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Sunrise on the Illinois Prairie – From My Study

# **OVERVIEW OF EFFECTS OF IRON REDOX IN CLAYS & SOILS**

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**University of Illinois**

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An aerial photograph of a university campus. A red outline highlights a large area in the upper portion of the image, encompassing several large, flat, open fields and some distant buildings. The rest of the image shows a dense campus with numerous multi-story buildings, parking lots filled with cars, and green spaces with trees. The text "Our Family Farm" is overlaid in a serif font at the top of the red-outlined area.

**Our Family Farm**

**BYU-I**

**Brigham Young University -- Idaho**

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**Work – Milking Cows**

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# My Colleges

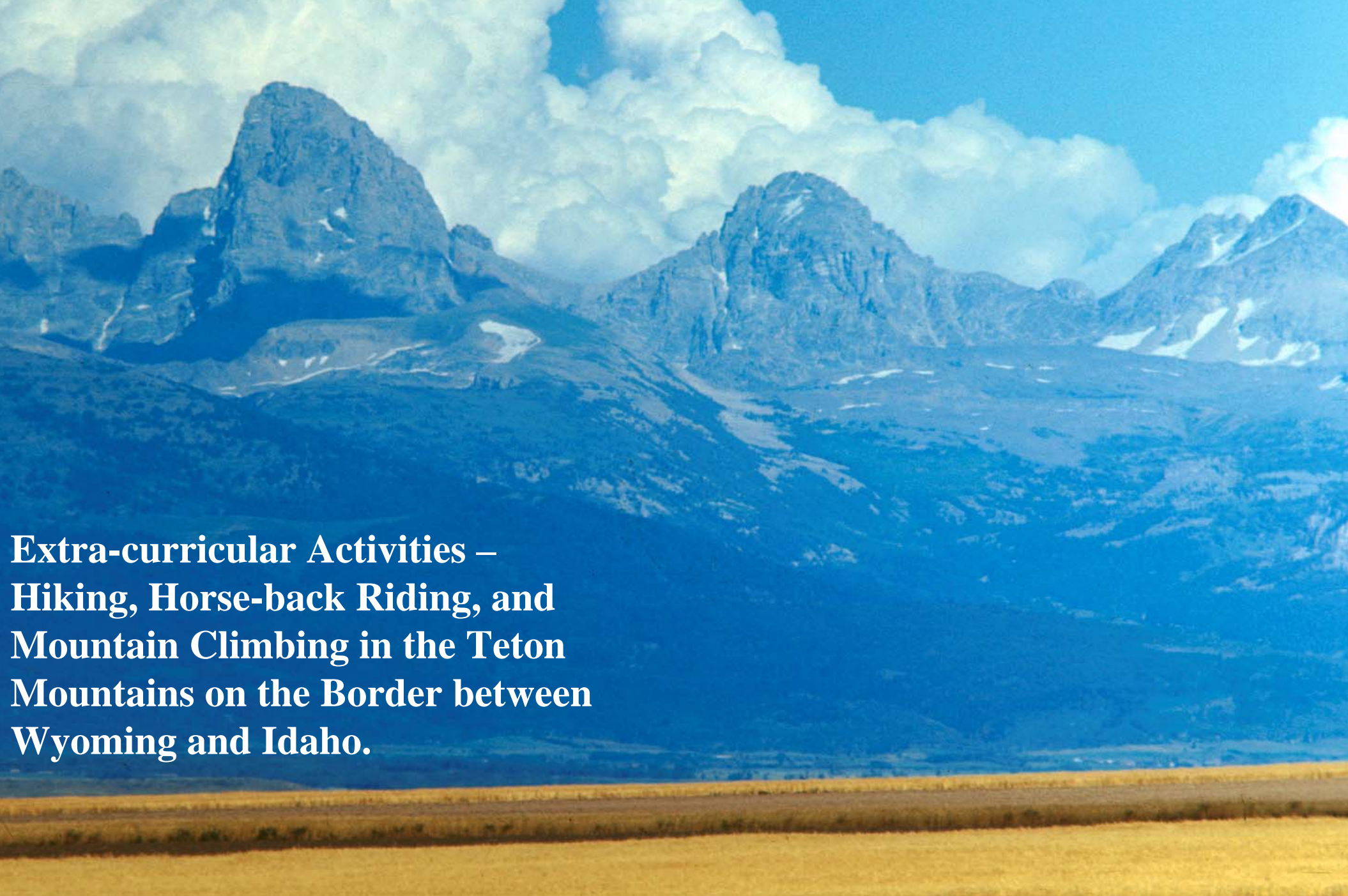


# Where I Grew Up. Rexburg, Idaho

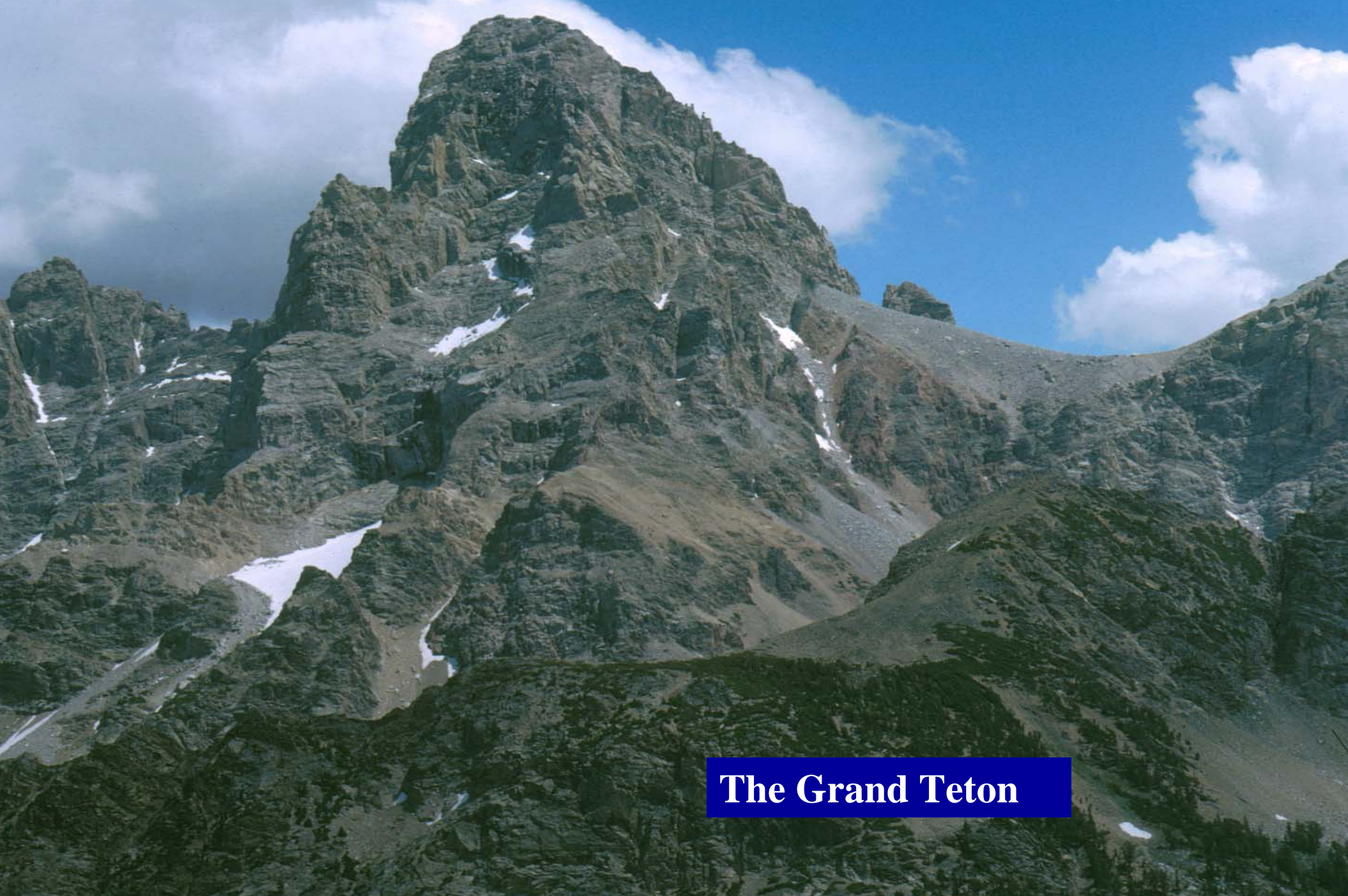




**Extra-curricular  
Activities -- Basketball**



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Hiking, Horse-back Riding, and  
Mountain Climbing in the Teton  
Mountains on the Border between  
Wyoming and Idaho.**



**The Grand Teton**





# The Grand Teton Summit





**My Youngest Daughter**

Received B.S. in Chemistry

**BYU**

BRIGHAM YOUNG  
UNIVERSITY

Provo, Utah



**Mt.  
Timpo-  
nogas in  
Back-  
ground**

**Utah State**  
**UNIVERSITY**

**Received M.S. in Soil Chemistry**

# PURDUE

## UNIVERSITY



**Received Ph.D. in Physical Chemistry of Clays**

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UNIVERSITY of ILLINOIS

FOUNDED 1867

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# The University of Illinois



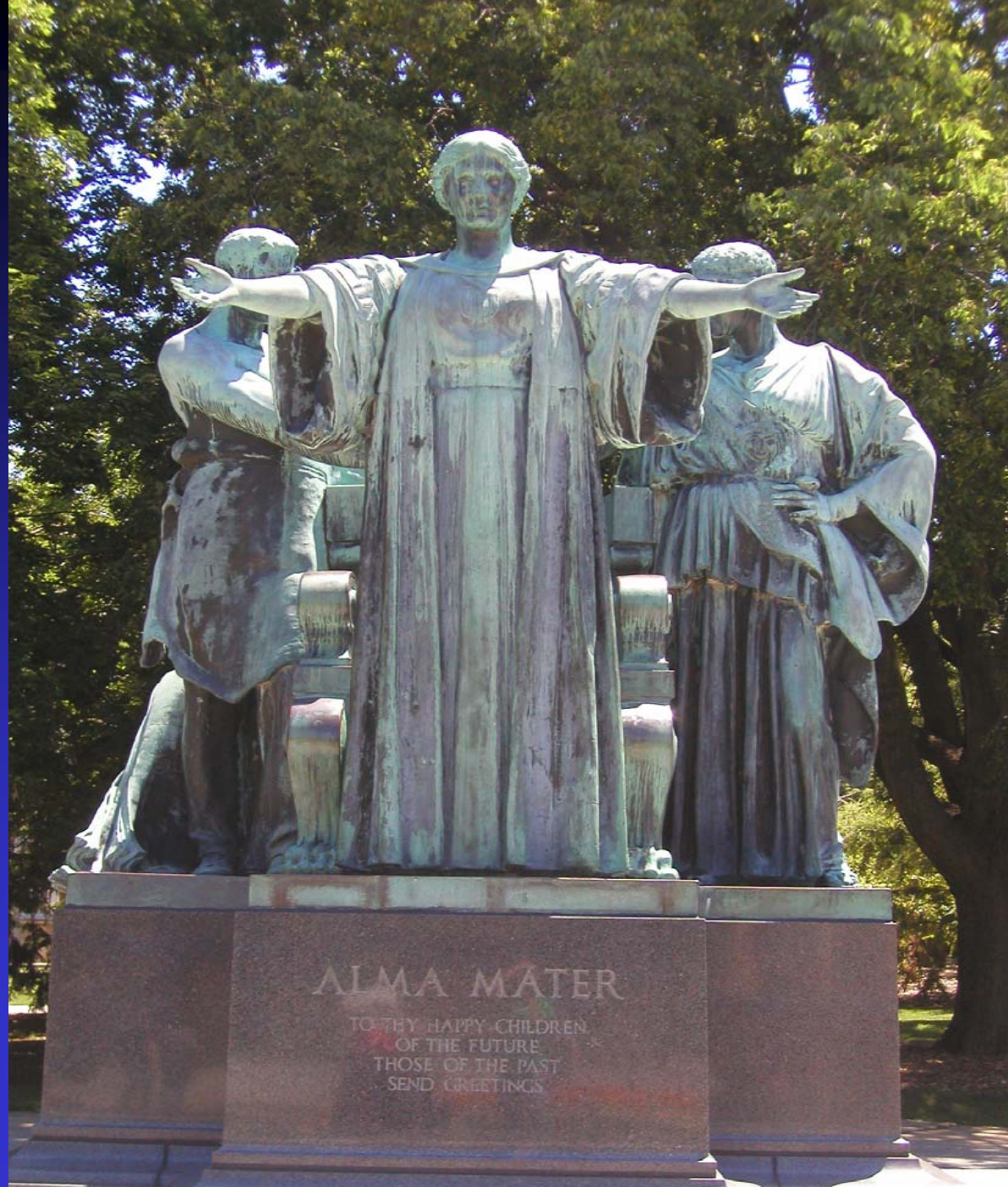




**Raising a Family: 6 children; 9 grandchildren**

Alma Mater

-- To thy  
happy  
children of the  
future, those  
of the past  
send  
greetings.





Hallene Gateway



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# UIUC Classic Architecture



**Altgeld Hall (Mathematics)**



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# Morrow Plots – The U.S.’s Oldest Experimental Field







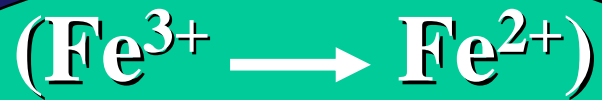
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# Biotechnology



**Reduced Iron in  
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**Soil Fertility**



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Chemistry**

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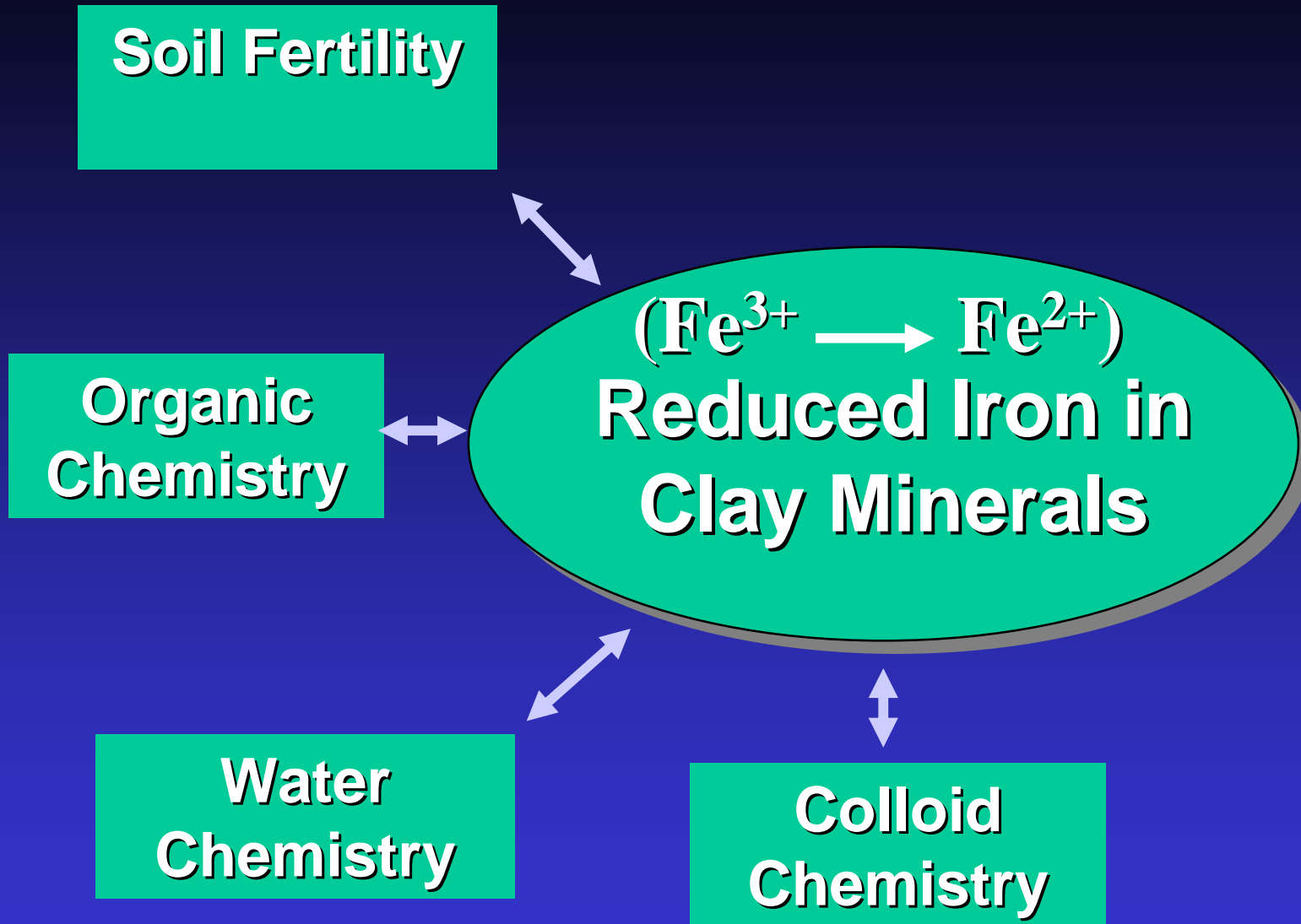
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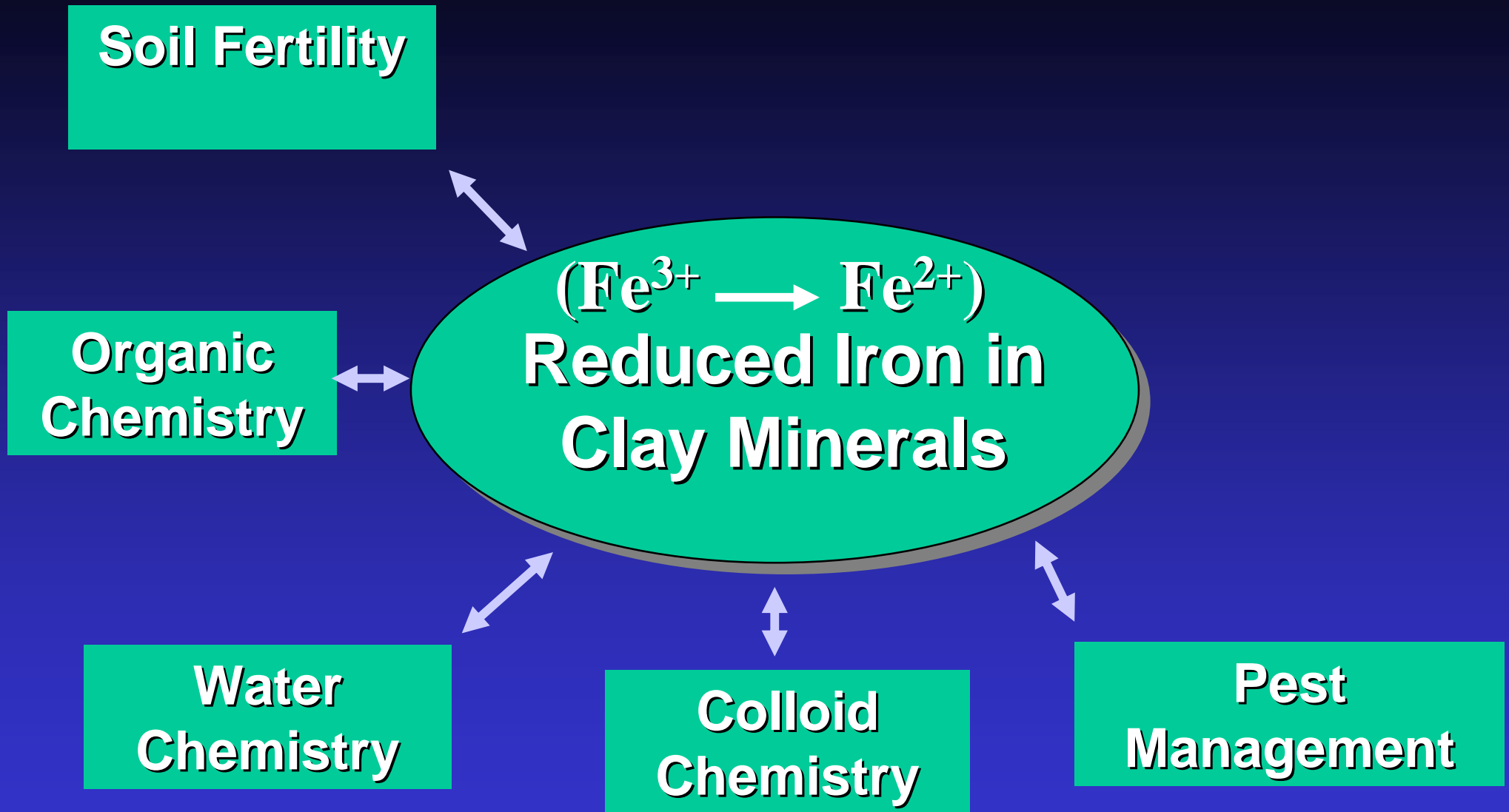
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**Water  
Chemistry**

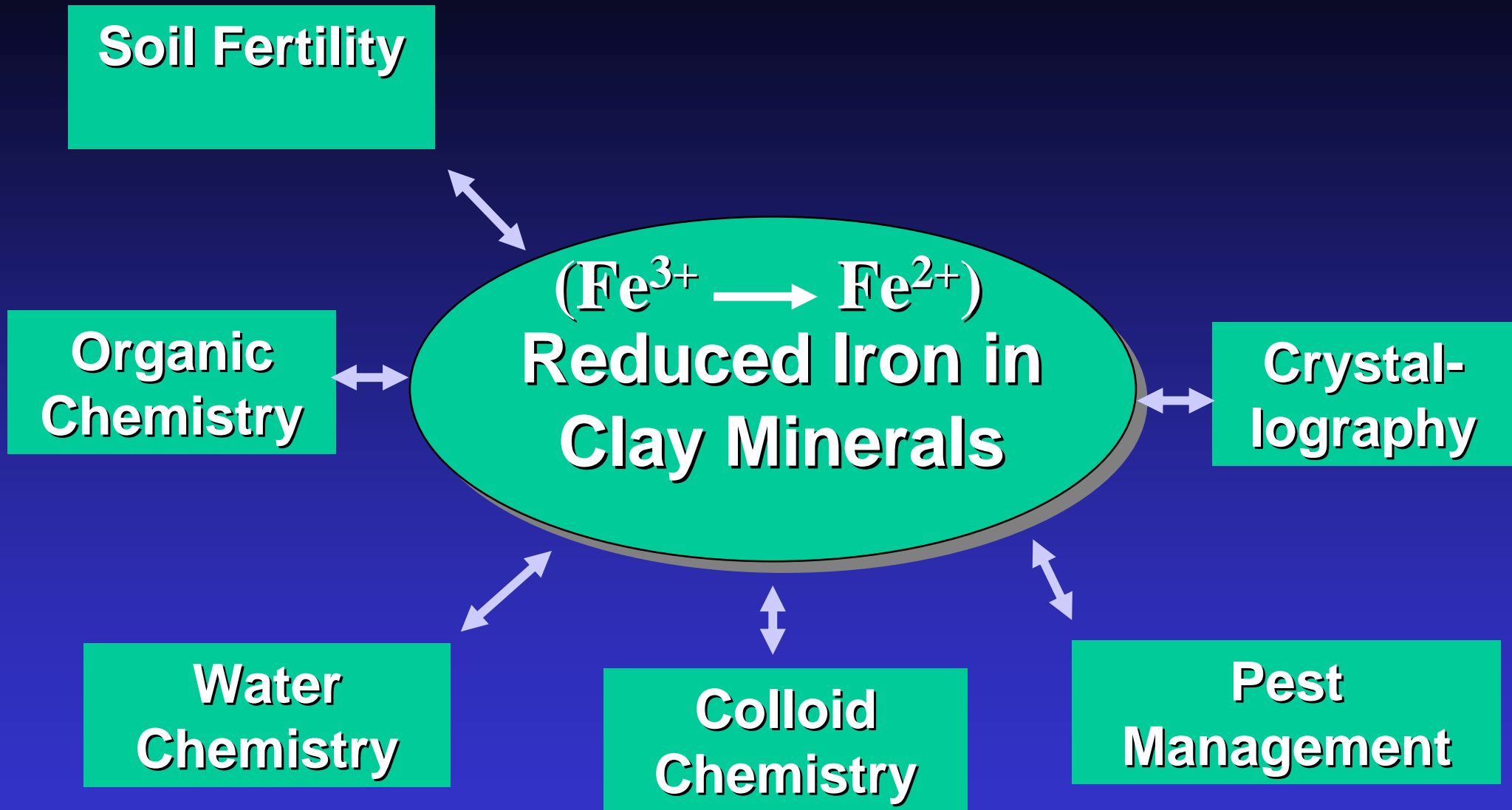
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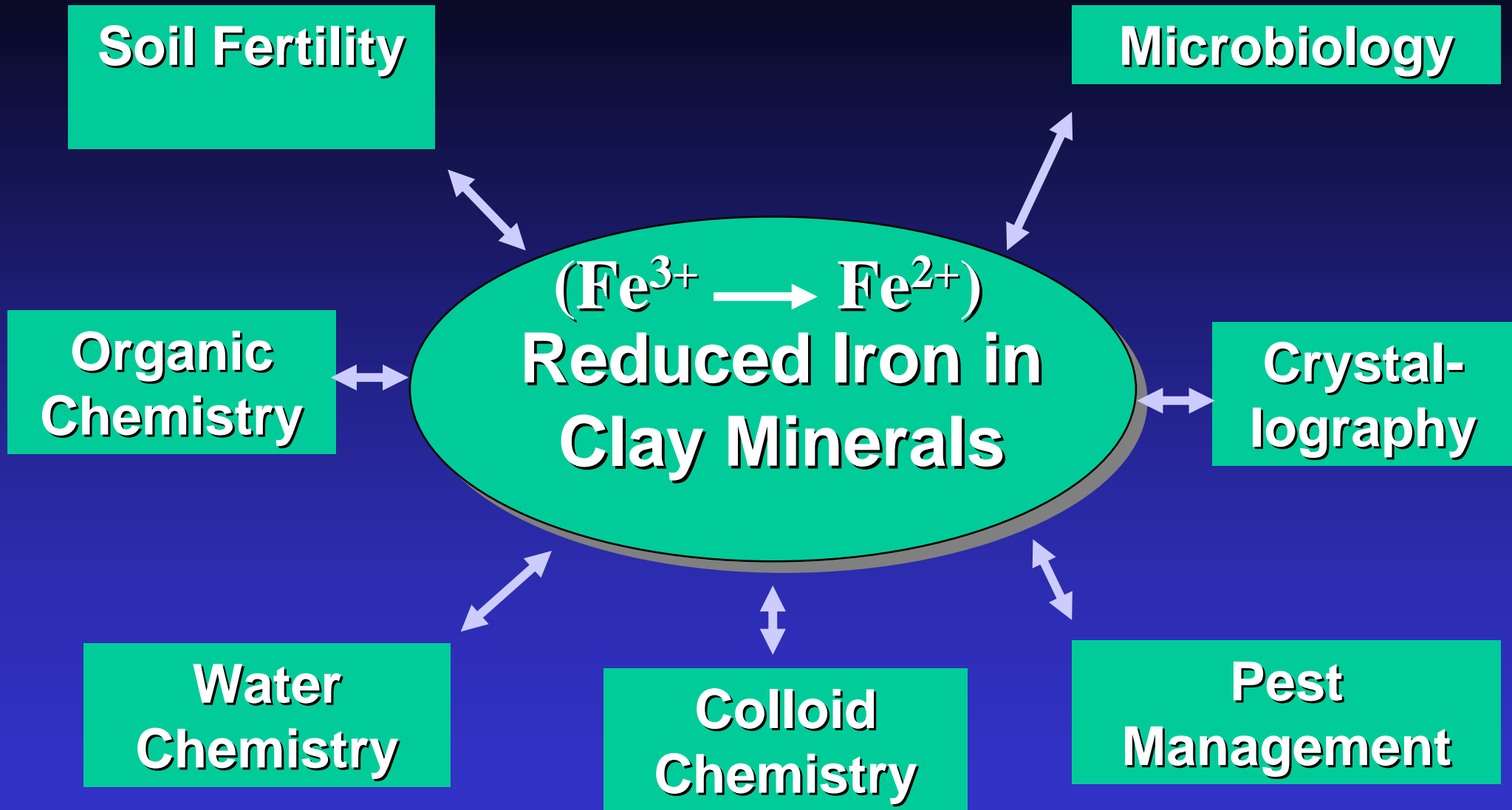
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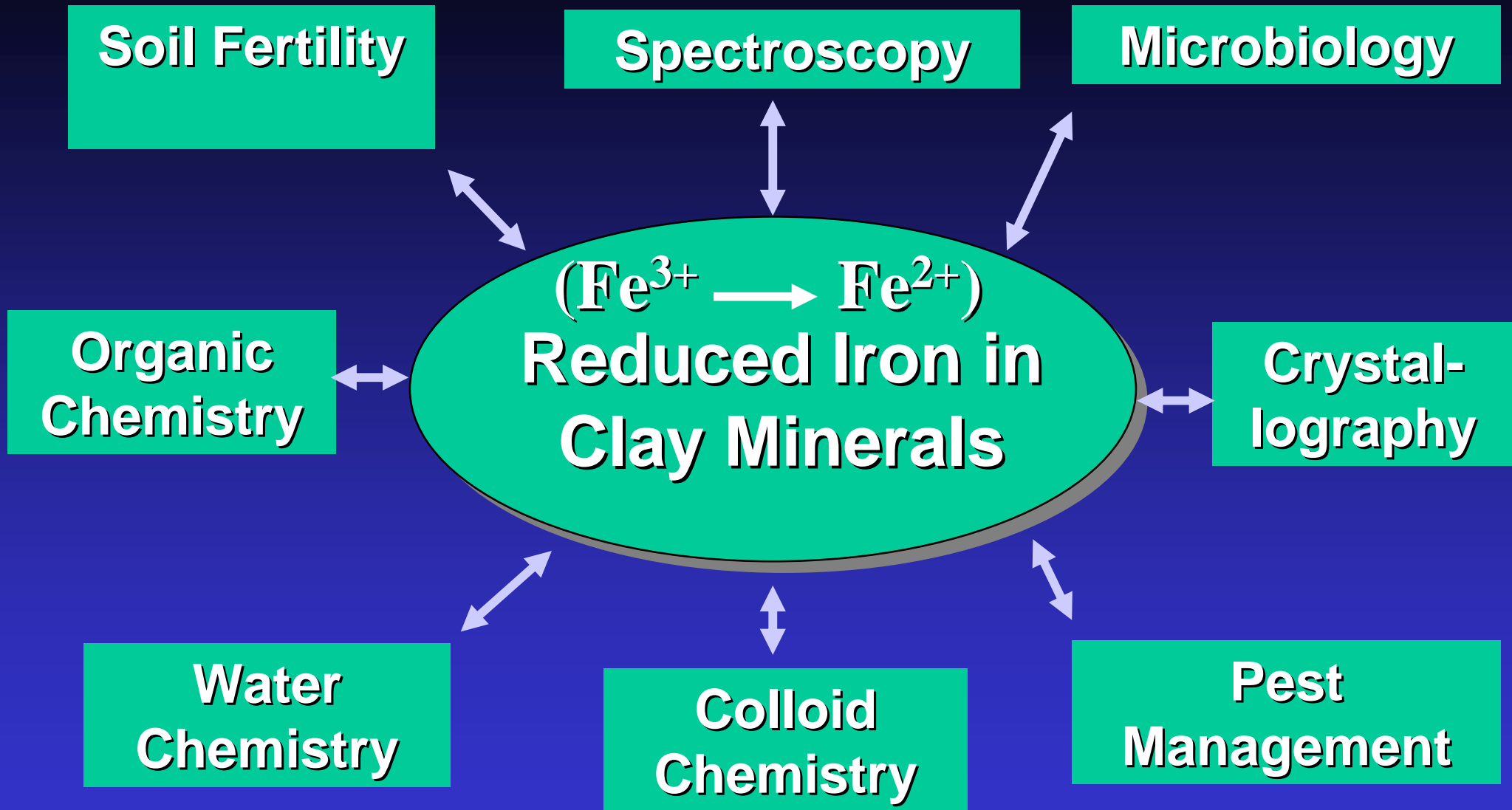














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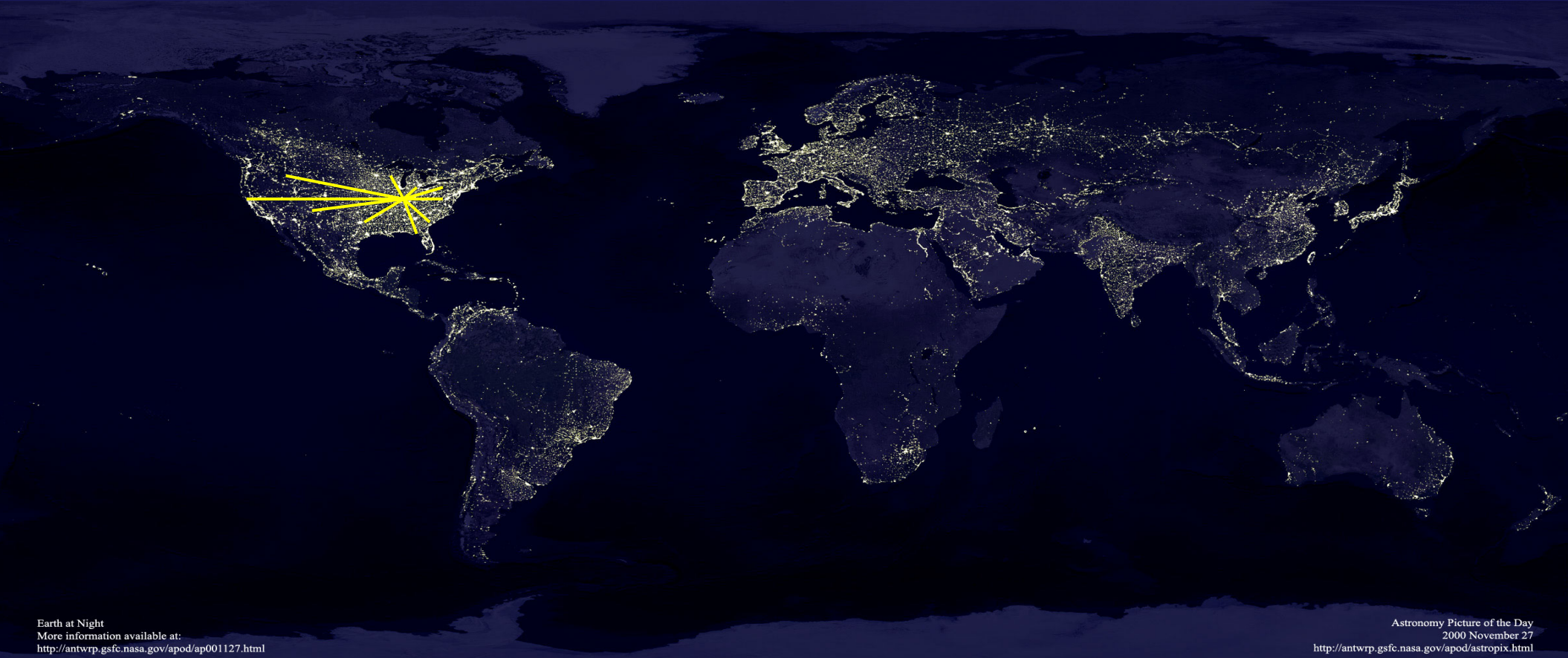
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**Indiana**  
**Wisconsin**  
**Washington**  
**California**  
**Washington, D.C.**

**Florida**  
**Georgia**  
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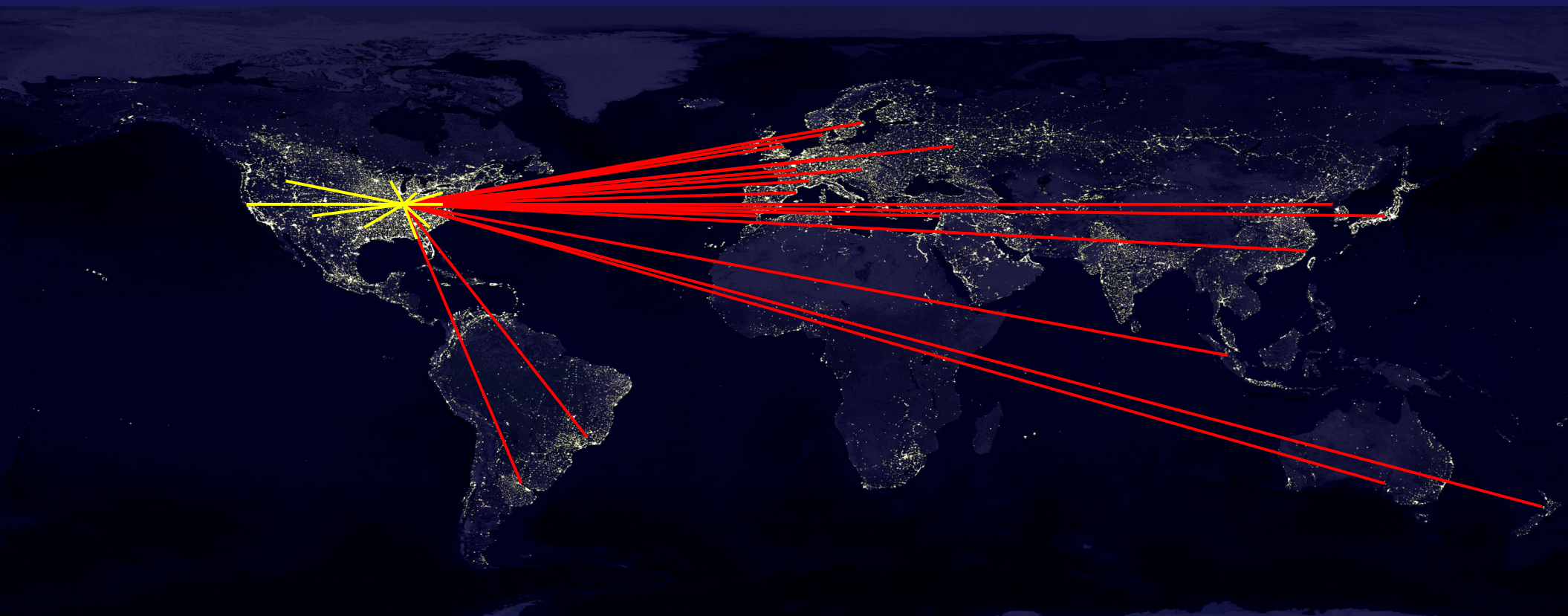
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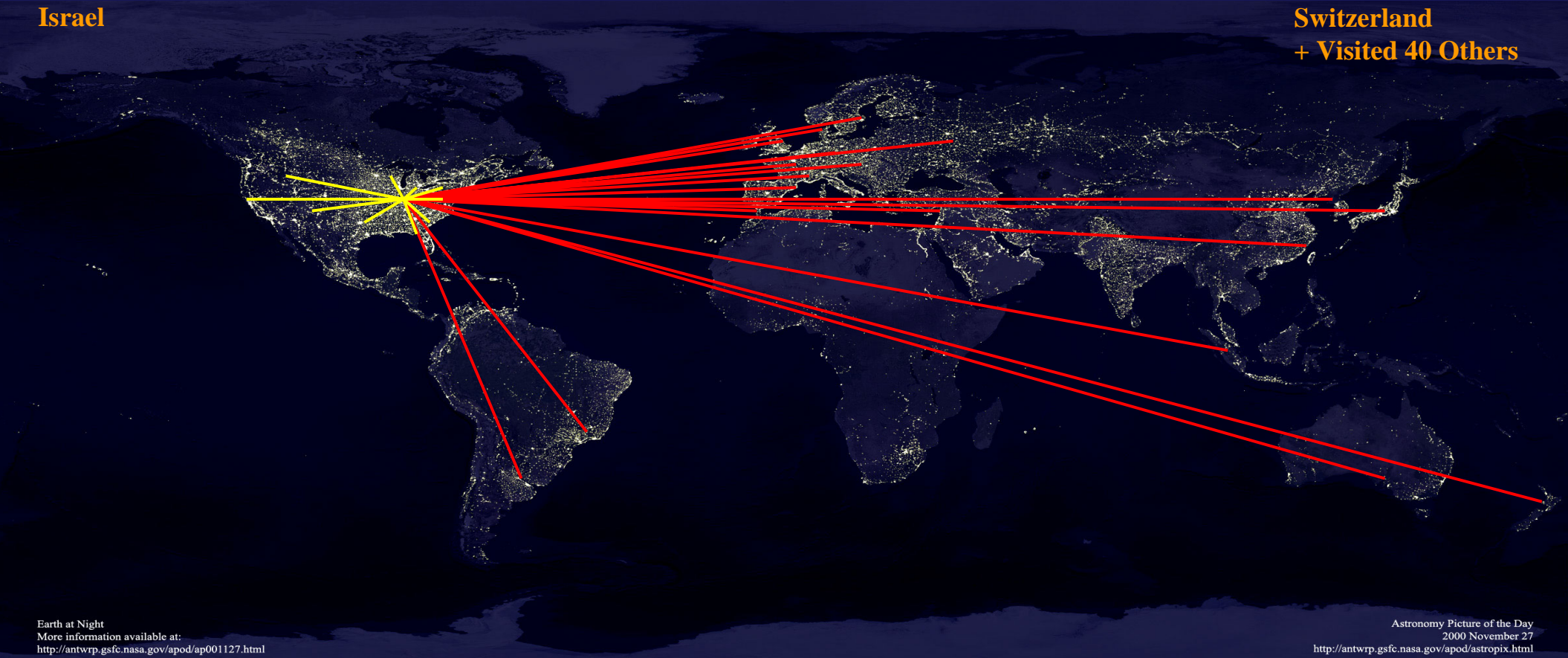
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**Australia**  
**Brazil**  
**China**  
**Denmark**  
**England**  
**France**  
**Germany**  
**Israel**

**Japan**  
**Korea**  
**New Zealand**  
**Russia**  
**Scotland**  
**Singapore**  
**Slovakia**  
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**Switzerland**  
**+ Visited 40 Others**



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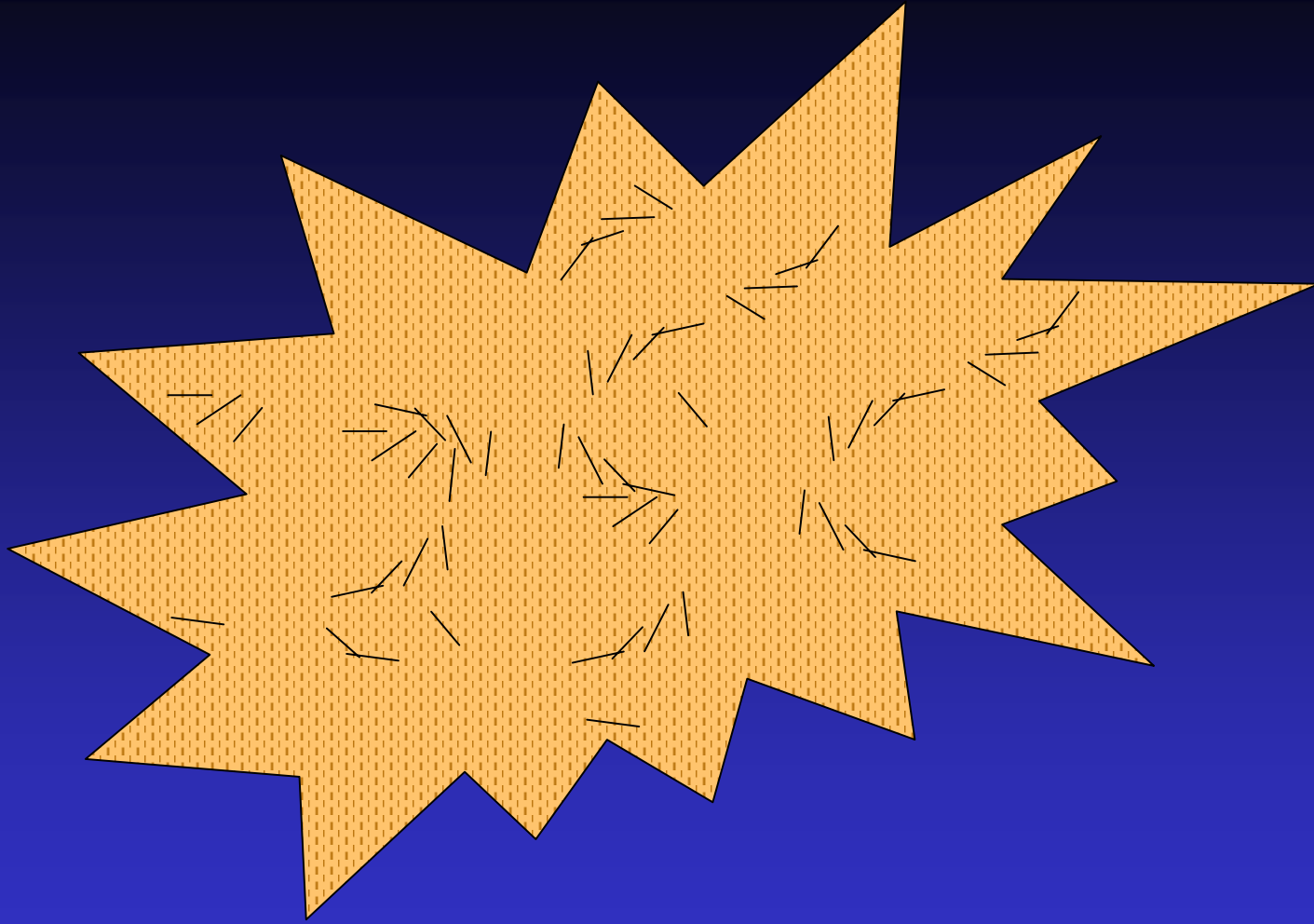
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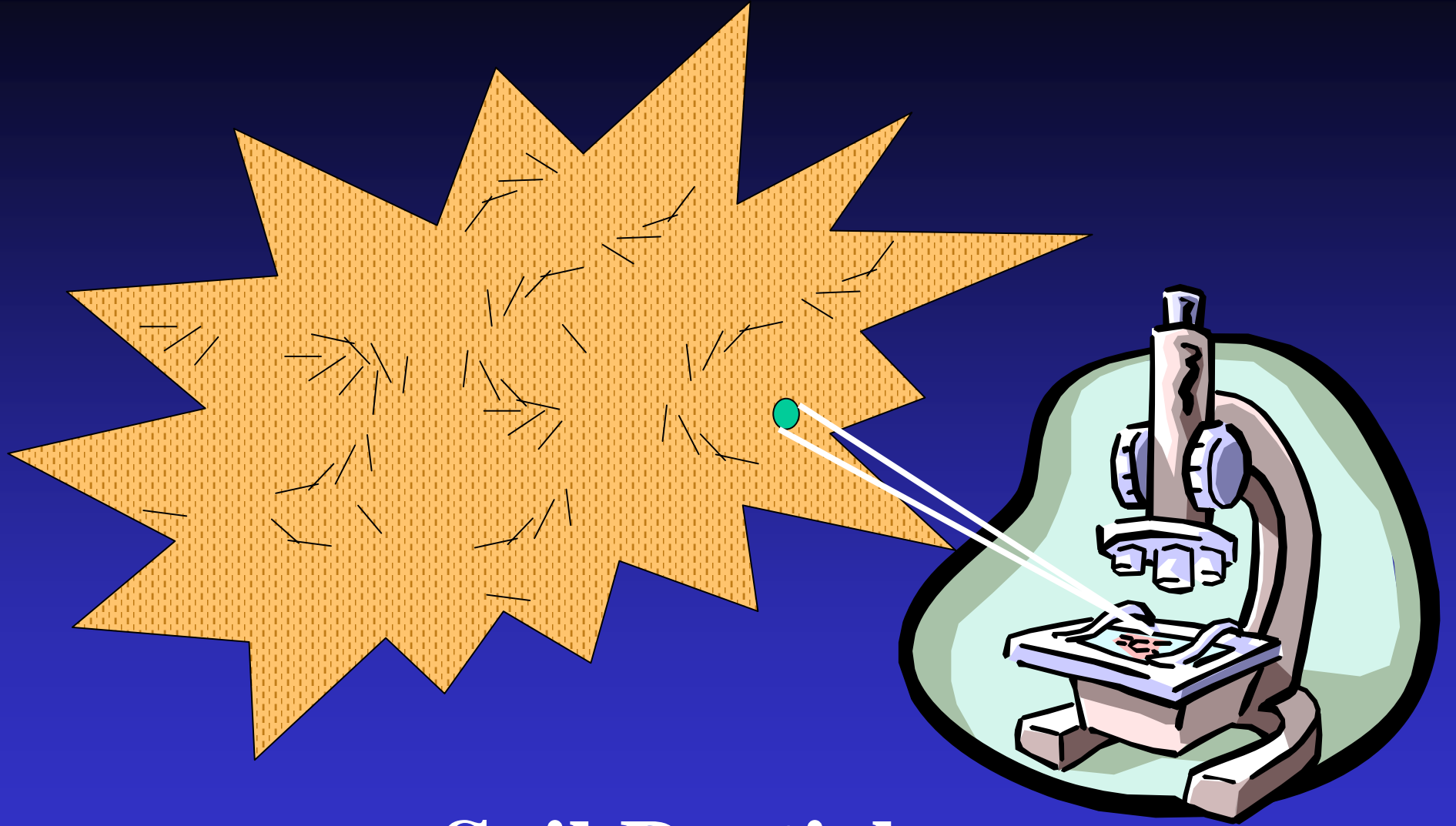
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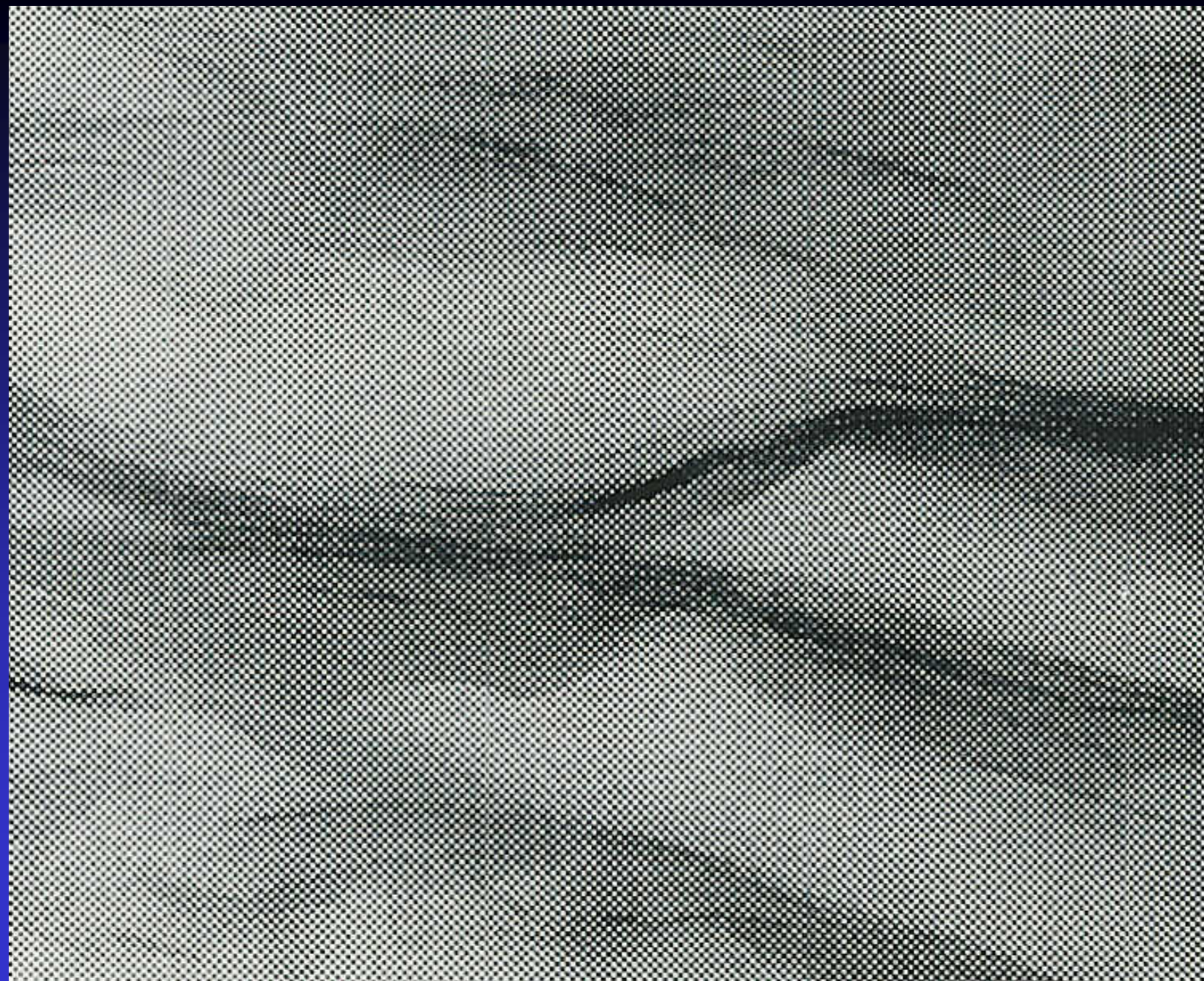
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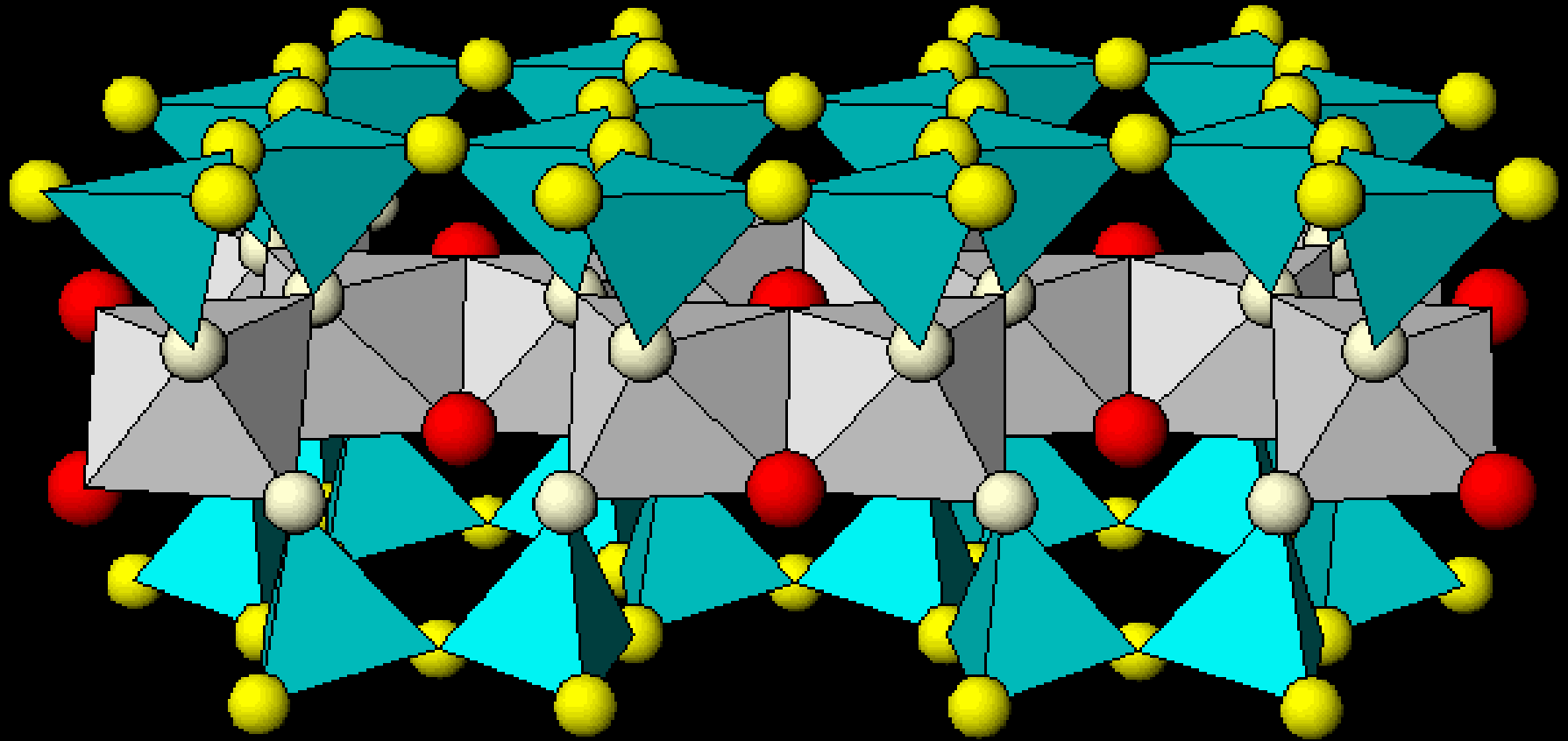


**Soil Particle**



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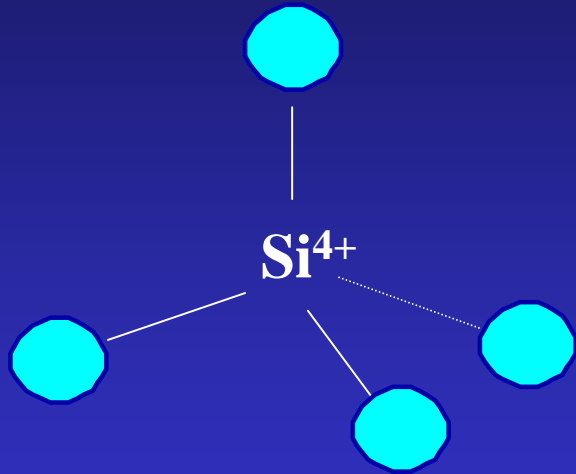


A Single Clay Layer  
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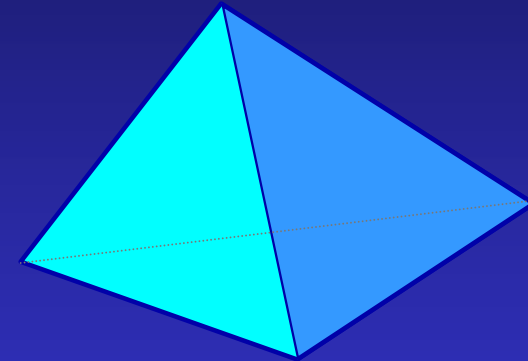
# The Silicon Tetrahedron

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Ball and Stick Model



Polyhedral Model

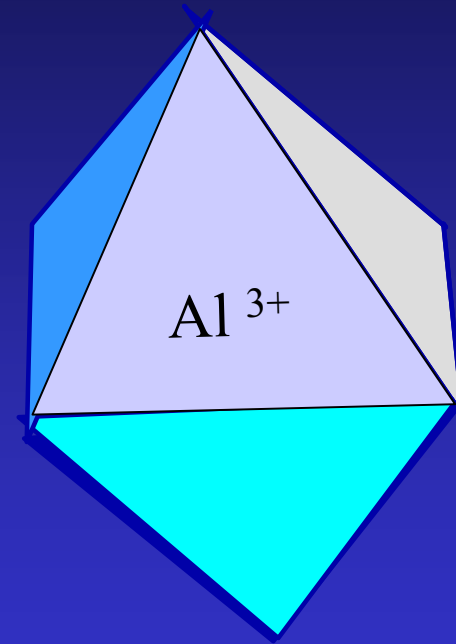
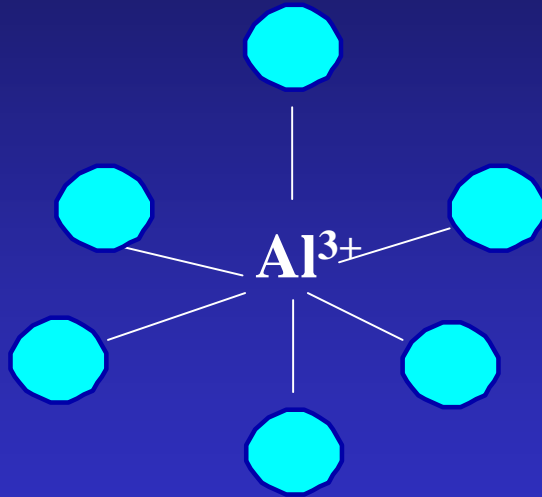


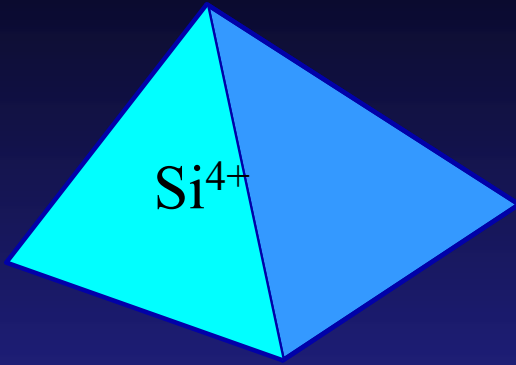


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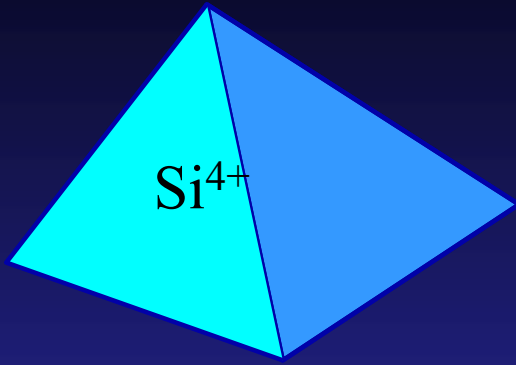
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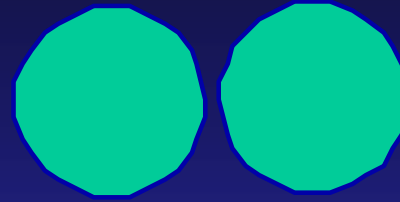




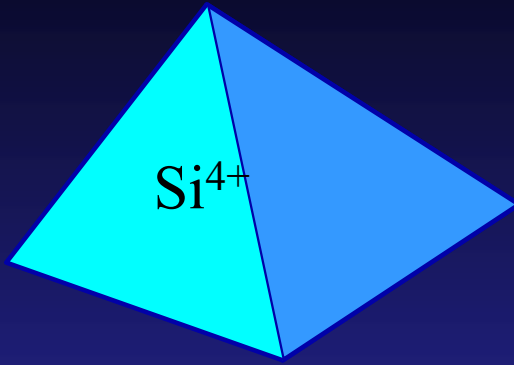
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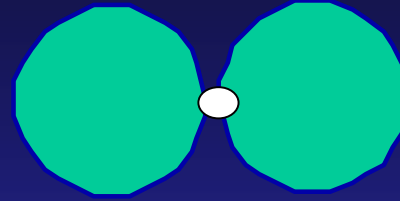
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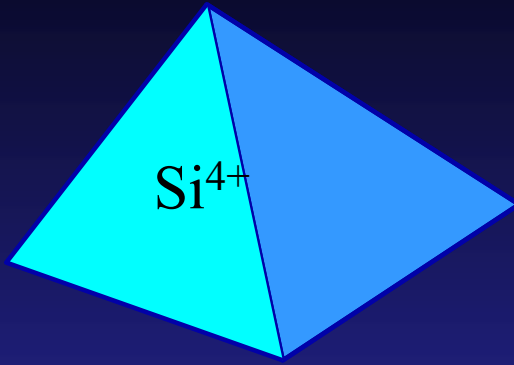
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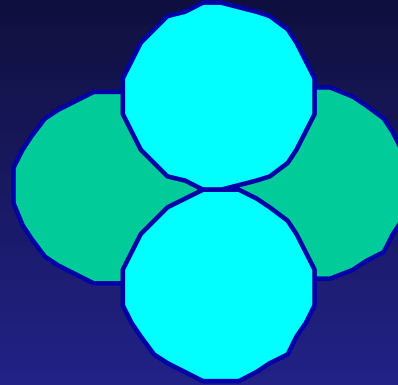
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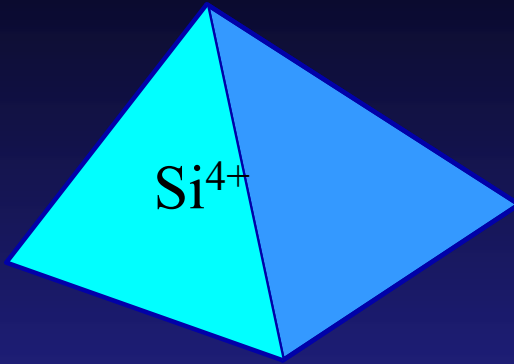
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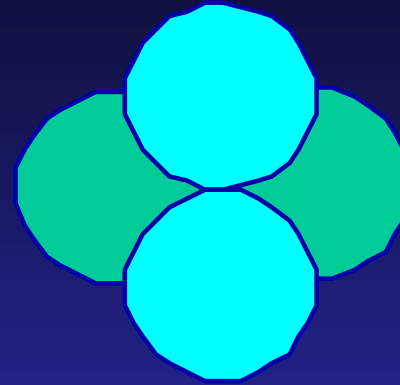
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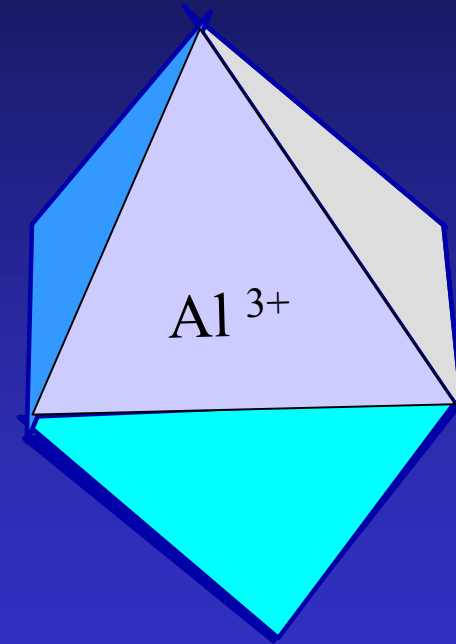
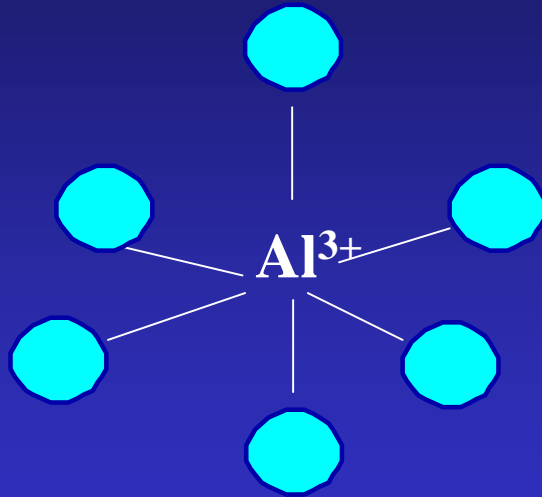
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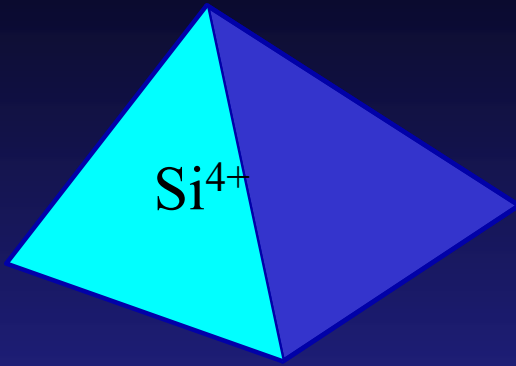
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# The Aluminum Octahedron

