

Biochemistry

2.1) Biomolecules

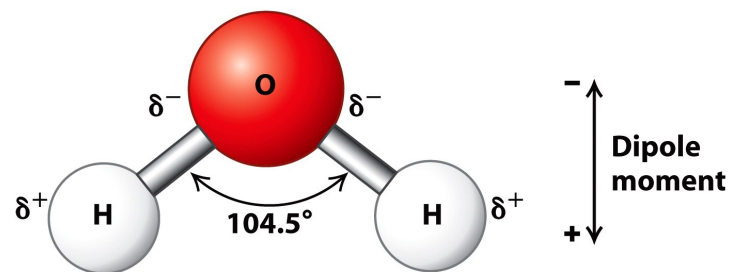
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Biochemistry

- Bio-Molecules,
- Amino Acids,
- Peptides / Proteins

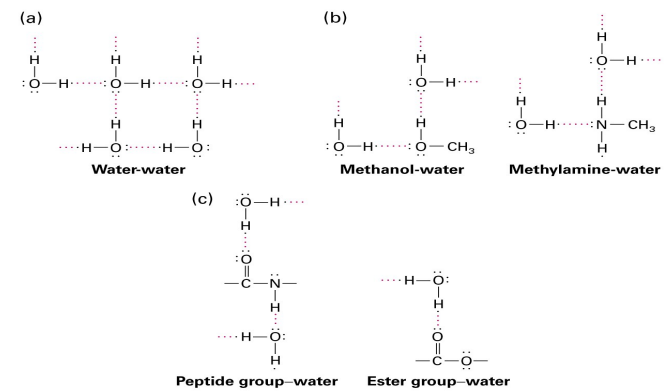
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Water – H_2O

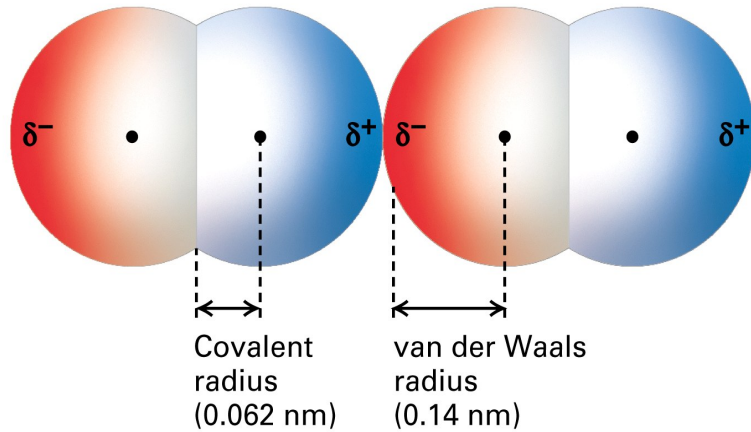


Bio-Molecules – Interactions

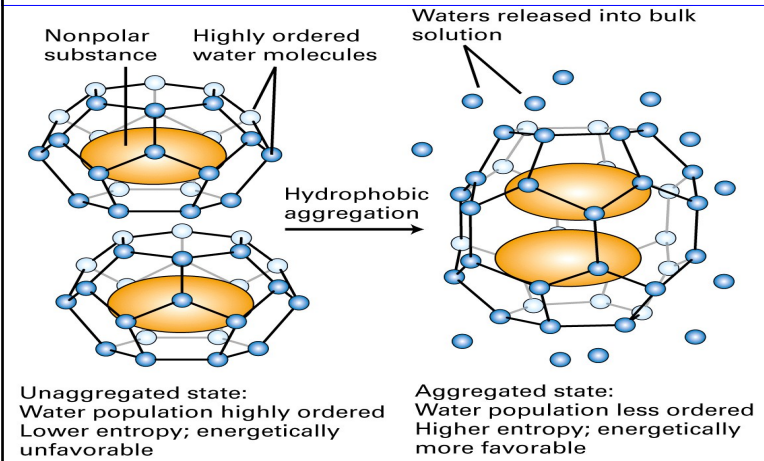
Hydrogen Bonds



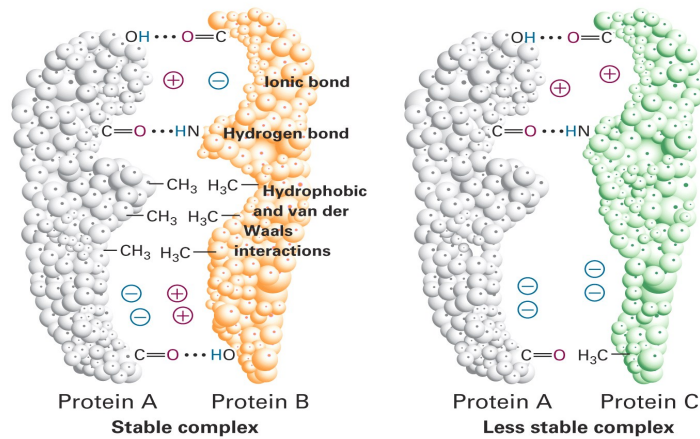
Range / radius of charges and influences for molecule-molecule interactions



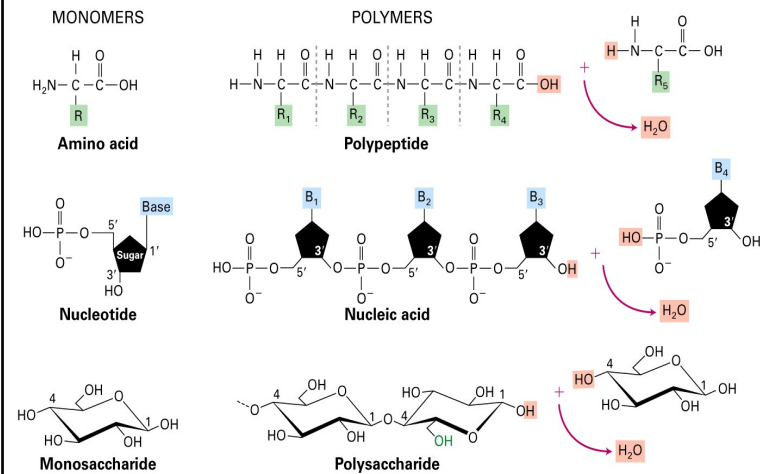
Water molecules modulate molecule interactions / behavior / functions



Various non-covalent protein-protein interactions



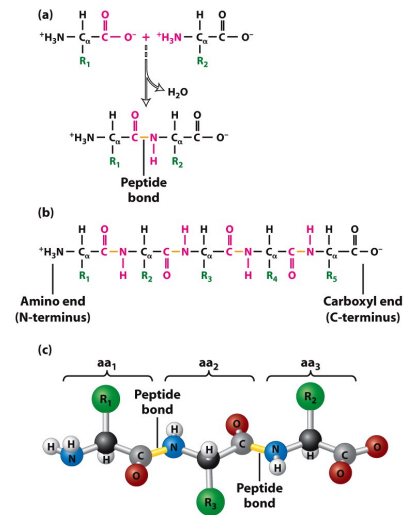
Essential Bio-Energy-related Bio-Molecules



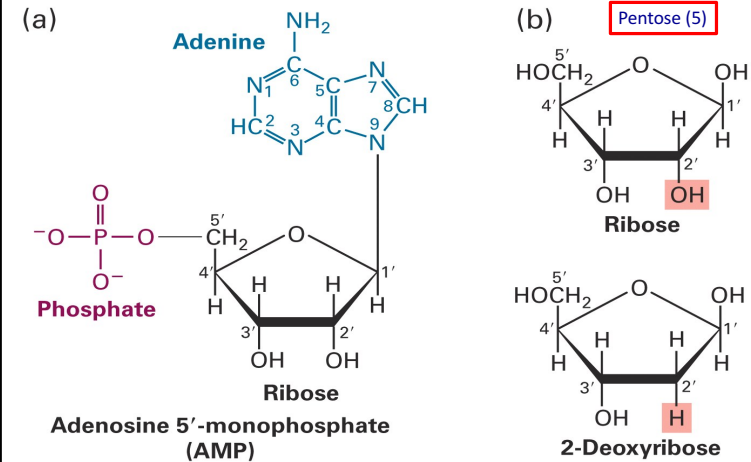
Amino acids

Peptides

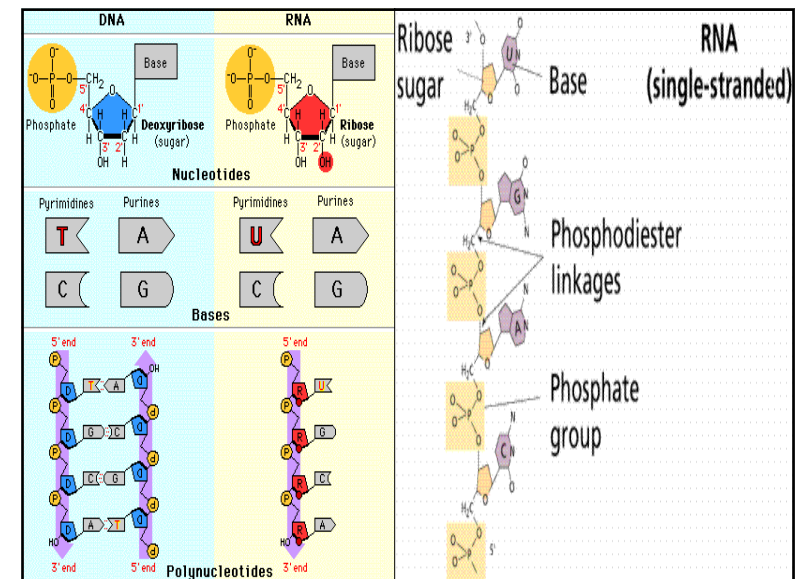
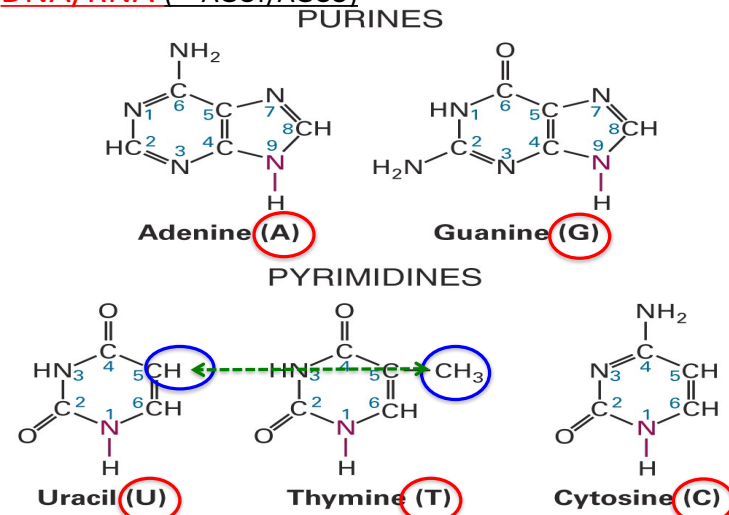
Proteins

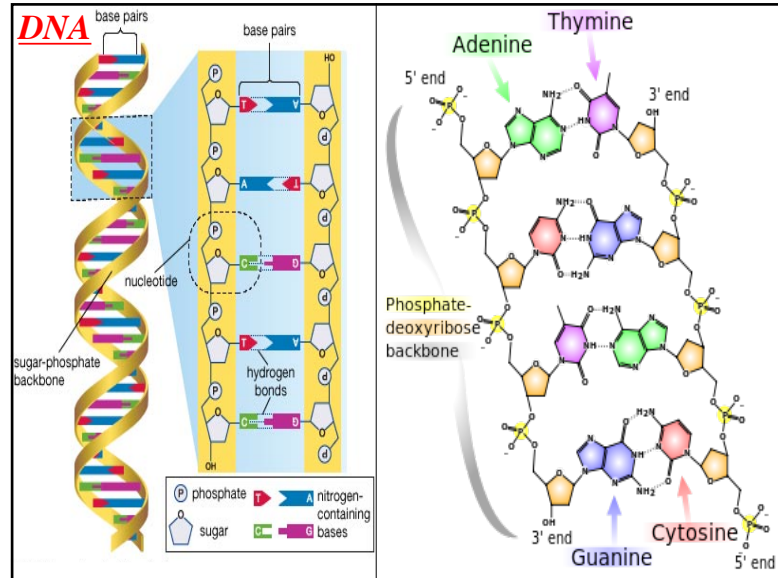


THE Bio-Energy Molecule ATP

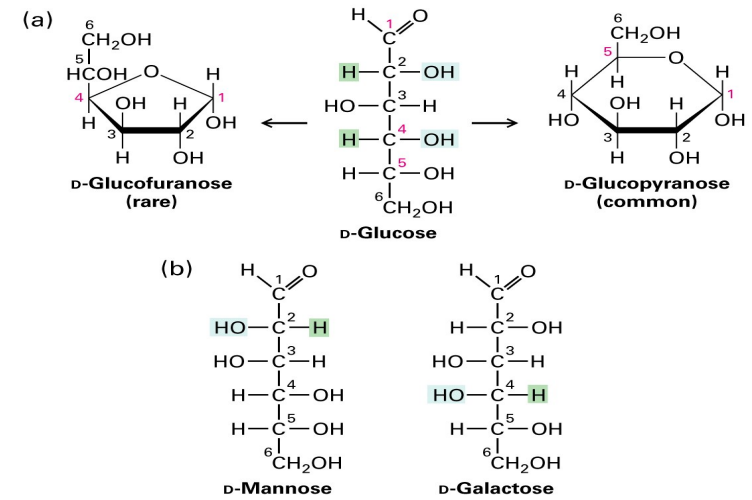


DNA/RNA (= AGCT/AGCU)



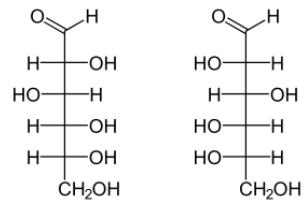


Bio-Energy: Chemical Structure of Hexoses ($C_6H_{12}O_6$)



Enantiomers - Stereoisomers

D-/L-forms

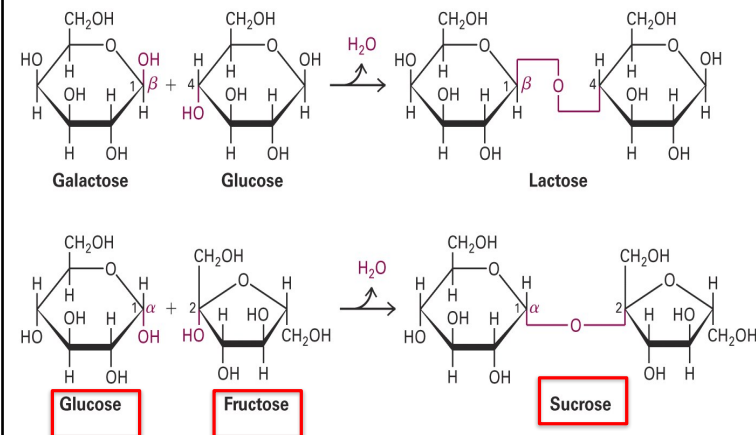


(natural)

only synthetic, good for diabetic patients but expensive as gold

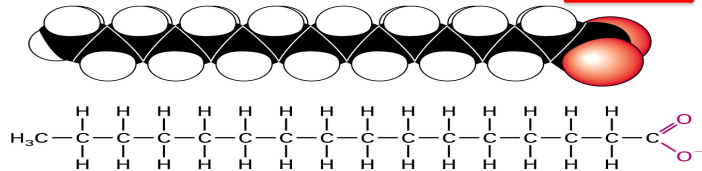
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Di-Saccharides Lactose and Sucrose

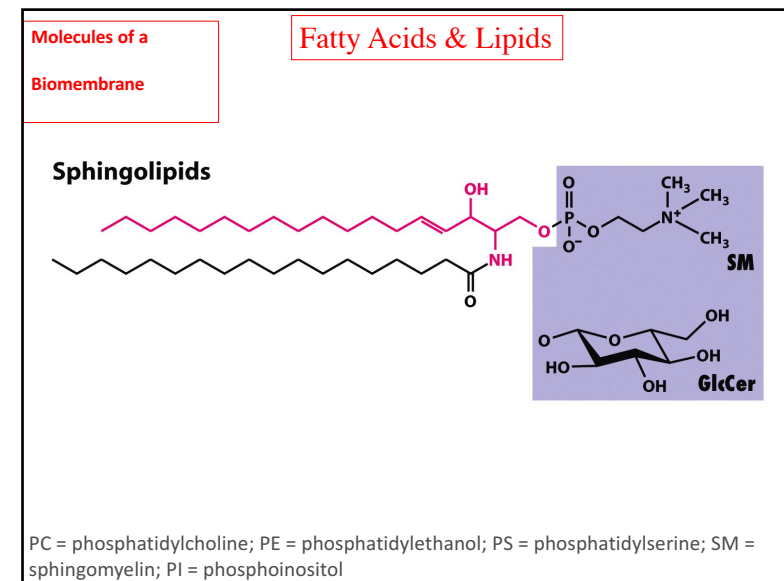
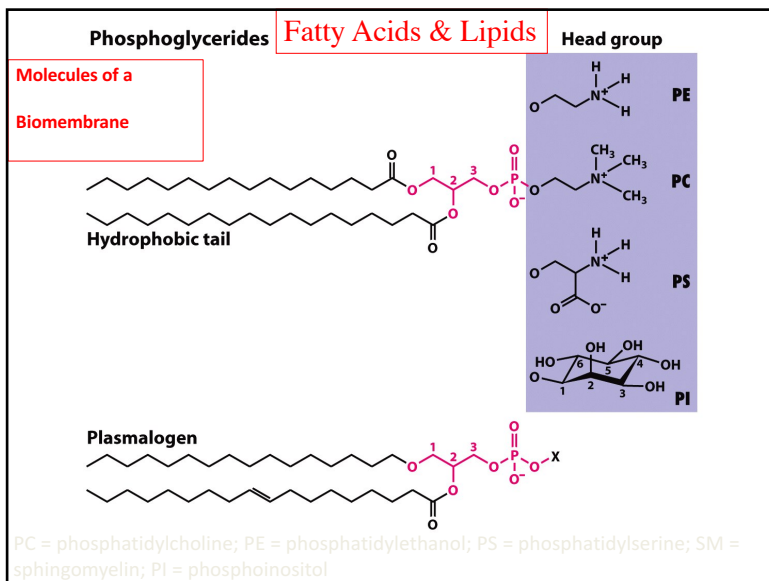
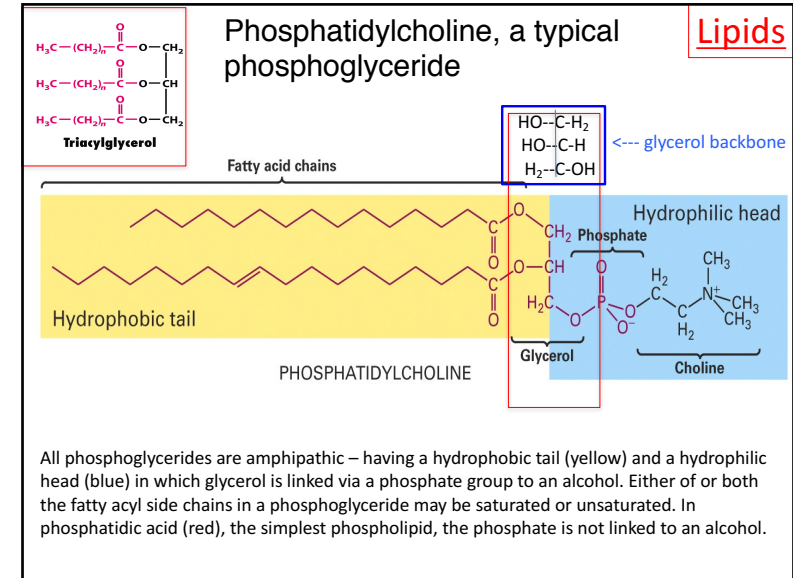
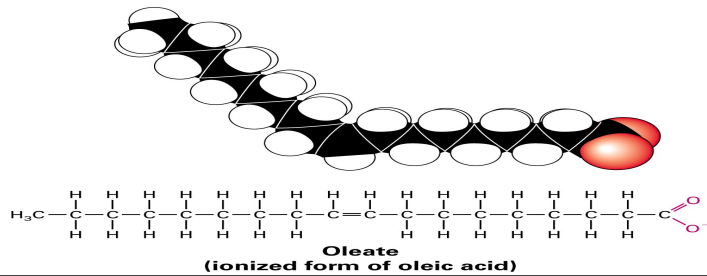


