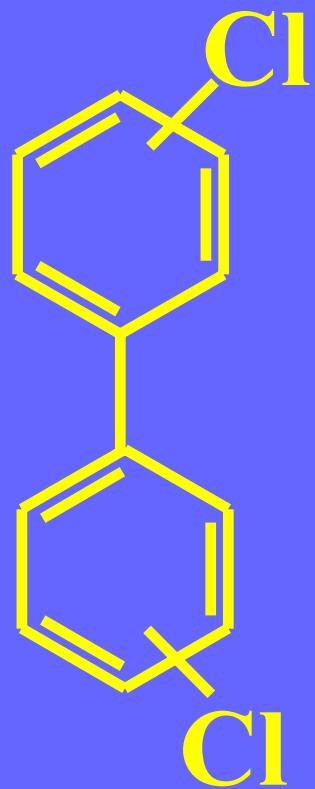


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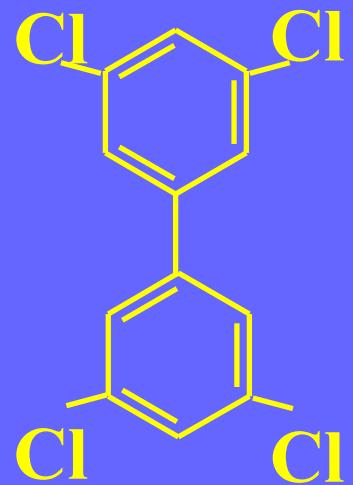
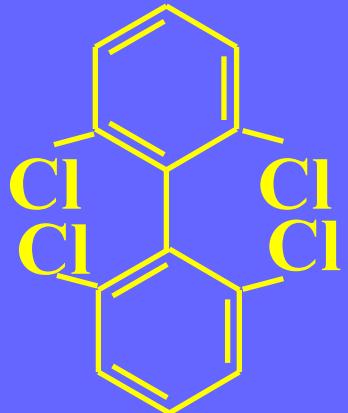
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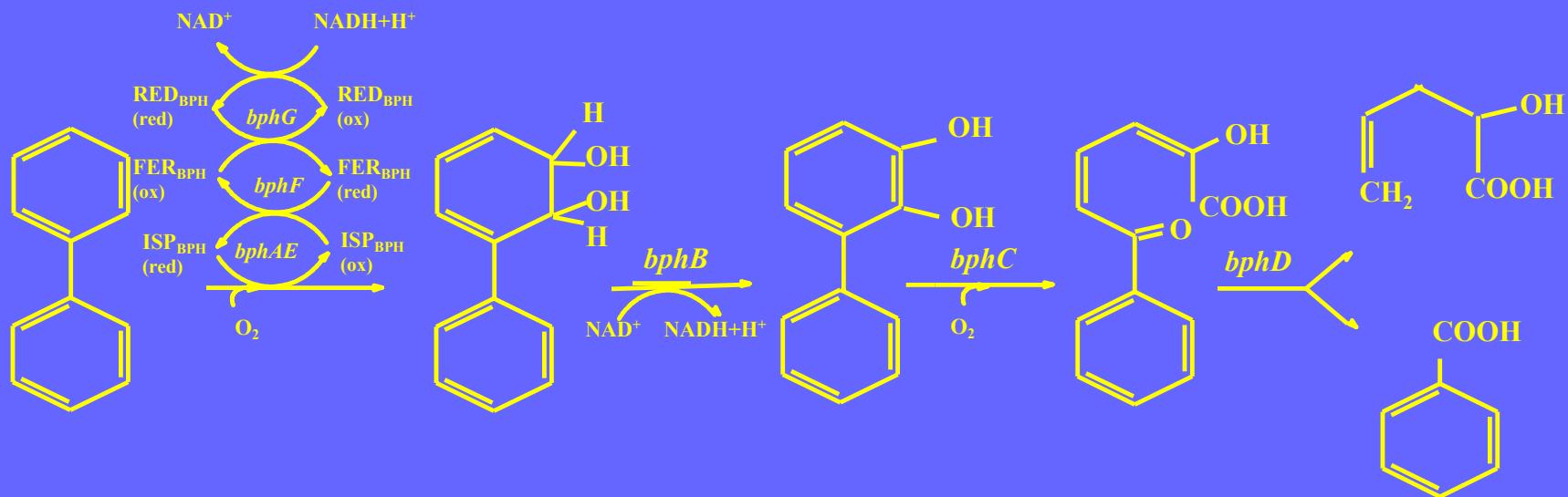
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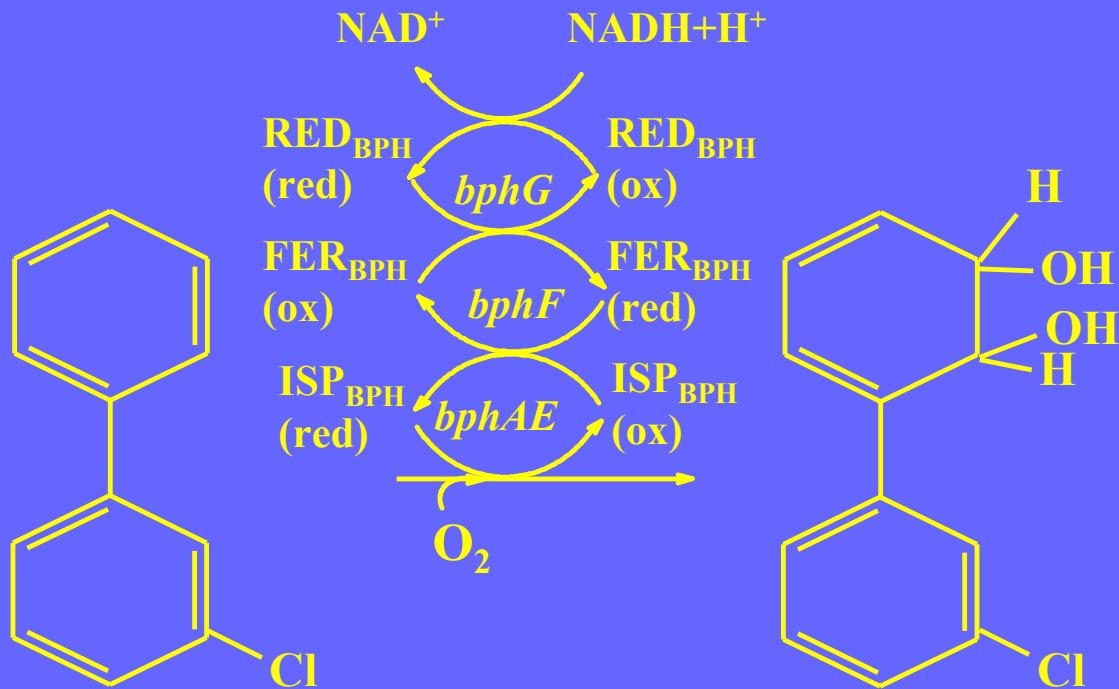


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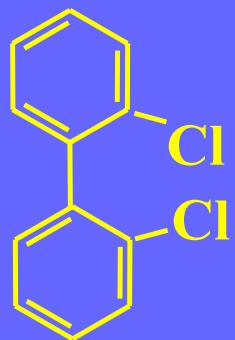


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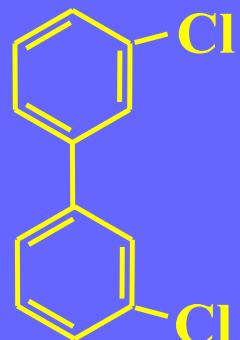


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# Substrate specificity of PCB degraders



