

# Online Collaboratory for NOM Research: Agent-based Simulations, Data-Mining, and Knowledge-Discovery

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# Overview

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# Background

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- Small NSF-ITR involving Computer Scientists and Environmental Scientists
- Focus: “Stochastic Synthesis: Simulating the environmental transformations of NOM”
- IT Focus: e-Science, Web-Based Science, Agent-Based Simulation, Data Mining

# E-Science Background

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- NSF Cyberinfrastructure Program
  - Sensor networks
  - Large amounts of data => discovery through datamining
  - Online linked data repositories
  - Online analysis programs: search, extraction, matching, simulation, visualizations, etc.

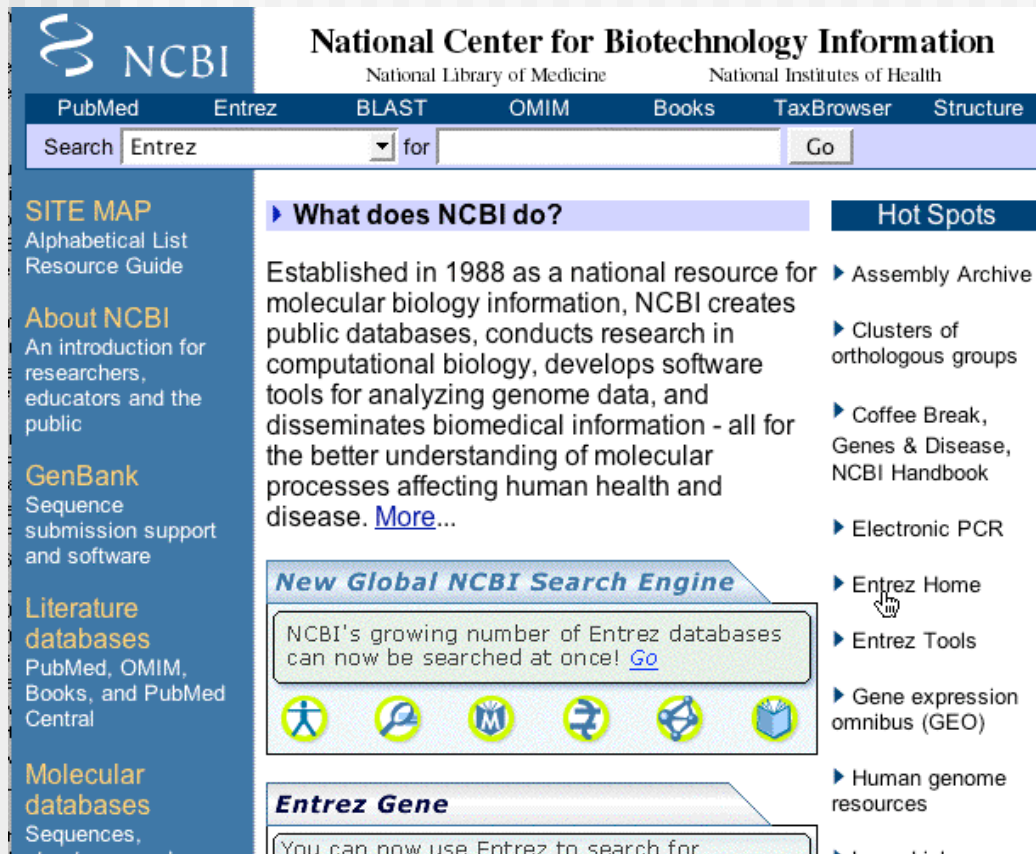
# E-Science Background (cont)

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- WWW Telescope
- Virtual Observatories
  - NASA Skyview
  - US National Virtual Observatory
  - International Virtual Observatory Alliance
- More and more research done without every using a telescope => use of distributed data already collected

# E-Science Background (cont)

## ■ NCBI (National Center for Biotechnology Information)



The screenshot shows the NCBI homepage with the following elements:

