

3D Printing & Arduino in the ChE Classroom:

Protein Structures, Heat Exchangers, and Spectrophotometers

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Goals

ChE students may complete several design simulations/projects, but they rarely get a chance to design and build prototypes.

3D Printing & Arduino/Pi make it easy & cheap to build prototypes.

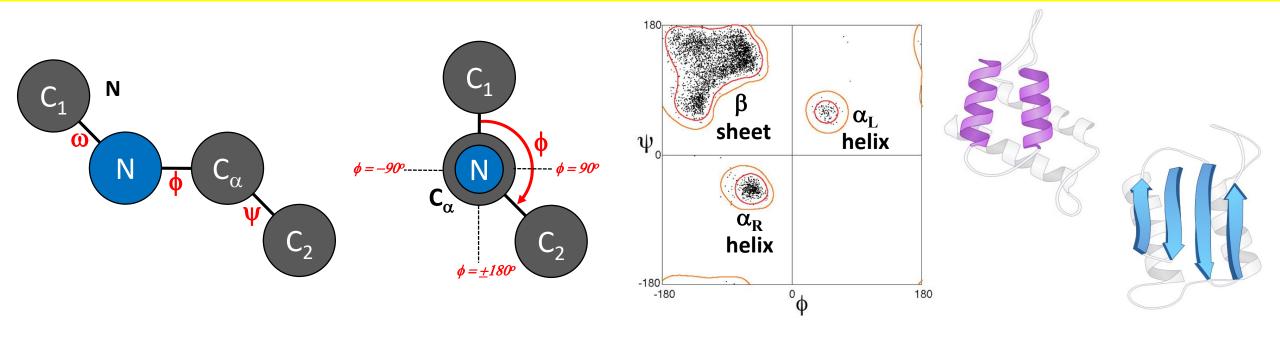
Goal 1: Enhance student learning.

Goal 2: Introduce students to drafting, coding, etc.

Goal 3: Give the students an opportunity to be creative!

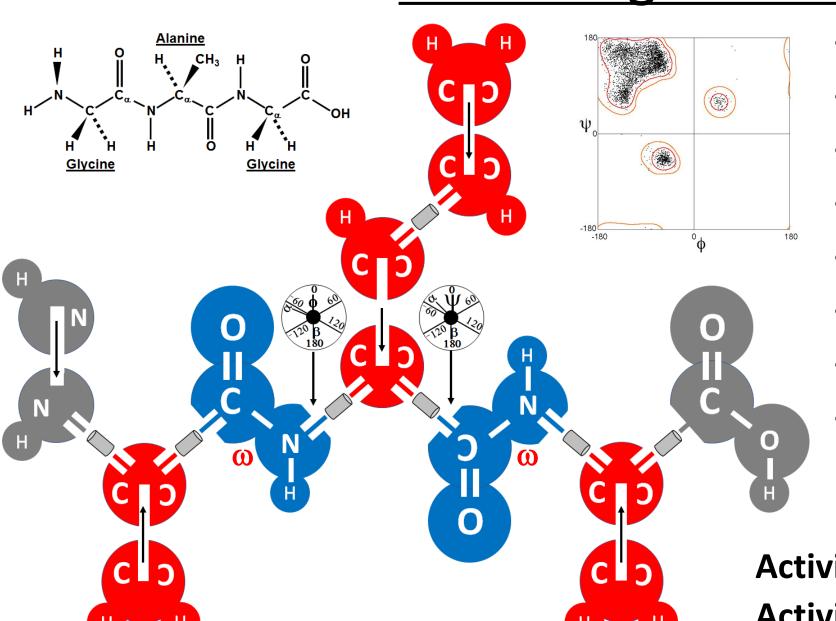
Module 1: Dihedral Angles in Proteins

Students do not need to know CAD or coding for this module - they just play with 3D printed parts!



