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Distal Mutations Shape Substrate-Binding Sites during Evolution of a Metallo-Oxidase into a Laccase

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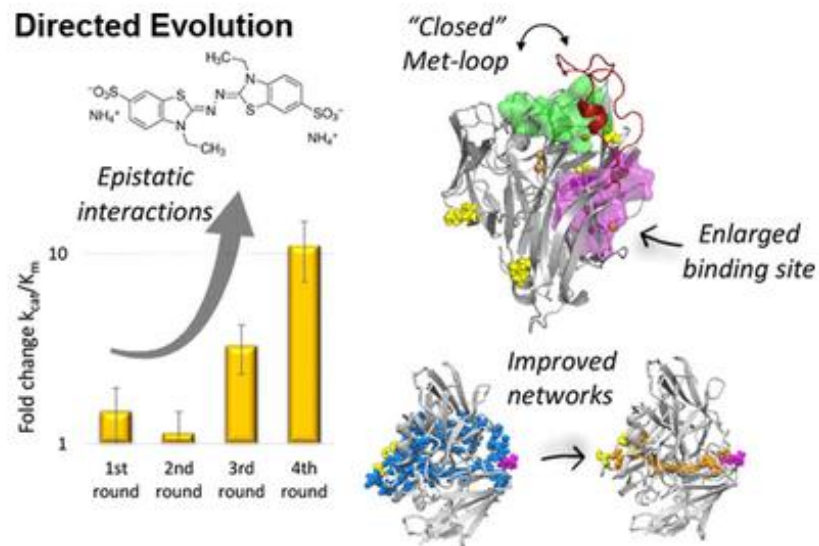
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 Abstract

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▼ ABSTRACT



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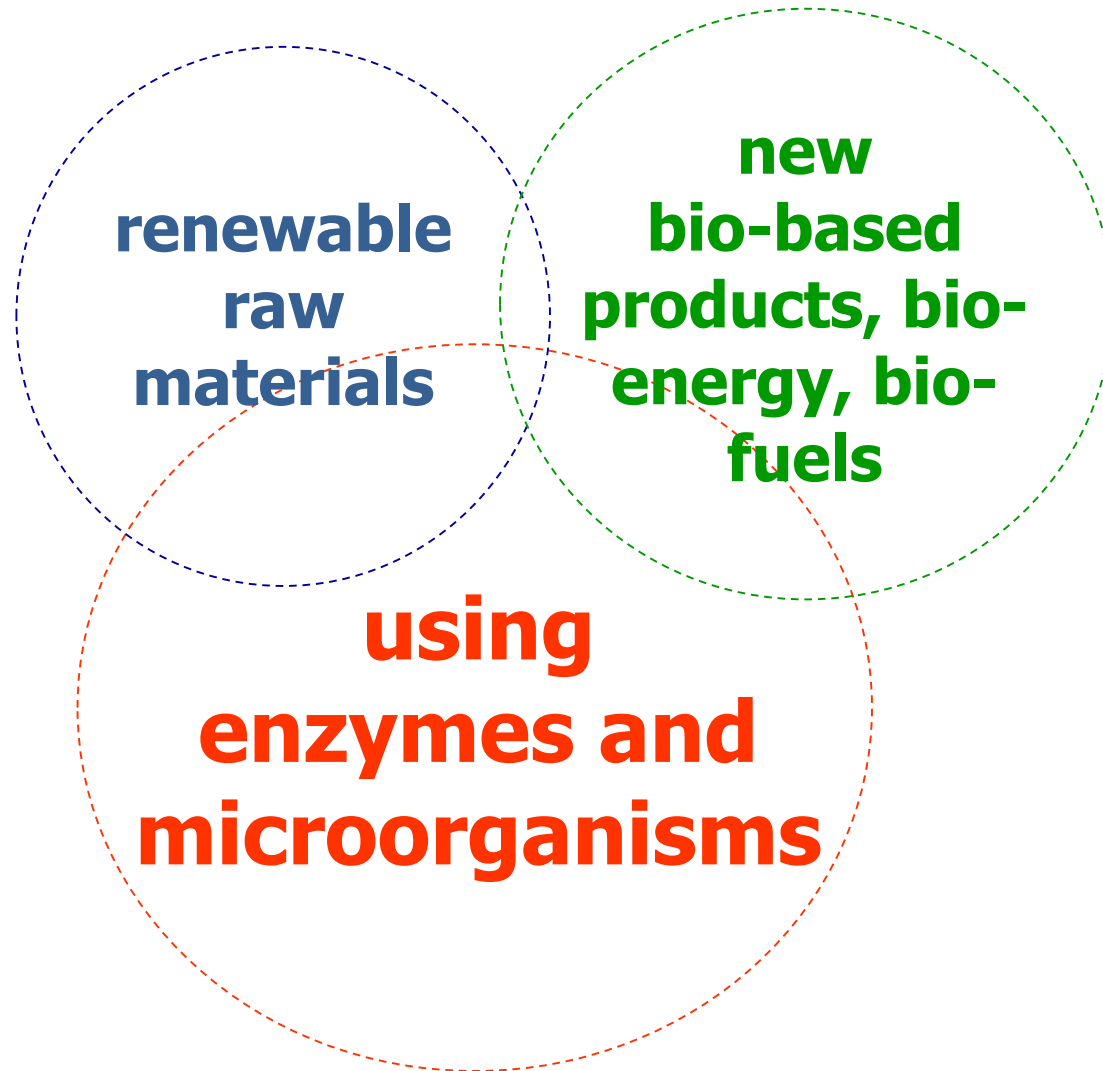
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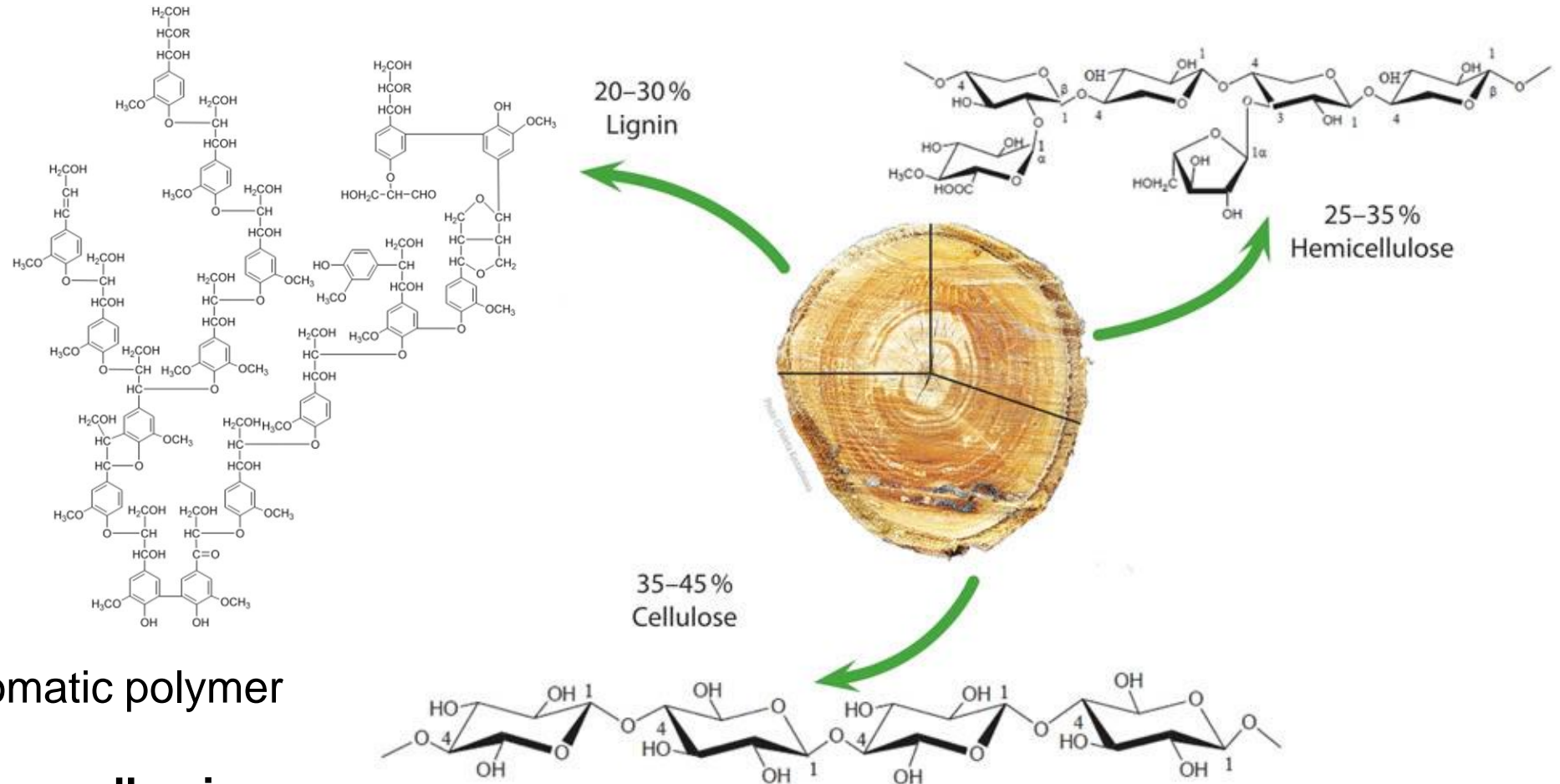
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microbial & enzyme technology lab

