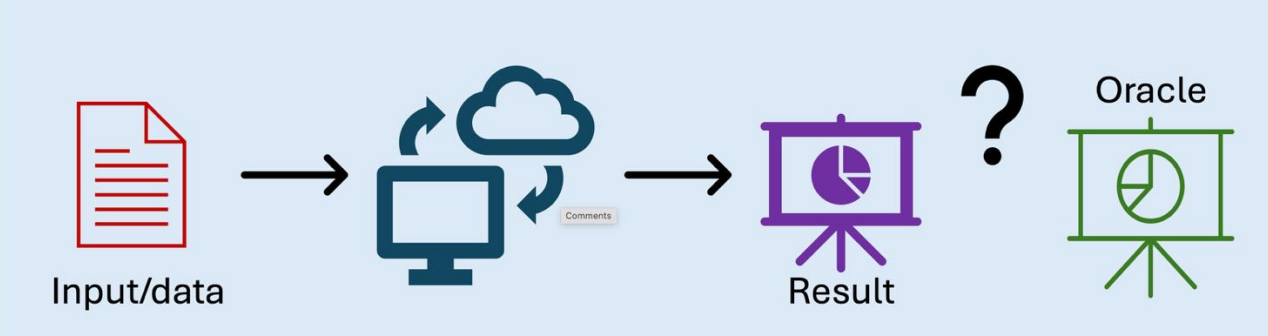
Mentor Introductions

SIMCODES 2025

Myra Cohen
Professor of Computer Science

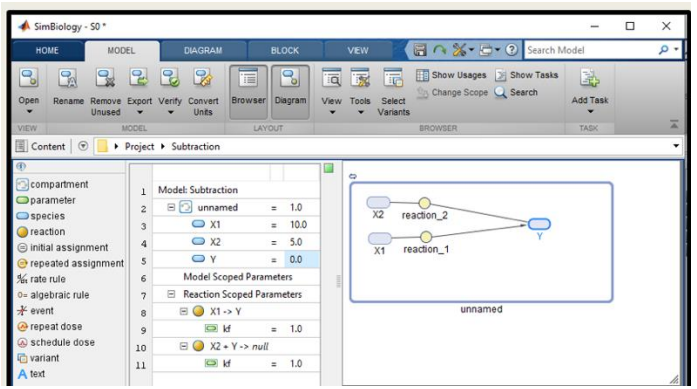
Building better software testing techniques to improve the quality of software

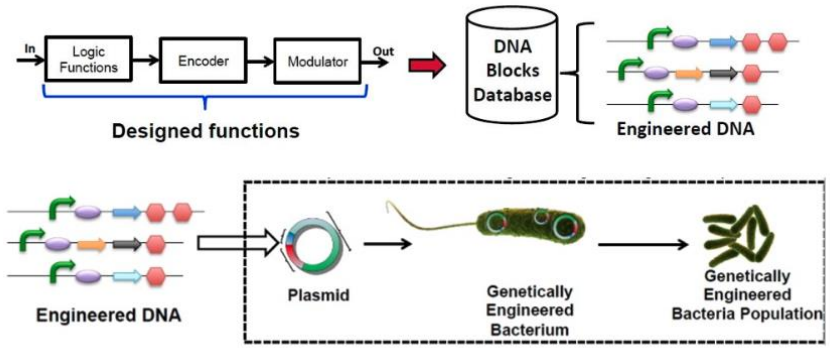


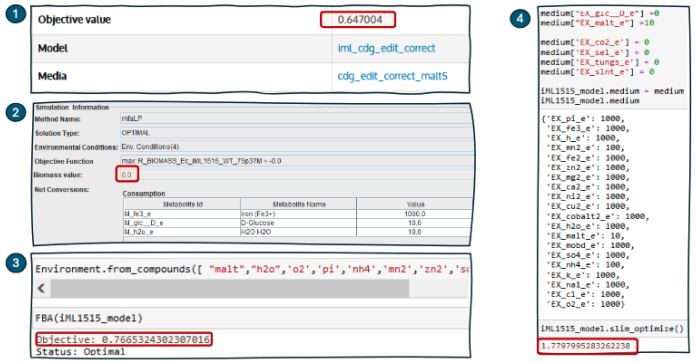
LaVA-Ops

Laboratory for Variability-Aware Assurance and Testing of Organic Programs
https://faculty.sites.iastate.edu/mcohen/research

Correct Scientific Software







Chemical Reaction Networks

Synthetic Biology

Predictive Biology

++ Computational Chemistry and Quantum Computing

- Distinguished Professor, Department of Chemistry
- Scientist of Ames National Laboratory
- mgordon@iastate.edu
- Group: https://www.msg.chem.iastate.edu/