LB400



B-356

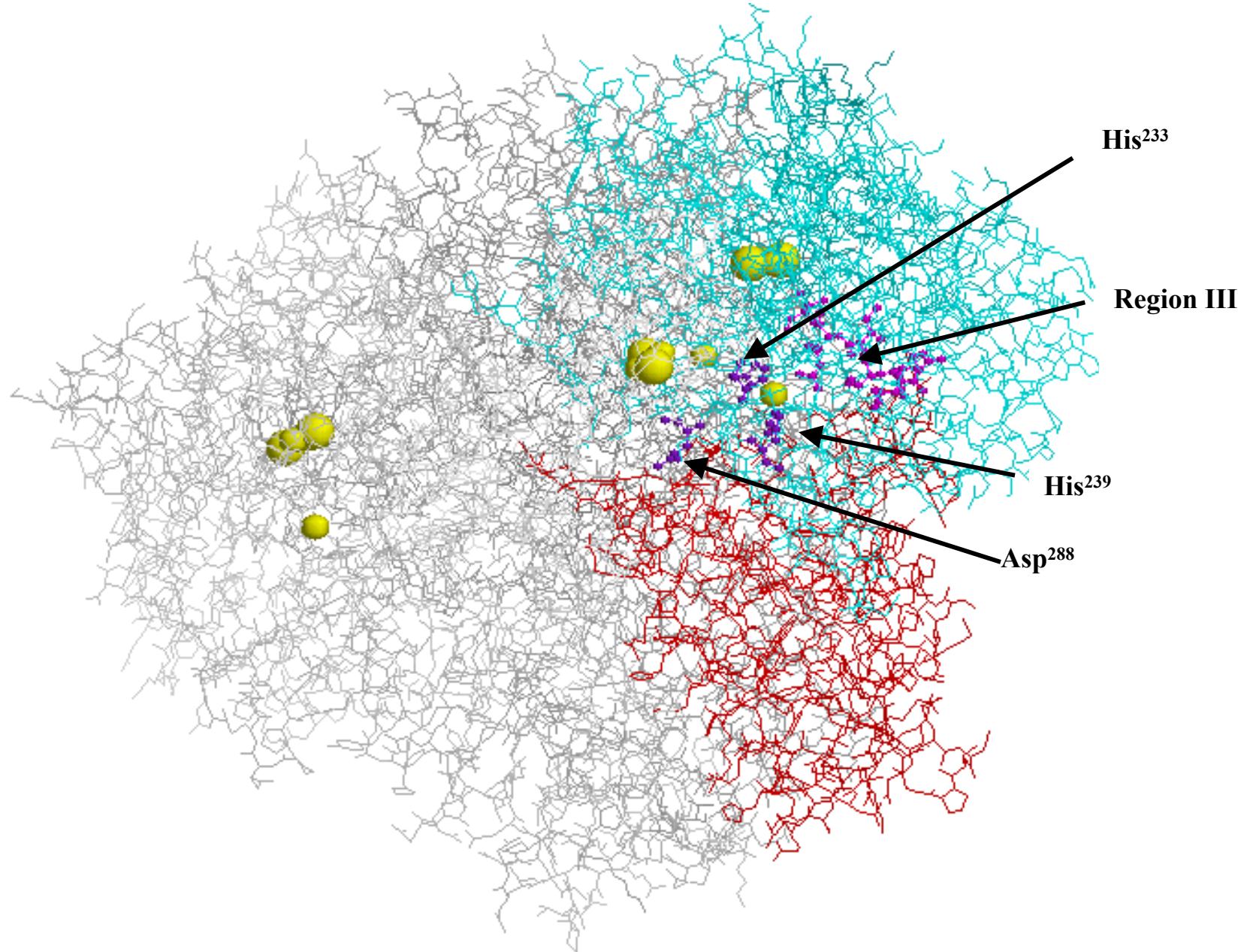


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LB400 BPDO



2,2',5,5'-tetrachlorobiphenyl



# DNA shuffling

LB400 *bphA*



B-356 *bphA*



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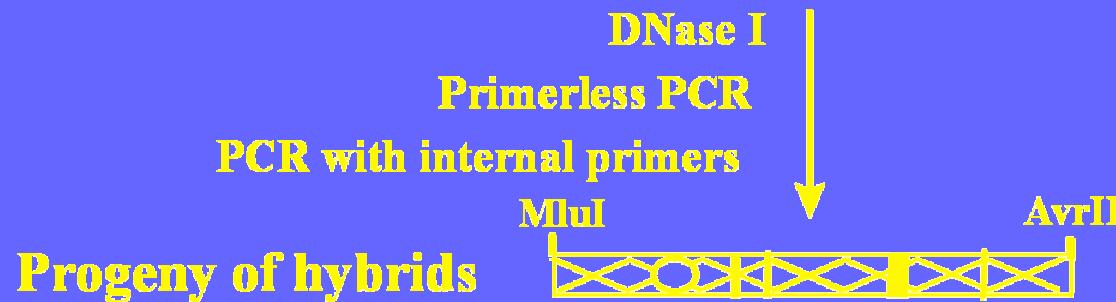
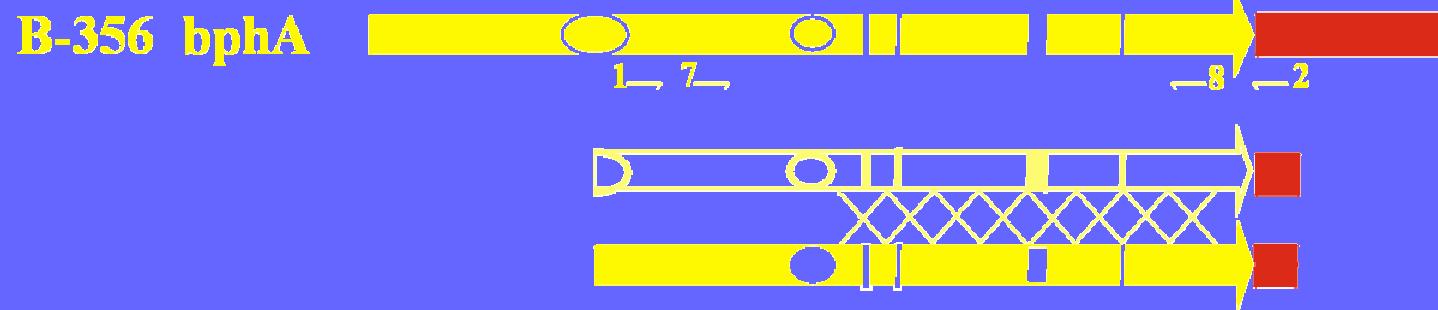
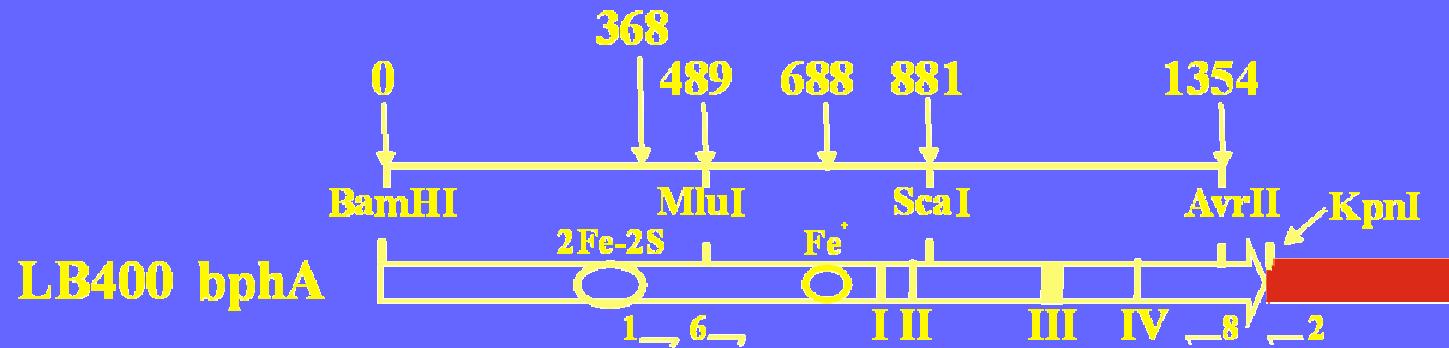


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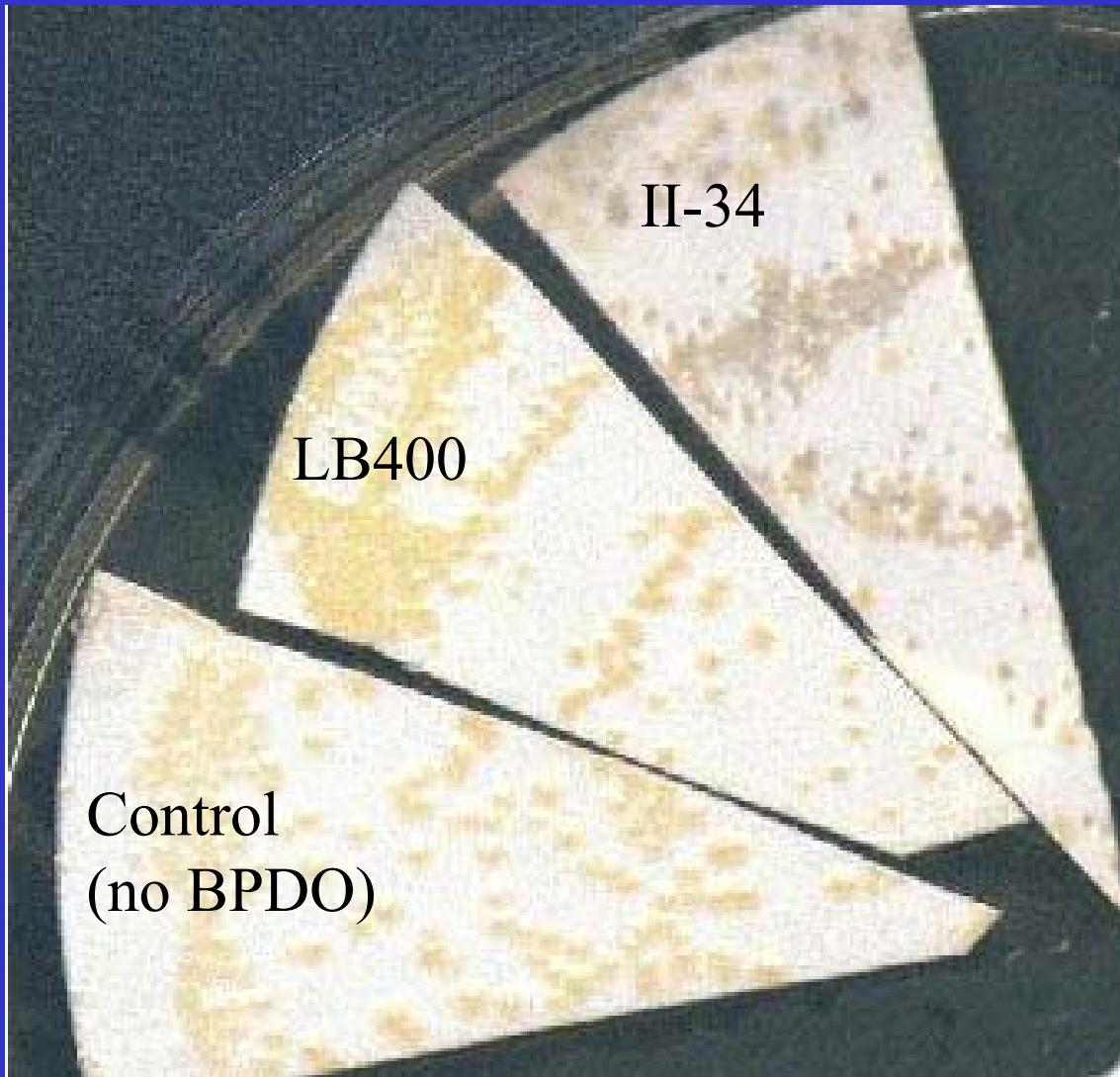


