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What the future holds for framework crystals. But now, they have a tool that is helping them harness the same type of complex chemistry found in nature and design new kinds of structures virtually at will. The secret is a type of nanoscale cage called a metal-organic framework and its purely organic counterpart, a covalent organic framework. They are like crystals built from Tinker Toys, with metal- or carbon-based hubs connected by rod-like molecules. What makes these crystals unlike any type of structure before is that they are mostly air, so they can trap molecules inside, where those molecules can react chemically with the cage or with others trapped nearby. Recently, Omar Yaghi, co-director of the Kavli Energy NanoSciences Institute, showed how to use these open frameworks to study molecules that are hard to isolate any other way, and to make strong textile-like woven structures chemically. To discuss this new chemistry and how it could transform fields as diverse as transportation, fuel production, electronics and medicine, The Kavli Foundation brought together three research leaders for a roundtable discussion. He is considered the inventor of metal-organic frameworks and covalent organic frameworks. Between and , he was the second most cited chemist in the world. His research group studies the application of MOFs to artificial photosynthesis, chemical separations, molecular sieves and fuel storage. The following is an edited transcript of their roundtable discussion. The participants have been provided the opportunity to amend or edit their remarks. If you think about how humans typically do chemistry, it usually involves some combination of high temperatures and high pressures, and it produces a lot of waste products in addition to the chemicals we want. This limits us to making fairly simple and small molecules. Now compare that to nature. Biological systems conduct their reactions at room temperatures and pressures, and make the same molecule repeatedly and with no waste. And they often make molecules so large and complex, we are still trying to understand their structures. For a long time, chemists had no way to make complex chemical structures the way nature does, so they usually wound up with a mess. Now, with these metal-organic frameworks, we have an easier way to do this, because they are essentially scaffolds. Like the framework of a skyscraper, they have a very precise, open, repeating structure. We can bind groups of chemicals onto them. This lets us create something similar to the complex environments found in nature. An example of this is enzymes—proteins that trigger chemical reactions in living things. They only work if their shape matches the molecule they are designed to react with, and if their active site, where the reaction takes place, has the right molecules surrounding it. Change those molecules or its shape and it does something completely different. This is what the future of chemistry is really about—breaking and forming bonds in a selective way. Our work makes this possible because we can design the scaffold and modify it so that it acts very selectively. In fact, in some ways we can go beyond what nature does. For example, we can create these structures that are more stable than their natural counterparts. Exactly, but we do have to learn from nature. There is a very important difference between biomimicry and bioinspiration. Living organisms do many things to stay alive, and they ask a lot from their biochemistry. Also, as our fundamental knowledge about these frameworks increases, we have increased our ability to do more with them. For example, we have learned how to build structures with wide pores. This allows large molecules, such as proteins, the building blocks of life, to enter them. And we still have room for other chemicals to enter and react with those proteins to make whatever it is we want. We can also change the chemistry along the length of the metal-organic framework so after a molecule undergoes one reaction, it can move through the framework and undergo a sequence of additional changes to produce a specific product. Yes, and remember, the molecule is moving through the framework very quickly, at a rate of one nanometer per nanosecond. In that environment, we could make unstable intermediate chemicals that last for only a single microsecond, and we would still have plenty of time to modify them. So, these open frameworks make possible a type of chemistry that only cells seem to know

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how to do easily today. And we can build these open frameworks to achieve specific outcomes? And for different environments. Our collective understanding of design principles has advanced greatly, and we can make open frameworks that are chemically pretty close to bulletproof. This enables us to do reactions faster or to do reactions that nature cannot manage. Thanks to everything we have learned by studying them over the years, a good chemist can make frameworks with just the right pore size, framework presentation, hierarchy of channelsâ€”whatever is desiredâ€”because we understand the rules of how to make them. There are many interesting and very stable structures. We just need to learn how to tune these properties. In many labs today, we are designing open frameworks to do exactly what we want them to do. So what does this new chemistry allow us to do that was once difficult or impossible? It revolutionizes the development of green energy. With this tool, we can more closely mimic photosynthesis, which is how nature converts sunlight into energy. The difference is that nature uses sunlight to turn water and carbon dioxide into sugar, and creates oxygen from water and carbon dioxide. We want to turn water and carbon dioxide into liquid fuels. Mimicking photosynthesis has been one of rough patches for developing solar energy. Yet nature does this every day by harnessing light from big chunks of the color spectrum using complex molecules. How do we duplicate its complex systems? One of the breakthroughs involves building frameworks layer by layer, like a sandwich. And you can tweak the chemistry of each of those layers so it captures a different slice of the color spectrum. So instead of trying to create one very complex molecule, we make a bunch of simpler molecules that work together to do the same thing. Building such a complex structure one layer at a time would outlast the patience of anyone. But it would not outlast the patience of a robot. In our lab, we have five robots building them. Layers are useful in other ways, too. Ordinarily, to make polymer solar cells that convert sunlight into energy, you need to build very precise, aligned structures to control how the polymers interact with one another. This is a very difficult, empirical process. But using molecular frameworks can give us exactly the right alignment for mimicking the behavior of an organic photocell. Professor Yaghi, using covalent organic frameworks COFs, you become the first person to weave together molecules like a fabric, something most chemists thought was impossible. Why is this significant? We make cloth fabrics by weaving threads in and out of one another. This creates a fabric that is very hard to pull apart. Chemists have spent decades looking for ways to manipulate molecules to do the same thing. We can build framework crystals with part of this crossing structure. When they link together, they form molecules with the in-and-out structure of a textile. In fact, this structure is indistinguishable from a woven one. Not long ago, chemists were doing things like this by trial and error. What are some of the other things we could do with these open frameworks? Open frameworks can trap smaller molecules, enabling scientists to take snapshots of their structures without having to crystallize them. We could use their pores to trap smaller molecules and study them. Nanoscale molecules get easily lost when we try to isolate them for study. But we could design framework structures to trap the molecules that interest us. Omar recently published an important work showing that this could be done with molecules ranging from a simple alcohol to a complex plant hormone. Imagine, we could see a chemical reaction as it happens. We could see how those molecules change shape and how they react when they encounter different active sites. We could examine the sequence of reaction steps, determine whether our theories are correct and use what we learn to create more effective chemical reactions. In other words, use these open frameworks as laboratories. And I also wanted to bring up something else we are working onâ€”targeted drug delivery. Treating cancer might be an example. The cancer cell will then hopefully and happily commit suicide by swallowing the framework and releasing the targeted medicine. Or perhaps we could deliver them through the lungs or skin, or with an injection. Is anyone putting this technology to work today? Companies are now working on using these framework crystals to store natural gas and hydrogen for use as fuels in vehicles. The goal is smaller and safer fuel tanks, which will make these vehicles immensely more practical. In fact, the German chemical giant, BASF, has used metal-organic frameworks to store methane in vehicles fueled by natural gas. For the past three years, it has tested them on a fleet of automobiles in Germany and the United States. They have gone through more than , refueling cycles without loss of porosity or performance. After 10 years of development,

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BASF has shown it can make tons of these materials and use them to create natural gas fuel tanks that will last the lifetime of a car. This is an affordable and practical technology, not a laboratory curiosity. Low oil prices make it difficult to market. But if oil prices start rising again, it will become more attractive for owners of natural gas fleets to deploy.