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- What is your area of research?
  - Physical and theoretical chemistry
  - Principle Investigator and group leader for General Atomic and Molecular Electronic Structure System (GAMESS) package

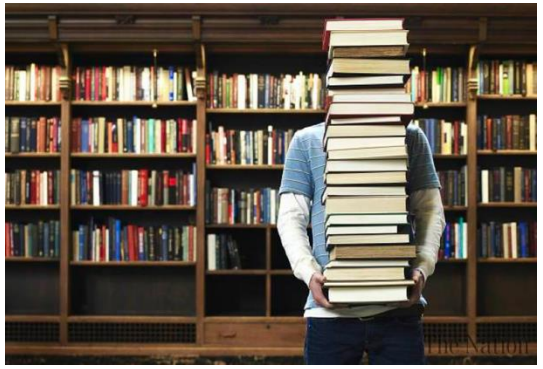
- Research Interests
  - Development of new theoretical methods
  - Development of high performance, highly scalable computational methods with linear scaling for large molecular systems
  - Ionic liquids and deep eutectic solvents
  - Heterogeneous catalysis
  - And many more…..

Qi Li

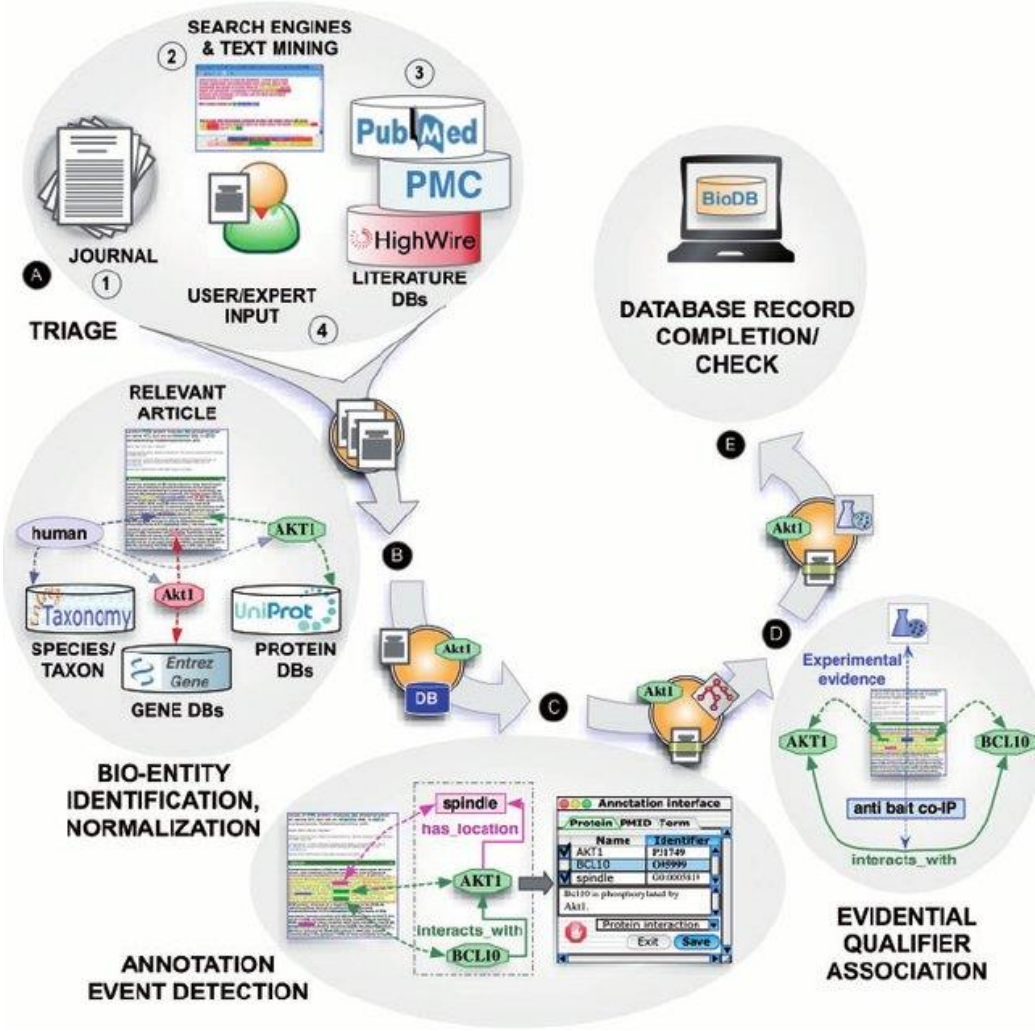
- My name
  - Name can tell a lot
  - Gender, Ethnicity, Age, Religion, …
  - Important feature for many NLP tasks
- My background
  - BS. Math
  - MS. Stats
  - PhD. CS

