# How Math and AI are Revolutionizing Biosciences

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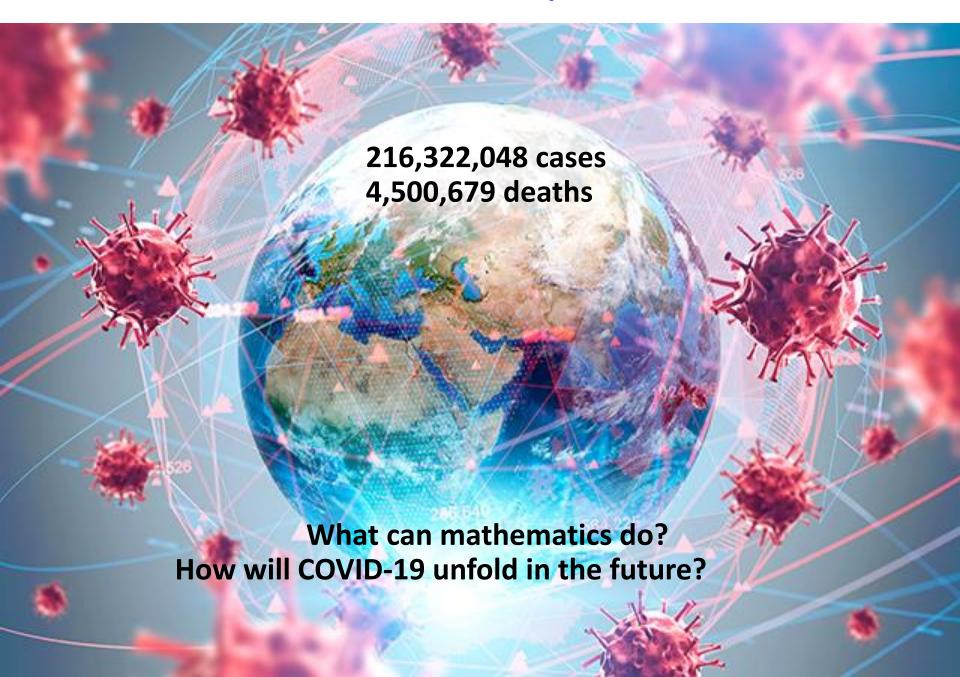




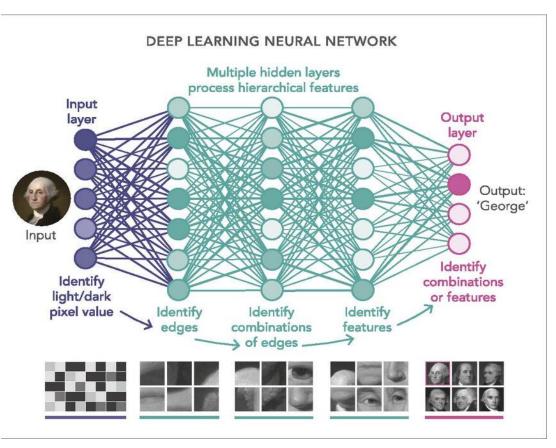




## **COVID-19** demonstrates the importance of biosciences

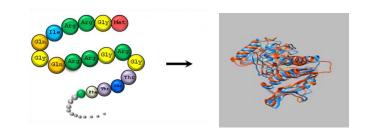


## The Promise of AI & Machine Learning



## **LPHA FOLD**

won 25 of 43 contests and was ranked 1<sup>St</sup> among 98 competitors in CASP13, Dec. 2018.









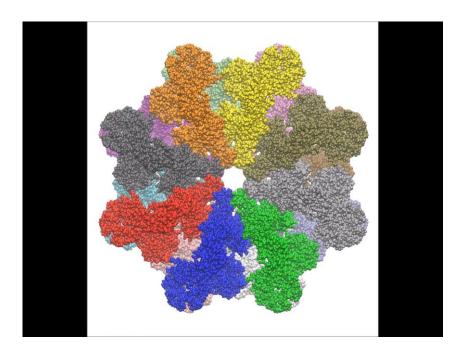


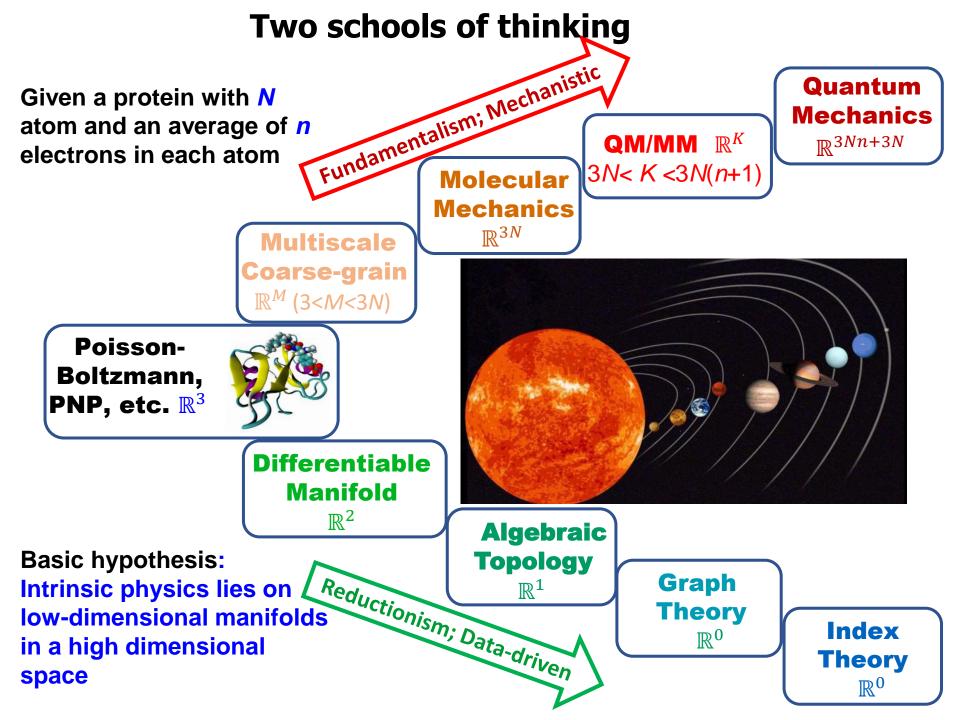


## Challenges of AI in biomolecular systems

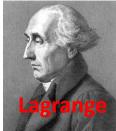
- Geometric dimensionality:  $\mathbb{R}^{3N}$ , where  $N \sim 5000$  for a protein.
- Machine learning dimensionality: > 1024<sup>3</sup> m, where m is the number of atom types in a protein.
- Molecules have different sizes --- non-scalable.
- Complexity: intermolecular & intramolecular interactions

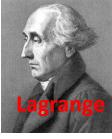












**Algebraic topology** 

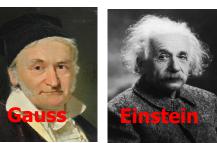
Differential geometry

**Graph theory** 

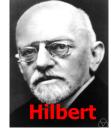
**Multiscale PDEs** 

(Harness a century's accomplishments in

mathematics)





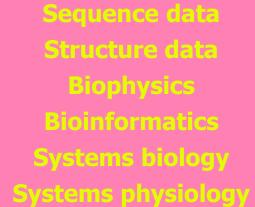












**Biological Discovery** 



## **Classical Topology**

## Möbius Strips (1858)



Klein Bottle (1882)



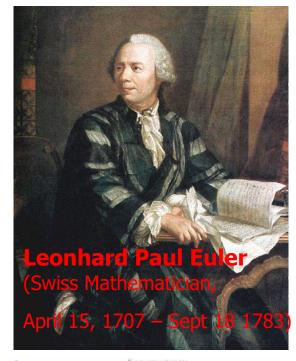
**Torus** 

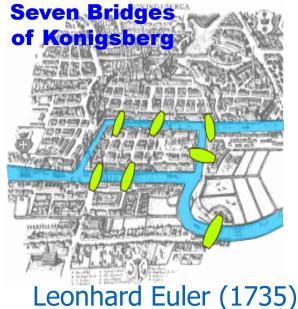
**Double Torus** 

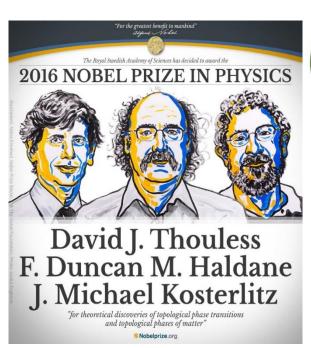




Augustin-Louis Cauchy, Ludwig Schläfli, Johann Benedict Listing, Bernhard Riemann, and Enrico Betti







# **Topological invariants: Betti numbers**

 $\beta_0$  is the number of connected components.

