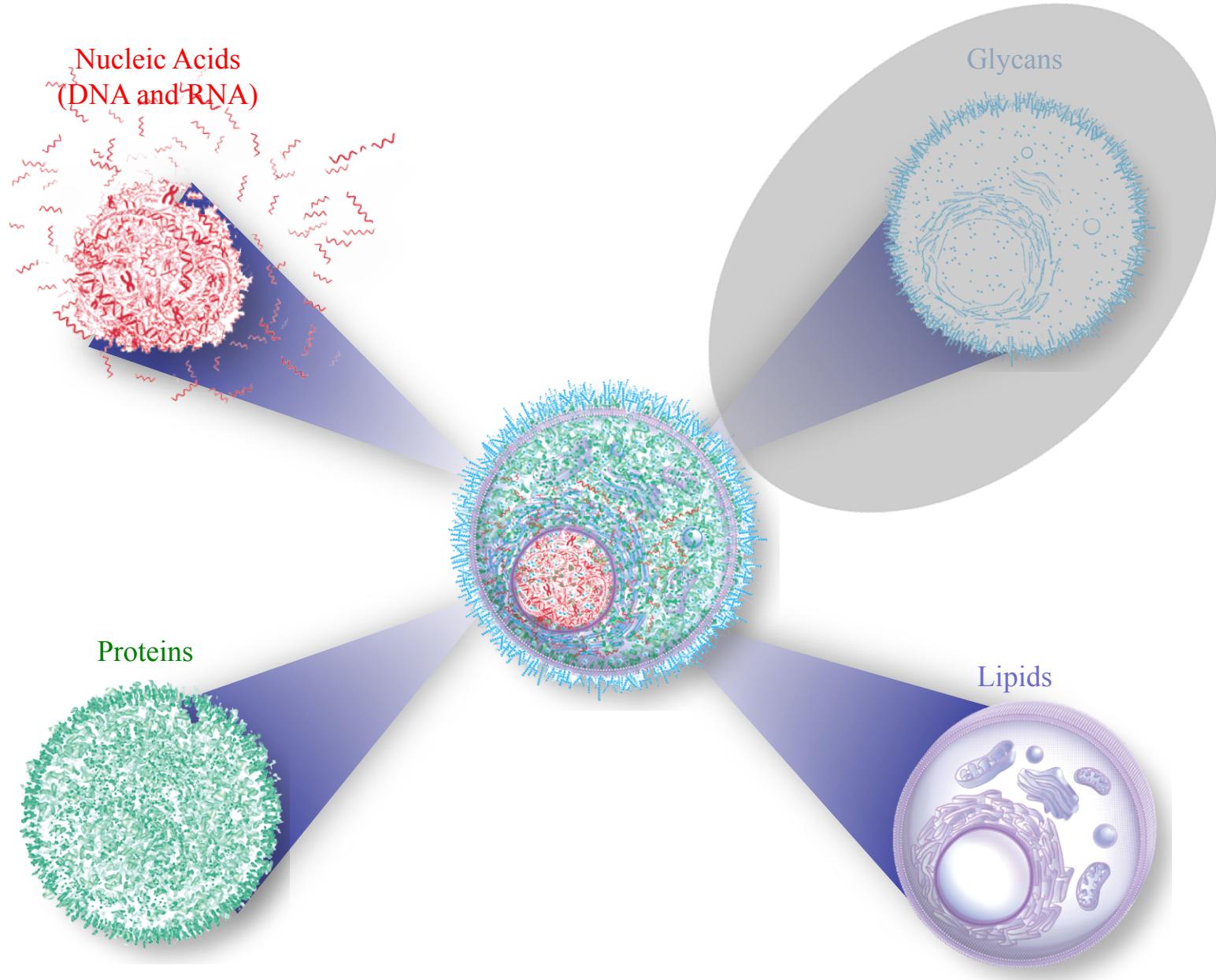
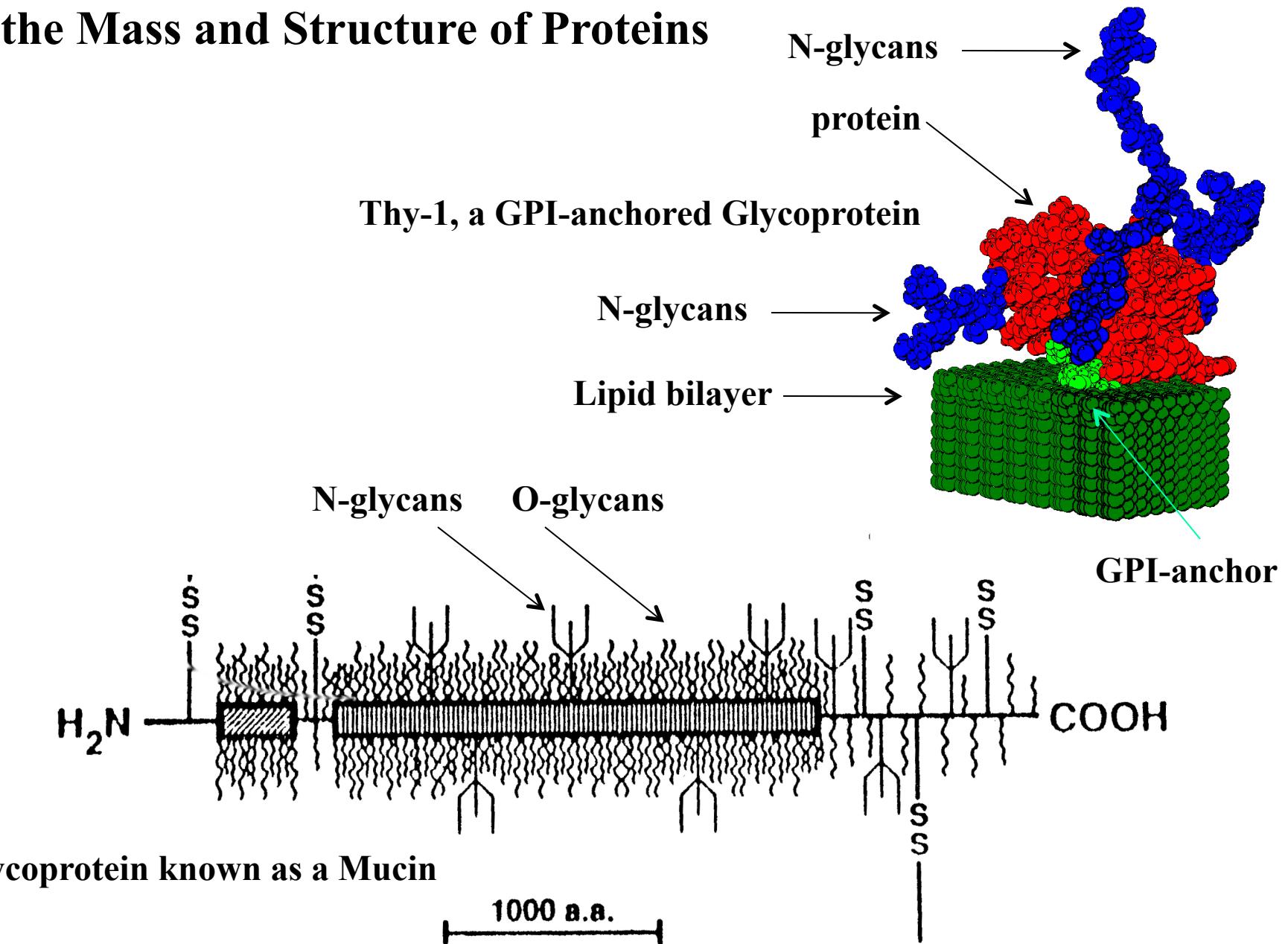


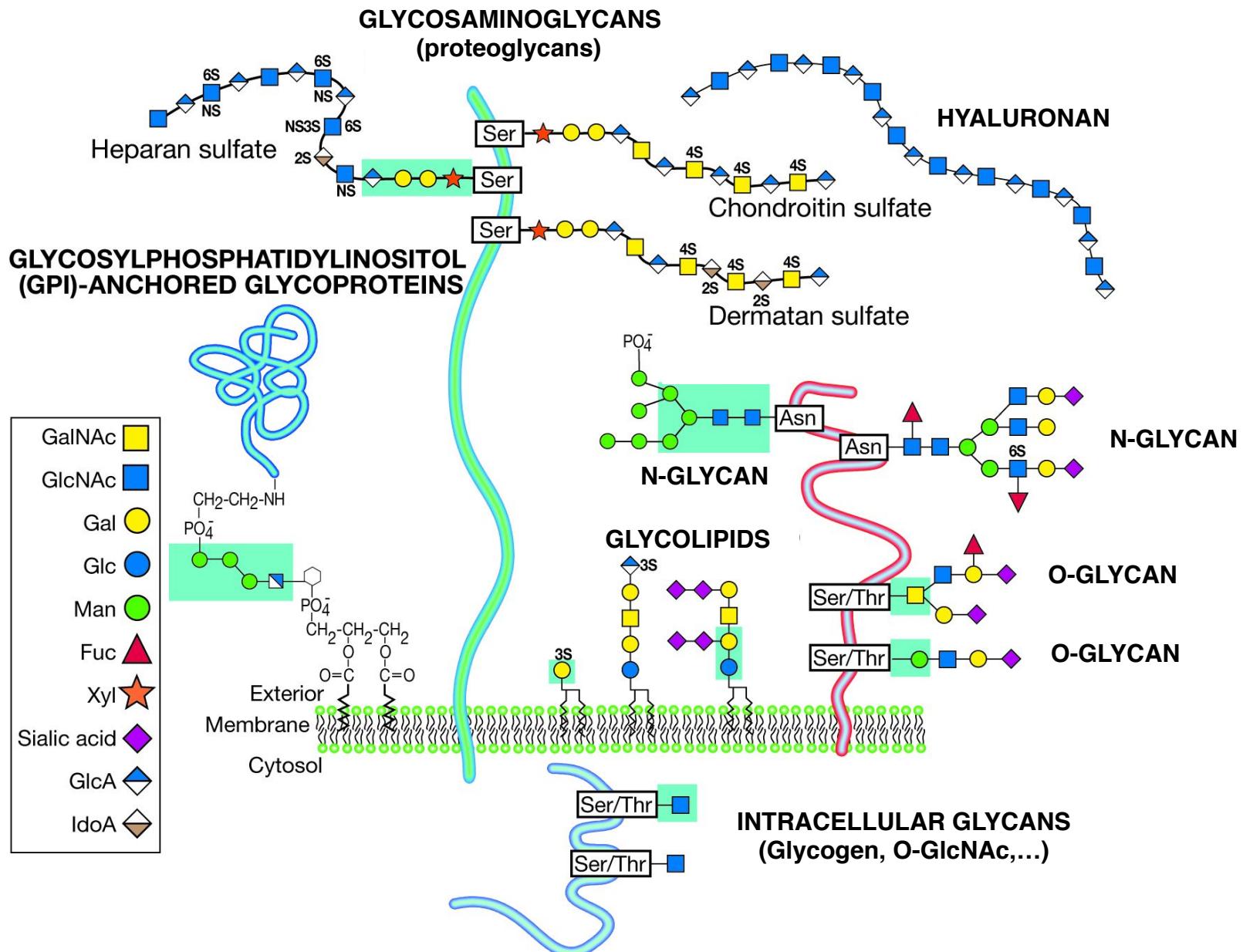
Cells are Composed of Four Types of Molecular Components



