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Synthesis of Enantiopure Building Blocks for Biologically Active Compounds by Enzyme Catalysis

Optimization of reaction conditions for
increased enantioselectivity and activity

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Agenda lecture 1

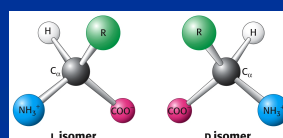
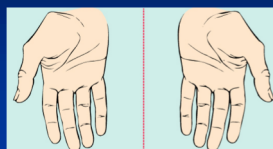
- Chirality and enantiopurity of molecules
- Need for enantiopure biologically active compounds
- Biocatalysis in industry
- Theory of biocatalysis
- Enzyme catalyzed kinetic resolutions of secondary alcohols and halohydrins
- Improvement of enantioselectivity
- Enantioselective enzyme inhibition
- Asymmetrization of prochiral diesters

Chiral Nature and chiral molecules

Cheir: Greek for hand

Hands are mirror images of each other but not alike

A molecule with a **C-atom** (other atoms also) with 4 different groups is chiral. It exists as two different forms: **enantiomers**.



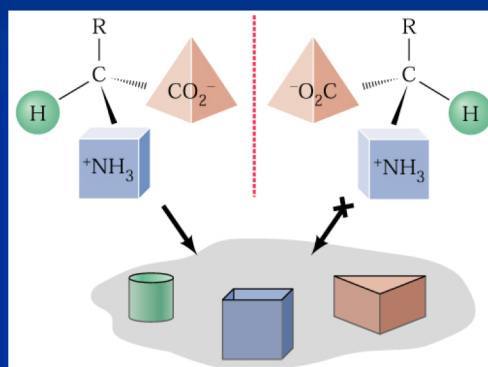
Enantiopure: Only one of the enantiomers, %ee 99

The American Food and Drug Administration (FDA) considers the wrong enantiomer as an impurity and demands for pure enantiomers as marketed drugs, not racemates

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Enantiomers interact differently with other chiral molecules (F. inst. enzymes, receptors)



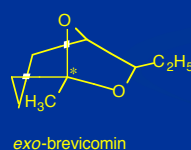
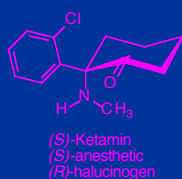
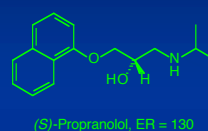
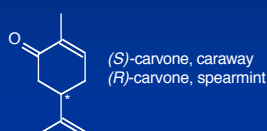
Proteines are made up of 20 amino acids, 19 are chiral

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Significance of chirality for biological activity

Eudismic ratio (ER): Ratio of the one enantiomer more active than the other



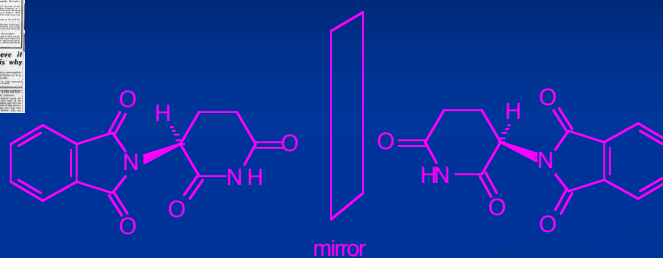
(1R, 5S, 7R)-exo-Brevicomin is produced by females of the pine beetle *Dendroctonus brevicomis* as male attractant

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Thalidomide



(S)-enantiomer of thalidomide

(R)-enantiomer of thalidomide

Racemic Thalidomide- 50 % of each- was used as a sedative by pregnant women in the 1960's. The (S)-enantiomer caused the deformed babies.

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Top 10 medicines in Norway 2006

Rank 2006 (2005)	Medicine (Single enantiomer)	Molecule	Sales Mill. NOK	Main indication
1 (2)	Enbrel	Etanercept (TNF Fusion protein)	329	Rheumatoid arthritis
2 (1)	Lipitor	Atorvastatin	278	High cholesterol
3 (4)	Nexium	Esomeprazole	253	Gastric ulcer
4(3)	Seretide	Salmeterol & Fluticasone	252	Asthma
5 (5)	Remicade	Infliximab (Immunoglobulin G)	196	Rheumatoid arthritis Psoriasis
6 (6)	Zyprexa	Olanzapin	153	Schizophrenia
7 (7)	Symbicort	Formoterol & Budesonid	141	Asthma
8 (15)	Humira	Adalimumab (Immunoglobulin G1)	125	Rheumatoid arthritis
9 (8)	Cozaar Comp	Lozartan & diurethica	121	High blood pressure
10 (9)	Metroprolol	Metroprolol (sold as racemate)	121	High blood pressure

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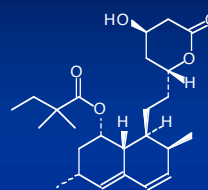
The Norwegian Association of Pharmaceutical Manufacturers - LMI

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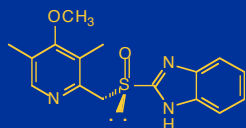
Chiral medicines marketed as pure enantiomers



Lipitor® active molecule atorvastatin



Zocor® active molecule simvastatin



Nexium® active molecule esomeprazole

Single enantiomer compounds are preferred by FDA because they exhibit lower toxicity and higher efficacy. For pharmaceutical industry this may facilitate patent life extensions. However, higher manufacturing costs may occur.

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Synmax

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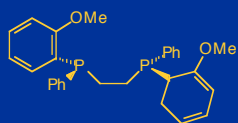
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How to provide enantiopure molecules? (Achiral synthesis gives both enantiomers)

1. Chiral natural products:
-carbohydrates, terpenoids,
hydroxy acids, alkaloids..

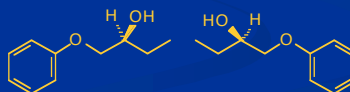


(S)-Phenylalanine



(R,R)-DIPAMP

2. Asymmetric synthesis: -chirality
from substrate, chiral auxilliary,
reagent or catalyst



rac-1-phenoxy-2-butanol

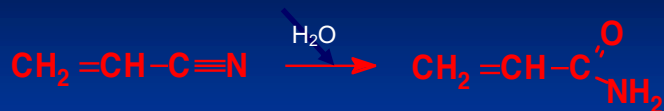
3. Resolution of racemate:
-via diastereomeric
derivatives or kinetic

Why Biocatalysis ?

- Enzymes are **chiral** molecules!
 - Selectivity
 - chemo
 - regio
 - stereo
- Both **asymmetric synthesis** and **resolution**
 - Taylor made new enzyme catalysts
 - Green Chemistry**



Industrial acrylamide process

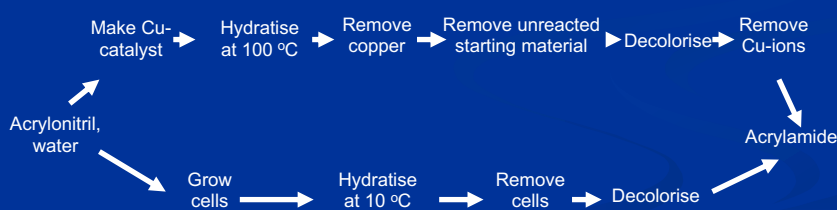


Non-biological process: Difficult, Cu catalysis, not pure product

Whole cells from *Brevibacterium*, *Pseudomonas*, *Rhodococcus*

Pure product, > 99% yield., Nitto Japan > 30 000 tonnes/year

Traditional process



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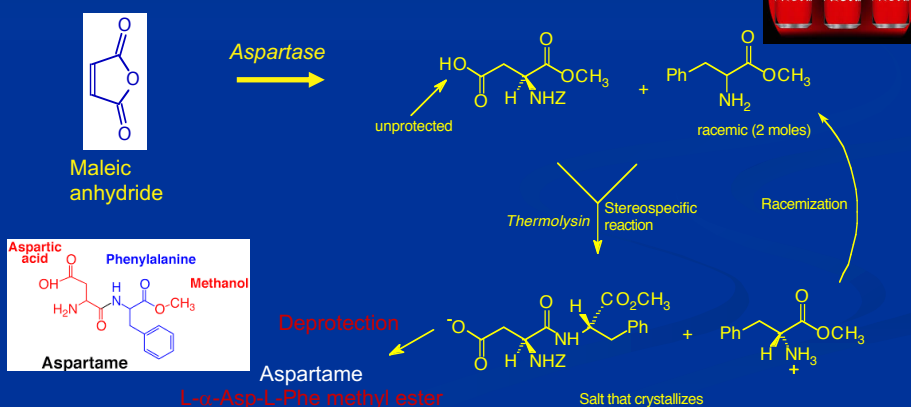
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Biocatalytic process for Aspartame

150-200 sweeter than sucrose, discovered by Searle 1965, approved by FDA 1981, US patent (NutraSweet) expired 1992. Prod. by **Holland Sweetener Company**

4 Stereoisomers, only one is sweet, the others are bitter



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Resolution or asymmetric synthesis?

Asymmetric synthesis

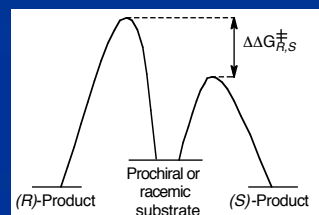
Substrate: prochiral or meso-compound

May give 100% yield and 100% ee,
but is it the right enantiomer?

Enantiomeric excess independent
of degree of conversion

$$\Delta\Delta G^\ddagger = -RT \ln k_R/k_S, \text{ F. inst.} = 7.3 \text{ kJ/mol},$$

$$k_R/k_S = 19 = 95/5, \text{ ee} = 90 \%$$



Kinetic resolution

Substrate: racemic mixture

Maximum 50% of each enantiomer

Enantiomeric excess depends on degree of conversion

$$\Delta\Delta G^\ddagger = -RT \ln E, \text{ F. inst.} = 7.3 \text{ kJ/mol}, E = 19$$

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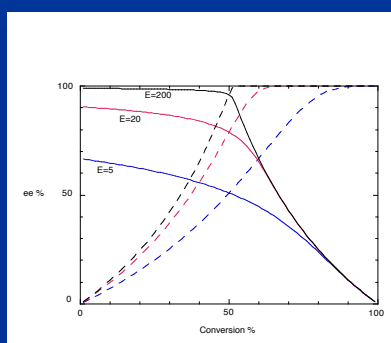
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Kinetic resolution Enantiomeric Ratio, E

E : Ratio of the specificity constants (k_{cat}/K_M) of the enzyme for the two enantiomers

An E -value of 50: One enantiomer reacts 50 times faster than the other

ee = enantiomeric
excess



$$\Delta\Delta G^\ddagger = -RT \ln E$$

Calculation of E :

$$E = \frac{\ln \left[\frac{ee_p(1 - ee_s)}{ee_p + ee_s} \right]}{\ln \left[\frac{ee_p(1 + ee_s)}{ee_p + ee_s} \right]}$$

At the start of the reaction $ee_s = 0$, $ee_p = 90 \%$ (i.e. 95 : 5, 19 : 1, $E = 19$)

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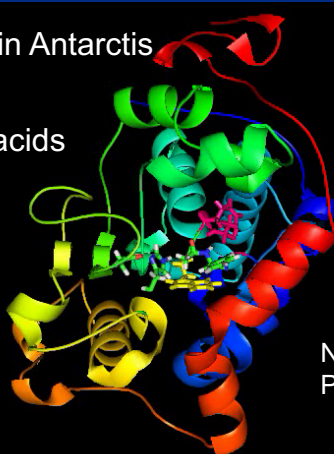
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Lipase B from *Candida antarctica*

Fungus found in Antarctica

317 amino acids

33 kD



Novozym 435
Immobilized on resin

Novozym 525 F
Pure protein

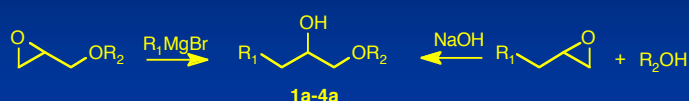
Novozym CALB L
Pure protein in water

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Secondary alcohols and halohydrins

Synthesis of racemic substrates for kinetic resolutions



- 1a** $\text{R}_1 = \text{CH}_3, \text{R}_2 = \text{Ph}$
2a $\text{R}_1 = \text{CH}_2\text{CH}_3, \text{R}_2 = \text{Ph}$
3a $\text{R}_1 = \text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_3, \text{R}_2 = \text{Ph}$
4a $\text{R}_1 = \text{CH}_3, \text{R}_2 = \text{CH}_2\text{Ph}$

Yields: 24-50 %
Purity: 96-100 %



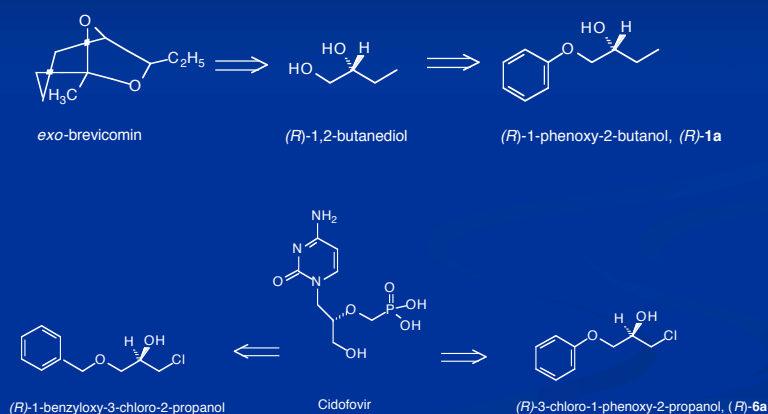
- 5a** $\text{R}_1 = \text{Br}, \text{R}_2 = \text{Ph}$
6a $\text{R}_1 = \text{Cl}, \text{R}_2 = \text{Ph}$

Yields: 85 %
Purity: 99 %

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Building blocks for pheromones and pharmaceuticals

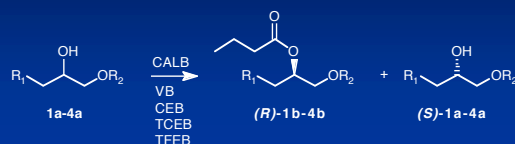


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Transesterification reactions of 1a-4a

Effect of acyl donor on *E* and *K_{eq}*



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 2a $R_1 = \text{CH}_2\text{CH}_3$, $R_2 = \text{Ph}$
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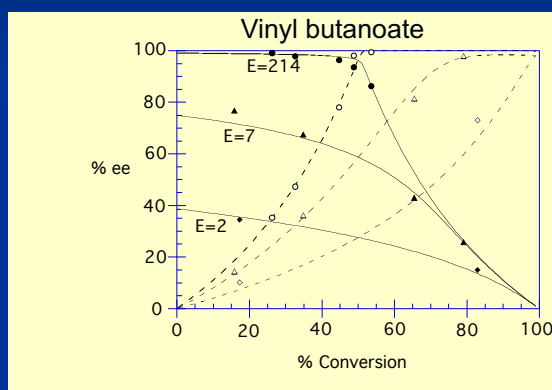
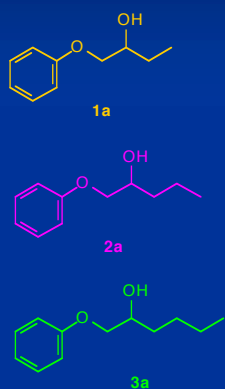
Substrate								
	<i>E</i>	<i>K_{eq}</i>	<i>E</i>	<i>K_{eq}</i>	<i>E</i>	<i>K_{eq}</i>	<i>E</i>	<i>K_{eq}</i>
1a	214	>10000	245	0.27	293	4.79	233	5.72
2a	7	>10000	21	0.63	31	6.35	40	>10000
3a	2	>10000	1.7	1.02	2.1	>1000	2.5	0.40
4a	13	>10000	84	0.41	106	6.59	128	3.33

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Effect of substrate structure on *E*

Small group



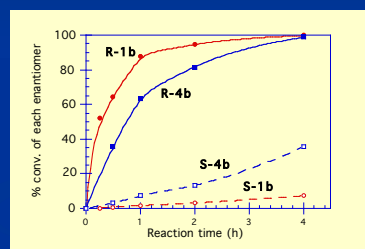
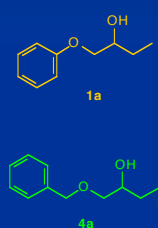
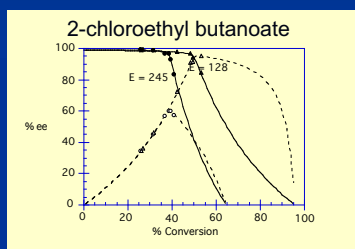
Number of carbons (size) of small group affect selectivity

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Effect of substrate structure on *E*

Large group



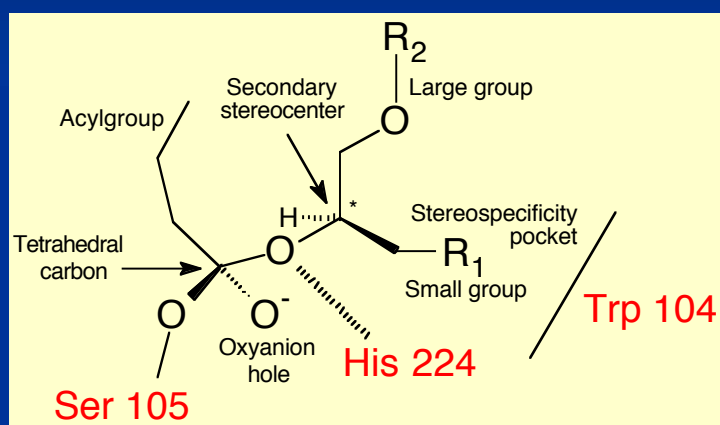
The slow enantiomer of **4a** reacts faster
The fast enantiomer reacts slower; *E* decreases

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Detailed view of substrate binding

Faster reacting enantiomer of butanoate of derivative of 1,2-diol



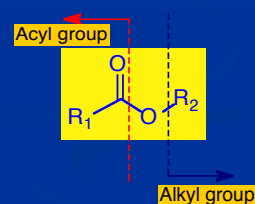
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Ways to Improve Selectivity

- The catalyst
New enzyme, engineered enzyme, new microorganism, immobilization
- The acyl donor
The starting ester in organic media, acyl or alkyl group
- The substrate
Protecting groups
- The medium
Solvent, mixture of solvents, water activity of organic media
- The cofactor
In microbial red-ox reactions

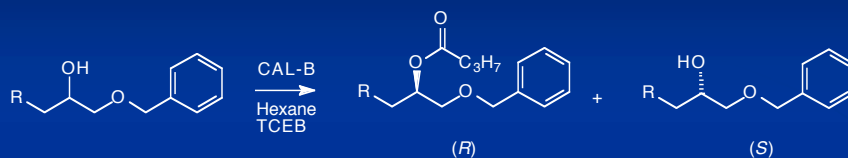


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Effect of substrate structure on *E*

Halogens in small group



Substrate	R	E
1-benzyloxy-2-propanol	-H*	3
1-benzyloxy-3-bromo-2-propanol	-Br*	9
1-benzyloxy-3-fluoro-2-propanol	-F*	6
1-benzyloxy-3-chloro-2-propanol	-Cl*	15
1-benzyloxy-2-butanol, 4a	-CH ₃	106

Electronegative properties of small group affect selectivity

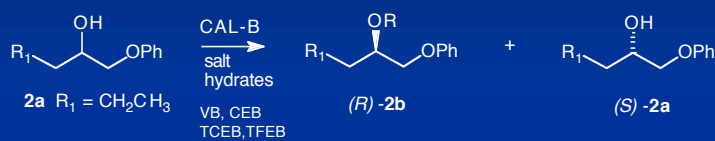
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Improving enantioselectivity I

The water activity (a_w) in hexane



Acyl donor	$a_w \approx 0$	$a_w = 0.18$	$a_w = 0.39$	$a_w = 0.65$
VB	7	12	15	16
CEB	21	20	17	Rx. stopped
TCEB	31	30	32	9
TFEB	40	23	19	Rx. stopped

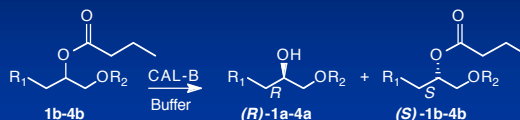
Increased *E* by increased a_w in resolution of **2a** with VB in hexane

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Improving enantioselectivity II

Hydrolysis of ester in buffer



1b $R_1 = \text{CH}_3$, $R_2 = \text{Ph}$
 2b $R_1 = \text{CH}_2\text{CH}_3$, $R_2 = \text{Ph}$
 3b $R_1 = \text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_3$, $R_2 = \text{Ph}$
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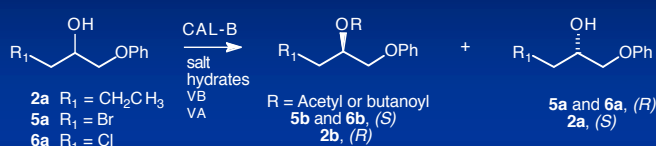
Substrate	Phosphate buffer conc.	<i>E</i>	Conv. /rx. time
1b	0.05 M, pH 7.00	158	51 % / 24 h
2b	0.1 M, pH 7.00	326	46 % / 96 h
3b	0.1 M, pH 7.00	No reaction	-
4b	0.1 M, pH 7.00	600	49 % / 8 h

Increased *E* in hydrolysis of corresponding esters of **2** and **4**

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Effect of water activity in different solvents on *E*



Solvent	Log P	$a_w = 0.18$	$a_w = 0.39$	$a_w = 0.65$
1,4-Dioxane	-1.1	25	47	conv. <1%
Acetonitrile	-0.3	40	69	conv. <1%
THF	0.5	30	73	conv. <1%
Et ₂ O	0.9	23	24	conv. <1%
Benzene	2.0	22	31	48
Toluene	2.5	35	42	52
CCl ₄	3.0	52	63	69
Hexane	3.5	16	25	55

Improved selectivity by increased water activity

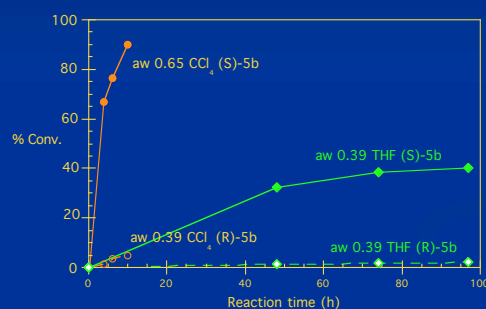
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Effect of a_w in different solvents on reaction rate

Esterification of **5a** in CCl_4 and THF



No conversion of **5a** in THF when $a_w = 0.65$

5a in THF a_w 0.39: 40 % conv. in 100 h $E = 73$

5a in CCl_4 a_w 0.65: 90 % conv. in 5 h $E = 69$

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Water activity vs. water content

Water content (ppm, μg water per g solvent) Karl Fisher method

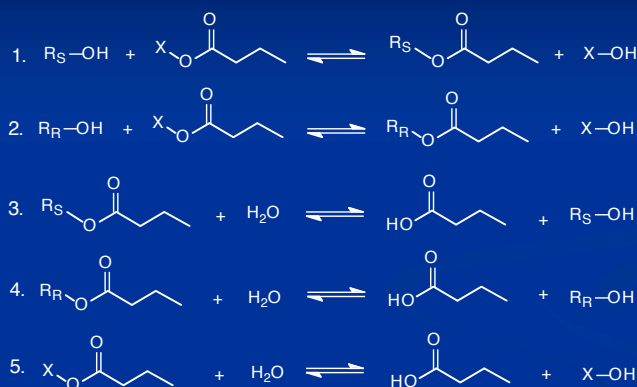
Solvent	Log P	$a_w=0.18$	$a_w=0.39$	$a_w=0.65$
1,4-Dioxane	-1.1	360	433	5820
Acetonitrile	-0.3	1641	1862	12391
THF	0.5	882	904	13003 (1.3%)
Et_2O	0.9	471	543	7980
Benzene	2.0	134	179	627
Toluene	2.5	138	142	510
CCl_4	3.0	45	55	84
Hexane	3.5	27	28	74

Increase of water activity results in higher increase of water content in polar solvents than in apolar solvent

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Equilibria of transesterifications



Ester products and acyl donors are hydrolyzed
when water content is high

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Synthesized enantiopure compounds

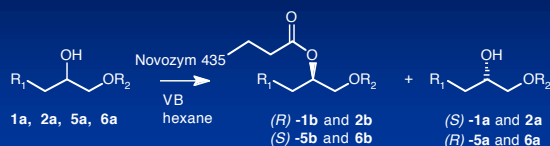
Compound	ee, %	Concentration/solvent	Optical rotation
(R)-1a	96	c 1.37, CHCl ₃	$[\alpha]_D^{25} = -6.57$
(R)-1a (ref.)	99	c 1.40, CHCl ₃	$[\alpha]_D^{25} = -6.44$
(S)-1a	99	c 1.40, CHCl ₃	$[\alpha]_D^{25} = +5.84$
(S)-1b	99	c 1.50, CHCl ₃	$[\alpha]_D^{25} = -6.57$
(R)-2a	99	c 1.14, CHCl ₃	$[\alpha]_D^{30} = -12.25$
(R)-2a (ref.)	99	c 1.17, CHCl ₃	$[\alpha]_D^{20} = -6.86$
(R)-3a (ref.)	99	c 0.90, CHCl ₃	$[\alpha]_D^{25} = -5.55$
(R)-4a	94	c 2.95, EtOH	$[\alpha]_D^{25} = +4.74$
(S)-4a	100	c 2.20, CHCl ₃	$[\alpha]_D^{25} = +4.03$
(S)-4a	100	c 2.20, EtOH	$[\alpha]_D^{25} = -4.03$
(S)-4a(ref.)	100	c 4.50, EtOH	$[\alpha]_D^{25} = -4.35$

Enantiopreference of CAL-B: R-enantiomer

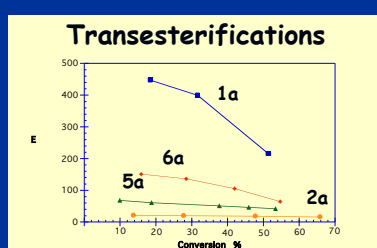
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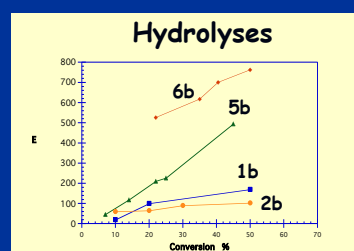
***E* not constant!**



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Decrease of *E*



Increase of *E*

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Possible reasons for change of *E*-value

- Calculation of *E* assumes that experimental conditions do not change during reaction
hydrolyses and transesterifications:
 Decrease in substrate concentration, increase in product concentration
- Enantioselective inhibition by enantiopure esters?
Increasing amount of (*R*)-ester in transesterification: decrease of *E*
Decreasing amount of (*R*)-ester in hydrolysis: increase of *E*
- Enantioselective inhibition by (*R*)-alcohol?
Decreasing amount of (*R*)-alcohol in transesterification: decrease of *E*
Increasing amount of (*R*)-alcohol in hydrolysis: increase of *E*
- Influence of immobilization?
Compare with pure enzyme preparation

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Addition of enantiopure esters

Esterification reaction of **1a**:

- High starting selectivity ($E=450$), not much ester formed
- Low end selectivity ($E=50$), much *R*-ester formed

Start of reaction:

Addition of (*R*)-**1b** (**faster**) to the transesterification reaction of **2a**
No effect on E -value

Addition of (*R*)-**6b** (**slower**) to the transesterification reaction of **1a**
No effect on E -value

Conclusion : No inhibition by the esters

R-alcohols interact with enzyme

SaturationTransferDifference-NMR studies:

Enzyme preparation: Novozym 525 F from Novozymes AS, freeze dried

Additives: (*R*) and (*S*)-2-methyl-1,4-butanediol, mw 104.05 g/mol, Merck

NMR Sample I: (*R*)-2-methyl-1,4-butanediol in 0.5 mL D₂O and pure enzyme

Result: Shows interaction with enzyme

NMR Sample II: (*S*)-2-methyl-1,4-butanediol D₂O with pure enzyme

Result: Shows no interaction with enzyme

Further experiments are under investigation

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H.W. Anthonsen, E.E. Jacobsen and T. Anthonsen, to be published³⁴

How can the *R*-alcohols increase selectivity in CALB?

- Possible allosteric site (another site than active site) on the surface of CALB



- Binding of the *R*-alcohols make the active site more suited for the faster reacting enantiomer giving enhanced selectivity



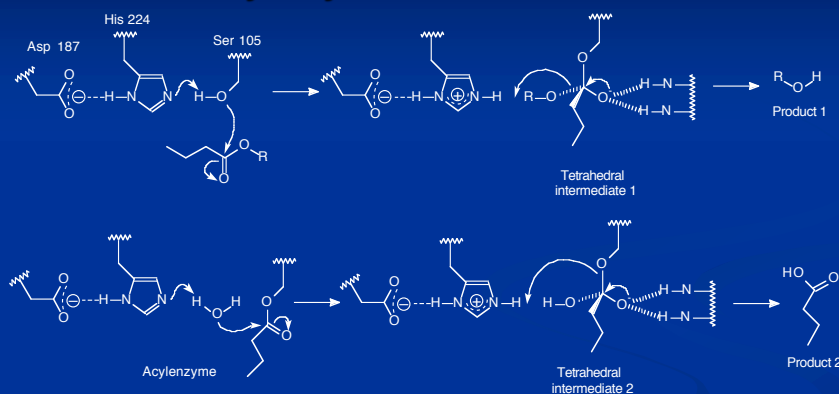
However, the added enantiomers from our experiments are also esterified by time, indicating that the allosteric binding is reversible.



Challenge: to make an irreversible ACTIVATOR

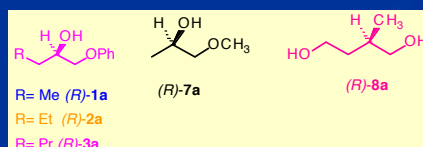
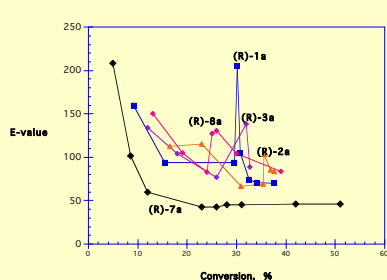
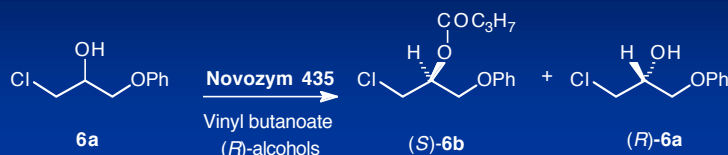
CAL-B catalysis mechanism

Hydrolysis of racemic ester



Change of amounts of different substances in the reaction mixture will affect the results

Addition of enantiopure alcohols



E increased by addition of the enantiopure alcohols (R)-1a-(R)-6a and (R)-8a but not when (R)-7a was added

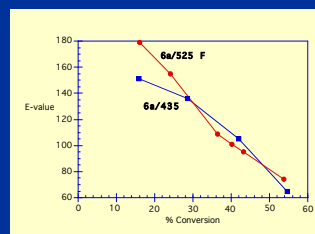
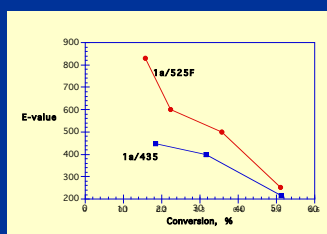
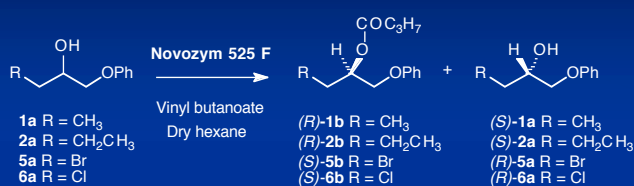
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Jacobsen, E. E. *et al.*, *Tetrahedron Lett.* 2003, 44, 8453-8455

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Novozym CAL-B 525 F: E-value changes

Pure protein-freeze dried-no immobilisation

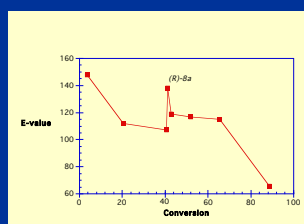
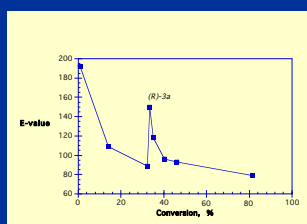
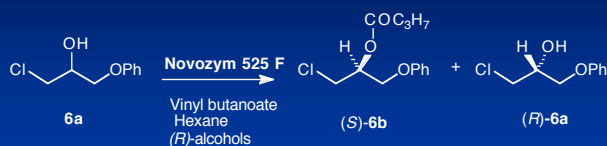


Enantioselectivity decreased with increasing conversion also in esterifications of **1a**, **2a**, **5a** and **6a** catalyzed by CAL-B Novozym 525 F

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Addition of enantiopure alcohols in CAL-B 525 F reactions



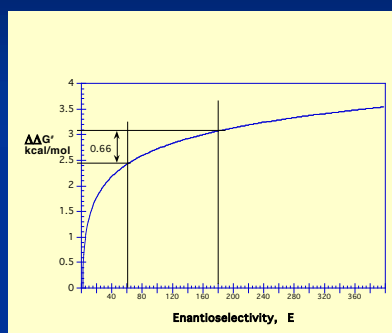
Enantioselectivity increased by addition of (R)-alcohols also in esterifications of 6a catalyzed by CAL-B Novozym 525 F

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Jacobsen, E.E, Andresen, L.S. and Anthonsen, T.
Tetrahedron: *Asymmetry* 16 (2005) 847–850

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Decrease in E , difference in ΔG^\ddagger



A decrease of E from 180-60 is due to a decrease of ΔG^\ddagger of 0.66 kcal/mole

Change in enzyme conformation due to allosteric effect?

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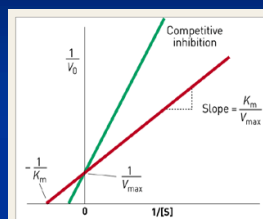
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Ways to reveal an allosteric effect

Enzyme kinetics:

$$V_0 = \frac{V_{\max} [S]}{K_m + [S]}$$

$$\frac{1}{V_0} = \frac{K_m}{V_{\max} [S]} + \frac{1}{V_{\max}}$$



But: Substrate is the "inhibitor"!

- NMR-studies of the CAL-B binding pattern
- Molecular modelling
- X-ray crystallography

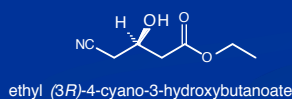
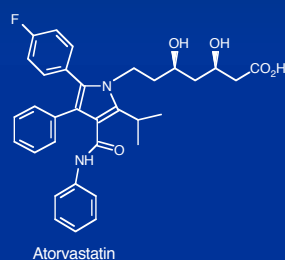
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 • Ammon, R. and H. Fischgold, Biochem.Z., 1931. 234: 54.

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Building blocks for drugs by asymmetric synthesis

Atorvastatin: Tissue selective inhibitor of HMG-CoA Reductase

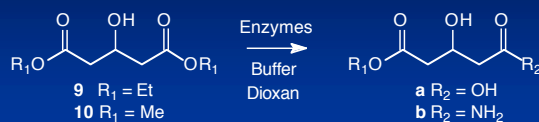


α -Chymotrypsin gave the *R*-configuration of the mono ester
But: ee only 50 %

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Enzyme catalyzed asymmetrisation of diesters of 3-hydroxyglutaric acid



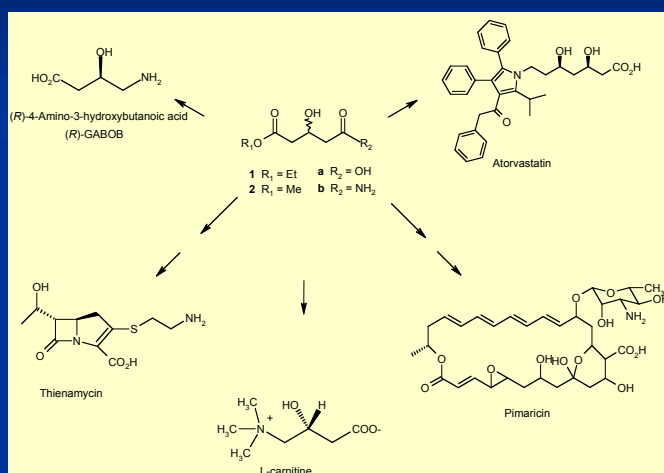
Prod.	Enzyme	Activity	% ee	% yield	$[\alpha]_D^{20}$	Conf.
9a	CAL-B	7 PLU/mg	91	80	+ 1.8 (c11.5, acetone)	(S)
9a	CAL-A		91	77	+ 1.8 (c11.5, acetone)	(S)
9a	CLEC-CAL-B	17 U/mg	86	80		(S)
9a	HLL		72	89		(S)
9a	RML	60 U/g	74	89		(S)
9a	PLE	15 U/mg	35	76	+ 0.2 (c 11.5, acetone)	(S)
9a	α -Chymotrypsin	70 U/mg	50	65		(R)
9a	<i>A. hwoffii</i> (cell cult.)		56			(S)
10a	CAL-B	7 PLU/mg	90	70	+ 0.8 (c11.5, acetone)	(S)
10a	PLE		22	75		(S)
10a	α -Chymotrypsin		45	59		(R)
10a	MCL	cell prep.	75	70		(S)
9b	CAL-B	7 PLU/mg	98	95	- 6.9 (c10.0, dioxan) - 6.5 (c1.3, CHCl_3)	(S)
10b	CAL-B	7 PLU/mg	98	95	- 2.0 (c3.5, dioxan)	(S)

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Jacobsen, E. E. *et al*, *J. Mol. Catal. B: Enz.* **2003**, *21*, 55-58

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Industrial use of enantiopure monoesters of 3-hydroxyglutaric acid

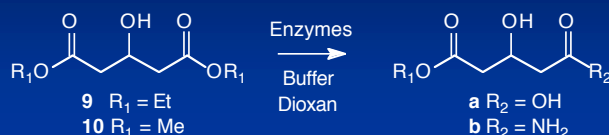


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(S)-enantiomers also valuable synthons

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Hydrolysis vs. ammonolysis



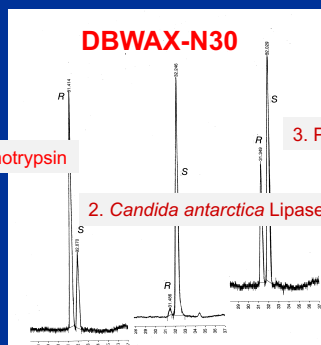
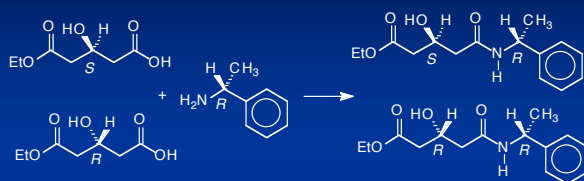
Product	Enzyme	Medium	% ee	% yield	Config.
1a	CALB	Buffer	91	80	(S)
2a	CALB	Buffer	90	70	(S)
2a	PLE	Buffer	22	75	(S)
1b	CALB	Dioxane/NH ₃	98	95	(S)
2b	CALB	Dioxane/NH ₃	98	95	(S)

Ammonolysis gives better selectivity than hydrolysis
 BUT: Dioxane not safe solvent

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GLC of diastereomeric derivatives



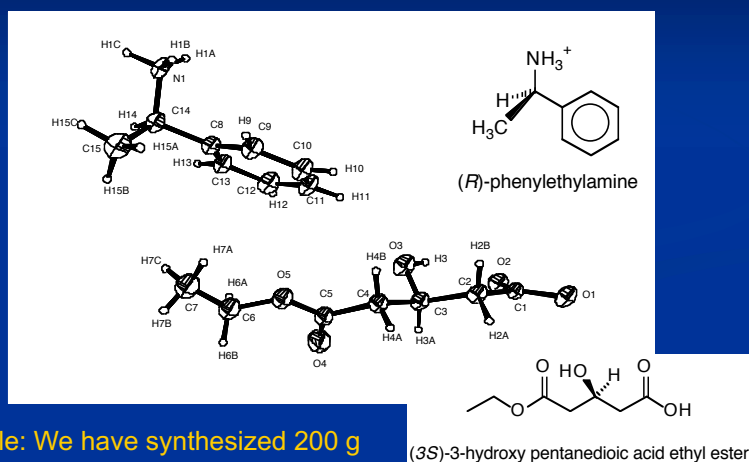
α -Chymotrypsin was reported to give 100 % ee of the (R)-enantiomer

α -Chymotrypsin in our hands gave 50 % ee of the (R)-enantiomer

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Configuration from X-ray of diastereomeric salt



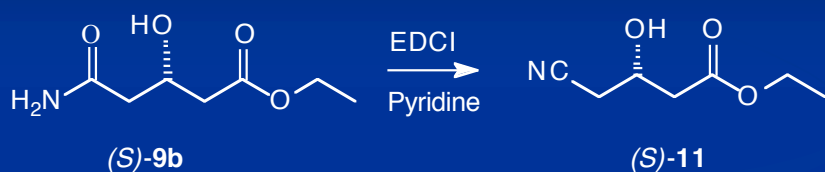
Large scale: We have synthesized 200 g of this enantiopure acid

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Moen, A. R. *et al.*, *Tetrahedron:Asymmetry*. 2004, 15, 1551-1554

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Synthesis of ethyl (*3S*)-4-cyano-3-hydroxybutanoate



Yield: 90 %
ee: 98 % GLC Chirasil DEX

Inversion of configuration:

- Mitsunobu esterification (possibly not effective due to elimination)
- Via mesylate ester

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N-Ethyl-*N'*-(3-dimethylaminopropyl)carbodiimide hydrochloride

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Conclusions I

(*R*)- and (*S*)-1-Phenoxy-2-butanol, (*R*)- and (*S*)-**1a**, and (*R*)- and (*S*)-1-benzyloxy-2-butanol, (*R*)- and (*S*)-**4a**, have been produced in gram scale by CAL-B catalysed esterifications in 99 % ee
 (*R*)-1-Phenoxy-2-pentanol, (*R*)-**2a**, were produced in gram scale by CAL-B catalysed hydrolysis in 99 % ee

The enantioselectivity, *E*-value, depends on:

- ❖ the chain length and the electronegativity of the small substituent and also of the size of the large substituents in secondary alcohols
- ❖ the different acyl donors in transesterification reactions of 1-phenoxy-2-pentanol (**2a**) and 1-benzyloxy-2-butanol (**4a**)
- ❖ the water content and not water activity in polar solvents in esterifications of 3-bromo- and 3-chloro-1-phenoxy-2-propanol (**5a** and **6a**)



Chemo-enzymatic synthesis of enantiopure stiripentol and

β -antagonists atenolol, metoprolol, practolol and pindolol and β -agonist clenbuterol precursor

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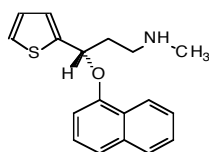
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Enantiopure drugs in Trondheim

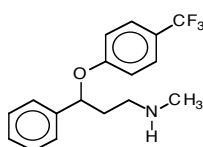
both enantiomers synthesised by lipase catalysed kinetic resolution (99 % ee)

Non-tricyclic antidepressants
Inhibits serotonin re-uptake

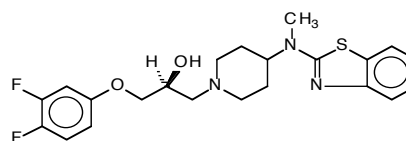
Treatment of ischemic stroke



(S)-(+)-Duloxetine
ER=2
Cymbalta by Lilly



Fluoxetine
Prozac, Fontex
Racemate by Lilly



(2S)-Lubeluzole
Prosynap by Johnsen & Johnsen

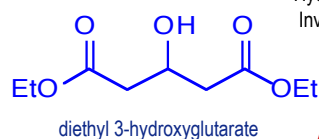
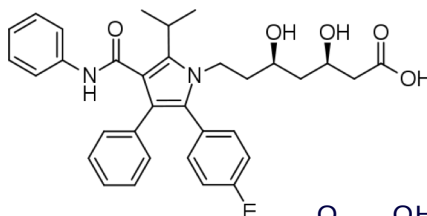
Liu et al. *J. Chem. Soc. Perkin Trans. 1*, **2000**, 1767 and *Chirality*, **13**, **2001**, 135

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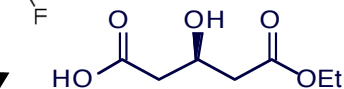
Chiral side chain of Atorvastatin by asymmetrisation of prochiral diethyl 3-hydroxyglutarate



Lipase B from *Candida antarctica*

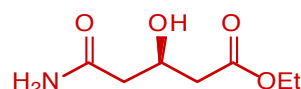


Asymmetric
Hydrolysis
Inversion



(*R*)-5-ethoxy-3-hydroxy-5-oxopentanoic acid

Asymmetric
Ammonolysis
Inversion



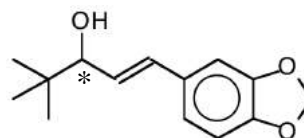
91% ee

ethyl (*R*)-5-amino-3-hydroxy-5-oxopentanoate

Jacobsen et al. *J. Mol. Catal. B, Enzymatic*, 21, 2003, 55-58, Riise Moen et al. *Tetrahedron: Asymmetry*, 2004, 15, 1551-1554

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rac-Stiripentol – allylic aromatic alcohol 1 stereocenter

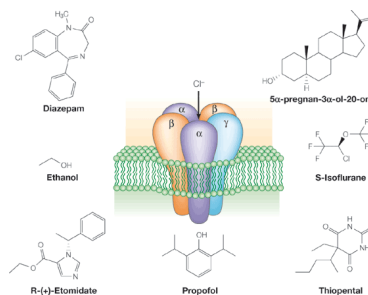


Diacomif™ by Bloodex

- unlike other antiepileptic drugs
- potent for children's epilepsy; infants with Dravet syndrome
- under investigation since 1970's, used in France and Canada since 1995, FDA appr. 2008
- used together with valproate and clobazam (onfi),
- also useful in autism treatment

➤ acts directly on the GABA_A receptor as a positive allosteric modulator at the $\alpha 3$ subunit: increases γ -aminobutyric acid in brain

➤ also indirect mechanism; inhibits liver microsomal enzymes (CYT P450): increases plasma conc. of other drugs



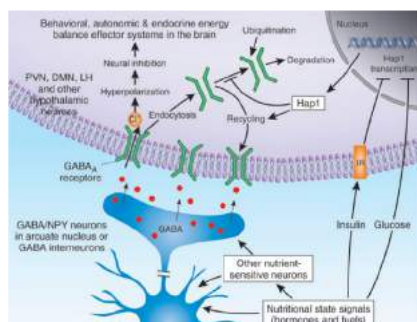
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Fischer, J. *Neuropharmacology* 2009, 56, 190-197, Chiron, C. *Expert Opin. Investig. Drugs* 2005, 14, 905-911

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Epilepsy

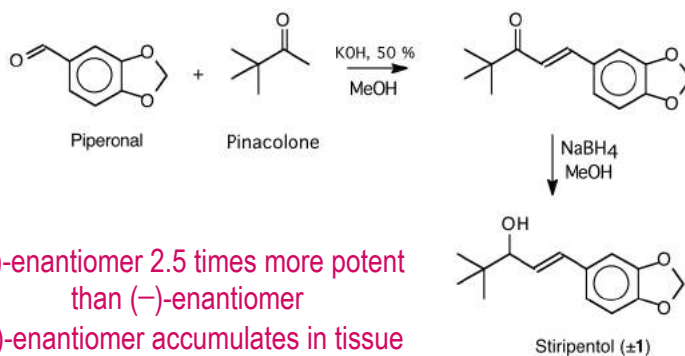
- central nervous system pathology characterised by seizures, affects 1-2 %
- treated by several drugs, f. inst acetazolamide, clonacepam, carbamacepine, pregabalin, clobazam, valproate, stiripentol
- several act on gamma aminobutyric acid receptor (GABA)
- epilepsy patiens may have mutations in GABA_A



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Stiripentol synthesis

(±)-1-(benzo[d][1,3]dioxol-5-yl)-4,4-dimethylpent-1-en-3-ol ((±)-1)



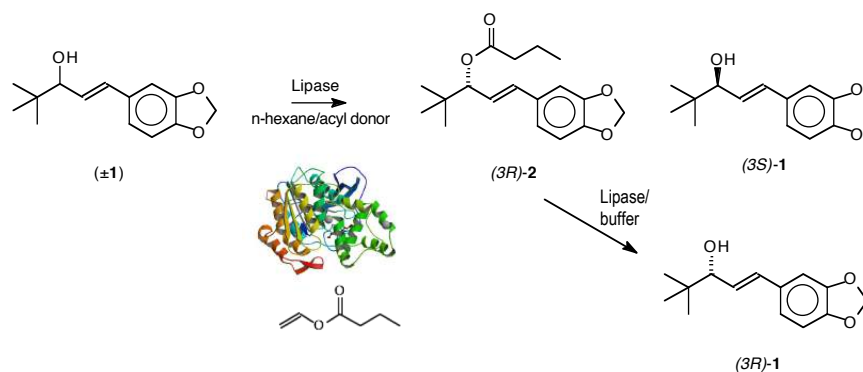
(+)-enantiomer 2.5 times more potent than (–)-enantiomer
 (–)-enantiomer accumulates in tissue
 However, racemisation observed in rats

Yield: 8.0 g, 79 %

Vallet F. M. J. US 3910959, 1975, Trojnar, M. K. et al., *Pharmacological Reports* 2005, 154-160, Arends, R.H. et al. *Epilepsy Res.* 1994, 18,91-96, Davies, N.M., 2004

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(R)-Stiripentol from esterification and hydrolysis



Candida antarctica lipase A (Novozym 735) and vinyl butanoate, E-value 24

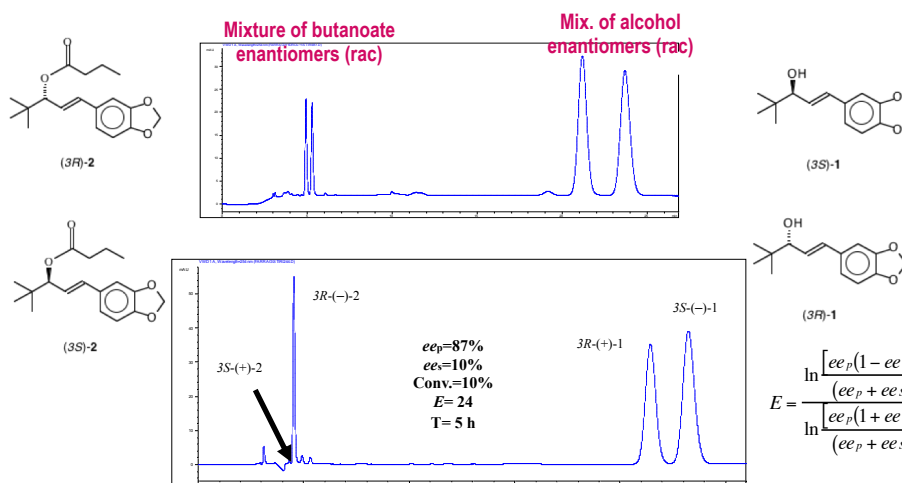
E-value: Ratio of the specificity constants (k_{cat}/K_M) of the enzyme for the two enantiomers

An E-value of 24: One enantiomer reacts 24 times faster than the other

Jacobsen, E.E. et al *Lipase Catalysed Kinetic Resolution of Stiripentol*. *Int. J. Chem.* **2012**, 4 (1) 7-13

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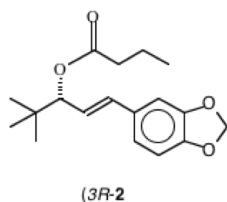
Chiral HPLC Chirasil OD-H, n-Hex/MTBE/2-PrOH



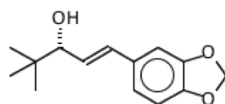
enantiomers identified from lipase preference and from optical rotation value comparisons

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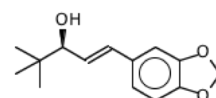
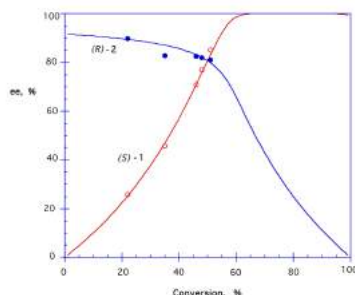
ee profile of kinetic resolution of *rac*-1, 106 h *E*-value 24



Ester product
(3*R*)-2, *ee*_p, 87 % *ee*



(3*R*)-1, 94 % *ee*



Remaining alcohol
(3*S*)-1, *ee*_s, 86 % *ee*

50 % waste?

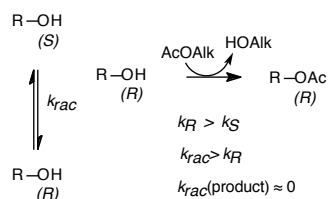
Low *E*-value:
Low yield of high *ee*-enantiomer product
Always high *ee* of unconverted
enantiomer!

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Deracemization

100 % yield and 100 % *ee* from racemate

1. Dynamic Kinetic Resolution



(*R*)- is the faster reacting
enantiomer
(*S*)- is racemized

The enzyme always encounters
a racemic mixture

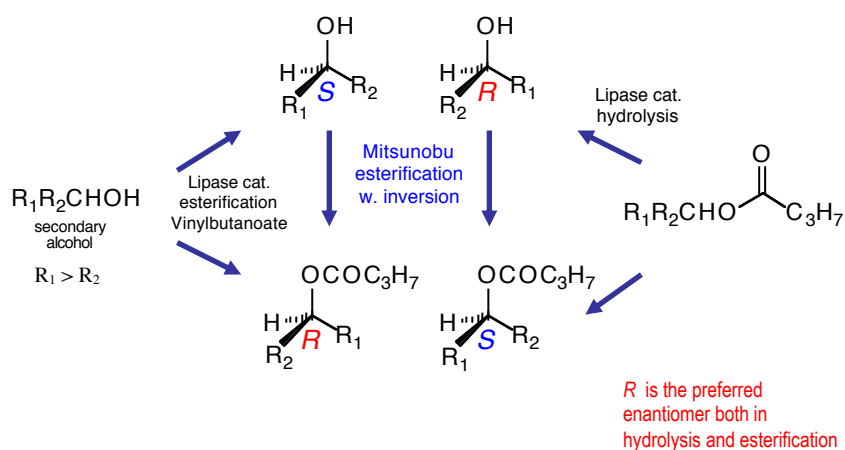
2. Stereoconversion by Mitsunobu esterification

(*R*)- Substrate is converted to (*R*)-product

(*S*)- Substrate is converted to the same (*R*)-product in another reaction without
separation ("one pot")

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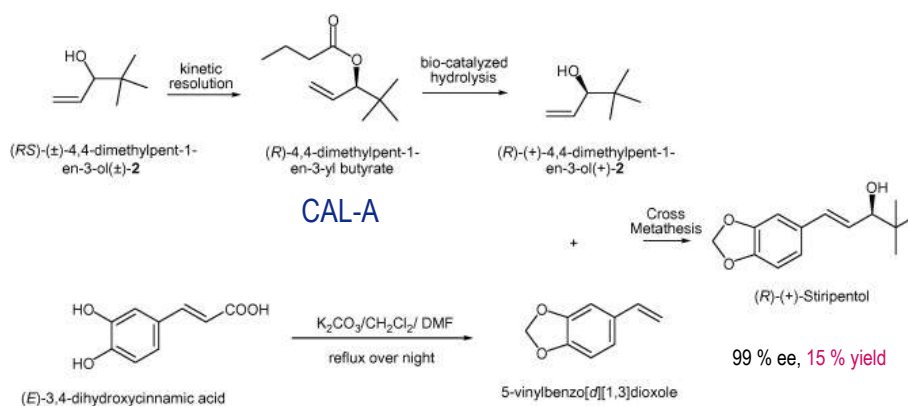
Stereoinversion



Liu & Anthonsen, *Chirality*, 14, 2002, 25

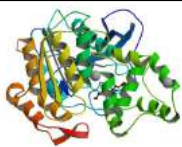
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(*R*)-Stiripentol by combination of lipase catalysed resolution and alkene metathesis



El-Behairy, M et al. *Tetrahedron: Asymmetry* 24, 2013 285–289

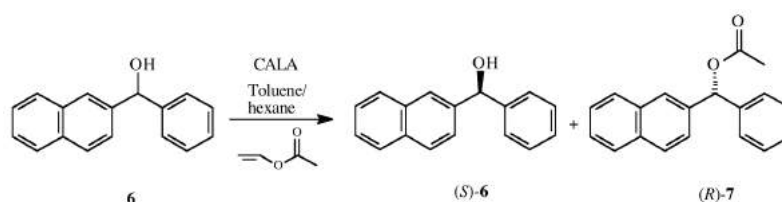
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Lipase A from *Candida antarctica*, CALA

R-selective catalyst in resolutions of secondary and tertiary alcohols with **bulky** groups around the stereocenter

Resolution of phenyl-(2-naphthyl) methanol by CALA, *E*-value 67:



Tjosås, F., Anthonsen, T., Jacobsen, E. E. *ARKIVOC* **2008**, vi, 81-90.

Crystal structure of CALA (441 amino acids) has been determined:

Ericsson, D. J. et al. *J. Mol. Biol.* **2008**, 376, 109-119.

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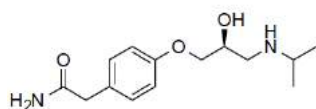
Conclusions

- (*R*)-Stiripentol has been synthesised in 94% ee in 60 % yield by kinetic resolution of *rac*-Stiripentol catalysed by lipase A from *Candida antarctica*.
- (*R*)-Stiripentol was also synthesised by a combination of lipase catalysed resolution and alkene metathesis in 99 % ee and 15 % yield.
- Wanted: 99 % ee **AND** 60 % yield!
- Lipase catalysis is a green, mild and enantioselective method to obtain pure enantiomers both from prochiral substrates and from secondary alcohols etc

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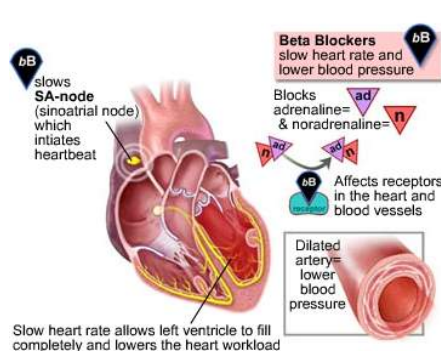
Enantiopure cardioselective β -blockers atenolol and metoprolol

Only the *S*-enantiomers have the desired effect



Atenolol is manufactured as Atpure® with enantiopure active pharmaceutical ingredient (API).

Mylan® has the racemic API



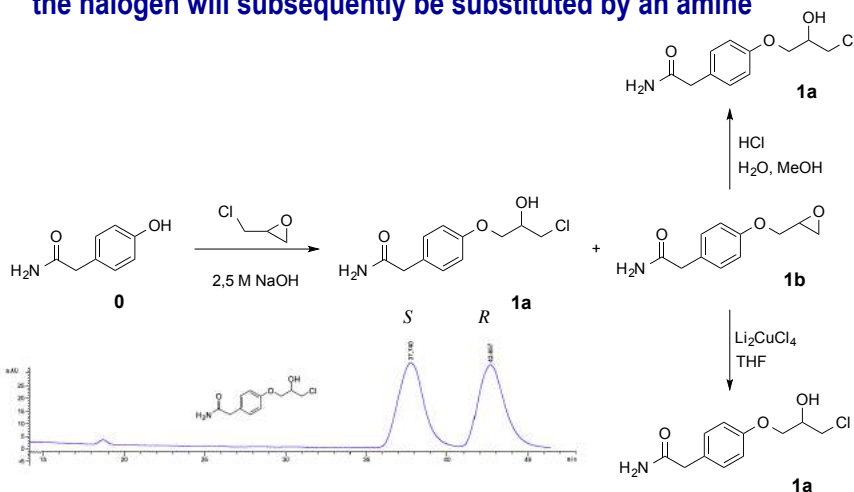
Metoprolol was the 14th most sold drug in Norway in 2017, and the most sold drug against hypertension in USA.

Marketed as Toprol-XL® by Astra Zeneca and as Lopressor® by Novartis, both with racemic API.

<http://www.cardiachealth.org/heart-disease-treatment/heart-disease-medications/blood-pressure-medications/beta-blockers>

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Organic synthesis of racemic building block for atenolol- the halogen will subsequently be substituted by an amine



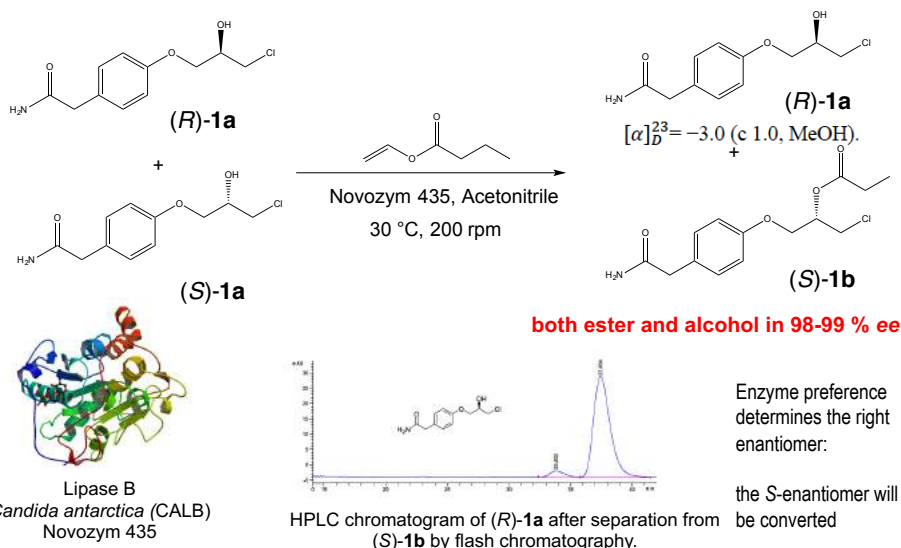
Enantiomers of **1a** were separated by HPLC on a Chiralcel OD-H column, eluent hexane:2-propanol (83:17, v:v) flow 1.000 mL min⁻¹, UV 254 nm.

Yield (80%):

1a sticky and slimy compound

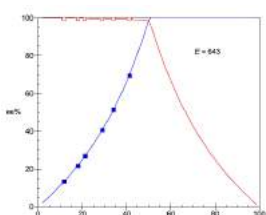
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Kinetic resolution of racemic building block by CALB



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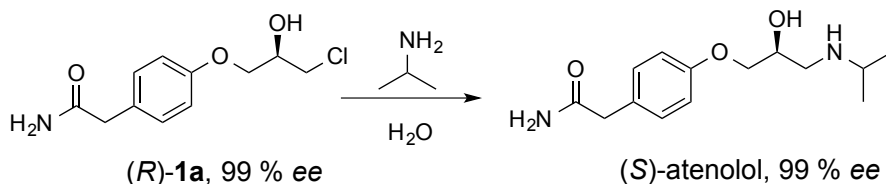
Enantiopure (*S*)-atenolol



$$E = \frac{k_{sp}^R}{k_{sp}^S} = \frac{(k_{cat}/K_M)^R}{(k_{cat}/K_M)^S}$$

$$E = \frac{\ln \left[\frac{ee_p(1 - ee_s)}{ee_p + ee_s} \right]}{\ln \left[\frac{ee_p(1 + ee_s)}{ee_p + ee_s} \right]}$$

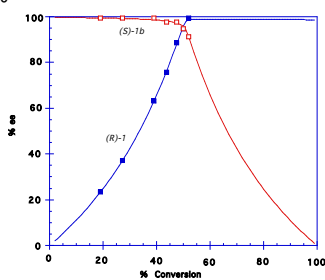
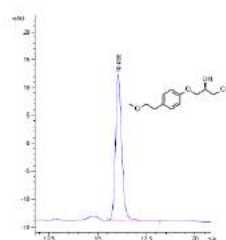
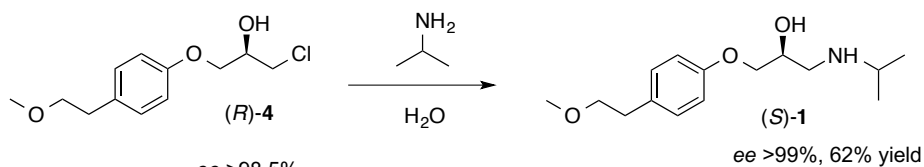
High *E*-value (>200):
 One enantiomer is converted 200 times
 faster to the ester than the other



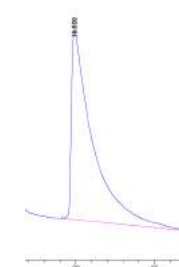
Lund, I.T., Bøckmann, P.L., Jacobsen, E.E. *Tetrahedron* **2016**, 72, 7288-7294

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Enantiopure (S)-metoprolol, (S)-1



$E = >200$

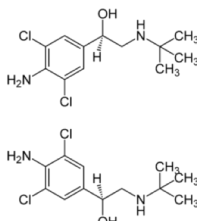


$[\alpha]_D^{20} = -39.78^\circ (c 0.88, \text{MeOH})$

Blindheim, F.H. Bøckmann, P.L. Jacobsen, E.E. Manuscript in preparation

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(R)-clenbuterol, a β_2 -agonist - opposite of β -blocker



Widely used as medication for horses [1]

Ventipulmin®

Reduces fat and increase muscle mass.

«Superclen» (clen+tyroxine)

Clenbuterol is a β_2 -agonist which has been widely used as bronchodilator in treatment of asthma and chronic obstructive pulmonary disease in Spain, Germany, Italy and Austria [2,3].

- **HOWEVER it is on the WADA list! Alberto Contador tested positive on clenbuterol**

The R(-)-enantiomer is responsible for this activity and the S(+)-enantiomer has no effect.

[1] Norton JL, Jackson K, Chen JW, et al. *J Vet Intern Med* **2013**, 27, 1523.

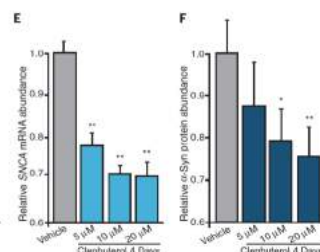
[2] Boner, AL, Vallone, G., Brighenti, C., Schiassi, M., Miglioranza, P. and Richelli, C. *Pediatr. Pulmonol.* **1988**, 4, 197.

[3] Papiris, S. Galvotti, V. and Sturani, C. *Respiration* **1986**, 49, 101.

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β 2-Adrenoreceptor is a regulator of the α -synuclein gene driving risk of Parkinson's disease

No.	Name	Class	Structure	FDA approved	Indication	Blood-brain penetrant
1.	Metaproterenol	β 2-Adrenoreceptor Agonist		Yes	Asthma	No
2.	Clenbuterol	β 2-Adrenoreceptor Agonist		No	Asthma	Yes
3.	Salbutamol	β 2-Adrenoreceptor Agonist		Yes	Asthma	Yes



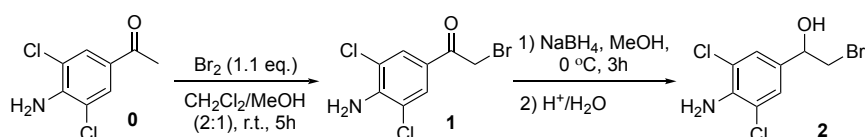
β 2AR agonist clenbuterol lowered the expression of SNCA mRNA (E) and α -Syn protein (F) in a dose-dependent manner in neuroblastoma cells

However, which of the enantiomers of clenbuterol is causing this effect??
We are under way of making them separately-just wait for it!

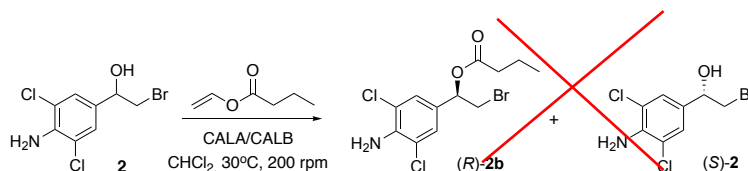
Mittal *et al.*, Science **2017**, 357, 891-898

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1-(4-Amino-3,5-dichlorophenyl)-2-bromoethan-1-ol (**2**)



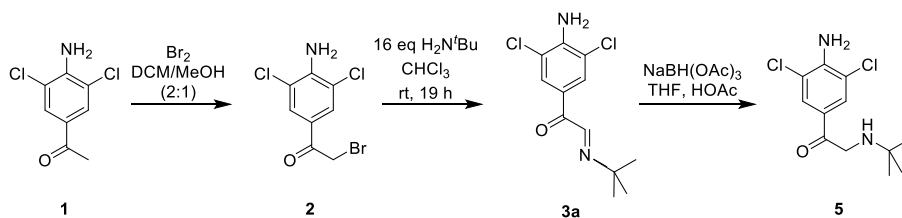
Transesterification of **2** with lipases



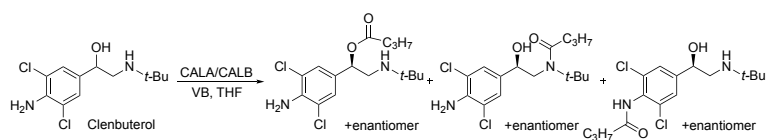
Several lipases used in kinetic resolutions-no conversion
Let's synthesise racemic clenbuterol and perform kinetic resolution

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However, problems with imine formation by addition of *t*-butylamine

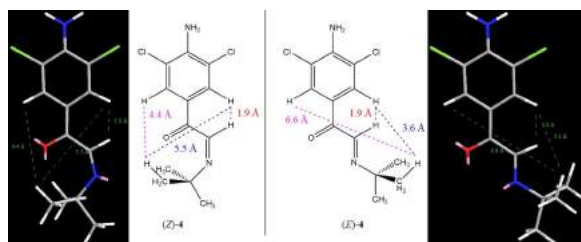


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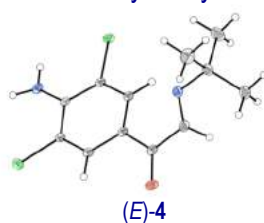


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(*Z*)- and (*E*)-4 modelled with their optimal geometries (minimal energy calculation - MM2), and distances measured in Chem3D (PerkinElmer Inc.)

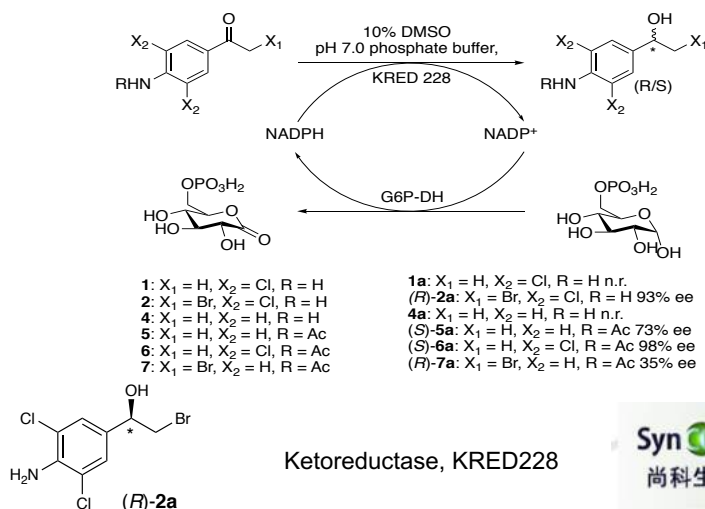


(*E*)-4 determined by X-ray analysis



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Building block for (*R*)-clenbuterol in 93% ee by KRED 228

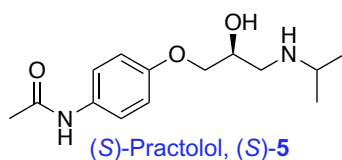


Blindheim, F.H., Hansen, M.B., Evjen, S., Zhu, W. and Jacobsen, E.E. Chemo-Enzymatic Synthesis of Enantiopure Synthons as Precursors for (*R*)-Clenbuterol and other β -2 agonists. *Catalysts*, 2018, 8 (11), 516 doi:10.3390/catal8110516

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Enantiopure cardioselective β -blockers practolol and pindolol

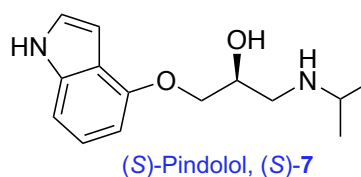
Only the *S*-enantiomers have the desired effect



Practolol

Selective β_1 -antagonist
First β_1 -selective β -blocker in treatment of cardiovascular diseases (1970s)

1. effective treatment of heart failure
 2. arrhythmic heart rate
 3. critical side-effects: oculomucocutaneous syndrome (dry eyes)
- Then withdrawn from the market.



Pindolol

β_1 -antagonist that reduces high blood pressure.

1. also used in treatment of angina pectoris
2. also been studied for use in treatment of depression as an add-on therapy to selective serotonin re-uptake inhibitors (SSRIs).

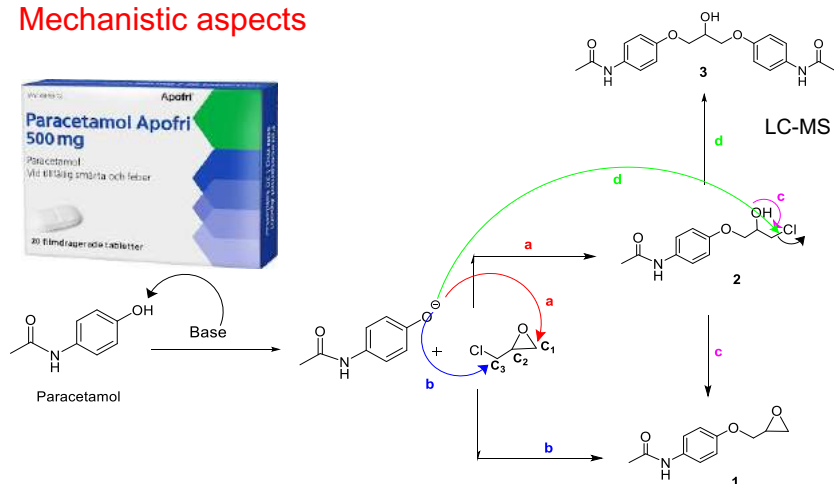
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Step 1 Practolol:

N-(4-(3-chloro-2-hydroxypropoxy)phenyl)acetamide, **2**

Mechanistic aspects



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Step 1: Different concentrations of NaOH

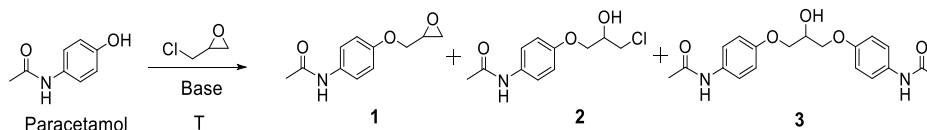


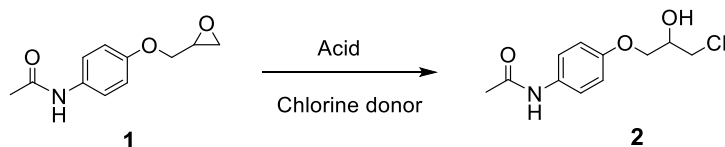
TABLE 1. Measured areas (amount) by GC, DB 1701 COLUMN, 100-270°C/10°C

Base	Equivalent	T	Time [h]	Amount 1 [%]	Amount 2 [%]	Amount 3 [%]
NaOH	0.1	r.t.	48	29	38	10
NaOH	0.5	r.t.	8	37	43	8
NaOH	1.0	r.t.	7	81	12	4
NaOH	2.0	r.t.	7	36	0	64
NaOH	10.0	r.t.	18	0	3	24

2 eq. Epichlorohydrin

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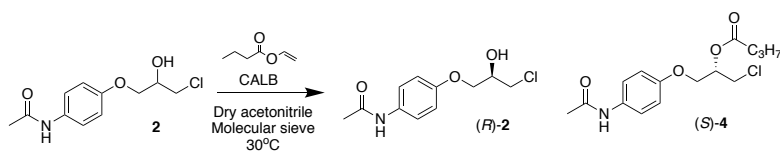
Step 2: Addition of LiCl and Acetic Acid



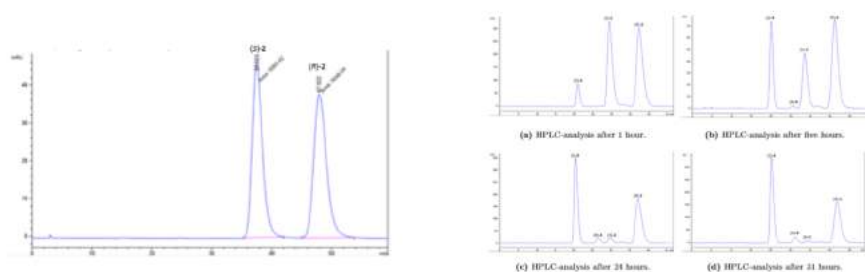
Equivalents LiCl	Equivalents Acetic acid	Time [h]	Amount 2 in GC [%]	Yield [%]
1.0	6.0	120	82	-
2.0	6.0	120	>99	43
4.0	6.0	48	82	-
4.0	10.0	26	98	62

Similar results for pindolol building block, **6**

Transesterification of **2** with CALB



Novozym 435: 93% ee
Syncozymes CAL-B: 96% ee



Chiralcel OD-H column, hexane-2-propanol (85:15), 1 mL/min

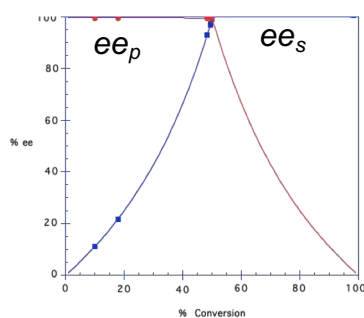
ee-values and E-values

Plotting ee-values into E & K Calculator : average E-value

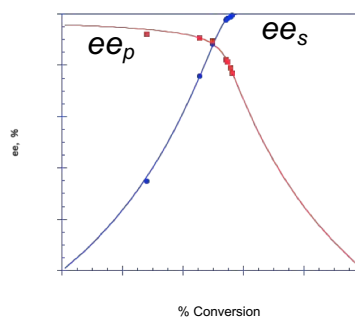
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$$E = \frac{\ln \left[\frac{ee_p(1-ee_s)}{ee_p+ee_s} \right]}{\ln \left[\frac{ee_p(1+ee_s)}{ee_p+ee_s} \right]}$$

Practolol E=1000

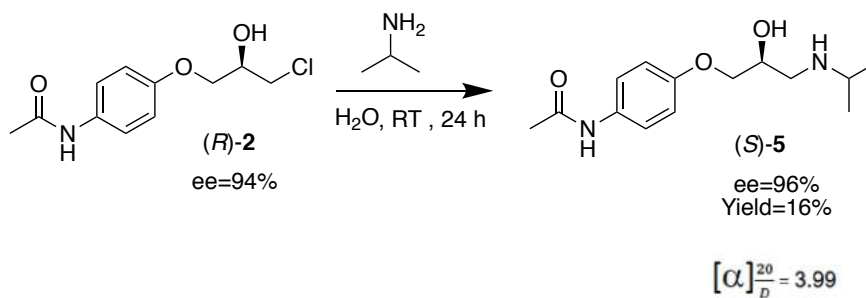


Pindolol E=46



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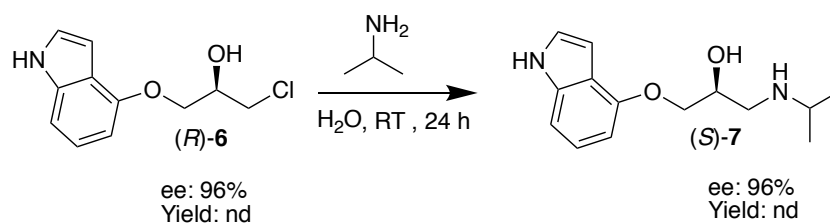
Synthesis of (S)-practolol, (S)-5



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Synthesis of (S)-pindolol, (S)-7

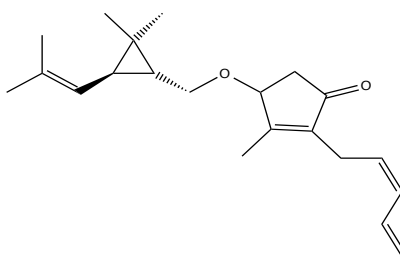


- Yield not determined due to residue of isopropylamine-will be improved
- Optical rotation not determined

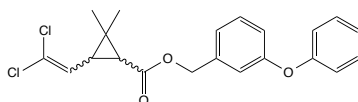
Dale, Oskar and Jacobsen, Elisabeth E. *Manuscript in preparation*

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Insect killers: Active ingredients pyrethrin and permethrin, inhibit insects' central nervous system



Pyrethrin-I from *Chrysanthemum cinerariaefolium*

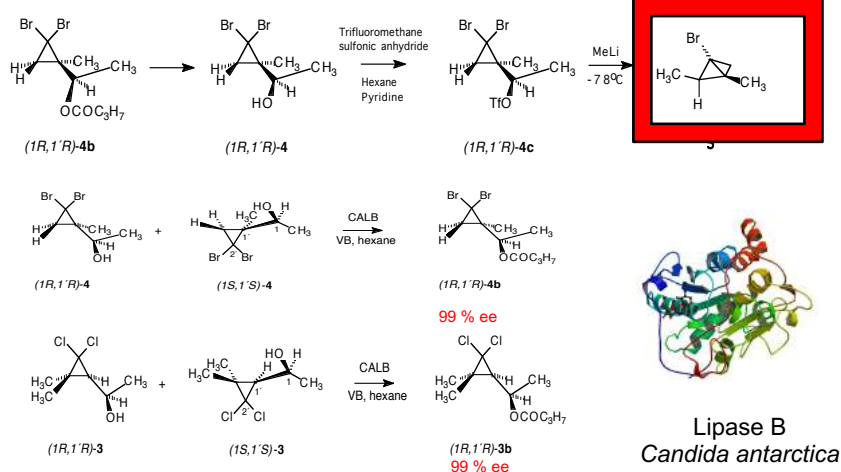


Permethrin has four stereoisomers. Industrial process

Martel, J. The development and manufacture of pyrethroid insecticides In: *Chirality in Industry*; Collins, A. N.; Sheldrake, G. N.; Crosby, J. Eds.; John Wiley & Sons: New York, 1992

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Enantiopure dihalobicyclobutanes – new building blocks



Jacobsen, E.E.; *et al.* Enantiopure dihalocyclopropyl alcohols and esters by lipase catalyzed kinetic resolution *J. Biotechnol.* **2013**, *168*, 284-288

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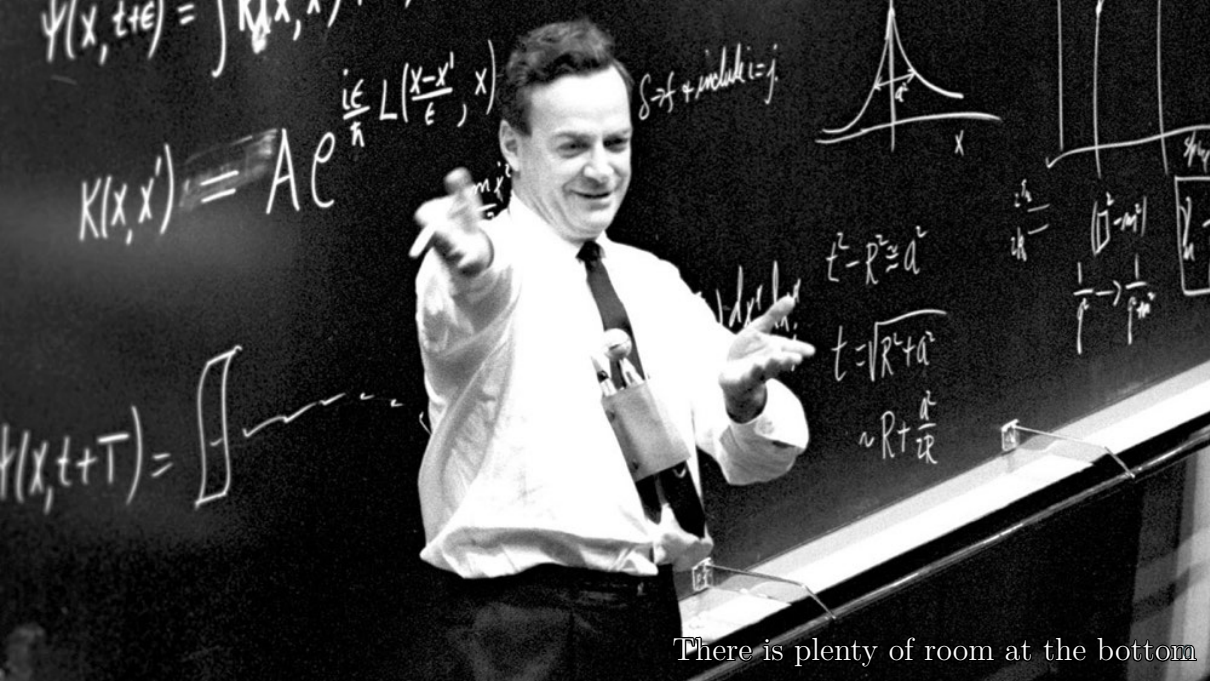
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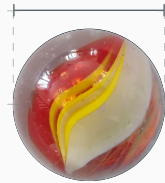
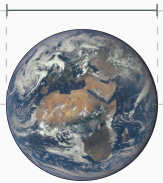
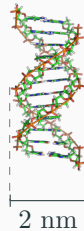
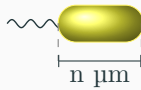
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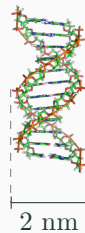
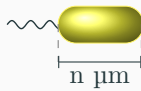


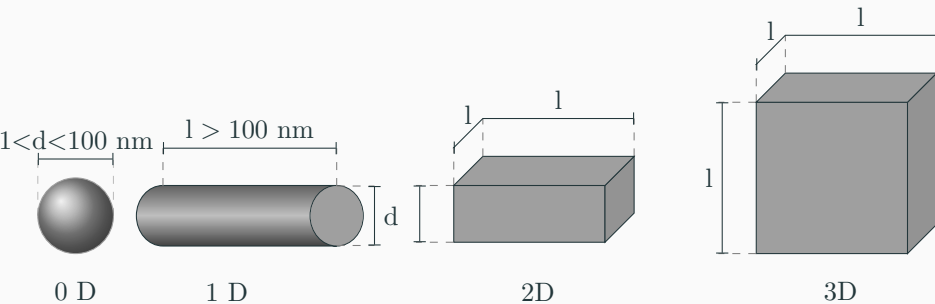
What is Nanotechnology?



There is plenty of room at the bottom

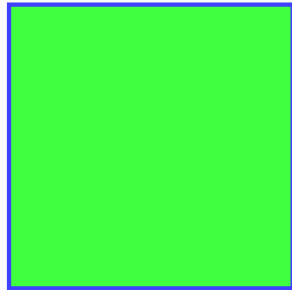






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Bandgap

$$E_{\text{nano}} = E_{\text{g,bulk}} + \frac{h^2 \pi^2}{2mr_{\text{nano}}^2} \quad (1)$$



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Melting temperature

Bandgap

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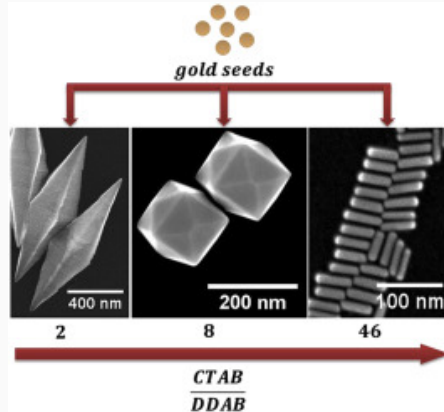
Melting temperature

Interactions with environment



Top-Down
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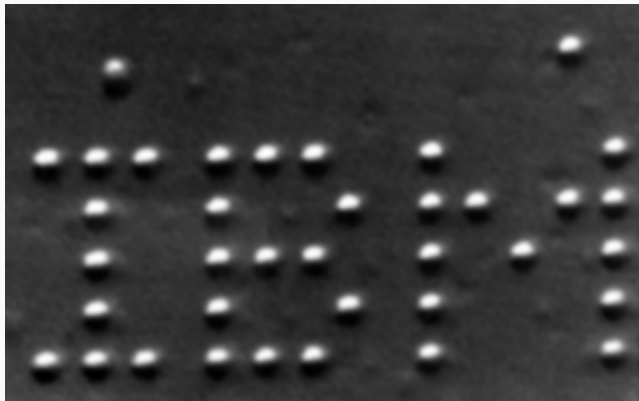
Nucleation and growth



Sulalit Bandyopadhyay, Mat. Today, 2017

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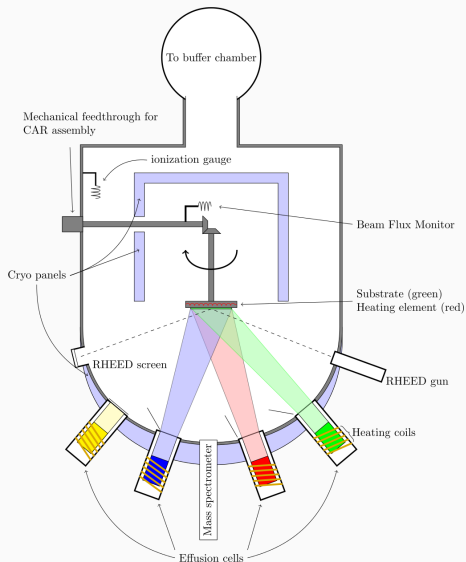
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SPM

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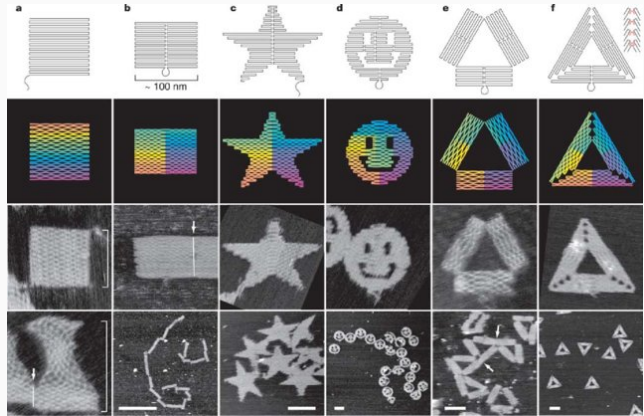


Nucleation and growth

SPM

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Polymer origami



Rothemund, Nature, 2006

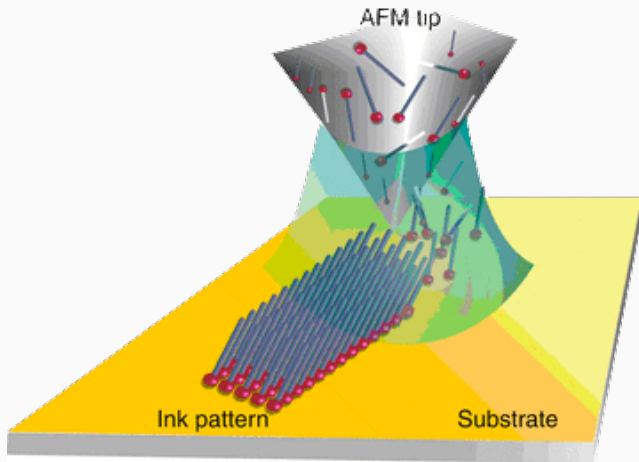
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Polymer origami Lithography

Dip-pen, Soft lithography...

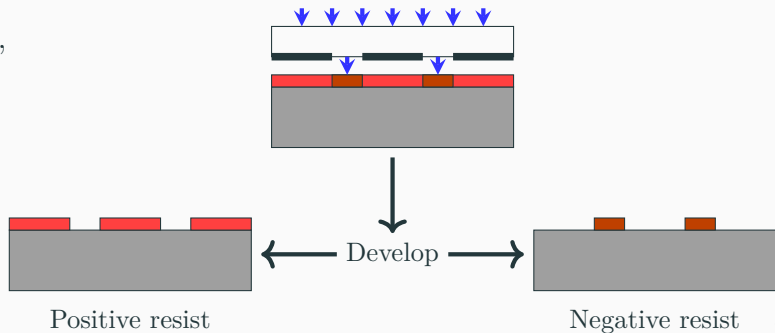


Smith et al, Nano Letters, 2003

Top-down

Lithography

Photolithography, EBL,
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Forces

Shear, impact

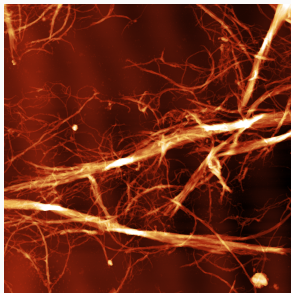
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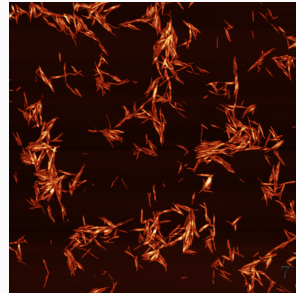
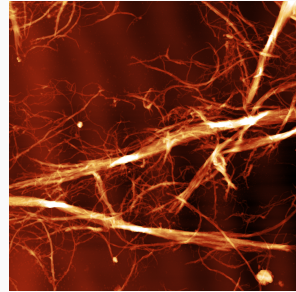
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Forces

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Partial dissolution

Acids, bases



Characterization

- X-Ray Scattering (WAXS/SAXS)
- Neutron Scattering
- Nuclear Magnetic Resonance (NMR)



$$d = \frac{\lambda}{2NA}, d > 0.25\mu\text{m}$$

STED, PALM, STORM, SIM...

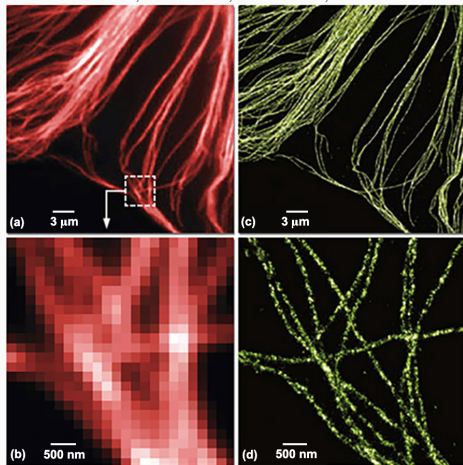
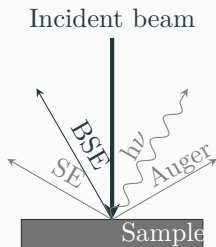
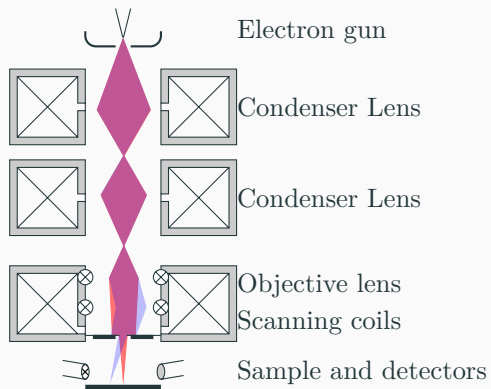


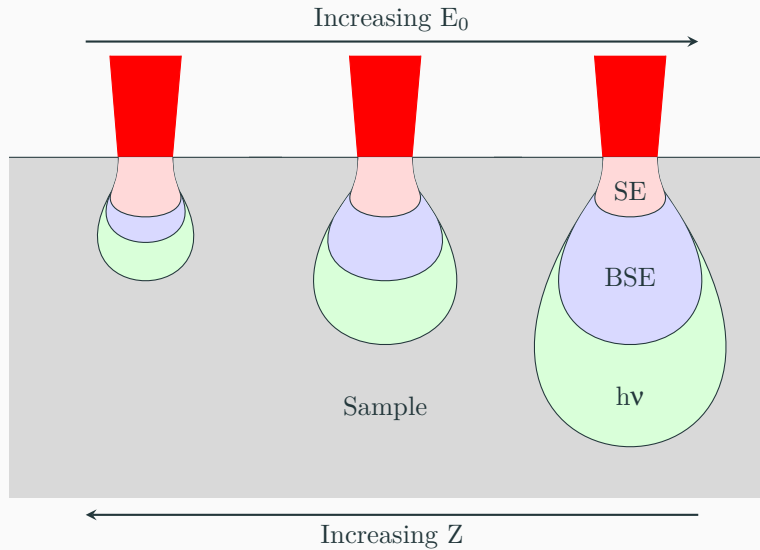
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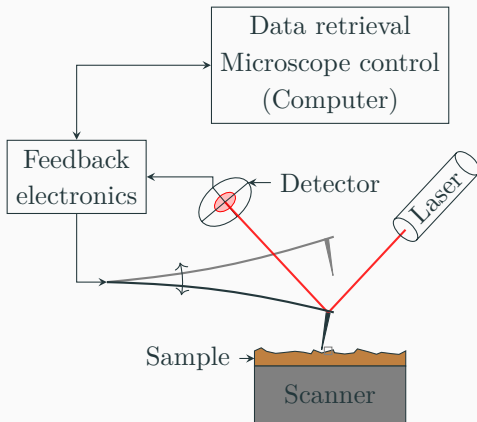
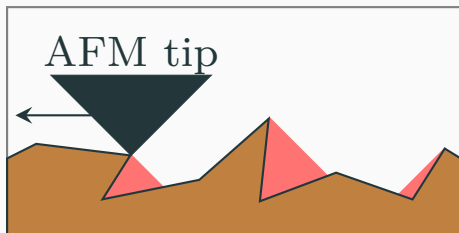


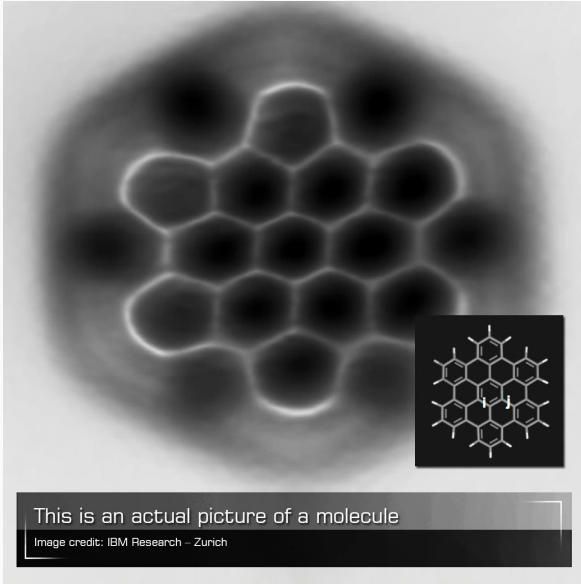
Microscopy

Fluorescence

Electron/Ion







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Build from ground up

Produce from larger whole

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Demanding characterization

Polymeric Nanomaterials – An Overview

Sulalit Bandyopadhyay

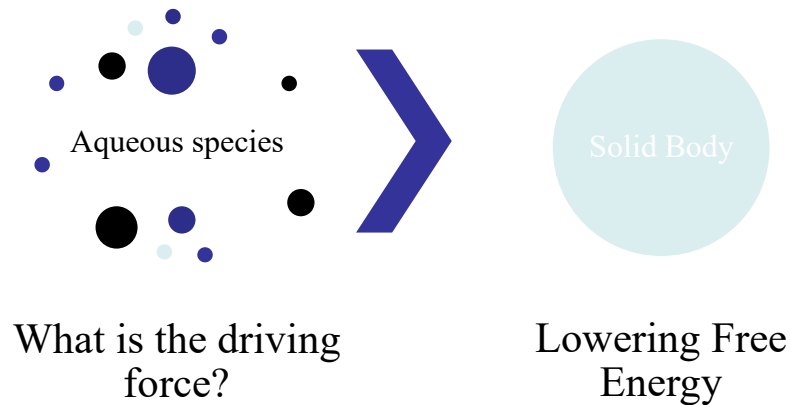


Overview

- **Classical Nucleation Theory**
 - Nucleation
 - Growth
 - Size Control
- **Synthesis of Polymeric NPs**
 - Nanoprecipitation
 - Flash Nanoprecipitation
 - Precipitation polymerization

Classical Nucleation Theory

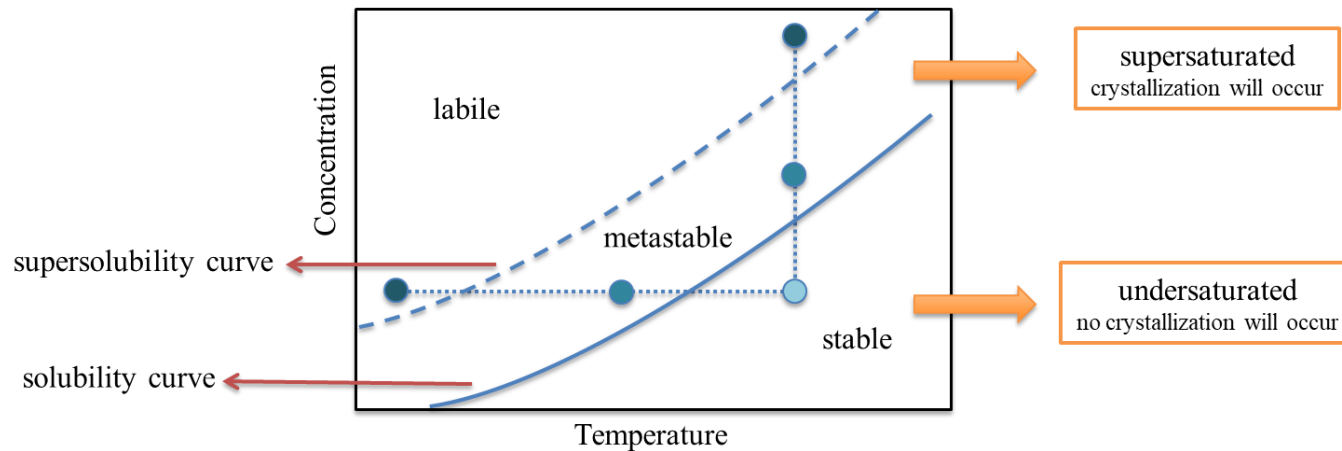
Crystallization From Solution



Crystallization is a phase transition process during which matter is transformed from a high free energy, disordered state to a crystal phase characterized by the regular arrangement of its building units to a low free energy state.

Solubility & Supersaturation

- A **saturated solution** is in thermodynamic equilibrium with the solid phase at a specified $T > c = c^*$
- Solutions where $c > c^*$ can be prepared (exm: by slow cooling), such solutions are called **supersaturated**
- The state of supersaturation is essential for all crystallization operations!!



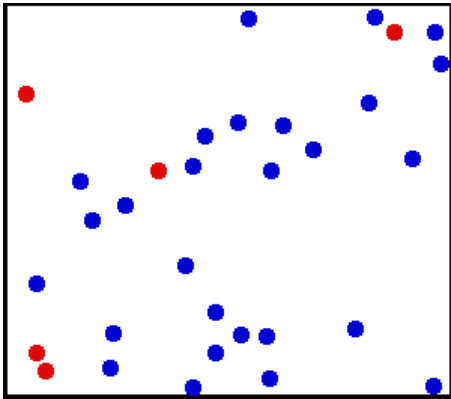
Stable zone: undersaturated- crystallization is impossible

Metastable zone: supersaturated- spontaneous crystallization is probable

Labile zone: supersaturated- uncontrolled spontaneous crystallization

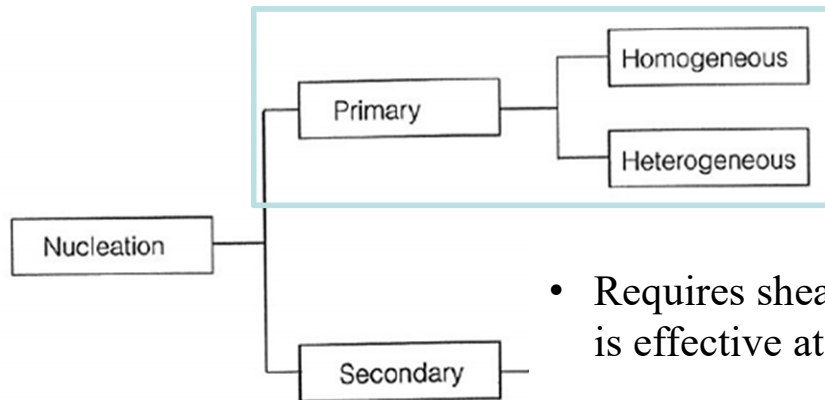
Nucleation

- First step in the formation of the new phase
- According to CNT, nuclei form via the dynamic and stochastic association of monomeric units that overcome a free energy barrier at a critical size and result in a phase separation in the system.



- Stochastic process
- Brownian motion
- Ions/molecules come together and apart until the formation of stable nucleus

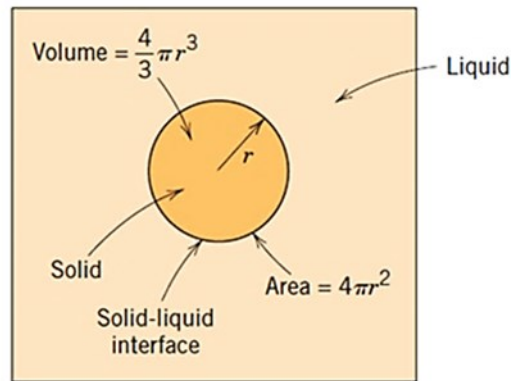
Types of Nucleation



- Requires shear force to be active on particles that is effective at micron size range.
- Negligible for nanoparticle formation.

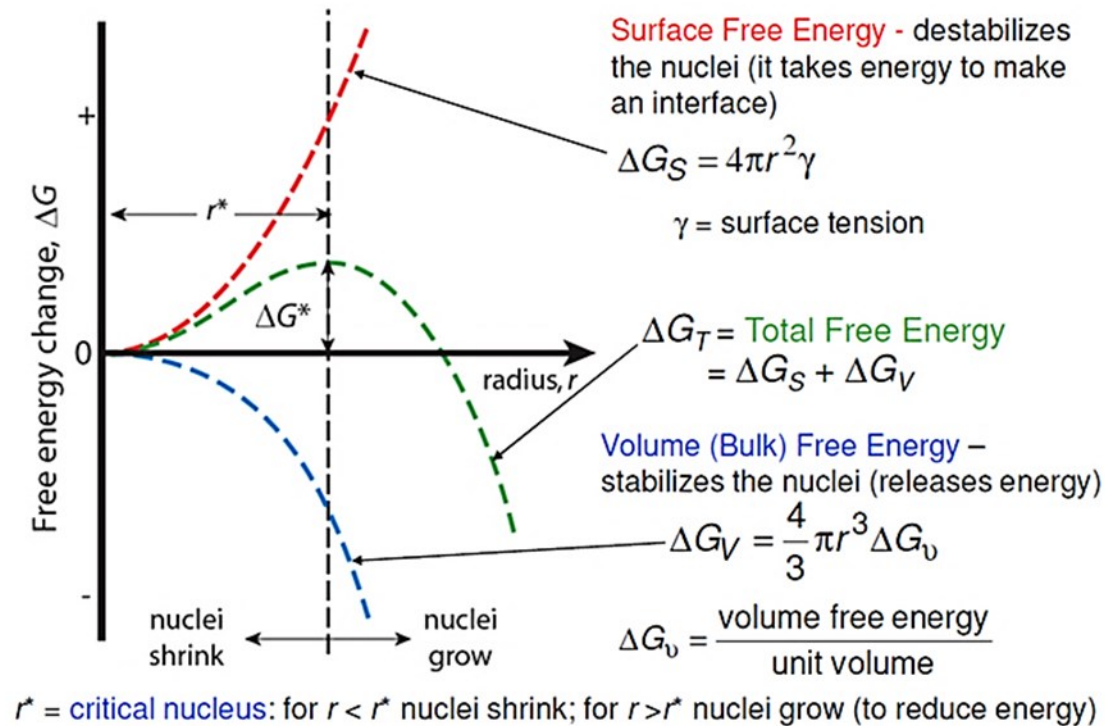
Primary Homogeneous Nucleation

A crystal forms via ***formation of a stable nucleus*** with a critical size where its bulk energy balances the energetic costs of creating a surface; and subsequently grows via ***monomer-by-monomer attachment of its building units***, that can be atoms, molecules or ions.



$$\Delta G = \Delta G_V + \Delta G_S$$
$$\Delta G \underset{(-)}{=} \underset{(+)}{\Delta G_v} V + \gamma A$$

Primary Homogeneous Nucleation



Primary Homogeneous Nucleation

- The nucleation rate, J , can be expressed as an Arrhenius reaction equation, commonly used for thermally activated processes

$$J = A \exp\left(\frac{-\Delta G^*}{kT}\right)$$
$$J = A \exp\left[-\frac{16\pi v_m^2 \gamma^3}{3v^2 (kT)^3 (\ln S)^2}\right]$$

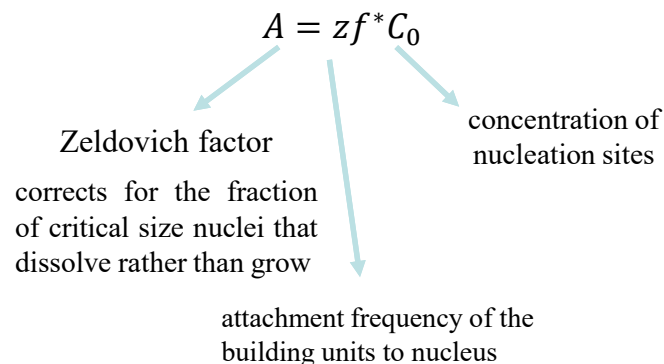
Effecting variables: γ , T , S

Kinetic Factor

- The energy barrier for homogeneous nucleation is usually too high to enable precipitation (i.e. critical radius is too large).
- Thus, in practice primary homogeneous nucleation almost never occurs!

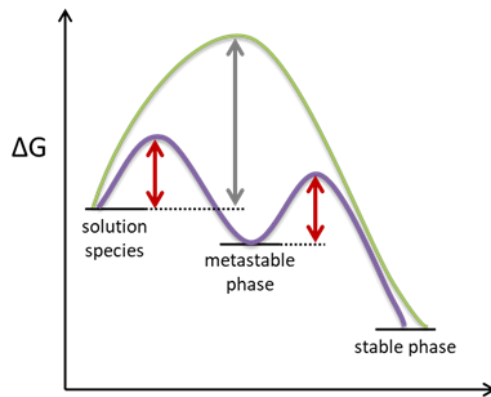
The pre-exponential factor A

- deals with the kinetic factors of nucleation

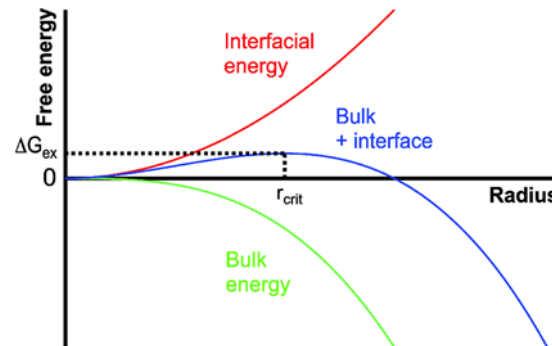


Ostwald's Rule of Stages

- Thermodynamically metastable phases associated with *lower energy barriers of formation* can initially appear in a supersaturated system as a *coaction of thermodynamic and kinetic factors*



metastable phase \rightarrow higher solubility \rightarrow lower bulk free energy



lower interfacial energy

kinetically favorable

- Given the sufficient time and the free energy of activation, they eventually transform into the more stable phase

$$\Delta G = G_{stable} - G_{metastable} < 0$$

- The driving force for this transformation is the minimization of the total free energy of the system

Size Enlargement

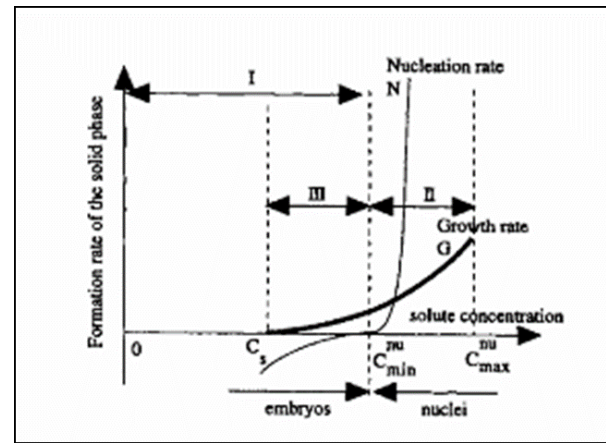
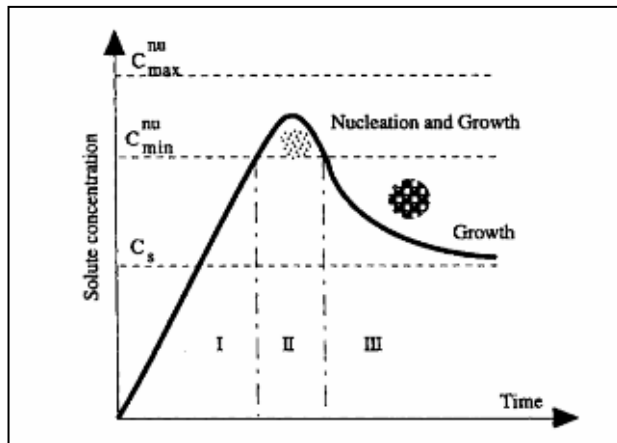
- Enlargement of crystalline particles in solution is described by two processes according to the classical theory:
 - i. crystal growth – monomer addition
 - ii. agglomeration – crystal growth during contact which forms a bridge between two crystals
- The driving force for crystal growth is the lower chemical potential of the growth units as constituents of the solid, in equilibrium with its solution, than as solution species
- Thus, the activity based supersaturation can be defined in the same way for both processes and used as a measure of the driving force:

$$S = \left(\frac{IAP}{K_{sp,a}} \right)^{1/v}$$

Size Enlargement

- Although the fundamental driving force for nucleation and growth processes is the same, they follow different energy landscapes.

LaMer Diagram



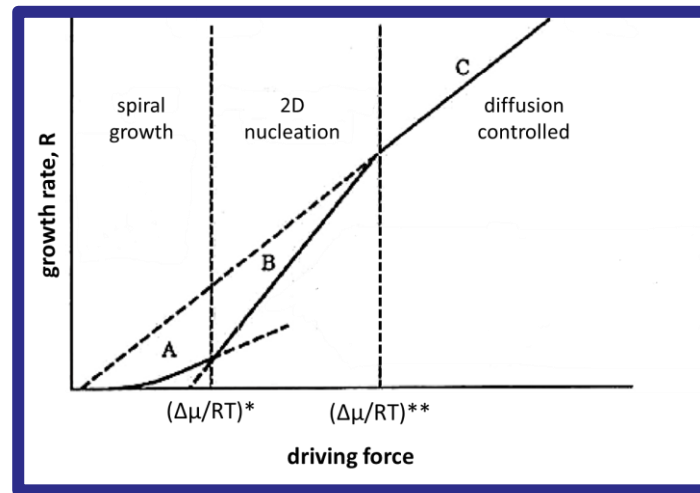
- When the activity/concentration of the solute is reduced below the value required for nucleation, only growth will be responsible for the relaxation of the supersaturated system towards $\Delta\mu = 0$ at $S = 1$.

Growth Rate

Growth rate law: $R = k(S - 1)^g$

Diffusion controlled	
Rough growth	$g=1$
Reaction controlled	
Spiral growth	$g=2$
Polynuclear growth	$g > 2$

- Experimental determination of the growth kinetics supported by microscopic examination of crystals often allows the determination of the prevailing growth mechanism.



- Whichever the prevailing growth mechanism, the constant, k , is proportional to the solute concentration, i.e., soluble compounds grow faster than slightly soluble ones

Particle Size and Size Distribution

Uniform Size Distribution

Nucleation Stage

For the synthesis of NPs with uniform size distribution, it is best if all nuclei are formed at the same time.




When formed under the same conditions, all nuclei would have the same or similar size



In addition, they will all have the same subsequent growth

Growth Stage

- The size distribution of particles can be further altered during the growth process
- Different growth mechanisms exert dissimilar outcomes on the size distribution in accordance with the correlation between the growth rate and the particle size

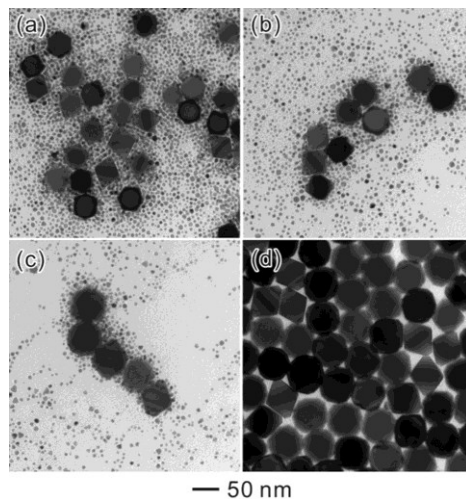


The formation of uniformly sized nanoparticles can be achieved if both processes are appropriately controlled.

Particle Size and Size Distribution

Ostwald Ripening

- When solid particles are dispersed in their own saturated solution (**aging**) there is a tendency for the smaller particles to dissolve and the solute to be deposited on the larger particles
- Particle size distribution ultimately changes towards that of a monosized dispersion



TEM images of Pd octahedra obtained after ripening for different periods of time: (a) 6 h, (b) 24 h, (c) 48 h, and (d) 72 h.

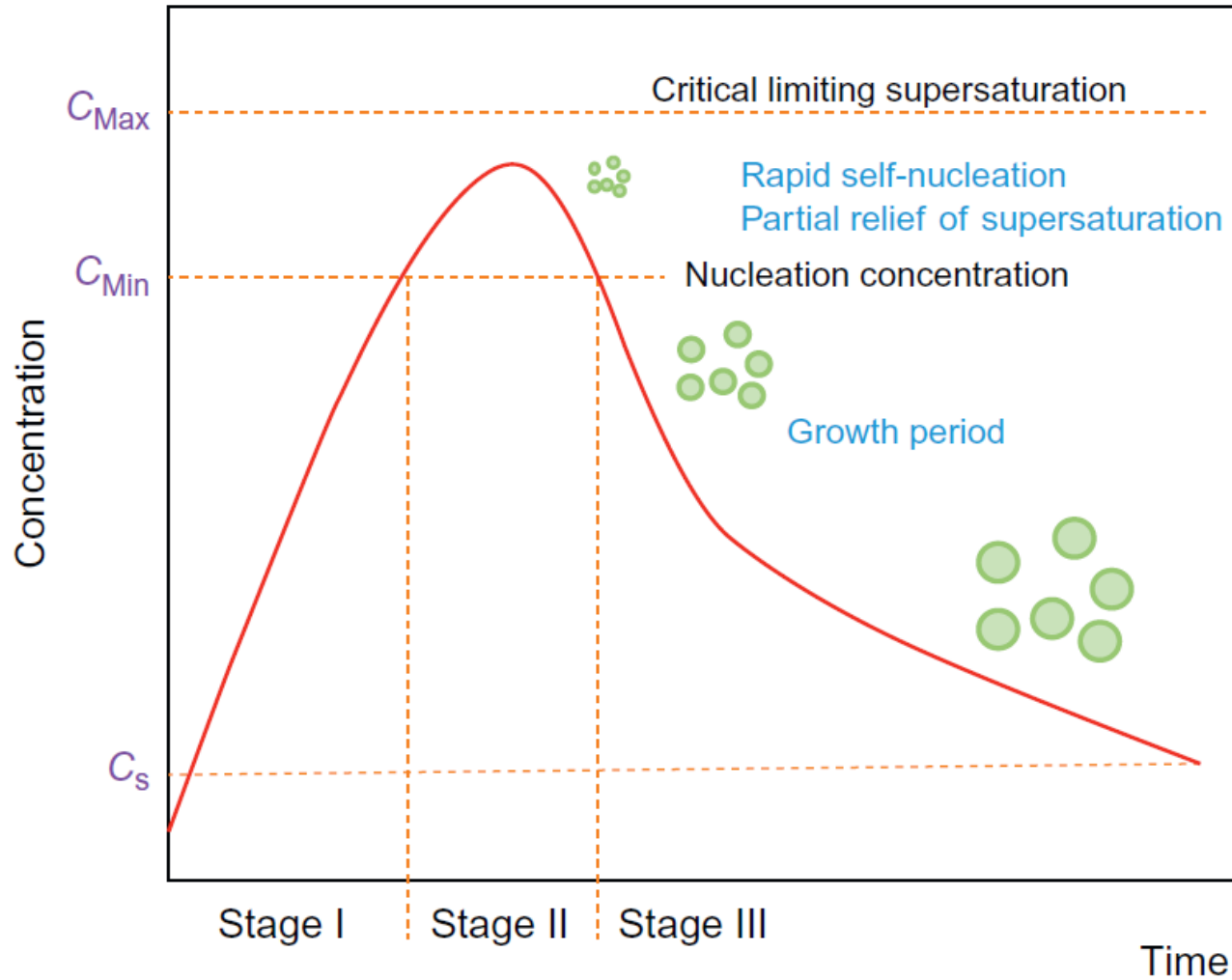
Recap

1. Supersaturation
2. Nucleation
3. Crystal growth
4. Secondary growth

$$S = \frac{c}{c^*}$$

$$\sigma = \frac{\Delta c}{c^*} = S - 1$$

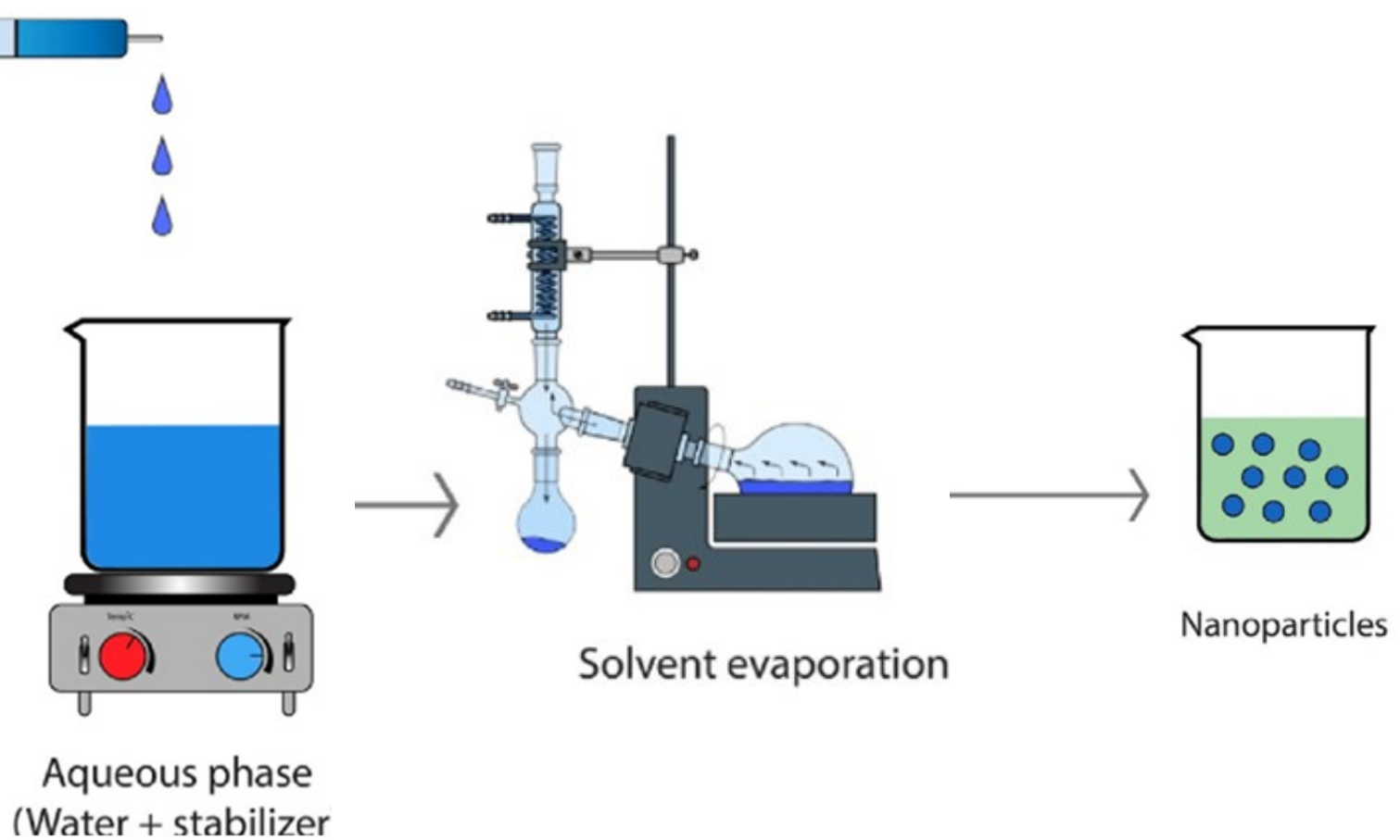
Recap



Lamer's Diagram

Synthesis of Polymeric NPs

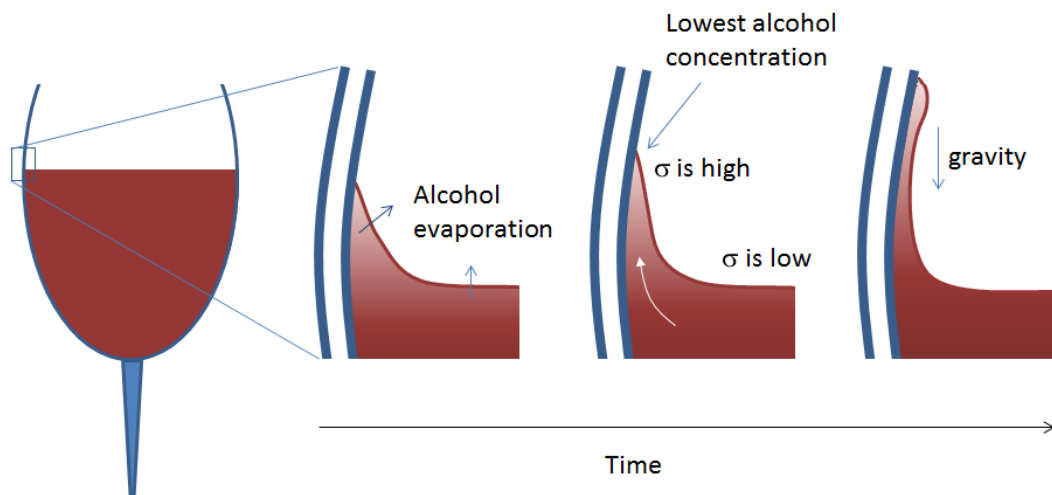
Nanoprecipitation



- Method to synthesize polymeric NPs.
- Components:
 - Solvent; containing polymer
 - Non solvent; containing surfactant
- Organic solvent can be removed by evaporation at ambient temperature or a rotavapour.
- Aqueous phase can be removed using ultracentrifugation or freeze-drying.
- Patented by Fessi et al. in 1989.
- Was originally designed to encapsulate hydrophobic drugs, however research has been conducted with hydrophilic drugs.

