# Introduction to CUP 22

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### Welcome! You Made It!

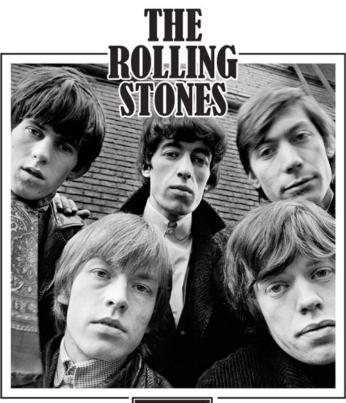


### **CUP** Policies

- It's about the science of drug discovery
- Science requires debate
- It's considered a private meeting ... Not recorded or streamed
- Beware of the altitude (7,000 ft)
- Beware of the chile (esp. Green)
- This is a professional, not a social, event
- We are now an 'independent business unit' of Cadence Design Systems

(Yes, it was an interesting year)

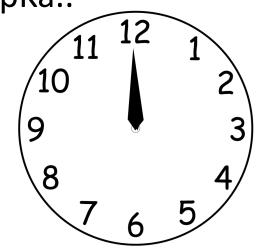
### (Can't Get No) Satisfaction



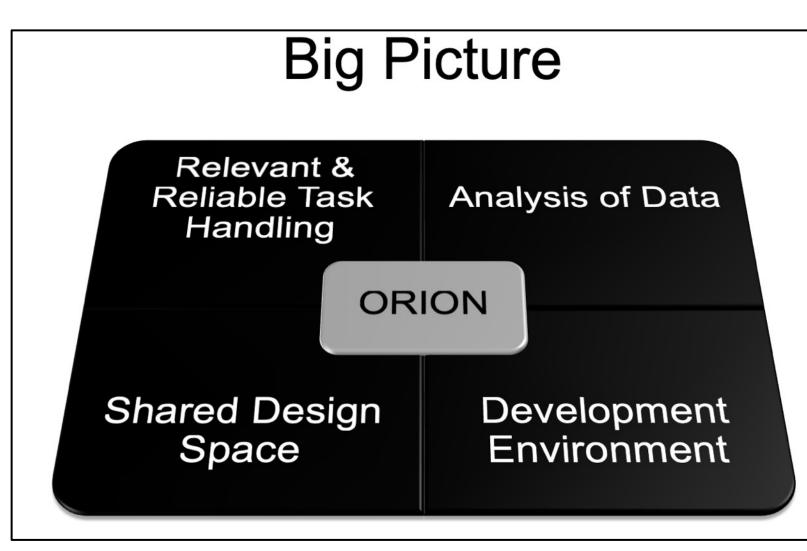
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# Of the many Things of which I'm not Satisfied

