

# **Maillard chemie, hart van smaak: chocola tot vlees!**

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**“Chemie smaakt naar meer”**  
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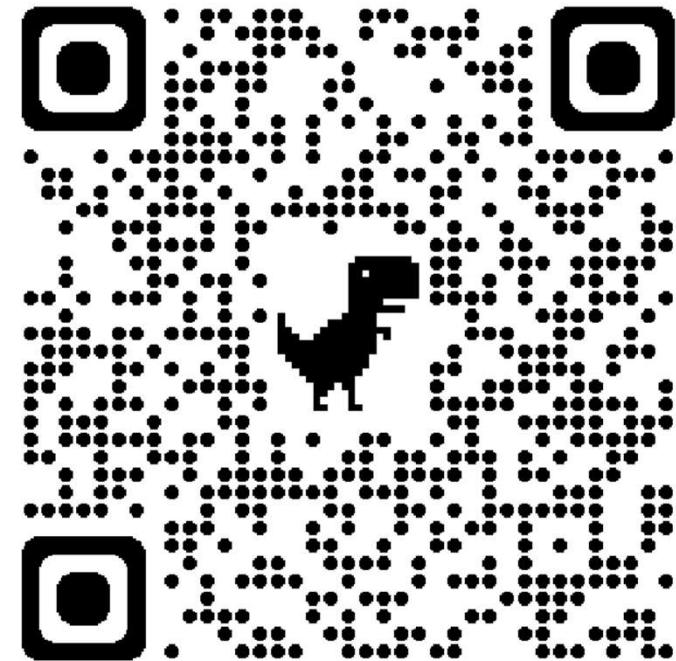
# Interactive lecture Quiz

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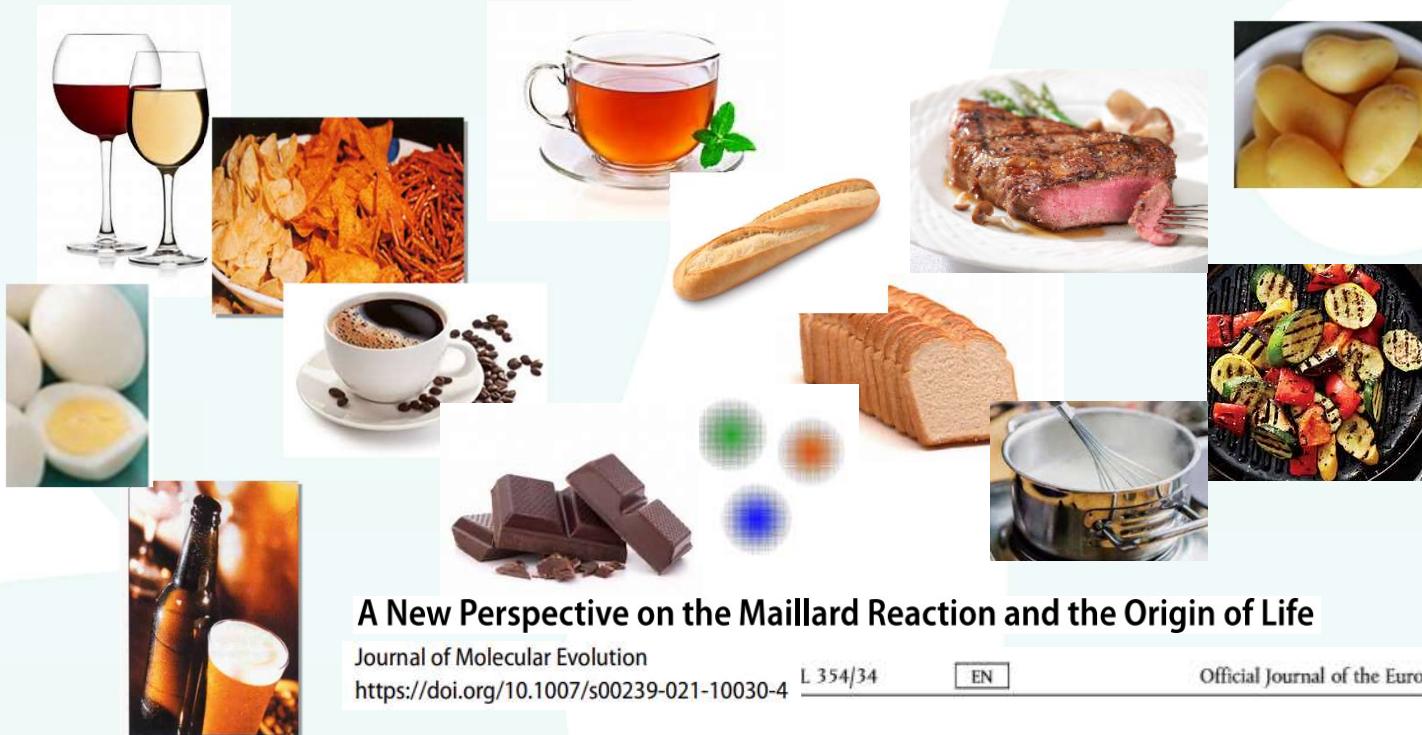
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# De Maillard reactie

Bij voedselbereiding (koken, bakken, roosteren, fermentatie, veroudering)  
Vorming van smaak en aroma via **CHEMISCHE REACTIES** = Aminozuur + Red.Suiker



[Louis Camille Maillard](#)

