

CHAPTER 3

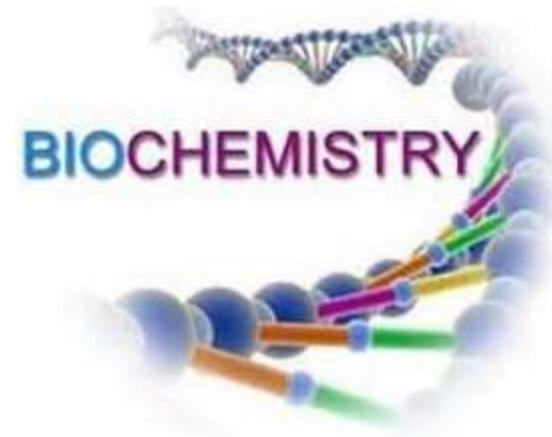
Amino Acids, Peptides, and Proteins

3.1 Amino Acids

3.2 Peptides and Proteins

3.3 Working with Proteins

3.4 The Structure of Proteins: Primary Structure



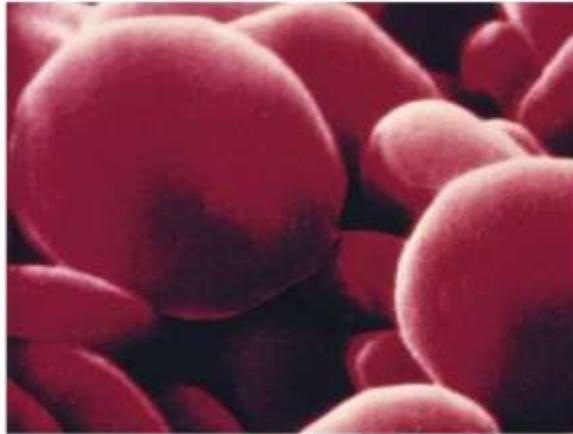
3.1 Amino Acids



Amino acids: building blocks of proteins



(a)



(b)



(c)

Figure 3-1

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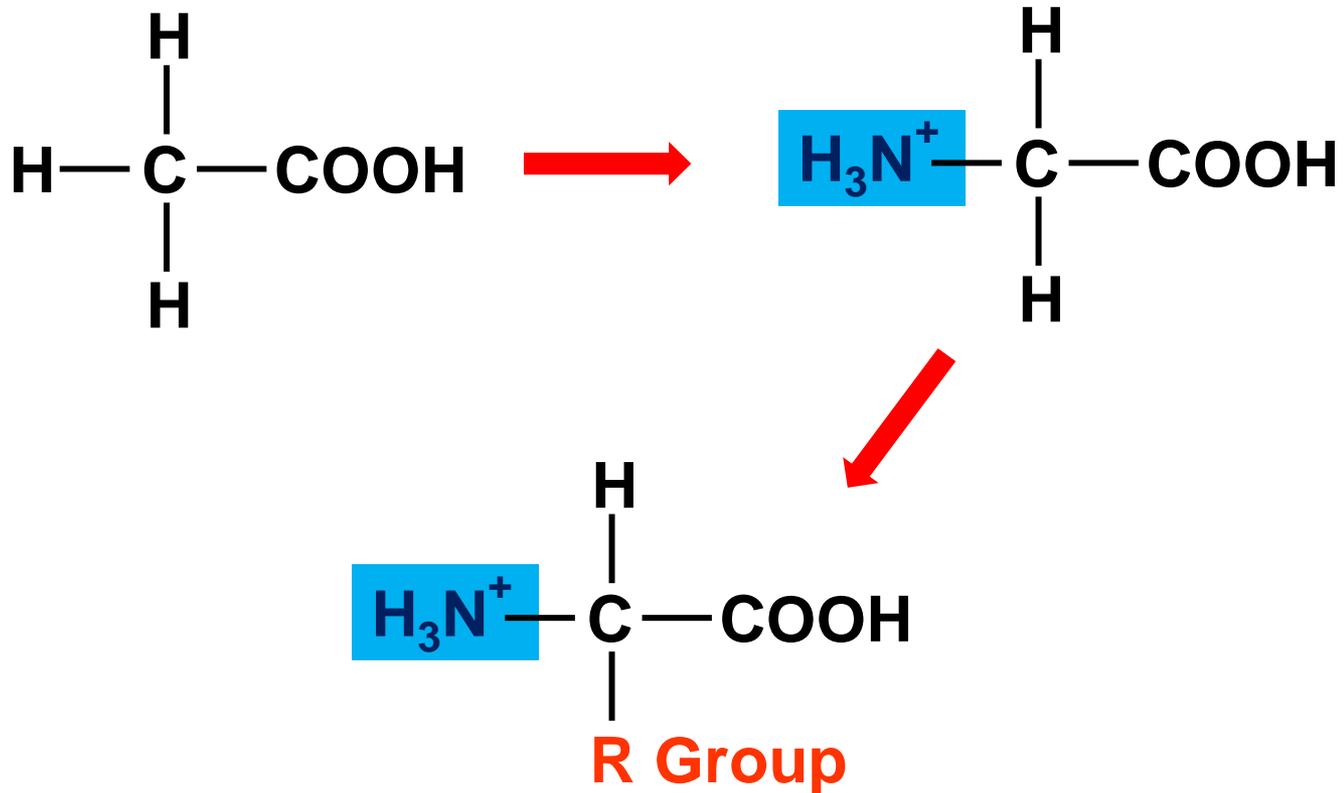
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20 amino acids & millions of proteins

3.1 Amino Acids



■ General structure of amino acids

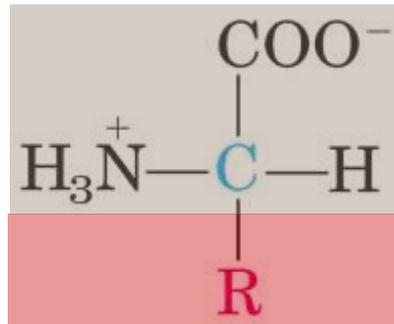


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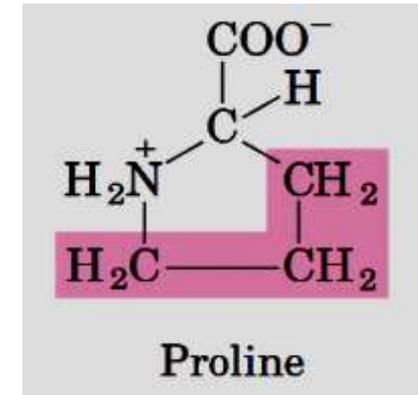


- Amino acids share common structural features

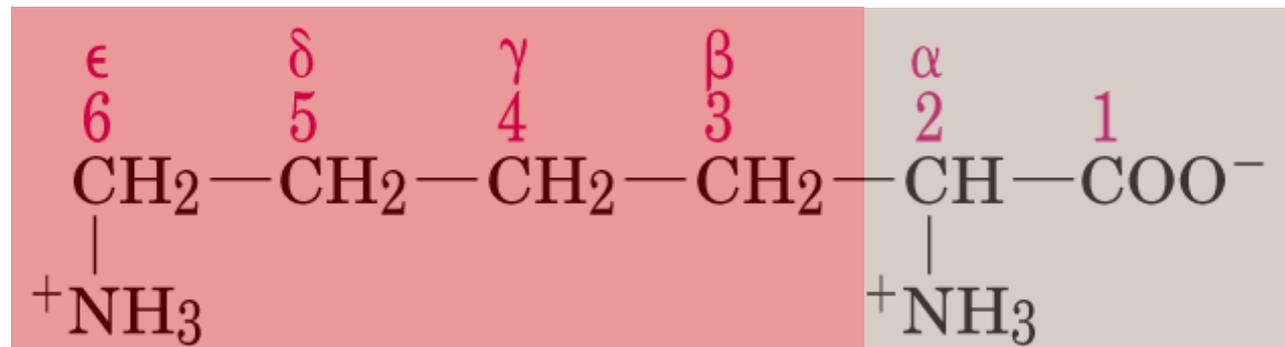
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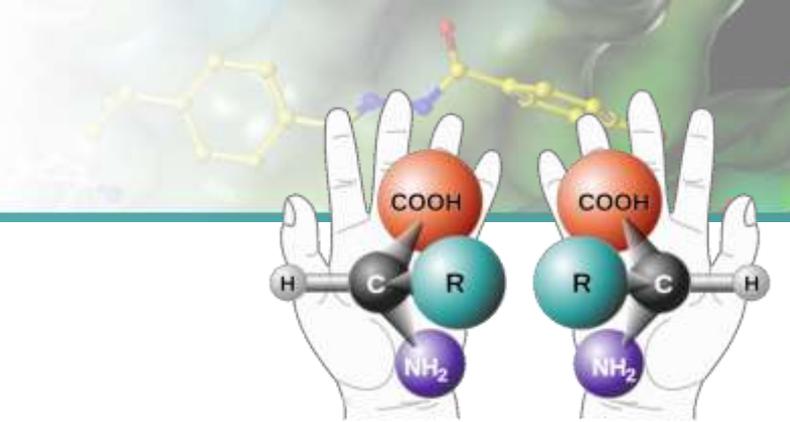
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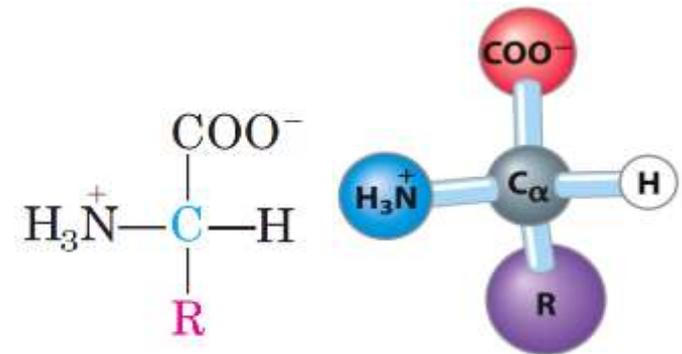
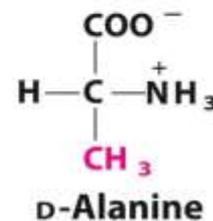
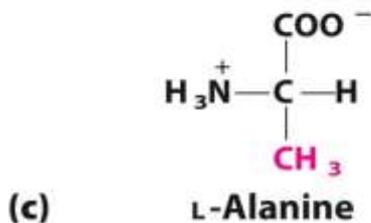
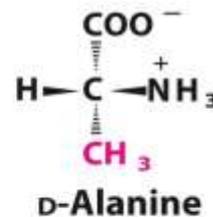
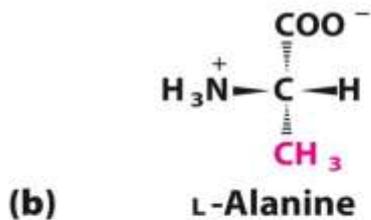
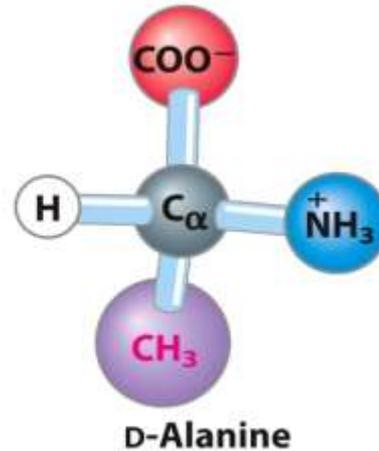
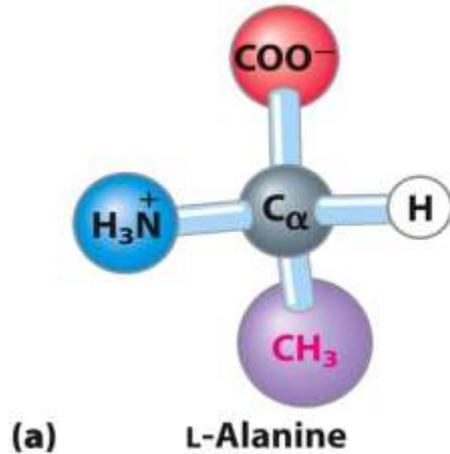
R Group

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■ Chirality of amino acids



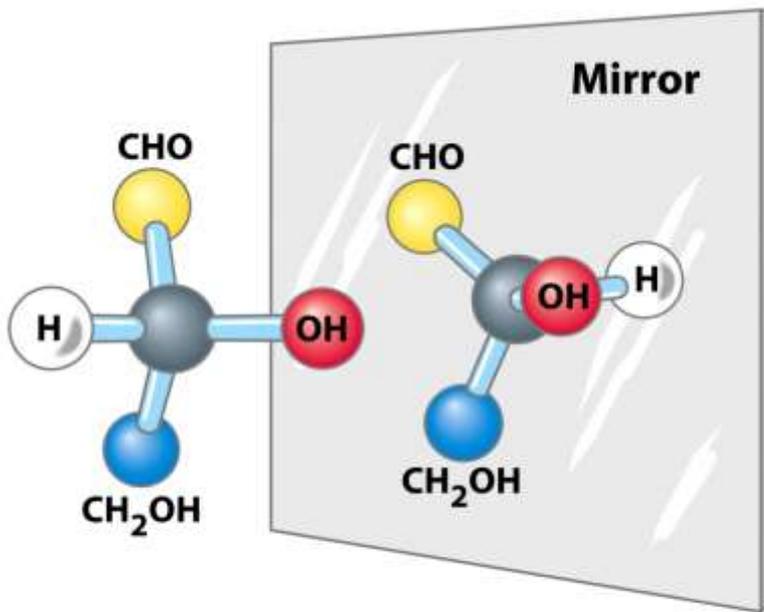
Chirality of amino acid is termed by the side of its **α -amino** group.



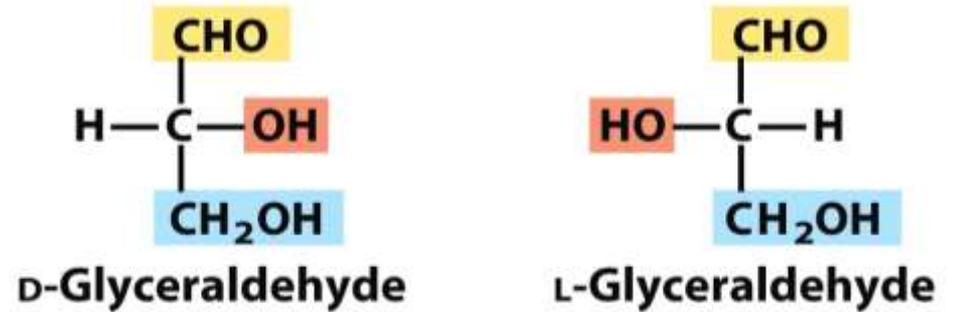
All amino acid residues in protein molecules are **L** stereoisomers.

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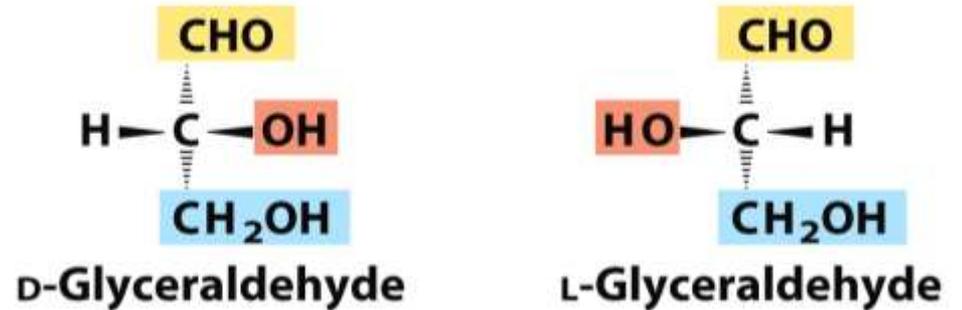
■ Chirality (手性)



Ball-and-stick models



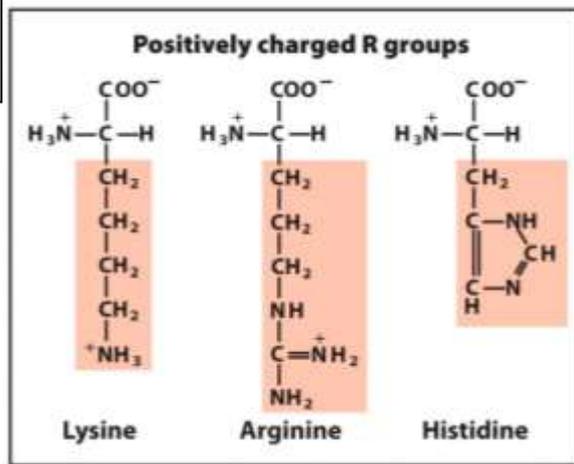
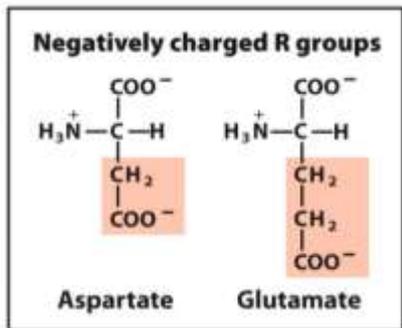
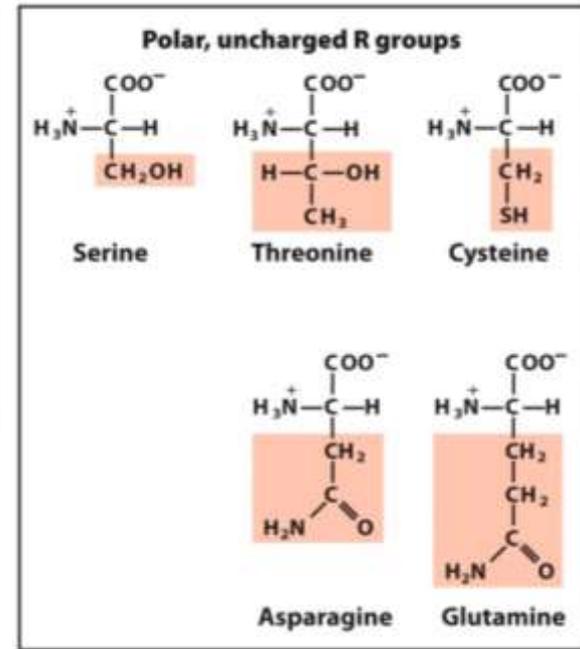
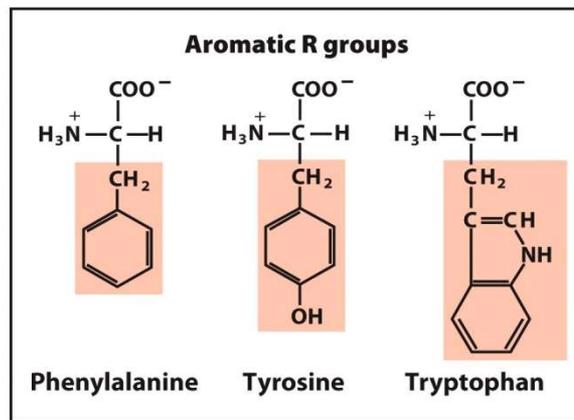
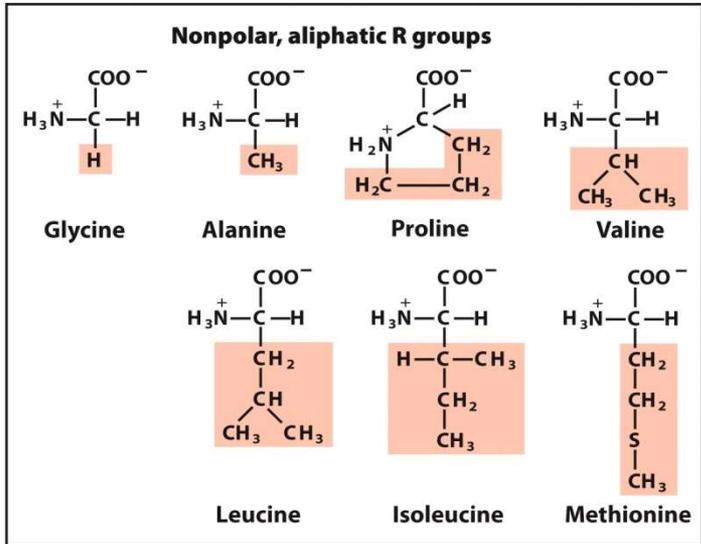
Fischer projection formulas



