



Conformational Variability in CryoEM using Deep Learning

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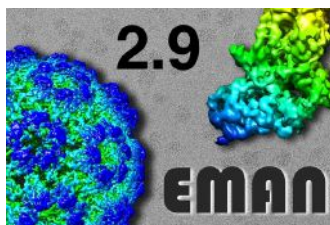
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(longer talk at IPAM)

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Structural Biology

- NMR
 - local structure, specific distances, local dynamics
- X-ray Crystallography
 - high resolution structures, often non-native
- CryoEM → **Still needed for info on complexes & flexibility/dynamics**
 - intermediate - high resolution structure, in-vitro flexibility
- CryoET + CryoFIB → **Still needed to observe native structures, observe native assembly, etc.**
 - low - intermediate resolution structure, 3-D variability, cellular context
- Super-resolution Fluorescence (dynamic localization/co-localization)

AlphaFold →
ok...
it's pretty decent.
Positive and
negative impacts?

Comprehensive structure and functional adaptations of the yeast nuclear pore complex

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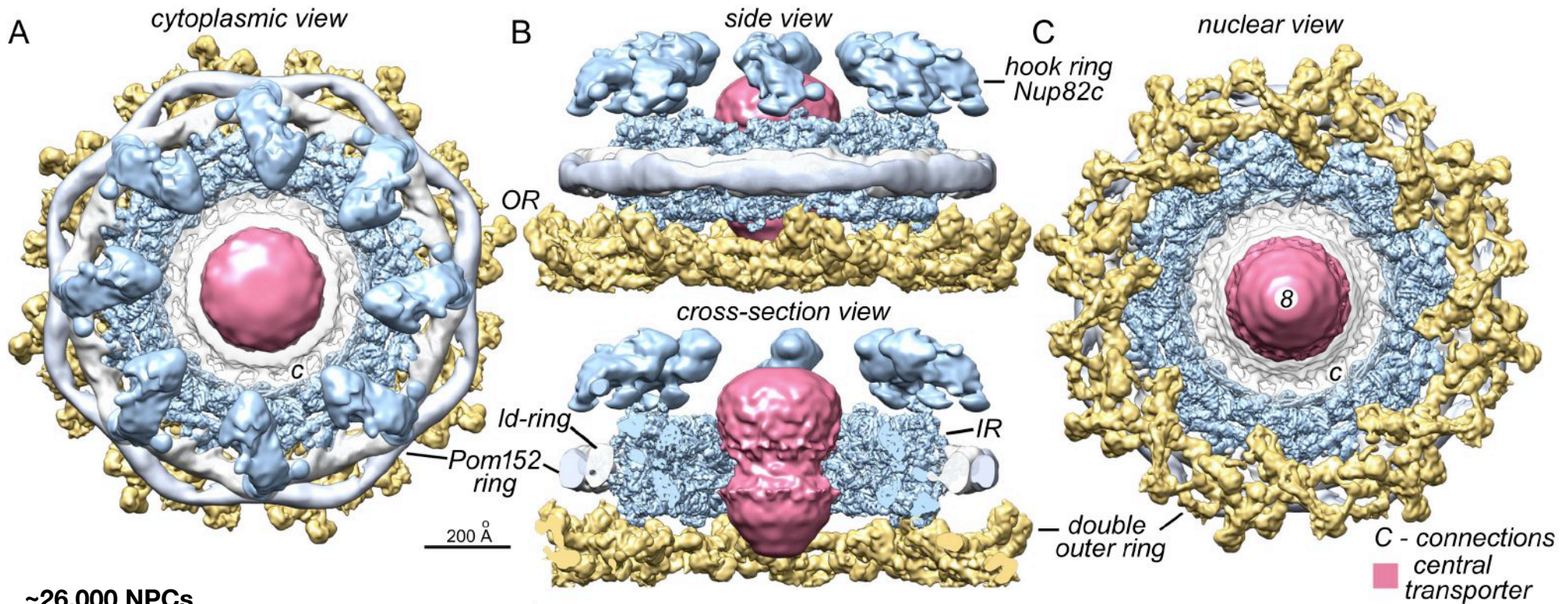
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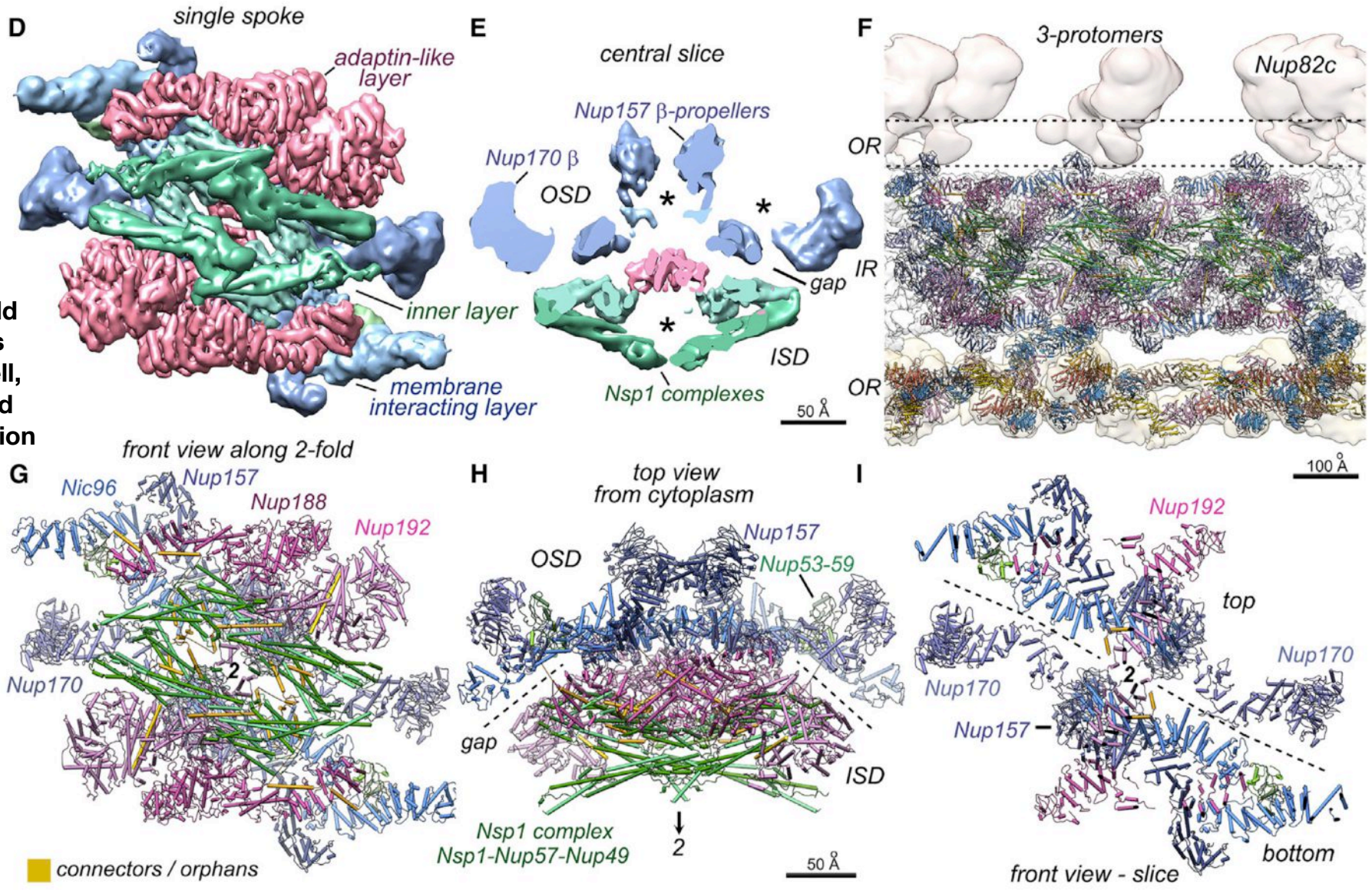
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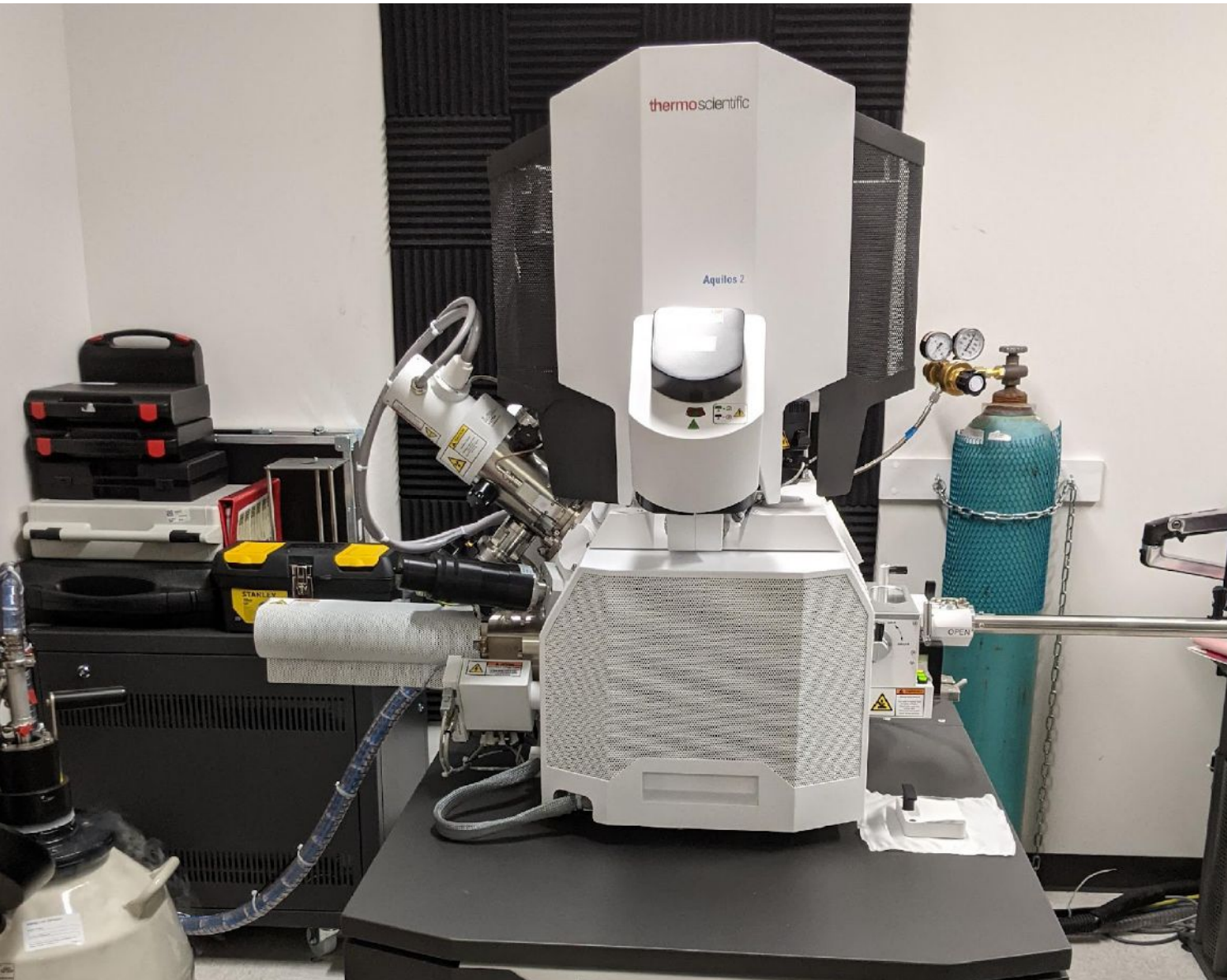
Single Particle CryoEM