My research

- NLP -- Information extraction
- Generation models
- Applied ML

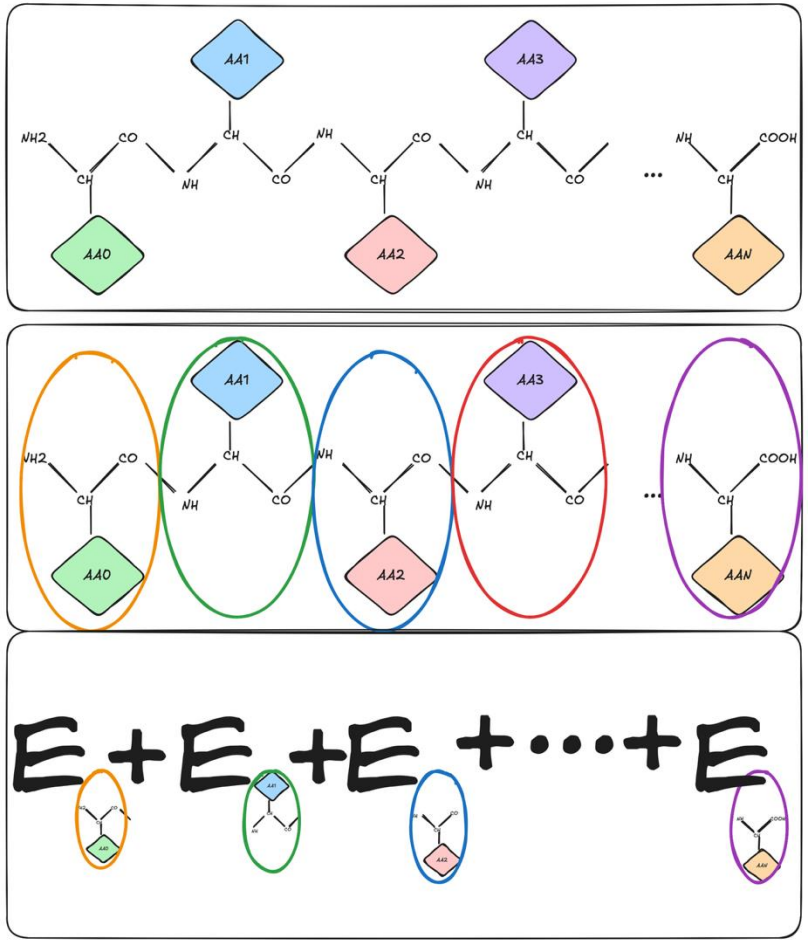


Knowledge
& Insights



SIMCODES Project:
Developing components for automating fragmentation

- Mentee: Gabriela and Devarsh
- Goals:
  - Function for identifying amino acids in a protein.
  - Function for splitting a protein by amino acid.
  - Idea: protein as an unnatural language

