

High Performance Computing

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SHORT LECTURE 14

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Molecular Systems & Libraries

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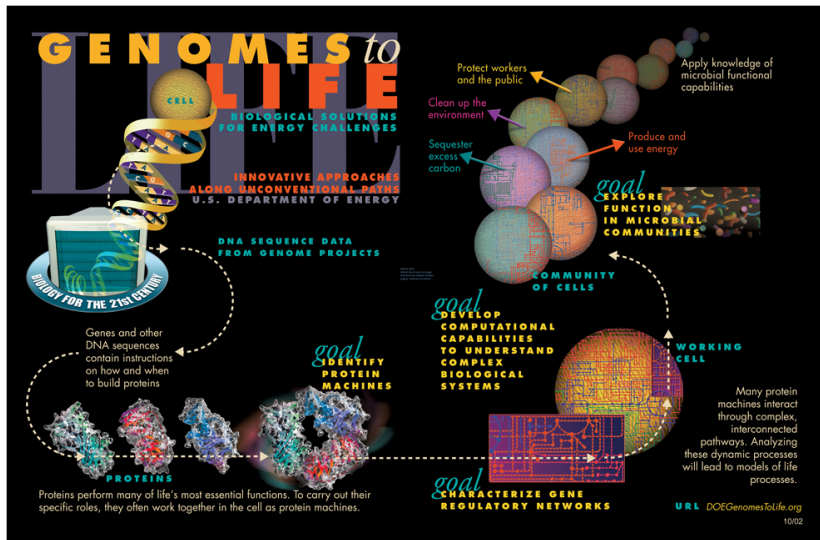


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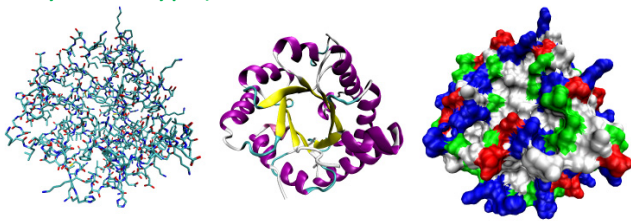


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Review of Short Lecture 13 – Systems Biology & Bioinformatics

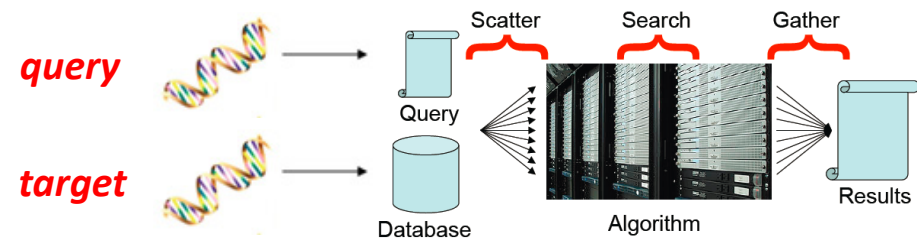
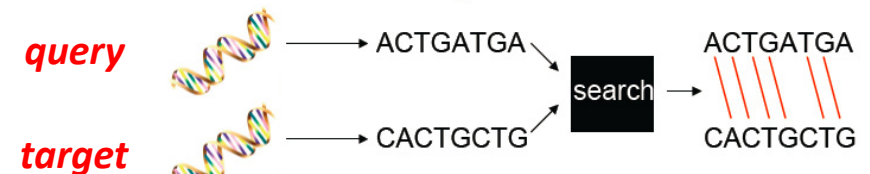
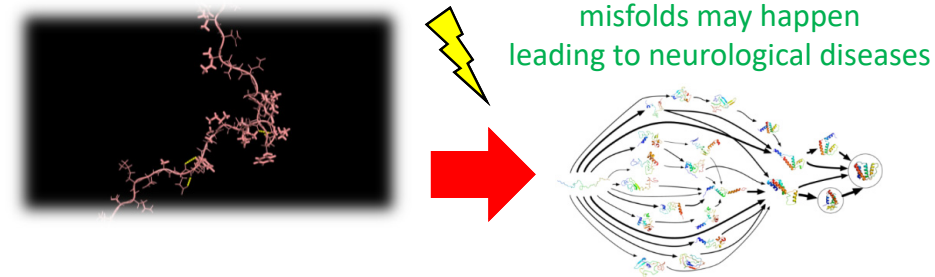
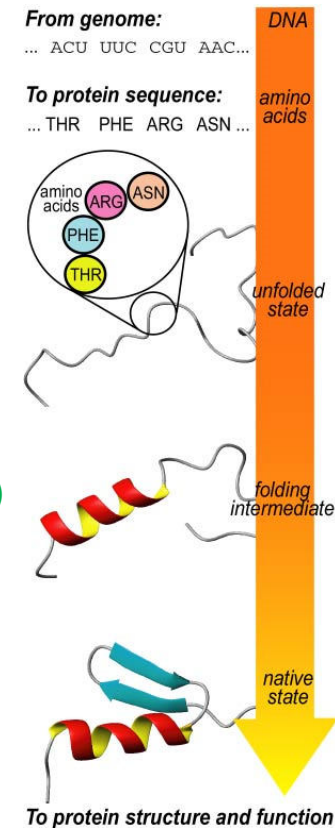


(all atom representation colored by atom type) (once linked in the protein chain, an individual amino acid is called a residue)



(simplified representation illustrating backbone conformation, colored by secondary structure)

