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– SB

# MARCH MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

*DBP Members have all surely been combing the online Epitome to make up their schedules for next week. But suppose you've missed something? Here's a list of all the DBP-sponsored sessions this year. The list is online, with links to all speakers and abstracts, at <http://meetings.aps.org/Meeting/MAR09/sessionindex2?SponsorID=DBP>.*

## **Session A**

A7. Systems Biology of Natural and Synthetic Circuits

A39. Cellular Biomechanics I

A40. Proteins: Structure and Functions I

## **Session B**

B7. Bacterial Growth Laws and Systems Biology

B39. Cellular Biomechanics II

B40. Proteins: Structure and Function II

## **Session D**

D39. Focus Session: Noise and Fluctuations in Biochemical Networks

D40. Nucleic Acids: Packaging, Ejection and Translocation

## **Session H**

H3. New Frontiers in Biomolecular Physics

H7. Cellular Imaging at the Nanometer Scale

H39. Lipid Bilayers: Structure and Function I

H40. Biological Physics I

## **Session J**

J7. Complex Cellular Biological Networks

J39. Lipid Bilayers: Structure and Function II

J40. Biological Physics II

## **Session L**

L7. Mechanics of Biomolecular Systems I

L9. Focus Session: Systems Far from Equilibrium II

L39. Focus Session: Theories and Simulations for Biomolecular Dynamics in Cell-like Environments

L40. Nucleic Acids: Structure, Function and Dynamics

## **Session P**

P39. Self-Organization in Biological Cells and

Tissues I

P40. Theoretical and Computational Biophysics

## **Session Q**

Q7. Physics of the Immune System

Q39. Physical Mechanisms of Membrane

Remodeling

Q40. Neural Computation

## **Session T**

T5. Industrial Biophysics

T39. Focus Session: Physical Virology

T40. Focus Session: Knots and Loops in

Biomolecules

## **Session V**

V1. Noise in Biological Systems

V8. The Physics of Imaging and Radiotherapy

V18. Focus Session: Physics of Green Polymers and of Biocompatibility

V39. Biological Networks and Systems Biology

## **Session W**

W3. Physics of Circulating Tumor Cells and Metastasis

W7. Information Theory in Biology

W39. Quantitative Biology

W40. Single Molecule Biophysics

## **Session X**

X7. DNA Loop Formation, Nucleosome Positioning and Transcriptional Regulation

X39. Focus Session: Crystal Growth of and Moderated by Proteins

X40. Proteins in Membranes

## **Session Y**

Y5. Self-Organization in Biological Cells and Tissues II

Y39. Techniques in Biophysics

Y40. Physiological and Medical Physics

## **Session Z**

Z3. Non-viral Based Gene Delivery Systems: Opportunities, Obstacles and Challenges

Z4. Biological Polyelectrolytes

Z7. Nanoprobes of Molecules and Cells

Z8. Statistical Physics in Biology

## **SPECIAL DBP MARCH MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT**

### **Annual Business Meeting, Division of Biological Physics, APS**

Tuesday, March 17, 2009, 5:45-6:45 pm,  
Pittsburgh Convention Center, Room 412.  
Light refreshments provided. Attendees sign in.  
**Meeting Chair: James Glazier, DBP Chair**

#### **AGENDA**

**1. Welcoming remarks.**

**2. Awards:**

Announcement of winners of the 2009 Shirley Chan Student Travel Grants.  
Announcement of winners of the 2009 Image Gallery Competition, presentation of prize(s) and certificate(s).

**3. Reports by Tom Nordlund, Secretary-Treasurer:**

- (a) Financial reports for 2008 vs. 2007.
- (b) Support for speakers in 2009.
- (c) Report on DBP membership, profile and growth.

**4. Highlights & Initiatives in the year 2008-2009**

Opportunities Workshop in BP (continuing): Funded by Agouron Foundation.  
Recruitment Drive: "free" 1st-year DBP membership for newcomers (F. Salsbury).  
Announcement of new DBP Thesis Award program.  
Announcement of Newsletter Editor and Request for Contributions/Suggestions (Bahar).  
Announcement of new Fellowship Committee, Discussion of Fellowship nomination procedure.

