

# CCP-SAS – a community consortium for the atomistic modeling of scattering data

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## Scatters & Simulators

Develop software with a  
community  
of users and developers  
to advance atomistic  
modeling of soft-  
condensed matter



**CCP-SAS Project**  
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**CCP-SAS - Collaborative Computational Project for advanced analyses of structural data in chemical biology and soft condensed matter**

an S12-CHE cyberinfrastructure project addressing Grand Challenges in the Chemical Sciences

A typical bench scientist purifies and characterizes samples, collects the SAXS/SANS/AUC data, and interprets the results using simplistic models. It is rare that the same individual also has the skills to use advanced atomistic simulation software.

The CCP-SAS project is focused on developing an easy-to-use open-source modeling package that enables users to generate physically accurate atomistic models, calculate scattering profiles and compare results to experimental scattering data sets in a single web-based software suite. This enables a broad range of scattering scientists to access often complicated simulation and scattering analysis methods seamlessly thus providing a significant acceleration to the discovery process.

The objectives of the project include providing a web-based GUI front-end with a high-performance back-end to increase the accessibility of advanced atomistic modeling of scattering data by novice users. Advanced analysis modules and new simulation methods, including implicit solvent models, are also being developed to increase the accuracy of scattering calculations and simulation protocols. The project includes both a testing team and a development team and is built around a continuous development and feedback model.

The project is funded through a joint EPSRC/NSF (UK/US) grant with participants from US and UK universities and X-ray and neutron scattering facilities. It aims to leverage a user and developer community that uses high-performance computing resources on a wide-range of cutting-edge chemical problems. The goal is to build a truly international effort that includes facilities and users from around the world which will be self-sustaining long after the end of this grant. To that end we welcome all interested parties to discuss and join with us at whatever level is appropriate.

**Components of CCP-SAS**

Projects directly involved with this project:

- GenApp** is a modular framework for multiscale science computations being developed at the University of Texas that enables web & gui applications to be generated from same source code.
- SASSIE** is a NIST NCRN project to provide atomistic simulation of SAS data.
- SCT/SCTPL/HYDRO** is a fortran suite out of Prof. Perkins' lab at UCL to compare molecular models of biological systems to SAS data.
- US-SOMO** is part of the University of Texas UltraScan II suite for the analysis of AUC and SAS data.

Related Projects of Interest:

- The **CCP steering panel** brings together the chairs of the active UK CCP projects. Professor Stephen Perkins represents CCP-SAS on that panel.
- SasView** is an open source collaborative SAS analysis software package based primarily on analytical models.
- The **SAS portal** is a project being developed by the **carSAS** group.

lower barriers

Open Source



# ccp-sas: nsf/epsrc 2013-2017

Software Infrastructure for Sustained Innovation (SI2) - Grand Challenges in the Chemical Sciences

## USA

NIST  
UTK  
U. Texas SA  
KSU  
APS

## UK

UCL  
Kings College London  
University of Bath  
University of Nottingham  
ISIS  
Diamond

## Teams

**Core Software** -- Chair: Curtis, Brookes(UT), Draper(ISIS), Perkins(UCL)

**Chemical physics** -- Chair: Chen(KSU), Curtis, Butler, Edler(UB), King(ISIS), Heenan(ISIS)

**Dissemination** -- Chair: King(ISIS), Terrill(Diamond), Butler, Irving(APS)

**Testing and Applications** --

Co-Chair: Perkins(UCL), Barlow(KCL), Edler(UB), Scott(UN), Terrill(Diamond)

Co-Chair: Butler, Krueger, Fushman(UMD), Liu(UD), Schildbach(JHU), Van Duyne (UP), Wright(JMU)