Function of a protein is related to its 3D shape



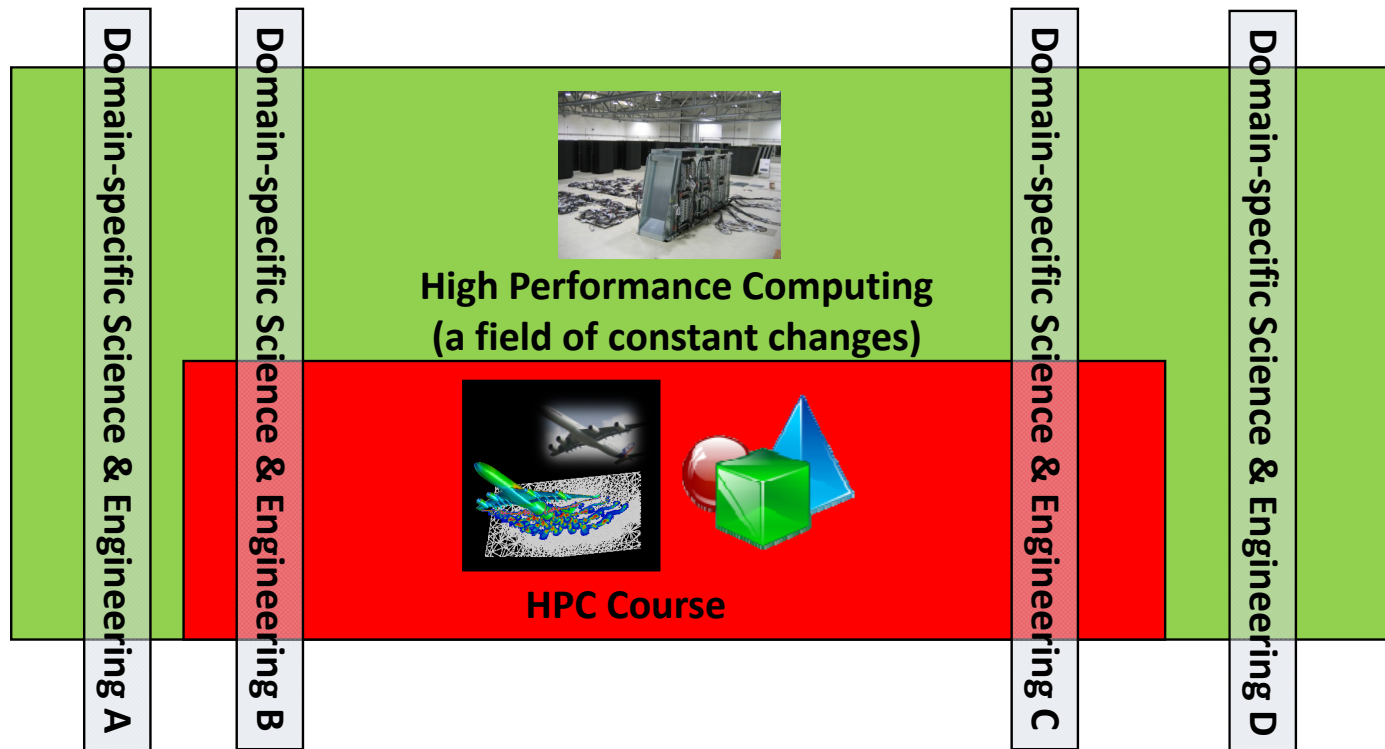
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[4] Folding@Home [3] S. Mohanty et al, JSC Simlab Biology

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HPC-A[dvanced] Scientific Computing (cf. Prologue) – Second Part

- Consists of techniques for programming & using large-scale HPC Systems
 - Approach: Get a **broad understanding what HPC is** and what can be done
 - Goal: Train **general HPC techniques and systems** and selected details of **domain-specific applications**



Outline of the Course

1. High Performance Computing
2. Parallel Programming with MPI
3. Parallelization Fundamentals
4. Advanced MPI Techniques
5. Parallel Algorithms & Data Structures
6. Parallel Programming with OpenMP
7. Graphical Processing Units (GPUs)
8. Parallel & Scalable Machine & Deep Learning
9. Debugging & Profiling & Performance Toolsets
10. Hybrid Programming & Patterns

11. Scientific Visualization & Scalable Infrastructures
12. Terrestrial Systems & Climate
13. Systems Biology & Bioinformatics
14. Molecular Systems & Libraries
15. Computational Fluid Dynamics & Finite Elements
16. Epilogue

+ additional practical lectures & Webinars for our hands-on assignments in context

- Practical Topics
- Theoretical / Conceptual Topics

Outline

■ Molecular Systems

- Terminology & Motivation for Simulating Molecular Systems
- Molecular Mechanics vs. Quantum Chemistry / Mechanics
- Ab Initio Calculations & Examples in Application Fields
- Molecular Docking to Determine Binding of Molecules
- Molecular Dynamics to Simulate Physical Atom Movements

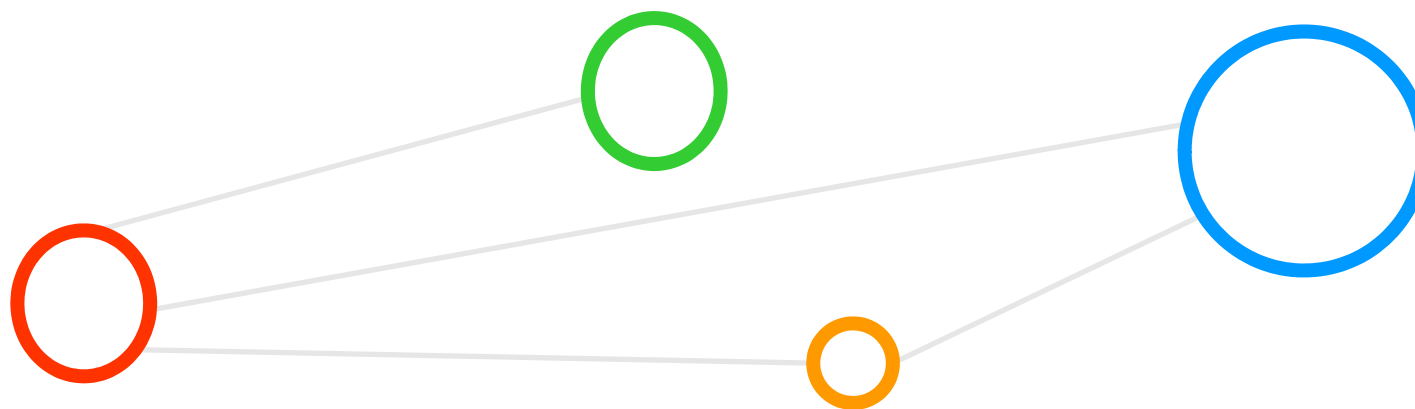
■ Selected Methods & Libraries

- Nanoscale Molecular Dynamics (NAMD) Simulations
- Car Parinello Molecular Dynamics (CPMD) Simulations
- Massively Parallel Multi-Particle Collision Dynamics (MP2C)
- Assisted Model Building with Energy Refinement (AMBER)
- Human Brain & Drug Development Application Example

- Promises from previous lecture(s):
- *Practical Lecture 5:* Lecture 14 will give in-depth details on parallel and scalable molecular systems algorithms, tools, methods, and the use of libraries
- *Lecture 2:* Lecture 12 – 15 will offer more insights into a wide variety of physics & engineering applications that take advantage of HPC with MPI
- *Lecture 3:* Lecture 12 – 15 will provide details on applied parallelization methods within parallel applications & domain/functional decomposition
- *Short Lecture 13:* Lecture 14 will provide more pieces of information about molecular systems & libraries as well as selected parallel application methods

- Note that this lecture is only a short lecture that usually needs a full course
- The goal is to understand selected HPC application fields & provide a few pointers to other advanced related university courses/topics/tutorials

Molecular Systems



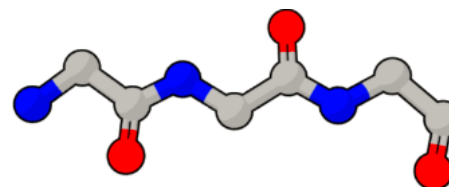
Molecular Systems – Terminology & Motivation

