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Abstract: We construct the novel RNA nanoclusters- the RNA nanotubes made of several nanorings. We study the structural properties (i.e. the Root Mean Square Deviation (RMSD) the radius of gyration and radial distribution function) of RNA nanotube up to the size of about 20nm in physiological solution that can be used for drug delivery into human body. We model RNA nanotube by utilizing molecular dynamics simulation method implemented in NAMD and VMD. The patterns of energy and temperature variations of the systems are also discussed. Furthermore we study the number of ions around the tube as a function of time at a particular temperature. We find that if the temperature increases the number of ions increases within certain distance of the tube. We report that the number of ions within a certain distance around the tubes decrease in quenched run. This indicates that some ions evaporate with decrease in temperature a



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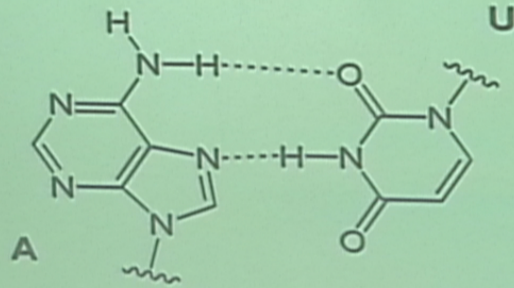
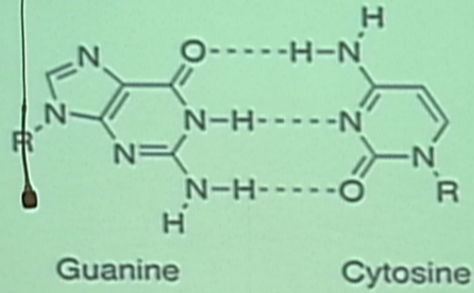
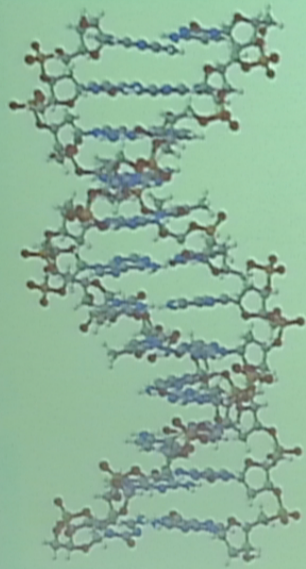
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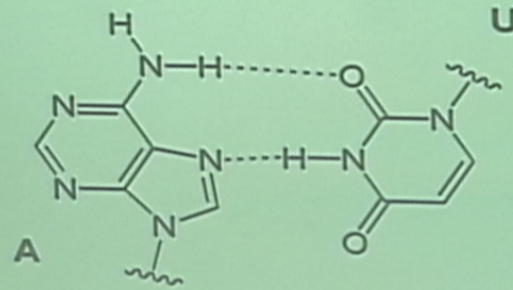
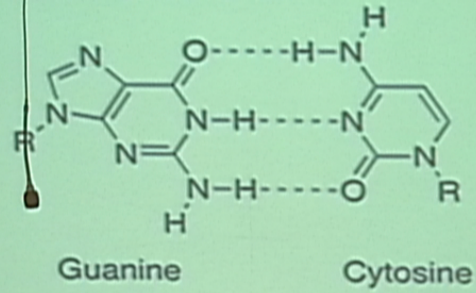
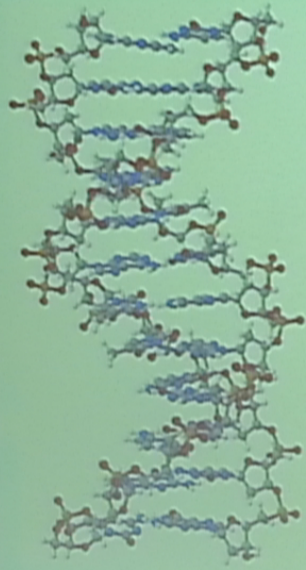
Motivation

- In current nanotechnology the RNA nanoclusters has the vital role in delivery of the therapeutic drugs
- There are two ways to deliver the drug to the human body, one by attaching it to the delivery vehicle and the another way is the making vehicle of the drug itself.
- In view of this in mind we will be developing the structure of the RNA nanoclusters

