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# **Sistemi computazionali per la ricerca farmaceutica e biomolecolare**

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# Fatty-Acid Amide Hydrolase

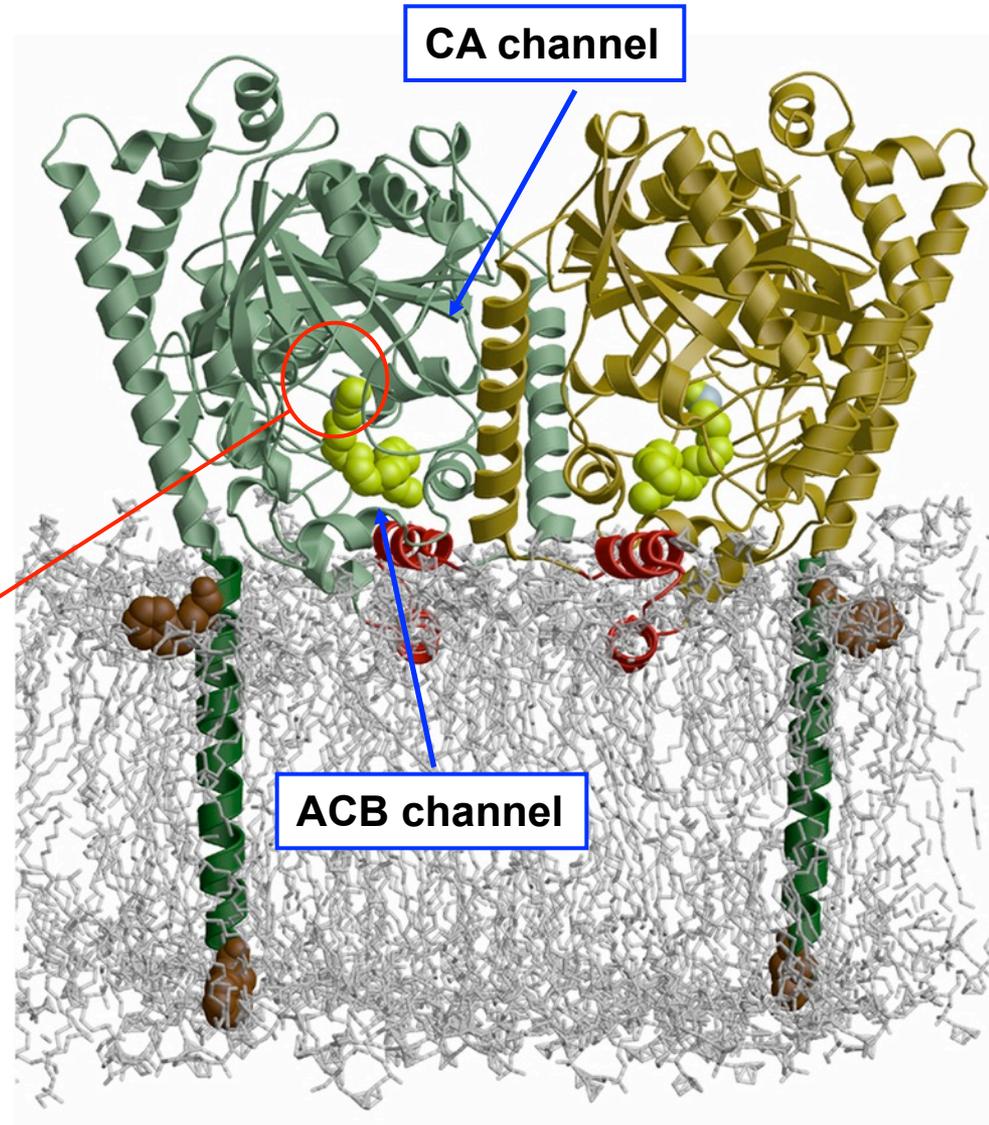
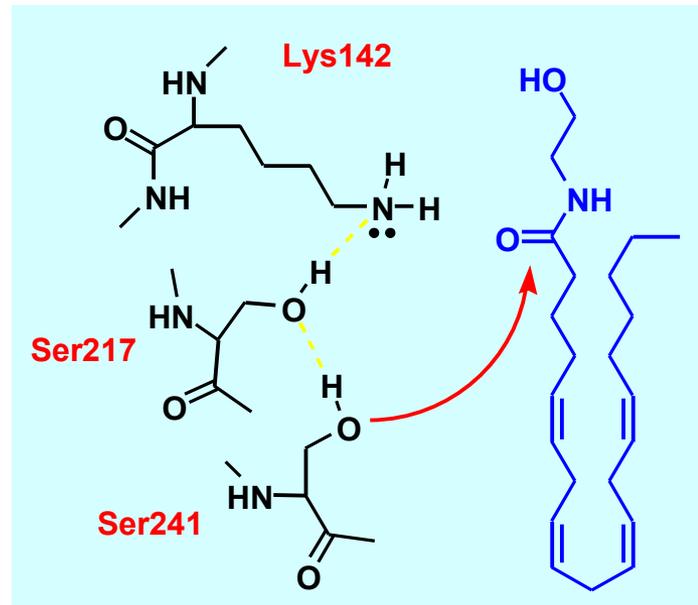
- **Hydrolysis of NAE**

- AEA: endocannabinoid
- PEA: antiinflammatory

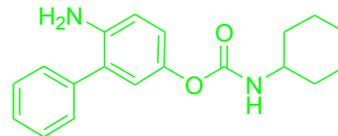
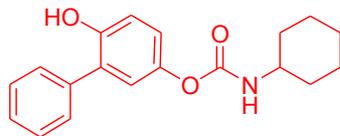
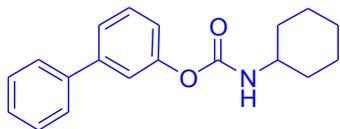
- **Inhibitors**