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Chapter 2 : Faculty » Department of Chemistry » University of Florida

1. *Overview of Bioorganic Chemistry of ideas exchange between chemistry and biology. Organic Chemistry: a' improved chemistry by understanding of biology.*

The elucidation of the structure of DNA and the understanding of its implications in the fundamental processes of life laid the foundation for the transformation of biology into a truly molecular science. An important note of caution on the interaction between chemistry and biology has been wisely expressed by Arthur Kornberg Nobel laureate in medicine, Fortunately, continued developments have successfully bridged the gap between chemistry and biology. Thus, the impact of genomic research has led to further erosion of the boundaries between chemistry and biology. The Human Kinome™ Invitrogen Corp. In an earlier initiative, an interdivisional committee on biomolecular chemistry was established. These groups have assigned representatives to the project task group in order to provide input from their specific chemical backgrounds. Some of the task group members have contributed papers to the Symposium-in-Print. A salient project milestone was attained upon publication of a special issue of Pure and Applied Chemistry that was devoted to the subject, Vol. The contributions to this symposium deal with a broad spectrum of topics that illustrate the current scientific effervescence at the interface of chemistry and biology. On one hand, structural information at the molecular level is providing new, detailed insight into biological processes. On the other, the recognition of principles underlying biological phenomena is inspiring novel ideas for solutions to important chemical challenges. The title of the project implies a chemistry-biology relationship in which chemistry serves to provide the interpretation of biological phenomena in terms of molecular structures and chemical principles and processes. It led to the demise of the theory of vital force™ which was considered essential for the generation of substances of biological i. Scientific advances in the second half of the twentieth century have shown that as a result of the availability of structural information on biomolecules, their role in the relevant biological processes can be interpreted in terms of molecular interactions and transformations. The critical molecular dimension of these relationships is emphasized by the fact that the synthesis of proteins is regulated by ribonucleic acids RNA and not DNA. Furthermore, chemical synthesis of the 64 possible tri-ribonucleotides established the base-sequence in the ribonucleotides that code for a specific amino acid in the synthesized protein Holley, Khorana, Nirenberg, Nobel Prize Medicine, However, despite these brilliant illustrations of the integration of chemistry and biology, there are strong divisions between the fields as Kornberg pointed out: Broadly speaking, the difference between the cultures of chemistry and biology resides in their origin and approach to research. Biology has its roots in the study of natural biodiversity and of phenomena associated with biotic systems. On the other hand, the practice of chemistry is anchored in the knowledge of detailed structures, interactions, and reactions at a molecular level. It is in the latter conceptual terms that chemistry interprets biological phenomena. An essential link between the two disciplines is provided by information about the molecular structure of the relevant biological system. Today, as structural knowledge of complex biological systems progresses, the associated biological processes enter the domain of chemical interpretation and analysis. A recent example is from the extensive and elegant structural studies of the RNA polymerase transcription machinery carried out by Roger D. Kornberg see figure 1. From the Nobel lecture of Professor Roger Kornberg. The elucidation of the sequence of three billion nucleo-base pairs of the human DNA and the sequencing of human chromosomes™ as an outcome of the Human Genome project™ constitutes a historical milestone. In the years to come, the analysis of genomic data, that has become available, will continue to bear fruit in many expected ways and in some yet unpredicted areas. As could be anticipated, the enhanced interaction between biology and chemistry has had an immediate impact in the area of healthcare and medicine. Expanding knowledge about the function of protein kinases™ in intracellular signal transduction and regulation of critical cellular processes™ coupled with structural data, has served as a matrix for the design of clinically useful drugs. An impressive example is the development of

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the drug for the treatment of the haematological stem-cell disorder chronic myeloid leukemia CML. This disorder involves translocations between chromosome 22 and chromosome 9, resulting in the abnormal BCR-ABL [breakpoint cluster region-Abelson] oncogene which codes for the tyrosine kinase responsible for CML. Treatment of CML has been sought in the development of specific tyrosine kinase inhibitors. Application of combinatorial chemistry coupled with high through-put screening has led to the development of several clinically useful drugs. A multitargeted kinase inhibitor named Sorafenib is currently being used for the treatment of kidney cancer that is resistant to interferon-alpha or interleukin. Sorafenib is also being studied for the potential treatment of other cancers, including melanoma, lung cancer, and mesothelioma. In line with its mission, IUPAC advocates the creation of strong links with other disciplines so that chemistry can play a vital role in the development of multidisciplinary perspectives. In the preceding decades, the fields of medicine and agriculture have benefitted from increased interdisciplinary interaction and coordination between chemistry and biology. While IUPAC maintains its focus on fundamental chemistry and its applications, it is alert to the emergence of new interdisciplinary areas where its relevant divisions can provide a constructive platform for rapid information-exchange and cooperative undertakings. In the context of developments at the interface of biology and chemistry, closer interaction with other international scientific organizations, such as the International Union for Biochemistry and Molecular Biology, the International Union of Pure and Applied Biophysics, and the International Society for Chemical Ecology, is a logical evolution within the framework of IUPAC. Catalysts, which mimic the function of FeFe-hydrogenase active site, may have many potential applications in fuel cell technology, hydrogenation catalysts, hydrogen production. While noting the implications of chemistry for biology, it is equally important to recognize the impact of biology on chemistry. Thus, biological research in areas of environmental science, ecology, and in agriculture and forestry, besides being fundamentally inspirational, provides exciting stimulation for investigations directed at chemically oriented goals. Current research on photosynthesis is an excellent illustration of the beneficial impact of the two-way flow of scientific information. The photosynthetic machinery of green plants has been used as a guiding concept in the development of photosynthetic molecular-devices that are capable of splitting water and generating hydrogen; for a recent example, see figure 2. Today, applications of cross-fertilization between biology and chemistry are finding expression in an increasingly expanding domain. Disciplines in science evolve in time and new terms emerge that more adequately cover the disciplinary landscape. Today, the multidisciplinary area in which biological phenomena and biological processes are being defined in terms of detailed structural and mechanistic events is recognized as a rapidly emerging field at the interface of chemistry and biology. IUPAC responds in an effective manner to new developments in which the role of chemistry is implicated. In an early initiative, the scope of two of the IUPAC divisions of basic chemistry—Organic and Physical Chemistry—was expanded to include activities directed at understanding the chemical basis of biological phenomena. The term coined by IUPAC for the interface between chemistry and biology is biomolecular chemistry; that is, the chemistry of biomolecules—from the humble urea to highly complex biological systems that can be defined in molecular language. It should be added that several other terms have come into use to define the field. The undersigned authors wish to emphasize that because the term biomolecular chemistry restricts itself to the chemistry of biomolecules, it more accurately defines the interface area. Furthermore, the term biomolecular chemistry acknowledges the unique role of biology in the study and the understanding of such biological phenomena, which, due to its level of complexity, cannot to date be described in detailed molecular terms.

