

# LIPID REACTIONS

## Technologically significant reactions (oleochemistry)

### 1. esterification

enzymatic (lipases)

nonenzymatic (acid and base catalysis)

#### 1.1.esterifications

20-100 °C, H<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>, HCl



glycols, alditols + FA → emulsifiers

glycerol + FA (hydroxyl acids) → emulsifiers (MAG and DAG)

## 1.2. interesterification

### acidolysis

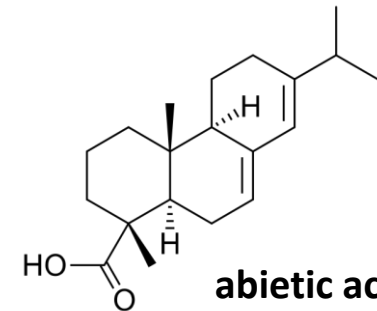


without catalyst, 250-300 °C; catalyst H<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>, 150-170 °C

**TAG + abietic acid → varnish**

**TAG + phthalic acid → glyptals**

**(drying oil – similar to natural resins)**



**abietic acid**  
derived from lat.  
word *Abies* = fir;  
nonvolatile  
component of  
turpentine

**exchange lower/higher FA coconut oil, palm kernel fat**

**enzymatically using lipase - synthesis of "structured TAG"**

**CBE fat (Cocoa Butter Equivalent) = POSt + StOSt**

## alcoholysis



NaOH, NaOR 20 °C and more, H<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> ~ 100 °C, without catalyst 250 °C,  
enzymatically by lipases

methanolysis → Me-esters, biodiesel

butanolysis → Bu-esters (plasts softenings)

glycerolysis → parcial esters (emulsifiers)

## transesterification



without catalyst ~ 250 °C, acidic, basic catalyst < 100 °C, enz. lipases  
in the resulting mixture the distribution of FA in TAG is accidental

– **randomisation** (melting point higher for about 20 °C)

## 2. molecule splitting - hydrolysis and saponification



autocatalysed hydrolysis at high temperatures over 200 °C

saponification by hydroxides **soaps**

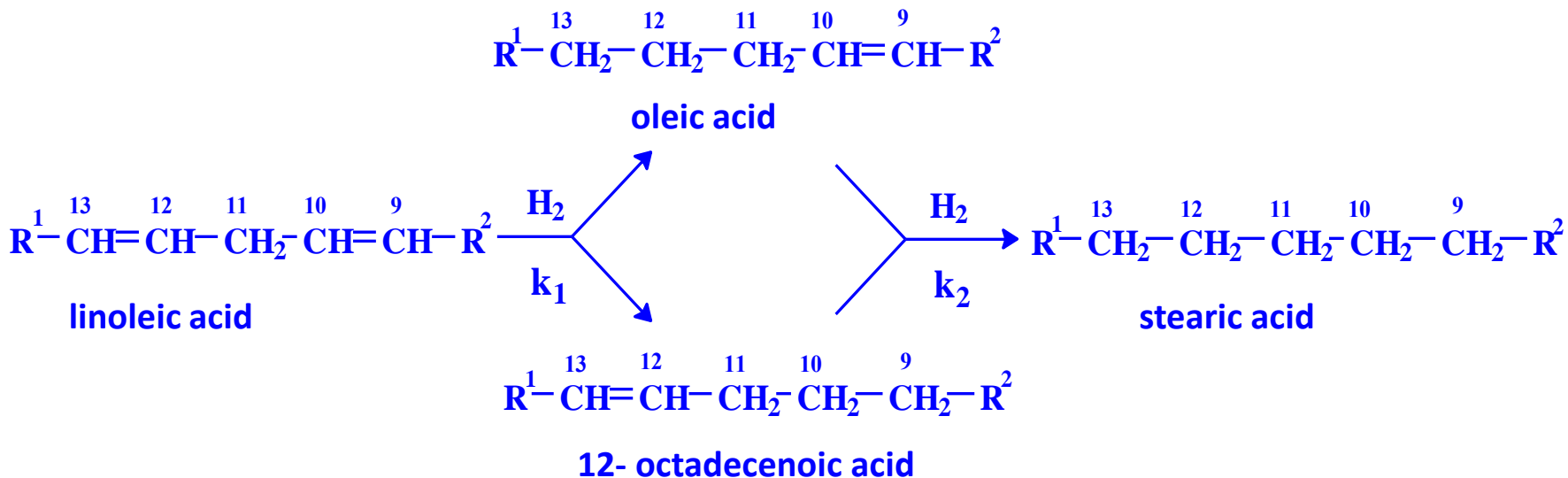
## 3. hydrogenation



H<sub>2</sub>, 150-200 °C, Ni-catalyst; 0,1-0,2 MPa

**hardened fats (hardening, hydrogenation)**

**stability against oxidation, consistency, absence of trans-acids**



$k_1 > k_2$  selective (dienic from trienic, rape oil)

$k_1 < k_2$  nonselective

### side-reactions

- ◆ positional isomerisation (unusual isomers)
- ◆ *cis/trans* isomerisation (30-45% *trans*-isomers)

# Rancidity of oils and fats

- ◆ hydrolytic rancidity
- ◆ scented rancidity
- ◆ reversion
- ◆ oxidation

## hydrolytic rancidity

- enzymatic reactions: lipases (butter, coconut oil, palm oil)
- chemical reaction: frying

TAG → FA + DAG + MAG

- butter, milk, coconut oil, palm oil
- chocolate
- cheese

undesirable

partly desirable

desirable

threshold value (mg/kg) of free fatty acids

FA	cream		coconut fat	
	smell	taste	smell	taste
<b>C4:0 rancid</b>	50	60	35	160
<b>C6:0 rancid</b>	85	105	25	50
<b>C8:0 moldy, rancid, soapy</b>	200	120	> 1000	25
<b>C10:0 soapy</b>	> 400	90	> 1000	15
<b>C12:0 soapy</b>	> 400	130	> 1000	35
<b>C14:0 soapy</b>	> 400	> 400	> 1000	75

## flavor of polyunsaturated fatty acids in emulsions

(taste of the corresponding TAG is neutral)

