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—from the Foreword by Peter G. Wolynes, Bullard-Welch Foundation Professor of Science, Rice University

This book highlights the state of the art in coarse-grained modeling of biomolecules, covering both fundamentals as well as various cutting edge applications. Coarse-graining of biomolecules is an area of rapid advances, with numerous new force fields having appeared recently and significant progress made in developing a systematic theory of coarse-graining. The contents start with the first fundamental principles based on physics, then survey specific state-of-the-art coarse-grained force fields of proteins and nucleic acids, and provide examples of exciting biological problems that are at large scale, and hence, only amenable to coarse-grained modeling.

Features

- Introduces coarse-grained models of proteins and nucleic acids
- Showcases applications such as genome packaging in nuclei and understanding ribosome dynamics
- Gives the physical foundations of coarse-graining
- Demonstrates the use of models for large-scale assemblies in modern studies

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