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Chapter 3 : Introduction to Organic Laboratory

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Karen Phillips, Havemeyer; ; kep12 columbia. Vesna Gasperov, A Havemeyer; ; vg columbia. Brent Stockwell, Northwest Corner Building; ; stockwell biology. Faculty find the various disciplines of chemistry fascinating because they establish intellectual bridges between the macroscopic or human-scale world that we see, smell, and touch, and the microscopic world that affects every aspect of our lives. The study of chemistry begins on the microscopic scale and extends to engage a variety of different macroscopic contexts. Chemistry is currently making its largest impact on society at the nexus between chemistry and biology and the nexus between chemistry and engineering, particularly where new materials are being developed. A typical chemistry laboratory now has more computers than test tubes and no longer smells of rotten eggs. The chemistry department majors are designed to help students focus on these new developments and to understand the factors influencing the nature of the discipline. Because the science is constantly changing, courses change as well, and while organic and physical chemistry remain the bedrock courses, they too differ greatly from the same courses 40 years ago. Many consider biochemistry to be a foundation course as well. Although different paths within the chemistry major take different trajectories, there is a core that provides the essential foundation students need regardless of the path they choose. Students should consider majoring in chemistry if they share or can develop a fascination with the explanatory power that comes with an advanced understanding of the nature and influence of the microscopic world of molecules. Students who choose to major in chemistry may elect to continue graduate study in this field and obtain a Ph. A major in chemistry also provides students with an astonishing range of career choices such as working in the chemical or pharmaceutical industries or in many other businesses where a technical background is highly desirable. Other options include becoming a financial analyst for a technical company, a science writer, a high school chemistry teacher, a patent attorney, an environmental consultant, or a hospital laboratory manager, among others. The choices are both numerous and various as well as intellectually exciting and personally fulfilling. Advanced Placement The department grants advanced placement AP credit for a score of 4 or 5 or the equivalent. The amount of credit granted is based on the results of the department placement exam and completion of the requisite course. In either case, credit is granted only upon completion of the course with a grade of C or better. Students must complete a department placement exam prior to registering for either of these courses. Programs of Study The Department of Chemistry offers four distinct academic major programs for undergraduates interested in professional-level training and education in the chemical sciences: For students interested in a program of less extensive study and coursework, the department offers a concentration in chemistry. Course Information The results of the placement exam are used to advise students which track to pursue. The Department of Chemistry offers three different tracks. Students who wish to take Track 2 or 3 classes must take the placement exam. Students who wish to pursue Track 1 classes do not need to take the placement exam. Track Information In the first year, Track 1 students with one year of high school chemistry take a one-year course in general chemistry, and the one-term laboratory course that accompanies it. In the second year, students study organic chemistry, and take organic chemistry laboratory. Students who qualify by prior examination during orientation week can place into the advanced tracks. There are two options. Track 2 students take, in the fall term, a special one-term intensive course in general chemistry in place of the one-year course. In the second year, students study organic chemistry and take organic chemistry laboratory. Track 3 students take a one-year course in organic chemistry for first-year students and the one-term intensive general chemistry laboratory course. In the second year, students enroll in physical chemistry and the organic chemistry laboratory course. Additional information on the tracks can be found in the Requirements section. This seminar focuses on topics in modern chemistry, and is offered to all students who have taken at least one semester of college chemistry and have an interest in chemical research. Sample Programs Some typical

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programs are shown below. Programs are crafted by the student and the director of undergraduate studies to meet individual needs and interests.

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chapter 3 inclusion complexes: host-guest chemistry; chapter 4 mesoscopic structures as an intermediate stage between molecules (micro scale) on the one hand and biological cells (macro scale) on the other; chapter 5 between classical organic chemistry and biology, understanding and mimicking nature.

Research Areas Analytical Chemists at USU are carrying out research on novel optical methods of chemical analysis; white light spectrometry; and the analysis of large, nonvolatile molecules by mass spectrometry. Environmental chemistry is a major focus, with research projects directed towards the development and application of methods for the analysis of small particles in the atmosphere and the application of real-time mass spectrometry for aerosol analysis, and the detection of trace fluorocarbon substances in the atmosphere. Biochemistry Researchers at USU are studying the fundamental structures and functions of a range of biological systems. Ongoing projects include the elucidation of mechanisms of a number of enzymes and metalloenzymes involved in nitrogen metabolism, utilization and degradation of hydrocarbons, post-translational modifications such as phosphorylation and methylation and the assembly of macromolecular enzyme systems. Our research impacts a diverse range of phenomena including understanding global energy and element cycles, bioremediation, and human health and disease. Inorganic Chemistry, research is devoted to understanding how metal catalyzed chemical processes occur, and how features associated with the metal center influence the chemistry. In bioinorganic chemistry, approaches involve the synthesis of model complexes that are designed to mimic structural, spectroscopic, and reactivity features of metalloenzyme active site. Comprehensive studies of these model complexes increase our understanding of the chemical principles that control the structure and function of metalloenzymes. Organic Chemistry research at USU focuses in the areas of physical organic chemistry and the synthesis of biologically active compounds. Mechanistic studies using novel kinetic techniques are questioning long-held assumptions about the details of some common chemical reactions. Other projects investigate the details of reactions at the chemistry-biology interface, including the chemistry of phosphate and sulfate esters. Other groups are working on the synthesis of novel unusual sugar-containing antibiotics or anticancer agents, and on studying the structural chemistry of naturally occurring compounds, in order to understand how structure affects stability, reactivity, and biological activity. Physical Chemistry at USU focuses on computational chemistry. Research at USU led to the first experimental and theoretical evidence of aromaticity in all-metal systems. Other projects utilize modern methods of electronic structure theory to understand the fundamental nature of interactions between molecules, chiefly hydrogen bonds, which are critical to structure and function of biomolecules like proteins. In addition, projects in theoretical chemical physics are directed to studying the dynamics of microscopic and mesoscopic systems e. Methods of analysis help researchers understand the mechanism of medicinal agents, which lead to suggestions as to how such molecules can be improved. Synthetic methods are applied and these test molecules are then tested for efficacy. Work focuses on first analyzing the structure of proteins and then understanding how this structure is related to function of enzymes and related systems. Energy and the Environment Our society is dependent upon finding new sources of energy, using old sources in more effective ways, and understanding how energy utilization affects our biosphere. Research in these areas encompasses both theoretical and experimental approaches in an effective manner. Catalysis and Reaction Mechanism The heart of chemistry is the reactions undergone by molecules. These reactions can be facilitated by catalysts, the mechanism of which are seldom completely understood. Research focuses on a detailed examination of a panoply of different sorts of reactions. This group applies these methods to new areas of research including nanotechnology, energy flow, novel methods of chemical bonding, and very weak molecular interaction. Eukaryotic Biochemistry focuses on systems with direct applications to human biochemistry and the manner in which medical improvements can be made to our health.