- Header:** NCBI logo, National Center for Biotechnology Information, National Library of Medicine, National Institutes of Health.
- Navigation:** PubMed, Entrez, BLAST, OMIM, Books, TaxBrowser, Structure.
- Search:** Search Entrez for [ ] Go
- SITE MAP:** Alphabetical List, Resource Guide.
- About NCBI:** An introduction for researchers, educators and the public.
- GenBank:** Sequence submission support and software.
- Literature databases:** PubMed, OMIM, Books, and PubMed Central.
- Molecular databases:** Sequences.
- What does NCBI do?:** Established in 1988 as a national resource for molecular biology information, NCBI creates public databases, conducts research in computational biology, develops software tools for analyzing genome data, and disseminates biomedical information - all for the better understanding of molecular processes affecting human health and disease. [More...](#)
- Hot Spots:**
  - Assembly Archive
  - Clusters of orthologous groups
  - Coffee Break, Genes & Disease, NCBI Handbook
  - Electronic PCR
  - Entrez Home
  - Entrez Tools
  - Gene expression omnibus (GEO)
  - Human genome resources
- New Global NCBI Search Engine:** NCBI's growing number of Entrez databases can now be searched at once! [Go](#)
- Entrez Gene:** You can now use Entrez to search for



The screenshot shows the 'About NCBI' page with the following elements:

- Header:** NCBI logo, About NCBI, National Center for Biotechnology Information.
- Navigation:** About NCBI, NCBI at a Glance, A Science Primer, Databases and Tools, Human Genome Resources, Model Organisms Guide, Outreach and Education, News.
- Content:**
  - NCBI at a Glance
  - A Science Primer
  - Databases and Tools
  - Human Genome Resources
  - Model Organisms Guide
  - Outreach and Education
  - News
- Visuals:** A blue DNA double helix graphic on the left, a circular graphic with DNA sequence letters (A, T, C, G) on the right, and a blue circular graphic with a globe and DNA sequence letters at the bottom right.
- Text:** About NCBI Site Map, NCBI News, Subscribe to NCBI-Announce.










Search across databases





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### Welcome to the new Entrez cross-database search page

 <b>PubMed:</b> biomedical literature citations and abstracts <a href="#">?</a>	 <b>Books:</b> online books <a href="#">?</a>
 <b>PubMed Central:</b> free, full text journal articles <a href="#">?</a>	 <b>OMIM:</b> online Mendelian Inheritance in Man <a href="#">?</a>
	 <b>Site Search:</b> NCBI web and FTP sites <a href="#">?</a>

 <b>Nucleotide:</b> sequence database (GenBank) <a href="#">?</a>	 <b>UniGene:</b> gene-oriented clusters of transcript sequences <a href="#">?</a>
 <b>Protein:</b> sequence database <a href="#">?</a>	 <b>CDD:</b> conserved protein domain database <a href="#">?</a>
 <b>Genome:</b> whole genome sequences <a href="#">?</a>	 <b>3D Domains:</b> domains from Entrez Structure <a href="#">?</a>
 <b>Structure:</b> three-dimensional macromolecular structures <a href="#">?</a>	 <b>UniSTS:</b> markers and mapping data <a href="#">?</a>
 <b>Taxonomy:</b> organisms in GenBank <a href="#">?</a>	 <b>PopSet:</b> population study data sets <a href="#">?</a>
 <b>SNP:</b> single nucleotide polymorphism <a href="#">?</a>	 <b>GEO Profiles:</b> expression and molecular abundance profiles <a href="#">?</a>
 <b>Gene:</b> gene-centered information <a href="#">?</a>	 <b>GEO DataSets:</b> experimental sets of GEO data <a href="#">?</a>
 <b>HomoloGene:</b> eukaryotic homology groups <a href="#">?</a>	 <b>Cancer Chromosomes:</b> cytogenetic databases <a href="#">?</a>
 <b>PubChem Compound:</b> small molecule chemical structures <a href="#">?</a>	 <b>PubChem BioAssay:</b> bioactivity screens of chemical substances <a href="#">?</a>
 <b>PubChem Substance:</b> chemical substances screened for bioactivity <a href="#">?</a>	 <b>GENSAT:</b> gene expression atlas of mouse central nervous system <a href="#">?</a>