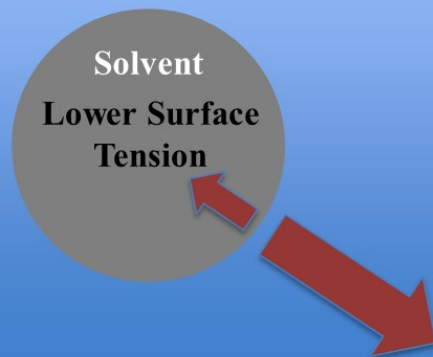
Gibb's Marangoni Effect

- Mass transfer along an interface between two fluids due to a gradient of the surface tension.
- First identified by James Thomson: **Tears of wine phenomenon**



Mechanism

- Surface tension gradient tends to contract or stretch the interface resulting from a **contractile force**.
- **Greater the surface tension: greater is the contractile force**



Non solvent: Higher Surface Tension

Mechanism

Nucleation and Growth Theory

- Three Stages:
 - Nucleation
 - Growth
 - Aggregation
- Supersaturation determines nucleation rate, that is further determined by fluid dynamics and phase mixing.
- Higher mixing rate; Smaller NP size

Gibbs-Marangoni Effect

- Difference in surface tension that causes interfacial turbulence and thermal inequalities.
- Thus, vortices are continuously formed and at the interface of both liquids.
- Diffusion of solvent to a region of high surface tension causes precipitation of the polymer resulting in NPs due to **aggregation**.
- NPs can be stabilised using a surfactant.

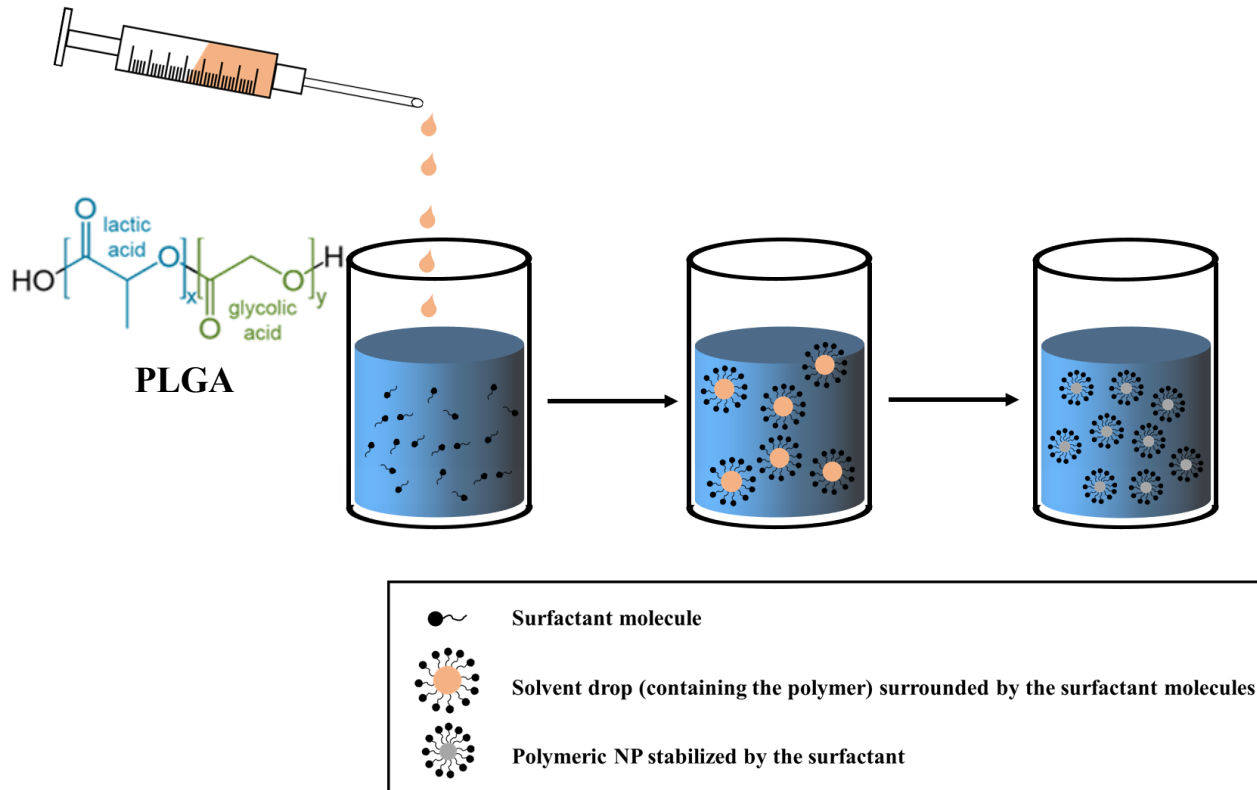
Parameters

- Stirring Rate
- Injection Rate
- Fraction of non-solvent phase
- Surfactant concentration
- Polymer concentration
- Polymer molecular weight
- Solvent selection
- Temperature



*This is a drop of a **water-alcohol** mixture.*

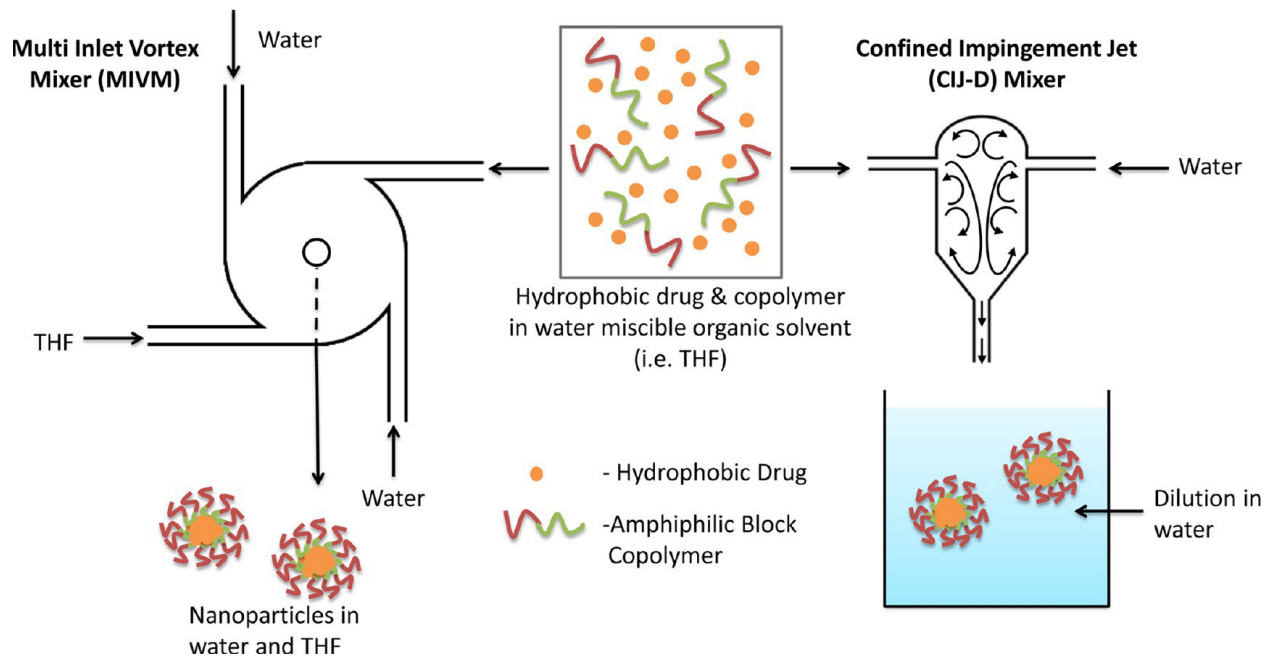
Polymer Coated Magnetic NPs



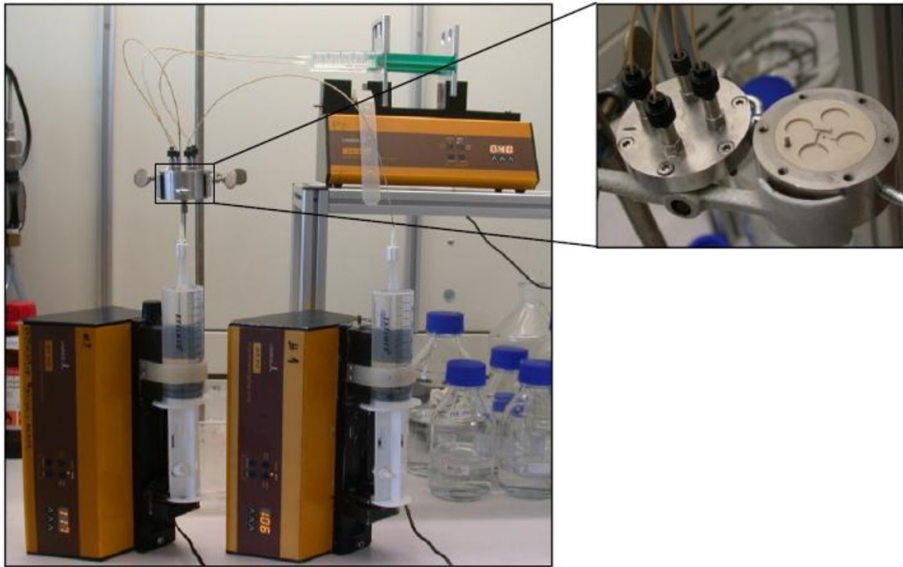
2. Flash Nanoprecipitation

- Rapid micromixing
 - Solvent , anti-solvent mix at a time scale shorter than formation of NPs
- Creation of high supersaturation
- Leads to precipitation of dissolved hydrophobic components
- Mixing time must be less than induction time for polymer aggregation and induction time for nucleation & growth.
- Kinetically controlled process
- Narrow particle size distribution

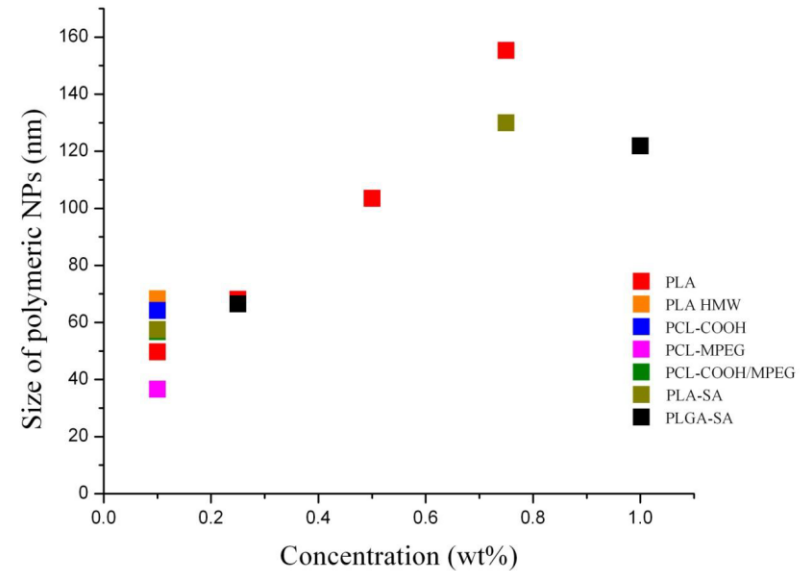
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MIVM Setup



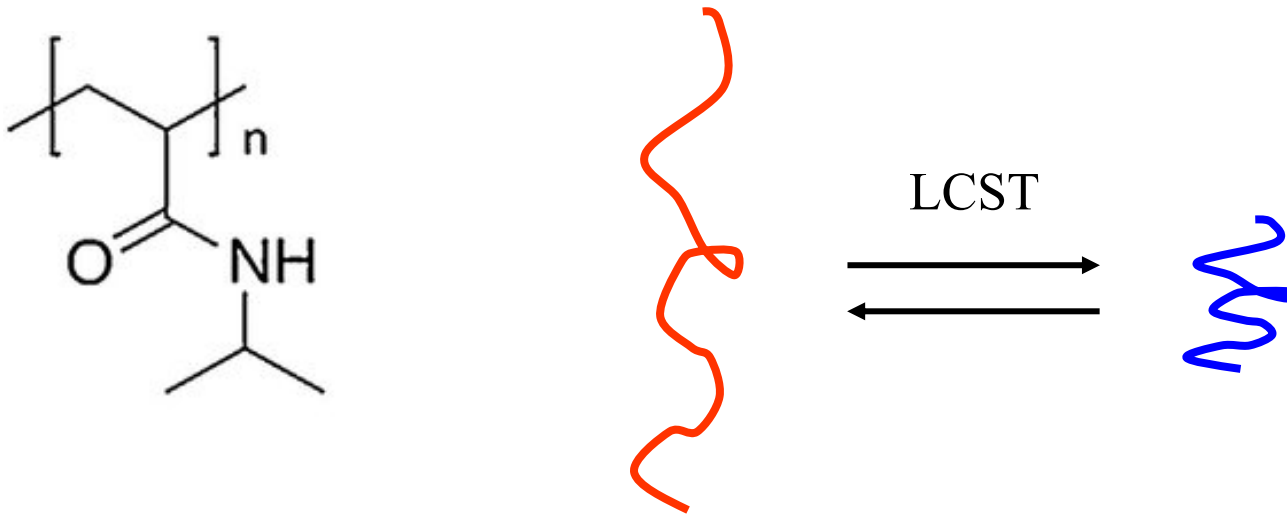
Multi Inlet Vortex Mixer (MIVM) setup for Flash Nanoprecipitation.



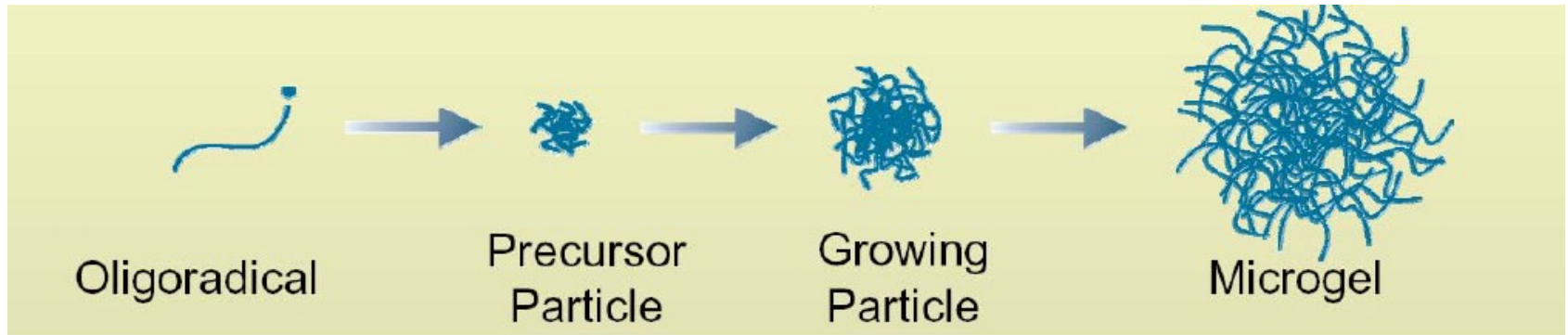
Hydrodynamic sizes of polymeric NPs as a function of concentration.

Precipitation Polymerization

- Polymers like Poly(N-isopropyl acrylamide) (PNIPAm) dissolved in water undergo a coil-to-globule transition at temperatures exceeding its lower critical solution temperature (LCST) ($\sim 32^\circ\text{C}$)
- The LCST/cloud point can be tuned by altering the composition of a PNIPAm-containing block copolymer
- LCST also affected by the mobility of the PNIPAm chains



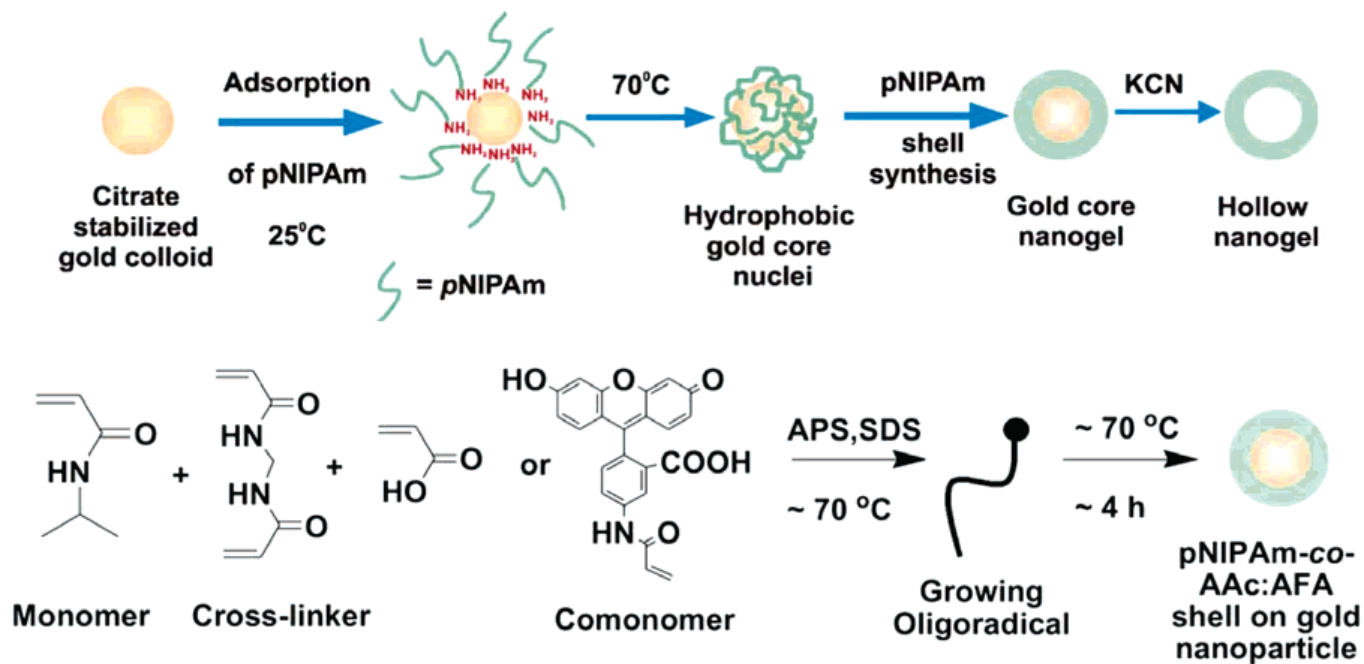
Mechanism



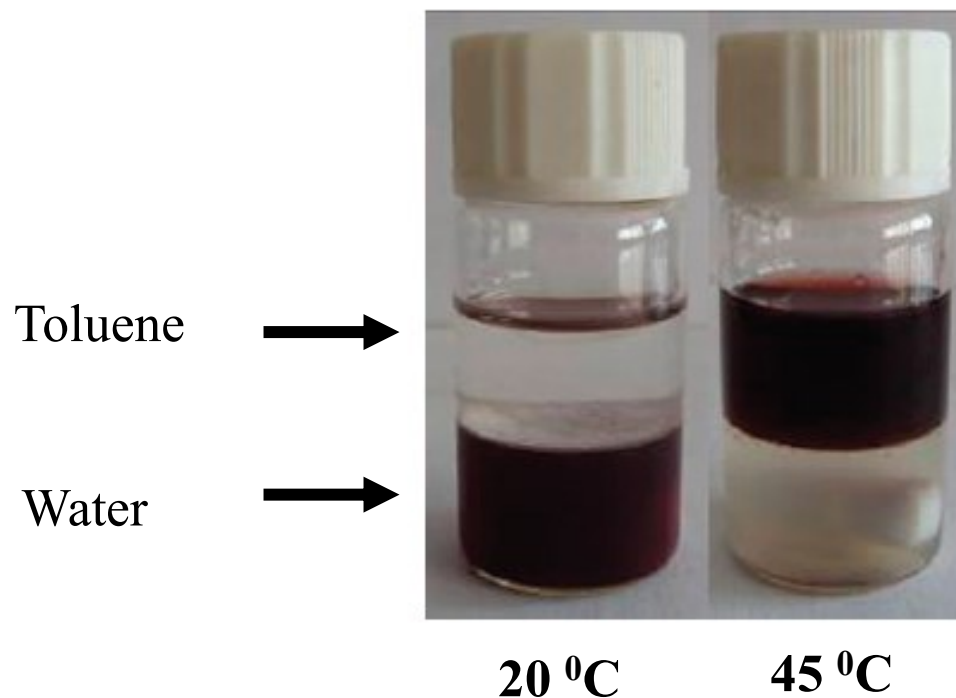
A nucleation and growth process

- Monomer + cross linking agent in water
- $T > LCST$
- Homogeneous nucleation on collapsed oligomers
- Oligomer and monomer addition, aggregation
- Low PDI, control of charge, size, cross-link density

Au-pNIPAm



Phase Transfer



Polarity and phase behavior of the Au NP constructs tunable via temperature

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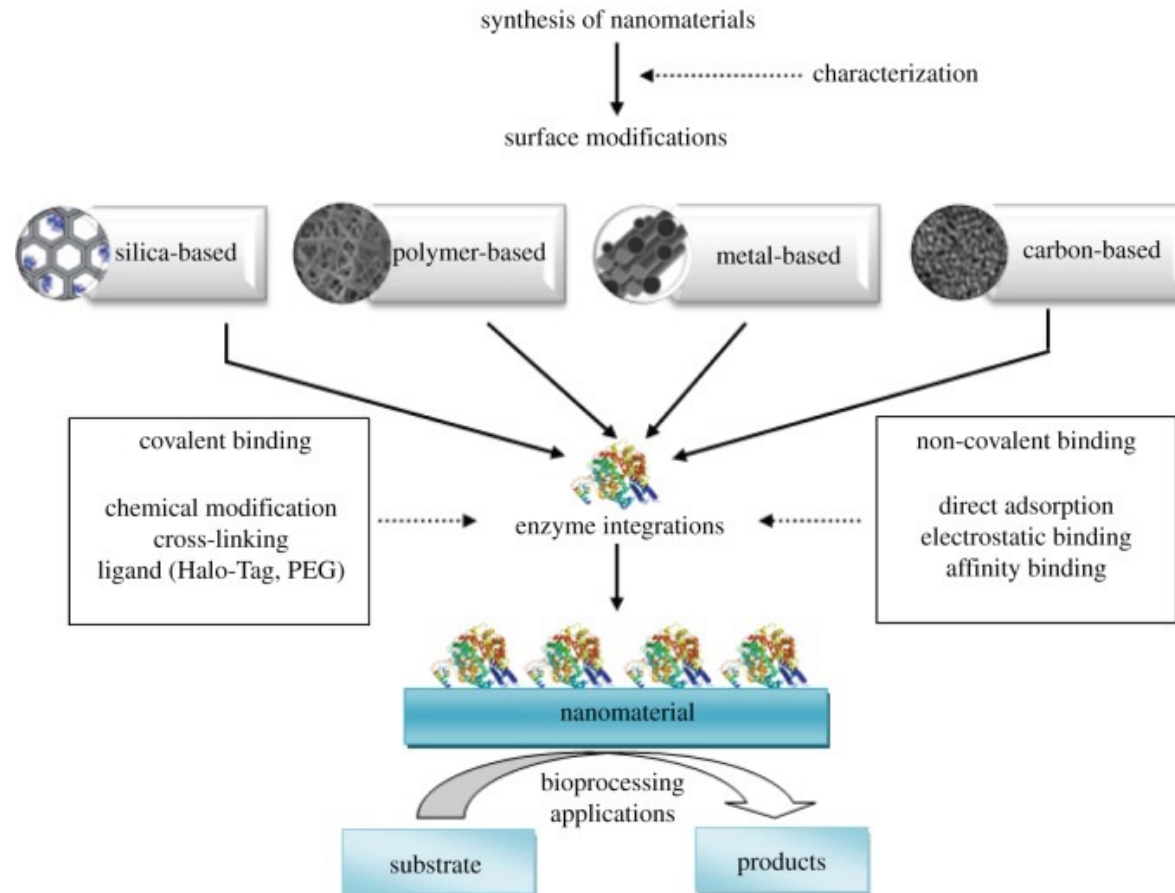
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I. Applications from bio-nanocatalysis

Thursday April 8th 10:15 - 12:00 Romania time



Misson *et al*, 2015

Agenda

- Definitions
- Benefits of coupling enzymes to nanostructures:
(is it still a nanostructure and is it green chemistry??)
 1. Increasing effectiveness?
 2. Increasing stability?
 3. Sustainability (re-useable)?
- **Cascade reactions** with biocatalysis and nanocat.
- Production of **biofuels** by Biocat/Nanotech
- Production of **agrochemicals** by Biocat/Nanotech

Fossil based?

Bio based?



Definition of biocatalysis

Biocatalysis is “the use of **natural substances** to speed up (catalyze) chemical reactions”.

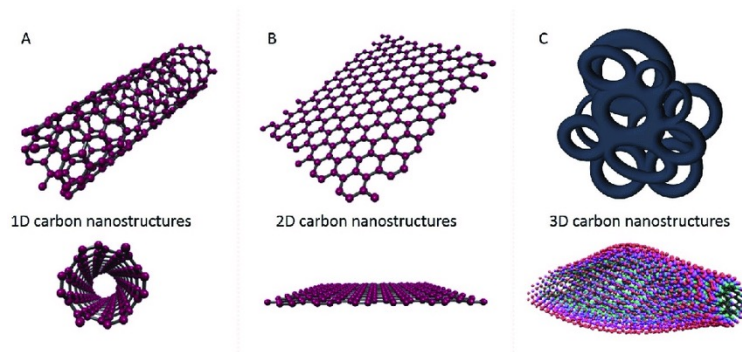
In most cases, a group of **proteins called enzymes** will be carrying out the catalysis, but a combination of enzymes as well as cells can be used.

These **enzymes can be taken from the cell**, either from the original cell or from a different cell that was modified to produce the enzyme.

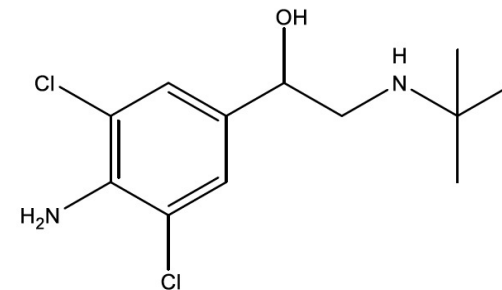
Definition of nanostructure

A **nanos**tructure is a structure of intermediate size **between microscopic** and molecular structures.

Nanostructural detail is microstructure at nanoscale.



Carbon nanostructures-large polymers!



Clenbuterol- a molecule based on benzene- why not nanostructure?

In describing **nanos**tructures, it is **necessary to differentiate between the number of dimensions** in the volume of an object which are on the nanoscale. (Wikipedia)

Definition of nanotechnology

Nanotechnology is the understanding and control of **matter** at dimensions between approximately 1 and 100 nanometers, where **unique phenomena enable novel applications.**

Encompassing nanoscale science, engineering, and technology, **nanotechnology involves imaging, measuring, modeling, and manipulating **matter** at this small scale.**

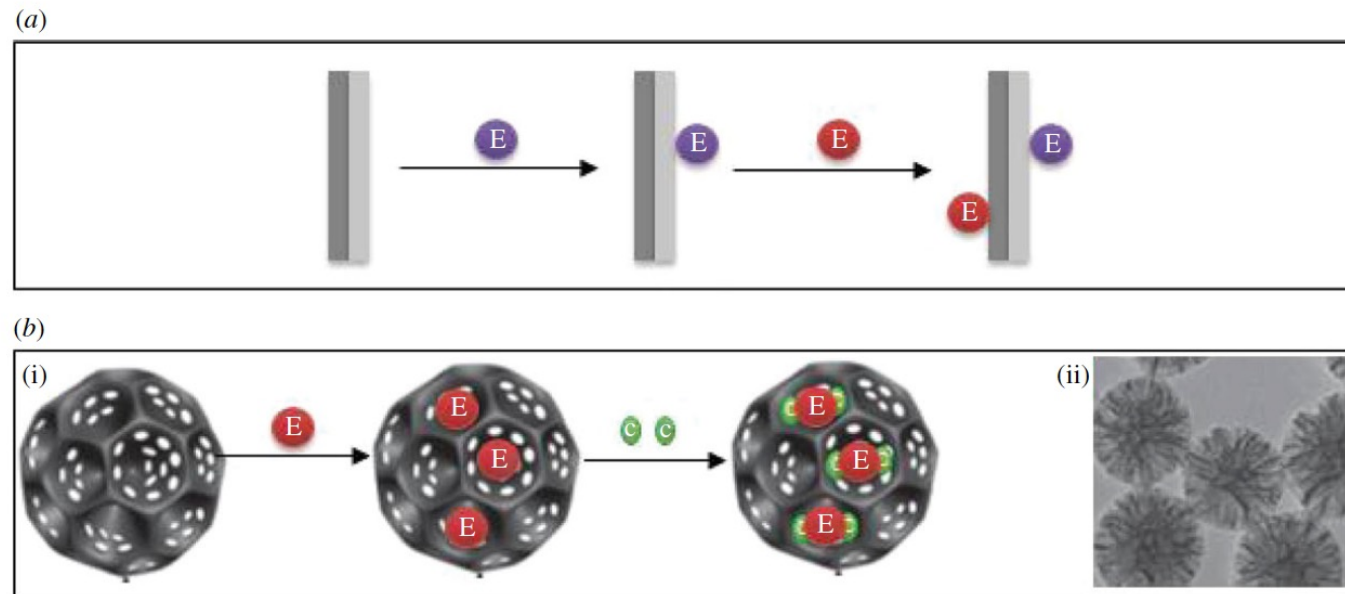
National Nanotechnology Initiative (NNI)

Nanofibers (NF's=polymers) + enzymes

Immobilization onto solid supports may reduce enzyme activity, f. inst bovine serum albumin (BSA), penicillin acylase and β -galactosidase. This belief may not be true when enzymes are immobilized onto **nanocarriers**.

NF's offer a high surface-to-volume ratio to show a high adsorption capacity of enzyme loading:

enzymes penetrate the polymer and attach into inner region of polymer – giving optimal substrate diffusion



(a) Side-by-side **hybrid nanofibers** promote immobilization of two enzymes to perform simultaneous reactions.

(b) Schematic illustration of **dendrimer-like nanoporous silica** for the co-immobilization of enzyme with cofactors or other biomolecules (i), TEM image of dendrimer-like nanopores silica (ii)

Du *et al* 2013

Nanocages (mesoporous silica) + enzymes

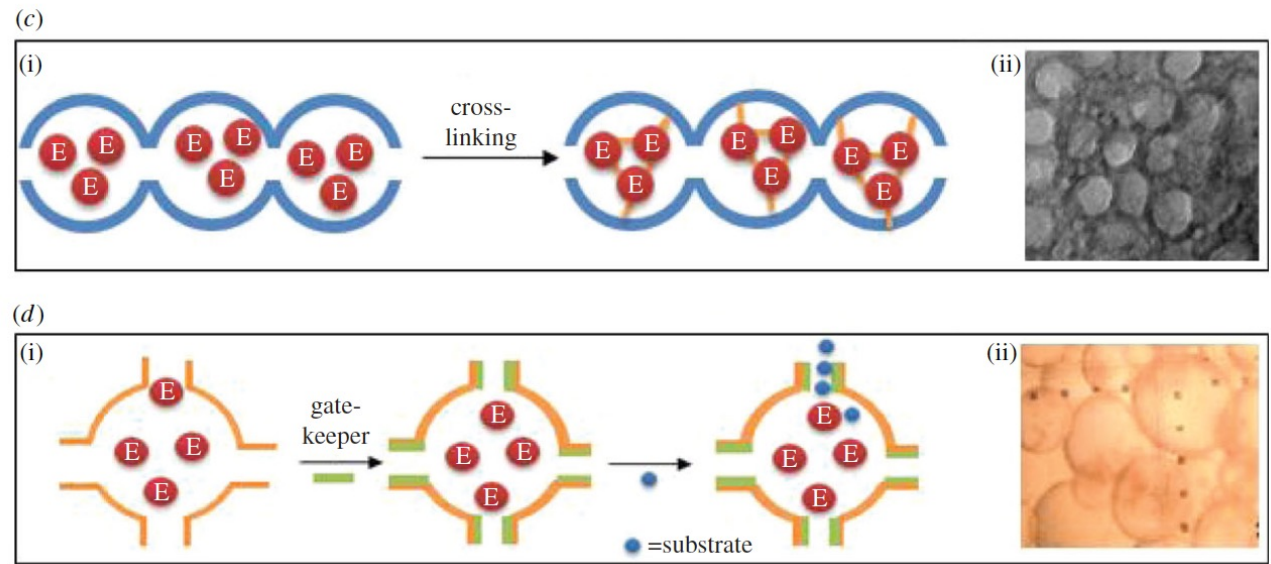
Enzymes can be attached to

- fibre surface or
- enclosed inside the pores.

However, **enzyme leaching** can be an issue if only the enzymes are attached by physical adsorption. Enzyme reactivity could be affected due to conformational change or is reduced by exposing to cross-linking reagents.

To encapsulate the enzyme molecules **inside a nanoscale container** is a promising approach to maintain enzyme activity

- substrates can freely diffuse into and out of the container

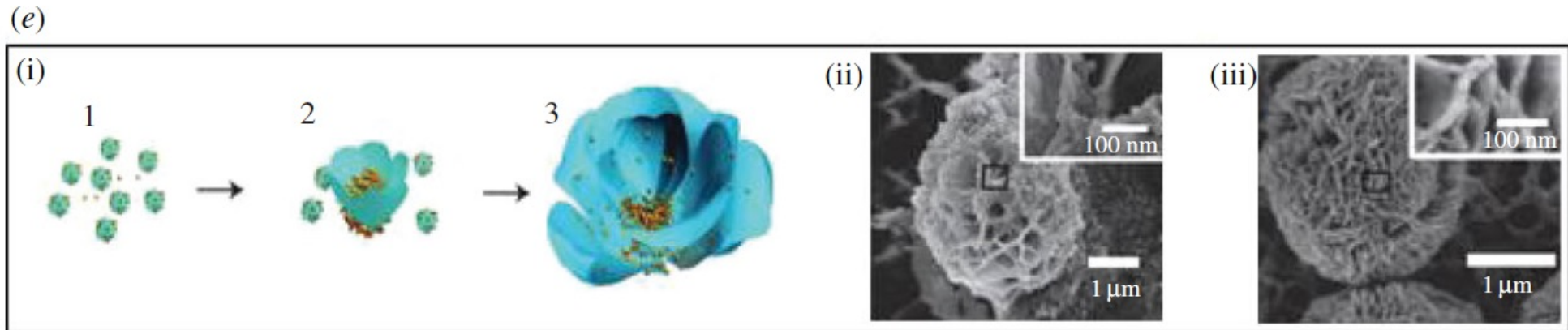


(c) Schematic illustration (i) and TEM image (ii) of ship-in-a-bottle pore structures to **retain and stabilize enzymes inside the nanocages**. (cross linking w glutaraldehyde) Pore size only large enough for diffusion of small molecules, not enzymes.

(d) Schematic illustration (i) and optical micrograph (ii) of nanocages with substrate-diffusion **gatekeepers to prevent enzyme leaching**.

Lee *et al.* 2005 , Liu *et al.* 2013

Nanoflowers + enzymes



(e) Schematic diagram (i) and SEM images of the formation of Bovine Serum Albumin (BSA)-incorporated $\text{Cu}_3(\text{PO}_4)_2 \cdot 3\text{H}_2\text{O}$ nanoflowers (spheres in nanoflowers' core as protein molecules) at 12 h (ii) and 3 days (iii)

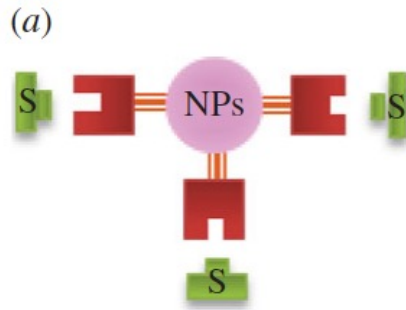
The hybrid nanoflower exhibit enhanced enzymatic activity and stability compared with free enzymes, which may be attributed to the confinement of the enzyme in the core of the nanoflower.

Enzymes : α -lactalbumin, laccase, carbonic anhydrase and lipase

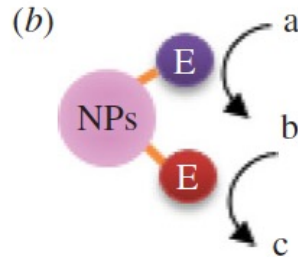
Ge *et al*, 2012

Engineering performance of NanoBioCatalysts in bioprocess applications.

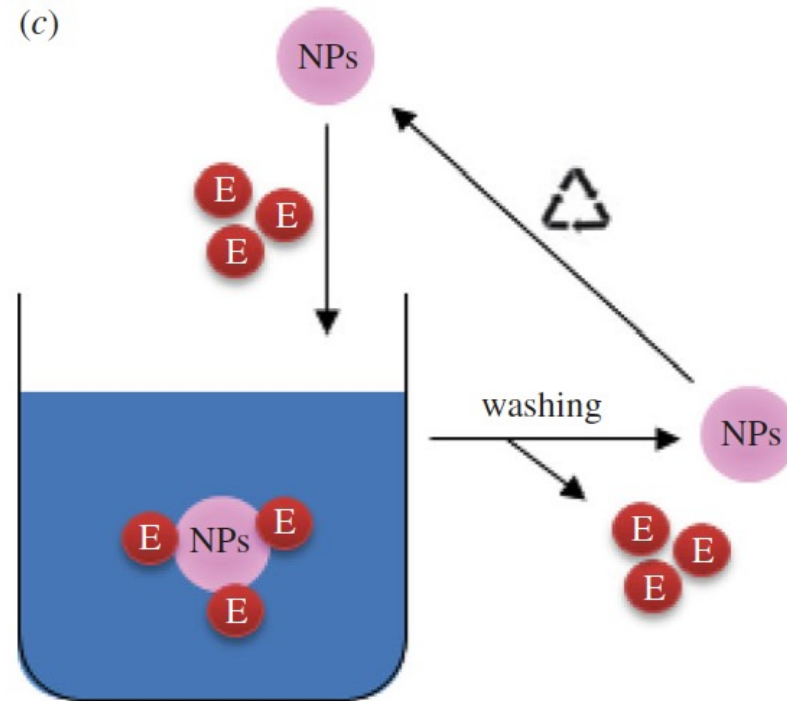
(a) Enhancing enzyme activity by stabilizing the enzyme reactive sites towards the substrate.



(b) Accelerating biocatalysis through cascade reactions of the co-immobilized enzymes in one-pot medium.



(c)



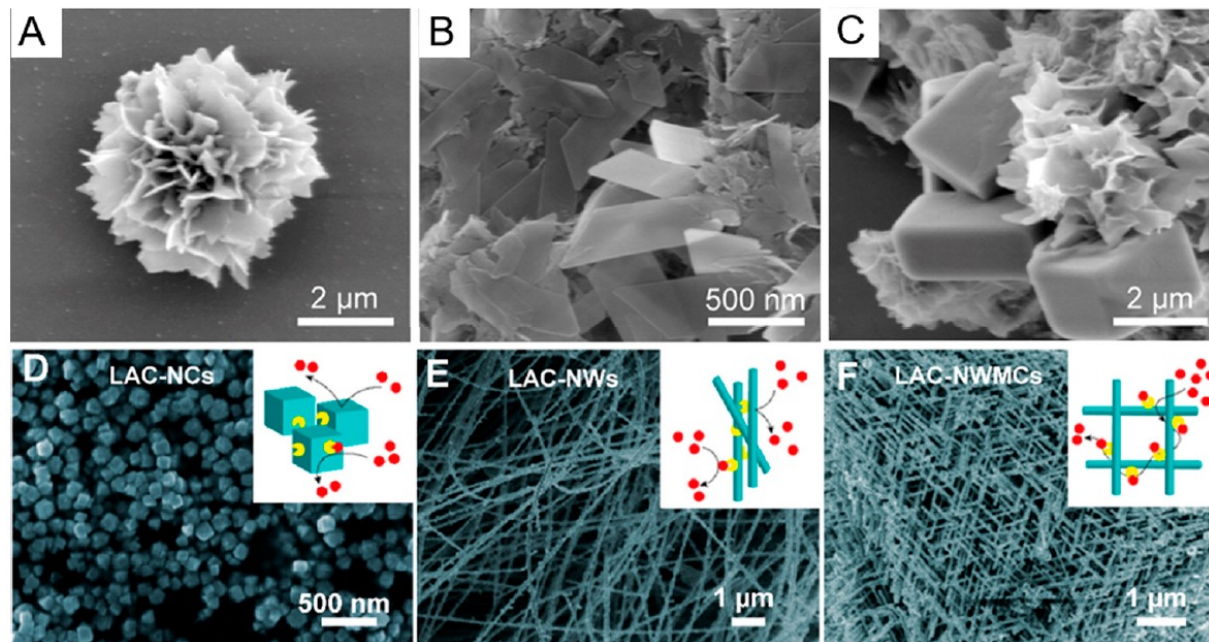
(c) Recycling the nanocarriers after the enzyme activity decays.

f. Inst Integration of **magnetic technology** with the enzyme immobilization on the nanocarriers can enhance recoverability and reusability of the NBC's

Misson *et al*, 2015

Coupling of the α -amylase and laccase to nanostructures

SEM images of CaHPO_4 - α -amylase nanobiocatalysts, (A) nanoflowers, (B) nanoplates, and (C) parallel hexahedrons. (Wang *et al*, 2013, (ref [17] in An *et al* 2010))



SEM images of Cu_2O -laccase nanobiocatalysts, (D) nanocubes, (E) nanowires, and (F) nanowire mesocrystal, insets are the schematic illustrations of the plausible substrate diffusion pathways for these hybrid materials. (Li *et al*, 2018, ref [16] in An *et al* 2010)

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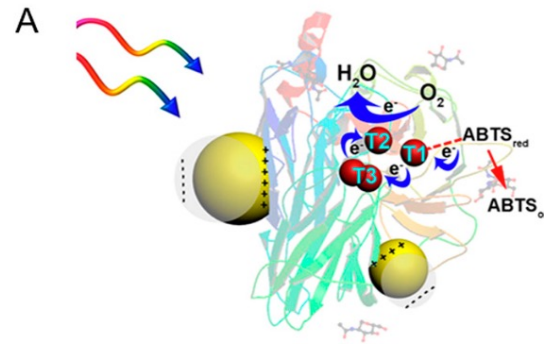
Effects of metal ion and temperature on enhanced activities of immobilized enzymes

Enzymes	Effects	Increased Activities (Folds)	Ref.
Laccase	Cu^{2+}	4.00	[25]
α -amylase	Ca^{2+} (Allosteric Effect)	37.5	[17]
β -galactosidase	Mg^{2+} (Allosteric Effect)	30.00	[58]
Cytochrome c	Zn^{2+}	10.00	[37]
Organophosphorus hydrolase	Co^{2+} (Allosteric Effect)	3.00	[53]
Carbonic anhydrase	Cu^{2+} , Ca^{2+}	2.86, 1.49	[54]
Urease	Cu^{2+}	40.00	[73]
D-psicose 3-epimerase	Co^{2+}	7.20	[67]
Laccase	Cu^+ and Cu^{2+}	10.00	[16]
Laccase	Cu^{2+}	18.00	[68]
Lipase, Cytochrome c	Temperature responsiveness in organic solvents	67.00, 670.0	[35]
L-2-HAD _{ST} dehalogenase	Magnetothermal effect	2.00	[26]
Laccase	Increased temperature by local surface plasma resonance effect	1.91	[23]
Amylase, Cellulase, Lipase	Solar-to-thermal conversion	13.00, 5.00, 12.00	[32]
β -galactosidase	Magnetothermal effect	1.80	[27]
Lipase	Temperature responsiveness in organic media	11.00	[70]

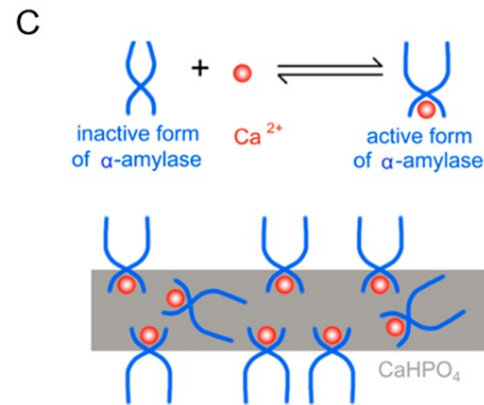
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Experimental set ups

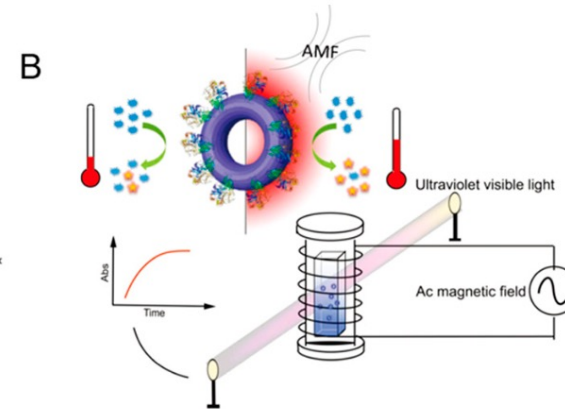
A. Au-laccase hybrids with enhanced electron transfer



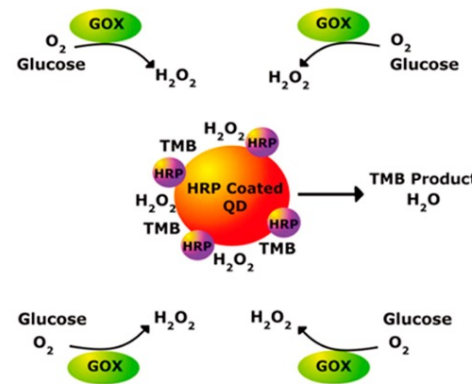
C. The α -amylase- CaHPO_4 nanoflower nanobiocatalyst. Ca^{2+} binds to allosteric sites in inactive α -amylase and generates active α -amylase



B. Experimental set-up β -Gal hybrids



D. Diagram of the GOX/HRP- CdSe/ZnS QDs system with enhanced coupled enzymatic activity.



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Magnetic nanoparticles

Magnetic nanoparticles (MNP) suitable as supports to enzymes due to:

- low toxicity
- flexible surface modification by chemical reactions
- large enzyme capacity
- good reusability [30-in de Jesús Rostro-Alanis].

Magnetite (Fe_3O_4) and maghemite ($\gamma\text{-Fe}_2\text{O}_3$) widely used:

- low toxicity
- stability
- availability
- low environmental impact
- small size
- super-paramagnetic properties
- ease of separation from the reaction media [31–33-in de Jesús Rostro-Alanis.].

de Jesús Rostro-Alanis *et al*, 2016

Nanostructure characteristics enable design of robust biocatalysts

Main advantages of nanomaterials for immobilization of enzymes:

1. possibility of fine tuning the biological activity by designing specific materials
2. high surface area - allows for a high loading of enzyme.

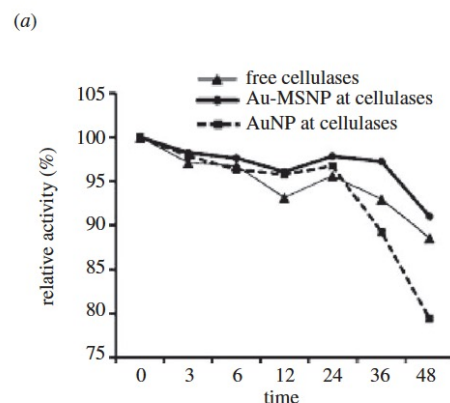
Desirable characteristics of Nanostructured materials for support for enzymes:

1. pore diameter on the scale of nanometers (5–100 nm)
2. hardness
3. defined geometry
4. hydrophobicity/hydrophilicity ratio
5. conductivity
6. magnetic properties

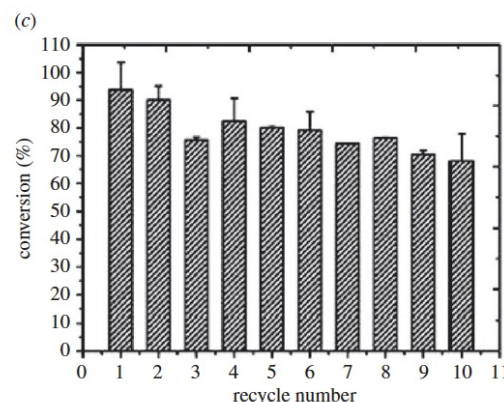
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Applications of NBC's in bioprocesses.

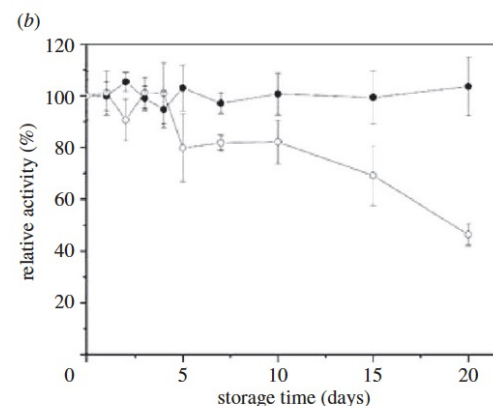
(a) Extension of enzyme activity from 24 to 36 h by immobilized cellulases on Au-magnetic silica NP's [136] in Misson 2015.



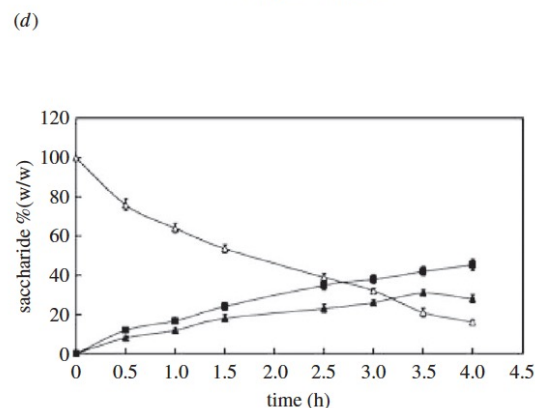
(c) Recyclability of lipase-nanoporous gold biocomposite for catalytic conversion of soybean oil to biodiesel [66] in Misson 2015.



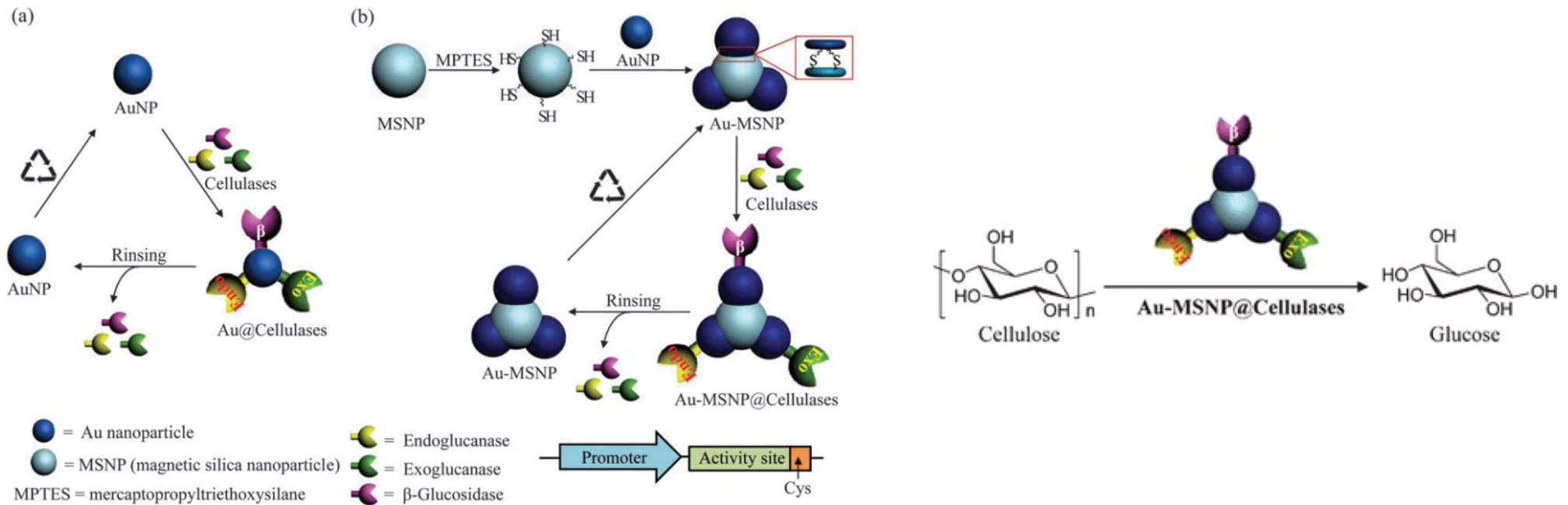
(b) Storage stability of free lipase (unfilled circles) and immobilized lipase (filled circles) on polyacrylonitrile nanofibrous membrane [145] in Misson 2015.



(d) Synthesis of GalactoOligoSaccharide (GOS) from lactose conversion by β -galactosidase-nanospheres (unfilled triangles, lactose; filled triangles, total GOS; filled squares, monosaccharide) [146] in Misson 2015.



Co-immobilization of three cellulases on Au-doped magnetic silica nanoparticles for the degradation of cellulose



Scheme 1 Overall schemes for the synthesis of the cellulases immobilized on (a) **AuNP** and (b) **Au-MSNP**.

Cho *et al*, 2012

Large scale biocatalysis/nanocatalysis **POTENSIAL**

Immobilized enzymes used for large-scale industrial processes:

1. glucose isomerase for production of fructose corn syrup(HFCS) (107 tons per annum)
2. lipase for transesterification of food oils (105 tons per annum)
3. penicillin G acylase for antibiotic modification (104 tons per annum)

HOWEVER:

Studies on the development and application of nanocarrier-based NBC's for bioprocesses still carried out in laboratory-scale bioreactor

A successful case using NBC's in LARGE SCALE industrial bioprocesses has not been found in the literature so far.

Discussion: HOW CAN THIS UPSCALING BE POSSIBLE?

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Cascade enzyme catalysis-nanocatalysis

One pot combination

Benefits over traditional processes:

1. Avoiding purification and isolation of intermediates
2. low ecological footprint, quantified by
 - the *E*-factor
 - solvent demand

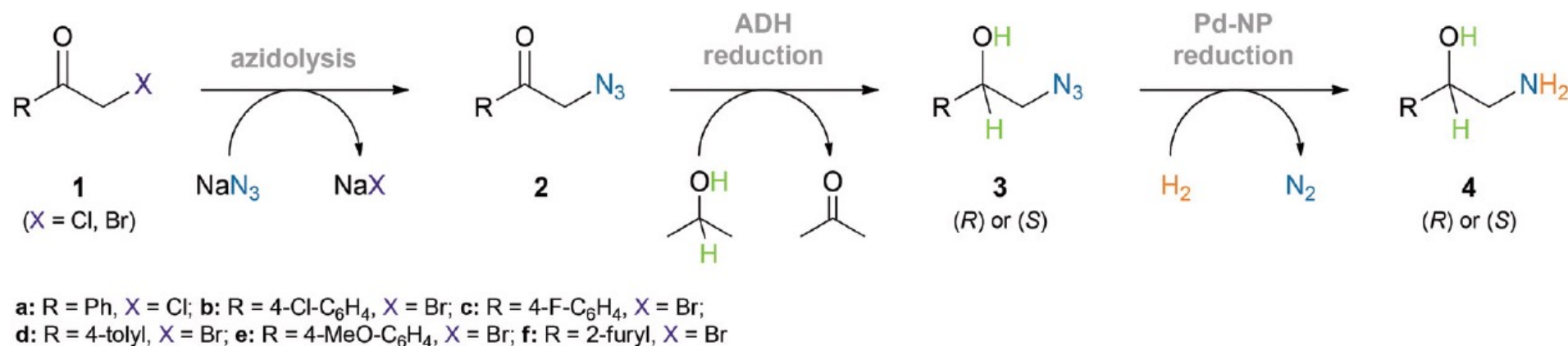
The ideal *E*-factor is zero.

Kilograms of raw materials in, minus kilograms of desired product, divided by kilograms of product out.

Sheldon, 2017

Cascade enzyme catalysis-nanocatalysis

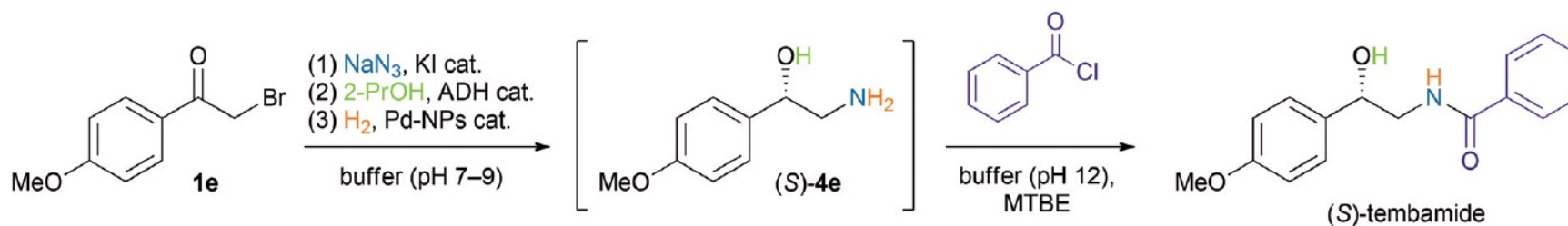
One pot combination



Scheme: Chemo-enzymatic approach towards optically pure 1,2-amino alcohols via azidolysis, alcohol dehydrogenase (ADH) catalysed asymmetric reduction, and Pd nanoparticle (Pd-NP) catalysed azide hydrogenation

Schrittwieser *et. al*, 2013

Antiviral natural product (S)-tembamide (**1**), 73% yield, ee >99%



Scheme: Asymmetric synthesis of (S)-tembamide in a chemo-enzymatic four-step one-pot sequence.

Table: Environmental impact comparison of catalytic asymmetric syntheses of tembamide

Article	Steps ^a	Asymmetric key step	Yield ^b [%]	E-factor ^c	Solvent ^d [mL g ⁻¹]
Present work	4 (1)	Asymmetric ketone reduction (ADH)	73	11.1	309
Lee <i>et al.</i> 2007	5 (5)	Asymmetric ketone reduction (Rh catalyst)	62	57.8	1600
Baeza <i>et al.</i> 2005	3 (2)	Asymmetric cyano-O-phosphorylation (Lewis acid/Brønsted base catalyst)	65	23.3	1031
Kamal <i>et al.</i> 2004	5 (4)	Enantioselective transesterification (lipase)	42	114.9	1801
Yadav <i>et al.</i> 2001	3 (2) ^e	Asymmetric ketone reduction (carrot root)	85	97.5	826
Brown <i>et al.</i> 1993, 1994	3 (3)	Asymmetric hydrocyanation (peptide catalyst)	72	14.6	483

Schritt Wieser *et al.*, 2013

One-Pot Combination of Metal- and Bio-Catalysis in Water

Synthesis of enantiopure molecules

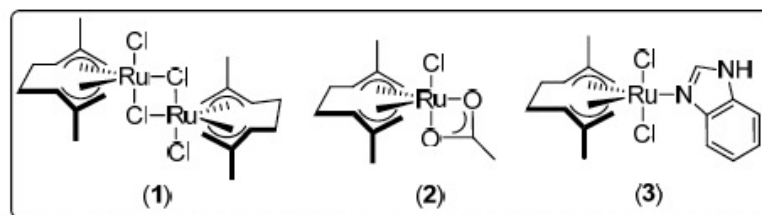
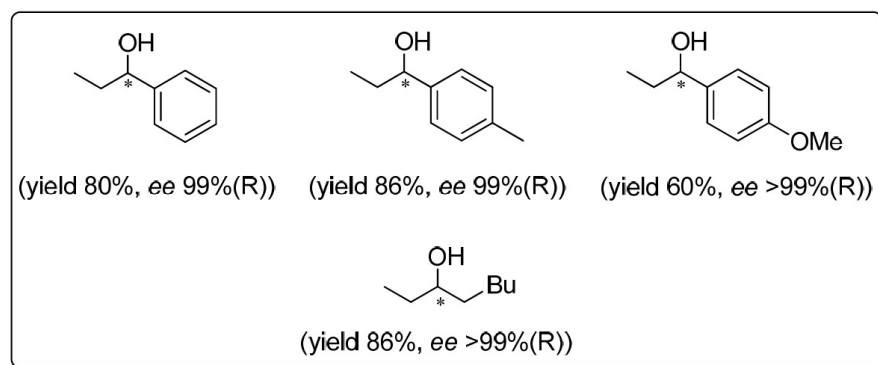
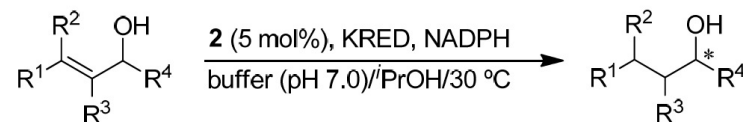
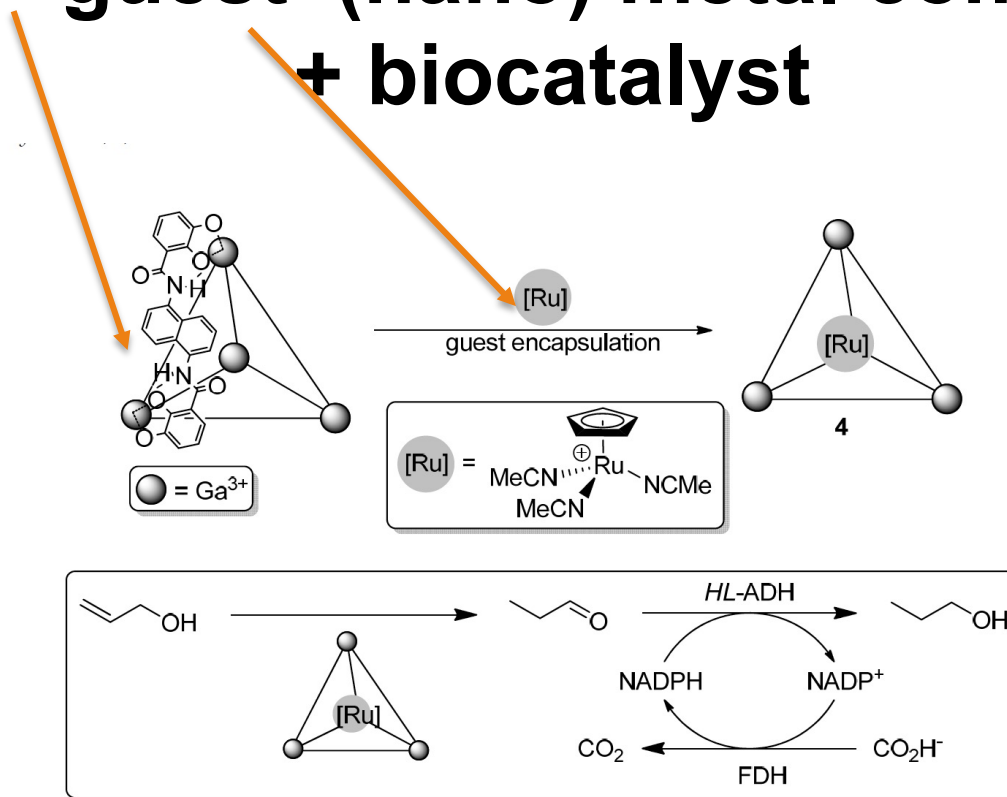


Fig. Highly-efficient and selective bis(allyl)-ruthenium(IV) catalysts (**1–3**) for the redox isomerization of allylic alcohols in water and under mild reaction conditions.



Ríos-Lombardía *et al*, 2018

Host –guest (nano) metal complexes + biocatalyst



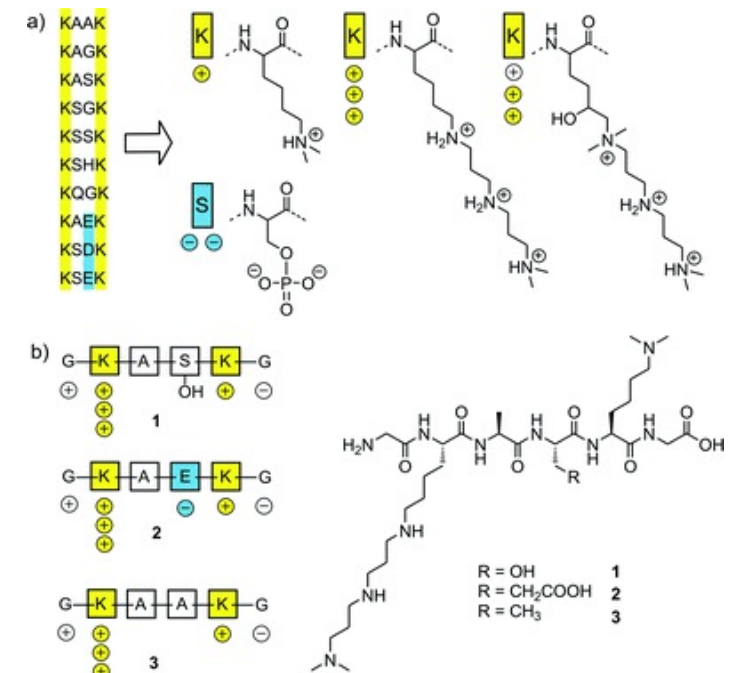
Synthesis of Ru(II)-host-guest Complex **4** and the design of a tandem isomerization/bioreduction of the allylic alcohol 2-propenol

Ríos-Lombardía *et al*, 2018

Another promising application of nanotechnology in the **biofuel industry** is enzyme (biocatalysts) immobilization during lipase-catalyzed biodiesel and cellulosic ethanol production processes (Kim *et al.*, 2018).

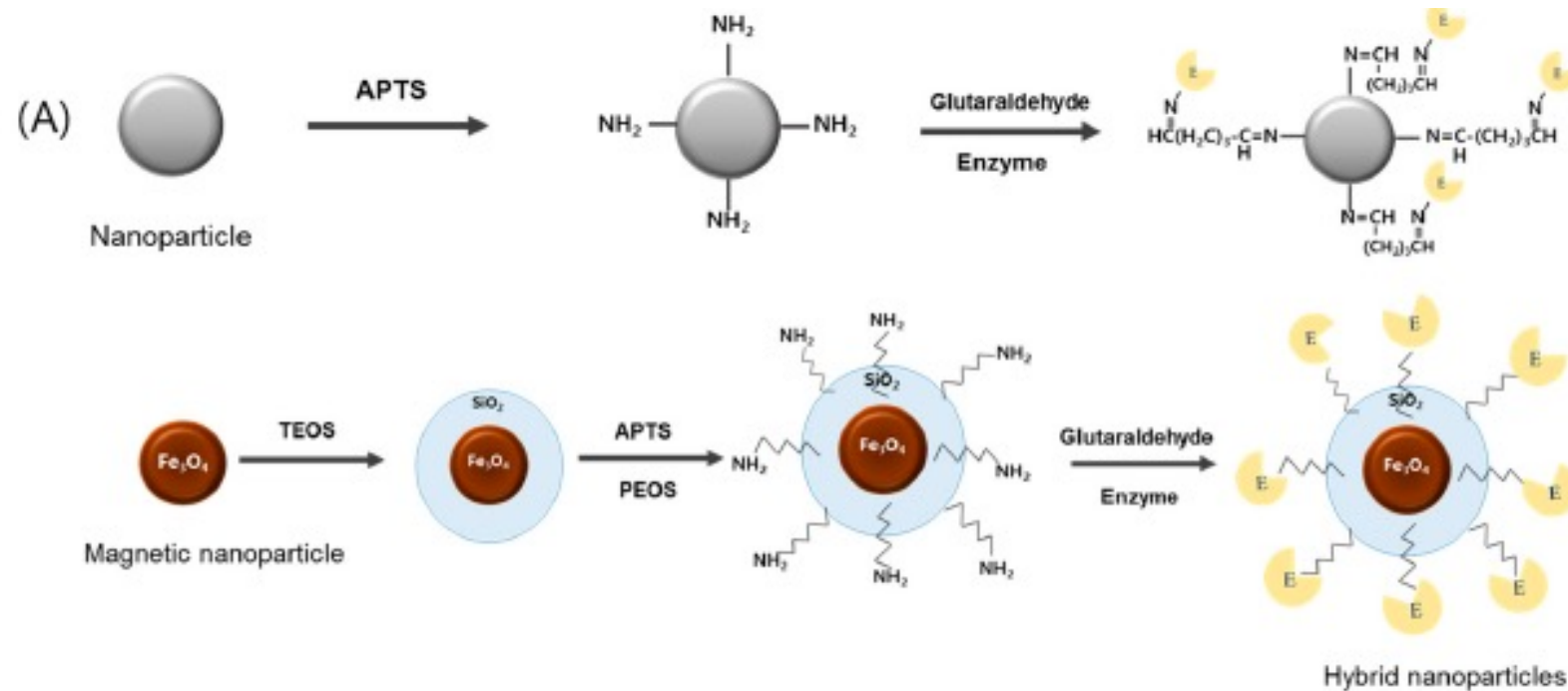
The benefits nanostructures offer in this domain include **large surface area** for high enzyme loading, **higher enzymatic stability**, and possibility of enzyme **reusability**, which could reduce the operational cost of large-scale biofuel production plants (Trindade, 2011).

Examples of the techniques developed for enzymes immobilization using nanotechnology are **nano-encapsulation**, self-entrapment with silaffin, and adsorption.



Silaffin polypeptide Sil-3 with increasing polarity from top to bottom

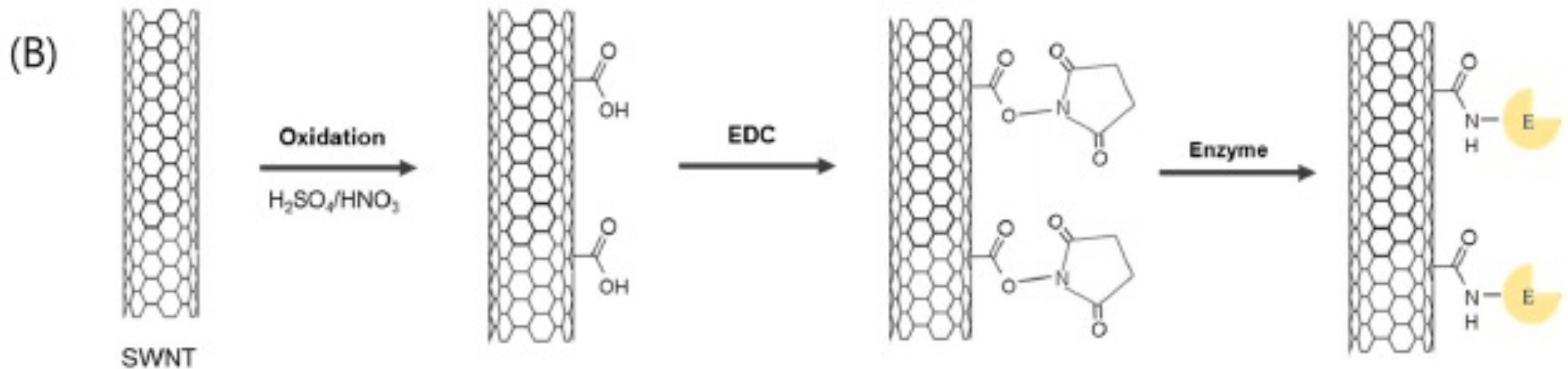
Enzyme immobilization techniques to nanoparticles -For biofuel production



APTS: 3-aminopropyltriethoxysilane, TEOS: tetra-ethoxy silane, PEOS: poly-ethoxy silane

Kim *et al*, 2013, Netto *et al*, 2009

Nanotubes + enzymes *via* linker

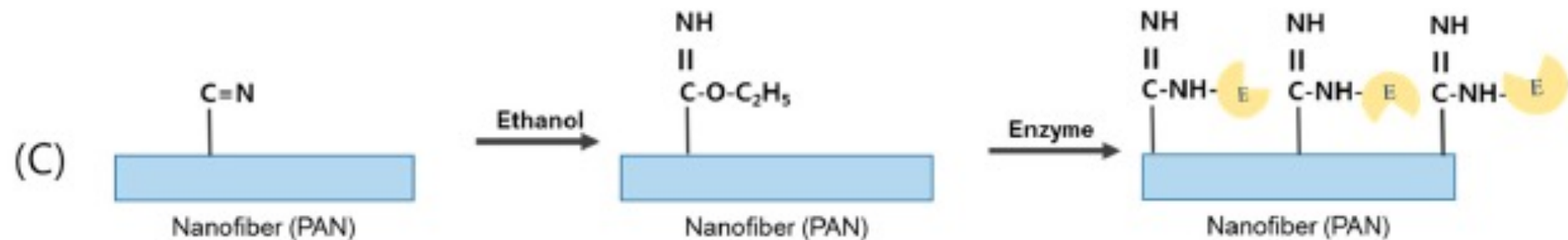


Single walled NT

EDC: N-(3-dimethylaminopropyl)-N'-ethylcarbodiimide hydrochloride

Ji et al. 2010

Nanofibers + enzyme *via* linker



PAN: polyacrylonitrile polymer

Li *et al*, 2007

Applications

Strain	Carrier	Substrate	Biodiesel Conversion (%)	Reusability (Days Or Cycles)
<i>Pseudomonas cepacia</i>	Fe ₃ O ₄	Soybean oil	88	10 days
	PAN-nanofiber	Rapeseed oil	94	20 days
		Soybean oil	90	10 cycles
<i>Thermomyces lanuginosa</i>	Amino-Fe ₃ O ₄	Soybean oil	90	4 cycles
	Epoxy-silica	Palm oil	97	5 cycles
		Canola oil	99	20 cycles
<i>Burkholderia</i> sp.	Amino-Fe ₃ O ₄ -SiO ₂	Waste cooking oil	91	3 cycles
	Alkyl-Fe ₃ O ₄ -SiO ₂	Olive oil	90	10 cycles
		<i>Chlorella vulgaris</i>	90	2 cycles
<i>Rhizomucor miehei</i>	PAMAM-mMWCNT	Waste cooking oil	94	10 cycles
	Epoxy-silica	Canola oil	95	7 cycles
<i>Candida antarctica</i>	Epoxy-Fe ₃ O ₄ -SiO ₂	Waste cooking oil	100	6 cycles
	Epoxy-silica	Canola oil	59	15 cycles

Nano-immobilized **lipase** in packed-bed reactors

POTENTIAL for industrial biodiesel production

- high enzyme loading
- multiple reuses
- effective protection from enzyme denaturation

Goal:

- The integrated development of a high enzyme and nano-immobilization technique will play a key role in cost-effective biodiesel production

Further investigations necessary:

- scale-up of the biodiesel production process using nano-immobilized lipase necessary to implement these technologies on an industrial level.

Kim *et al*, 2018

Importance of engineered nanoparticles (ENP's) for agrochemicals

- Engineered nanoparticles (ENPs) (polymers, carbon-based, inorganic, zero-valent metal NPs, etc.), have unique physicochemical properties:
 - I. Novel approach to boost the efficiency of agrochemical remediation.
 - II. Acting as biocides or as nanocarriers of particular conventional agrochemicals, ENP's increase risk–benefit assessment of remediation.
 - III. NPs used to assist alternative remediation processes such as phytoremediation and bioremediation.
- Use of highly efficient specific nanofertilizers and nanopesticides
- Engineering of nanodimensional devices for precise monitoring, so-called nanosensing of environmental parameters, and the right-time
- Efficient application of needed agro measures.
- The final goal is the creation of integrated agriculture supported by the development of nanotechnology and the evolution of efficient advanced agriculture and precision farming.

Boritzev *et al*, chapter 19 2020

Bioremediation: Degradation with NP and microorganisms

TABLE 19.2 Bioremediation assisted by nanotechnology.

Nanoparticle	Effect	References
nZVI	Improved degradation for a wider range of chlorinated aliphatic hydrocarbons by organochlorine respiring bacteria	Koenig et al. (2016)
	Stimulated degradation of polybrominated diphenyl ethers by <i>Sphingomonas</i> sp. PH-07 strain	Kim et al. (2012b)
	Increased removal of Cr(VI) using nZVI immobilized calcium alginate beads and biofilms formed on these beds	Ravikumar et al. (2016)
	nZVI barriers stimulated anaerobic microbial degradation of underground water contaminated by hexahydro-1,3,5-trinitro-1,3,5-triazine	Oh et al. (2001)
	Degradation of trichloroethylene by nZVI and dechlorinating microorganisms	Xiu et al. (2010)
	Stimulated microbial reduction of nitrate	Shin and Cha (2008)
	Removal of Cr(VI) and chlorinated ethenes by nZVI and reducing microbes	Němeček et al. (2016)
	Combination of microbial compost activity and nZVI stimulated the degradation of aliphatic hydrocarbons, immobilized As and Cr, and reduced ecotoxicity improving survival of earthworms	Galdames et al. (2017)

Pd/nZVI	Stabilized Pd/nZVI bimetallic nanoparticles increase the degradation efficiency of gamma-hexachlorocyclohexane polluted soil using <i>Sphingomonas</i> sp. strain NM05	Singh et al. (2013)
	Degradation of polychlorinated biphenyl Aroclor 1248 by <i>Burkholderia xenovorans</i> LB400	Le et al. (2015)
	Stimulated anaerobic dechlorination of triclosan, followed by oxidation of by-products by enzyme laccase derived from <i>Trametes versicolor</i>	Bokare et al. (2010)
	Degradation of dioxin isomer 2,3,7,8-tetrachlorodibenzo- <i>p</i> -dioxin, using palladized iron nanoparticles for dechlorination followed by oxidative degradation using <i>Sphingomonas wittichii</i> RW1 (DSM 6014)	Bokare et al. (2012)
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Agrochemical degradation with nanoparticles

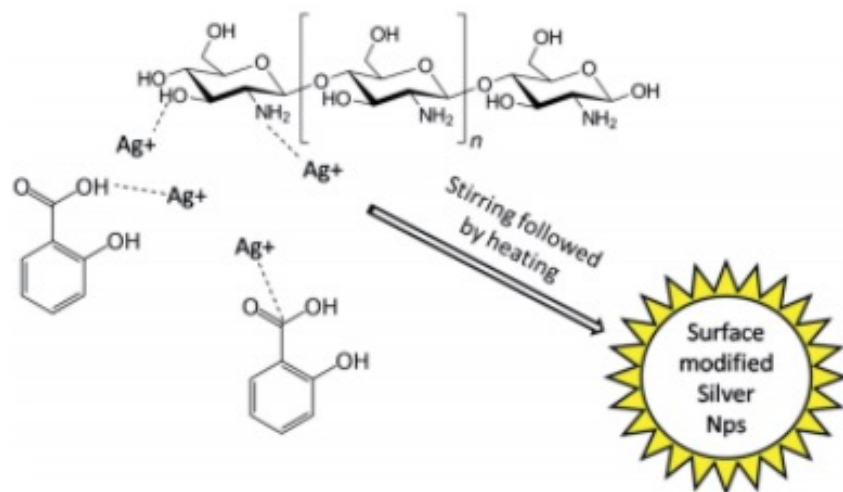


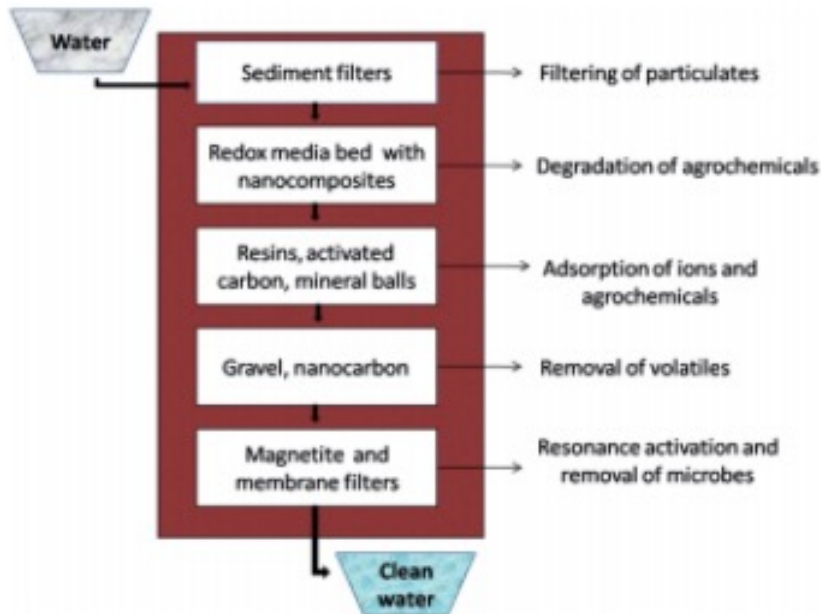
TABLE 18.2 Persistent agrochemical degradation with nanoparticles.

Agrochemical	Nanocomposites	Type of degradation
Chlorpyrifos	Silver	Photocatalysis
Atrazine	Copper oxide	Redox reaction
DDT	Magnesium–palladium	Fenton oxidation
DDT	Nickel–iron	Fenton oxidation
Lindane	Zerovalent iron	Reduction
Endosulfan	Titanium dioxide	Photocatalysis
Atrazine	Titanium dioxide	Photocatalysis
Permethrin	Zinc oxide	Photocatalysis
Dicofol	Titanium oxide	Photocatalysis
Methoxychlor	Nikel–selenium	Reduction
Endrin	Zinc	Dechlorination
4-Chlorophenol	Cadmium	Photocatalysis

DDT, Dichlorodiphenyltrichloroethane.

Sebastian *et al*, 2020

Multistep removal of agrochemicals from water



Chlordane, dieldrin, endrine, toxaphene: persistent in agriculture residues, soil particles and in water present in irrigation channels.

Can migrate into deeper layers of soil resulting in ground water pollution.

Nanoparticles degrade persistent agrochemicals: photocatalytic reactions creating electron-hole pairs, results in the formation of free radicals (such as hydroxyl radicals)

* then the free radicals direct secondary reactions that end up in degrading the chemicals

Sebastian *et al*, 2020

Conclusions

Process-related traits of NanoBioCatalysts (NBC's) are not fully understood.

Exploitation of NBC technologies still in the infant stage in the bioprocessing industry.

Success of NBC technology in the large-scale manufacturing processes relies on:

1. specific activity under the process conditions;
2. stability of the NBC's when exposed to pH/temperature variations, organic solvents, high shear stress and other harsh environments;
3. reusability of biocatalysts
4. high throughput for large-scale processes.

It is economically and technically crucial that the NBC's are able either to **maintain stable activities in the long term** in a **continuous process**, or to be **recycled for re-use in a batch operation** process for many runs in which the NBCs are separated from the reaction media after the reaction is completed.

For a continuous operation, **stability of enzyme activity as well as reduction of enzyme leakage** are the main targets for immobilization, while for batch operations, **recyclability and constant enzyme activity of NBC's are the key challenges**.

Future improvements of NBC's

To further promote the applications of nanobiocatalysts, the following urgent challenges need to be addressed:

1. an evolutionary nanobiocatalyst that can permit the simple recycle and reuse of enzymes
2. minimizing the “dead areas” of nanobiocatalysts in catalytic reactions to make the hybrid systems more economically friendly
3. improving the biocompatibility and stability of nanobiocatalysts for in vivo and in vitro biomedical applications
4. smart nanobiocatalysts that can respond efficiently to remote stimuli for modulating the activities of nanobiocatalysts on demand.

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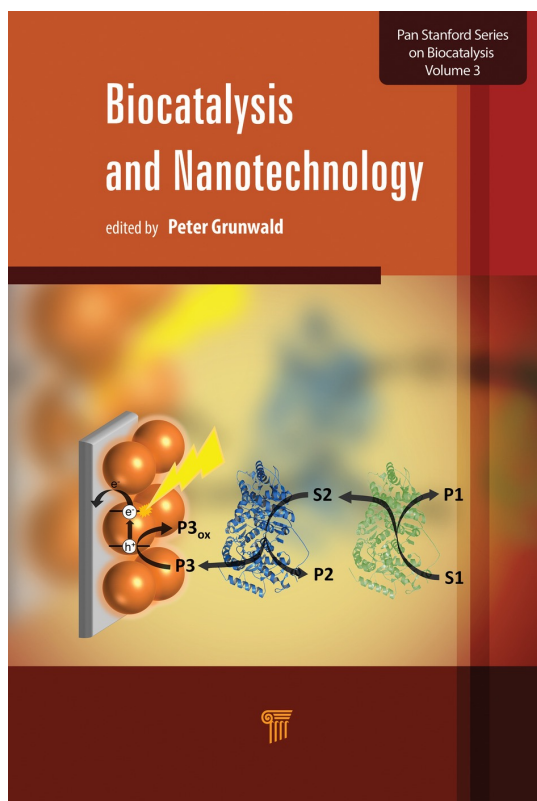
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CONFRONTING THE BIG 3

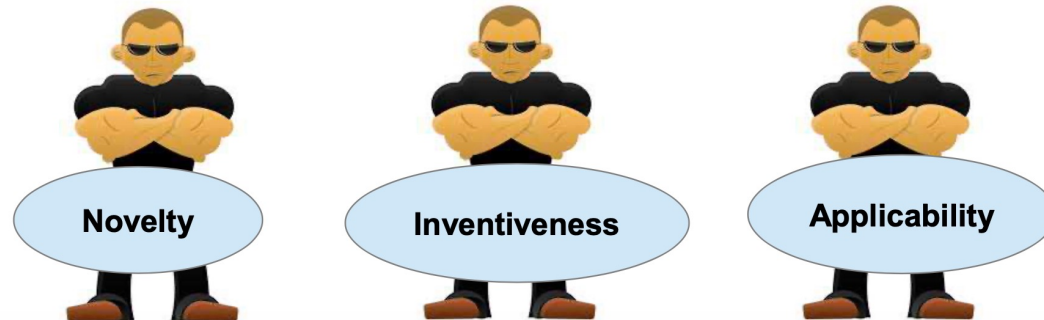
Patent Law at the forefront of Bionanotechnology

Novelty – inherent properties of a known material vs unique properties at the nano-scale.

Inventive Step/non-obviousness – it may be obvious to make materials smaller, but the properties at nanoscale may not be obvious

Industrial applicability – the scope of the nanobiotech inventions in industry is huge. The nano product itself may not be patentable, but the process for making it may be patentable.

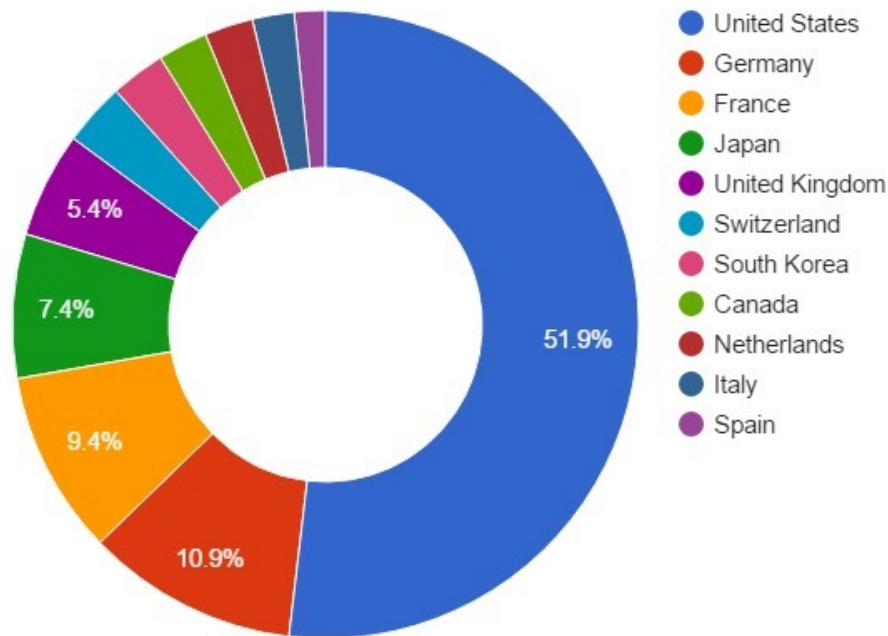
But analysts wonder whether undue experimentation would be necessary to teach those with 'ordinary skill' how to make and use the invention, in the future.



Patents in Bionanotechnology

United States is leading the charge in bionanotechnology applications.

In part due to nanotechnologies having received **recognition** and **national funding** in the early 2000's by the NNI. WIPO explains that US corporations are pushing many of these therapies forward:

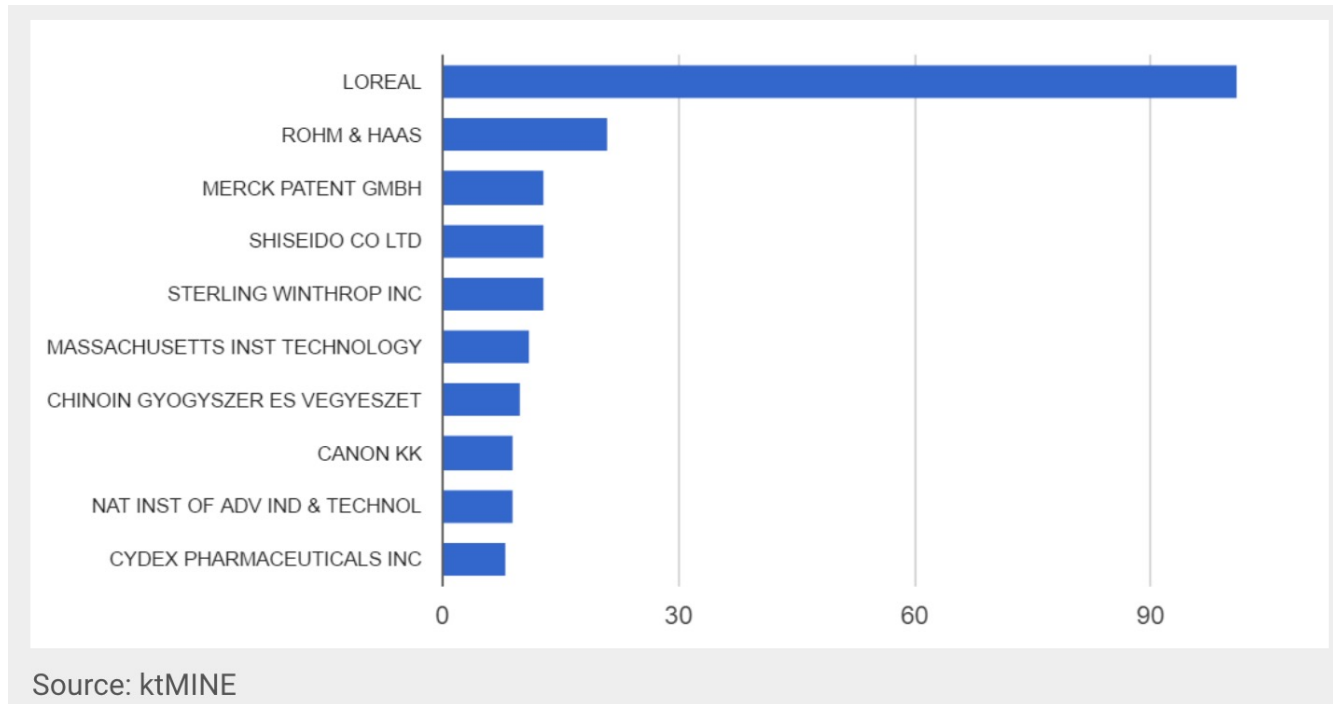


Bionanotechnology Patent Applications by Country

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“As of 2013, a few hundred nano-related medical therapies had been approved or had entered clinical trials in the United States”.

Patent filers of Japanese Applications

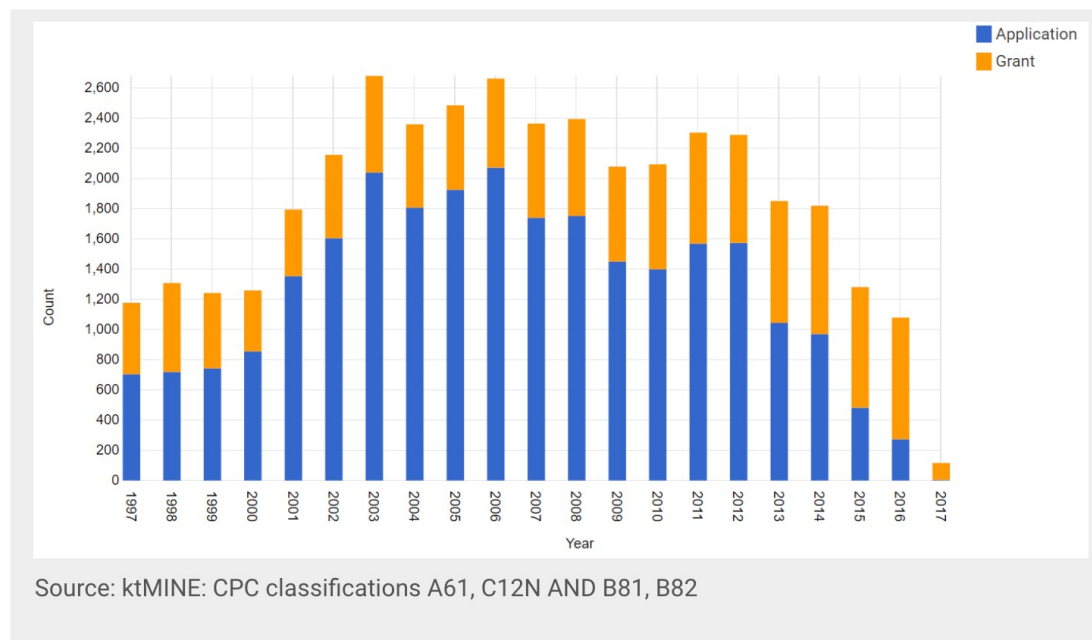


China:
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Out of over 49,000 patents and patent applications, Chinese entities own fewer than 1% of bionanotechnology applications and grants. It could be that China is focusing their current nanoscience efforts in the electronics and semiconductor space. But this data suggests China will face limitations to advance innovation in bionanotechnology applications.

Total patents WIPO

Compound annual Growth Rate (CAGR)



“The global nanotechnology market is expected to grow at a CAGR of around 17% during the forecasted period of 2017-2024”. (Research and Markets)

Graphene oxide, nanotubes and enzyme prices

Amount of GO	Form	Amount of paste	Price (USD)
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1 Kg	Aqueous acidic paste	5 Kg	1600

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Nanobiocatalysis- a subarea of enzyme biotechnology

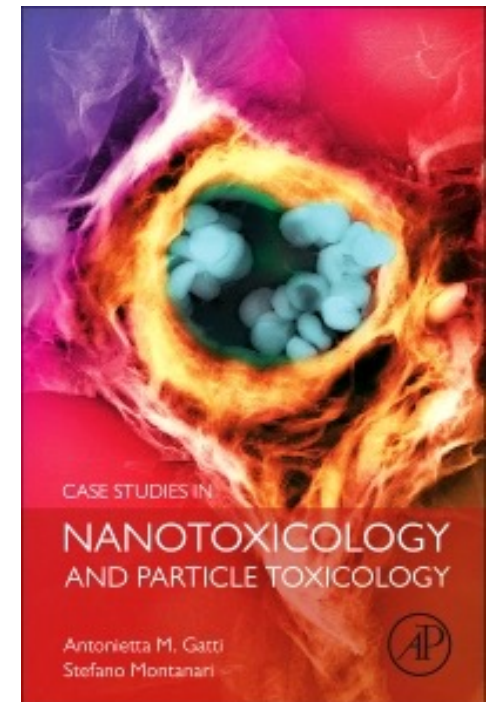
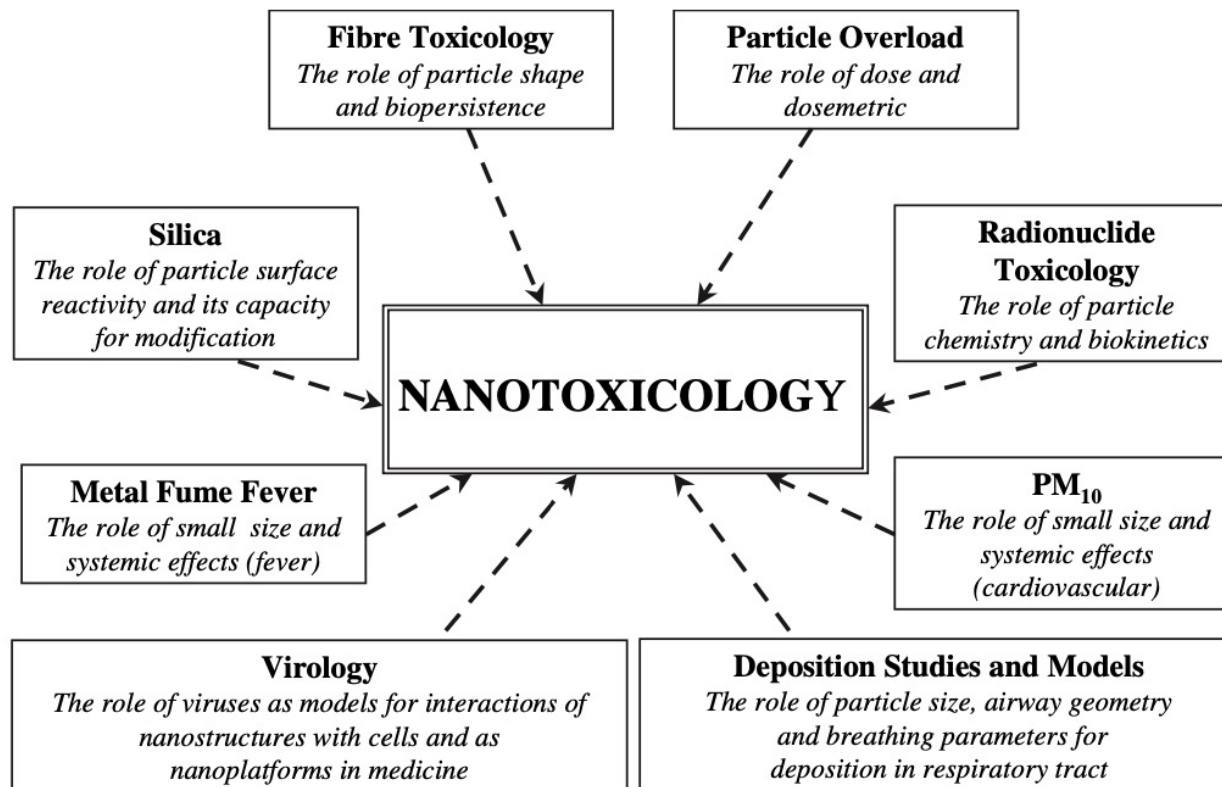
Advantages and disadvantages of various immobilization techniques

Immobilization technique	Advantages	Disadvantages
Adsorption immobilization	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Simple and low-cost • Reversible • Little or no damage to biocatalyst • No additional coupling agent or enzyme modification is required • k_{cat} and k_m values remain substantially unchanged • Higher catalytic activity of immobilized enzymes 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Based on weak and reversible interactions between carrier and enzymes • High probability of enzyme leaching and desorption • Loss of enzyme activity with time • No control over packing density of the immobilized enzymes
Covalent binding Immobilization	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Strong and stable binding • Prevention of enzyme leaching • Improved thermostability 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Low stability • Often results in enzyme deactivation • Decrease in substrate affinity of immobilized enzymes • Conformational restriction
Entrapment Immobilization	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Protection of enzyme from effect of mechanical shear, hydrophobic solvents, and gas bubbles. • Suitability for continuous operation 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lower enzyme loading • Limitation of mass transfer
Cross-Linking Immobilization	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Simple downstream processing • Retain protein integrity and efficacy • Support matrix is not required • High enzyme stability • Decrease in desorption • Ease of recycling and reuse 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Loss of enzyme activity via conformational change • Decrease in diffusion rate



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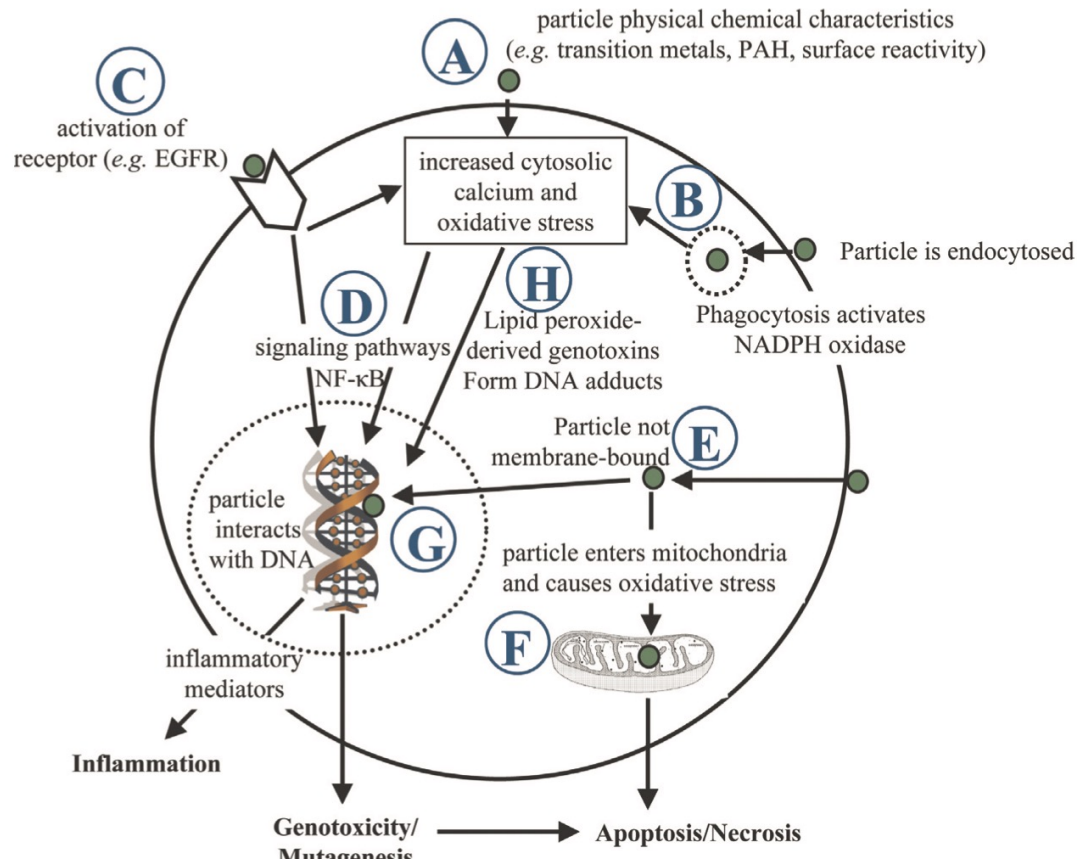
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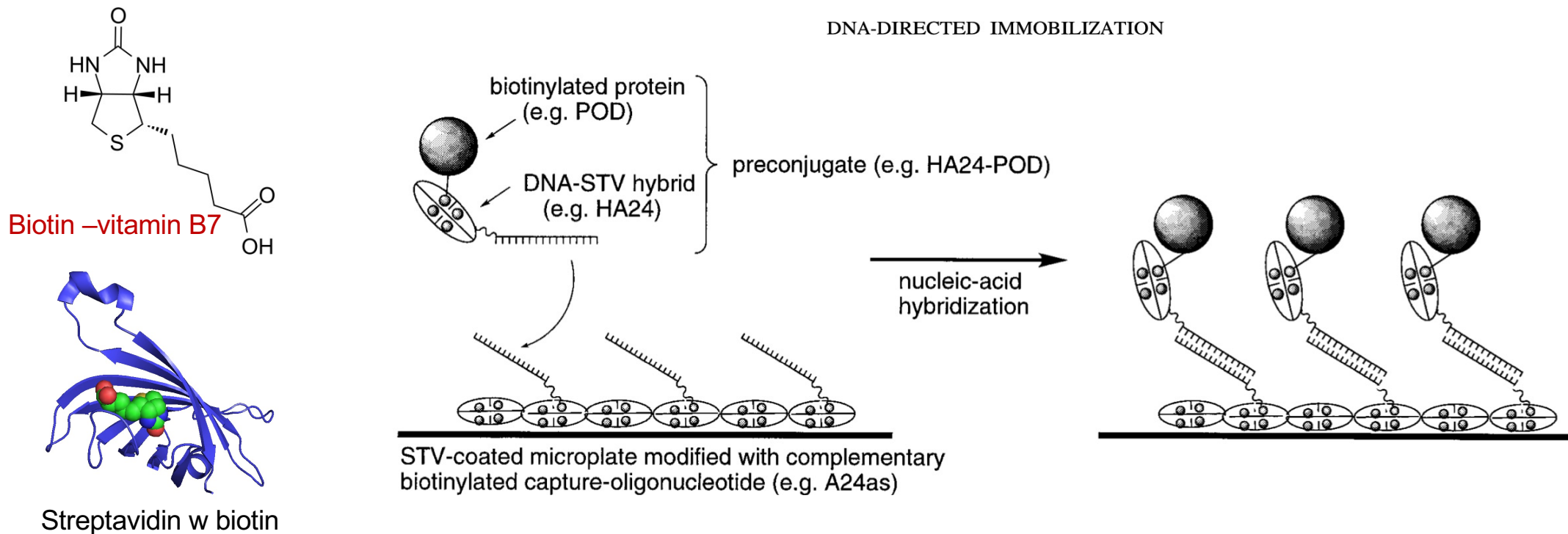
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DDI Process

DNA-DIRECTED IMMOBILIZATION



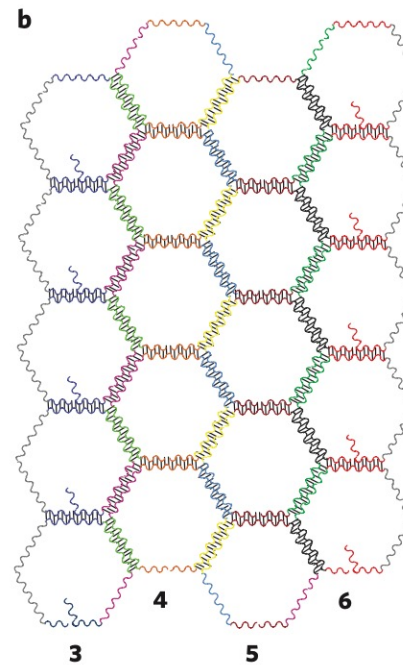
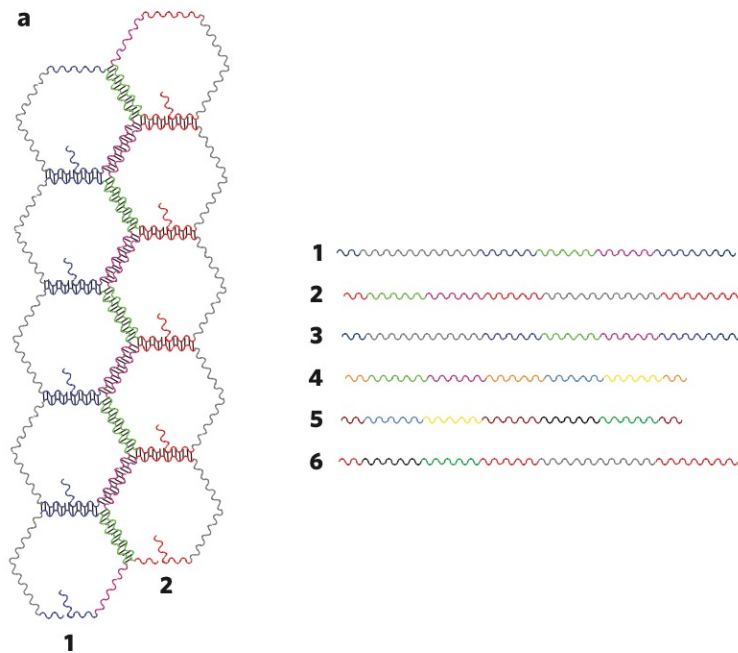
Advantages: -Mild reversible technique

For biosensing and biomedical diagnostics, and fundamental studies in biology and medicine

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Assembly of hexagon-like DNA strips and their structural imaging.

A: Two-hexagon DNA strip assembly

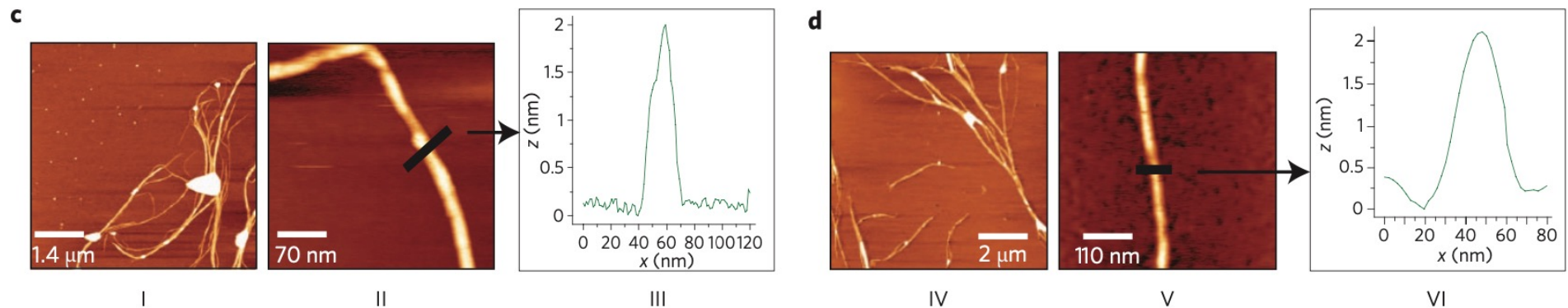


B: Four-hexagon DNA strip assembly.

Wilner *et al*, 2009

Atomic Force Images

C: AFM images of the two-hexagon strip: (I) large-scale image that includes a collection of strips, (II) image of a single strip, and (III) cross-sectional analysis of a single strip.



D: AFM images of the four-hexagon strip: (IV) large-scale image that includes several strips, (V) image of a single strip, and (VI) cross-sectional analysis of a single strip.

Cascade enzyme reactions

- two enzymes or a cofactor-enzyme pair are added to the scaffold
- shows that enzyme cascades or cofactor-mediated biocatalysis can proceed effectively
- similar processes are not observed in diffusion-controlled homogeneous mixtures of the same components.
- because relative position of the two enzymes or the cofactor-enzyme pair is determined by the topology of the DNA scaffold, it is possible to control the reactivity of the system through the design of the individual DNA strips.

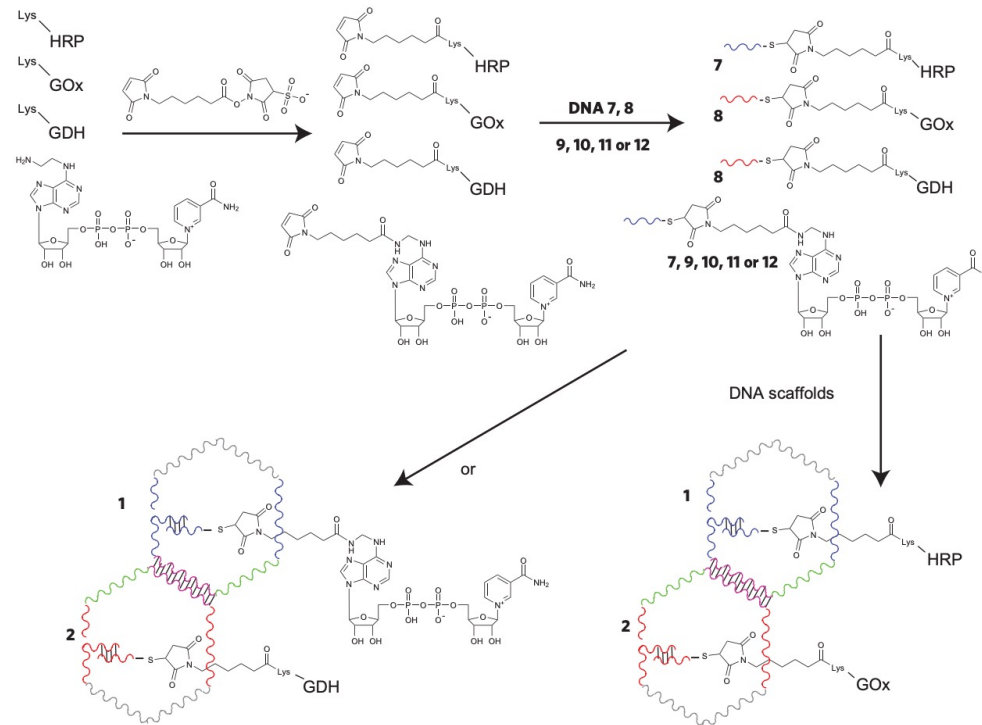
Advantage: self-organization of complex multi-enzyme cascades.

Enzymes on 1D and 2D DNA scaffolds

Enzymes immobilised on:

Enzymes:

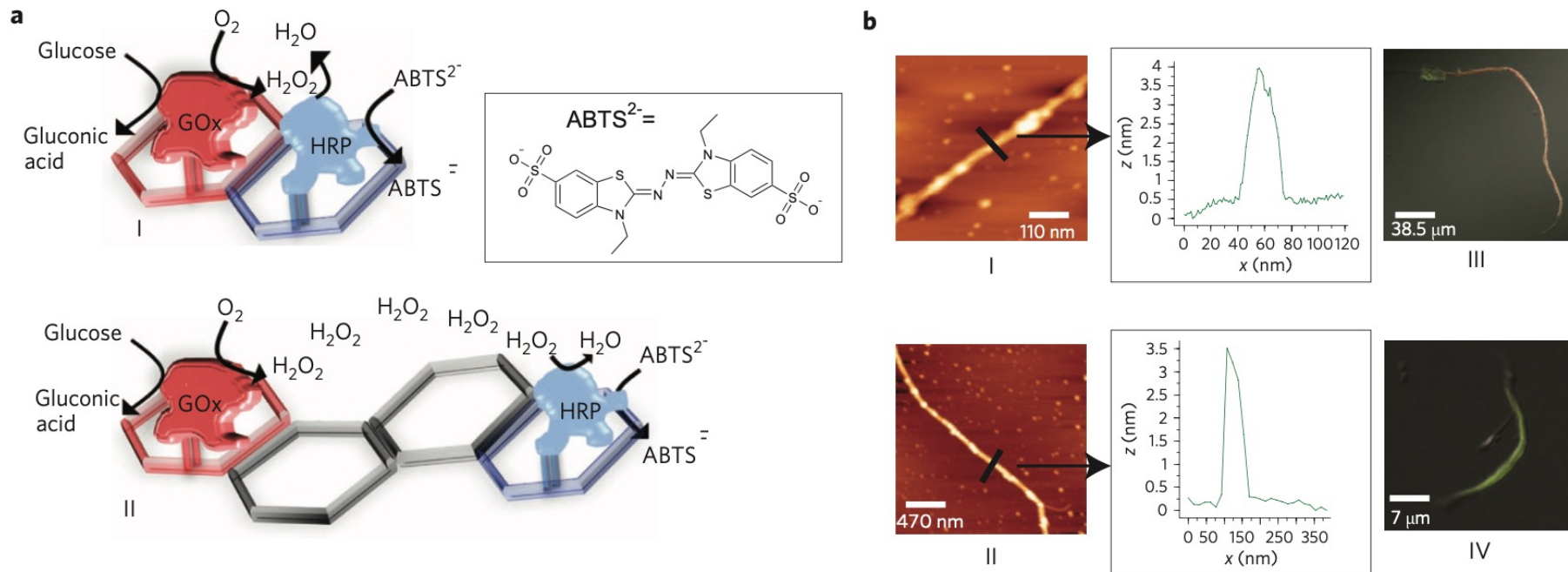
Glucose oxidase (GOx) and horseradish peroxidase (HRP)
Glucose dehydrogenase (GDH)



Advantages:
-Increased flexibility and enzyme activity

Wilner *et al*, 2009

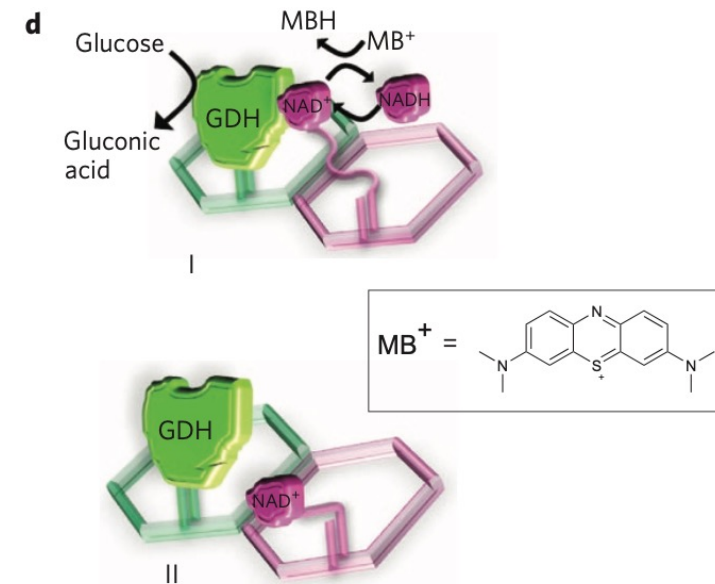
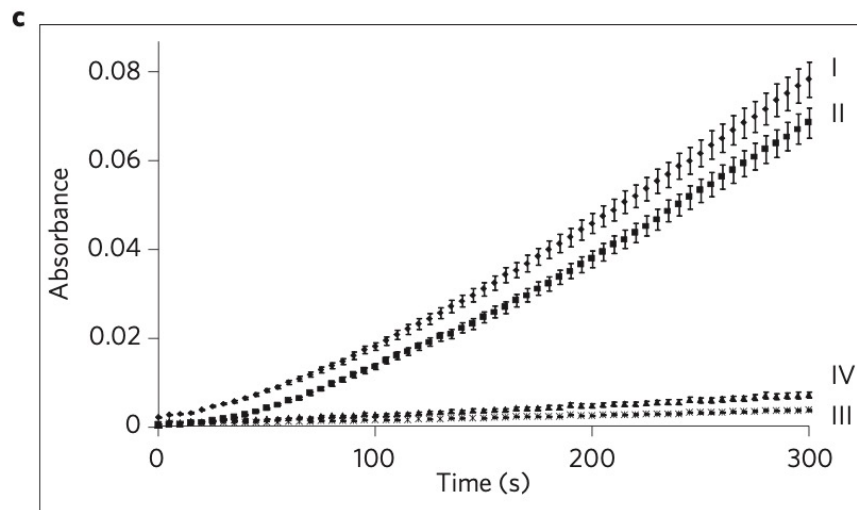
Assembly of enzyme cascades or cofactor–enzyme cascades on hexagon-like DNA scaffolds, their imaging and their functional characterization



The primary enzyme GOx biocatalyses the oxidation of glucose to gluconic acid, with the concomitant formation of H₂O₂. The latter product acts as substrate for HRP, mediating the oxidation of 2',2'-azino-bis[3-ethylbenzthiazoline-6-sulphonic-acid], ABTS²⁻, to the coloured product, ABTS⁻

Wilner *et al*, 2009

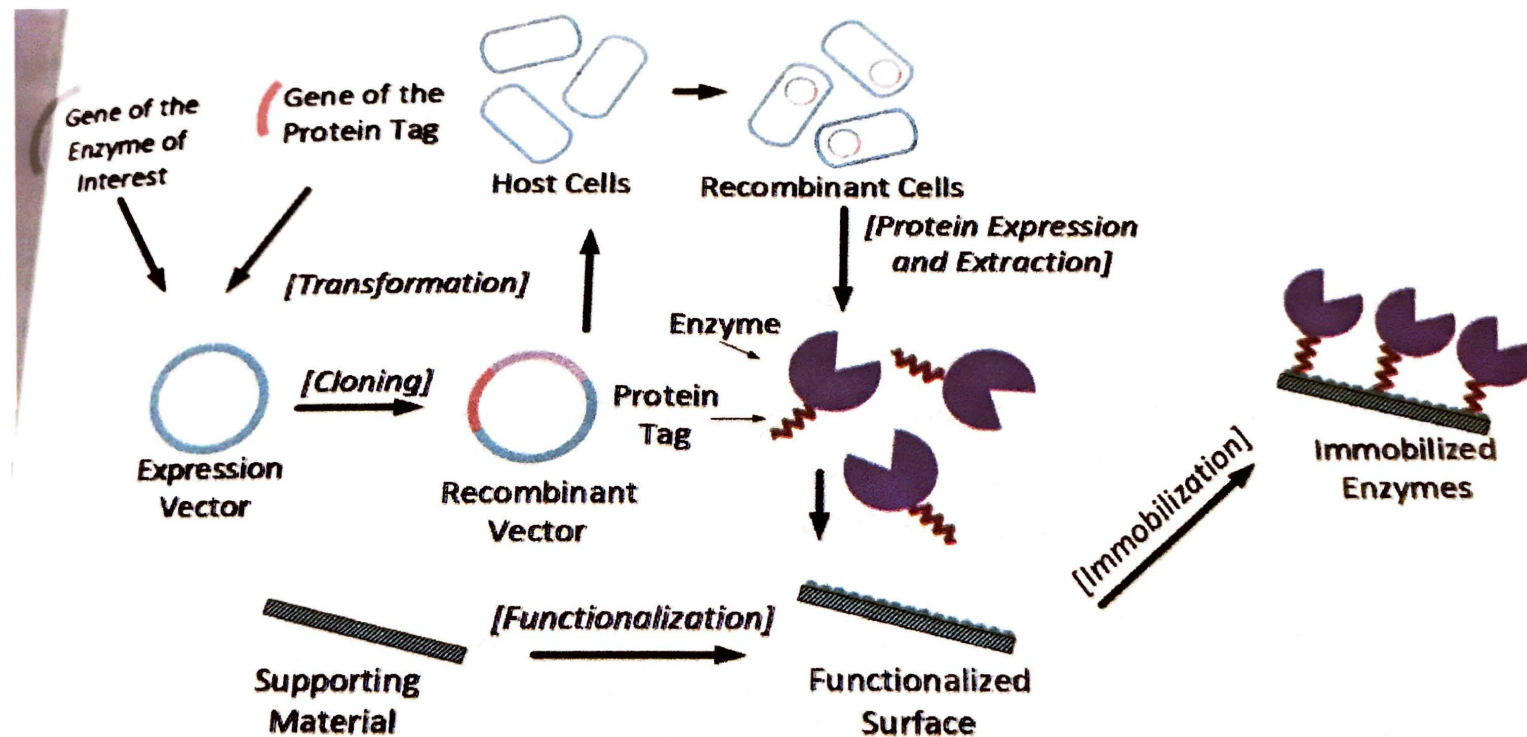
C: Time-dependent absorbance changes as a result of the oxidation of ABTS^{2-} by the GOx–HRP cascade in the presence of (I) the two-hexagon scaffold, (II) the four-hexagon scaffold, (III) in the absence of any DNA, and (IV) in the presence of foreign calf thymus DNA.



D: Assembly of the NAD^+ /GDH system on the two-hexagon scaffold using different lengths of tethers linking the NAD^+ cofactor to the scaffold.

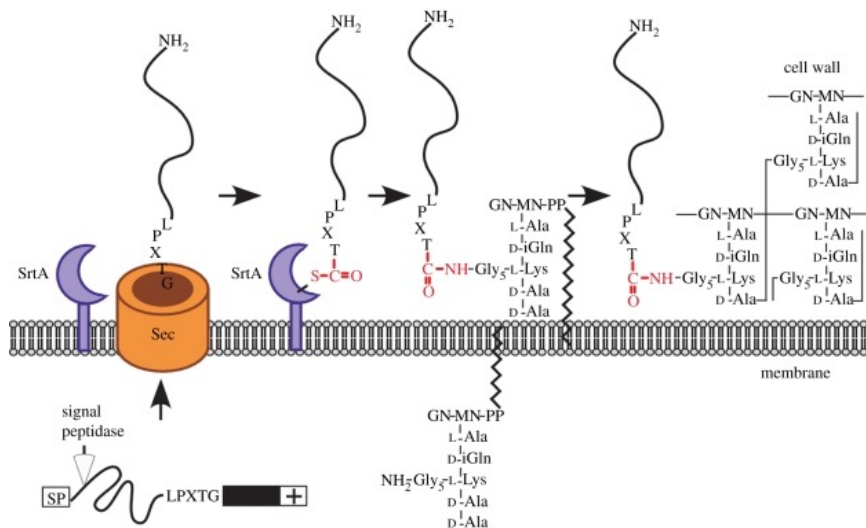
Wilner *et al*, 2009

Enzyme immobilisation *via* protein affinity tags



Advantage: No need for protein purification steps after protein expression and extraction of the transformed cells

Enzyme assisted **covalent** immobilisation



Sortase A-enzyme used by Gram-positive bacteria to anchor surface proteins to the cell wall between a C-terminal tag

Advantages for bionanocatalysis:
Specific and mild-and no need for ligands.-conjugating enzyme instead

Mostly addition of tags to N and C terminals-

HOWEVER: If these terminals are near active- the site active site may be blocked.