Lipids – Cell Membrane and Cell Metabolism etc

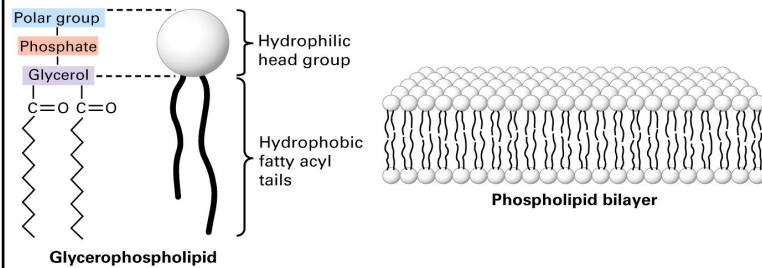
The effect of a double bond on the shape of fatty acids



Palmitate
(ionized form of palmitic acid)

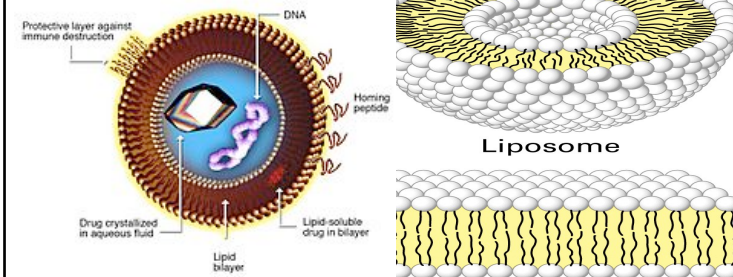


Essential Cell Membrane Molecules



Cross-sectional views of the three structures formed by phospholipids in aqueous solutions

Liposome for Drug Delivery



Phospholipid bilayer

The white spheres depict the hydrophilic heads of the phospholipids, and the squiggly black lines (in the yellow regions) represent the hydrophobic tails. Shown are a spherical micelle with a hydrophobic interior composed entirely of fatty acyl chains; a spherical liposome, which has two phospholipid layers and an aqueous center; and a two-molecule-thick sheet of phospholipids, or bilayer, the basic structural unit of bio-membranes.

Biochemistry

2.2) Amino Acids

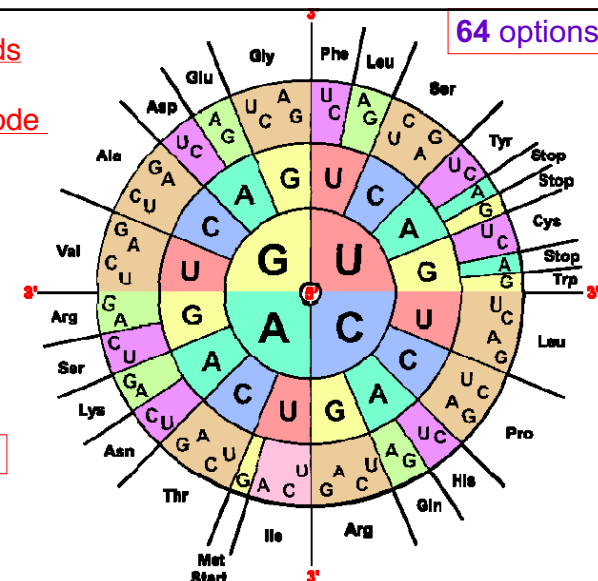
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Amino Acids

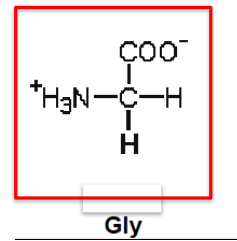
Genetic Code

64 options

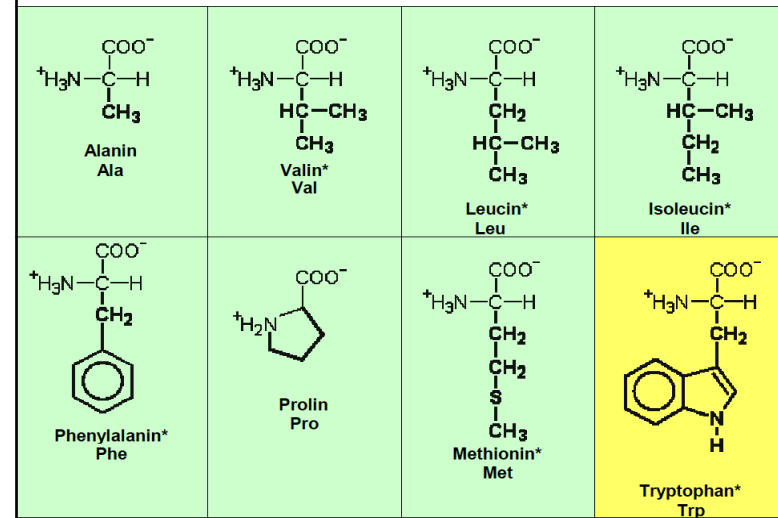
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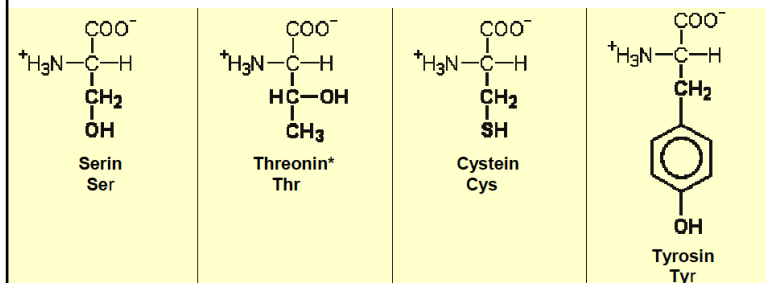
20 Proteinogen Amino Acids = amino acids determined in the genetic code



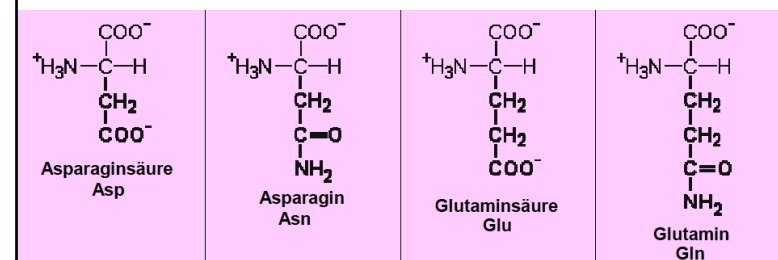
Hydrophobic Amino Acids



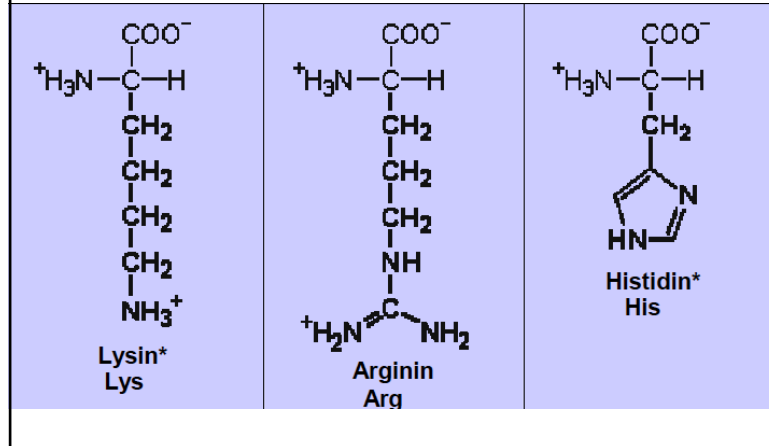
Amino Acids with polar side chains



Acidic Amino Acids

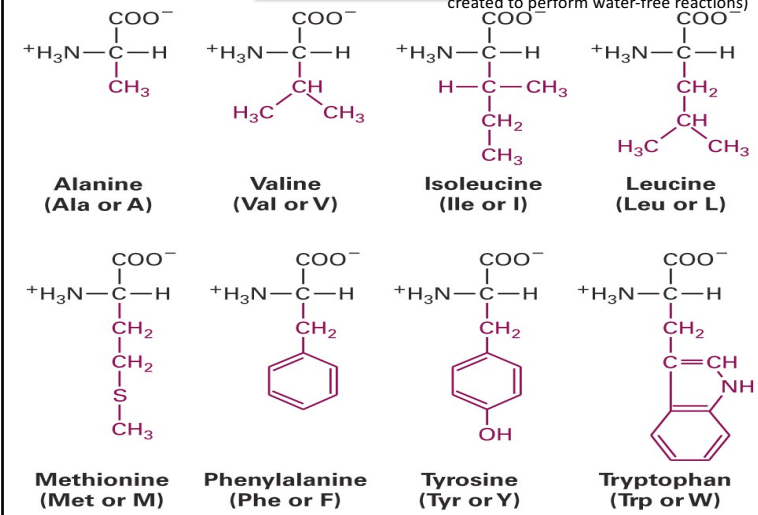


Basic Amino Acids

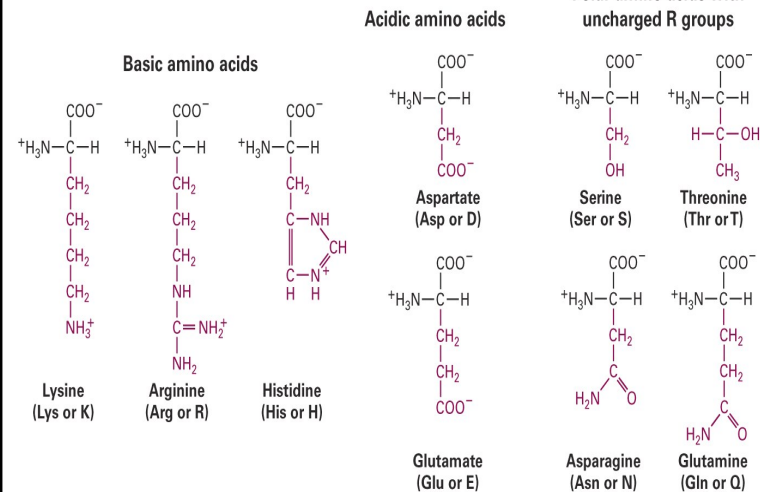


HYDROPHOBIC AAs

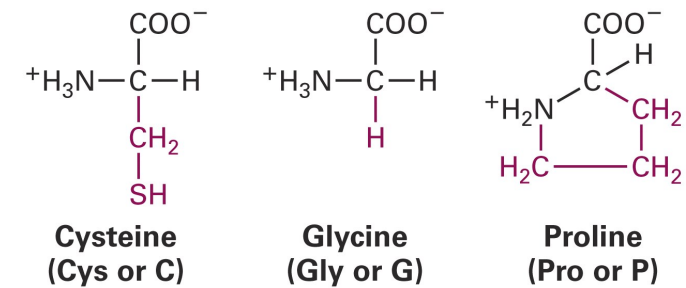
(lipophil, apolar, upon association of lipophilic groups a water-free space is created to perform water-free reactions)



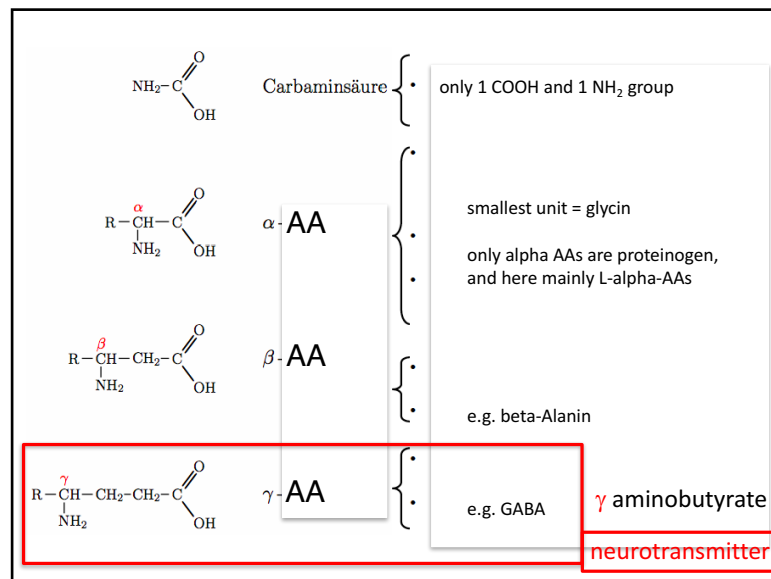
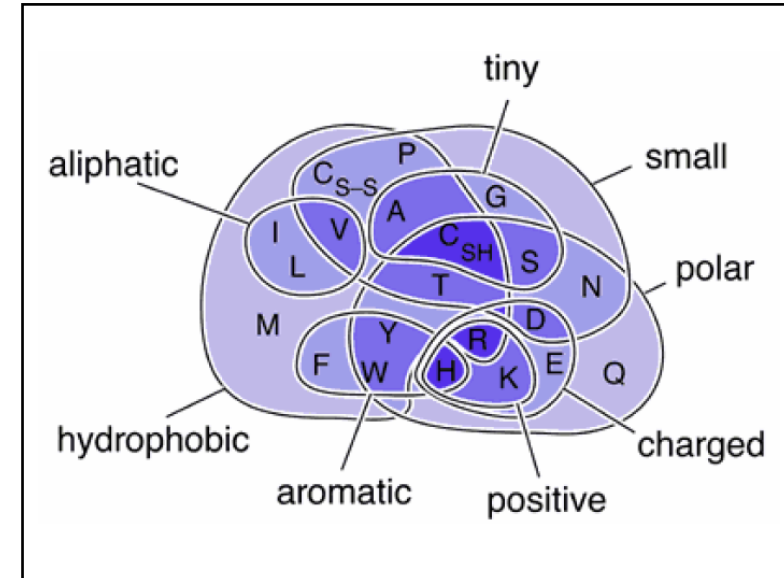
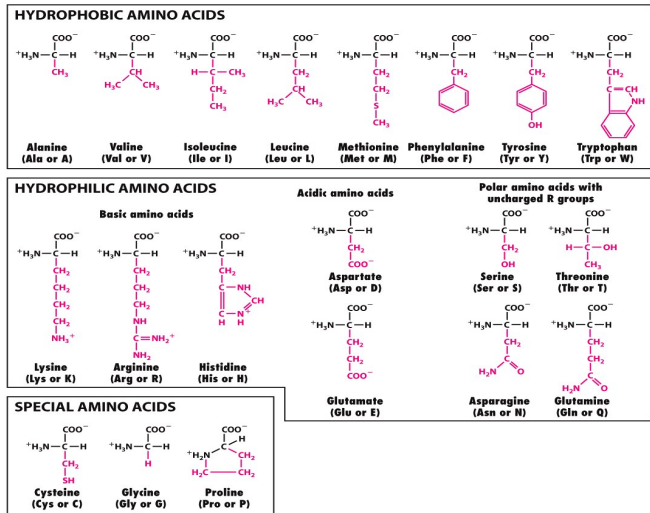
HYDROPHILIC AMINO ACIDS



SPECIAL AMINO ACIDS



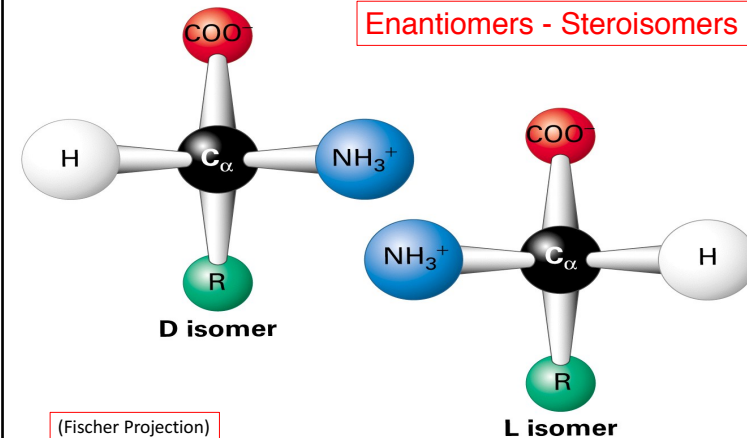
Amino Acids



Amino Acids, Peptides, Proteins

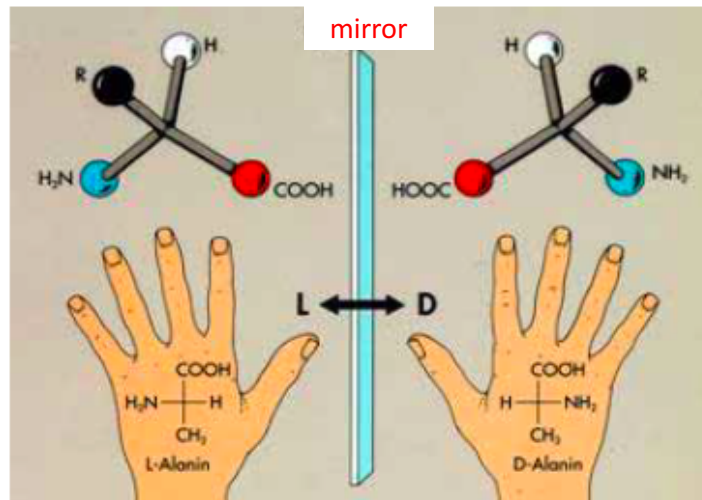
D- and L- 'mirror' images of amino acids (AAs)

Enantiomers - Stereoisomers

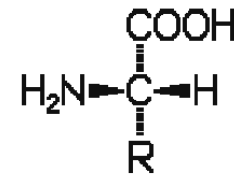


Enantiomers - Stereoisomers

All but Glycine

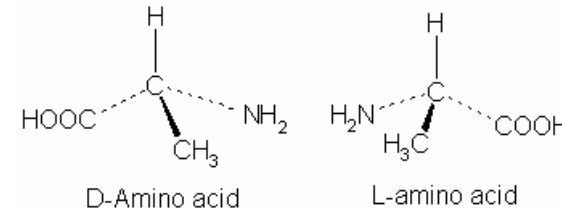


Amino Acids

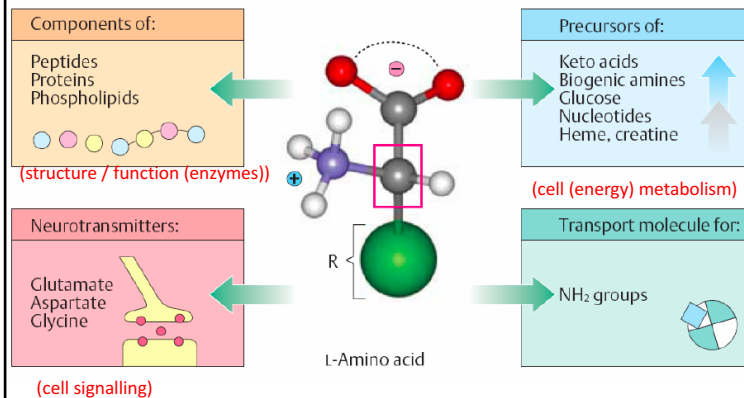


All α -amino acids, except glycine, chiral (= at least 1 asymmetric C atom)

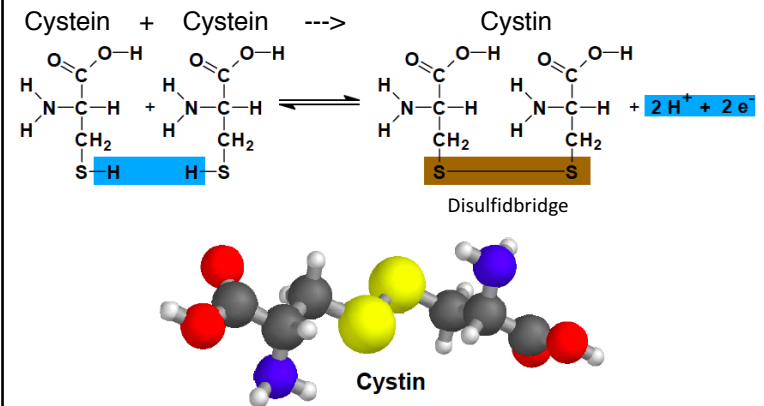
That means, there exist D- and L-form, only L-form is proteinogenic !