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## About BLAST

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- Mailing list
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- NCBI Contributors

## BLAST Services

- FAQs
- Program selection guide
- Web service interface

## BLAST Software

- Databases
- Documentation
- Errata
- Executables
- Source code

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## Nucleotide

- Quickly search for highly similar sequences ([megablast](#))
- Quickly search for divergent sequences ([discontiguous megablast](#))
- Nucleotide-nucleotide BLAST ([blastn](#))
- Search for short, nearly exact matches
- Search trace archives with [megablast](#) or [discontiguous megablast](#)

## Translated

- Translated query vs. protein database ([blastx](#))
- Protein query vs. translated database ([tblastn](#))
- Translated query vs. translated database ([tblastx](#))

## Special

- Search for gene expression data ([GEO BLAST](#))
- Align two sequences ([bl2seq](#))
- Screen for vector contamination ([VecScreen](#))
- Immunoglobulin BLAST ([IgBlast](#))
- SNP BLAST **NEW**

## Protein

- Protein-protein BLAST ([blastp](#))
- PHI- and PSI-BLAST
- Search for short, nearly exact matches
- Search the conserved domain database ([rpsblast](#))
- Search by domain architecture ([cdart](#))

## Genomes

- Chicken, cow, pig, dog, sheep, cat
- Environmental samples
- Human, mouse, rat
- Fugu rubripes, zebrafish
- Insects, nematodes, plants, fungi, malaria
- Microbial genomes, other eukaryotic genomes

## Meta

- Retrieve results by RID



# Model Organism e-Science Sites

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- FlyBase: Drosophila
- WormBase: C. elegans
- VectorBase: Mosquitos
- Mouse Genome
- DictyBase
- Etc.
- So many => GMOD

# Questions?

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- Has this research community begun to participate in the e-Science initiatives?
- Would this community benefit from e-Science initiatives?
- Is this community interested in an e-Science initiatives?
- Is this community willing to experiment?

# The NOM e-Science Collaboratory

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- Web-based
- Back-end database
- A cluster of simulation servers
- Shared simulation results
- Shared simulation configurations
- Other collaboratory features

# Stochastic Synthesis: Simulating the Environmental Transformations of Natural Organic Matter

[\(Project Overview - slides\)](#)

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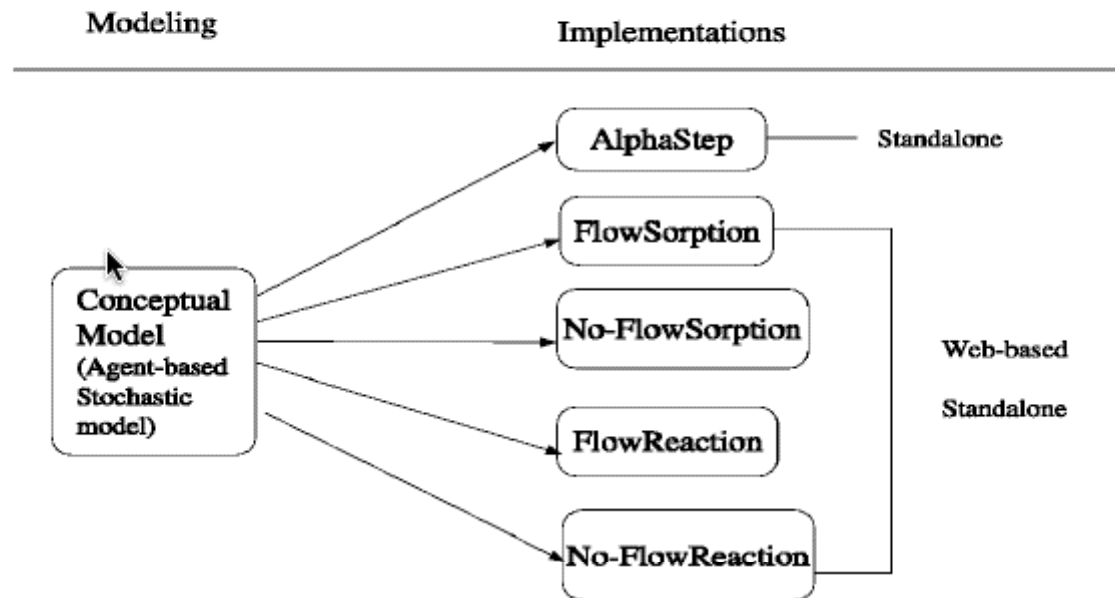
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<http://www.nd.edu/~nom>



