CMACS Education Program
Complex systems and arrhythmias teaching module

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Annual Workshops on Computational Modeling of Complex Systems

Teaching module on complex systems and arrhythmias

Atrial fibrillation Workshop
Nancy Griffeth and Flavio Fenton
January 3-21, 2011
Lehman College, Bronx, NY
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 (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics).

• Encourage inter-disciplinary work

• Develop course materials
# 2\textsuperscript{nd} Workshop Students

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Workshop Outline

• **Week 1:** Biology and complex systems background. Lectures and lab experiments.

• **Week 2:** Mathematical biology and programming background. Lectures and exercises with cell models using Java applets.

• **Week 3:** Student Project.

Total cost ~$400.00 → $23.00 per student
Week 1

- Complex Systems and Biological Background
  - CMACS and its goals
  - Chaos and complex systems
  - Experimental exercises with oscillators (Labs)
  - Relation between oscillators and cardiac cells
  - Mathematical modeling of cardiac cells
  - Cardiac arrhythmias and their study by computer simulations
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    With a huge bang for the buck
    Not only an oscillator but an excitable system!

  • Paced
  • Alternans
  • Wenckebach Rhythms
  • Chaos
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Exercises for the students
4 groups, 4 problems
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• From 1 oscillator to many (Coupling and Diffusion)

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Week 2

- Mathematical preliminaries
  - Modeling exercise and differential equations
  - Numerical integration
  - Java applets with exercises in cell dynamics

http://TheVirtualHeart.org
Week 2

• Mathematical preliminaries
  – GPUs (Graphical processors units)
GPU vs CPU
### Tesla C1060
- 30 Multiprocessors
- 240 Cores
- Processor core clock: 1.296 GHz
- 933 Gigaflops (Single precision)
- 78 Gigaflops (Double Precision)
- Max Bandwidth (102 Gigabytes/sec)
- 4 GB of DRAM
- Cost: $1000

### Fermi C2070
- 14 Multiprocessors
- 448 Cores
- Processor core clock: 1.15 GHz
- 1030 Gigaflops (Single precision)
- 515 Gigaflops (Double precision)
- Max Bandwidth (144 GBytes/sec)
- 6 GB of DRAM
- Cost: $3200
Week 3

• Student Project
  – Students worked in 5 groups.
  – Each group used a CUDA program for a cardiac cell model that ran near-real time.
  – Physiological parameters were changed to study their effects on dynamics in 2D.
Week 3

- Student Results
Teaching cardiac electrophysiology modeling to undergraduate students: Lab exercises and GPU programming for the study of arrhythmias and spiral wave dynamics

Ezio Bartocci¹, Rupinder Singh², Frederick B. von Stein³, Avessie Amedome⁴, Alan Joseph J. Caceres⁴, Juan Castillo⁴, Evan Closser⁴, Gabriel Deards⁴, Andriy Goltsev⁴, Roumwelle Sta. Ines⁴, Cem Isbilir⁴, Joan K. Marc⁴, Diquan Moore⁴, Dana Pardi⁴, Sandeep Sadhu⁴, Samuel Sanchez⁴, Pooja Sharma⁴, Anoopa Singh⁴, Joshua Rogers⁴, Aron Wolinetz⁴, Terri Grosso-Applewhite⁴, Kai Zhao⁴, Andrew B. Filipski⁵, Robert F. Gilmour Jr³, Radu Grosu⁵, James Glimm¹, Scott A Smolka⁵, Elizabeth M. Cherry³⁷, Edmund M. Clarke⁸, Nancy Griffeth⁴, Flavio H. Fenton³

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Reviewer 1. The student workshops that this manuscript discusses sound fascinating. I support the idea and I am certain the students benefited immensely from the experience. I wish I had attended such a workshop in high school.

Reviewer 2. This is an extremely well written report of an outstanding, 3-week long undergraduate workshop. The material covered in the workshop is at a very advanced level and addresses a very important subject.

John D. Griffin

Editor's comments,

We are very interested in accepting this manuscript for publication. If you could respond to the additional comments of the reviewer, we will provide an expedited review process .......
Student Comments

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What is Next?