■ Domain-specific usage

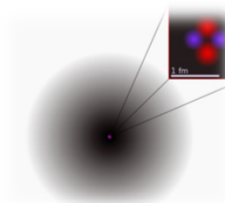
- E.g. used to understand small chemical systems or **large biological molecules** (e.g. proteins, cf. Short Lecture 13)
- E.g. used to study large **material assemblies** (with many thousands to millions of atoms)

■ Different Approaches

- Common is to enable **atomistic level** description of the molecular system
- **A wide variety** of methods and libraries evolved over time
- **Parallelization techniques** are used to make studying molecular systems possible



(molecular model of a protein)



(atoms consists of 'electron cloud' & nucleus of protons and neutrons)

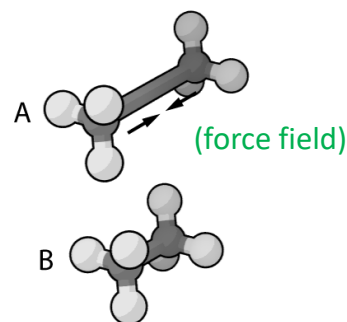
- **Molecular systems** refers to techniques to model the behaviour (and dynamics) of molecules
- **Molecules** are a group of two or more atoms held together by chemical bonds
- **Atoms** are the smallest unit that defines the chemical elements: chemical substances consisting of a single type of atom
- **Molecular Systems** are used in many domains (e.g. computational chemistry, biology, materials science, drug design, etc.)

[7] Wikipedia on 'Atoms' [6] Wikipedia on 'Molecule' modified from [8] Wikipedia on 'Molecular Modelling'

Molecular Systems – Terminology – Different Approaches

■ Molecular Mechanics (aka 'coarse granular')

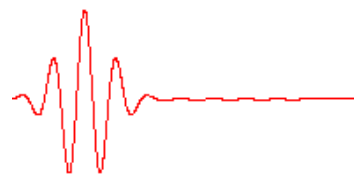
- Systems treat atoms as the smallest individual unit
- Potential energy of systems is calculated using 'force fields'



[9] Wikipedia on 'Molecular Mechanics'

■ Quantum Chemistry / Mechanics (aka 'more fine granular')

- Experiments of chemical systems with focus of quantum mechanics in physical models
- Quantum mechanics provides a mathematical description (i.e. equations) of much of the behavior and interactions of energy and matter
- Explicitly models electrons of each atom



- Molecular mechanics refer to coarse granular simulations of molecular systems
- Quantum mechanics use the Schroedinger equation for a more fine granular simulation of molecular systems
- The Schroedinger equation is a linear partial differential equation that describes the state function of a quantum-mechanical system
- One Example of using the Schroedinger equation is to describe the behaviour of a particle in a field of force

$$i\hbar \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \Psi(\mathbf{r}, t) = \hat{H} \Psi(\mathbf{r}, t)$$

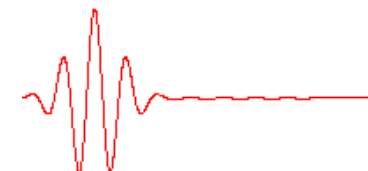
(Schroedinger Equation)

[23] Wikipedia on 'Schroedinger Equation' [10] Wikipedia on 'Quantum Chemistry' [11] Wikipedia on 'Quantum Mechanics'

Schroedinger Equation

■ Quantum Theory in Physics

- Foundation of **quantum mechanics**
- Their consequences is the well-known Schroedinger equation for stationary states of the molecule
- Stationary and evolution of non-stationary states **depend on the energy operator**
- Schroedinger equation also describes the evolution of a given wave function
- The **wave function** is a central notion in **quantum mechanics**



■ Two Types of the Equation

- **Time-independent Schroedinger** equation:
stationary states can be produced as solutions of the equation
- **Time-dependent Schroedinger** equation:
plays a **pivotal role as the equation of motion**

$$\left[\frac{-\hbar^2}{2m} \nabla^2 + V(\mathbf{r}) \right] \Psi(\mathbf{r}) = E\Psi(\mathbf{r})$$

$$i\hbar \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \Psi(\mathbf{r}, t) = \left[\frac{-\hbar^2}{2m} \nabla^2 + V(\mathbf{r}, t) \right] \Psi(\mathbf{r}, t)$$

■ Usage in simulations

- To obtain a special solution to such equations,
one has to **insert particular boundary conditions** to be fulfilled

[23] Wikipedia on 'Schroedinger Equation'

Molecular Systems – Terminology – Ab Initio Calculations

- Term often used in science & engineering
 - Also known as ‘from first principles calculations’ or ‘from the beginning’
- E.g. Terrestrial Systems
 - Terrestrial systems: ab initio calculation of liquid water includes the properties of the constituent hydrogen and oxygen atoms
 - Calculation use these properties with the established laws of electrostatics and quantum mechanics (e.g., 1 water molecule → groups of them → water)
- E.g. Bioinformatics / Biophysics
 - Bioinformatics: term used to define methods for making predictions about biological features using a computational model
 - Biophysics: term used to define methods for the prediction of protein structures in protein folding (cf. Short Lecture 13) as computational model

- Ab initio calculations rely on basic & established laws of nature w/o additional assumptions
- Ab initio calculations in computational chemistry refer to methods based on quantum chemistry

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Molecular Systems – Terminology – Molecular Docking

■ Approach

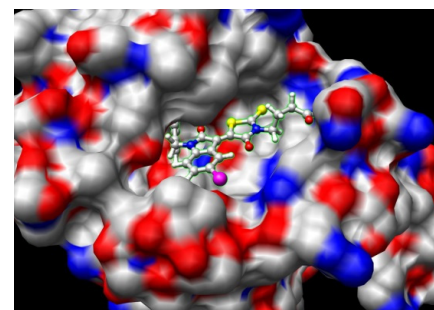
- E.g. **Geometric matching** shape complementarity methods describe the protein (cf. Short Lecture 13) and ligand as a set of features that make them dockable

■ Computational complexity

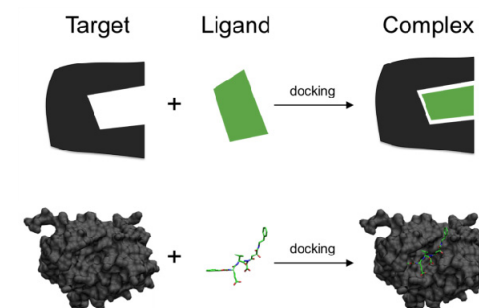
- **Relatively small** (simulation of docking becomes more larger)
- E.g. **nicely parallizable** (i.e. HTC)

■ Selected applications fields

- Used to **predict the binding orientation** of small molecule drug candidates to their protein targets
- The binding orientation in turn **predict the affinity and activity of the small molecule**



(docking of a small molecule ligand to a protein receptor to produce a complex)



(once docked a simulation of time is useful to apply)

- Molecular docking is a method to determine whether one molecule can bind to another molecule
- Predicting strength of the association or binding affinity between two molecules is performed with a score function

modified from [13] Wikipedia on 'Molecular Docking'