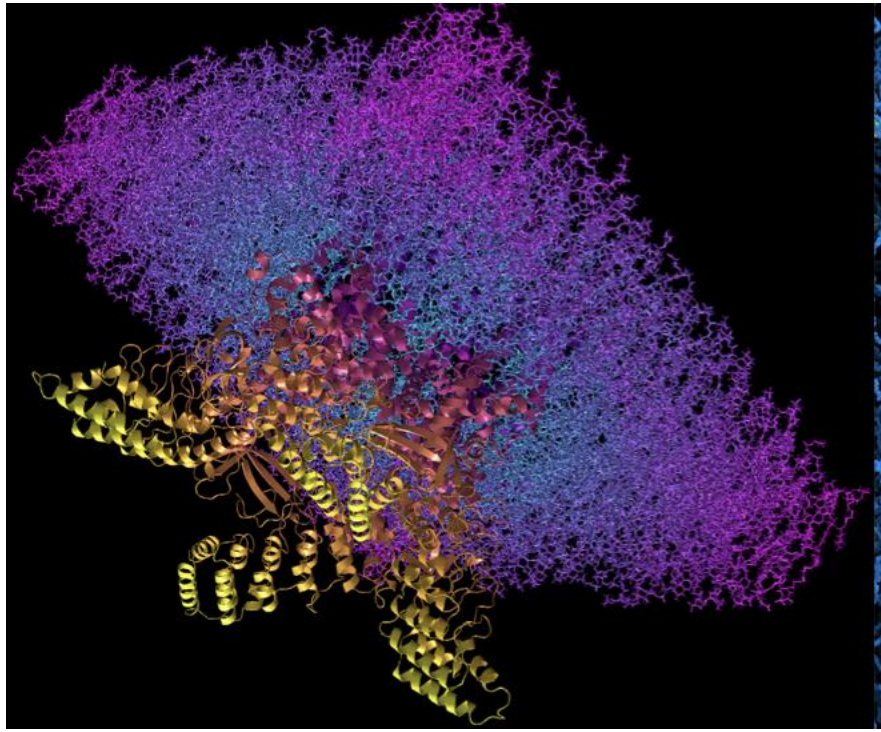


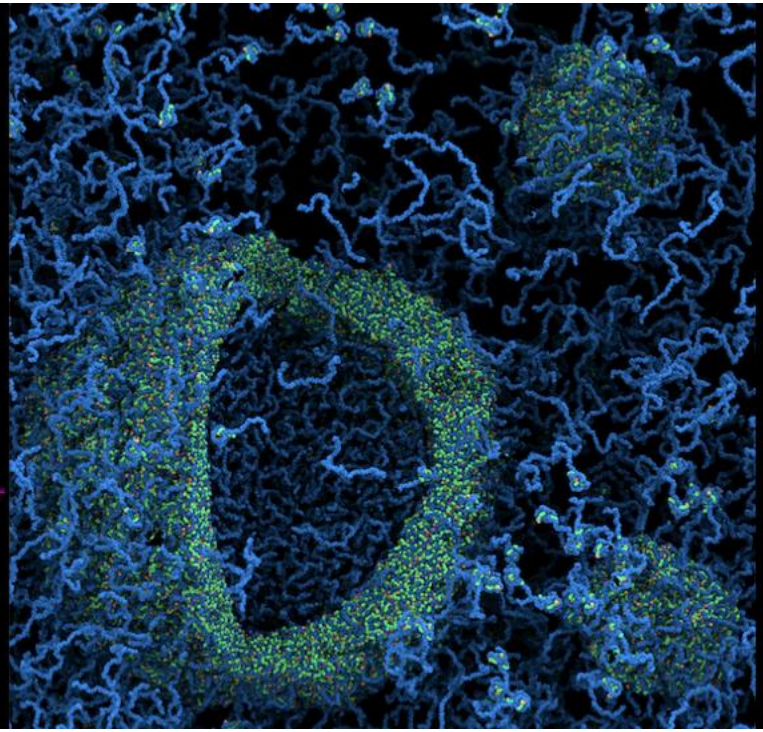
Computation, AI & Theory-Driven Biophysics (CATBio 🐱🧬)

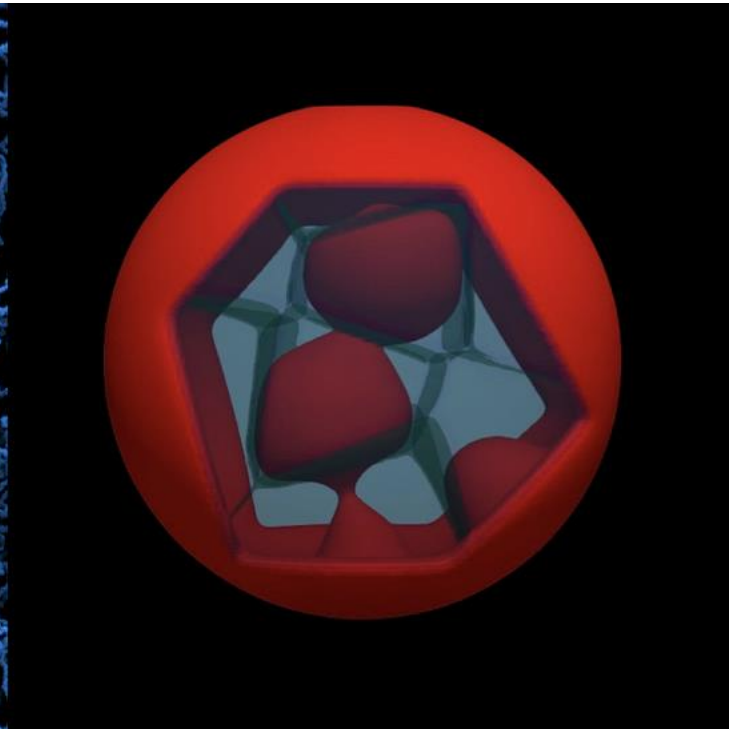
1. Allostery, sensing and adaptation of protein dynamics to environments

2. Dynamics and thermodynamics of biomolecular condensates

3. Mesoscale models of chromatin organization and dynamics







MD simulations, bioinformatics, AI

MD simulations, Soft-matter theory, Model development

Phase-field and reaction-diffusion simulations, model development

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RESEARCH CORPORATION *for* SCIENCE ADVANCEMENT

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National Institutes of Health