white or industrial biotechnology for a bio-based society



*transition for the
post-petroleum
society*

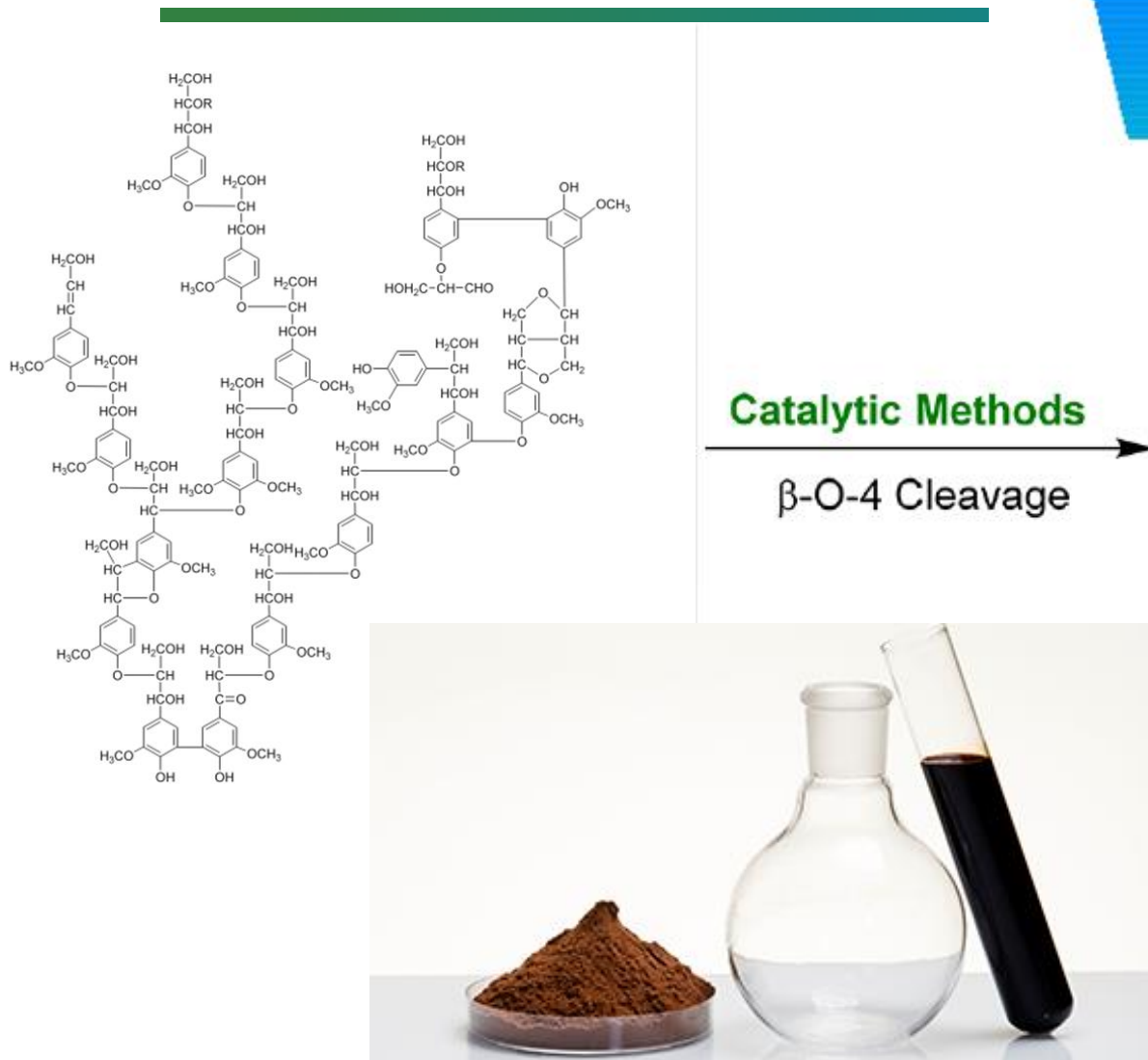
LIGNOCELLULOSE BIOREFINERIES



- Most abundant aromatic polymer on Earth
- Source of **polymers, adhesives, coatings, resins, surfactants, anti-oxidants, cosmetics**