FA	threshold value $\mu\text{mol/l}$	taste
oleic	9-12	bitter, spicy
linoleic	4-6	bitter, spicy
elaidic	22	weakly spicy
$\alpha$ -linolenic	3-6	weakly spicy
$\gamma$ -linolenic	0.6-1.2	weakly spicy
arachidonic	6-8	weakly spicy

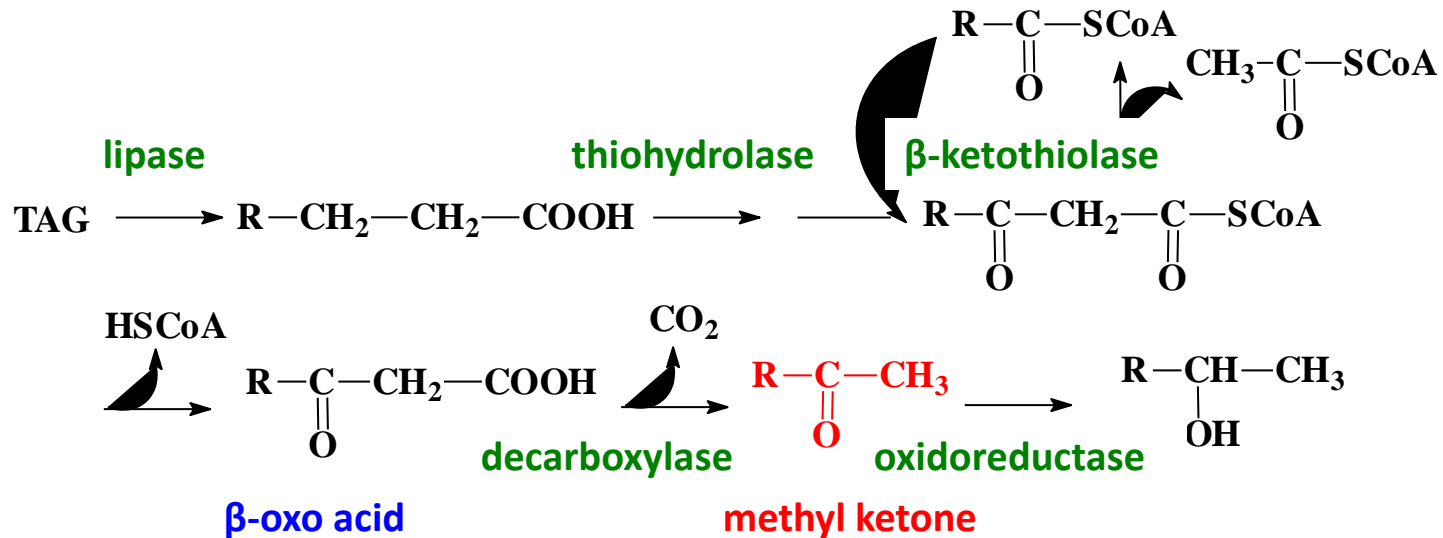


## scented rancidity

- enzymatic reaction: microorganisms and their enzymes
- FA with short and medium carbon chain
- milk fat, coconut oil, palm oil
- mould cheeses

undesirable

desirable



<b>methylketon</b>	<b>smell</b>	<b>threshold value</b> <b>µg/kg (in water)</b>
<b>pentan-2-on</b>	<b>fruity (bananas)</b>	<b>2300</b>
<b>hexan-2-on</b>	<b>fruity (bananas)</b>	<b>930</b>
<b>heptan-2-on</b>	<b>flowery, herbal</b>	<b>650</b>
<b>octan-2-on</b>	<b>flowery</b>	<b>190</b>
<b>nonan-2-on</b>	<b>flowery, meaty</b>	<b>190</b>

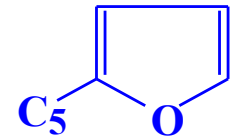
## reversion

typical for soybean oil (or other oil containing **linolenic acid** )

chemical r. (autoxidation) → hydroperoxides → derivatives of furan

off-flavour:

the smell of varnish, fish, grass, beans



refining can remove odor, but the defect returns → reversion

## OXIDATIVE RANCIDITY

### oxidation of the hydrocarbon chains

- nonenzymatic reactions

atmospheric oxygen (triplet/  $^3\text{O}_2$ )  $\Rightarrow$  autoxidation

reactive oxygen species (singlet/ $^1\text{O}_2$ , radicals,  $\text{H}_2\text{O}_2$ )

5 excited states

$^1\Sigma$  (sigma)

$^1\Delta$  (délta)

157 kJ

93,8 kJ

formation in food: photochemical reactions with the participation of photosensitizers from  $^3\text{O}_2$

pigments (riboflavin, chlorophyll, heme)

free radicals

• $\text{O}_2^-$  (superoxide radical)

•OH (hydroxyl radical)

- enzymatic reactions

lipoxygenases (formerly lipoxidases)

## consequences

### negative

#### lowering of sensory quality

fats, oils, foods

cosmetics, gasoline

#### lowering of nutritive value

reaction of oxidised lipids with proteins

#### lowering of hygiene-toxicological quality

toxic products

#### aging, illness (*in vivo*)

### positive

formation of aromatic compounds

## nonenzymatic reactions

### oxidation by triplet oxygen, autoxidation

#### general mechanism of hydrocarbon chain autoxidation

(radical reaction)

##### 1. induction stage



##### 1. propagation stage



up to thousands of segments (influence temperature,  $p\text{O}_2$  etc.)

hydroperoxide= primary oxidation product

decomposition of hydroperoxides

##### 3. terminal stage

mutual radical reactions, polymers of various types



## initiation

mainly fotosensitized (photo-oxidation) and enzymatic reactions

singlet oxygen

hydroperoxide

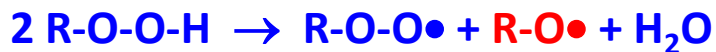
„first radicals“ from hydroperoxide decomposition

