



# **Understanding Substrate Recognition Mechanisms of Type B Carbohydrate Binding Modules (CBMs) Through Molecular Simulation**

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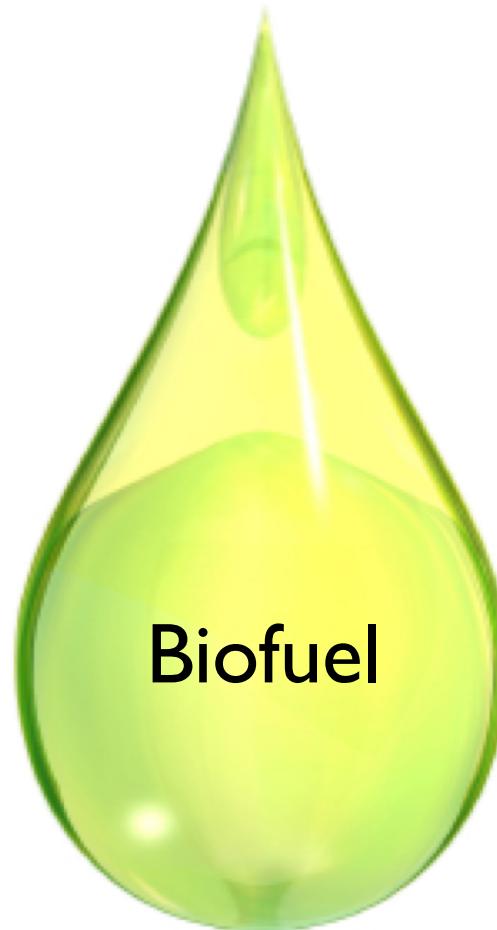
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# Motivation: Renewable Liquid Fuel



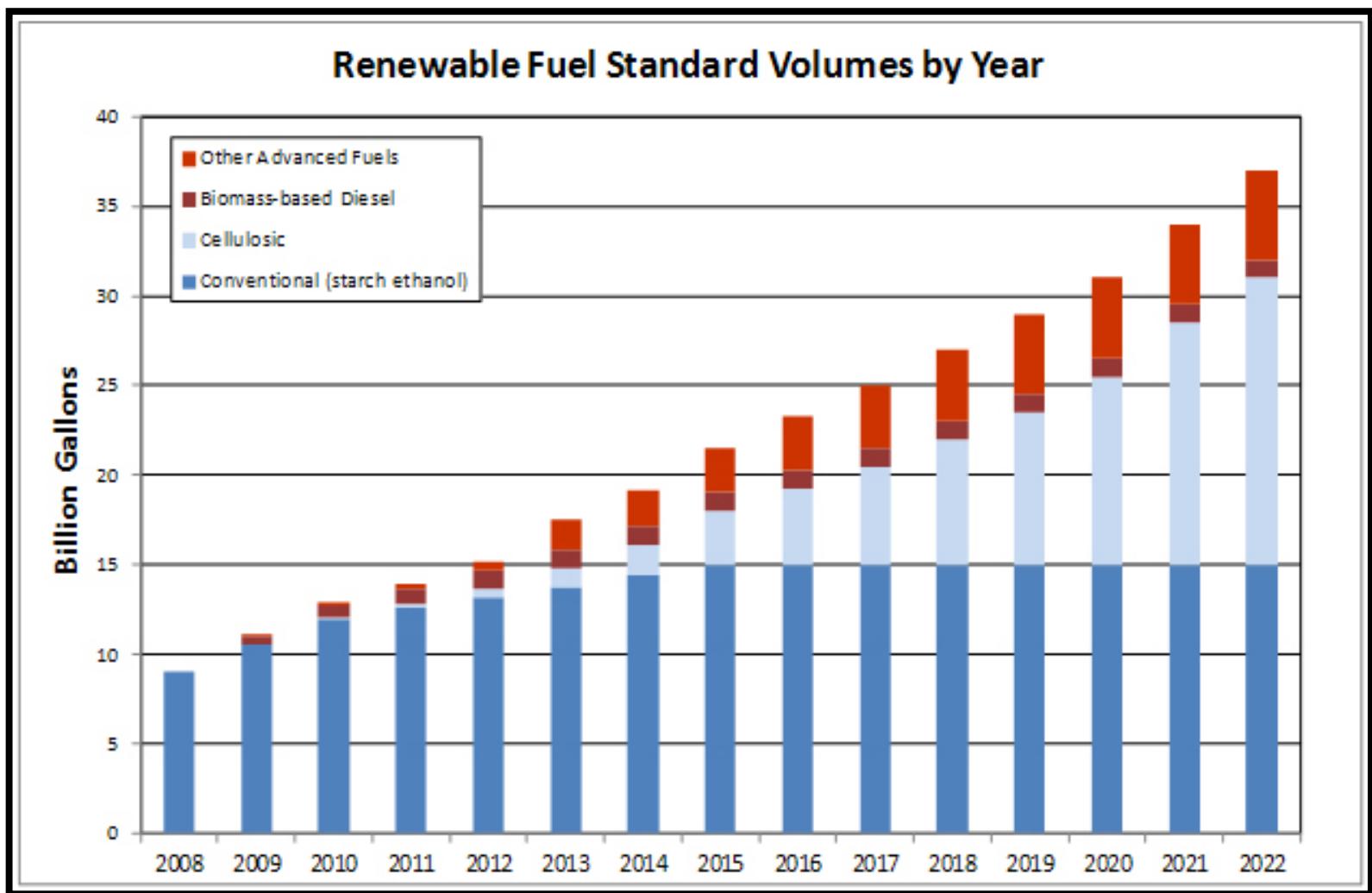
Sustainability

Reduced Greenhouse  
Gases

Reduced Oil Imports

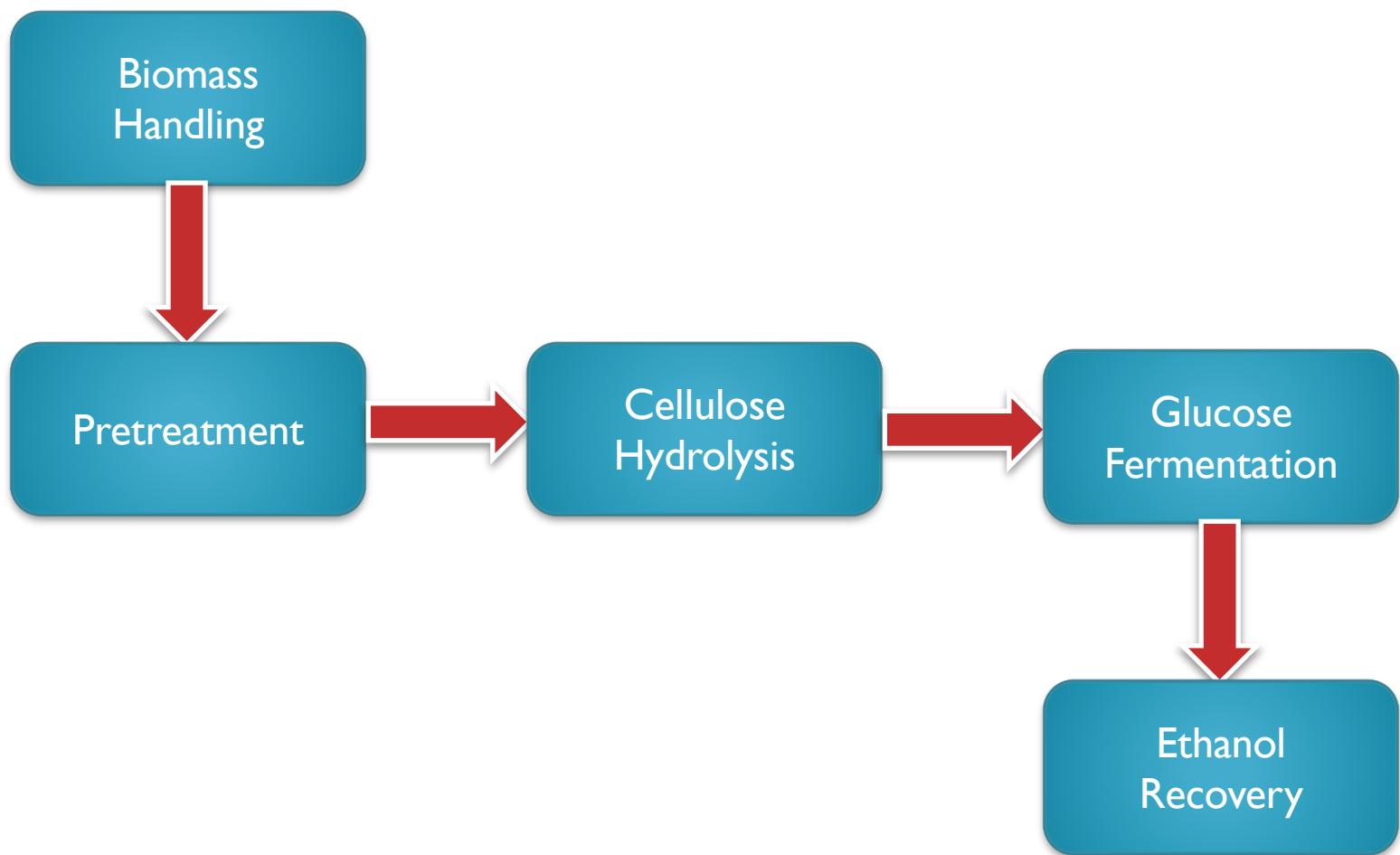
Inclusive economic  
development

# Current status of biofuels in USA



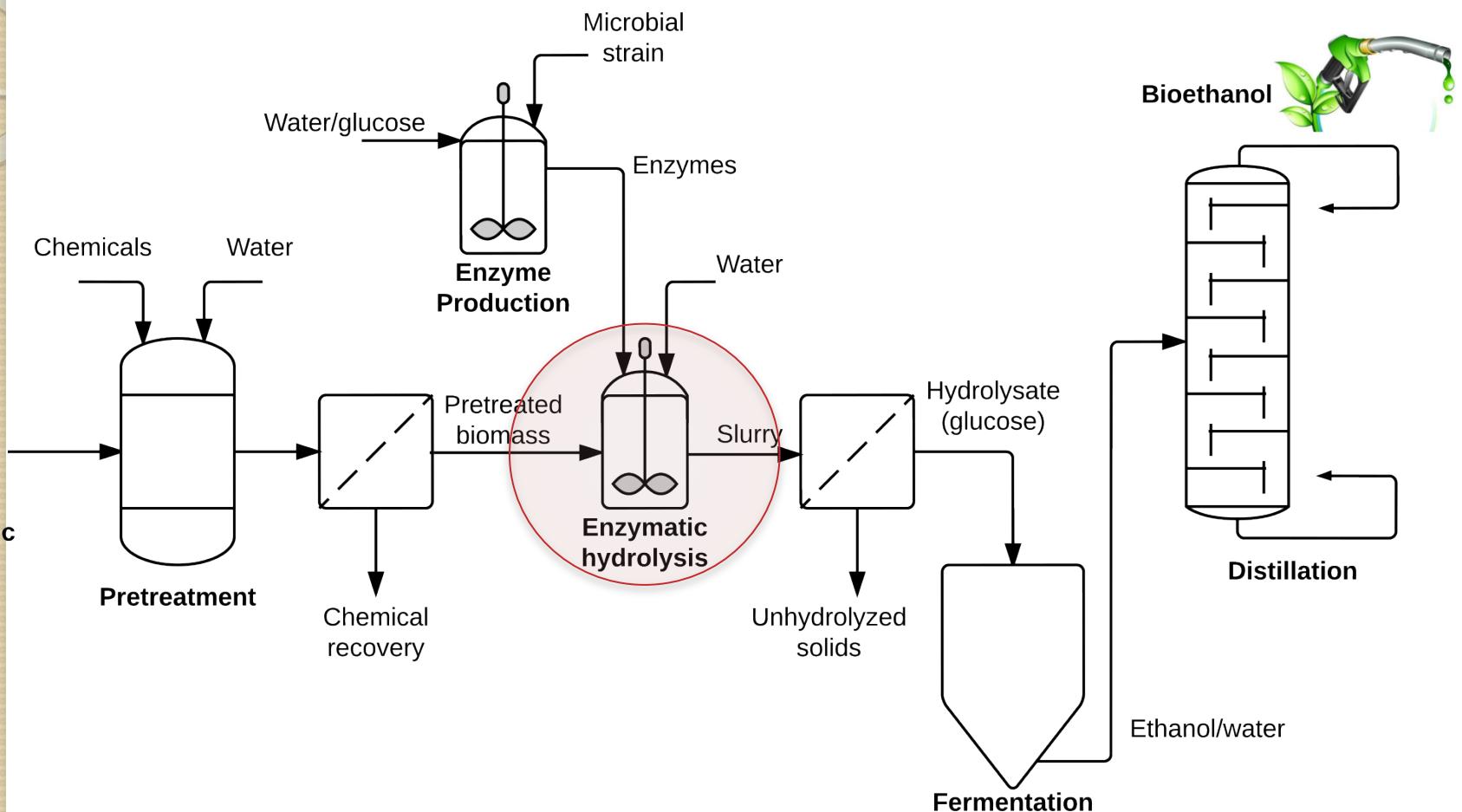
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# Biochemical biomass conversion





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U.S. DOE. 2015. Lignocellulosic Biomass for Advanced Biofuels and Bioproducts: Workshop Report, DOE/SC-0170.

