



Univerza v Mariboru

Fakulteta za naravoslovje  
in matematiko

### UČNI NAČRT PREDMETA / COURSE SYLLABUS

<b>Predmet:</b>	<b>Metode biofizikalnega modeliranja</b>
<b>Course title:</b>	<b>Methods of biophysical modelling</b>

Študijski program in stopnja Study programme and level	Študijska smer Study field	Letnik Academic year	Semester Semester
FIZIKA		1. ali 2.	1., 2. ali 3.
PHYSICS		1. or 2.	1., 2. or 3.

**Vrsta predmeta / Course type**

Izbirni za modula Biofizika 1, 2, 3 in  
Fizika 1, 2, 3

**Univerzitetna koda predmeta / University course code:**

Predavanja Lectures	Seminar Seminar	Vaje Tutorial	Lab. vaje Laboratory work	Mentorstvo Mentorship	Samost. delo Individ. work	ECTS
7	3				290	10

**Nosilec predmeta / Lecturer:**

Aleš Fajmut

**Jeziki /**

**Languages:**

**Predavanja /** slovenski/Slovenian

**Lectures:**

**Vaje / Tutorial:**

**Pogoji za vključitev v delo oz. za opravljanje študijskih obveznosti:**

Ni posebnih zahtev.

**Prerequisites:**

No special prerequisites.

**Vsebina:**

**Content (Syllabus outline):**

### Modeliranje molekularne dinamike:

- modeliranje na različnih velikostnih skalah (elektronska struktura, interakcije, medatomska polja sil, grobo zrnjenje)
- simulacije molekulske dinamike, Langevinove in Brownove dinamike ter Monte Carlo simulacije
- solvatacija/hidratacija biomolekul
- računanje fizikalnih opazljivk iz računskih modelov

### Deterministične metode modeliranja celičnih procesov:

- modeliranje encimske kinetike in mrež biokemijskih reakcij
- kontrolna analiza
- modeliranje prenosa signalov v celici
- optimizacijske metode in določanje parametrov
- modeliranje fizioloških sistemov (srce, krvni obtok, izmenjava plinov, krčenje mišic, regulacija volumna celice...)

### Stohastične metode modeliranja procesov v celici in tkivu:

- uvod: Brownovo gibanje, Langevinova enačba
- predstavitev t.i. »birth-death« master enačbe na primeru Lotka-Volterra modela
- osnove Gillespievega algoritma za stohastično modeliranje celičnih procesov
- uporaba Gillespievega algoritma na primeru kalcijeve signalizacije

### Modelling of molecular dynamics:

- modelling on different scales (electron structure, interactions, inter-atomic fields of forces, rough fragmentation)
- simulation of molecular dynamics, Langevin's and Brown's dynamics and Monte Carlo simulations
- solvation/hydration of biomolecules
- calculation of physical observables from numerical models

### Deterministic methods in modelling cellular processes:

- modelling of enzyme kinetics and networks of biochemical reactions
- control analysis
- modelling of signal transduction in the cell
- optimization methods and parameter estimation
- modelling of physiological systems (heart, blood flow, gas exchange, muscle contraction, cell volume regulation...)

### Stochastic Methods for Modelling of Processes in Cells and Tissues:

- Introduction: Brownian motion, Langevin's equation
- Presentation of birth-death master equation by using Lotka-Volterra model
- Basics of Gillespie's algorithm for stochastic modelling of cellular processes
- Application of Gillespie's algorithm to the processes of calcium signaling

### **Temeljni literatura in viri / Readings:**

- 1) G.W. Gardiner, Handbook of Stochastic Methods, Springer, Heidelberg, 1997.
- 2) D.T. Gillespie, A general method for numerically simulating the stochastic time evolution of coupled chemical reactions. *J. Comput. Phys.* **22** (1976) 403–434.
- 3) R. Heinrich, S. Schuster: The Regulation of Cellular Systems, Chapman and Hall, New York 1996
- 4) E. Klipp, R. Herwig, A. Kowald, C. Wierling, H. Lehrach, Systems biology in practice, Wiley-

vch, 2005, Weinheim

- 5) F.C. Hoppensteadt, C.S. Peskin, Modelling and simulation in medicine and the life science, Springer, 2002, New York
- 6) J. Keener, J. Sneyd, Mathematical Physiology, Springer, 1998, New York
- 7) A. R. Leach, Molecular Modelling: Principles and Applications, Prentice Hall, 2001.
- 8) D. Frenkel, B. Smit, Understanding Molecular Simulation: From Algorithms to Applications, Academic Press, 2002.
- 9) M. Daune, Molecular biophysics: Structures in motion, Oxford, University Press, 1999.

