

Biossíntese e deposição de lignina nas paredes celulares

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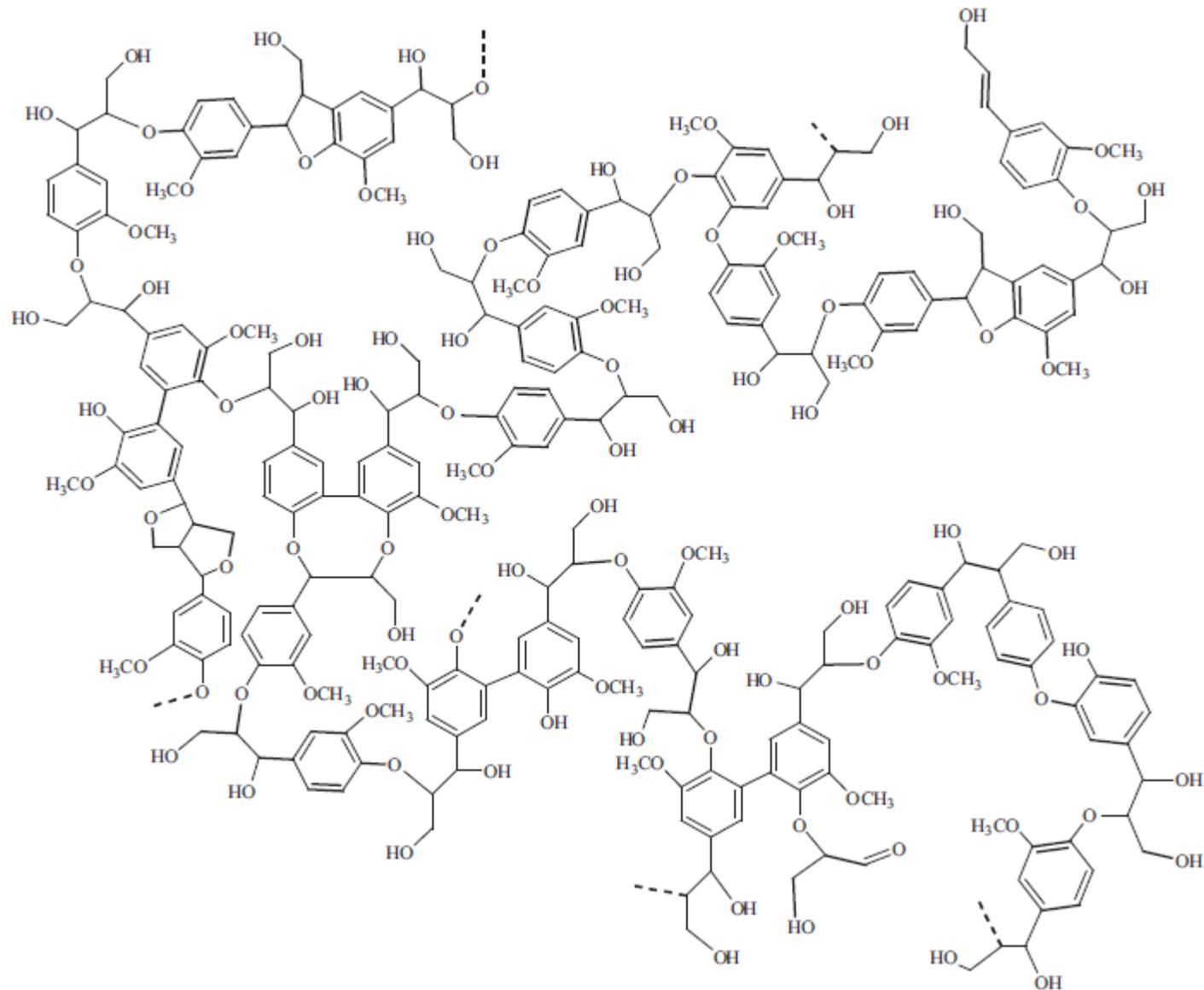
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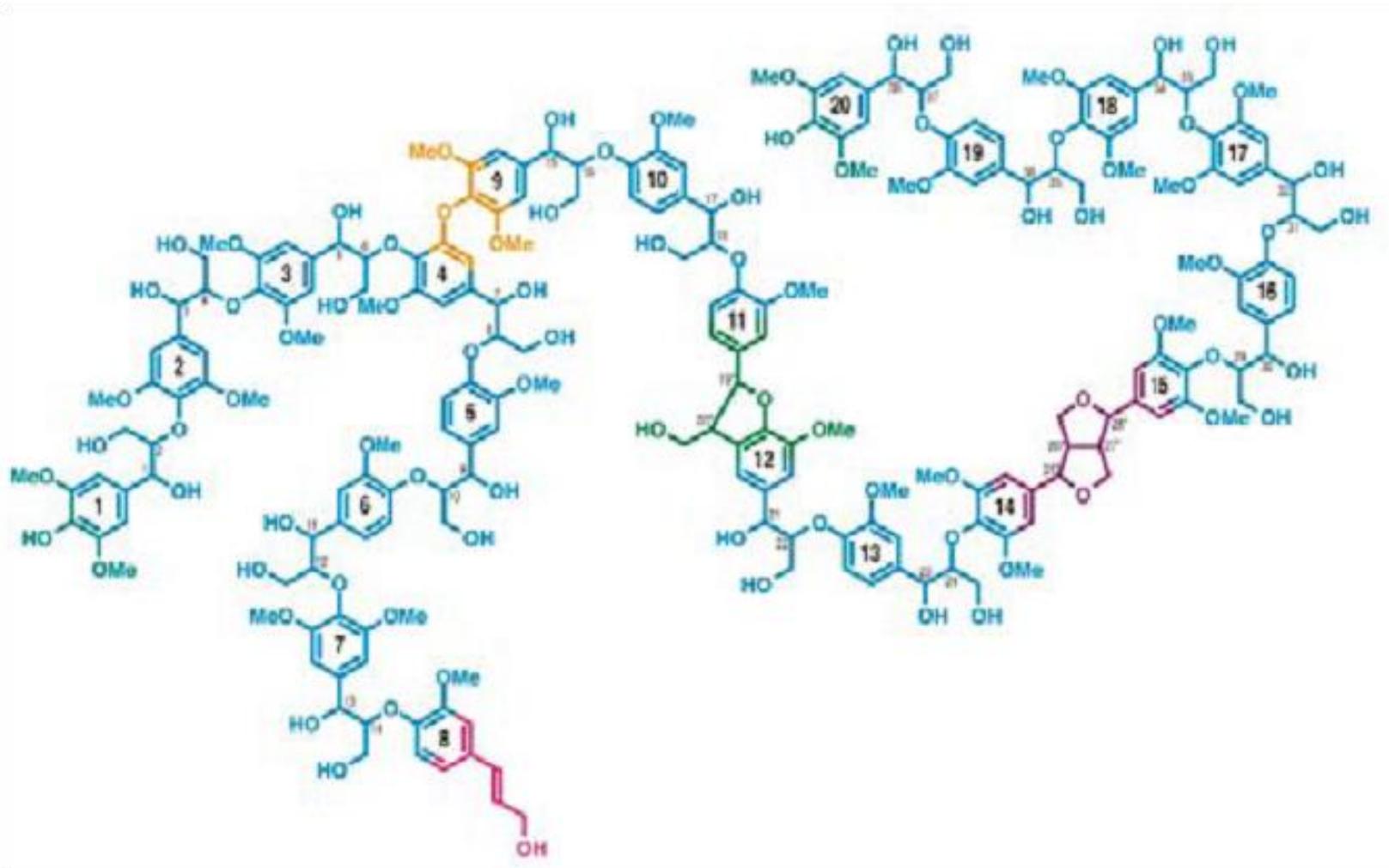
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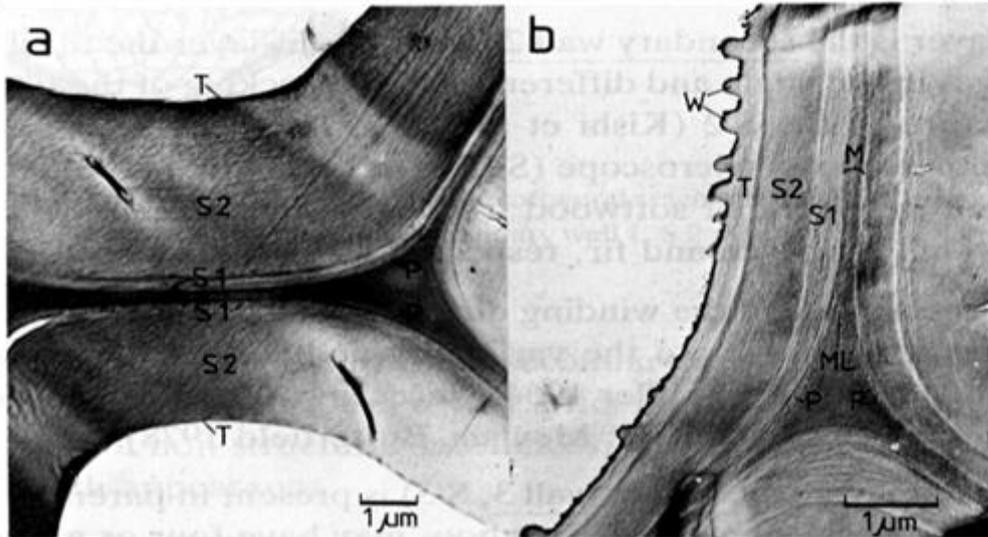
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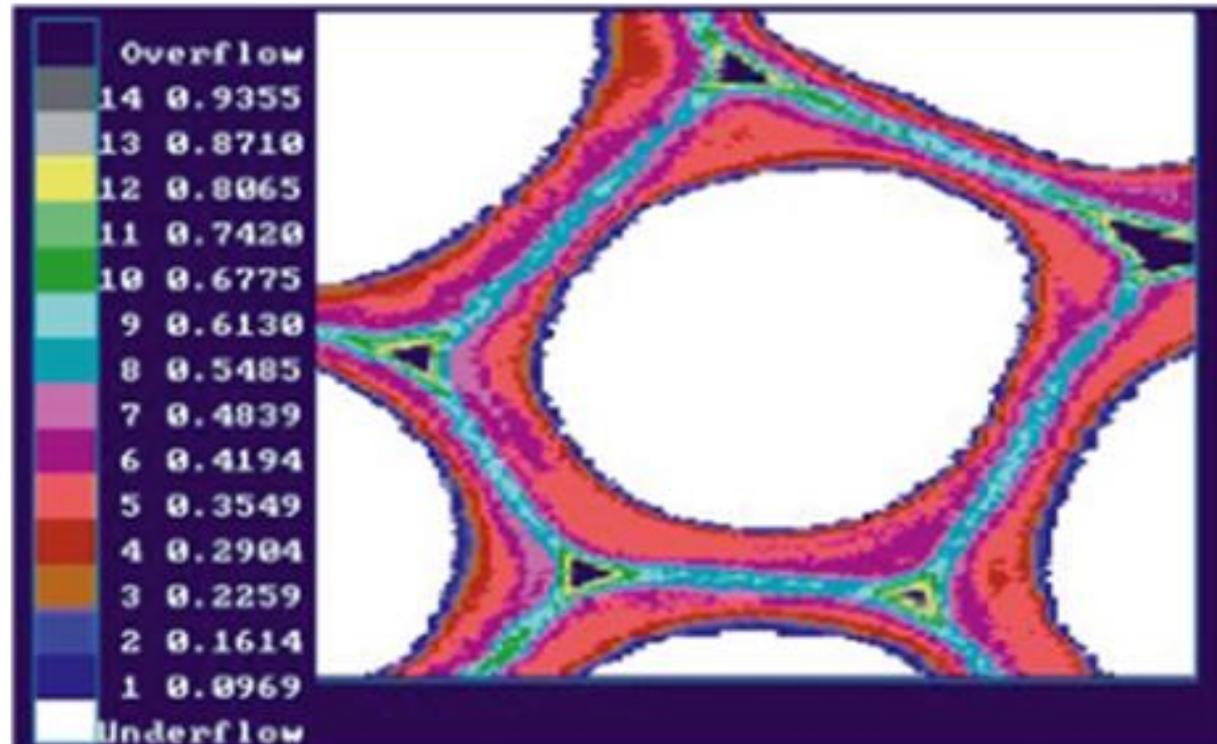