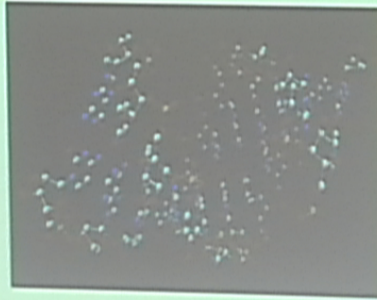
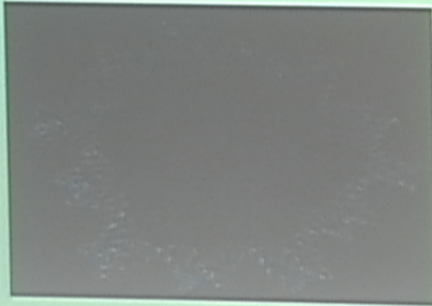
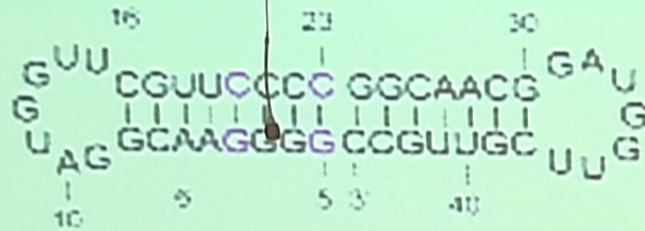
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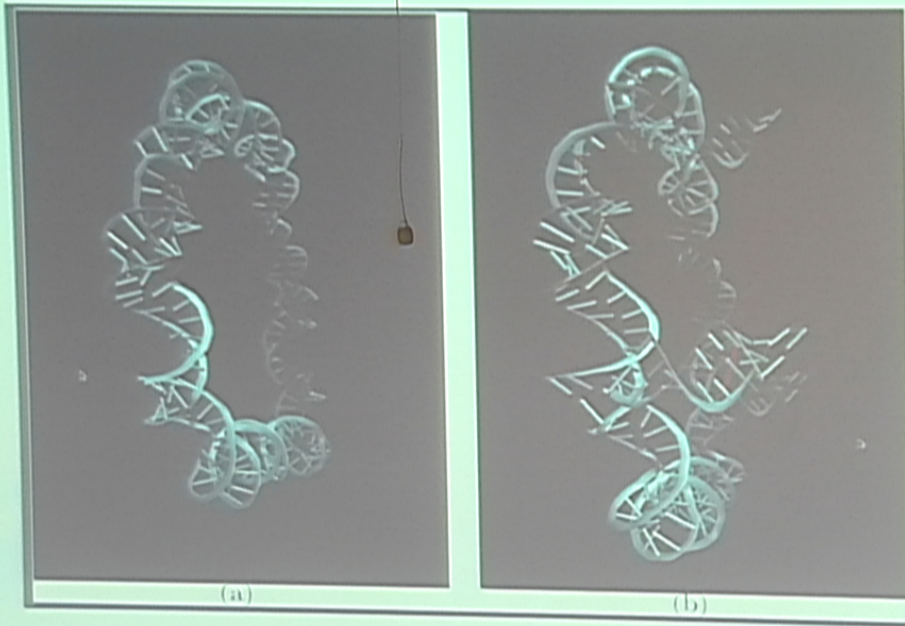
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How the RNA nano structures are built from building Blocks ?