Amino Acids are:



Disulfid (S-) -bridges



Essential Amino Acids

9 amino acids that must be taken up by food because your body cannot synthesize these AAs:

- die verzweigtkettigen (Valin, Leucin, Isoleucin, Threonin) und die
- aromatischen Aminosäuren (Phenylalanin, Tryptophan)
- Außerdem sind die Aminosäuren Methionin und Lysin essentiell, für Kleinkinder zusätzlich Histidin

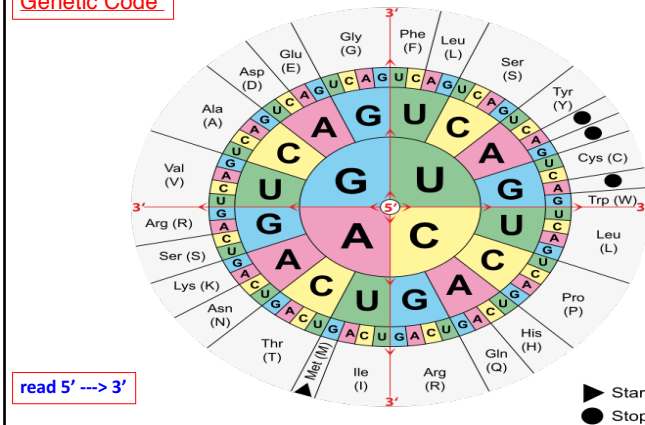
An essential amino acid or indispensable amino acid is an amino acid that cannot be synthesized de novo (from scratch) by the organism, and thus must be supplied in its diet. The nine amino acids humans cannot synthesize (but encode for !) are phenylalanine, valine, threonine, tryptophan, methionine, leucine, isoleucine, lysine, and histidine (i.e., F V T W M L I K H).

from genes to proteins – the genetic code

64 options

Amino Acids

Genetic Code



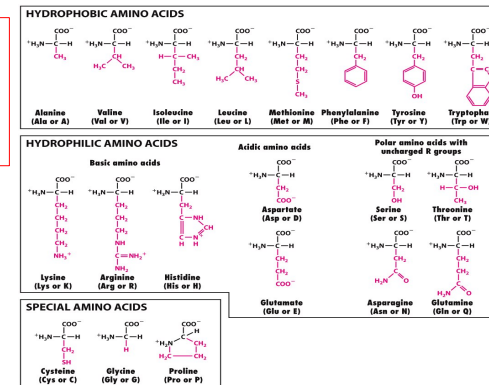
Cracking the Code

64 options

- A codon in messenger RNA is either translated into an amino acid or serves as a translational stop signal
- Codons must be read in the correct **reading frame** for the specified polypeptide to be produced
- The genetic code is nearly universal shared by organisms from the simplest bacteria to the most complex animals

Second mRNA base					
U	C	A	G	U	C
UUU Phe	UCU Ser	UAU Tyr	UGU Cys	U	C
UUC Phe	UCC Ser	UAC Tyr	UGC Cys	A	G
UUA Leu	UCA Ser	UAA Stop	UGA Stop	U	C
UUG Leu	UCG Ser	UAG Stop	UGG Trp	A	G
CUU Leu	CCU Pro	CAU His	CGU Arg	U	C
CUC Leu	CCC Pro	CAC His	CGC Arg	A	G
CUA Leu	CCA Pro	CAA Gln	CGA Arg	U	C
CUG Leu	CCG Pro	CAG Gln	CGG Arg	A	G
AUU Ile	ACU Thr	AAU Asn	AGU Ser	U	C
AUC Ile	ACC Thr	AAC Asn	AGC Ser	A	G
AUA Ile	ACA Thr	AAA Lys	AGA Arg	U	C
AUG Met or start	ACG Thr	AAG Lys	AGG Arg	A	G
GUU Val	GCU Ala	GAU Asp	GGU Gly	U	C
GUC Val	GCC Ala	GAC Asp	GGC Gly	A	G
GUA Val	GCA Ala	GAA Glu	GGA Gly	U	C
GUG Val	GCG Ala	GAG Glu	GGG Gly	A	G

20 Proteinogenic Amino Acids

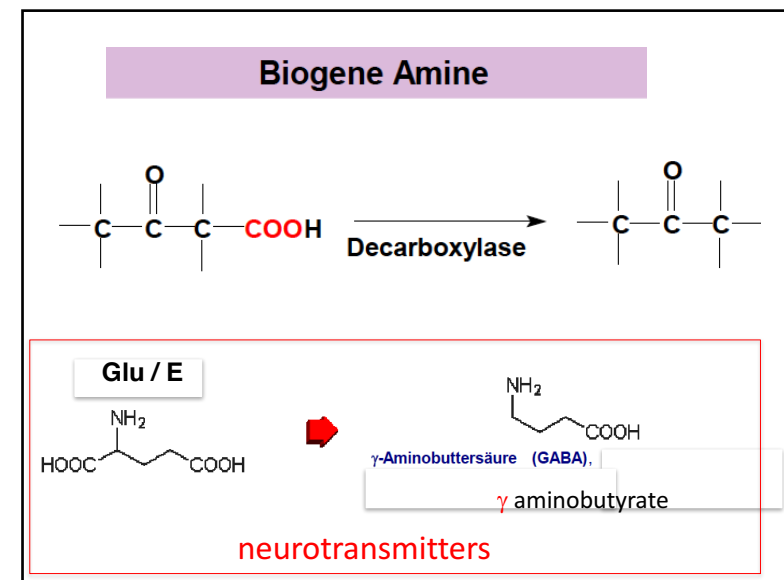
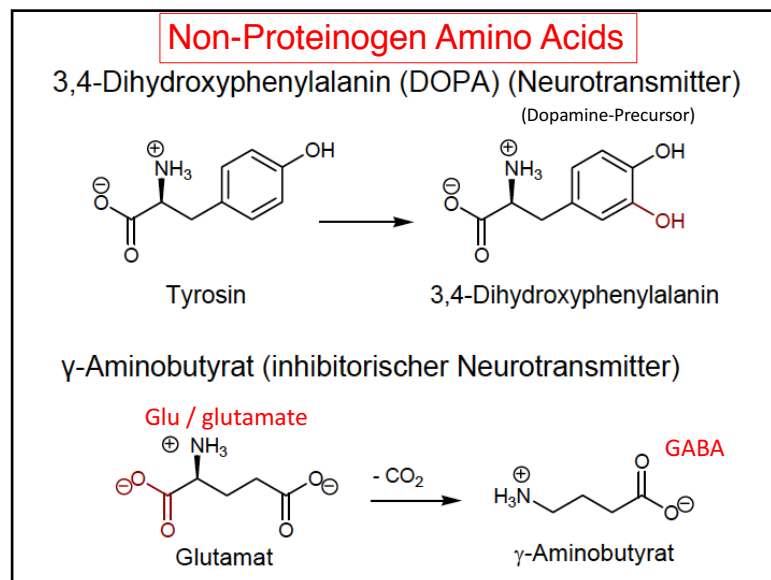
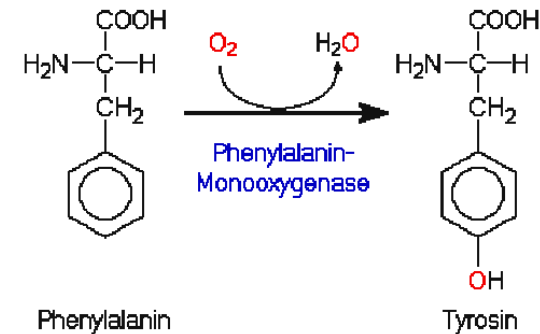


Non-Essential Amino Acids	Essential Amino Acids
Alanin Arginin Asparagin Aspartat Cystein Glutamat Glutamin Glycin Histidin Prolin Serin Tyrosin	Leucin (L) Phenylalanin (F) Tryptophan (W) Methionin (M) Isoleucin (I) Lysin (K) Valin (V) Threonin (T) (Bei Kindern: Arginin (R))

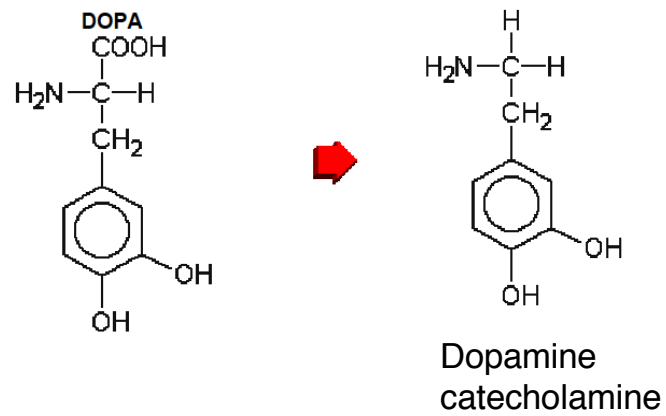
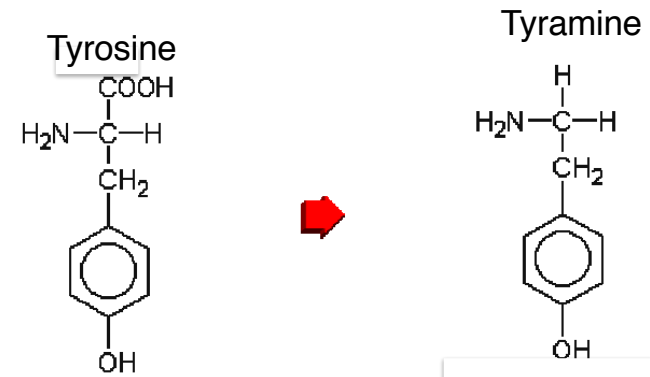
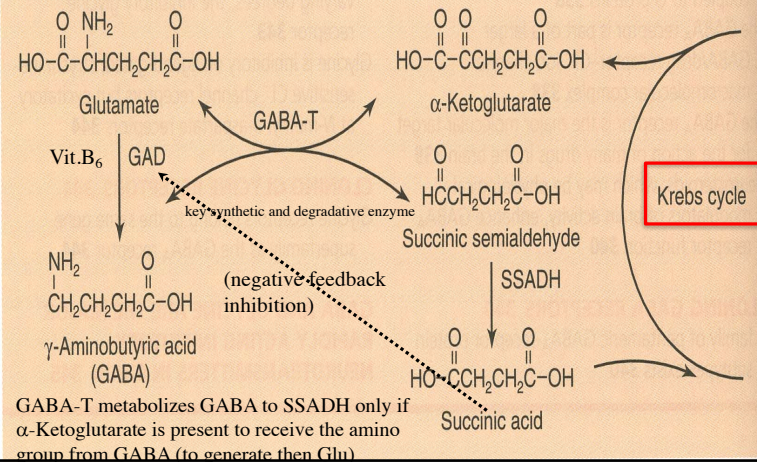
Merksatz für essentielle Aminosäuren (L-F-W-M-I-K-V-T)
 Leider fehlen wichtige Moleküle im Körper vieler Tiere.

Phenylketonurie (PKU) - "Fölling Disease"

(lack of Phenylalanin-Monooxygenase)



Major difference between catecholamines and amino acid neurotransmitters the latter are derived from glucose metabolism and are taken up by glia and neurons

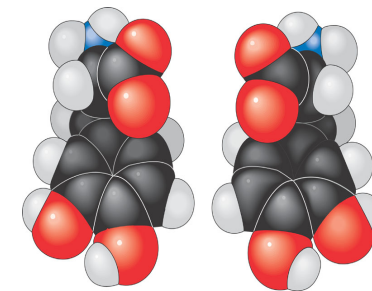


neurotransmitter

---> Parkinson Disease

• Enantiomers

– are important in the pharmaceutical industry

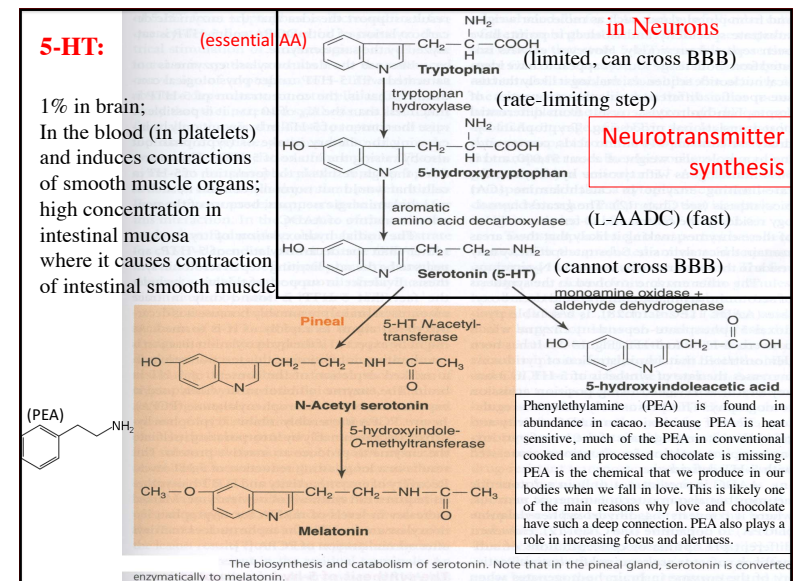
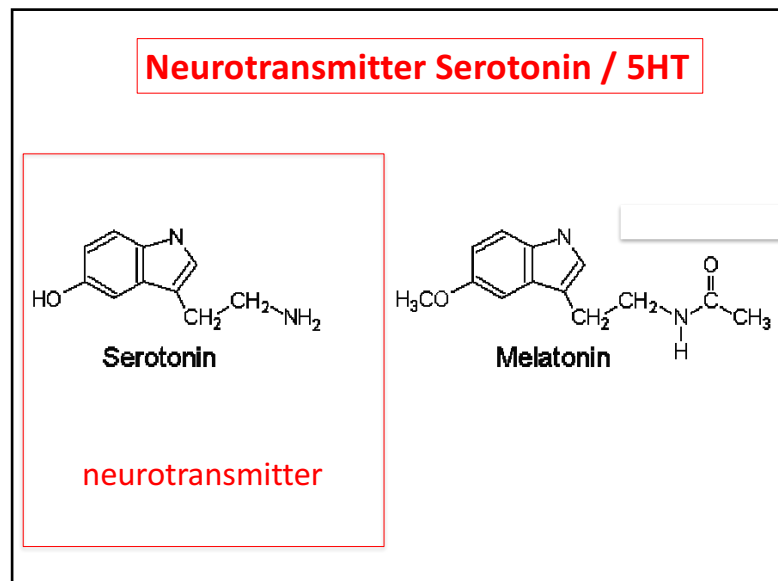
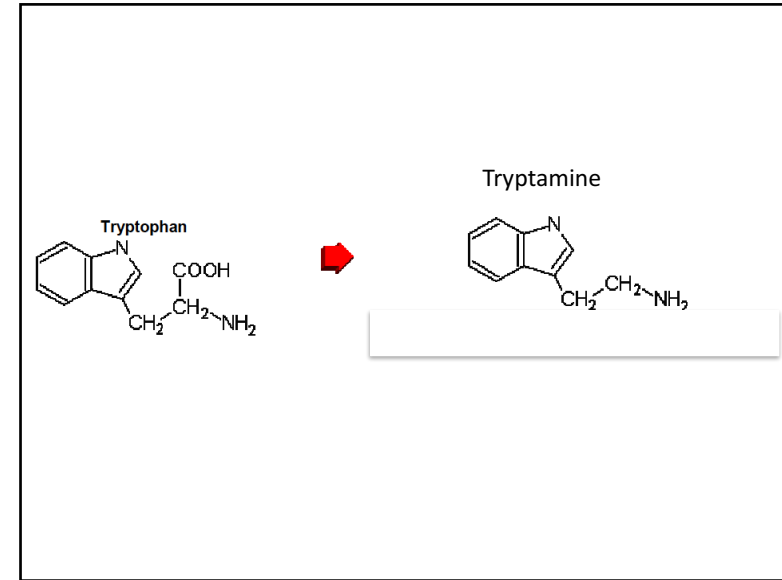
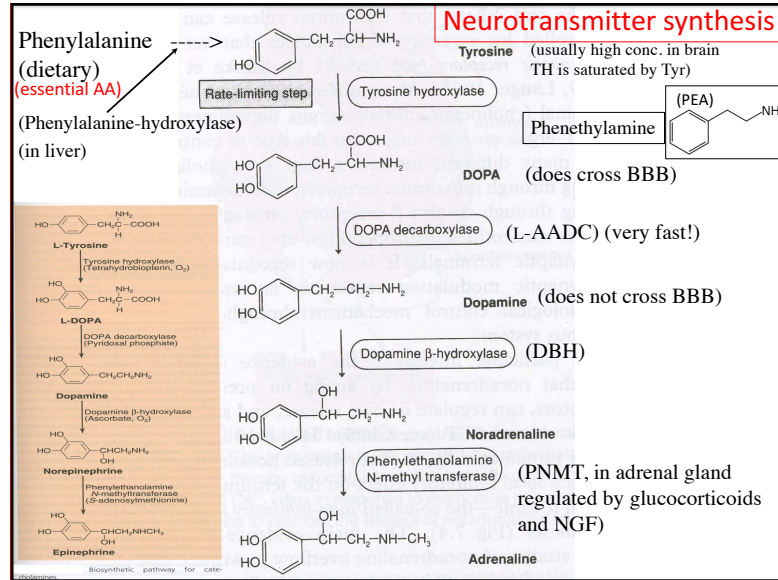


L-Dopa

(effective against Parkinson's disease)

D-Dopa

(biologically inactive)



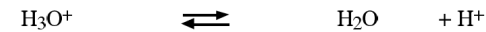
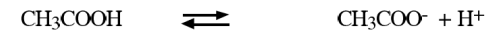
Amino acids

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Acid – Base Equilibrium

pH, buffers, etc.

