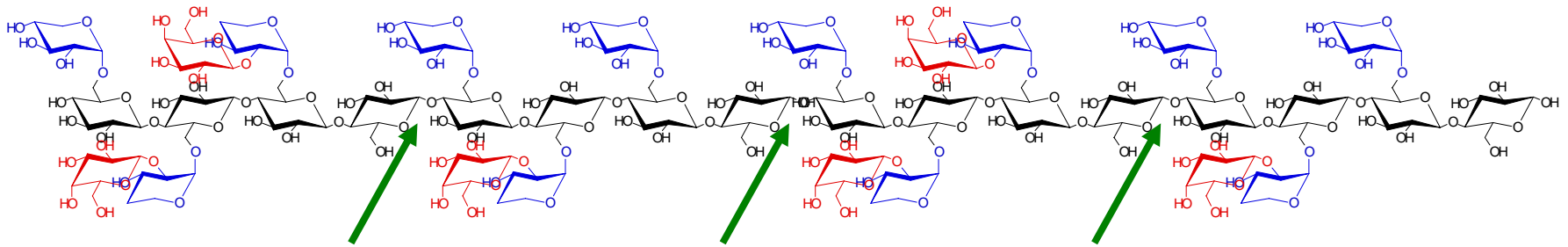
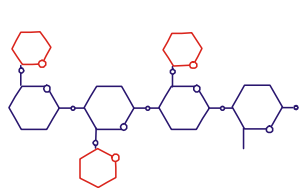


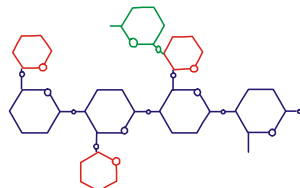
*Structure and properties of storage
xyloglucans*



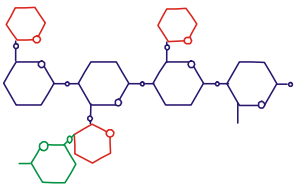
CELLULASE OR XYLOGLUCAN TRANSGLUCOSYLASE HYDROLASE (XTH)



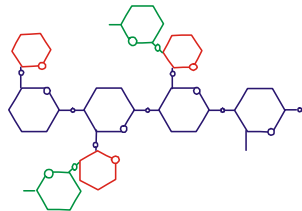
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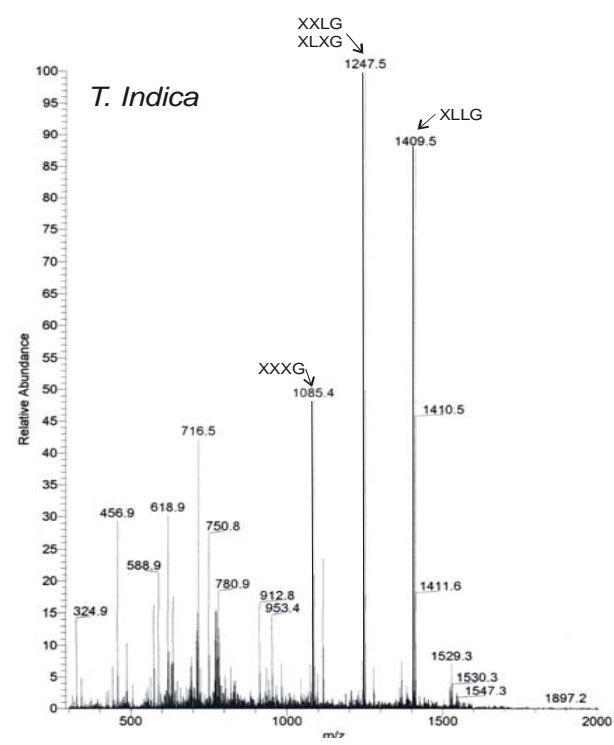
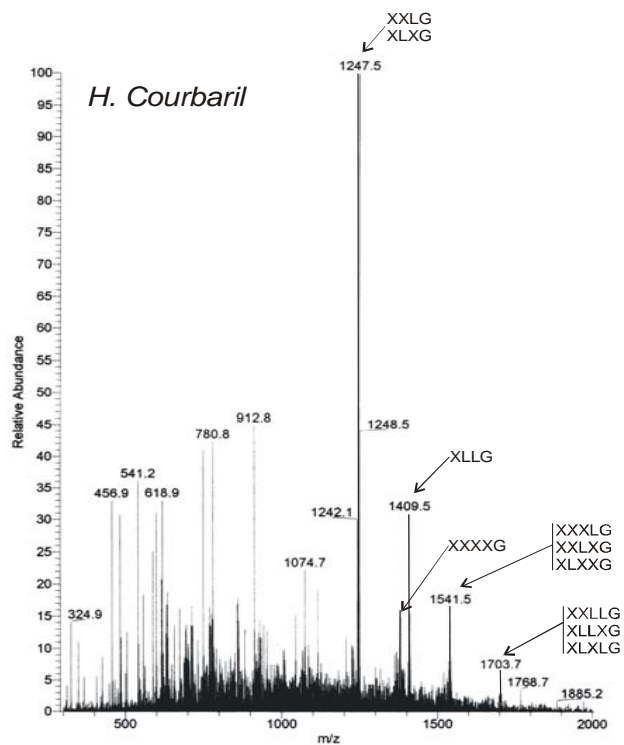
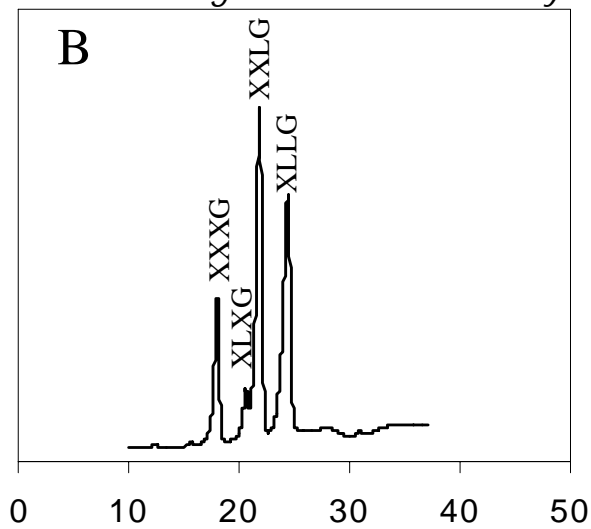
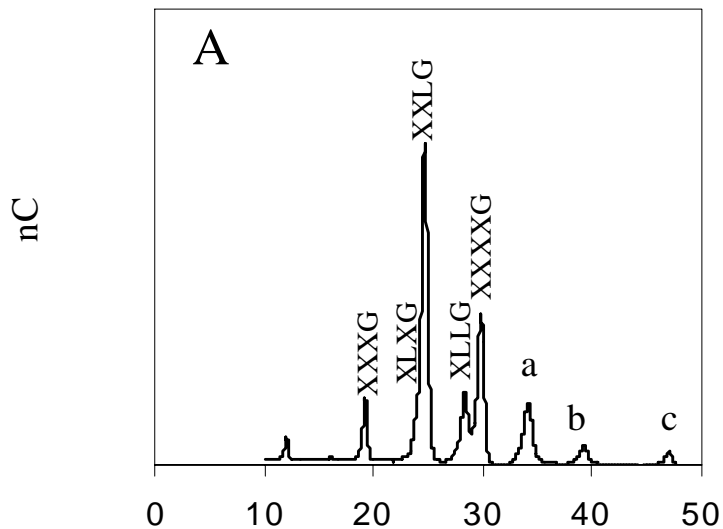