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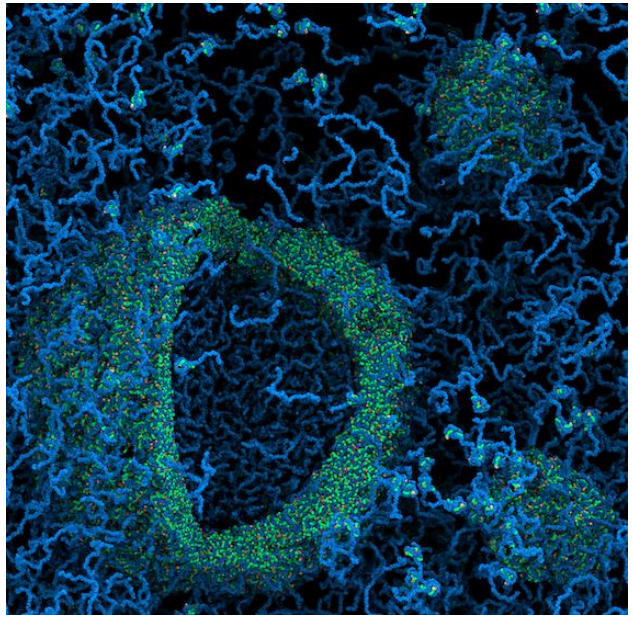

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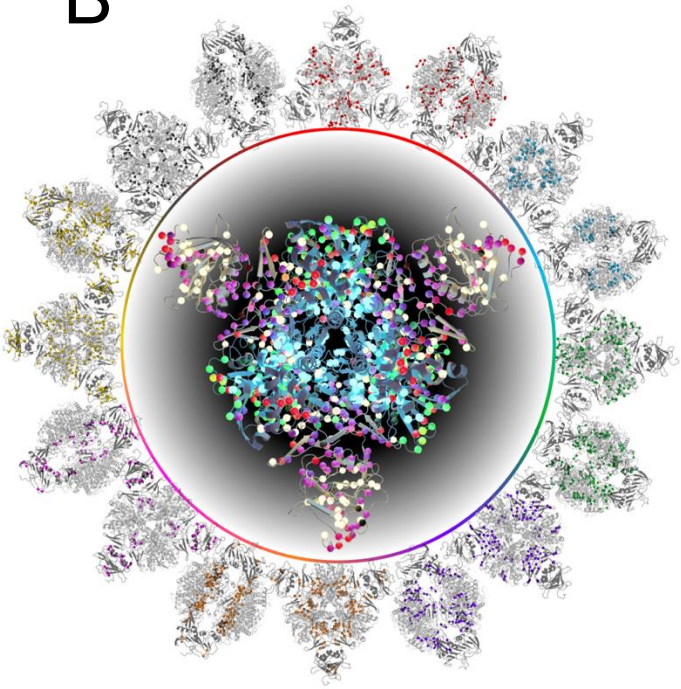

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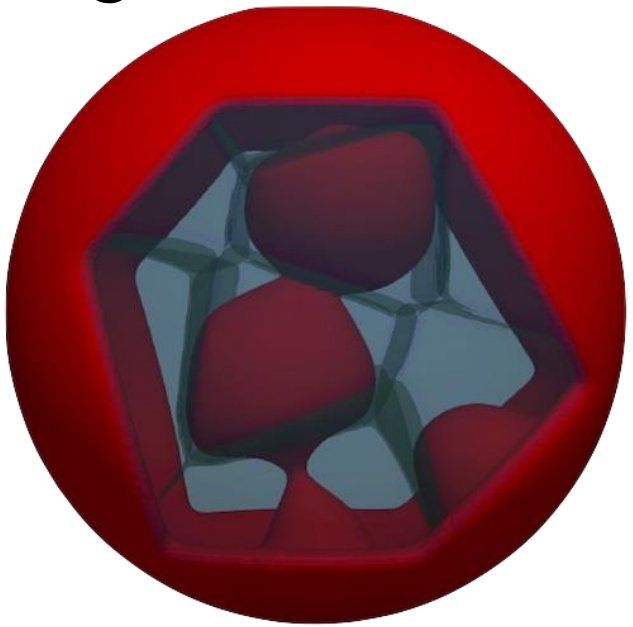
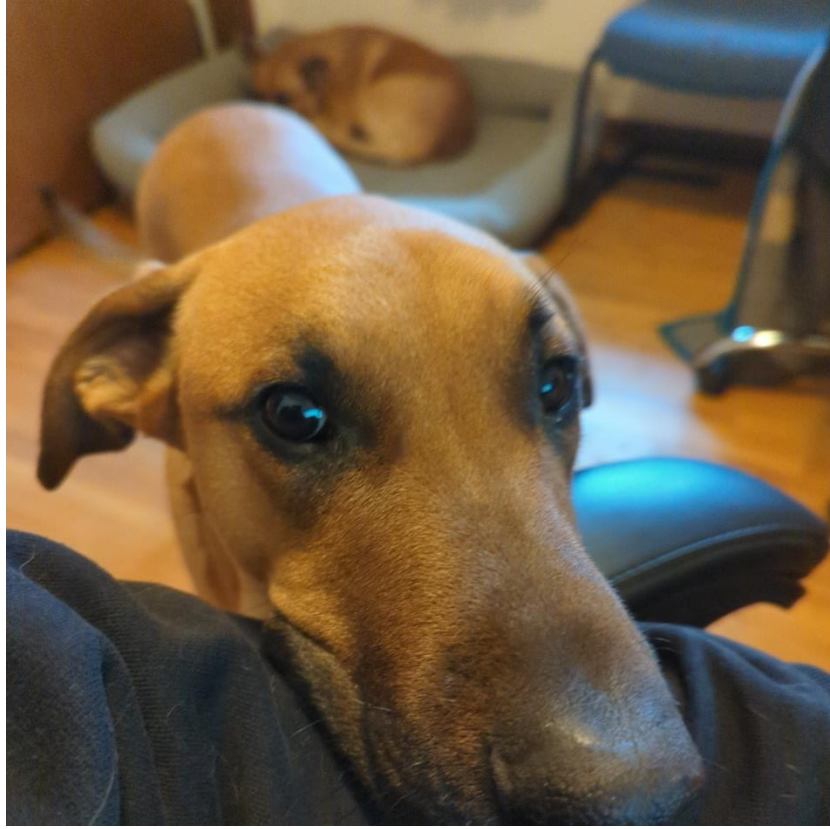


