

# **NATURAL POLYMERS 1**

## **Introduction to the subject**

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# Who I am and what I am coming from

- **Since 1. 10. 1974 up to 31. 12. 2014**
  - POLYMER INSTITUTE BRNO, Ltd., Brno, Czech Republic  
**(Industrial Research)**
- **Since then:**
  - My one man company, working for various **INDUSTRIAL COMPANIES** converting plastic
- **I give lectures at:**
  - Brno University of technology, Faculty of Chemistry,
  - Masaryk University, Faculty of Science,
  - *University Tomas Bata, Faculty of Technologická (not regular)*

# Subject of the Lectures

- The Subject gives the Students a **GENERAL KNOWLEDGE** about the **NATURAL POLYMER** which are usable for the application in the chemistry usable for a Conservator and Restorer, but also in the other fields of polymer chemistry, its history, present situation and future
- Students will be able to **CHOICE PROPER POLYMER MATERIALS**, eventually their combinations for the Applications in the chemistry of the Conservator and Restorer, but also in the other fields of polymer chemistry
- To **UNDERSTAND CHEMICAL REACTION NATURAL POLYMERS** and make sense of their influence on the Properties of by this way modified **NATURAL POLYMERS**
- To **INFORM** students also about the **INDUSTRIAL PROCESSING OF NATURAL POLYMERS**
- To **UNDERSTAND DIFFERENCES BETWEEN SYNTHETIC AND NATURAL POLYMERS**
- To be able independently **ANALYZE ROLE** of **NATURAL POLYMERS** now days
- **To stimulate the students' interest for the more detail studying of the NATURAL POLYMERS CHEMISTRY**
- To be able **INDEPENDENTLY COMPLIMENT KNOWLEDGE IN THIS FIELD**

# How to integrate this Lectures into the **CONTEXT** with the other Subjects?

- **Macromolecular chemistry - the basic Lectures**  
(*source of Knowledge > General Textbook*)
  - **NATURAL POLYMERS**  $\geq$  the Development and the Supplement to the only one basic Lecture there (*source of Knowledge > Specialized Textbook*)
    - **Saccharides** > Specialization on the definite chemical field (*source of Knowledge > Monograph*)
      - **Mono a disaccharides** > narrowing of the Specialization (*source of Knowledge > Specialized Monograph*)
        - » **Analysis of the Monosaccharides** > very narrow Specialization (*source of Knowledge > Very Specialized Monograph*)
          - » **HPLC of the Saccharides** > very narrow Specialization (*source of Knowledge > Original Journals*)

# Time schedule

<b>LECTURE</b>	<b>SUBJECT</b>
<b>1</b>	Introduction to the subject – Structure & Terminology of nature polymers, literature
<b>2</b>	Derivatives of acids – natural resins, drying oils, shellac
<b>3</b>	Waxes
<b>4</b>	Plant (vegetable) gums, Polyterpene –natural rubber (extracting, processing and modification)
<b>5</b>	Polyphenol – lignin, humic acids
<b>25.10. &amp; 1. 11.</b>	<b>Polysaccharides I – starch</b>
<b>8.11. &amp; 15. 11.</b>	<b>Polysaccharides II – cellulosis</b>
<b>22. &amp; 22. 11.</b>	<b>Protein fibres I</b>
<b>29. 11. &amp; 6. 12.</b>	<b>Protein fibres II</b>
<b>13. &amp; 20. 12.</b>	<b>Casein, whey, protein of eggs</b>
<b>20. 12.</b>	<b>Identification of natural polymers</b>
	<b>Laboratory methods of natural polymers' evaluation</b>

# System of Study

- **Lectures are inputted to the information system MU, FCI**
- **Examination is done by colloquium**
- **TIME LIMIT for the Examination – will be agreed**
- **Questions and Comments are sent to my Attention in written ([29716@chemi.muni.cz](mailto:29716@chemi.muni.cz))**
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**Recommended Literature**  
**NO specialized Textbook**

