BioCoRE Submits, Runs, and Visualizes Your Simulation From Afar

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BioCoRE Overview

BioCoRE is a collection of web-based tools that:

- Forms a complete environment for biomedical research
- Allows single password login
- Is freely available

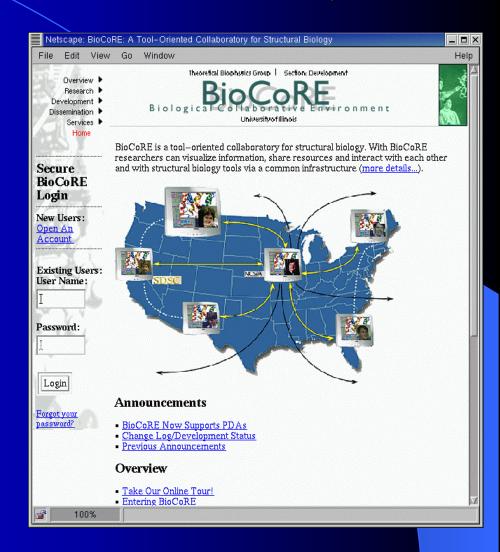
BioCoRE consists of Java servlets accessed through secure Apache with a database back end



BioCoRE Goals

(Biological Collaborative Research Environment)

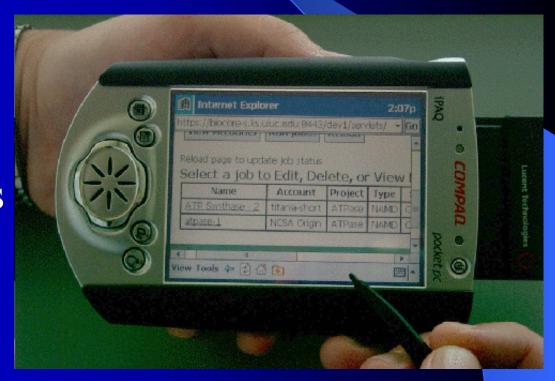
- Enhance the research process
- Increase researcher effectiveness
- Improve collaborations





Accessing BioCoRE

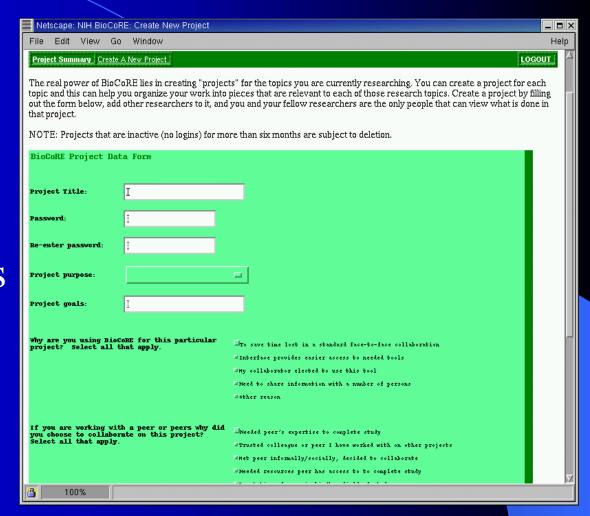
- Standard web browser
 - BioCoRE applets require Java support
- Windows
- Unix
- Mac OS
- PocketPC PDAs





BioCoRE Projects

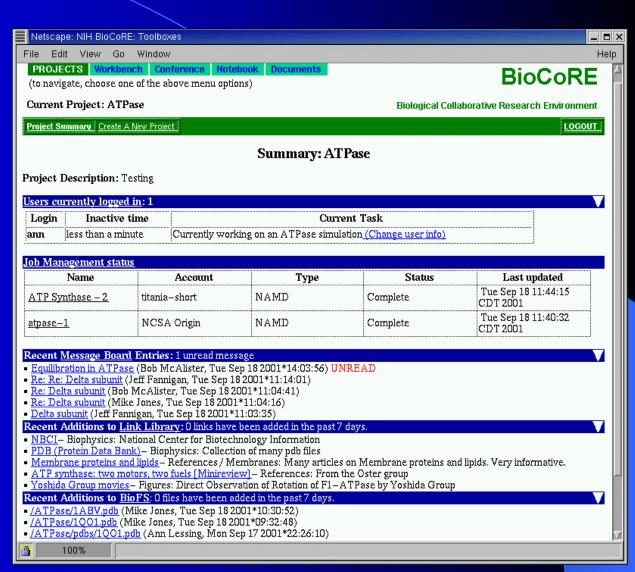
- Organized around *Projects*
- Projects are secure (only project members can see project data)





