Enhanced Sampling and Free Energy Applications in Biomolecular Modeling

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103,000 VMD users 19,000 NAMD users 17,000 NIH funded 1.4 million web visitors 228,000 tutorial views





Serving a Large and Fast Growing Community

- Deploying Center's flagship programs NAMD and VMD on all major computational platforms from commodity computers to supercomputers
- Consistently adding user-requested features
 - simulation, visualization, and analysis
- Covering broad range of scales (orbitals to cells) and data types
- Enhanced software accessibility
 - QwikMD, interactive MDFF, ffTk, simulation in the Cloud, remote visualization







Exploiting State of the Art Hardware Technology

- Software available and optimized on all national supercomputing platforms (even before they come online)
- Decade-long, highly productive relationship with NVIDIA
- The first CUDA Center of Excellence funded by NVIDIA
- Consistently exploring opportunities for new hardware technology
 - Remote visualization
 - Virtual Reality
 - Handheld devices



















Technology Made Highly Accessible to the Community

interactive MDFF



Developed primarily for experimental users

QwikMD VMD Plugin for Setup and Analysis of **NAMD** Simulations amazon webservices

Vigorous Training Through Hands-On Workshops

47 Workshops on Computational Biophysics

In addition to 5 others:

- Online Workshops on Simulating Membrane Channels
- In-residence workshops for visiting researchers
- · Local workshops on hardware and coding

1500+ Researchers Trained Since 2003

High school students to professional faculty Computational to experimental backgrounds National to international and minority communities

1636 Pages of Self-Study Tutorial Material

Slides, recorded lectures, and video tutorials also available

Microscopic View of Molecular Phenomena

- Mechanisms in Molecular Biology
- Molecular Basis of Disease
- ✦ Drug Design
- Nano-biotechnology







Binding of a small molecule to a binding site Y. Wang & E.T. PNAS 2010

Microscopic View of Molecular Phenomena

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Dror et al., PNAS 2011

Drug binding to a GPCR Dror, ..., Shaw, PNAS, 108:13118–13123 (2011)

Microscopic View of Molecular Phenomena Nano-biotechnology





HIV subtype identification

Lab Chip 2012



Created by nanoBIO Node tools

Most Detailed and Dynamic Microscopic View



S. Mansoor, ..., E. Tajkhorshid, E. Gouaux, Nature, 2016.

Battling the Timescale

non-Equilibrium MD simulations

Free Energy Methods

Enhanced Sampling Techniques

Battling the Timescale - Case I Steered Molecular Dynamics is a non-equilibrium method by nature

- A wide variety of events that are inaccessible to conventional molecular dynamics simulations can be probed.
- The system will be driven, however, away from equilibrium, resulting in problems in describing the energy landscape associated with the event of interest.

Second law of thermodynamics $\longrightarrow W \geq \Delta G$

Steered Molecular Dynamics





Constructing the Potential of Mean Force



Three fold higher barriers





Y. Wang, K. Schulten, and E. Tajkhorshid Structure 13, 1107 (2005)

Battling the Timescale - Case II Biased (nonequilibrium) simulations



Neurotransmitter Uptake

» Norepinephrine, serotonin, dopamine, glutamate,...

Gastrointestinal Tract

- » Active absorption of nutrients
- » Secretion of ions

Kidneys

- » Reabsorption
- » Secretion

Pharmacokinetics of all drugs

- » Absorption, distribution, elimination
- » Multi-drug resistance in cancer cells



Diverse Structural Transitions Involved



NON-EQUILIBRIUM METHODS ARE REQUIRED.

COMPLEY

Complex Processes Require Complex Treatments



Aggressive Search of the Space



Non-equilibrium Driven Molecular Dynamics: Applying a time-dependent external force to induce the transition

Along various pathways/mechanisms (collective variables)

Harmonic constant Initial state

$$U_{dr}(\mathbf{x}, t) = \frac{1}{2} k \left(\boldsymbol{\xi}(\mathbf{x}) - \boldsymbol{\xi}_{A}^{\dagger} + (\boldsymbol{\xi}_{B} - \boldsymbol{\xi}_{A}) \frac{t}{T} \right)^{2}$$
Final state
Biasing potential
Collective variables:
RMSD, distance,
R_g, angle, ...
orientation quaternion