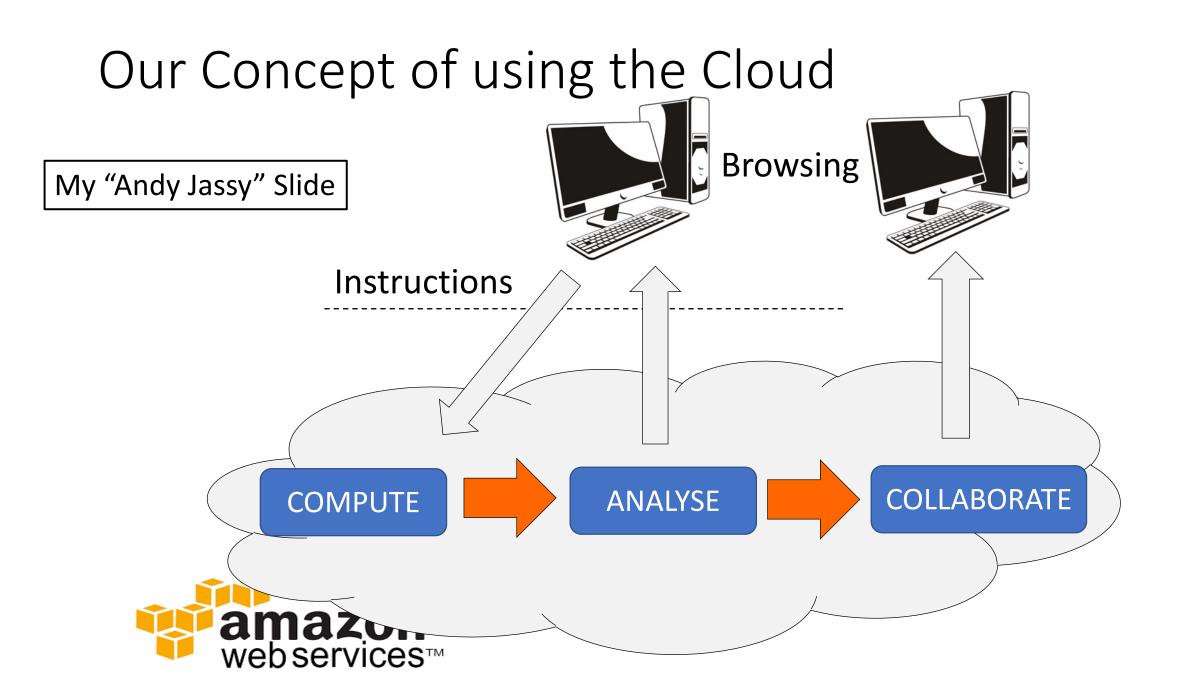
- Small molecule design is inefficient, we waste information
- Not much theory of design .. Even less for MPO
- QSAR/ML No deep, chemistry-centric, physically realistic theory
- Ditto Similarity: Mostly dumb, brute-force ways of doing things
- We don't use PB (ZAP) enough: permeability, MD, EON, pKa..
- We barely use statistics, rarely use Bayes
- "Surprisal" applied to method evaluation



### And then came Orion<sup>®</sup>...

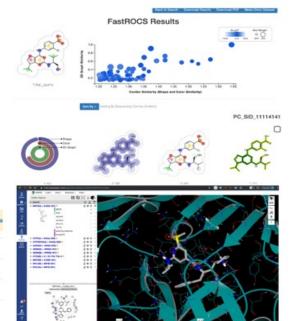


Slide from April 2015 Presented at CUP 2016



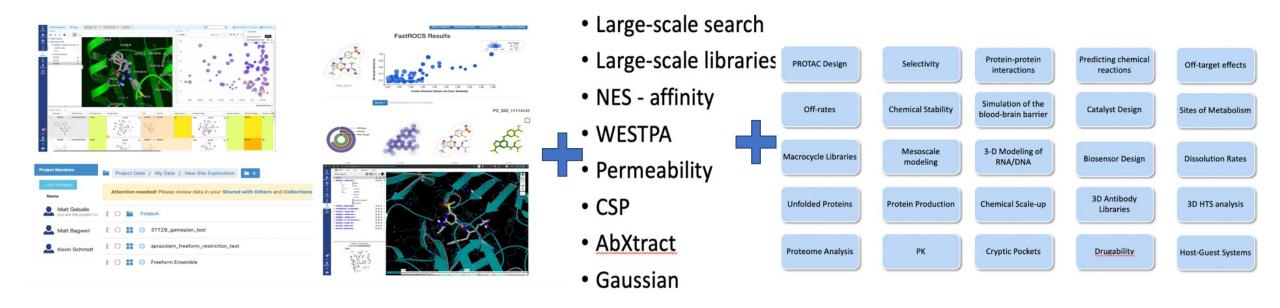
# Already with so much new and useful Science



