

EMSL Update: Science Themes, Capabilities and the User Program

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- Science
- Capabilities
- Outreach
- Users

BER/SC Research Priorities

Bioenergy

Biogeochemistry

Carbon
cycling

Climate
modeling

Energy
storage

Catalysis

Science drivers

Users

EMSL Science Themes

Atmospheric Aerosol
Systems

Biosystem Dynamics
and Design

Terrestrial and
Subsurface Ecosystems

Energy Materials and
Processes

Science drivers

Users

Integrated use of Capabilities

Computation

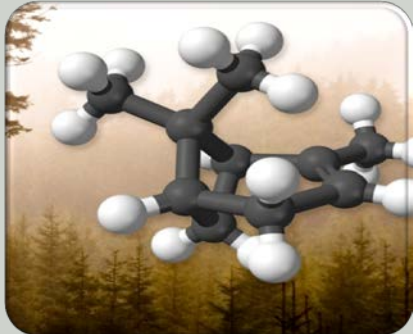
Imaging

Spectroscopy/Diff
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Synthesis/Microfa
brication

-Omics

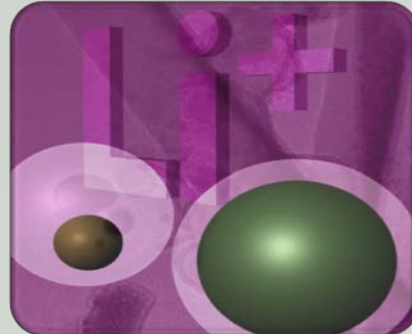
Radiochemistry



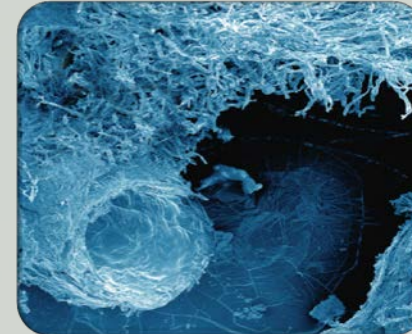
ATMOSPHERIC
AEROSOL
SYSTEMS



BIOSYSTEM
DYNAMICS &
DESIGN



ENERGY
MATERIALS &
PROCESSES



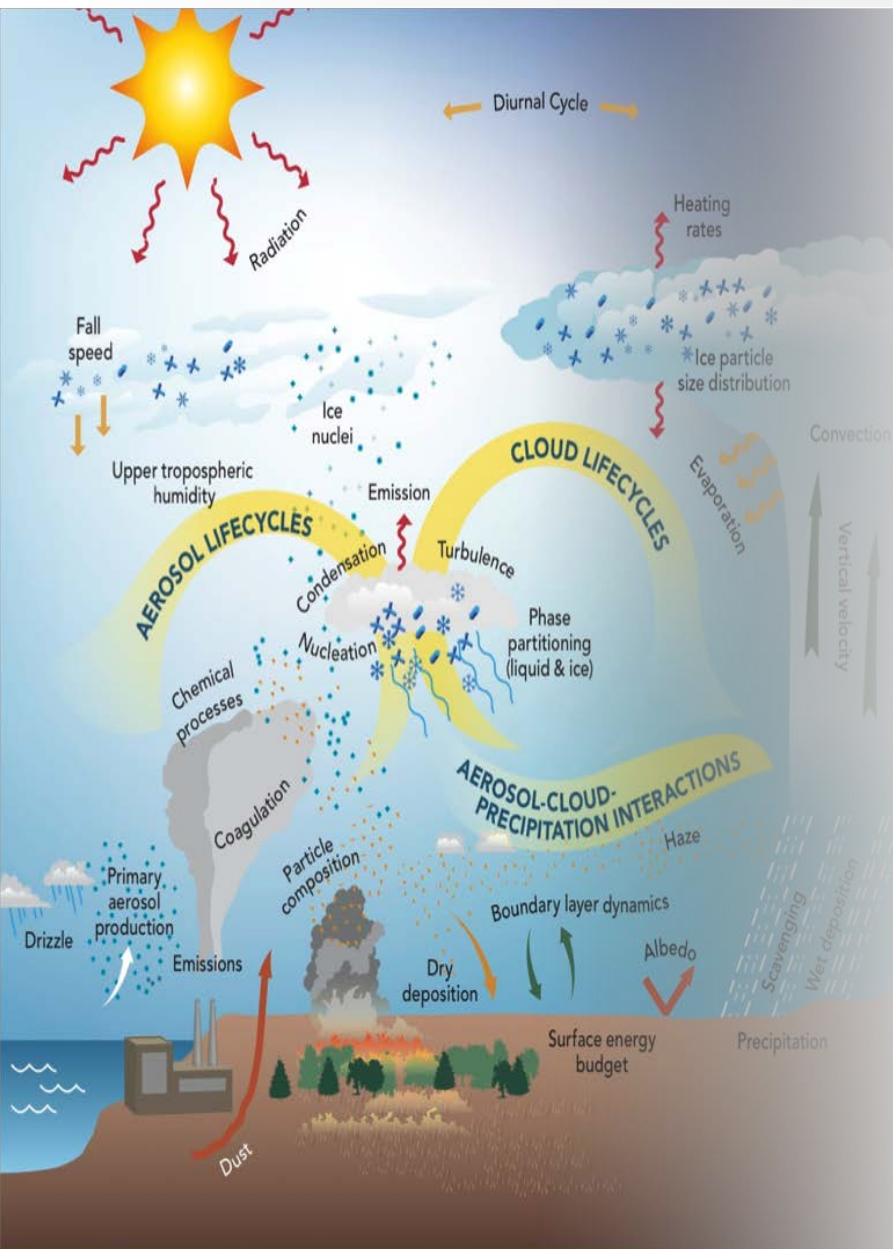
TERRESTRIAL
&
SUBSURFACE
ECOSYSTEMS

Coupling across spatial and temporal scales

Informing models for improved prediction and control of complex systems

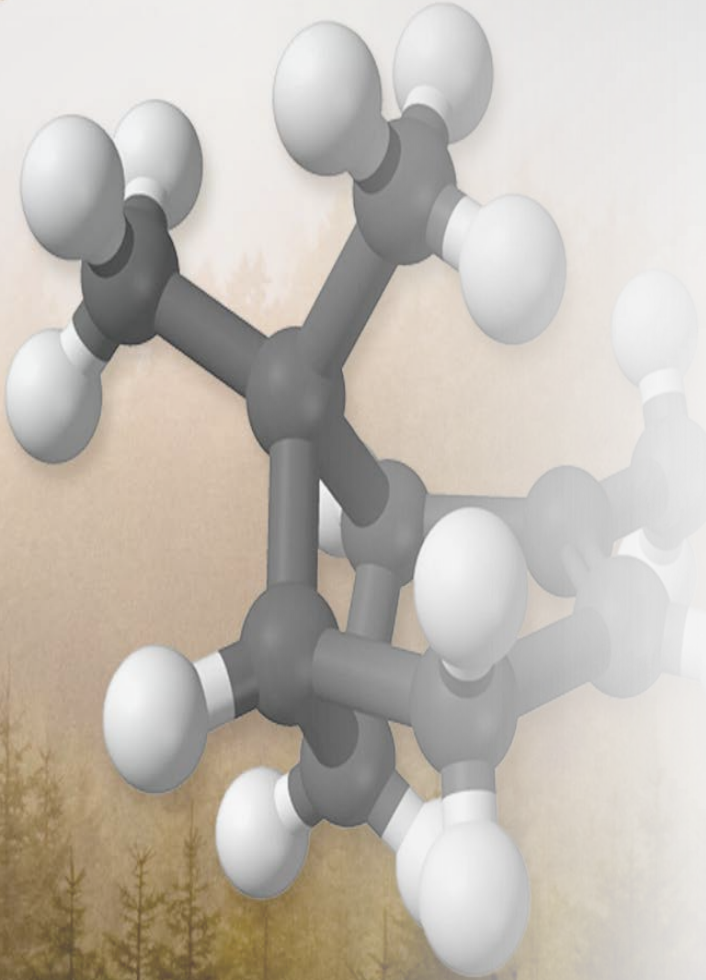
1. **Evaluated** against key criteria: Impact, alignment, user community
2. **Developed** with input from Advisory groups, users and stakeholders
3. **Used** as the basis for proposal calls and investments

Atmospheric Aerosol Systems



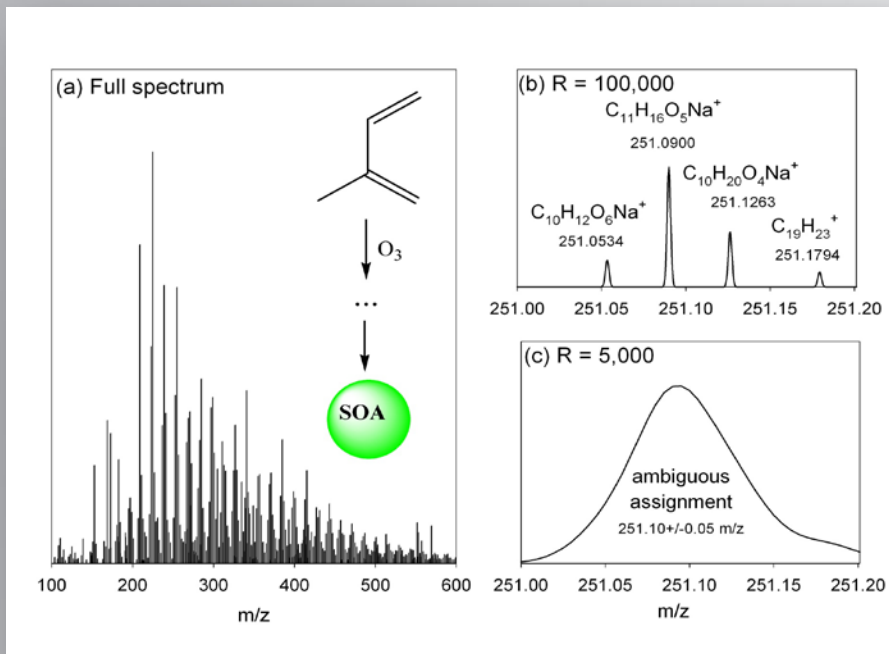
Our focus: Understanding molecular-scale dynamics of aerosols to improve climate model simulations and enable predictive understanding.

Special interest – Biogenic organic aerosols.



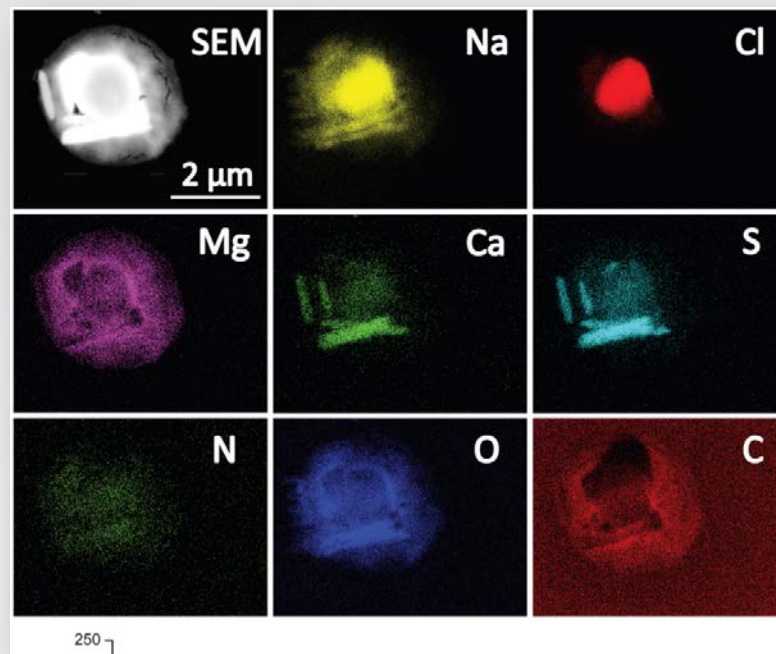
10-year Goal: Understand the molecular scale processes that enhance the formation of biogenic volatiles and determine the radiative properties of OA to improve the accuracy of climate model simulations.