Perspective formulas

3.1 Amino Acids

■ The 20 common amino acids of proteins



3.1 Amino Acids



I. Nonpolar aliphatic R groups amino acids:

Glycine (Gly, G, 甘氨酸)

Alanine (Ala, A, 丙氨酸)

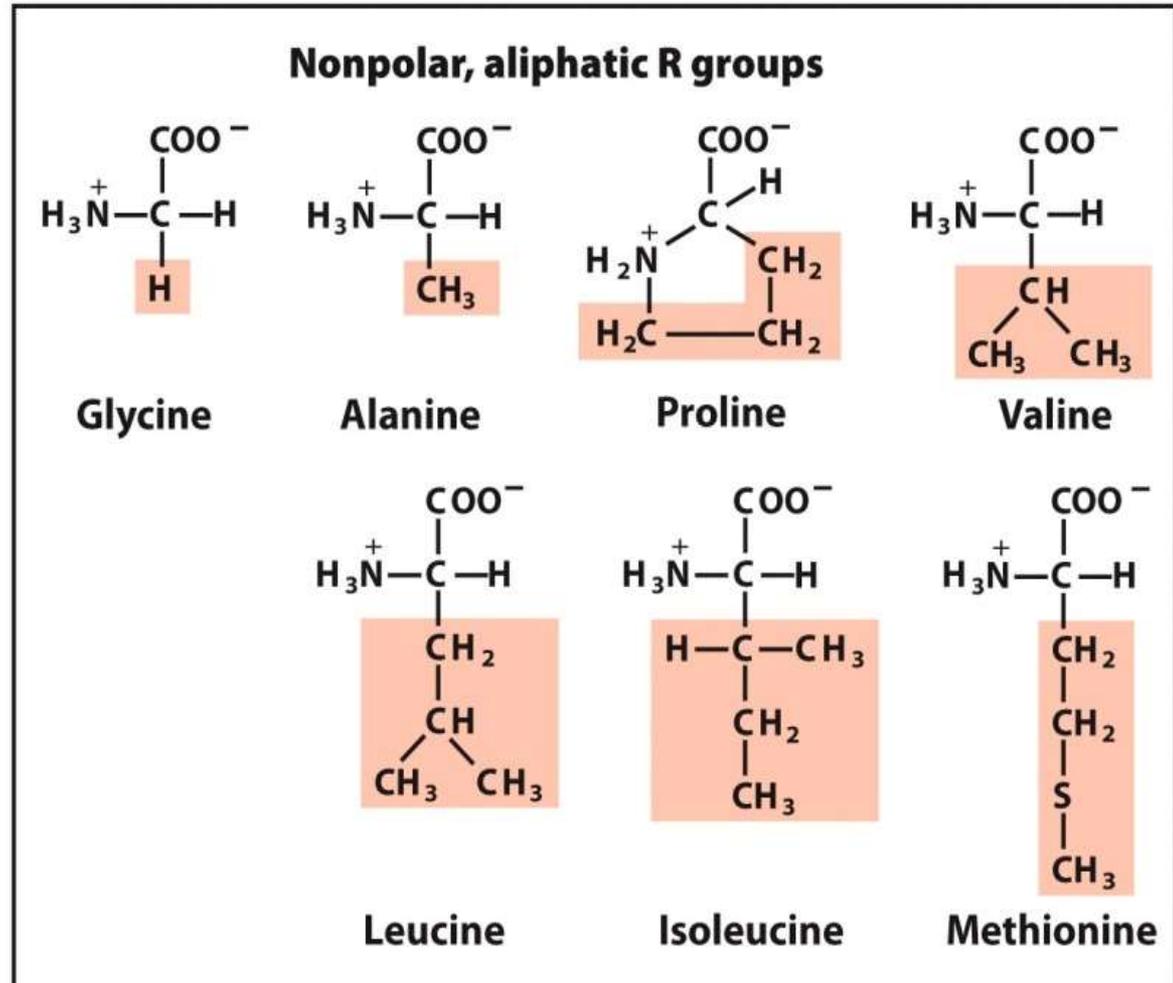
Proline (Pro, P, 脯氨酸)

Valine (Val, V, 缬氨酸)

Leucine (Leu, L, 亮氨酸)

Isoleucine (Ile, I, 异亮氨酸)

Methionine (Met, M, 蛋氨酸, 甲硫氨酸)



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II. Polar, uncharged amino acids

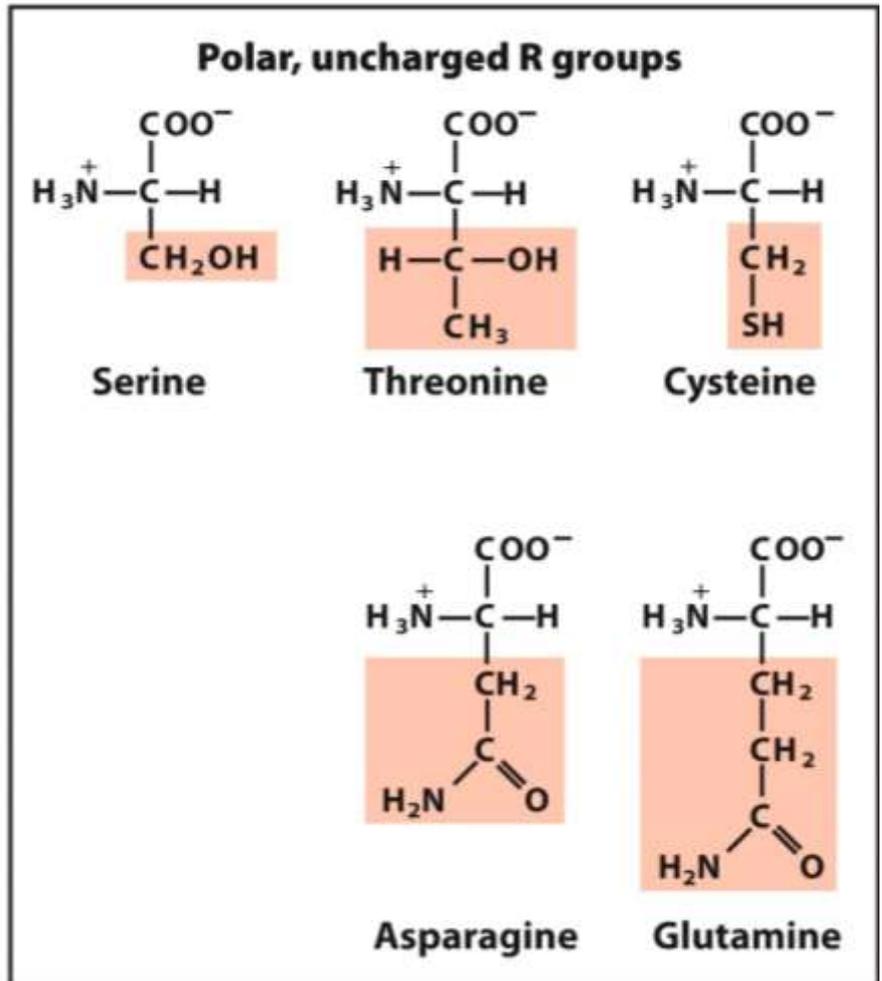
Serine (Ser, S, 丝氨酸)

Threonine (Thr, T, 苏氨酸)

Cysteine (Cys, C, 半胱氨酸)

Asparagine (Asn, N, 天冬酰胺)

Glutamine (Gln, Q, 谷氨酰胺)



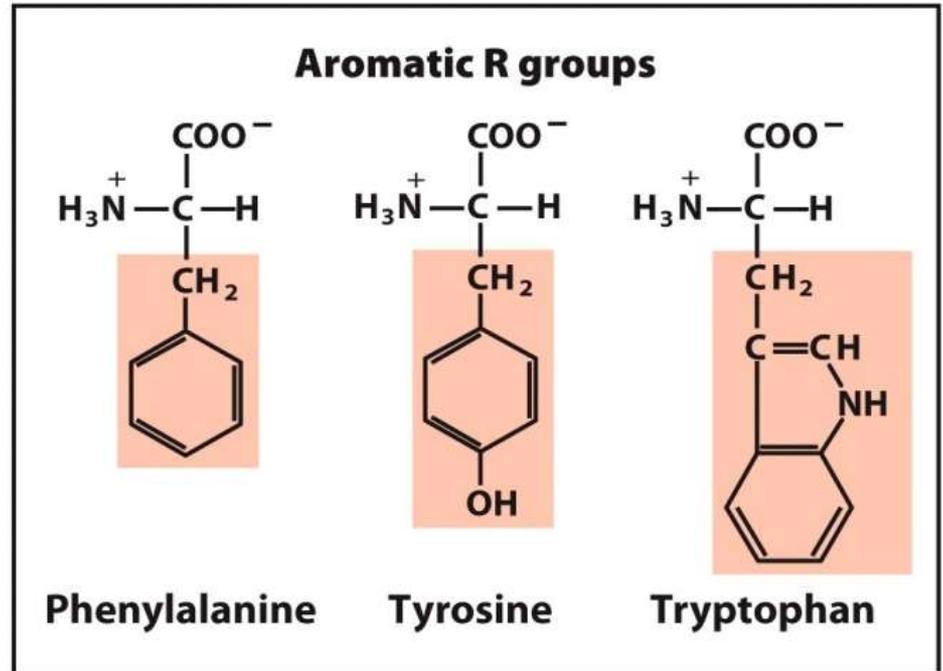
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III. Aromatic R groups

Phenylalanine (Phe, F, 苯丙氨酸)

Tyrosine (Tyr, Y, 酪氨酸)

Tryptophan (Trp, W, 色氨酸)



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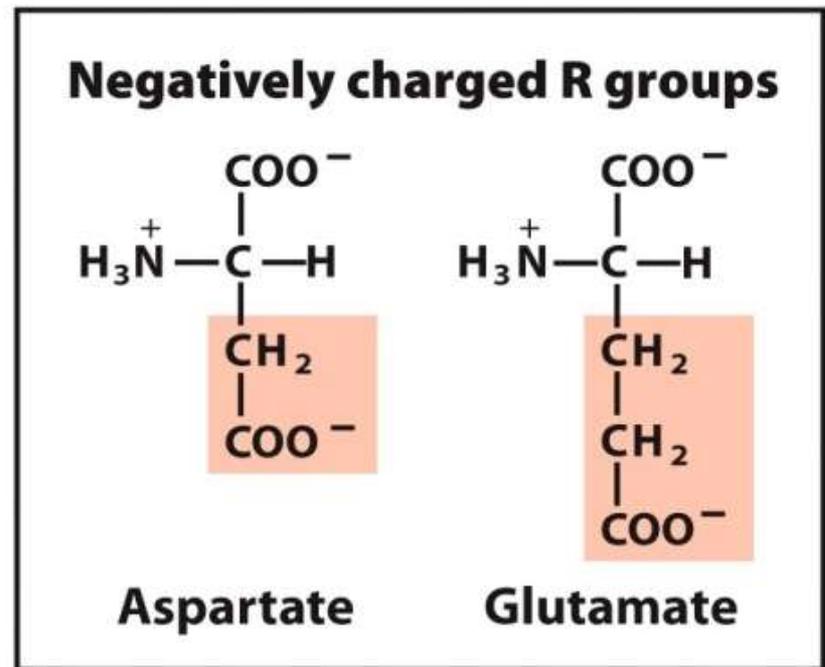


V. Negatively charged amino acids

--Acidic amino acids

Aspartic acid (Asp, D, 天冬氨酸)

Glutamic acid (Glu, E, 谷氨酸)



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- **Different ways to classify the 20 amino acids**
 1. Alkyl chain R groups: **Gly, Ala, Val, Leu, Ile**
 2. Sulfur-containing amino acids: **Met, Cys**
 3. Hydroxyl-containing amino acids: **Ser, Thr, Tyr**
 4. Aromatic amino acids: **Phe, Tyr, Trp**
 5. Unusual cyclic amino acid: **Pro, His**
 6. Amide groups : **Asn, Gln**
 7. Acidic amino acids: **Asp, Glu**
 8. Basic amino acids: **Lys, Arg**

3.1 Amino Acids

- Abbreviation symbols for amino acids

	Activation (G-V) 14	Dominant Negative (T-N) 19	Fast Cycling (F-L) 30	Switch 1	Toxin B 37
RhoA	MAAIRKKLVIVGD	GACGK	TCLLIV	FSKDQ	FPEVYVPTVFE
RhoB	MAAIRKKLVVVG	GACGK	TCLLIV	FSKDE	FPEVYVPTVFE
RhoC	MAAIRKKLVIVGD	GACGK	TCLLIV	FSKDQ	FPEVYVPTVFE
C3 Transferase					
Activation + CNF-1 (Q-L)					
RhoA	41--		63	Switch 2	
RhoA	NYVADIEVDGKQVELALWDTAG	Q	EDYDRLRPLSYPD	TDVI	
RhoB	NYVADIEVDGKQVELALWDTAG	Q	EDYDRLRPLSYPD	TDVI	
RhoC	NYIADIEVDGKQVELALWDTAG	Q	EDYDRLRPLSYPD	TDVI	
RhoA	LMCFSIDSPDSLENIPEKWTPEVKHF	CPNVPIILVGNK	KD		
RhoB	LMCFSVDSPDSLENIPEK	WVPEVKHF	CPNVPIILVANK	KD	
RhoC	LMCFSIDSPDSLENIPEKWTPEVKHF	CPNVPIILVGNK	KD		
-----Insert Domain-----					
RhoA	LRNDEHTRRELAKMKQEPVKPEEGRDMANRIGAFGYMECS				
RhoB	LRSD	EHV	RT	ELAR	MKQEPVRTDDGRAMAVRIQAYDYLECS
RhoC	LRQ	DEHTRRELAKMKQEPV	RSE	EGRDMANRISAFGYLECS	
Prenylation 190					
RhoA	AKTKDGVREVFEMATRAALQARRGKKKSG	CLVL			
RhoB	AKTK	EGVREVFET	ATRAALQKRYGSQNGCINCKV	L	
RhoC	AKTK	EGVREVFEMATRAGLQ	VRKNKRRRG	CPIL	



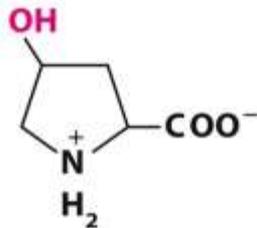
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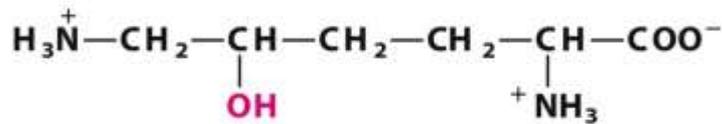
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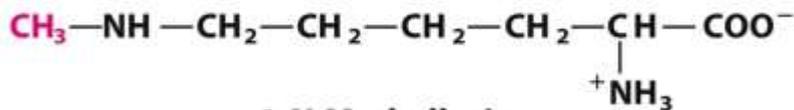
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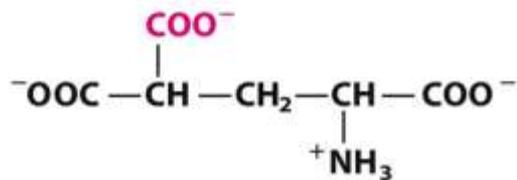
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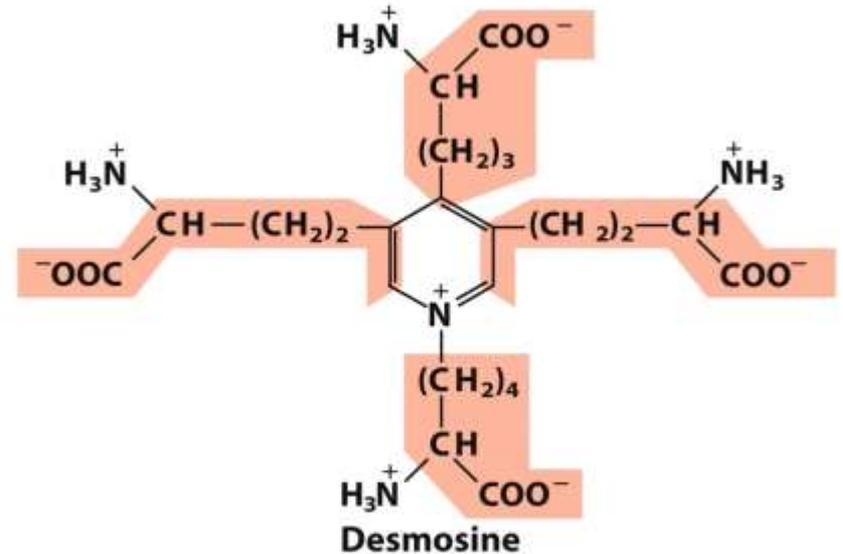
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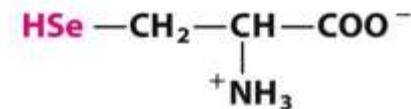
6-N-Methyllysine