BioCoRE Tool Areas

- Workbench
- Conferences
- Notebook
- Documents





Workbench Tools

- Simulation Configuration File Generator
- Supercomputer Job Management
- VMD* Save/Load state
- JMV** Java Molecular Viewer Java3D applet

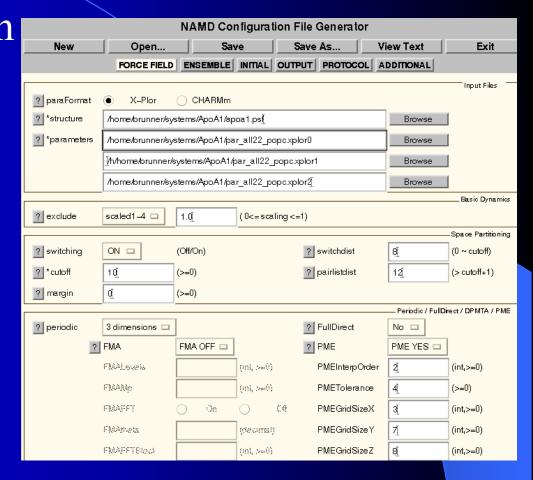
*http://www.ks.uiuc.edu/Research/vmd/

^{**}http://www.ks.uiuc.edu/Development/jmv/



Configuration File Generator

- Simplifies creation of NAMD* input files
- Checks for common input errors
- Java applet

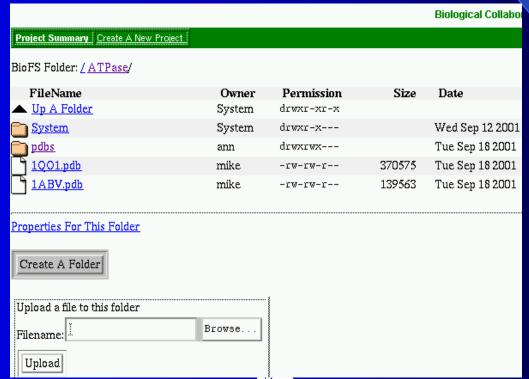


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BioFS File System

- Web-based File system
- High bandwidth utilized
- WebDAV support



Supercomputer Job Management

- Submits and monitors supercomputer jobs
- Accesses multiple supercomputers from a single web page
- Handles system-specific aspects (queues, file directories, etc.) automatically



Supercomputer Job Management

Single-screen summary of jobs

ent Project: ATPase	Biological Collaborative Research E
t Summary Create A New Project	
Jobs	
View All Jobs View Accounts Run job Reload	

Reload page to update job status

Select a job to Edit, Delete, or View Details

Name	Account	Project	Туре	Status	Last updated
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atpase-1		ATPase	NAMD	Complete	Tue Sep 18 11:40:32 CDT 200

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Reload Control Panel



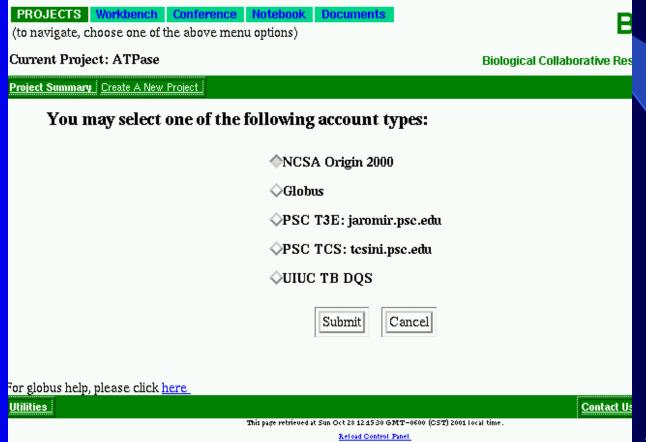
Registering Supercomputer Accounts with BioCoRE

- User needs account on desired supercomputer
- No need to remember supercomputer passwords