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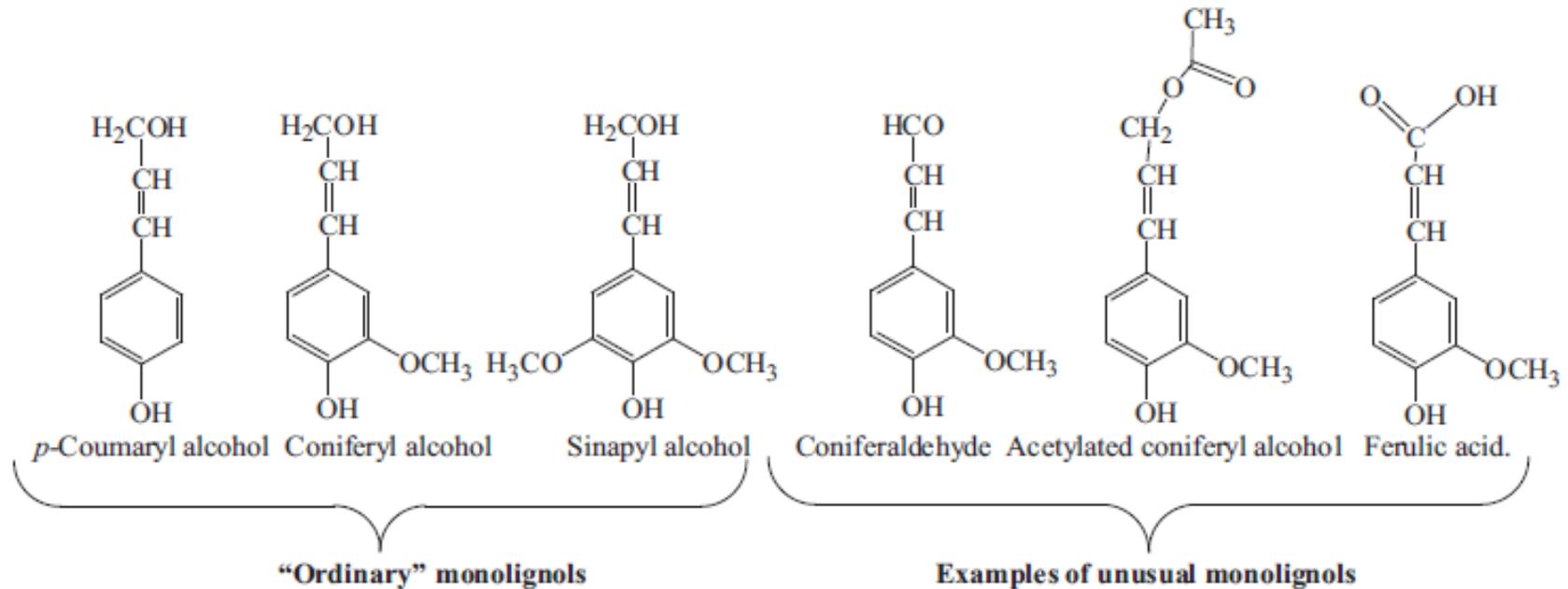




Lignina nas paredes celulares



Precursores da biossíntese de lignina



Proporção dos precursores em diferentes tipos de lignocelulósicos

Table 6.1. Composition of monolignols (lignin monomers) in different plants.

Plant	p-Coumaryl alcohol (%)	Coniferyl alcohol (%)	Sinapyl alcohol (%)
Coniferous softwood	<5	>95	None or Trace
Eudicotyledonous hardwood	0–8	25–50	46–75
Monocotyledonous grass	5–33	33–80	20–54

Reviendo a nomenclatura na molécula de lignina

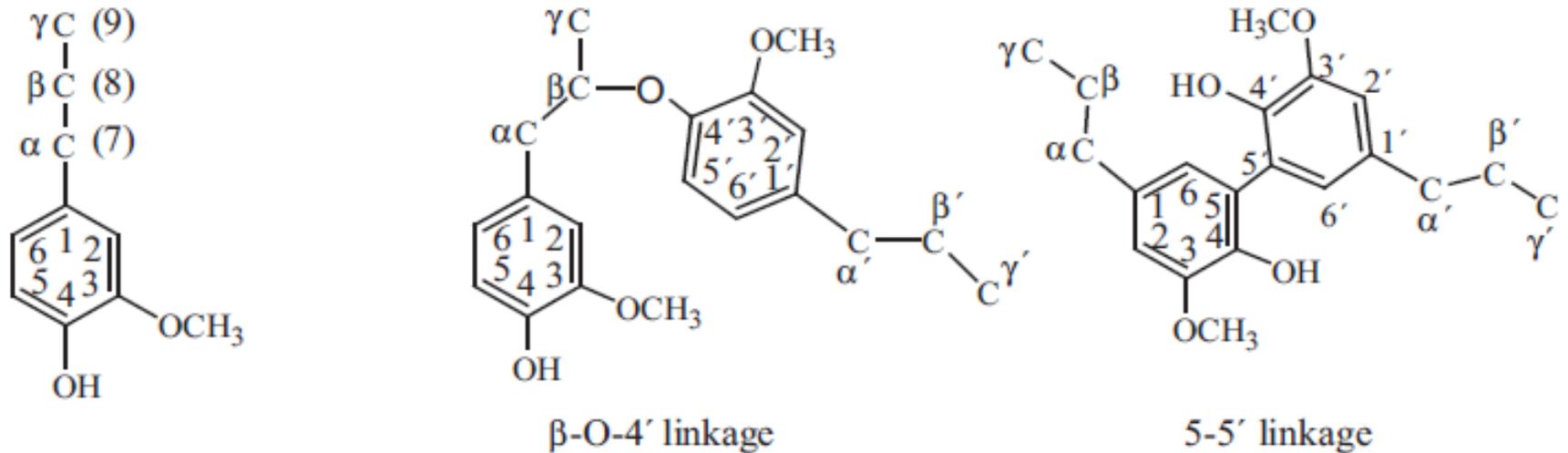
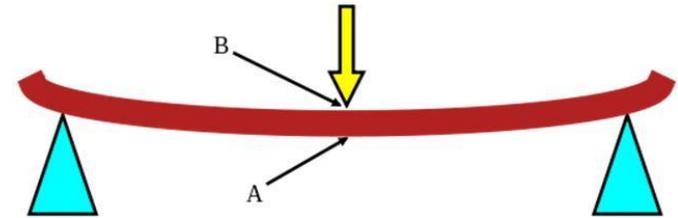


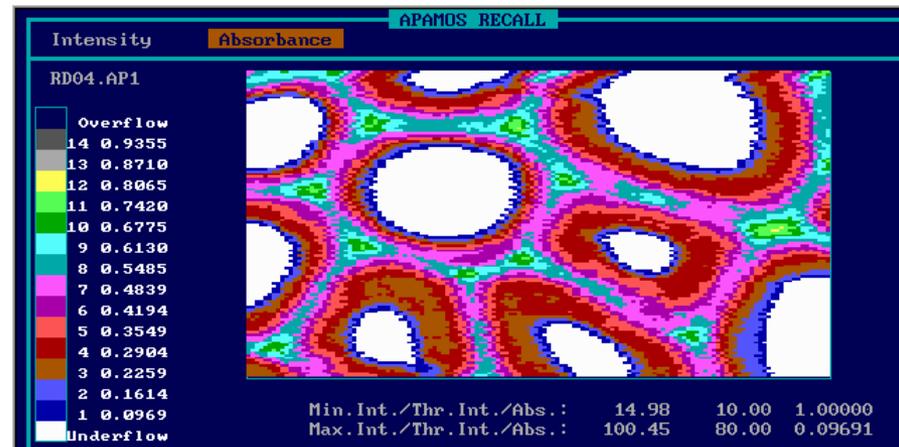
Figure 6.3. Nomenclature of lignin carbons.

Funções biológicas da lignina

- Lignin gives stiffness to the cell walls



- Lignin glues different cells together in woody tissues



- Lignin makes the cell wall hydrophobic

- Lignin is a protection against microbial degradation of wood

Iniciação da polimerização dos precursores por peroxidases e lacases - formação do radical fenoxila

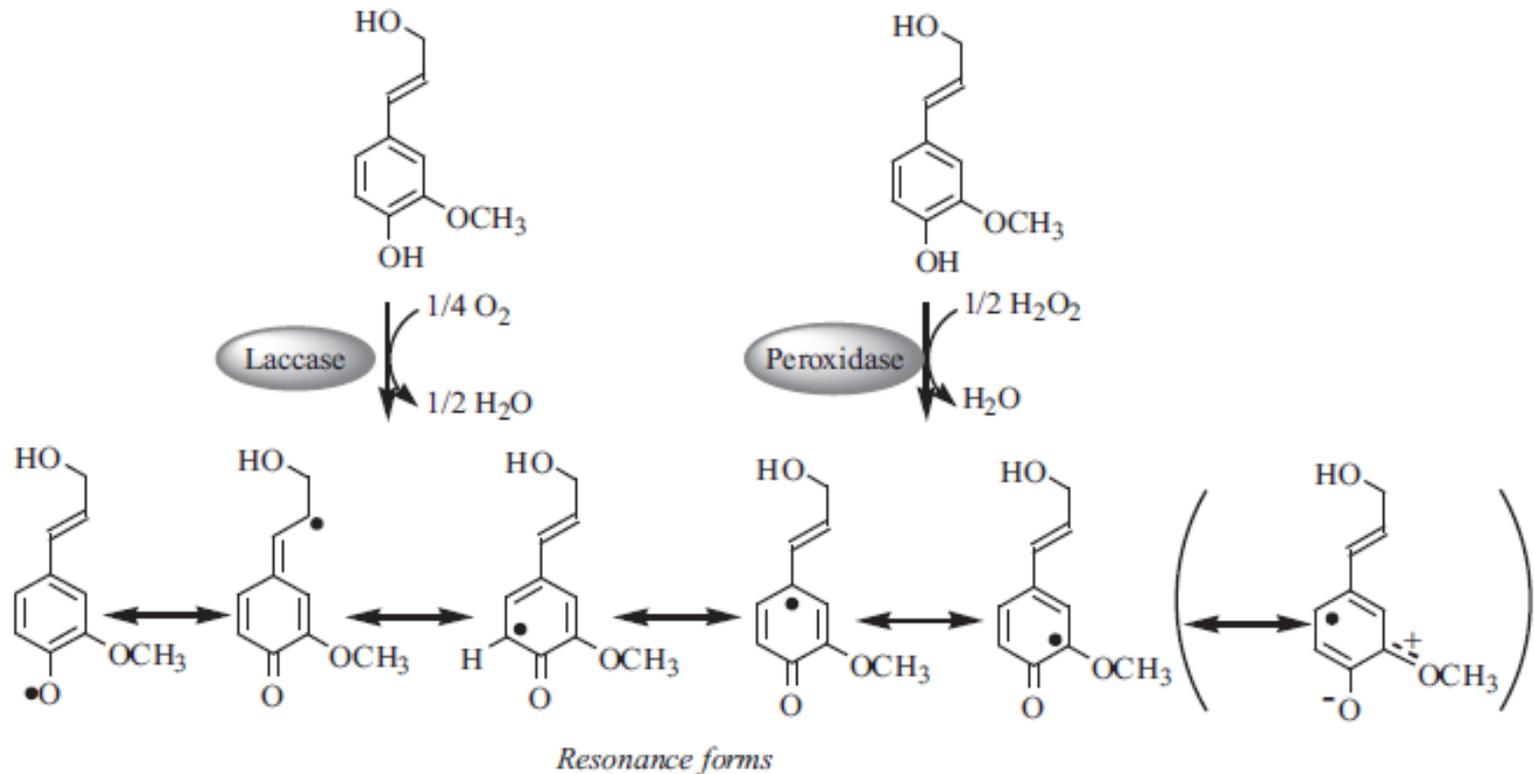
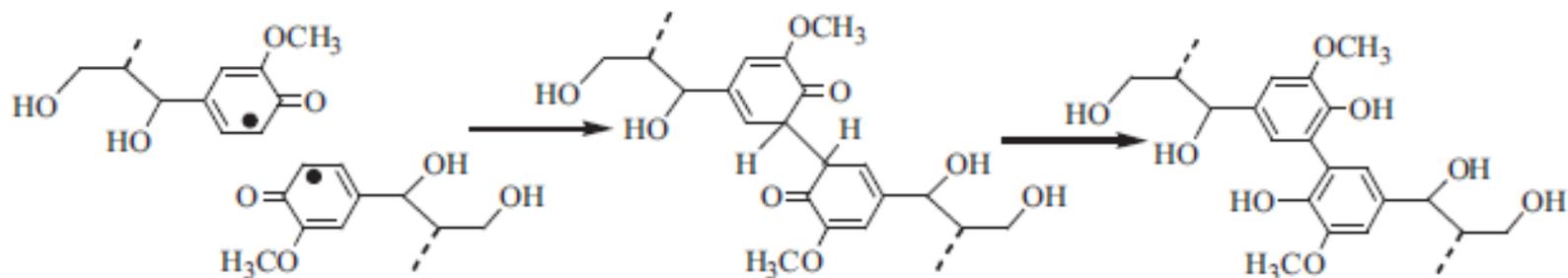


Figure 6.5. Enzymatic generation of resonance stabilized monolignol radicals.