Molecular Systems – Terminology – Molecular Dynamics

■ Approach (simplified)

- Trajectories of atoms/molecules are determined by numerically solving Newton's equation of motion for a 'system of interacting particles'
- Forces between particles and potential energy are defined by molecular mechanics force fields

■ Computational complexity

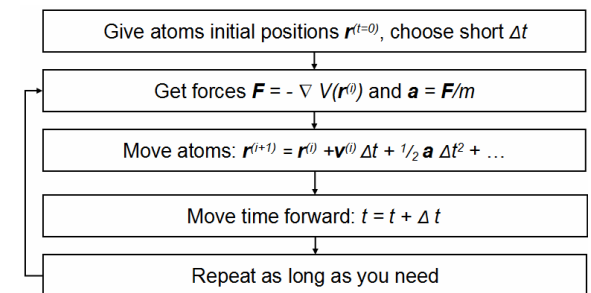
- Complex molecular systems consist of a vast number of particles
- Impossible to find solutions analytically
- Use numerical methods (cf. Short Lecture 12)

■ Selected application fields

- Chemical physics, materials science, biomolecule modelling, drug development, etc.

(electron – sub-atomic particle)

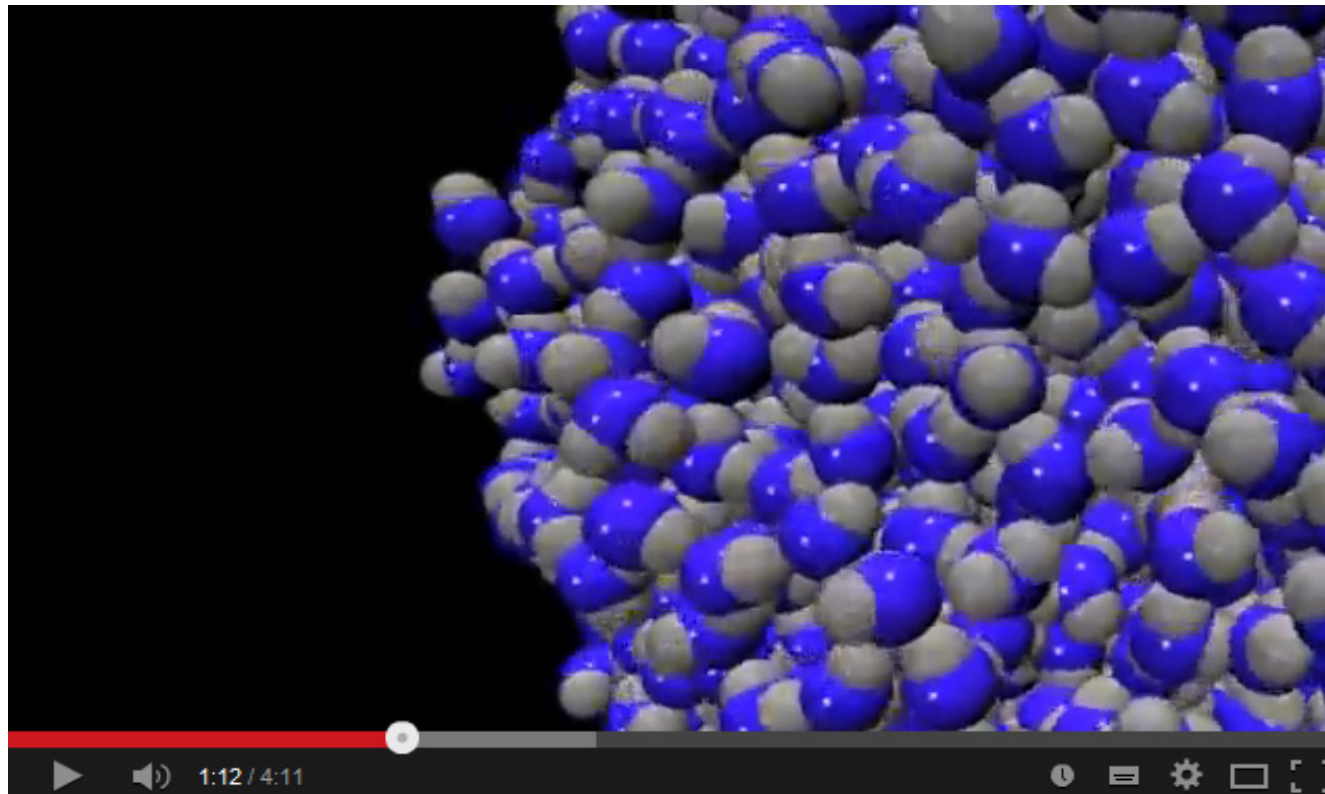
(atoms/molecules – microscopic particle)



- Molecular dynamics (MD) refers to the simulation of physical movement of atoms and molecules
- Atoms (and whole molecules) interact for a period of time to simulate the motion of the atoms
- MD is an iterative HPC simulation method calculating & solving the equations of motion based on the acceleration obtained from the new forces

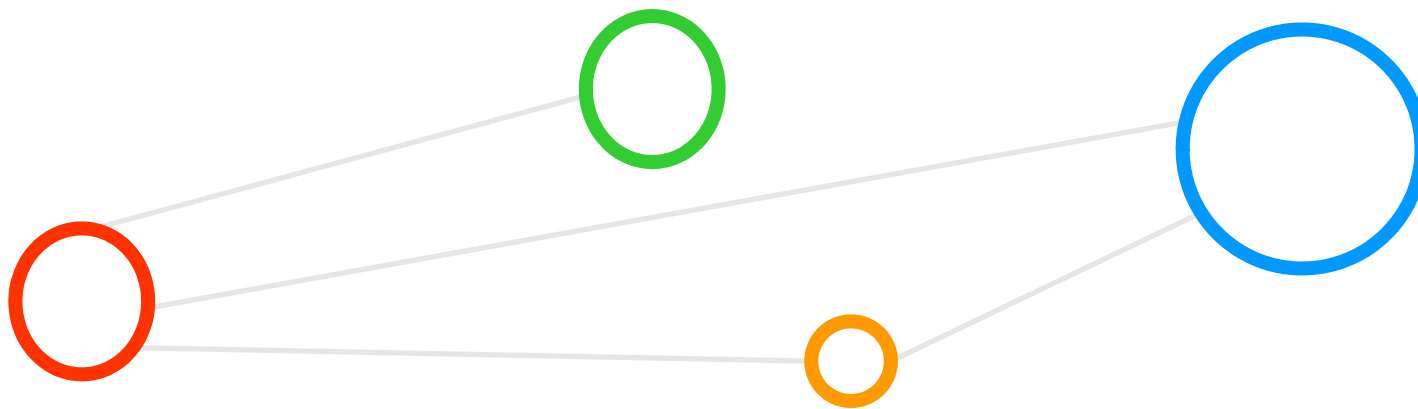
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[Video] Molecular Dynamics Summary



