

An Introduction to Molecular Visualization with UCSF Chimera

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Introductions

- About me
 - John "Scooter" Morris:
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 - 11 years at RBVI



Introductions

- Who are you?
 - Biologists?
 - Chemists?
 - Bioinformaticists?
 - Computer Scientists?
 - Other Computational Sciences?
 - Other?



Materials

- Handouts
- Downloads
 - Chimera 1.10.1
 - Data files



Agenda

- Demo
 - ... while Chimera installs.
- Introduction to UCSF Chimera
 - Basic principals
- Hands on Tutorial
- Q&A
- Glimpse of the future (Chimera2)







Molecular Visualization

- Data sources
- Representations
- Manipulations
- Analysis
- Modeling

Definitions

- modeling (model):
 - Function: verb

transitive verb

- 1: to plan or form after a pattern : SHAPE
- **3 b** : to produce a representation or simulation of <using a computer to *model* a problem>
- 4 : to construct or fashion in imitation of a particular model <modeled its constitution on that of the United States>

intransitive verb

- 1 : to design or imitate forms : make a pattern <enjoys modeling in clay>
- visualization:
 - Function: noun
 - 1 : formation of mental visual images
 - 2 : the act or process of interpreting in <u>visual</u> terms or of putting into visible form

Data sources

- Structure determinatation
 - Xray crystallography
 - NMR
 - EM/Cryo EM
 - Models (ab initio, homology)
- Volumetric data
 - EM/Cryo EM
 - Electron density
 - Light microscopy
- Non-structural data sources
 - Sequence data
 - Pathway data
 - Interaction data
 - Expression data

Data sources

- Structure repositories
 - Protein Databank: <u>http://www.rcsb.org/</u>
 - Nucleic Acid Database (NDB): http://ndbserver.rutgers.edu/
 - Structural Classification of Proteins (SCOP): <u>http://scop.mrc-lmb.cam.ac.uk/scop/</u>
 - ModBase: <u>http://modbase.compbio.ucsf.edu/</u>
 - Cambridge Structural Database (CSD): http://www.ccdc.cam.ac.uk/products/csd/
 - VIPER EM Database: http://mmtsb1.scripps.edu/emdb/
 - EM Database: http://www.ebi.ac.uk/msd-srv/emsearch/index.html
 - Uppsala Electron Density Server: http://eds.bmc.uu.se/eds/

Representations





Other Visual Displays





Animation



Animation



Manipulations

- Selection
- Movement
- Focus
- Zoom
- Changing representations
- Labeling
- Alignment
- Modeling "lite"
 - Bond adjustments
 - Adding/deleting/changing residues



Modeling

- Homology modeling
 - Uses similar molecules of known structure as a template to derive molecular structure.
- Molecular mechanics
 - Models atoms and spheres and bonds as springs
 - Non-bonded atoms interact through van der Waals attraction, steric repulsion, and electrostatic attraction/repulsion
 - General goal is to minimize an energy equation (force field)

Modeling

Molecular dynamics

- Models the motions of a molecular system, including conformational transitions and local vibrations, using molecular mechanics force fields
- Takes into account the thermodynamic environment
- May be used to compute both thermodynamic and kinetic properties
- Result is an ensemble (i.e., a movie) of how the molecule moves
- Quantum (ab initio) modeling
 - Structures are solved by approximating the Schrödinger equation for all particles (nuclei and electrons) in the system.

(see http://cmm.info.nih.gov)



Applications of molecular visualization

- Computational chemistry
 - Dynamic molecules
 - Molecular interactions
- Microscopy
 - Lower resolution, volumetric data
- Genomics
 - Sequence-structure-function relationships
- Systems biology
 - Broad view across variety of data



Scenarios of use

- Analysis
 - Molecular dynamics
 - Docking
 - Sequence-structure relationships
 - Low-resolution representations
 - Viruses and large complexes
 - Electron microscopy
 - Structures in context
- Publication
 - High-resolution images
 - Animation



Molecular dynamics



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Structures in context



Questions?

Any other scenarios of interest?



Available Tools

- Visualization
 - "Full featured" academic packages
 - UCSF Chimera (<u>http://chimera.ucsf.edu/</u>)
 - PyMOL (<u>http://pymol.sourceforge.net/</u>)
 - VMD (<u>http://www.ks.uiuc.edu/Research/vmd/</u>)
 - Viewers
 - Jmol (<u>http://jmol.sourceforge.net/</u>)
 - RasMol/Chime (<u>http://www.openrasmol.org/</u>)
 - SwissProt PDB-Viewer (DeepView) (<u>http://www.expasy.org/spdbv/</u>)
 - RCSB Protein Workshop (<u>http://www.rcsb.org/</u>)

Available Tools

- Visualization
 - Other useful tools
 - Photoshop
 - Renderer (POV-Ray or Renderman-based)
 - Animation package (Maya)
 - Stereo-capable workstation



Available Tools

- Analytical tools (partial list)
 - PROCHECK (<u>http://www.biochem.ucl.ac.uk/~roman/procheck/</u>)
 - Structure-Function Linkage Database (<u>http://sfld.rbvi.ucsf.edu/</u>)
 - ExPASy (<u>http://www.expasy.org/</u>)
- Modeling tools
 - Amber (<u>http://amber.scripps.edu/</u>)
 - Charmm (http://www.charmm.org/)
 - NAMD (http://www.ks.uiuc.edu/Research/namd/)
 - Gaussian (http://www.gaussian.com/)
 - ModBase (<u>http://modbase.compbio.ucsf.edu/</u>)
 - Modeller (<u>http://www.salilab.org/modeller/</u>)
 - DOCK (<u>http://dock.compbio.ucsf.edu/</u>)
 - Many, many more (see <u>http://cmm.info.nih.gov/</u>)