Introduction: acid-base equilibrium



donor - acceptor

Acid: electron-pair acceptor or proton donor

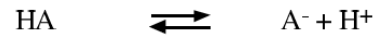
Base: electron-pair donor or proton acceptor

Strong acid: $\text{pH} = -\log(n [\text{acid}])$ with n = number of protons that can dissociate)

Strong base: $\text{pH} = 14 + \lg [\text{base}]$

Equations are valid for concentrations less than 0.1 M.

For weak acids / base:



$$K_S = \frac{[\text{H}^+] \cdot [\text{A}^-]}{[\text{HA}]}$$

e.g. in water, then for each A^- one H^+ is formed $\rightarrow [\text{A}^-] = [\text{H}^+]$

$$[\text{H}^+]^2 = K_S \cdot [\text{HA}]$$

$$\rightarrow [\text{H}^+] = \sqrt{K_S \cdot c_{\text{gesamt}}}$$

$$\rightarrow \text{pH} = 0.5 (\text{p}K_S - \lg [\text{HA}_{\text{total}}])$$

If HA is only partially (a little bit) dissociated then $[\text{HA}] = [\text{HA}_{\text{total}}]$

if $[\text{A}^-] > [\text{H}^+]$, e.g. in a buffer system \rightarrow

$$\text{pH} = \text{p}K_S + \lg \left[\frac{[\text{A}^-]}{[\text{HA}]} \right] = \text{pH} = \text{p}K_S + \lg \left[\frac{[\text{Base}]}{[\text{Acid}]} \right]$$

Henderson-Hasselbach Equation

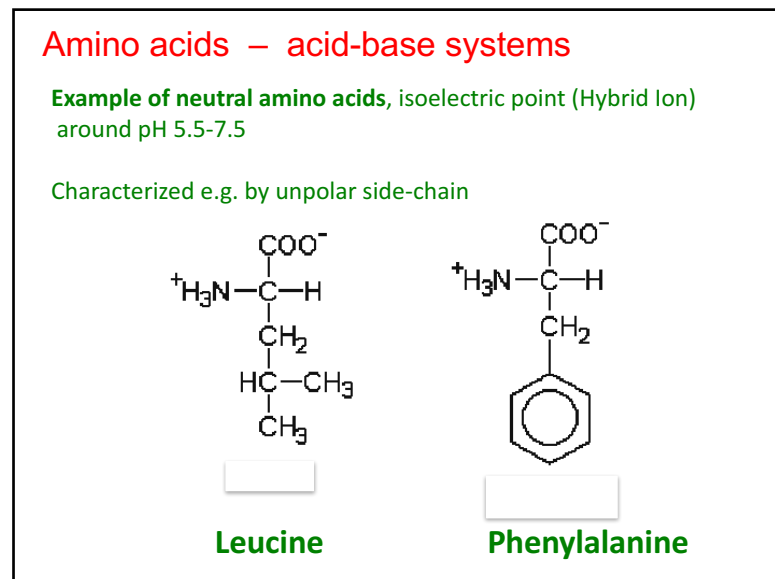
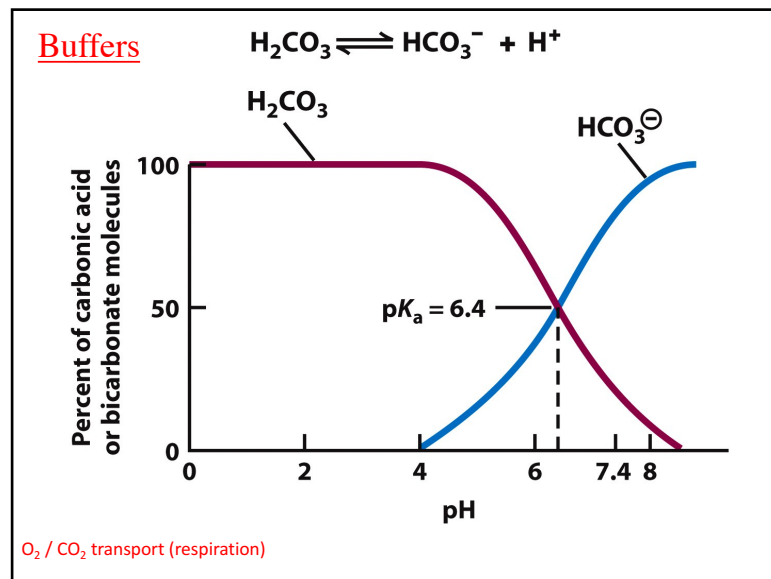
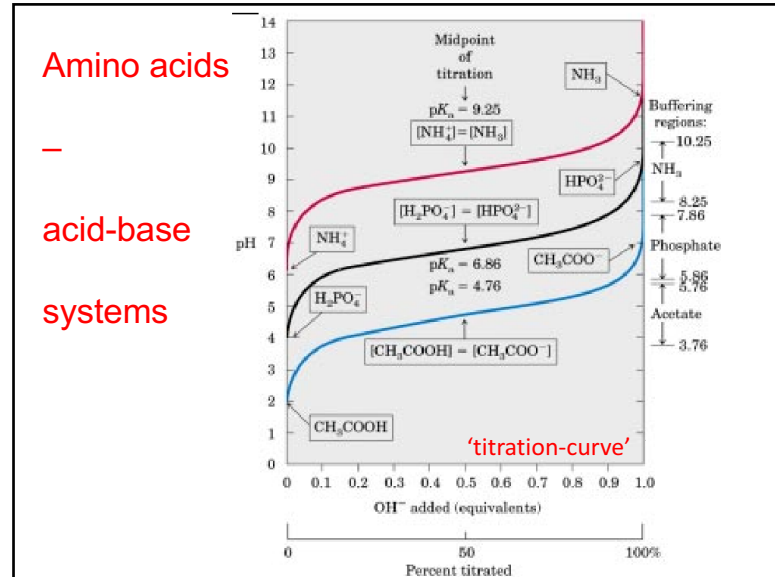
Standard reaction: $\text{HA} + \text{H}_2\text{O} \rightleftharpoons \text{A}^- + \text{H}_3\text{O}^+$

Law of mass action: $K = \frac{[\text{A}^-] \cdot [\text{H}_3\text{O}^+]}{[\text{HA}] \cdot [\text{H}_2\text{O}]}$

Simplified: $K_a = \frac{[\text{A}^-] \cdot [\text{H}^+]}{[\text{HA}]}$

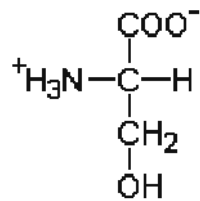
Henderson-Hasselbalch equation: $\text{pH} = \text{pK}_a + \log \frac{[\text{A}^-]}{[\text{HA}]}$

Measure of proton transfer potential

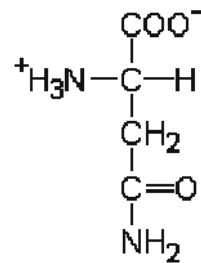


Example of neutral amino acids with functional (not acid, not basic) groups; e.g hydroxyl group or acid-amid/carboxyl-amid

These AAs are polar-neutral

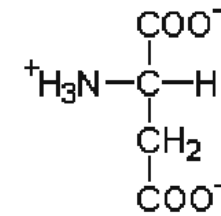


Serine



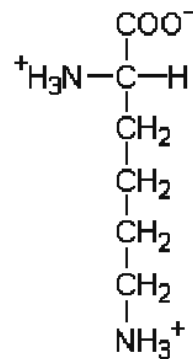
Asparagine, Asn, N

Example of acidic amino acids with functional carboxyl group



Aspartate, Asp, D

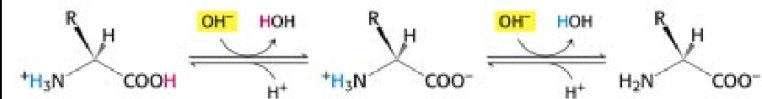
Example of basic amino acids with functional amino group (can easily catch protons)

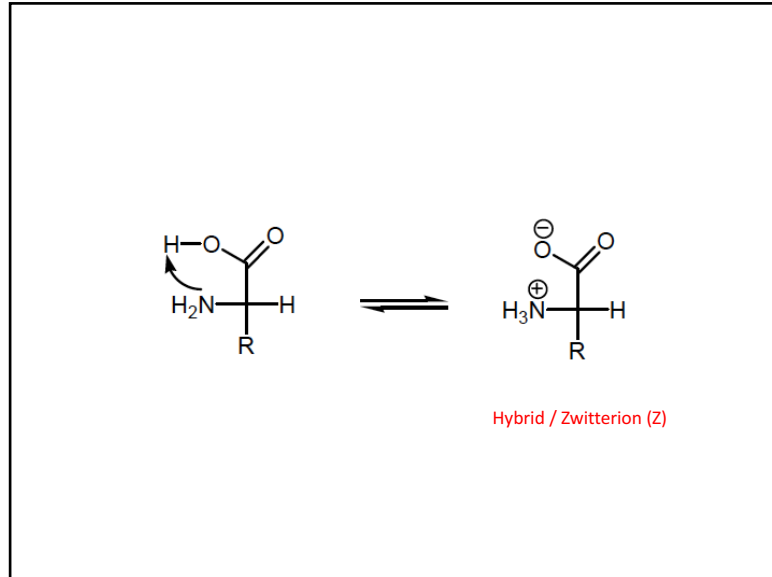


Lysine

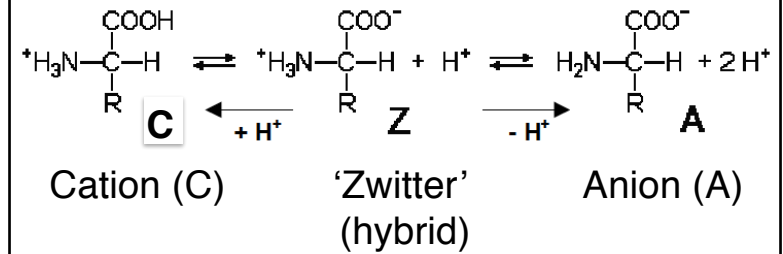
Dissociation of Amino Acids

Amino Acids are ampholytes



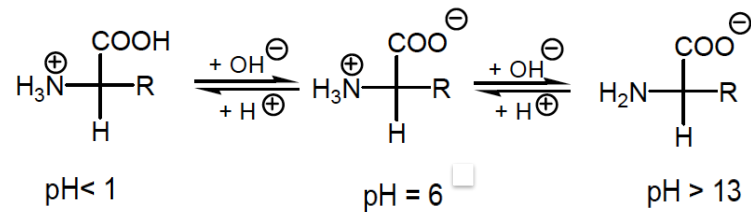


Dissociation of Amino Acids



At isoelectric point (pH_{IP}) the AA is neutral (net charge = 0) and in most cases as 'Zwitter'/hybrid form
In a similar way – each protein has a pH_{IP} where it is neutral (uncharged).

Glycine

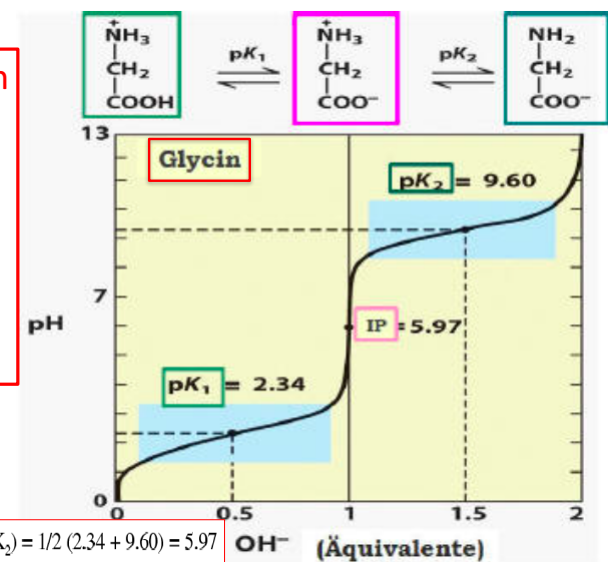


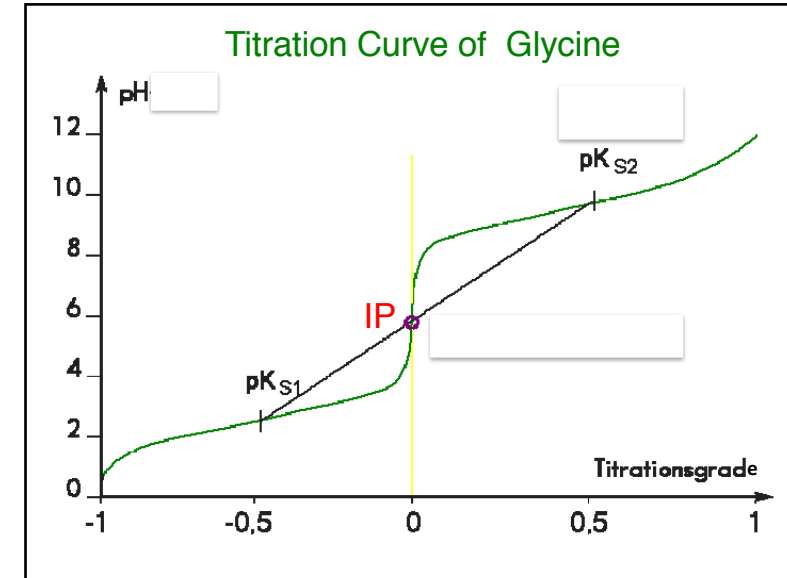
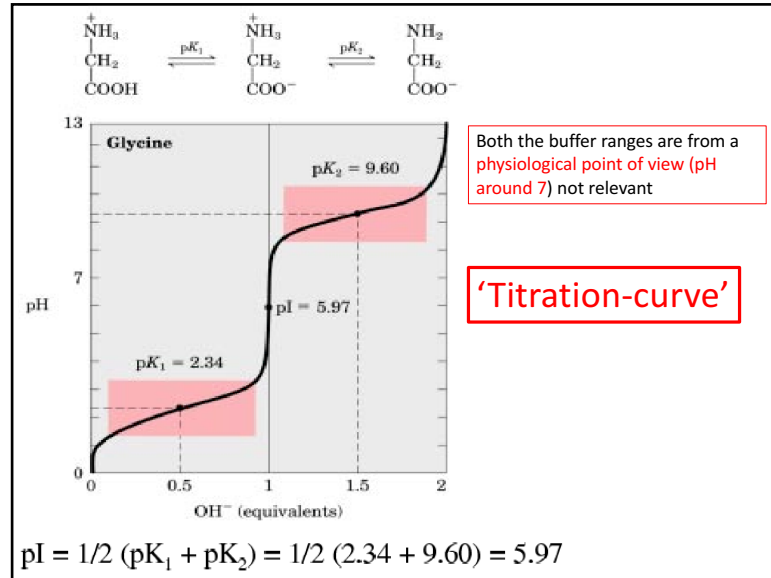
(Hybrid-Ion)

IP or IEP (Isoelectric Point)

pH (IEP) or pH (IP) or pI or pIP

'Titration
- curve'
of
Glycine



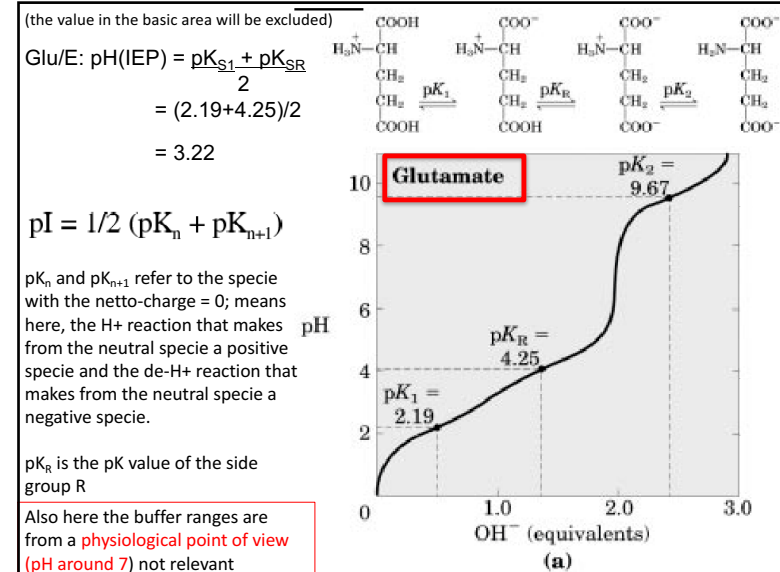


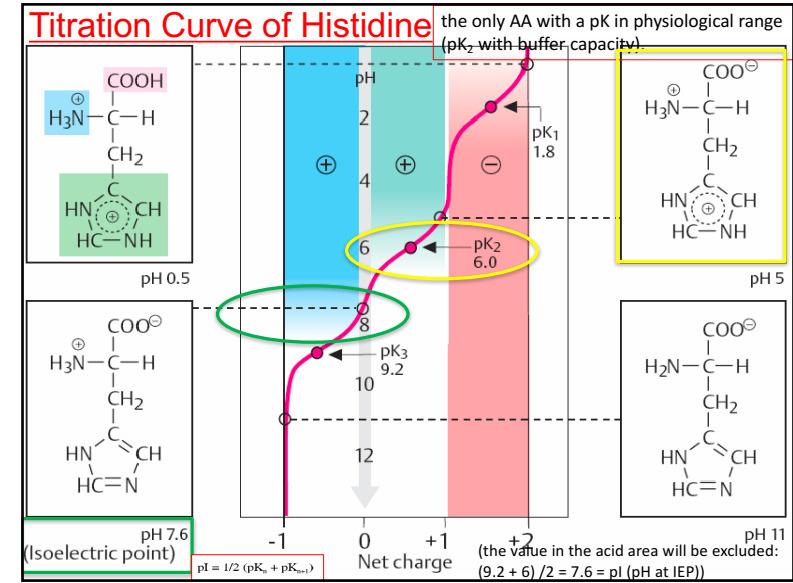
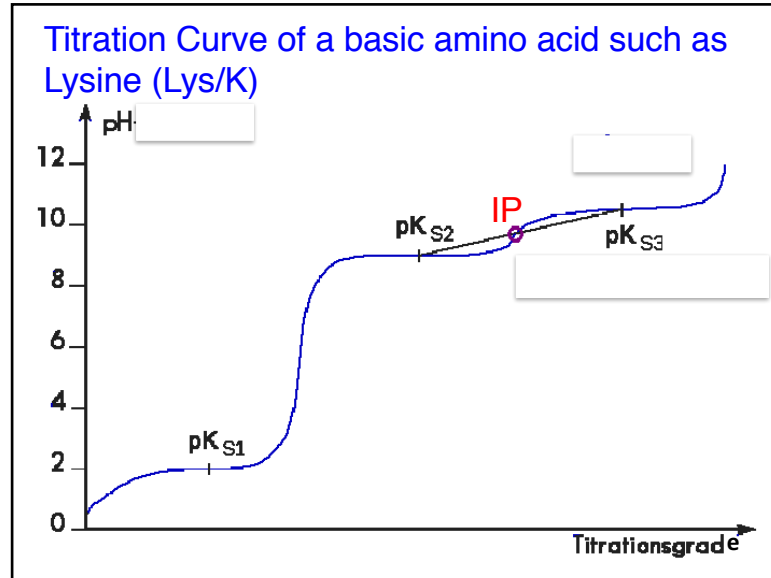
Glycine has maximum buffer activity at pK_{S1} and pK_{S2}

at pK_{S1} $[C] = [Z]$ and at pK_{S2} $[A] = [Z]$

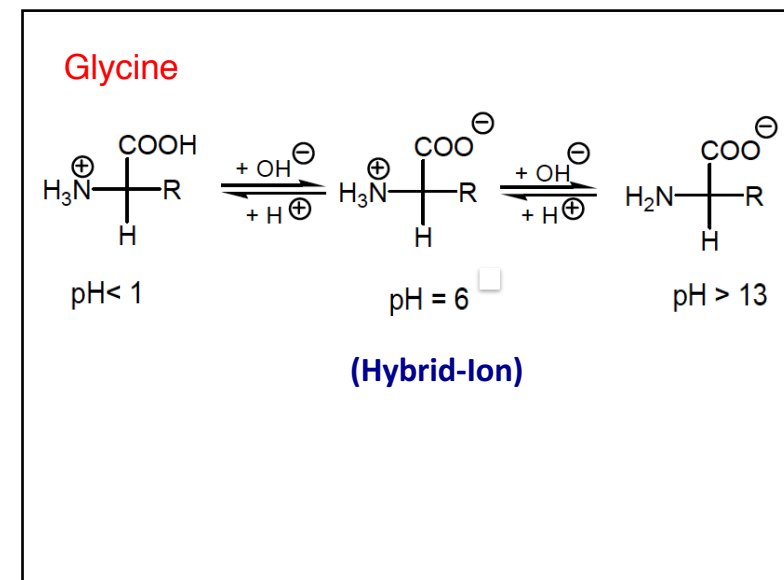
Isoelectric point:

$pH_{IP} = (pK_{S1} \text{ and } pK_{S2}) / 2$





Experimental estimation of pK values

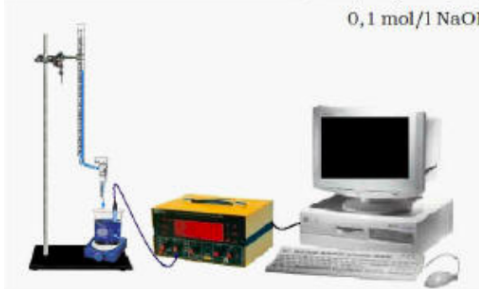


Experiment:

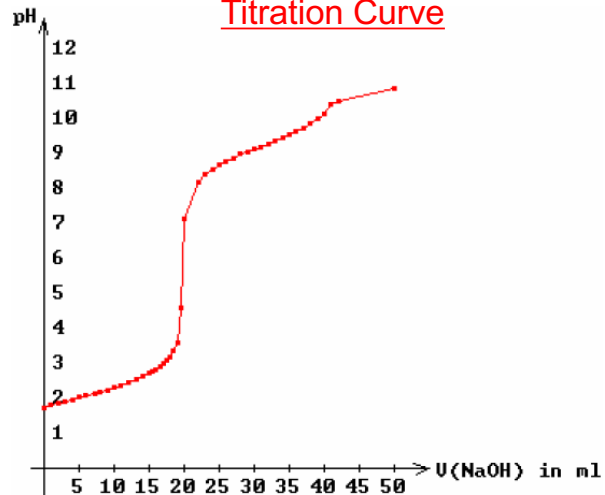
Preparation of a solution consisting of HCl and Glycine (each 0,1 mol·l⁻¹). Titration with 20 ml NaOH (c = 0,1 mol·l⁻¹) by adding first 1 ml and later 0,5 ml drop by drop.



c(HCl)=0,1 mol/L
c(NaOH)=0,1 mol/L
c(Glycin)=0,1 mol/L
H₂O



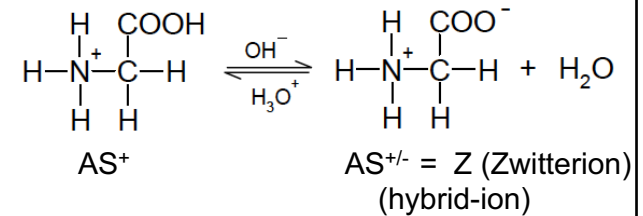
V(NaOH) in ml	pH-Wert	V(NaOH) in ml	pH-Wert
0	1,75	19,5	4,57
1	1,8	20	7,14
2	1,85	22	8,2
3	1,9	23	8,4
4	1,97	24	8,54
5	2,03	25	8,68
6	2,08	26	8,78
7,3	2,15	27	8,87
8	2,2	28	8,98
9	2,25	29	9,03
10	2,31	30	9,13
11	2,38	31	9,2
12,1	2,45	32	9,28
13,1	2,55	33	9,36
14	2,62	34	9,44
15	2,71	35	9,53
15,5	2,78	36	9,62
16	2,83	37	9,71
16,5	2,9	38	9,85
17	2,98	39	10
17,5	3,09	40	10,15
18	3,2	41	10,4
18,5	3,35	42	10,5
19	3,6	50	11,1

Titration Curve**Analysis of the titration curve**

Volume (AA) = 20 ml
Concentration (AA) = 0,1 mol·l⁻¹
Concentration (NaOH) = 0,1 mol·l⁻¹

Henderson-Hasselbach Equation: $\text{pH} = \text{pK}_s + \lg \left(\frac{c(\text{A}^-)}{c(\text{AH})} \right)$

At the beginning:



After adding 10 ml NaOH the $[AS^+] = [AS^{+/-}] = [Z]$ ---->

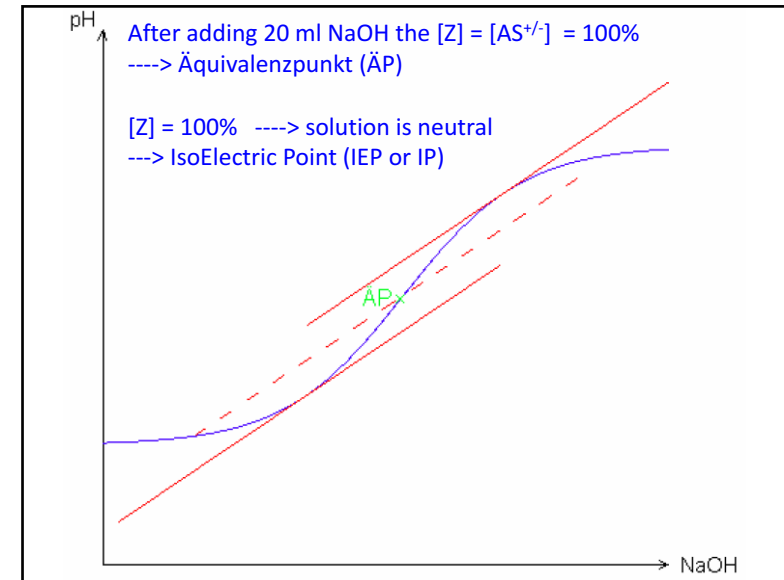
$$pH = pK_s + \lg\left(\frac{50\%}{50\%}\right)$$

$$pH = pK_s + \lg(1)$$

$$pH = pK_s \rightarrow H\ddot{A}P_1$$

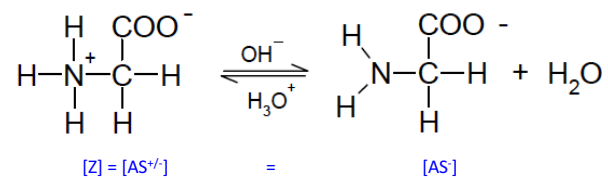
$$pH = pK_{S1} = 2.35 \quad (\text{Halbäquivalenzpunkt-1})$$

After adding 20 ml NaOH the $[Z] = [AS^{+/-}] = 100\%$
----> Äquivalenzpunkt (ÄP)



After adding 30 ml NaOH the $[Z] = [AS^{+/-}] = [AS^-]$

Equilibrium:



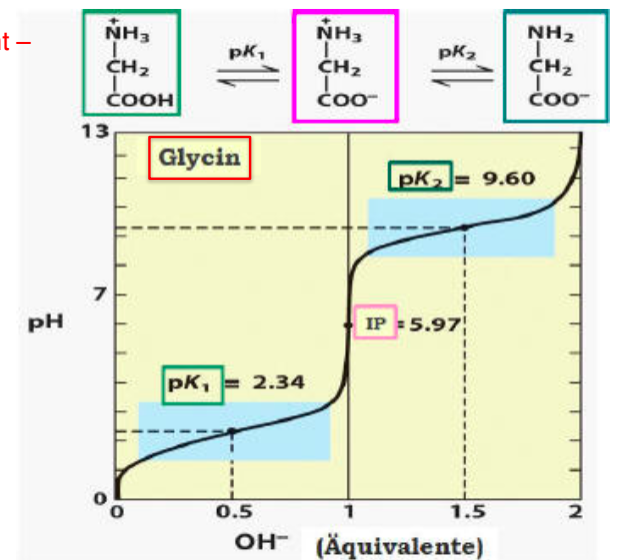
$$pH = pK_s + \lg\left(\frac{50\%}{50\%}\right)$$

$$pH = pK_s + \lg(1)$$

$$pH = pK_s \rightarrow H\ddot{A}P_2$$

$$pH = pK_{S2} = 9.78 \quad (\text{Halbäquivalenzpunkt-2})$$

Experiment –
summary



pl or pIP or $\text{pH(IEP)} = \frac{\text{pK}_{s1} + \text{pK}_{s2}}{2}$

Examples:

Leu/L ($\text{pK}_{s1} = 2,36$, $\text{pK}_{s2} = 9,60$)

$$\text{pH(IEP)} = \frac{\text{pK}_{s1} + \text{pK}_{s2}}{2} = \frac{2,36 + 9,60}{2} = 5,98$$

acidic AA

(the value in the basic area will be excluded)

Asp/D ($\text{pK}_{s1} = 1,88$, $\text{pK}_{s2} = 9,60$, $\text{pK}_{sR} = 3,60$)

$$\text{pH(IEP)} = \frac{\text{pK}_{s1} + \text{pK}_{sR}}{2} = \frac{1,88 + 3,60}{2} = 2,74$$

basic AA

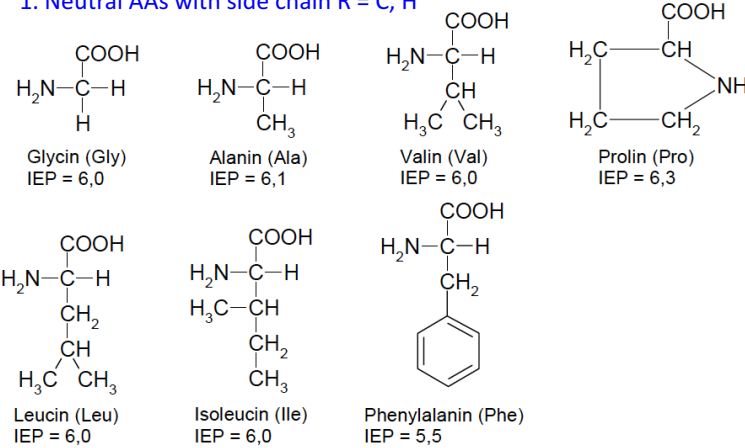
(the value in the acidic area will be excluded)

Lys/K ($\text{pK}_{s1} = 2,18$, $\text{pK}_{s2} = 8,95$, $\text{pK}_{sR} = 10,53$)

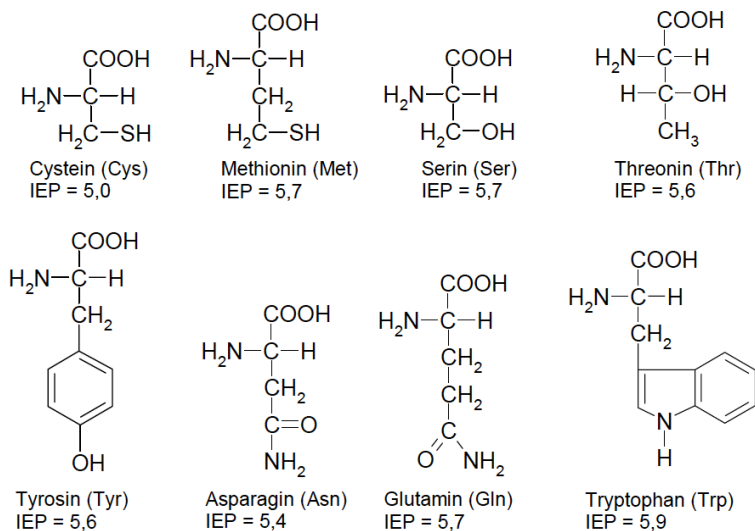
$$\text{pH(IEP)} = \frac{\text{pK}_{s2} + \text{pK}_{sR}}{2} = \frac{8,95 + 10,53}{2} = 9,75$$

IEPs of AAs:

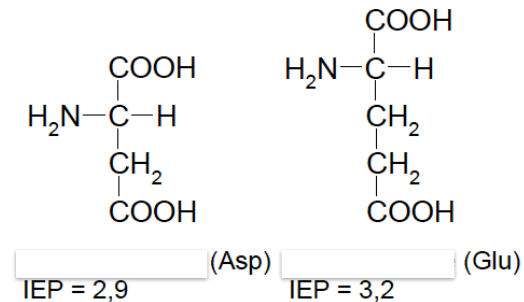
1. Neutral AAs with side chain R = C, H



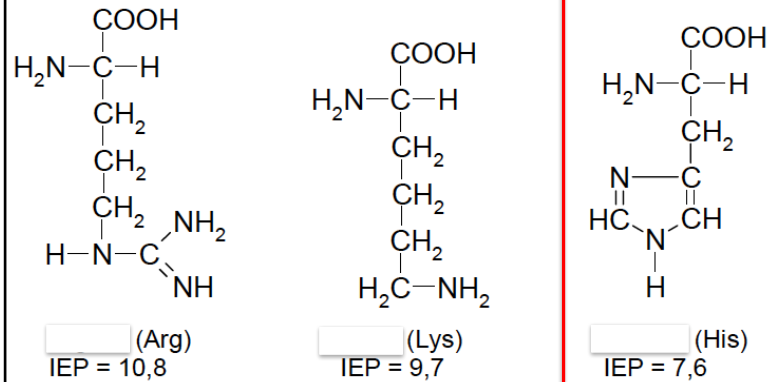
2. Neutral AAs with side chain R = O, S, N



3. Acidic AAs:



4. Basic AAs:



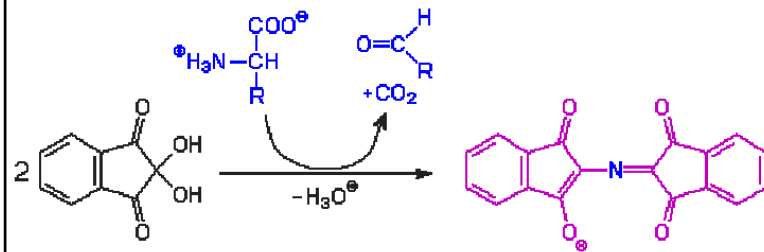
	pK ₁ -COOH	pK ₂ α-NH ₂	pK ₃ side-chain (pK _R)
Alanin	2,3	9,7	
Threonin	2,6	10,4	
Glutamin	2,2	9,1	
Asp	2,1	9,8	3,9
Glut	2,2	9,7	4,3
Histidin	1,8	9,2	6,0
Cystein	1,7	10,8	8,3
Tyrosin	2,2	9,1	10,1
Lysin	2,2	9,0	10,5
Arginin	2,2	9,0	12,5

Amino acid	Abbreviation/ symbol	M _r	pK _a values			pI	Hydropathy index*	Occurrence in proteins (%) [†]
			pK ₁ (-COOH)	pK ₂ (-NH ₃ ⁺)	pK _R (R group)			
Nonpolar, aliphatic R groups								
Glycine	Gly G	75	2.34	9.60		5.97	-0.4	7.2
Alanine	Ala A	89	2.34	9.69		6.01	1.8	7.8
Proline	Pro P	115	1.99	10.96		6.48	1.6	5.2
Valine	Val V	117	2.32	9.62		5.97	4.2	6.6
Leucine	Leu L	131	2.36	9.60		5.98	3.8	9.1
Isoleucine	Ile I	131	2.36	9.68		6.02	4.5	5.3
Methionine	Met M	149	2.28	9.21		5.74	1.9	2.3
Aromatic R groups								
Phenylalanine	Phe F	165	1.83	9.13		5.48	2.8	3.9
Tyrosine	Tyr Y	181	2.20	9.11	10.07	5.66	-1.3	3.2
Tryptophan	Trp W	204	2.38	9.39		5.89	-0.9	1.4
Polar, uncharged R groups								
Serine	Ser S	105	2.21	9.15		5.68	-0.8	6.8
Threonine	Thr T	119	2.11	9.62		5.87	-0.7	5.9
Cysteine	Cys C	121	1.96	10.28	8.18	5.07	2.5	1.9
Asparagine	Asn N	132	2.02	8.80		5.41	-3.5	4.3
Glutamine	Gln Q	146	2.17	9.13		5.65	-3.5	4.2
Positively charged R groups								
Lysine	Lys K	146	2.18	8.95	10.53	9.74	-3.9	5.9
Histidine	His H	155	1.82	9.17	6.00	7.59	-3.2	2.3
Arginine	Arg R	174	2.17	9.04	12.48	10.76	-4.5	5.1
Negatively charged R groups								
Aspartate	Asp D	133	1.88	9.60	3.65	2.77	-3.5	5.3
Glutamate	Glu E	147	2.19	9.67	4.25	3.22	-3.5	6.3

Determination of NH₂-group in AAs:

boiling AAs with NaOH, NH₃ gas forms and reacts on wet pH paper with the water. The OH⁻ is then coloring the pH paper (e.g. blue)

Amino Acid Identification using Ninhydrin

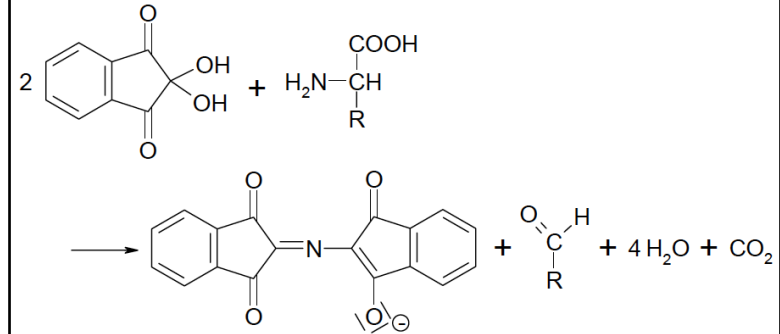


Ninhydrin

✓ -Amino Acids react with Ninhydrin forming the blue violet – red-brown dye. The AA will be decarboxylated and oxidized to form an aldehyde with 1 less C-atom.