## A New Perspective on the Maillard Reaction and the Origin of Life

Journal of Molecular Evolution

<https://doi.org/10.1007/s00239-021-10030-4>

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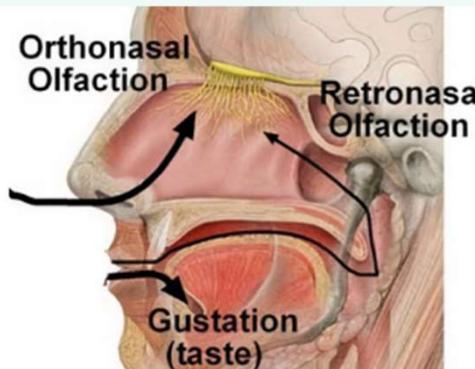
Official Journal of the European Union

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## REGULATION (EC) No 1334/2008 OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL of 16 December 2008

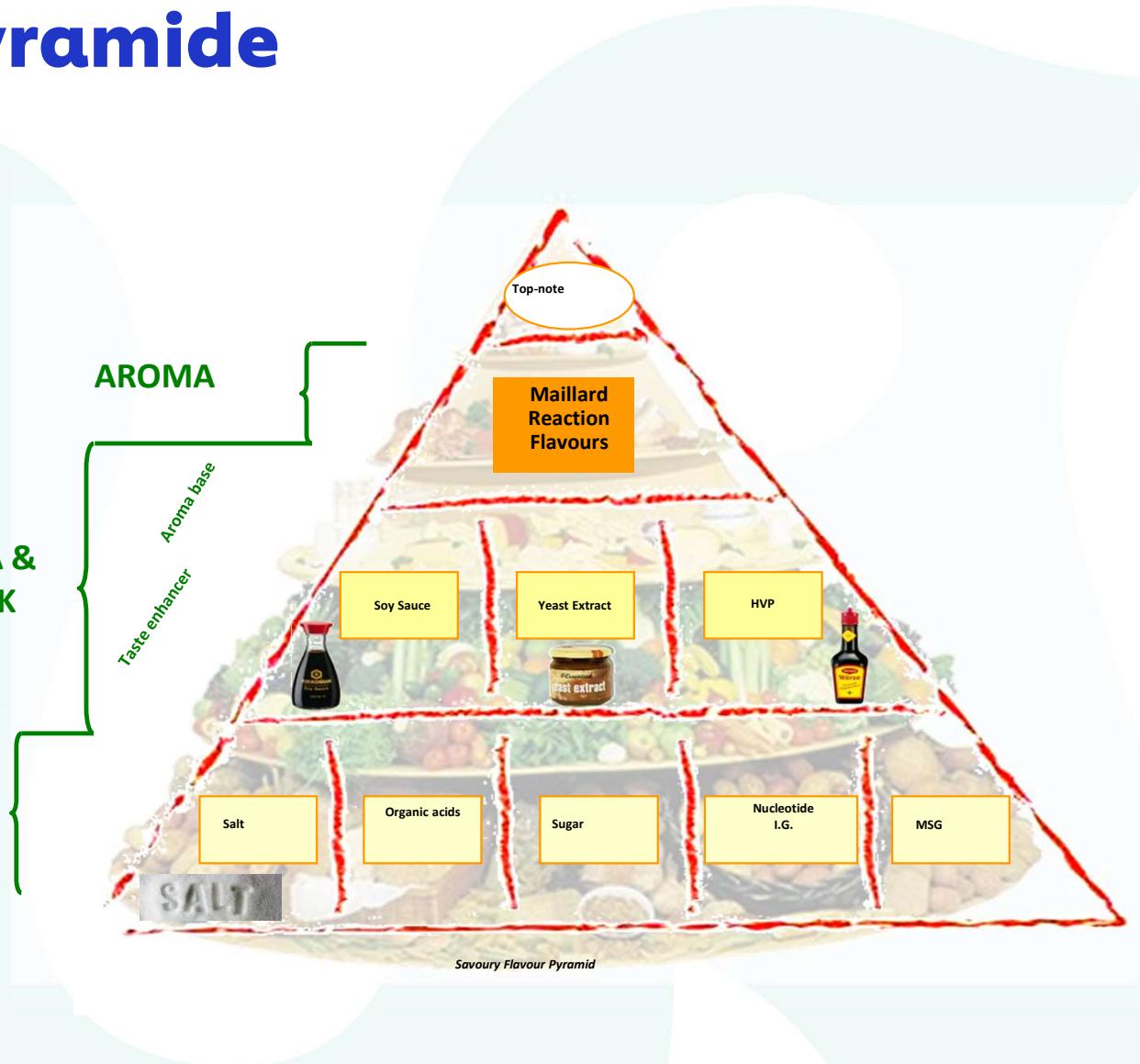
on flavourings and certain food ingredients with flavouring properties for use in and on foods and  
amending Council Regulation (EEC) No 1601/91, Regulations (EC) No 2232/96 and (EC) No 110/2008  
and Directive 2000/13/EC

# De smaak pyramide



AROMA &  
SMAAK

BASIS SMAKEN



## Ruiken en oordelen

Glycine	Leucine	PhenylAla	Methionine	Cysteine	Leu+Ala

Verhit ca 50 ml waterige oplossing bij ca 90 C in afgesloten glazen pot voor ca 1 uur

4 g Na<sub>2</sub>HPO<sub>4</sub>

4 g Xylose

3 g Amino zuur (Leucine lost niet goed op)

2g + 2g combinatie amino zuren

De pH hoeft niet ingesteld, temperatuur hoeft niet exact, i.p.v. wegen ook 'schepjes'

1e practicum uur maken oplossingen, 2e practicum uur ruiken, ook van elkaars oplossingen

Ook kleurverschillen zichtbaar. Eventueel pH voor en na laten meten (met stripje?)

Goed herkenbare voedsel aroma's (lekker en vies??)