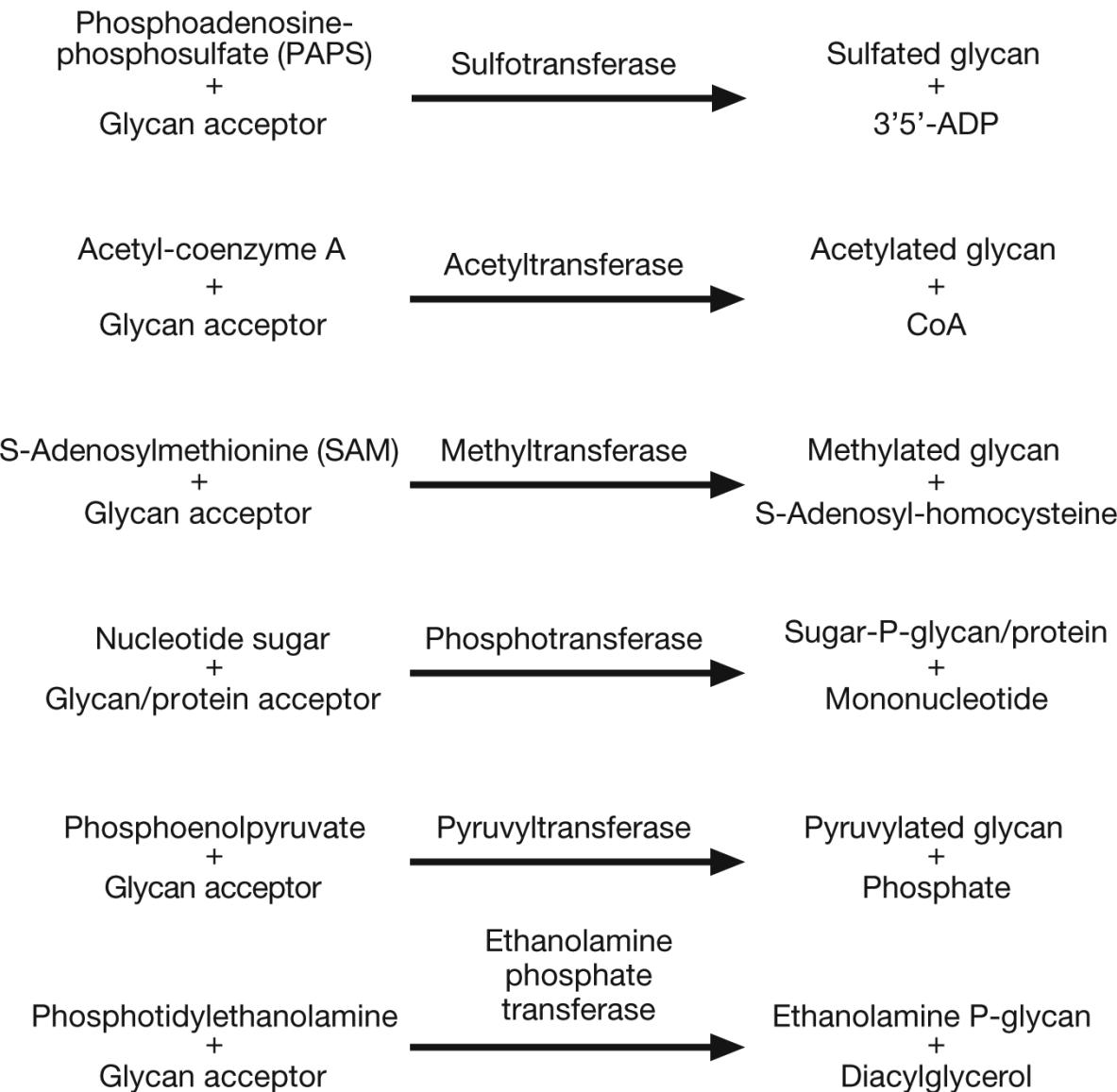
Glycans Can Contribute Extensively to the Mass and Structure of Proteins



Common Classes of Vertebrate Glycans



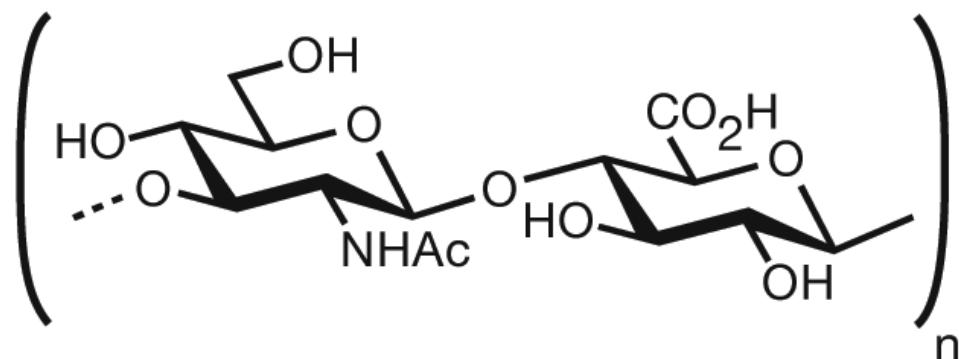
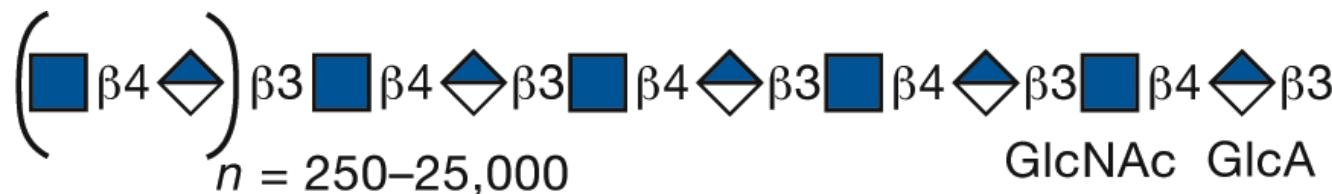
Saccharides Can Be Modified in Glycans by Glycan-Modifying Enzymes



Glycans:

Hyaluronan

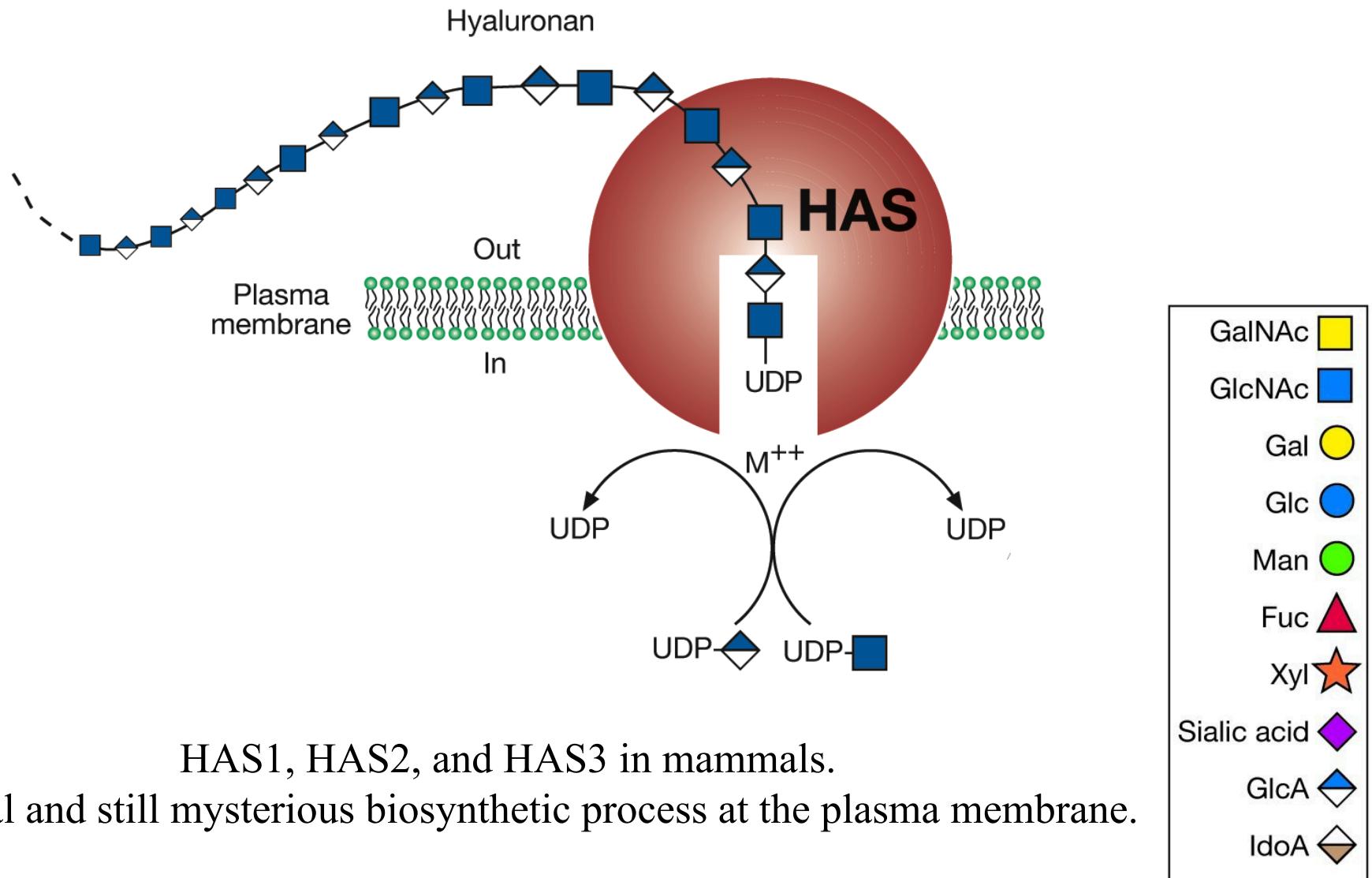
Hyaluronan Consists of a Repeating Disaccharide Composed of N-Acetylglucosamine and Glucuronic Acid