# Background

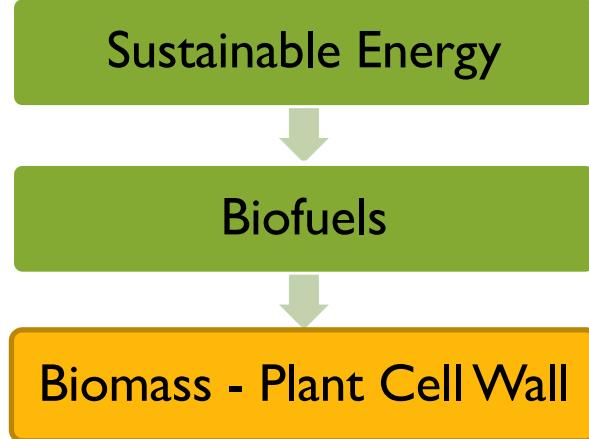
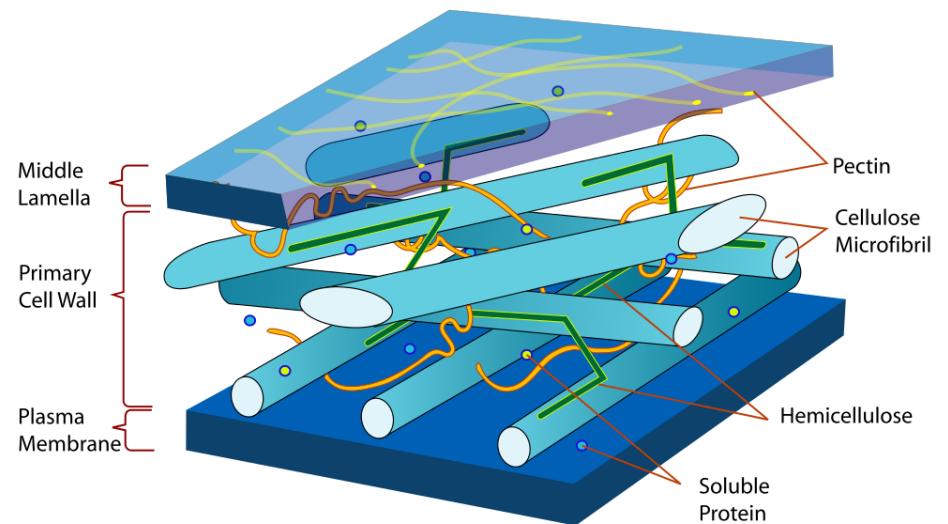
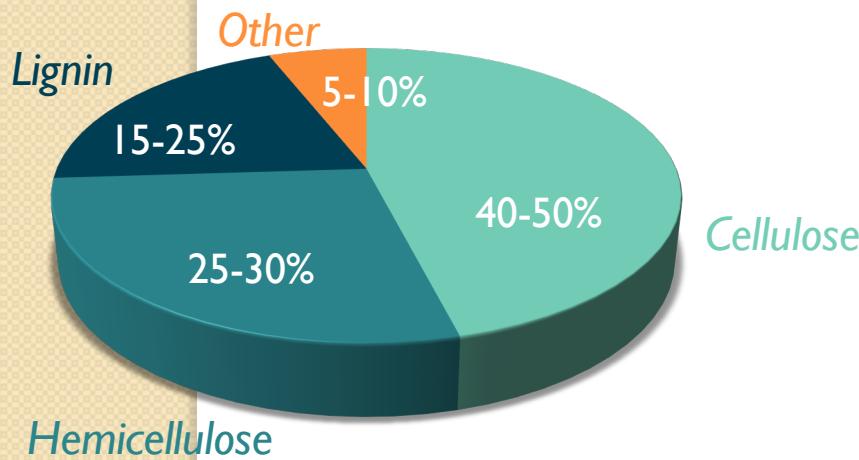
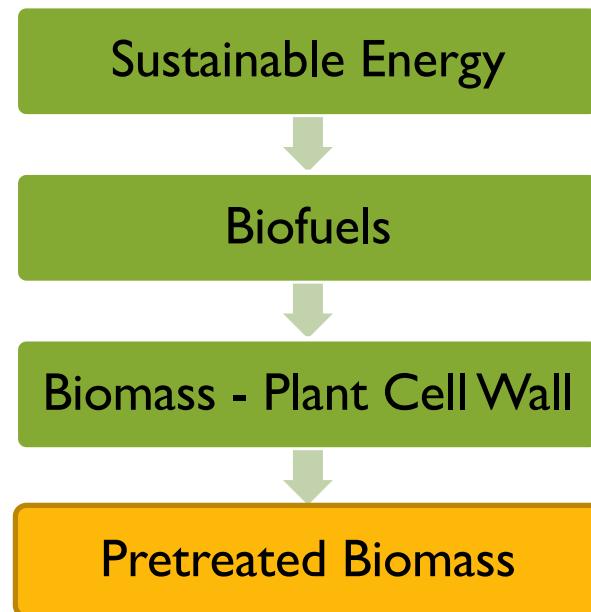


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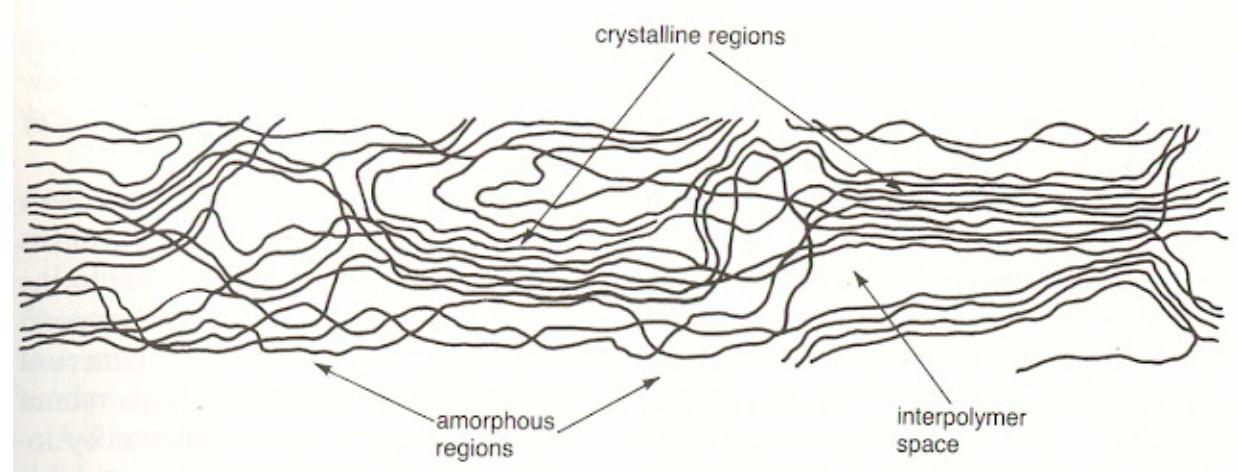


# Background



## Cellulose morphologies after pretreatment:

- Cello-oligosaccharides
- Amorphous regions
  - Separate insoluble polysaccharides
  - Convoluted insoluble polysaccharides
  - Partially decrystallized polysaccharides
- Crystalline regions