- Pain, inflammation, nicotine/  
cocaine abuse

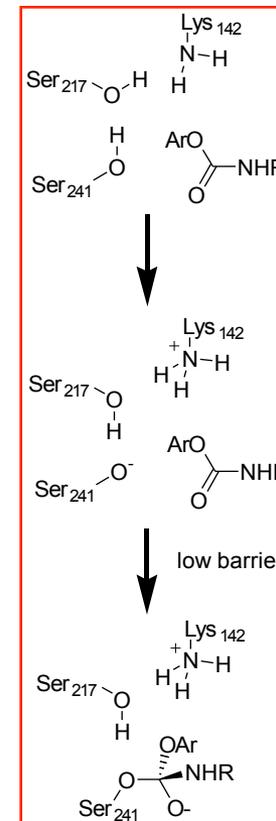
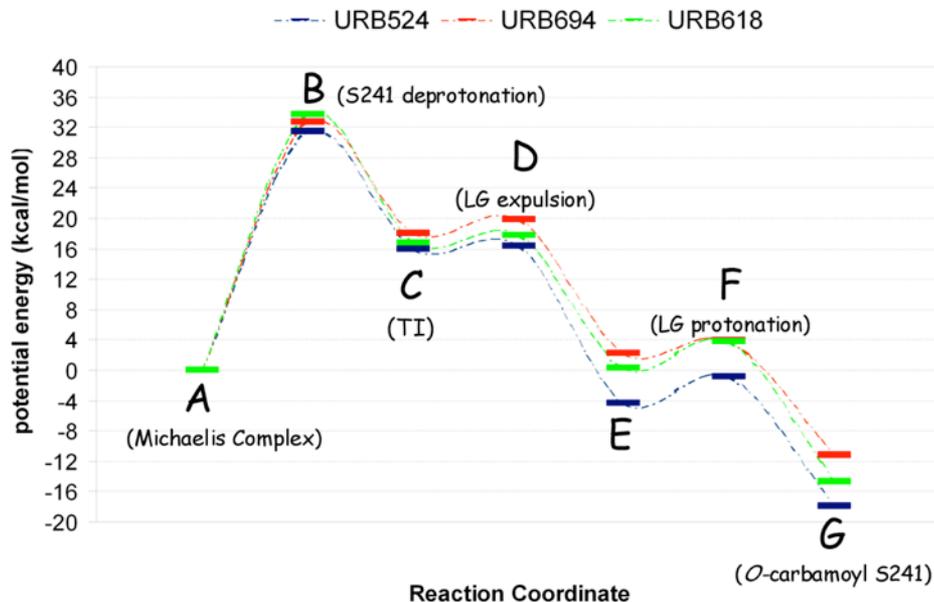
- **Uncommon catalytic triad**



# Mechanism of FAAH inhibitors

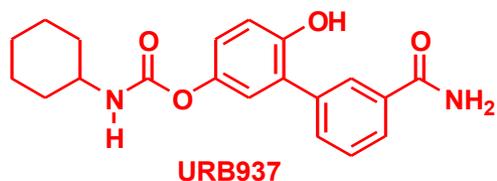


QM/MM potential energies:



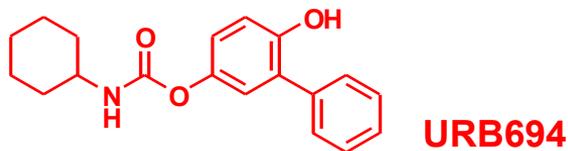
- It is possible to modulate chemical/biological stability while conserving FAAH inhibition

Lodola A, et al. *Chem Commun* 47 (2011) 2517



Clapper JR, Moreno-Sanz G, Russo R, Guijarro A, Vacondio F, Duranti A, Tontini A, Sanchini S, Sciolino NR, Spradley JM, Hohmann AG, Calignano A, Mor M, Tarzia G, Piomelli D. *Nature Neuroscience* 13 (2010), 1265

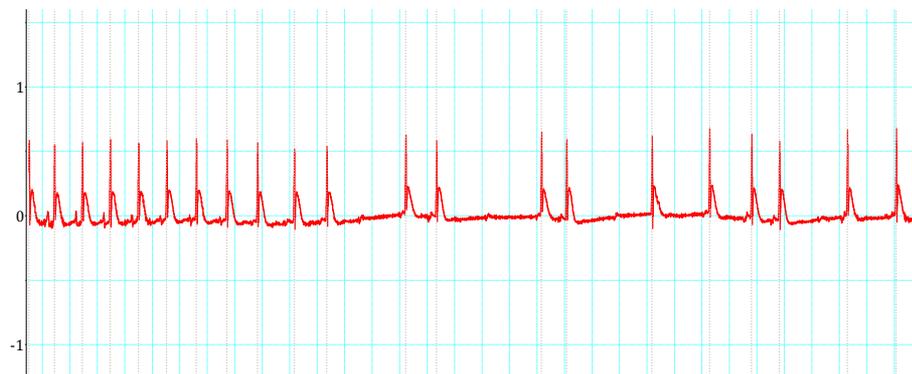
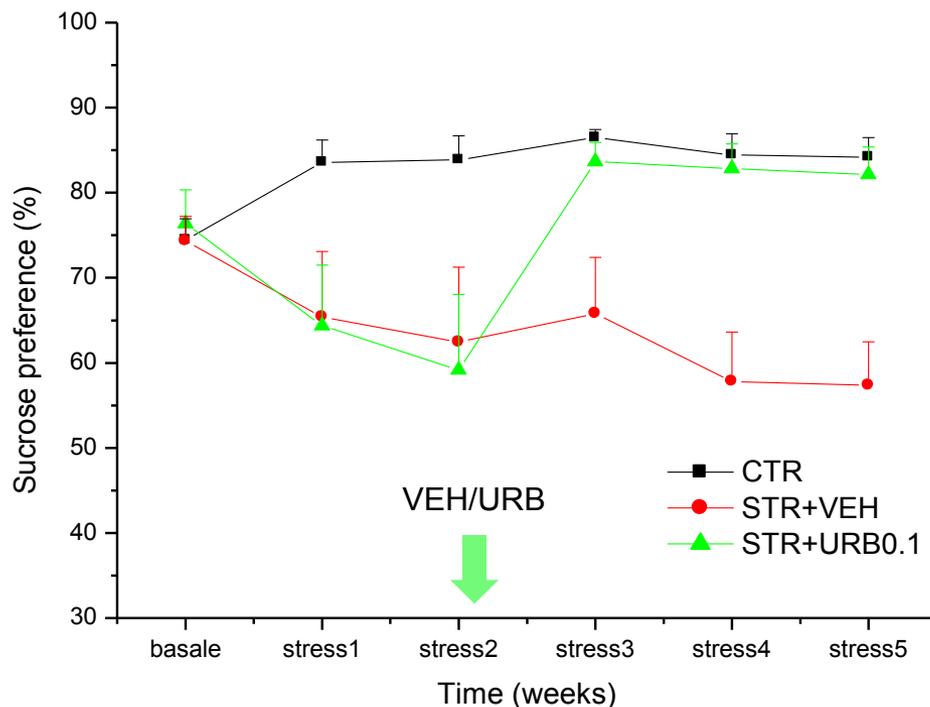
# Second-generation URB: effect on stress-induced depression



- At **0.1 mg/kg/die** resolves anhedonia in a translational model of social stress