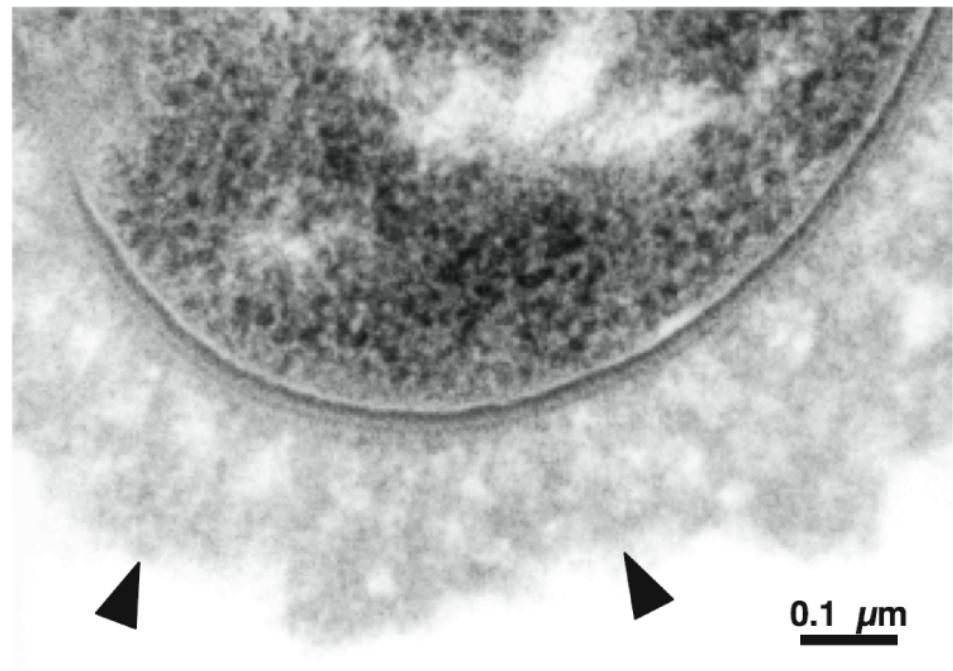
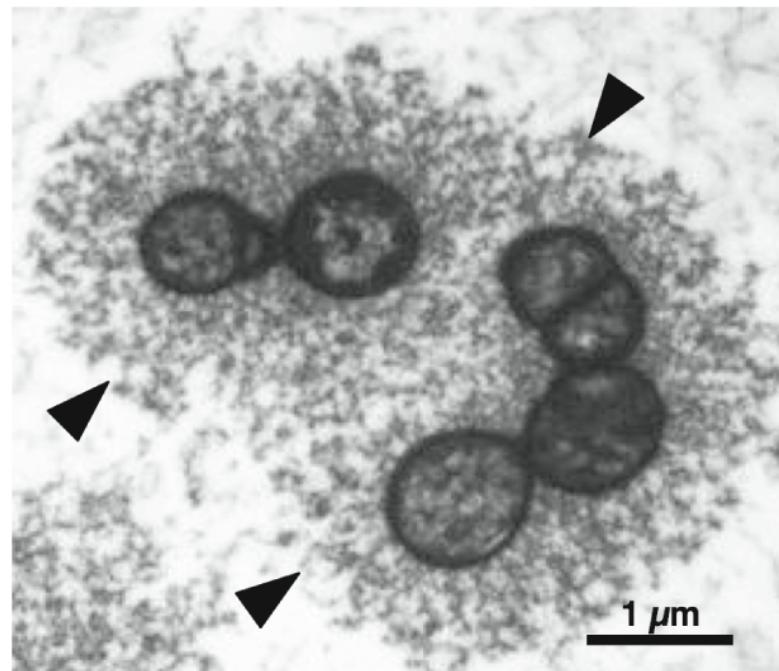
GaINAc	[Yellow square]
GlcNAc	[Blue square]
Gal	[Yellow circle]
Glc	[Blue circle]
Man	[Green circle]
Fuc	[Red triangle]
Xyl	[Orange star]
Sialic acid	[Purple diamond]
GlcA	[Blue diamond]
IdoA	[Brown diamond]

Gel-like, hydration and molecular depot functions

Hyaluronan Biosynthesis

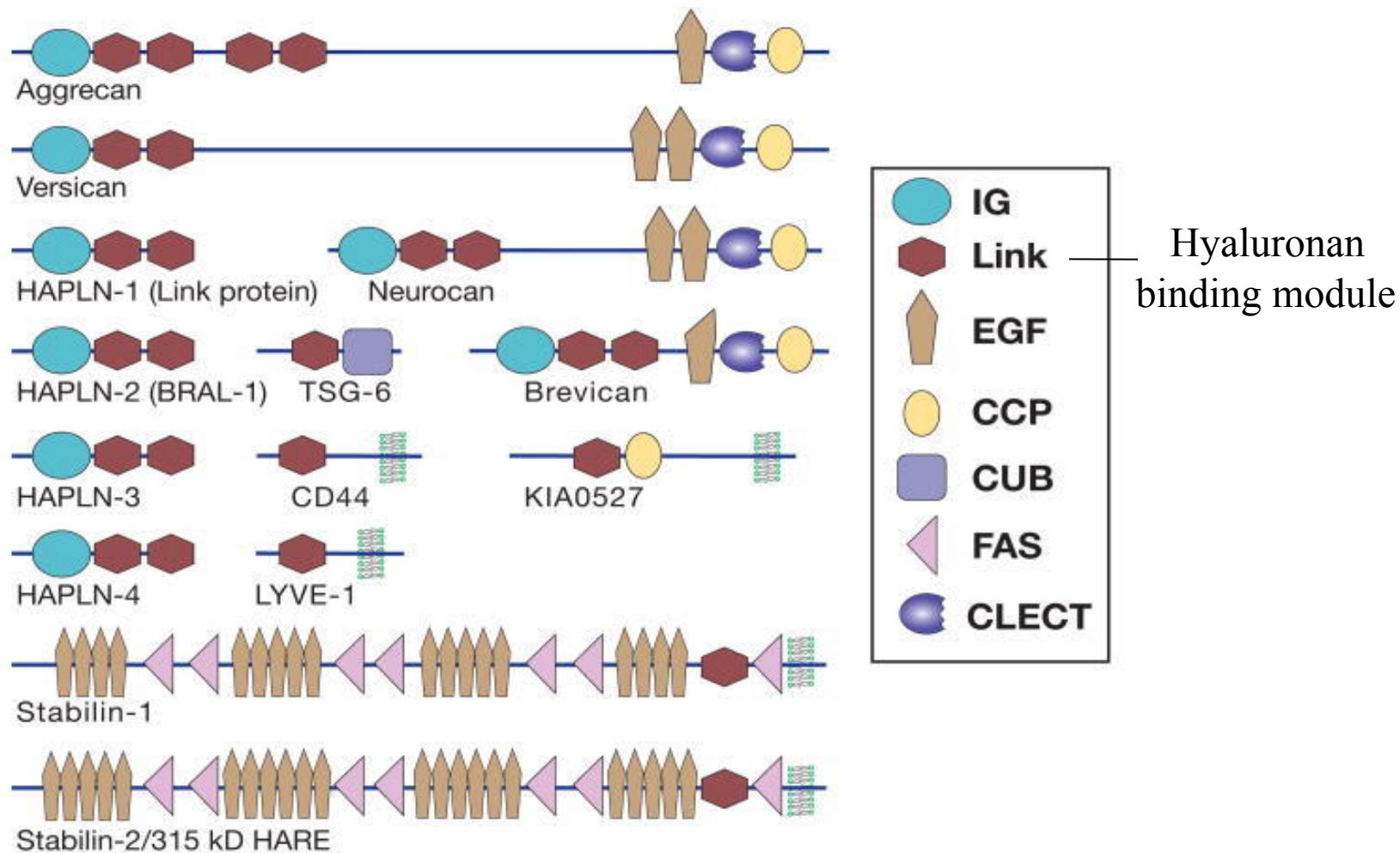


The Hyaluronan Capsule of *Streptococcus zooepidemicus*



Hyaluronan binds to various extracellular molecules

Examples of Hyaluronan Binding Proteins/Lectins in Animals

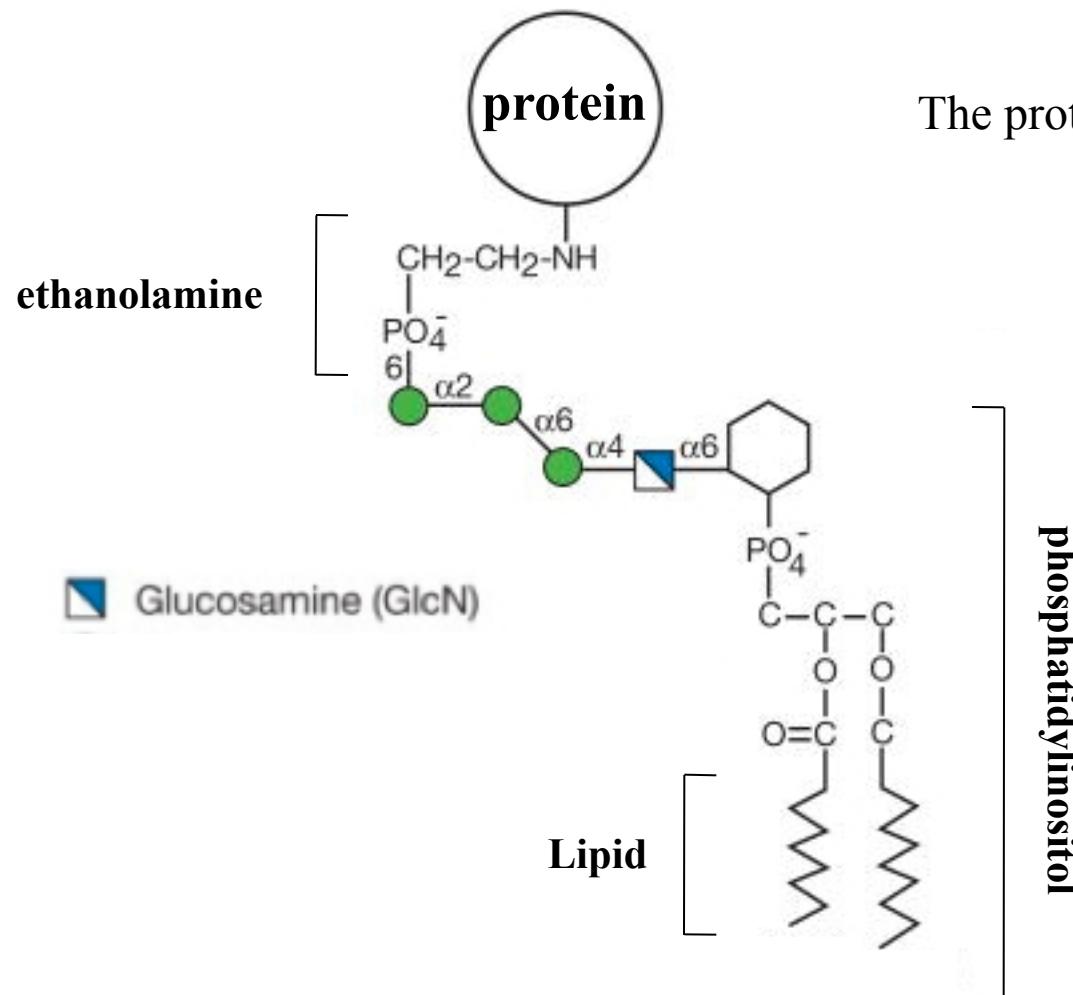


Modular organization of the ‘link’ module superfamily of hyaluronan-binding proteins. These proteins contain one or more link modules that bind to hyaluronan.

