

Build topology of lignin polymer via LigninBuilder for Gromacs.

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1. In linux, create a repository:
Eg. /home/xtong3/repos/
And clone it to there :
git clone git@github.com:jvermaas/LigninBuilder.git
Ref: Vermaas, Josh V., et al. "Automated Transformation of Lignin Topologies into Atomic Structures with LigninBuilder."
2. UseLigninBuilder/libraries/ *library.txt as a template
To build a simple G tetramer. It is as the following.
GG_bo4_tetramer.txt

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***** CHAIN #1*****

MW:
Branch:
Distance Metric:

0 0 4 - 3 0 0 0 0 0 0

Can be blank

In order: the number of monomer
Syringly(S), p-hydroxyphenyl(P), guaiacyl(G),

- (a double dash)
the number of bonds:
 $\beta - o - 4, \beta - o - 5, 5 - 5, 4 - o - 5, \beta - 1, \alpha - o - 4$ or $\beta - o - 4, \beta - \beta$

Monomer List:
1: 3
2: 3
3: 3
4: 3
Monomer code

Bond List:
Monomer_I Monomer_II Pos_Mon_I Bond_type
1 2 1 1 $\beta - o - 4$ from C_β of monomer 1 to O4 of monomer 2. equal to (2 1 2 1)
2 3 1 1
3 4 1 1
#

Table S1: Linkage codes created through the individual position and bond codes listed in Table 1 are enumerated here in their combinations found in the tested lignin libraries.

Linkage Codes			
Position Code	Bond Code	Bond Type	Modification Site
1	1	β -O-4	C_β
1	2	β -5	C_β
1	5	β -1	C_β
1	7	β - β	C_β
1	8	β -O-4	C_β (Only for β -O-4/ α -O-4 combo)
2	1	β -O-4	O_4 (4-O- β)
2	4	4-O-5	O_4
3	3	5-5	C_5
3	4	4-O-5	C_5 (5-O-4)
4	6	α -O-4	C_α (Only for β -O-4/ α -O-4 combo)

Table 1. Monomer, Bond, and Position Codes That Specify Lignin Topology in a Way That Is Readable by LigninBuilder⁴

monomer codes		bond codes		position codes	
code no.	monomer	code no.	bond	code no.	position
1	S	1	β -O-4	1	C_β
2	H	2	β -5	2	O_4
3	G	3	5-5	3	C_5
		4	4-O-5	4	C_α
		5	β -1	5	C_1
		6	α -O-4		
		7	β - β		

3. Install Namd:

1. Download <https://www.ks.uiuc.edu/Development/Download/download.cgi?PackageName=NAMDNamd> version 2.13(2018-11-09)
Linux-x86_64-multicore (64-bit Intel/AMD single node)
2. Extract it.
3. go to extracted folder (cd NAMD_2.10_Linux-x86_64-multicore)
4. then copy NAMD binary file to bin folder (sudo cp namd2 /usr/local/bin/namd2)
5. Add to ~/.bashrc export PATH=/usr/local/bin:\$PATH

4. Open VMD

In TKConsole, use commands:

```
lappend auto_path /home/xtong3/repos/LigninBuilder/LigninBuilderPlugin
package require ligninbuilder
```

```
::ligninbuilder::buildfromlibrary "/home/xtong3/repos/LigninBuilder/libraries/GG_bo4_tetramer.txt" GG_bo4_tetramer
::ligninbuilder::minimizestructures GG_bo4_tetramer namd2 "+p8"
```

It will generate all outputs in a new folder named GG_bo4_tetramer namd2\
If input contains 100 lignins, then output file should be L0-L99.psf
And par_lignin.prm is parameter files.

5. Use PyTopol to convert Charmm parameter to topology in Gromacs

<https://github.com/resal81/PyTopol/wiki/PyTopol-Installation>

```
$ git clone https://github.com/resal81/PyTopol.git
$ cd PyTopol
$ export PYTHONPATH=`pwd`:PYTHONPATH
$ cd scripts
```

Copy psf and prn files to the same directory as psf2top.py then run:
python psf2top.py -p L0.psf -c par_lignin.prm
Rename the output top.top and itp_mol_01.itp to desired name.

I renamed to GG_bo4_tetramer_types.itp and GG_bo4_tetramer.itp respectively.
Since the former contains atomtypes and the latter is a normal itp file.
And I deleted extra useless lines started from [dihedrals] in GG_bo4_tetramer_types.itp

Copy L0.pdb to GG_bo4_tetramer.pdb and seperately save all new *itp/top/pdb in
~/repos/simulation_topologies/gromacs_top/charmm36-nov2018.ff/LIGNIN_BUILDER_TOP/GG_bo4_tetramer_TOP

Note:

A.If you come across "ValueError: for dihedral CLG2R6B-CLG2R61-CLG2R61-CLG3C51 no parameter was found",
You can add **another .prm** at the end of command. I had this issue when built a b-o-5 tetramer
python psf2top.py -p L0.psf -c par_lignin.prm **extraterms-par_lignin.prm**

(bo4,b-o-5,bo4 tetramer)

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2	3	1	2
3	4	1	1

#

B. You need to delete the first directive in top.top because in default force field already has that otherwise will give an error.

[defaults] ;

;nbfunc comb-rule gen-pairs fudgeLJ fudgeQQ

1 2 yes 1.0 1.0

Step 4 you can create a tcl file named build.tcl and put the following text in it.

Then you can simply run in vmd console in two lines:

\$ source build.tcl

\$ build lib_prefix

build.tcl code as following

```
lappend auto_path /home/xtong3/repos/LigninBuilder/LigninBuilderPlugin
```

```
proc build {lib_prefix} {
```

```
package require ligninbuilder
```

```
::ligninbuilder::buildfromlibrary "/home/xtong3/repos/LigninBuilder/libraries/$lib_prefix.txt" $lib_prefix
```

```
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```

```
}
```