~26,000 NPCs
7-11 Å resolution

AlphaFold models dock well, but need modification





ThermoFisher Aquilos 2 Cryo FIB/SEM with EasyLift

FIB = Focused Ion Beam
SEM = Scanning Electron Microscope

Used for:

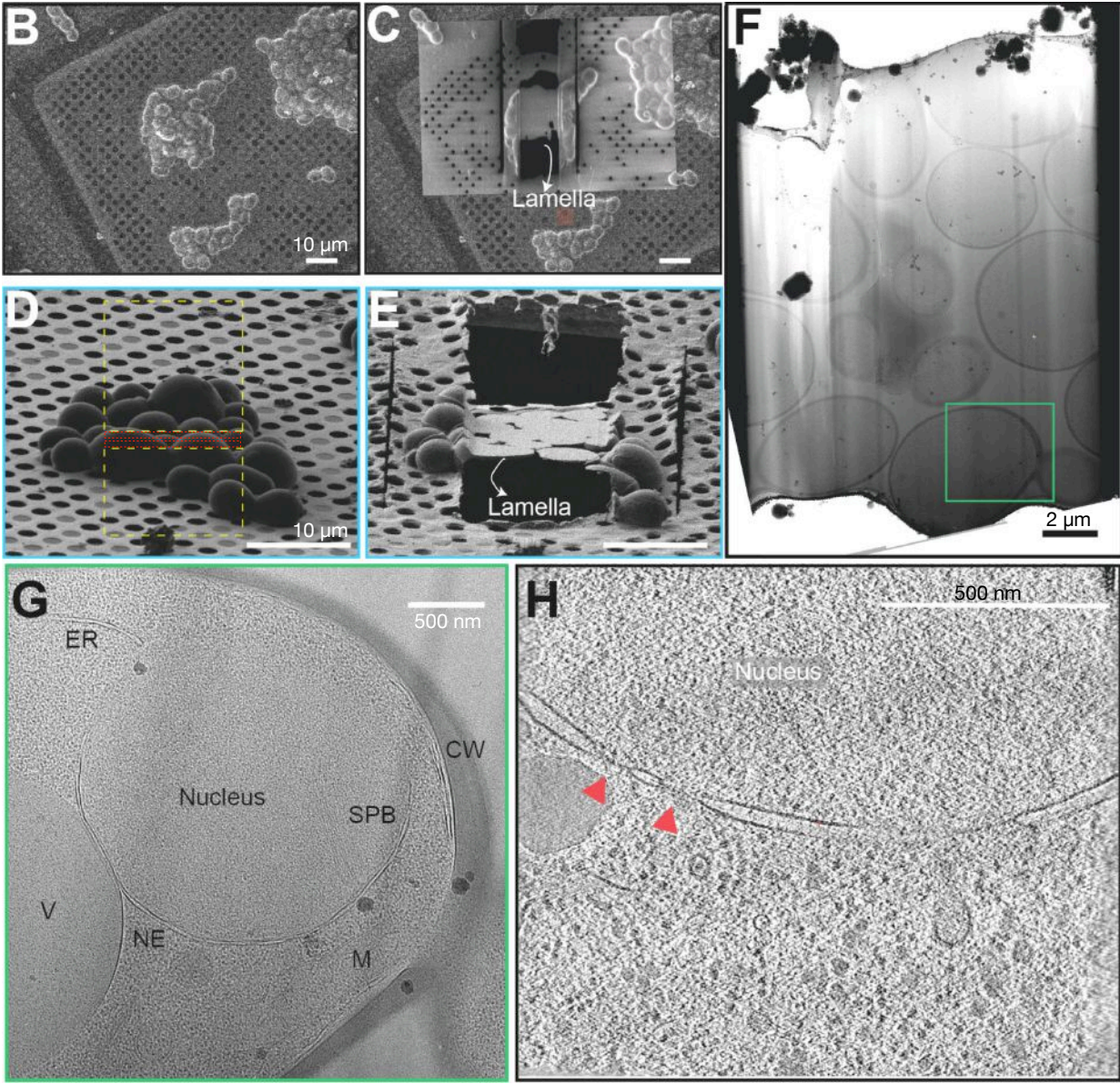
- cutting 100-500 nm cellular lamella
- tissue lift-out
- automatic slice-and-view

- Cryo-SEM imaging
- Platinum sputter coater
- Platinum GIS deposition
- Gallium FIB