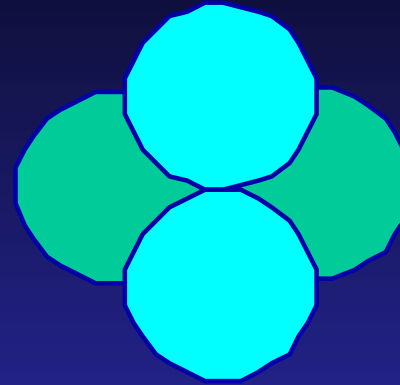
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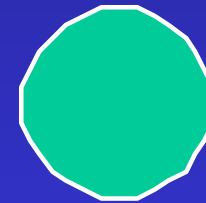
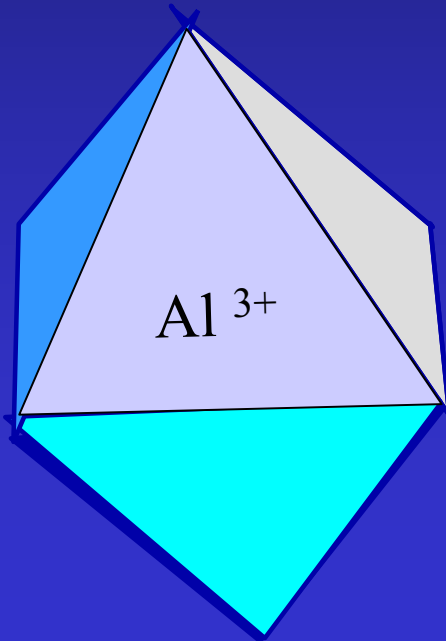




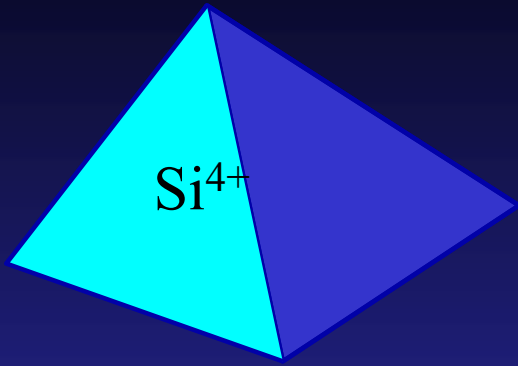
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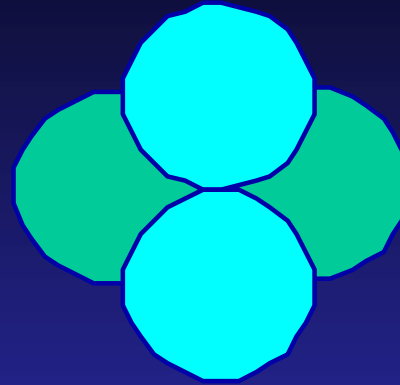
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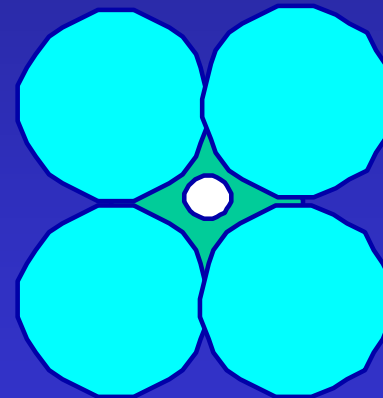
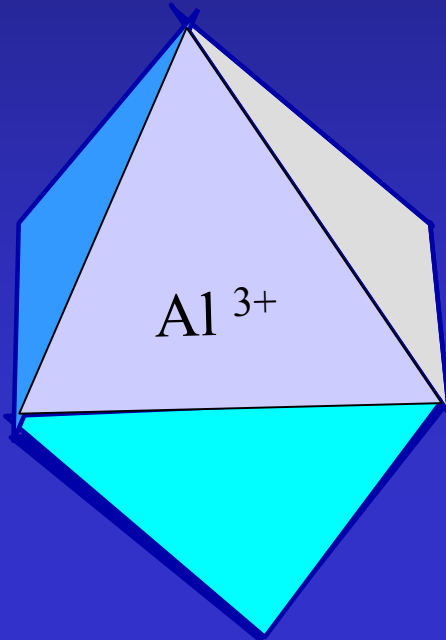


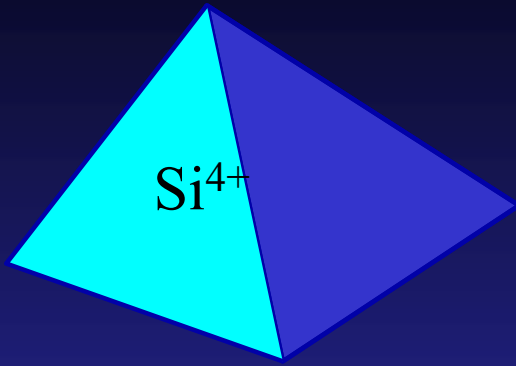


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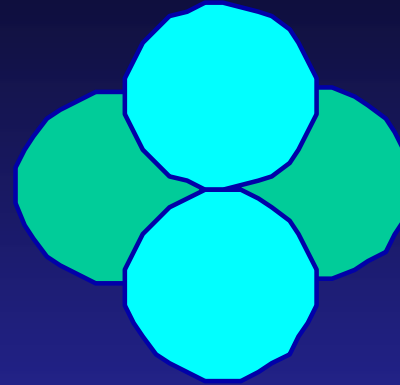


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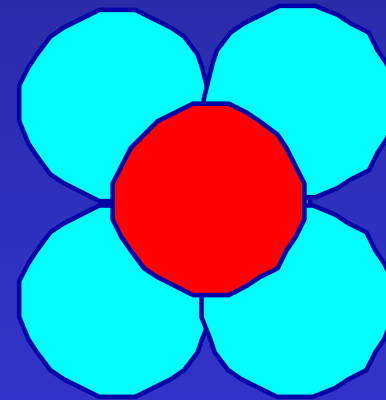
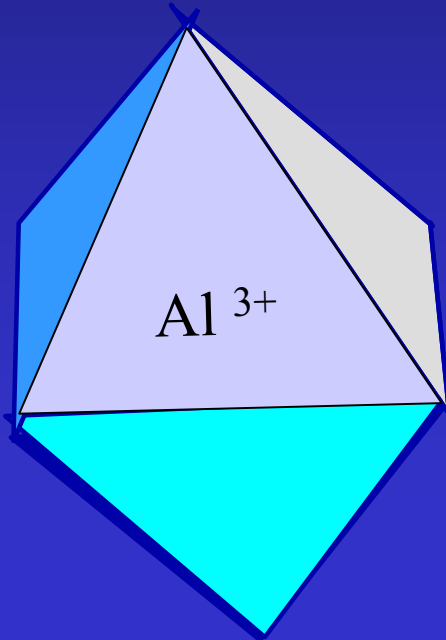




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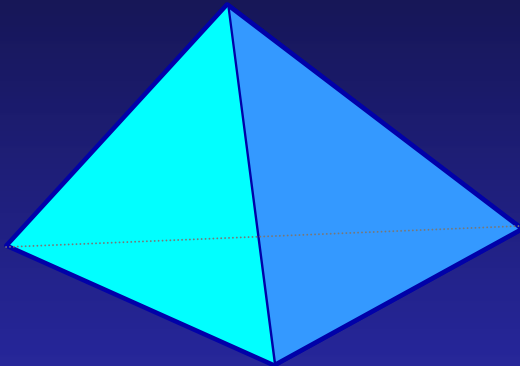
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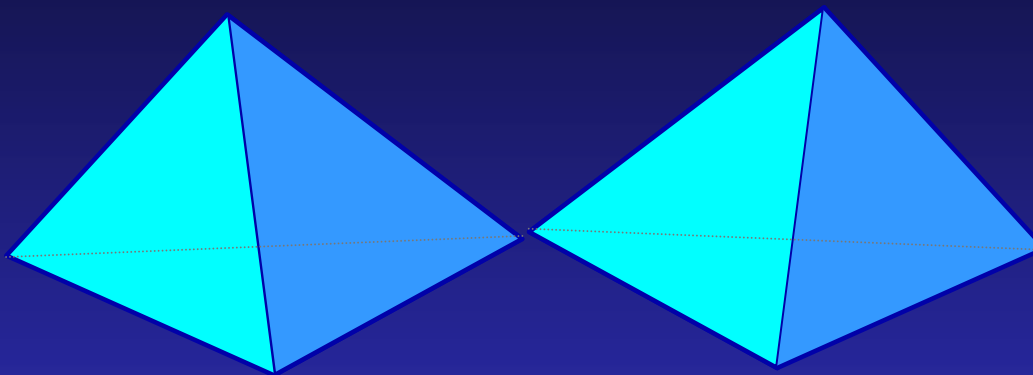
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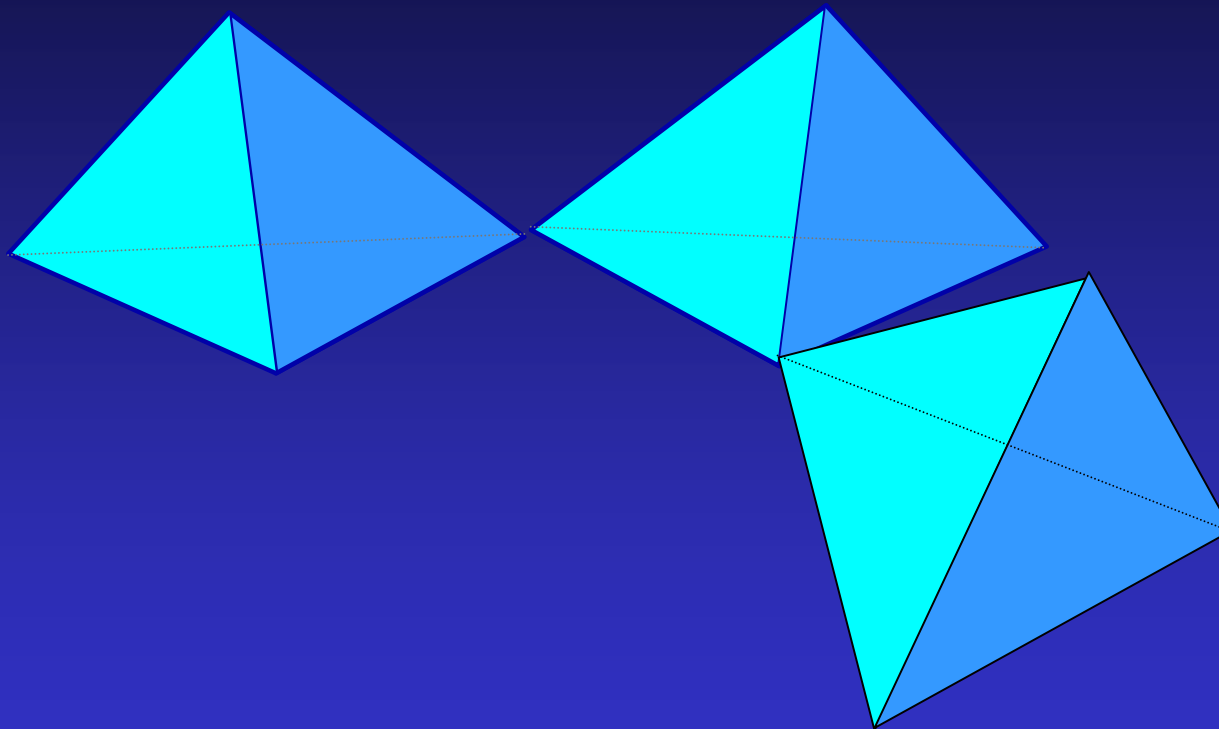
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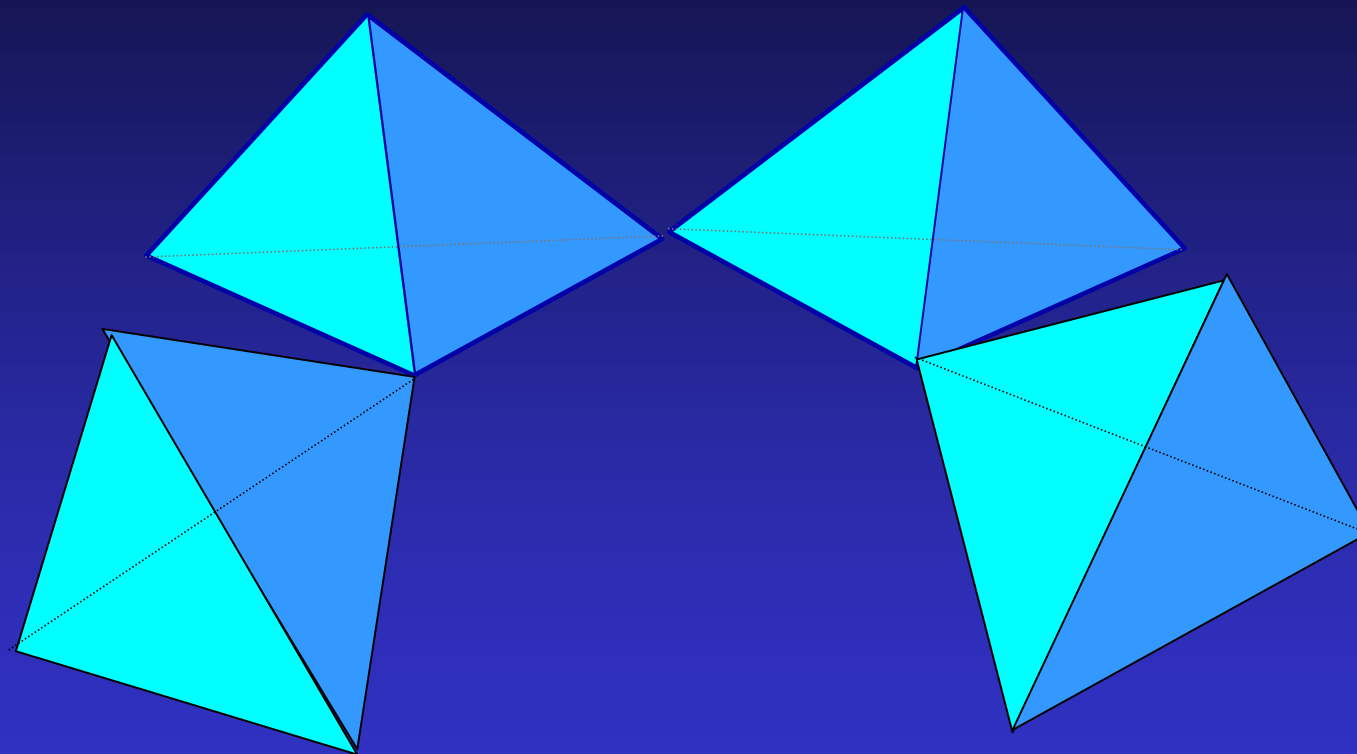
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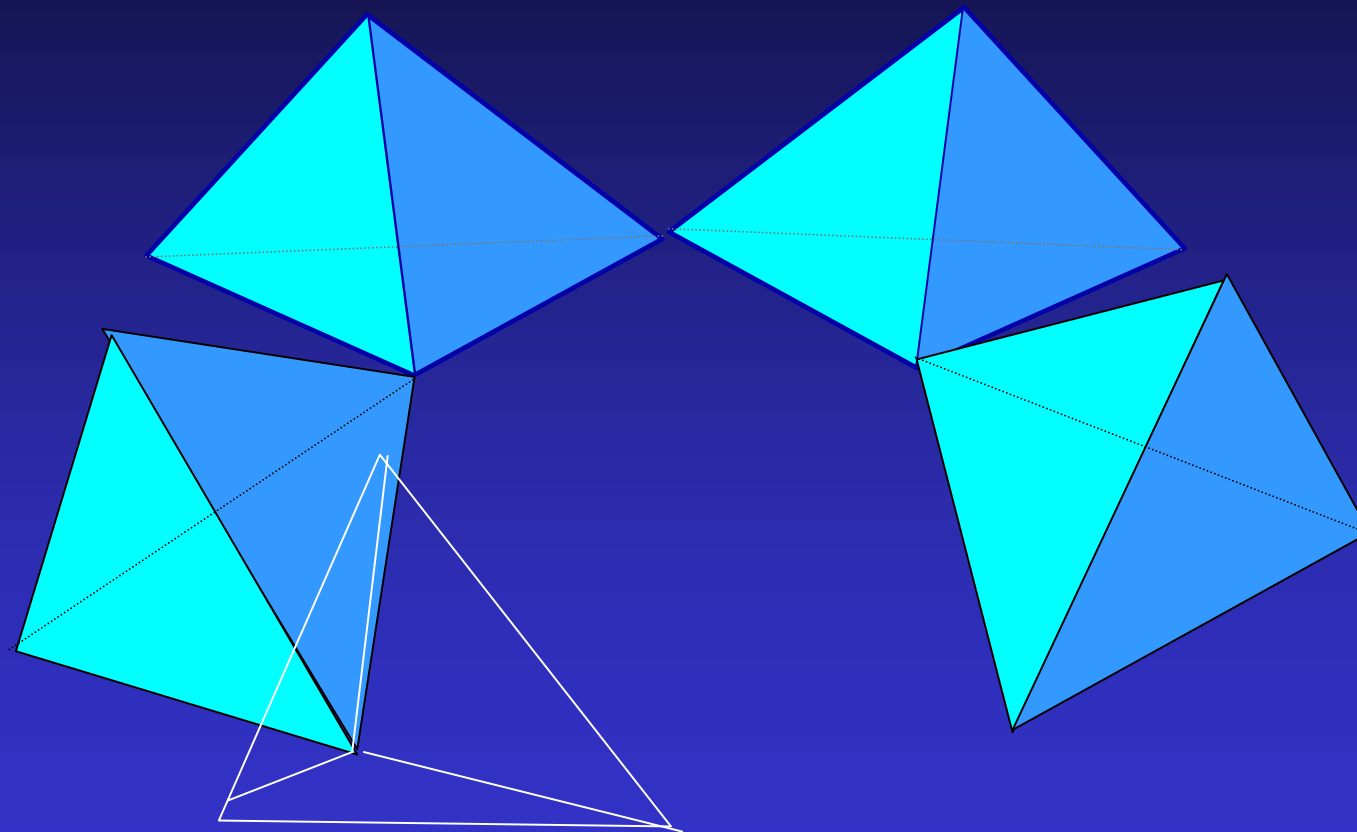
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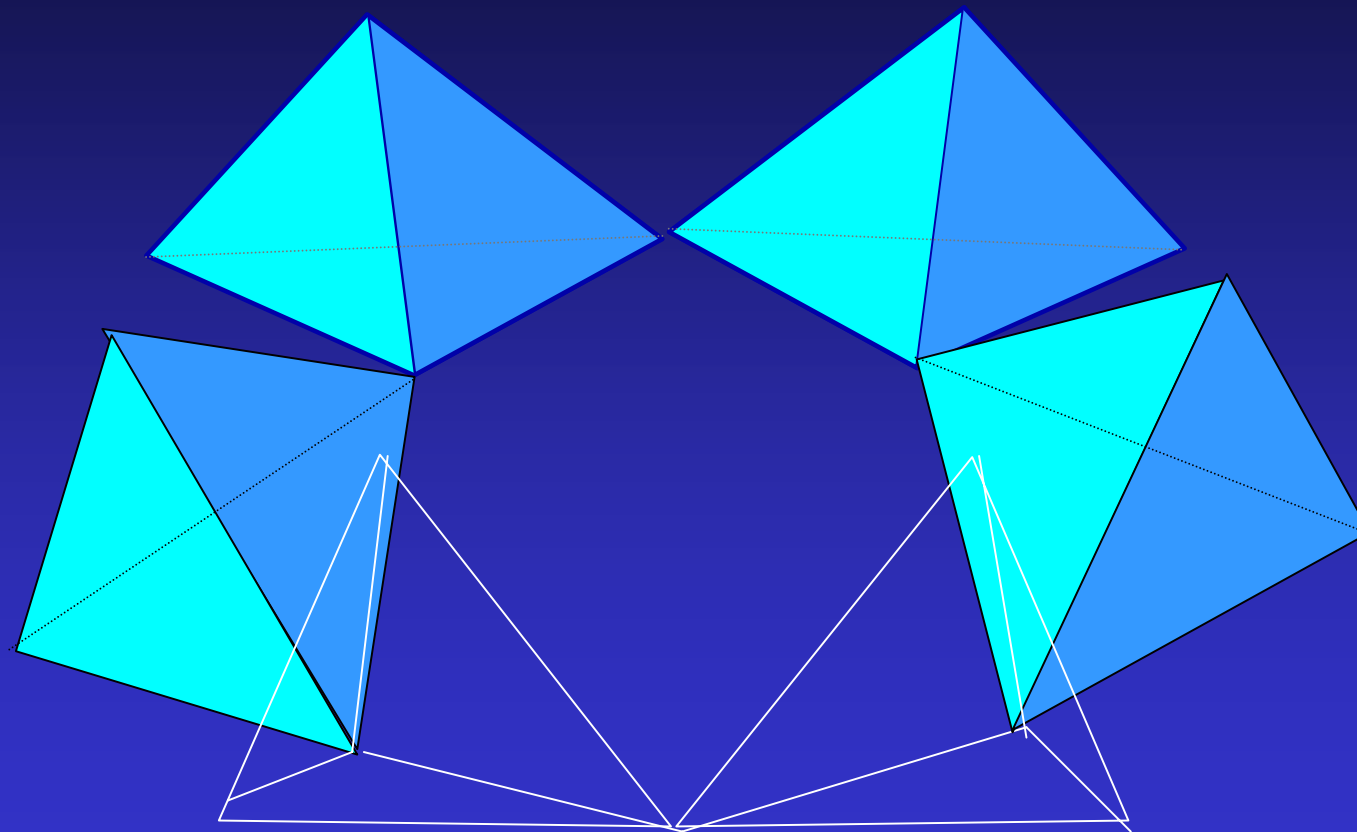
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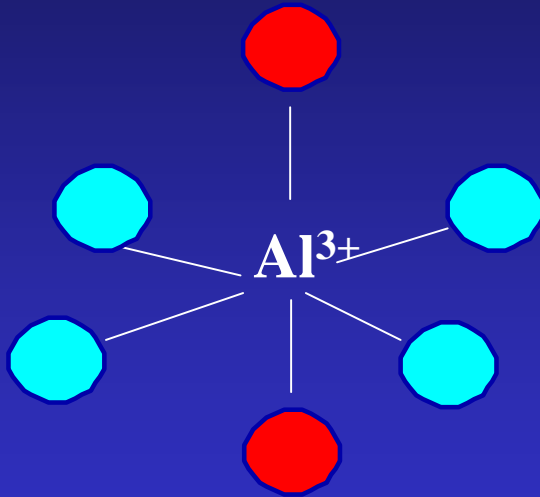
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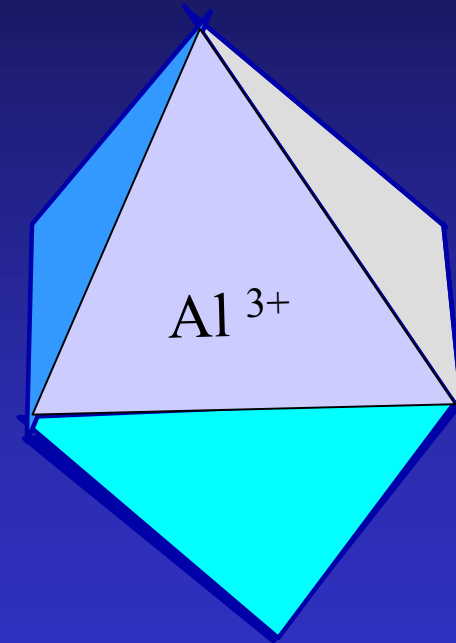
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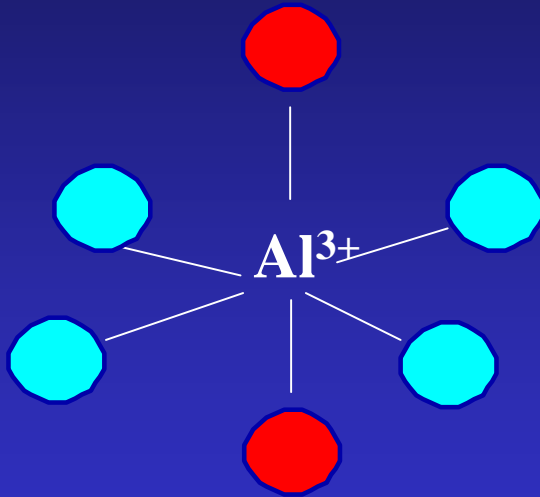
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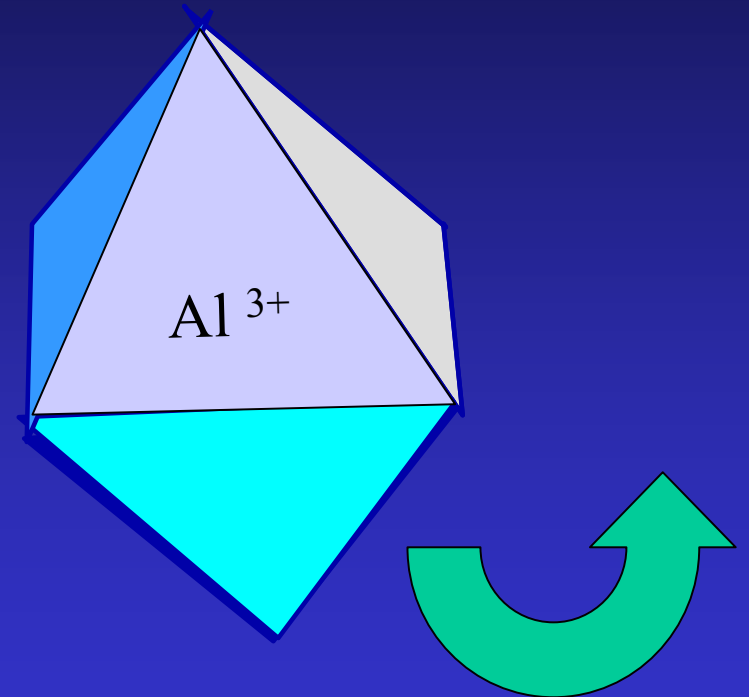
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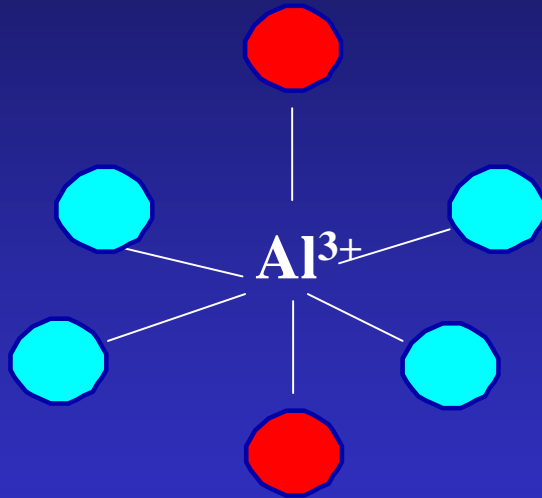
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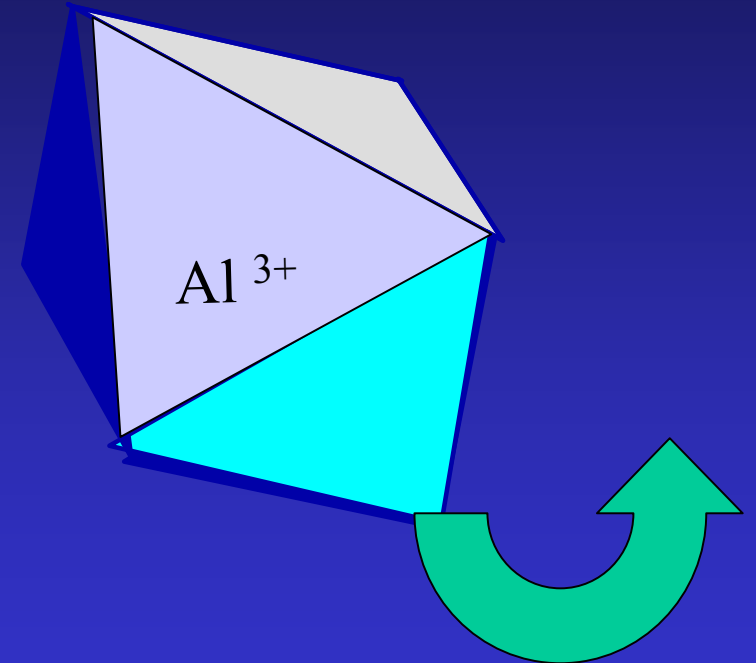
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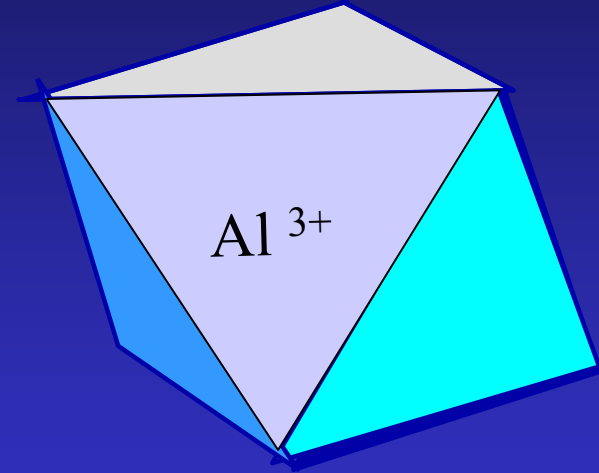
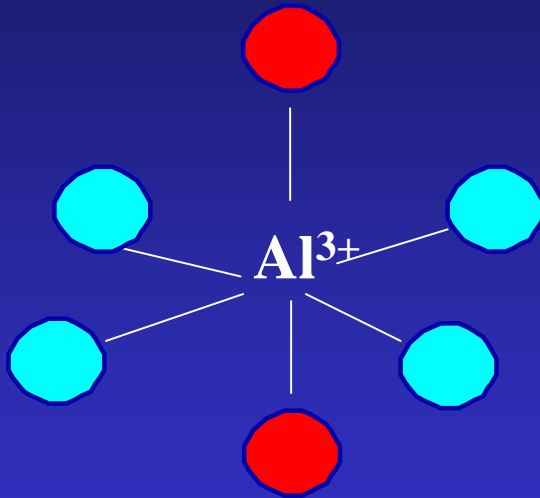
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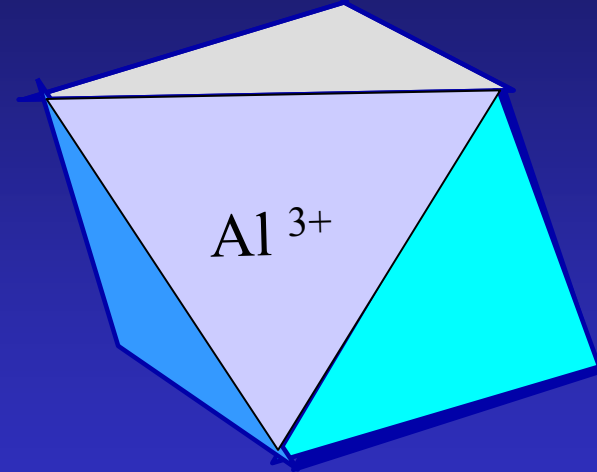
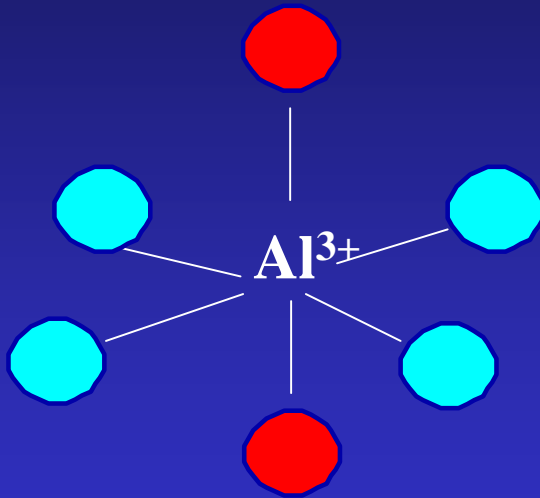
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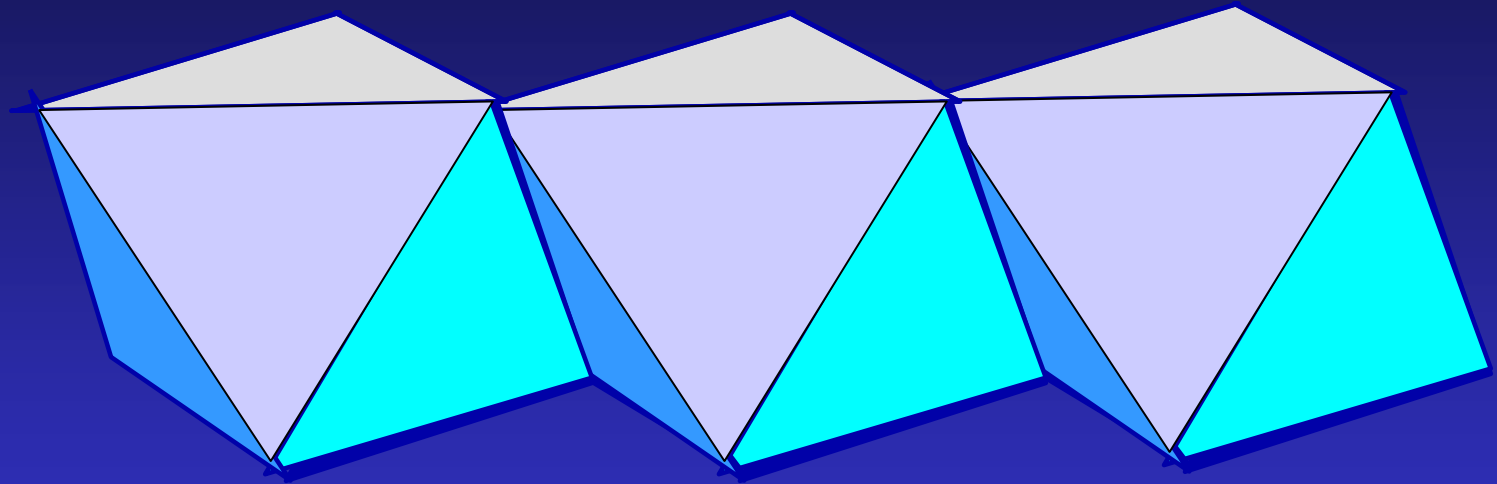


The  $\text{Al}^{3+}$  can be partially or completely replaced by  $\text{Mg}^{2+}$ ,  $\text{Fe}^{3+}$ , or  $\text{Fe}^{2+}$

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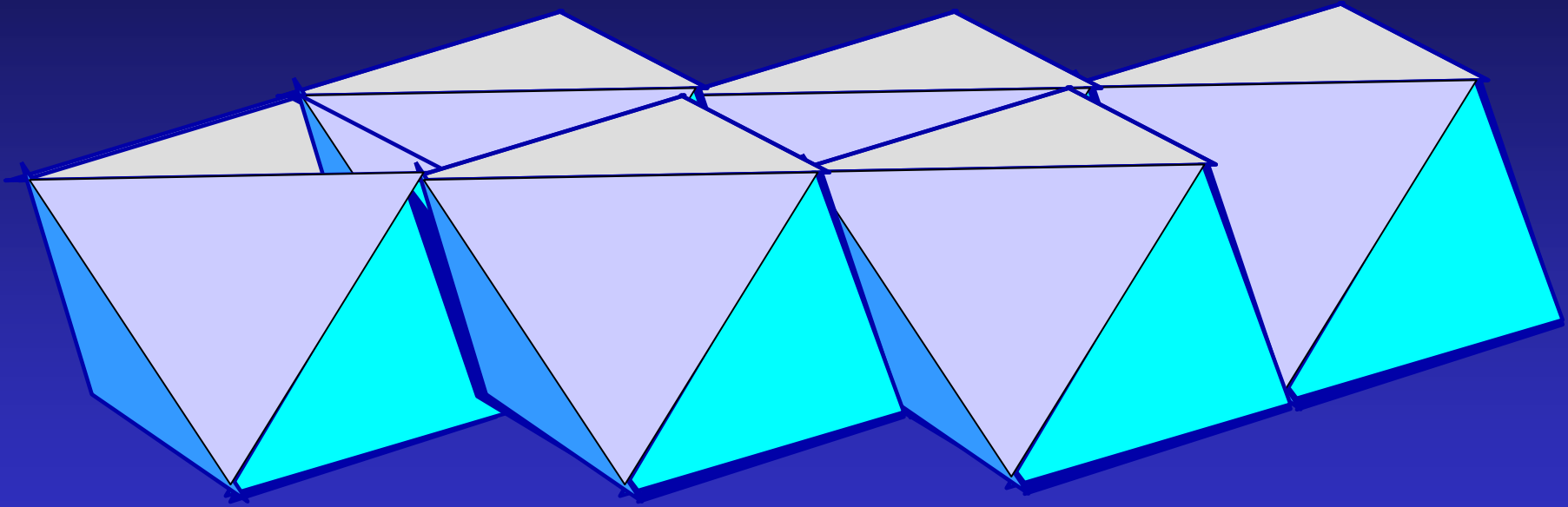
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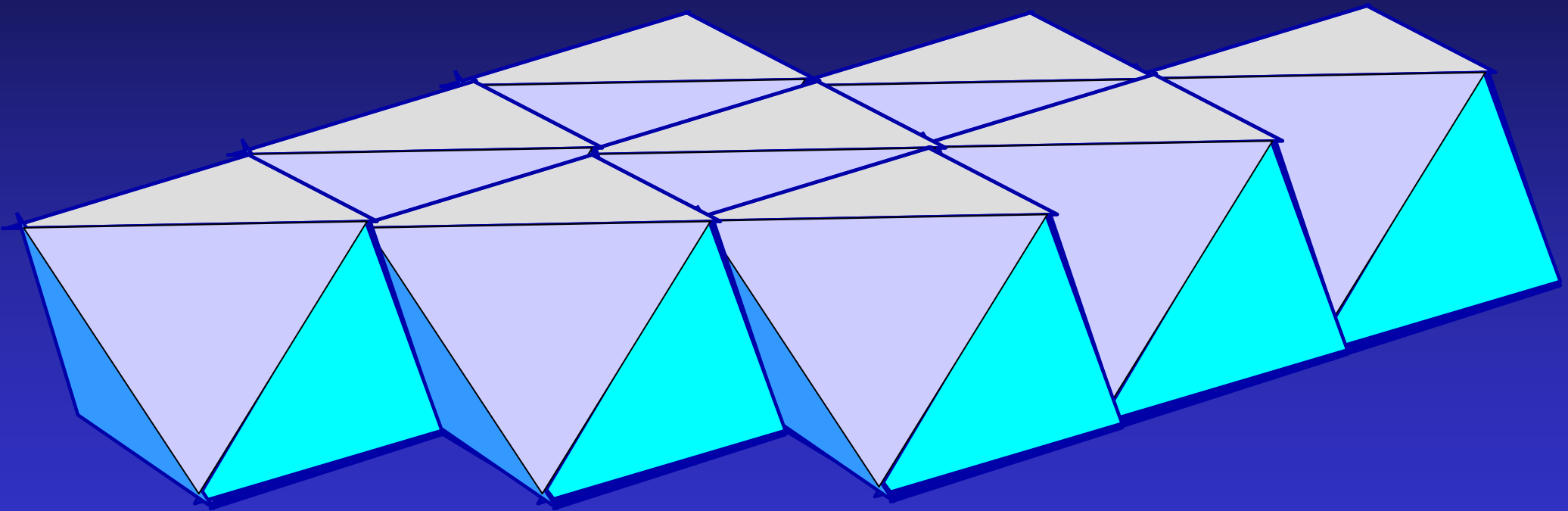
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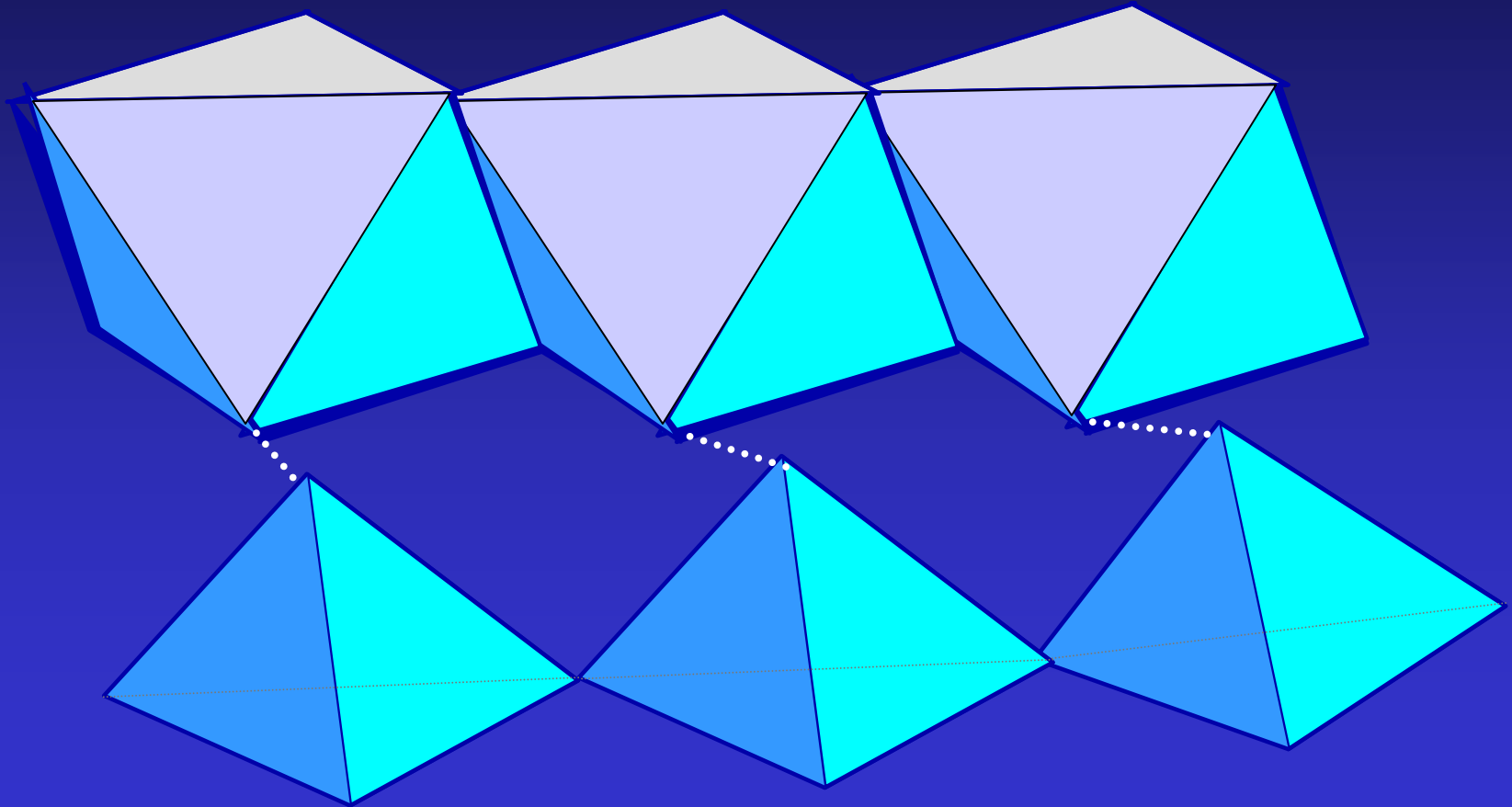
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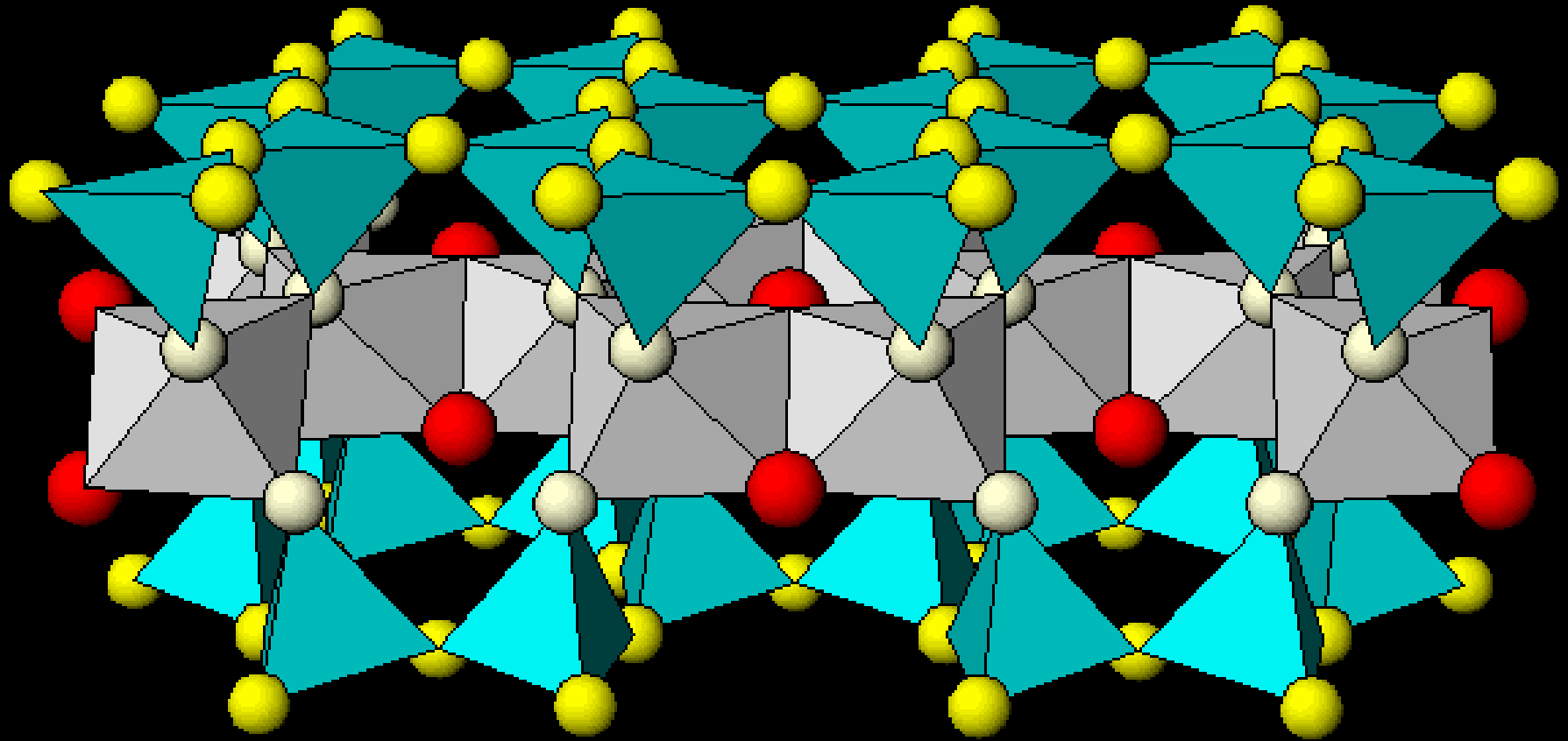


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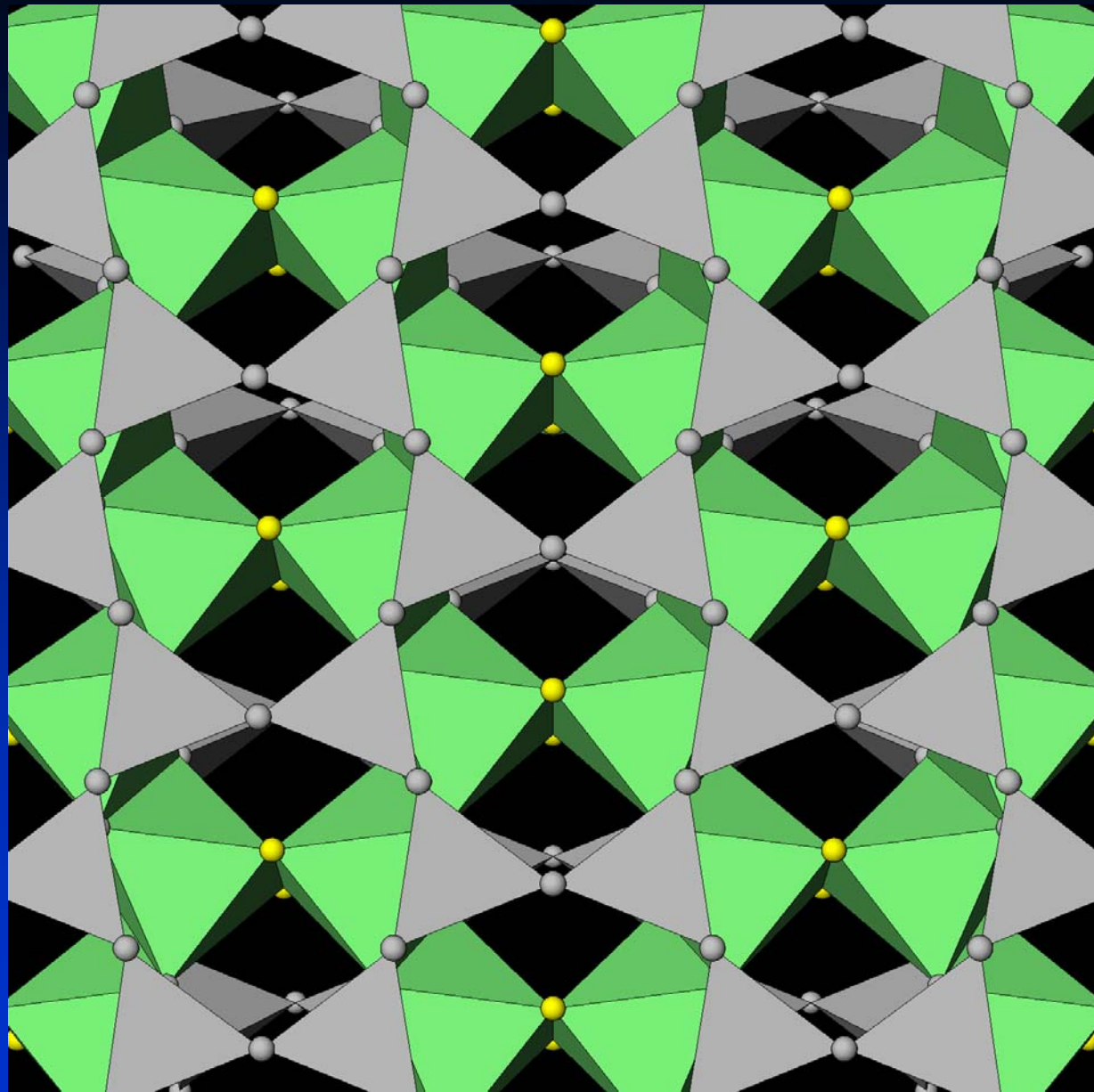
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A Single Clay Layer  
(2  $\mu\text{m}$  wide x 0.00096  $\mu\text{m}$  thick)



# The Layers Stack One Upon Another

Tetrahedral

Octahedral

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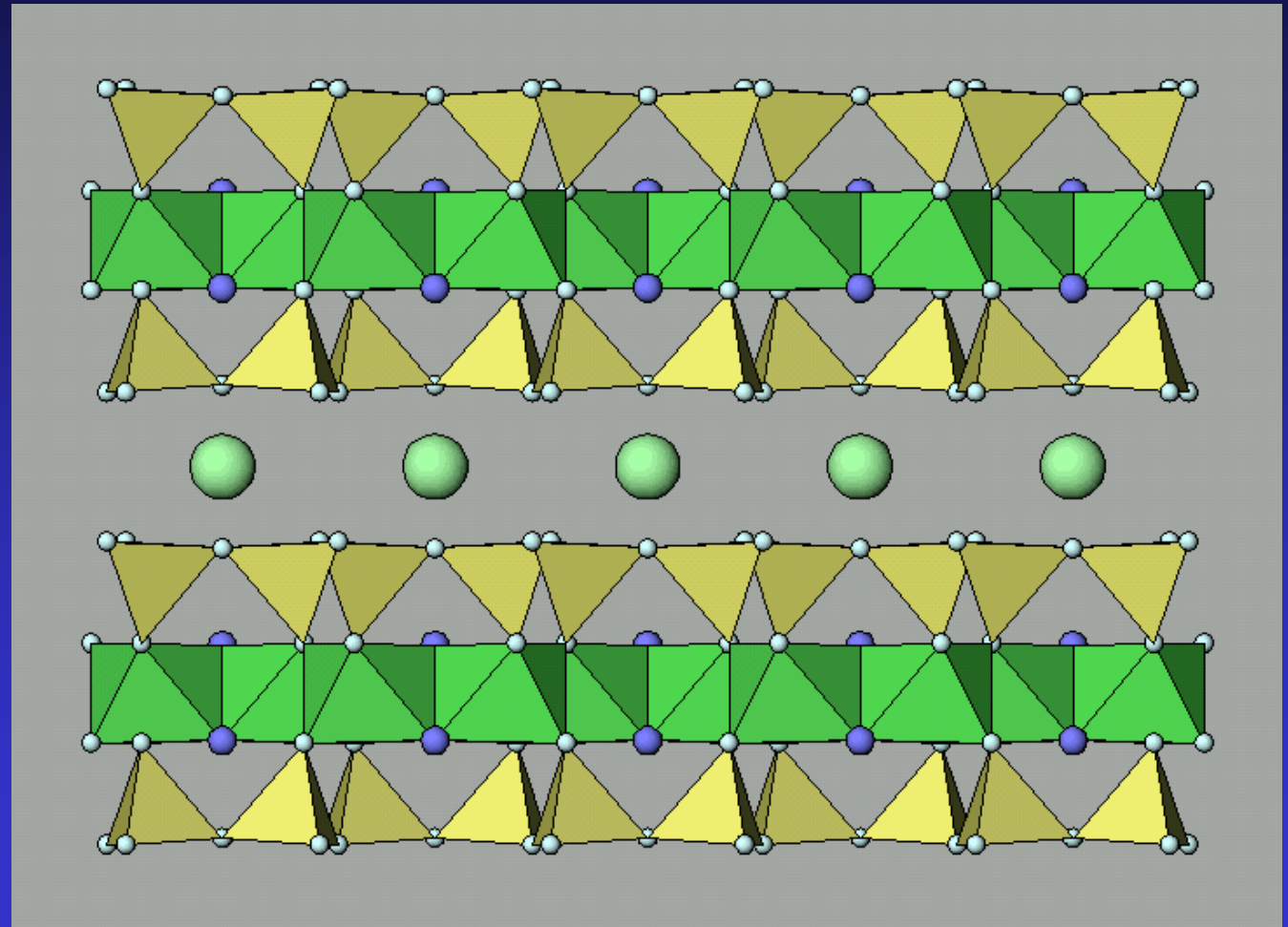
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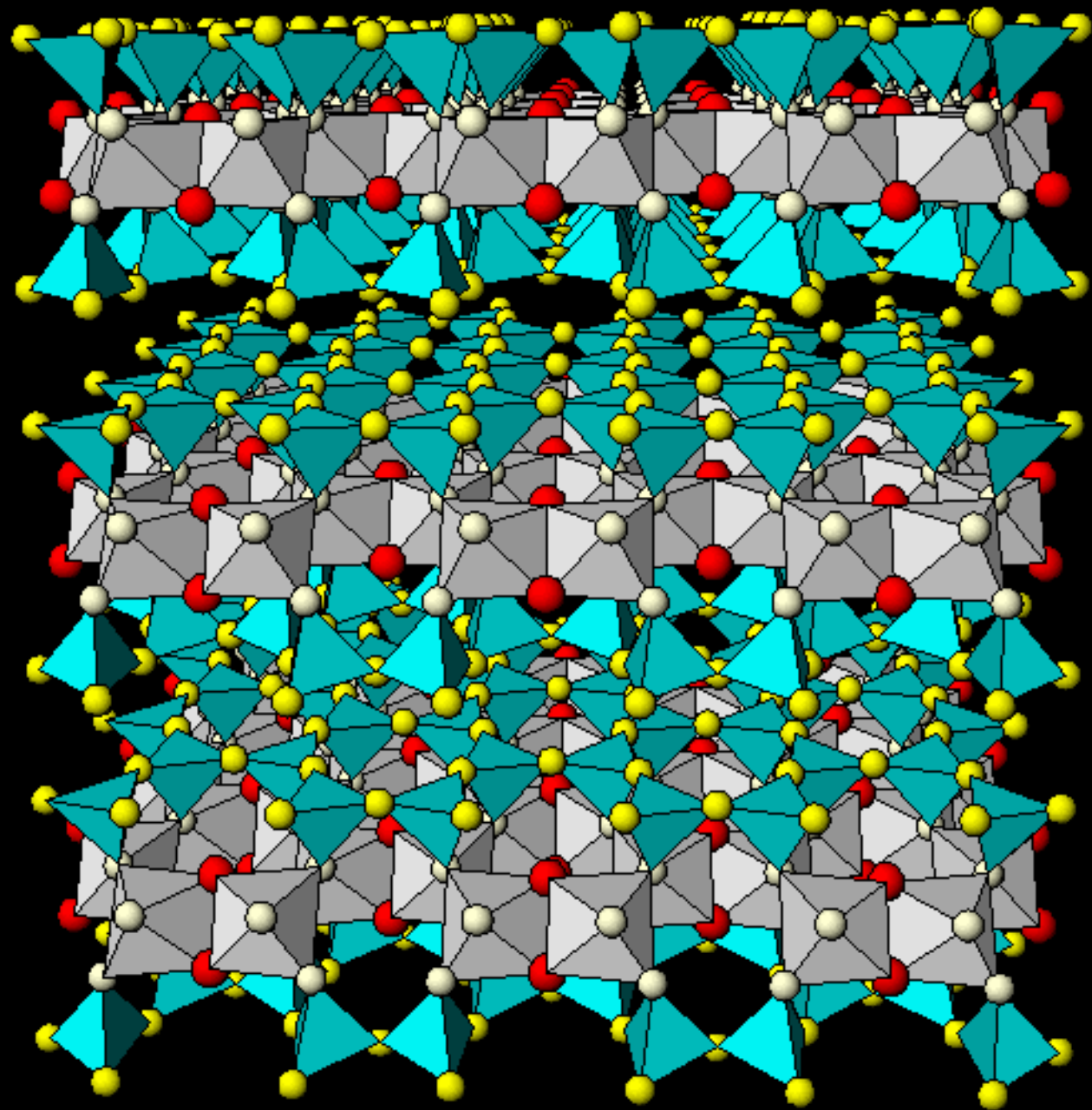
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# Iron in the Octahedral Sheet Can Be Reduced and Reoxidized

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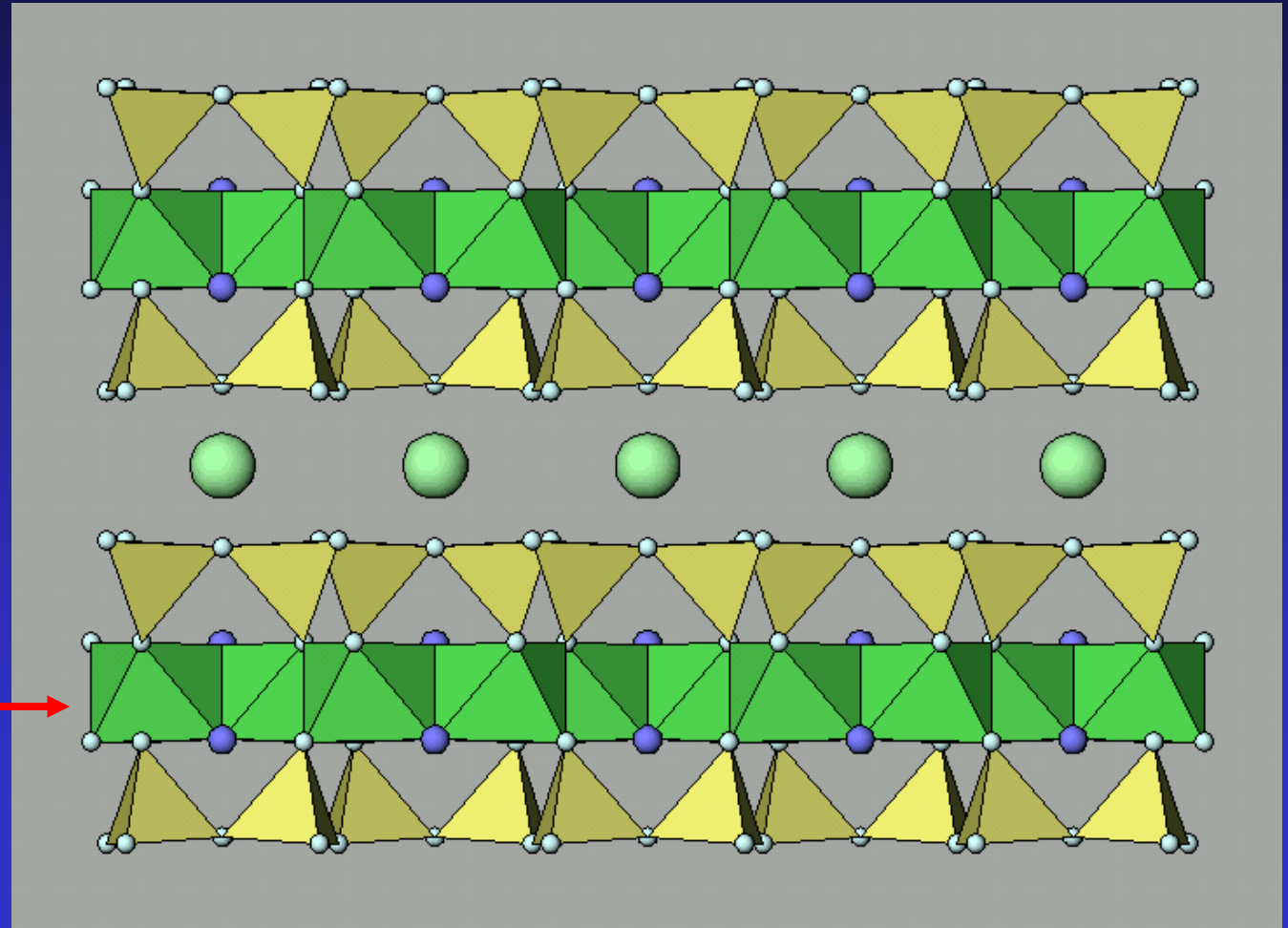
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# Isomorphous Substitution in Clays

Cation	Replacement	Change in Charge
$\text{Al}^{3+}$	$\text{Fe}^{3+}$	<b>0</b>
$\text{Al}^{3+}$	$\text{Mg}^{2+}$	<b>-1</b>
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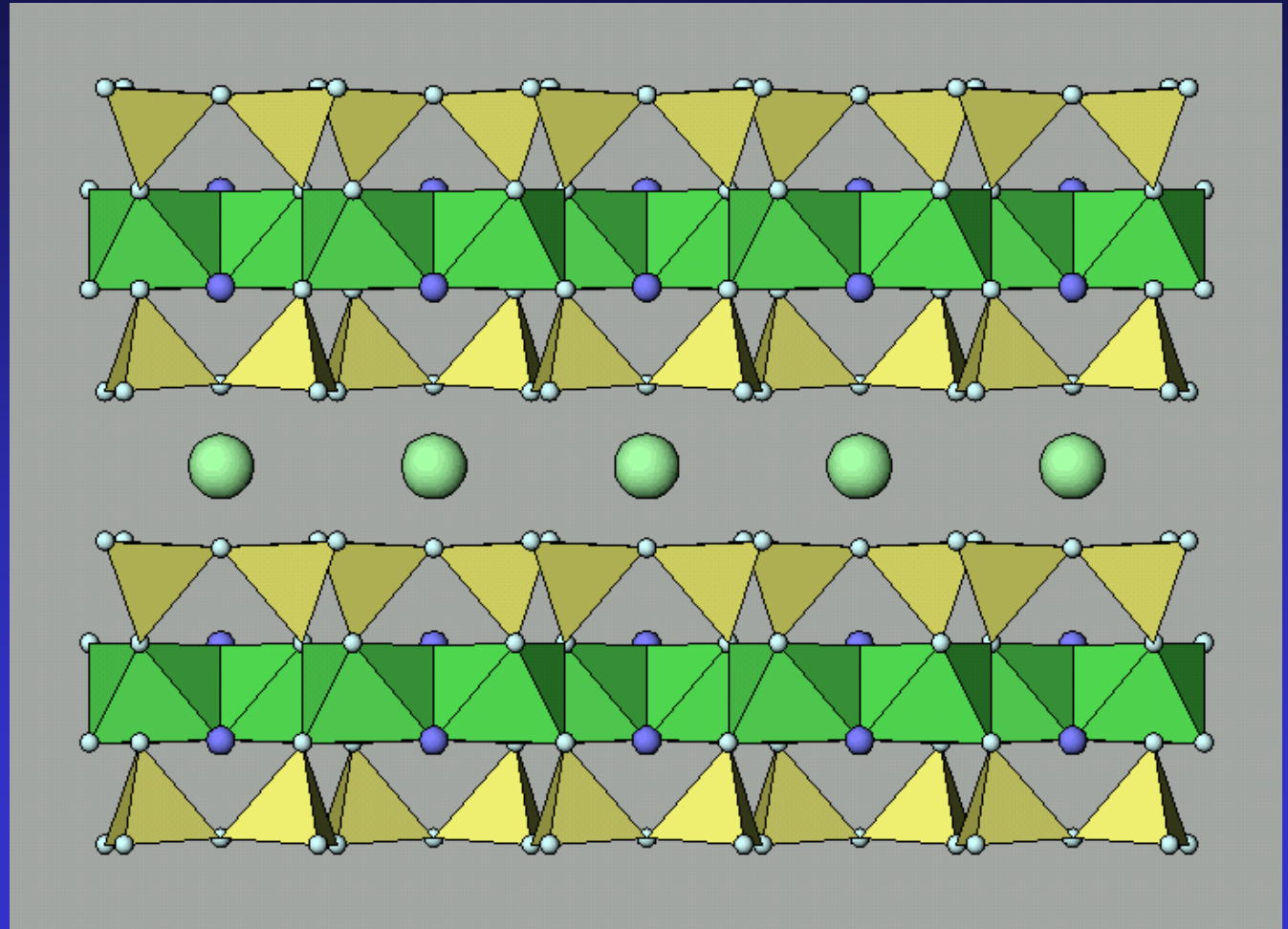
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# The Interlayer Region Is A Rich Chemical Environment