γ-Carboxyglutamate



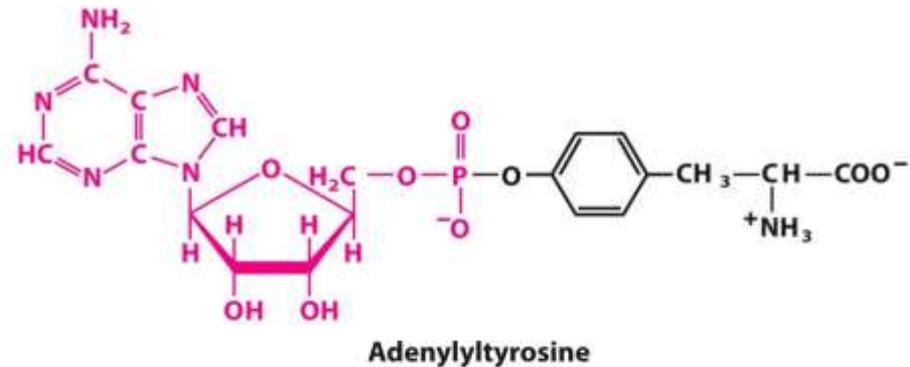
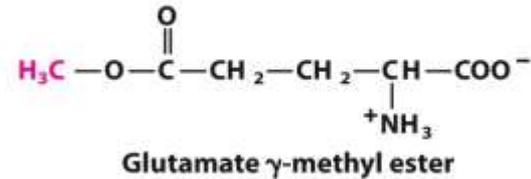
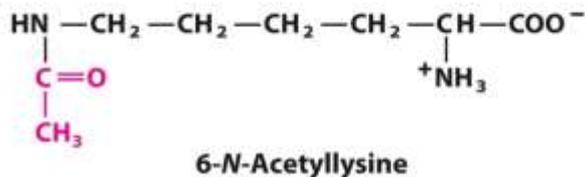
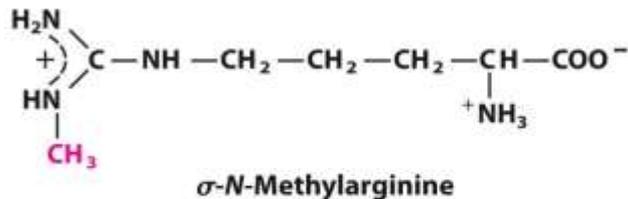
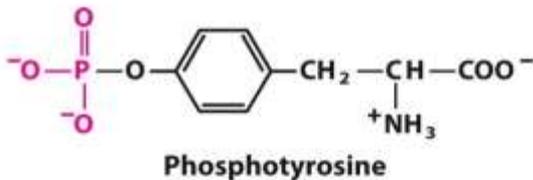
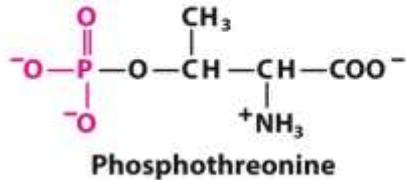
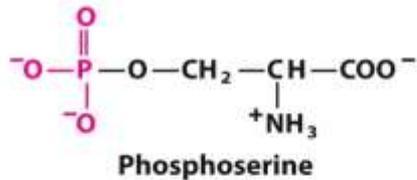
Desmosine



Selenocysteine

3.1 Amino Acids

- Amino acids with reversible modifications



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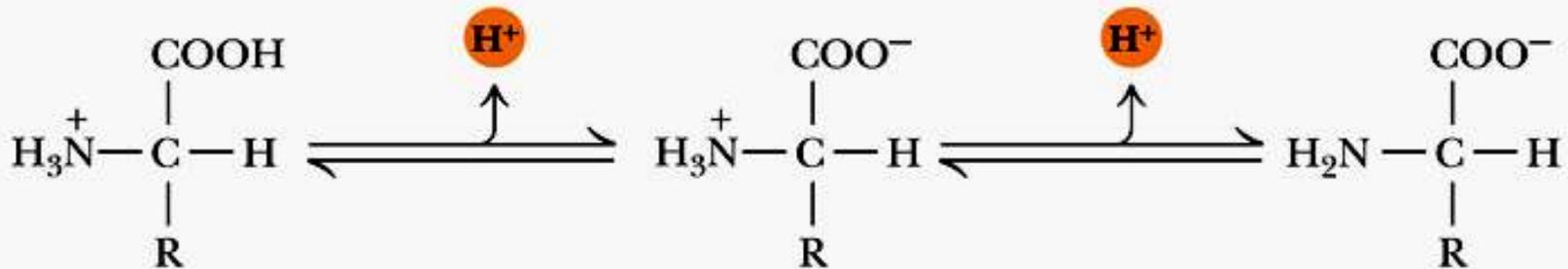
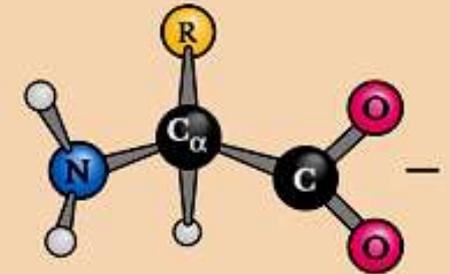
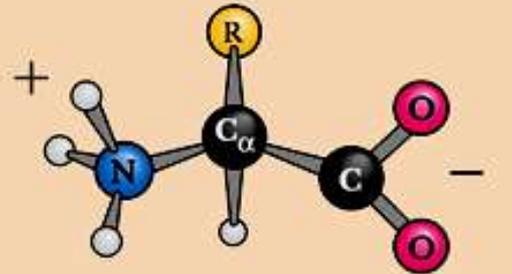
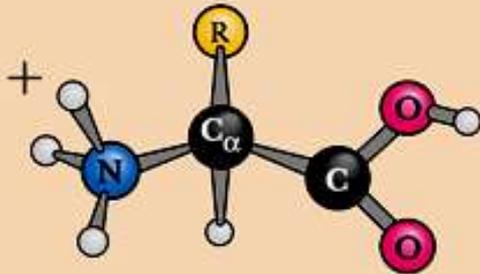
■ Properties of the 20 common amino acids

Acid-base properties of amino acids
– Zwitterion of amino acids

pH 1 Net charge +1

pH 7 Net charge 0

pH 13 Net charge -1



Cationic form

Zwitterion (neutral)

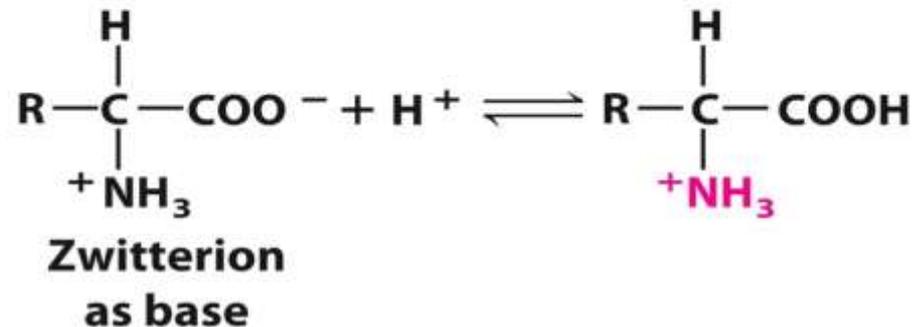
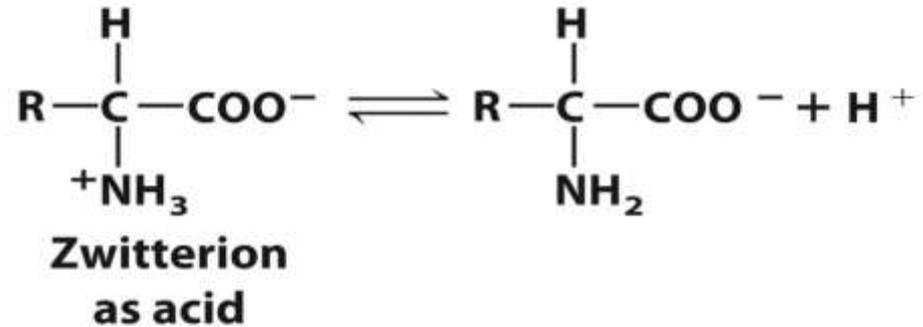
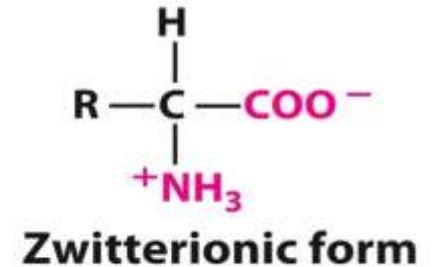
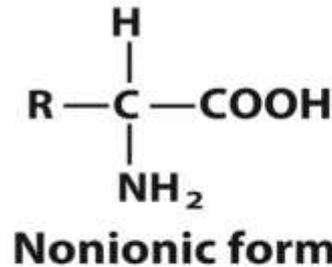
Anionic form

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- **Nonionic and Zwitterionic forms of amino acids**

The nonionic form does not occur in significant amounts in aqueous solutions. The zwitterion predominates at neutral pH. A zwitterion can act as either an acid (proton donor) or a base (proton acceptor).



Zwitter (德语) = hybrid

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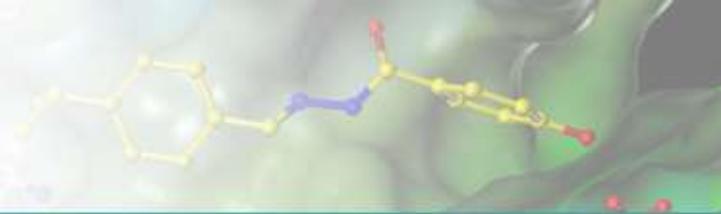


TABLE 3-1 Properties and Conventions Associated with the Common Amino Acids Found in Proteins

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

* M_r values reflect the structures as shown in Figure 3-5. The elements of water (M_r 18) are deleted when the amino acid is incorporated into a polypeptide.

[†]A scale combining hydrophobicity and hydrophilicity of R groups. The values reflect the free energy (ΔG) of transfer of the amino acid side chain from a hydrophobic solvent to water. This transfer is favorable ($\Delta G < 0$; negative value in the index) for charged or polar amino acid side chains, and unfavorable ($\Delta G > 0$; positive value in the index) for amino acids with nonpolar or more hydrophobic side chains. See Chapter 11. From Kyte, J. & Doolittle, R.F. (1982) A simple method for displaying the hydropathic character of a protein. *J. Mol. Biol.* 157, 105-132.

[‡]Average occurrence in more than 1,150 proteins. From Doolittle, R.F. (1989) Redundancies in protein sequences. In *Prediction of Protein Structure and the Principles of Protein Conformation* (Fasman, G.D., ed.), pp. 599-623, Plenum Press, New York.

[§]Cysteine is generally classified as polar despite having a positive hydropathy index. This reflects the ability of the sulfhydryl group to act as a weak acid and to form a weak hydrogen bond with oxygen or nitrogen.

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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

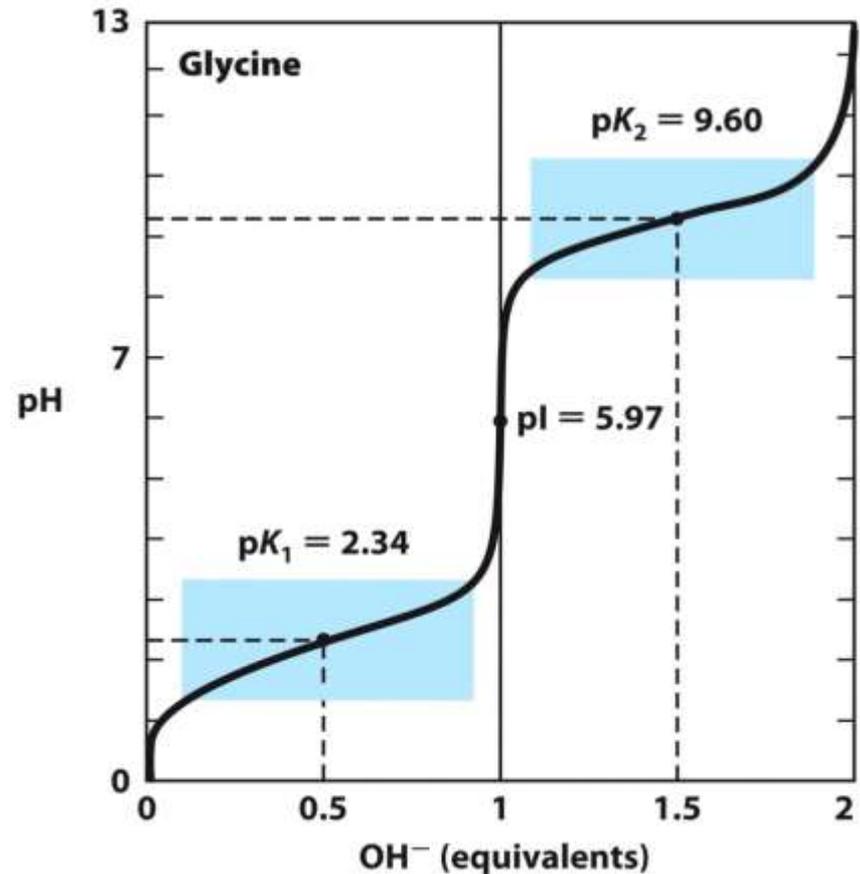
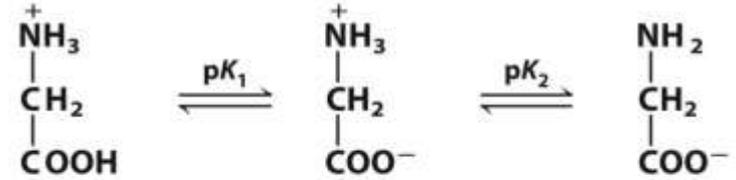
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- Ionization and isoelectric point of amino acids

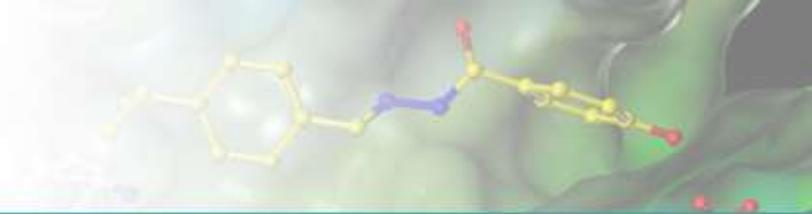
Titration of Glycine

$$K_1 = \frac{[Gly^{\circ}][H^+]}{[Gly^+]}$$

$$K_2 = \frac{[Gly^-][H^+]}{[Gly^{\circ}]}$$



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$$K_1 = \frac{[Gly^{\circ}][H^+]}{[Gly^+]}$$

$$K_2 = \frac{[Gly^-][H^+]}{[Gly^{\circ}]}$$

$$K_1 \cdot K_2 = [H^+]^2 \frac{[Gly^-]}{[Gly^+]}$$

At isoelectric point $[Gly^-]=[Gly^+]$

$$K_1 \cdot K_2 = [H^+]^2$$

$$[H^+] = (K_1 \cdot K_2)^{1/2}$$

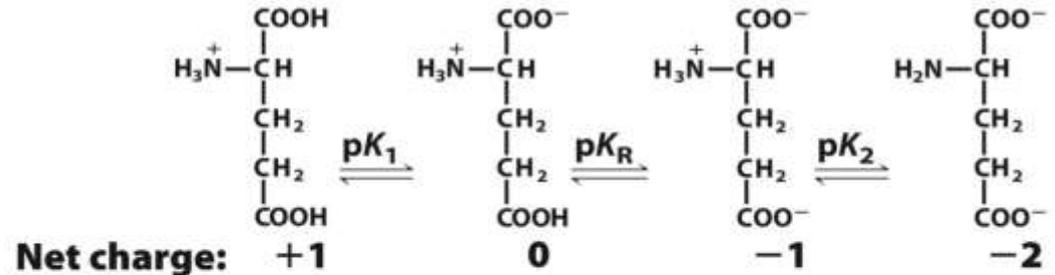
$$I = (K_1 \cdot K_2)^{1/2}$$

$$pI = (pK_1 + pK_2)/2$$

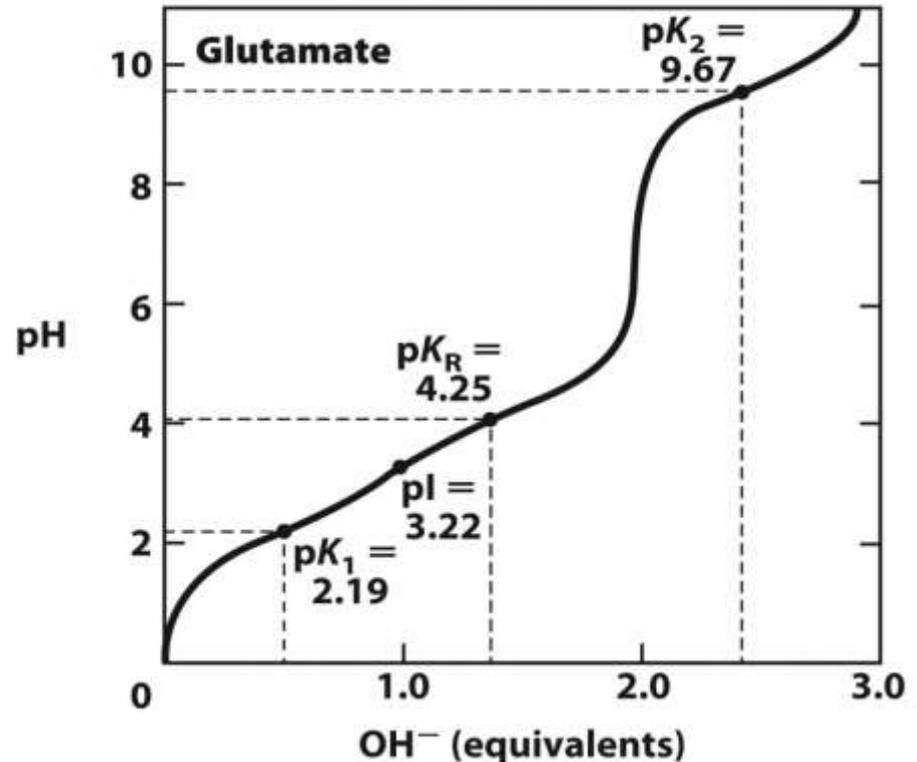
$$pI = (2.34 + 9.60)/2 = 5.97$$

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- Ionization and isoelectric point of amino acids with dissociable groups on side chains