**5. Presentation of 2008 APS Fellows sponsored by the DBP, with certificates and pins.**  
(Glazier):

Rafael **Bruschweiler**, Hans **Othmer**, Gabor **Forgacs**, Sunney **Xie**, Terence **Hwa**, Joseph A. **Zasadzinski**, and Vijay **Pande**

**6. Report from the 2009 Executive Committee Meeting** (Nordlund, Glazier).

**7. Open discussion** from DBP members on non-scientific business issues:  
Request for suggestions for additional services to members by DBP.

**8. Election results:** Vice-Chair, Councillor, Members-at-Large.

**9. Introduction of the DBP Chair for 2009-10:** Stephen Quake

**Adjourn.**

## **SPECIAL DBP MARCH MEETING ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **Congratulations to the Winners of the 2009 Shirley Chan Student Travel Grants**

**Edward Banigan**, University of Pennsylvania  
**Eric Botello**, Rice University  
**Yeliz Celik**, Ohio University  
**Jeffrey Fitzgerald**, Univ of California, San Diego  
**Will Guest**, Univ. of British Columbia  
**Yunfen He**, SUNY Buffalo  
**Ziya Kalay**, Univ. of New Mexico  
**Pablo Delfino Perez**, Univ. of Florida  
**Dipak Rimal**, Florida International University  
**Konstantinos Tsekouras**, Rice University  
**Norman Yao**, Harvard University

*These students are first authors of oral or poster presentations at the 2009 March Meeting of the APS.  
They will be recognized at the Business Meeting on Tuesday, March 17.*

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### **2009 Image Gallery Competition**

View the top five entries at:

<http://ewald.cas.usf.edu/~davidra/dbp.images/jun.zhang.081125/Img1322.jpg>

<http://ewald.cas.usf.edu/~davidra/dbp.images/jun.zhang.081125/Img1092edit.jpg>

[http://ewald.cas.usf.edu/~davidra/dbp.images/goldstein.090201/Waltzing\\_Volvox\\_APS.gif](http://ewald.cas.usf.edu/~davidra/dbp.images/goldstein.090201/Waltzing_Volvox_APS.gif)

[http://ewald.cas.usf.edu/~davidra/dbp.images/sandersius.081126/Shimmering\\_Substance.gif](http://ewald.cas.usf.edu/~davidra/dbp.images/sandersius.081126/Shimmering_Substance.gif)

[http://ewald.cas.usf.edu/~davidra/dbp.images/yang.090204/YZimage\\_gallery.ppt#2](http://ewald.cas.usf.edu/~davidra/dbp.images/yang.090204/YZimage_gallery.ppt#2)

# PRL HIGHLIGHTS

Soft Matter, Biological, &  
Inter-disciplinary Physics Articles from  
**Physical Review Letters**

**5 December 2008**

**Vol 101, Number 23, Articles (23xxxx)**  
**Articles published 29 Nov - 5 Dec 2008**

<http://scitation.aip.org/dbt/dbt.jsp?KEY=PRLTAO&Volume=101&Issue=23>

**Confinement Effect on Interparticle  
Potential in Nematic Colloids**

Mojca Vilfan, Natan Osterman, Martin Čopič,  
Miha Ravnik, Slobodan Žumer, Jurij Kotar,  
Dušan Babič, and Igor Poberaj  
Published 4 December 2008 // 237801

**Thermotropic Biaxial Liquid Crystalline  
Phases in a Mixture of Attractive  
Uniaxial Rod and Disk Particles**

Alejandro Cuetos, Amparo Galindo, and  
George Jackson  
Published 4 December 2008 // 237802

**Coordinated Chemomechanical Cycles: A  
Mechanism for Autonomous Molecular  
Motion**

S. J. Green, J. Bath, and A. J. Turberfield  
Published 3 December 2008 // 238101  
See Also: Phys. Rev. Focus

**Fourier Transform Light Scattering of  
Inhomogeneous and Dynamic  
Structures**

Huafeng Ding, Zhuo Wang, Freddy Nguyen,  
Stephen A. Boppart, and Gabriel Popescu  
Published 3 December 2008 // 238102

**Chiral Control of Electron Transmission  
through Molecules**

Spiros S. Skourtis, David N. Beratan, Ron  
Naaman, Abraham Nitzan, and David H.  
Waldeck  
Published 5 December 2008 // 238103

**Glass Transition and Aging in Dense  
Suspensions of Thermosensitive  
Microgel Particles**

Eko H. Purnomo, Dirk van den Ende, Siva A.  
Vanapalli, and Frieder Mugele  
Published 2 December 2008 // 238301