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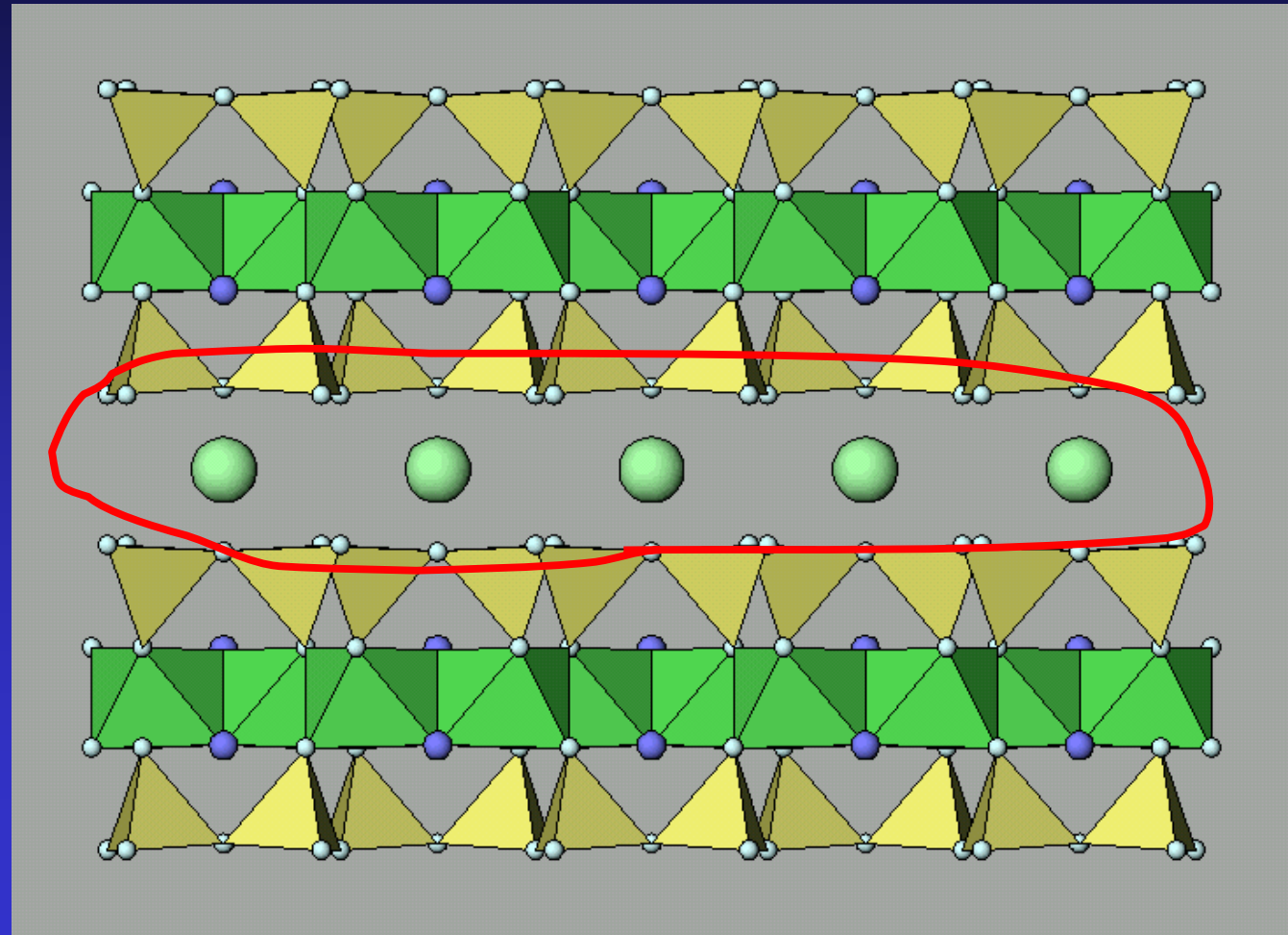
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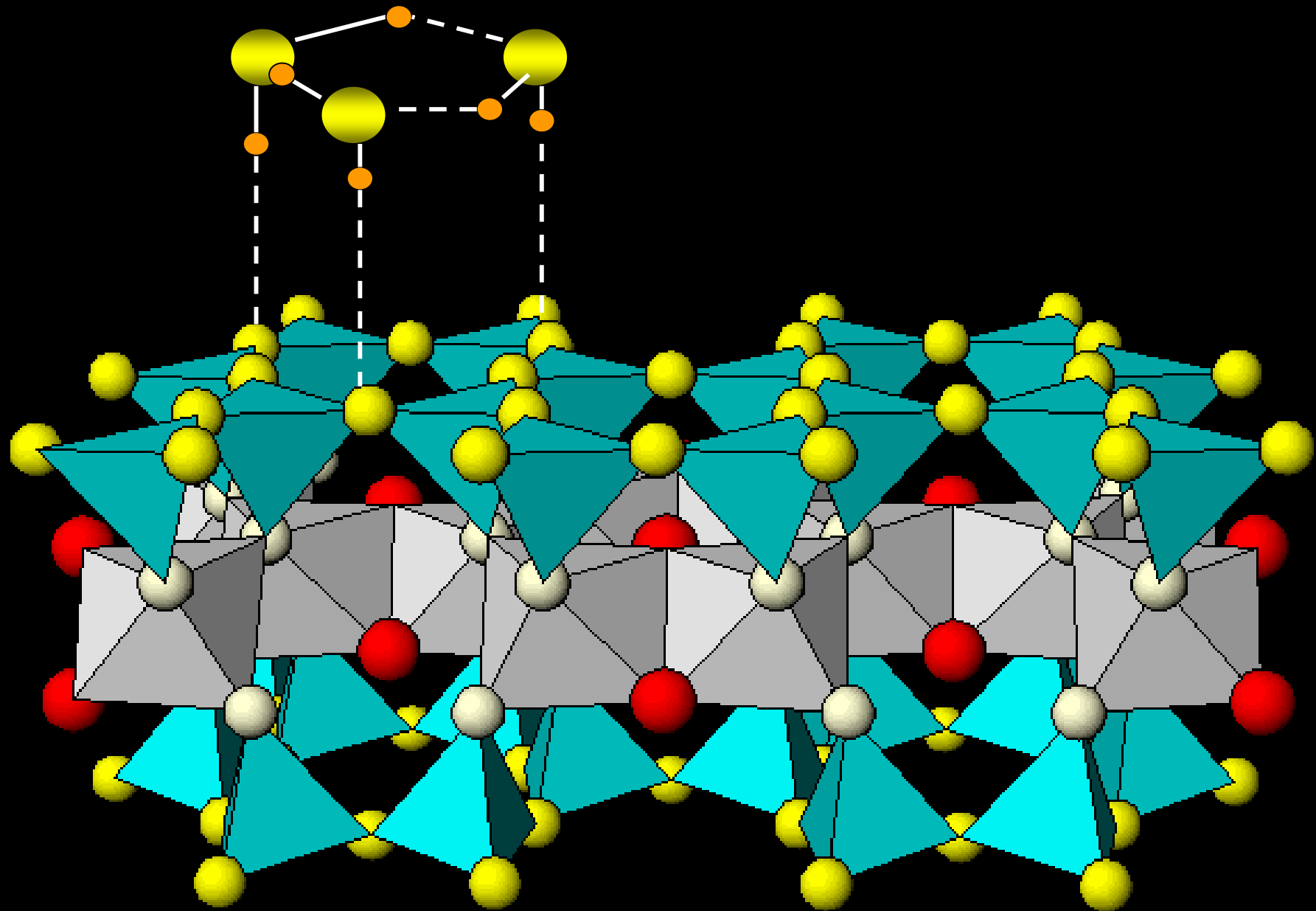
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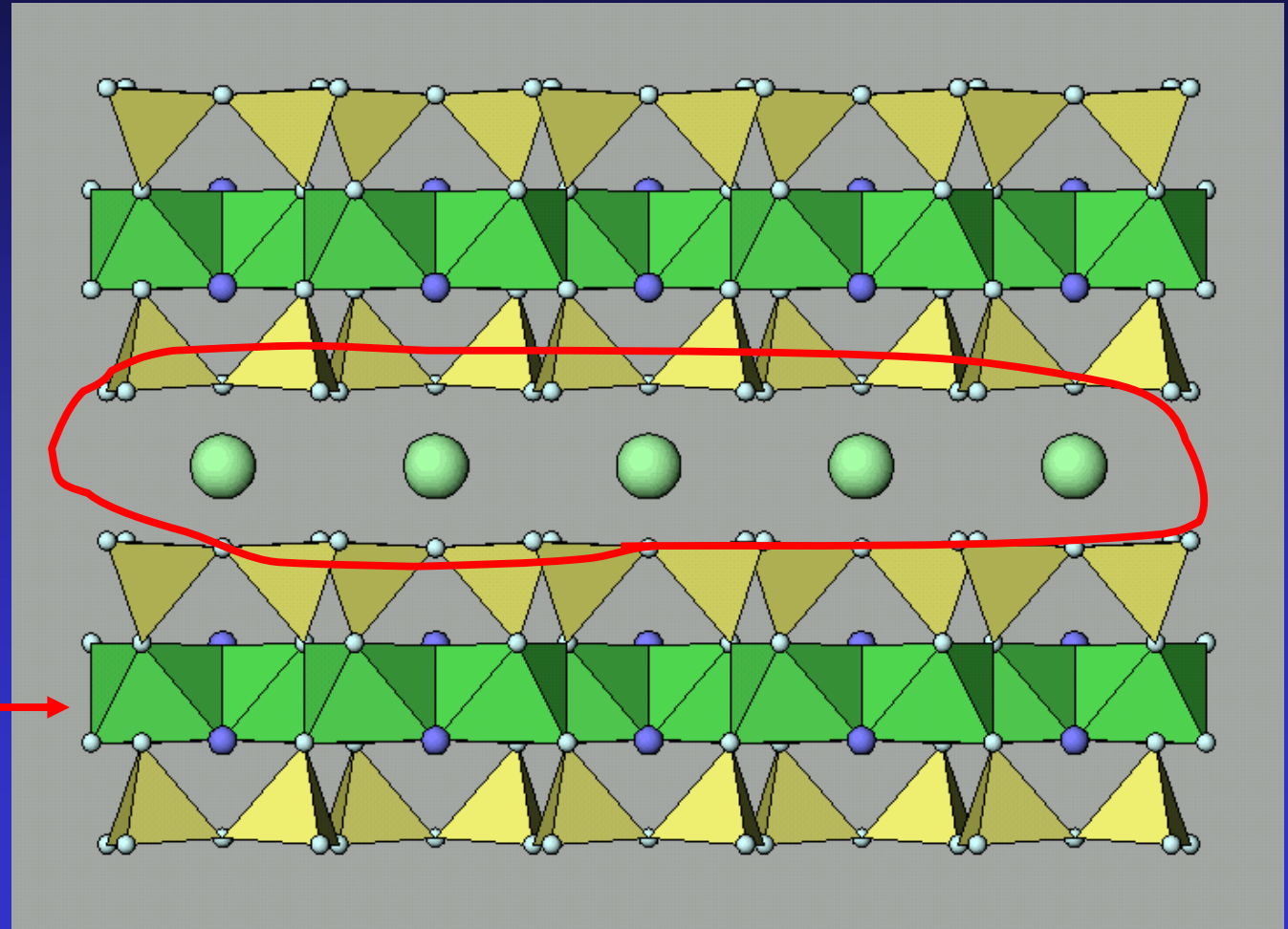
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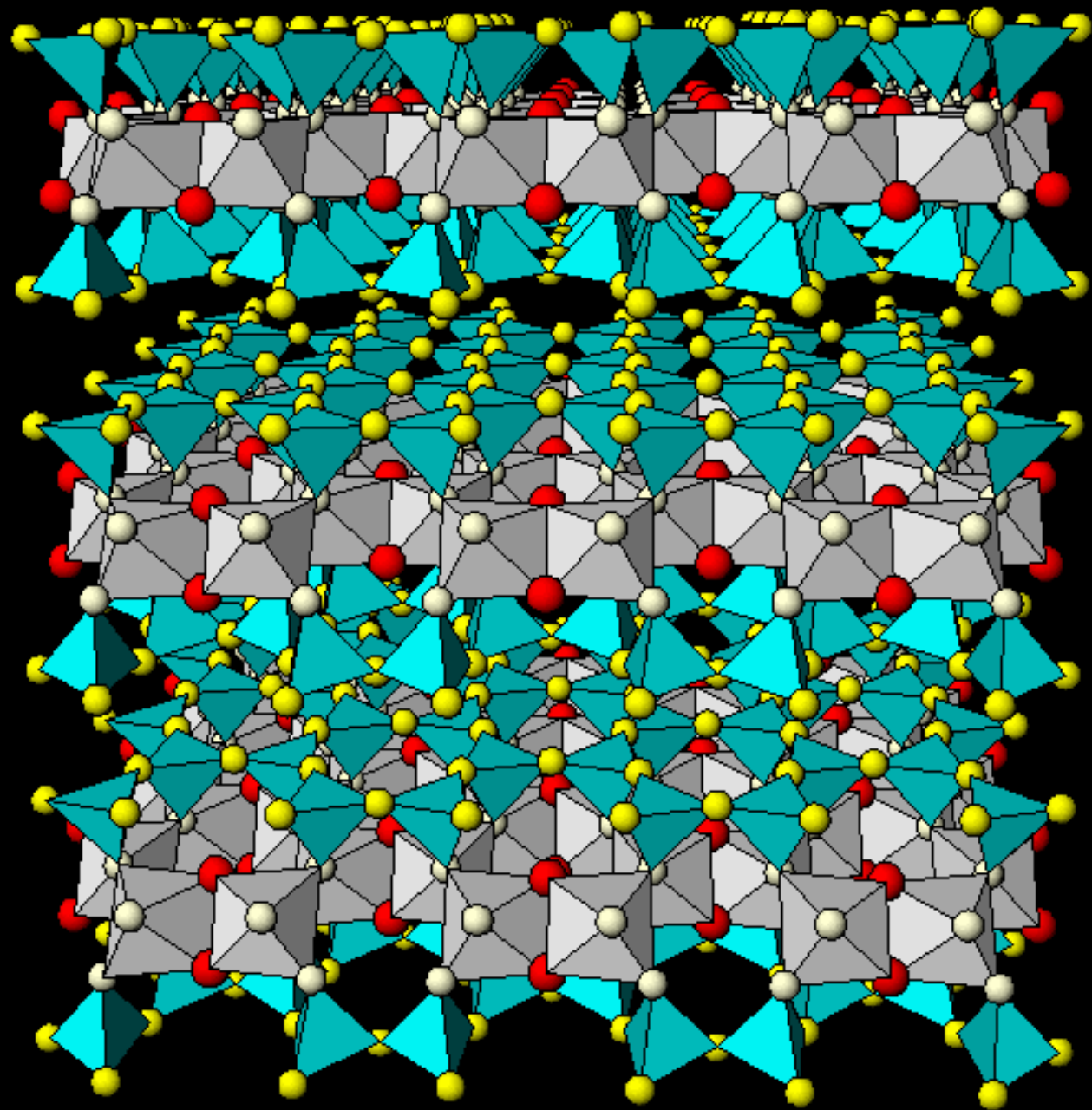
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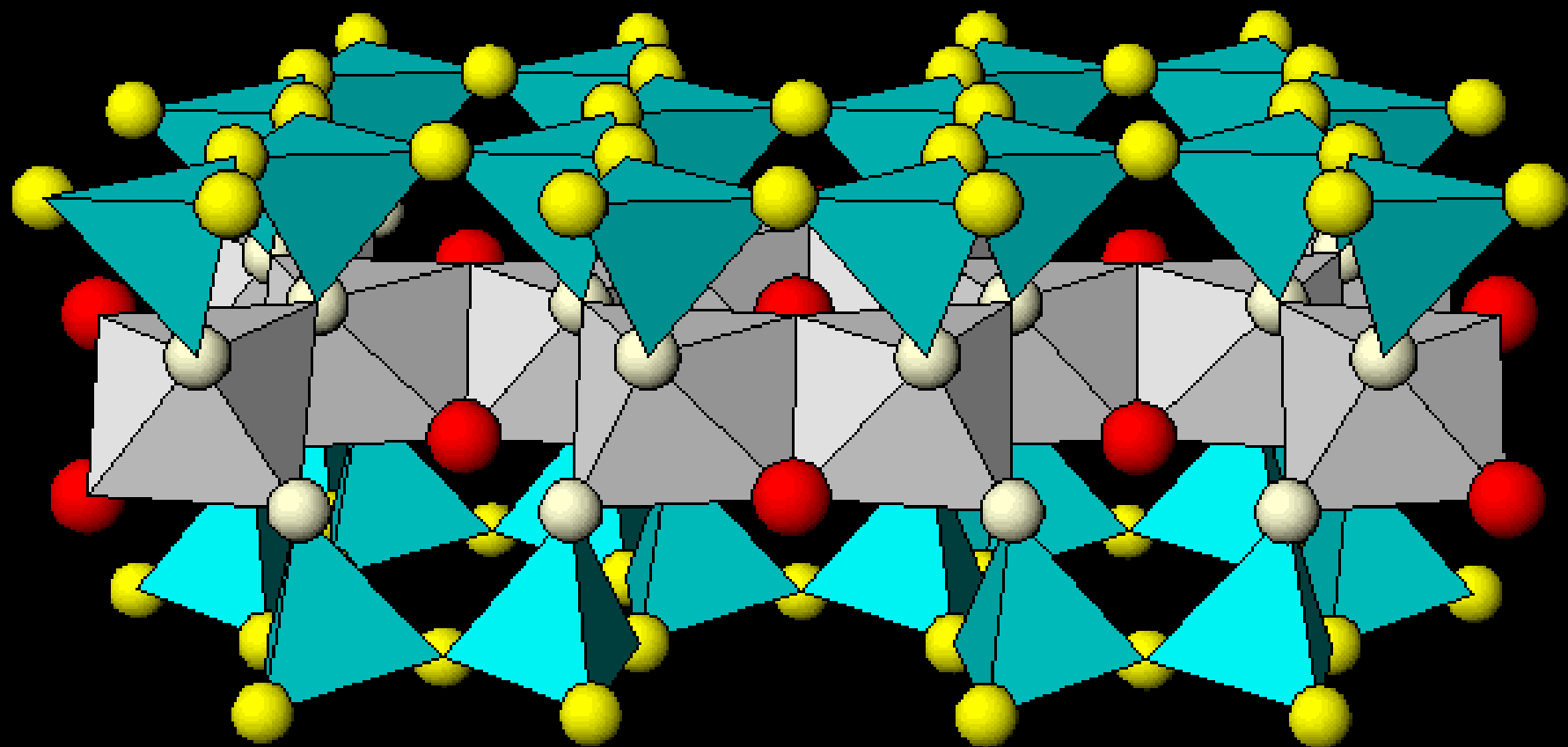
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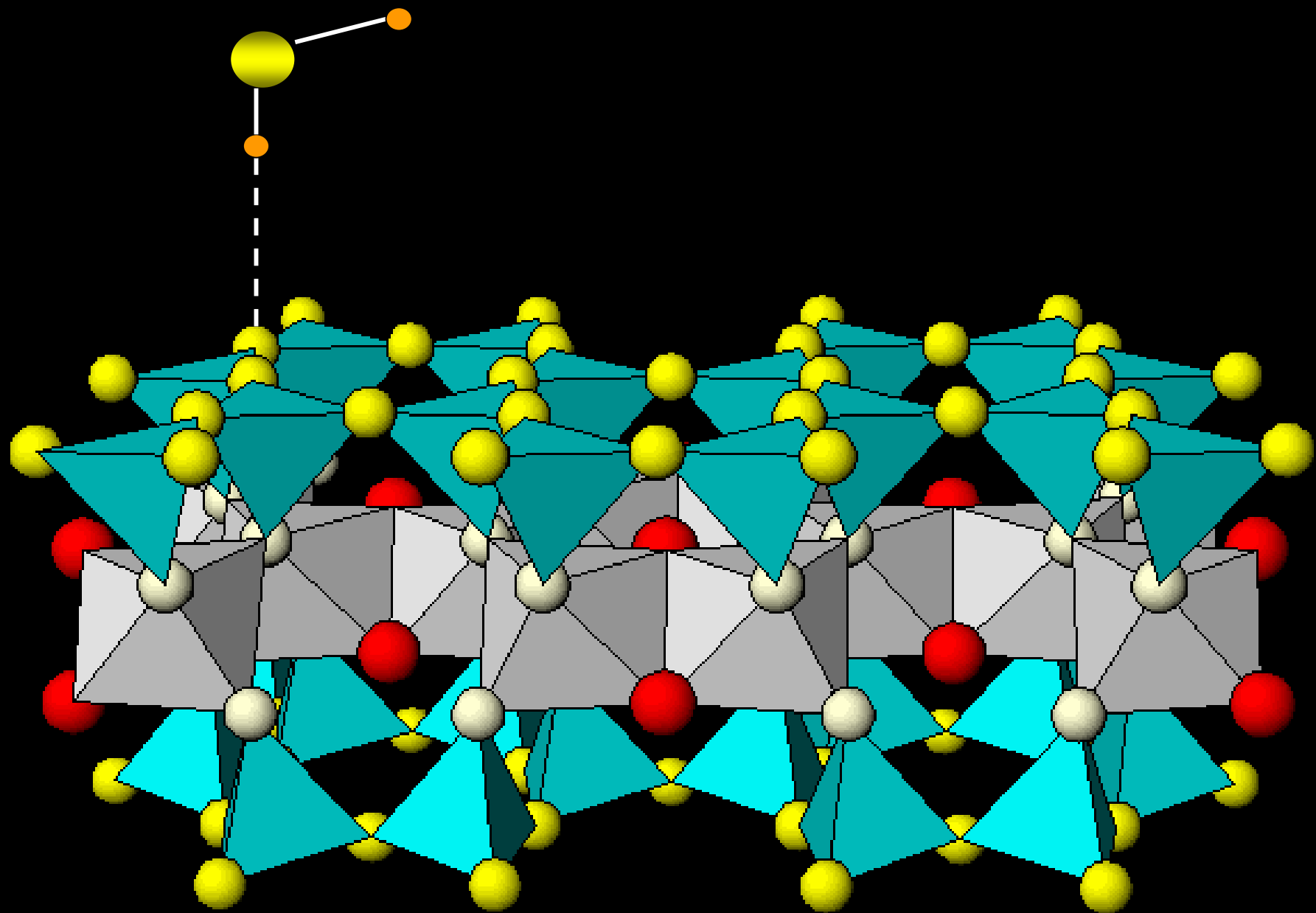
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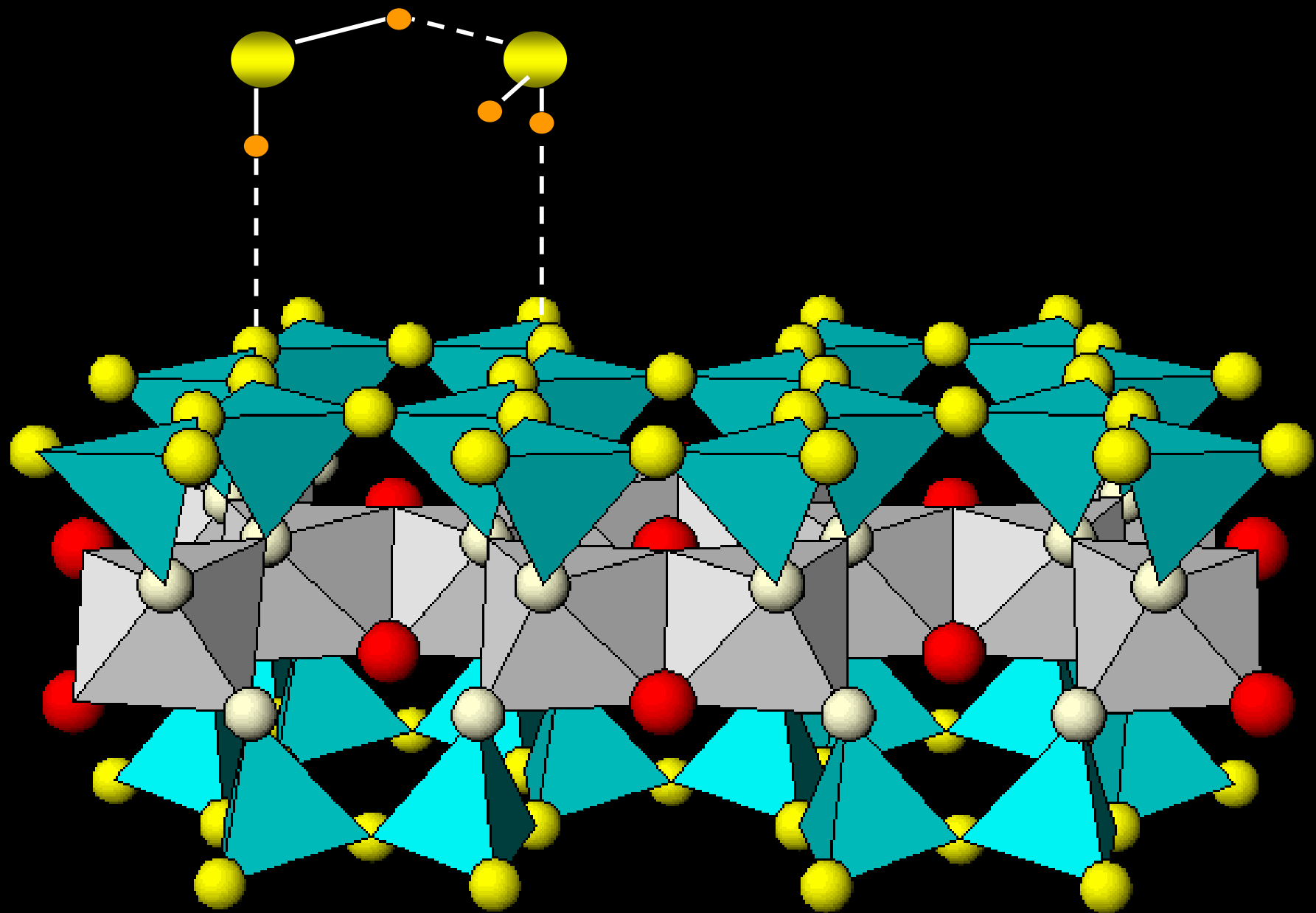
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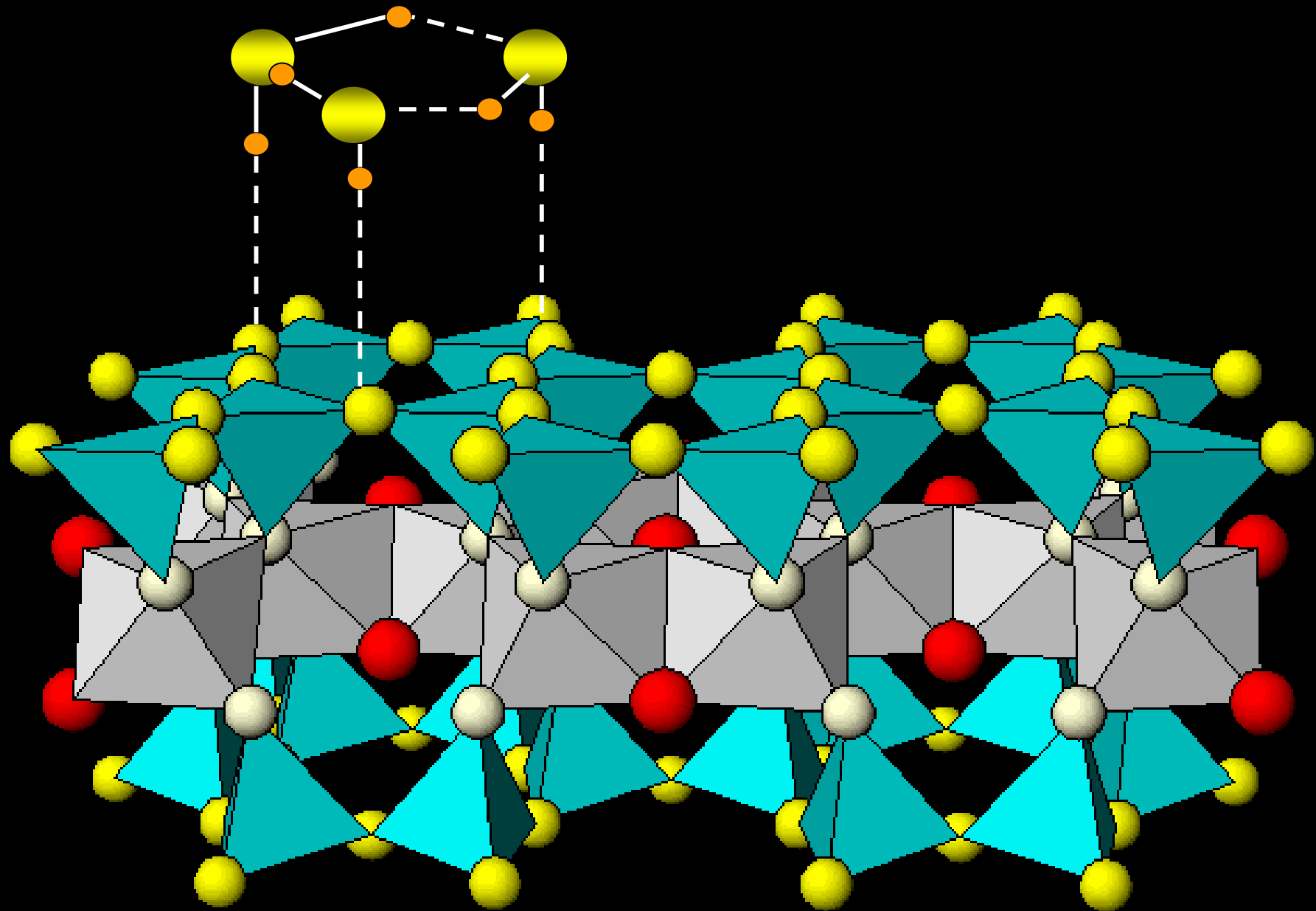




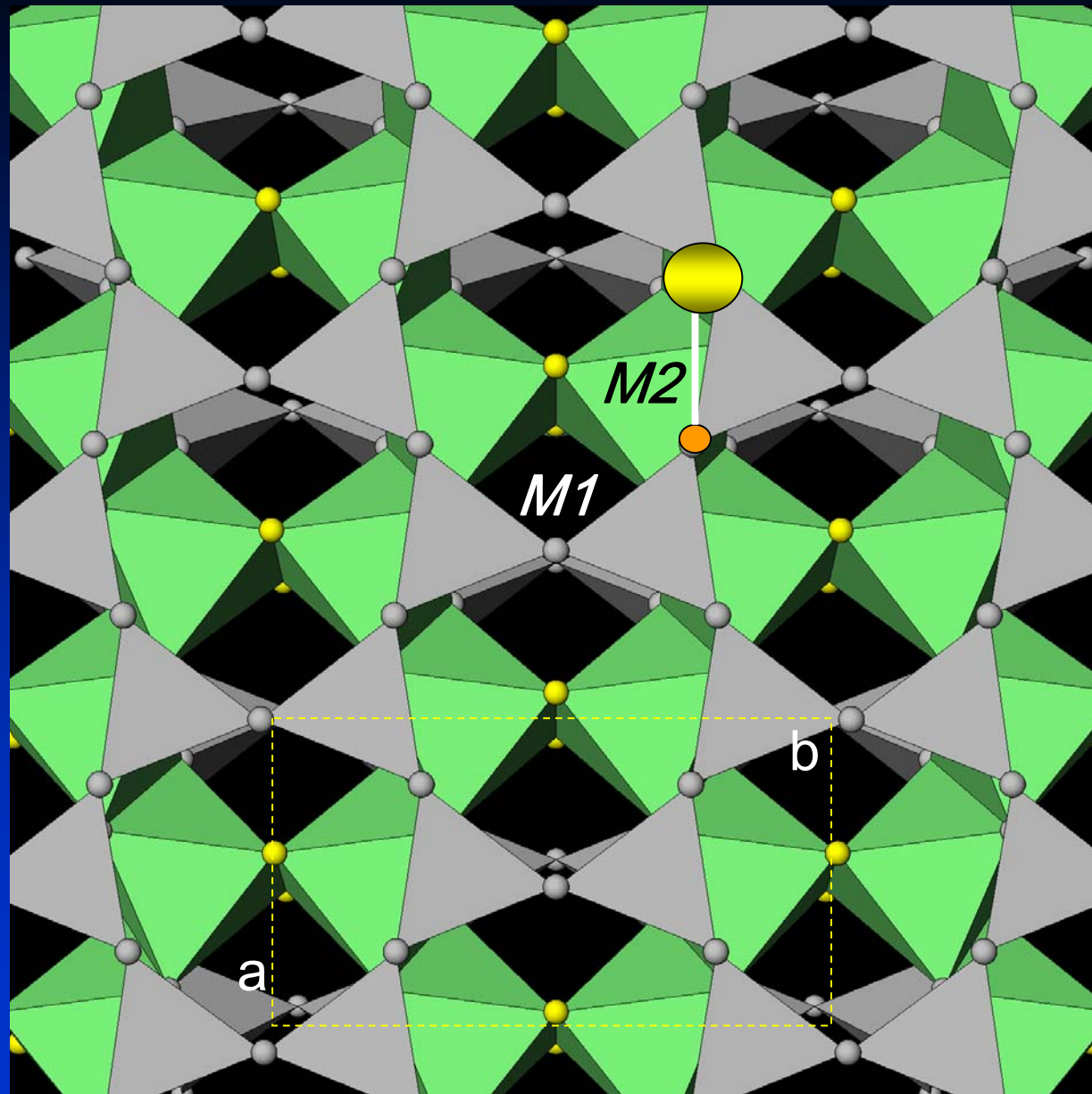


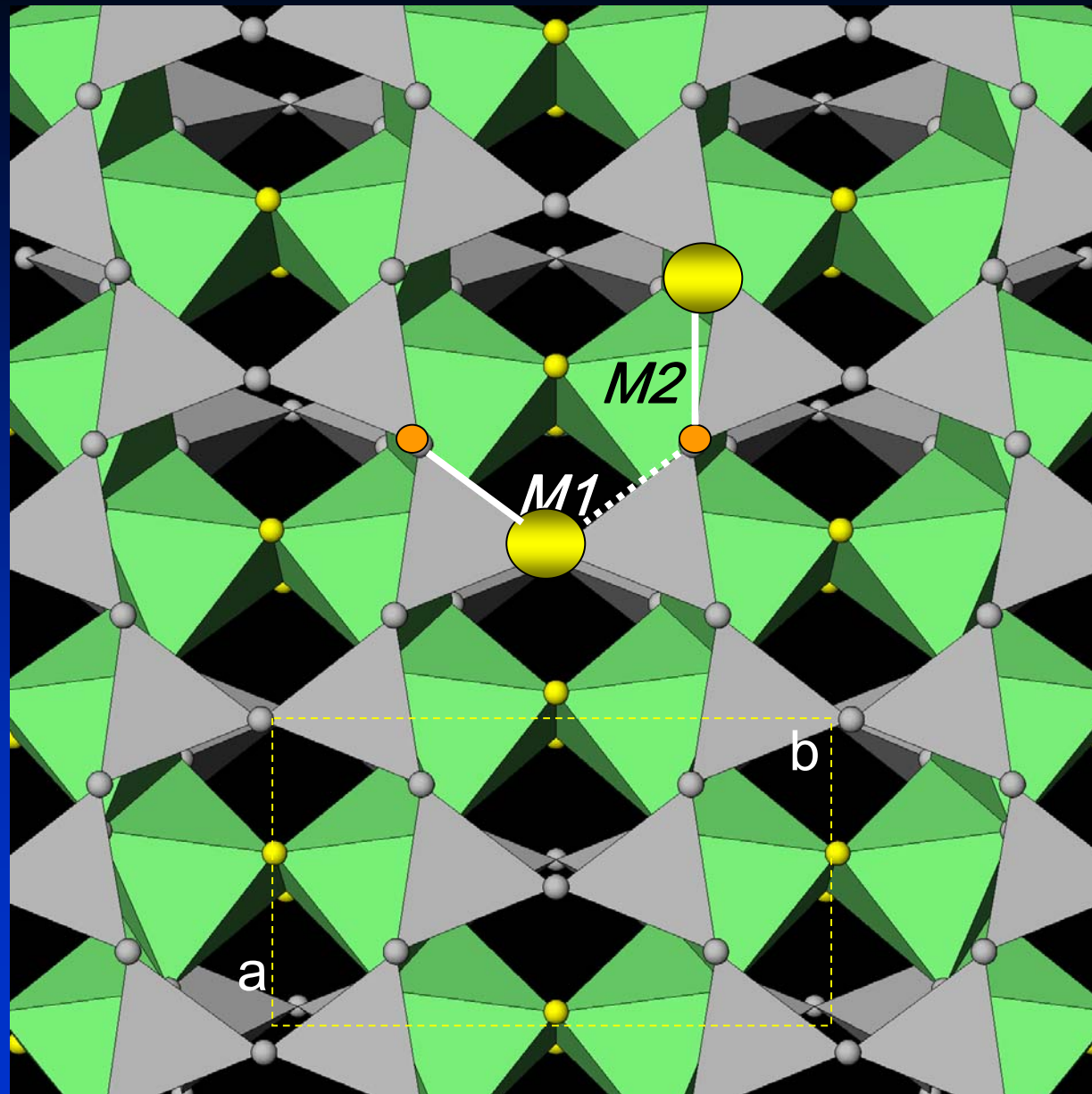


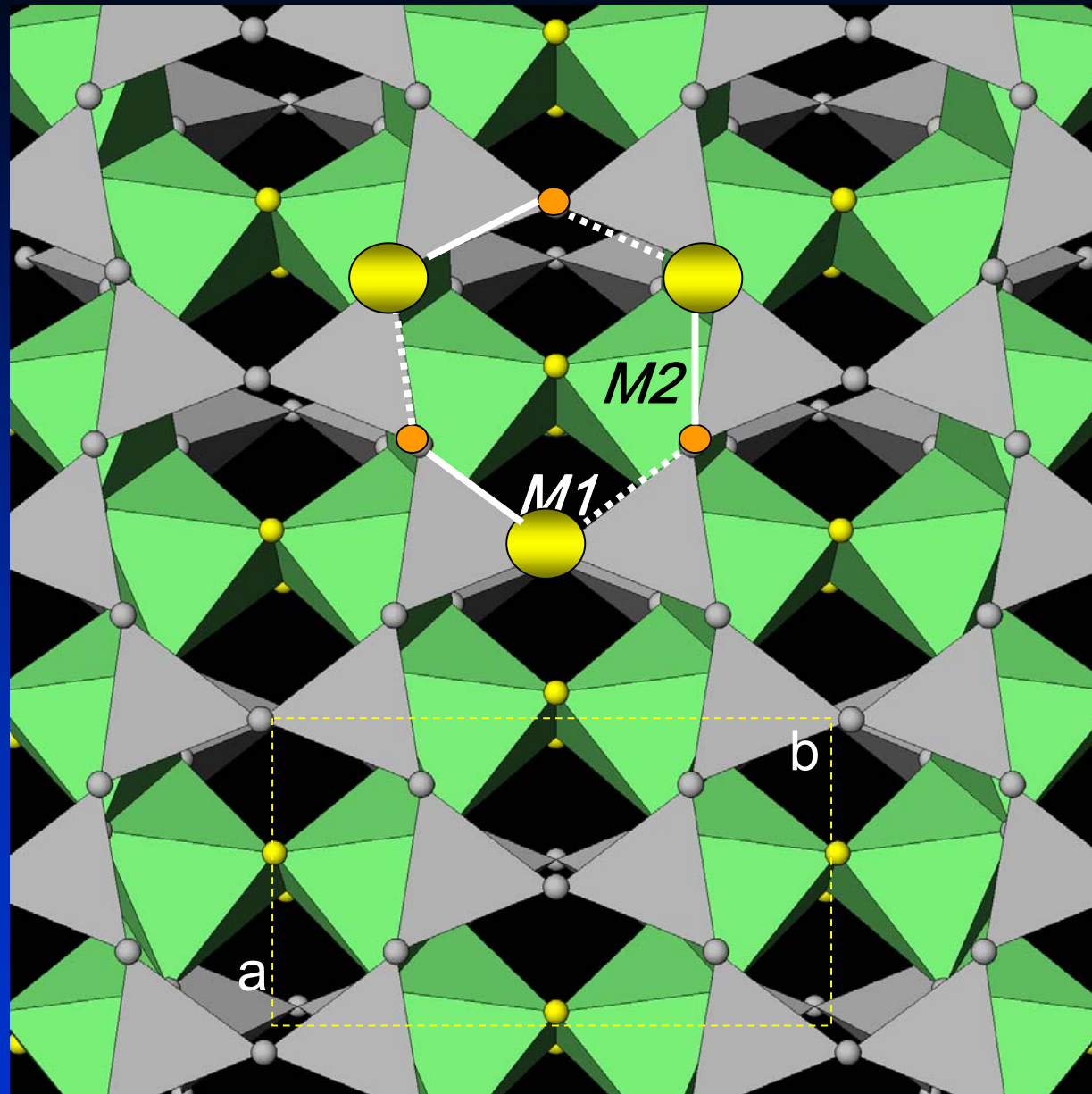












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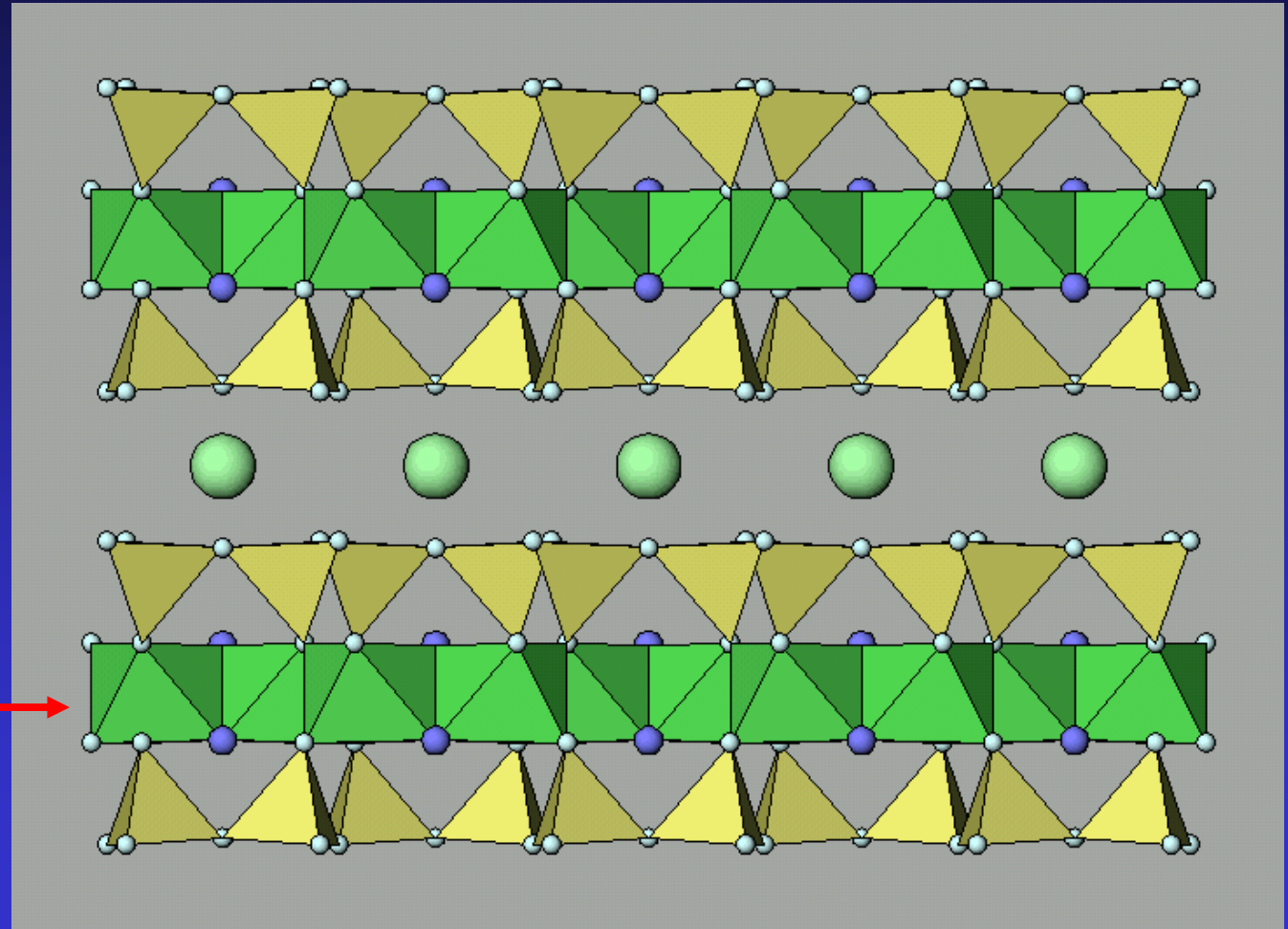
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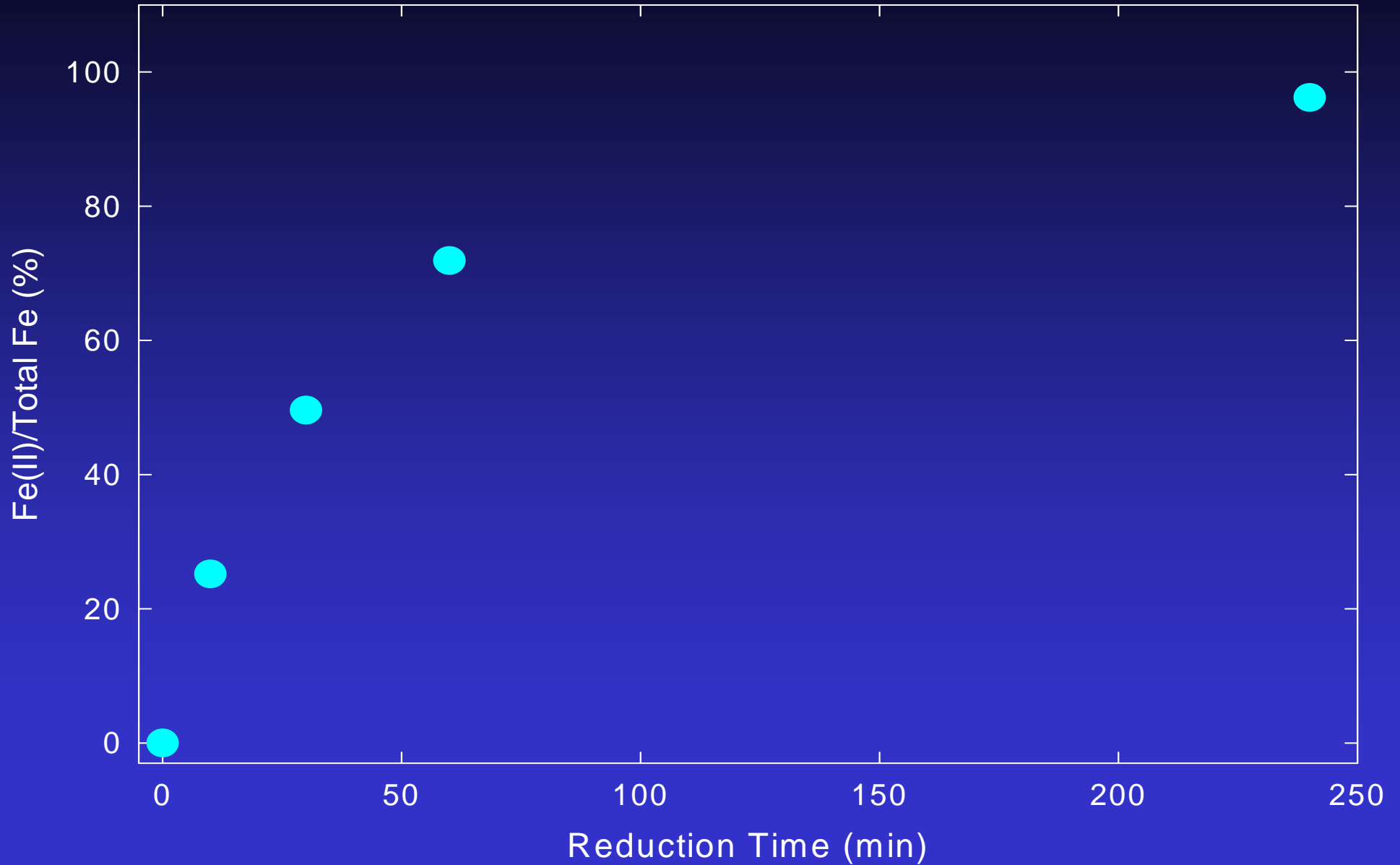


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# Garfield Nontronite Reduction with Dithionite



Oxidized

Smectite from Senegalese Soil

Dithionite  
Reduced



Ferruginous Smectite SWa-1



Courtesy Pascal Boivin and Fabienne Favre

Visible Light Source  
(Tungsten Lamp)



$$\Delta E_{vis} = h\nu$$

$I_0$



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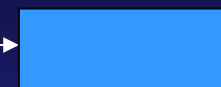
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$$\text{Absorbance} = \log(I_0 / I)$$



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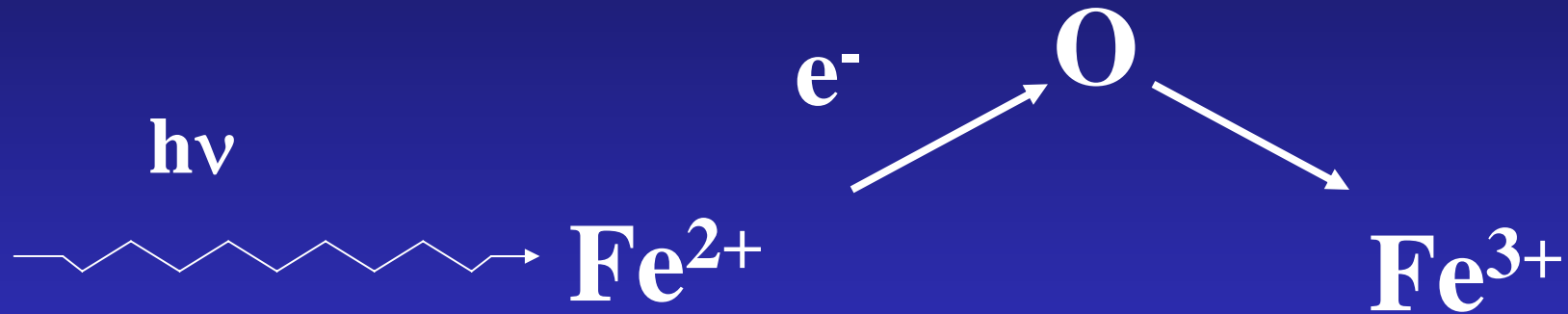




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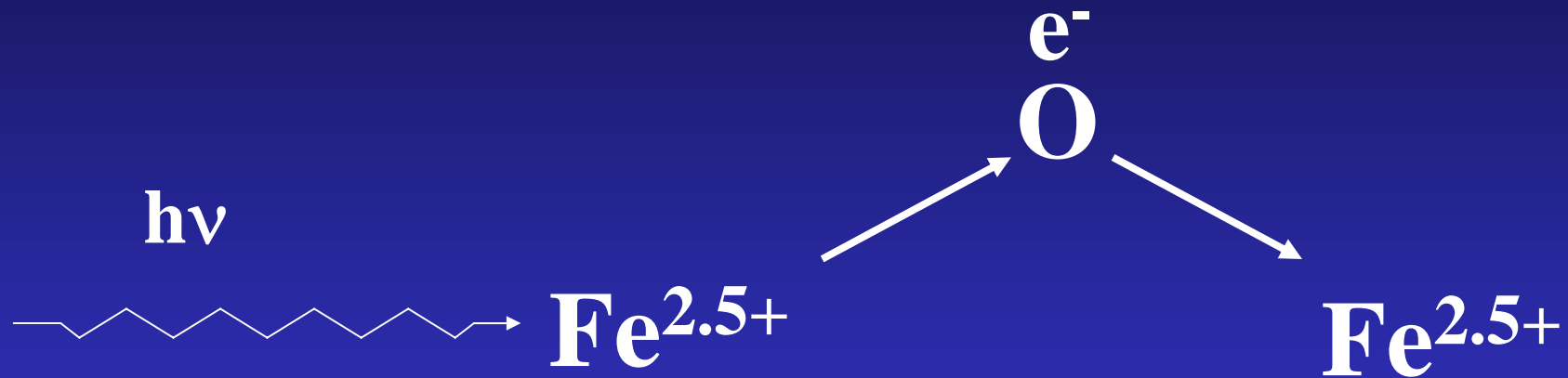


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0

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2

3

4

5

Time (hr)

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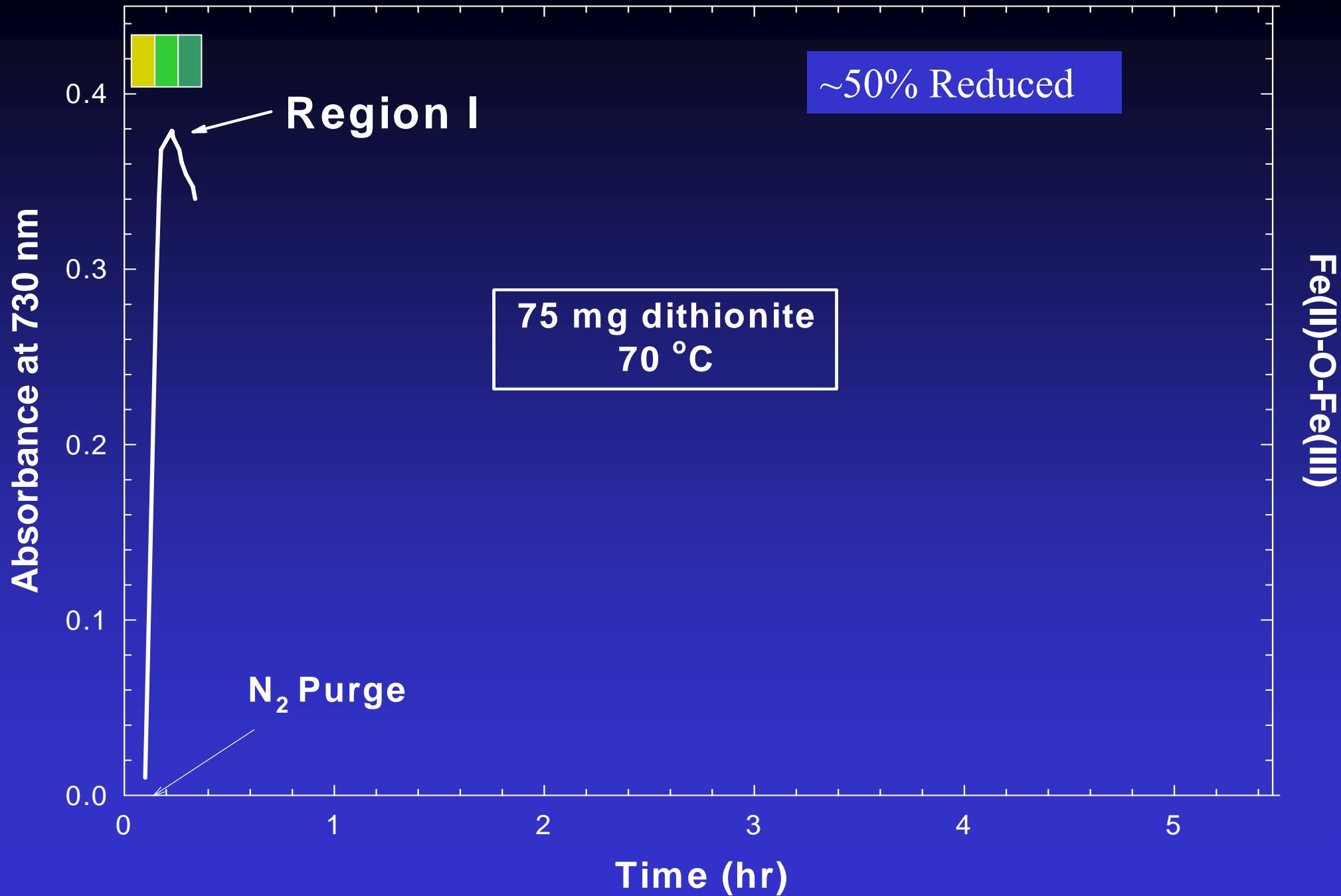
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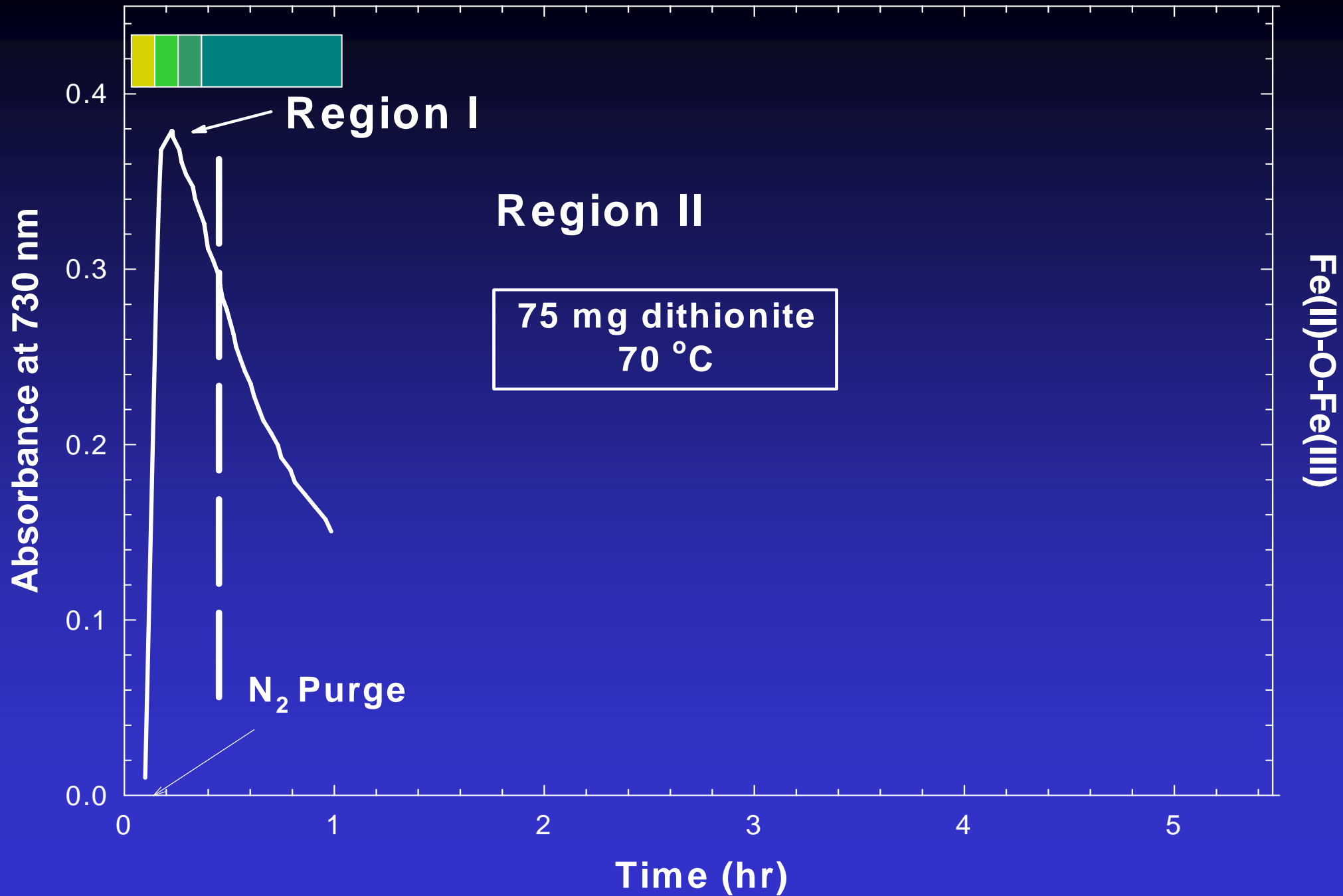
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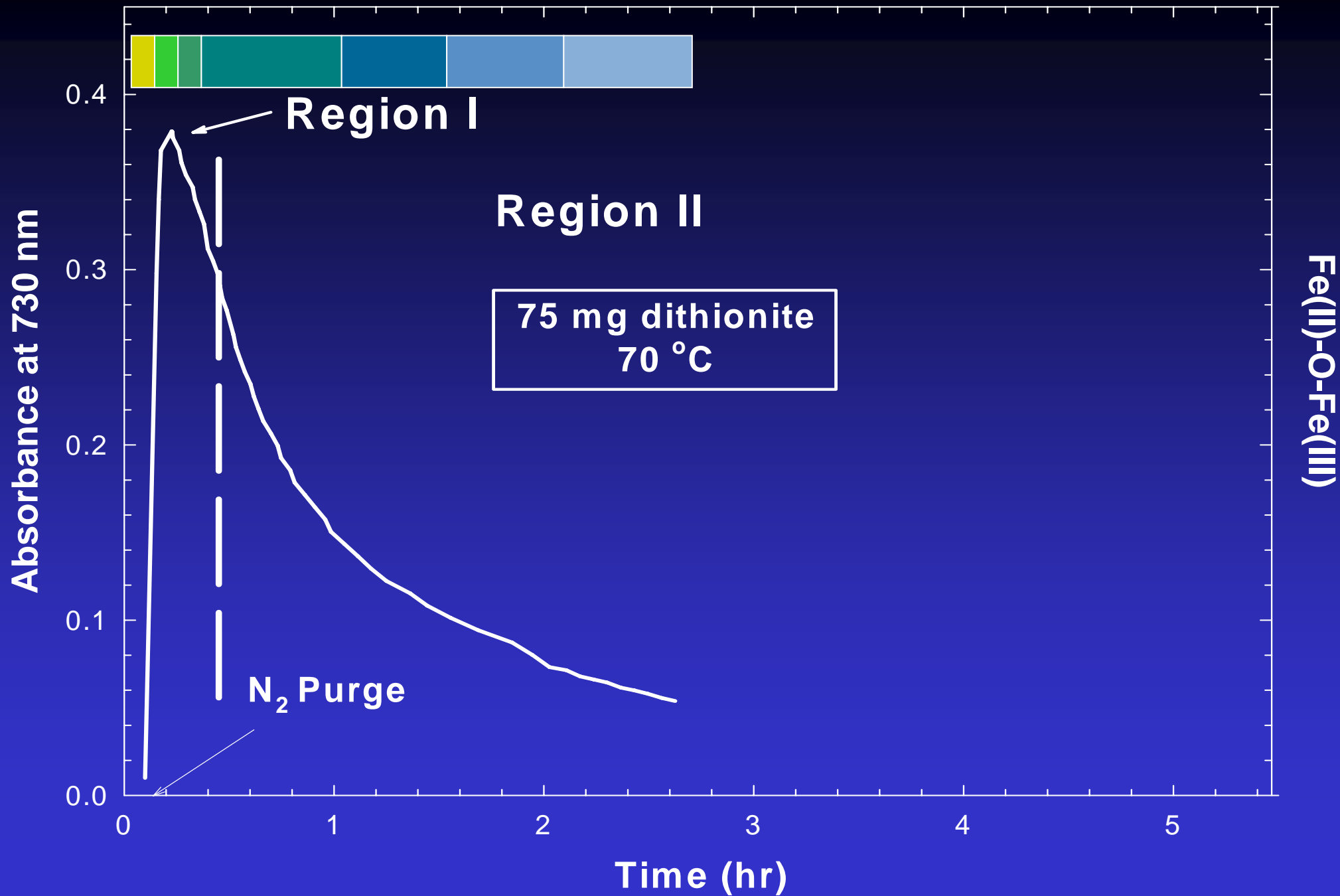
N<sub>2</sub> Purge

Fe(II)-O-Fe(III)