Ring and links used to construct RNA nanotube



Ring and Ring with the link

Computational Procedure

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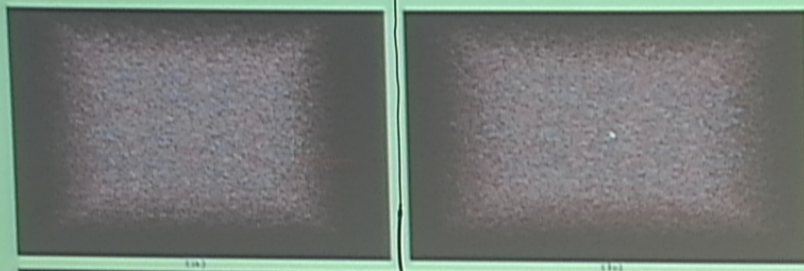
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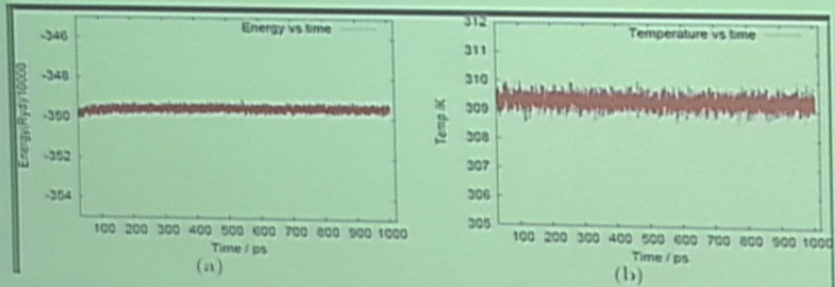
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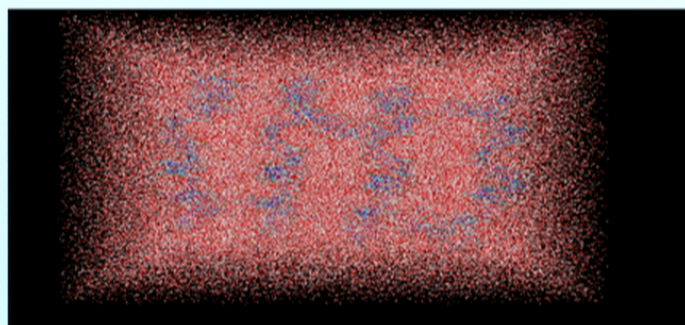
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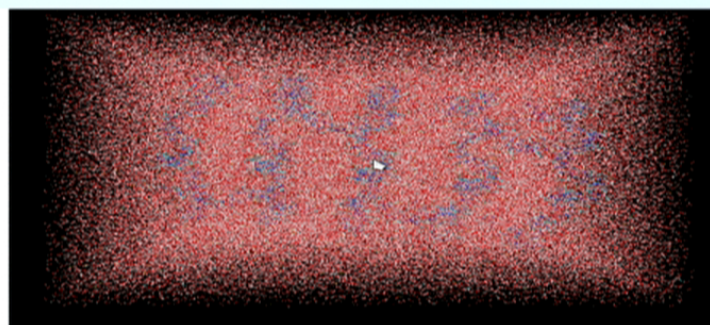
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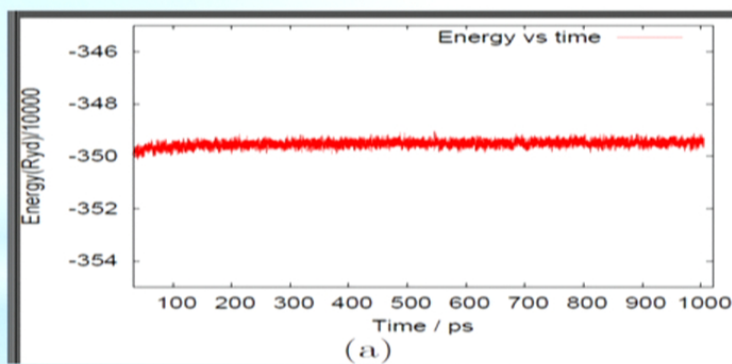


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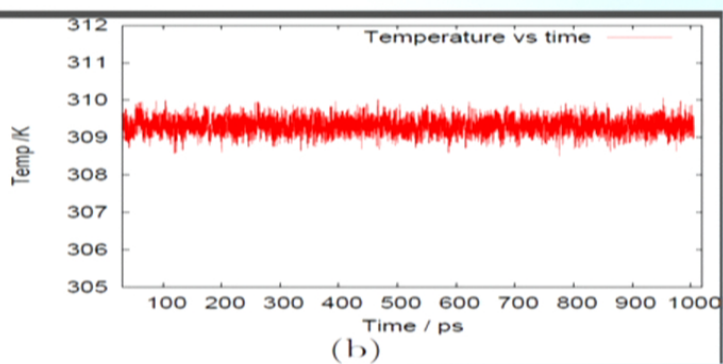


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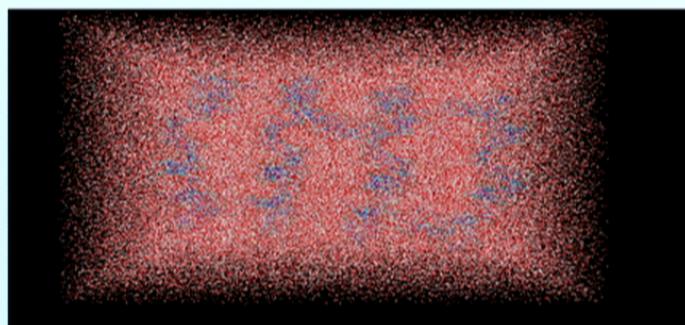