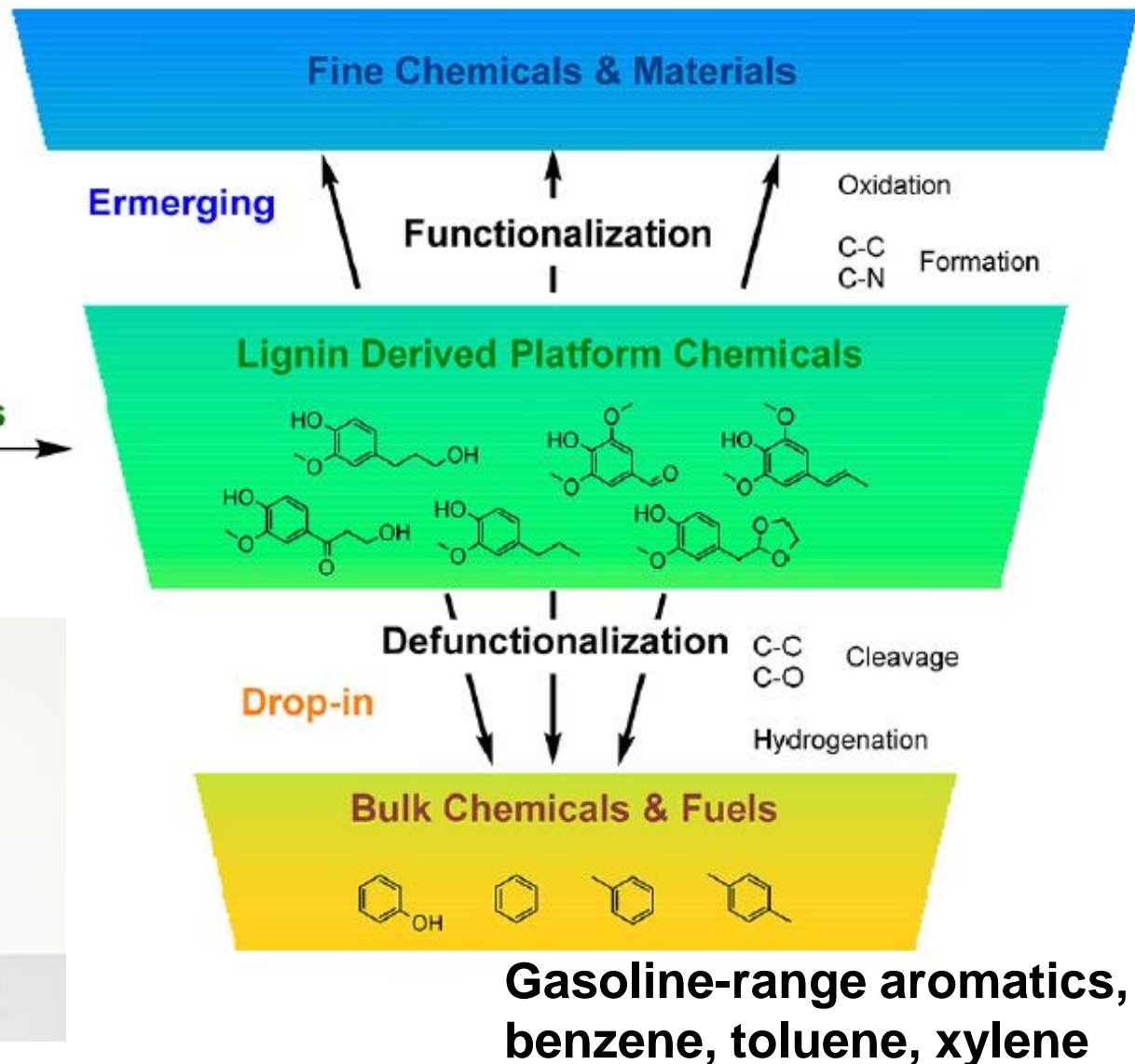
Lignin: from waste to value-added products