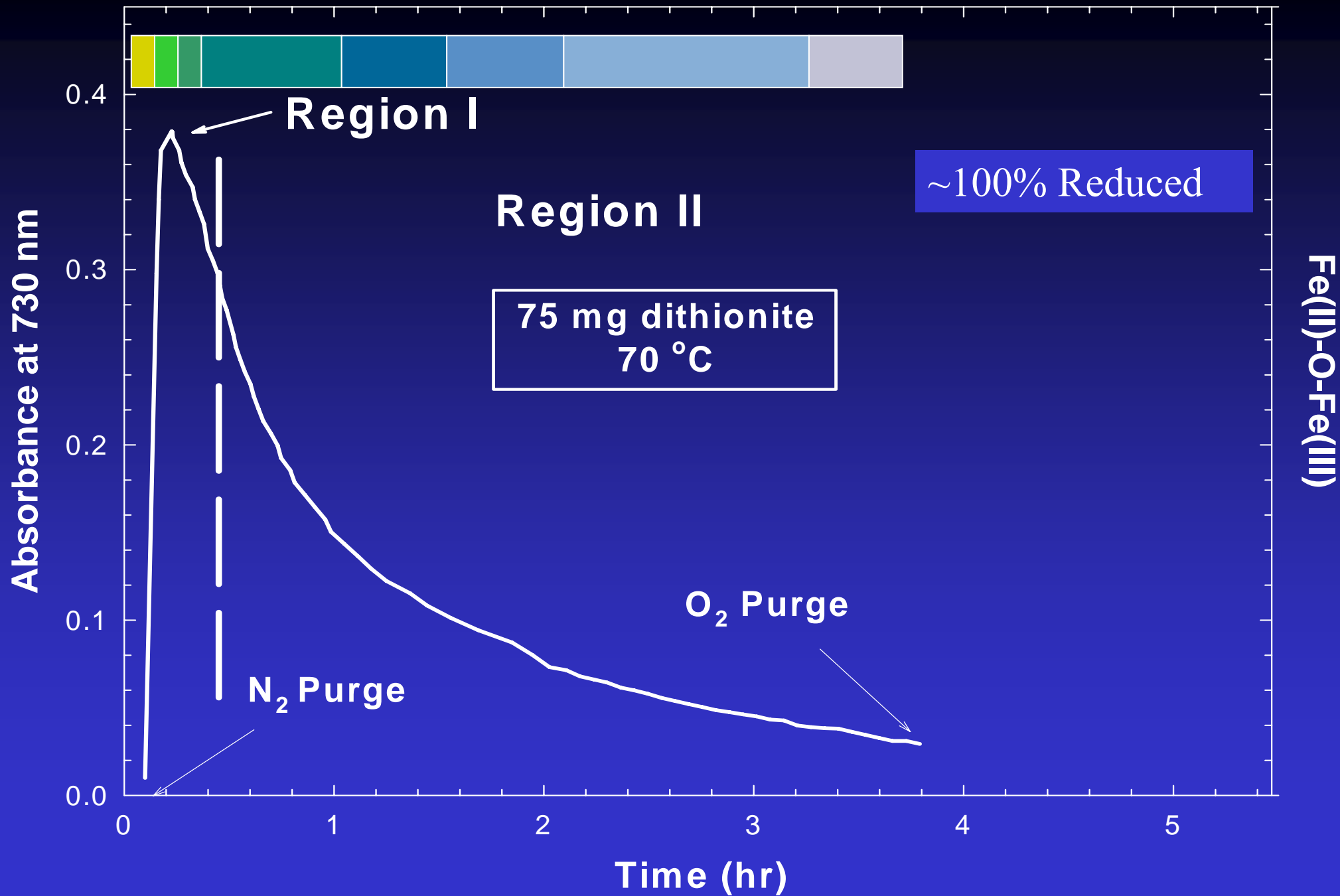


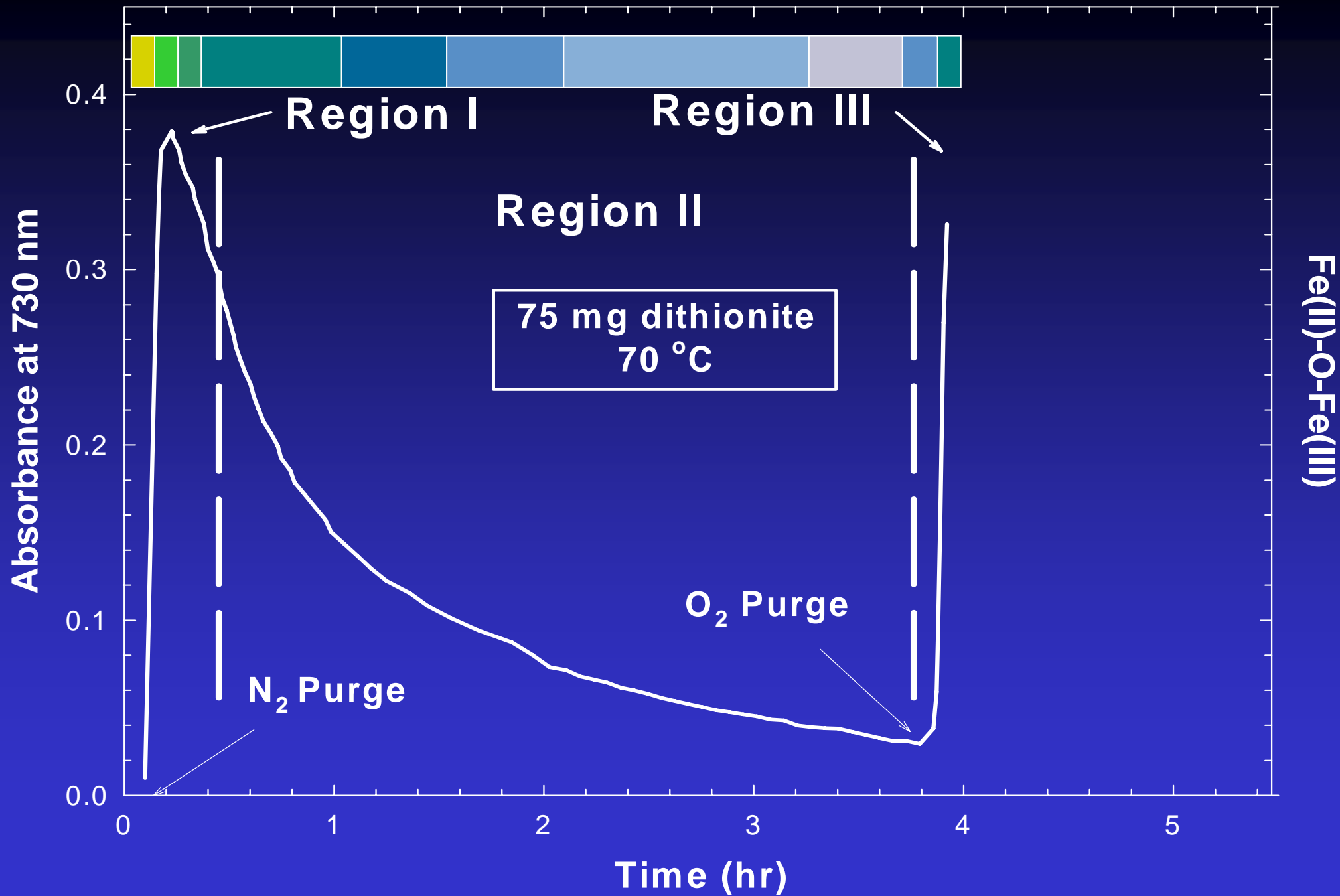


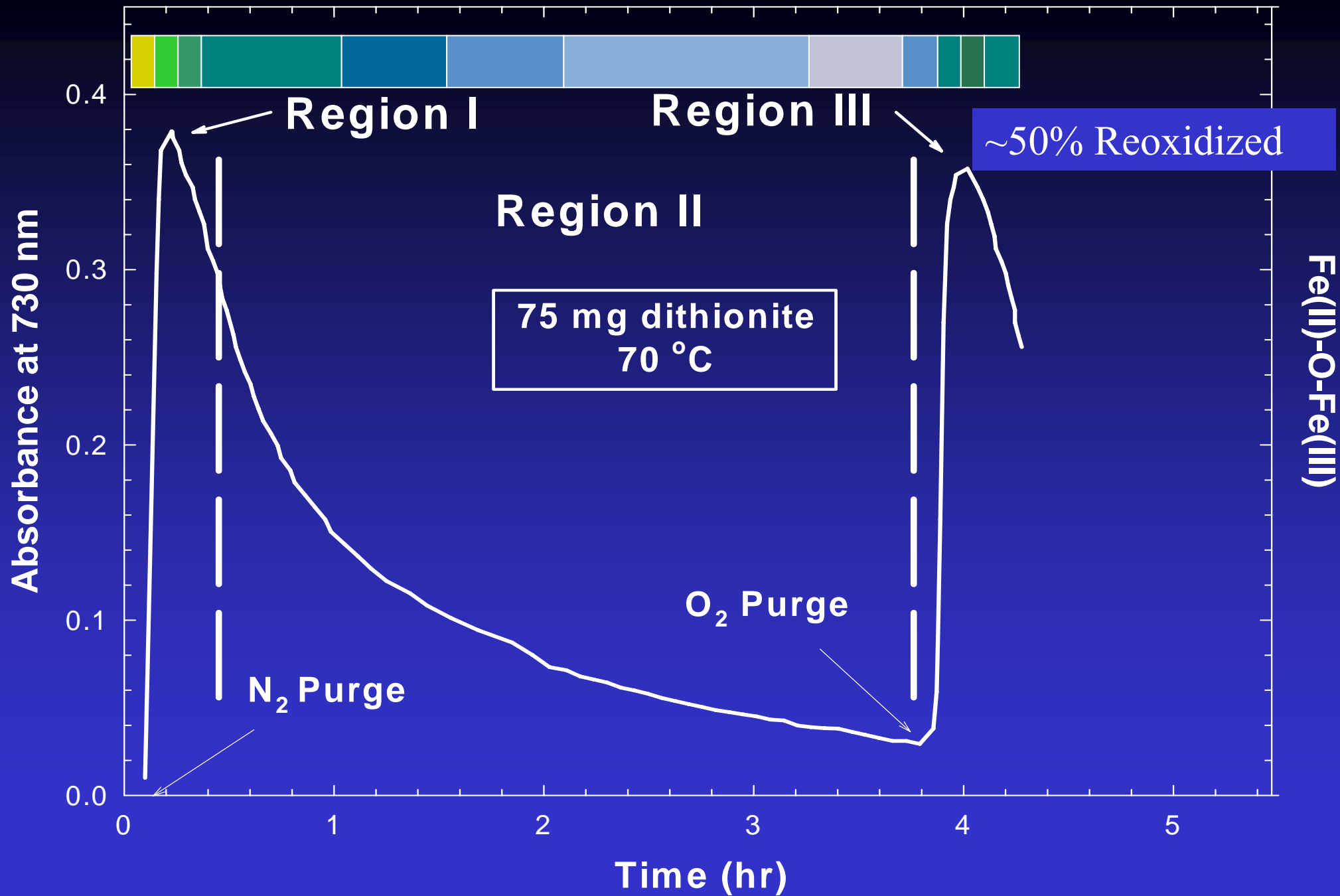


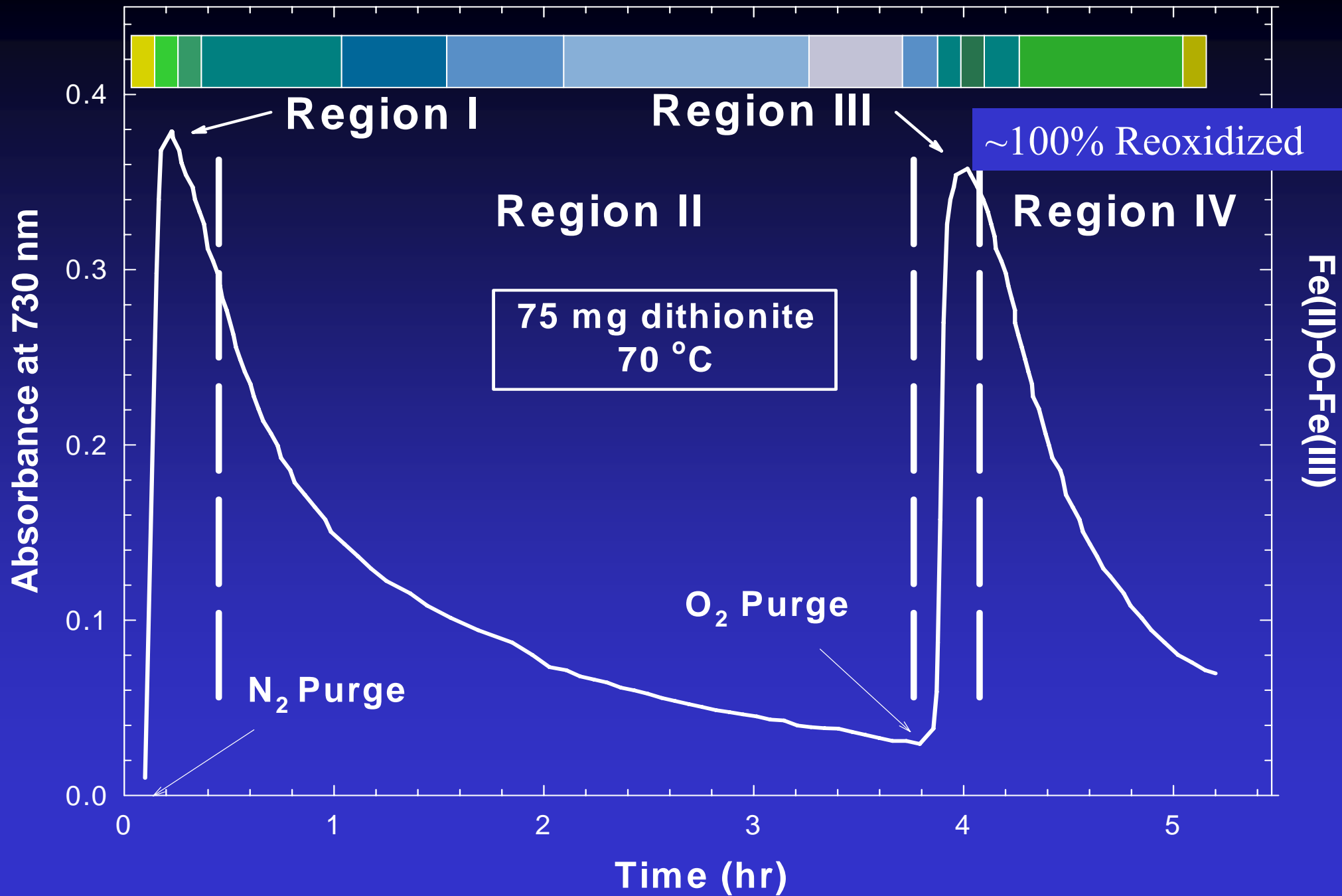
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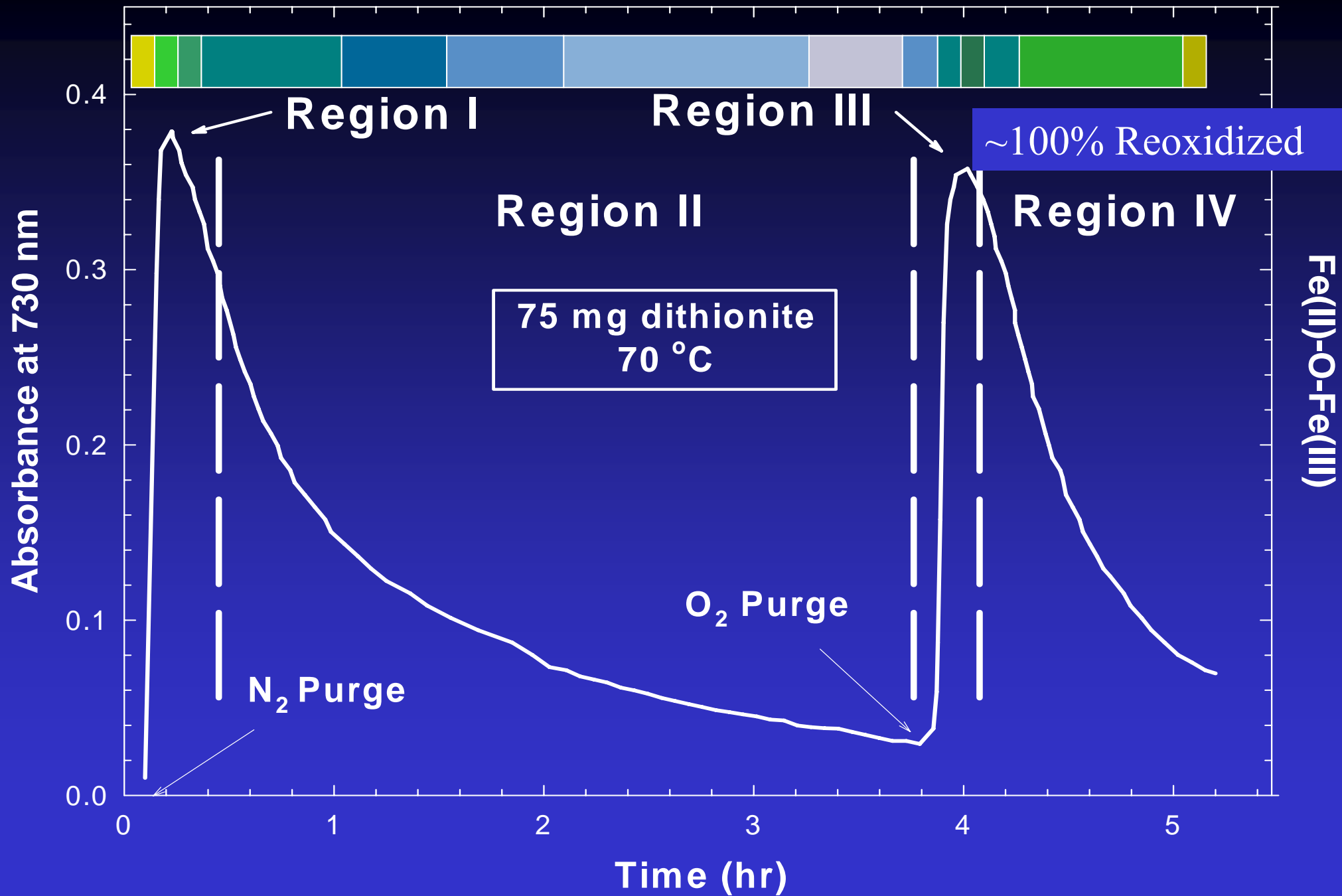












# COLORS

## GRIFFITHITE FRACTIONS



< 2  $\mu\text{m}$



< 2  $\mu\text{m}$  MJ



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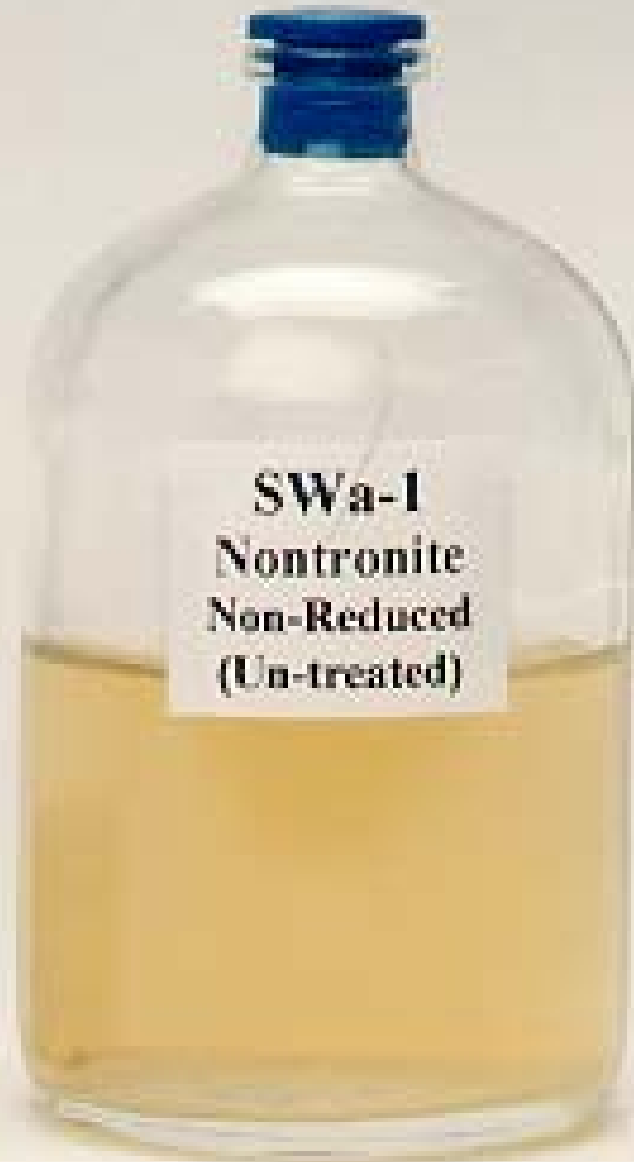
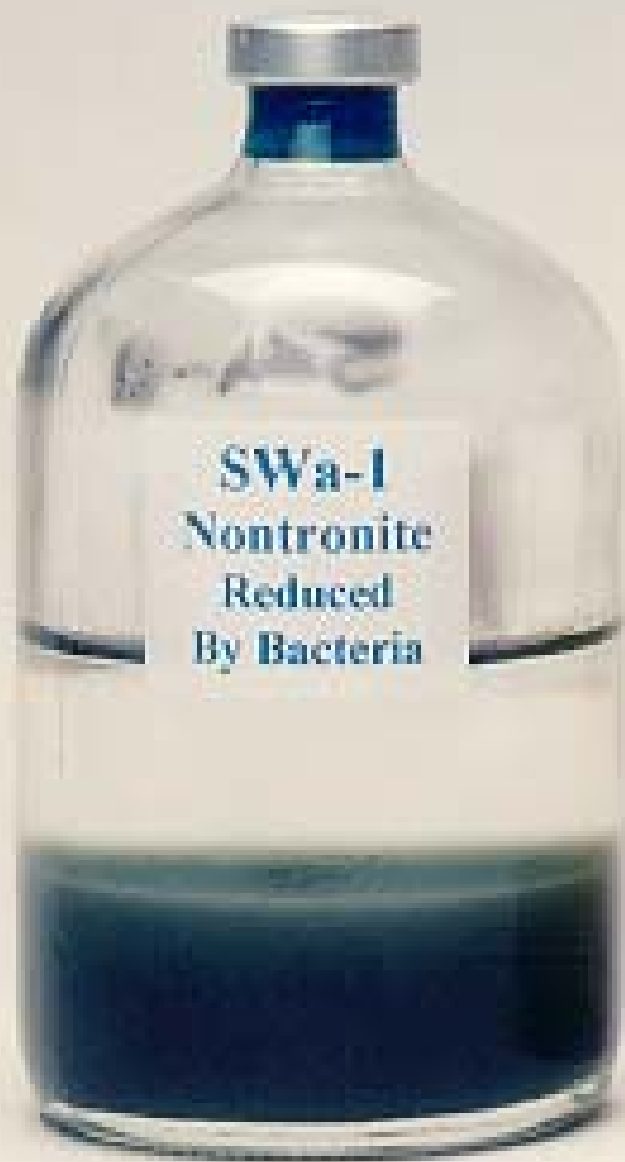
<b>Indigenous</b>	<b>Unclassified from SWa-1, paddy soil, upland soil, and subsurface sediments</b>
<i>Pseudomonas</i>	<i>fluorescens, aureofaciens, putida</i>
<i>Shewanella</i>	<i>oneidensis (putrefaciens) MR-1 &amp; CN32, alga BrY</i>
<i>δ-Proteobacteria</i>	<i>Geobacteraceae</i>
<b>Low-G+C gram-positive bacteria</b>	<i>Bacillus, Desulfitobacterium, Desulfotomaculum</i>
<b>Others</b>	<b>List is open for expansion</b>



# Smectite Reduction by Bacteria\*



\* *Schewanella putrefaciens* (strain MR-1) (from Wu and Kostka)



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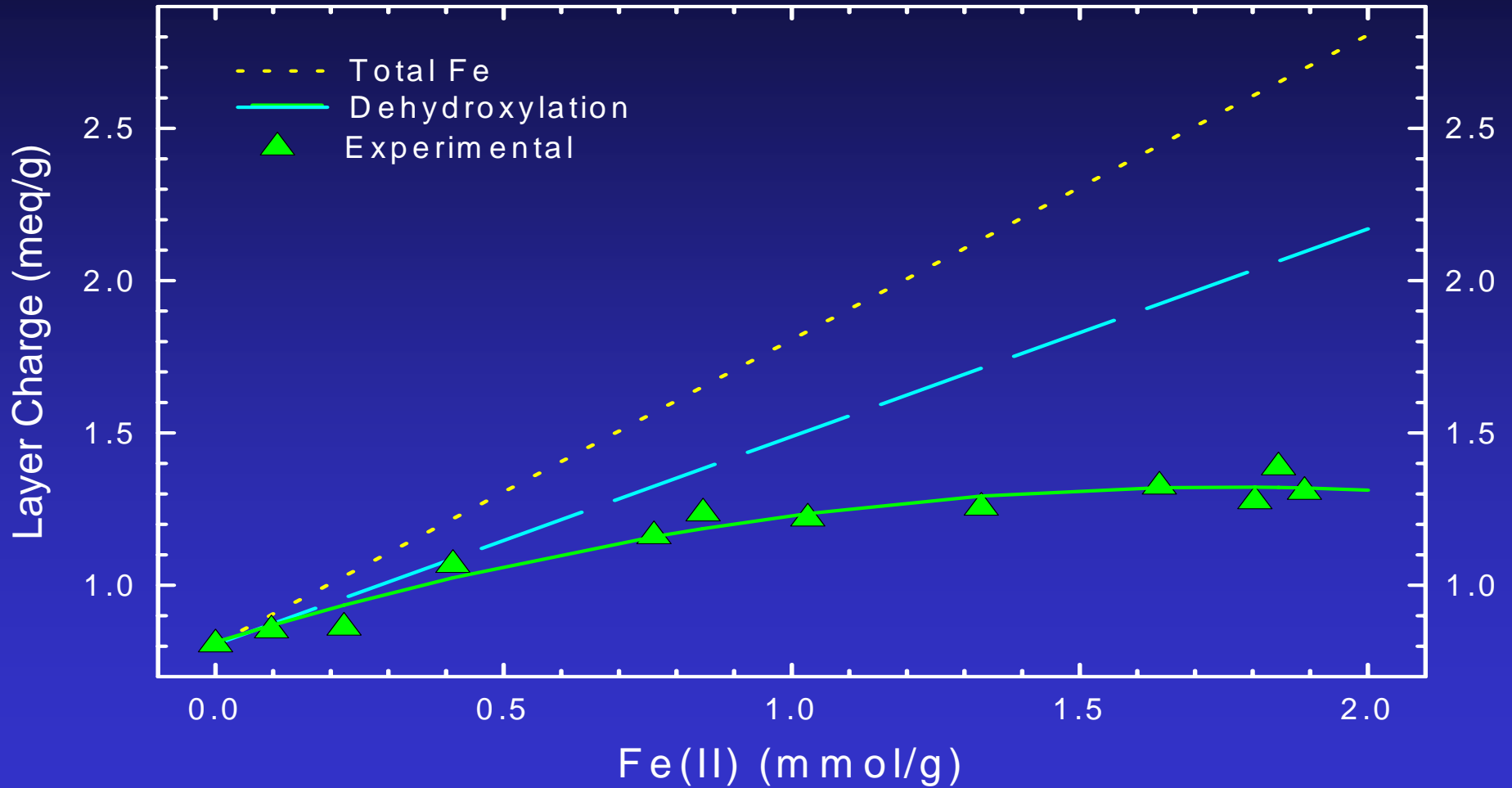
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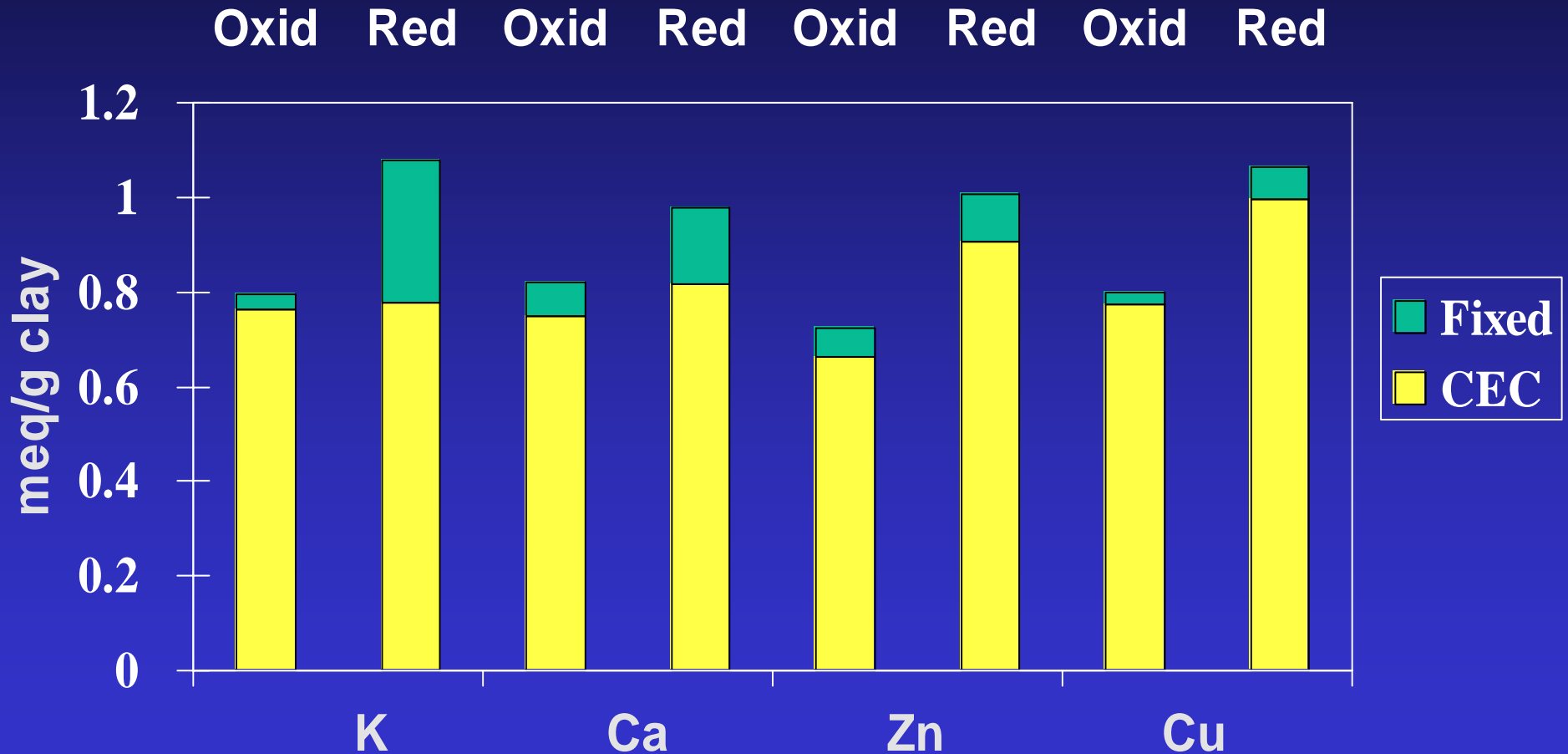
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# Iron Reduction Increases Layer Charge



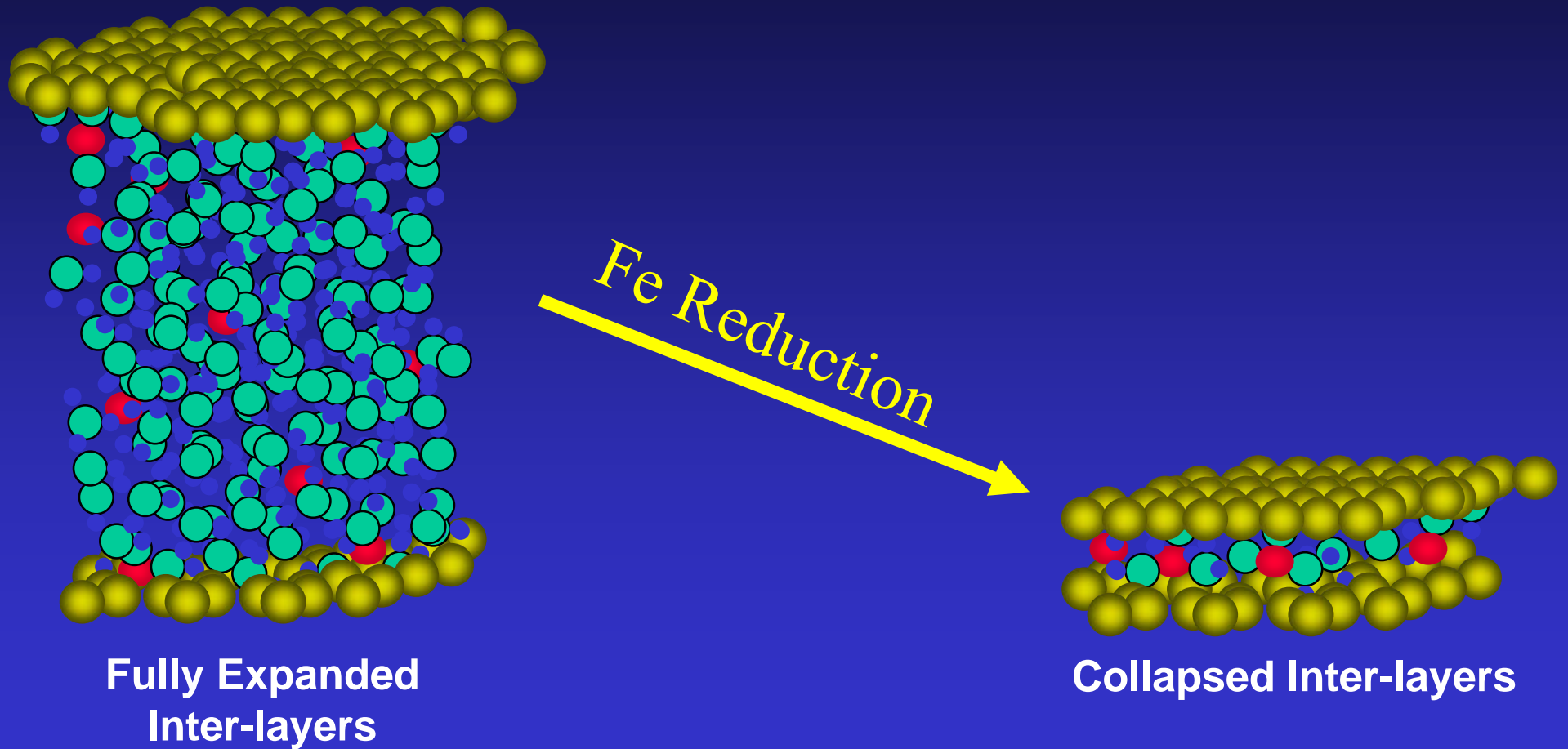
(from Lear and Stucki, 1985)

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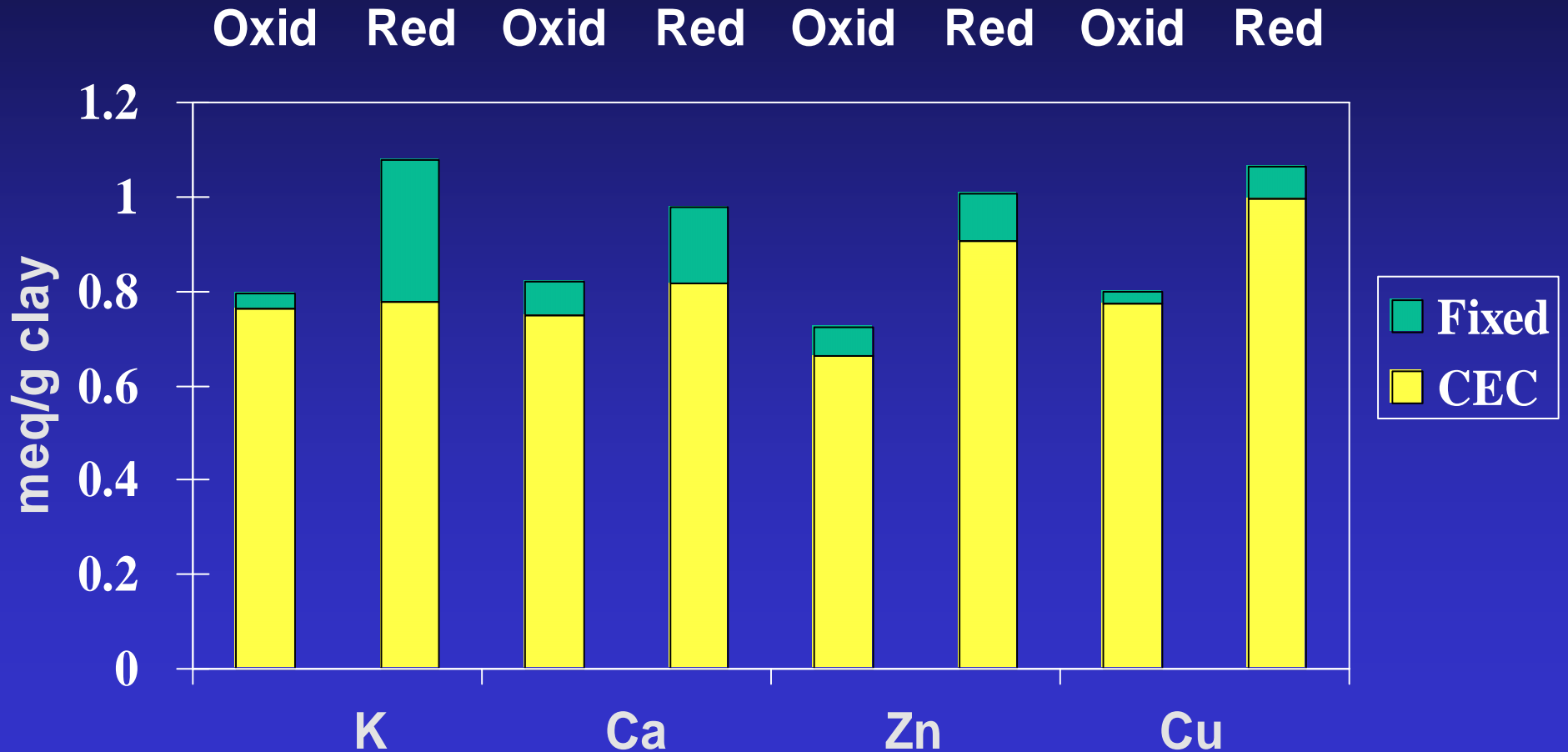




# Potassium Fixation in Smectite



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# Potential for Potassium Fixation

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Acre 6-in of Soil = 2 million lbs.

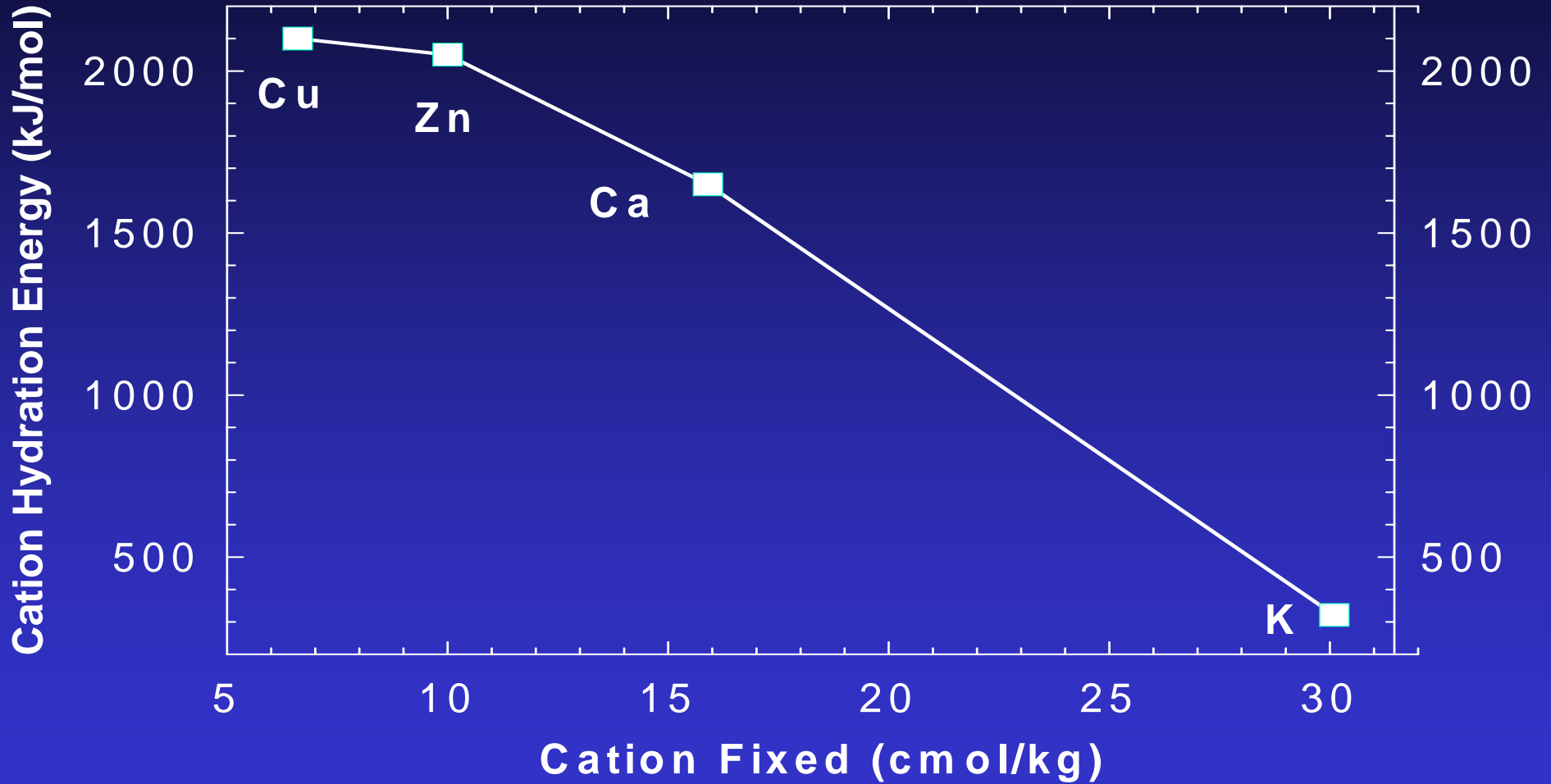
Medium Texture Soil = 15% Clay

K fixation @ 20% Fe(II) = 0.0047 lbs K<sub>2</sub>O/lb. clay

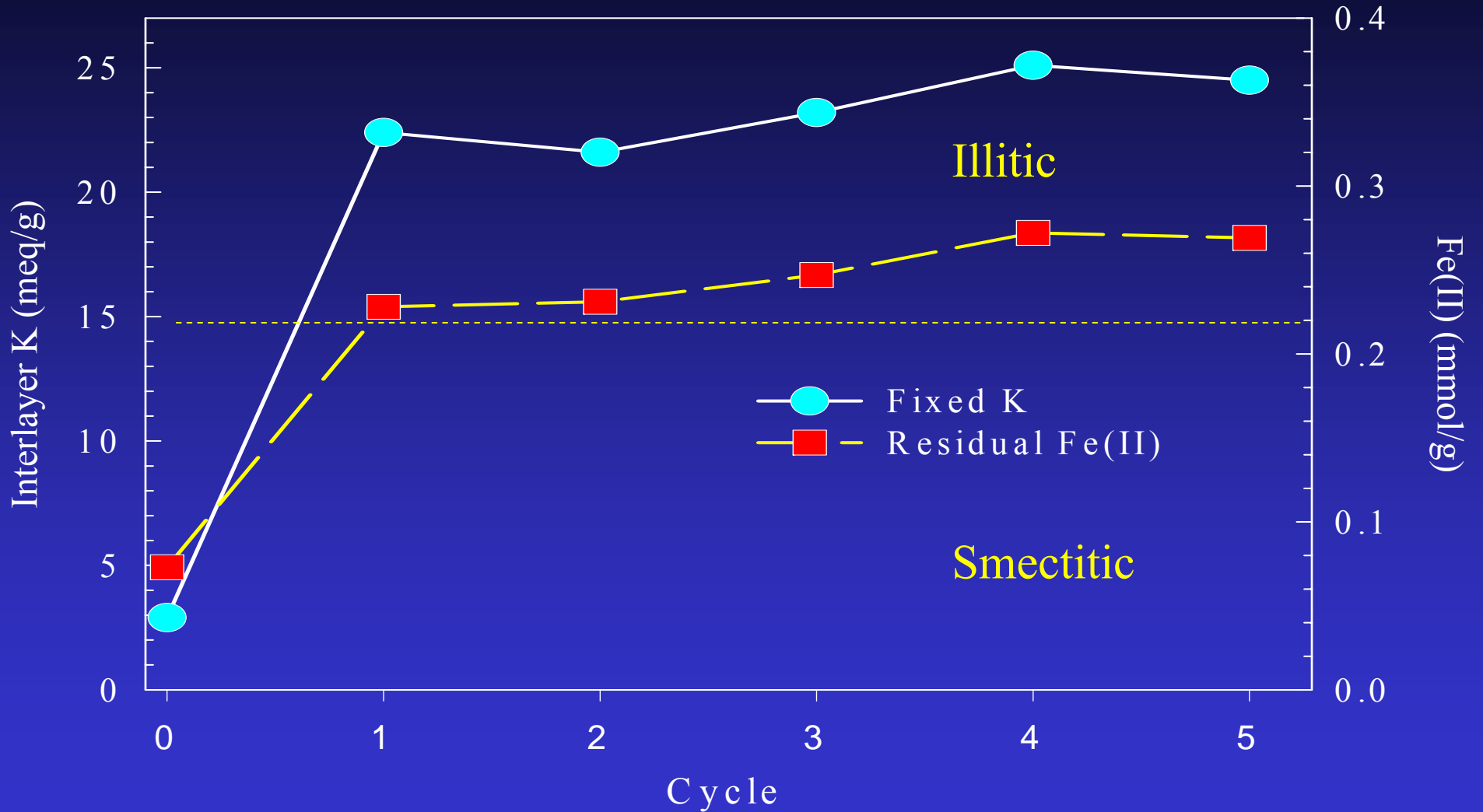
$0.0047 \text{ lbs K}_2\text{O} \times 10 \text{ lbs. Clay} \times 2 \times 10^6 \text{ lbs. Soil}$   
 $\text{lb. clay} \quad 100 \text{ lbs soil} \quad \text{Acre 6-in}$

Total Potential Fixation = 940 lbs K<sub>2</sub>O/Acre 6-in

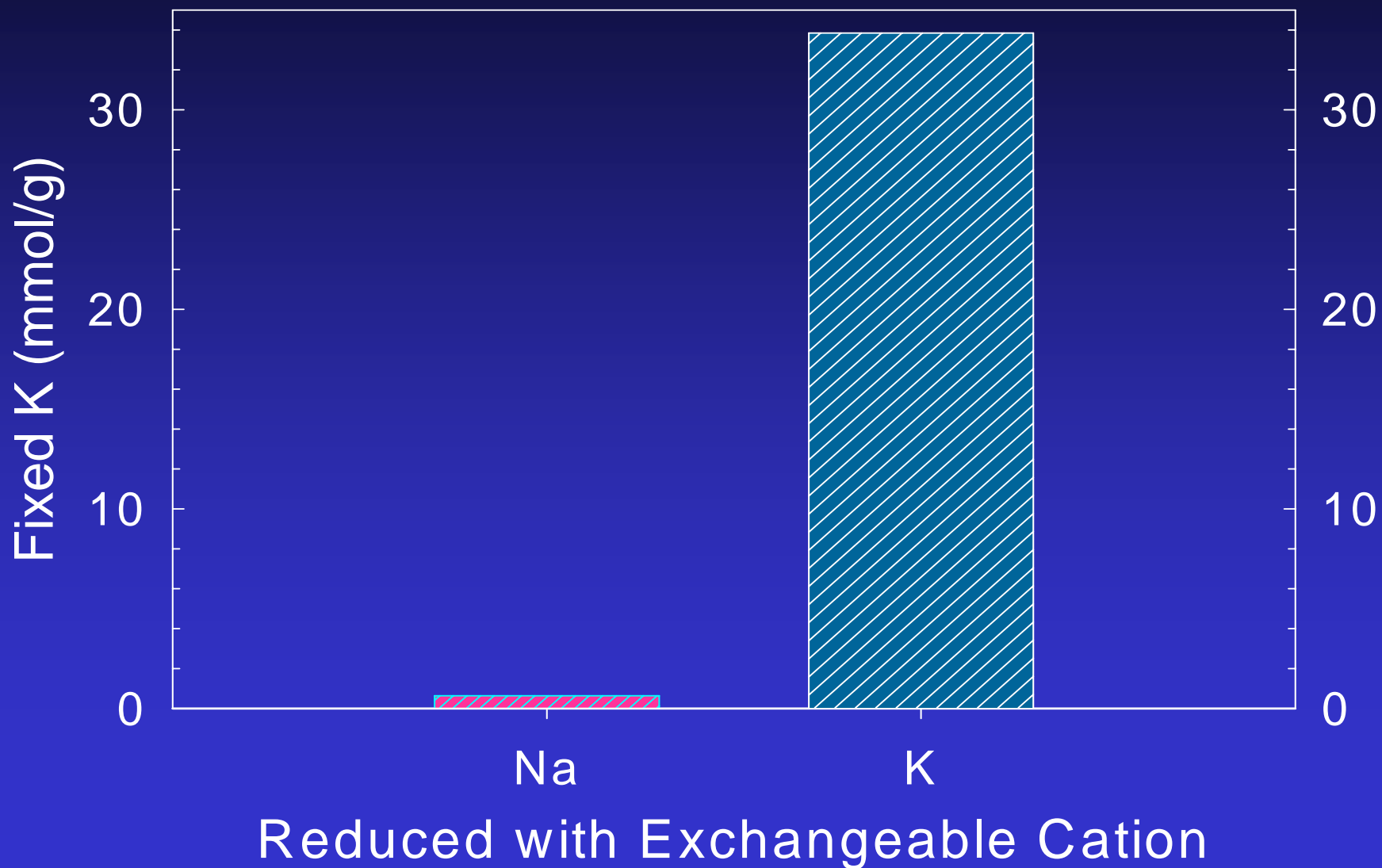
# Smectite SWa-1 Reduced 4 Hr



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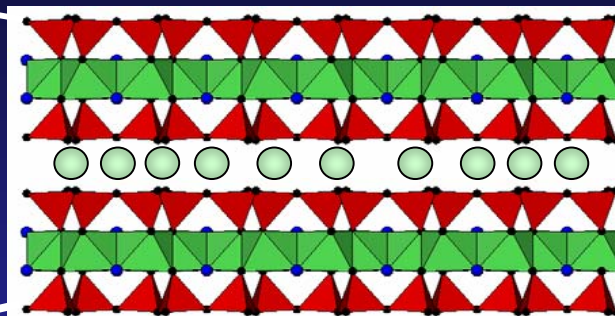
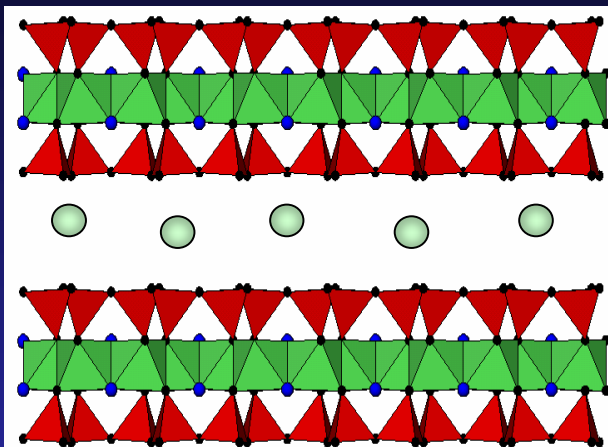
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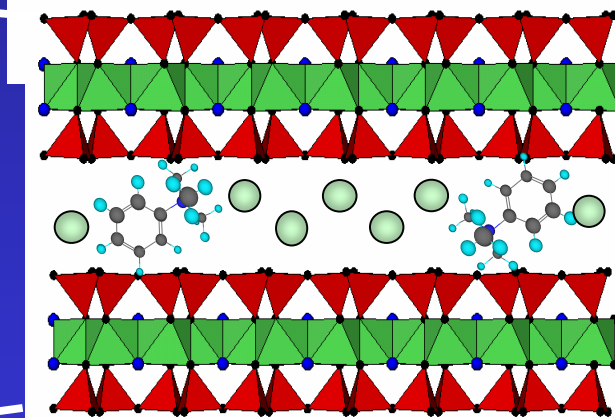
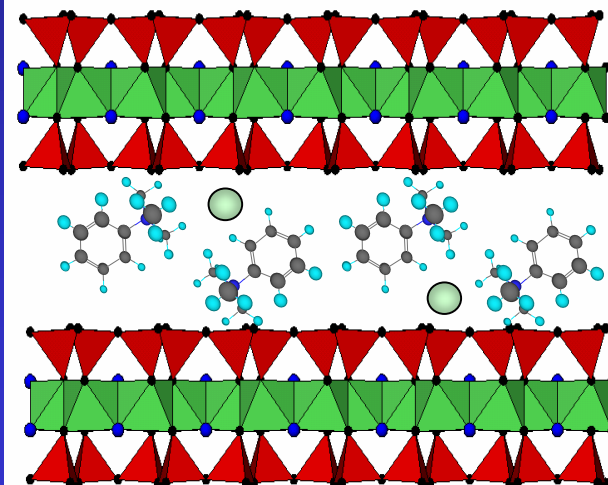
# Oxidized SWa-1

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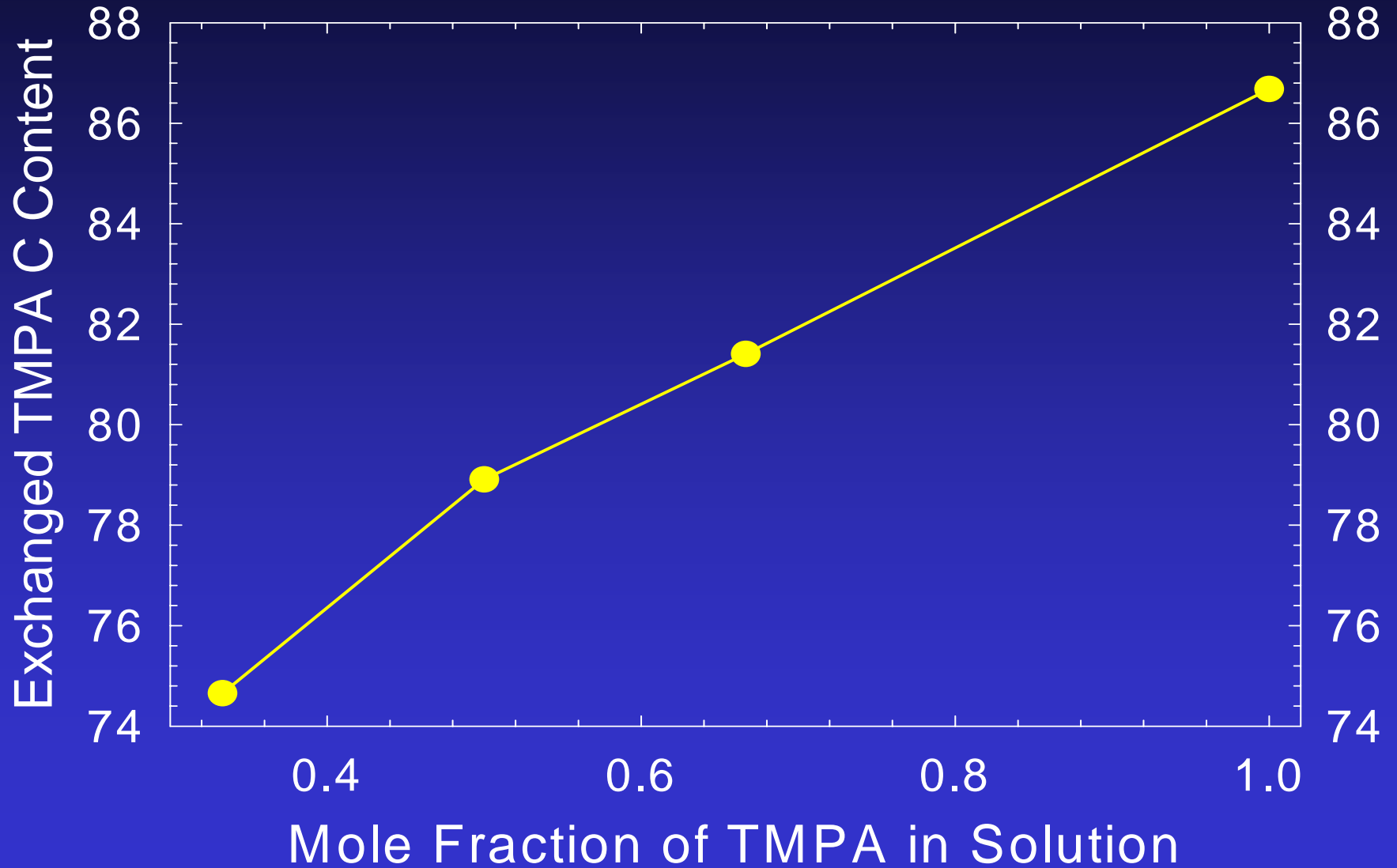
Na<sup>+</sup>



TMPA<sup>+</sup>

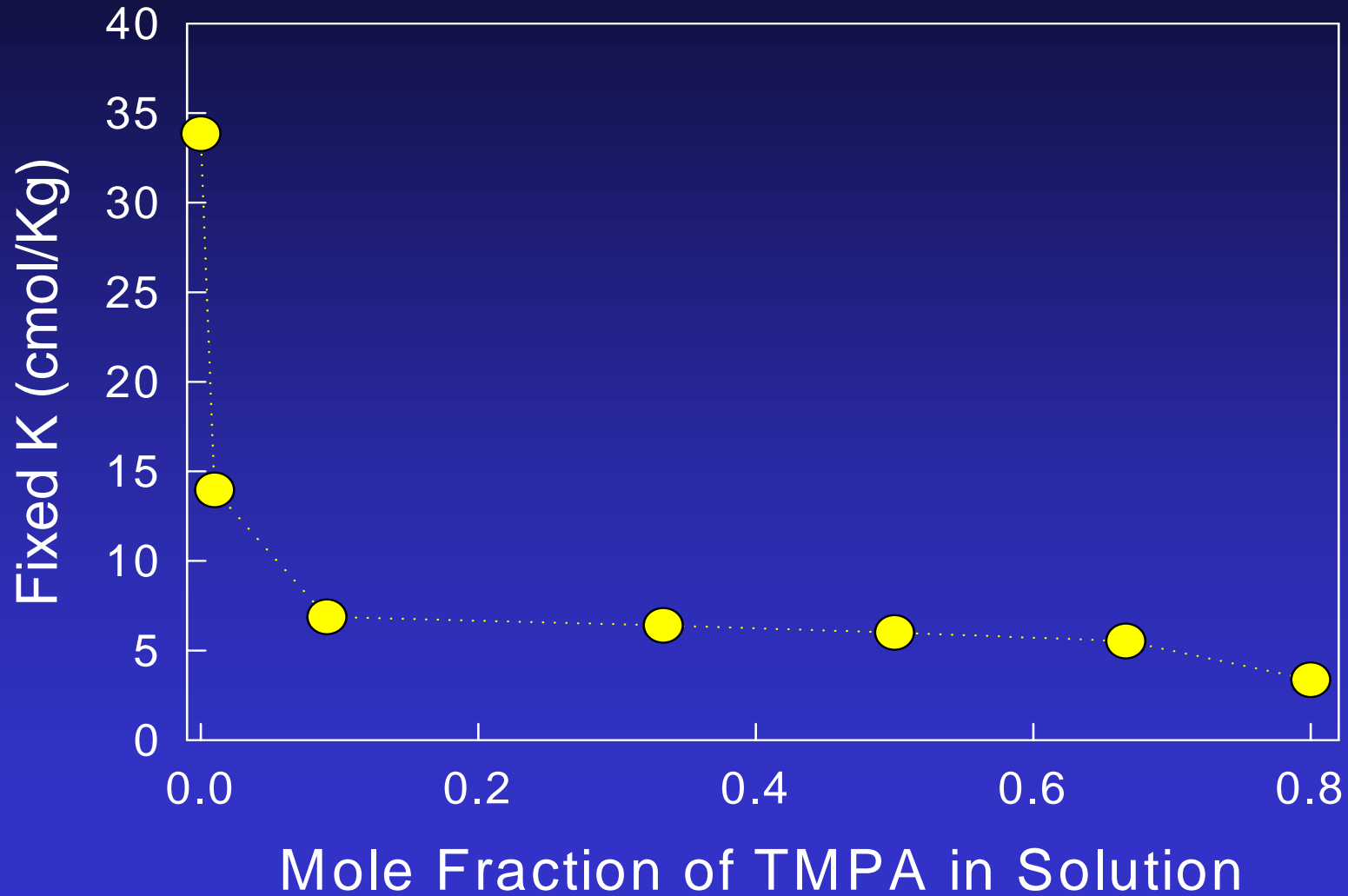


# TMPA C Content in Unaltered SWa-1

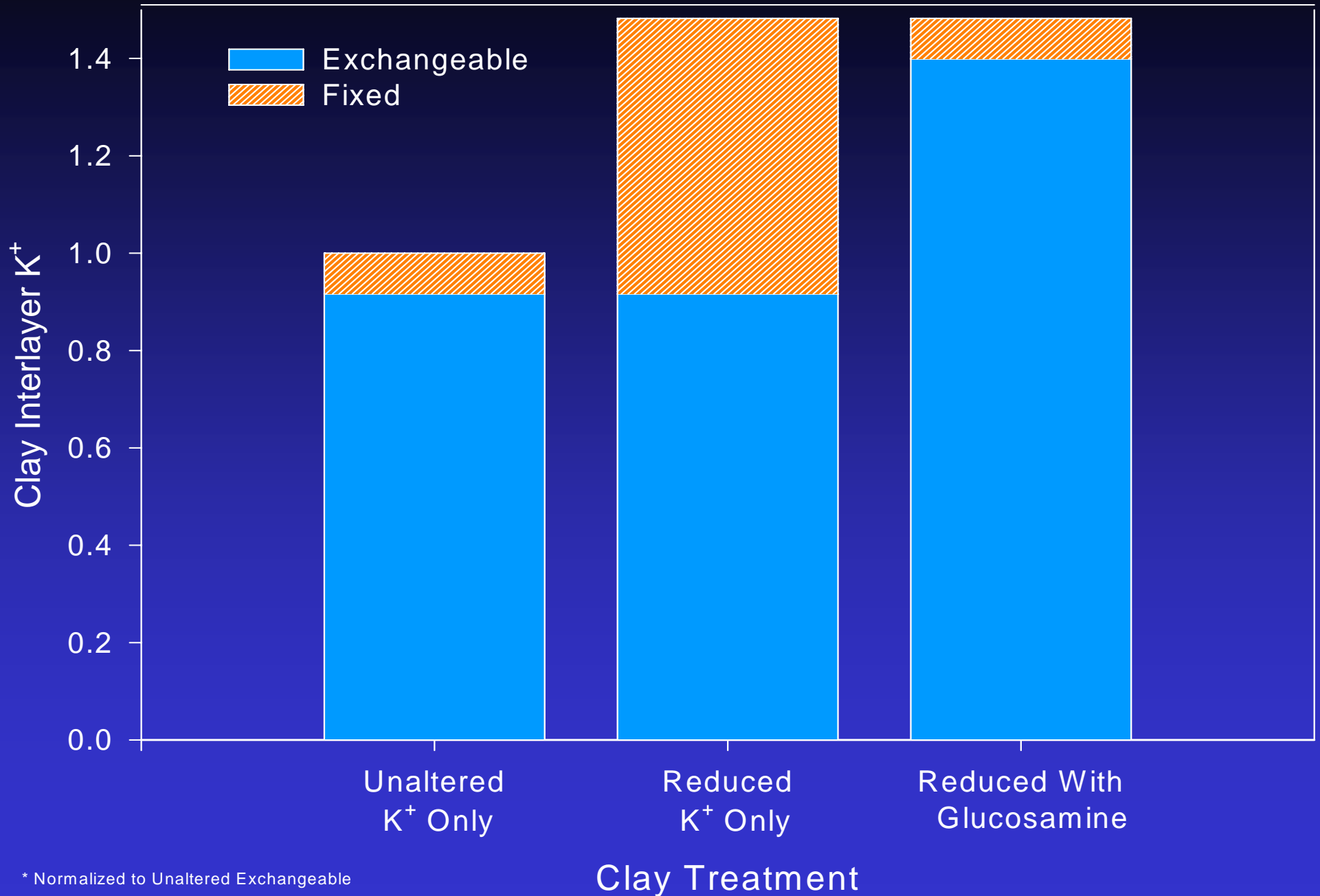




# Effect of TMPA on Fixed K in Reduced SWa-1



# Effect of Glucosamine on K Fixation\*



\* Normalized to Unaltered Exchangeable

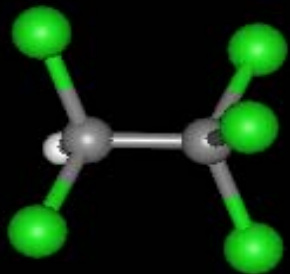


# CLAY-ORGANIC INTERACTIONS

Joseph W. Stucki  
University of Illinois

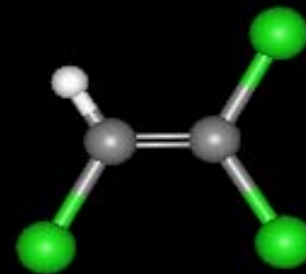
# Pentachloroethane Transformation

## Reductive dechlorination



Pentachloroethane

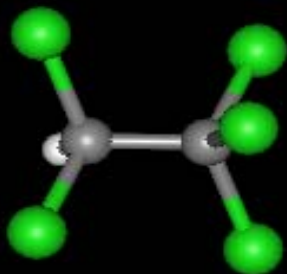
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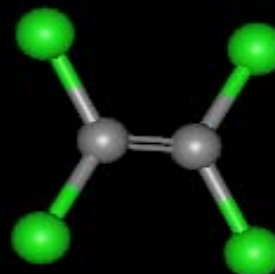
Trichloroethene