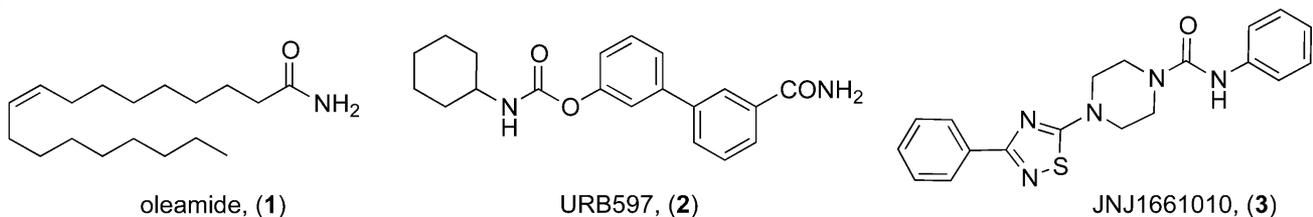
- Cardiac arrhythmias in Vehicle-, but not URB694-treated rats



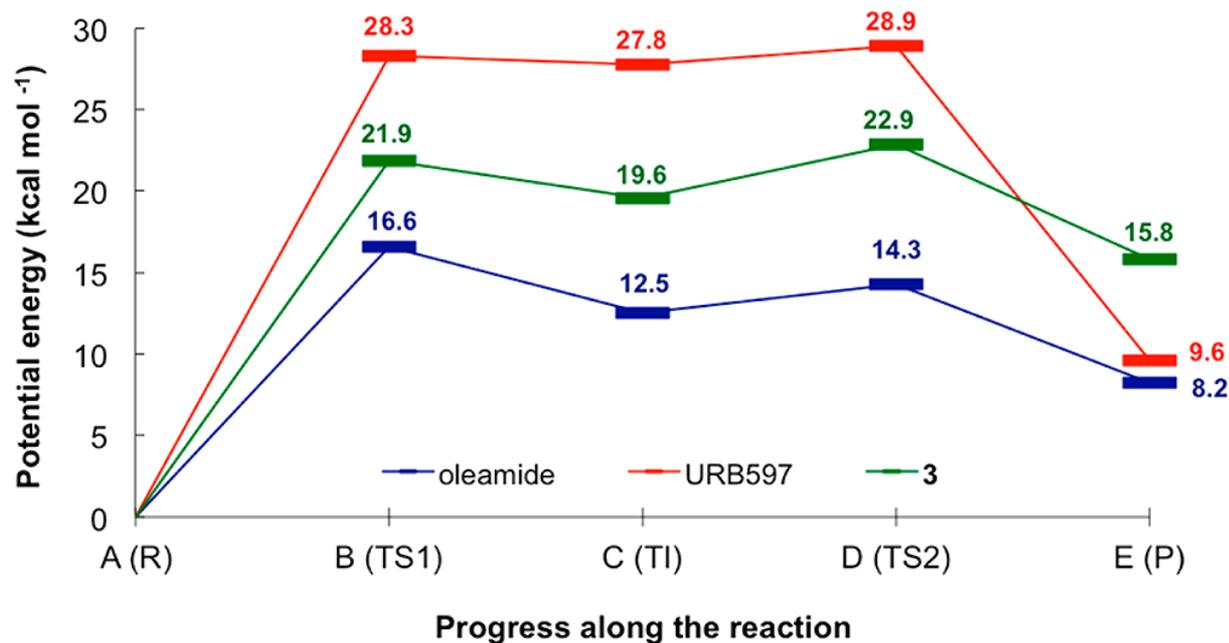
Carnevali L *et al.* submitted

# Inhibitor reversibility: QM/MM energy profiles for deacylation

- QM / MM

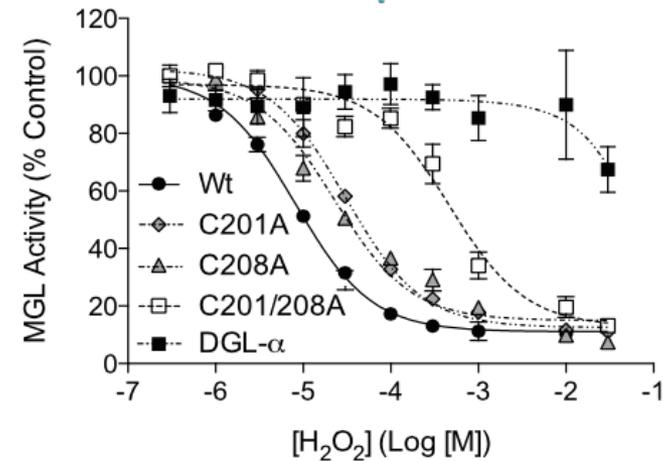
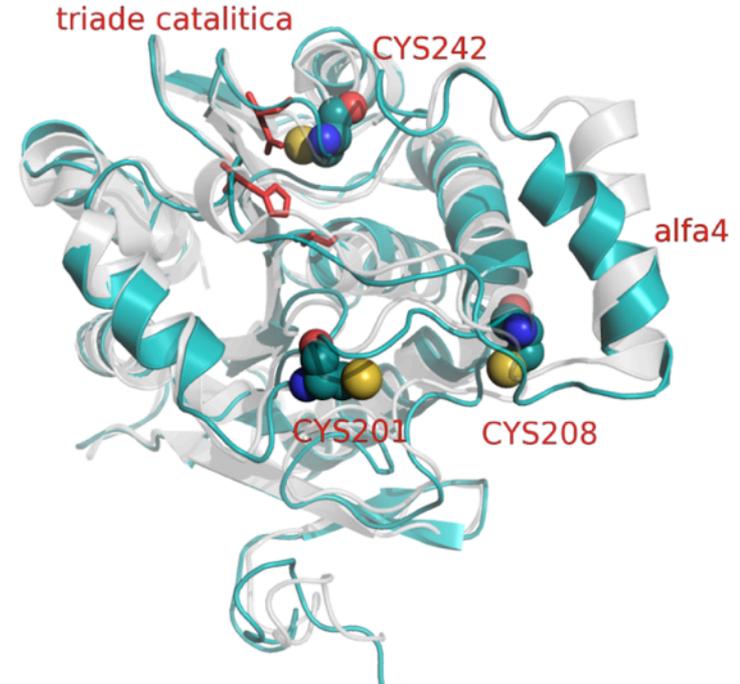
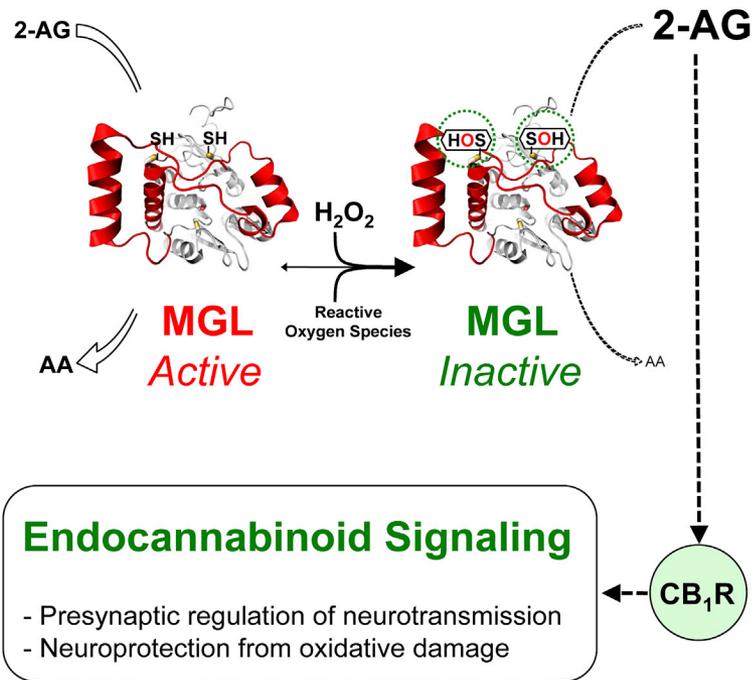