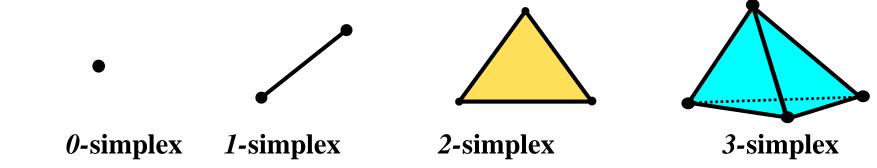
 $\beta_1$  is the number of tunnels or circles.

 $\beta_2$  is the number of cavities or voids.

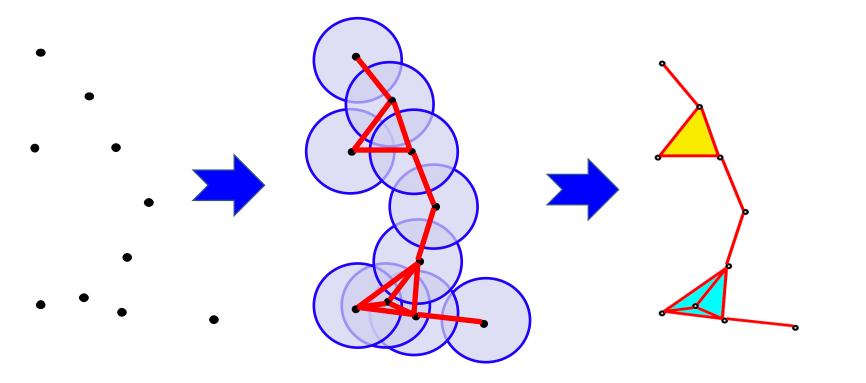
Point	Circle	Sphere	Torus
•			
$\beta_0 = 1$	$\beta_0 = 1$	$\beta_0 = 1$	$\beta_0 = 1$
$\beta_0 = 1$ $\beta_1 = 0$	$\beta_1 = 1$	$\beta_1 = 0$	$\beta_0 = 1$ $\beta_1 = 2$
$\beta_2 = 0$	$\beta_2 = 0$	$\beta_2 = 1$	$\beta_2 = 1$

## **Vietoris-Rips complexes of planar point sets**

## **Simplexes:**



## **Simplicial complexes of ten points:**



## **Persistent homology**

## Simplexes:





*0*-simplex 1-simplex

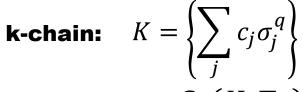
2-simplex



3-simplex

**Filtration** 

Frosini and Nandi (1999), Robins (1999), Edelsbrunner, Letscher and Zomorodian (2002), Zomorodian and Carlsson (2005), Edelsbrunner and Harer, (2007) Kaczynski, Mischaikow and Mrozek (2004),...



Chain group:  $C_q(K, \mathbb{Z}_2)$ 

**Boundary operator:** 

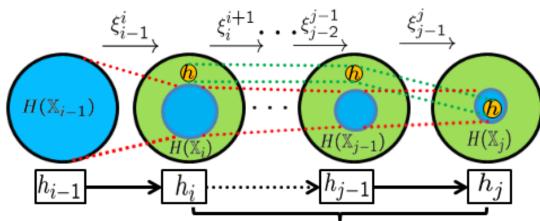
$$\partial_q \sigma^q = \sum_{j=0}^q (-1)^j \left\{ v_0, v_1, \dots, \widehat{v_j}, \dots, v_k \right\}$$

Cycle group: 
$$Z_q = \operatorname{Ker} \partial_q$$

Boundary group:  $B_q={\rm Im}\;\partial_{q+1}$  (Homology group:  $H_q=Z_q/B_q$ 

Betti number:  $\beta_a = \operatorname{Rank}(H_a)$ 

Xia, Wei, IJNMBE, 2014; Xia, Feng, Tong, Wei, JCC, 2015

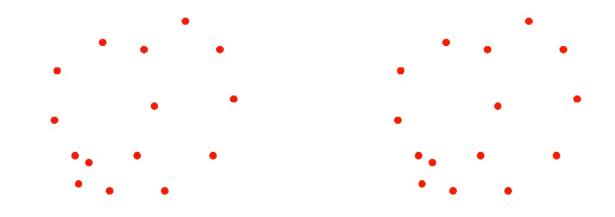


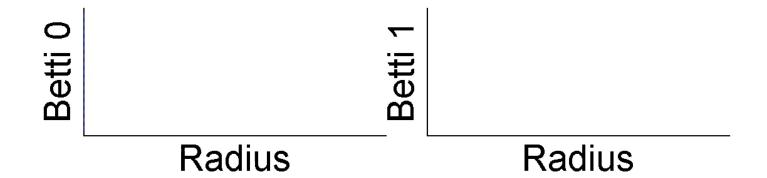
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## **Algebraic Topology**

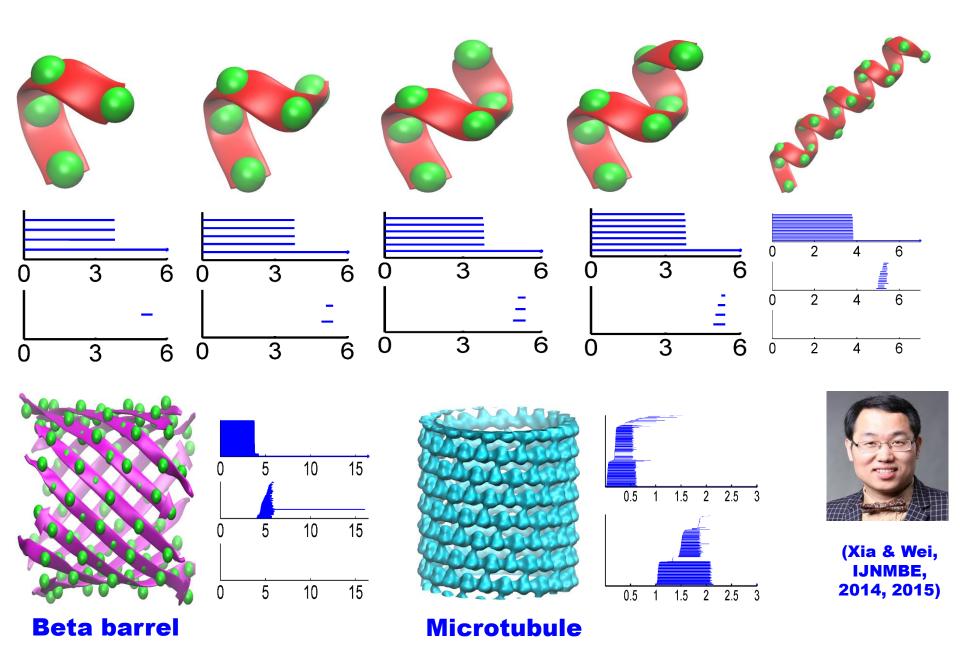
Vietoris-Rips complexes, persistent homology and topological fingerprint