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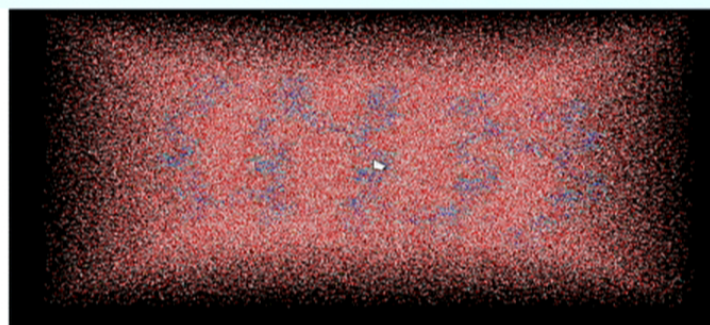


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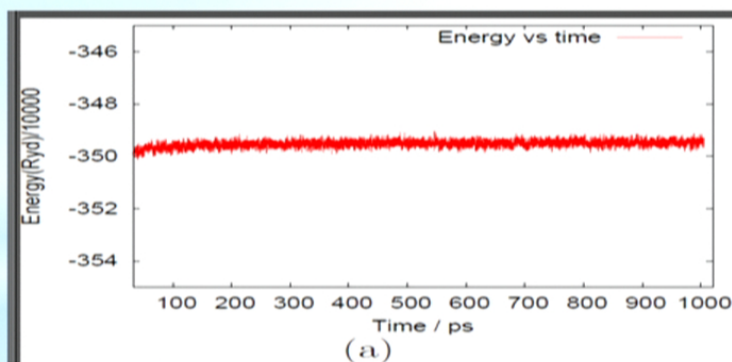


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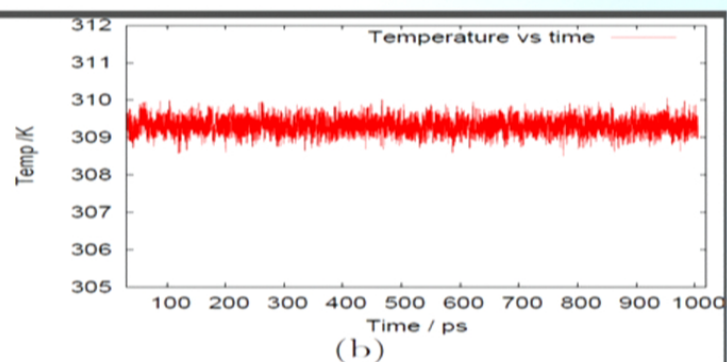


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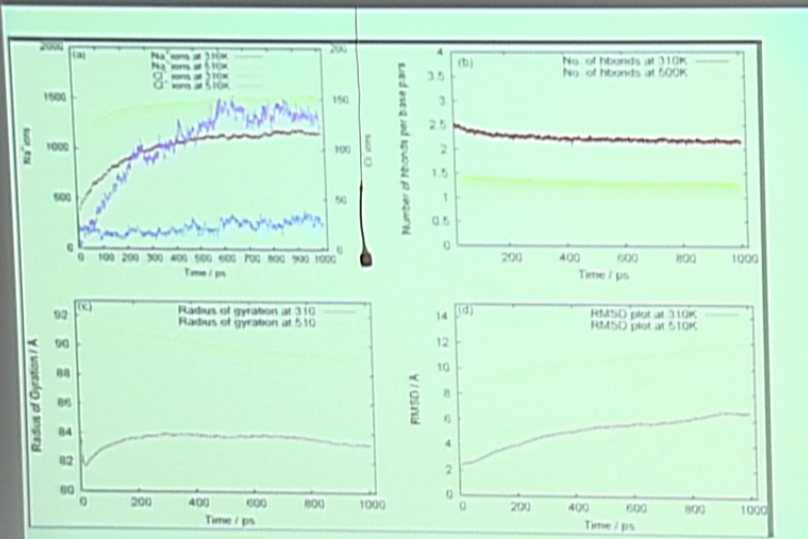