Laboratory chamber studies of BOA formation



Nguyen et al. *Atm. Environ.* 44 (2010) 1032-1042

Field studies of anthropogenic pollution impacts on BOA formation: CARES study



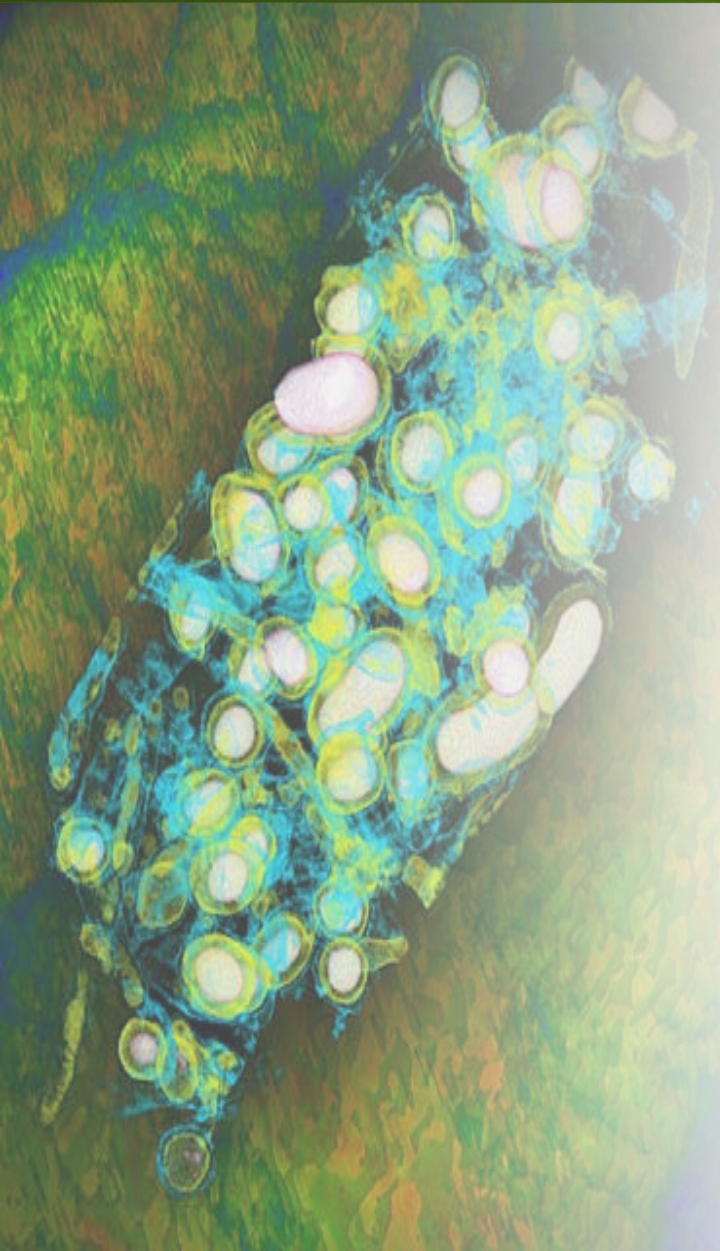
Zaveri et al. *Atmos. Chem. Phys.*, 2012

Laskin et al. 2012



EMSL's Liz Alexander (left) and Suzane Simones, a Harvard University graduate student investigate the GOAmazon T3 research site near Manacapuru, Amazonia

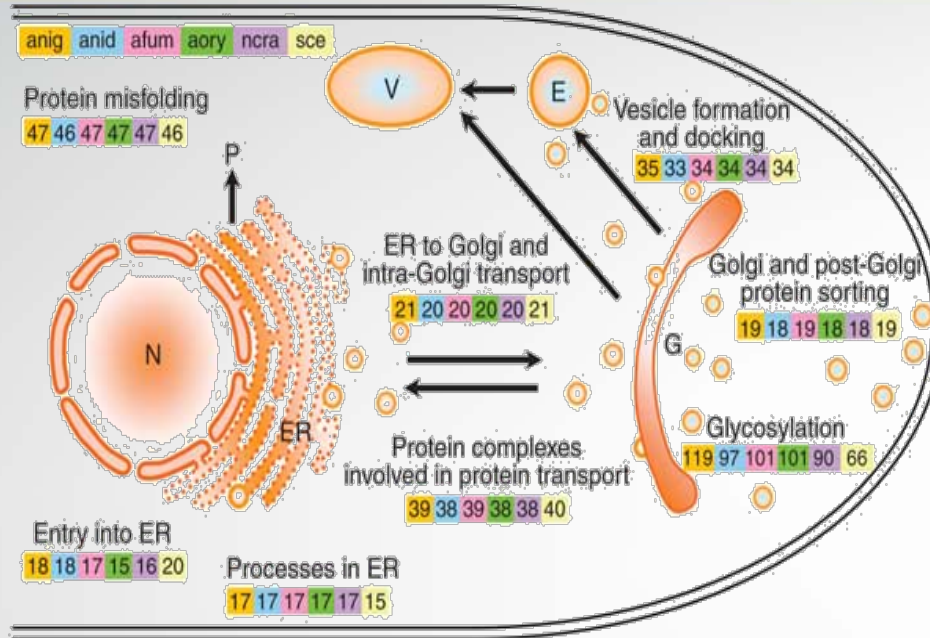
- EMSL is excited to be part of current GO Amazon campaign
 - ▶ Deployed staff and mass spectrometers



Our focus: Understanding biological processes (from individuals to communities) in time and space.

Special interest: Metabolic compartmentalization.

Compartmentalization: Understanding the cell factory

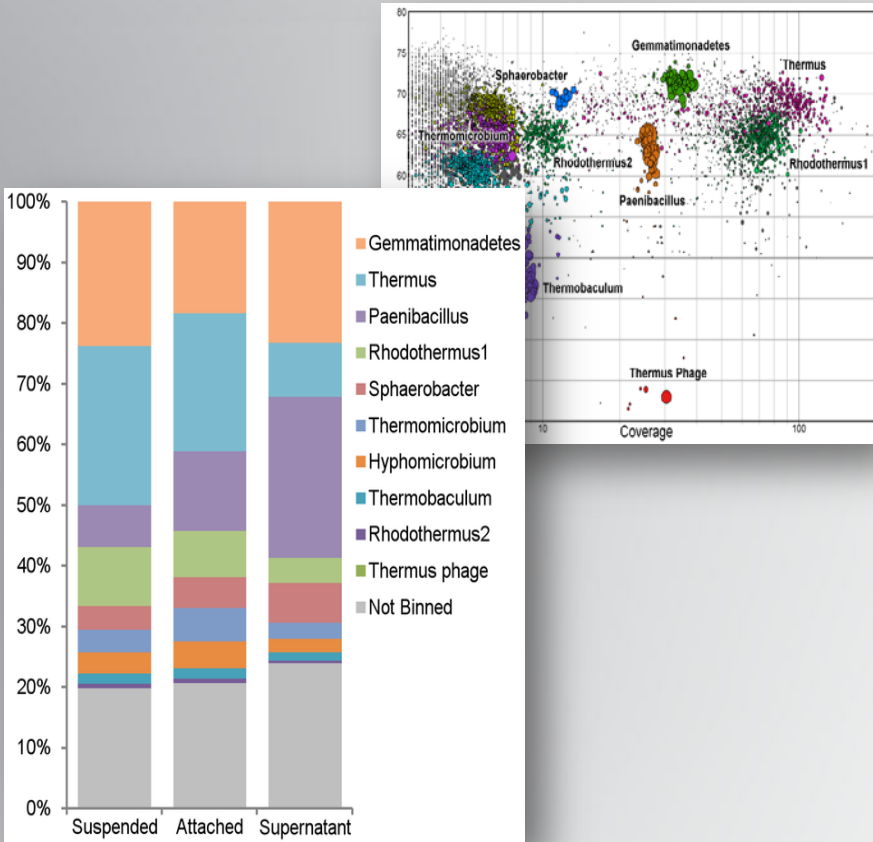


Pel et al., 2007. Nature Biotechnology 25, 221 - 231

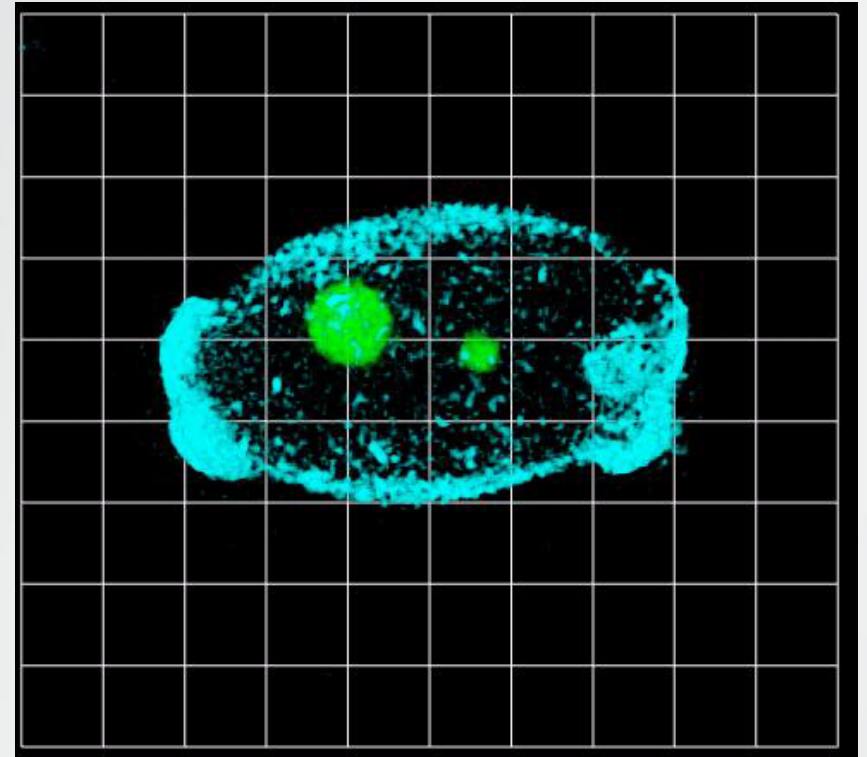
10 year goal: Provide an understanding of how cells compartmentalize metabolic reactions and pathways to inform predictive models.