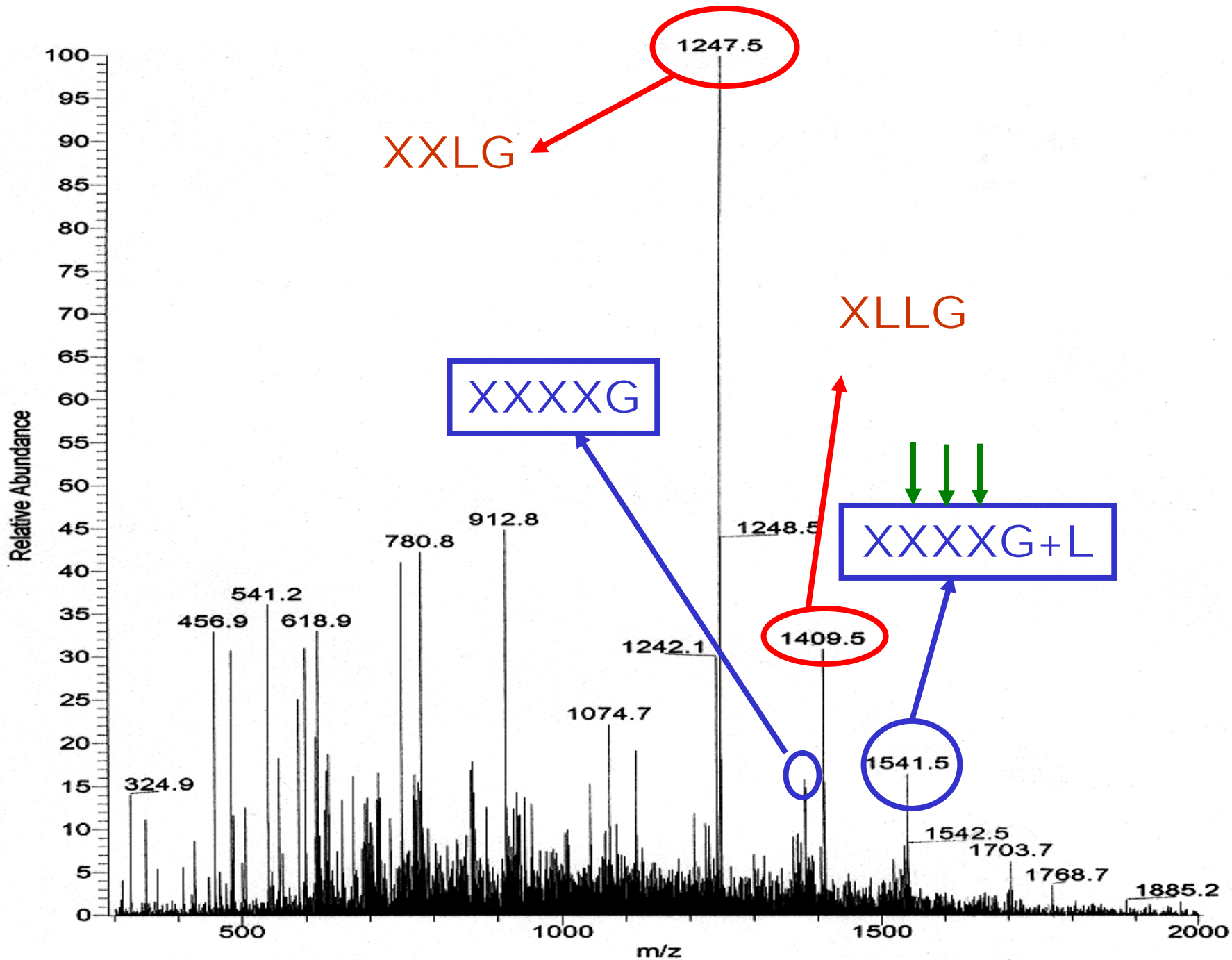
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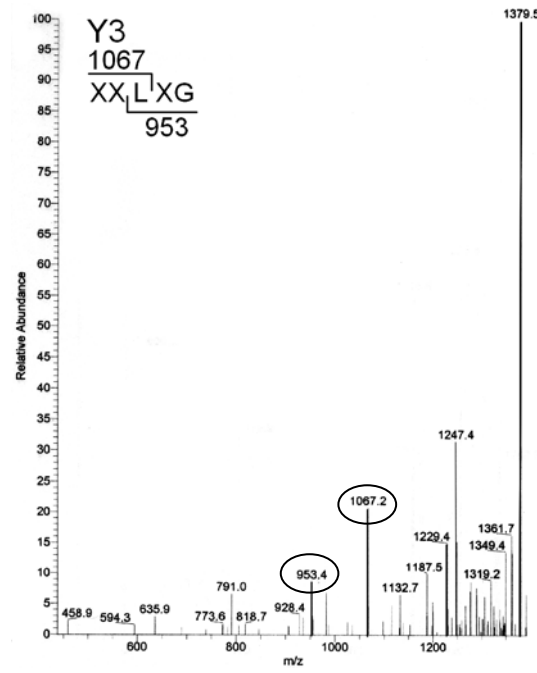
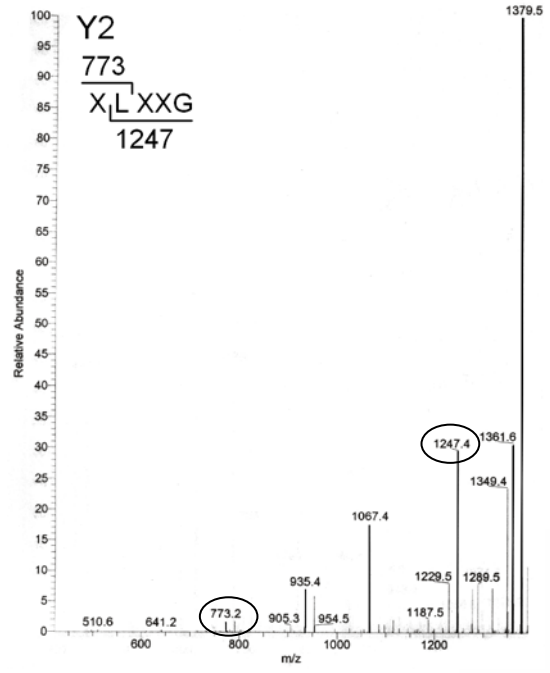
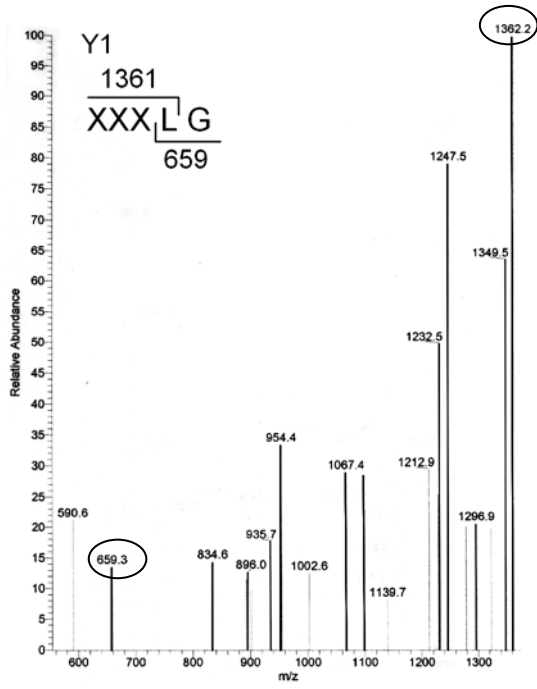


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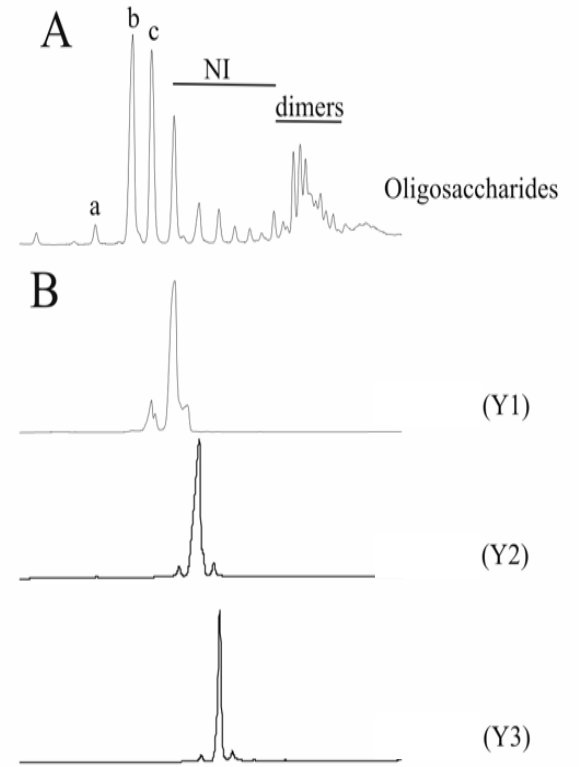
Principal limit digest
xyloglucan
oligosaccharides released
by cellulase or XTH
activity



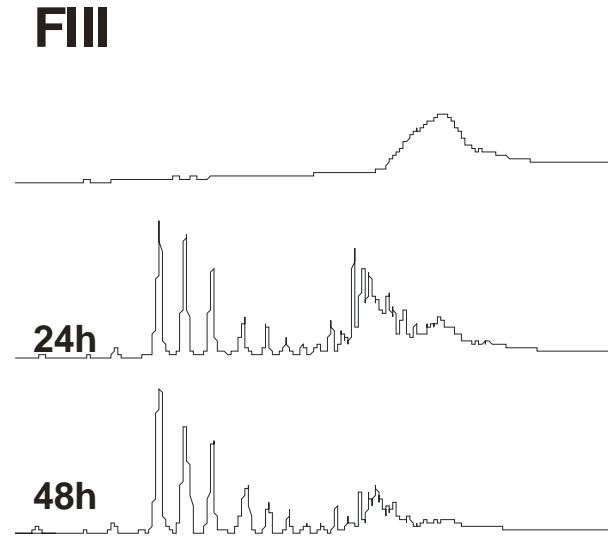
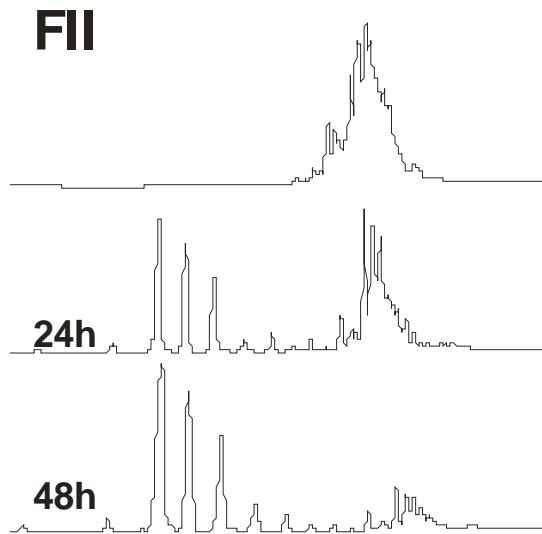




2nd fragmentation of 1541



Some fragments resist cellulase attack



How many molecules?