**12 December 2008**

**Vol 101, Number 24, Articles (24xxxx)**  
**Articles published 6 Dec- 12 Dec 2008**

<http://scitation.aip.org/dbt/dbt.jsp?KEY=PRLTAO&Volume=101&Issue=24>

**Magnetic-Field Induced Isotropic to  
Nematic Liquid Crystal Phase Transition**

T. Ostapenko, D. B. Wiant, S. N. Sprunt, A.  
Jákli, and J. T. Gleeson  
Published 10 December 2008 // 247801

**Electrically Induced Tilt in Achiral Bent-  
Core Liquid Crystals**

Alexey Eremin, Stephan Stern, and Ralf  
Stannarius  
Published 12 December 2008 // 247802

**Transition from Rolling to Jamming in  
Thin Granular Layers**

C. Marone, B. M. Carpenter, and P. Schiffer  
Published 10 December 2008 // 248001

**Rheology of Confined Granular Flows:  
Scale Invariance, Glass Transition, and  
Friction Weakening**

P. Richard, A. Valance, J.-F. Métayer, P.  
Sanchez, J. Crassous, M. Louge, and R.  
Delannay  
Published 12 December 2008 // 248002

**Elasticity of Cisplatin-Bound DNA  
Reveals the Degree of Cisplatin Binding**

Nam-Kyung Lee, Jin-Sung Park, Albert  
Johner, Sergei Obukhov, Ju-Yong Hyon,  
Kyoung J. Lee, and Seok-Cheol Hong  
Published 9 December 2008 // 248101

**Molecular Dynamics Characterization of  
Protein Crystal Contacts in Aqueous  
Solutions**

Giuseppe Pellicane, Graham Smith, and Lev  
Sarkisov  
Published 10 December 2008 // 248102

**Temporal Analysis of Active and Passive Transport in Living Cells**

Delphine Arcizet, Börn Meier, Erich Sackmann, Joachim O. Rädler, and Doris Heinrich  
Published 12 December 2008 // 248103

**New Dynamical Window onto the Landscape for Forced Protein Unfolding**

Zu Thur Yew, Tom McLeish, and Emanuele Paci  
Published 12 December 2008 // 248104

**Temporal Precision of Spike Response to Fluctuating Input in Pulse-Coupled Networks of Oscillating Neurons**

Jun-nosuke Teramae and Tomoki Fukai  
Published 12 December 2008 // 248105

**Motional Coherence in Fluid Phospholipid Membranes**

Maikel C. Rheinstädter, Jhuma Das, Elijah J. Flenner, Beate Brüning, Tilo Seydel, and Ioan Kosztin  
Published 12 December 2008 // 248106

**Model for Stretching and Unfolding the Giant Multidomain Muscle Protein Using Single-Molecule Force Spectroscopy**

Douglas B. Staple, Stephen H. Payne, Andrew L. C. Reddin, and Hans Jürgen Kreuzer  
Published 8 December 2008 // 248301

**19 December 2008**

**Vol 101, Number 25, Articles (25xxxx)**  
**Articles published 13 Dec- 19 Dec 2008**  
<http://scitation.aip.org/dbt/dbt.jsp?KEY=PRLTAO&Volume=101&Issue=25>

**Enhancement of Water Permeation across a Nanochannel by the Structure outside the Channel**

Xiaojing Gong, Jingyuan Li, He Zhang, Rongzheng Wan, Hangjun Lu, Shen Wang, and Haiping Fang  
Published 15 December 2008 // 257801

**Correlation between Particle Motion and Voronoi-Cell-Shape Fluctuations during the Compaction of Granular Matter**

Steven Slotterback, Masahiro Toiya, Leonard Goff, Jack F. Douglas, and Wolfgang Losert  
Published 19 December 2008 // 258001

**Self-Templated Nucleation in Peptide and Protein Aggregation**

Stefan Auer, Christopher M. Dobson, Michele Vendruscolo, and Amos Maritan  
Published 17 December 2008 // 258101

**Spatial Variability Enhances Species Fitness in Stochastic Predator-Prey Interactions**

Ulrich Dobramysl and Uwe C. Täuber  
Published 18 December 2008 // 258102

**Slip and Flow of Hard-Sphere Colloidal Glasses**

P. Ballesta, R. Besseling, L. Isa, G. Petekidis, and W. C. K. Poon  
Published 15 December 2008 // 258301

**Influence of Boundary Conditions on Yielding in a Soft Glassy Material**

Thomas Gibaud, Catherine Barentin, and Sébastien Manneville  
Published 19 December 2008 // 258302

