

Integrated use of Databases in Structural Investigation of Complex Carbohydrates

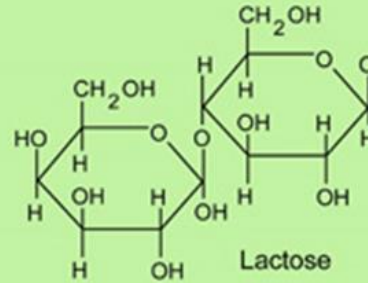
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Four Classes of Biological Molecules

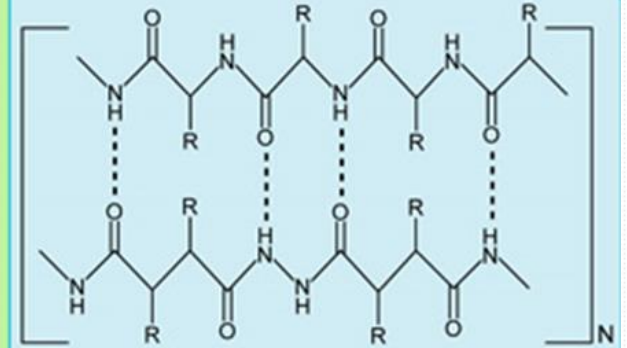
- Carbohydrates
- Proteins
- Nucleic Acids
- Lipids

Glycans are made up of individual **sugar units** linked to one another in a multitude of ways

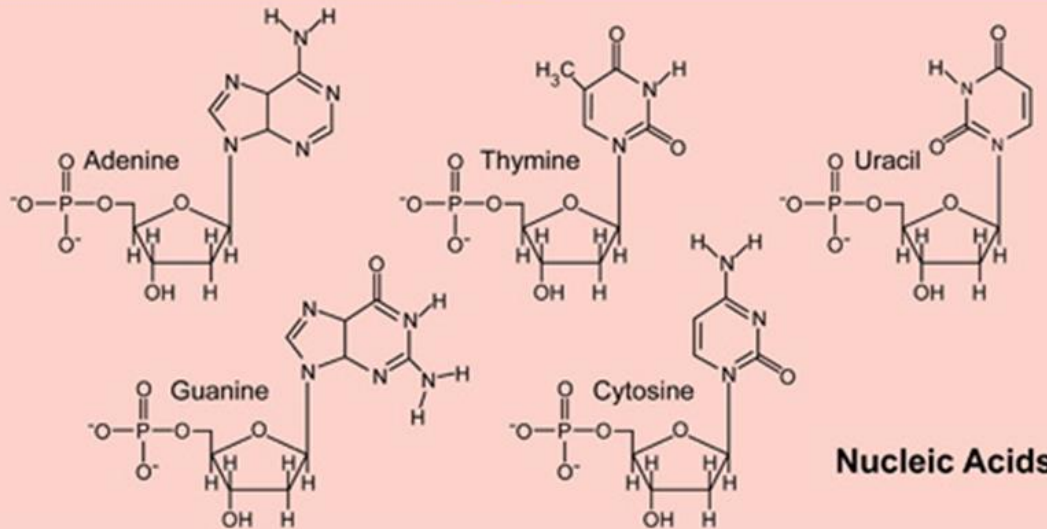


Lactose

Carbohydrates



Proteins



Nucleic Acids



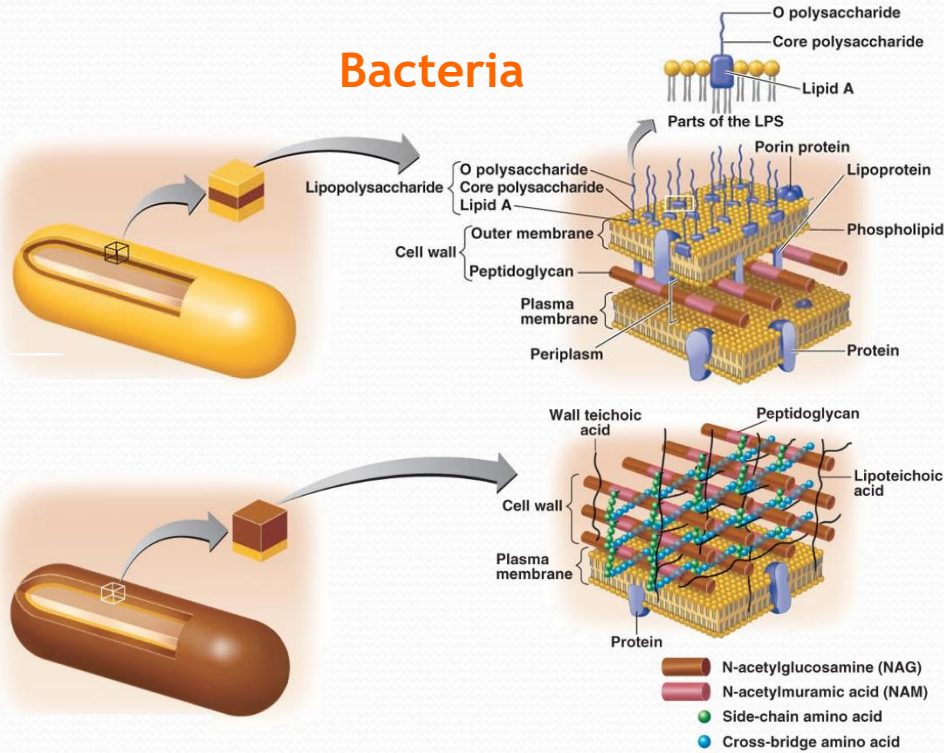
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Fatty acid

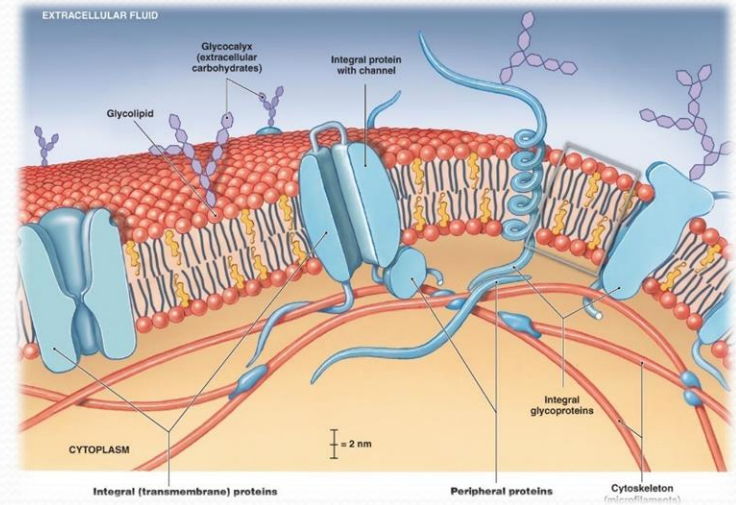


GLYCOCONJUGATES AS KEY MEDIATORS IN CELLULAR SOCIAL LIFE

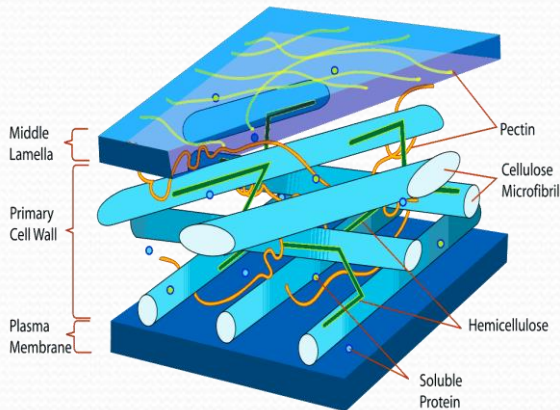
Bacteria



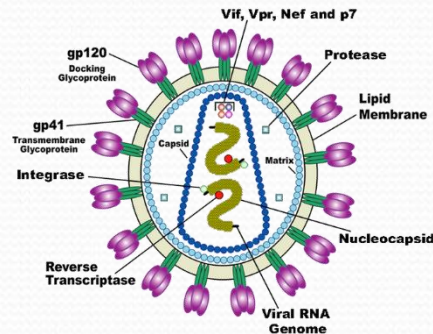
Humans/Animals



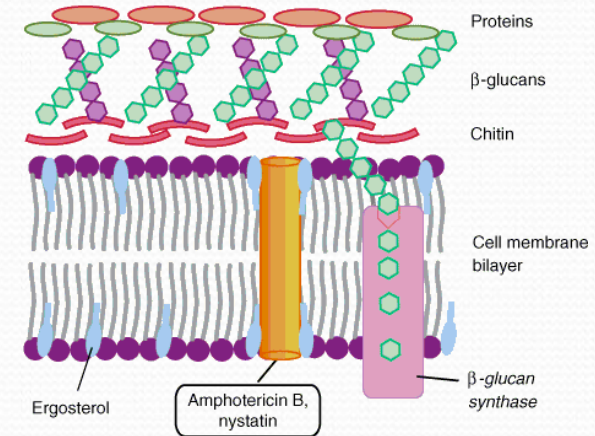
Plants



Viruses



Fungi

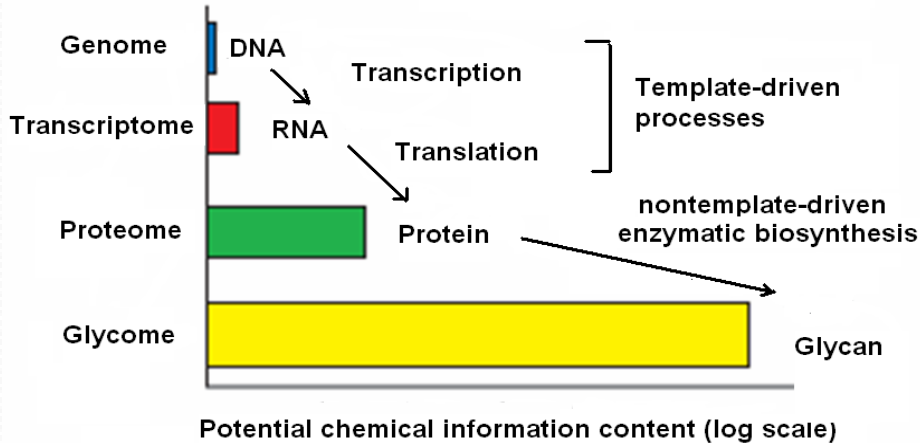


Glycans play critical functions in the areas of cell signaling, molecular recognition, immunity, and inflammation

Complexity of Glycans



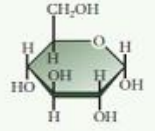

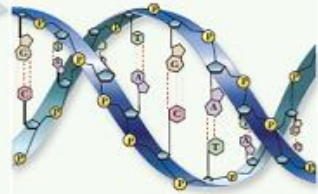
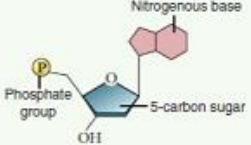




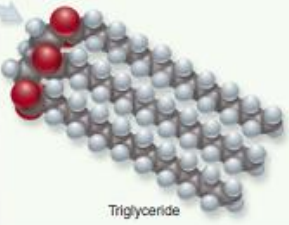

4 L-aminoacids \implies 256 tetra-peptides

4 D-aldohexoses \implies 7.602.176 tetrasaccharides

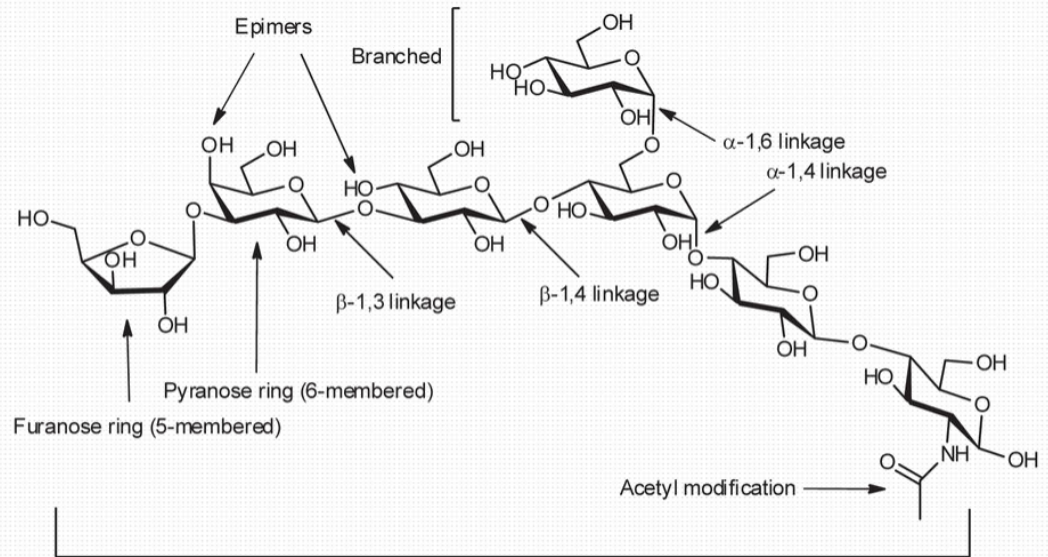
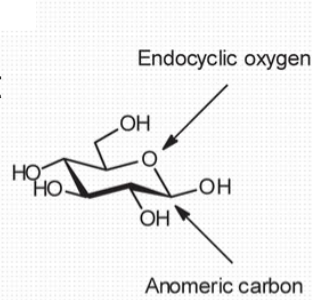


Protein and nucleic acid biopolymers are linear

Every building block is linked to the next through the same kind of connection...