**John McMurry:**

**Organic chemistry**

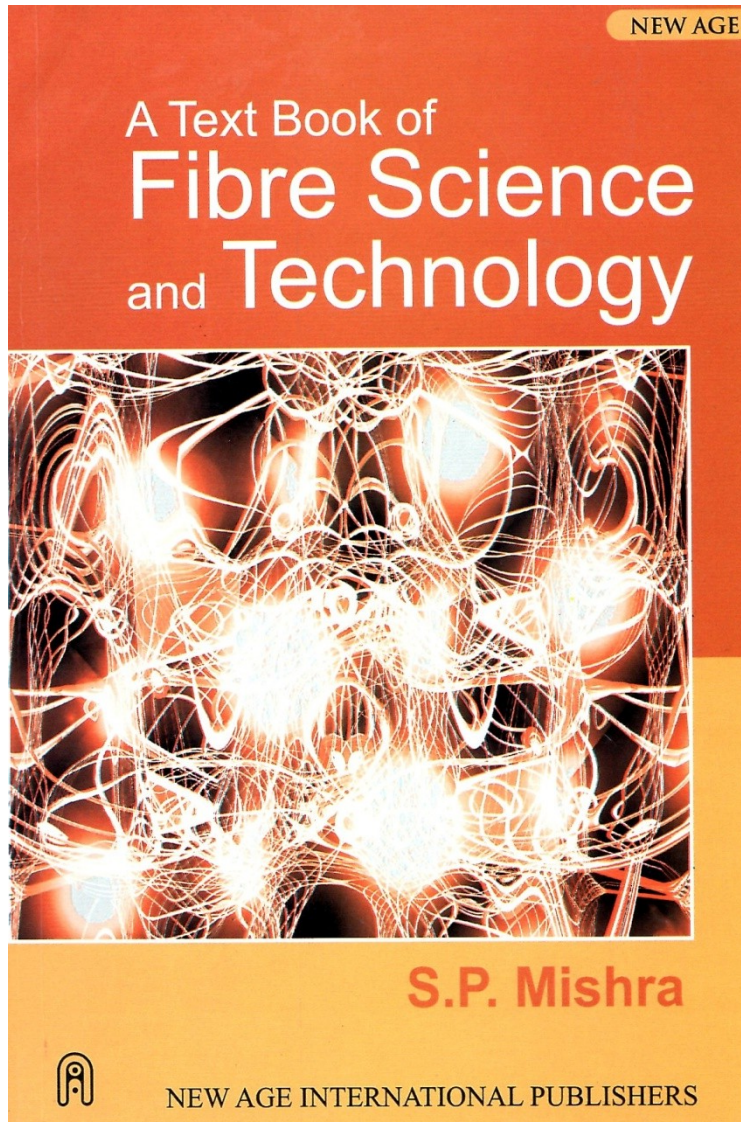
**– Chapter 25: Biomolecules:  
Saccharides**

