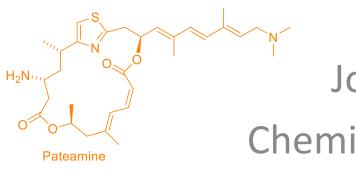




Organic Synthesis and Drug Discovery Research



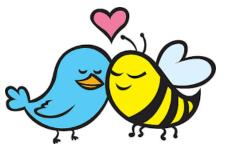
Joanne Harvey Chemistry Teachers' Day

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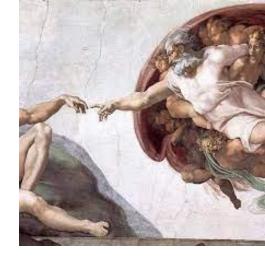




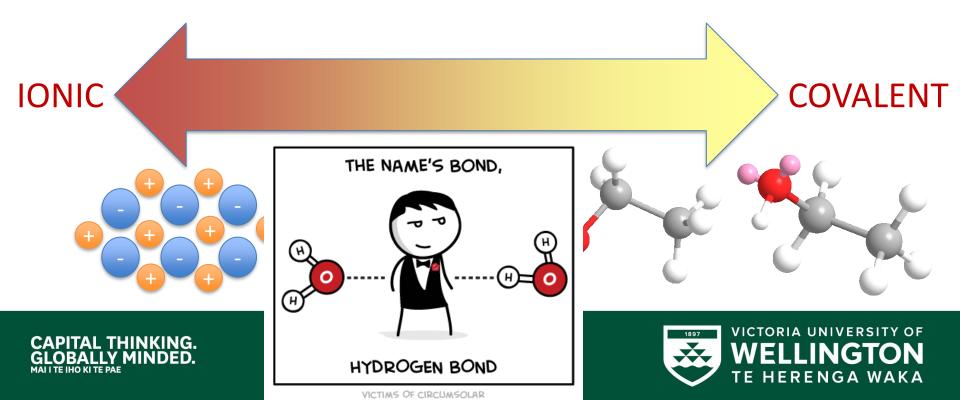




How did I get here?



- Awesome teachers, lecturers ©
- Chemical bonding, electronic structure, periodicity



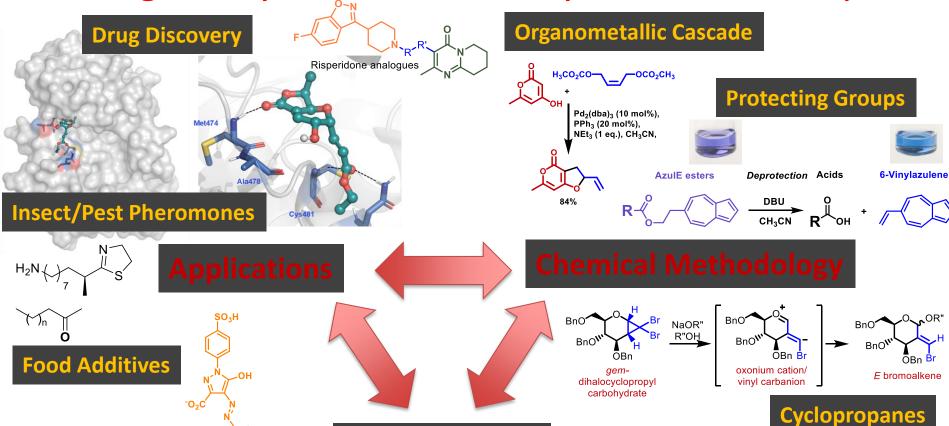
Why Organic Chemistry???

- Organic chemistry nomenclature
- Mechanism
- Spectroscopy
- Stereochemistry...

REALLY!?!?!?!



Organic Synthesis --- Harvey Research Group



Carbohydrate Derived





SO₂H

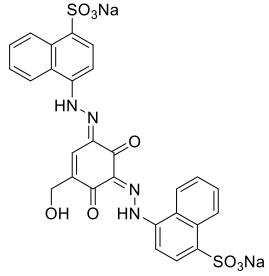
Macrocyclic NPs

Toxicology of Tartrazine Metabolites

- Synthetic azo dyes are used in processed foods and textiles
- Toxicity of metabolites is important due to food applications (with Rob Keyzers, David Ackerley, David Josephy (Canada), Emma Allen-Vercoe (Canada), Ali Ryan (UK), Libusha Kelly (USA))
- Decolourisation and detoxicification of dyes in waste streams are needed for environmental purposes (with Robin Fulton and Niall Malone)

E102 (tartrazine)

E110 (sunset yellow)

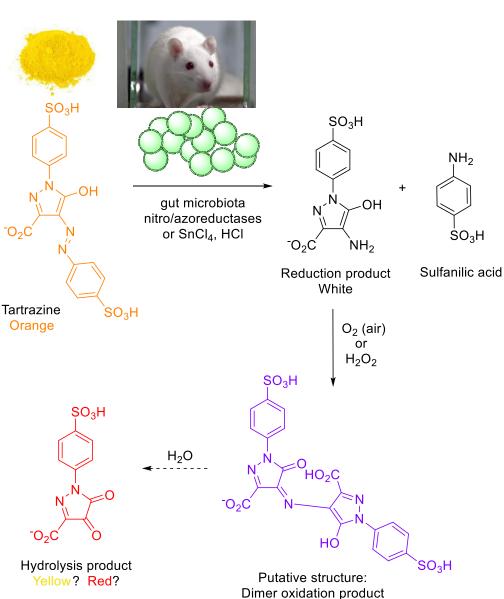


E155 (chocolate brown HT)