	Cellular Structure	Polymer	Monomer
Carbohydrate	 Starch grains in a chloroplast	 Starch	 Monosaccharide
Nucleic Acid	 Chromosome	 DNA strand	 Nucleotide
Protein	 Intermediate filament	 Polypeptide	 Amino acid
Lipid	 Adipose cell with fat droplets	 Triglyceride	 Fatty acid

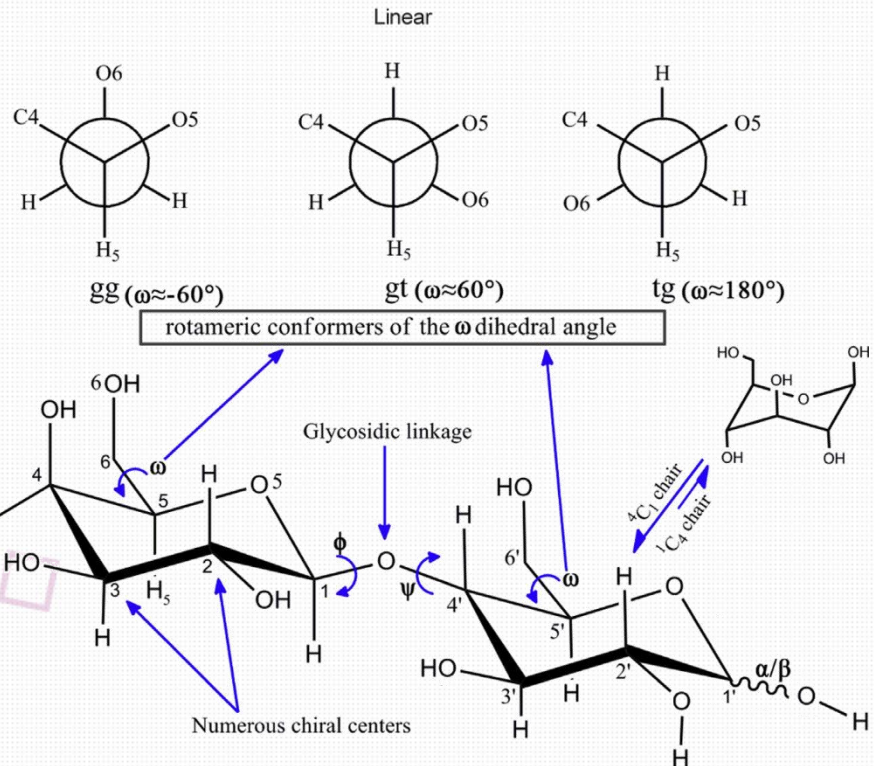
..sugar building blocks can be linked together at many different sites and in different spatial orientations



Not always linear polymers but frequently branched...

Tracey M. Gloster *Biochem. Soc. Trans.* 2012;40:913-928

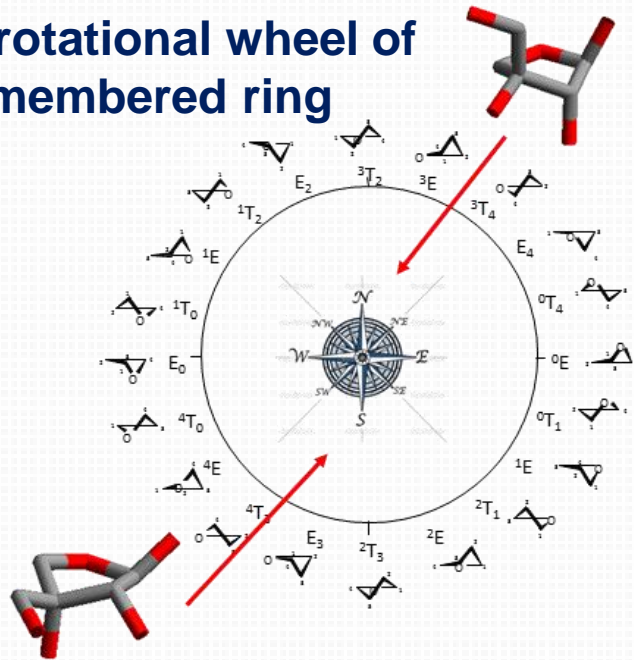
..Not to speak about conformation!



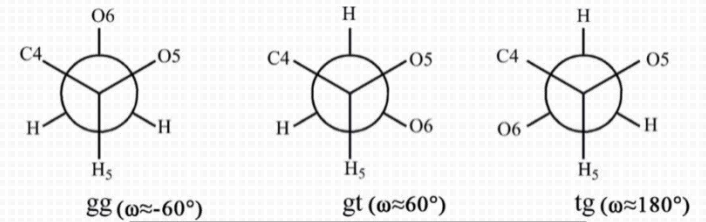
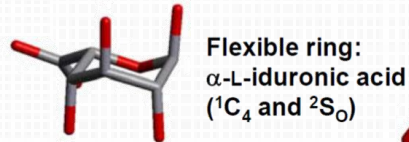
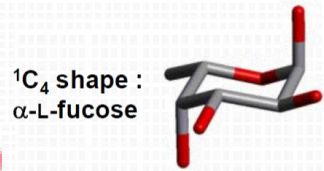
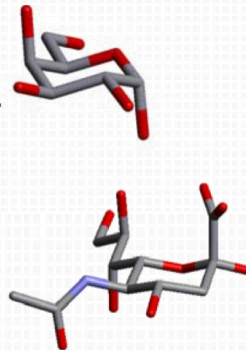
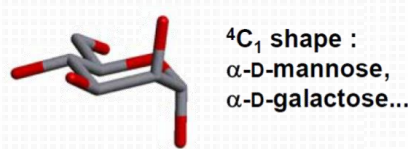
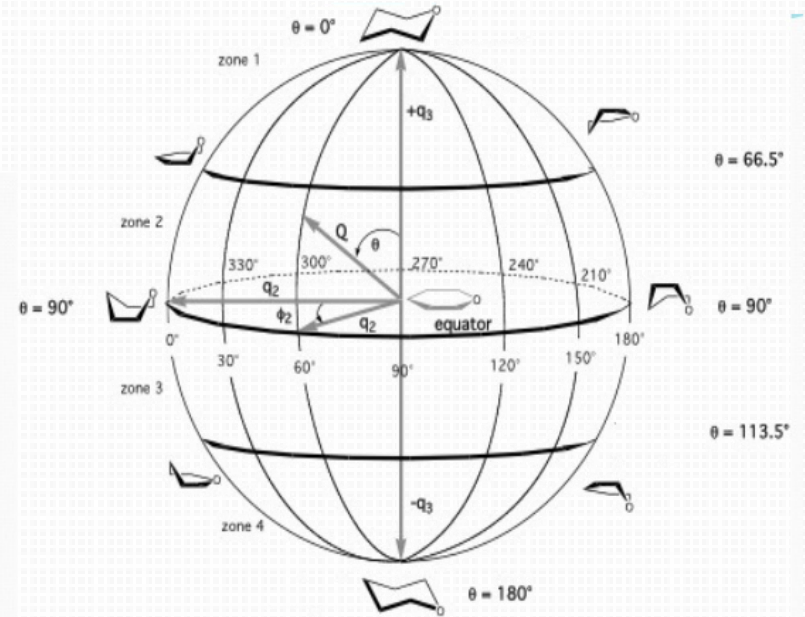
X. Xiong et al. *Carbohydrate Research* 401 (2015) 73–81

FLEXIBILITY AND SHAPES OF 5-/6- MEMBERED SUGAR RINGS

Pseudo-rotational wheel of five-membered ring



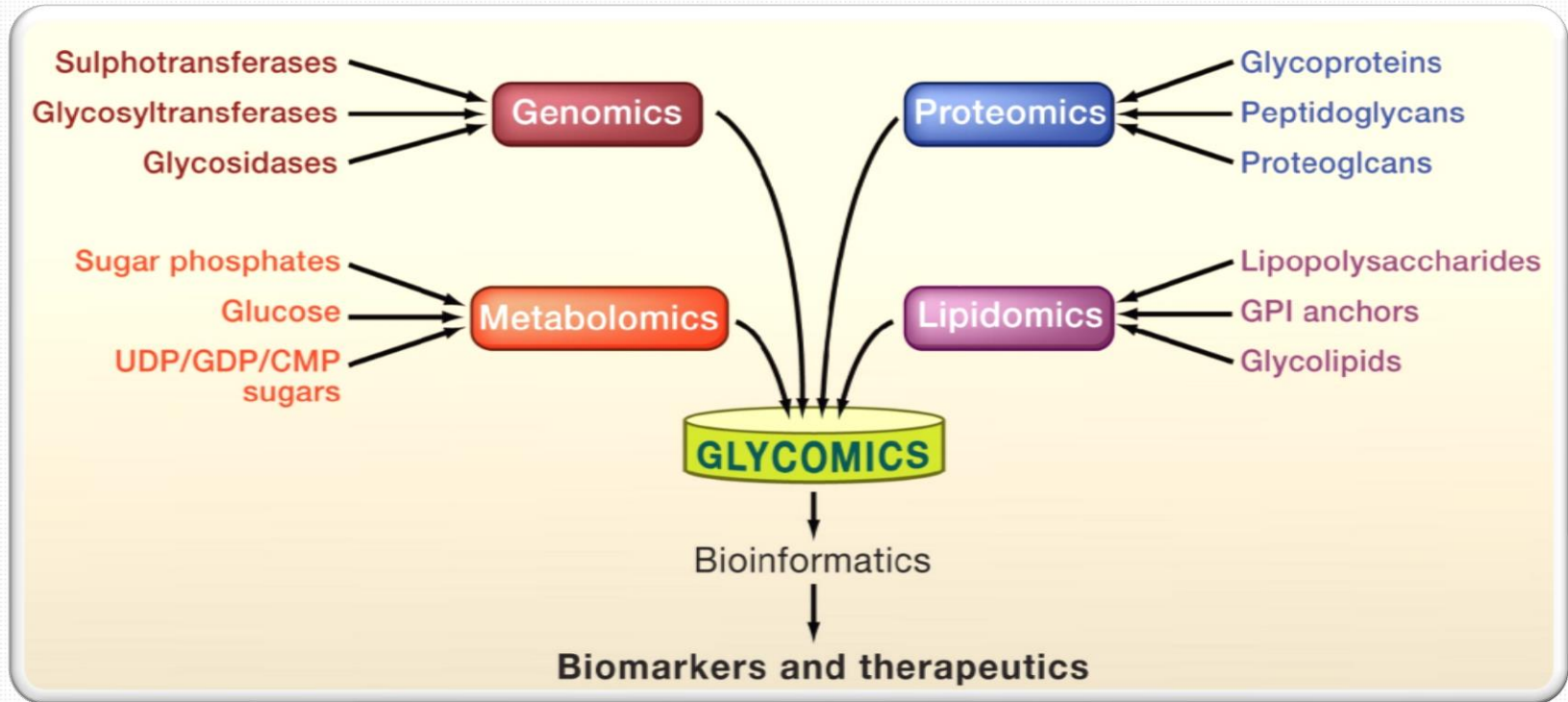
Degree of puckering of six-membered ring



Three staggered rotameric conformers in sugar with an exocyclic hydroxymethyl group

Glycomics: the knowledge of the structure and function of glycans linked to proteins or lipids

Complex glycans ↔ complexity of biology
target and diagnostic for human, animal and plant health



Hart, G. W. and R. J. Copeland (2010). "Glycomics Hits the Big Time." Cell 143(5): 672-676.