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Chapter 5 : Chemistry and Chemical Biology < Northeastern University

In a sense, this question of structure, properties, or function has always been one part of Organic Synthesis: that is, the balance between the aesthetics of natural product synthesis, and the potential utility of the methods it produces for the broader field of synthetic chemistry.

Much of the experience obtained in a lab course is nearly impossible to communicate within a lecture format. For example, it is one thing to learn about the polarity of different molecules based on their structural formulas sketched on the blackboard but quite another to actually observe the separation of a mixture of polar compounds during a chromatography experiment. The other important realm of a laboratory course is to expose the student to the safe handling of many different types of chemicals as well as to the myriad of apparatus and equipment used in the lab. The laboratory experience also helps the student to understand and interpret experimental procedures. Laboratory Experiments The laboratory experiment is usually not a true scientific experiment in the sense that a hypothesis is formulated, experiments are planned to test the hypothesis, data is collected and analyzed and ultimately a conclusion is reached which supports or contradicts the hypothesis. In other words, all of the tenets of the scientific method are not addressed routinely in a laboratory experiment. An investigative experiment is one in which the student learns how to perform a particular technique such as how to correctly obtain a melting point for a solid or how to set up equipment for a distillation and then actually do a distillation. Bear in mind that the procedures required for a prep experiment are carried out by using the techniques and operations learned from investigative experiments. It stands to reason that the student must master some common laboratory techniques prior to carrying out even a simple prep experiment. For this reason, the first semester of organic lab introduces several different types of investigative experiments. These experiments are designed to teach the three basic operations required to perform most organic reactions in the lab: These are the operations that are done after the chemical reaction is complete. Think about actually performing a preparative experiment; the process is generalized in the next few paragraphs and diagrammed in a flowchart. Flowchart for a Hypothetical Organic Reaction Running a reaction is often the easiest part of an experiment. First, the reagents are mixed together in an organic solvent according to the stoichiometry of the reaction and the reaction is stirred perhaps heated or cooled as stated in the procedure for the allotted time period or until the reaction is deemed finished. Many reactions require a work up to isolate the product. Next, the product must be isolated from the reaction mixture. However, the organic reaction product at this point may not exist in molecular form. For example, in the synthesis of an alcohol, the product may be in the form of the corresponding alkoxide. Typically the work up involves adding an aqueous phase which may be acidic or basic depending upon the requirements of the species involved For example, in this case, an acidic aqueous phase would protonate the alkoxide to give the alcohol. The addition of an aqueous phase is necessary for the work up but also serves to solubilize the inorganic by-products and any salts formed in the reaction. Since water and organic solvents are generally not miscible, two layers form and the desired organic product remains in the organic phase. A separatory funnel can be used to separate the organic phase from the aqueous phase. The result is that the product has been separated from most of the other components in the reaction mixture and the organic solvent can be removed by evaporation or some form of distillation to provide the crude unpurified product. Hence, isolation is achieved. Purification is the next step. Solids can sometimes be purified by recrystallization, liquids or oils may be purified by distillation. Chromatography is often used to purify both solids and liquids if other techniques are not successful. Gas chromatography would be a logical choice for purification of gases, although few of your products are gases. You may recall from general chemistry another purification technique, selective effusion, which was used to purify the isotopic mixture of uranium hexafluorides, UF_6 and UF_6 . These are just a few of the choices chemists have in their arsenal for purification challenges. Instrumentation has become an integral part of modern chemistry. The last step in a prep experiment is to identify the reaction product. Many traditional,

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classical methods are still used. A melting point may serve to identify a solid, a boiling point could be used to identify a liquid and a density measurement could be used for a gas. Also, there exists several qualitative tests that can be used to identify certain functional groups in a molecule. By far the most useful modern techniques used for identification purposes include NMR, IR and mass spectrometry. Used in conjunction with classical approaches, these methods can unambiguously determine the entire molecular structure of your reaction product. Performing organic reactions in the lab enables one to study the chemical properties of various substances. However, the student should also begin thinking about the notion that it is the physical properties of a compound which are exploited in order to isolate, purify and identify that substance. Several different techniques will be introduced in this course including a description of each operation and the physical basis for each.