Pharmaceutical drugs, food additives, resins, cosmetics

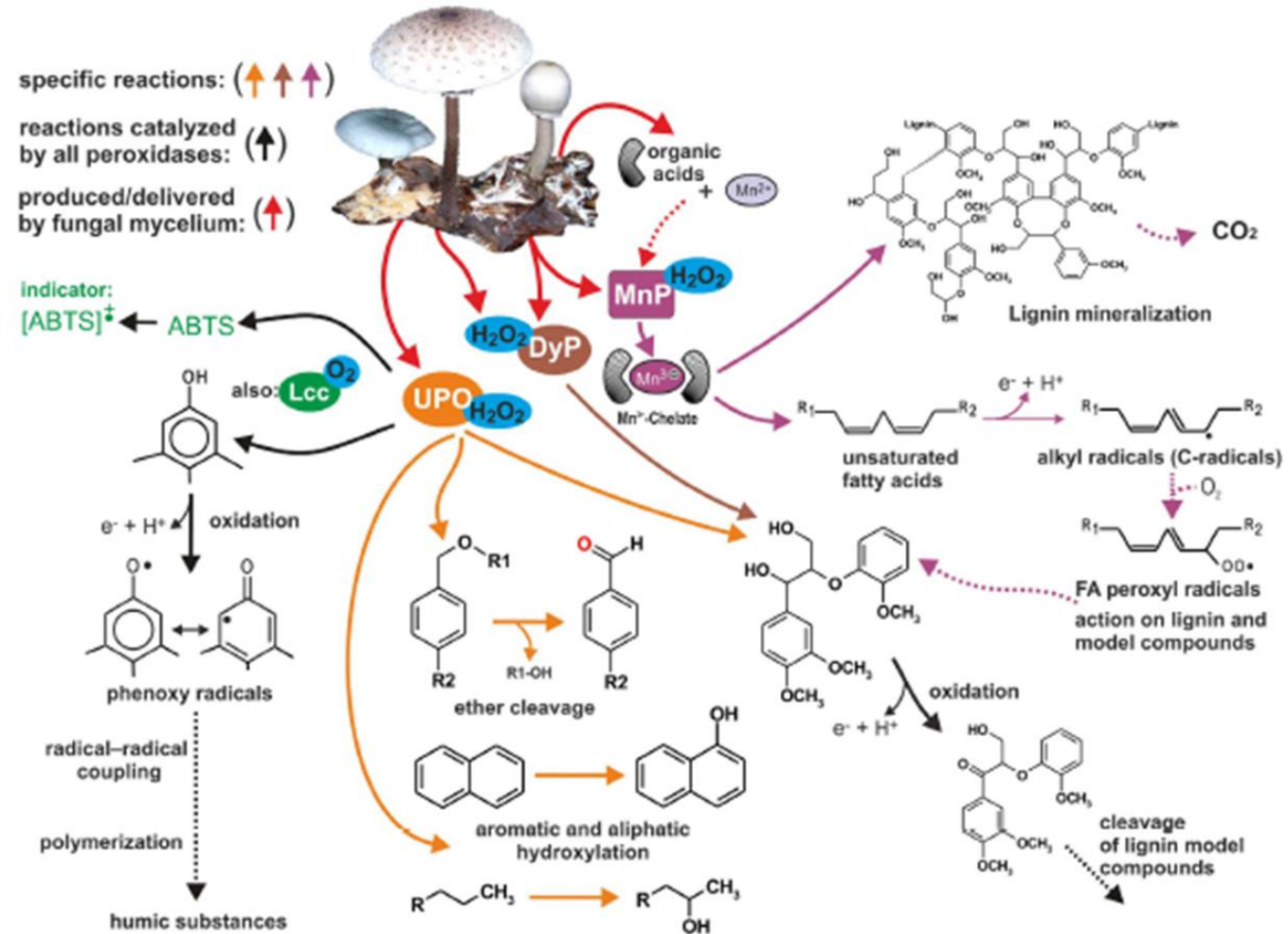


Catalytic Methods

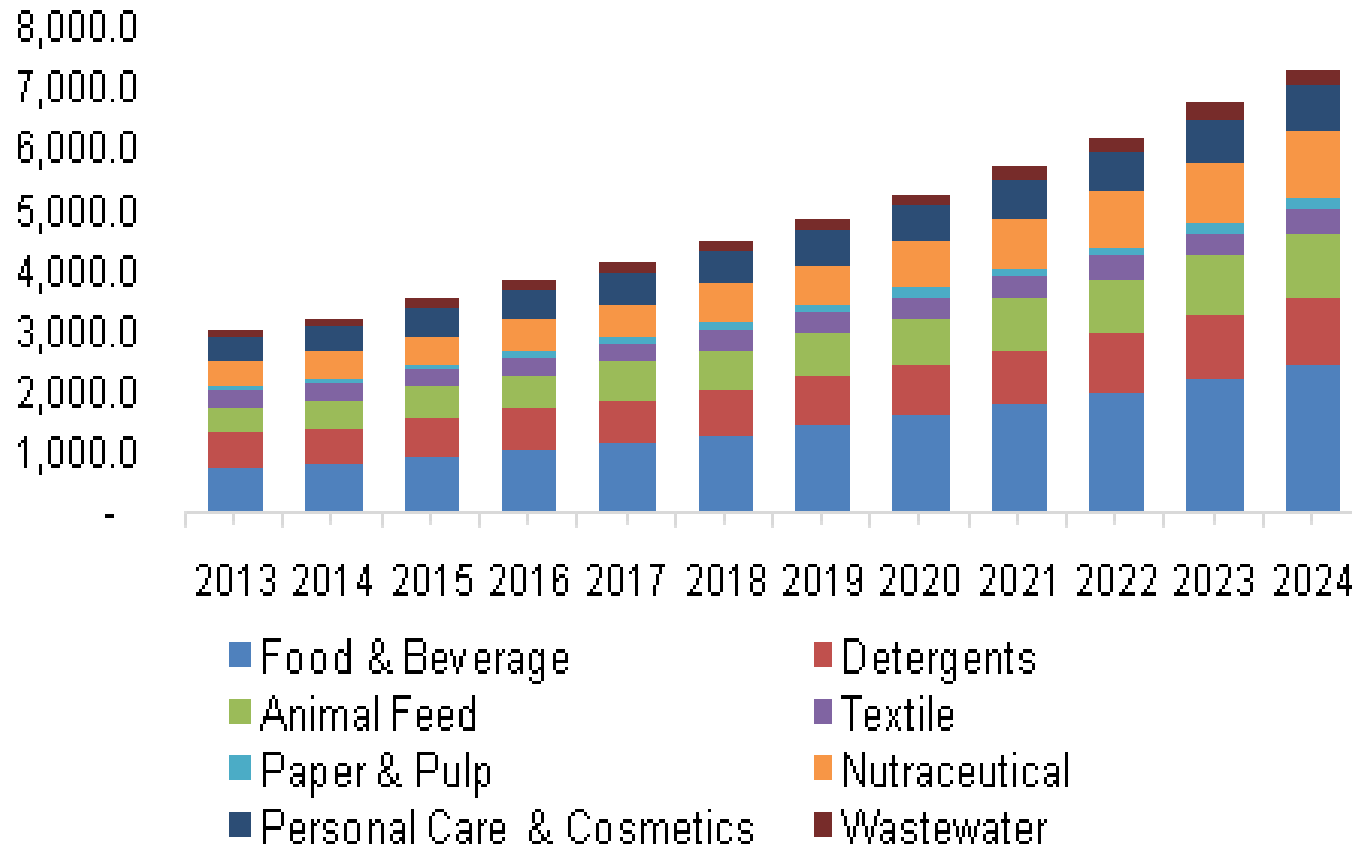
β -O-4 Cleavage



Ligninolytic enzymes: laccases and peroxidases

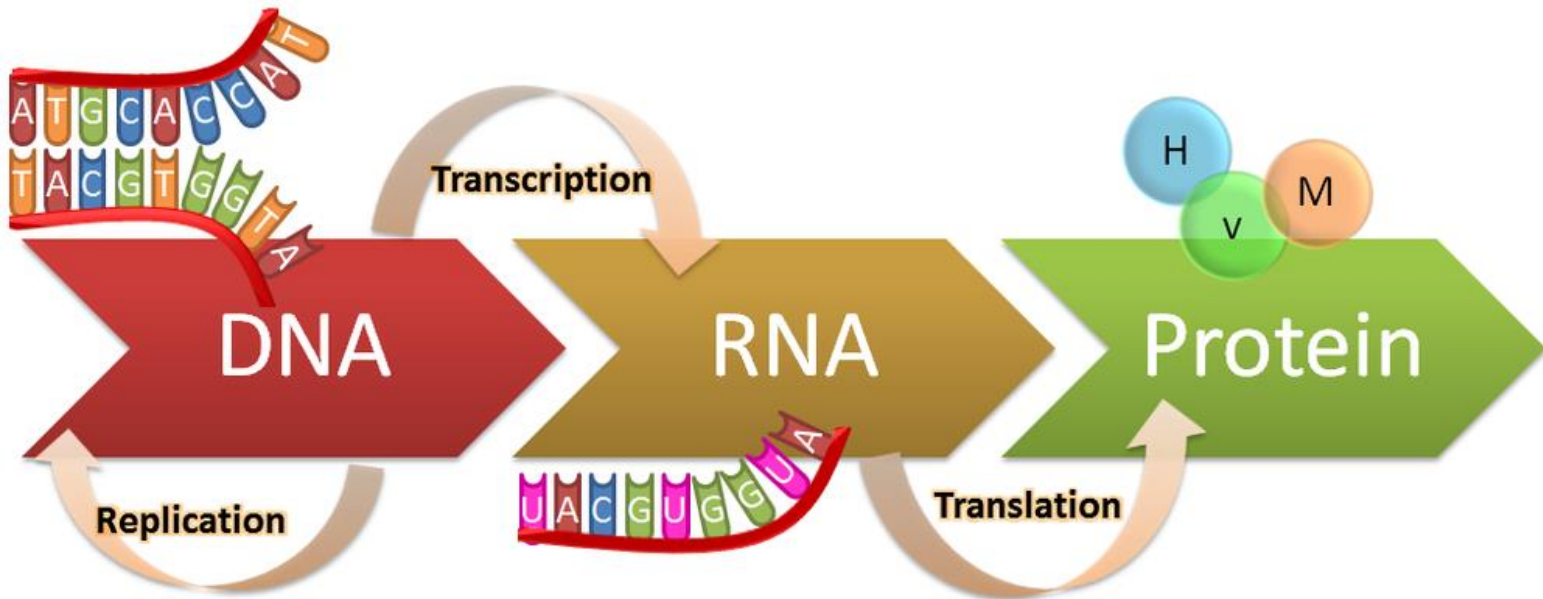


Industrial enzyme market

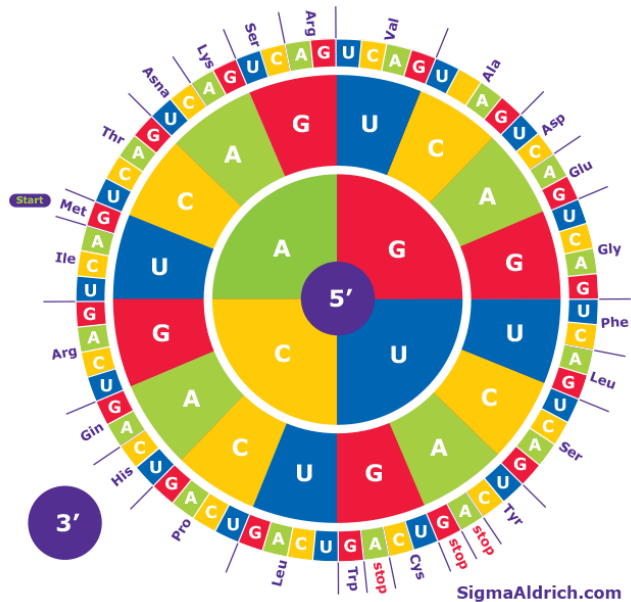