BioCoRE Account Registration

- User selects supercomputer
- SC account accessed via Globus or SSH

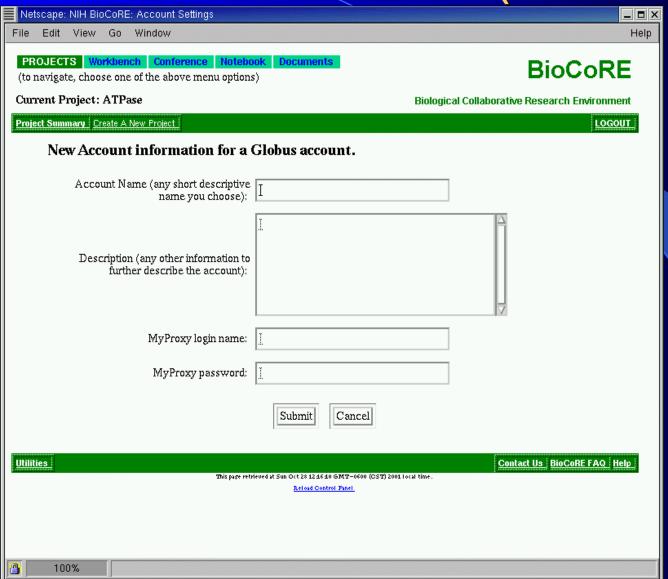


Globus Support

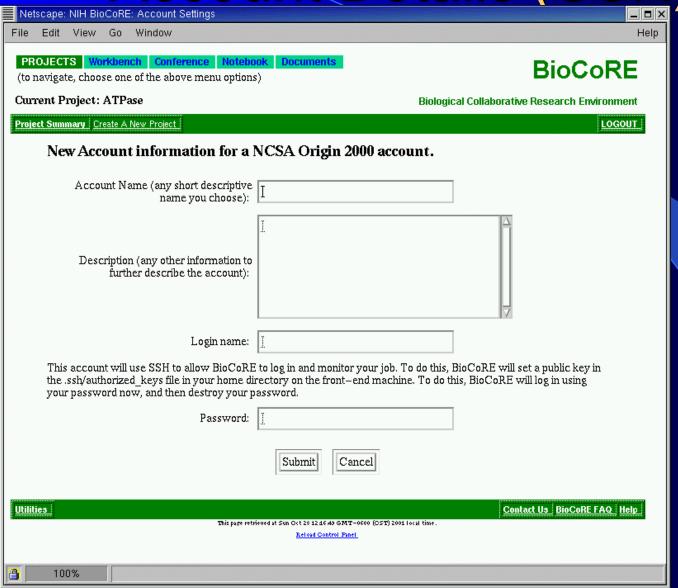
- Uses standard BioCoRE user interface
- Supports Alliance machines
- Certificates set up by users
- BioCoRE obtains user certificates via the MyProxy credential server



Account Details (Globus)

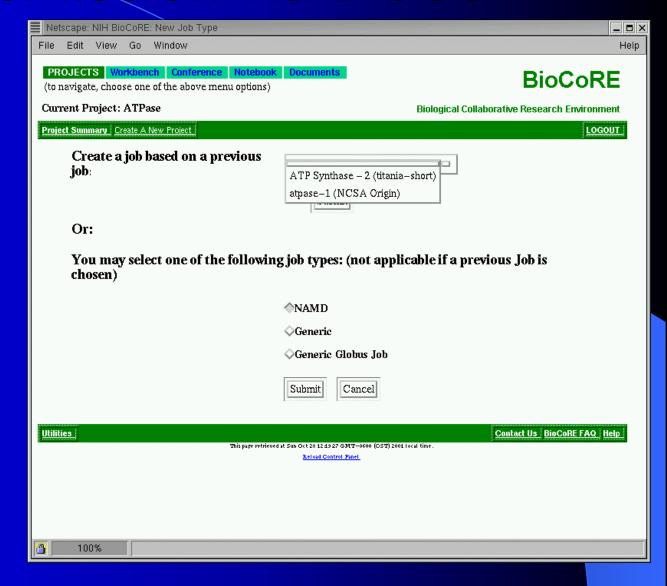


Account Details (SSH)