## hydroperoxide decomposition

monomolecular decomposition



bimolecular decomposition (at higher concentrations of ROOH)



reactivity of radicals



subsequent fate of alkoxyl radicals

decomposition → aromatic compounds

recombination in terminal stage



## oxidation of unsaturated acids (at ordinary temperature)

O : L : LL = 1 : 10 : 100

structure	dissociation energy (kJ / mol)
H-CH <sub>2</sub> -	422
CH <sub>3</sub> -CH-H-	410
-H-CH-CH=CH-	322
-CH=-CH-H-CH-CH=CH-	272

## oxidation of unsaturated acids

ambient temperature

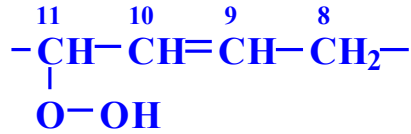
## oxidation of saturated acids

temperatures of frying and roasting

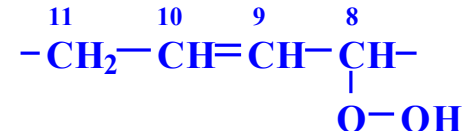


## oxidation of oleic acid

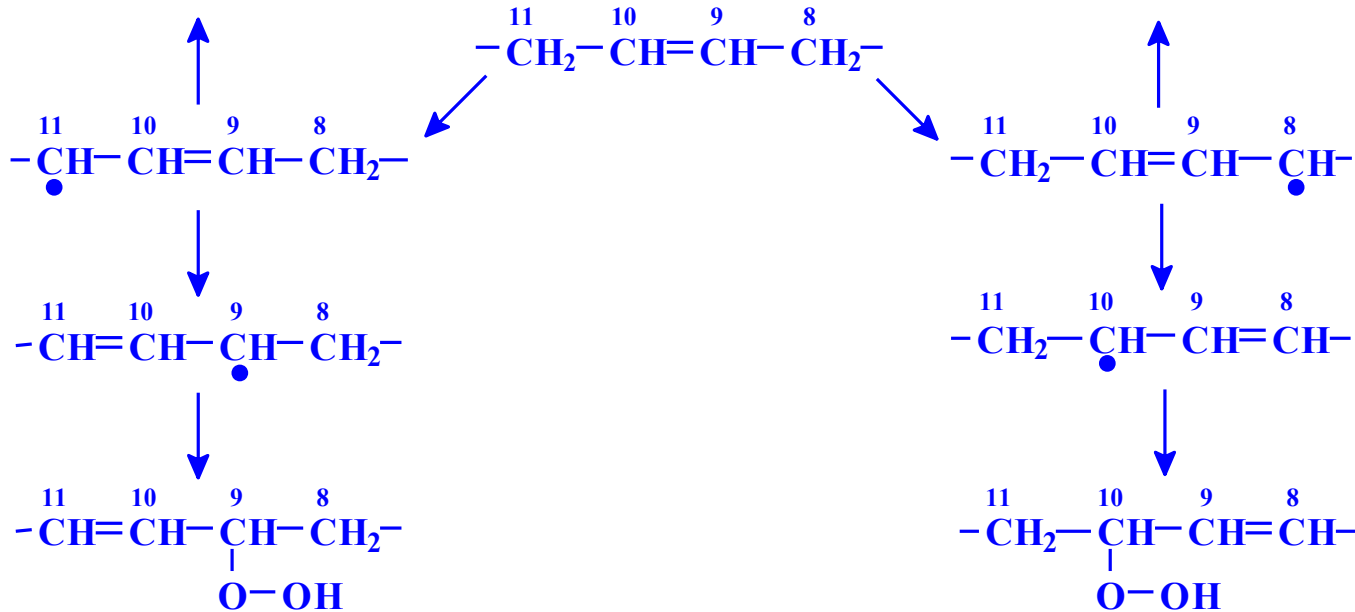
→ mixture of 4 hydroperoxides in ratio of cca 1:1:1:1