~4 developers

kickoff meeting: October 24-27, 2013 @ NCNR

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## deliverables by year

[1] web prototype and alpha testing

[2] web released, hpc backend prototype alpha testing

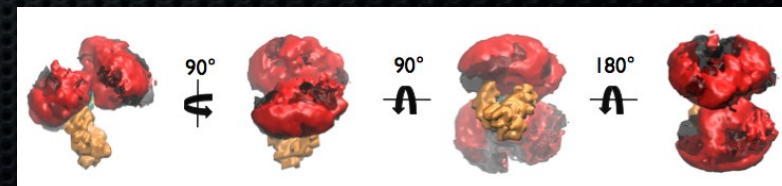
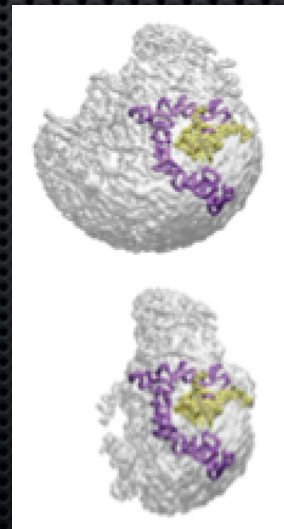
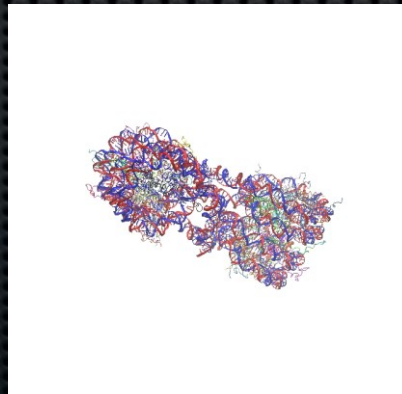
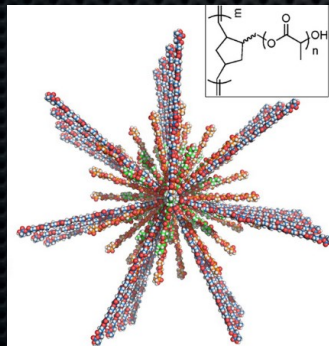
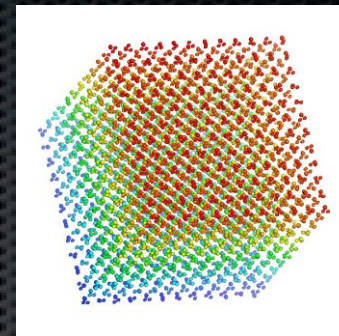
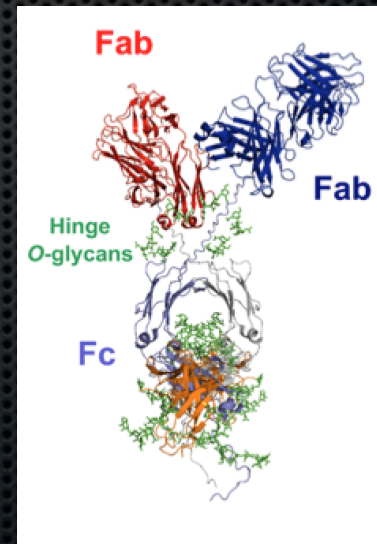
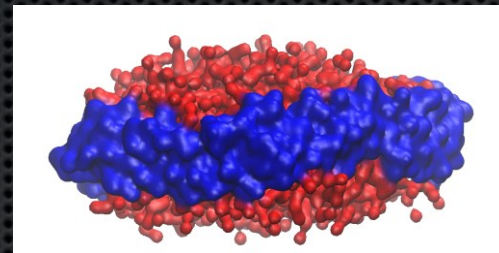
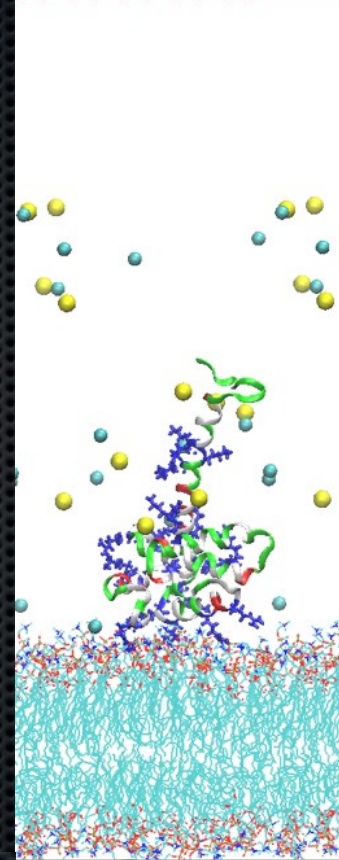
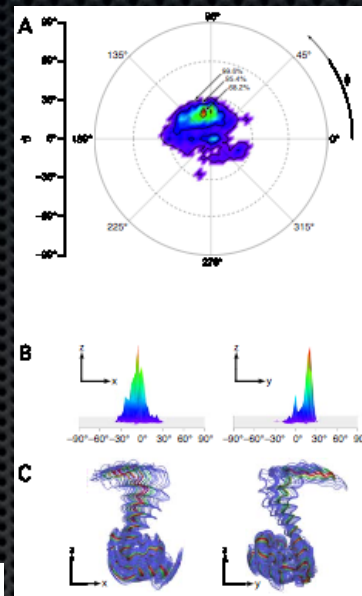
[3] disseminate hpc beta to international centers, **incorporate contributed community code**