**– Chapter 26: Biomolecules:  
Aminoacids, Peptides and  
Proteins**

**– Chapter 27: Biomolecules:  
Lipids**

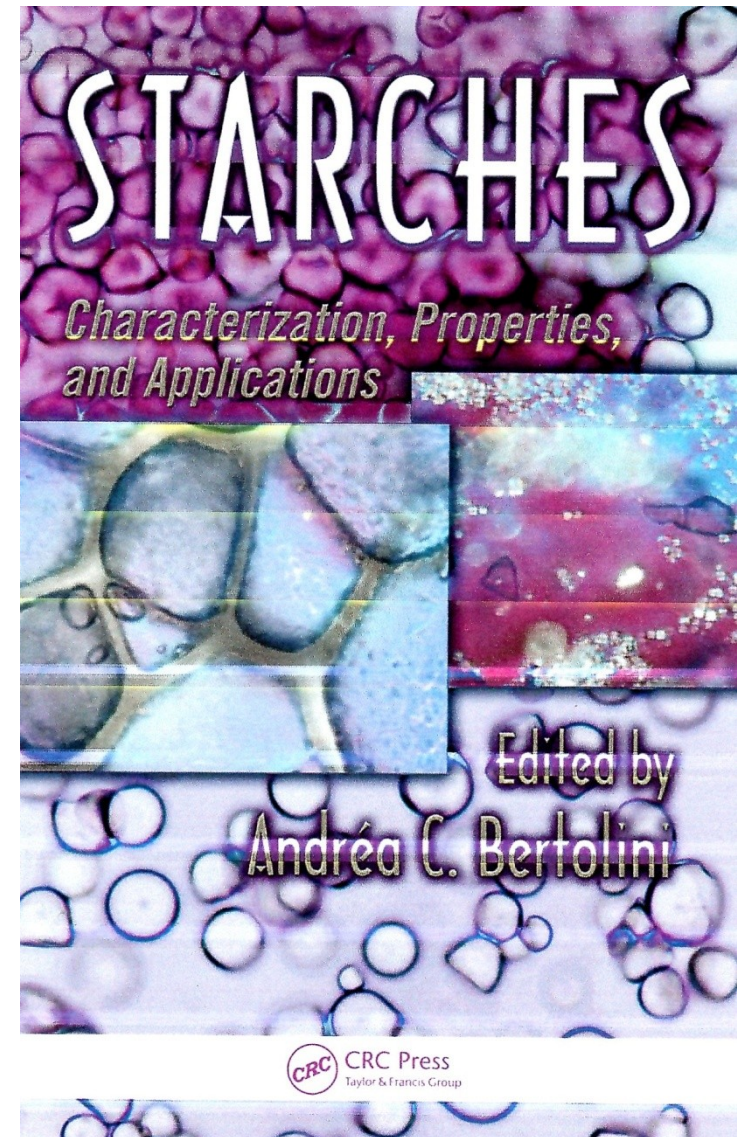


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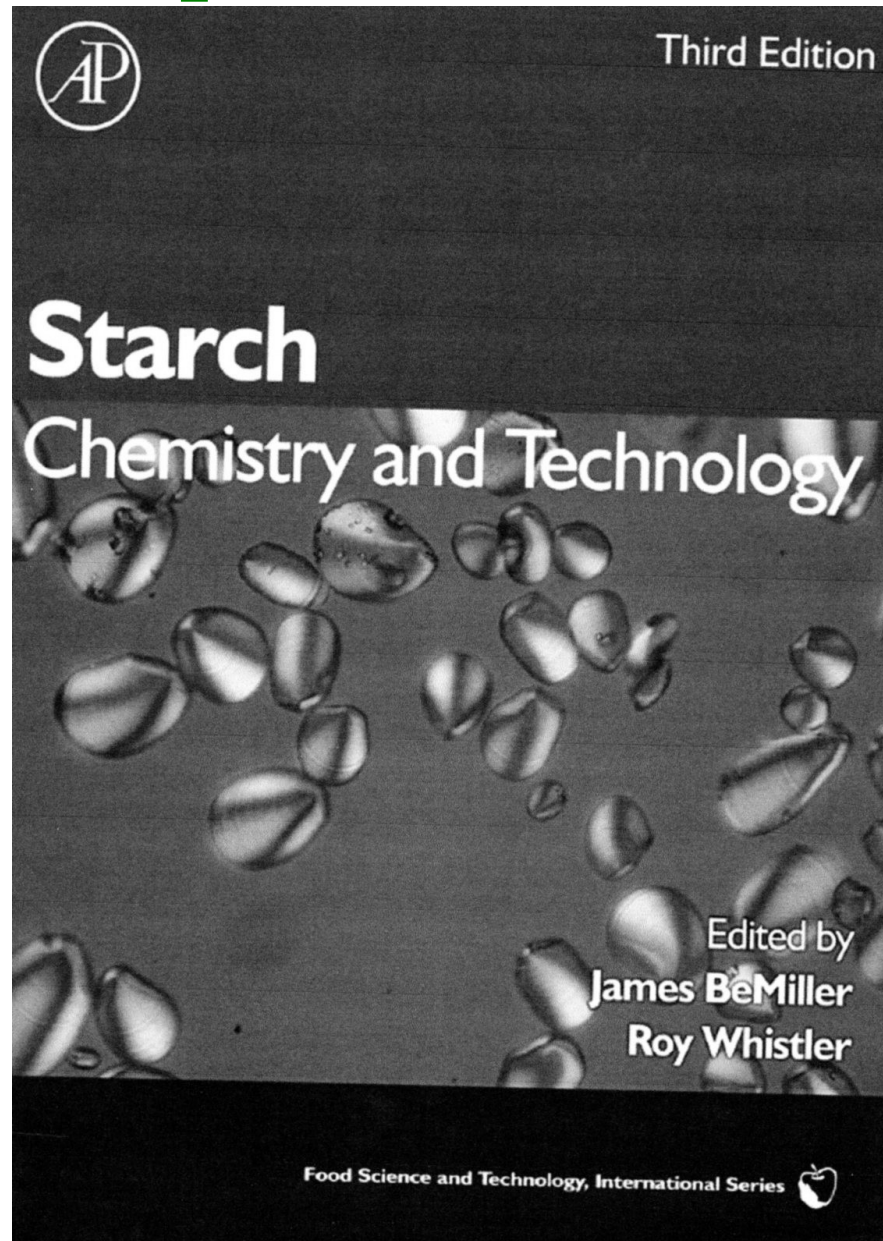
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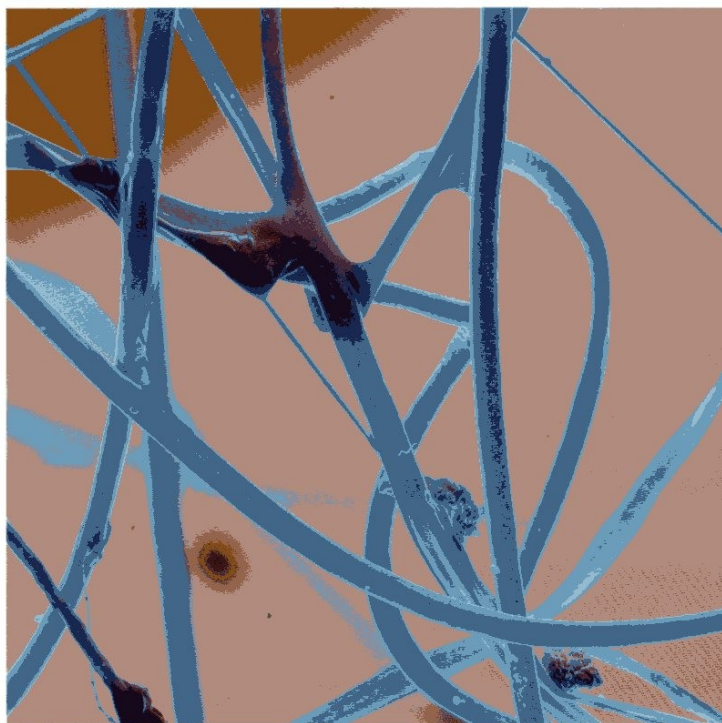
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## Natural Polymers