- The peptide backbone in a protein has 3 unique dihedral angles: ω , ψ , and ϕ
- ω is fixed, but ψ and ϕ can rotate between 0-180°
- Steric hindrance makes some angles more favorable
- Some angles provide unique 2' structures α helices + β strands

3D Printing Proteins

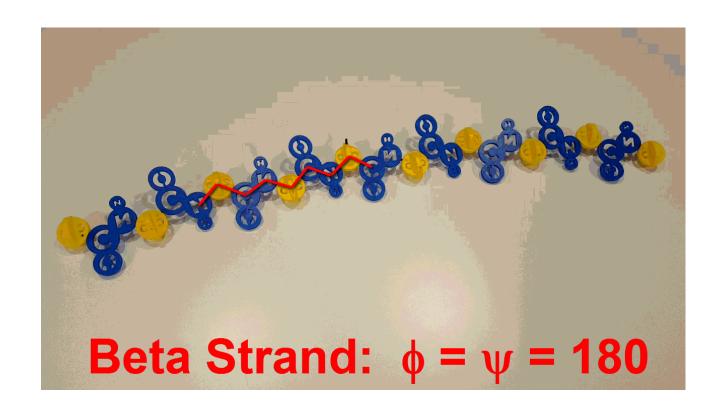


- Tripeptide = Gly-Ala-Gly
- 26 atoms
- 7 unique pieces
- 14 parts
- Parts connected by tubing
- Dials show dihedral angles
- 2 pieces for tetrahedrons
- Peptide bond is planar

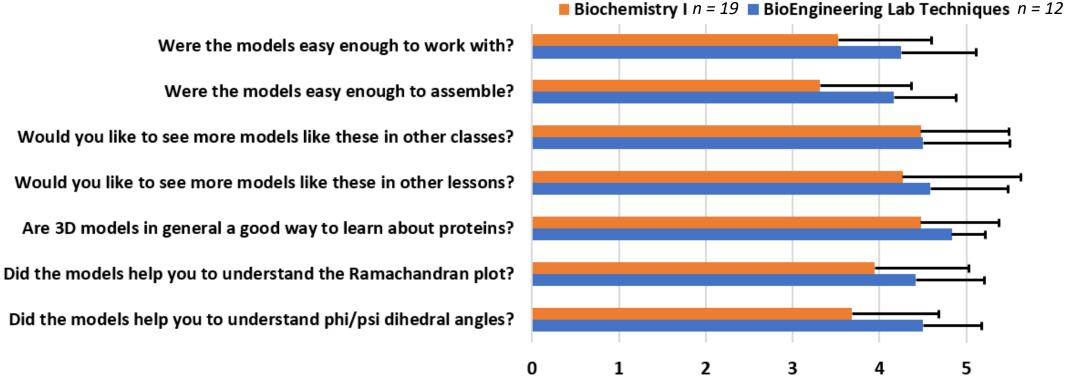
Note: Additional side chains can also be included.

Activity 1: Ramachandran Plot

Activity 2: α helices + β sheets



Student Feedback



Likert scale, 1 = Strongly Disagree/No, 2 = Disagree/No, 3 = Neutral, 4 = Somewhat Agree/Yes 5 = Strongly Agree/Yes

Student Comments:

- Assembly
 - Joints were a little hard to work with, models could be assembled incorrectly
- Timing
 - Need more time for assembly, maybe send a kit home for review?

Module 3: DIY Spectrophotometer (Colorimeter)

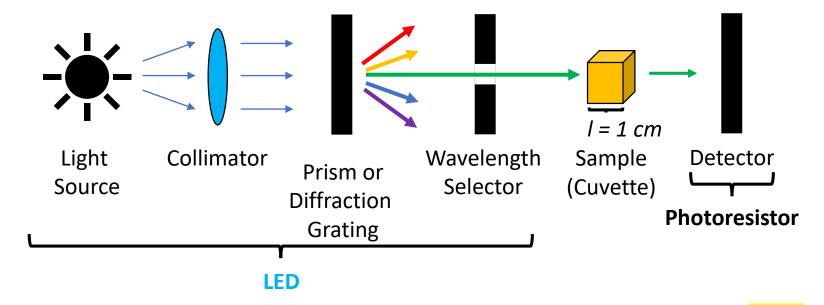
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Spectrophotometers are commonly used to measure concentrations, enzymatic reaction rates, etc.

Unfortunately, they can also be quite expensive (>\$1,000)......