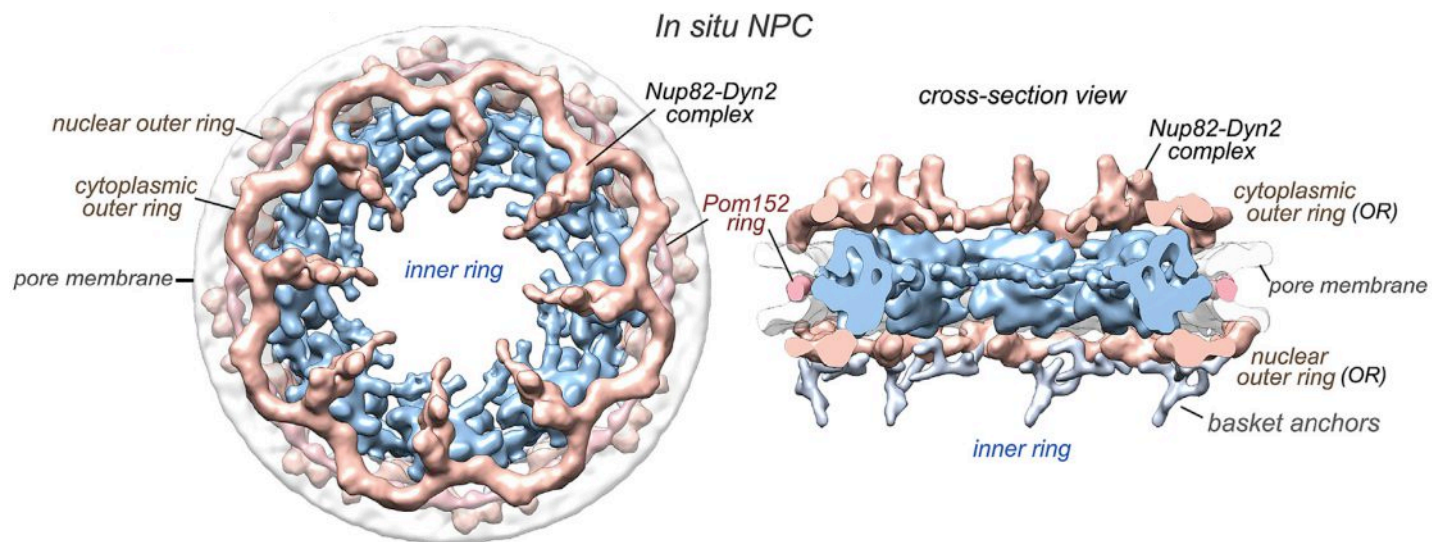
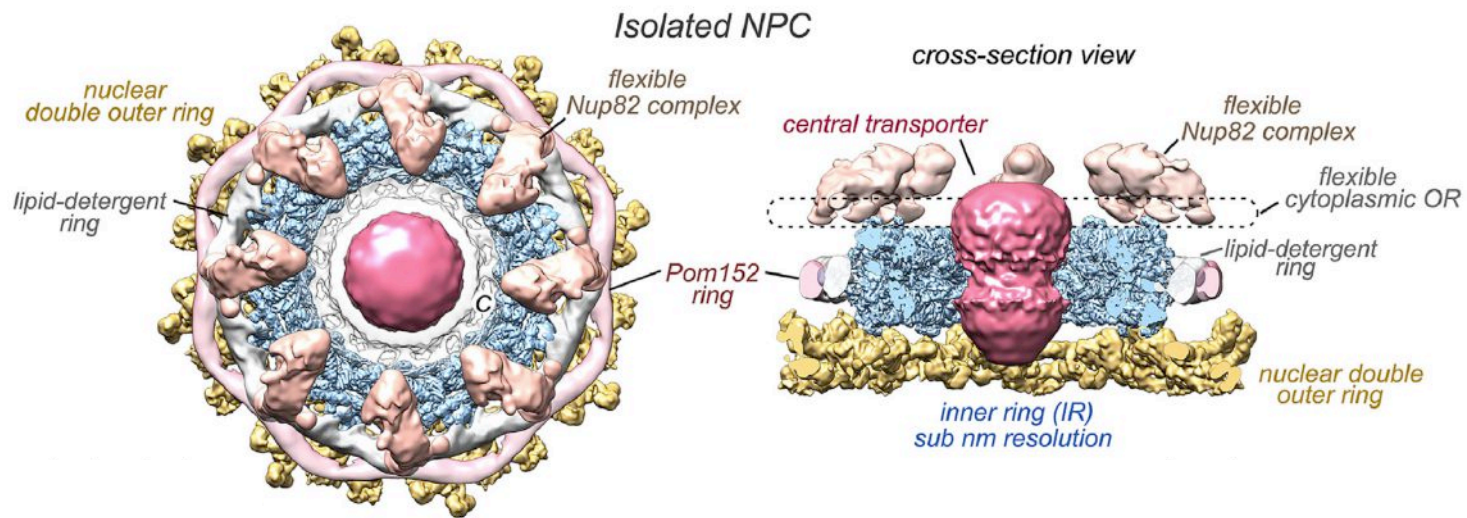
To be purchased this year:

- iFLM (widefield fluorescence)*
- EM-ICE high pressure freezer

S. cerevisiae Nuclear Pore Complex
~52 MDa, ~30 unique Nups
~550 total proteins in complex



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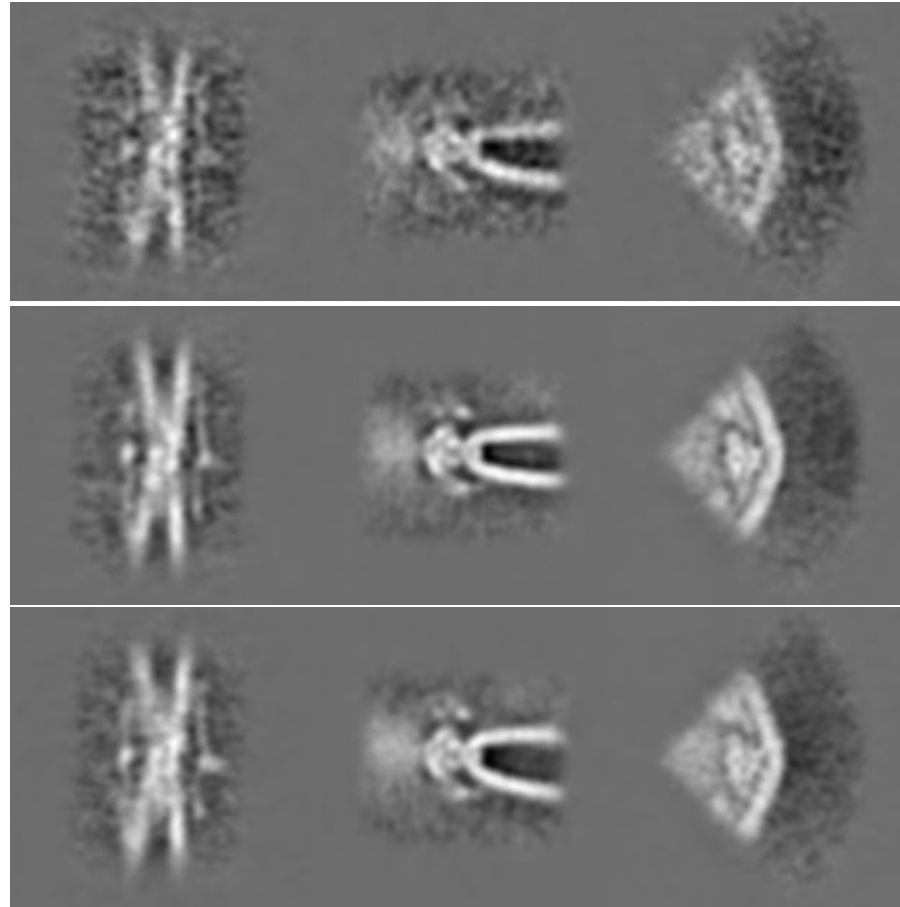