## Basis vlees flavour: Umami (Yamaguchi vergelijking)

Umami is een vd 5 basis smaken, maar proef je pas goed met zout erbij

Bv 2 gram /L MSG met 5 gram NaCl sterk umami, zonder zout veel minder umami

Met RiboNucleotide Inosinaat / Guanylaat (zelf geen umami smaak) verder versterken

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### The Synergistic Taste Effect of Monosodium Glutamate and Disodium 5'-Inosinate

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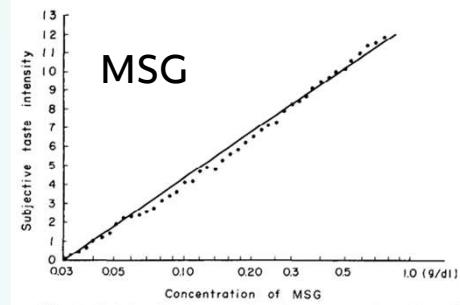


Fig. 2. Relationship between the subjective taste intensity and the concentration of MSG ( $n = 20$ ).

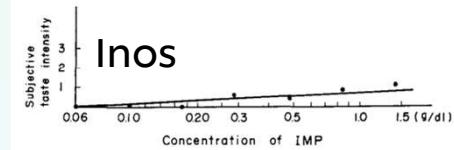
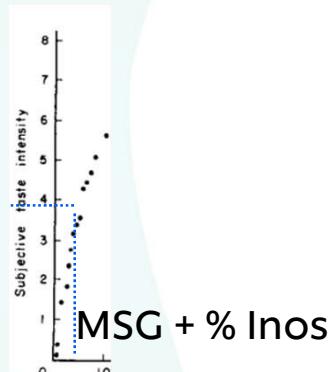


Fig. 3. Relationship between the subjective taste intensity and the concentration of IMP ( $n = 16$ ).



Wij vinden in zout water: 1 g/L MSG + 50 mg/L Inos = ongeveer 4g/L MSG umami

# Socrative question 1

What would be reasons for cooking / heating our food for preparation:

Answer:

- Making food digestible (e.g. undercooked beans cannot be safely consumed)
- Making food hygienic (beer in Medieval Time safer to drink than water)
- Making food attractive (colour, aroma)



# Welke stoffen zijn belangrijk om Maillard reacties te krijgen? Bv in Vlees geven ze aroma\* en smaak\*\*

Vers vlees, nog enzym activiteit bij 'besterven':

- Eiwitten => peptides => aminozuren\*\*\*
- RNA => nucleotides\*\* => ribose\* & fosfaat\*
- Gycogen => suikers (glucose\*) => org. zuren\*\*
- Membranen/vetten => (fosfo)lipiden => vetzuren\* => aldehyden\*\*

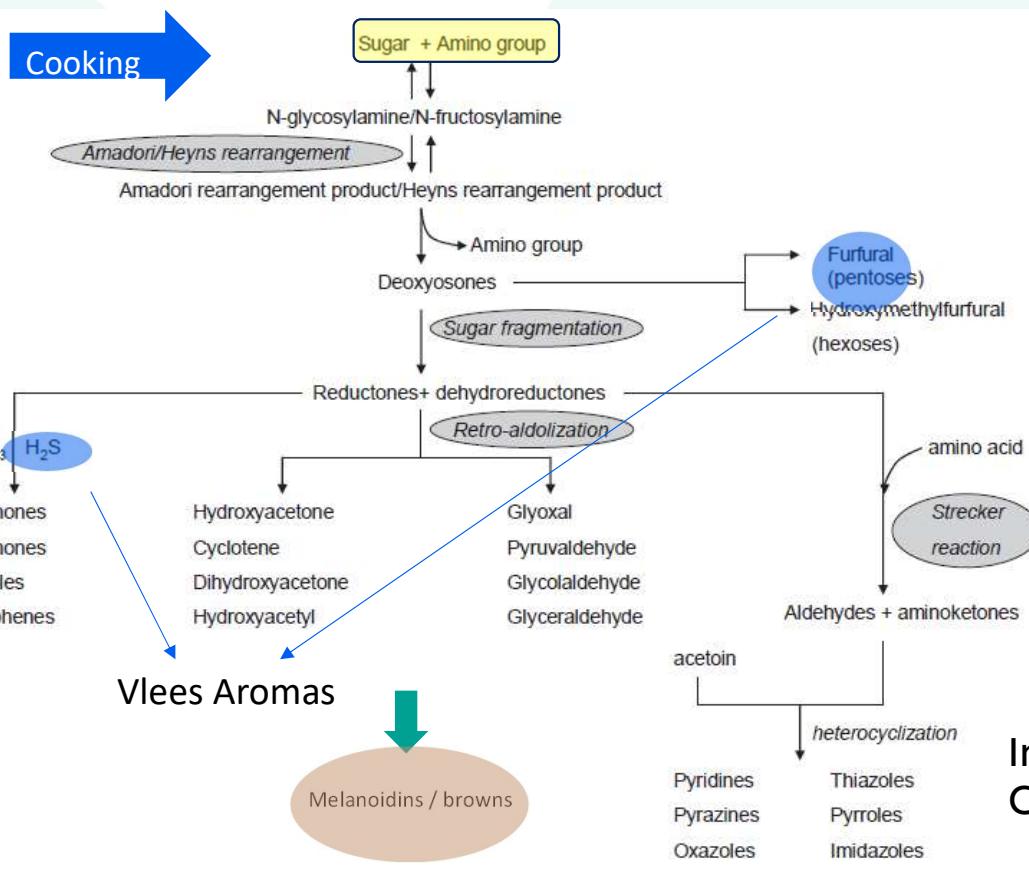


Smakeloos, moeilijk eet & verteerbaar,  
microbiologisch risico

Lekker, voedzaam, veilig

# Aroma: De Maillard reactie in detail (Vlees)

Sugars, Amino-acids,  
Phosphate, Org.Acids  
Fatty Acids, Aldehydes



Zeer complex!  
Gevormde producten  
Reageren verder!!