$$2 \times (\dots 4-4-4-4-4-4-4-4 \dots) + \dots 5-5-5-5-5-5-5 \dots$$

or

$$\dots 4-5-4-5-4-5-4-5-4 \dots + \dots 4-4-4-4-4-4-4-4 \dots$$

or

$$\dots 4-4-5-4-4-5-4-4-5 \dots + \dots 4-4-5-4-4-5-4-4 \dots$$

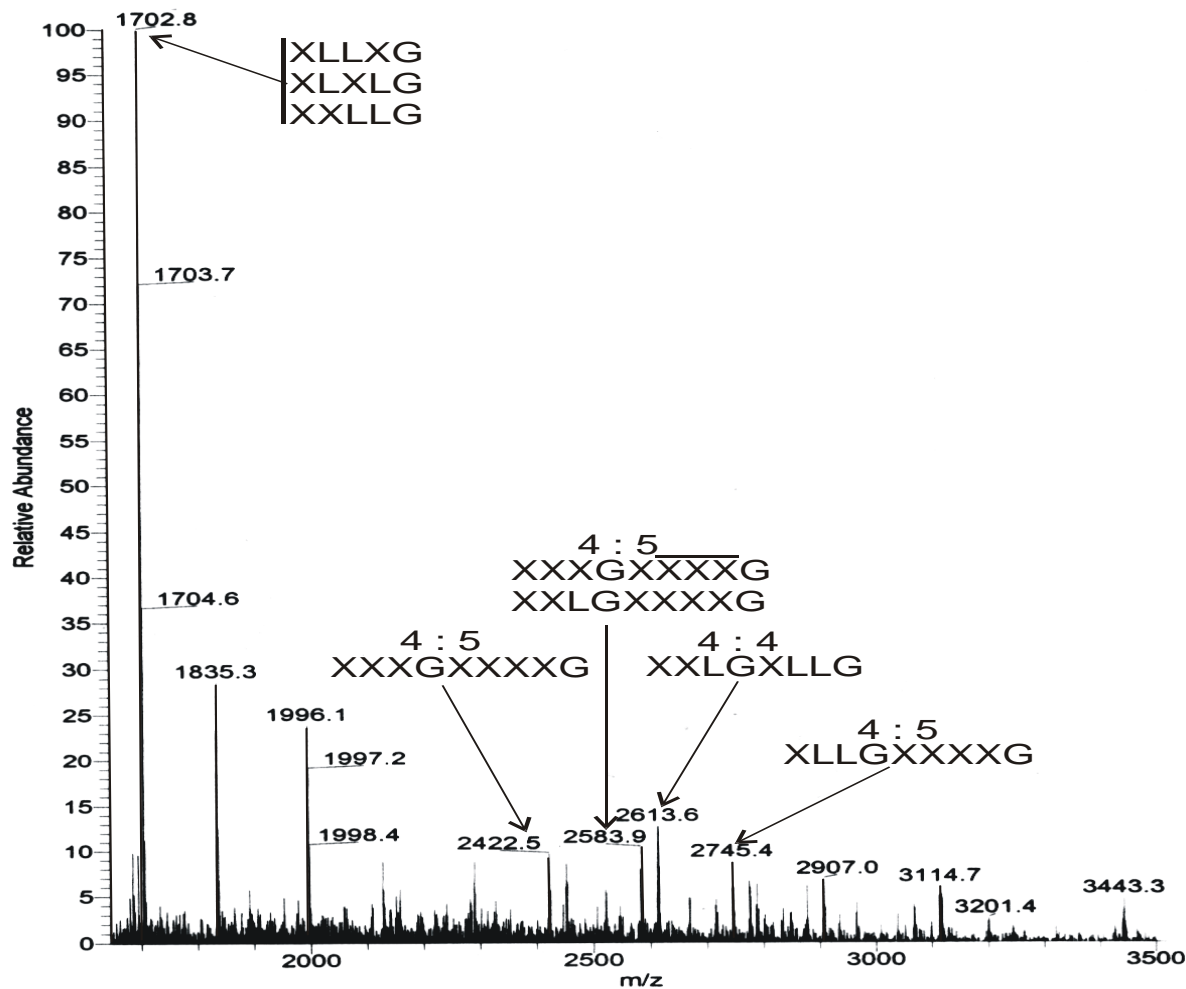


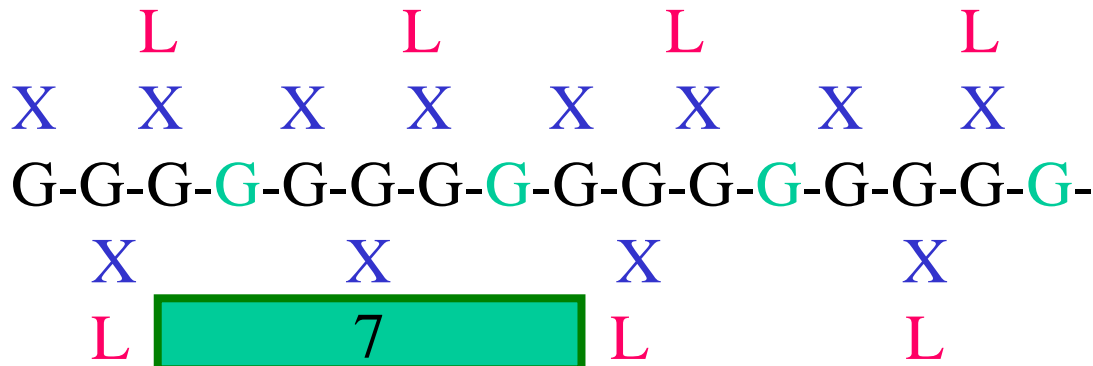
Figure 5. ESI-MS of the dimers of limit digest oligosaccharides of xyloglucan from *H. courbaril*. Some of the ions are indicated, as well as the number of glucoses in their main chain, showing the preferential alternation of four and five-glucose oligosaccharides. The line over XXXXG means that the galactosyl residue can be in any of the “X” indicated.

Table 1. Distribution of dimers of *Hymenaea xyloglucans* and the relative proportions of galactosylated residues based on electrospray MS.

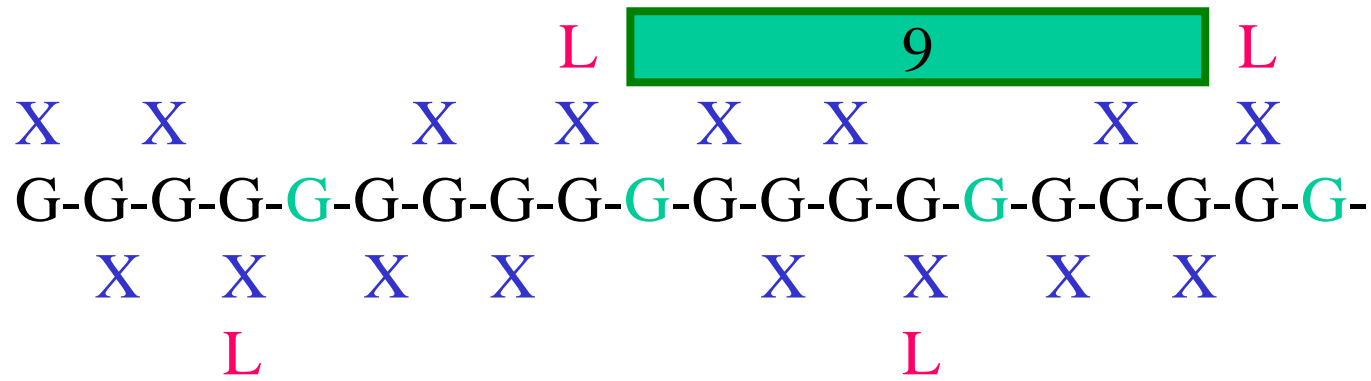
	XXXG-XXXG	XXXG-XXXXG	XXXXG-XXXXG
Molar Ratio	3.00	: 2.00	: 1.00
	No. of Gal residues (Mole%)		
0	19.3	29.9	26.9
1	17.8	18.2	24.5
2	21.2	13.7	11.6
3	28.0	26.9	14.5
4	13.7	11.3	22.6



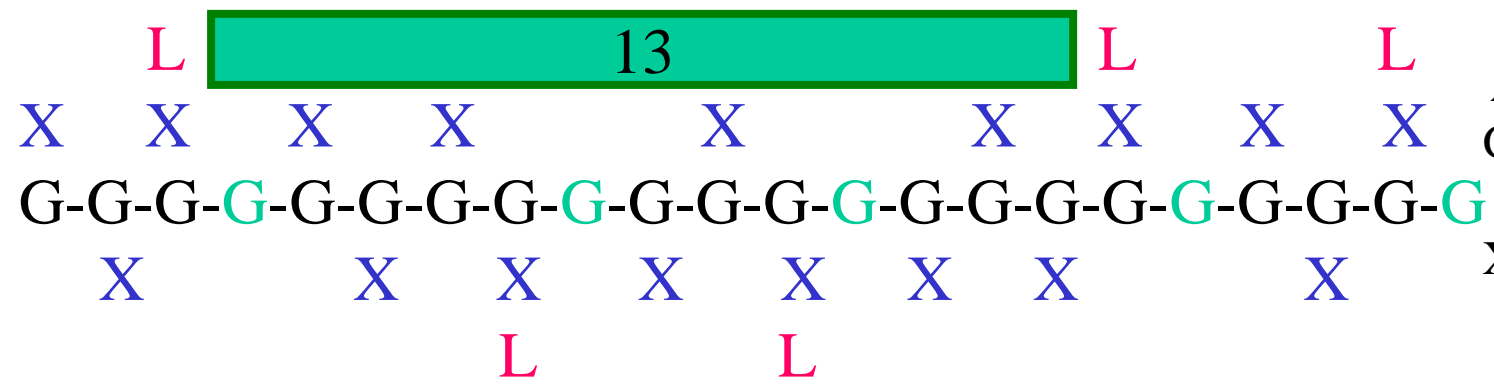
Possible structures of dimers above 20%. XLs (underlined) here theoretically positioned in the middle of the molecule



