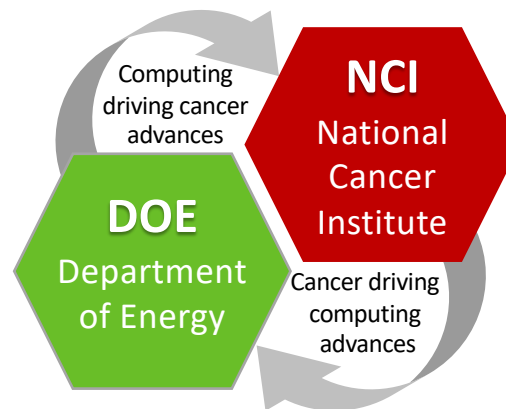


DOE-NCI Pilot 2: RAS Biology on Membranes

*DOE-NCI partnership to advance
exascale development through cancer
research*



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Oncogenic KRAS is responsible for many human cancers



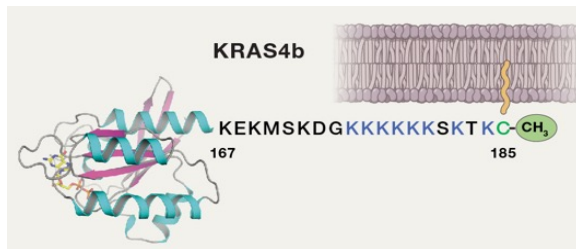
93% of all pancreatic

42% of all colorectal

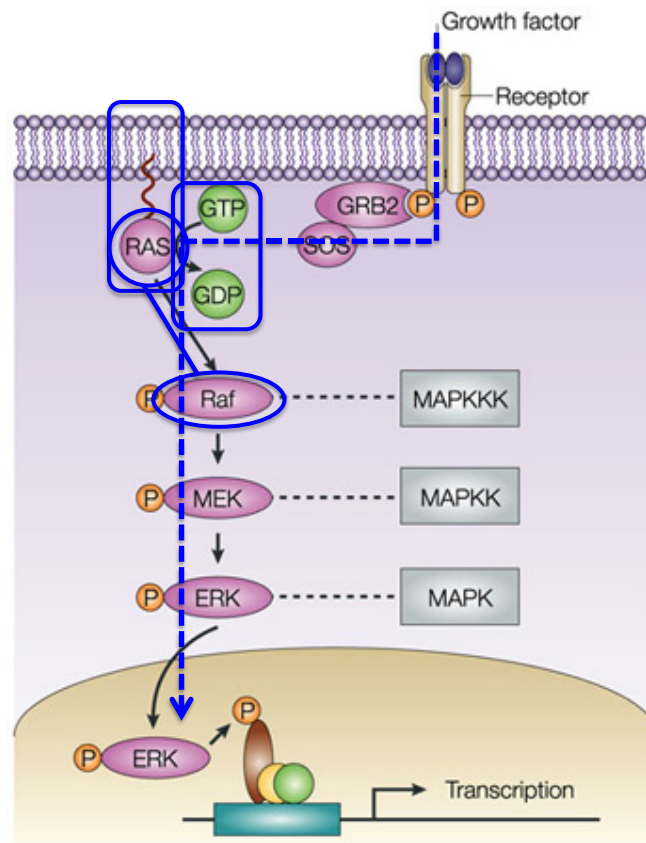
33% of all lung cancers

1 million deaths/year world-wide

No effective inhibitors



Simanshu, Cell 170, 2017



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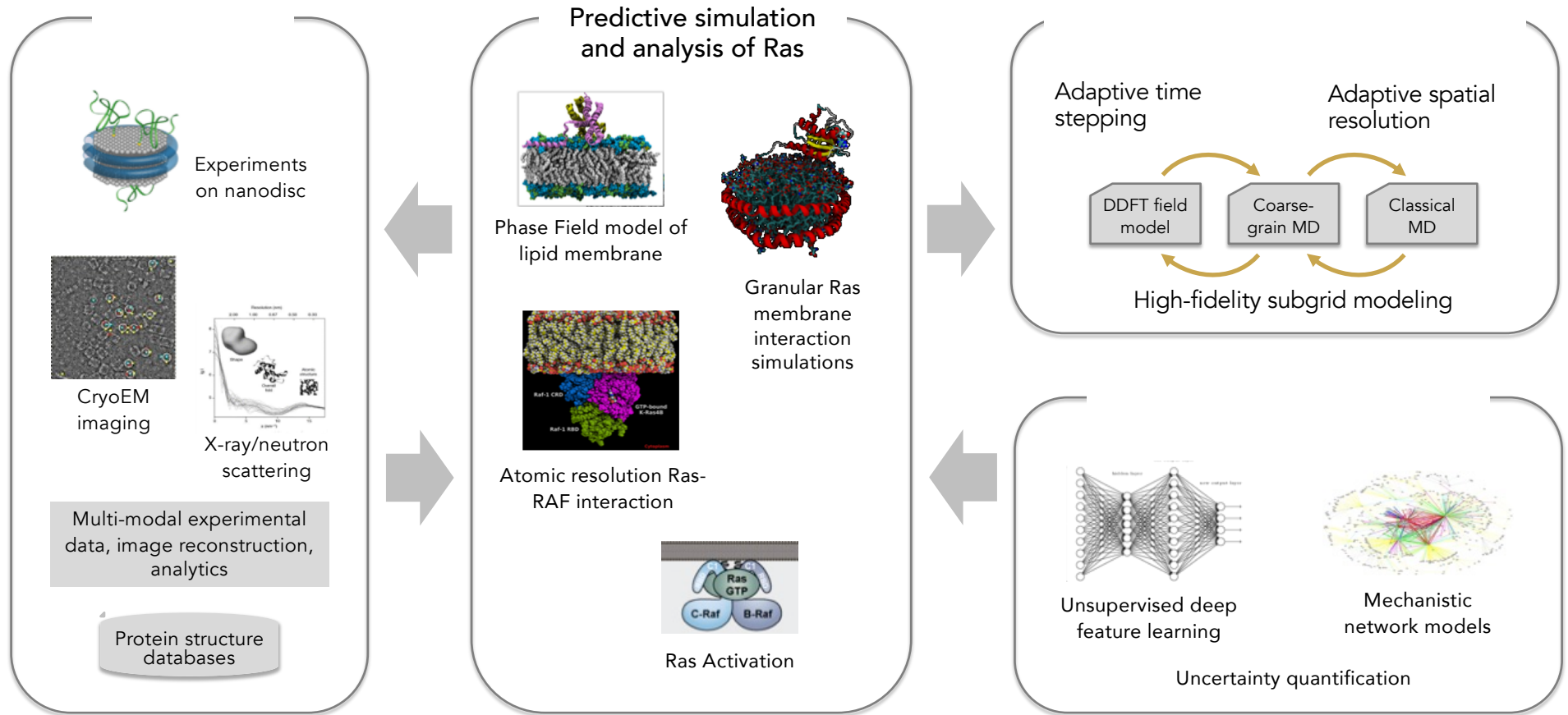
Pathway transmits signals