M. Moradi and ET (2013) **PNAS**, 110:18916–18921. M. Moradi and ET (2014) **JCTC**, 10: 2866–2880.

M. Moradi, G. Enkavi, and ET (2015) Nature Comm., 6:8393.

Progressively Optimizing the Biasing Protocol/Collective Variable using non-Equilibrium Work as a Measure of the Path Quality



Example set taken from a subset of 20 ns biased simulations

Mechanistic Insight From Transition Pathways in ABC exporters from Non-Equilibrium Simulations



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NBD Doorknob Mechanism

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Describing a Complete Cycle (Adding Substrate) Requiring a Combination of Multiple Collective Variables



Simulation protocols

	Transition	Technique	Collective Variables	# of Replicas × Runtime					
1		BEUS	(Q_1, Q_7)	12×40 ns	=	0.5 µs			
2	IF _a ⇔OF _a	SMwST	{Q}	1000×1 ns	=	1 μs			
3		BEUS	{Q}	50×20 ns	=	1 µs			
4		BEUS	Z_{Pi}	30×40 ns	=	1.2 µs			
5	$\Pi_a \longrightarrow \Pi_b$	BEUS	$(\{Q\}, Z_{Pi})$	30×40 ns	=	1.2 µs			
6	OF COF	BEUS	Z_{Pi}	30×40 ns	=	1.2 µs			
7	$Or_a \rightarrow Or_b$	BEUS	$(\{Q\}, Z_{Pi})$	30×40 ns	=	1.2 µs			
8		BEUS	(Q_1, Q_7)	24×20 ns	=	0.5 µs			
9		BEUS	Z_{Pi}	15×30 ns	=	0.5 µs			
10	$IF_b \leftrightarrow OF_b$	2D BEUS	$(\Delta RMSD, Z_{Pi})$	200×5 ns	=	1 µs			
11		SMwST	$({Q}, Z_{Pi})$	1000×1 ns	=	1 µs			
12		BEUS	$({Q}, Z_{Pi})$	50×20 ns	=	1 μs			
13	Full Cycle	BEUS	$(\{Q\}, Z_{Pi})$	150 × 50 ns	=	7.5 µs			
Total Simulation Time 18.7 μs									
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SMWS1 (8)>(9)>(10) > Nonequilibrium									



BLUE WATER NCSA

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Battling the Timescale - Case III Multiscale Simulations



Membrane Budding/Fusion



Combining multiple replica simulations and coarsegrained models to describe membrane fusion

Workflow for Multi-Scale Modeling

Parametrically Defined Sine Function



Workflow for Multi-Scale Modeling





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Applications of Computational Methodologies to Cell-Scale Structural Biology

Using simulations as a "structure-building" tool





The most detailed model of a chromatophore

Computational model of a minimal cell envelope

Molecular Dynamics Flexible Fitting (MDFF)



[1] Trabuco et al. *Structure* (2008) 16:673-683.[2] Trabuco et al. *Methods* (2009) 49:174-180.

Molecular Dynamics Flexible Fitting (MDFF)



Nano-biotechnology Gold Nanoparticles as Delivery Vehicles

Transmission Electron Micrograph



Yang, J. A.; Murphy, C. J. Langmuir 2012, 28, 5404– 5416

Experiment:

Murphy Lab

Schematic model with no prediction power

Cartoon representation of lipid Au NPs



Modeling/Simulation: Tajkhorshid Lab NIH-sponsored Workshop on Theoretical and Computational Biophysics

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"Hands-on" Workshop on Enhanced Sampling and Free-Energy Calculation at Urbana, IL



Chris Chipot	Wei Jiang	Giacomo Fiorin	Brian K. Radak	Mahmoud Moradi

Monday, September 25: Alchemical and Geometrical Free-Energy Calculations

- Welcome and Brief Overview, Emad Tajkhorshid 09:00-09:20
- 09:20-10:00 Applications of Enhanced Sampling and Free-Energy Calculation Methods in Modern Biophysical Problems, Emad Tajkhorshid
- Coffee Break 10:00-10:20
- 10:20-12:20 General Introduction to Alchemical and Geometrical Free-Energy Calculations, Chris Chipot
- Q&A 12:20-12:40
- Lunch Break 12:40-14:00
- 14:00-15:20 Tutorials
- 15:20-15:40 Coffee Break
- 15:40-18:00 **Tutorials**