Indien geen Cys  
Geen S geen Vlees

## Socrative question 2

Heating of a protein with starch will give a Maillard reaction: False – True?

Answer:

- False: Only the free (non-bound) amino acids and non bound sugars are reactive. Not when bound in polymer.



However lysine in protein has a free amino group which might react e.g.

Diabetes Patients =>

**Advanced Glycemic Endproducts (AGE)**

*BBA - Molecular Basis of Disease 1868 (2022) 166283*

Comparison of bovine serum albumin glycation by ribose and fructose *in vitro* and *in vivo*

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Advanced glycation end products (AGEs) play a critical pathogenic role in the development of **diabetic** complications. Recent studies have shown that **diabetes** is associated with not only abnormal glucose metabolism but also abnormal ribose and fructose metabolism, although glucose is present at the highest concentration in humans. The glycation ability and contribution of ribose and fructose to **diabetic** complications remain unclear. Here, the glycation ability of ribose, fructose and glucose under a mimic physiological condition, in which the

## Socrative question 3

The browning of apples after having a bite is a Maillard reaction: False – True?

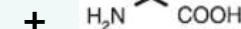
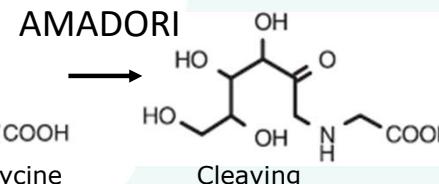
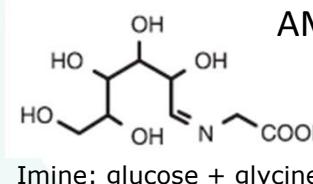
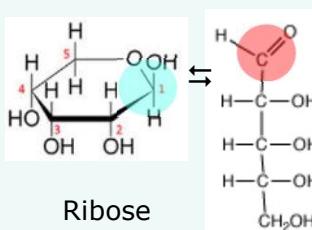
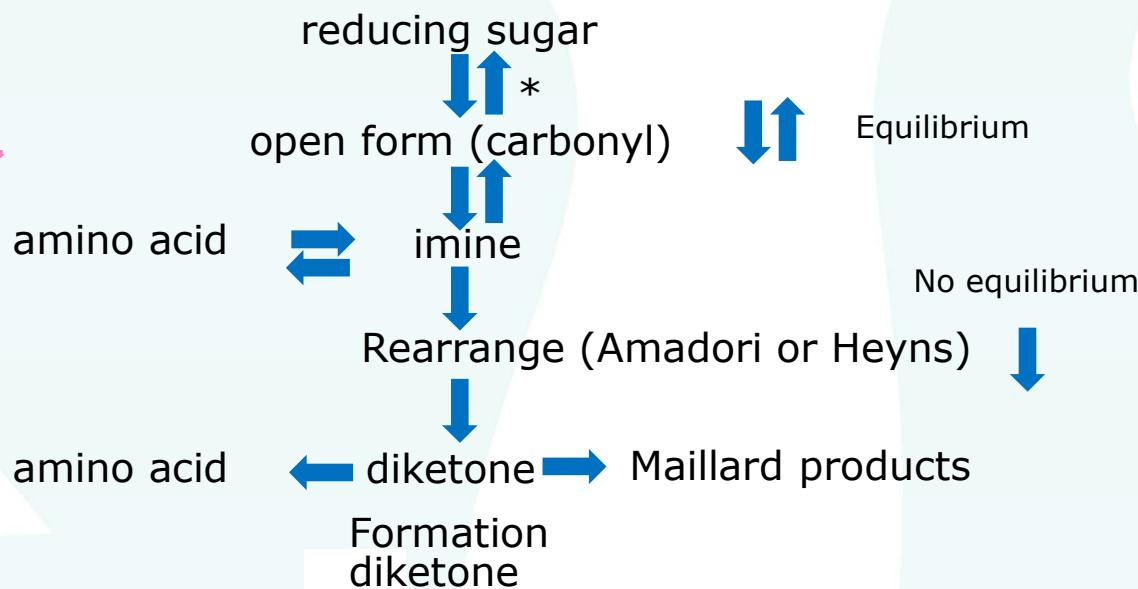
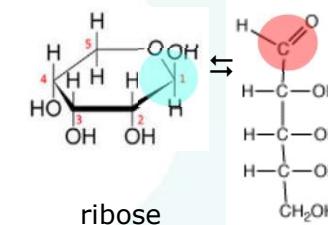
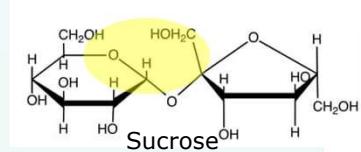
Answer:

- False: Browning already fast at room temperature and is caused by enzymatic polyphenol oxidation. No amino acids required.



## Van suiker (aldehyde) naar reactieve diketon

Alleen reducerende suikers (open vorm). Sucrose niet (geen open vorm)



## Socrative question 4

Starch is a reducing sugar : False – True ?