Microbes whose enzymes deconstruct switchgrass identified

JBEI/JGI/EMSL

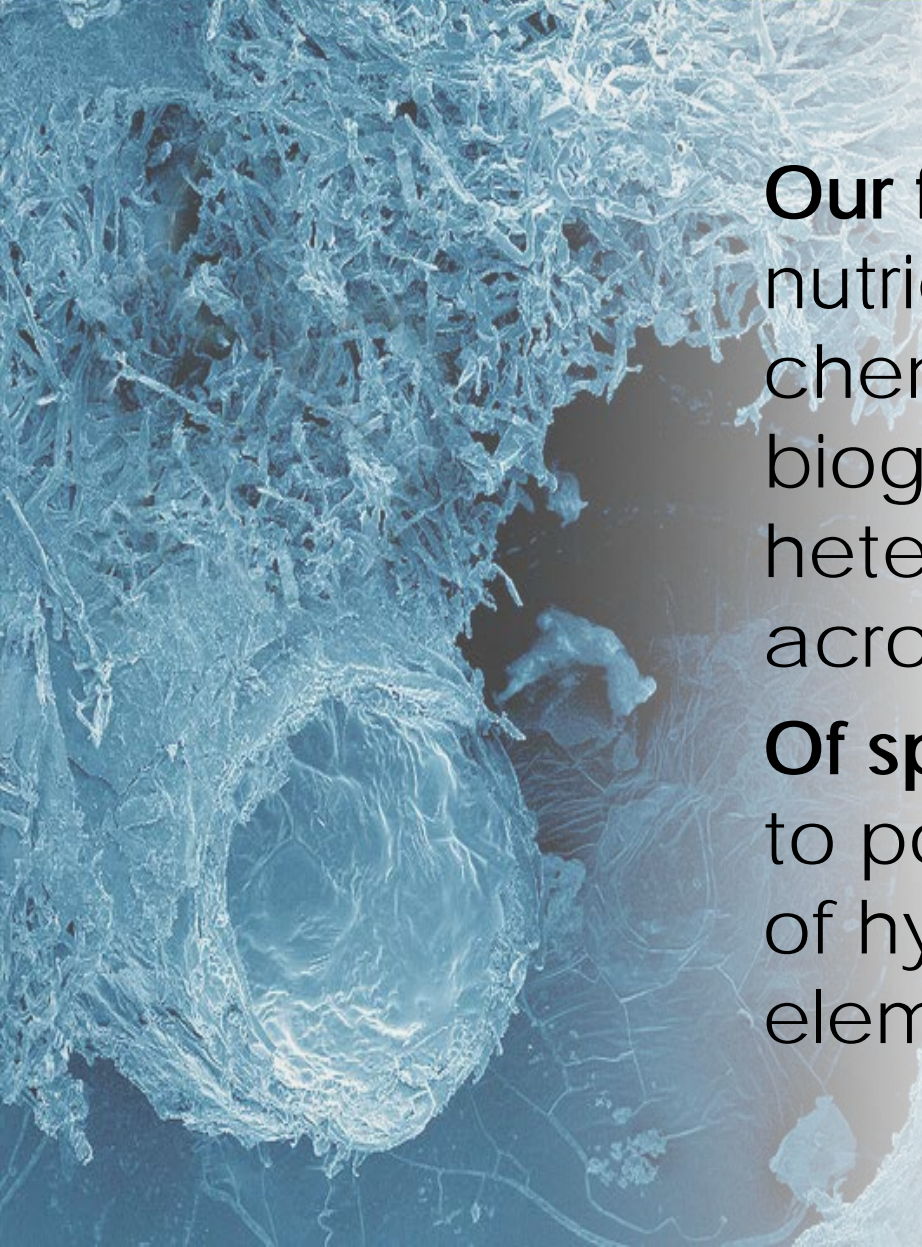


Yarrowia lipid production in time and space



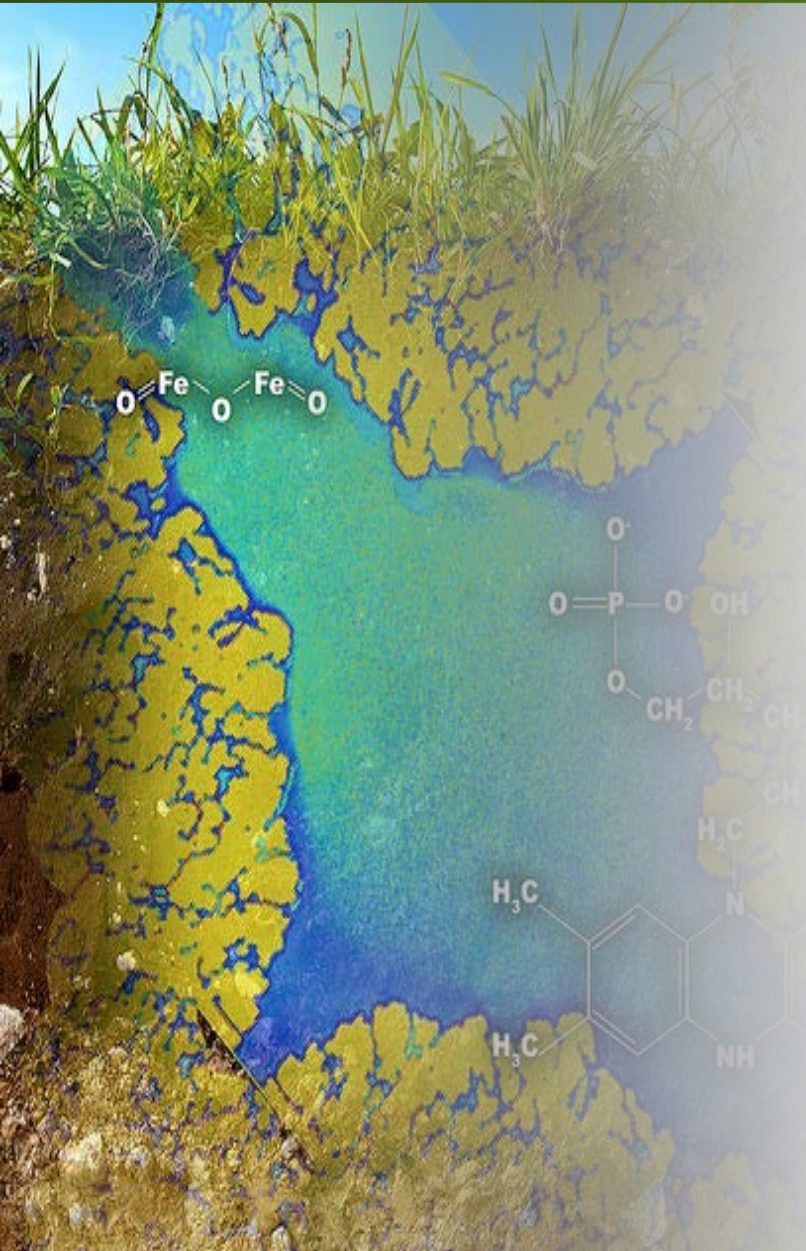
Institutions: JBEI, LLNL, SNL, JGI, Leibniz Institute of Freshwater Ecology and Inland Fisheries, LANL, PNNL, EMSL, The University of Queensland, LBNL.
Reference: D'haeseleer et al. 2013 PLoS ONE 8(7):e68465.

Participants: MIT, PNNL, UCLA



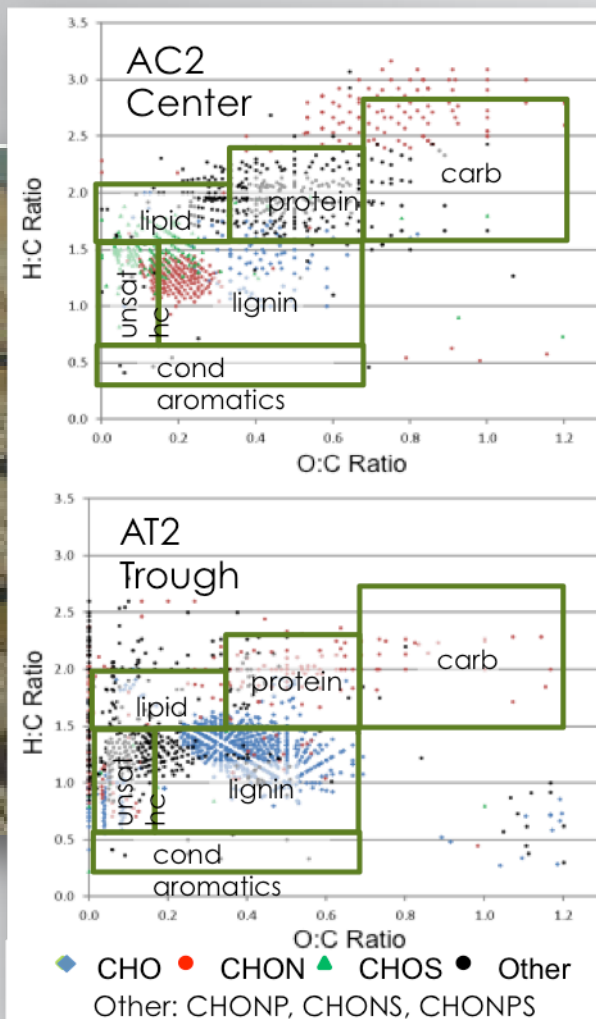
Our focus: Understanding nutrient, metabolite, and chemical signature flux at biogeochemical interfaces in heterogeneous environments across multiple scales.

Of special interest: Molecular to pore scale understanding of hydro-biogeochemical elemental cycling.

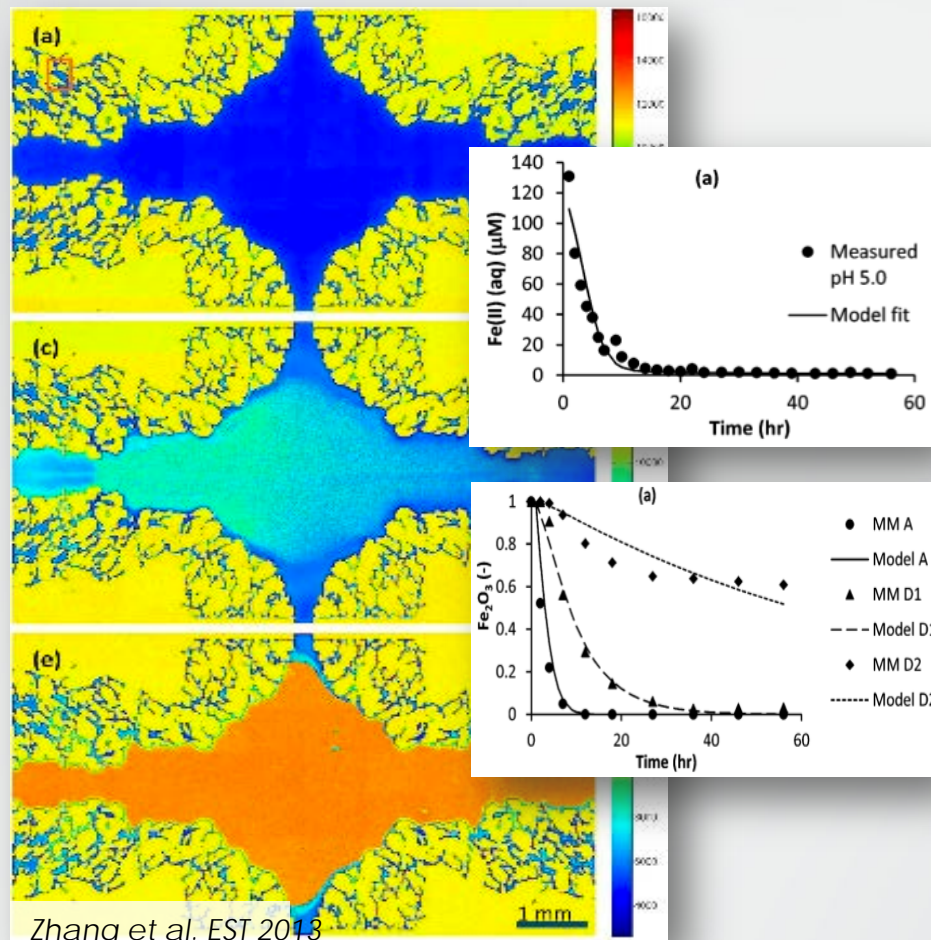


10-year Goal: Molecular-to pore-scale understanding of the coupled biogeochemical and elemental cycling processes that advance predictive understanding of the water cycle and ecosystem biogeochemistry feedbacks and inform the biogeochemistry components of the ESM.