R: Reactant (adduct)  
TS: Transition State  
TI: Tetrahedral Intermediate  
P: Products



- It is possible to modulate the rate of enzyme regeneration

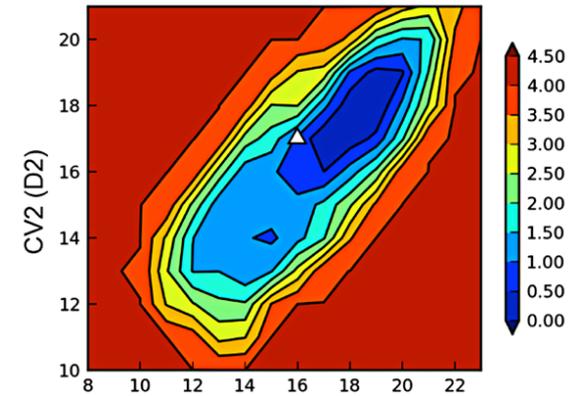
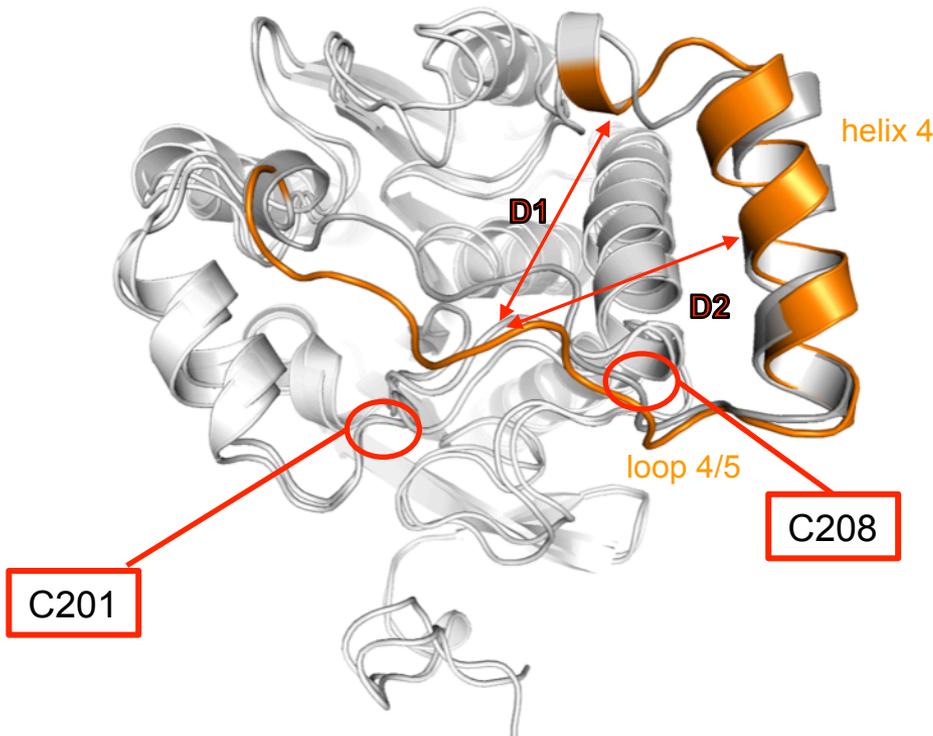
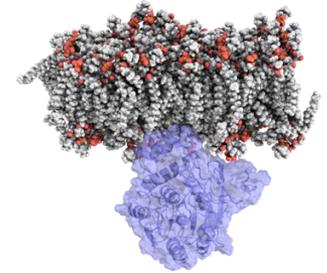
# MGL: the other endocannabinoid watchdog



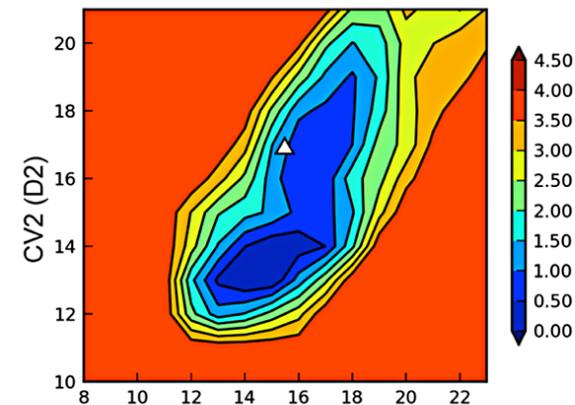
# Cysteine binding affects substrate recruitment

## • MD / Metadynamics simulations

- the lid domain can assume open and closed conformations
- conformational equilibrium depends on
  - membrane
  - Modification of C201 and/or C208



CV1 (D1)