Volume 1: Composites



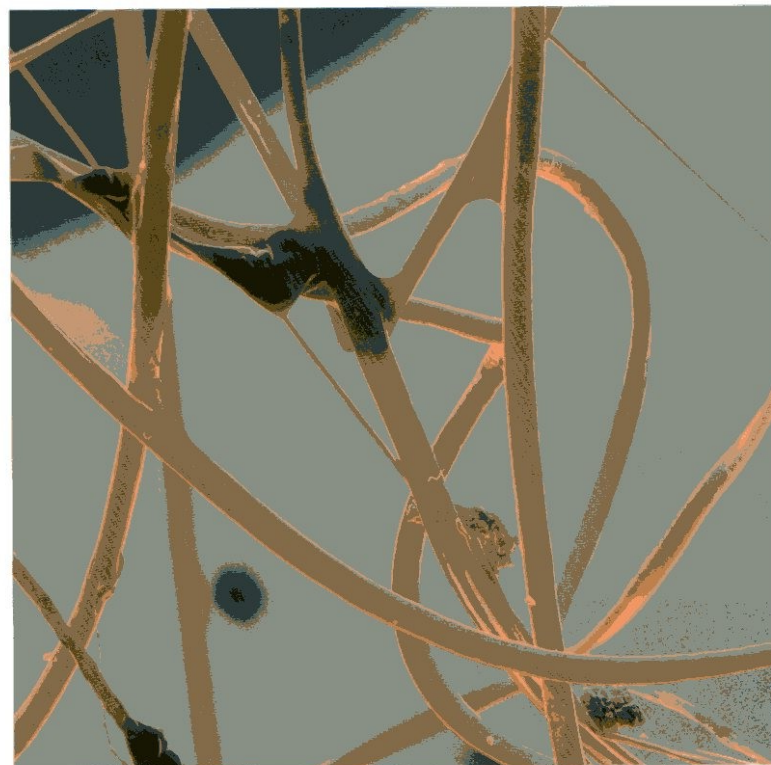
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## Natural Polymers

Volume 2: Nanocomposites



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**Biomass** is the mass of **living or/and dead biological organisms** in a given area or ecosystem at a given time. Biomass can refer to *species biomass*, which is the mass of one or more species, or to *community biomass*, which is the mass of all species in the community. It can include microorganisms, plants or animals.<sup>[4]</sup> The mass can be expressed as the average mass per unit area, or as the total mass in the community.

**Biomass** most often refers to **plants or plant-based materials** that are not used for food or feed, and are specifically called lignocellulosic biomass.<sup>[2]</sup> As an energy source, biomass can either be used directly via combustion to produce heat, or indirectly after converting it to various forms of biofuel.



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# What **is** and what **is NOT** the Matter of our Subject here

## What is

- **NATURAL oligomers**
- **Waxes**
- **NATURAL POLYMERS**
- **Modification of NATURAL POLYMERS**
- **Use (Utilization) of NATURAL POLYMERS**

## What is NOT

- **Enzymes**
- **Hormons**
- **Nucleic acids**
- **Lowmolecular natural substances**