Expand the teaching module:

• More Java applet exercises

• More GPU interactive codes (HTML 5)

• CUDA and 3D physiological heart structures
What is Next?

Tailor the teaching module for:

• Middle/High School Students
  CLIMB (Cornell’s Learning Initiative in Medicine and Bioengineering) connected with a teacher in Ernie Davis Middle School, NY (4 classes, 20-30 students each, Nov. 21-25)

• Undergraduate Students

• Graduate Students
  In collaboration with University Campus Biomedico of Rome (60 students class, Nov. 28 – Dec. 2)
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Make available all the information for downloading online.

For further dissemination: Submit to *Science* Prize for Inquiry-Based Instruction (highlight outstanding “modules” for teaching introductory college science courses that can readily spread to other settings and schools)
Write and answer this part:

• To what extent does this Expedition inspire (and will continue to inspire) students to pursue careers in computer science, information science and computer engineering?

What are the education/outreach-related accomplishments?
How well does the project integrate research with education?
Does the implementation of educational/outreach activities differ significantly from the original plan?
   If so, what were the reasons for the change?
How appropriate are the project's future goals and plans with respect to educational and outreach activities?
How well does the project broaden the participation of underrepresented groups (e.g. gender, ethnicity, disability, geographic, etc.)?

Course Modules

**Flavio Fenton** and **Rupinder Singh**, Atrial fibrillation module, also supported in part by NSF xxx, used wholly or in part at:
   Università Campus Bio-Medico, 60 masters level students
   Lehman College, 8 high school students
   Ernie Davis Middle School, Rochester, NY, 15 middle school students
I added the tutorial and the middle school for Kelly Clement. Is the title ok? I thought more specific would be better. And we can get in the other grant this way.

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• The rest is for other things.
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Suggested improvements

- More of the biological background relevant to our models. I really enjoyed Robert Gilmore’s presentation … it would have been more helpful to begin with [it].
- [Topics], whether biology, math, or programming, [were] first presented in a complex manner and then more simply.
- More time to working on projects and presentations
- I would do the Math first.
- [More on] how to construct a basic differential equation that describes some simple behavior
- **Week one**: general introductions of the concept to students of all majors.
  **Week two**: separate students by majors and provide more intense learning in the field related to each group
  **Week three**: final project
Planned 2012 Workshop

• Challenge problem: Pancreatic Cancer

• Collaborators: Jim Faeder, Ed Clarke, …
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Educational Reach

Postdoctoral fellows

• Haijun Gong, Carnegie Mellon University, Edmund Clarke

• Paolo Zuliani, Carnegie Mellon University, Edmund Clarke
  Ping Hou, Carnegie Mellon University, Edmund Clarke

• Ezio Bartocci, Stony Brook University, James Glimm, Radu Grosu, and Scott Smolka

• Andreas Witzel, New York University, Bud Mishra

Doctoral Students

• Sicun Gao, Carnegie Mellon University, Edmund Clarke

• David Henriques, Carnegie Mellon University, Edmund Clarke

• William Klieber, Carnegie Mellon University, Edmund Clarke

• Anvesh Komuravelli, Carnegie Mellon University, Edmund Clarke

• Soon Ho Kong, Carnegie Mellon University, Edmund Clarke

• Samir Sapra, Carnegie Mellon University, Edmund Clarke

• Qinsi Wang, Carnegie Mellon University, Edmund Clarke

• Ying-Chih Wang, Carnegie Mellon University, Edmund Clarke
• To add to the cardiac future studies
• I'm still struggling to understand where we could use probabilistic model checking and I'm skeptical that this will really scale to something useful. It wasn't clear what real problems this is being applied to.
• Purkinje fibers.
• Add the karma and sobbie studies good enough solutions.
Doctoral Students