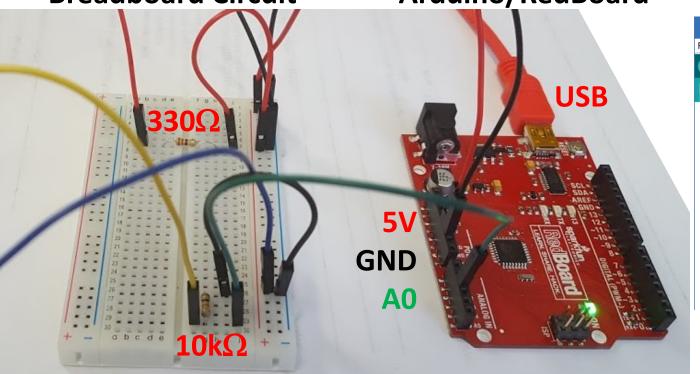
However, spectrophotometers are based on a relatively simple principle:



If you only need to measure a specific wavelength (e.g. 420 nm for ONP), then this design can be simplified by just using a (blue) LED as a light source and photoresistor as a detector.

Device Design

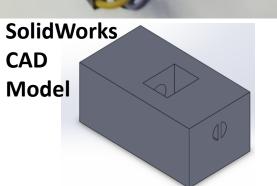




Arduino IDE Code







PR

 330Ω 5VGround $10k\Omega$ PR A0 (Arduino)

This is a minimal design that students are allowed to modify.

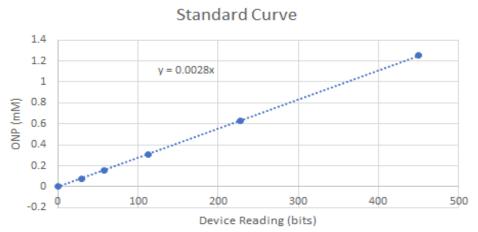
Most groups add covers for the cuvette Some groups make enclosures for the circuit

One group designed a device that could monitor 2 cuvettes!

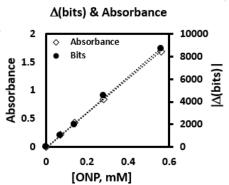
Standard Curve:

O-nitrophenol (ONP)



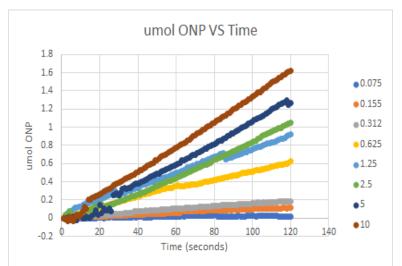


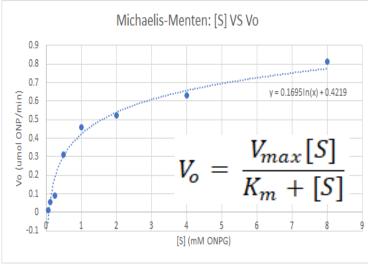
Trends obtained with the devices are identical to a commercial spectrophotometer



β-galactosidase Reaction:

Enzymatic conversion of ONPG → ONP





The device detects changes in reaction rates (V_o) from varying substrate concentrations, which can then be used to prepare a Michaelis-Menten plot

$$V_{\text{max}} = 138 \pm 25.1 \frac{\mu mol \ ONP}{min \cdot mg \ \beta gal}$$

$$V_{\text{max}} = 134 \frac{\mu mol \ ONP}{min \cdot mg \ \beta gal}$$

$$K_{\text{m}} = 0.92 \pm 0.12 \ \text{mM}$$

$$K_{\text{m}} = 0.95 \ \text{mM}$$

<u>Summary</u>

Module	3D Printed Parts (Thingiverse IDs)	Arduino?	Available Materials	Cost/Student
Peptides	2758246 (Tubing) 2509708 (Screws)	No	Videos PPT Slides Activities Stickers	\$1.50
Plate & Frame	2452341	Optional	PPT Slides	\$5-50 + pumps, baths
Colorimeter	2760937 (Cuvette) 2456868 (Flow Cell)	Yes	Lab Manual PPT Slides Example Data Arduino Code	\$50/device \$500 for reagents

Please contact me (<u>jacob.elmer@villanova.edu</u>) if you have any interest in using these modules.

Thank you for coming!

