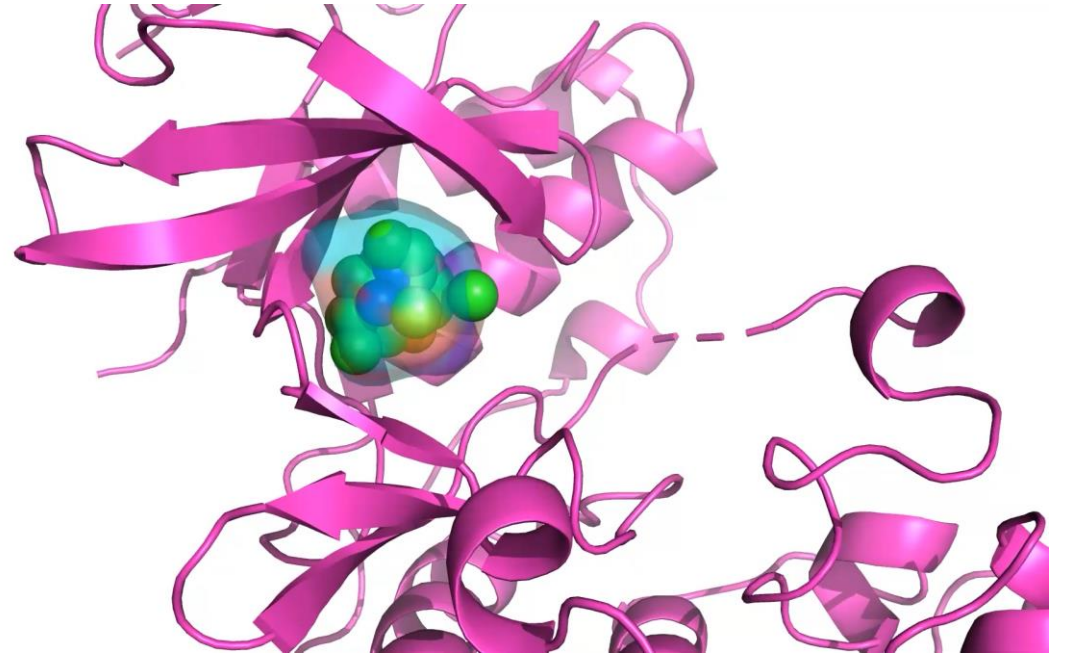
# Protein-Ligand Binding Sampling



**Tyk2** binding with  
酪氨酸激酶



与红细胞和血小板的生成相关，在一些免疫过程中起关键作用



**p38** binding with  
p38 丝裂原活化蛋白激酶

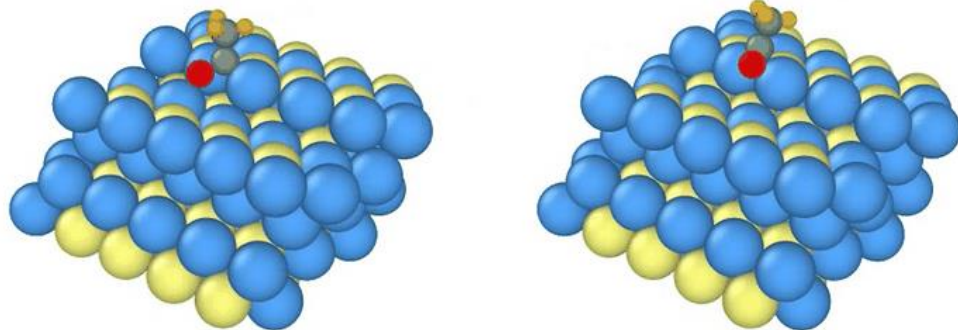


参与细胞生理和病理过程，包括凋亡、应激、进入细胞周期、炎症反应

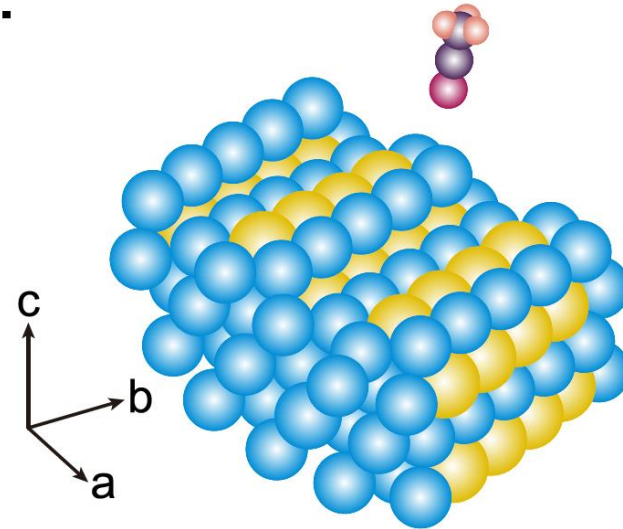
# Catalyst Adsorption Sampling














## Highlights:

- Generalizable to unseen systems.
- Discovered new adsorption sites (verified by DFT).
- Speed-up:
  - Classical (DFT MD/Relaxation): **days**.
  - DiG: **seconds**.

