

Installing MD analysis packages w/ conda

- `conda create --name mdanalysis`
- `conda activate mdanalysis`
- `conda config --add channels conda-forge`
- `conda install jupyter pandas mdanalysis pymbar`
 - jupyter - for interactive coding notebooks
 - pandas - for data analysis
 - mdanalysis - for loading and analyzing MD trajectories
 - pymbar - for calculating free energies. also contains equilibration detection.

What is equilibration?

- The early part of a simulation is biased by the initial configuration
 - macromolecule structures start in a local minimum
 - water and ions are placed somewhat arbitrarily
 - box size is probably too large
- Equilibration is the time a system takes to reach a representative configuration
- Generally, simulation results from the equilibration period are ignored
- The samples actually used to calculate averages are known as the production
- See [Equilibration.ipynb](#), which illustrates these points for a simulation of ubiquitin.