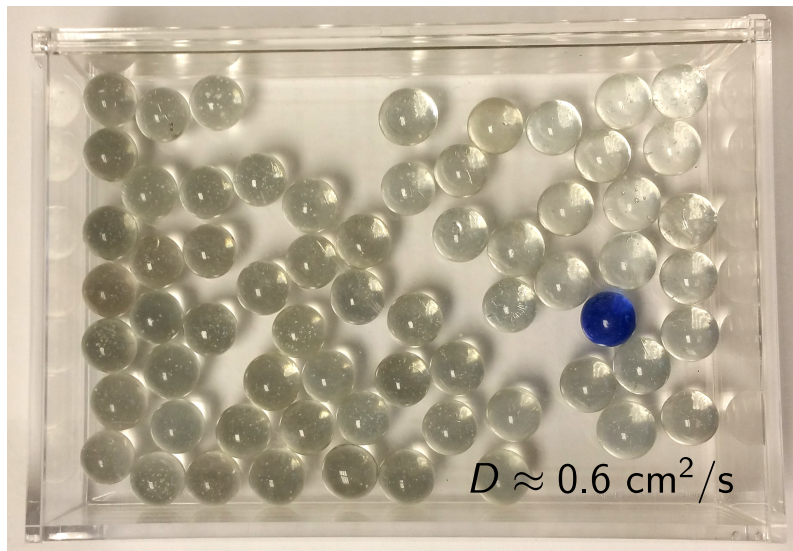
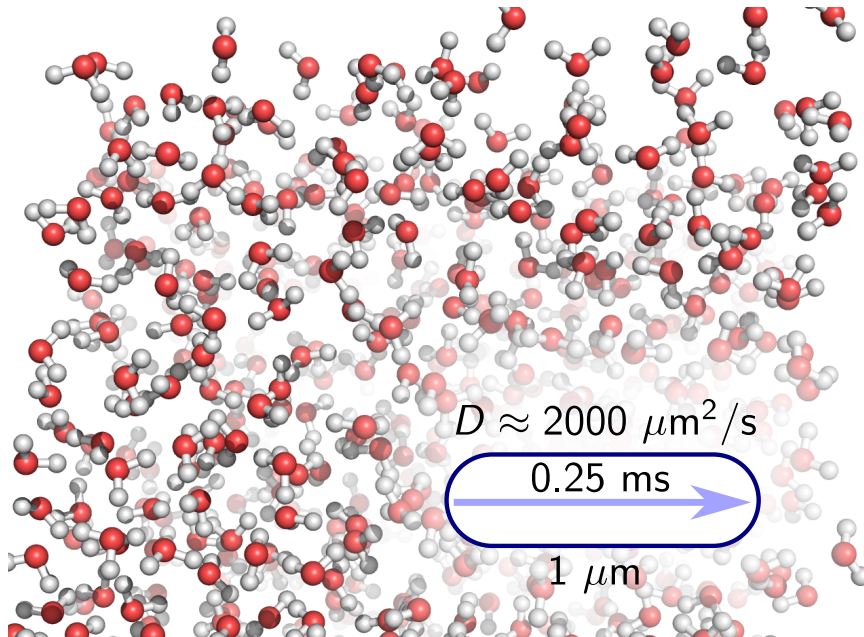