RAS is a switch
oncogenic RAS is "on"

RAS localizes to the plasma
membrane

RAS binds effectors (RAF)
to activate growth

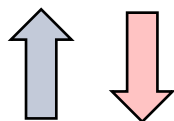
Cancer Moonshot Pilot 2: RAS biology on membranes



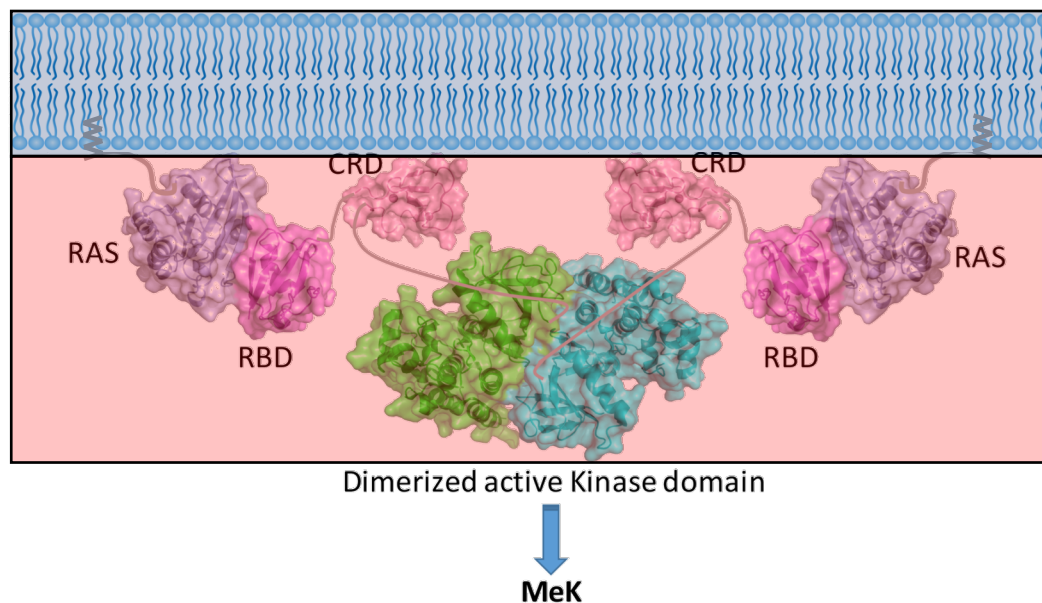
Essential strategy: utilize appropriate scale methodology for each component



Model membrane with RAS at micron (continuum) scale



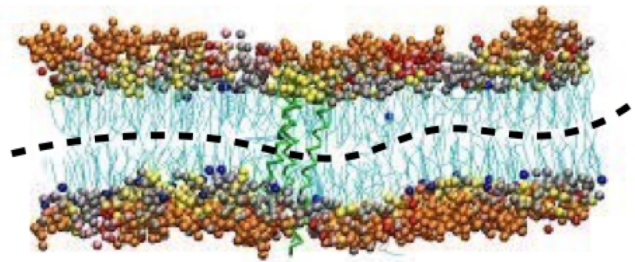
Model protein behavior at molecular scale





Multiscale Model of Lipid Bilayer

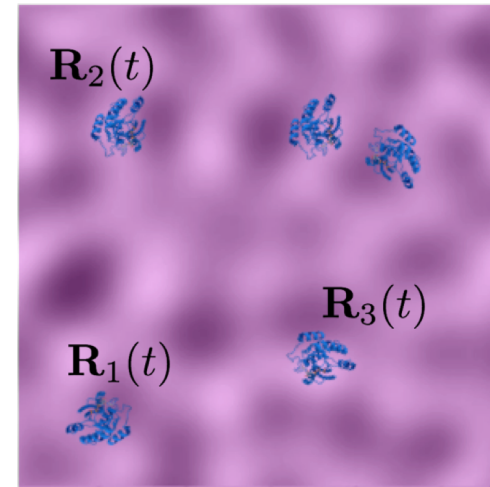
$$\mathbf{n}_2 = (n_{2,1}, n_{2,2}, \dots, n_{2,N})$$



$$z = h(x, y, t)$$

$$\mathbf{n}_1 = (n_{1,1}, n_{1,2}, \dots, n_{1,N})$$

- $n_{i,j}$ – lipid number densities
- h – membrane deformation
- \mathbf{R}_k – protein coordinate
- \mathbf{s} – protein “states”



$$\mathbf{R}_k = \mathbf{R}_k(t; \mathbf{s})$$



Multiscale Model of Lipid Bilayer

To bridge the particle and continuum scales, the relevant degrees of freedom can be described through the framework of a free energy functional.