**Bundle Formation in Polyelectrolyte Brushes**

J. U. Günther, H. Ahrens, S. Förster, and C. A. Helm  
Published 19 December 2008 // 258303

**Fixation and Consensus Times on a Network: A Unified Approach**

G. J. Baxter, R. A. Blythe, and A. J. McKane  
Published 18 December 2008 // 258701

**31 December 2008**

**Vol 101, Number 26, Articles (26xxxx)**  
**Articles published 22 Dec- 31 Dec 2008**  
<http://scitation.aip.org/dbt/dbt.jsp?KEY=PRLTAO&Volume=101&Issue=26>

**Alternative View of Dynamic Arrest in Colloid-Polymer Mixtures**

R. Juárez-Maldonado and M. Medina-Noyola  
Published 22 December 2008 // 267801

**Scaling Analysis of Dynamic Heterogeneity in a Supercooled Lennard-Jones Liquid**

Richard S. L. Stein and Hans C. Andersen  
Published 30 December 2008 // 267802

**Enhanced Diffusion and Ordering of Self-Propelled Rods**

Aparna Baskaran and M. Cristina Marchetti  
Published 22 December 2008 // 268101

**Fluctuations in Mass-Action Equilibrium of Protein Binding Networks**

Koon-Kiu Yan, Dylan Walker, and Sergei Maslov

Published 30 December 2008 // 268102

**How Colored Environmental Noise Affects Population Extinction**

Alex Kamenev, Baruch Meerson, and Boris Shklovskii

Published 30 December 2008 // 268103

**Origin of Pareto-like Spatial Distributions in Ecosystems**

Alon Manor and Nadav M. Shnerb

Published 31 December 2008 // 268104

**Why Do Granular Materials Stiffen with Shear Rate? Test of Novel Stress-Based Statistics**

R. P. Behringer, Dapeng Bi, B. Chakraborty, S. Henkes, and R. R. Hartley

Published 31 December 2008 // 268301

**9 January 2009**

**Vol 102, Number 1, Articles (01xxxx)**

**Articles published 1 Jan - 9 Jan 2009**

<http://scitation.aip.org/dbt/dbt.jsp?KEY=PRLTAO&Volume=102&Issue=1>

**Three-Dimensional Visualization of a Human Chromosome Using Coherent X-Ray Diffraction**

Yoshinori Nishino, Yukio Takahashi, Naoko Imamoto, Tetsuya Ishikawa, and Kazuhiro Maeshima

Published 5 January 2009 // 018101

**Chemically Triggered Ejection of Membrane Tubules Controlled by Intermonolayer Friction**

J.-B. Fournier, N. Khalifat, N. Puff, and M. I. Angelova

Published 7 January 2009 // 018102

**Dynamic Arrest in Charged Colloidal Systems Exhibiting Large-Scale Structural Heterogeneities**

C. Haro-Pérez, L. F. Rojas-Ochoa, R. Castañeda-Priego, M. Quesada-Pérez, J.

Callejas-Fernández, R. Hidalgo-Álvarez, and V. Trappe

Published 5 January 2009 // 018301

**Fundamental Measure Theory for Inhomogeneous Fluids of Nonspherical Hard Particles**

Hendrik Hansen-Goos and Klaus Mecke

Published 7 January 2009 // 018302

**Theory for Wavelength-Resolved Photon Emission Statistics in Single-Molecule Fluorescence Spectroscopy**

Golan Bel and Frank L. H. Brown

Published 9 January 2009 // 018303

**How to Make a Fragile Network Robust and Vice Versa**

André A. Moreira, José S. Andrade, Jr., Hans J. Herrmann, and Joseph O. Indekeu

Published 9 January 2009 // 018701

**16 January 2009**

**Vol 102, Number 2, Articles (02xxxx)**

**Articles published 10 Jan - 16 Jan 2009**

<http://scitation.aip.org/dbt/dbt.jsp?KEY=PRLTAO&Volume=102&Issue=2>

**Charge Segregation Depends on Particle Size in Triboelectrically Charged Granular Materials**

Keith M. Forward, Daniel J. Lacks, and R. Mohan Sankaran

Published 16 January 2009 // 028001

**Shear-Induced Dynamic Polarization and Mesoscopic Structure in Suspensions of Polar Nanorods**

Sebastian Heidenreich, Siegfried Hess, and Sabine H. L. Klapp

Published 13 January 2009 // 028301

**Torsional Stiffness of Single Superparamagnetic Microspheres in an External Magnetic Field**

Daniel Klaue and Ralf Seidel

Published 13 January 2009 // 028302

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**Vol 102, Number 3, Articles (03xxxx)**

