



Sharing & reusing molecular dynamics data: what did we miss?

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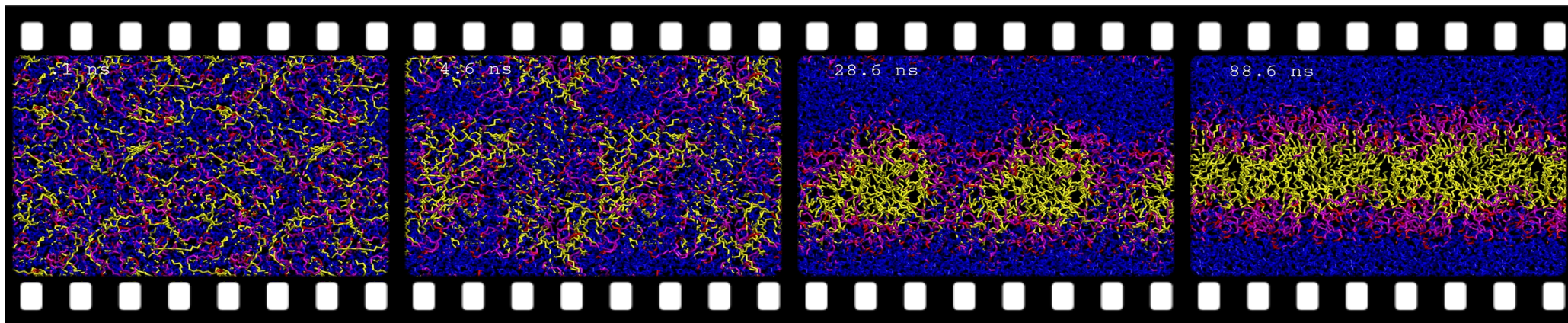
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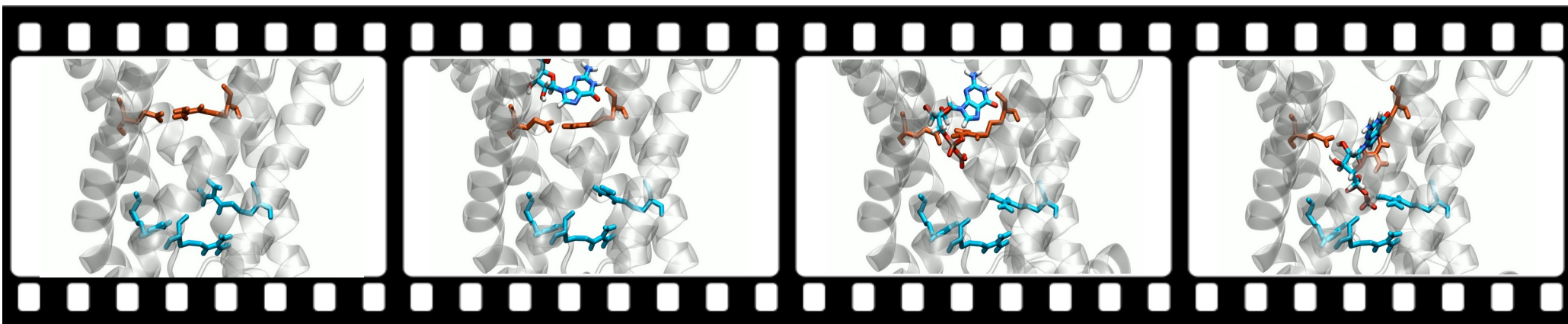


What is molecular dynamics (MD)?



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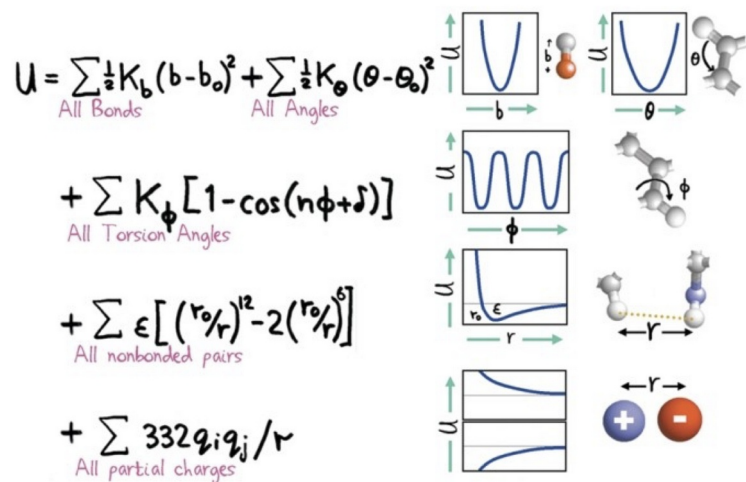
Senac et al, Langmuir, 2017. Movie by Patrick Fuchs



Gagelin et al, Nature communications, 2023.

Molecular dynamics simulations require resources

expertise



M. Levitt

GROMACS
fast, flexible & free



computer power



Source ; Photothèque CNRS/Cyril Frésillon (droits réservés)