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## Dehydrochlorination



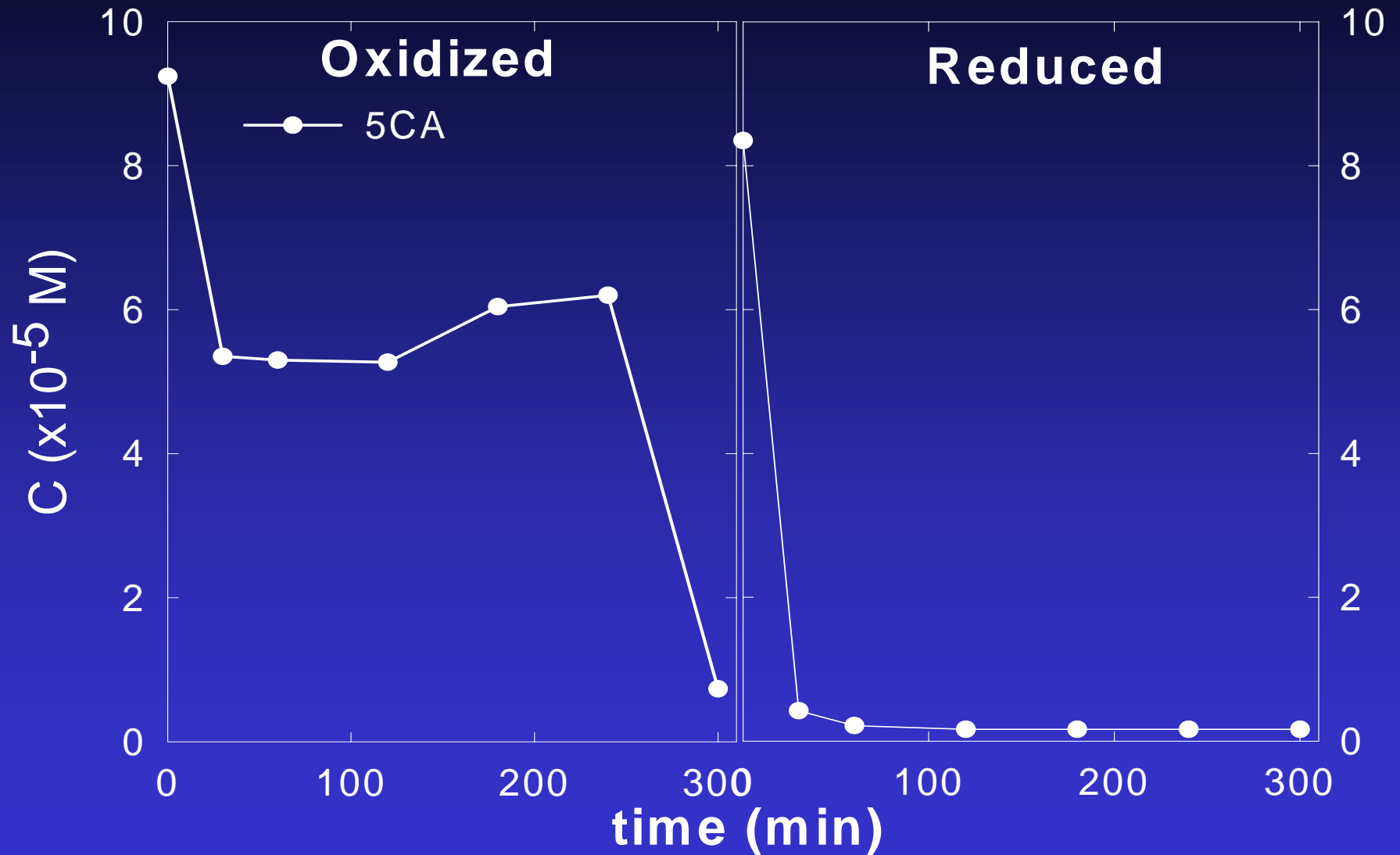
Pentachloroethane



Tetrachloroethene

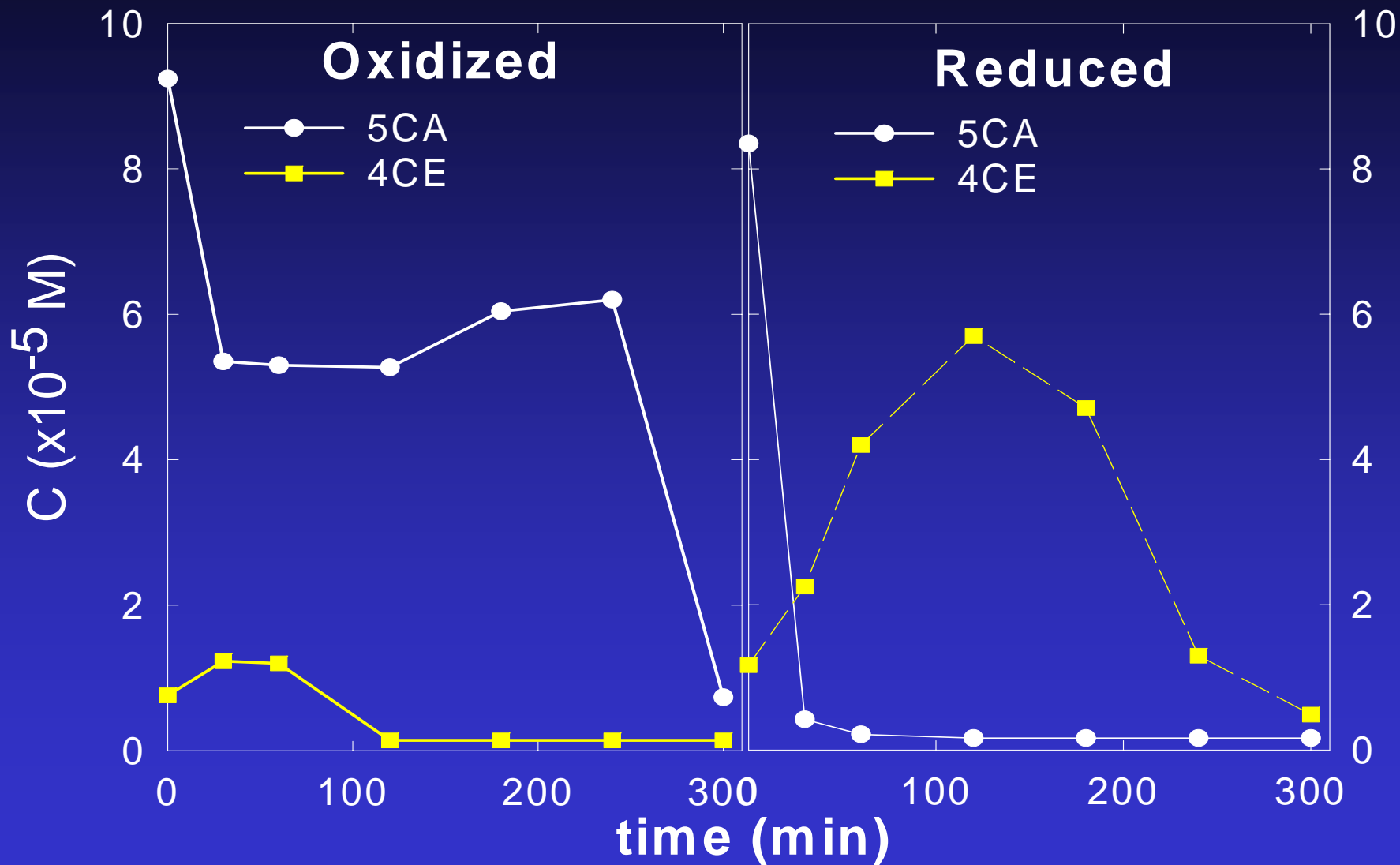
+ H<sup>+</sup> + Cl<sup>-</sup>

# Rate of Pentachloroethane Transformation in NG-1



From Cervini-Silva et al., 2000, Clays Clay Miner. 48:132-138

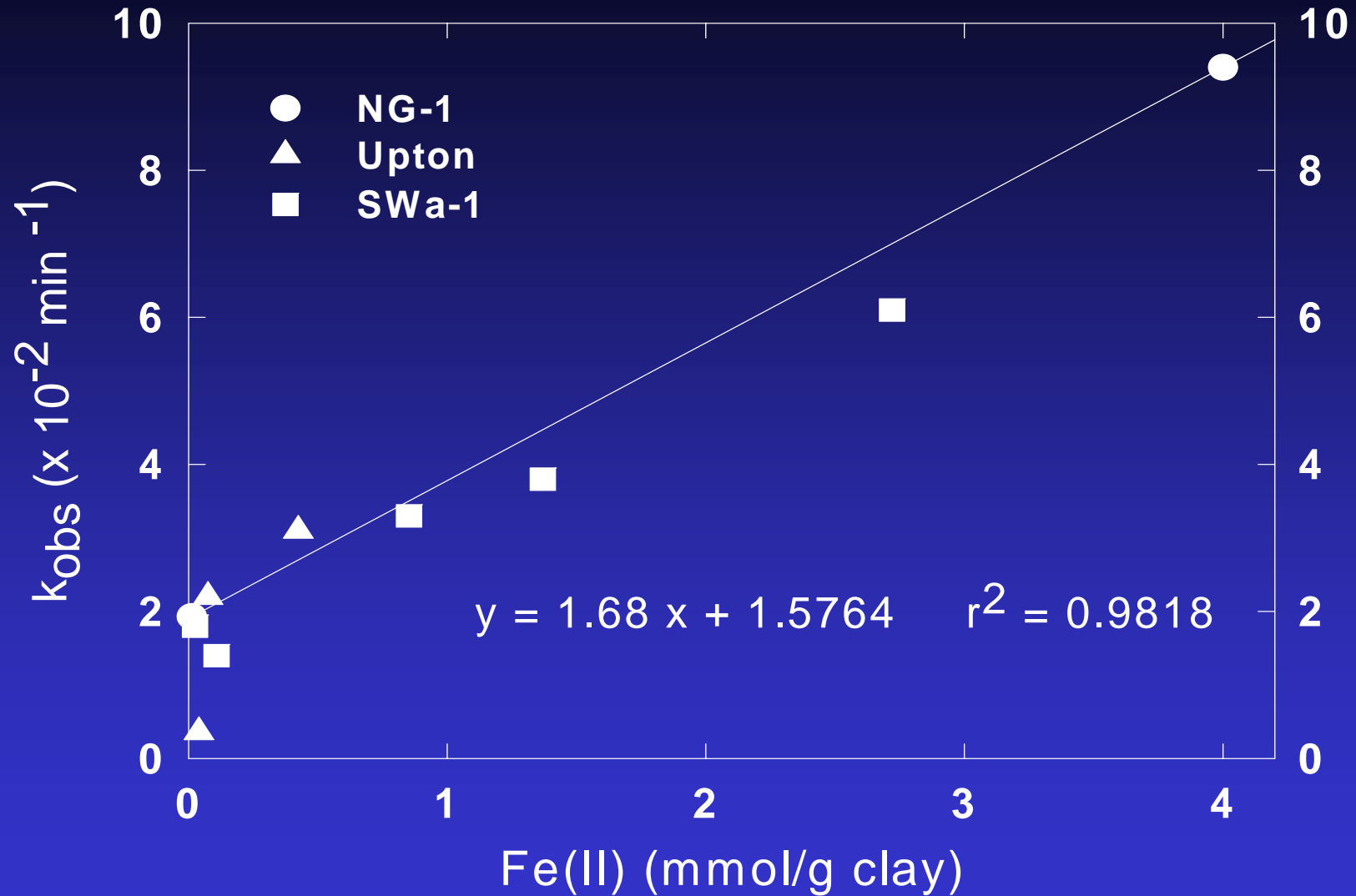
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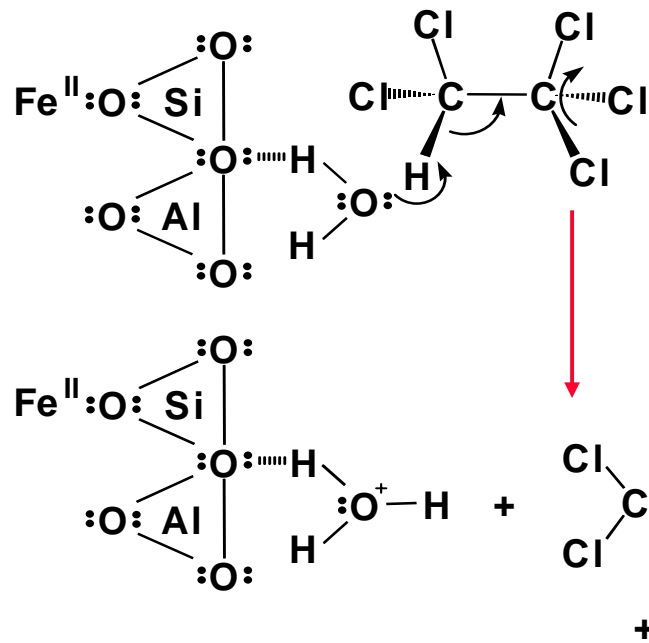


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# Rate of Pentachloroethane Transformation





**pentachloroethane**

**reduced smectite acts  
as a Bronsted base**

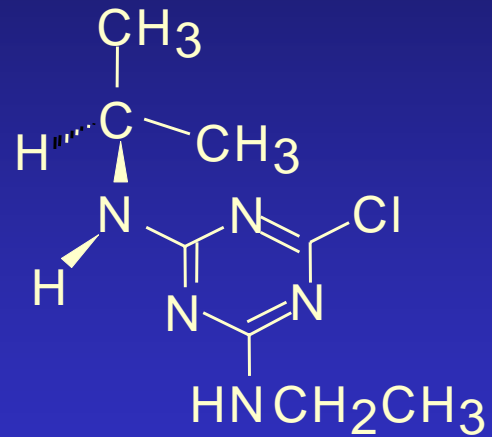
**tetrachloroethene**

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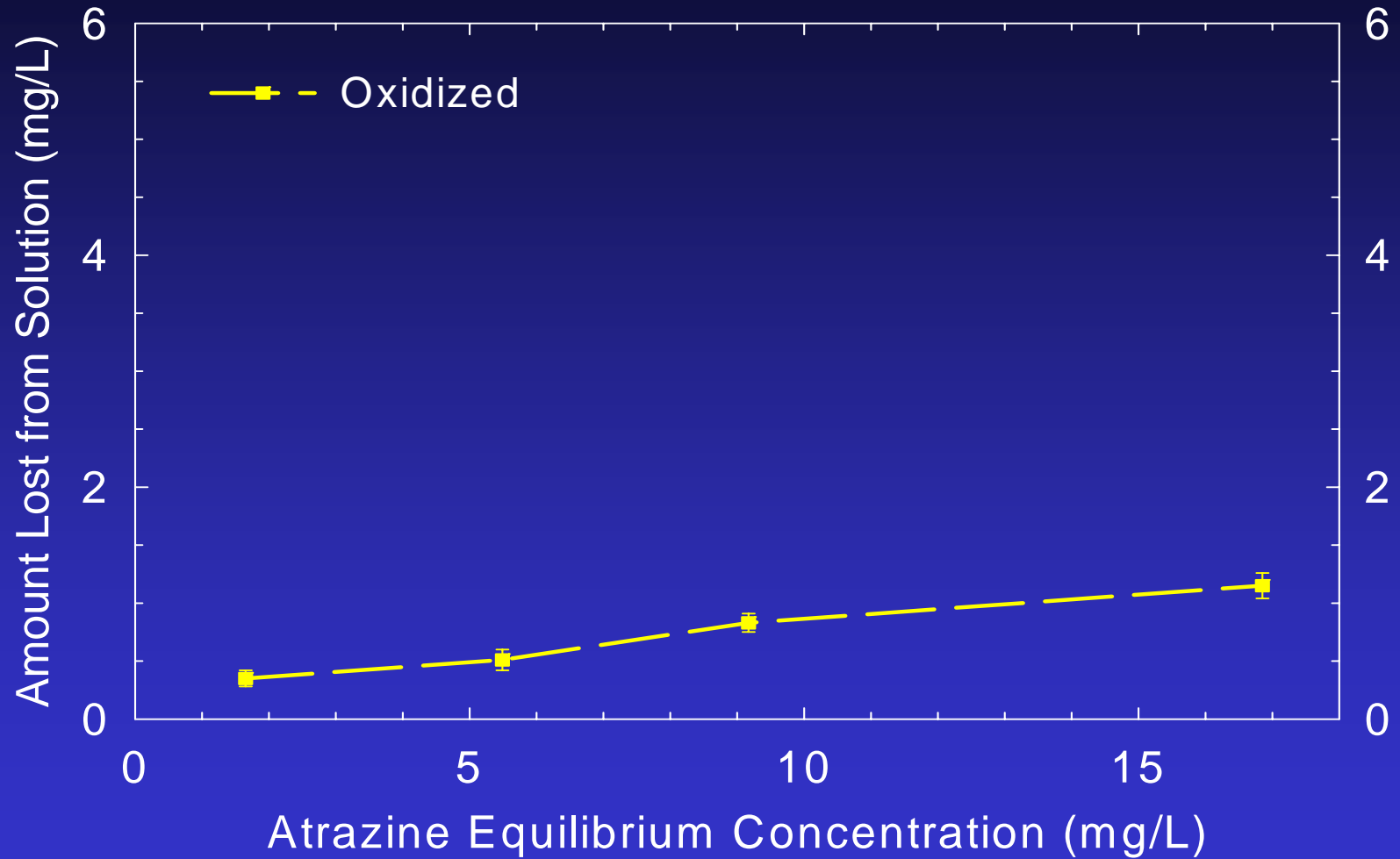
# Structure of Atrazine

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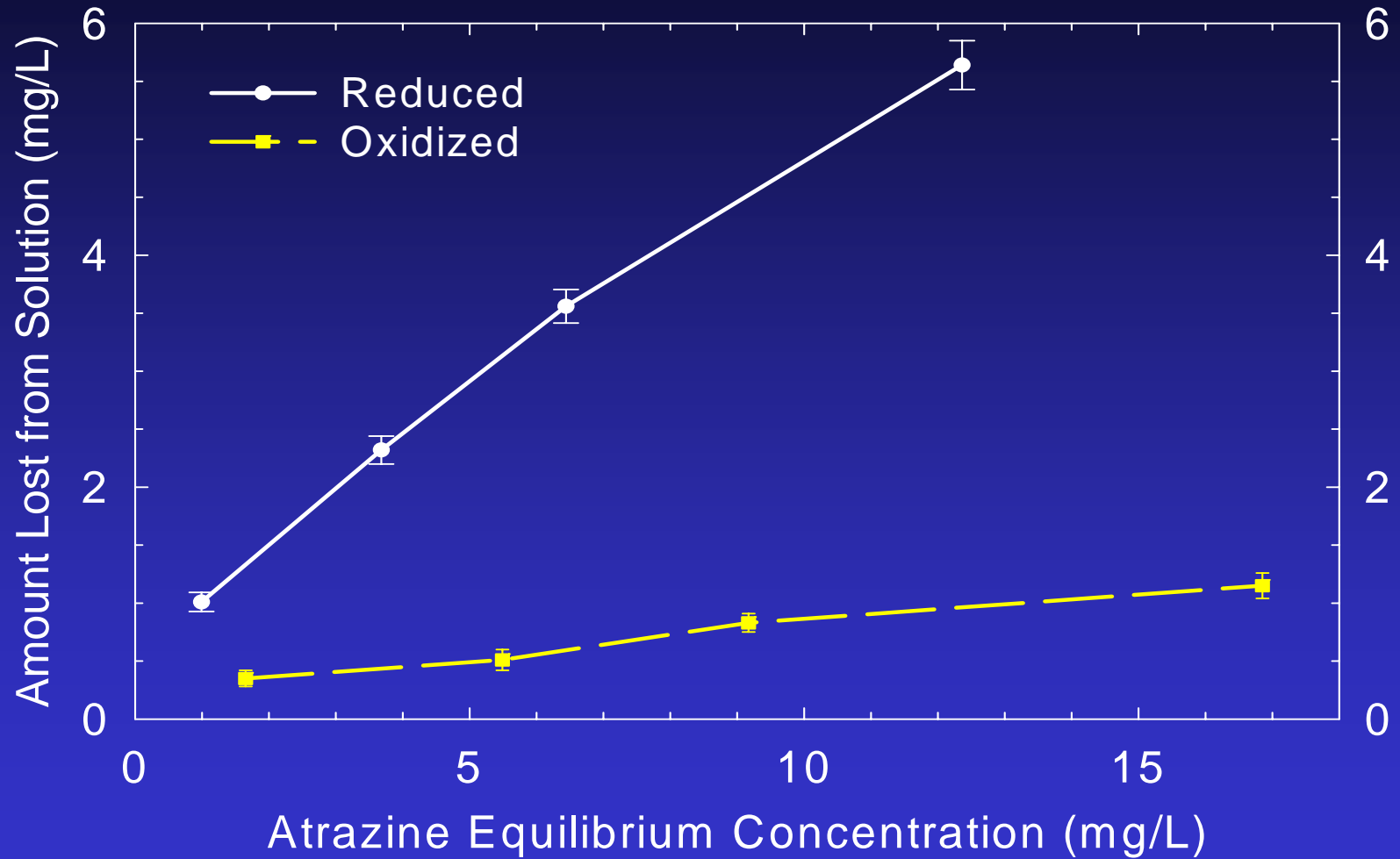


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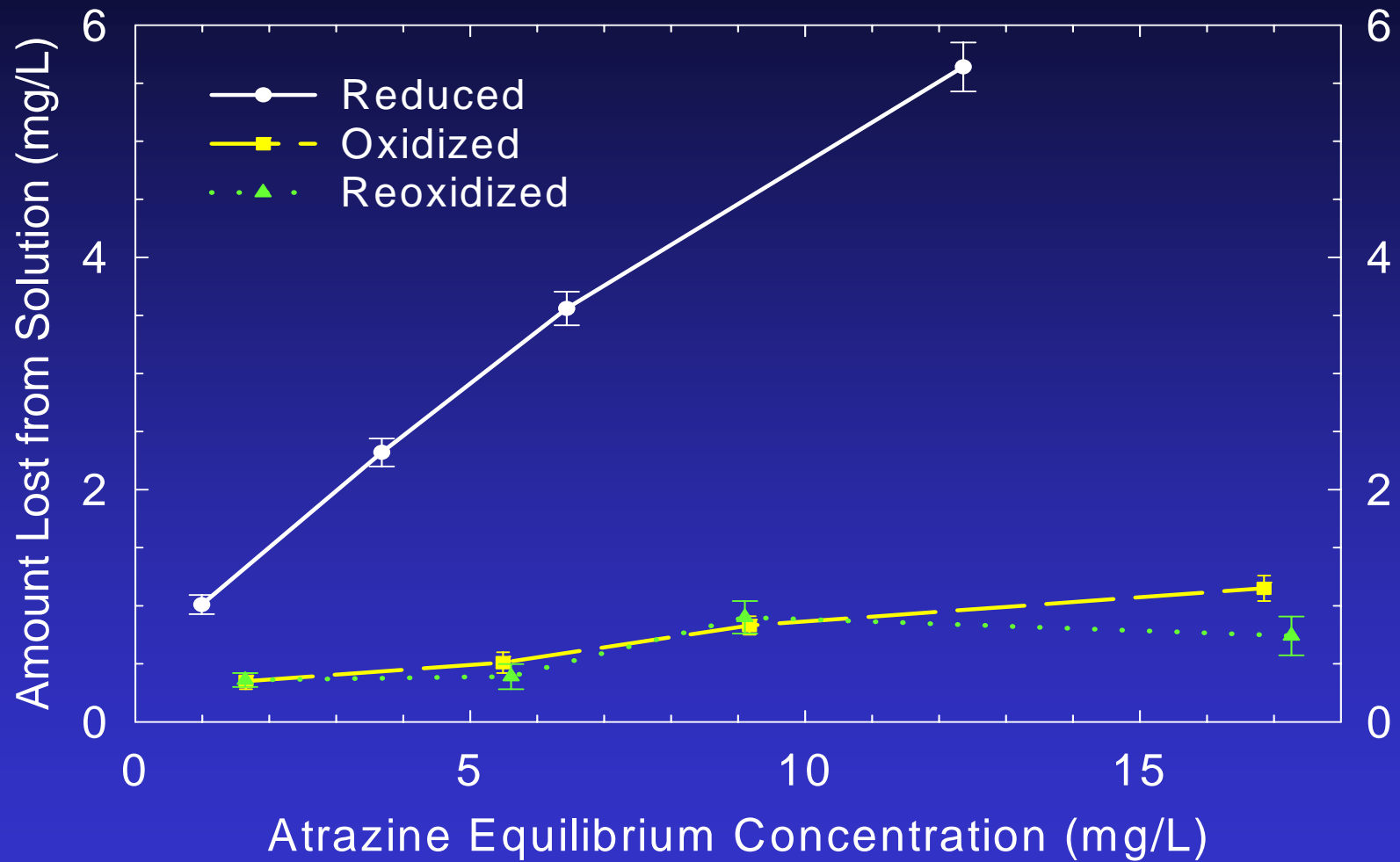
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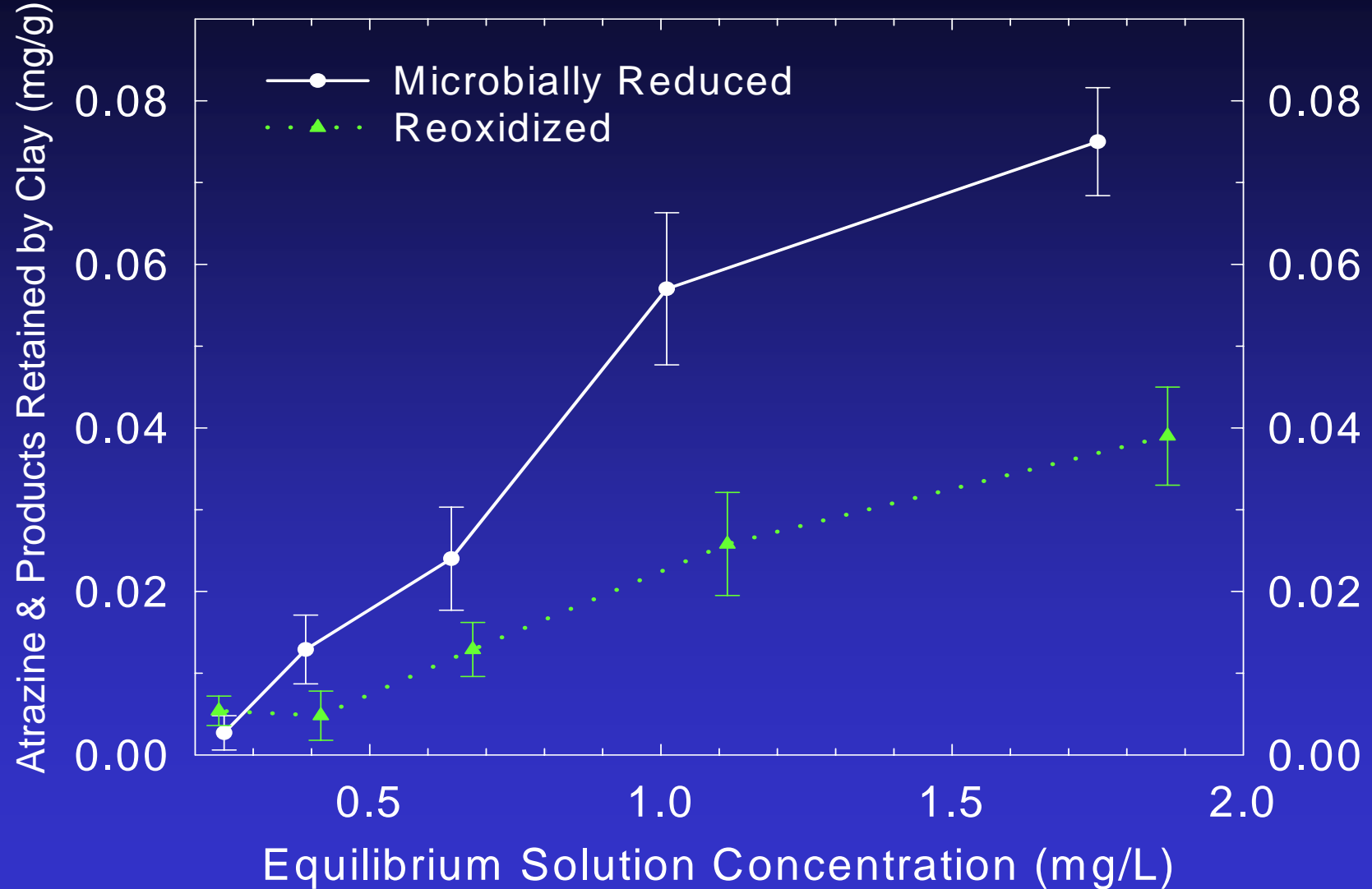


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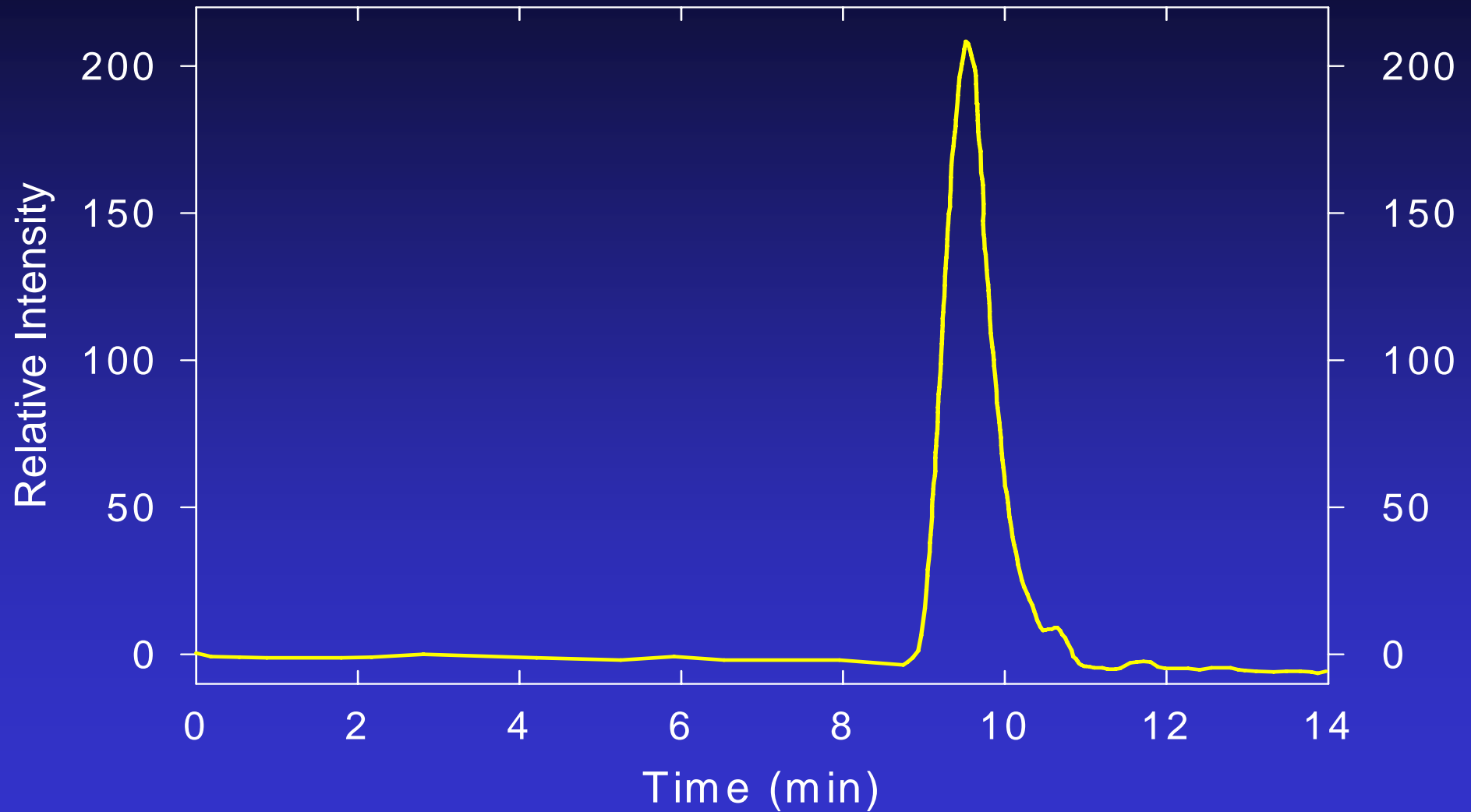
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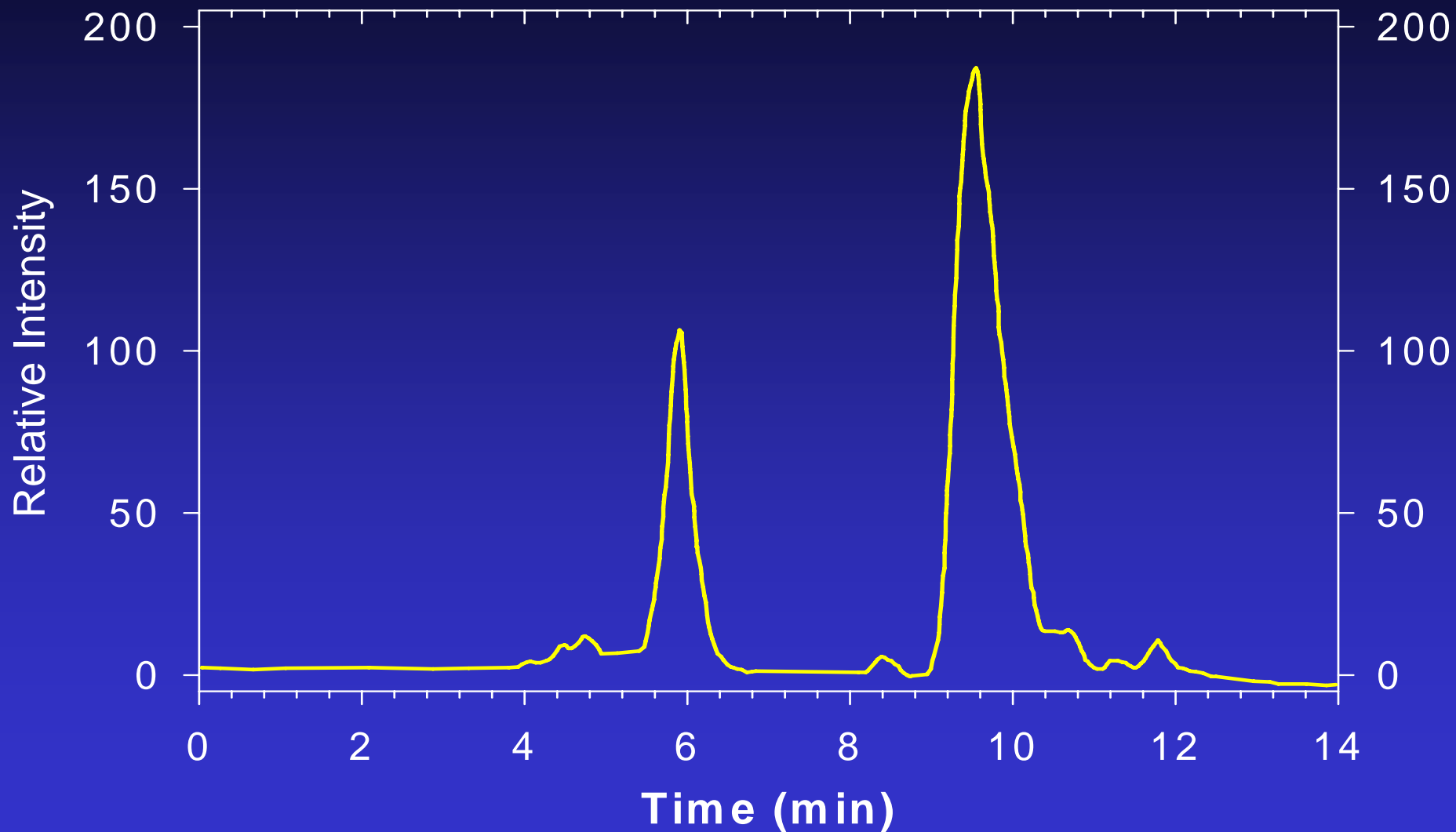


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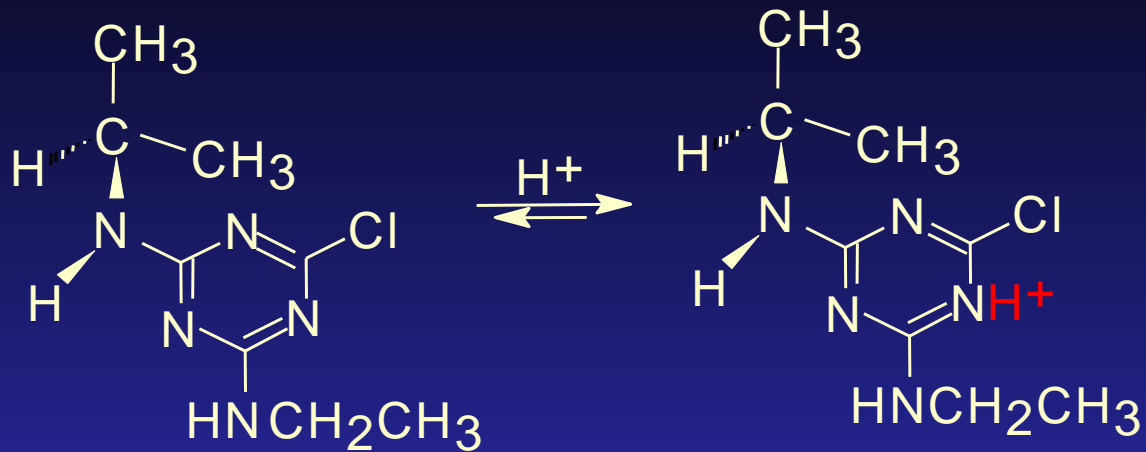


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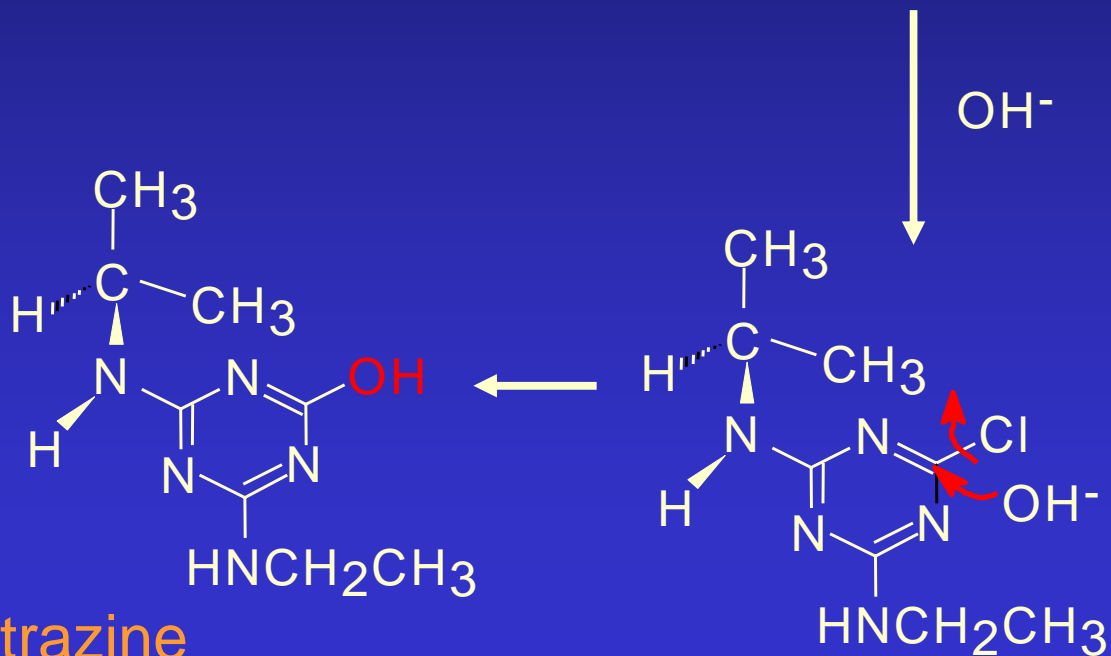
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Atrazine



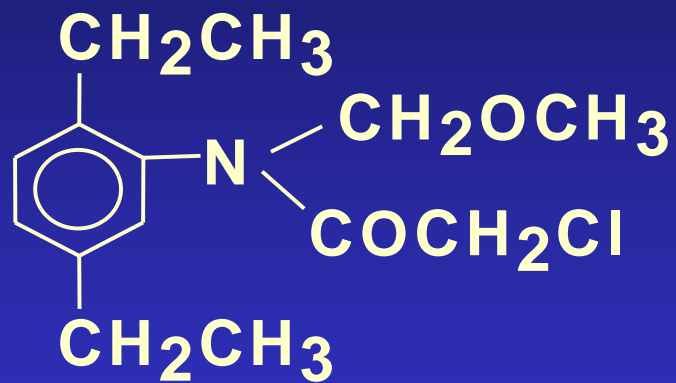
Hydroxyatrazine

Bimolecular substitution ( $S_N2$ )

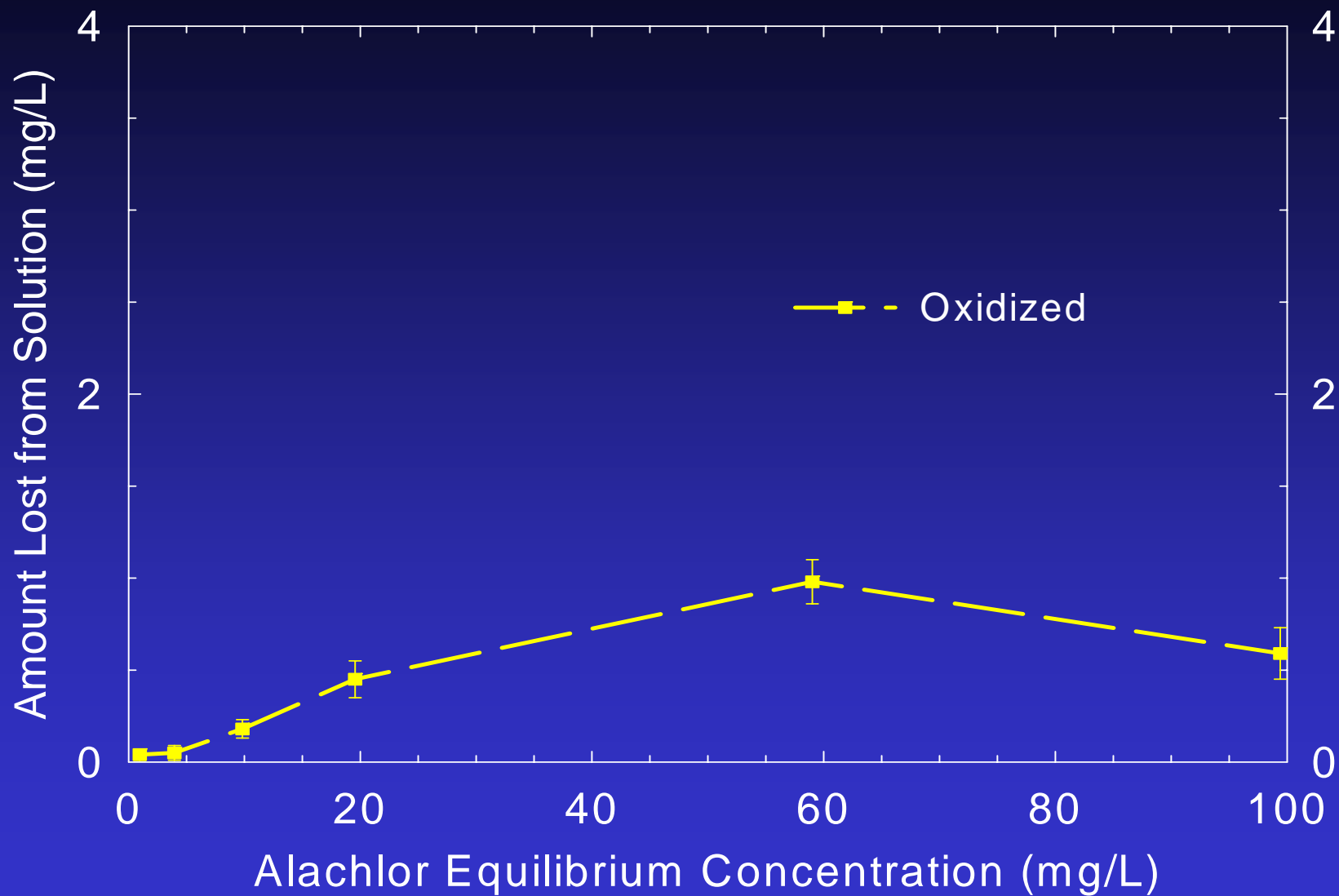
# **Alachlor Transformation**

# Structure of Alachlor

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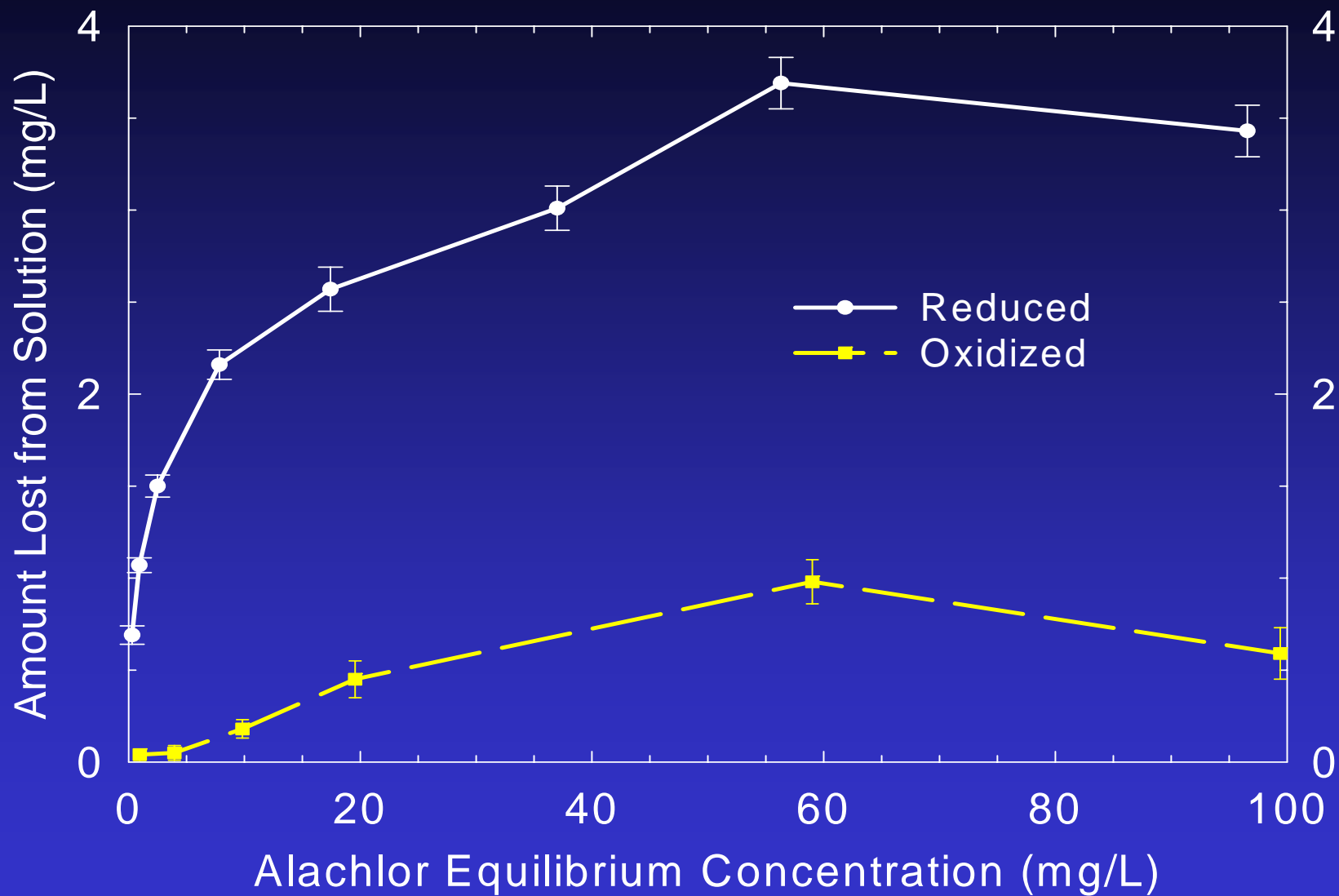


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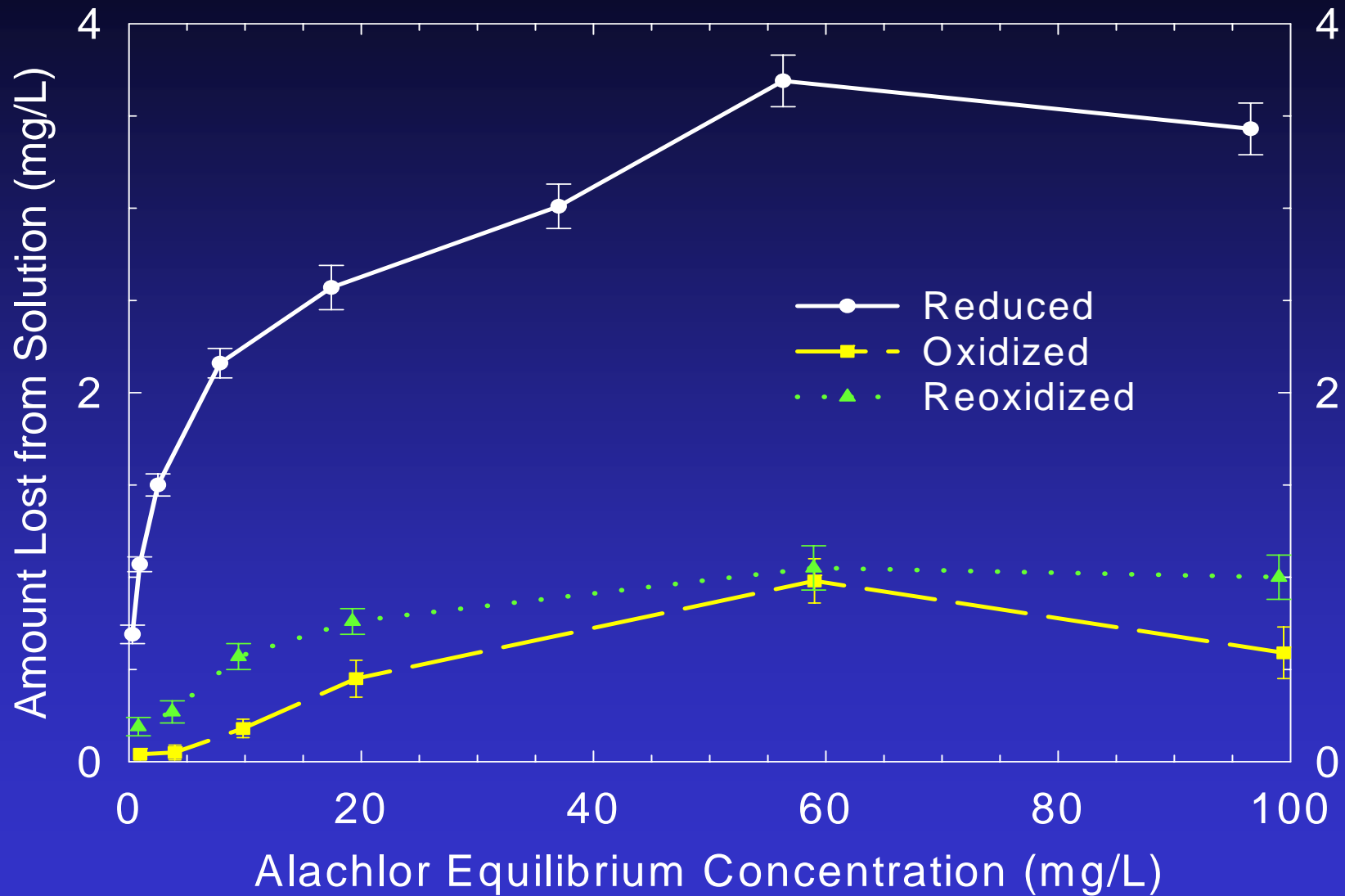
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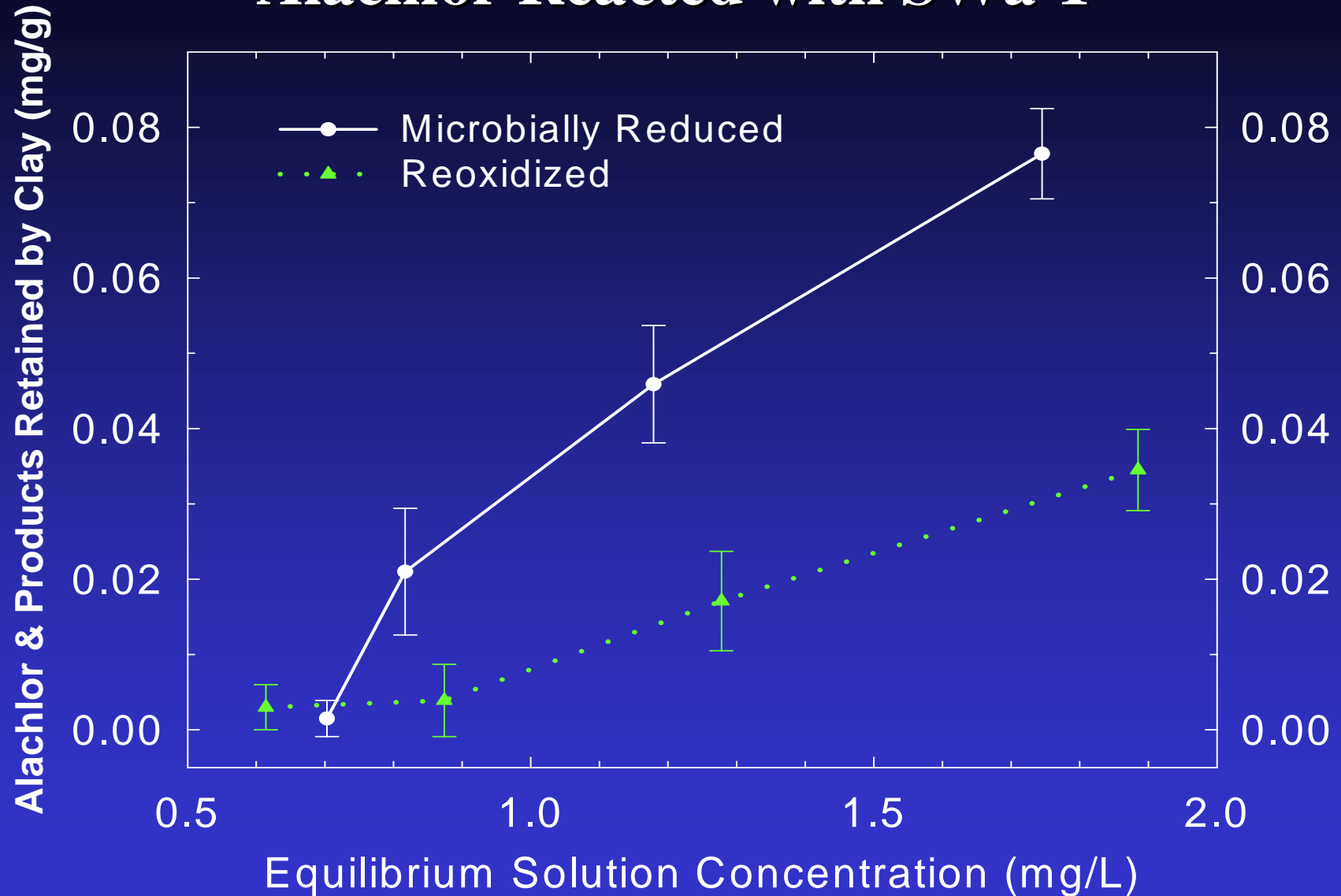
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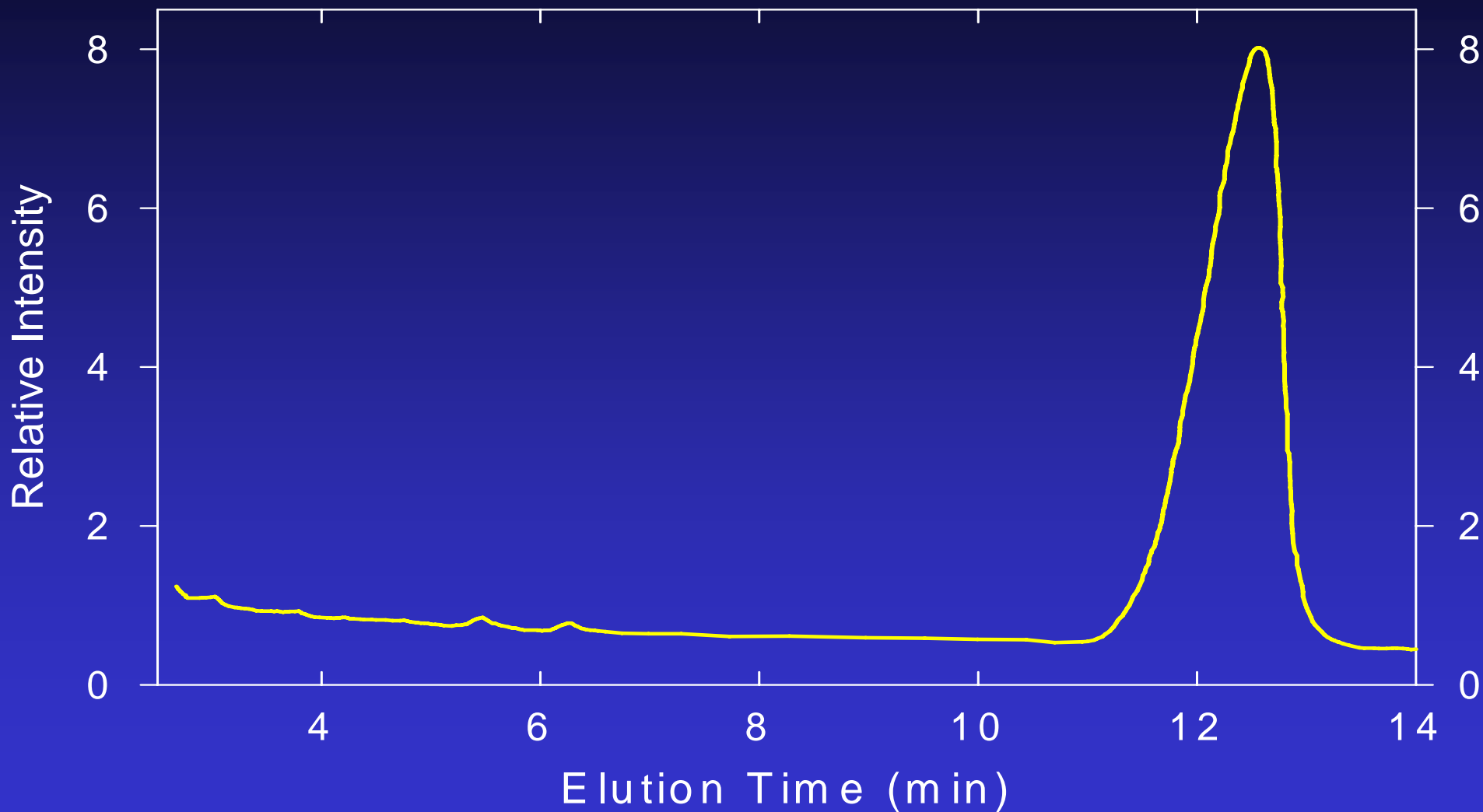


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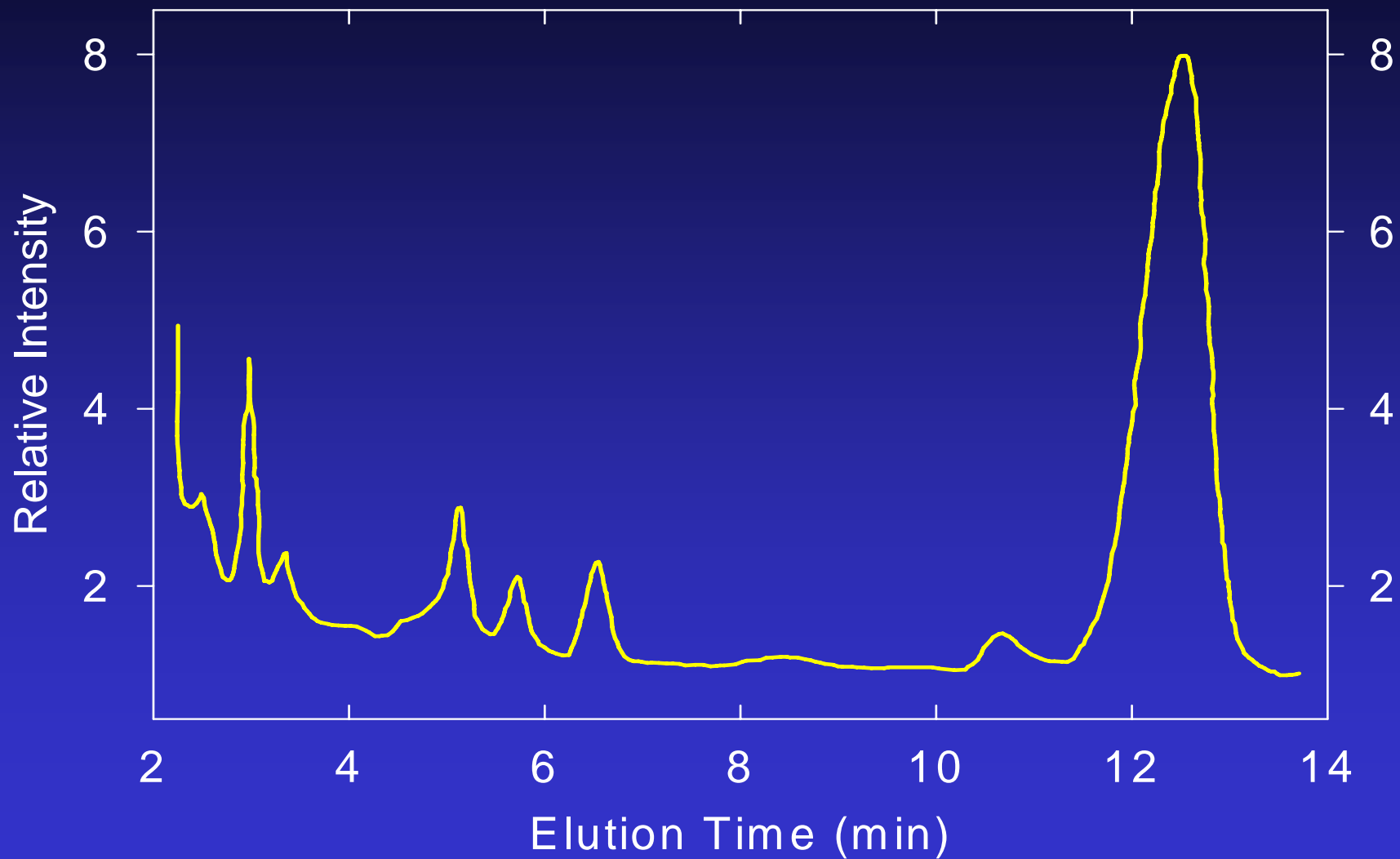
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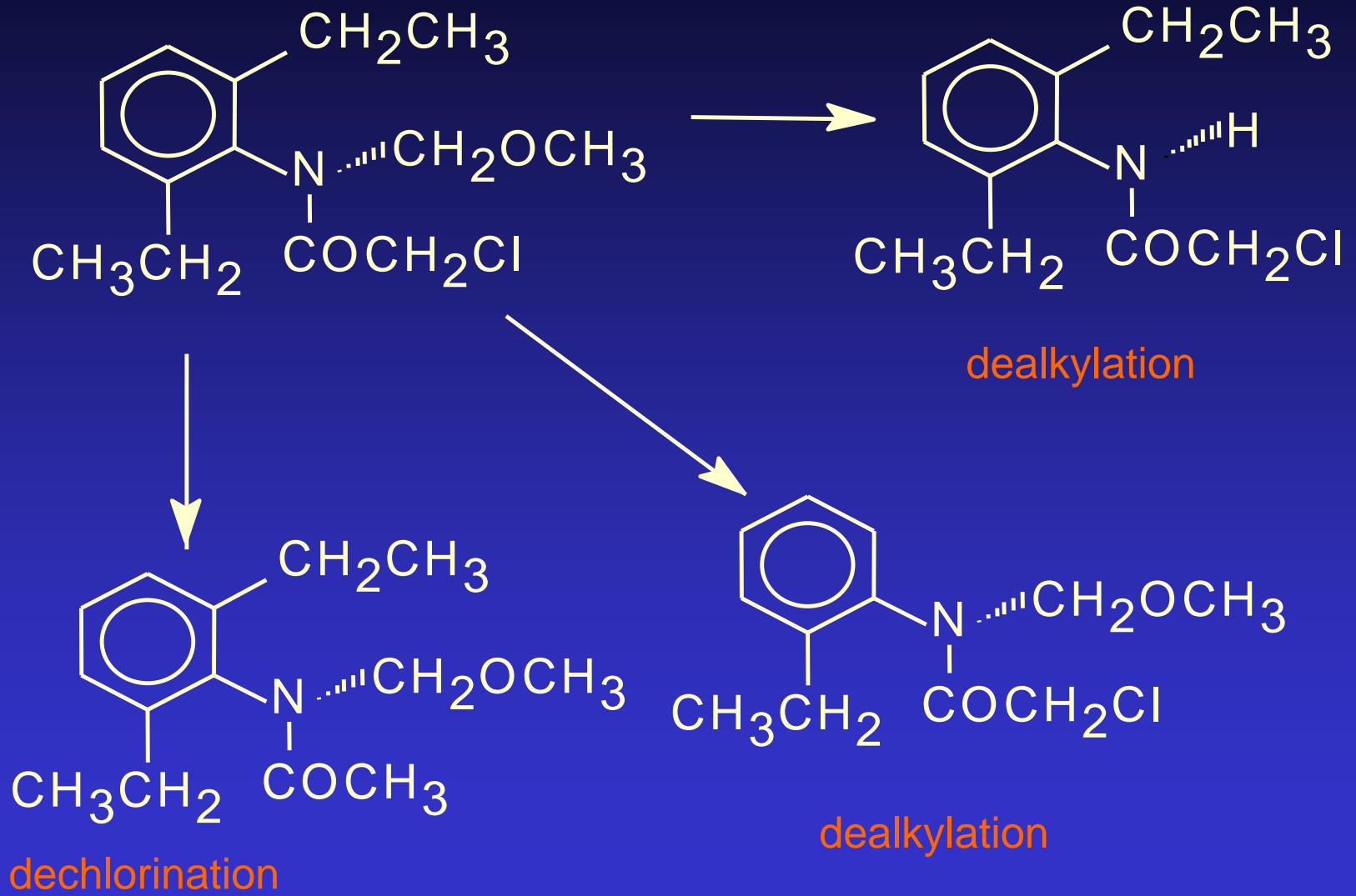
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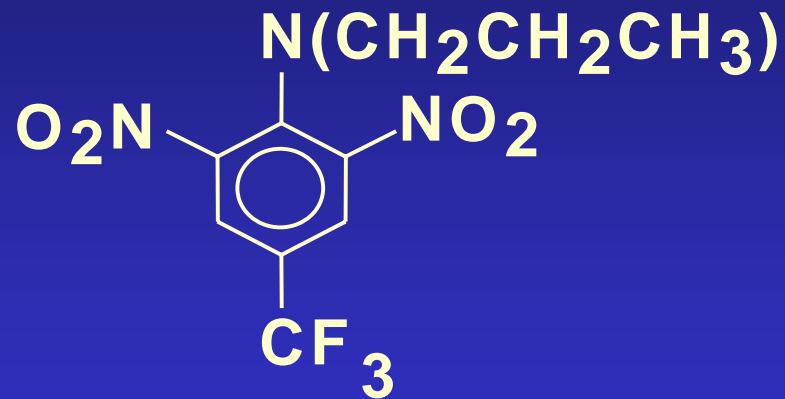
# Alachlor



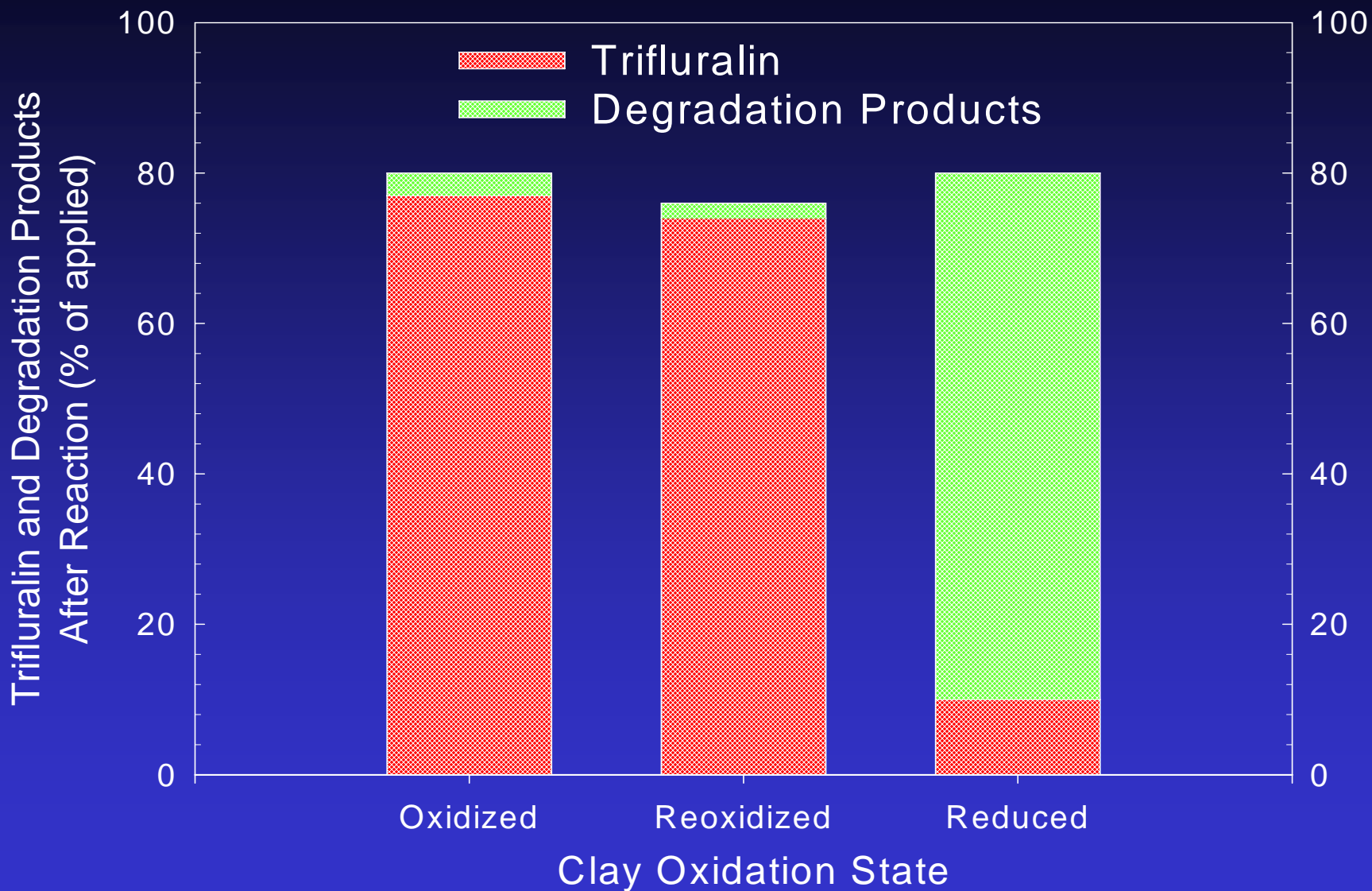
# Trifluralin Transformation

# Structure of Trifluralin

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# Trifluralin Reacted with SWa-1