Toxicology of Tartrazine Metabolites

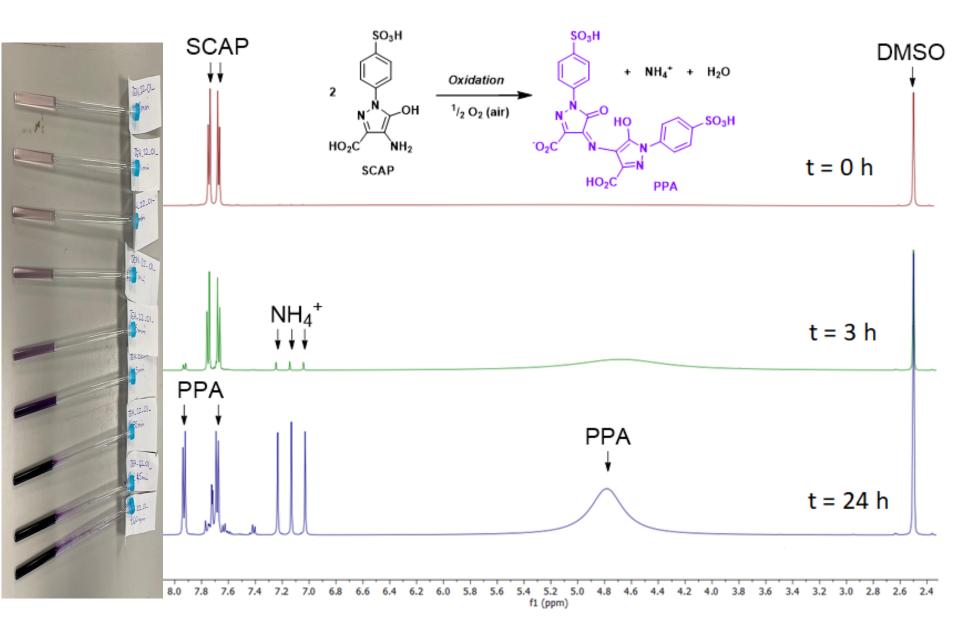
- Rats fed tartrazine had poos that turned purple in the air (Westöö, Acta Chem. Scand. 1965, 19, 1309)
- Reduction of tartrazine by gut microbiota (or chemically in the lab) gives sulfanilic acid and another colourless compound that turns purple in air
- Investigation of the identity of this purple compound to confirm structure



Purple

With Rob Keyzers, Ruth Pay, Dan Torres, Joe Bracegirdle, Daniel Harrington, Niall Malone

Investigating Tartrazine Metabolites



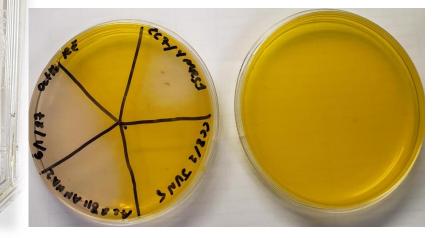
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 Future studies on effects of tartrazine and metabolites on human microbiome

 Learn which gut biota are causing reduction, and how.



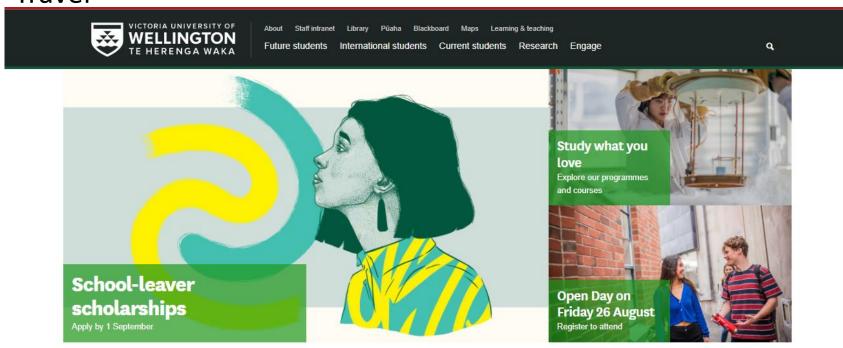
'Robogut' - University of Guelph, Canada



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My Advice to Students

- Do what you love/are interested in the rest will follow
- You can change your mind!
- Travel



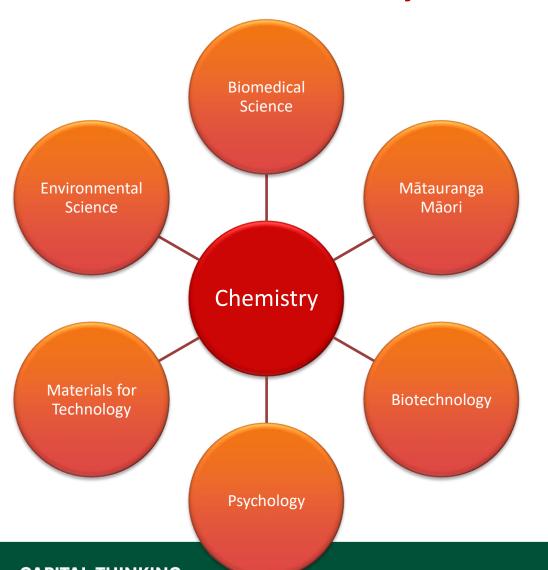
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Chemistry at University



- Bachelor degree retains breadth
- BSc major-minor combinations / double majors
- Chemistry as a central science
- Science is not done in a vacuum.
- Cross-/inter-discipline study