# NATURAL POLYMERS – historical Basis of the Polymer chemistry and Plastics

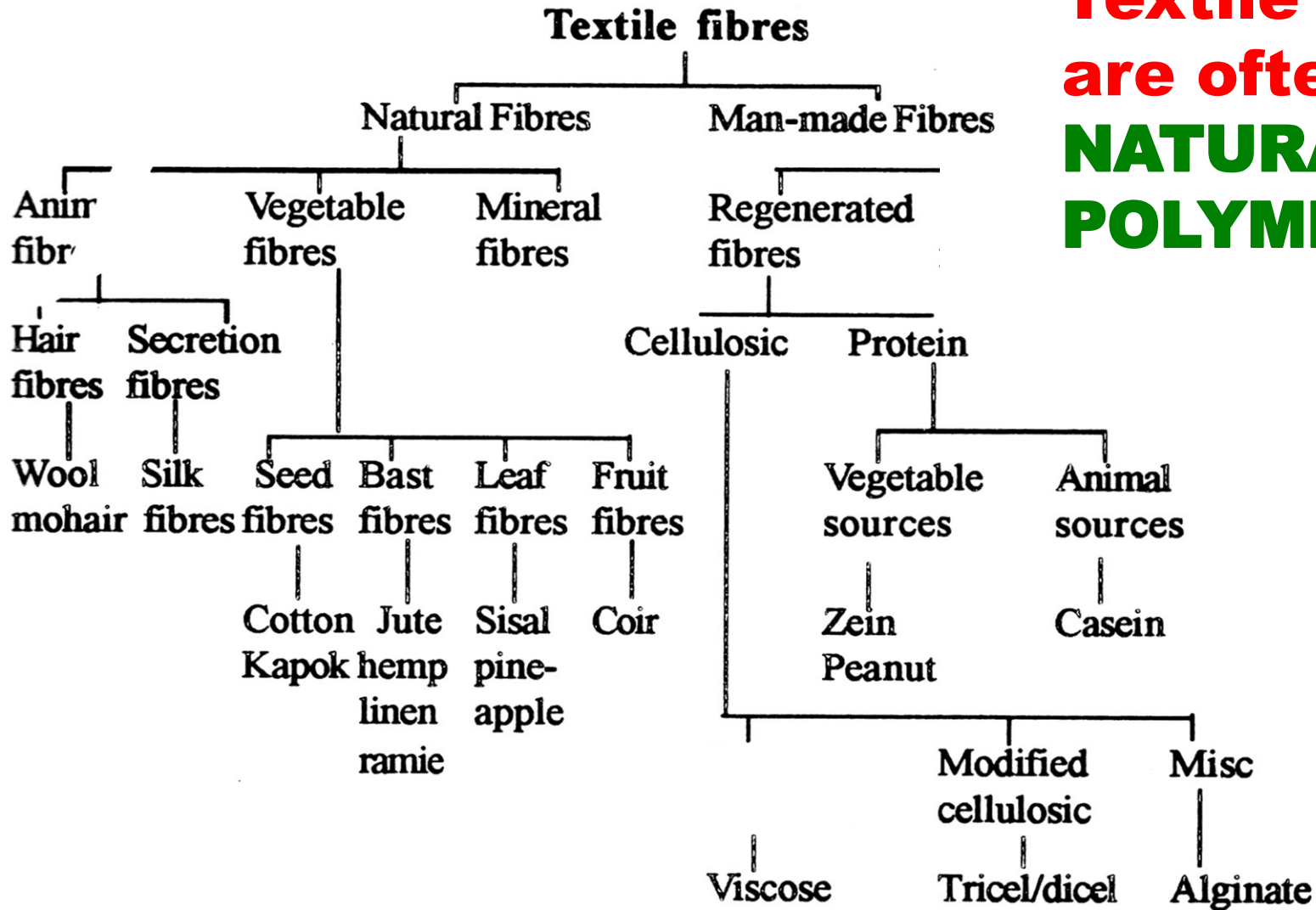
- **Celluloid** > nitrocellulose and camphol
- **Galalith** > casein crosslinked by formaldehyde
- **Viscose fibre** > regenerated cellulose
- .....

# **Synthetic versus Natural products**

- **Natural products**
- **Modified Natural products**
- **Synthetic products**



**Textile fibres  
are often  
NATURAL  
POLYMERS!**



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# **NATURAL** Products Characteristics

- **After SEPARATION and possible CLEANING are possible to be used as are so, as they got from the NATURAL RESOURCES**
- **EXAMPLES:**
  - **Cellulosic fibres** > Cotton (approx. 98 % w/w of Cellulose)
  - **Starch** > Separation from plants (potatoes, wheat, maize)
  - **Collagen**

# Modified NATURAL Products

- **After SEPARATION and potential CLEANING are subjected to chemical reaction (reactions), by this is got the final Product**
- **EXAMPLES:**
  - **Cellulosic fibres** > xanthate > precipitation > **textile fibres**
  - **Starch** > acid + heat > **dextrin paper glue**
  - **Collagen** > denaturation > **animal glue and gelatine**

# Synthetic products

- **Resulting product is got by intentional human endeavour from the artificial substances (monomers)**
- **EXAMPLES:**
  - **Ethylene** > polyethylene
  - **Butadiene + styrene** > butadiene-styrene rubber
  - **Dimethyl terephthalate + ethylenglykol** > PETP (PET) Polyethylene terephthalate