NGEE Arctic pore water extracts



Visualization and modelling of pore-scale microenvironments



Participants: Baohua Gu, ORNL

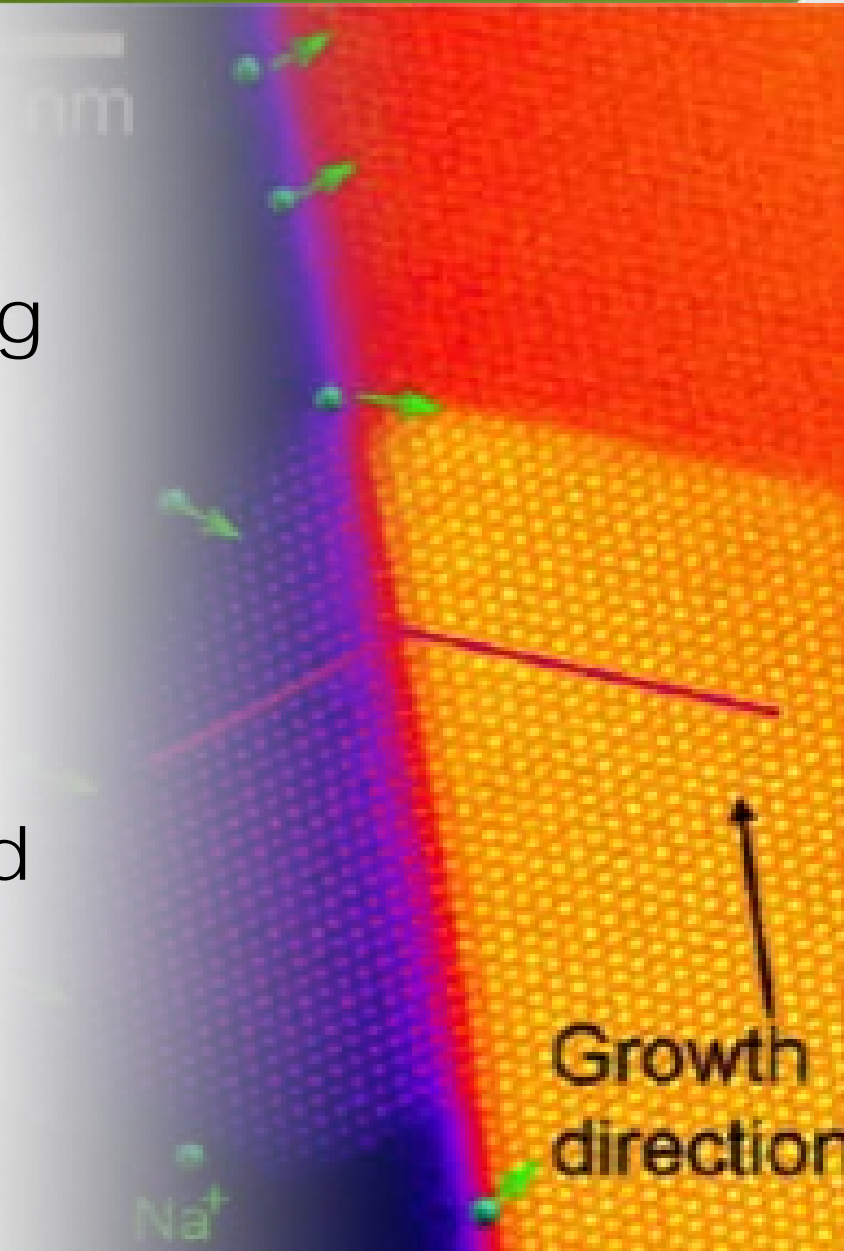
Participants: Zhang, Chevron
EnvSciTech 2013



Our focus: Understanding of the physical and chemical phenomena, with special attention to interfaces, needed to design new materials and systems for sustainable energy applications.

Of special interest: Solvent mediated interfacial chemistry.

10-year Goal: Understanding processes at solvent mediated interfaces to predict the transformation mechanisms and physical and chemical properties needed to design advanced batteries and new catalysts.



Scientific Challenge

Microscopic observation of battery electrodes during cycling in liquid environments has been nearly impossible



Results

- EMSL, ORNL, and Northwestern University developed a microscopic view of battery electrodes while bathed in wet electrolytes, mimicking realistic conditions inside batteries and providing insights into how electrodes behave chemically.

Why It Matters

- Metal ions squeezing into the electrode's pores makes the electrodes swell, and repeated use can wear them down ultimately leading to battery failure. Understanding electrode function will enable the development on longer lasting batteries.



Computation and data visualization



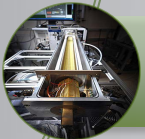
Imaging and microscopy



Spectroscopy and diffraction



Synthesis and microfabrication



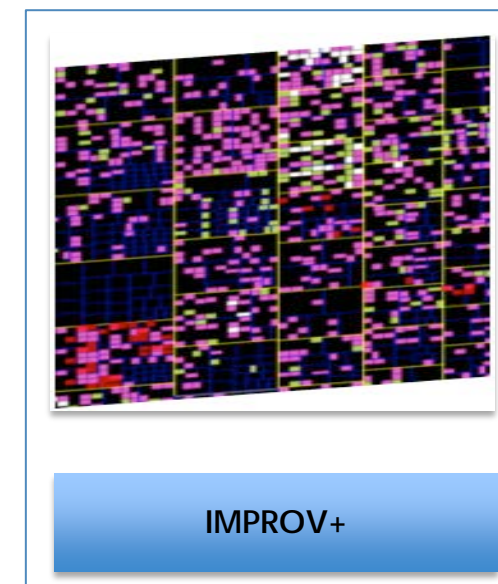
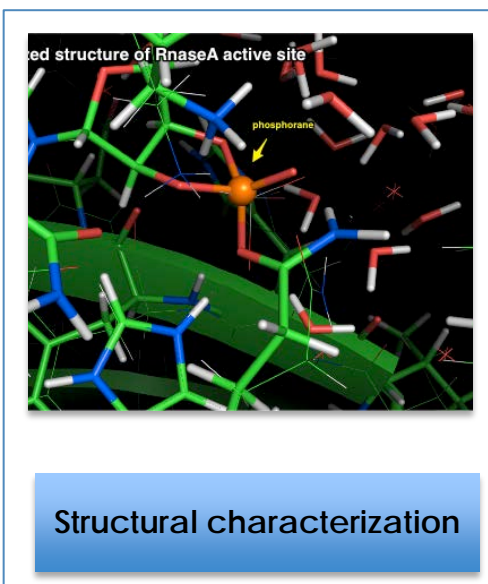
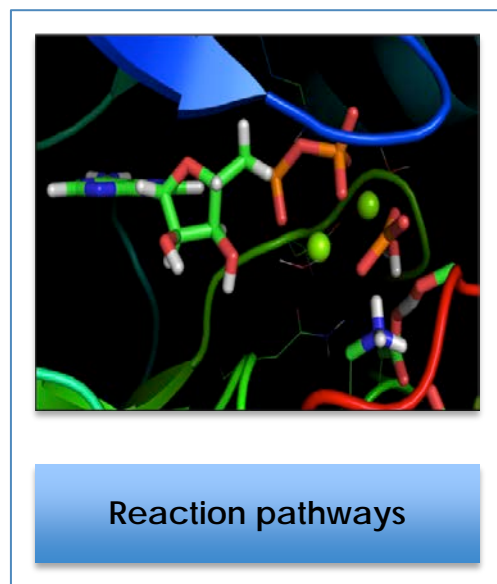
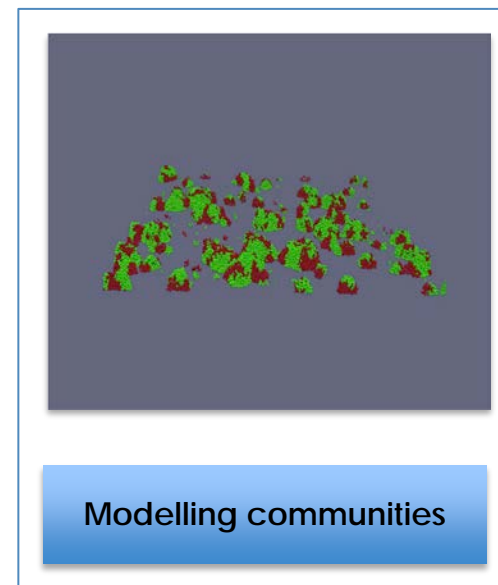
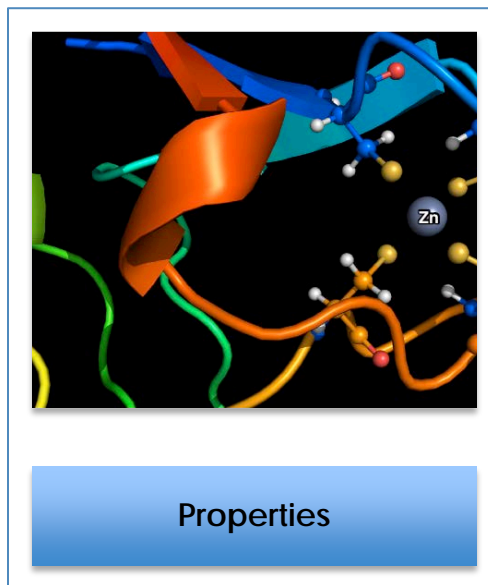
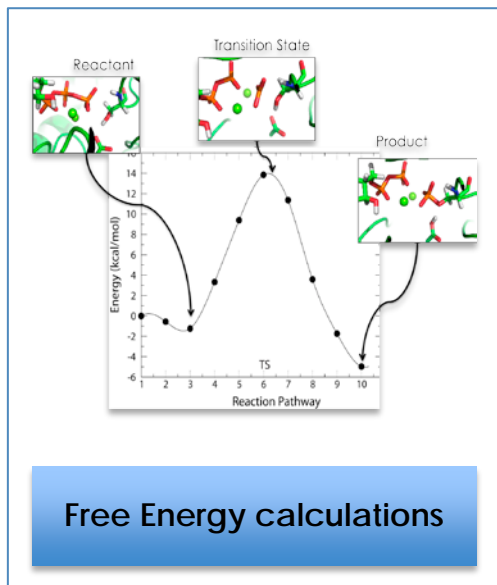
-Omics



Radiochemistry

1. **Evaluated** against key criteria: impact, uniqueness, operations
2. **Selected and assessed** with input from Advisory groups, users and stakeholders
3. **Emphasis** on operando and dynamic measurements

Computational and data visualization capabilities





■ HPC-Enabled Science

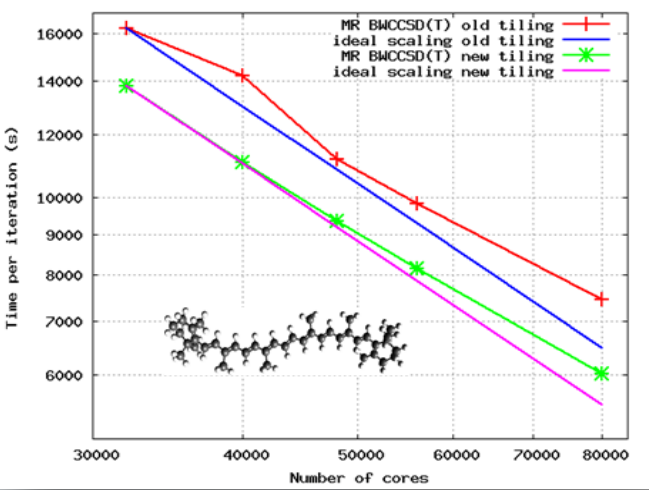
- ▶ Accurate state-of-the-art algorithms for computational chemistry, spectroscopies (NMR, X-ray, UV/Vis), excited-state dynamics

■ Future Directions

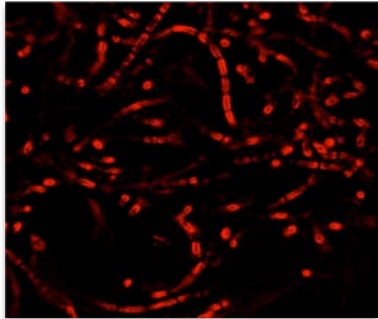
- ▶ Predictive models increasing in scale from nano- to meso-scale systems relevant to larger-scale scientific problems (aerosol properties, soil aggregates, biocatalysis)

■ Cascade: #13 on Top 500

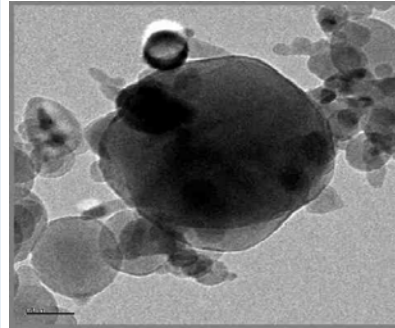
- ▶ Speeding up NWChem using heterogeneous computer architectures (Xeon Phi processors)