To avoid this: Must use unnatural amino acids (with unique functional groups) in the synthesis of proteins

Schneewind, O and Missiakas, DM *Phil. Trans. R. Soc. B* **2012**, 367, 1123-1139

Parthasarathy, R, Subramanian, S, Boder, ET *Bioconjugate Chem.* **2007**, 18, 469-476

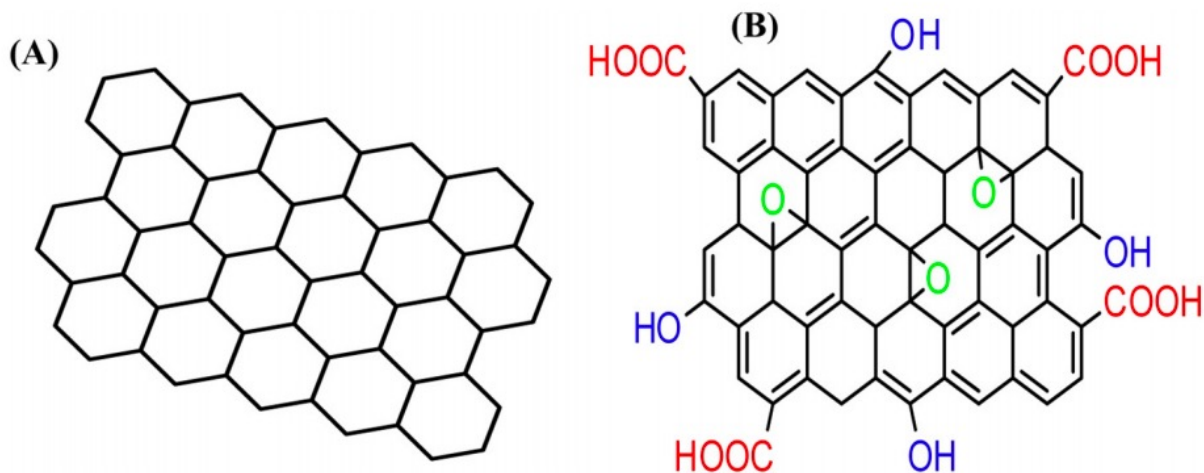
6. Graphene-Based Nanobiocatalytic System (GBN's)

Michaela Patilaa , George Orfanakisa , Angeliki C. Polydera, Ioannis V. Pavlidis, and Haralambos Stamatis

Application of graphene oxide (GO) for biomolecule immobilisation

Utilised for:

- Biofuel production
- Degradation of pollutants
- In situ protein digestion
- Biosensing

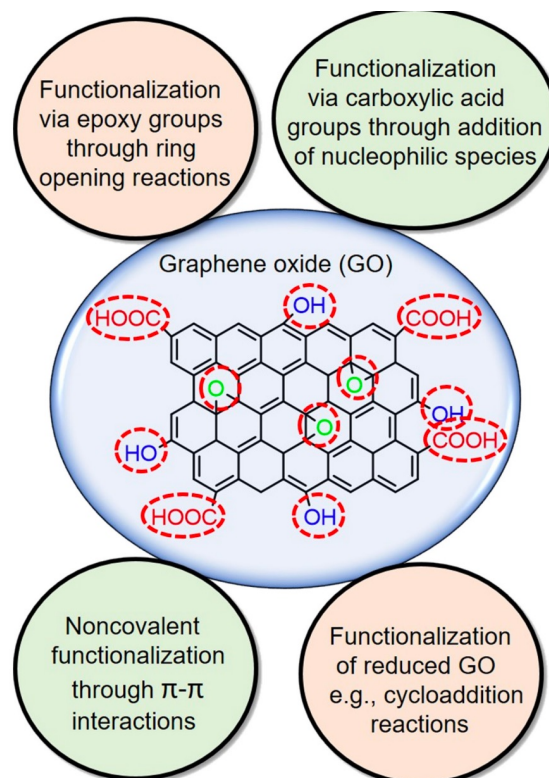


Adeel M. et al. Int J of Biol Macromolecules **2018**, 120, 1430-1440

Graphene based nanomaterials as enzyme immobilisation supports

Strategies to immobilise enzymes onto graphene:

Physical adsorption, covalent attachment, site specific affinity interactions, gluteraldehyde as linker



Advantages:

Surface chemistry of the nanomaterials affect the catalytic properties and conformation of the enzymes

Adeel *et al.* 2018

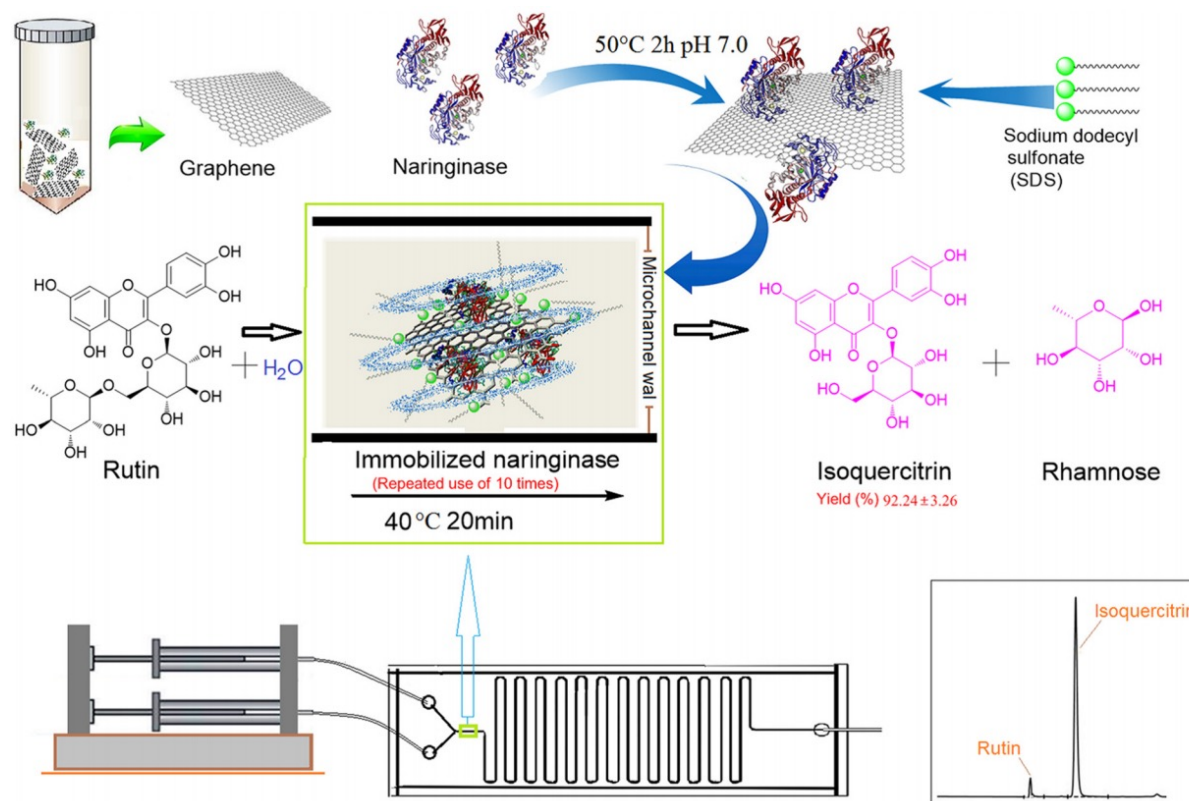
Graphene-based support bound enzymes, mode of immobilization/functionalization, improved catalytic properties and their applications

Recent illustrations of graphene-based support bound enzymes, mode of immobilization/functionalization, improved catalytic properties and their applications.

Enzyme	Graphene support	Mode of immobilization/functionalization	Properties enhanced	Applications	Reference
Naringinase	Graphene sheets	Covalent attachment/surfactants	High catalytic activity, stability, and reusability	Microfluidic bio-catalysis	Gong et al. [31]
Ketose 3-epimerases	Carboxy-rich GO	Covalent attachment	Improved thermal stability with a half-life of 720 min at 60 °C. High bioconversion efficiency and excellent repeatability.	Biosynthesis of rare sugar	Dedania et al. [33]
β -Glucosidase	Hybrid nanostructures of GO and magnetic iron nanoparticles	Covalent attachment	Enhanced performance in a wider pH range and elevated temperatures (up to 70 °C). Increased thermo-stability and excellent reusability.	–	Orfanakis et al. [38]
Horseradish peroxidase	Reduced GO	Covalent attachment/glutaraldehyde cross-linking	Greater stability, against the pH variations Increased catalytic activity, thermo-stability, reusability and storage stability	Biodegradation of high phenol concentration	Vineh et al. [39]
Papain	GO nanosheets	3-Aminopropyltriethoxysilane	Improved efficiency, thermo-stability, and storage stability	Protein/enzyme immobilization	Gu et al. [40]
Cholesterol oxidase	Reduced GO supported silica-particles	N-Hydroxysuccinimide	–	Detection or sensing of free cholesterol	Abraham et al. [104]
Lipase	GO nanosupport	Covalent attachment/glutaraldehyde	High thermal stability, and solvent tolerance Increased activity in acetone Better resistance to heat inactivation	–	Hermanová et al. [105]
Lipase	Carboxyl-functionalized GO	Covalent attachment/H ₂ SO ₄ /HNO ₃ mixture	High efficiency, good reproducibility, and operational stability	Catalysis	Li et al. [106]

Adeel *et al.* 2018

Biosynthesis diagram of isoquercitrin in a microchannel reactor with a fluid and unsinkable immobilized enzyme



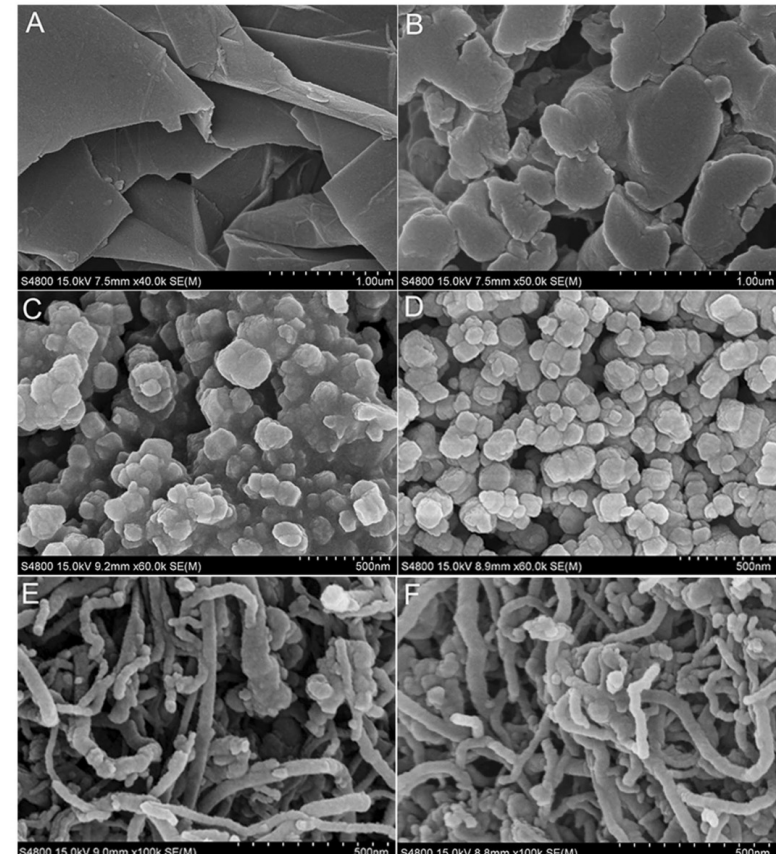
Gong, A, et al, *Scientific Reports* 2017, 7, 4309

SEM images: Graphene immobilisation

SEM photos of pure graphene (A and B), Fe_2O_3 (C and D) and carbon nanotube nanoparticle (E and F) before and after immobilizing.

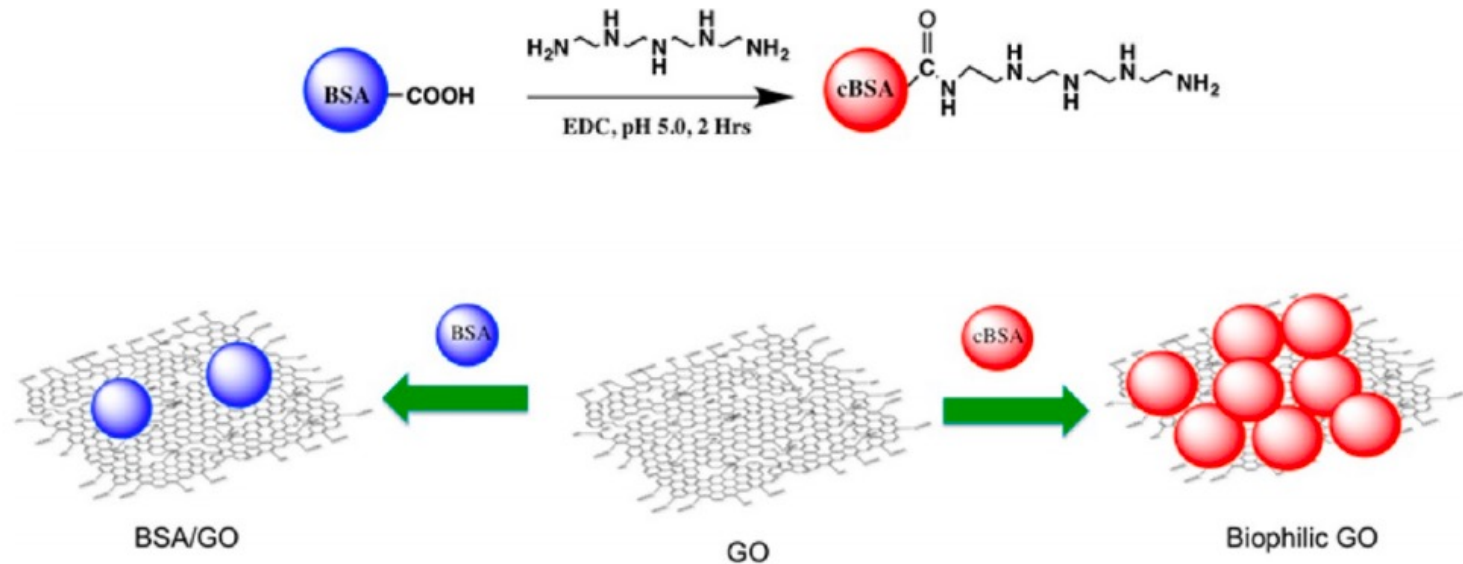
Reaction condition:

enzyme solution (20 g/L) dissolved by disodium hydrogen phosphate-citrate buffer (pH 7); graphene nanoparticles mass (10mg) added in 2mL of enzyme solution, mixture stirred at 120 rpm in an incubator shaker for 3h, reaction temperatures 50 °C.



Cationisation of Bovine Serum Albumin (BSA)

Reaction by BSA side chains -COOH with tetraethylene-pentamine (TEPA) via carbodiimide coupling.

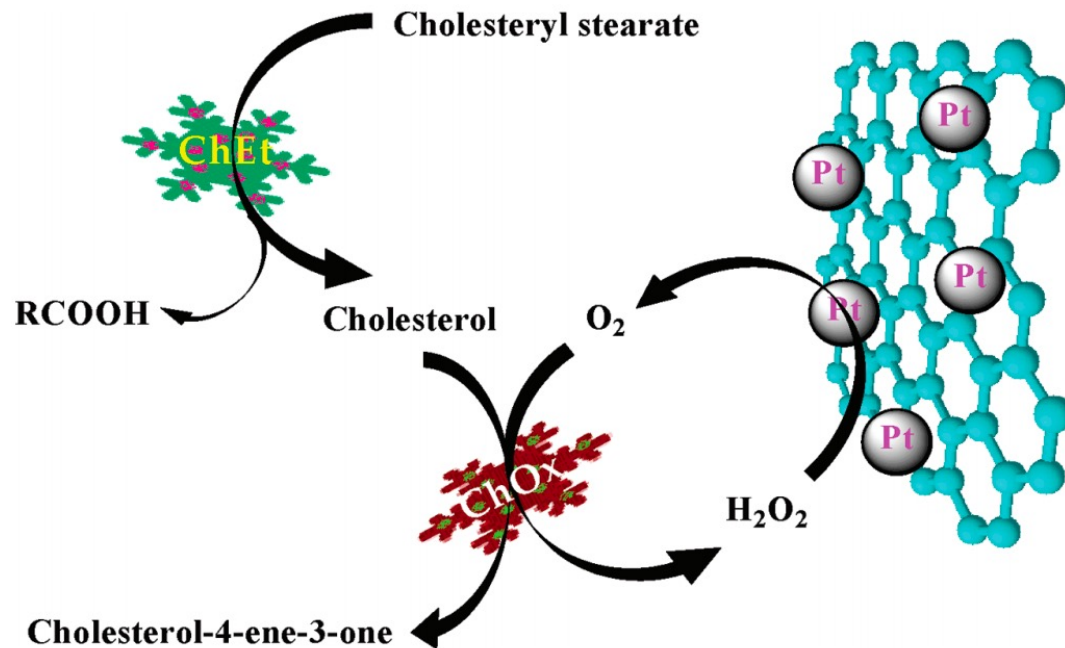


Drawback of physical adsorption: enzyme leakage.

Advantage: Covalent linking of enzyme to nanocatalyst.

Enzyme based biosensors

Biosensing of cholesterol ester with GNS-nPt-based biosensor



The enzyme ChEt hydrolyses the cholesterol ester to cholesterol and ChOx catalyzes the oxidation of cholesterol. The Pt nanoparticles on the surface of GNS can effectively sense the enzymatically generated H_2O_2

Dey, RS and Raj, CR *J. Phys. Chem. C*, **2010**, 114 (49)

Graphene based enzymatic bioelectrodes and biofuel cells

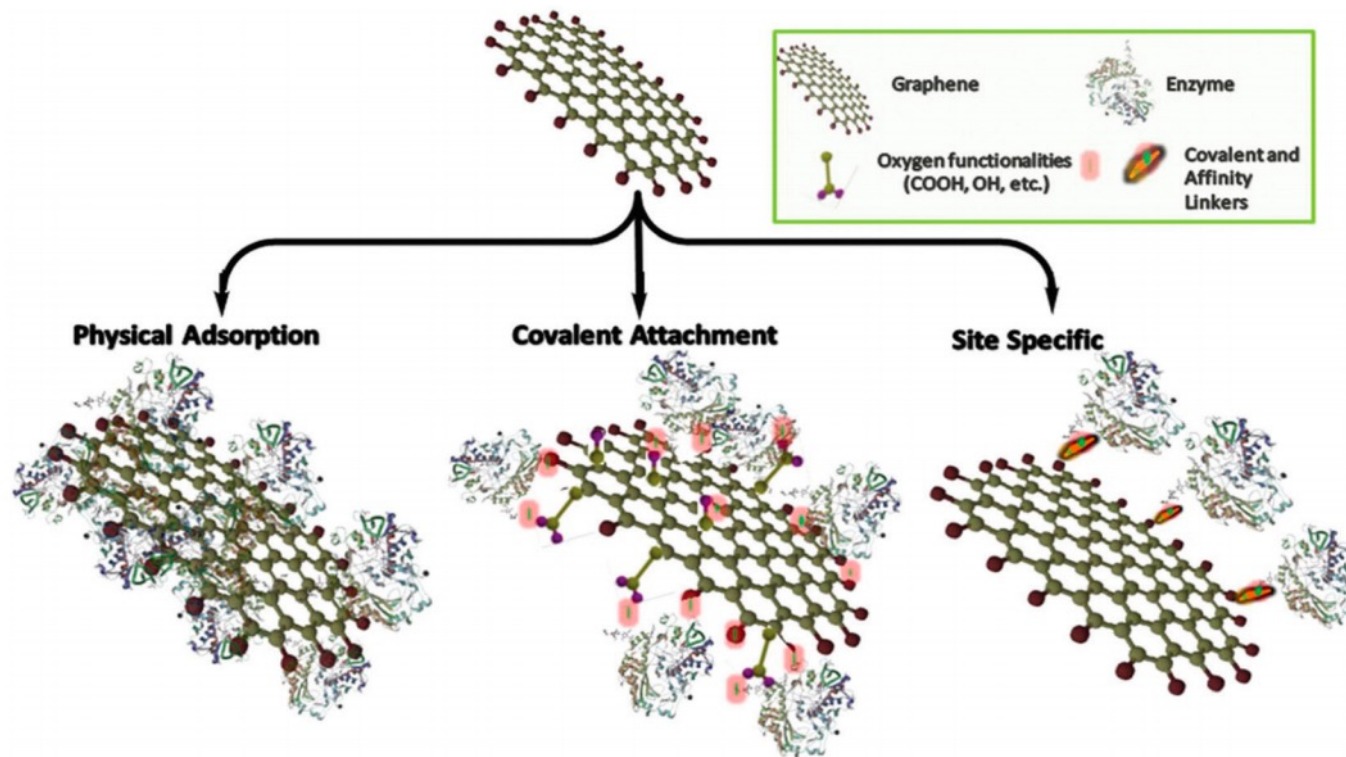
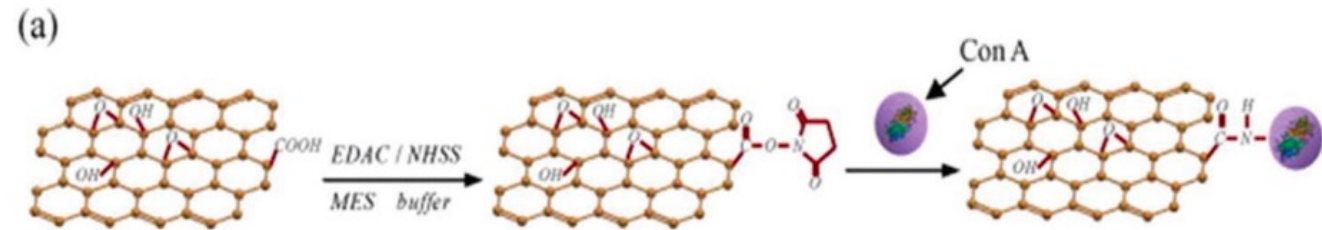


Illustration of enzyme immobilization methods onto graphene Karimi *et al*, 2015

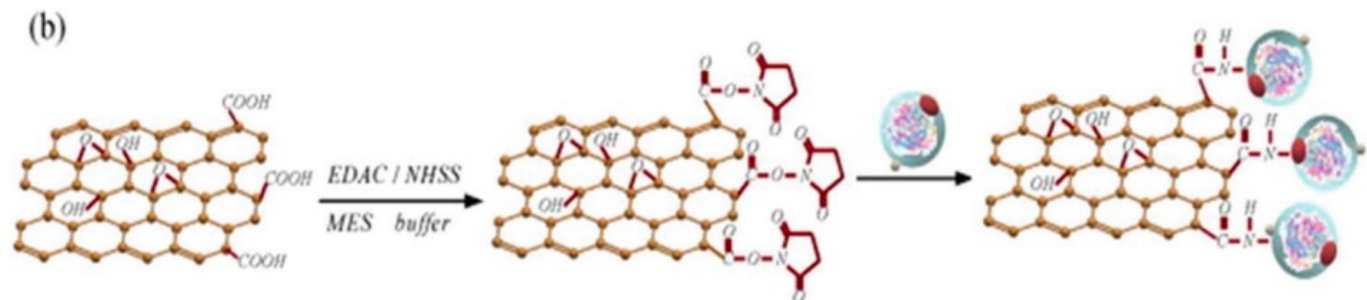
A: Comparison
between site specific
oriented (a)



B: and random
covalent
immobilization of
GOx on graphene *via*
concanavalin A (Con
A)

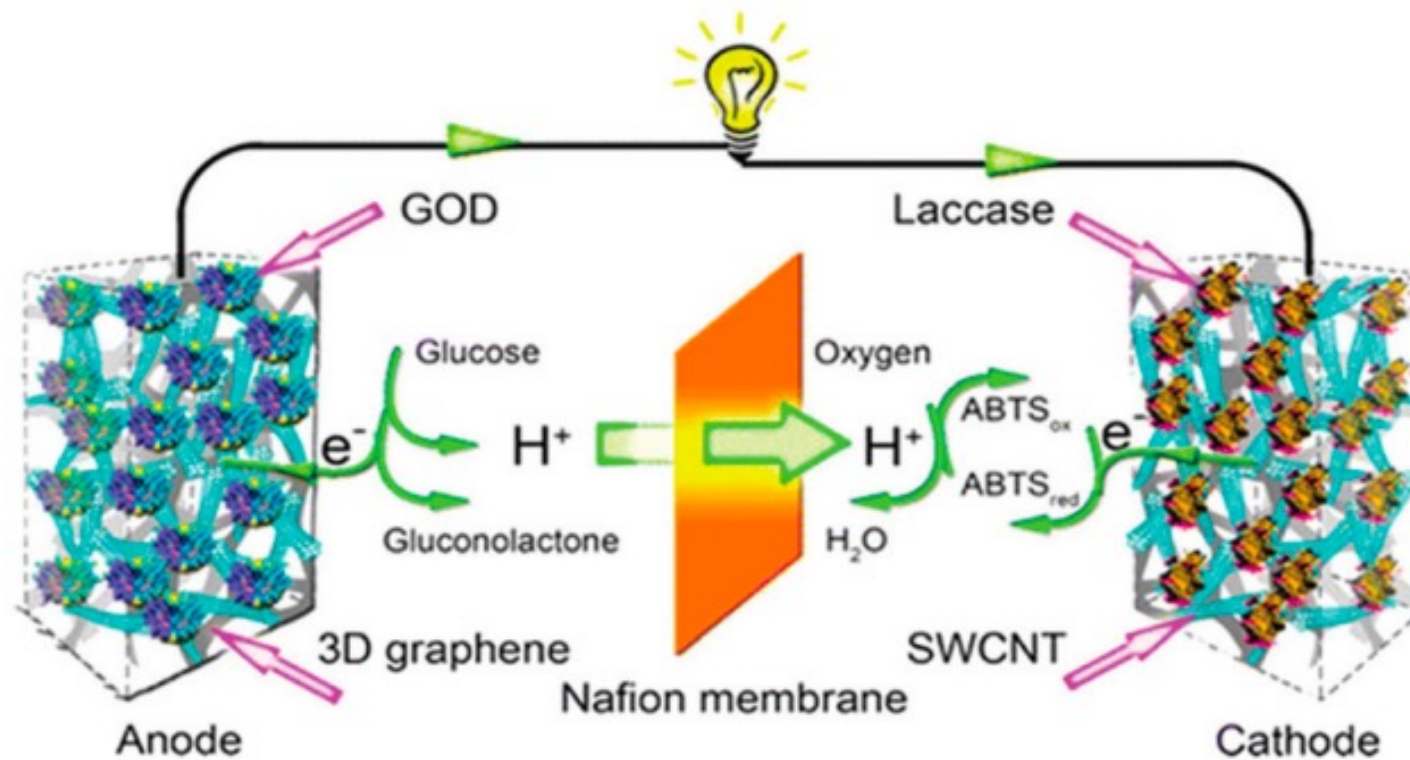


(GOD refers to GOx
in the figure).



Zhou, LY, Jiang, Y J, Gao, J, Zhao, XQ, Ma L and Zhou, Q. L. *Biochem. Eng. J.*, **2012**, 69, 28-31

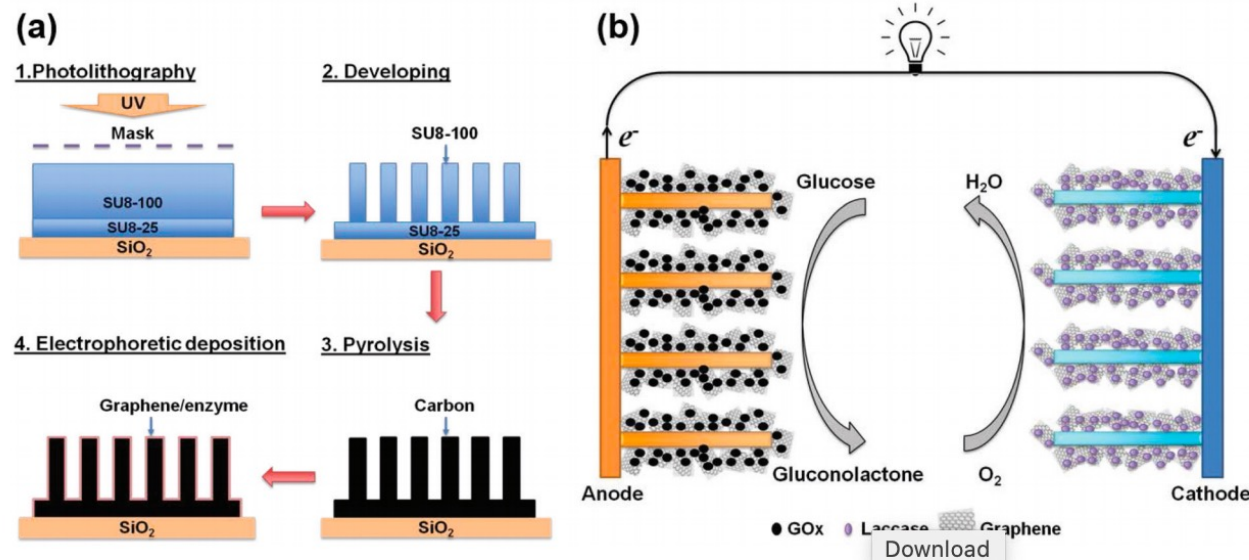
Enzymatic biofuel Cells (EBFC) based on 3D graphene-SWCNT hybrid electrodes.



Prasad, KP, Chen, Y and Chen, PACS *Appl. Mater. Inter-faces*, **2014**, 6, 3387-3393.

Carbon microelectromechanical systems C-MEMS

A:
Fabrication
of EBFC
based on
C-MEMS
micropillar
arrays.

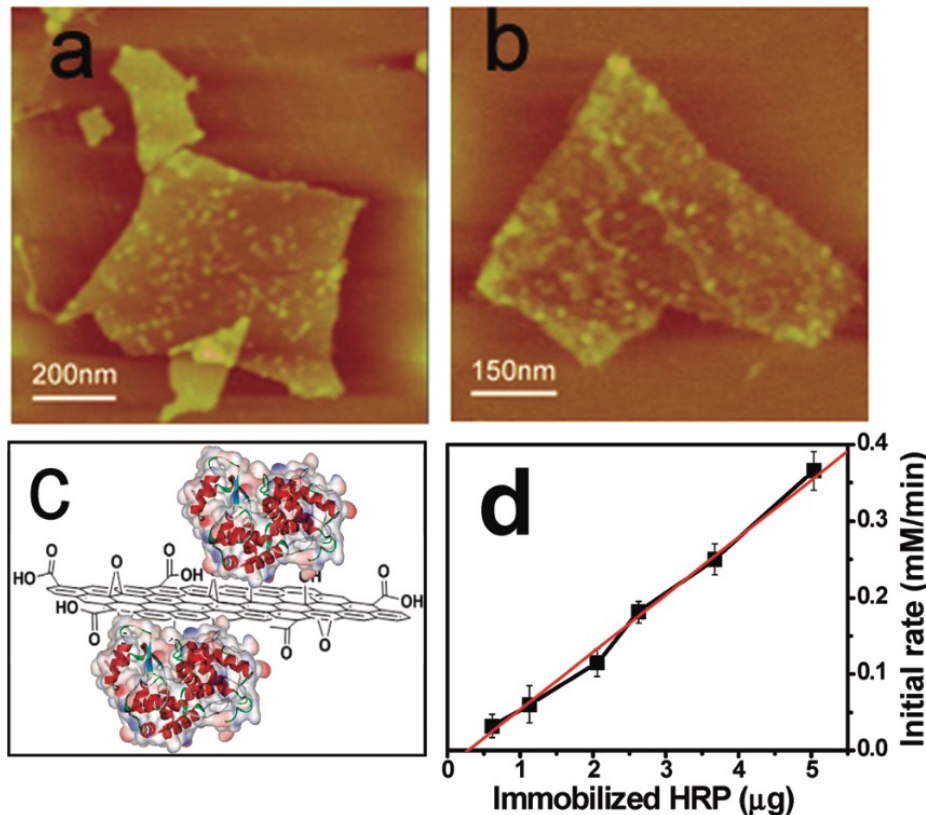


B: Illustration of the EBFC with graphene/enzyme-encrusted 3D carbon micropillar arrays (not to scale).

Song, Y, Chen C and Wang C *Nanoscale*, **2015**, 7, 7084-7090

7. Immobilization of Biocatalysts onto Nanosupports: Advantages for Green Technologies

Alan S. Campbell, Andrew J. Maloney, Chenbo Dong, and Cerasela Z. Dinu



Tapping mode AFM images of the GO-bound HRP with (a) lower and (b) higher enzyme loadings acquired in a liquid cell.

(c) Schematic model of the GO-bound HRP.

(d) Initial reaction rates of GO-bound HRP versus HRP concentration.

GO Graphene Oxide

Zhang *et al*, *Langmuir* **2010**, 26 (9), 6083-6085

9. Potential Applications of Nanobiocatalysis for Industrial Biodiesel Production *Avinesh Byreddy and Munish Puri*

Nanobiocatalysts used for biofuel production.

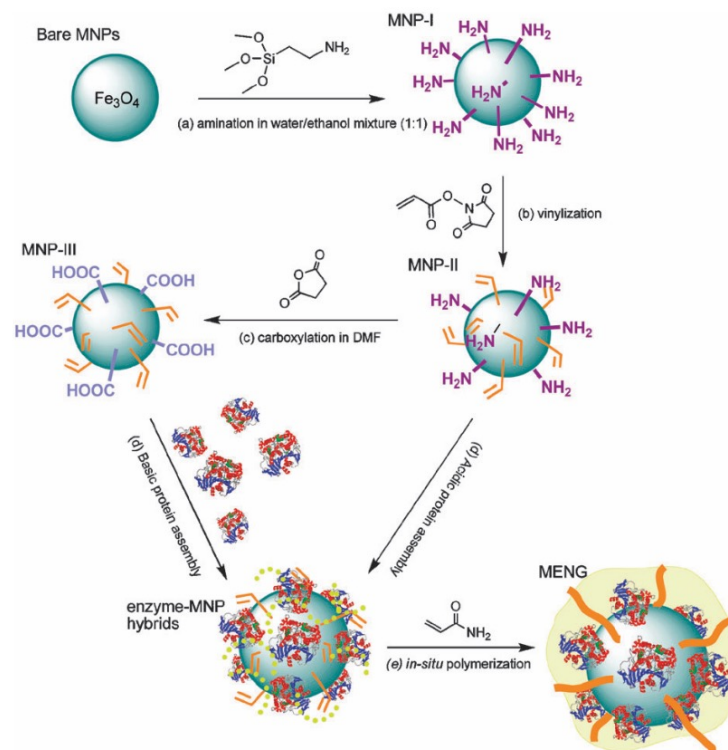
Nanobiocatalysts used	Application	References
Perfluoroalkylsulfonic (PFS) and alkylsulfonic (AS) acid-functionalized magnetic nanoparticles	Improvement in biomass pretreatment and hemicellulose hydrolysis	[238]
Propylsulfonic (PS) acid-functionalized nanoparticles	Improvement in biomass pretreatment	[239]
Silver nanoparticles	Enhanced sugar yield	[240]
Cellulose-coated magnetic nanoparticles	High ethanol production rate	[243]
Carbon electrode modified with graphene oxide containing copper nanoparticles	For ethanol detection in fermentation broth	[244]
Heterostructural silver nanoparticles decorated with polycrystalline zinc oxide nanosheets	For ethanol detection in fermentation broth	[245]

Singh *et al*, 2020

11. Recent Advances in Nanostructured Enzyme Catalysis for Chemical Synthesis in Organic Solvents

Zheng Liu, Jun Ge, Diannan Lu, Guoqiang Jiang, and Jianzhong Wu

Synthetic route of step-by-step fabrication of magnetic enzyme nanogels (MENG's)



Lin *et al*, *Chem. Commun.*, **2012**, 48, 3315-3317

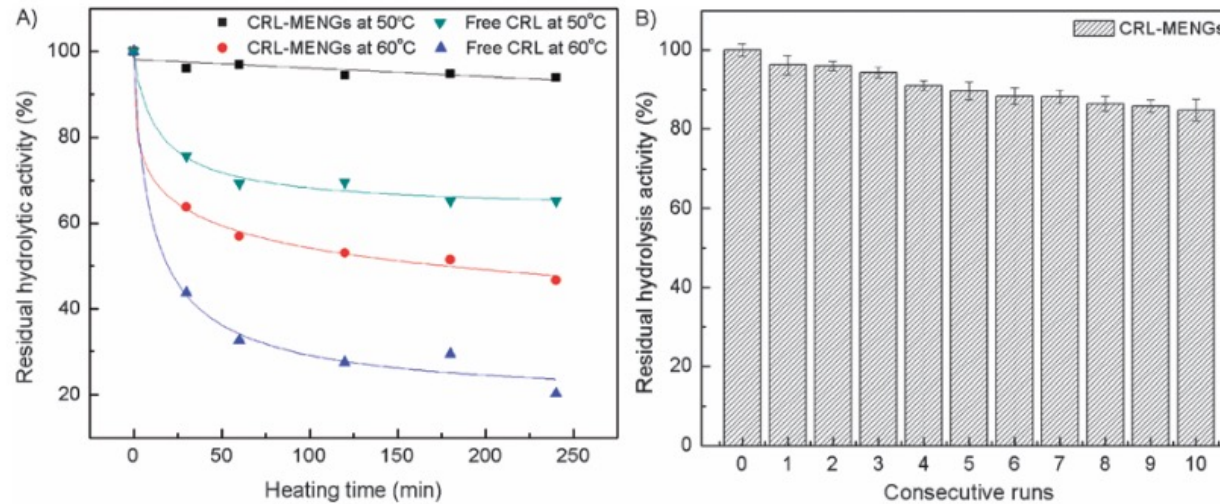
Kinetics parameters, Michaelis constant (K_m) and transformation efficiency (K_{cat}), of free enzymes and MENs

Target proteins	Kinetic parameters			
	$K_m^a/\mu\text{M}$		K_{cat}^a/s^{-1}	
	Free	MENGs	Free	MENGs
CRL	0.23	0.28	3.44	1.25
HRP	0.30	0.27	2122	892
Tr	1.00×10^3	0.36×10^3	1.73	0.34
CyC	0.45×10^{-2}	0.68×10^{-2}	0.42	0.22

After encapsulation within the magnetic polyacrylamide nanogel, the K_{cat} values of the MENGs decreased to 30–35% of the original values determined for their free counterparts. The slight increase in K_m and the decrease in K_{cat} values, except in the case of trypsin-MENGs, may be attributed to spatial hindrance in accessing the active site of the enzyme and additional mass-transport resistance by the polyacrylamide network

Thermal inactivation of enzyme activity

Candida rugosa lipase-CRL



(A) Thermal inactivation kinetics of CRL in the free form and MENG's at 50°C and 60°C

(B) recycling of the CRL-MENG's in aqueous media, in which CRL-MENG's were recovered by a bench magnet for 10 consecutive runs.

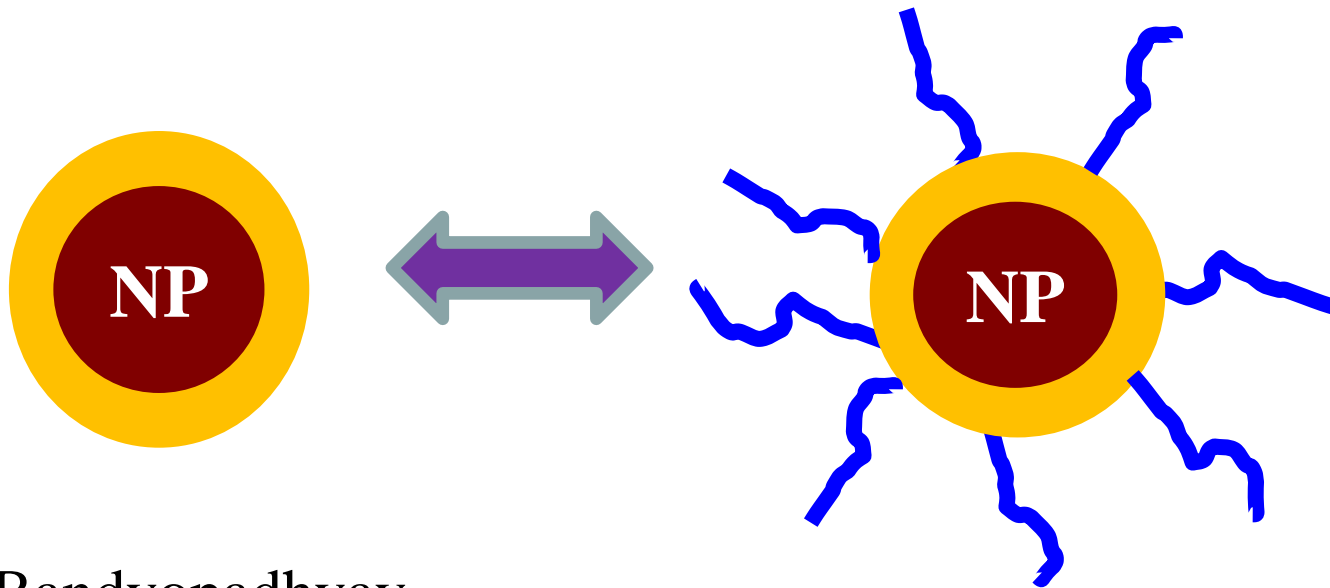
What's next for bionanotechnology?

- Judging by the applicant countries of emerging nanotechnologies, we can continue to expect aggressive innovation from the above countries.
- However, whether or not China is planning to enter the fray has yet to be seen. They are certainly far behind in bionanotechnologies. In an area with a dearth of granted patents, it is crucial for large patenting venues to compare and determine the patentability of nanotechnologies moving forward.
- Bionanotechnology inventions will not only involve emerging methods of drug delivery, medical products, pharmaceuticals, but also the tools with which scientists study and even manufacture items at a nanoscale.
- It is not a question of if, but when, will bionanotechnologies disrupt a long-established industry with billions of dollars on the line.

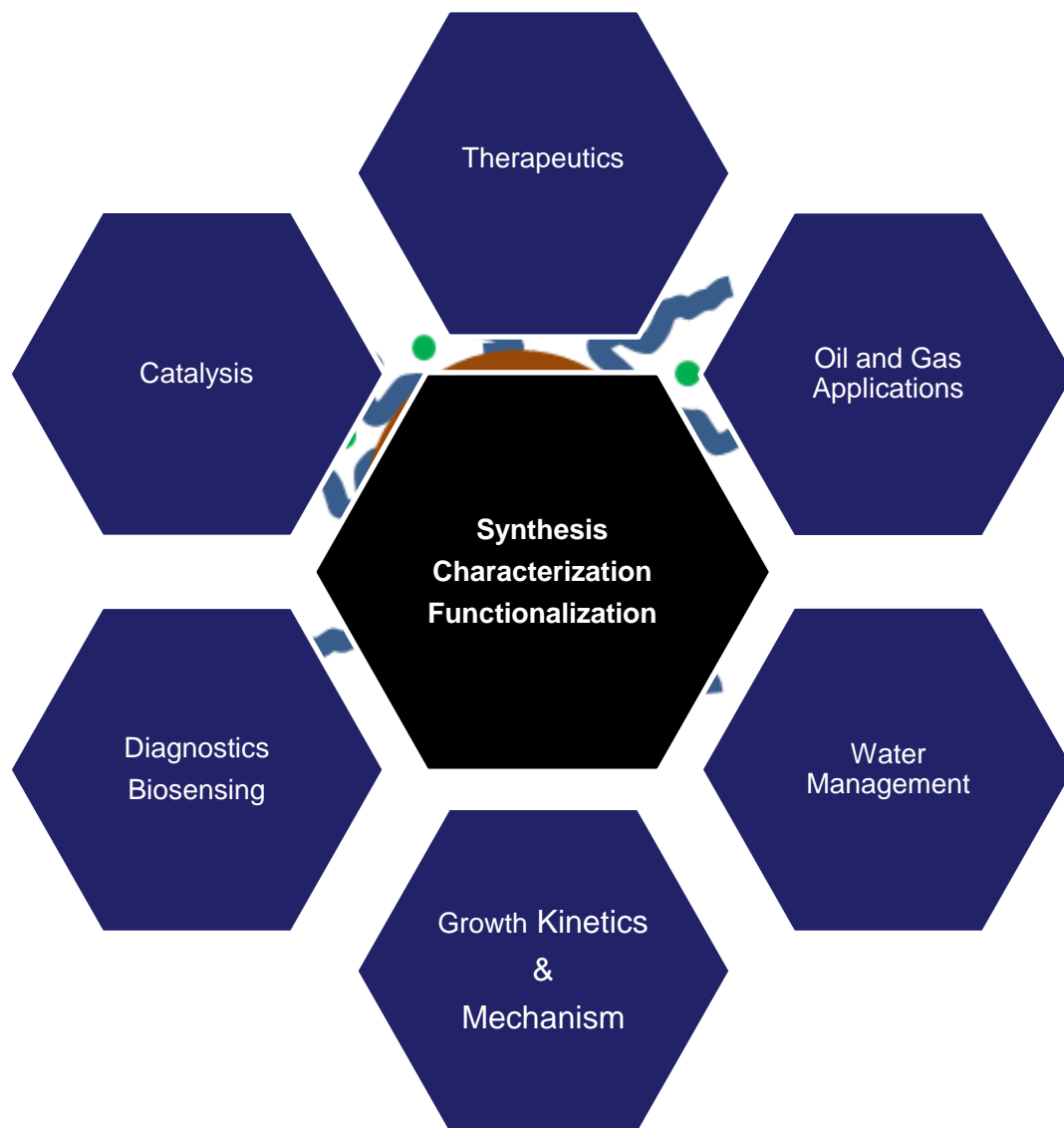
DISCUSSION

- What can we as researchers bring to the table of bionanotechnology?
 - Continue the research in all areas
 - Inform the industry about the advantages-10-15 years scope
 - Inform the society about the advantages
 - Industry should look into bionanotechnology based cost effective processes

Synthesis and Functionalisation of Nanoparticles



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Topics

- **Metallic NPs**
 - Synthesis Methods
 - Reduction of Metallic Precursors
 - Thermal Decomposition
 - Colloidal Templating
 - One pot methods
 - Anisotropic NPs
- **Functionalization of NPs**
- **Polymer-based NPs**
 - Nanoprecipitation
 - Flash Nanoprecipitation
 - Precipitation Polymerization

Nanomaterials

Plasmonic and magnetic nanoparticles (spheres, cubes,

Nanorods, prisms,

Au/Ag Nanoclusters

1 nm

10 nm

100 nm

Micelles and polymers

Nanodiscs

Vesicles (S/L Unilamellar)

Janus/dumbbell)

ribbons, bipyramids



100 nm

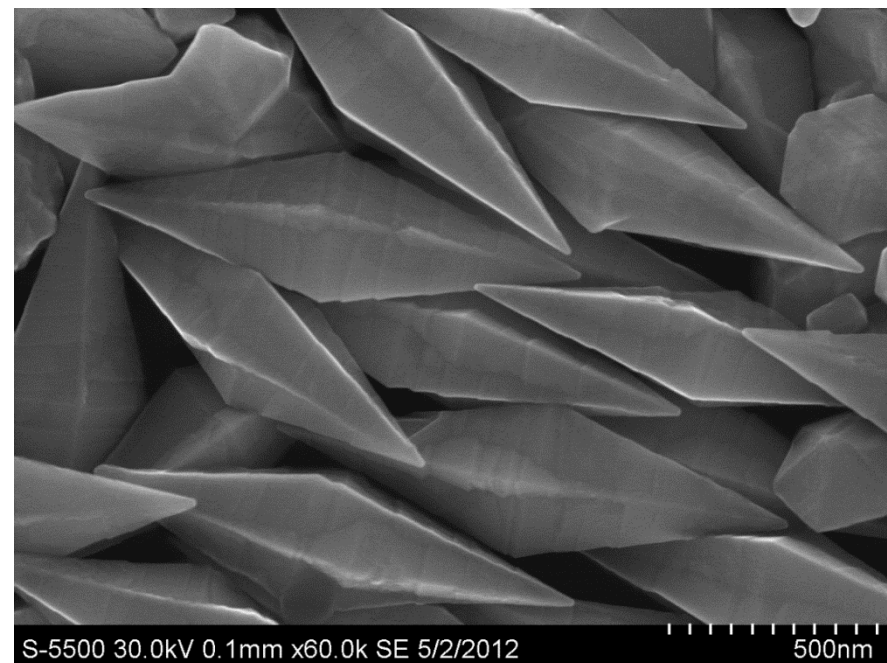
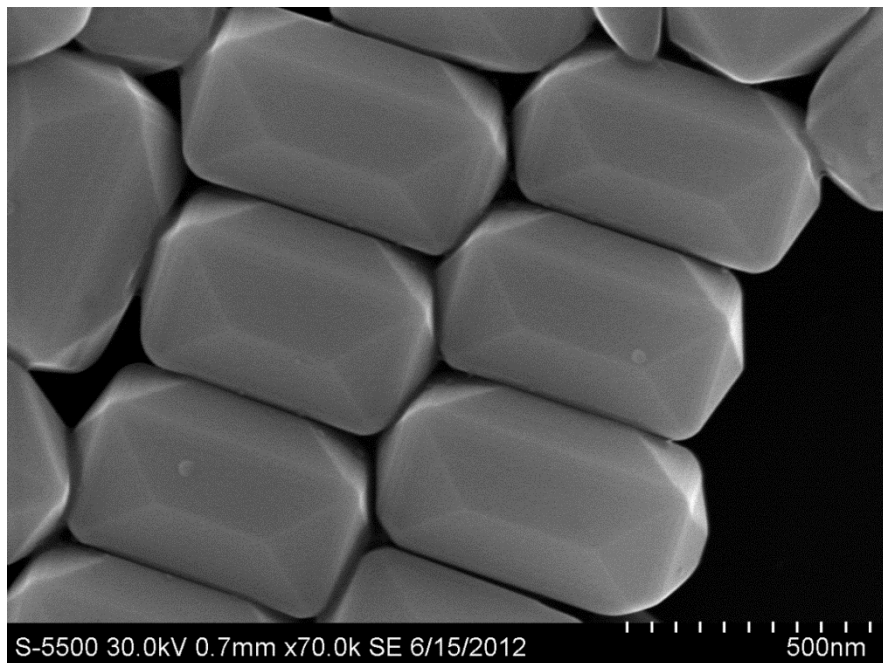
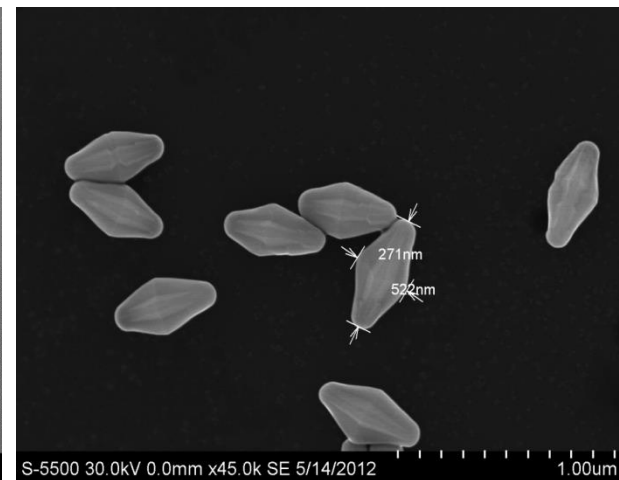
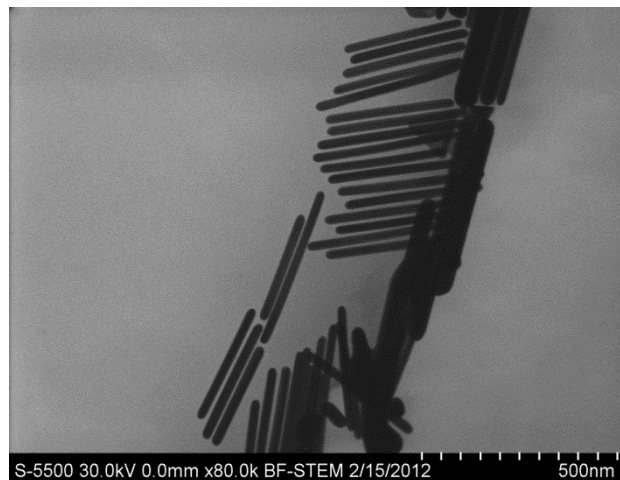
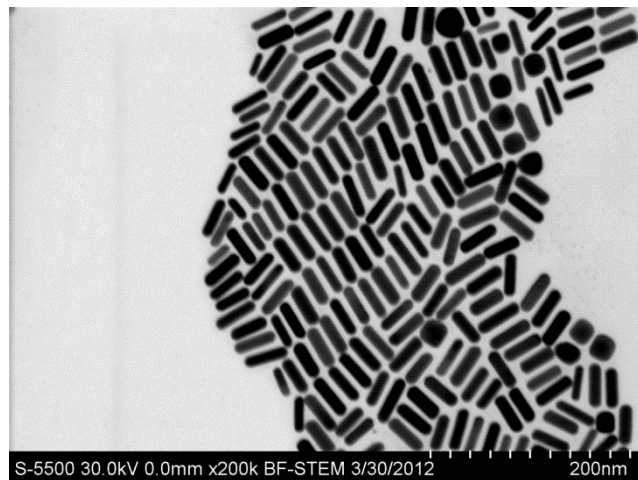
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Planar surfaces

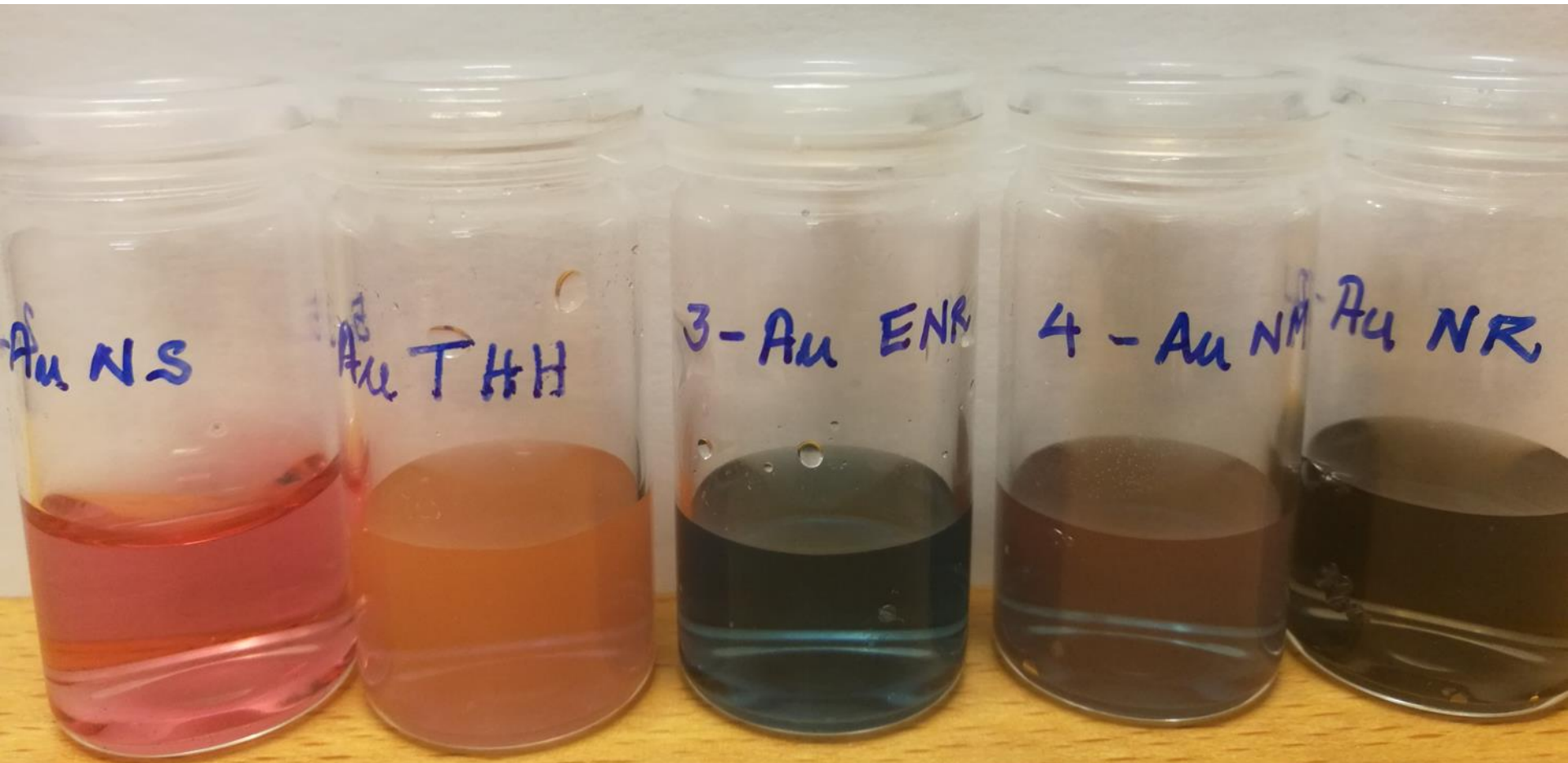
Polymer nano and microparticles

Sol-Gel materials

Library of NPs



Synthesis of Metallic NPs



Synthesis Approaches



Bottom Up

- Heterogeneity
- PSD
- Defects, Impurities



Top Down

Classical Nucleation Theory

1. Supersaturation

2. Nucleation

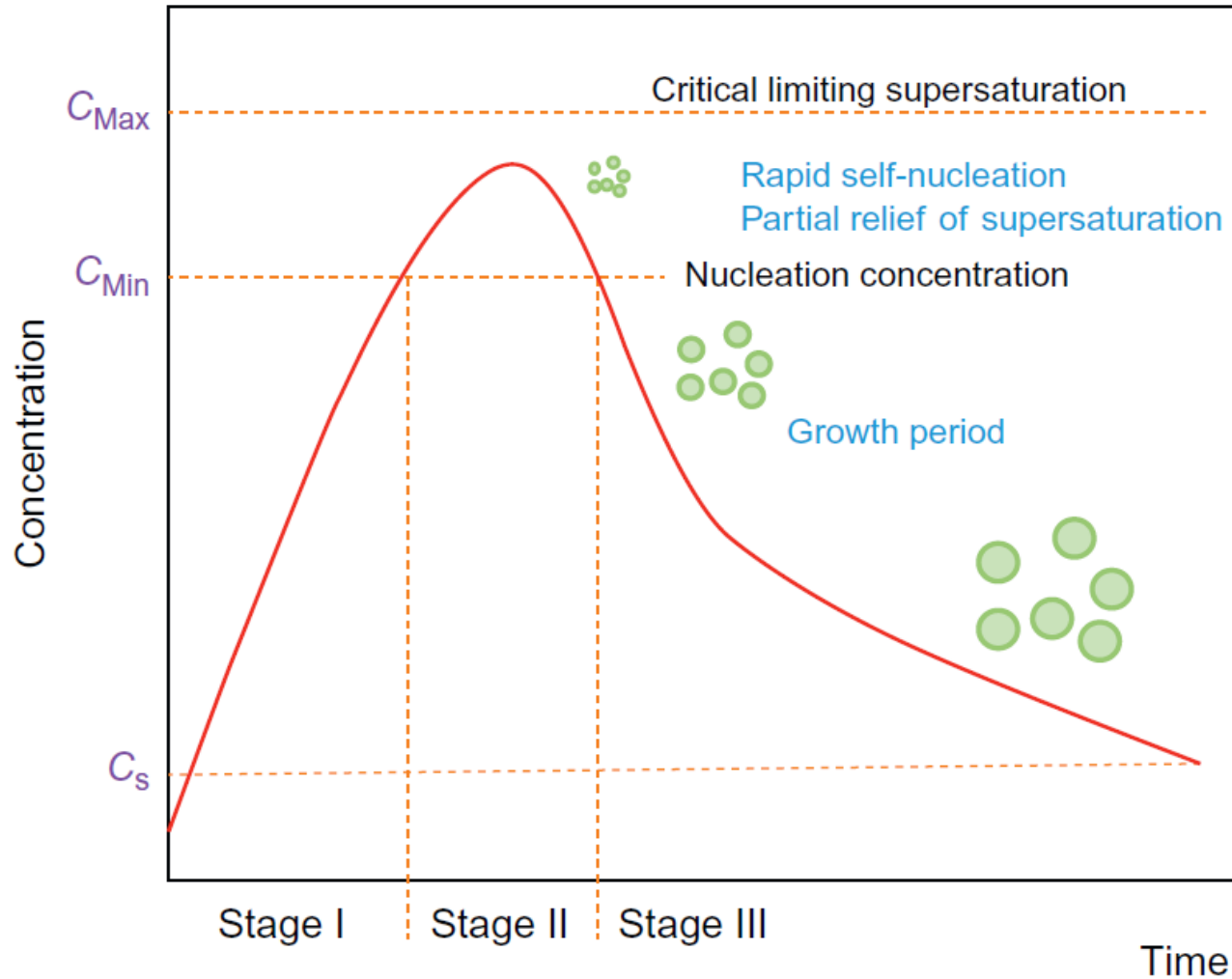
3. Crystal growth

4. Secondary growth

$$S = \frac{c}{c^*}$$

$$\sigma = \frac{\Delta c}{c^*} = S - 1$$

Lamer's Diagram



Crystallization

&

Precipitation

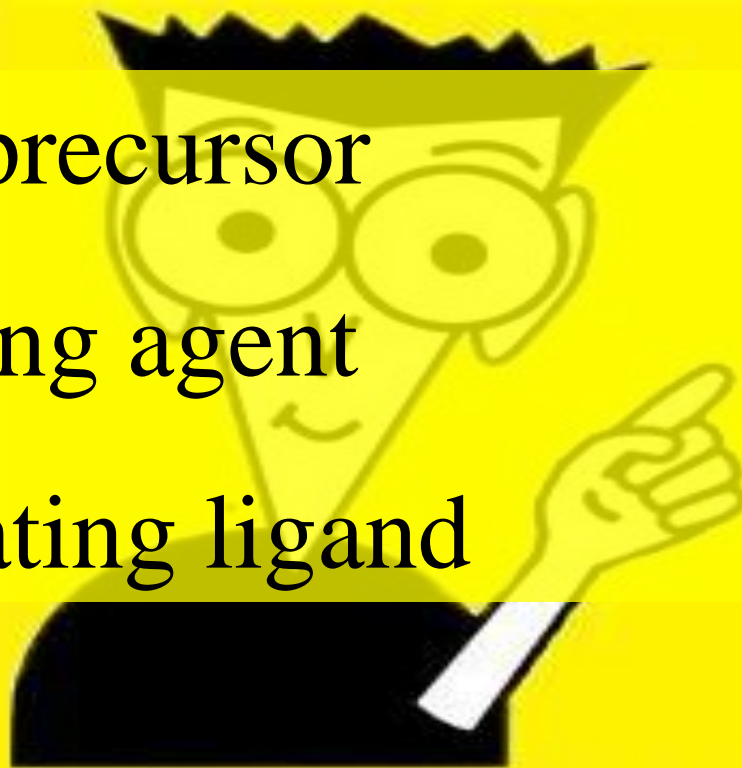


Crystallization

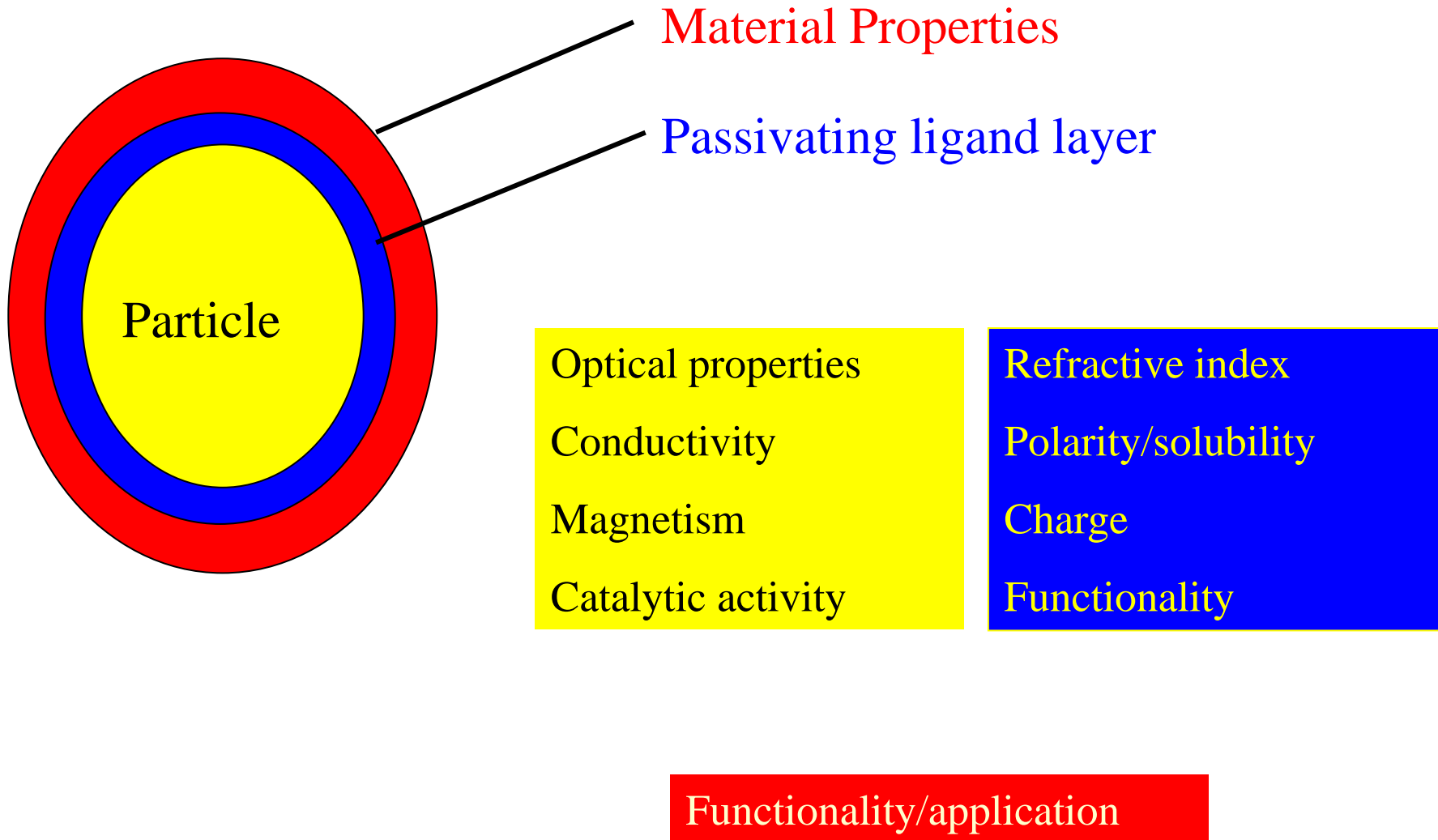
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1. Metal precursor
2. Reducing agent
3. Passivating ligand

Why?



Properties of Metallic NPs



Rule of Thumb

Redox potential

$$\propto^{-1}$$

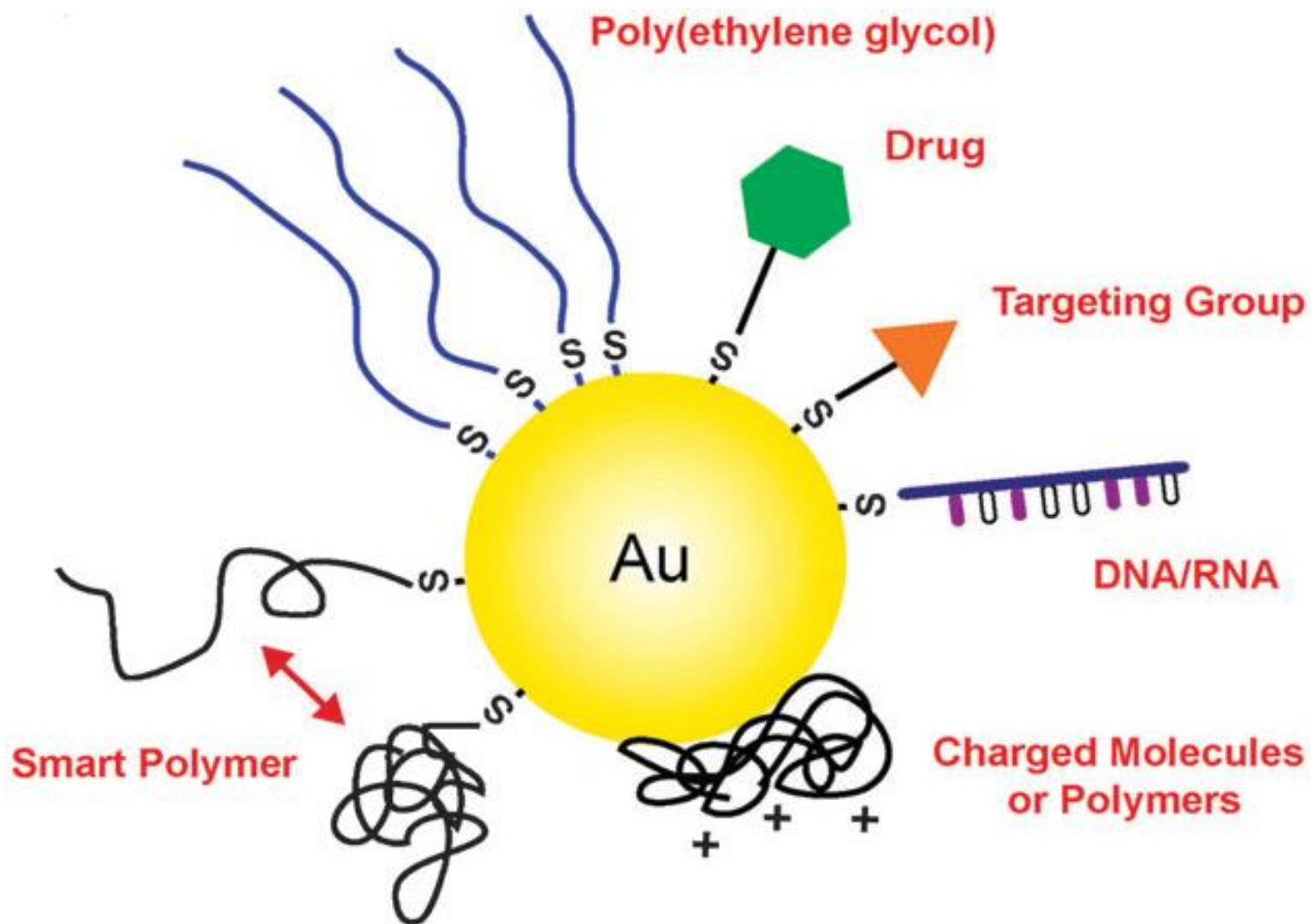
Particle Size

Metal

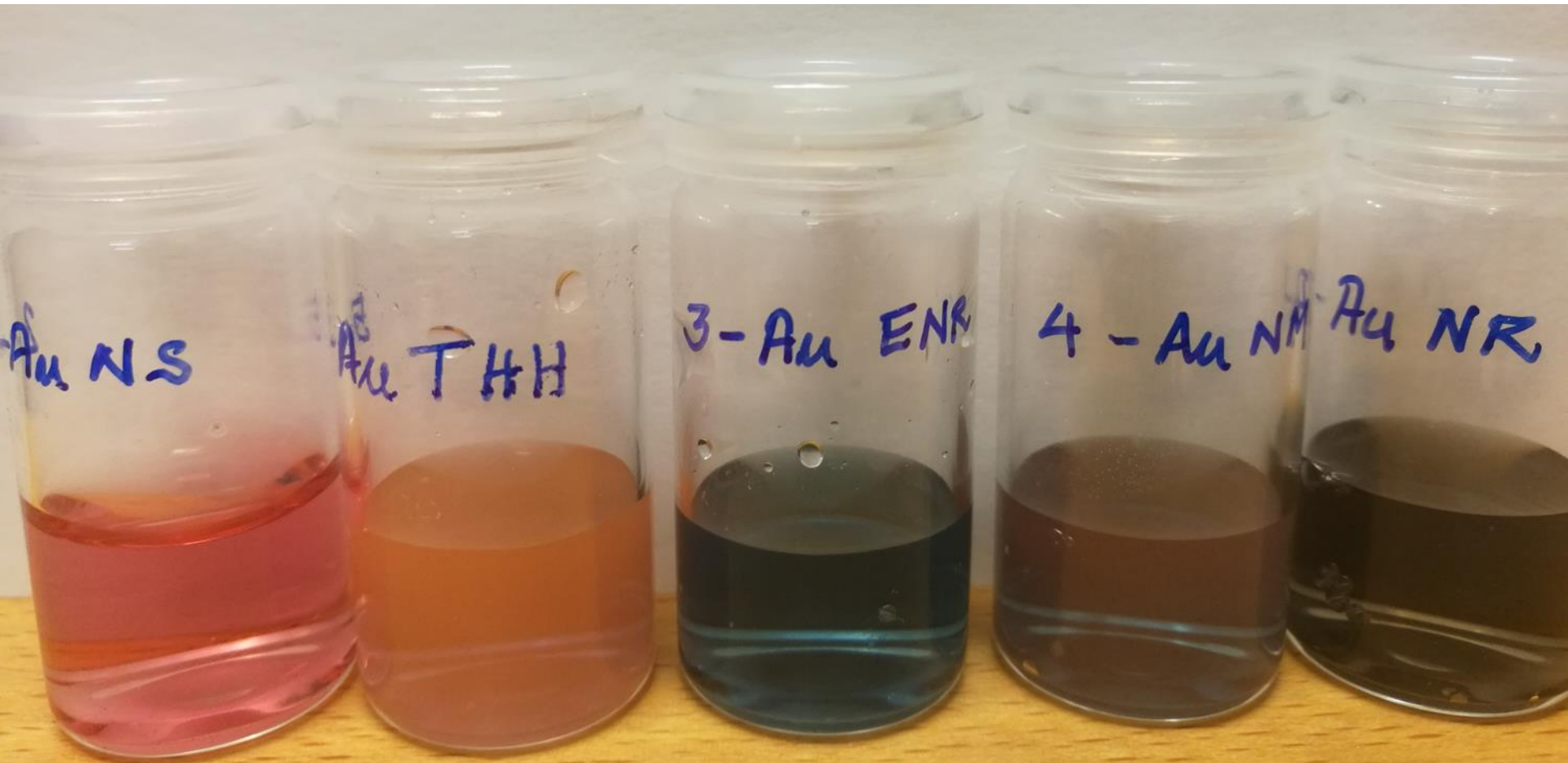
Oxidation Reaction

Lithium	$\text{Li} \rightarrow \text{Li}^+ + \text{e}^-$
Potassium	$\text{K} \rightarrow \text{K}^+ + \text{e}^-$
Barium	$\text{Ba} \rightarrow \text{Ba}^{2+} + 2\text{e}^-$
Calcium	$\text{Ca} \rightarrow \text{Ca}^{2+} + 2\text{e}^-$
Sodium	$\text{Na} \rightarrow \text{Na}^+ + \text{e}^-$
Magnesium	$\text{Mg} \rightarrow \text{Mg}^{2+} + 2\text{e}^-$
Aluminum	$\text{Al} \rightarrow \text{Al}^{3+} + 3\text{e}^-$
Zinc	$\text{Zn} \rightarrow \text{Zn}^{2+} + 2\text{e}^-$
Chromium	$\text{Cr} \rightarrow \text{Cr}^{3+} + 3\text{e}^-$
Iron	$\text{Fe} \rightarrow \text{Fe}^{2+} + 2\text{e}^-$
Cobalt	$\text{Co} \rightarrow \text{Co}^{2+} + 2\text{e}^-$
Nickel	$\text{Ni} \rightarrow \text{Ni}^{2+} + 2\text{e}^-$
Tin	$\text{Sn} \rightarrow \text{Sn}^{2+} + 2\text{e}^-$
Lead	$\text{Pb} \rightarrow \text{Pb}^{2+} + 2\text{e}^-$
Hydrogen	$\text{H}_2 \rightarrow 2\text{H}^+ + 2\text{e}^-$
Copper	$\text{Cu} \rightarrow \text{Cu}^{2+} + 2\text{e}^-$
Silver	$\text{Ag} \rightarrow \text{Ag}^+ + \text{e}^-$
Mercury	$\text{Hg} \rightarrow \text{Hg}^{2+} + 2\text{e}^-$
Platinum	$\text{Pt} \rightarrow \text{Pt}^{2+} + 2\text{e}^-$
Gold	$\text{Au} \rightarrow \text{Au}^{3+} + 3\text{e}^-$

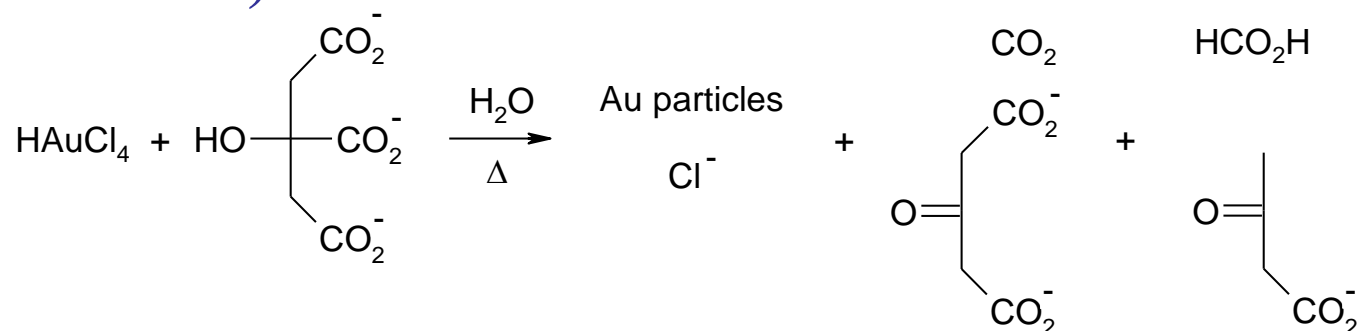




1. Reduction of Metallic Precursors in Solution



Turkevich Reaction (Citrate Reduction of Chloride Precursor)



- Aqueous phase synthesis
- Citrate acts both as reducing agent and passivating ligand
- Most common synthesis method (commercially available)
- Synthesis temperature typically 100 °C with refluxing conditions

Turkevich, J. et al., *Discussions of the Faraday Society*, **1951**, 55-&

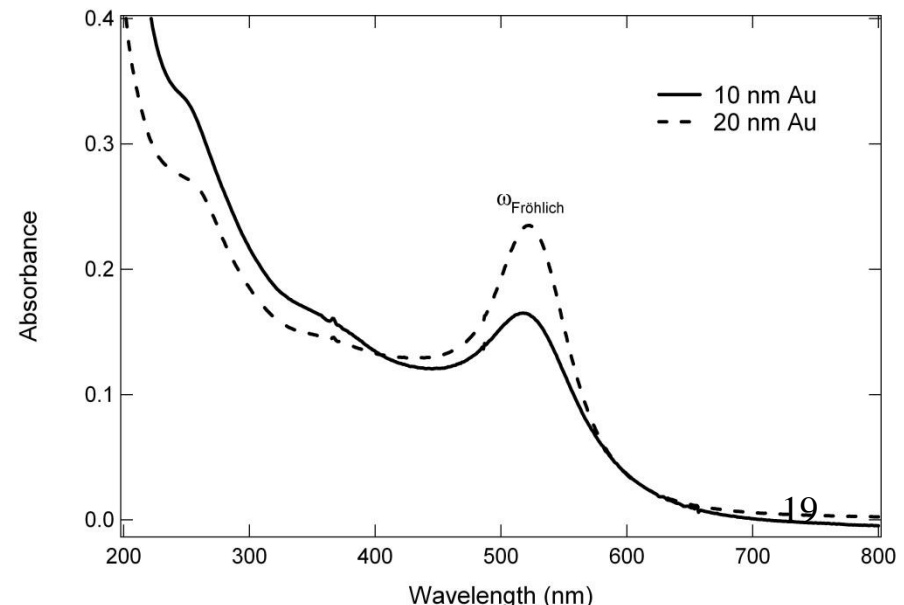
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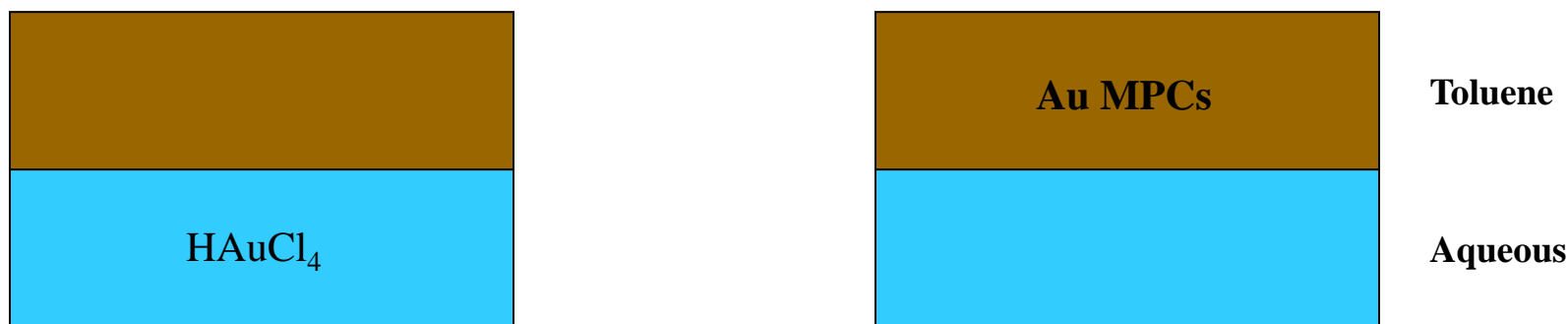
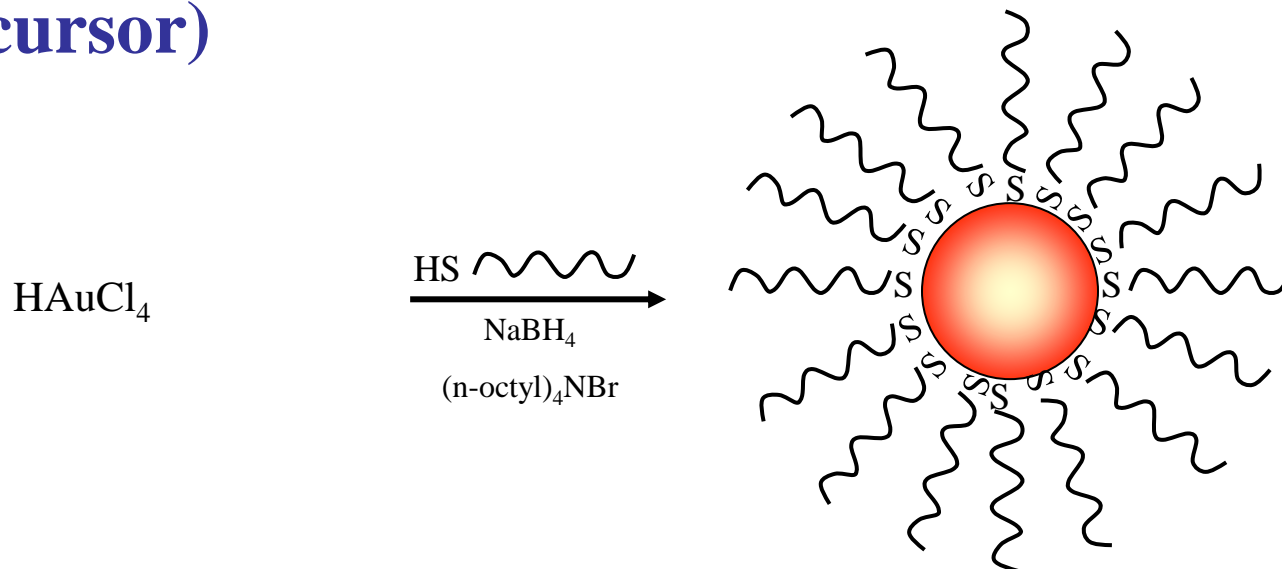
Reduction of Metallic Precursors in Solution

Turkevich Reaction

- Readily available in sizes from 2-200 nm
- Wide array of surface functionalities available by simple ligand exchange reactions
- Citrate can be displaced by thiols, isothiocyanates and phosphines
- Susceptible to flocculation/aggregation by changes in solvent conditions

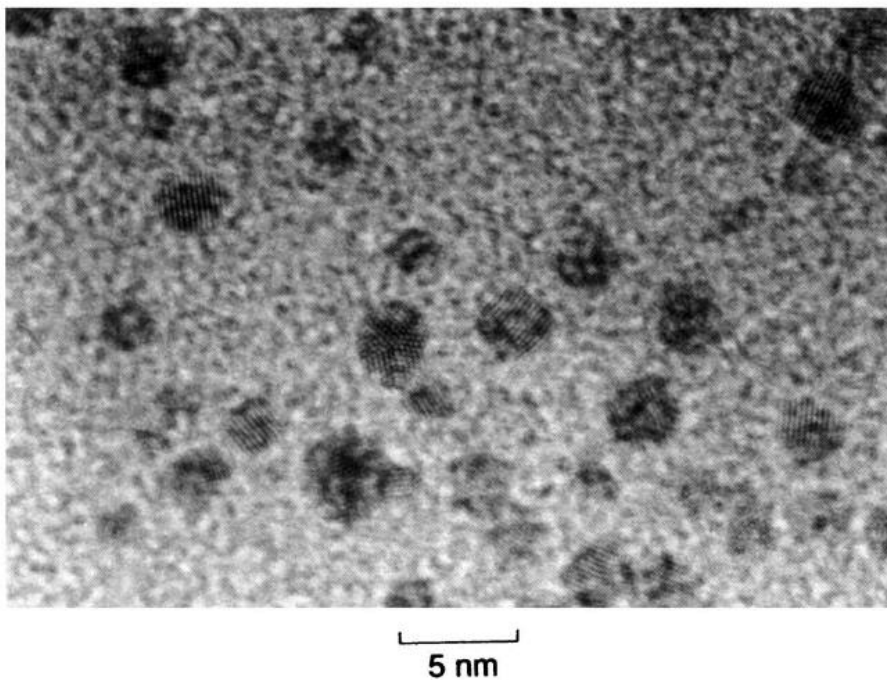
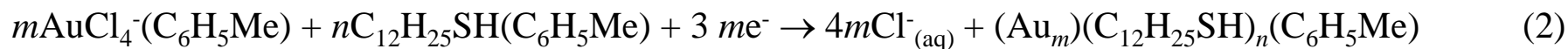
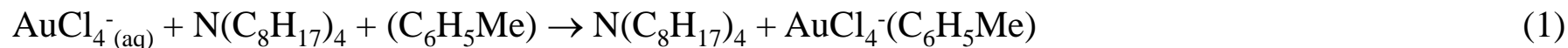


Brust Reaction (BH_4^- Reduction of Chloride Precursor)



Reduction of Metallic Precursors in Solution

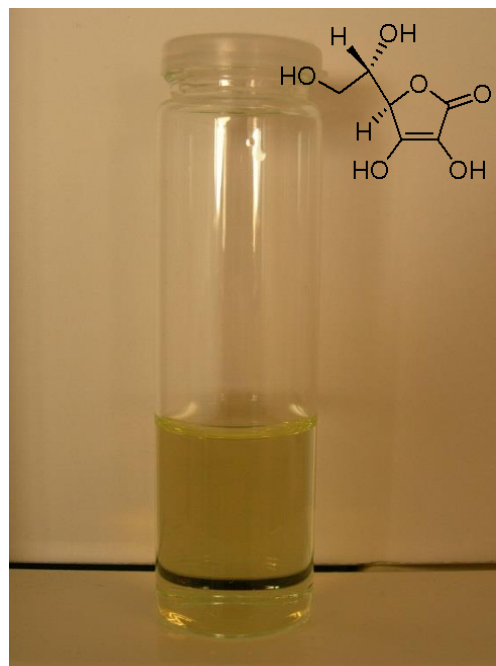
Brust Reaction



- Typically 1.5-8 nm particle size
- Very stable NPs.
- Access to a wide variety of surface functionalities through ligand exchange.
- Both polar and non-polar solvents.

Goia reaction (Iso-ascorbic Acid Reduction of Chloride Precursor)

Reduction of auric acid with iso-ascorbic acid;

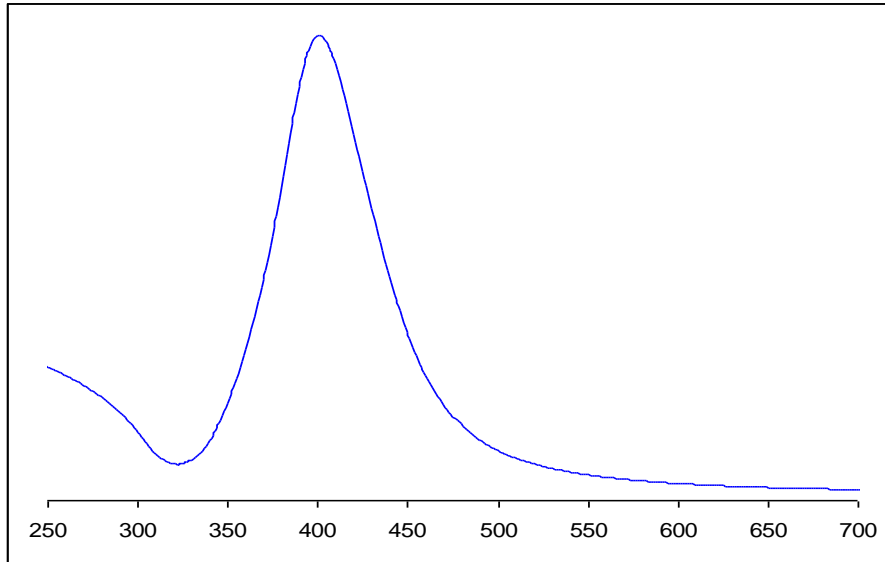


- *Stabilizer-free* meaning ascorbic acid acts as passivating ligand as for citrate
- Room temperature, very rapid nucleation and growth
- Aqueous phase synthesis
- Ascorbic acid can be displaced from surface by thiols etc.
- Particle size tunable through pH, reactant ratios, concentration
- 30-100 nm if "stabilizer free" system at room temperature
- 80 nm to 5 μm if prepared in the presence of gum arabic at very high Au conc.

***Stabilizer-free* Goia reaction standard together with Turkevich particles.**

Reduction of Metallic Precursors in Solution

Goia Reaction



- Reduction of silver nitrate by iso-ascorbic acid
- Slightly larger particles (40-70 nm)
- pH must be above 10

Co-Precipitation

- Metal salt precursors in aqueous solutions.
- Addition of a reducing agent (base).
- The products are generally insoluble species formed under conditions of high supersaturation.
- Nucleation is a key step, and a large number of small particles will be formed.
- Secondary processes, such as Ostwald ripening and aggregation, dramatically affect the size, morphology, and properties of the products.
- The supersaturation conditions necessary to induce precipitation are usually the result of a chemical reaction.

Co-Precipitation

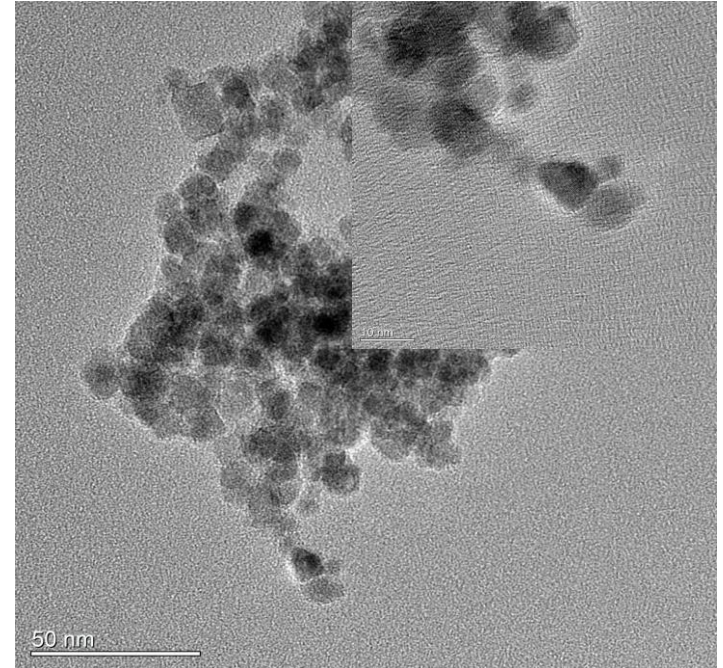
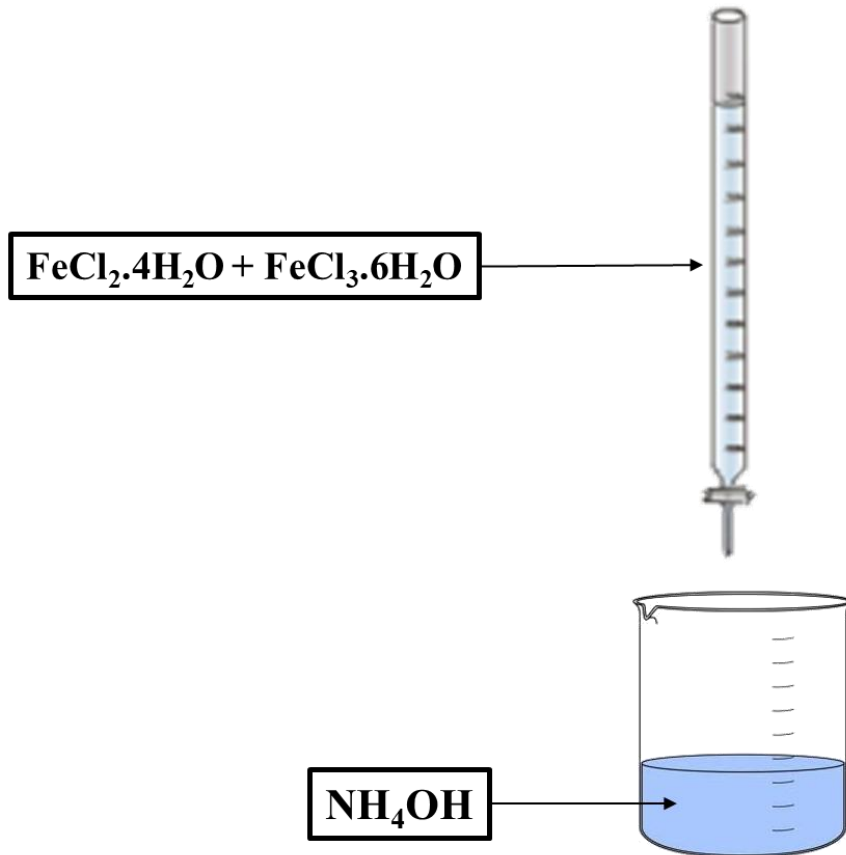
Advantages

- Simple and rapid preparation
- No toxic intermediates
- No use of organic solvents
- Does not require precursor complexes
- Proceeds at low temperatures
- Scalable
- Reproducible

Disadvantages

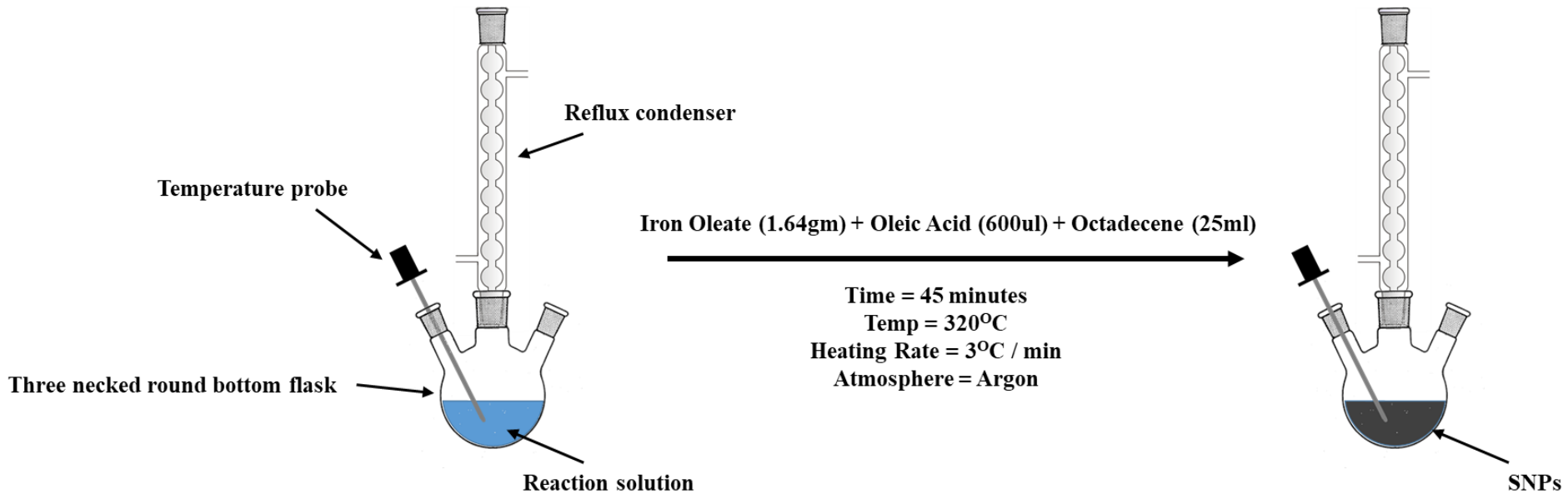
- Particles with a broad size distribution.
- Trace impurities can also get precipitated with product.

Co-Precipitation



2. Thermal Decomposition

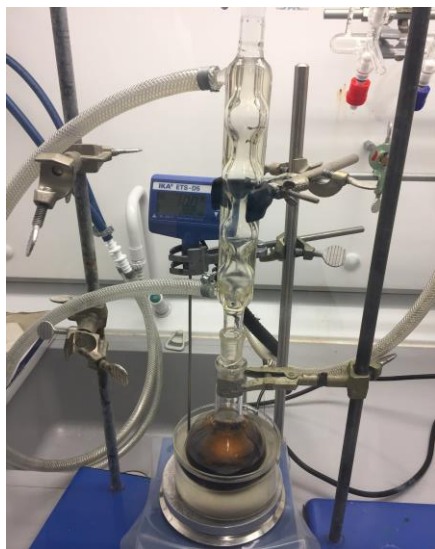
- Preparation of Metallic Precursor.
- Thermal decomposition of Metallic Precursor.



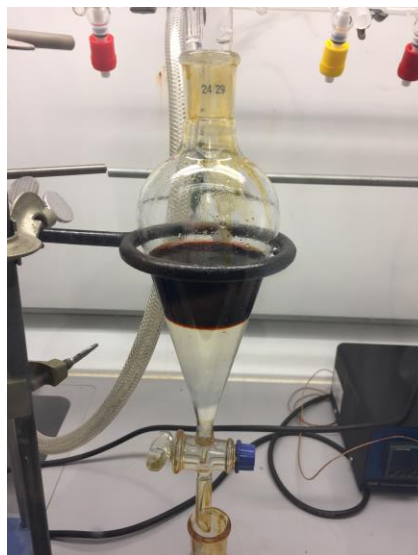
Iron Oxide NPs

Preparation of Metallic Precursor

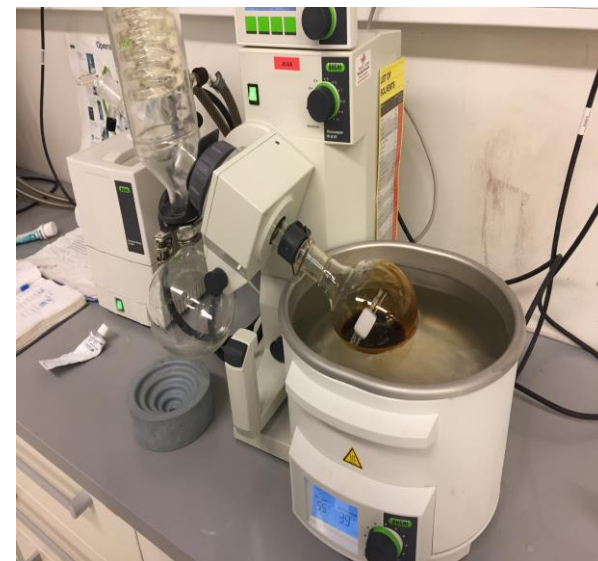
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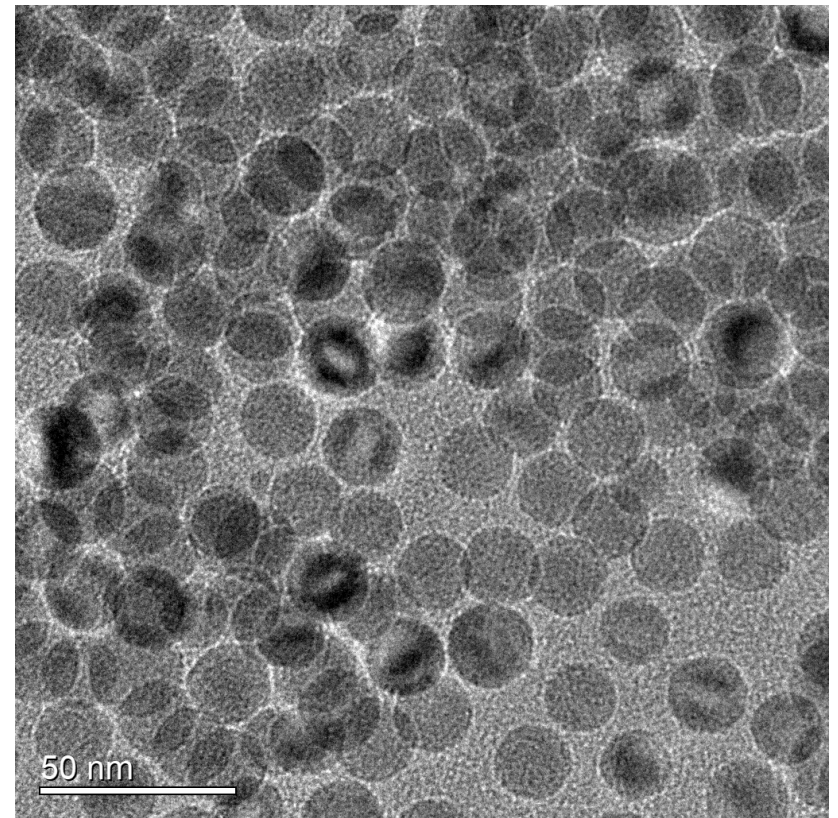
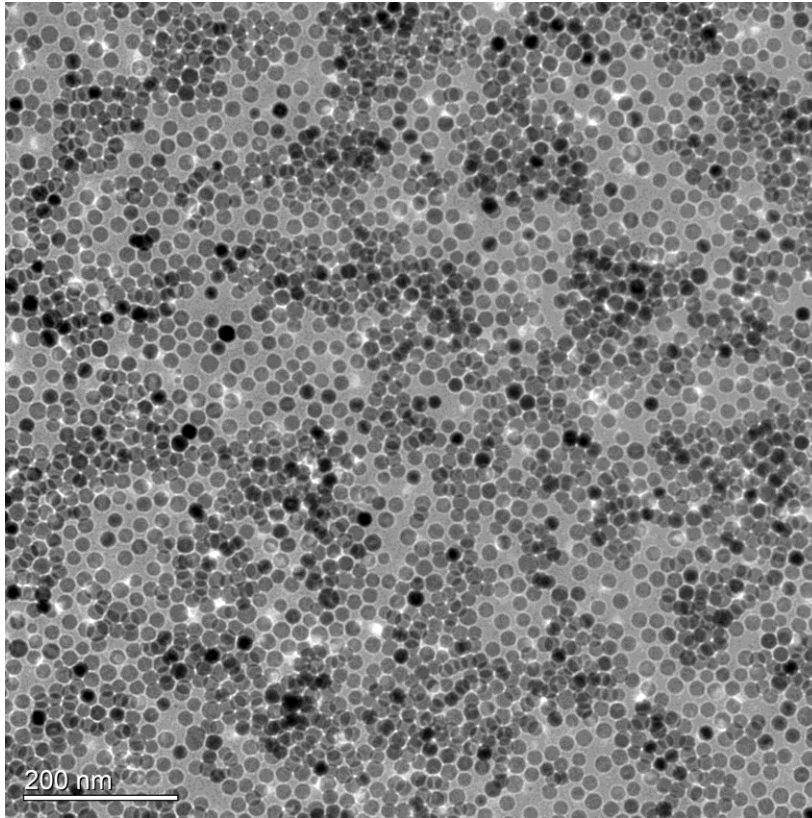


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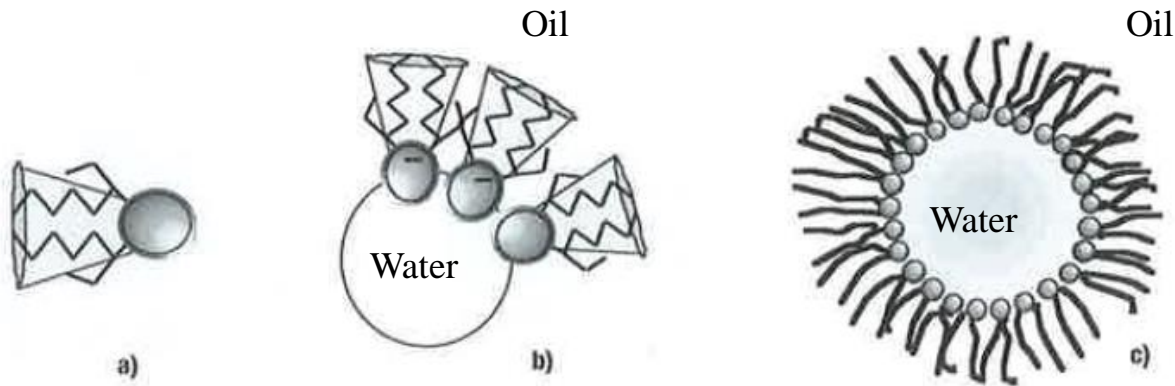
- $\text{FeCl}_3 \cdot 6\text{H}_2\text{O} + \text{Na-Oleate}$
Solvents: Water + Hexane + Ethanol
- Mixture is refluxed at 70°C for 4 hours with vigorous stirring. (Fig I)
- Red organic phase washed with water. (Fig II)
- Evaporation of solvent. (Fig III)

Iron Oxide NPs



3. Colloidal Templating: Reverse Micelles as Spherical Nanoreactors

Formation of reverse micelles



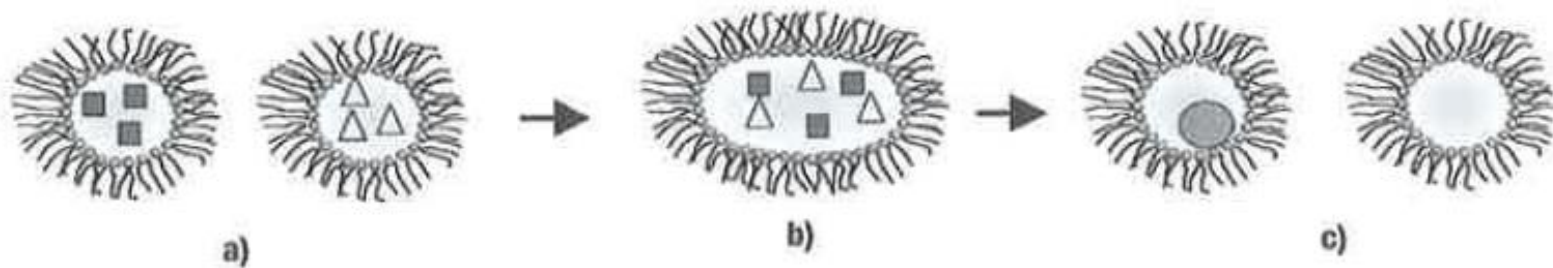
Surfactant with
small polar head
and acyl chains

Surfactants join
together in non-polar
solvents...

..forming reverse micelles

Often microemulsions

General principle: Exchange of aqueous cores



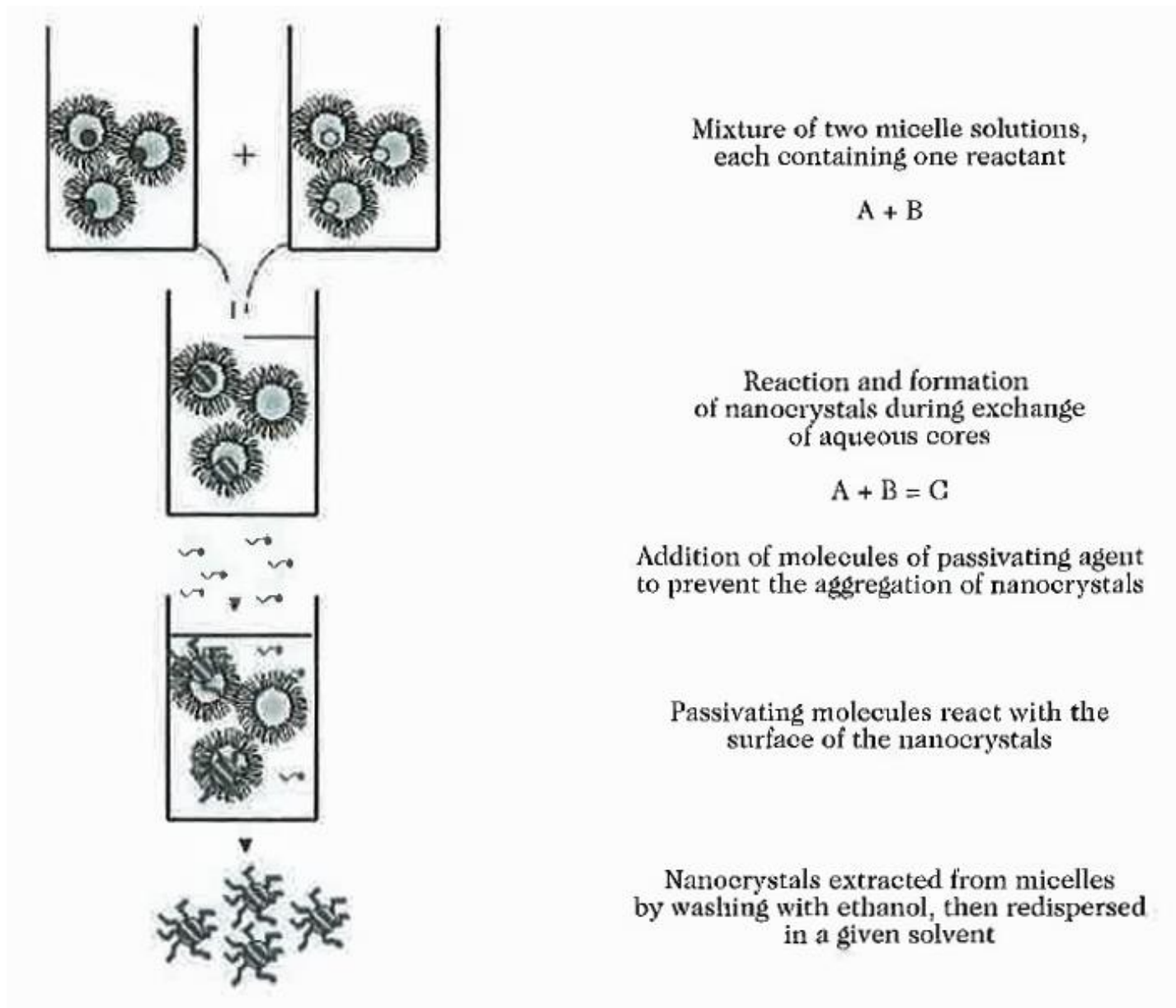
Reverse micelles subject to Brownian motion

Collapsed reverse micelles and mixing of aqueous content

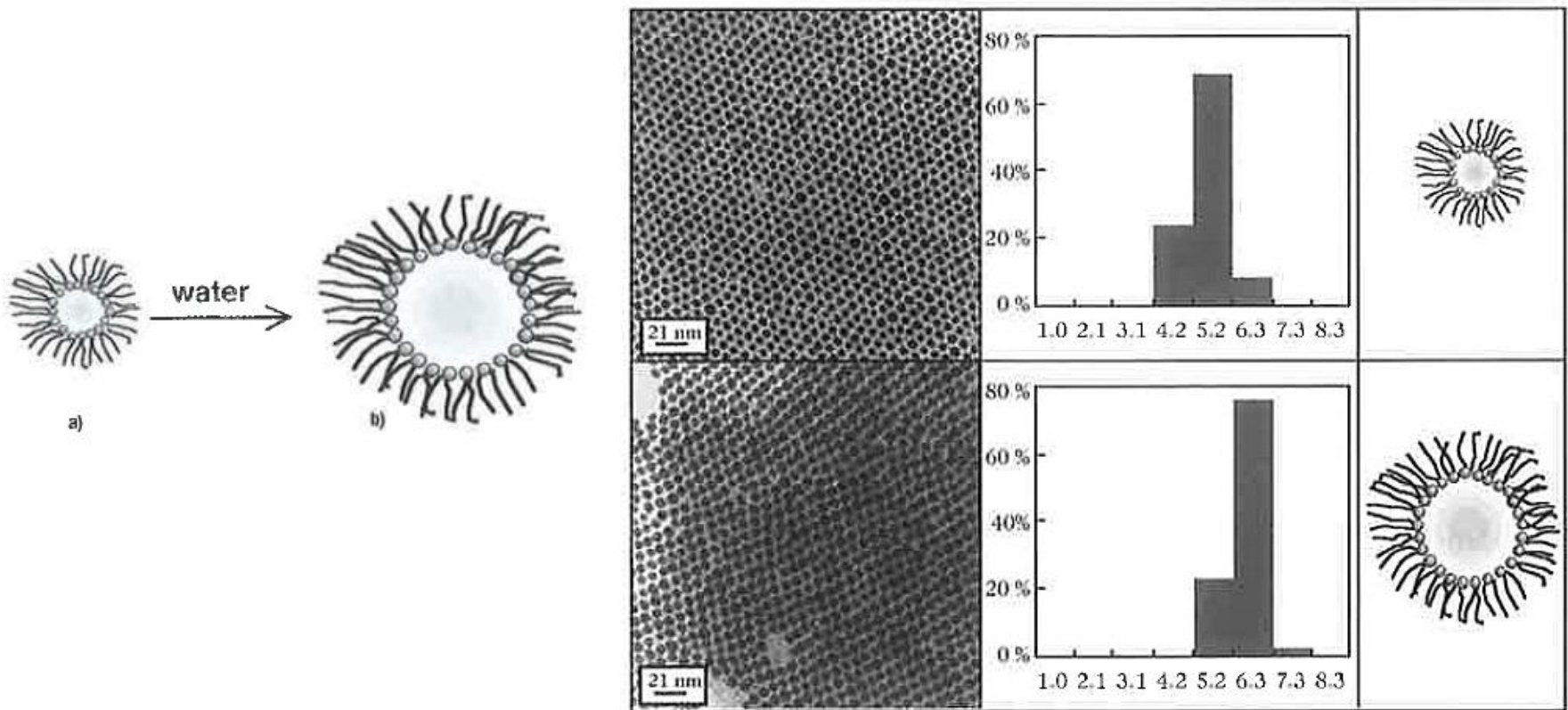
Formation of two micelles, identical to the initial micelles

■ Metal precursor

△ Reducing agent

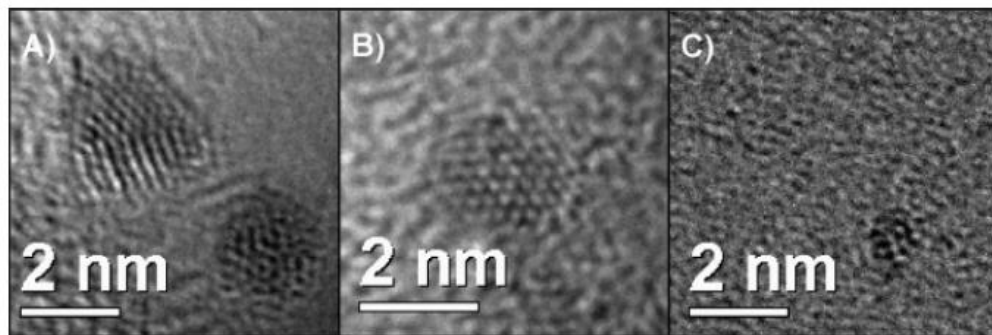


Controlling the size of the reverse micelles controls the size of the nanoparticles, as shown here for silver nanocrystals

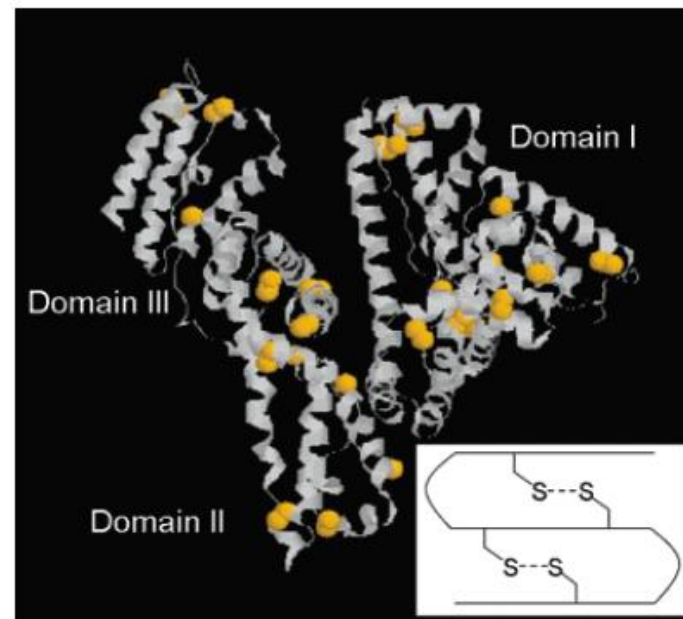


4. One-pot Synthesis Using Globular Proteins

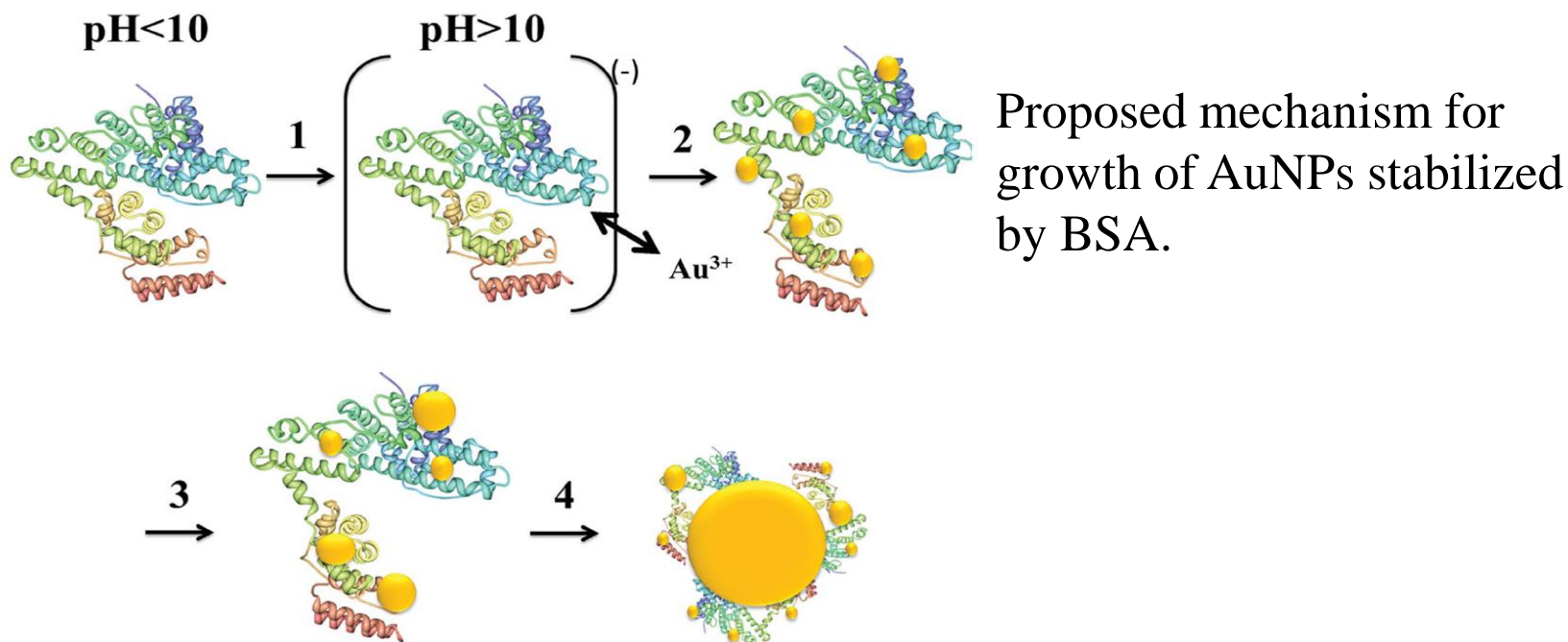
$\text{HAuCl}_4 + \text{NaBH}_4$ (reducing agent) + Bovine Serum Albumin (BSA)



Au NPs embedded in the protein



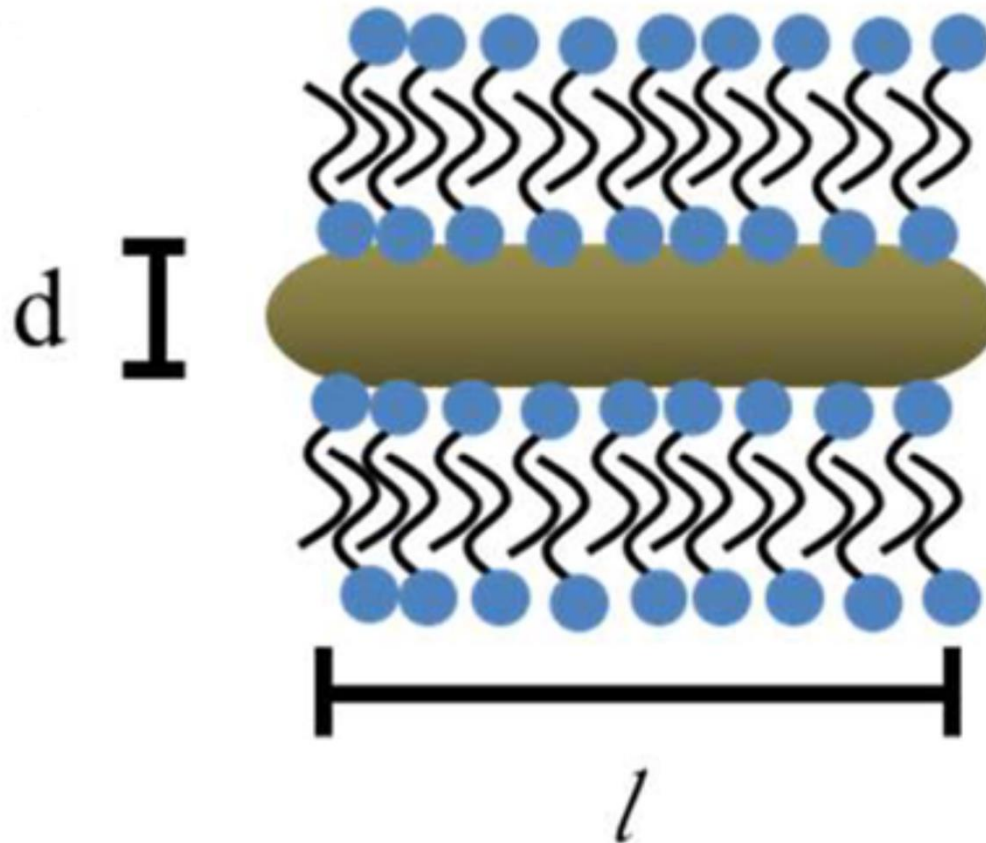
One-Pot Synthesis Using Globular Proteins



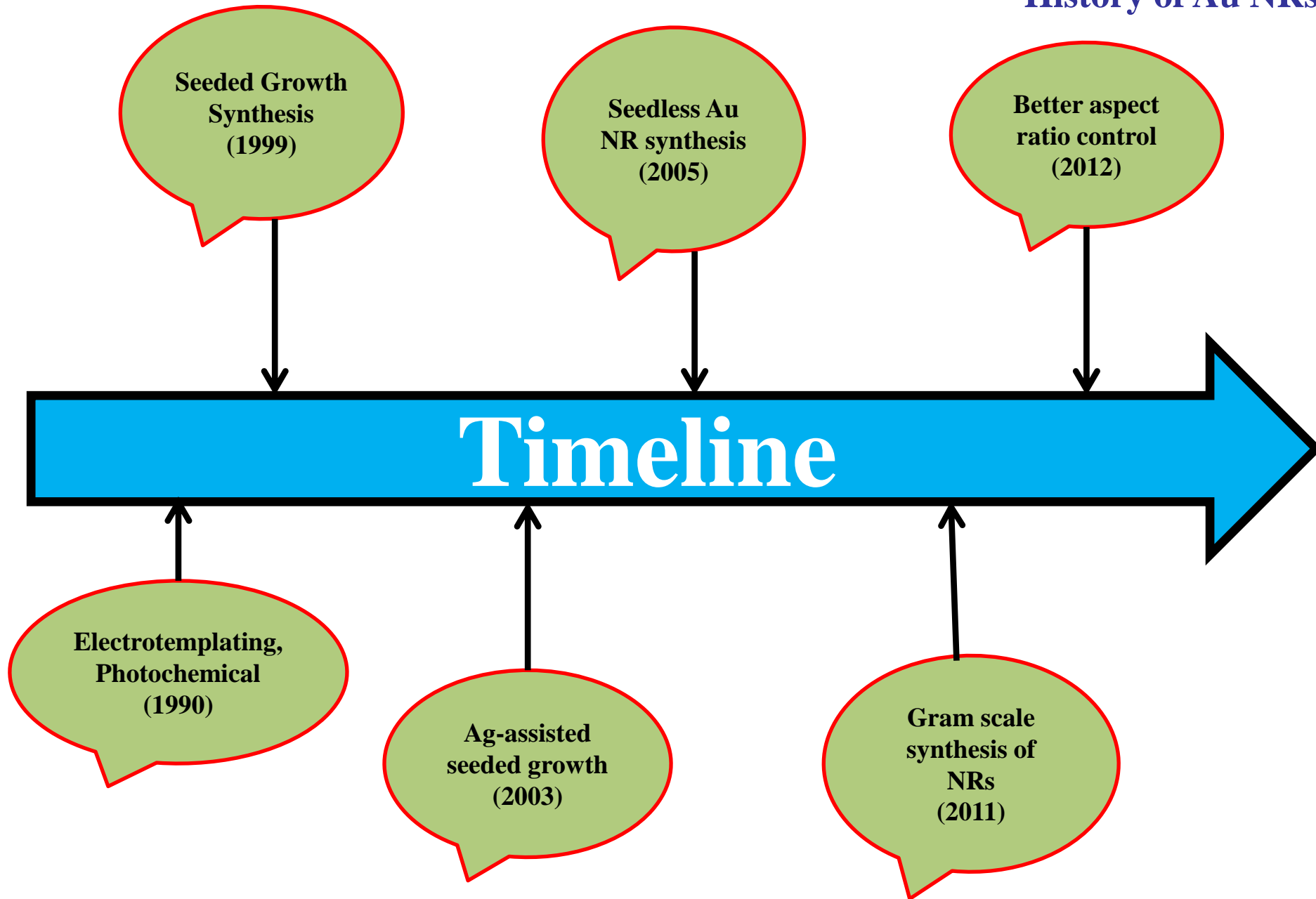
1. Increasing the pH to above 10 causes BSA to be negatively charged which induces electrostatic interactions with the gold ions.
2. Vis AuNCs that emit in the visible region of the EM spectrum start to form.
3. Depending on time and concentration of HAuCl_4 , larger Near IR AuNCs.
4. AuNPs are formed via a shuffling of Near IR AuNCs.

The image shows a schematic representation of a lipid bilayer. It consists of two rows of lipid molecules. Each molecule is depicted with a small white circle representing the hydrophilic head and a black zigzag line representing the hydrophobic tail. The heads of the top row are aligned horizontally, and the heads of the bottom row are also aligned horizontally. The tails of both rows point towards each other, forming a hydrophobic core. A bright yellow, rounded rectangular bar is positioned in the center of the bilayer, overlapping the tails of the lipids. The text 'Anisotropic NPs' is written in a bold, black, serif font within this yellow bar.