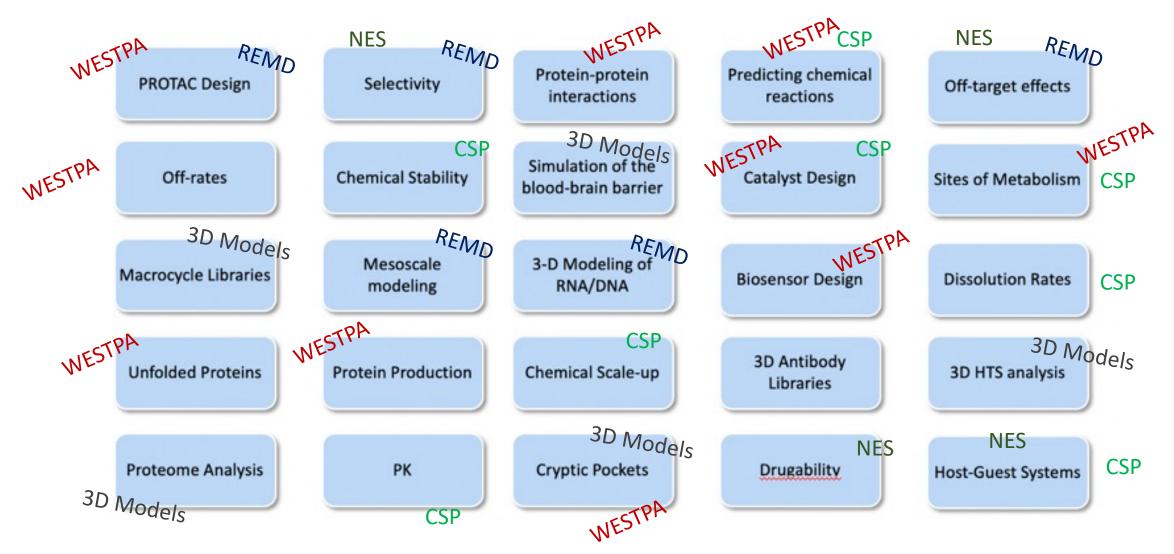


- Large-scale search
- Large-scale libraries
- NES affinity
- WESTPA
- Permeability
- CSP
- AbXtract
- Gaussian

## + So much more possible!



### My "blue boxes": Orion, OEToolkits, MD, QM



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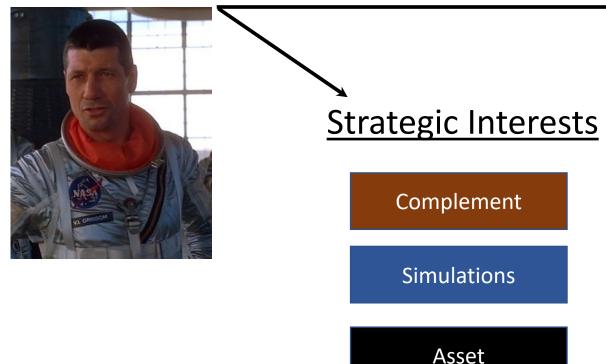
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- We have a history of successful collaborations:
  - ZAP, ROCS<sup>®</sup>, AFITT, POSIT, FastROCS<sup>™</sup>, Orion
- We currently have industry collaborations on :
  - Cryptic pockets, CryoEM, Larger Scale Search, QSAR, MD

# We have the tools, we have the talent, but...

### "No bucks, no Buck Rogers"



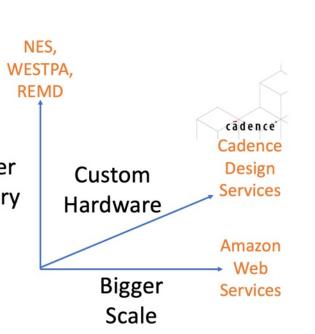
#### Private Equity

- Vista Equity Partners
- OrbiMed
- BASE Investment Corp
- Vista Point Advisors
- Redwood Growth Partners
- Arrowroot Capital
- Kester Capital
- Valsoft Corp
- Summit Partners
- Resolve Growth Partners
- Cove Hill Partners
- Century Equity Partners
- Battery Ventures
- Susquehanna Growth Equity
- Landmark Ventures
- Vitruvian Partners
- Queen's Park Equity

- Bain Capital
- KKR
- Warburg Pincus
- Sageview Capital
- Denali Growth Partners
- TTM Capital
- Aldrich Capital
- JMI Equity
- <u>ClearThink</u> Capital
- C6 Capital
- Level Equity
- Bregal Sagemount
- K1 Capital
- Accel-KKR
- Banyan
- Housatonic Partners
- Prime Capital

# So, what did we see in Cadence?

- Leadership
- Friendliness
- Belief in Science & Software
- Long-term willingness
- Tech talent
- Hardware
  - Alan Kay, "People who Better are really serious about software Theory should make their own hardware."