# Nom Simulators

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## AlphaStep

AlphaStep is a reference implementation that is coded in Delphi 6 and runs under Windows. It is a demonstration of the NOM conceptual model that doesn't have web and collaboration features. AlphaStep simulates a variety of chemical and biological transformations, but does not simulate any type of transport and does not represent the spatial properties of NOM. AlphaStep is intended as a stand-alone application to allow ecologists, geochemists and environmental scientists to explore possible routes of NOM transformation. AlphaStep can be downloaded below:

- [AlphaStep.exe](#) (version 12/2003)
- [AlphaStep Users Guide](#)
- [AlphaStep FAQ](#)

## Web-Based Simulations

The other four implementations are coded using Java programming language (Sun JDK 1.4.2) and Swarm and Repast software. Swarm is a software package for simulating complex systems that was developed at the Santa Fe Institute. It is a set of libraries that

Software download/online

Simulation HomePage: <http://tobit.cse.nd.edu/>

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### Available simulation models:

#### SorptionFlowModel

This is the sorption flow model.  
Administrator can update the description with detailed information

[>New simulation](#)

#### SorptionBatchModel

This is the sorption batch model

[>New simulation](#)

#### ReactionFlowModel

This is the reaction flow model

[>New simulation](#)

#### ReactionBatchModel

This is the reaction batch model

[>New simulation](#)

**Welcome** to  
NOM Simulation, where we can offer  
scientists convenient online simulations  
of natural organic matter (NOM).

**We use the state-of-the-art  
agent-based stochastic simulation  
methods to model the behavior of  
natural organic matter.**

**These simulations also employ  
autonomic computing technology  
for self-management.**

**Please refer to the [project home page](#)  
for more information.**

#### Existing Users

Enter your username/ password here

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# Reaction Batch Model

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http://tobit.cse.nd.edu/nom5/newsim.do?modelName=Reacti

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**Welcome Greg Madey to NOM Simulation**

Introduction Environment Molecules Confirmation

Welcome to the ReactionBatchModel simulation. This wizard will guide you to provide inputs for the new simulation. A new simulation ID will be used to identify your new simulation. Do you want to continue?

step 1 of 4

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A new simulation ID 3610 has been assigned to identify your new ReactionBatchModel simulation. In this page, you need to specify environmental parameters for your simulation.

## Physical/Chemical Conditions:

pH	<input type="text"/>	I (E m <sup>-2</sup> )	<input type="text"/>
O <sub>2</sub> (mM)	<input type="text"/>	Celsius T	<input type="text"/>
Water	<input type="text"/>		

## Bacterial Conditions:

Bacterial Density	<input type="text"/>	Protease	<input type="text"/>
Oxidase	<input type="text"/>	Decarboxylase	<input type="text"/>

## Batch Information:

Simulation Time (hours)	<input type="text"/>	Time Step (hours: delta-T)	<input type="text"/>
Sample Interval (steps)	<input type="text"/>	Random Seed	<input type="text"/>

Step 2 of 4



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You have provided environment parameters for your new simulation in previous page. In this page, you need to specify molecules and their percentages. To create a new molecule type, press the **Create** button. To see the definition of a molecule type, move your mouse over the corresponding . Remember, your simulation ID is 3610.