$$\mathcal{F} [\{n_i(\mathbf{r}, t)\}] = \int_{\mathbb{R}^2} \left(f_{\text{mm}}(\{n_i\}) + \sum_{i=1}^P \left[\sum_{j=1}^N u_{\text{pm}}^{(i)}(\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{R}_i) n_j(\mathbf{r}) + \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i'=1}^P u_{\text{pp}}^{(i)}(\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{R}_{i'}) \delta(\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{R}_{i'}) \right] \right) d\mathbf{r}$$
$$f_{\text{mm}}(\{n_i\}) = \sum_{i=1}^N \left(T n_i(\mathbf{r}, t) \log(\Lambda^2 n_i(\mathbf{r}, t)) + \frac{1}{2} T \sum_{i'=1}^N \int_{\mathbb{R}^2} \Delta n_i(\mathbf{r}, t) c_{i,i'}(\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{r}') \Delta n_{i'}(\mathbf{r}', t) d\mathbf{r}' + \dots \right)$$

Protein-membrane interaction

Membrane-membrane interaction

Protein-protein interaction



Multiscale Model of Lipid Bilayer

Evolution equations can be obtained from the free energy for both the lipid densities (Dynamic Density Functional Theory) and the proteins (Langevin).

DDFT:
$$\frac{\partial n_i}{\partial t} = \nabla \cdot \left(\beta D_i n_i \nabla \left(\frac{\delta \mathcal{F}}{\delta n_i} \right) \right) + \xi_i$$

Langevin:
$$M_k \frac{d^2 \mathbf{R}_k}{dt^2} = -\nabla \mathcal{F} - \gamma_k \frac{d\mathbf{R}_k}{dt} + \eta$$

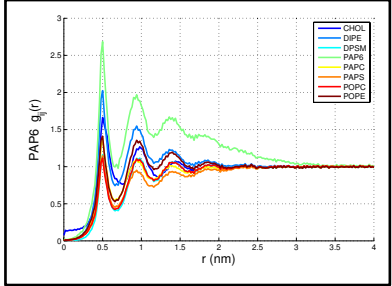
- Of course, all parameters must be calculated from the MD simulations.



Multiscale Model of Lipid Bilayer

- Dynamic density functional theory
- Langevin dynamics

$$\mathcal{F} [\{n_i(\mathbf{r}, t)\}]$$

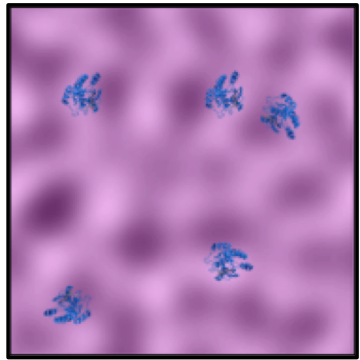


- Transport coefficients

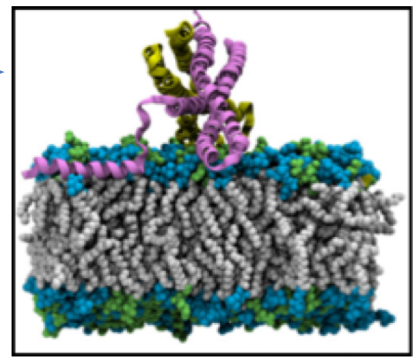
- Statistical correlations
- Potentials of mean force

$$\frac{\partial n_i}{\partial t} = \nabla \cdot \left(\beta D_i n_i \nabla \left(\frac{\delta \mathcal{F}}{\delta n_i} \right) \right) + \xi_i$$
$$M_k \frac{d^2 \mathbf{R}_k}{dt^2} = -\nabla \mathcal{F} - \gamma_k \frac{d\mathbf{R}_k}{dt} + \eta$$