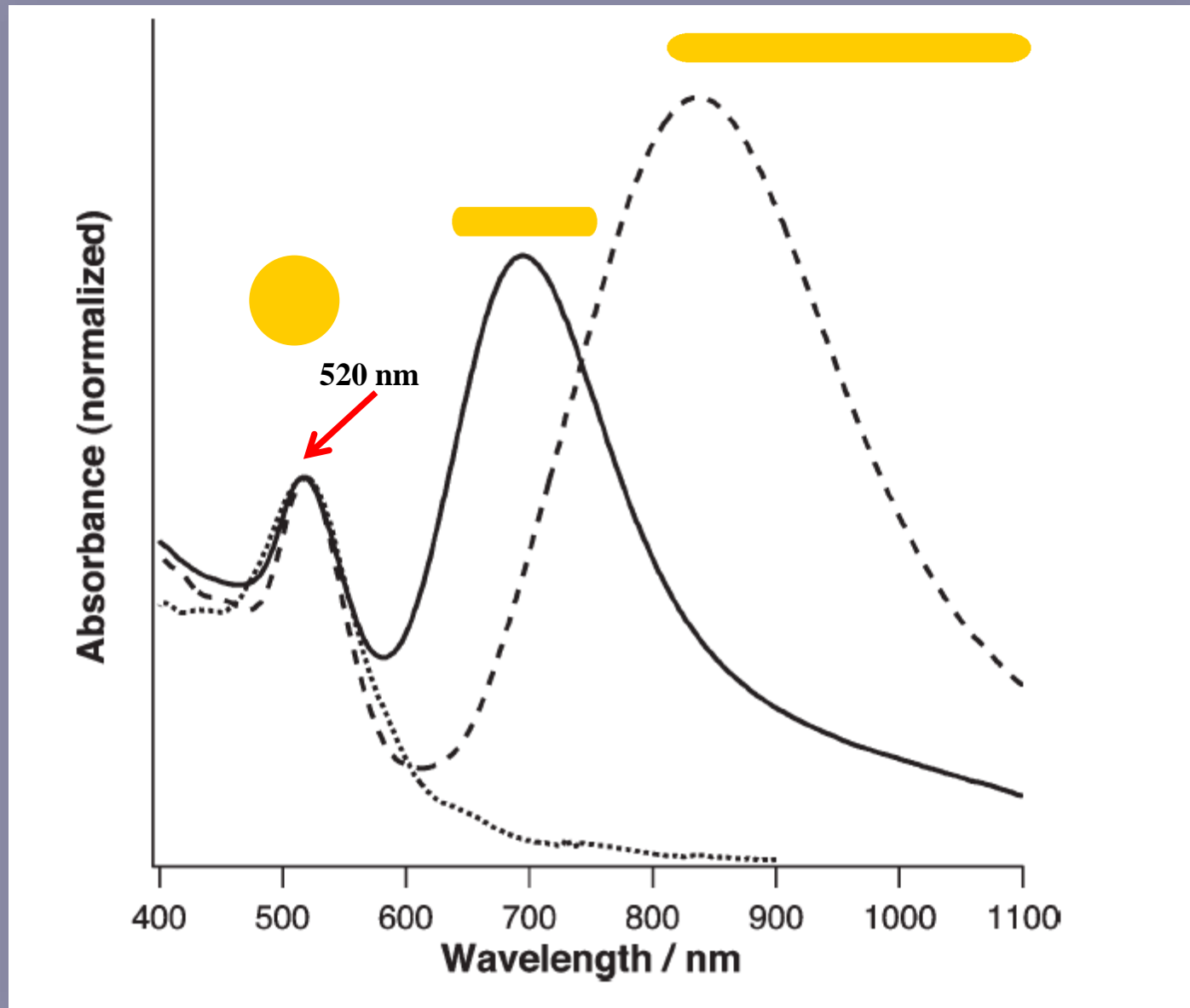
Anisotropic NPs



$$\text{Aspect Ratio} = l/d$$



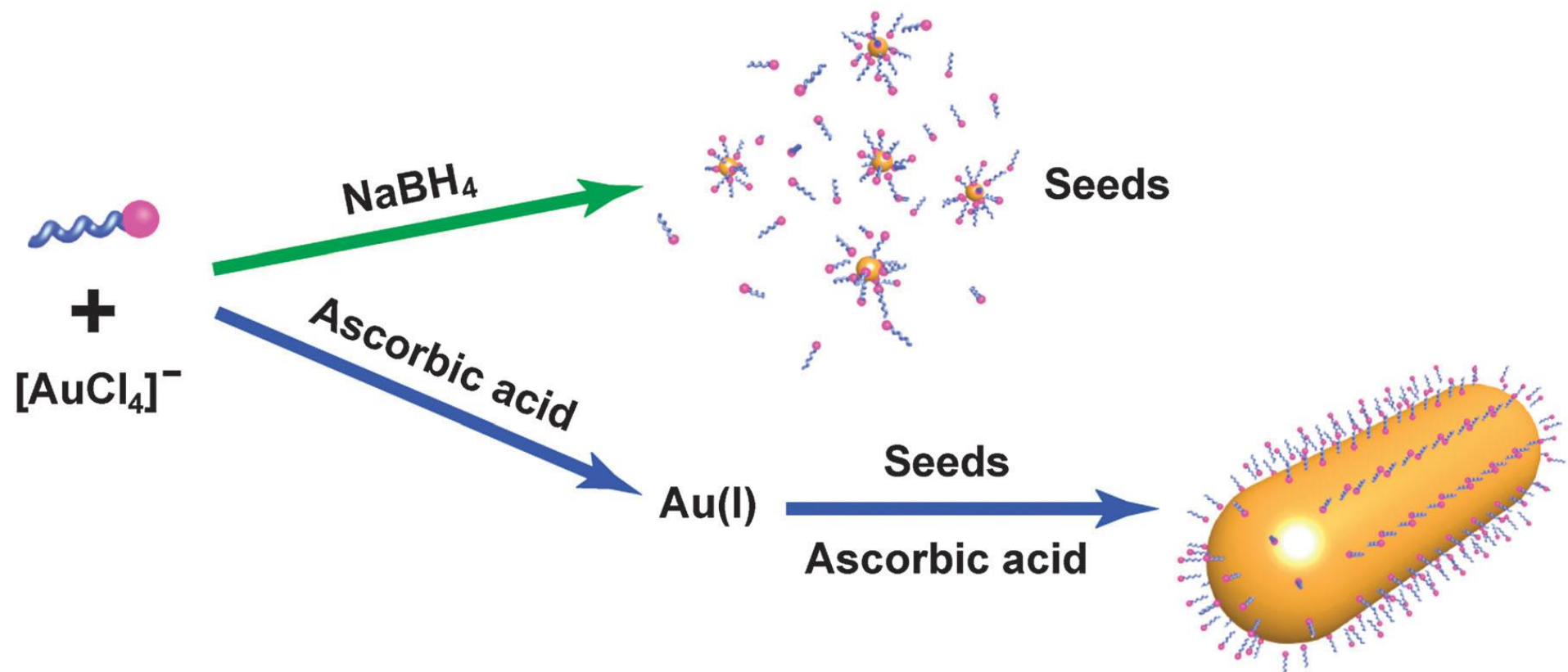
Localized Surface Plasmon Resonance (LSPR)



VS

Larger extinction coefficient (ϵ)	Smaller extinction coefficient (ϵ)
Scatter more light at longitudinal plasmon λ	Scatter less light at longitudinal plasmon λ
Better performance in optical imaging	Improved efficiency in photothermal applications

Seeded Growth Synthesis (In a Nutshell)



Factors

- Size and surface chemistry of the seed

Size increases, decrease in AR

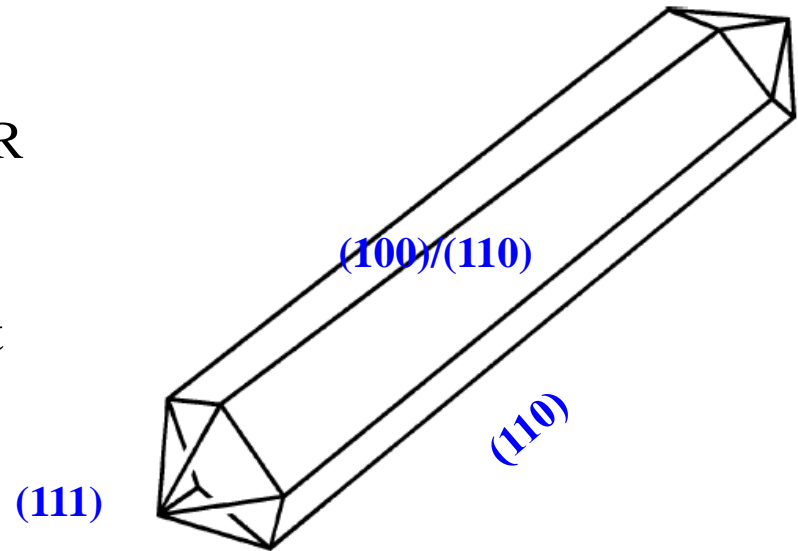
Surface charge effects dispersity of AR

- Chain length of the directing agent

Length < CTAB, lower AR

- Nature of the counterion

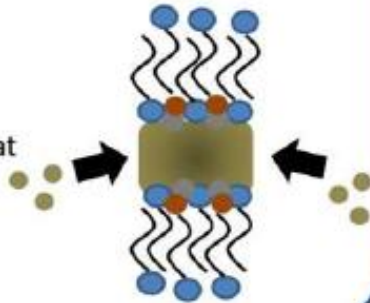
Cl^- growth is inhibited



Growth Mechanism

CTA⁺-Br⁻ - Ag⁺ Face-Specific Capping Agent

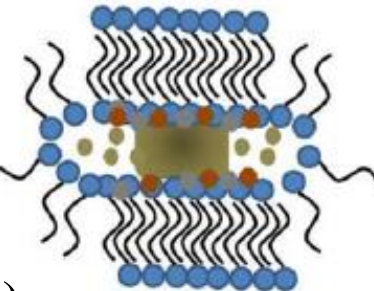
- CTA-Br-Ag preferentially blocks growth at longitudinal crystal faces
- Au(I) monomer addition at uncapped faces



(a)

Micelle Soft Template

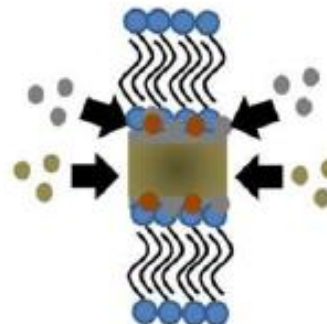
- Ag(I), Br⁻ change the shape of the CTAB micelle
- Micelle acts as a soft template, imparting AuNR shape as the rod grows



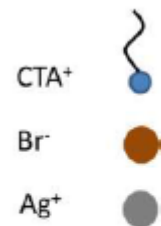
(b)

Silver Under-Potential Deposition

- ~ a monolayer of Ag(0) preferentially deposits at longitudinal faces, favoring anisotropic growth



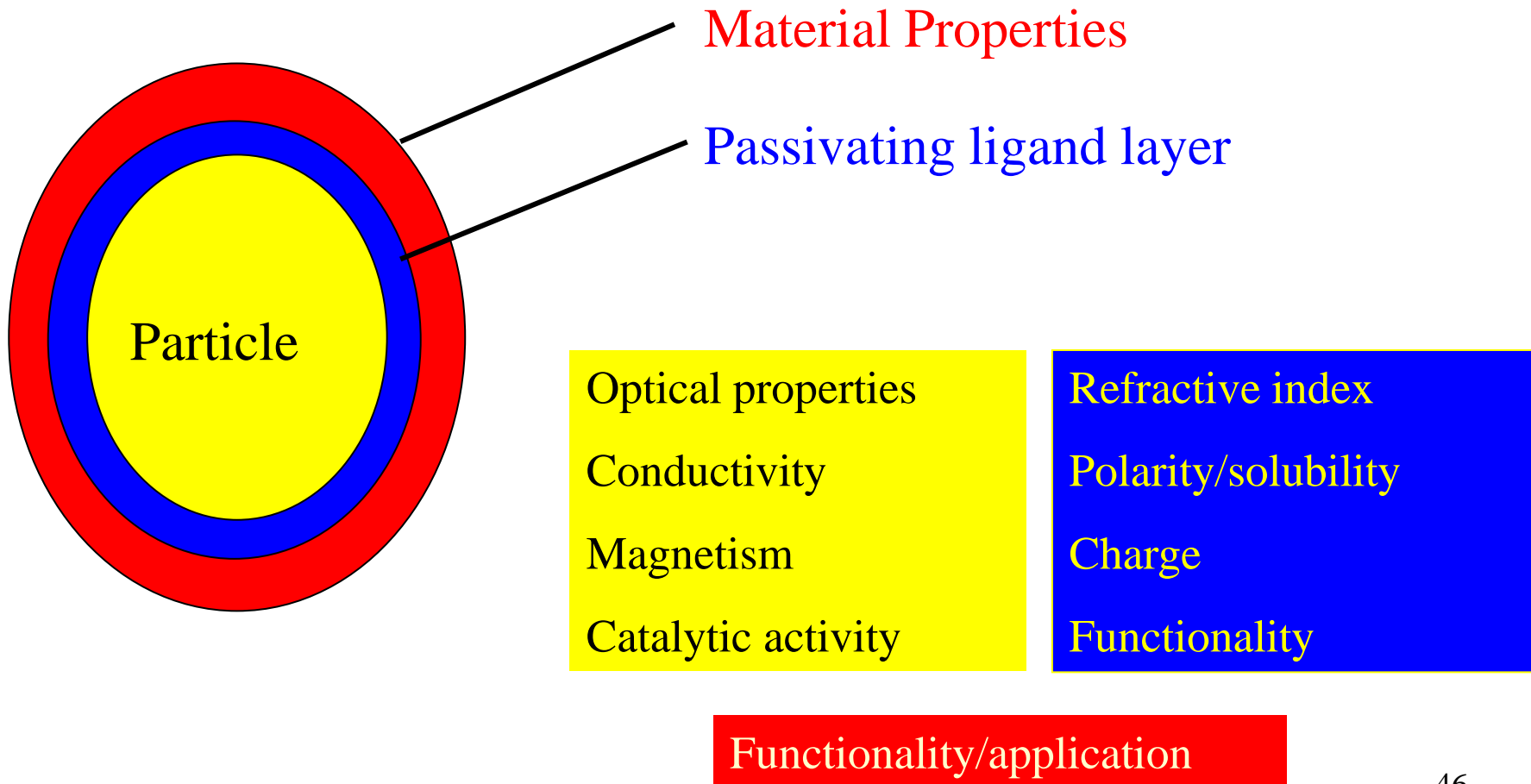
(c)



Functionalization of NPs

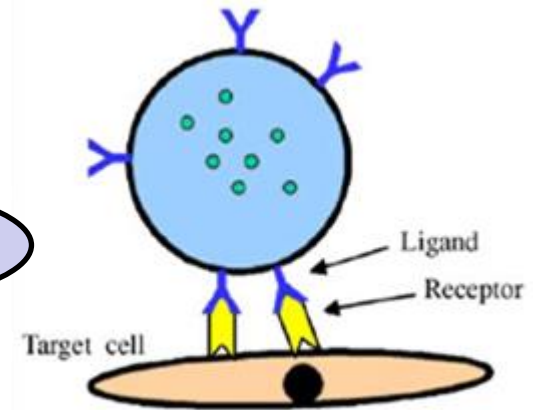
Functionalization – Why?

- Ag and Au NPs are not stable in solutions without a surface layer of a passivating ligand
- This imparts an electrostatic and/or steric stabilization to the colloidal sol.



Functionalization – Why?

Drug Delivery



Catalysis



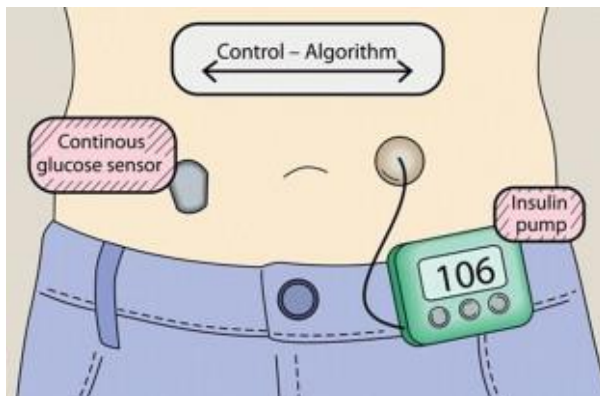
Environmental Applications

And many more...

Imaging



Biosensors



Approaches to Functionalization

1. Direct (*in situ*) Functionalization

- Done during synthesis
- Examples:
 - Turkevich Reaction
 - Brust Reaction

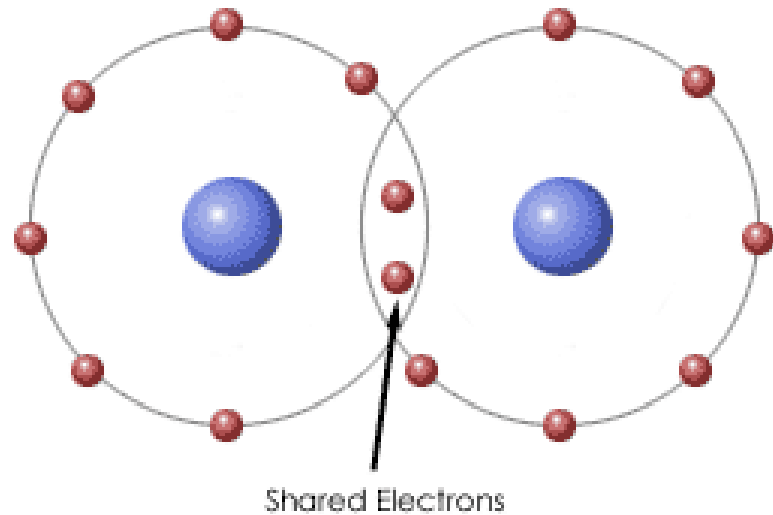
2. Post - Synthesis Functionalization

- Functionalization after synthesis
- Factors
 - Binding to or replacing the existing surface ligand
 - Intermolecular forces
 - No of attachment sites, thickness and density of surface layer
 - No. of different surface groups required

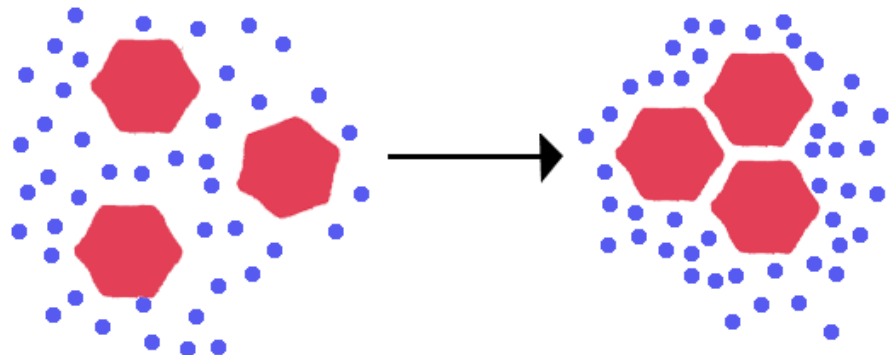
Approaches to Functionalization

Post - Synthesis Functionalization

- Examples:
 - Non – specific binding
 - Displacement
 - Layer – by – layer (LBL)
 - Protein binding
 - Grafting polymers, etc.



Covalent

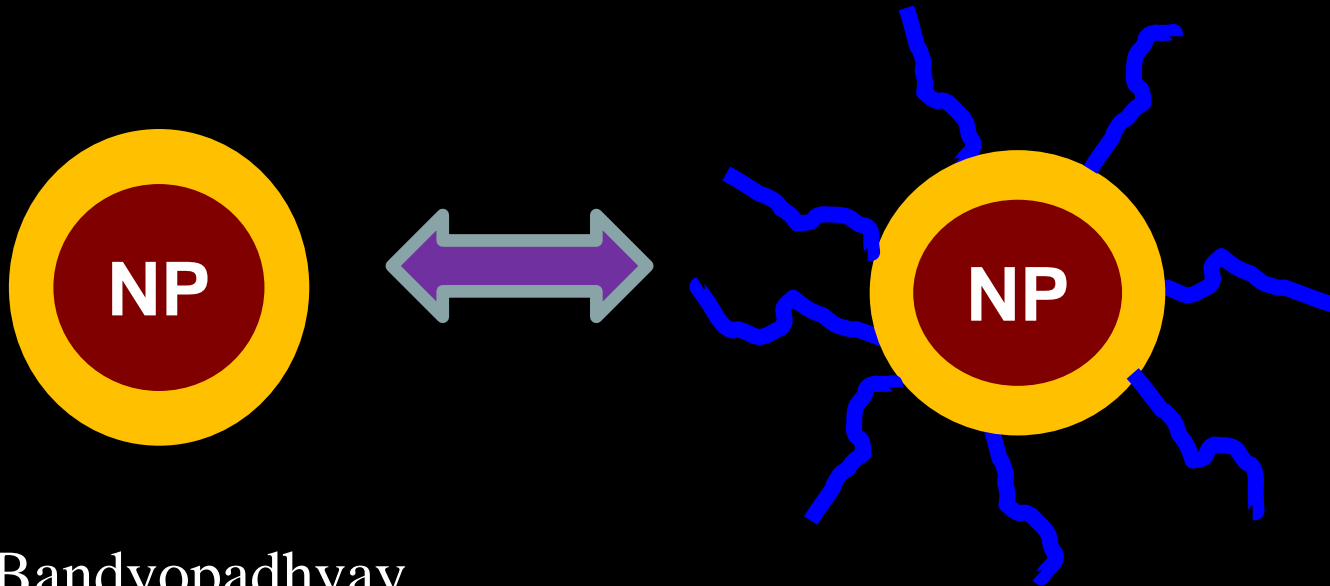


Hydrophobic

Reader's Digest Version:

- Huge library of NPs of different shapes and sizes can be synthesized using solution methods.
- Metallic Precursor + Reducing Agent + Passivating Ligand.
- Strength of the reducing agent controls particle size.
- Synthesis strategy dependent on:
 - Properties of NPs desired.
 - Simplicity of the process.
 - Further application downstream.
- Control of particle size – supersaturation, nucleation, growth.

Synthesis and Functionalisation of Polymer-based NPs

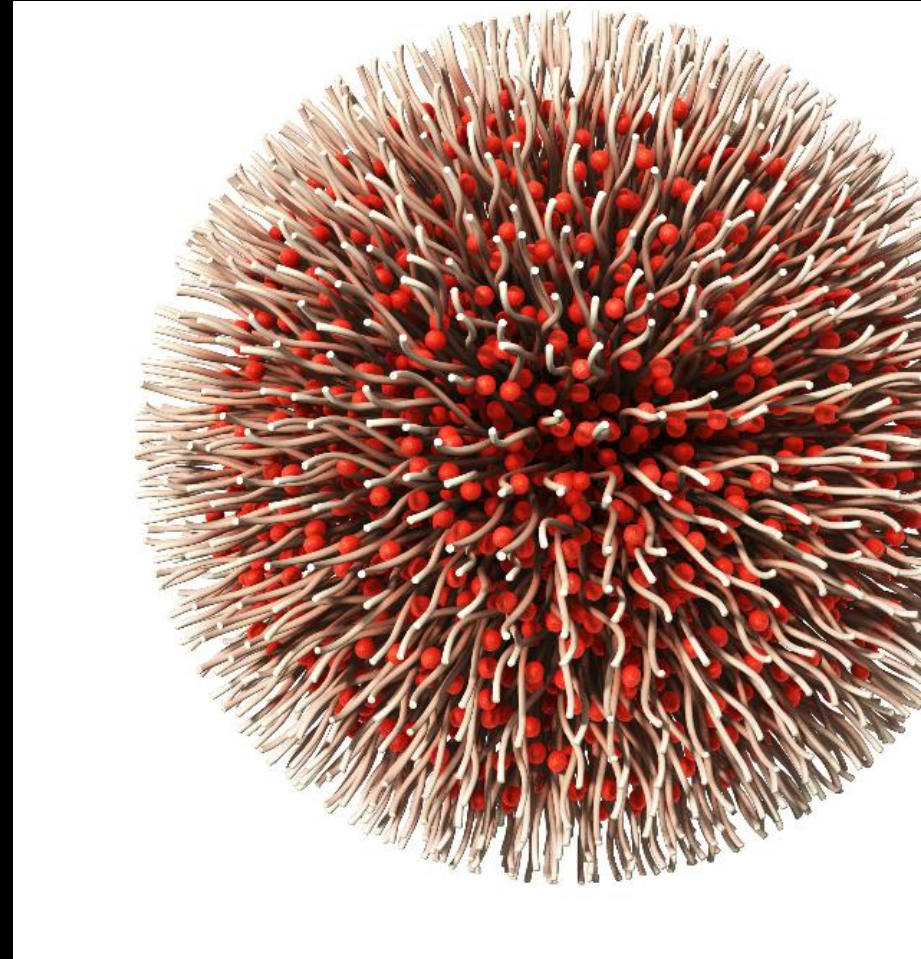


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Topics

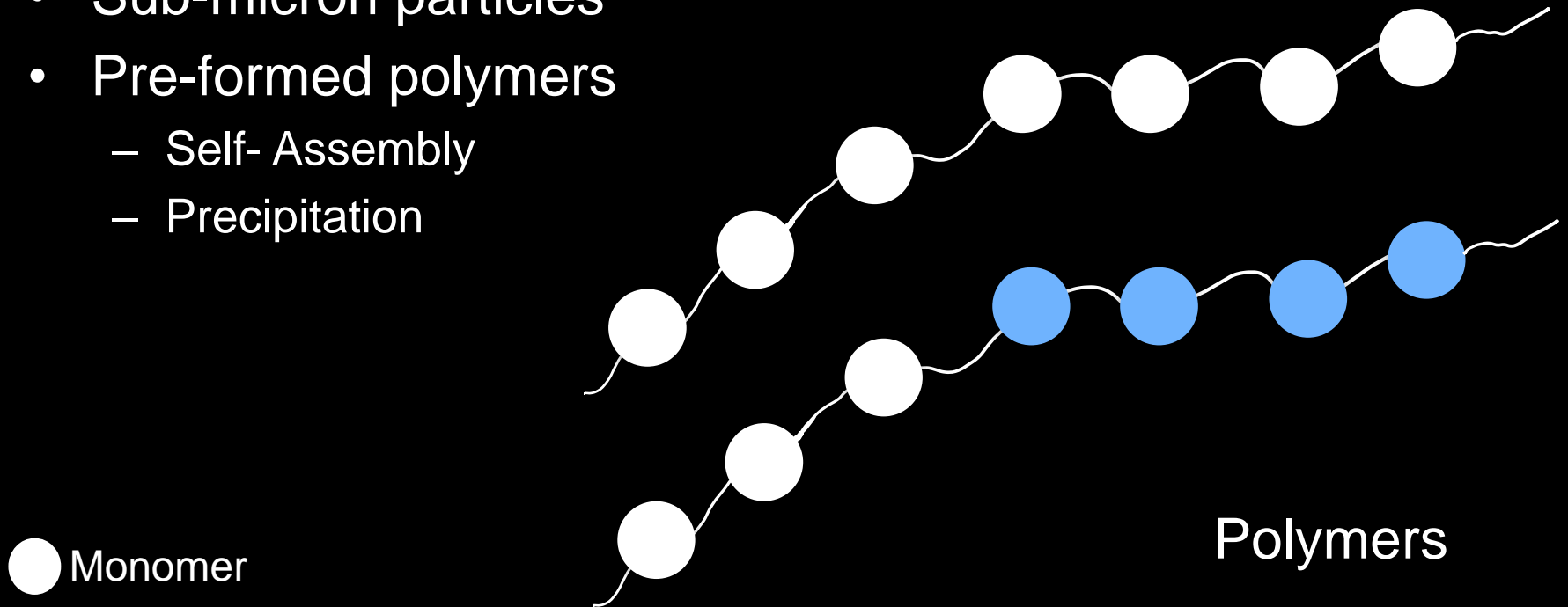
- **Metallic NPs**
 - Synthesis Methods
 - Reduction of Metallic Precursors
 - Thermal Decomposition
 - Colloidal Templating
 - One pot methods
 - Anisotropic NPs
- **Functionalization of NPs**
- **Polymer-based NPs**
 - Nanoprecipitation
 - Flash Nanoprecipitation
 - Precipitation polymerization

Polymer-based NPs

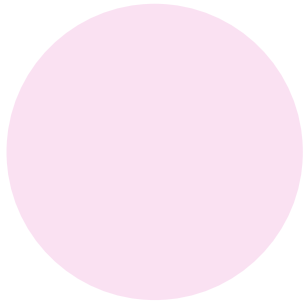


Polymer-based NPs

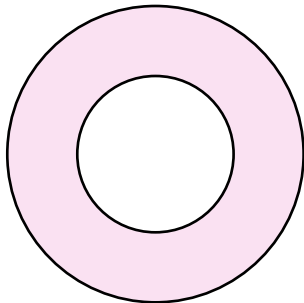
- Sub-micron particles
- Pre-formed polymers
 - Self-Assembly
 - Precipitation



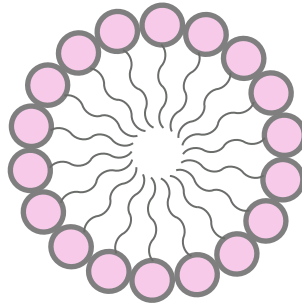
Classification



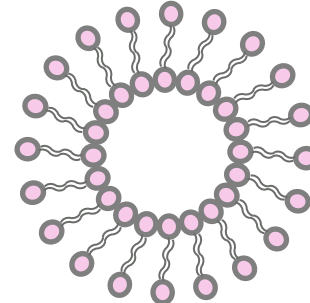
Nanospheres/ NPs



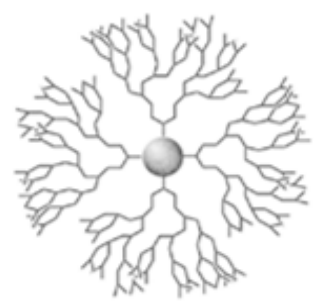
Nanocapsules



Polymeric Micelles

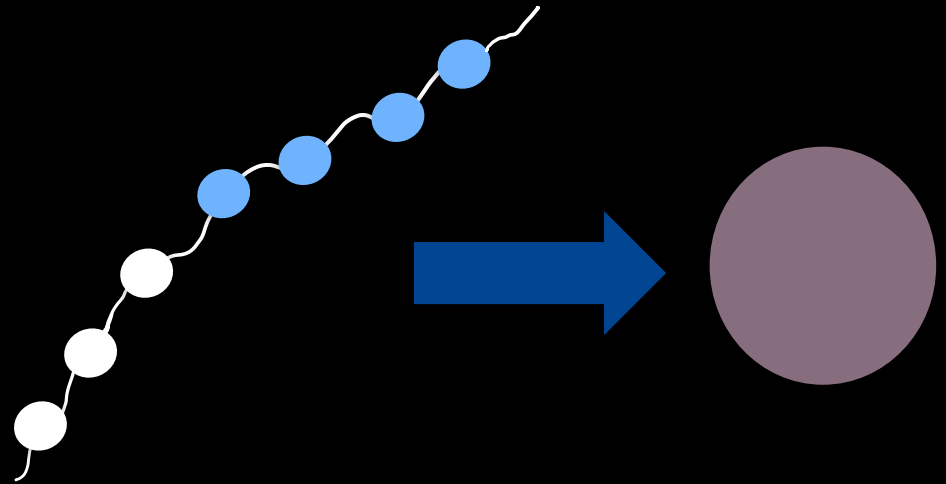


Polymerosomes



Dendrimer

Synthesis Methods



Categories

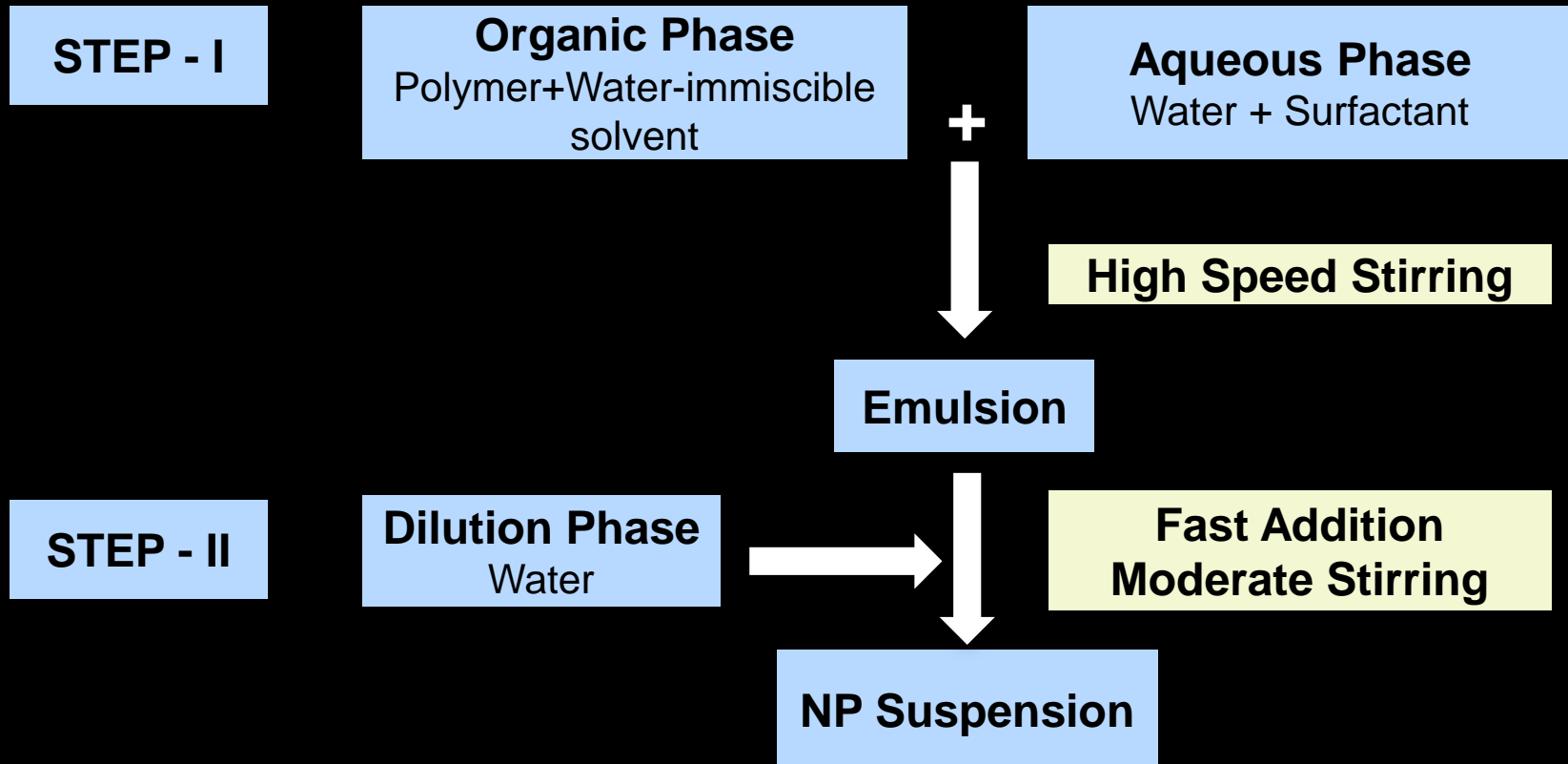
Emulsion based processes

- 2 Step Process
- Preparation of an emulsion
- Particle formation by precipitation or cross-linking
- Eg: Emulsification – Diffusion, Emulsification - Evaporation

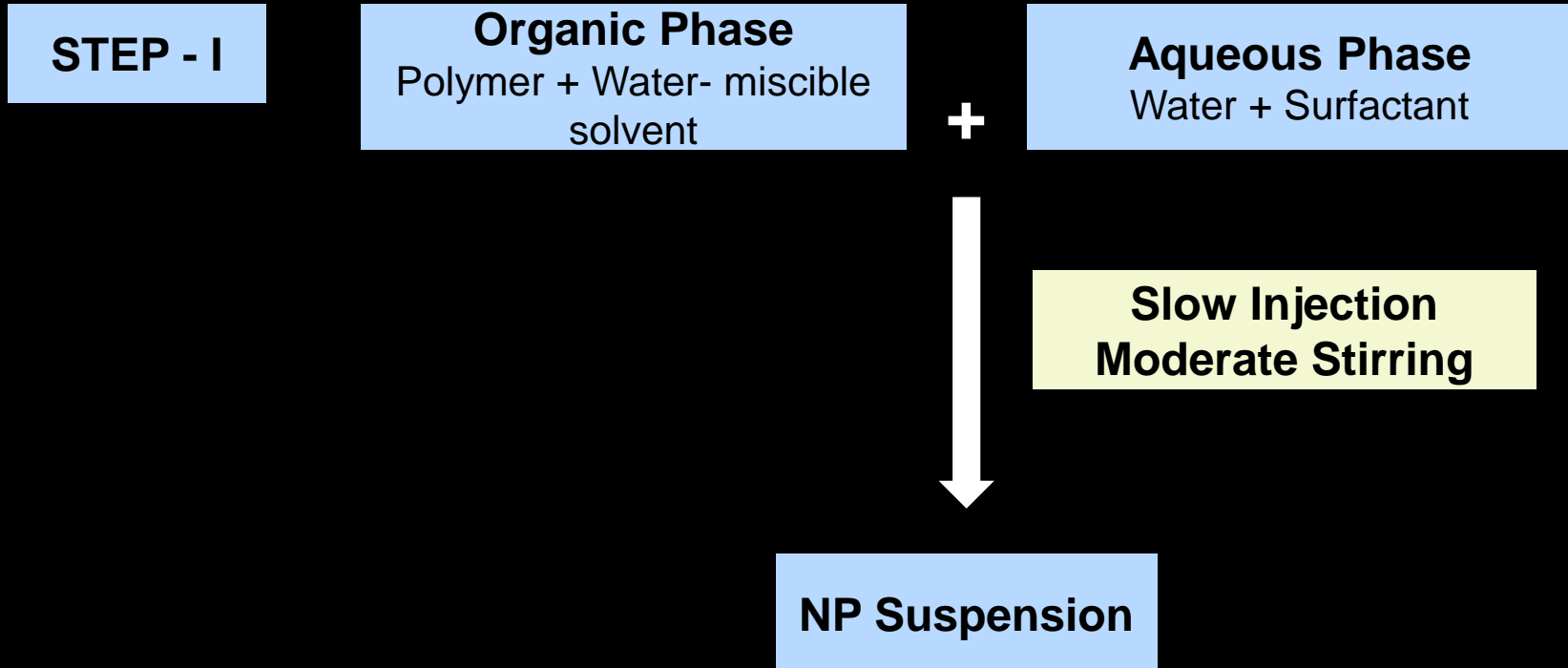
Solvent - Displacement

- Single Step Process
- Polymer precipitation or self-assembly or poly-electrolyte complexes
- Eg: Nanoprecipitation, layer-by-layer technique

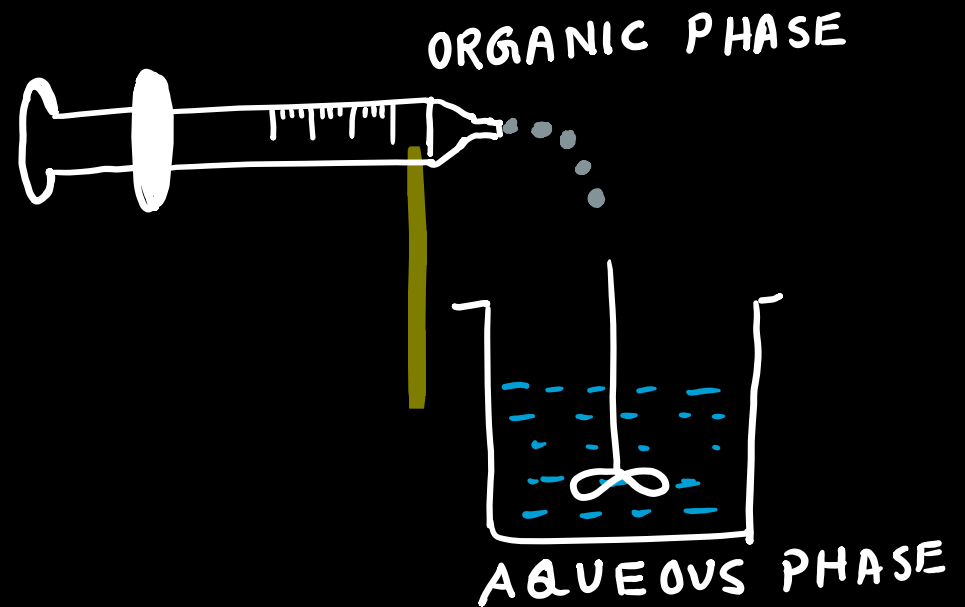
Emulsification-Diffusion



Solvent Displacement



Nanoprecipitation



Process Overview

- Method to synthesize polymeric NPs.
- Components:
 - Solvent; containing polymer
 - Non solvent; containing surfactant
- Organic solvent can be removed by evaporation at ambient temperature or a rotavapour.
- Aqueous phase can be removed using ultracentrifugation or freeze-drying.
- Patented by Fessi *et al.* in 1989.
- Was originally designed to encapsulate hydrophobic drugs, however research has been conducted with hydrophilic drugs.

Mechanism

Mechanical Mechanisms

- Gibb's Marangoni Effect
- Interfacial tension driven
 - Variations in interfacial tension at the solvent/non-solvent interface
 - Disturbances in mechanical equilibrium
- Factors:
 - Physico-chemical properties of organic phase
 - Interaction with aqueous medium

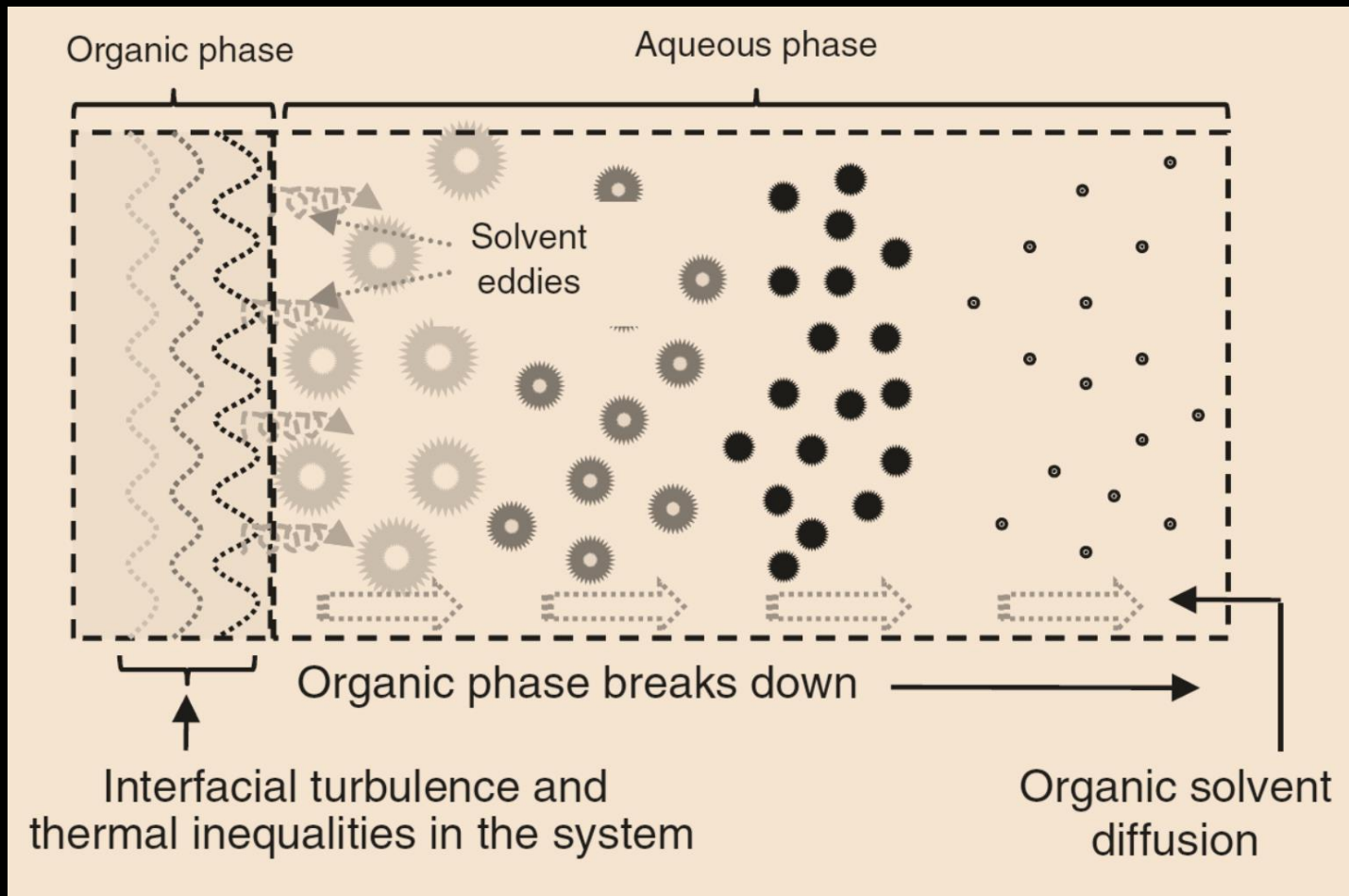
Chemical Instability

- Supersaturation driven
 - Nucleation and growth
 - Size enlargement
- Factors:
 - Composition of polymer/solvent/non-solvent system
 - Interaction between particles formed
 - Physico-chemical properties of dispersive medium

Gibb's Marangoni Effect

$$\gamma_{ORG} < \gamma_{AQU}$$

- Interfacial turbulence, thermal inequalities
- Solvent Eddy formation - Interfacial convective flows
- Increasing mass-exchange rate between phases
- Violent spreading (miscible system)
- Organic phase breaks into smaller droplets
- Solvent flows away from low interfacial tension region
- Polymer precipitates



Gibb's Marangoni Effect

$$Ma = \frac{\Delta\gamma\Delta C}{\eta D_{AB}}$$

$\Delta\gamma$ = rate of change of interfacial tension

ΔC = concentration gradient

η = viscosity of the organic phase

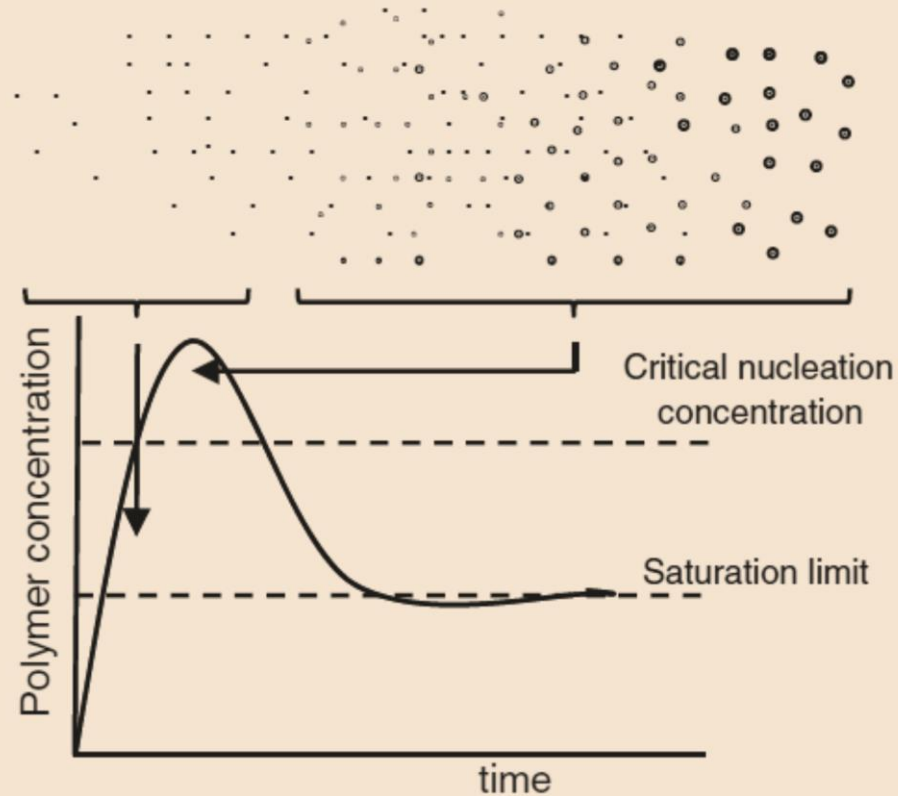
D_{AB} = diffusion coefficient of the organic phase into aqueous phase

Ma = Marangoni number

Chemical Instability

- Polymer solution in contact with water
- Solvent diffuses into aqueous phase
- Local S
$$S = \frac{C_{POLYMER}}{C_{POLYMER}^*}$$
- Nucleation & Growth – further size enlargement
- Blending rate and molecular diffusion are extremely rapid, in comparison to the nucleation rate

Polymer/solvent/nonsolvent



Chemical Instability

Nucleation:

$$J = \frac{2D}{d^5} \exp\left(-\frac{16\pi\gamma^3\nu^2}{3k_B^3T^3[\ln(S)]^2}\right)$$

J = nucleation rate

D = molecular diffusion of the polymer molecule

d = molecular diameter

k_B = Boltzmann constant

T = temperature

γ = interfacial tension between already formed particles and the solution

ν = polymer molecular volume

S = supersaturation

Chemical Instability

Growth:

$$G = \frac{2k_m M_w C}{\rho} (S - 1)$$

Aggregation:

- Size of the particles
- Probability of encounters due to Brownian motion (perikinetic aggregation)
- Probability of encounters due to fluid motion (orthokinetic aggregation).

G = growth rate

M_w = molecular weight of the polymer

C = concentration of the polymer

k_m = mass transfer coefficient

ρ = density of the polymer

Chemical Instability

Aggregation:

Perikinetic :

- dynamic viscosity of the dispersive medium
- T
- Particle size

Orthokinetic :

- Particle size
- Shear rate

Controlling Size - Steps

- Growing process
- Aggregation phenomena
- Stabilizing agent

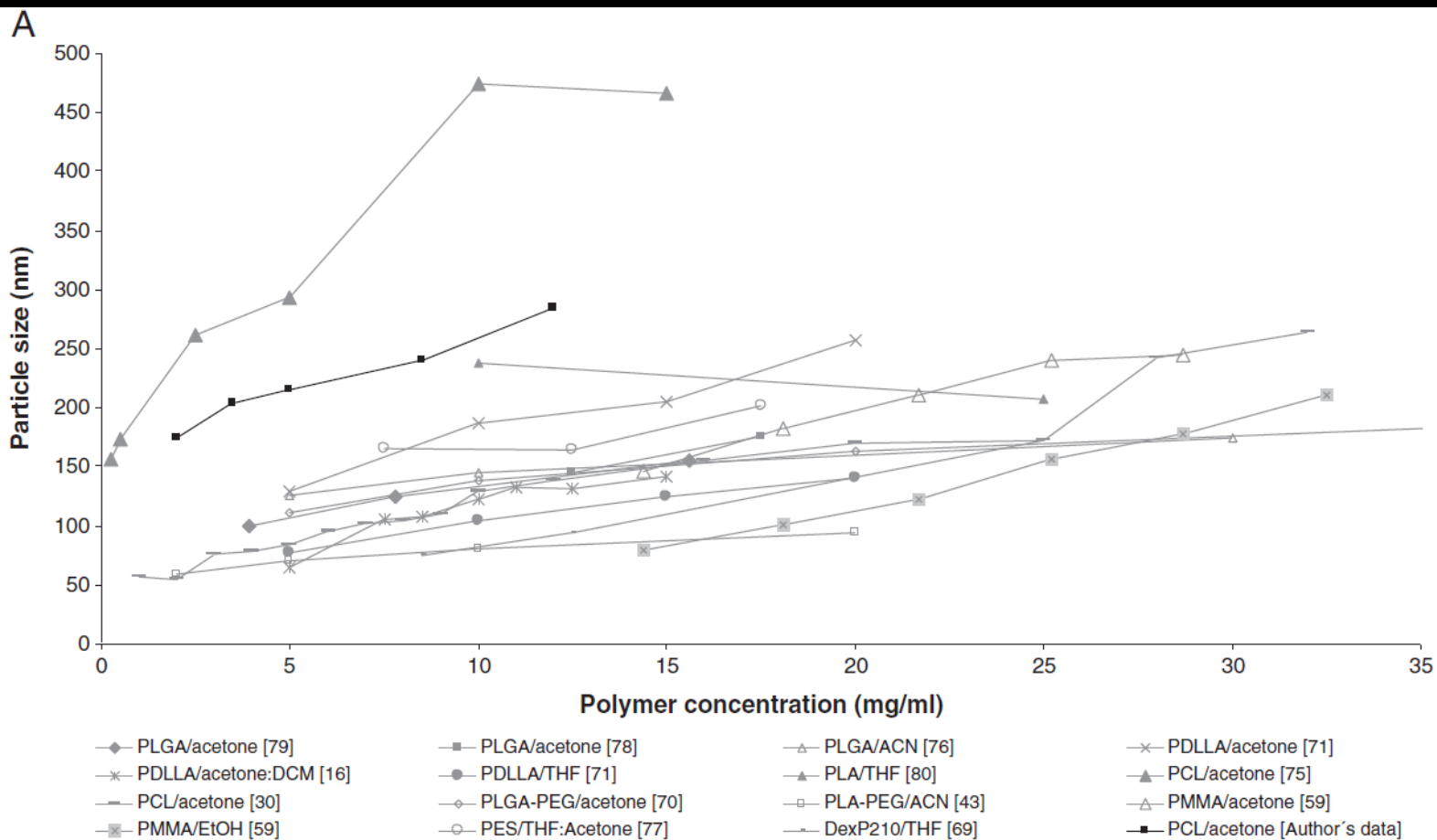
Controlling Size - Factors

Operating Variables

- Organic/aqueous phase ratio
- Organic phase addition method
- Stirring system
- Temperature
- Final stirring time

System Components

- Nature of the polymer
- Polymer concentration
- Nature of the stabilizing agent
- Stabilizing agent concentration
- Nature of the solvent
- Stabilizing agent concentration
- Nature of the solvent



Size of Polymeric NPs

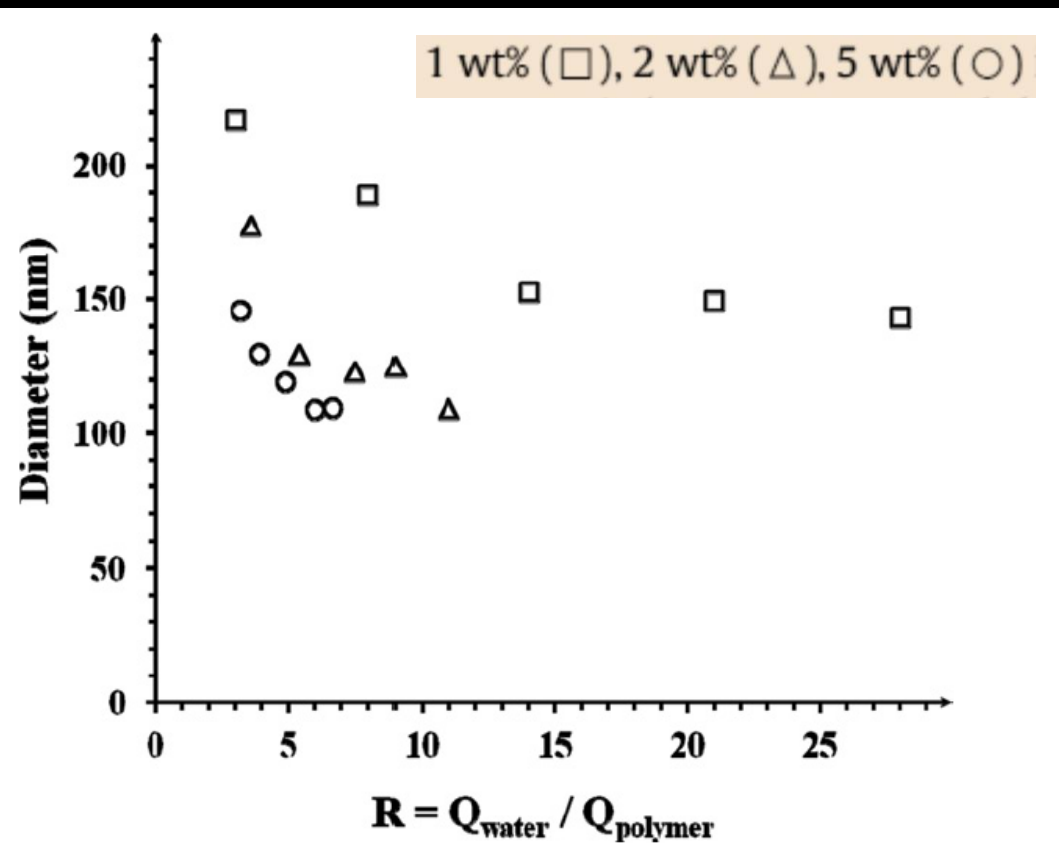
Polymer Concentration

- Size increases with increase in the polymer concentration

Why?

- No. of polymer chains increase per volume, increases J – more no. of nuclei
- Higher polymer-polymer interaction/ association
- Increase in viscosity of organic phase
 - Resistance to mass transfer
 - Decrease in diffusion rate of organic phase into aqueous phase

$$J = \frac{2D}{d^5} \exp \left(- \frac{16\pi\gamma^3 v^2}{3k_B T^3 [\ln(S)]^2} \right)$$



R: Proportion of non-solvent to solvent

Size of Polymeric NPs

Polymer Concentration and R

- Increasing R, decreases particle size
- At a certain R, size decreases with increasing polymer concn.

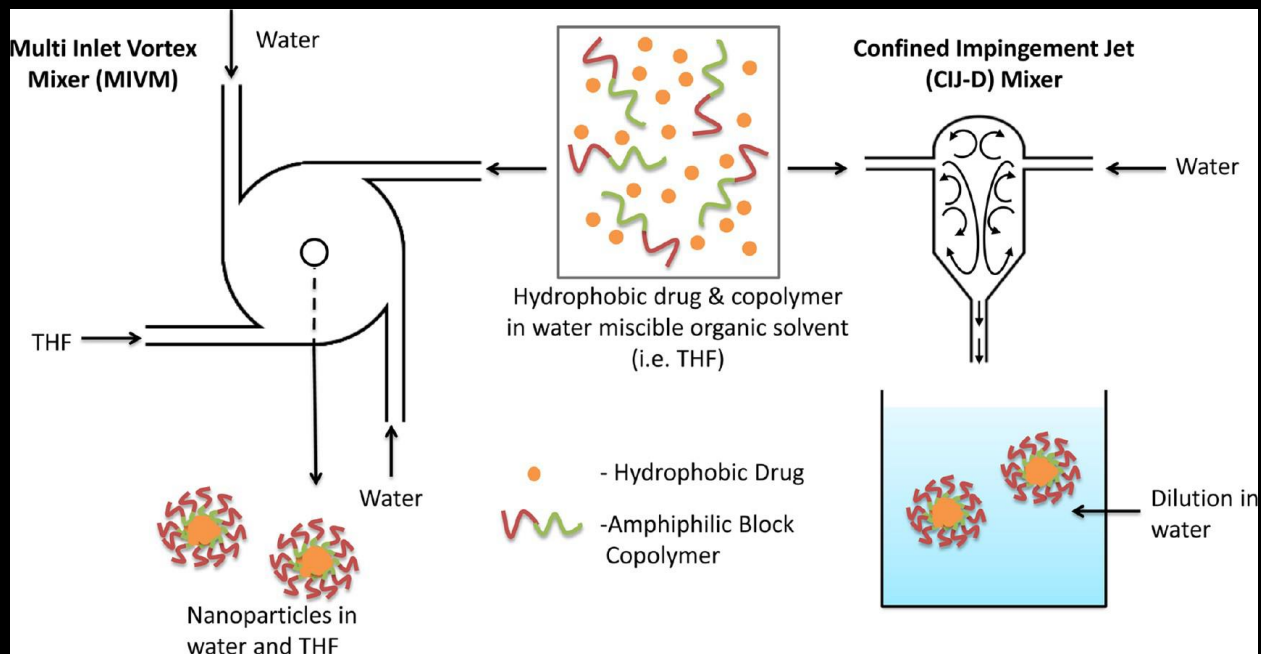
Why?

- High R, high S – smaller particle size (Chemical Instability)
- High R, potential interface increases, more droplets formed during phase separation. Local concentration of the polymer decreases, smaller NPs (Mechanical Mechanisms)

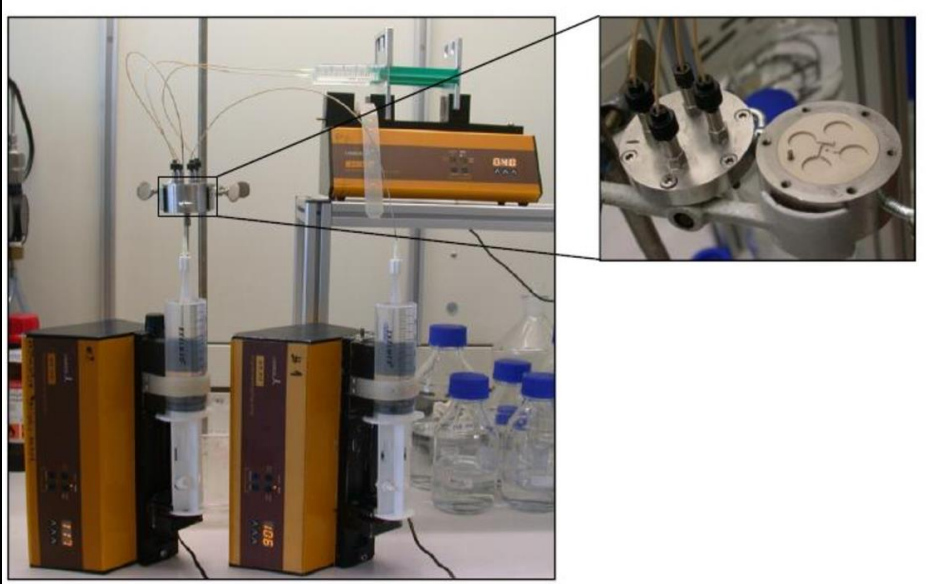
Flash Nanoprecipitation

- Rapid micromixing
 - Solvent , anti-solvent mix at a time scale shorter than formation of NPs
- Creation of high supersaturation
- Leads to precipitation of dissolved hydrophobic components
- Mixing time must be less than induction time for polymer aggregation and induction time for nucleation & growth.
- Kinetically controlled process
- Narrow particle size distribution

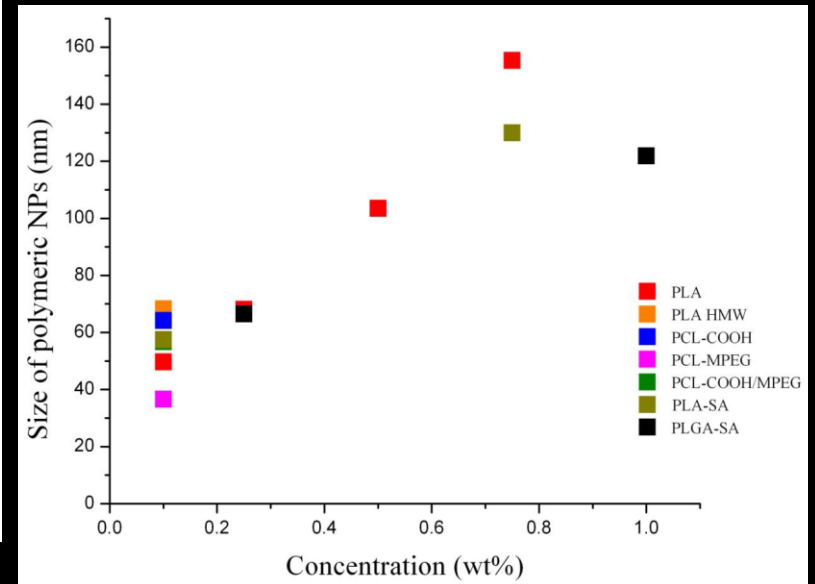
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MIVM Setup



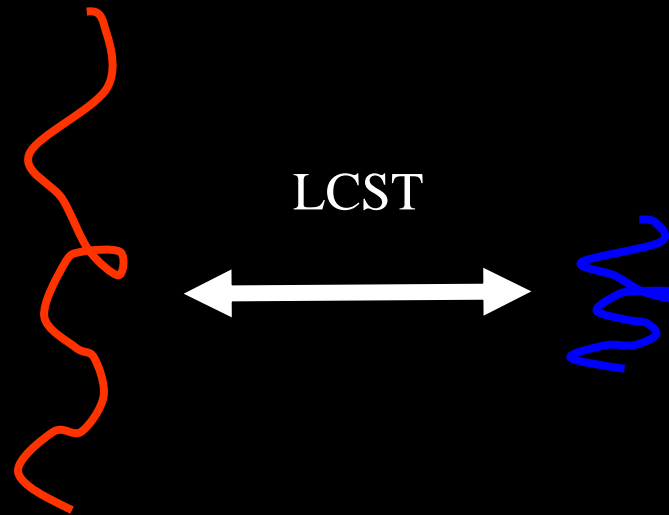
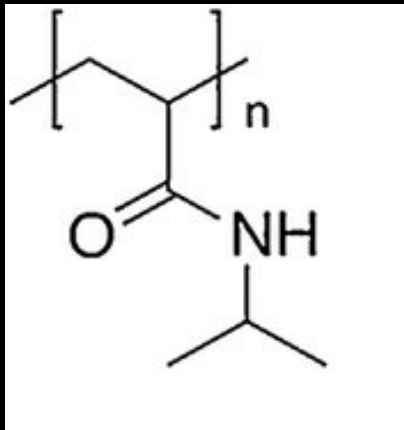
Multi Inlet Vortex Mixer (MIVM) setup for Flash Nanoprecipitation.



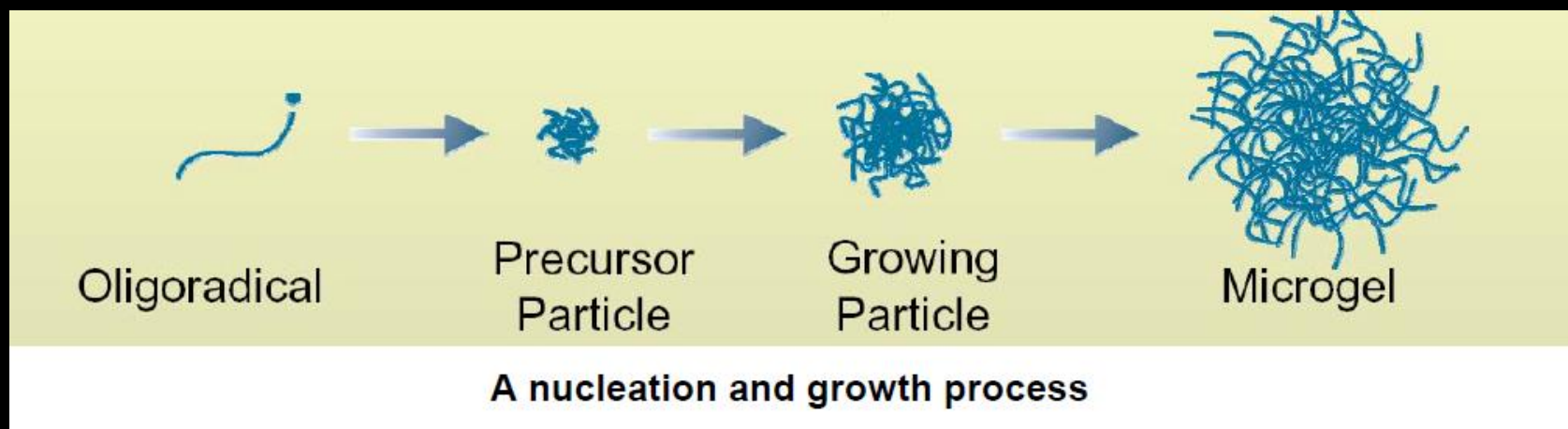
Hydrodynamic sizes of polymeric NPs as a function of concentration.

Precipitation Polymerization

- Polymers like Poly(N-isopropyl acrylamide) (PNIPAm) dissolved in water undergo a coil-to-globule transition at temperatures exceeding its lower critical solution temperature (LCST) ($\sim 32^{\circ}\text{C}$)
- The LCST/cloud point can be tuned by altering the composition of a PNIPAm-containing block copolymer
- LCST also affected by the mobility of the PNIPAm chains

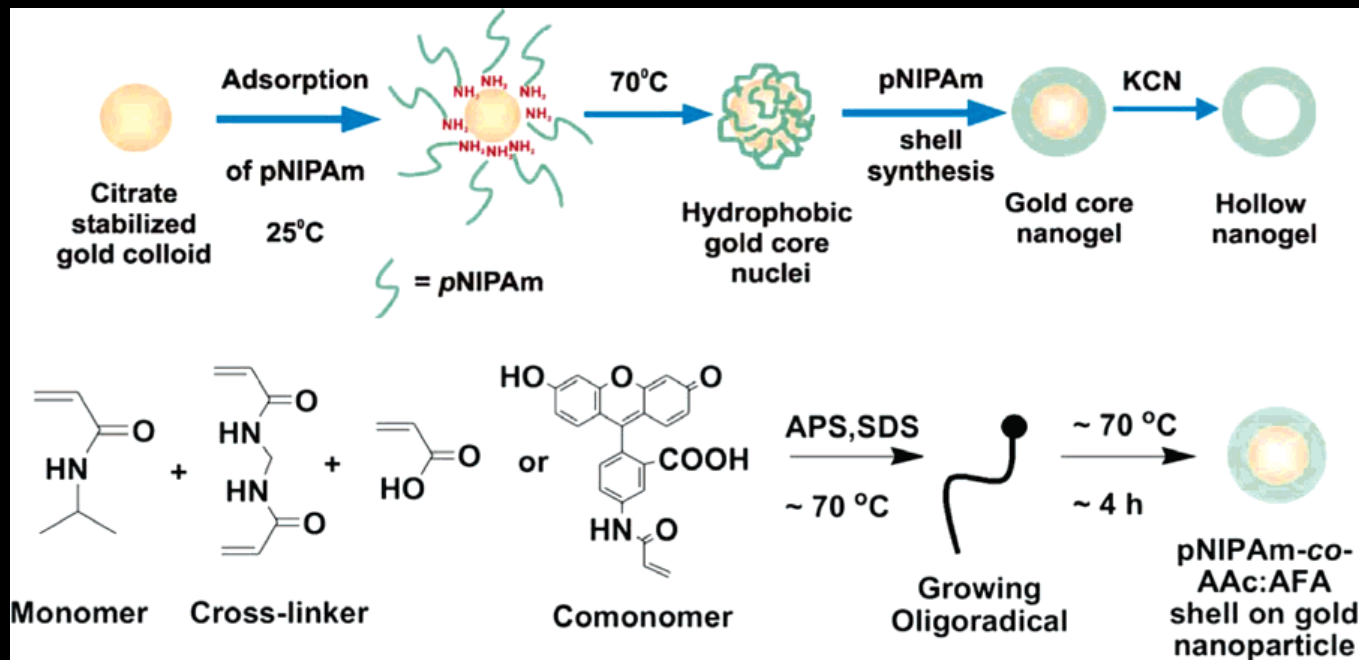


Mechanism



- Monomer + cross linking agent in water
- $T > \text{LCST}$
- Homogeneous nucleation on collapsed oligomers
- Oligomer and monomer addition, aggregation
- Low PDI, control of charge, size, cross-link density

Au-pNIPAm

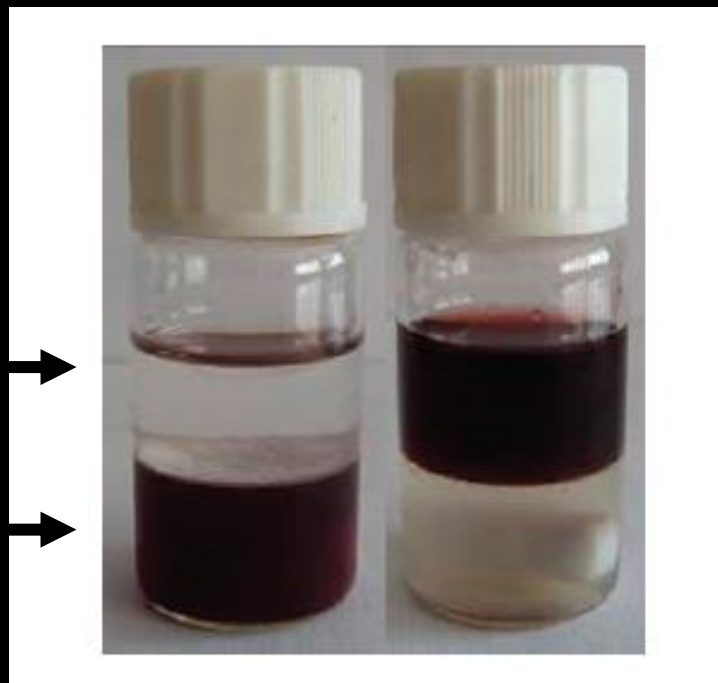


Phase Transfer

Toluene



Water



20 °C

45 °C

Polarity and phase behavior of the Au NP constructs tunable via temperature

Reader's Digest Version:

- Nanoprecipitation & Flash Nanoprecipitation
 - Fundamentals
 - Mechanisms
 - Parameters
- Nanogels
 - Mechanism
 - Functionalization

Nanomaterials Characterization

By Atomic Force Microscopy

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Principle

The tip

The Scanner

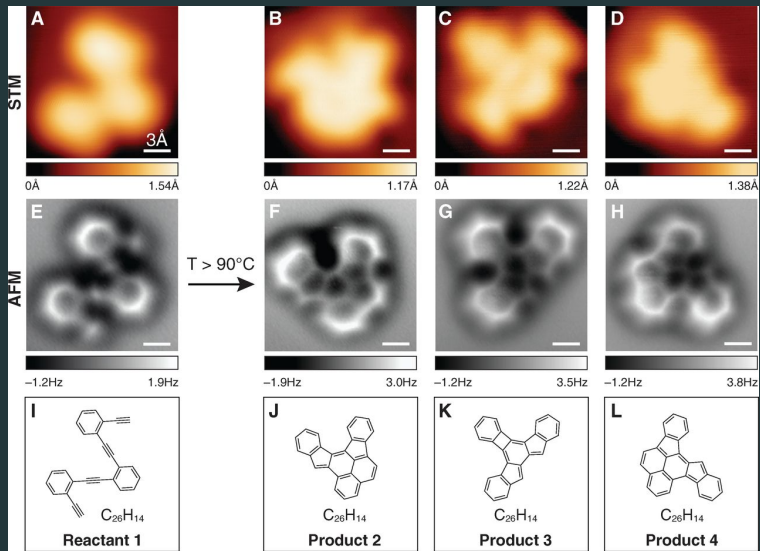
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Spectroscopy

Summary

AFM:

Atomic Force Microscopy



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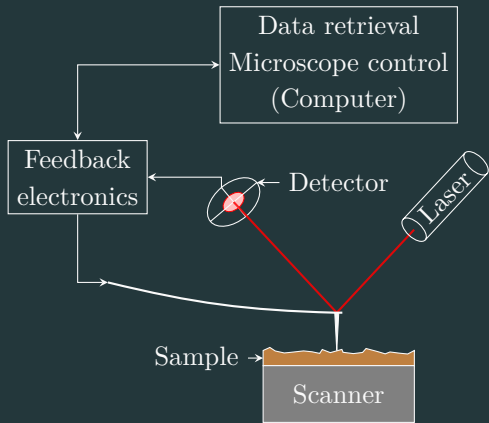
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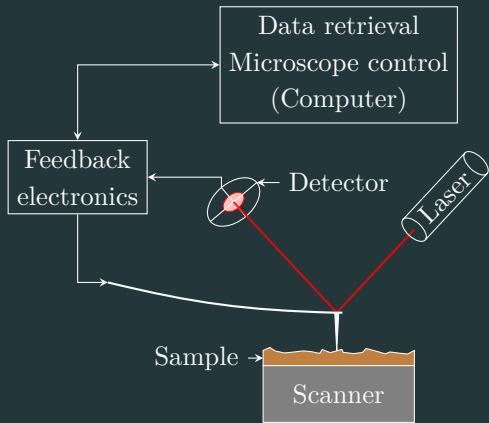
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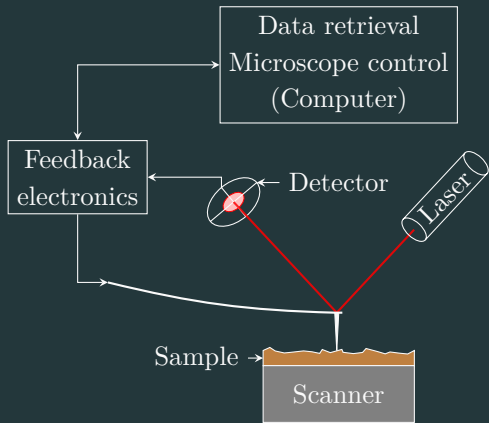
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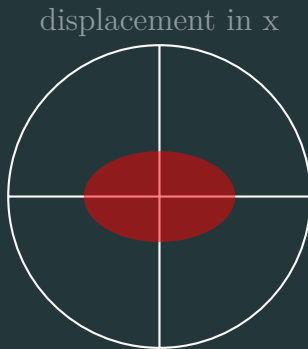
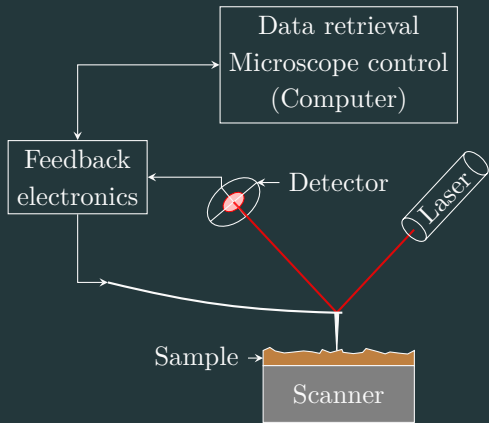
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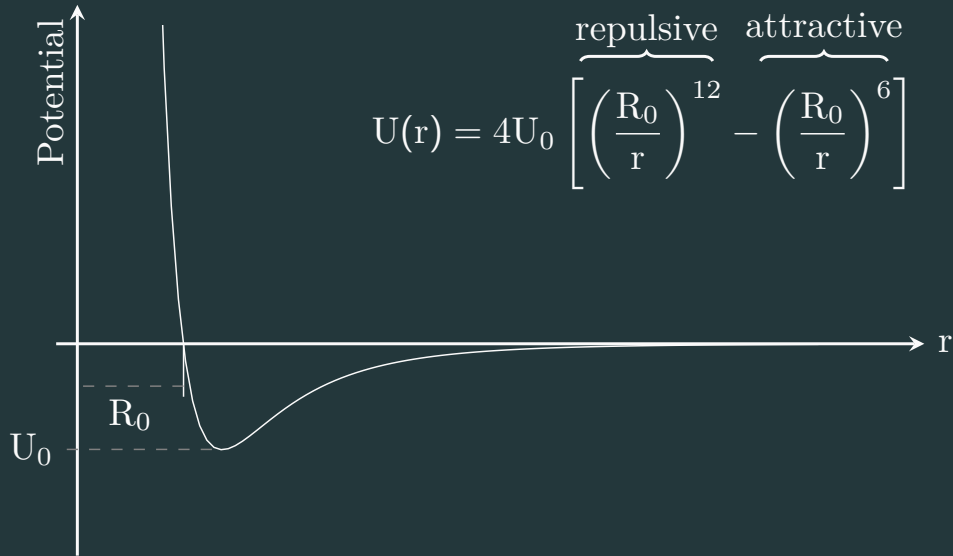


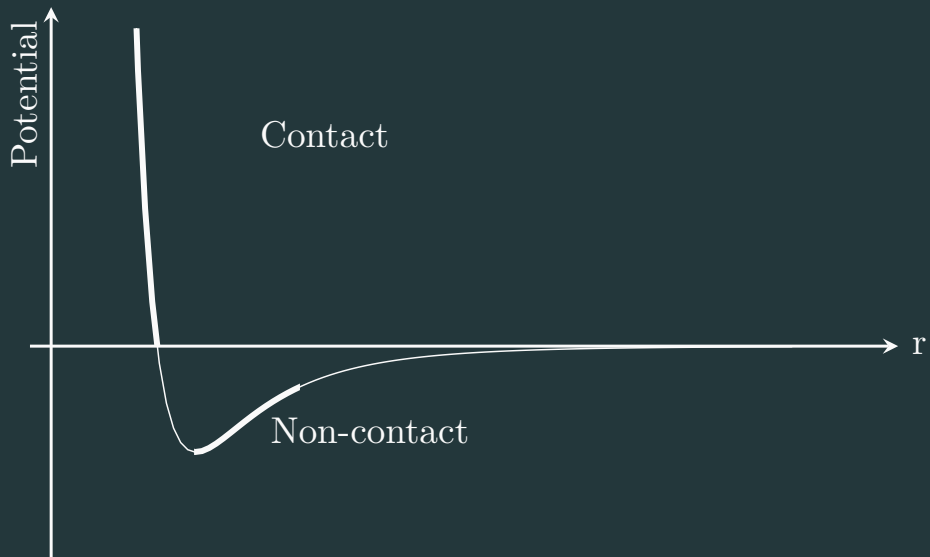
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- Topography
- Mechanical properties
- Chemistry
- Magnetism
- Electrical/semiconductors
- Lithography
- +++

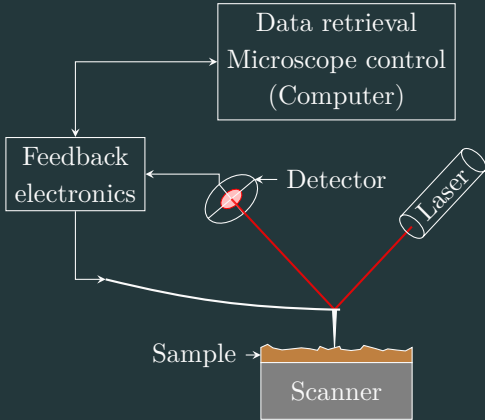
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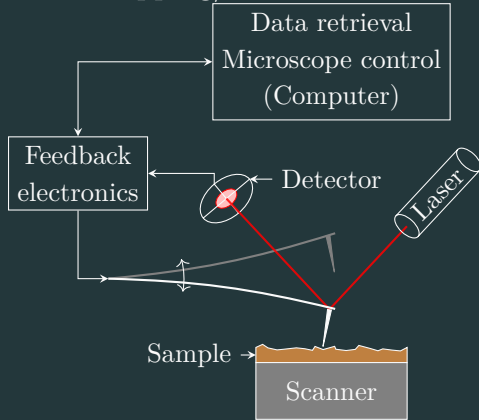




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Tapping/non-contact



Contact

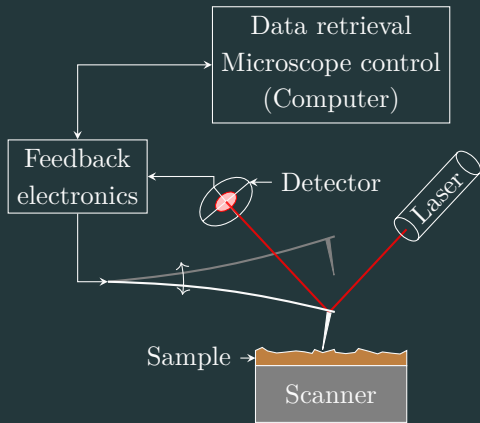
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- Any environment
- Simple
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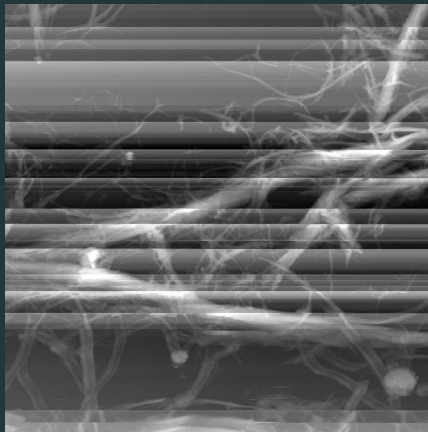
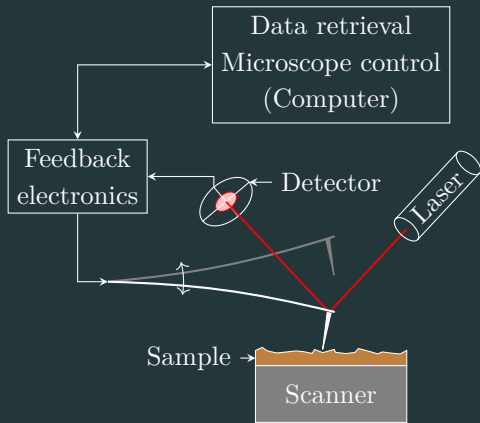
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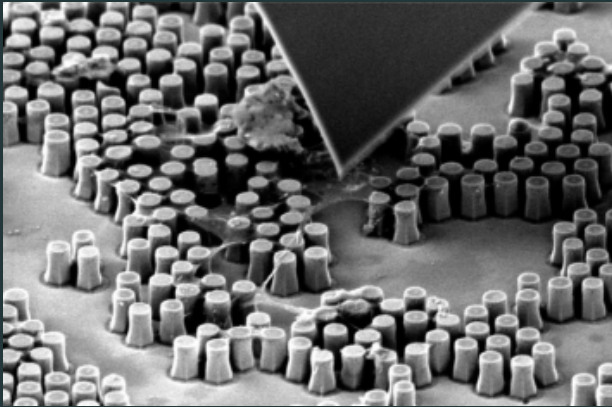
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- Not simple
- Forces, not topography



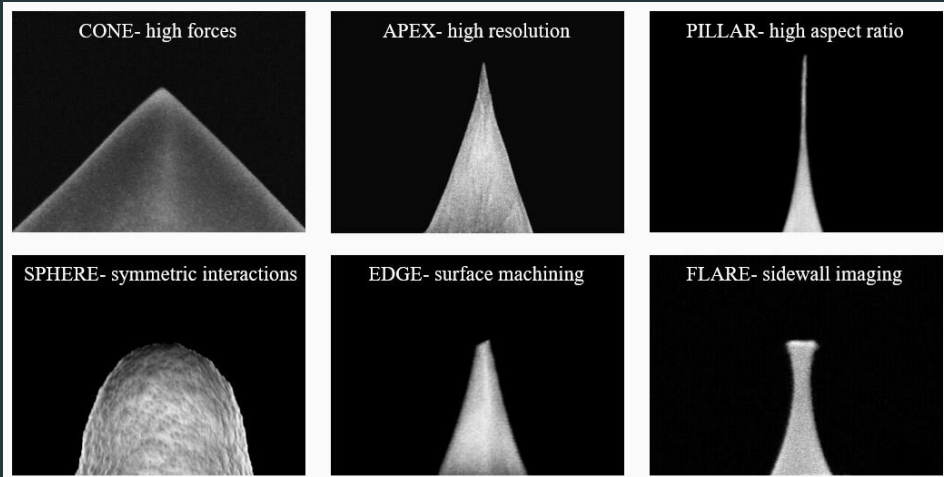
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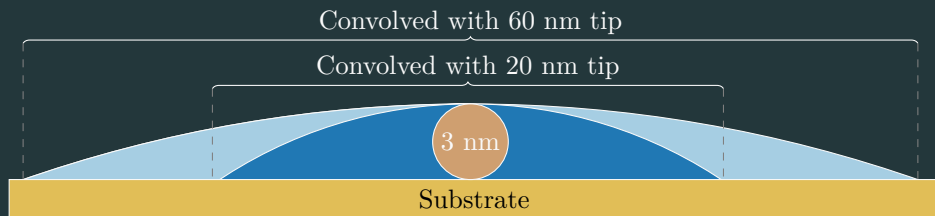
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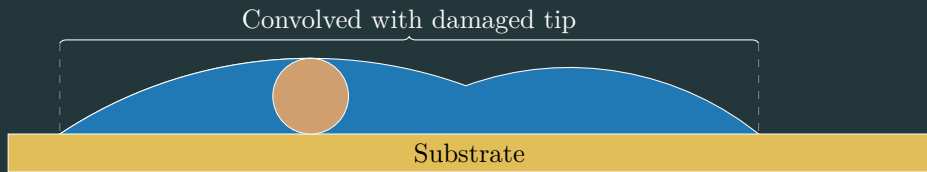


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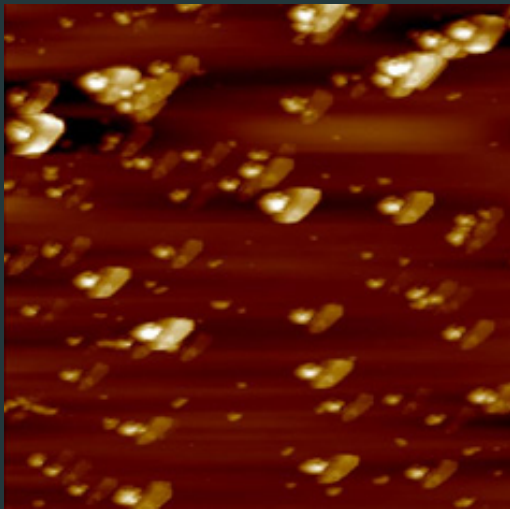


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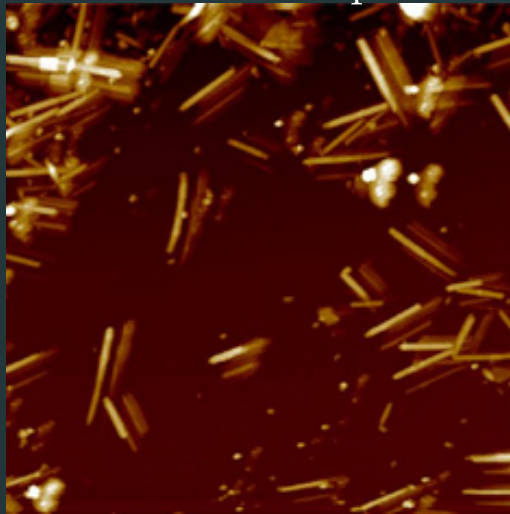




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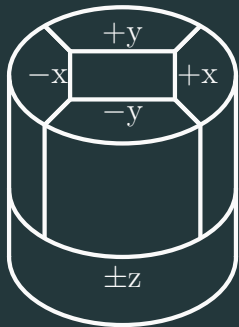


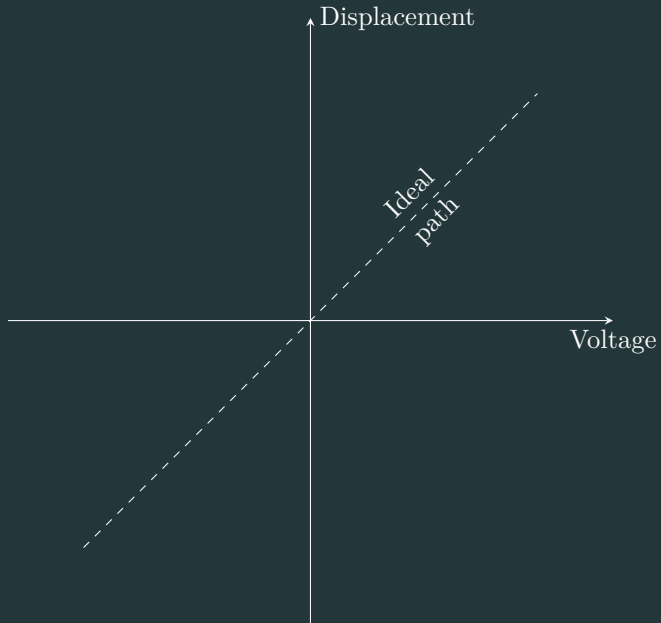
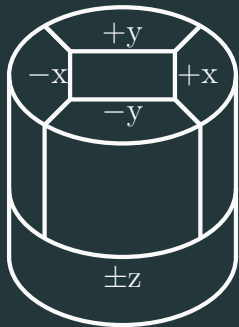
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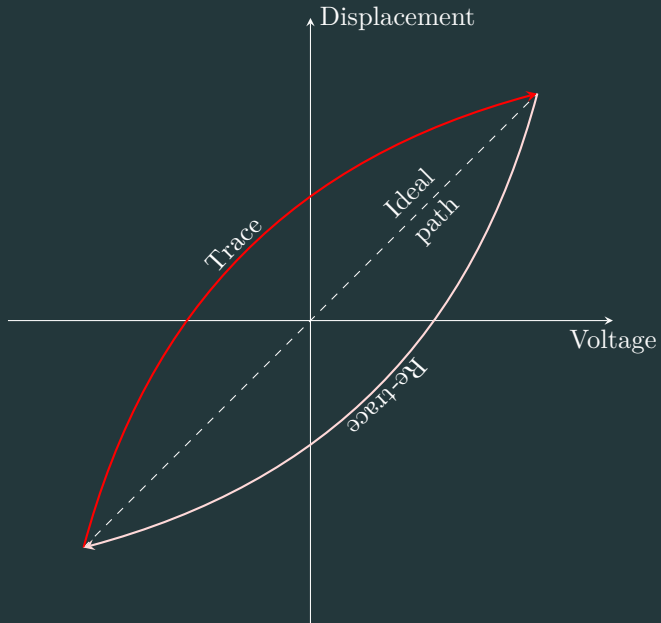
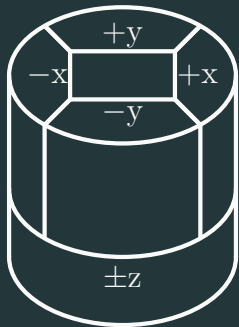


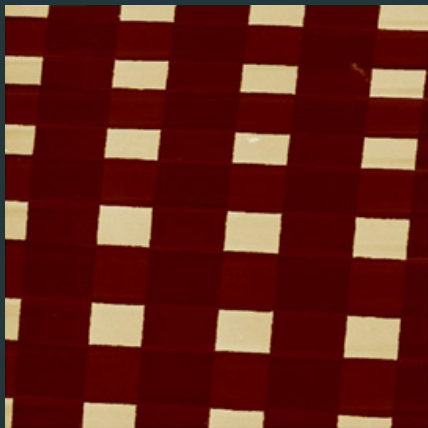
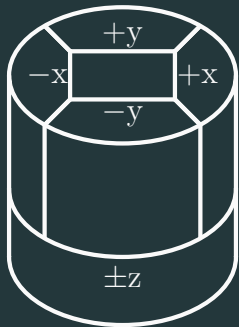
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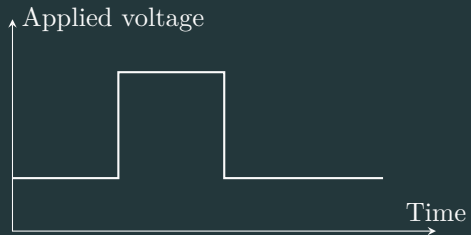
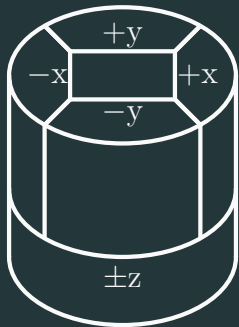


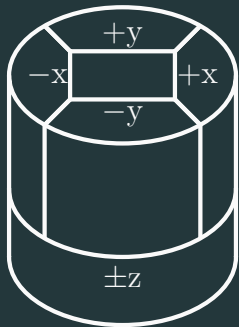






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Dissipation

Young modulus

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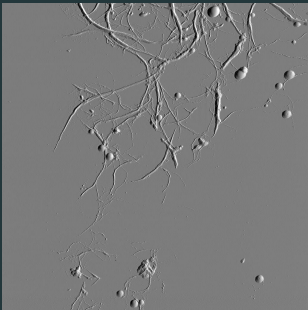
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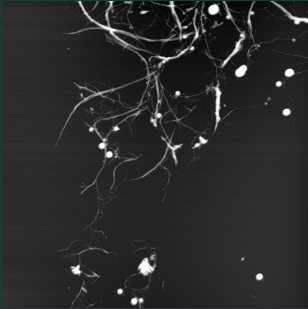
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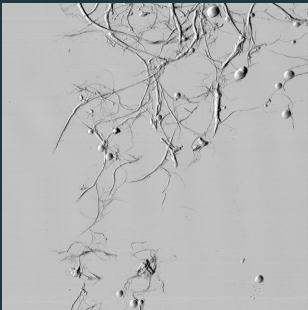
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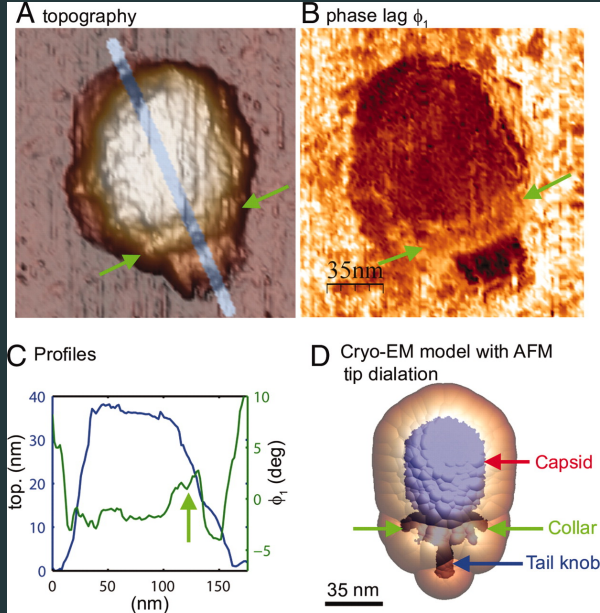


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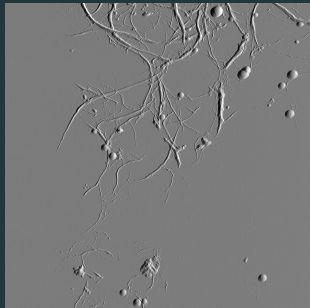
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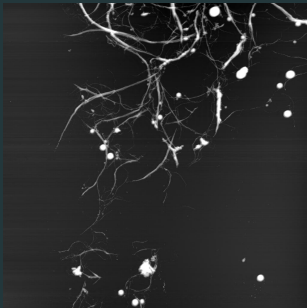


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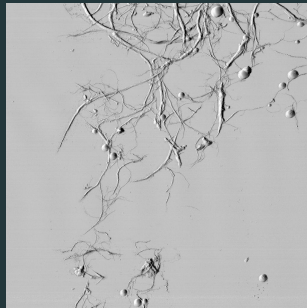
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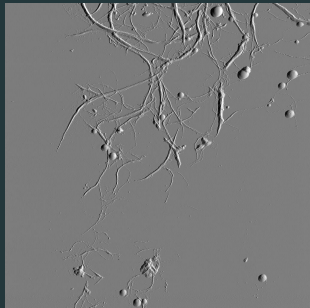
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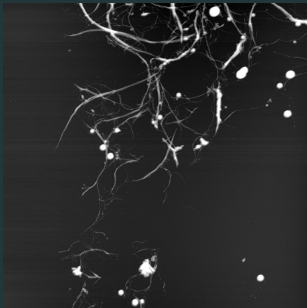
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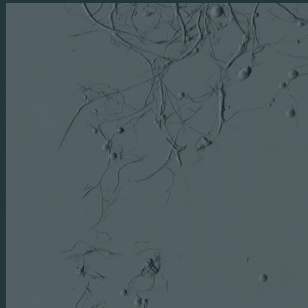
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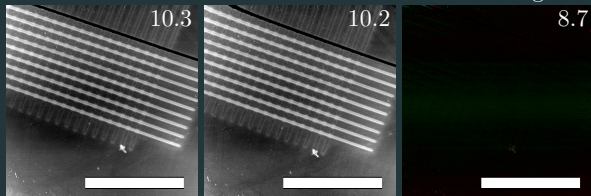


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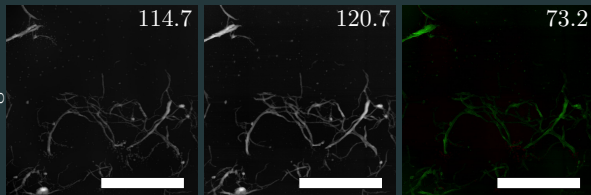
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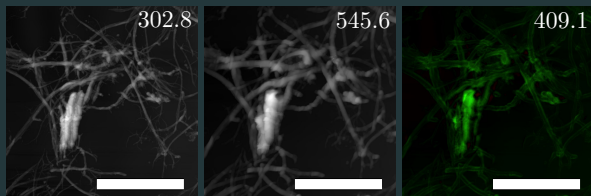
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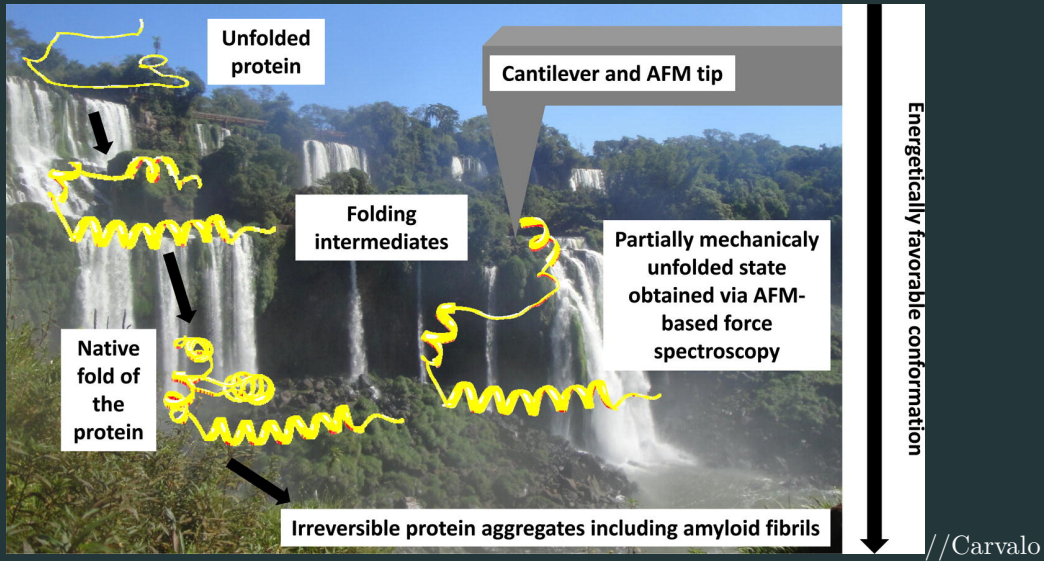
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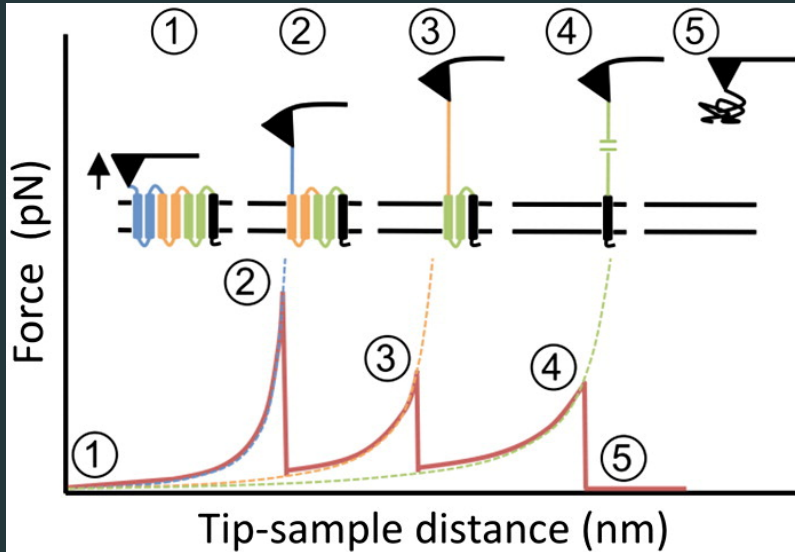
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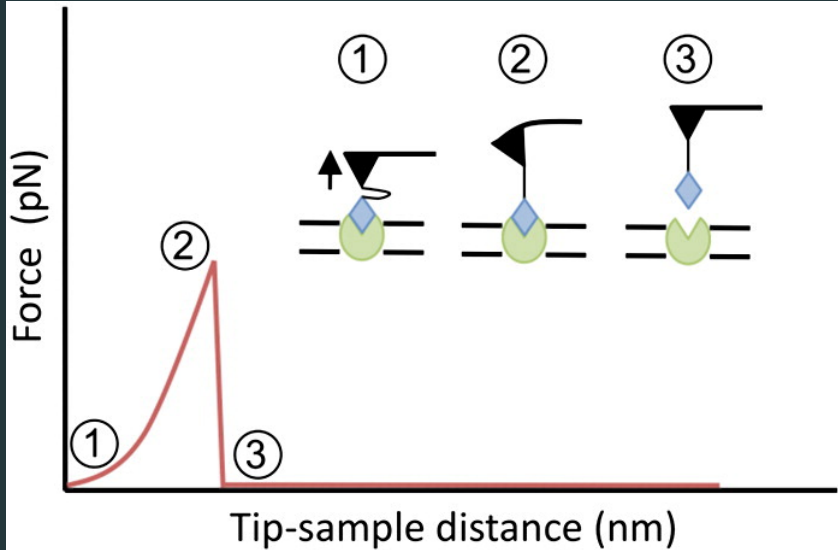
Spectroscopy



et al. 2013



Whithed & Park, 2014



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Summary

AFM: Atomic Force Microscopy

Sharp tip rastered across sample

Deflection, twist, oscillation: Basis for signal

Works in air, liquid, vacuum

Can resolve even covalent bonds

Contact, Tapping, Non-contact

Tip

Sharp tip affixed to larger cantilever

Tip geometry affects resolution

Tip geometry/chemistry must fit experiment

Tip care essential

Scanner

Piezo-electric, often below sample

Hysteresis, creep, scanner geometry may skew image

Mostly software corrected

Imaging

Various channels w. different data

Available channels depend on setup

Spectroscopy

Functional tip, test molecular interactions

Examples: Protein folding, protein interactions

General:

Versatile surface technique

Supreme resolution

Easy to use, difficult to master



NATURAL PRODUCTS CHEMISTRY

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Natural product chemistry

Introduction

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Spring 2022

Textbook: K. B. G. Torssell: Natural Product Chemistry, 2. utg., Apotekersocieteten/Taylor & Francis, 1997

Natural products

- All chemical compounds that are found in nature, produced by living cells.
- Ancient science:
 - Extracts from nature were used for preparation of food, coloring, fibers, toxins, medicine and stimulants
- Late 18th century:
 - Natural products were separated, purified and analyzed



Organic natural product chemistry

- Occurrence of natural products
 - (sources and amounts)
- Structure and stereochemistry
- Physicochemical properties
- Function in the organism
- Biosynthesis
- Chemical synthesis (for structural evidence)

Why is natural product chemistry interesting today?

One reason: antibacterial and anticancer medicine

Natural products were precursors for 54% of new drugs on the market from 1981-2002

David J. Newman, Gordon M. Cragg and Kenneth M. Snader, *J. Nat. Prod.*, 2003, 66, 1022-1037

Primary and secondary metabolites

Metabolism

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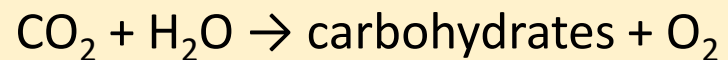
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catabolism (breakdown of molecules for energy)

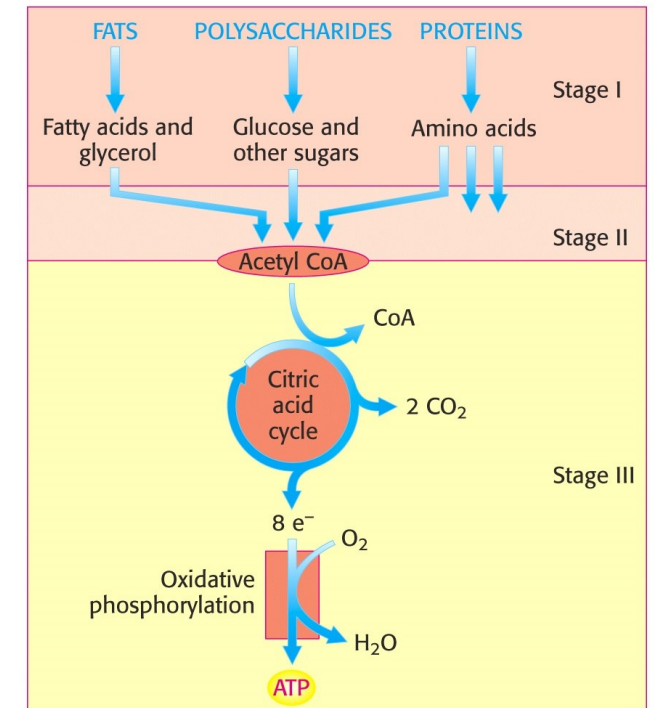
Primary metabolites

- Compounds that are essential for life
- Photosynthetic processes



- Starting materials for secondary metabolites

- Low molecular weight carboxylic acids (Krebs cycle)
- α -amino acids
- Carbohydrates
- Fats
- Protein
- Nucleic acids



Primary and secondary metabolites

Metabolism

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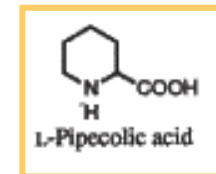
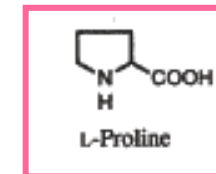
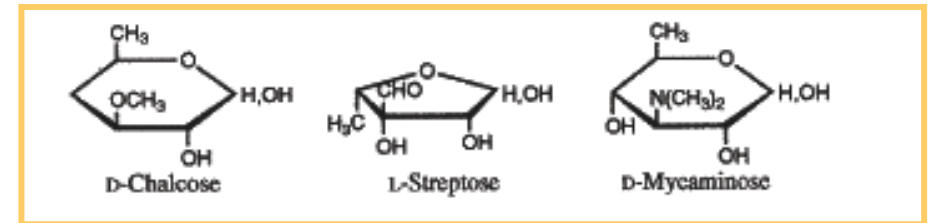
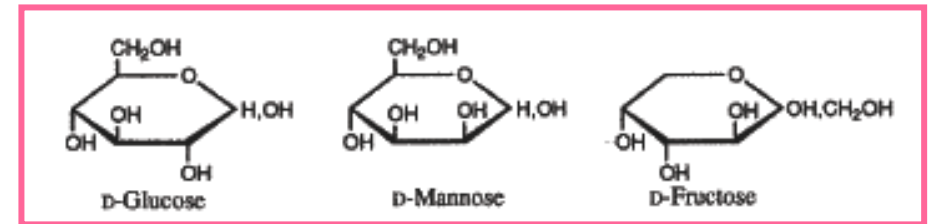
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catabolism (breakdown of molecules for energy)

Secondary metabolites

- Non-essential, «specialized» molecules
- Often characteristic for groups of organisms
- Natural product chemistry
- No sharp line between primary and secondary metabolites

primary



secondary

Examples of secondary metabolite functions

Attract other individuals

Pheromones, pigments, aroma
Reproduction & propagation

Repel other individuals

Bad taste, smell, toxicity, phytoalexins
Defence & protection

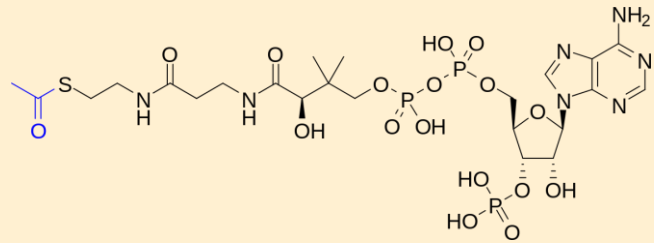
Modify membranes

Protecting the organism from the
environment (temperature, etc.)

Aid in metabolism

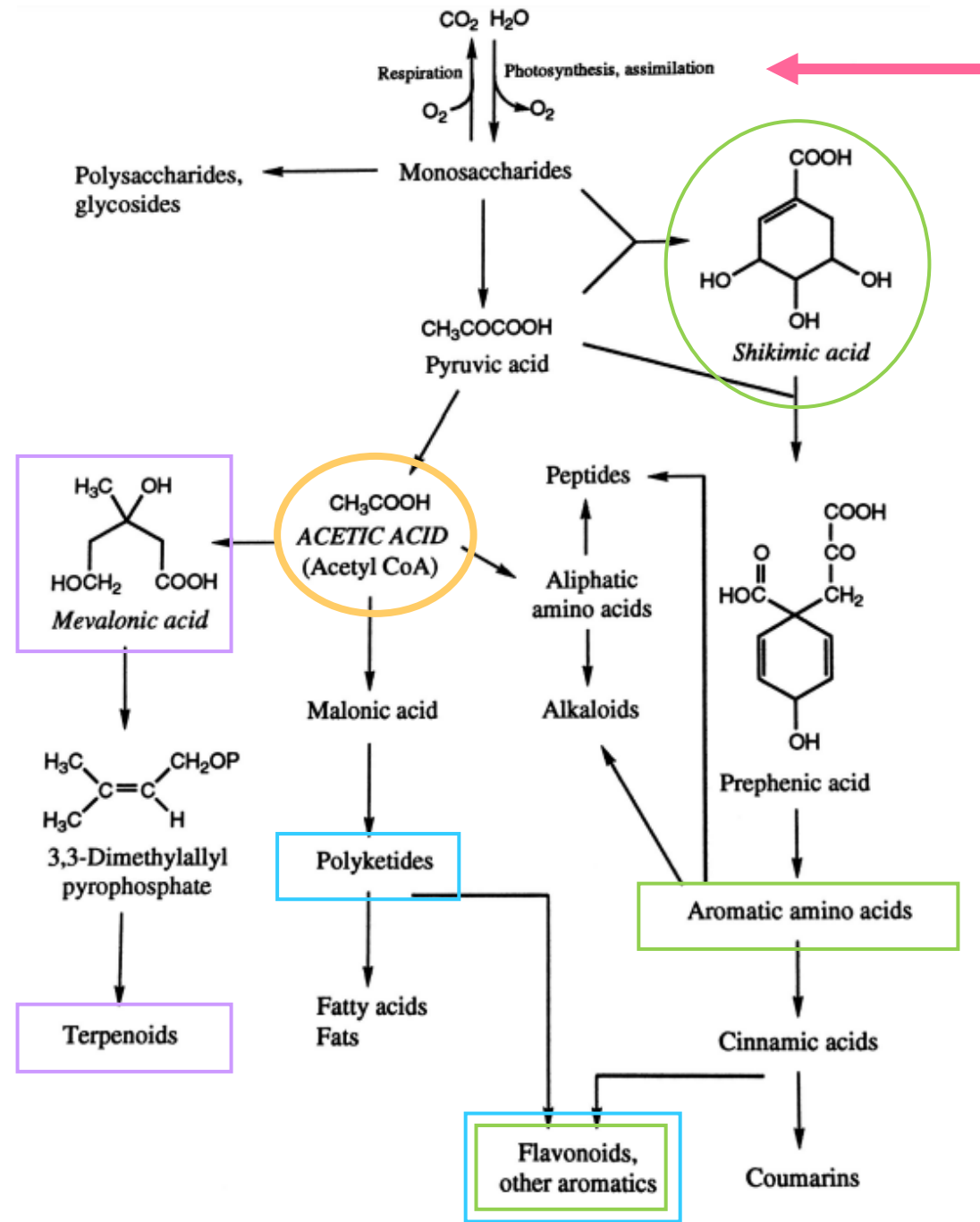
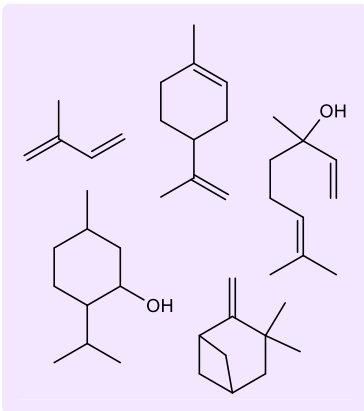
Prosthetic groups/coenzymes, vitamins,
hormones, etc.

Main streams of secondary metabolism

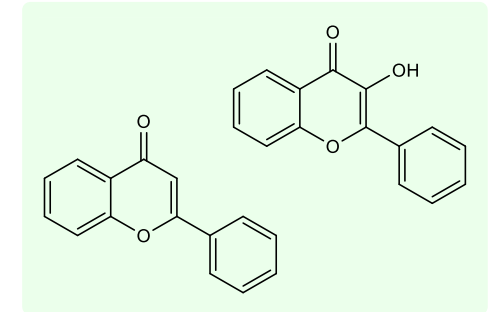


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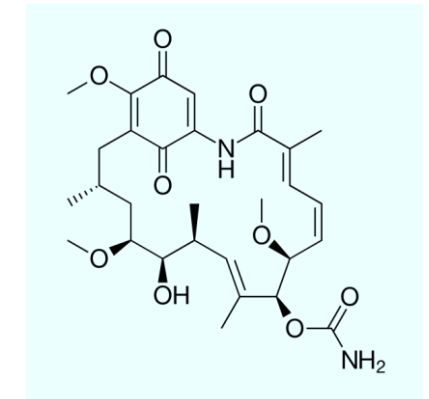
Terpenes/terpenoids



Primary metabolism



Flavones/flavonoids



Geldanamycin (a polyketide)

We will go through:

- 3: Carbohydrates and primary metabolites
- 4: The shikimic acid pathway
- 5: The polyketide pathway
- 6: The mevalonic acid pathway & the terpenes
- 7: Amino acids, peptides and proteins
- 8: The alkaloids
- 9: The N-heteroaromatics

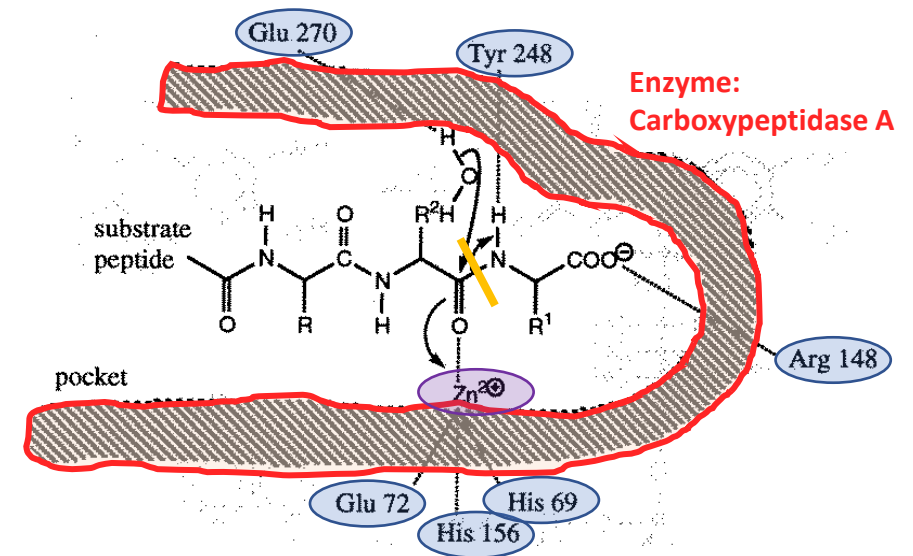


Biochemical reactions (reminders)

- Enzymatic reactions: can easily form enantiopure compounds, because of the chiral structure of enzymes.

Example: Hydrolysis of a terminal amino acid of a peptide.

- This enzyme is a chain of 307 amino acids.
- Through hydrogen bonding and other types of bonds, the substrate is ideally placed for the reaction.
- The dipolar character of the carbonyl bond is enhanced thanks to Zn^{2+} .
- Protonation of the amino function lead the cleavage of the peptide bond.



Biochemical reactions (reminders)

- A lot of enzymatic reactions require coenzymes. They will act as carriers of some necessary groups.

TABLE 14.2 Some activated carriers in metabolism

Carrier molecule in activated form	Group carried	Vitamin precursor
ATP	Phosphoryl	
NADH and NADPH	Electrons	Nicotinate (niacin)
FADH ₂	Electrons	Riboflavin (vitamin B ₂)
FMNH ₂	Electrons	Riboflavin (vitamin B ₂)
Coenzyme A	Acyl	Pantothenate
Lipoamide	Acyl	
Thiamine pyrophosphate	Aldehyde	Thiamine (vitamin B ₁)
Biotin	CO ₂	Biotin
Tetrahydrofolate	One-carbon units	Folate
S-Adenosylmethionine	Methyl	
Uridine diphosphate glucose	Glucose	
Cytidine diphosphate diacylglycerol	Phosphatidate	
Nucleoside triphosphates	Nucleotides	

Note: Many of the activated carriers are coenzymes that are derived from water-soluble vitamins (Section 8.6.1).

Biochemical reactions

- Several types of reactions can be distinguished:

Carbon-carbon coupling (Claisen and Michael)

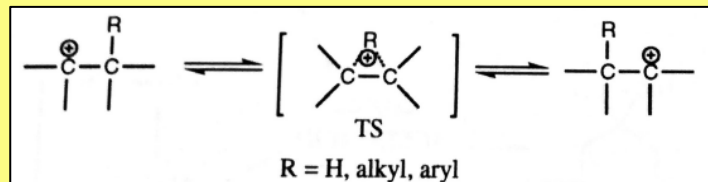
In enzyme promoted acylation with thioesters for instance.

Eliminations

The nucleophile group of an enzyme (-OH, -NH₂, -SH) will lead to the elimination of, for instance, water or ammonia.

Carbonium anion rearrangements

Happens for instance in terpene biosynthesis



Electrophilic substitutions

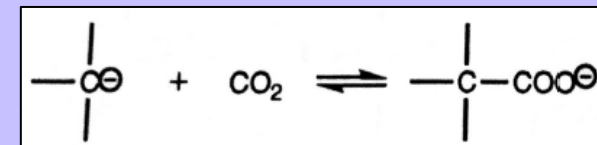
In C-, N- and O-alkylations with S-adenosyl methionine and phosphates

Oxidations/reductions

Cofactors like NAD⁺ and FAD are used as electron carrier/receiver.

Carboxylation/decarboxylation

Happens for instance in fatty acid synthesis.



Elucidation of metabolic sequences

- Intermediate are only present in very small quantities in normal organisms.
- Use of defective organisms (obtained for ex. by UV or X-rays irradiation):
 - In mutant **1**, D will accumulate, and E will be needed for the mutant to grow
 - The filtrate of **1** will allow **2** to grow, but the opposite is false.
 - The order of the sequence can be proven this way.

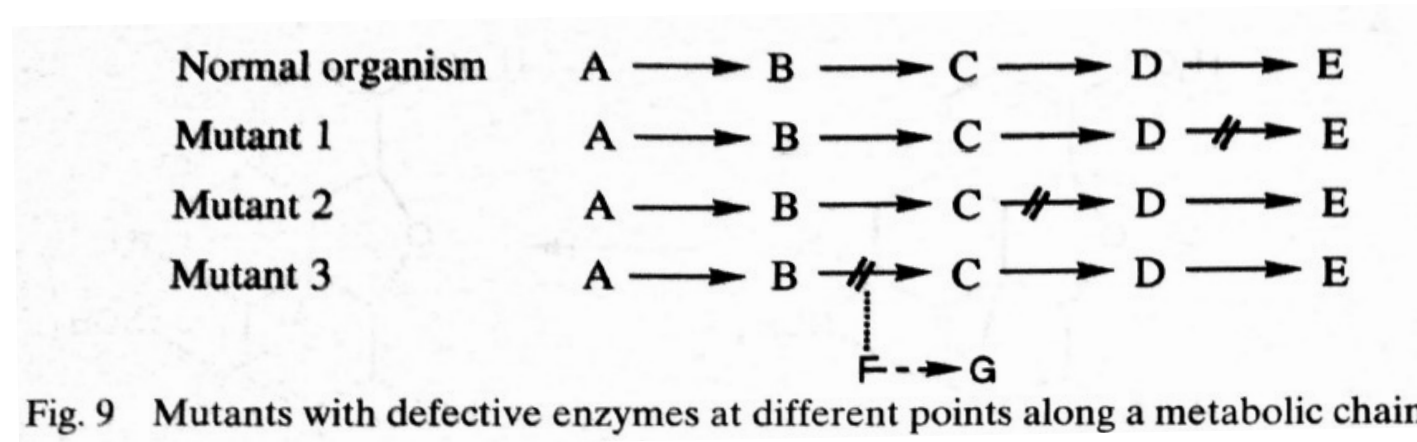
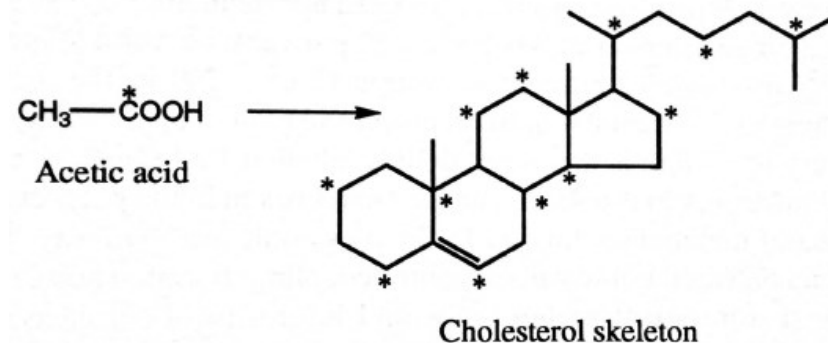


Fig. 9 Mutants with defective enzymes at different points along a metabolic chain

Elucidation of metabolic sequences

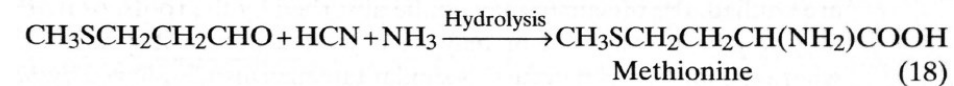
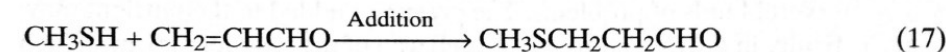
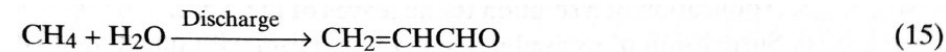
- Use of isotopes:
 - Radioactive substrates are given to the organism.
 - In a sequence $A \rightarrow E$, radioactivity will first appear in A, then B,...
 - Allow us to know precisely where a certain carbon in a final product comes from (isotope labeling).
 - The pathway from acetic acid to cholesterol was found by degrading a labeled cholesterol molecule.
 - C^{13} -NMR and H-NMR are powerful tools to analyze labeled compounds



Prebiotic chemistry

How were the first amino-acids created on earth?

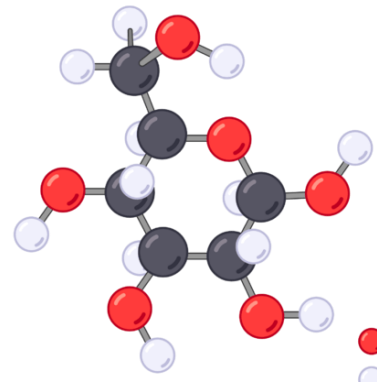
- An electrical discharge in a mixture of basic compounds (water, methane, ammonia and nitrogen) gives amino-acids in a low yield.



- A lot of amino-acids may have been formed from oligomerization of hydrocyanic acid.
- The preference for the L form of chiral compounds in living beings doesn't have any good explanation.

Chapter 3

Carbohydrates and primary metabolites

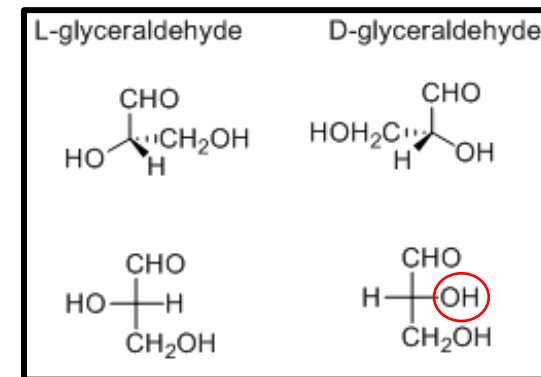
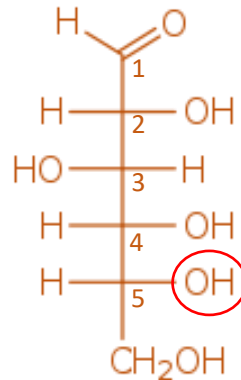
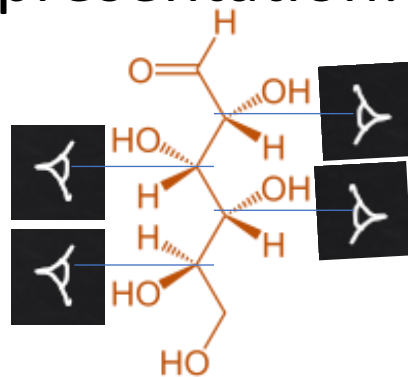


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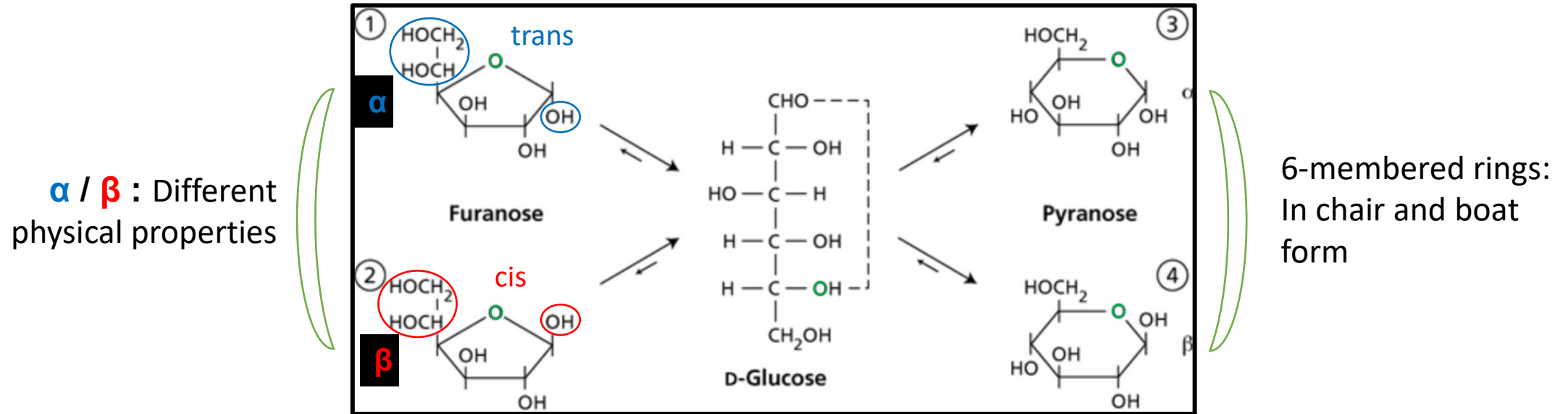
Classification of carbohydrates

- Number of carbon atoms in one unit (most common: hexoses)
- Aldehyde or keto function
- Number of units (monosaccharides, disaccharides,...)
- Fischer representation:

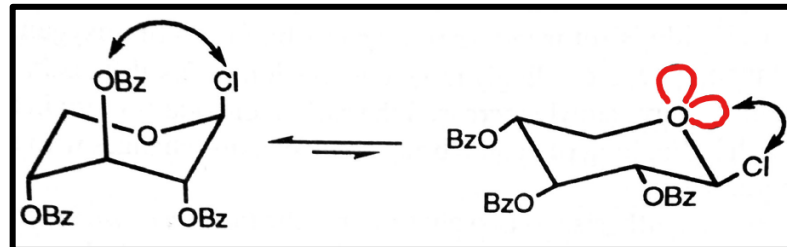


Conformations and stereoisomerism

- The open form of hexoses are in equilibrium with their hemiacetal/hemiketal form.