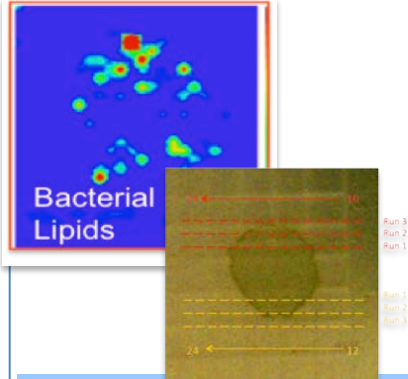
Imaging capabilities



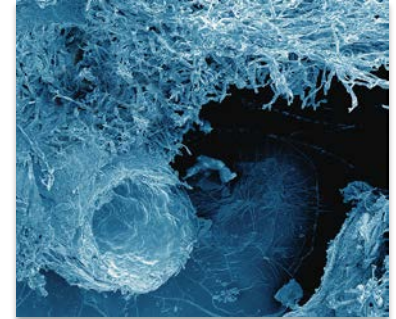
Structured illumination microscopy



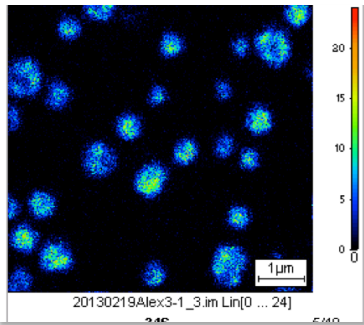
Transmission electron microscopy (static and dynamic)



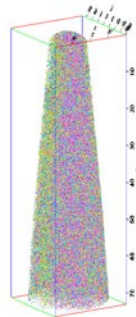
Mass microscope



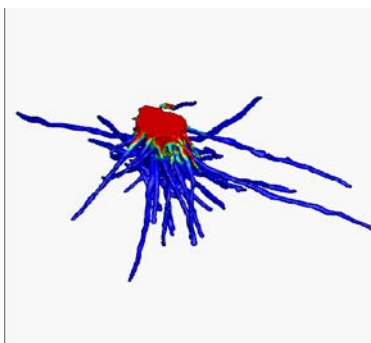
Scanning electron and Helium ion microscopy



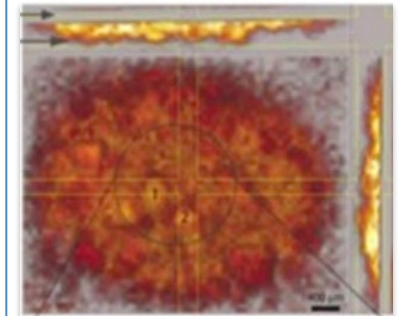
NanoSIMS



Atom probe

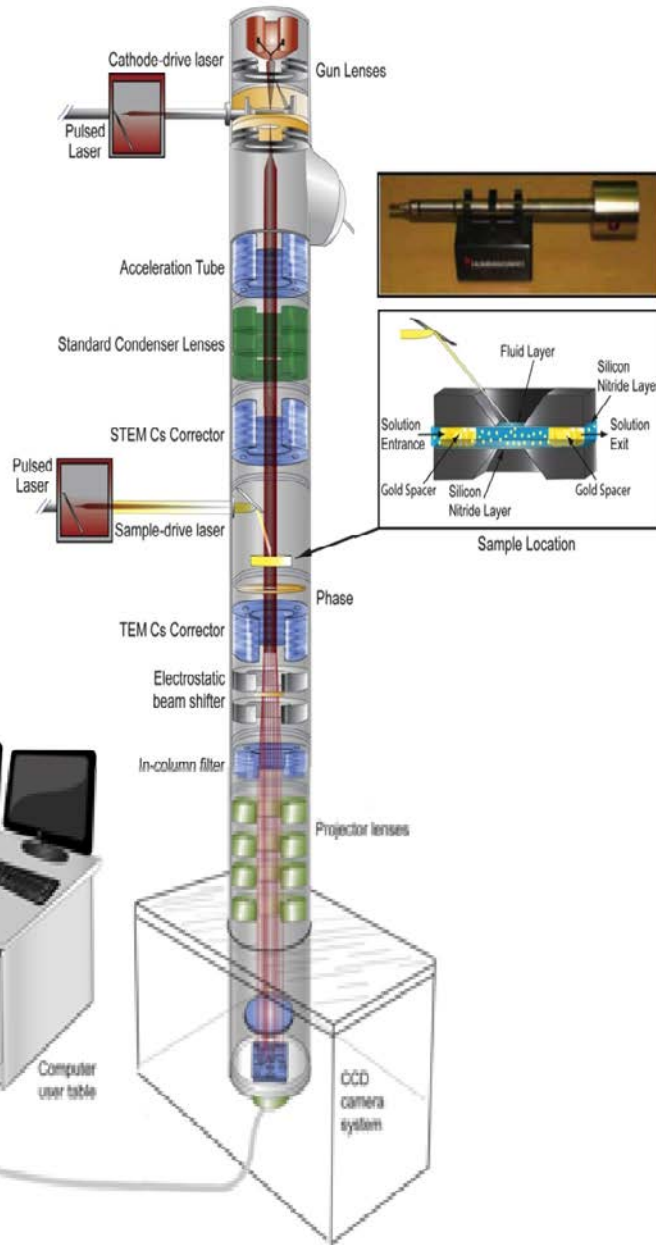


Tomography



Magnetic resonance imaging

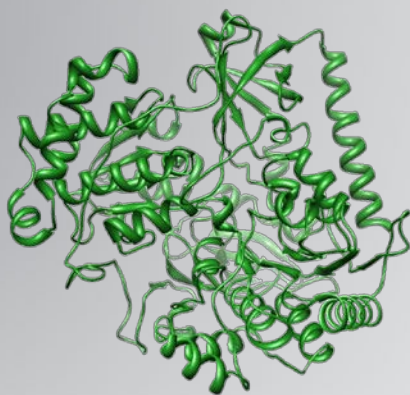
Dynamic TEM prime for probing dynamic systems



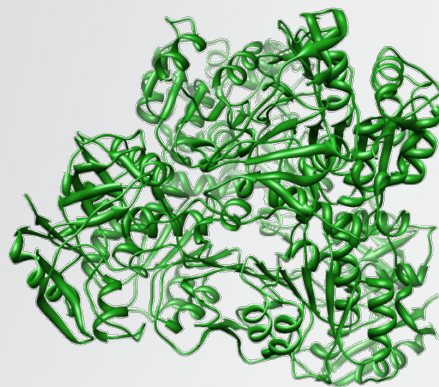
- ❖ Aberration correction
- ❖ Tunable
- ❖ Near-atomic spatial resolution down to 50 ns temporal resolution
- ❖ In-situ liquid compatibility

Imagine the possibility of uniting structure-based design with dynamic observations to enable the rational design of biosystems.

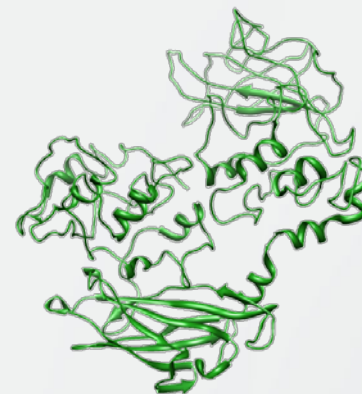
Requires a mechanistic understanding of how reactivity is related to structure AND temporally resolved molecular motions.



Formate Dehydrogenase



Alcohol Dehydrogenase

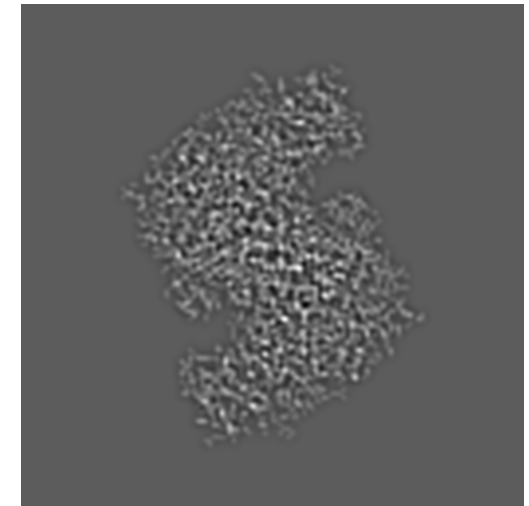
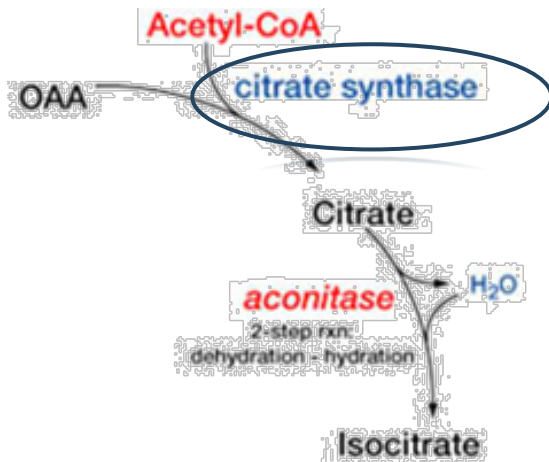


Decaheme Cytochrome

Dynamic TEM designed to visualize protein motions in real-time

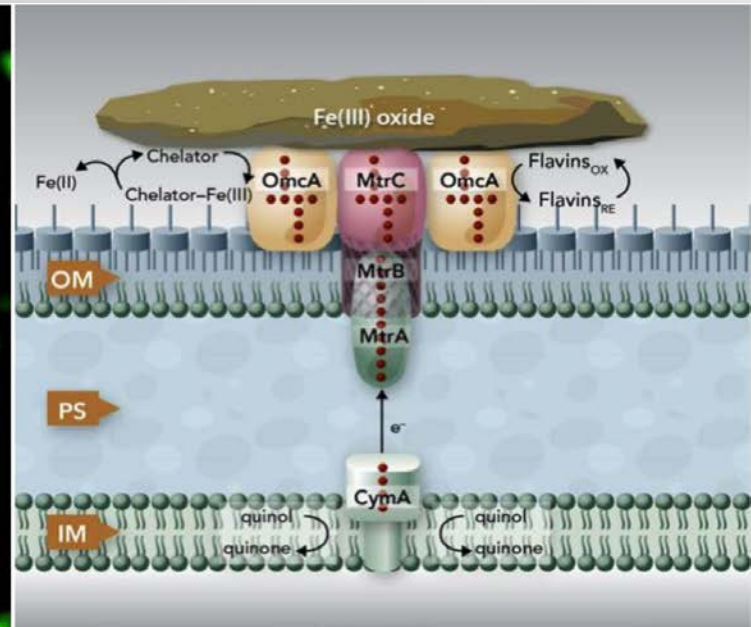
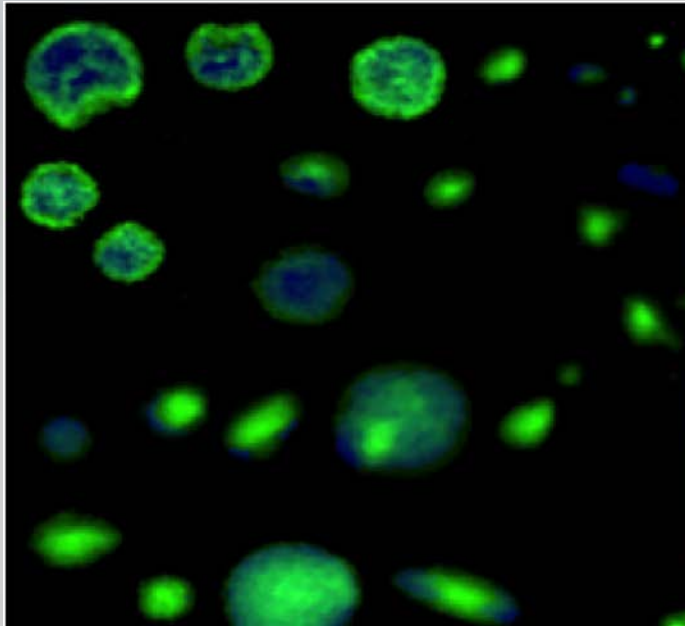
Ribbon simulations morphing between known starting and ending structures of citrate synthase