(Xia, Wei, 2014)





## **Topological fingerprints of an alpha helix**



## **Algebraic Topology**

## 2D persistent homology of protein unfolding (1UBQ)



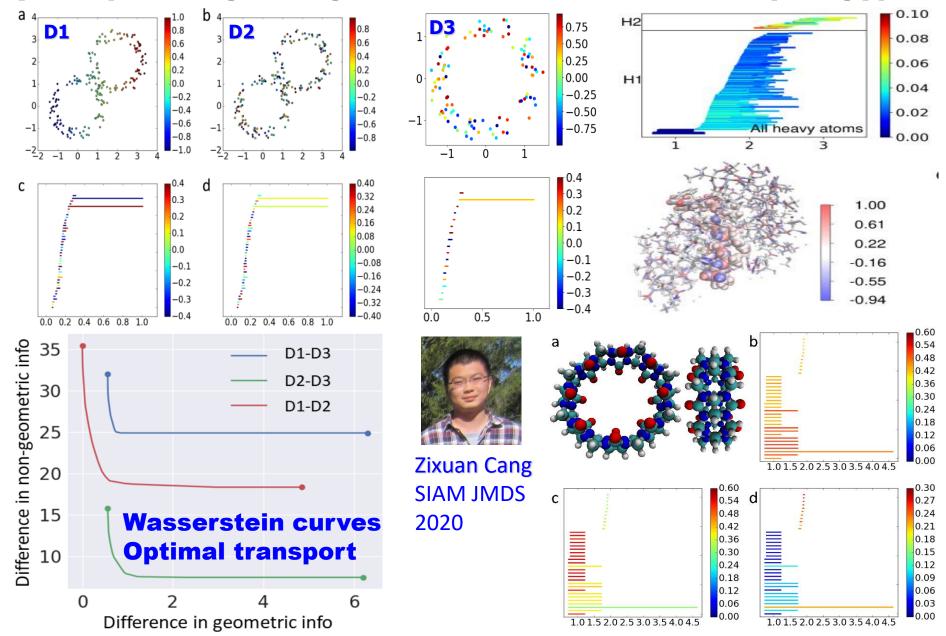


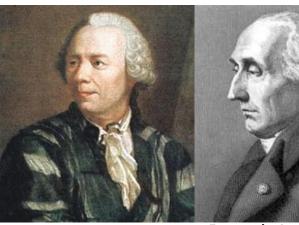


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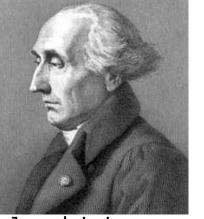
(Xia & Wei, JCC, 2015)

# Persistent cohomology (incorporating non-geometric information in topology)

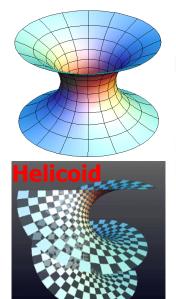


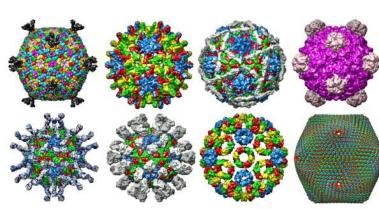


**Leonhard P. Euler** (Swiss Mathematician, April 15, 1707 – Sept 18 1783

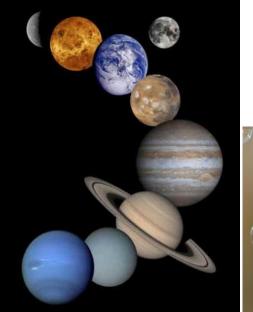


Joseph L. Lagrange (Italian Mathematician, January 25 1736 – April 10, 1813)





Viral morphology



## **Minimal Surfaces**

A way to minimize energy and maximize stability







Man-made life, Mycoplasma mycoides

## Differential geometry based minimal surface model

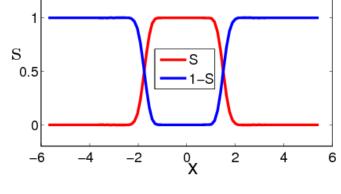
$$G = \int \gamma[\text{area}] d\mathbf{r}$$
 area =  $|\nabla S|$ 

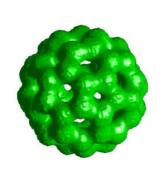
where G is the surface energy, gamma ( $\gamma$ ) is the surface tension, and S is a surface characteristic function:

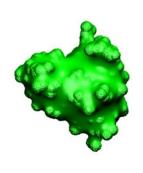
Generalized Laplace-Beltrami flow:

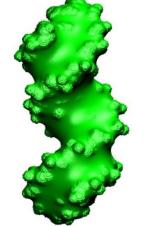
$$\frac{\partial S}{\partial t} = |\nabla S| \left[ \nabla \cdot \frac{\gamma \nabla S}{|\nabla S|} \right]$$

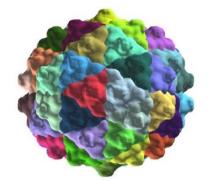
Mean curvature









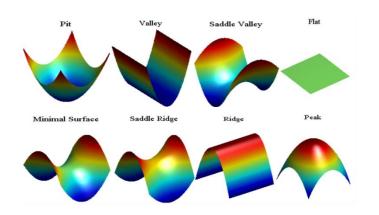




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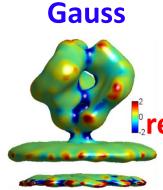
(Bates, Wei, Zhao, 2006; JCC, 2008; Zhao, Cang, Tong & Wei, Bioinformatics 2018)

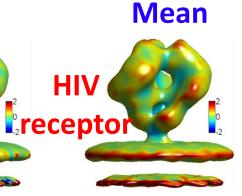
## **Differential Geometry (Connections & curvature forms)**



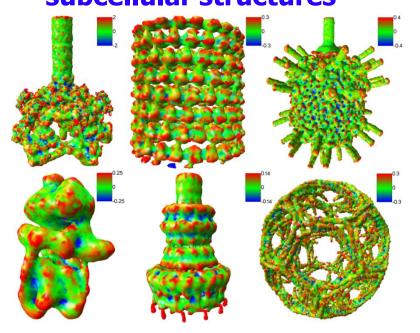


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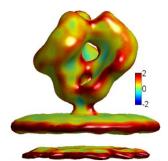


Mean curvatures of subcellular structures

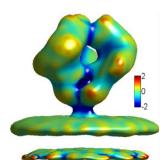


(Feng, Xia, Tong and Wei, JCP, IJNMBI,2012)