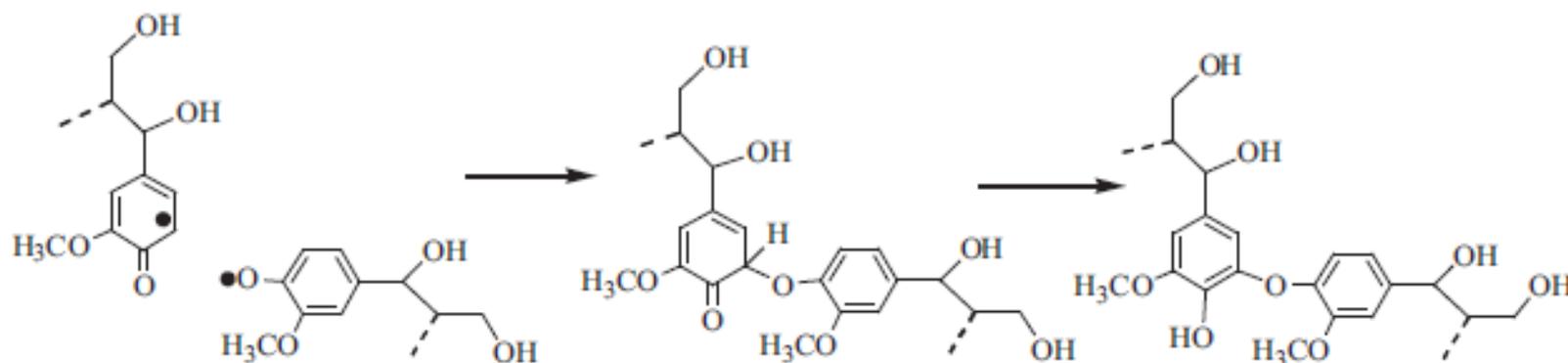
Acoplamentos possíveis entre radicais



A coniferyl alcohol radical and a phenolic radical on the lignin (both formed by enzymatic oxidation) meet.

A covalent bond is formed.

Rearrangement and rearomatization create a 5-5'-bond.



Two radicals meet. The radical on the polymer has the unpaired electron delocalized to the oxygen.

A covalent bond is formed.

Rearrangement and rearomatization create a 4-O-5'-bond.

Figure 6.7. Formation of 5-5' - and 4-O-5' -bonds.

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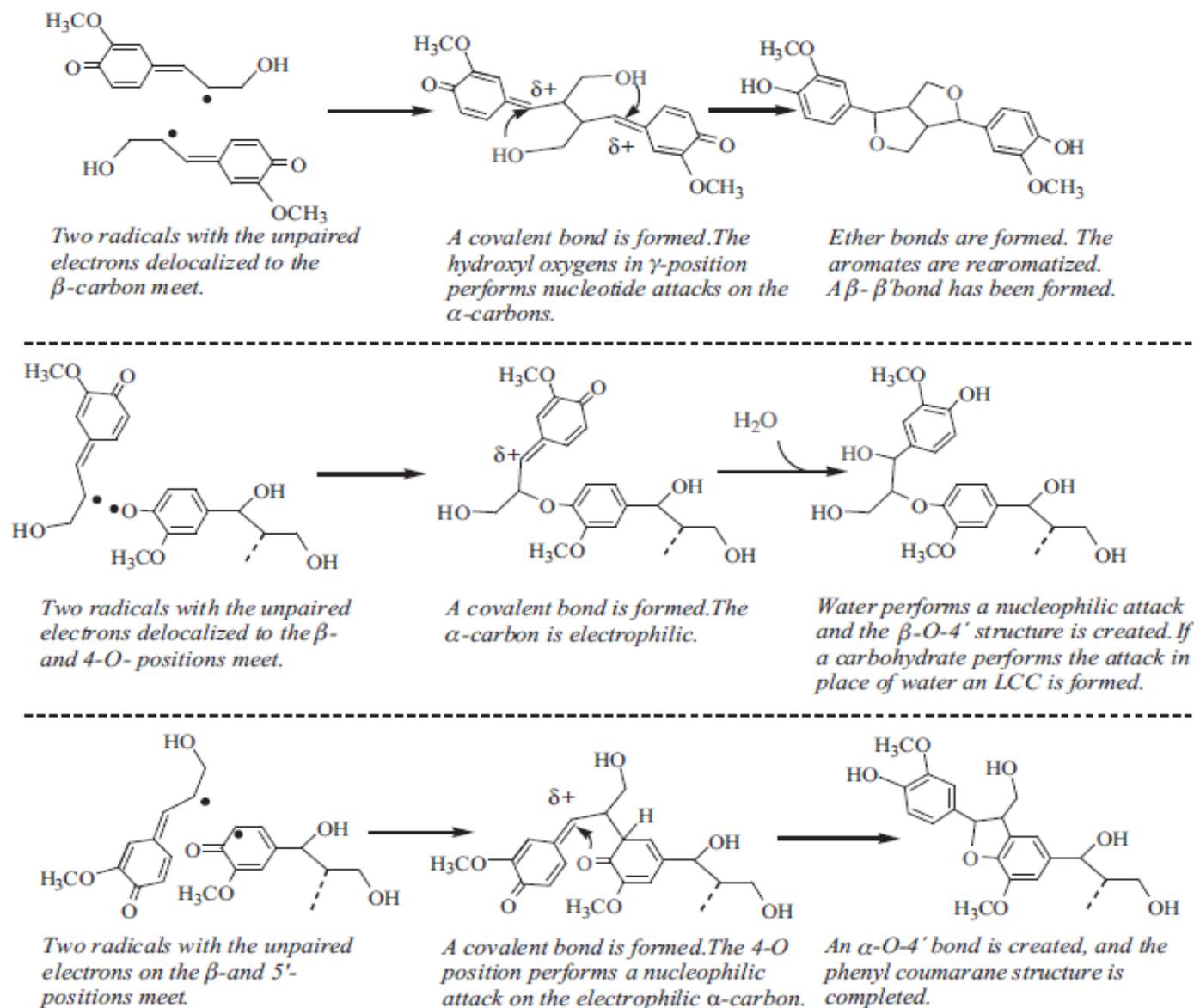


Figure 6.8. Mechanism of formation of β - β' , β -O-4' and β -5' bonds in lignin.

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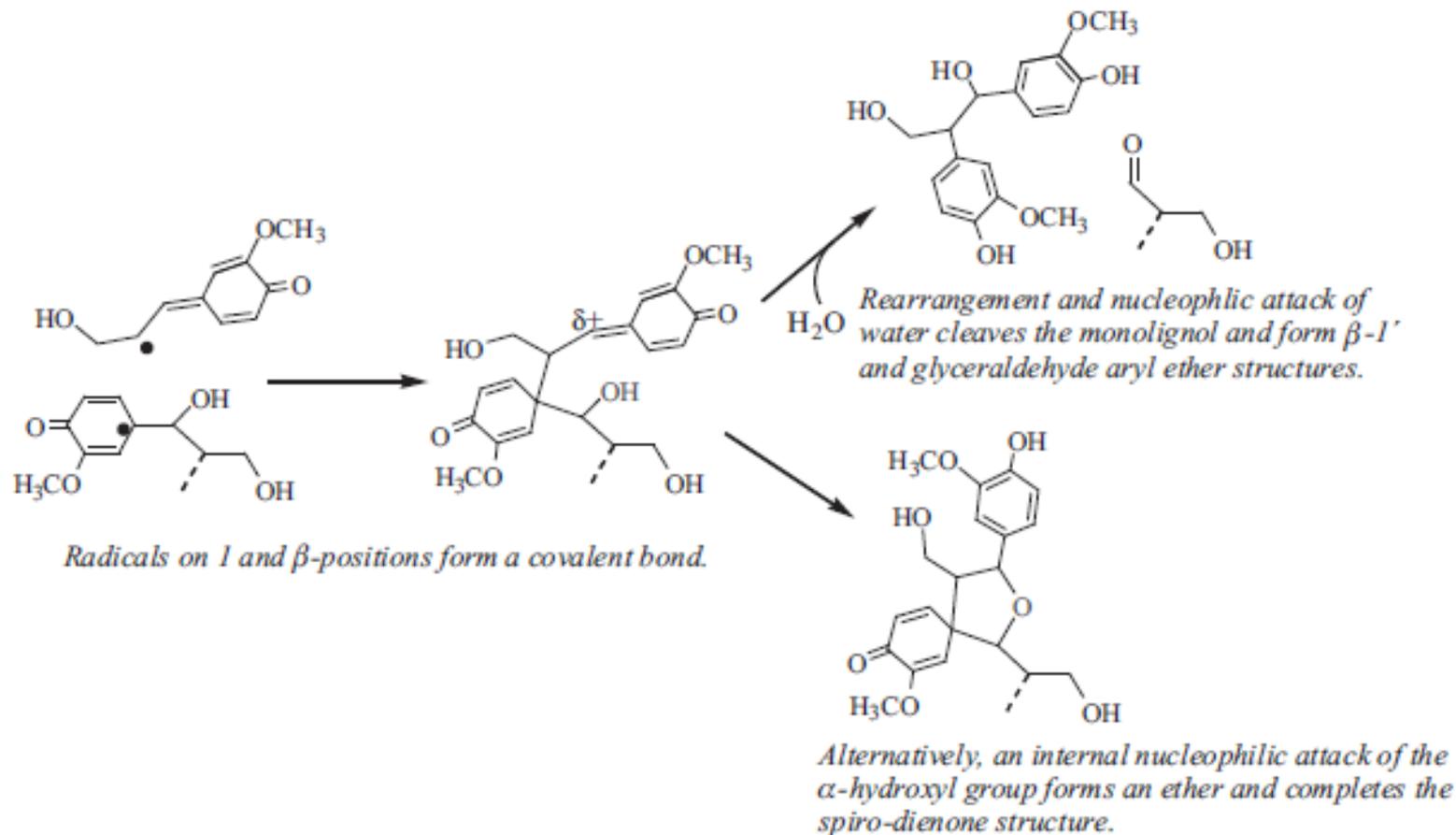
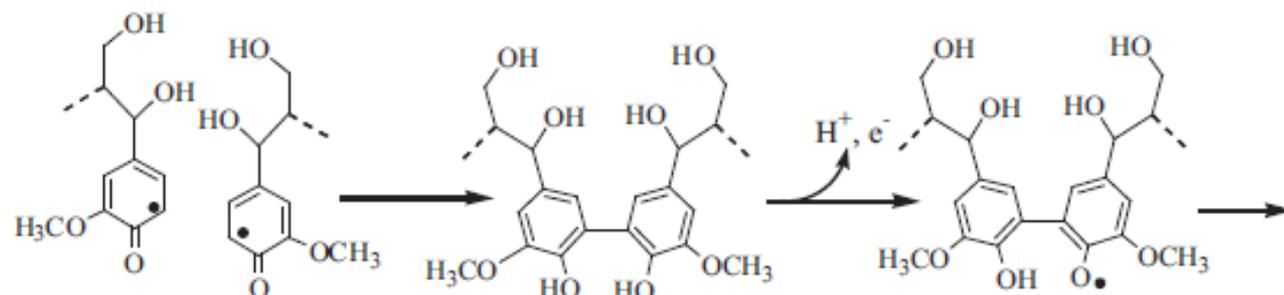


Figure 6.11. Formation of β -1' and 4=1' structures.