TEM Image morphing between known starting and ending structures of citrate synthase

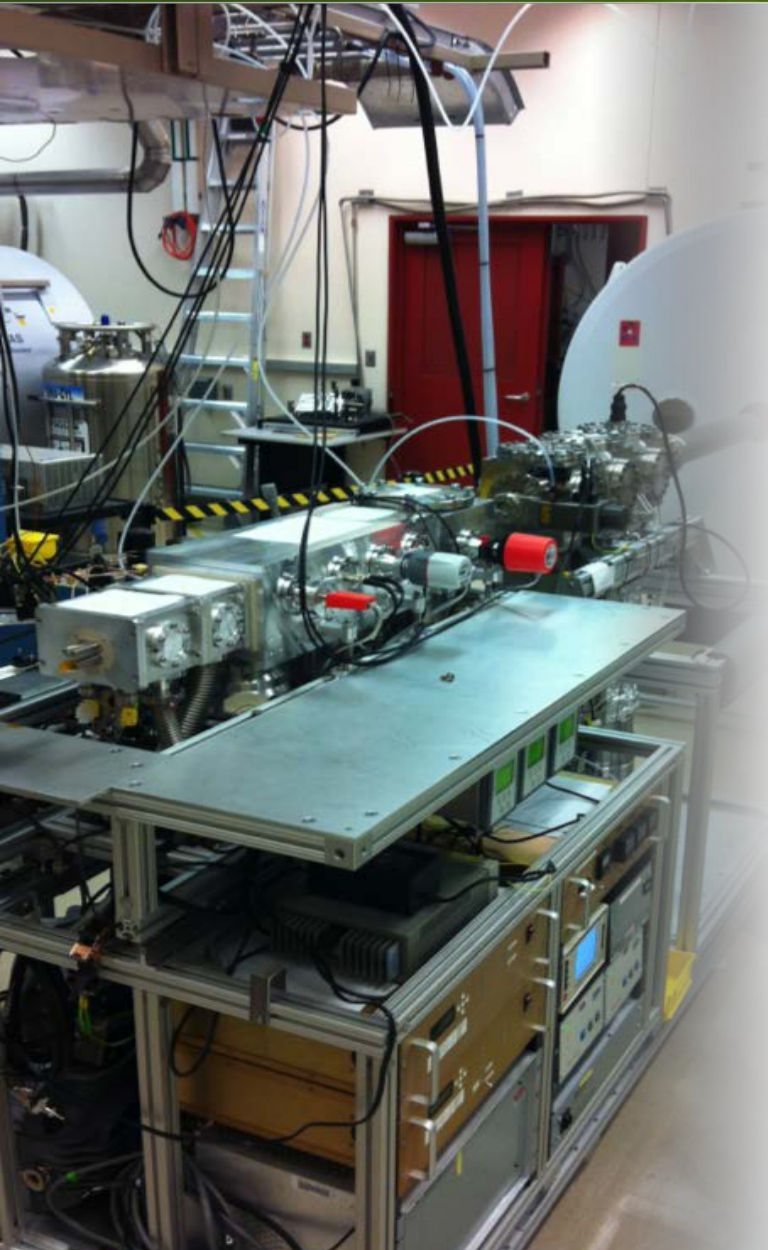


Visualizing the dynamics and motions of proteins in native environments could identify key amino acids for enhancing biodesign to control metabolism or engineer more efficient isozymes

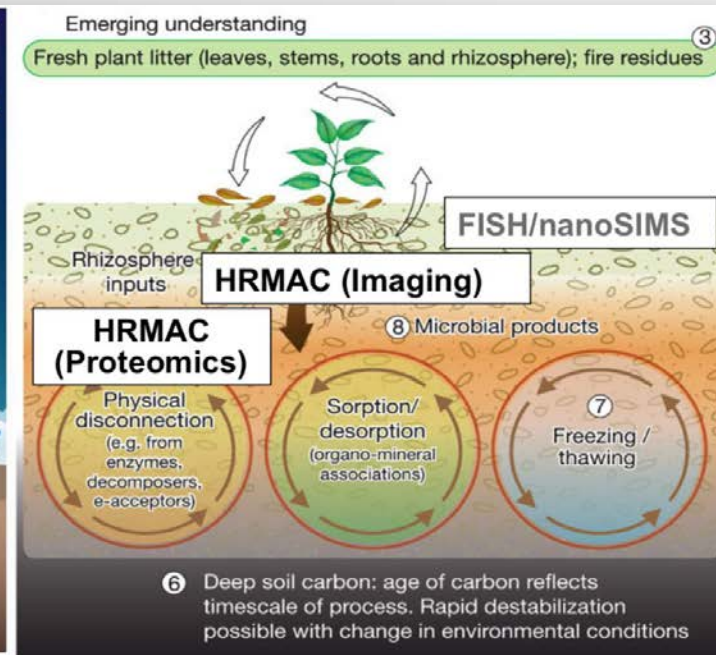
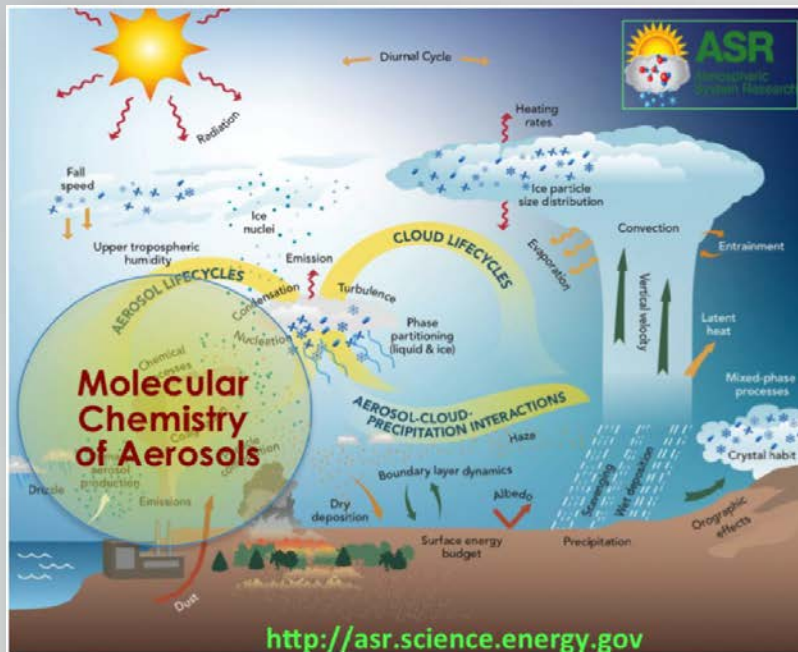
Potential science challenges for DTEM



- Unravel how weak organic acids mixed with sea salt modify particle properties related to climate and effect balance of oxidants in the atmosphere
- Discover the structure and function of multi-heme cytochromes and their cognate complex partners that facilitate electron transfer

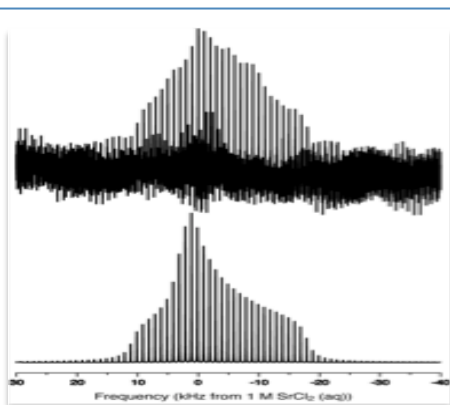


- Unraveling complex environmental and biological mixtures
- Linking genotype to phenotype to predict biosystem behavior
- Functional understanding of microbial metabolites
- Decoding the chemical language of bacteria, fungi and plants

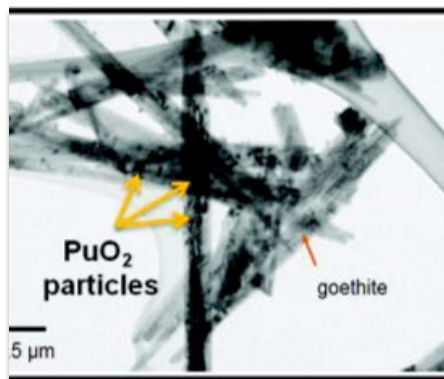


- Develop comprehensive molecular level profiles of aerosol composition and its variability and impacts
- Reveal molecular scale understanding of soil structure and heterogeneity thus linking processes with the biota

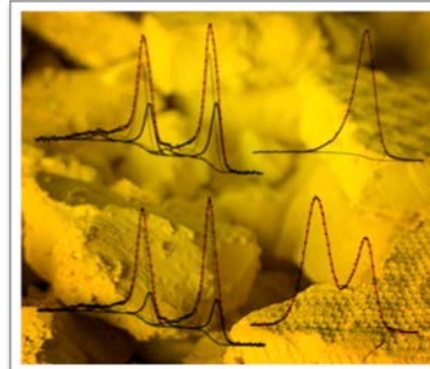
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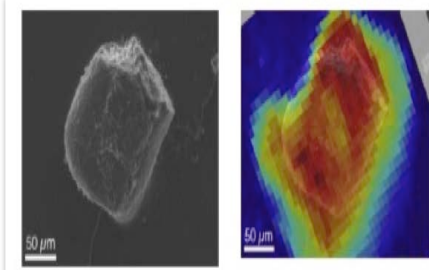
Magnetic resonance