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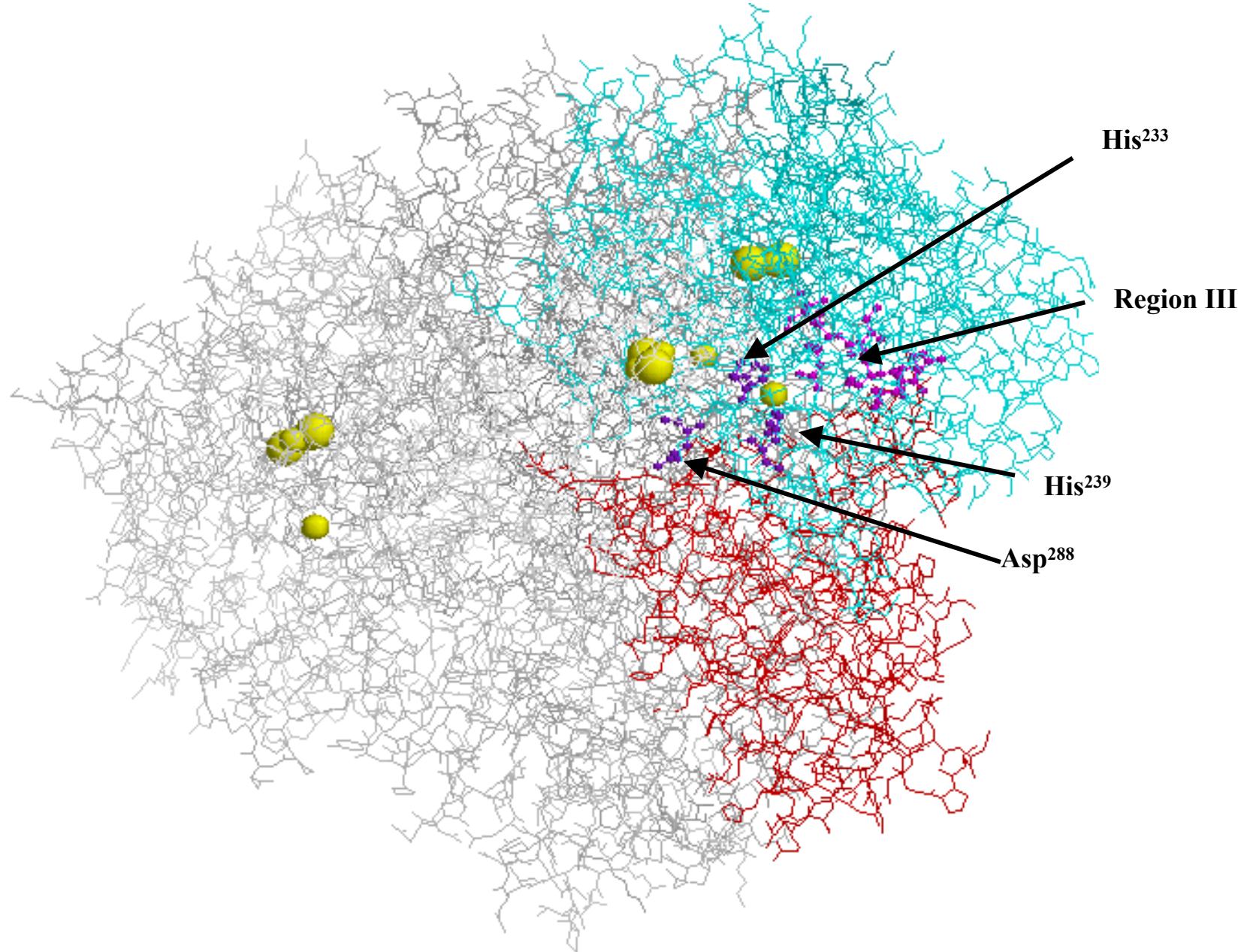


Colonies of *E. coli* expressing LB400 or III-34  
BPDO and exposed to 2,2'CB vapors



### PCB degradative potency of BphA variants.

BPDO	% Depletion							
	2,6CB	3,3'CB	4,4'CB	2,3',4CB	2,3,4'CB	2,4,4'CB	2,2',5,5'CB	2,2',3,3'CB
LB400	<10	<10	<10	<10	<10	-	94	76
B-356	<10	35	<10	96	63	-	-	-
II-4	-	-	-	-	-	-	84	47
II-10	<10	<10	<10	<10	<10	-	56	24
III-17	-	-	-	73	60	-	20	27
III-34	<10	<10	<10	79	88	<10	63	23
II-9	58	45	53	99	98	44	93	87
III-37	36	58	43	96	98	29	85	65
III-52	57	51	52	97	99	50	92	83



## PCB degradative potency of MAP84 variants.

	% Depletion											
BPDO	2,6-CB	3,3'-CB	4,4'-CB	2,2',6,6'-CB	2,3',4-CB	2,4,4'-CB	2,3,4'-CB	2,2',5,5'-CB	2,2',4,4'-CB	2,2',3,3'-CB	2,3',4,4'-CB	3,3',4,5'-CB
LB400	<10	<10	<10	<10	<10	<10	<10	95	<10	75	<10	<10
MAP84	70	100	99	100	64	90	100	100	54	99	28	47

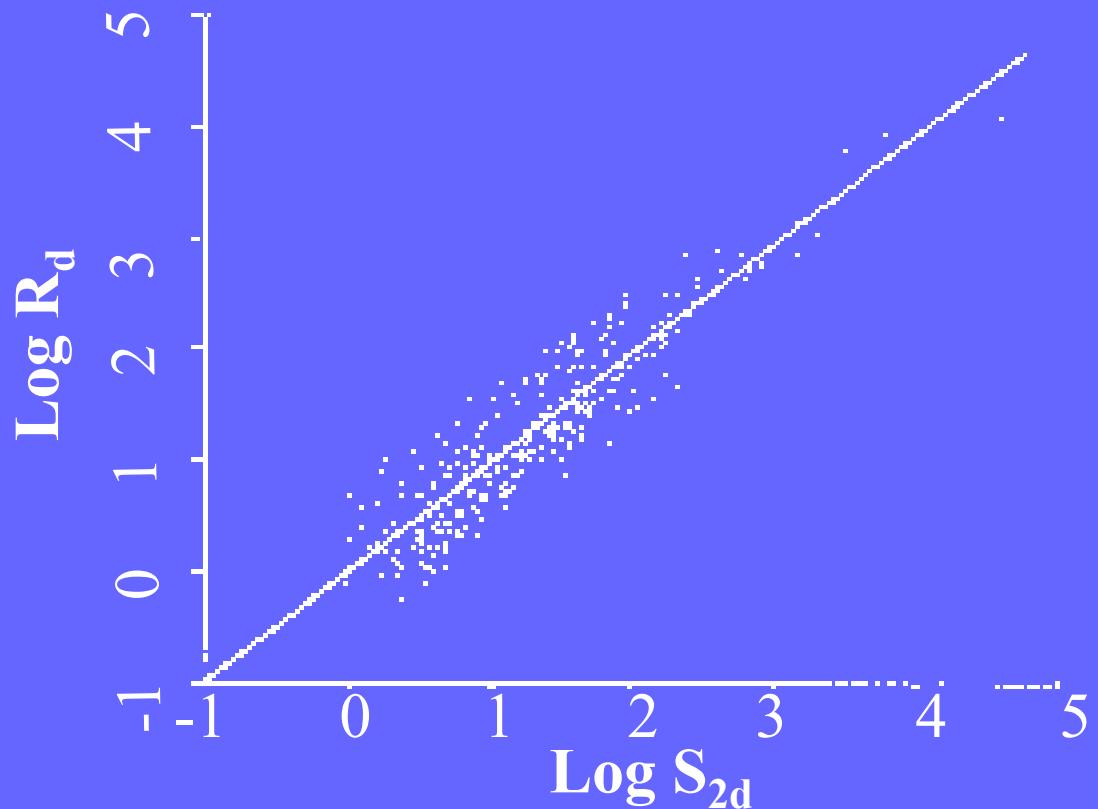


A diagram of a neuron on a blue background. The neuron has a central soma with a pink nucleus. A single dendrite extends upwards, and a single axon extends downwards. The word "Attraction" is written above the soma, and "Mobilization" is written below it. The word "Pollutants" is written diagonally along the left side of the neuron, with three white arrows pointing towards the soma.