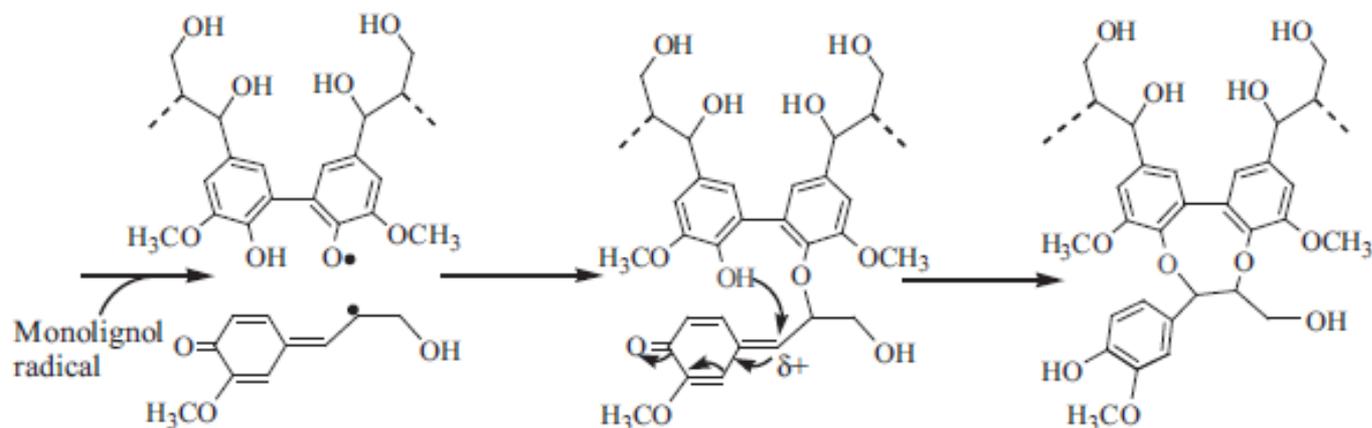
Acoplamentos possíveis entre radicais



Two phenolic radicals on lignin polymer meet.

By radical coupling a 5-5' bond is formed.

One of the phenols gets oxidized to a radical.



A monolignol radical comes close to the phenolic radical.

A β -O-4 bond is formed by radical coupling. The other phenol group performs a nucleophilic attack

The dibenzodioxocin structure is completed. The free phenol may undergo further polymerization and a branch point is created.

Figure 6.12. Formation of dibenzodioxocin, one of the most important branch points in lignin.

Frequência das ligações entre os precursores

Table 6.2. Bonds between monolignols and lignin functional groups.

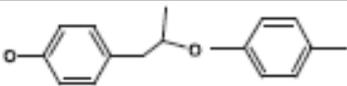
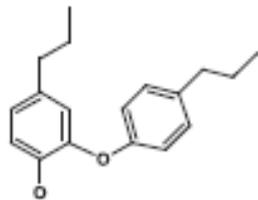
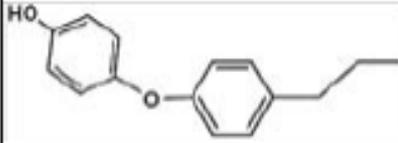
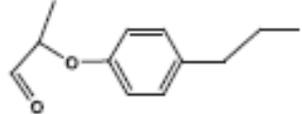
Name	Bonds	Structure*	Frequency softwood (%)	Frequency hardwood (%)
Ether bonds				
β -aryl ether	β -O-4'		35-60	50-70
Diaryl ether	4-O-5'		<4	??
	1-O-4'		low	low
Glyceraldehyde aryl ether	β -O-4'		<1	<1

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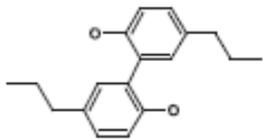
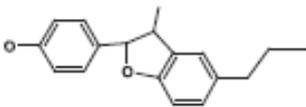
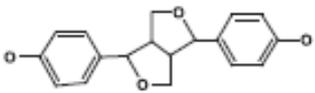
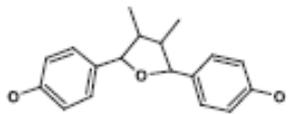
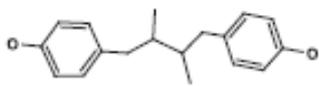
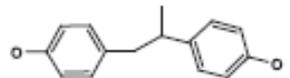
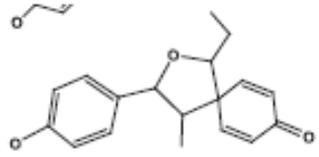
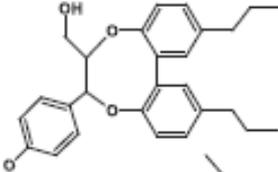
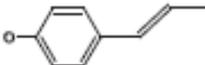
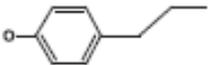
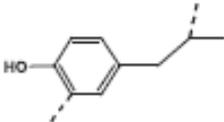
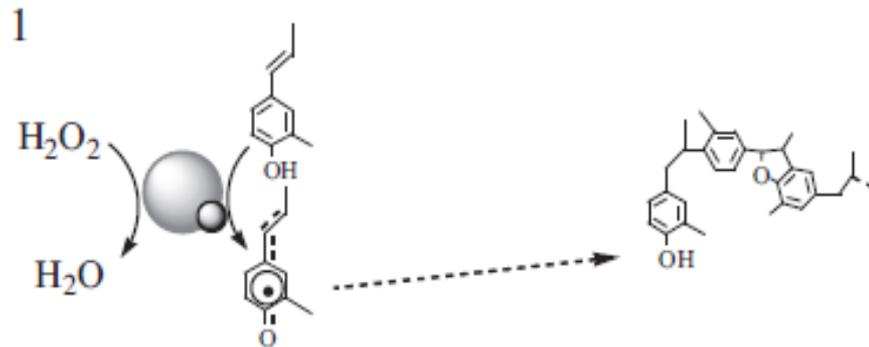
Name	Bonds	Structure*	Frequency softwood (%)	Frequency hardwood (%)
Carbon-carbon bonds (condensed bonds)				
Dihydroxy biphenyl	5-5'		10	~5
Phenyl coumarane	β -5'		11-12	4-9
Pinoresinol	$\beta\beta$ '		2-3	3-4
	$\beta\beta$ '		<1	none
Secoisolariciresinol			1-2	none
	β -1'		1-2	1
Spirodienon	β -1'		1-3	2-3

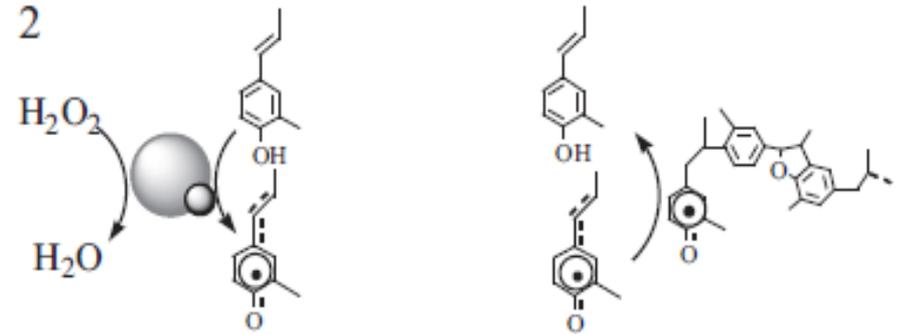
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Name	Bonds	Structure*	Frequency softwood (%)	Frequency hardwood (%)
Dibenzo-dioxocin			4-5	trace
End groups				
Coniferyl alcohols			1-6	Trace-6
Dihydroconiferyl alcohol			2	none
Free phenol			11	9?

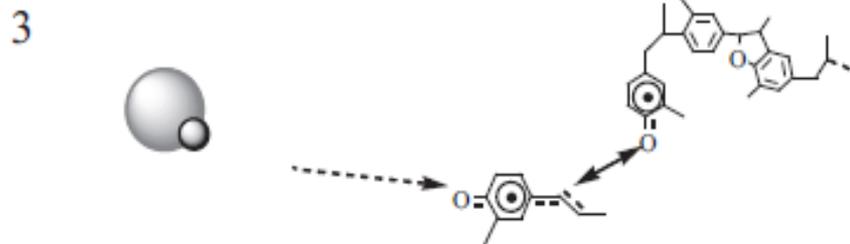
Modelo de polimerização baseado na difusão do radical no álcool coniferílico - polimerização "end-wise"



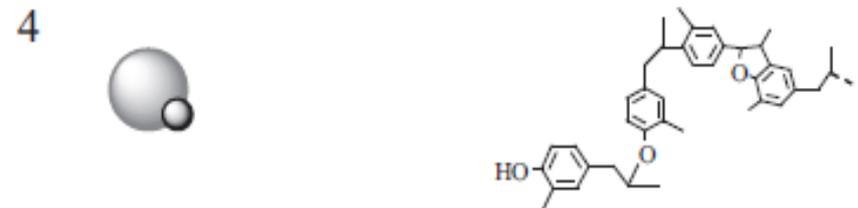
A peroxidase is oxidising coniferyl alcohol to a phenoxy radical, which diffuses to a growing lignin polymer.



The radical oxidise a phenol on the lignin to a radical recreating the relaxed alcohol. Meanwhile new radicals are formed by the enzyme.



A new coniferyl alcohol radical comes close to the radical on the lignin.



The two radicals form a covalent bond. A new monolignol has been added to the polymer.

Figure 6.6. Principle for indirect enzymatic driven polymerization.

Modelo que ilustra a lignina preenchendo espaços entre as cadeias de hemicelulose com "cross-link" ocasional