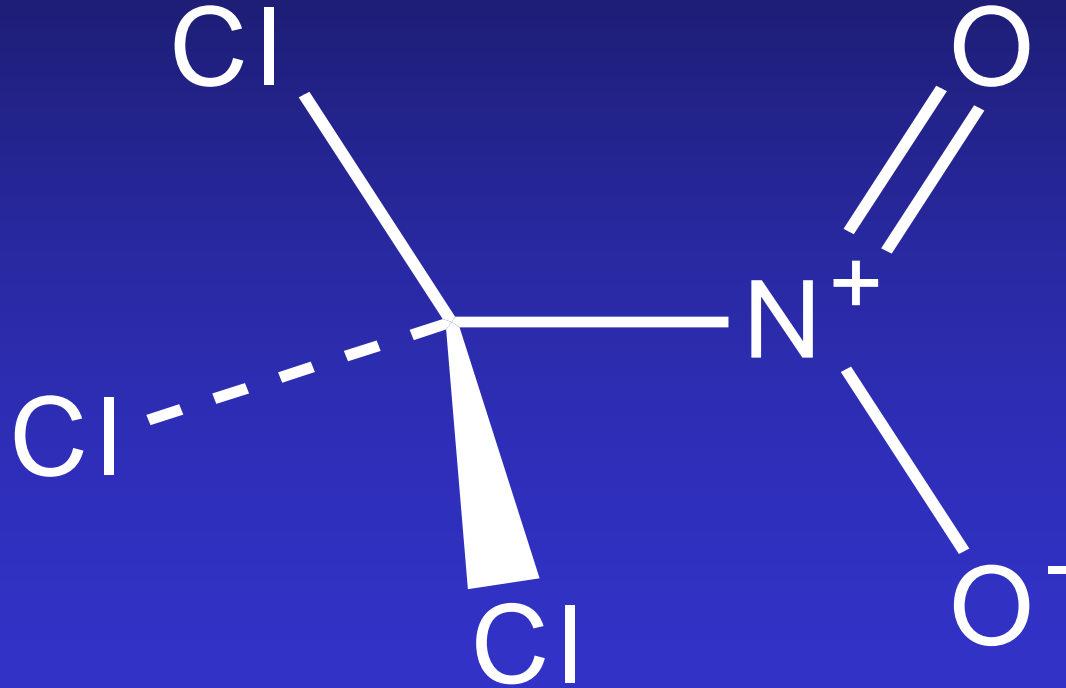
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# Chloropicrin Transformation



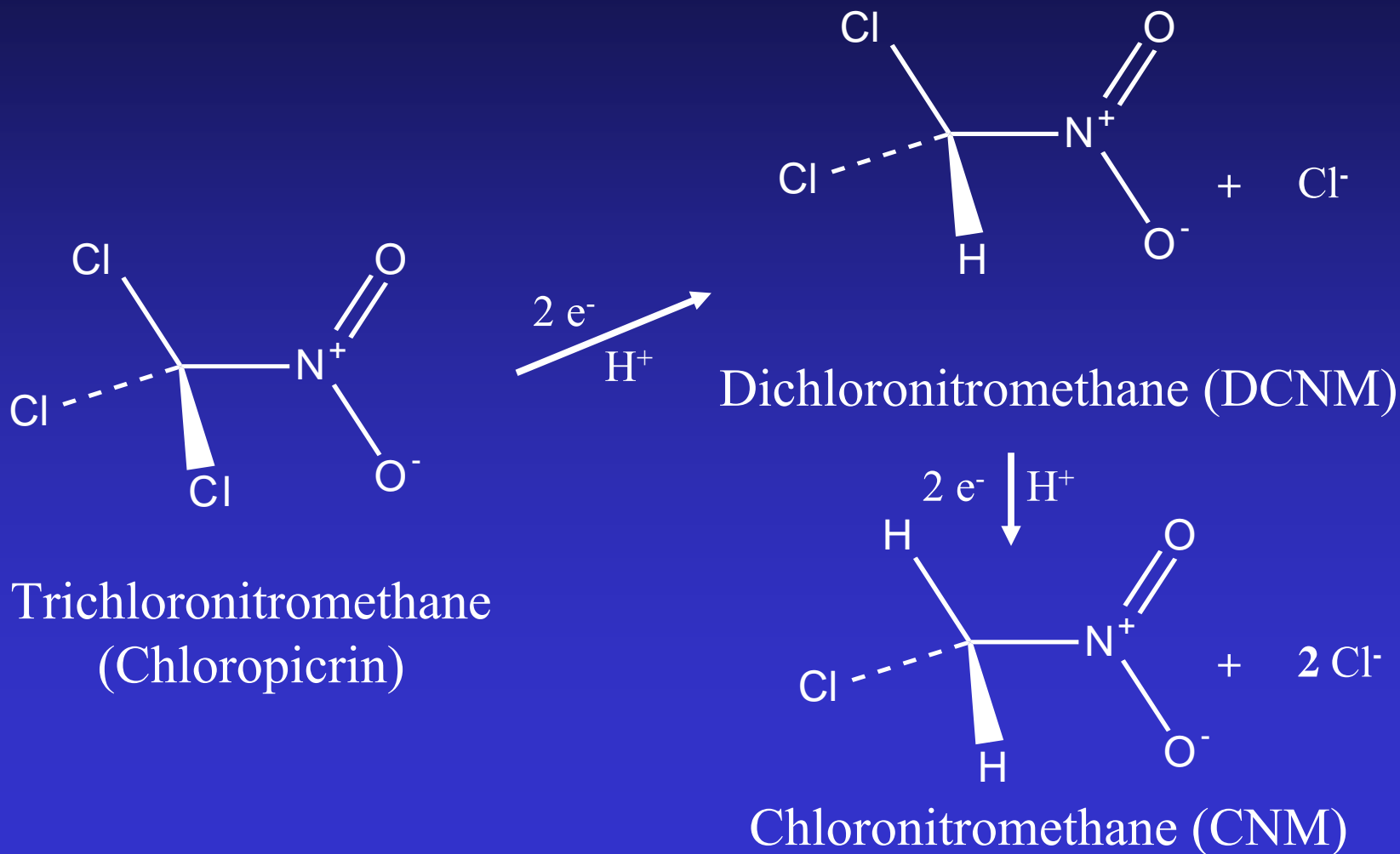
# Structure of Chloropicrin

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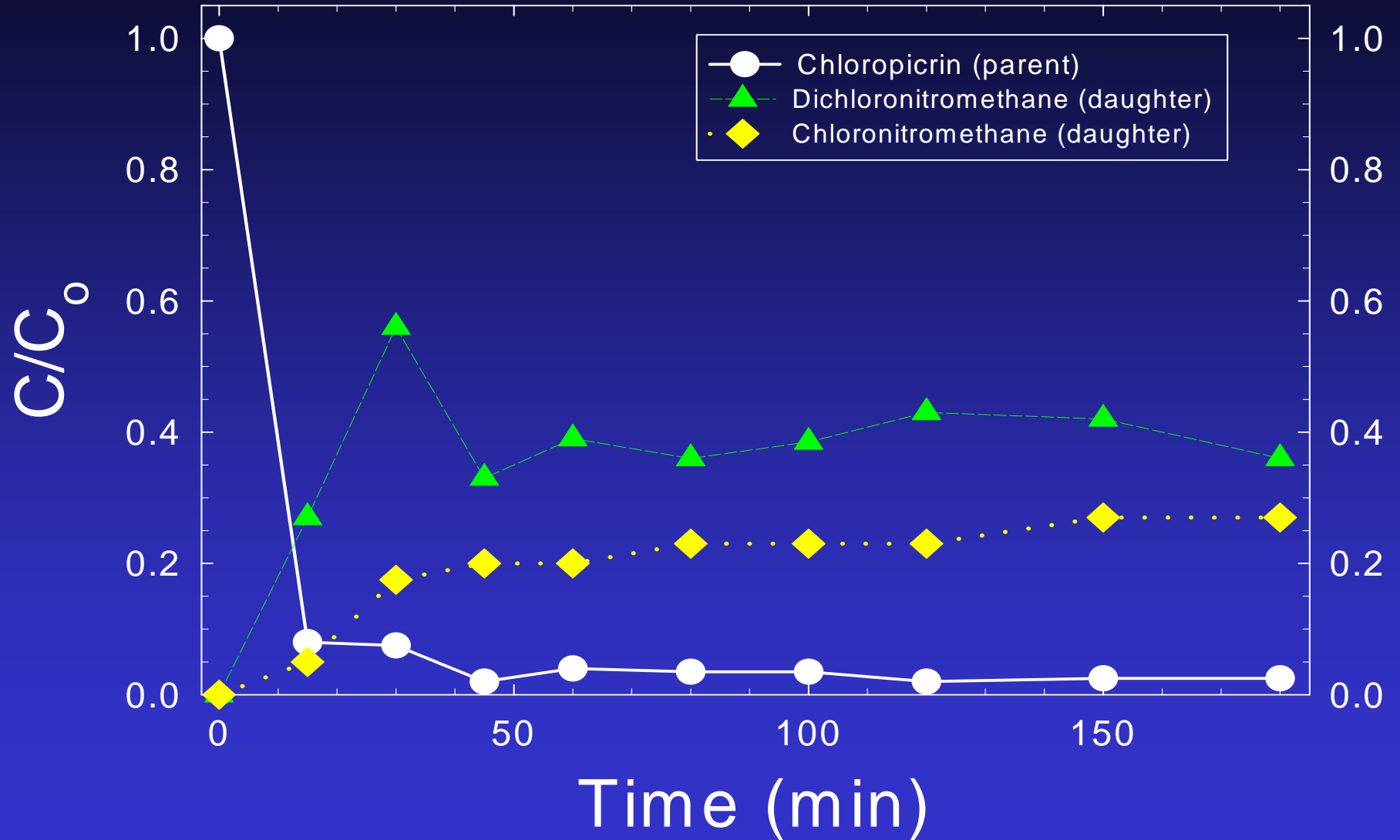


Trichloronitromethane

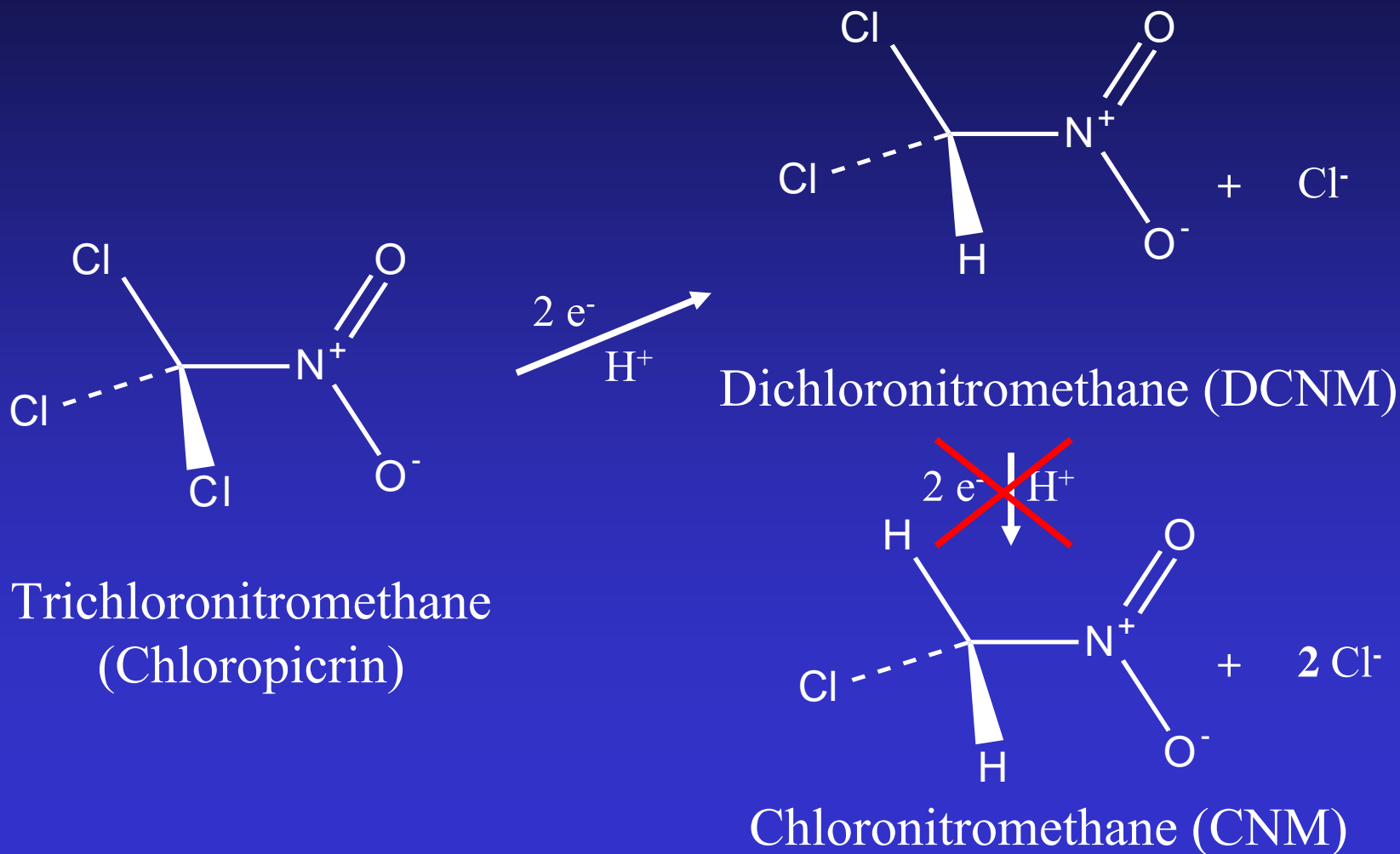
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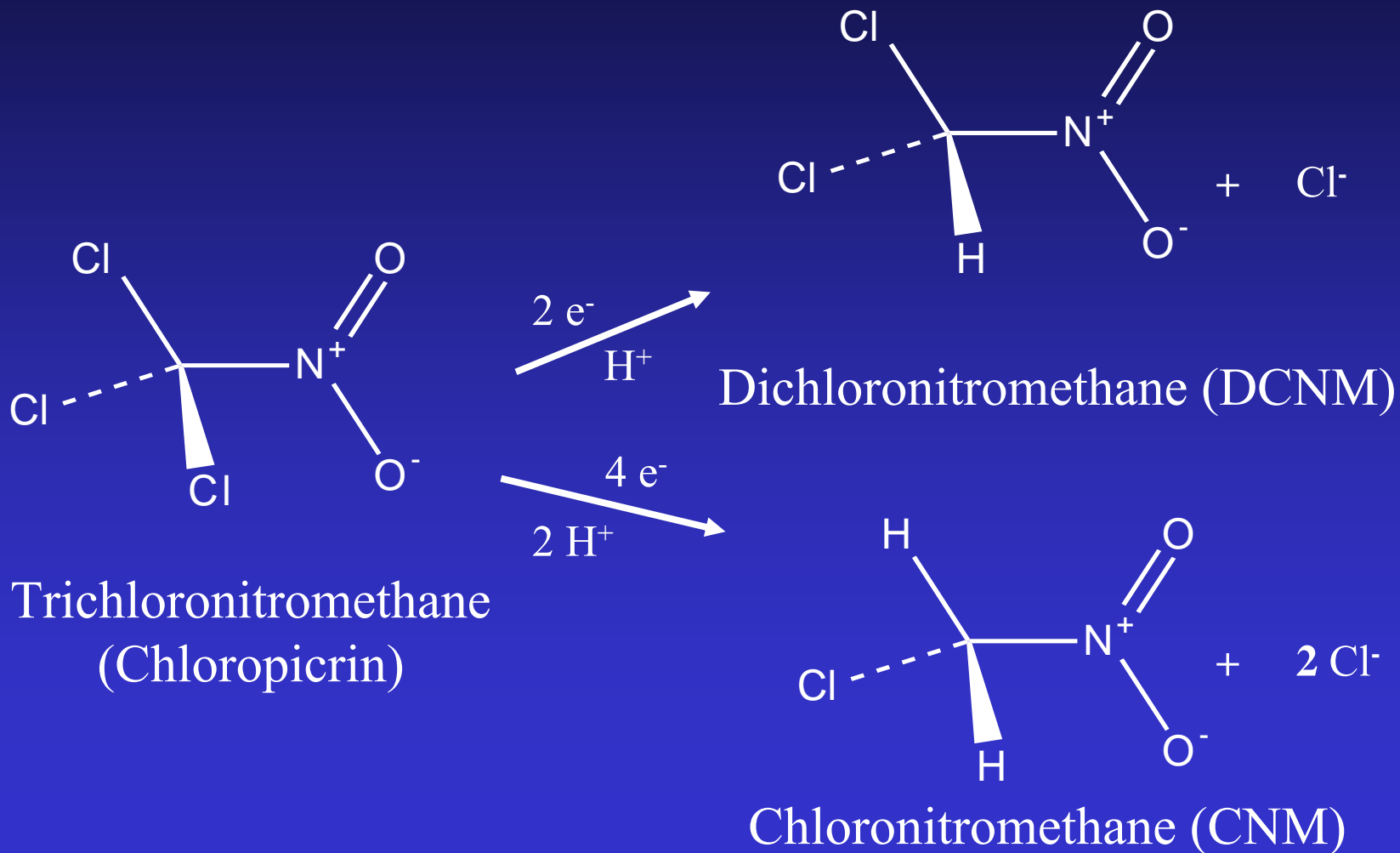
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# CONCLUSIONS

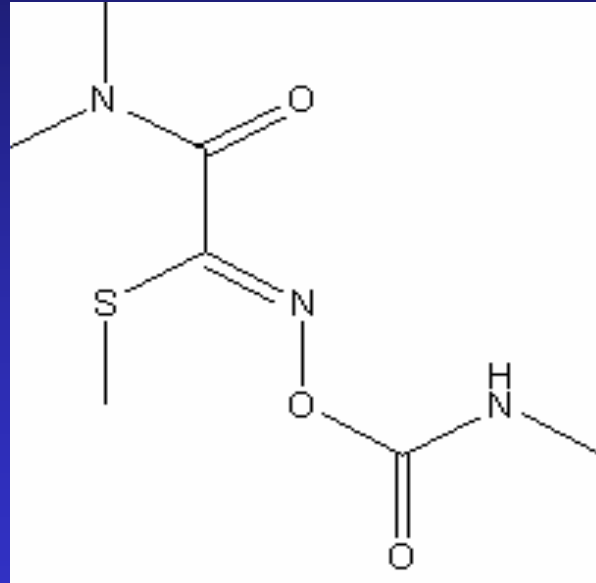
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- Reduction of structural Fe activates smectite surfaces relative to organic compound transformation.
- Degradation pathways include base-catalyzed eliminations and reductive dehalogenation.
- Reduced smectite surfaces also contain significant acidic sites due to increased population of exchangeable cations.

# Oxamyl Transformation

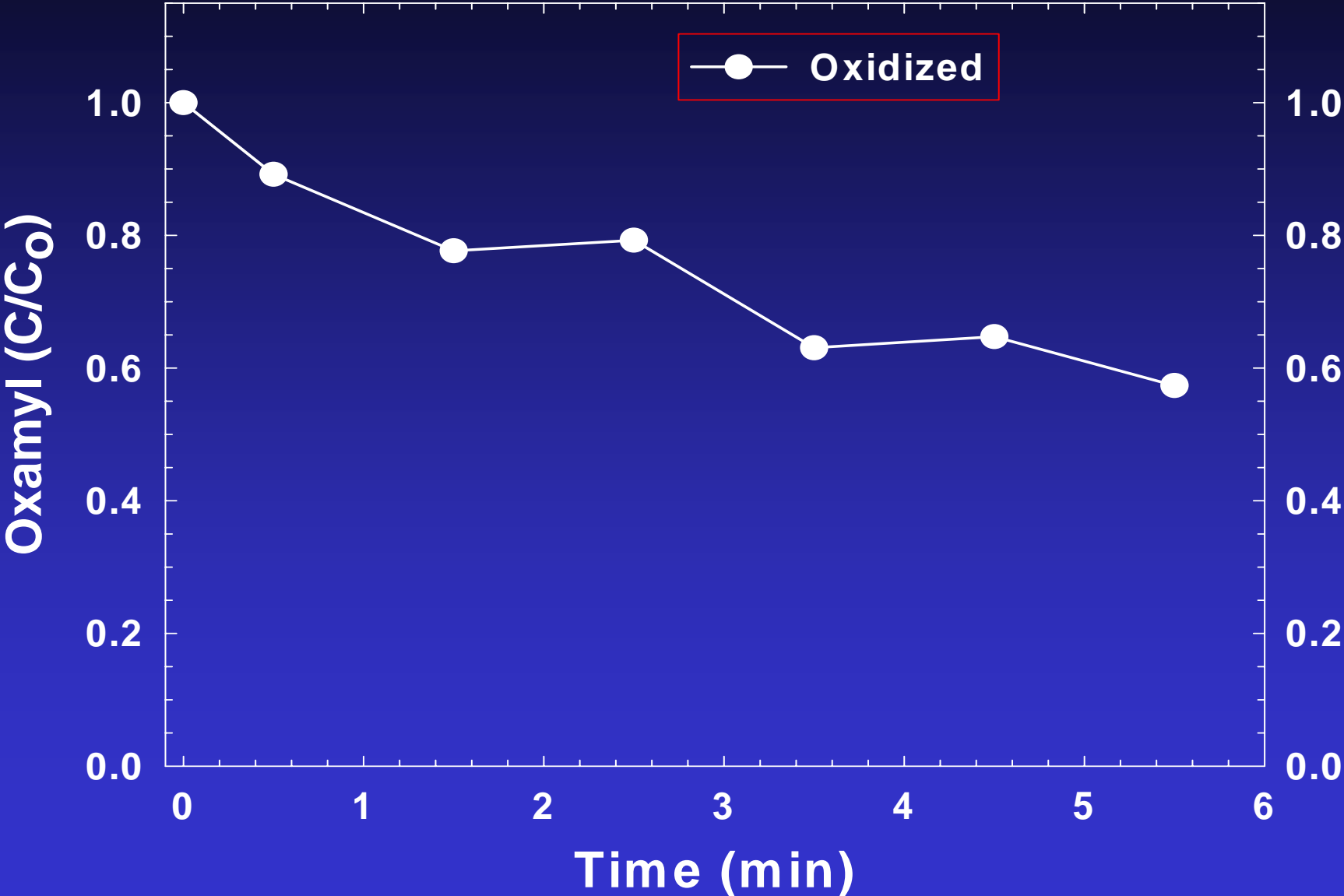
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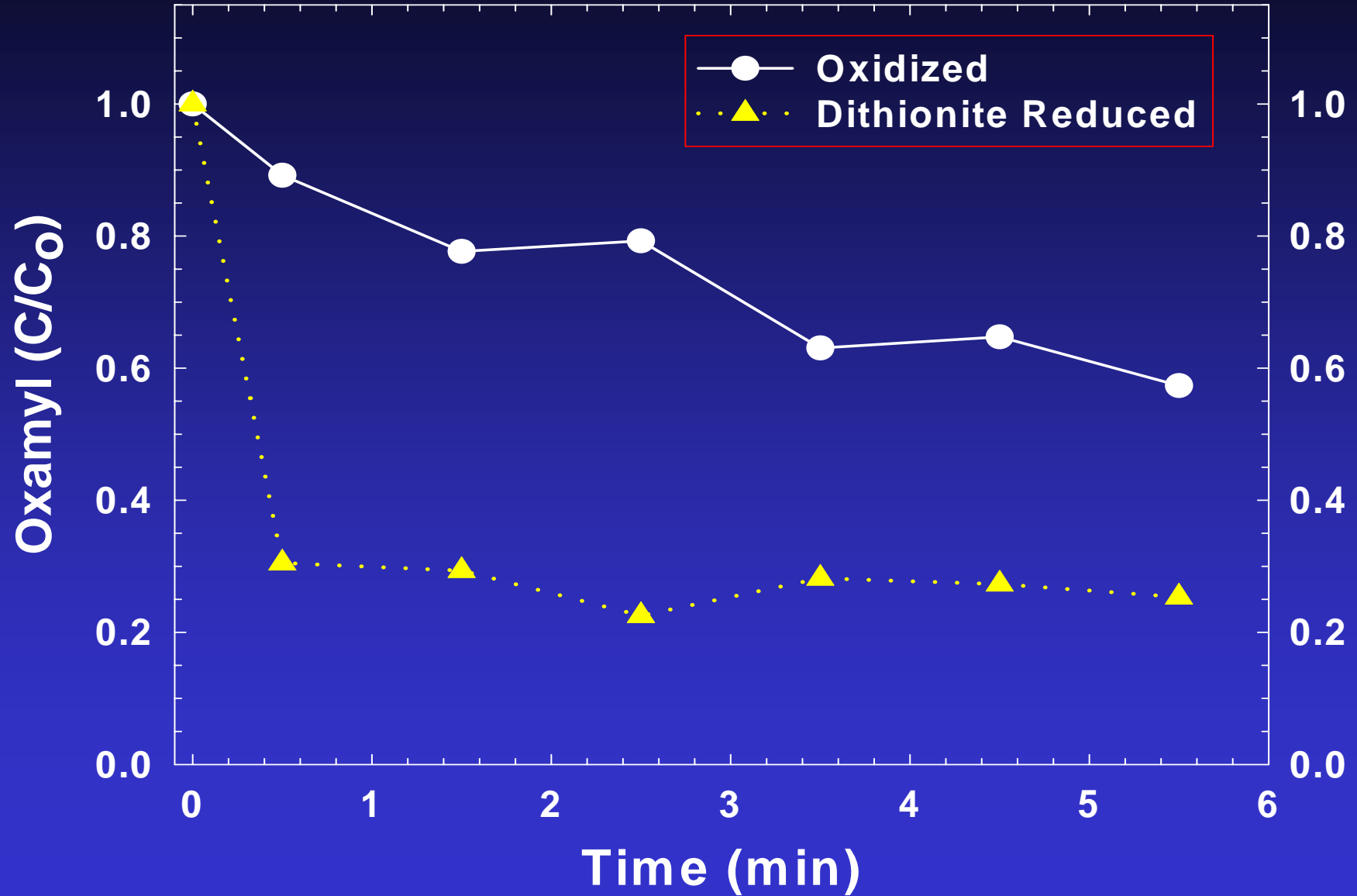




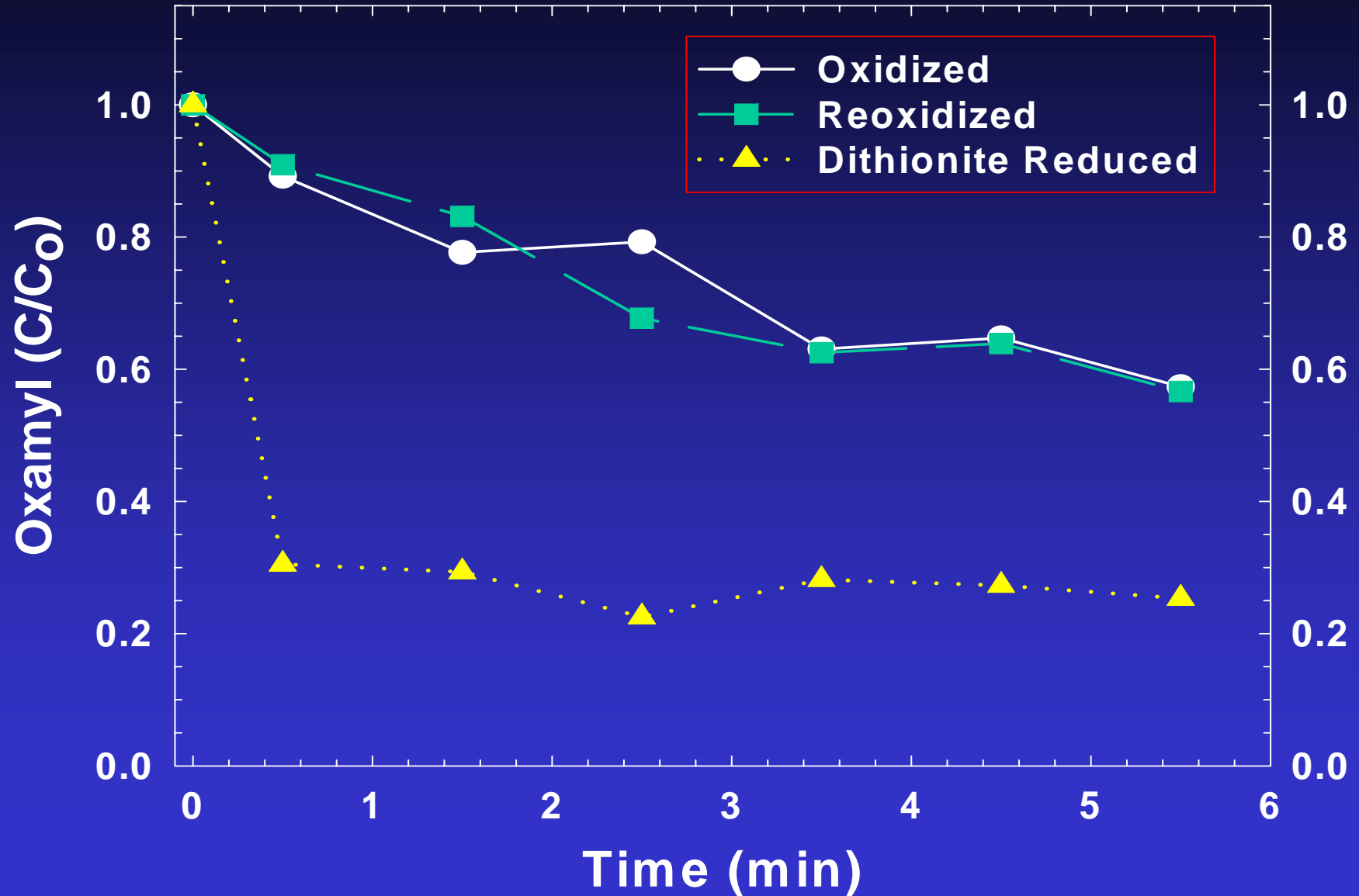
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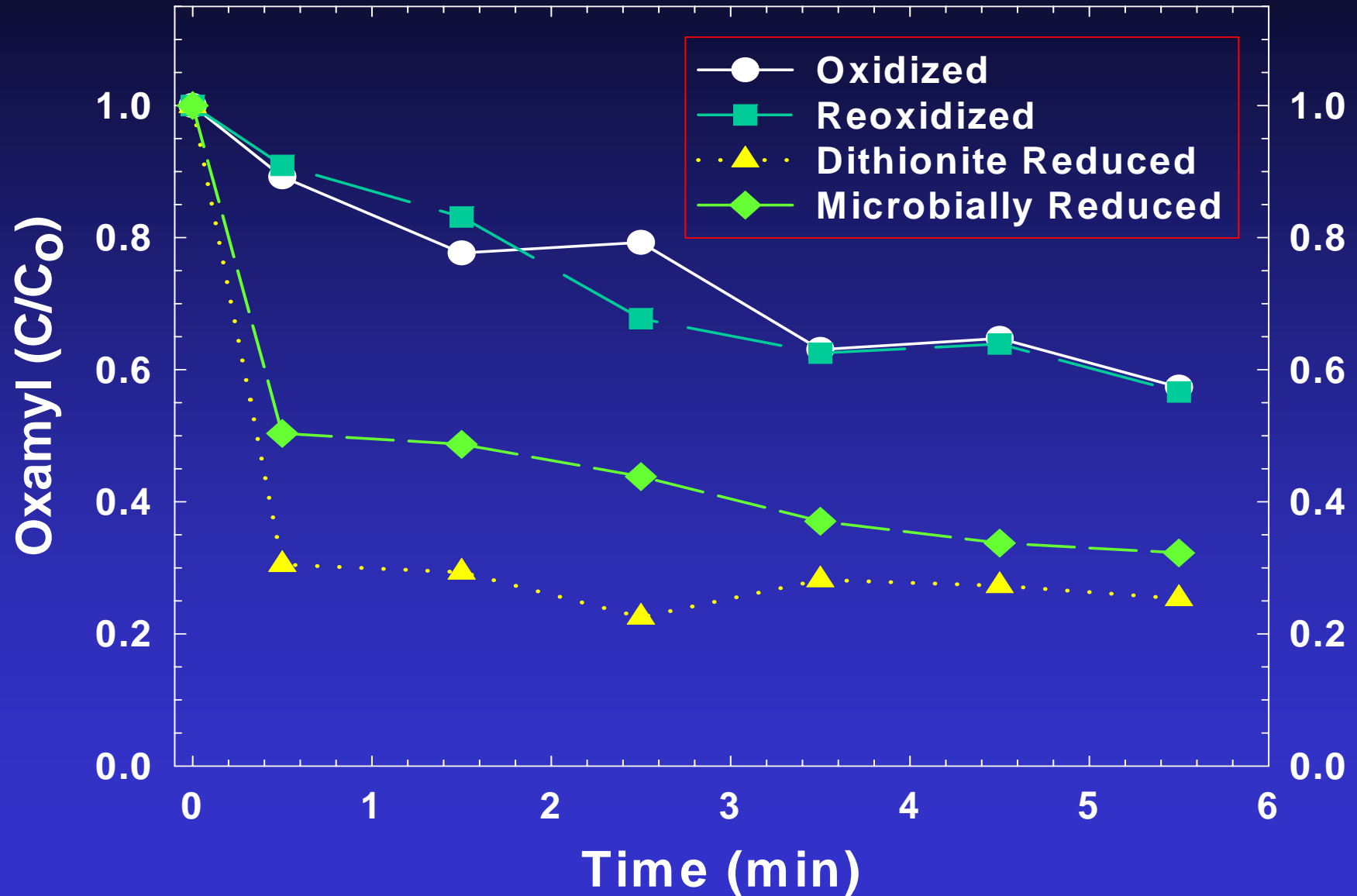
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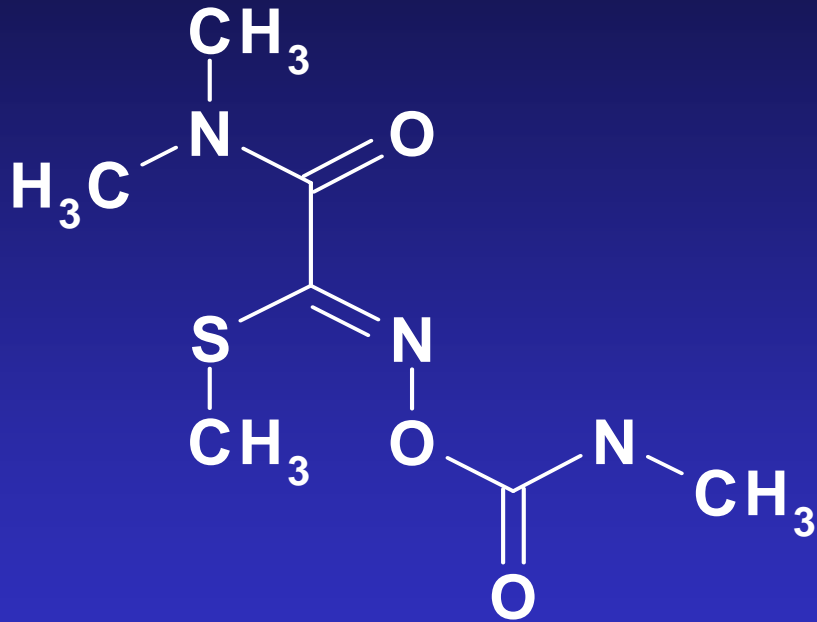


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# Oxamyl Structure

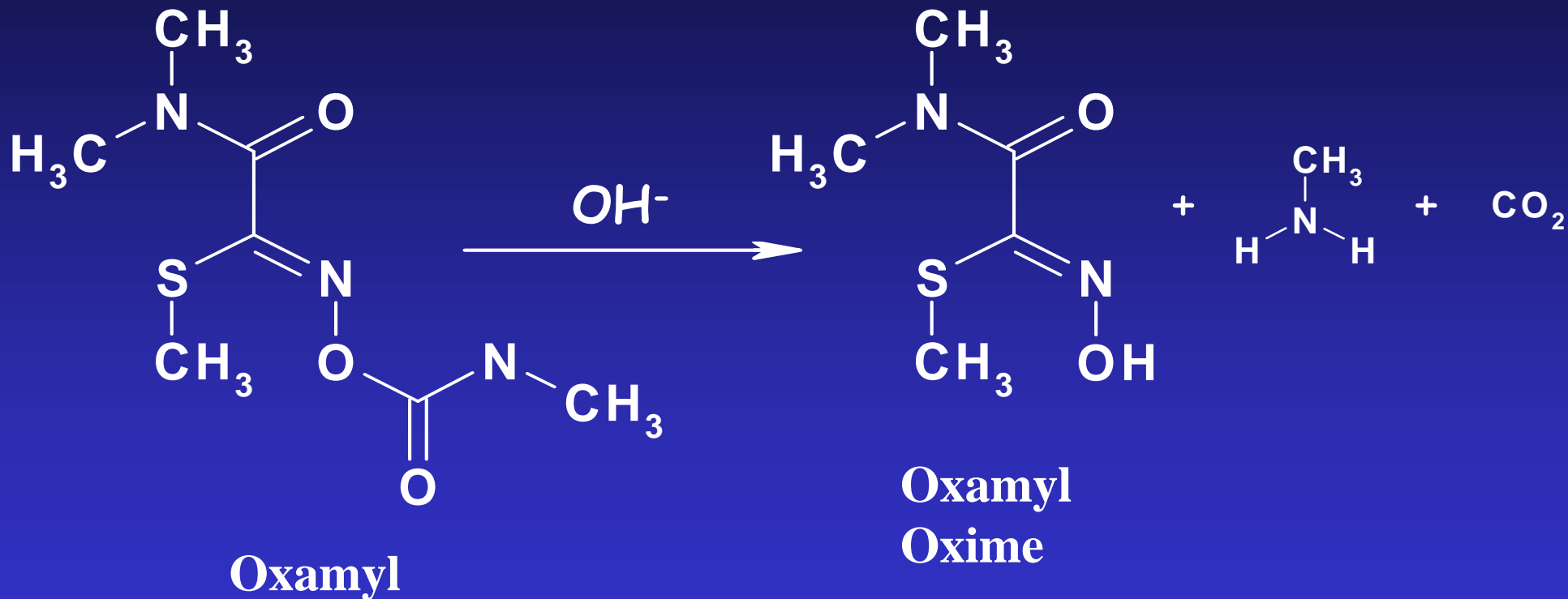
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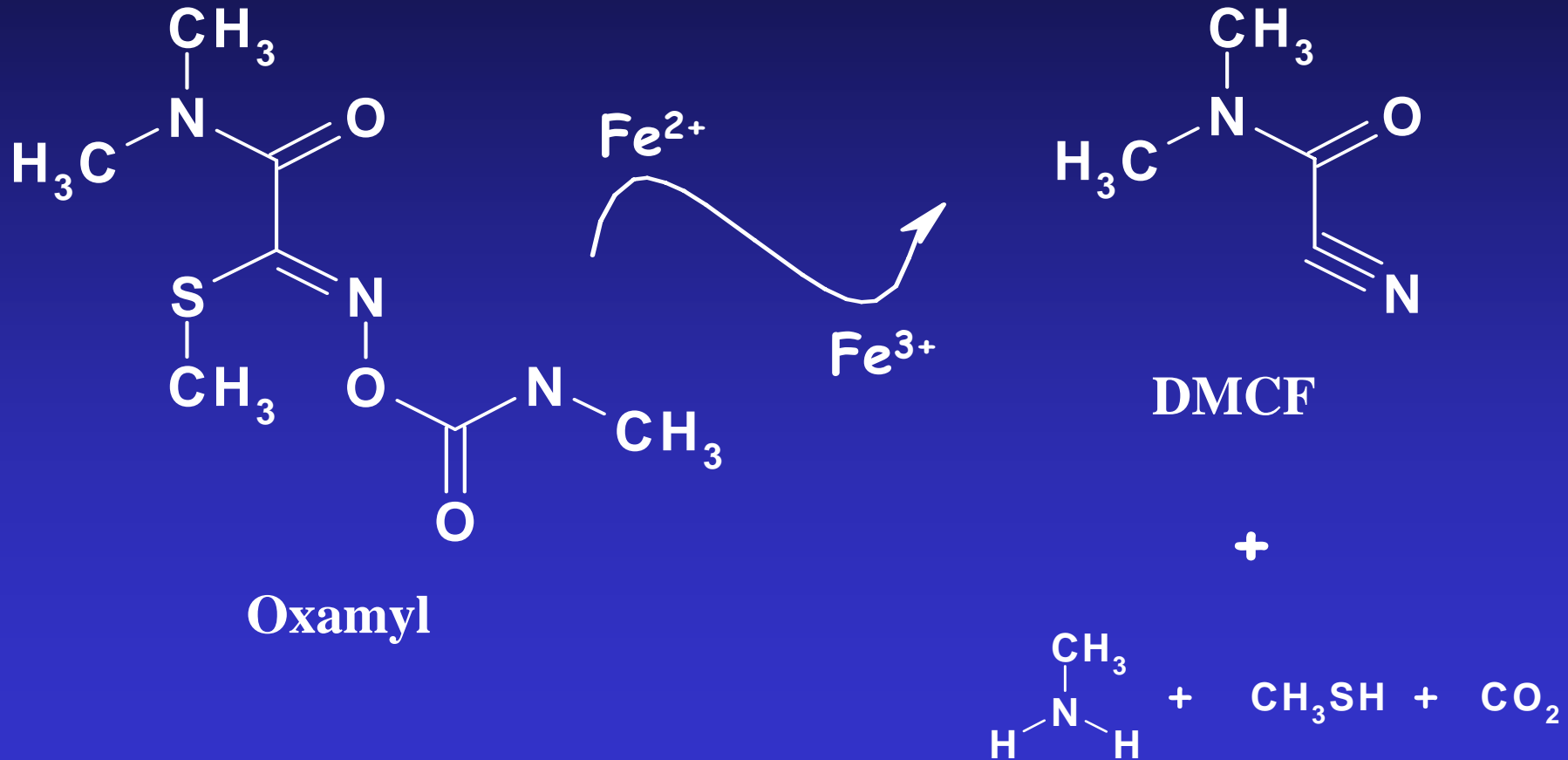
Oxamyl

Degrades by two mechanisms:  
**hydrolysis and reduction**

# Hydrolysis of Oxamyl



# Reduction of Oxamyl



DMCF = N, N-dimethyl-1-cyanoformamide

# pH vs. Oxidation State of SWa-1

<b>Ox. state</b>	<b>Ox</b>
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	<b>Solution pH</b>
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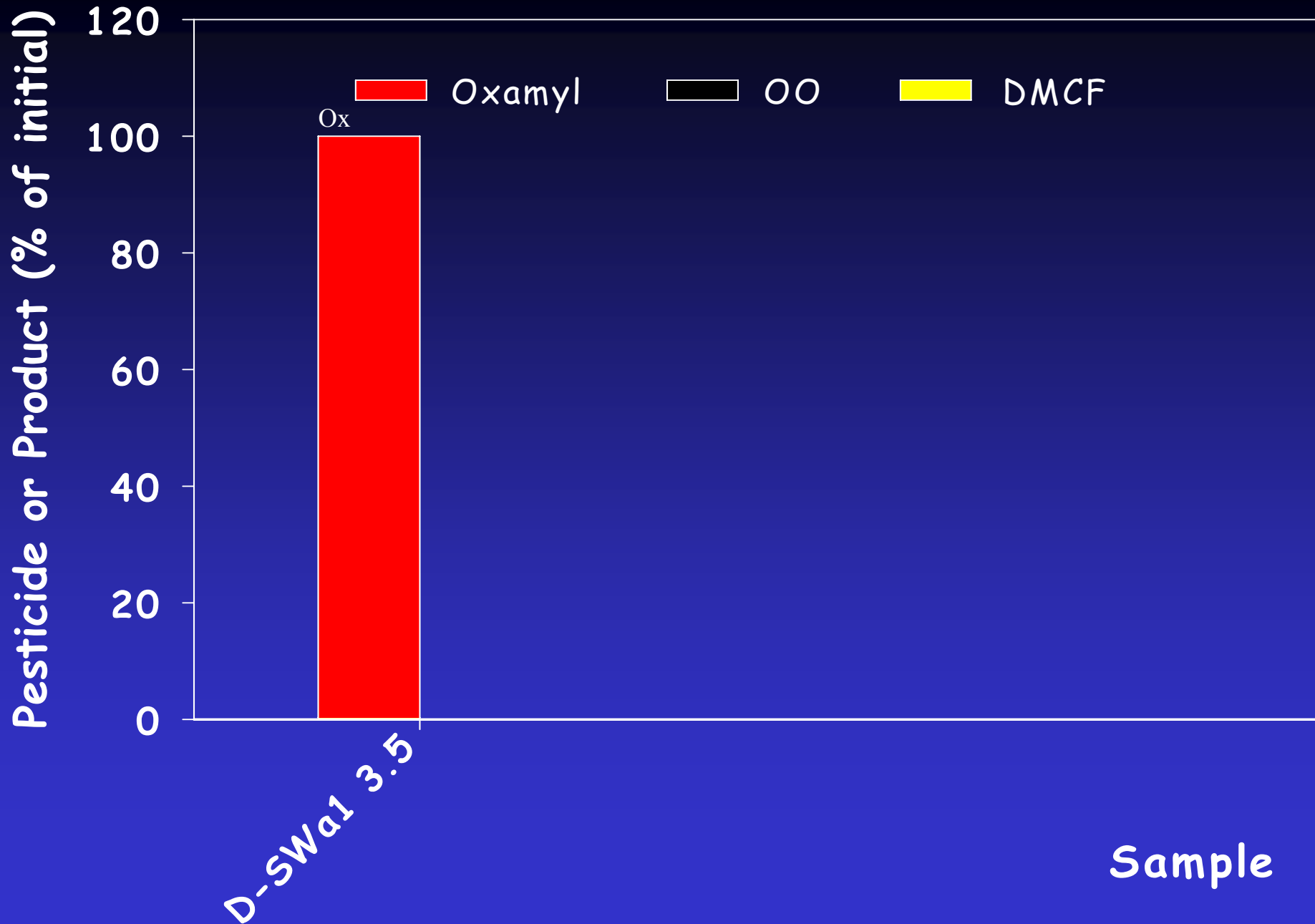


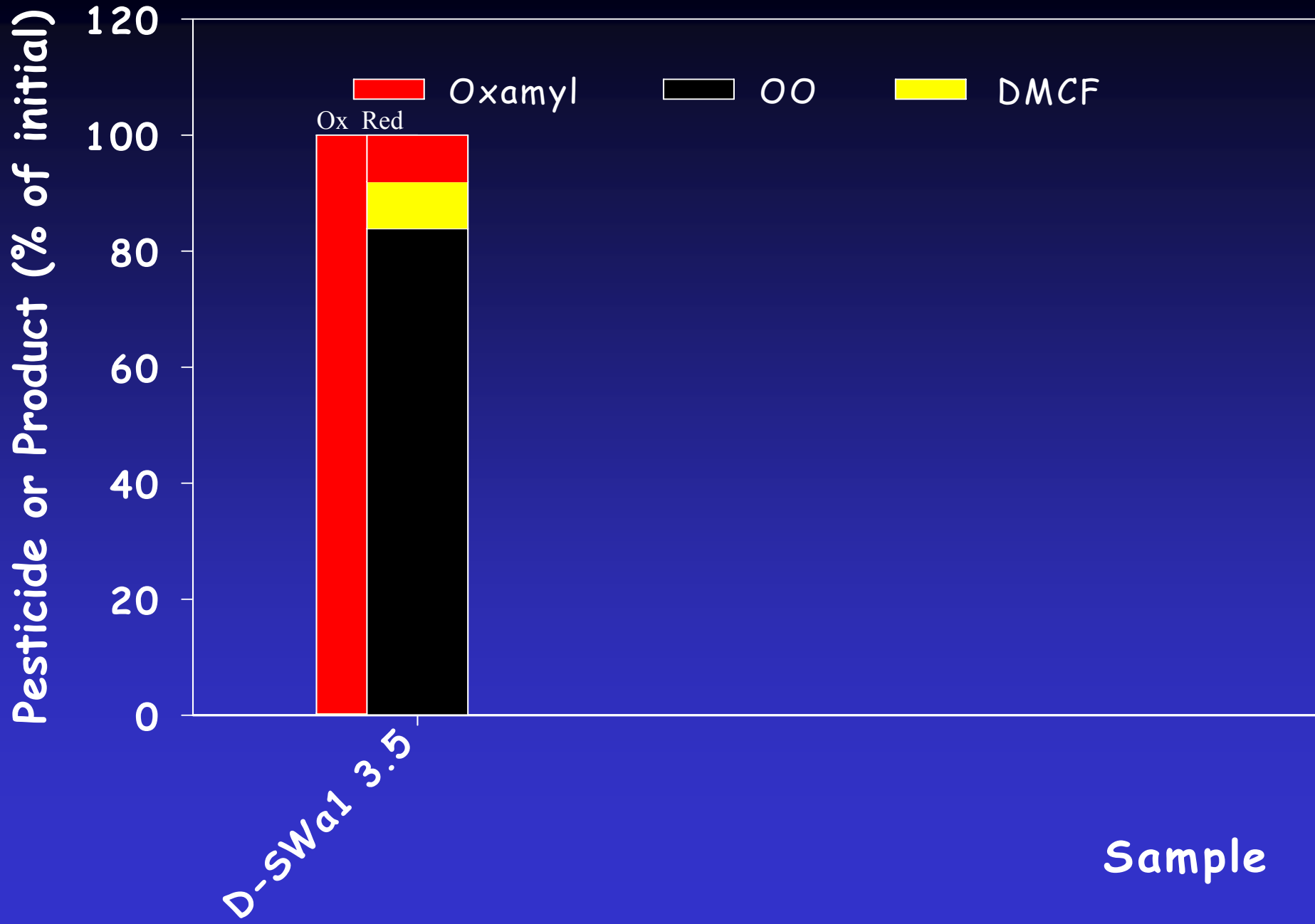
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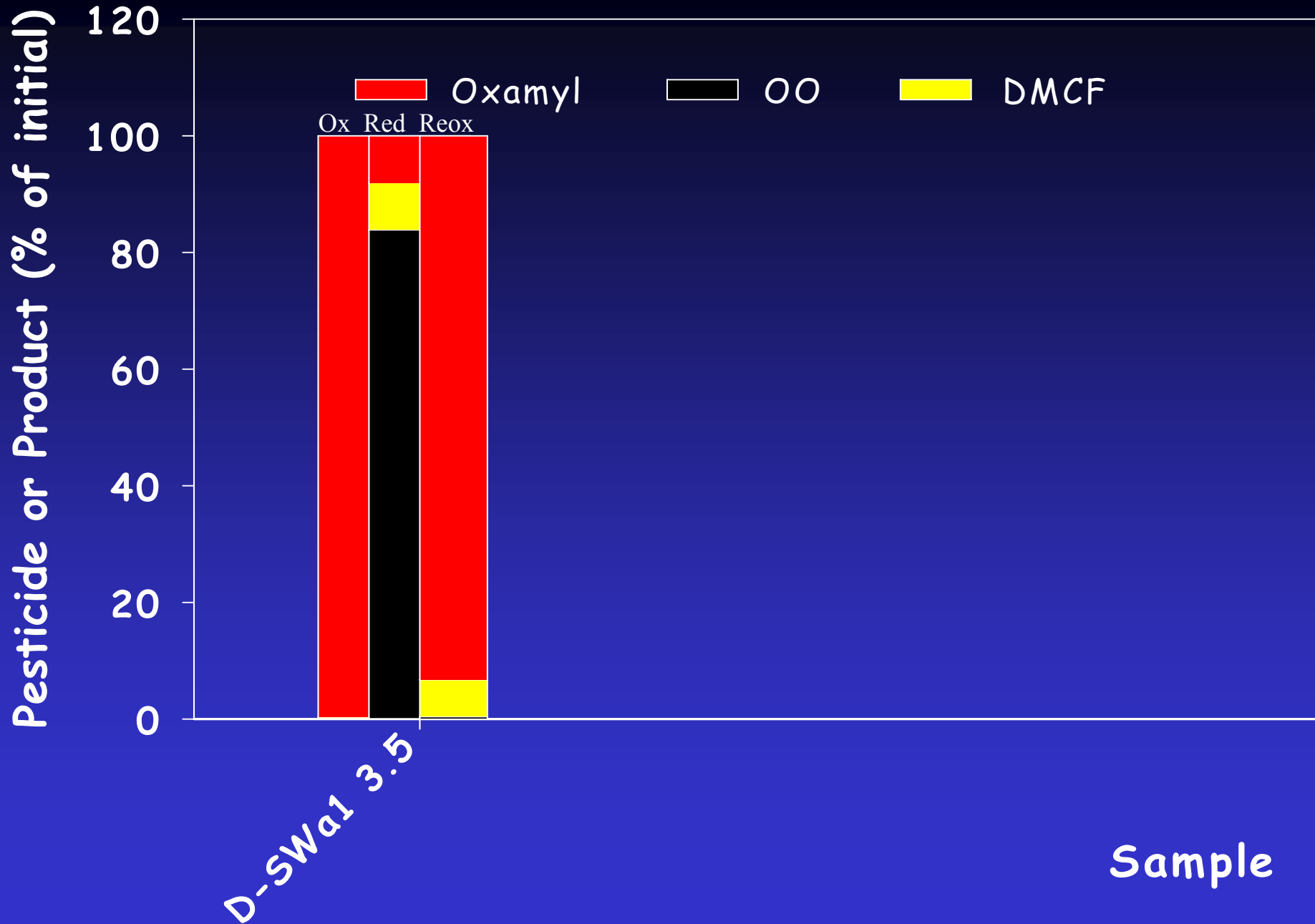
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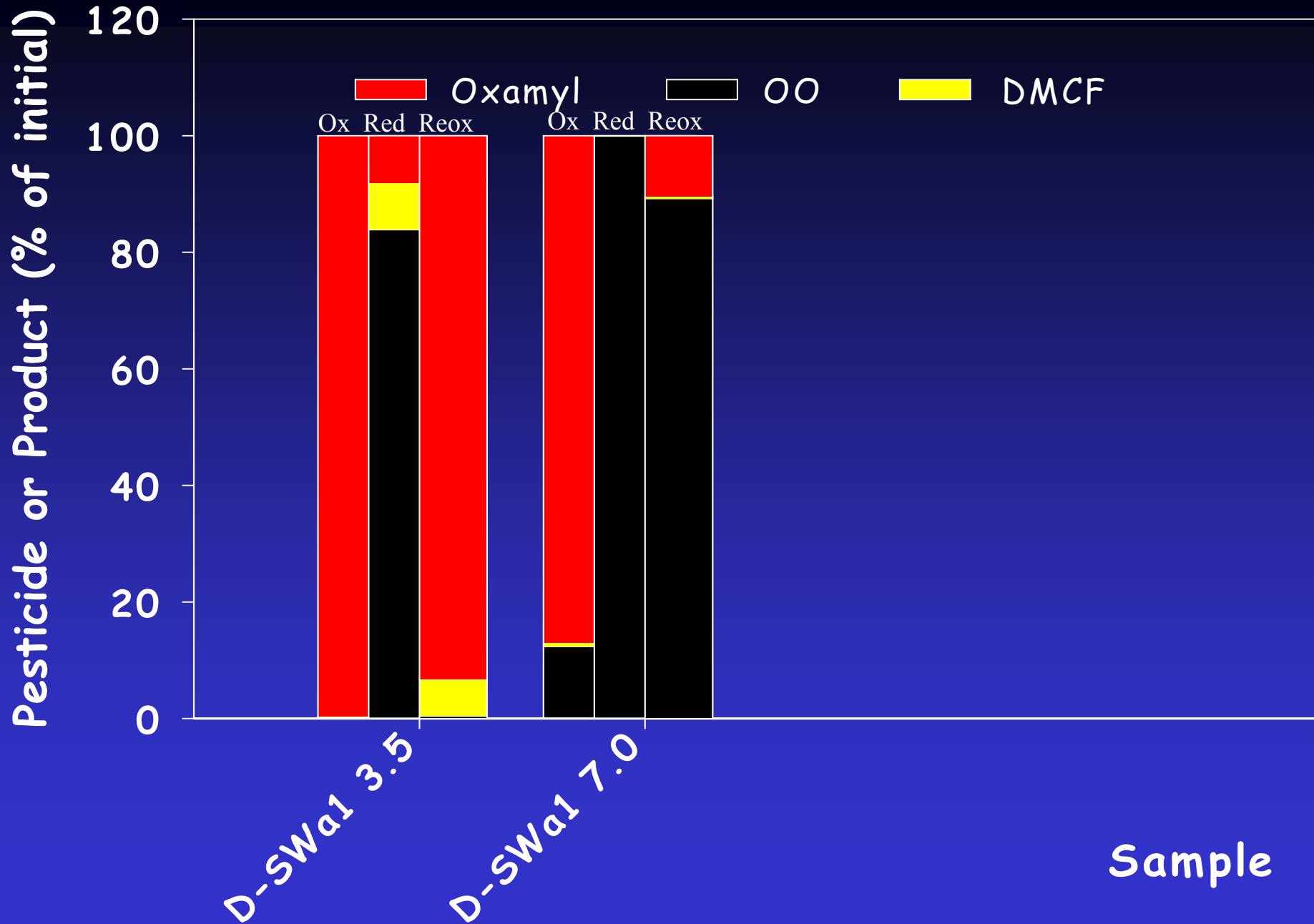
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Sample

# Summary

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- Oxidized clay: no change in clay pH; no oxamyl degradation at low pH (3.5); some at neutral pH (7.0).
- Chemically reduced clay:
  - Clay pH increases as structural Fe(II) increases;
  - Oxamyl is partially degraded into OO (mostly) and DMCF at low pH;
  - Oxamyl degrades completely into OO at neutral pH;

# Conclusions

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- Oxamyl degrades rapidly in the presence of reduced smectite.
- Oxamyl oxime (hydrolysis) product dominates in reduced SWa-1 at higher pHs.
- DMCF (reduction) product occurs only at low pH.