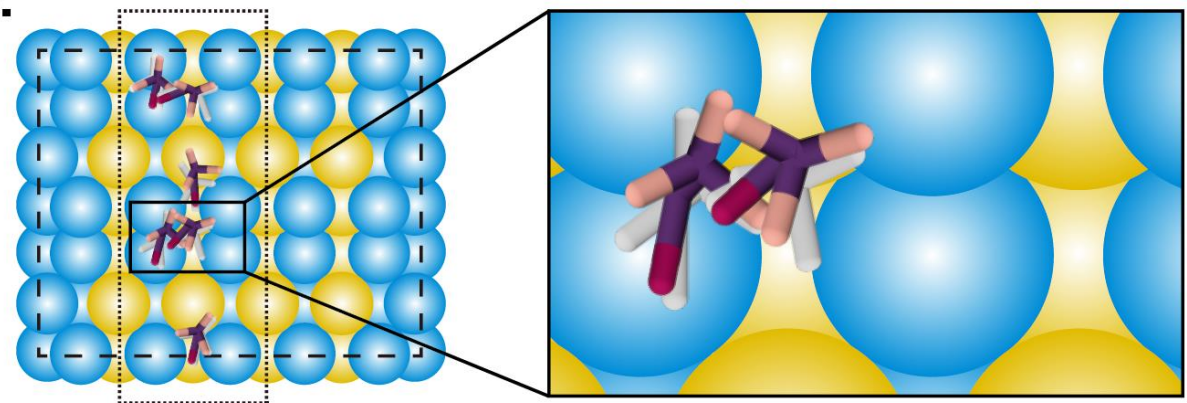


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Hf	Tc	N	Rh	
				
Al	Hf	Pd	Ta	

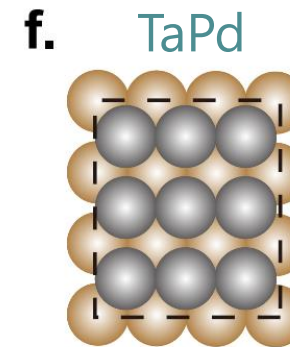
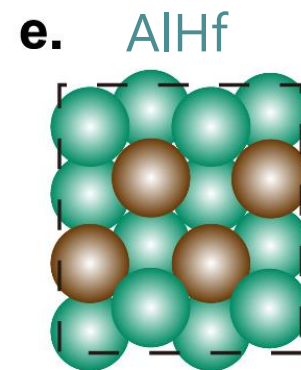
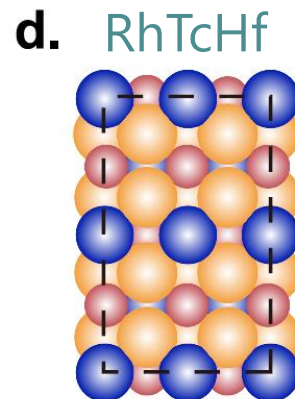
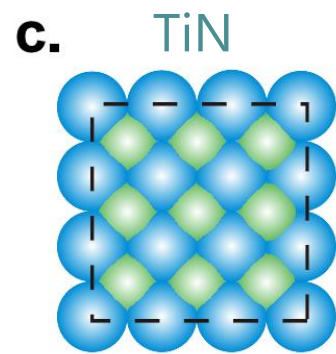
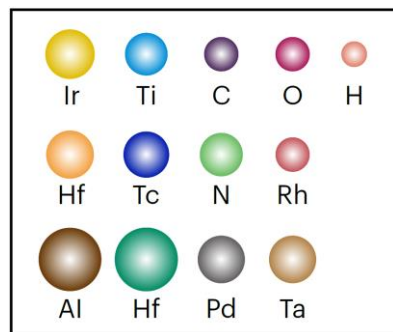
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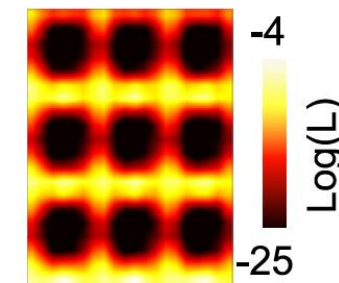