Gohl and Vilensky. *Textile Sci.* 1989

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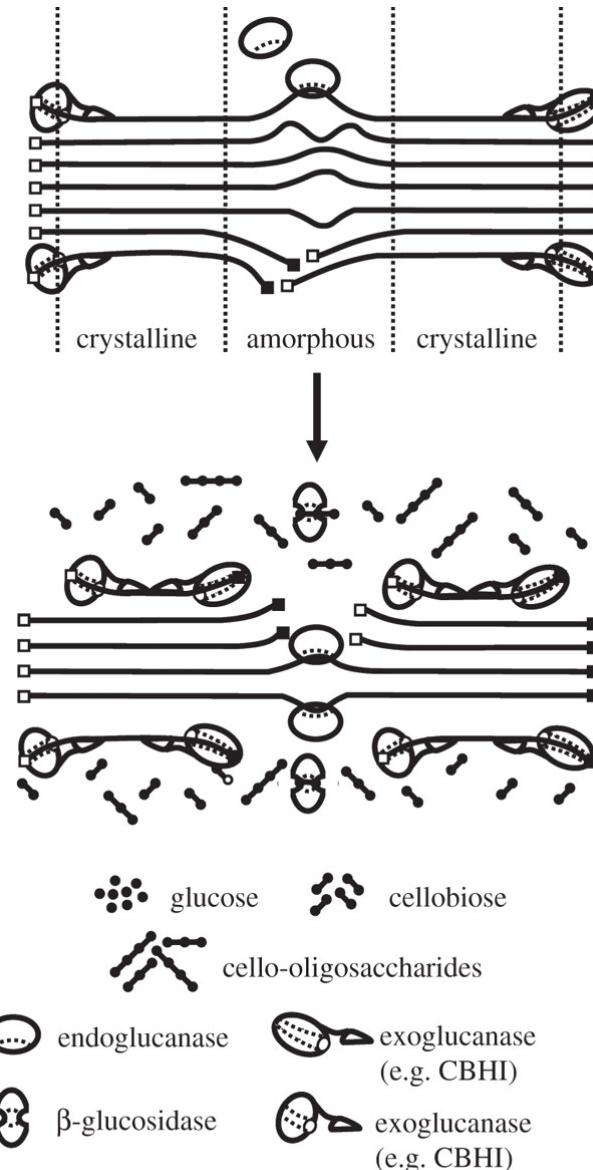
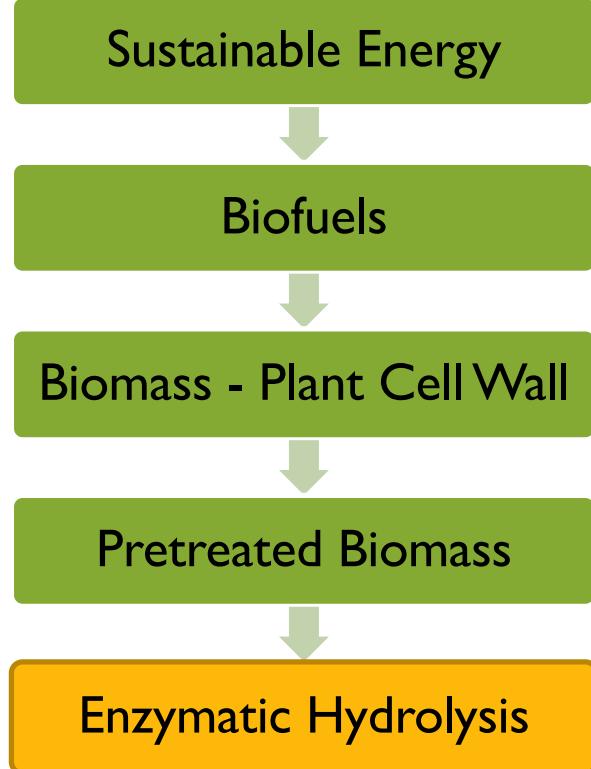
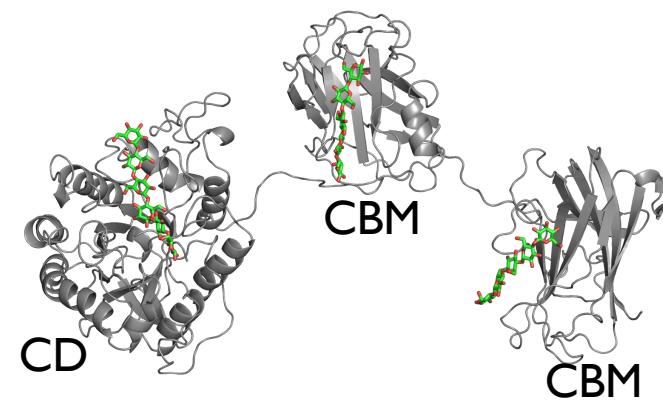
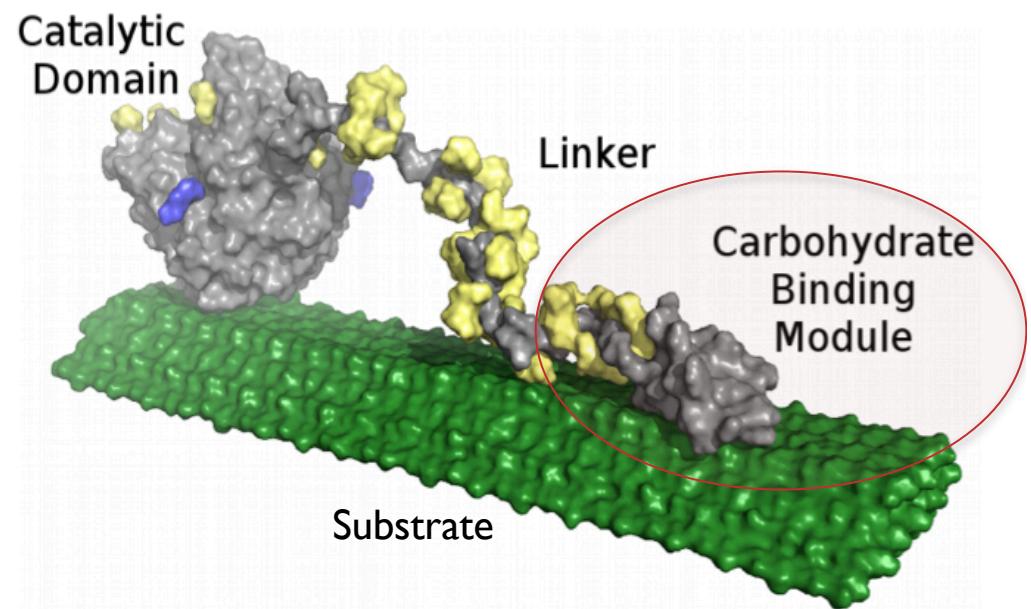
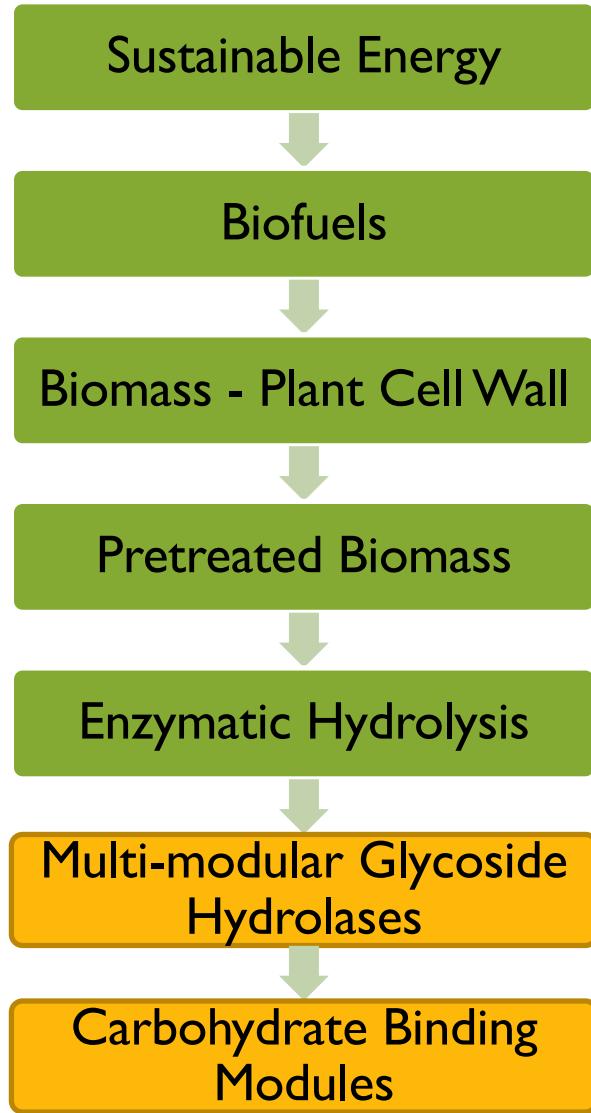
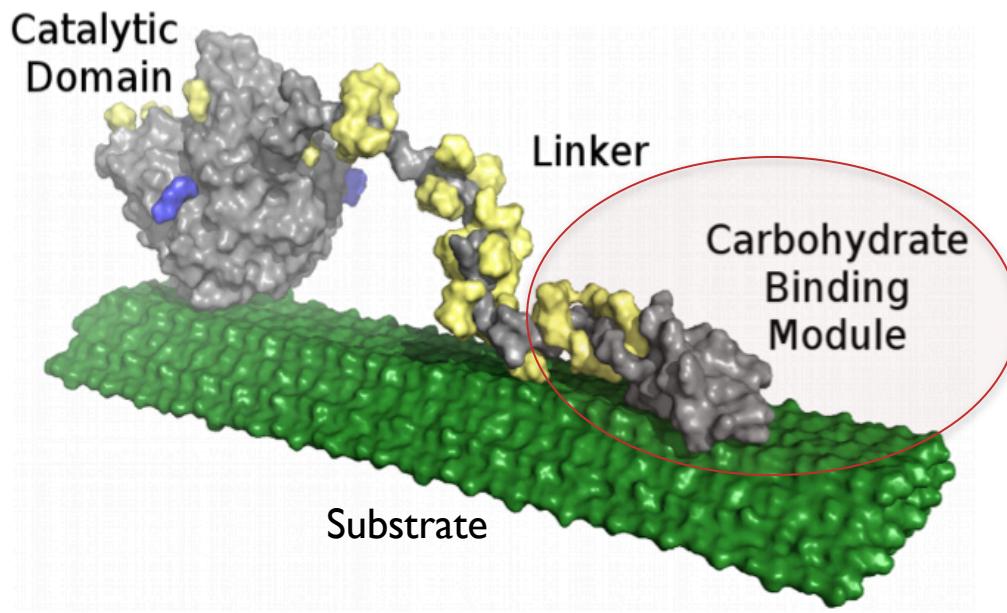


Image: Lynd et al., *Microbiology and Molecular Biology Reviews*, 2002.

# Carbohydrate Binding Modules (CBMs)



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## Functions of CBM:

1. Maintain proximity to substrate
2. Target specific regions
3. Disrupt surface crystallinity

Other Applications:

Bioprocessing

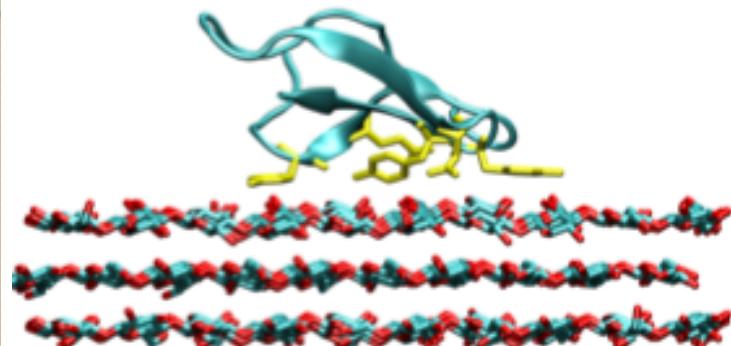
Cell immobilization

Protein Engineering

# Different Substrates – Different Types

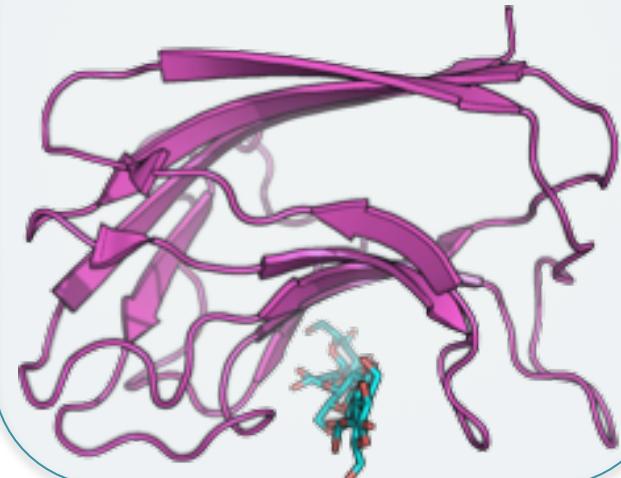
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(crystalline polysaccharides)



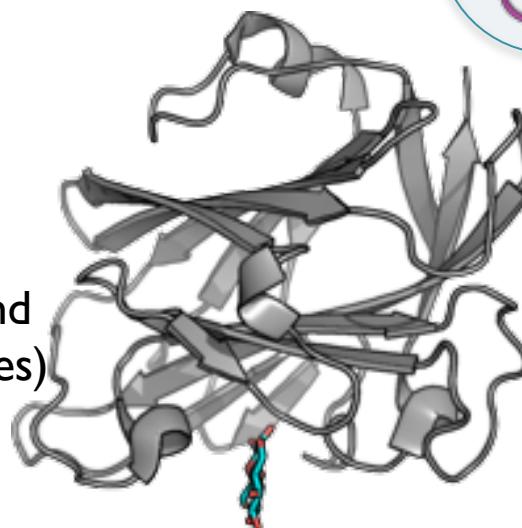
## Type B

(single glycan chains)



## Type C

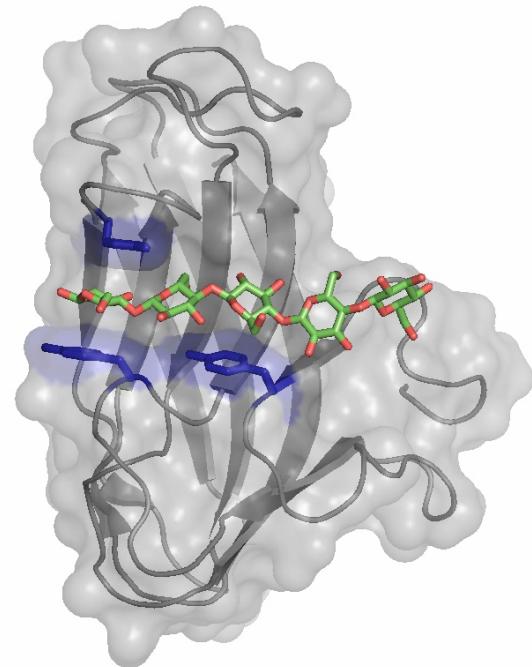
(glycan chain termini and  
mono-, di-, tri-saccharides)



Boraston et al., *Biochem. J.*, 2004  
Gilbert et al., *Curr. Opin. Struct. Biol.*, 2013

# Type B Carbohydrate Binding Modules

- Common characteristics:
- Binding site in the form of groove or cleft
- $\beta$ - sandwich protein fold
- Target on single glycan chains
  - Soluble oligosaccharides
    - Cellotetraose, cellopentaose, cellohexaose etc.
  - Non-crystalline/amorphous polysaccharides
    - Individual insoluble chains (longer than oligomers)
    - Convoluted insoluble chains
    - Partially decrystallized chains



# Nomenclature of CBMs

Abbreviation of CBM from certain family is **CBM#**, where # is its family number