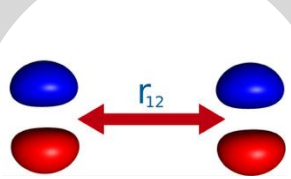


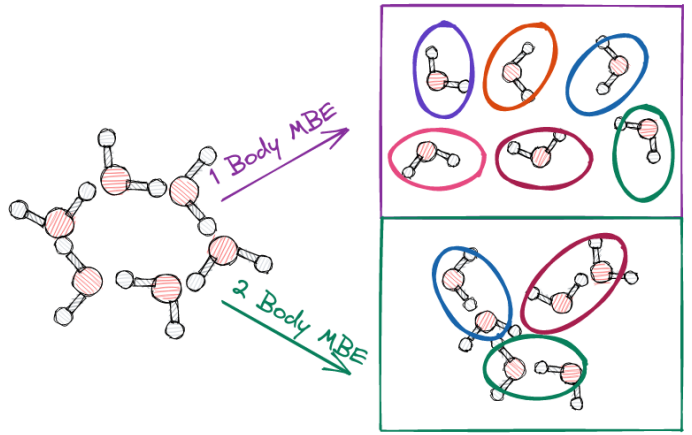
Ryan Richard

- Scientist at Ames National Laboratory and Adjunct Professor of Chemistry at Iowa State University.
- Background: Grew up in Ohio, PhD in chemistry from “The” Ohio State University.
- Interests: travel, technology, video games, exercise, being told what to do by my dogs.

Research in the Richard Group

- Research interests: Sustainable scientific software development, high-performance computing, reduced scaling electronic structure theory.
- Develop for NWChemEx ecosystem.
- Strong emphasis on software engineering applied to theoretical chemistry.

