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Oak Ridge



How do bacteria methylate mercury?







De Gennes Narrowing Describes Protein Interdomain Motion

LIANG $D_{coh}(q) = \frac{const}{coh}$ HONG S(q)





Functional Dynamics of a Mercury-Transforming Enzyme







Biophys. J. In Press (2014)



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Interface	Interaction Energy Density (kJ/mol/nm ²)
lignin: crystalline cellulose	-49±2
lignin: non-crystalline cellulose	-50±2
water : crystalline cellulose	-94±2
water : non-crystalline cellulose	-107±2

Solvent-Driven Preferential Association of Lignin with Crystalline Cellulose

Biomacromolecules, 14 3390 (2013)









Green Chemistry 16 1 (2014)

New View of Pretreatment





But...

Microsecond Timescale Limitation!

New Concepts Needed....





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Drug Development: Too costly, Too random.



\$800M-1.5B



Reasons: Safety Efficacy

Static Structure-Based Design of Viral Inhibitors



What has changed in the last 20 years?

Genomics

Systems

Structures

Computers

Computational Methods







Supercomputing and Drug Discovery



Supercomputer Scaling Reduces Time to Solution





Ensemble-based docking



Multireceptor screen



Binding to MD snapshots



Schames et al., "Discovery of a Novel Binding Trench in HIV Integrase,"J. Med. Chem. 47, 1879–1881 (2004)

Raltegravir (HIV integrase inhibitor): FDA approval, 2007

Discovery of molecular effectors of the coagulation cascade

JASON HARRIS JEROME BAUDRY



Ensemble of structures (11 MD snapshots + 1 crystal structure)

Systems-Level Toxicity Prediction



Personalized Medicine

Supercomputing: The Future





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Toxicity Prediction: PCB Estrogenicity



Geometry predicts metabolites







Biomass Pretreatment











Are Lignin Aggregates Spheres?



Small-Angle

Neutron Scattering





Molecular Dynamics

$$N(r) = r^{-d_s}$$





 $d_s = 2.65 \pm 0.01$

Petridis et al Physical Review E 83(61):061911 (2011)



Bacterial Mercury Resistance – The Mer Operon



- MerR regulation (transcriptional activator)
- MerB organomercurial
 lyase
- MerA mercuric reductase

Loukas Petridis

MD Simulation of Softwood Lignin





JACS 133 20277 (2011)



aggregation occurs during cool-down



aggregation occurs during heating

Why does Lignin Collapse at Room Temperature?

Loukas Petridis



- Enthalpy
- ΔH ≈ +200 kJ/mol Unfavorable



Lignin configurational entropy
-TΔS_{conf}≈ +10 kJ/mol Unfavorable



JACS 133 20277 (2011)

- Hydration water translational & rotational entropy
- -TΔS_{t+r} ≈ -100 kJ/mol Favorable



Collapse Driven by Removal of Entropically Unfavorable Water Molecules from Lignin Surface to Bulk



Chemistry of mercury methylation



$$CH_3^- + Hg^{2+} \rightarrow CH_3Hg^+$$

Generate carbanion, CH_3^- : $CH_3^+ + Co(I)$ -protein

→CH₃-Co(III)-protein

Transfer CH_3^- to Hg^{2+} : $CH_3^-Co(III)$ -protein + $Hg^{2+} \rightarrow Co(III)$ -protein + $CH_3^-Hg^+$

Regenerate Co(I):Co(III)-protein + 2 e- \rightarrow Co(I)-protein

Need to find protein(s) that can: 1. Stabilize Co(III) for carbanion transfer 2. Provide 2 electrons to generate Co(I)



cobalamin

Science, 339 1332 (2013)





Molecular Dynamics Supercomputer Scaling





- ~ 100 million atoms.
- Scales to 150,000 cores

Bioinformatics, 29 845 (2013)





TITAN

- Reaction Field
 23M atoms, 3750
 nodes (60k cores):
 40ns/day
- OpenMP for all kernels
- Larger number of threads for PME
- AMD AVX intrinsic



Multiscale Structure and Dynamics