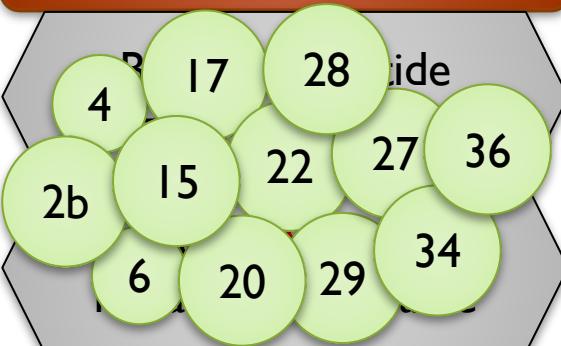
## Types

Based on functional activity

3 types as A, B and C

Boraston et al., *Biochem. J.*, 2004

## Families

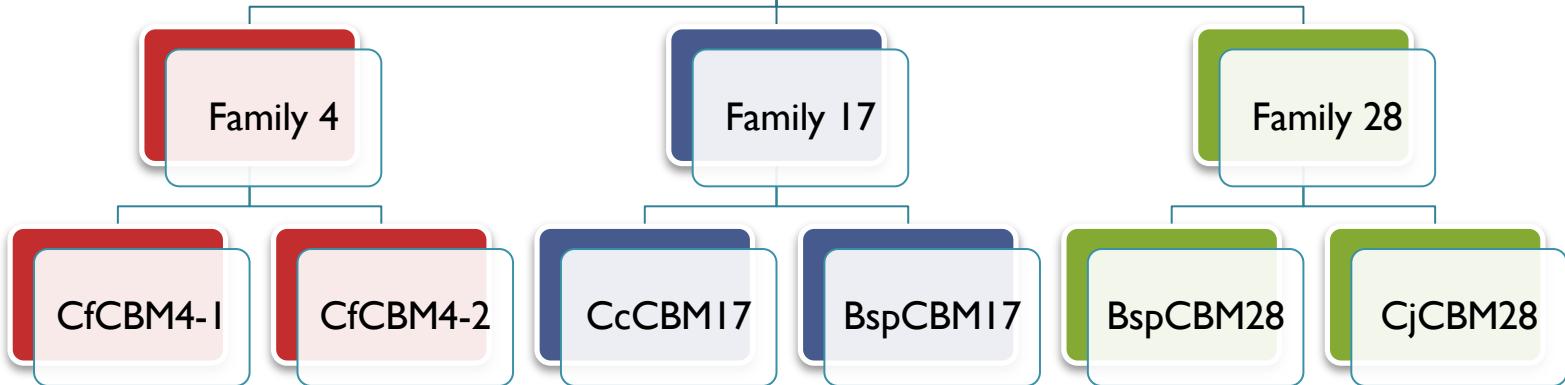


<http://www.cazy.org/>



## Cellulose specific Type B CBMs

*Cf* – *Cellulomonas fimi*  
*Cc* – *Clostridium cellulovorans*  
*Bsp* – *Bacillus sp.* 1139  
*Cj* – *Clostridium josui*





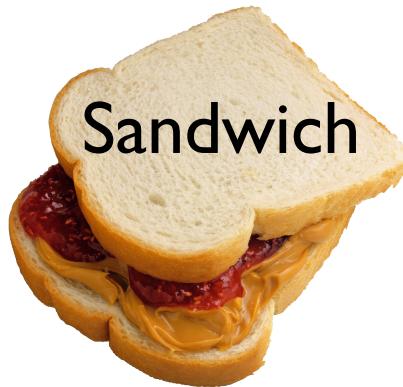
# Three parts of the story...

Role of binding site architecture in oligomeric substrate recognition

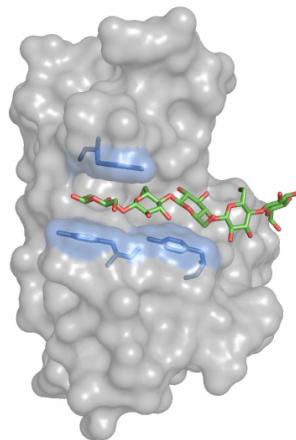
Bi-directional ligand binding in Type B CBMs

Non-crystalline substrate recognition with high- and low-affinity binding sites

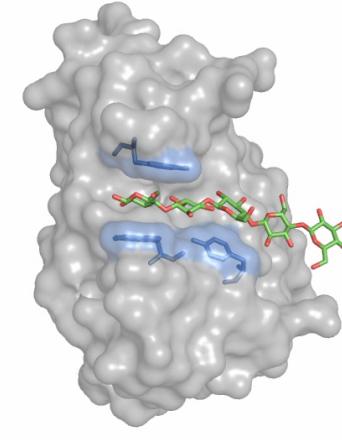
# Role of binding site architecture in oligomeric recognition



Sandwich



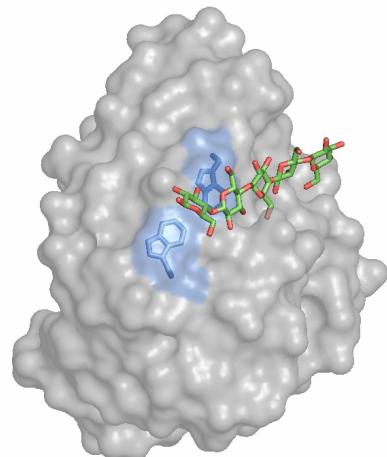
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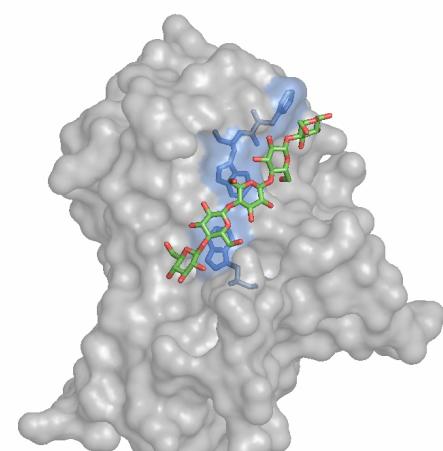
*CfCBM4-2*



Twisted



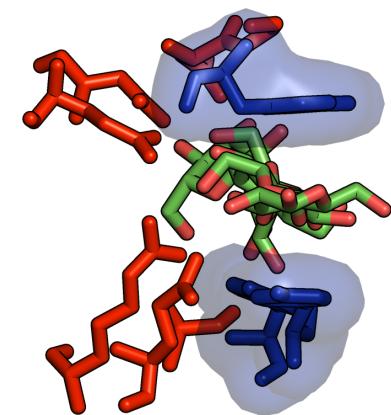
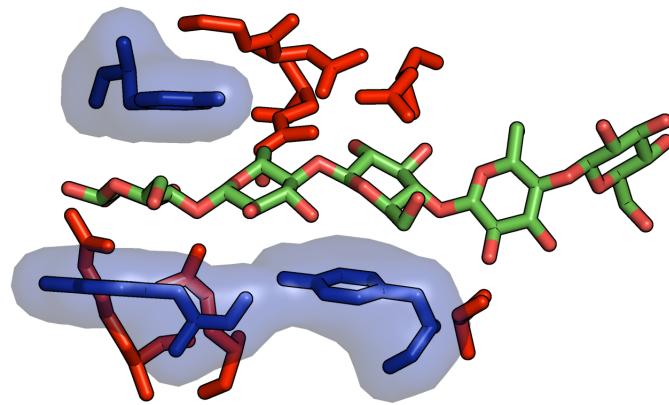
*CcCBM17*



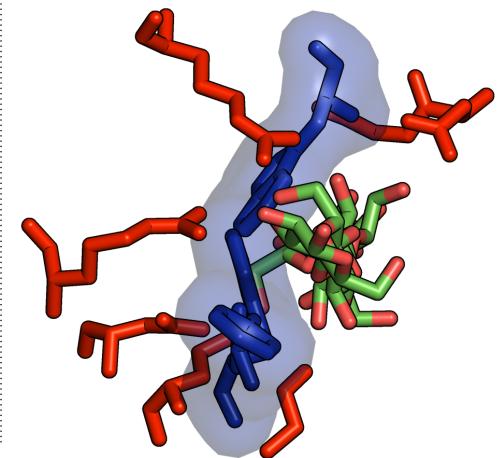
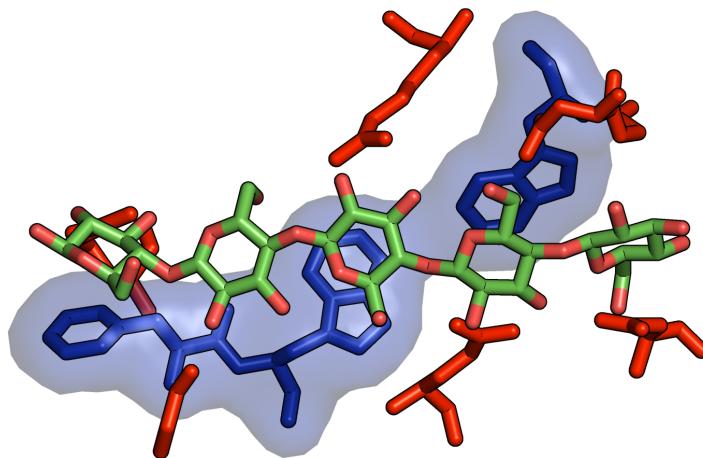
*CjCBM28*

# Differences in Hydrophobic stacking and hydrogen bonding patterns

Sandwich Platform



Twisted Platform

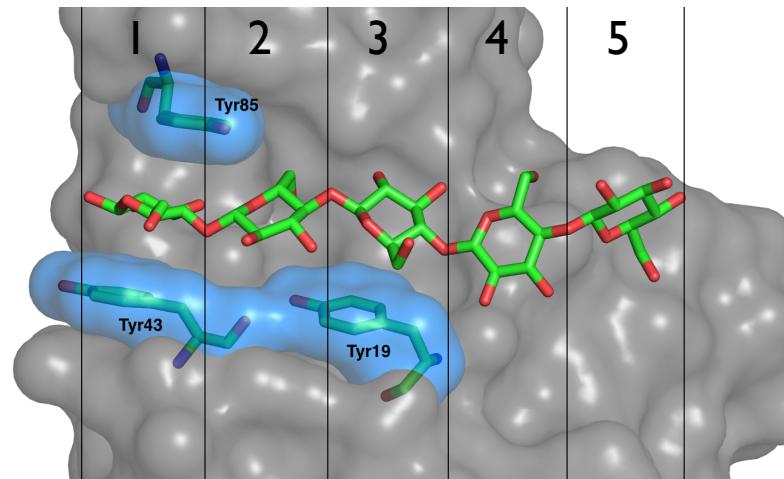


# Ligand Binding Affinity

	$\Delta G$ (kcal/mol) of Cellooligosaccharide binding to	Experimental (ITC)	Computational (FEP/HREMD)
Sandwich Platform	<b>CfCBM4-1</b>	- 5.24 ± 0.9 <sup>(1)</sup>	- 4.5 ± 1.3 <sup>(5)</sup>
	<b>CfCBM4-2</b>	- 5.80 ± 0.01 <sup>(2)</sup>	- 5.4 ± 1.3
Twisted Platform	<b>CcCBM17</b>	- 5.8 ± 0.03 <sup>(3)</sup>	- 6.9 ± 0.9
	<b>CjCBM28</b>	- 7.7 ± 0.6 <sup>(4)</sup>	- 6.3 ± 0.7

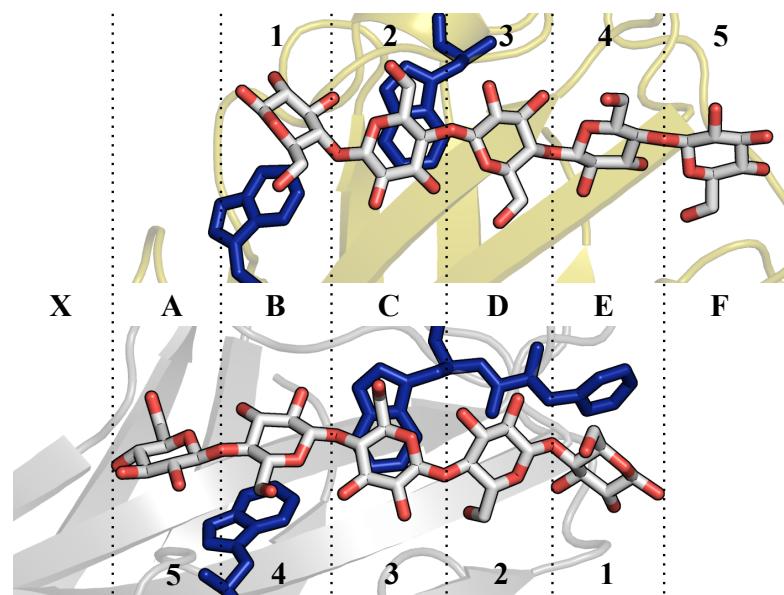
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CfCBM4-I