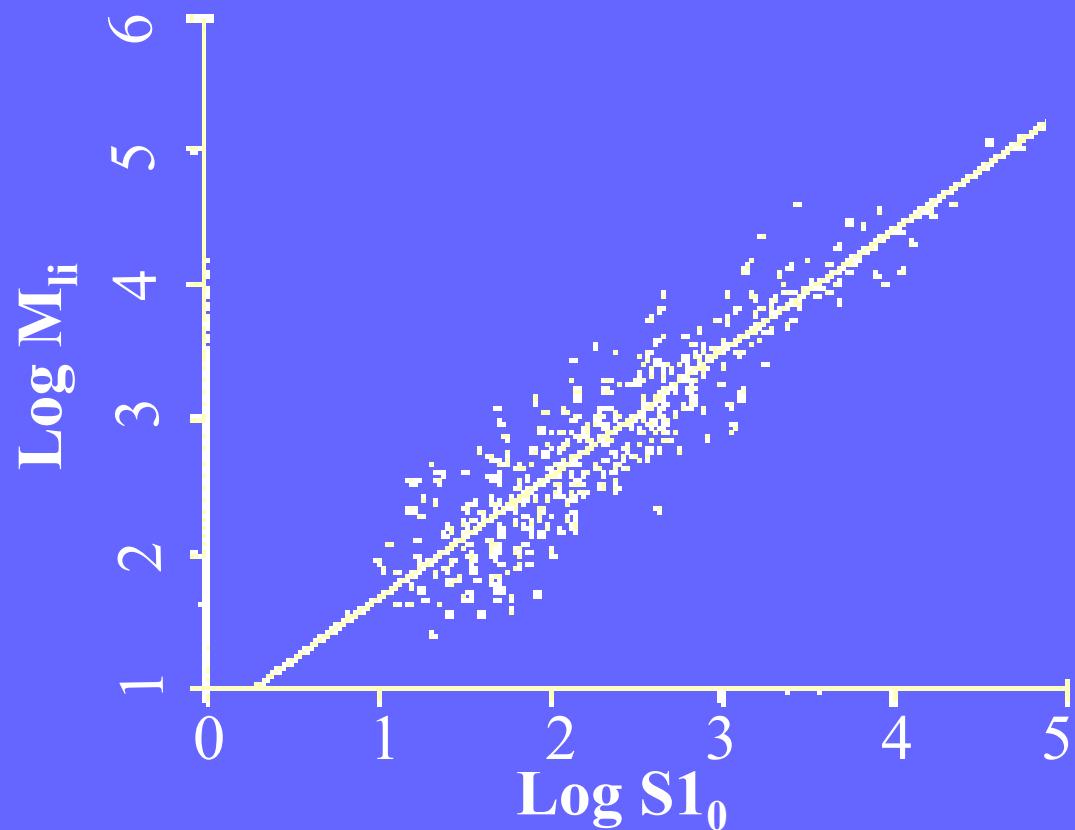
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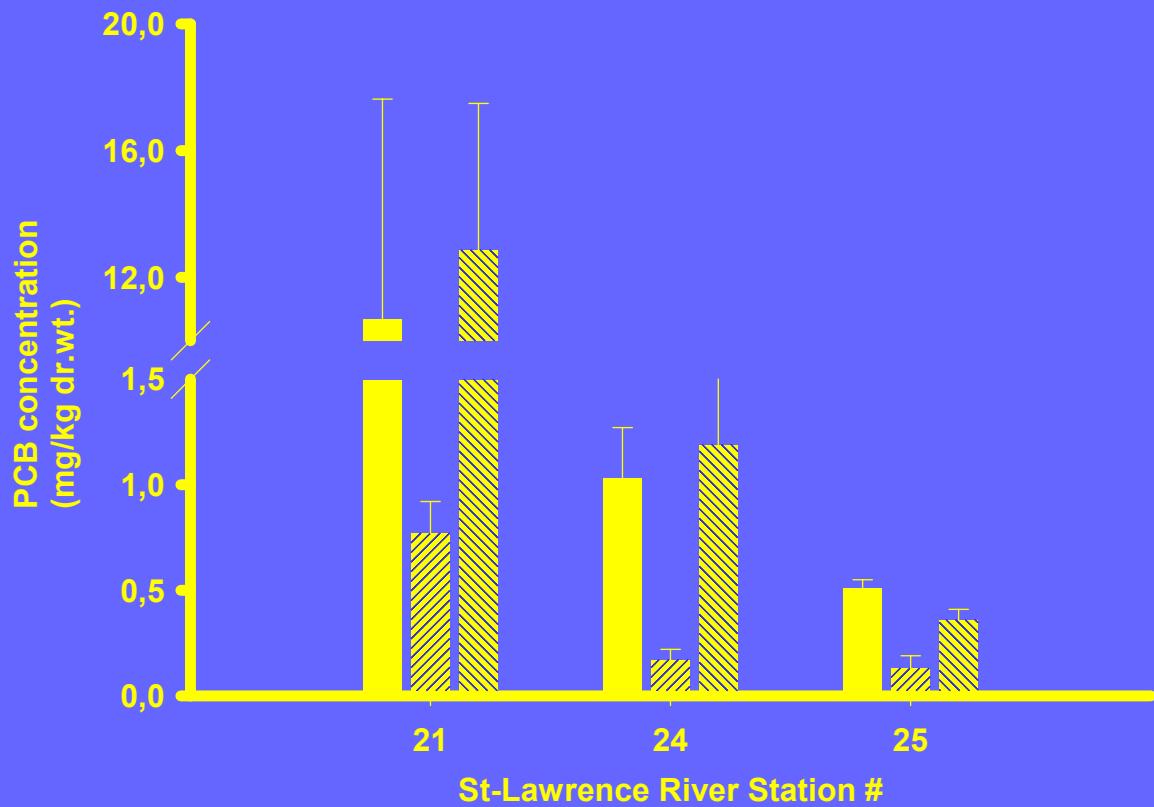
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## Correlation between PCB concentration in roots of macrophytes (dry wt) and in sediment (dry wt)