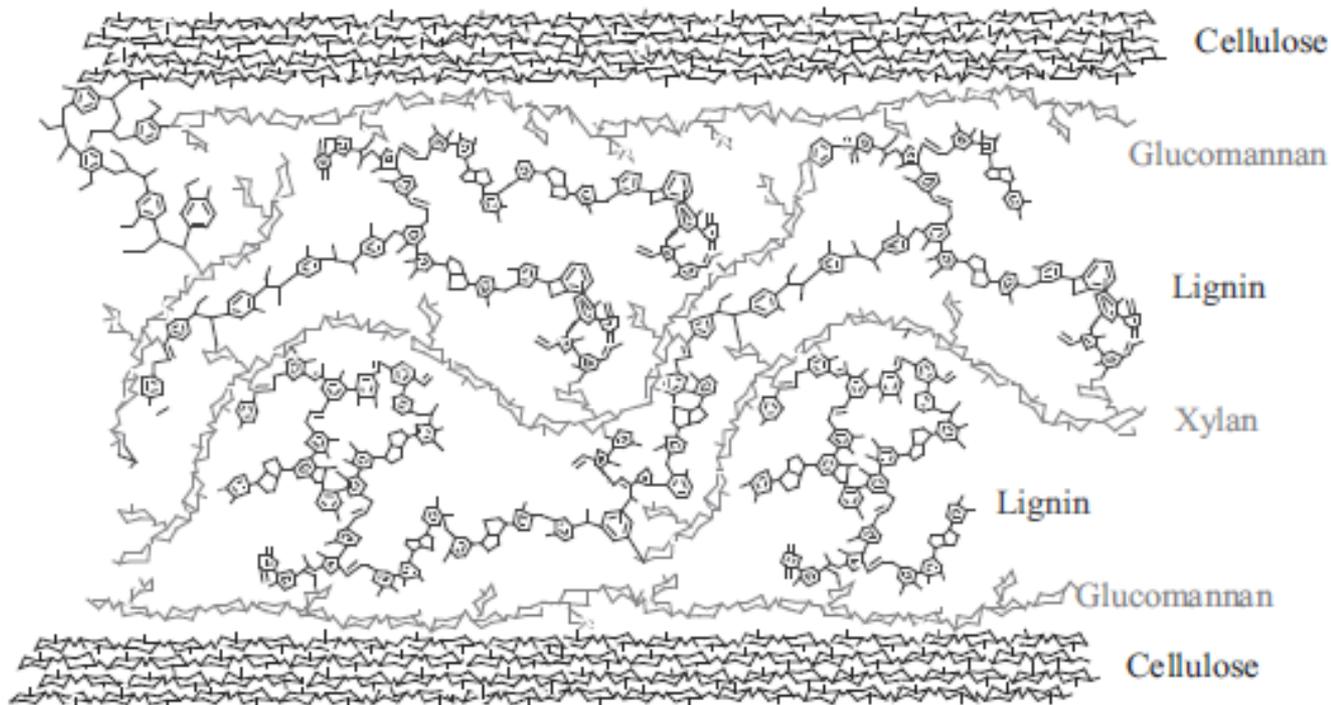
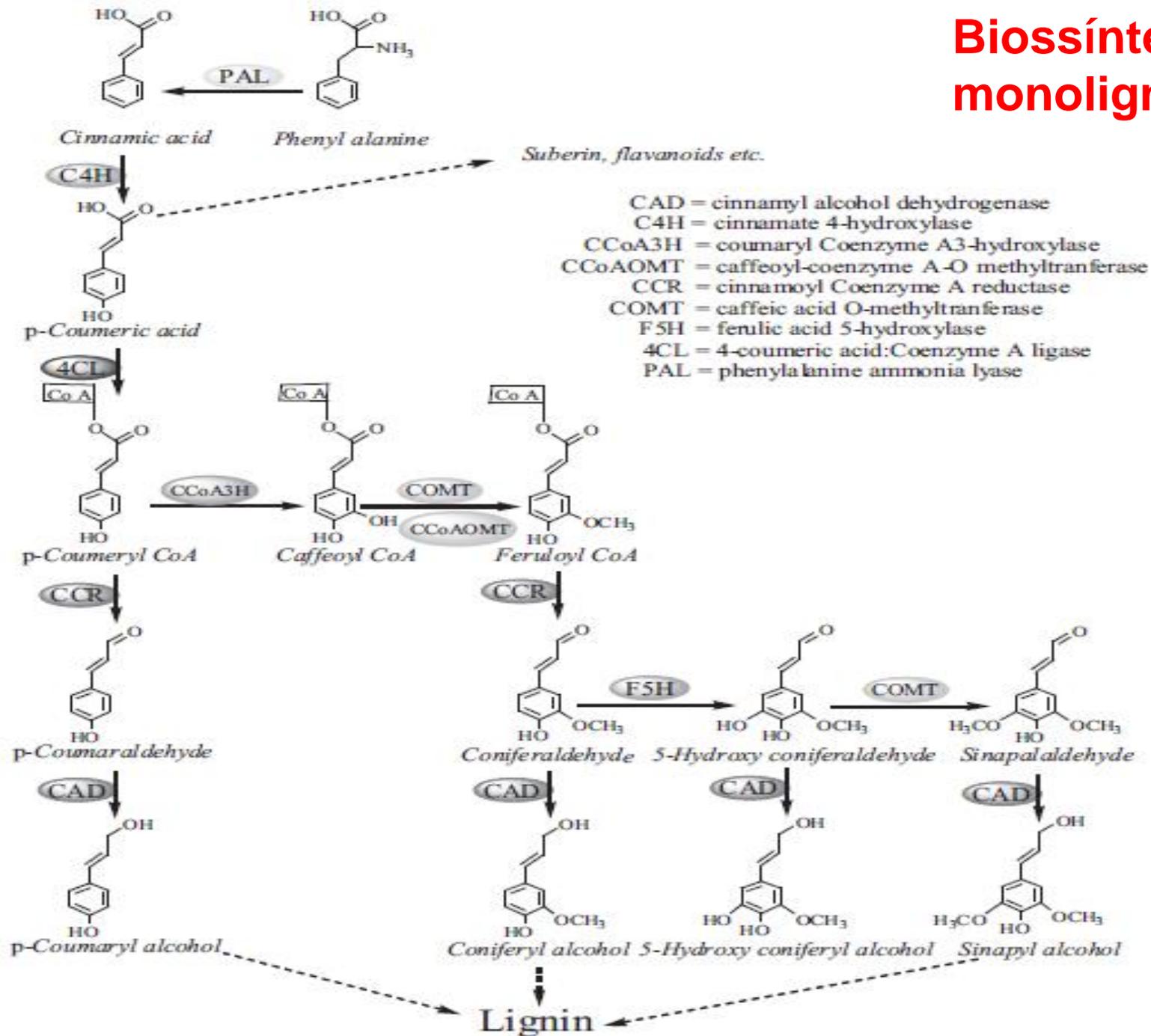
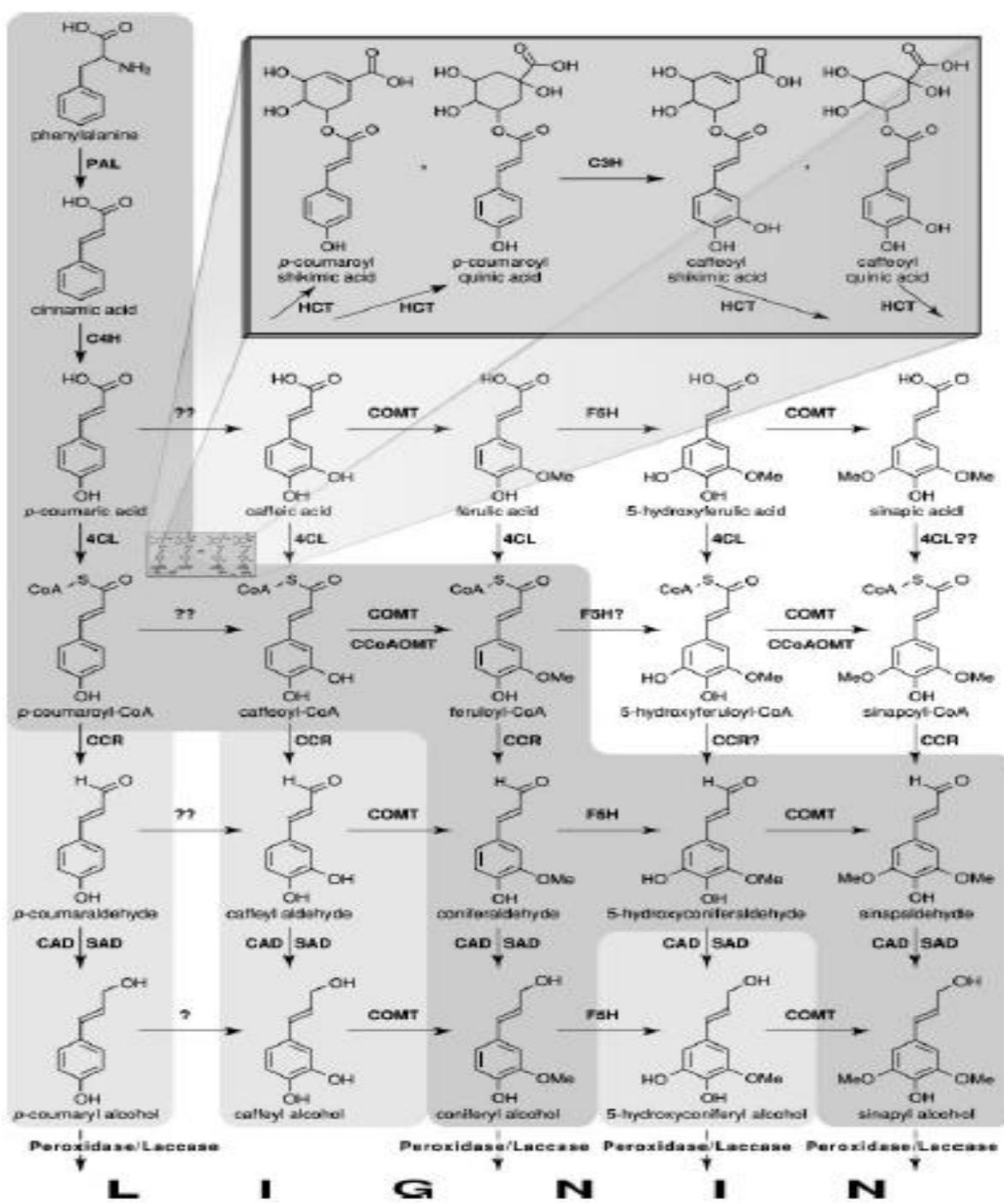


Figure 6.15. Distribution of lignin and polysaccharides on molecular level. This model for the S2 layers is based on studies by Sahlmén and coworkers and Lawoko and coworkers. Most of the lignin is believed to be located between glucomannan and xylan, but there are also some direct contacts between lignin and cellulose. In softwood covalent bonds between lignin and both hemicelluloses (glucomannan and xylan) are frequent. In hardwood the glucomannan content is very low and thus the LCC between lignin and xylans dominates. For both types of wood, the lignin covalently cross-links the different polysaccharides forming networks.