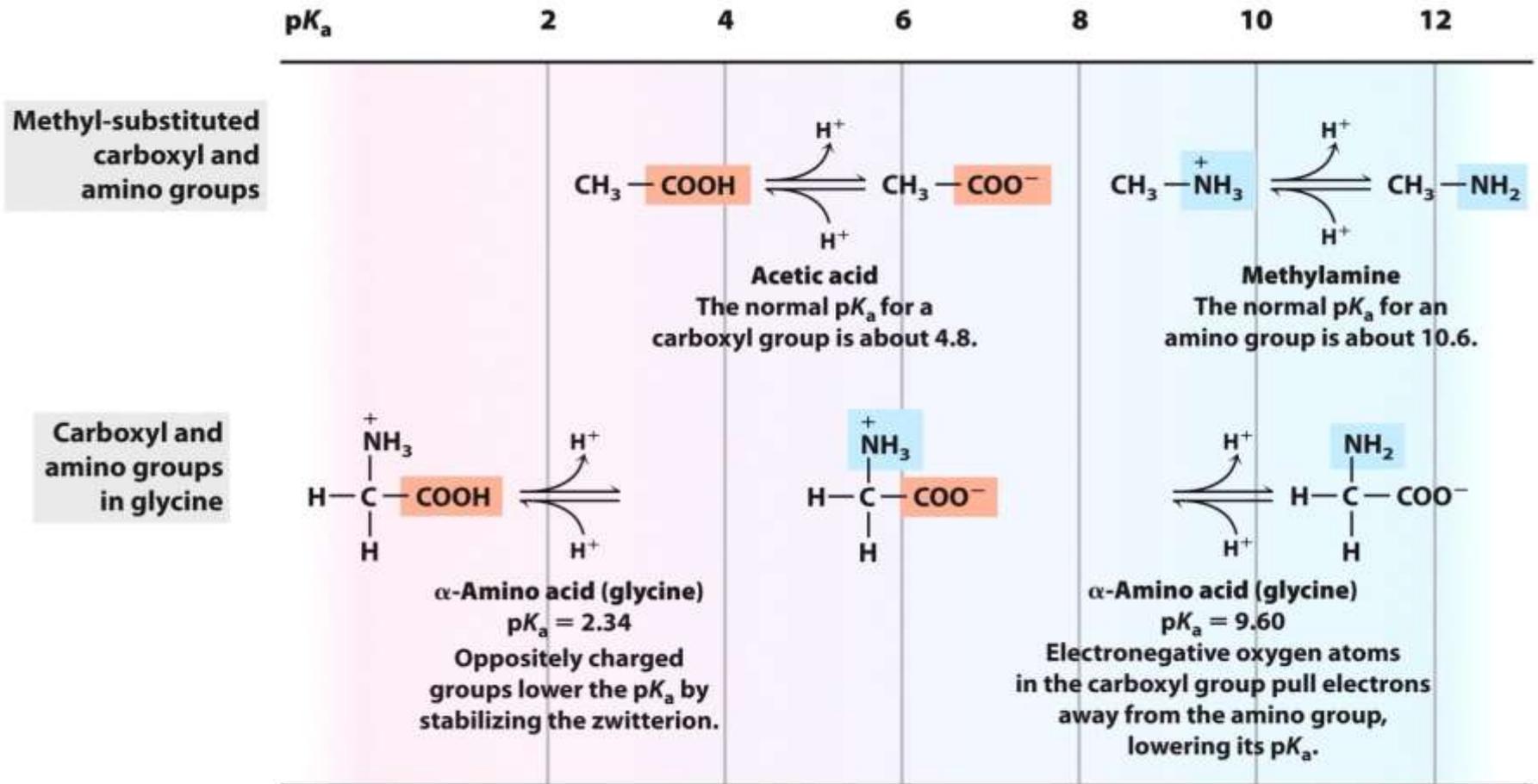


$$\begin{aligned} pI &= (pK_1 + pK_R) / 2 \\ &= (2.19 + 4.25) / 2 \\ &= 3.22 \end{aligned}$$



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- Effect of the chemical environment on pK_a

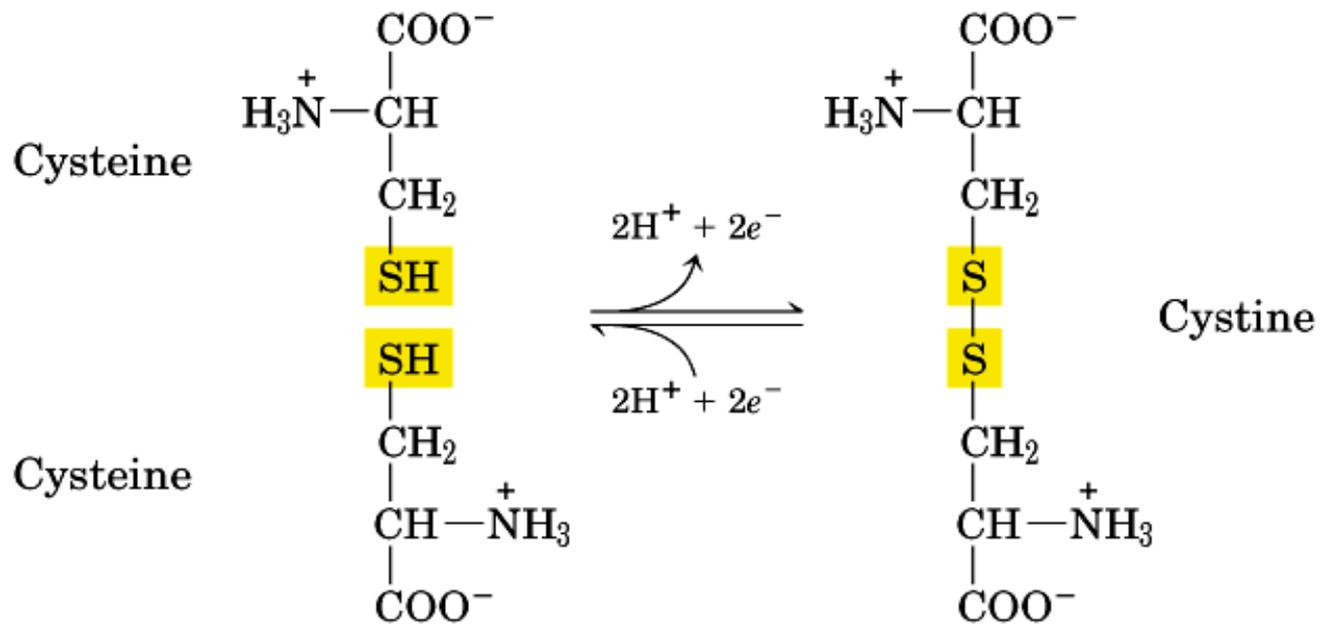


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- Specific reactions of amino acid side chains

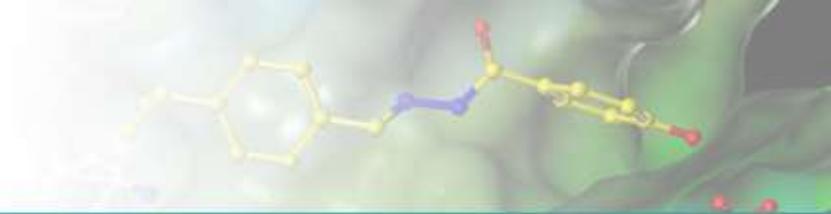
Cysteine



巯基乙醇 (mercaptoethanol, ME)

二硫苏糖醇 (dithiothrcitol, DTT)

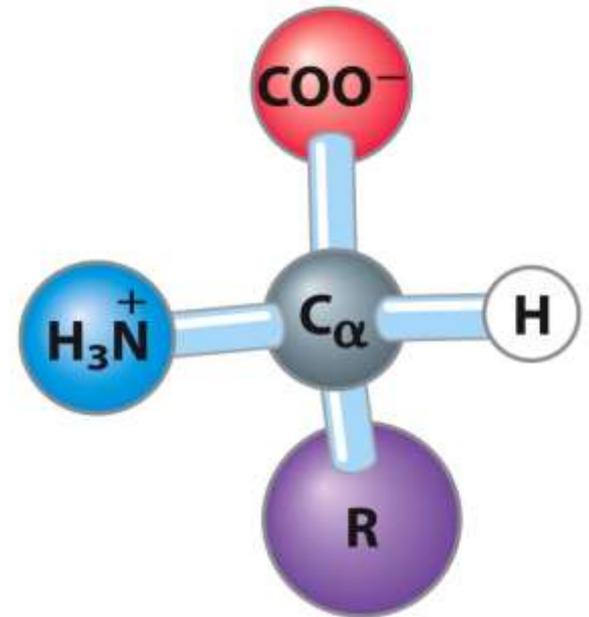
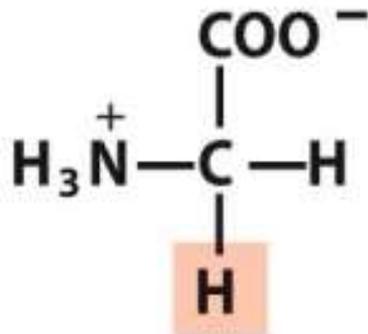
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- Optical properties of amino acids

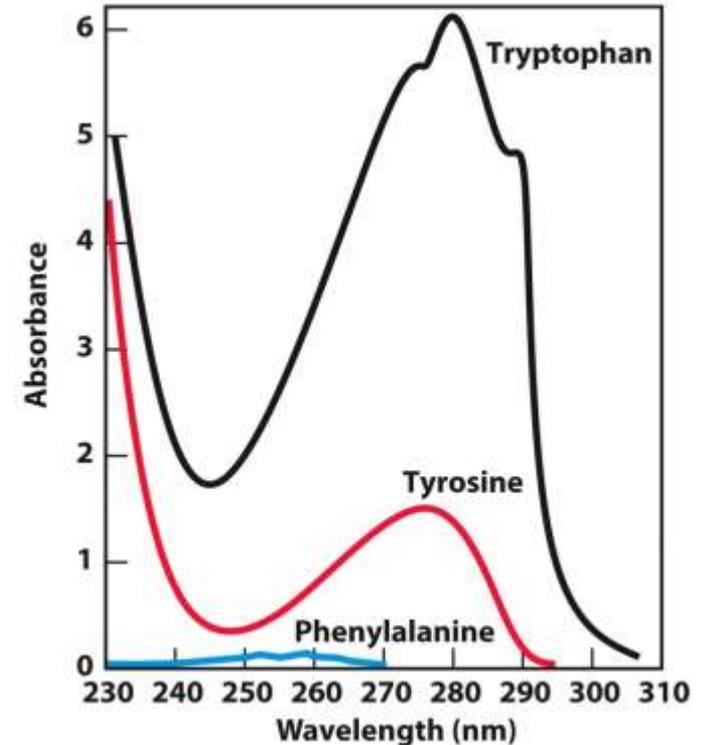
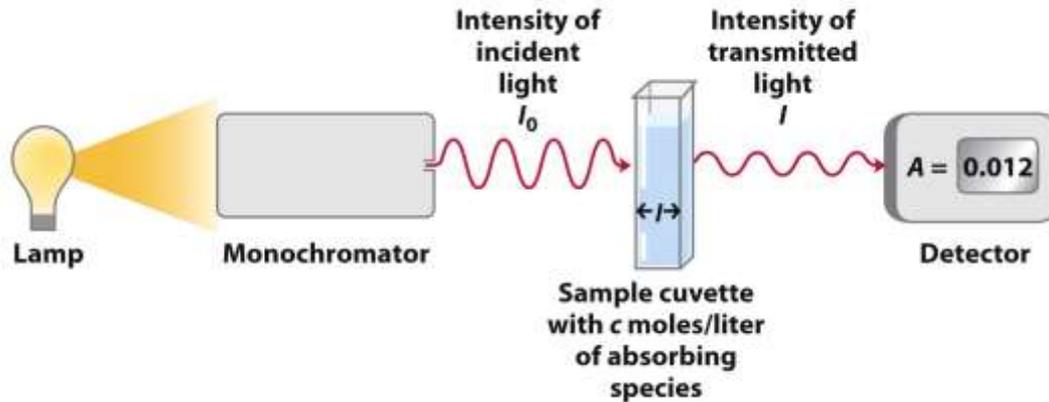
Optical activity: α -carbon of amino acid is asymmetric or chiral

Except glycine



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- Ultraviolet spectra of amino acids

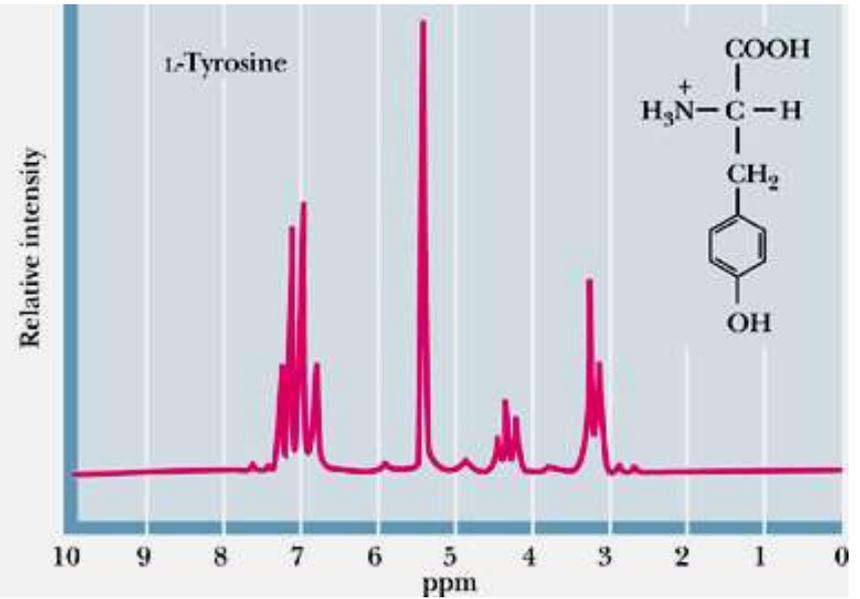
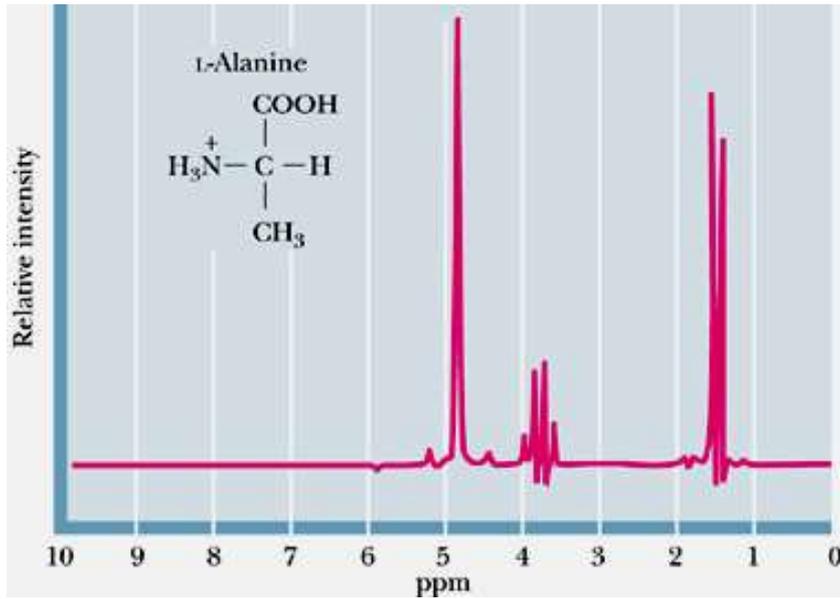


Measurement of light absorption by a spectrophotometer is used to detect and identify molecules and to measure their concentration in solution.