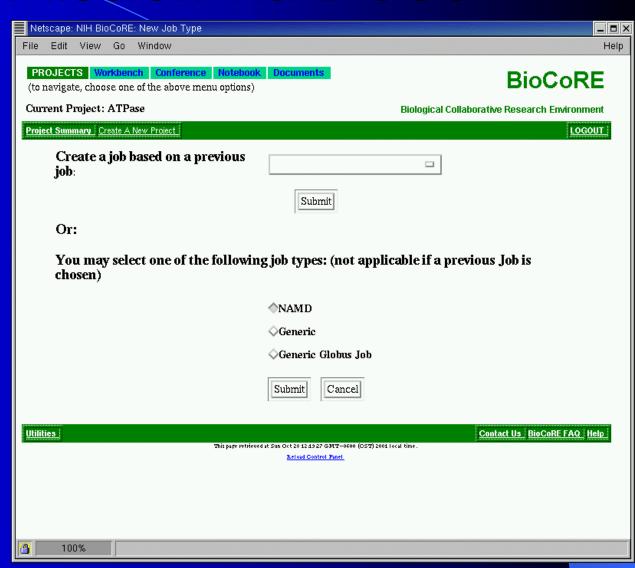


Submit a new job based on previous job parameters





- Submit a new job based on previous job parameters
- (or create a new one)





- Select account
- Check queue status



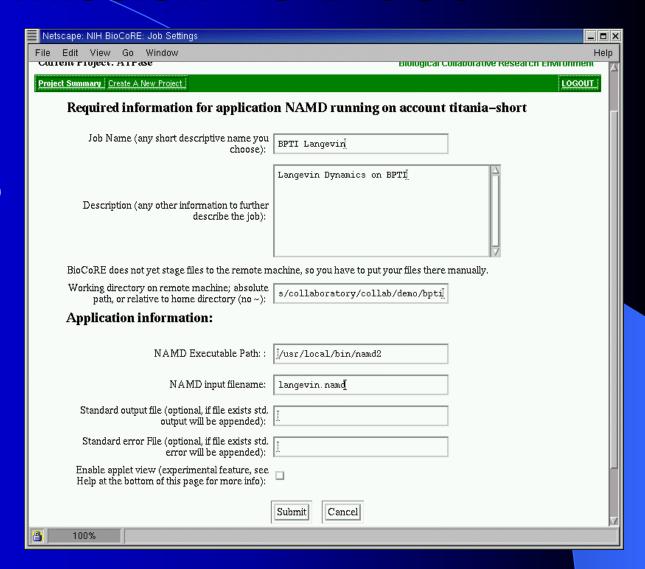


Set the job parameters

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File Edit View Go Window	Help					
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Project Summary Create A New Project	LOGOUT					
Required information for application NAMD running on account titania-short						
Job Name (any short descriptive name you choose):	I					
Description (any other information to further describe the job):						
BioCoRE does not yet stage files to the remote m	achine, so you have to put your files there manually.					
Working directory on remote machine; absolute path, or relative to home directory (no ∼):						
Application information:						
NAMD Executable Path: :	j/usr/local/bin/namd2					
NAMD input filename:	<u>I</u>					
Standard output file (optional, if file exists std. output will be appended):	<u>I</u>					
Standard error File (optional, if file exists std. error will be appended):	Y					
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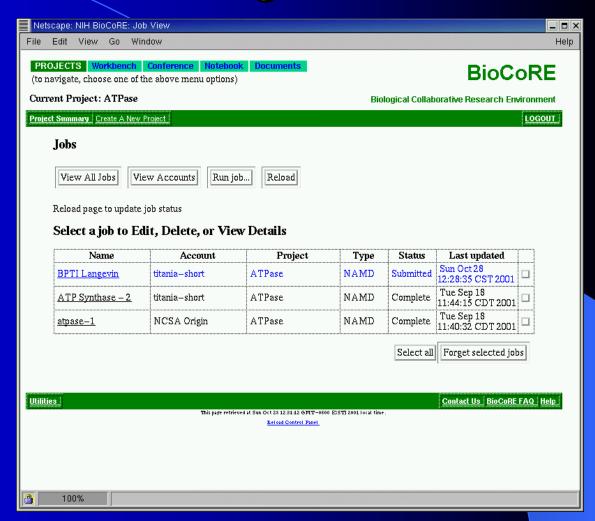
- Set the job parameters
- Submit job