MD simulations require large computational resources → high cost



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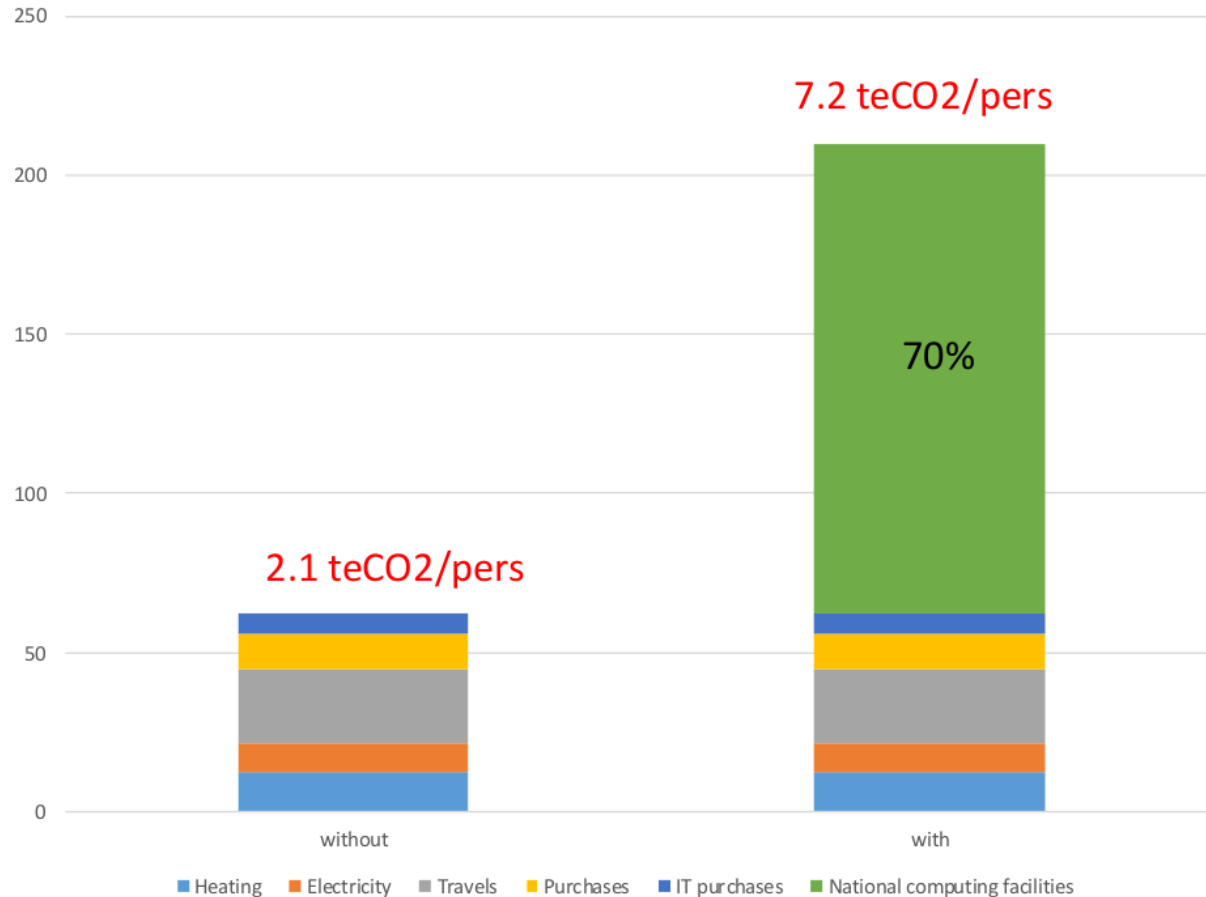


In 2023:

- GENCI, CT 7
(simulation in biology)
- 160 Mh CPU
- 10 Mh GPU
- **Total cost: 8.5 M€**

Patrick Fuchs, 2024.

MD simulations require large computational resources → high environmental cost



Sharing research data is important

- Requirements from funders, institutions, or journals
- Open science
- Reproducibility

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No raw data, no science: another possible source of the reproducibility crisis


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Community-approved data repositories for experimental (omics) data:

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- Use of generic **non-moderated** data repositories: Zenodo, Figshare, OSF, Dryad...

Welcome to the Dark Matter of MD

Data that is **technically accessible**,
but neither **indexed, curated**,
or easily **searchable**.



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MDverse, shedding light on the dark matter of molecular dynamics simulations

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Abstract The rise of open science and the absence of a global dedicated data repository for molecular dynamics (MD) simulations has led to the accumulation of MD files in generalist data repositories, constituting the *dark matter of MD*— data that is technically accessible, but neither indexed, curated, or easily searchable. Leveraging an original search strategy, we found and indexed about 250,000 files and 2000 datasets from Zenodo, Figshare and Open Science Framework. With a focus on files produced by the Gromacs MD software, we illustrate the potential offered by the mining of publicly available MD data. We identified systems with specific molecular composition and were able to characterize essential parameters of MD simulation such as temperature and simulation length, and could identify model resolution, such as all-atom and coarse-grain. Based on this analysis, we inferred metadata to propose a search engine prototype to explore the MD data. To continue in this direction, we call on the community to pursue the effort of sharing MD data, and to report and standardize metadata to reuse this valuable matter.

eLife assessment The study presents a **valuable** tool for searching molecular dynamics simulation data, making such datasets accessible for open science. The authors provide **convincing** evidence that it is possible to identify noteworthy molecular dynamics simulation datasets and that their analysis can produce information of value to the community.

Introduction

The volume of data available in biology has increased tremendously (Marx, 2013; Stephens et al., 2015), through the emergence of high-throughput experimental technologies, often referred to as -omics, and the development of efficient computational techniques, associated with high-performance computing resources. The Open Access (OA) movement to make research results free and available to anyone (including e.g. the Budapest Open Access Initiative and the Berlin declaration on Open Access to Knowledge) has led to an explosive growth of research data made available by scientists (Wilson

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A universal search engine for MD open data

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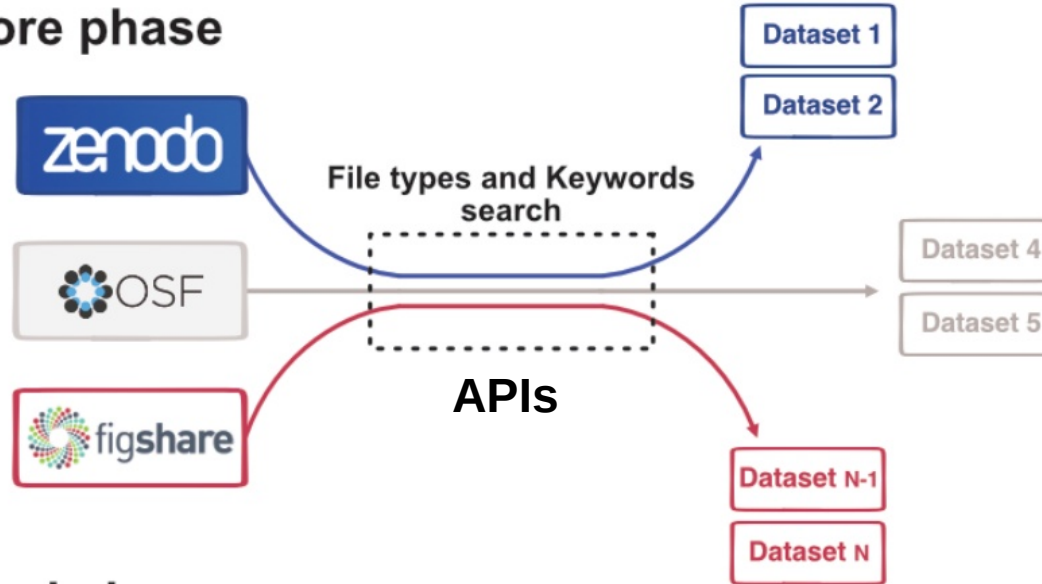
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1. Find and index **scattered** MD data
2. Extract, enhance and explore **metadata**
3. Assess **accessibility** and **reusability**
(from FAIR principles)