**~1000 Tomograms
~1000 NPCs
Resolution gets "stuck"
at ~30 Å**

Z-Y

X-Z

X-Y

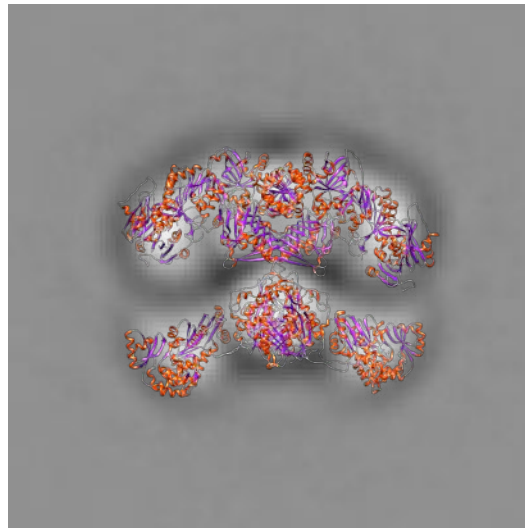


3 Orthogonal Views
Traditional Classification (subtomogram)

Back to Single Particle Analysis

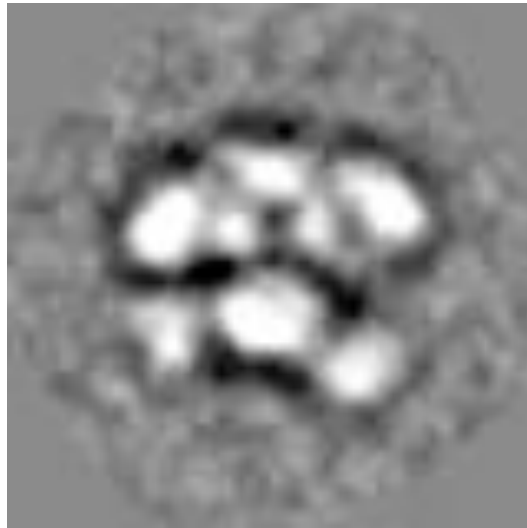
Fatty Acid Synthase

Single View CryoEM Average



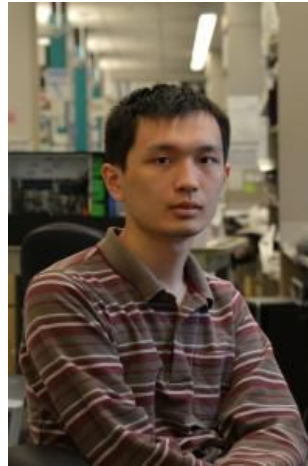
150 Å

Fatty Acid Synthase, ~ 30 Å motion



150 Å

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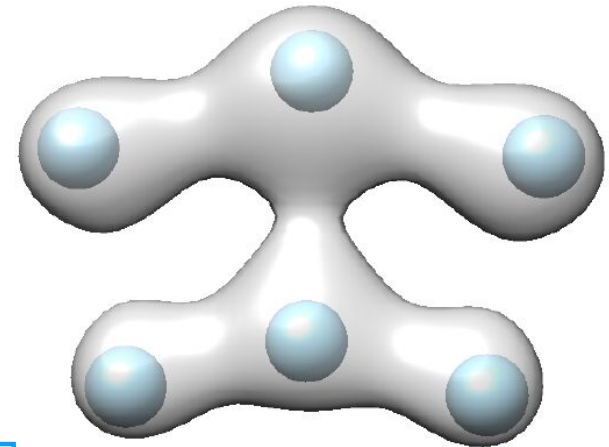
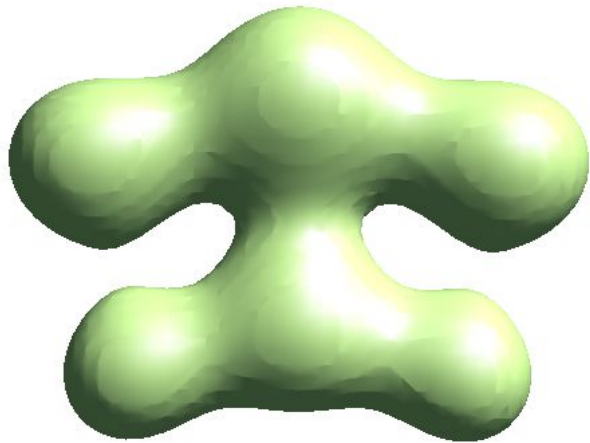


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Gaussian representation



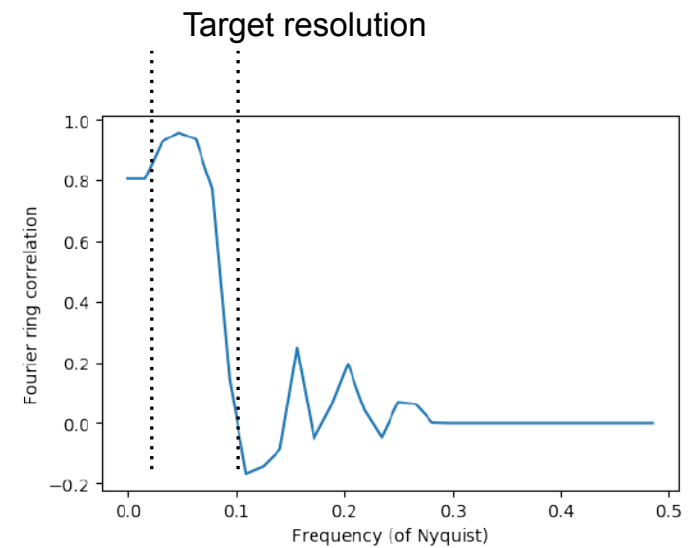
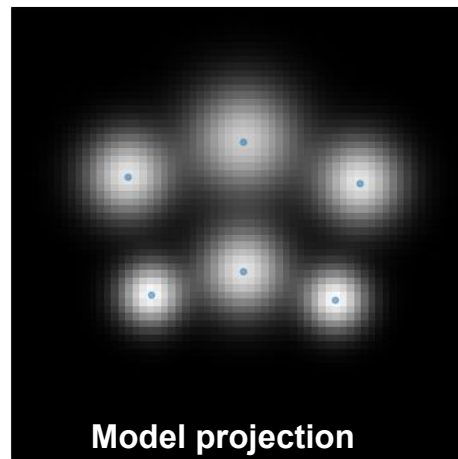
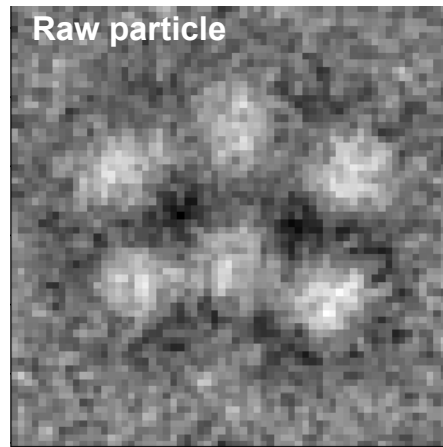
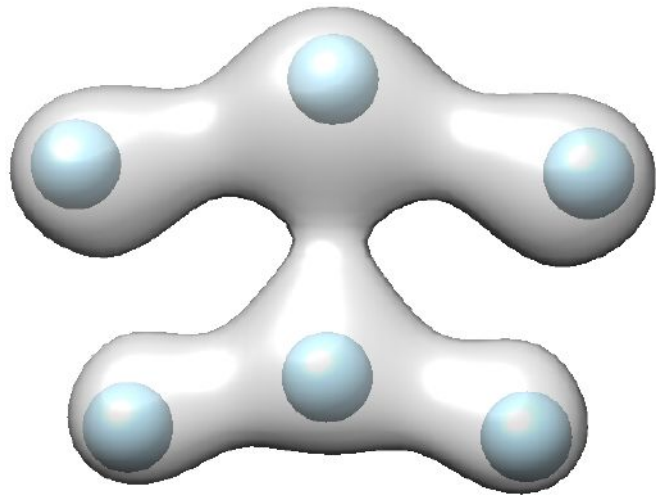
$$map(x) = \sum A_j e^{-\frac{(x - p_j)^2}{\sigma_j^2}}$$

Diagram illustrating the Gaussian representation formula:

- Amplitude** points to A_j .
- Sigma** points to σ_j^2 .
- 3D Position vector** points to $(x - p_j)^2$.

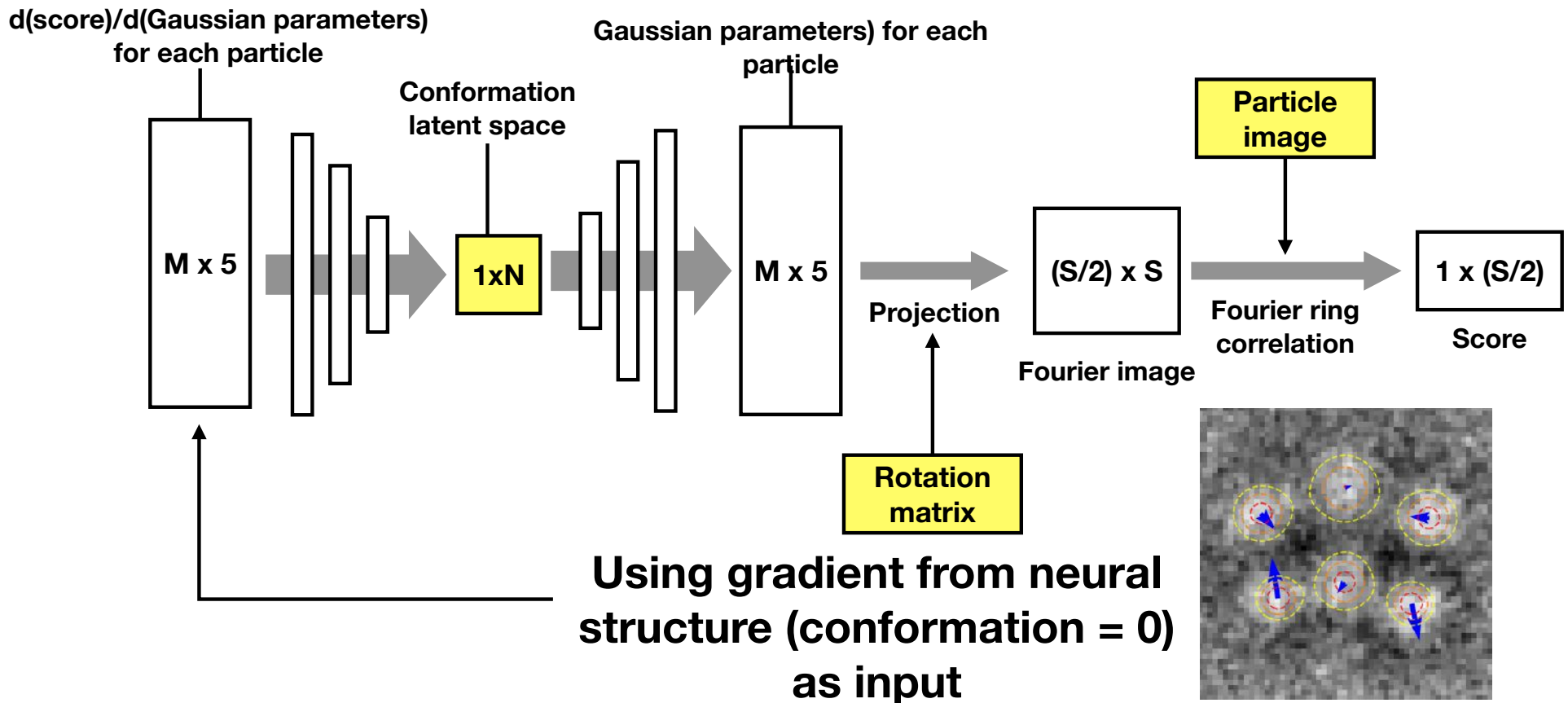
- Adjustable complexity
- Easier to model continuous motion