Enzymes evolved for the survival benefit of an organism usually do not exhibit features essential for *in vitro* application

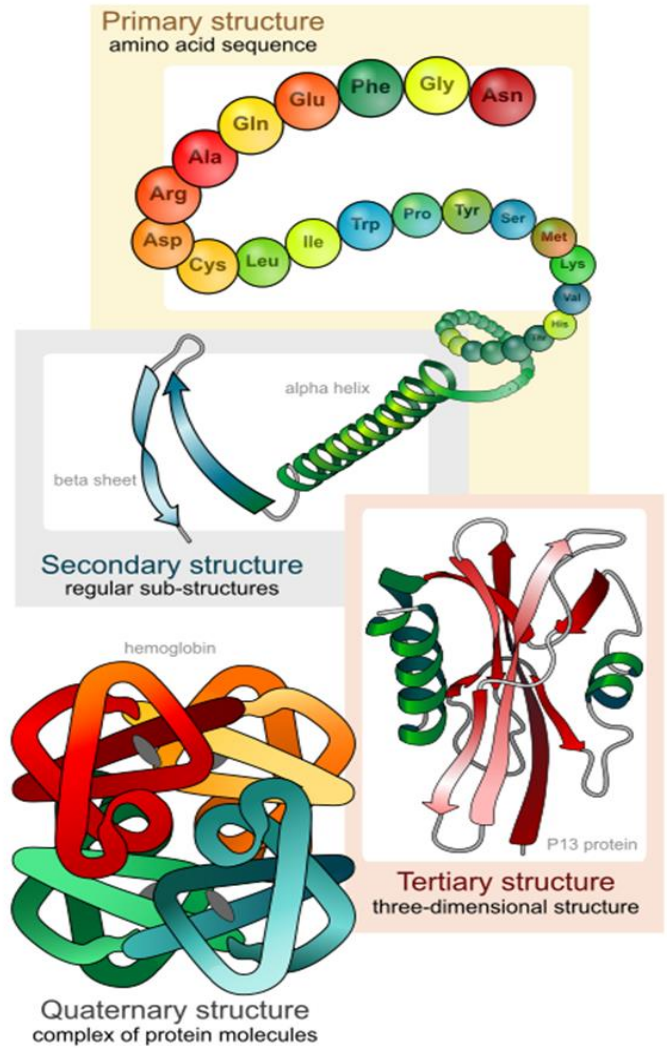
- 60% of such enzymes are recombinant products
- most have been engineered to enhanced functional properties (k_{cat} , k_{cat}/K_m , stability)