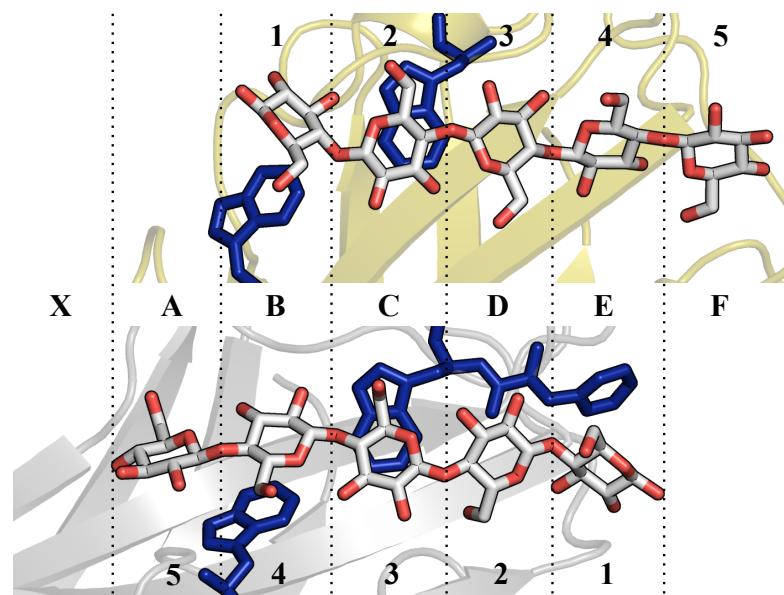
Highest affinity oligomer  
- Cellopentaose

CcCBM17



Highest affinity oligomer  
- Cellohexaose

CjCBM28



Extra sites available for  
Celloheptaose binding

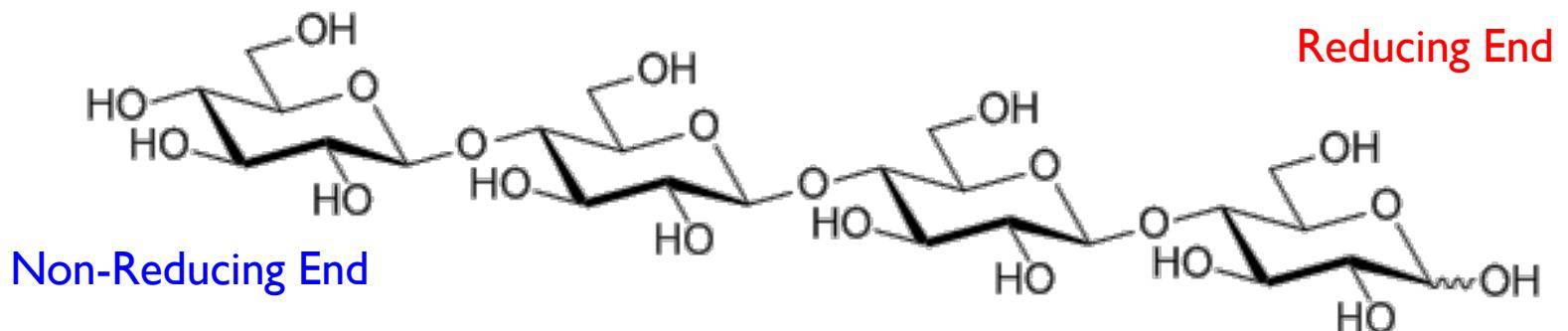
# Conclusions – Sandwich vs Twisted

Open topology of twisted platform necessitates tighter binding of cello-oligomer as compared to closed sandwich platform.

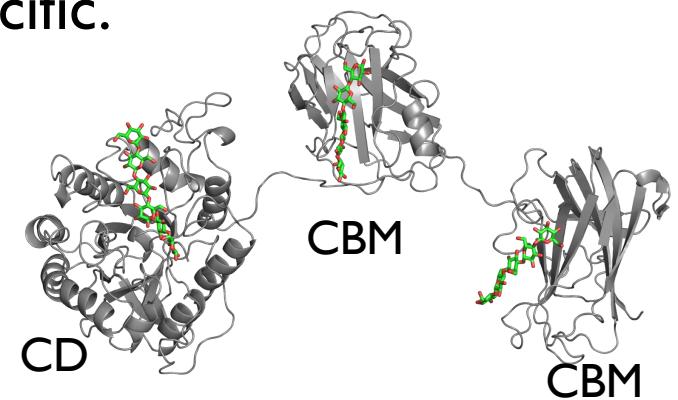
Higher number of and well distributed hydrogen bonding partners along the twisted platform contribute significantly to favorable free energy change.

The twisted binding site may extend further to accommodate longer cello-oligomers and, ultimately, insoluble polysaccharides.

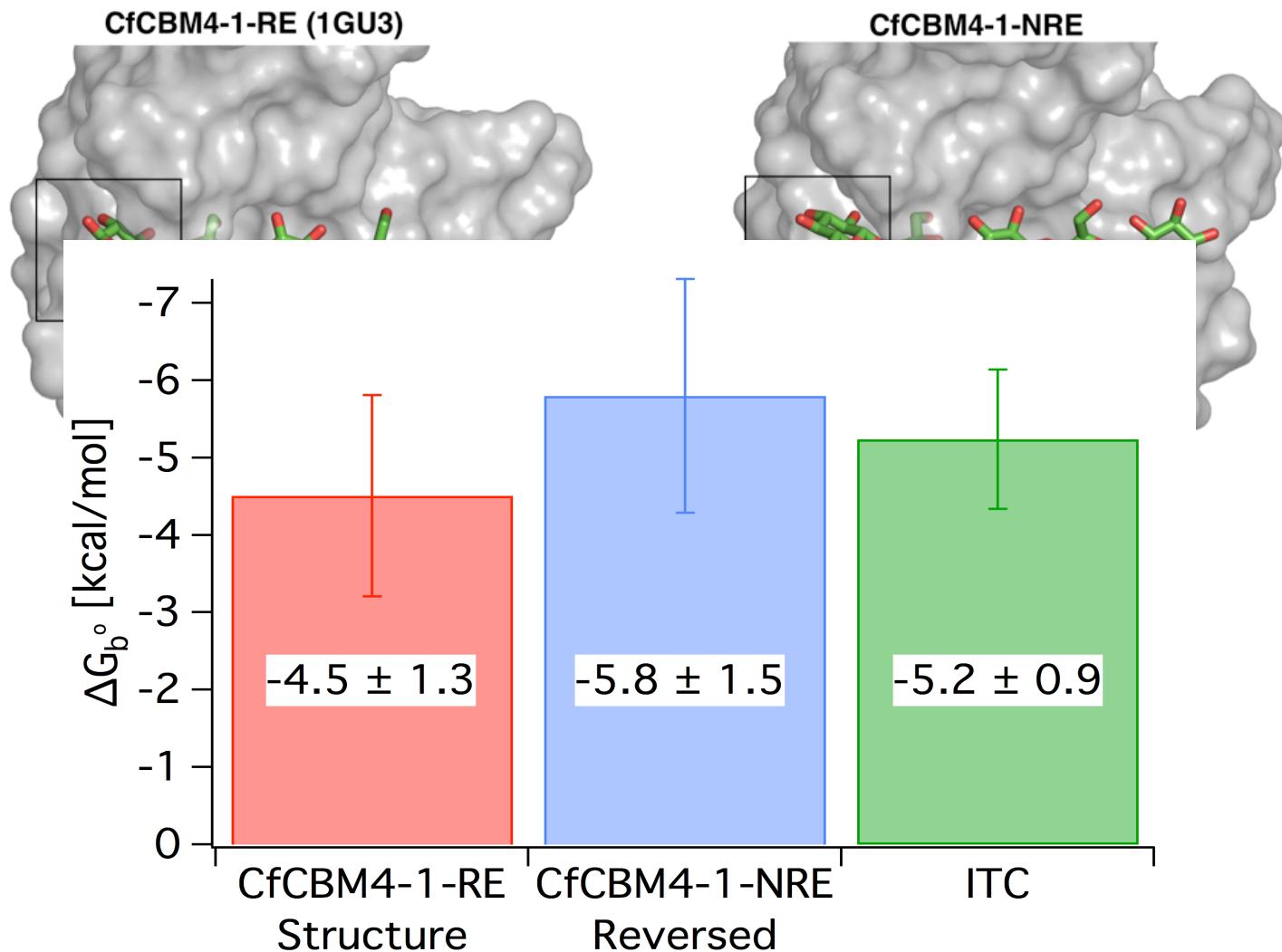
# Bi-directional binding in Type B CBMs



- Glucose is a reducing sugar. The polysaccharides of glucose have one reducing end and one non-reducing end.
- Catalytic domains of glycoside hydrolases are either reducing end specific or non-reducing end specific.
- What about the non-catalytic CBMs?  
Are they specific too?