[15] YouTube Video, Introduction to MD

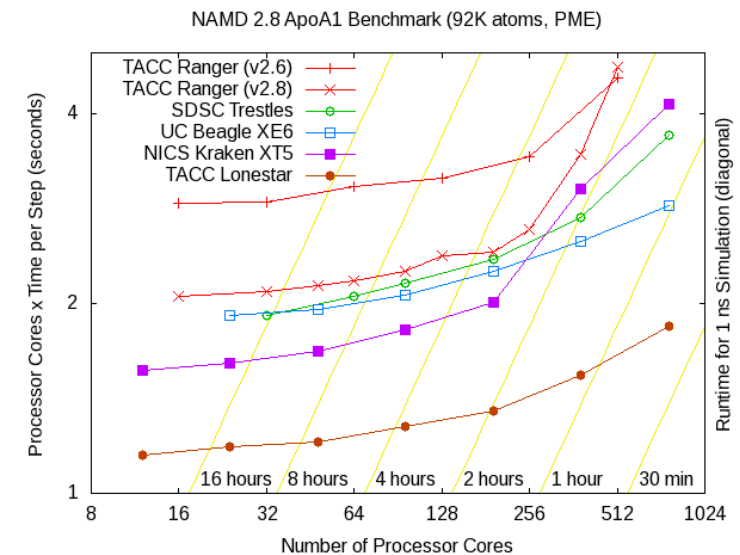
Selected Methods & Libraries



Selected Methods & Libraries – NAMD

- Selected Facts
 - Uses the [molecular graphics program VMD](#) for simulation setup
 - [Free](#) software package and [open source](#)
- Parallelization
 - Based on Charm++ (abstraction of [MPI](#), cf. Lecture 2)
 - [Scalable](#) to hundreds of cores (beyond 200,000)
- Example
 - [92224 atoms simulation](#) on a 1ns simulation timescale

■ **Nanoscale Molecular Dynamics (NAMD) is a parallel code designed for HPC simulations of large biomolecular systems to analyse trajectories and study molecular systems**

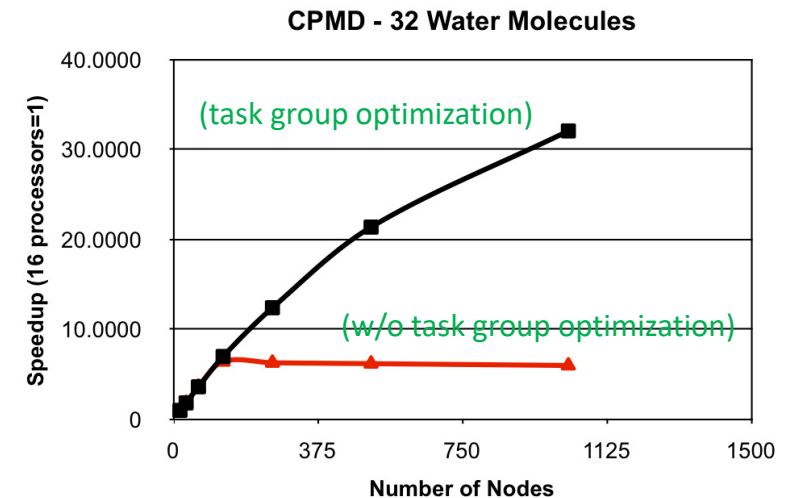


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Selected Methods & Libraries – CPMD

- Selected Facts
 - Plane wave / pseudopotential implementation of density functional theory (DFT) designed for ‘**ab initio molecular dynamics**’
 - **Free** software package (for non-profit organization)
- Parallelization
 - Shared memory with **OpenMP** (cf. Lecture 6)
 - Distributed memory with **MPI** (cf. Lecture 2)
- Example
 - Detailed parallel simulation of **32 water molecules**

■ **Car Parinello Molecular Dynamics (CPMD) is a parallel program used for ab initio electronic structure & molecular dynamics simulations**



modified from [18] CPMD Webpage

Molecular Systems Parallel Algorithms – Revisited (cf. Lecture 5)

- Scientific case:

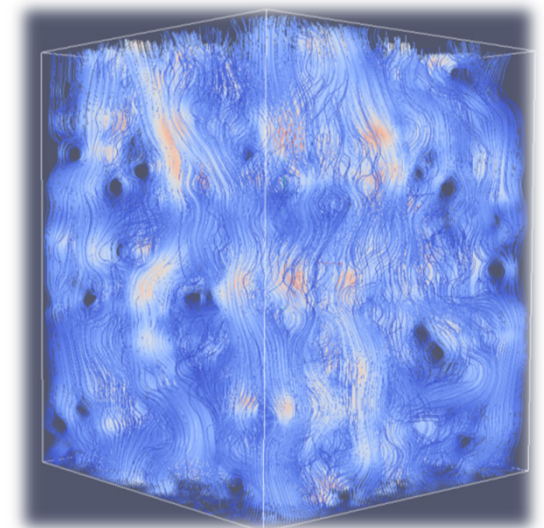
- Understanding physical movements of atoms and molecules in the context of n-body simulations

- Molecular dynamics algorithms for interacting ‘particles’

- Determine trajectories of atoms and molecules
- Numerically solving the Newton’s equations of motion
- Forces between particles and potential energy is parallel computed according to molecular mechanics force field methods

- Using a library

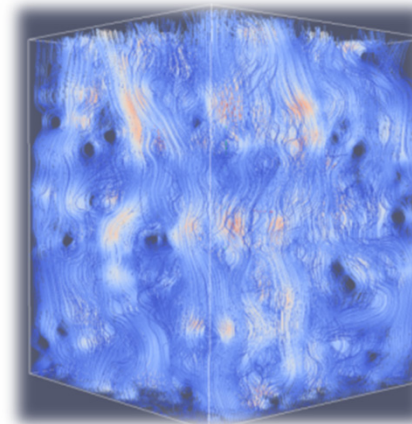
- E.g. [MP2C code](#): particle-based hydrodynamics (fluid simulations)



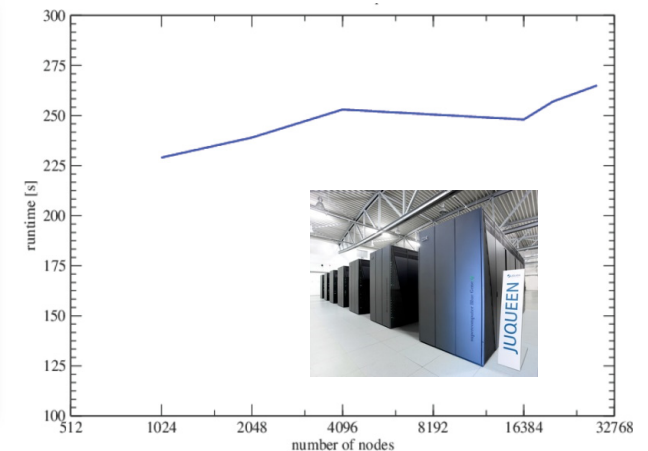
Flow field in a gas diffusion membrane

Selected Methods & Libraries – MP2C

- Selected Facts
 - Implements a hybrid representation of solvated particles in a fluid
- Parallelization
 - Based on [MPI](#) (cf. Lecture 3)
 - [Scalable parallel/IO](#) (via SionLib library)
- Example
 - Flow field in [gas diffusion membrane](#)
 - [Particle-based hydrodynamics application](#) (highly scalable fluid simulation)