Particle-projection comparison

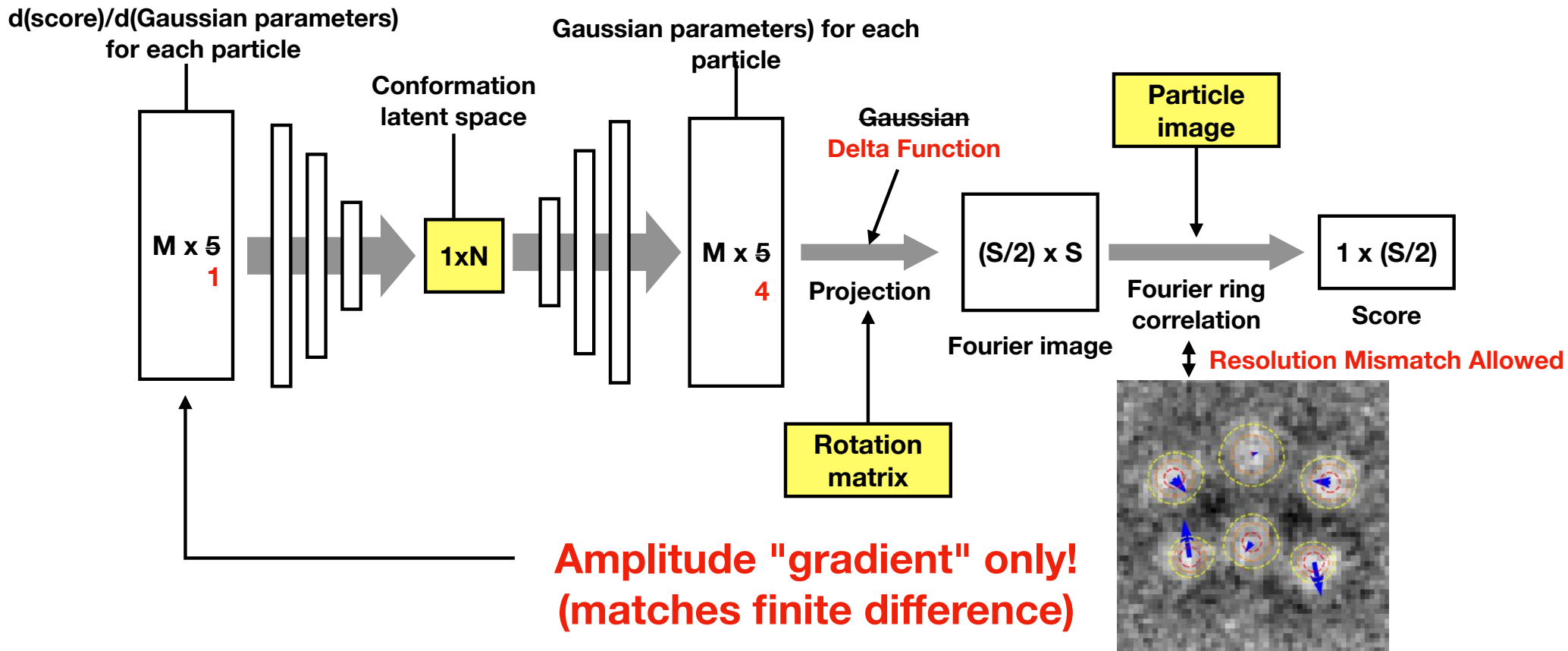


**Particle-projection
Fourier ring correlation
(FRC)**

Deep Learning



Deep Learning



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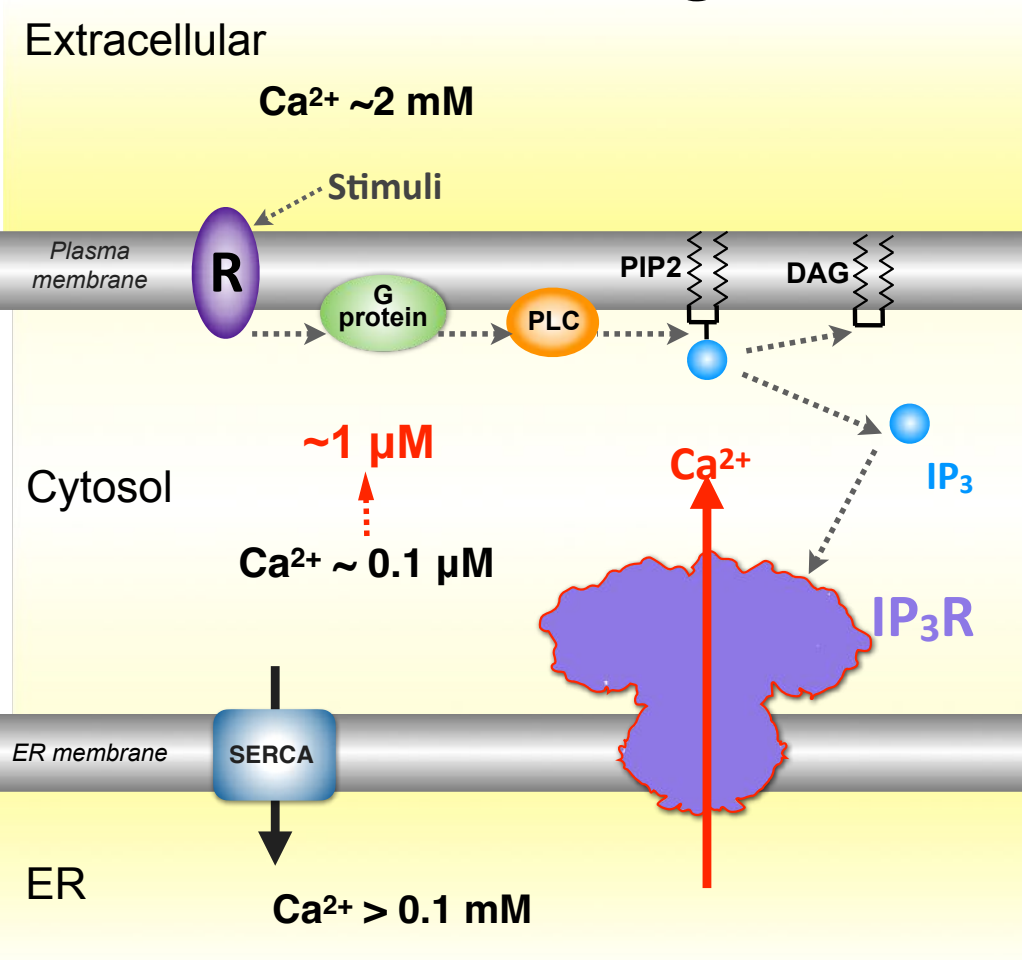
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Inositol 1,4,5 - Trisphosphate Receptors

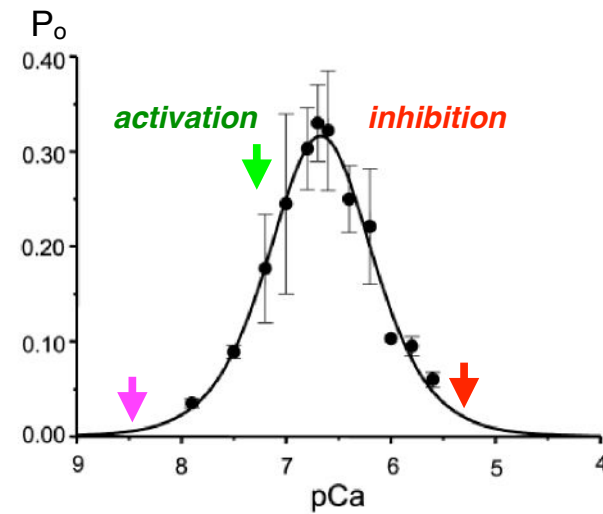
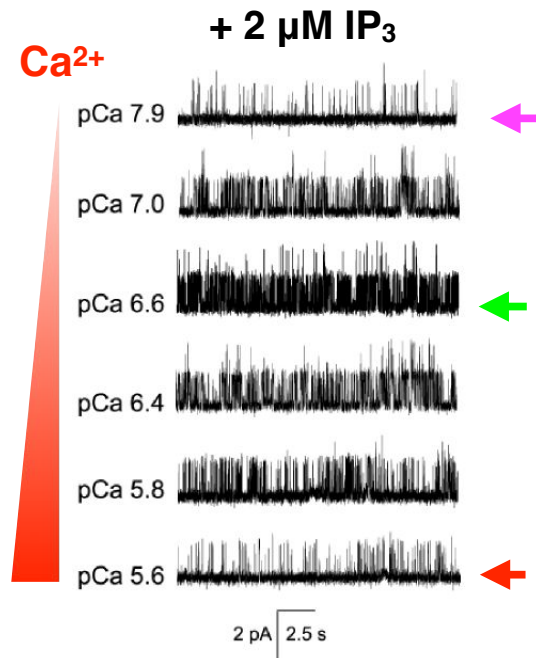
IP₃-gated Ca²⁺ Release Channels