4 Glc based chain having XLLG as the main oligosaccharide



5 Glc based chain having XXXLG as the main oligosaccharide



Alternating 4/5 Glc based chain having XXLGXXXXG

Weak

Strong

medium

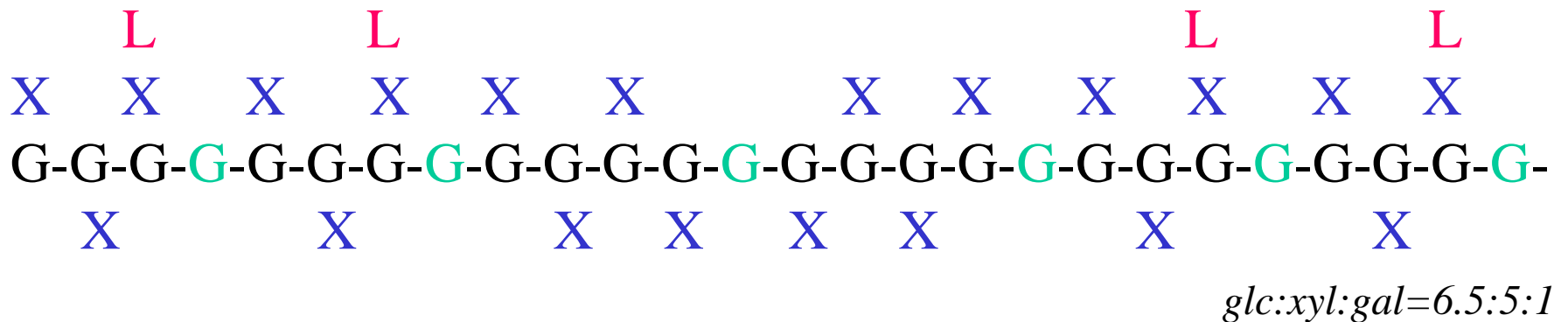
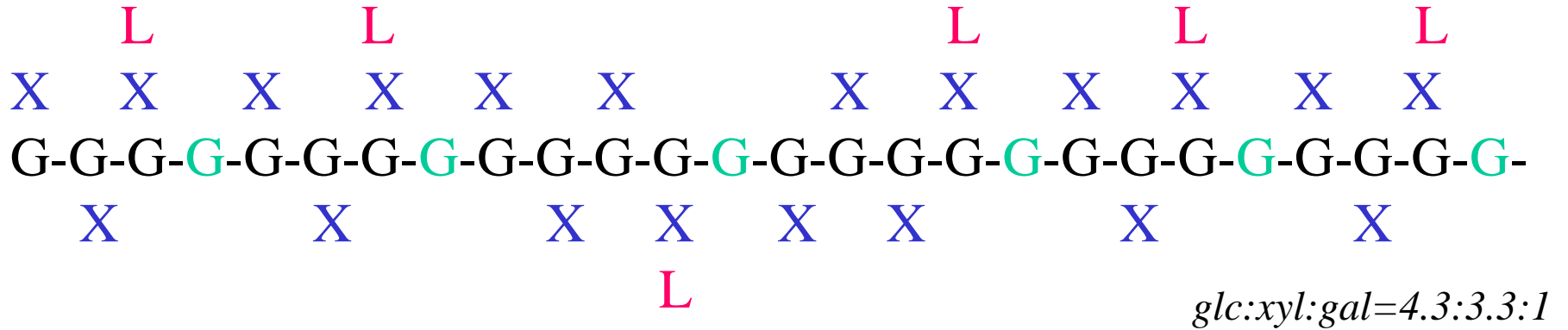
Table 2

Stochastic and directed arrangements of xylocellotetraosyl and xylocellopentaosyl units in xyloglucan polymers

Model polymer	T-T:T-P + P-T:P-P
	8:8:2
	6:12:0
	11:2:5
	10:4:4
T-T-P-P-T-T-T-T-P-P-T-T-T-T-P-P-T-T	9:6:3
T-T-P-P-T-T-P-P-T-T-P-P-T-T-T-T-T-T	9:6:3
T-T-P-P-T-P-P-T-P-P-T-T-T-T-T-T-T-T	9:6:3
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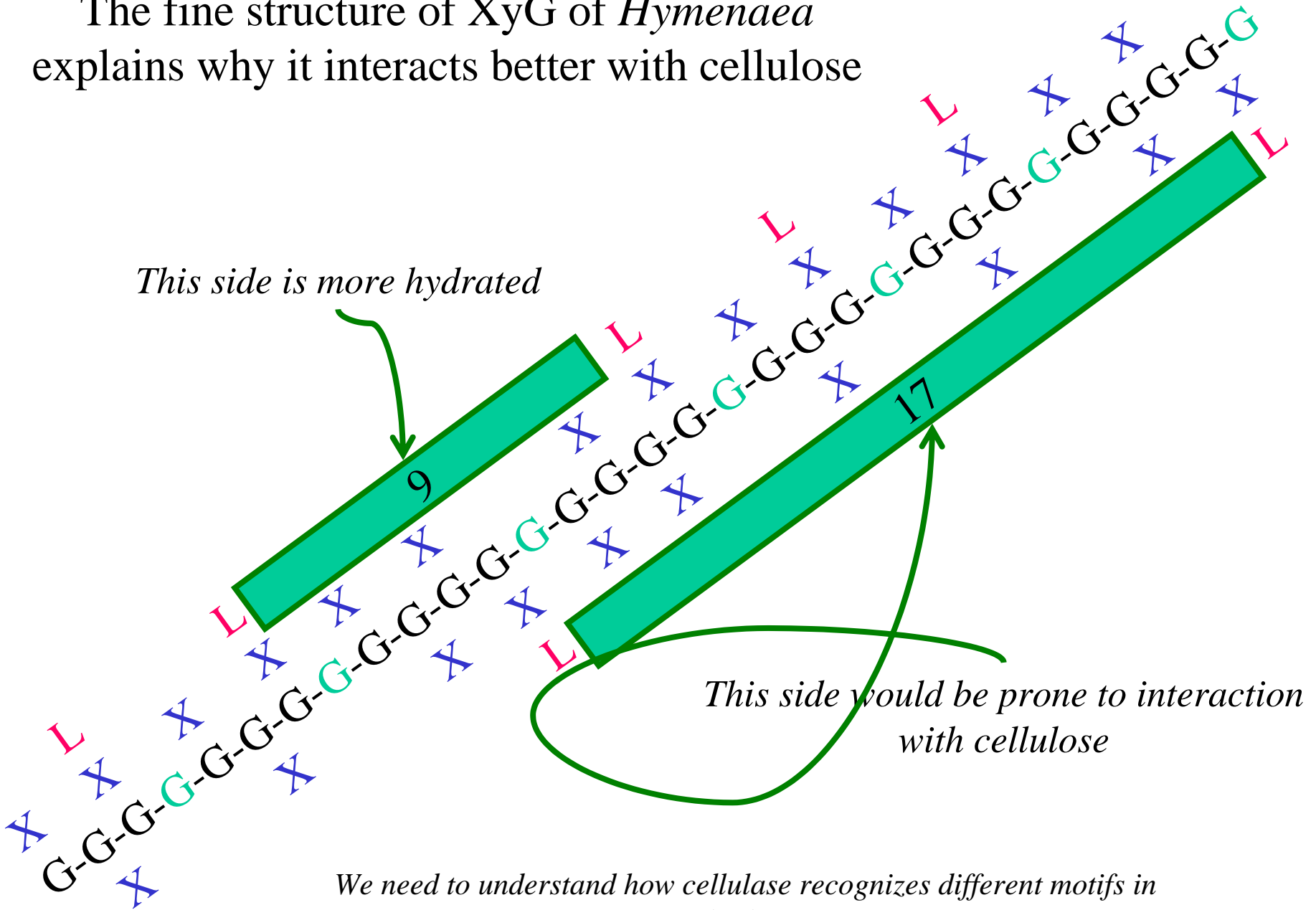
Stochastic (random) arrangements give a 4:4:1 ratio of dimers based on a xylocellotetraose:xylocellopentaosyl ratio of 2:1. The 3:2:1 ratio observed demands a more directed arrangement. Arrangements containing the repeating unit T-P-P-T spaced by additional T units gives such a ratio; when considering that the *endo*-β-glucan hydrolase may cleave between each unit oligomer, the tetramer T-P-P-T will always give a 2:1 ratio of T-P + P-T:P-P. The three P-P units placed anywhere within the stretch of twelve T units gives the 3:2:1 ratio. Ps are in bold to show clearly their position in the sequences and distinguish them from Ts.

Assuming that TTPPTT would be the combination with higher probability of occurrence, the examples below illustrate possible average molecules of *Hymenaea* xyloglucan



The fine structure of XyG of *Hymenaea* explains why it interacts better with cellulose