Monitor Running Jobs

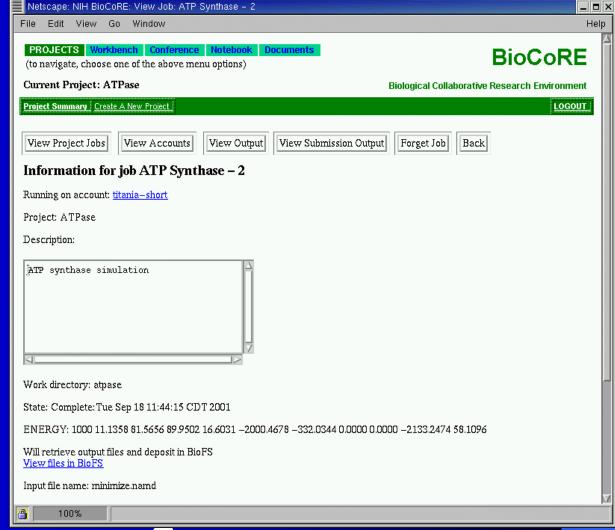
The new job has been submitted





BioCoRE Job Details

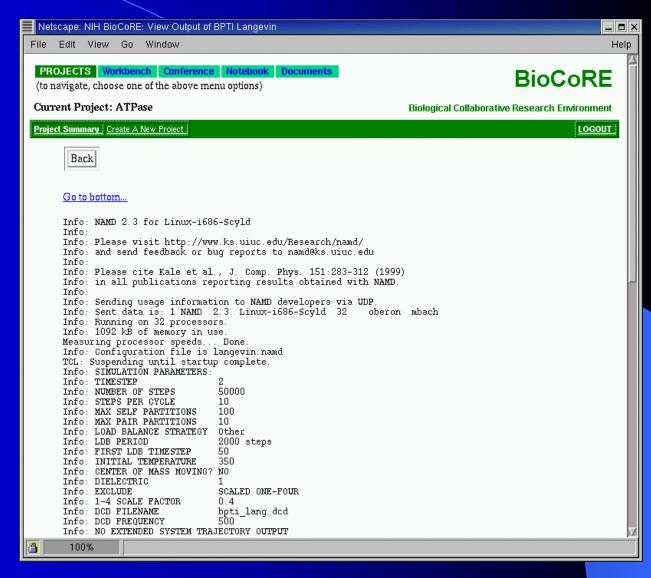
Details of running jobs can be displayed