---> finger print

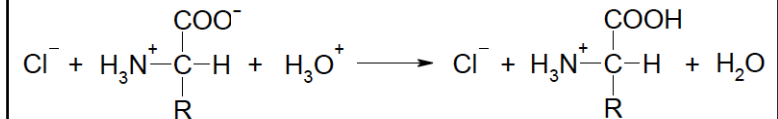
Boiling of AAs with Ninhydrin in 2-Propanol
---> Identification of AA or NH-group in AAs



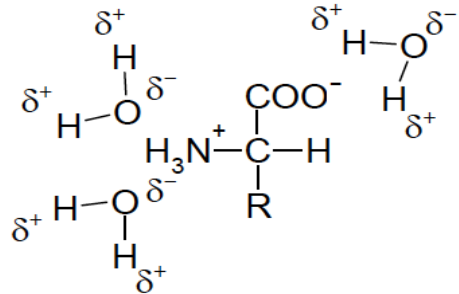
practical (forensic) application: finger prints



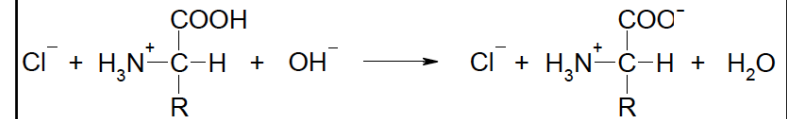
AA (Tyrosine) plus water plus HCl ----> soluble



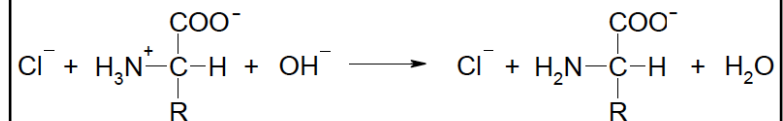
After adding NaOH, precipitation because Z (Zwitter-ion) is not soluble due to opposing hydrate-covers, no uniform hydrate-cover possible;



after adding NaOH, the AAs becomes insoluble.



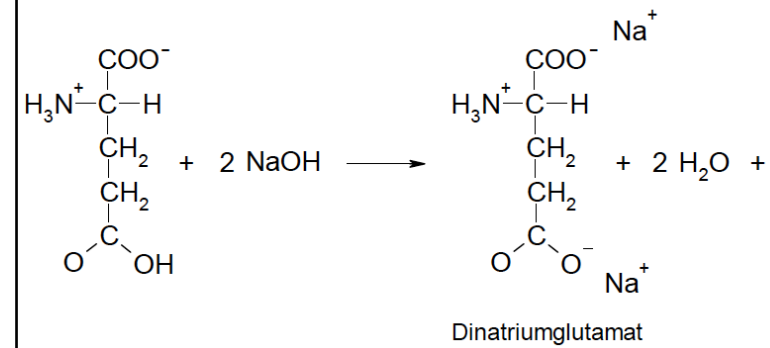
after adding more NaOH, the AAs becomes again soluble.



A substance is only water soluble
if a uniform hydrate cover can be formed

Synthesis of Natrium glutamate:

Glutamine (Gln) plus NaOH (drop-wise), then evaporation of the water)

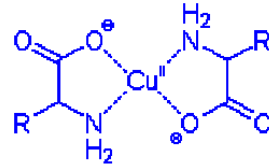


Chelat complex with Amino Acids

Amino acids easily form complexes with metal ions (those with 2 valences)
such as Cu^{2+} = Biuret-reaction



$[\text{Cu}(\text{H}_2\text{O})_4]^{2+}$ -complex $[\text{Cu}(\text{Gly})_2]$ -complex



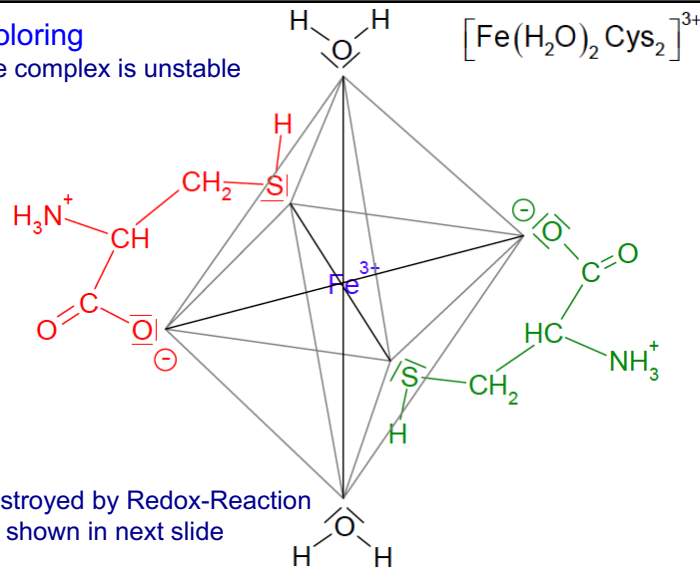
AAs in RedOx Reactions

Oxydation of Cysteine:

5ml cysteine (1%) plus 1 ml $\text{Fe}(\text{III})\text{Cl}_3$, then shake.

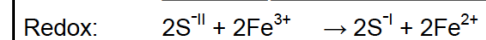
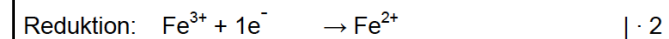
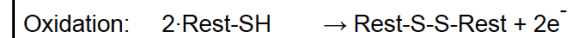
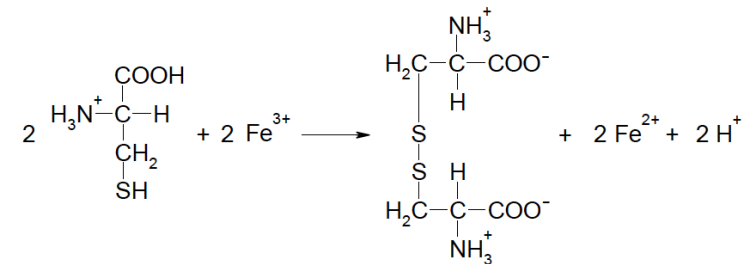
After shaking, the solution becomes blue; upon leaving the flask quietly alone the blue color disappears; and re-shaking is required for blue coloring

Coloring
the complex is unstable



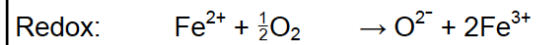
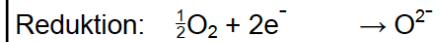
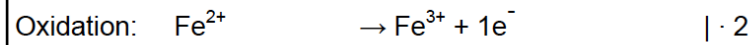
destroyed by Redox-Reaction
as shown in next slide

De-coloring:



Re-Coloring

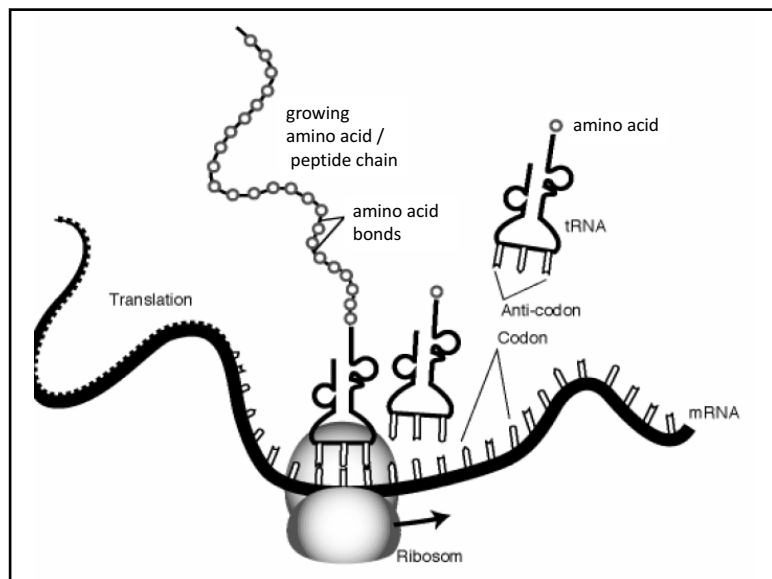
after shaking, O_2 (Oxygen) enters the solution to form fresh Fe^{3+}
The unstable complex is reformed, but soon destroyed again



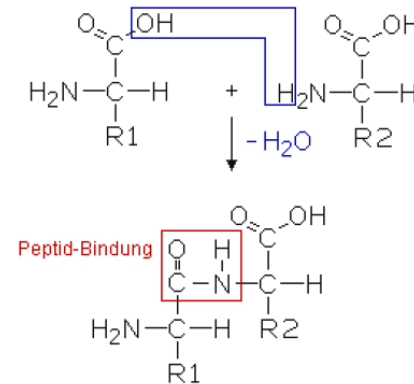
Biochemistry

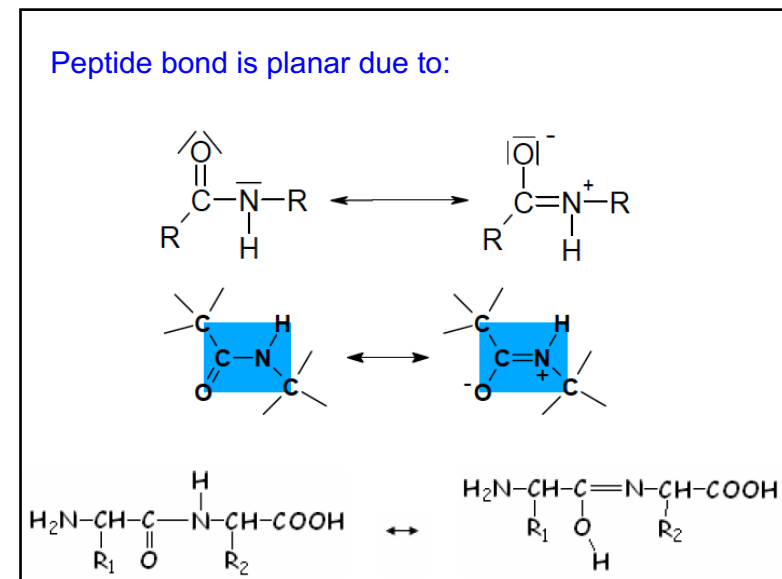
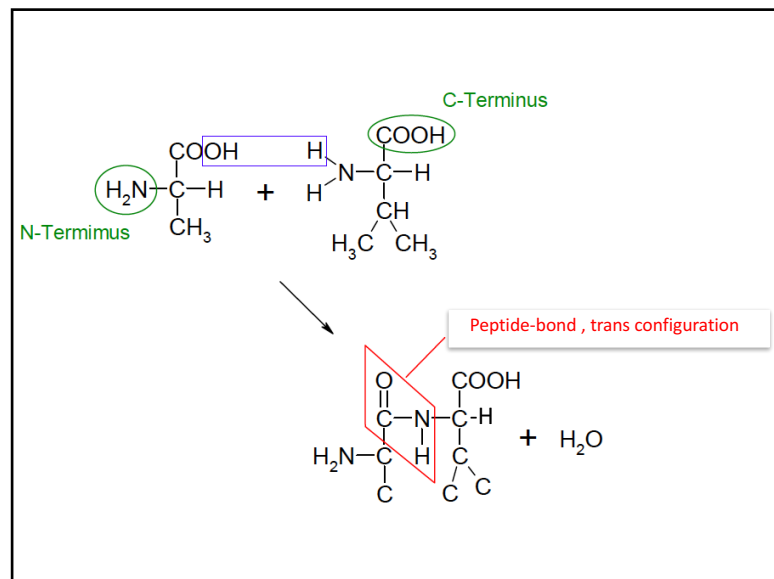
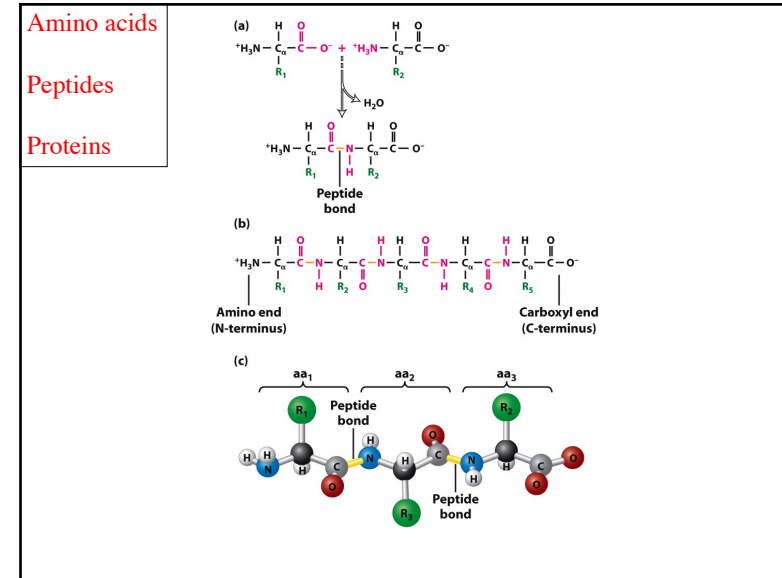
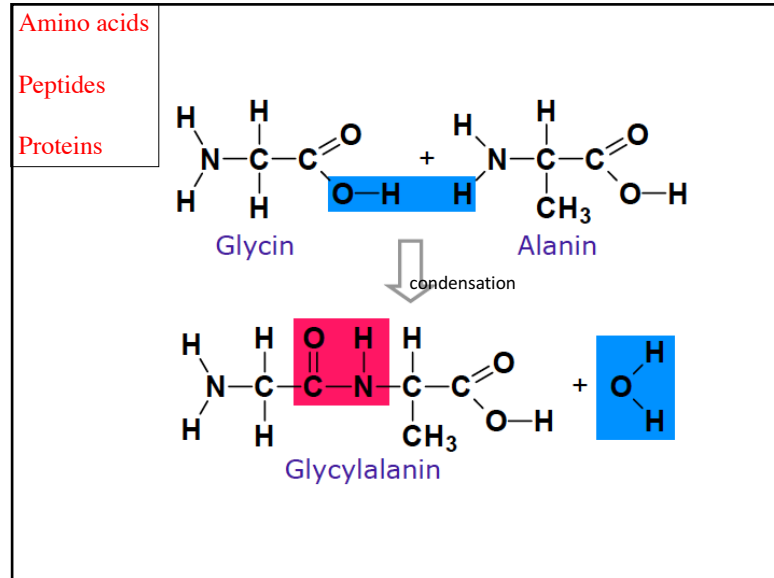
2.3) Peptides / Proteins

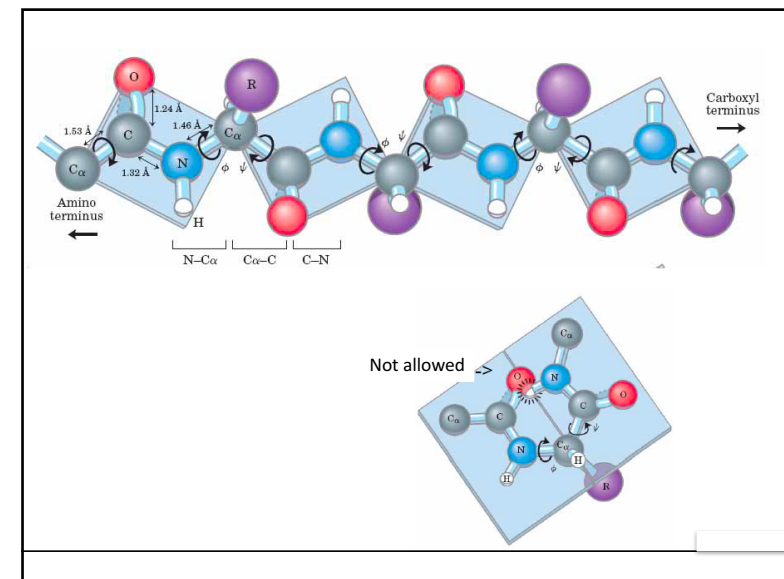
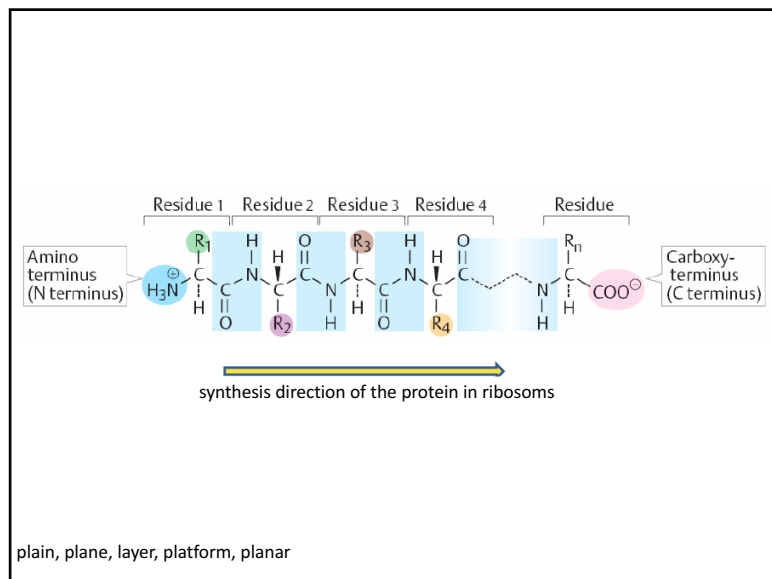
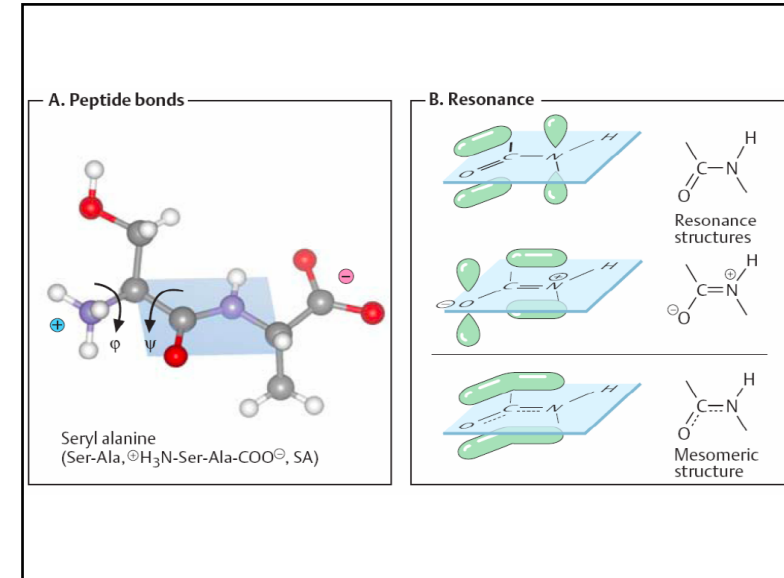
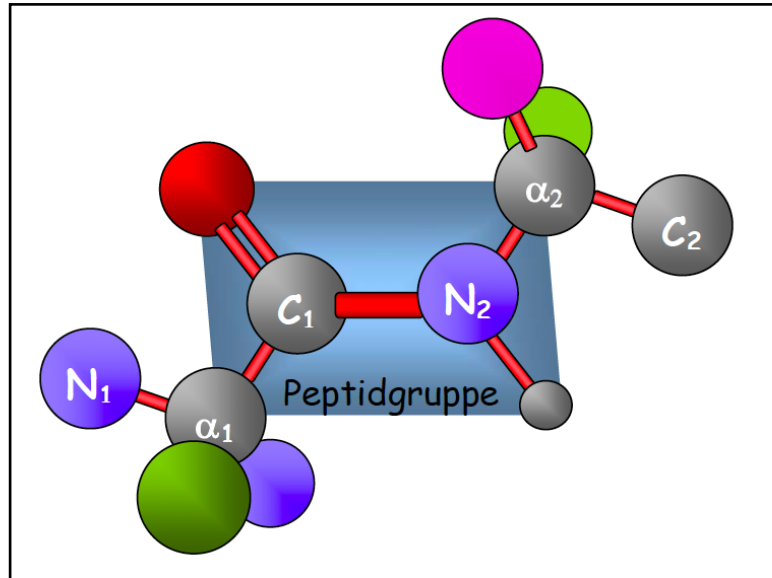
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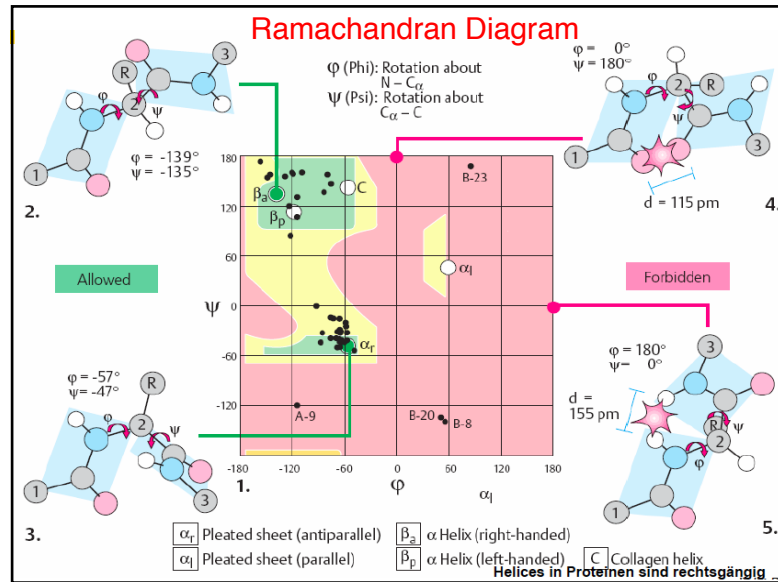
**Amino acids****Peptides****Proteins**