Miniscale versus Microscale A laboratory course in organic chemistry conjures up stereotypical images for many students: While some of these impressions may be difficult to eliminate, the organic lab experience has changed considerably within the last few decades. In particular the nature of doing experiments has changed from the classical approach involving several grams of starting material to a scaled-down operation that can be performed successfully using much smaller quantities of material. Historically, the classical organic experiment was done on a fairly large scale using ten to twenty grams of starting material or even larger amounts. The reaction vessels utilized for these experiments included round bottom flasks with capacities ranging from mL up to 1-L. Liquid reagents were often measured using mL graduated cylinders or beakers, and masses were measured using a standard triple-beam balance. Big capacity Erlenmeyer flasks and filter flasks were required for working up the reaction and large columns and condensers were needed for operations that involved reflux or distillation. Semimicro is between mini and microscale. The distinction is not always clear from one scale to the next. It is important for the student to learn which type of glassware is appropriate for a particular experiment. Miniscale is the term used for reactions that are done using smaller amounts of material, typically one or two grams. For example, a reaction that uses, say 15 grams of starting material, may require a 100 mL round bottom flask and several large Erlenmeyer flasks for work up. The same reaction done on miniscale 1 gram may be carried out in a 25 mL round bottom flask. Microscale is the term used for reactions that use very small amounts of material, perhaps 10 to milligrams. Microscale glassware is different from the conventional glassware used for miniscale and larger. Conical shaped vials are used in place of round-bottom flasks. The surface area is minimized in a conical vial which alleviates the problem of compounds adhering to the glass. Imagine mixing milligrams of solid in one or two milliliters of solvent in a 100 mL round bottom flask. When the mixture is stirred, much of the solid will work its way up the side of the reaction vessel away from the reaction medium. Using a conical vial is simply more efficient. Microscale glassware in general is designed to minimize surface area and eliminate the transfer of tiny amounts of substances from one container to another. The drive towards small scale experiments has several benefits such as reduced cost of materials, less environmental waste and shorter reaction times. The safety issues are often attenuated due to the smaller amounts of material used. One drawback of small-scale reactions is that students often cannot observe what a tiny sample looks like; the quantities can be so small that it is difficult to make visual observations about the physical nature of compounds. Unfortunately, this adds a mysterious aspect to organic chemistry. Thus, there is a need to balance small scale operations against the classical approaches that have been used for decades to introduce laboratory techniques.

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Understanding and mimicking nature --On the border between chemistry and technology: nanotechnology and other industrial applications of supramolecular systems --The most interesting macrocyclic ligands which are hosts for inclusion complexes --Other exciting supramolecular systems --The prospects of future development of supramolecular chemistry.

Theoretical and experimental aspects of important rate processes in chemistry. Course usually offered in spring term Activity: Overview of the principles governing organic bonding, structure, and properties. Quantum calculations as well as laboratory thermodynamic and kinetic measurements used in understanding organic chemical reactions will be surveyed. Mechanisms will be discussed but will not be covered in detail. Methods and Applications The course is broken up into three parts: Course usually offered in fall term Also Offered As: One-term course offered either term Prerequisites: One year of organic chemistry and a biochemistry course, or permission of instructor Activity: Aspects of the synthesis, structure and reactivity of important classes of organometallic compounds such as metallo alkyl, aryl, alkene, alkylidene and alkylidyne complexes are surveyed for the d and f block metals. Emphasis is placed on general patterns of reactivity and recurring themes for reaction mechanisms. One-term course offered either term Activity: Topics include syntheses, structures and reactivities of important compounds. In addition, alternative bonding theories which have been used to explain the unique properties of these compounds are critically examined. One-term course offered either term Also Offered As: Each technique is illustrated using information tools available at the University of Pennsylvania, and we take an "under the hood" look at the organization and functionality of each tool introduced. Students should choose a course section based on their preferred area of chemistry research: Topics vary by section, but all students learn the basics of subject, author, structure, and reaction searching, and a unit on ethics in publication and scholarly communication completes the course. The course involves significant writing, in-class discussions and presentations. Course usually offered in fall term Activity: This course, for graduate students in the organic and inorganic divisions, will promote development of proposal writing skills. Students will develop original ideas, practice written work, graphic design and peer review. Depending on the year, selected other topics will also be included. Topics will include advanced organic mechanisms, electronic structure calculations of organic molecules related to their structure, reactivity, and spectroscopic properties, and Organic Spectroscopic methods for the determination of structure using NMR. One-term course offered either term.

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Organic chemistry provides probes to enable understanding of Biology, as we all agree. The better tools that we can generate more quickly, better capable and better positioned are we to probe the Biology or to intervene the targets, I suppose.

Admission Requirements Prospective students in the graduate programs must have undergraduate degrees in chemistry or biochemistry. Applicants are encouraged to submit a preapplication directly to the department. The preapplication form is found on the department website. Based on the preapplication, the department will quickly inform applicants of the probability of their acceptance into a graduate program. It will also notify the faculty member s designated on the preapplication and put them in contact with the students. Students will then be encouraged to apply officially by completing the following steps: Admission Deadlines Due to the nature of graduate course sequences, it is highly recommended that students enter the graduate program in the fall semester. Although there are no application deadlines, submission of all application materials by April 15 is strongly encouraged. Program Requirements In the weeks prior to the first academic semester, new students must participate in the graduate student orientation program. New students are required to attend a safety workshop and departmental orientation sessions, take departmental competency examinations, and receive academic advising. Students receiving a teaching assistantship must attend training sessions administered by the School of Graduate Studies. The scheduling of these events will be announced well in advance. PhD students must take both written and oral candidacy examinations. The written examination ensures that students have a broad understanding of chemistry and the depth of knowledge in their chosen fields required for PhD work. The written examination must be passed before the oral examination is attempted. In the Plan A option, students complete graduate-level coursework and must write a thesis. The graduate programs committee nominates two to three candidates, and one candidate is chosen from the College of Science each year. Assistantships are also available. With these, the department is responsible for the first nine months of stipend and tuition, with the remaining summer stipend and tuition usually paid from faculty research funds. Teaching assistants devote no more than 12 hours per week directing undergraduate laboratories, leading recitation sections, and assisting students with questions during the regular two-semester academic year. Research assistantships are funded from individual faculty research grants and support students conducting research related to the grant projects. Although first-year students are not normally supported as research assistants, well-prepared students may be eligible for research support at the discretion of their major professor.

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While noting the implications of chemistry for biology, it is equally important to recognize the impact of biology on chemistry. An understanding of biological interactions and phenomena leads to insights into nature's evolutionary patterns and designs, which, in turn, can be translated into useful applications.

Intended for freshmen in the College of Science. Introduces students to liberal arts; familiarizes them with their major; develops the academic skills necessary to succeed analytical ability and critical thinking ; provides grounding in the culture and values of the University community; and helps to develop interpersonal skills—in short, familiarizes students with all skills needed to become a successful university student.

General Chemistry for Health Sciences. Provides a one-semester introduction to general chemistry for the health sciences. Covers the fundamentals of elements and atoms; ionic and molecular structure; chemical reactions and their stoichiometry, energetics, rates, and equilibria; and the properties of matter as gases, liquids, solids, and solutions. Other topics include acids and bases, and nuclear chemistry. Applications to the health sciences are included throughout.

Lab for CHEM Covers a range of topics from the course, such as qualitative and quantitative analysis and the characteristics of chemical and physical processes. Includes measurements of heat transfer, rate and equilibrium constants, and the effects of temperature and catalysts. Emphasis is on aqueous acid-base reactions and the properties and uses of buffer systems.

Recitation for CHEM Covers various topics from the course.