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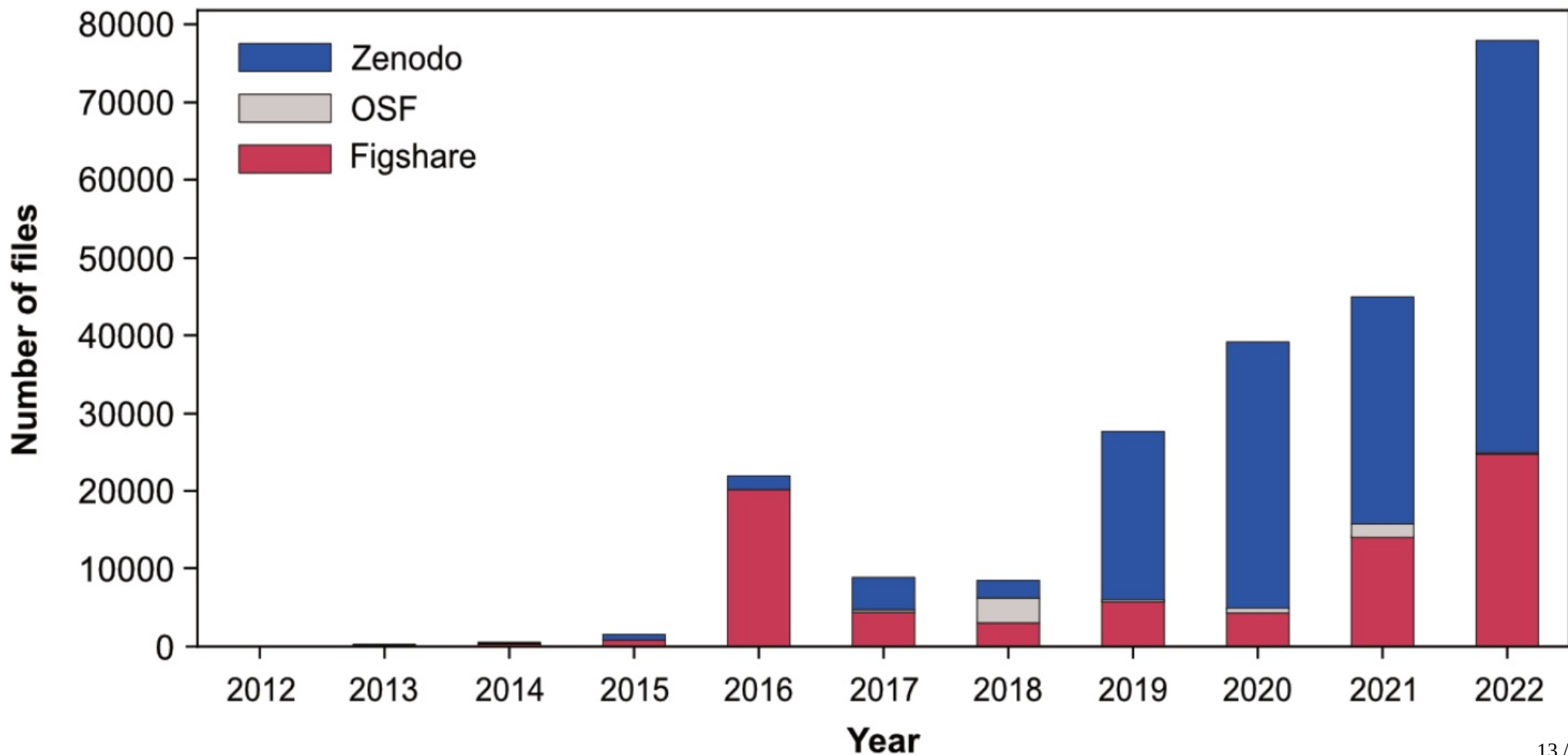
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