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SUNDAY MORNING

B. Hirshberg, *Presiding* | Room 33C

8:00 AM. Opening Remarks.

8:05 AM. Integrating path sampling with enhanced sampling for rare-event kinetics. **D. Ray**

8:35 AM. Sampling the transition path ensemble using a parallelizable path-integral-based algorithm. N. Malapally, L. Muellender, R. Andrea, M. Devodier, M. Parrinello, P. Carloni, **D. Mandelli**

9:05 AM. Finding optimal reaction coordinates from the projected dynamics of transition paths: A kinetic-based approach. **L. Mouaffac**, K. Palacio Rodriguez, F. Pietrucci

9:25 AM. Variational path sampling of rare dynamical events.
D. Limmer

9:55 AM. Break.

10:15 AM. Enhanced sampling of dynamical trajectories. S. Falkner, A. Coretti, **C. Dellago**

10:45 AM. Short-time Infrequent Metadynamics for improved kinetics inference. **O. Blumer**, S. Reuveni, B. Hirshberg

11:05 AM. Good rates from bad coordinates. N. Mazzaferro, **P. Cossio**, G.M. Hocky

11:35 AM. Free-energy barriers and kinetic rates from short (non-ergodic) trajectories via Langevin models. **D.D. Girardier**, H. Vroylandt, S. Bonella, F. Pietrucci

11:55 AM. Closing Remarks.

SUNDAY AFTERNOON

G. Piccini, *Presiding* | Room 33C

2:00 PM. Opening Remarks.

2:05 PM. From enhanced sampling to nonequilibrium flux: Bridging scales with kinetic network analysis. **J.M. Swanson**

2:35 PM. Ad initio molecular dynamics and microkinetic modeling of a liquid catalysts: Propane dehydrogenation on liquid boron oxide. J. Tian, G.B. Collinge, S. Yuk, M. Lee, V. Glezakou, **R. Rousseau**

3:05 PM. Informed resetting: A strategy for accelerating molecular dynamics simulations. **J. Church**, O. Blumer, L. Ploutno, T. Keidar, S. Reuveni, B. Hirshberg

3:25 PM. Improving upon kinetics estimators for time-dependent and time-independent biases. N. Mazzaferro, P. Cossio, **G.M. Hocky**

3:55 PM. Break.

4:15 PM. From stability to dissociation: elucidating dissociation kinetics of protein-protein complexes via atomistic simulations. **O. Valsson**

4:45 PM. Data-driven path collective variables. **A. France-Lanord**

5:05 PM. Transition state identification of biomolecular dynamics via out-of-distribution detection in the hyperspherical latent space.

X. Huang

5:35 PM. Accelerating transition dynamics simulation with recent advances in probabilistic machine learning. **Y. Du**

5:55 PM. Closing Remarks.

MONDAY MORNING

Thermodynamics

R. Capelli, *Presiding* | **Hall F, Room 4**

8:00 AM. Opening Remarks.

8:05 AM. Loop dynamics and catalysis in protein tyrosine phosphatases. **S.C. Kamerlin**

8:35 AM. Recent advances in machine learning collective variables.

L. Bonati

9:05 AM. Identifying the order parameter for phase transitions in thermosolient materials for control. **H. Cuppen**, D. Galimberti, S. Ghasemlou, T. Rasing, X. Li

9:25 AM. Enhancing free energy methods by machine learning collective variables and equilibrium distributions. F. Dietrich, E. Olehnovics, **M. Salvalaglio**

9:55 AM. Break.

10:15 AM. Machine learning-based collective variables and GNN approaches for targeted dynamics and free energy manipulation in molecular and material systems. **D. Mendels**

10:45 AM. Harnessing enhanced sampling techniques to unravel molecular mechanisms of biomolecular processes in response to external stimuli. **F. Feixas**, H. Girame, C. Berga, A. John, H. Abes, M. Garcia Borrás

11:05 AM. Exploring enzyme product release and enzyme-peptide conformational preferences with metadynamics. K. Croney, **J. McCarty**

11:35 AM. Enhanced sampling along the reaction coordinate by constrained molecular dynamics simulation. **J. Marks**, J. Gomes

11:55 AM. Closing Remarks.