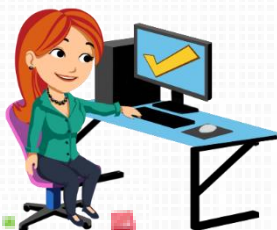
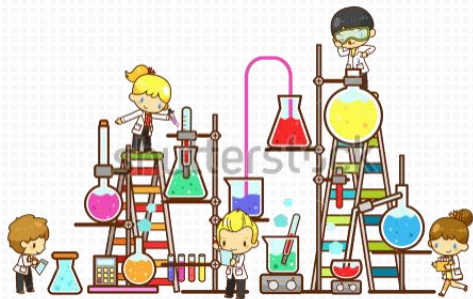
**No template to predict sugar sequences
from the genome**



DATABASES and TOOLS USEFUL IN THE ANALYSIS OF COMPLEX GLYCAN STRUCTURE

➤ Glycan nomenclature

- ❑ Monosaccharide DB



➤ Carbohydrate databases

- ❑ GlyTouCan
- ❑ CFG-Glycan database
- ❑ UniCarbDB
- ❑ CSDB
- ❑ KEGG GLYCAN
- ❑ EPS database

➤ Glycan NMR tools

- ❑ MestreJ
- ❑ CASPER

➤ Glycan MS tools

- ❑ GlycoWorkBench
- ❑ Glycopedia
- ❑ CCRC spectral database
- ❑ GlycoStore

➤ Glycan 3D Modeling

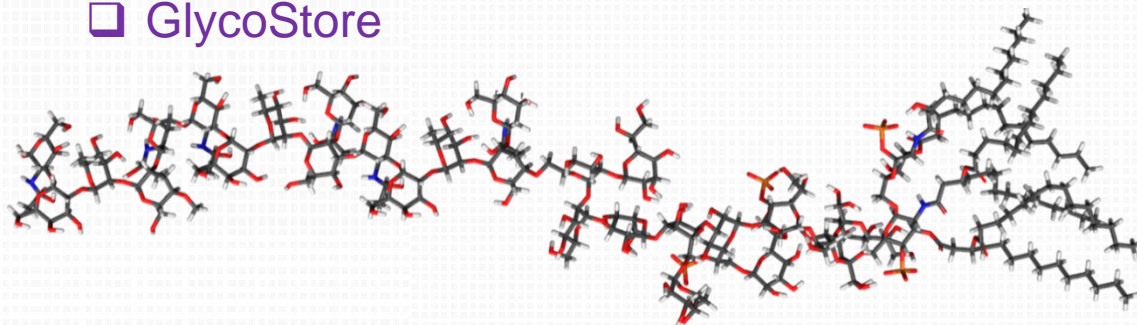
- ❑ Glycosciences.de
- ❑ Glyco3D
- ❑ Glycam
- ❑ GLYCAN
- ❑ GlycanBuilder

➤ Glycan Binding

- ❑ SugarBindDB
- ❑ GlycoEpitope

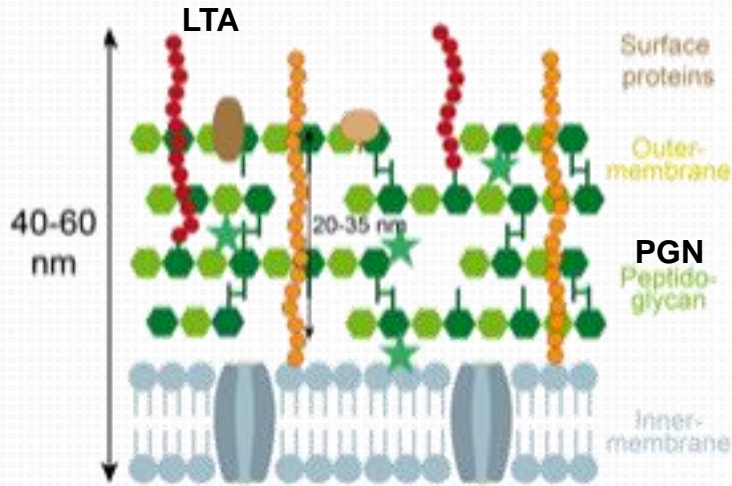
➤ Others..

- ❑ GlycoProtDB
- ❑ www.stenutz.eu
- ❑ GlycoGeneDatabase

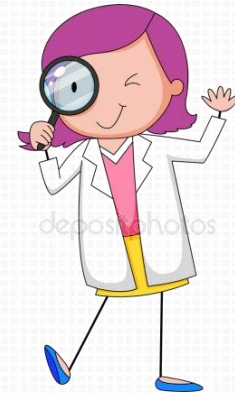
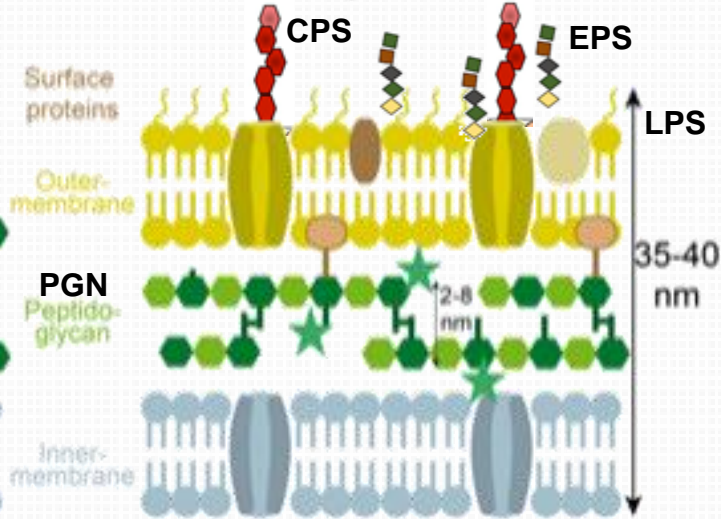


BACTERIAL POLYSACCHARIDES

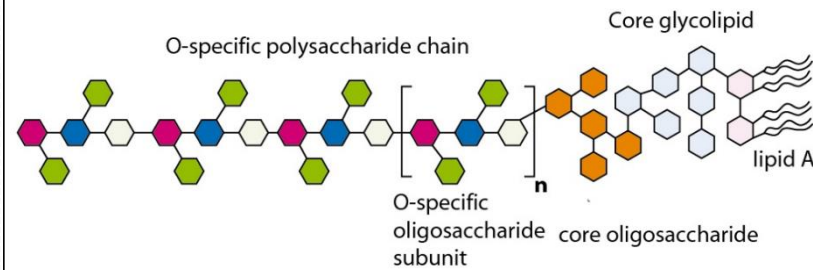
Envelope of Gram-positive bacteria



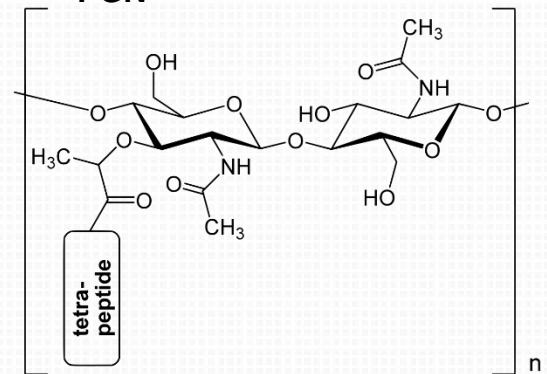
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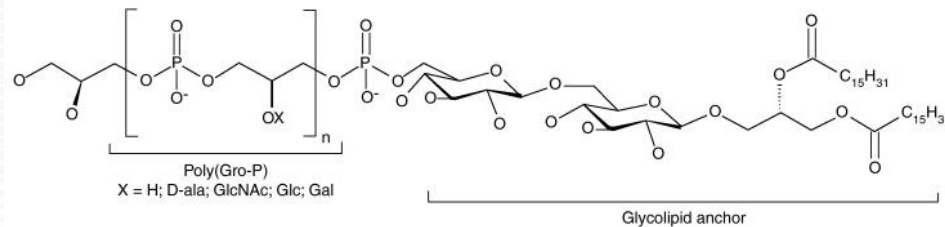
Gram-negative bacterial endotoxin (lipopolysaccharide, LPS)



PGN



LTA



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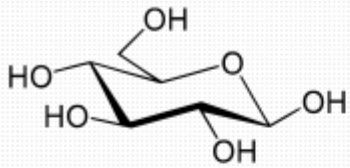
Which are the monosaccharides
constituting the glycan?

How the monosaccharides are
linked together?

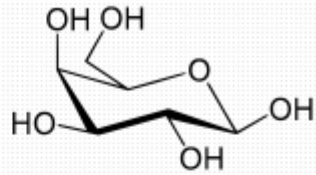
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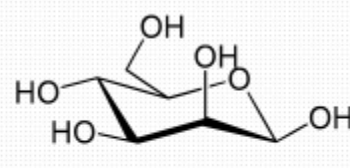
EUKARYOTIC MONOSACCHARIDES



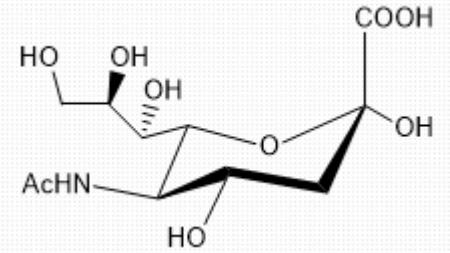
β -D-Glc



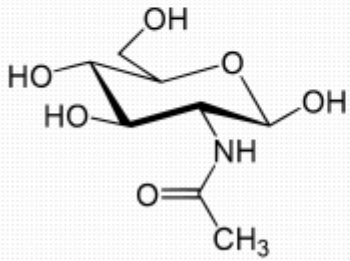
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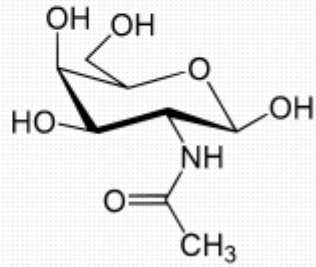
β -D-Man



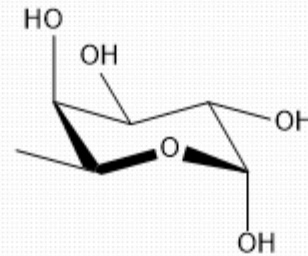
α -D-Neu5Ac



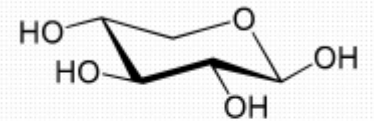
β -D-GlcNAc



β -D-GalNAc



α -L-Fuc

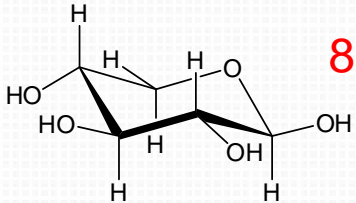


β -D-Xyl

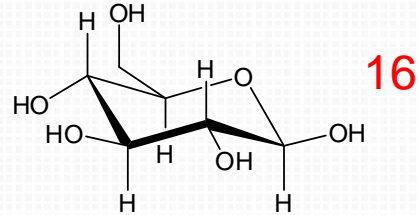


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Pentose



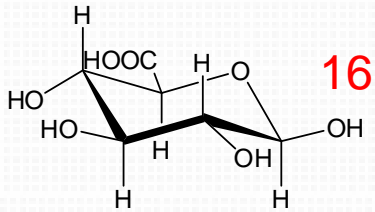
Hexose



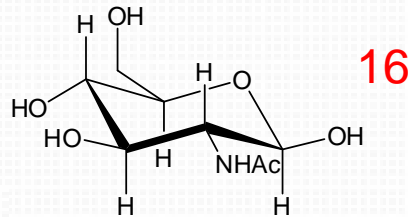
Ulosonic acids

Kdo
Sialic acid
Legionamminic acid
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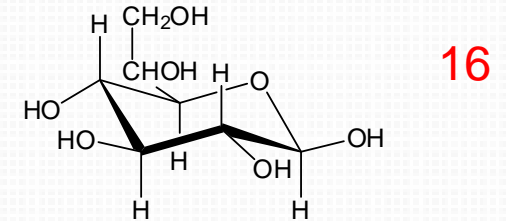
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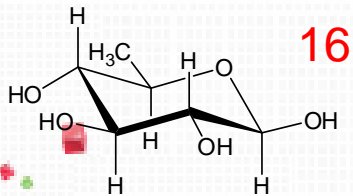
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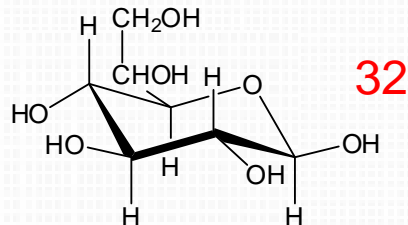
2-Aminuronic acids