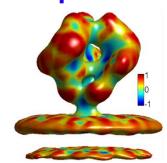
**Minimum** 



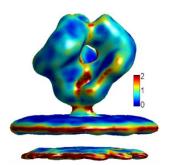




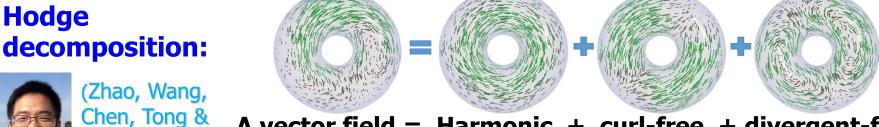
**Shape index** 



**Curvedness** 

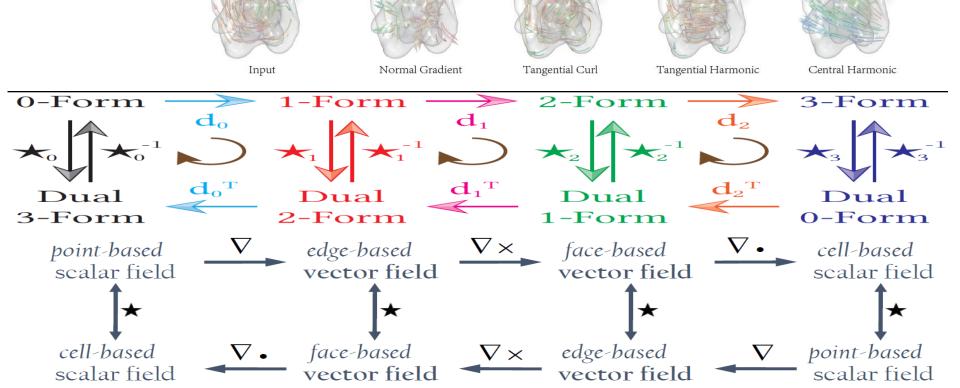


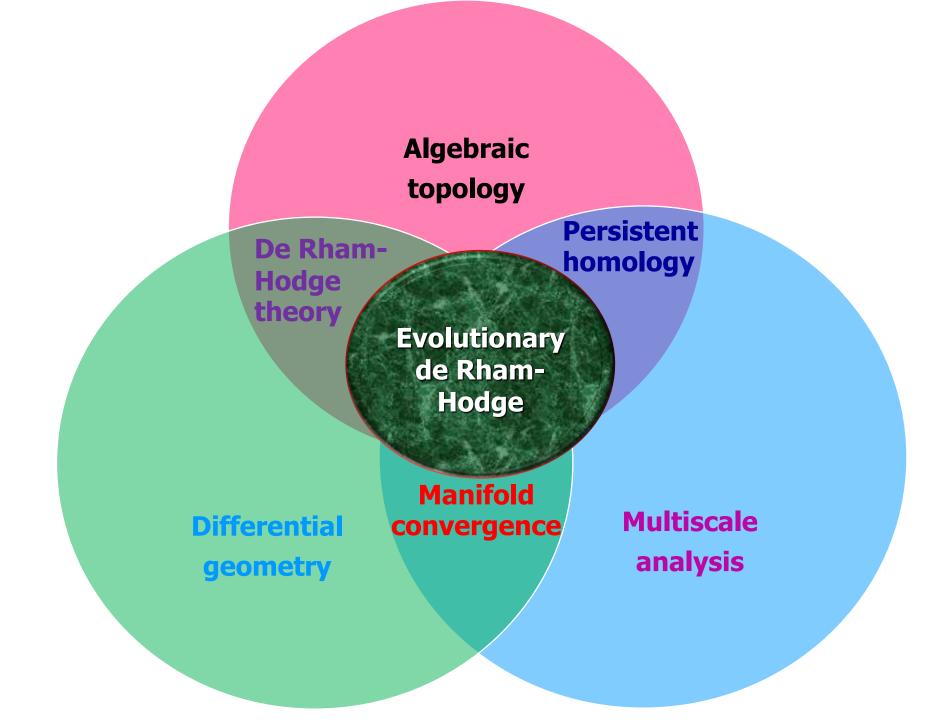
## De Rham-Hodge theory and discrete exterior calculus



Wei, BMB, 2020) A vector field = Harmonic + curl-free + divergent-free

**Cryo-EM data:** 





## **Evolutionary de Rham-Hodge**

## Filtration of a manifold

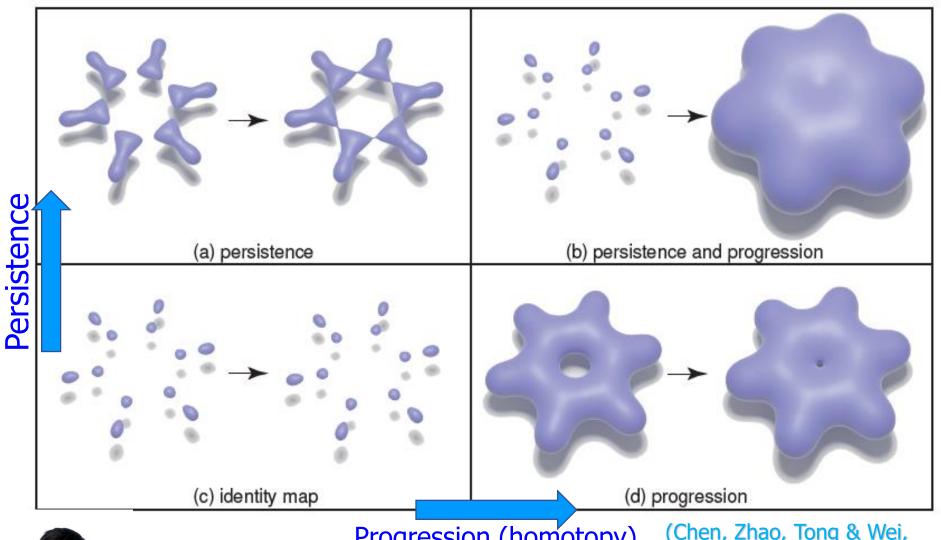
$$M_0 \xrightarrow{\mathfrak{I}_{0,1}} M_1 \xrightarrow{\mathfrak{I}_{1,2}} M_2 \xrightarrow{\mathfrak{I}_{2,3}} \cdots \xrightarrow{\mathfrak{I}_{n-1,n}} M_n \xrightarrow{\mathfrak{I}_{n,n+1}} M$$

## De Rham complexes induced by filtration

$$\Omega_{n}^{0}(M_{0}) \xrightarrow{d^{0}} \Omega_{n}^{1}(M_{0}) \xrightarrow{d^{1}} \Omega_{n}^{2}(M_{0}) \xrightarrow{d^{2}} \Omega_{n}^{3}(M_{0}) 
\downarrow \mathfrak{E}_{0,1} \qquad \downarrow \mathfrak{E}_{0,1} \qquad \downarrow \mathfrak{E}_{0,1} \qquad \downarrow \mathfrak{E}_{0,1} 
\Omega_{n}^{0}(M_{1}) \xrightarrow{d^{0}} \Omega_{n}^{1}(M_{1}) \xrightarrow{d^{1}} \Omega_{n}^{2}(M_{1}) \xrightarrow{d^{2}} \Omega_{n}^{3}(M_{1}) 
\downarrow \mathfrak{E}_{1,1} \qquad \downarrow \mathfrak{E}_{1,1} \qquad \downarrow \mathfrak{E}_{1,1} \qquad \downarrow \mathfrak{E}_{1,1} 
\Omega_{n}^{0}(M_{2}) \xrightarrow{d^{0}} \Omega_{n}^{1}(M_{2}) \xrightarrow{d^{1}} \Omega_{n}^{2}(M_{2}) \xrightarrow{d^{2}} \Omega_{n}^{3}(M_{2}) 
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(Chen, Zhao, Tong & Wei, DCDS-B 2020)

## **Evolutionary de Rham-Hodge**

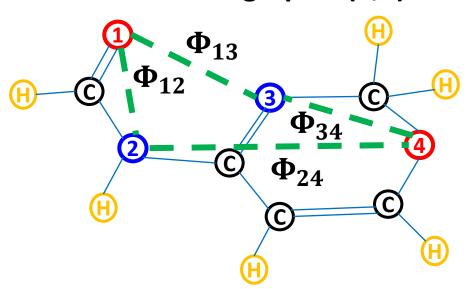


Progression (homotopy) (Chen, Zhao, Tong & Wei, DCDS-B 2020)