**Articles published 17 Jan - 23 Jan 2009**

<http://scitation.aip.org/dbt/dbt.jsp?KEY=PRLTAO&Volume=102&Issue=3>

**Effects of Self-Assembly on Diffusion Mechanisms of Triblock Copolymers in Aqueous Solution**

Konstantin Ulrich, Petrik Galvosas, Jörg Kärger, and Farida Grinberg  
Published 23 January 2009 // 037801

**Energy Transport in Jammed Sphere Packings**

Ning Xu, Vincenzo Vitelli, Matthieu Wyart, Andrea J. Liu, and Sidney R. Nagel  
Published 21 January 2009 // 038001

**Exact Phase Diagram of a Quasispecies Model with a Mutation Rate Modifier**

Apoorva Nagar and Kavita Jain  
Published 20 January 2009 // 038101

**Membrane Tension Lowering Induced by Protein Activity**

M. D. El Alaoui Faris, D. Lacoste, J. Pécréaux, J.-F. Joanny, J. Prost, and P. Bassereau  
Published 21 January 2009 // 038102

**Evolutionary Model of Species Body Mass Diversification**

A. Clauset and S. Redner  
Published 22 January 2009 // 038103

**Suppressed Segmental Relaxation as the Origin of Strain Hardening in Polymer Glasses**

Kang Chen and Kenneth S. Schweizer  
Published 20 January 2009 // 038301

**Unusual Crystallization Kinetics in a Hard Sphere Colloid-Polymer Mixture**

Thomas Palberg, Andreas Stipp, and Eckhard Bartsch  
Published 21 January 2009 // 038302

**Time-Dependent Nonlinear Optical Susceptibility of an Out-of-Equilibrium Soft Material**

Neda Ghofraniha, Claudio Conti, Giancarlo Ruocco, and Francesco Zamponi  
Published 23 January 2009 // 038303

**Generalized Bose-Fermi Statistics and Structural Correlations in Weighted Networks**

Diego Garlaschelli and Maria I. Loffredo

Published 22 January 2009 // 038701

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**Vol 102, Number 4, Articles (42xxxx)**

**Articles published 24 Jan - 30 Jan 2009**

<http://scitation.aip.org/dbt/dbt.jsp?KEY=PRLTAO&Volume=102&Issue=4>

**Thermal (In)Stability of Type I Collagen Fibrils**

S. G. Gevorkian, A. E. Allahverdyan, D. S. Gevorgyan, and A. L. Simonian  
Published 26 January 2009 // 048101

**Zero-One Survival Behavior of Cyclically Competing Species**

Maximilian Berr, Tobias Reichenbach, Martin Schottenloher, and Erwin Frey  
Published 28 January 2009 // 048102

**Inferring Maps of Forces inside Cell Membrane Microdomains**

J.-B. Masson, D. Casanova, S. Türkcan, G. Voisinne, M. R. Popoff, M. Vergassola, and A. Alexandrou  
Published 29 January 2009 // 048103

**Self-Starting Micromotors in a Bacterial Bath**

Luca Angelani, Roberto Di Leonardo, and Giancarlo Ruocco  
Published 30 January 2009 // 048104

**Simple Quantitative Model for the Reversible Association of DNA Coated Colloids**

Rémi Dreyfus, Mirjam E. Leunissen, Roujie Sha, Alexei V. Tkachenko, Nadrian C. Seeman, David J. Pine, and Paul M. Chaikin  
Published 27 January 2009 // 048301

**Visualizing Polymer Crystallization in Ultrathin Layers Using a Single-Macromolecule Tracking Method**

Wuguo Bi, Jefri S. Teguh, and Edwin K. L. Yeow  
Published 29 January 2009 // 048302