Deoxysugars



Heptose



Dideoxysugars

Aminodeoxysugars
Branched sugars
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GlycoRDF Resource Description Framework

<http://www.glycoinfo.org/GlycoRDF/>

Common ontology for representing glycan structures and their pertinent metadata

Representation format	Pros	Cons
IUPAC condensed/IUPAC extended	Fairly human readable; standardized by the IUPAC commission	Somewhat computer readable, but variations exist between databases
LINUXS	Somewhat human readable	Can only represent completely defined structures (no ambiguity allowed)
CarbBank 2D notation	Human readable	Difficult for computer to process
BCSDB linear code	Can represent rare and complex oligosaccharides including those found in bacteria and plants	Difficult for humans to read
KCF	Uses graph notation; can represent ambiguous structures	Monosaccharide representation is ambiguous, making integration with other databases difficult
Linear code [®]	Compact representation	Not human readable
GlycoCT	Uses graph notation; has strict rules to represent monosaccharides	Uses a library to represent substituents, which makes it difficult to update and integrate with other databases
GLYDE-II	Uses XML notation, making database integration and exchange easier	Not human readable
WURCS	Can uniquely represent any sequence, including those containing rare monosaccharides and ambiguous linkages	Not human readable

MonosaccharideDB

<http://www.monosaccharidedb.org/>

- Comprehensive resource of monosaccharides
- Dynamic dictionary
- Translate residue names from one notation to another



MonosaccharideDB [Home](#) [Notation](#) [Database](#)

Notation		
Scheme: ?	Name:	Separate Substituents:
MonosaccharideDB	b-dglc-HEX-1:5 (2d:1)n-acetyl	
CarbBank	b-D-GlcpNAc	
Glycosciences.de	b-D-GlcpNAc	
GlycoCT	b-dglc-HEX-1:5	▪ (2d-1) n-acetyl
CFG	GNb	
BCSDB	bDGlepN	▪ (2-1) Ac
GLYCAM	0YB	
Protein Data Bank	NAG	
IUPAC	2-acetamido-2-deoxy-beta-D-Glucopyranose	

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Complex operation of bench
organic and analytical organic
chemistry are needed!



Bacterial
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Extractions

Purifications

Derivatizations

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A practical guide to structural analysis of carbohydrates

Phenol-water extraction

AdChoices

Extraction Water

Water Purification

Density Water

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Structural analysis

- Introduction
- Component analysis
 - Sugar analysis
 - Using morpholinoborane
 - Using trifluoroacetates
 - Solvolysis with HF
 - Solvolysis with Methanol
- Linkage analysis
 - Methylation - DMSO
 - Methylation of LOS
 - Methyl iodide/NaOH
 - Carboxyl reduction 1
 - Carboxyl reduction 2
 - Dimethyl sodium
- Specific degradations
 - Smith degradation
 - Uronic acid degradation
- Solute configuration
 - Hydrated butyl glycosides
 - Acetylated butyl glycosides
- Purification
 - Dialysis of LPS
 - Phenol-water extraction
 - RNase treatment
 - Protease treatment
 - Removal of

Phenol-water extraction separates proteins from bacterial extracts. The principle for the separation is that a 50/50 mixture of phenol and water is heated to 65-68 °C at which temperature only one homogenous phase is present. After cooling two phases are obtained and the polysaccharides and nucleic acids are in the water phase and the proteins in the phenol phase. A totally insoluble fraction, mostly cell remains, is obtained either at the interface or at the bottom if centrifuged hard. Sometimes the polysaccharide, in particular rough LPS, goes to the phenol phase which should be analysed for carbohydrates before being discarded.

Reagents

- Stirrer ca 300 rpm, propeller
- 1L Duran bottle with wide neck.
- 90% aqueous phenol

Procedure

- Suspend 20 g bacteria in 350 mL of hot water (65-68 °C).
- Add 350 mL of 90% phenol (65-68 °C) under vigorous stirring.
- Stir for 1h at 65-68 °C.
- Cool in an ice bath to ca 10 °C, or leave overnight in refrigerator.
- Separate in separatory funnel if possible, or centrifuge at 3000 rpm 30 for 45 min, or pour everything in dialysis bag.
- The upper, water layer is saved (not the interphase).
- Treat the residual phenol phase and interphase, if any, with another volume of hot water and proceed as described.
- Dialyse the combined water extracts 2-4 days in first tap water and then distilled water.
- Concentrate to a volume suitable for freeze-drying and freeze-dry.

Comments

- Sodium salts of LPS do not dissolve in H₂O but form micelles and give a colloidal mixture.
- 90% aqueous phenol is a liquid and there much more convenient to handle than solid phenol. The separation of LPS from cell wall often requires stirring at high speed. If the stirring is too efficient foam will be formed and the total volume increase. In many cases loss of material will result.
- Sometimes only 15-30 minutes is required for the extraction.

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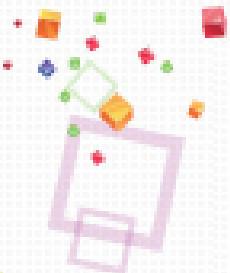
Chemical
structure



Once extracted and purified the polysaccharide material, it is necessary to define several items..

Toward the determination of glycan structure..

- **Monosaccharide composition:** nature of each constituting monosaccharide along with absolute configuration.
- **Linkage patterns:** monosaccharide positions involved in the glycosidic linkages. Determination of possible branching points.
- **Ring size:** distinction between pyranose or furanose ring.
- **Anomeric configuration:** α - or β -configuration at the glycosidic linkage.
- **Sequences of monosaccharide** residues and, if the glycan has a regular structure, determination of the repeating unit.
- Identification, localization and distribution of **possible substituents** on hydroxyl groups.
- **Molecular size.**



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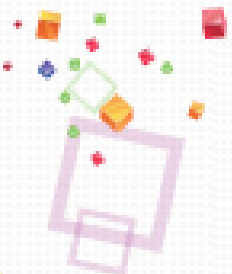
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The use of different analytical techniques, complementing them with bioinformatic tools, is necessary!!

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MS TOOLS for GLYCANS STRUCTURE DETERMINATION



GlycoWorkBench

Widespread open source software containing an extensive library of fragmentation types

MS spectrometry
MALDI & ESI MS
methods

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Compares each peak of a measured mass spectrum with the calculated fragments of all structures contained in the SweetDB database

GlycoSearchMS

Partial de novo algorithm for sequencing glycan structures based on MS/MS spectra

Predicts the possible oligosaccharide structures that occur on proteins from their experimentally determined masses

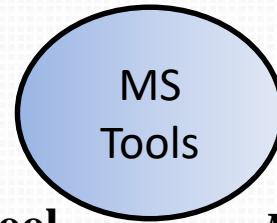
GlycoMod
Glyco-Peakfinder

Glycofragment
Glycoforest

Chromatographic, electrophoretic and mass-spectrometry composition database of N-, O-, glycosphingolipid and free oligosaccharides

Collection of tandem mass spectral data of glycans (experimentally acquired)

NIST Glycan MS library (on line)



Glycostore
GlycosidIQ

Generates a theoretical peak list for each structure in the database by computing all its theoretical fragments

Generates only the N-linked glycans possibly synthesized by mammalian cells using a set of archetypal structures

Cartoonist tool

MultiGlycan

Helps user to gather glycan profile information from LC-MS Spectra

Computational method for glycan structure alignment and similarity measurement

GS-align

STAT / Oscar

Generate candidate structures from an estimated composition selected by the user amongst those compatible with the precursor mass

GRITS Toolbox

Modular software suite for processing, annotating and archiving of glycomics data

MS spectrometry

TOOLS for N-GLYCANS STRUCTURE DETERMINATION



GlycoWorkBench

Environment in which structure models can be assembled and their mass computed

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In silico fragmentation engines



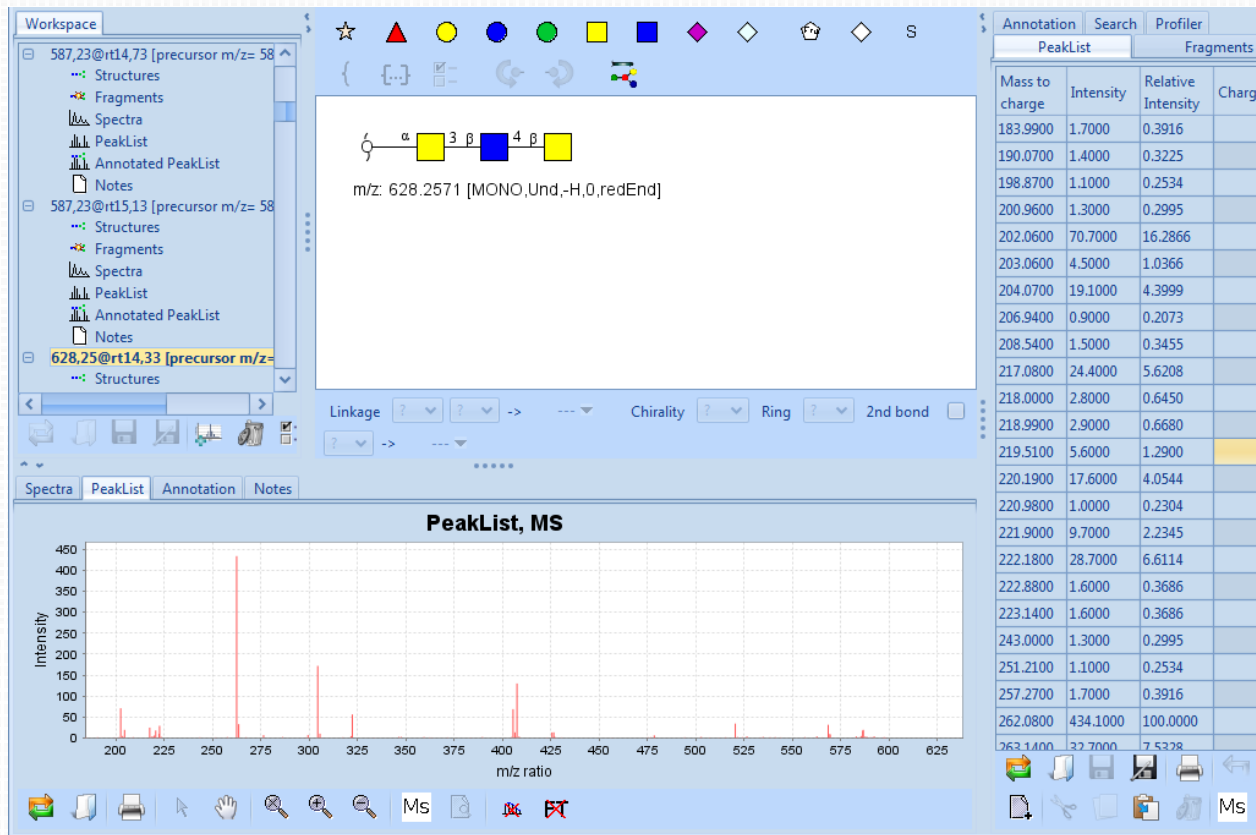
Computation of theoretical fragments
(so glycosidic and cross-ring)



Matching with MS/MS data



Glycan structure



https://download.cnet.com/GlycoWorkbench-64-bit/3000-2383_4-75758804.html

Ceroni A. et al *J. Proteome Res.*, 2008, 7 (4), pp 1650–1659.