Organic Chemistry for Health Sciences. Provides a one-semester introduction to organic chemistry for the health sciences. Covers the fundamentals of the structure, nomenclature, properties, and reactions of the compounds of carbon. Also introduces biological chemistry including amino acids, proteins, carbohydrates, lipids, nucleic acids, hormones, neurotransmitters, and drugs. Covers a range of topics from the course, such as the properties and elementary reactions of hydrocarbons, alcohols, ethers, carbonyl compounds, carbohydrates, and amines.

Introduction to Forensic Science. Introduces students to the field of forensic science from both a scientific and a legal perspective. Examines the challenges and methodologies of crime scene investigation, forensic biology, and forensic chemistry. Provides real-world case studies and examines some misrepresentations of forensics by television dramas. Emphasizes scientific evidence associated with topics such as DNA analysis, drug abuse, and explosion investigations, as well as other relevant topics.

The Chemistry of Food and Cooking. Introduces a number of basic scientific principles in the methodology of cooking, food preparation, and the enjoyment of food. Focuses on the chemistry and molecular bases of food, reactivity under various conditions, molecular gastronomy, geographic and cultural influences on food, and food as preventative medicine. Class demonstrations of various cooking techniques illustrate different chemical principles between food and cooking. Designed for students who do not plan to major in the natural sciences.

Chemical Perspectives on Energy. Examines the chemical principles that underly the major sources of energy for society, including combustion of fossil fuels, biofuels, batteries, solar energy, and nuclear power. Examines the costs and benefits to society of each energy source. High school chemistry strongly recommended.

General Chemistry for Engineers. Corresponds to one semester of study in important areas of modern chemistry, such as details of the gaseous, liquid, and solid states of matter; intra- and intermolecular forces; and phase diagrams. Presents the energetics and spontaneity of chemical reactions in the context of chemical thermodynamics, while their extent and speed is discussed through topics in chemical equilibria and kinetics. Aspects of electrochemical energy storage and work are considered in relation to batteries, fuel, and electrolytic cells.

General Chemistry for the Biological Sciences. Introduces the principles of chemistry, focusing on the particulate nature of matter and its interactions and reactions that form the basis for the underlying molecular dynamics of living systems. Introduces kinetics and chemical thermodynamics with examples from biological systems. Offers students an opportunity to obtain a framework for understanding the chemical basis for different methods for separating and purifying biological compounds. Introduces basic laboratory techniques. Covers a range of topics

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including qualitative and quantitative analysis and the characteristics of chemical and physical processes. Offers students an opportunity to work interactively with instructors and other students to learn and apply the knowledge acquired in lecture. Introduces the principles of chemistry, focusing on the states and structure of matter and chemical stoichiometry. Presents basic concepts and definitions, moles, gas laws, atomic structure, periodic properties and chemical bonding, all within a contextual framework. Covers a range of topics from the course including qualitative and quantitative analysis and the characteristics of chemical and physical processes. Introduces the principles of chemical equilibrium, the rates and mechanisms of chemical reactions, and energy considerations in chemical transformations. Covers solutions, chemical kinetics, chemical equilibria, chemical thermodynamics, electrochemistry, and chemistry of the representative elements. Such contextual themes as energy resources, smog formation, and acid rain illustrate the principles discussed. Covers a range of topics from the course, such as measurements of heat transfer, rate and equilibrium constants, and the effects of temperature and catalysts. Particular attention is paid to aqueous acid-base reactions and to the properties and uses of buffer systems. Quantitative analysis of chemical and physical systems is emphasized throughout. General Chemistry 1 for Chemical Science Majors. Explores the connections between chemistry and the other sciences, particularly the life and environmental sciences. Topics include atomic and molecular structure, bonding theories, intermolecular interactions, reactions in the gas phase and in aqueous solutions, the energetics of chemical change, and the properties of gases and solutions. Explores nuclear chemistry, atomic structure, chemical reactions in the gas phase and in solutions, chemical bonding, intermolecular forces, and the properties of gases. Provides students with opportunities to work interactively with instructors and other students to learn and apply the scientific method. General Chemistry 2 for Chemical Science Majors. Explores the structure of solids, thermochemistry, thermodynamics, chemical kinetics, chemical equilibrium, acids and bases, and electrochemistry and materials chemistry. Provides students with opportunities to work interactively with instructors and other students to learn and apply the understandings acquired in lab and lecture. Offers elective credit for courses taken at other academic institutions. May be repeated without limit. Introduces nomenclature, preparation, properties, stereochemistry, and reactions of common organic compounds. Presents correlations between the structure of organic compounds and their physical and chemical properties, and mechanistic interpretation of organic reactions. Includes chemistry of hydrocarbons and their functional derivatives. Introduces basic laboratory techniques, such as distillation, crystallization, extraction, chromatography, characterization by physical methods, and measurement of optical rotation. Focuses on additional functional group chemistry including alcohols, ethers, carbonyl compounds, and amines, and also examines chemistry relevant to molecules of nature. Introduces spectroscopic methods for structural identification. Introduces basic laboratory techniques including infrared IR spectroscopy and nuclear magnetic resonance NMR spectrometry as analytical methods for characterization of organic molecules. Organic Chemistry 1 for Chemistry Majors. Reviews the basics of bonding and thermodynamics of organic compounds as well as conformational and stereochemical considerations. Presents the structure, nomenclature, and reactivity of hydrocarbons and their functional derivatives. Highlights key reaction mechanisms, providing an introduction to the methodology of organic synthesis. Organic Chemistry 2 for Chemistry Majors. Extends the study of functional groups commonly found in organic compounds, further emphasizing conceptual mastery of the relationship between structure and reactivity. Other topics include structure and reactivity of conjugated and aromatic systems, the chemistry of ethers and epoxides, and the chemistry of carbonyl-containing compounds including aldehydes, ketones, carboxylic acids, and carboxylic acid derivatives. Offers students an opportunity to develop skills in planning multistep syntheses using the retrosynthesis approach and proposing mechanisms for chemical transformations. These methods serve as the basis for characterization of products from microscale syntheses. Offers students opportunities to work interactively with instructors and other students to learn and apply the understandings acquired in lab and lecture. Offers students an opportunity to work interactively with instructors and other students to learn and apply the knowledge acquired in lab and lecture. Develops good critical thinking and problem-solving skills