[4] advance gpu implementation, soft-matter builder, polish, hpc release

# types of systems

proteins  
nucleic acids  
lipids  
polymers

sans/saxs  
reflectivity  
dynamics



# md community



MacKerell, Jr., A. D.; Bashford, D.; Bellott, M.; Dunbrack Jr., R.L.; Evanseck, J.D.; Field, M.J.; Fischer, S.; Gao, J.; Guo, H.; Ha, S.; Joseph-McCarthy, D.; Kuchnir, L.; Kuczera, K.; Lau, F.T.K.; Mattos, C.; Michnick, S.; Ngo, T.; Nguyen, D.T.; Prodhom, B.; Reiher, III, W.E.; Roux, B.; Schlenkrich, M.; Smith, J.C.; Stote, R.; Straub, J.; Watanabe, M.; Wiorkiewicz-Kuczera, J.; Yin, D.; Karplus, M. All-atom empirical potential for molecular modeling and dynamics Studies of proteins. *Journal of Physical Chemistry B*, 1998, 102, 3586-3616.

The Amber 8 authors are: D.A. Case, T.A. Darden, T.E. Cheatham, III, C.L. Simmerling, J. Wang, R.E. Duke, R. Luo, K.M. Merz, B. Wang, D.A. Pearlman, M. Crowley, S. Brozell, V. Tsui, H. Gohlke, J. Mongan, V. Hornak, G. Cui, P. Beroza, C. Schafmeister, J.W. Caldwell, W.S. Ross, and P.A. Kollman. D.A. Case, T.E. Cheatham, III, T. Darden, H. Gohlke, R. Luo, K.M. Merz, Jr., A. Onufriev, C. Simmerling, B. Wang and R. Woods. The Amber biomolecular simulation programs. *J. Computat. Chem.* 26, 1668-1688 (2005).

Code encapsulation and re-use

Community software is more than 'free'

*Peer-improvement*

# So many options . . .

Bio-simulation (All-atom MD packages):

Amber\*  
CHARMM\*  
NAMD\*  
GROMACS\*  
GROMOS  
LAMPPS\*  
PINYMD\*  
HIPPO  
GPIUTMD  
DL\_POLY\*  
ESPReso  
MacroModel\*  
MACSIMUS  
MOLDY  
MOSCITO  
ProtoMol  
TINKER\*  
MDGrape  
Materials Studio (InsightII)\*

Classical force fields:

Amber\*  
CHARMM\*  
CVFF  
COSMOS-NMR  
GROMACS\*  
GROMOS  
OPLS\*  
ENZMIX  
ECEPP/2  
QCFF/PI  
UFF  
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XPOL  
SIBFA  
AMOEBA  
VALBOND  
DRF90  
CG MD\*

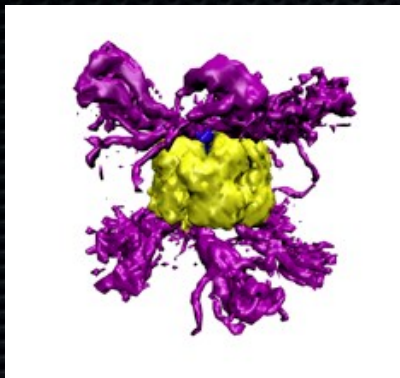
Methods & details\*:

Thermostats  
Barostats  
Electrostatics (PBC)  
Polarizability  
Implicit Solvent  
Langevin Dynamics  
Replica Exchange  
Parallel Tempering  
Steered MD  
Free-Energy Calculations  
Umbrella Sampling  
Normal Mode Analysis  
VMD  
Pymol  
Chimera, O  
APBS  
Gaussian, Gamess, CPMD  
Beowulf, GPU Clusters  
Rosetta  
PHYRE  
Folding @ Home  
TIP3, TIP3P, TIP4P, SPC, ST2

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not all MD / FF will work for your system

# Technical details:



large configuration space

Command line, force-field, basic PDB  
repair, input files, approximations,  
equilibration, mining trajectories, HPC  
proposals, HPC queue systems

...

...

If a simple answer is going to take too  
long users do something else

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#!/bin/csh -f
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cat > mdin <<EOF
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  vdwmeth=1, maxiter=10, indme  
  frameon=1, irstdip=1, scald
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100s of  $\mu$ s