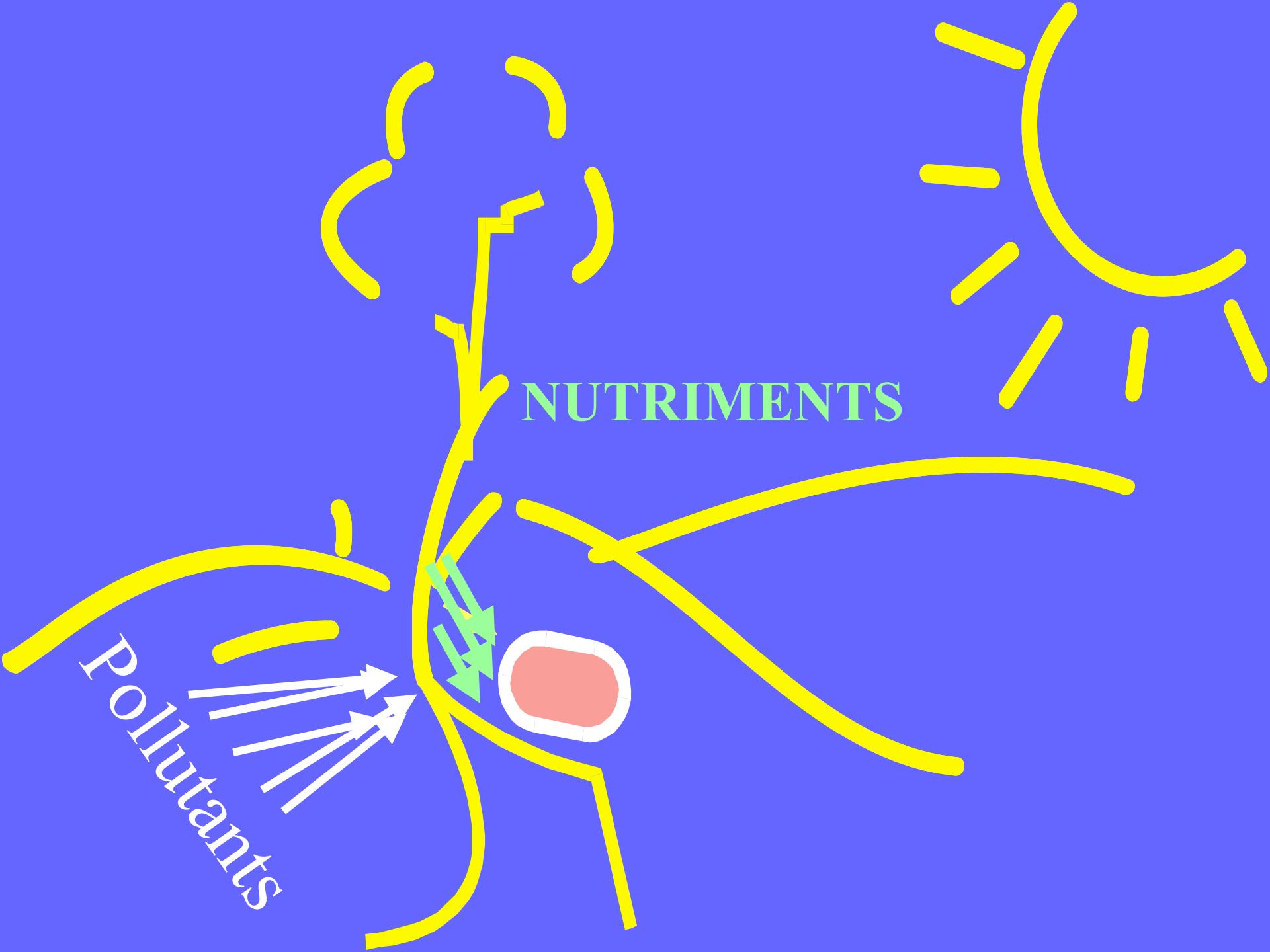


## Correlation between PCB concentration in shoots of macrophytes (lipid wt) and in sediment (organic wt)



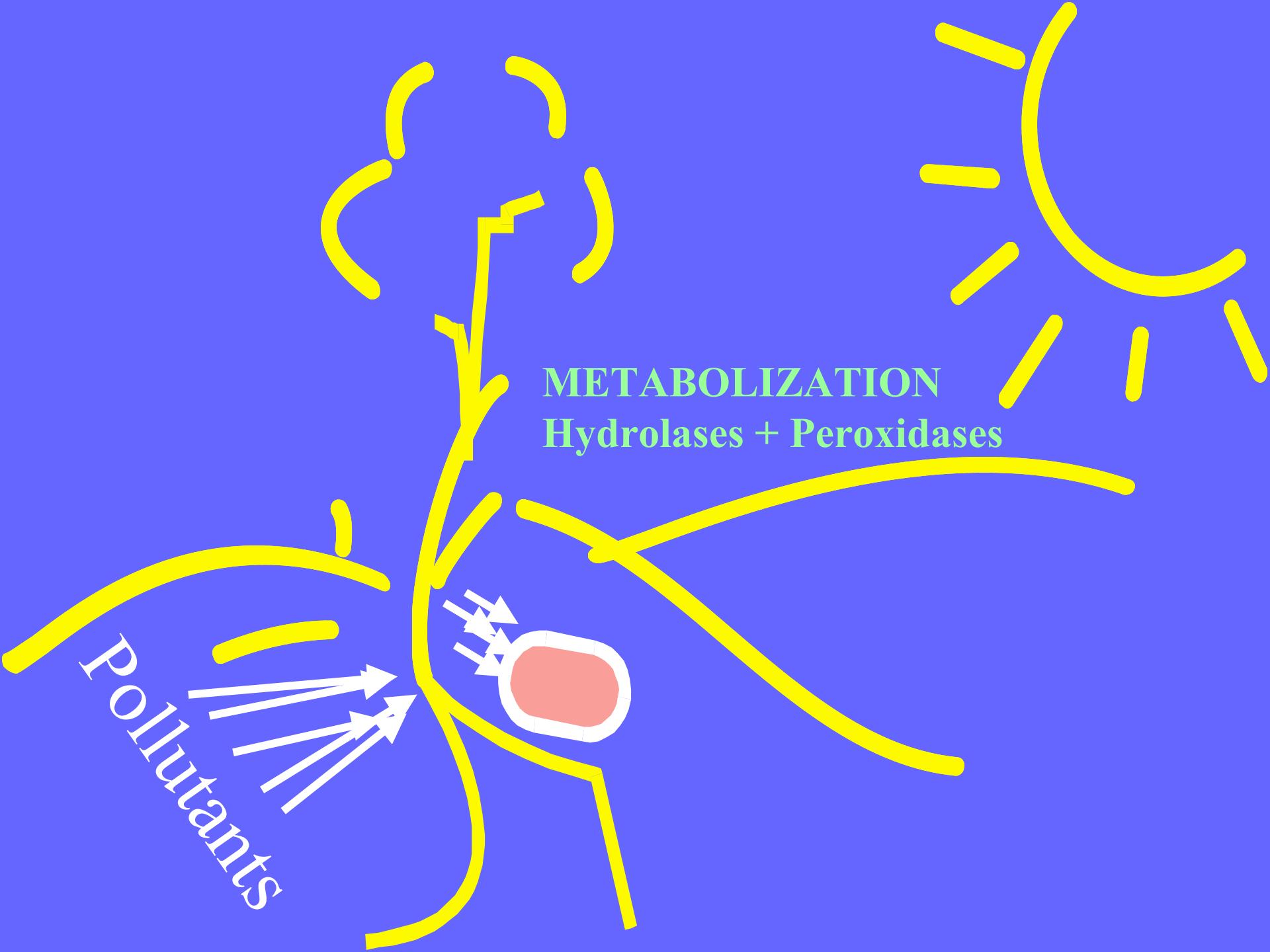


**For vacular terrestrial plants,  
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specific differences in PCB  
uptake and in PCB  
metabolizations**