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through the exploration of open-ended group projects in a laboratory-based course centered on the analytical chemistry of biomolecules. Working in teams, students investigate real-world, open-ended research problems in the field of bioanalytical chemistry, broadly defined using modern analytical instrumentation. Quantum Chemistry and Spectroscopy. Studies the theory of quantum chemistry with applications to spectroscopy. Presents some simple quantum mechanical QM models, including the particle in a box, rigid rotor, and harmonic oscillator, followed by treatments of electrons in atoms and molecules. Experiments include measurement of reaction kinetics, such as excited state dynamics, measurement of gas transport properties, atomic and molecular absorption and emission spectroscopy, infrared spectroscopy of molecular vibrations, and selected applications of fluorimetry. Offers an in-depth survey of physical chemistry. Emphasizes applications in modern research, including examples from biochemistry. Topics include the laws of thermodynamics and their molecular interpretation; equilibrium in chemical and biochemical systems; molecular transport; kinetics, including complex enzyme mechanisms; and an introduction to spectroscopy and the underlying concepts of quantum chemistry. Covers practical skills in physical chemistry with an emphasis on current practice in chemistry, biochemistry, and pharmaceutical science. Presents the following topics: Designed to provide laboratory experience with the synthesis of coordination compounds and with the instrumental methods used to characterize them. Introduction to Bioinorganic Chemistry. Explores basic concepts of molecular topologies, coordination compounds, coordination chemistry, isomerism, electron-transfer reactions, substitution reactions, molecular rearrangements, and reactions at ligands in the context of metal-based drugs, imaging agents, and metalloenzymes. Designed for students who have mastered basic laboratory techniques in general and organic chemistry. Instrumental Methods of Analysis. Introduces the instrumental methods of analysis used in all fields of chemistry, with an emphasis on understanding not only the fundamental principles of each method but also the basics of the design and operation of the relevant instrumentation. Instrumental Methods of Analysis Lab. Introduces advanced techniques in chemical synthesis and characterization applicable to organic, inorganic, and organometallic compounds.

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If we understand it, then we have a much better chance of really mimicking the biological system," Drennan says. The research was funded by the National Institutes of Health and the French.

Introduction[edit] Some forms of chemical biology attempt to answer biological questions by directly probing living systems at the chemical level. In contrast to research using biochemistry , genetics , or molecular biology , where mutagenesis can provide a new version of the organism, cell, or biomolecule of interest, chemical biology probes systems in vitro and in vivo with small molecules that have been designed for a specific purpose or identified on the basis of biochemical or cell-based screening see chemical genetics. Chemical biology is one of several interdisciplinary sciences that tend to differ from older, reductionist fields and whose goals are to achieve a description of scientific holism. Chemical biology has scientific, historical and philosophical roots in medicinal chemistry , supramolecular chemistry , bioorganic chemistry , pharmacology , genetics , biochemistry , and metabolic engineering. Systems of interest[edit] Main article: Proteomics Proteomics investigates the proteome , the set of expressed proteins at a given time under defined conditions. As a discipline, proteomics has moved past rapid protein identification and has developed into a biological assay for quantitative analysis of complex protein samples by comparing protein changes in differently perturbed systems. Also of interest are proteinâ€”protein interactions , cellular distribution of proteins and understanding protein activity. Another important aspect of proteomics is the advancement of technology to achieve these goals. Protein levels, modifications, locations, and interactions are complex and dynamic properties. With this complexity in mind, experiments need to be carefully designed to answer specific questions especially in the face of the massive amounts of data that are generated by these analyses. The most valuable information comes from proteins that are expressed differently in a system being studied. These proteins can be compared relative to each other using quantitative proteomics , which allows a protein to be labeled with a mass tag. Proteomic technologies must be sensitive and robust; for these reasons, the mass spectrometer has been the workhorse of protein analysis. The high precision of mass spectrometry can distinguish between closely related species and species of interest can be isolated and fragmented within the instrument. Its applications to protein analysis was only possible in the late s with the development of protein and peptide ionization with minimal fragmentation. Mass spectrometry technologies are modular and can be chosen or optimized to the system of interest. Chemical biologists are poised to impact proteomics through the development of techniques, probes and assays with synthetic chemistry for the characterization of protein samples of high complexity. These approaches include the development of enrichment strategies, chemical affinity tags and probes. Enrichment techniques[edit] Samples for Proteomics contain a myriad of peptide sequences, the sequence of interest may be highly represented or of low abundance. However, for successful MS analysis the peptide should be enriched within the sample. Reduction of sample complexity is achieved through selective enrichment using affinity chromatography techniques. This involves targeting a peptide with a distinguishing feature like a biotin label or a post translational modification. Here, chemical biologists can develop reagents to interact with substrates, specifically and tightly, to profile a targeted functional group on a proteome scale. Other methods of decomplexing samples relies on upstream chromatographic separations. Affinity tags[edit] Chemical synthesis of affinity tags has been crucial to the maturation of quantitative proteomics. Varying mass-tags bind to different proteins as a sort of footprint such that when analyzing cells of differing perturbations, the levels of each protein can be compared relatively after enrichment by the introduced handle. These methods have been adapted to identify complexing proteins by labeling a bait protein, pulling it down and analyzing the proteins it has complexed. These modifications create a new level of control and can facilitate photocrosslinking to probe proteinâ€”protein interactions. For example, serine hydrolase- and cysteine protease-inhibitors have been converted to suicide inhibitors. Structures that mimic these inhibitors could be introduced with modifications that will aid proteomic analysis- like an identification