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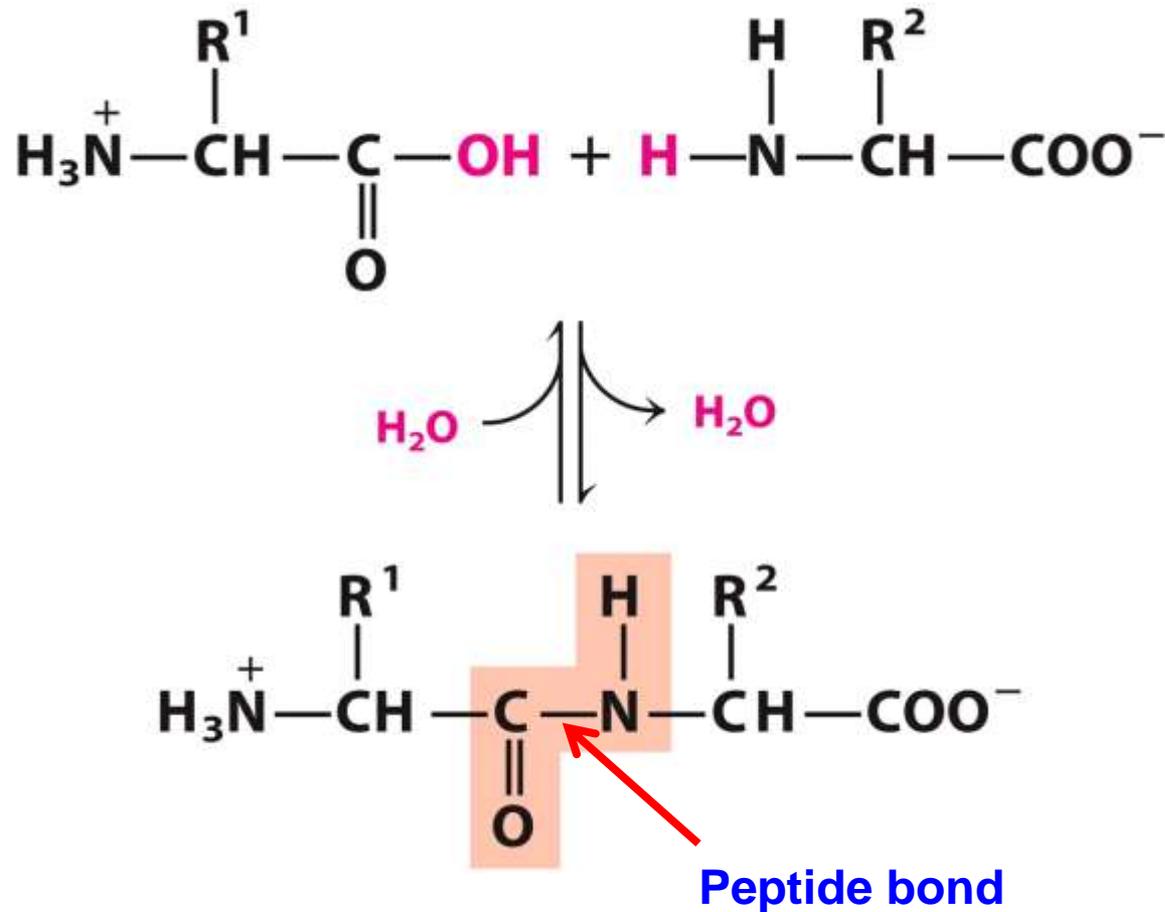
- Nuclear magnetic resonance spectra of amino acids



Nuclear Magnetic Resonance (NMR, 核磁共振谱)

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■ Formation of peptide bond



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■ Peptide classification

Dipeptide

Tripeptide

Tetrapeptide

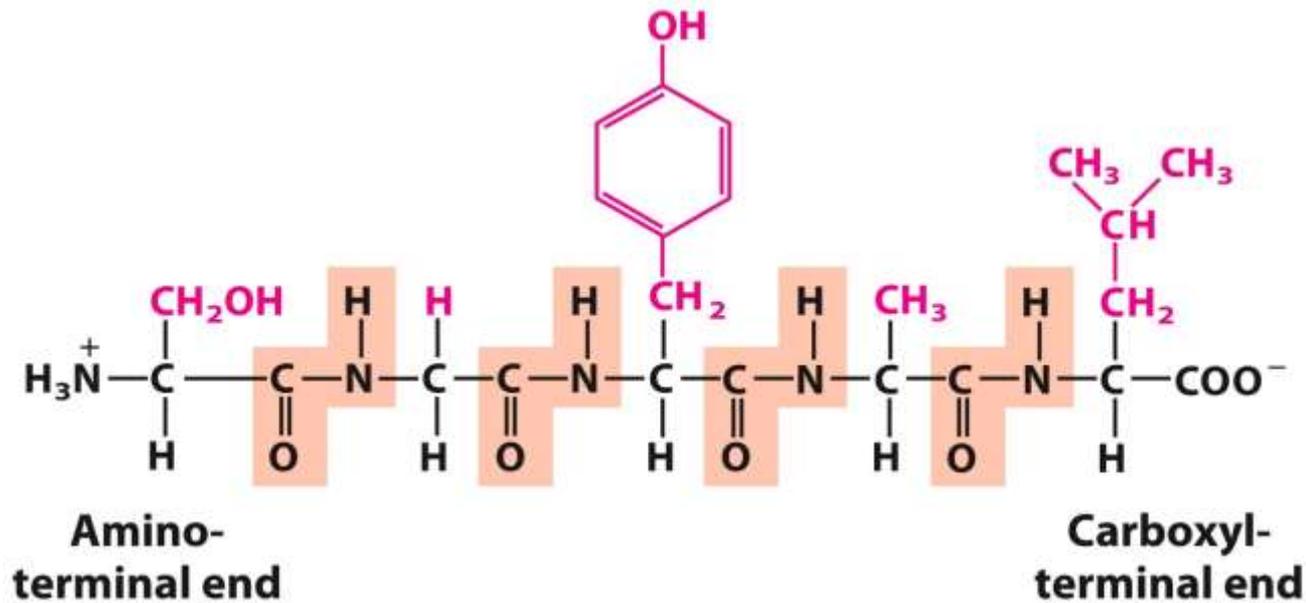


Oligopeptide (寡肽)

Polypeptide (多肽),

Protein

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Seryl glycylyl tyrosyl alanyl leucine

(丝氨酸甘氨酸酪氨酸丙氨酸亮氨酸)

Ser-Gly-Tyr-Ala-Leu

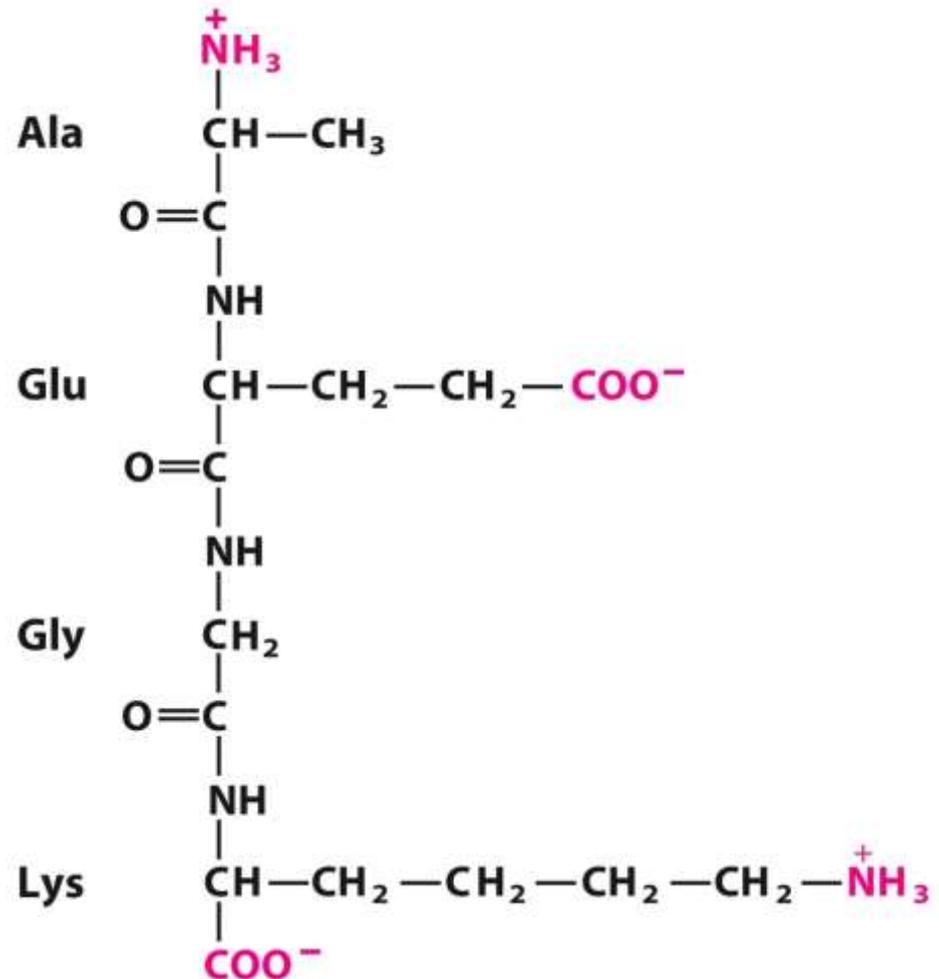
SGYAL

Amino acid residue (氨基酸残基)

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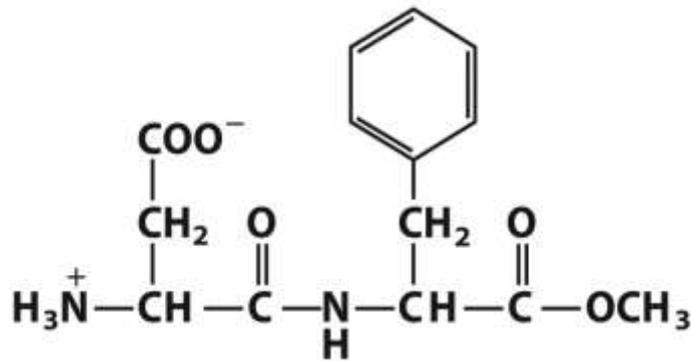
■ Acid-basic chemistry of oligopeptides

The amino acids with ionizable R groups in a peptide contribute to the overall acid-base properties of the peptide.



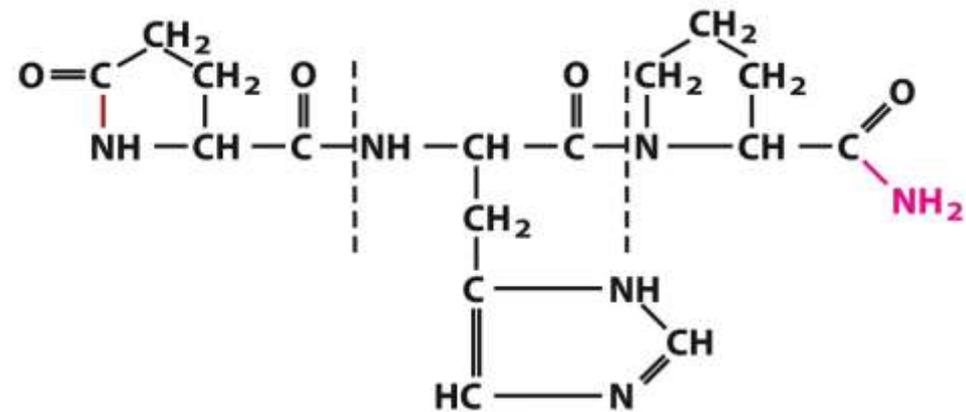
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- Biologically active peptides and polypeptides occur in a vast range of sizes and compositions



L-Aspartyl-L-phenylalanine methyl ester
(aspartame)

NutraSweet



Pyroglutamate

Histidine

Prolylamide

pyroGlu-His-Pro-NH₂

Thyrotropin-releasing
hormone (TRH)

(促甲状腺素释放激素)

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- Proteins occur in a vast range of sizes

TABLE 3-2 Molecular Data on Some Proteins

	Molecular weight	Number of residues	Number of polypeptide chains
Cytochrome c (human)	12,400	104	1
Ribonuclease A (bovine pancreas)	13,700	124	1
Lysozyme (chicken egg white)	14,300	129	1
Myoglobin (equine heart)	16,700	153	1
Chymotrypsin (bovine pancreas)	25,200	241	3
Chymotrypsinogen (bovine)	25,700	245	1
Hemoglobin (human)	64,500	574	4
Serum albumin (human)	66,000	609	1
Hexokinase (yeast)	107,900	972	2
RNA polymerase (<i>E. coli</i>)	450,000	4,158	5
Apolipoprotein B (human)	513,000	4,536	1
Glutamine synthetase (<i>E. coli</i>)	619,000	5,628	12
Titin (human)	2,993,000	26,926	1

Average molecular weight of protein amino acid residues is nearer to **110**. Therefore, molecular weight of a protein \approx number of amino acid residues \times **110**.

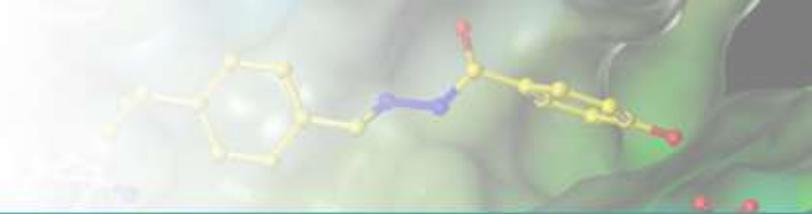
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- Amino acid composition of proteins can be different

TABLE 3-3 Amino Acid Composition of Two Proteins

Amino acid	Bovine cytochrome c		Bovine chymotrypsinogen	
	Number of residues per molecule	Percentage of total*	Number of residues per molecule	Percentage of total*
Ala	6	6	22	9
Arg	2	2	4	1.6
Asn	5	5	14	5.7
Asp	3	3	9	3.7
Cys	2	2	10	4
Gln	3	3	10	4
Glu	9	9	5	2
Gly	14	13	23	9.4
His	3	3	2	0.8
Ile	6	6	10	4
Leu	6	6	19	7.8
Lys	18	17	14	5.7
Met	2	2	2	0.8
Phe	4	4	6	2.4
Pro	4	4	9	3.7
Ser	1	1	28	11.4
Thr	8	8	23	9.4
Trp	1	1	8	3.3
Tyr	4	4	4	1.6
Val	3	3	23	9.4
Total	104	102	245	99.7

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- Proteins may contain chemical groups other than amino acids

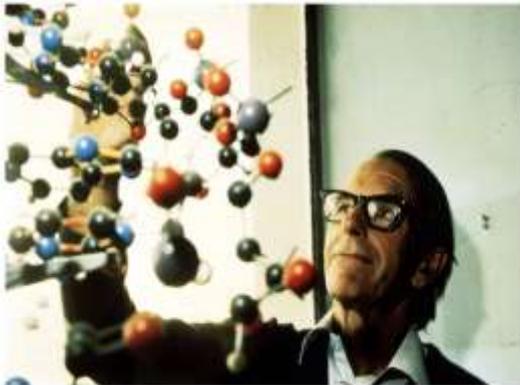
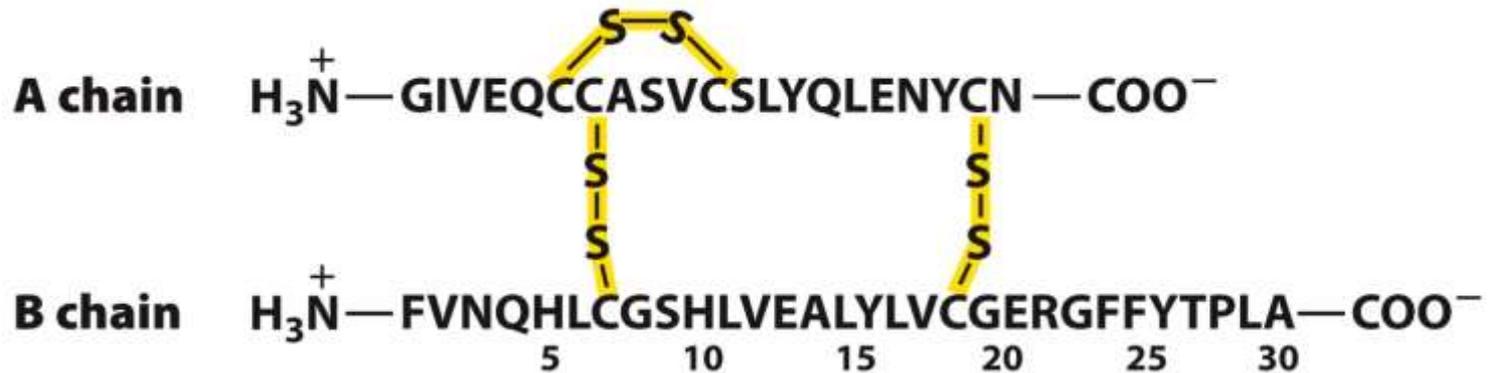
TABLE 3-4 Conjugated Proteins

Class	Prosthetic group	Example
Lipoproteins	Lipids	β_1 -Lipoprotein of blood
Glycoproteins	Carbohydrates	Immunoglobulin G
Phosphoproteins	Phosphate groups	Casein of milk
Hemoproteins	Heme (iron porphyrin)	Hemoglobin
Flavoproteins	Flavin nucleotides	Succinate dehydrogenase
Metalloproteins	Iron Zinc Calcium Molybdenum Copper	Ferritin Alcohol dehydrogenase Calmodulin Dinitrogenase Plastocyanin

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■ Determining the amino acid sequence