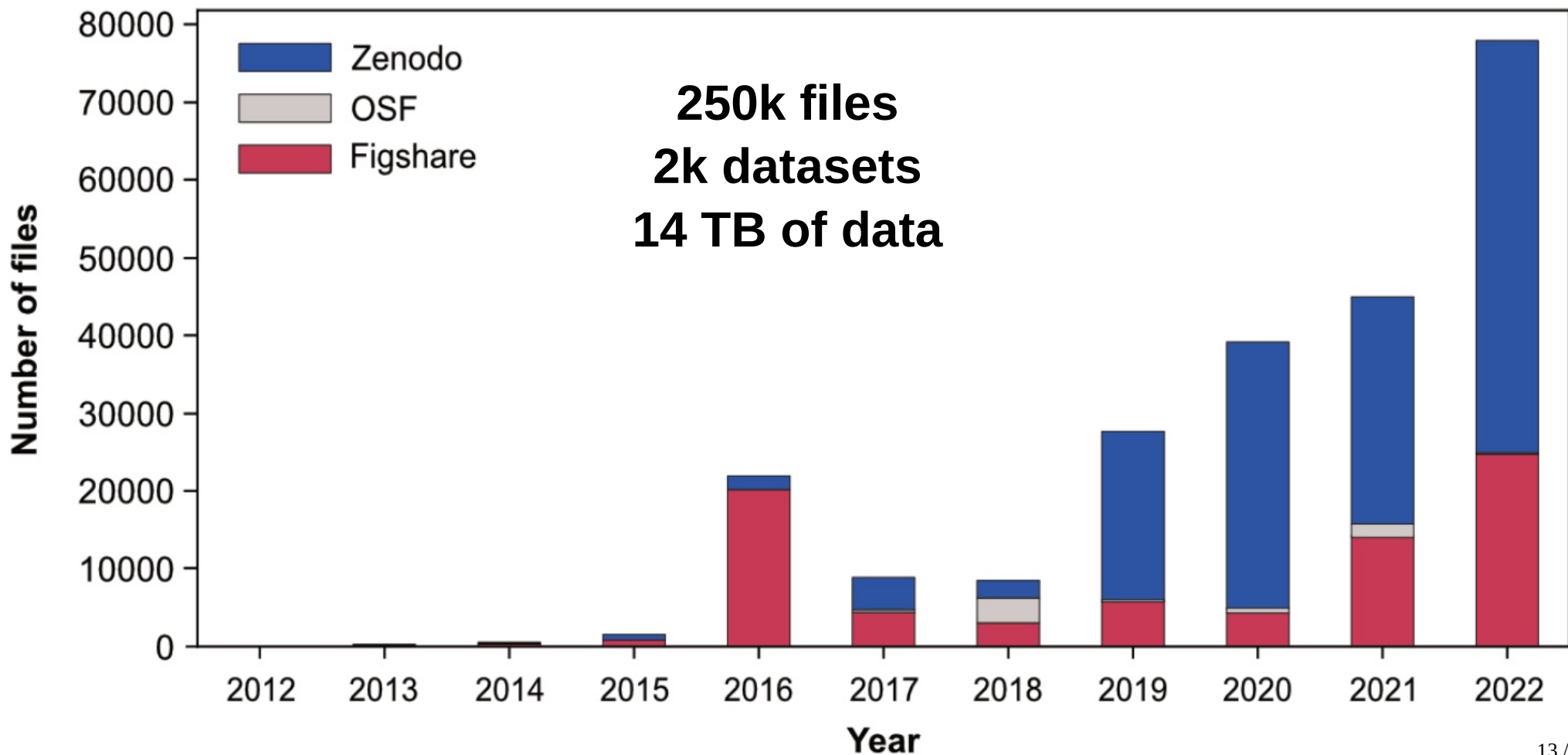
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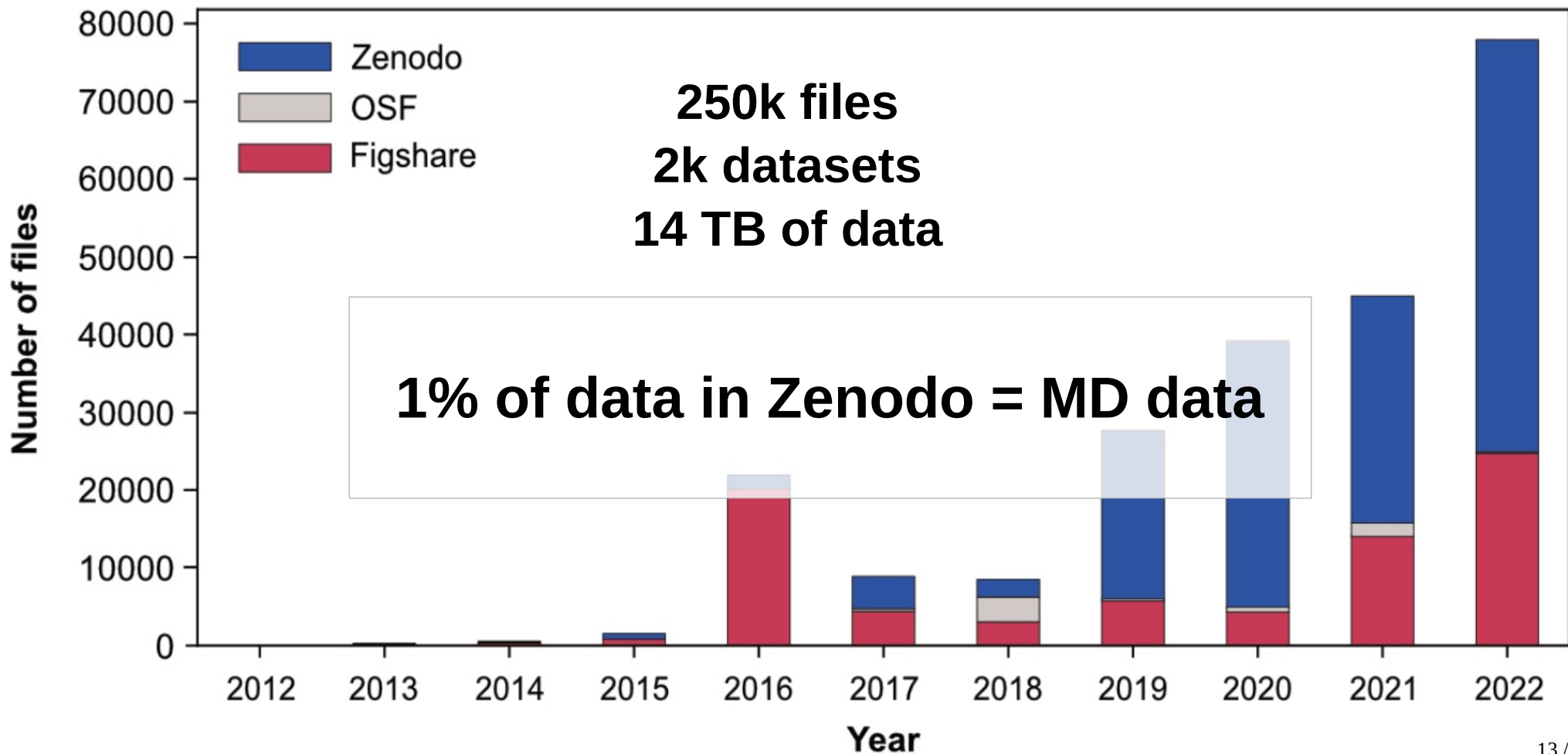
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