Glycans:

GPI Anchors

General Structure of GPI Anchors



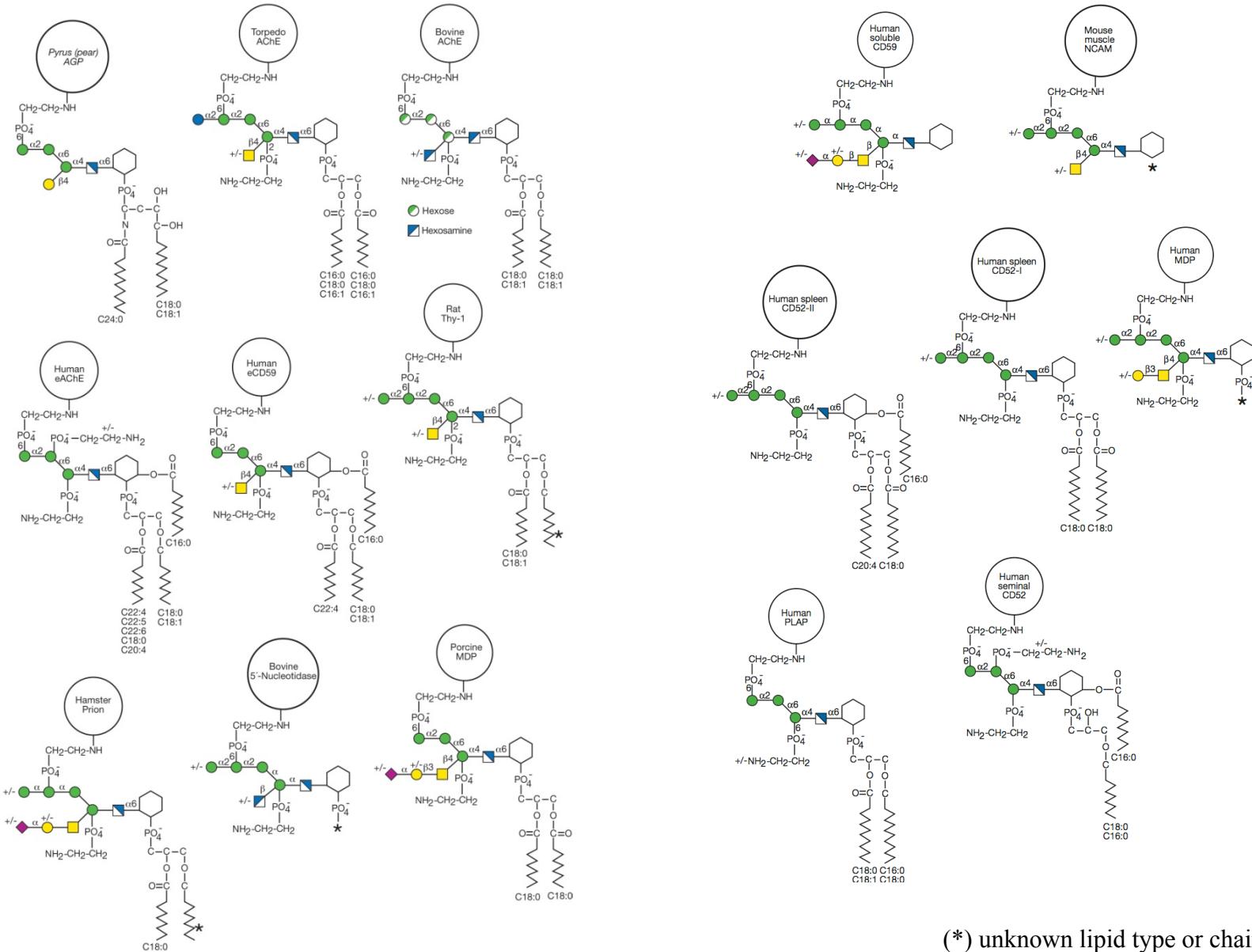
The protein may also be glycosylated

GlcN in GPI anchors is produced
by de-acetylation of GlcNAc
after GlcNAc is linked to phosphatidylinositol

GaINAc	■
GlcNAc	■
Gal	○
Glc	●
Man	●
Fuc	▲
Xyl	★
Sialic acid	◆
GlcA	◇
IdoA	◇

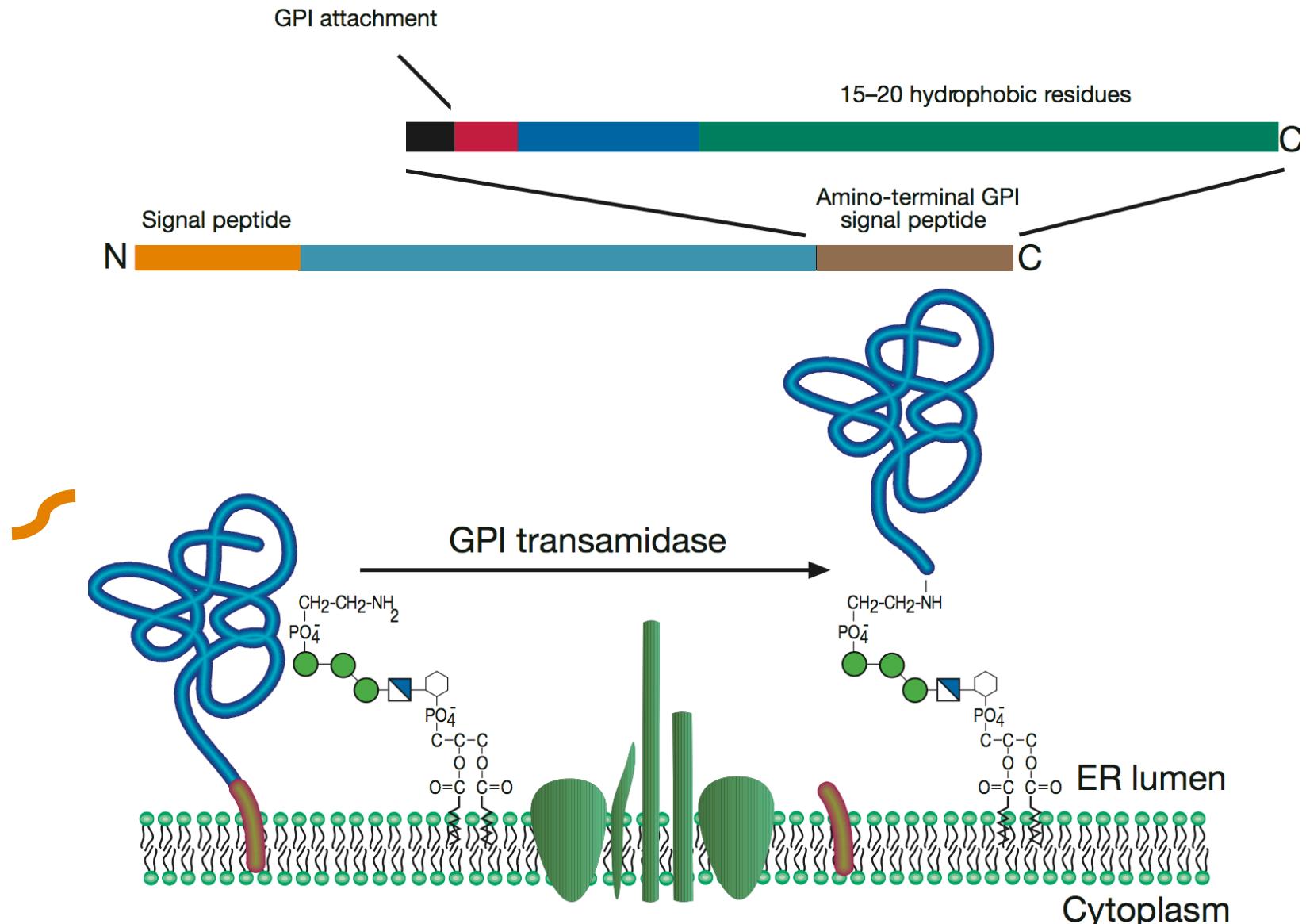
Varied Structures of GPI anchors

(mammalian examples shown, different from prokaryotes)



(*) unknown lipid type or chain length

Features of GPI-Anchored Proteins and their Processing by GPI Transamidase



GPI Addition Sites Do Not Have a Precise Canonical Amino Acid Sequence in Proteins: Examples of Carboxyl-Terminal Sequences Signaling the Addition of GPI Anchors

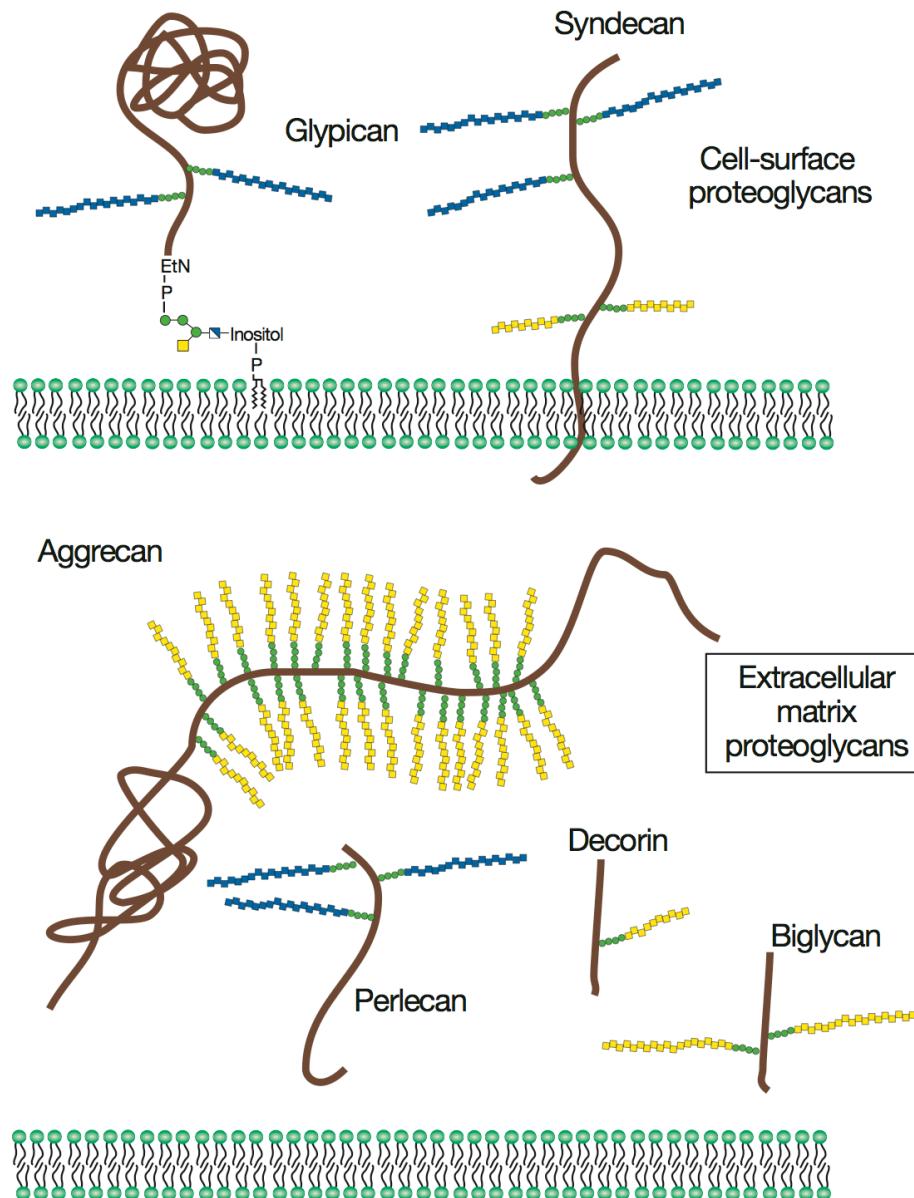
Protein	GPI signal sequence	
Acetylcholinesterase (<i>Torpedo</i>)	NQFLPKLLNATA	C DGELSSSGTSSSKGIIFYVLFSILYLIFY
Alkaline phosphatasee (<i>placenta</i>)	TACDLAPPAGTT	D AAHPGRSVWPALLPLLAGTLLLLLETATAP
Decay accelerating factor	HETTPNKGSGTT	S GTTRLLSGHTCFTLTGLLGTLVTMGLLT
PARP (<i>T. Brucei</i>)	EPEPEPEPEPEP	G AATLKSVALPFAIAAAALVAAF
Prion protein (<i>hamster</i>)	QKESQAYYDGRR	S SAVLFSSPPVILLISFLIFLMVG
Thy-1 (<i>rat</i>)	KTINVIRDKLVK	C GGISLLVQNTSWLLLLLSFLQATDFISI
Variant surface glycoprotein (<i>T. Brucei</i>)	ESNCKWENNACK	D SSILVTKKFALTVVSAAFVALLF

Boldfaced amino acid is the site of attachment of the GPI. Sequence to the right of the space is cleaved from the protein by the transpeptidase upon anchor addition.