Select	Molecule Type ID	Molecule Name	Percentage
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	13	Cellulose	100
<input type="checkbox"/>	14	Lignin	
<input type="checkbox"/>	15	Protein	
<input type="checkbox"/>	17	Zero	
<input type="checkbox"/>	25	Cellulose2	
<input type="checkbox"/>	26	Lignin2	
<input type="checkbox"/>	27	Protein2	
<input type="checkbox"/>	28	Greg	
<input type="checkbox"/>	44	Terpene2	

Note: Click a checkbox and the focus will automatically move to the corresponding text field for percentage. The text field is not editable if the corresponding checkbox is not checked. Uncheck a checkbox will make the corresponding text field empty. The sum of the percentages must be exactly 100.

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You have specified all necessary inputs for your new **ReactionBatchModel** simulation with ID 3610. Please press the finish button to confirm your submission. If you want to cancel your simulation, press the cancel button.

[Cancel](#) step 4 of 4 [Finish](#)

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Dear Greg Madey:

Your new **ReactionBatchModel** simulation with simulation ID **3610** has been submitted at **02/24/2005 01:19:37**. Please save the simulation ID and check back again.

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## Simulation Inputs

### Environment Parameters for ReactionBatchModel

	Ph	I	O2	CelsiusT	Water	BacterialDensity	Protease	Oxidase	Decarboxylase	ReactionTime	DeltaT	SampleInterval	UseSeed	S
3603	7	0.0001	0.0001	298	1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	1000.25	0.25	1	1	

### Molecule Parameters for ReactionBatchModel

SimulationId	MoleculeId	Name	Percentage	C	H	N	O	S	P	Doublebond	Rings	Phenyl	Alcohols	Phenols	Ethers	Esters	Ketones	A
3603	25	Cellulose2	34	360	602	0	301	0	0	0	60	0	182	0	119	0	0	
3603	26	Lignin2	33	400	402	0	81	0	0	160	40	40	2	1	79	0	0	
3603	27	Protein2	33	240	382	60	76	0	0	15	5	5	10	0	0	0	0	

## Simulation Reports

### Graphical Reports: Built by JFreeChart

[Go to the graphical reports page](#)

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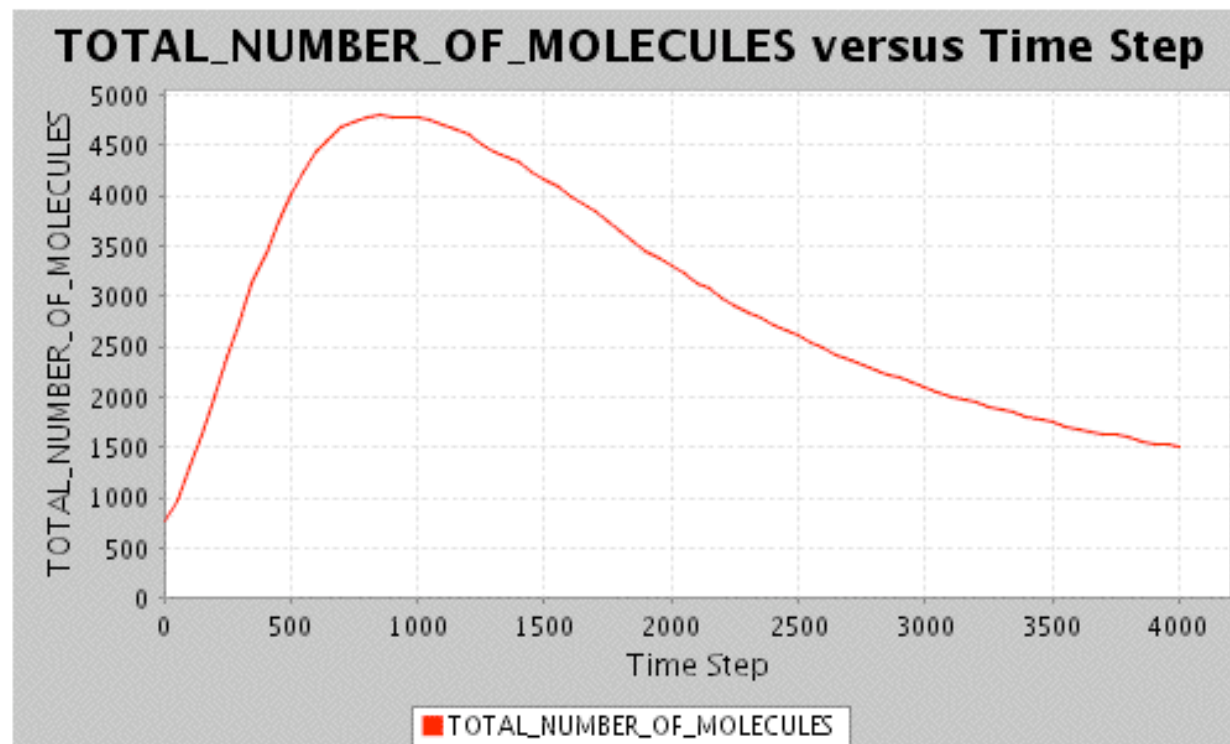
Please choose a report name, specify sample interval and click the Get Report button. For response, sample interval should be reasonably large.