Answer:

- False: Only the glucose monomer at the end have a reducing group, but almost all glucoses are connected via their reducing group and hence not have a free reducing group (1 in 1000)

## Socrative question 5

Browning is a Maillard reaction. A cake baked with reducing sugar fructose will have:

Answer:

- Dark brown / blackened, burned aroma



no colour, no aroma



colour, no aroma



Blackened, burned aroma

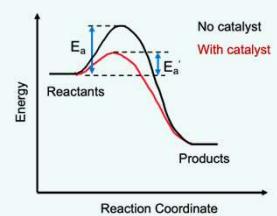
## Socrative question 6

What is the role of the amino acid in the formation of diketones from reducing sugars:

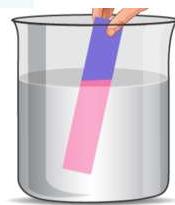
Answer: Catalyst - The amino acid is involved in the reaction but returns unchanged



Buffer



Catalyst



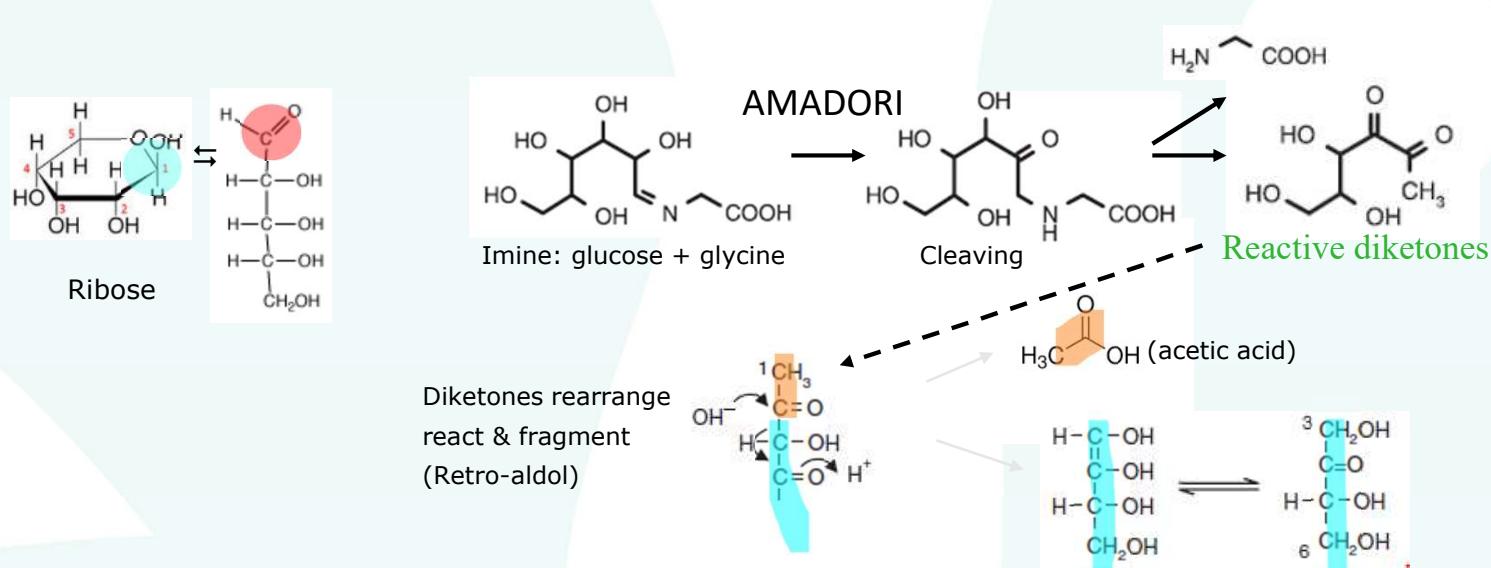
Acid



Oxidant

# Diketonen => Fragmentatie (retro-aldol)

Reducing sugars can have a keto or aldehyde group (e.g. ribose) => Imine => Amadori

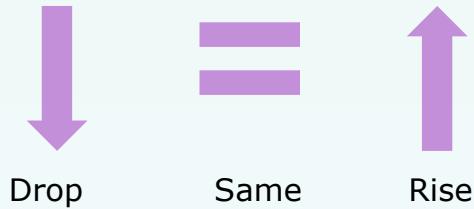


## Socrative question 7

What pH change would you expect with fragmentation:

Answer:

- pH drop: Formation of acid so pH drop



## Socrative question 8

Type of amino acid important for caramel formation: False – True?

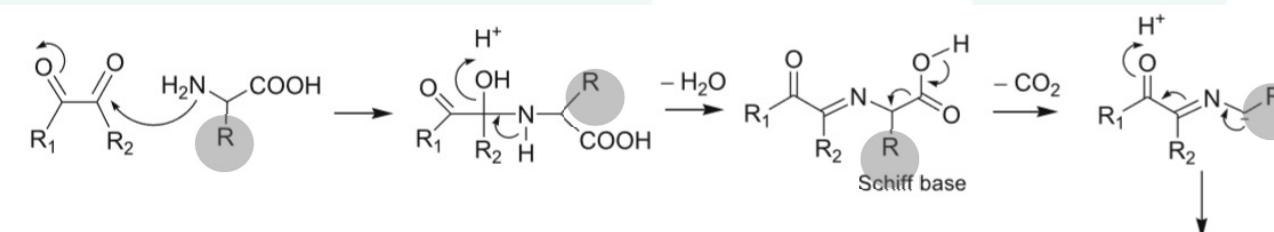


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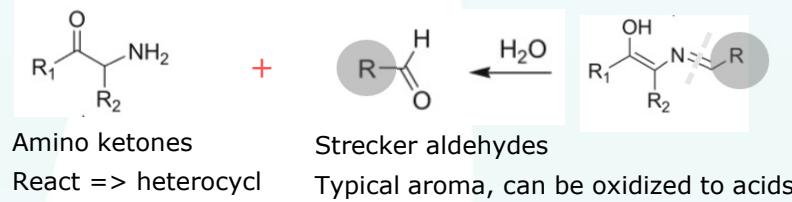
- All amino acids lead to these type of products, even ammonia can be used