Glycans:

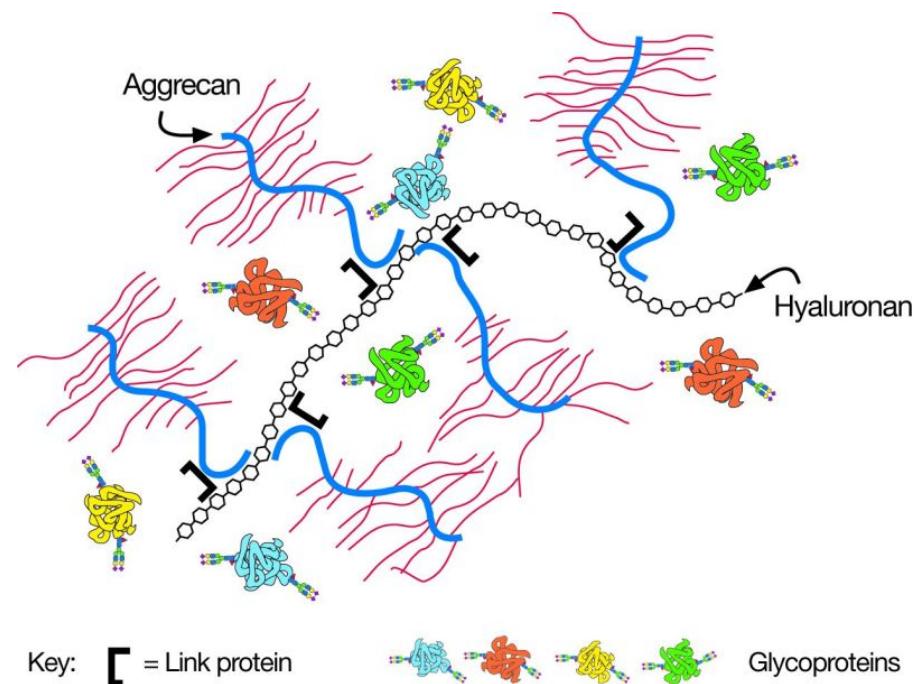
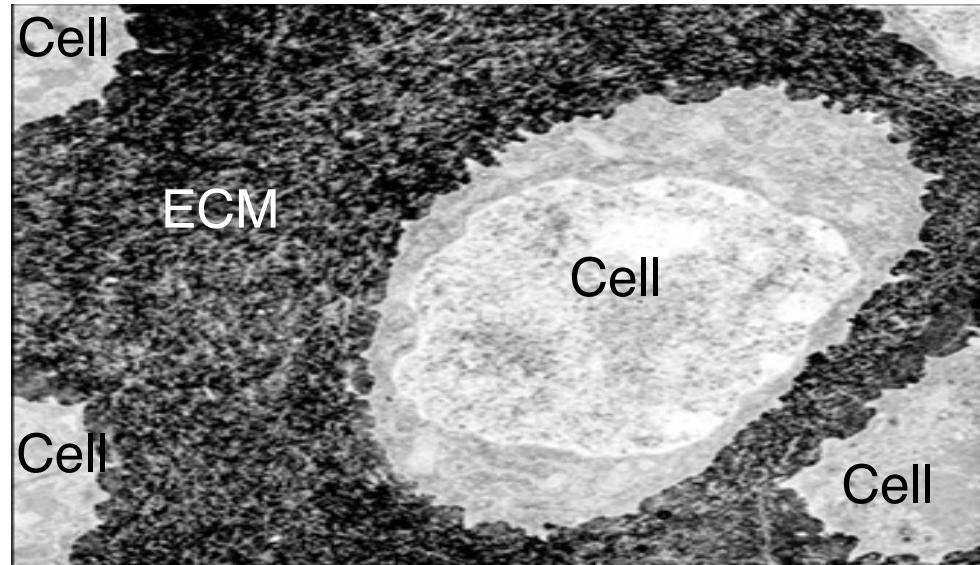
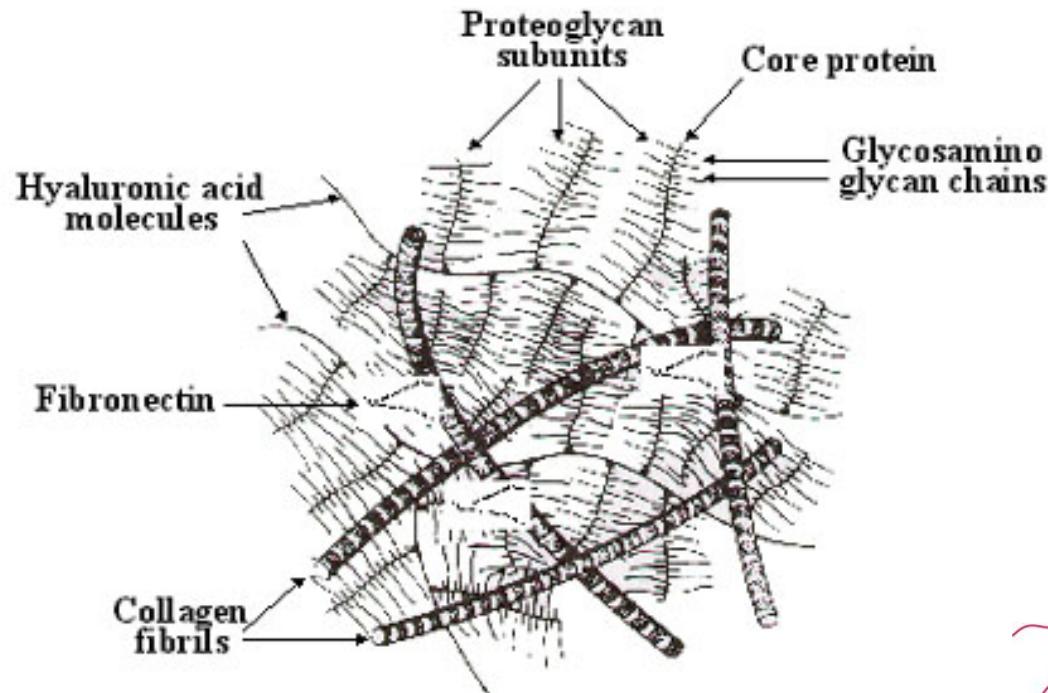
**Glycosaminoglycans
(Proteoglycans)**

Proteoglycans Consist of a Protein Core and One or More Covalently Attached Glycosaminoglycan Chains



No canonical amino acid consensus sequence exists for glycosaminoglycan addition to proteins

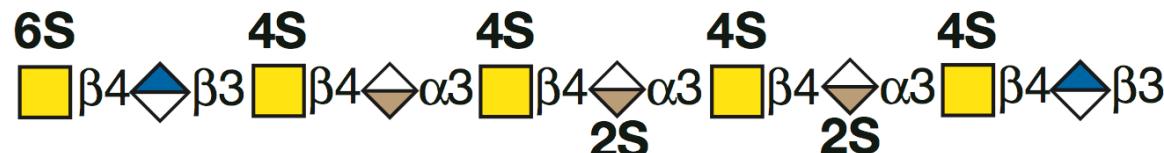
Glycosaminoglycans, Hyaluronan, Collagen and Other Components Make up the Extracellular Matrix (ECM)



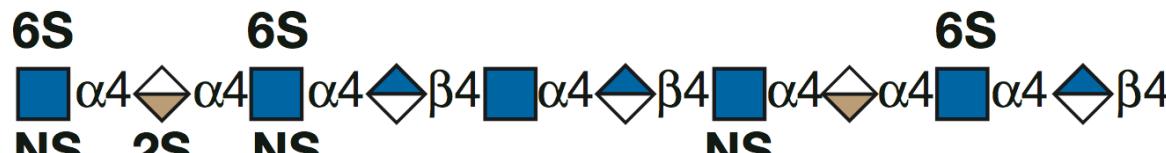
Glycosaminoglycans Consist of Repeating & Different Disaccharides



Chondroitin sulfate (CS)



Dermatan sulfate (DS)



Heparan sulfate/heparin (HS)



Keratan sulfate (KS)

Glycosaminoglycans are highly charged with sulfate (S) at various carbon positions on the sugar rings (2, 4, 6) or linked to the amino group (N)

GalNAc	
GlcNAc	
Gal	
Glc	
Man	
Fuc	
Xyl	
Sialic acid	
GlcA	
IdoA	

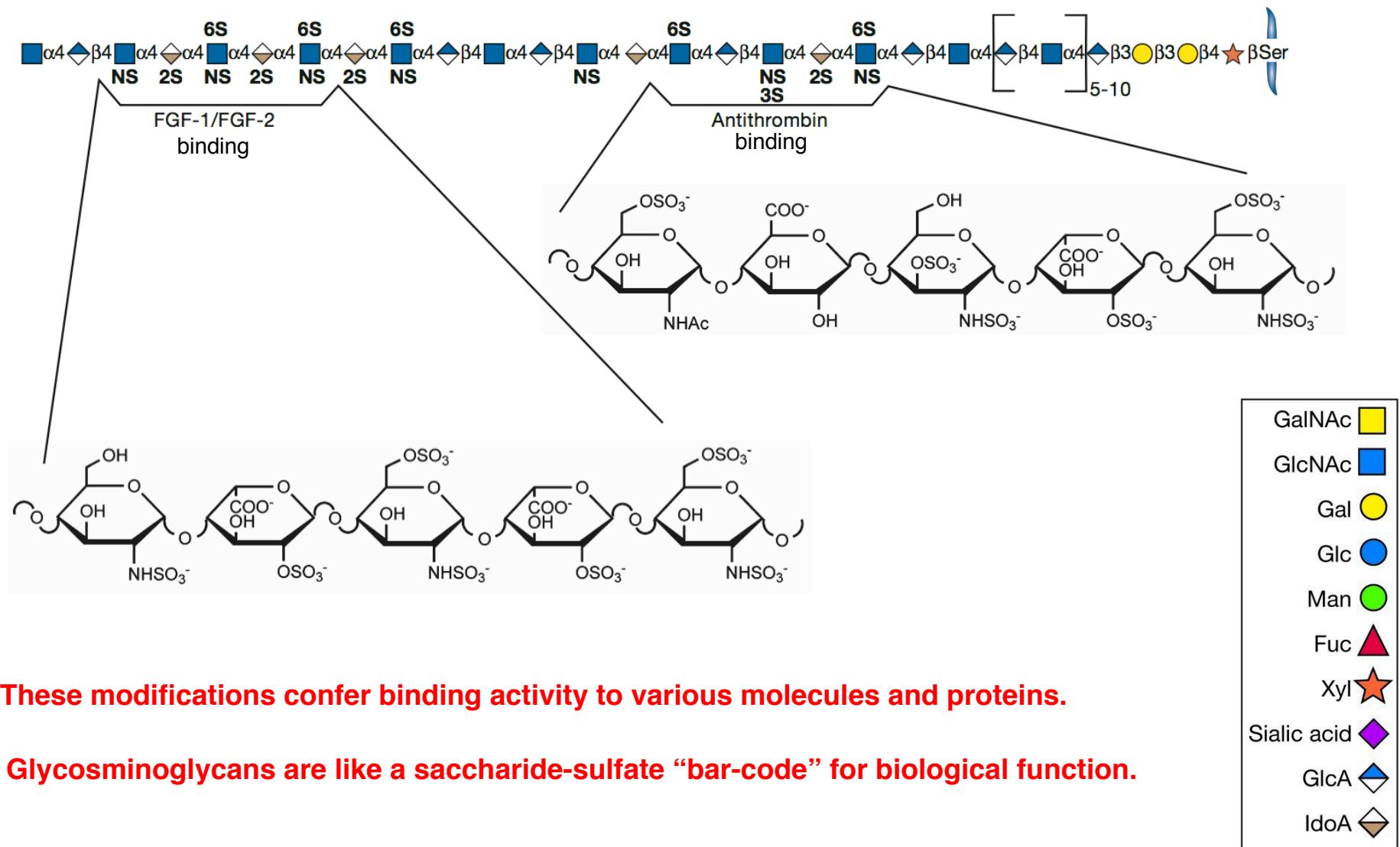
The Distinctions Between Heparin and Heparan Sulfate

Major differences between heparin and heparan sulfate

Characteristics	Heparan sulfate	Heparin
Soluble in 2 M potassium acetate (pH 5.7, 4°C)	yes	no
Size	10–70 kD	7–20 kD
Sulfate/hexosamine ratio	0.8–1.8	1.8–2.6
GlcNSO ₃	40–60%	≥80%
Iduronic Acid	30–50%	≥70%
Binding to antithrombin	0–0.3%	~30%
Site of synthesis	virtually all cells	connective-tissue-type mast cell

Heparin is a potent anti-coagulant and the most successful drug of all time, prescribed in metric tons each year.