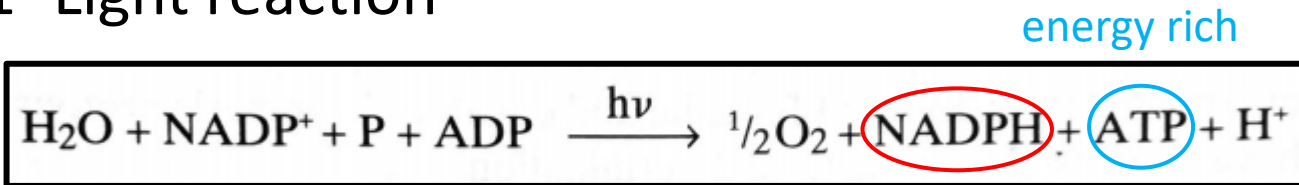


- The preferred isomer isn't always the one with bulky groups in equatorial position.



Carbohydrate biosynthesis in plants: Photosynthesis

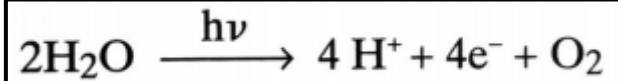
- 1- Light reaction



reducing agent

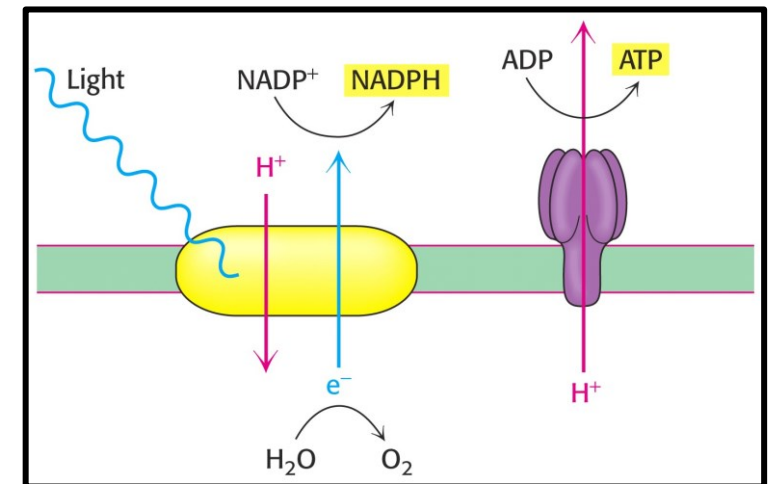
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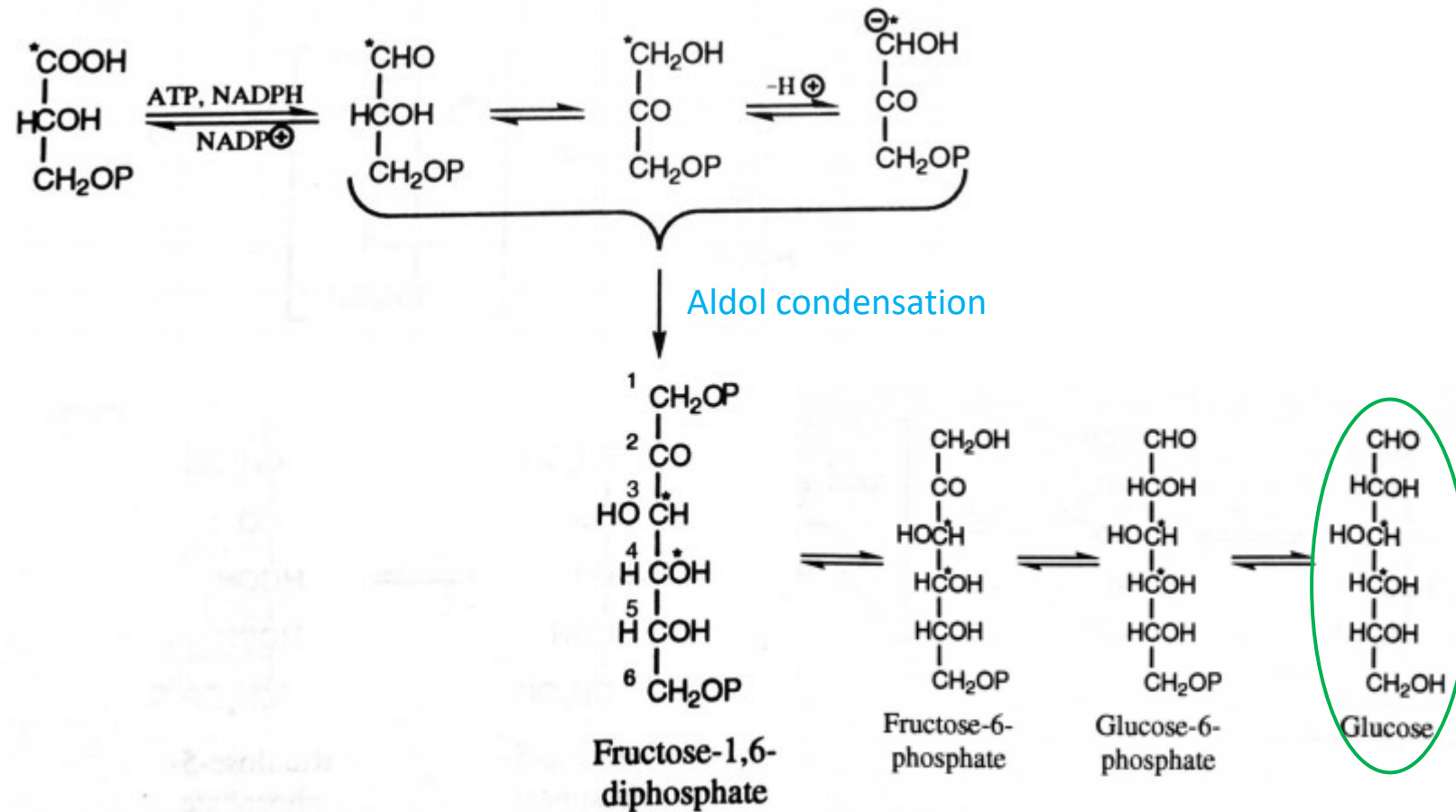
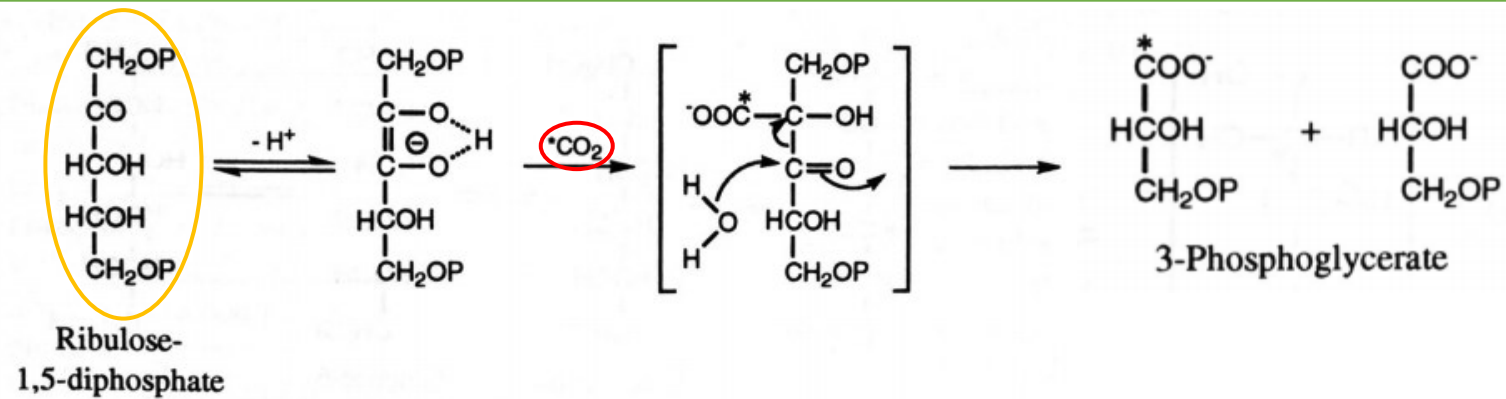
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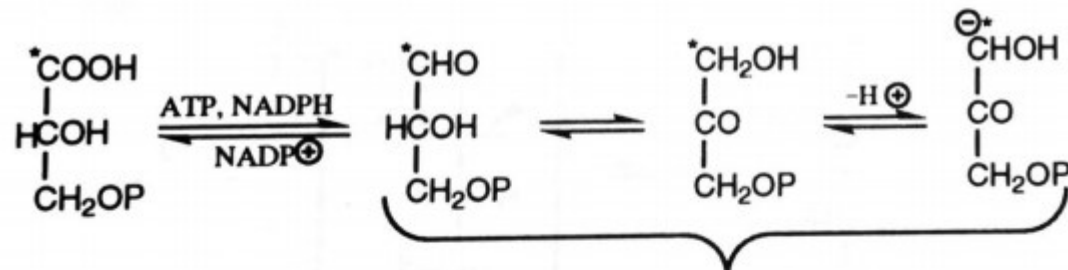
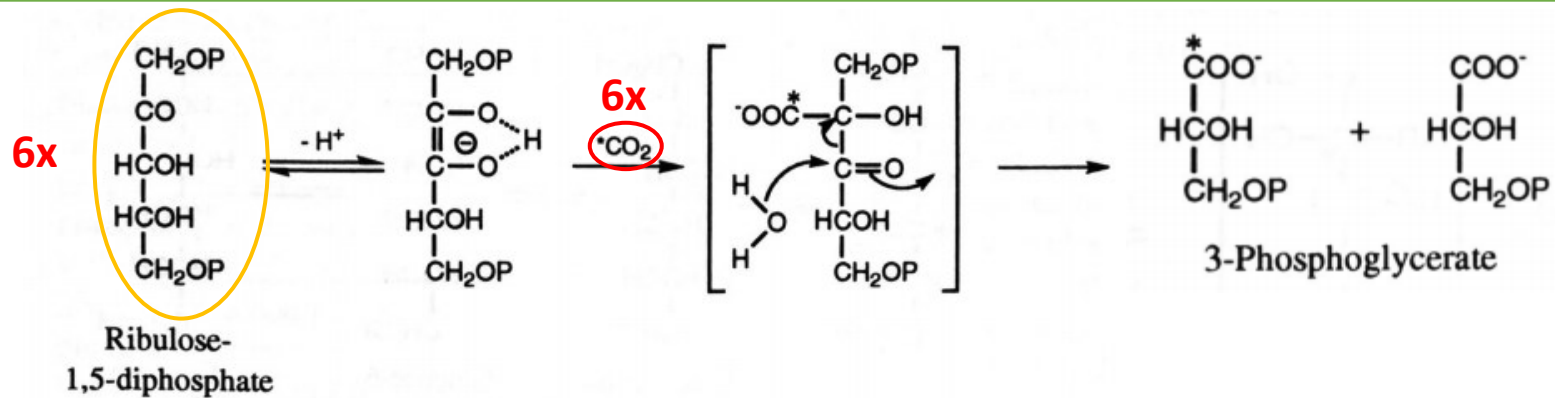


- 2- Dark reaction: CO₂ is reduced with the help of NADPH and ATP.

- Very complex mechanism

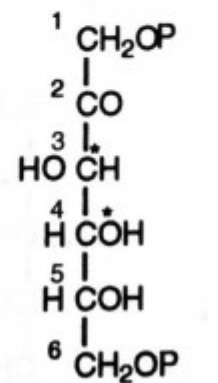




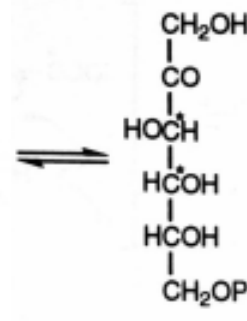


Aldol condensation

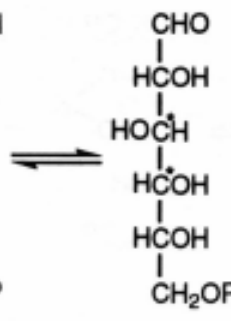
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(36 C in total)



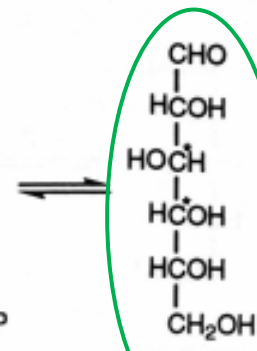
Fructose-1,6-diphosphate



Fructose-6-phosphate



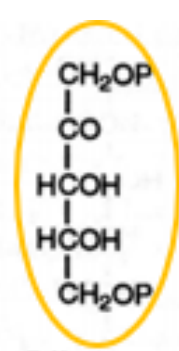
Glucose-6-phosphate



1x

Glucose

+



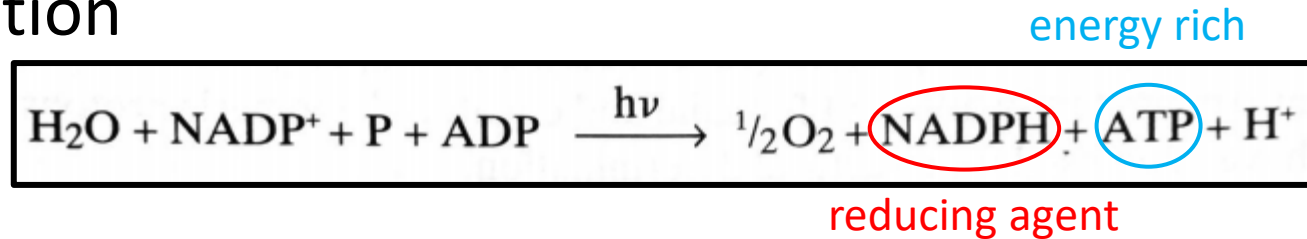
6x

Ribulose-1,5-diphosphate

6C + 30C

Carbohydrate biosynthesis in plants: Photosynthesis

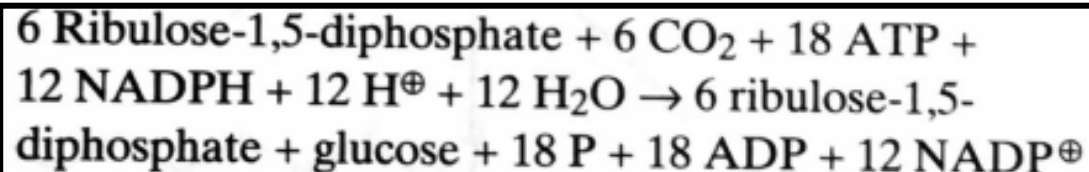
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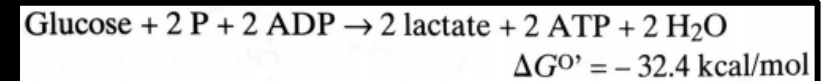
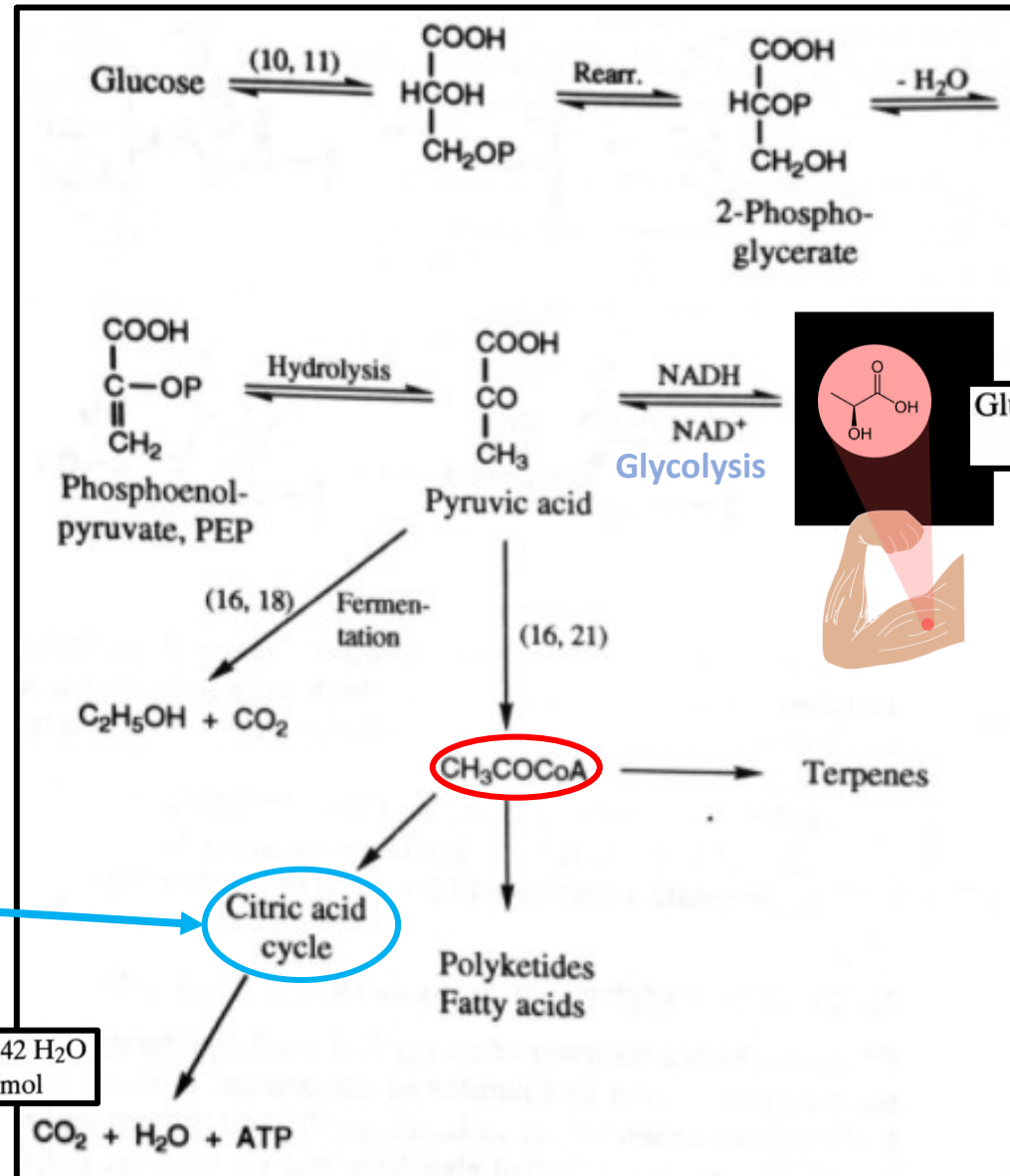
The oxygen here $2\text{H}_2\text{O} \xrightarrow{h\nu} 4\text{H}^+ + 4\text{e}^- + \text{O}_2$, and not CO_2 .

- 2- Dark reaction



DPH and ATP.

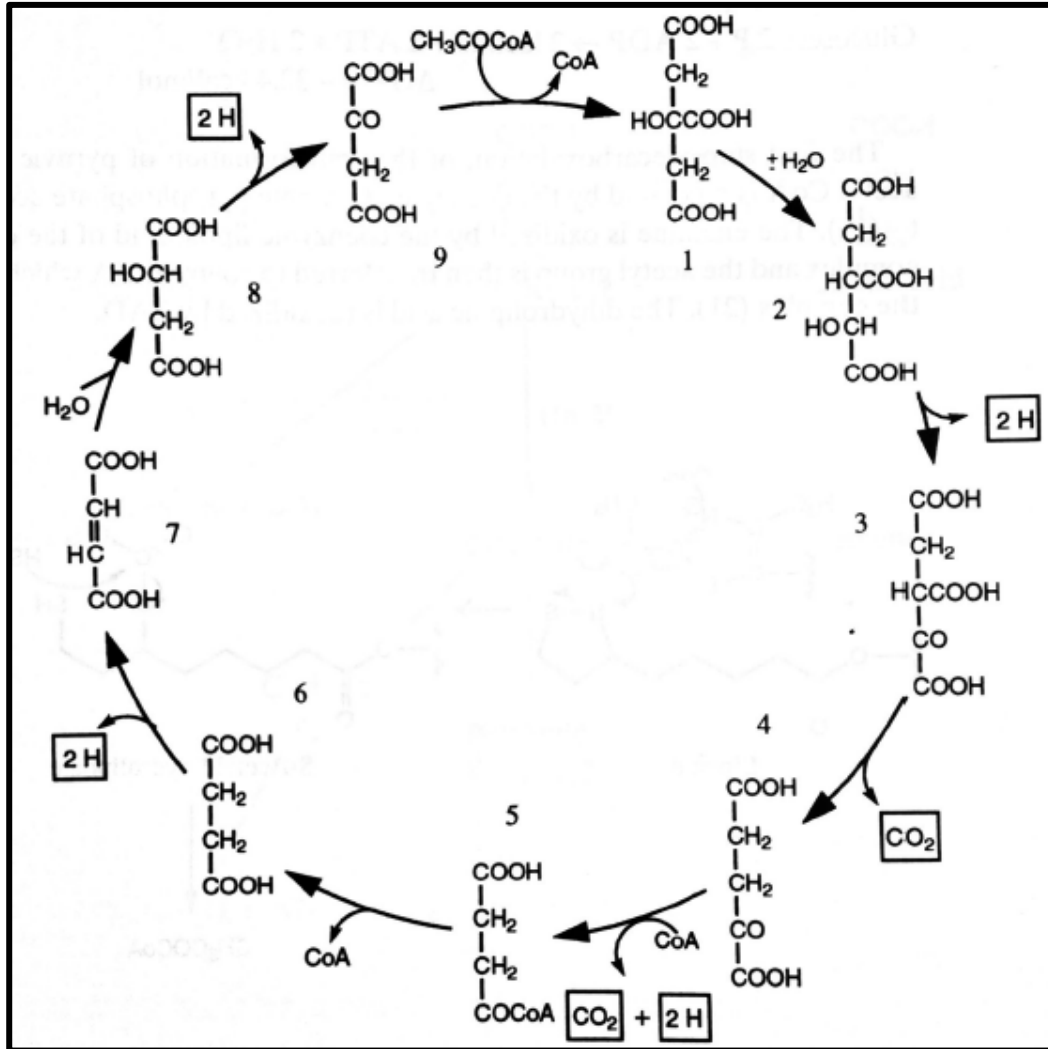
Breakdown of glucose



Coupled with oxidative phosphorylation, the citric acid cycle is the essence of respiration



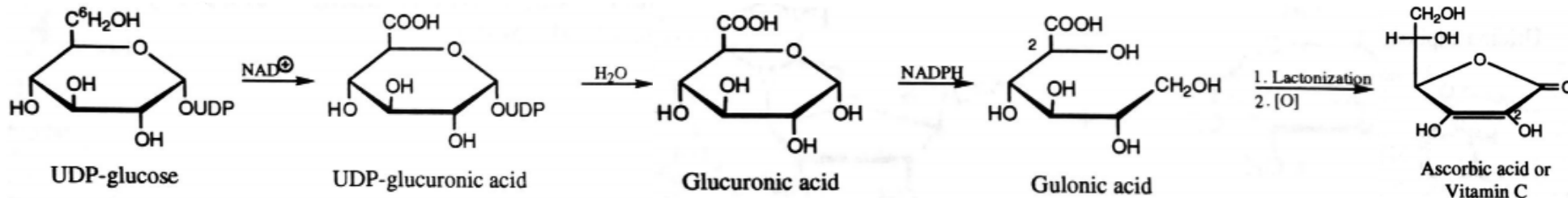
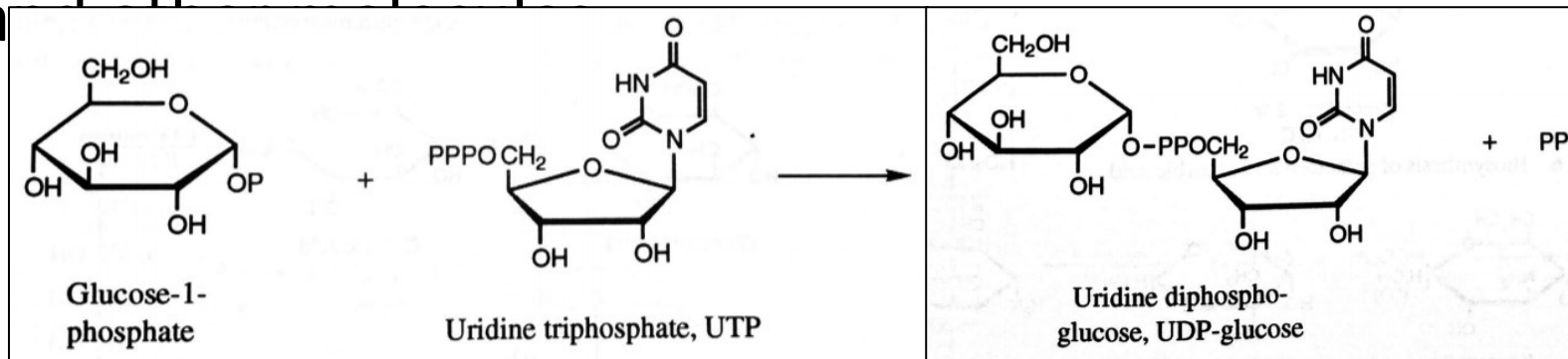
The citric acid cycle



- 1 molecule of acetyl CoA is consumed.
- 8 H and 2 CO₂ are released.
- The 8 H are oxidized to water with production of free energy and ATP
- The citric acid cycle itself neither generates a large amount of ATP nor includes oxygen as a reactant.
- It removes electrons from acetyl CoA and uses these electrons to form NADH and FADH₂, which will be reoxidized in oxidative phosphorylation.

Formation of monosaccharides

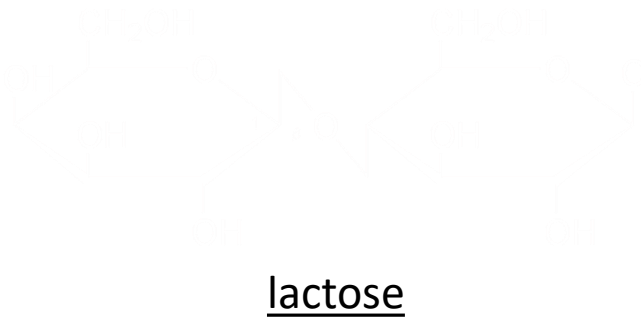
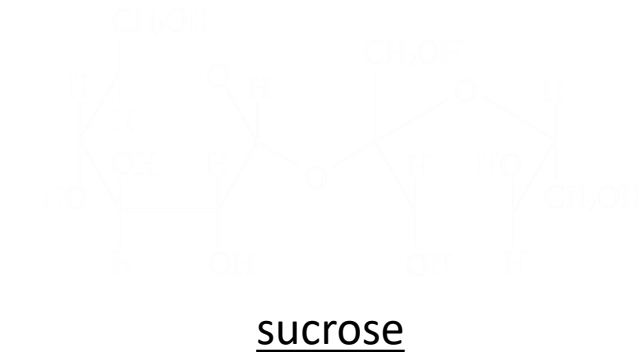
- Glucose is the precursor of other hexoses, disaccharides, polysaccharides, glycosides and nucleotides



Example: Biosynthesis of vitamin C

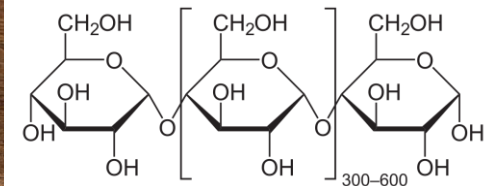
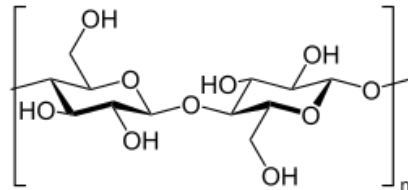
Disaccharides and polysaccharides

- Disaccharides:
 - 2 monosaccharides joined by an acetal or ketal link
 - Classified according to their reducing power
 - Non-reducing: The carbonyl function is blocked as acetal (for instance sucrose)
 - Reducing: For instance lactose



◇ Polysaccharides:

◇ Long chain of linear or branched monosaccharides, used as storage (starch).



Chapter 4-1

The Shikimic Acid Pathway

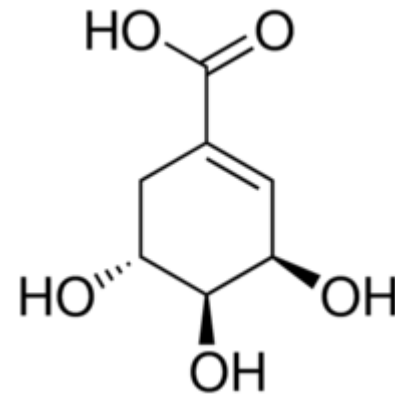
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Shikimic acid

Shikimic acid could replace the aromatic amino acids in *E.coli* mutants

- It has to be an intermediate in their biosynthesis



Shikimic acid

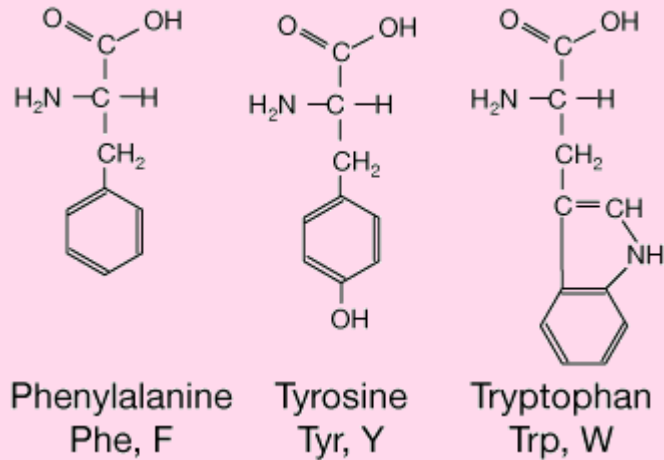


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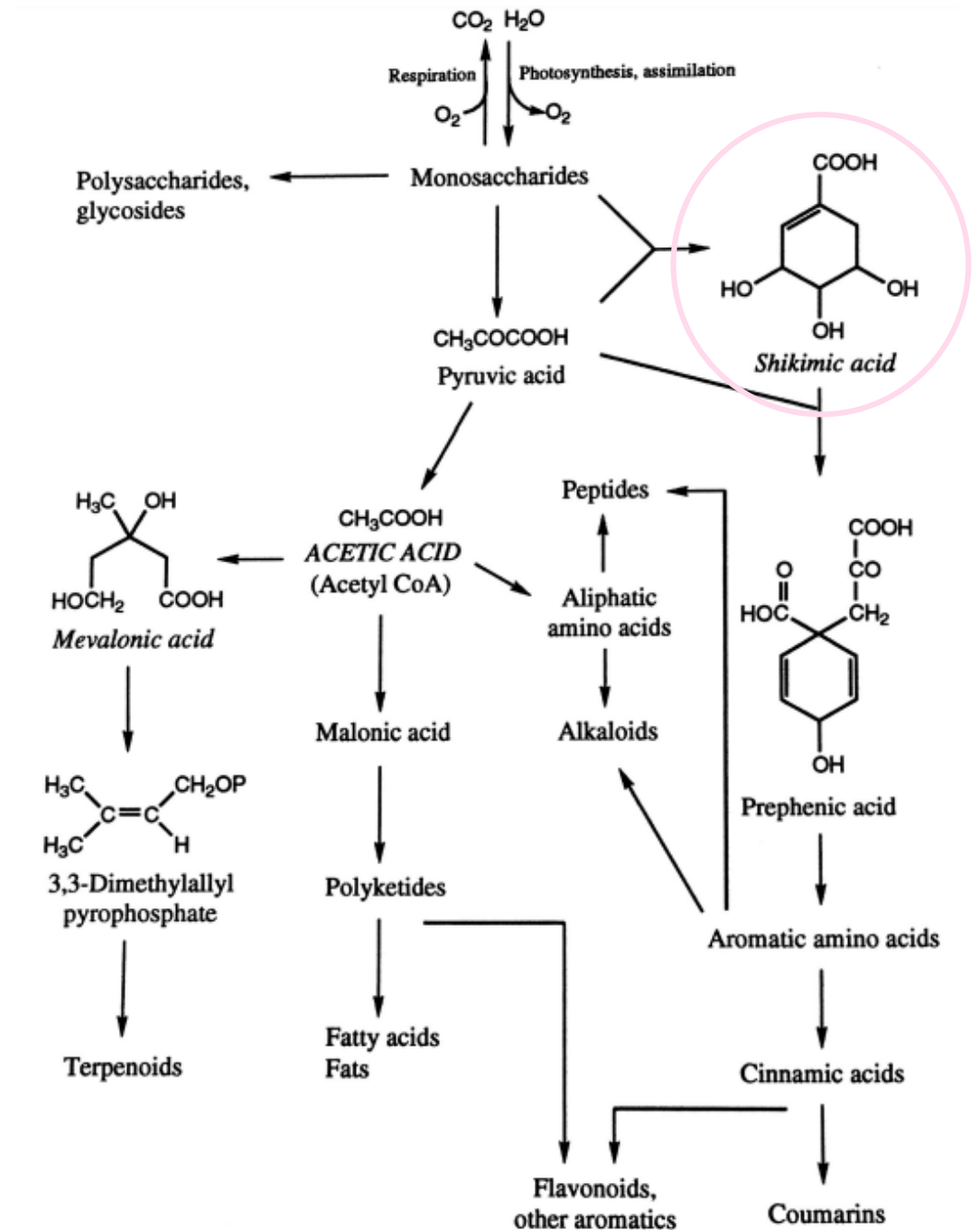
Shikimic acid was first isolated from japanese star anise, which is where it got its name.

Shikimic acid pathway

Biosynthesis of aromatic amino acids



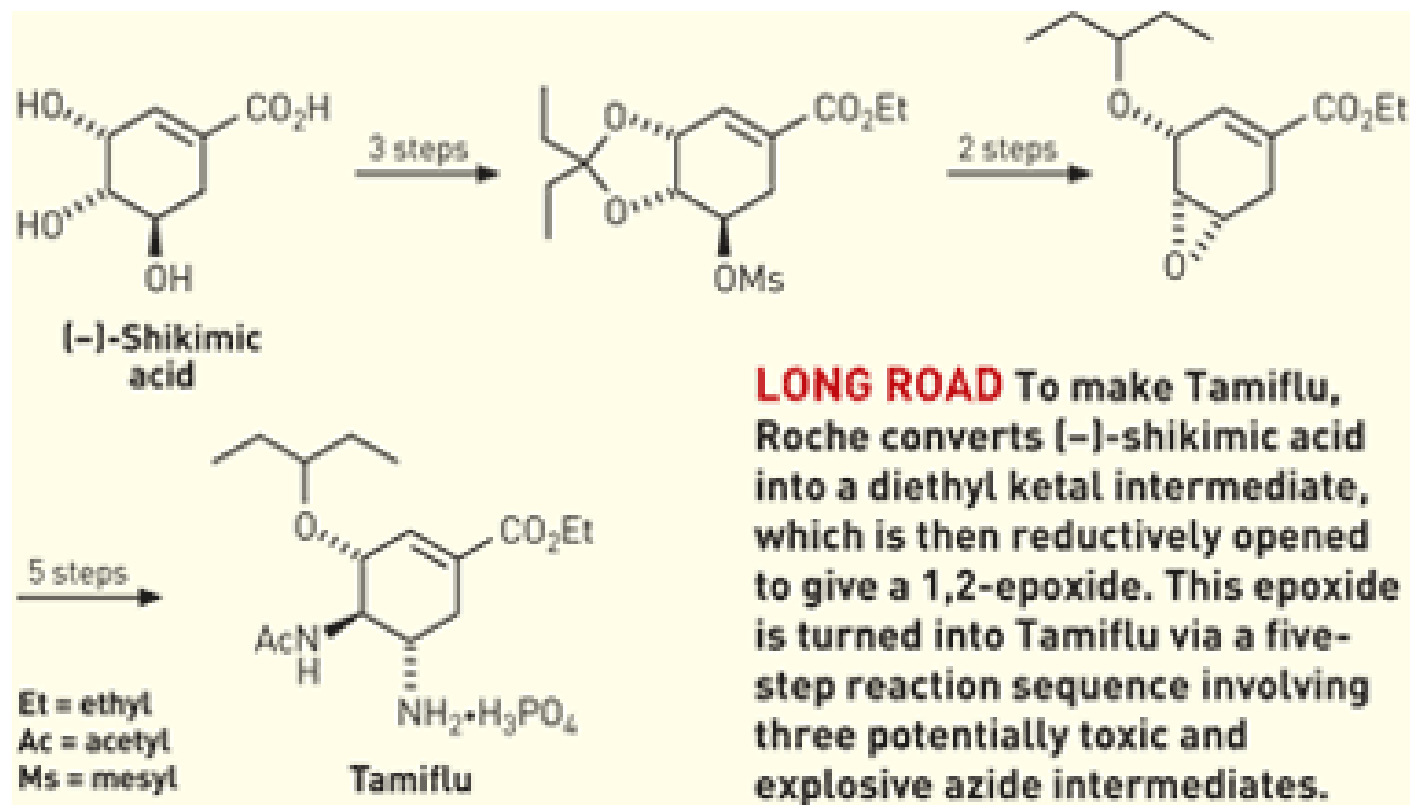
This biosynthetic pathway is present in bacteria, fungi and higher plants – but not in mammals.



Tamiflu

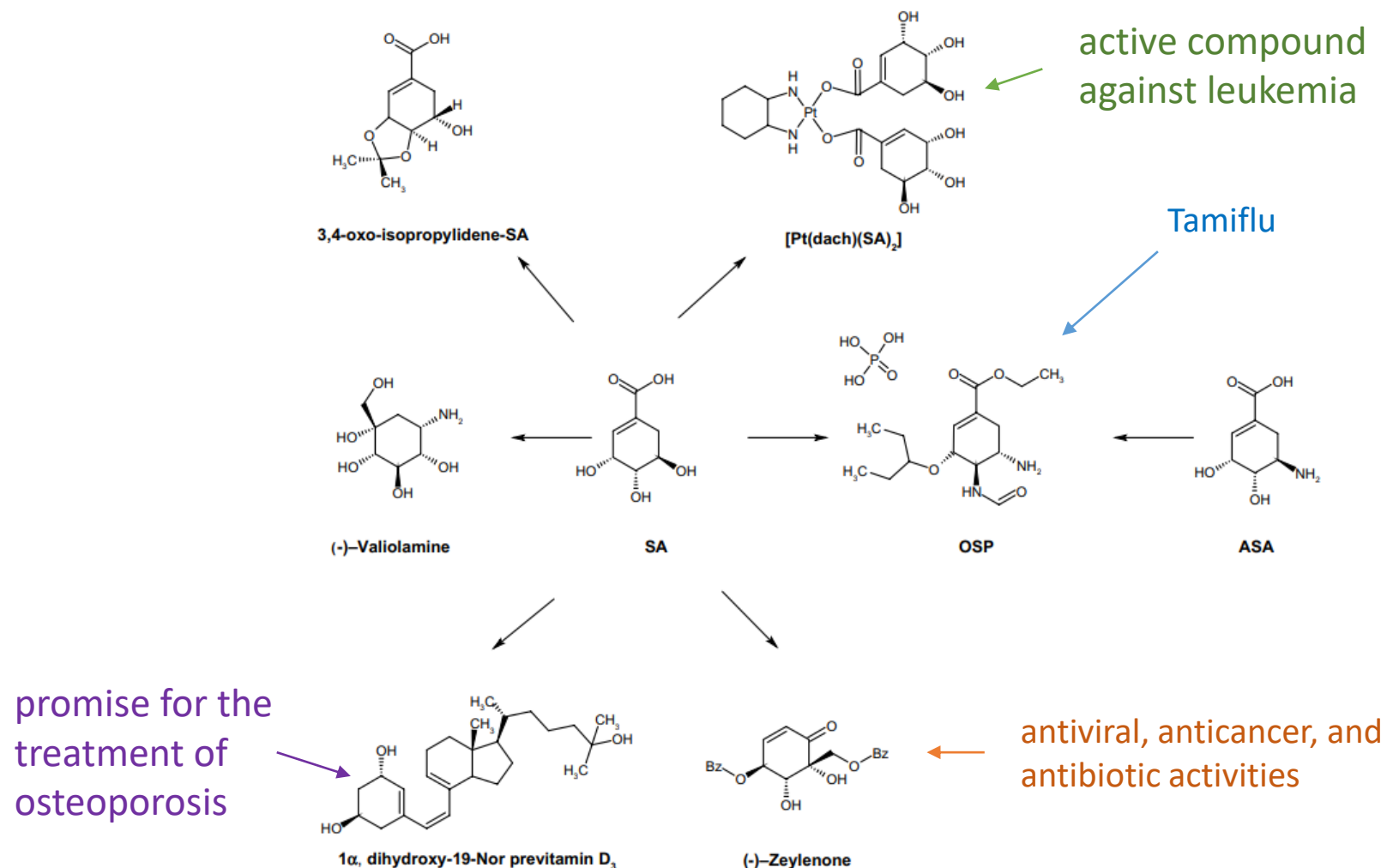
Tamiflu = oseltamivir phosphate

Important drug for bird flu (and other influenza viruses).

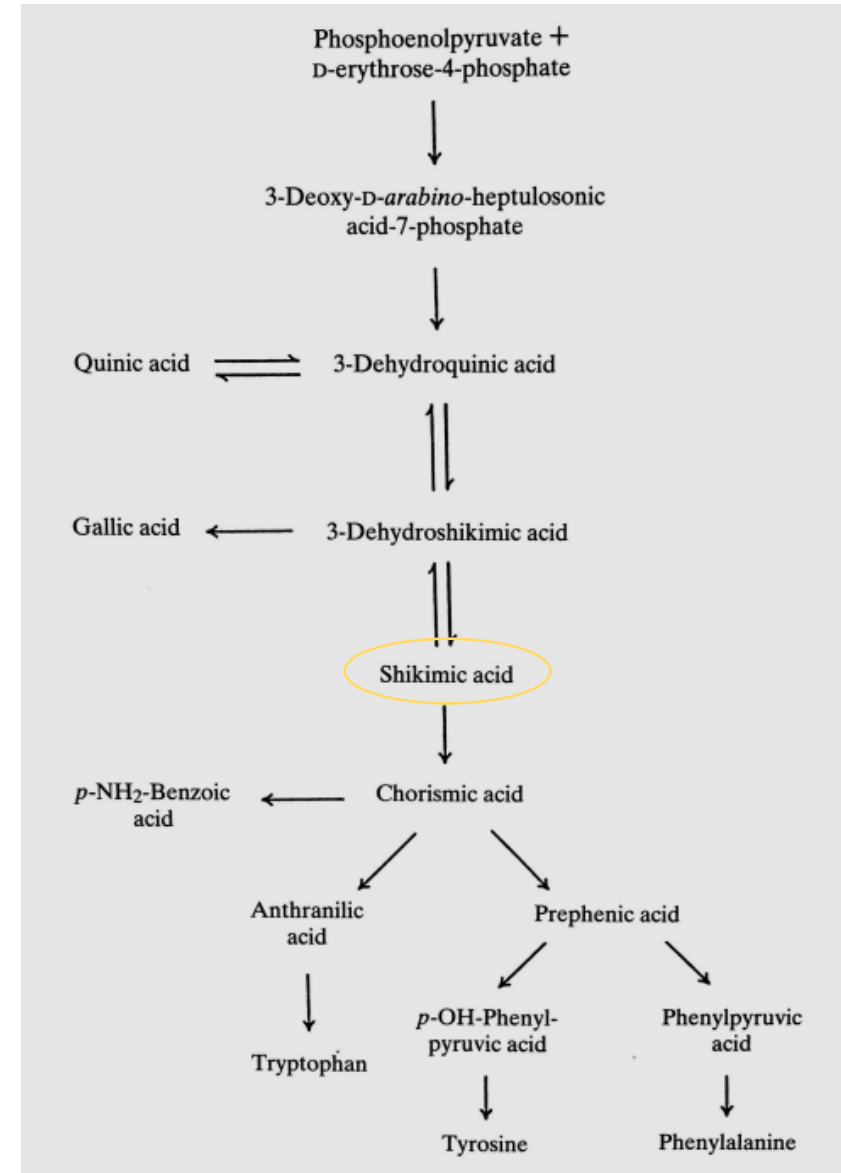


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Pharmaceutical products derived from SA



Shikimic acid pathway

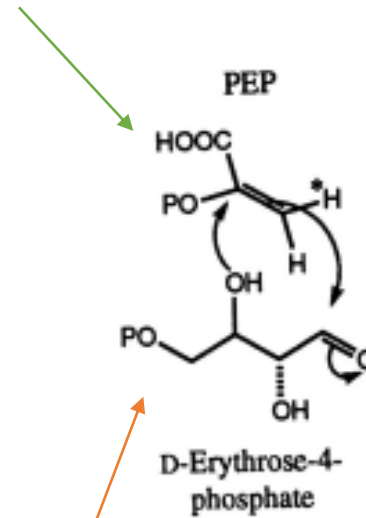


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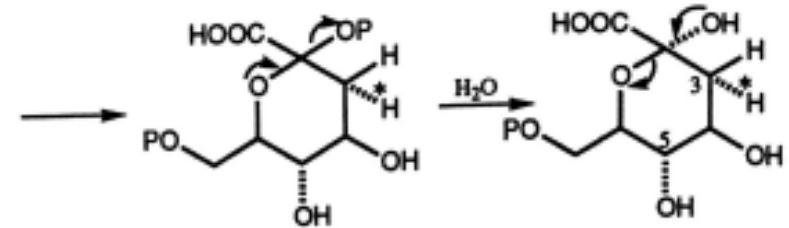
Condensation of D-Erythrose-4-phosphate with phosphoenol pyruvate (PEP)

- Catalyzed by DAHP synthases
- Stereospecific reaction
 - Si face of PEP adds to Re face of erythrose-4-phosphate.
- Gives 3-deoxy-D-arabino-heptosulonic acid-7-phosphate (DAHP)

From glycolysis

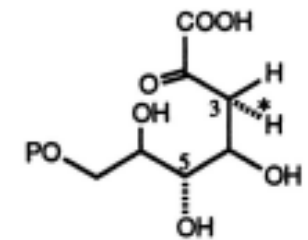


From pentose phosphate pathway



3 R-DAHP
Hemiketal

(1)



3R-DAHP

3-deoxy-D-arabino-heptosulonic
acid-7-phosphate

Step 2:

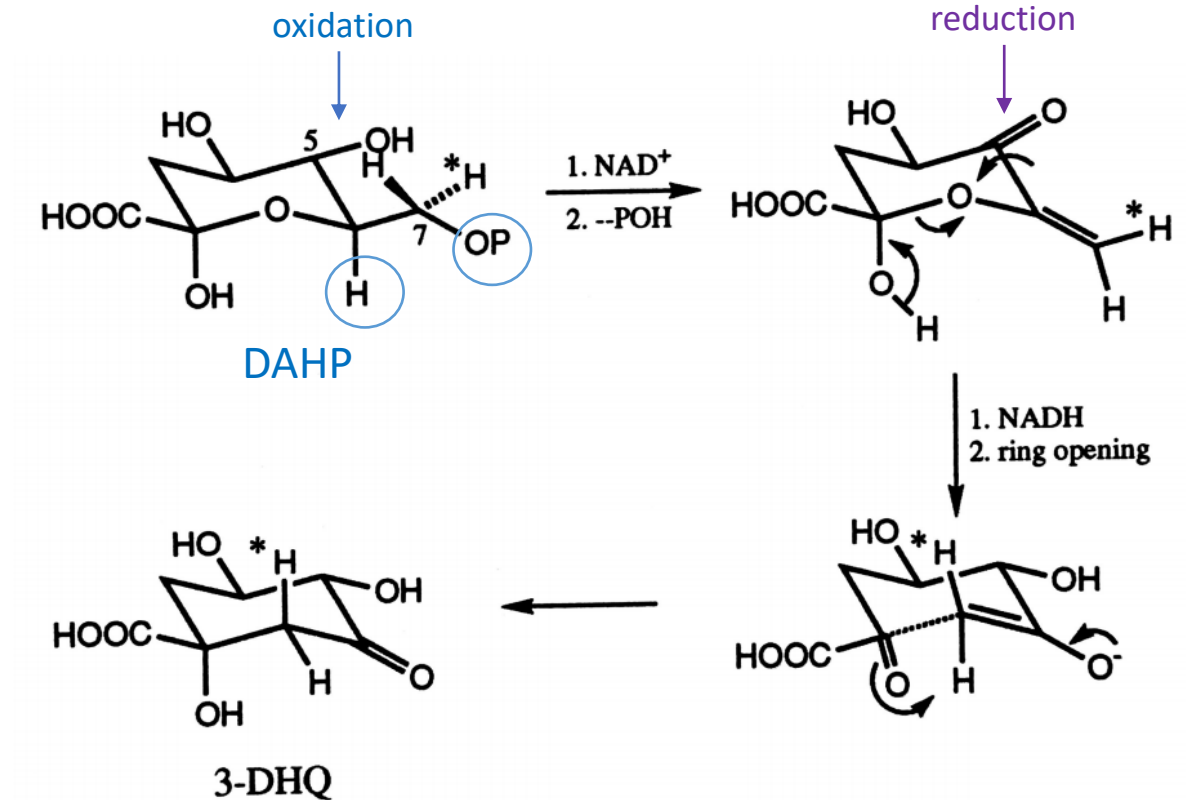
Formation of 3-dehydroquinic acid (DHQ)

- Catalyzed by DHQ synthase
- NAD⁺/NADH

α - β -elimination of phosphate group (cis elimination)
Oxidation at C5

Reduction at C5
Ring opening

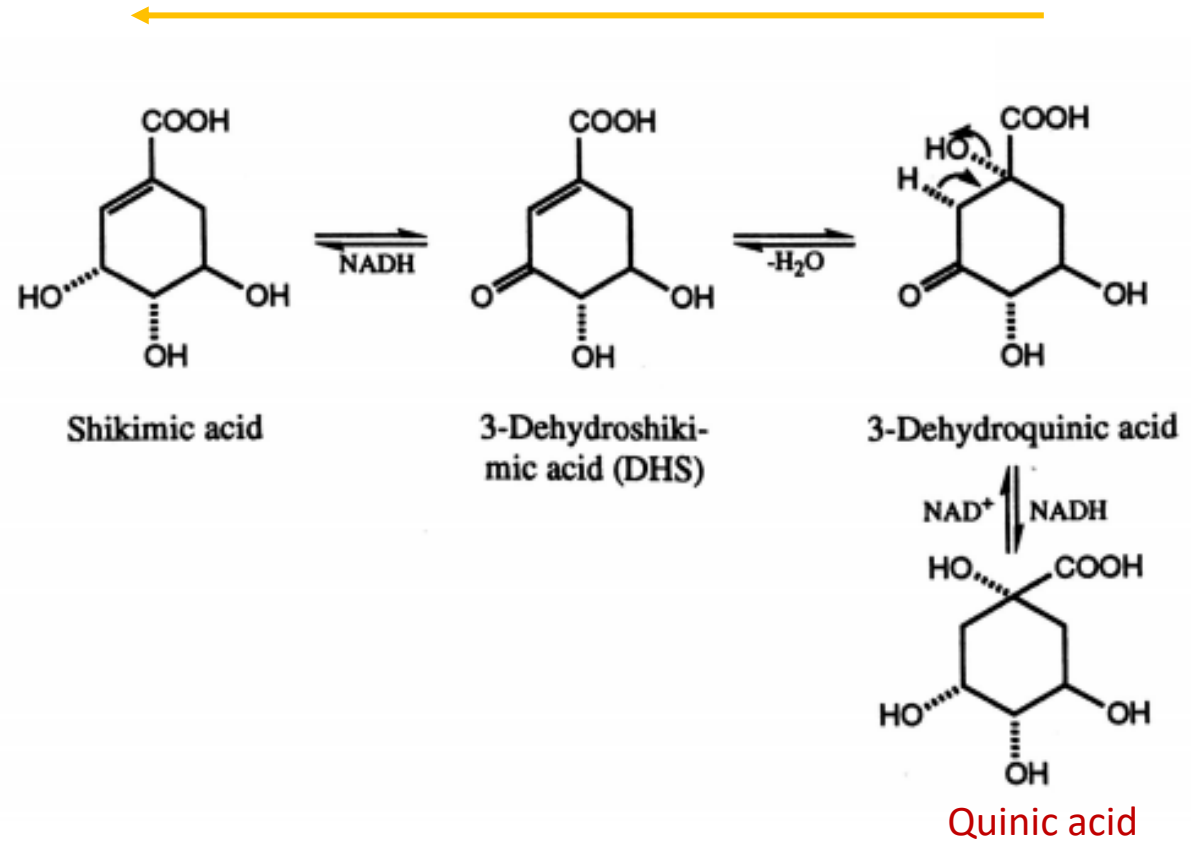
Ring closing forms 3-dehydroquinic acid.



Step 3:

Dehydration and reduction

- Catalyzed by DHQ dehydratase and shikimic acid dehydrogenase



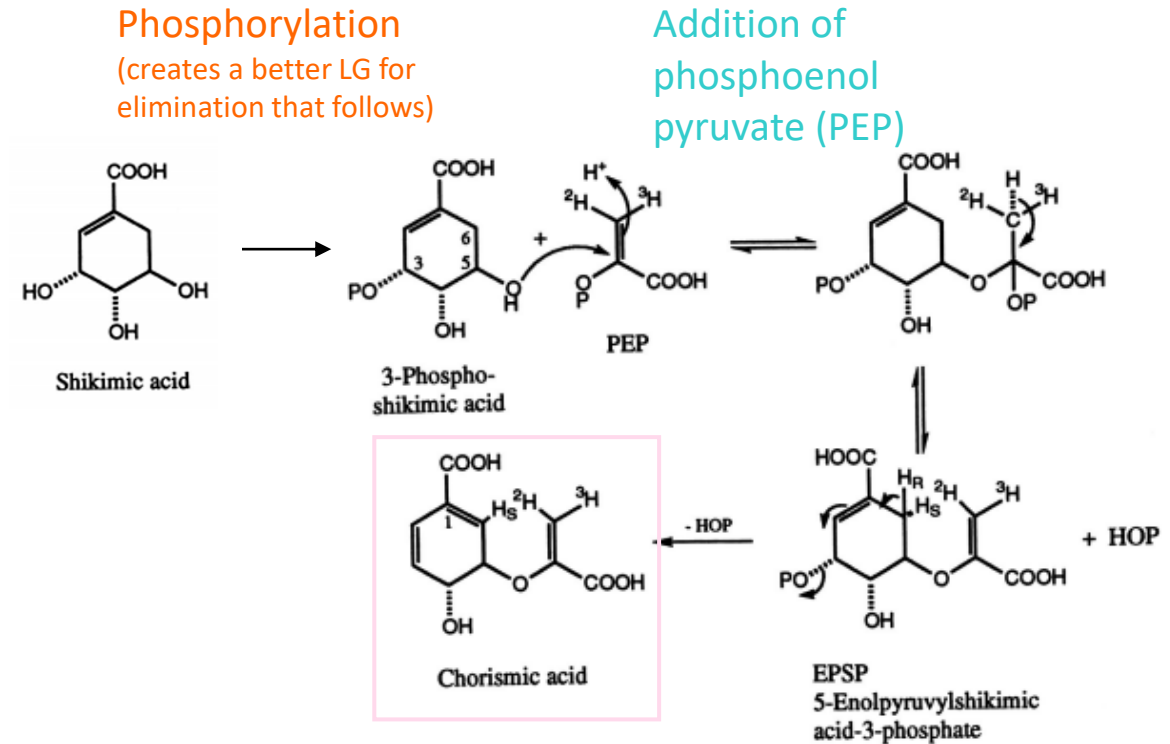
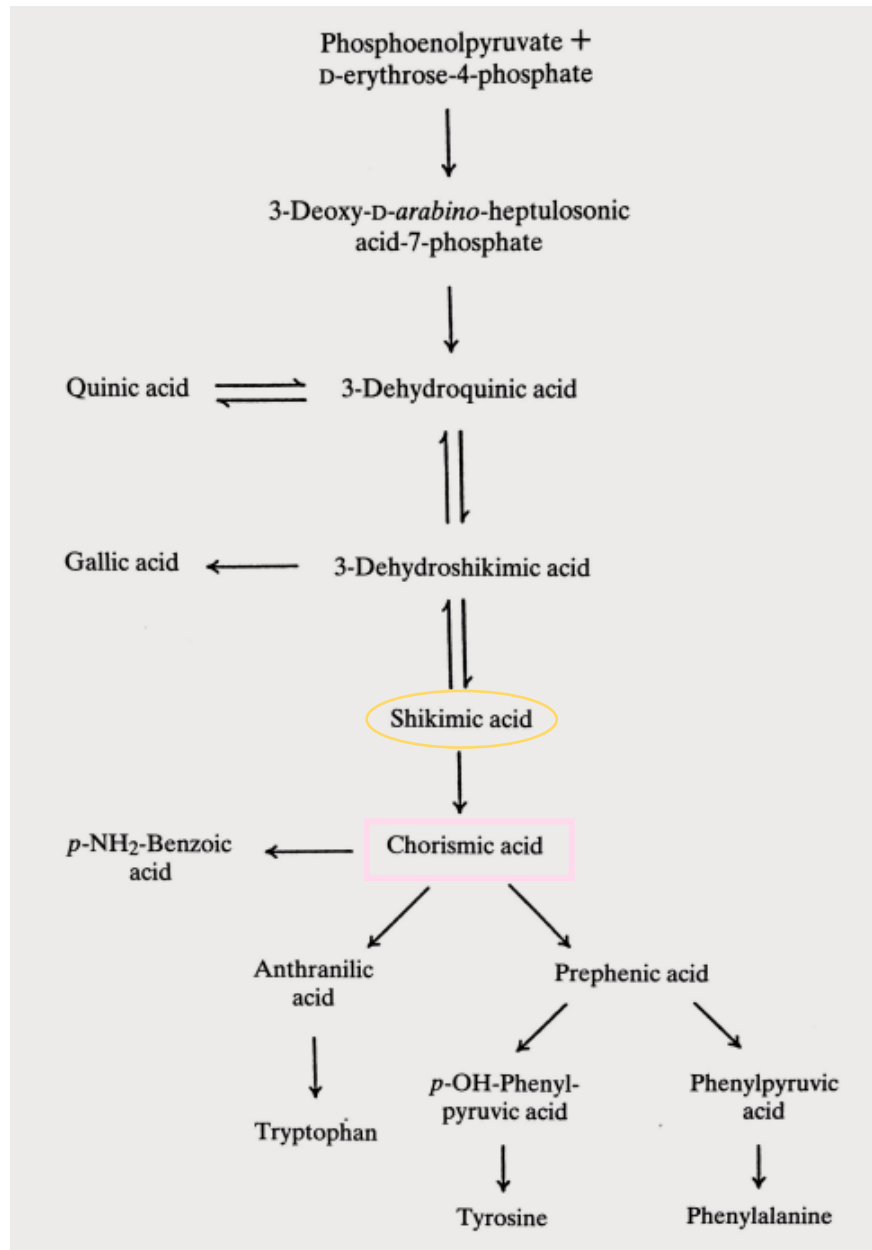
Quinic acid

Abundant in nature

Once it is formed it is not so easily metabolized

Except many microorganisms that can convert it back to DHQ

Conversion of shikimic acid to chorismic acid



Biosynthesis of aromatic amino acids

Claisen rearrangement to **prephenic acid**

L-phenylalanine

Rapid *in vitro* conversion to phenylpyruvic acid

Transamination to phenylalanine

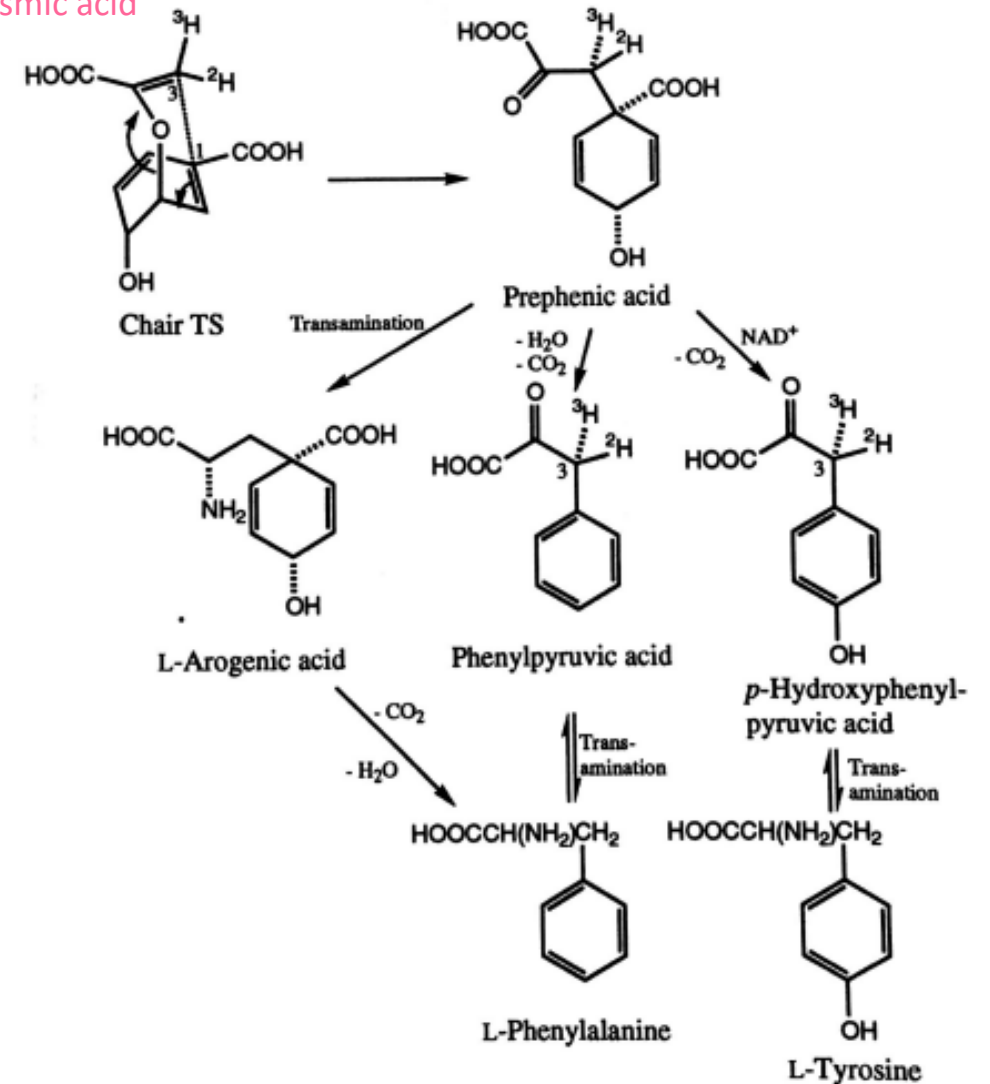
Some organisms can do transamination directly from prephenic acid

L-tyrosine

Conversion to *p*-hydroxyphenylpyruvic acid

Transamination to tyrosine

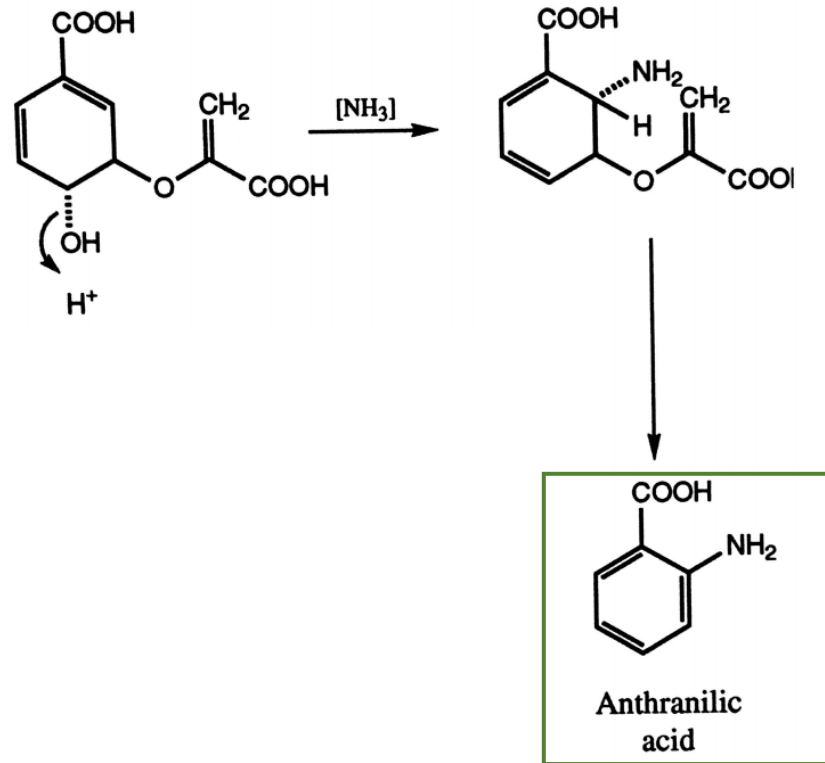
Chorismic acid



Biosynthesis of aromatic amino acids

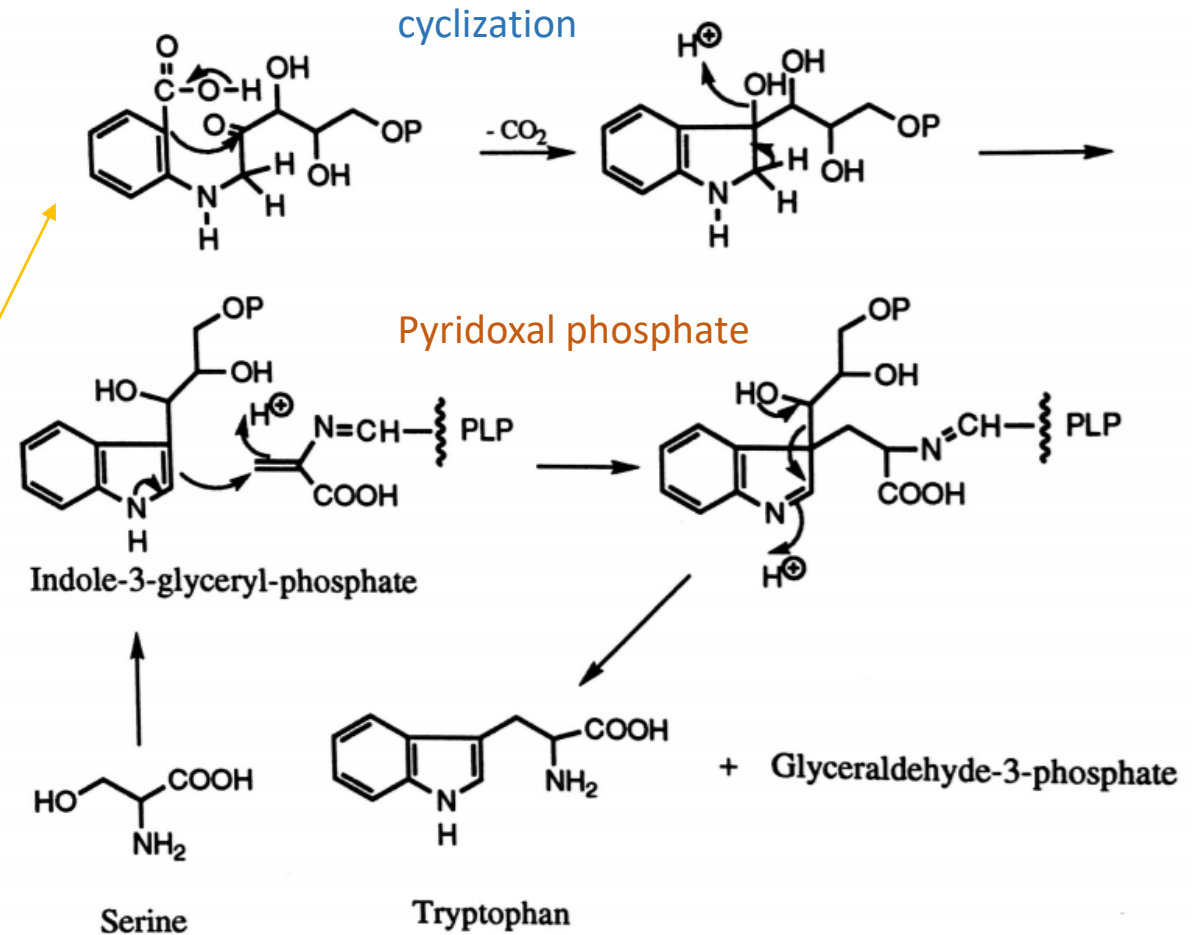
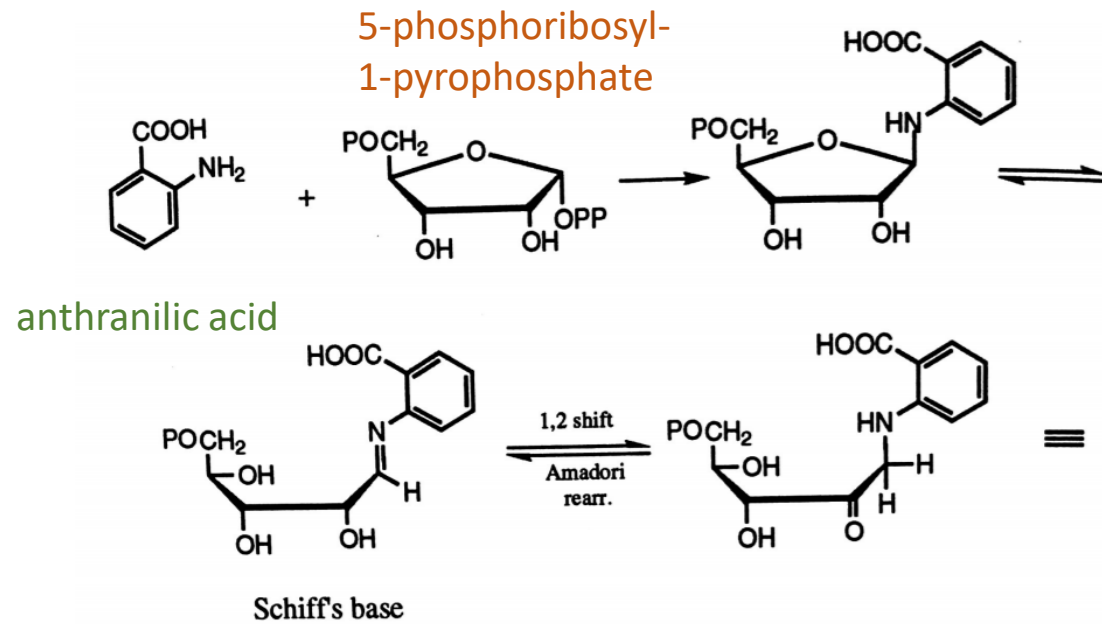
Conversion of chorismic acid to **anthranilic acid**:

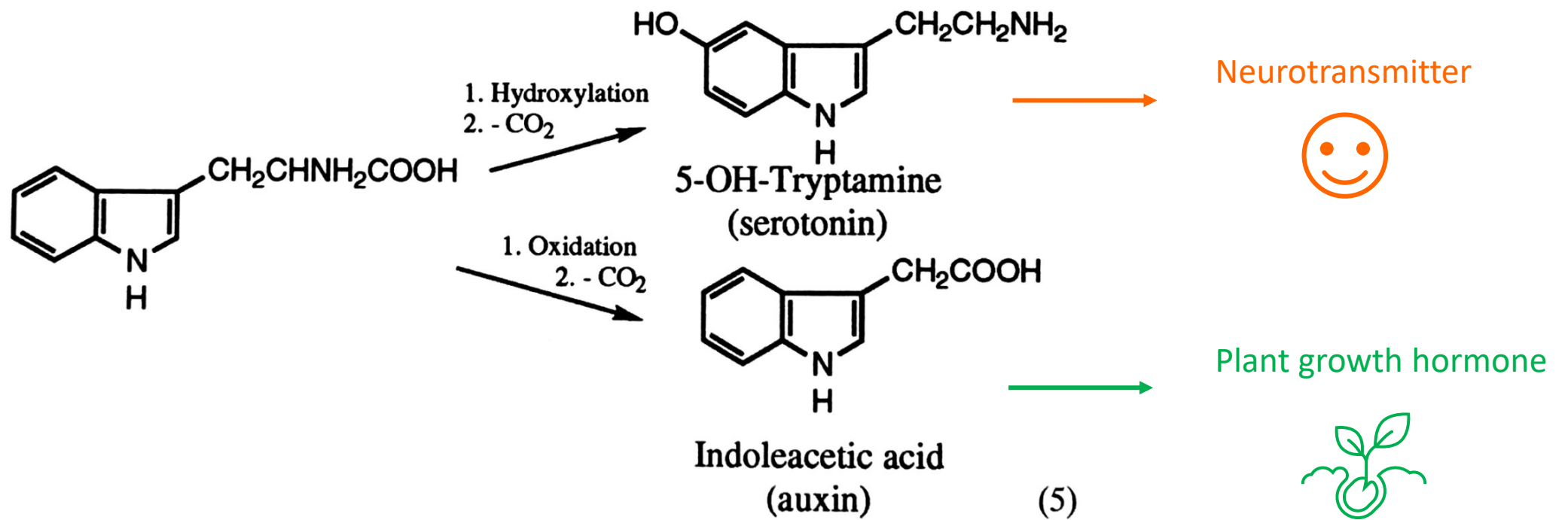
L-tryptophan biosynthesis



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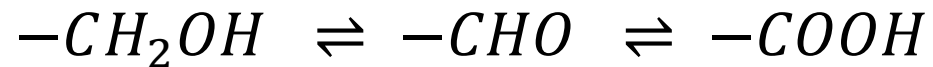
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Biological hydroxylation – redox reactions

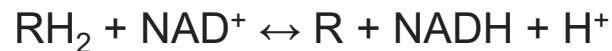
- Oxidation and reduction of carbonyls



- Oxygen insertion into unactivated C-H bonds

Catalyzed by:

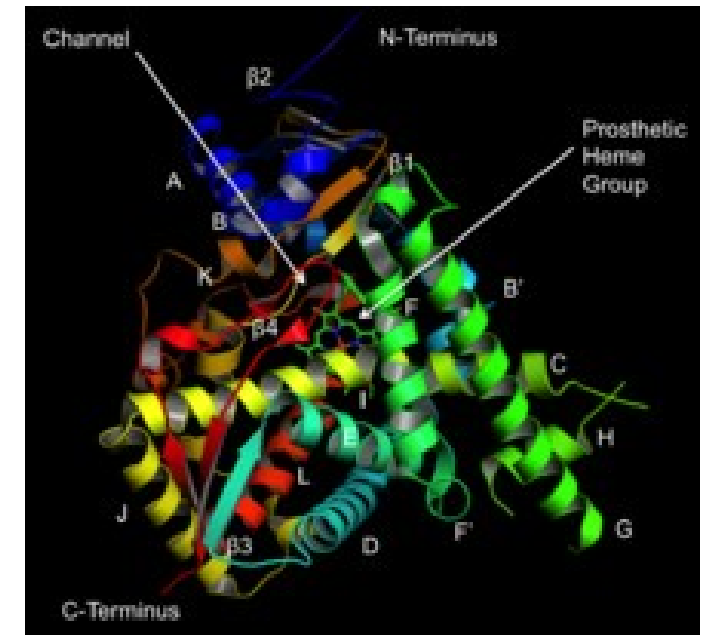
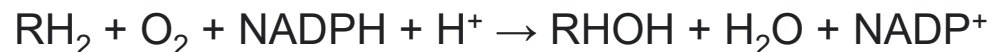
- Dehydrogenases (without molecular O₂)



- Oxidases (electron transfer to O₂)



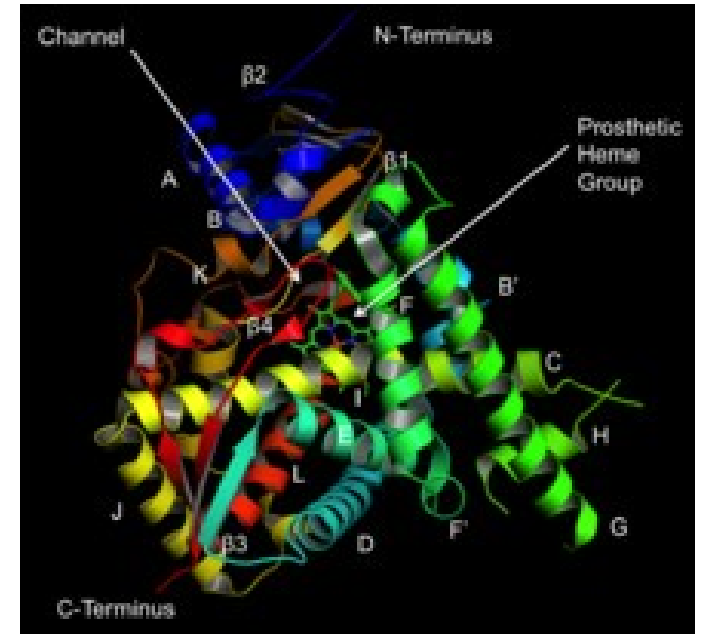
- Oxygenases (incorporating molecular oxygen)



Cytochrome P450s are monooxygenases

Biological hydroxylation

- Monooxygenases are especially important
 - Can oxidize non-activated hydrocarbons
 - Steroids
 - Fatty acid α -oxidation
 - Hydroxylation of aromatics
 - i.e. Conversion of phenylalanine to tyrosine
 - Oxidation of amino groups to nitro groups
 - Dealkylation of amines, ethers, thioesters
 - etc.



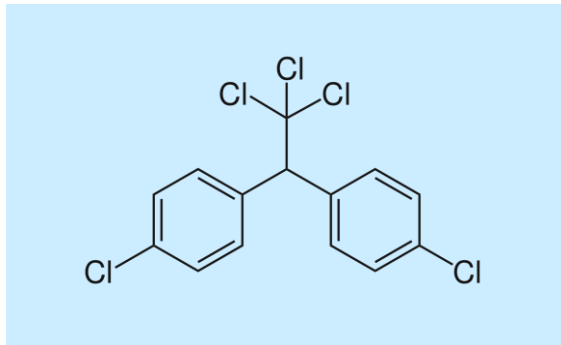
Cytochrome P450s are monooxygenases

Biological hydroxylation

- Drug metabolism
 - Oxidizing foreign substances make them more polar, easier to excrete

Example: DDT is hard to oxidize

- Accumulated in fat cells – dangerous!
- DDT is a pesticide – banned in the 70s



Dichlorodiphenyl-
trichloroethane (DDT)



Spraying DDT in Oregon, USA, 1955

Malaria Control

Resurging use of the banned pesticide DDT to prevent malaria poses dilemma for health, environment

by **Bette Hileman**

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Late last year, the U.S. Agency for International Development (**USAID**), after a long hiatus, announced that it would fund DDT spraying on the inside walls of houses to prevent malaria. For many years, USAID had supported the DDT spraying, but after the pesticide was banned in developed countries, USAID stopped funding its use.

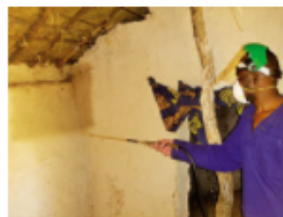
Spraying DDT on interior walls presents a dilemma. It may be the cheapest, most effective way to reduce malaria deaths in some parts of Africa. But the DDT intended for interior spraying may end up on crops, endangering wildlife and beneficial insects. Also, new evidence indicates that prenatal exposure to DDT may retard child development and lead to preterm birth.

Beginning in 1945, DDT was used extensively to eradicate malaria-carrying mosquitoes from all of southern Europe and the southern U.S. It was also widely employed for malaria control in Asia, Latin America, and Africa. By 1966, according to the **U.S. National Academy of Sciences**, DDT had saved 500 million lives.

DDT was banned in the developed world in the early 1970s because of its environmental effects. Thereafter, DDT spraying for mosquito control ceased in most of Africa, though its use was continued relatively unnoticed in South Africa, Botswana, Indonesia, and India. Declining foreign aid budgets also contributed to dwindling efforts to control mosquitoes with other insecticides or with alternative methods in less developed countries.

LINE OF DEFENSE

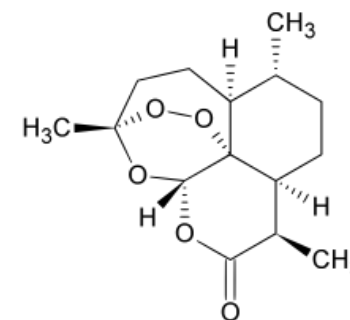
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Credit: USAID

Lambda-cyhalothrin insecticide is being sprayed on the walls of a house in Angola to prevent malaria. Spraying in Angola started last December.

"Malaria parasites have become resistant to the commonly used, inexpensive drugs chloroquine and sulfadoxine-pyrimethamine. The newer, more effective artemisinin drugs are prohibitively expensive for poor African patients."



Artemisinin

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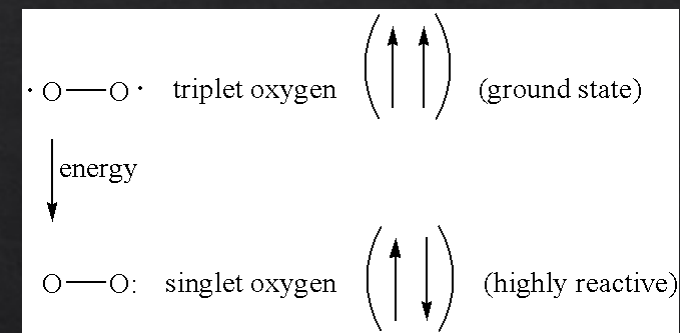
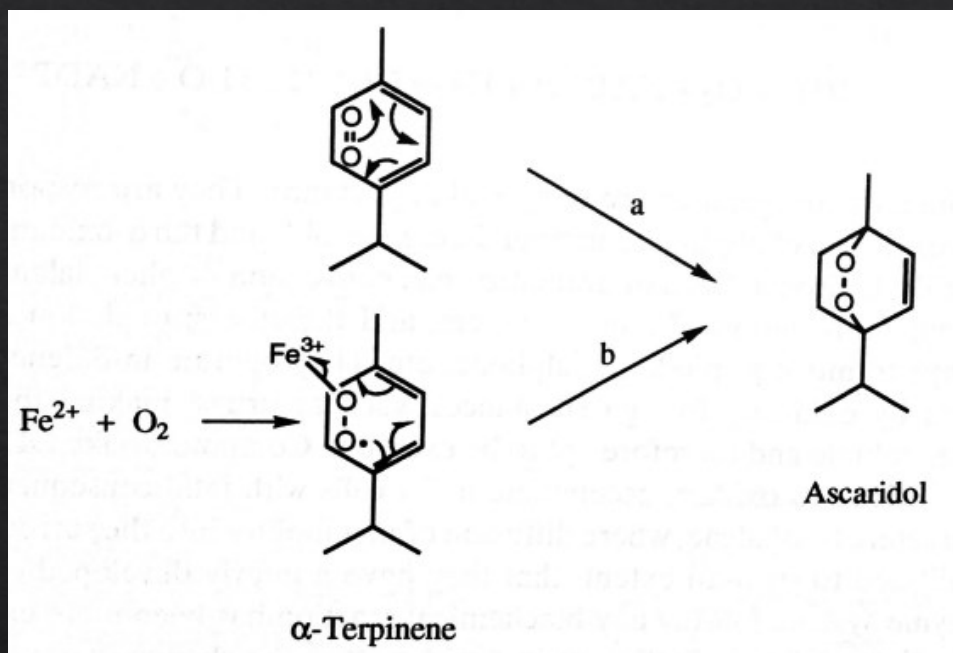
The shikimic acid pathway

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Oxidation in nature

- ◇ Singlet oxygen $^1\text{O}_2$ is a short lived and very reactive molecule which is thought to participate in oxidations in nature.
- ◇ Triplet oxygen $^3\text{O}_2$ is nevertheless the most plausible oxidizing agent.



Possible pathways to the biosynthesis of ascaridol from α -Terpinene

- (a) Using $^1\text{O}_2$
- (b) Using $^3\text{O}_2$ (iron catalyzed)

Reduction of oxygen to water

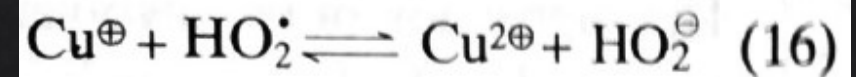
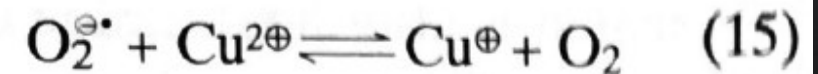
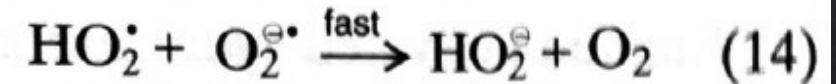
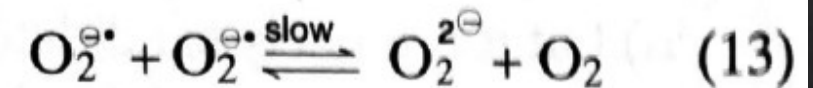
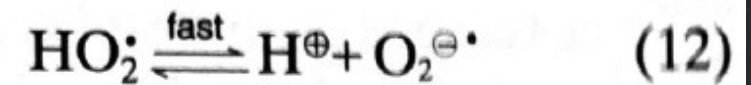
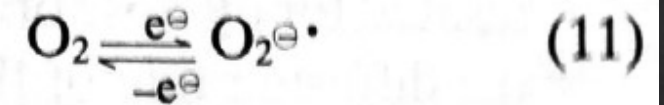
(11) Formation of the superoxide radical ion (**not an oxidant**)

(12) Hydrogen peroxide radical formation (at physiological pH, this acidic form is barely present).

(13-16) Impurities and moisture cause a slow formation of peroxide and oxygen (electron transfer). This is accelerated with the protonated specie, and with copper ions.

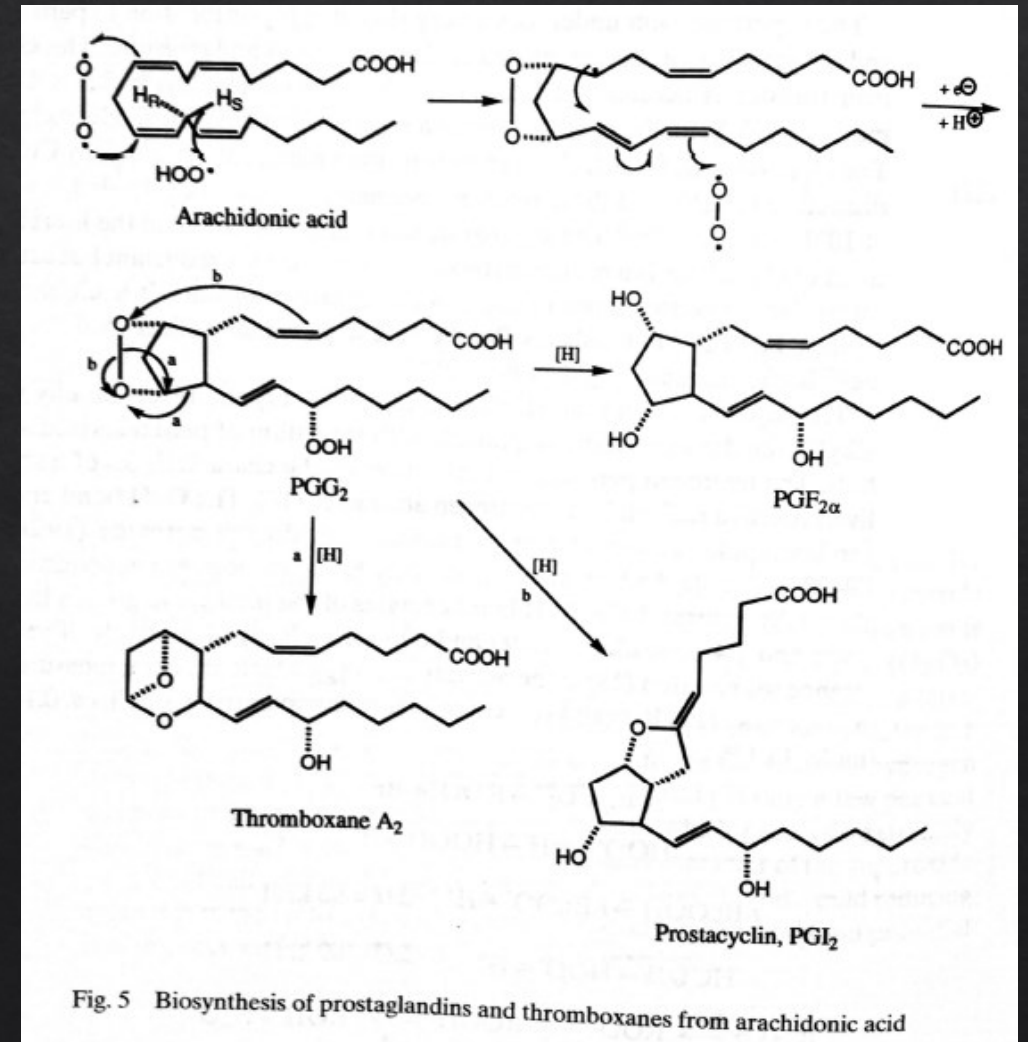
$\text{O}_2^{\cdot-}$: Good nucleophile and mild reducing agent (ex: reaction with alkyl bromide)

HO_2^{\cdot} : Strong oxidant, hydrogen abstractor (on unsaturated hydrocarbons, or activated saturated hydrocarbons)

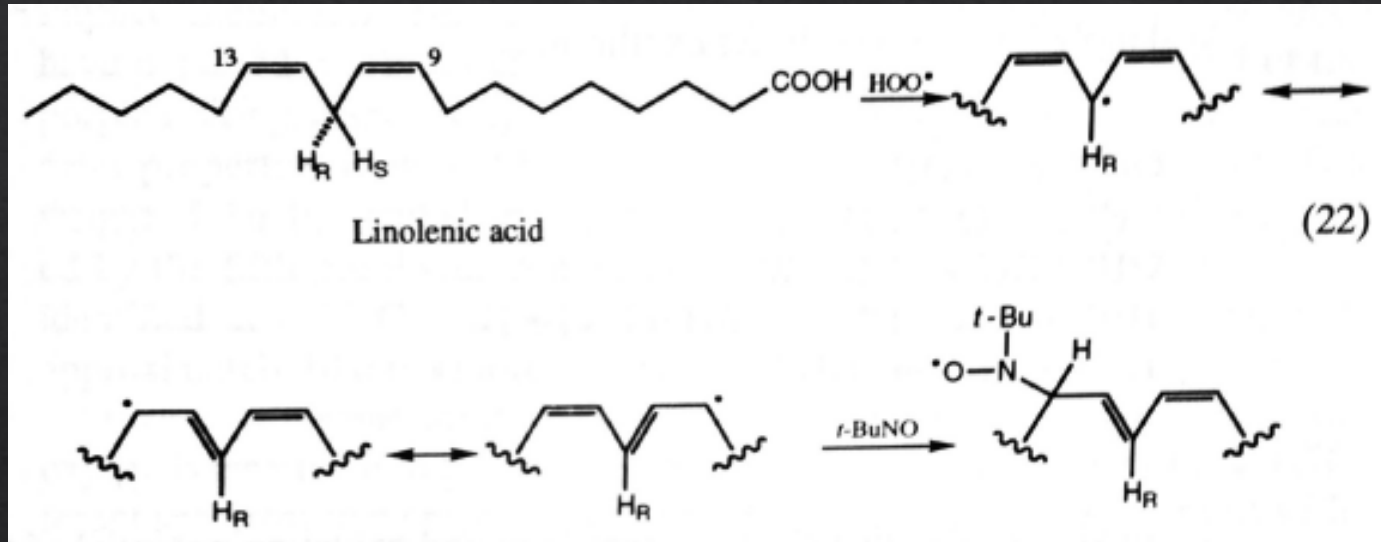


Involvements of O_2^- in biological hydroxylation

- ◇ Peroxide is often the first intermediate in aliphatic hydroxylation.
- ◇ Example: Biosynthesis of prostaglandins (very important molecules in animals, having diverse hormone-like effects in animals)
 - ◇ A radical is formed by hydrogen abstraction, leading to a cyclization
 - ◇ A peroxide is formed, and a peroxidase allow the O-O cleavage.
 - ◇ Rearrangements lead to prostacyclin, thromboxane or $\text{PGF}_{2\alpha}$



How can we know that radicals are formed ?

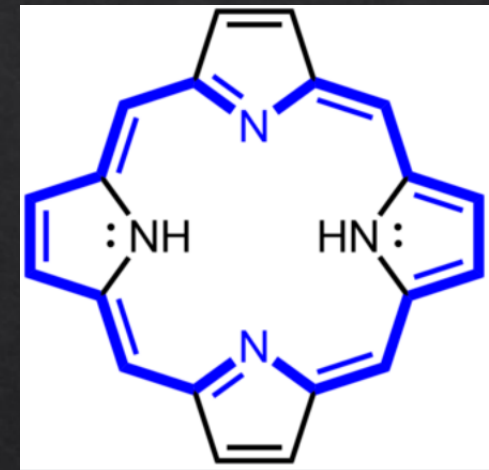
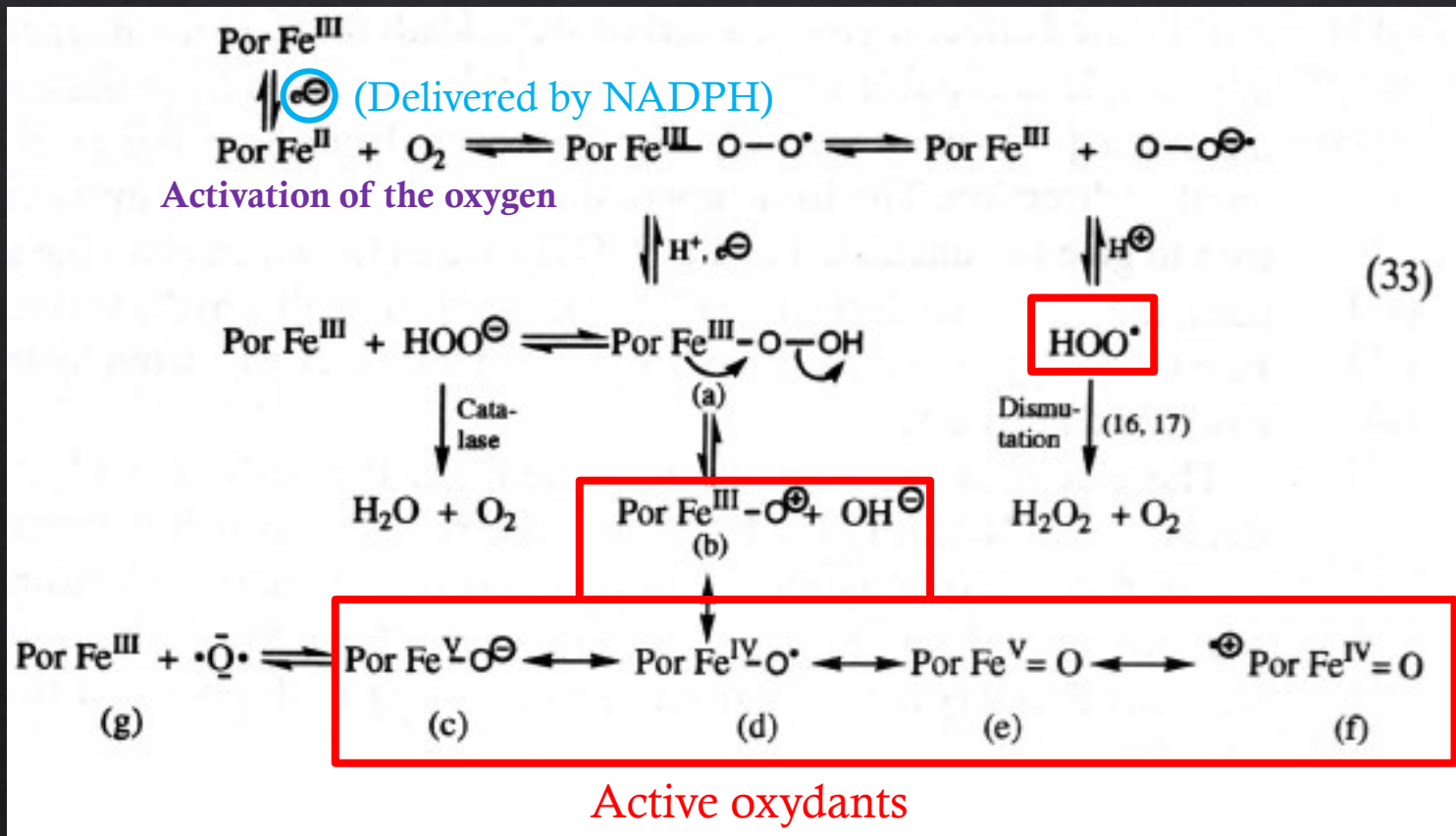


2-methyl-2-nitrosopropane is added as scavenger to a mixture of linolenic acid, oxygen and lipoxygenase.

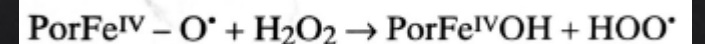
It competes with oxygen for the radical.

Hydroxylation of non-activated aliphatics

- ◇ Iron-porphyrin complexes are playing a major role.



Exemple of porphyrin



PorFe^{IV} can break non-activated C-H bonds

Oxidation of aromatics

- ◈ Oxidation of aromatics happens during their detoxifying mechanism.
- ◈ The epoxide is just an intermediate, but can still be present in significant quantities, especially in some polycyclic aromatics.
- ◈ Epoxides of polycyclic aromatics display carcinogenic properties...

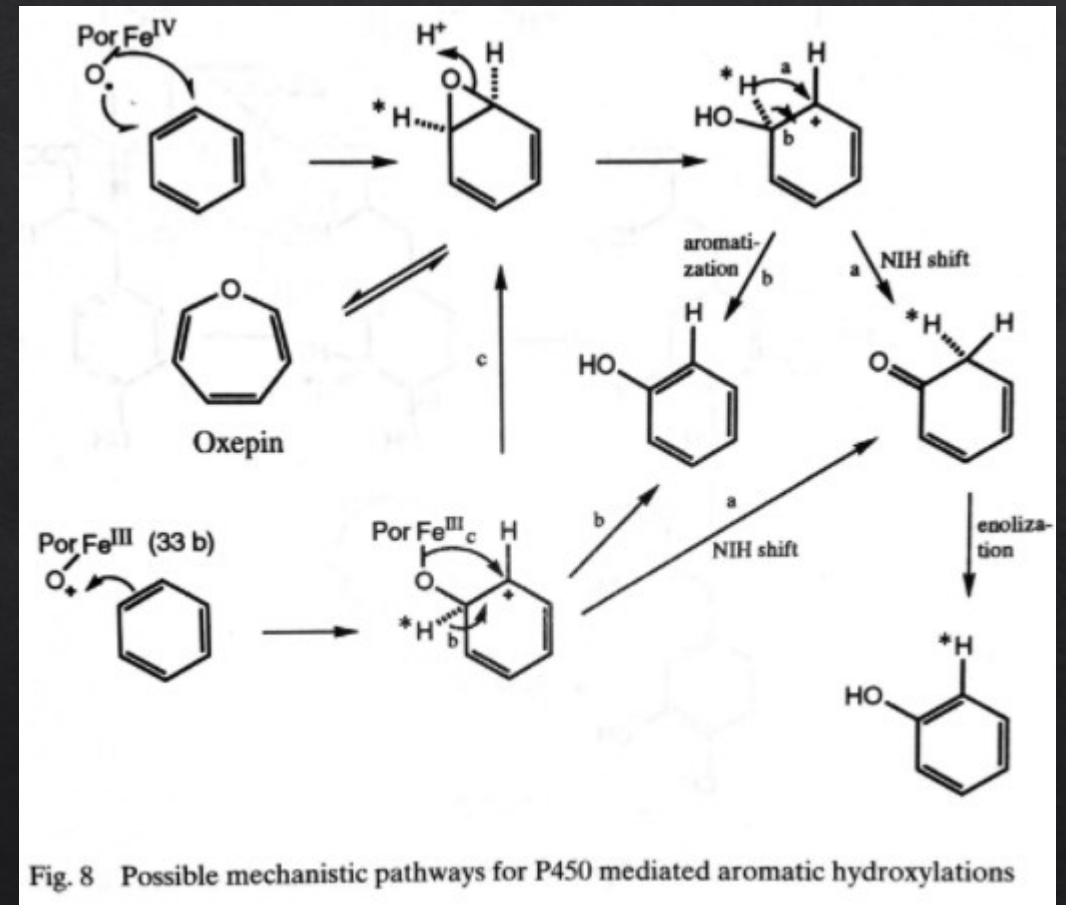


Fig. 8 Possible mechanistic pathways for P450 mediated aromatic hydroxylations

Flavin dependent oxygenases

- Flavins act as converters between 2 e⁻ oxidants (NAD⁺), and 1 e⁻ oxidants (PorFe³⁺)
- It is oxidized to its quinoid form by oxygen.
- The blue radical is also an active species in hydroxylation of phenols and indoles

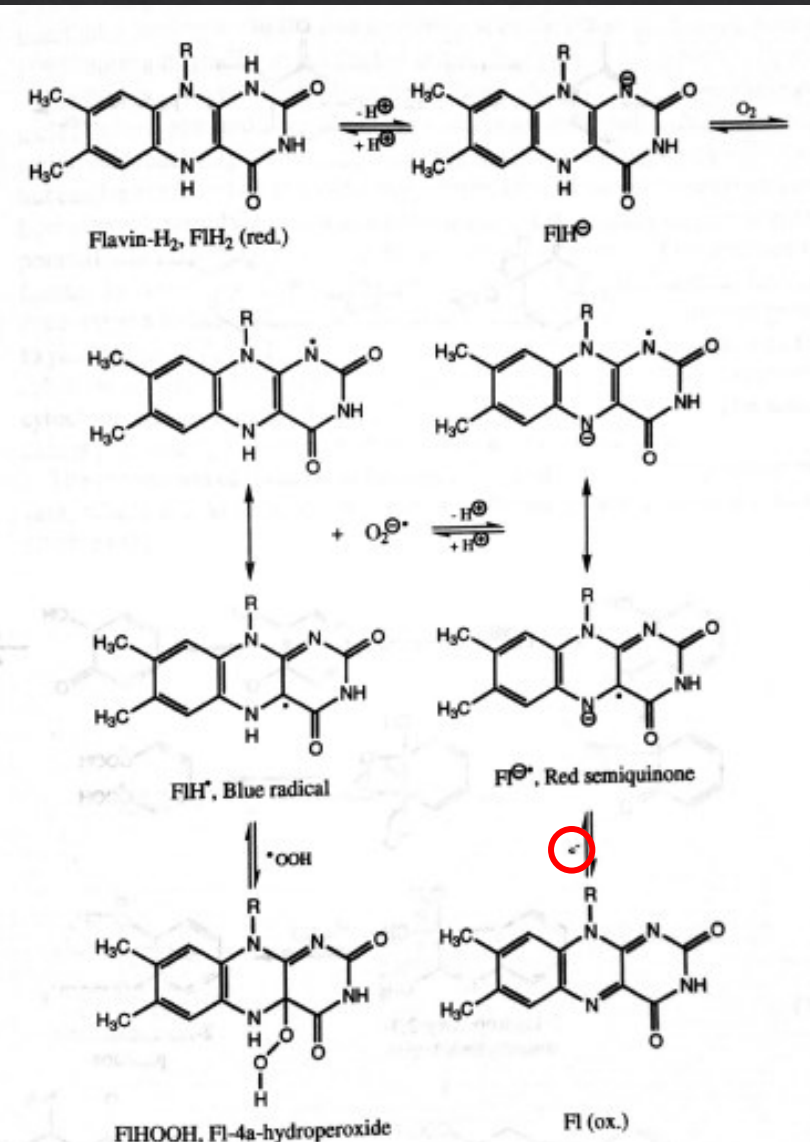
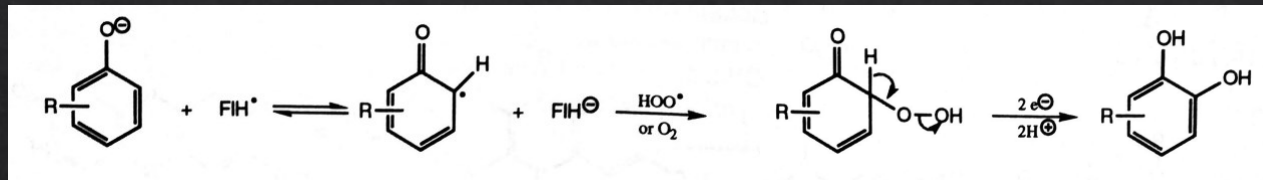
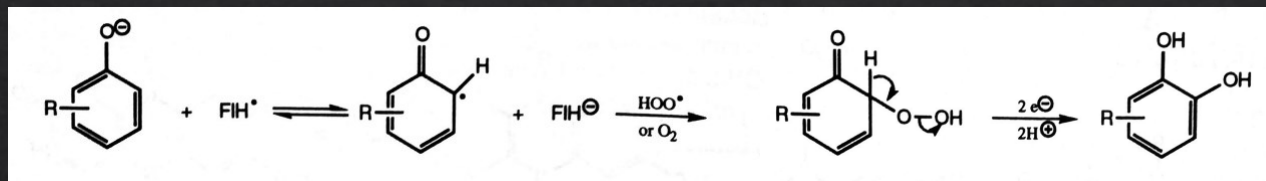


Fig. 11 Stepwise one-electron transfers; oxidation of flavin-H₂ by oxygen

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- ❖ The blue radical is also an active species in hydroxylation of phenols and indoles



- ❖ This is part of the degradation of aromatics (phenol \rightarrow catechol \rightarrow ring opening):

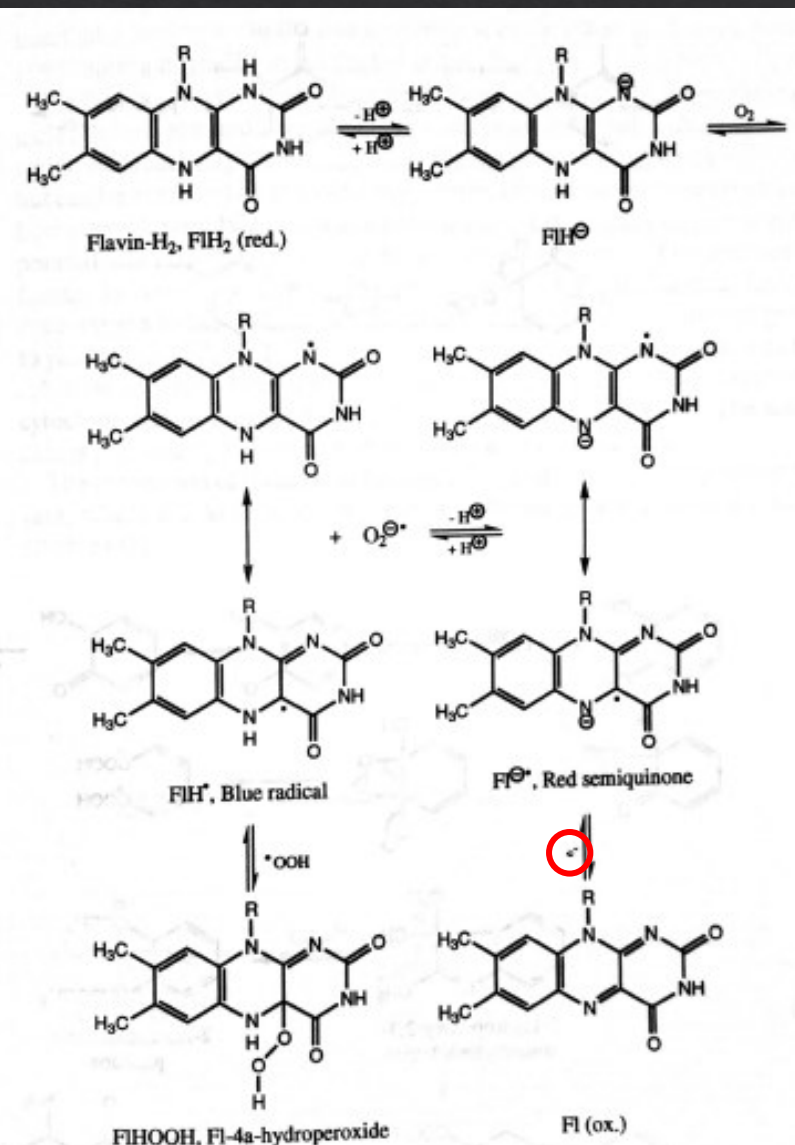
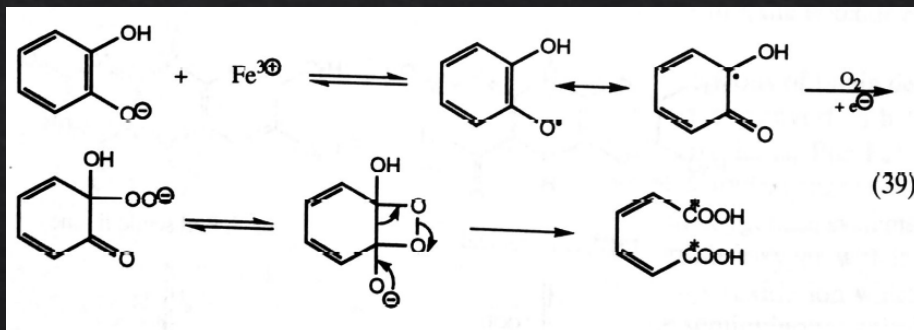


Fig. 11 Stepwise one-electron transfers; oxidation of flavin-H₂ by oxygen

Cinnamic and benzoic acid

- ❖ Cinnamic acids are widespread in nature and are formed from phenylalanine by enzymatic elimination of ammonia followed by aromatic hydroxylation and methylation.
- ❖ Enzyme: PAL (phenylalanine ammonia lyase)

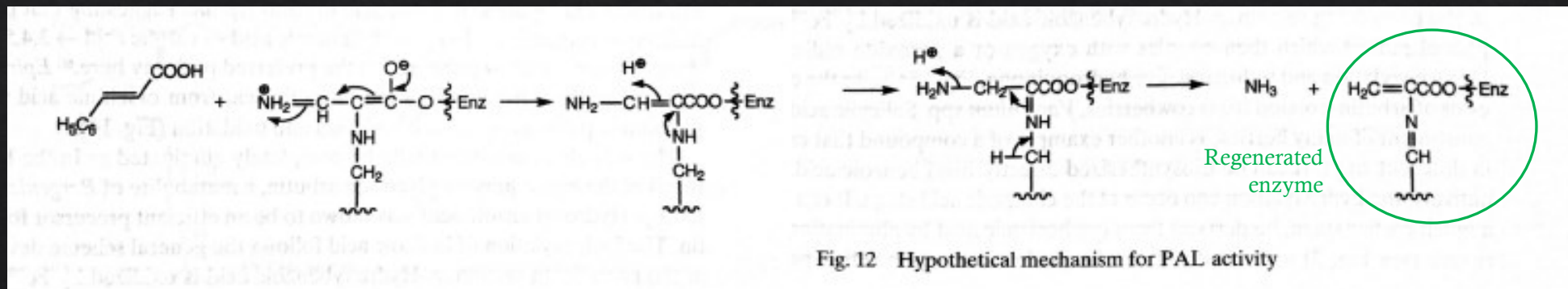
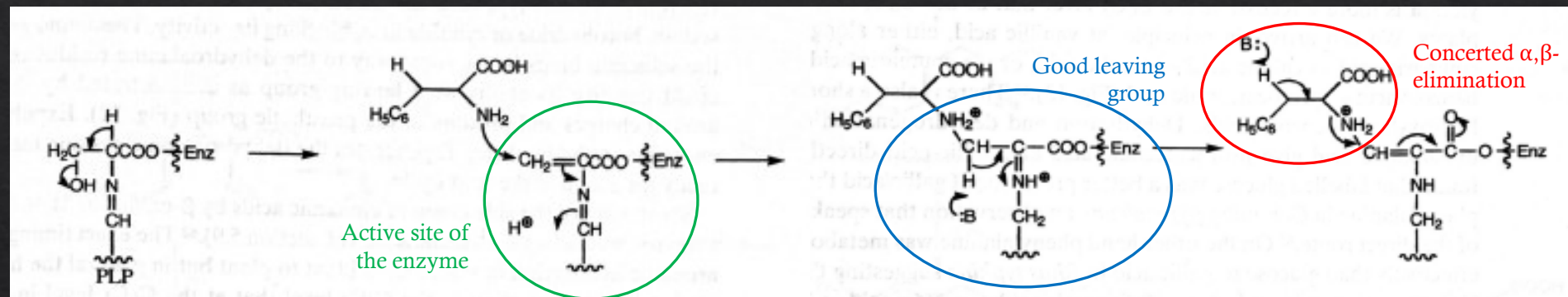


Fig. 12 Hypothetical mechanism for PAL activity

Biosynthetic network of cinnamic and benzoic acids

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 - ◇ Or by benzoic acid

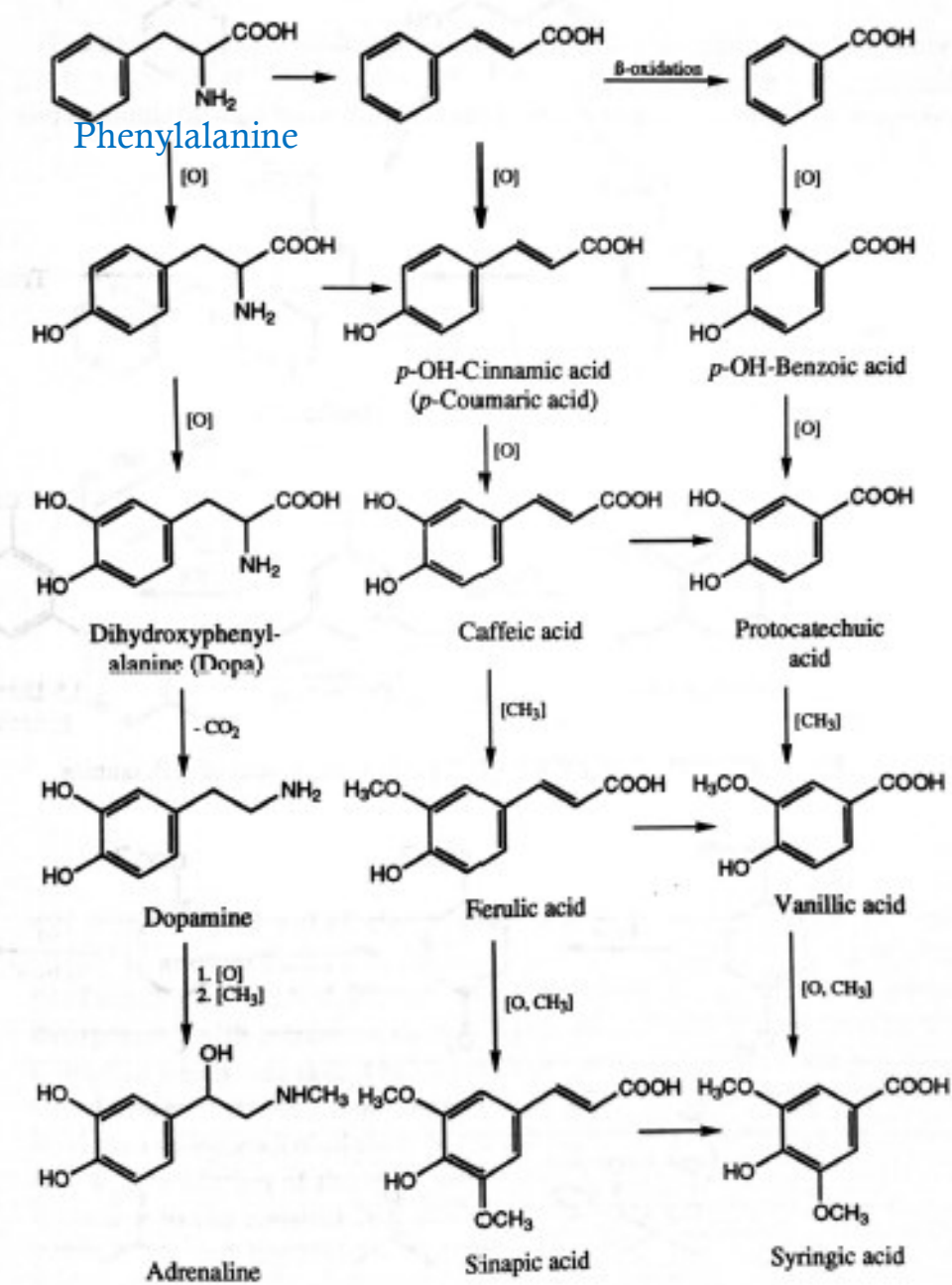


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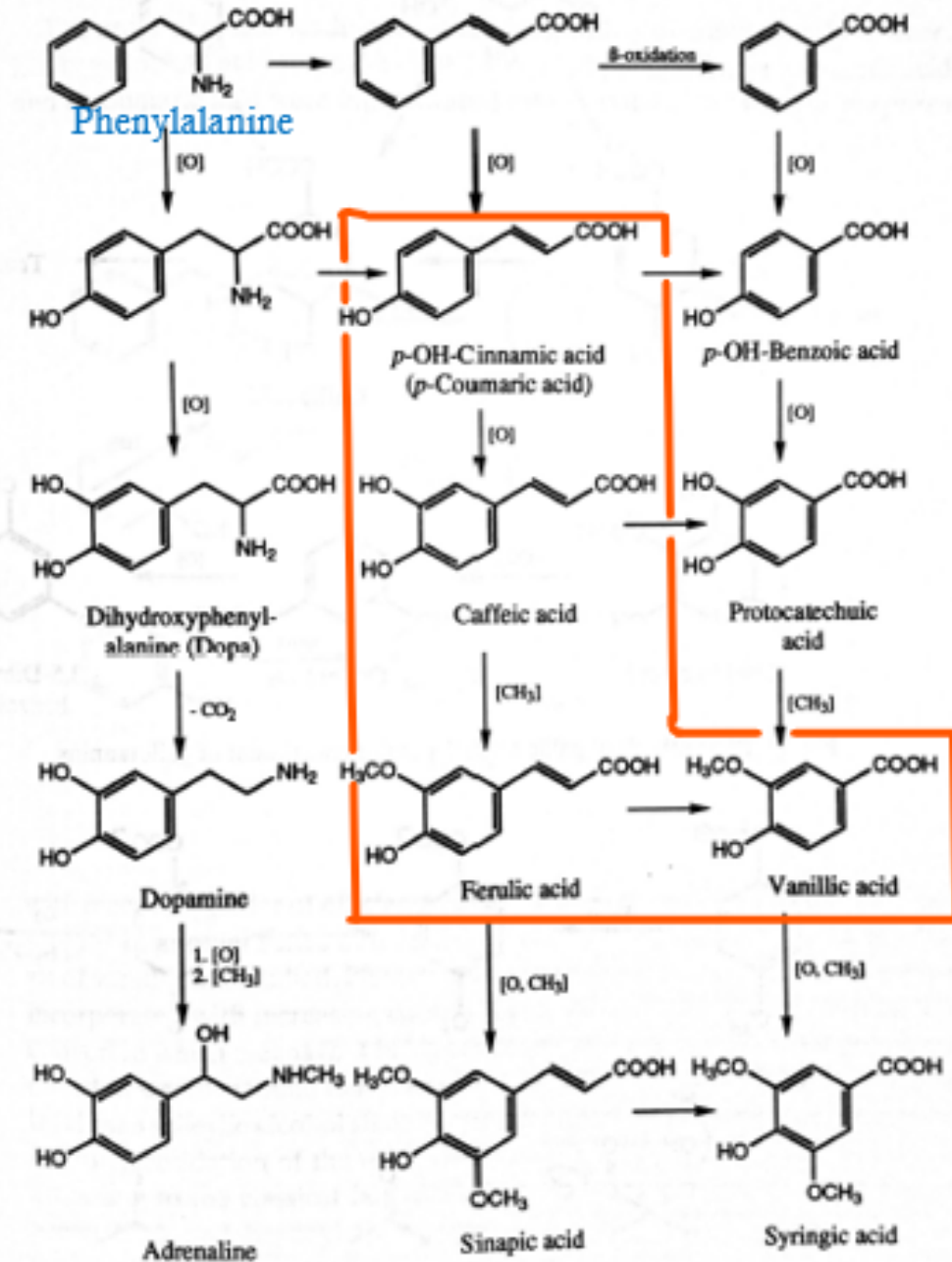


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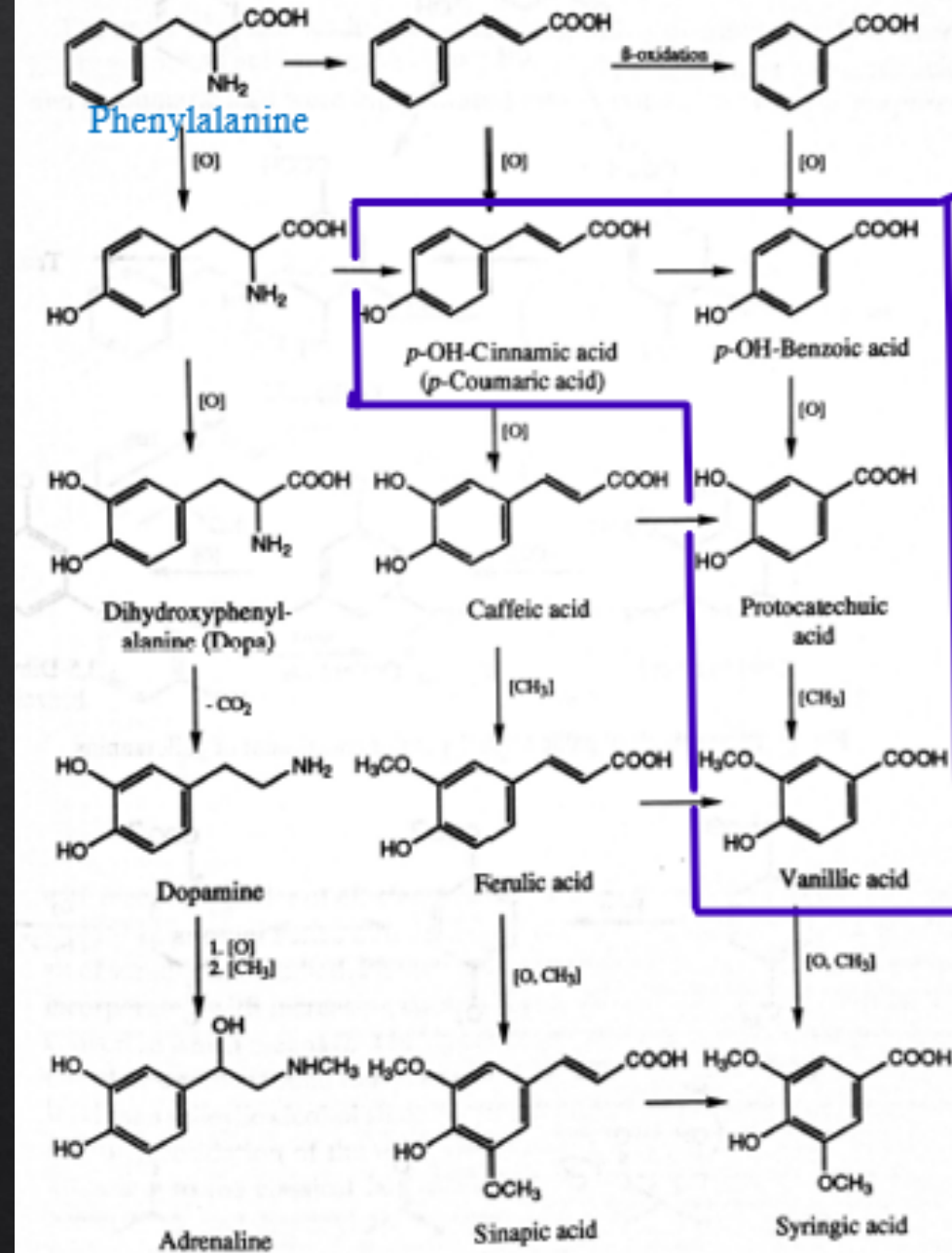
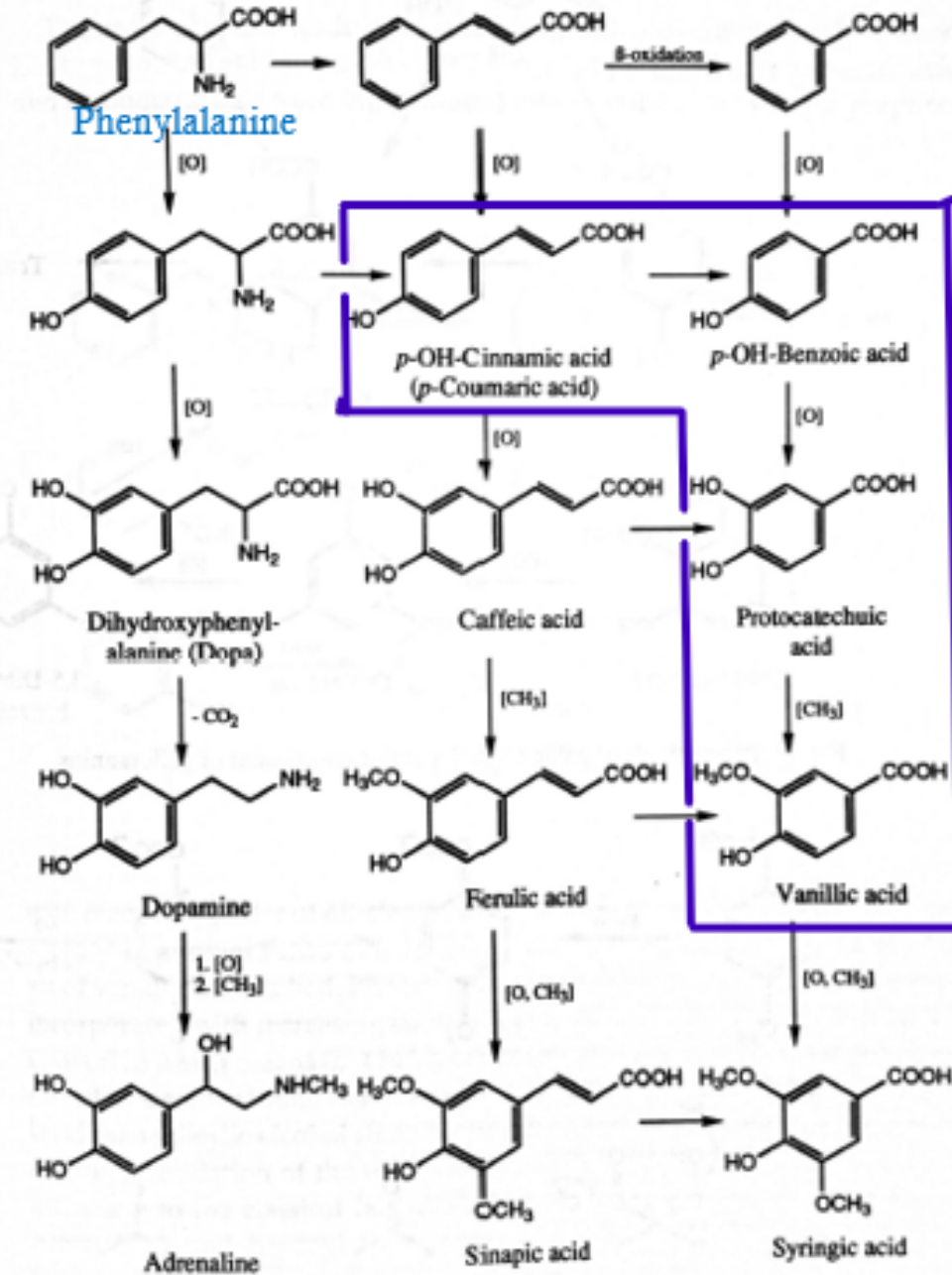
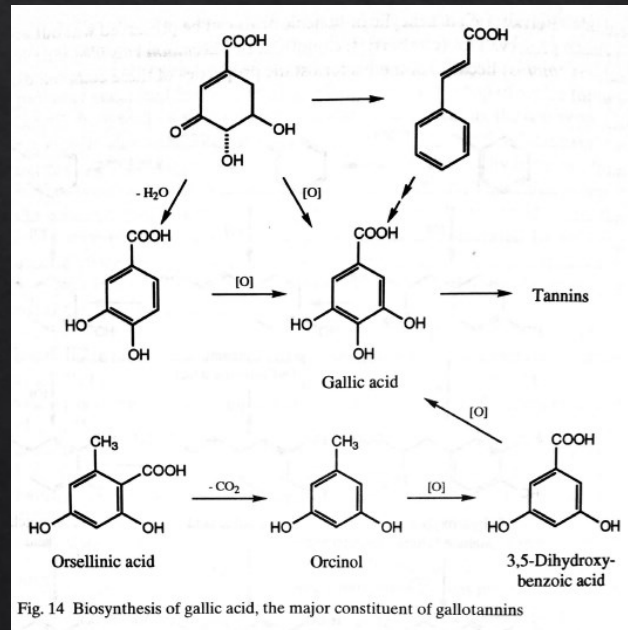


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Biosynthetic network of cinnamic and benzoic acids

- Dehydration and dehydrogenation of 3-dehydroshikimic acid leads directly to gallic acid.
- Glucose is a better precursor of gallic acid than phenylalanine in *Geranium pyrenaicum*, but not in *Rhus typhina*



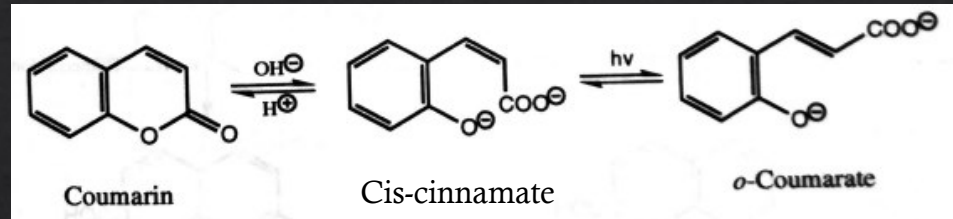
Cinnamic and benzoic acid derivatives

- ◇ In *Vanilla planifolia*, phenylalanine, cinnamic acid, and ferulic acid were better substrate to vanillin than vanillic acid.
- ◇ In higher plants, free benzoic acids are poorly reduced.