(Flow field in a gas diffusion membrane)

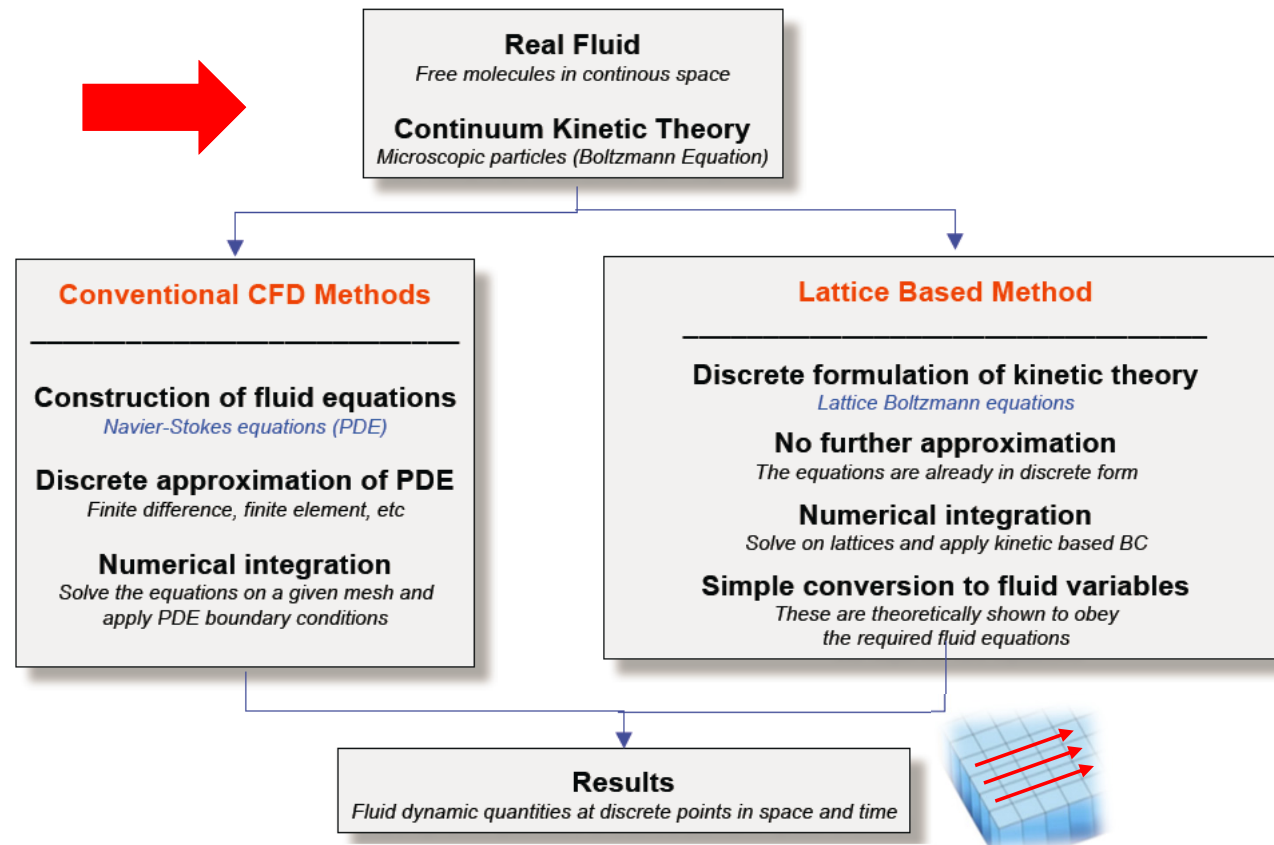


- **MP2C stands for Massively Parallel Multi-Particle Collision Dynamics**
- **MP2C is a molecular dynamics code that focuses on mesoscopic particles**

[19] *MP2C Web page*

➤ **Lecture 15 will give further details on computational fluid dynamics (CFD) techniques & codes including Finite Elements Method (FEM)**

Computational Fluid Dynamics – Methods Overview



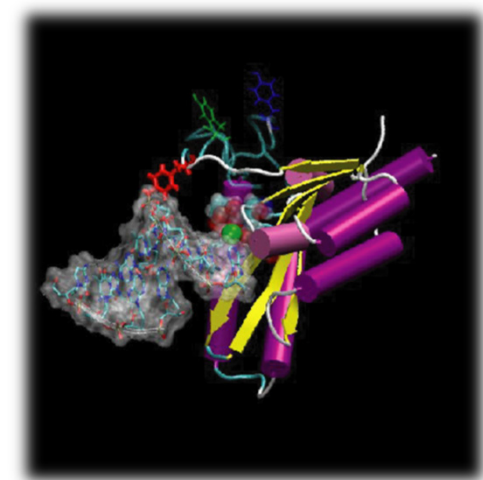
[22] S. Orszag et al.

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Selected Methods & Libraries – AMBER

- Selected Facts
 - AMBER is a MD suite of several programs
- Parallelization
 - Full 3D domain decomposition (cf. Lecture 3)
 - Parallel NetCDF (cf. Lecture 4)
 - Offers CUDA GPU use (cf. Lecture 7)
- Example
 - Simulation of HIV-1 integrase enzyme
 - Understanding challenging diseases like retroviruses (e.g. HIV)

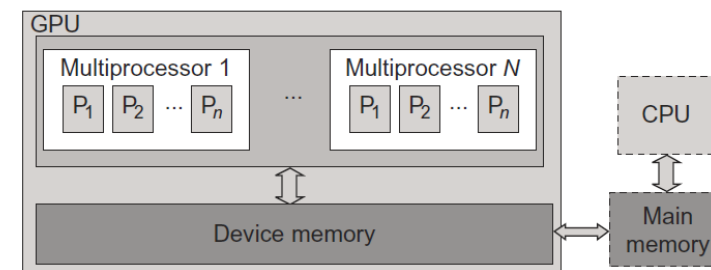
- AMBER stands for Assisted Model Building with Energy Refinement
- AMBER is a set of molecular mechanical force fields for simulating biomolecules & MD software



(Integrase is one of the three essential enzymes required for replication of the HIV-1 virus)