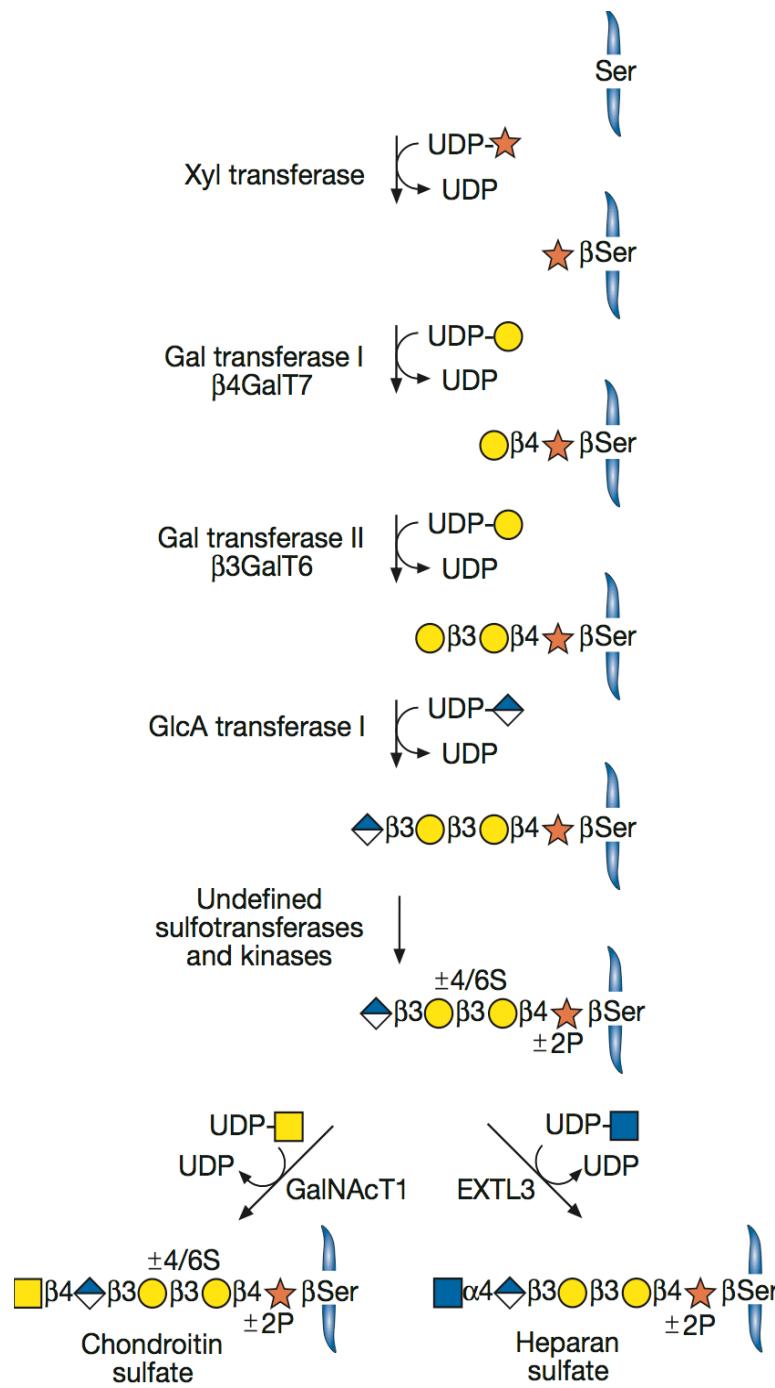
The Heparan Sulfate Glycosaminoglycan Chain Consists of Different Domains that Vary in the Extent of Modification by Sulfation and Epimerization



These modifications confer binding activity to various molecules and proteins.

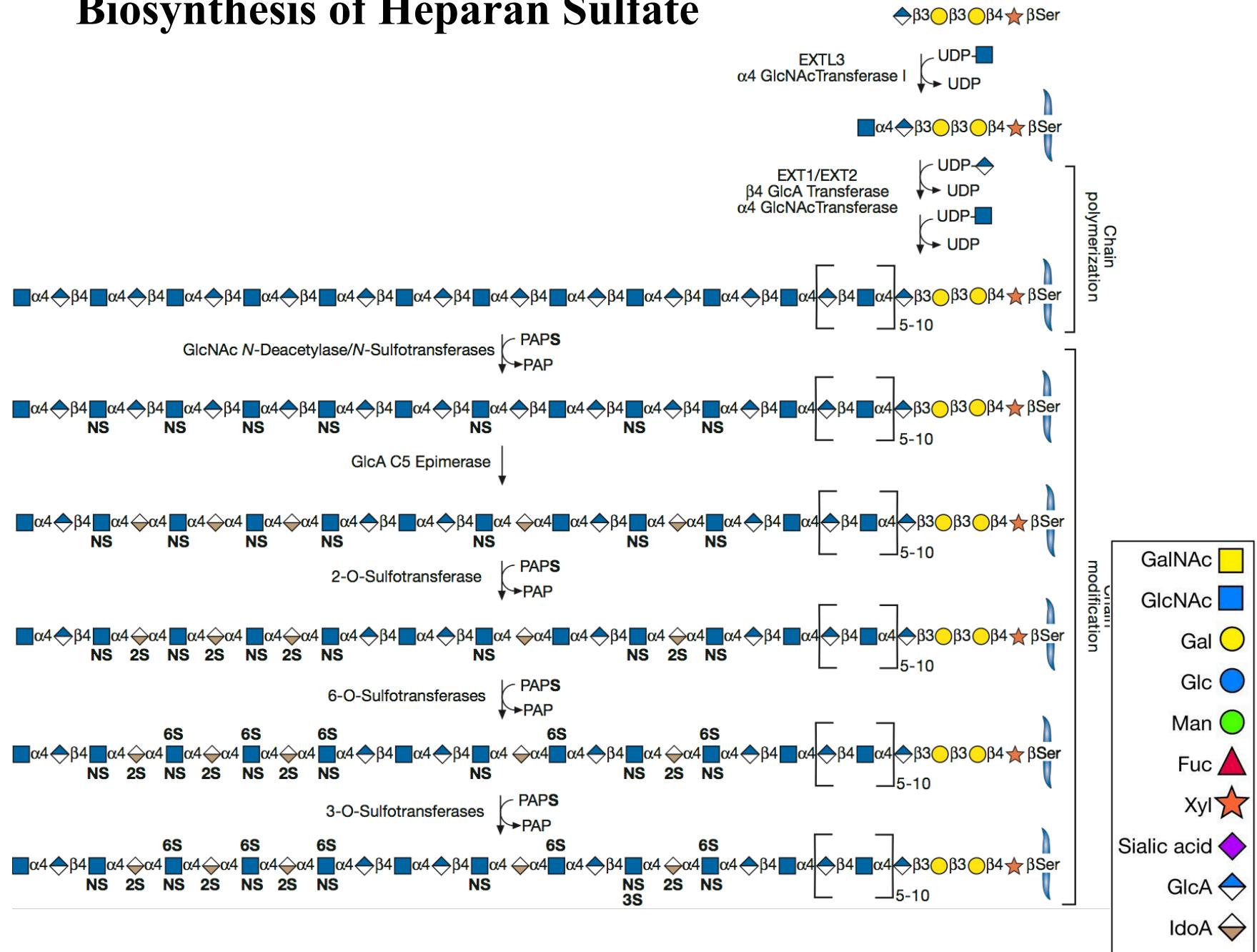
Glycosaminoglycans are like a saccharide-sulfate “bar-code” for biological function.

Biosynthesis of Glycosaminoglycans is Initiated by the Formation of a Common Tetrasaccharide