# Diketones: Amino acids – Strecker

Amadori/Heyns  $\Rightarrow$  Release of amino acid  $\Rightarrow$  Diketones  
 Catechol type oxidation (e.g. in Tea polyphenols)  $\Rightarrow$  Diketones



Cysteine  $\Rightarrow$  H<sub>2</sub>S  
 Important for meat aroma's

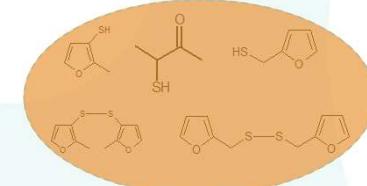
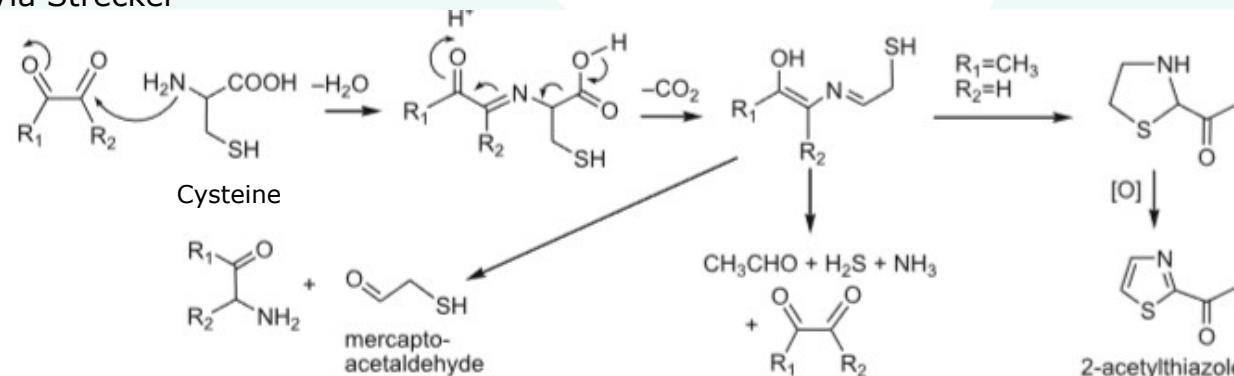


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<chem>NC(CC(=O)C)C(=O)C(=O)O</chem>	<chem>CCCC(=O)O</chem>	fruity dry green chocolate nutty leafy cocoa
<chem>CC(=O)N[C@@H](C)C(=O)C(=O)O</chem>	<chem>CC(=O)N[C@@H](C)c1ccccc1</chem>	green sweet floral hyacinth clover honey cocoa
<chem>CC(=O)N[C@@H](C)C(=O)C(=O)O</chem>	<chem>CC(=O)N[C@@H](C)c1ccccc1</chem>	musty cocoa coffee nutty
<chem>CC(=O)N[C@@H](C)C(=O)C(=O)O</chem>	<chem>CC(=O)N[C@@H](C)C(=O)C(=O)O</chem>	musty tomato, potato, vegetative, mold ripened cheeses, onion, beefy brothy and egg and seafood nuances

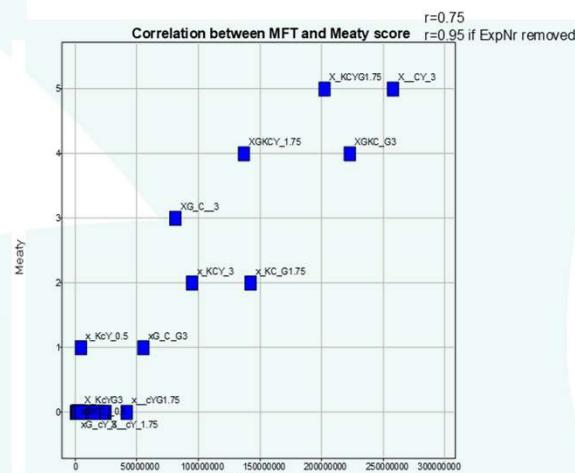
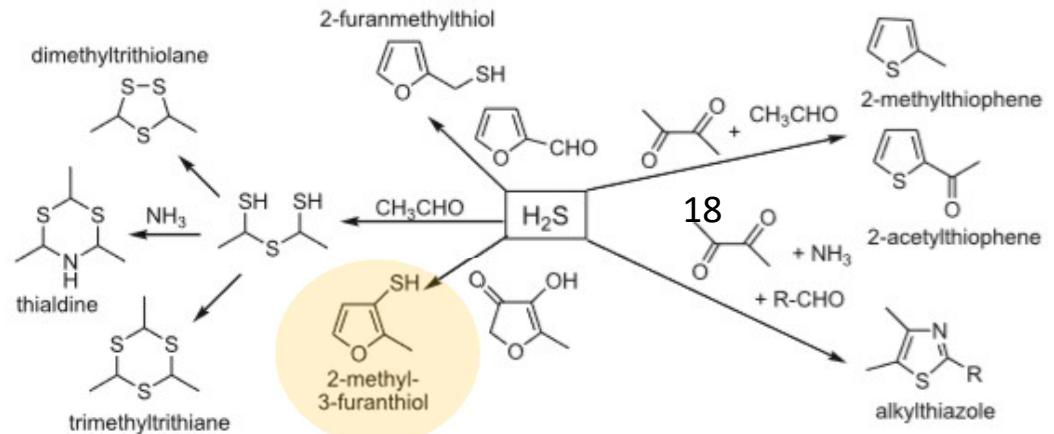
Na verhitten combinaties van geuren: Voedsel veel verschillende aminozuren

# Formation of Sulfur molecules in Maillard, Important for Meat flavour

Via Strecker



Reactions with H<sub>2</sub>S



## Socrative question 9

Why are sulfur compounds important for meat aroma:

Answer:

- Some sulfur compounds important for meat have a very low threshold)