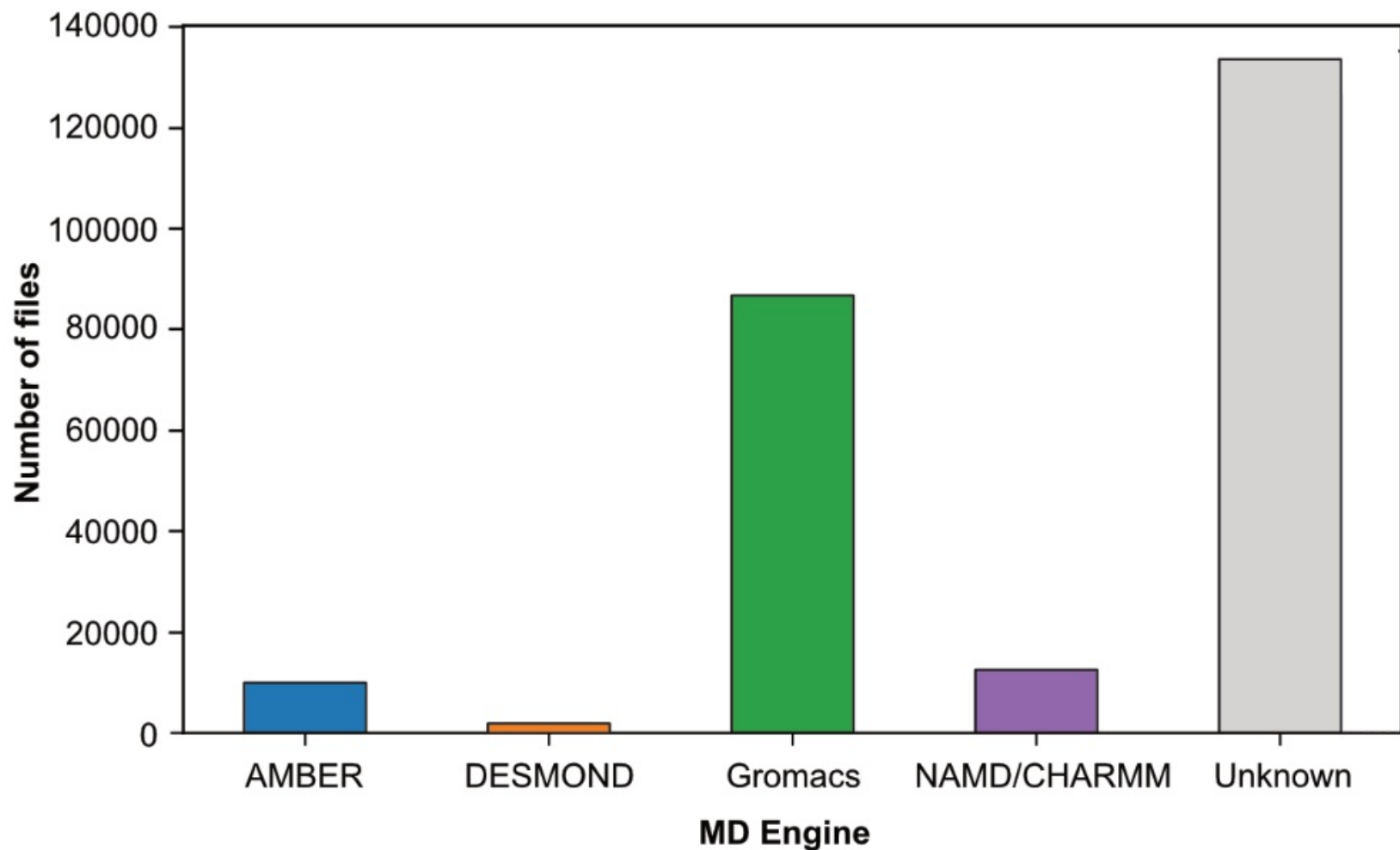
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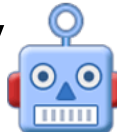