**Stripes, Zigzags, and Slow Dynamics in Buckled Hard Spheres**

Yair Shokef and Tom C. Lubensky  
Published 29 January 2009 // 048303



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## RAPID COMMUNICATIONS

### **Twist-stretch correlation of DNA**

Maryam Ghorbani and Farshid Mohammad-Rafiee

Published 15 December 2008 // 060901(R)

### **Population mixture model for nonlinear telomere dynamics**

Shalev Itzkovitz, Liran I. Shlush, Dan Gluck, and Karl Skorecki

Published 23 December 2008 // 060902(R)

## ARTICLES

### **Dynamical transition, hydrophobic interface, and the temperature dependence of electrostatic fluctuations in proteins**

David N. LeBard and Dmitry V. Matyushov

Published 1 December 2008 // 061901

### **Dynamics and evolution of stochastic bistable gene networks with sensing in fluctuating environments**

Andre S. Ribeiro

Published 2 December 2008 // 061902

### **Cooperation of sperm in two dimensions: Synchronization, attraction, and aggregation through hydrodynamic interactions**

Yingzi Yang, Jens Elgeti, and Gerhard Gompper

Published 3 December 2008 // 061903

### **Macroscopic dynamics of biological cells interacting via chemotaxis and direct contact**

Pavel M. Lushnikov, Nan Chen, and Mark Alber

Published 3 December 2008 // 061904

### **Folding proteins by first-passage-times-optimized replica exchange**

Walter Nadler, Jan H. Meinke, and Ulrich H. E. Hansmann

Published 3 December 2008 // 061905

### **Influence of synaptic interaction on firing synchronization and spike death in excitatory neuronal networks**

Sheng-Jun Wang, Xin-Jian Xu, Zhi-Xi Wu, Zi-Gang Huang, and Ying-Hai Wang

Published 3 December 2008 // 061906

### **Flapping motion and force generation in a viscoelastic fluid**

Thibaud Normand and Eric Lauga

Published 3 December 2008 // 061907

### **Subthreshold dynamics of a single neuron from a Hamiltonian perspective**

M. T. Wilson and D. A. Steyn-Ross

Published 4 December 2008 // 061908

### **Amide-I lifetime-limited vibrational energy flow in a one-dimensional lattice of hydrogen-bonded peptide units**

Vincent Pouthier

Published 4 December 2008 // 061909

### **Atomic hydrodynamics of DNA: Coil-uncoil-coil transitions in a wall-bounded shear flow**

William C. Sandberg and Guan M. Wang

Published 5 December 2008 // 061910

### **Dynamics of DNA translocation through an attractive nanopore**

Kaifu Luo, Tapio Ala-Nissila, See-Chen Ying, and Aniket Bhattacharya

Published 9 December 2008 // 061911

**Duplication count distributions in DNA sequences**

Suzanne S. Sindi, Brian R. Hunt, and James A. Yorke  
Published 11 December 2008 // 061912

**Strength limit of entropic elasticity in beta-sheet protein domains**

Sinan Keten and Markus J. Buehler  
Published 16 December 2008 // 061913

**Size and shape effects on diffusion and absorption of colloidal particles near a partially absorbing sphere: Implications for uptake of nanoparticles in animal cells**

Wendong Shi, Jizeng Wang, Xiaojun Fan, and Huajian Gao  
Published 16 December 2008 // 061914

**Position-dependent stochastic diffusion model of ion channel gating**

S. R. Vaccaro  
Published 17 December 2008 // 061915

**Simulation analysis of intermodal sodium channel function**

Shangyou Zeng and Peter Jung  
Published 17 December 2008 // 061916

**Multistability in networks of Hindmarsh-Rose neurons**

R. Erichsen, Jr. and L. G. Brunnet  
Published 18 December 2008 // 061917

**Translocation dynamics with attractive nanopore-polymer interactions**

Kaifu Luo, Tapio Ala-Nissila, See-Chen Ying, and Aniket Bhattacharya  
Published 19 December 2008 // 061918

**Monte Carlo study on ultrasound backscattering by three-dimensional distributions of red blood cells**

Ratan K. Saha and Guy Cloutier  
Published 19 December 2008 // 061919

**Evolution models with base substitutions, insertions, deletions, and selection**

D. B. Saakian  
Published 22 December 2008 // 061920

**Quasispecies theory for horizontal gene transfer and recombination**

Enrique Muñoz, Jeong-Man Park, and Michael W. Deem  
Published 23 December 2008 // 061921