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handle or mass tag. The product conjugates are then captured by an affinity reagent and analyzed. The measured concentration of product conjugate allow the determination of the enzyme velocity. Other factors such as temperature, enzyme concentration and substrate concentration can be visualized. A method that has been developed uses "analog-sensitive" kinases to label substrates using an unnatural ATP analog, facilitating visualization and identification through a unique handle. Thus, glycobiology is an area of dense research for chemical biologists. For instance, live cells can be supplied with synthetic variants of natural sugars in order to probe the function of the sugars in vivo. Carolyn Bertozzi , previously at University of California, Berkeley , has developed a method for site-specifically reacting molecules the surface of cells that have been labeled with synthetic sugars. Combinatorial chemistry[edit] Chemical biologists used automated synthesis of many diverse compounds in order to experiment with effects of small molecules on biological processes. More specifically, they observe changes in the behaviors of proteins when small molecules bind to them. Such experiments may supposedly lead to discovery of small molecules with antibiotic or chemotherapeutic properties. These approaches are identical to those employed in the discipline of pharmacology. Molecular sensing[edit] Chemical biologists are also interested in developing new small-molecule and biomolecule-based tools to study biological processes, often by molecular imaging techniques. Employing biology[edit] Many research programs are also focused on employing natural biomolecules to perform biological tasks or to support a new chemical method or material. In this regard, researchers have shown that DNA can serve as a template for synthetic chemistry, self-assembling proteins can serve as a structural scaffold for new materials, and RNA can be evolved in vitro to produce new catalytic function. Additionally, heterobifunctional two-sided synthetic small molecules such as dimerizers or PROTACs bring two proteins together inside cells, which can synthetically induce important new biological functions such as targeted protein degradation. In both structures, aggregation occurs through hydrophobic interactions and water must be excluded from the binding surface before aggregation can occur. Through the transcription and translation process, DNA encodes for specific sequences of amino acids. The resulting polypeptides fold into more complex secondary, tertiary, and quaternary structures to form proteins. Based on both the sequence and the structure, a particular protein is conferred its cellular function. However, sometimes the folding process fails due to mutations in the genetic code and thus the amino acid sequence or due to changes in the cell environment e. Misfolding occurs more often in aged individuals or in cells exposed to a high degree of oxidative stress , but a fraction of all proteins misfold at some point even in the healthiest of cells. Normally when a protein does not fold correctly, molecular chaperones in the cell can encourage refolding back into its active form. When refolding is not an option, the cell can also target the protein for degradation back into its component amino acids via proteolytic , lysosomal , or autophagic mechanisms. However, under certain conditions or with certain mutations, the cells can no longer cope with the misfolded proteins and a disease state results. Protein misfolding has previously been studied using both computational approaches as well as in vivo biological assays in model organisms such as *Drosophila melanogaster* and *C. Computational models use a de novo process to calculate possible protein structures based on input parameters such as amino acid sequence, solvent effects, and mutations. This method has the shortcoming that the cell environment has been drastically simplified, which limits the factors that influence folding and stability. On the other hand, biological assays can be quite complicated to perform in vivo with high-throughput like efficiency and there always remains the question of how well lower organism systems approximate human systems. In experiments on *Drosophila*, different mutations of beta amyloid peptides were evaluated based on the survival rates of the flies as well as their motile ability. The findings from the study show that the more a protein aggregates, the more detrimental the neurological dysfunction. As more information is obtained on how the cell copes with misfolded proteins, new therapeutic strategies begin to emerge. An obvious path would be prevention of misfolding. More information about protein misfolding and how it relates to disease can be found in the recently published book by Dobson, Kelly, and Rameriz-Alvarado entitled Protein Misfolding Diseases Current and Emerging Principles and Therapies. Peptide synthesis In contrast to the traditional*

biotechnological practice of obtaining peptides or proteins by isolation from cellular hosts through cellular protein production, advances in chemical techniques for the synthesis and ligation of peptides has allowed for the total synthesis of some peptides and proteins. Chemical synthesis of proteins is a valuable tool in chemical biology as it allows for the introduction of non-natural amino acids as well as residue specific incorporation of " posttranslational modifications " such as phosphorylation, glycosylation, acetylation, and even ubiquitination. These capabilities are valuable for chemical biologists as non-natural amino acids can be used to probe and alter the functionality of proteins, while post translational modifications are widely known to regulate the structure and activity of proteins. Although strictly biological techniques have been developed to achieve these ends, the chemical synthesis of peptides often has a lower technical and practical barrier to obtaining small amounts of the desired protein. Given the widely recognized importance of proteins as cellular catalysts and recognition elements, the ability to precisely control the composition and connectivity of polypeptides is a valued tool in the chemical biology community and is an area of active research. Prior to the development of SPPS, the concept of step-by-step polymer synthesis on an insoluble support was without chemical precedent. The development and "optimization" of SPPS took peptide synthesis from the hands of the specialized peptide synthesis community and put it into the hands of the broader chemistry, biochemistry, and now chemical biology community. SPPS is still the method of choice for linear synthesis of polypeptides up to 50 residues in length [26] and has been implemented in commercially available automated peptide synthesizers. One inherent shortcoming in any procedure that calls for repeated coupling reactions is the buildup of side products resulting from incomplete couplings and side reactions. This places the upper bound for the synthesis of linear polypeptide lengths at around 50 amino acids, while the "average" protein consists of amino acids. Although the shortcomings of linear SPPS were recognized not long after its inception, it took until the early s for effective methodology to be developed to ligate small peptide fragments made by SPPS, into protein sized polypeptide chains for recent review of peptide ligation strategies, see review by Dawson et al. The oldest and best developed of these methods is termed native chemical ligation. Native chemical ligation was unveiled in a paper from the laboratory of Stephen B. Further refinements in native chemical ligation have allowed for kinetically controlled coupling of multiple peptide fragments, allowing access to moderately sized peptides such as an HIV-protease dimer [29] and human lysozyme. Some of these drawbacks include the installation and preservation of a reactive C-terminal thioester, the requirement of an N-terminal cysteine residue which is the second-least-common amino acid in proteins, [31] and the requirement for a sterically unincumbering C-terminal residue. This technique allows for access to much larger proteins, as only the N-terminal portion of the resulting protein has to be chemically synthesized. These techniques help to overcome the requirement of an N-terminal cysteine needed for standard native chemical ligation, although the steric requirements for the C-terminal residue are still limiting. A final category of peptide ligation strategies include those methods not based on native chemical ligation type chemistry. Methods that fall in this category include the traceless Staudinger ligation, [35] azide-alkyne dipolar cycloadditions, [36] and imine ligations. Dawson, and Tom W. Muir, as well as many others involved in methodology development and applications of these strategies to biological problems. Protein design by directed evolution[edit] Main article: Directed evolution One of the primary goals of protein engineering is the design of novel peptides or proteins with a desired structure and chemical activity. Because our knowledge of the relationship between primary sequence, structure, and function of proteins is limited, rational design of new proteins with enzymatic activity is extremely challenging. Directed evolution, repeated cycles of genetic diversification followed by a screening or selection process, can be used to mimic Darwinian evolution in the laboratory to design new proteins with a desired activity. Since only proteins with the desired activity are selected, multiple rounds of directed evolution lead to proteins with an accumulation beneficial traits. There are two general strategies for choosing the starting sequence for a directed evolution experiment: In a protein design experiment, an initial sequence is chosen at random and subjected to multiple rounds of directed evolution. For example, this has been employed successfully to create a family of ATP -binding proteins with a new folding pattern not found in nature.

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Among other things, this strategy has been used to successfully design four-helix bundle proteins. In a protein redesign experiment, an existing sequence serves as the starting point for directed evolution. In this way, old proteins can be redesigned for increased activity or new functions. Protein redesign has been used for protein simplification, creation of new quaternary structures, and topological redesign of a chorismate mutase. In one example of this, an RNA ligase was created from a zinc finger scaffold after 17 rounds of directed evolution. This new enzyme catalyzes a chemical reaction not known to be catalyzed by any natural enzyme.