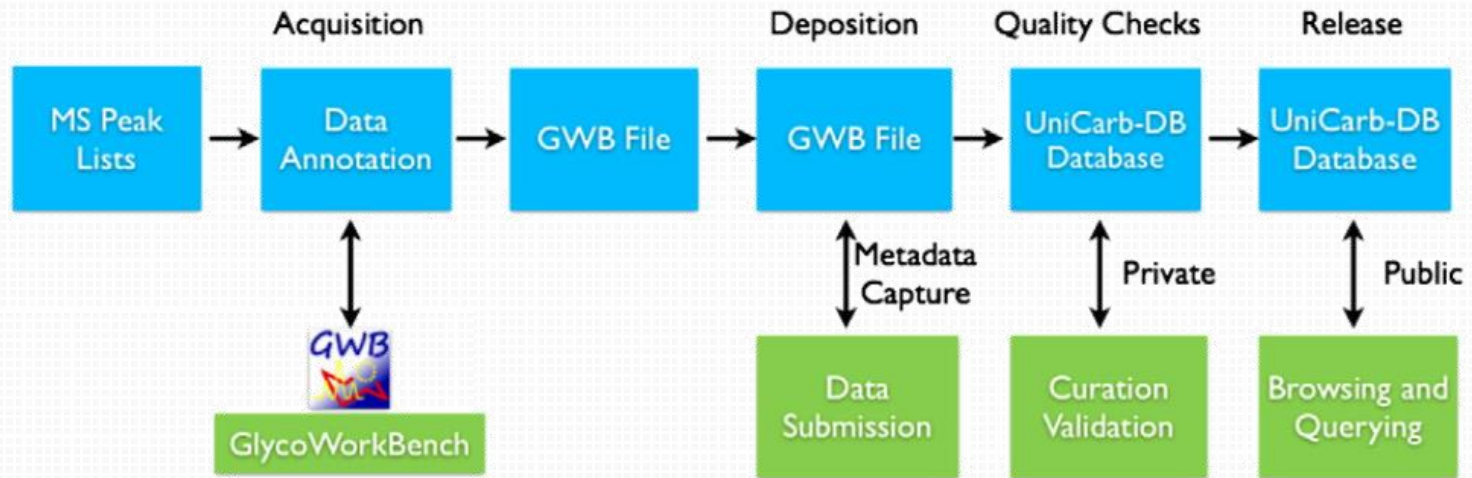
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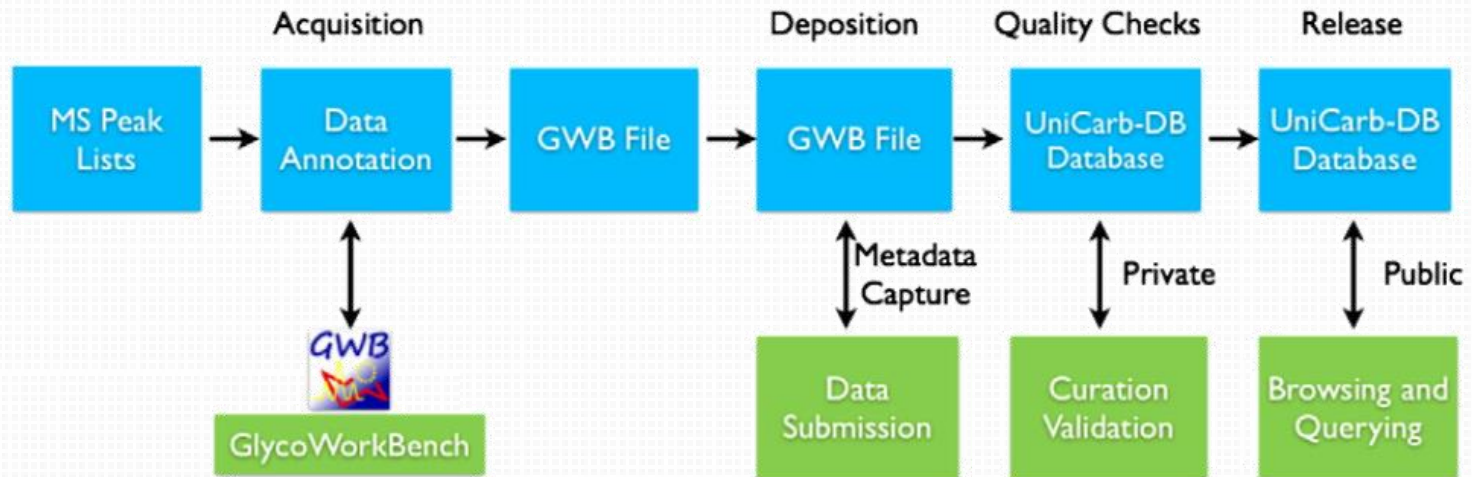
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MIRAGE: Minimum Information Required for A Glycomic Experiment
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GlyTouCan: International glycan structure repository
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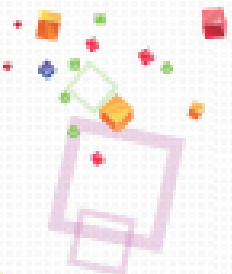
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Toward the determination of glycan structure..

- **Monosaccharide composition:** nature of each constituting monosaccharide along with absolute configuration.
- **Linkage patterns:** monosaccharide positions involved in the glycosidic linkages. Determination of possible branching points.
- **Ring size:** distinction between pyranose or furanose ring.
- **Anomeric configuration:** α - or β -configuration at the glycosidic linkage.
- **Sequences of monosaccharide** residues and, if the glycan has a regular structure, determination of the repeating unit.
- Identification, localization and distribution of **possible substituents** on hydroxyl groups.
- **Molecular size.**



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Gas Chromatography - Mass Spectrometry for Glycosciences

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Mini DB of MS spectra of four types of derivatives:



- Acetylated alditols
- Acetylated methyl glycosides
- Partially methylated and acetylated alditols
- Acetylated octyl (or butyl) glycosides

Box 3: Acetylated Methyl Glycosides (AMG)

- Advantages:
 - Less reactions' step compared to Acetylated Alditols
 - O.N. reaction yields to almost complete methanolysis of the product
 - No free aldehyde group is produced during methanolysis \Rightarrow monosaccharide degradation is minimized
 - Suitable for most type of sugars
 - Hexoses
 - Aminosugars
 - Uronic acid
 - Ulosonic acids
- Limits:
 - One sugar \Rightarrow more peaks
 - Respect anhydrous conditions during methanolysis
 - Ketose residues are lost

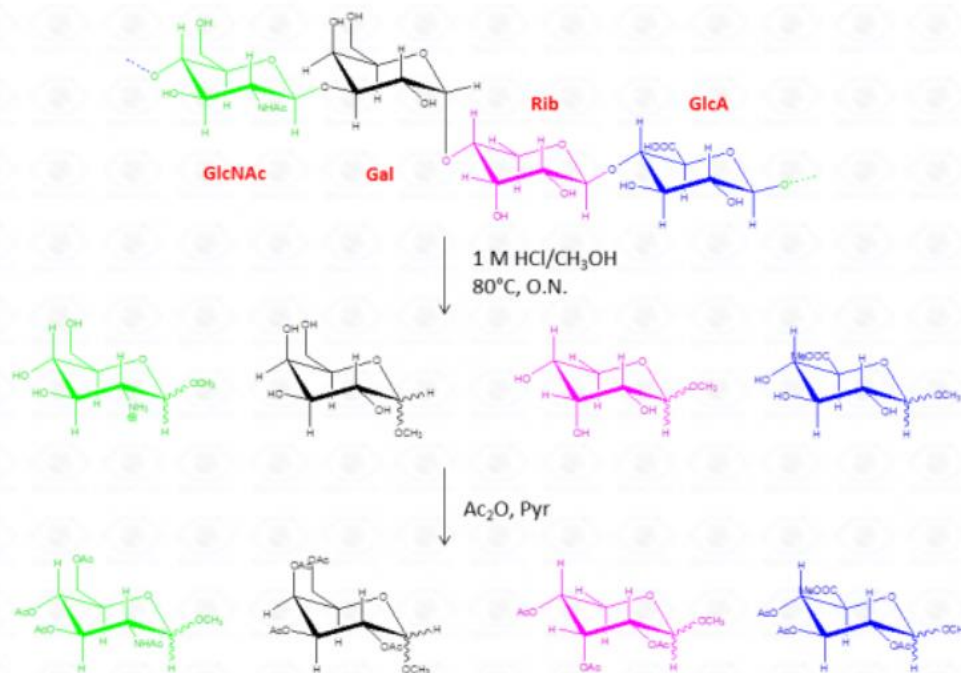


Figure 10 : Scheme of the reactions occurring during transformation of a glycan in the corresponding Acetylated Methyl Glycosides (AMG)

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Box 4: AMG fragmentation rules

- The most stable ions will be observed in the EI-MS spectrum
- Isomeric sugars (as Glc and Gal) give the same EI-MS spectrum
- The radical cation of the methylglycosides undergoes several pathways:
 - A, B, C, D, E, F, H, J, and K (example given for an hexose)
 - Fragments gives a series of daughter ions by loss of neutral molecules (AcOH, Ac₂O, AcO^{*}, Ac^{*}, CH₂=C=O)
- Occurrence of acetamido, deoxy, methylester groups, may direct the fragmentation pathway to a preferential route.
- Along with the ions from the fragmentation pathways, triacetoxonium (*m/z* 145) and diacetoxonium (*m/z* 103) ions maybe observed.

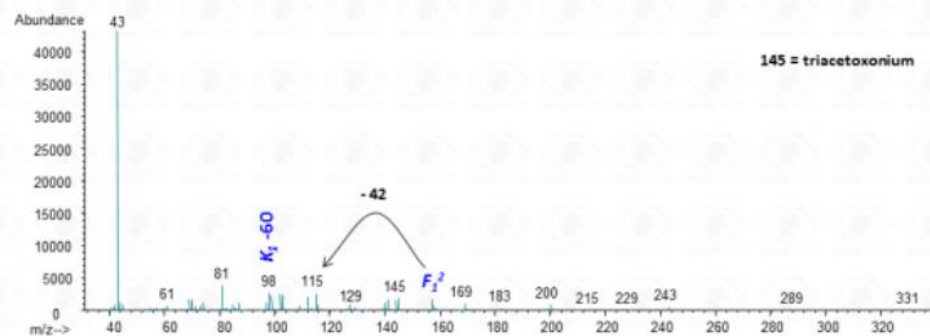
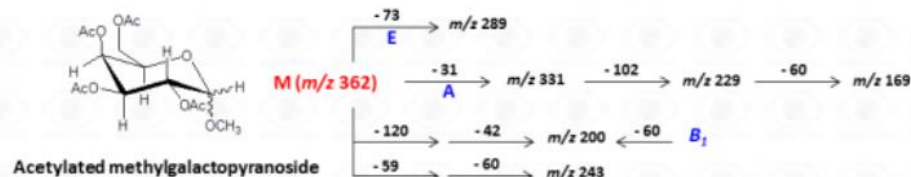
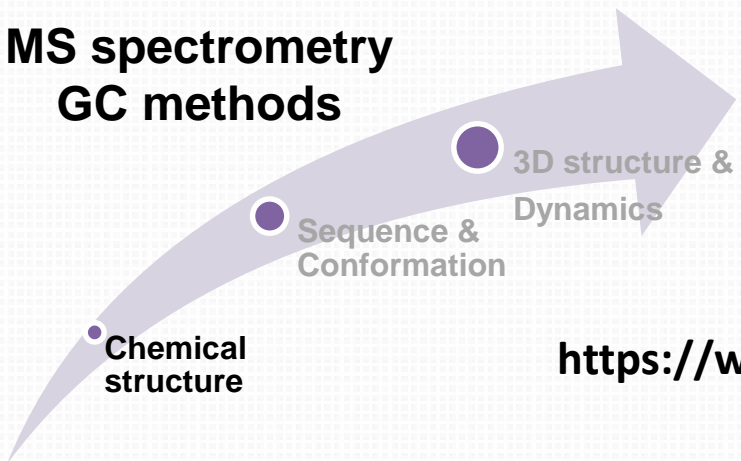


Figure 13 : EI-MS spectrum of a fully acetylated methylhexopyranose.