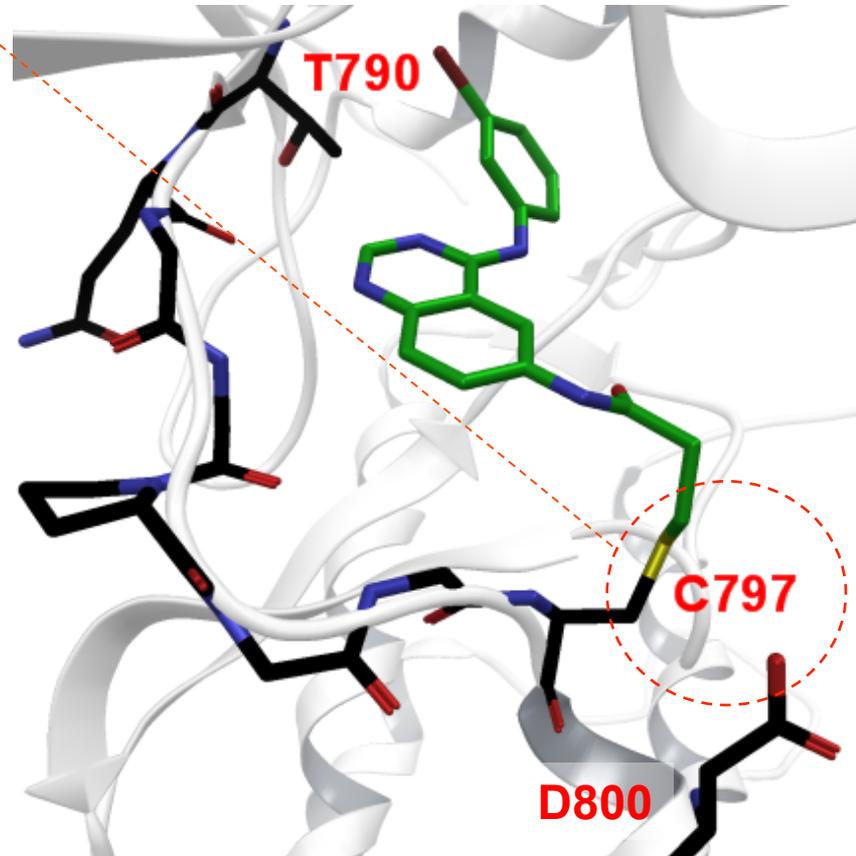
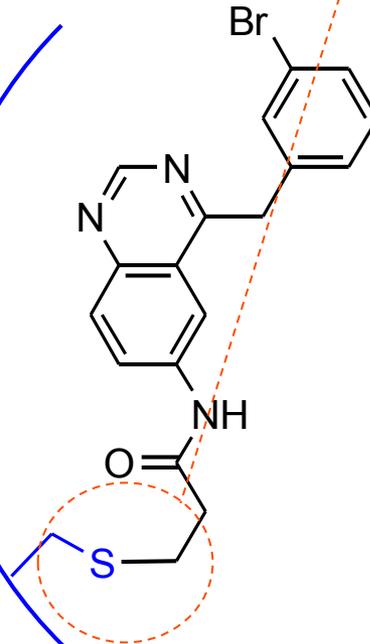
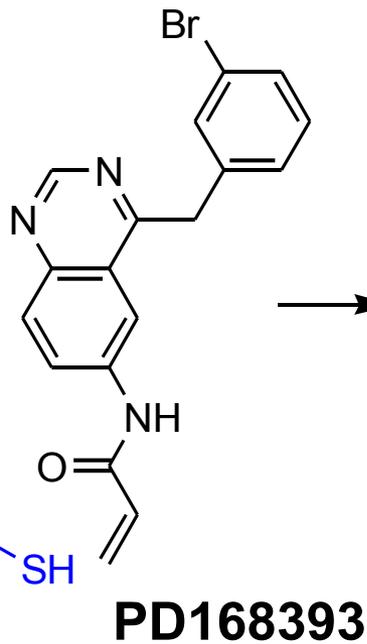
CV1 (D1)

C201-SOH

# Irreversible EGFR inhibitors: alkylation mechanism

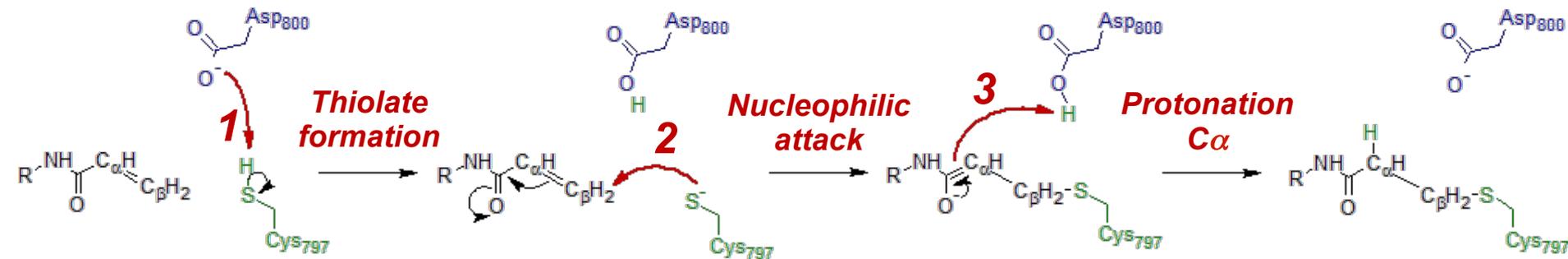
- Irreversible inhibitors of EGFR overcome tumor resistance