# MD / MC & SAS

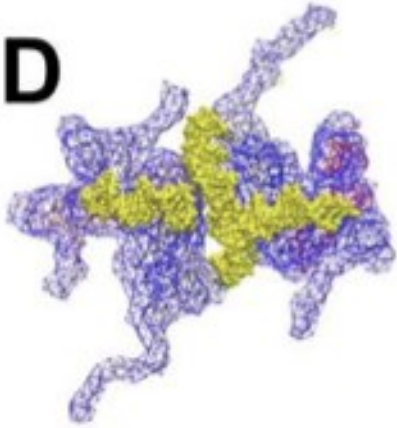
Reduce degrees of freedom

Rapid configuration space coverage

Ask/Answer “What if” questions

Prepare representative ensembles for further simulation and analysis

**MD**



**MC**

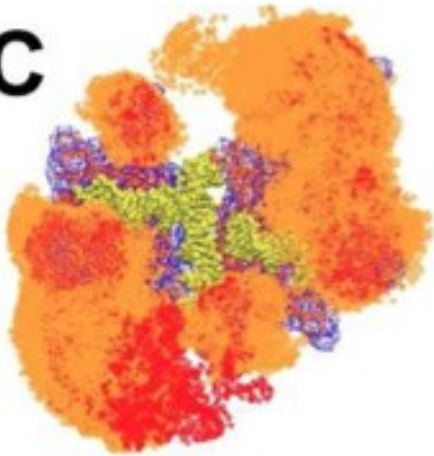
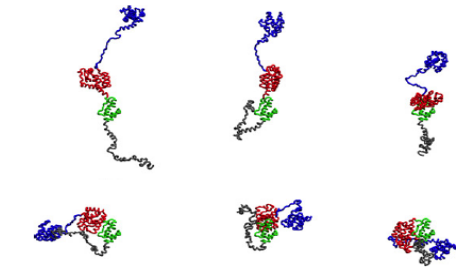


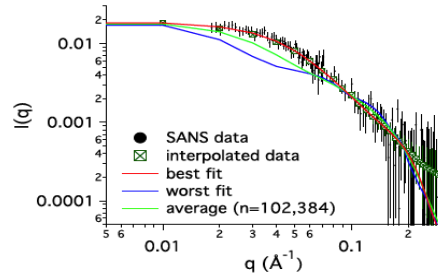
Figure 2. Comparison of configuration space coverage of HIV-1 integrase by molecular dynamics simulation (TOP) – compared to the more extensive conformations (orange) from Monte Carlo simulation (BOTTOM).

**100 ns to > ms**

# A solution: SASSIE (part-time boot-strap N=0.2)



Structure & Dynamics



Neutron Experiments



- Developed to enable NCNR user community to efficiently develop molecular models for the neutron/X-ray scattering/reflectivity experiments.
- Support collaborations with an eye towards **code-reusability** and **modularity**.
- > 20 manuscripts (<http://www.smallangles.net/sassie/SASSIE/Results.html>)



[www.smallangles.net/sassie](http://www.smallangles.net/sassie)

Joseph E. Curtis *et al*, SASSIE: A program to study intrinsically disordered biological molecules and macromolecular ensembles using experimental scattering restraints. *Computer Physics Communications*, 2012, 183(2), 382–389

# Simulation for SAS Community

Directed tools to build structures & topology (FF)

Easy access to MC / MD programs AND hardware

Workflow connection from structures to SAS

Modular: in and out to use what you want

Handle long jobs ... *re-attach* / **restart**

Constraints (NMR, AUC, etc.)

Open source: SAS users and developers



# GenApp Framework



## Philosophy

Simplify broad deployment and insure preservation of scientific codes in an ever-evolving software environment landscape.

Lower entry barrier for implementation of new ideas and new codes.

Open code without onerous licensing.

Community governance.

<http://genapp.rocks>

Scientist

“has code”

“writes text file”  
to define GUI/link  
code to GenApp  
Then “compiles”

Done

has web-app, HPC links, and  
GUI

1. E. H. Brookes, N. Anjum, J. E. Curtis, S. Marru, R. Singh, M. Pierce. GenApp module execution and airavata integration. Proceedings of the 9th Gateway Computing Environments Workshop, SC14, Nov 16-21, 2014. New Orleans, USA. IEEE Press, Piscataway, NJ, USA 2014. ISBN 978-1-4799-7030-8.
1. Brookes, E.H. 2014. An Open Extensible Multi-Target Application Generation Tool for Simple Rapid Deployment of Multi-Scale Scientific Codes. XSEDE '14. ACM DOI=10.1145/2616498.2616560