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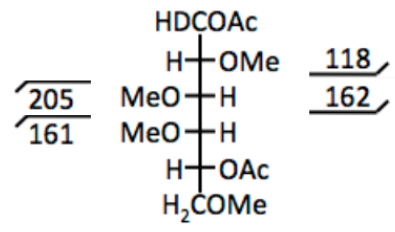


The CCRC Spectral Database for PMAA's



<https://www.ccrcc.uga.edu/specdb/ms/pmaa/pframe.html>

Partially methylated and acetylated alditols



The CCRC Spectral Database for PMAA's

- To see the Partially Methylated Alditol Acetate (PMAA) derived from a glycosidically linked sugar residue, *scroll down* the PMAA table until you find its entry and mouse over it.
- Click on the entry to see the electron-impact mass spectrum (EI-MS) of the PMAA.

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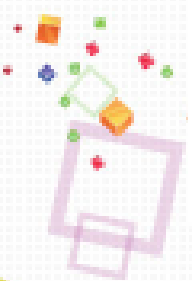


Non-Branched Hexopyranosyl Residues

Linkage	Galp	GlcP	Manp	Fucp	Rhap	GalpNAc	GlcPNAc	ManpNAc
T								
2						-	-	-
3								
4								
6				-	-			

Singly Branched Hexopyranosyl Residues

Linkage	Galp	GlcP	Manp	Fucp	Rhap	GalpNAc	GlcPNAc	ManpNAc
2,3						-	-	-
2,4						-	-	-
2,6				-	-	-	-	-
3,4								
3,6				-	-			



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Non-destructive method!

NMR parameters

1. Chemical Shifts

Monosaccharide composition, anomeric configuration, identification, localization and distribution of possible substituents on hydroxyl groups,

2. Area of peaks

Relative proportion of nuclei

3. Coupling constant (J) → Hz

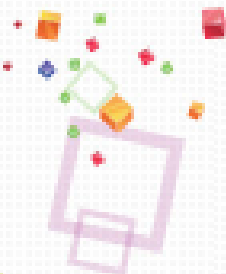
Structural and Conformational information

4. Nuclear Overhauser Effect

Distance between nuclei → monosaccharide sequence and conformational information

5. Molecular Motion

Information is contained in relaxation, NOE and diffusion experiments



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Assigning saccharides 3D structure implies identifying and quantifying an ensemble of conformations!

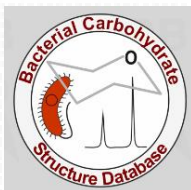
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www.stenutz.eu Chemical Shifts & Coupling constants libraries

<http://www.organ.su.se/gw/doku.php> Calculation of NMR chemical shifts
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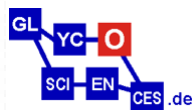
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Component analysis									
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• Using									
α -D-Galactopyranose	5.22	3.78	3.81	3.95	4.03	3.69	3.69		

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Structural analysis	¹ J _{C1,H1}	³ J _{H1,H2}	³ J _{H2,H3}	³ J _{H3,H4}	³ J _{H4,H5eq}	³ J _{H4,H5ax}	² J _{H5,H5}	³ J _{H5,H6}
α -xylopyranose	-	3.7	9.9	9.3	10.0	5.0	-11.1	
β -xylopyranose	-	7.7	9.3	9.2	10.4	5.4	-11.7	
α -galactopyranose	172	3.6	10.2	3.1	1.1			
2-acetamido-2-deoxy- α -galactopyranose	174	3.7	10.9	3.2	0.9			
α -fucopyranose	-	3.7	10.3	3.0	0.8			6.5
α -galacturonic acid	-	3.9	10.6	3.2	1.2			
β -galactopyranose	-	7.8	9.9	3.3	1.0			
2-acetamido-2-deoxy- β -D-galactopyranose	160	8.5	10.5	3.3	1.2			
β -fucopyranose	-	7.7	10.0	3.3	1.2			6.4
α -glucopyranose	172	3.7	9.8	9.3	9.7			
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NMR spectroscopy coupling constants

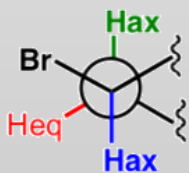
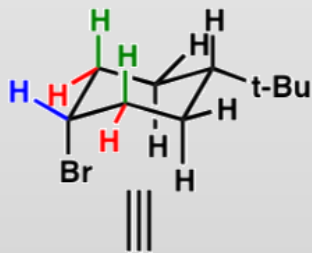
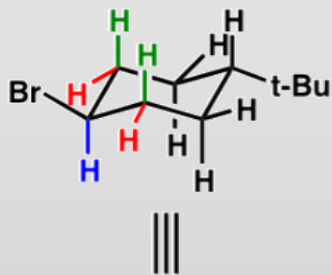
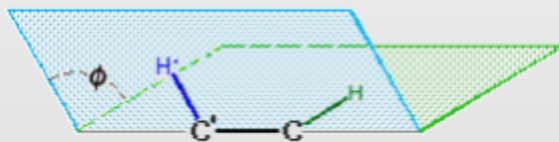
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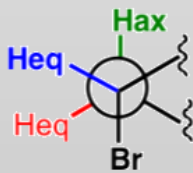
Karplus equation

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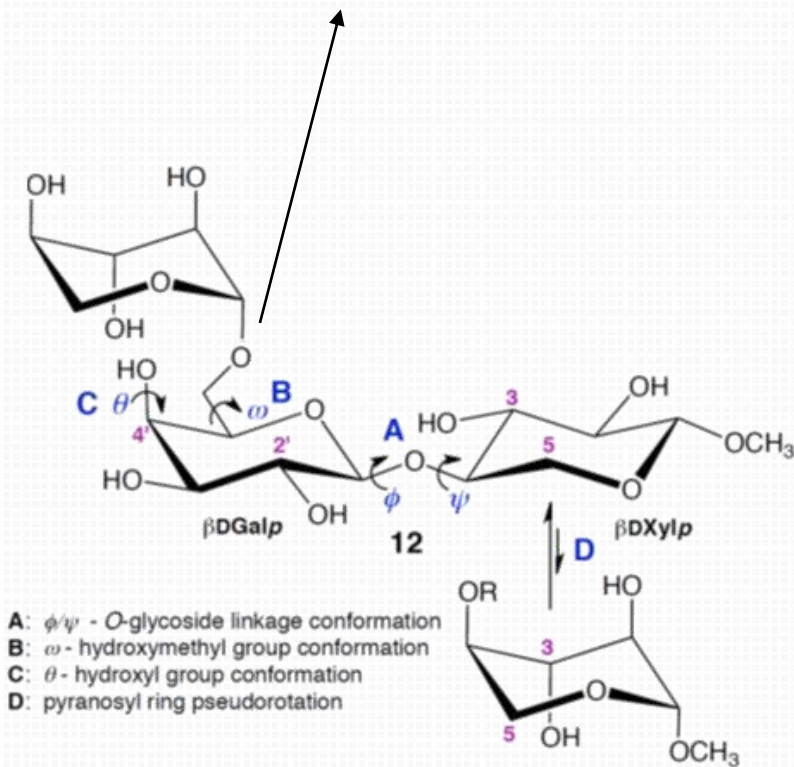
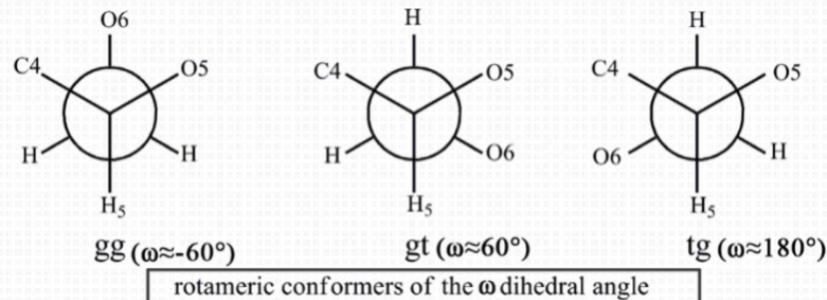
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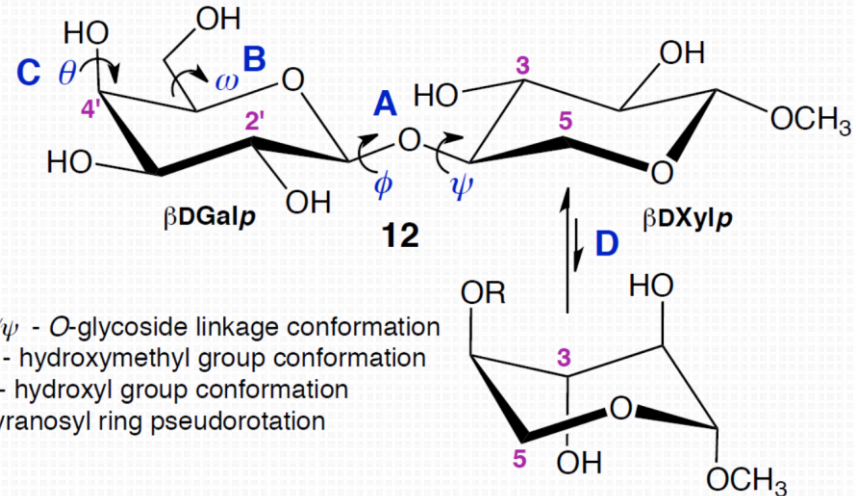
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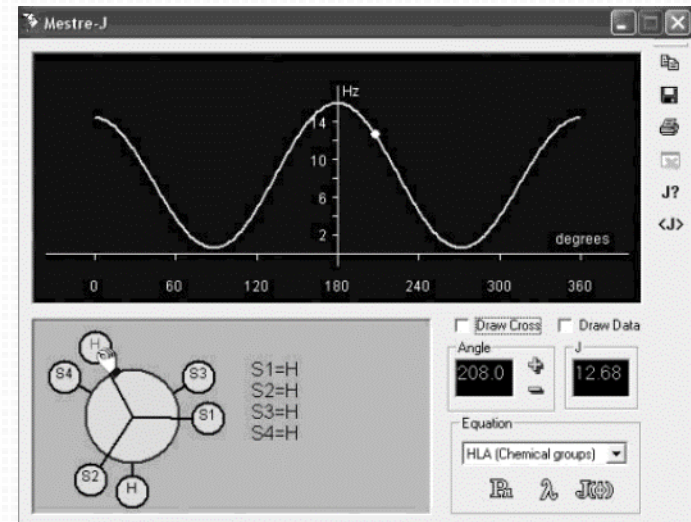
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Mestre J

<http://mestrelab.com/software/freeware/>

Prediction of vicinal proton-proton couplings



Navarro-Vazquez A. et al *J. Chem. Inf. Comput. Sci.* 44 (5), 2004.

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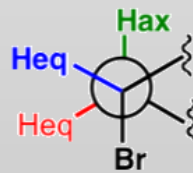
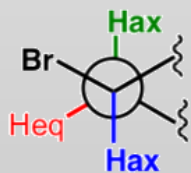
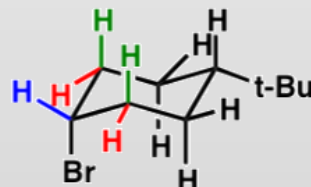
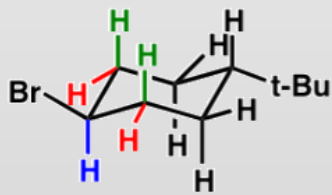
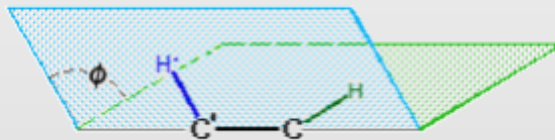
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Website useful for the structural and conformational analysis of glycans by NMR



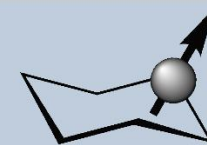
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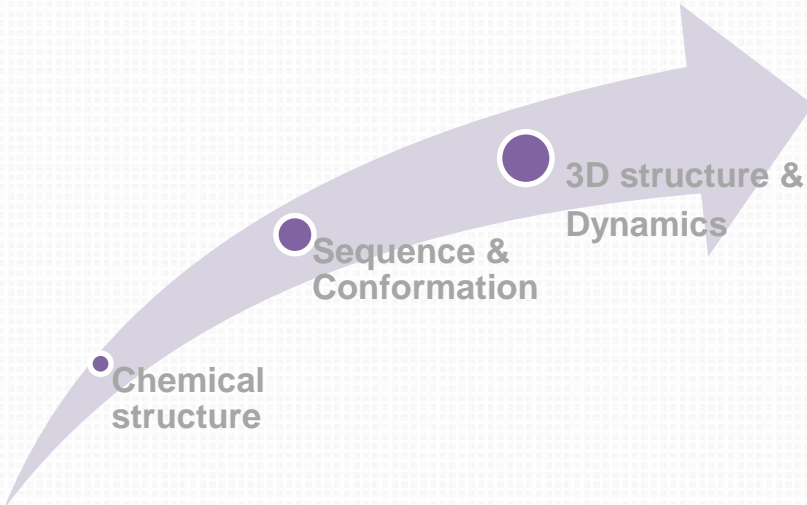
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ECODAB

Database containing structures of the repeating units that comprise the O-antigen from *E. coli*.

