

Internal Webinar

Atomistic Insights into Protein Regulation and RNA-Protein Interactions from Molecular Dynamics Simulations

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My research uses atomistic molecular dynamics simulations and molecular modelling to understand how molecular-scale interactions govern biomolecular structure, dynamics, and function. During my PhD, I investigated mutation-induced changes in global dynamics and allosteric signalling in proteins, combining long-timescale MD simulations with interaction network analysis. These approaches were applied to study substitution mutations in 14-3-3 proteins and phosphorylation-regulated catalytic loop dynamics in the phosphatase PTP-PEST, providing mechanistic insight into experimentally observed functional changes. I also modelled the PTP-PEST-AMPK α complex to support experimental identification of AMPK α as a novel substrate. My current work extends these approaches to RNA-protein systems, examining polycation-siRNA complex formation and the role of sequence, charge distribution, and chemical specificity in determining complex stability and organisation.

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