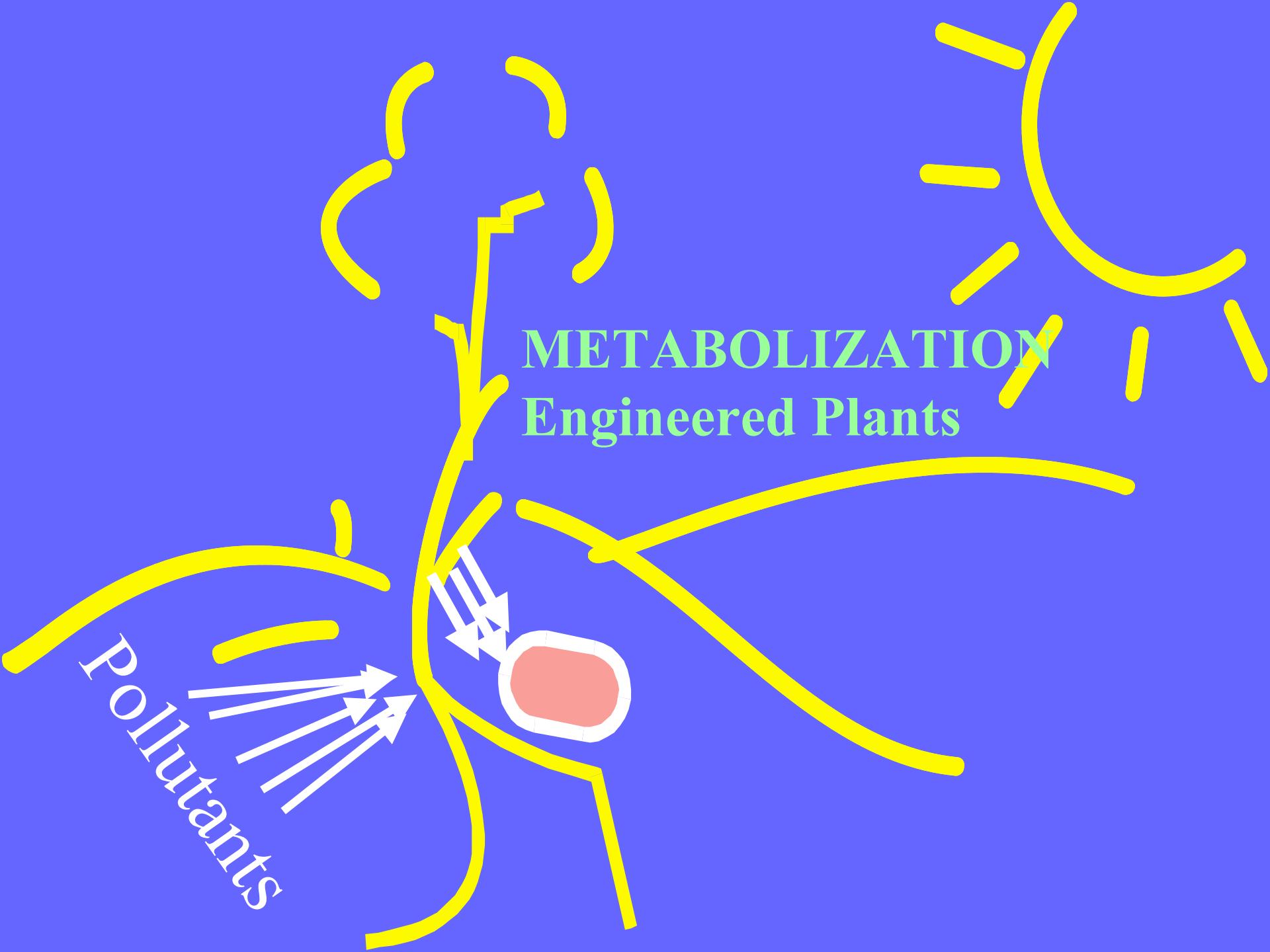
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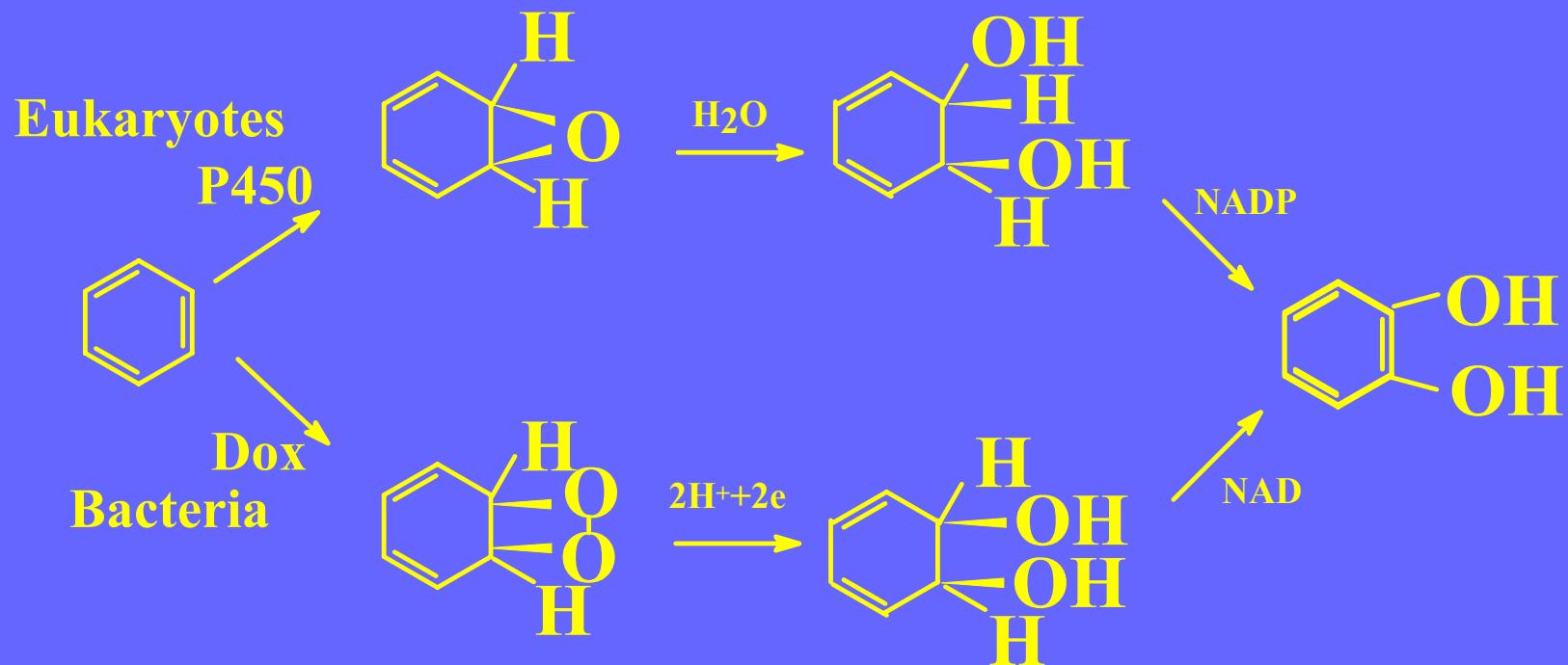
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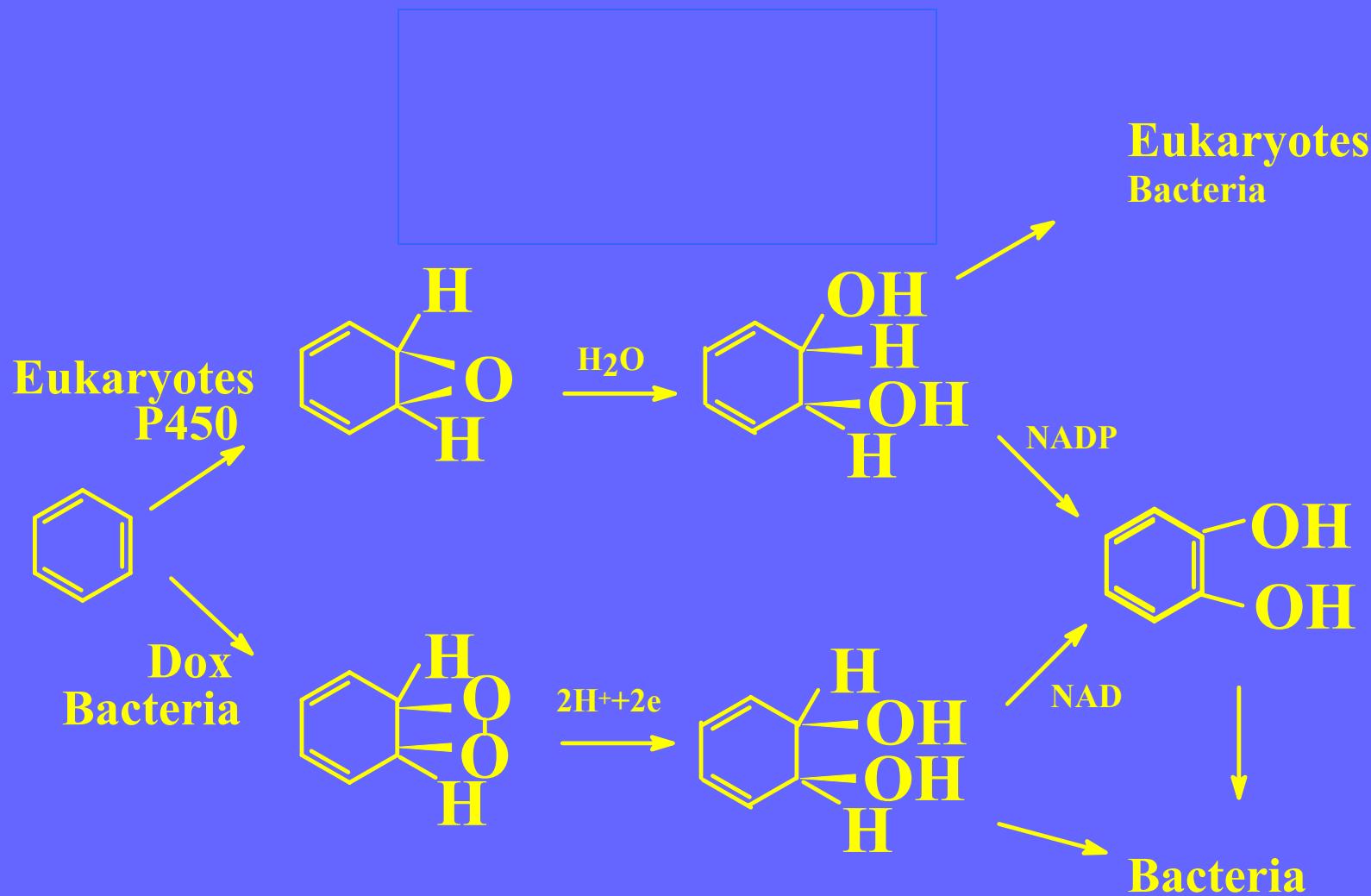


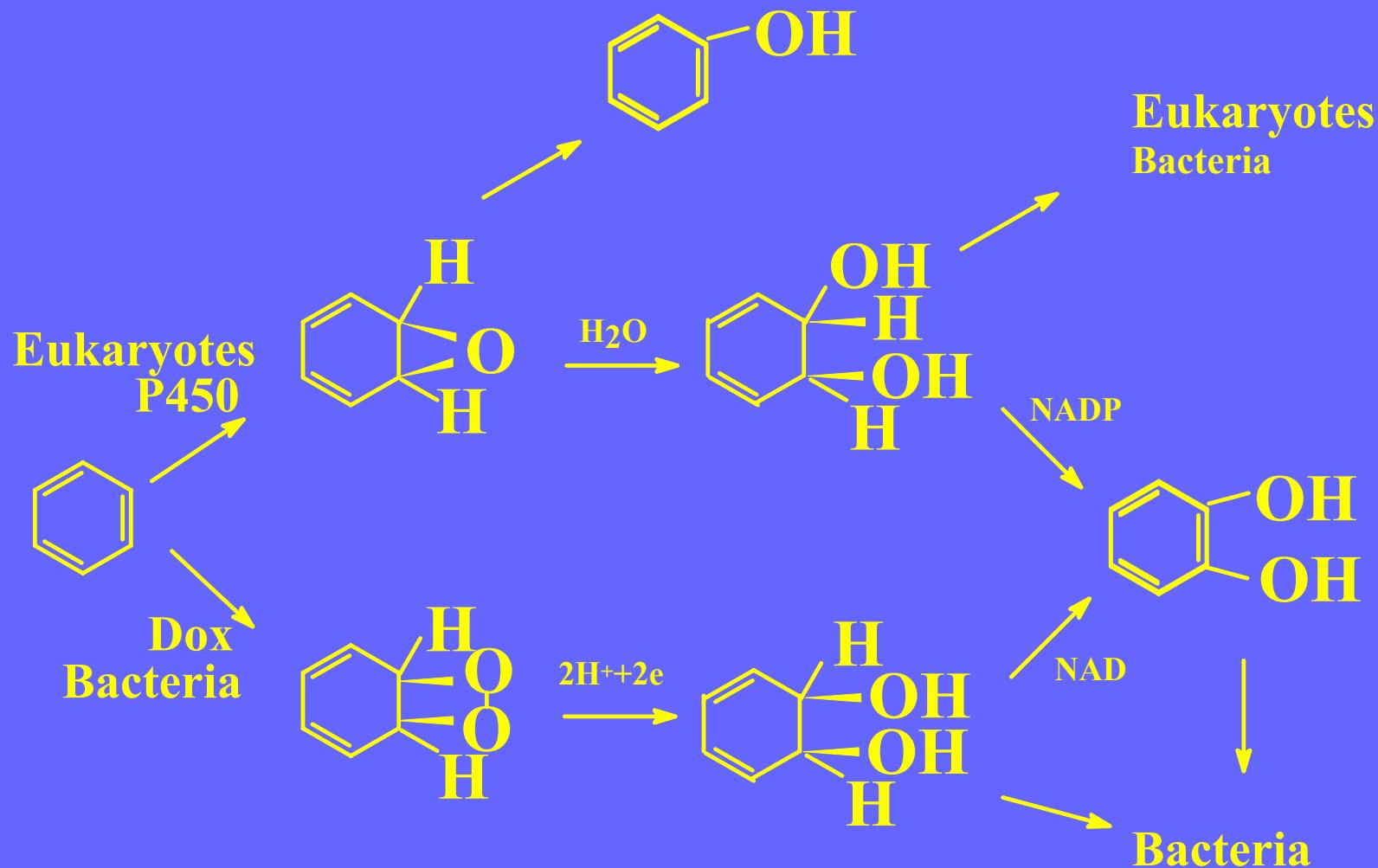
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## Engineered Plants

