Center for Lignocellulose Structure and Formation (CLSF)

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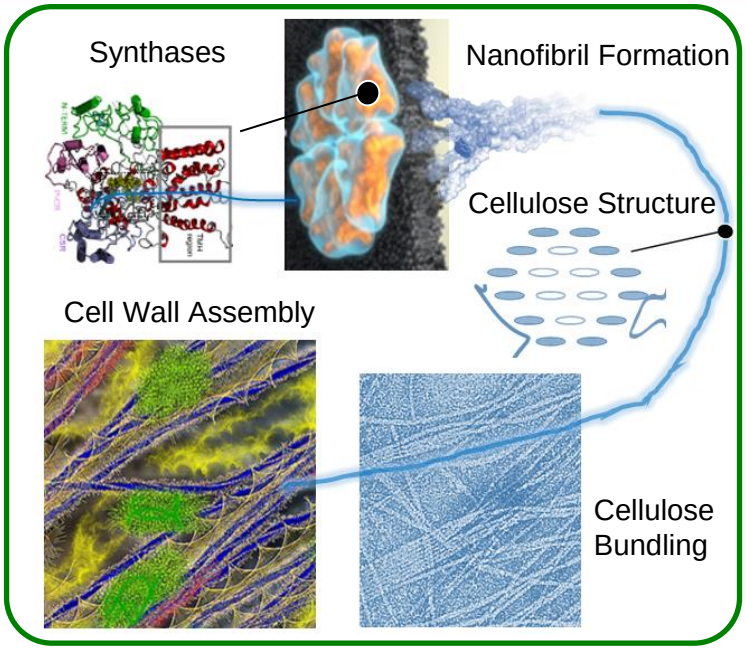
MISSION: To develop a nano- to meso-scale understanding of cellulosic cell walls, the energy-rich structural material in plants, and the physical mechanisms of wall assembly, forming the foundation for new technologies in sustainable energy and novel biomaterials.



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RESEARCH PLAN

Combining cutting-edge tools of biology and physics, CLSF is elucidating (a) the nano-machinery that transforms simple sugars into cellulose microfibrils and (b) the physical processes by which cellulose interacts with matrix polysaccharides and lignin to produce hierarchically-ordered cell walls with diverse physical, chemical and material properties.