BioCoRE Job Details

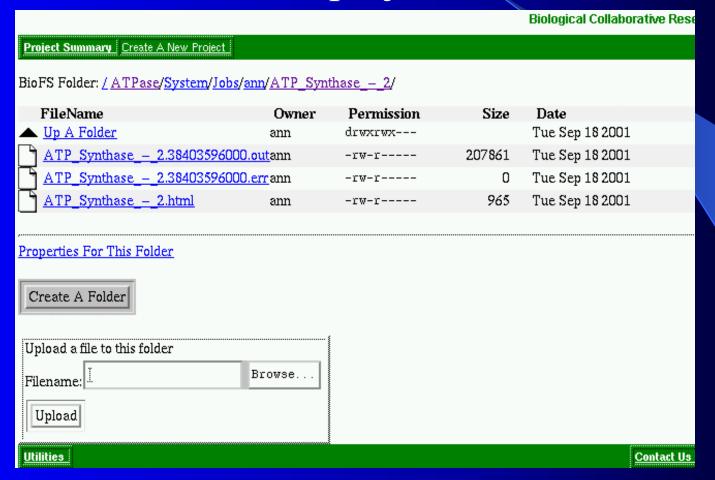
Standard output of the job





Job Details Saved To BioFS

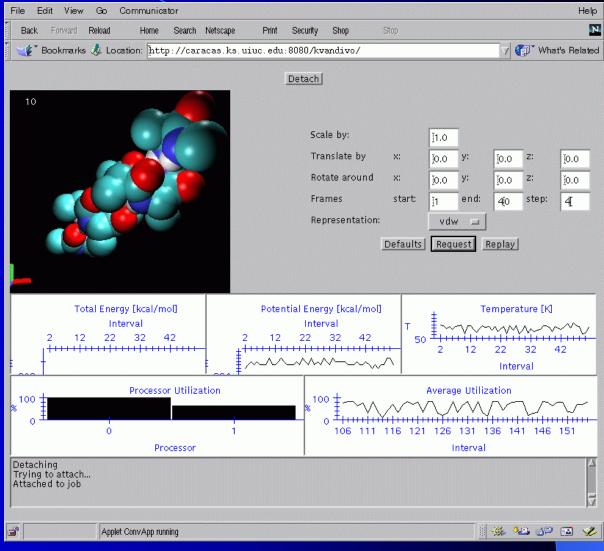
Accessible to all project members





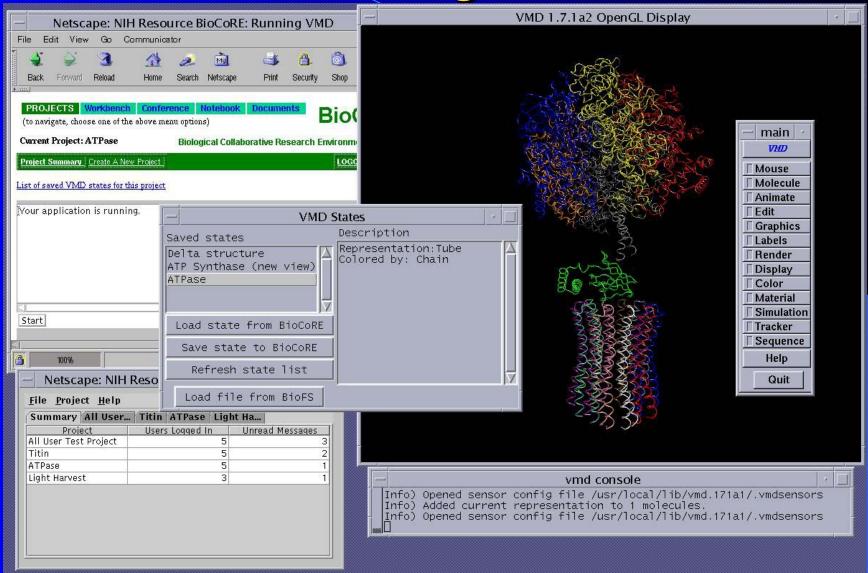
BioCoRE Job Details

Graphical capabilities when runningNAMD



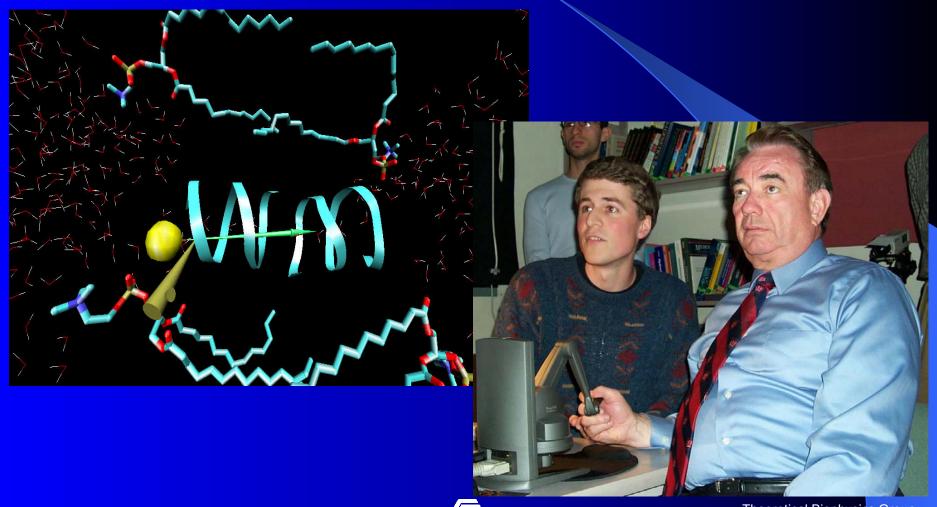


Launching VMD



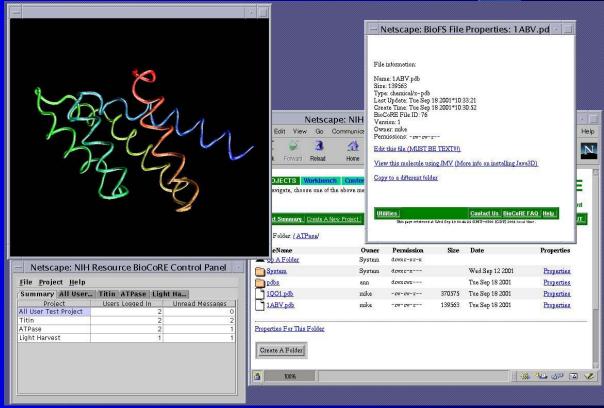
Interactive MD

Real-time interaction between VMD/NAMD