Sulfur Compds  
More abundant



Some Sulfur Compds  
Low Threshold



All Sulfur Compds  
Low Threshold



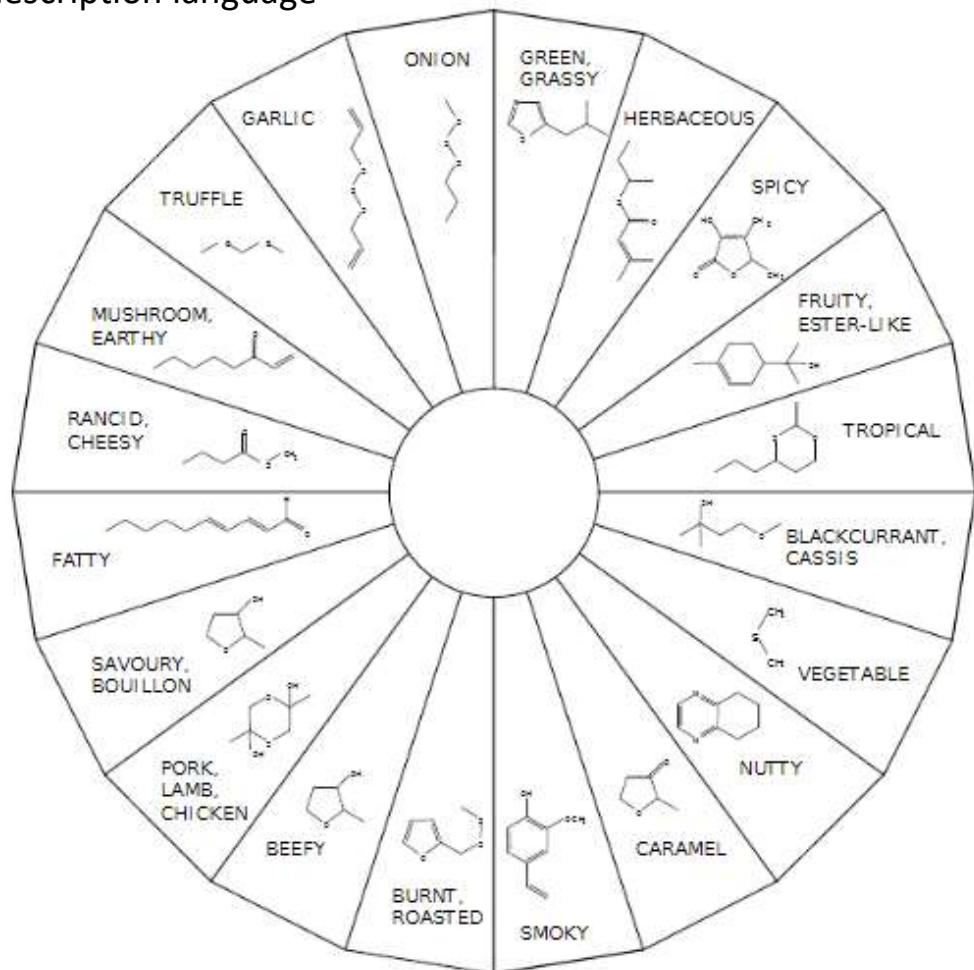
No Sulfur Compds  
in Vegetables

Unilever first with  
'vegan' meat aroma

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FLAVORING SUBSTANCES AND THEIR  
PREPARATION  
Ian Douglas Morton, Bedford, Philip Akroyd, Rushden,  
and Charles Gerard May, St. Neots, England, assignors  
to Lever Brothers Company, New York, N.Y., a cor-  
poration of Maine  
No Drawing. Application November 12, 1958  
Serial No. 773,197  
Claims priority, application Great Britain April 7, 1955  
20 Claims. (Cl. 99—140)

The present invention provides, therefore, a process  
for making a flavoring substance which comprises re-  
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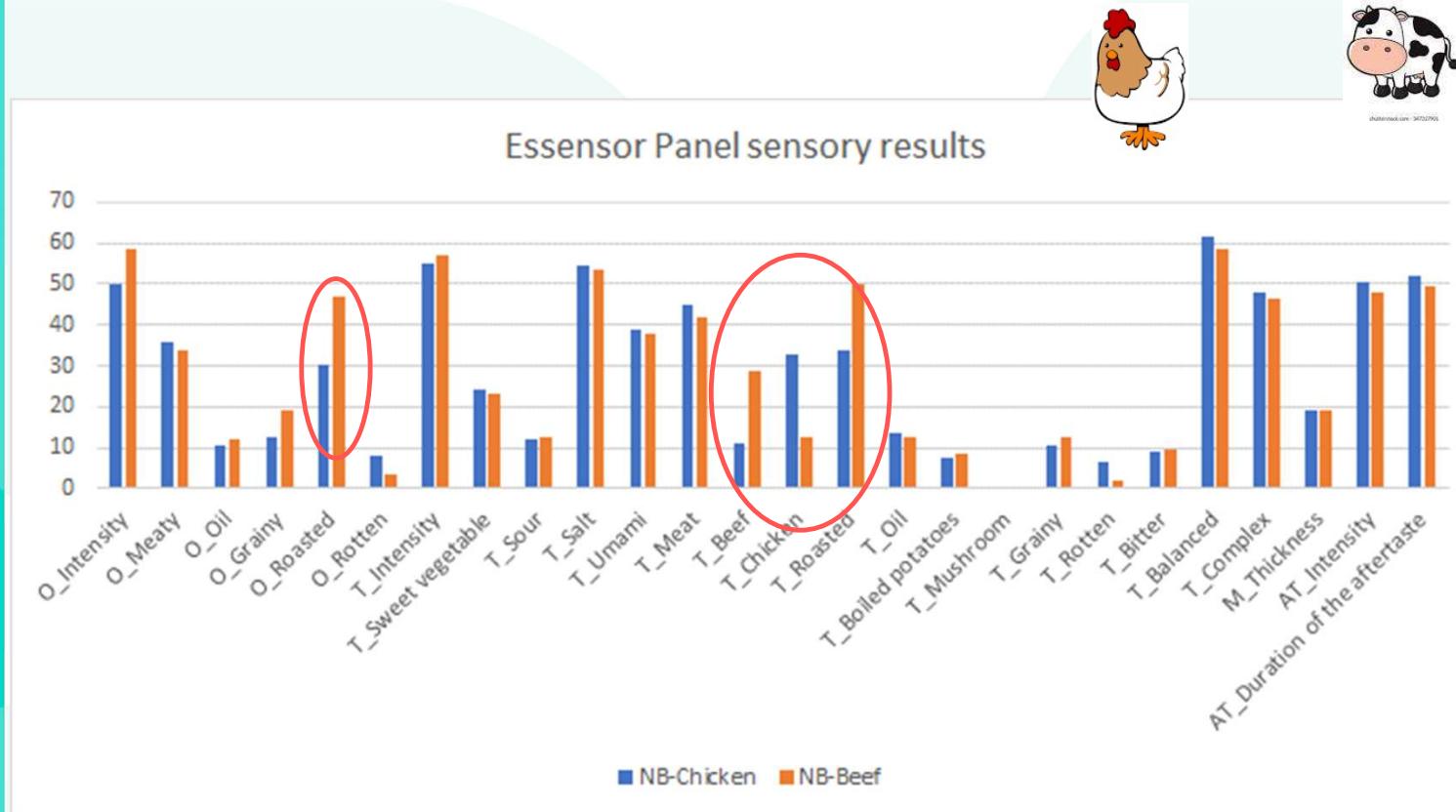
## Flavour description language