11-hydroperoxy-9-enoic acid



8-hydroperoxy-9-enoic acid



9-hydroperoxy-10-enoic acid

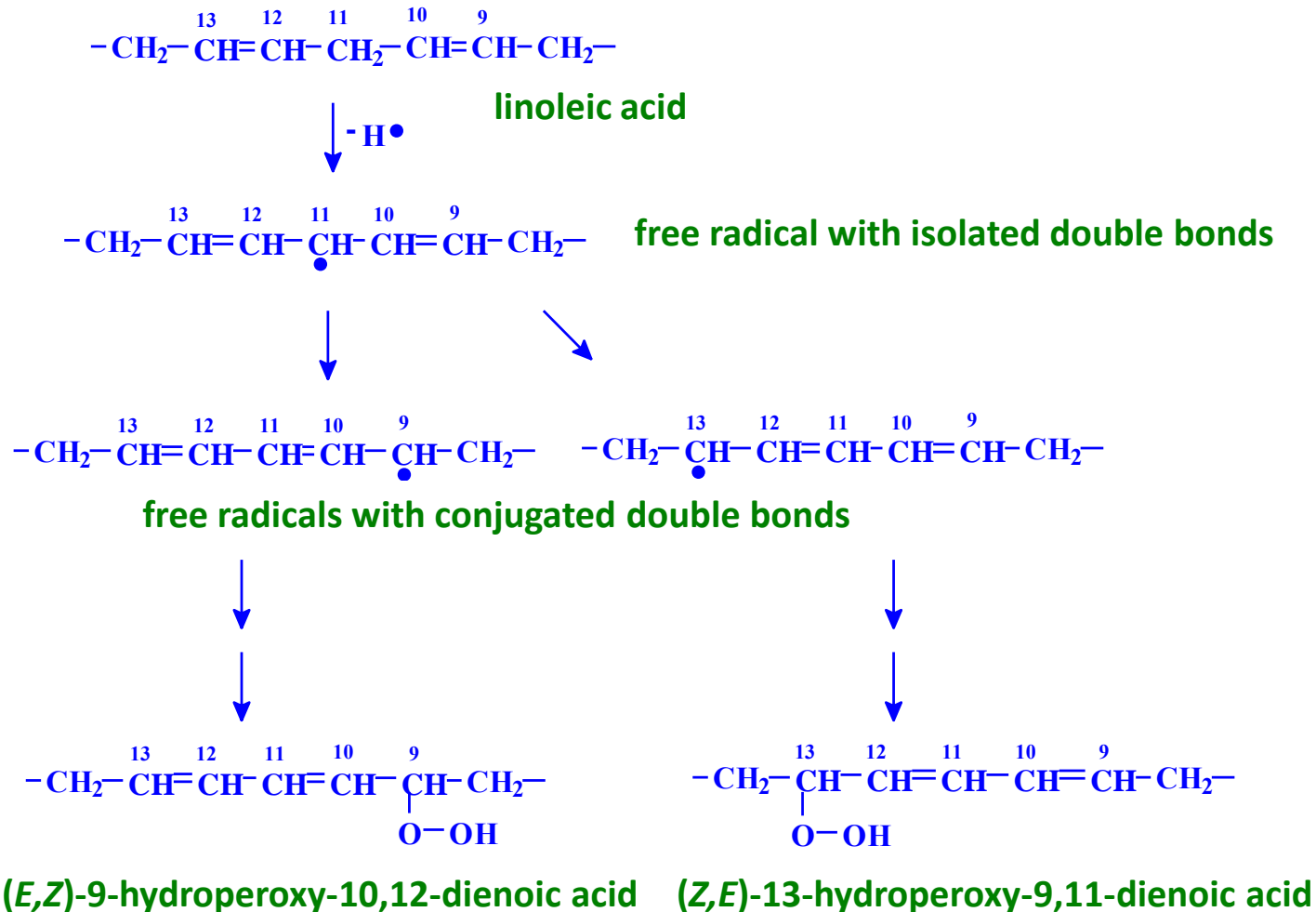
10-hydroperoxy-8-enoic acid

geometric isomers  
positional isomers

*cis* or *trans*  
- mainly *trans*

## oxidation of linoleic acid

→ mixture of 7 hydroperoxides, mostly 9- and 13-



## oxidation of linolenic acid

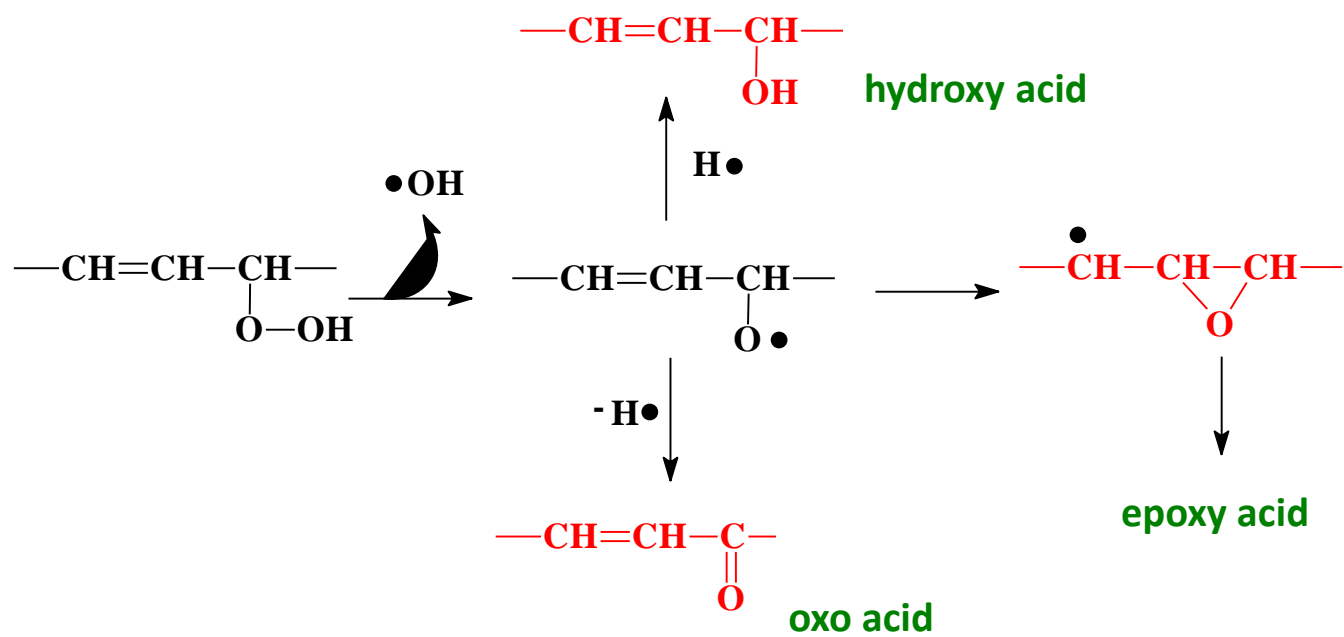
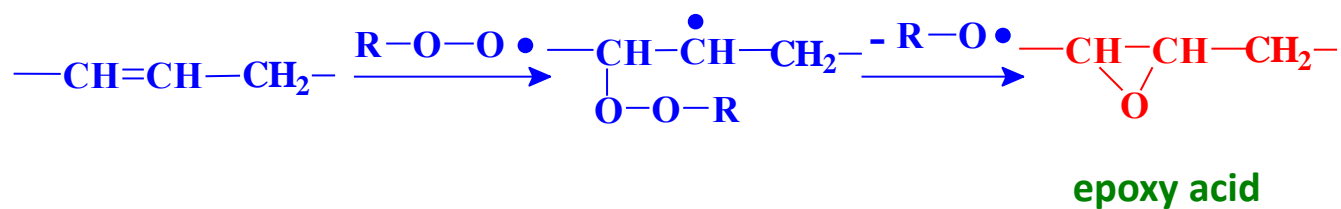
→ mixture of many hydroperoxides – mostly 9-, 12-, 13- and 16-  
with **2** conjugated double bonds and one isolated bond

## subsequent reaction of hydroperoxides

→ secondary autooxidation products

- same number of C atoms epoxy-, hydroxy-, oxo-acids
- lower number aldehydes, hydrocarbons and others
- higher number various polymers