Biossntese de monolignóis





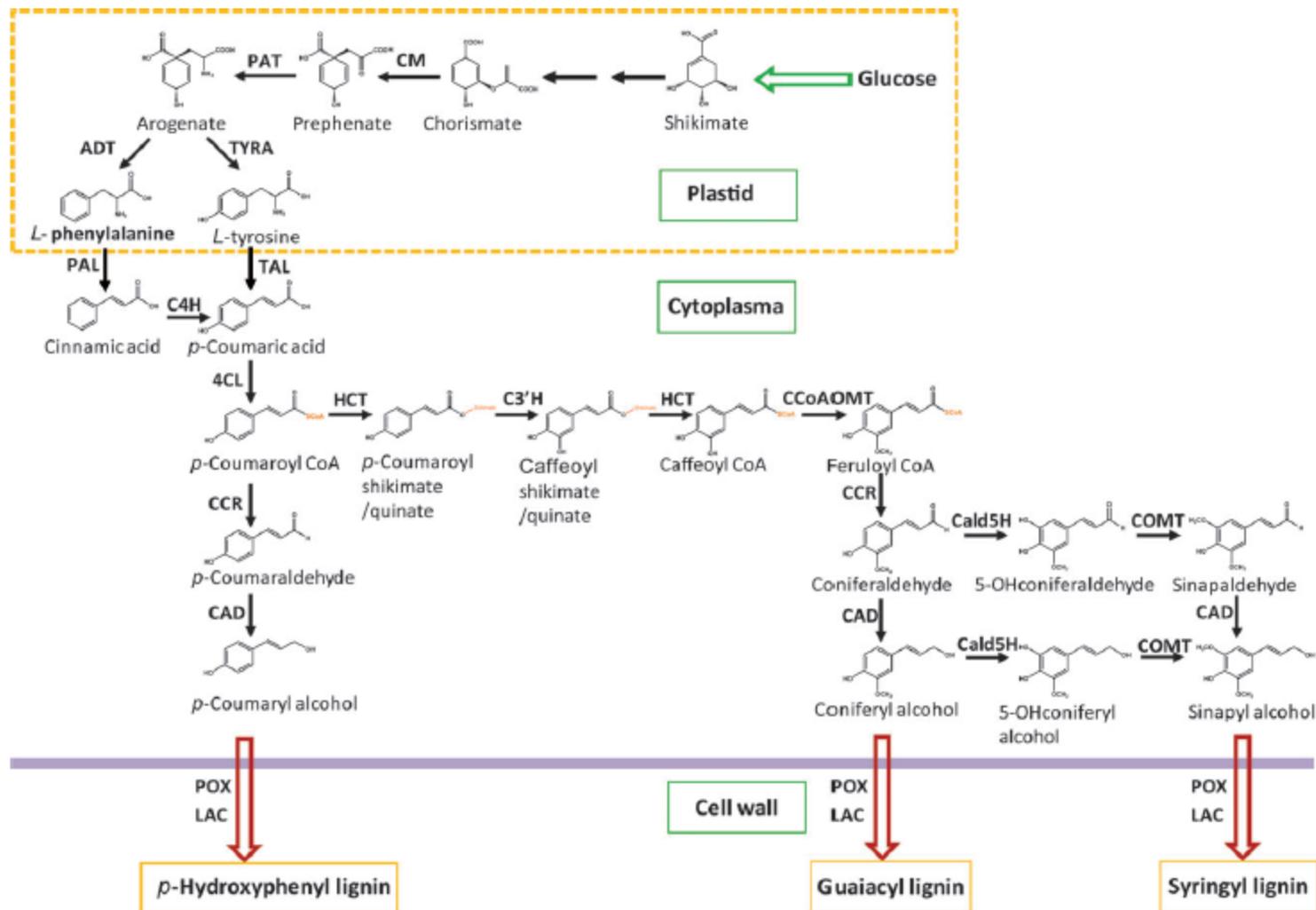


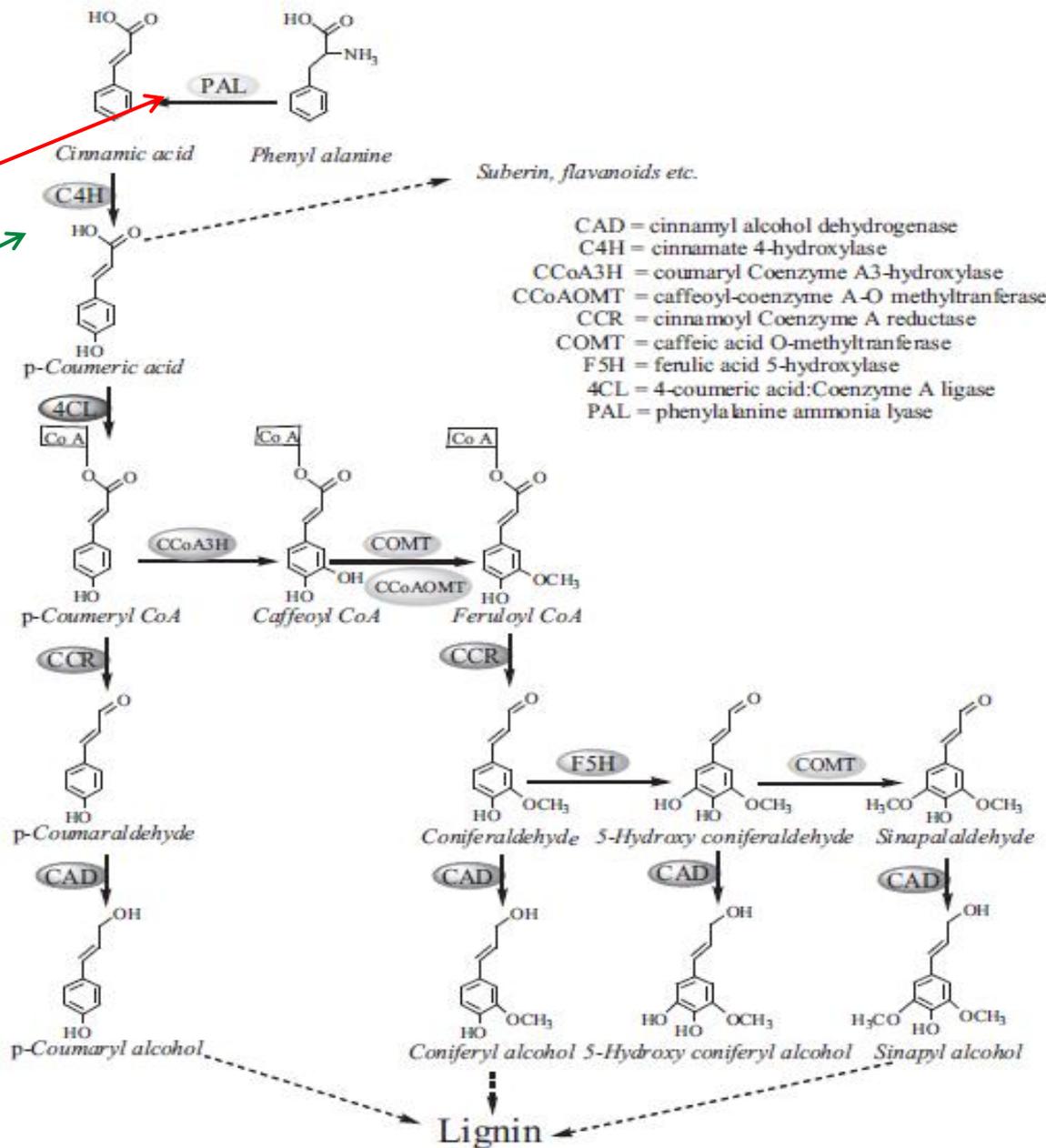
Figure 1. The Scheme of the Simplified Shikimate–Phenylpropanoid–Lignin Biosynthetic Pathway, Illustrating Different Compartmentalization of the Biosynthesis.

CM, chorismate mutase; TYRA, arogenase dehydrogenase; ADT, arogenate dehydratase; PAT, prephenate aminotransferase; PAL, phenylalanine ammonia lyase; TAL, tyrosine ammonia lyase; C4H, cinnamic acid 4-hydroxylase; 4CL, 4-hydroxycinnamoyl CoA ligase; HCT, hydroxycinnamoyl; CoA, shikimate/quininate hydroxycinnamoyltransferase; C3'H, *p*-coumaroylshikimate 3'-hydroxylase; CCoAOMT, caffeoyl CoA *O*-methyltransferase; CCR, cinnamoyl CoA reductase; Cald5H/F5H, coniferaldehyde/ferulate 5-hydroxylase; COMT, caffeic acid/5-hydroxyferulic acid *O*-methyltransferase; CAD, (hydroxy)cinnamyl alcohol dehydrogenase; POX, peroxidase; LAC, laccase.

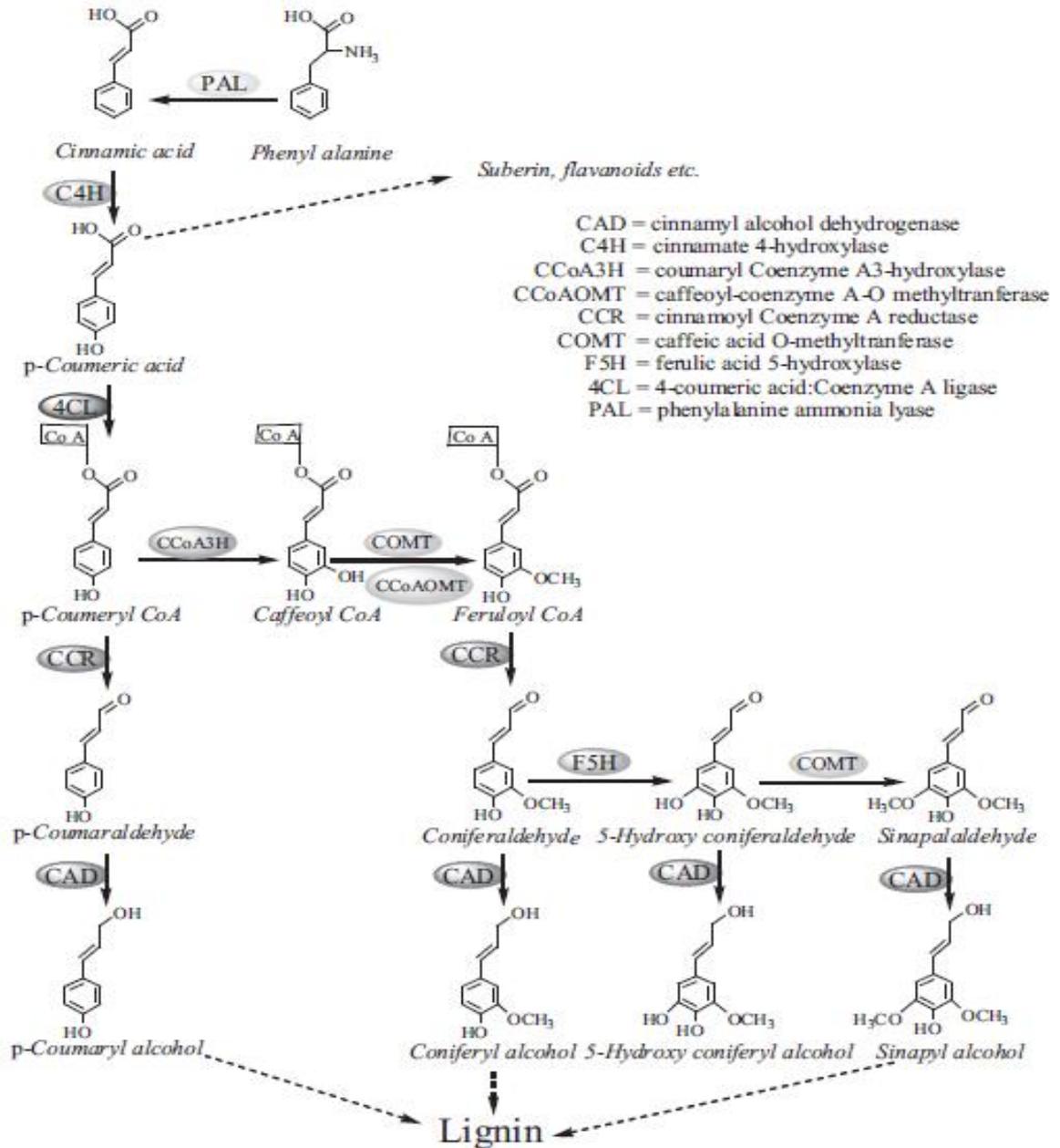
Uso de plantas transgênicas com deficiência em genes específicos permite avaliar o fenótipo gerado e buscar entender o papel de cada enzima na biossíntese de monolignóis



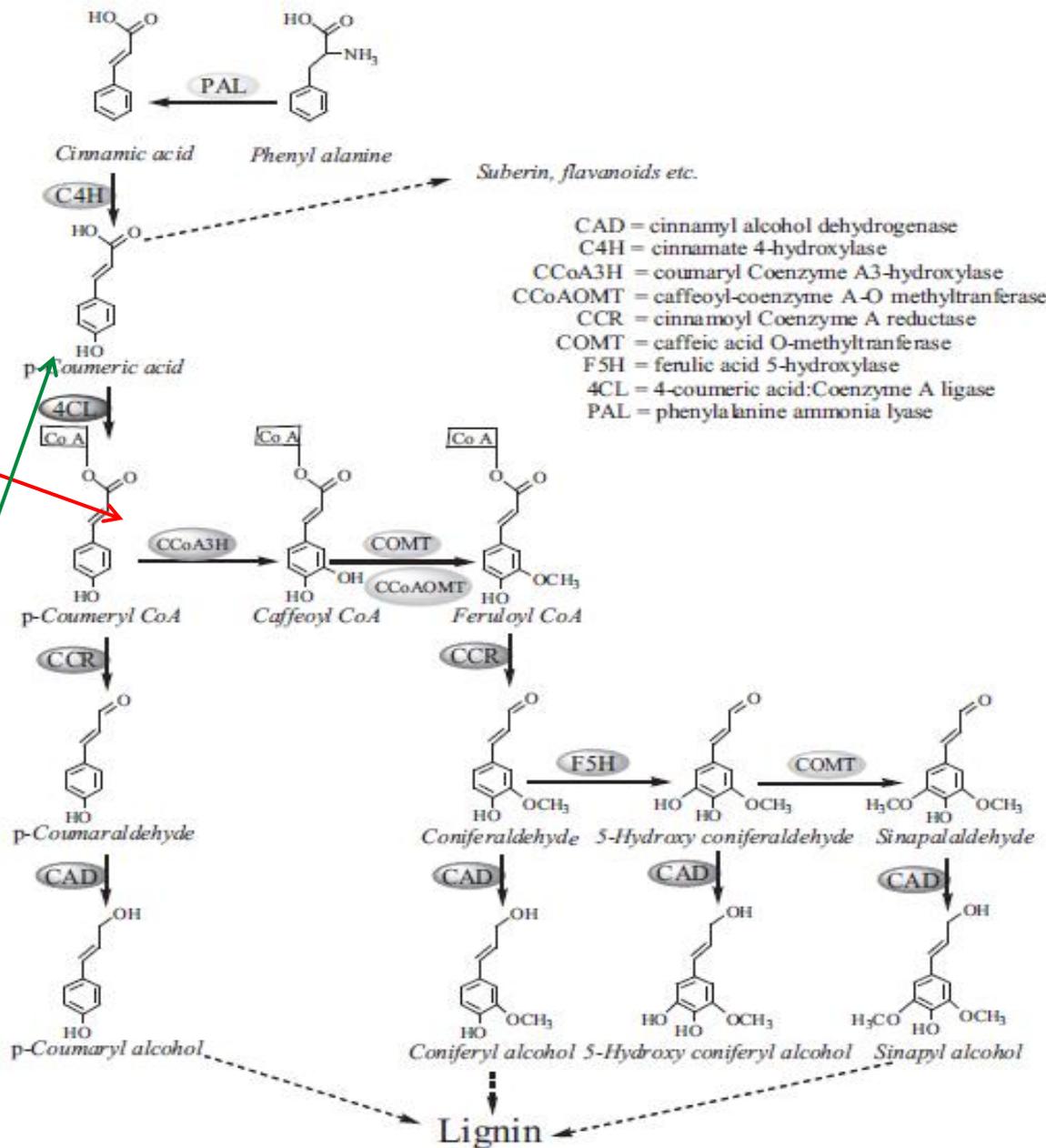
Transgênicos (ou mutantes) deficientes para **PAL** e **C4H** apresentam teor significativamente reduzido de lignina: condizente com o papel de enzimas de "entrada" na via de biossíntese de monolignóis