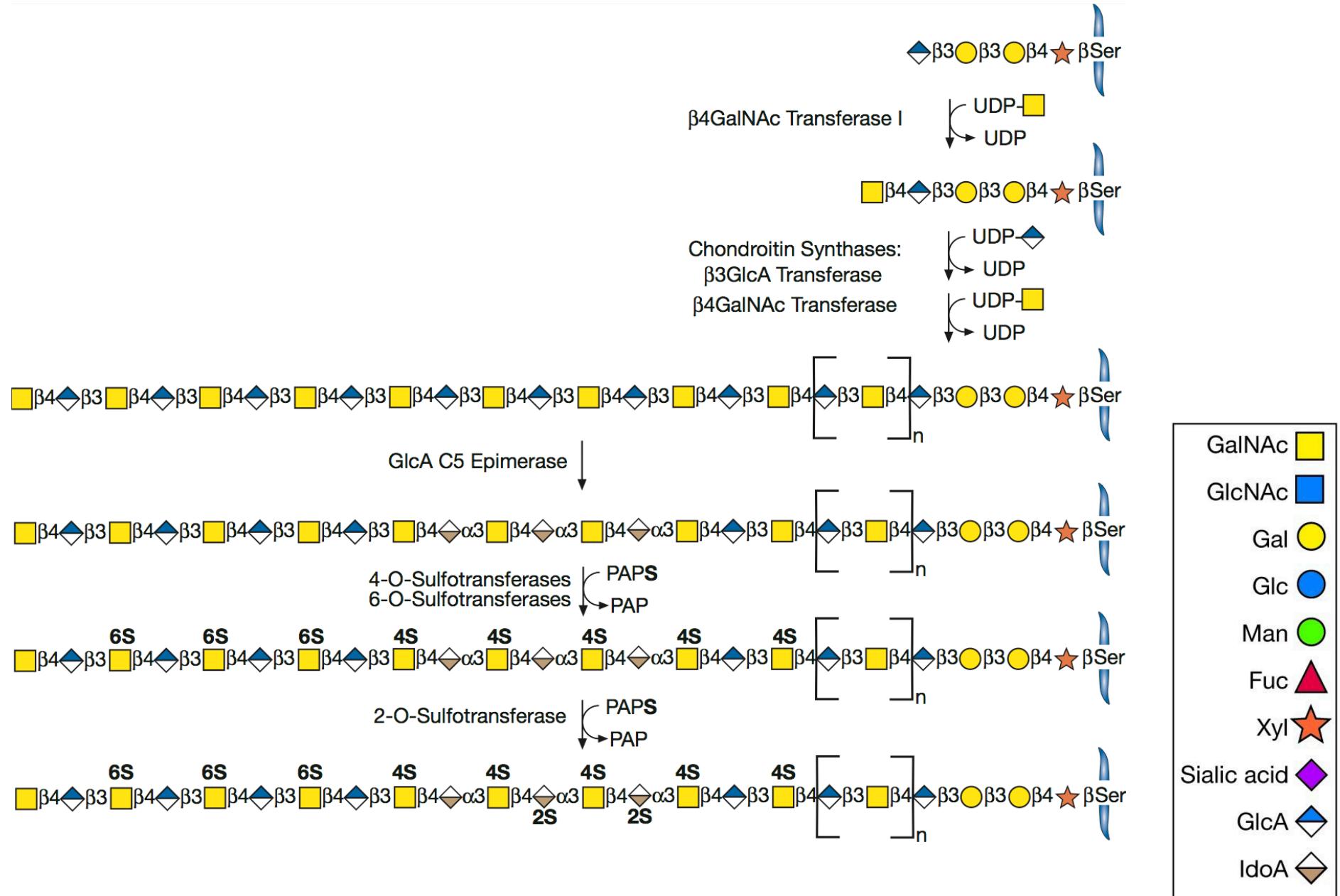


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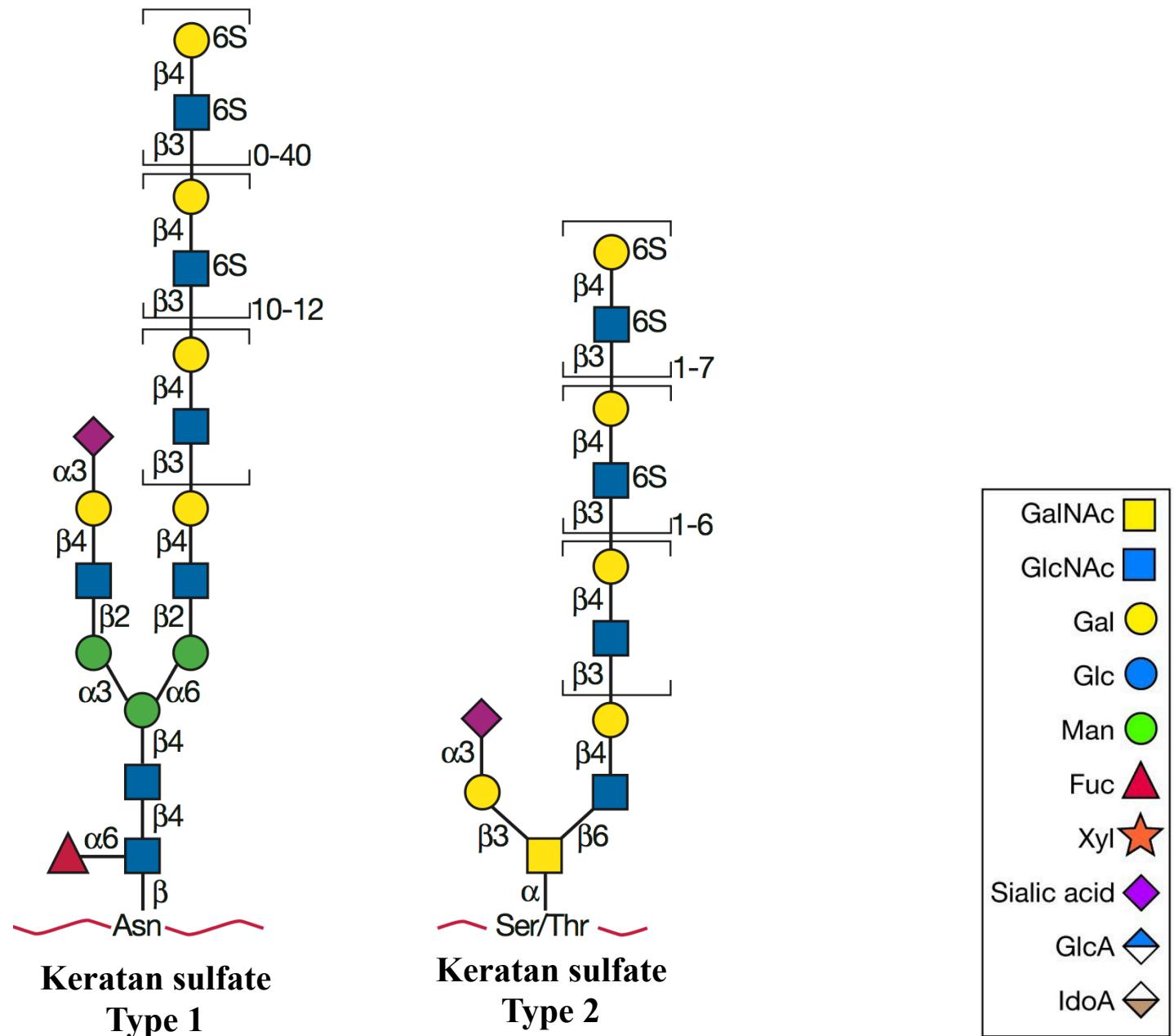
Biosynthesis of Heparan Sulfate



Biosynthesis of Chondroitin Sulfate / Dermatan Sulfate Glycosaminoglycans



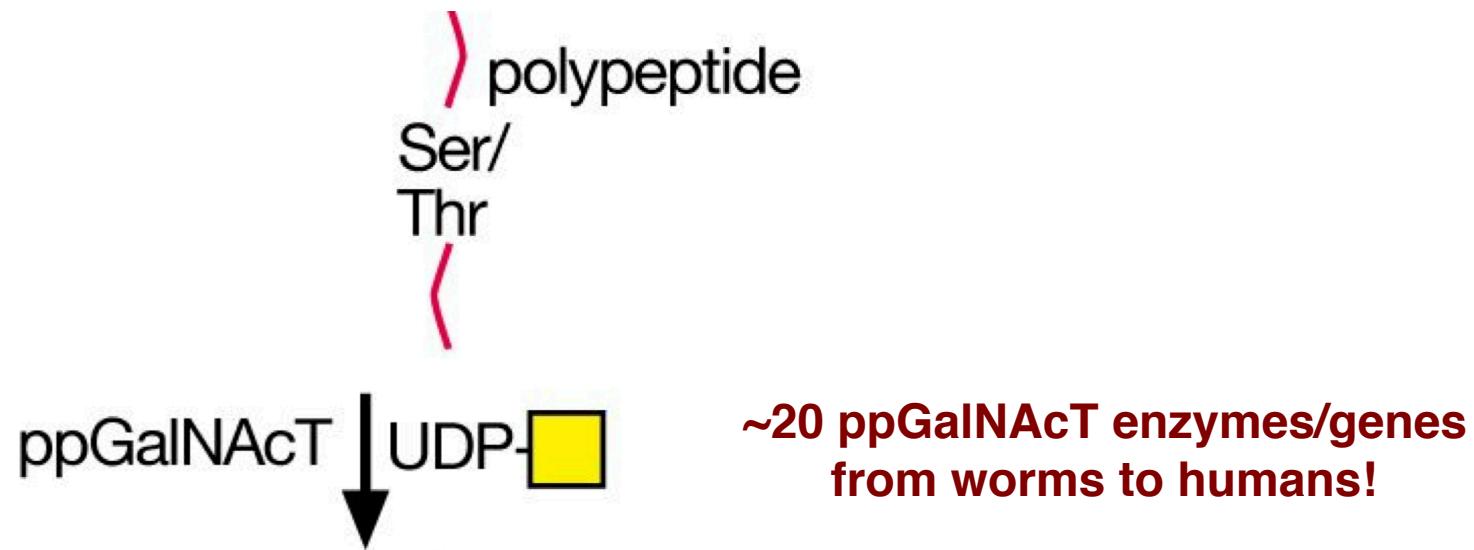
Two Types of Keratan Sulfate: Among N-Glycans and O-Glycans



Glycans:

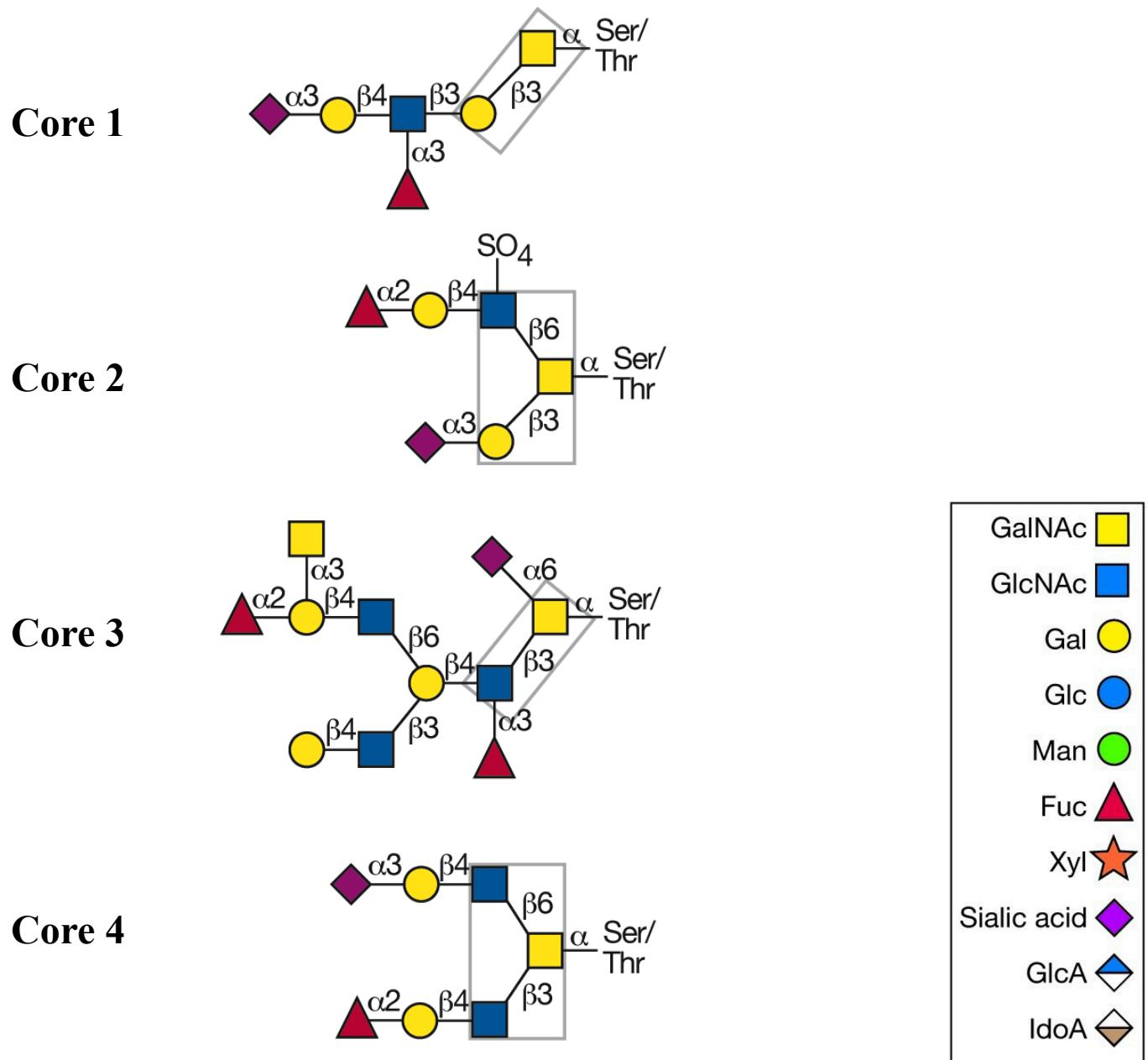
O-Glycans

Initiation of Protein O-Glycosylation (O-Glycan Formation) by Multiple Protein Polypeptide (pp) GalNAc Transferases