TOTAL\_NUMBER\_OF\_MOLECULES vs TimeStep ▾

Sample Interval: 50

**Get Report**

Here comes the Report:





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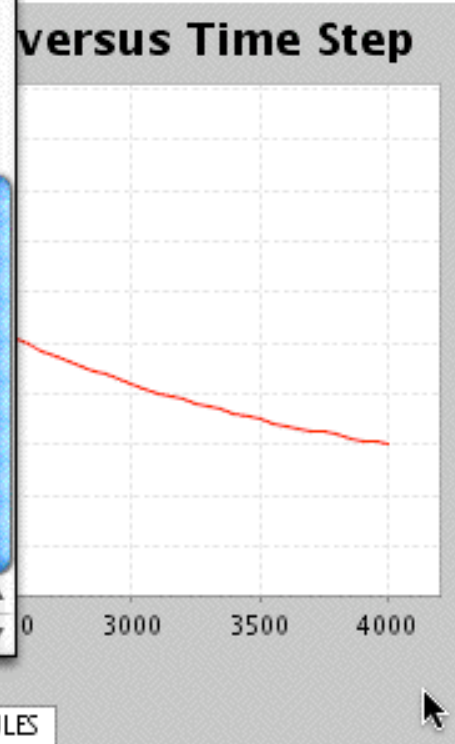
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TOTAL\_NUMBER\_OF\_MOLECULES vs TimeStep