# Importance of the **NATURAL POLYMERS** in the past (history), at present and in the future

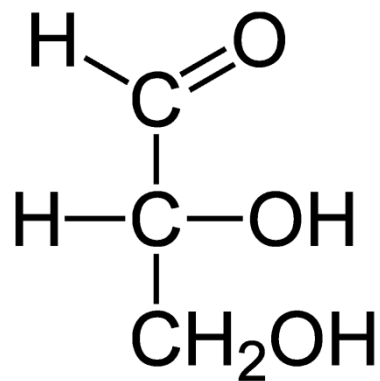
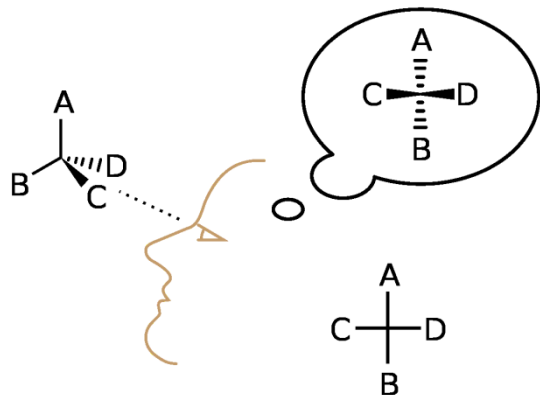
- **HISTORY:** *dominance of NATURAL POLYMERS (especially modified)*
- **At present:** minority role as the technical PLASTICS, competition in the area of glues remains, transfer of importance into food industry, cosmetics and drugs
- **FUTURE:**
  - Development of the modified **NATURAL POLYMERS** (probably without paper industry)
  - Endeavour to chemical exploitation of the **Biomass**
  - Energy utilisation (biogas, wood gas)

# Is ANY USE natural resources of sense?

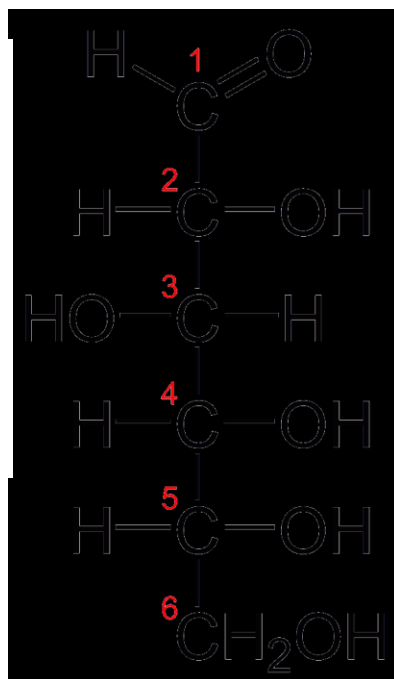
- **What is YOUR MEANING about these utilizations:**
  - **Biodiesel,**
  - **Polylactic acid (PLA),**
  - **Bioethanol,**
  - **Ethylene made of bioethanol,**
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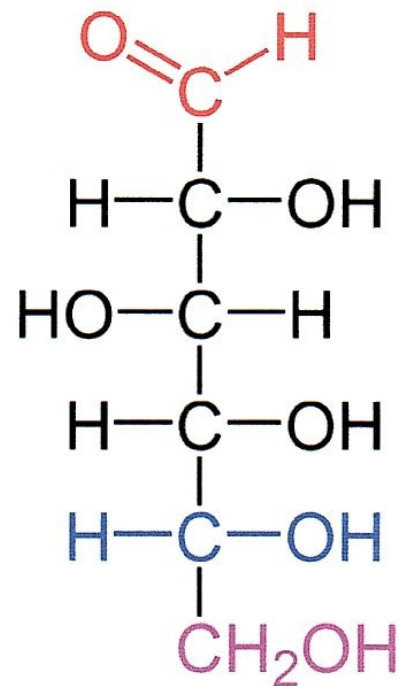
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Fischer projection of D-Glyceraldehyde