continuum scale

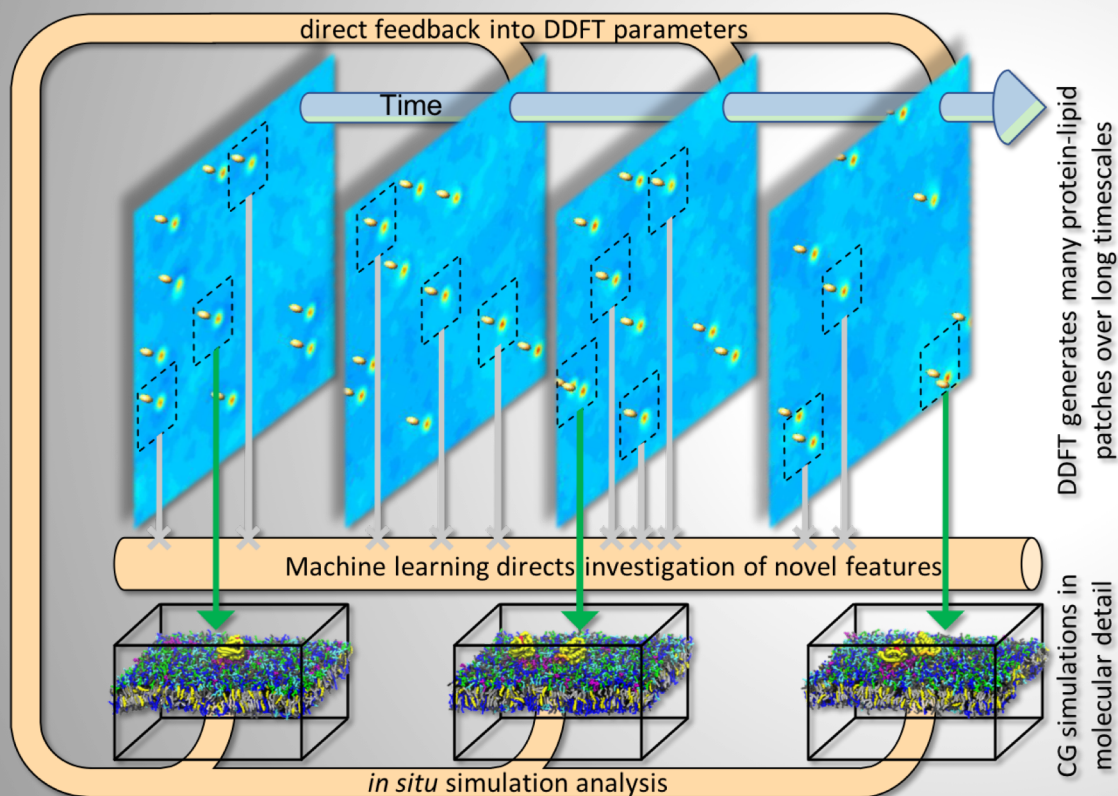


- Bulk parameters
- Boundary conditions
- Significant events detected by Machine Learning



particle scale

Exploit machine learning to guide simulation investigation

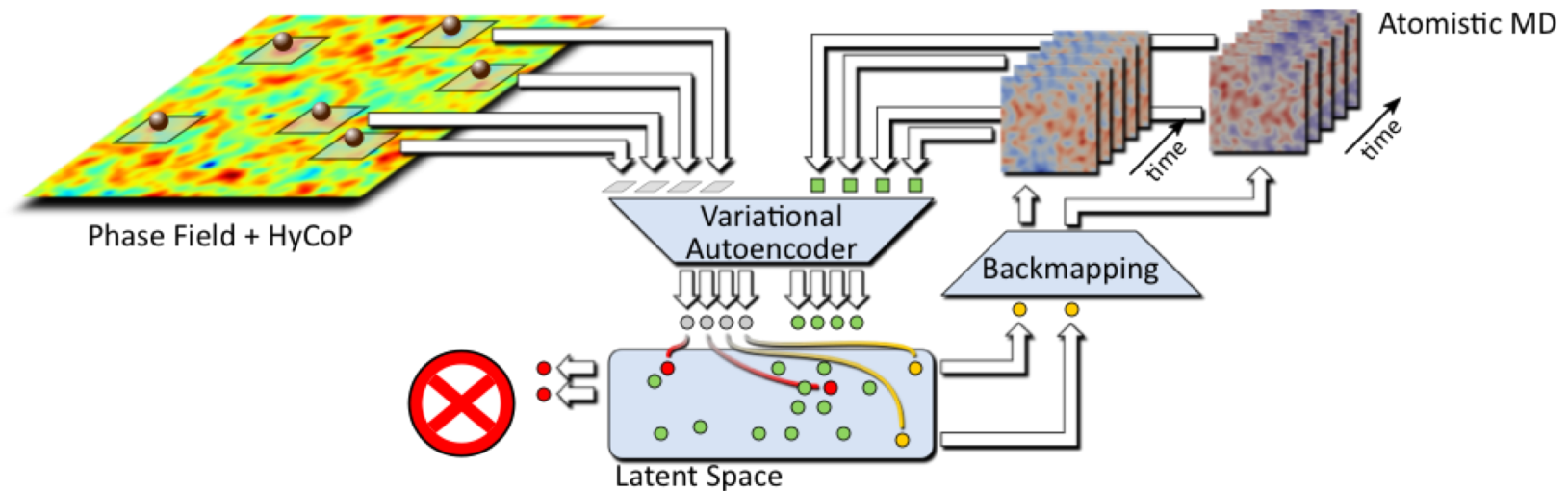


- Learn reduced order representation of high dimensional parameter space
- Define “similarity” as Euclidian distance in reduced dimensions
- Identify areas that are dissimilar in continuum simulation
- Initiate molecular dynamics simulations to explore maximally dissimilar conditions