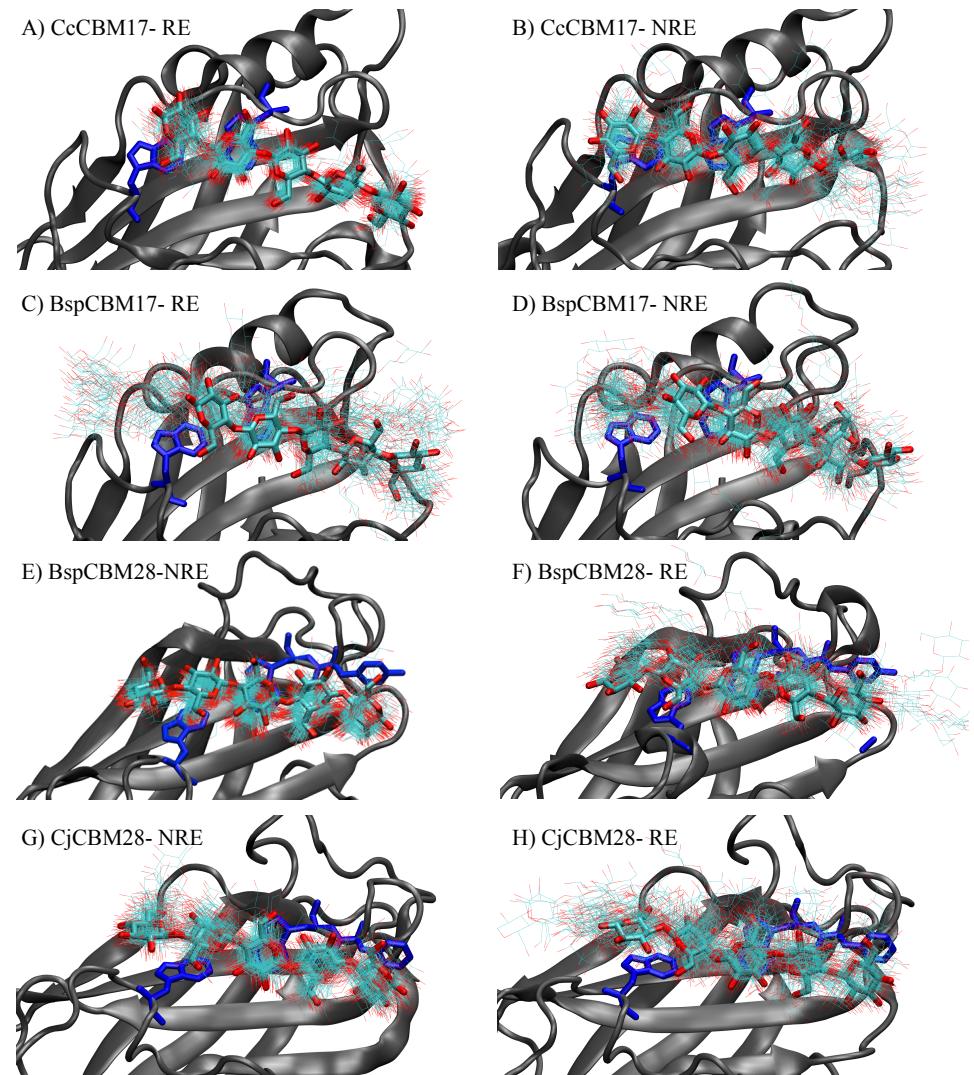


# Bi-directional cello-oligomer binding in Family 4 CBMs



# Bi-directional cello-oligomer binding extends to Family 17 and 28 CBMs

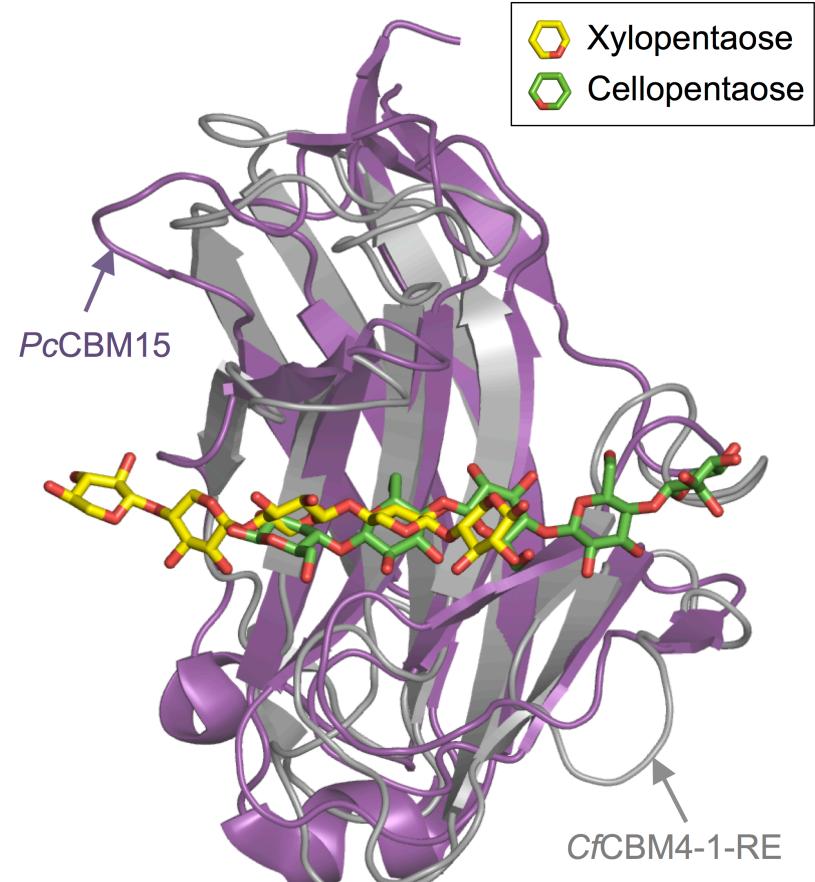
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	<i>CcCBM17</i>
	<i>BspCBM17</i>
	<i>BspCBM28</i>
	<i>CjCBM28</i>



Note – ‘ $\beta$ - sandwich’ is a type of protein fold, not same as a binding site architecture.

# General to $\beta$ -sandwich CBMs?

- 29 of the 69 CBM families demonstrate the  $\beta$ -sandwich protein fold
- 10 of these 29 families have glycan bound structures available (34 structures in total)
  - 22 structures bind the ligand in the **same** direction as IGU3
  - 12 structures bind the ligand in the **opposite** direction of IGU3



Gray: CfCBM4-I (IGU3)

Purple: *Pseudomonas cellulosa* CBM15 (IGNY)

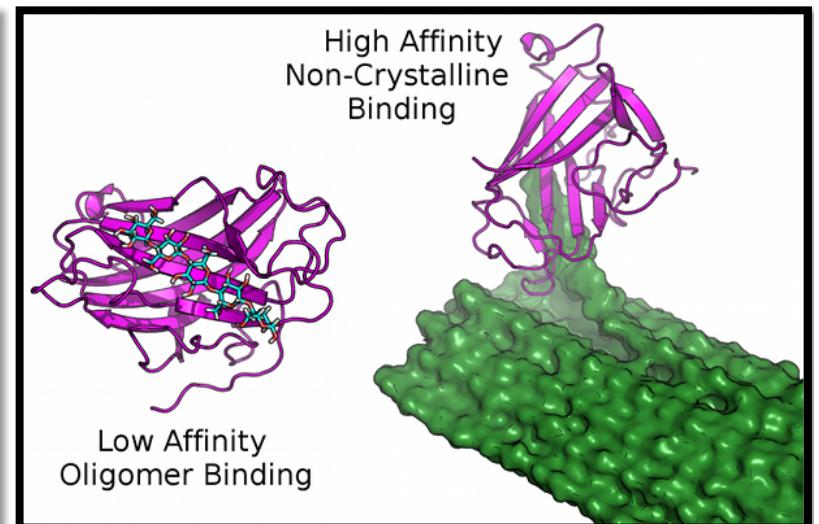
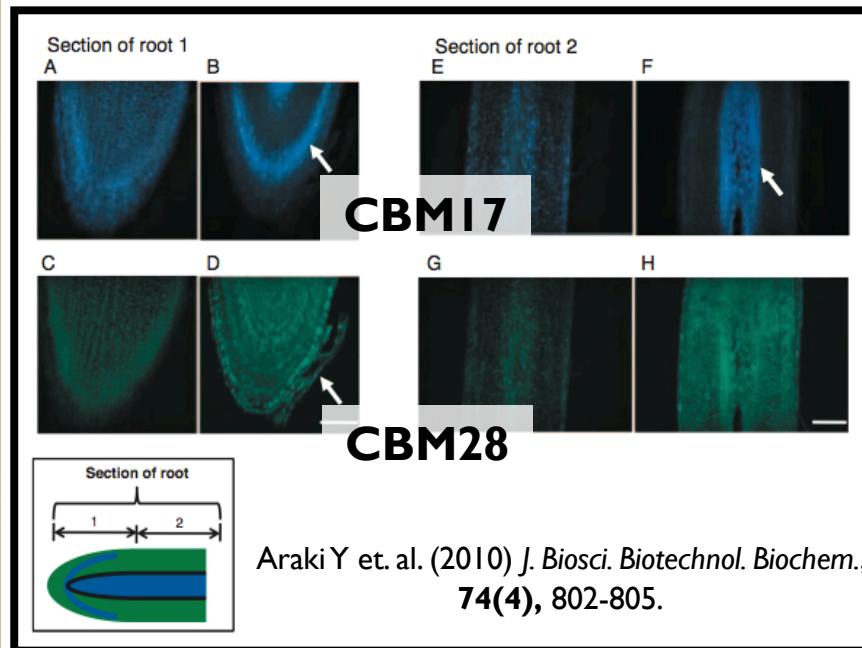
# Conclusions – Bi-directionality

Cello-oligomers are recognized by family 4 CBMs in either orientation and there is no thermodynamic preference for reducing end.

We confirm that the bi-directional binding of cello-oligomers extends to twisted platform of family 17 and family 28 CBMs.

Bi-directional binding phenomenon may not be limited to only cellulose specific Type B CBMs, potentially generalizes to all  $\beta$ -sandwich CBMs.

# Non-crystalline substrate recognition

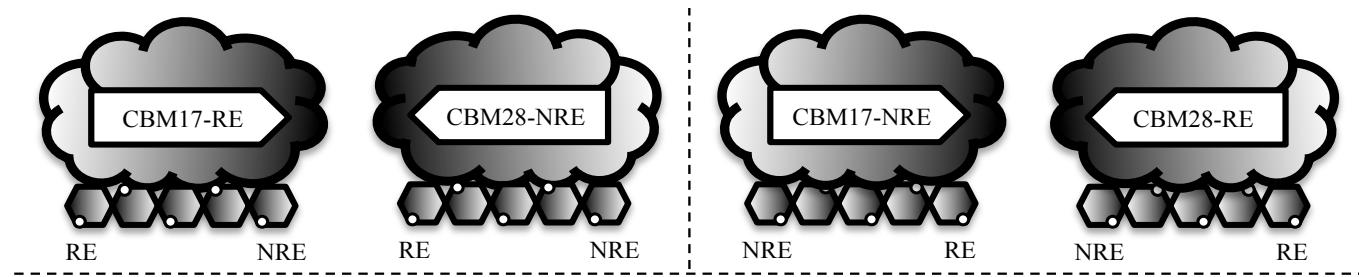


## Hypothesis

TABLE I						
Adsorption parameters for the binding of CcCBM17 and BspCBM28 to Avicel™ and RC in 50 mM potassium phosphate, pH 7.0, at 25 °C						
Errors represent the standard deviations of four binding experiments.						
Site 1			Site 2			
$K_{a1}$	$\Delta G_1$	$[N_1]_o^a$	$K_{a2}$	$\Delta G_2$	$[N_2]_o^a$	
$\times 10^5 \text{ M}^{-1}$	$\text{kcal/mol}$	$\mu\text{mol/g}$	$\times 10^5 \text{ M}^{-1}$	$\text{kcal/mol}$	$\mu\text{mol/g}$	
<i>CcCBM17</i>						
Avicel	8.70 ( $\pm 4.20$ )	-8.04 ( $\pm 0.45$ )	0.26 ( $\pm 0.06$ )	0.07 ( $\pm 0.02$ )	-5.31 ( $\pm 0.37$ )	5.01 ( $\pm 0.88$ )
RC	11.30 ( $\pm 1.40$ )	-8.41 ( $\pm 0.32$ )	8.57 ( $\pm 0.52$ )	0.18 ( $\pm 0.05$ )	-5.88 ( $\pm 0.36$ )	15.92 ( $\pm 1.26$ )
<i>BspCBM28</i>						
Avicel	4.20 ( $\pm 1.30$ )	-7.72 ( $\pm 0.38$ )	0.08 ( $\pm 0.02$ )	0.20 ( $\pm 0.05$ )	-5.95 ( $\pm 0.36$ )	0.79 ( $\pm 0.05$ )
RC	9.90 ( $\pm 2.30$ )	-8.28 ( $\pm 0.35$ )	3.72 ( $\pm 0.36$ )	0.21 ( $\pm 0.07$ )	-5.93 ( $\pm 0.38$ )	6.84 ( $\pm 0.54$ )

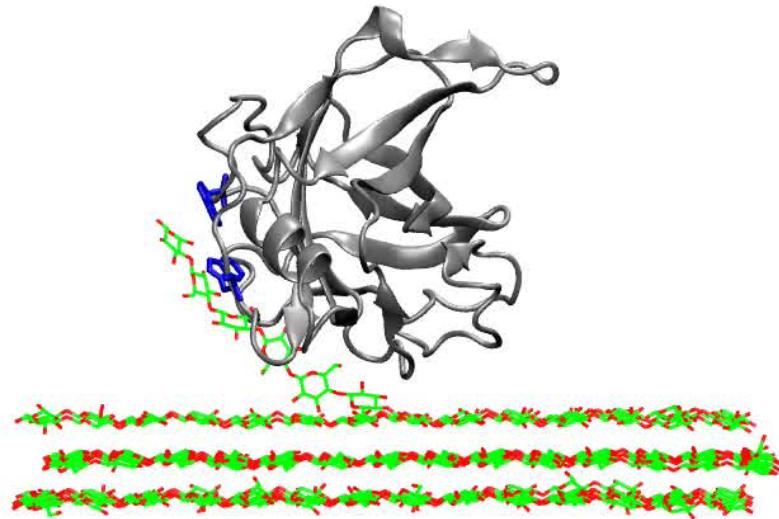
<sup>a</sup>  $[N_x]_o$ , binding capacity, density of binding sites per gram of cellulose. Boraston AB et. al. (2003) *J. Biol. Chem.*, **278(8)**, 6120-6127.