Peptide Bonds

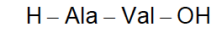




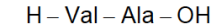




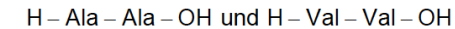
Dipeptide benennt man im Allgemeinen nach ihren Bestandteilen. Dabei Beginnt man mit einem H (für das N-terminale Ende) und endet mit einem OH (für das C-terminale Ende). Für Alanin und Valin hieße das:



Da ohne Zusatzstoffe nicht festgelegt werden kann, welche Enden miteinander reagieren, kann auch folgendes Dipeptid entstehen:



Außerdem können noch die Fälle auftreten, in denen zwei gleiche Moleküle miteinander reagieren:



Dipeptide (2)

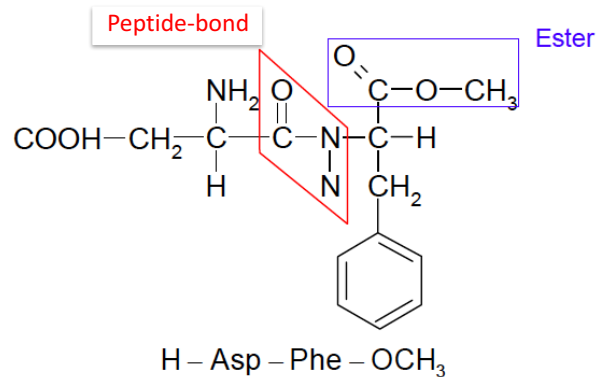
Tripeptide (3)

Oligopeptide (2-9)

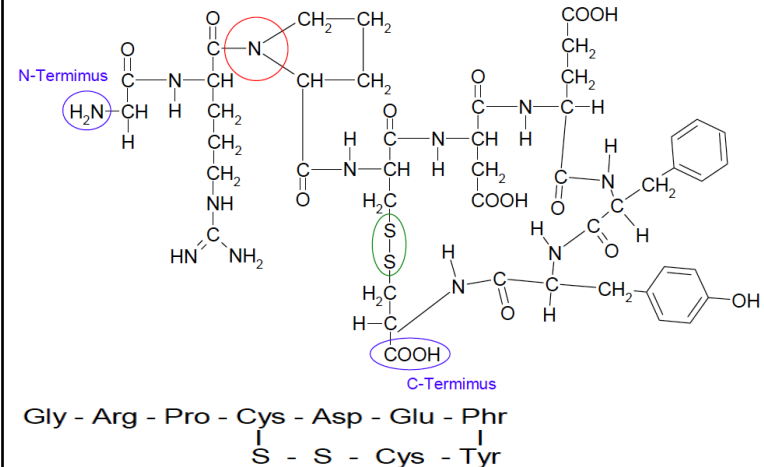
Polypeptide (10-100)

>100AAs ----> Proteins

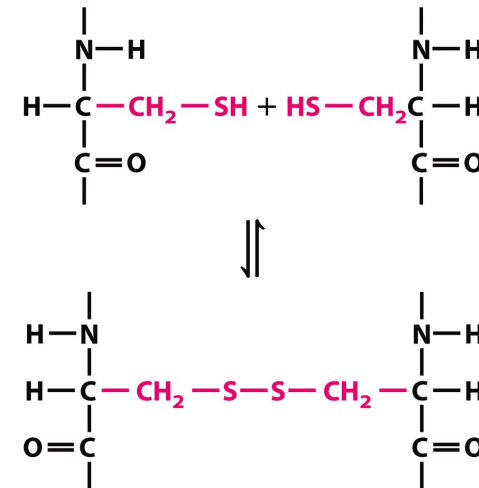
Oligo-peptides



Vasopressin

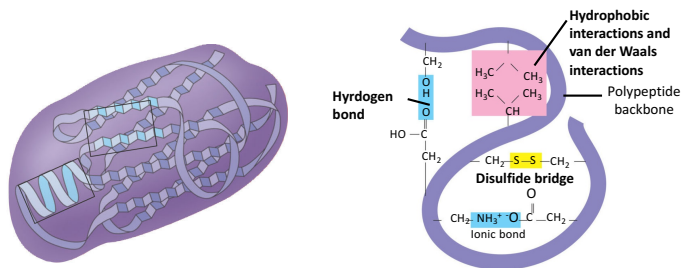


Cysteine in Proteins

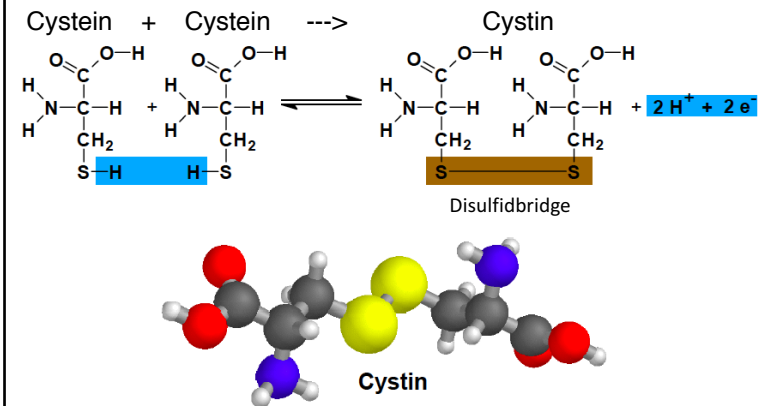


- Tertiary structure

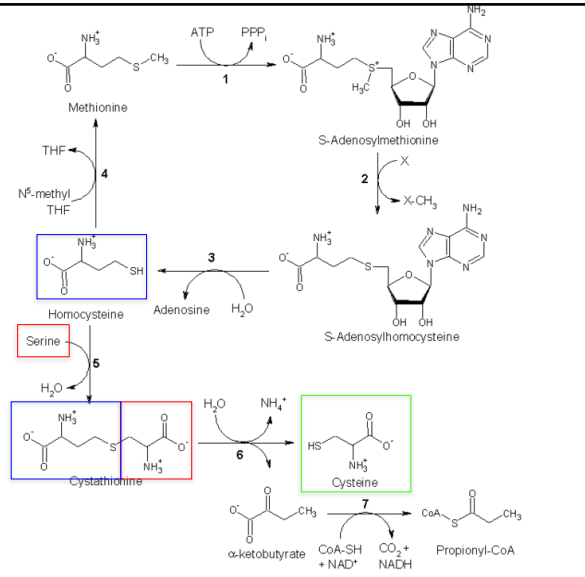
- is the overall three-dimensional shape of a polypeptide
- results from interactions between amino acids and R groups



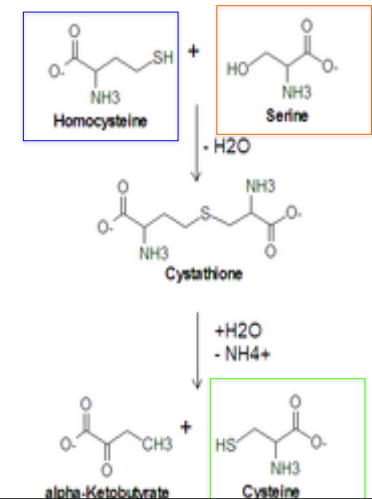
Disulfid-bridges



Biosynthesis of Cysteine

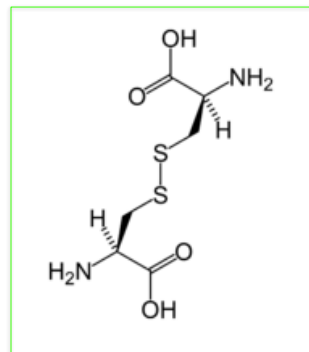


Biosynthesis of Cysteine



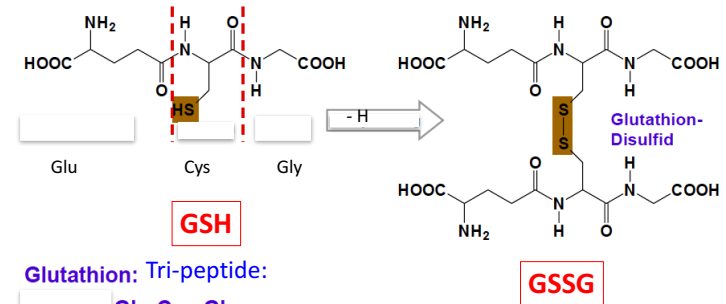
<http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Homocysteine>

<http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Cysteine>



Cystine (shown here in its neutral form), two cysteines bound together by a disulfide bond.

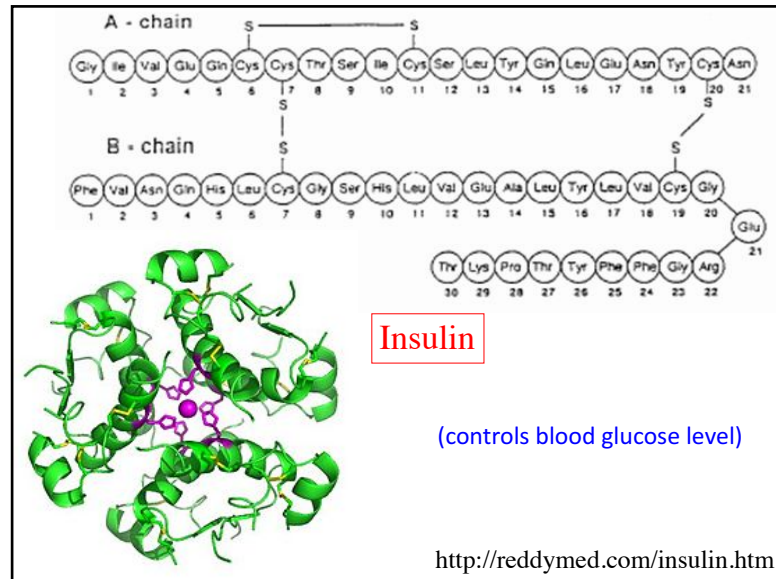
Biological Important Peptides



Glutathione: Tri-peptide:
Glu-Cys-Gly

The thiol group (-SH) is easy to be oxidized to form disulfide bridges to a 2nd Glutathione molecule under cleavage of H.

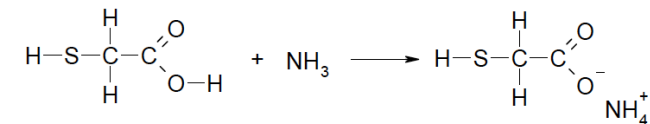
This is an important Redox-system in the blood and muscles.



practical application: hairdresser / coiffeur

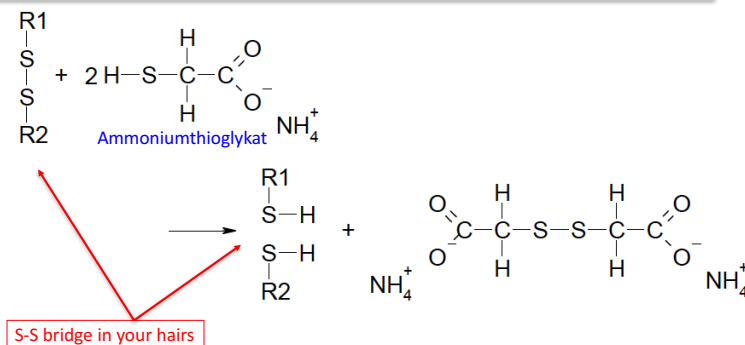
Disulfide (S-S) bridges between the hairs need to be cleaved
Vorgänge bei der Dauerwelle

Soll eine Dauerwelle gemacht werden, müssen die Disulfidbrücken zwischen den Haaren gespalten werden, damit die Haare eine neue Form annehmen können. Zum Spalten dieser Disulfidbrücken wird Ammoniumthioglykat benutzt. Es wird wie folgt synthetisiert:



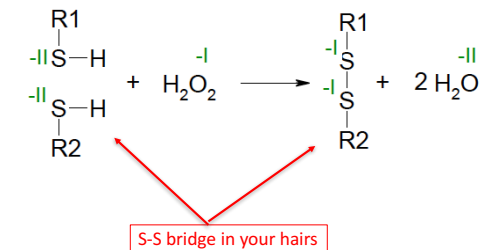
This is the activation reaction to form **Ammoniumthioglykat**

Cleavage of S-S bridges by Ammoniumthioglykat



After the hairdresser has made the new hairstyle, the S-S bridges will be recovered with H_2O_2

Nachdem die Disulfidbrücken gespalten und die Frisur fertig gestellt ist, werden die Disulfidbrücken wiederhergestellt. Die Fixierung erfolgt mit Wasserstoffperoxid (H_2O_2):

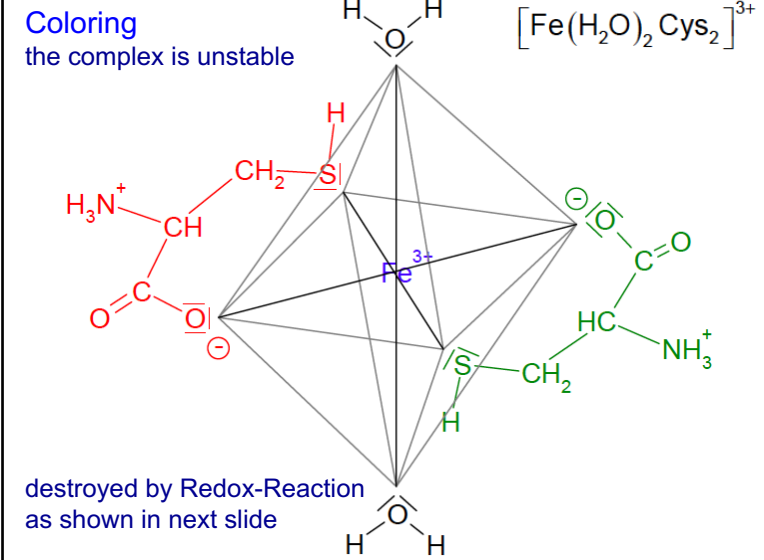


Cysteine in RedOx Reactions

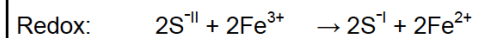
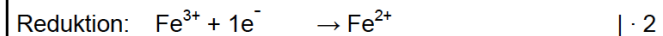
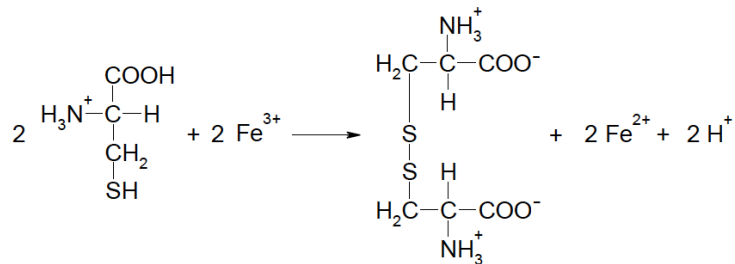
Oxydation of Cysteine:

5ml cysteine (1%) plus 1 ml Fe(III)Cl₃ , then shake.

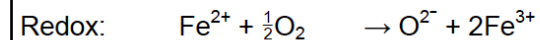
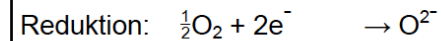
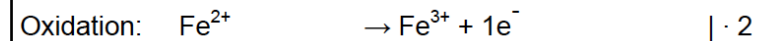
After shaking, the solution becomes blue; upon leaving the flask quietly alone the blue color disappears; and re-shaking is required for blue coloring



De-coloring:

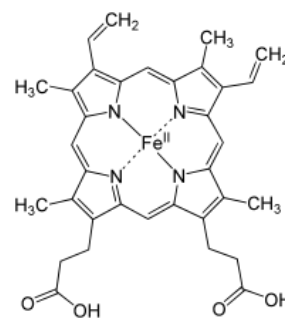


Re-Coloring
after shaking, O₂ (Oxygen) enters the solution to form fresh Fe³⁺
The unstable complex is reformed, but soon destroyed again

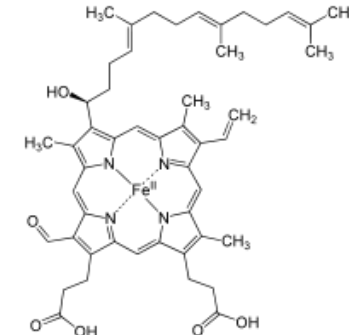


<http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Heme>

A haem (British English) or heme (American English) is a chemical compound of a type known as a prosthetic group consisting of an Fe^{2+} (ferrous) ion contained in the centre of a large heterocyclic organic ring called a porphyrin, made up of four pyrrolic groups joined together by methine bridges. Not all porphyrins contain iron, but a substantial fraction of porphyrin-containing metalloproteins have heme as their prosthetic group; these are known as hemoproteins. Hemes are most commonly recognized as components of hemoglobin, the red pigment in blood, but are also found in a number of other biologically important hemoproteins such as myoglobin, cytochrome, catalase, and endothelial nitric oxide synthase.