"We like you because you do not compete with your customers. We sell software to help people design things they want to make"

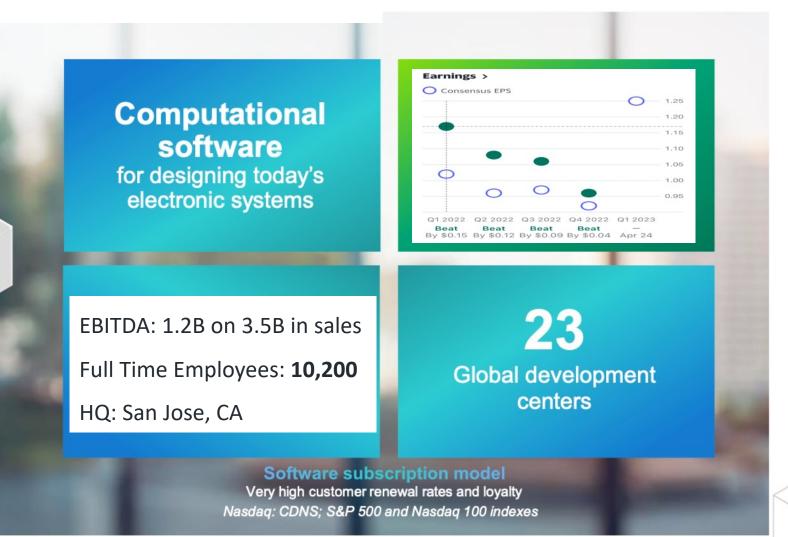


Anirudh Devgan CEO of Cadence

### They are also a <u>Powerhouse</u>

Leading provider of Intelligent System Design<sup>™</sup> solutions software, hardware, and IP that turn design concepts into reality





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# So how has it gone? Is it Bittersweet?

- Closed the deal August 31<sup>st</sup>, 2022
- Most integration issues solved by patient discussion and goodwill
- No one has left
- Funding some projects but not <u>all</u>
- Still rapidly hiring and growing
  - TOTAL FTE Open positions= 26
  - 14 internships
- It hasn't been bitter at all



### Offered a great price

## Liked the company, the people, their approach

# Selectivity : A Sad Story

- Company X invited us to look at some problem projects
- Target was a protein with isoforms identical in the active site
- No traditional SBDD way to design in selectivity
- Obvious solution (suggested):
  - Use Orion + OEToolkits (+ NES) to find *dynamical* differences
  - Design to *those* differences
  - Suggestion not embraced, despite Company X having all the tools
- (Independently) Relay followed that strategy and have a highly selective compounds in the clinic

## Is this (now) a field without Ambition?

- Has this become just a "turn-the-crank" discipline?
- Drug industry new "modalities" hardly suggest this:

• Biologics, PROTAC/ Glues, CAR-T, I-O, RNA Vaccines, CRISPR...

- Or is Machine Learning just the easy (=lazy) answer to everything?
- Or are we not providing you enough evidence of what's possible?
- What PoC do you need to get on-board?

### On-board = Feature Acceleration Agreements

- Area of mutual interest
- 2- or 3-year agreements
- Pay to prioritize our research/ grow a team in the OpenEye milieu
- Milestones. Or not. Backend payments. Or not.
- You get first access to the tools
- Have them specifically designed to solve <u>your</u> problems.
- Eventually shared with everyone else.. Enrich the "Commons"
- Let's go!!

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- Ah, but a man's reach should exceed his grasp... Robert Browning
- The aim, if reached or not, makes great the life: Try to be Shakespeare, leave the rest to fate!... *Robert Browning*
- You can't always get what you want, but if you try sometimes, you just might find you get what you need... *Mick Jagger*