amino
acid
codon
wheel

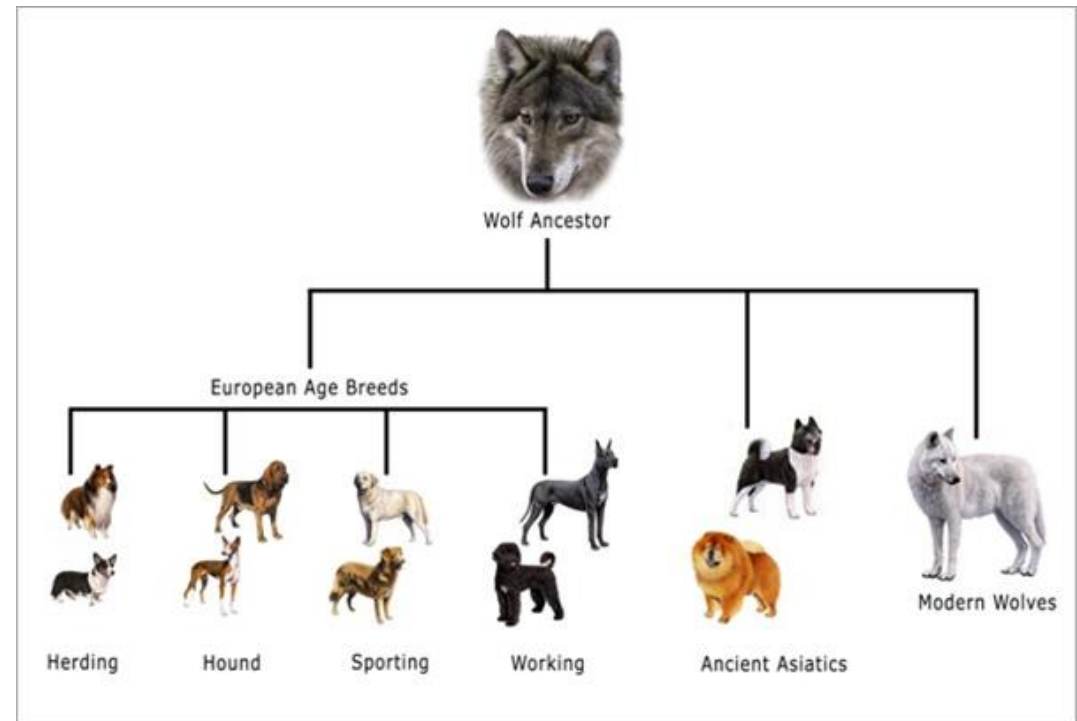
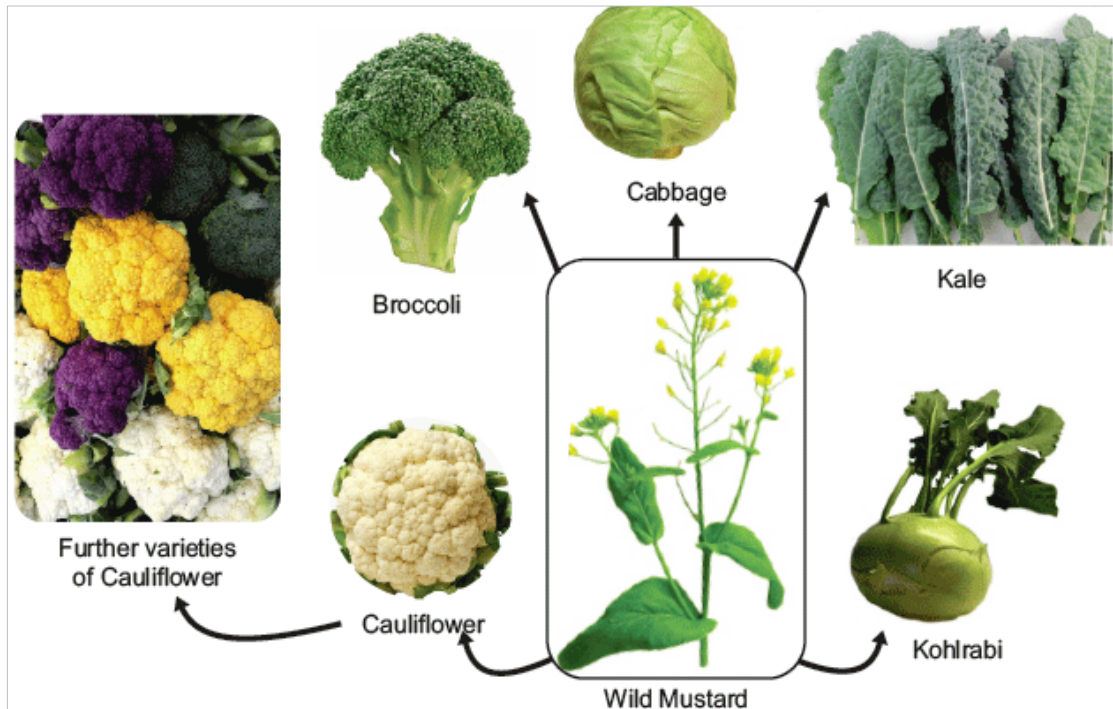


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Artificial evolution has been used for thousands of years to solve human problems