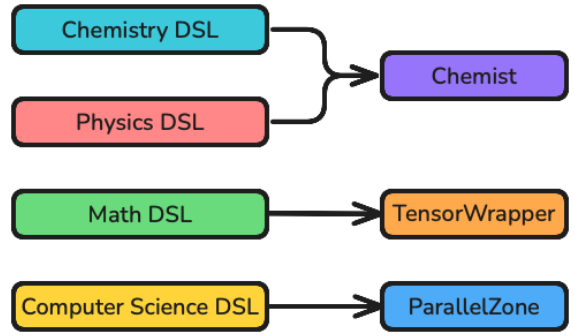




PluginPlay

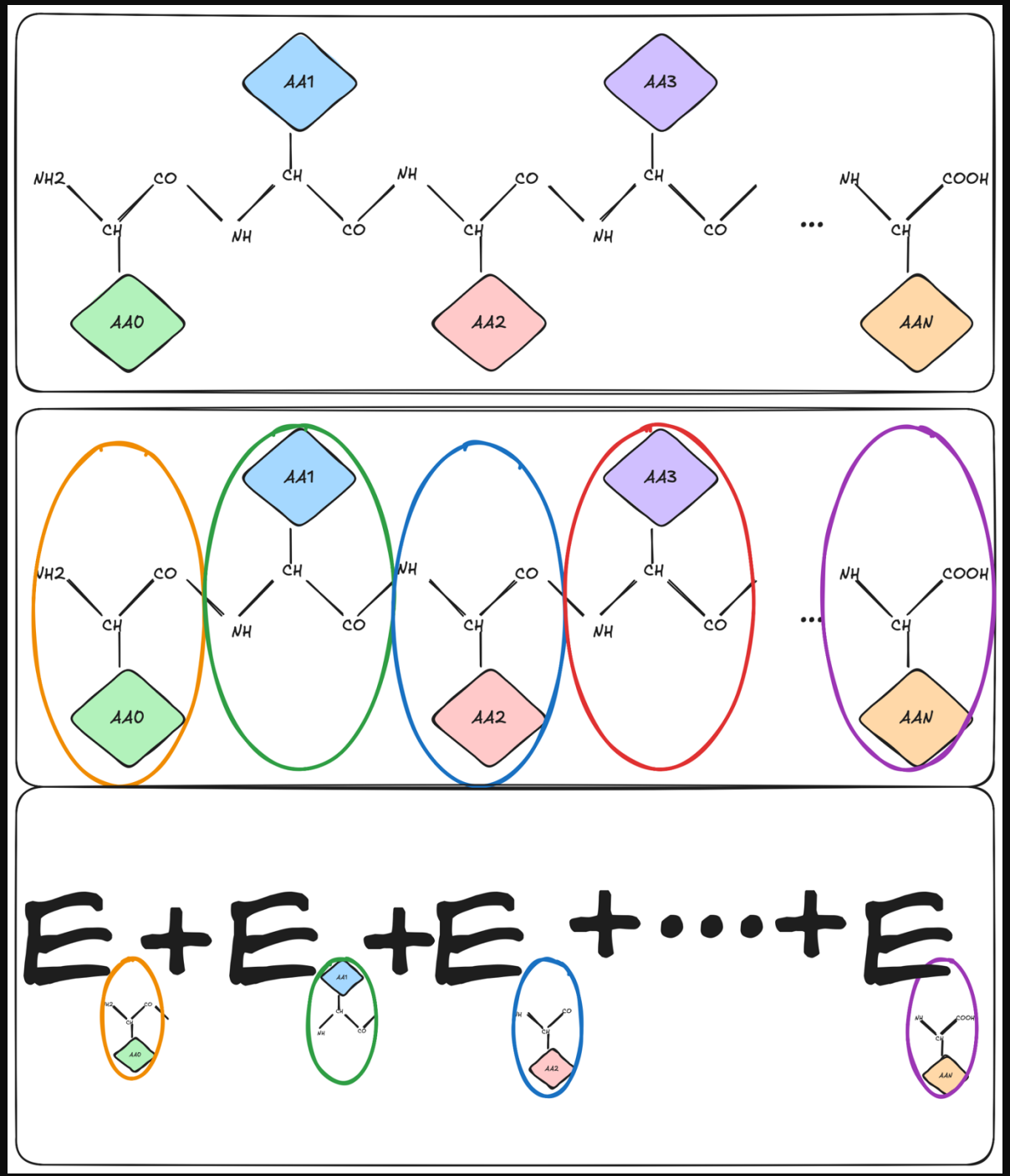
NWChemEx

SimDE



SIMCODES Project: Developing components for automating fragmentation

- Mentee: Daniel Woodard
- Summary: Winner-take-all battle between Daniel's chemical intuition and the best AI/ML model Gabriela and Devarsh can make.
- Goals:
  - Develop tools for reading PDF files.
  - Function for identifying amino acids in a protein.
  - Function for splitting a protein by amino acid.



The Richard and Windus Groups

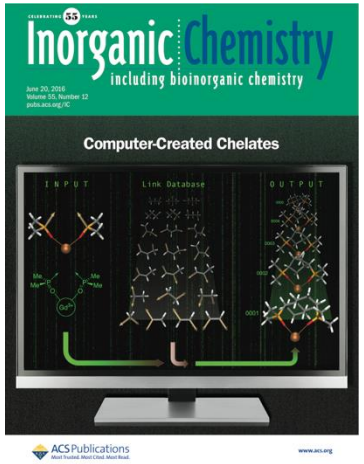
Research in Song's Group

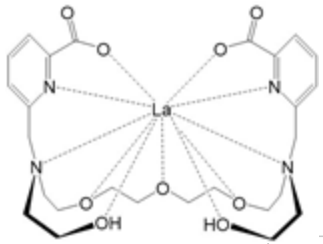
Statistical Mechanics and Biophysics at Iowa State University

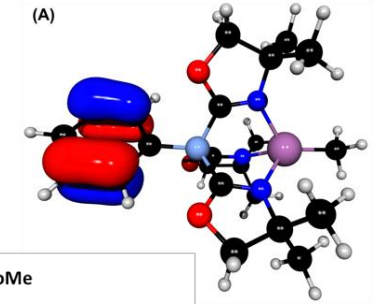
- Electron Transfer and Energy Transfer in Photosynthesis and Electric Cells, electron transport in DNA
- Solvation Dynamics and Dielectric Fluctuations in Inhomogeneous Dielectric Materials, such as Protein and Nucleic Acids
- Theory of Protein Crystallization and protein-protein interaction
- Molecular Debye-Huckel theory of ionic fluids
- Phase behaviors and nucleation
- Sub-diffraction imaging using heterodyne and entangled photons
- Studies of nano-domains of supercooled liquids using machine learning