- Expressed in virtually all eukaryotic cells
- Intracellular ion channels
- Response to many extracellular stimuli (hormones, growth factors, neurotransmitters, neurotrophins, odorants, light, and etc.)
- Ligand-gated ion channels: primary ligands - IP₃ & Ca²⁺
- Associate *in vivo* with multiple modulatory proteins (>100)

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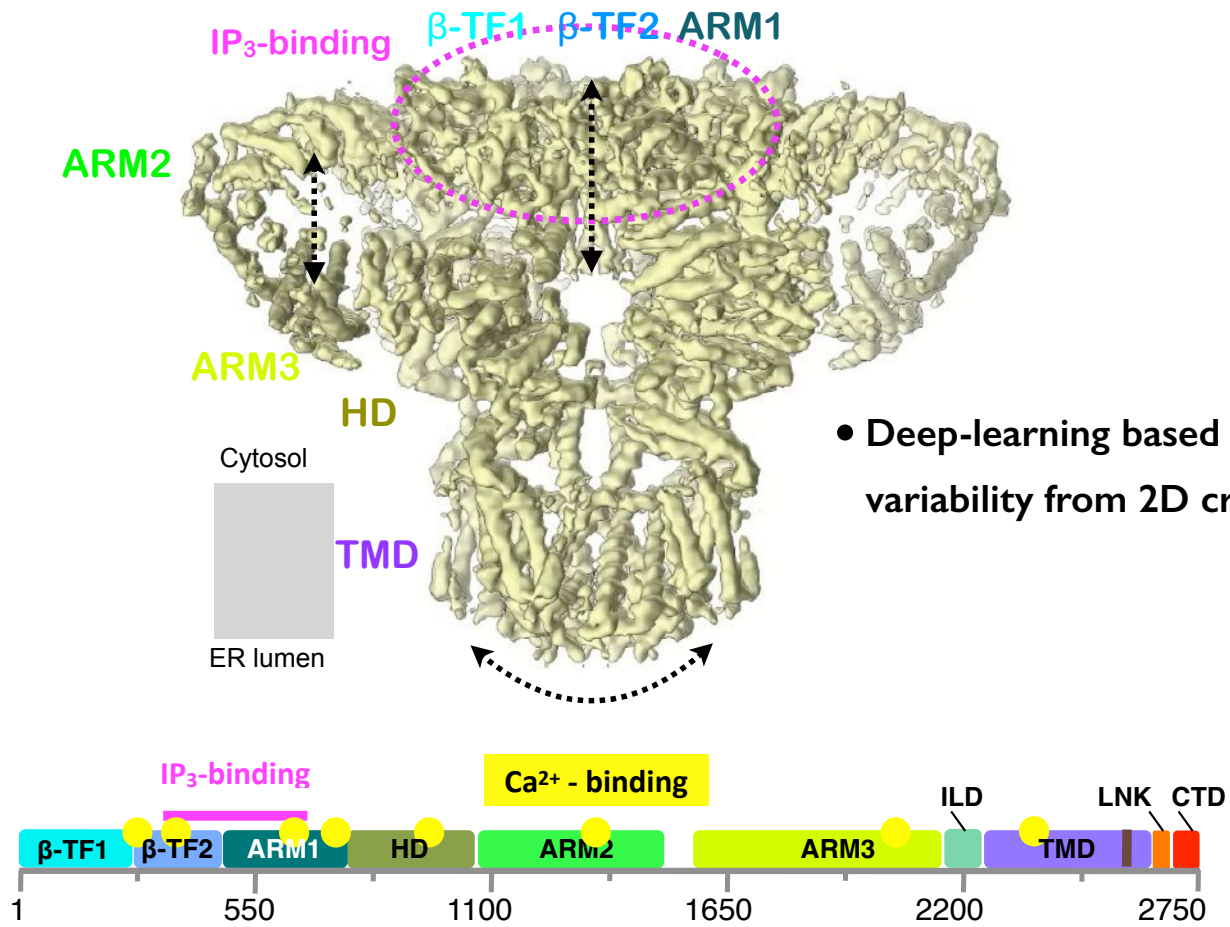
Ca²⁺- Dependent Activation of IP₃RI



Bezprozvanny, Watras & Ehrlich, *Nature* 1991

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Intrinsically Dynamic IP₃RI Structure

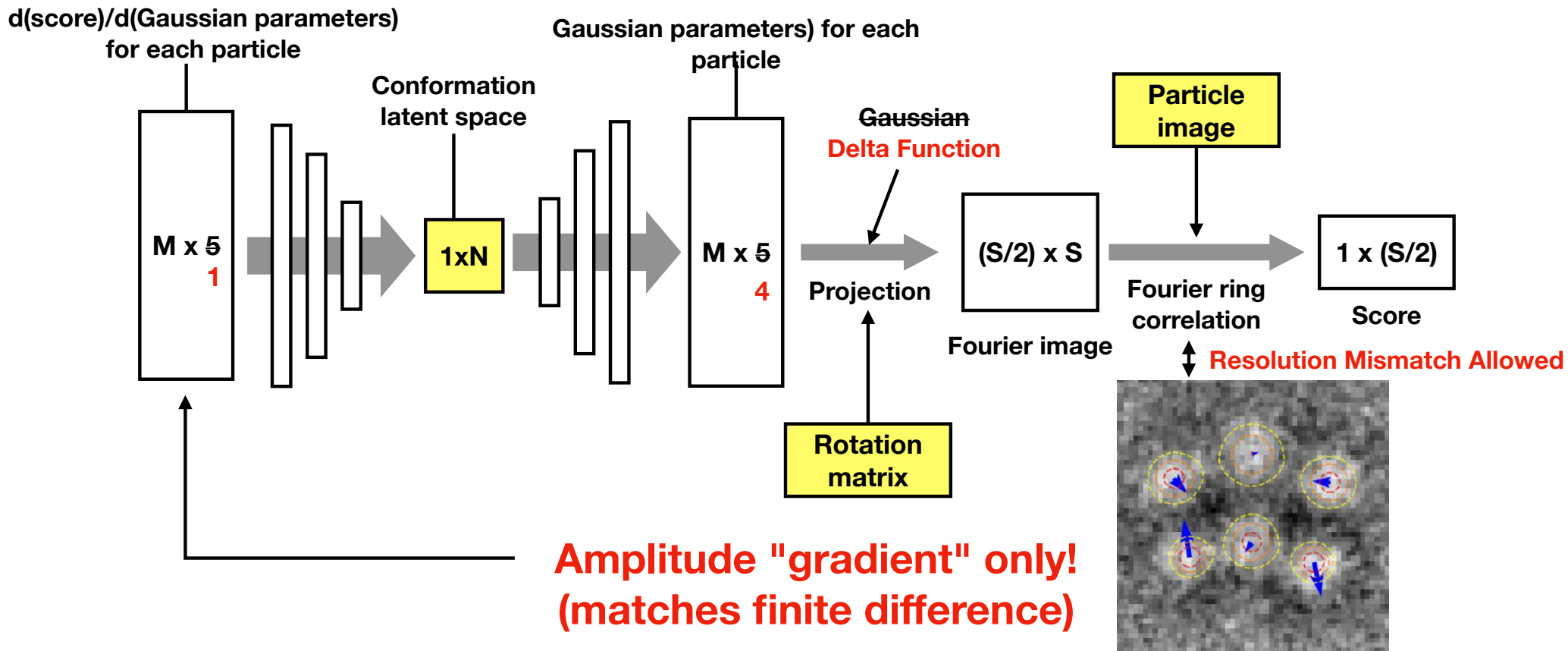


- Deep-learning based analysis of structural variability from 2D cryo-EM images!