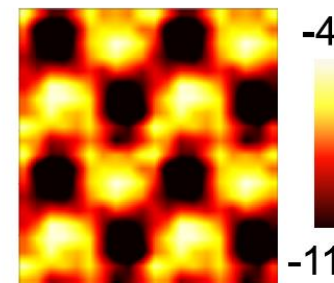
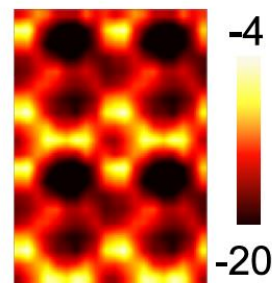
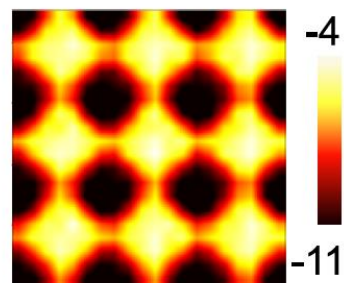
**CH<sub>3</sub>-C-O-** on **Ti-Ir** surface

# Density Estimation

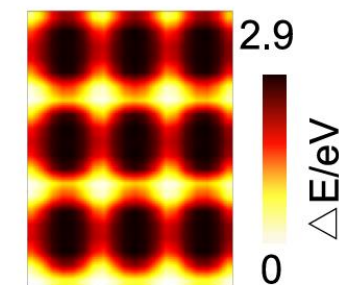
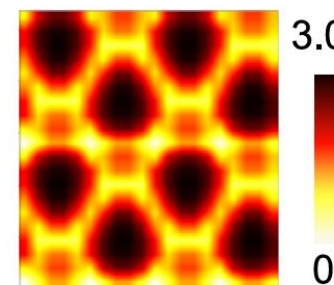
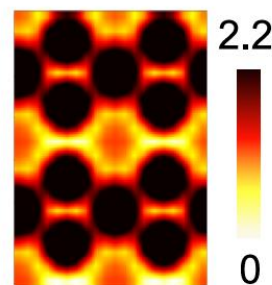
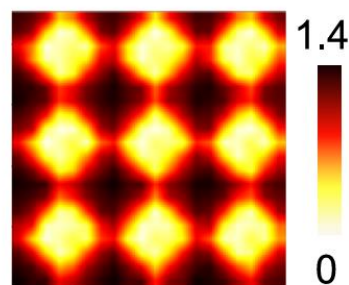
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By DiG