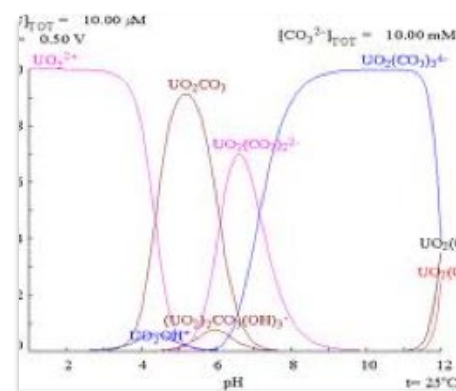
Microscopy



XPS

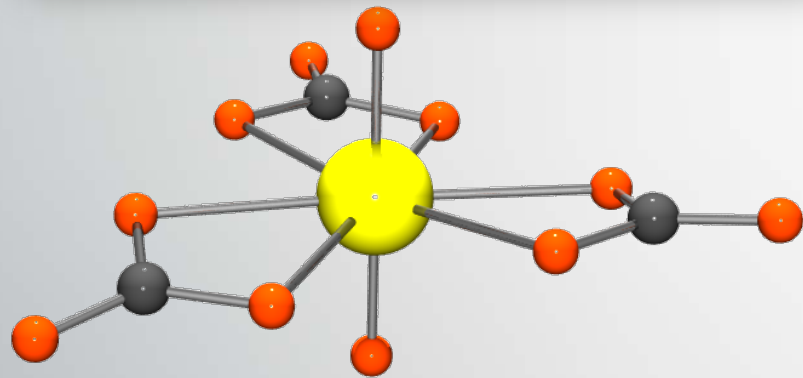
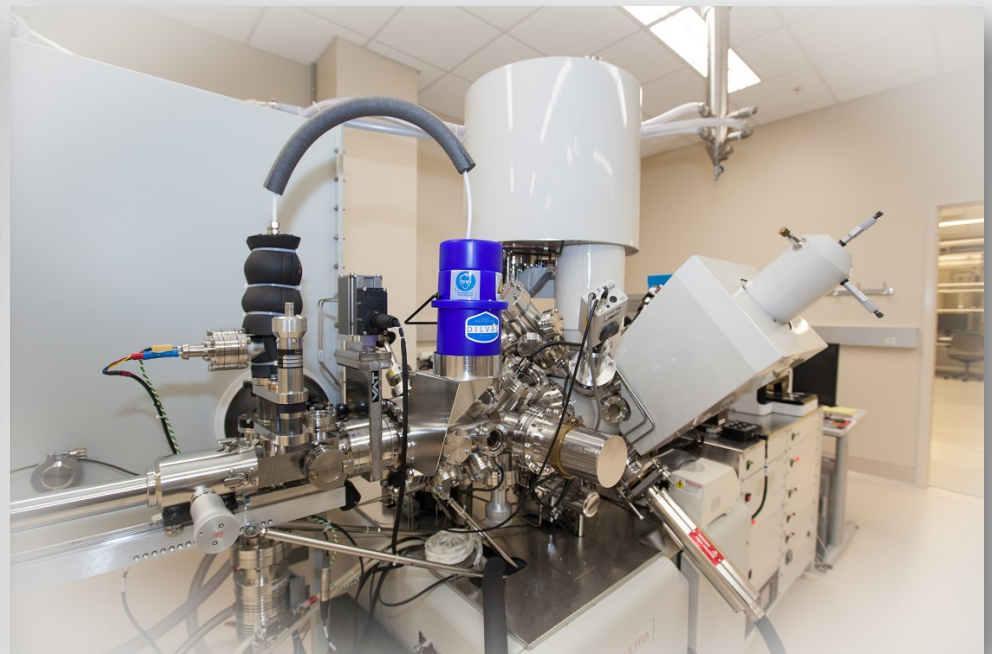
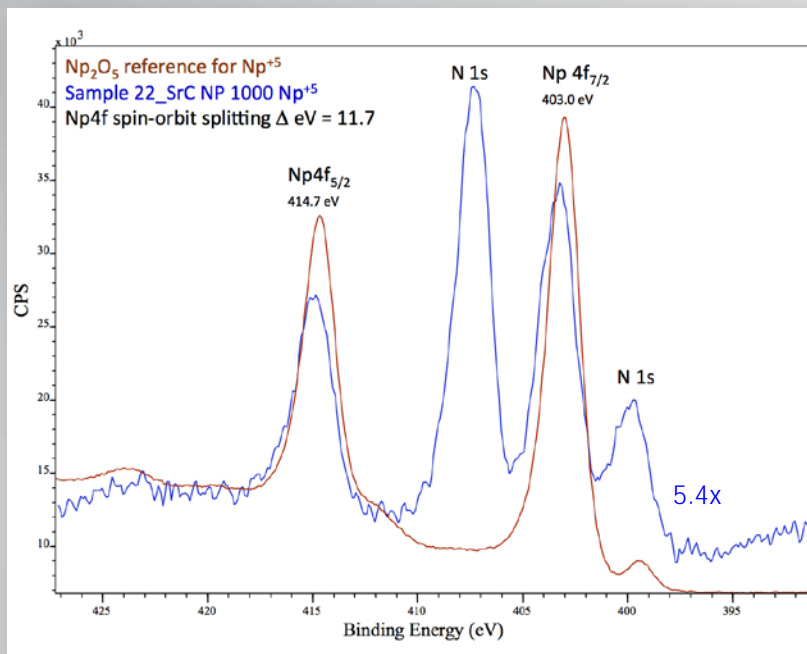


Electron microprobe



Analytical

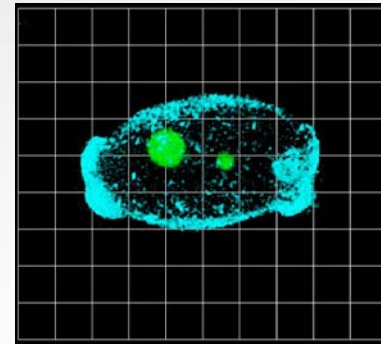
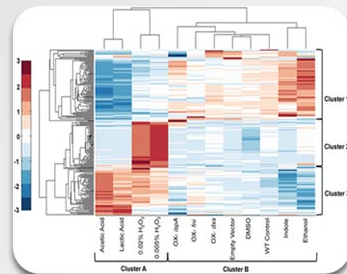
NpO₂⁺ Environmental Chemistry: Incorporation in low temperature secondary minerals



Users: Peter Burns (director) and Enrica Balboni, University of Notre Dame, Materials Science of Actinides EFRC

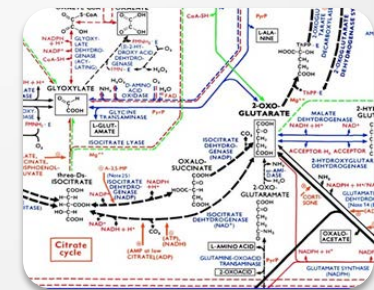
Understanding metabolism in space and time

Decipher metabolic networks and enable genetic engineering approaches: integrated omics

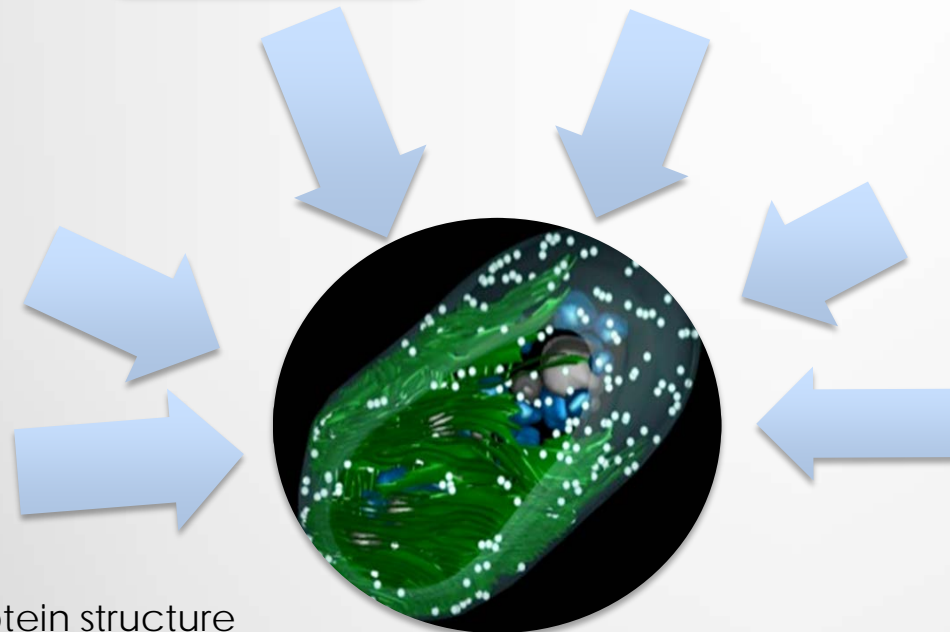


Visualization of biological compartments: SIM

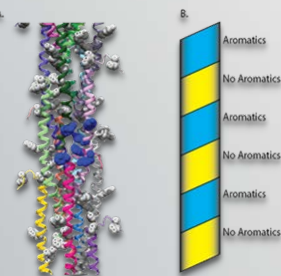
Visualization of ultra-structures and whole cell reconstruction: TEM



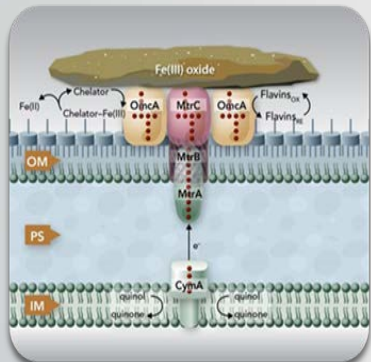
Model pathways: Modeling & simulation



Protein structure elucidation: NMR

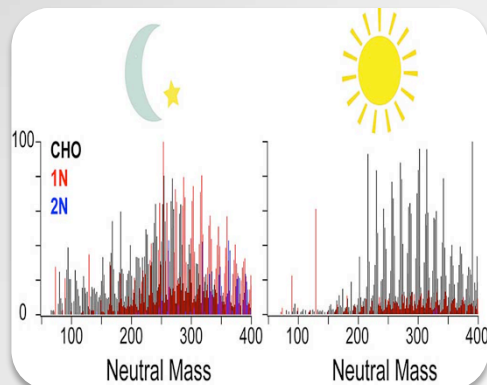


Observe protein complexes assemble and visualize conformational changes during the enzymatic process: DTEM

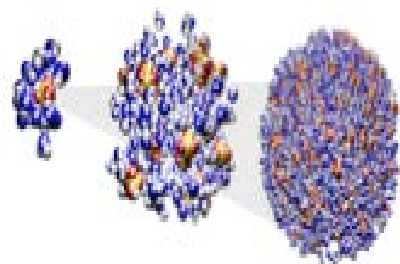
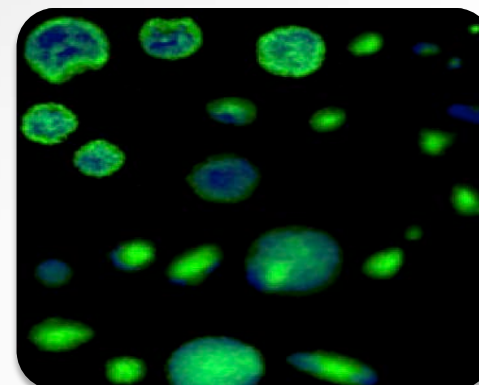


Understanding Dynamic Processes in Biogenic Organic Aerosols

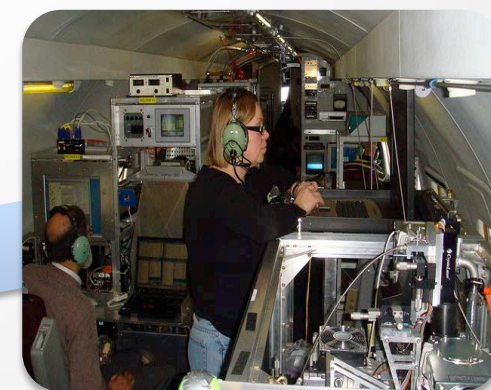
Source identification - MS



Particle composition and morphology - SEM



Optical properties; nucleation, photochemistry - computation



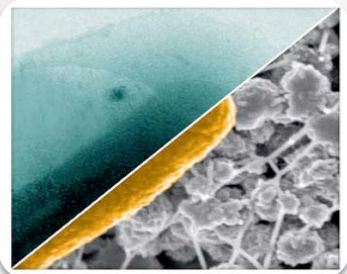
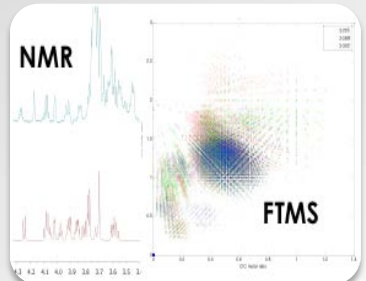
Field studies and *in situ* analysis

Understanding Soil Carbon Dynamics



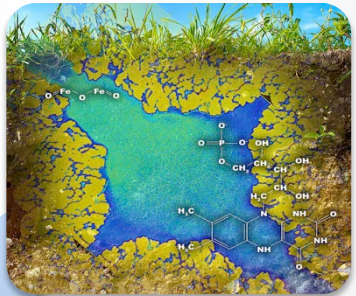
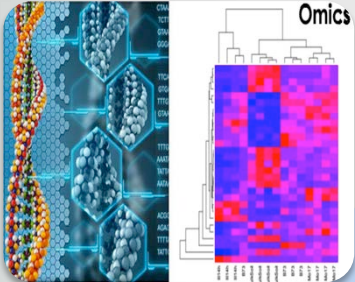
Organic matter characterization – NMR, MS