# Modeling of CBMs on non-crystalline cellulose

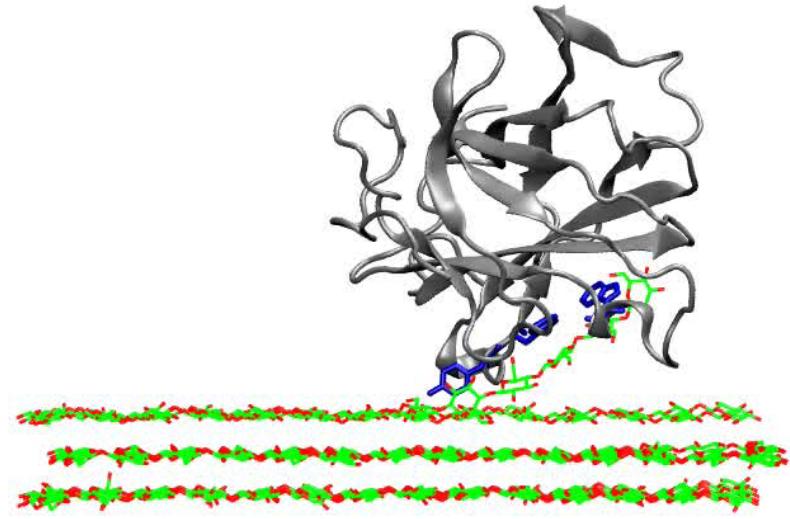


RE – Reducing End, NRE – Non-Reducing End, F – Forward, R – Reverse

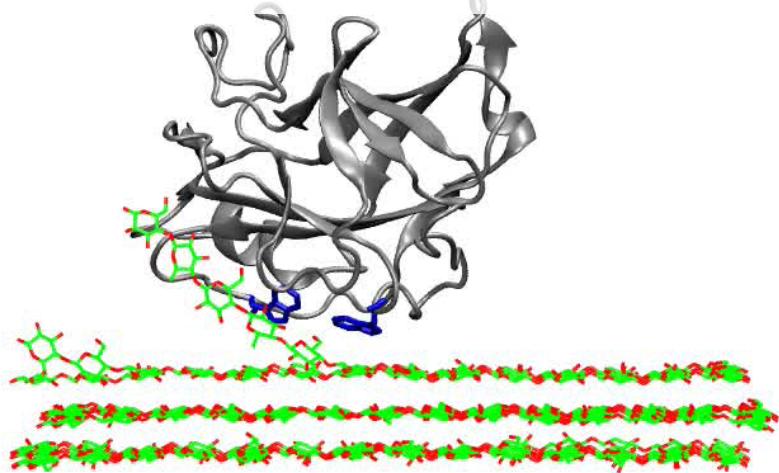
**CcCBM17-Forward**



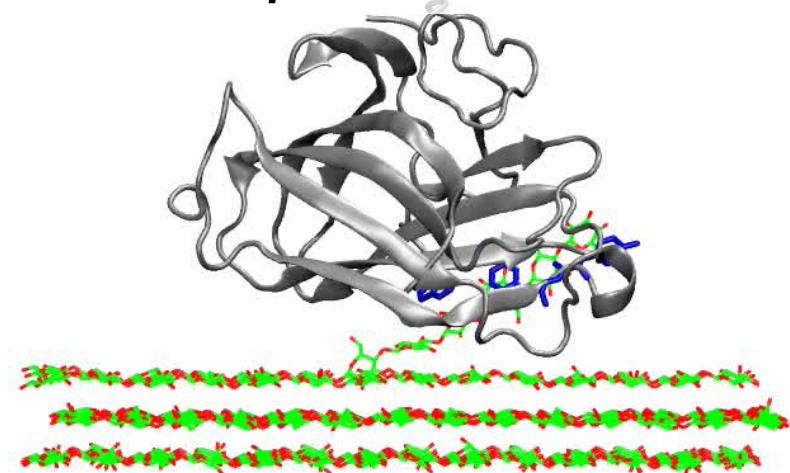
**BspCBM28-Forward**



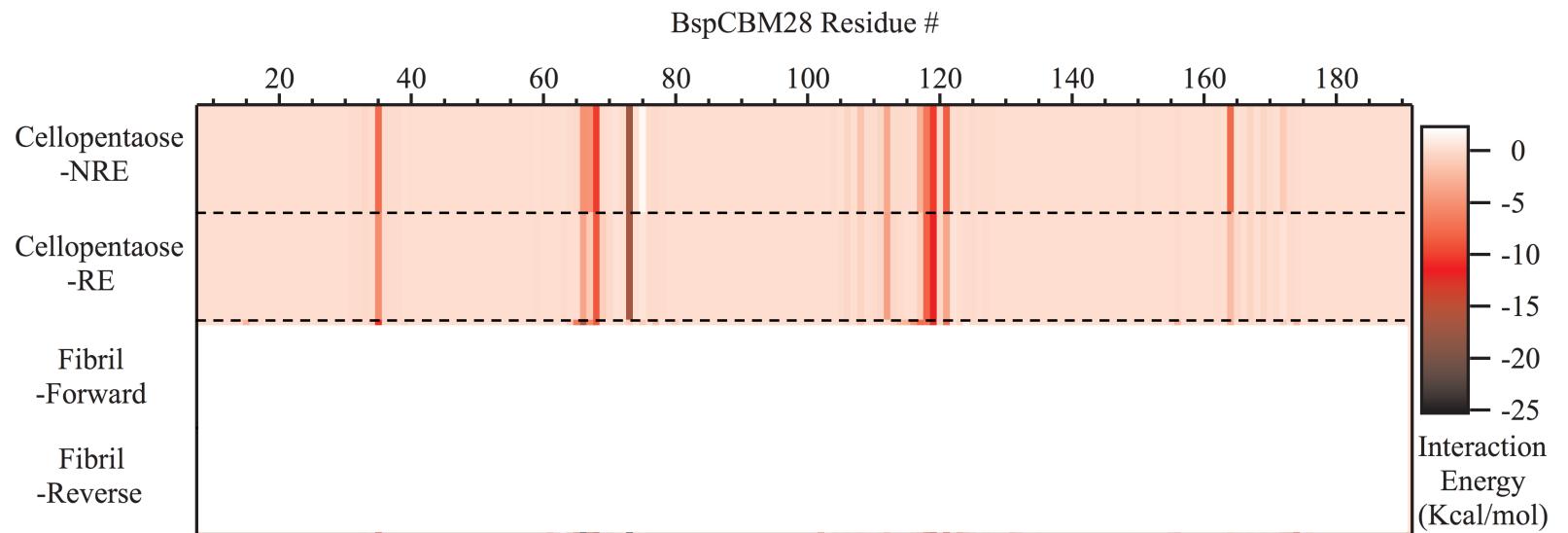
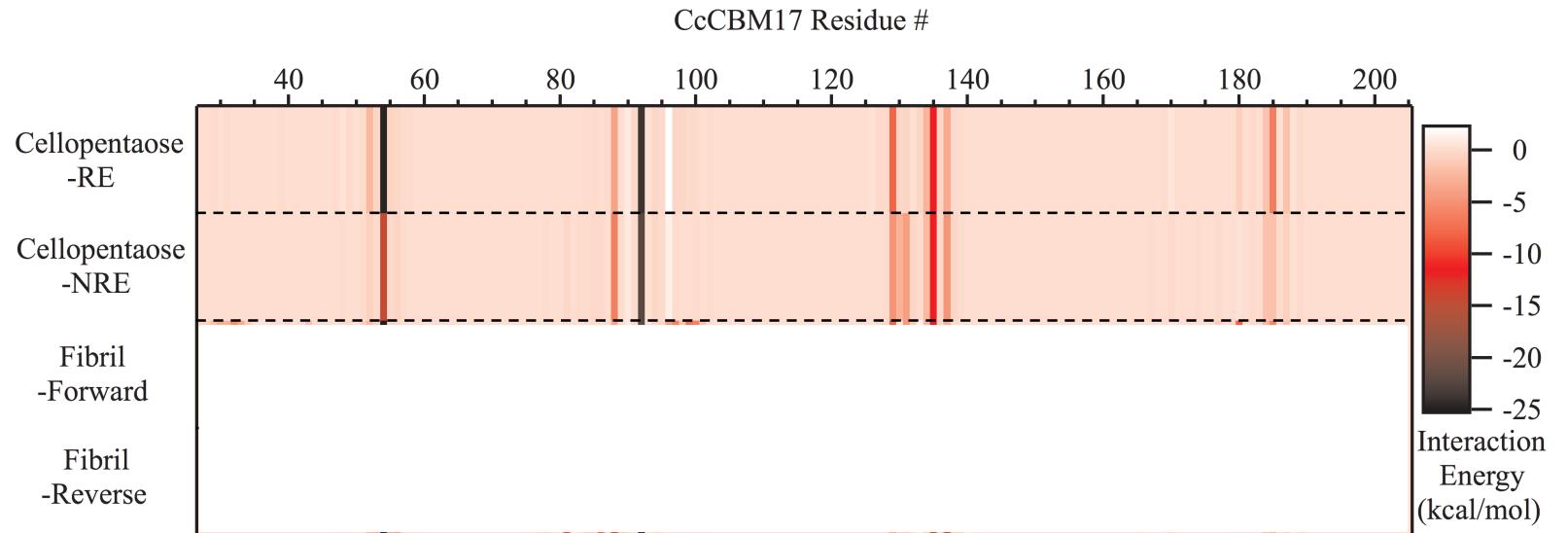
**CcCBM17-Reverse**



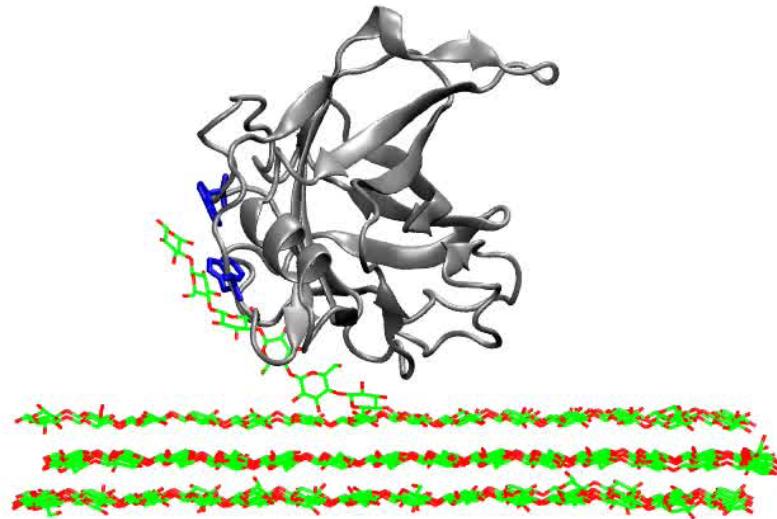
**BspCBM28-Reverse**



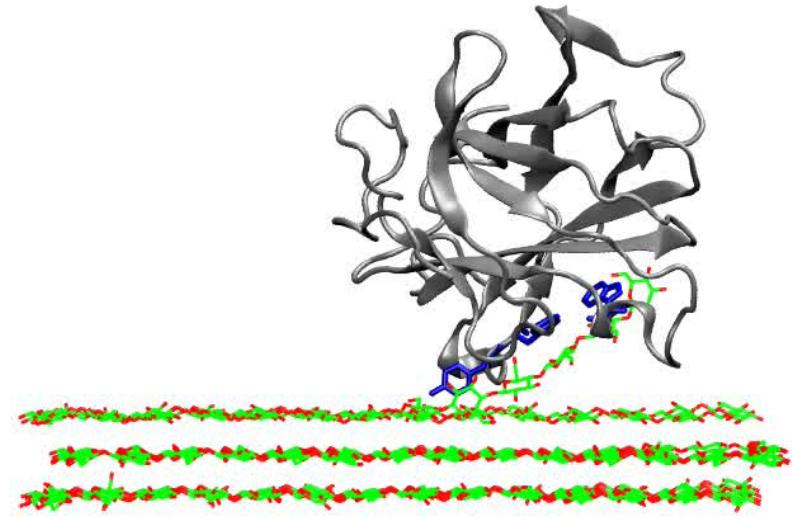
# Total substrate interaction per CBM residue