Natural language
metadata (good) 

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Controlled vocabulary
metadata (better) 

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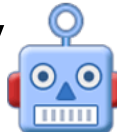


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Metadata for MD simulation: identity of simulated molecules, temperature, length, force field, software...

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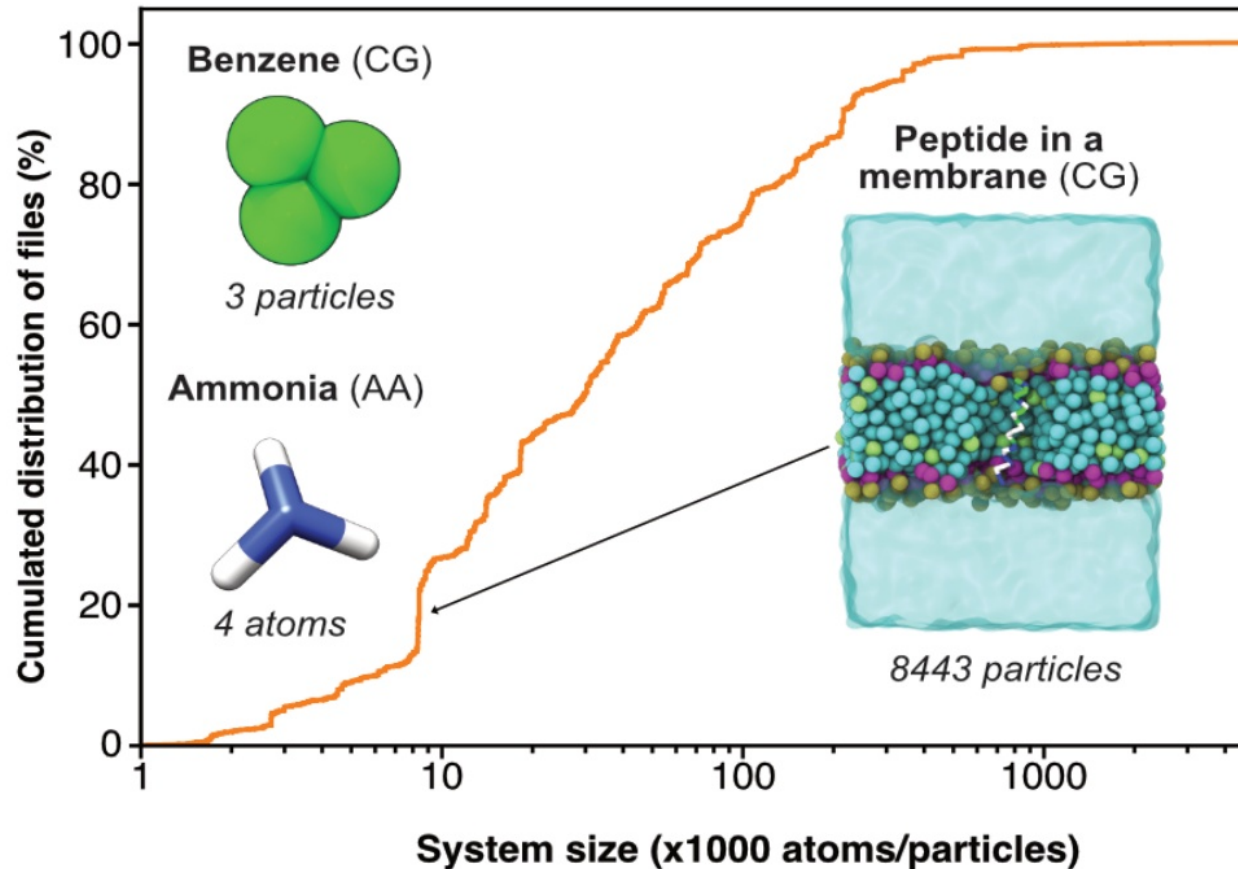
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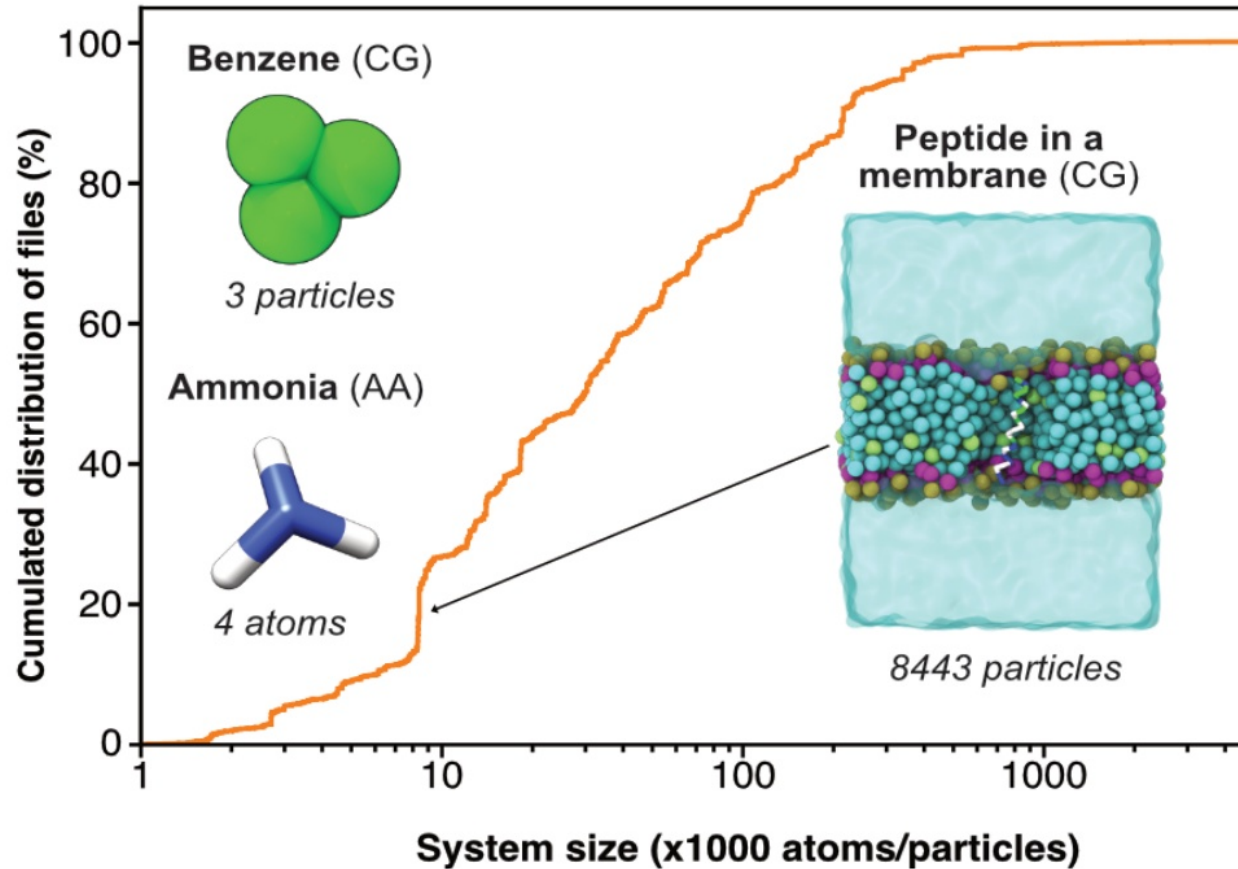


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Open the file and extract metadata

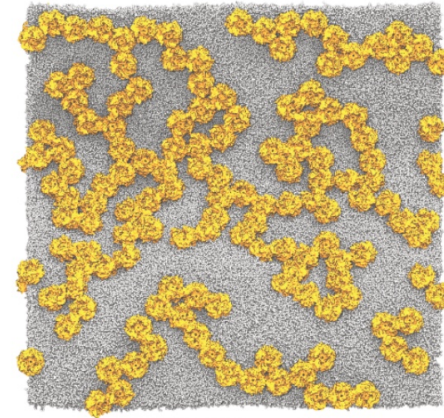
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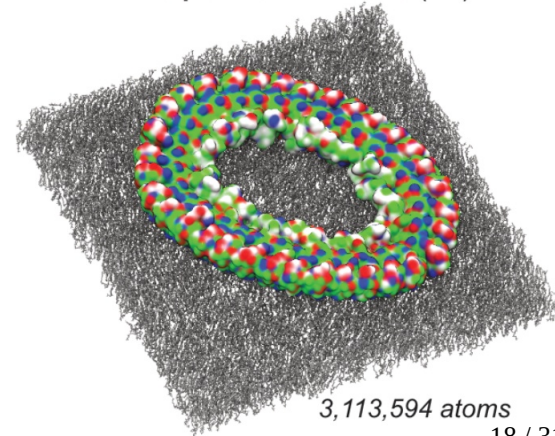