Particles

- 133k apo
- 133k Ca+IP₃+ATP
- 133k high Ca

Deep Learning



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Create Run

Resolution (A) 10.0

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Train Neutral New

New Dynamics

Pctl Batches: 7

Input Res (A): 30.0,150

Box Size: 336

A/pix: 1.07000

Symmetry: c1

Mask:

Latent Dim: 4

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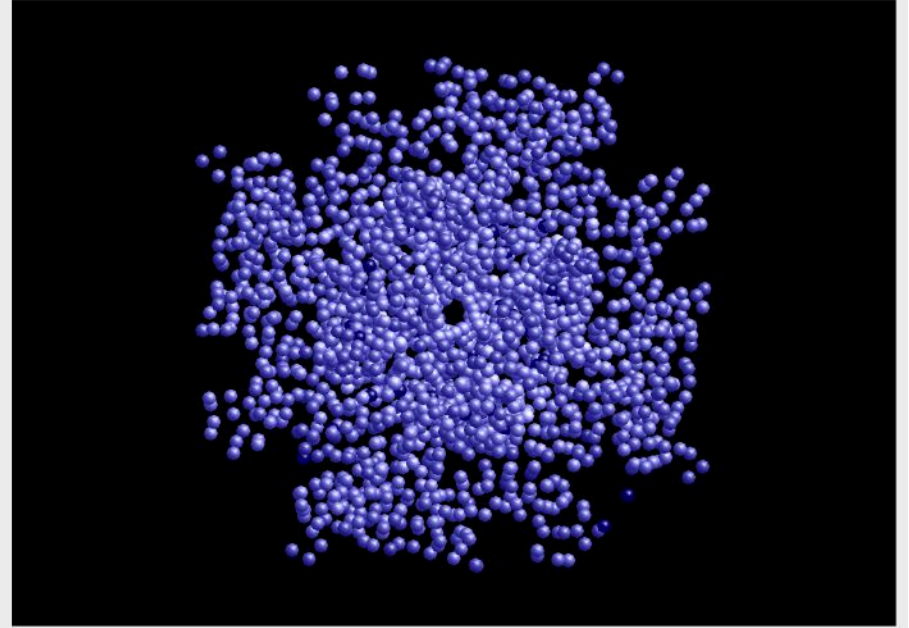
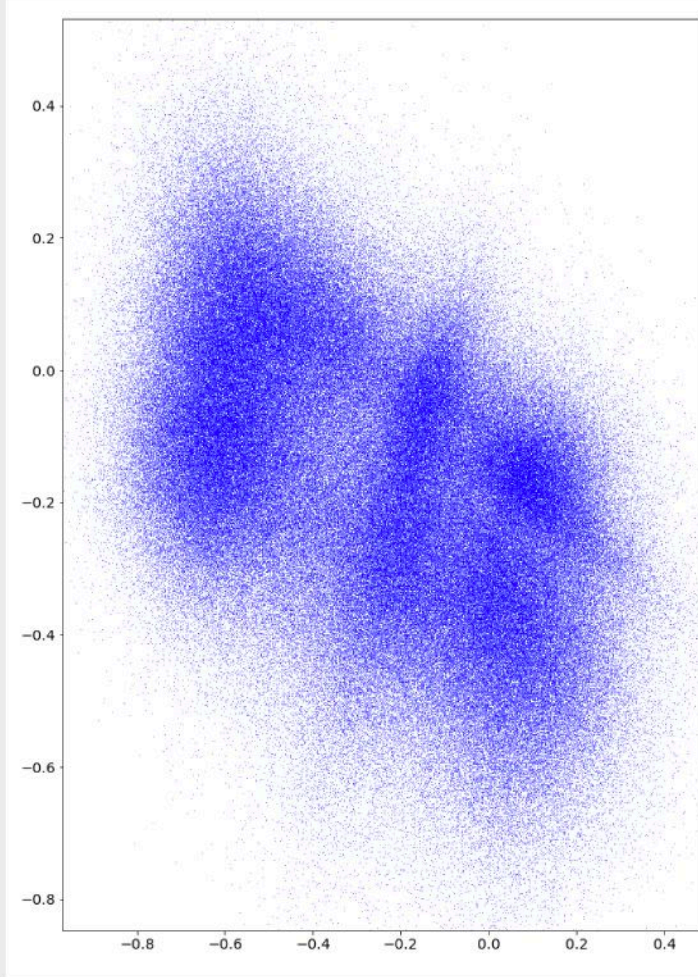
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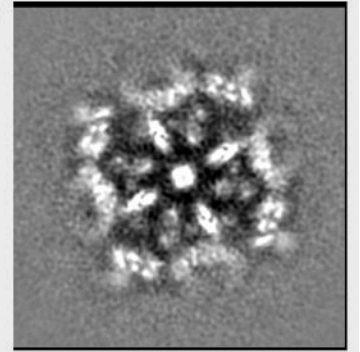
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17	35766	135	336	6.7	2021
18	36524	134	336	6.6	2021
19	31711	130	336	15.7	2021
20	38141	137	336	6.7	2021
21	33834	132	336	7.9	2021
22	29691	126	336	8.0	2021
23	35726	133	336	12.2	2021
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Top Bot Side1 Side2



Sphere Size: 3.0

Thk: 0 Cent: 23

Neutral Map Neutral Model

Dynamic Map Dynamic Model

Mask

X Col: 2

Sets: 2

Kmeans Build Map

Y Col: 4

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Explore

Axes: 2-5

OpticsDB Quick Map

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Line Symbol

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X Log Y Log

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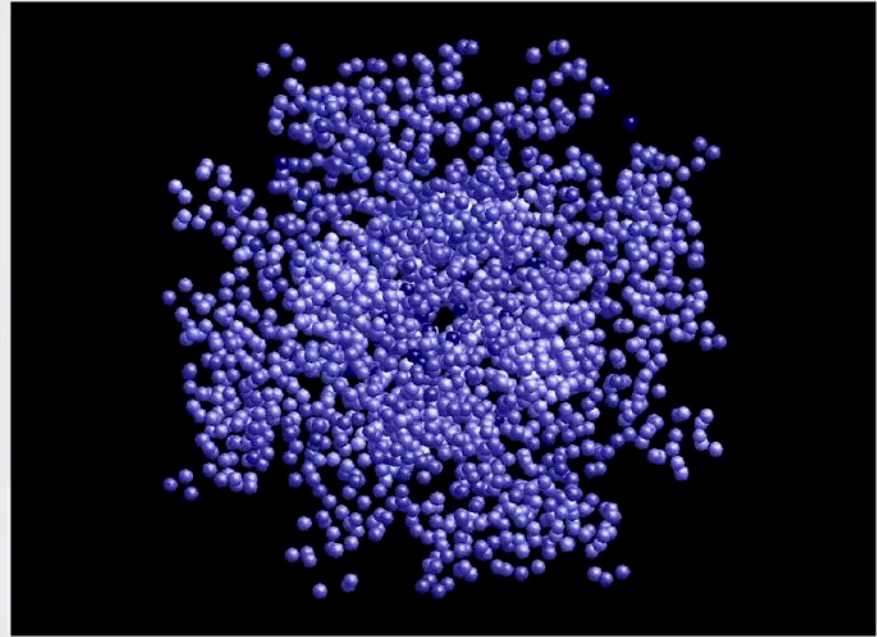
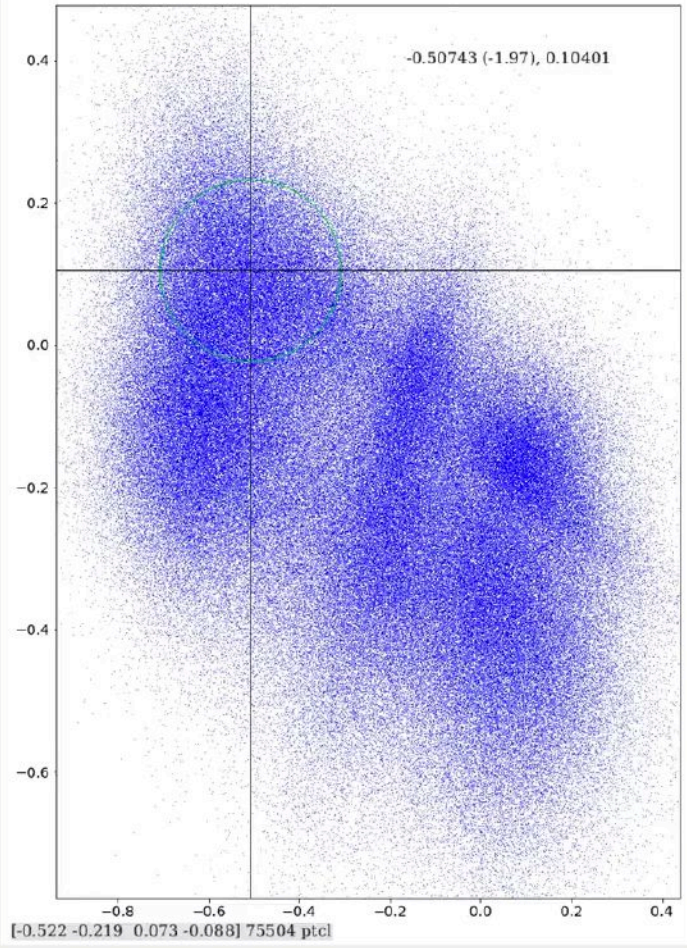
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Mask:
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Train Iter: 40
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21	33834	132	336	7.9	2022/11/10 07:43:53
22	29691	126	336	8.0	2022/11/10 07:38:13
23	35726	133	336	12.2	2022/11/10 07:44:50
24	39051	136	336	7.1	2022/11/10 07:46:20
25	29159	128	336	9.6	2022/11/10 07:39:42
26	30245	129	336	7.1	2022/11/10 07:40:24
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Top Bot Side1 Side2