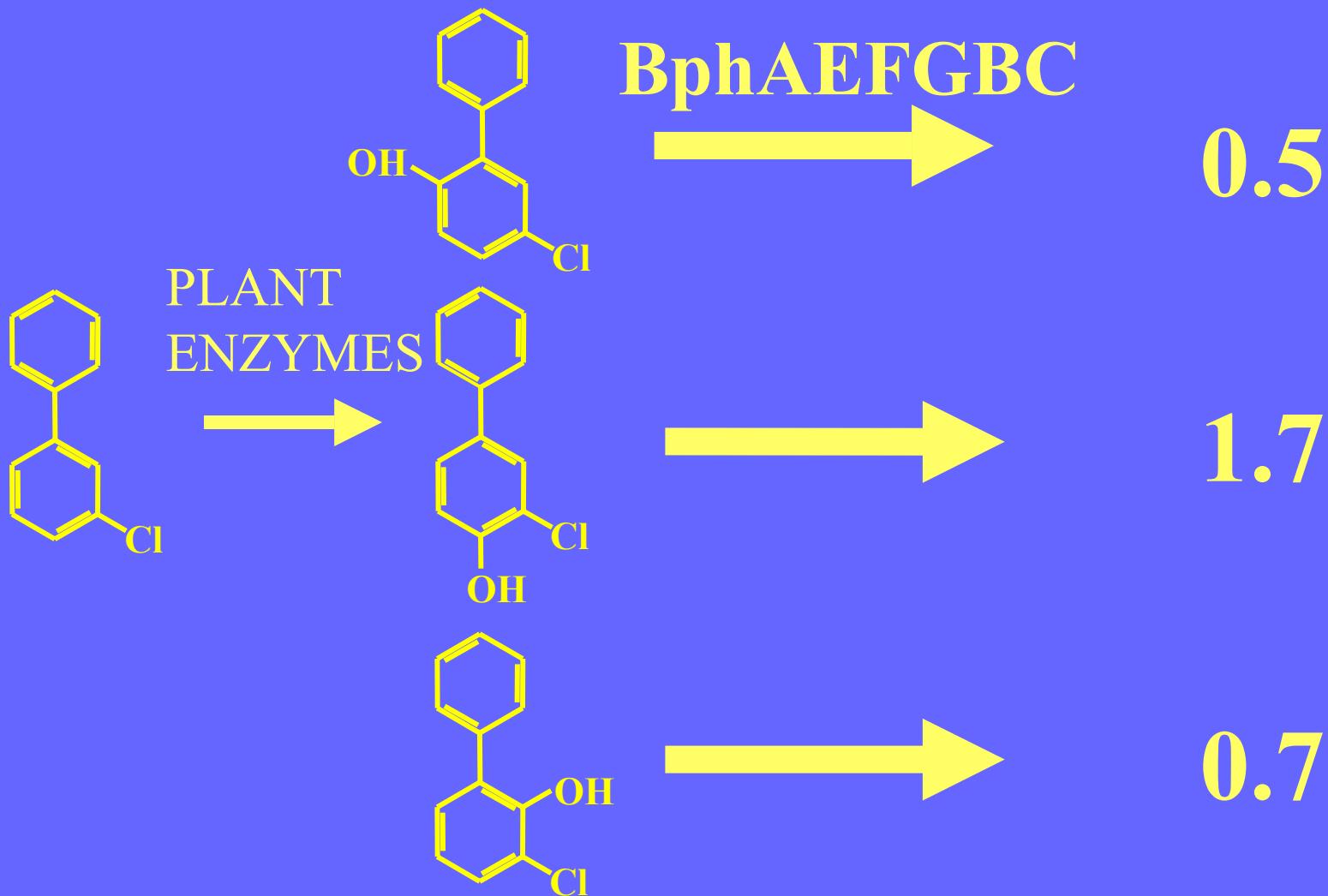
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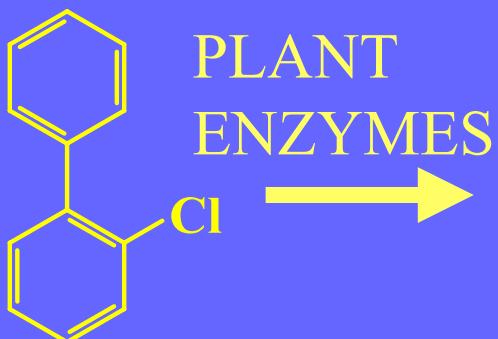


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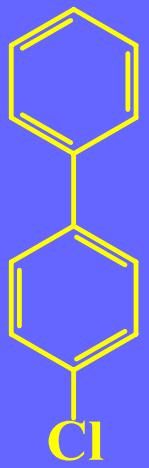


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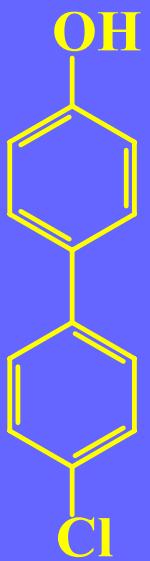


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PLANT  
ENZYMES

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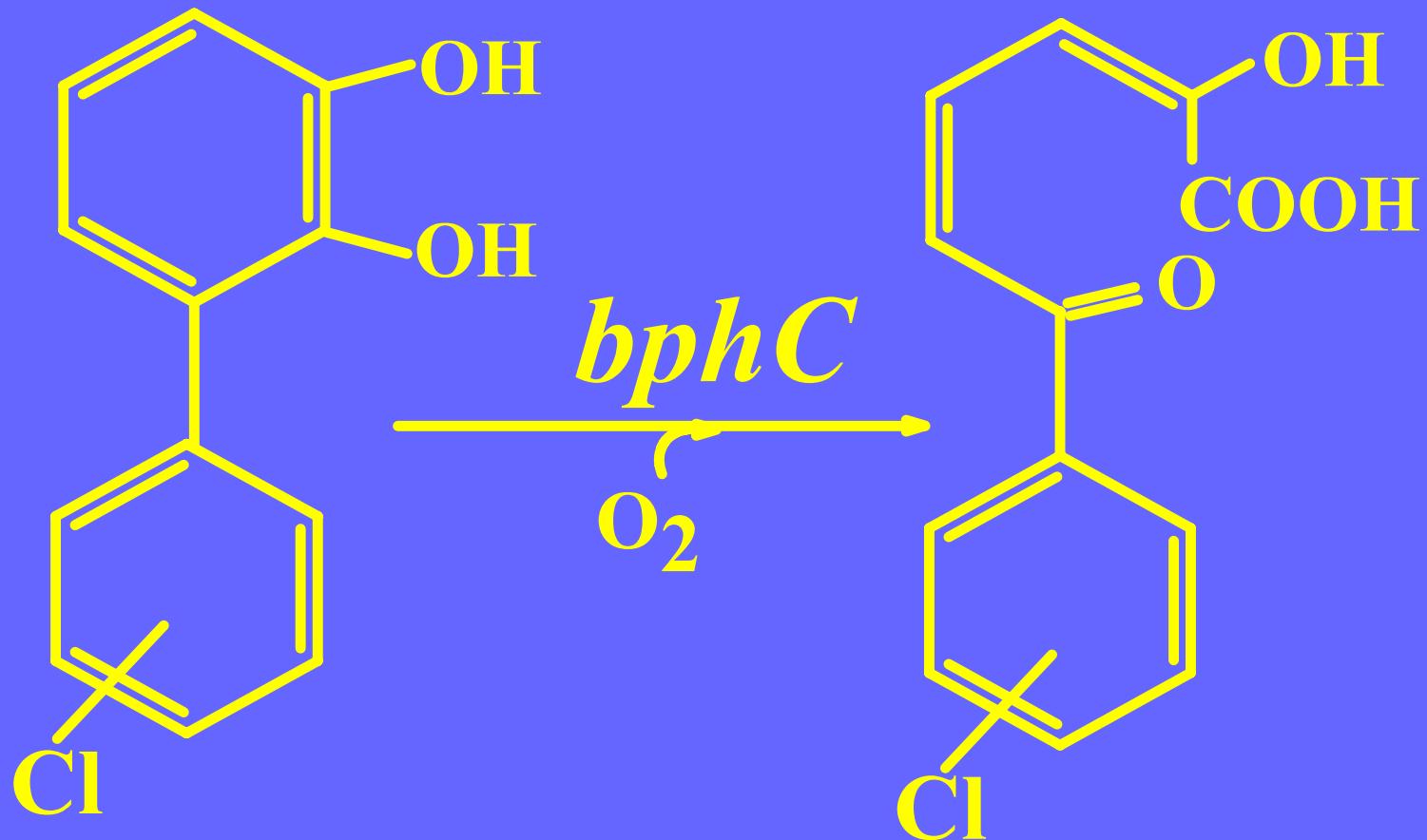