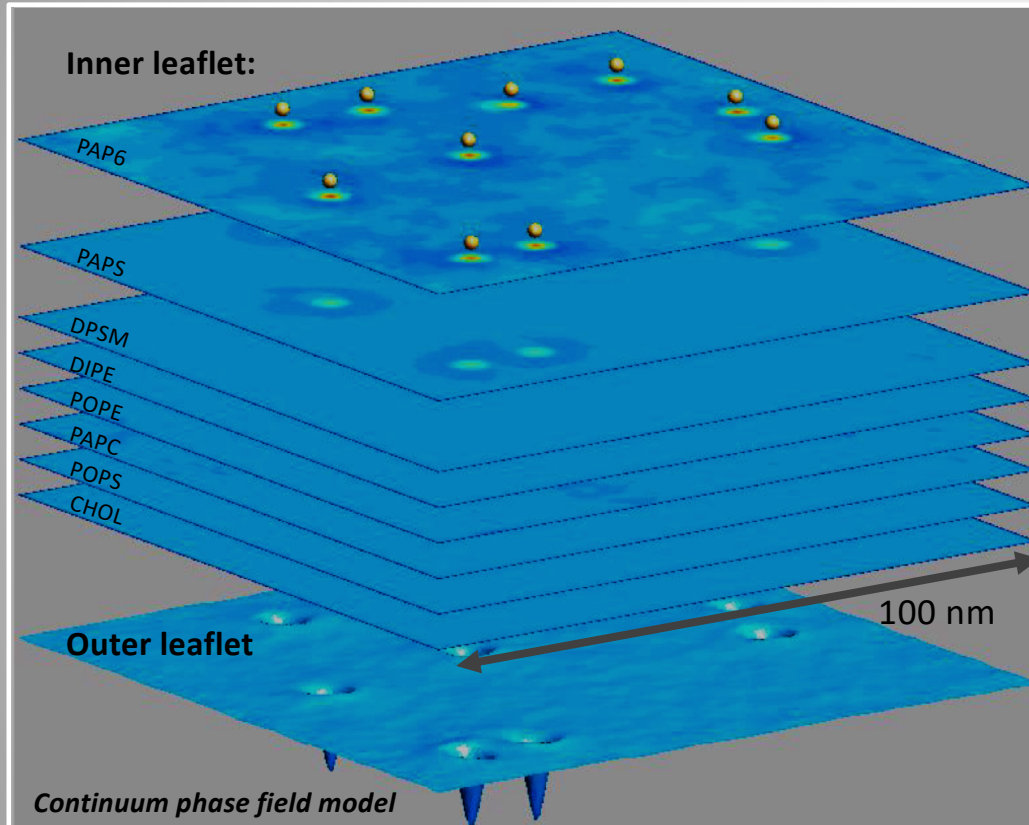


Steering Multi-Scale Simulations By Adaptively Sampling Data Driven Latent Spaces

- Train latent space representing space of relevant lipid configurations
- Dynamically sample configuration space to understand RAS-membrane interactions at macro time-scales with micro precision



Demonstrated multi-scale lipid/protein modeling capability



Incorporate particle degrees of freedom into continuum (phase field) model

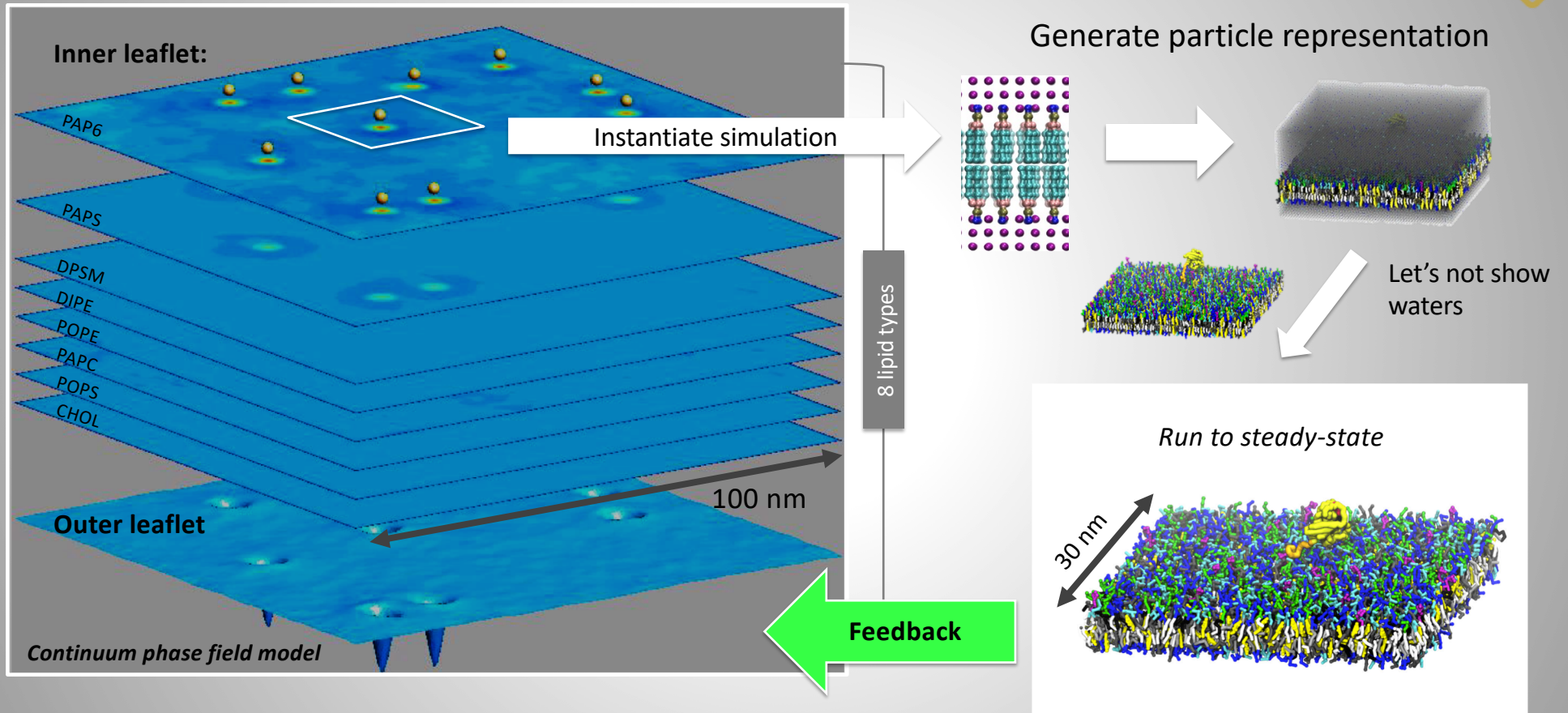
Use AI techniques to identify “most interesting” region in continuum simulation