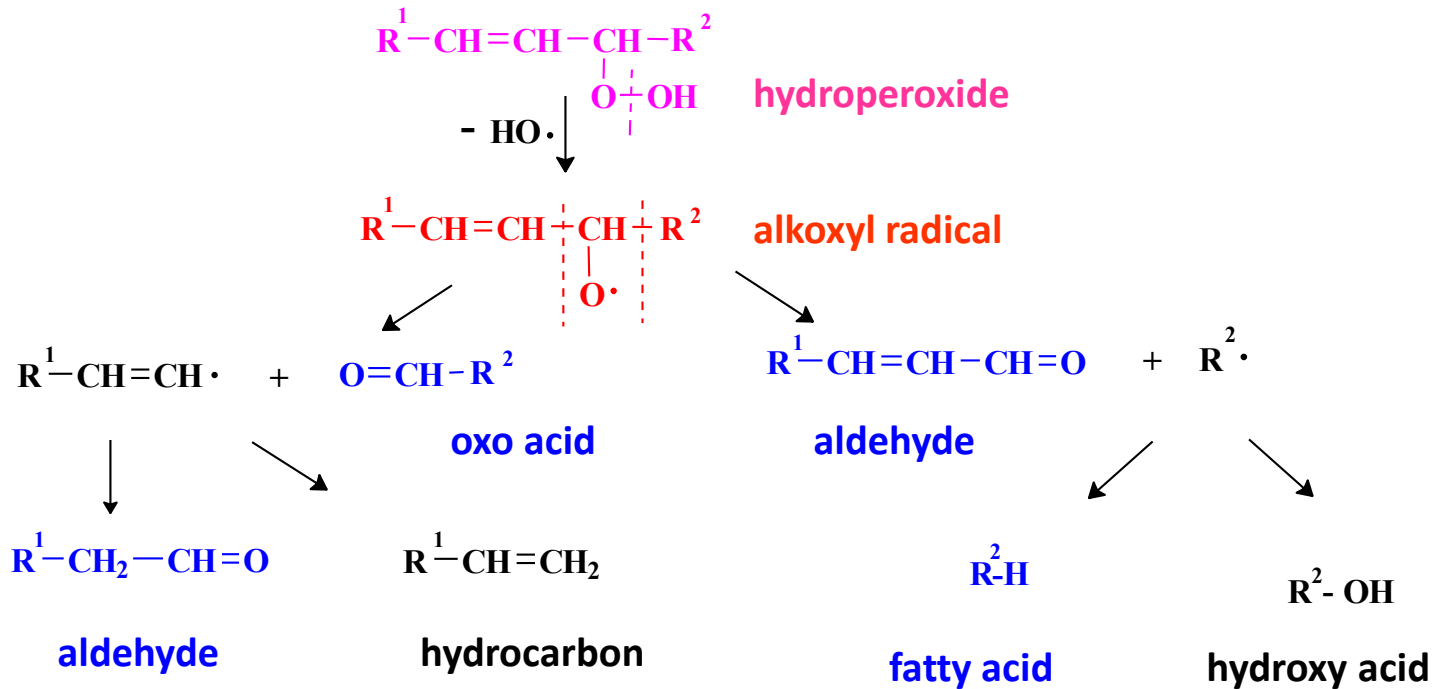
## formation of epoxy-, hydroxy- a oxo-compounds



# formation of aldehydes and hydrocarbons

volatile secondary products - flavour compounds

general mechanisms





## some of aldehydes arising by oxidation of unsaturated acids

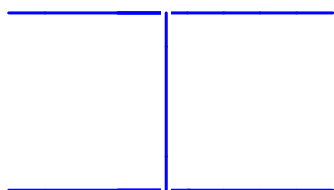
primary aldehyde	aldehyde after isomeration	hydroperoxy acid
(Z)-undec-2-enal	(E)-2-undecenal	(Z)-8-hydroperoxyoctadec-9-enoic
(E)-dec-2-enal		(E)-9-hydroperoxyoctadec-10-enoic
nonanal		(E)-10-hydroperoxyoctadec-8-enoic
octanal		(Z)-11-hydroperoxyoctadec-9-enoic
(Z,Z)-undeca-2,5-dienal	(E,E)-undeca-2,4-dienal	(Z,Z)-8-hydroperoxyoctadeca-9,12-dienoic
(E,Z)-deca-2,4-dienal	(E,E)-deca-2,4-dienal	(E,Z)-9-hydroperoxyoctadeca-10,12-dienoic
(Z)-non-3-enal	(E)-non-2-enal	(E,Z)-10-hydroperoxyoctadeca-8,12-dienoic
(Z)-okte-2-nal	(E)-okt-2-enal	(Z,Z)-11-hydroperoxyoctadeca-9,12-dienoic
(E)-hept-2-enal		(Z,E)-12-hydroperoxyoctadeca-9,13-dienoic
hexanal		(Z,E)-13-hydroperoxyoctadeca-9,11-dienoic
pentanal		(Z,Z)-14-hydroperoxyoctadeca-9,12-dienoic
(E,Z,Z)-deca-2,4,7-trienal		(E,Z,Z)-9-hydroperoxyoctadeca-10,12,15-trienoic
(Z,Z)-nona-3,6-dienal	(E,Z)-nona-2,6-dienal	(E,Z,Z)-10-hydroperoxyoctadeca-8,12,15-trienoic
(Z,Z)-octa-2,5-dienal	(E,E)-octa-2,4-dienal	(Z,Z,Z)-11-hydroperoxyoctadeca-9,12,15-trienoic
(E,Z)-hepta-2,4-dienal	(E,E)-hepta-2,4-dienal	(Z,E,Z)-12-hydroperoxyoctadeca-9,13,15-trienoic
(Z)-hex-3-enal	(E)-hexe-2-nal	(Z,E,Z)-13-hydroperoxyoctadeca-9,11,15-trienoic
(Z)-pent-2-enal	(E)-pent-2-enal	(Z,Z,Z)-14-hydroperoxyoctadeca-9,12,15-trienoic
propanal		(Z,Z,E)-16-hydroperoxyoctadeca-9,12,14-trienoic