JMV Support Within BioCoRE

- JMV: Web-based Java3D molecular viewer
- Can view PDB files straight from the BioFS





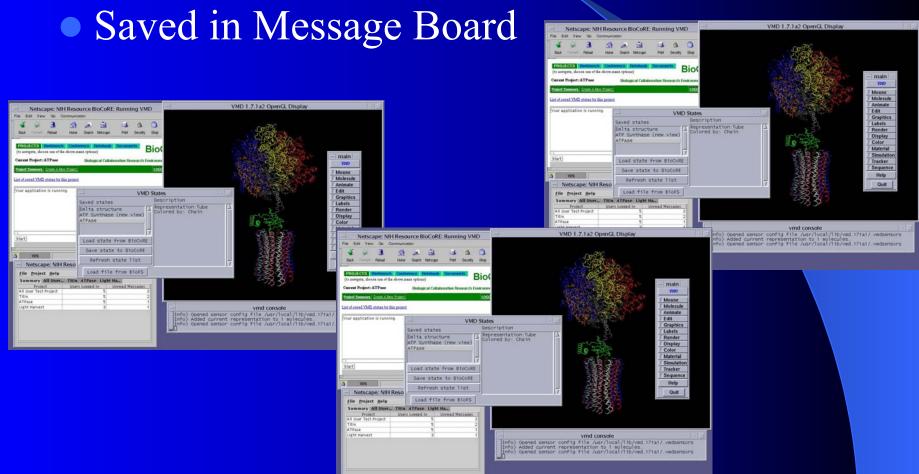
Collaboration Tools

- Collaborative VMD
- Message Board
- Project-wide Bookmarks file
- Control Panel



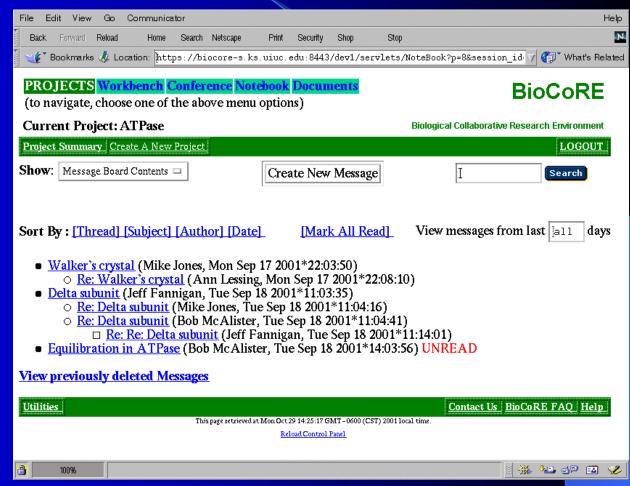
Collaborative VMD

Load/save visualization states



BioCoRE Message Board

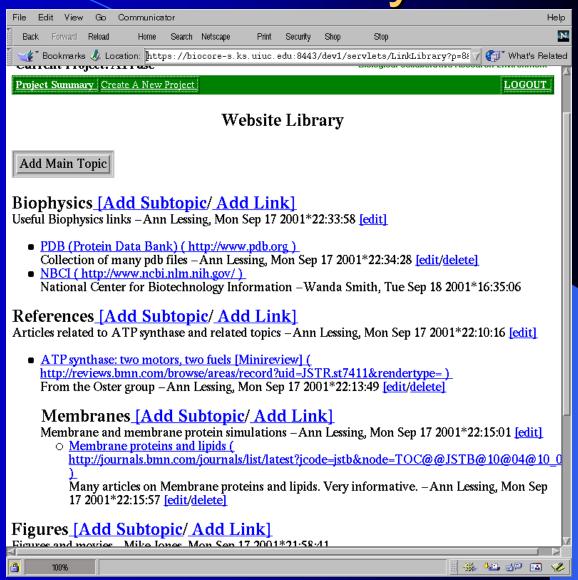
- Asynchronous
- Threaded
- Sortable
- Searchable