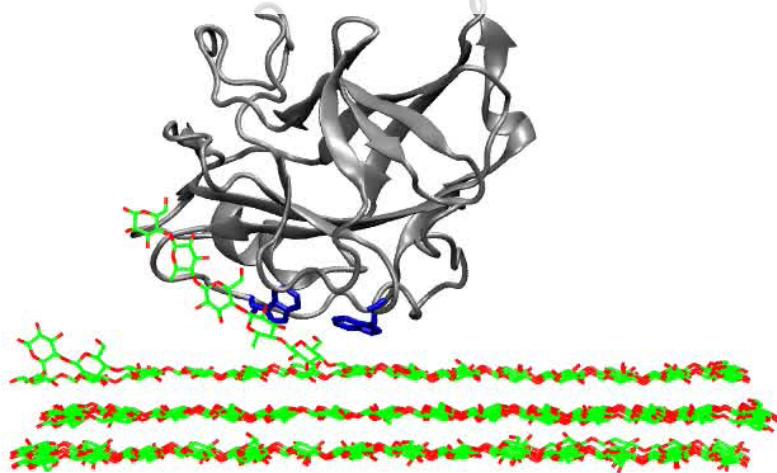
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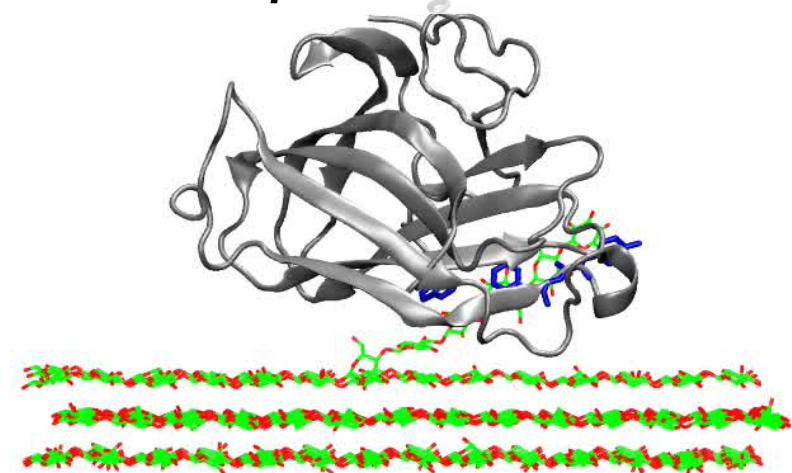
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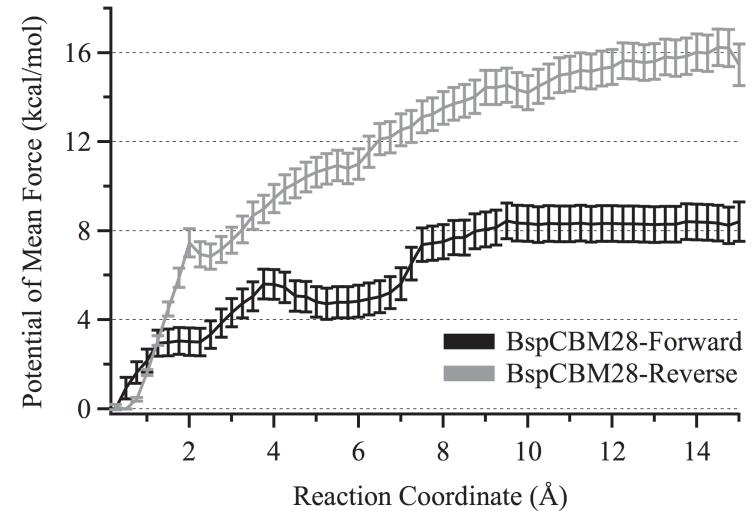
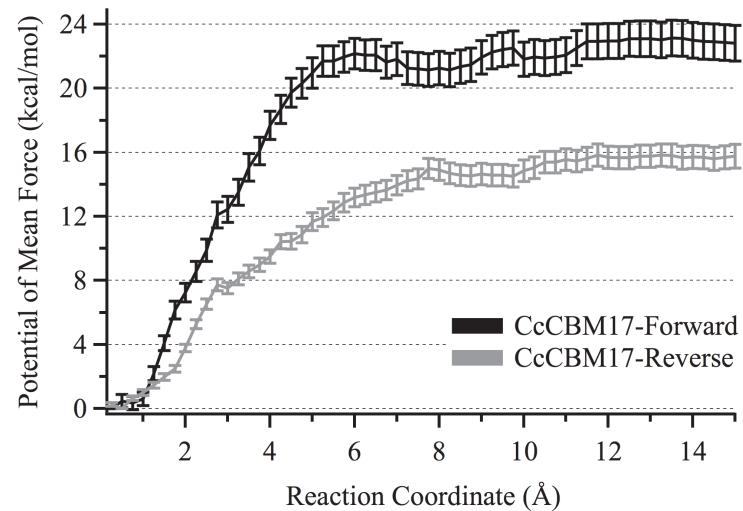
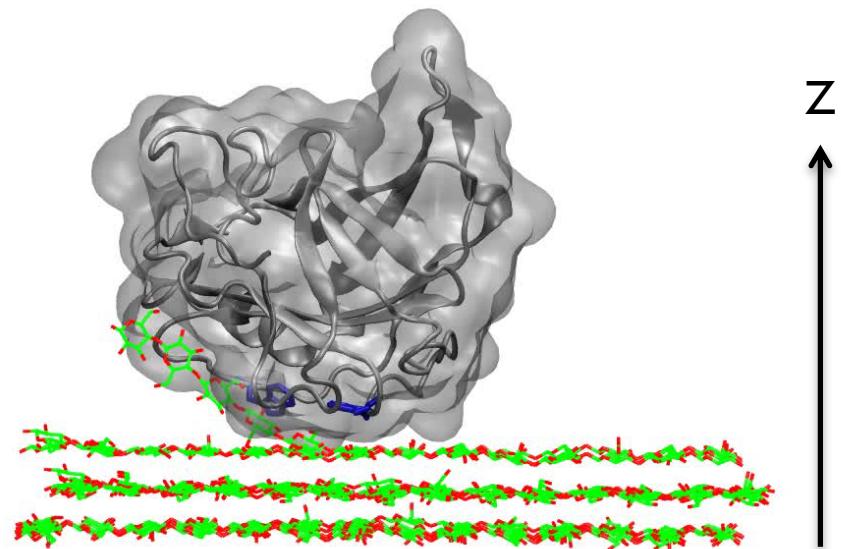
**BspCBM28-Reverse**



# Umbrella sampling

Calculation of potential of mean force (PMF) to pull the CBM away from cellulose microfibril.

- Reaction coordinate is distance between projections of CBM and substrate on z-axis
- 30 windows of 0.5 Å each



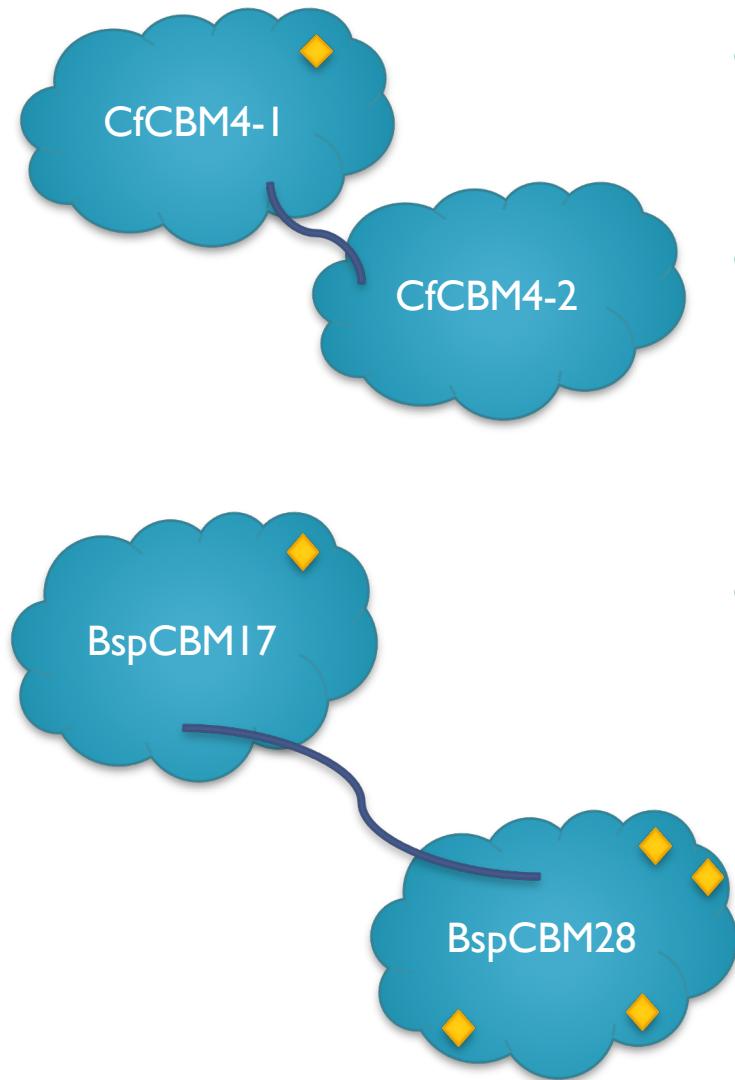
# Conclusion – Non-crystalline binding

Non-crystalline recognition by Type B CBMs involves significant interactions of additional domains that are not involved in oligomeric recognition.

The high- and low-affinity binding sites for family 17 and 28 CBMs correspond to a range of non-crystalline substrate with increasing affinity as substrate approaches crystallinity.

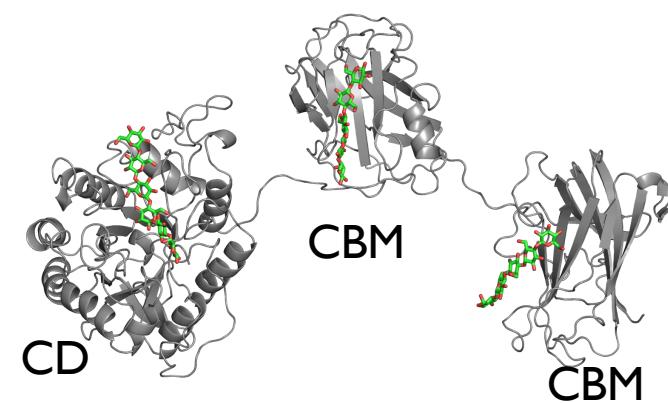
CBMs can have preferential affinity for certain substrate morphologies based on favorable binding orientations which, in turn, could result in uncompetitive binding.

# Future work



## Tandem CBMs

- Associate the individual recognition mechanisms and binding affinities with evolution of tandem CBM systems.
- Investigate the dynamics of tandem systems to uncover the effects of protein-protein networking and linker chain lengths on additive/co-operative binding.
- Understand mechanism of feeding the substrate to catalytic domain (CD).



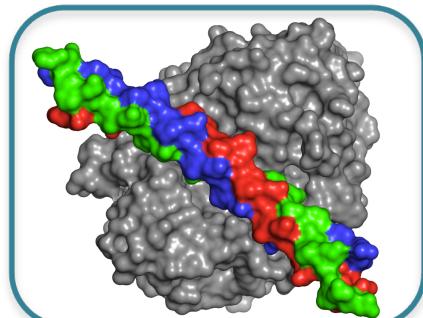
# Summary

For faster hydrolysis, the oligomeric and non-crystalline cellulose which is a significant part of pretreated biomass can be targeted specifically by harnessing the abilities of Type B CBMs to do so.

Results from bi-directional binding studies suggest how Type B CBMs may have evolved certain mechanisms to increase the frequency of binding to substrate.

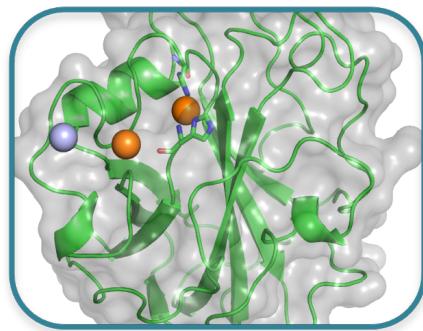
Characterization of protein-carbohydrate/protein-protein interactions through molecular simulations holds huge potential to uncover crucial insights that may have been left unexplored.

# Other similar projects



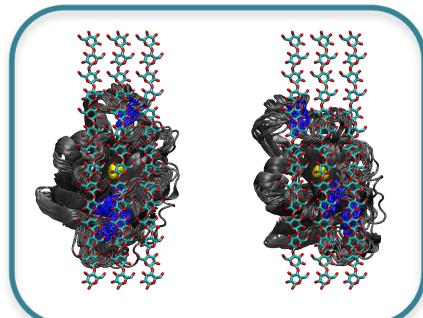
## Inhibition of mammalian glycoprotein YKL-40: Identification of physiological ligand

Kognole AA, Payne CM (2017) *Journal of Biological Chemistry*,  
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