## organoleptic properties of aldehydes

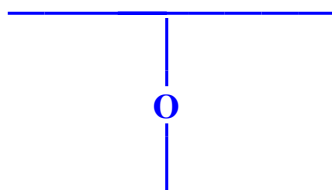
aldehyde	smell	precursor
propanal	pungent	linolenic acid
pentanal	pungent	linoleic acid
hexanal	tallowish, grass	linoleic acid
heptanal	oily, greasy	oleic acid
nonanal	tallowish	linolenic acid
(E)-pent-2-enal	oily, greasy, grass	linolenic acid
<b>(Z)-hex-3-enal</b>	<b>Grass</b>	<b>linolenic acid</b>
(E)-hex-2-enal	oily, greasy, grass	linolenic acid
(E)-hept-2-enal	oily, greasy	linoleic acid
(Z)-okt-2-enal	after walnuts	linoleic acid
(E)-okt-2-enal	oily, greasy	linoleic acid
(E)-non-2-enal	oily, greasy	linoleic acid
(E,Z)-hepta-2,4-dienal	oily, greasy, after frying fats	linolenic acid
(E,E)-hepta-2,4-dienal	oily, greasy	linolenic acid
<b>(Z,Z)-nona-3,6-dienal</b>	<b>after cucumber</b>	<b>linolenic acid</b>
<b>(E,Z)-nona-2,6-dienal</b>	<b>after cucumber</b>	<b>linolenic acid</b>
<b>(E,Z)-deca-2,4-dienal</b>	after frying fats	<b>linoleic acid</b>
<b>(E,E)-deca-2,4-dienal</b>	after frying fats	<b>linoleic acid</b>
(E,Z,Z)-deca-2,4,7-trienal	after fish oil	linolenic acid



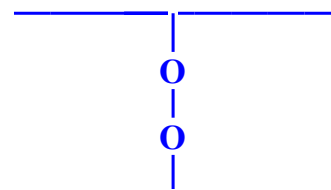
# polymers formation usually by reaction of two radicals



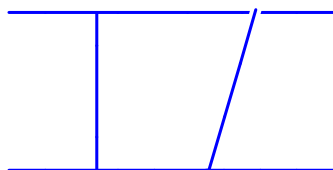
C-C bonds



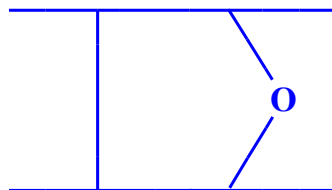
ether bonds



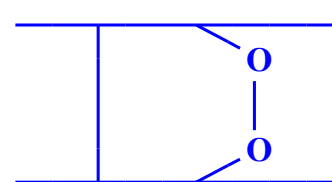
peroxide bonds



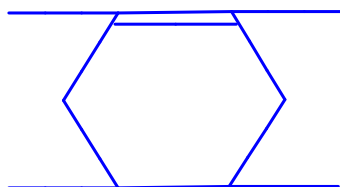
two-fold C-C bond  
cyclopentane cycle



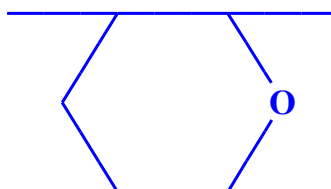
tetrahydrofuran  
bonds



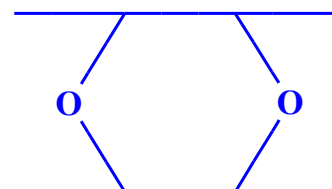
C-C and peroxide  
bonds



two-fold bond C-C  
cyclohexenic cycle



tetrahydropyran  
bonds



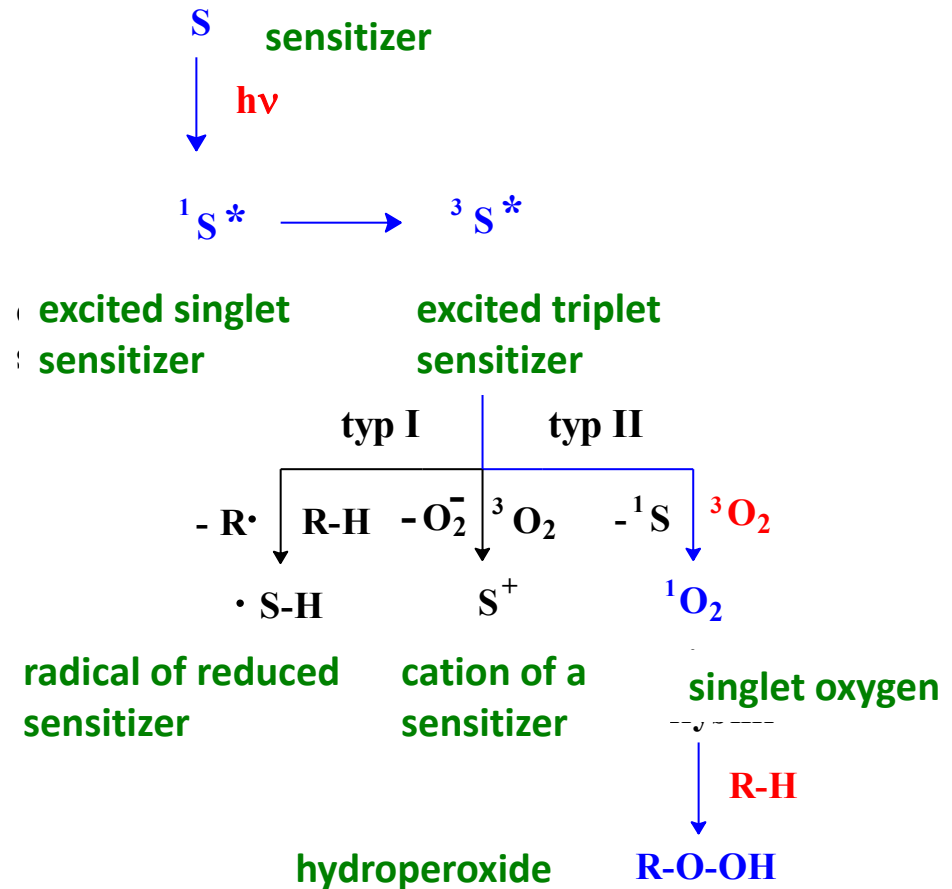
dioxane bonds

# oxidation with singlet oxygen

## formation

- photooxidation (photosensitizers)
- enzymatic reaction (photosynthesis)