Obtain multiscale spectral geometry & persistent topology from k-form Hodge Laplacians!  $\Delta_k^{l,p} = \partial_{k+1}^l d_k^l + d_{k-1}^{l+p} \partial_k^{l+p}$ 

## **Algebraic Graph Theory for Biomolecules**

## Molecular graph G(V,E)



## **Laplacian matrix of** $G(V_{ON}, E)$

$$\begin{pmatrix} \Phi_{12} + \Phi_{13} & -\Phi_{12} & -\Phi_{13} & 0 \\ -\Phi_{12} & \Phi_{12} + \Phi_{24} & 0 & -\Phi_{24} \\ -\Phi_{13} & 0 & \Phi_{13} + \Phi_{34} & -\Phi_{34} \\ 0 & -\Phi_{24} & -\Phi_{34} & \Phi_{24} + \Phi_{34} \end{pmatrix}$$

# Adjacency matrix of $G(V_{ON}, E)$

$$\left( \begin{array}{cccc} 0 & \Phi_{12} & \Phi_{13} & 0 \\ \Phi_{12} & 0 & 0 & \Phi_{24} \\ \Phi_{13} & 0 & 0 & \Phi_{34} \\ 0 & \Phi_{24} & \Phi_{34} & 0 \end{array} \right)$$

Eigenvalues:  $\lambda_1^A$ ,  $\lambda_2^A$ , ...

Can one hear the shape of a drum?



Eigenvalues:  $\lambda_1^L$ ,  $\lambda_2^L$ , ...

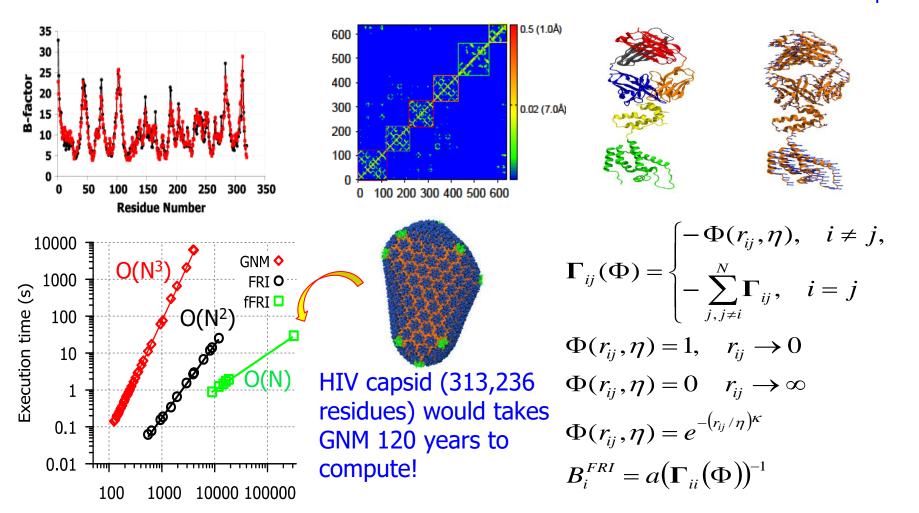
(Nguyen and Wei, JCIM, 2019)

## **Geometric Graph Theory**

- Multiscale weighted colored graphs (MWCG)
- MWCG is about 40% more accurate than Gaussian network model (GNM) in B-factor prediction, based on 364 proteins.



K. Opron



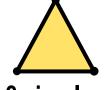
Number of residues (Opron, Xia and Wei, JCP, 2013; JCP 2014; JCP, 2015; Nguyen, et al, JCIM, 2017, Bramer and Wei, JCP, 2018. Nguyen and Wei, 2018)

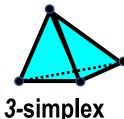
# Persistent Spectral Graph (Persistent Laplacian)

(Wang, Nguyen, Wei, IJNMBE, 2020)

Simplexes  $(\sigma^q)$ :



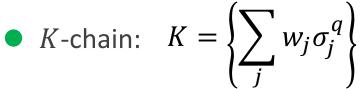




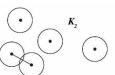


*0*-simplex 1-simplex

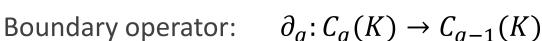
2-simplex



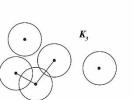


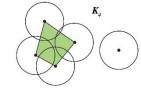


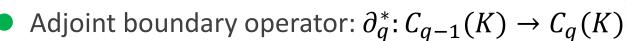


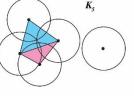


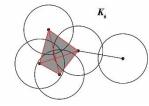
$$\partial_q \sigma^q = \sum_{j=0}^{r} (-1)^j \left\{ v_0, v_1, \dots, \widehat{v_j}, \dots, v_q \right\}$$









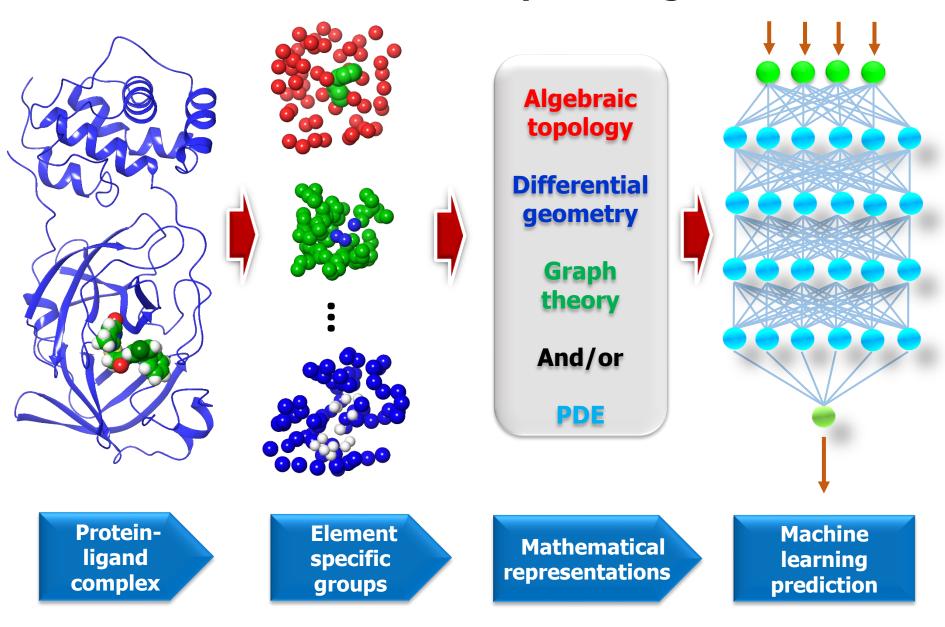


- q-combinatorial Laplacian operator:  $\Delta_q = \partial_{q+1}\partial_{q+1}^* + \partial_q^*\partial_q$
- q-combinatorial Laplacian matrix:  $\mathcal{L}_q = \mathcal{B}_{q+1}\mathcal{B}_{q+1}^T + \mathcal{B}_q^T\mathcal{B}_q$
- (Goldberg, Thesis, 2002; Horak, Jost, AIM, Betti numbers: 2013; Serrano, Gomze, Arxiv, 2019,...)

$$\beta_q = \dim(\mathcal{L}_q(K)) - \operatorname{rank}(\mathcal{L}_q(K)) = \# \text{ of zeros eigenvalues of } \mathcal{L}_q(K)$$

Multiscale spectra & topological persistence!