TUESDAY MORNING

Thermodynamics

L. Bonati, *Presiding* | **Hall F, Room 4**

8:00 AM. Opening Remarks.

8:05 AM. Designing rare-event aware molecular simulations for drug discovery, force/energy learning and materials predictions. **S. Leoni**

8:35 AM. ab initio thermodynamics and beyond. B. **Cheng**

9:05 AM. Predicting biomolecular binding thermodynamics, kinetics and mechanisms through selective Gaussian accelerated molecular dynamics. **Y. Miao**

9:25 AM. Src and Abl kinase: A Milestoning study. **R. Elber**

9:55 AM. Break.

10:15 AM. Graph-driven strategy for enhanced sampling simulations of protein folding. Z. Fakhoury, S. Habershon, **G.C. Sosso**

10:45 AM. Explainable surrogate model-based collective variables for enhanced sampling. **S. Chatterjee**, D. Ray

11:05 AM. Multi-eGO: A structure-based approach to protein-ligand binding thermodynamics and kinetics. **R. Capelli**

11:35 AM. Art of automatic analysis for enhanced sampling simulations. N. Carton, V. Karunakaran Annapoorani, O.A. Petrisor, **N. Buchete**

11:55 AM. Closing Remarks.

TUESDAY AFTERNOON

Mechanisms

M. Podewitz, *Presiding* | **Hall F, Room 4**

2:00 PM. Opening Remarks.

2:05 PM. New route to the prebiotic synthesis of glycine via ab initio-based machine learning calculations. L. Huet, T. Devergne, **A. Saitta**

2:35 PM. Estimating mechanisms, free energies, and rates all at the same time. **R. Covino**

3:05 PM. Standard binding free energy estimates between photosystem I and ferredoxin isoforms in *Chlamydomonas reinhardtii* using enhanced sampling molecular simulations. D. Sarkar, C. Fischer, D. Boren, S. Schmollinger, D. Strenkert, **J.V. Vermaas**

3:25 PM. Computing biopolymer–ligand binding free energy using lossless compression. **L. Simine**

3:55 PM. Break.

4:15 PM. Unveiling extreme chemistry in icy Giants' interiors through atomistic simulations. **F. Siro Brigiano**

4:45 PM. Understanding the conformational free energy landscape of drug-like molecules via enhanced sampling and unsupervised clustering. **A. Ferreira**, M. Salvalaglio

5:05 PM. Exploration of molecular structures and reaction pathways using adaptive learning and neural networks. **V. Glezakou**, M.Z. Makos, D. Zhang, R. Rousseau

5:35 PM. Investigating the microscopic adsorption process and mechanisms of solvated Li^+ , Na^+ , and K^+ in MOFs with an integrated theoretical and experimental approach, using MOF-808 as a case study. **Y. Pan**

5:55 PM. Closing Remarks.

WEDNESDAY MORNING

Mechanisms

D. Ray, *Presiding* | Room 32A

8:00 AM. Opening Remarks.

8:05 AM. Novel massively parallel path sampling approach applied to ab initio modeling of aqueous redox reactions and carbonic acid formation. D.T. Zhang, **T.S. van Erp**

8:35 AM. Withdrawn/break.

9:05 AM. Nuclear quantum effects and the Grotthuss mechanism dictate the pH of water. **S. Dasgupta**, F. Paesani

9:25 AM. Synergizing enhanced sampling and machine learning strategies in molecular simulation for representing and deploying high-dimensional free energy surfaces and learning reaction coordinates for conformational transformations of systems in explicit solvent. **M.E. Tuckerman**

9:55 AM. Break.

10:15 AM. Studying electrocatalytic selectivity of the oxygen reduction reaction (ORR) using ab initio free energy sampling. **E. Diesen**, A.M. Dudzinski, K. Reuter, V.J. Bukas

10:45 AM. Withdrawn/break.

11:05 AM. Towards predictive and operando computational catalysis: Examples from transition-metal chemistry. **M. Podewitz**

11:35 AM. Enhanced sampling simulations for transformative materials design and discovery in energy and sustainability challenges. **B. Yoon**

11:55 AM. Closing Remarks.

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