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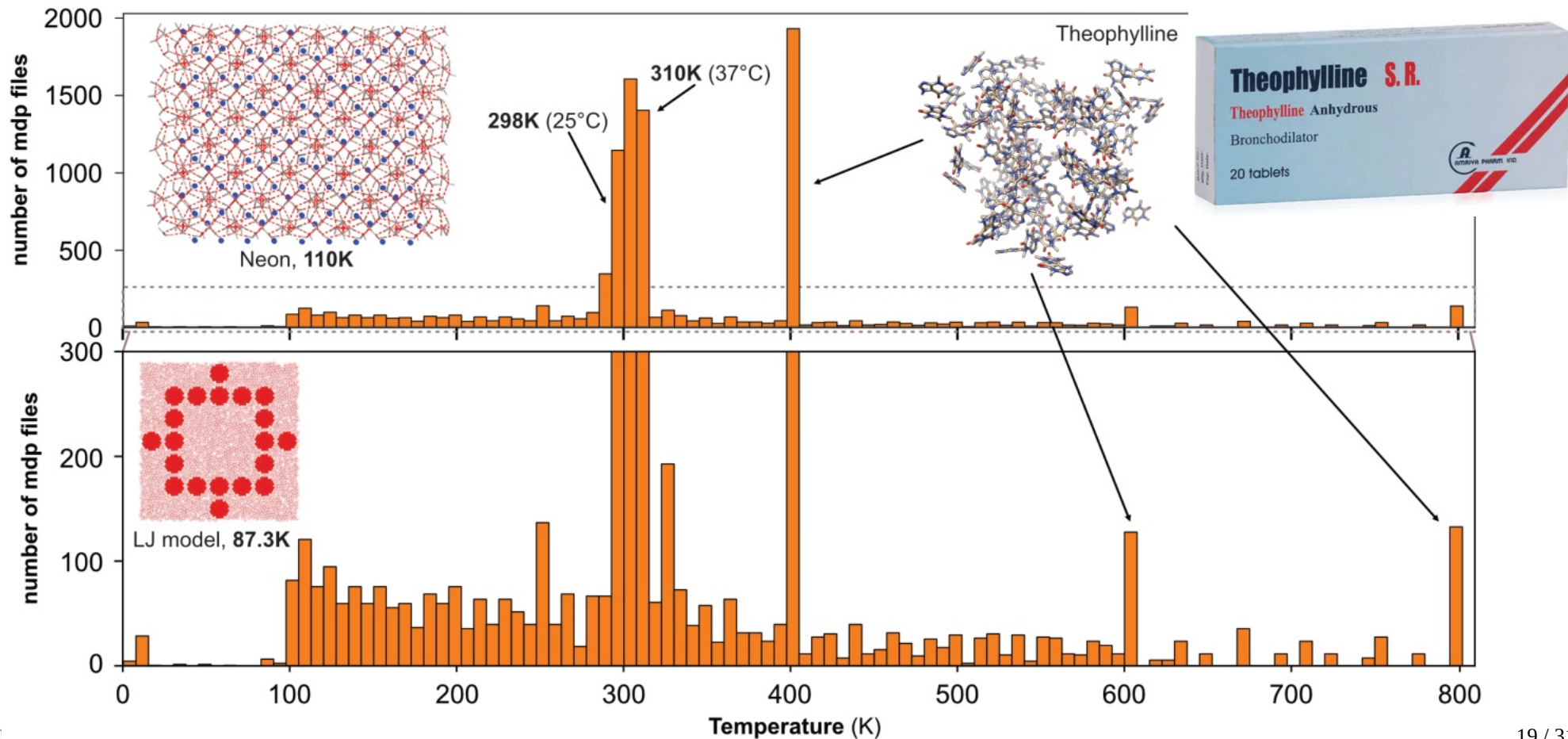
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Step 2: Explore metadata



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- MDP files

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Wilkinson et al., Scientific Data, 2016.

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- Sharing and storing data cost **money** and **energy**
- Dynamic generative deep-learning models?
(Need for high quality, curated data)

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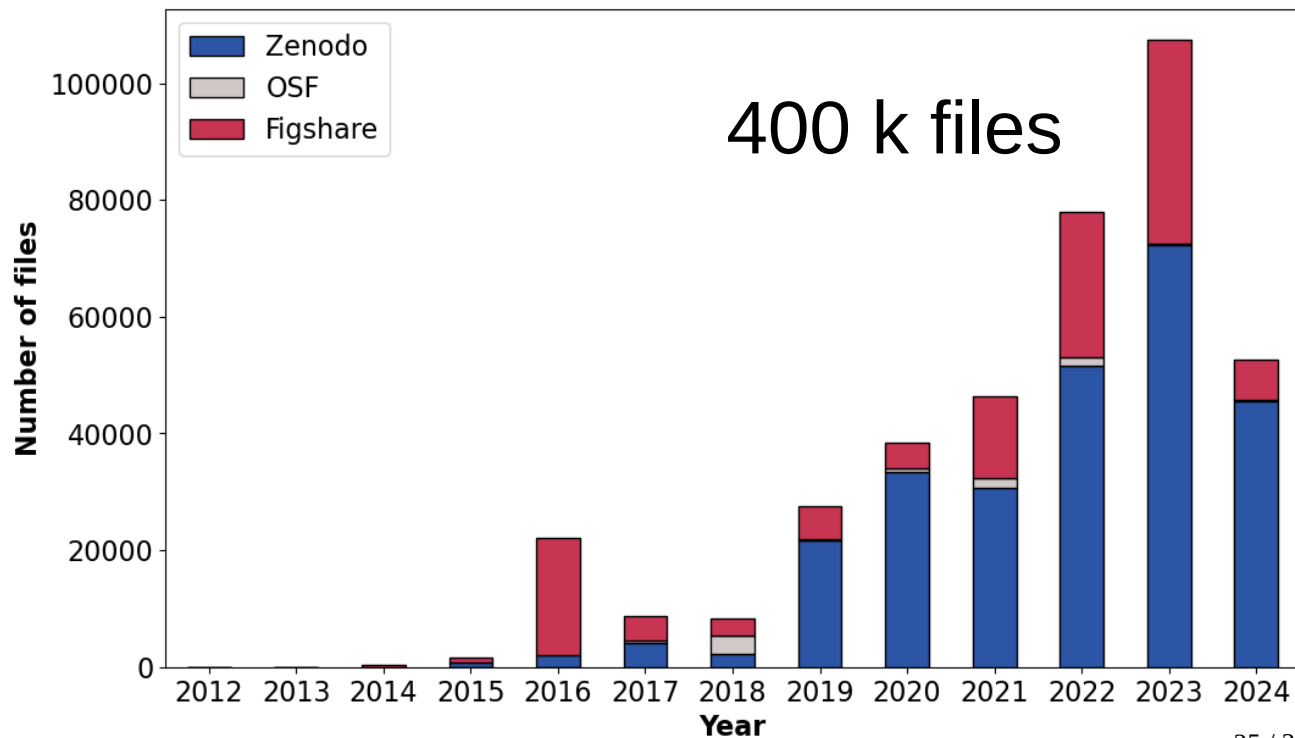
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Text mining / Named Entity Recognition