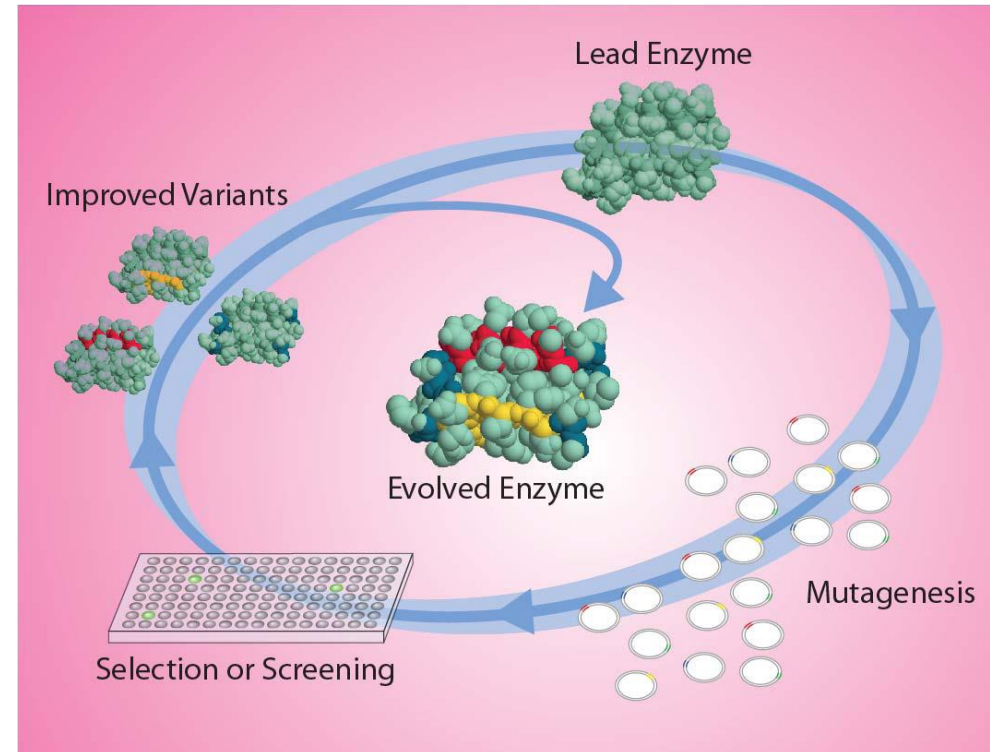
only the plants and animals with desirable characteristics to reproduce, causing the evolution of farm stock





Frances H Arnold
Nobel Prize of Chemistry 2018

DIRECTED EVOLUTION



RATIONAL DESIGN

1. Computer aided design



2. Site-directed mutagenesis



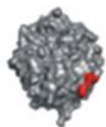
Individual mutated gene

3. Transformation

4. Protein expression

5. Protein purification

6. *not applied*



Constructed mutant enzyme

7. Biochemical testing

DIRECTED EVOLUTION

1. *not applied*

2. Random mutagenesis



Library of mutated genes
(>10,000 clones)

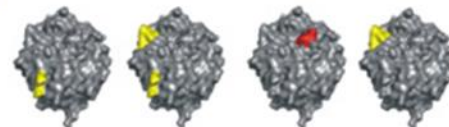
3. Transformation

4. Protein expression

5. *not applied*

6. Screening and selection

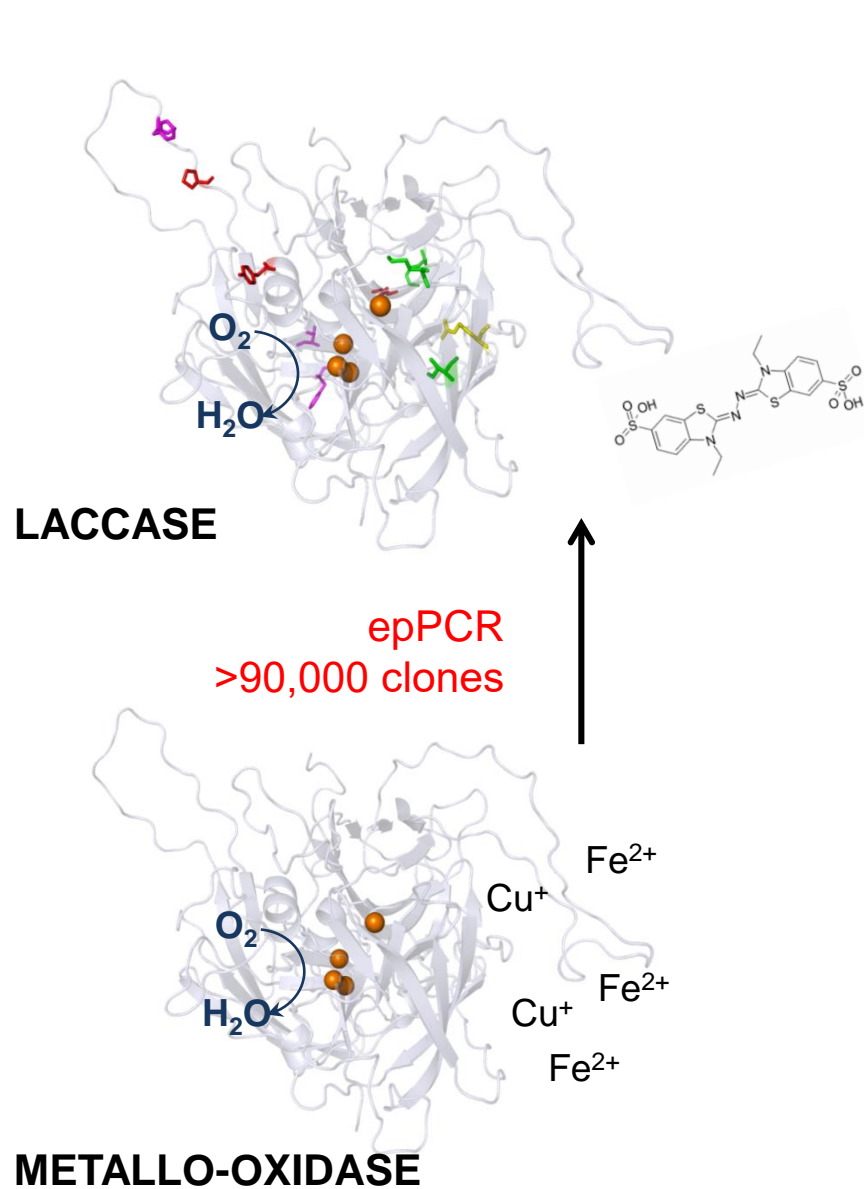
- stability
- selectivity
- affinity
- activity



Selected mutant enzymes

IMPROVED
ENZYME

Turning an hyperthermophilic metallooxidase into a laccase



2B3
F17S
V19A
F55S
P58S
Y172C
I199T
R471G
K246R
I441L
M449T
1D11
P58S
Y172C
I199T
R471G
K246R
I441L
M449T
2G6
R471G
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I441L
M449T
1B7
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I441L
M449T
WILD-TYPE