“application generator” : web, QT-GUI, Java, Andriod/iOS



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SCT

US-SOMO

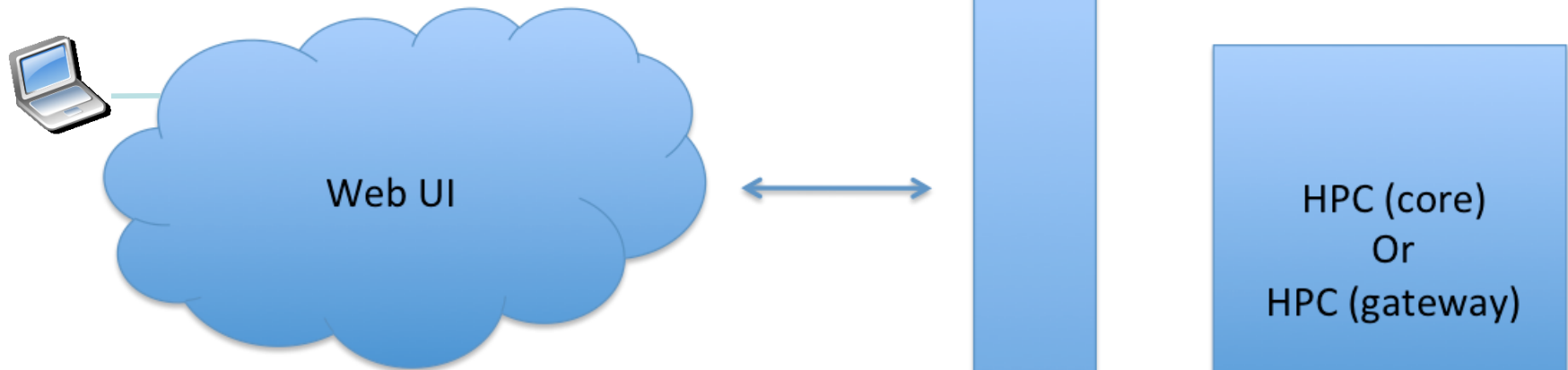
ds-DNA : Howell/Chu (GWU)  
SasCalc-MD : Koefinger (Max Planck)  
MULCH : Trewhella (U. Sydney)  
GenFit : Spinozzi (UPDM)  
Quafit : Spinozzi (UPDM)  
NMR Constraints : Fushman (UMD)  
Denfert : Perez (Soleil)  
Vortex Shedding : Pearlstein (UCIC)



Let's build a community

# ccp-sas: core-software team

Extensible application framework



Support browser

User access benefits

Server we control  
“instant legacy”

Add HPC gateway  
based on demand

Code is run on server  
not user's laptop/  
tablet



Modularity: use what you need (in & out)

# HPC is relative

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**SASSIE-web : Beta**

Login Help on

Tools

Build

Interact

Simulate

Calculate

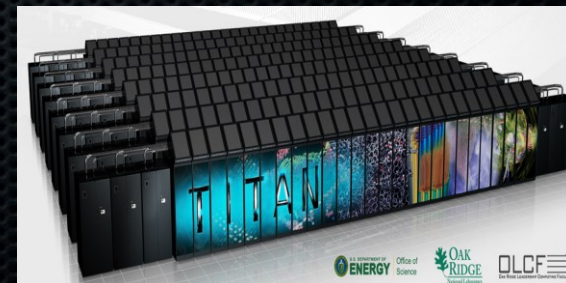
Analyze

FEEDBACK

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Enable advanced MD &  
APBS  
XSEDE (IU) &  
Langan & Smith (ORNL)



# sassie-web -- Simulate

**Monomer Monte Carlo:** single chain protein or ss-NA (think IDP / ID-NA)

**Complex Monte Carlo:** multiple single chain protein or ss-NA (think IDP / ID-NA complexes)

**Energy Minimization:** anything FF supports (NAMD)

**Torsion Angle MD:** protein/NA/Carbs. FF supports (CHARMM)

**Docking:** anything FF supports

**Two-Body Grid:** anything FF supports

Rigid body



# Monomer Monte Carlo

run name

reference pdb   or  Local: hiv1\_gag.pdb

output file name (dcd)

number of trial attempts

return to previous structure

temperature (K)

molecule type

number of flexible regions to vary

maximum angle sampled for each region

residue range for each flexible region

structure alignment: low residue

structure alignment: high residue

overlap basis

or  Local: hiv1\_gag.pdb



Domain	Flexible Region	Residues
MA		1 - 122
linker	I	123 - 144
CA		145 - 276
	II	277 - 282
		283 - 353
p2	III	354 - 377
linker	IV	378 - 389
NC		390 - 407
	V	408 - 412
		413 - 432