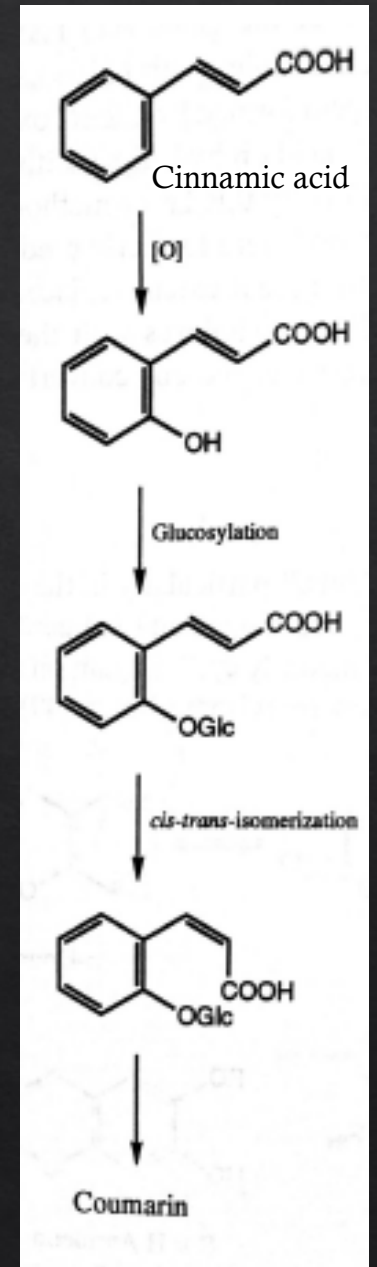


Coumarins

- ♦ Coumarins are lactones which open on treatment with base and cyclize again on acidification. Irradiation causes cis-trans isomerization of the cis-cinnamate.

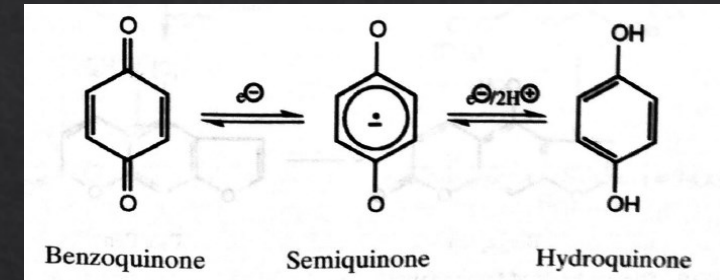


- ♦ Coumarins derive from shikimic acid via cinnamic acids.



Quinones

- ♦ Quinones include some pigments, antibiotics, coenzymes, and vitamin K.
- ♦ They can serve as one-electron transfer agents.
- ♦ Quinone biosynthesis are very diverse, and two structurally resembling quinones can have very different origins.

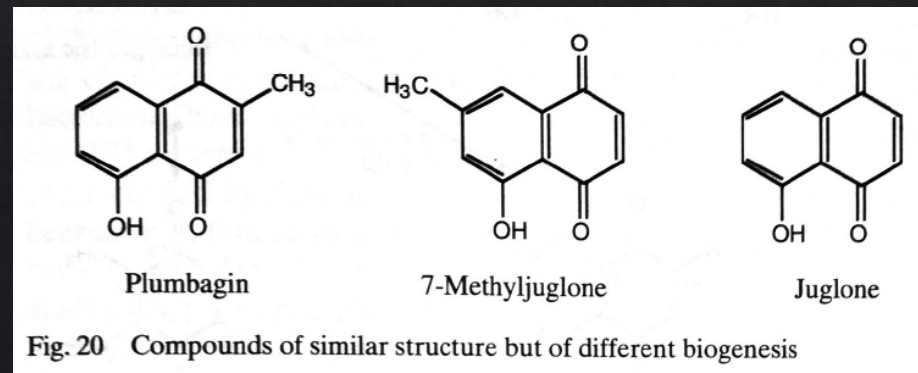


From the polyketide
pathway



Plumbago europaea

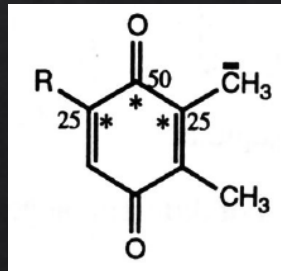
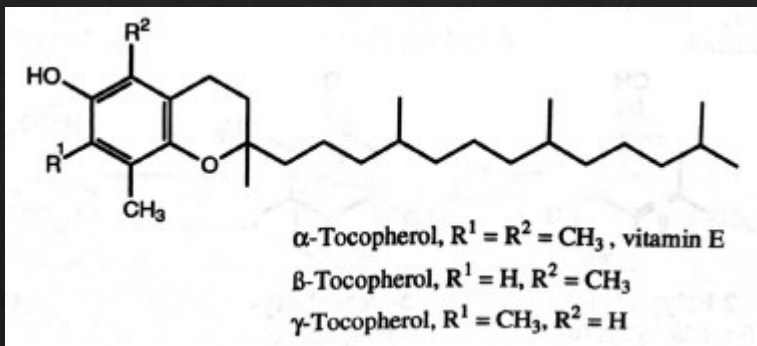
From skikimic acid



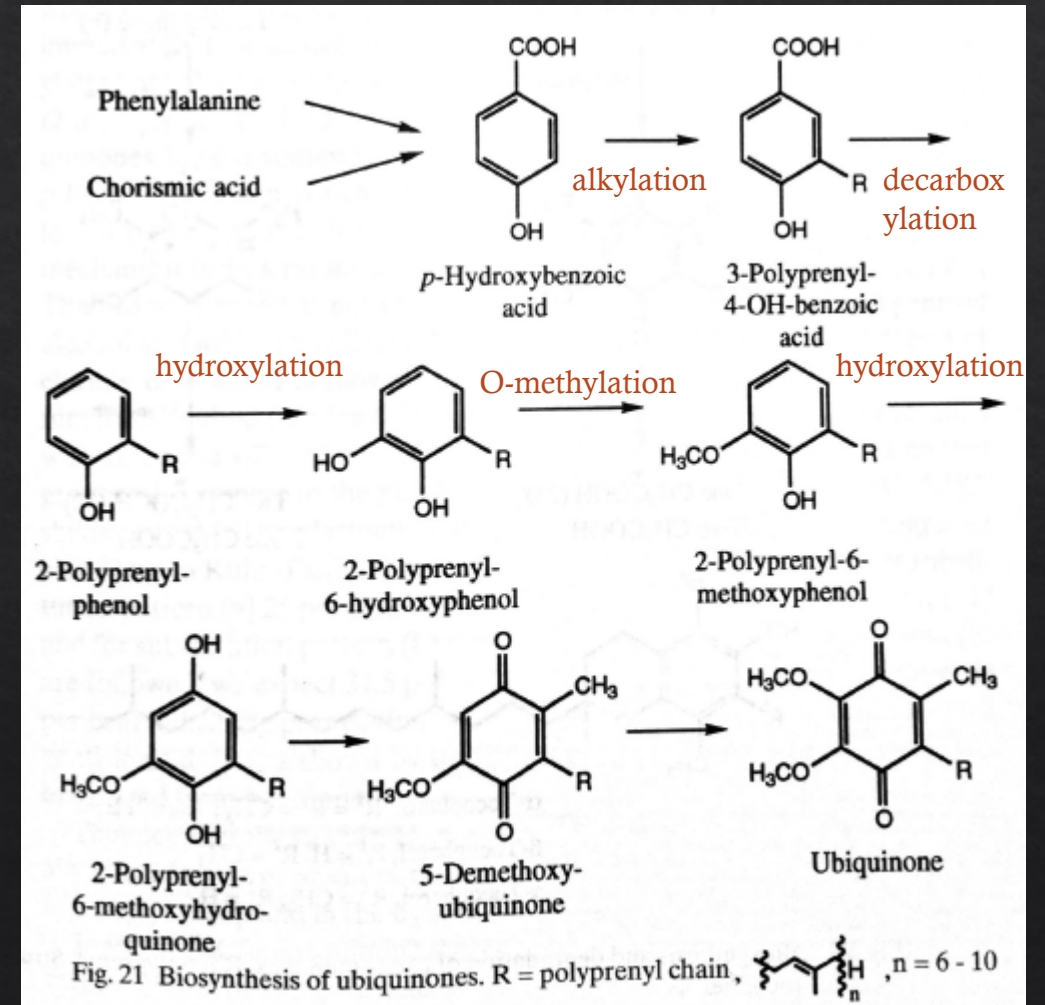
Juglans regia

Quinones

- ◊ In bacteria, p-Hydroxybenzoic acid is obtained by elimination of pyruvic acid from chorismic acid
- ◊ In plants and mammals, it is obtained by degradation of phenylalanine.
- ◊ Vitamin E is structurally related to plastoquinones

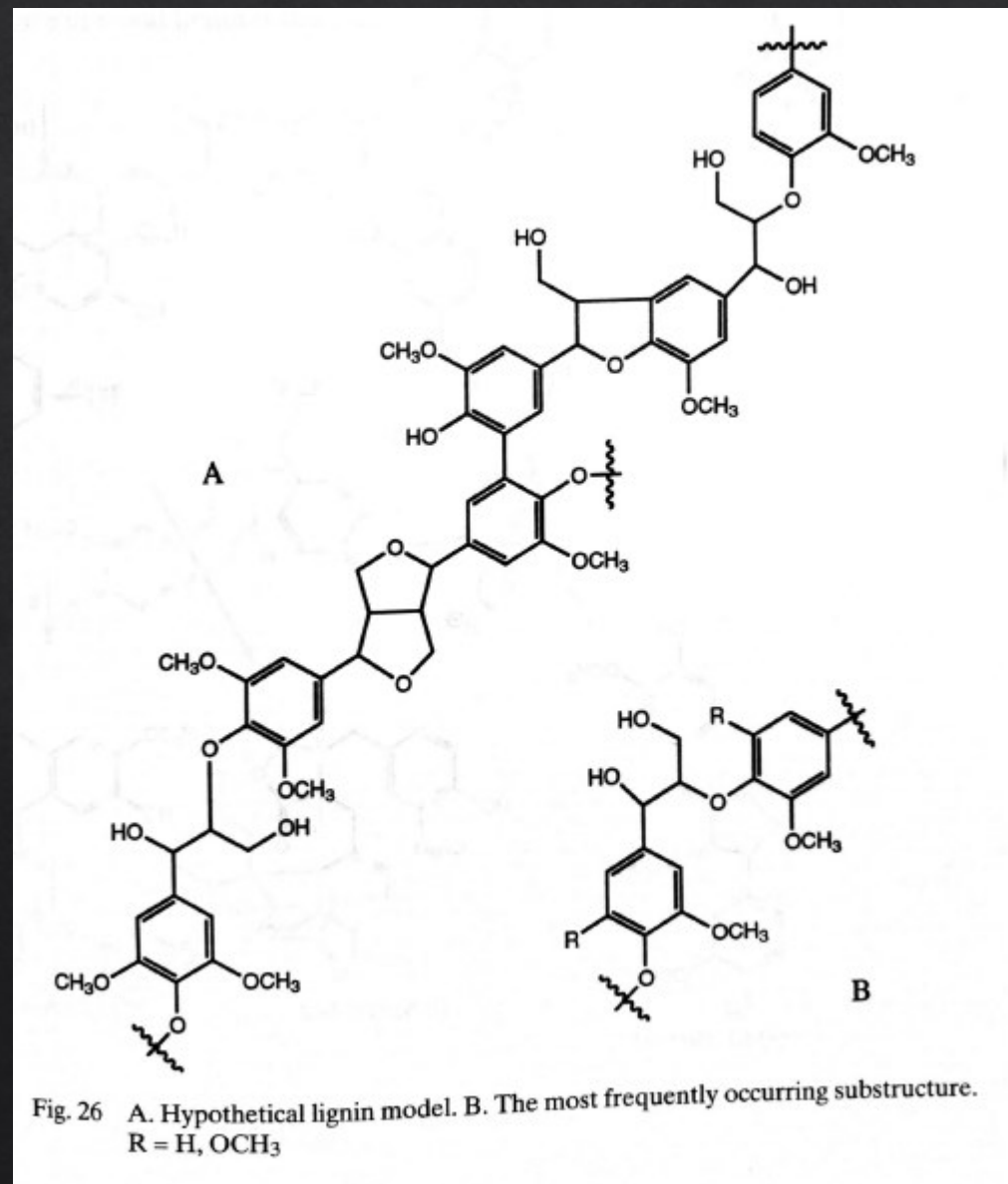
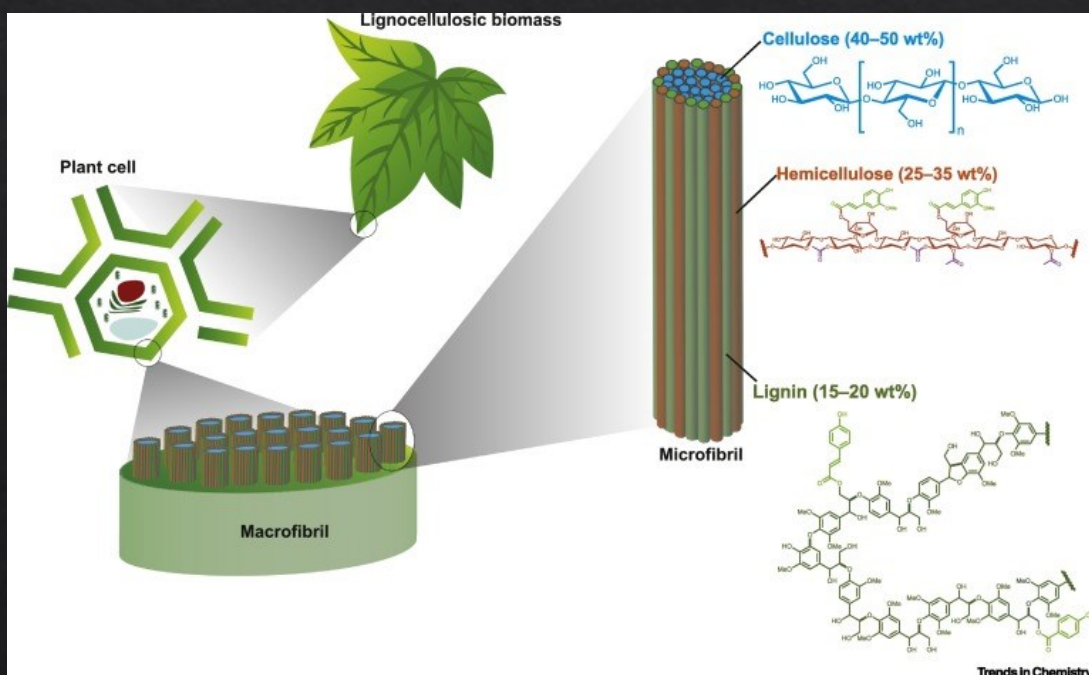


Example of plastoquinone
(derives from tyrosine)

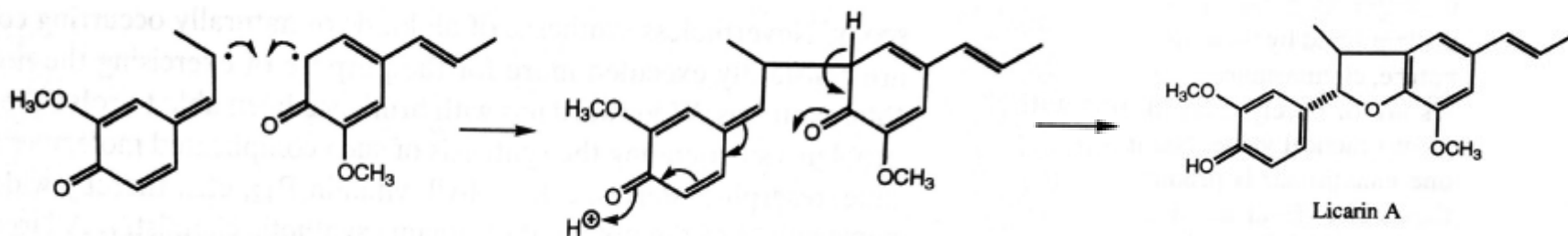
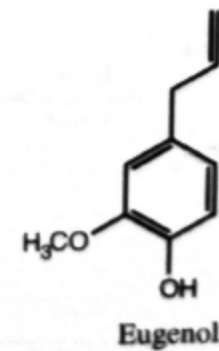
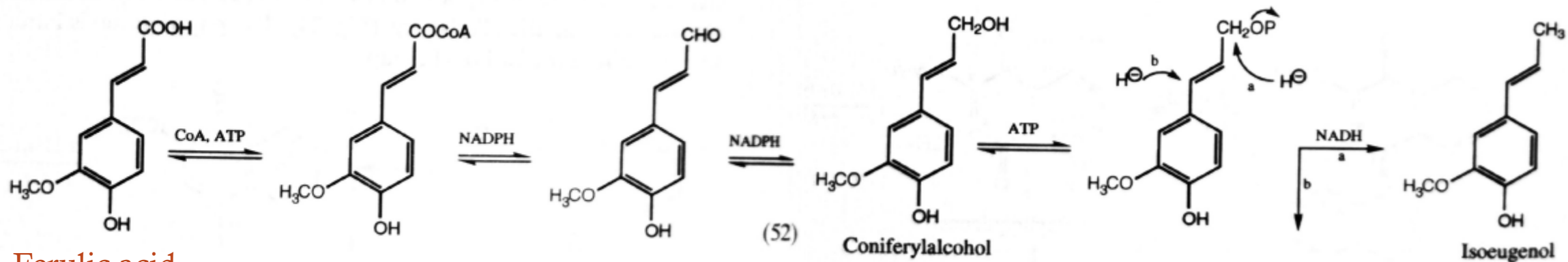


Lignin constituents

- ◆ Lignin is a polymeric network of aromatic building blocks present in all woody tissues.
- ◆ It acts as a matrix for the cellulose fibers and allows strength and stability of the cell wall.



Lignin constituents



Synthesis of natural products in the lab

- ◆ The use of cheap optically active starting material, like sugars, is of importance.
- ◆ Shikimik acid can be synthesized from the easily available D-arabinose.
- ◆ Shikimik acid contains 3 asymmetric centres, with the same absolute configuration as the 3 asymmetric centres of D-arabinose.

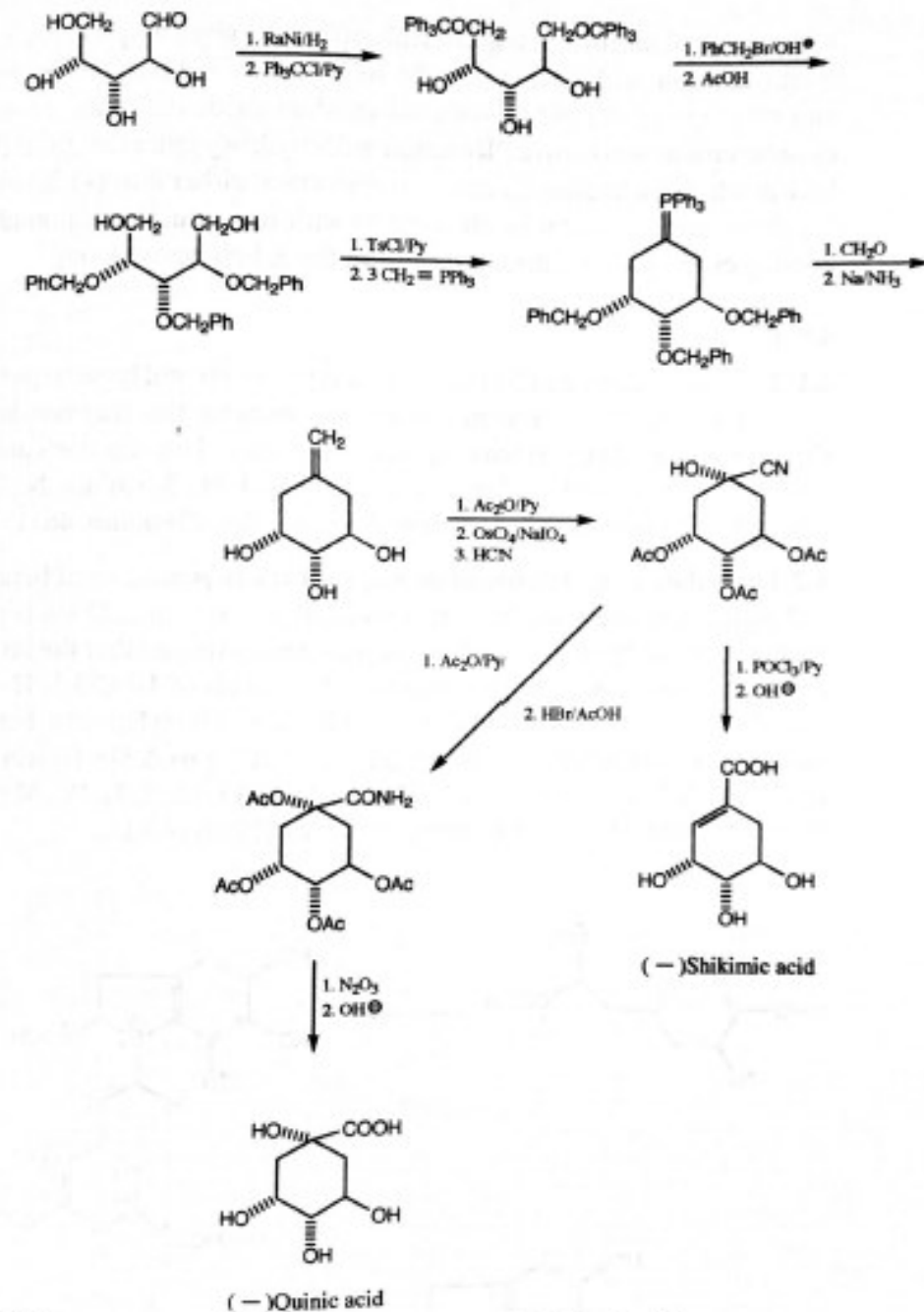


Fig. 29 Total synthesis of (-)-quinic acid and (-)-shikimic acid

Chapter 5-2

The polydetide pathway

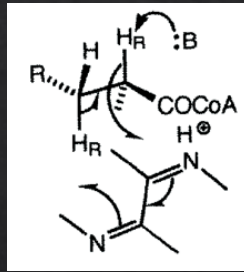
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β -Oxidation:

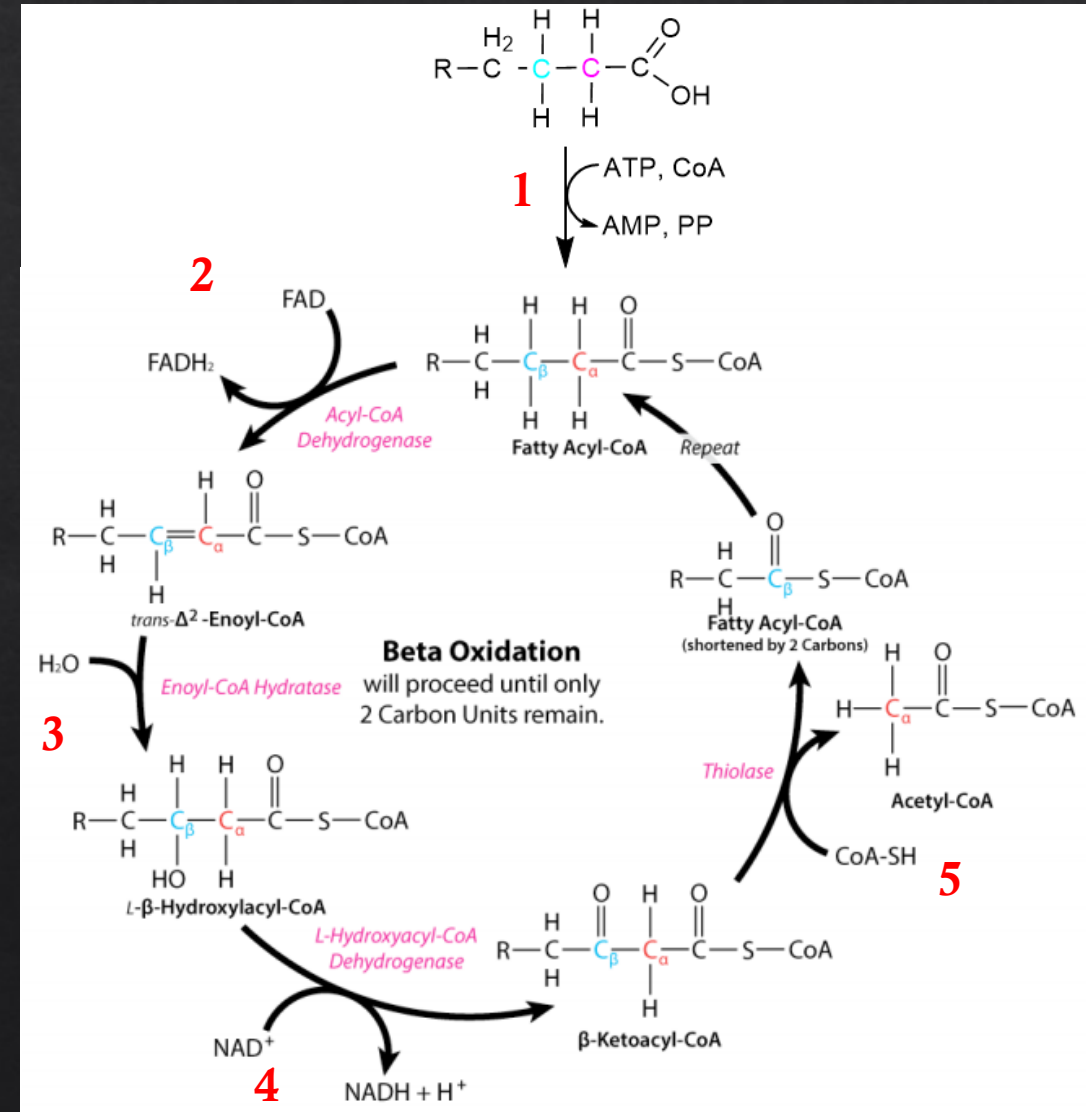
How the body uses the energy stored in fatty acids

- ◇ 1- The fatty acid is transported into the mitochondria and is esterified with CoA
- ◇ 2- Dehydrogenation (anion formation, oxidation by FAD, final H abstraction)

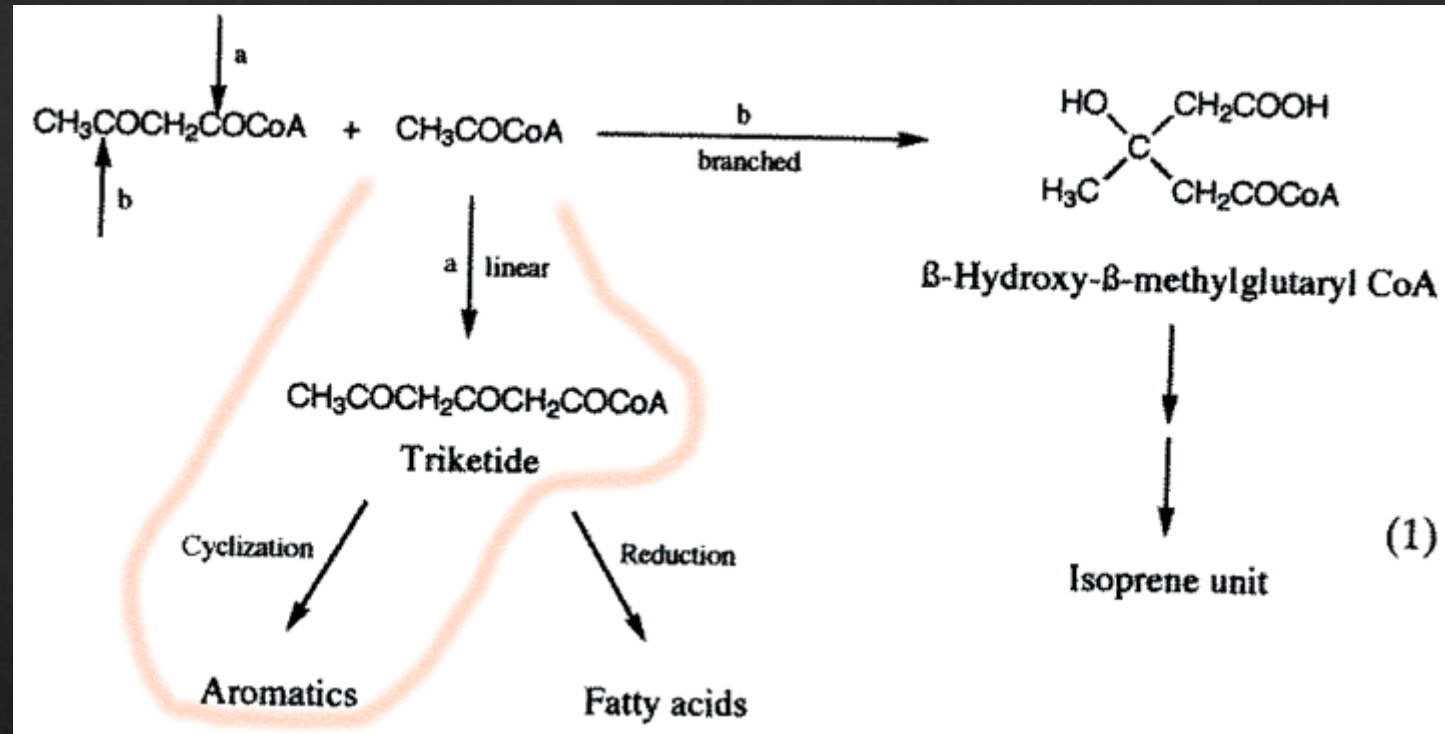


- ◇ 3- Stereospecific hydration
- ◇ 4- Oxidation by NAD^+ to a keto fatty acid
- ◇ 5- Thiolysis by another CoA molecule

Overall equation (for one cycle):



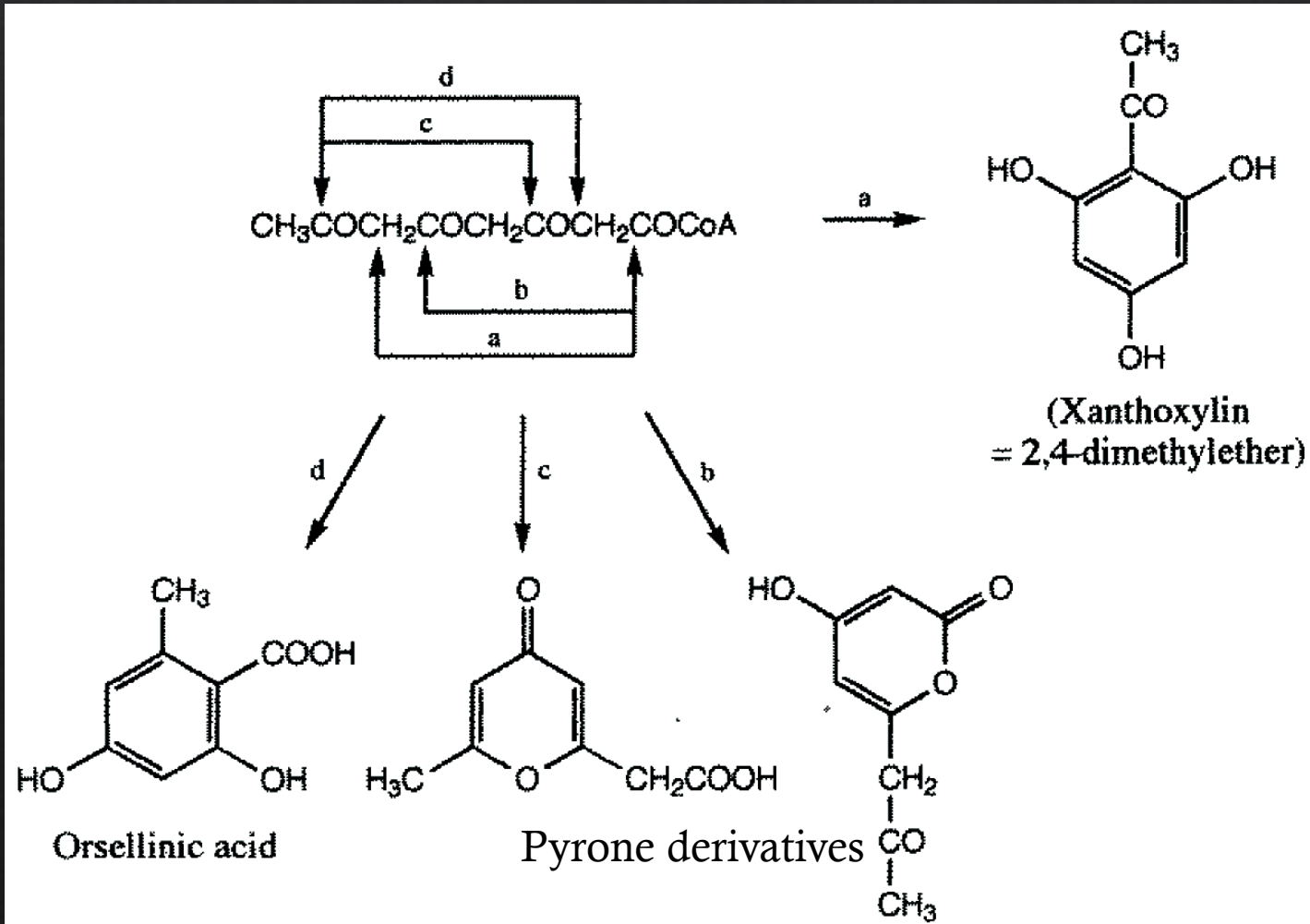
Formation of aromatics from polyketides



- ◇ Further condensations before reduction lead to the very reactive β-polyketoesters. They can be temporarily stabilized by bonding on an enzyme for further building.
- ◇ They undergo cyclization, leading to aromatics.

Formation of aromatics from polyketides

◇ Tetraketides can cyclize in different ways:

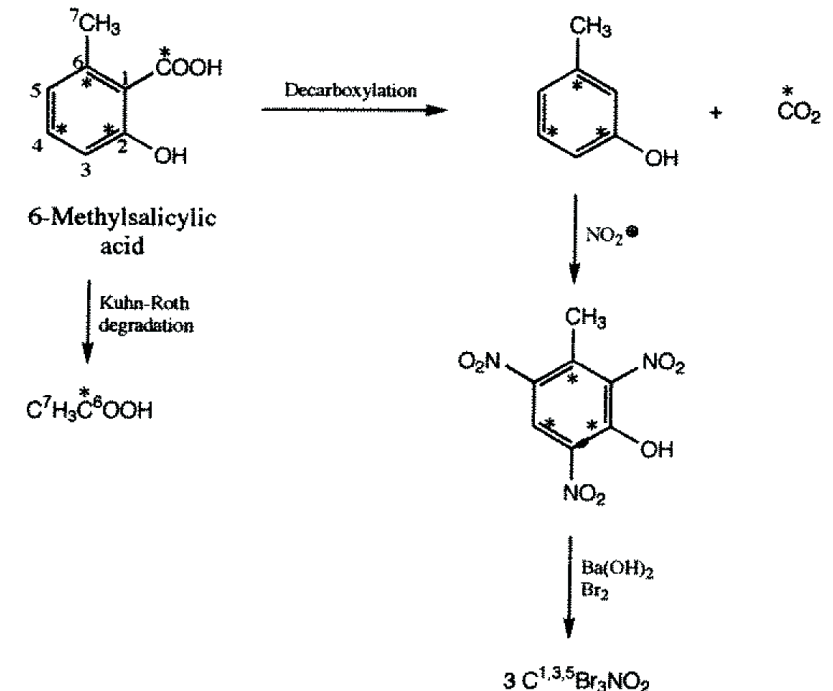
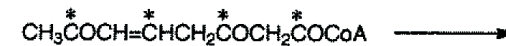


A lot of metabolites can be synthesized, depending on:

- The chain initiating unit
- The number of acetyl CoA involved
- The mode of cyclization
- The condensation of separately synthesized polyketides
- The secondary processes (halogenation, alkylation, redox reactions,...)

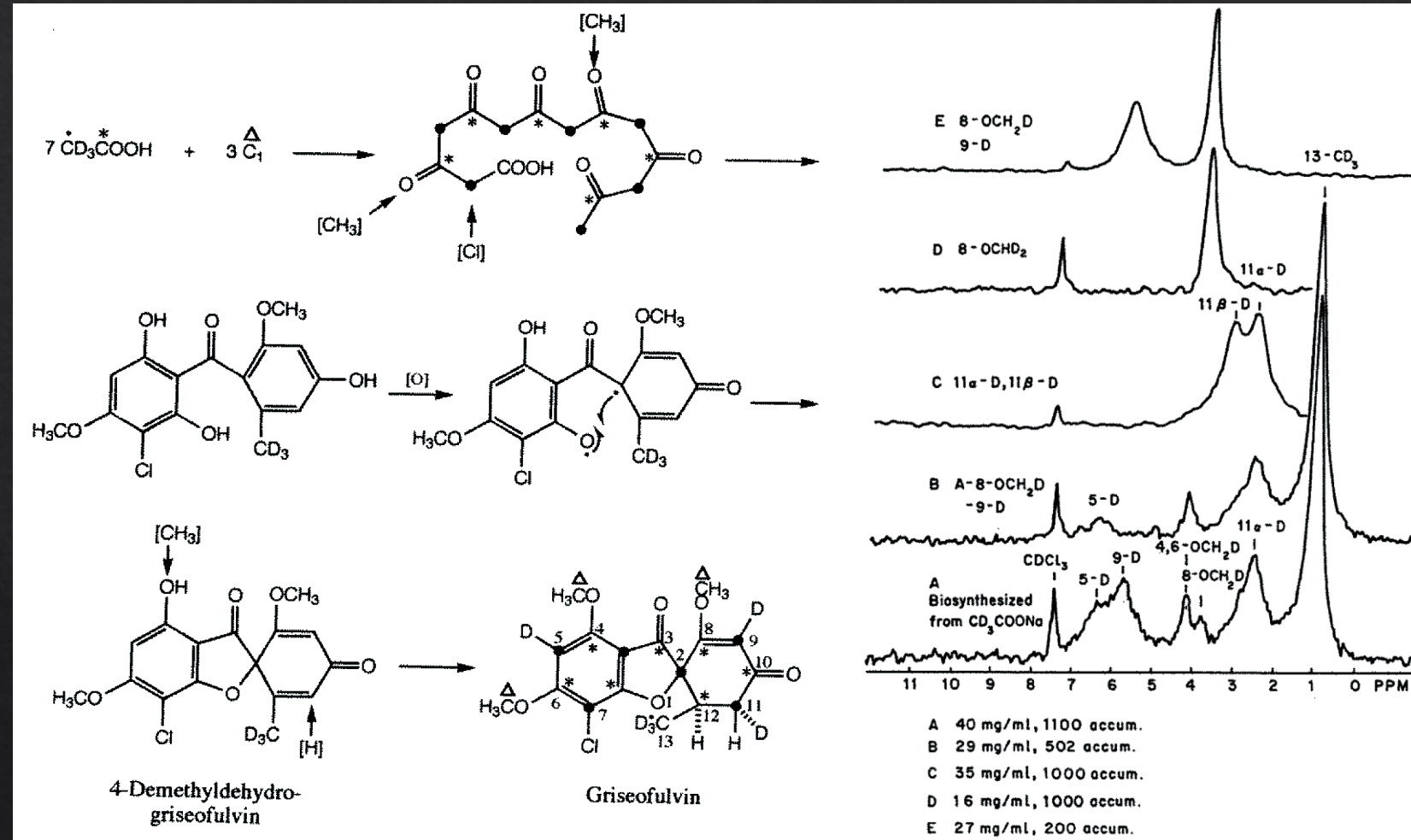
Confirmation of the acetate hypothesis

- ◇ Birch was the first to formulate the acetate hypothesis.
- ◇ First confirmations:
- ◇ By feeding the plant with marked starting materials, and then chemically degrading the product.
 - ◇ The Kuhn-Roth degradation allow us to analyze C6 and C7 activity.
 - ◇ The other pathway allow us to verify the absence of activity on carbons 1,3 and 5, and the activity of the CO₂ released.



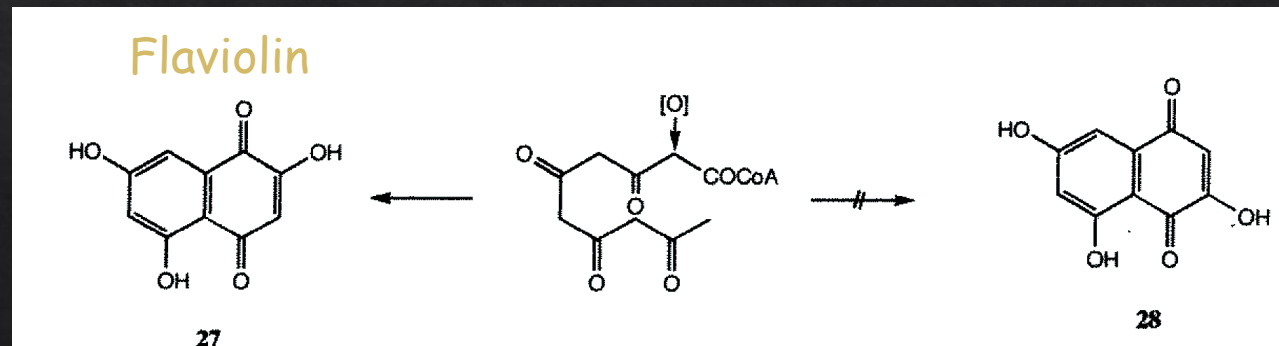
Confirmation of the acetate hypothesis

- Chemical degradation is a very complex process, especially for big molecules.
- Today, ^2H -, ^3H - and ^{13}C -labelled compounds can be synthesized, and analyzed by NMR.
 - ^3H -NMR: Slightly negative NOE effect, which can allow us to measure the isotopic content in a molecule.
 - ^2H -NMR: Inexpensive, stable, low natural abundance (shorter relaxation time), no NOE, but low sensitivity
 - ^{13}C -NMR: Stable, but higher natural abundance and low sensitivity. Some techniques can increase signal intensity and maintain some hydrogen coupling information (off-resonance technique)



Derivation of structure

- ◇ Usually, aromatic products coming from polyketide have a pattern of meta-hydroxy substitution. Those coming from shikimic acid have ortho-hydroxy substitution. Structure can often help to determine the origin of a molecule, even if it is not always accurate.
- ◇ Two structures of Flaviolin were considered, and one intermediate was known. Structure 28 is not likely to be the good one.



Flavonoids

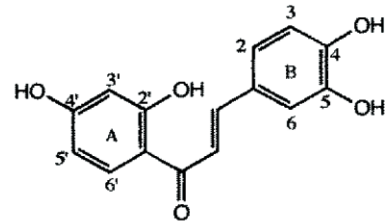
Flavonoids are coloring substances present in flowers and fruits.



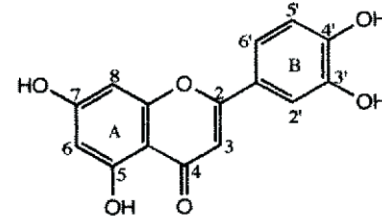
Dahlia



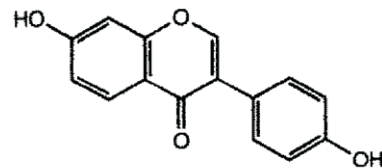
Soybeans (daidzu (大豆) in japanese)



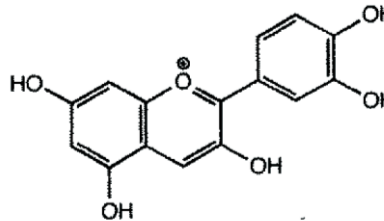
Butein
(Chalcone)



Luteolin
(Flavone)



Daidzein
(Isoflavone)



Cyanidin
(Anthocyanidin)



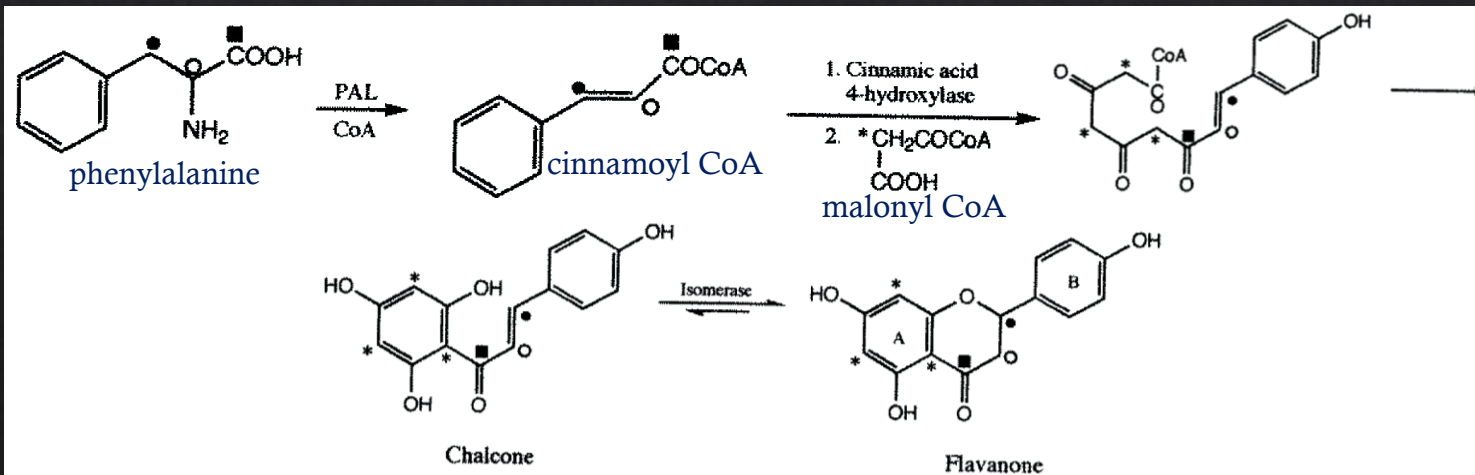
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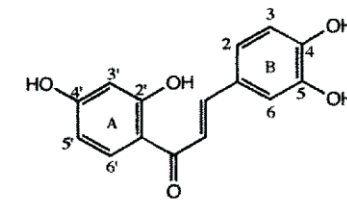
Ipomoea purpurea

Flavonoids

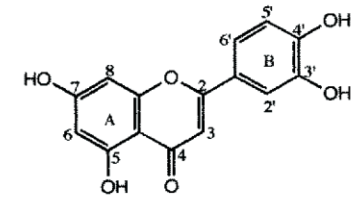
- ♦ Flavonoids are coloring substances present in flowers and fruits.
- ♦ Flavones: yellow or orange
- ♦ Antocyanidins: Red, purple or blue
- ♦ They are composed of two hydroxylated aromatic rings, A and B, joint by a three carbon fragment.



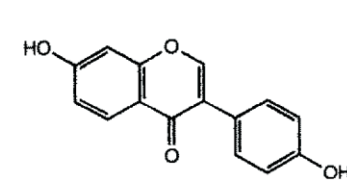
Biosynthesis of the basic flavone skeleton



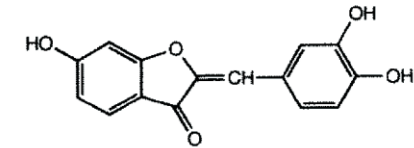
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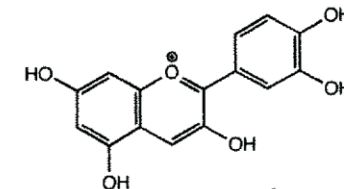
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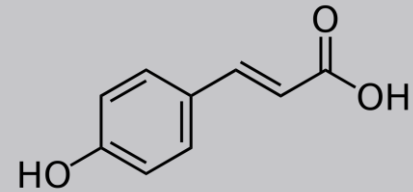
Sulphuretin
(Aurone)



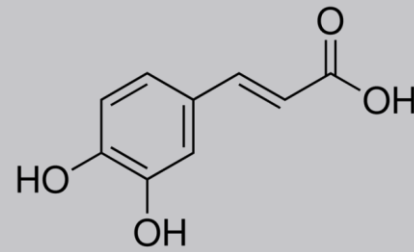
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Flavonoids

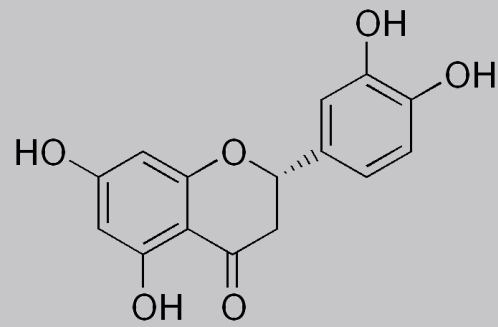
- ◈ In *Haplopappus gracilis*, p-hydroxycinnamic acid is used efficiently at pH 8 to synthesize eriodictyol, but at pH 7, caffeic acid is preferred.



p-Hydroxycinnamic acid



Caffeic acid



Eriodictyol

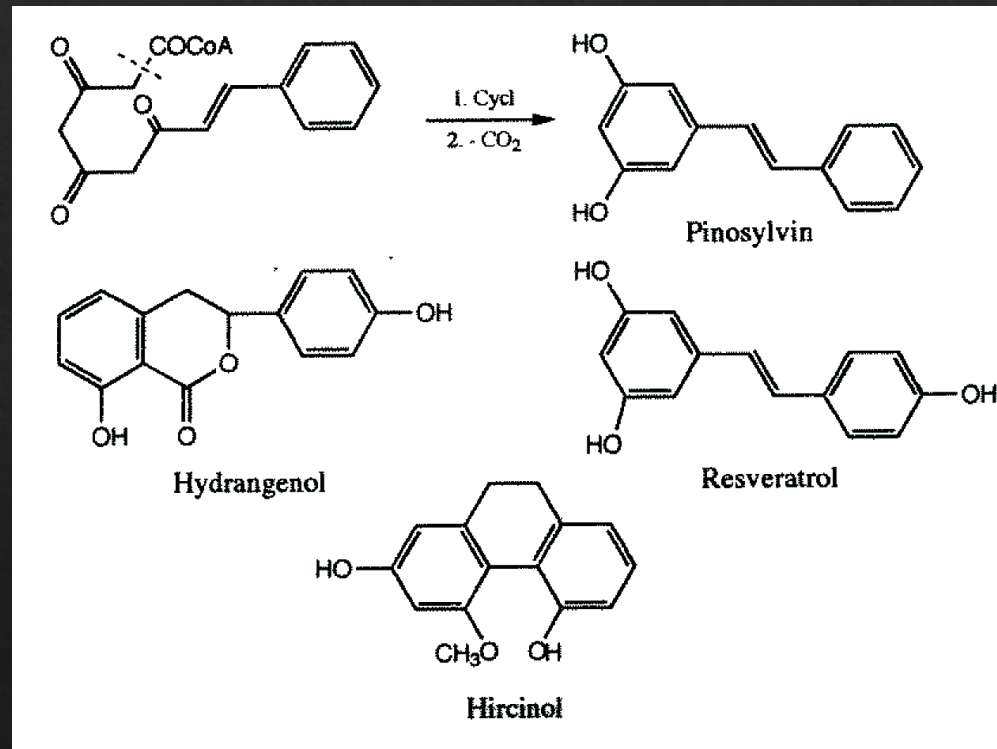


Stilbenes

- Stilbenes are structurally close to flavonoids, and their biosynthesis results from a slightly different folding of the polyketide. They are often formed by plants in response to microbial attack or stress.



Hydrangea macrophylla (hortensia)

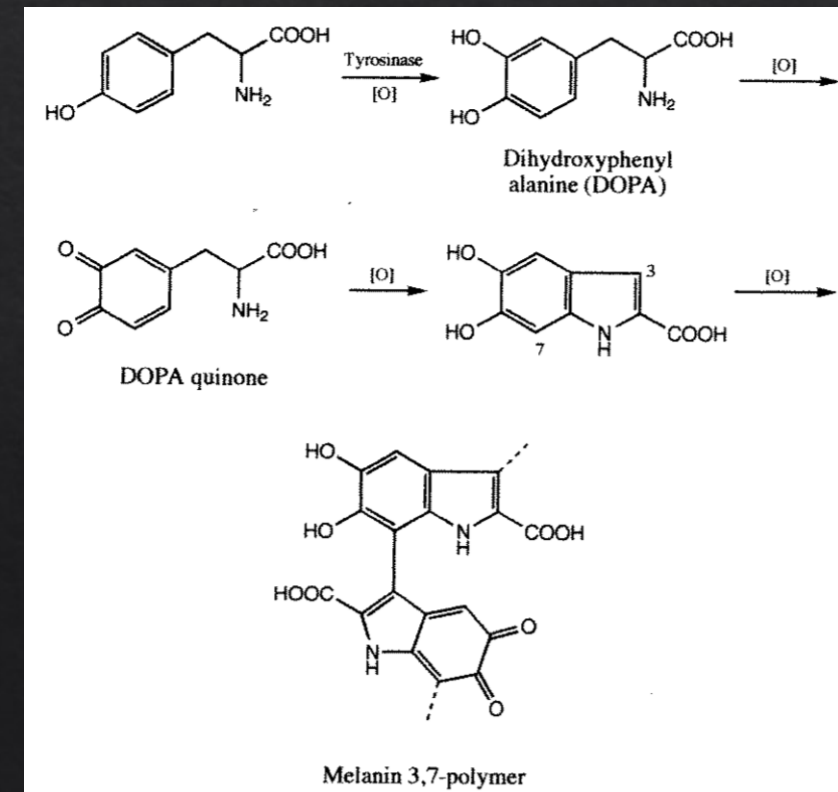
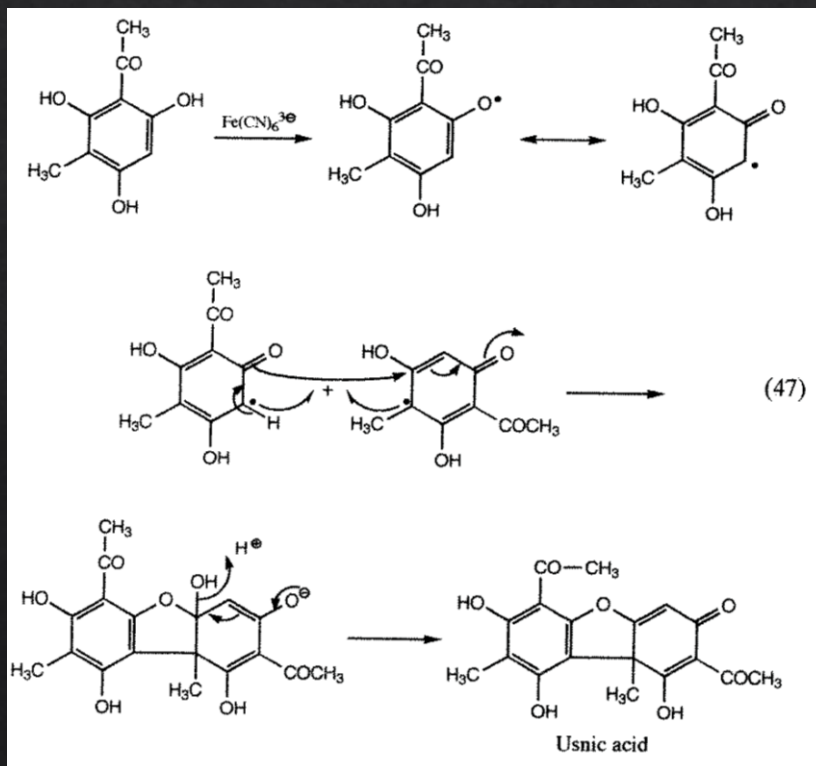


Norway spruce (Gran på norsk)

Pinosylvin: Present in pine trees. Fungitoxin protecting the wood from fungal infection.

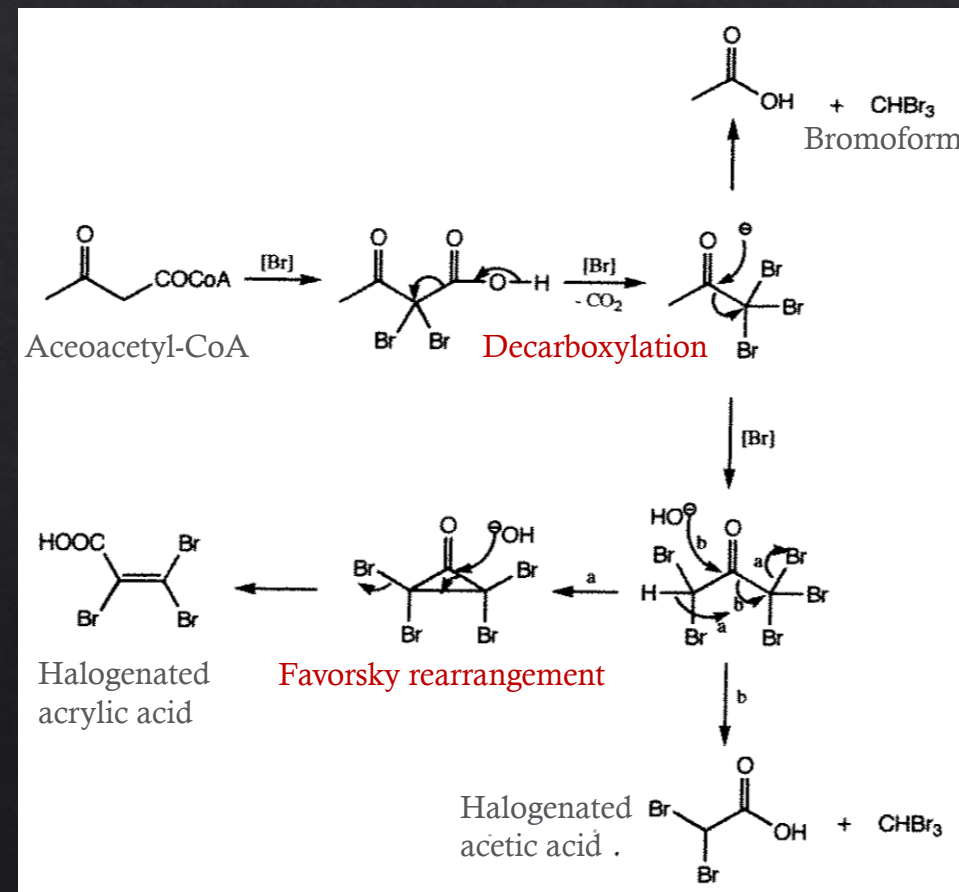
Oxidative coupling of phenols

- Some enzymes can catalyze oxidative coupling of phenols, by one-electron transfers. For instance, melanine is formed by enzymatic oxidation of tyrosine.



Halogen compounds

- ◈ Iodine, fluorine and bromine compounds are extremely rare in nature.
- ◈ Chloro compounds are more common, biosynthesized mainly by microorganisms and marine organisms.
- ◈ Halogenation has a potentiating effect on biological activities of a lot of compounds.
 - ◈ Chloromycetin has a 100-times more antibacterial effect than the acetyl analogue.
- ◈ The capability of seaweeds to accumulate bromine and iodine, and the low oxidation potential of these halogens, explains the occurrence of some iodine and bromide-containing metabolites.



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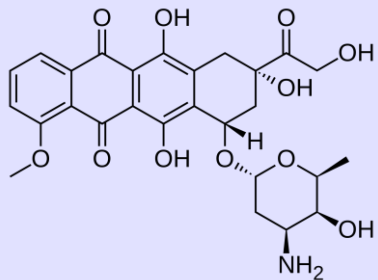
The Polyketide Pathway

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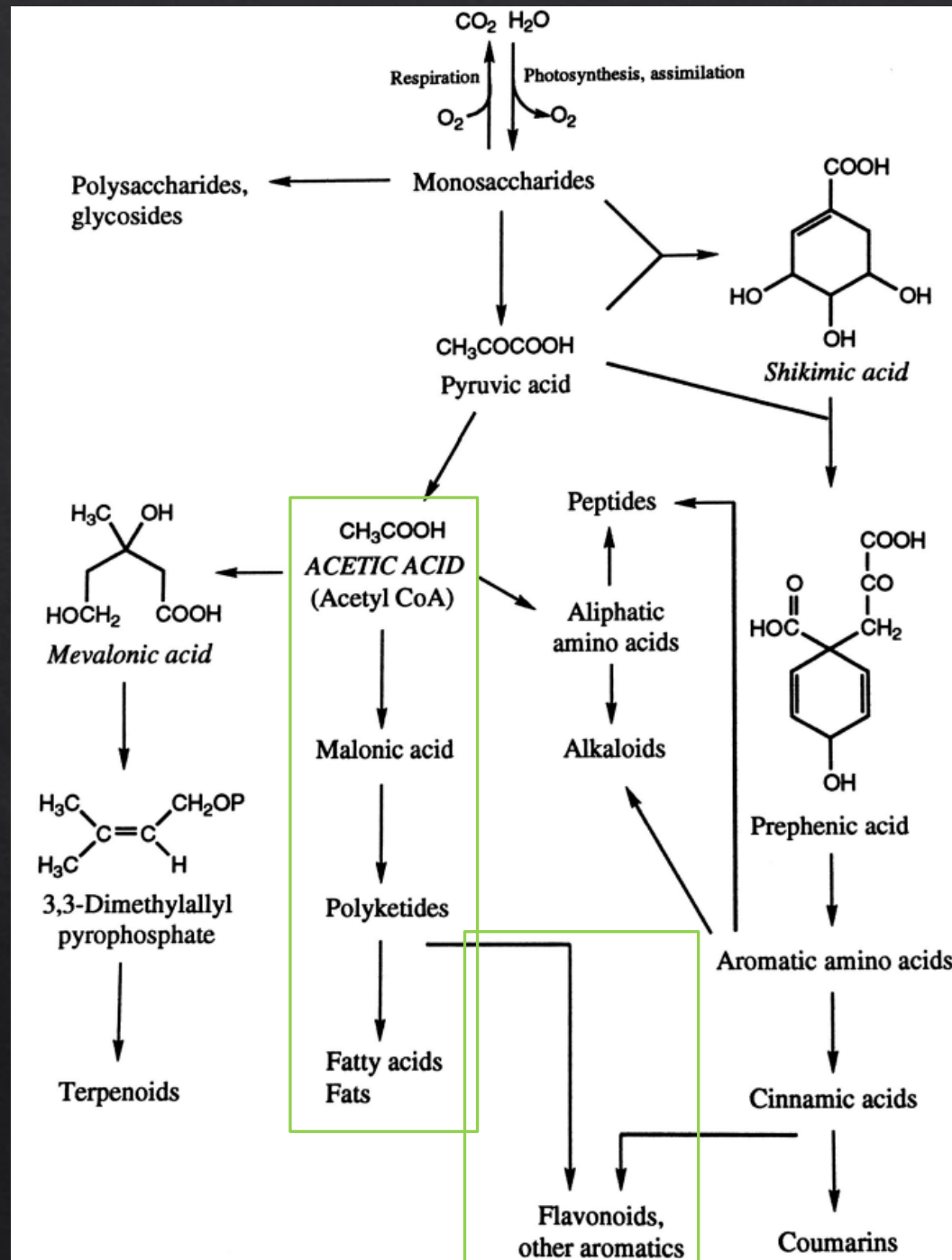
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Polyketide synthesis:

- In bacteria, fungi and plants, some marine animals
- Polyketide synthases (PKSs)
- Large group of molecules with very diverse properties

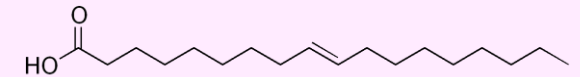


Doxorubicin



Fatty acid synthesis:

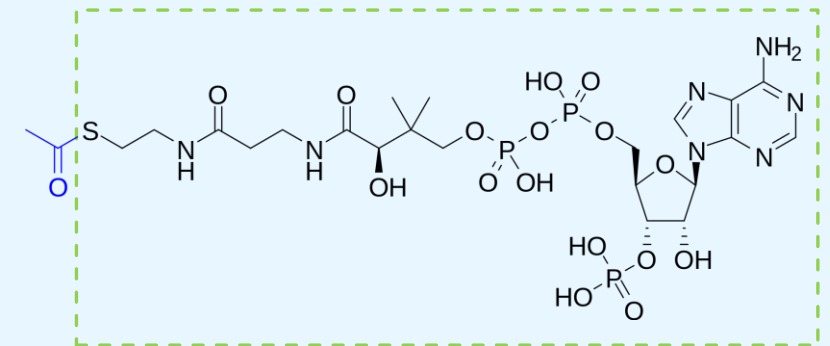
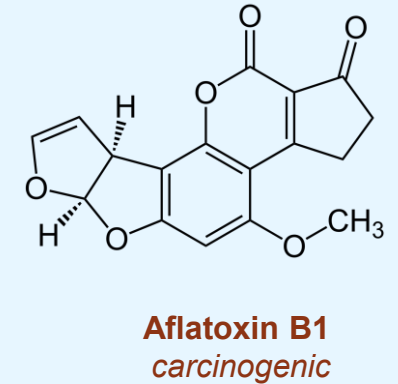
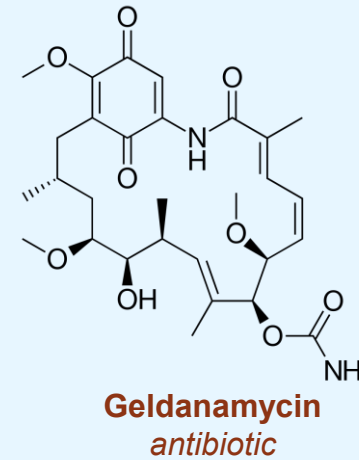
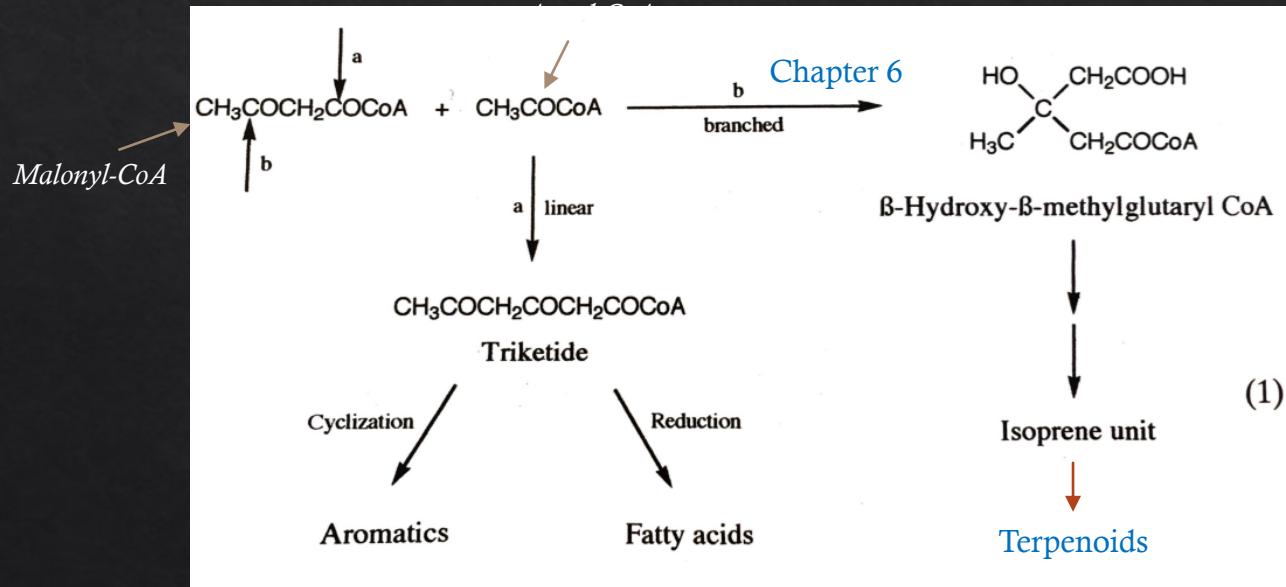
- In animals, bacteria, fungi, plants
- Fatty acid synthases (FASs)
- Relatively small group of molecules



Oleic acid

Polyketides

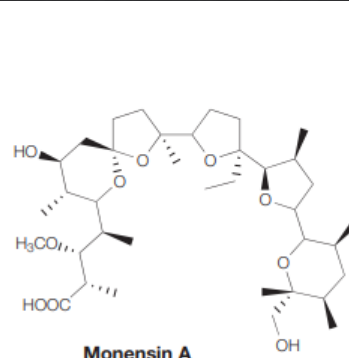
- ◊ Natural compounds containing alternating carbonyl and methylene groups (-CO-CH₂-)
- ◊ Secondary metabolites
- ◊ Derived from repeated condensation of acetyl coenzyme A (via malonyl coenzyme A)



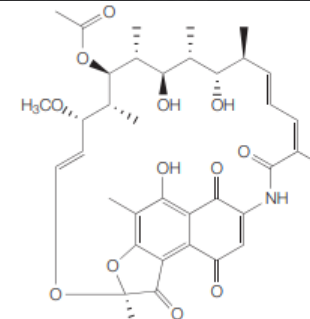
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«Polyketide natural products are among the most important microbial metabolites in human medicine, targeting both acute and degenerative diseases.

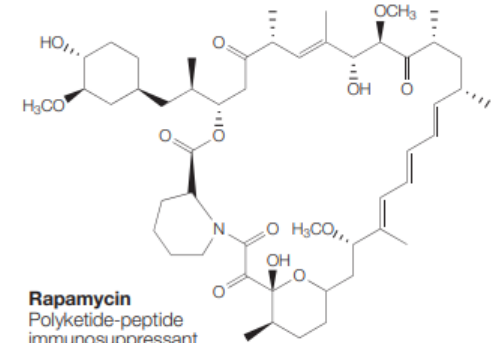
They are in clinical use as antibiotics (erythromycin A, rifamycin S), anticancer drugs (doxorubicin, epothilone), cholesterol-lowering agents (lovastatin), antiparasitics (ivermectin), antifungals (amphotericin B), insecticides (spinosyn A) and immunosuppressants (rapamycin). Polyketide-derived pharmaceuticals comprise **20% of the top-selling drugs**, with combined worldwide revenues of over UK £10 billion per year.»



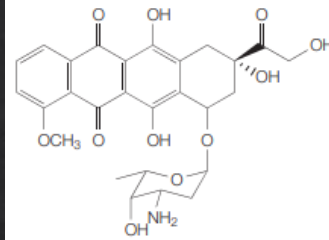
Monensin A
Polyether antibiotic



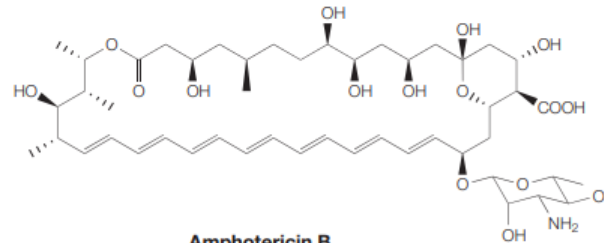
Rifamycin S
Ansamycin antibiotic



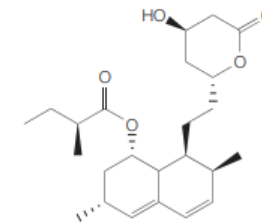
Rapamycin
Polyketide-peptide
immunosuppressant



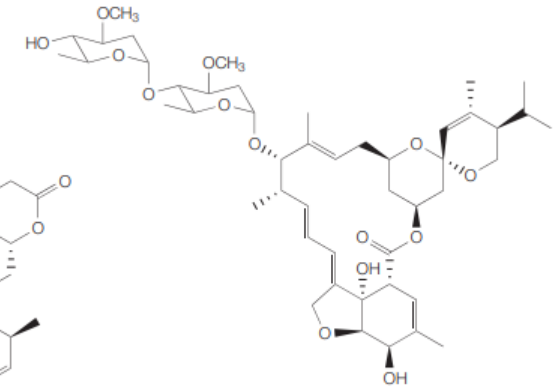
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agent



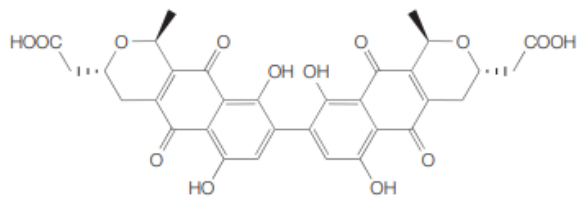
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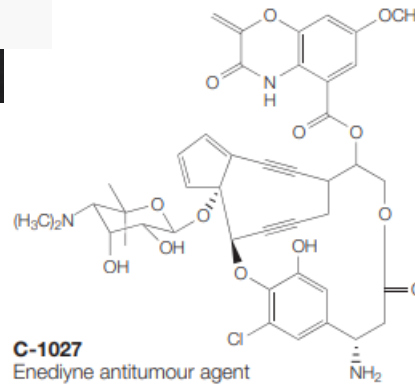
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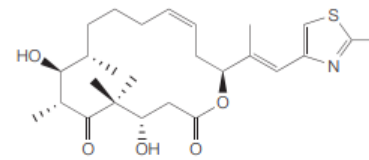
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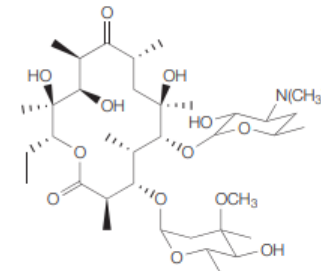
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Aromatic antibiotic



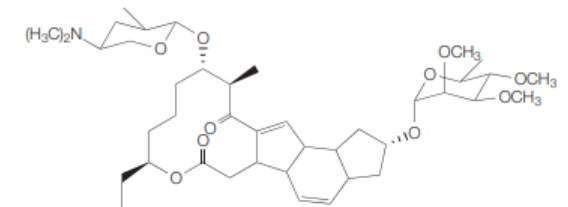
C-1027
Eneidine antitumor agent



Epothilone
Polyketide-polypeptide
anticancer agent



Erythromycin A
Macrolide antibiotic

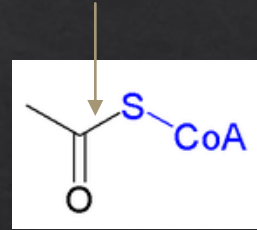


Spinosyn A
Macrolide insecticide

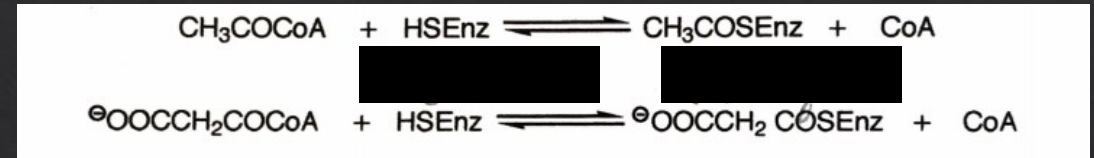
Fatty acids and fats

This happens in animals, bacteria, fungi, plants

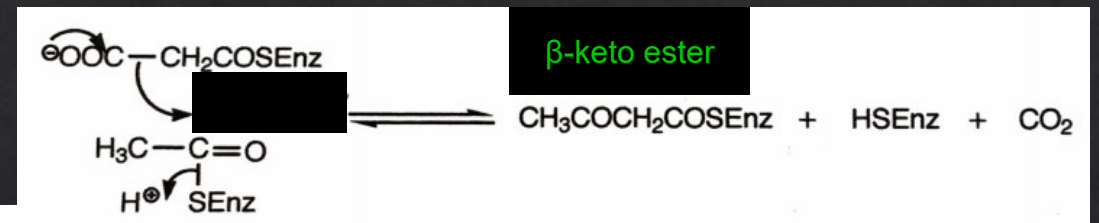
High-energy bond, makes acetyl-CoA more active in condensations.



Acetyl-CoA and malonyl-CoA attaches to the acyl carrier protein on FAS.

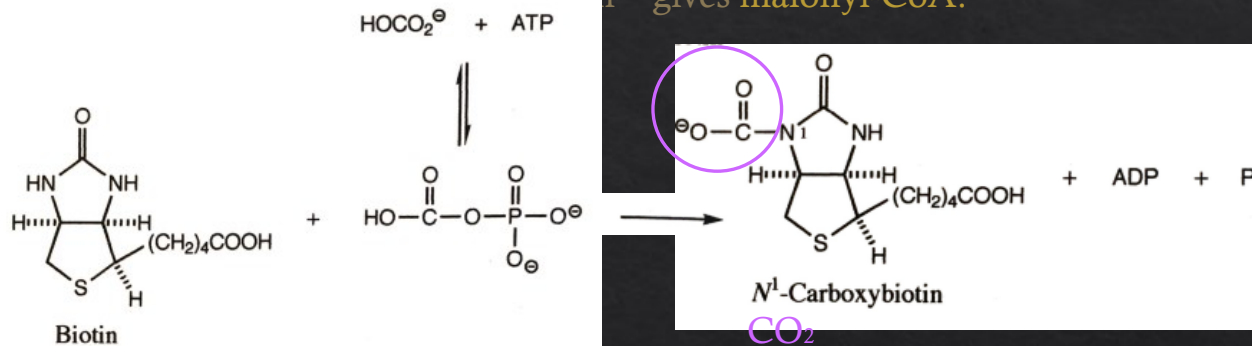


Claisen condensation



But it is not reactive enough for **fatty acid synthase (FAS)** to use.

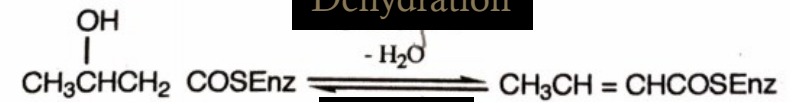
Further activation by carboxylation – gives malonyl-CoA.



Reduction



Dehydration



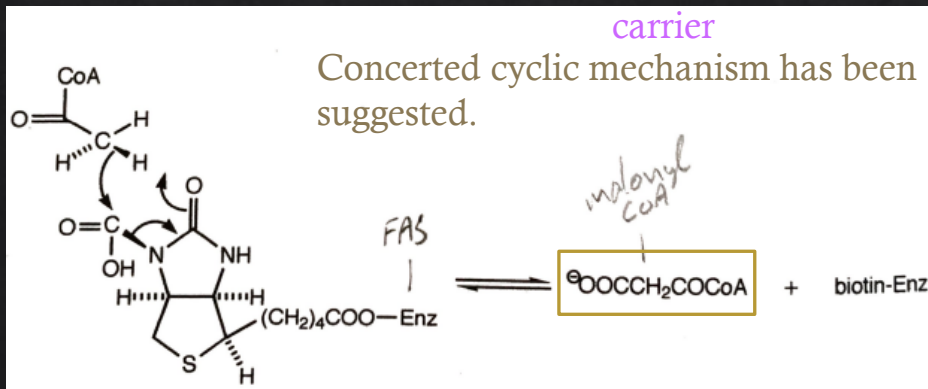
Reduction



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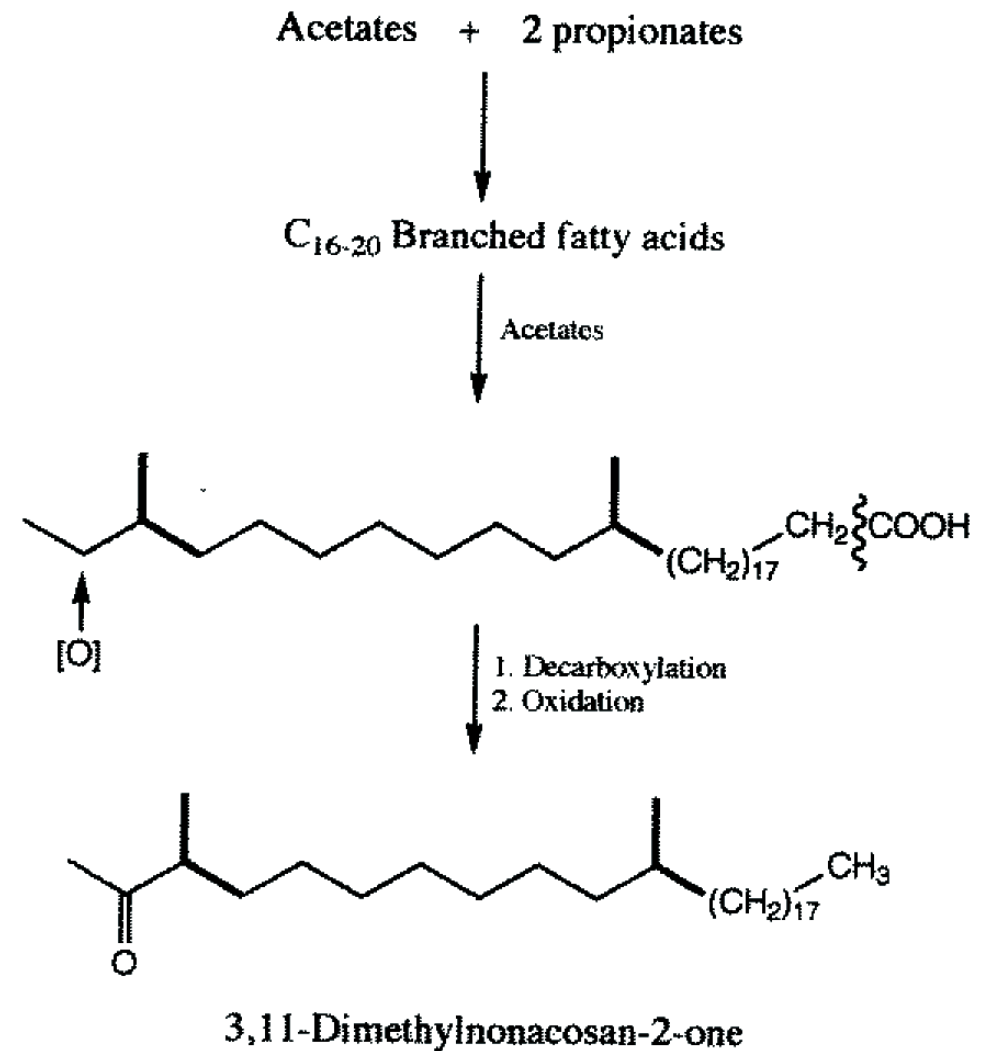
Concerted cyclic mechanism has been suggested.



For each acetyl added, we get two more carbons on the fatty acid chain. Fatty acids usually have an even number of carbons.

Long-chain fatty acids and hydrocarbons

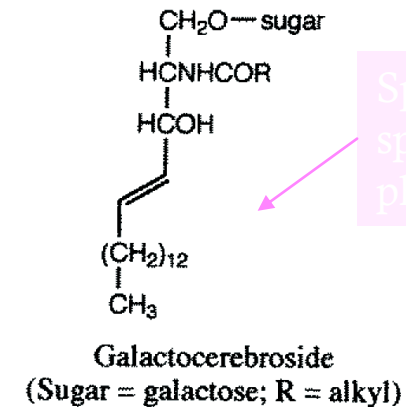
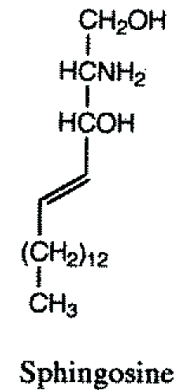
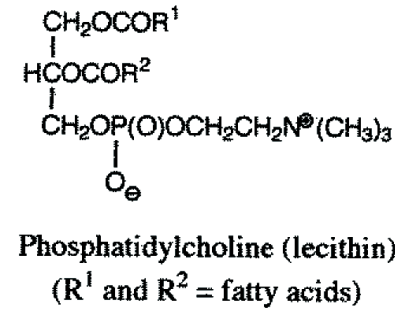
- ◆ Branched fatty acids have been identified as intermediates in synthesis of long-chain fatty acids and hydrocarbons
- ◆ 3,11-dimethylnonacosan-2-one is the pheromone of the female German cockroach



- ◊ Lipids are compounds that are soluble in hydrocarbons
- ◊ Fats, waxes, phosphoglycerides
- ◊ Common fatty acids: palmitic, stearic and oleic acid

Phospholipids (lecithins) contain a betaine head group (quarternary ammonium and negatively charged group)

Important constituents of cell membranes

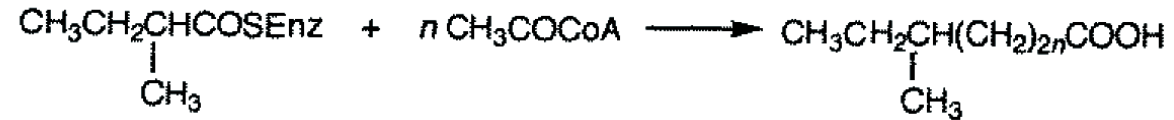


Sphingolipids contain sphingosine, and a sugar or phosphoric acid head

Found in cerebral membranes and nerve endings (impulse transmitters)

Fig. 2 Structures of a phosphoglyceride and a sphingolipid

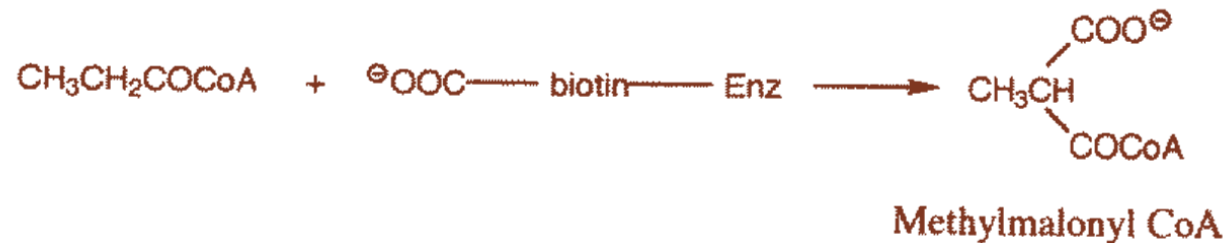
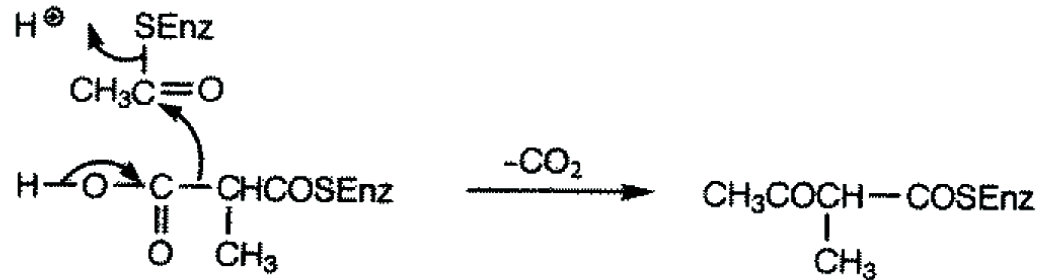
Branched fatty acids



Branched starting material
Isobutyryl-CoA or α -methylbutyryl-CoA

OR

Condensation of alkylated malonyl-CoA



Alkylation of malonyl-CoA
occurs by carboxylation of acetic
acid homologues

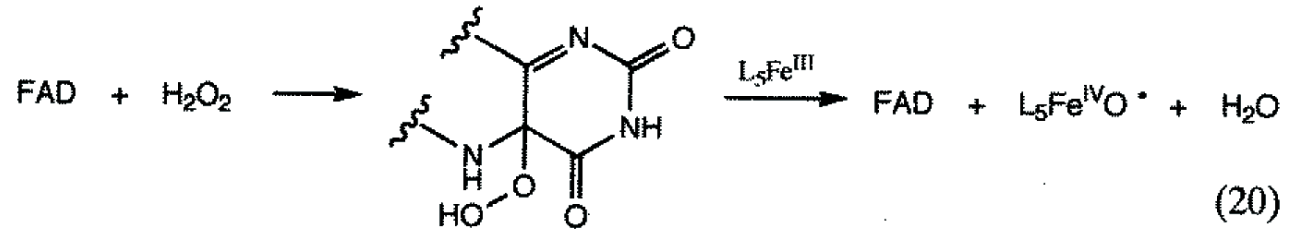
Unsaturated fatty acids & prostaglandins

- ◇ Unsaturation is introduced differently in aerobic and anaerobic environments

Aerobic

Double bond is introduced into the saturated fatty acid

Requires oxygen, FAD, NADPH and a dehydrogenase



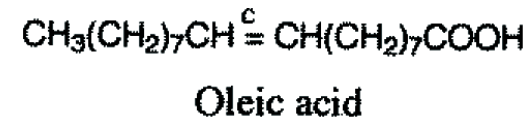
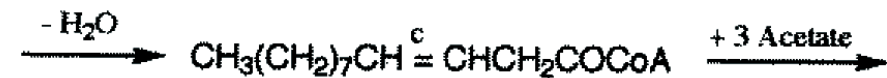
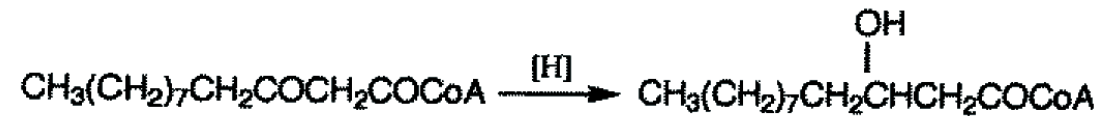
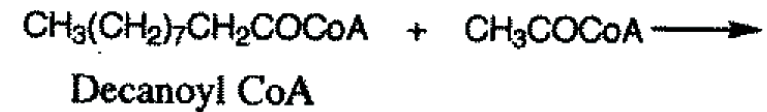
Unsaturated fatty acids & prostagladins

- ◊ Unsaturation is introduced differently in aerobic and anaerobic environments

Anaerobic

Double bond comes from dehydrated hydroxyalkanoylthioesters (intermediates in the fatty acid synthesis)

More «economic»

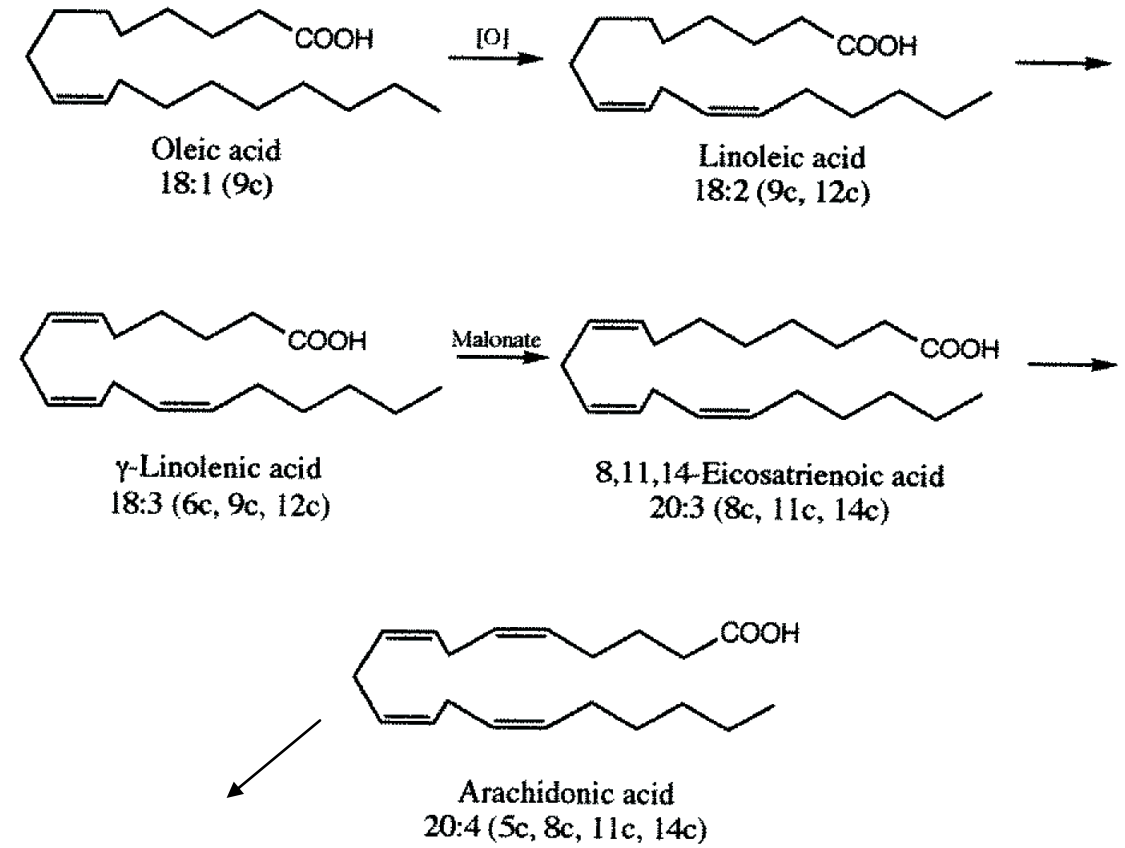


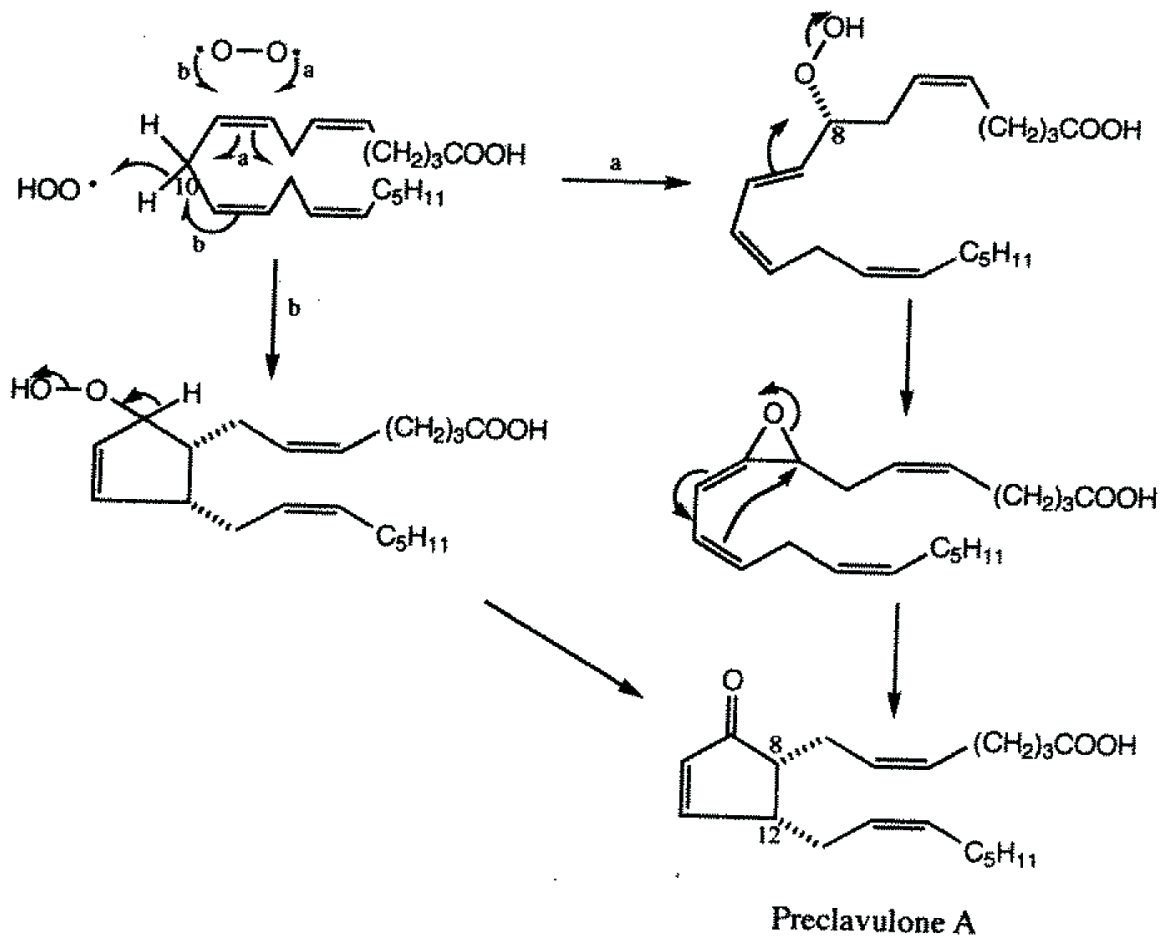
Further desaturation of oleic acid gives linoleic and linolenic acids

Unsaturated fatty acids & prostagladins

*Essential fatty
acid for mammals*

- ◆ **Arachidonic acid** is a precursor for prostagladin hormones
 - ◆ Biosynthesized from oleic acid
- ◆ Prostagladins
 - ◆ Control blood pressure, contractions of smooth muscle, gastric acid secretion, platelet aggregation
 - ◆ Medical properties





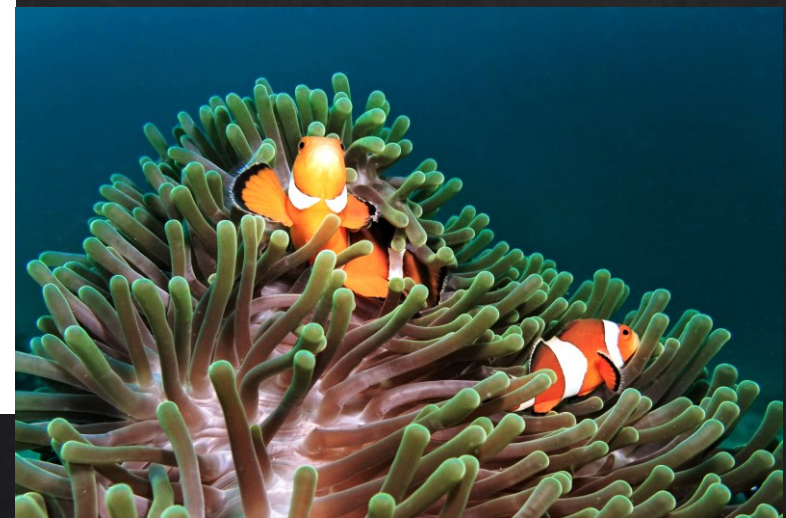
Example:

Biosynthesis of preclavulone A

In corals

Attack at C10 of arachidonic acid

Catalyzed by a lipoxygenase



Acetylene (ethyne) compounds

Sequential dehydrogenation catalyzed by desaturases



Umbrelliferae



Compositae

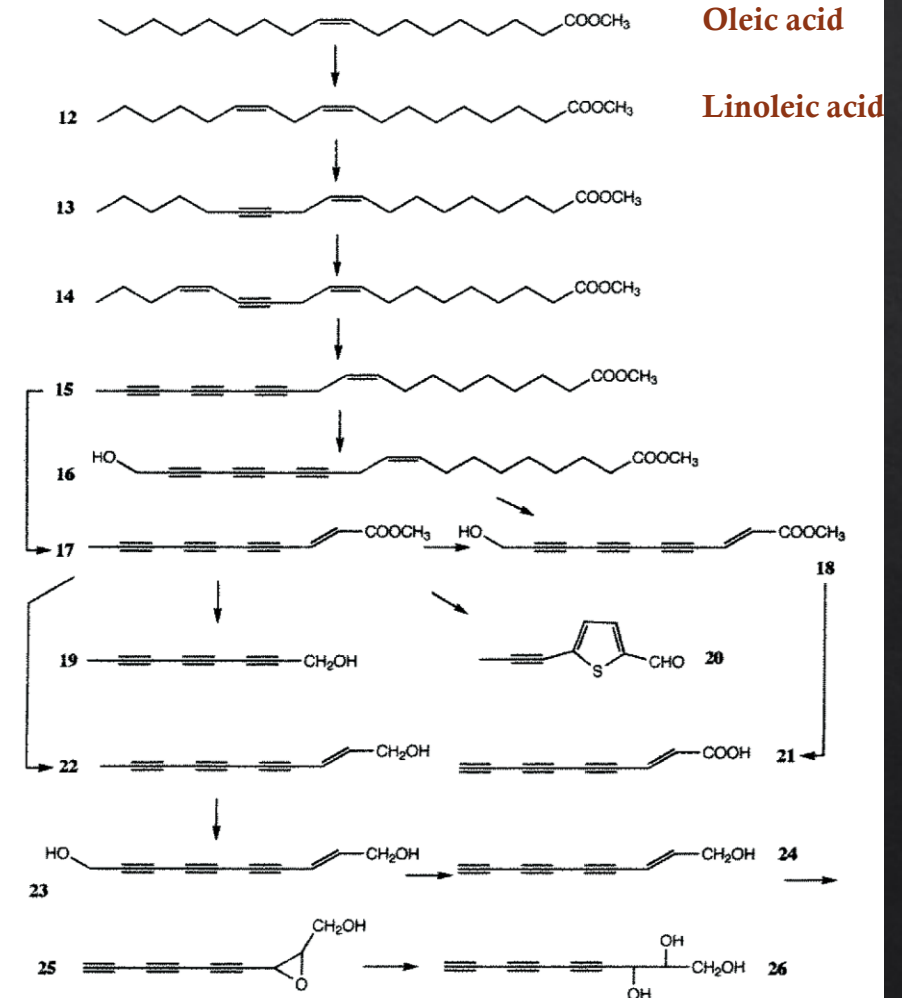


Basidiomycetes

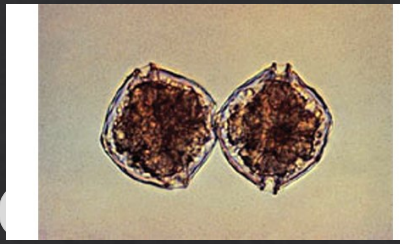
- Often unstable, sensitive to light, heat and oxygen
- Formed from polyketide products
 - Further desaturation of fatty acids

Table 2 Acetylenic acids isolated from *Santalum acuminatum*

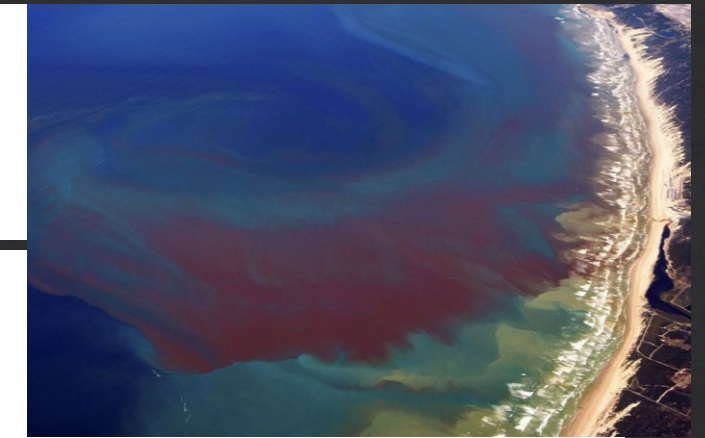
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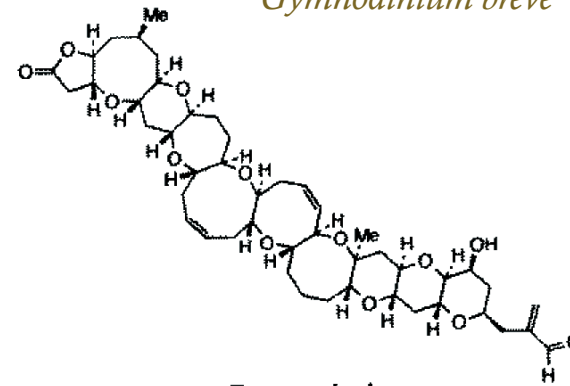
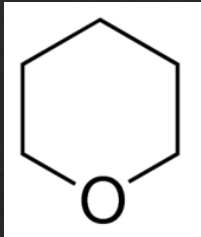
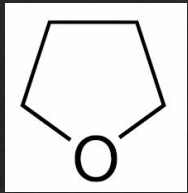


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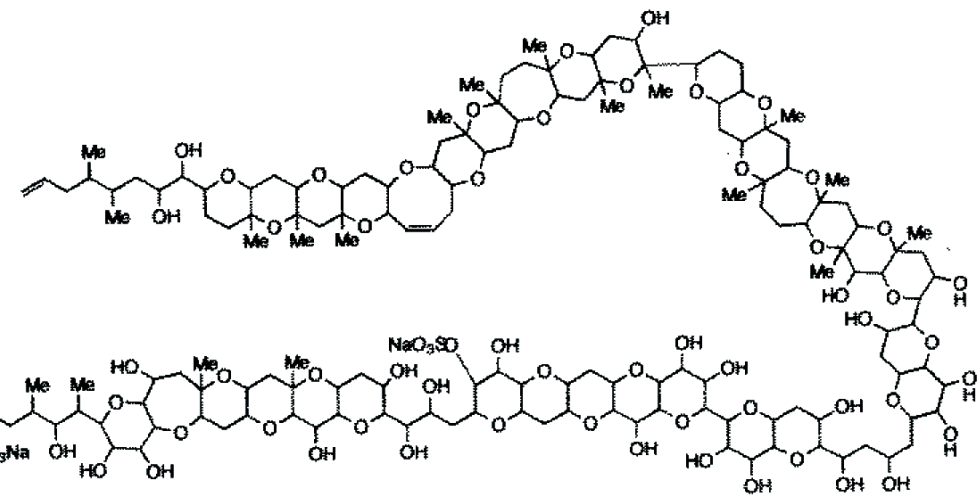


Brevetoxin A is a toxic compound that causes the red tide in the Gulf of Mexico

◇ Contain tetrahydrofuran and tetrahydropyran rings



Brevetoxin A



Maitotoxin



Gambierdiscus toxicus

Maitotoxin is the largest monomeric organic compound known

Mw = 3422 g/mol

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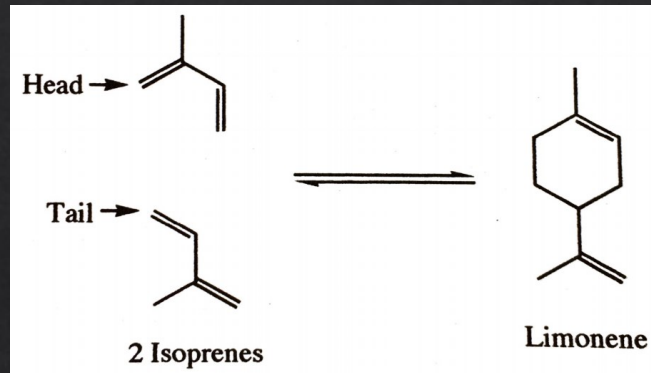
The Mevalonic Acid Pathway

The Terpenes

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Previously...

- Terpenes can be broken down into C_5 units called isoprenes

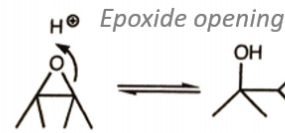


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Tetraterpenes	C_{40}
Polyterpenes	$C_5 \times 2000$

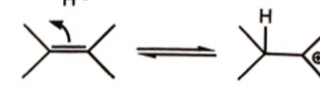
1) Generation of carbenium ion

Starting reactions:

Solvolysis of allylic pyrophosphate



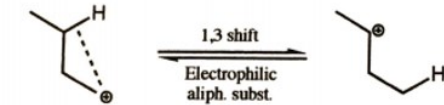
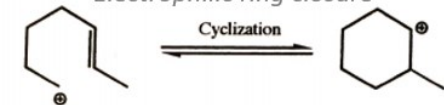
Protonation/halogenation



2) Cyclization and alkyl/hydride shifts

Propagation:

Electrophilic ring closure



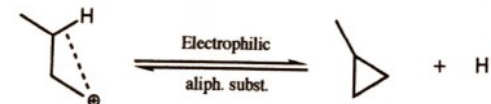
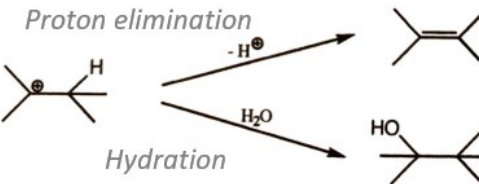
Wagner-Meerwein rearrangement



Non-classical carbonium ion

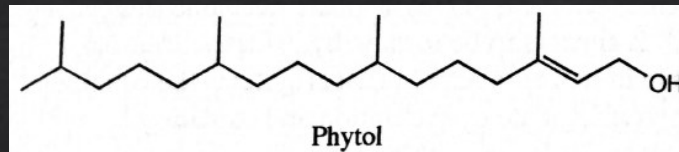
3) Removal of the positive charge

Termination:

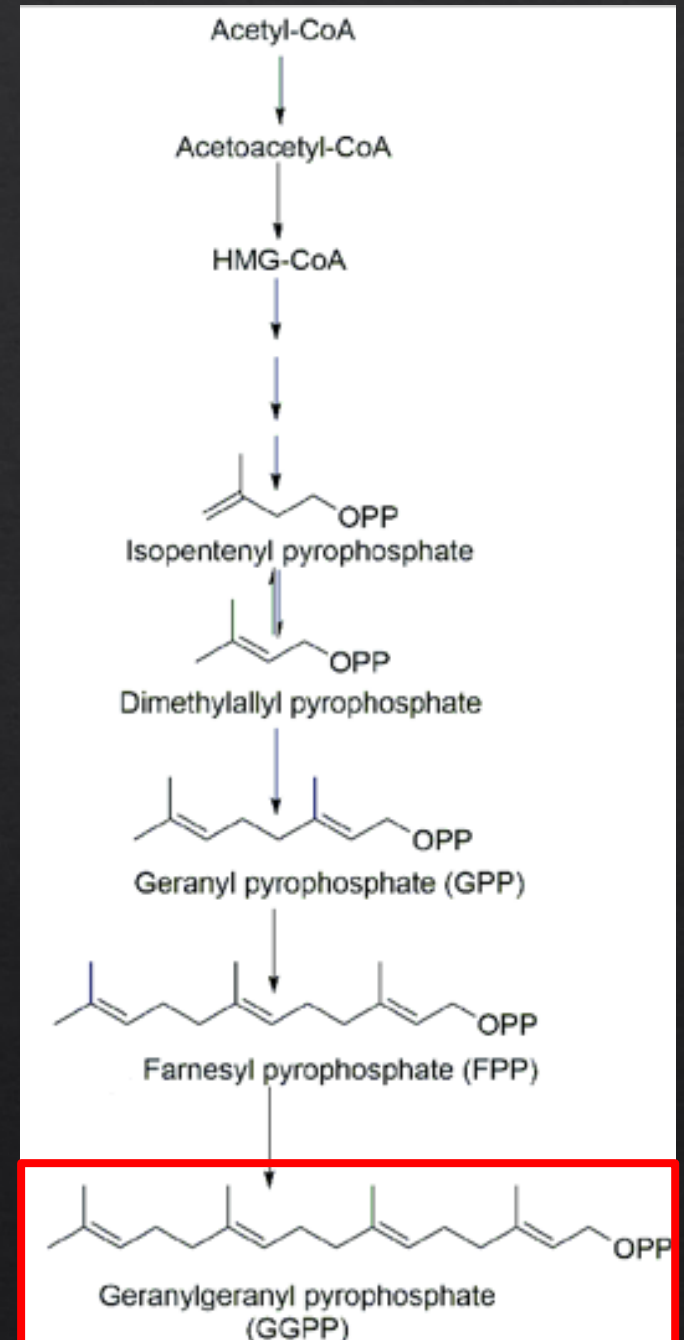


Diterpenes (C₂₀)

- ◆ Formed from geranylgeranyl pyrophosphate (GGPP)
- ◆ Some linear diterpenes exist:



Phytol forms the lipophilic side chain of chlorophyll in plants.



Diterpenes (C₂₀)

- Formed from geranylgeranyl pyrophosphate (GGPP)
- Some linear diterpenes exist, but most of the diterpenes are mono- (rare), di-, tri- and tetracyclic derivatives.



Sclareol is present in *Salvia sclarea*. It is used in the perfume industry, and in the treatment of leukemia

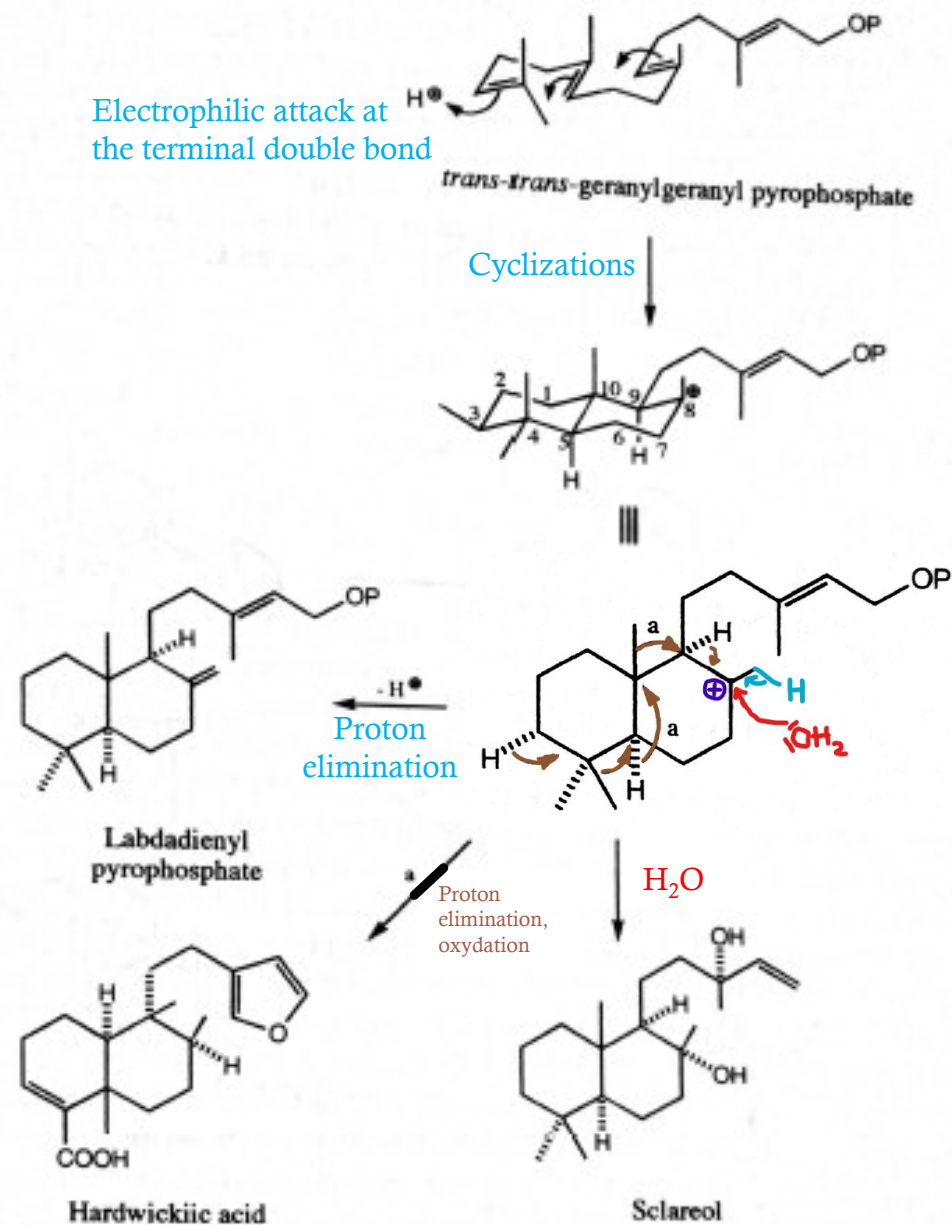


Fig. 19 Cyclization of all-*trans*-geranylgeranyl pyrophosphate in a chair-chair conformation to bicyclic diterpenes

Diterpenes (C₂₀)

- ◆ A lot of tricyclic diterpenes are formed from the solvolysis of labdadienyl pyrophosphate.



Abietic acid is a widely distributed molecule in *Coniferae*. It is used, among others, in soaps and in lacks.

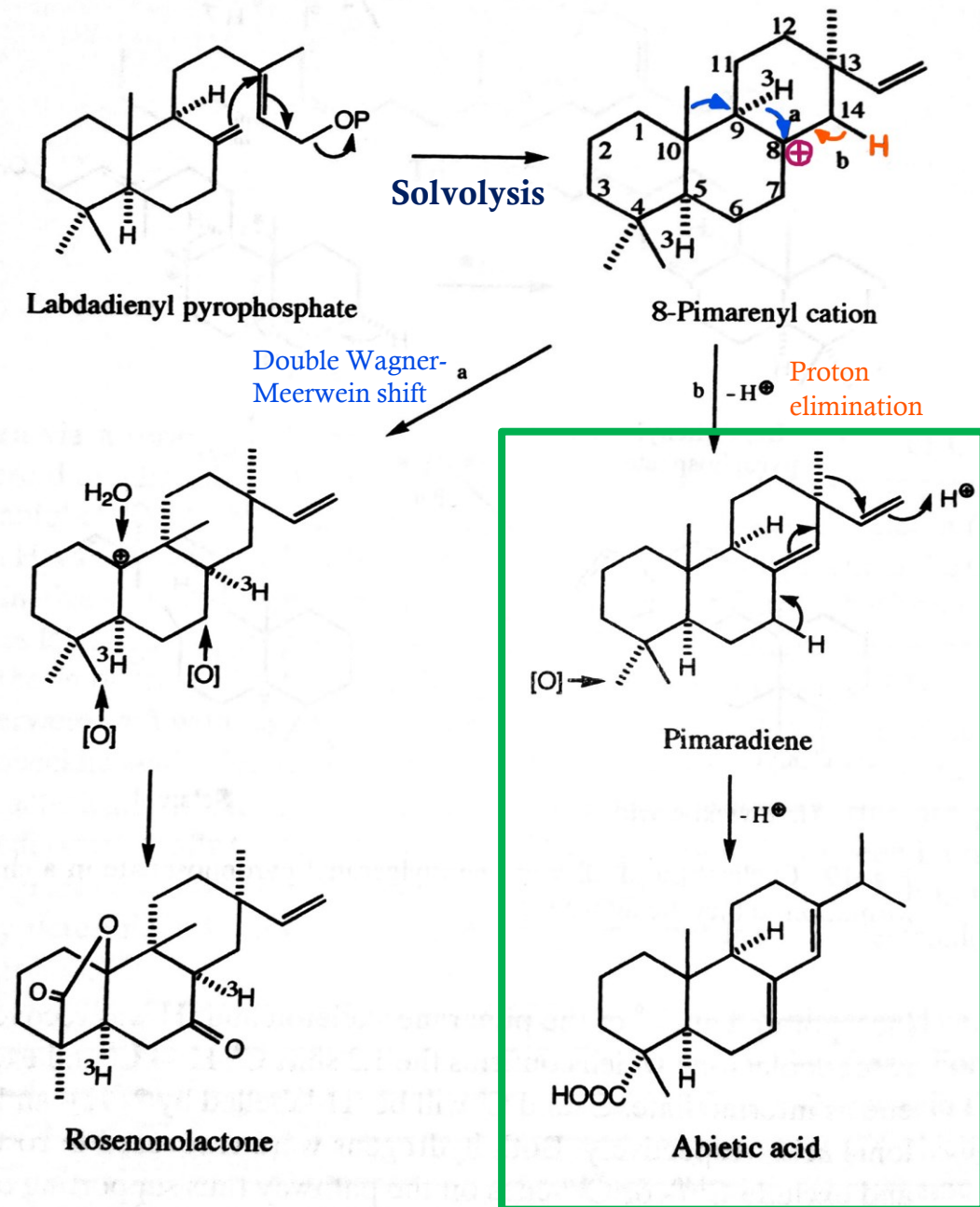
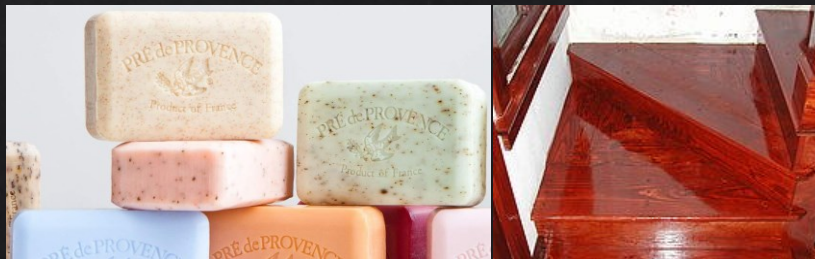


Fig. 20 Biosynthesis of tricyclic diterpenes

Diterpenes (C₂₀)

- ◇ Tetracyclic diterpenes can also be formed from labdadienyl pyrophosphate. A lot of them are used as hormones.
- ◇ Finally, macrocyclic diterpenes also exist.
 - ◇ In nasutiterme termites, cambrenes serve as scent-trail pheromones.
 - ◇ Certain cambrenes have tumor inhibitor effects

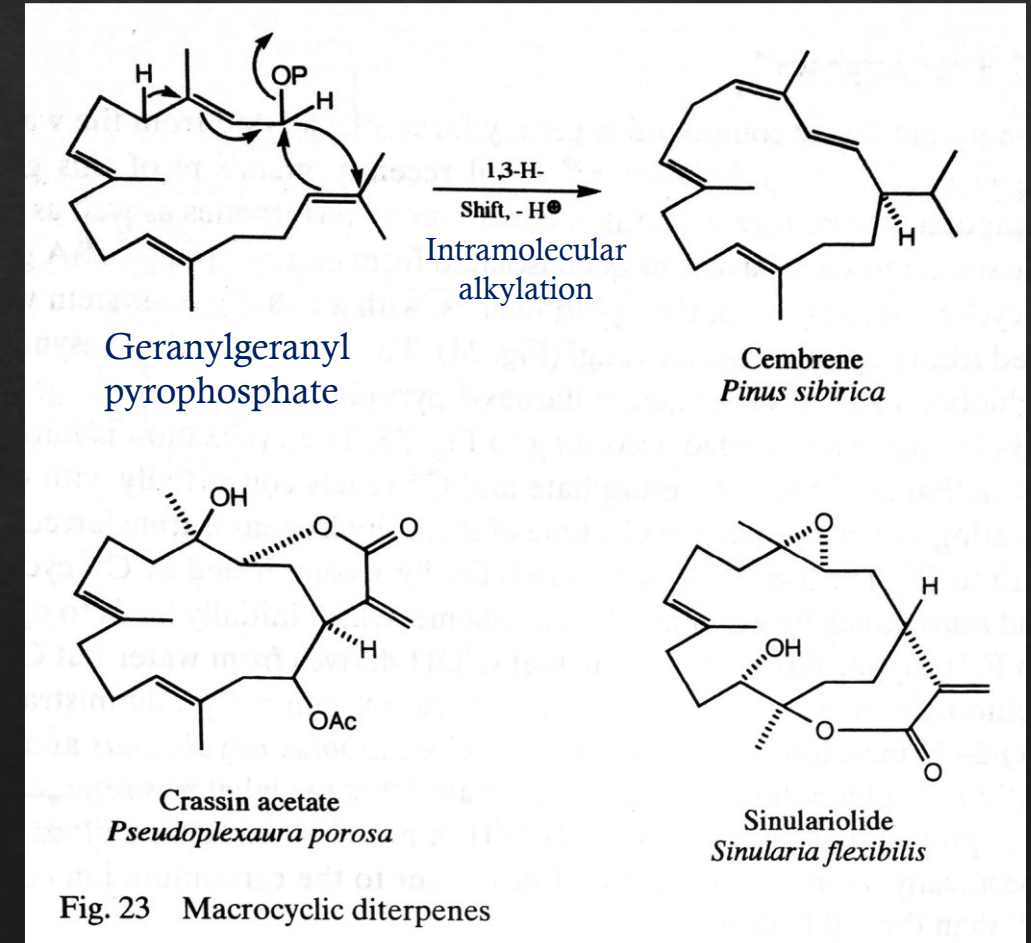
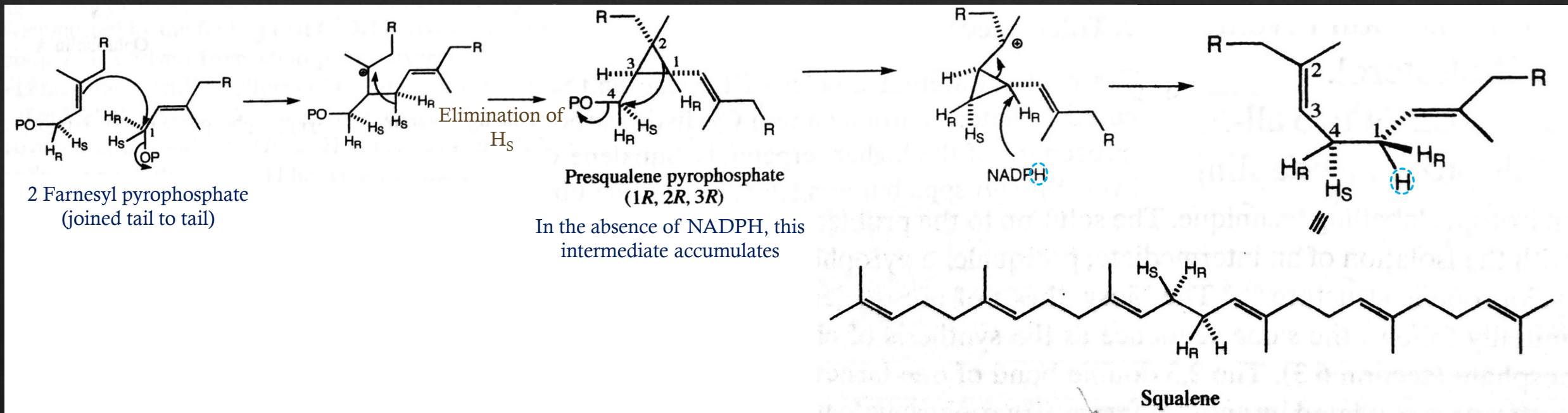


Fig. 23 Macrocyclic diterpenes

Squalene (Triterpenes, C₃₀)

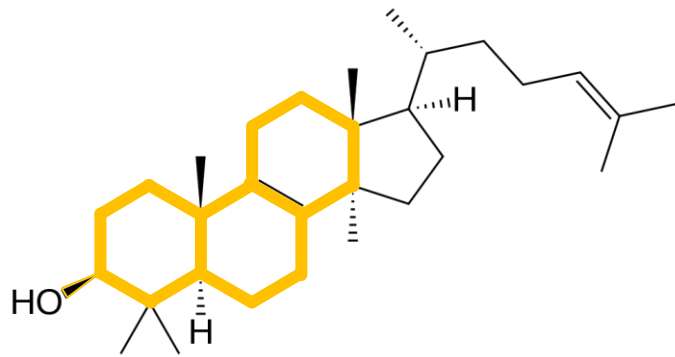
- ◇ Squalene is a rare C₃₀ hydrocarbon that is thought to be the precursor of a lot of higher terpenoids. It is, for instance, an intermediate for the biosynthesis of cholesterol.