**Enhancement of transport in DNA-like systems induced by backbone disorder**

Ai-Min Guo, Shi-Jie Xiong, Zhi Yang, and Hong-Jun Zhu  
Published 29 December 2008 // 061922

**Calculation of the hole mobilities of the three homopolynucleotides, poly(guanilic acid), poly(adenilic acid), and polythymidine in the presence of water and Na<sup>+</sup> ions**

Attila Bende, Ferenc Bogár, Ferenc Beleznyai, and János Ladik  
Published 29 December 2008 // 061923

**Modulation of intermembrane interaction and bending rigidity of biomembrane models via carbohydrates investigated by specular and off-specular neutron scattering**

Emanuel Schneck, Florian Rehfeldt, Rafael G. Oliveira, Christian Gege, Bruno Demé, and Motomu Tanaka  
Published 30 December 2008 // 061924

**Force-induced misfolding in RNA**

M. Manosas, I. Junier, and F. Ritort  
Published 31 December 2008 // 061925

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**RAPID COMMUNICATIONS**

**Spontaneous calcium signals induced by gap junctions in a network model of astrocytes**

V. B. Kazantsev  
Published 14 January 2009 // 010901(R)

**ARTICLES**

**Transmembrane voltage analyses in spheroidal cells in response to an intense ultrashort electrical pulse**

Q. Hu and R. P. Joshi  
Published 7 January 2009 // 011901

**1/f noise in reaction times: A proposed model based on Piéron's law and information processing**

José M. Medina  
Published 7 January 2009 // 011902

**Translocation of a stiff polymer in a microchannel**

A. ten Bosch and P. Cheyssac  
Published 8 January 2009 // 011903

**Noise-assisted spike propagation in myelinated neurons**

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# Training Workshop Developing Multi-Cell Developmental and Biomedical Simulations with CompuCell3D

August 17th-21st 2009

Indiana University, Biocomplexity Institute, Bloomington, IN, USA



**Background:** Modeling is becoming an integral part of contemporary bioscience. The Glazier-Graner-Hogeweg (GGH) model as implemented in the modeling environment, CompuCell3D allows researchers to rapidly build complex models of multi-cell processes in development and disease with user-selectable resolution, from sub-cellular compartmental models to continuum models of tissues. CompuCell3D's use of CC3D-ML, BioLogo and Python model-specification allows compact description of models for publication, validation and sharing. CompuCell3D is open source, allowing users to extend, improve, validate, modify and share the core software. For more information on the GGH and CompuCell3D, please visit: <http://www.compuCell3d.org/>

**Goal:** By the end of the week, participants will have implemented a basic simulation of the particular biological problem they work on. Post-course support and collaboration will be available to continue simulation development.

**Topics:** Introduction to GGH modeling. Applications of GGH modeling and overview of published work. Introduction to CompuCell3D. Python and BioLogo scripting. Basics of model building. Extending CompuCell3D. Building a basic simulation of your system.

**Format:** The workshop will consist of a limited number of lectures and extended hands-on computer tutorials.

**Instructors:** James A. Glazier, Maciej Swat, Benjamin Zaitlen, Abbas Shirinifard, Nikodem Poplawski, Randy Heiland (Biocomplexity Institute, Indiana University)

**Target Audience:** Experimental Biologists, Medical Scientists, Biophysicists, Mathematical Biologists and Computational Biologists from advanced undergraduates to senior faculty, who have an interest in developing multi-cell computational models, or learning how such models might help their research. No specific programming or mathematical experience is required, though familiarity with some modeling environment (e.g. Mathematica®, Maple®, Matlab®) and how to represent basic concepts like diffusion and chemical reactions mathematically, would be helpful.

**Fees and Support:** The basic registration fee of \$500 will cover workshop participation, workshop materials and lunches. Partial support for registration, travel and hotel costs may be available.

**Application and Registration:** Enrollment is limited and by application only. To apply, please send a c.v., a brief statement of your current research interests and of the specific problem you would like to model. Students and postdocs should also include a letter of support from their current advisor. If travel support is being requested, please include a statement documenting need and amounts requested. Please submit all application materials electronically to Maciej Swat ([mawat@indiana.edu](mailto:mawat@indiana.edu)) by June 30th, 2008. Funding will be awarded on a first come first serve basis.

**Facilities:** Participants will have access to an OSX cluster and will be able to connect to the Internet using their own laptops.

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