Geo and Biogeochemistry - Microscopy



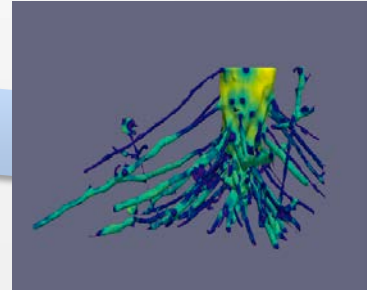
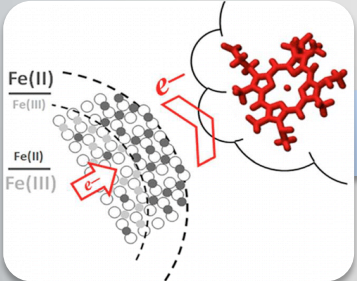
Microbial community characterization – MS, microscopy, JGI

Hydrology and pore scale dynamics – Microfluidics and simulation



Electron transfer - computation

Root structure – X-ray computed tomography



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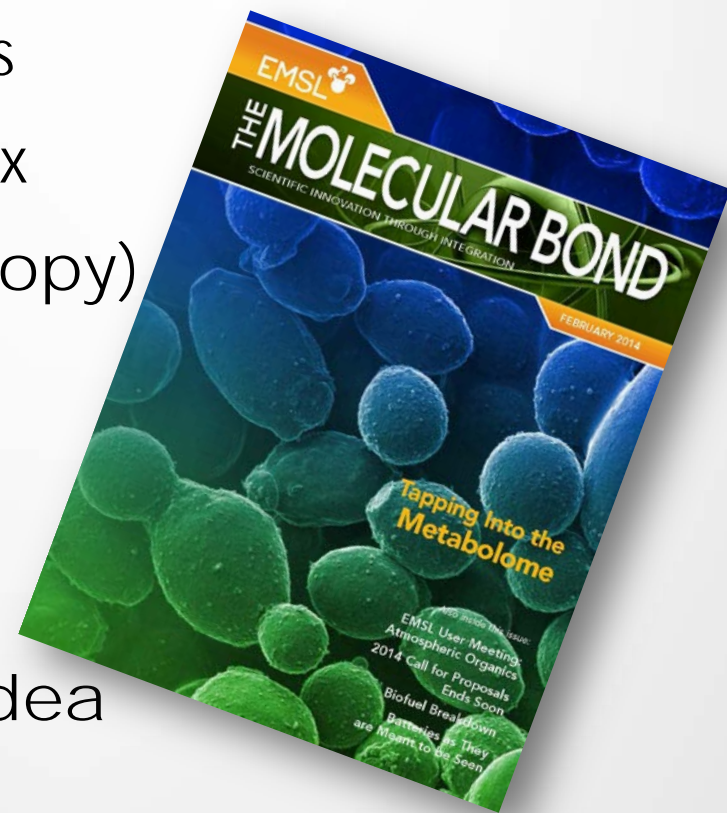
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Outreach highlights EMSL expertise, science and opportunities to targeted audiences

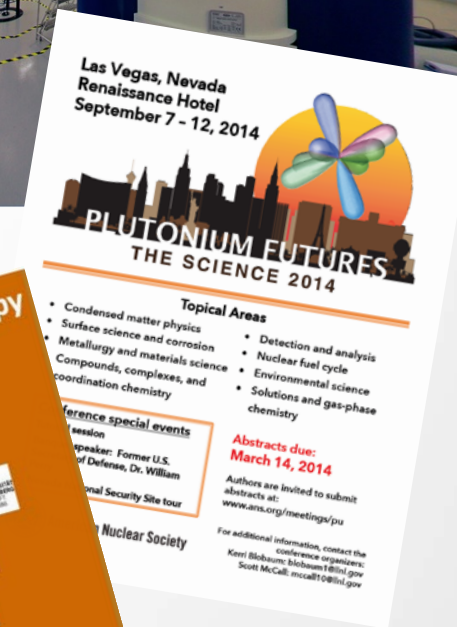
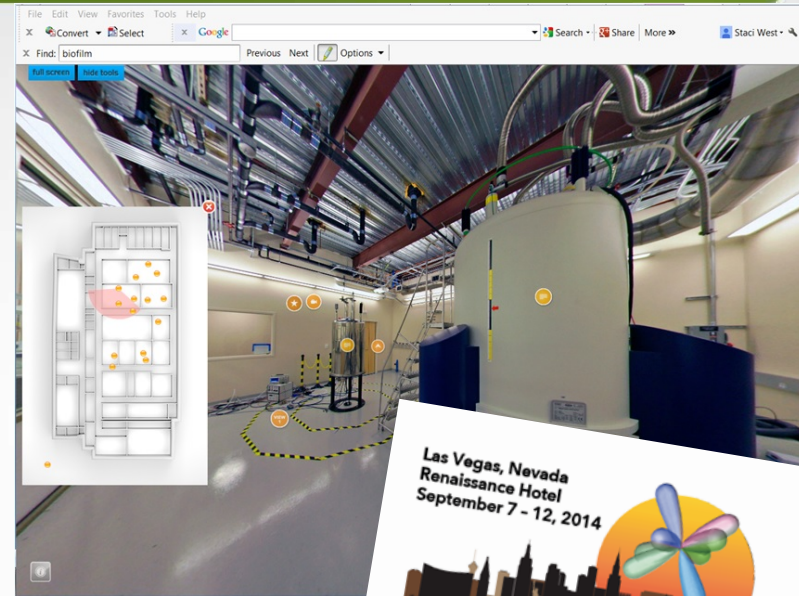


- Focused User meetings
 - FY13: Plants, microbes and their Interactions
 - FY14: Science of Atmospheric Organics
- Features highlight new capabilities
 - CENews: Radiochemistry Annex
 - DOE web: Quiet wing (microscopy)
- NUFO Congressional event
- Molecular Bond
- Inviting BER-funded PIs to EMSL
- Developing "EMSL Open House" idea

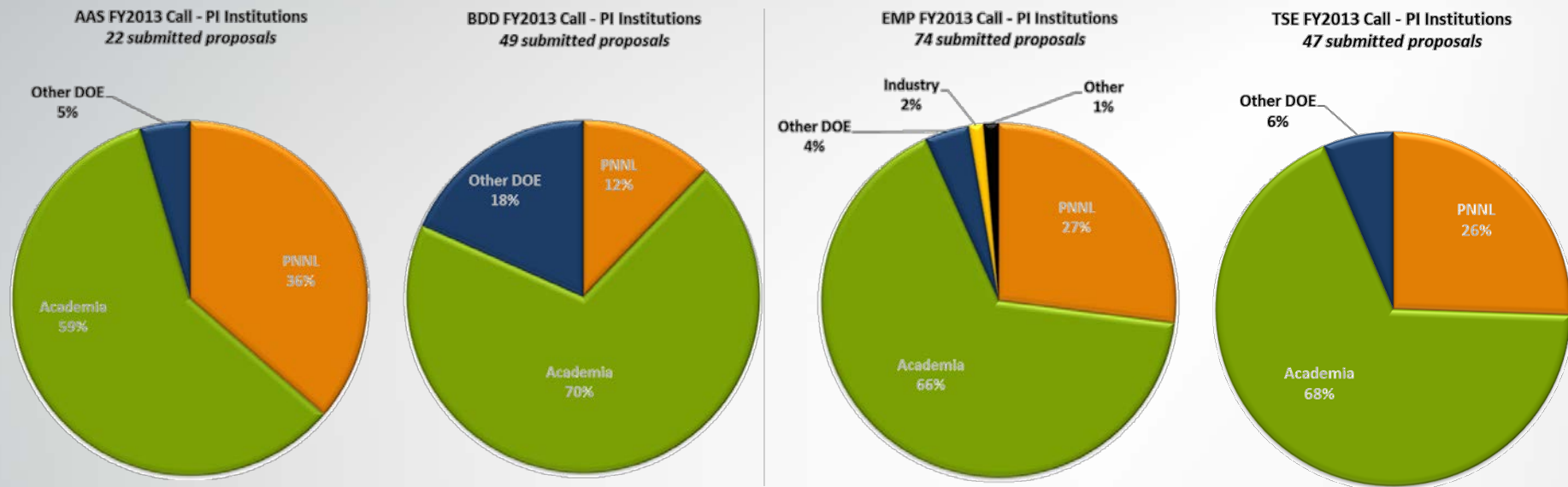


Reaching out to the radiochemistry community

- Developed virtual tour
- Invited to speak at Pu Futures meeting
- Part of Round Robin Test in Actinide Spectroscopy
- Meeting with EM program managers



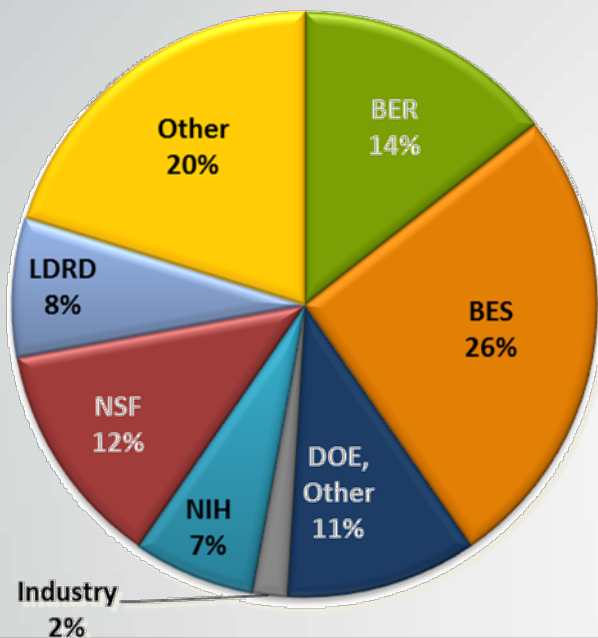
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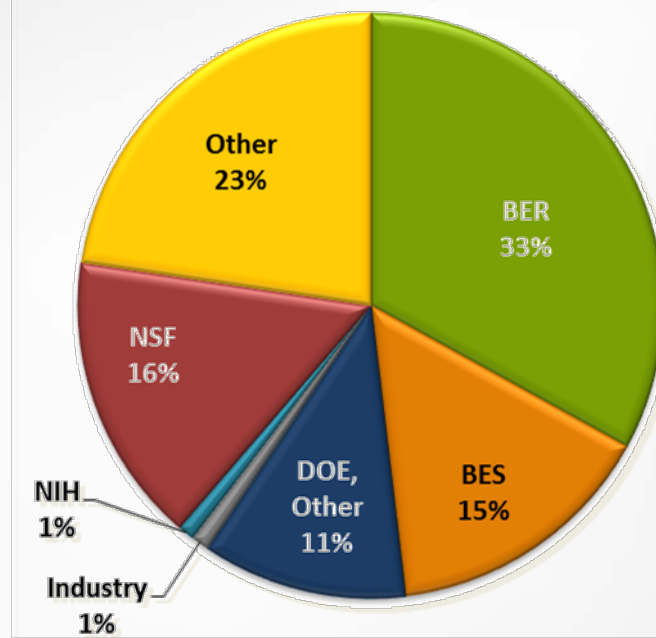
- Over ½ of the proposal teams were external to PNNL
- Almost ¼ of the teams were new to EMSL

Science Theme call was very successful in attracting BER-funded participants

FY2013 New Call Responder Projects
70 Distinct Projects



FY2014 New Call Responder Projects
78 Distinct Projects



Doubled the percentage of new BER-funded projects accepted to the call since FY13

Advisory Committees help shape EMSL strategy and operations



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Next meeting: June 3-5

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Next meeting: May 5

- Annual Science Theme call (closes 3/3/14)
- JGI-EMSL Collaborative Science call (closes 4/7/14)
 - ▶ Biogeochemistry
 - ▶ Carbon Cycling
 - ▶ Biofuels
- First Science
 - ▶ DTEM and HRMAC





- EMSL User meeting: May 6
- NUFO Annual Meeting: April 30-May 2
- Triennial Review: September 23-24



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