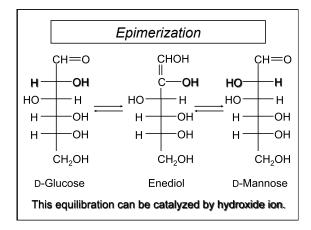


Epimerization, Isomerization, and Biological Aldol/Retro-Aldol Reactions of Carbohydrates

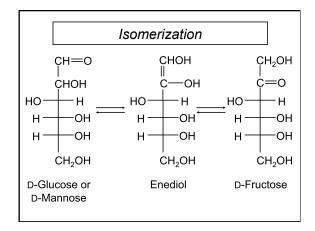
Enol Forms of Carbohydrates

- Enolization of an aldose scrambles the stereochemistry at C-2.
- This process is called *epimerization*. Diastereomers that differ in stereochemistry at only one of their stereogenic centers are called epimers.
- D-Glucose and D-mannose, for example, are epimers.



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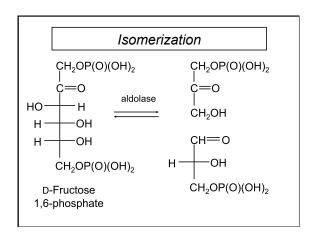
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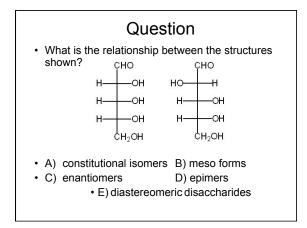


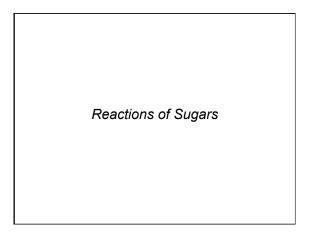
Glycolysis / Retro-Aldol reactions

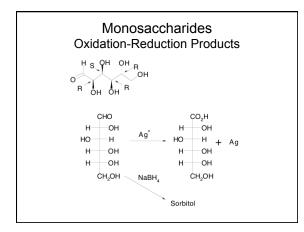
- D-fructose 6-phosphate undergoes phosphorylation of its free CH₂OH group to give D-fructose 1,6-diphosphate.
- D-Fructose 1,6-diphosphate is cleaved into two 3-carbon products by a reverse aldol reaction.
- This *retro-aldol* reaction is catalyzed by the enzyme *aldolase*.

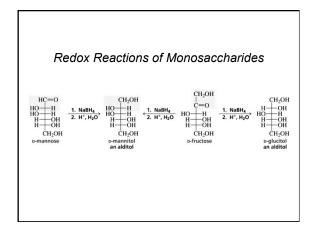
Glycolysis occurs metabolically in nearly every organism, both aerobically and anaerobically. The released energy is used to form the high energy compounds, ATP and NADH.

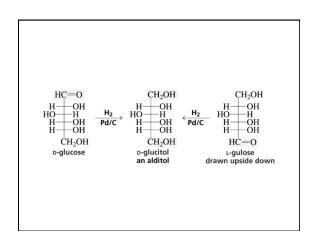


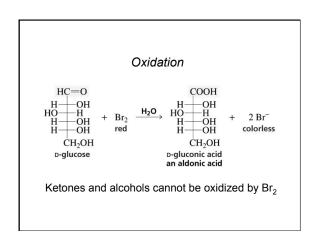


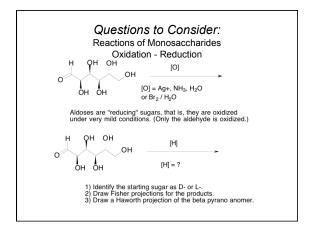


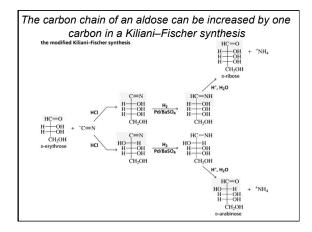


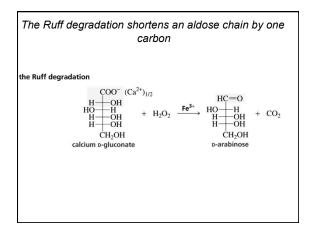


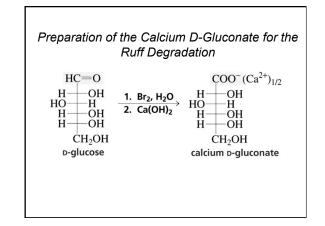


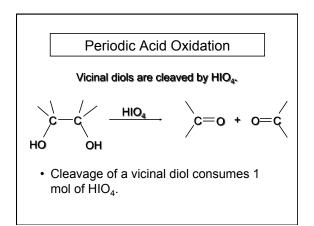


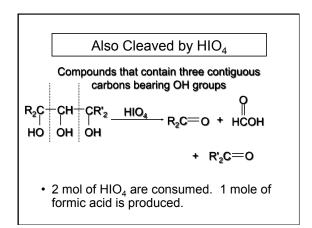














- How many moles of formic acid and formaldehyde, respectively, would be produced when D-arabinitol is oxidized with periodic acid (HIO₄)? ((2R,4R)-pentane-1,2,3,4,5-pentol)
- A) 0 moles of formic acid: 5 moles of formaldehyde
- B) 1 moles of formic acid: 4 moles of formaldehyde
- C) 2 moles of formic acid: 3 moles of formaldehyde
- D) 3 moles of formic acid: 2 moles of formaldehyde