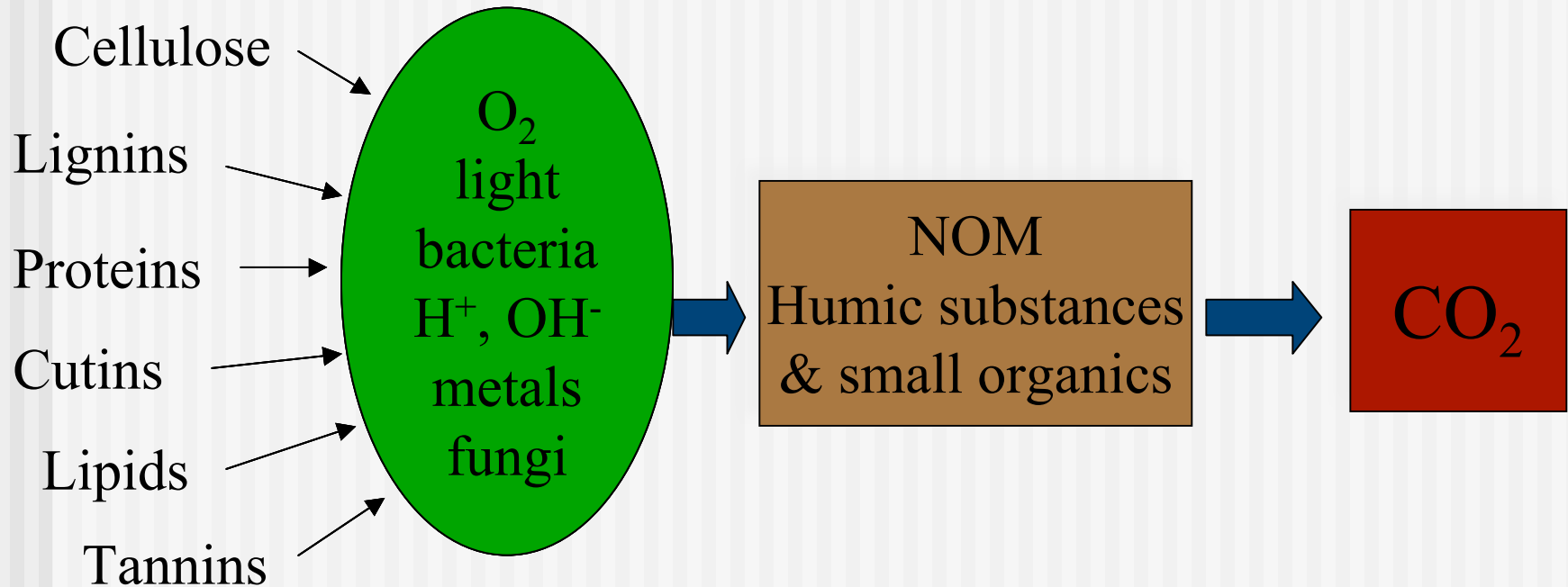
Sample Interval:

[Get Report](#)

- TOTAL\_MASS\_S vs TimeStep
- TOTAL\_MASS\_P vs TimeStep
- PERCENT\_C vs TimeStep
- PERCENT\_H vs TimeStep
- PERCENT\_N vs TimeStep
- PERCENT\_O vs TimeStep
- PERCENT\_S vs TimeStep
- PERCENT\_P vs TimeStep
- ESTER\_CONDENSATION vs TimeStep
- ESTER\_HYDROLYSIS vs TimeStep
- AMIDE\_HYDROLYSIS vs TimeStep
- MICROBIAL\_UPTAKE vs TimeStep
- DEHYDRATION vs TimeStep
- CC\_STRONG\_OXIDATION vs TimeStep
- CC\_WEAK\_OXIDATION vs TimeStep
- ALCOHOL\_OXIDATION vs TimeStep
- ALDEHYDE\_OXIDATION vs TimeStep
- DECARBOXYLATION vs TimeStep
- HYDRATION vs TimeStep
- ALDOL\_CONDENSATION vs TimeStep



# Agent-Based Modeling of NOM



Goal: A widely available, testable, mechanistic model of NOM evolution in the environment.

# Data model

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**Pseudo-Molecule**

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graph TD; A[Pseudo-Molecule] --> B[Elemental Functional Structural Composition]; A --> C[Calculated Chemical Properties and Reactivity]; A --> D[Location Origin State];
```

**Elemental  
Functional  
Structural  
*Composition***

**Calculated  
Chemical  
Properties  
and *Reactivity***

**Location  
Origin  
State**

# Environmental Parameters

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**Physical:**  
**Temperature**  
**Light Intensity**

**Biological:**  
**Bacterial Density**  
**Oxidase Activity**  
**Protease Activity**  
**Decarboxylase Activity**

**Chemical:**  
**Water**  
**pH**  
**[O<sub>2</sub>]**

## Invitation to Test, Contribute, Participate

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- [HTTP://www.nd.edu/~nom/](http://www.nd.edu/~nom/)
- [HTTP://tobit.cse.nd.edu/](http://tobit.cse.nd.edu/)



# Summary

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- Growing phenomenon of e-Science based research
- One small “environmental science” e-Science site: <http://tobit.cse.nd.edu>
- Invitation to test, download, evaluate, contribute, build your own, etc.
- Description of Agent-based NOM Simulator (downloadable and online) by Steve Cabaniss next!