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Education

Ph.D. Physics, University of Connecticut M.S. Physics, University of Connecticut B.S. Engineering Physics, Lehigh University

Appointments

San Diego Supercomputer Center University of California San Diego, La Jolla, CA

3/2011 – present: Gordon Supercomputing Applications Lead

9/2005 –3/2011: Cryo-electron microscopy laboratory (PI: Timothy Baker)

Senior software developer /Research Scientist

6/2001 – 9/2005: Alliance for Cellular Signaling (AfCS), Bioinformatics Laboratory

Project Manager

3/1997 – 6/2001: Scientific Applications Group

Laboratory for Computational Physics and Fluid Dynamics Naval Research Laboratory, Washington, DC

1991 – 1993: Postdoctoral Fellow

1993 – 1997: Research Scientist

Peer Reviewed Publications

- 1. Ku, T.-H., M.-P. Chien, M. P. Thompson, R. S. Sinkovits, N. H. Olson, T. S. Baker, and N. C. Gianneschi (2011). Controlling and switching the morphology of micellar nanoparticles with enzymes. *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **133:8392-8395**.
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- McKenna (2010). Human bocavirus capsid structure: Insights into the structural repertoire of the Parvoviridae. *J. Virol.* **84:5880-5889**.
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- 4. Seitsonen, J., P. Susi, O. Heikkilä, R. S. Sinkovits, P. Laurinmäki, T. Hyypiä and S. J.Butcher (2010). Interaction of $\alpha V\beta 3$ and $\alpha V\beta 6$ integrins with Human parechovirus 1. *J. Virol.* **84: 8509-8519**.
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- 8. Ochoa, W. F., W. M. Havens, R. S. Sinkovits, M. L. Nibert, S. A. Ghabrial, and T. S. Baker (2008). Partitivirus structure reveals a 120-subunit, helix-rich capsid with distinctive surface arches formed by quasisymmetric coat-protein dimers. *Structure* **16:776-786**.
- 9. Tang, J., W. F. Ochoa, R. S. Sinkovits, B. T. Poulos, S. A. Ghabrial, D. V. Lightner, T. S. Baker, and M. L. Nibert (2008). Infectious myonecrosis virus has a totivirus-like, 120-subunit capsid, but with fiber complexes at the fivefold axes. *Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci. USA.* **105:17526–17531**.
- 10. Yan X., R. S. Sinkovits, and T. S. Baker (2007). AUTO3DEM an automated and high throughput program for image reconstruction of icosahedral particles. *J. Struct. Bio.* **157:73-82**.
- 11. Lee, J.A., R.S. Sinkovits, D. Mock, L. Rab, J. Cai, P. Yang, B. Saunders, R.C. Hsueh, S. Choi, S. Subramaniam, and R. Scheuermann. (2006). Components of the antigen processing and presentation pathway revealed by gene expression microarray analysis following B cell antigen receptor (BCR) stimulation. *BMC Bioinformatics* **7:237**.

- 12. Sambrano, G.R., G. Chandy, S. Choi, D. Decamp, R. Hsueh, K.M. Lin, D. Mock, N. O'Rourke, T. Roach, H. Shu, B. Sinkovits, M. Verghese, and H. Bourne (2002). Unraveling the signal-transduction network in B lymphocytes, *Nature* **420:708-710**.
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- 17. Oh, C. K., E. S. Oran, and R. S. Sinkovits (1997) Computations of high-speed high-Knudsen-number microchannel flows. *J. Thermophysics and Heat Transfer* **11:497-505**.
- 18. Sinkovits, R. S. (1997) Non-equilibrium hydrogen temperatures under diamond chemical vapor deposition conditions. *Appl. Phys. Lett.* **70:78-80**.
- 19. Sen, S. and R. S. Sinkovits (1996). Sound propagation in impure granular columns. *Phys. Rev. E* **54: 6857-6865**.
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- 28. Pandey, R. B., R. S. Sinkovits, J. P. Boris, and E.S. Oran (1994). Simulation of the growth of a binary composite by a controlled thermal annealing. *J. Phys. I France* **4:1427-1438**.
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- 31. Sinkovits, R. S. and R. B. Pandey (1994). Computer simulation of random sequential adsorption of two interacting species on a lattice. *J.Stat. Phys.* **74:457-463**.
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- 35. Bartram, R. H., A. M. Woods, R. S. Sinkovits, J. C. Charpie, and A. R. Rossi (1991). Embedded cluster modeling of excited chromium impurities in halide elpasolites. *Radiation Effects and Defects in Solids* **627:119-121**.
- 36. Sinkovits, R. S. and R. H. Bartram (1991). Computer modeling of lattice dynamics in halide elpasolites. *J. Phys. Chem. Solids* **52:1137-1144**.

Book Chapters

- 1. Tang, J., R.S. Sinkovits, and T.S. Baker (2011). Three-dimensional asymmetric reconstruction of tailed bacteriophage, *Meth. Enzym.* (J. J. Grant Ed.) **482: 185-210**.
- 2. Sinkovits, R.S. and T.S. Baker (2010). Structure Determination of Icosahedral Viruses Imaged by Cryo-electron Microscopy in *Structural Virology* (Agbandge-McKenna, M. and R. McKenna Eds.)
- 3. Sinkovits R.S. and T.S. Baker (2009). Three-dimensional image reconstruction of icosahedral viruses from cryo-electron microscopy data in *3D-EM in Life Sciences* (Orlova, E. Ed.) **3.13**.

Recent Conference Proceedings

- 1. Myers, J.A., M. Tatineni, and R.S. Sinkovits (2011). Subset removal on massive data with Dash, In *Proceedings of the 2011 TeraGrid Conference (TG11)*, Salt Lake City, UT, July 18-21.
- 2. Sinkovits, R.S., P. Cicotti, S. Strande, M. Tatineni, P. Rodriguez, N. Wolter, and N. Balac, In *Proceeding of the 17th ACM SIGKDD Conference on Knowledge Discovery and Data Mining (KDD11)*, San Diego, CA

Online articles

The following articles appeared in a short-lived San Diego Supercomputer Center ejournal dedicated to topics in scientific computing and performance optimizations.

Sinkovits, R.S. (1999). Vector intrinsic functions I: CRAY T3E http://www.sdsc.edu/~sinkovit/SCAN_t3e_vector.html

Sinkovits, R.S. (1999). Vector intrinsic functions II: IBM SP http://www.sdsc.edu/~sinkovit/SCAN_ibm_vector.html

Sinkovits R.S. (1999). Vector intrinsic functions III: Sun HPC Servers http://www.sdsc.edu/~sinkovit/SCAN_sun_vector.html

Sinkovits R.S. (1999). Shared memory programming on the IBM POWER3 nodes I: Parallelization of simple loops http://www.sdsc.edu/~sinkovit/SCAN_ibm_shared.html

Computational skills

- Extensive programming experience using C, Fortran 90, Perl, Python
- Knowledge of relational databases (e.g. Oracle) and SQL
- Code parallelization using MPI and OpenMP
- Basic Linux and Rocks compute cluster systems administration
- GUI development using Motif
- 15+ years supercomputing experience

Additional training and certifications

Linux/Unix System Administration Certificate (1/2011)
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