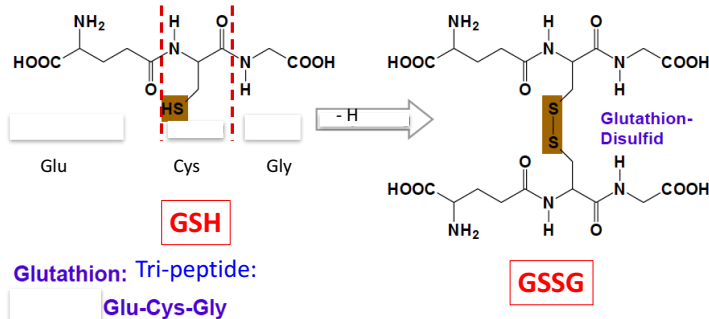


Heme B



Heme A

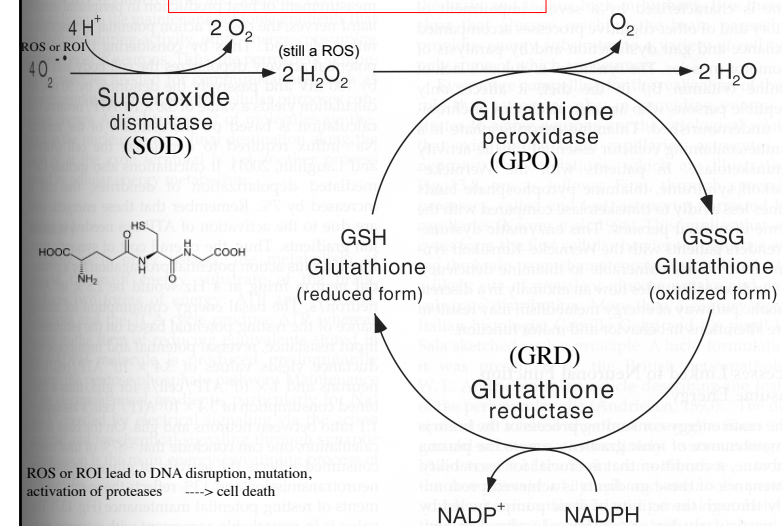
Biological Important Peptides



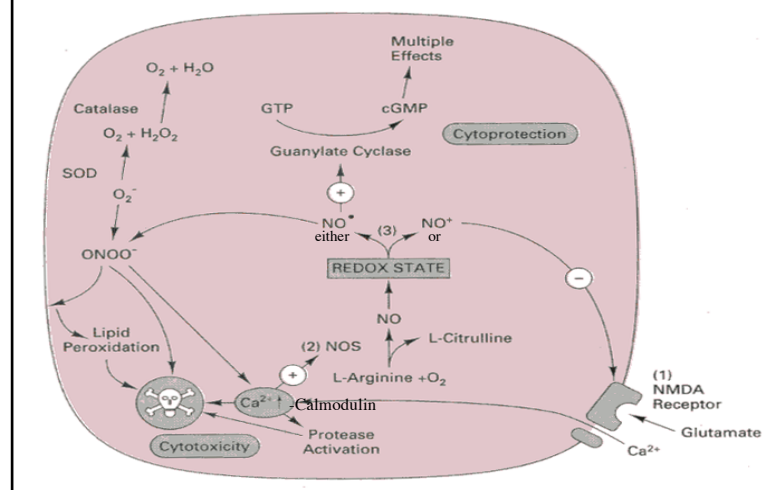
The thiol group (-SH) is easy to be oxidized to form disulfide bridges to a 2nd Glutathione molecule under cleavage of H.

This is an important **Redox-system** in the blood and muscles.

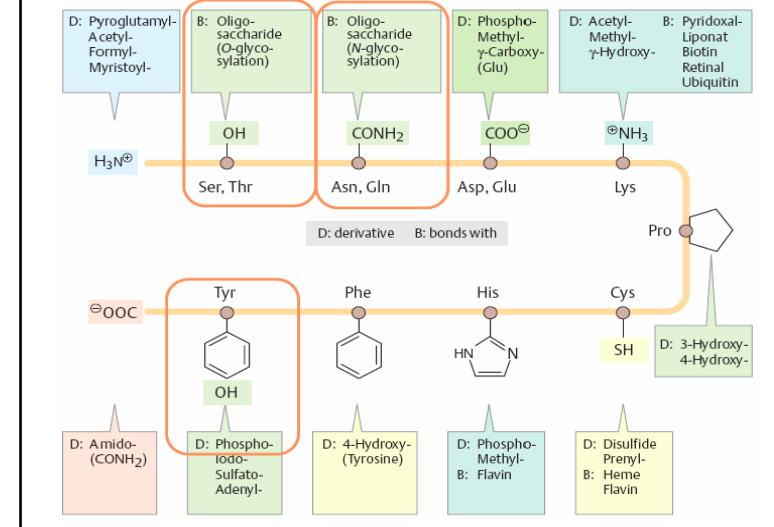
S-S in RedOx Reactions



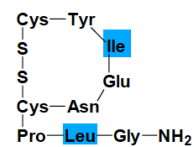
Postulated mechanism whereby NO causes cytotoxicity or cytoprotection in nervous tissue



Post-translational modifications of Amino Acids

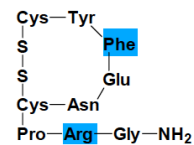


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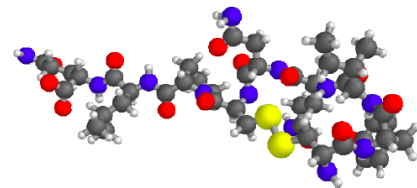
Oxytocin:

Ring-form peptide hormone with intra-molecular disulfide bridge, causing contraction of muscles in mammary gland and uterus.



Vasopressin:

peptide hormone, only 2 AAs are different to Oxytocin, causes water reabsorption in kidney; and blood-pressure increase.



Significance of Peptides

Synthesized as proteins/peptides based on DNA codons

Multi-functions:

as hormones

Anti inflammation

anti-viral

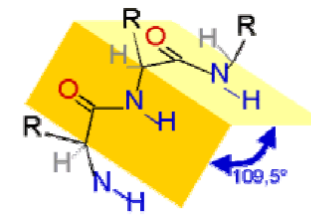
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Opioid peptides

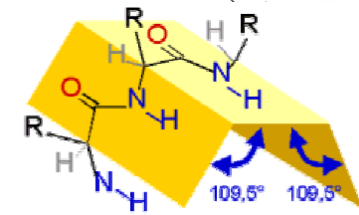
Epo (Erythropoetin) / sports

Proteins & Structure

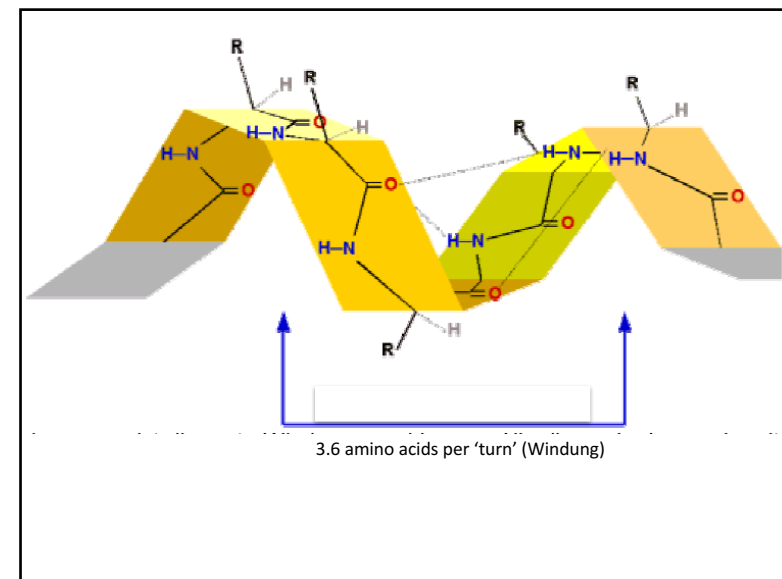
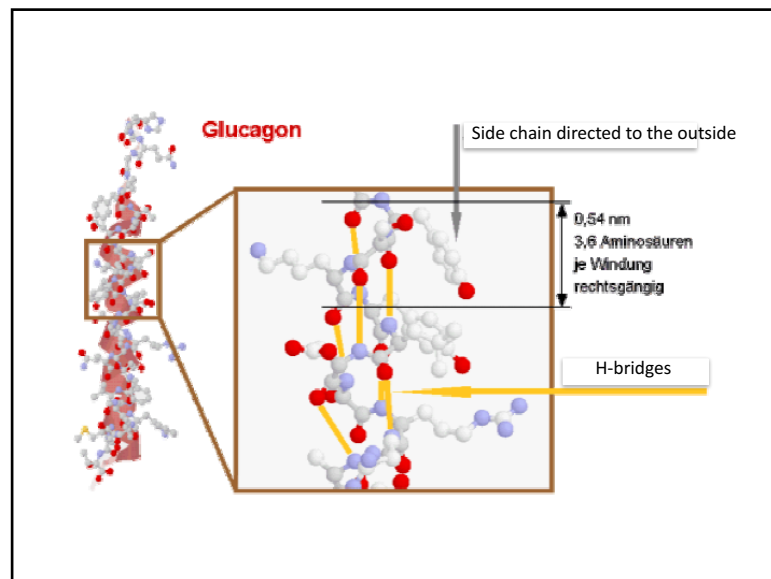
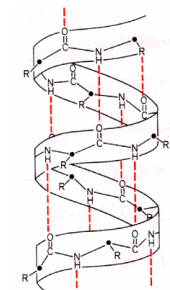
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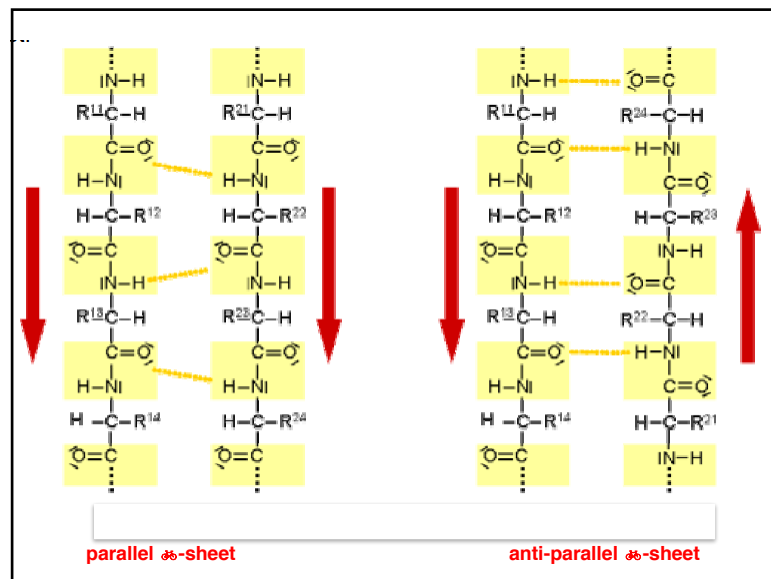
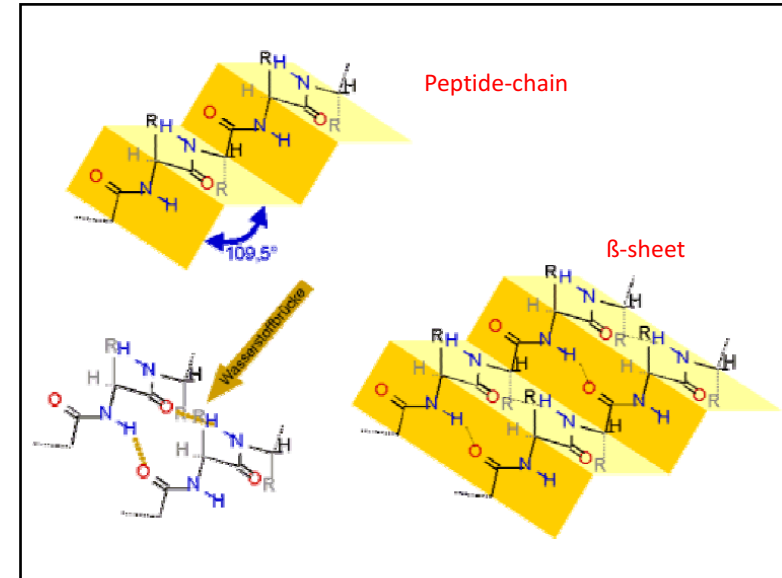
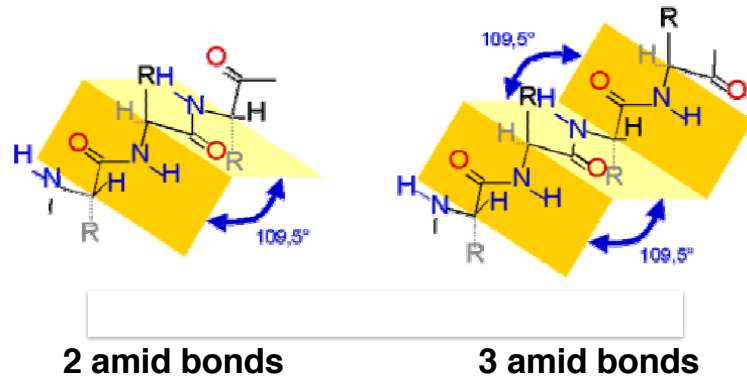


2 amid bonds



3 amid bonds



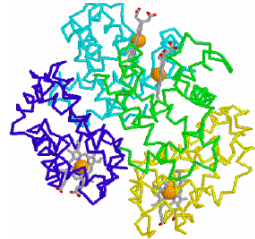
β -sheet:**The Tertiary Structure of Proteins**

The tertiary structure describes the spatial arrangement of a protein e.g. as alpha-helix or beta-sheet using also disulfide-bridges, ion-bonds, Van-der-Vaals forces, etc



The Quaternary Structure of Proteins

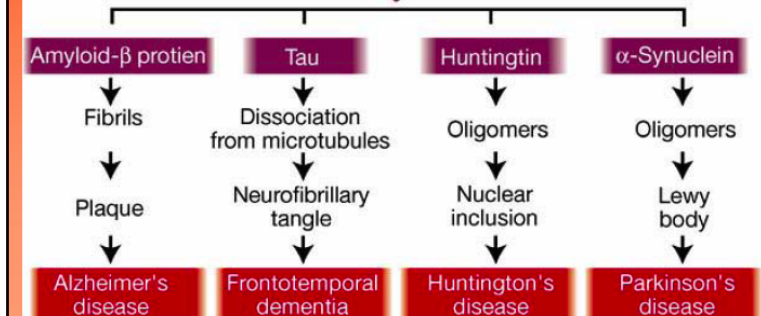
In the quaternary structure several protein chains form a globular structure by arranging themselves around ions such as Fe^{2+} , Mg^{2+} , etc...



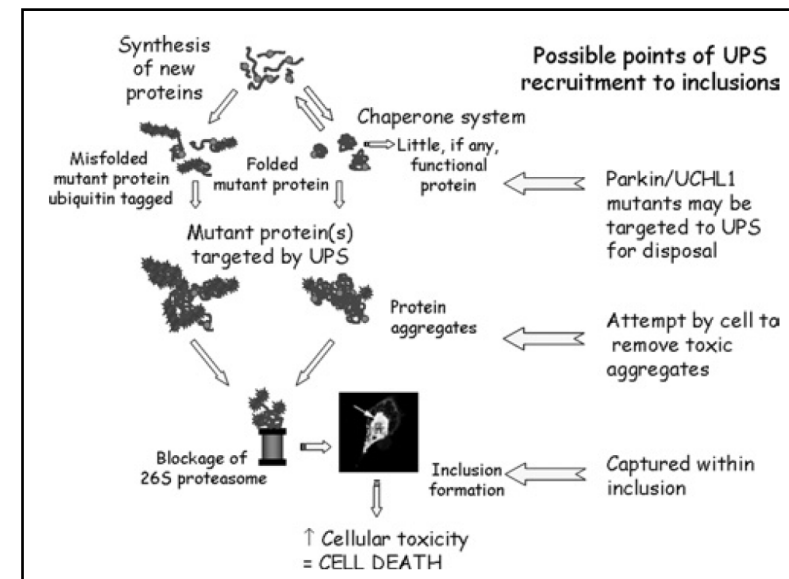
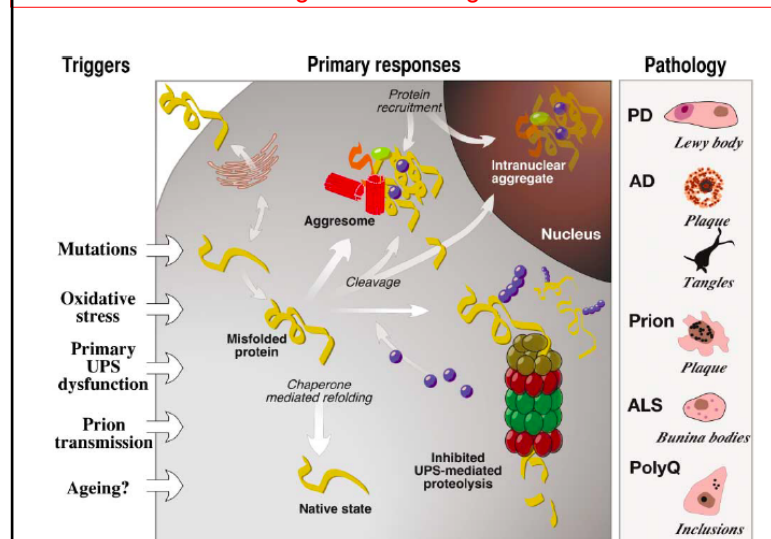
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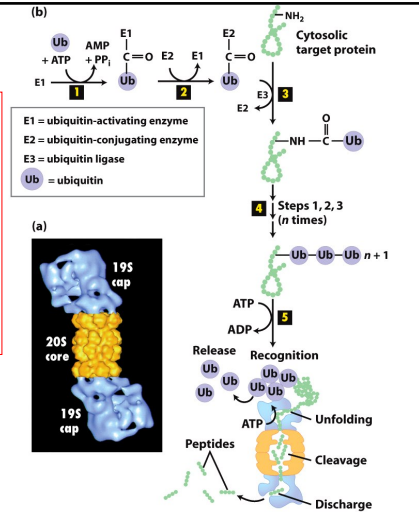
Genetic mutation or environmental factors



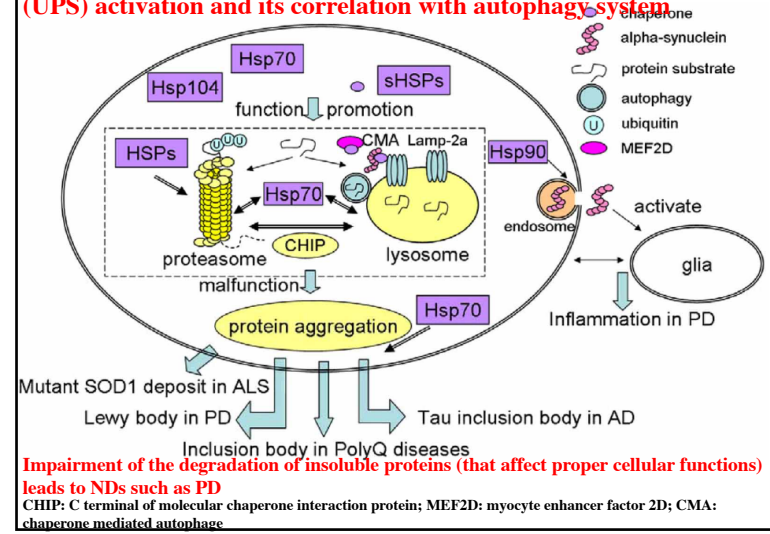
Abnormal Protein Folding and Neurodegenerative / Brain diseases



**The unfolded protein response (UPR),
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