## Alkylation of Cys<sup>797</sup>

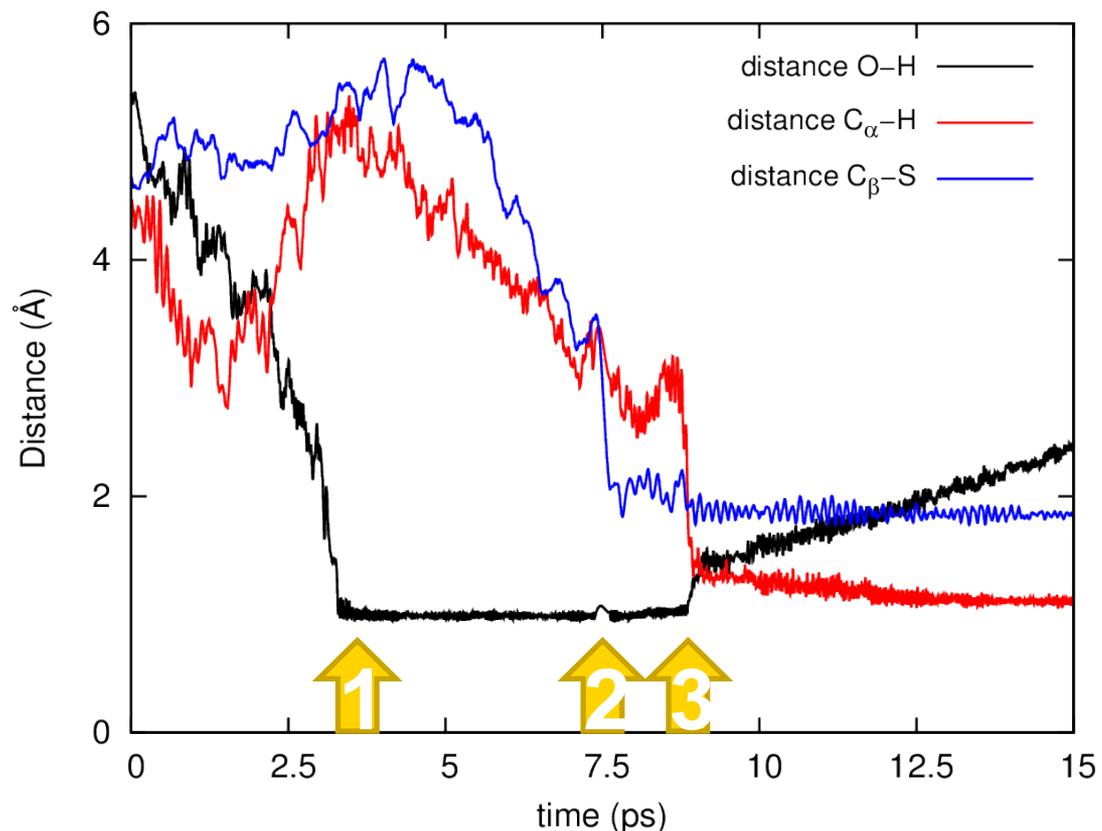


EGFR-TK domain co-crystallized with PD168393

# QM/MM reaction modeling by path-collective variables



- **SCC-DFTB/AMBER99SB**
- **Steered-MD (SMD)**
  - path finding and refinement
- **Guess path**
  - stepwise simulation through 3 distance variables
- **Umbrella Sampling (US)**
  - PMF calculation
- **Asp<sub>800</sub> is a key residue for nucleophilic activation**



- **Applicazioni e modelli**

- Meccanismi di farmaci (“covalenti”, allosterici)
  - QM/MM, MD, FE-paths, MD, Enhanced sampling
- Virtual screening / SAR analysis
  - Comparative modelling, Docking/scoring, FEP, Modelli farmacoforici
- Modelli statistici di relazioni-struttura attività

- **Software di modellistica molecolare**

- Preferenzialmente Schroedinger

- **Risorse impiegate**

- Multi-core CPU: 6-8 PC biprocessore (Xeon 8-core)
- GPU: 8 GPU (Gtx 780) in 4-6 PC
  - 50000 atomi: 20-50 ns/die/GPU
- Risorse esterne in collaborazione (sporadiche)

- **Necessità**

- Corrente stabile, ambienti refrigerati
- Data storage
- Sistemi per calcolo parallelo
- GPU

- **Optimization of docking software performances:**

large docking runs to fine-tune software parameters with following test cases:

- 100-500 proteins and 1 ligand
- around 100 proteins a compounds library > 100 000 small molecules

→ Several parallel independent jobs + statistical analysis of results (matlab/R)

→ Resources:

CINECA computational resources ( previously PLX and EURORA, now GALILEO) : 1Mio core hours

- **Hit/Lead discovery:**

docking runs and VS for specific target of interest + computation of DMPK properties + pharmacophore models etc...

→ Internal resources ( PC workstations 16 core)

- **Target fishing/ drug repositioning :**

docking runs and VS using an in-house protein library

→ Internal resources ( PC workstations 8 core) & CINECA (150 000 core hours)

- **Enhanced Sampling Techniques (MD, SMD, metaMD):**

- Sampling of conformational space of biomolecules, reconstruction of binding and unbinding

→ Internal resources ( PC workstations 8 core) & CINECA (150 000 core hours)

# COMPUTATIONAL FOOD CHEMISTRY

*Pietro Cozzini - Dipartimento di Scienze degli Alimenti*

## **Stato dell'arte:**

Virtual Screening, Docking/Scoring su sistemi locali

Dinamica Molecolare su sistemi CINECA e Università di Modena

Dinamica Molecolare e sviluppo di scoring functions su "Mare Nostrum" a Barcellona

Sviluppo di software per simulazioni ab initio su sistemi multiprocessore

New Mexico University e Virginia Commonwealth University

## **Desiderata:**

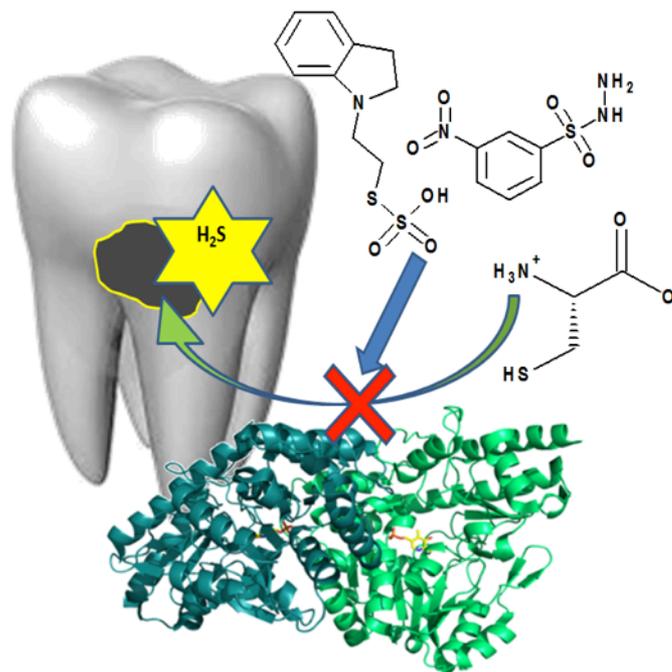
Possibilità di sistemi 3D per la visualizzazione e per la prototipazione/stampa



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## Targeting Cystalysin, a Virulence Factor of *Treponema denticola*-Supported Periodontitis

Francesca Spyraakis,<sup>[d, e]</sup> Barbara Cellini,<sup>\*[a]</sup> Stefano Bruno,<sup>[b]</sup> Paolo Benedetti,<sup>[f]</sup>  
Emanuele Carosati,<sup>[g]</sup> Gabriele Cruciani,<sup>[g]</sup> Fabrizio Micheli,<sup>[h]</sup> Antonio Felici,<sup>[h]</sup>  
Pietro Cozzini,<sup>[c, d]</sup> Glen E. Kellogg,<sup>[i]</sup> Carla Borri Voltattorni,<sup>[a]</sup> and Andrea Mozzarelli<sup>\*[b, c]</sup>



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**Struttura e dinamica di biomolecole in relazione alla loro funzione**

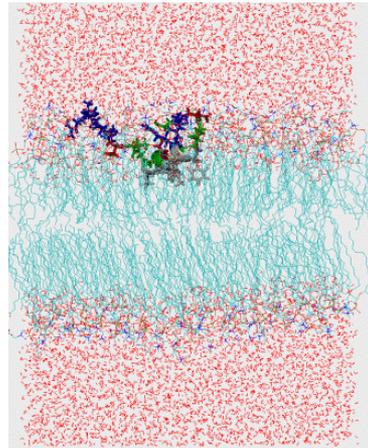
Tecniche computazionali per la simulazione di sistemi proteici:

**Dinamica Molecolare**

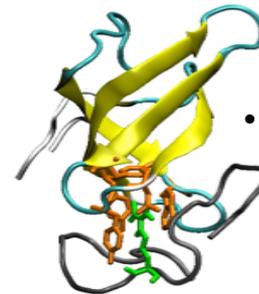
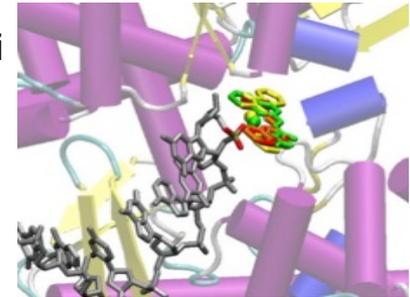
**Docking Molecolare**

**Modeling Molecolare**

- interazione proteina-membrana:
- Proteina Basica della Mielina in doppio strato lipidico
- rilevanza nella **sclerosi multipla**



- disegno di inibitori di enzimi del ciclo cellulare, a scopo **antitumorale**



- interazione della proteina SMN col sistema spliceosomale
- rilevanza nella **atrofia muscolare spinale**

**Risorse utilizzate:** Cluster per il calcolo numerico intensivo del Dipartimento di Fisica.

Facility canadese di High Performance Computing SHARCNET (Shared Hierarchical Academic Research Computing Network: [www.sharcnet.ca](http://www.sharcnet.ca)), Compute/Calcul Canada (solo relativamente al progetto mielina).

**Software di calcolo intensivo principalmente utilizzati:** Gromacs (parallelo) per simulazioni di dinamica molecolare. Autodock4 (seriale) per simulazioni di docking.

**Necessità:** ampliamento della potenza di calcolo, in particolare per calcolo parallelo; risorse GPU

## PROGETTO IN CORSO

### Strategie terapeutiche innovative basate sull'identificazione di nuovi composti antivirali:

1- Identificazione di target molecolari per il recupero dell'exhaustion in pazienti con infezione cronica da epatite B e C

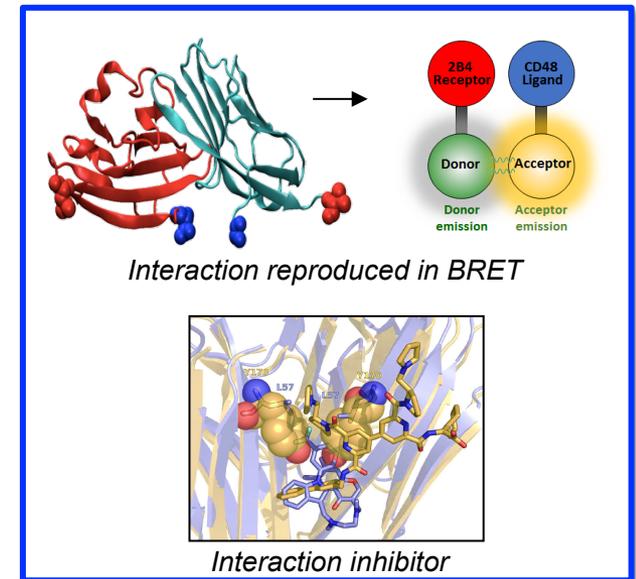
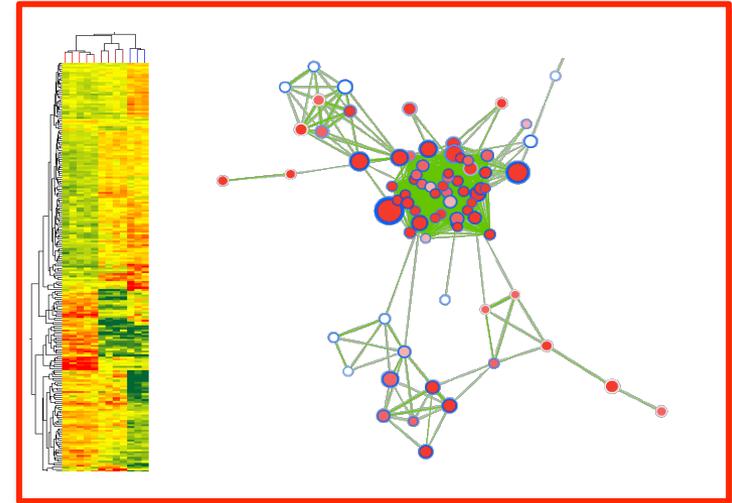
- **Gene expression analysis \***
- **Network analysis**

2- Identificazione di molecole in grado di bloccare interazioni inibitorie recettore-ligando, responsabili dell'exhaustion.

- **Screening di piccole molecole mediante tecnologia BRET in lievito**
- **Virtual screening and hit-to-lead optimization.\*\***

### IN COLLABORAZIONE CON:

- U.O. di Malattie Infettive ed Epatologia, Azienda Ospedaliero-Universitaria di Parma \*
- Dipartimento di Farmacia\*\*





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## INTERESSI DI RICERCA

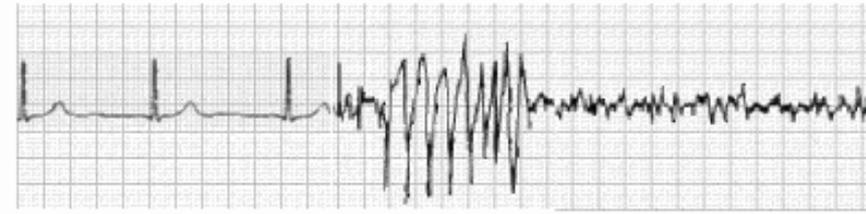
Studio *in vivo* e *in silico* della eccitabilità cellulare cardiaca

## APPLICAZIONI

1. Modulazione farmacologica pacemaking cardiaco
2. Controllo transizione fisio-patologica del ritmo

## COLLABORAZIONI RECENTI

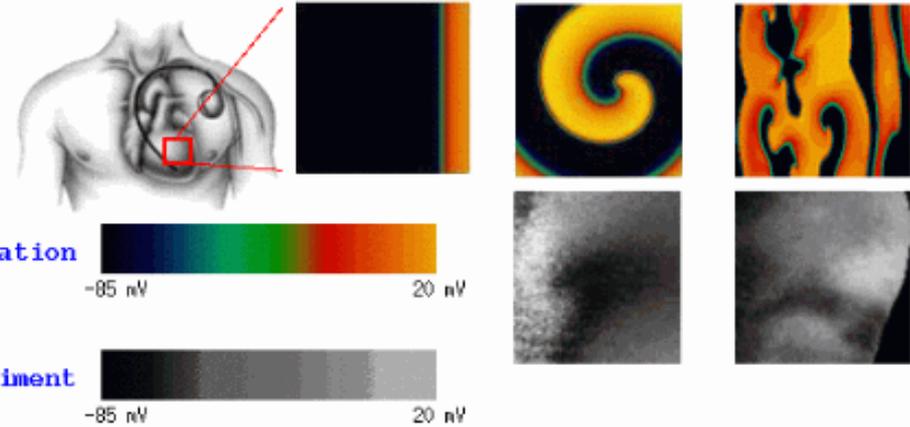
CHIESI Farmaceutici S.p.A.  
 NEH Cardiovascular Research and Training Institute  
 University of Utah, USA.