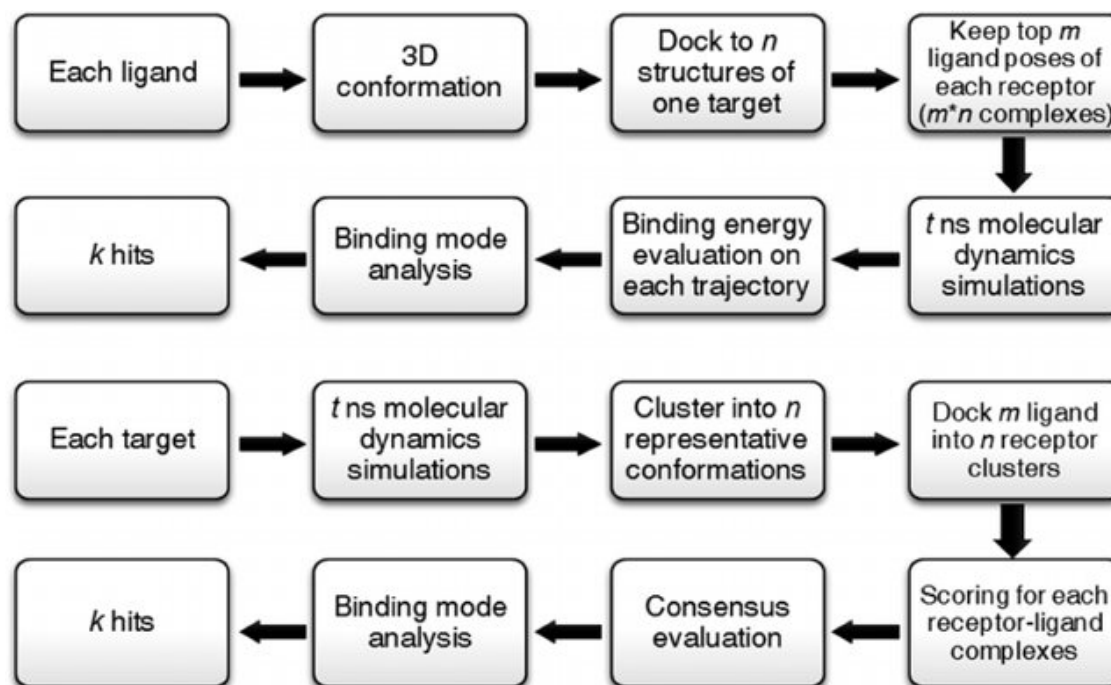
Many-core GPGPUs – Revisited (cf. Lecture 1)

- Use of very many simple cores
 - High throughput computing-oriented architecture
 - Use massive parallelism by executing a lot of concurrent threads slowly
 - Handle an ever increasing amount of multiple instruction threads
 - CPUs instead typically execute a single long thread as fast as possible
- Many-core GPUs are used in large clusters and within massively parallel supercomputers today
 - Named General-Purpose Computing on GPUs (GPGPU)
 - Different programming models emerge



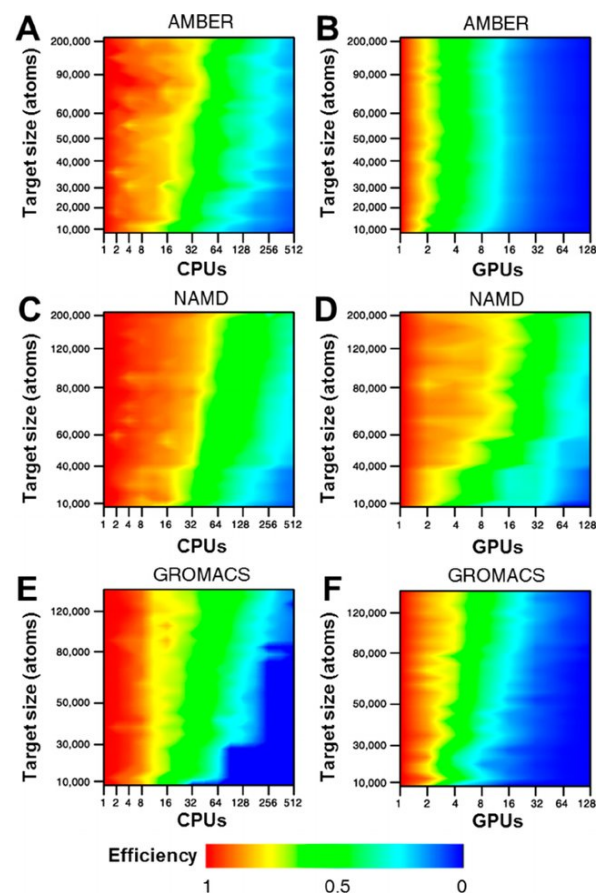
- Graphics Processing Unit (GPU) is great for data parallelism and task parallelism
- Compared to multi-core CPUs, GPUs consist of a many-core architecture with hundreds to even thousands of very simple cores executing threads rather slowly

Selected Comparisons – Application



[24] Hu Ge et al.

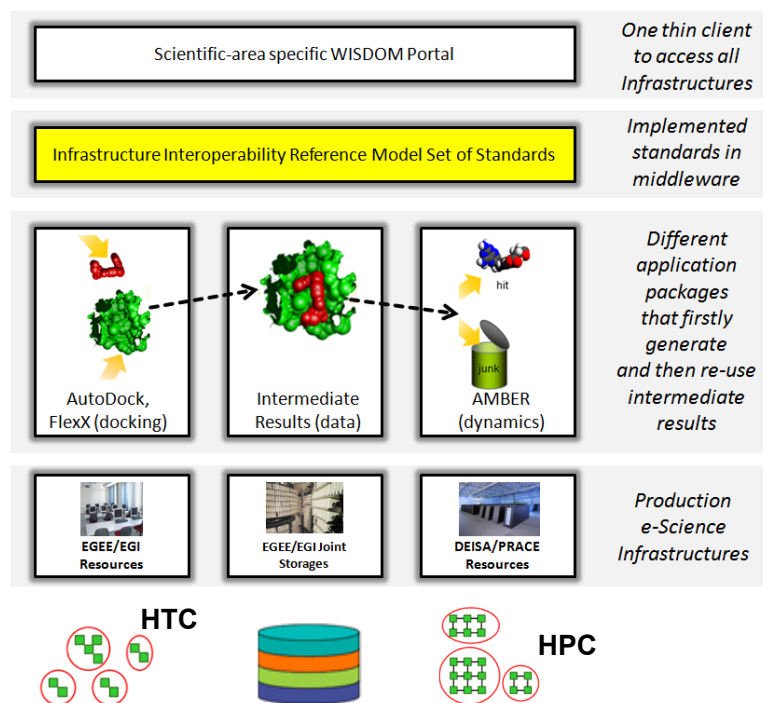
Selected Comparisons – Packages using CPUs & GPUs