Initiate fine-scale simulation using continuum environment

Rigorously self-consistent interaction energies

10 k-Ras proteins in 100 nm X 100 nm membrane

Demonstrated multi-scale lipid/protein modeling capability

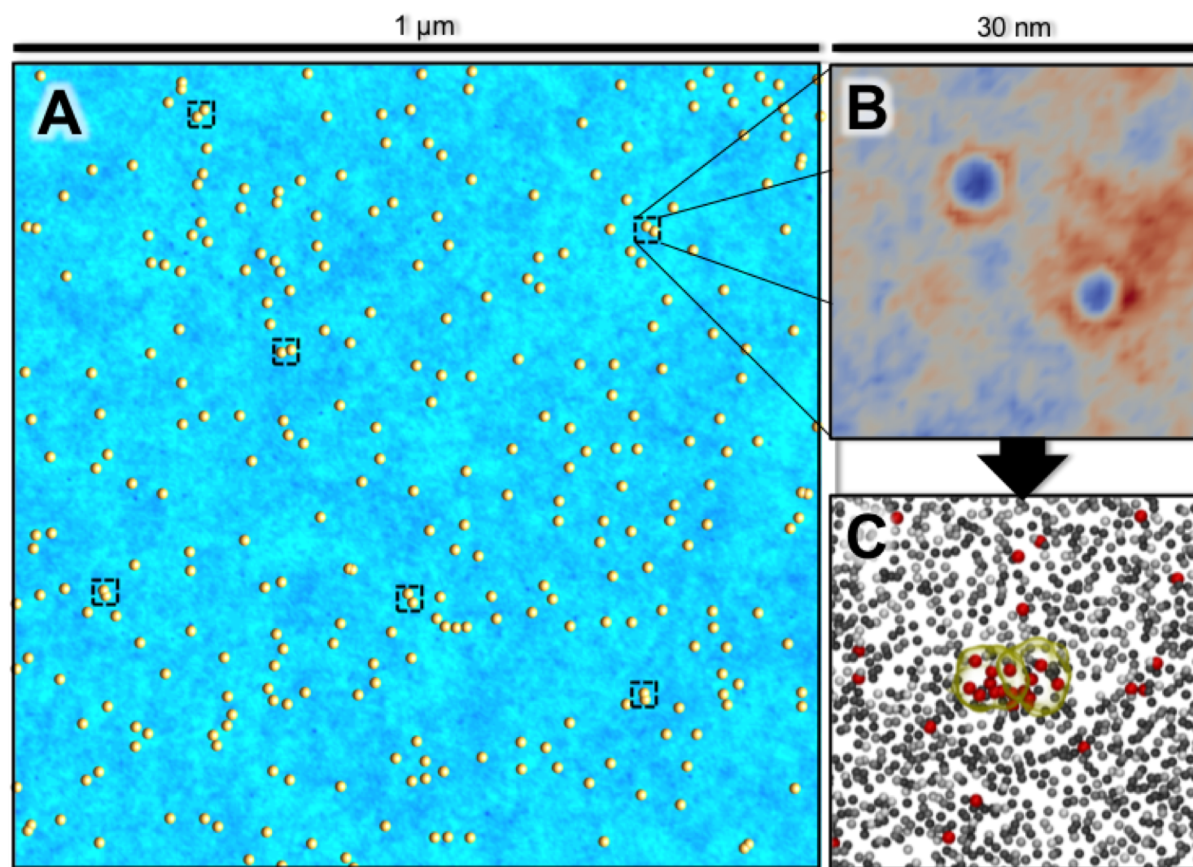


Initial Science Runs on Sierra Supercomputer



First-of-a-kind simulations will explore:

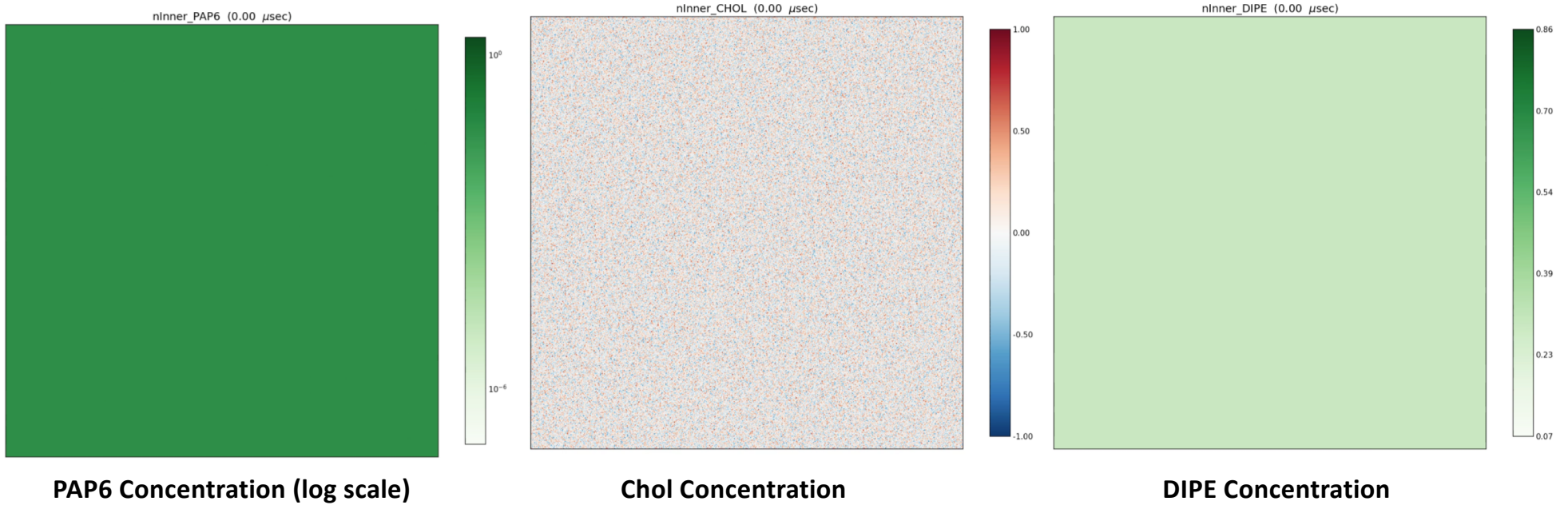
- Dependence of RAS mobility and dynamics as a function of membrane environment
- Aggregation of RAS in context of realistic membrane
- Effect of RAS concentration on local membrane composition