## Marble in a shaking box

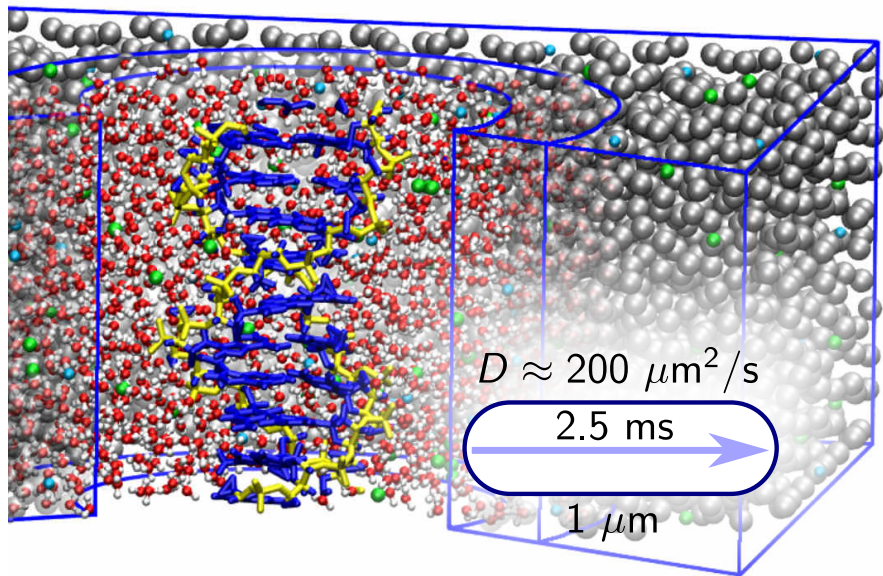


takes roughly  $t = L^2/(2D) = 213 \text{ s}$  to diffuse  $L = 16 \text{ cm}$  along x-axis

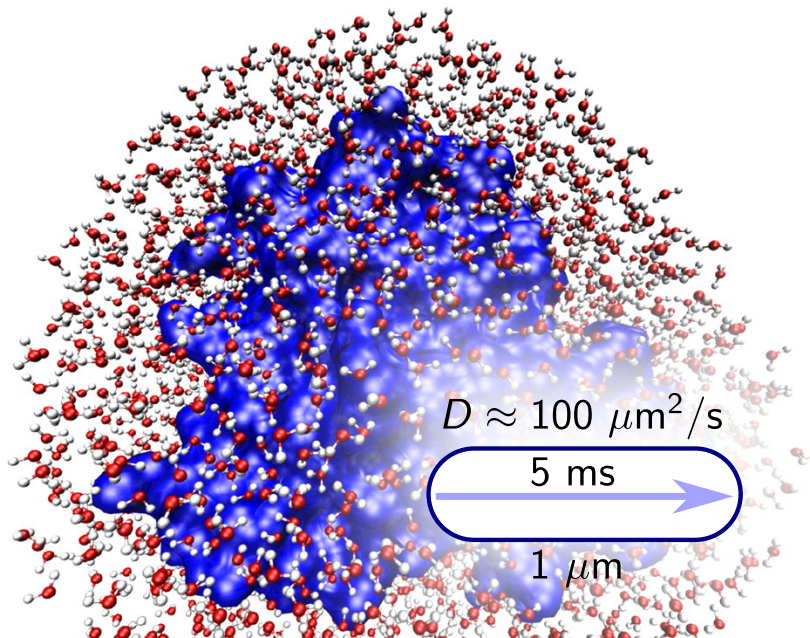
Water molecule [0.3 nm diameter] surrounded by water