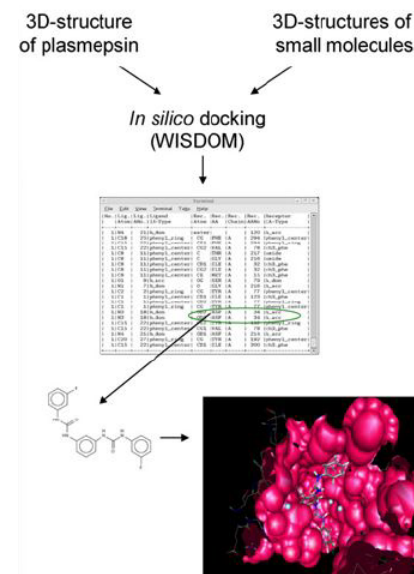
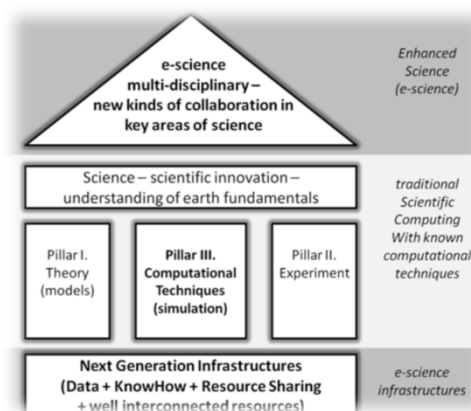
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Bioinformatics – Drug Development using Scalable Computing Infrastructures

- Use of Interoperability of **two different computing paradigms**
 - E.g. use of HTC in EGI & HPC in PRACE infrastructures (cf. Short Lecture 11)

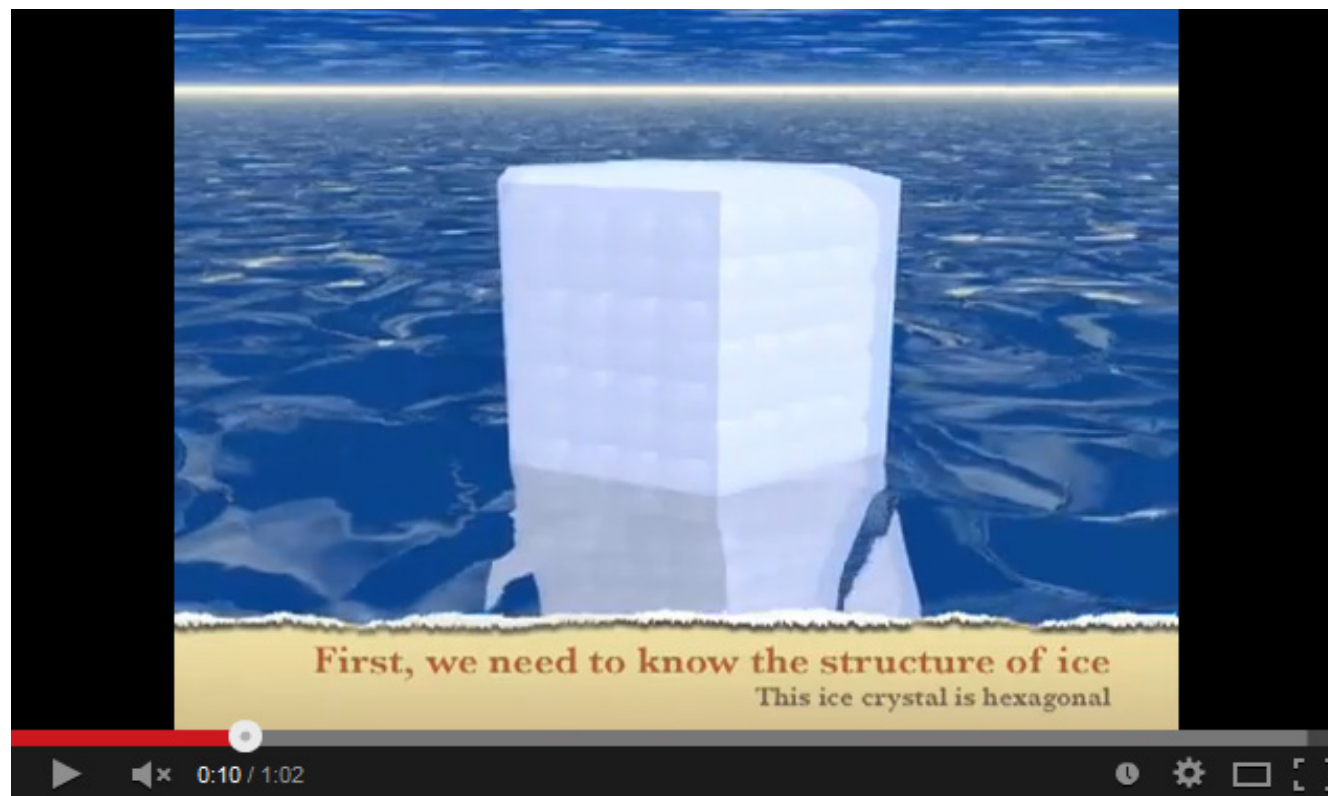


(Web-based portal make complex infrastructure access easy for biological domain scientists)



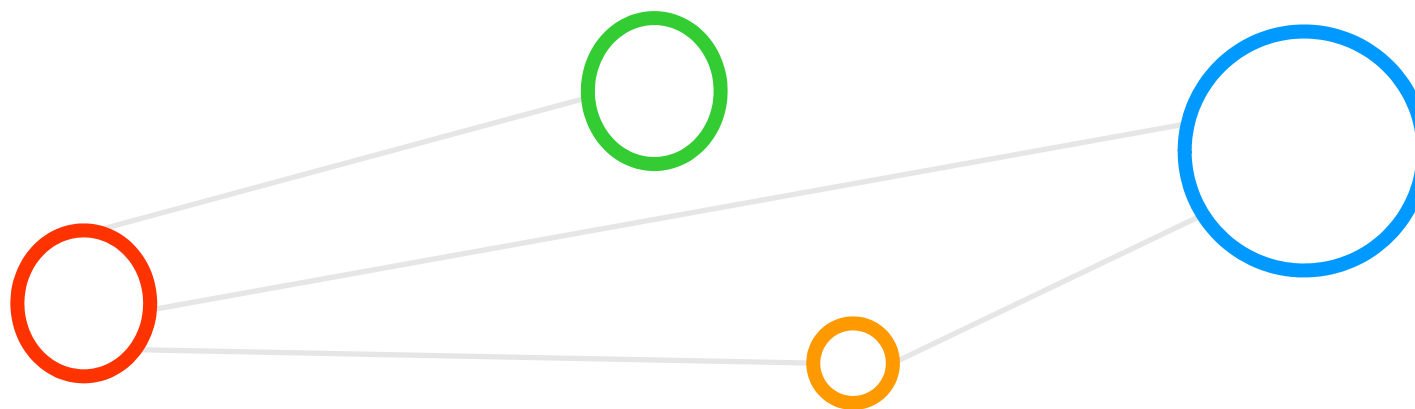
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