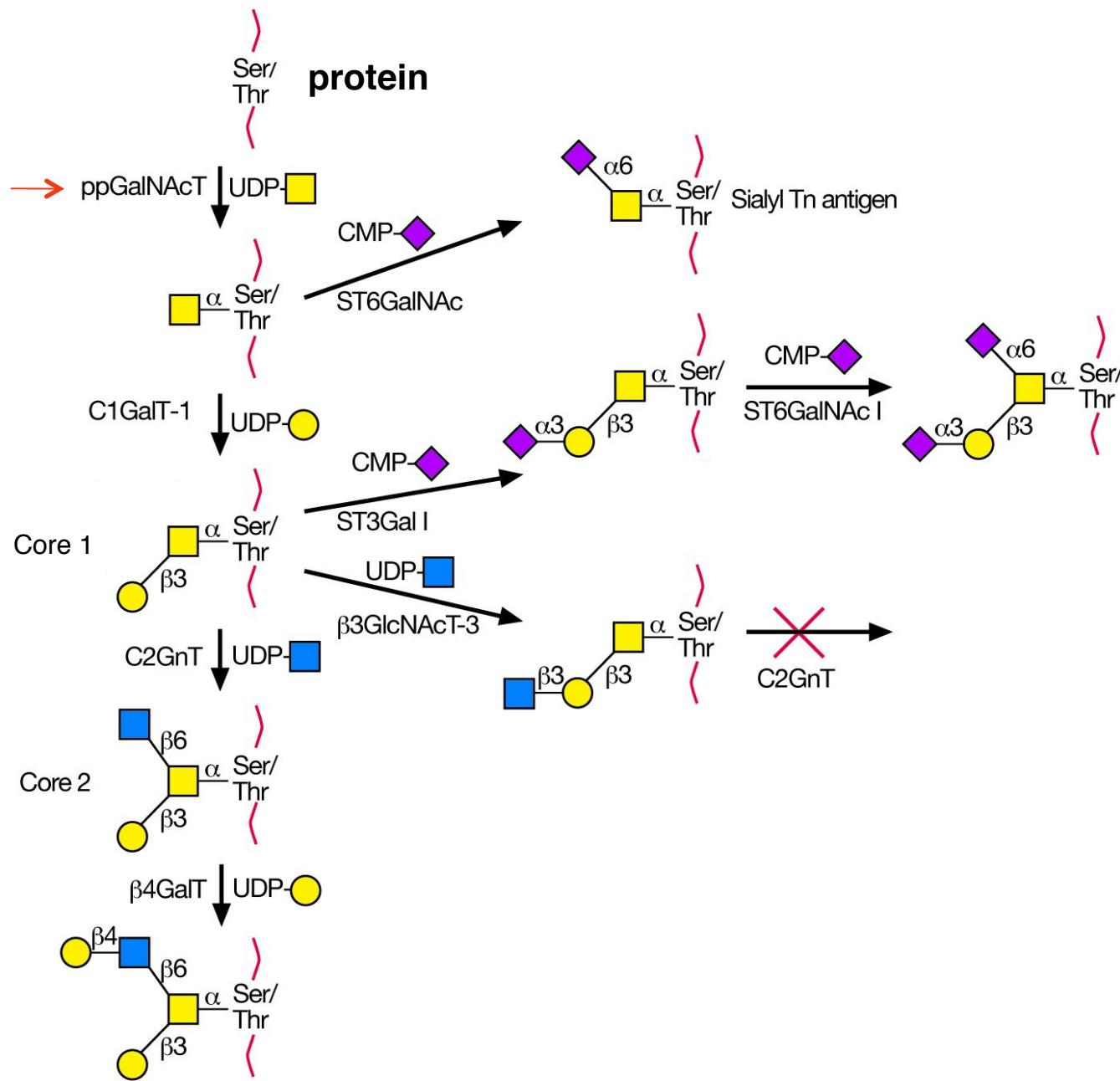


No precise canonical amino acid consensus sequence exists for O-glycan addition to proteins, predictive algorithms are about 80% accurate.

O-Glycans of Different Core Structures/Classifications

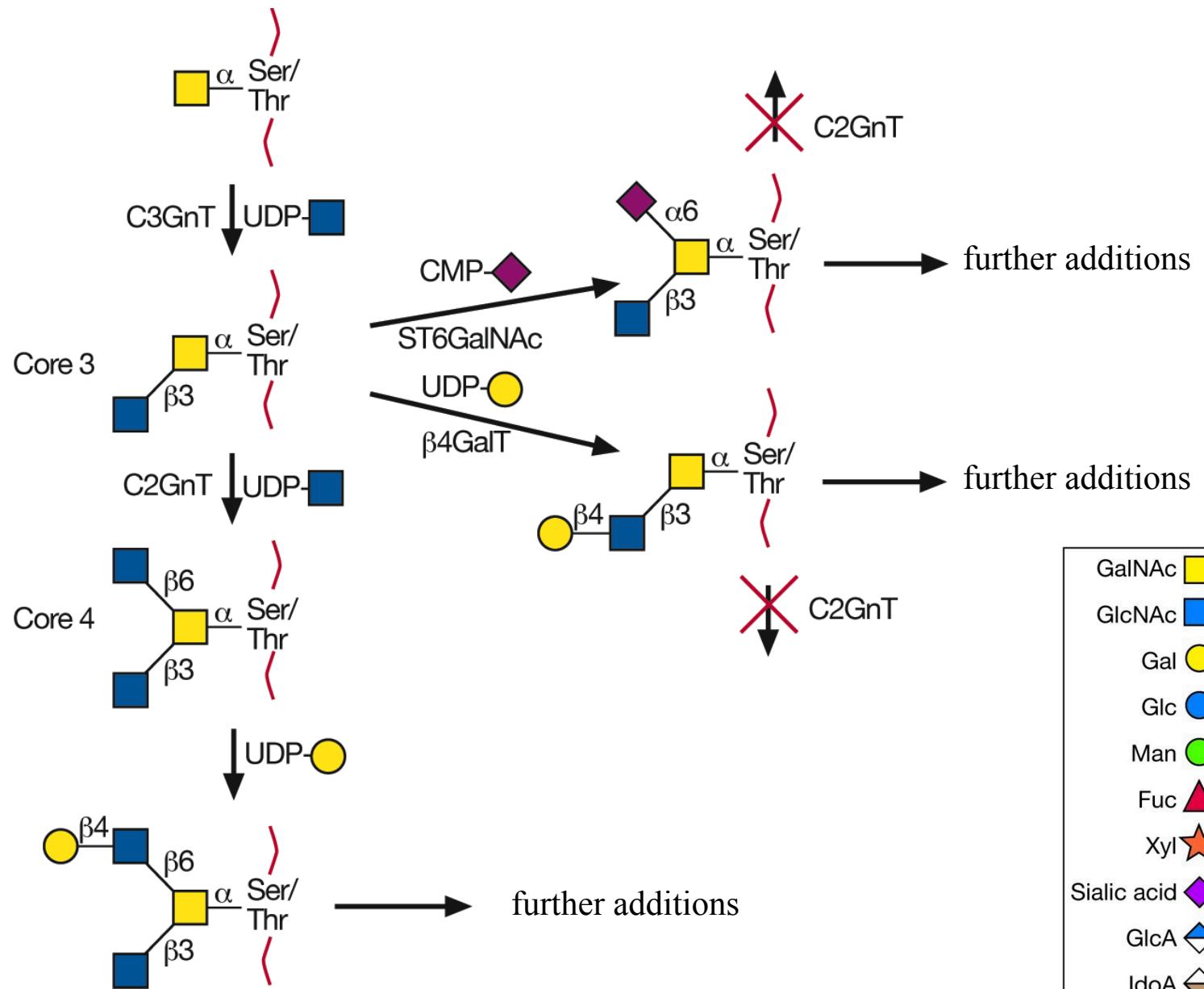


Biosynthesis of Core 1 and Core 2 O-Glycans



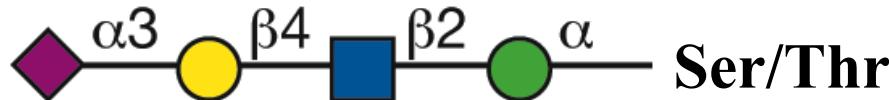
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Biosynthesis of Core 3 and Core 4 O-Glycans

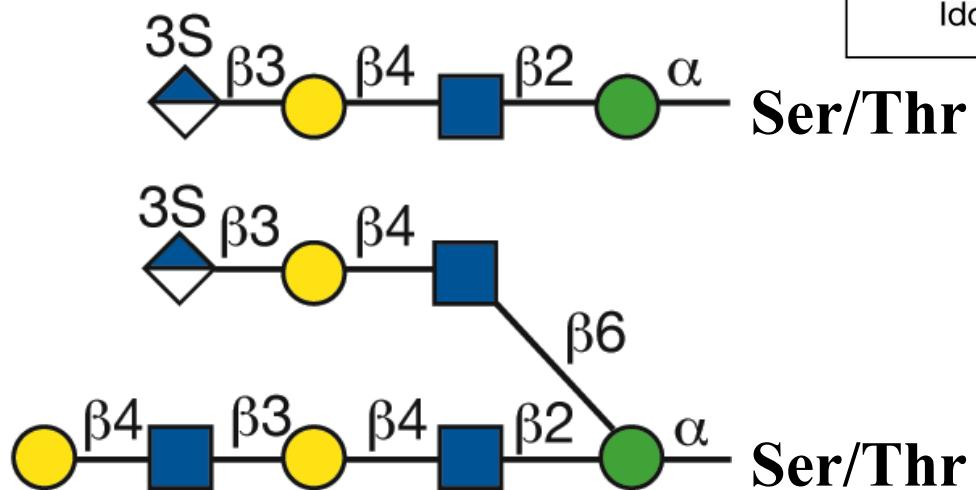
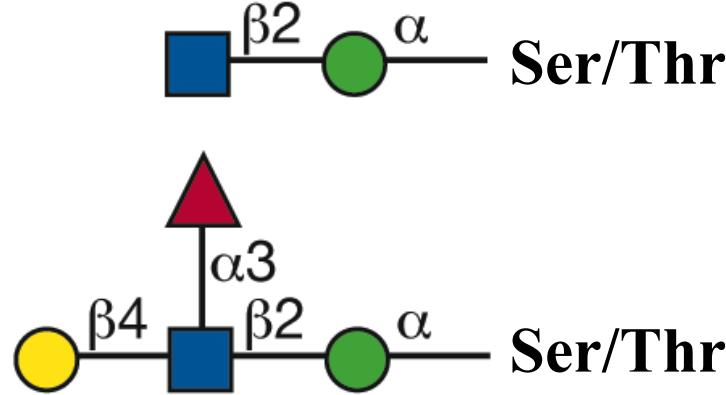


O-Mannose-linked O-Glycans

Major O-Man glycan in α -dystroglycan



Other O-Man glycans isolated from rat brain



Disruption of O-mannose-linked O-glycan biosynthesis is the basis of several muscular dystrophies