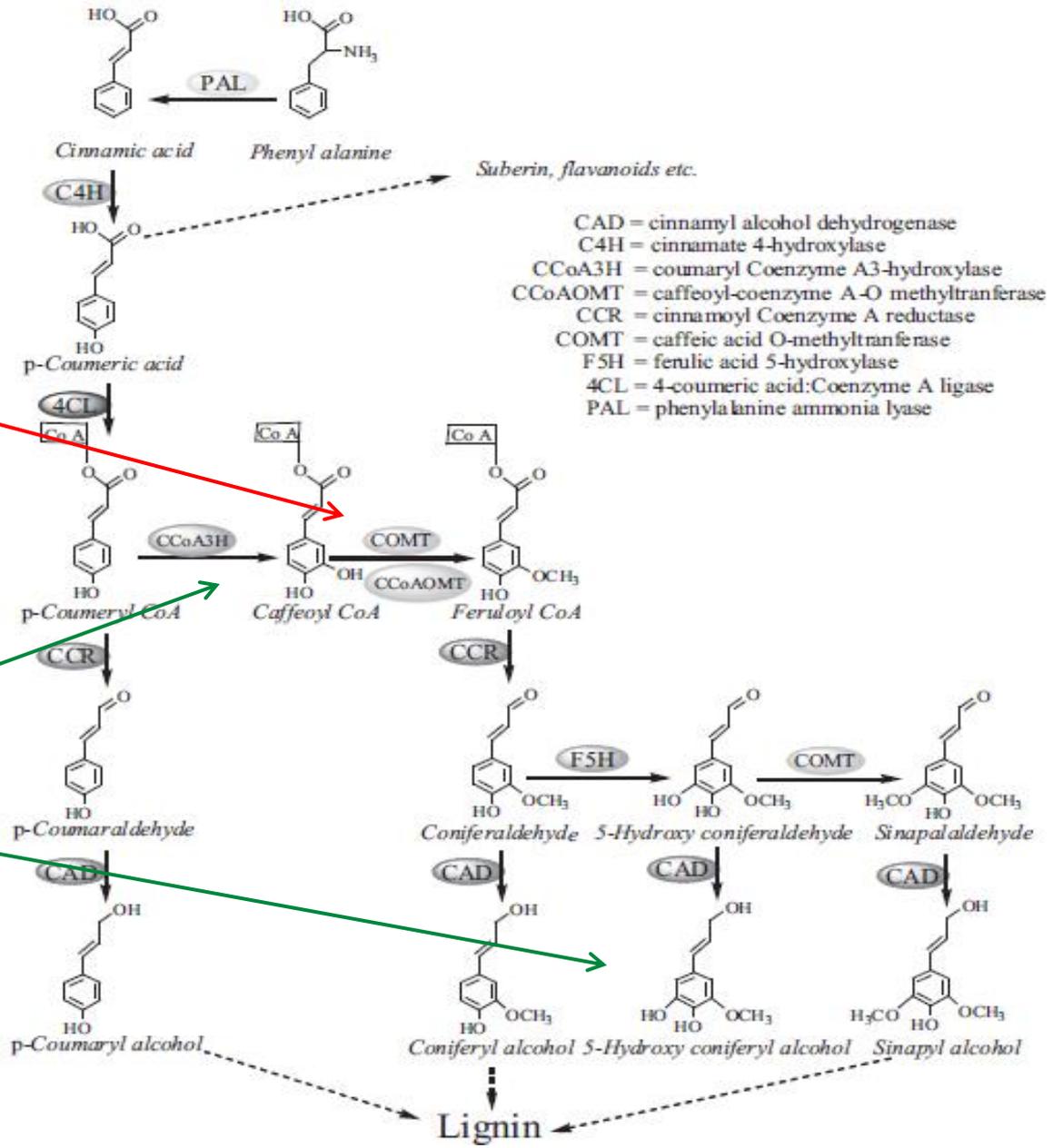
Transgênicos (ou mutantes) deficientes para **4CL** apresentam teor reduzido de lignina e incorporação dos ácidos precursoros correspondentes na lignina formada



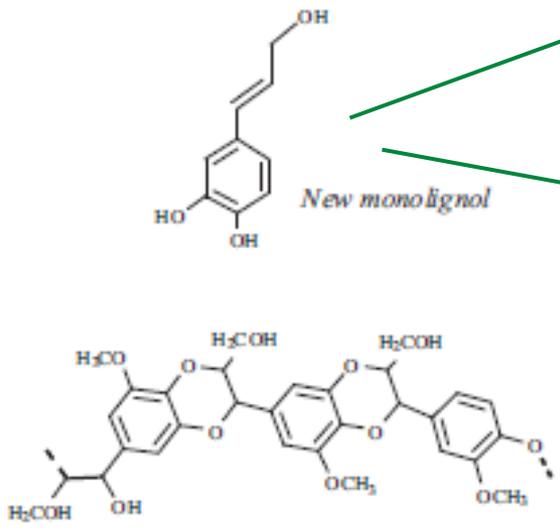
Transgênicos (ou mutantes) deficientes para **C3H** apresentam teor significativamente reduzido de lignina, lignina majoritariamente H e acúmulo de ácido p-cumárico solúvel;



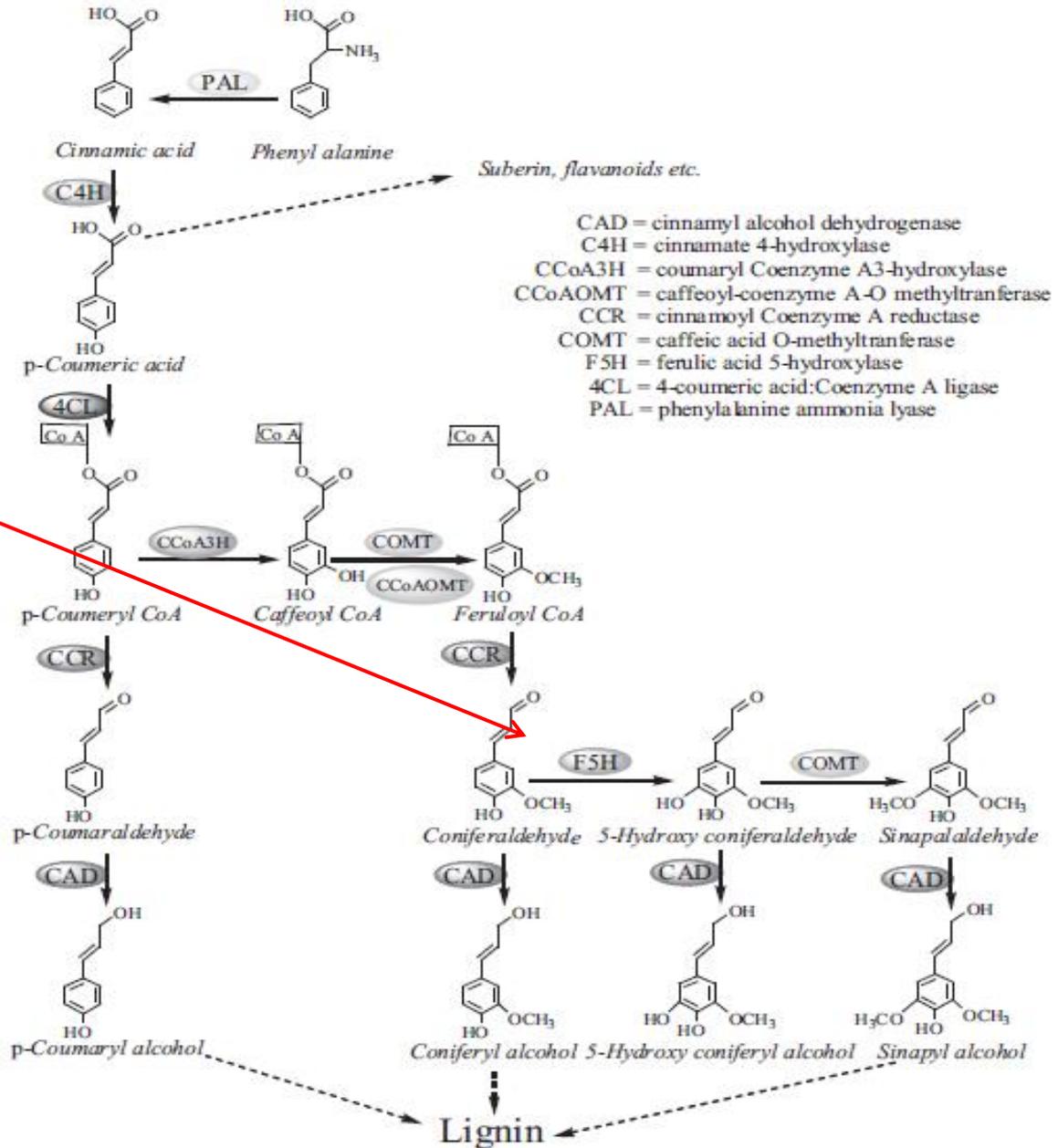
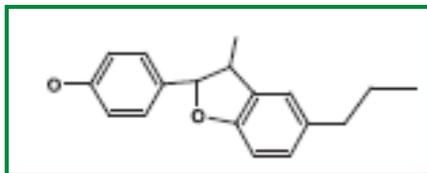
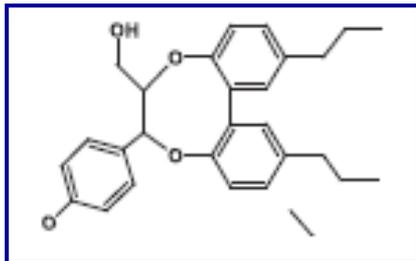
Transgênicos (ou mutantes) deficientes para **COMT** apresentam teor reduzido de lignina, e diminuição da proporção de lignina S e incorporação de **5-hidroxi-coniferil álcool** na lignina;



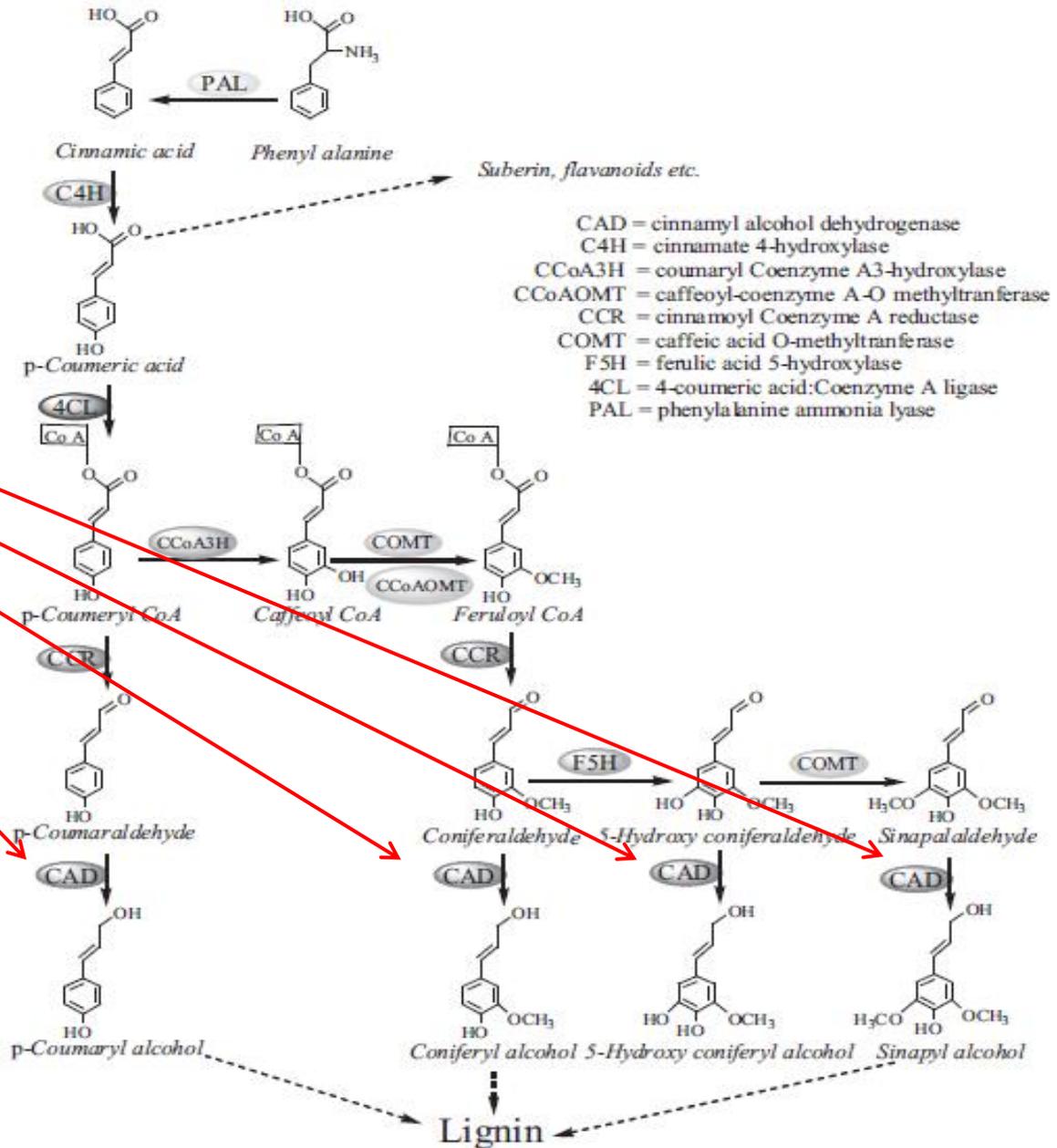
- CAD = cinnamyl alcohol dehydrogenase
- C4H = cinnamate 4-hydroxylase
- CCoA3H = coumaryl Coenzyme A3-hydroxylase
- CCoAOMT = caffeoyl-coenzyme A-O methyltransferase
- CCR = cinnamoyl Coenzyme A reductase
- COMT = caffeic acid O-methyltransferase
- F5H = ferulic acid 5-hydroxylase
- 4CL = 4-coumeric acid:Coenzyme A ligase
- PAL = phenylalanine ammonia lyase



