

CURRICULUM VITAE

Dr. Michal Ben-Nun

EDUCATION

Hebrew University of Jerusalem, Israel: Ph.D., 1996, Theoretical Chemistry
Hebrew University of Jerusalem, Israel: B.Sc., 1990, Chemistry

EXPERIENCE

Research Scientist November 2011-todate

Predictive Science, San Diego, CA.

- Develop predictive capabilities for Influenza Dynamics forecasting.

Research Scientist Oct. 2007-October 2011

Spectral Associates, San Diego, CA.

- Key developer for a Department of Defense sponsored computational chemistry research project, including debugging, benchmarking, and deployment at the HPC systems at SDSC.

Off-Site Consultant, October 2003 – October 2007

University of Illinois, Urbana IL.

- As a member of an NSF funded Cyber Infrastructure Project investigated the integration and use of BABEL (a scientific interface description language) for physical science applications. Integrated proprietary molecular dynamics code with GAMESS.

Lecturer, September 2002 – September 2003

Santa Clara University, Santa Clara CA.

- Taught a three-part General Chemistry lecture and lab sequence to science and engineering majors.

Visiting Assistant Professor, September 1999 – August 2002

University of Illinois, Urbana IL.

- Developed and interfaced a proprietary molecular dynamics code with commercial *ab initio* and semi-empirical electronic structure programs. Code was deployed at the HPC systems at NCSA.

Postdoctoral Fellow, May 1997 – September 1999

University of Illinois, Urbana IL.

- Developed and interfaced an *ab initio* electronic structure code to NAMD: a parallel object oriented molecular dynamics code. Code was used to study retinal analogs using the HPC systems at NCSA and the NIH Resource for Macromolecular Modeling and Bioinformatics.

Fulbright and Rothchild Postdoctoral Fellow, September 1995 – May 1997

University of California San Diego, San Diego, CA.

- As a member of an experimental high-energy physics and chemistry group developed and implemented theoretical and computational tools for modeling ultra-fast x-ray and electron diffraction patterns.

Graduate Student, September 1990 – September 1995

The Hebrew University of Jerusalem, Jerusalem, Israel.

- Under the guidance of Prof. R. D. Levine, developed and applied analytical and computational tools to the study of bio-molecular chemical reactions in solutions.

PUBLICATIONS

1. K. G. Rollin, M. W. J. Bromley, M. Ben-Nun, G. A. Gallup, and P. W. Langhoff, Convergence of Even Tempered Slater-Based Configuration-Interaction Calculations (in preparation) 2011.
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9. M. D. Hack, A. M. Wensmann, D. G. Truhlar, M. Ben-Nun and T. J. Martinez, Comparison of Full Multiple Spawning, Trajectory Surface Hopping, and Converged Quantum Mechanics for Electronically Nonadiabatic Dynamics, *J. Chem. Phys.* **115**, 1172 (2001).
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11. M. Ben-Nun and T. J. Martinez, Photodynamics of Ethylene: *Ab Initio* Studies of Conical Intersections, *Chem. Phys.* **259**, 237 (2000).

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14. F. Molnar, M. Ben-Nun, T. J. Martinez and K. Schulten, Characterization of a Conical Intersection between the Ground and First Excited State for a Retinal Analog, *J. Mol. Struct. (THEOCHEM)* **506**, 169 (2000).
15. M. Ben-Nun and T. J. Martinez, A Multiple Spawning Approach to Tunneling Dynamics, *J. Chem. Phys.* **112**, 6113 (2000).
16. M. Ben-Nun and T. J. Martinez, Electronic Absorption and Resonance Raman Spectroscopy from *Ab Initio* Quantum Molecular Dynamics, *J. Phys. Chem. A* **103**, 10517 (1999).
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20. M. Ben-Nun and T. J. Martinez, Electronic Energy Funnels in *cis-trans* Photoisomerization of Retinal Protonated Schiff Base, *J. Phys. Chem. A* **102**, 9607 (1998).
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24. M. Ben-Nun, J. Cao and K. R. Wilson, Ultrafast X-Ray and Electron Diffraction: Theoretical Considerations, *J. Phys. Chem. A* **101**, 8743 (1997).
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