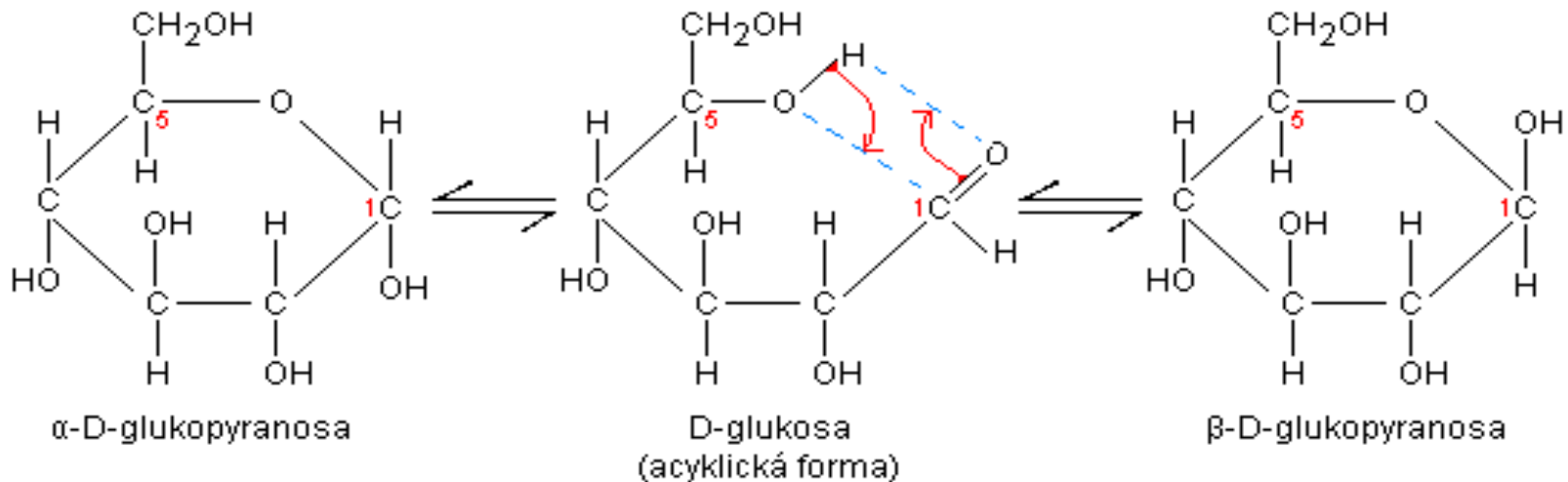
Fischer projection of D-Glucose



Fischer projection D-Glucose ones more :

- C1 is up,
- -OH on C5 is right

# What is right to revive yourself 2 ?

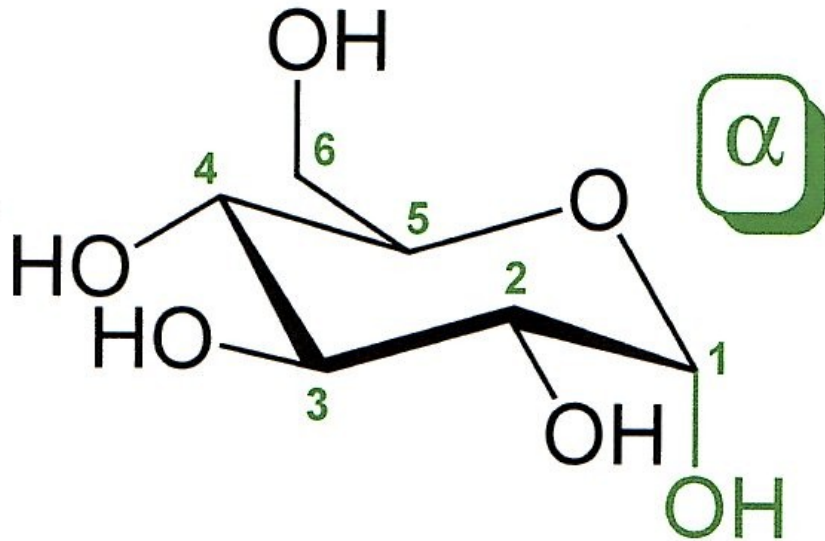


**Mutarotation** is the change in the [optical rotation](#) because of the change in the equilibrium between two [anomers](#), when the corresponding [stereocenters](#) interconvert. Cyclic [sugars](#) show mutarotation as  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  [anomeric](#) forms interconvert.<sup>[1]</sup> The optical rotation of the solution depends on the optical rotation of each anomer and their ratio in the solution.

## Example

For example, if a solution of  $\beta$ -D-[glucopyranose](#) is dissolved in water, its specific optical rotation will be +18.7. Over time, some of the  $\beta$ -D-glucopyranose will undergo mutarotation to become  $\alpha$ -D-glucopyranose, which has an optical rotation of +112.2. The observed rotation of the sample is the weighted sum of the optical rotation of each anomer weighted by the amount of that anomer present.