This side is more hydrated

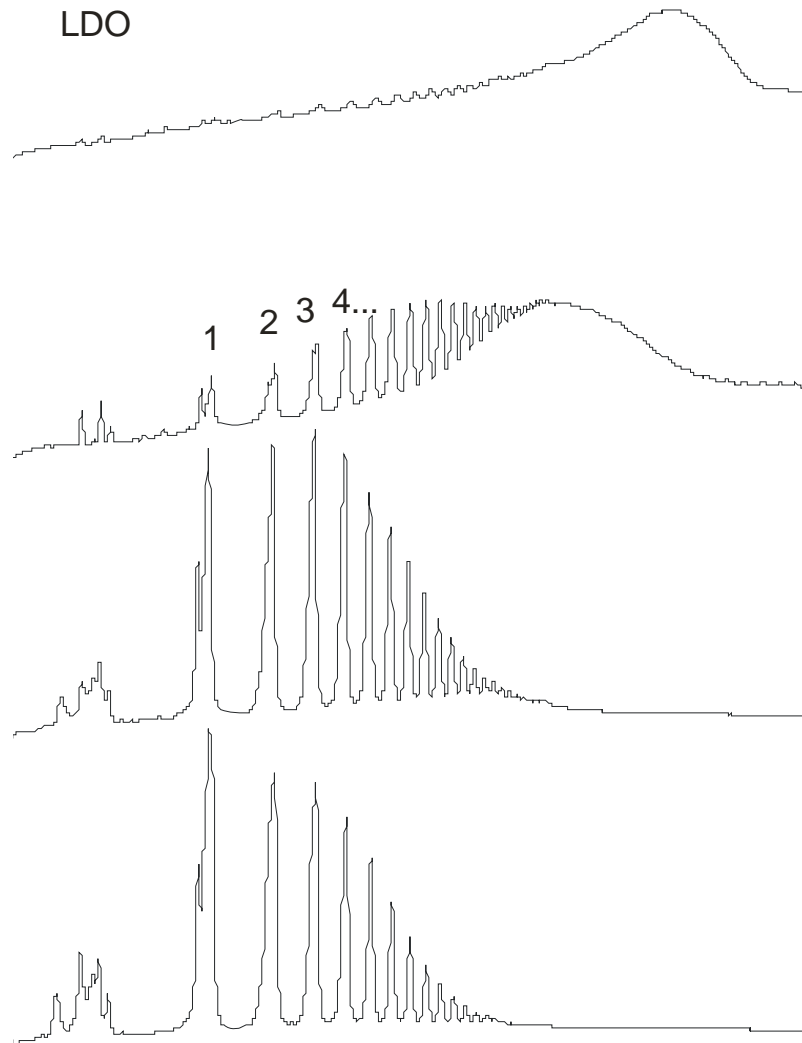


This side would be prone to interaction with cellulose

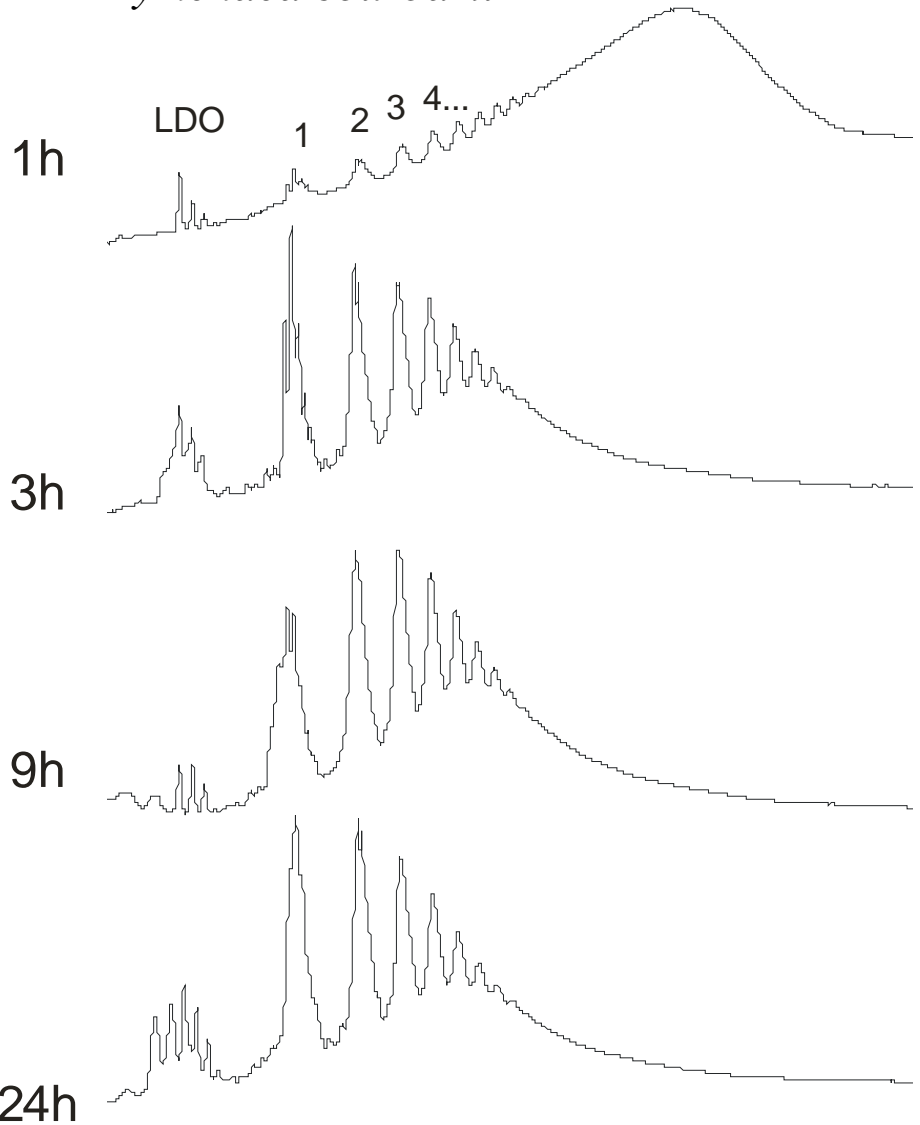
We need to understand how cellulase recognizes different motifs in xyloglucan

Restriction hydrolysis of xyloglucans with *Trichoderma* cellulase

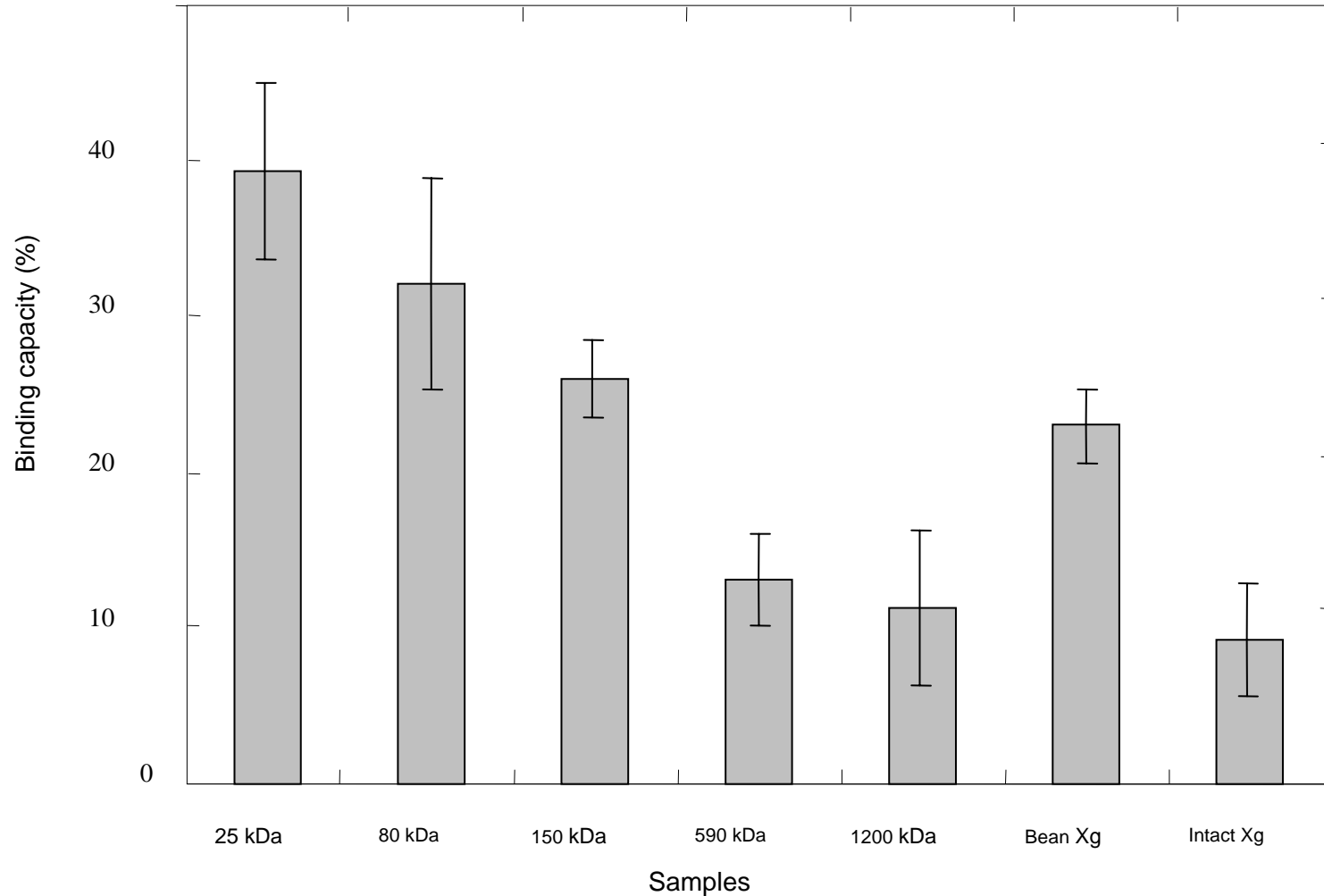
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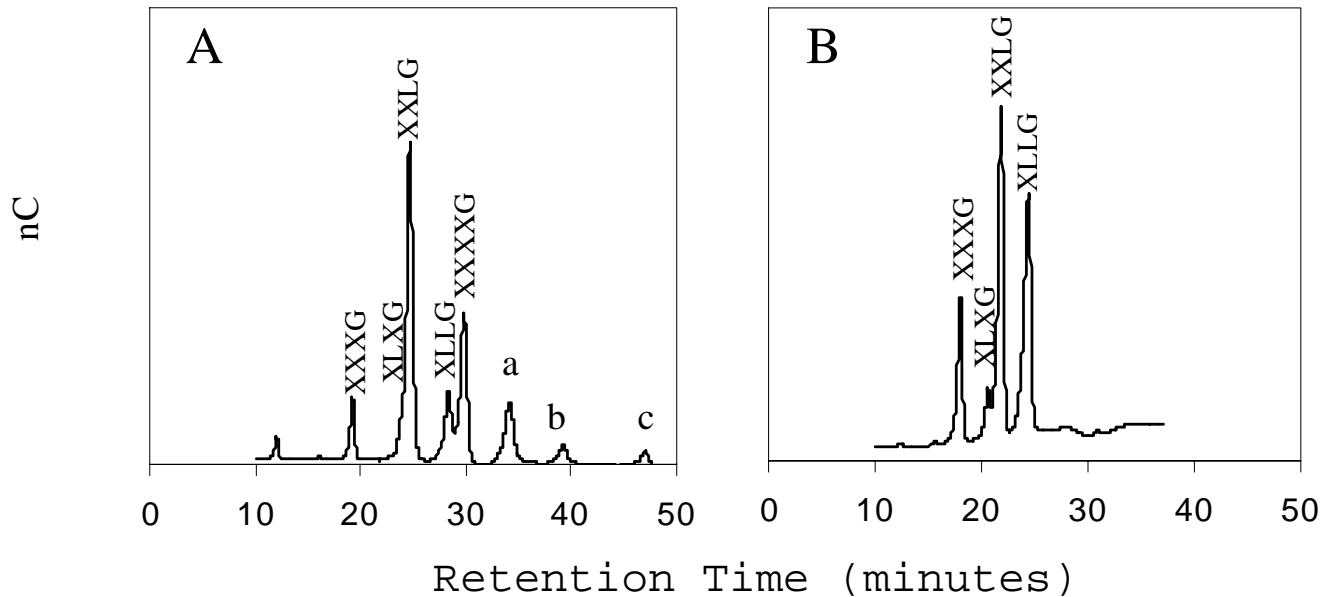