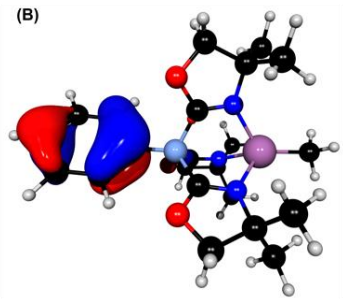
The Windus Group

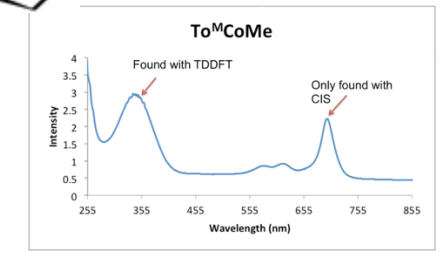
Separations and catalysis challenges



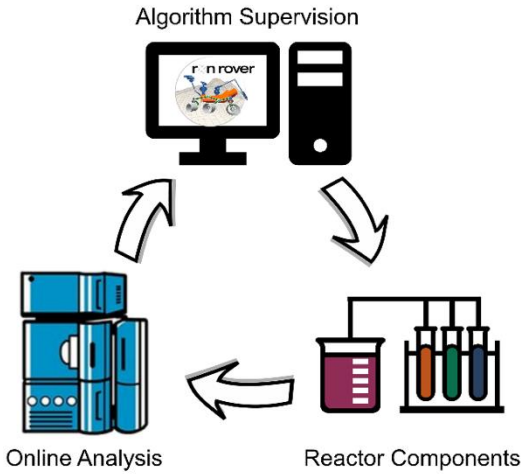




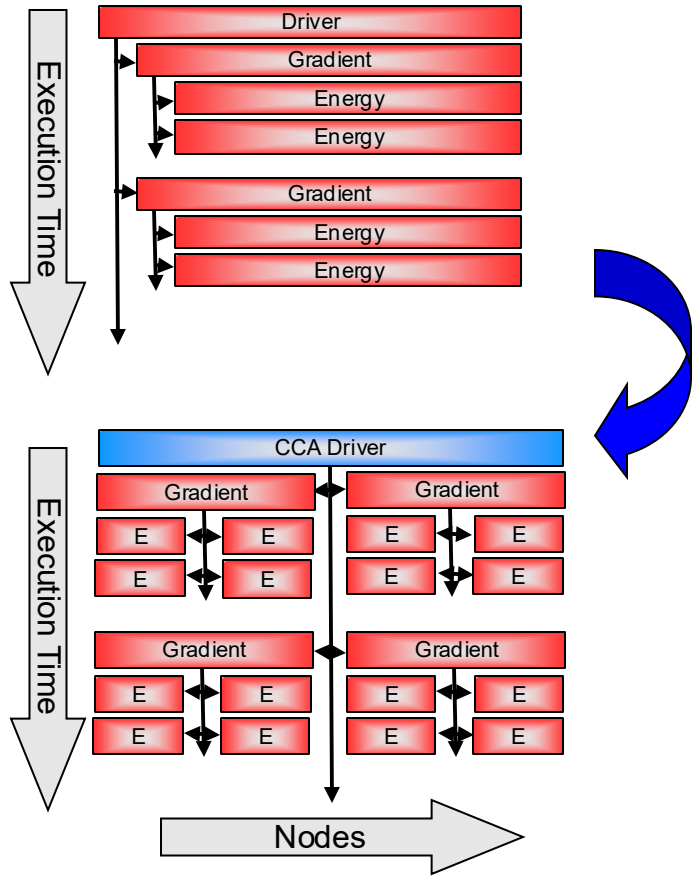




Reaction optimization and lab automation



High performance, exascale computing



The Windus Group and Funding

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CMI Accelerating Energy Innovations

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- Adjunct assistant professor, Department of Chemistry
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- What is your area of research?
  - Theoretical and Computational Chemistry
  - developer of General Atomic and Molecular Electronic Structure System (GAMESS) package
  - Reduced scaling electronic structure theory
  - Heterogeneous high-performance computing and energy efficient computing
- Research Interests
  - Protein-ligand interactions; drug design
  - Heterogeneous catalysis modeling
  - Radical chemistry
  - Quantum computing and machine learning
- How do you relax at the end of the day?
  - Play with my kid; play games