## **Mathematical deep learning**



# Drug Design Data Resource (D3R) Grand Challenges

- Funded in part by National Institute of General Medical Sciences
- Hosted at the University of California, San Diego
- Annually since 2015



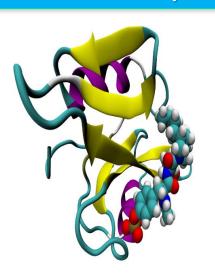




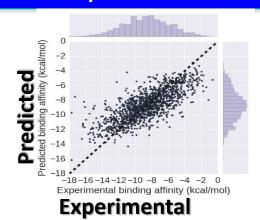
## **Drug Design Data Resource (D3R) Grand Challenge**

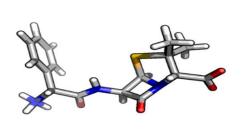
# Given data Math based GAN ROBGAN STATULATIONS Generative Adversarial Networks Training set Input math feature vector Vector Generator ROBGAN STATULATIONS Generative Adversarial Networks Training set Discriminator

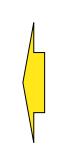
## **Predicted complex**

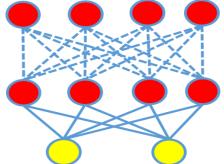


## Final predictions to be compared with experiments









**Drug pose** 

(Nguyen et al, JCAMD, 2018)

## D3R Grand Challenge 4 (2018-2019)



#### **Pose Predictions**

**BACE Stage 1A** 

Pose Predictions (Partials)



**BACE Stage 1B** 





## **Affinity Predictions**

Cathepsin Stage 1

Combined Ligand and Structure Based Scoring

Ligand Based Scoring (No participation)

Structure Based Scoring







## **BACE Stage 1**

**BACE Stage 2** 

Combined Ligand and Structure (No participation) Combined Ligand and Structure Ligand Based Scoring(Partials) (No participation) Ligand Based Scoring(No participation)

Structure Based Scoring(Partials)(No participation)Structure Based Scoring (Partials)

Free Energy Set (No participation)

Free Energy Set



p38-a

Scoring

p38-a

ABL1

Scoring (partials) 4

Scoring (partials)

Scoring (partials)

ABL1

#### D3R Grand Challenge 3 (2017-2018) (Nguyen et al, JCAMD, 2018)

### **Pose Prediction Cathepsin Stage 1A**

Cathepsin Stage 1B

Pose Predictions (partials) Pose Prediction Affinity Rankings excluding Kds  $> 10 \mu M$ 

Cathepsin Stage 1 Cathepsin Stage 2 Scoring (partials)

Scoring (partials) Free Energy Set

VEGFR2 Scoring (partials)

JAK2 SC3

Scorina Free Energy Set 🍊

**Active / Inactive Classification** VEGFR2

Scoring (partials) JAK2 SC3

Scorina Free Energy Set 🍏 👛

**Affinity Rankings for Cocrystalized Ligands** 

**Cathepsin Stage 1** Scoring (partials) Free Energy Set

JAK2 SC2

TIE2

Scoring

Scoring (partials) TIE2

Free Energy Set

Scoring (partials)

Free Energy Set 2

JAK2 SC2

Scoring (partials)

Free Energy Set 1

Cathepsin Stage 2

Scoring (partials) Free Energy Set

#### D3R Grand Challenge 2 (2016-2017)

Given: Farnesoid X receptor (FXR) and 102 ligands Tasks: Dock 102 ligands to FXR, and predict their poses,

binding free energies and energy ranking Stage 1

Pose Predictions (partials) Scoring (partials) Free Energy Set 1 (partials)

Free Energy Set 2 (partials)

Stage 2 Scoring (partials)

Free Energy Set 1 (partials) Free Energy Set 2 (partials)





## **Our performance in D3R Grand Challenges, 2016-**2019.

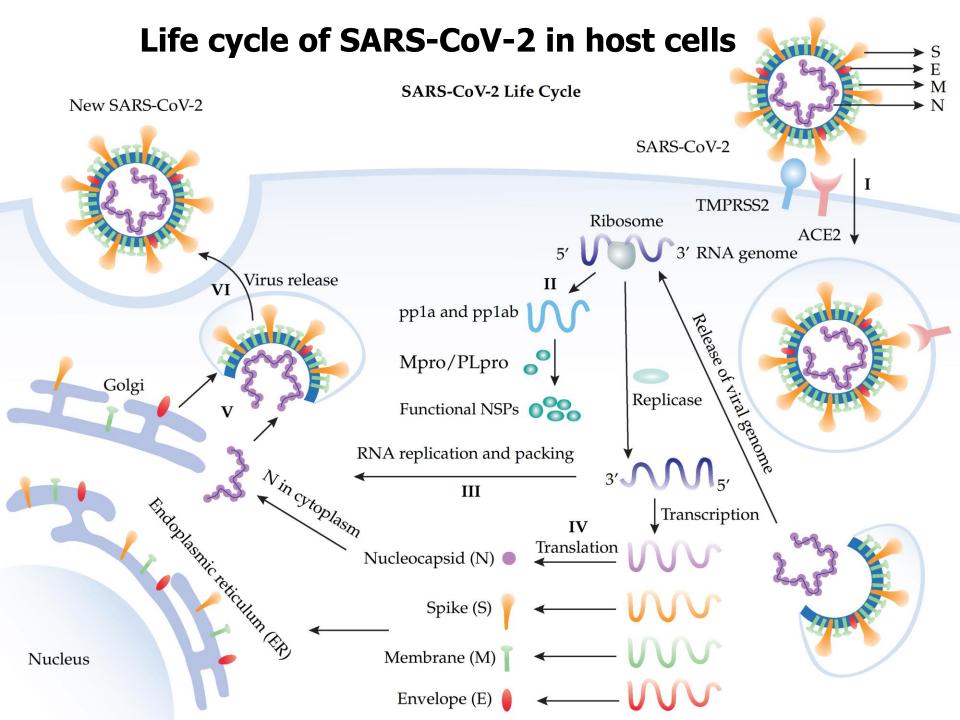


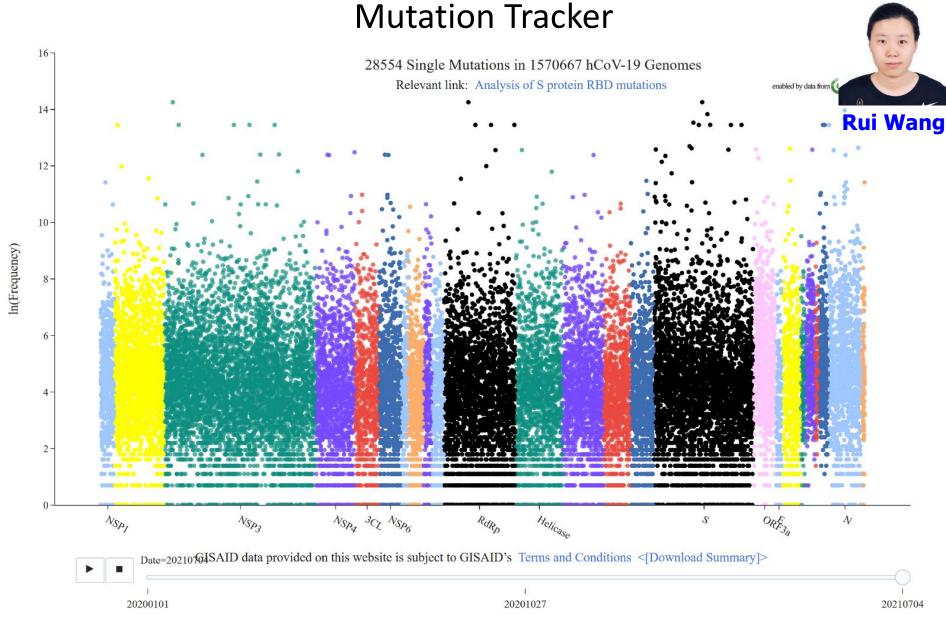




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# Mutations Strengthened SARS-CoV-2 Infectivity