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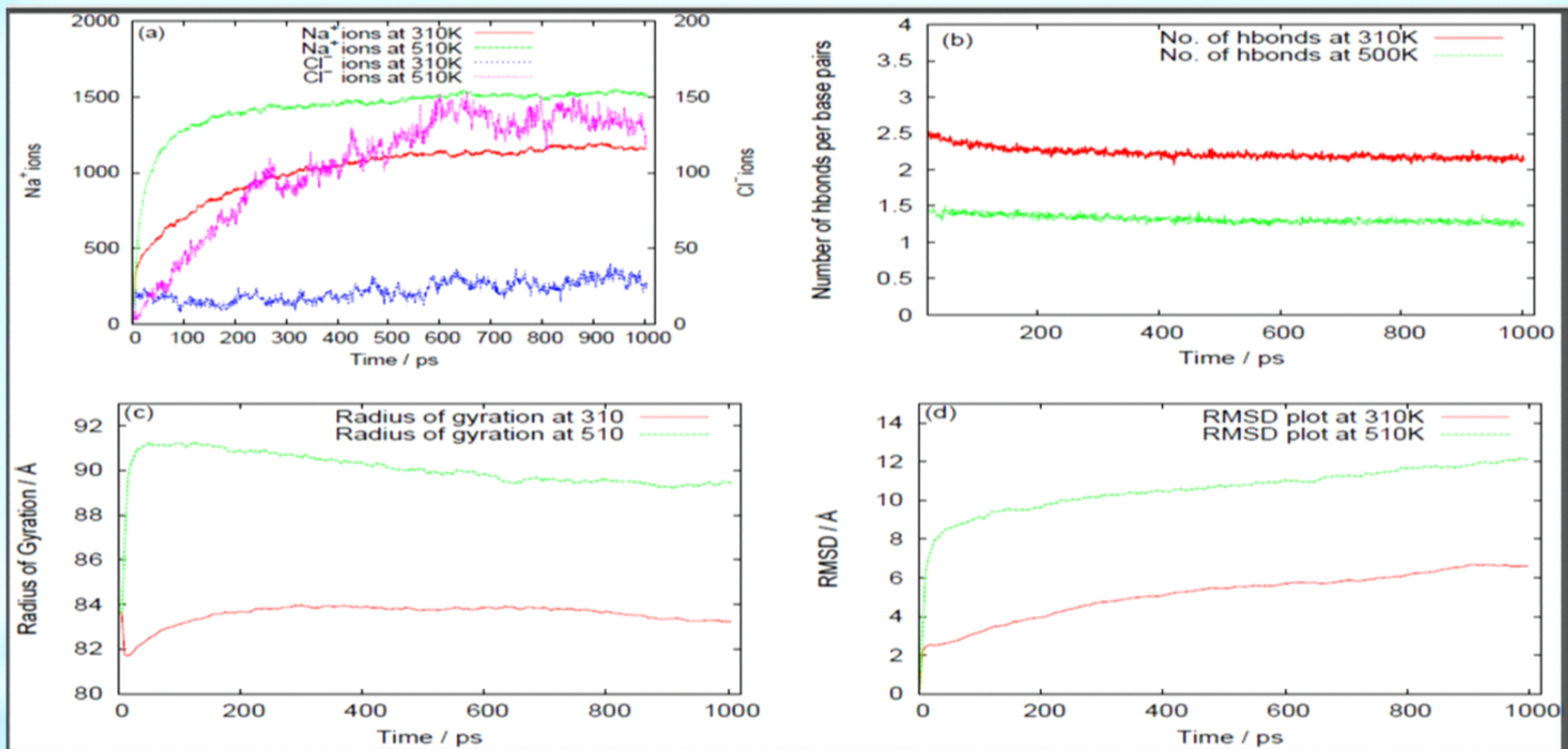