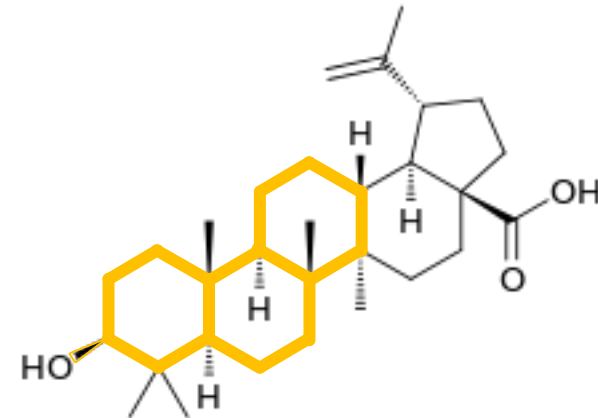
- ◇ Fording squalene then allow the formation of a lot of triterpenes.

Triterpenes, C₃₀

- ◇ Triterpenes have few skeletal variations; they have usually three 6-membered rings, and an equatorial hydroxy group on the first ring.
- ◇ They can be divided into two groups: tetracyclic triterpenes and pentacyclic triterpenes.



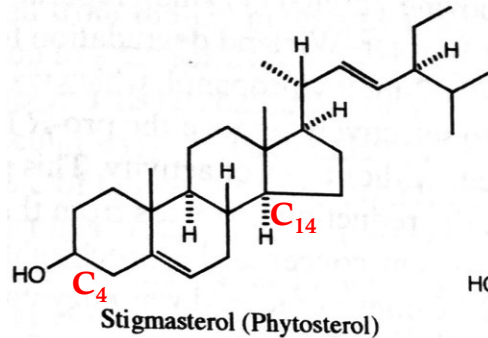
Lanosterol is the precursor of all steroids produced by animals and fungi



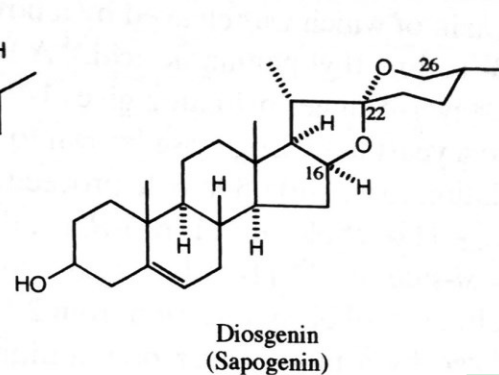
Butelonic acid has antimalarial, anti-inflammatory, and potentially anticancer properties

Steroids

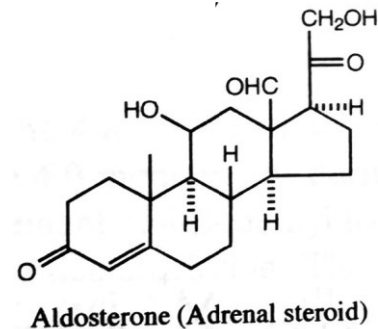
- Most of steroids come from squalene, but have lost the characteristic skeleton of terpenes because of extensive degradation (oxidative cleavage, ring openings, wagner-meerwein shifts, introduction of additional hydroxyl and olefinic groups,...)
- The fundamental secondary modification leading to steroids is selective C₄ and C₁₄ demethylation.



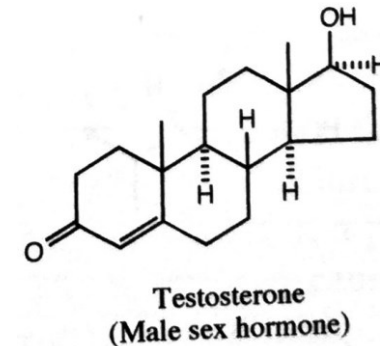
Sterols are essential structural component of cell membranes (like cholesterol in animals)



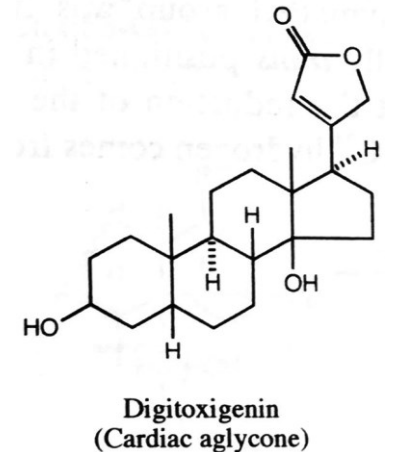
Sapogenin can protect plants against microbes, fungi, and other organisms



Adrenal steroids are produced by the adrenal glands. They regulate the metabolism of sugars and proteins, and the water level in the kidney. A lot of them are involved in stress response processes.



In both sexes, testosterone plays an important role in health and well-being. Women have less of this hormone than men, but are more sensitive to it.



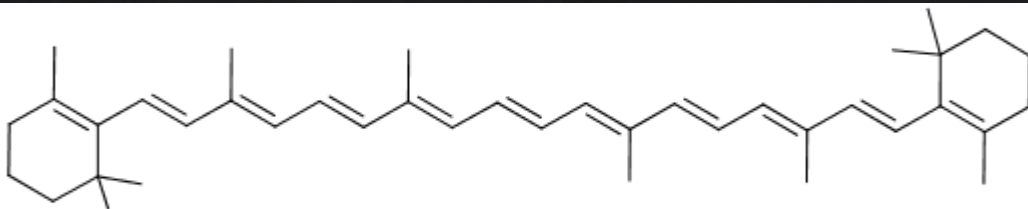
Cardiac glycosides have powerful and specific actions on the heart muscle. They are used in heart ailment treatments.

Carotenes (C₄₀)

- ❖ Their biosynthesis is similar to the one of squalene: Tail-to-tail coupling of two pyrophosphate (here: geranylgeranyl pyrophosphate).
- ❖ They are yellow-red conjugated polyene pigments, and are present in egg yolks, carrots, tomatoes, yellow autumn leaves, algae,...



During the autumn, the first pigment in leaves to degrade is chlorophyll. The main remaining pigments (carotenes), give the characteristic yellow color to the leaves.



β -Carotene is transformed through oxidative fission into vitamin A (retinol) and retinal, which play important role in vision.

Chapter 6-1

The Mevalonic Acid Pathway

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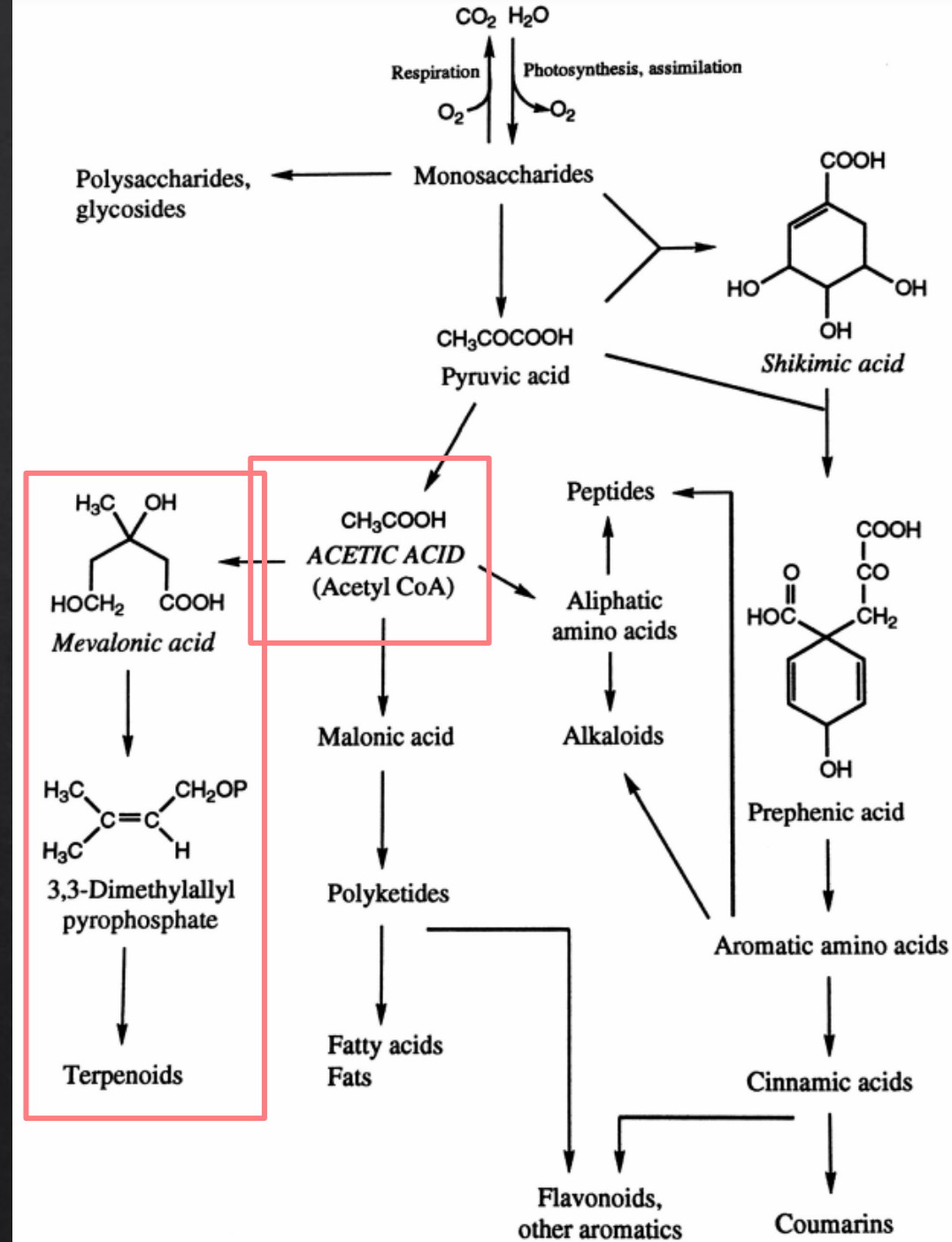
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Mevalonic acid pathway is present in most organisms

Gives the precursors for different end products in each organism

- Animals (steroid hormones, cholesterol)
- Plants (terpenes, terpenoids)

Most organisms produce terpenes through the Mevalonic acid pathway, but there is also an alternative non-mevalonic acid pathway (that we will not discuss).



Terpenes

- ◇ Terpenes are secondary metabolites (primarily from plants)
- ◇ (C_5H_8) - isoprene (isopentenyl) units
- ◇ Terpenoids (aka. isoprenoids) are terpenes with additional functional groups (typically oxygen)

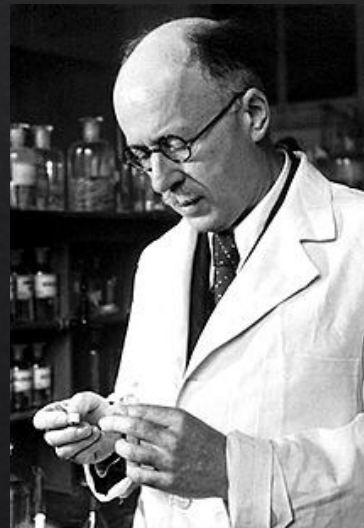


The name «terpene» comes from the terebinth tree (*Pistacia terebinthus*)

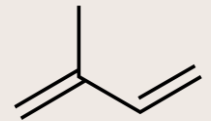
The isoprene rule

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Sesquiterpenes	C_{15}
Diterpenes	C_{20}
Sesterterpenes	C_{25}
Triterpenes	C_{30}
Tetraterpenes	C_{40}
Polyterpenes	C_5 x2000

Steroids (C_{27})
do not follow
the isoprene
rule



*Leopold Ruzicka:
The Nobel Prize in
Chemistry 1939, for
his work on terpenes
and being the first
to synthesize male
sex hormones*



Isoprene

Applications of Terpenes

Terpenes function as **protective** or **attractive** substances in plants and some animals



Perfume industry
Essential oils



Painting industry
Turpentine/terpentine

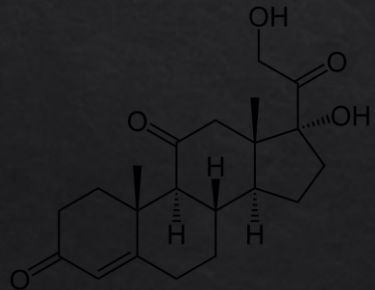


Natural rubber
Polyisoprene

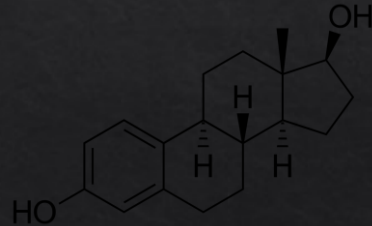


Some termites fire glue-like, toxic terpene mixtures at predators from «guns» on their head

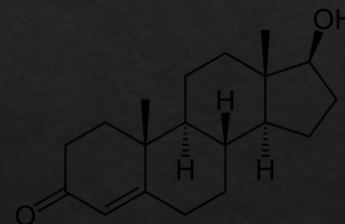
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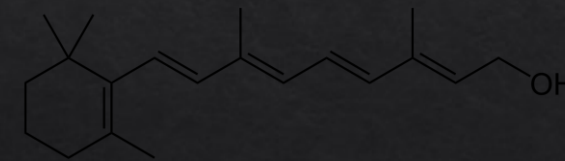


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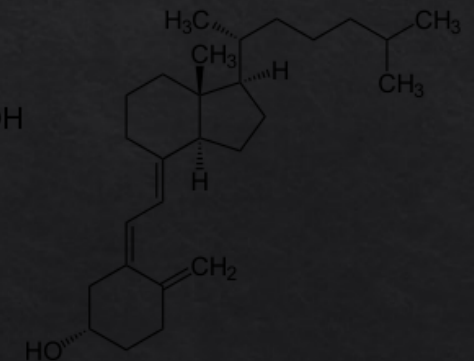
Testosterone

Hormones



Retinol (vitamin A)

Vitamins



Cholecalciferol (vitamin D3)

ACS Meeting News: Taking Cues From Nature En Route To Taxol

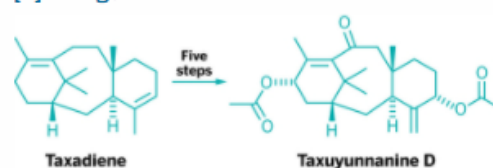
Synthesis of an intermediate along the way to the cancer drug opens avenues to novel analogs

by **Bethany Halford**

MARCH 19, 2014

No one is better than nature at making the cancer drug paclitaxel (Taxol). Cumulatively, chemists have been able to produce only small amounts of the stuff, but a plant cell fermentation process can churn out metric tons of the compound.

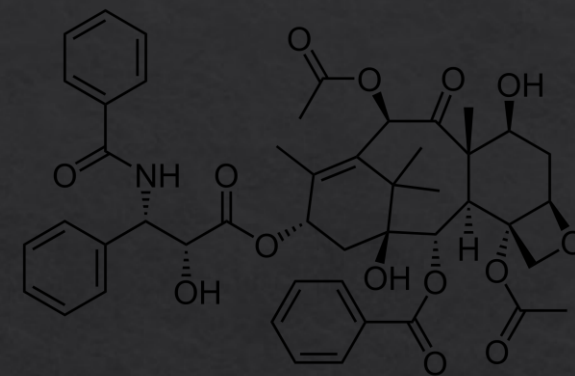
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Synthetic chemists would like to learn from nature. By mimicking the early steps in paclitaxel's biosynthesis, a team at Scripps Research Institute, La Jolla, Calif., has potentially come up with a way to create analogs of paclitaxel that are unavailable via bioengineering. These could turn out to be powerful drugs as well. **Phil S. Baran**, who spearheaded the research, spoke about the work on Tuesday at the American Chemical Society meeting in Dallas, in the Division of Organic Chemistry.

First, Baran's team synthesized the natural product (–)-taxuyunnanine D in just five steps from taxadiene. The transformation mimics the first three of eight oxidations that occur biosynthetically when taxadiene is converted to paclitaxel. Taxuyunnanine D, Baran said, could ultimately be used as an intermediate en route to paclitaxel.

The challenge for Baran's group was to control the order of the three oxidations. It's a tough task, Baran explained, because taxadiene is a strained, doubly unsaturated hydrocarbon that is "spring loaded" for oxidation at several spots at once. Through computational modeling, developing a seldom-used chromium reagent, and conducting hundreds of reactions, Baran's team executed the early steps of paclitaxel's biosynthesis (*J. Am. Chem. Soc.* 2014, DOI: [10.1021/ja501782r](https://doi.org/10.1021/ja501782r)).



Taxol (paclitaxel) was typically derived from the bark of the tree «Pacific yew».

One of the most popular naturally derived cancer drugs, for treating primarily breast cancer.

Desirable to make it from more renewable sources, because the trees die when the bark is harvested.

Now: biosynthetic routes are becoming more popular.



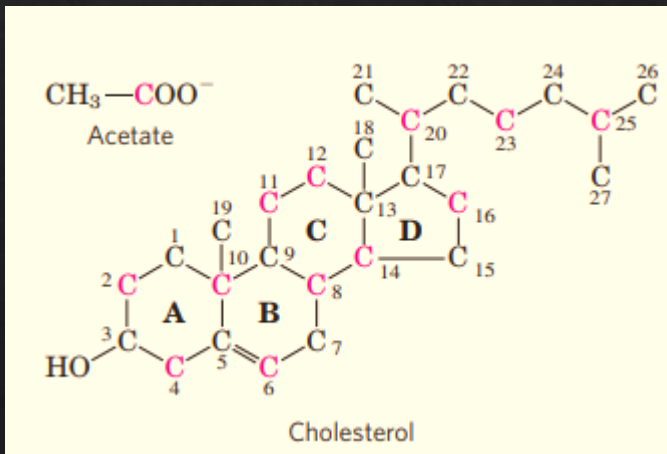
Cholesterol structure

Many terpenes are not UV active
UV spectroscopy did not work well

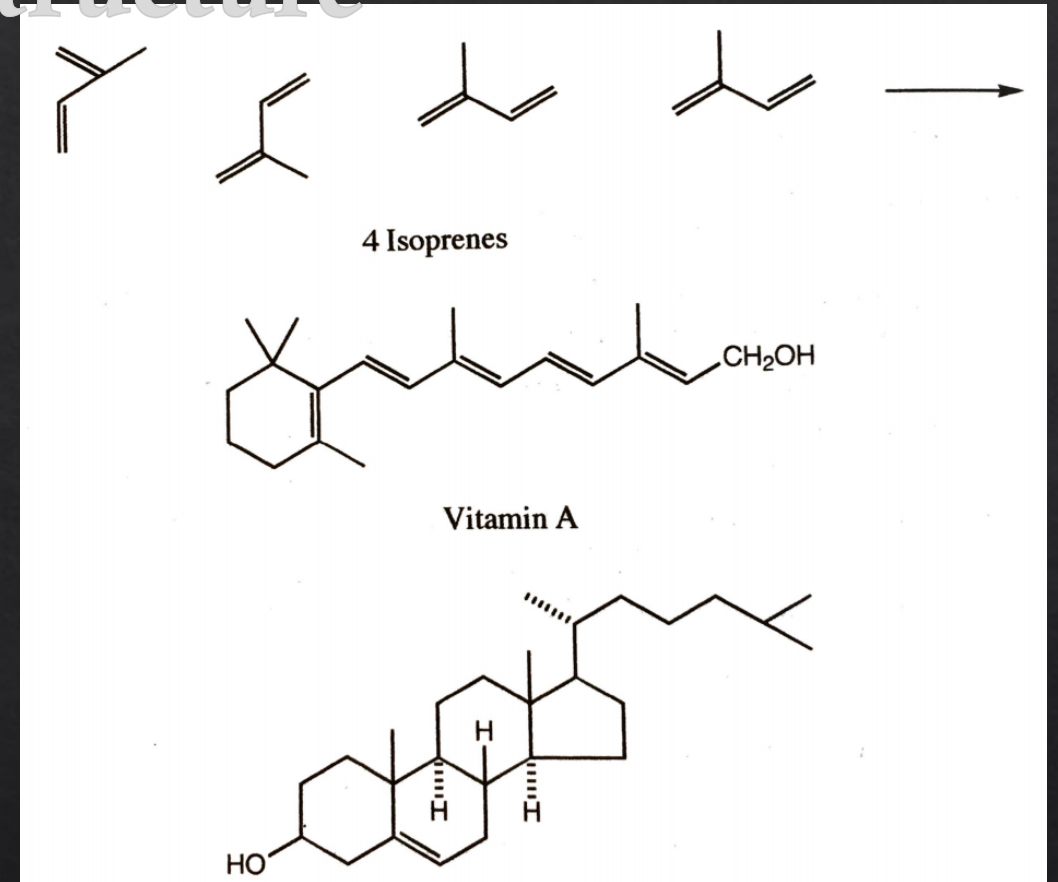
Cholesterol

- Structure defined in 1932

- XRD

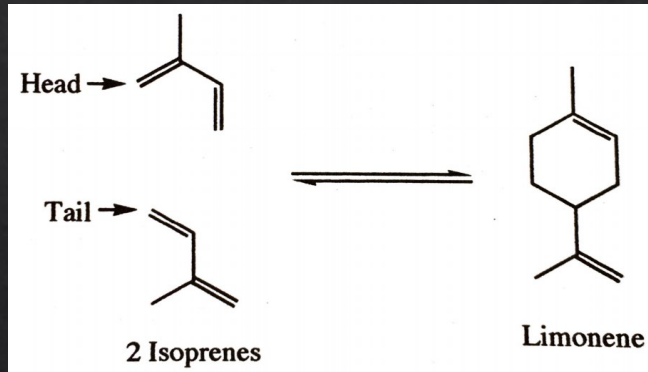


*Origin of carbon
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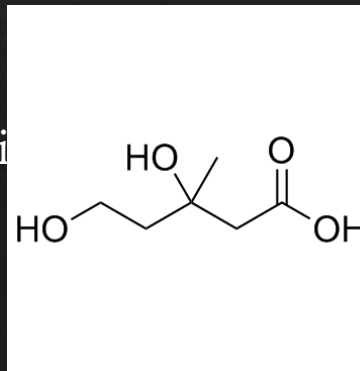
Cholesterol-lowering drugs (statins) inhibit the mevalonic acid pathway

Mevalonic acid pathway



Limonene can be synthesized by a Diels-Alder reaction of two isoprene units, but isoprene is not the starting material in biosynthesis of limonene and other terpenes.

In 1956, mevalonic acid was isolated, and it was shown how mevalonic acid can be a building block in terpene biosynthesis

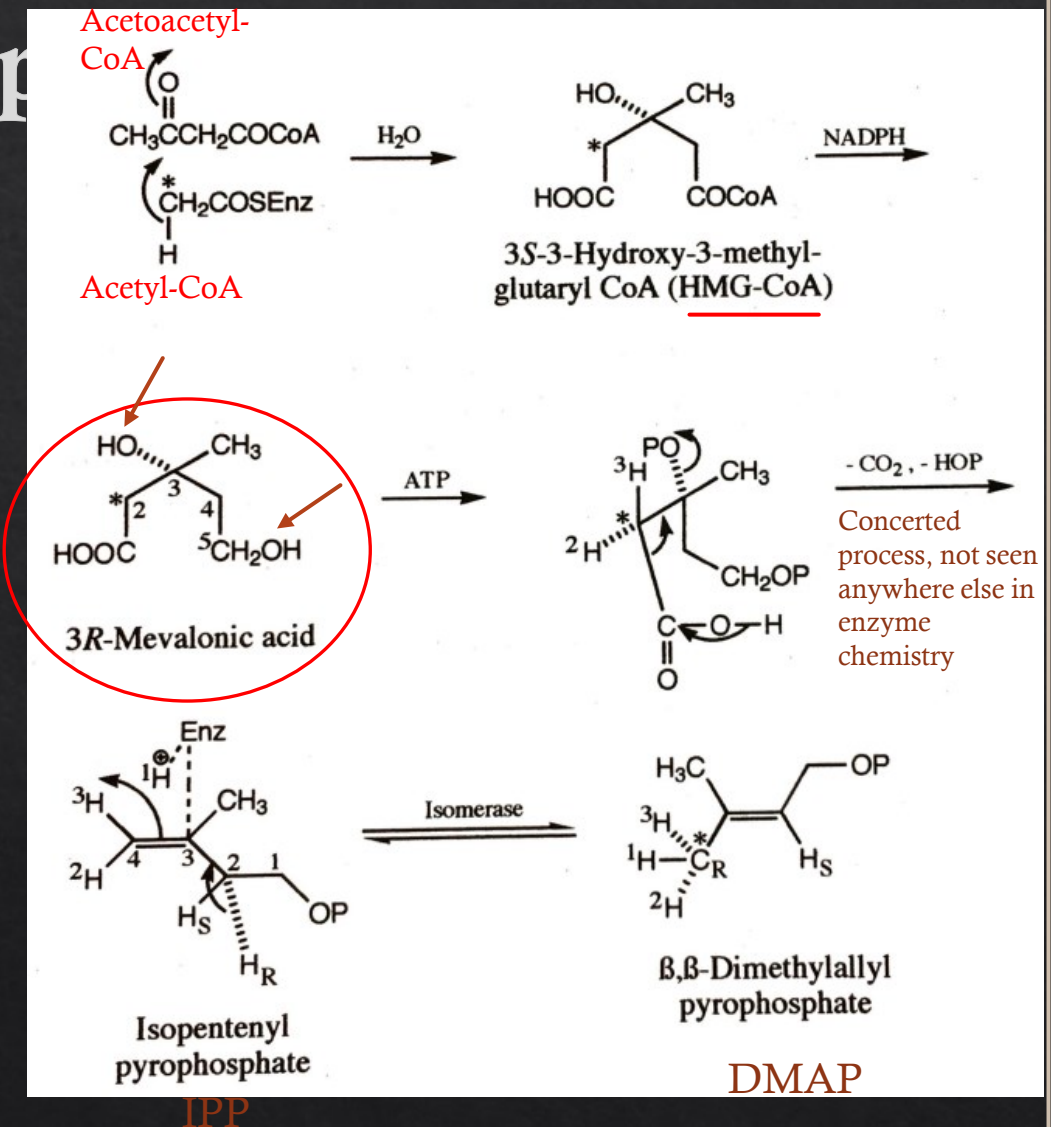


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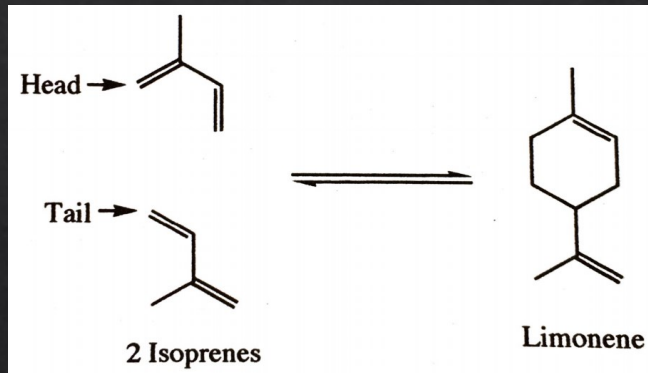
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End products are the same

Biosynthesis of starter units of terpenes: DMAP/IPP



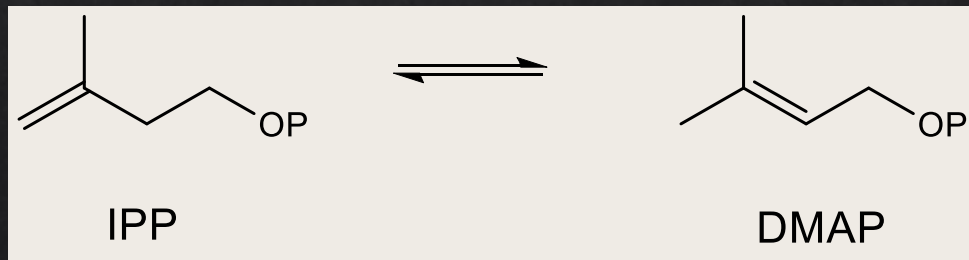
Mevalonic acid pathway



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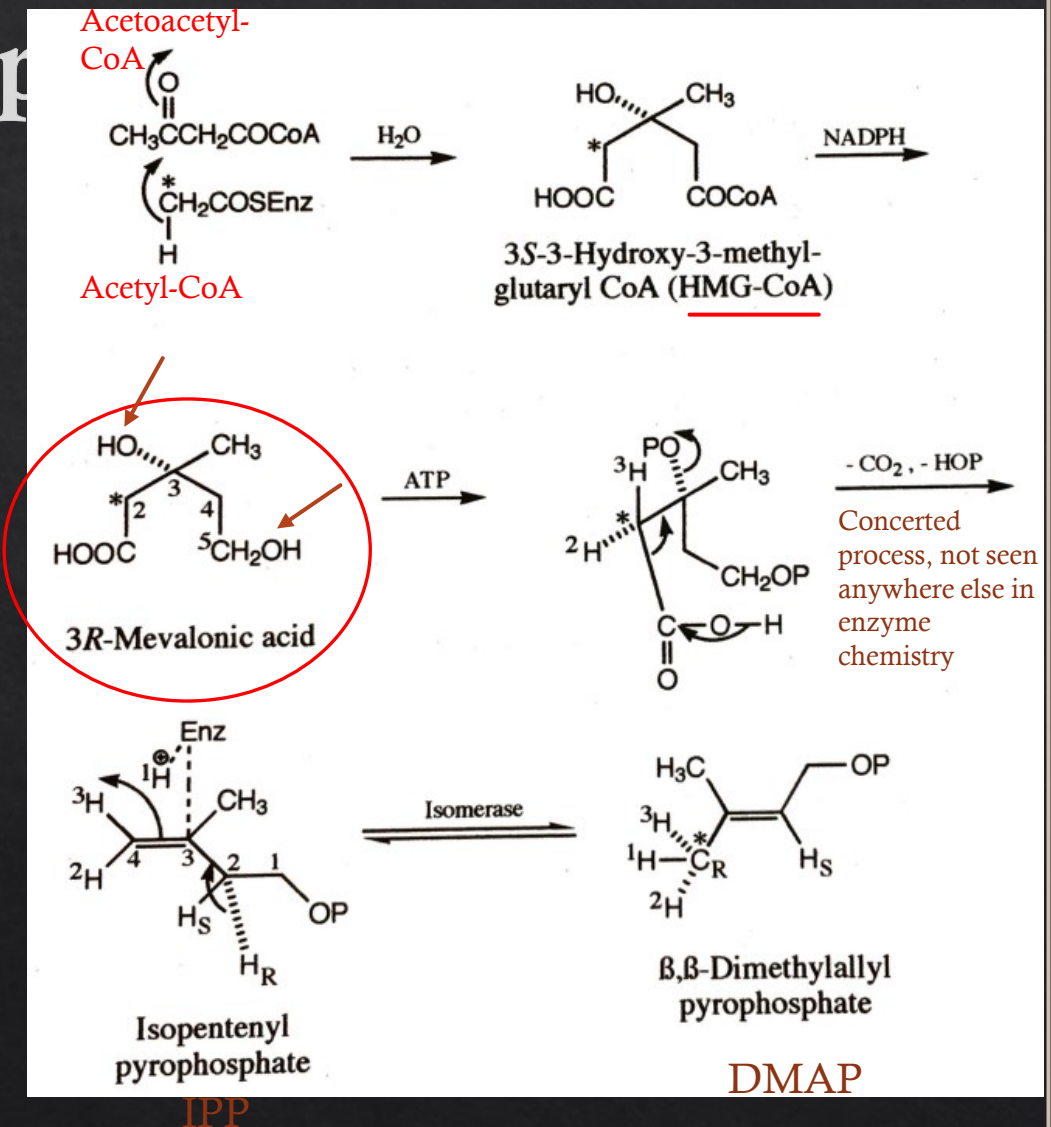
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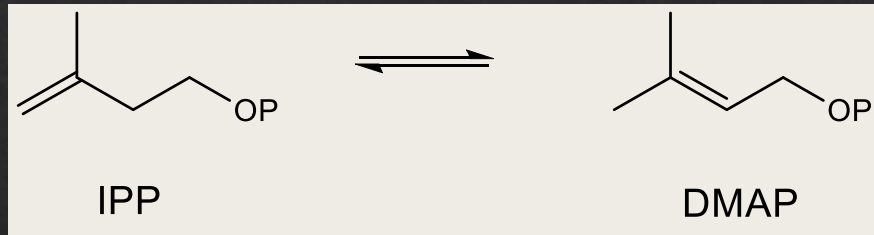


«Activated isoprenes»

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Biosynthesis of terpenes

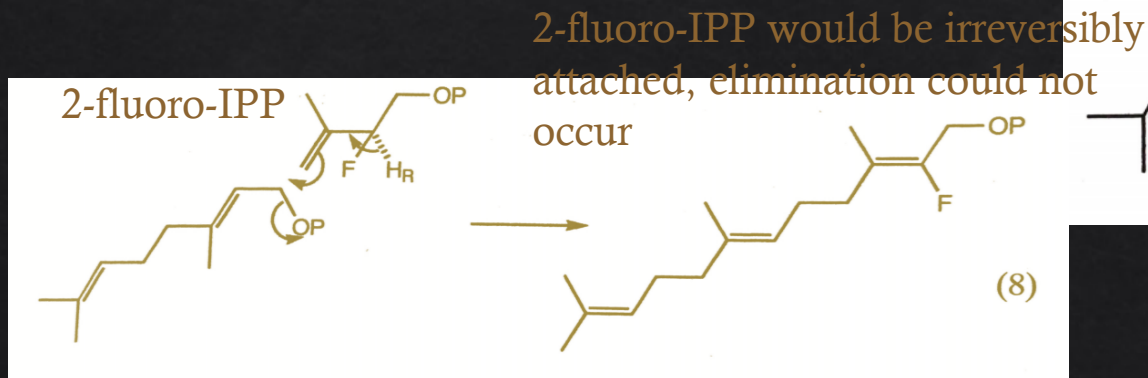
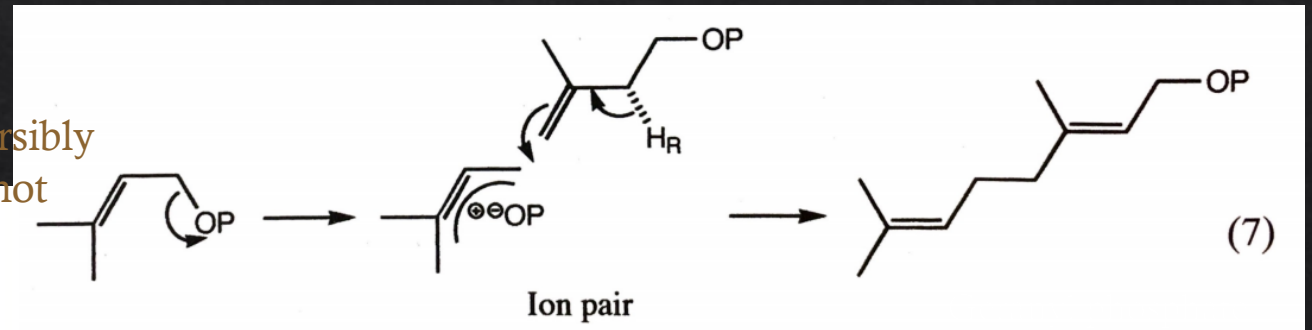
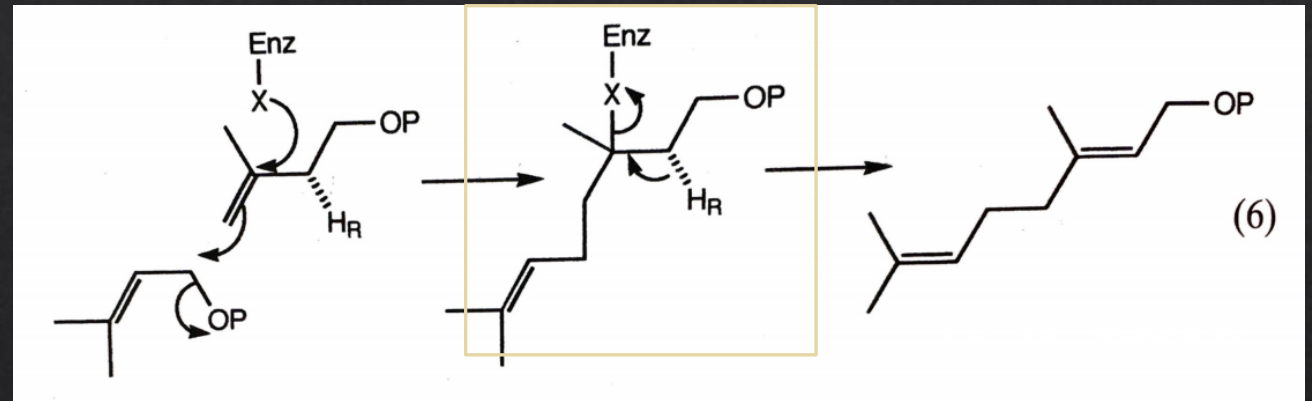


«Activated isoprenes»

Trans-1,2-addition, and *trans*-1,2-elimination – enzyme functions as a nucleophile

Ionization of DMAP, and addition of IPP to the allylic cation

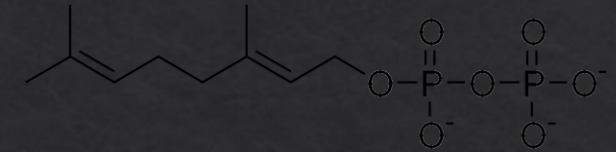
Two proposed mechanisms for further reaction between IPP and DMAP:



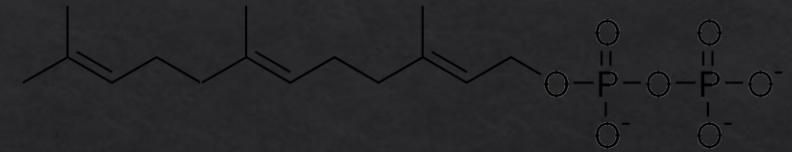
Enzyme activity was not irreversibly lost

4 phases of terpene biosynthesis

- 1) Synthesis of IPP and DMAP (the mevalonic acid pathway)
- 2) Linear polymerization of the isoprene units
Gives geranyl PP, farnesyl PP, geranylgeranyl PP, etc.
(Linear polyprenyl precursors)
- 3) Folding, cyclization, rearrangement of polyprenyl precursors.
- 4) Functionalization to create terpenoids

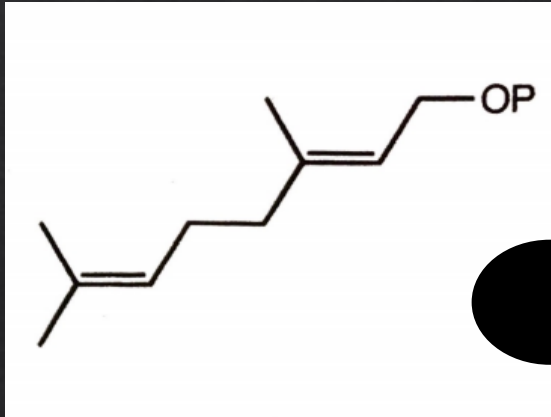


Geranyl pyrophosphate



Farnesyl pyrophosphate

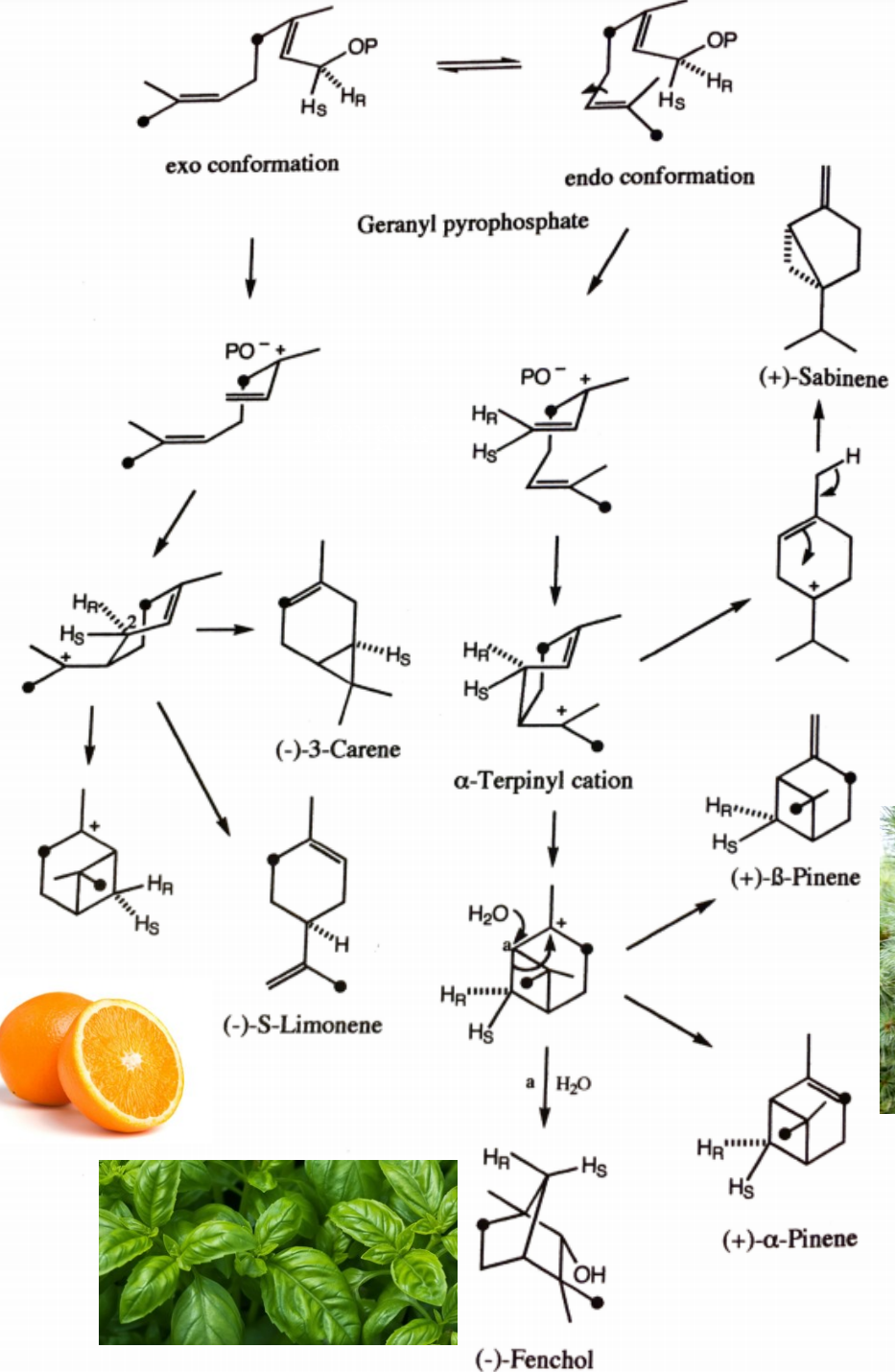
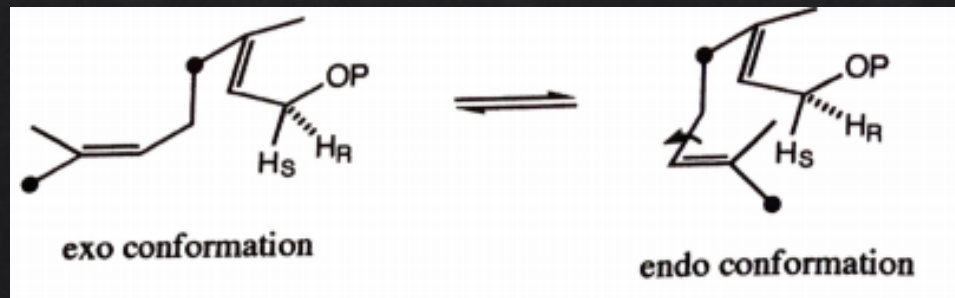
Biosynthesis of - monoterpenes



Geranyl pyrophosphate

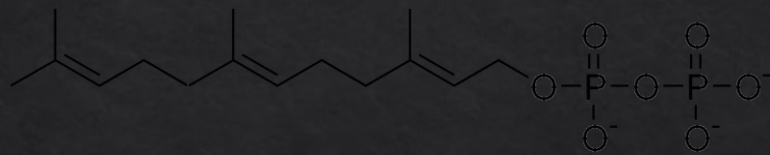
Starting material for monoterpenes

*The products from
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on the enzymes present
in the plant*

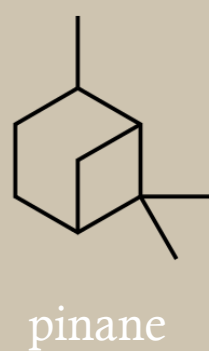
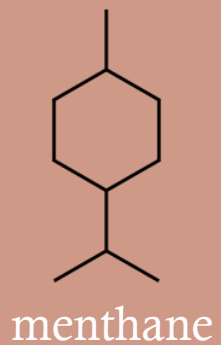
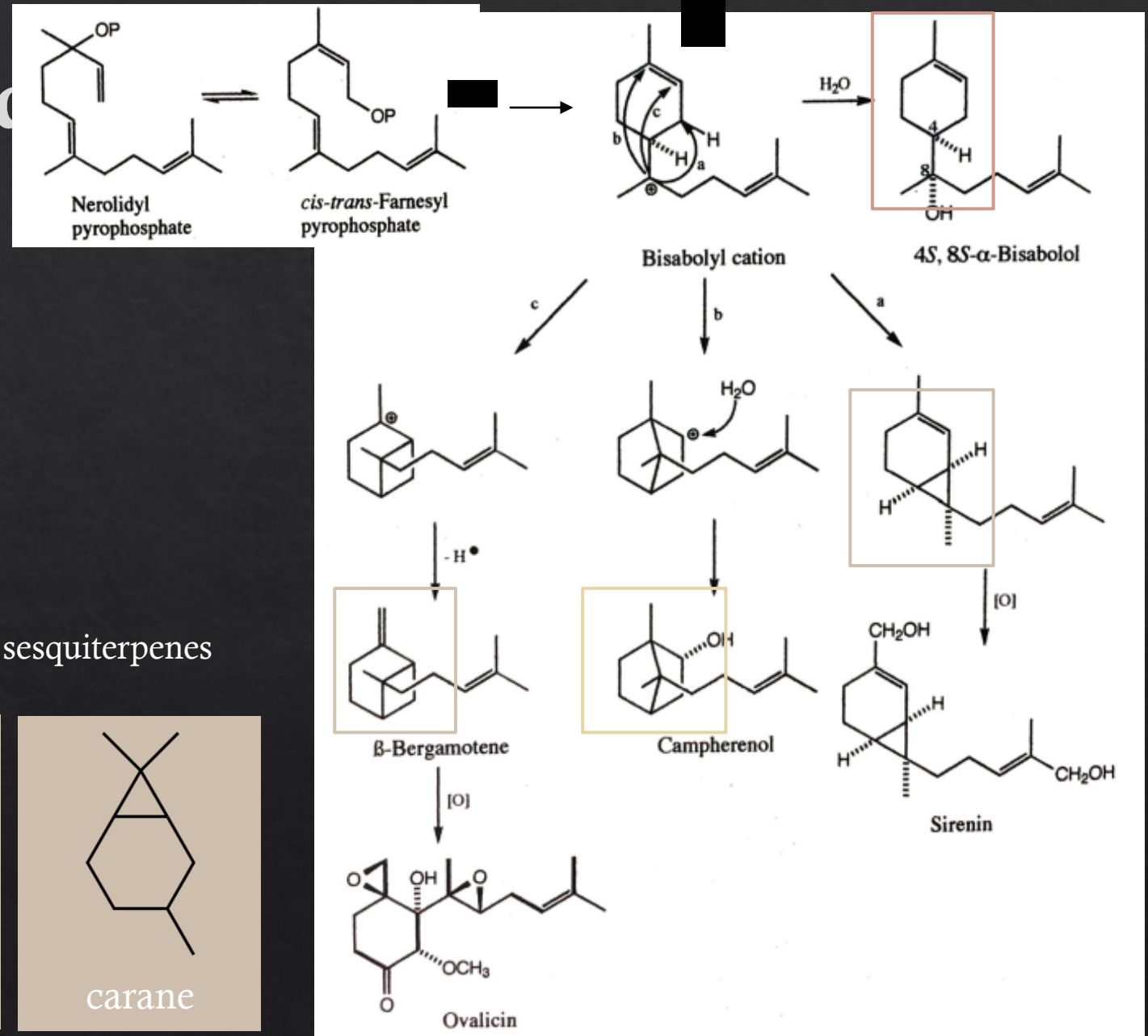


Sesqu

- ◇ Longer chain length – more structural variety
- ◇ Largest group of terpenes
- ◇ 50 different carbon skeletons

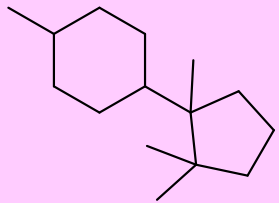


Farnesyl pyrophosphate = starting material for sesquiterpenes

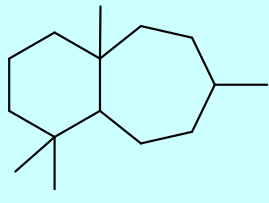


Sesquiterpene

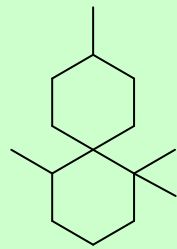
- ◇ Hydride and alkyl shifts
- ◇ via carbocation intermediates
- ◇ Gives even more structure variation



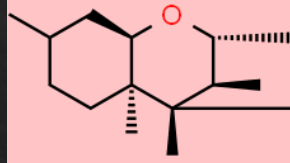
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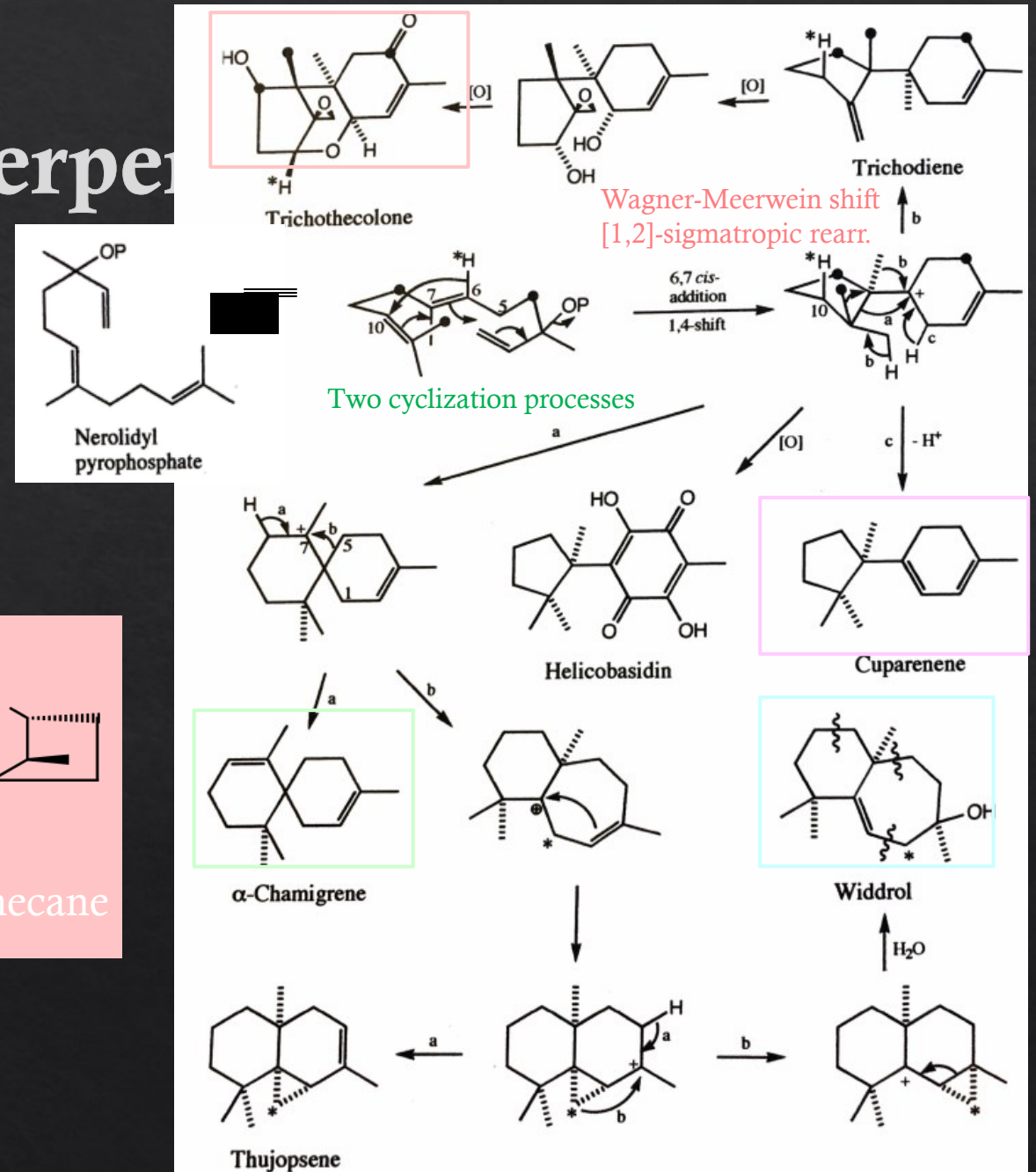
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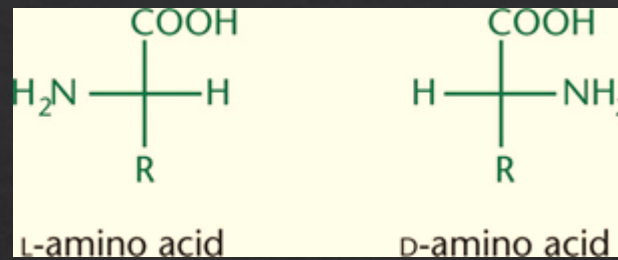


Chapter 7

Amino Acids, Peptides and Proteins

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Amino acids contain:

- amino group (-NH₂)
- carboxyl group (-COOH)

Amino acids in proteins are L-α-amino acids

- 20 common amino acids

10 of these are essential for humans

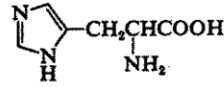
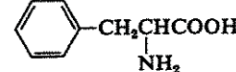
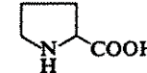
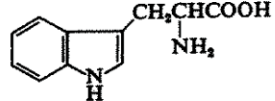
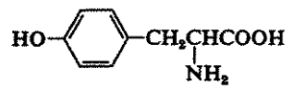
- More complex biosynthesis

300 non-protein amino acids

Table 1 Structure of the commonest amino acids derived from proteins. Name of amine derived by decarboxylation

Amino acid	Structure	Abbreviated symbol	Amine
Alanine N,1	CH_3CHCOOH NH_2	Ala	Ethylamine
Arginine E,3	$\text{H}_2\text{N}^+ = \text{CNH}(\text{CH}_2)_3\text{CHCOOH}$ NH_2 NH_2	Arg	Agmatine (4-Guanidobutylamine)
Aspartic acid N,4	$^-\text{OOCCH}_2\text{CHCOOH}$ NH_2	Asp	β-Alanine
Asparagine N,2	$\text{NH}_2\text{COCH}_2\text{CHCOOH}$ NH_2	Asn	β-Alanyl amide
Cysteine N,2	$\text{HSCH}_2\text{CHCOOH}$ NH_2	Cys	2-Mercaptoethylamine
Glutamic acid N,4	$^-\text{OOCCH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{CHCOOH}$ NH_2	Glu	γ-Aminobutyric acid (GABA)
Glutamine N,2	$\text{H}_2\text{NCOCH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{CHCOOH}$ NH_2	Gln	γ-Aminobutyramide
Glycine N,2	CH_2COOH NH_2	Gly	Methylamine

Table 1 (continued)

Amino acid	Structure	Abbreviated symbol	Amine
Histidine E,3		His	Histamine
Isoleucine E,1	$\text{C}_2\text{H}_5\text{CHCHCOOH}$ H_3C NH_2	Ile	2-Methylbutylamine
Leucine E,1	$(\text{CH}_3)_2\text{CHCH}_2\text{CHCOOH}$ NH_2	Leu	3-Methylbutylamine
Lysine E,3	$\text{H}_2\text{N}(\text{CH}_2)_4\text{CHCOOH}$ NH_2	Lys	Cadaverine, 1,5-Diaminopentane
Methionine E,1	$\text{CH}_3\text{S}(\text{CH}_2)_2\text{CHCOOH}$ NH_2	Met	3-Methylmercaptopropylamine
Phenylalanine E,1		Phe	Phenylethylamine
Proline N,1		Pro	Pyrrolidine
Serine N,2	$\text{HOCH}_2\text{CHCOOH}$ NH_2	Ser	Ethanolamine
Threonine E,1	$\text{CH}_3\text{CHCHCOOH}$ HO NH_2	Thr	2-Hydroxypropylamine
Tryptophan E,1		Try	Tryptamine
Tyrosine N,2		Tyr	Tyramine
Valine E,1	$(\text{CH}_3)_2\text{CHCHCOOH}$ NH_2	Val	i-Butylamine

Requirement by man: E, essential; N, non-essential. Polarity of the chain; 1, non-polar; 2, neutral polar; 3, positively charged; 4, negatively charged

Examples of non-protein amino acids

Blood sugar depressing effects

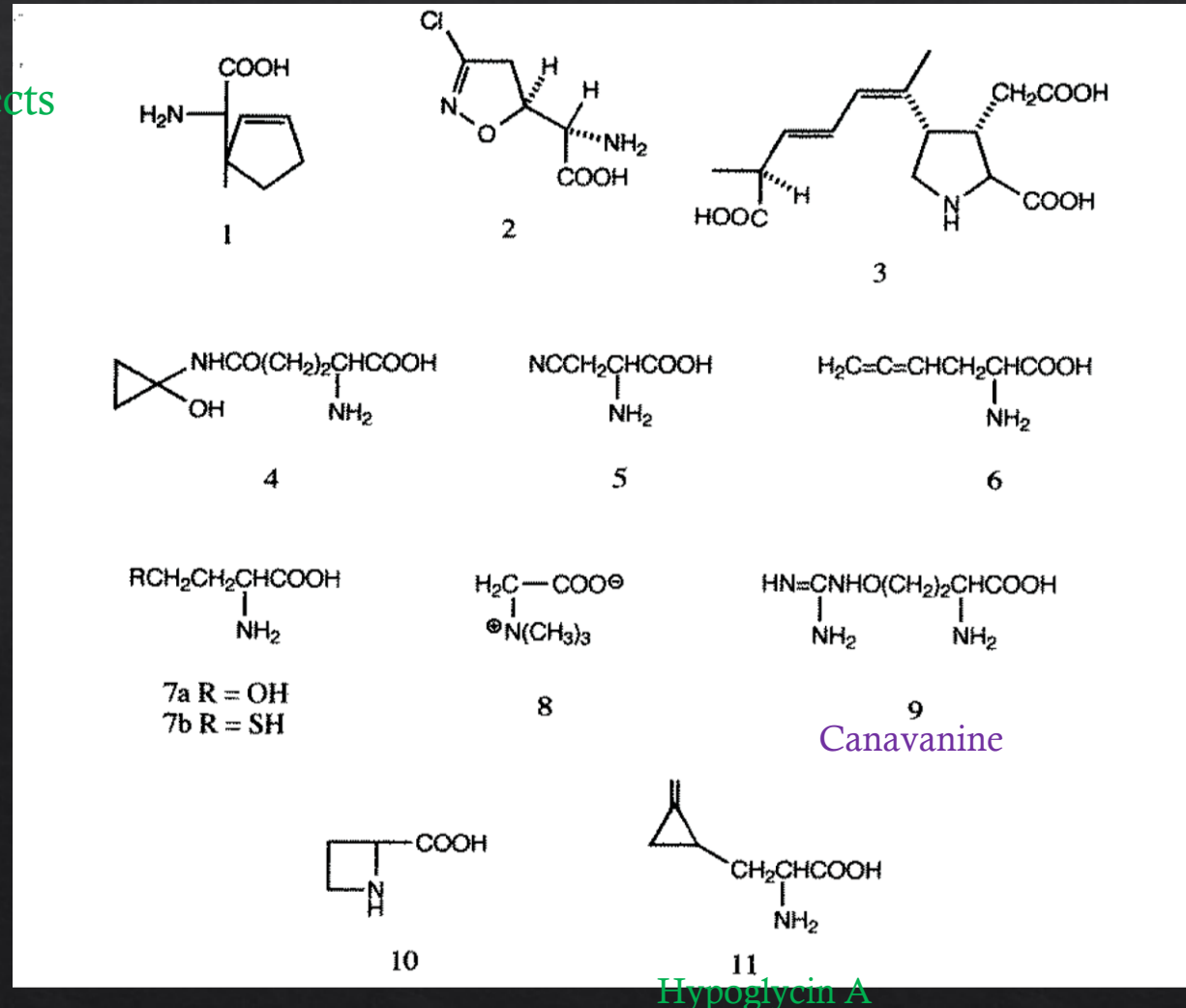


Blighia sapida

National fruit of Jamaica,
poisonous if not cooked
properly

Hypoglycin A binds
irreversibly to coenzyme A,
inhibiting many enzymes

=> Depletes glucose stores



Phytotoxins



Canavanine
inhibits growth
of
mammals

Vicia bengalensis
Produces canavanine

Detection of amino acids

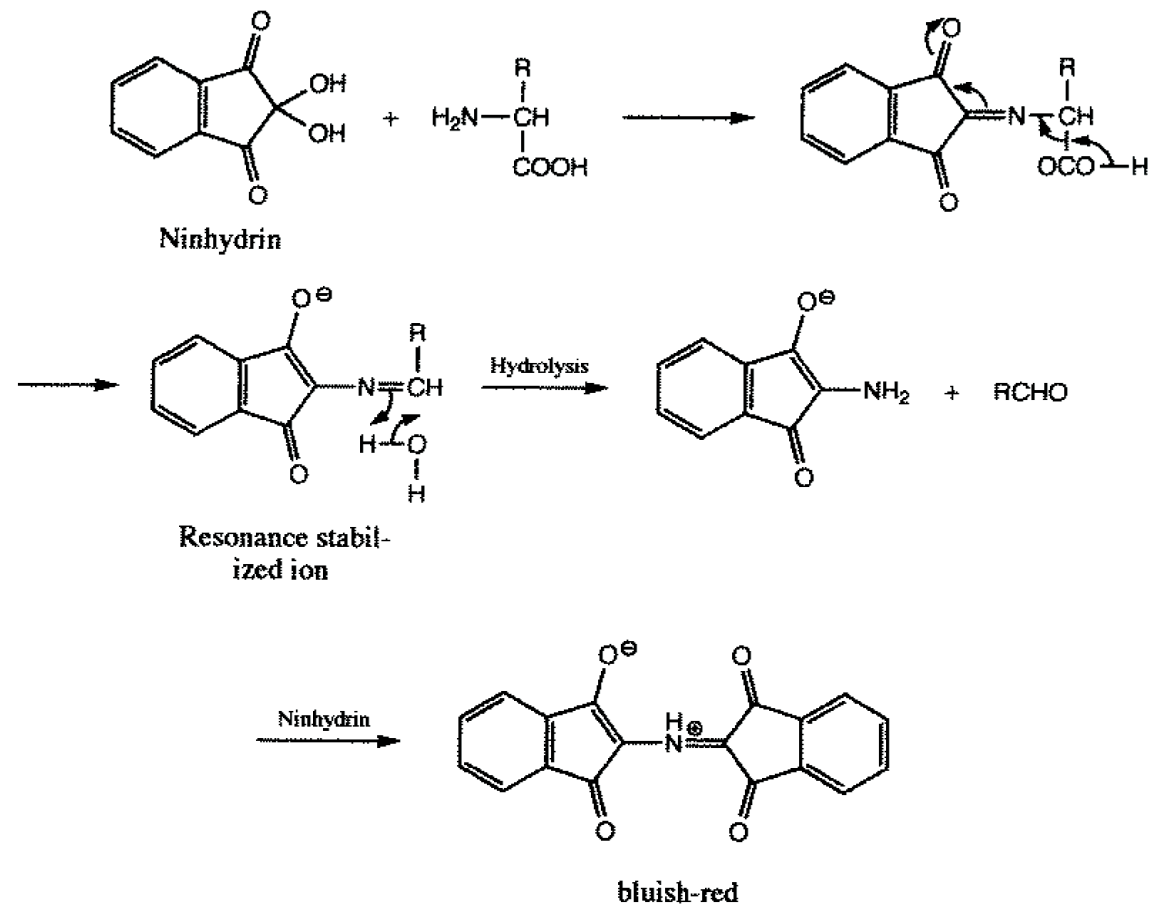
◆ Forensic chemistry

◆ Detection of fingerprints on paper



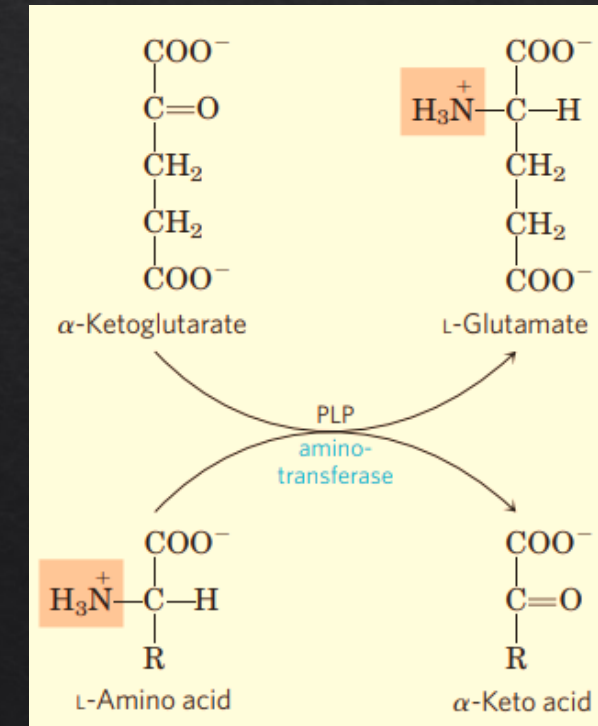
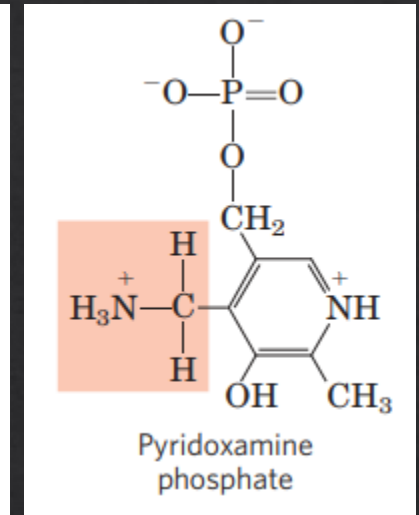
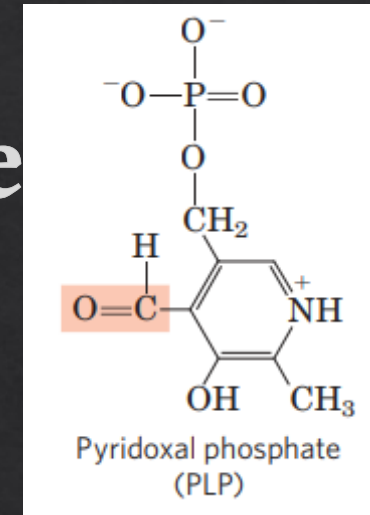
Ninhydrin can be sprayed on the paper, followed by heating

If amino acids are present, they form a purple complex with ninydrin



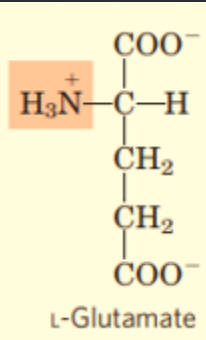
Pyridoxal phosphate

- ◈ Cofactor in transamination reactions
 - ◈ Temporary carrier of amino groups
- ◈ Important for both synthesis and degradation of amino acids
- ◈ Glutamic acid is often the amino group donor (or acceptor) in transaminations



Pyridoxal phosphate (PLP)

Glutamic acid is the NH₃ donor



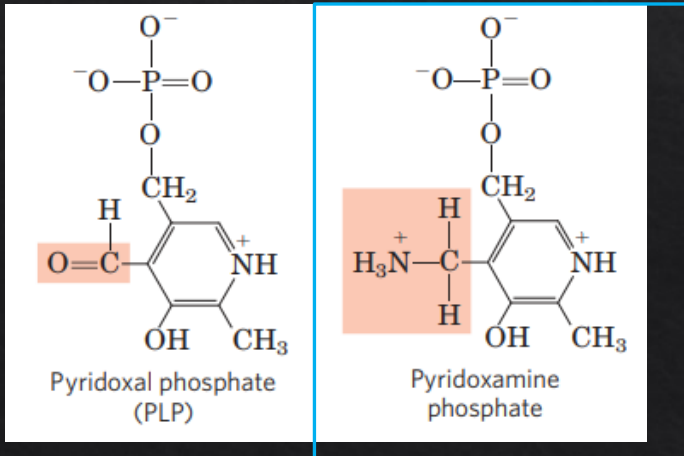
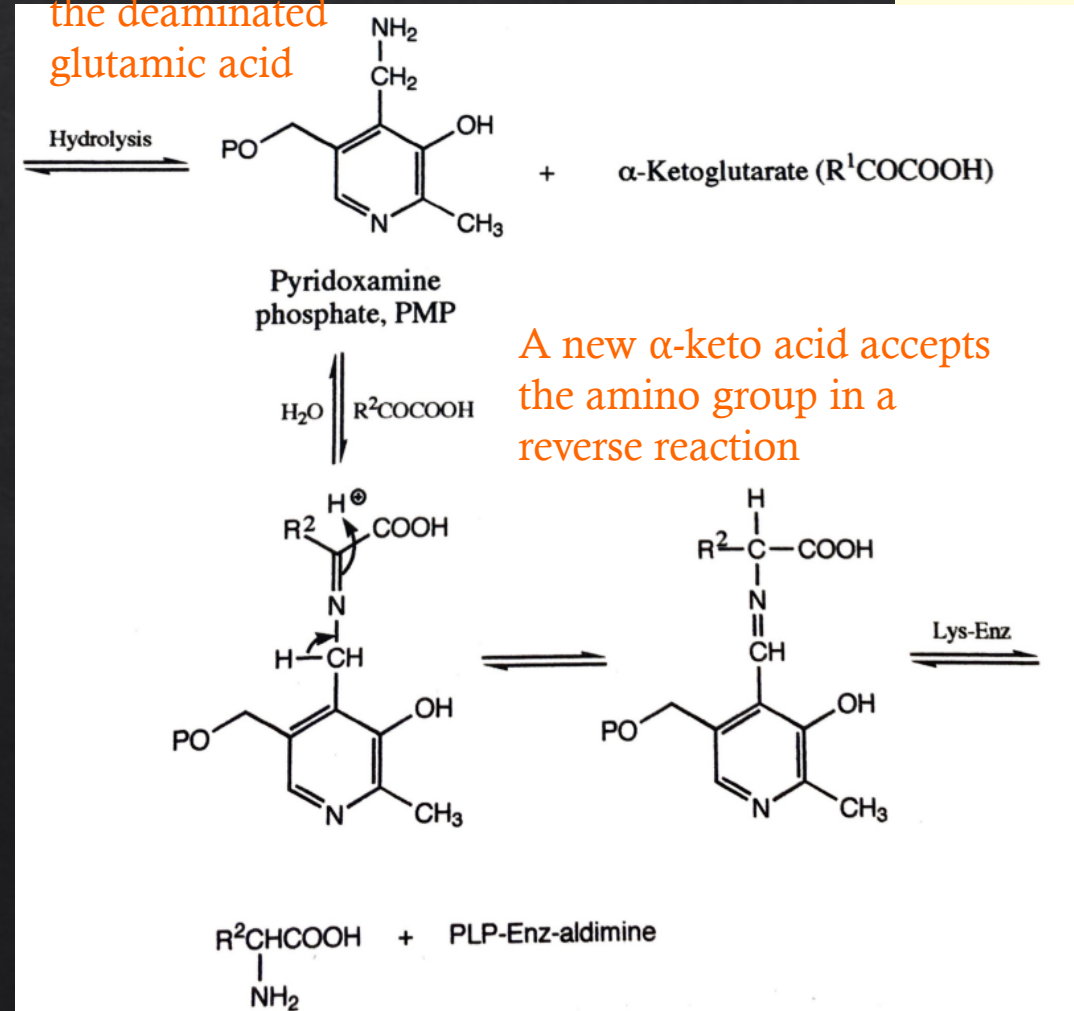
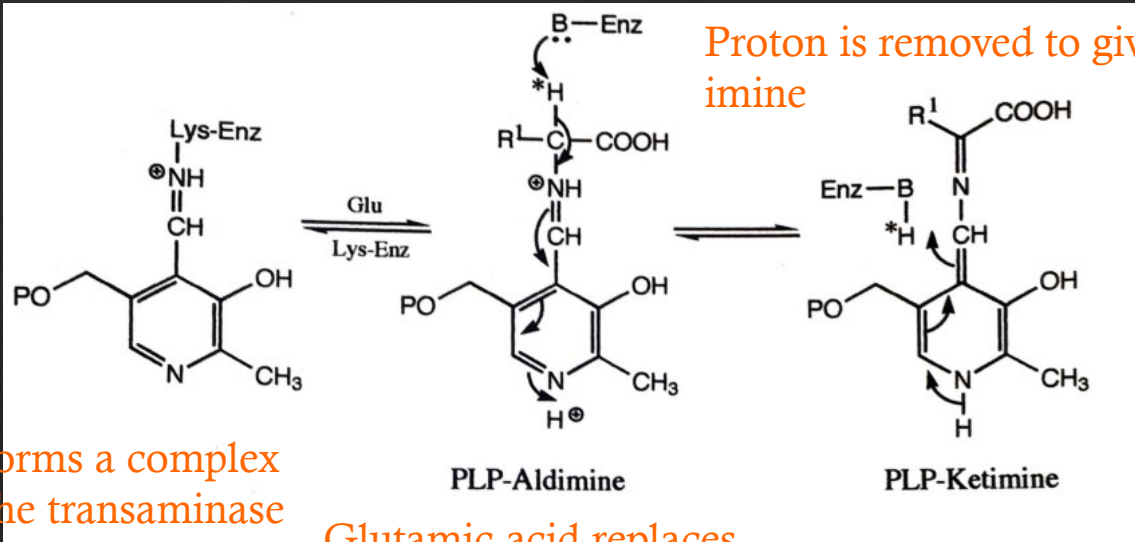
PLP forms a complex with the transaminase

Glutamic acid replaces Lys

Proton is removed to give imine

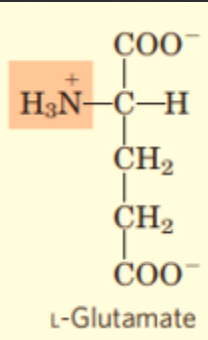
Hydrolysis removes the deaminated glutamic acid

A new α -keto acid accepts the amino group in a reverse reaction



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Glutamic acid is the NH₃ donor



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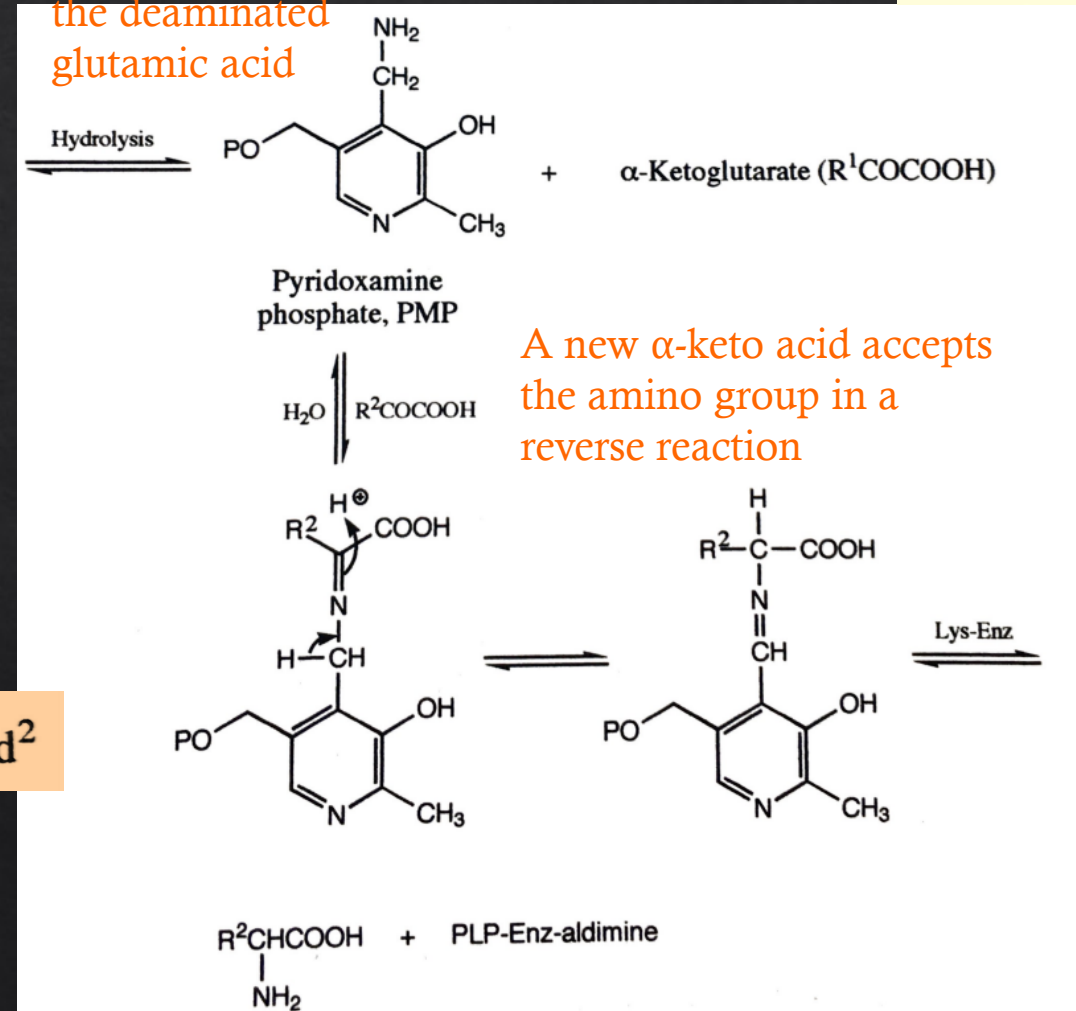
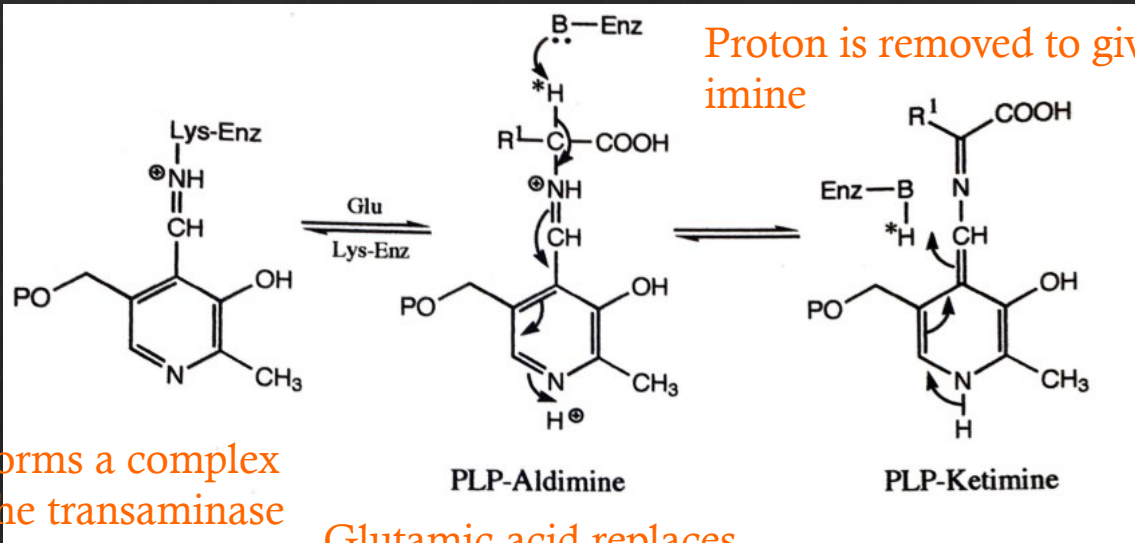
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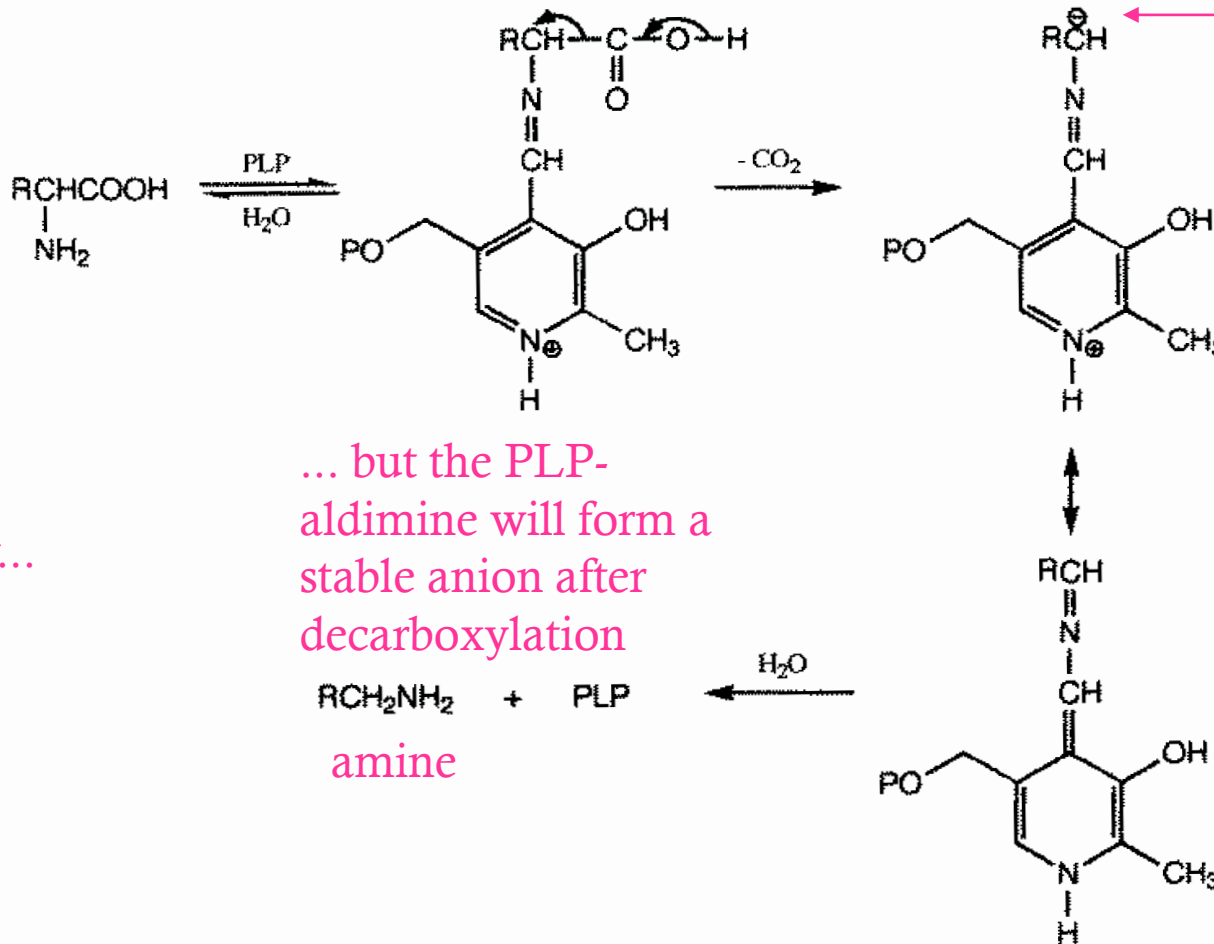
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Summary of transamination reactions:



Decarboxylation of amino acids



Delocalized negative charge

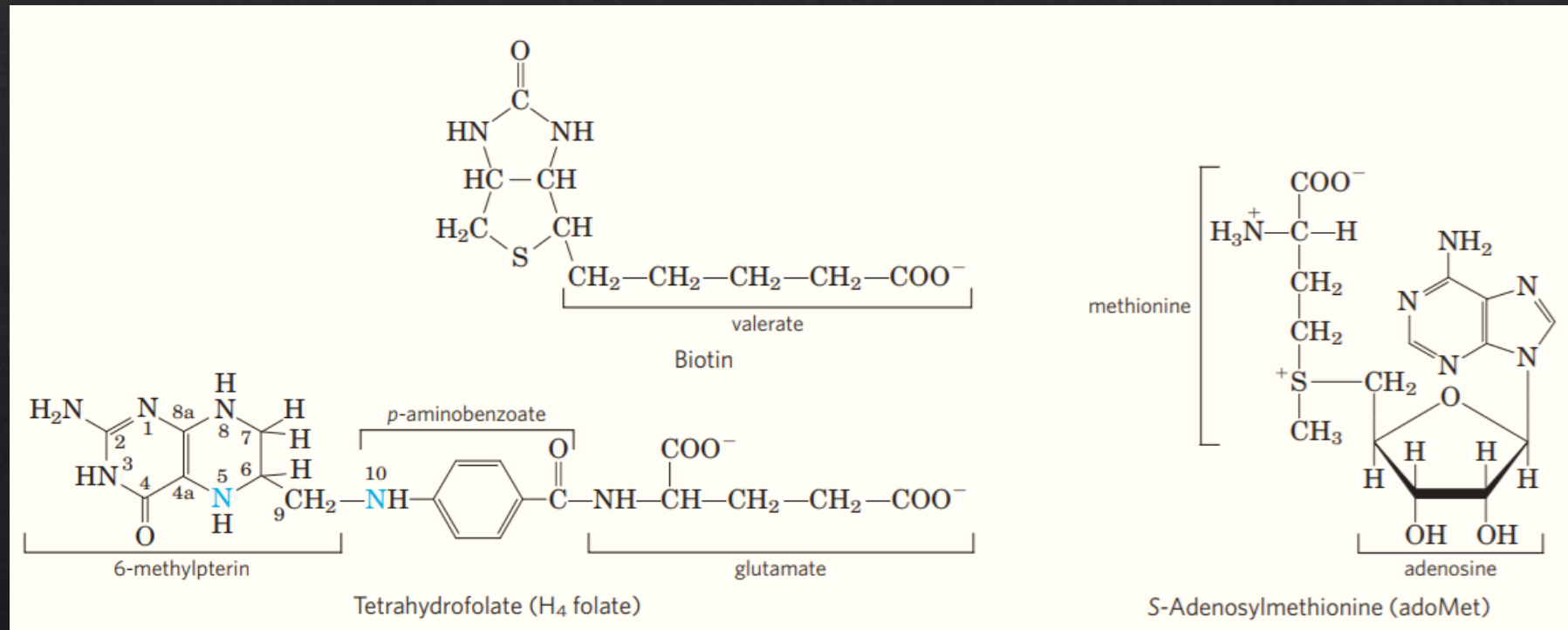
The amino acid itself will not be decarboxylated easily...

... but the PLP-aldimine will form a stable anion after decarboxylation
 RCH_2NH_2 + PLP
 amine

This is an important biosynthetic route to amines

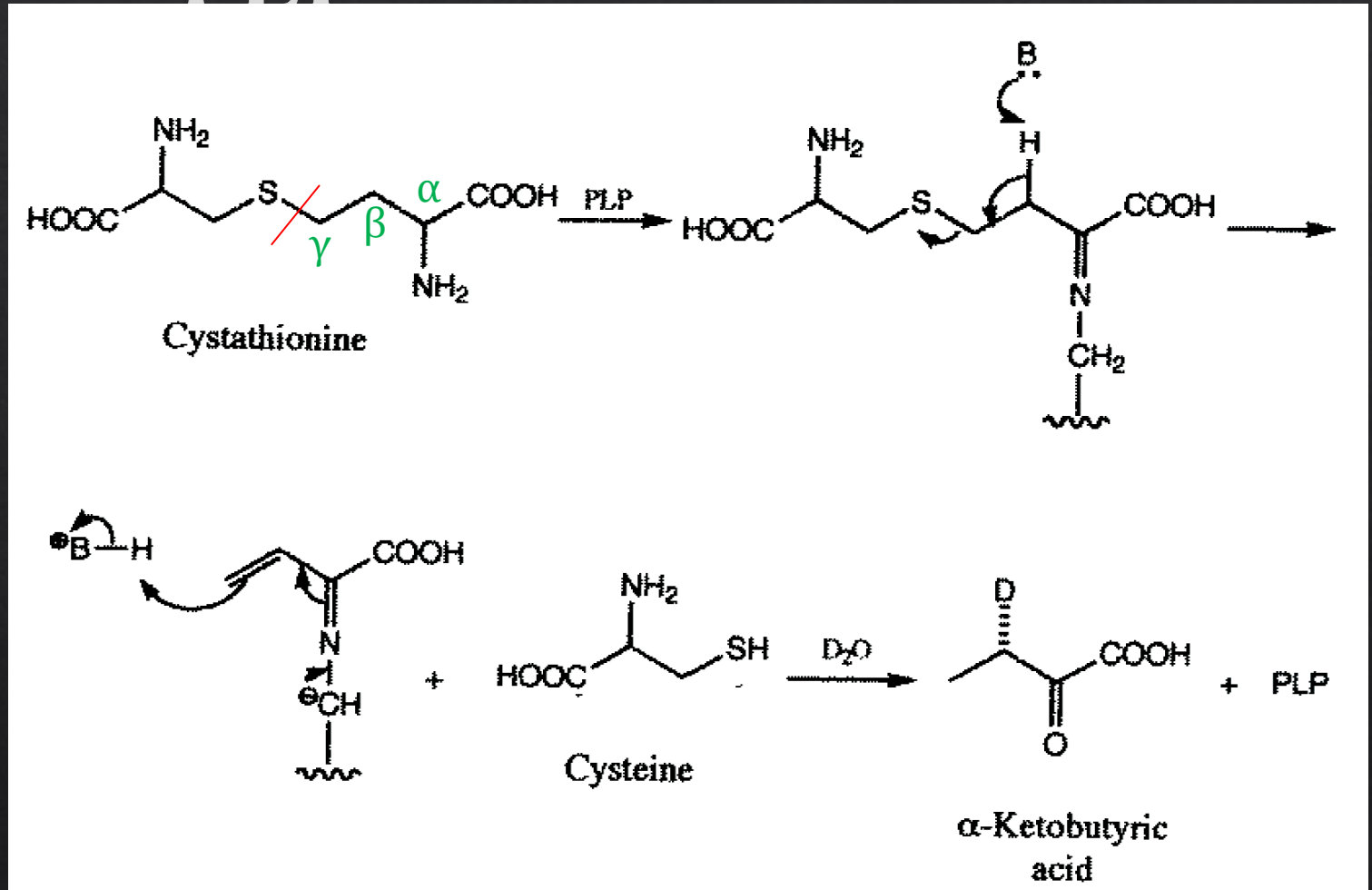
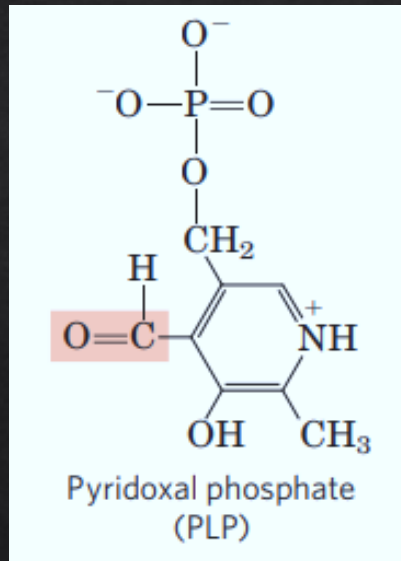
Cofactors for transfer of one-carbon fragments

- ◆ Important cofactors in amino acid catabolism



Biosynthesis of cysteine in mammals – role of PLP

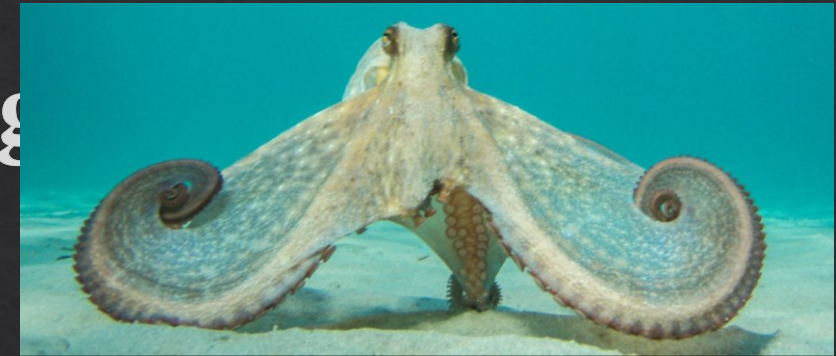
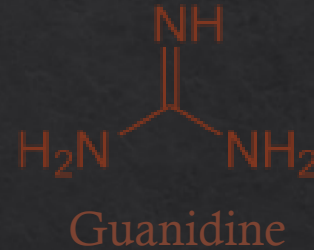
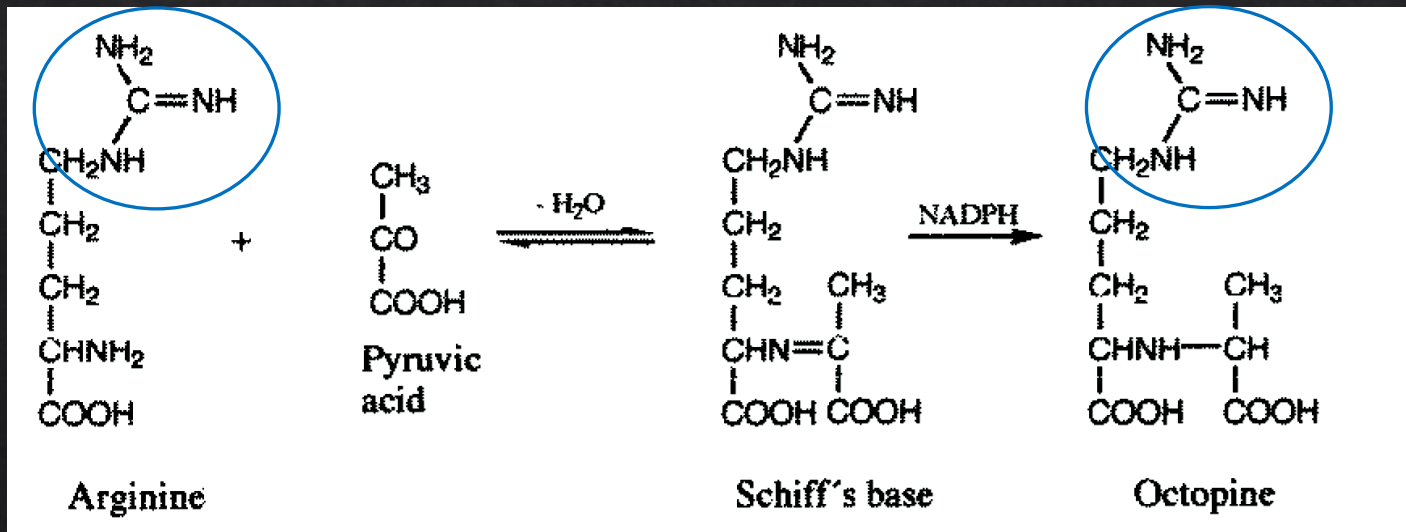
PLP activates cleavage of cystathionine in the γ position



The guanidino functional group

Common functional group in marine metabolites

Example: Biosynthesis of octopine



Octopine is an analog of lactic acid in the octopus.

Plants can also produce it if infected with the bacteria *agrobacterium tumifaciens*, which changes the DNA of the plant and induces tumor growth in the infected plant.



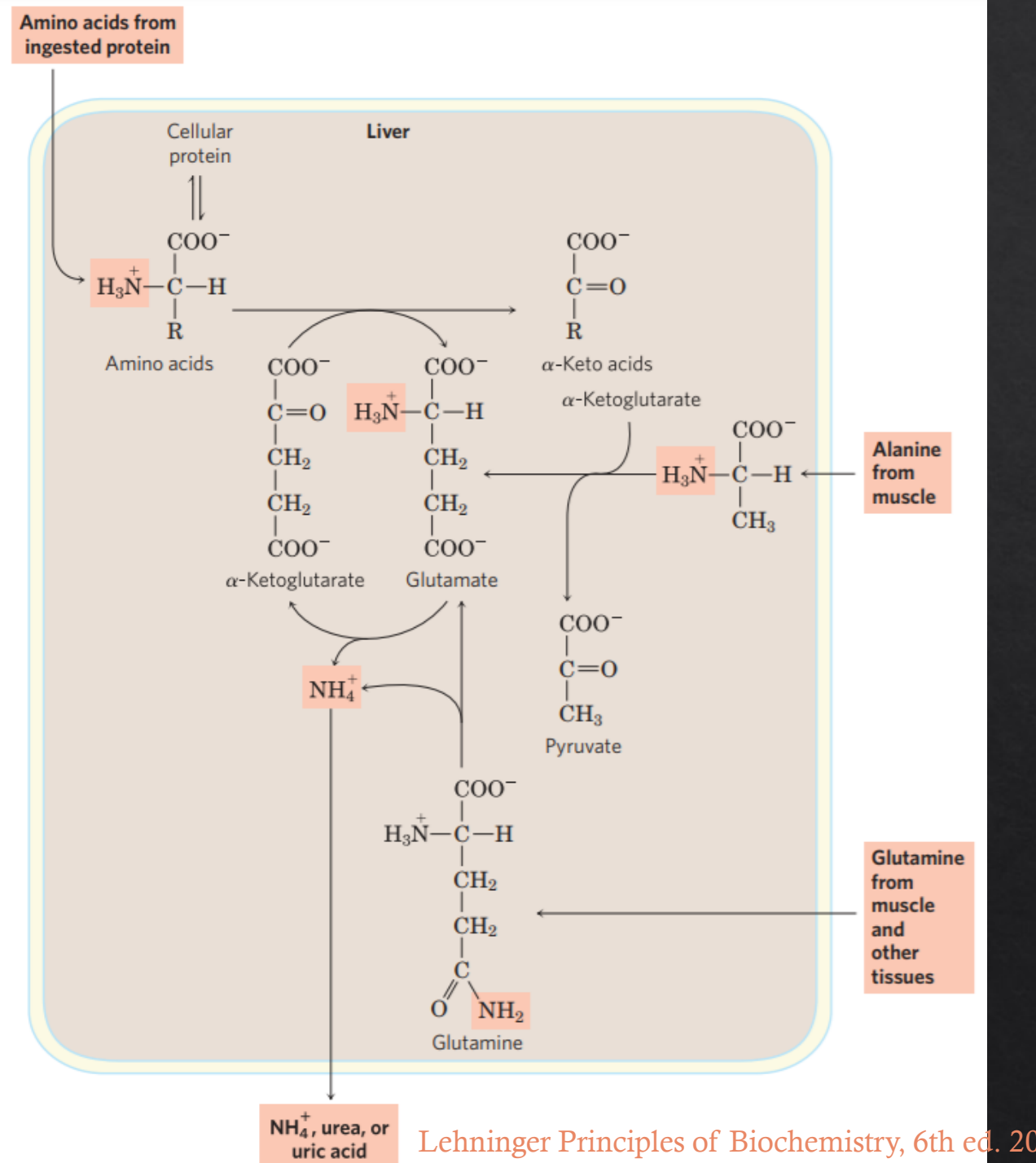
The urea

◇ NH₃ is toxic, removed in urea cycle

1 - NH₃ from different tissue in the vertebrates is transferred to the liver as glutamine and alanine

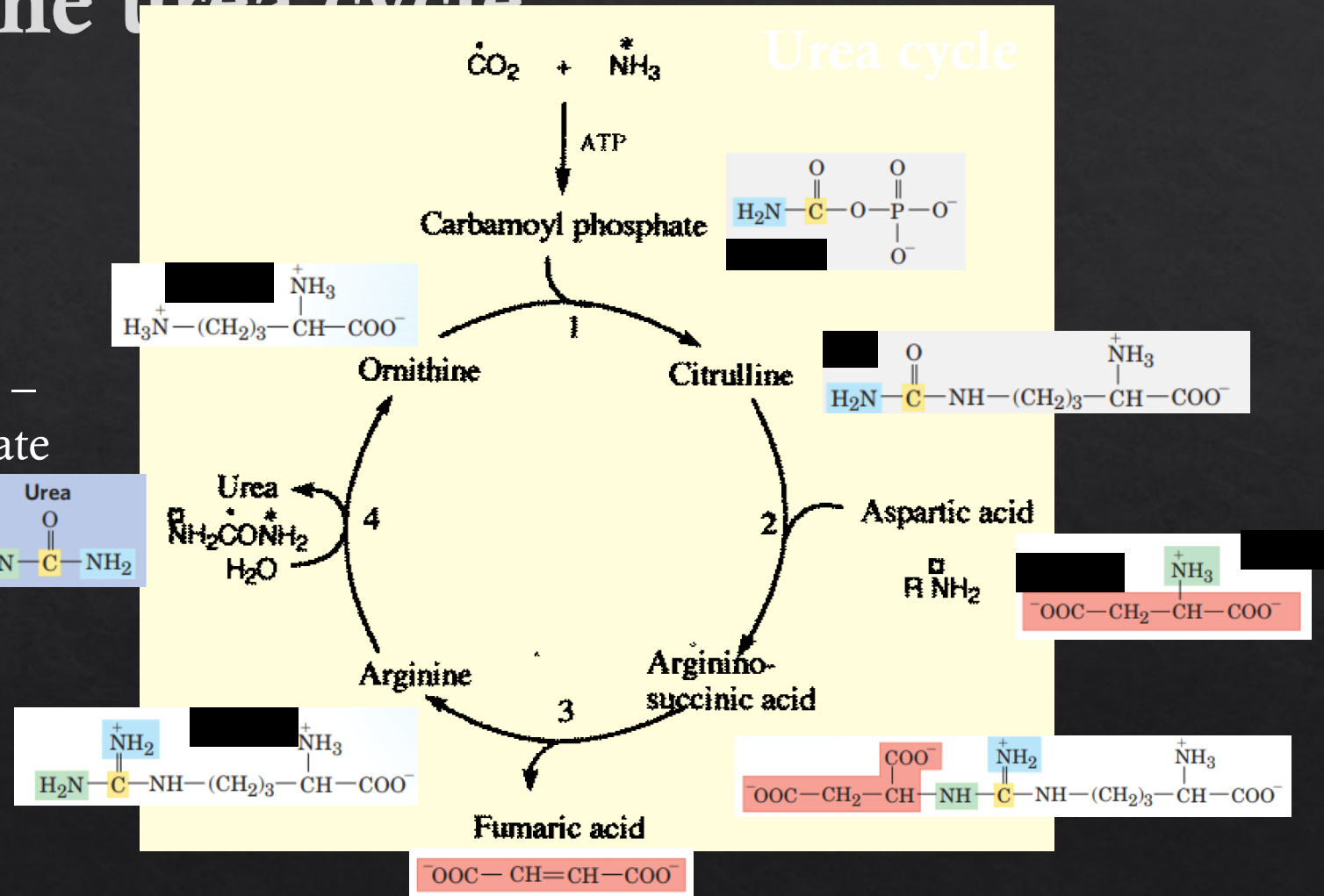
2 - The amino group gets transferred to α-ketoglutarate to form glutamic acid

3 - Glutamic acid releases the amino group which then enters the urea cycle



The urea cycle

1. Formation of citrulline from carbamoyl phosphate and ornithine
2. Aspartic acid enters to form argininosuccinic acid from citrulline – through a citrulline-AMP intermediate (requires ATP)
3. Release of fumarate gives arginine
4. Hydrolysis of arginine releases urea

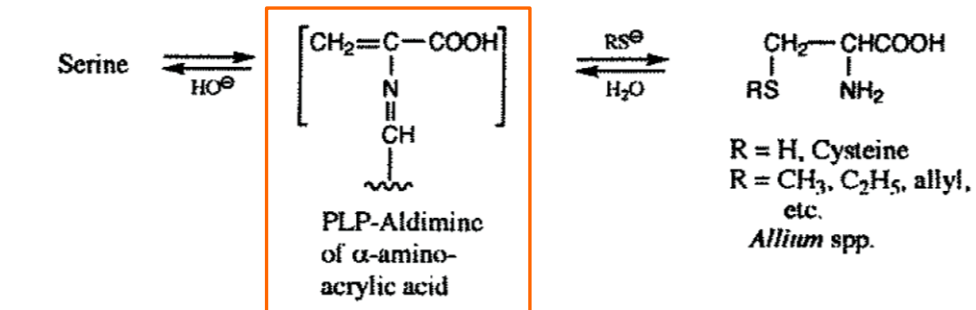


Secondary products of serine and cysteine

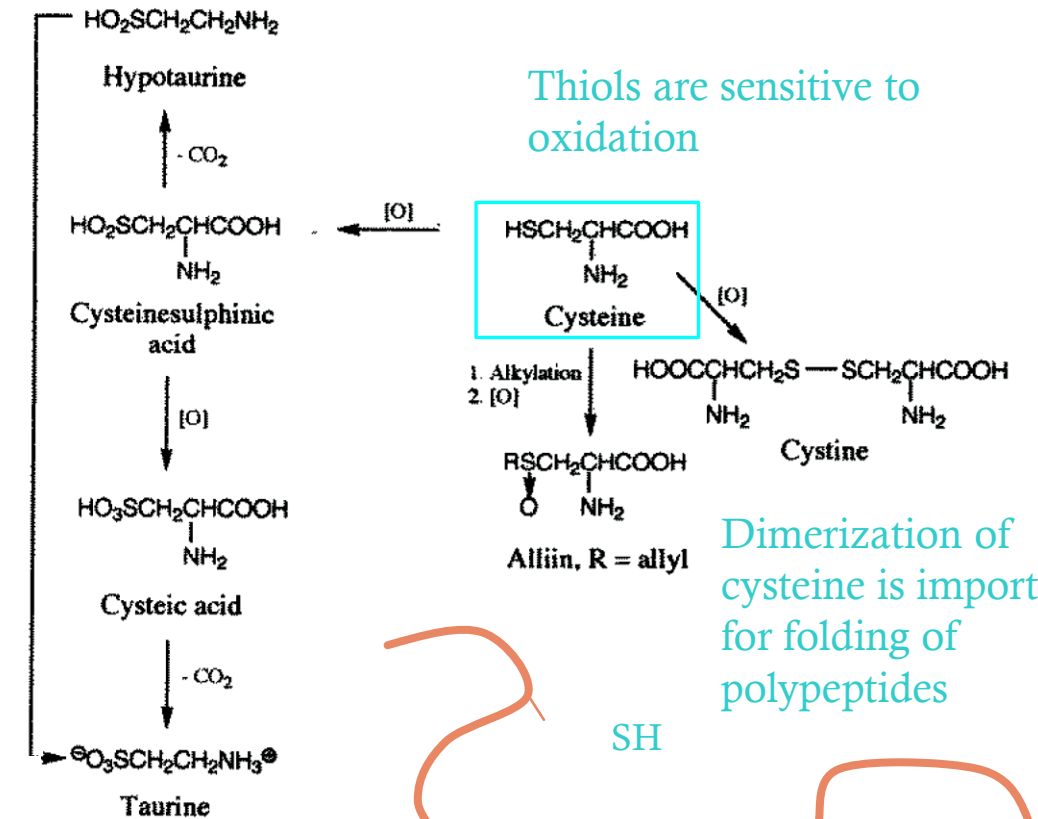
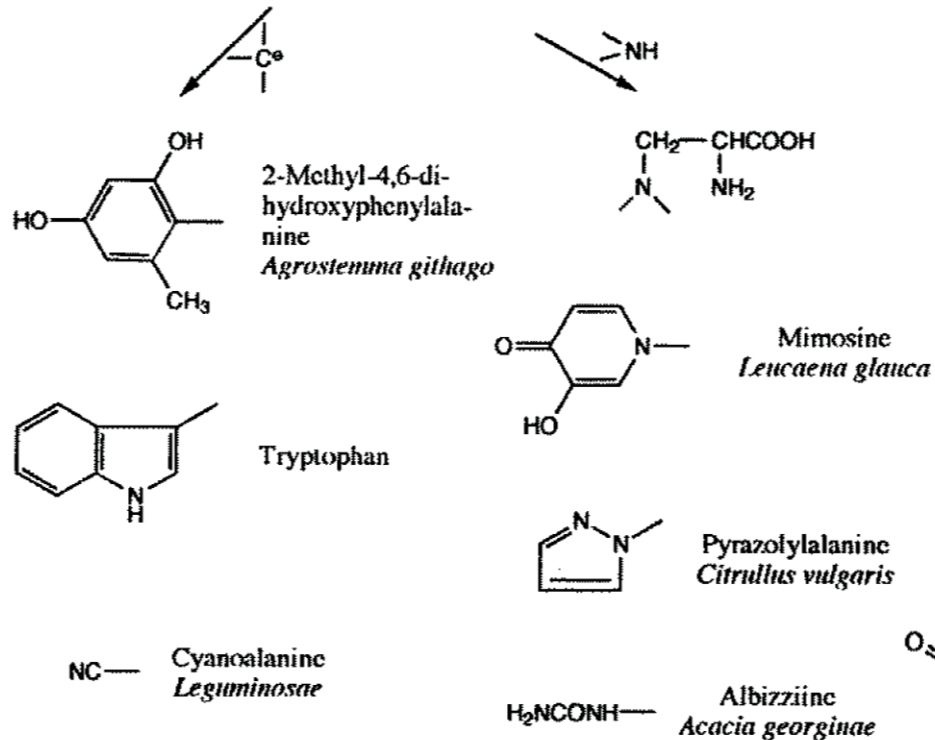
Serine

Glycine

Cysteine

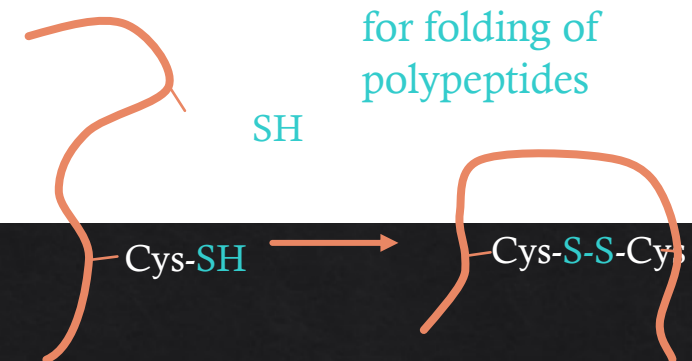


Michael addition of various nucleophiles to the PLP-aldimine

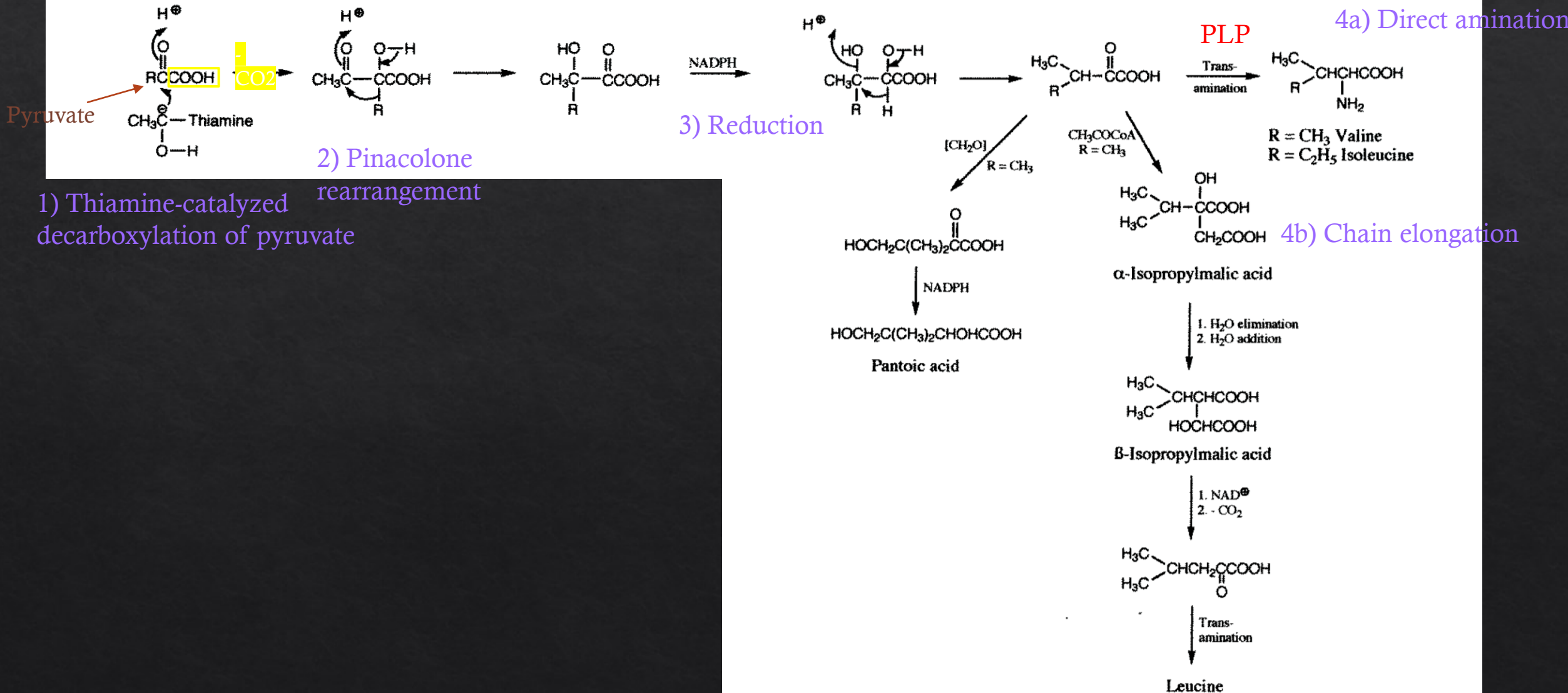


Thiols are sensitive to oxidation

Dimerization of cysteine is important for folding of polypeptides

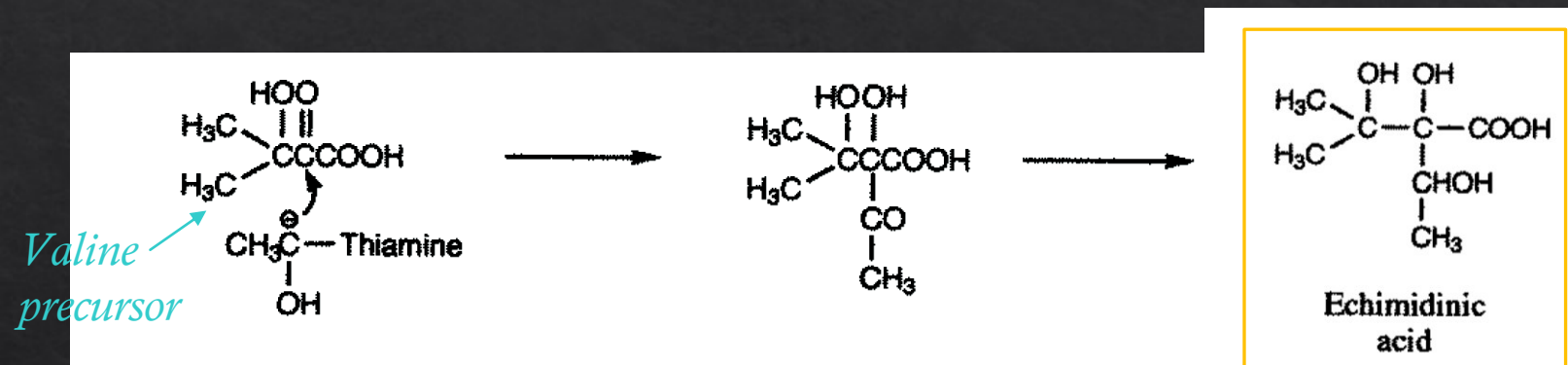


Biosynthesis of leucine, valine and isoleucine



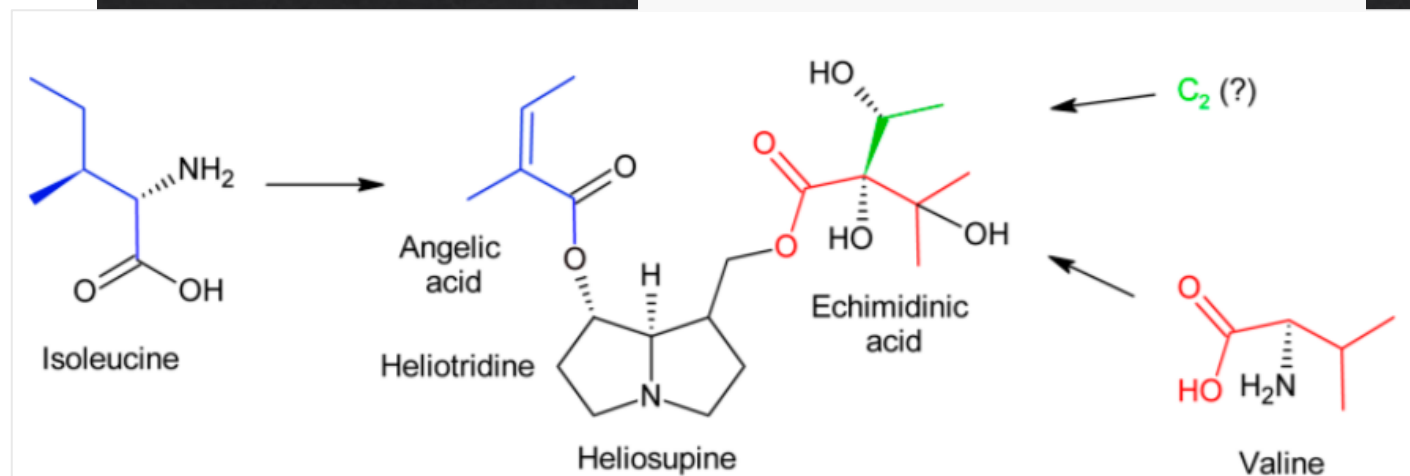
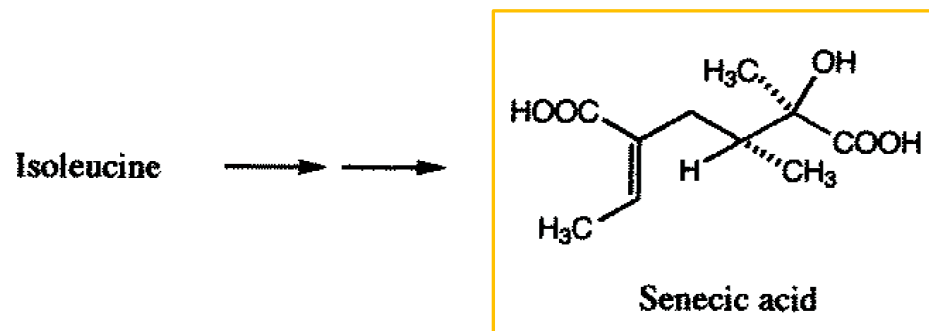
Secondary products of valine, isoleucine and leucine

Necic acids are often derived from these amino acids (not from acetate, as originally suspected):

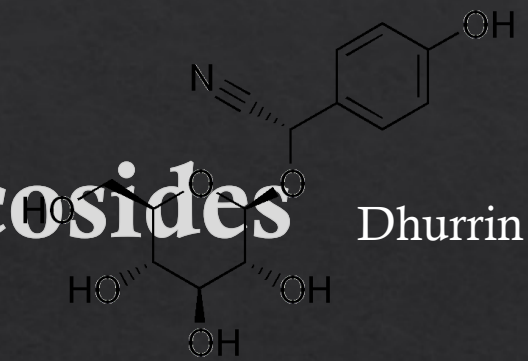


Necic acids are important building blocks of pyrrolizidine alkaloids such as heliosupine

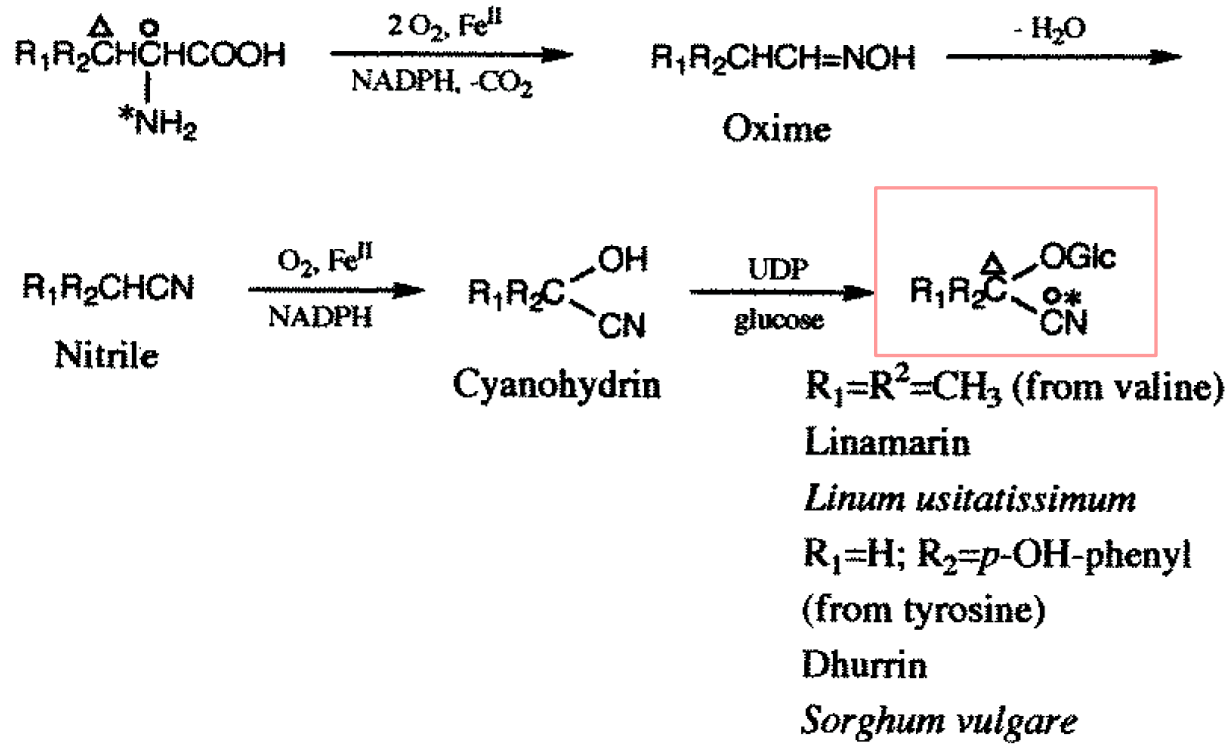
(Plant defence chemicals, highly toxic compounds)



Cyanogenic glycosides



Sorghum vulgare



Cyanogenic glycosides:

Precursors for HCN in some plants

Decomposition gives sugar, ketone/aldehyde and HCN

Defence mechanism:

Tissue damage in plant releases enzymes that catalyze decomposition => HCN released

Amino acids → Cyanogenic glycosides → HCN

Chapter 8-1

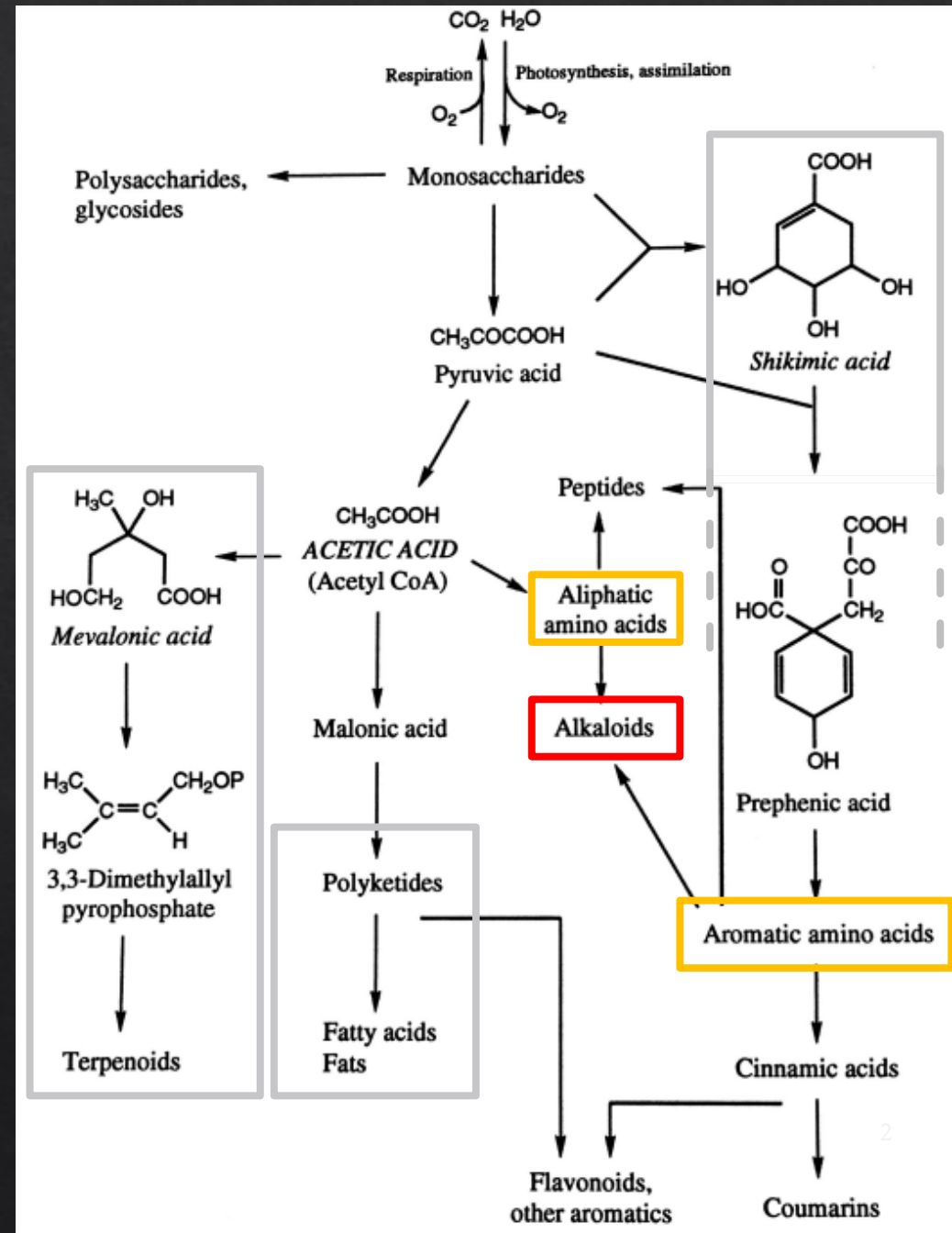
The alkaloids

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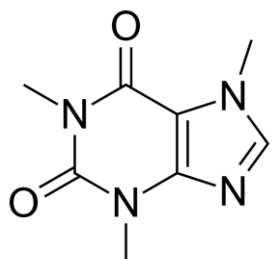
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What are alkaloids?