Hymenaea courbaril

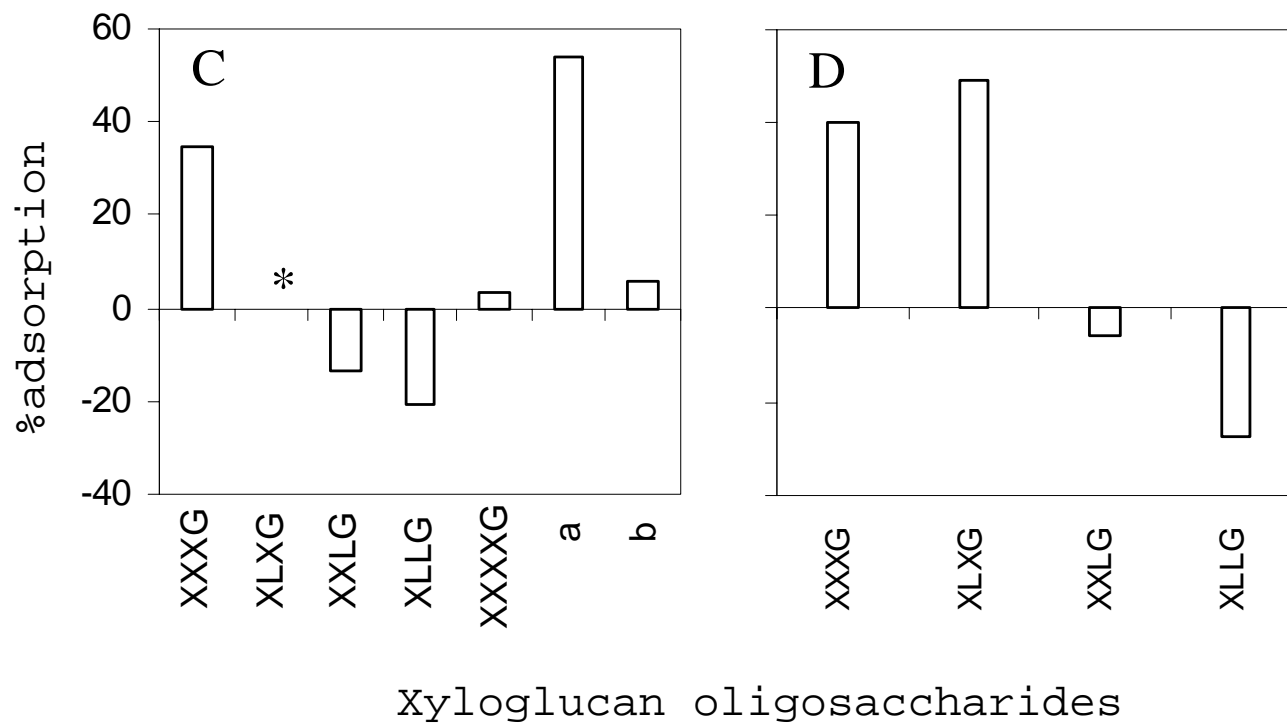


Interaction of *Hymenaea* xyloglucan with cellulose





a=XXXLG
 b=XLXXG
 c=XXLXG



Possible meaning of fine structure of xyloglucan

- *Hymenaea* XyG is NOT composed of a random mixture of monosaccharides
- It appears to have structural domains that determine how the polymer interacts with enzymes
- *LG are low interactive motifs and probably contain a message for hydrolase binding*

Adaptive factors at the molecular level

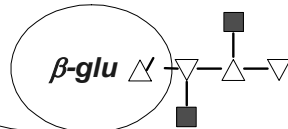
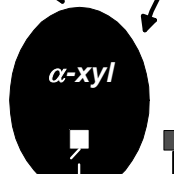
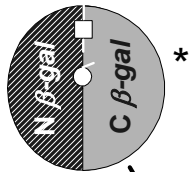
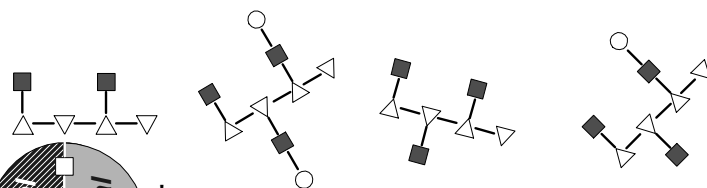
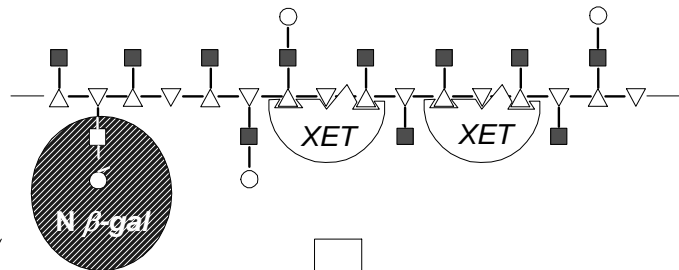
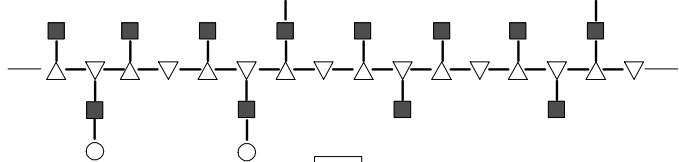
- Degradation of XyG of *Hymenaea* **is faster**;
- Degradation is controlled by changes in conformation that are temperature-dependent;
- Small molecules bind more strongly to cellulose and to themselves;
- LG motifs seem to be related to low intermolecular interactivity and could mark susceptibility to hydrolysis
- Intermolecular interaction increases packing, determined by fine structural features so that seed can accumulate more carbon.

*Biochemistry of xyloglucan
degradation*

Embryo

Cotyledons

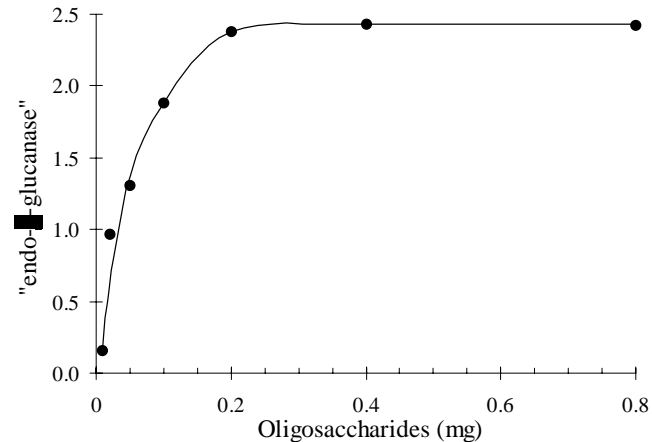
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Reiteration of the cycles of hydrolyses with xylosidase and glucosidase produce free xylose and glucose

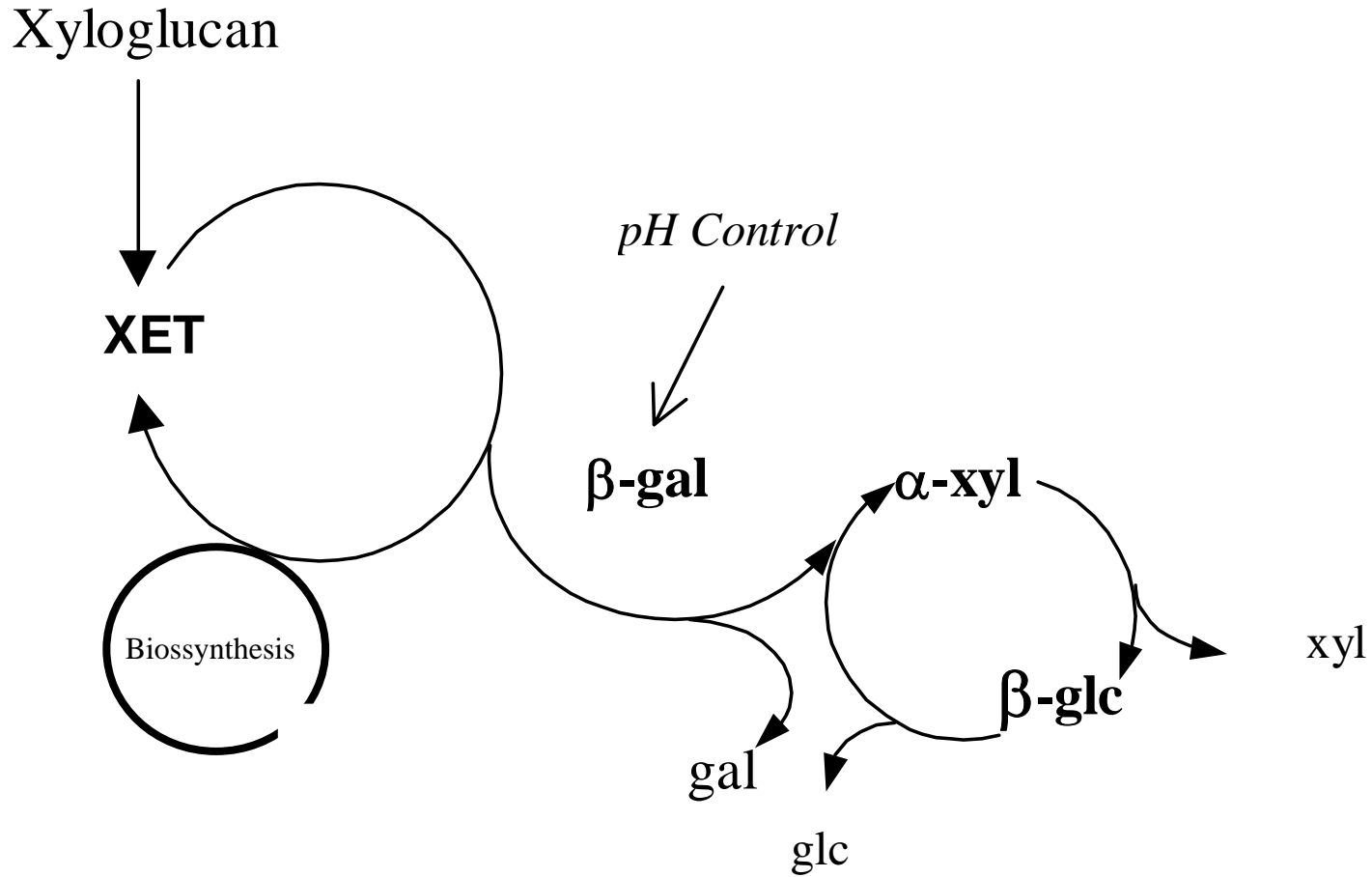
Free galactose and xylose and glucose are transformed into sucrose