We discovered the mechanism of viral transmission and evolution

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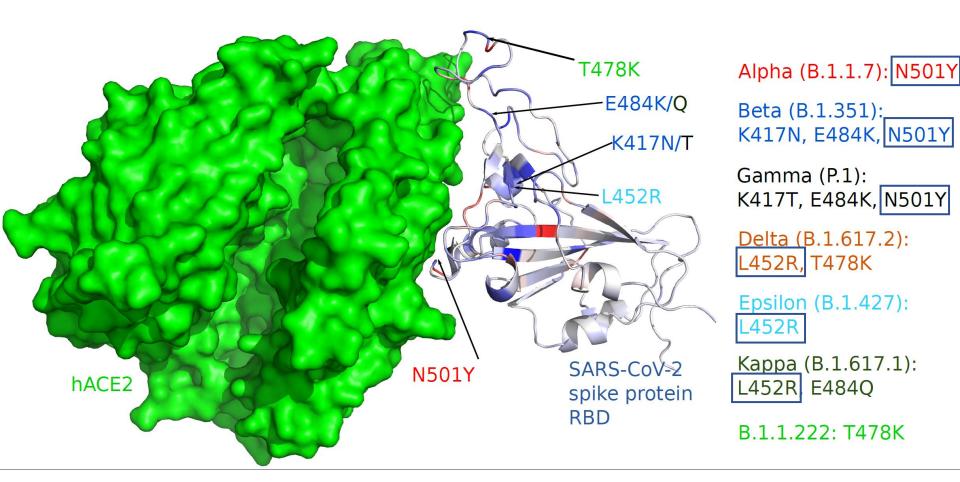
## **Abstract**

Severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2 (SARS-CoV-2) infectivity is a major concern in coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) prevention and economic reopening. However, rigorous determination of SARS-CoV-2 infectivity is very difficult owing to its continuous evolution with over 10,000 single nucleotide polymorphisms (SNP) variants in many subtypes. We employ an algebraic topology-based machine learning model to quantitatively evaluate the binding free energy changes of SARS-CoV-2 spike glycoprotein (S protein) and host angiotensin-converting enzyme 2 receptor following mutations. We reveal that the SARS-CoV-2 virus becomes more infectious. Three out of six SARS-CoV-2 subtypes have become slightly more infectious, while the other three subtypes have significantly strengthened their infectivity. We also find that SARS-CoV-2 is slightly more infectious than SARS-CoV according to computed S protein-angiotensin-converting enzyme 2 binding free energy changes. Based on a systematic evaluation of all possible 3686 future mutations on the S protein receptor-binding domain, we show that most likely future mutations will make SARS-CoV-2 more infectious. Combining sequence alignment, probability analysis, and binding free energy calculation, we predict that a few residues on the receptor-binding motif, i.e., 452, 489, 500, 501, and 505, have high chances to mutate into significantly more infectious COVID-19 strains.

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## We predicted key mutation sites in prevailing variants

Mutations at 501 and 452 in prevailing SARS-CoV-2 variants



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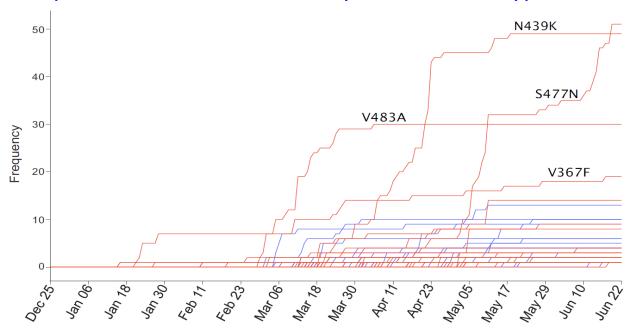
89) of all mutations on the RBD, which potentially increases the complexity of antiviral drug and vaccine development. This global analysis indicates that mutations on the RBD strengthen the binding of S protein and ACE2, leading to more infectious SARS-CoV-2.

We hypothesize that natural selection favors those mutations that enhance the viral transmission and if our predictions are correct, the predicted infectivity strengthening mutations will outpace predicted infectivity weakening mutations over time. Figure 3 illustrates the increase in the frequency of each

strengthening mutations occurred. It is interesting to note that overall, infectivity-strengthening mutations grow faster than infectivity-weakening mutations, which also reveals that SARS-CoV-2 subtypes having infectivity-strengthening mutations are able to infect more people. Specifically, frequencies of S477N, N439K, V483A, and V367F are higher than those of other mutations, indicating these mutations have a stronger transmission capacity.

The SARS-CoV-2 genotypes are clustered into six clusters or subtypes based on their single nucleotide

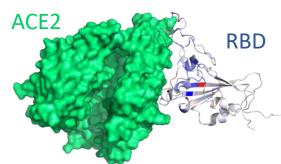
## All experiments, if done correctly, confirm our hypothesis



**Figure 3.** The time evolution of 89 SARS-CoV-2 S protein RBD mutations. The red lines represent the mutations that strengthen the infectivity of SARS-CoV-2 (i.e.,  $\triangle \triangle G$  is positive), and the blue lines represent the mutations that weaken the infectivity of SARS-CoV-2 (i.e.,  $\triangle \triangle G$  is negative). Many mutations overlap their trajectories. Here, the collection date of each genome sequence that deposited in GISAID is applied.