#### **Cilji in kompetence:**

Študenti poglobijo znanje s področja metod biofizikalnega modeliranja, optimiranja, neravnovesne termodinamike, reakcij in difuzije. Razumejo povezanost matematično-fizikalnih znanj ter znanj o raziskovanih bioloških sistemih. Spoznajo najnovejše raziskave in delo raziskovalnih skupin na tem področju v regiji.

#### **Objectives and competences:**

Students acquire advanced knowledge on methods of biophysical modelling, optimization, nonequilibrium thermodynamics, reactions and diffusion. Students understand the connection between mathematical-physical skills and knowledge about biological systems. Students get familiar with up-to-date research work and research teams working in that field in the region.

#### **Predvideni študijski rezultati:**

Znanje in razumevanje:

Poglobljanje in nadgradnja interdisciplinarnih znanj s področij biofizikalnega modeliranja in metod statistične termodinamike ter aplikacij pri raziskovanju kompleksnih bioloških sistemov.

Prenesljive/ključne spretnosti in drugi atributi:

Reševanje interdisciplinarnih problemov v bioloških vedah z matematično-fizikalnimi orodji, numeričnimi metodami, univerzalnosti v fiziki in celosten pristop k reševanju biofizikalnih problemov.

#### **Intended learning outcomes:**

Knowledge and understanding:

Gaining additional knowledge and upgrading interdisciplinary approach in the fields of biophysical modeling and statistical thermodynamics in exploration of complex biological systems.

Transferable/Key Skills and other attributes:

Solving interdisciplinary problems in biology sciences with mathematical-physical tools, numerical methods, universalities in physics and gained global approach on solving a biophysical problem.

#### **Metode poučevanja in učenja:**

Predavanja in študij metod za analizo bio-relevantnih primerov

#### **Learning and teaching methods:**

Lectures and study of methods for analysis of bio-relevant examples

Delež (v %) /

Weight (in %) **Assessment:**

#### **Načini ocenjevanja:**

Način (pisni izpit, ustno izpraševanje, naloge, projekt)

**50%**

**50%**

Type (examination, oral, coursework, project):

Ustni zagovor 3 projektne naloge		Oral exam 3 project assignments
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**Reference nosilca / Lecturer's references:**

1. MBIKOU, Prisca, FAJMUT, Aleš, BRUMEN, Milan, ROUX, Etienne. Contribution of Rho kinase to the early phase of the calcium-contraction coupling in airway smooth muscle. *Experimental physiology*, ISSN 0958-0670, 2011, vol. 96, issue 2, str. 240-258, ilustr., doi: [10.1113/expphysiol.2010.054635](https://doi.org/10.1113/expphysiol.2010.054635). [COBISS.SI-ID 18009864]
2. DOBOVIŠEK, Andrej, FAJMUT, Aleš, BRUMEN, Milan. Role of expression of prostaglandin synthases 1 and 2 and leukotriene C [sub] 4 synthase in aspirin-intolerant asthma: a theoretical study. *Journal of pharmacokinetics and pharmacodynamics*, ISSN 1567-567X, 2011, vol. 38, no. 2, str. 261-278, doi: [10.1007/s10928-011-9192-6](https://doi.org/10.1007/s10928-011-9192-6). [COBISS.SI-ID 18203144]
3. FAJMUT, Aleš, BRUMEN, Milan. MLC-kinase/phosphatase control of Ca<sup>2+</sup> signal transduction in airway smooth muscles. *Journal of theoretical biology*, ISSN 0022-5193, 2008, vol. 252, no. 3, str. 474-481. <http://dx.doi.org/10.1016/j.jtbi.2007.10.005>, doi: [10.1016/j.jtbi.2007.10.005](https://doi.org/10.1016/j.jtbi.2007.10.005). [COBISS.SI-ID 15856392]
4. MBIKOU, Prisca, FAJMUT, Aleš, BRUMEN, Milan, ROUX, Etienne. Theoretical and experimental investigation of calcium-contraction coupling in airway smooth muscle. *Cell biochemistry and biophysics*, ISSN 1085-9195, 2006, vol. 46, no. 3, str. 233-251. [http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/entrez/query.fcgi?db=pubmed&cmd=Retrieve&dopt=AbstractPlus&list\\_uids=17272850&itool=iconabstr&query\\_hl=2&itool=pubmed\\_docsum](http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/entrez/query.fcgi?db=pubmed&cmd=Retrieve&dopt=AbstractPlus&list_uids=17272850&itool=iconabstr&query_hl=2&itool=pubmed_docsum). [COBISS.SI-ID 15168776]
5. FAJMUT, Aleš, JAGODIČ, Marko, BRUMEN, Milan. Mathematical modeling of the myosin light chain kinase activation. *Journal of chemical information and modeling*, ISSN 1549-9596. [Print ed.], 2005, [Vol.] 45, str. 1605-1609. [COBISS.SI-ID 14354184]