# What is right to revive yourself 3 ?

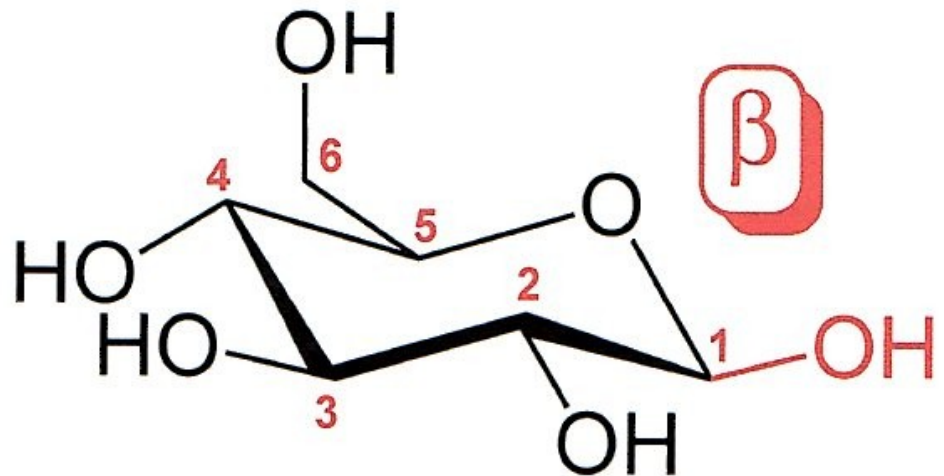


**Bonds -OH on C1 and bond C5-C6 are TRANS**

**α - D - glucopyranose (cyclic form of glucose)**

**β - D - glucopyranose (cyclic form of glucose)**

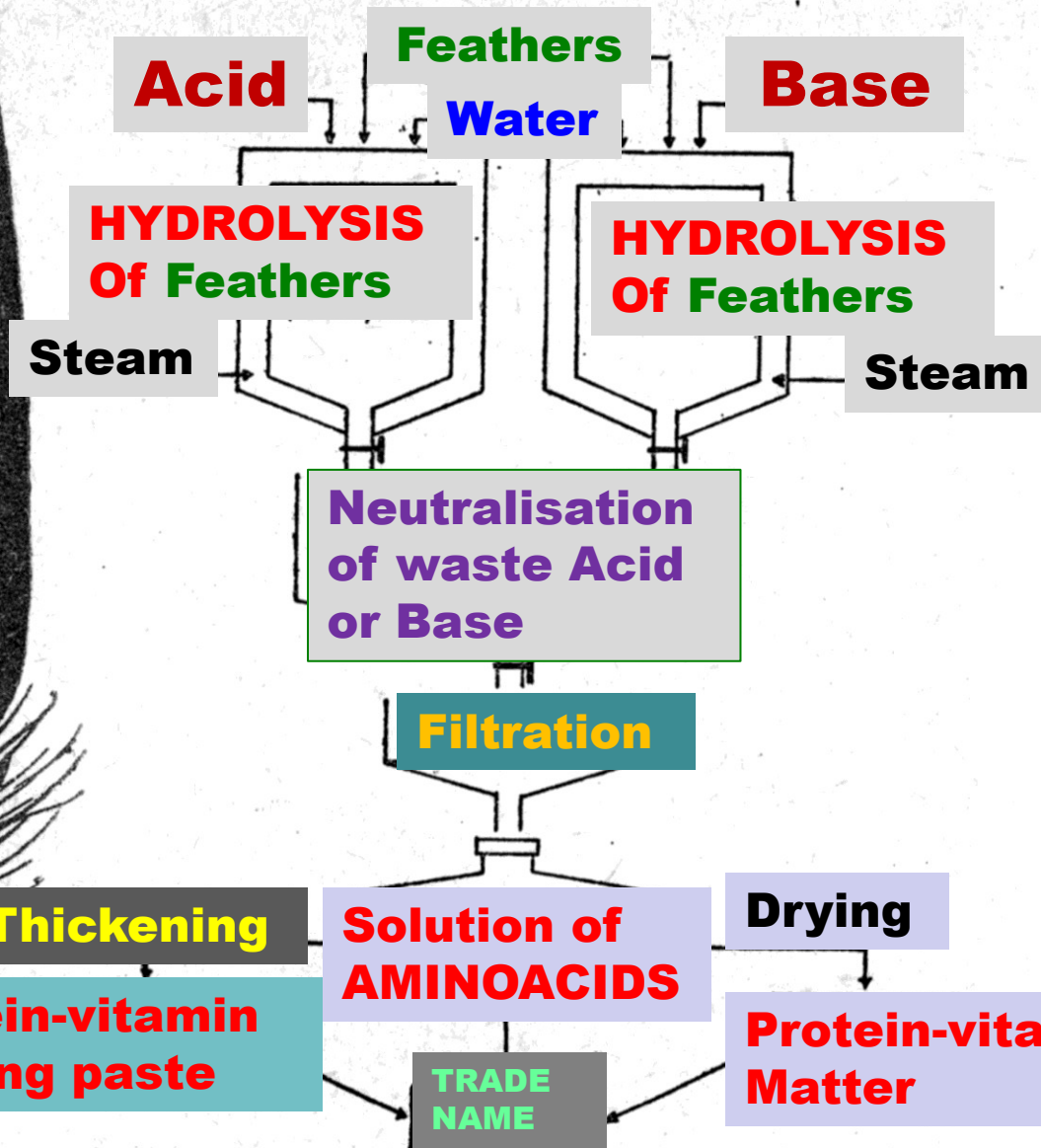
**Bonds -OH on C1 and bond C5-C6 are CIS**



## What is right to revive yourself 4 ?

- $\alpha$  – D – glucopyranose (cyclic form of glucose, should be of approx. 37 % molar ) is in the equilibrium with
- $\beta$  – D – glucopyranose (cyclic form glucose, should be of approx. 37 % molar ) and these both forms further to it coexist with linear form (this should be of approx. 0,002 % molar )
- Form D prevails in the nature

# *It is the long Way from the Ideas to Implementation*



**Utilisation of the waste Feathers as the Source of Amino acids**

**Scheme published in the Yearbook „Young technician“ in the year 1962 already!**

# **SIMILAR Project underway NOW!**

## **Biopolymers in the Academy of Science of the Czech Republic**

- **The Institute of Chemical Processes Fundamentals >**  
Biorefinery Research Centre of Competence
  - **Centre can supply e.g. basic data, so industrial Participants can be suppliers of the edible collagen and the other protein hydrolysates for the Nutrition**