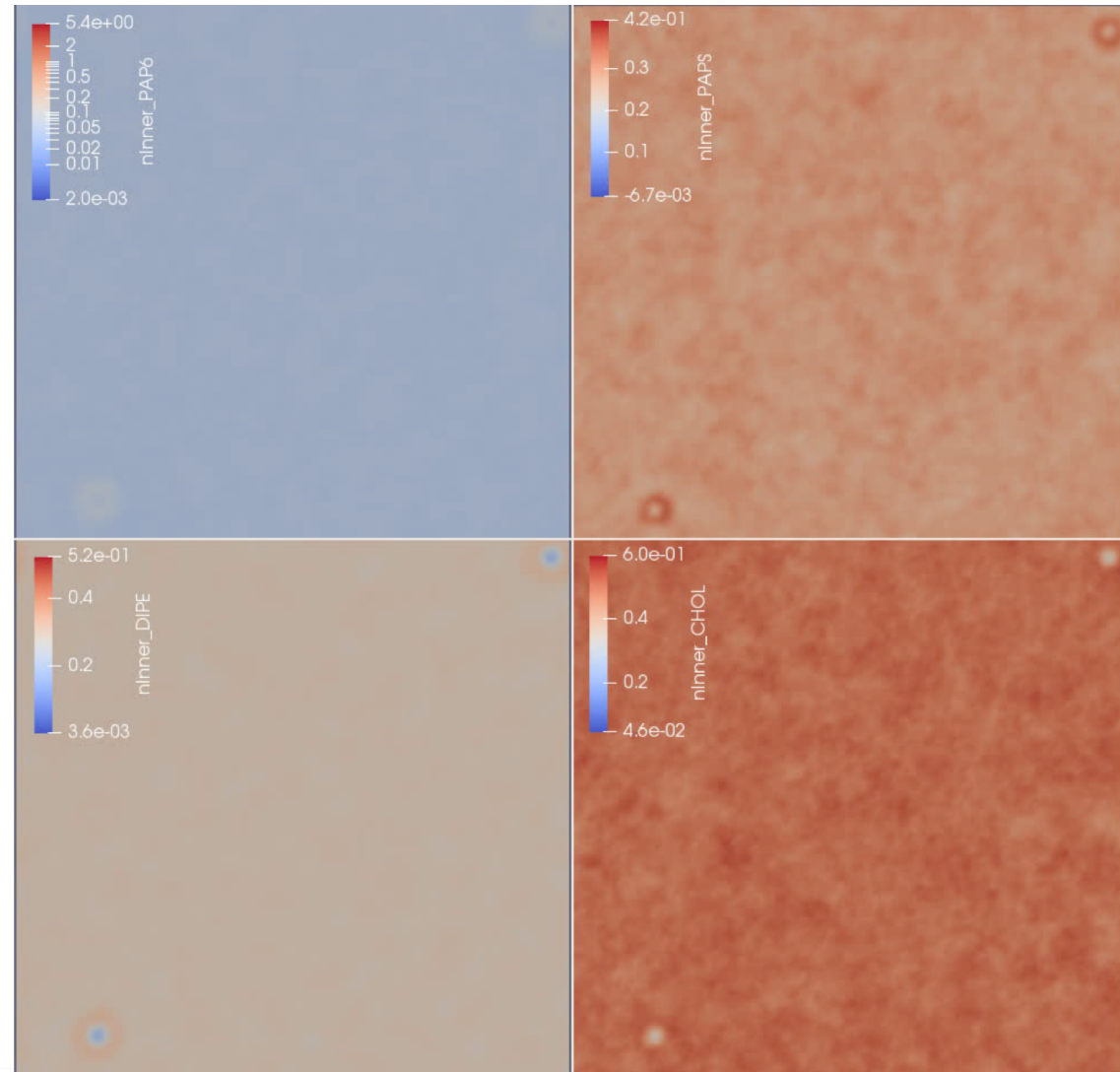
Preliminary Results

Witnessing formation of large-scale fluctuations in lipid structure through long-time scale simulations



