

## High-Performance Computer Simulation in the Energy Biosciences.

### Jeremy C. Smith

80 glucose units

~40 nm

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## **Simulation Model of Lignocellulose**

1 nm

length-scale

1 µm



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## One Million Atoms – Molecular Dynamics





## **Electrostatics**

- Shift Truncation (fast, not 1. accurate)
- Particle Mesh Ewald (slow, 2. accurate)

#### **Reaction Field** 3.

- cuts simulation time to ≈1/3 cf PME (10k cores)
- improves scaling
- accurate?





~40 nm

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## **Electrostatics: Cellulose Fibril in Aqueous Solution**





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# Molecular Dynamics Scaling



3.3M atom system

100M atom system



#### **Spallation Neutron Source**



## Length-Scale Correspondence: Simulation versus Experiment



## **Cellulose: Models of Pretreatment**

#### **BENJAMIN** LINDNER







crystalline



inner core

crystalline



Crystalline (1ns@300K)

Amorphous (1ns@650K)



## **Bragg Scattering from MD Simulation**







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# Single Lignin Molecule



#### 26-molecule lignin aggregate



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### **Simulation Model of Lignocellulose**



Complex of cellulose and lignins 3.3 M atoms









Probing the Microbial-Mineral Interface by Neutron Reflectivity



## **Topologic information via contact maps**

#### **Combined Contact Map**



#### Amorph / far



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### Catalytic Mechanism of Cellulase *CelS*







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### Cellulosome Organization



### Cellulosome assembly is mediated by

cohesin-dockerin interaction.



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## **Cohesin-Dockerin Principal Component Modes**





F162A





Wild Type

## Multiscaling











Toxic Methylmercury CH<sub>3</sub>Hg<sup>+</sup>

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- OBER FWP Integration of Neutron Scattering and Computer Simulation in the Imaging of Lignocellulosic Biomass









Pretreatment Effects To be Examined

