

The Theoretical & Computational Biophysics Group  
*presents*  
“Hands-on” Workshop on Computational Biophysics



*Champaign, Illinois*



# The Program

*Hands-on Workshop in Computational Biology*



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Locations:

Lectures: Technology Room

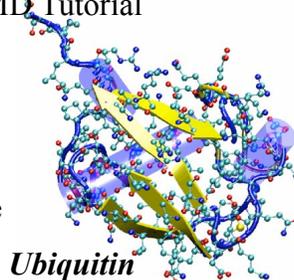
Labs: Technology Room &  
Beckman Institute



## Mon, 8/10: *Introduction to Protein Structure and Dynamics*



09:00-09:10	Opening Remarks
09:10-10:40	Structure and Sequence Analysis with VMD
<i>Break</i>	
11:00-12:10	Introduction to Molecular Dynamics with NAMD
12:10-12:30	VMD 1.8.7 - Key features of recent release; John Stone
<i>Lunch</i>	
14:00-15:30	VMD Tutorial - Using VMD; NAMD Tutorial
<i>Break</i>	
16:00-18:00	NAMD Tutorial
<i>Dinner</i>	
20:00-23:00	Open lab time at Beckman Institute



## Tue, 8/11: *Statistical Mechanics of Proteins*



09:00-10:30	Analysis of Equilibrium and Non-equilibrium Properties of Proteins with NAMD
<i>Break</i>	
10:50-12:10	Exemplary Applications of VMD / NAMD in Modern Research
12:10-12:30	NAMD 2.7 - Key features of upcoming release; Chris Harrison
<i>Lunch</i>	
14:00-15:00	Research demonstrations at Beckman Institute
15:00-16:00	Tutorial options: NAMD Tutorial; Expert NAMD; Free Energy
<i>Break</i>	
16:15-18:00	Tutorial options: NAMD Tutorial, Expert NAMD, Free Energy
<i>Dinner</i>	
20:00-23:00	Open lab time at Beckman Institute



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## Wed, 8/12: *Introduction to Bioinformatics*



09:00-10:30 Introduction to Evolutionary Concepts in Bioinformatics: MultiSeq in VMD

*Break*

10:50-12:00 Application of MultiSeq to Evolution of Translation Machinery

12:00-12:30 Sequence analysis in VMD 1.8.7 - Key features; Kirby Vandivort

*Lunch*

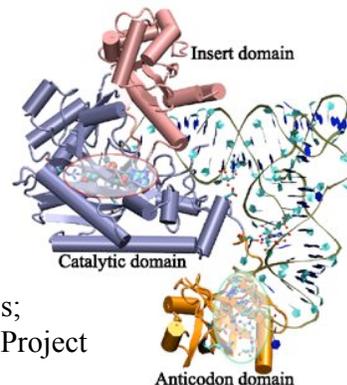
14:00-16:00 Tutorial Options: Basic Sequence Analysis; Expert Sequence Analysis; Work on your Project

*Break*

16:45-18:00 Tutorial Options: Basic Sequence Analysis; Expert Sequence Analysis; Work on your Project

*Dinner*

20:00-23:00 Open lab time at Beckman Institute



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## Thu, 8/13: *Parameters for Classical Force Fields*



09:00-10:30 Introduction to Topology, Parameters, and Structure Files

*Break*

10:50-12:00 Examples and Applications

12:00-12:30 GPU accelerated NAMD 2.7; Jim Phillips

*Lunch*

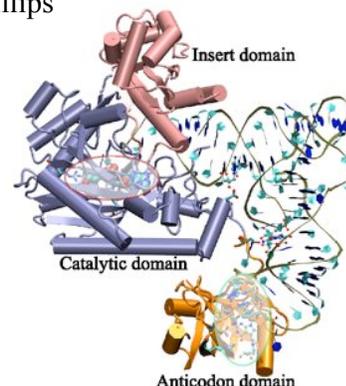
14:00-16:30 Parameterizing a Novel Residue, Topology File Tutorials

*Break*

16:45-18:00 Simulation of Water Permeation through Nanotubes

*Dinner*

20:00-23:00 Open lab time at Beckman Institute



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# Fri, 8/14: *Simulating Membrane Channels*



09:00-10:30 Introduction and Examples

*Break*

10:50-12:00 Transport in Aquaporins;  
Nanotubes

12:00-12:30 Highlights of VMD plugins;  
Robert Brunner

*Lunch*

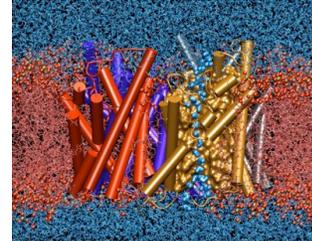
14:00-16:30 Tutorial Options: Membrane Proteins Tutorial; Expert NAMD  
Set; Free Energy Set

*Break*

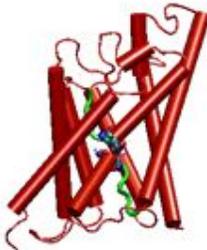
16:45-18:00 Tutorial Options: Membrane Proteins Tutorial; Expert NAMD  
Set; Free Energy Set

*Dinner*

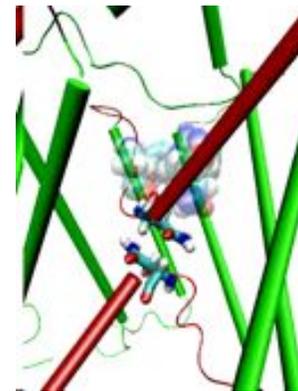
20:00-23:00 Farewell reception and “Protein Beauty Contest”



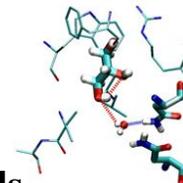
*Water Permeation through Aquaporin*



## General



- **The course is a volunteer effort**
- **The main focus are the hands-on sessions**
- **The aim is to get you to do computational biology**
- **The lecturers / teaching assistants provide tutorials for you**
- **The optimal course is that you help each other**
  
- **Model your own system**
  
- **Please give us feedback to improve lectures and tutorials**
- **Please give us feedback to encourage future courses**



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