## Advanced Input

Check Box for Advanced Input

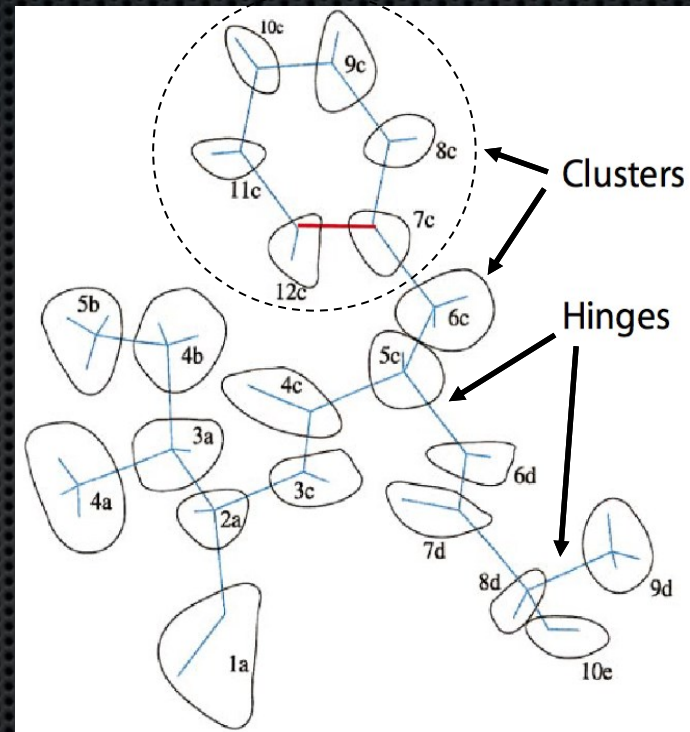
Generate Ensemble

Energy Minimize  
&  
Calculate I(q)

Compare to Exp.:  
Chi-square Filter  
Density Plot

# MD

- Much more robust than Cartesian MD (no high-frequency bond/angle vibrations)
- Larger MD time steps
- Sample the most relevant degrees of freedom (dihedrals)
- Convenient classification of rigid and flexible regions
- Can handle internal loops
- Bio & soft-matter\* systems
- Requires extensive energy minimization to start



Run MC then TAMD: multi-scale sampling → use SAS as a guide

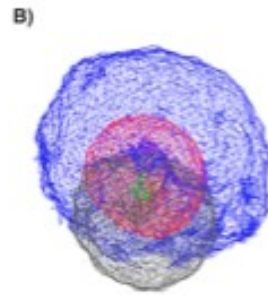
→ Jianhan Chen's poster (was Monday)

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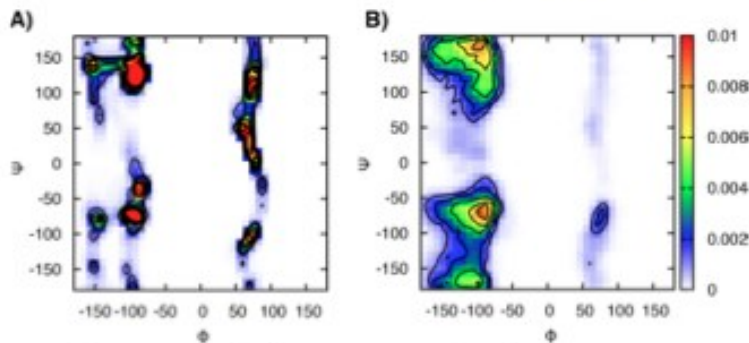
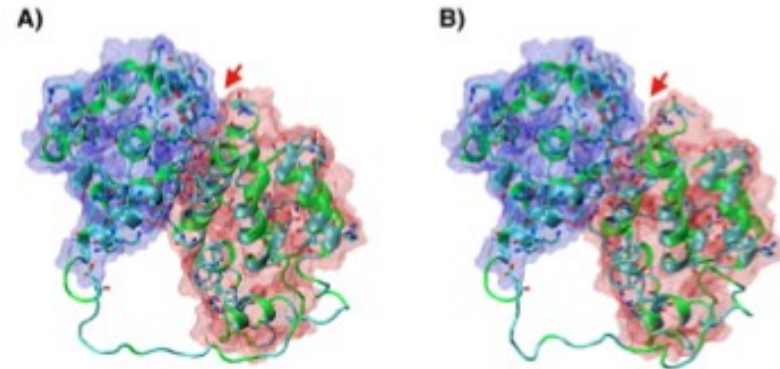
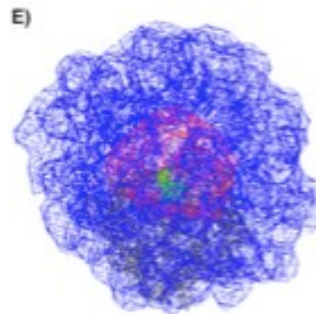
TAMD : combine MC w/ fast MD