Bovine insulin, first peptide sequence determined



Frederick Sanger

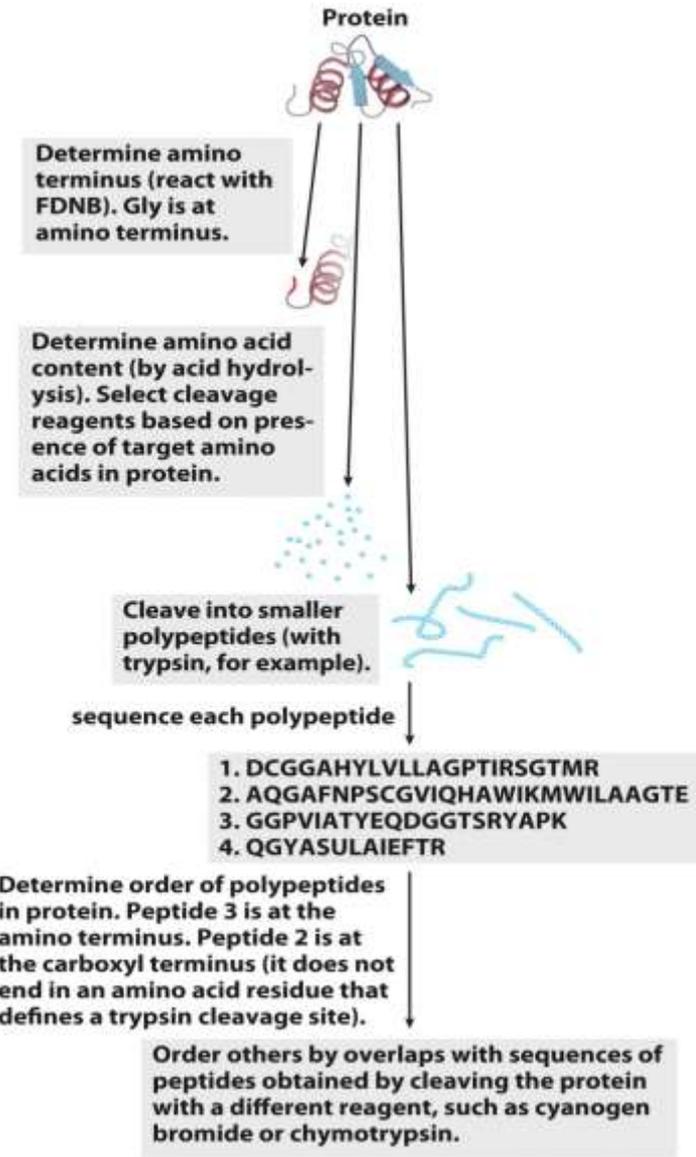
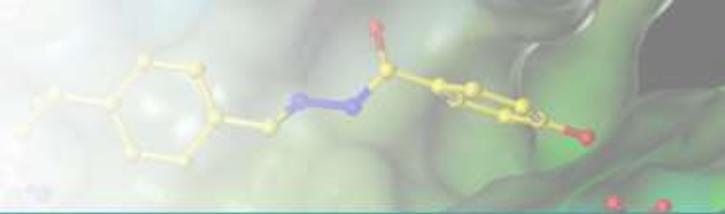
1958 Nobel Prize in Chemistry

1980 Nobel Prize in Chemistry

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- The procedure developed by Fred Sanger to sequence insulin

1. Purify the target protein
2. Determine amino terminus
3. Amino acids analysis
4. Breaking disulfide bonds
5. Fragmentation of the polypeptide chain
6. Determine the sequence
7. Location of the disulfide bonds



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- **N-Terminal analysis:**

Sanger method

FDNB (1-fluoro-2,4-dinitrobenzene)

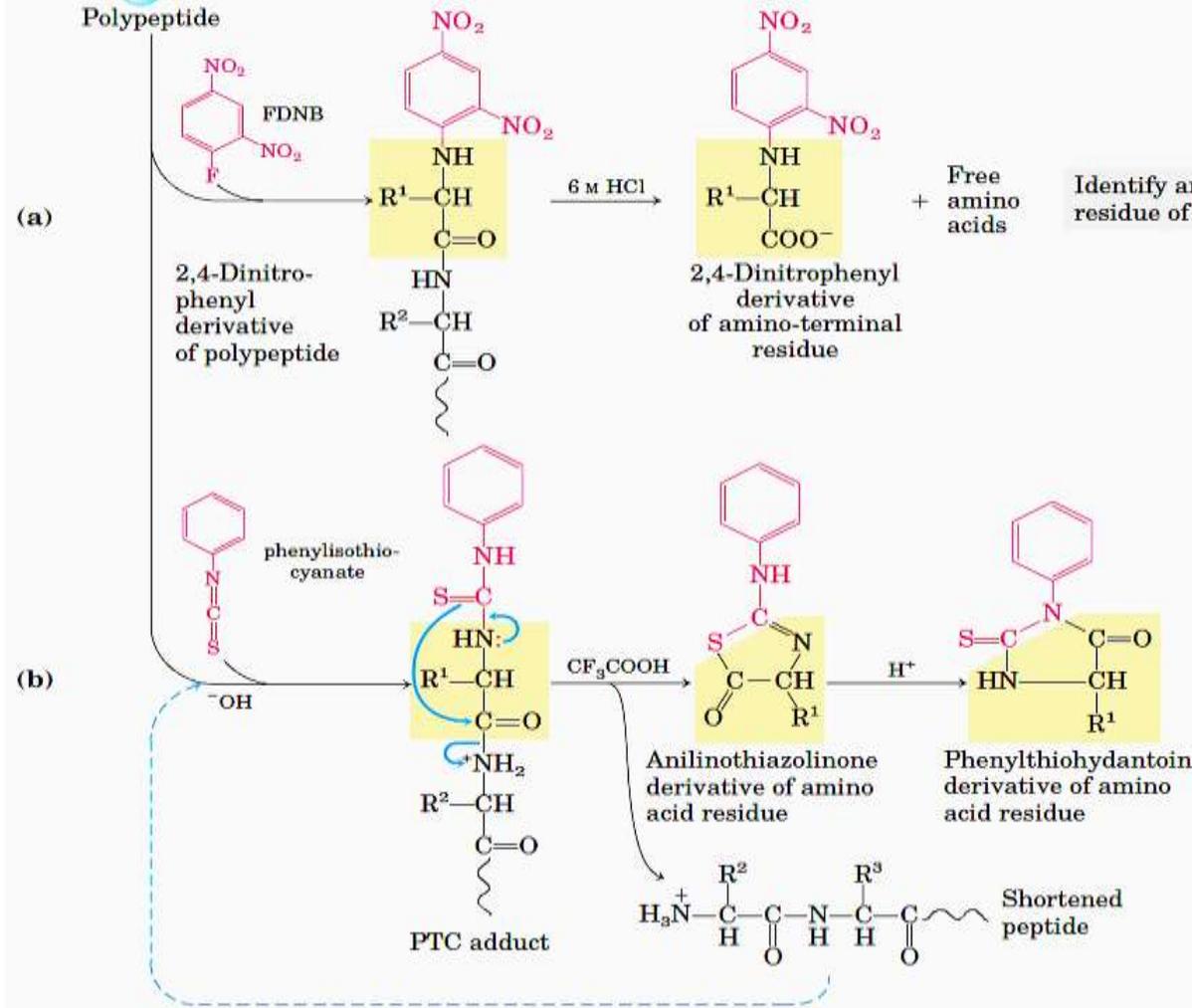
Edman degradation

phenyl-N=C=S (异硫氰酸苯酯)

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Polypeptide



Sanger method

Identify amino-terminal residue of polypeptide.

Edman degradation

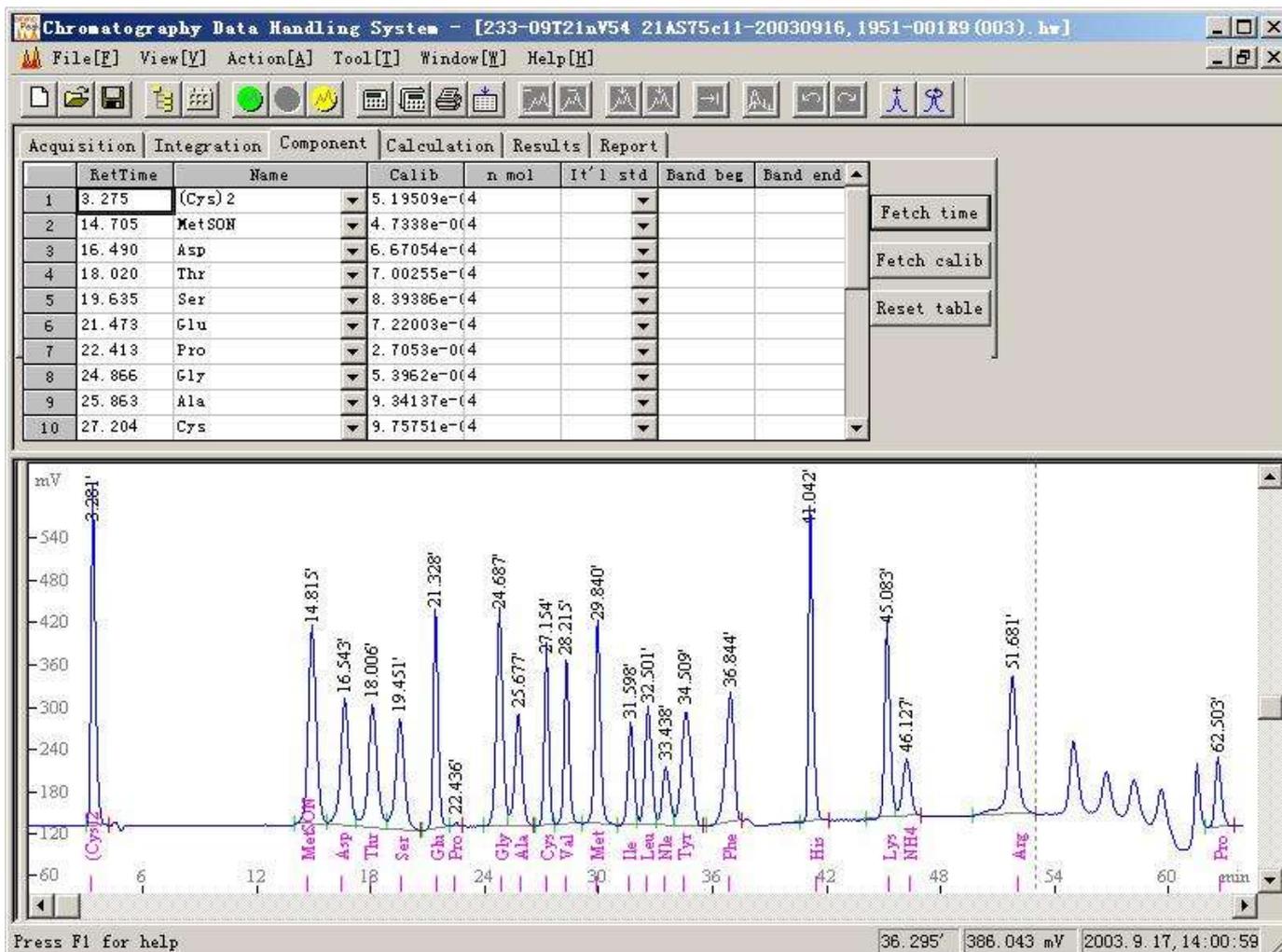
Identify amino-terminal residue; purify and recycle remaining peptide fragment through Edman process.

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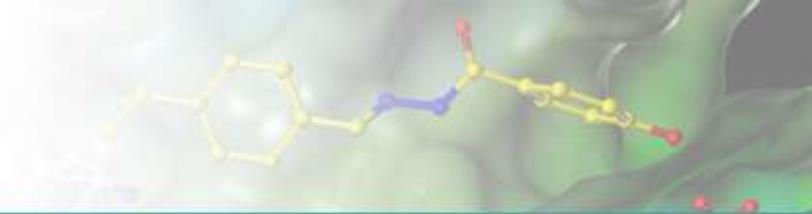
- Amino acids analysis

Hydrolysis of peptide

6N HCl, 110°C, overnight

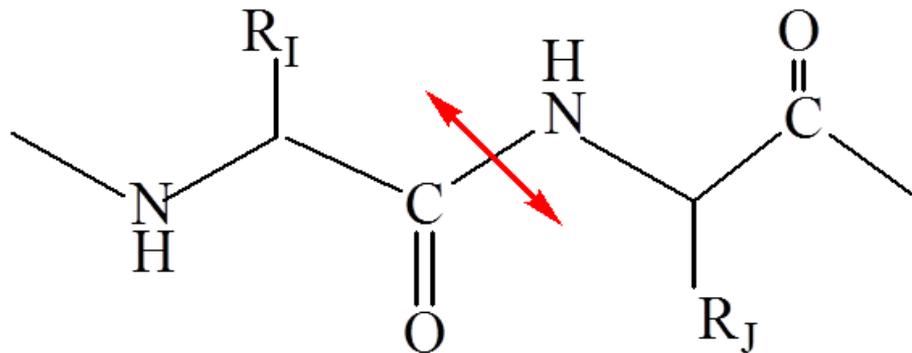


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- **Fragmentation of the polypeptide chain**

- 1) **Fragmentation of the polypeptide by protease**

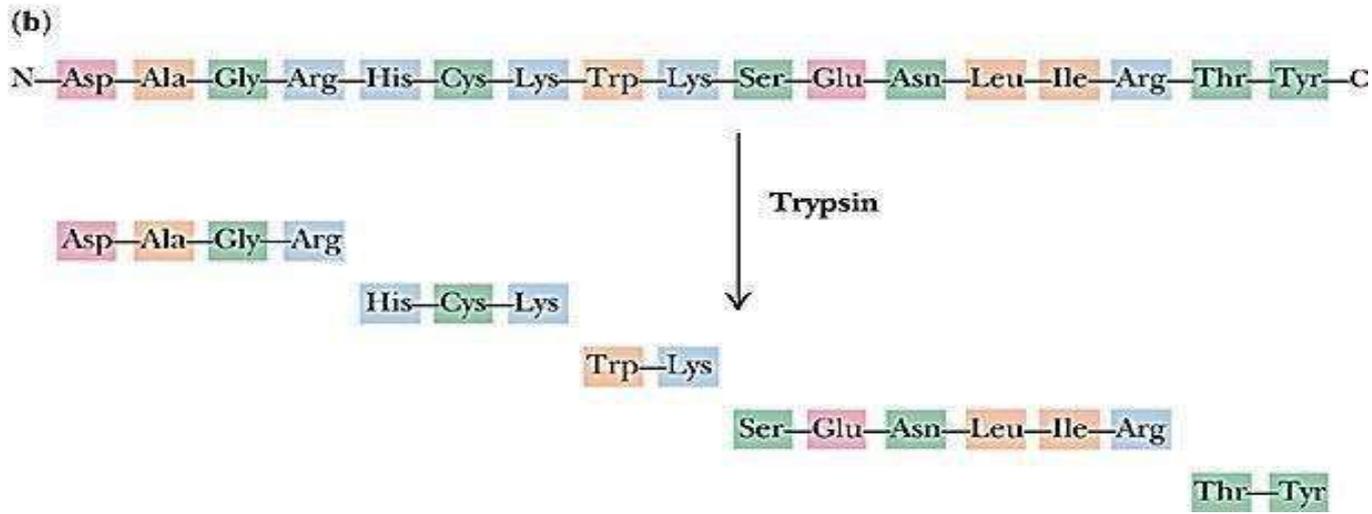
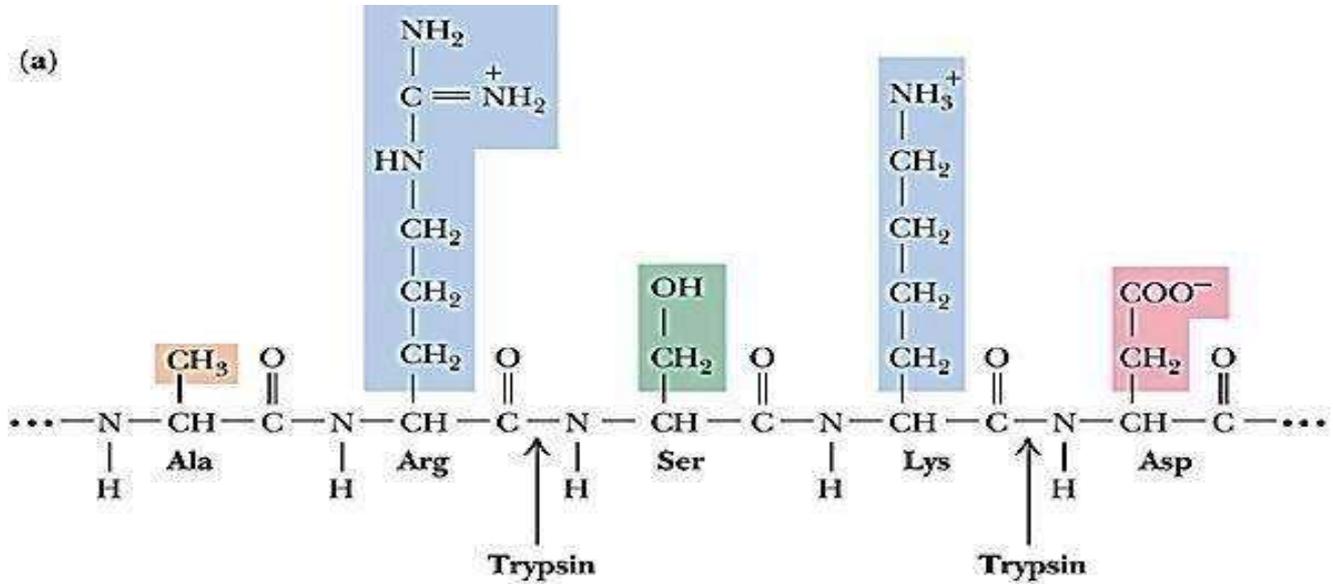


Trypsin (胰蛋白酶): $R_I = \text{Lys、Arg}$, $R_J \neq \text{Pro}$

Chymotrypsin (糜蛋白酶): $R_I = \text{Phe、Trp、Tyr}$, $R_J \neq \text{Pro}$

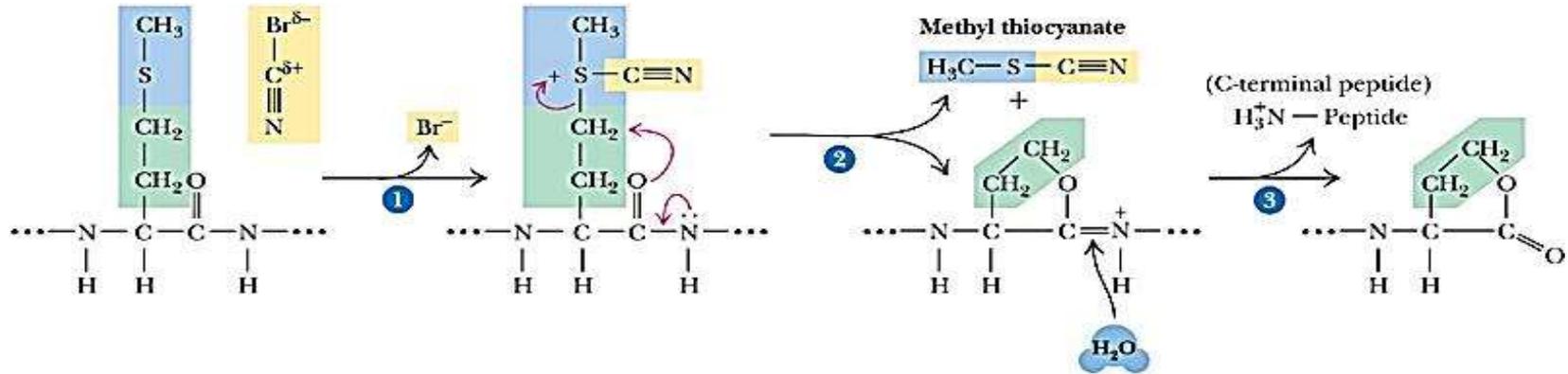
Pepsin (胃蛋白酶): $R_I、R_J = \text{芳香族或较大的疏水基团}$; $R_J \neq \text{Pro}$