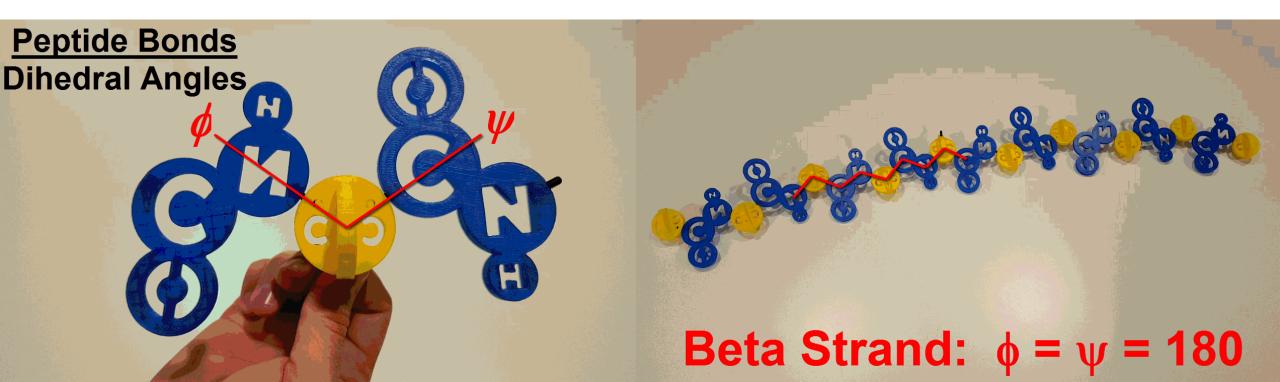


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Links + GIFs

- Amino acids with screws: https://www.thingiverse.com/thing:2758246
- Amino acids with tubing: https://www.thingiverse.com/thing:2509708
- Dihedral Demo: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1usemtlYe_s (3213 views!)
- α/β Demo: <u>https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4x61Je8UWsE</u> (314 views...)
- 3D CAD Protein models: https://3dprint.nih.gov/create
- Magnetic models: https://makezine.com/projects/peppytides/



Parts + Links

• CAD + STL files:

- Cuvette holders: https://www.thingiverse.com/thing:2760937
- Flow cell: https://www.thingiverse.com/thing:2456868

Other colorimeter designs:

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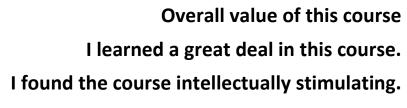
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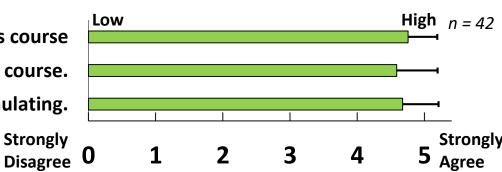
Student Survey Results