Preliminary Results

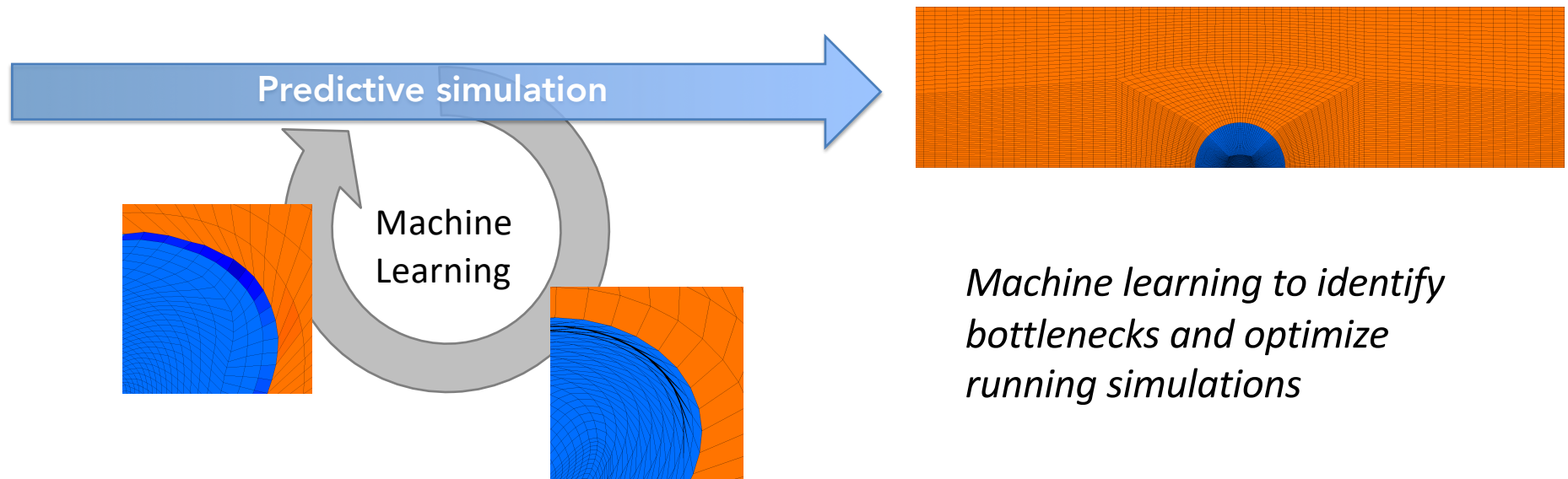
- 50nm X 50nm high-res study w/ 2 RAS proteins (40 μ s)
- Investigate phenomena witnessed originally in μ m X μ m scale simulation
- Aggregation/repulsion of charged lipids (PAP6, PAPS, DIPE, CHOL) following “collision” of RAS
- Unusual stability of formation is unexpected – currently under investigation
- Results demonstrate importance of time and length-scale for simulation



Two ways we envision using machine learning techniques along with predictive simulation



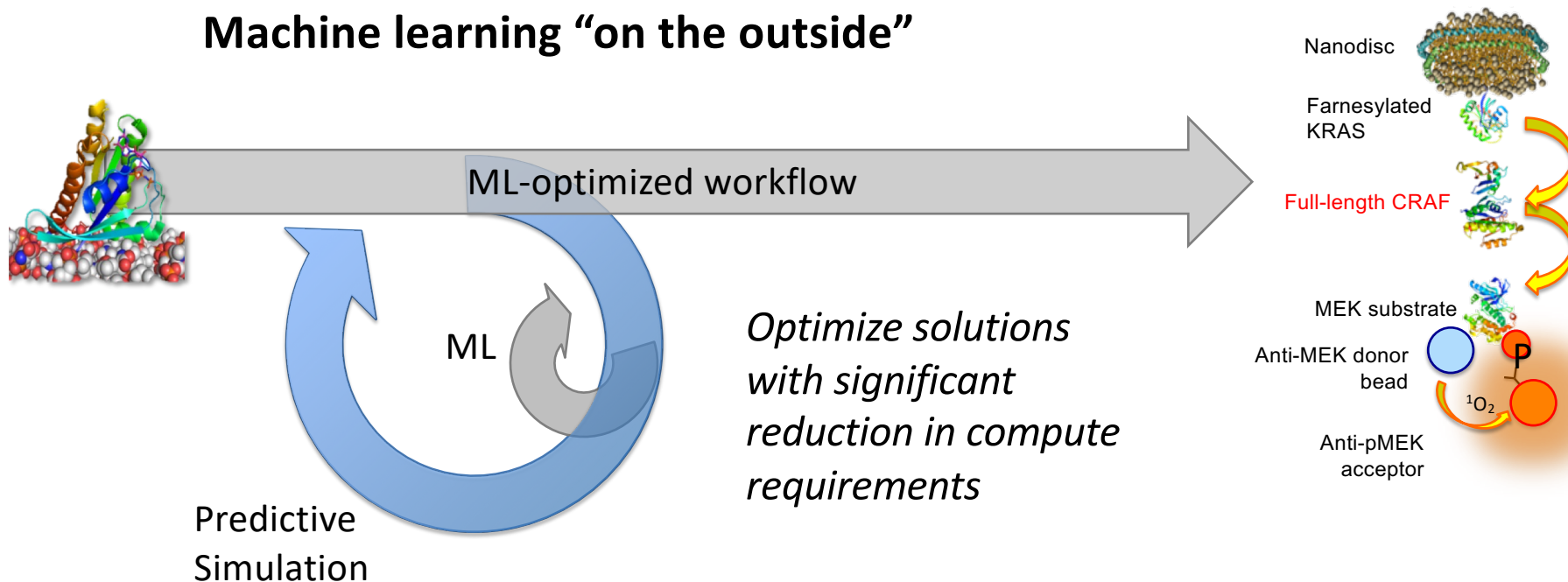
Machine learning “on the inside”



Two ways we envision using machine learning techniques along with predictive simulation



Machine learning “on the outside”



*Optimize solutions
with significant
reduction in compute
requirements*

Integrated workflows develop insight faster

NCI-DOE Pilots: Multi-institution/multi-disciplinary teams



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