Normal Heart Rhythm

Ventricular Tachycardia

Ventricular Fibrillation



**1. Modelli tipo Hodgkin-Huxley** della eccitabilità elettrica cellulare cardiaca (POTENZIALE D'AZIONE)  
 Sistemi ODE risolti numericamente in contesti - zero-dim. (*cellula singola*)

- mono-dim. (*cavo*)
- bi- e tri-dim. (*tessuto*)

**2. Risorse hardware utilizzate ad oggi:** - PC Intel Core, CPU 2,50 GHz, RAM 4.00 GB, 64 bit op. sys.  
 - Macchina virtuale (grid-ui 2) Vmware SL5 User Interface (**FISICA**)  
 - Macchina multi-core SIRIO (complessivi 128 GB RAM) (**CCE**)

**3. DESIDERATA:** migliorare efficienza simulazioni ottimizzando interazione competenze (**RICERCA-CALCOLO**)

Dipartimento di Bioscienze

Collaboratore interno per approcci computazionali:

**DAVIDE CARNEVALI**

## INTERESSI DI RICERCA

Genomica, epigenomica e trascrittomica

### APPLICAZIONI

Analisi di dati Next Generation Sequencing (RNA-Seq, ChIP-Seq, Methyl-Seq).

Allineamento reads, assemblaggio del trascrittoma, assemblaggio del genoma, analisi statistiche (Programmi: Bowtie, TopHat, STAR, Cufflinks, Scripture, Velvet, ABySS, R/Bioconductor, Matlab etc)

### MODELLI COMPUTAZIONALI

Metodo "Burrows-Wheeler transform (BWT)-based" per allineamento di reads al genoma, De Bruijn graph per assemblaggio del genoma e ricostruzione del trascrittoma

### RISORSE HARDWARE UTILIZZATE

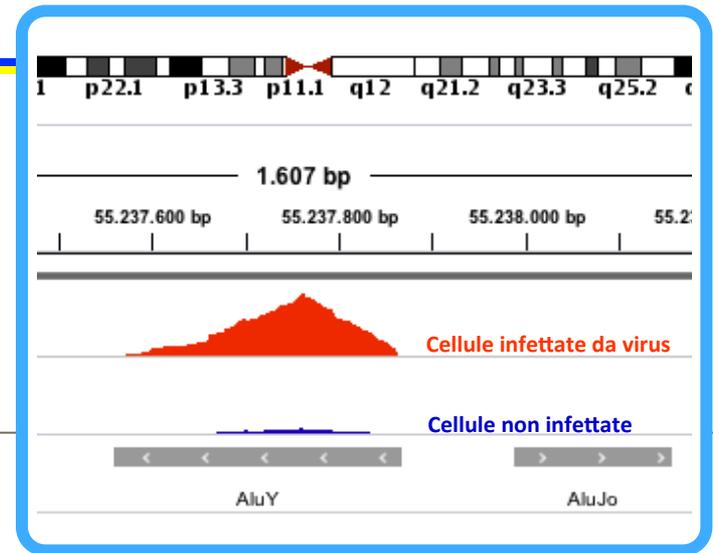
Macchina multi-core SIRIO (COMPLESSIVI 128 GB RAM, 24 CPU, in condivisione)

NAS (Network Attached Storage) per spazio disco supplementare

### DESIDERATA

Cluster che permetta sia di distribuire i processi computazionali parallelizzati, sia di eseguire programmi a processore singolo con molta RAM (>32GB).

Lo spazio disco richiesto durante le fasi di elaborazione varia da 500 Gb a 2/3 Tb. Lo spazio disco richiesto per archiviazione si può inizialmente stimare in 4/6 Tb, ma tenderà a crescere in futuro.



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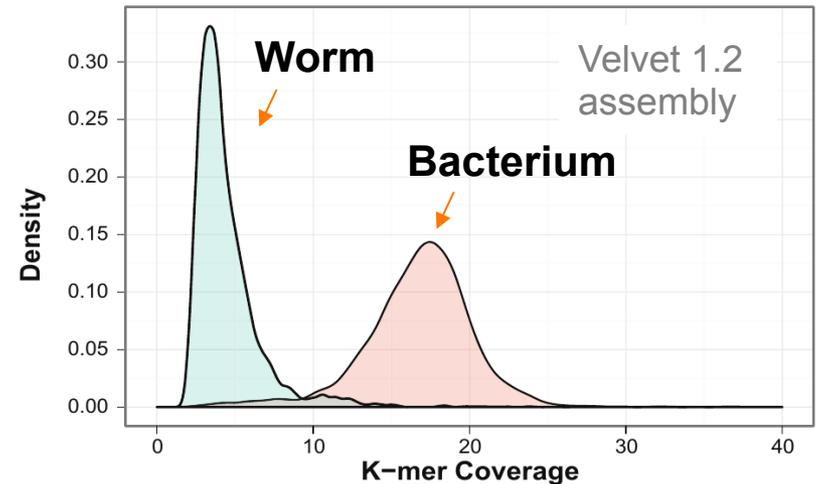
**Genome data mininig**

**Worm-Bacterium genome assembly**  
[sirio.unipr.it](http://sirio.unipr.it) (128 Gb RAM; 500 Gb HD)

- Reads len: 76 bp
- Reads num.: 150 M
- Genome size: 0.1 G
- RAM: 40 Gb
- Storage: 100 Gb

**Primate genome assembly**

- Reads len: 50 bp
- Reads num.: 500 M
- Genome size: 3 G
- RAM (ext.): 350 Gb
- Storage (ext.): 500 Gb



**A Microbial Metagenome (*Leucobacter* sp.) in *Caenorhabditis* Whole Genome Sequences**

Riccardo Percudani

*Bioinformatics and Biology Insights* 2013:7 55–72