Features of Hymenaea



Enzyme	Range of pH optima
□-xylosidase	4-5
□-glucosidase	3-3,5 e 4,5
□-galactosidase	3-3,5
XET	4-7

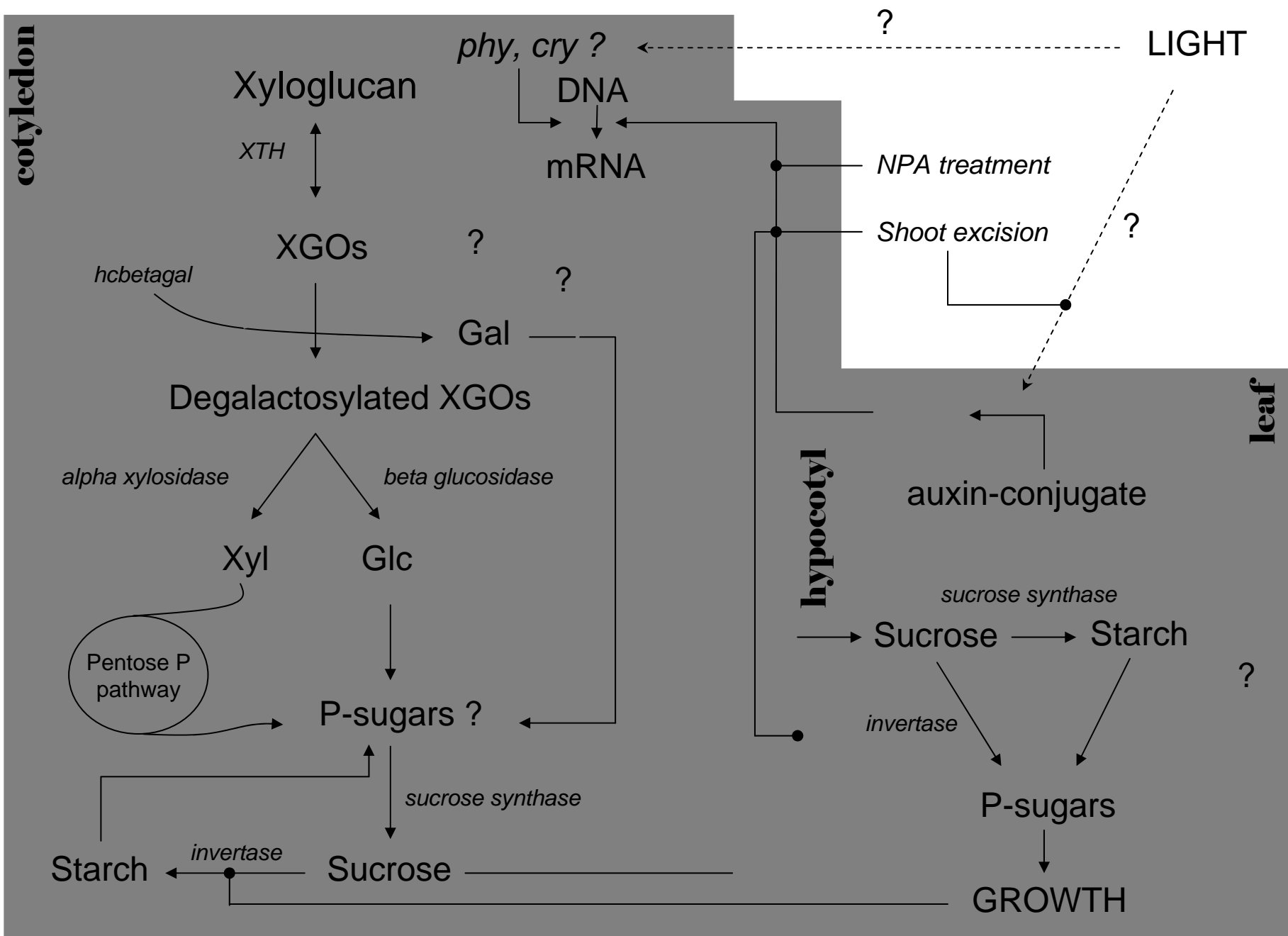
XILOGLUCAN MOBILIZATION IN *HYMENAEA*



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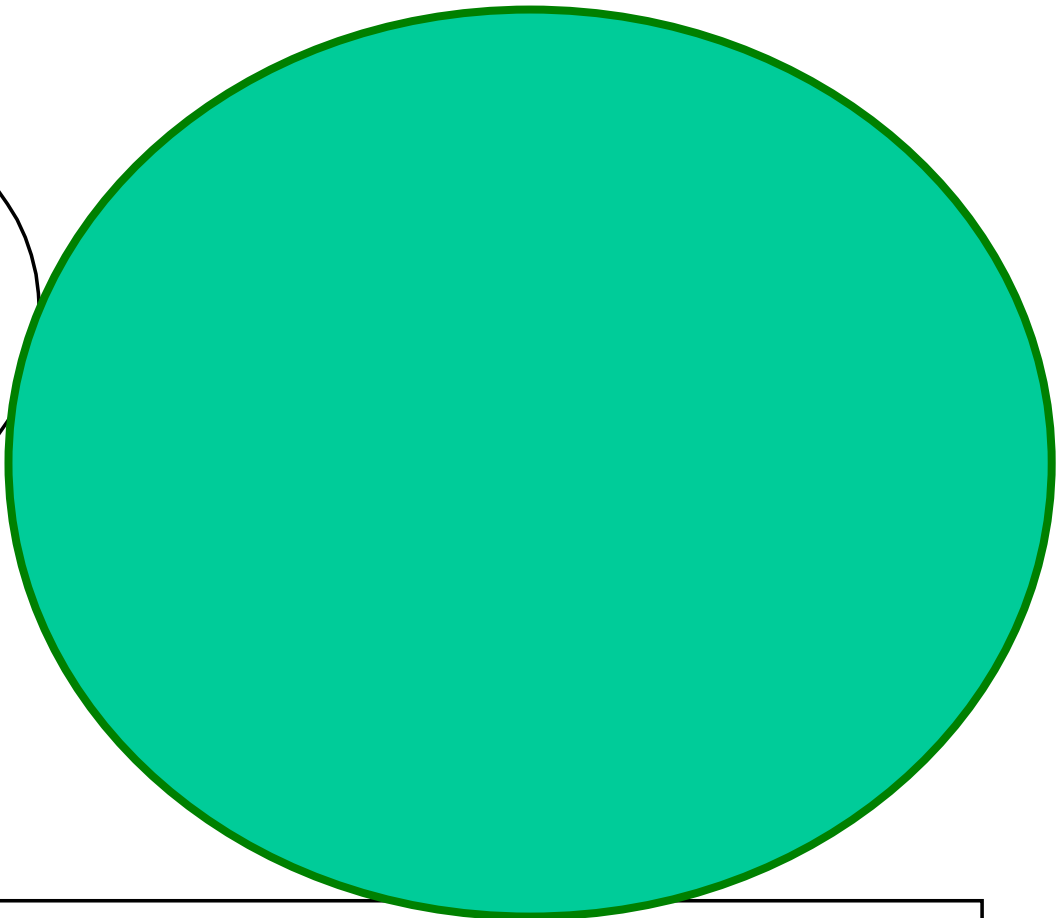
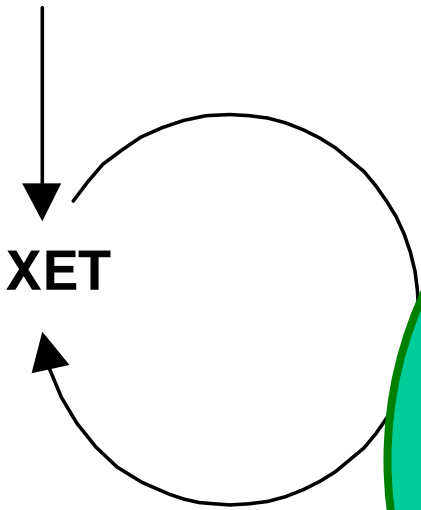
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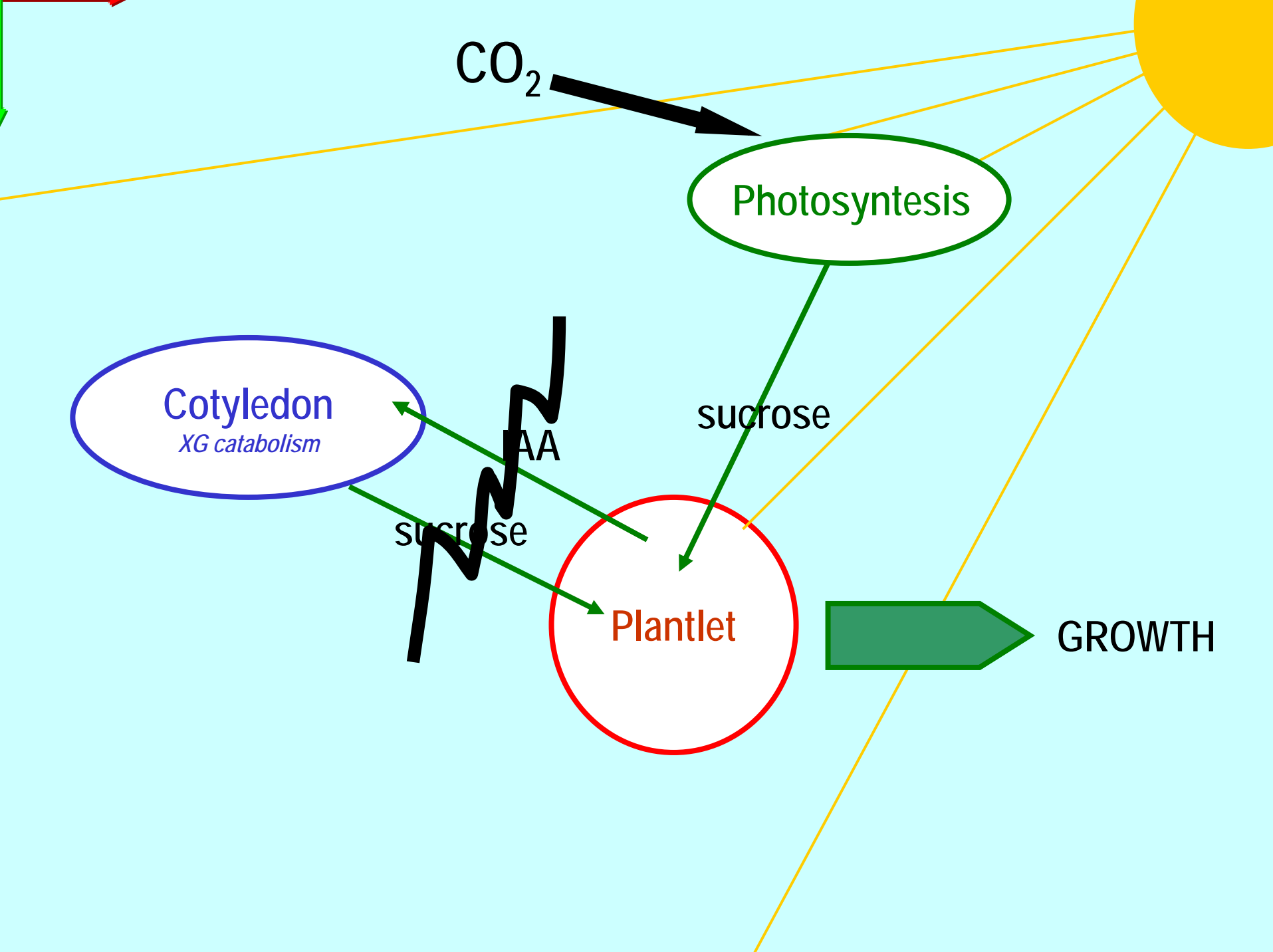