Protein, DNA, RNA,  
carbohydrates . . . and complexes

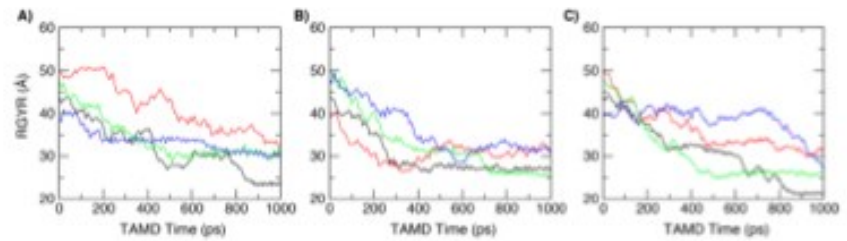
MC (50000)



Spatial Clusters  
(~100)



Implicit solvent effects



Zhang et al. (in preparation)

Constrained Rg

EFF1, SASA, GB, ACE

# ALPHA -- Torsion Angle MC

Multiple, multi-chain species: ds-DNA, proteins, RNA, carbohydrates, etc.

User defined torsion sampling

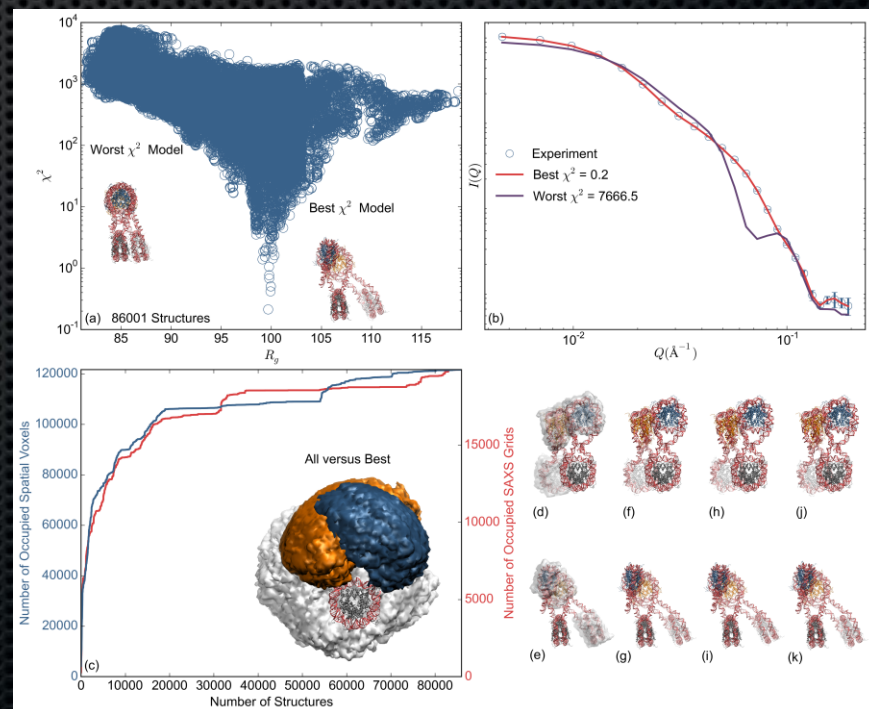
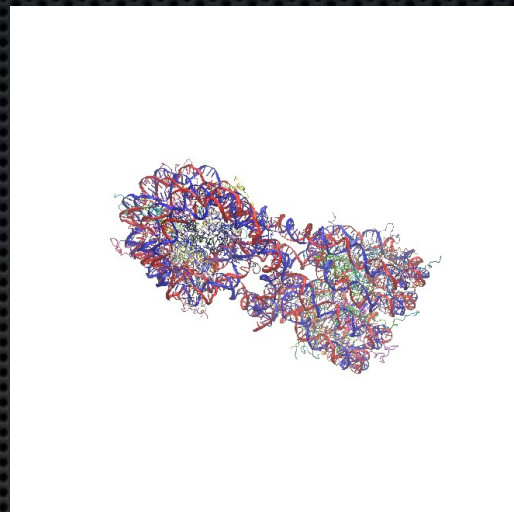
backbone, concerted motions, side-chains, carbohydrates, iso-peptide bonds, etc.

Group based rotations ... can handle odd topologies (mAb) natively.

Implicit solvent options

Not all chains need to be flexible but can simultaneously sample all DOF

Howell et al. (submitted) & Curtis et al. (in preparation)



# Calculate

## Build -- evaluate and clean up structure files

[PDB Scan](#) Generates a report that characterizes the user supplied PDB file.

[PDB Rx](#) Attempts to correct mistakes in user supplied PDB file. **ALPHA**

[CG Builder](#) Tools to assist the generation of coarse-grain structures. **ALPHA**

Input a **TRAJECTORY** and get an *ensemble* of scattering profiles

## Calculate -- generate theoretical scattering data from structures

[SasCalc](#) Calculates neutron and X-ray scattering profiles from input structures. **ALPHA**

[SasCalc-MD](#) Calculates neutron and X-ray scattering profiles from MD trajectories with explicit water. **ALPHA**

[Xtal2sas](#) Calculates neutron scattering profiles from input structures.