Information about glycosyltransferases involved in the assembly of the O-antigen polysaccharide are also included.



<http://nevyn.organ.su.se/ECODAB/>



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Summary

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<http://www.casper.org.se/casper/>

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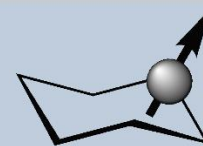
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Portal for structural glycobiology of several interlinked databases covering the 3D features of glycans and proteins.

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Collection of annotated spectra of more than 150 bioactive oligosaccharides

Glycans were synthesized in pure form and sufficient quantity to be investigated by NMR

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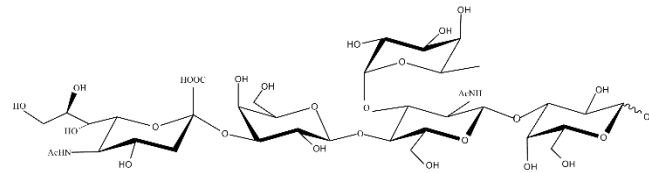
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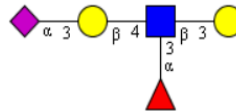
Sequence

NeuAc a2-3 Gal b1-4 (Fuc a1-3) GlcNAc b1-3 Gal



Graphical representation of the stereochemical configuration

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SNFG

Type of constituent
Category

Type of constituent

pentasaccharide

Category

Sialyl Lewis X

Temperature

293 K

Solvent

D2O

Frequency

400 MHz

Concentration

20 mg/ml

Experimental conditions
used to record NMR spectra

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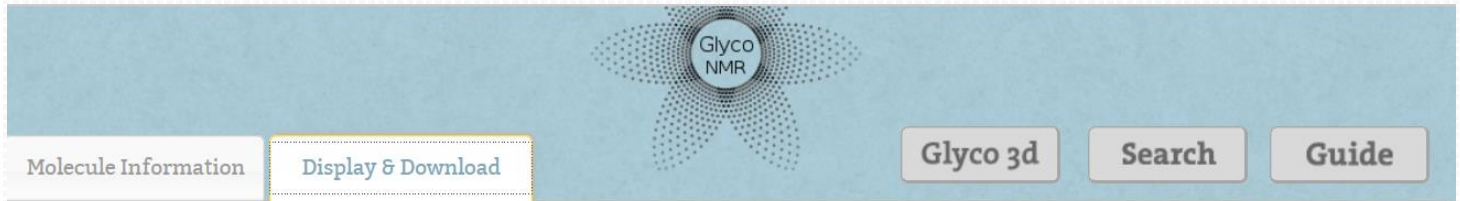
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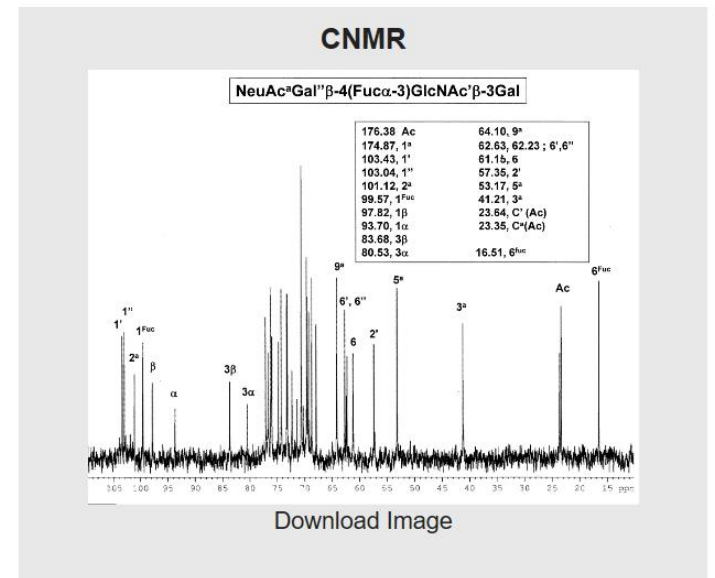
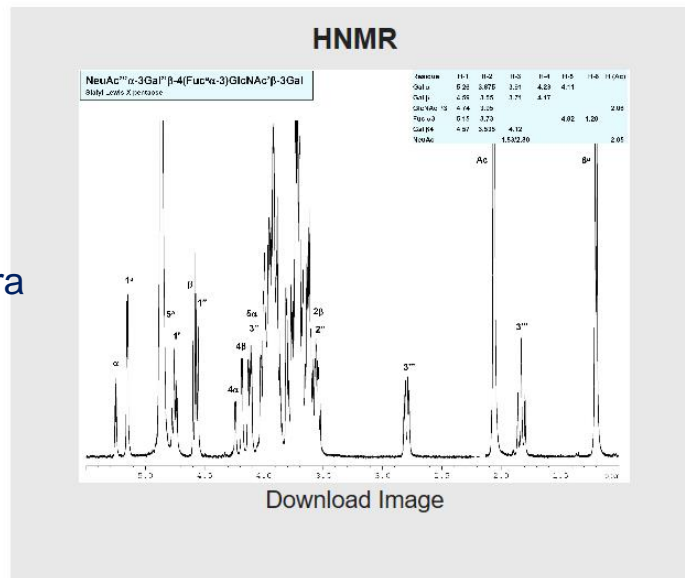
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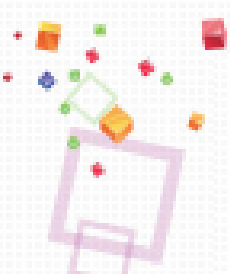


Sialyl Lewis X pentose

Representation of the chemical repeat



Interpreted NMR spectra



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Carbohydrate Structure Database

Version 1.

Merged: Bacteria, Archaea, Protista, Plants, Fungi



Bacterial Carbohydrate Structure Database

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This is Bacterial CSDB version 3 DELTA

It contains manually curated prokaryotic carbohydrate structures, taxonomy, bibliography, NMR data, etc.

Coverage is close to complete up to: 2015 (bacteria and archaea).

Dear scientists! Please cite CSDB properly: [How to cite](#)



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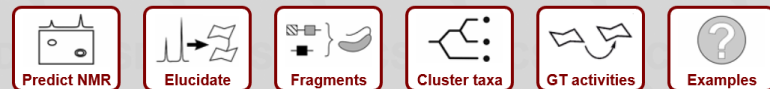
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Database search



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Useful tools



NMR spectroscopy

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3D structure & Dynamics

Chemical structure

CSDB: BACTERIAL CARBOHYDRATE STRUCTURE DATABASE

The database provides two NMR services:

1. NMR simulation tool

- Predicts ^{13}C and ^1H NMR chemical shifts for a specified compound.
- Ability to process almost all structural features occurring in natural glycans, including atypical and non-carbohydrate moieties.

2. NMR-based structure ranking tool

- Generates all possible structures matching the given constraints and matches them against an experimental ^{13}C NMR spectrum.

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Input

Generation
Ranking
Assignment
Saccharide
Structures

According to the fit between the simulated and experimental NMR spectra, the tool ranks structural hypotheses. To do that, it iterates through all possible carbohydrates and their derivatives limited by specified constraints.

NMR spectroscopy

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Rank Structural Hypotheses

Generation, Ranking and Assignment of Saccharide Structures algorithm

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The structure contains 5 residue(s)

a/b	D/L	Residue
1	?	galacturonic acid
2	?	bacillosamine
3	6	lysine
4	7	acetic acid
5		acetic acid

Complete residue list - Microsoft Edge

csdb.glycoscience.ru/bacterial/core/complete.php?0#glc

Complete residue list

Selected residue: DQuiN4N-o1

Retrieve & close

Absolute: D

Fast navigation:

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Exclude rarely-occurring structural features

Input signals consisting of intensity measurements

Condition	As at N	Acceptors	Remove
any	any	any	X
demanded	any	any	X
forbidden	any	any	X

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no furanoses

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Other possible structural scope limitations

The more constraints you specify

The lower number of structures is iterated

The higher the deviation between them

The more reliable the result

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Info on spectrum similarity

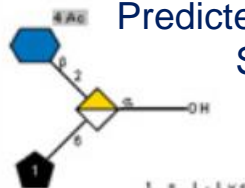
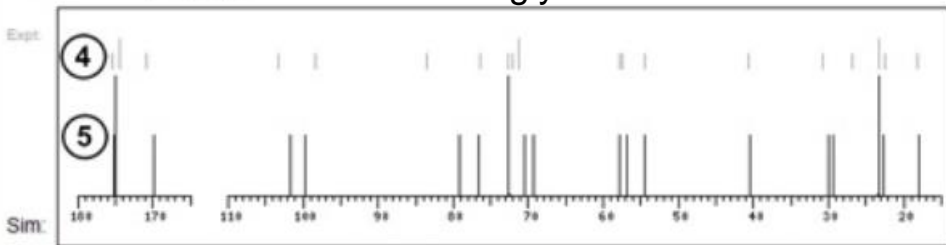
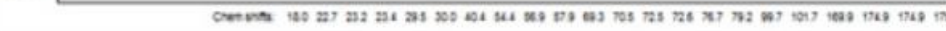
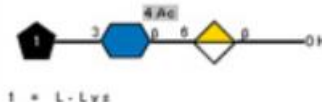
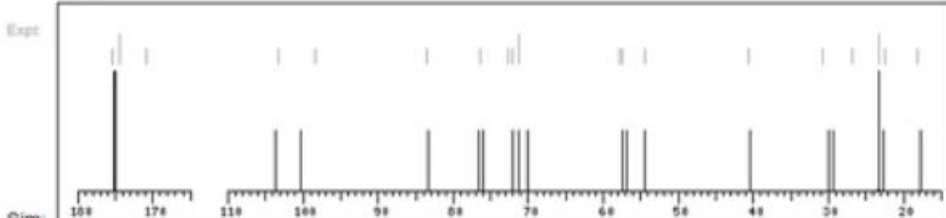

- Structure rank in the top-list of structural hypotheses
- Average deviation
- Linear correlation factor
- Root-mean-square deviation in ppm
- Color-coded spectrum simulation trustworthiness level from 0% (red) to 100% (green)

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Table of structural hypotheses sorted by similarity between the simulated and the experimental NMR spectra

Top 10 matches:

It runs a simulation and returns signal assignment tables and 2D NMR spectra

#Rank	Structure	Experimental spectrum	Simulated spectrum	Comments
#1. $\Delta \sim 0.79$ ppm Corr = 1.000 RMS dev = 1.31 ppm Trust = 58% (1)	 <p>Predicted structure in SNFG or SweetDB format</p> (2)	 (4)	 (5)	(6) Sim assignment (3) Structure as text (7)
#2. $\Delta \sim 0.84$ ppm Corr = 1.000 RMS dev = 1.39 ppm Trust = 62%	 <p>Experimental spectrum</p> <p>Simulated spectrum</p> (1) = L-Lys	 (4)	 (5)	(6) Sim assignment (3) Structure as text (7)

Chemshifts: 180 227 232 234 285 300 404 544 569 579 683 705 725 726 767 792 897 1017 1689 1749 1752

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Errors within the carbohydrate moiety in pdb

Tools for 3D structure validation:

1. **pdb-care PDB CARbohydrate RESidue**
2. **CARP CARbohydrate Ramachandran Plot**

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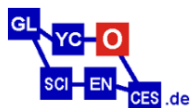
<http://www.glycosciences.de/>

Web portal that combines several tools and databases related to glycobiology and glycomics

- It provides access to glycan 3D structures via cross-links to PDB entries that feature specific carbohydrates.

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Glycosciences.de - glycoinformatics databases and tools



The Glycosciences.de web portal provides [databases](#) and [tools](#) to support glycobiology and glycomics research. Its main focus is on 3D structures, including 3D structure models as well as references to PDB entries that feature carbohydrates. These PDB references enable a targeted search for PDB structures with specific glycans. Such a search cannot be performed easily at the PDB itself.