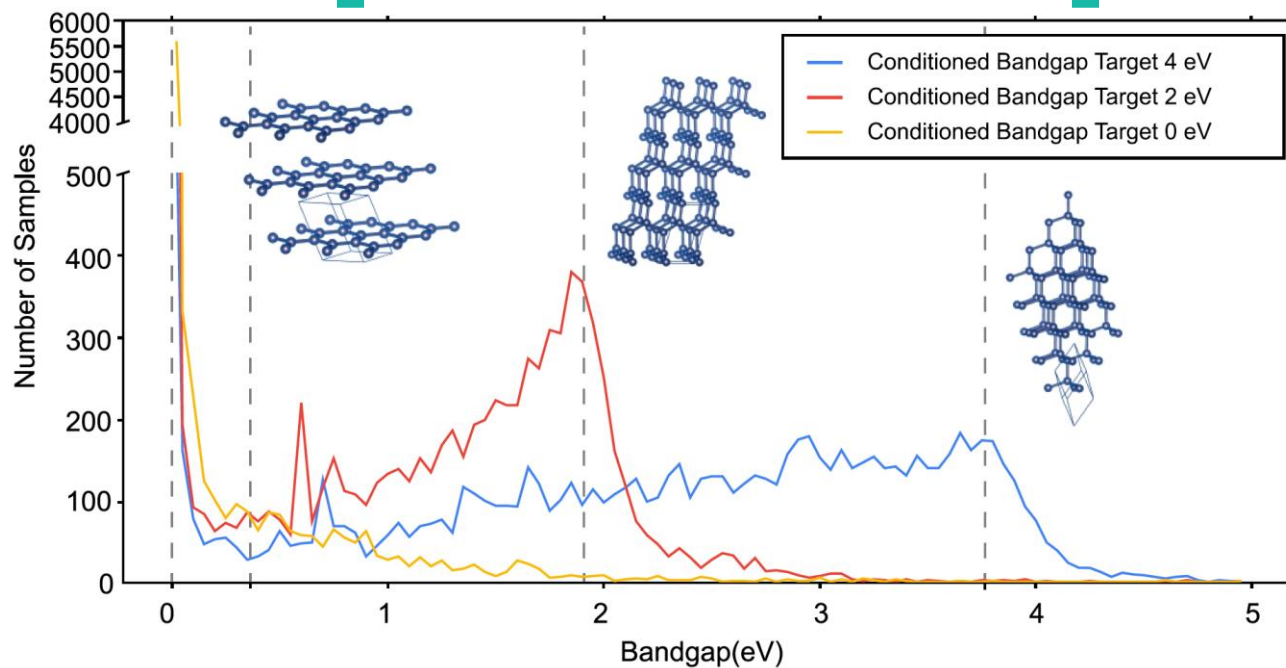
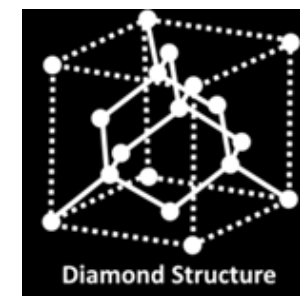
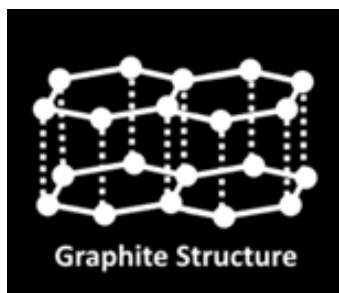
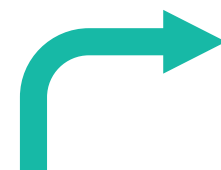
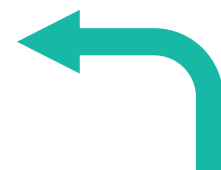
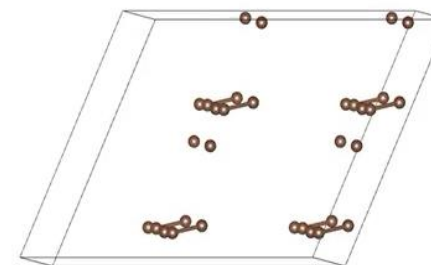
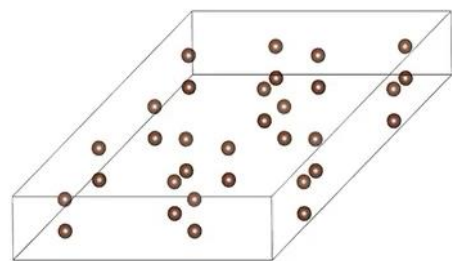
By DFT  
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# Inverse Design

Band Gap = 0 eV → **Graphite**

Band Gap = 4 eV → **Diamond**





Thank You