**Figure 1** A Flavour Wheel for high impact aroma chemicals

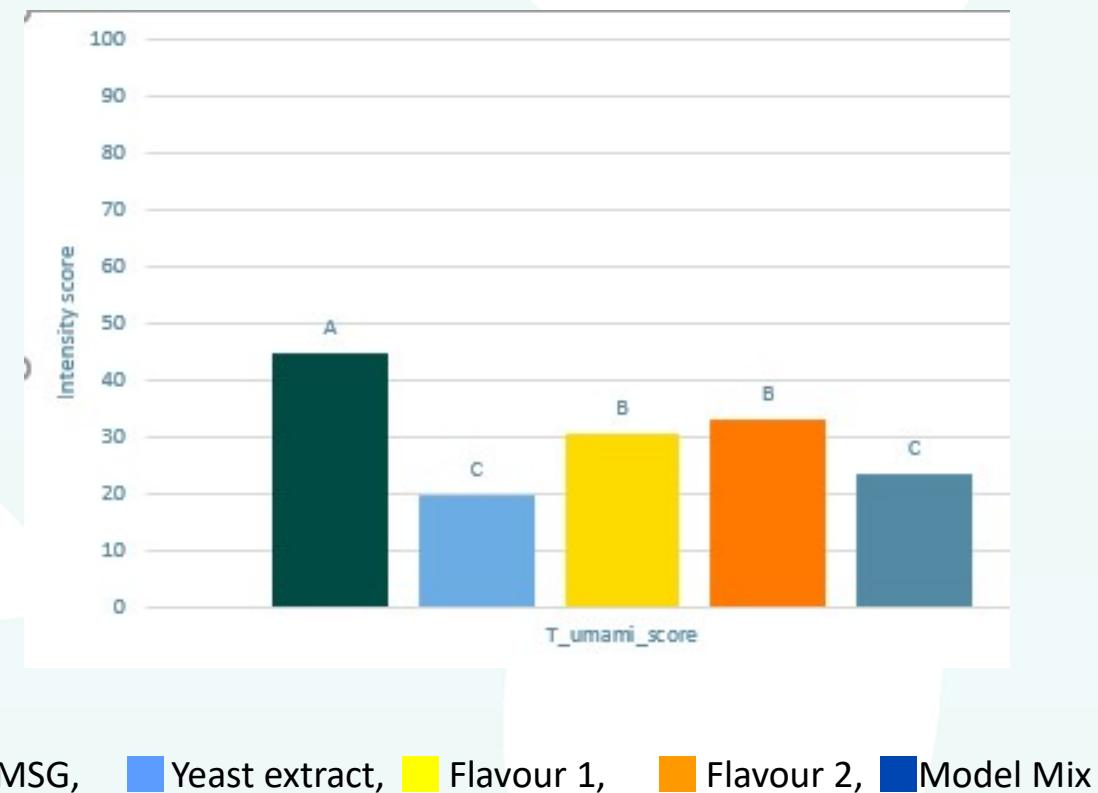
Rowe, David. (2002). High Impact Aroma Chemicals II - The Good, the Bad and the Ugly. *Perfumer & Flavorist*. 27. 24 - 33.

# Quantitative Descriptive Analysis Chicken & Beef flavours



Many attributes scored by 10 -12 panelists

➤ Rank & Score test - What is the umami efficacy of:



## Conclusies

1. Tijdens voedsel bereiding met verhitten / lang staan  
Maillard reacties => Geur / Kleur / Smaak
2. Zeer complexe chemie: tafelsuiker weinig reactief,  
druivesuiker, fructose (en xylose) wel – Open Vorm!
3. Zeer eenvoudig met zuivere stoffen te doen - Practicum  
WUR nu 4e jaar met 180 studenten in groepjes van 5 tot 6  
studenten.

# Vragen??