- David Renshaw, Carnegie Mellon University, Andre Platzer
- Sarah Loos, Carnegie Mellon University, Andre Platzer
- Peter Fontana, University of Maryland, Rance Cleaveland
- Sam Huang, University of Maryland, Rance Cleaveland
- Christoph Schulze, University of Maryland, Rance Cleaveland
- Ilya Korsunsky, New York University, Bud Mishra
- Justin Jee, New York University, Bud Mishra
- Loes Olde Loohuis, New York University, Bud Mishra
- Andrew Sundstrom, New York University, Bud Mishra
- James Ferlez, University of Maryland, Steve Marcus
- Yongqiang Wang, University of Maryland, Steve Marcus
- Kun Lin, University of Maryland, Steve Marcus
- Terri Grosso-Applewhite, Lehman College, Nancy Griffeth
- Kai Zhao, Lehman College, Nancy Griffeth
- Fred Von Stein, Cornell University, Flavio Fenton
- Rupinder Singh, Cornell University, Flavio Fenton
- Alessio Gizzi, University campus biomedico of Rome, Flavio Fenton
CMACS Educational Reach

Master’s Students
• Fred Dieckamp, Hunter College, supporting NSF CMACS Workshop
• Aron Wolinetz, Lehman College, supporting NSF CMACS Workshop
• Joshua Rogers, Lehman College, supporting NSF CMACS Workshop
• Athena Shi, New York University, Bud Mishra

Undergraduate Students
Individual Mentoring
• Jingyi Ni, Carnegie Mellon University, Andre Platzer
• Mohammed Mehdi Premjee, Cornell University, Flavio Fenton
• Jeffrey Shieh Fitch, Cornell University, Flavio Fenton
• Andrew Filipski, Rochester Institute of Technology, Elizabeth Cherry

CIMACS Workshop Students 2010
• Hyukin Kwon, Stony Brook University
• Tamara Schillin, Lehman College
• Ann Marie Alcocer, Lehman College
• Jinnie Lee, Lehman College
• Daniele Ippolito, Lehman College
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CMACS Workshop Students
2010
• Samantha Daley, Lehman College
• Truong Le Ngo, Lehman College
• Victor Nnah, Lehman College
• Elzara Kimalova, Hunter College
• Ilya Korsunsky, Hunter College
• Jason Fitzsimmons, Hunter College
• Alexander Smith, Hunter College
• Jesse Lopez, Brooklyn College
• Adiba Ishak, Brooklyn College
• Mate Nagy, Brooklyn College

CMACS Workshop Students
2010
• Dana Pardi, Brooklyn College
• Roumwelle Ines, Brooklyn College
• Avessie Amedome, Hunter College
• Anoopa Singh, Hunter College
• Cem Isbiller, Hunter College
• Andriy Goltsev, Hunter College
• Gabriel Deards, Hunter College
• Joan K. Marc, Hunter College
• Sandeep Sadhu, Lehman College
• Alan Caceres, Lehman College
• Diquan Moore, Lehman College
• Juan Castillo, Lehman College
• Pooja Sharma, Queens College
• Jonathan Hernandez, Queens College
• Samuel Sanchez, Queens College
• Evan Closser, Queens College

High School Teachers
• Kelly Clement, Cornell University, Flavio Fenton
Other Educational activities

Tutorials

- **Howard Barringer and Klaus Havelund.** Internal versus External DSLs for Trace Analysis, 2nd International Conference on RUNTIME VERIFICATION RV 2011, September 27 - September 30, 2011

- **Klaus Havelund and Martin Luecker,** Runtime Verification, at SEFM School, November 7-11, 2011, Montevideo, Uruguay

- **Flavio H Fenton** Caos, espirales y la dinámica del corazón XII escuela de Otono en biologia Matematica y VI Encuentro Nacional de Biologia Matematica Pachuca Mexico, Octubre 18-22, 2010
Other Educational activities

Workshops

• Formally Verified Distributed Car Control System, to 30 high school students, by Sarah Loos in Andrew’s Leap at Carnegie Mellon University
• (Need title) 15 high school students (of Kelly)
• (Need title) 60 master students (University campus biomedico of Rome)
• Saline oscillator and BZ reaction exercises, for 8 high school students in summer program at Lehman College, by Nancy Griffeth

College Courses

• Logical analysis of hybrid systems, new course at Carnegie Mellon University based on techniques developed in Expedition (Andre Platzer)
• Simulation and Modeling of Biological Systems, new course at Lehman College based on NSF CMACS winter workshops (Nancy Griffeth)
• Abstract interpretation added to model-checking courses at Carnegie Mellon University (Edmund Clarke)

College Programs

• New minor in Quantitative and Systems Biology is in approval process at Lehman College.