Hydrolysis of *Hymenaea xyloglucan*

Xyloglucan



Transglycosilation *Degalactosilation* *Disassembling*



CO_2

Photosynthesis

Cotyledon

XG catabolism

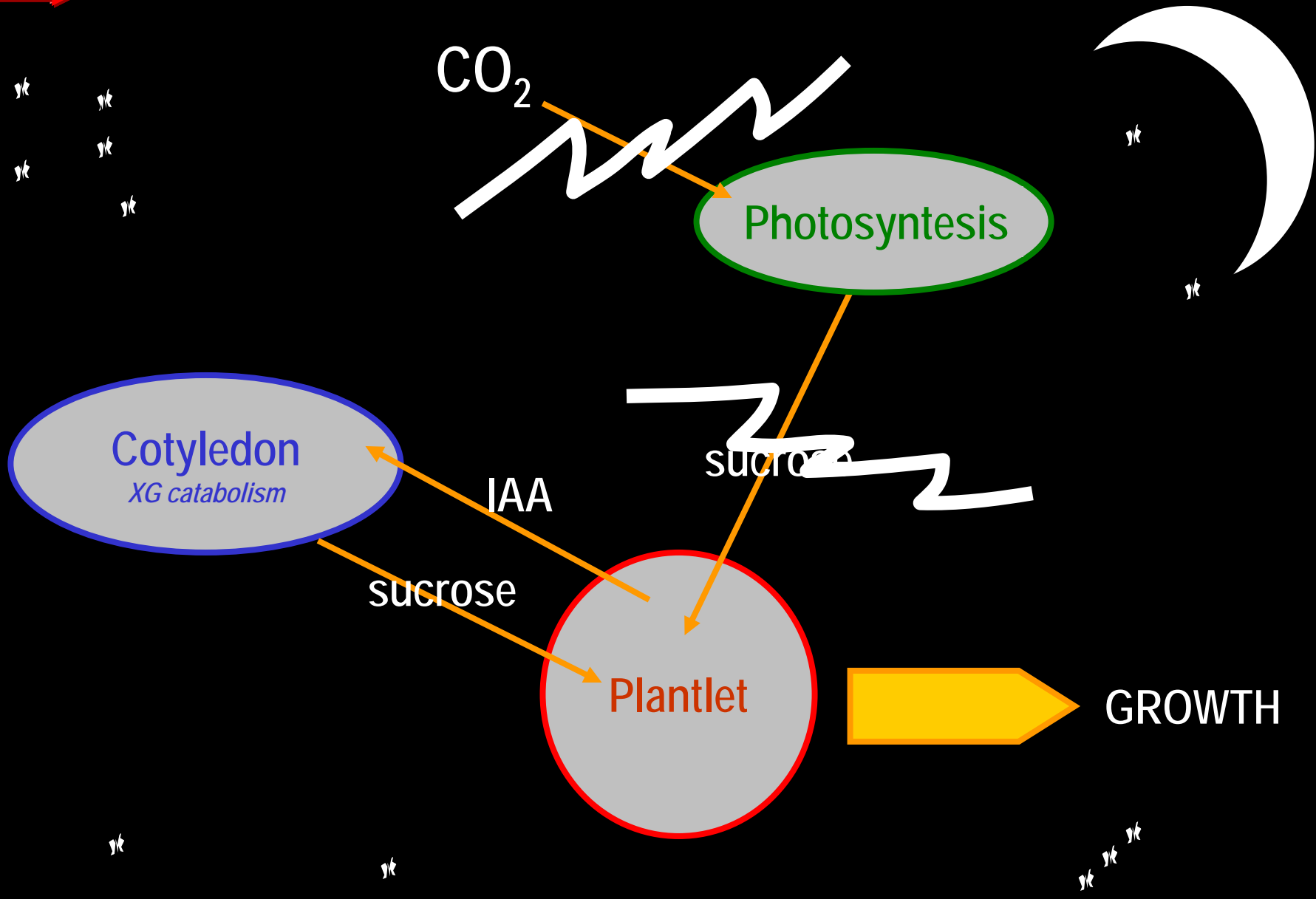
sucrose

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GROWTH



CO₂

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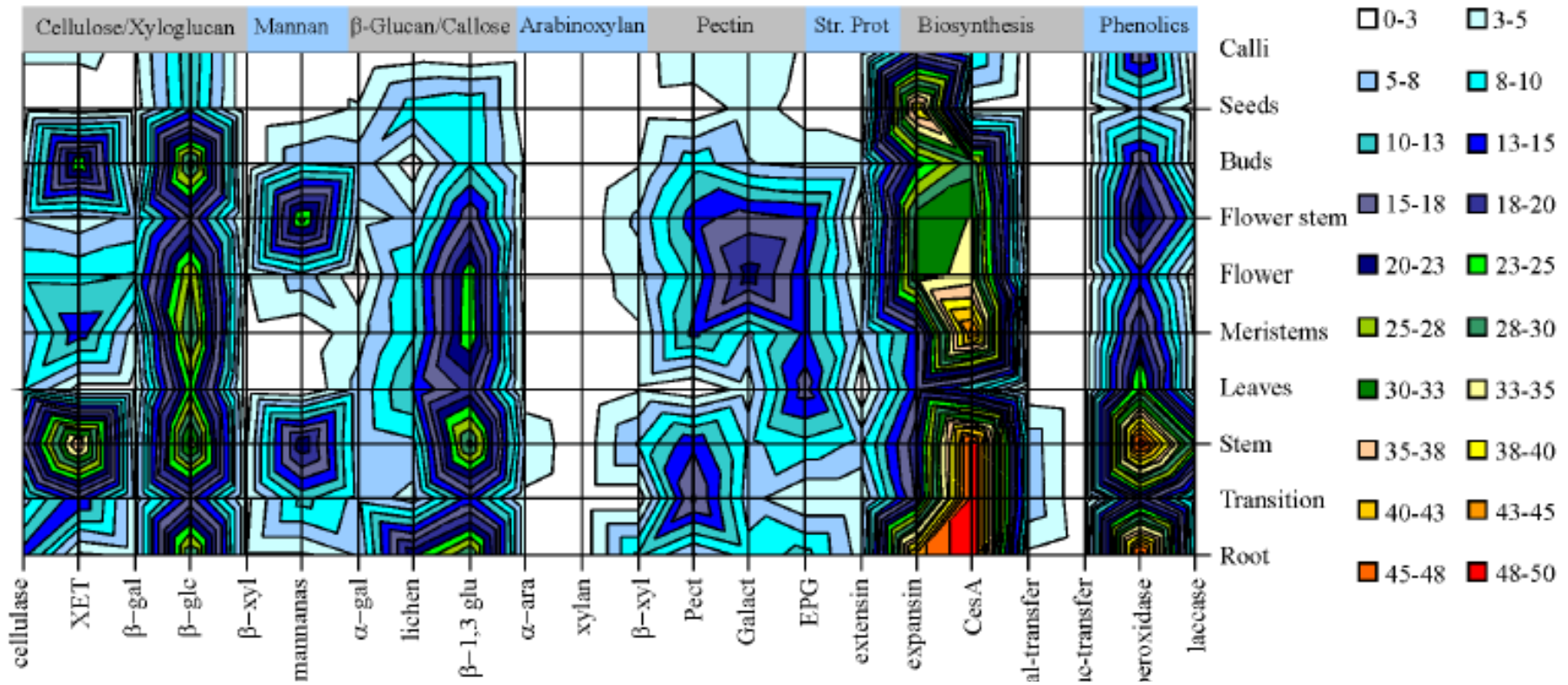
GROWTH

ADAPTIVE FACTORS AT THE METABOLIC LEVEL

- Degradation is highly regulated (inhibition, pH, temperature, hormones);
- Expression of the genes is regulated by circadian rhythm;
- Cell wall degradation can be arrested in spite of metabolic inertia;
- There is no transient accumulation of products.

IS IT POSSIBLE TO USE
ENDOGENOUS SYSTEMS OF
CELL WALL DEGRADATION
FOR SECOND GENERATION
ETHANOL APPLICATIONS IN
SUGARCANE?

From 1999 to 2001, the SUCEST genome program produced 238,000 ESTs from various tissues of the sugar cane plant.



Since then we found:

- 1) 469 cell wall related genes in different cane tissues
(Lima et al. 2001, GMB)
- 1) Determined the chemical composition and structure of the cell wall polymers of different sugarcane tissues



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