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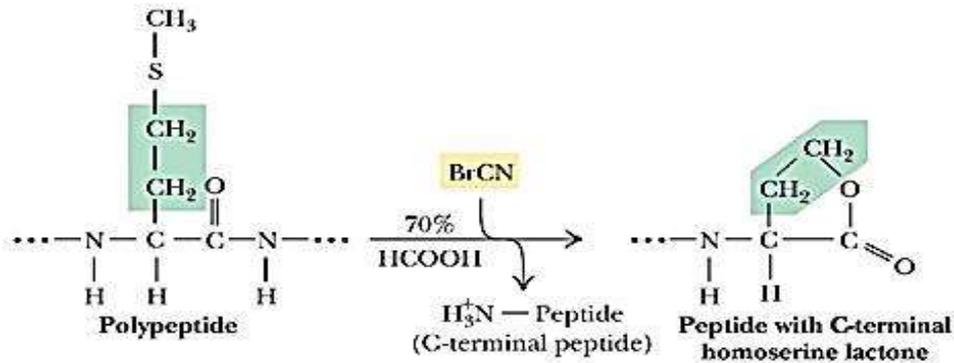


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2) Fragmentation of the polypeptide chain by CNBr



OVERALL REACTION:



CNBr

A1 - A2 - A3 - Met - A5 - A6 - A7 - A8 -

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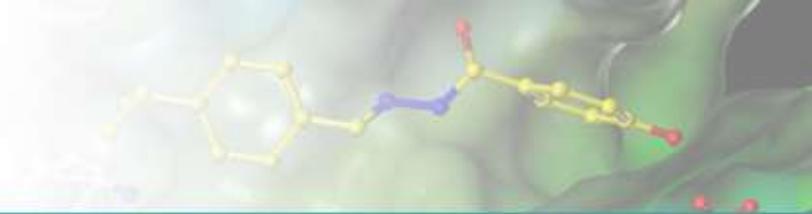
TABLE 3-6 The Specificity of Some Common Methods for Fragmenting Polypeptide Chains

Reagent (biological source)*	Cleavage points [†]
Trypsin (bovine pancreas)	Lys, Arg (C)
Submaxillary protease (mouse submaxillary gland)	Arg (C)
Chymotrypsin (bovine pancreas)	Phe, Trp, Tyr (C)
<i>Staphylococcus aureus</i> V8 protease (bacterium <i>S. aureus</i>)	Asp, Glu (C)
Asp-N-protease (bacterium <i>Pseudomonas fragi</i>)	Asp, Glu (N)
Pepsin (porcine stomach)	Leu, Phe, Trp, Tyr (N)
Endoproteinase Lys C (bacterium <i>Lysobacter enzymogenes</i>)	Lys (C)
Cyanogen bromide	Met (C)

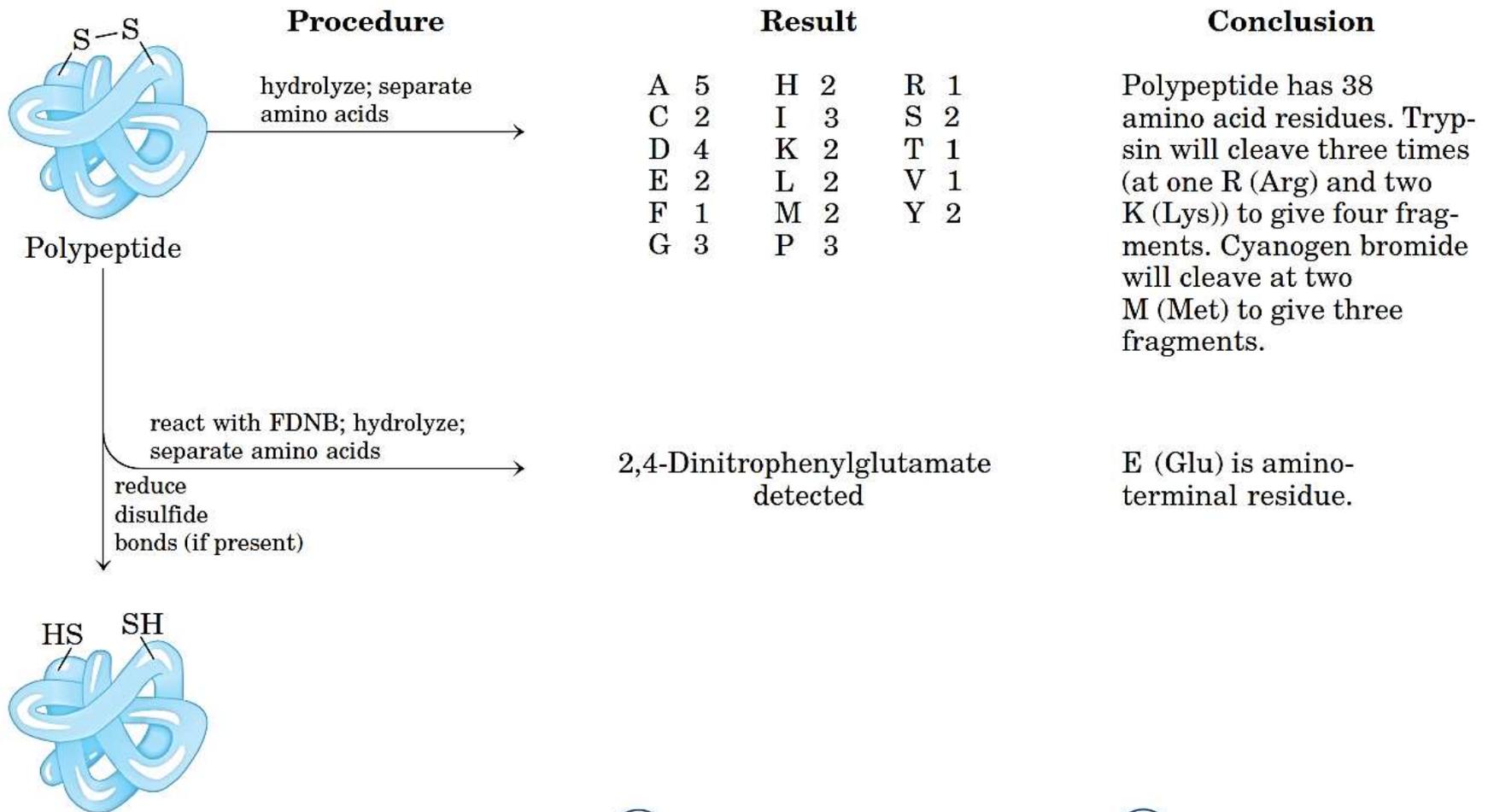
*All reagents except cyanogen bromide are proteases. All are available from commercial sources.

[†]Residues furnishing the primary recognition point for the protease or reagent; peptide bond cleavage occurs on either the carbonyl (C) or the amino (N) side of the indicated amino acid residues.

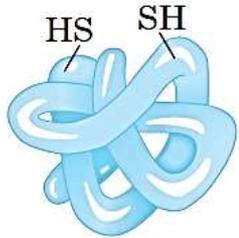
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Sample: Deduce the amino acid sequence of peptide chain



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cleave with **trypsin**;
separate fragments; sequence
by Edman degradation

- (T-1) GASMALIK
- (T-2) EGAAYHDFEPIDPR
- (T-3) DCVHSD
- (T-4) YLIACGPMTK

(T-2) placed at amino
terminus because it
begins with E (Glu).
(T-3) placed at carboxyl
terminus because it
does not end with
R (Arg) or K (Lys).

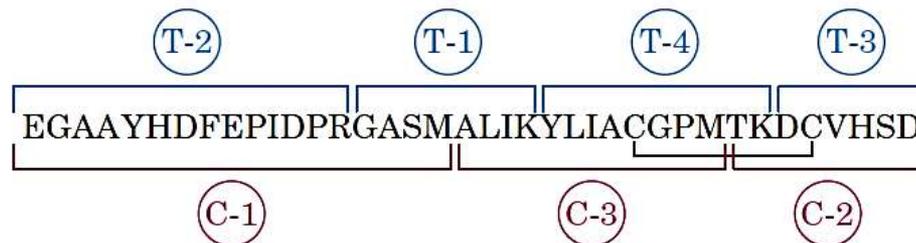
cleave with **cyanogen
bromide**; separate fragments;
sequence by Edman degradation

- (C-1) EGAAYHDFEPIDPRGASM
- (C-2) TKDCVHSD
- (C-3) ALIKYLIACGPM

(C-3) overlaps with
(T-1) and (T-4), allowing
them to be ordered.

establish
sequence

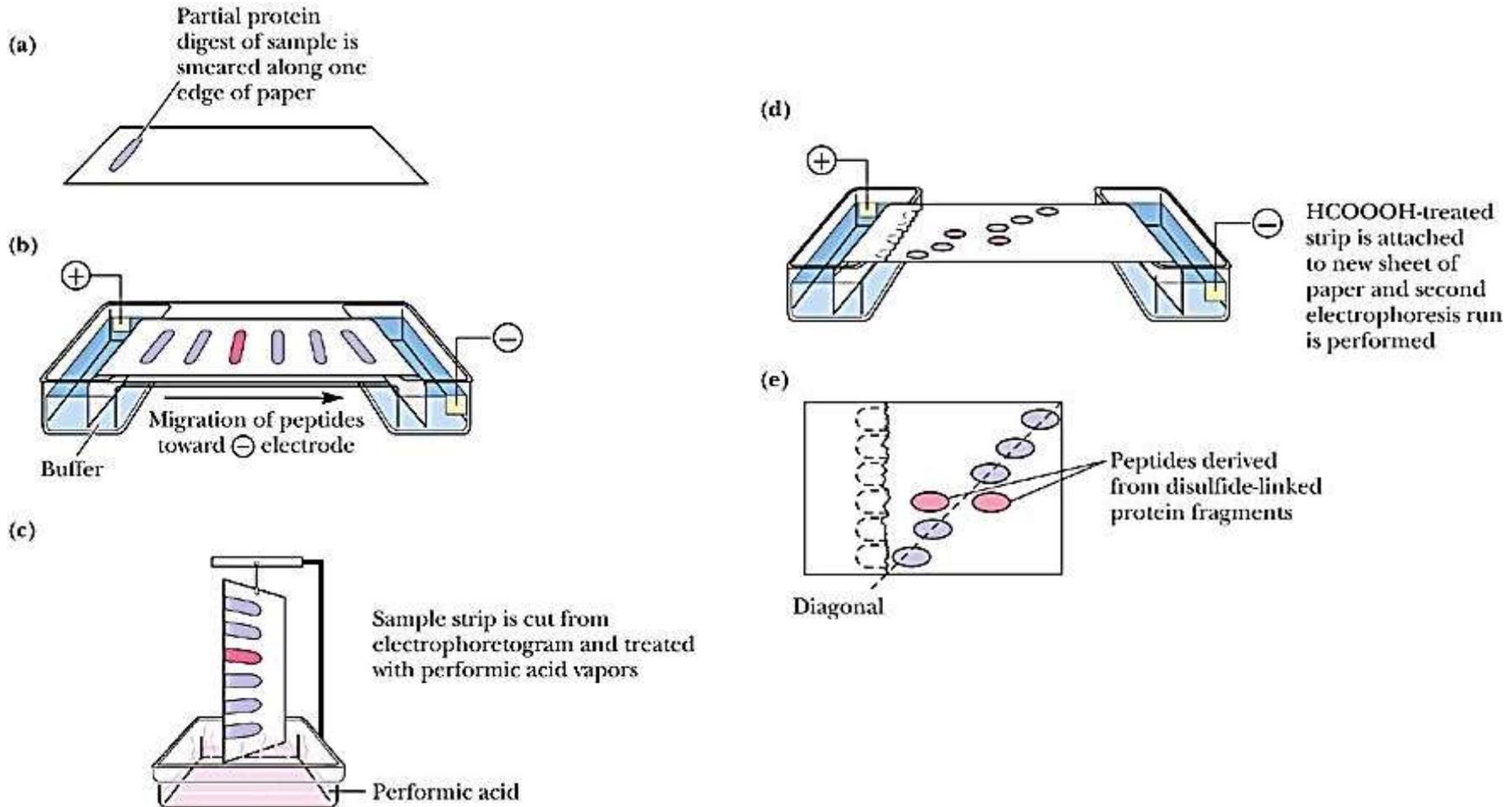
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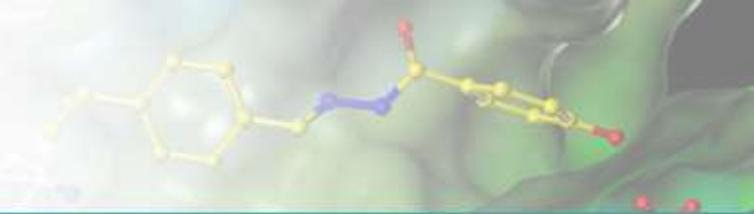
Carboxyl
terminus

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- Location of disulfide bonds

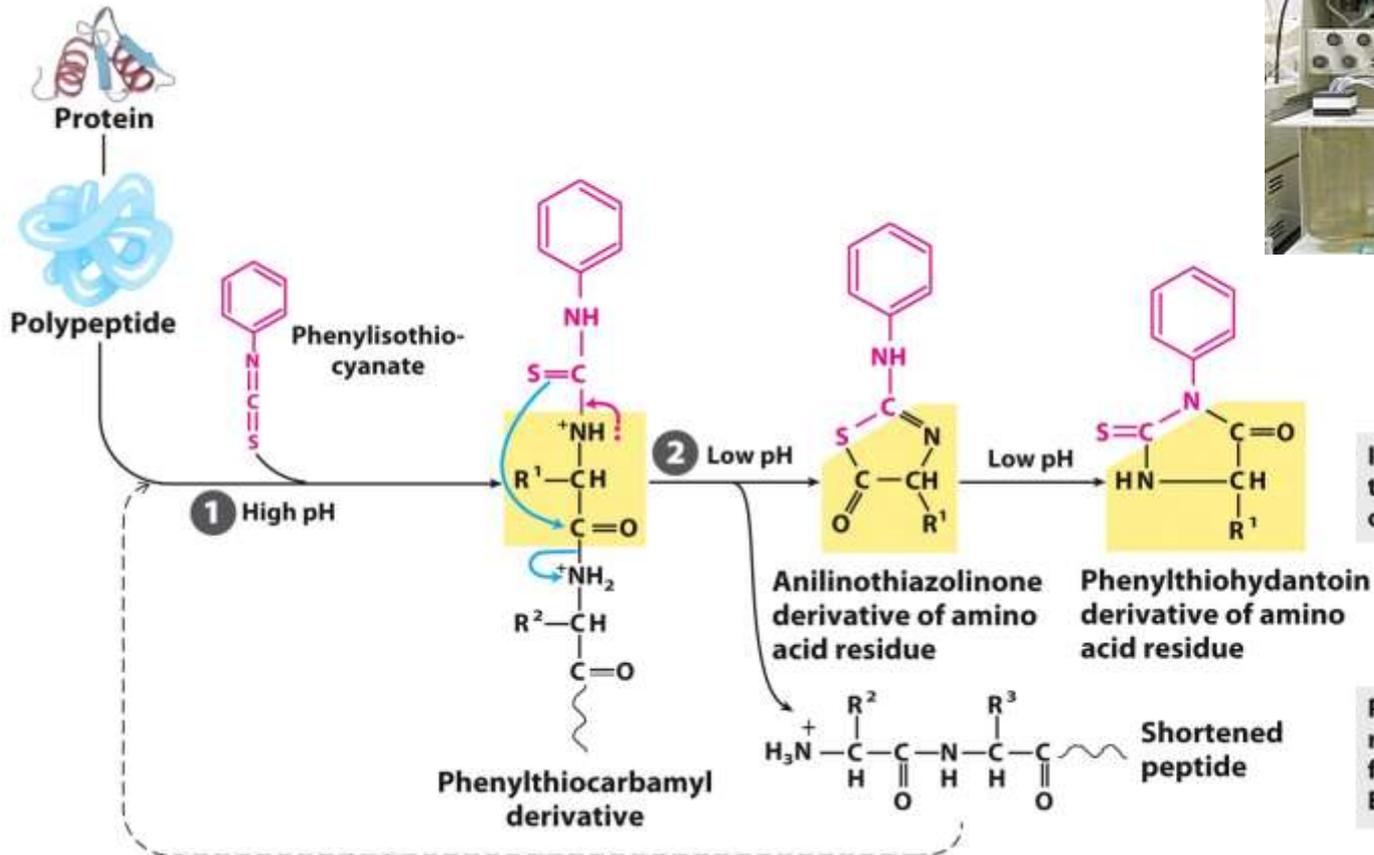


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- Sequencing of amino acids in polypeptide today

