Workshops on Computational Modeling of Complex Systems

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from 10 am to 4 pm, Monday to Friday
Workshop Objectives

- Disseminate project work among promising students
- Encourage enthusiasm for research and modeling complex systems
- Find good prospects for REU and graduate programs
- Encourage under-represented minorities to enter STEM fields
- Encourage inter-disciplinary work
- Develop course materials
- Lectures by Nancy Griffeth and Flavio Fenton
- Guest lectures (Robert Gilmour, Bard Ermentrout and Elizabeth Cherry)
- Labs with hands on experiments
- Computer labs with exercises in Java and WebGL.
- Final project using GPU computing.
Saline oscillator

- Density Difference: $\rho_w + \Delta \rho$

- Orifice Length

- Orifice Diameter

- Chamber Size

- Downward flow of saline water

- Rhythmic change

- Upward flow of water
Saline oscillator
Chemical Oscillator
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Emerging Behavior and Spatiotemporal Chaos in Reaction-Diffusion Models:
GPU-accelerated simulations in a web browser over the internet.

We present here a set of interactive programs to study and analyze several models of excitable media in tissue. As the waves they produce propagate through the media, the models exhibit complex spatiotemporal dynamics that cannot be appreciated from an analysis of the underlying equations or even verbal descriptions. Here, we allow users to perform in real-time simulations of these models and to watch the patterns develop and change over time as the simulated dynamical waves propagate. The parameters governing the model’s behavior can be changed on the fly to alter the dynamics. In addition, users can apply perturbations and periodic pacing, that change the patterns locally and globally and watch the response.

One of the main advantages of these programs is that the models are implemented using WebGL, which allows the simulations to be run over the Internet, independent of computer architecture and operating system. WebGL utilizes available hardware, including graphics cards, to improve
Real time numerical simulations
Lunches with students
Final Projects

- Last workshop:
Teaching cardiac electrophysiology modeling to undergraduate students: laboratory exercises and GPU programming for the study of arrhythmias and spiral wave dynamics


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Final Projects

This workshop:

2013 Workshop: Student Exercises and Projects

Final Presentations

- Group 1: G_CaL versus G_Na
- Group 2: G_CaL versus G_K1
- Group 3: G_CaL versus G_Ks
- Group 4: G_Na versus G_K1
- Group 5: G_Na versus G_Ks
- Group 6: G_Na versus k_NaCa
- Group 7: G_CaL versus k_NaCa

Project: to perform a similar study on a realistic complex ionic cell model: The TNNP model for human ventricular cardiac cells.
Success of the workshop thanks to:

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Guest lecturers:
• Robert Gilmour
• Bard Ermentrout
• Elizabeth Cherry

Grad students:
• Aron Wolinetz
• Charles Beard
• Rachel Spratt
• Fred Von Stein