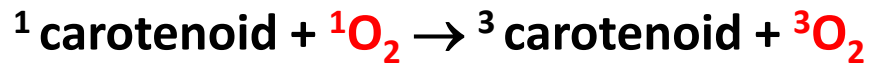
addition to the double bond, ~ **1000 x** faster than oxidation



## scavengers of singlet oxygen and hydroxyl radicals

- can quench singlet oxygen

- $\beta$ -carotene and other carotenoides
- tocopherols
- ascorbic acid

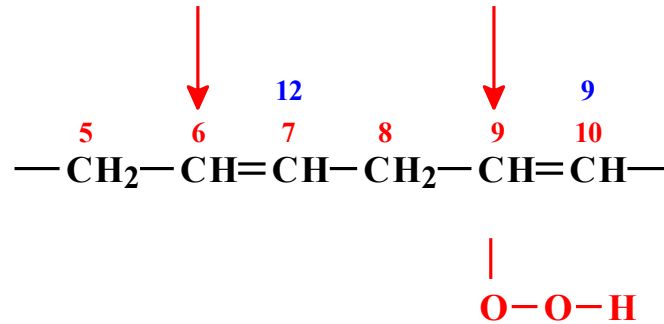


## enzymatic oxidation

lipxygenases (lipoxidases, linoleate: O<sub>2</sub> oxidoreductase)

E<sub>18:2</sub> = 17 kJ/mol

unsaturated FA → hydroperoxide of UFA (optically active)



C<sub>18:2</sub>

9- a 13-hydroperoxides

10-hydroperoxides

C<sub>18:3</sub>

9- a 13-hydroperoxides

10-hydroperoxides

## specificity (regio-, stereo-)

example C<sub>18:2</sub>

soya

→ (13S)-, 9-cis-, 11-trans-

tomatoes

→ (9S)-, 10-trans-, 12-cis

mushrooms

→ (10S)-, 8-trans-, 12-cis-

## negative, positive consequences

**animals:** decomposition by glutathionperoxidases

**plants and mushrooms:** splitting by lyases, isomerases, **aroma compounds**

13-OOH-9,11,15- ~

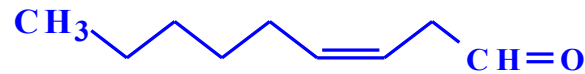


(Z)-hex-3-enal      grass (green) flavour

(Z)-hex-3-enal  $\xrightarrow{\text{isomerase}}$  (E)-hex-2-enal      leaf aldehyde

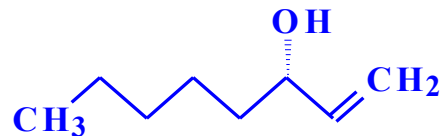
oily, greasy, green smell

9-OOH-10,12,15- ~



(Z)-non-2-enal      oily smell

10-OOH-8,12- ~



(R)-okt-1-en-3-ol      mushroom-like smell

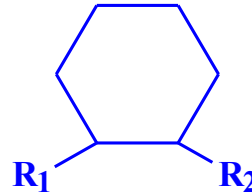
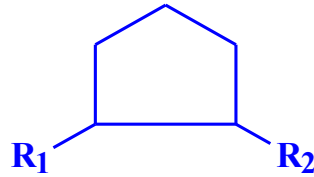
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geometric isomerization

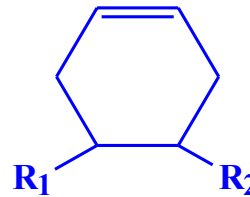
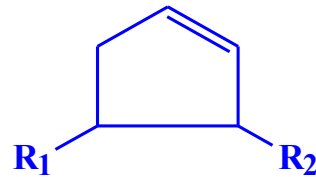
*cis/trans*

positional isomerization

cyclization



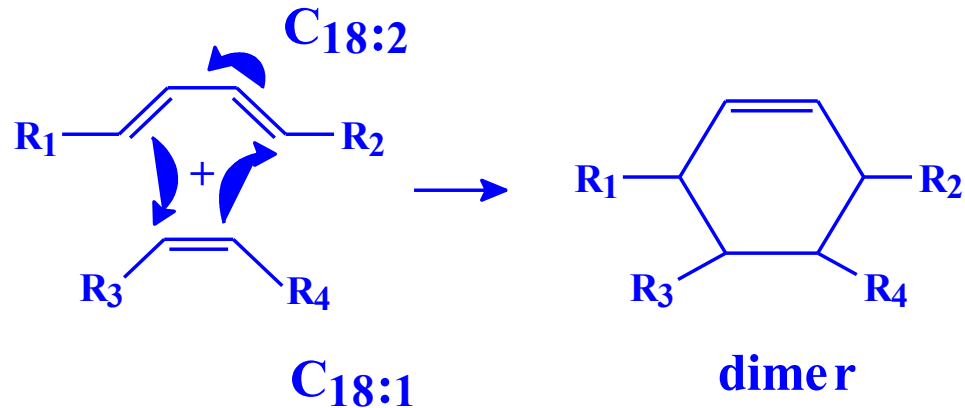
**C<sub>18:1</sub>**



**C<sub>18:2</sub>**

polymerization

Diels-Alder reaction



## **inhibition of autoxidation**

- temperature
- air (oxygen)
- radiation (UV)
- composition of the fat (ratio of SFA/UFA)
- inhibitors (antioxidants, synergists)

## **antioxidants**

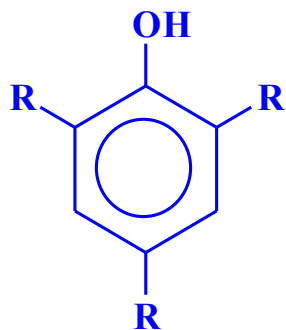
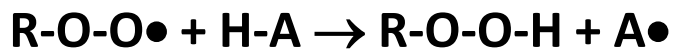
### **classification according to origin**

- natural (mostly tokopherols, phenols)
- synthetic (mostly phenols)

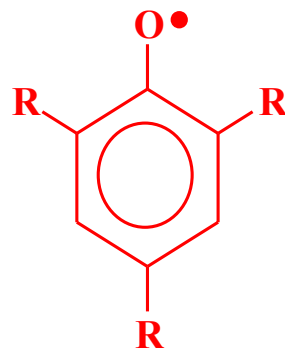
### **classification according to activity (mechanisms)**