- Chimera
 - best-in-class for visualizing very large structures
 multiscale extension
 - volume viewer
 - focus on extensibility, broad functionality
 - primarily analytical interface
 - familiar GUI interface (+command line)
 - scriptable
 - reasonable tools for publication & presentation
 - embedded ray tracer (POV-Ray)
 - excellent sequence/structure capabilities
 - reasonable interface to modeling programs

- Caveats
 - Our focus is primarily on Chimera
 - We are not users of other packages
 - There is no "best" package for everything (in our opinion)
 - YMMV (Your Mileage May Vary)
 - What we think is easy, you may think is hard
 - What we think is hard, you may think is easy
 - Choosing the best package for you
 - Does what you need
 - Good documentation
 - Good support (either local or from the authors)

UCSF Chimera

- Target audience
 - Scientists who need to analyze and model molecular systems in some detail
 - Scientists who want to develop new analytical methods
 - Scientists or educators who wish to communicate biological concepts visually
- Organization
 - Core features
 - Additional tools

Chimera Core Features

- Concepts
 - Graphical manipulation
 - Chemical knowledge
 - Hierarchy: Model→Chain→Residue→Atom
 - Attributes available at model, residue, and atom levels
 - Selection Action
 - GUI/Command-line equivalence
 - For core, not necessarily extensions

- Using the mouse
 - Pointer over atom
 - "Tooltip" with atom and residue information
 - Left-button
 - X-Y Rotation (on virtual sphere)
 - Z Rotation (outside of virtual sphere)
 - Middle-button
 - X-Y Translation
 - Right-button
 - Scale
 - Control+
 - Left-button: select (click or drag)
 - Middle-button: Z translation



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- Selection methods
 - Using mouse
 - Control-click and control-drag
 - Shift-control-click and shift-control-drag to add to selection
 - By atom and residue names and types
 - By higher order structure
 - e.g., chains, ligands, solvent
 - By spatial location
 - e.g., within some distance of another selection
 - By attribute values
 - e.g., temperature factor, occupancy
 - Can extend any selection with up-arrow: [↑]
 - NOTE: by default, if nothing is selected, everything is selected

- Actions
 - Hide/show/delete parts of structure
 - Change representations
 - Change colors
 - Display labels
 - Show molecular surfaces
 - Focus on parts of interest

Commonly used tools

- Depictions
 - Nucleotides
 - Rainbow coloring
- Structure analysis
 - FindHBond
 - Sequence
 - Distances
- Utilities
 - 2D Labels
 - Reply Log
 - Movie Recorder

Questions?

Anything you want to see in particular?

Extending Chimera

- Incorporating user data
- Scripting
- Python extensions

Incorporating user data



Scripting



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Questions?



Chimera Recent Additions

- Modeling
 - Rotamers
 - Fetch modeled structures from ModBase
 - Web service interface to Modeller and IMP
 - Web service interface to BLAST
- Animation and illustration
 - Movies can now be rendered with POVray
 - Scenes and Storyboards
- Volume visualization
 - New tools for tomographic data
- Systems biology
 - structureViz: links Cytoscape to Chimera

Visualization Directions

- Context
 - Environment
 - Systems biology
- Complexes
 - Protein-protein
 - Protein-nucleic acid
 - Molecular machinery
- Motion
 - Molecular transitions
 - Machinery mechanisms
 - Conceptual illustration



Visualization Directions

- Data sources
 - Web services
 - Multiple data types

The End

- Questions?
- Comments?
- Suggestions?

Backup Slides

Detailed comparison charts

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O output

- feature not present

+ feature present

++ feature present and comparatively extensive or sophisticated

PE Protein Explorer { #52} is a Web application based on RasMol

SG only surfaces and only on Silicon Graphics

SD "screen door" transparency

DR displays results from other programs

PV non-interactive solid-color clip available via POV ray-tracer

2D arbitrary labels can be created and moved in the plane of the screen

SH only certain shapes (rectilinear boxes, spheres, ellipsoids)

FG via FirstGlance in Jmol (http://firstglance.jmol.org)

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SM small structures only

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ID interface to DelPhi { #75; #76} (obtained separately)

CL Coulomb's law calculation

PB Poisson-Boltzmann calculation

AP interface to Adaptive Poisson-Boltzmann Solver { #74} (obtained separately)

NM via input to/output from NAMD { #73}

SP STRAP plug-in { #49}, <u>http://www.charite.de/bioinf/strap/</u> (Java); according to the author, interfacing to RasMol and VMD may only work on Unix, and only PyMol shows structure superpositions from STRAP (see <u>http://www.charite.de/bioinf/strap/pymol.html</u>)

IG internally generated alignments

PW pairwise comparisons only; adjusts one sequence relative to one other

PO PDB-format input only

OD out-of-date user manual supplemented with mailing list and volunteer-provided tutorials and wiki

platforms: W Windows, M Macintosh, U Unix

Backup



RasMol { #53; #54} : <u>http://www.bernstein-plus-sons.com/software/rasmol/</u> Jmol { #32}: <u>http://jmol.sourceforge.net/</u> PyMol { #29}: <u>http://pymol.sourceforge.net/</u> Deep View (Swiss-Pdb Viewer) { #51}:<u>http://ca.expasy.org/spdbv/</u> VMD { #24}: <u>http://www.ks.uiuc.edu/Research/vmd/</u> DINO { #55}: <u>http://www.dino3d.org/</u> Molmol { #48}: http://hugin.ethz.ch/wuthrich/software/molmol/