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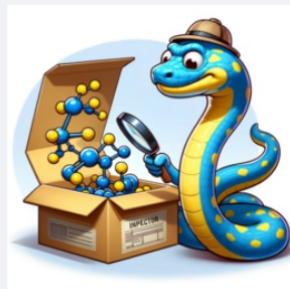
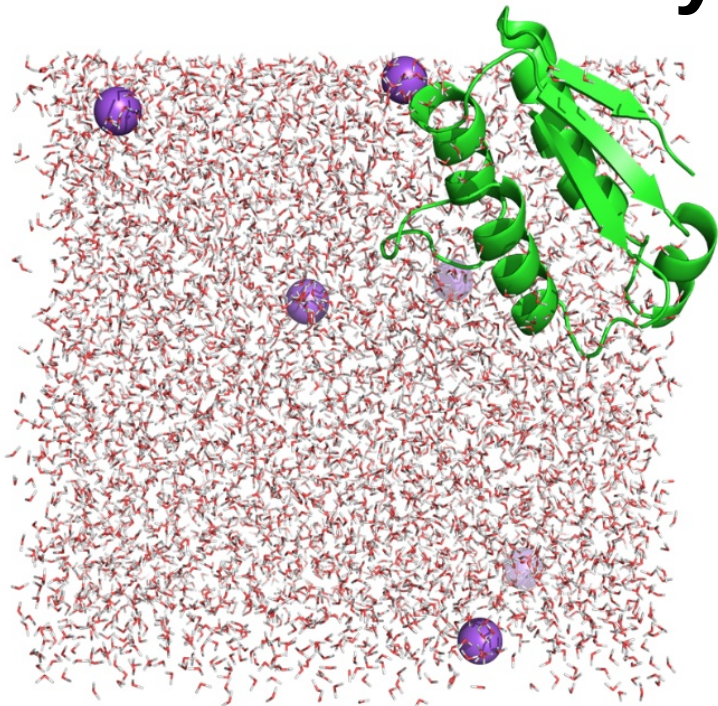
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GroDecoder

Choose a structure file



Drag and drop file here

Limit 500MB per file • PDB, GRO

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Options:

- Check overlapping residue
- Check connectivity (add degree and number of edge in the fingerprint)

Threshold value ('auto' or any positive value):

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Karine Duong

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Linked User-driven Multidisciplinary Exploration Network
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Involved communities: SSH, Maths, Earth System,
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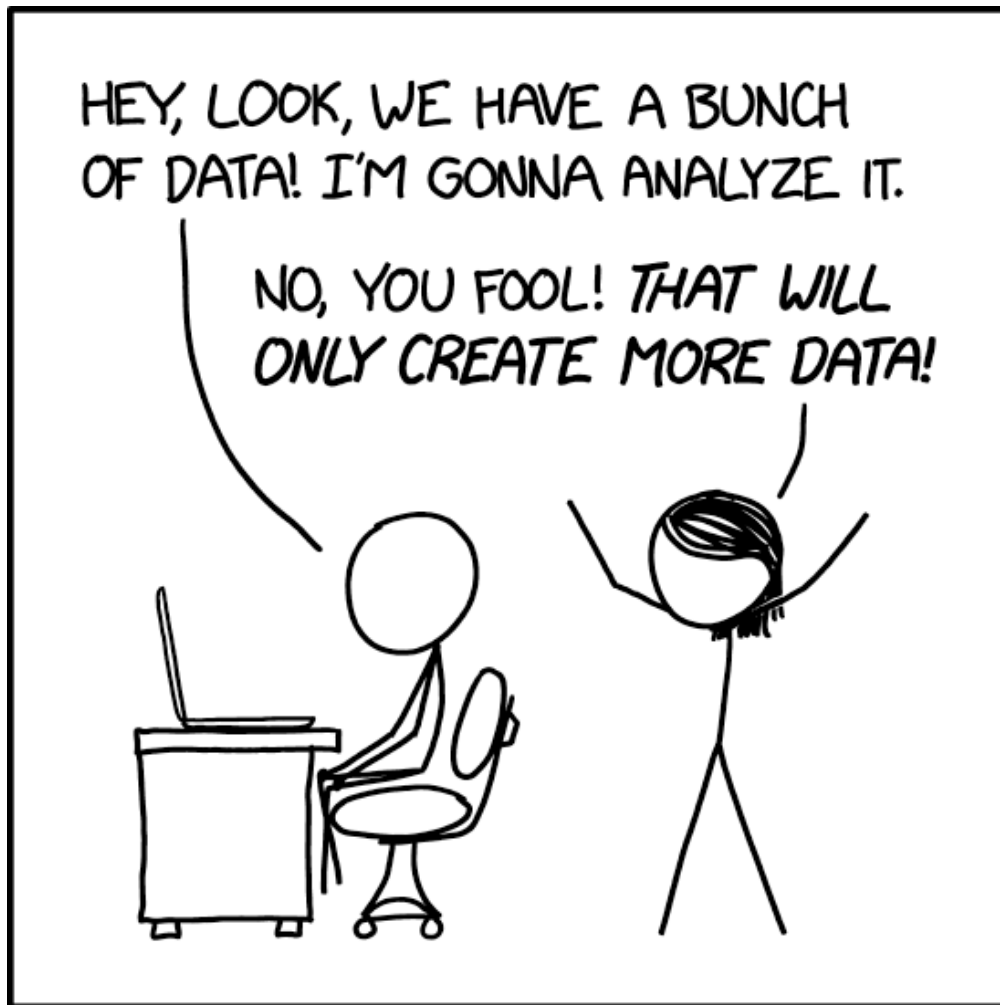
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