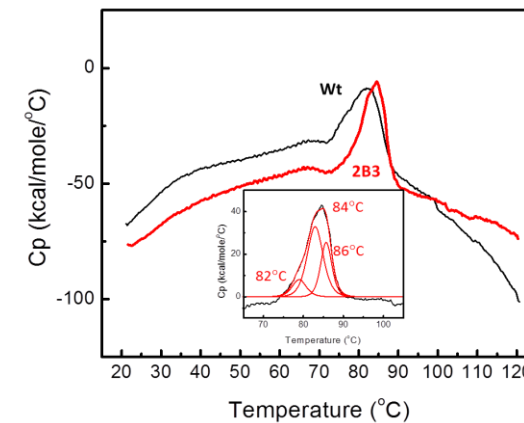
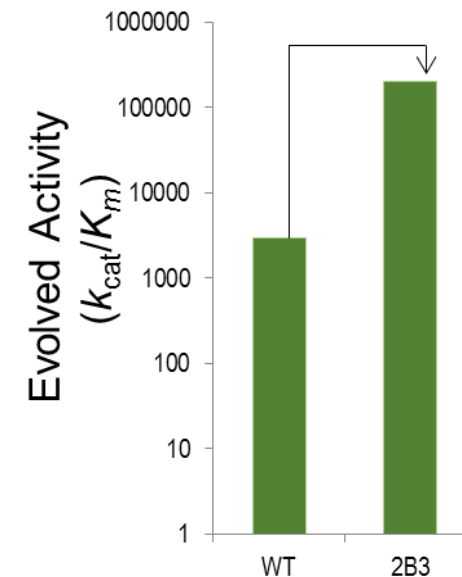
4th
2 mM ABTS
Ai = 37x

3rd
2.5 mM ABTS
Ai = 9x

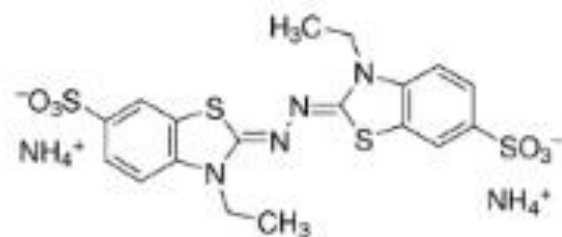
2nd
4 mM ABTS
Ai = 2.6x

1st
10 mM ABTS
Ai = 2x

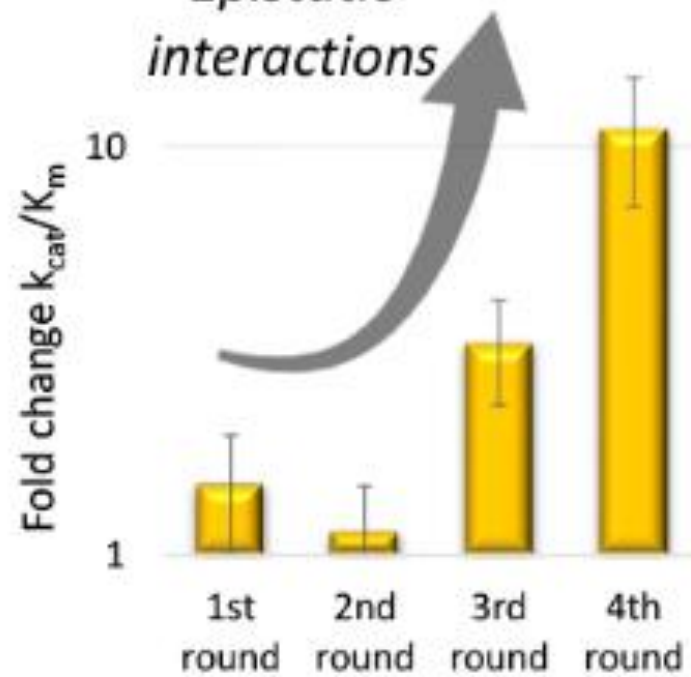
100-fold improvement for the aromatic ABTS



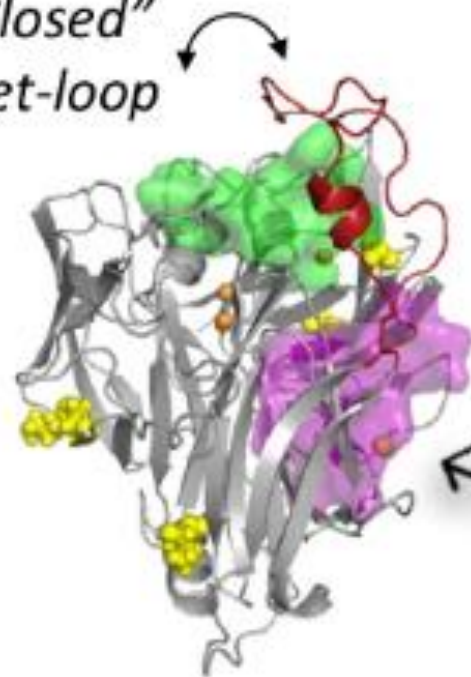
Directed Evolution



Epistatic interactions

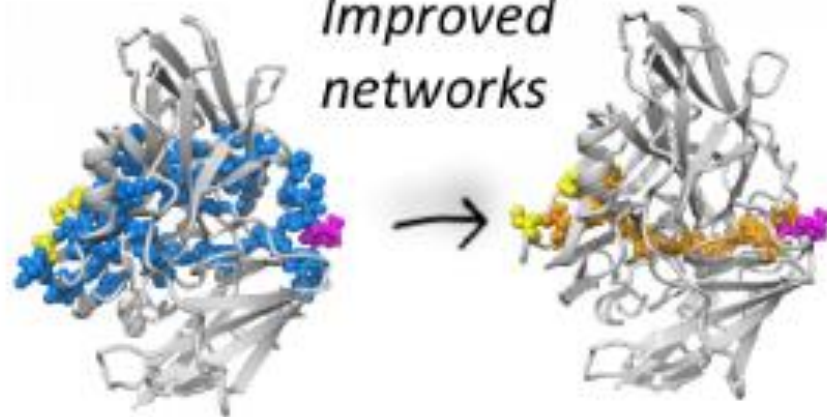


"Closed" Met-loop



Enlarged binding site

Improved networks





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