NMR spectra, notation related tools, and further resources are also available.

▼ News

13. May 2018: **New layout of Glycosciences.de, new features**

The Glycosciences.de web layout was completely refurbished to allow easier navigation for users along with a clear presentation of resources. A set of new features has been introduced as well. These include:

- a content overview bar summarizing the information available for a glycan structure entry
- keyword search in Glycosciences.DB
- connecting bibliographic entries and glycan structure entries via PDB entries

See the [description of new features](#) page for a complete list.

12. Dec 2017: **More than 10,000 PDB entries on Glycosciences.de**

With last weeks PDB update Glycosciences.de reached the number of 10,000 references to PDB entries that feature carbohydrates.

▼ Frequently Used



(Sub-)Structure Search



Sweet-II



GlyProt



pdb-care



GlycoMapsDB



CARP

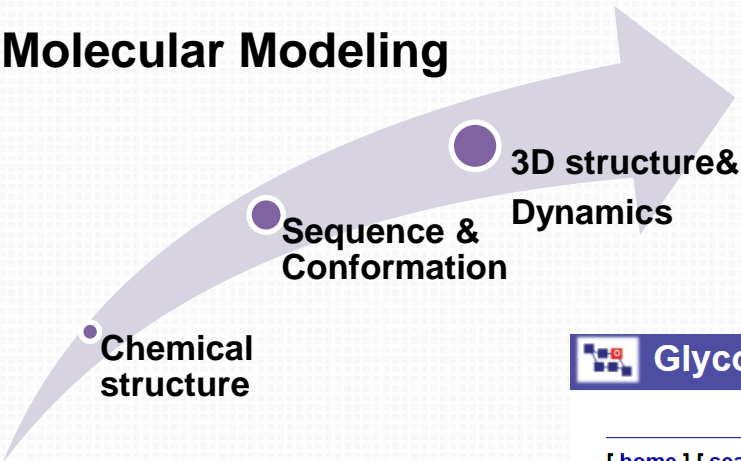


NMR Shift Estimation



MonosaccharideDB

Molecular Modeling



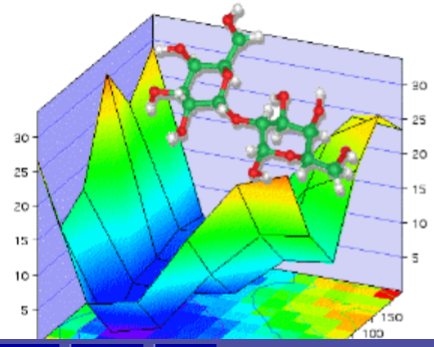
- It offers tools for 3D structure modeling of glycans
- It provides tools and databases to analyze the adopted conformations

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Analysis of the conformational space adopted by a glycan



GlycoMaps Database

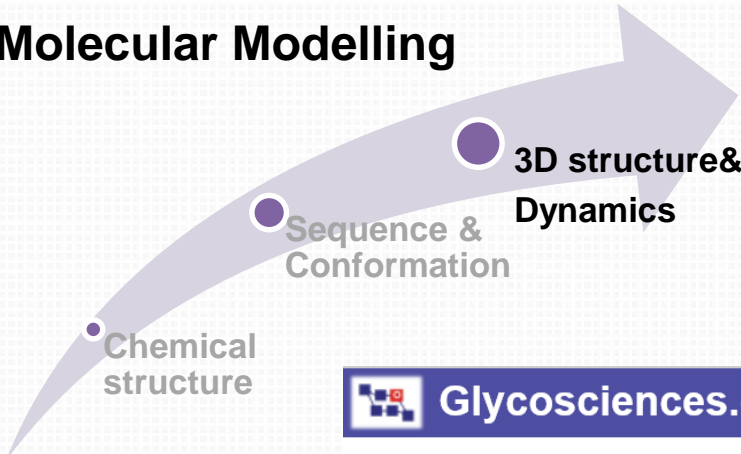
This database currently contains 2585 conformational maps.

Please enter the disaccharide fragment you are searching for:

b-D-Galp	1-4	*
B-D-GALP	-(1-4)-	a-D-Manp
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> show map previews		a-L-Fucp
Results per page: 10		b-D-Galp
Submit		b-D-Manp
		a-D-Glcp
		b-D-Glcp2NAc
		a-D-Neup5Ac

Select monosaccharide units and linkage from the pull down menus or enter directly in the fields below.

Wildcards:
 ? matches any single character
 * matches any run of text





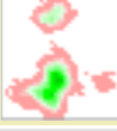
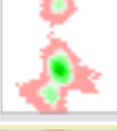

List of the conformational maps, plotting ϕ/ψ torsional angles, indicating the energy landscape of the input glycosidic linkage

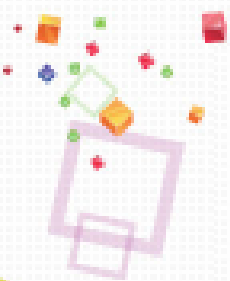

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Calculate Difference Map: Enter MapIDs of Maps to Compare: Map 1: - Map 2:

Maps 1 - 10 of 76 (click on a MapID to view map details)

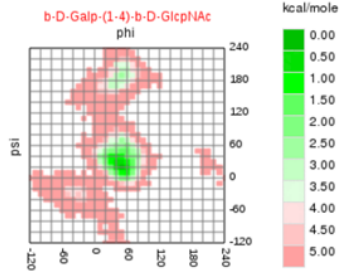
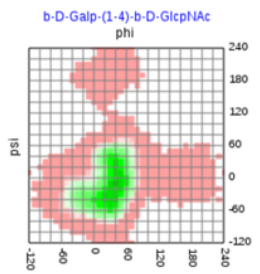
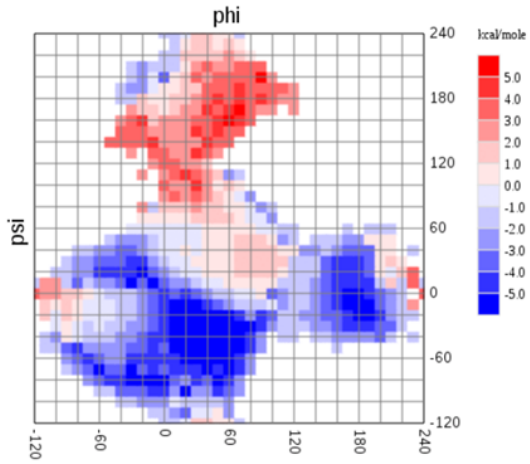
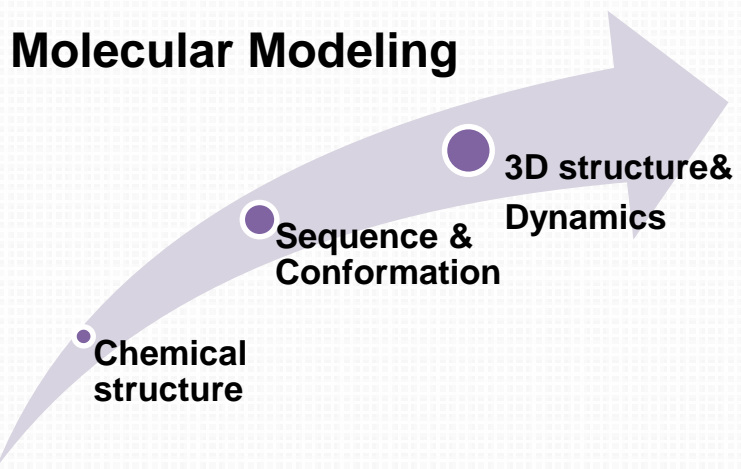
MapID	Preview	Disaccharide Fragment	Complete Structure	Method
7761		b-D-Galp-(1-4)-b-D-GlcpNAc	b-D-Galp -(1-4)- b-D-GlcpNAc	MD MM3(1996) Tinker 4
8167		b-D-Galp-(1-4)-b-D-GlcpNAc	a-D-Galp-(1-3)+ b-D-Galp -(1-4)- b-D-GlcpNAc a-L-Fucp-(1-2)+	MD MM3(1996) Tinker 4
8173		b-D-Galp-(1-4)-b-D-GlcpNAc	b-D-Galp -(1-4)- b-D-GlcpNAc -(1-3)-a-D-GalpNAc	MD MM3(1996) Tinker 4
8179		b-D-Galp-(1-4)-b-D-GlcpNAc	a-D-Neup5NAc-(2-6)+ b-D-Galp -(1-4)- b-D-GlcpNAc a-L-Fucp-(1-2)+	MD MM3(1996) Tinker 4
8181		b-D-Galp-(1-4)-b-D-GlcpNAc	b-D-GalpNAc-(1-4)+ 	MD MM3(1996)



Molecular Modeling

Further residues that are added to the disaccharide often result in limitations of the possible conformations of an individual glycosidic linkage

Calculate difference map



The energy difference of two individual maps is plotted, allowing so to evaluate the shifts in the values of the torsional angles due to the presence of additional residues in the neighbourhood of the glycosidic linkage.

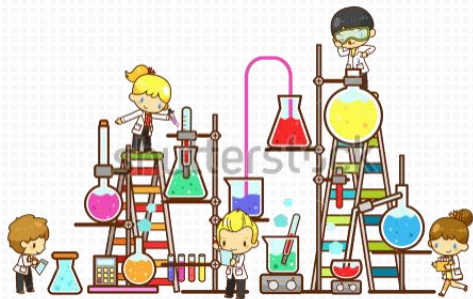
The global minimum of the linkage is slightly shifted toward higher psi values in the case of the additional fucose residue

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Complete Structure:	b-D-Galp-(1-4)-b-D-GlcpNAc	b-D-Galp-(1-4) + b-D-GlcpNAc a-L-Fucp-(1-3) +
Linkage Path:	4	4
Calculation Method:	MD	MD
Forcefield / QM Method:	MM3(1996)	MM3(1996)
Details:	HTMD, 1000K, 10ns	HTMD, 1000K, 30ns
Software used:	Tinker 4	Tinker 4

DATABASES and TOOLS USEFUL IN THE ANALYSIS OF COMPLEX GLYCAN STRUCTURE

➤ Glycan nomenclature

- ❑ Monosaccharide DB



➤ Carbohydrate databases

- ❑ GlyTouCan
- ❑ CFG-Glycan database
- ❑ UniCarbDB
- ❑ CSDB
- ❑ KEGG GLYCAN
- ❑ EPS database

➤ Glycan NMR tools

- ❑ MestreJ
- ❑ CASPER

➤ Glycan MS tools

- ❑ GlycoWorkBench
- ❑ Glycopedia
- ❑ CCRC spectral database
- ❑ GlycoStore

➤ Glycan 3D Modeling

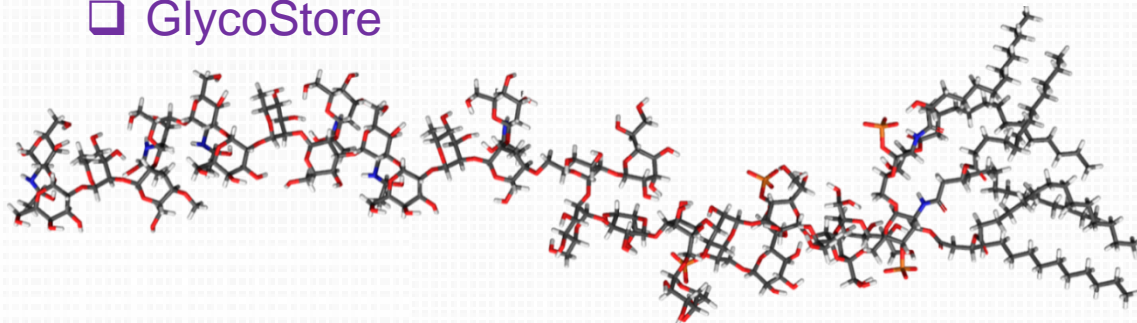
- ❑ Glycosciences.de
- ❑ Glyco3D
- ❑ Glycam
- ❑ GLYCAN
- ❑ GlycanBuilder

➤ Glycan Binding

- ❑ SugarBindDB
- ❑ GlycoEpitope

➤ Others..

- ❑ GlycoProtDB
- ❑ www.stenutz.eu
- ❑ GlycoGeneDatabase



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WHAT'S LEFT ABOUT US THAT'S NOT IN SOME DATABASE SOMEWHERE?

Thank You

Glycans