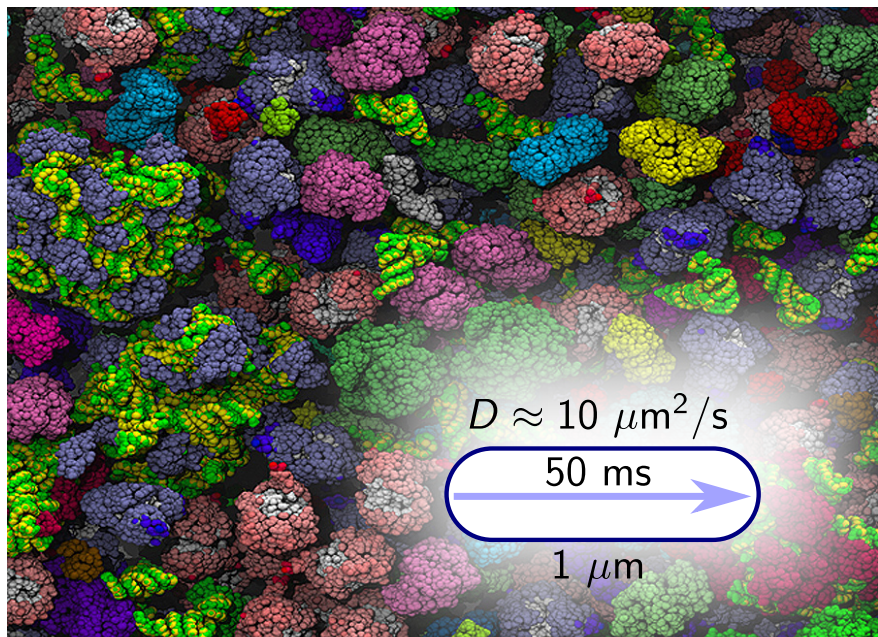
# Water molecule inside cell nucleus



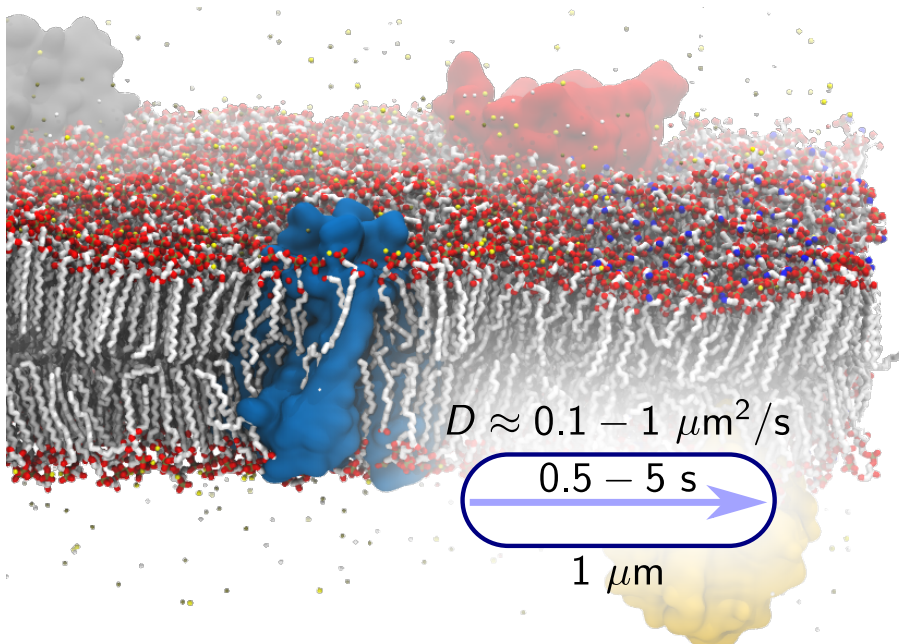
Protein [2 nm diameter] surrounded by water