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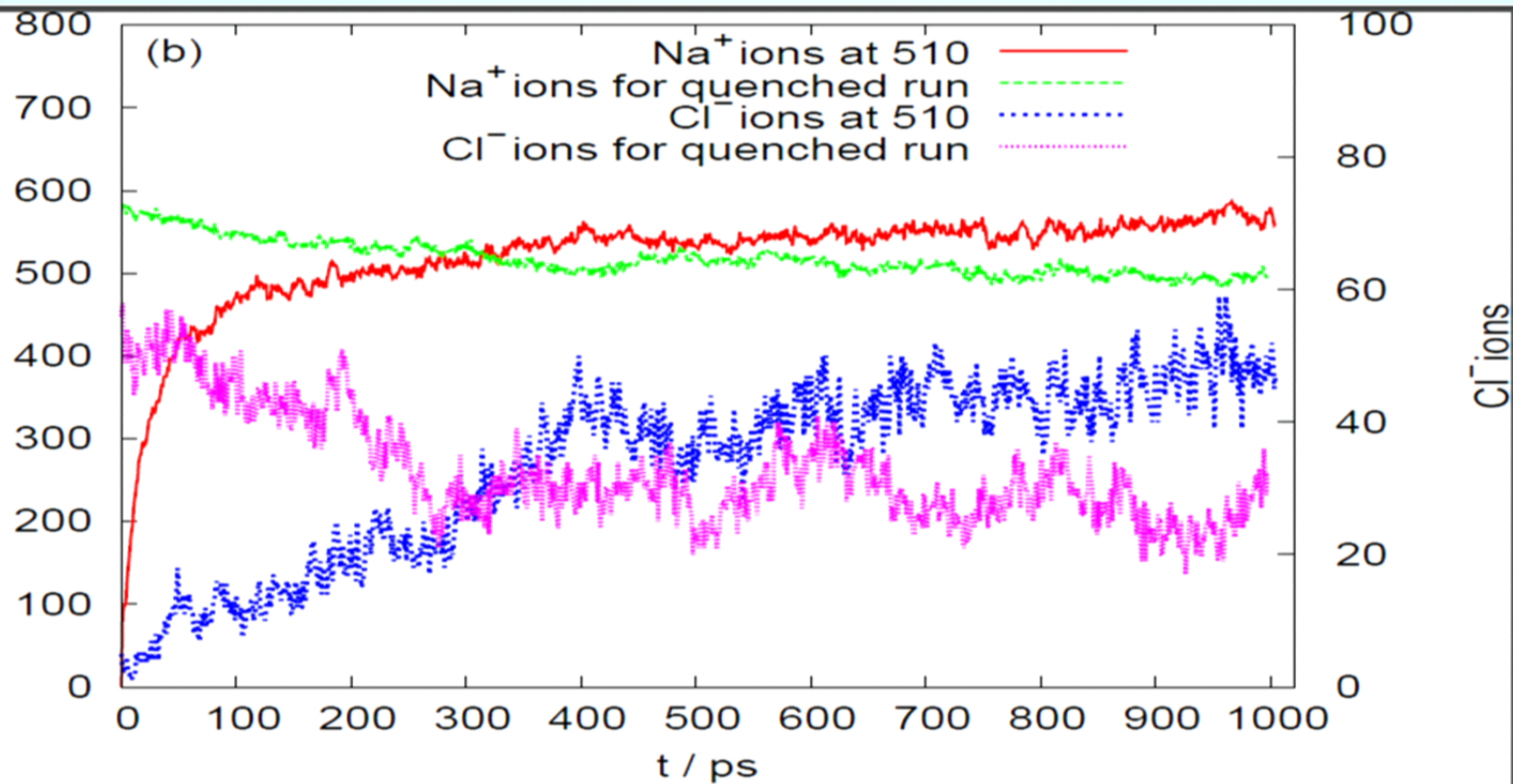
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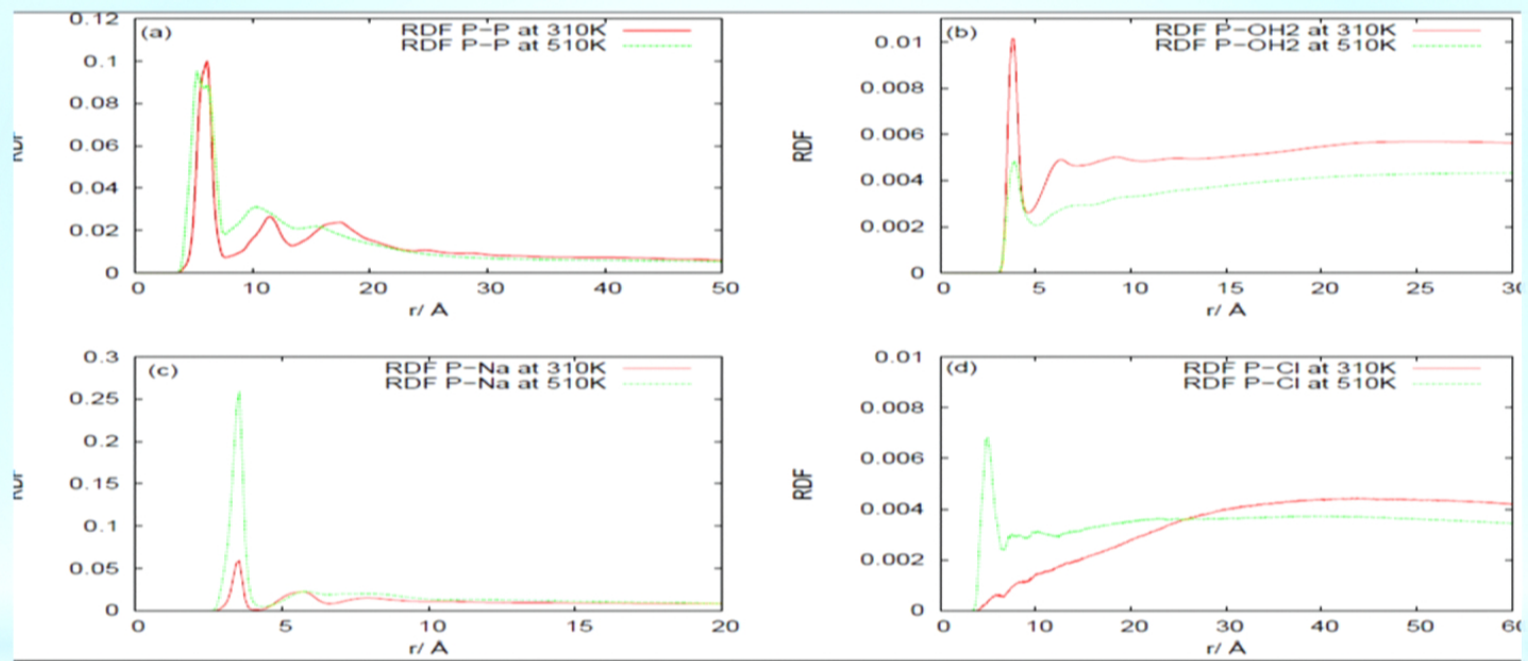
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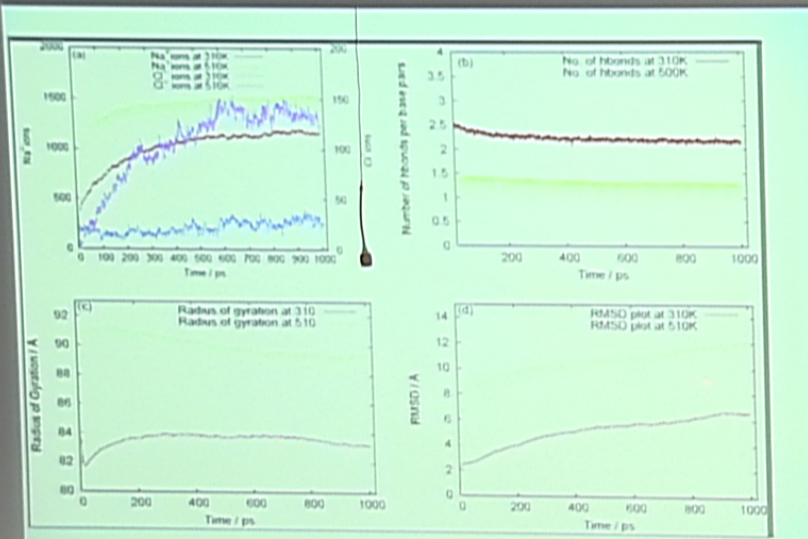
Number of Na⁺ and Cl⁻ ions with the range of 5 Å at 510K and the quenched run at 10K to see the evaporation of ions as temperature decreases.



Radial distribution function for the 5 ring RNA nanotube (a) P-P (b) P-OH₂ (c) P-Na(d) P-Cl.

Conclusion...

- The all-atom MD simulations presented here are up to 1ns which is way below to the time taken in the biological processes. In view of this in mind we have developed the coarse-grained model of these systems which will allow us to perform MD simulation up to this time comparable to the real time used in biological process.



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