# Mitigating Pesticide Toxicity

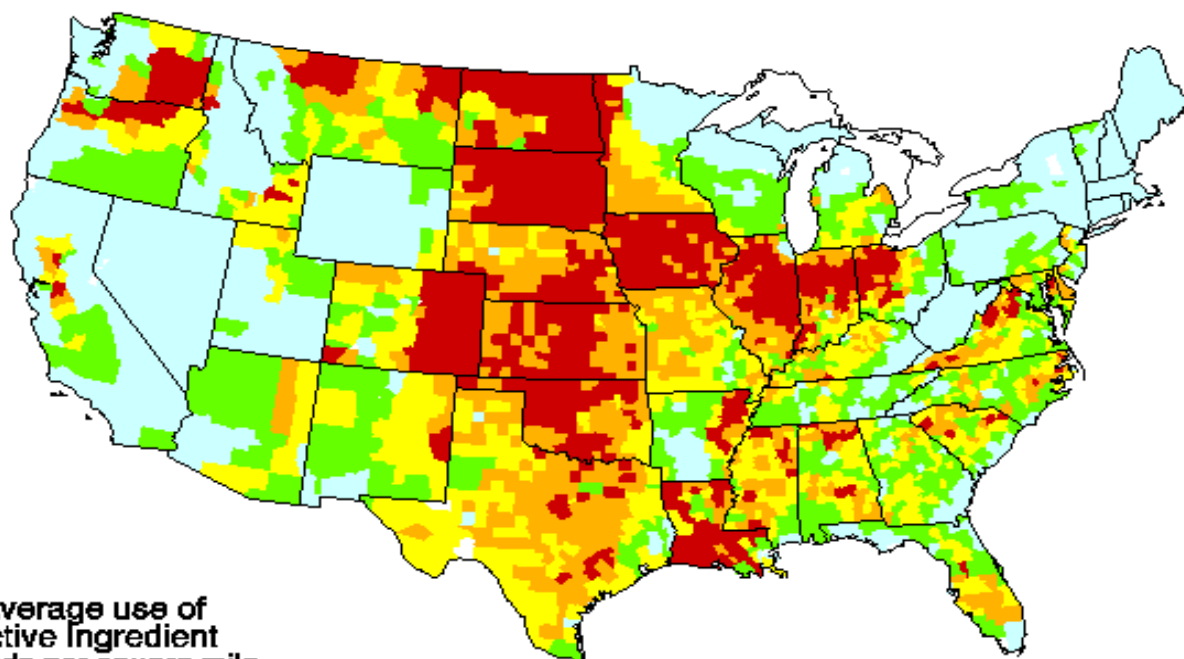
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## Objective:

**Determine ways to mitigate the human toxicity of pesticides in the environment**

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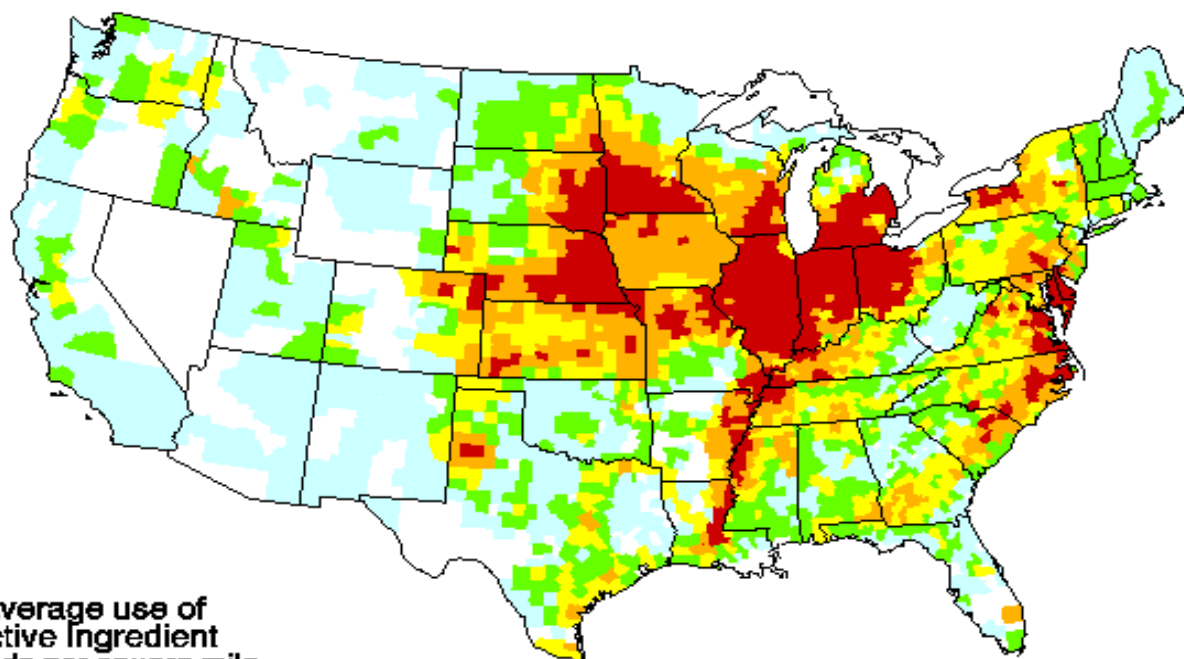
Average use of  
Active Ingredient  
Pounds per square mile  
of county per year

- No Estimated Use
- < 3.253
- 3.253 - 8.881
- 8.882 - 15.668
- 15.669 - 23.562
- $\geq 23.563$

Crops	Total Pounds Applied	Percent National Use
pasture	16,106,460	43.25
wheat and grains	7,926,326	21.29
corn	4,650,447	12.22
other hay	3,718,124	9.98
soybeans	2,044,003	5.49
barley	908,608	2.44
rice	556,462	1.49
sorghum	453,258	1.22
oats	275,812	0.74
sugar cane: sugar & seed	164,703	0.44

# ALACHLOR

## ESTIMATED ANNUAL AGRICULTURAL USE



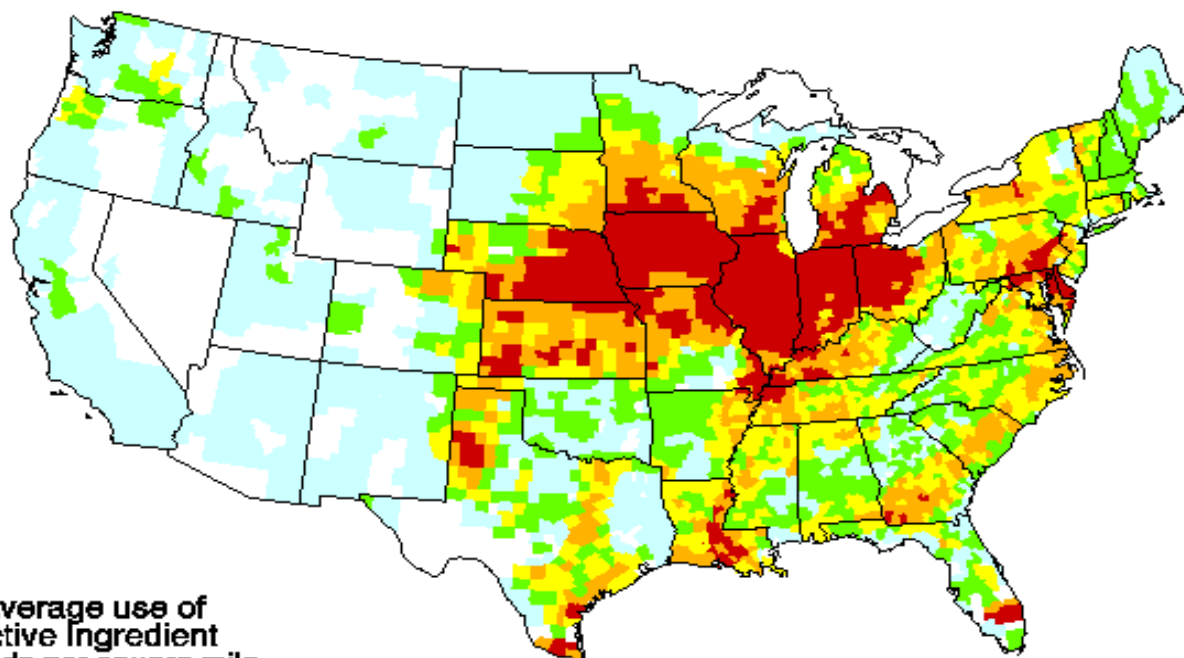
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- No Estimated Use
- < 0.415
- 0.415 - 2.456
- 2.457 - 9.988
- 9.989 - 29.195
- $\geq 29.196$

Crops	Total Pounds Applied	Percent National Use
corn	13,902,747	54.21
soybeans	8,862,899	34.56
sorghum	1,829,617	7.13
sweet corn	507,232	1.98
dry beans	336,853	1.31
peanuts	122,871	0.48
cotton	61,870	0.24
sunflower	23,794	0.09

# ATRAZINE

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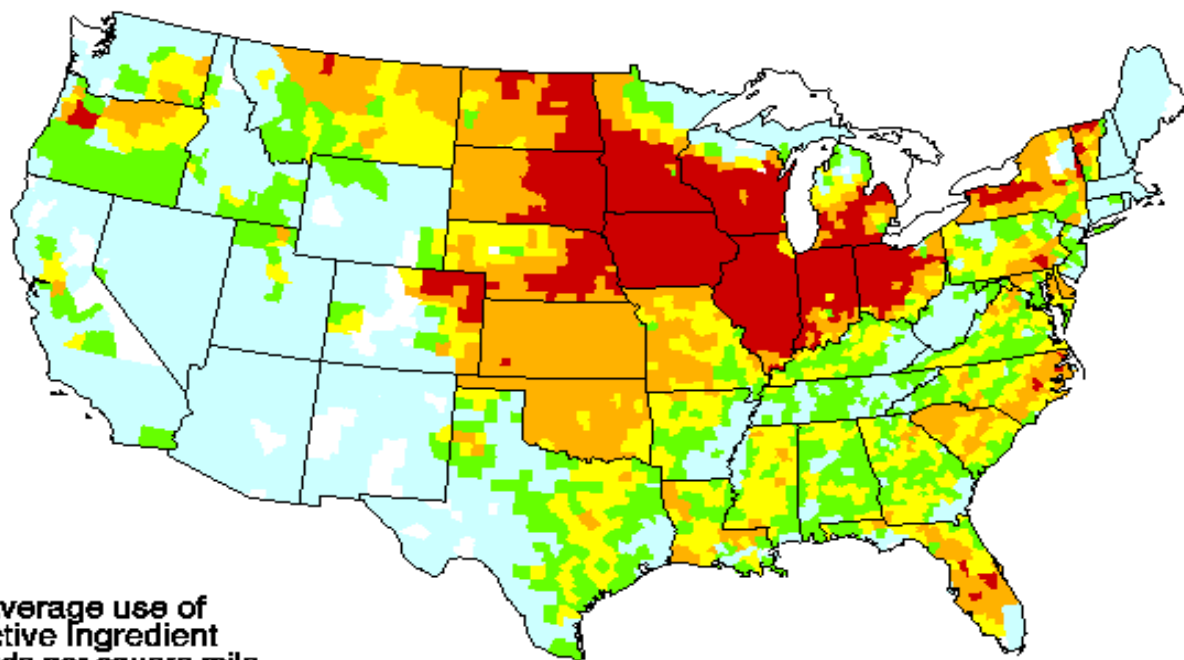
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- No Estimated Use
- < 1.080
- 1.080 - 5.587
- 5.588 - 21.211
- 21.212 - 66.515
- $\geq 66.516$

Crops	Total Pounds Applied	Percent National Use
corn	53,796,206	84.13
sorghum	7,339,963	11.48
sugar cane: sugar & seed	1,711,322	2.68
pasture	518,074	0.81
sweet corn	444,523	0.70
sod	119,182	0.19
proso millet	11,937	0.02
field and grass seed	6,305	0.01

# DICAMBA

## ESTIMATED ANNUAL AGRICULTURAL USE



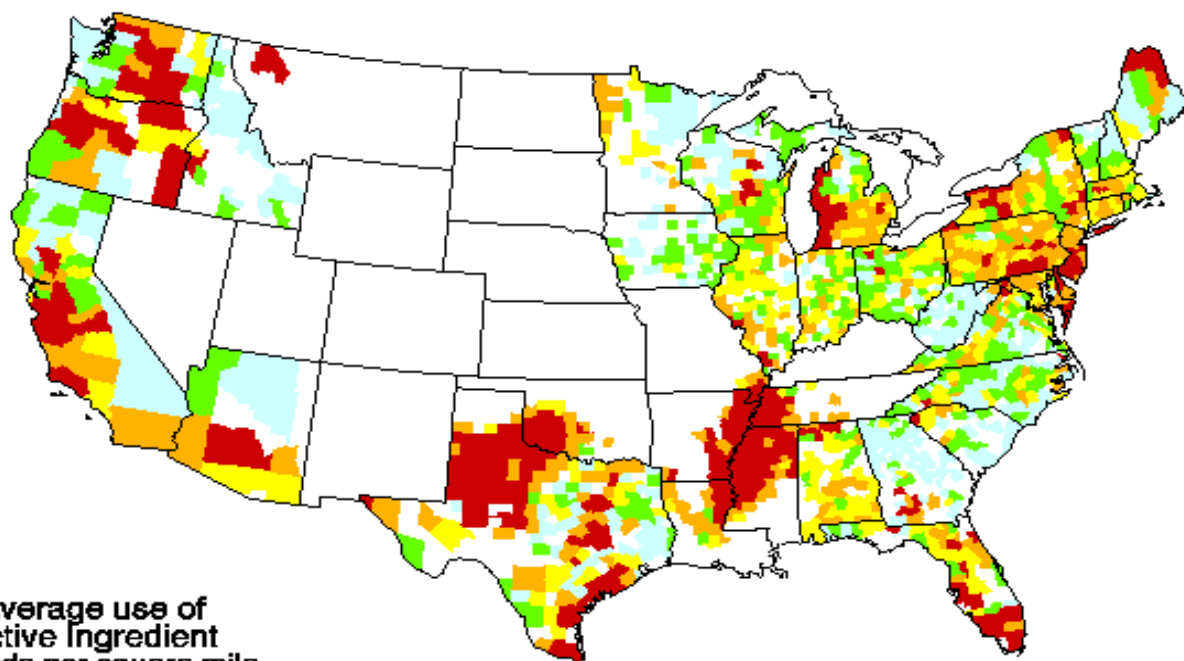
Average use of  
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- < 0.302
- 0.302 - 0.931
- 0.932 - 2.138
- 2.139 - 6.432
- $\geq 6.433$

Crops	Total Pounds Applied	Percent National Use
corn	6,907,941	72.03
pasture	1,175,374	12.26
wheat and grains	861,932	8.99
other hay	398,438	4.15
barley	89,182	0.93
sorghum	59,065	0.62
field and grass seed	50,572	0.53
oats	32,167	0.34
sod	11,519	0.12
proso millet	1,726	0.02

# OXAMYL

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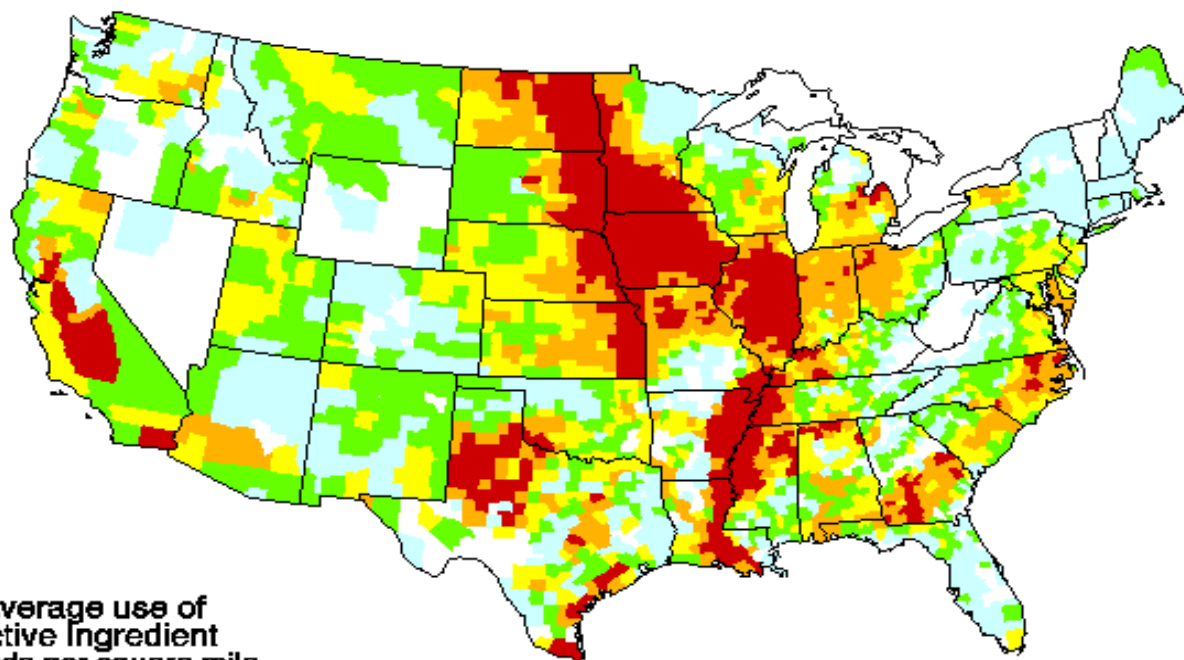
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- No Estimated Use
- < 0.004
- 0.004 - 0.016
- 0.017 - 0.079
- 0.080 - 0.467
- >= 0.468

Crops	Total Pounds Applied	Percent National Use
cotton	477,086	58.62
potatoes	75,625	9.29
apples	72,819	8.95
mint	61,554	7.58
sweet peppers	27,967	3.44
celery	23,599	2.90
tomatoes	21,537	2.65
cucumbers	12,269	1.51
onions	11,075	1.36
melons	9,378	1.15

# TRIFLURALIN

## ESTIMATED ANNUAL AGRICULTURAL USE



Average use of  
Active Ingredient  
Pounds per square mile  
of county per year

- No Estimated Use
- < 0.181
- 0.181 - 1.226
- 1.227 - 5.155
- 5.156 - 16.325
- $\geq 16.326$

Crops	Total Pounds Applied	Percent National Use
soybeans	11,099,394	56.10
cotton	4,736,822	23.94
alfalfa hay	991,611	5.01
sunflower	645,436	3.28
wheat and grains	558,865	2.82
dry beans	324,002	1.64
barley	290,602	1.47
sugar cane: sugar & seed	245,381	1.24
tomatoes	126,694	0.64
green peas	96,034	0.49

# The Team:

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**Richard E. Warner -- wildlife ecologist**



**Michael J. Plewa -- geneticist and toxicologist**



**Joseph W. Stucki -- clay chemist**





# Mitigating Pesticide Toxicity

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Studied Four Pesticides:

Alachlor, 2,4-D, Dicamba, Oxamyl

Measured:

Cytotoxicity & Genotoxicity

# Mitigating Pesticide Toxicity

## Cells Representing Human Cells:

Chinese Hamster Ovary Cells (CHO)

## Clay Used Was Iron Smectite

Common in Soils; Bacteria Change Iron  
From +3 to +2; Changes Chemistry

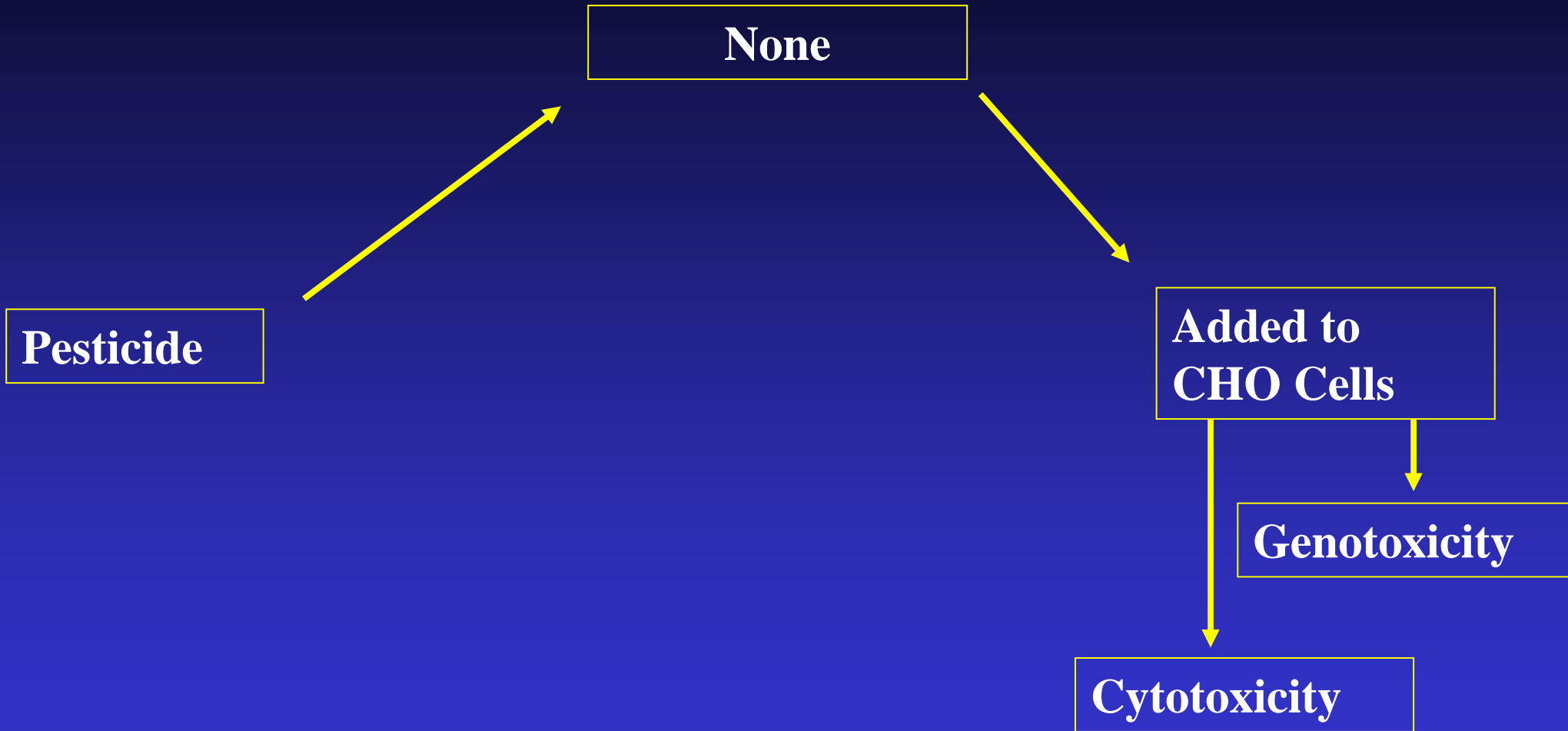
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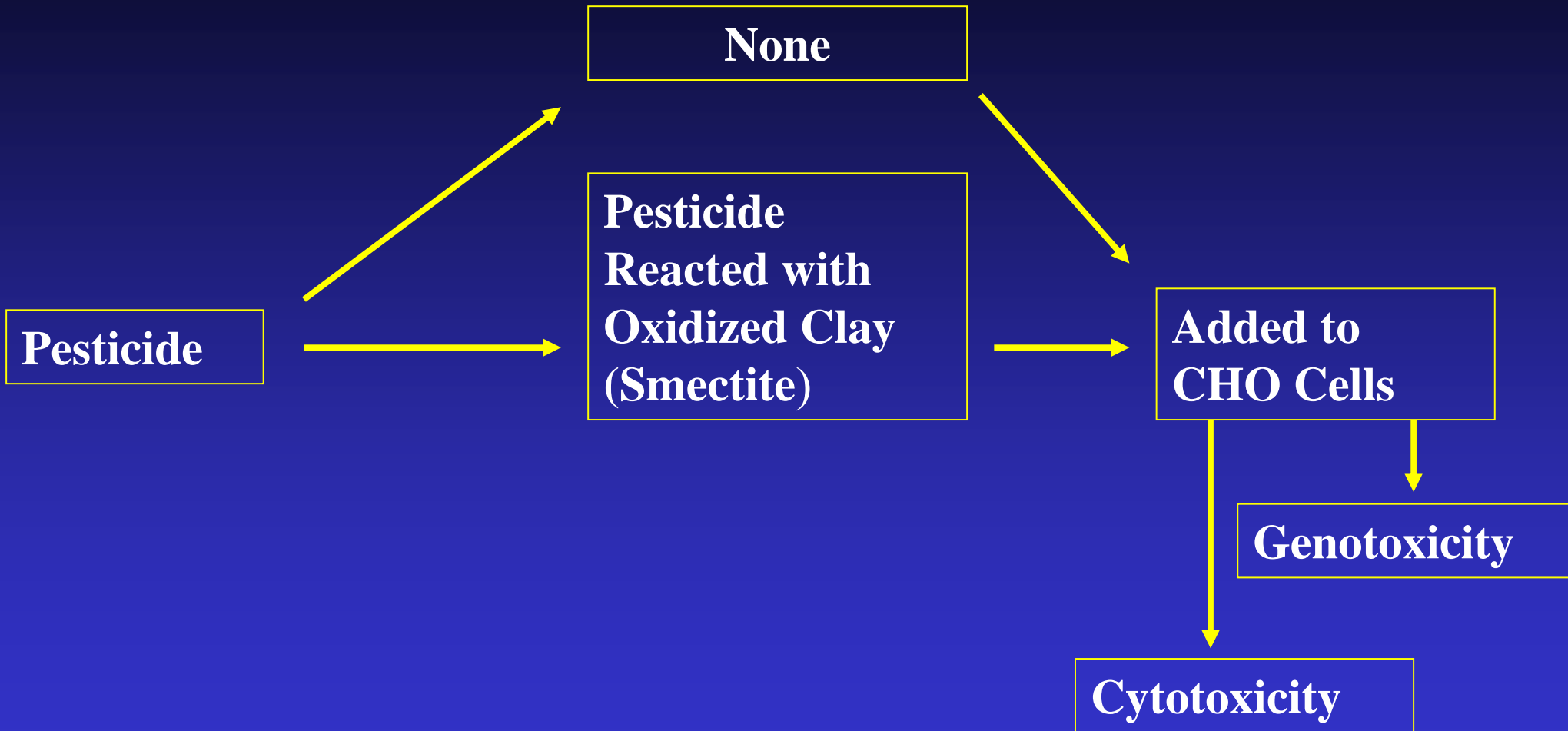
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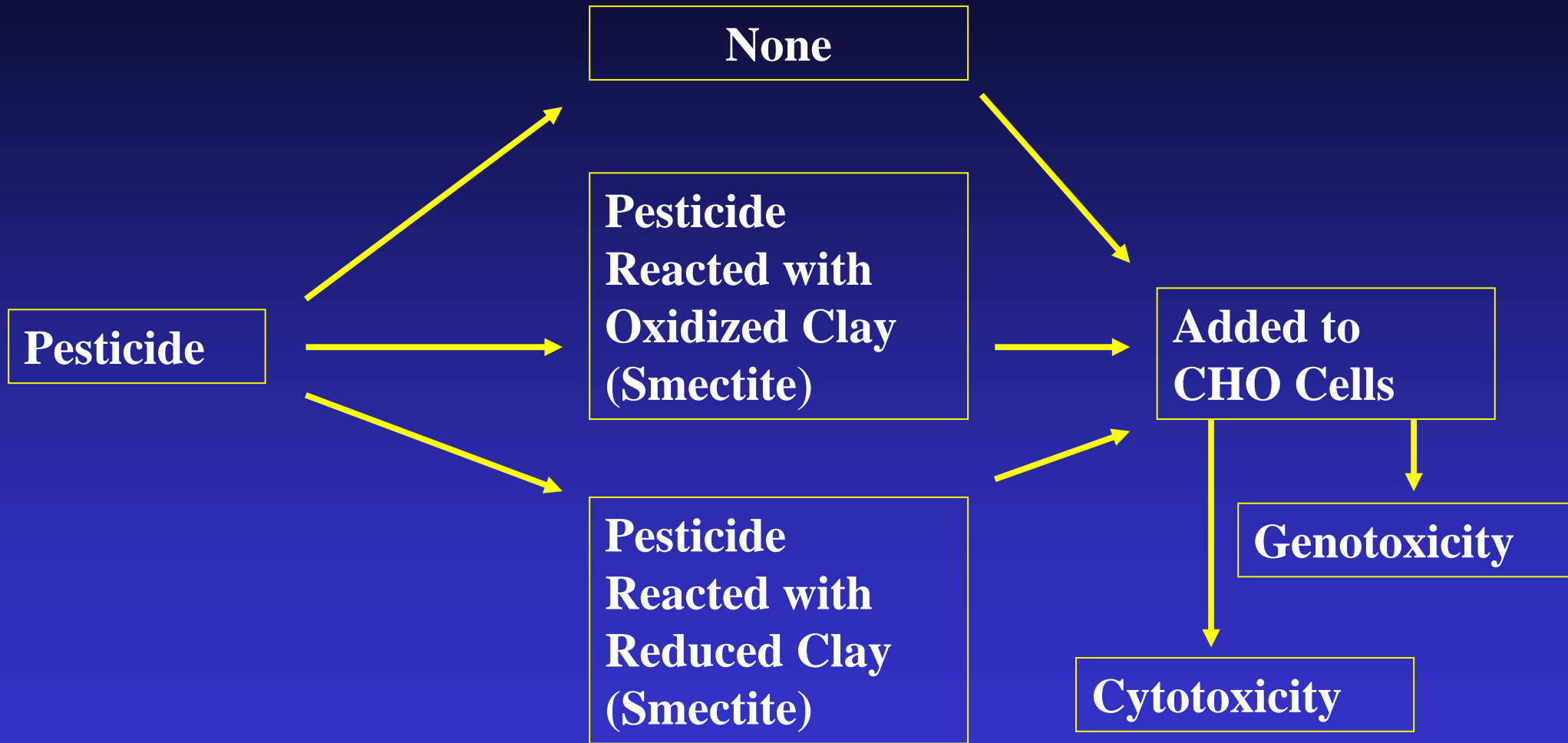
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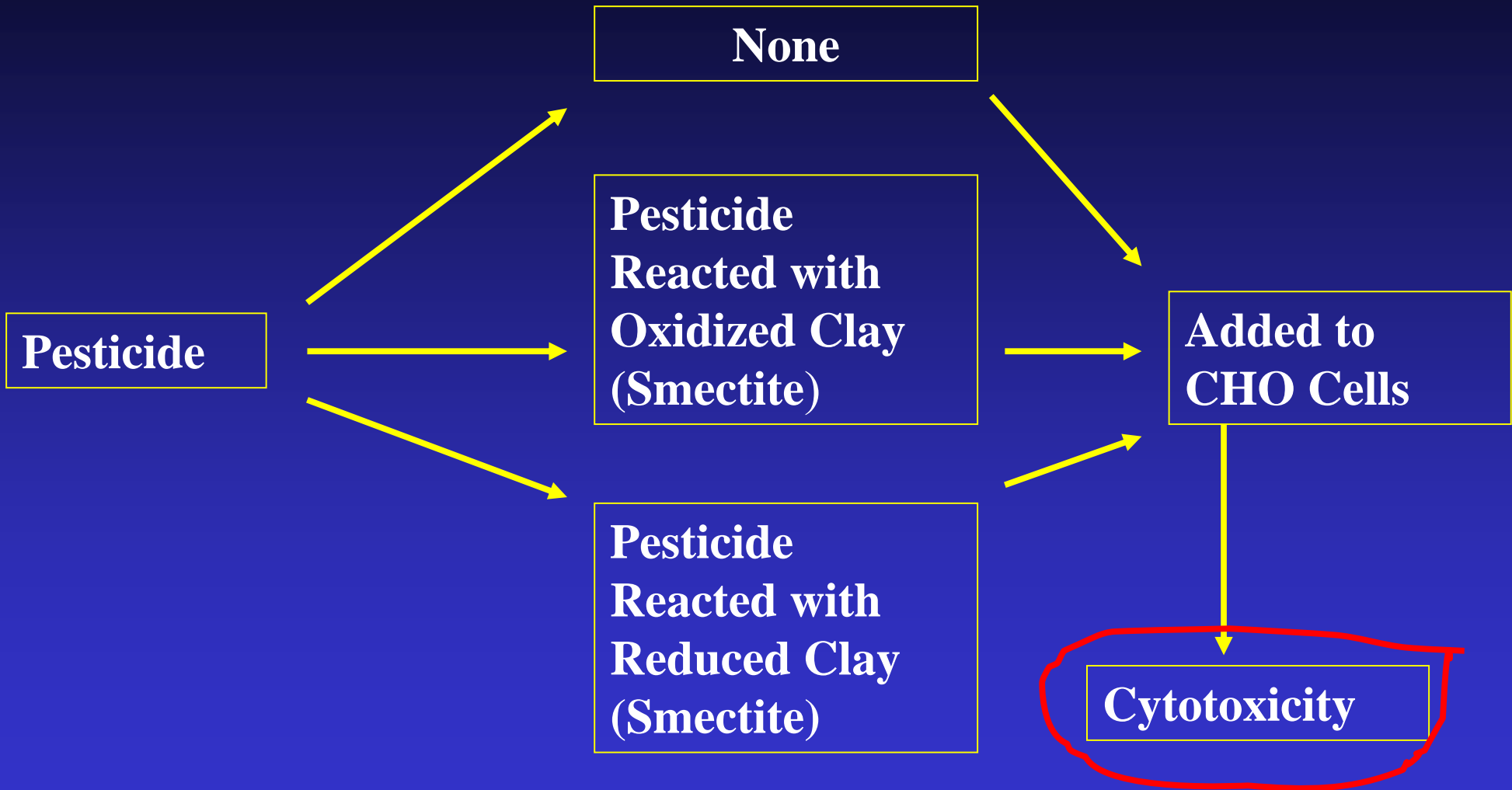
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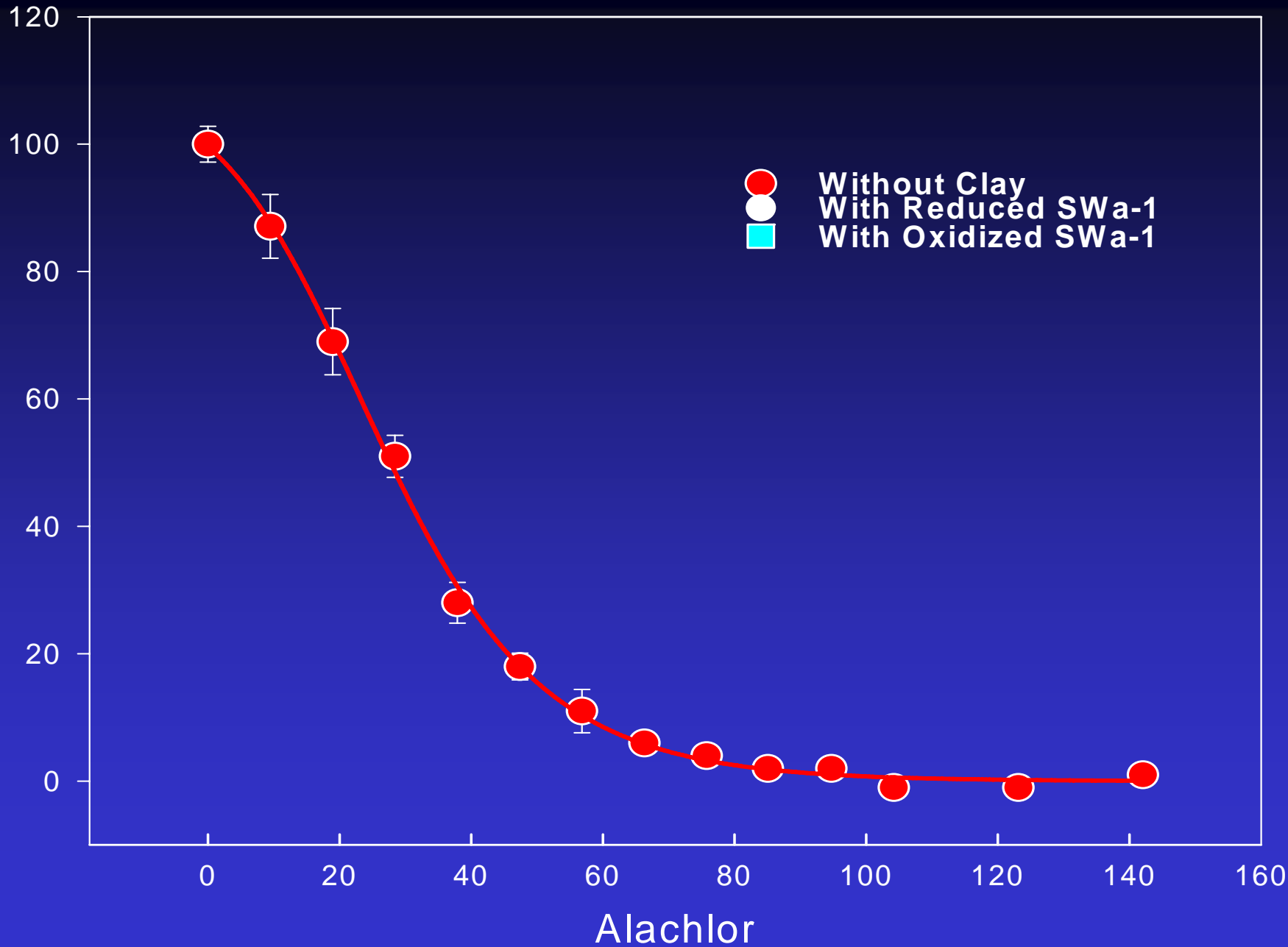
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- The fraction of surviving cells after treatment with pesticide solutions was measured by live-cell density, using visible absorption spectroscopy at 450 nm after live-cell fixation with crystal violet.

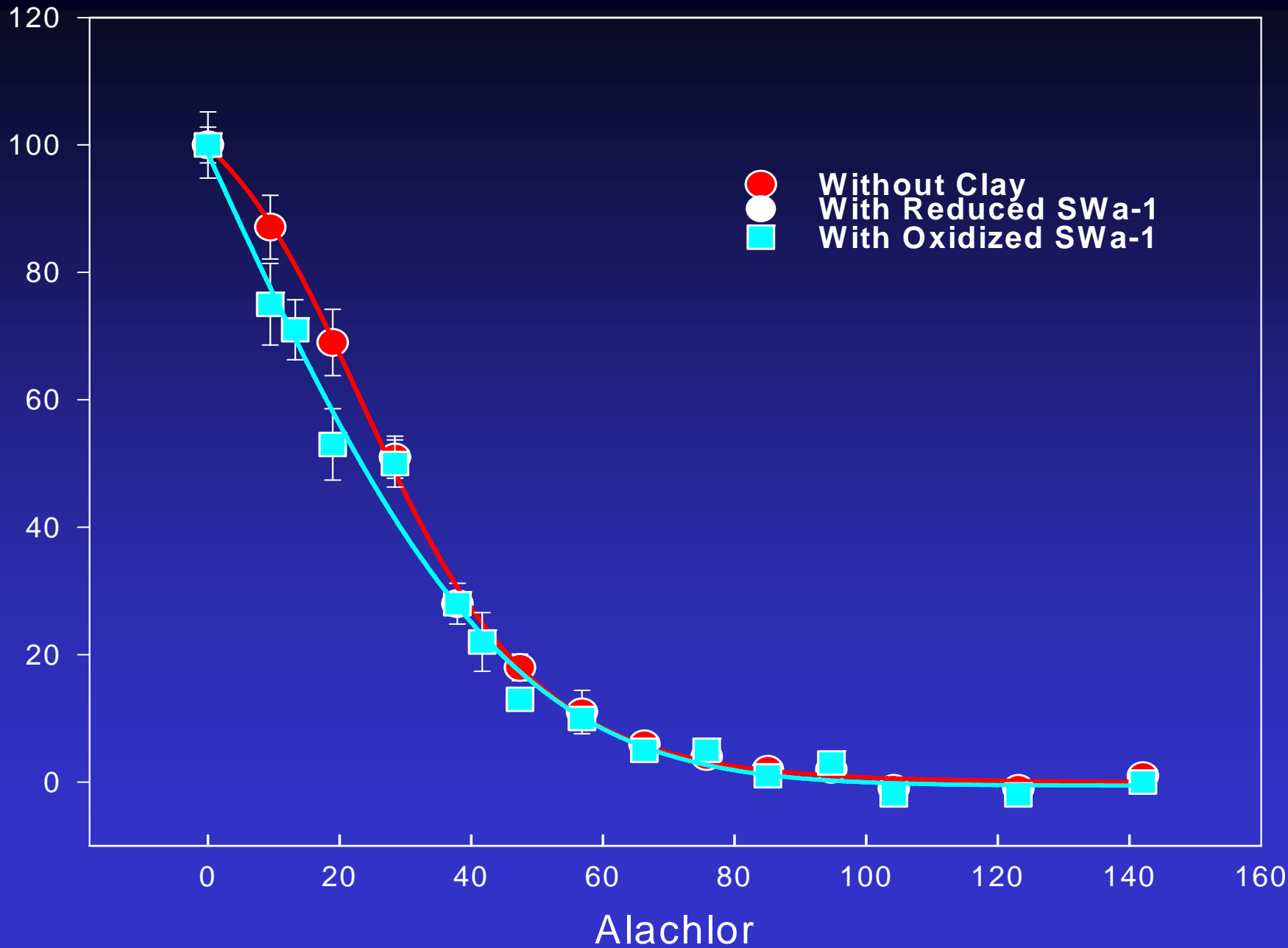
# **Alachlor Transformation**

CHO Cytotoxicity-Mean Cell Density  
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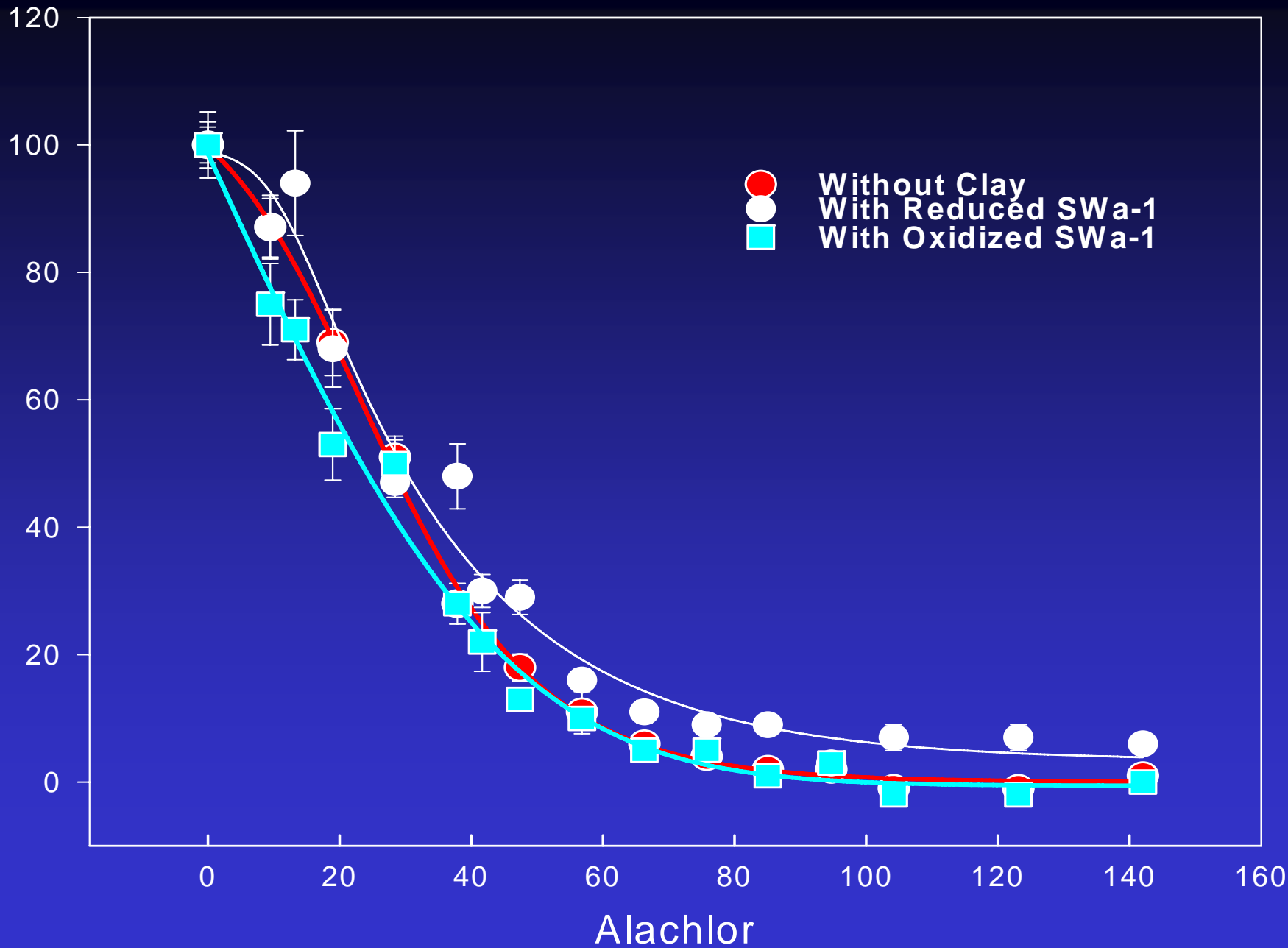
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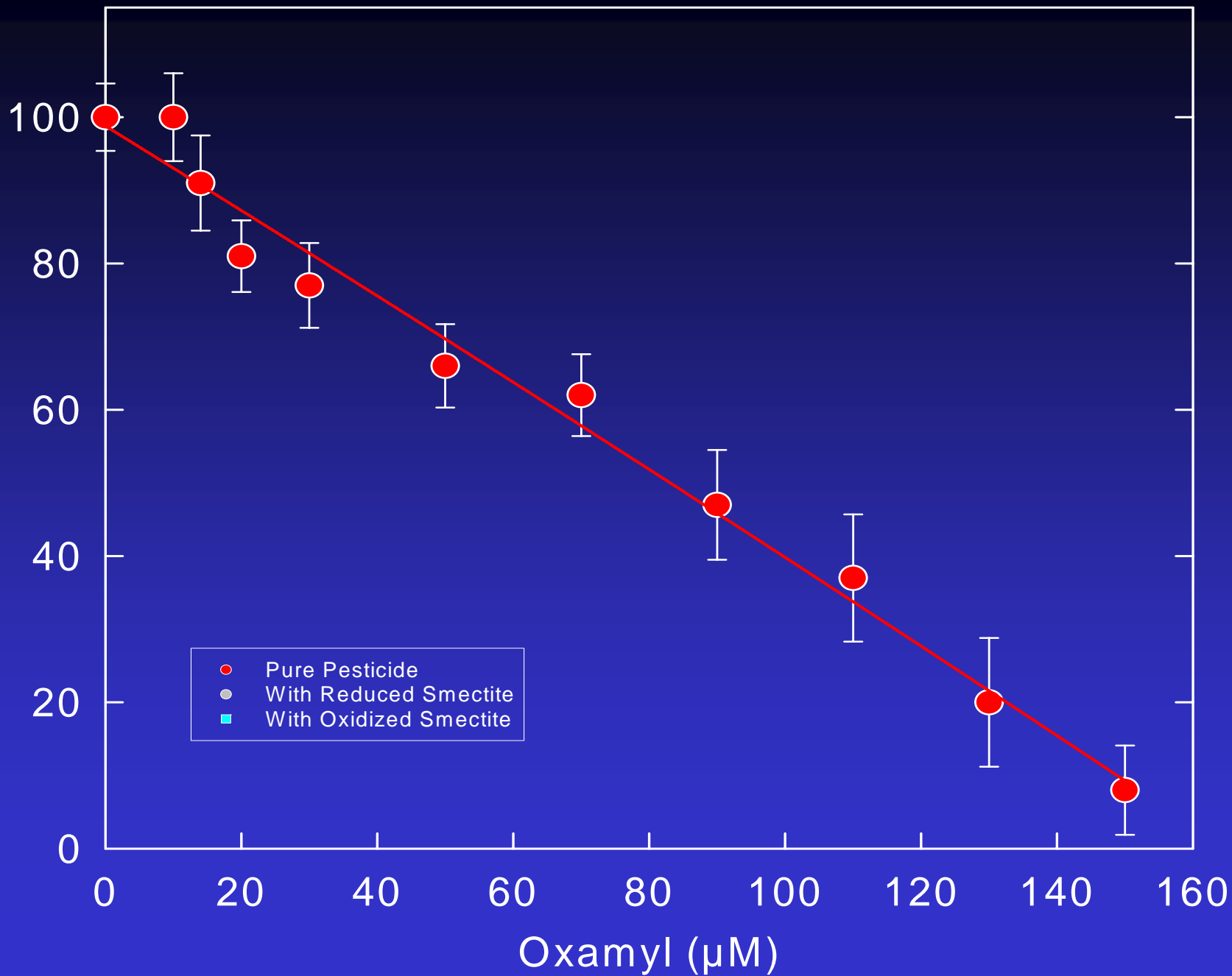
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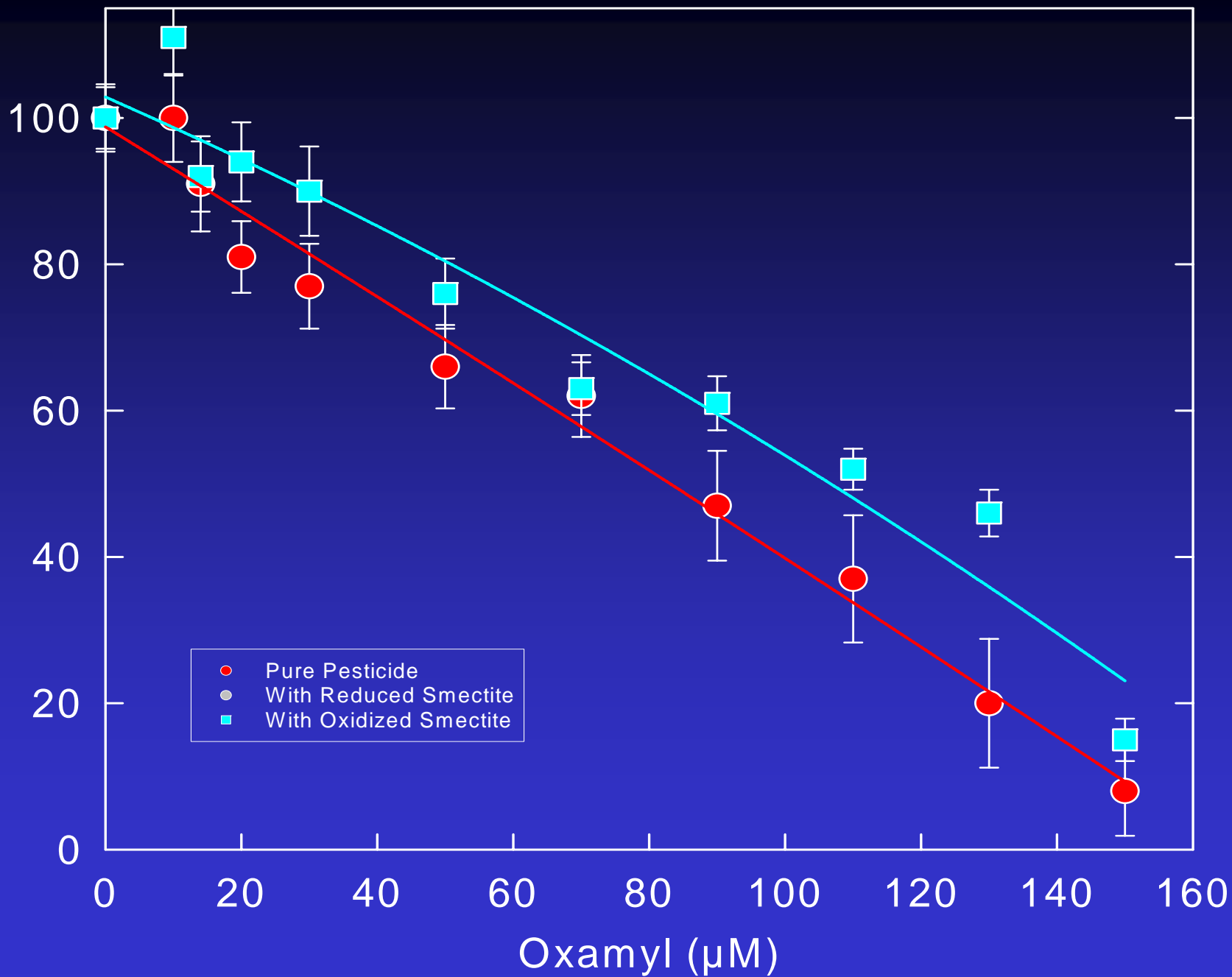


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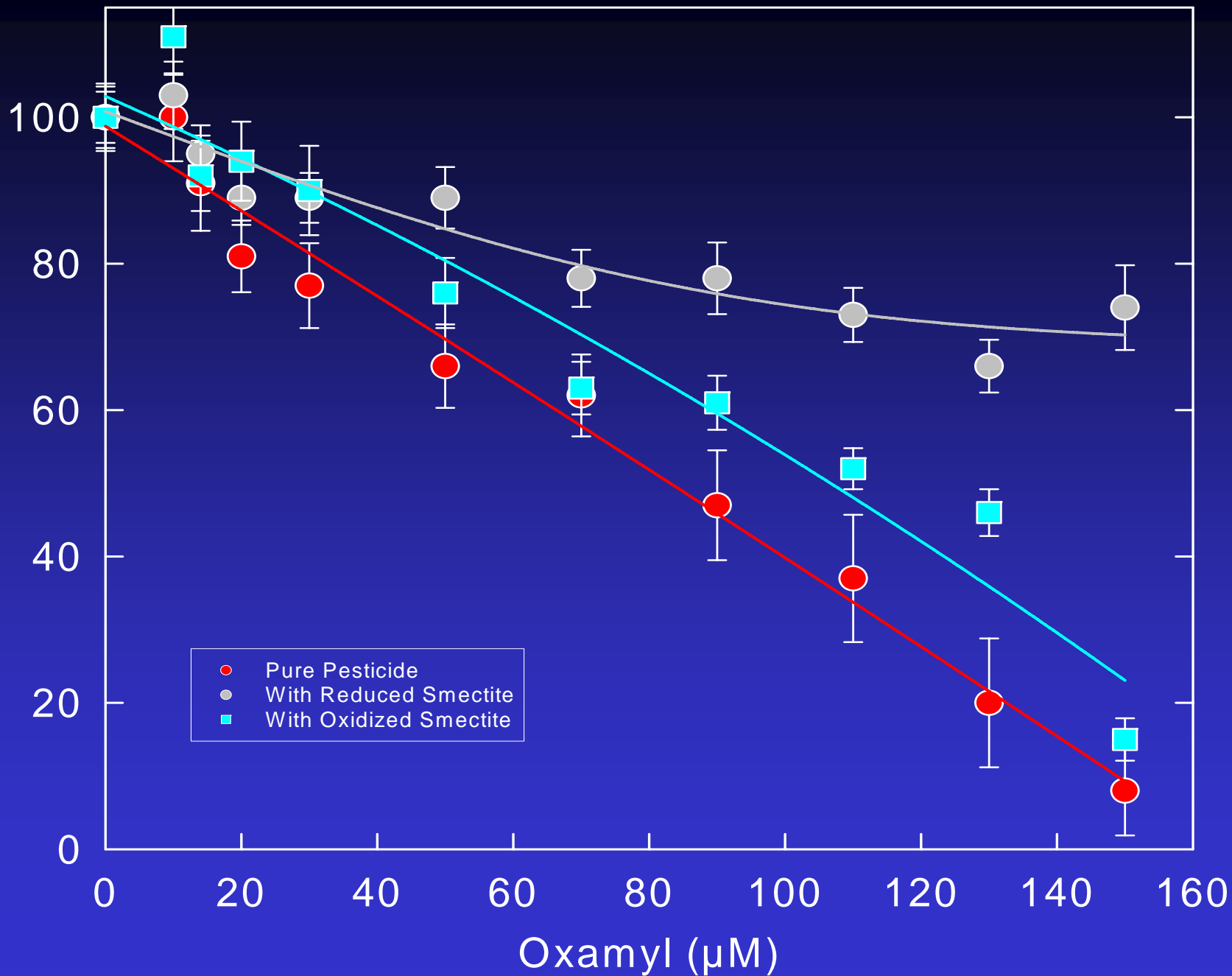
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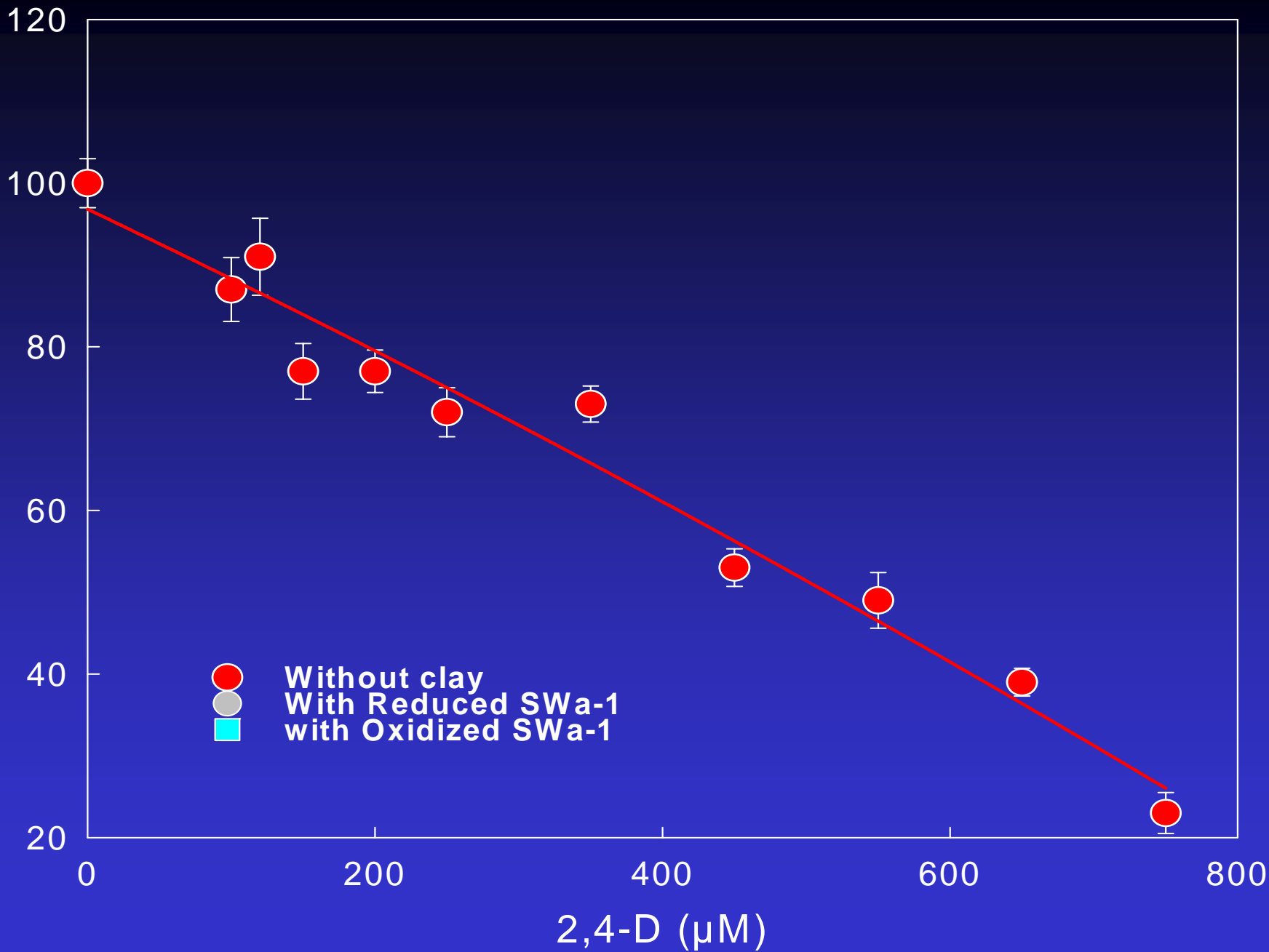
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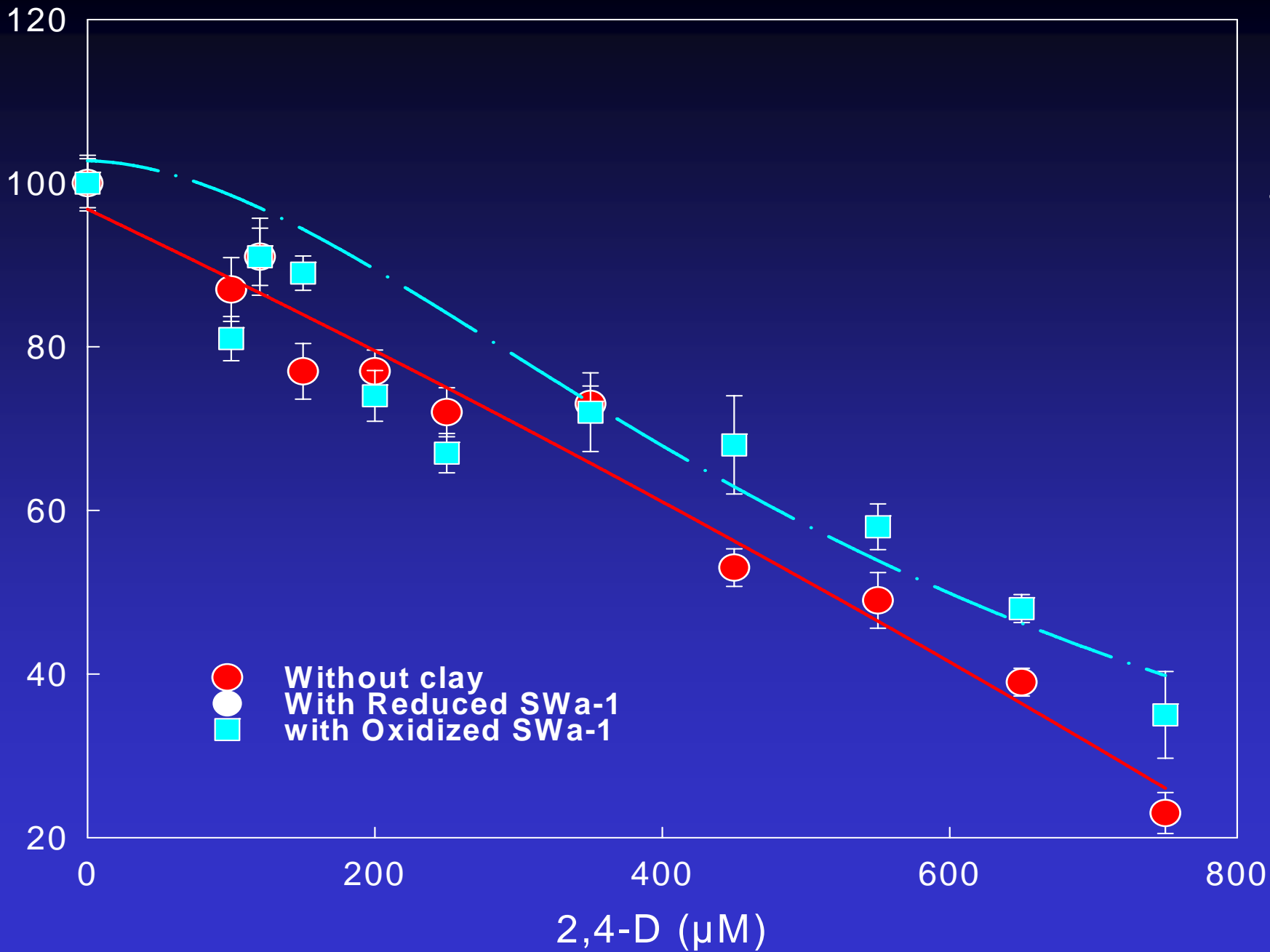
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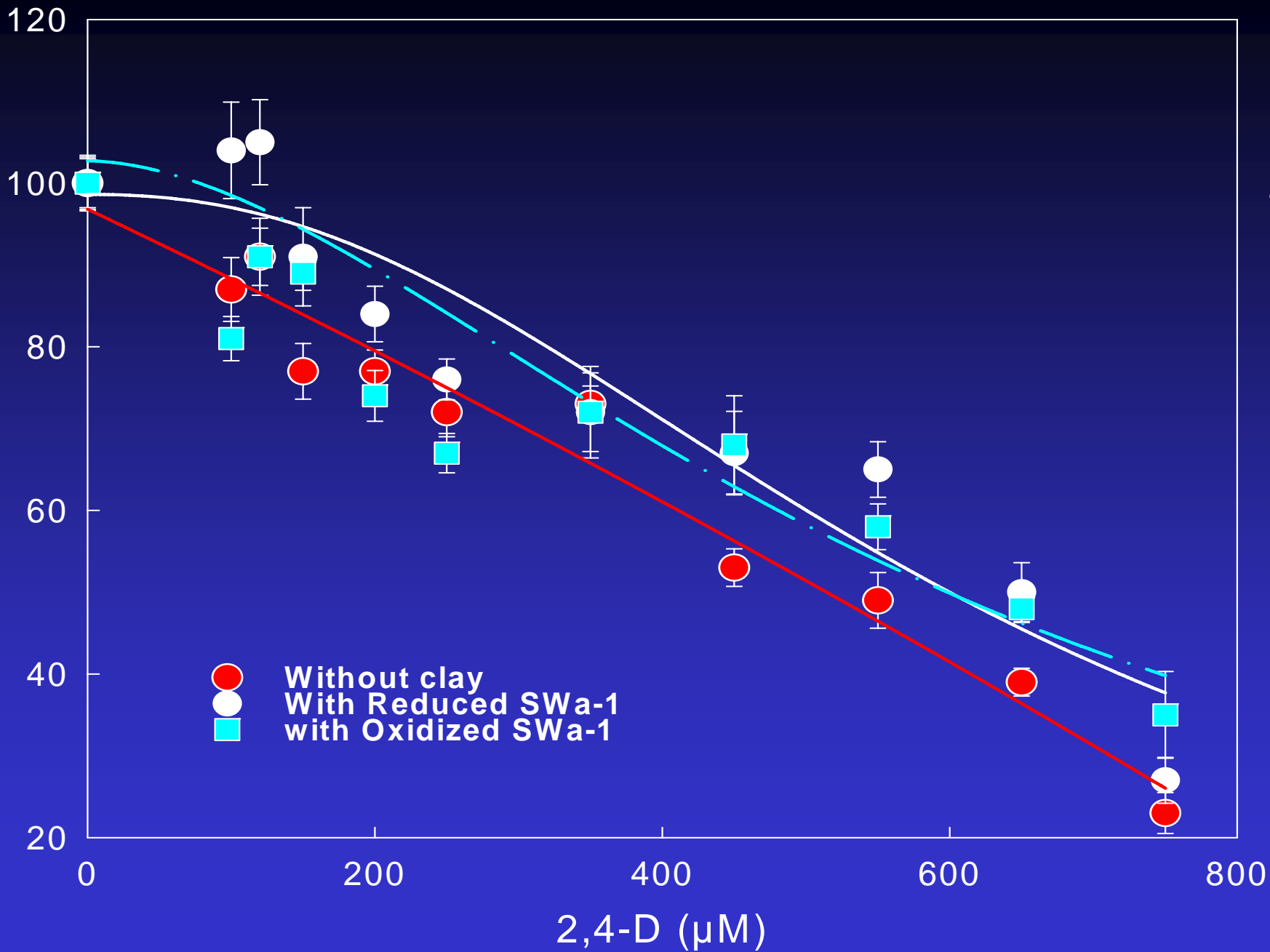
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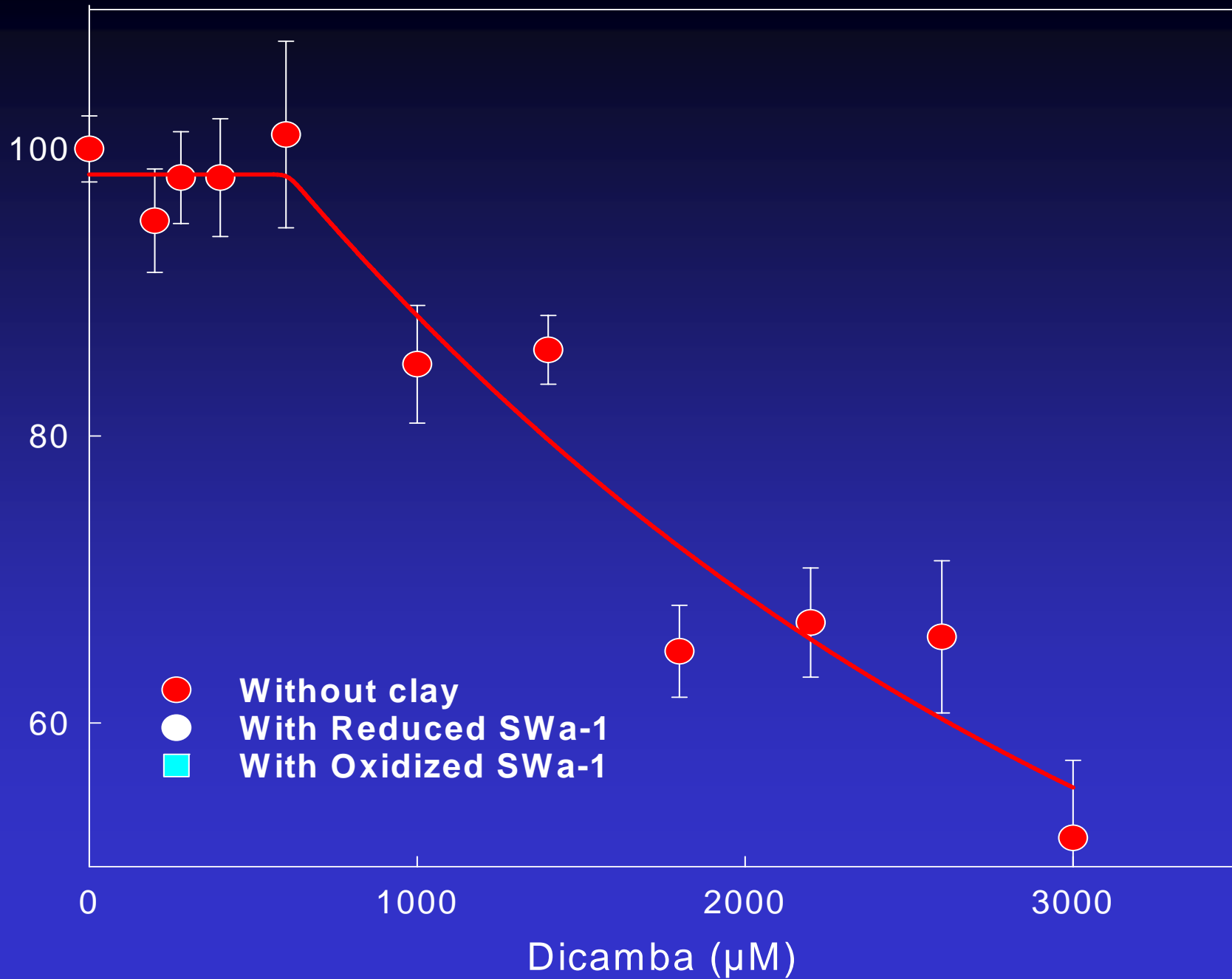
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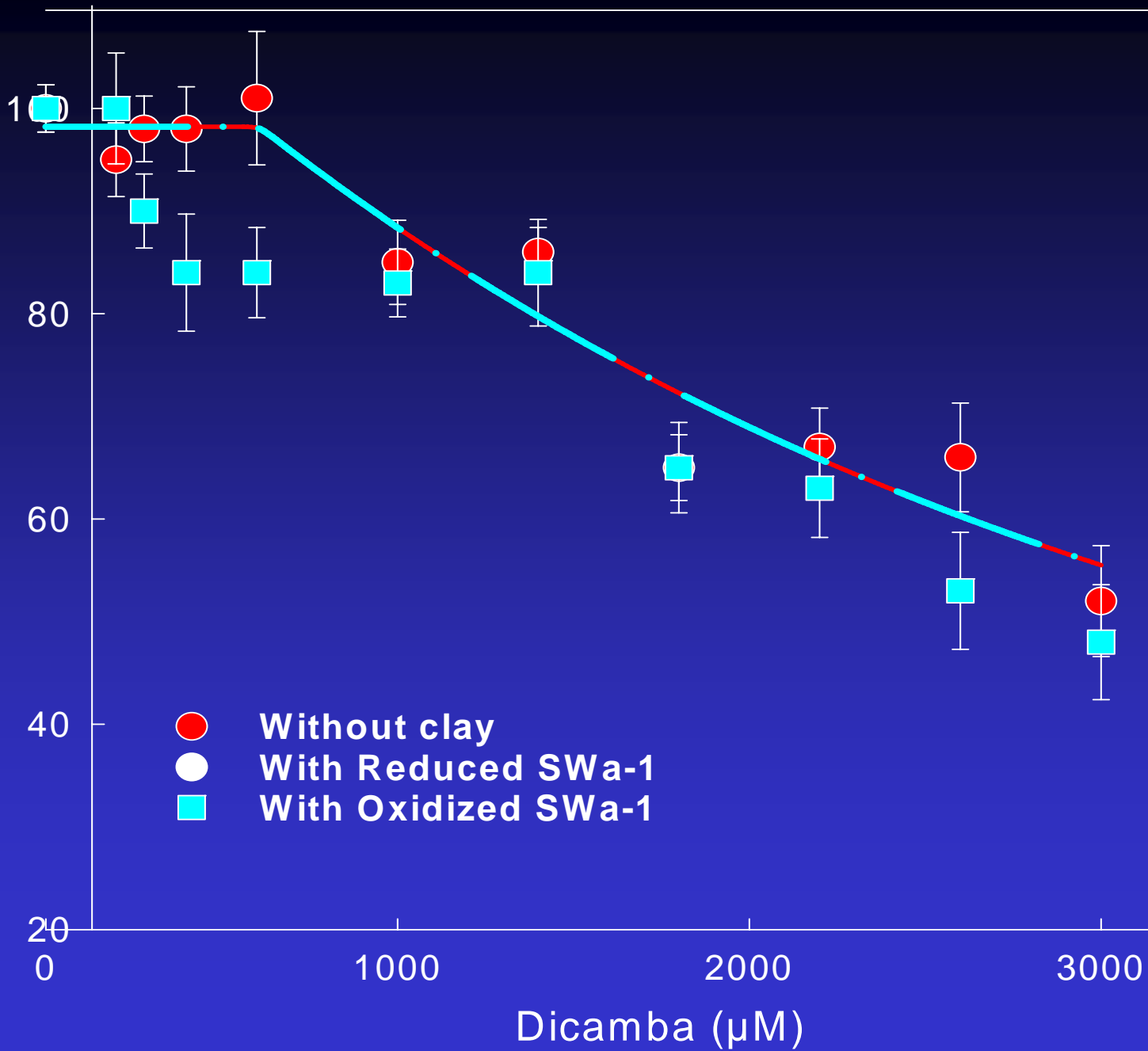
# Dicamba Transformation