[SCT Calculate](#) Calculates neutron and X-ray scattering profiles from input structures.

[SLD MOL](#) Calculates neutron and X-ray reflectivity scattering length density from user supplied structures. Utilities for experimental planning and isotopic labeling and optimization of ensemble populations are supplied.

[EM to SANS](#) Calculates neutron scattering profile from user supplied electron density map.

# sassie-web -- Analyze

**Analyze -- compare theoretical data to experimental data and advanced analysis methods**

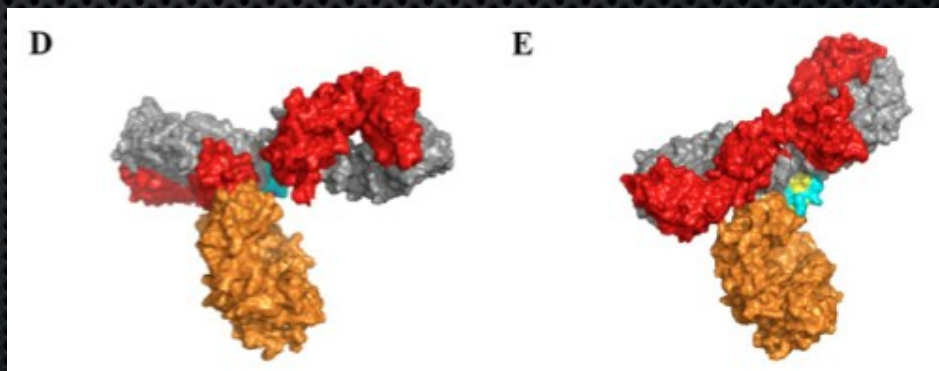
**Chi-Square Filter** Compares calculated scattering profiles to user supplied interpolated scattering profiles. No fitting.

**SCT Analyze** Compares calculated scattering profiles to user supplied interpolated scattering profiles. No fitting.

**Density Plot** Calculates volumetric gaussian cube files from user supplied structures. These files can be rendered in VMD and Pymol.

**APBS** Calculates non-polar solvation energy using adaptive Poisson-Boltzman solver from user supplied structures.

Both  $\chi^2 \sim 1$



Free Energy  
differs  
by > 400  
kCal/mol

# General Soft Matter

MD & Force-fields most advanced for proteins, NA

General builder for all soft-matter systems is not ready for non-specialist ... Martini is well documented!

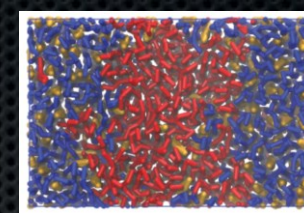
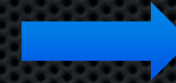
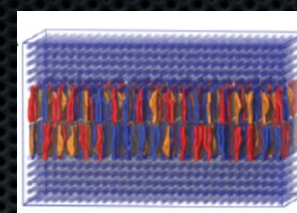
Many investigators have trajectories ... can use SasCalc (alpha) ... all-atom or CG ... neutrons and/or X-ray

→ Hailiang Zhang's poster today

For community: documentation and training for FF development and coarse-grain and TAMD simulations

→ Karen Edler's poster today

General CG builders and links to simulation engines in a few years



**SasCalc**

run name:

reference pdb:  or

trajectory file filename (dcd or pdb):  or

number of q values:

maximum q value:

**Neutron input**

number of contrast points:

D2O percentage [1]:  I(0) [1]:

number of exchangeable H regions:

exchangeable H region [1]:  fraction of exchangeable H [1]:

number of deuterated regions:

**X-ray input**

**Advanced Input**

SasCalc method:

tolerance of runtime average convergence:

check box to enable HyPred pRDF solvent model

FEEDBACK  
DOCS

all contrasts (n & X) at once for ensemble

## summary

Create new and enable existing open-source simulation tools & HPC to model scattering data to dramatically improve accessibility by non-experts

Adapt further physical constraints to problem (both experimentally and from advanced simulation methods)

Disseminate software to scattering centers

Build sustainable community

SIM



SA

[ccpsas.org/impact.html](http://ccpsas.org/impact.html)

DOCS -> sassie training ...



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- Dave Wright [dave.wright@ucl.ac.uk](mailto:dave.wright@ucl.ac.uk)
- Katie Sarachan (NRC now @ RNA Institute SUNY)
- Max Watson (NRC now @ Data Analytics)
- Nicholas Clark (Post-Doc now @ Regeneron)
- Sindhu Raghunandan (SURF now @ UCSD)
- Harry Bullen (SURF now @ Google)

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