Edman sequenator

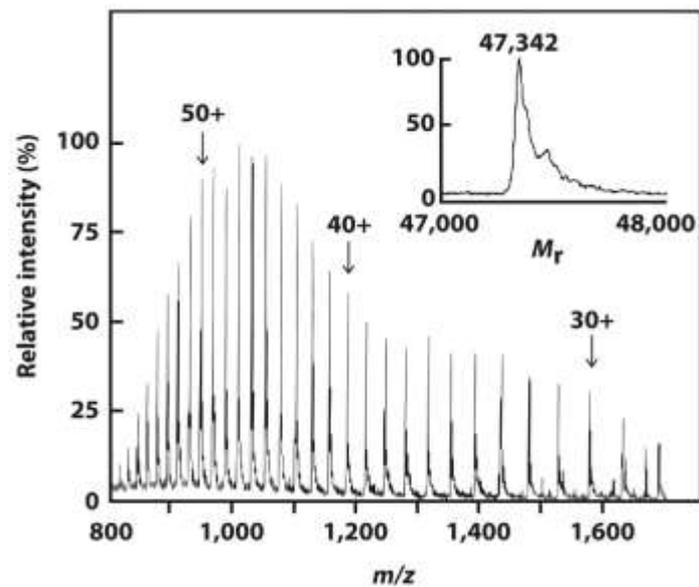
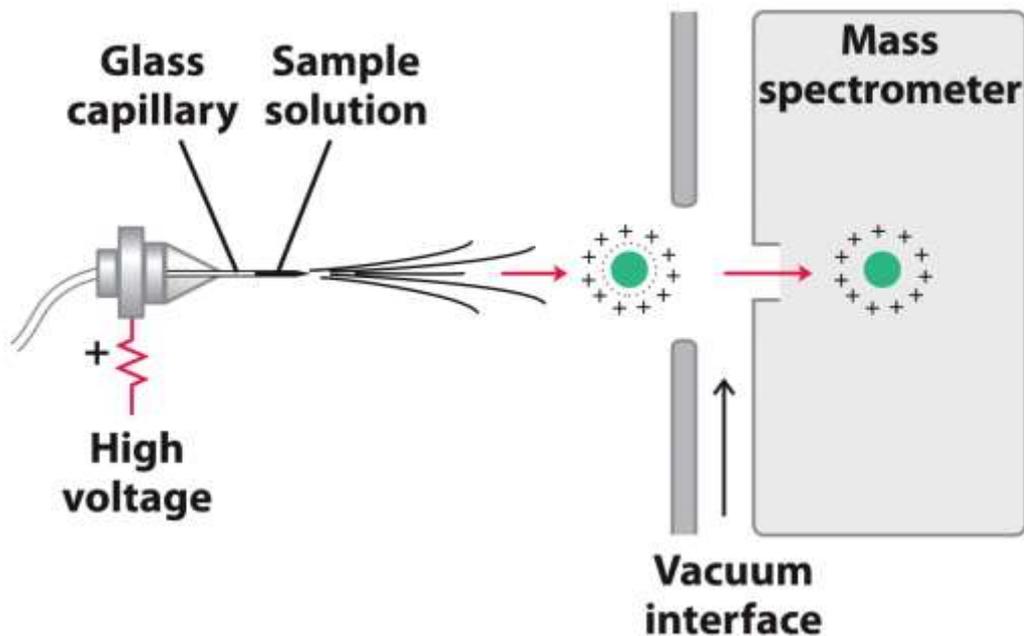
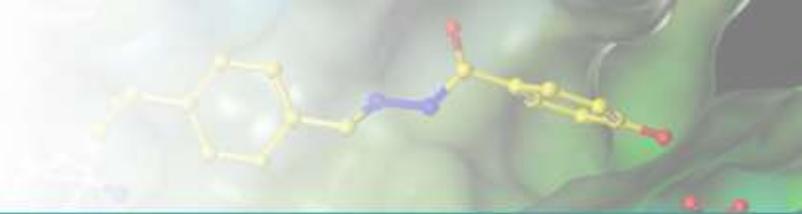


Identify amino-terminal residue of polypeptide.

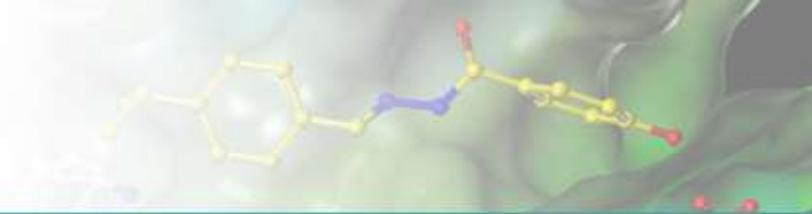
Purify and recycle remaining peptide fragment though Edman process.

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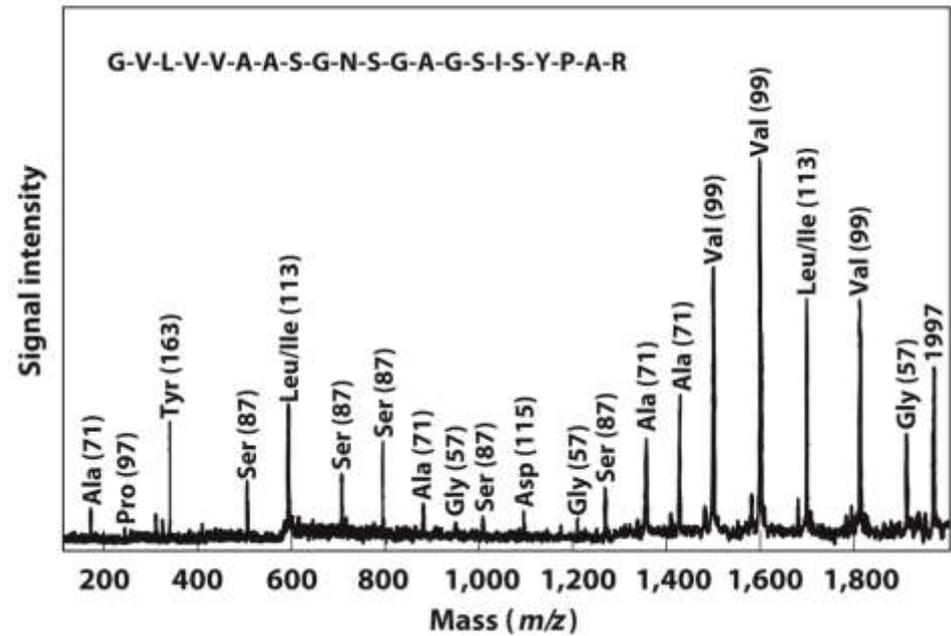
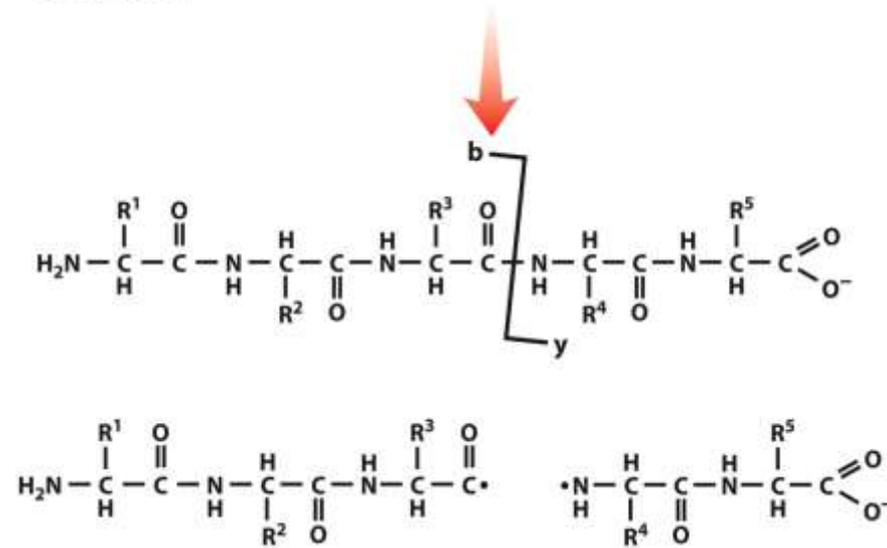
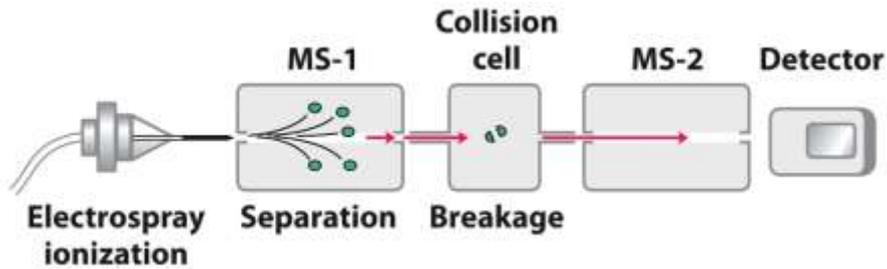
Mass spectrometry



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Obtaining protein sequence information with tandem MS



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■ Chemical synthesis of peptides



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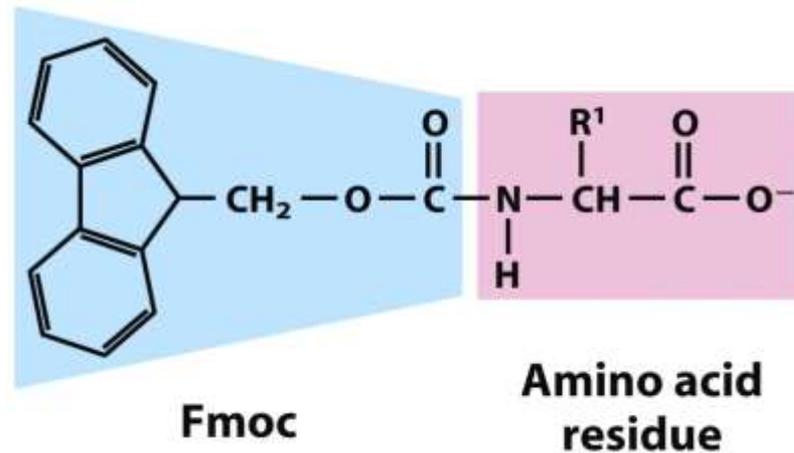
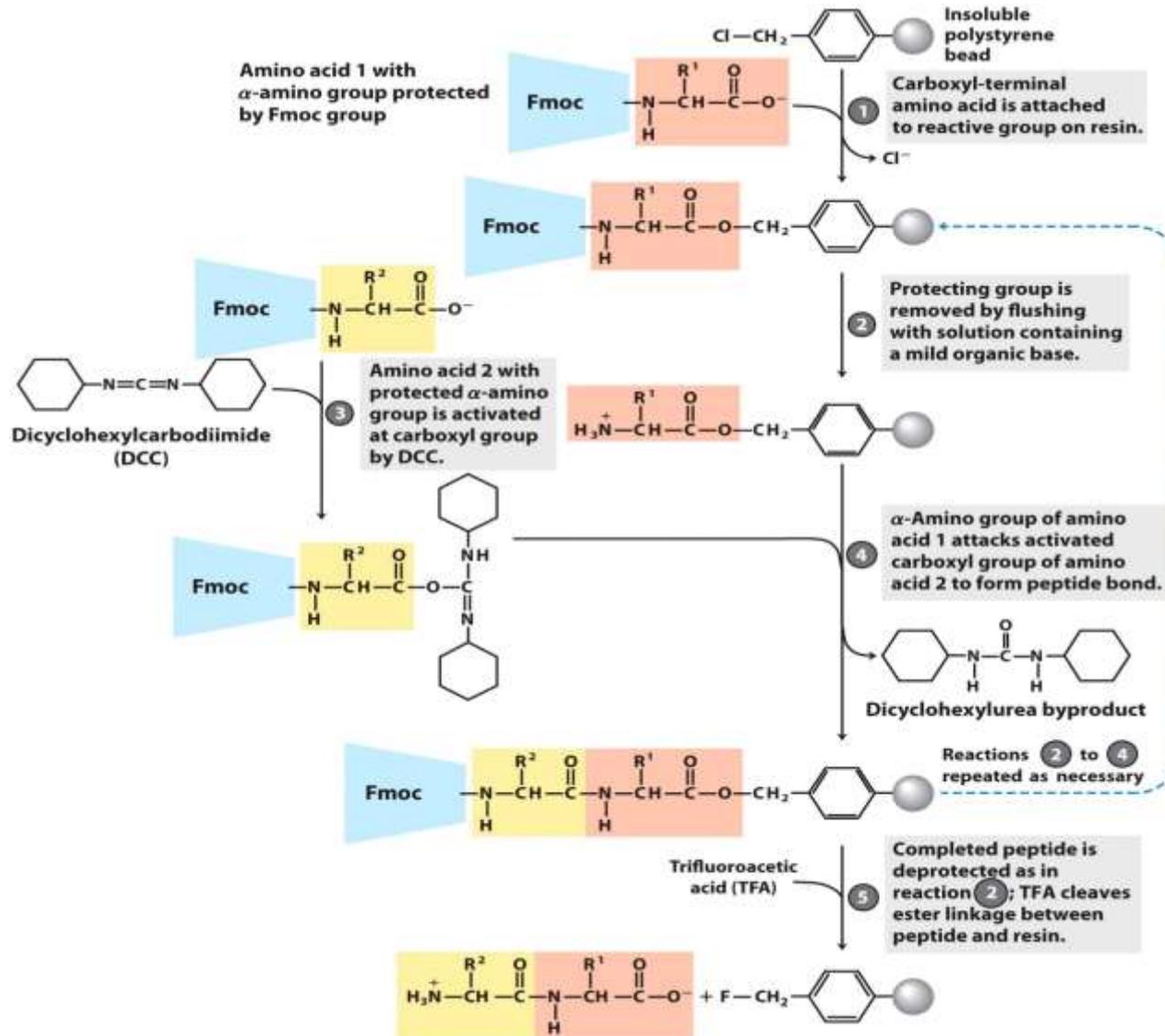


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9-fluorenylmethoxycarbonyl (Fmoc)

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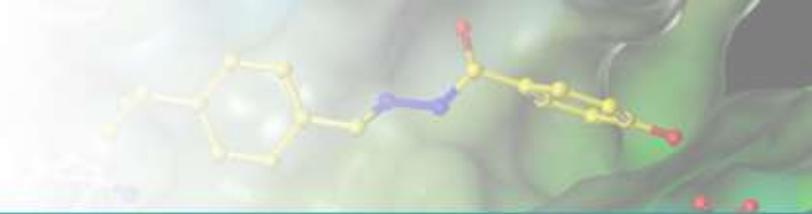
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TABLE 3-7 Effect of Stepwise Yield on Overall Yield in Peptide Synthesis

Number of residues in the final polypeptide	Overall yield of final peptide (%) when the yield of each step is:	
	96.0%	99.8%
11	66	98
21	44	96
31	29	94
51	13	90
100	1.8	82

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- Amino acid sequences provide important biochemical information

Domain prediction

Signal peptide prediction

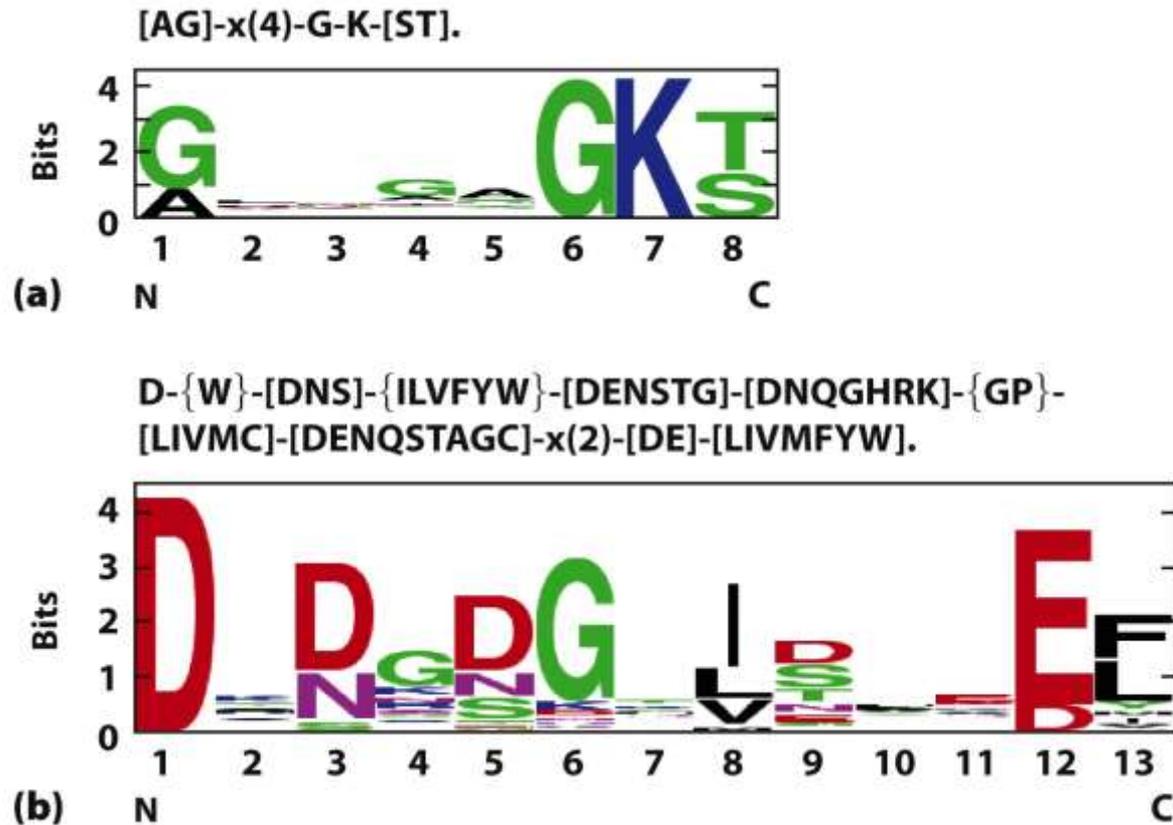
Function prediction

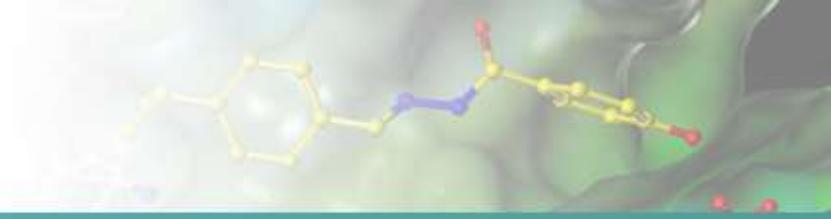
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Consensus sequence





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The 20 common amino acids, Chirality, Zwitterion of amino acids

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