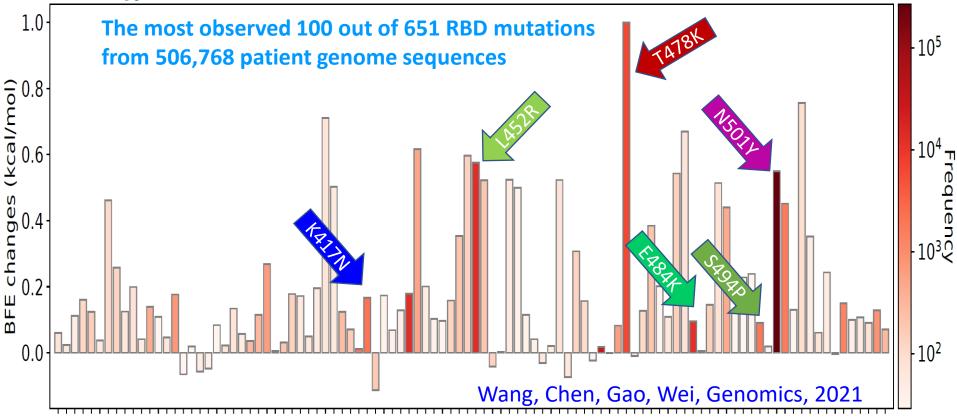
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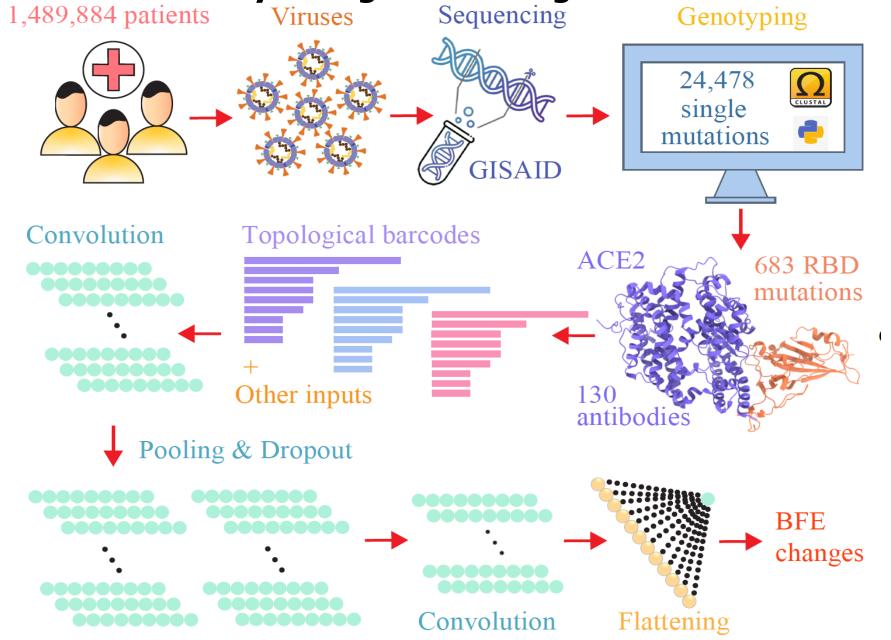
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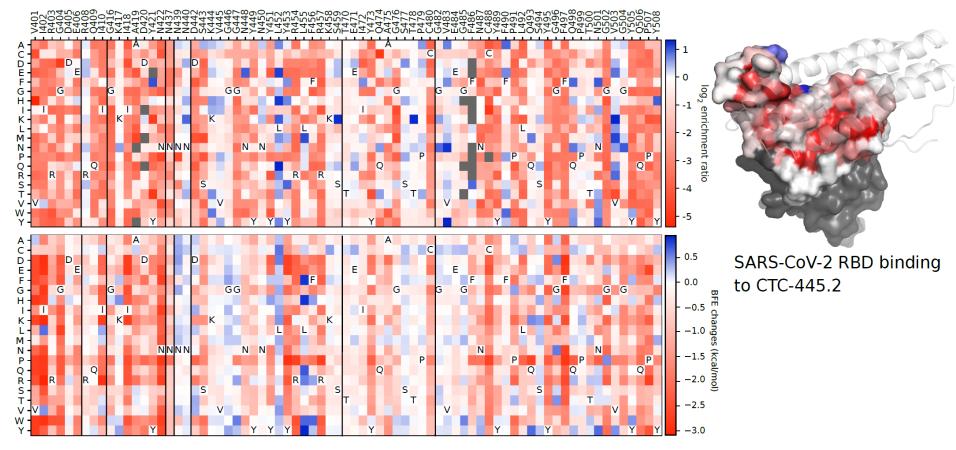


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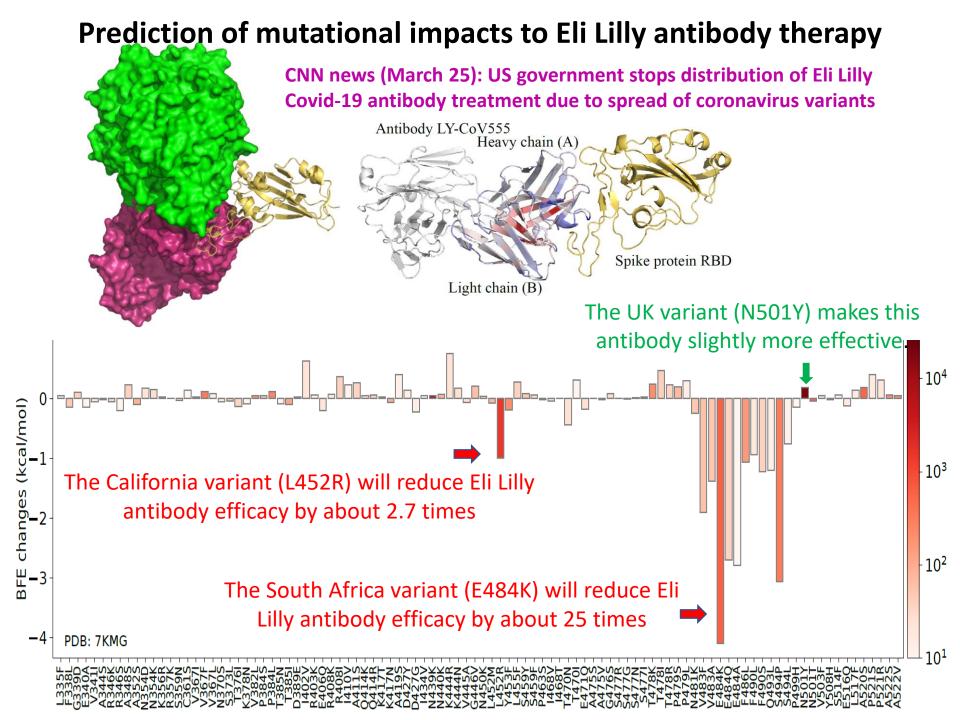
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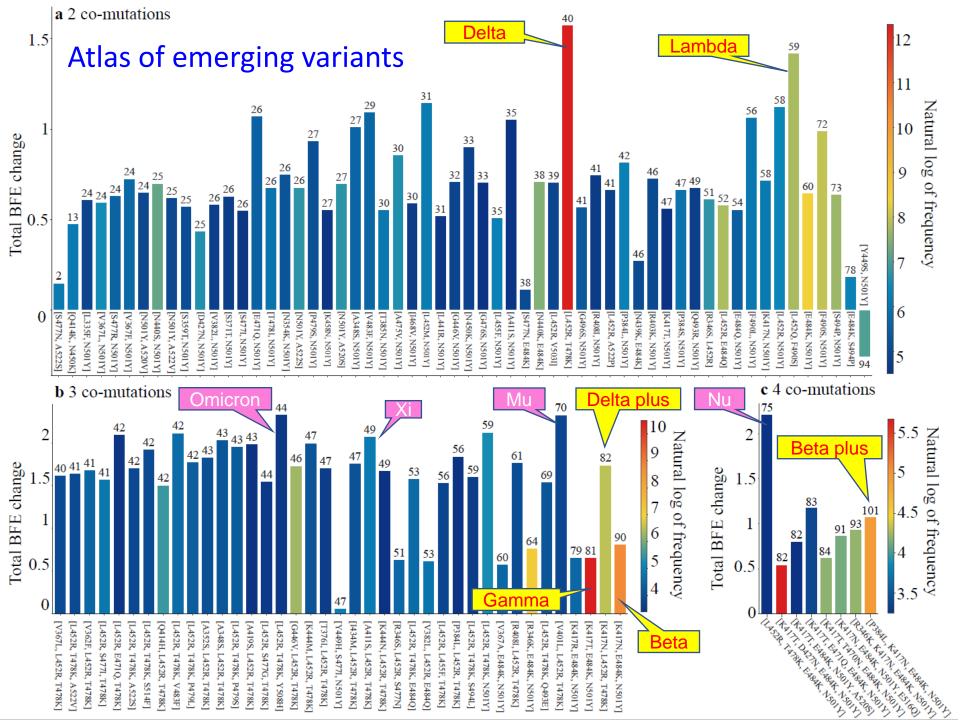


## Predictions of deep mutations



Comparison between experimental data (Top panel, Science, 370(6521): 1208, 2020) and machine learning predicted RBD-mutation-induced BFE changes (Bottom panel) for the SARS-CoV-2 S protein and CTC-445.2 complex. The high similarity between these heatmaps demonstrates the reliability of our machine learning predictions. Our model was extensive validated and trained with tens of thousands of experimental data points.





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Geometric graph				Number theory
Statistics	The la	The last frontier of science is biology.		
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Multiscale analysis	Complex analysis	Harmonic analysis	Real analysis	Stochastic analysis