Transgênicos (ou mutantes) deficientes para **F5H** apresentam lignina sem estruturas S e de estruturas condensadas (dibenzodioxocinas e fenilcumaranos)



Transgênicos (ou mutantes) deficientes para **CAD** apresentam lignina com acúmulo de subestruturas contendo cinamaldeídos, o que confere **coloração avermelhada às plantas**;



Populus deficiente em CAD



Figure 4 Stem xylem phenotype of transgenic poplar downregulated for CAD. Debarked stems of 4-year-old, field-grown wild type (*left*) and transgenic poplar with reduced CAD activity (*right*), displaying the bright-red xylem coloration typical of plants with reduced CAD activity. Note: Cut transverse ends have been marked with paint to identify the line; see inset for unpainted transverse section showing restriction of the red color to developing xylem (© Nature McMillan, reprinted with permission).

A alteração no acúmulo de diferentes subestruturas nas ligninas de plantas alteradas geneticamente indica que a **biossíntese de lignina apresenta certa "plasticidade"**, ou seja, a planta incorpora os monolignóis disponíveis quando não dispõe do monolignol tradicional

Lignification: Precursor Transport, Oxidation, and the Topochemistry of Lignin Assembly

>> A biossíntese de monolignóis é relativamente bem compreendida com base no estudo dos fenótipos de transgênicos

Como os monolignóis são **transportados** para a parede celular (para fora da membrana citoplasmática) e como a **polimerização dos monolignóis é controlada**, envolve **sistemas biológicos menos compreendidos** até o momento

Transporte dos monolignóis para o exterior >> **várias possibilidades**

1. *Exocytosis via ER-Golgi-derived vesicles* >> similar ao descrito para a "secreção" de hemicelulose

2. *Passive diffusion via hydrophobic reactions through the plasma membrane*

3. *Active transport via plasma membrane* >> located transporters or the other facilitators >> ABC transporters >> **mais provável devido ao acúmulo de evidências experimentais positivas**

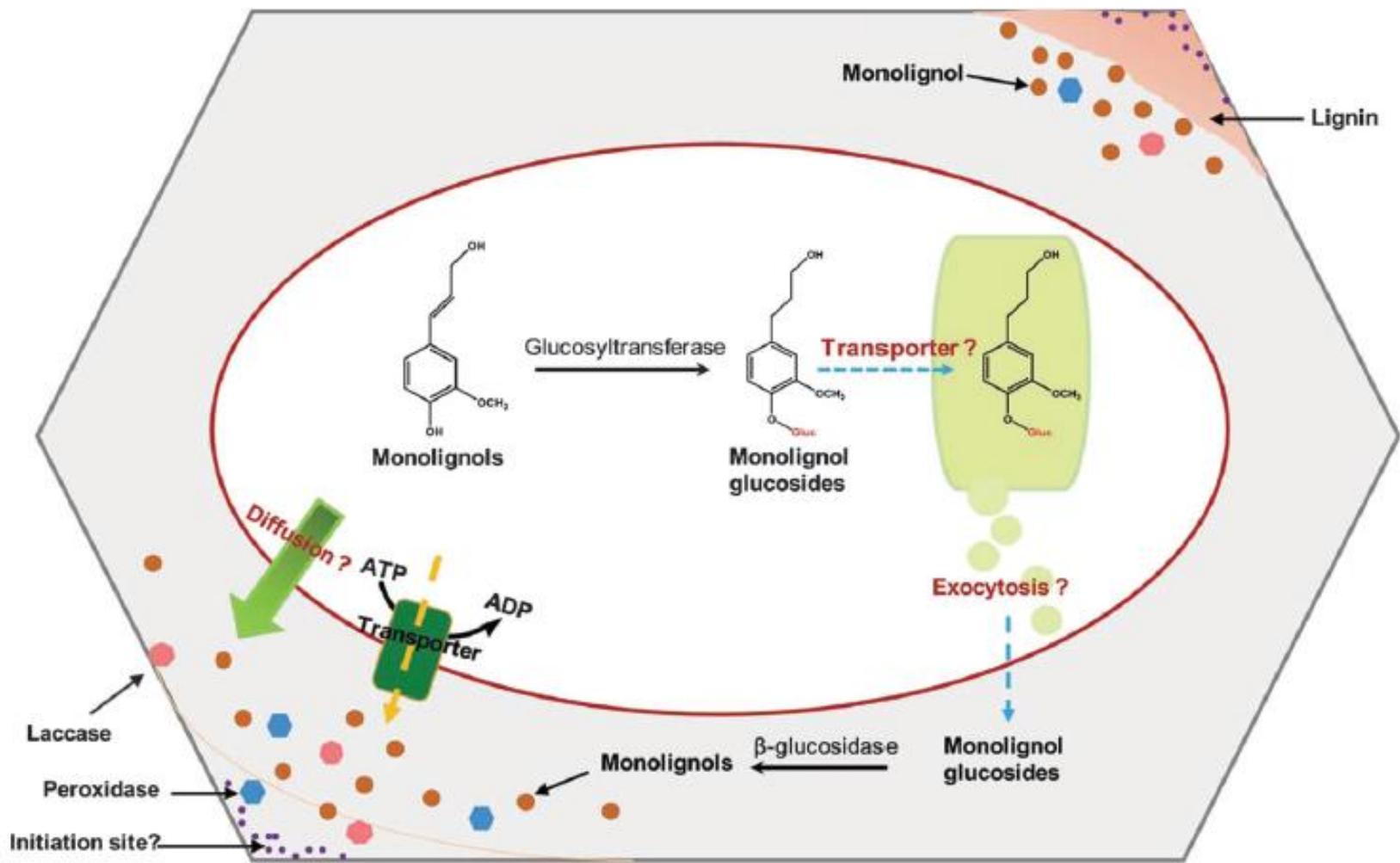


Figure 2. The Scheme for Monolignol Deposition and the Subsequent Initiation of Lignin Polymerization within the Cell Wall. Symplastic transport of monolignols may export them to the cell wall through active transport or by passive diffusion. Alternatively, they may be sequestered and stored as glucoconjugates into the vacuoles in gymnosperms, before their subsequent transport to the cell wall and hydrolysis to free monolignols for polymerization. The deposited monolignols in the cell wall diffuse to initiation sites where the polymerization process begins. The polymerization to form different bond-linkages of lignin is known to be a random chemical process. However, the nature of initiating sites and the way in which the amount and type of lignin formation is controlled across the cell wall are poorly understood.

Composição química da biomassa vegetal lignificada

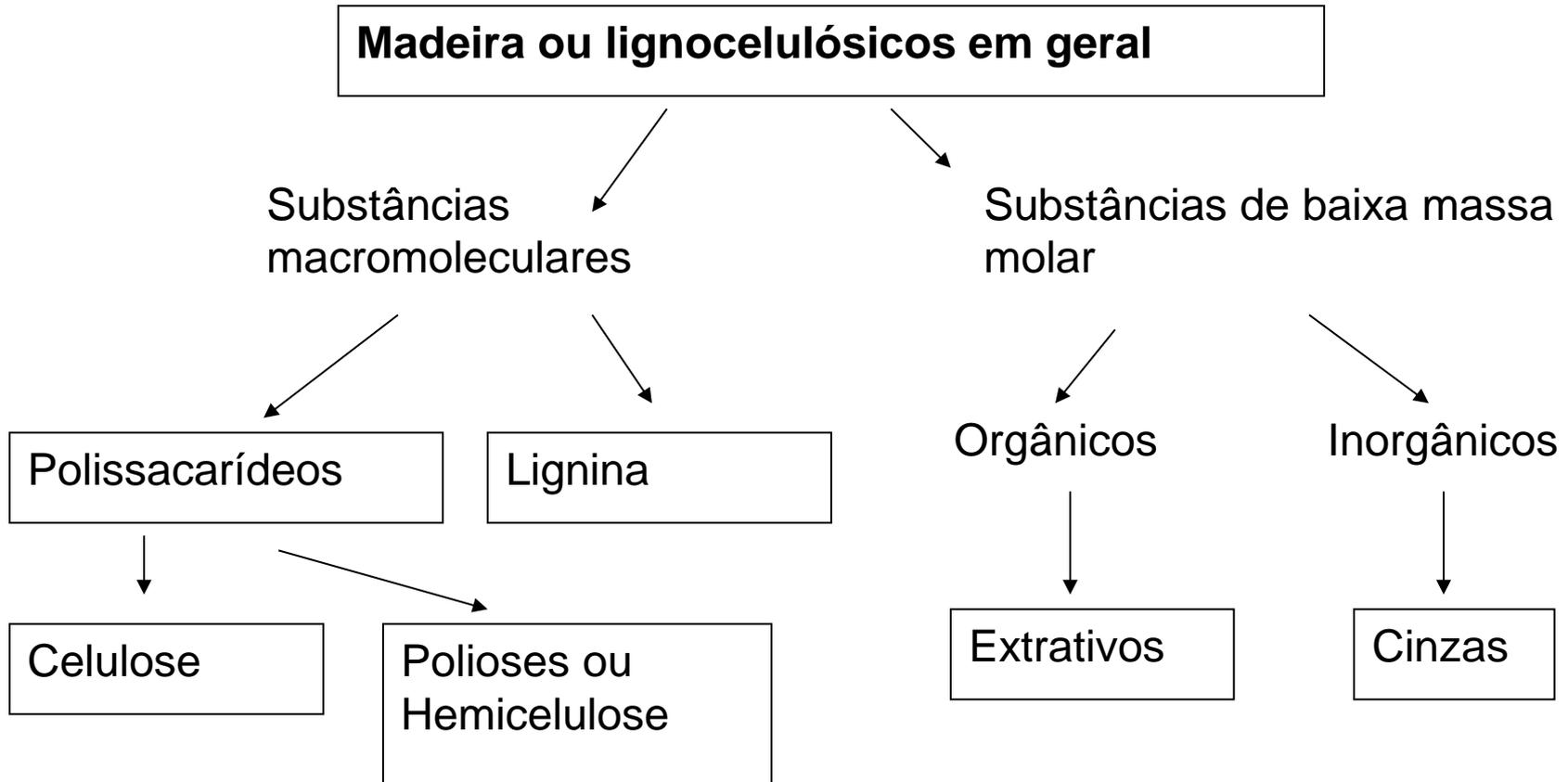


Table 2.2. Chemical composition of some wood species (mass %).

Species	Extractives	Lignin	Cellulose	Glucoman- mannan	Xylan	Other poly- sacch.	others
Softwoods							
Norway Spruce (<i>Picea abies</i>)	1.7	27.4	41.7	16.3	8.6	3.4	0.9
Scots Pine (<i>Pinus sylvestris</i>)	3.5	27.7	40.0	16.0	8.9	3.6	0.3
Hardwoods							
Birch (<i>Betula verrucosa</i>)	3.2	22.0	41.0	2.3	27.5	2.6	1.4
Beech (<i>Fagus sylvatica</i>)	1.2	24.8	39.4	1.3	27.8	4.2	1.3
River red gum (<i>Eucalyptus calm- aldulensis</i>)	2.8	31.3	45.0	3.1	14.1	2.0	1.7
Red maple (<i>Acer rubrum</i>)	3.2	25.4	42.0	3.1	22.1	3.7	0.5