Website Link Library

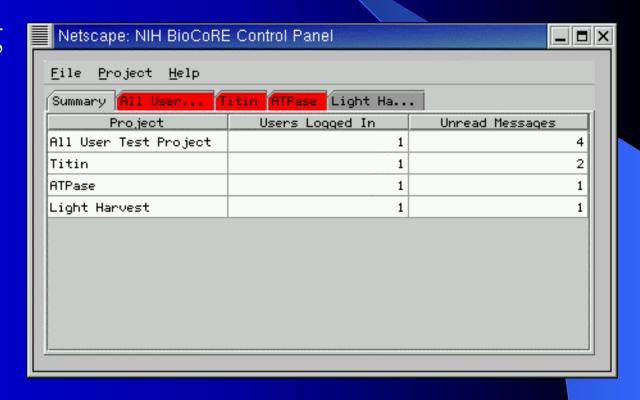
- Project-wideBookmarksfile
- Ranked by popularity





BioCoRE Control Panel

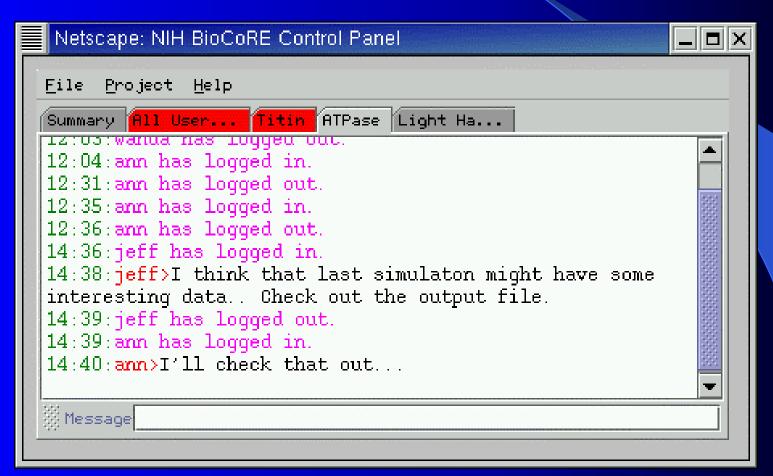
- "Always-on"
- Automatic event notification
- Java Swing





Control Panel Chat

Saved to Message Board





Publication Tools

- BioFS support for seamless file transport across platforms
- File conversions planned (Word→TeX, TeX →Word, etc.)
- WebDAV for easy access



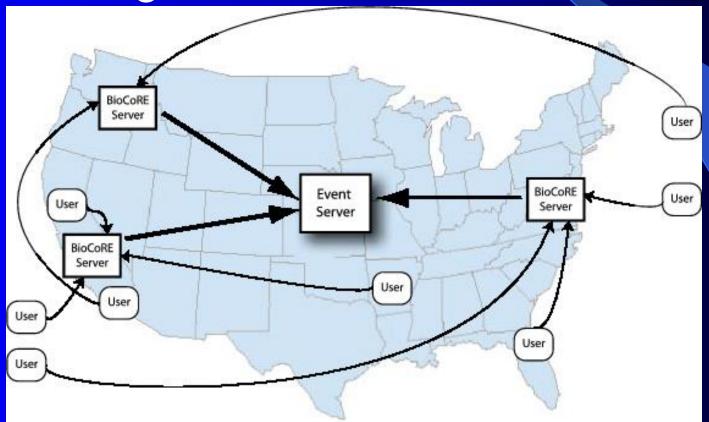
Evaluation

- Tracking BioCoRE usage patterns, analysis of BioCoRE users' feedback and needs
- Support of development process (product design, integration of user preferences and input)
- Assessment of BioCoRE impact and benefits to research efforts and outcomes



Local BioCoRE Servers

- Research groups can install own server
- Tracking data sent to central server





User Statistics

- Initial release : March 2000
- Registered Users: 299
- Logins: 2,553
- Registered Projects: 50
- Job Submissions (since March 2001): 1,114



Questions?

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