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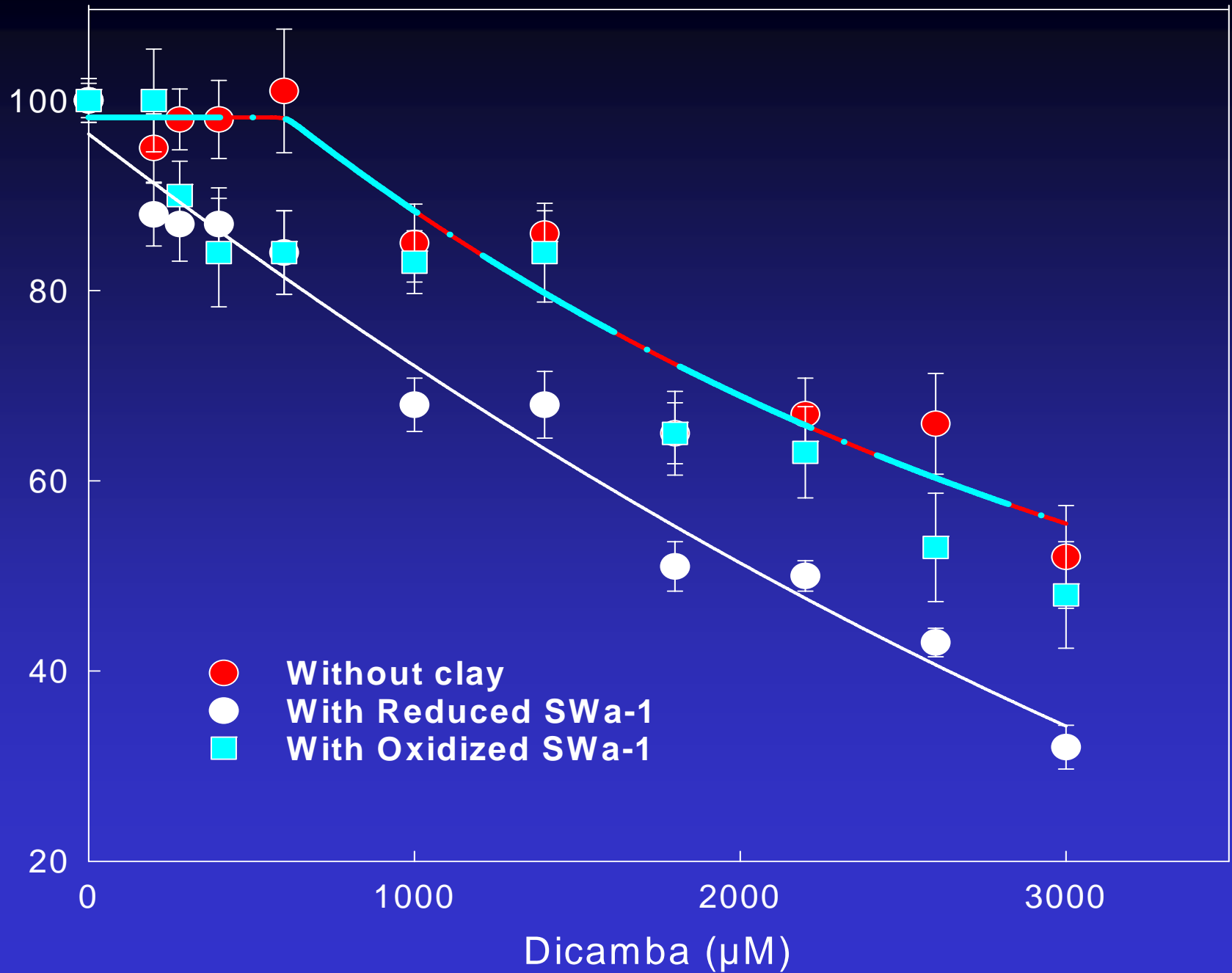
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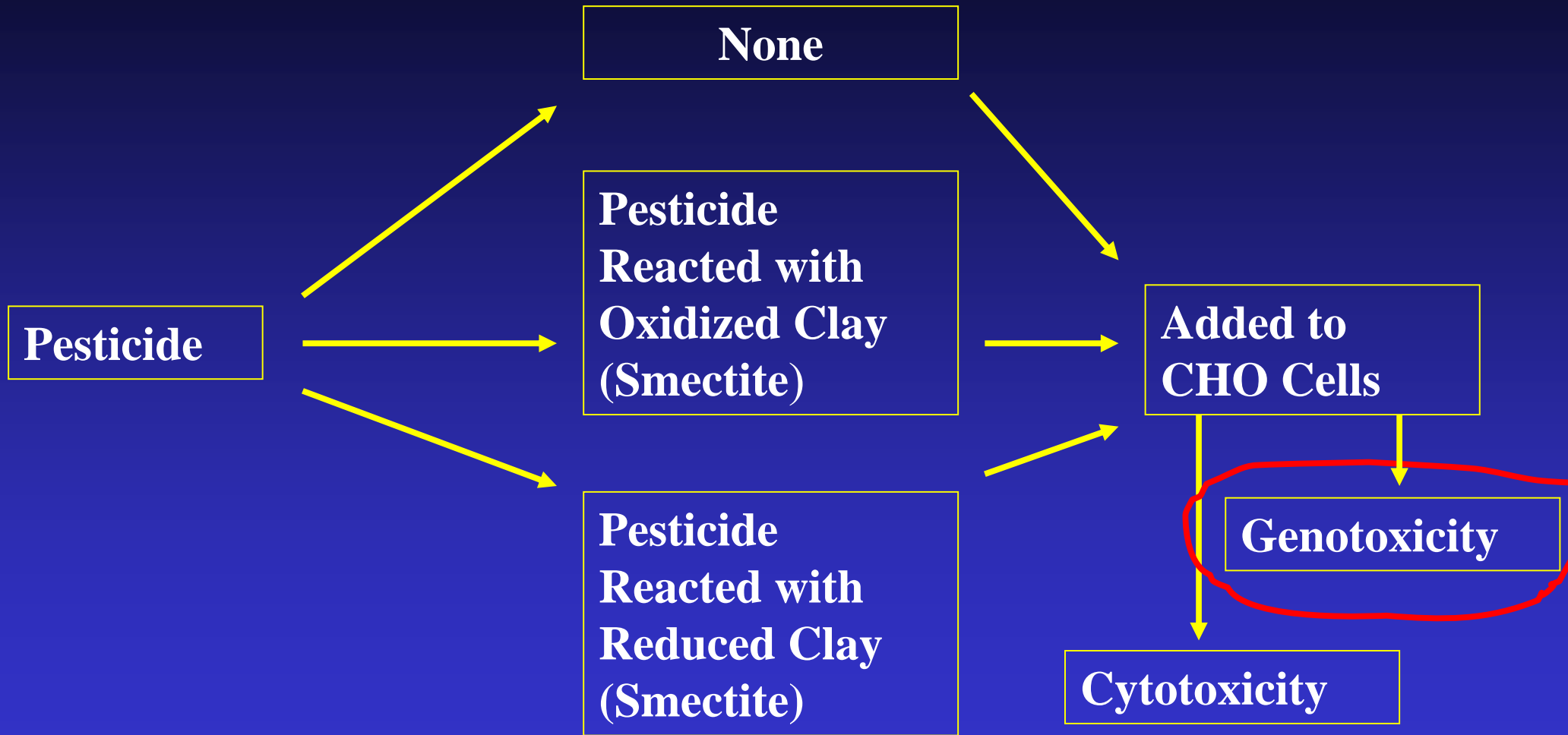
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# Treatment of Pesticide



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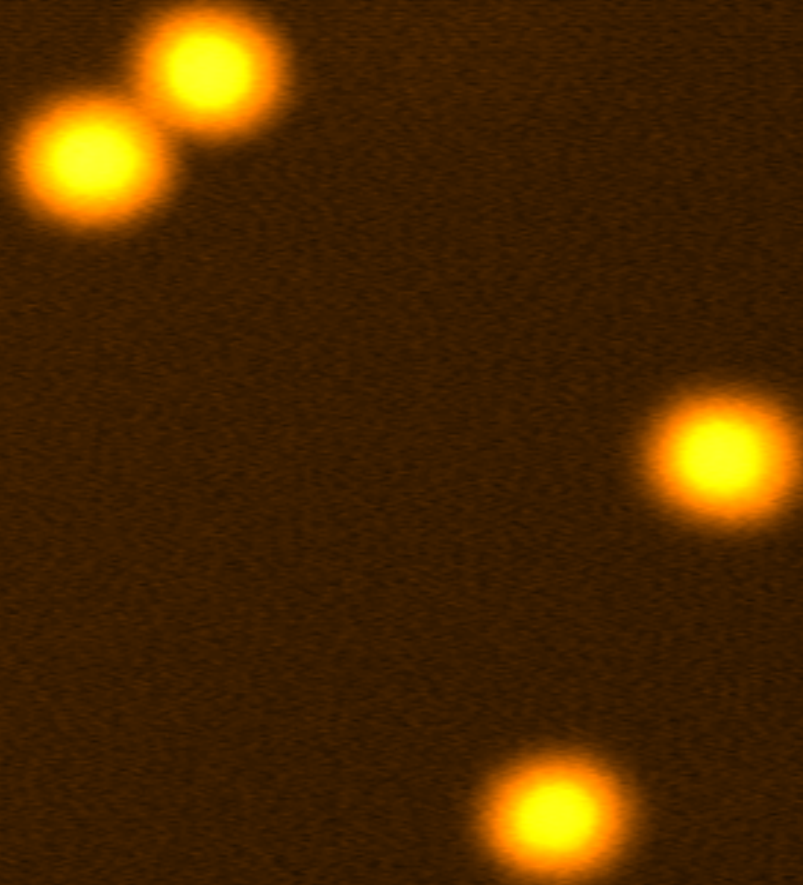
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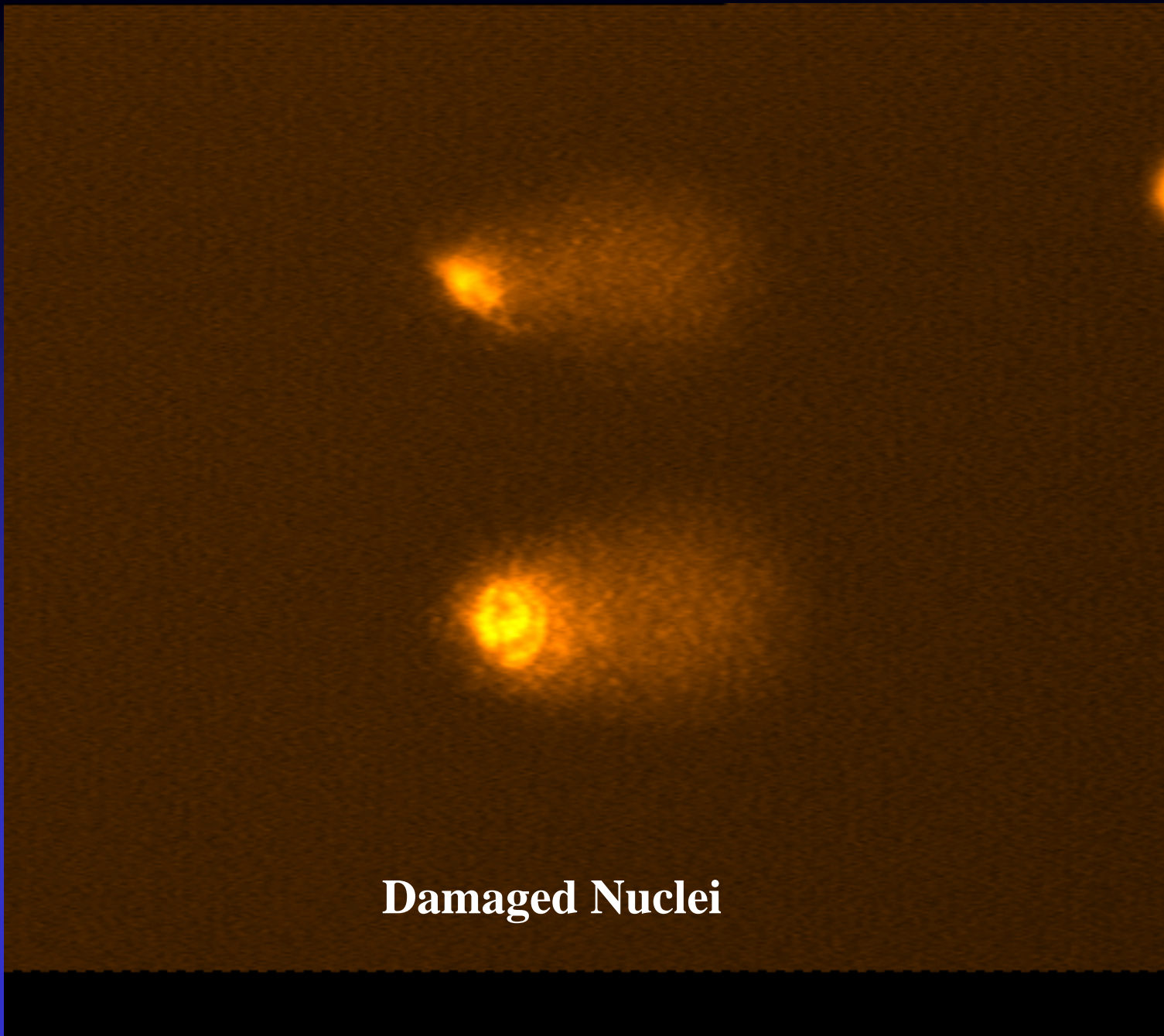
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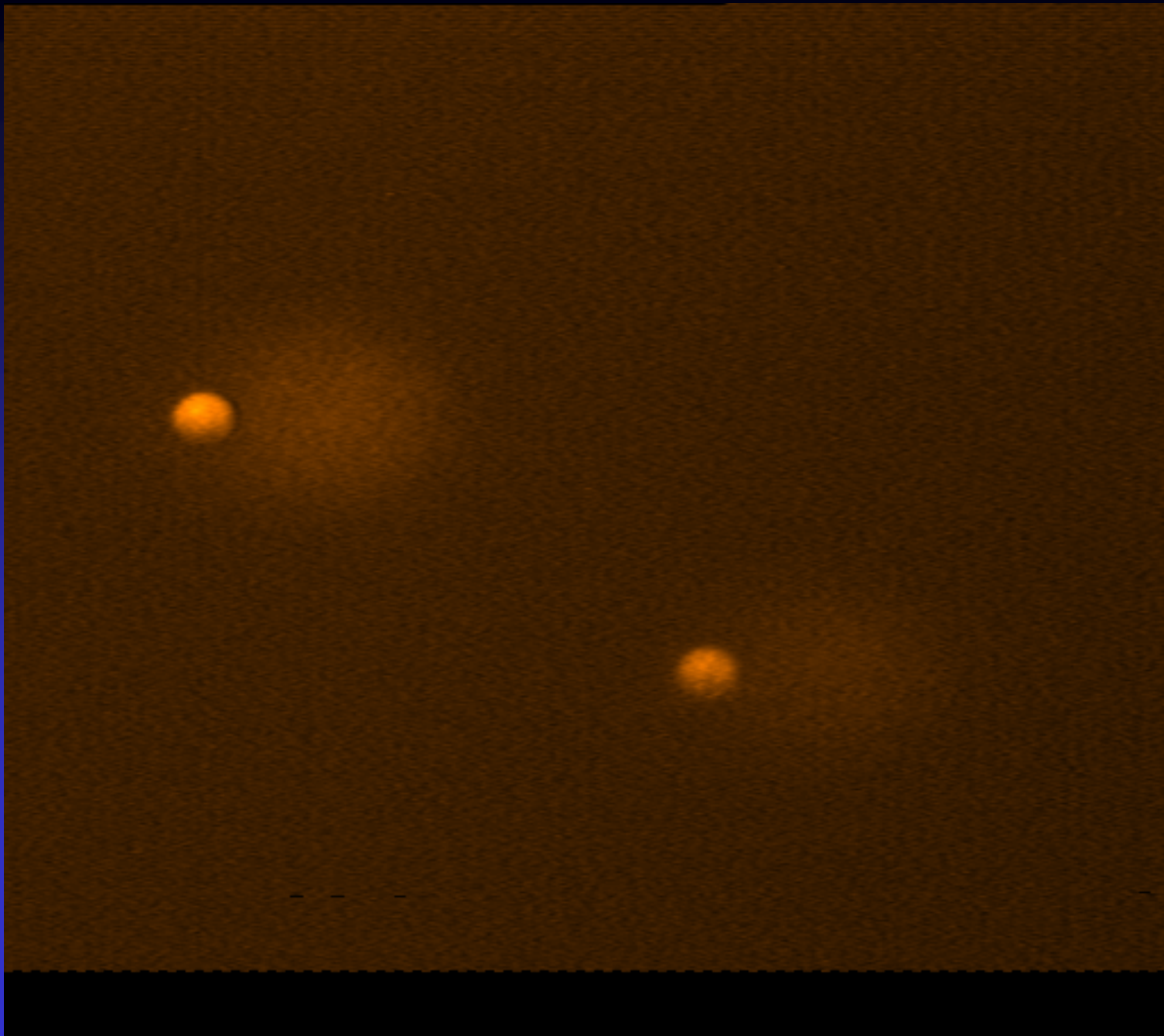
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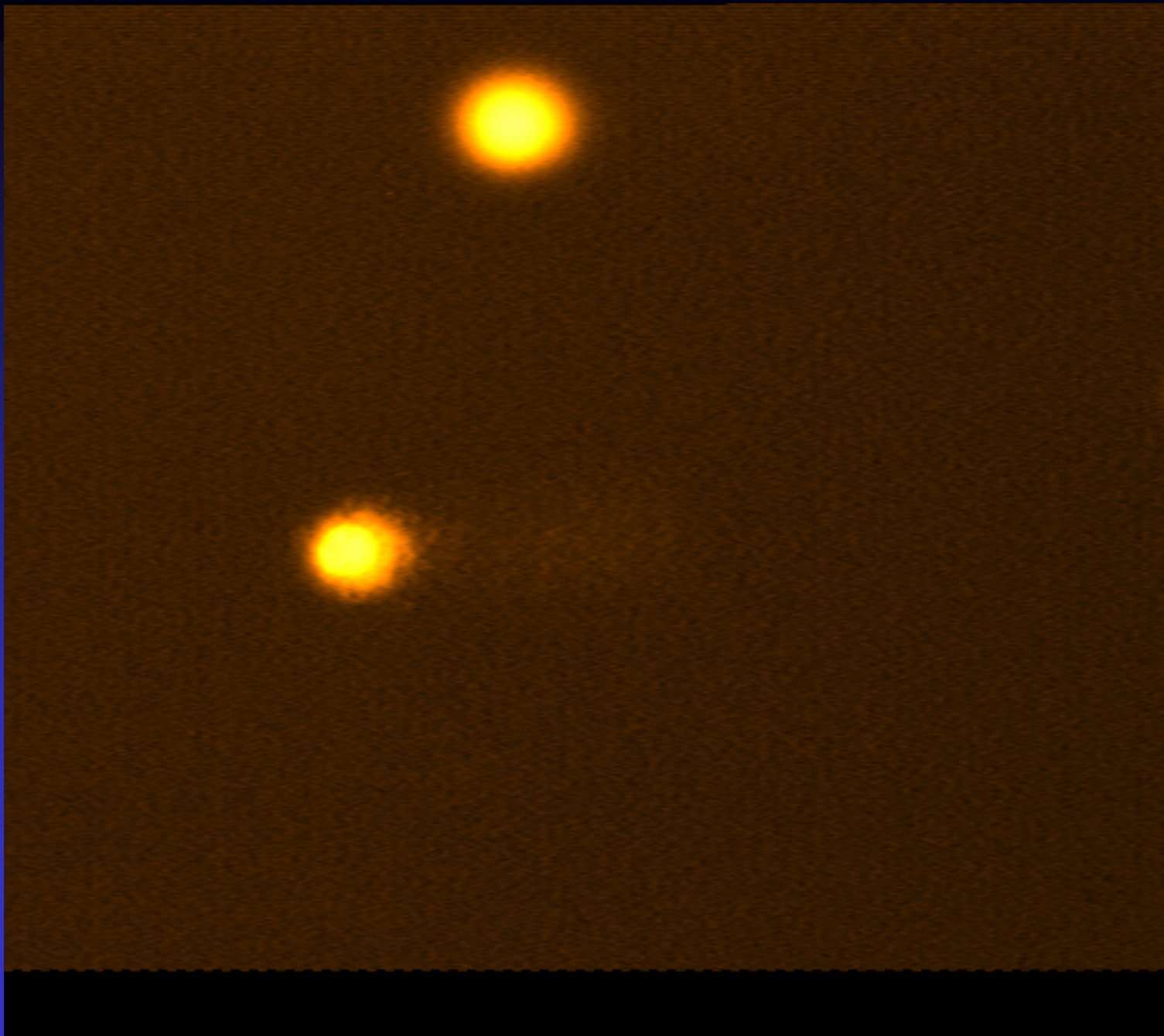


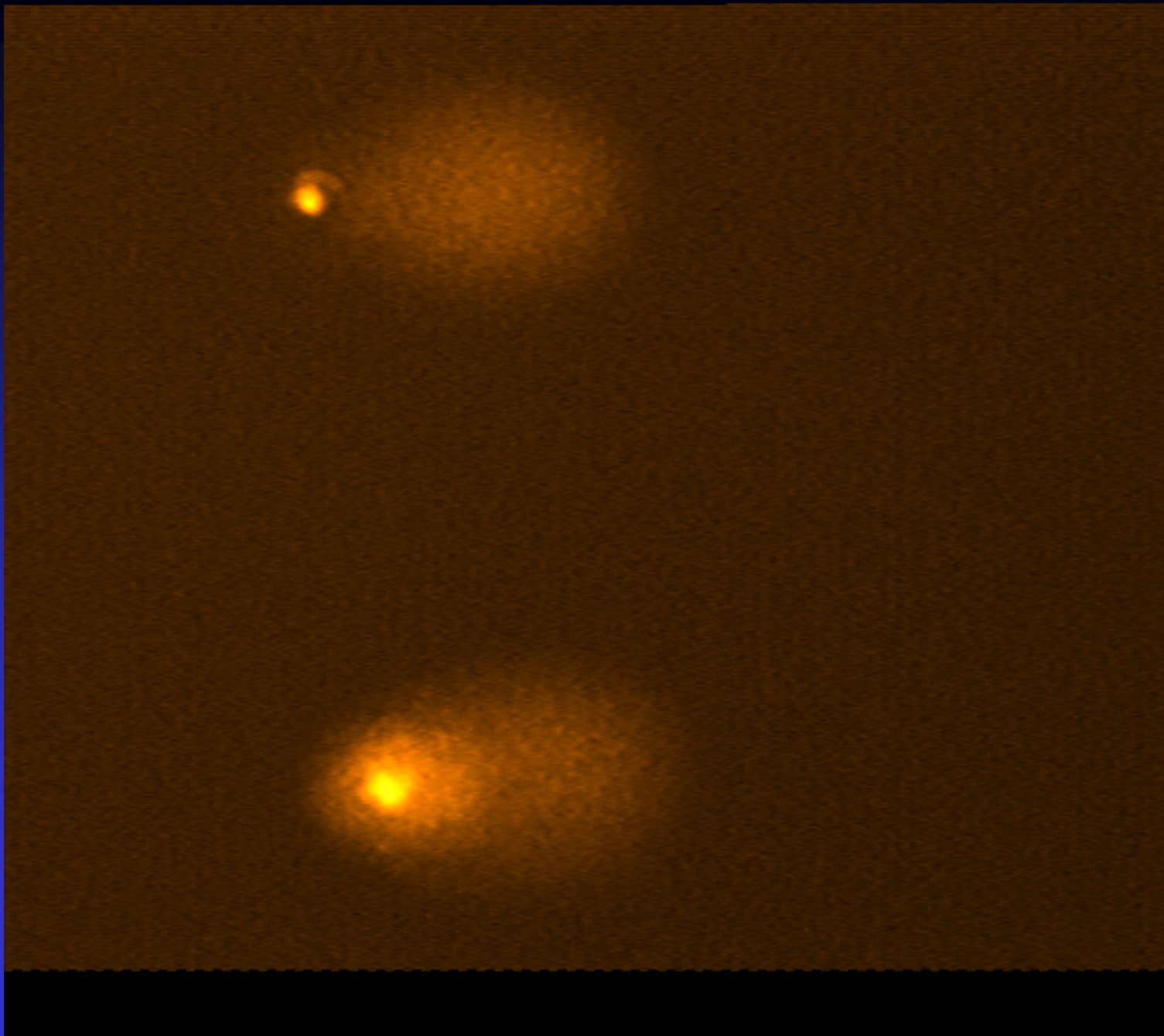
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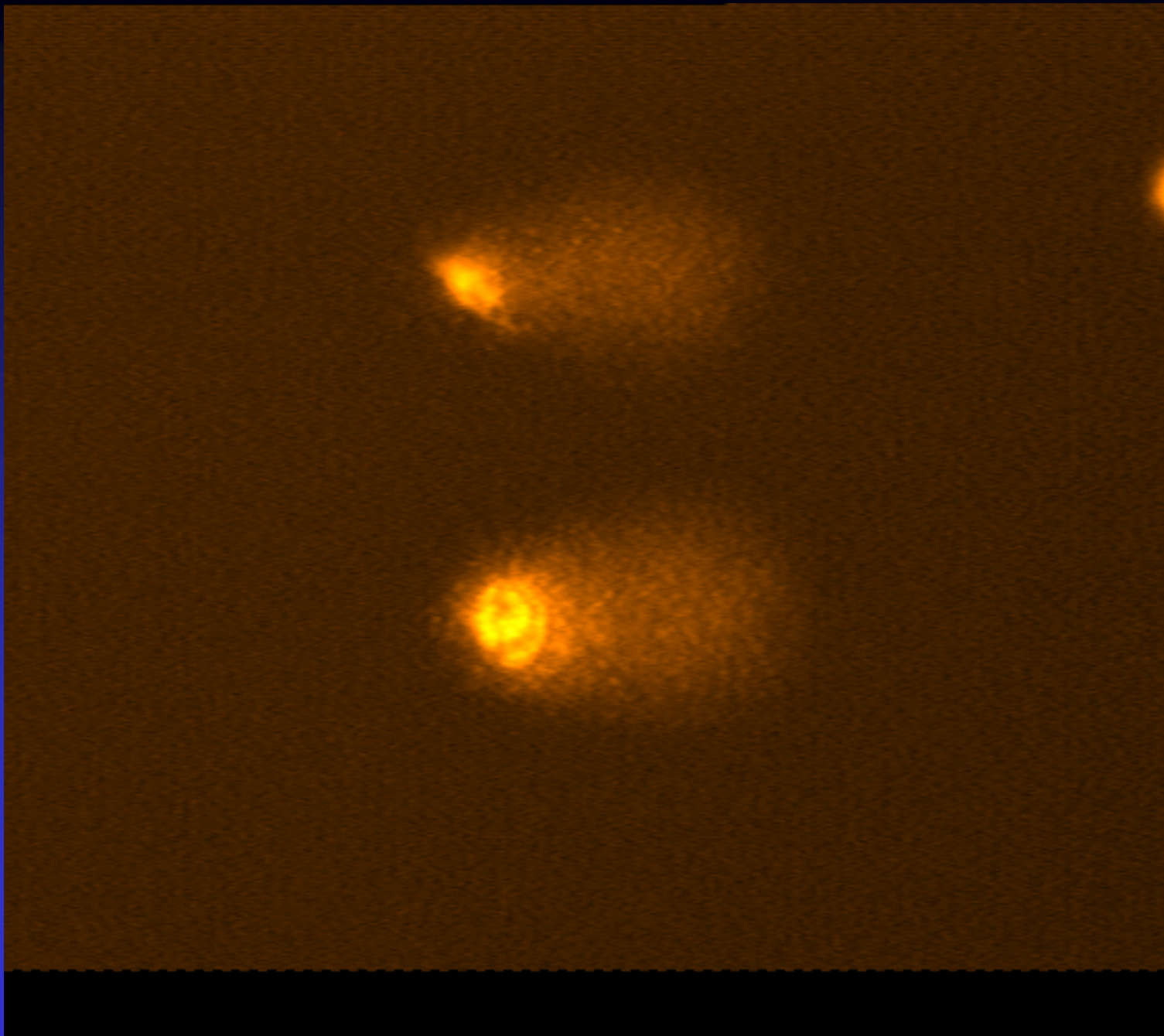


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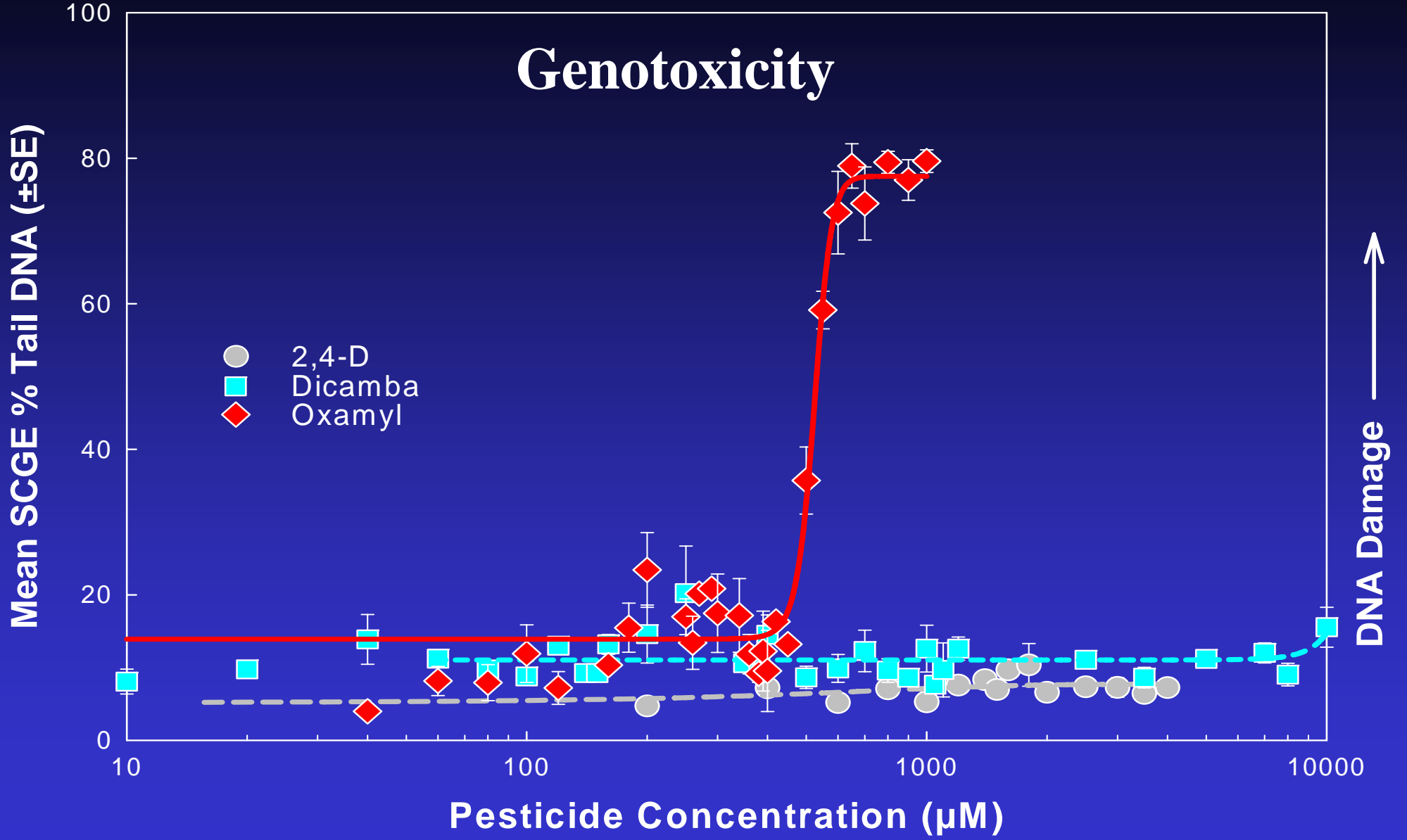
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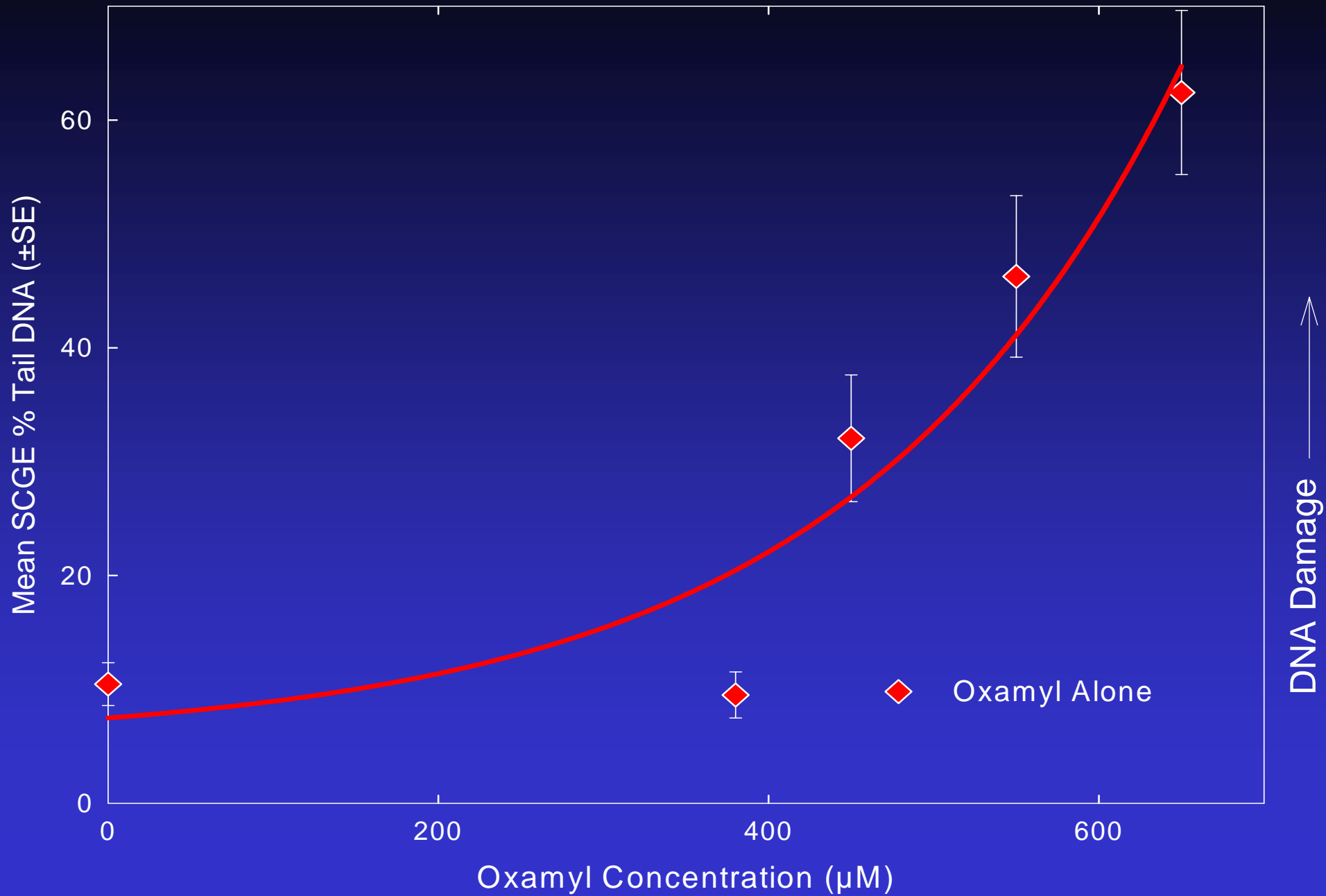
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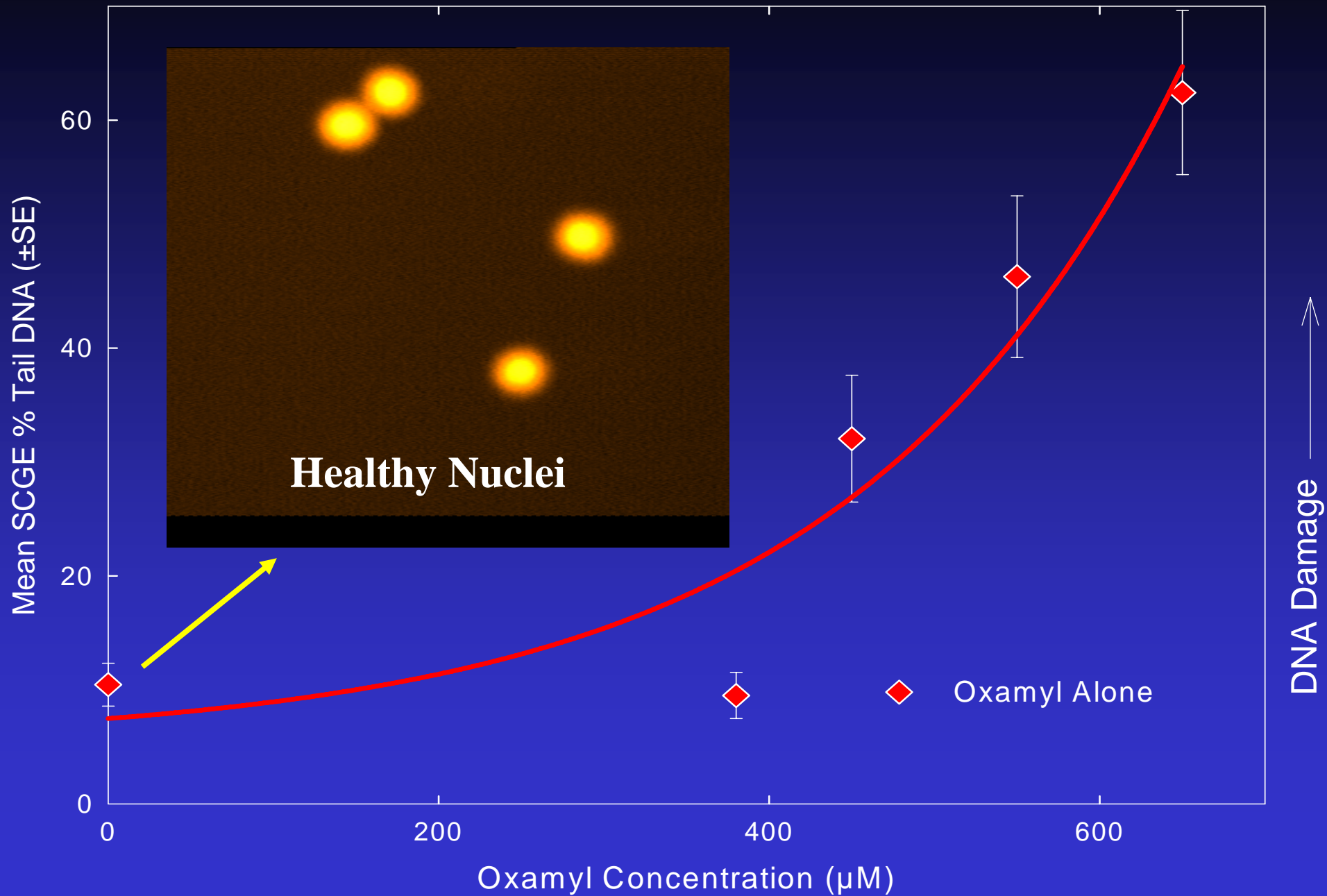
**All Pesticides with No Clay**

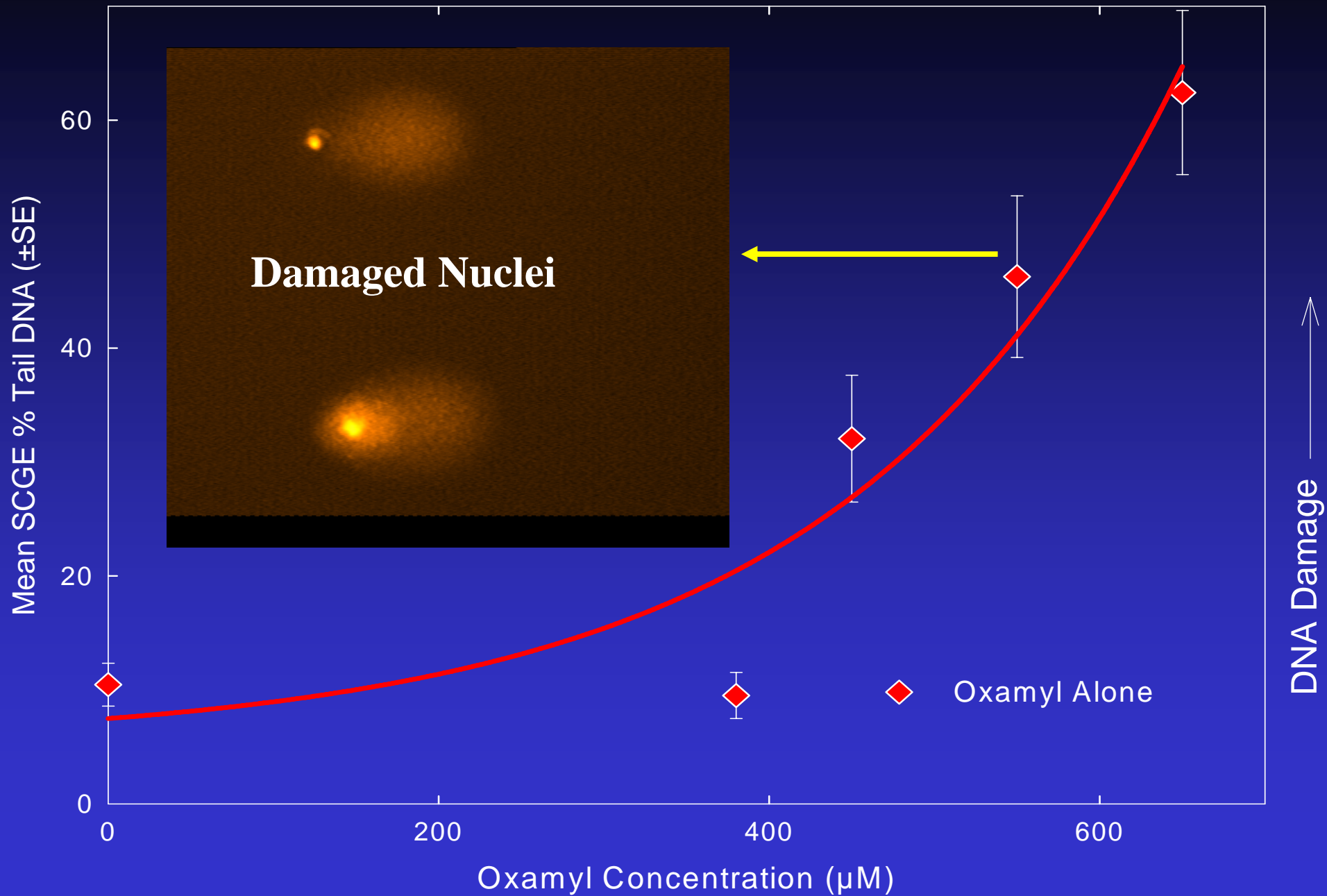
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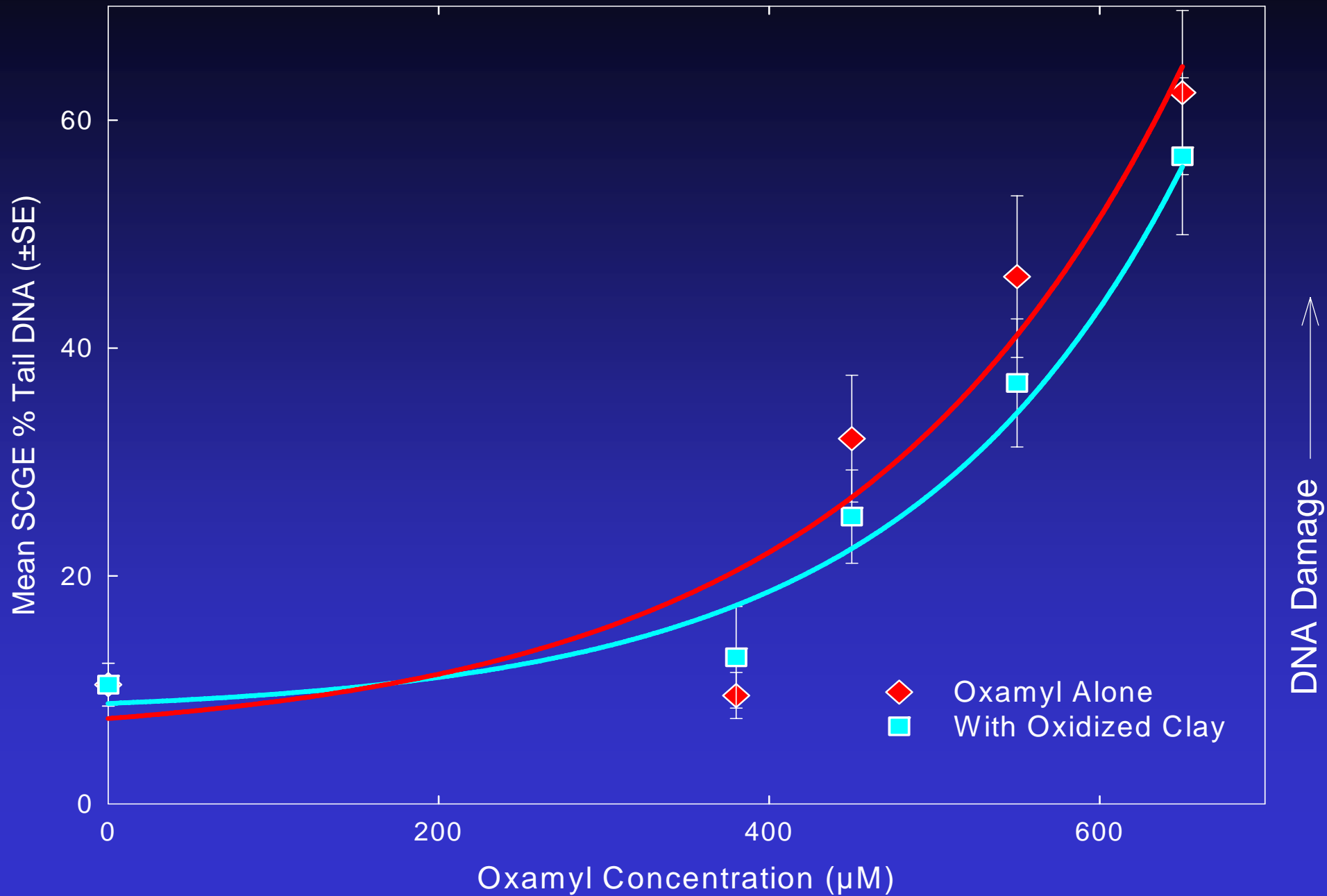
**Oxamyl**

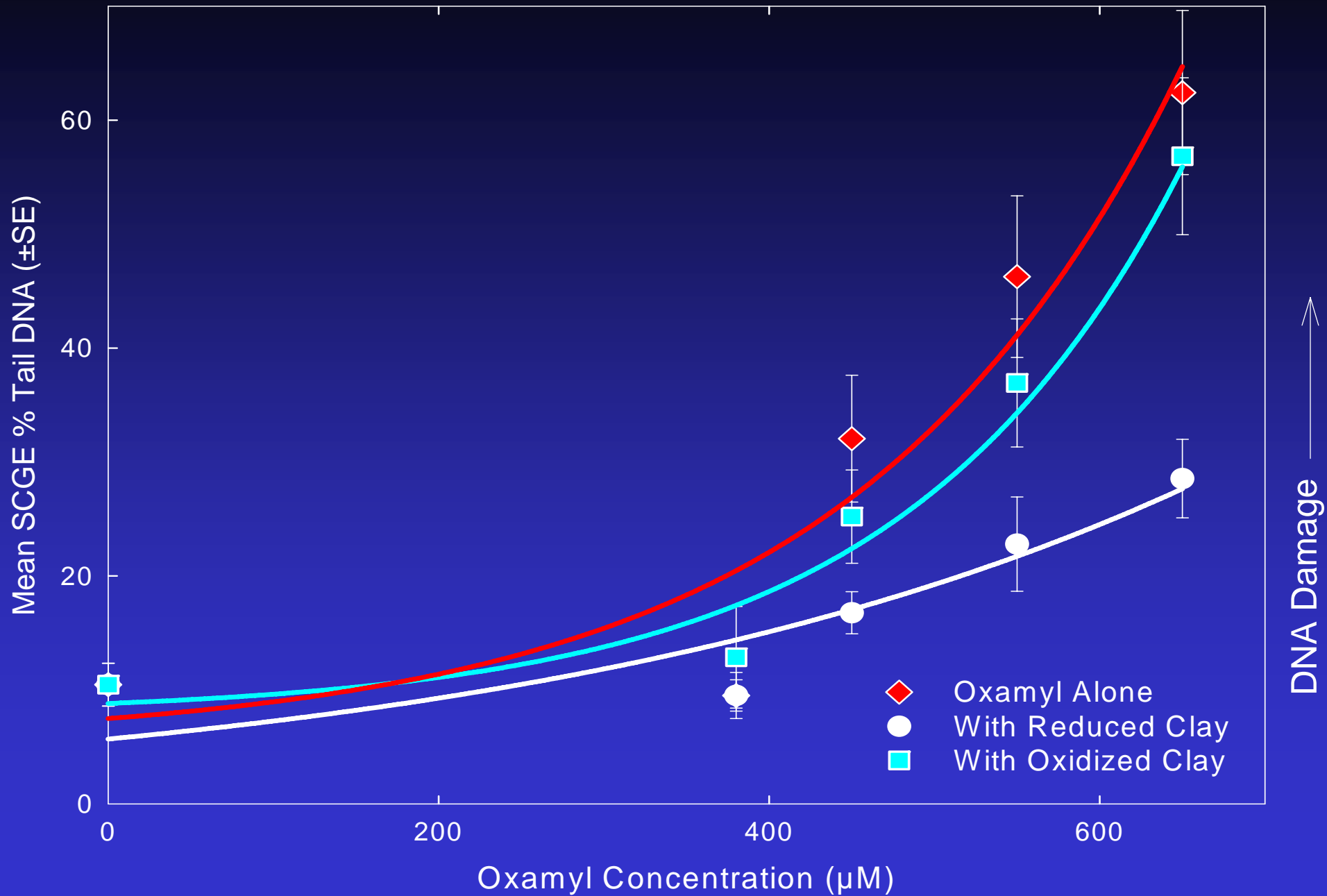


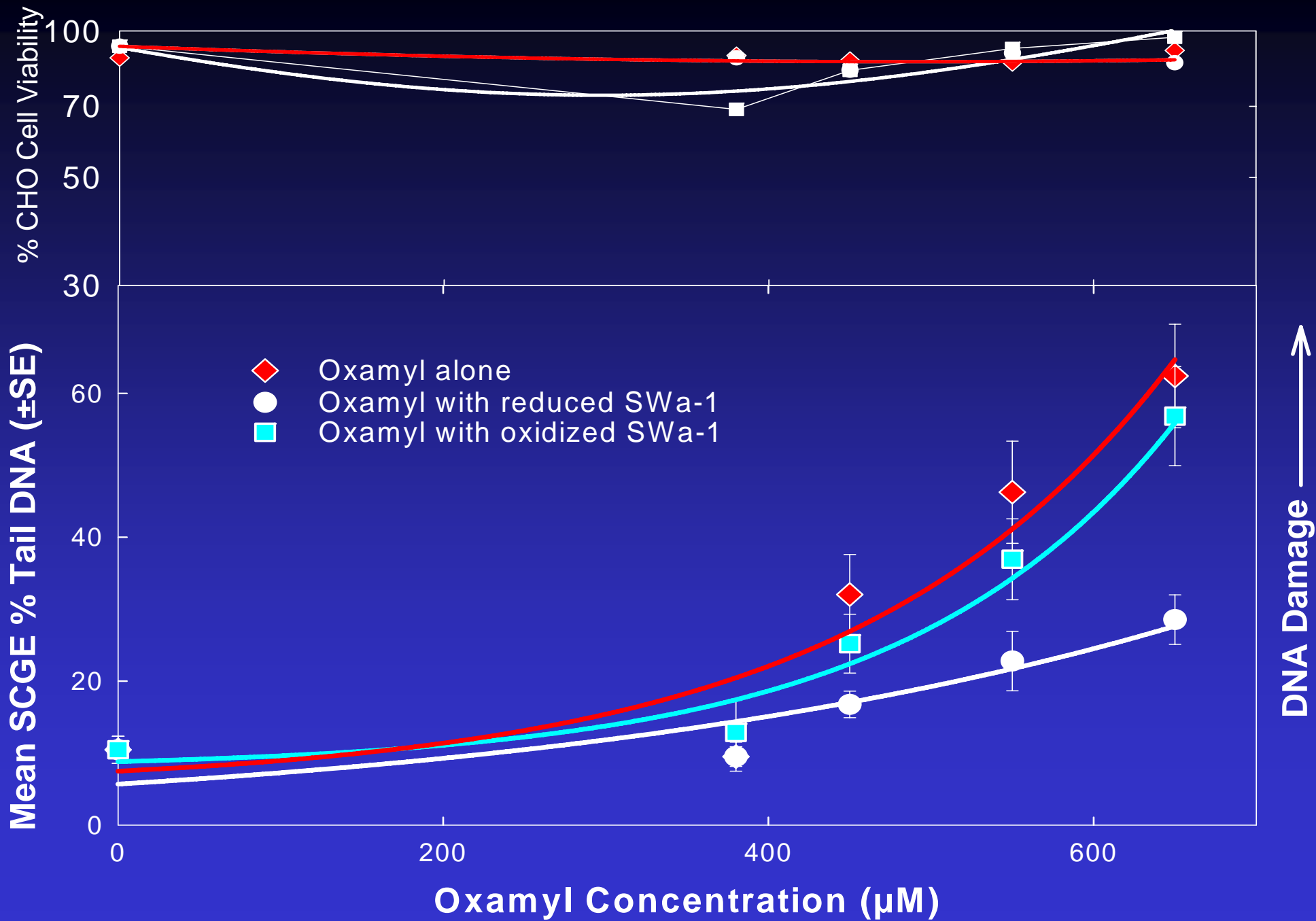












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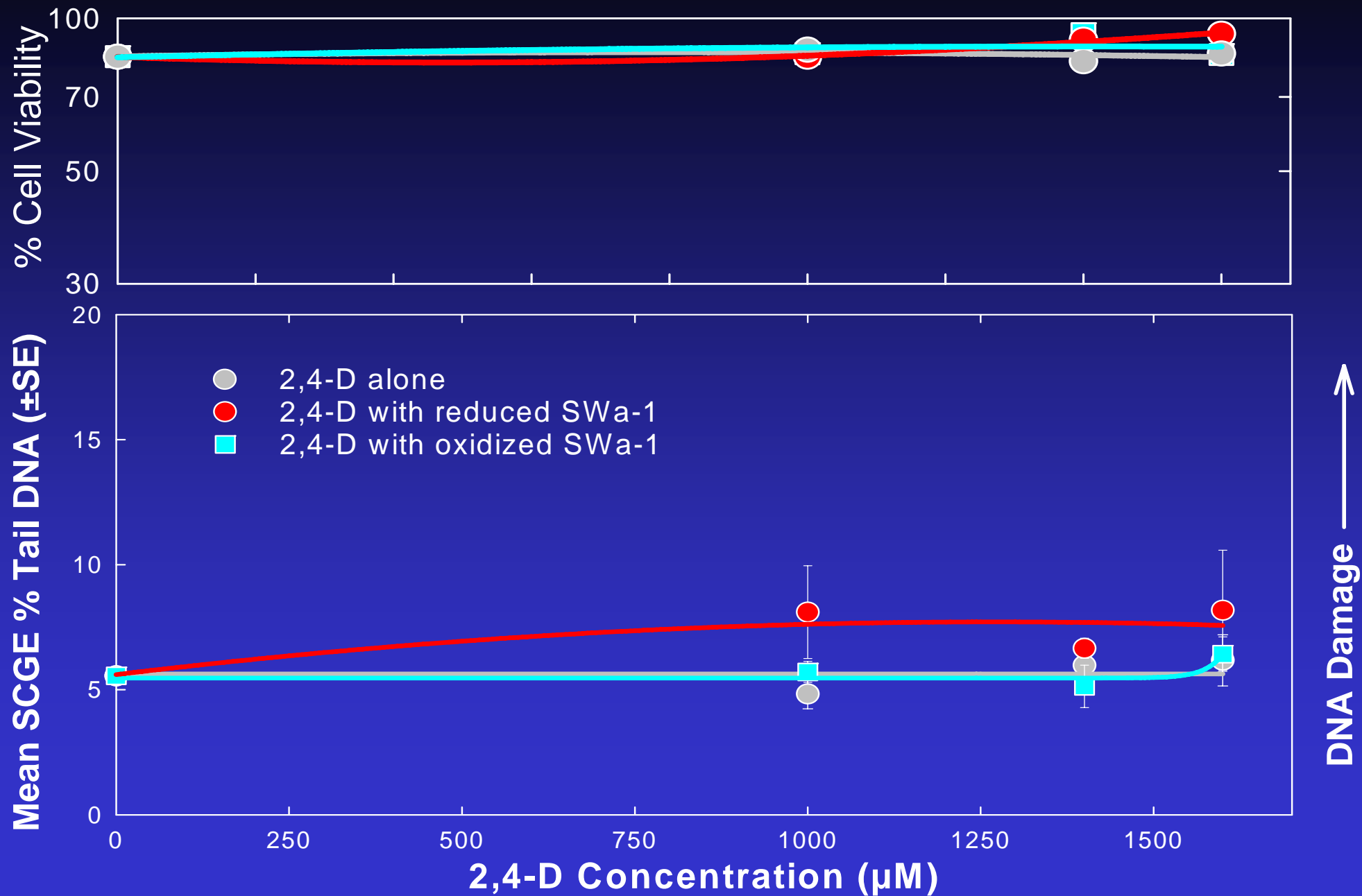
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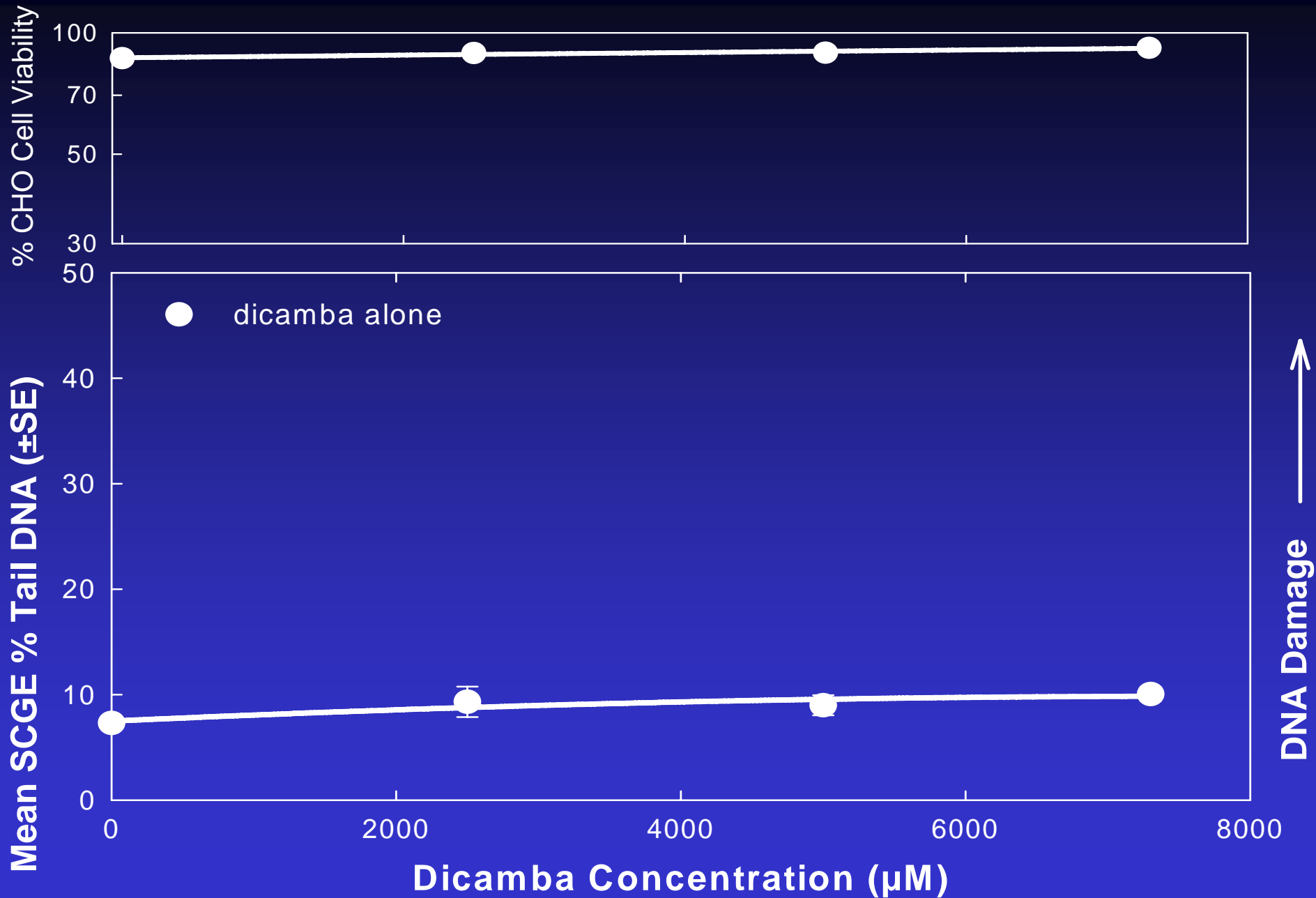
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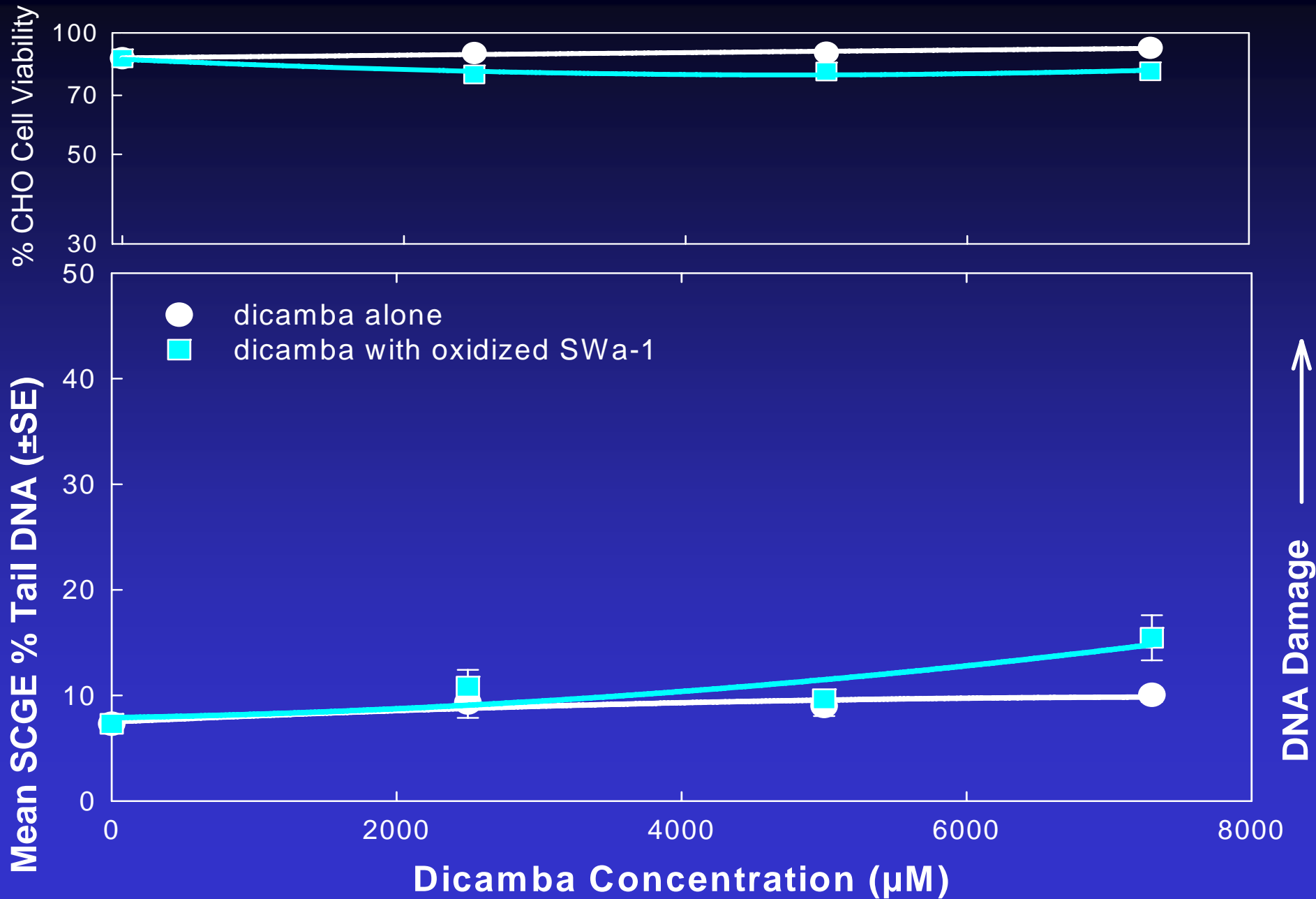
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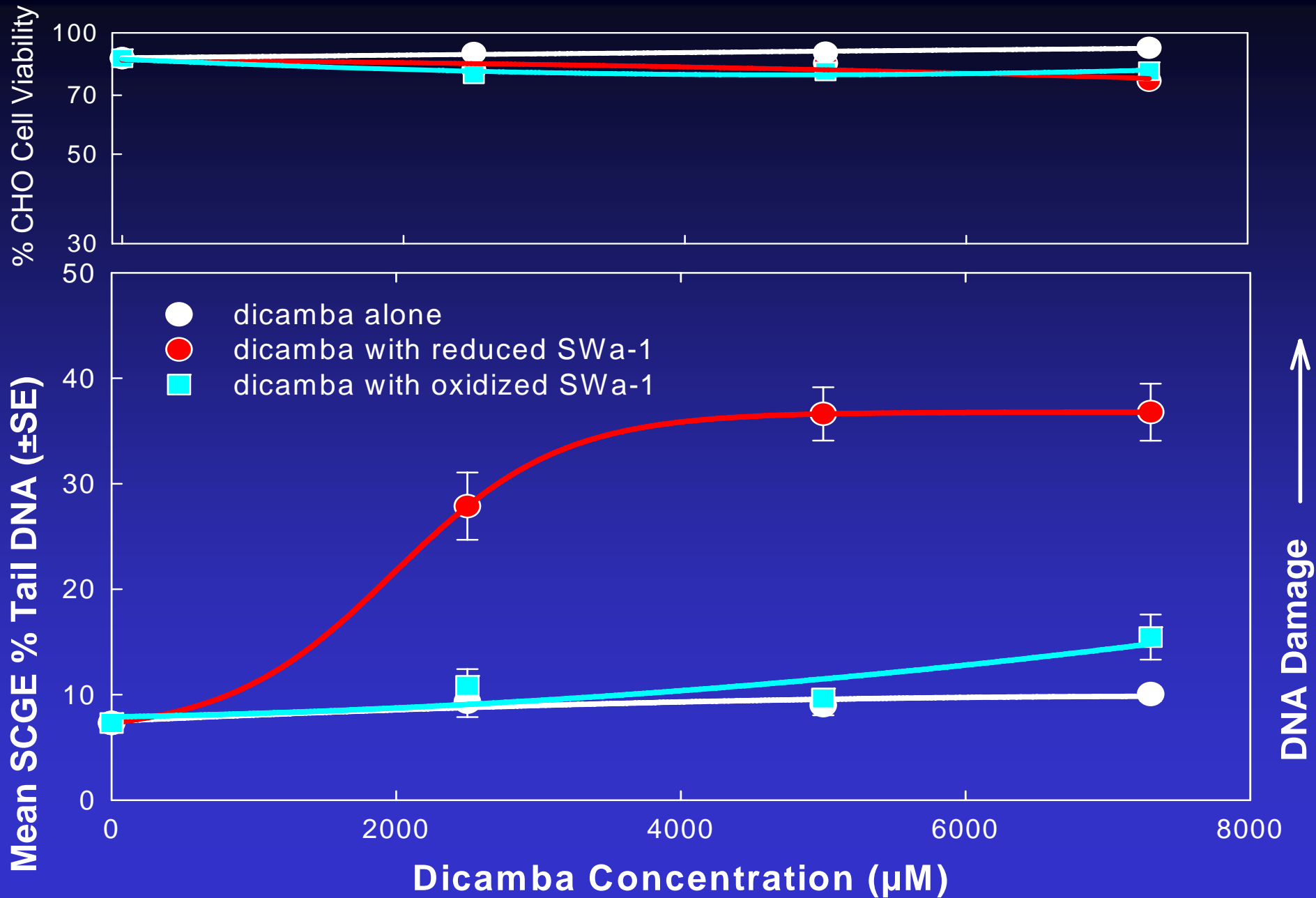
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**Dicamba**







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