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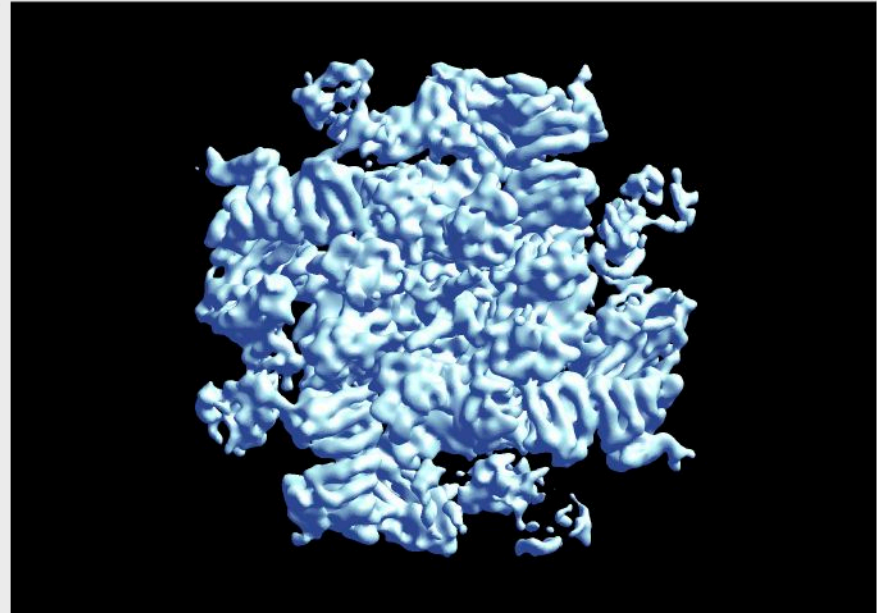
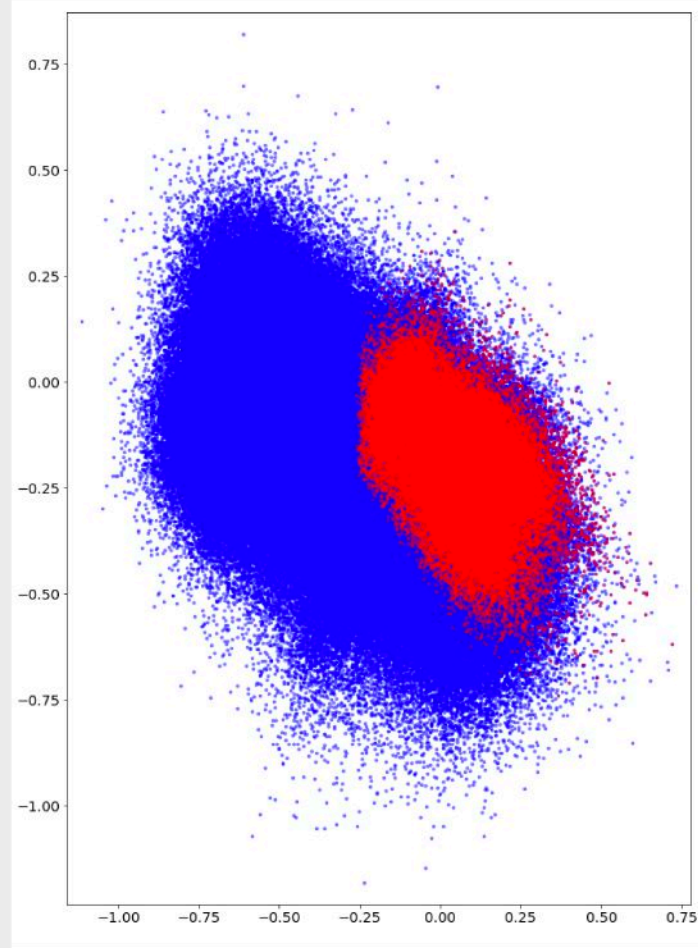
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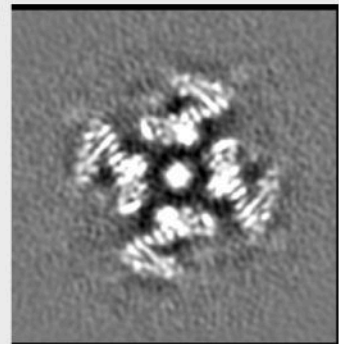
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4	38086	154	336	6.6	2022
5	39700	164	336	6.7	2022
6	47898	158	336	11.9	2022
7	38911	153	336	7.3	2022
8	40013	155	336	8.6	2022
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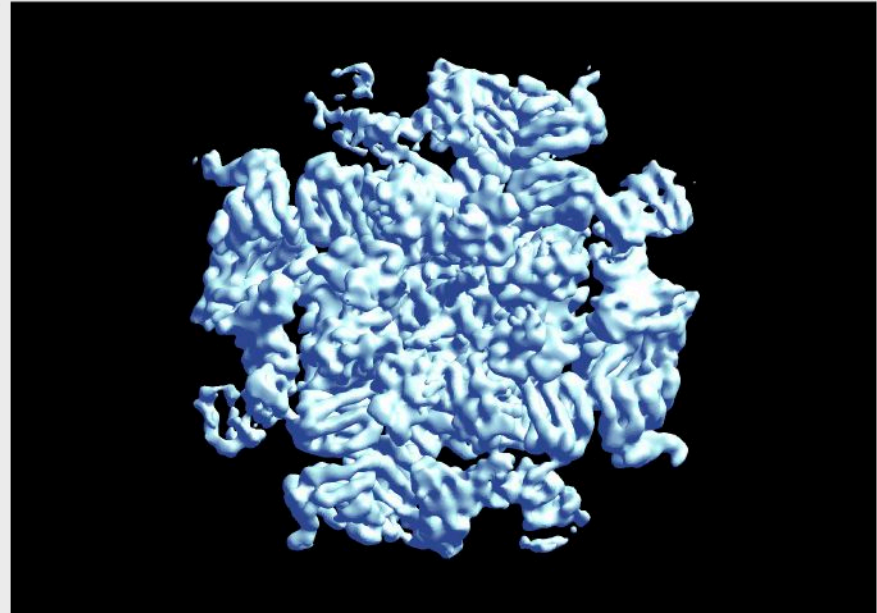
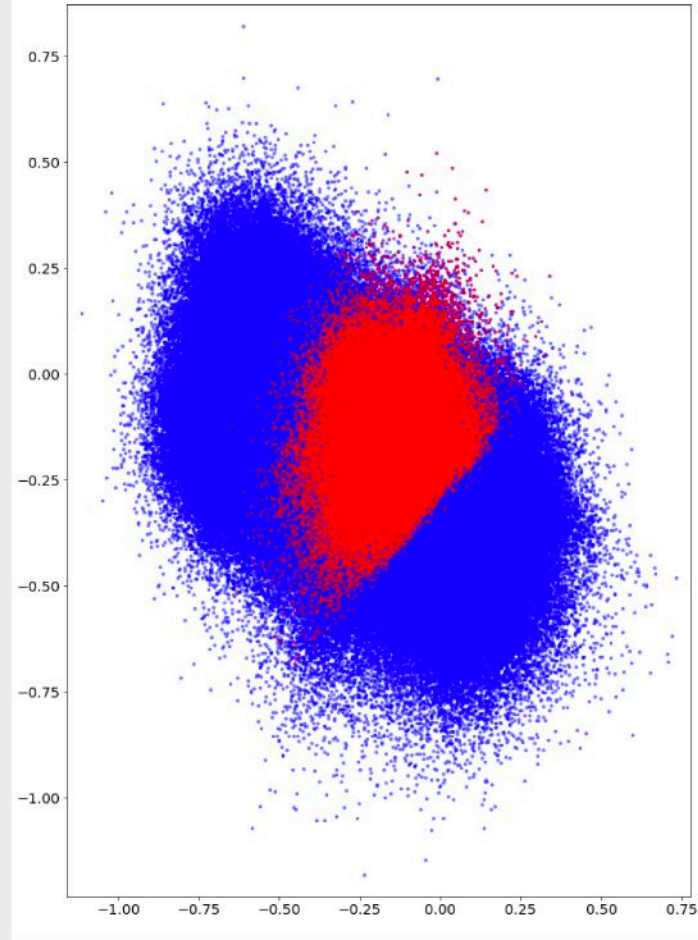
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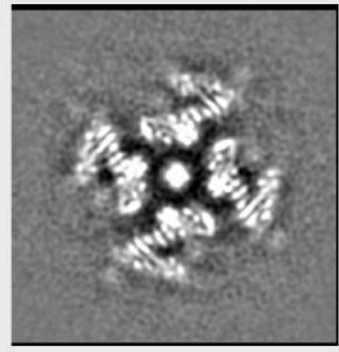
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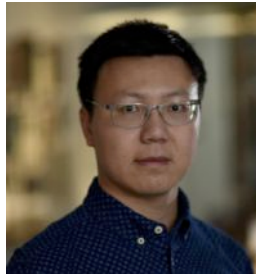
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