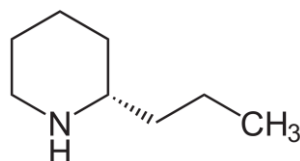
- ◆ An alkaloid is a cyclic organic compound that contains nitrogen in a negative oxidation state and is of limited presence among living organisms. It doesn't include simple amides.
- ◆ It is almost always derived from an amino acid combined with building blocks from the shikimic acid, polyketide, or mevalonic acid pathways.



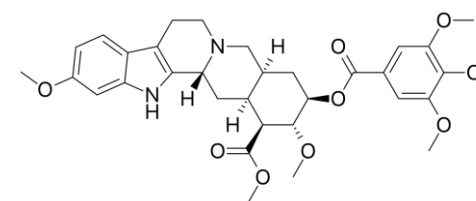
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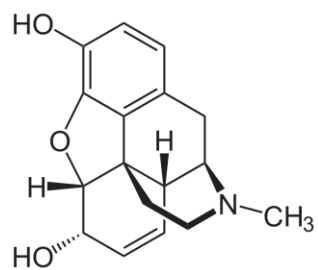
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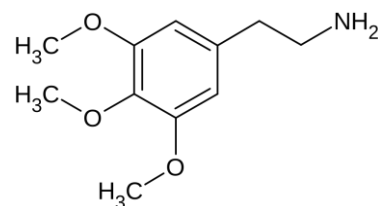
Coniine (*Conium maculatum*)



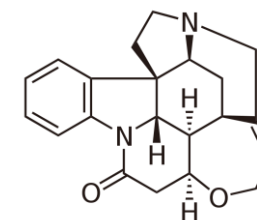
Reserpine (*Conium maculatum*)



Morphine (*Papaver somniferum*)

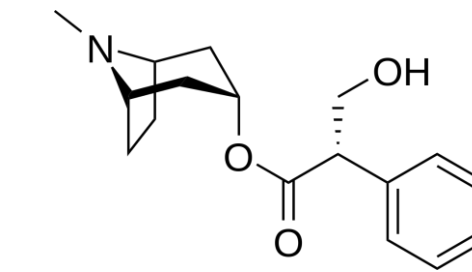
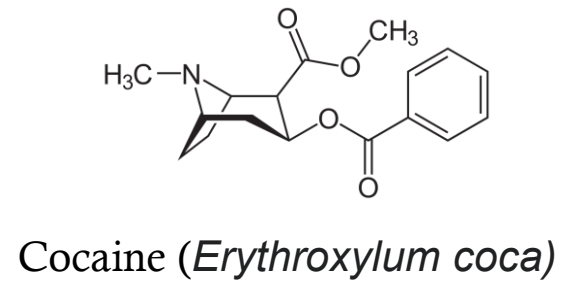
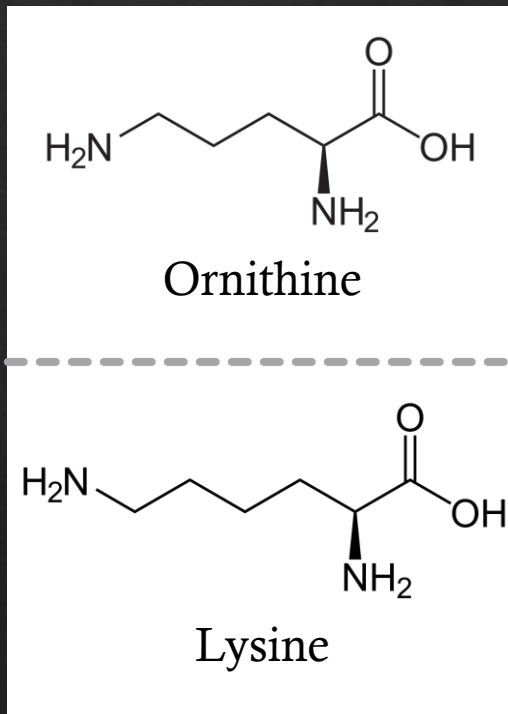


Mescaline (*Lophophora williamsii*)



Strychnine (*Strychnos nux-vomica*)

The pyrrolidine and piperidine alkaloids

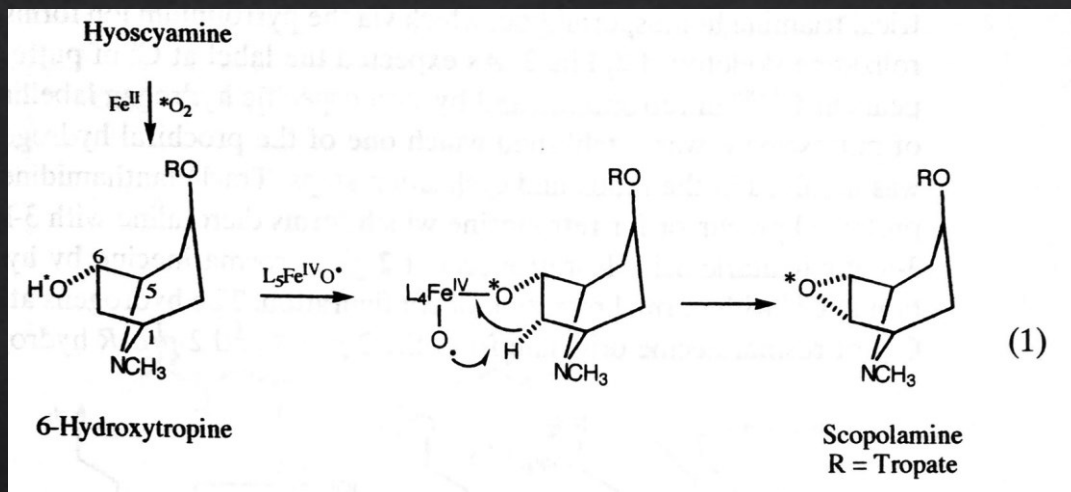


Hyoscyamine (*Solanaceae*)

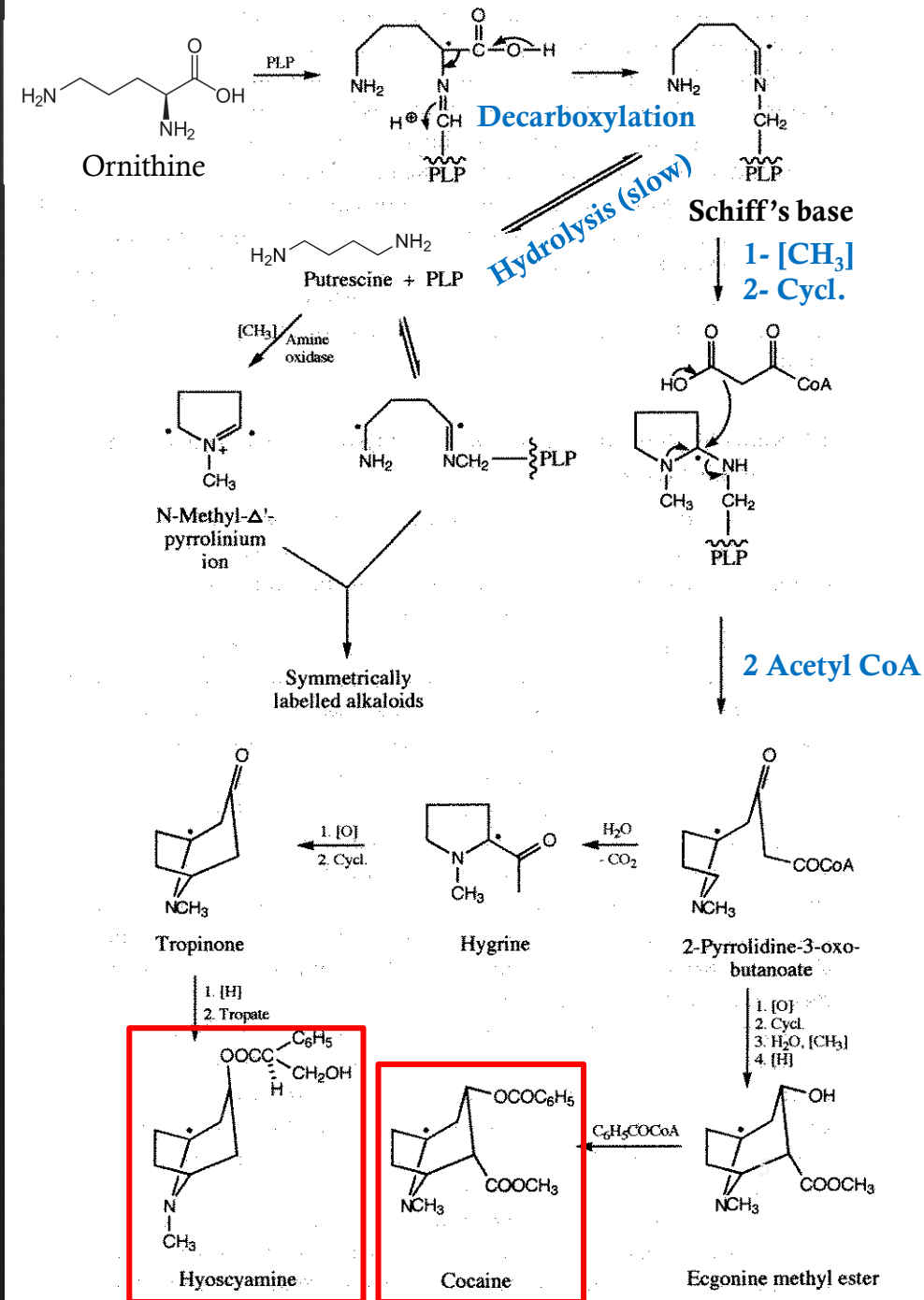


The pyrrolidine and piperidine alkaloids

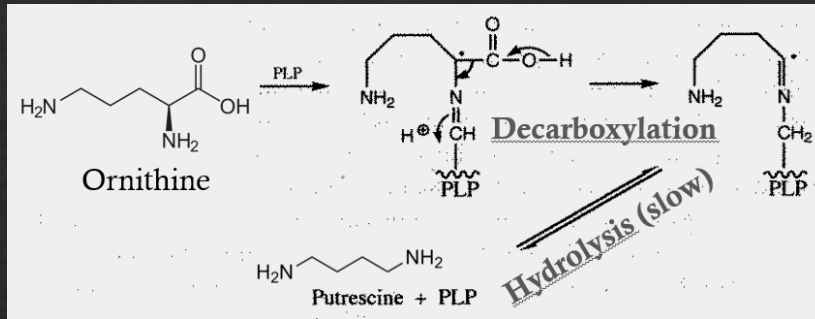
- ❖ Putrescine is accepted by the plant as a precursor, but the asymmetric incorporation of ornithine shows that putrescine isn't on the main pathway.



- ❖ To form scopolamine, an epoxide is added on the hyoscyamine structure via an unusual pathway involving a non-heme iron catalyst and molecular oxygen.



The pyrrolidine and piperidine alkaloids



- ◇ Condensation of two molecules of putrescine leads to pyrrolizidine alkaloids.
- ◇ They are produced by plants as a defense mechanism against insect herbivores. Many insects build up those alkaloids in their bodies, and use them to produce useful compounds (such as pheromones in queen butterfly)

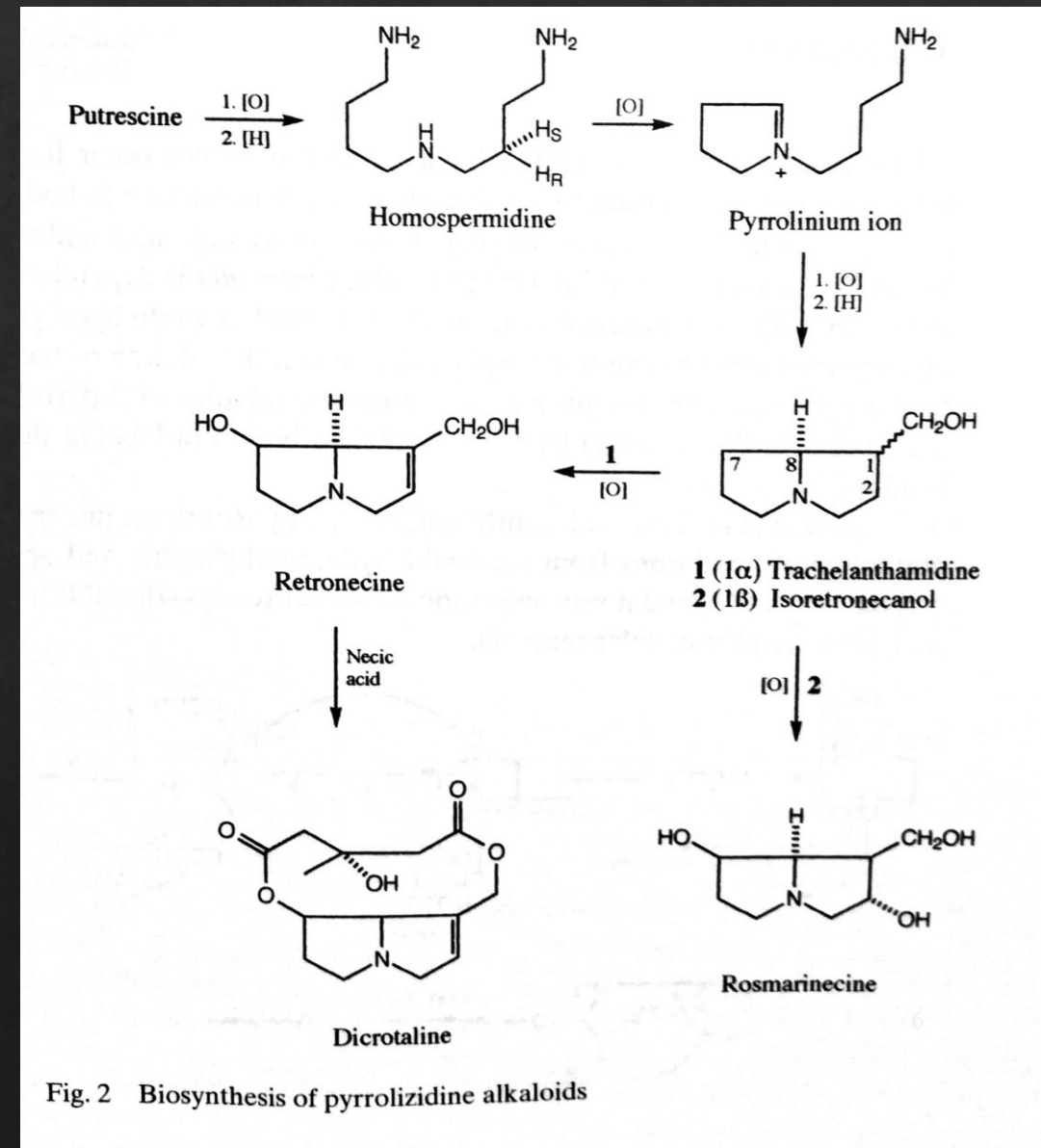
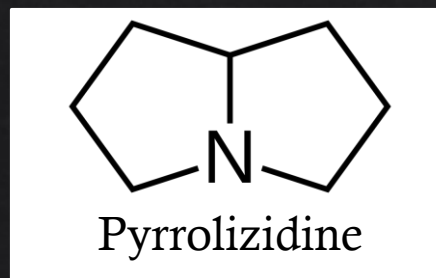
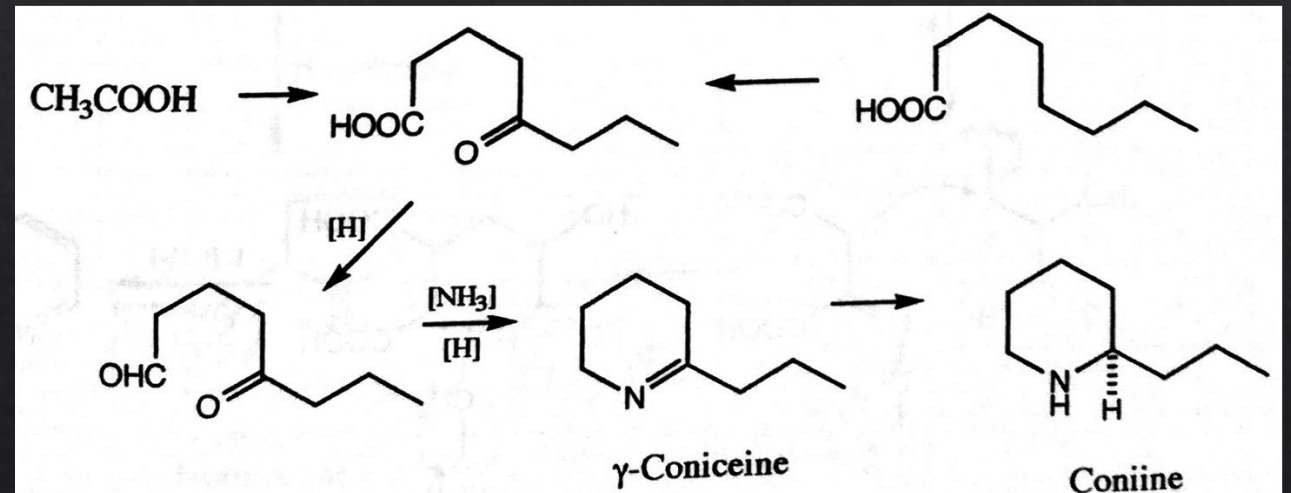
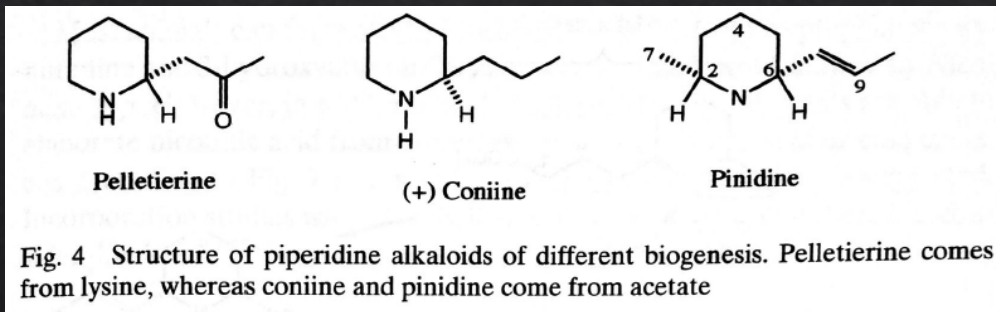


Fig. 2 Biosynthesis of pyrrolizidine alkaloids

The pyrrolidine and piperidine alkaloids

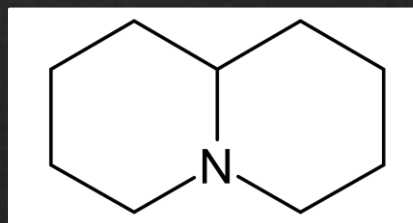
- ◆ Pelletierine, a vermifuge, is biosynthesized from lysine, in a pathway similar to the one leading to cocaine.
- ◆ Other alkaloids similar in structure follow a completely different path:



Here, the nitrogen atom doesn't come from an amino acid, but directly from ammonia

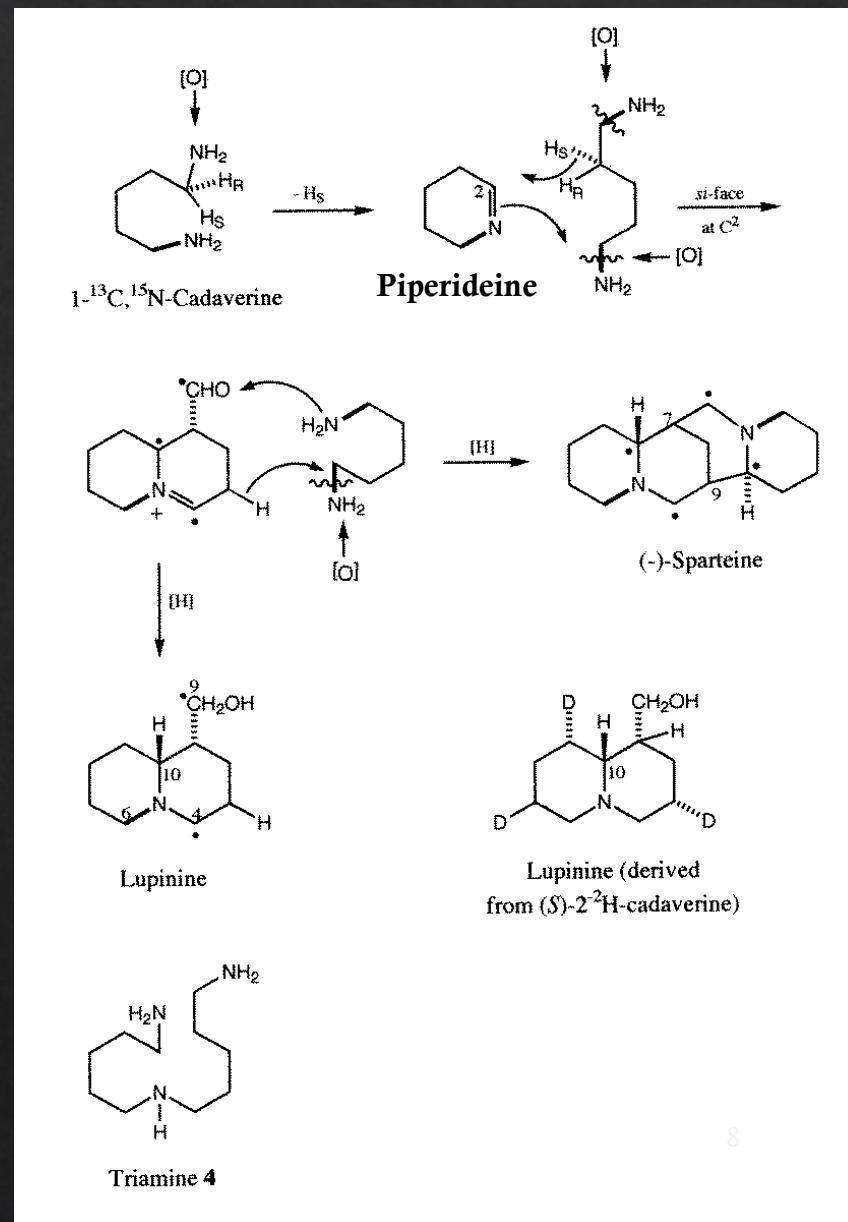
The pyrrolidine and piperidine alkaloids

- Quinolizidine alkaloids are formed from cadaverine (coming from lysine) and piperidine.

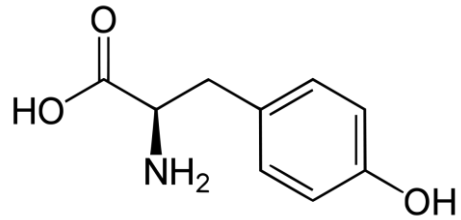


Quinolizidine

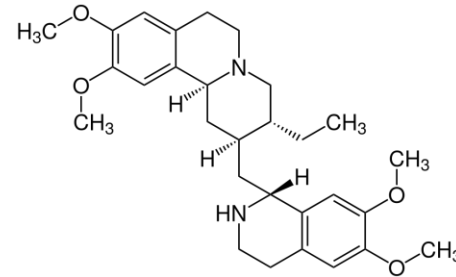
- Sparteine is an antiarrhythmic agent found in *Cytisus scoparius*.



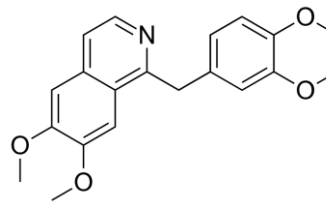
Alkaloids derived from tyrosine



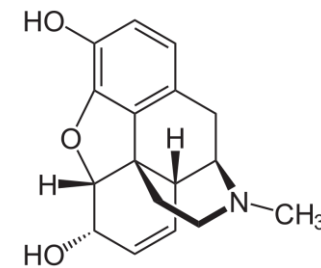
Lysine



Emetine (*Carapichea ipecacuanha*)



Papaverine



Morphine

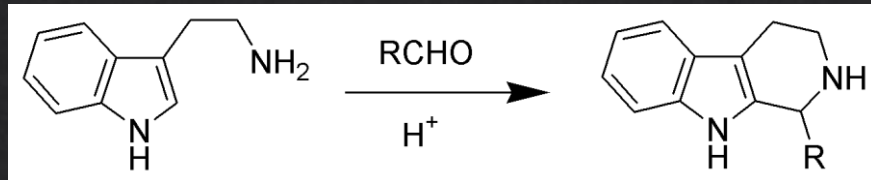


(*Papaver somniferum*)

Alkaloids derived from tyrosine

♦ Fundamental principles:

- ♦ Aromatic hydroxylation, O-methylation, and decarboxylation of the amino-acid.
- ♦ Pictet-Spenger condensation with a carbonyl compound



♦ Phenol coupling

- ♦ Bebeerine and its derivative tubocurarine are the main active components of the arrow poison prepared by the indians of the Amazon.

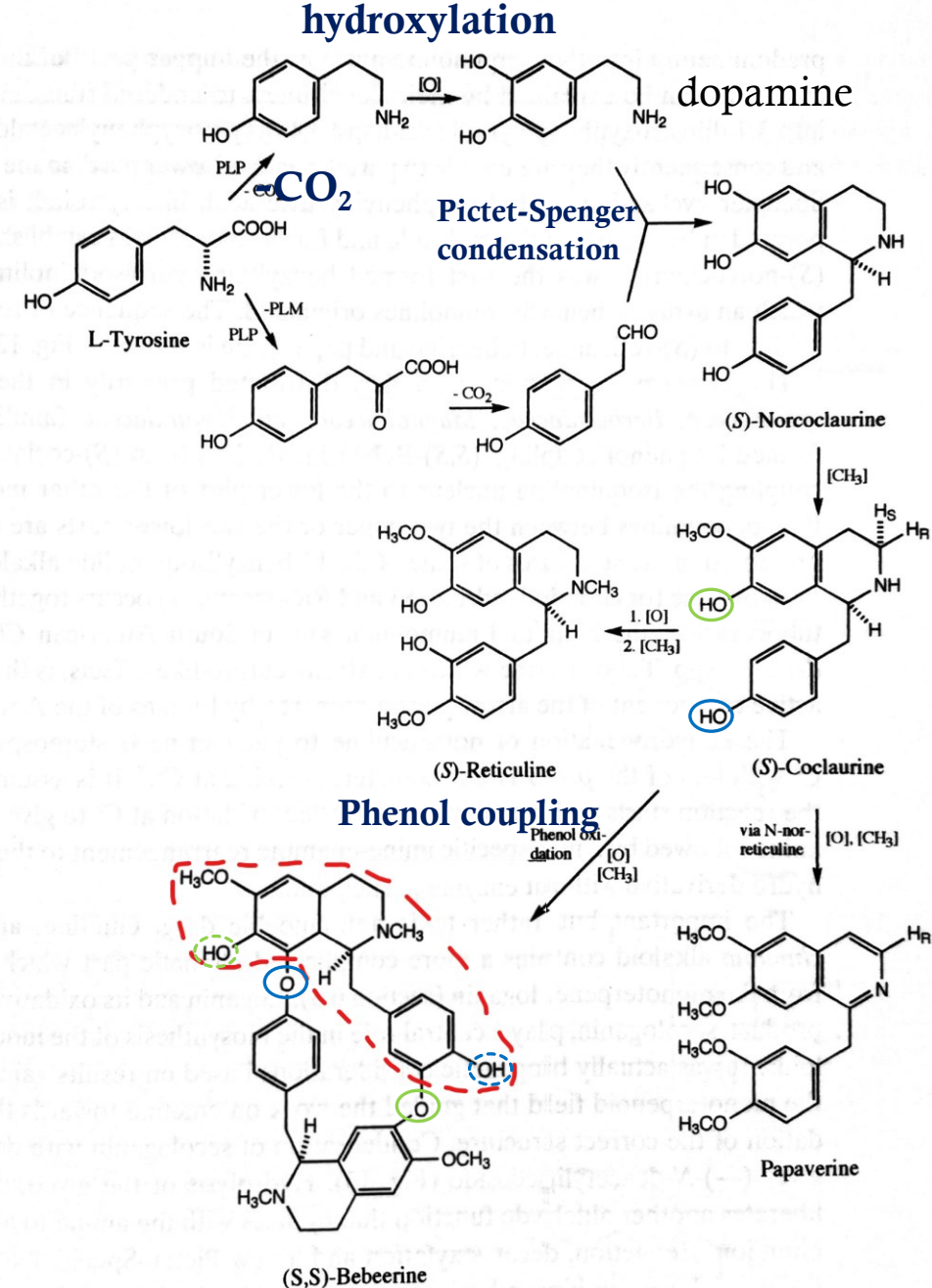


Fig. 12 Biosynthesis of (S)-reticuline, papaverine and (S,S)-bebeerine

Alkaloids derived from tyrosine

- ◆ The rather complicated aliphatic part of emetine comes from the monoterpene loganine.
- ◆ Secologanin on the scheme comes from the oxidative fission of loganine.

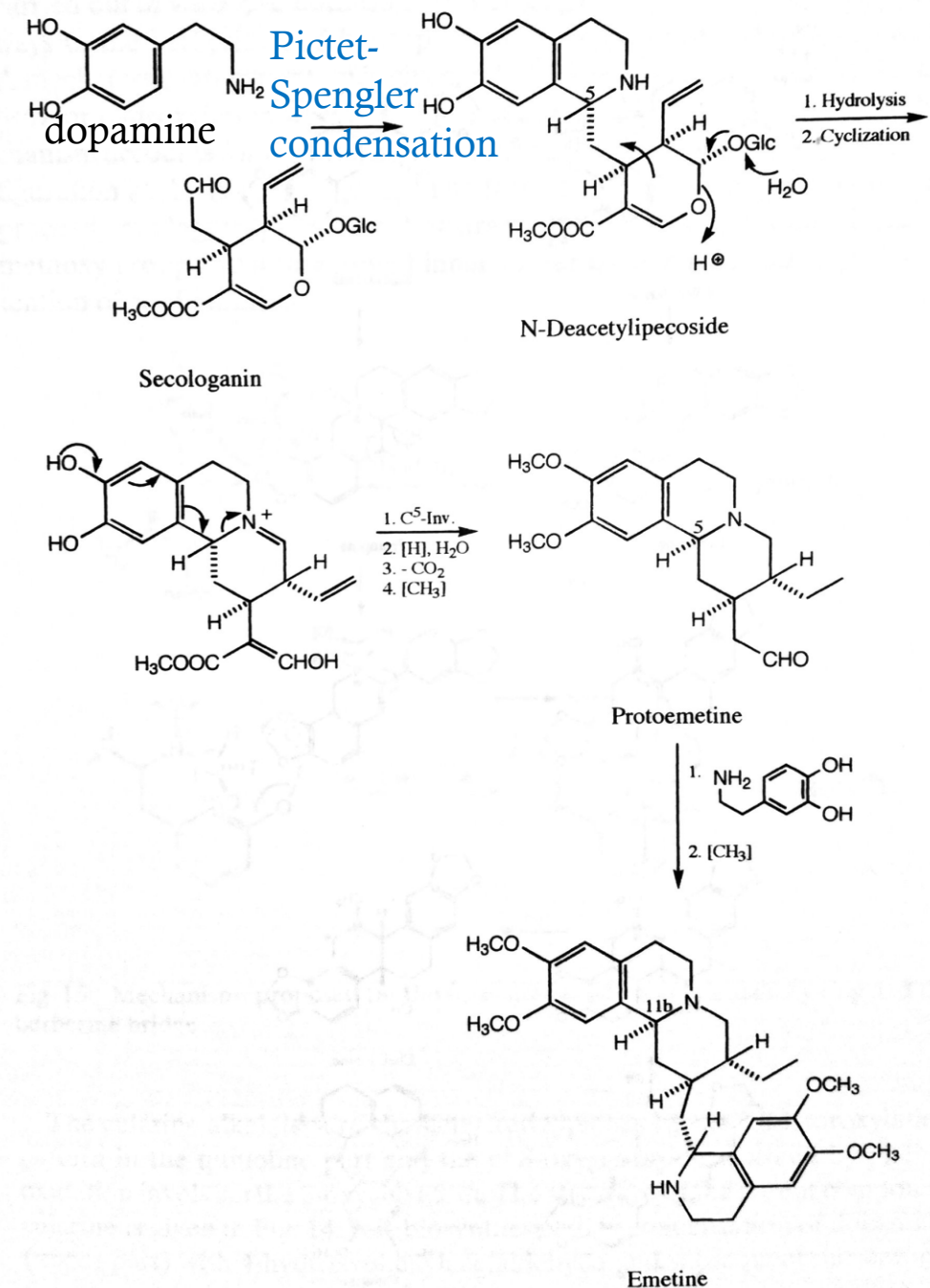
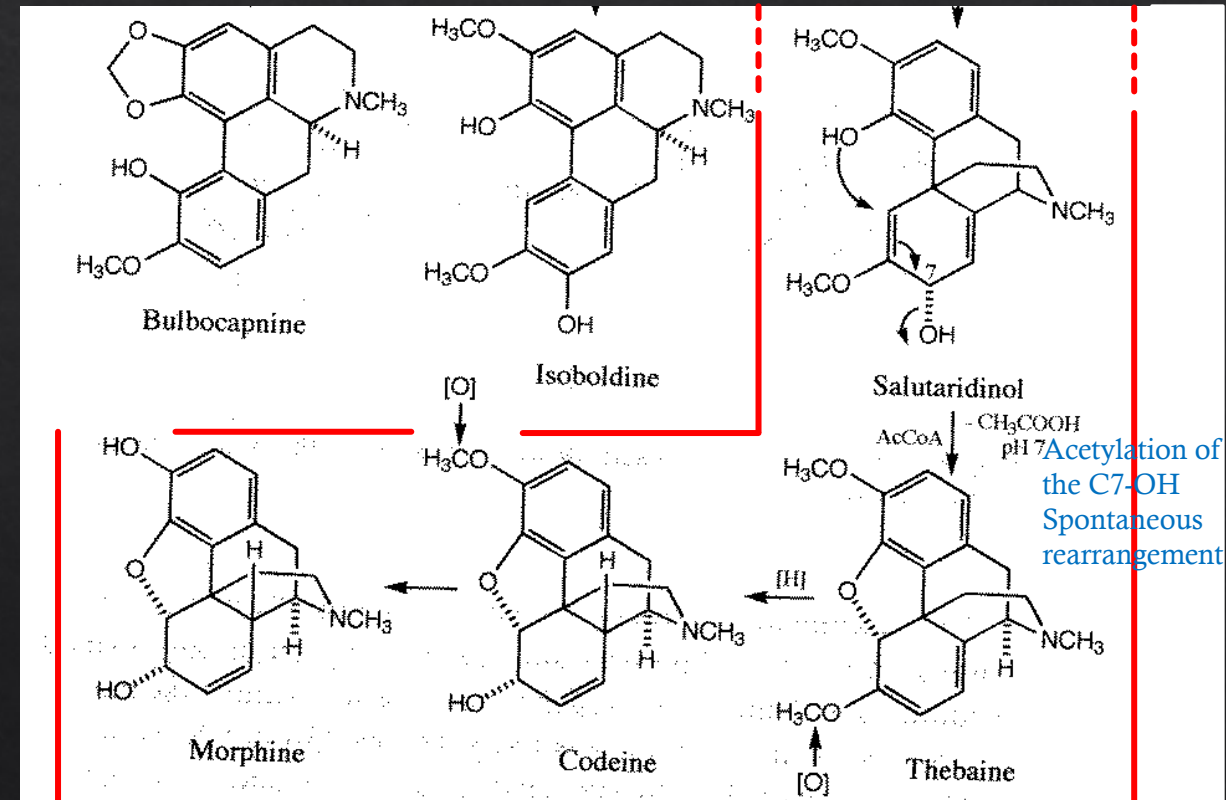
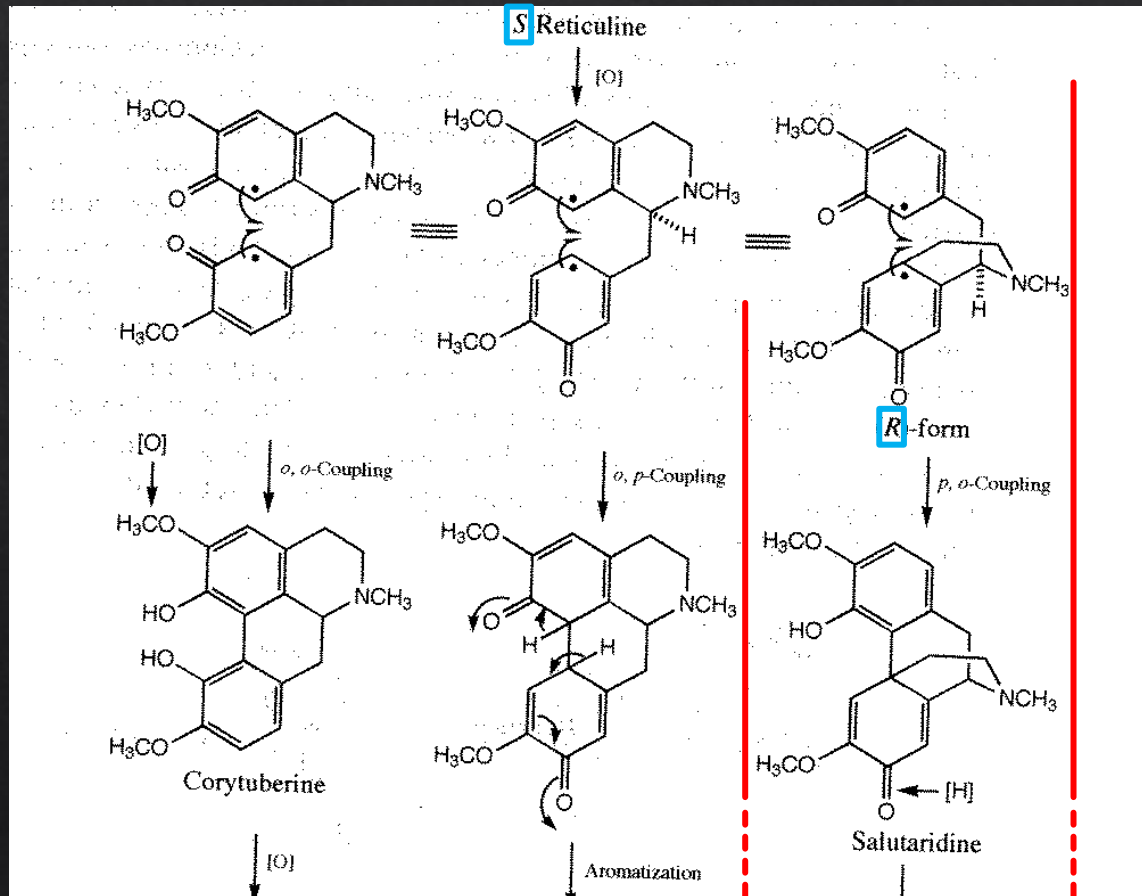


Fig. 13 Biosynthesis of emetine

Alkaloids derived from tyrosine

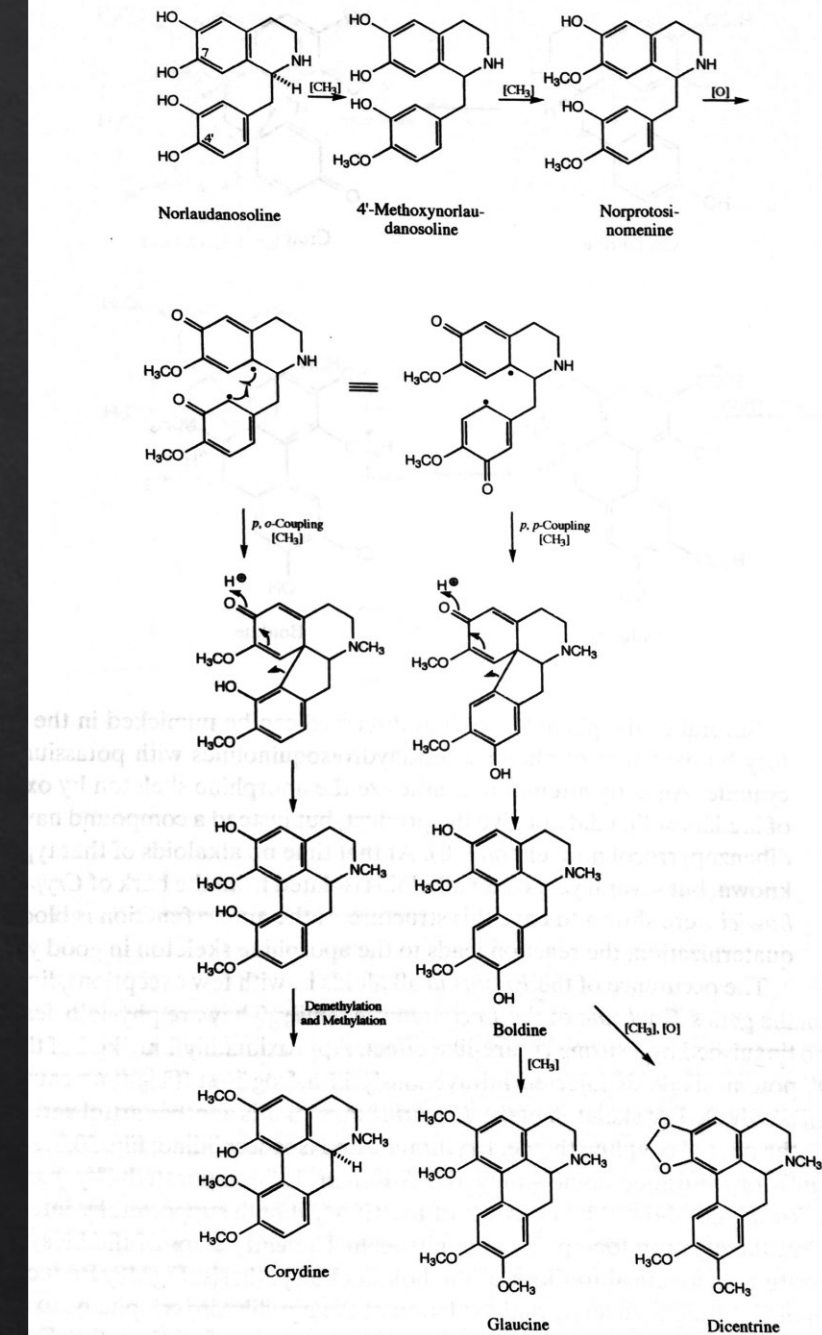
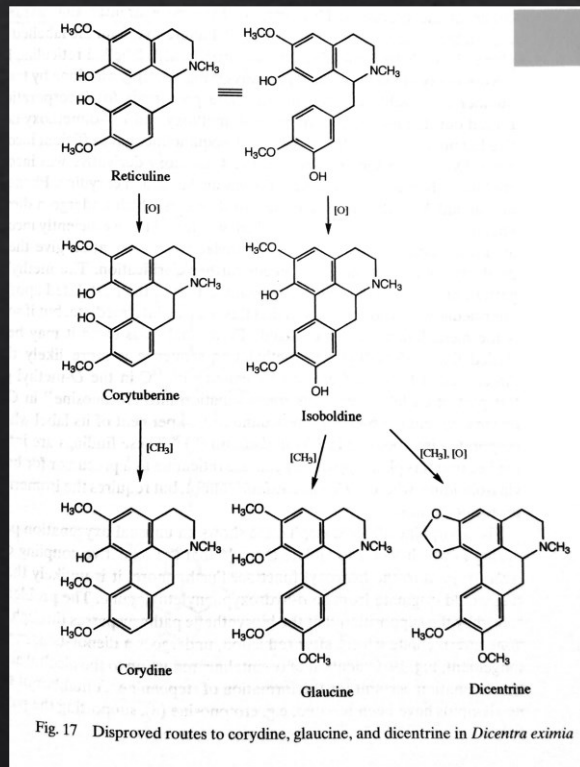
◇ Morphine is biosynthesized from reticuline, which we saw two slides ago.



◇ The enzyme systems capable of converting codeine into morphine are also present in mammalian tissues

Alkaloids derived from tyrosine

- ❖ Corydine, glaucine and dicentrine have similar structure, so chemists could imagine this kind of biosynthesis, from reticuline.
- ❖ Actually, those alkaloids aren't formed from reticuline, but from norlaudanosoline.



Chapter 8-2

The Alkaloids

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Alkaloids derived from tryptophan

- ◊ «The indole alkaloids»
- ◊ Primarily from three plant families:



Apocynaceae.

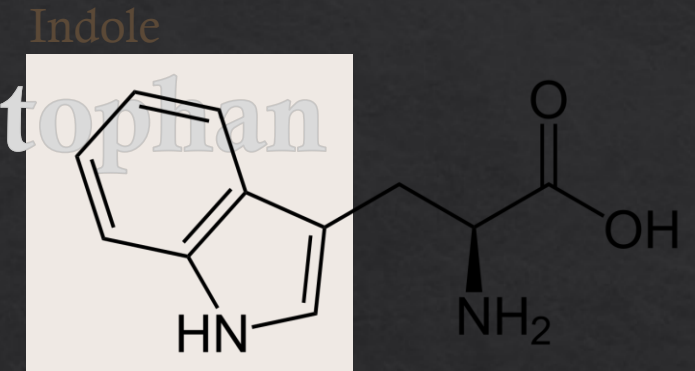


Loganiaceae

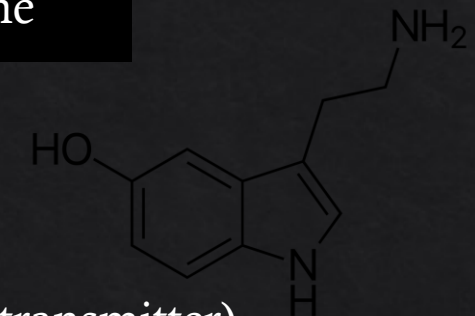
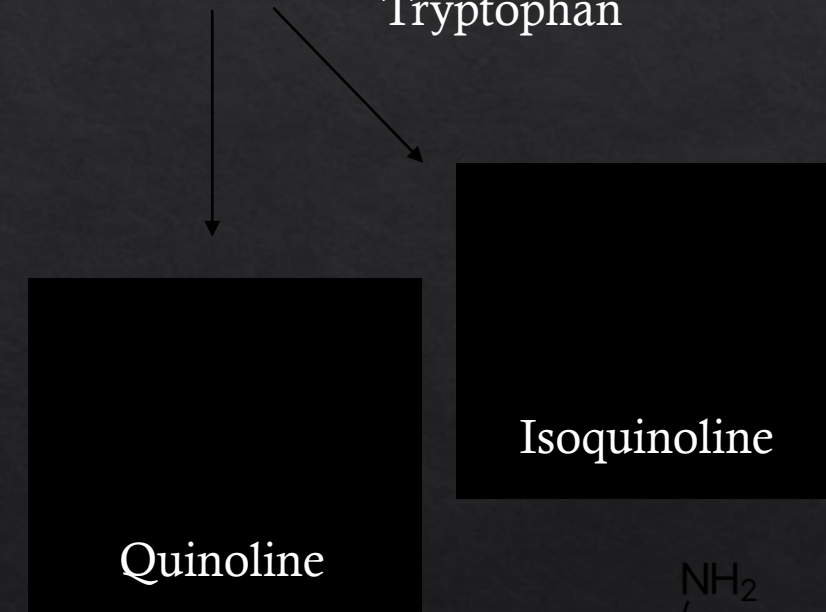


Rubiaceae

- ◊ Neurophysiological action
- ◊ Sometimes the indole nucleus is modified



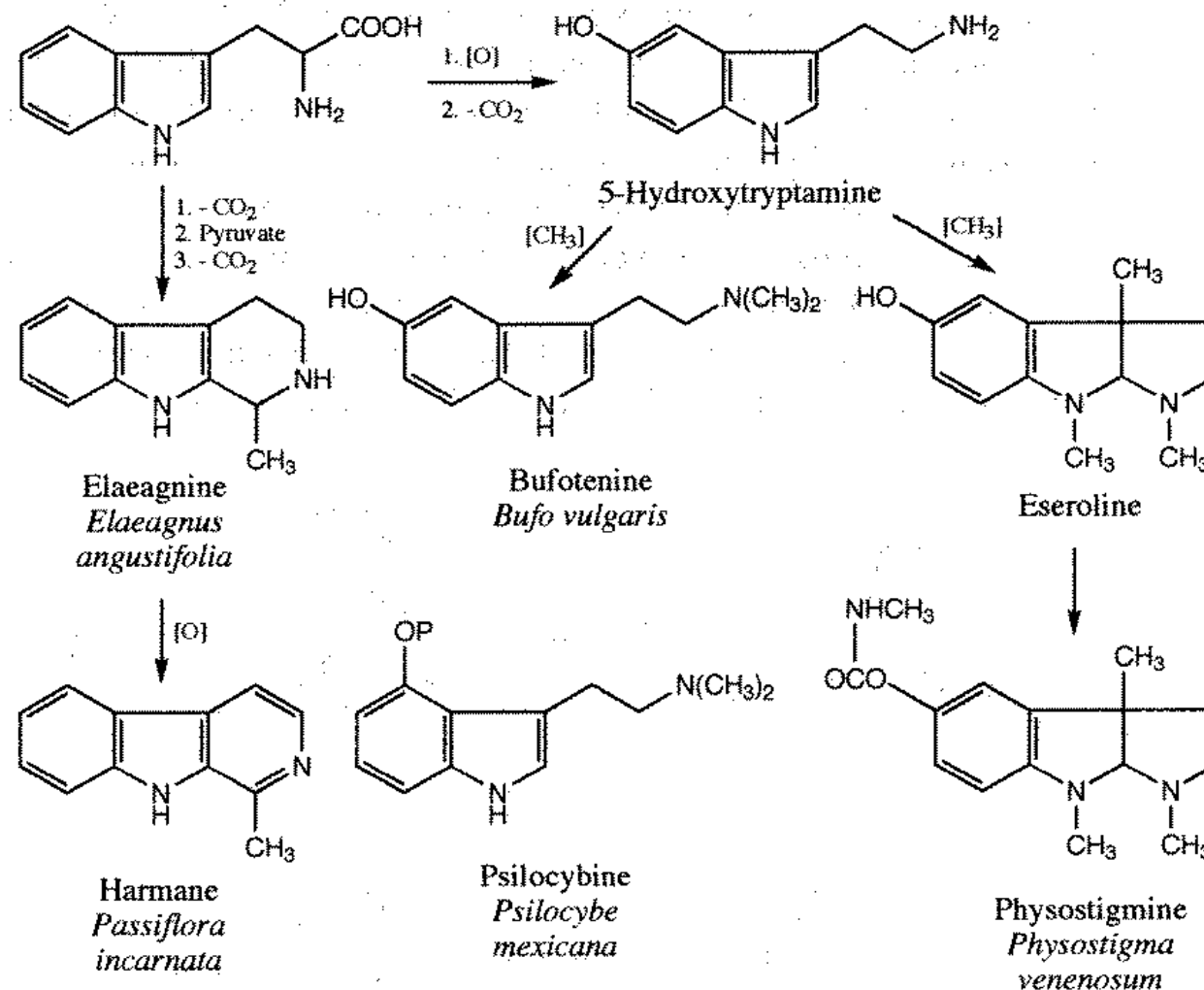
Tryptophan



Serotonin (neurotransmitter)

Alkaloids derived from tryptophan

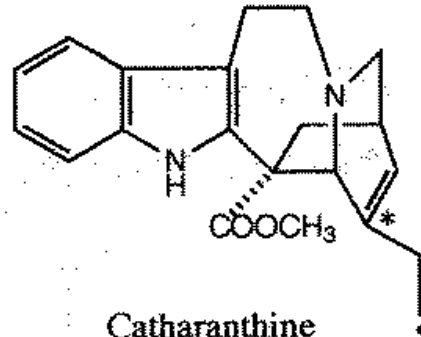
Biosynthesis of some simple tryptophan alkaloids:



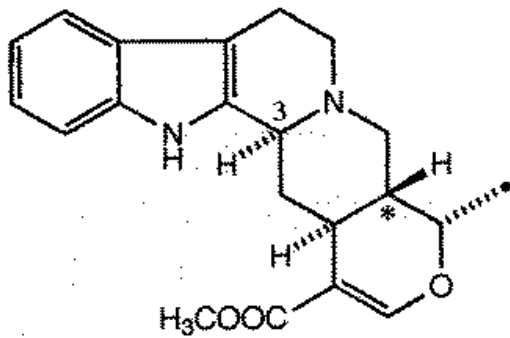


Alkaloids derived from tryptophan

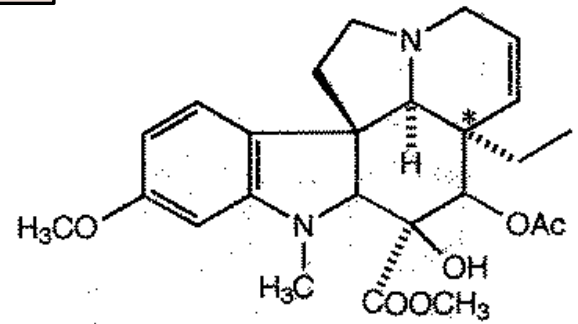
Where does the
aliphatic part of more
complex indole
alkaloids come from?



Catharanthine
Iboga type



Ajmalicine
Corynanthe type



Vindoline
Aspidosperma type

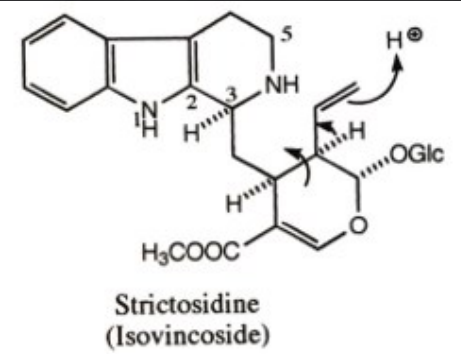
Monoterpene hypothesis:

Mevalonate (in the form of geranyl phosphate) is incorporated to give a variety of indole alkaloids

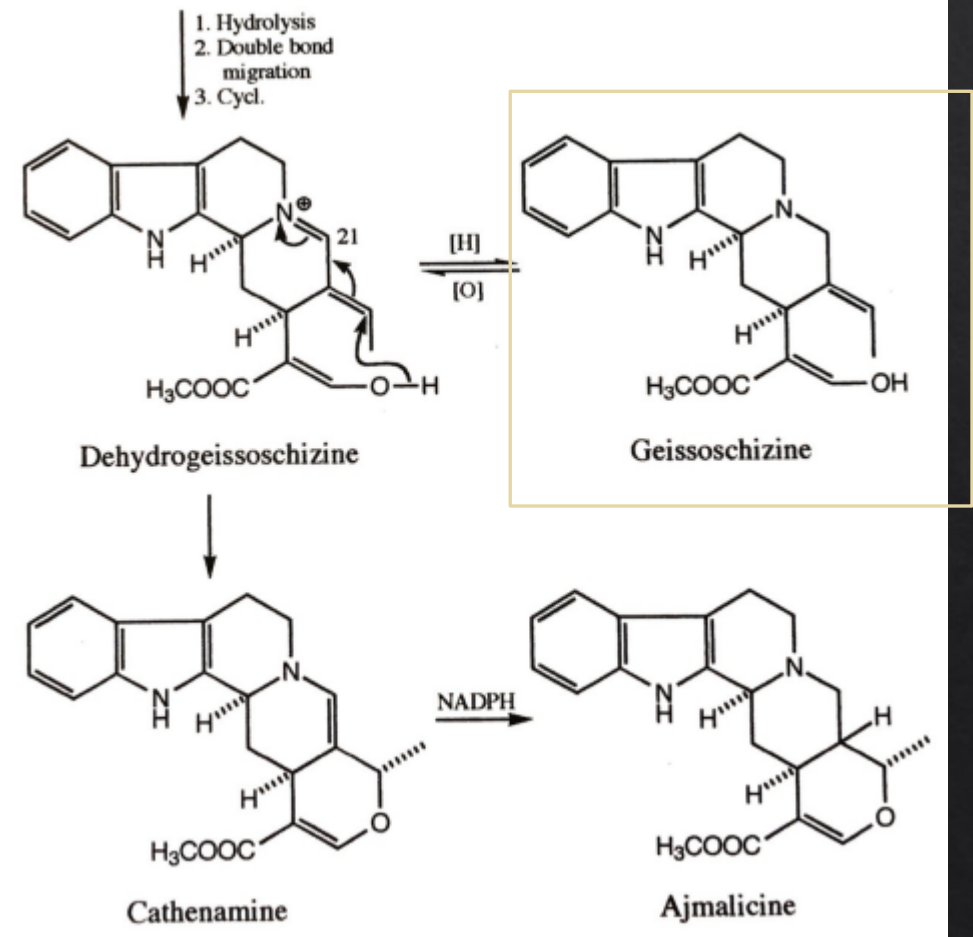
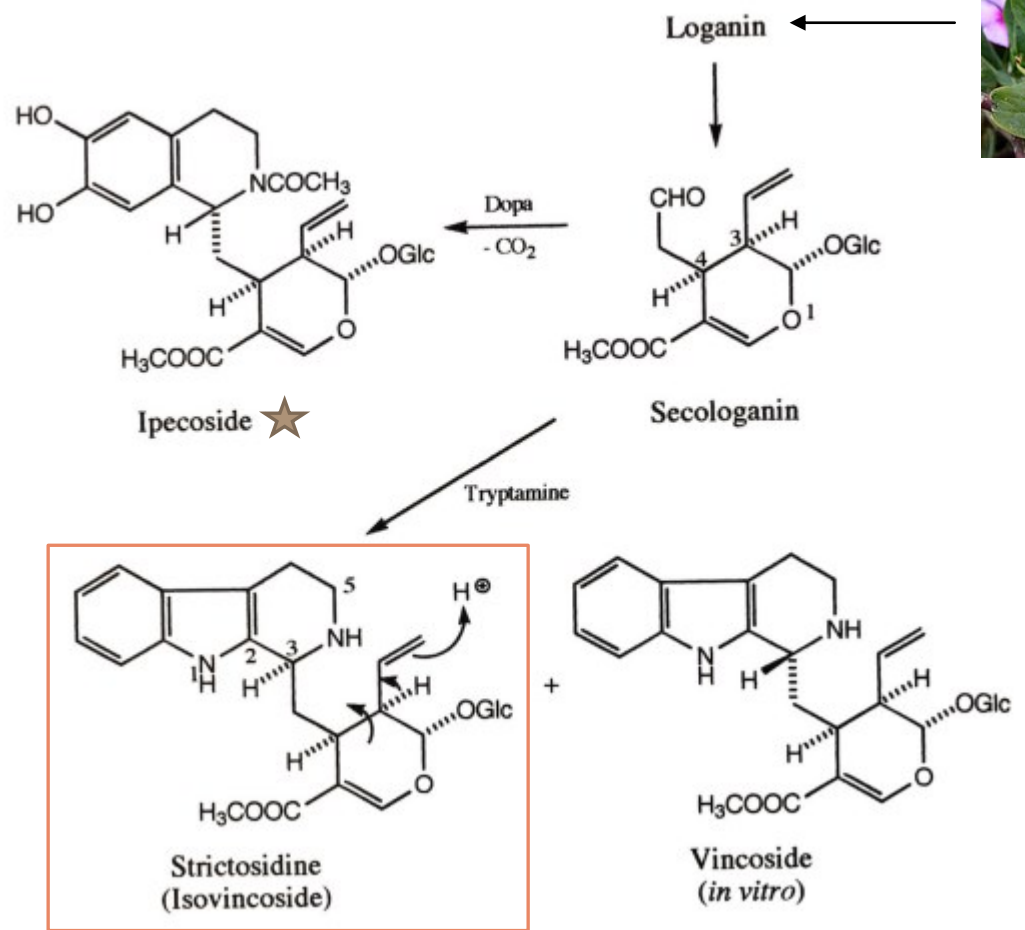
Proved by incorporating ¹³C labelled geranyl phosphate

Alkaloids derived from tryptophan

Catharanthus roseus



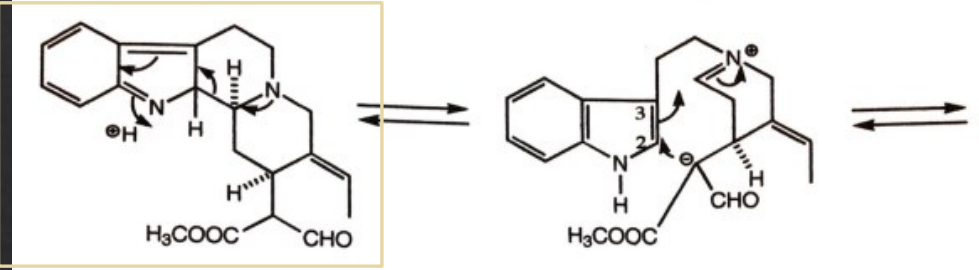
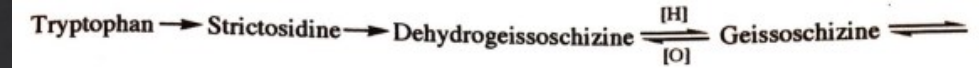
Strictosidine is a «universal intermediate» in the biosynthesis of indole alkaloids



antihypertensive drug

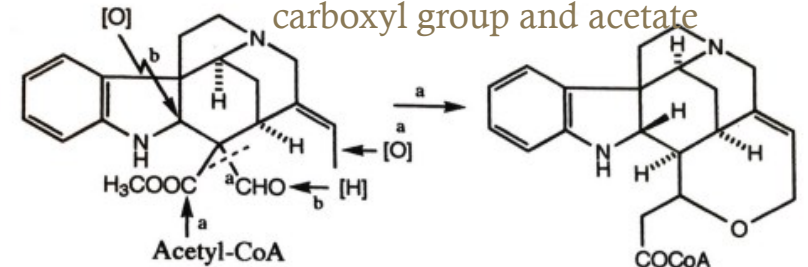
Alkaloids derived from tryptophan

◆ Geissoschizine is also an important intermediate

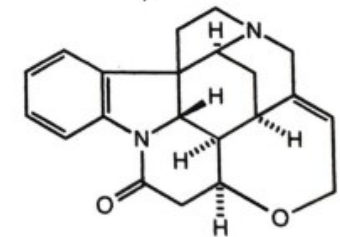


(Geissoschizine, tautomeric form)

Condensation between carboxyl group and acetate

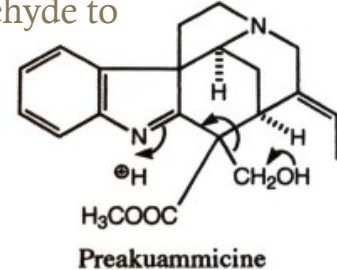


Reduction and cyclization



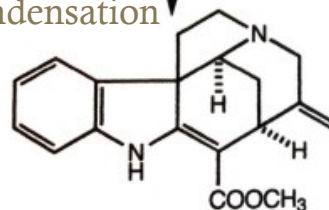
Strychnine

Oxidation gives double bond
Reduction of aldehyde to alcohol



Preakuammicine

Retroaldol condensation

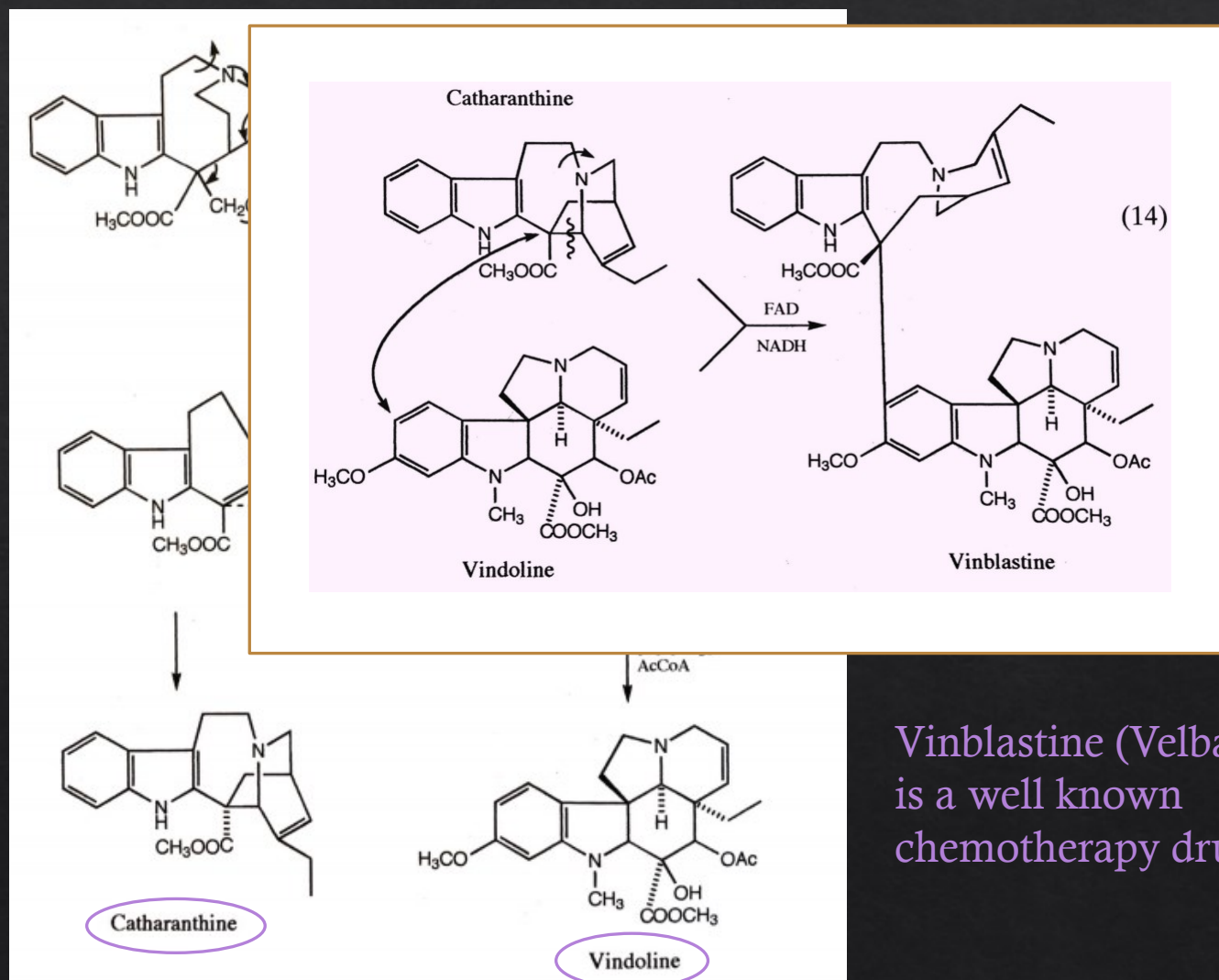
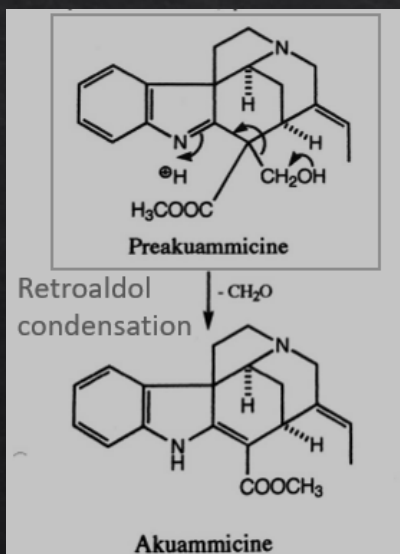
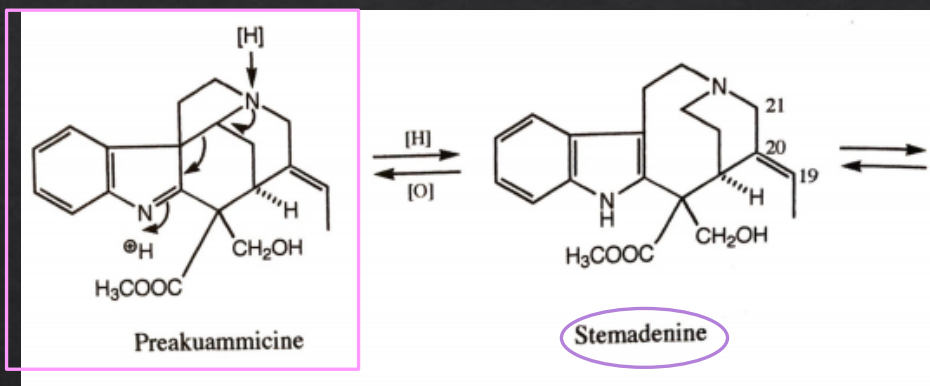


Akuammicine

(Toxic)



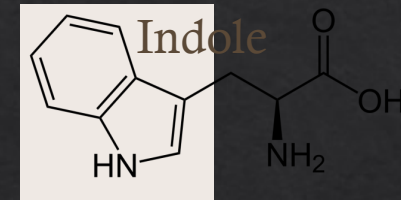
Alkaloids derived from tryptophan



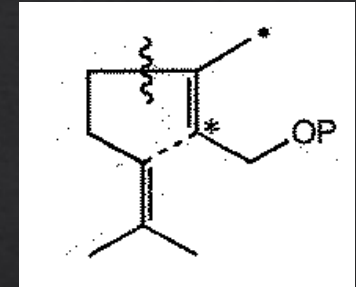
Vinblastine (Velban) is a well known chemotherapy drug

Summary of tryptophan (indole) alkaloids

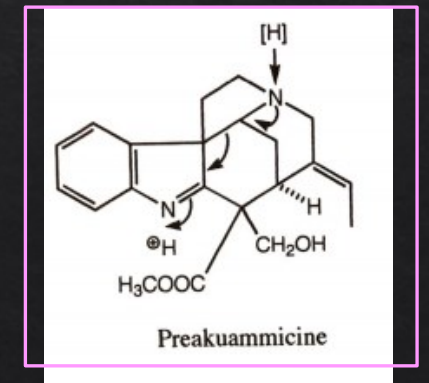
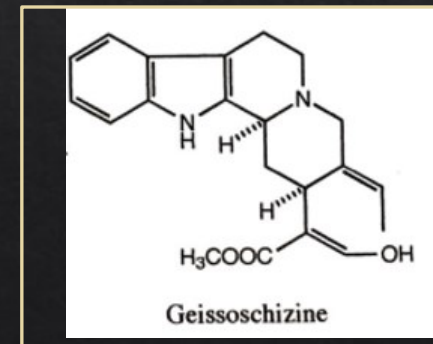
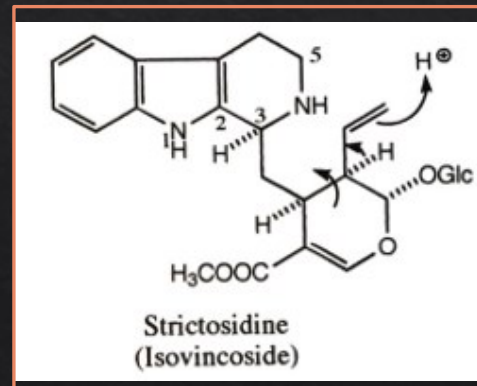
- ◇ Indole part comes from tryptophan
- ◇ Rest comes from mevalonic acid as geranyl phosphate
- ◇ Important intermediates:
 - ◇ Strictosidine
 - ◇ Geissoschizine
 - ◇ Preakuammicine



Tryptophan

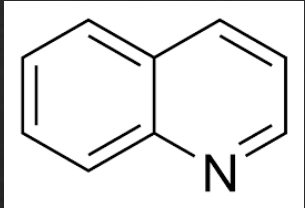


Geranyl phosphate

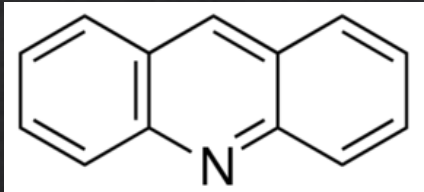


Alkaloids derived from anthranilic acid

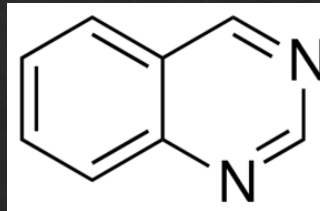
- ◆ Quinoline, acridine and quinazoline skeletons



Quinoline

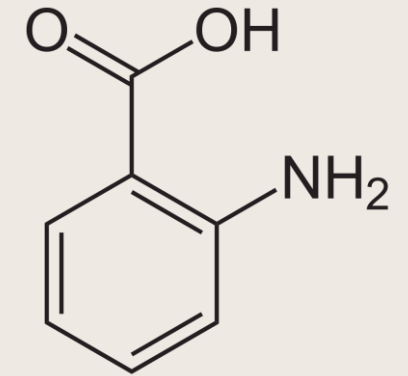


Acridine



Quinazoline

- ◆ Anthranilic acid comes from shikimic acid, and is a precursor to tryptophan



Anthranilic acid

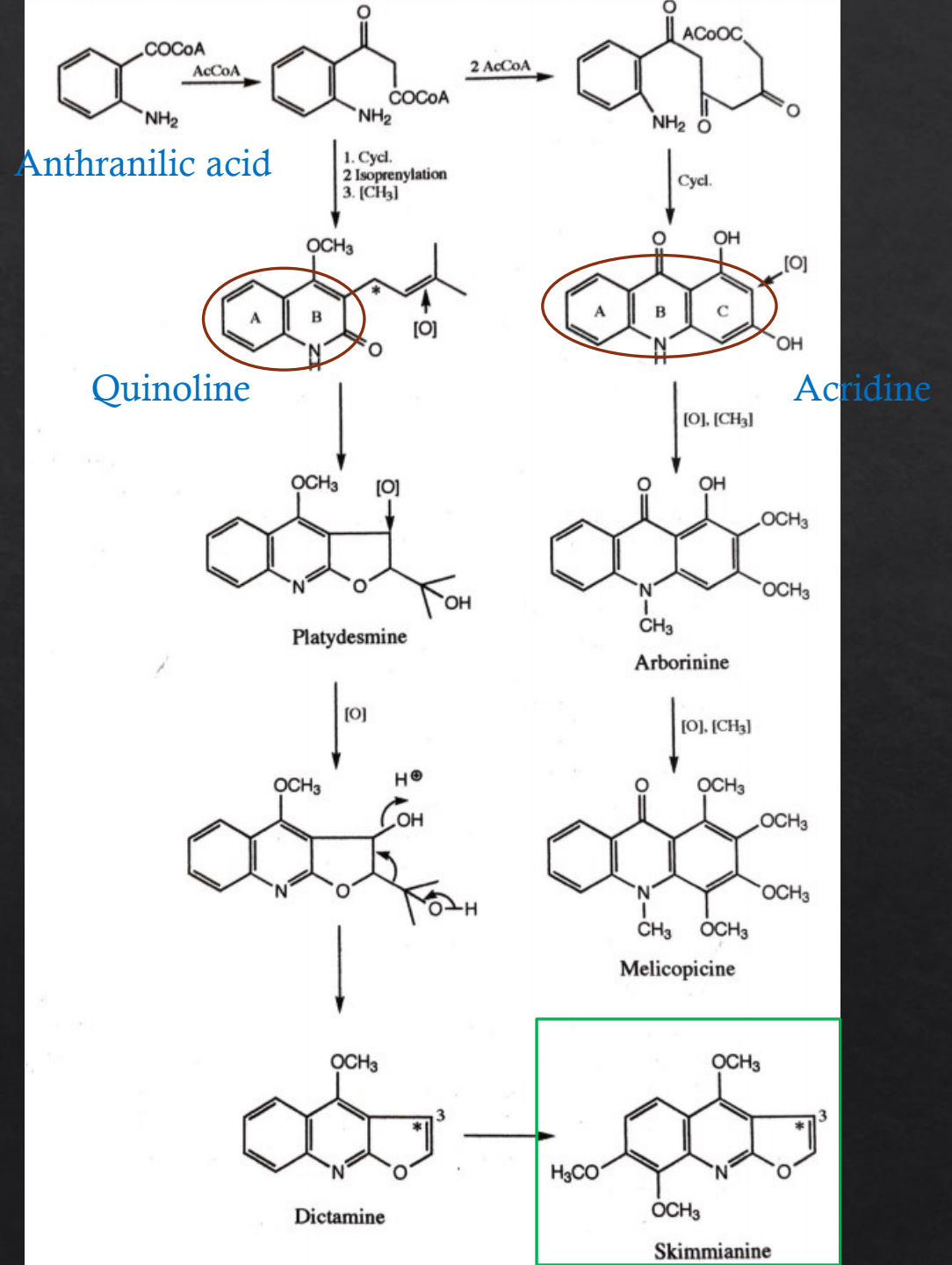


Often found in the *Rutaceae* (rue) family

Alkaloids derived from anthranilic acid

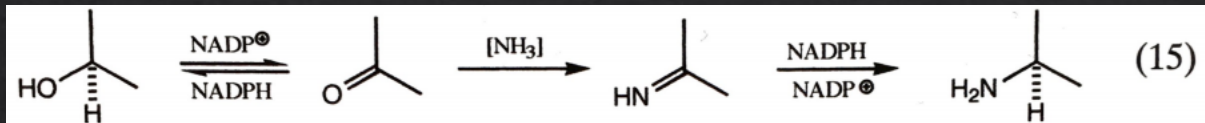
The skimmianine alkaloids

1. Activation of the anthranilic acid with acetyl CoA
2. Chain elongation with acetyl or malonyl CoA.
3. Cyclization gives quinoline and acridine skeletons
4. Further derivatization



Terpene derived alkaloids

◇ Amination of terpenes/terpenoids



Redox process (oxidation, amination, reduction)



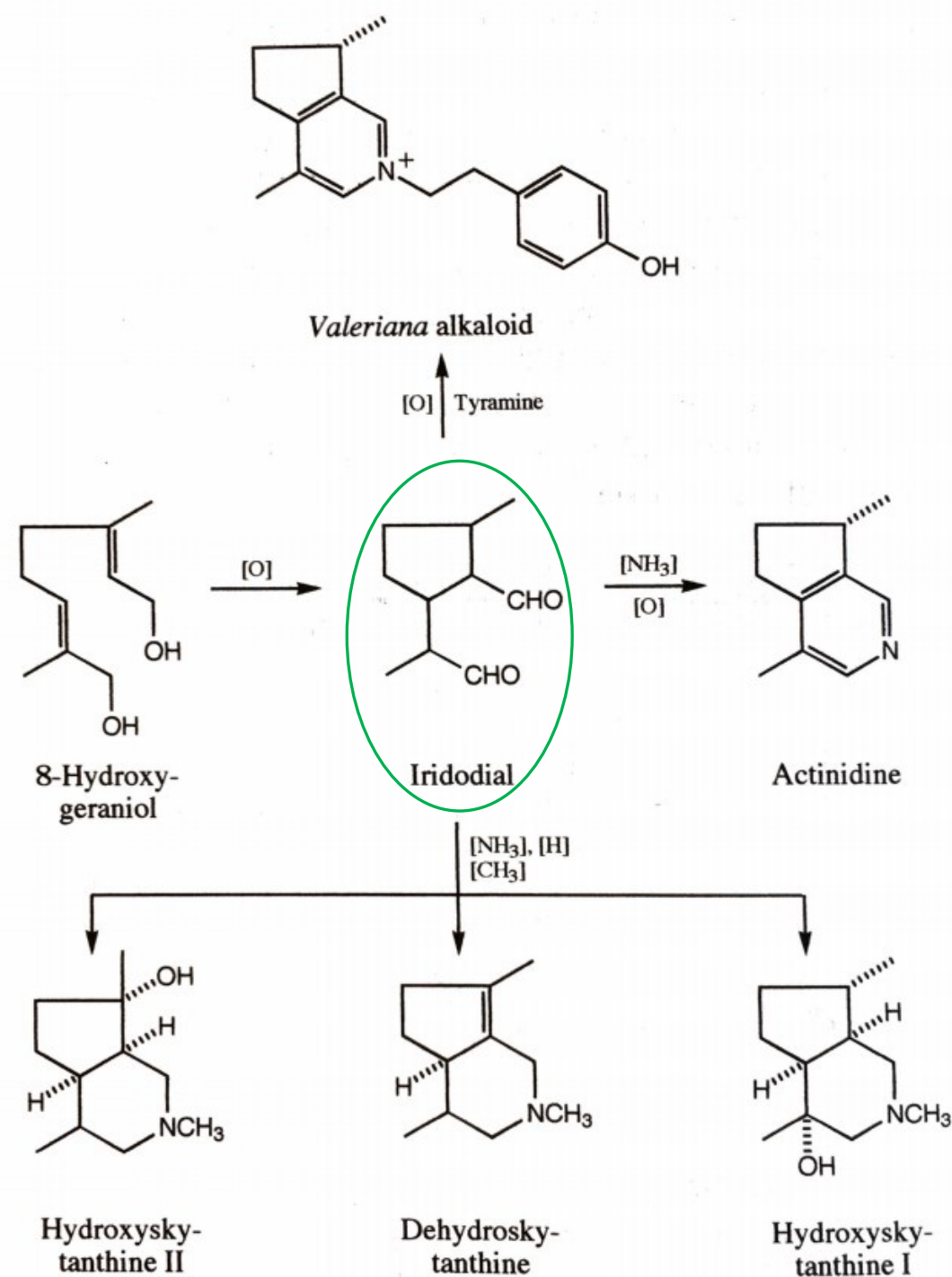
Substitution



Addition

Terpene derived

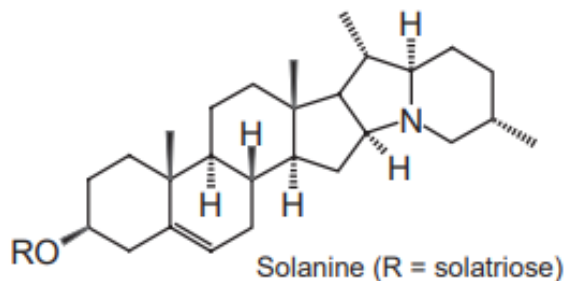
- Many monoterpene alkaloids are derived from iridoids of varying oxidation levels
- Valeriana officinalis* and *Actinidia polygama* attract cats because they contain specific monoterpenoids and alkaloids
- Actinidine affects the EEG of cats



Terpene derived alkaloids

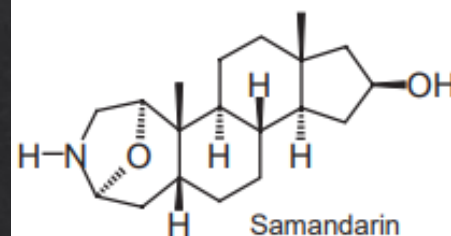
STEROID ALKALOIDS

- Metabolites of *Solanaceae*, *Liliaceae* and *Buxaceae* families



Found in nightshades
Very toxic
Used in pesticides, asthma treatment and for common cold

«Symptoms include nausea, diarrhoea, vomiting, stomach cramps, burning of the throat, headaches and dizziness. Other adverse reactions, in more severe cases, include hallucinations, loss of sensation, paralysis, fever, jaundice, dilated pupils and hypothermia. Solanine overdose can be fatal.»



Found in the skin of the fire salamander (*Salamandra salamandra*)
Extremely toxic, causes strong muscle convulsion (shaking) and hyperventilation in vertebrates



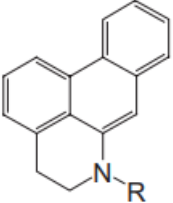
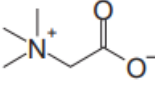
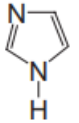
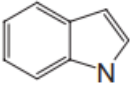
Solanaceae (nightshades)

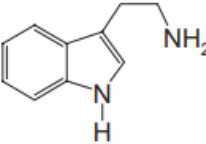
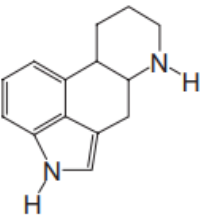


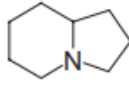
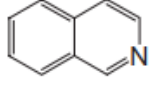
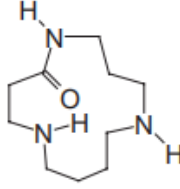
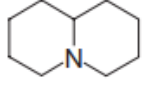
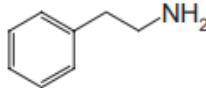
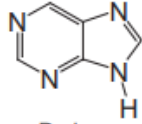
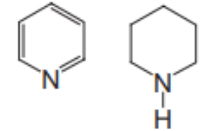
Liliaceae (lily family)

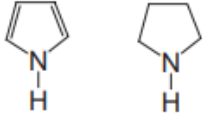
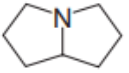
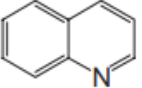
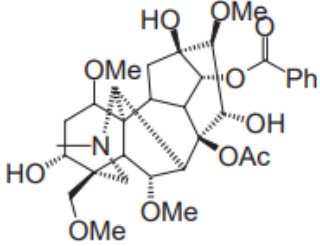
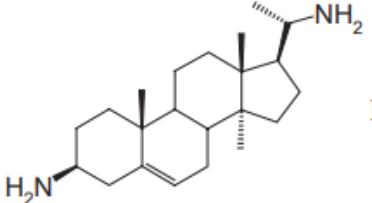
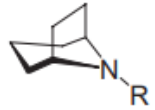


Buxaceae (box family)

Class/structural types	Generic structure	Examples
Aporphine (Tyrosine derived)	 <p>Aporphine R = Me Noraporphine R = H</p>	Boldine
Betaines	 <p>Betaine</p>	Choline, muscarine and neurine
Imidazole	 <p>Imidazole</p>	Pilocarpine
Indole (Tryptophan derived)	 <p>Indole</p>	

Tryptamines	 <p>Tryptamine</p>	Moschamine, moschamindole, psilocybin and serotonin
Ergolines	 <p>Ergoline</p>	Ergine, ergotamine and lysergic acid

Class/structural types	Generic structure	Examples
Indolizidine	 <p>Indolizidine</p>	Swainsonine and castanospermine
Isoquinoline (Tyrosine derived)	 <p>Isoquinoline</p>	Codeine, berberine, morphine, papaverine, sanguinarine and thebaine
Macrocyclic spermines and spermidines	 <p>Spermine</p>	Celabenzine
Norlupinane (Lysine derived)	 <p>Norlupinane</p>	Cytisine and lupanine
Phenethylamine (Phenylalanine derived)	 <p>Phenylethylamine</p>	Ephedrine and mescaline
Purine	 <p>Purine</p>	Caffeine, theobromine and theophylline
Pyridine and (Nicotinic acid derived)	 <p>Pyridine Piperidine</p>	Arecoline, coniine, nicotine, piperine, sparteine and trigonelline

Class/structural types	Generic structure	Examples
Pyrrole and pyrrolidine (Ornithine derived)	 Pyrrole Pyrrolidine	Hygrine, cuscohygrine and nicotine
Pyrrolizidine	 Pyrrolizidine	Echimidine and symphitine
Quinoline (Tryptophan/anthranilic acid derived)	 Quinoline	Cinchonine, brucine, quinine and quinidine
Terpenoidal/steroidal Terpenoidal	 Aconitine	Aconitine
Steroidal	 Steroidal alkaloid	Batrachotoxin, conanine, irehdiamine A, solanine, samandarine and tomatillidine
Tropane (Ornithine derived)	 Tropane R = Me Nortropane R = H	Atropine, cocaine, ecgonine, hyoscyne and scopolamine

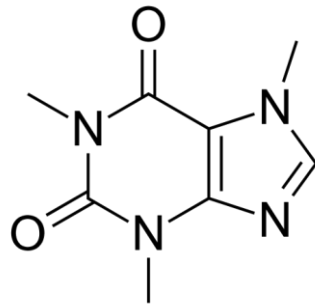
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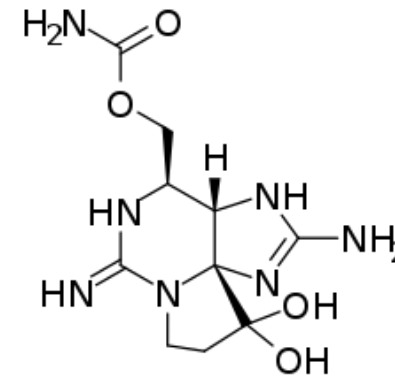
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N-Heteroaromatics

- ◆ A lot of N-heteroaromatics are essential for life and reproduction, and are part of the primary metabolism.
- ◆ Some N-heteroaromatics are products of the secondary metabolism, such as caffeine, and saxitoxin



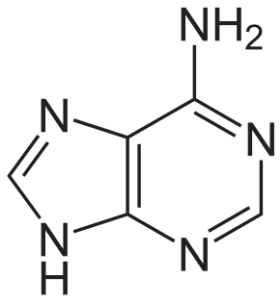
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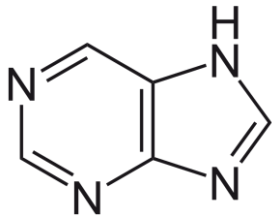
Saxitoxin

Fatally poisonous toxin produced by some algae, and occasionally accumulated in clams and shellfishes

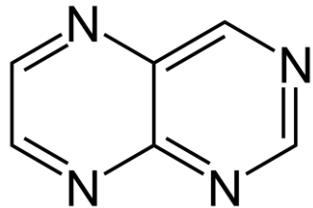
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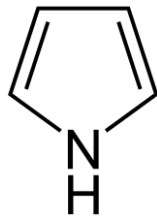
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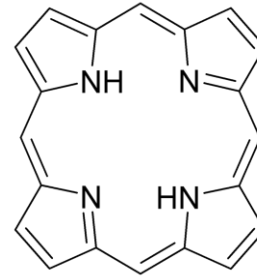
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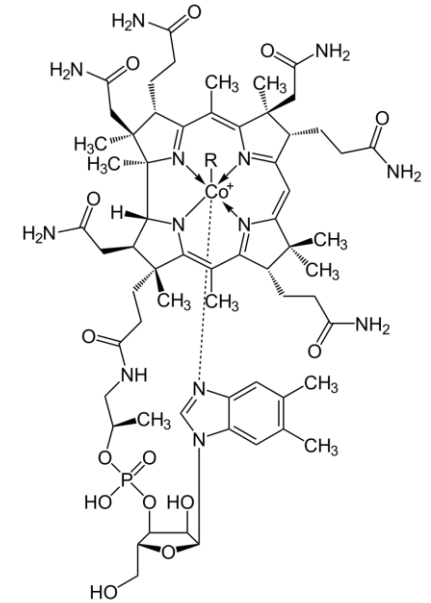
Pteridine



Pyrrole



Porphin



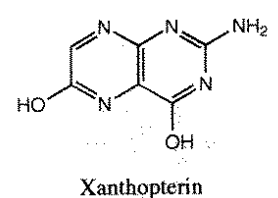
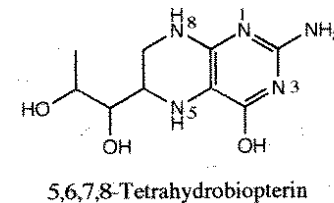
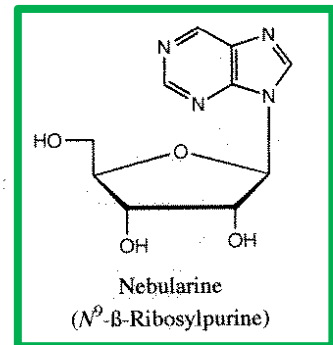
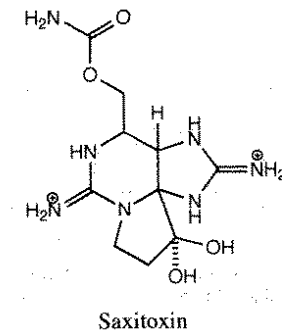
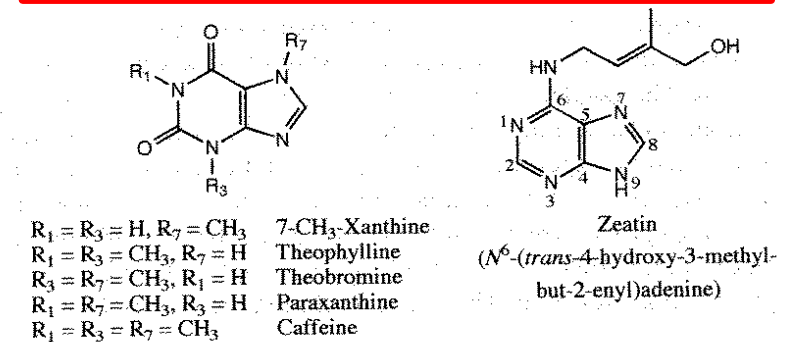
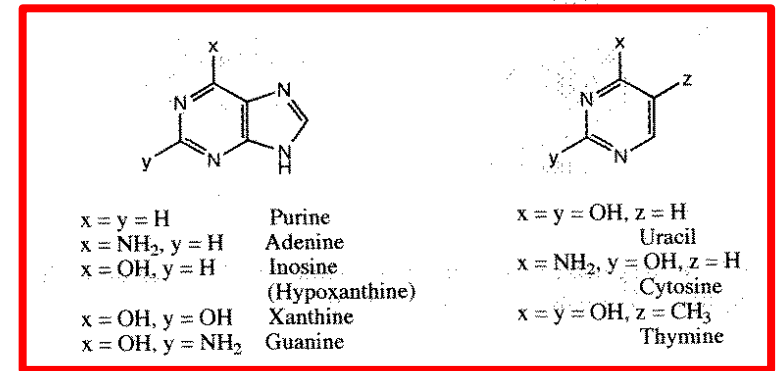
Cobalamin (vitamin B12)

Pyrimidines, purines and pteridines

- ◆ The major bases in RNA and DNA are purine derivatives (adenine, guanine, cytosine, uracil (only in RNA), thymine (only in DNA)...)
 - ◆ The free bases are only present in trace amounts in the cells.
 - ◆ In some fungi, nucleosides are produced in larger quantities and have antibiotic properties (such as nebularine)

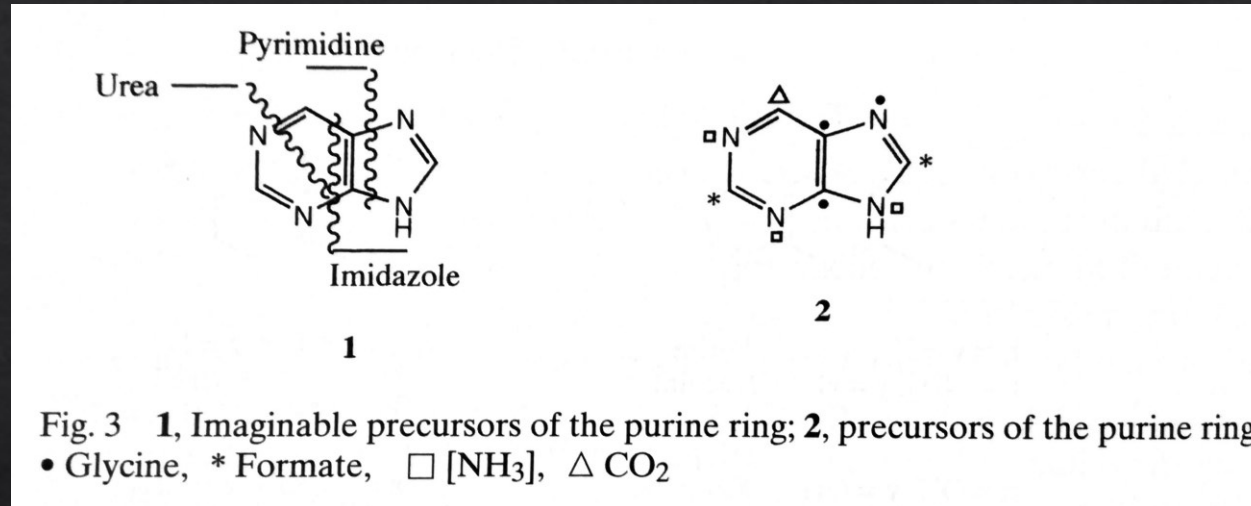


Clitocybe nebularis



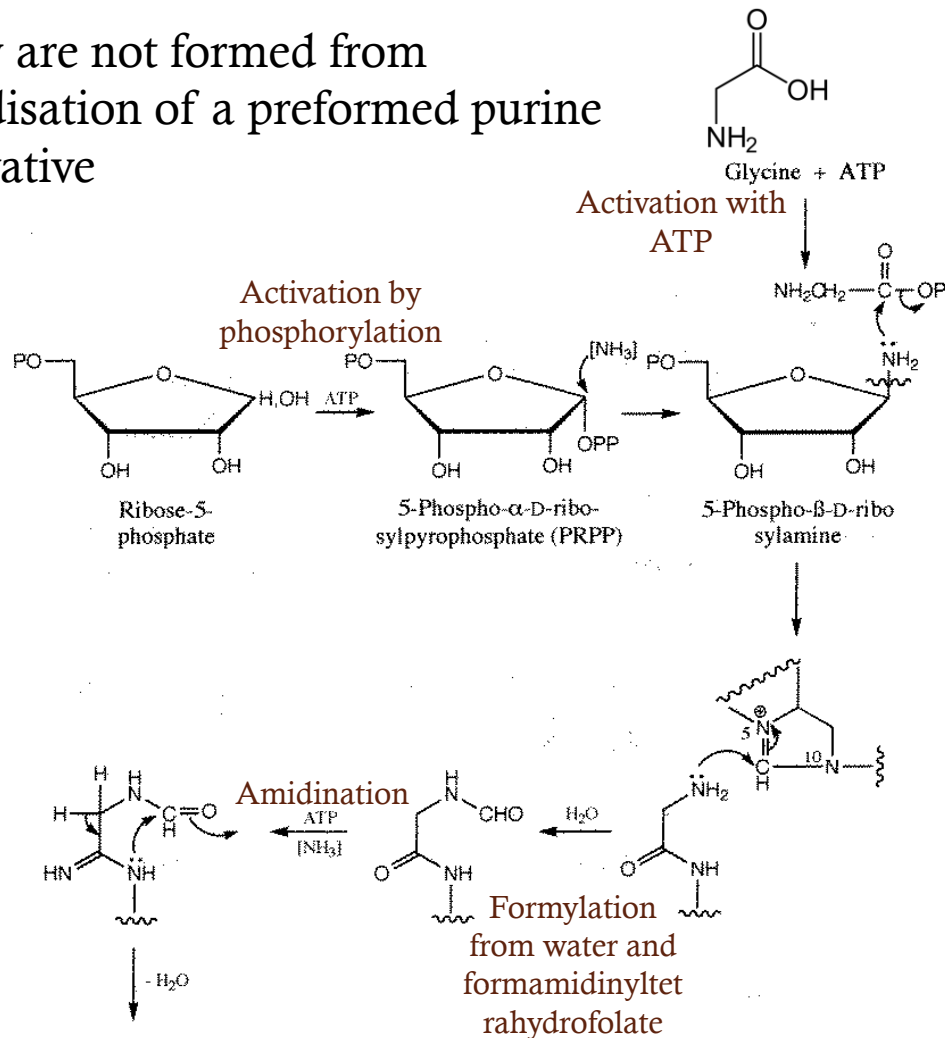
Biosynthesis of purines

- ◇ This biosynthesis shows, again, that structural information can be misleading when finding the natural synthesis pathway.

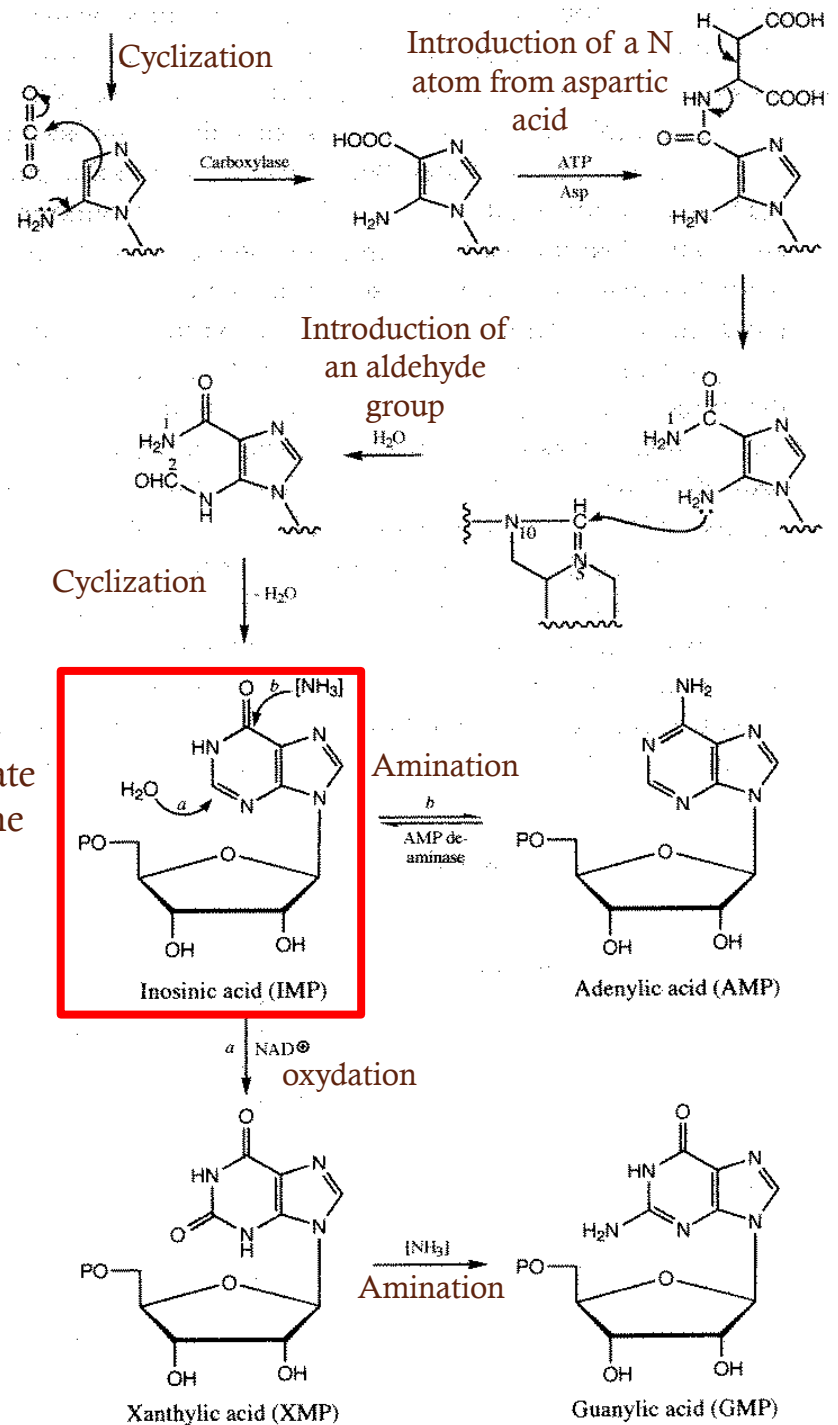


Biosynthesis of purine nucleotides

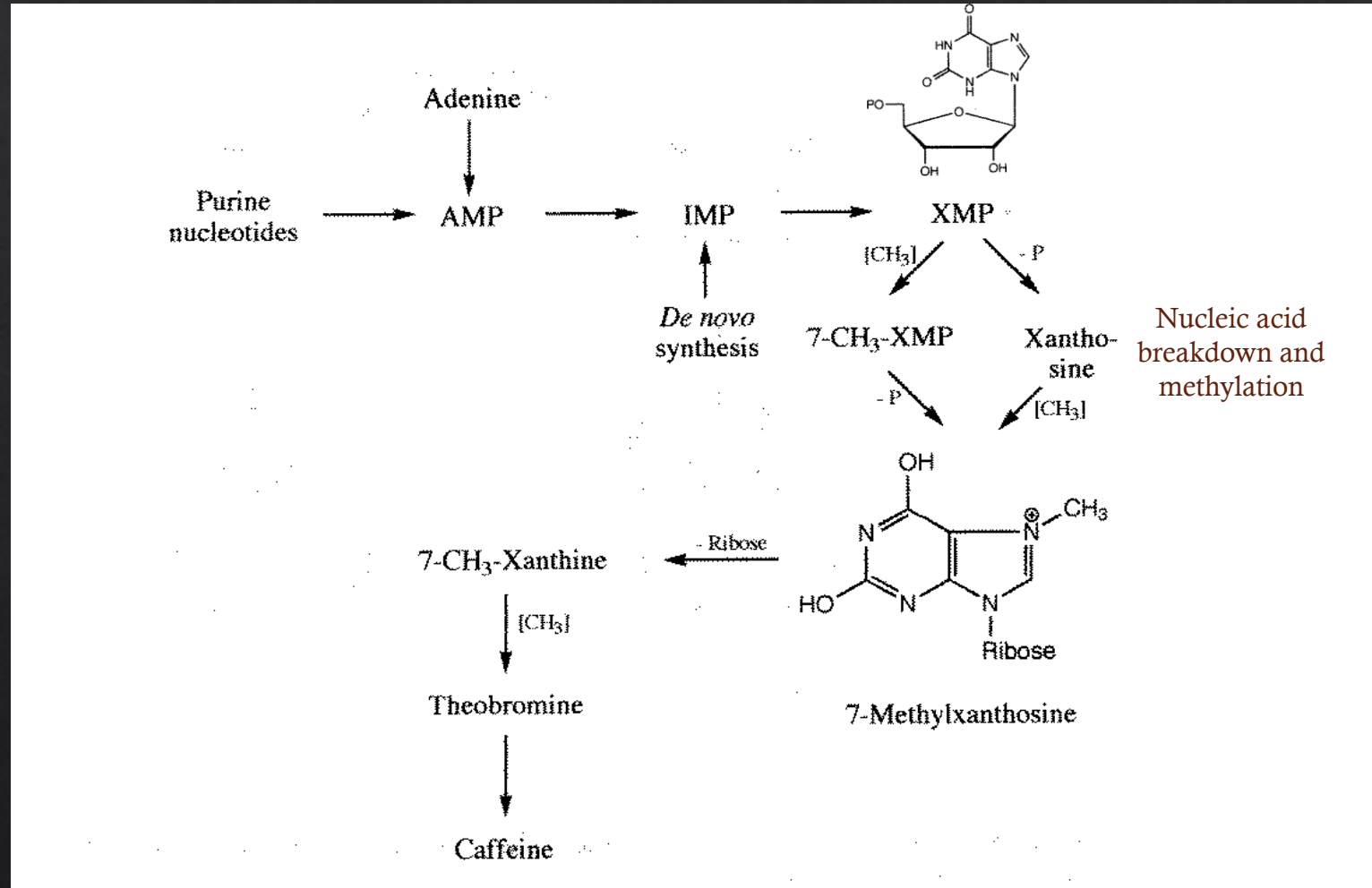
They are not formed from ribosylation of a preformed purine derivative



Key intermediate for other purine nucleotides

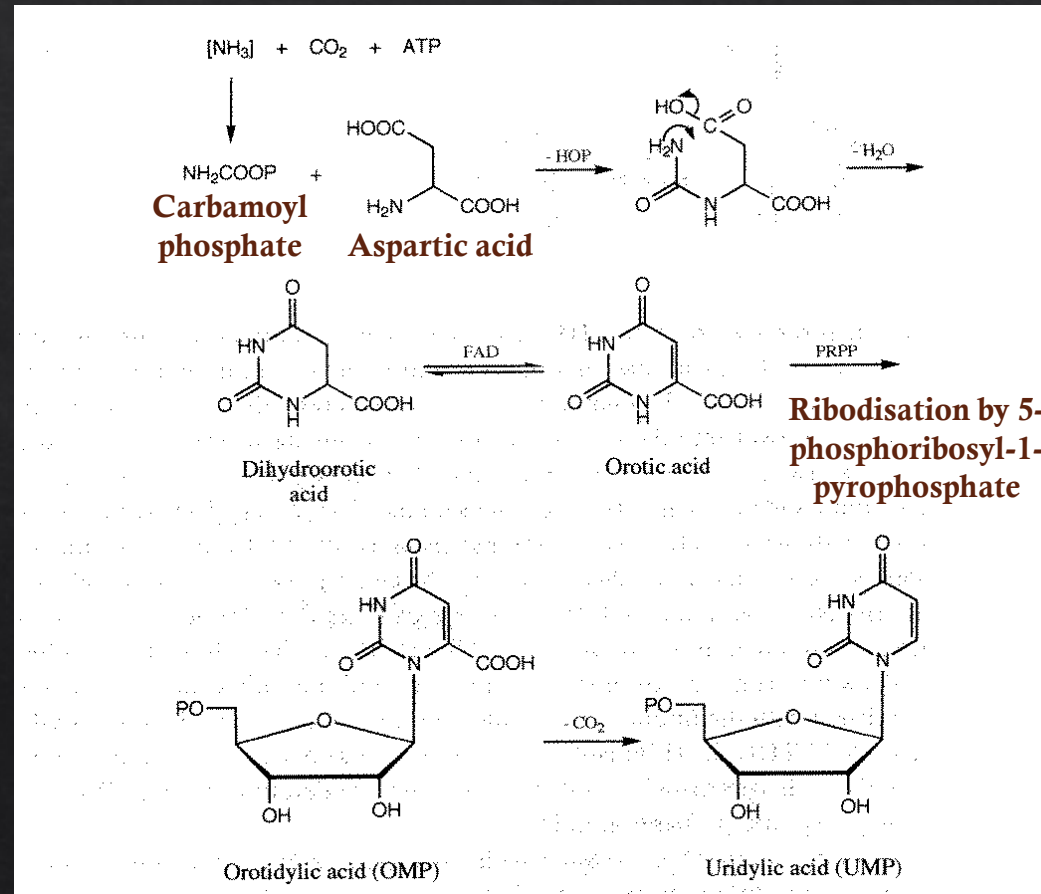


Biosynthesis of purine alkaloids



Biosynthesis of pyrimidine nucleotides

- Pyrimidine nucleotides are formed from ribodisation of a preformed pyrimidine derivative, and has a simpler biosynthesis.



Pyrroles and porphyrins

- ◊ Pyrrole derivatives are rare in nature. An example is prodigiosin, produced by the bacteria *Serratia marcescens*.

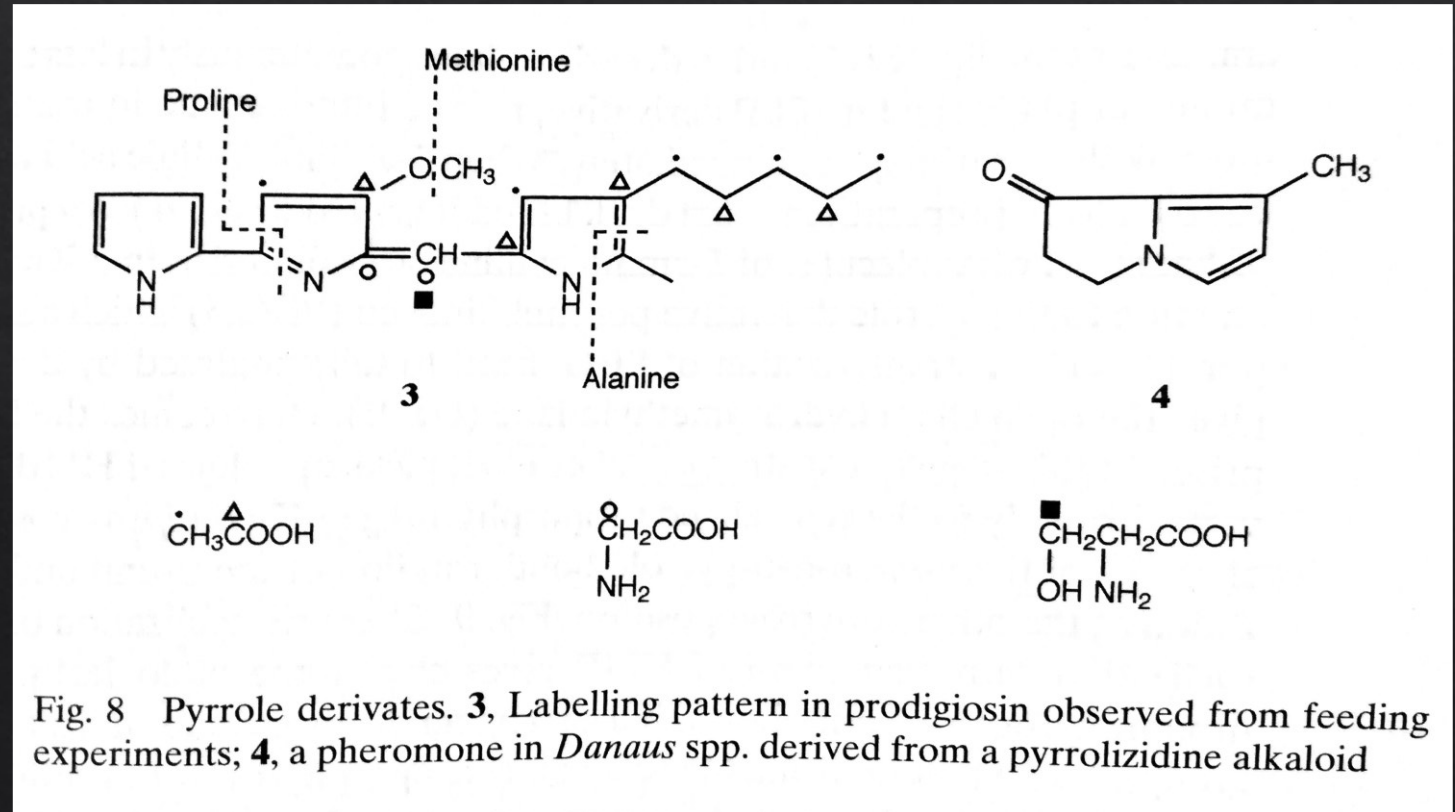
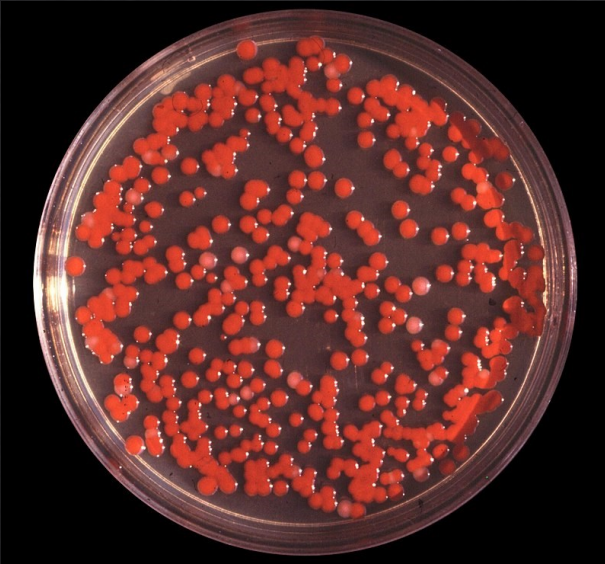
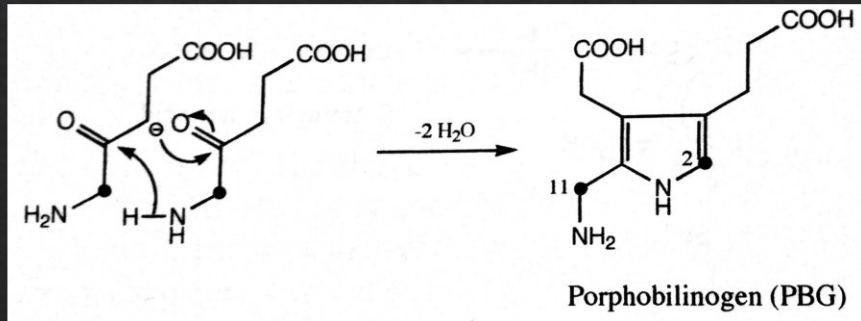


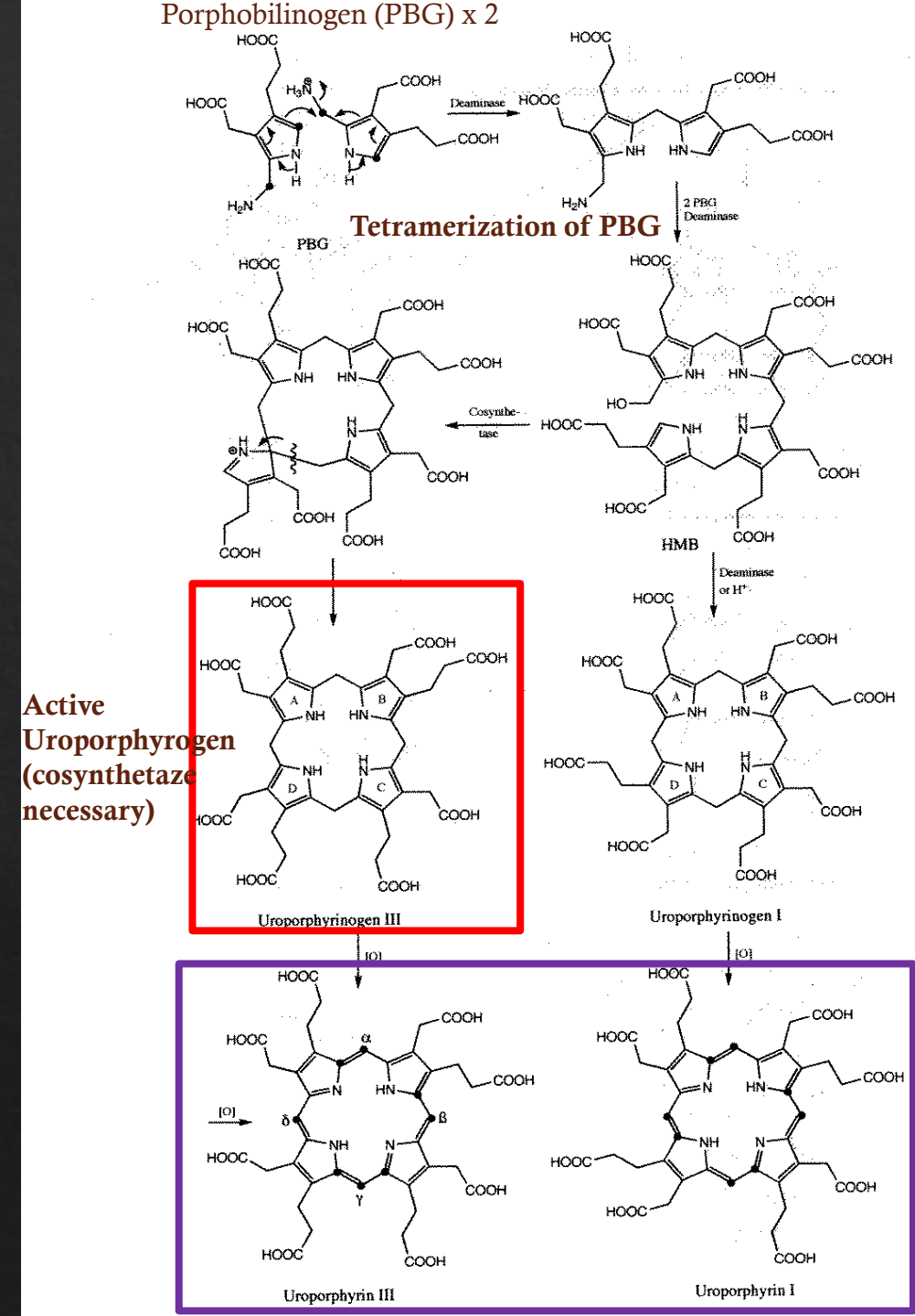
Fig. 8 Pyrrole derivatives. **3**, Labelling pattern in prodigiosin observed from feeding experiments; **4**, a pheromone in *Danaus* spp. derived from a pyrrolizidine alkaloid

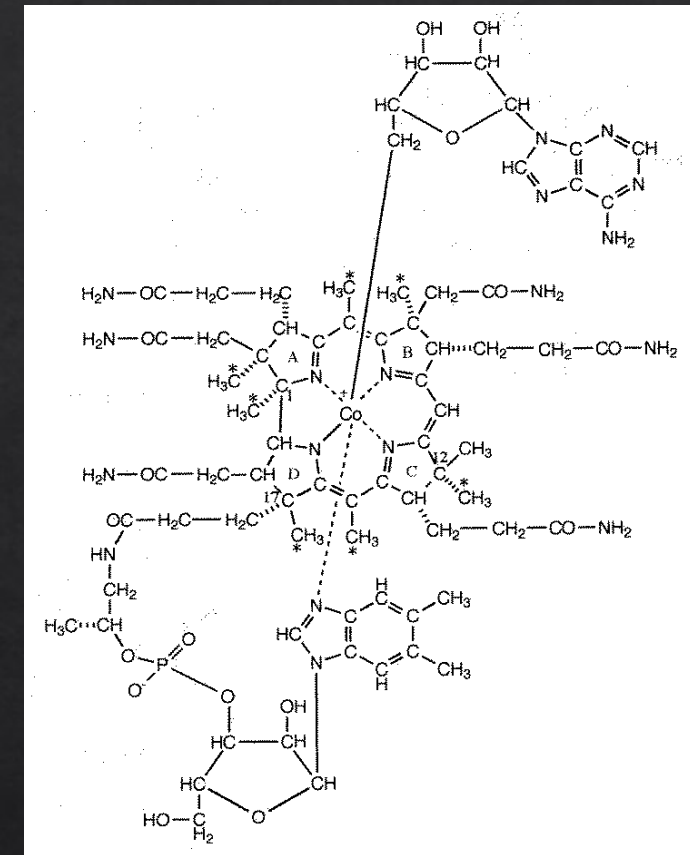
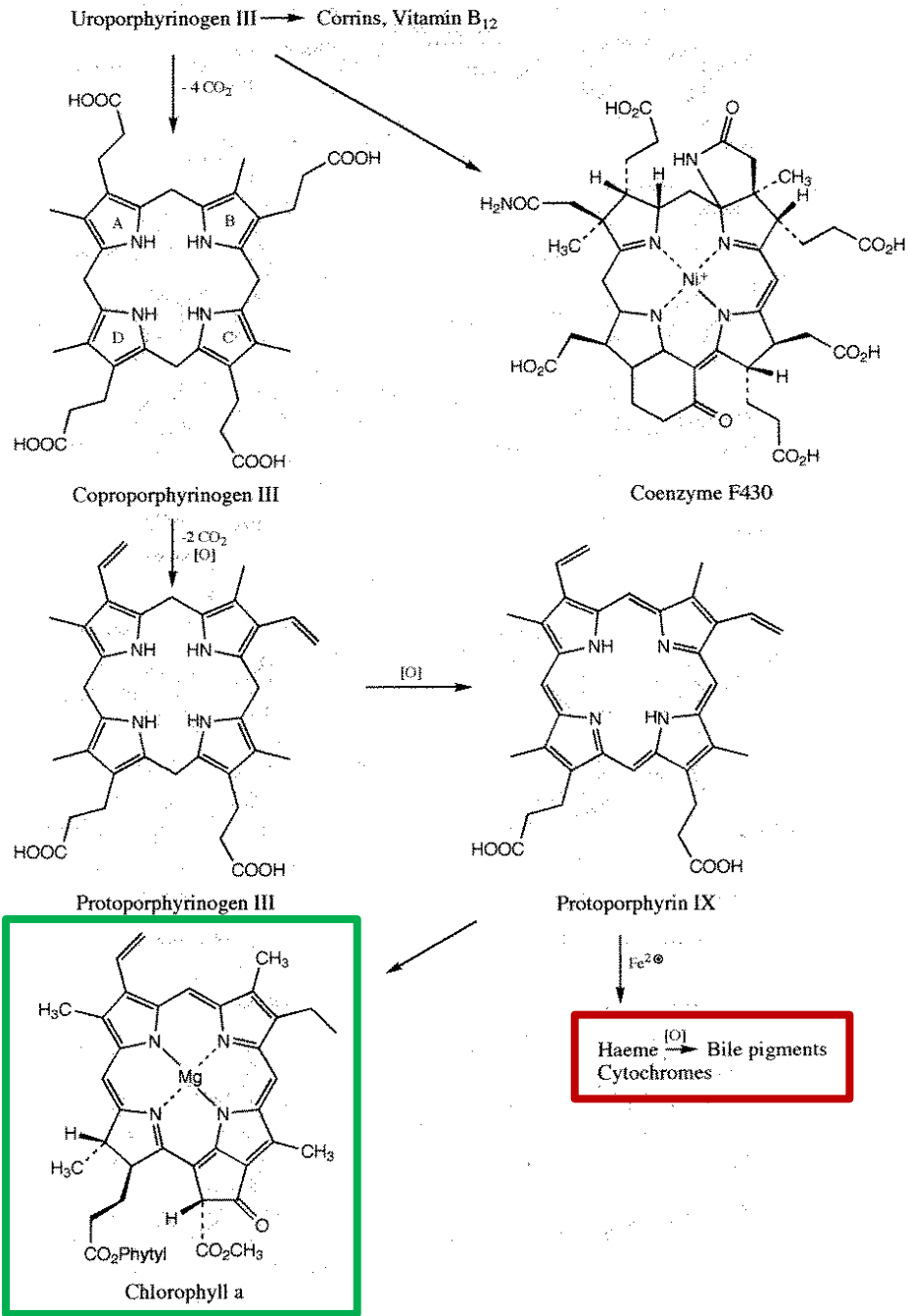
Biosynthesis of uroporphyrinogen

- ◇ Porphobilinogen are synthesized from the dimerization of 5-aminolevulinic acid, which comes from succinyl CoA and glycine.



- ◇ Cosynthetase is needed to complete the biosynthesis of uroporphyrinogen. Otherwise, it leads to its inactive version.
- ◇ Uroporphyrin I and III are strongly colored compound (conjugated 18- π -systems).





Cobalamin (vitamin B12)

The structure was elucidated in 1946 using X-ray crystallography.