0-5 scale

0 = strongly disagree

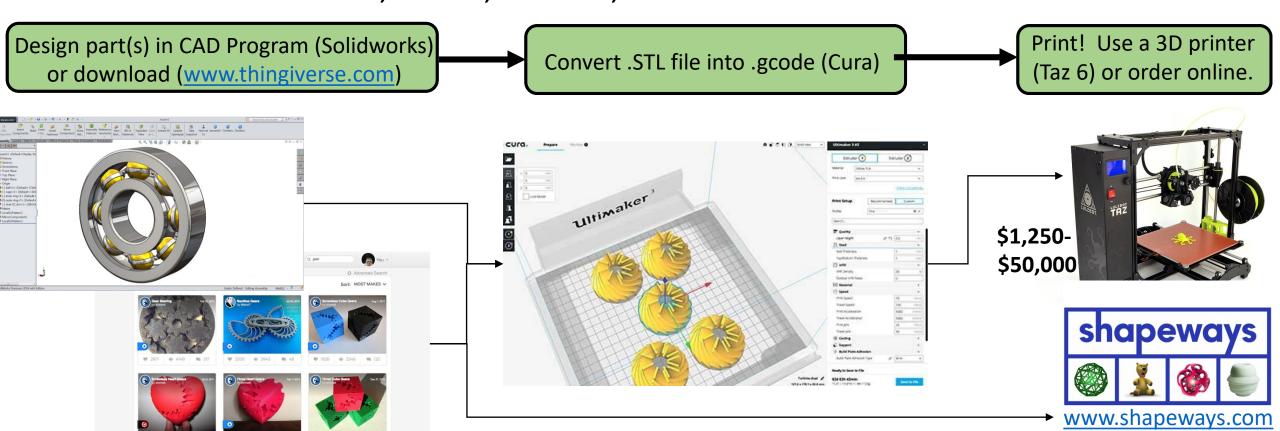
5 = strongly agree



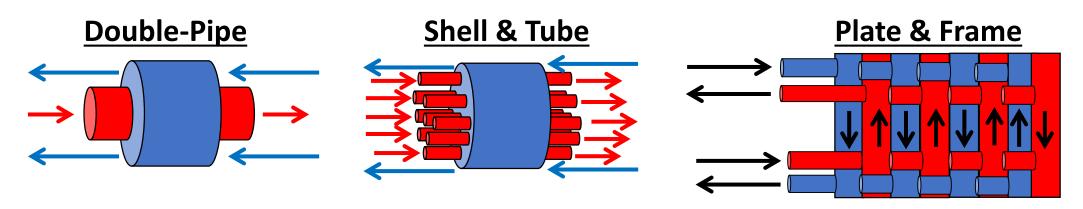


3D Printing Primer

- 3D Printing is now easier, cheaper, and faster than ever
- Make/download a part, convert it into G-Code, and print it yourself/online
- Online tutorials are available for every step
- Parts can be hollow, metal, flexible, etc.

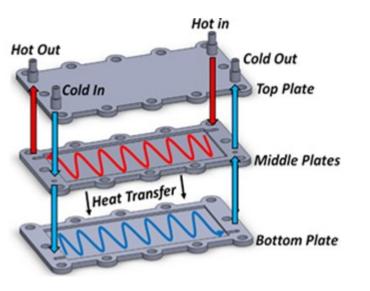


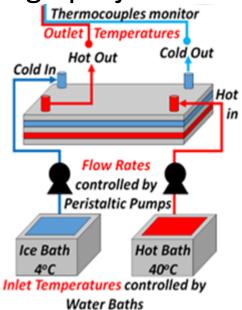
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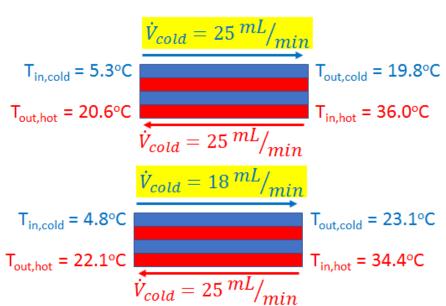


Our Heat Transfer course had a heat exchanger design project, but no lab component...

..so I introduced an Honors design project on 3D printing a Plate & Frame heat exchanger:

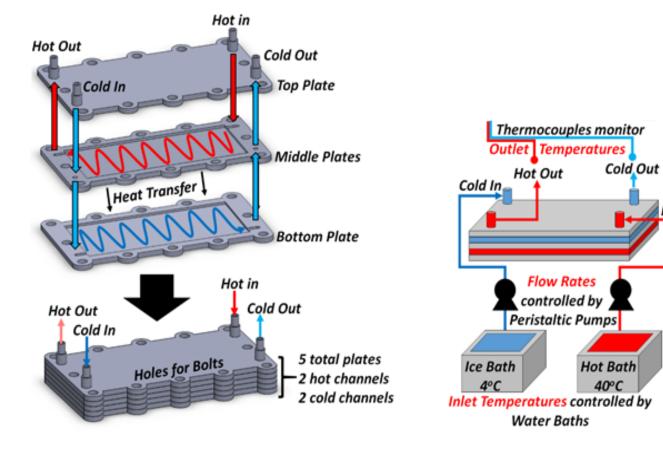


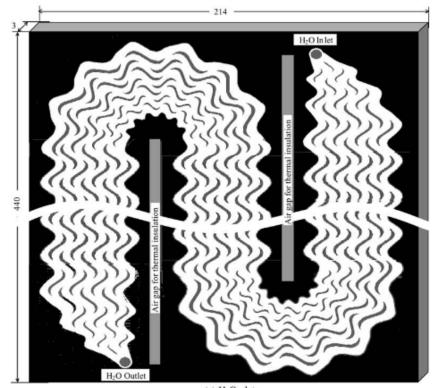




Parts + Links

- Plates (top, middle, bottom): https://www.thingiverse.com/thing:2452341
- Vacuum-formed Heat Exchanger
 - https://www.ijee.ie/latestissues/Vol33-2A/22 ijee3409ns.pdf





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