- primary (reaction with radicals)
- secondary (reduction of R-O-OH)

## phenolic antioxidants (mechanism of action)



H-A (antioxidant)



A• (antioxidant radical)

### main reactions

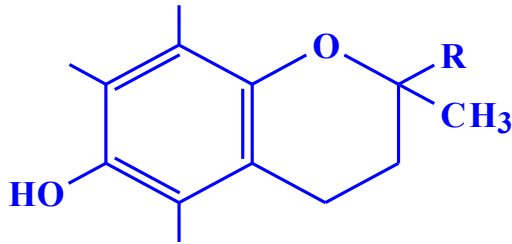


### side reactions (> 0,01%)

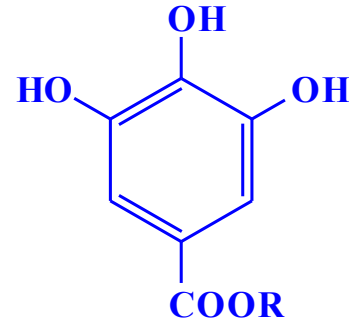




## main natural antioxidants

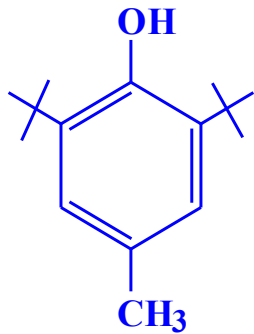


tocopherols

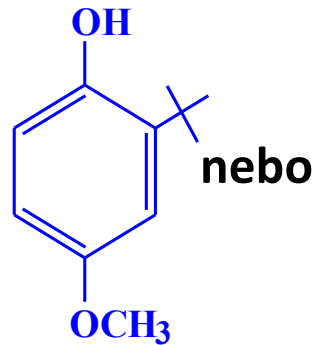


gallates

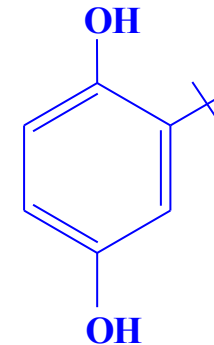
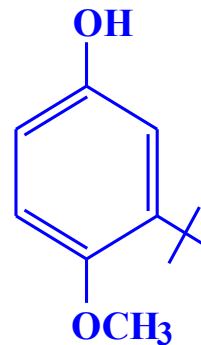
## main synthetic antioxidants



BHT



BHA (cca 9 : 1)



TBHQ

## applications

BHA, BHT, tocopherols, dodecylgallate

type of emulsion: oil/water

TBHQ, propylgallate

pure fats (oils)

# antioxidant effect on the process of autoxidation reactions

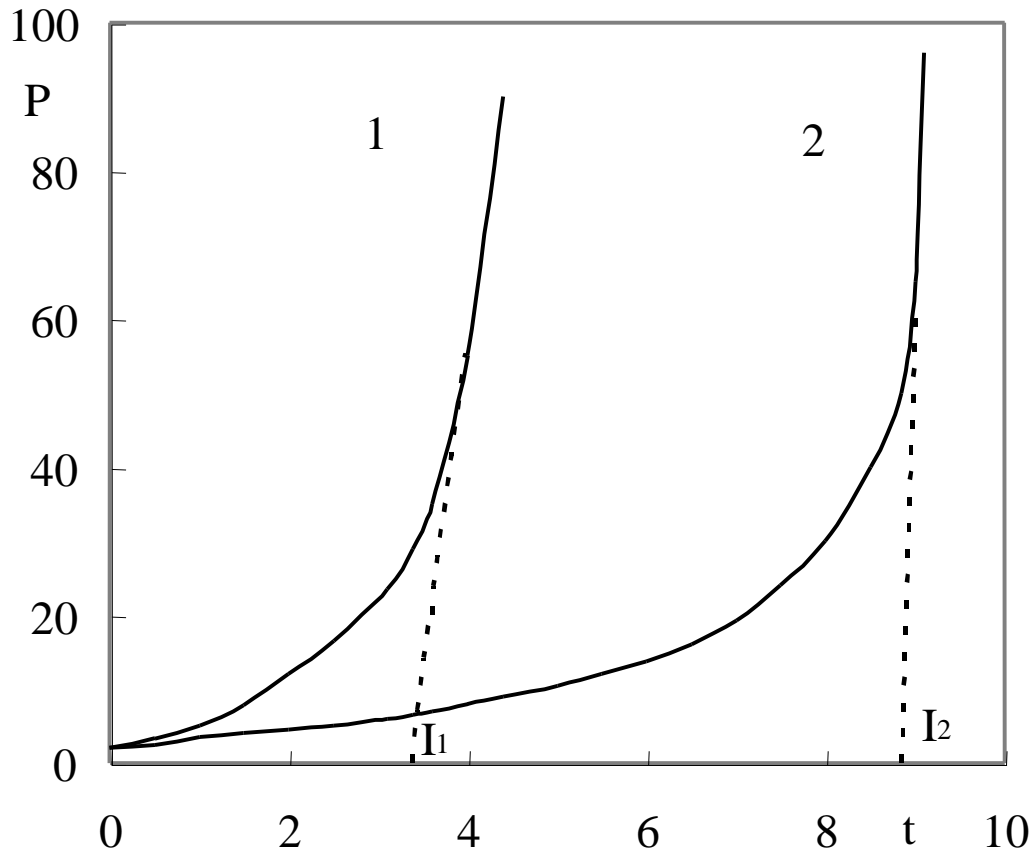
P - peroxide number

t – time of autoxidation at 60°C (days)

1 - antioxidant BHA = 0%    2 – BHA=0,02%

$I_1$  a  $I_2$  = induction periods

protective factor  $PF = (I_2 - I_1) / I_1$



**PF, lard, 0,02%**

<b>α-tocopherol</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>BHT</b>	<b>6</b>
<b>γ-tocopherol</b>	<b>15</b>
<b>BHA + BHT</b>	<b>12</b>
<b>BHA</b>	<b>9.5</b>
<b>octylgallate</b>	<b>6</b>