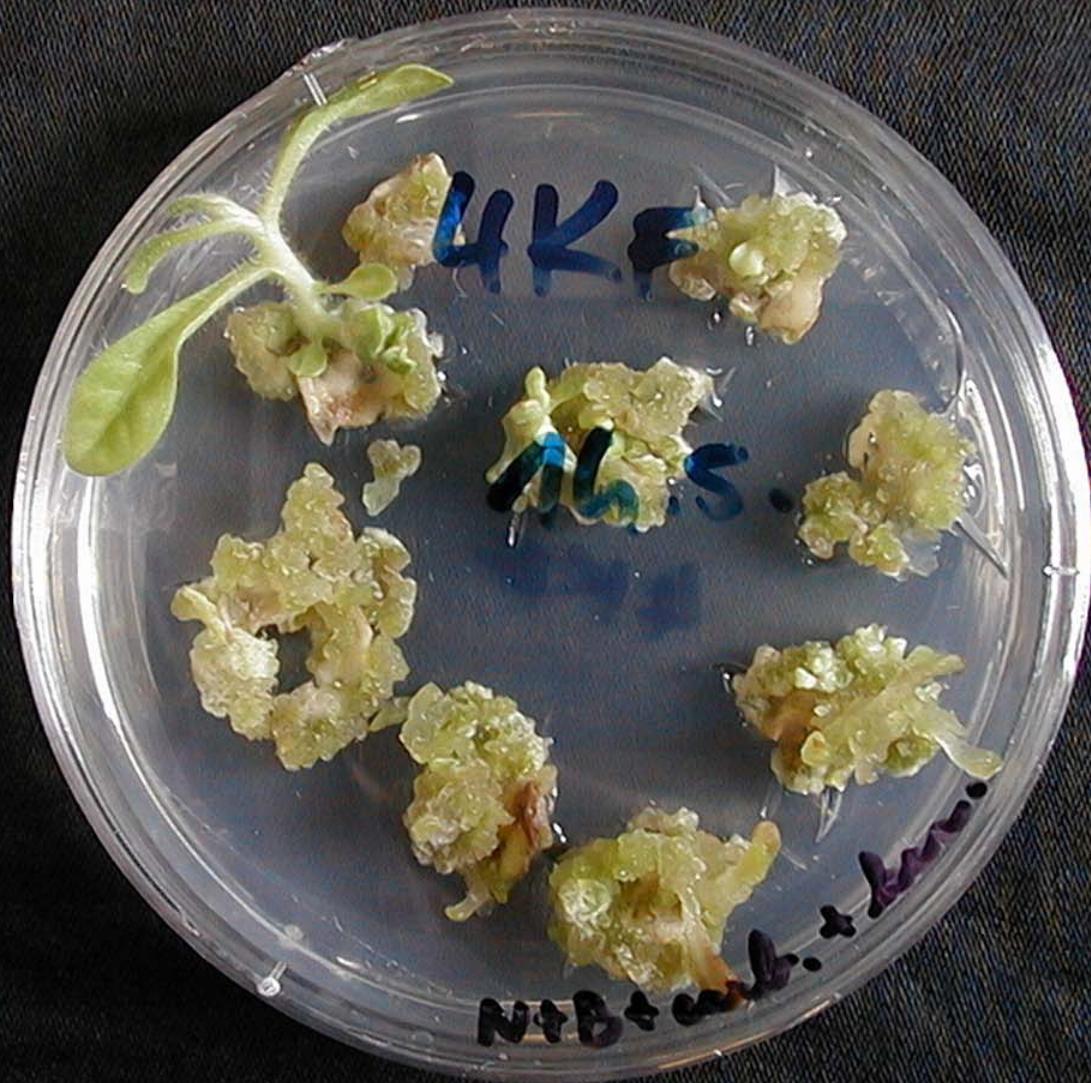
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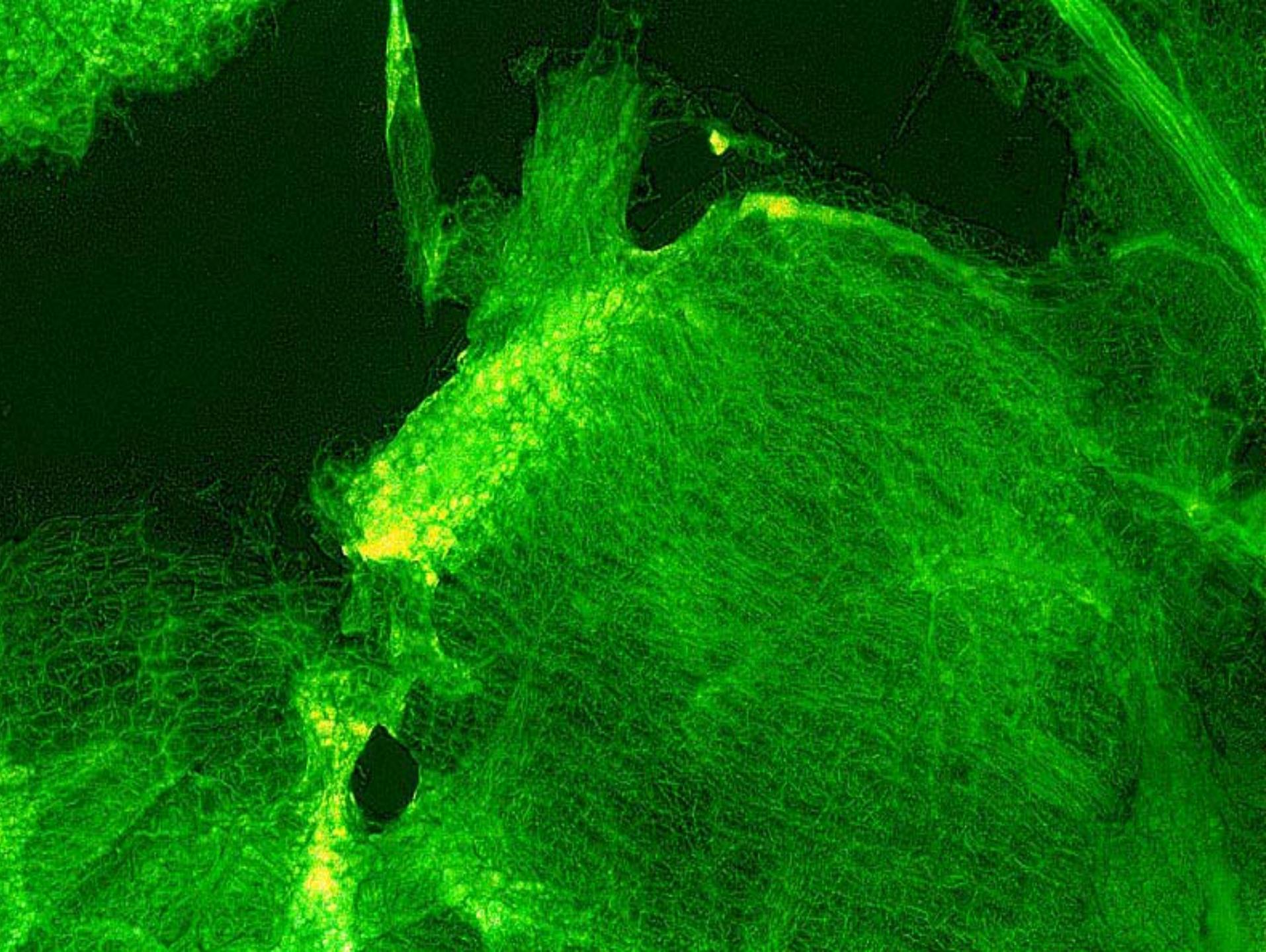
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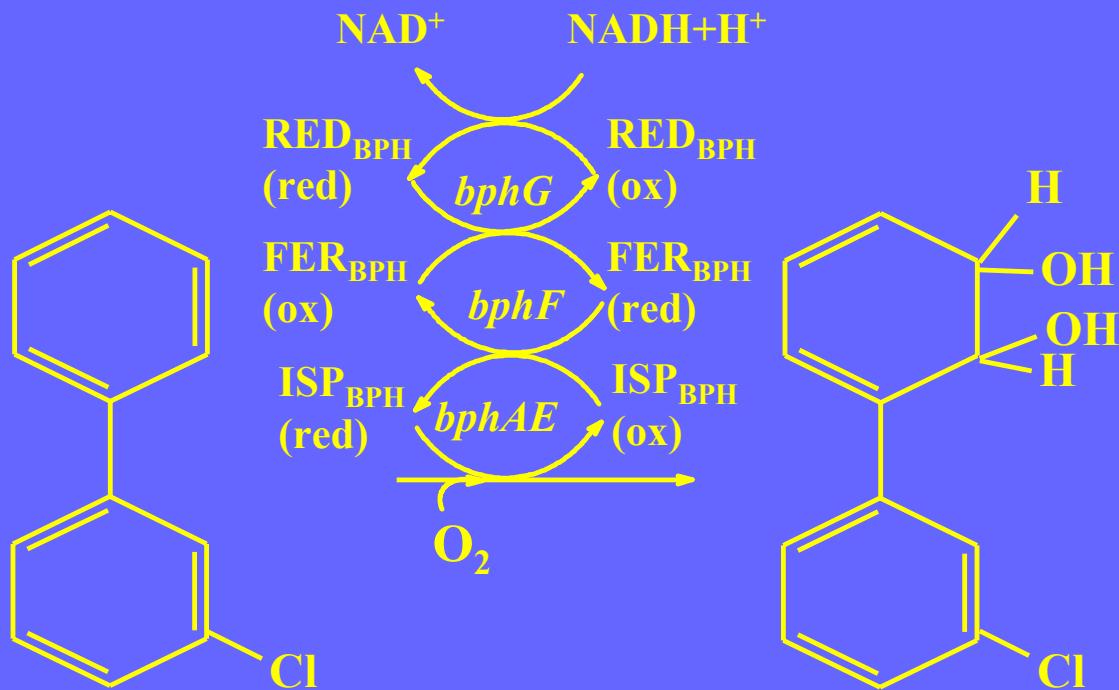
# BphC reaction







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