Analyzing and Comparing Structures with UCSF Chimera

- Demonstration (~20 mins):
 - o general concepts and tips for using Chimera
 - o preview of some of the tools you will be using
 - OK (preferable?) to watch rather than trying to follow along; if you do try things, close session or quit/restart before starting the tutorial
- Hands-on tutorial:
 - Structure Analysis and Comparison (~45 minutes)
- Optional tutorials (available from **Help** menu):
 - **Attributes** (~20 minutes)
 - Trajectory and Ensemble Analysis (~35 minutes)
 - The Model Panel and Ensembles (~20 minutes)

Turning Data into Information

- molecular graphics as an analysis tool
- visual presentation of information carried in atomic coordinates
- mapping non-coordinate information onto graphics

Demonstration Outline

General concepts, basic structure analysis:

- customizing tool startup and icons with **Preferences**
- zone selection
- measuring a distance
- identifying hydrogen bonds (**FindHBond**)
- commands and atom specification symbols
- command help, **Help** buttons, **Help** menu
- documentation is local (included in download) and searchable

Structure comparison:

- superimposing structures with MatchMaker
- morphing between different conformations
- viewing and recording a morph trajectory with **MD Movie**

Attributes (atom and residue property values):

- showing B-factor with colors using Render by Attribute
- showing amino acid hydrophobicity with "worms"
- attributes can be used in commands
- users can define custom attributes in a simple text format
- various operations in Chimera also create attributes (surface area, conservation in an alignment, etc.)