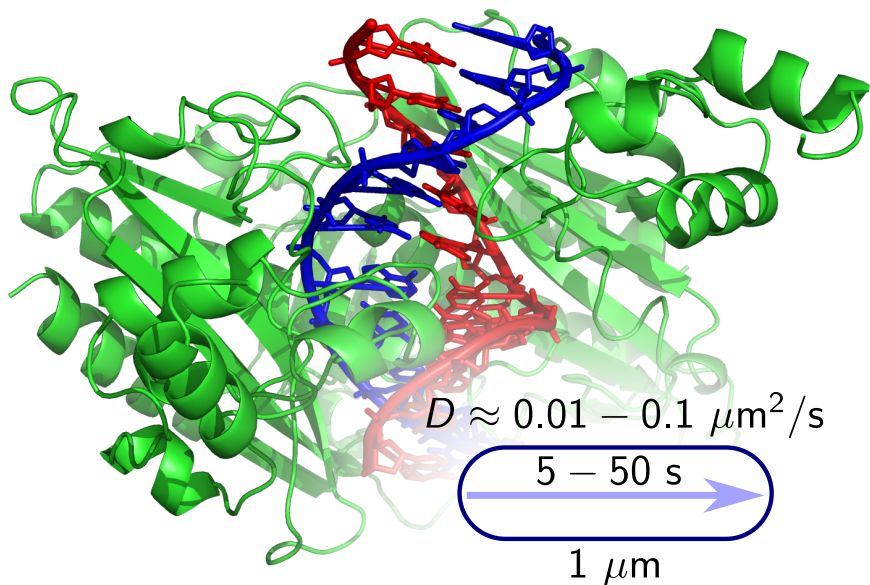
# Protein inside cell



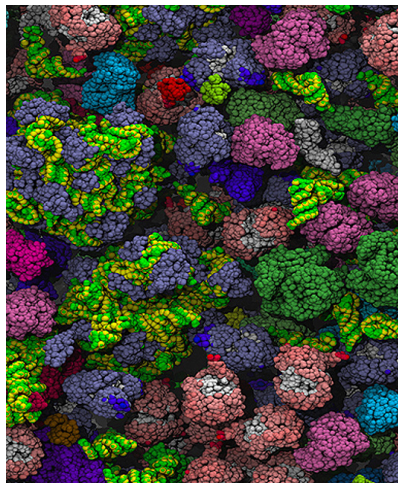
# Protein bound to membrane



## Protein sliding along DNA



## Protein inside cell: different cell sizes

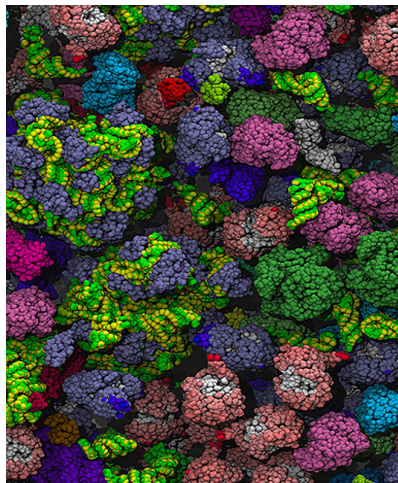


Typical time to diffuse across:

1  $\mu\text{m}$  bacterium: 0.05 s



## Protein inside cell: different cell sizes

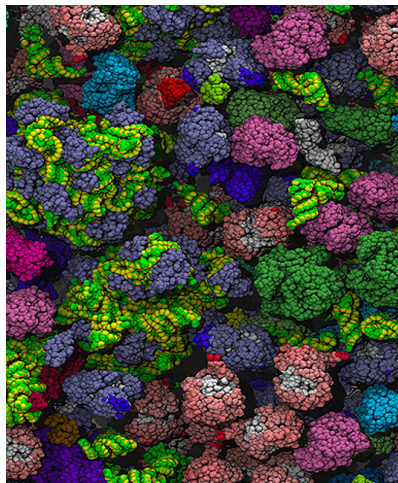


Typical time to diffuse across:

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10  $\mu\text{m}$  human cell: 5 s

## Protein inside cell: different cell sizes



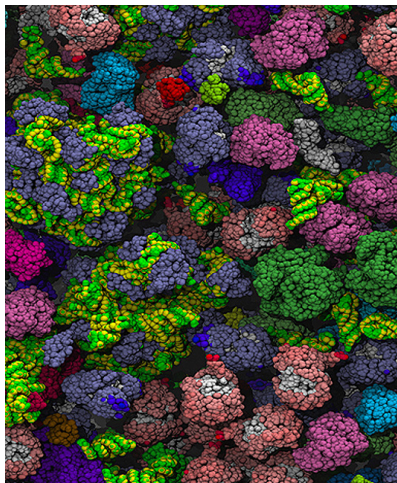
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3 m giraffe neck neuron: **14,000 yrs !!**

## Protein inside cell: different cell sizes



Typical time to diffuse across:

|                              |                      |
|------------------------------|----------------------|
| 1 $\mu\text{m}$ bacterium:   | 0.05 s               |
| 10 $\mu\text{m}$ human cell: | 5 s                  |
| 3 m giraffe neck neuron:     | <b>14,000 yrs !!</b> |



**Giraffes do  
not exist.**