Tuesday, September 26: Transition Path Sampling Methods and Constant pH Simulations

- 09:00-10:20 Transition Path Sampling Methods, Chris Chipot 10:20-10:40 Coffee Break 10:40-12:00 Hybrid Non-Equilibrium Molecular Dynamics/Metropolis Monte Carlo Calculations for Constant pH Simulations, Brian K. Radak
- Q&A 12:00-12:20
- Lunch Break 12:20-14:00
- 14:00-15:20 Tutorials
- 15:20-15:40 Coffee Break
- Tutorials 15:40-18:00

Wednesday, September 27: Geometrical Transformations and Collective Variables

- 09:00-10:20 Geometrical Free-Energy Methods: Strengths and Limitations, Giacomo Fiorin
- 10:20-10:40 Coffee Break
- 10:40-12:00 Designing, Implementing and Optimizing Collective Variables in VMD and NAMD, Giacomo Fiorin
- 12:00-12:20 Q & A
- 12:20-14:00 Lunch Break
- 14:00-15:20 Tutorials
- 15:20-15:40 Coffee Break
- 15:40-18:00 Tutorials

Thursday, September 28: Specialized Algorithms for Enhanced Ergodic Sampling

- 09:00-10:20 Specialized Algorithms for Enhanced Ergodic Sampling, Chris Chipot
- 10:20-10:40 Coffee Break
- 10:40-11:40 Accelerating Convergence of Free-Energy Calculation with Replica Exchange Solute Tempering, Wei Jiang
- 11:40-12:00 Q & A
- 12:00-13:20 Lunch Break
- 13:20-15:30 Tutorials
- 15:30-16:30 Coffee Break + Q & A with the Developers
- 16:30-16:50 Group Picture and Social
- 16:50-18:00 Tutorials
- 19:00-21:00 Workshop Dinner (place to be determined; sign in during the workshop)

Friday, September 29: Complex Reaction Pathways

- 09:00-10:20 Exploring Complex Reaction Pathways I, Mahmoud Moradi
- 10:20-10:40 Coffee Break
- 10:40-12:00 Exploring Complex Reaction Pathways II, Mahmoud Moradi
- 12:00-12:20 Q & A
- 12:20-14:00 Lunch Break
- 14:00-15:20 Tutorials
- 15:20-15:40 Coffee Break
- 15:40-18:00 Tutorials

Tutorials

Below are planned tutorials listed by workshop day. More TCBG tutorials are available here.

NOTE: Missing links will be updated soon.

Monday, September 25: Alchemical and Geometrical Free-Energy Calculations

- A Tutorial on Alchemical Free Energy Perturbation Calculations in NAMD
- A Tutorial on Adaptive Biasing Force Calculations in NAMD
- Protein:ligand Standard Binding Free Energies: A Tutorial for Alchemical and Geometrical Transformations

Tuesday, September 26: Transition Path Sampling Methods and Constant pH Simulations

- String Method with Swarms of Trajectories: A Tutorial for Free-energy Calculations along a Minimum-action Path
- Constant pH tutorial

Wednesday, September 27: Geometrical Transformations and Collective Variables

- Colvars module tutorial: Association of polyleucine peptides
- Performing Metadynamics Simulations Using NAMD
- Protein:ligand Standard Binding Free Energies: A Tutorial for Alchemical and Geometrical Transformations
- A Tutorial on Adaptive Biasing Force Calculations in NAMD

Thursday, September 28: Specialized Algorithms for Enhanced Ergodic Sampling

- Methods for calculating Potentials of Mean Force
- String Method with Swarms of Trajectories: A Tutorial for Free-energy Calculations along a Minimum-action Path
- A Tutorial on One-dimensional Replica-exchange Umbrella Sampling
- Adaptive Multilevel Splitting Method: Isomerization of Alanine Dipeptide

Friday, September 29: Complex Reaction Pathways

Exploring Complex Conformational Transition Pathways