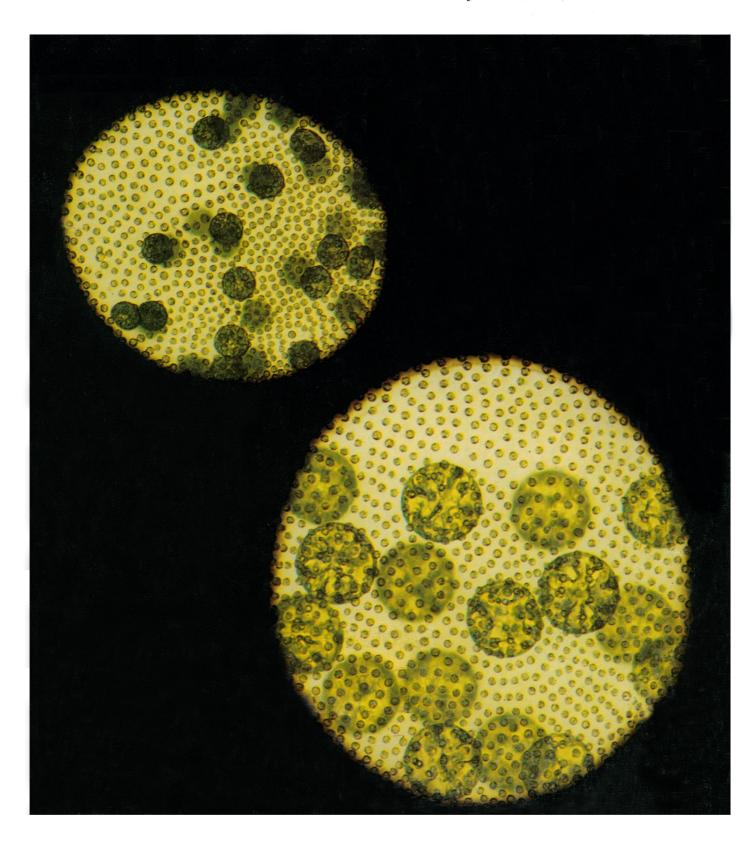
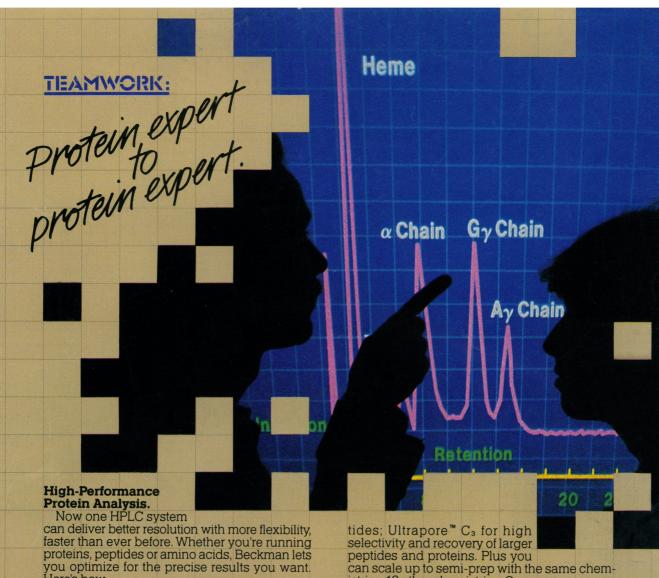
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# This Week in SCIENCE

# **Process of salt-finger** evolution licked in lab

close-packed array of rising and sinking columns of fluid (called salt fingers because the first ones were studied in salt solutions) forms when an interface separates a slow diffusing (upper) solute from one (lower) that diffuses more rapidly (page 39). Salt fingers are known to form in stars, in the ocean, and in the earth. Taylor and Veronis studied the formation of salt fingers in a thin glass chamber. As soon as a barrier between sugar (on top) and salt (on bottom) solutions was removed, salt fingers began to form, and a photographic record of the entire process of interdigitation was made. As a result of this analysis on a microscale, mathematicians should be able to put numbers to the phenomenon and make predictions about saltfinger evolution.

# Monoclonal antibodies in malarial therapy

uman antibodies to a surface component of Plasmodium falciparum could have therapeutic value in malaria (page 57). In culture, the antibodies prevent parasites from entering red blood cells. Lymphocytes producing antibodies were taken from a person who showed strong immunity to the parasite and were transformed by virus and maintained in culture; single clones of cells making so-called monoclonal antibody to the Pf 155 surface antigen were eventually obtained. The antigen is part of the parasite's coat during several stages of its life cycle, is deposited in red blood cell membranes when the parasite invades such cells, and is considered a major vaccine candidate. In areas of Africa where P. falciparum malaria is widespread, the presence of antibody to the Pf 155 antigen correlates with immunity, suggesting that the antibody indeed plays a protective role. Udomsangpetch et al. found that the monoclonal antibodies reacted with the surfaces of infected red blood cells and with the surfaces of several

forms of the parasite; they will be useful reagents for analyses of changes in the parasites and infected cells during various stages of the disease. More important, the antibodies prevented parasites from invading red blood cells in culture and can now be evaluated for this inhibitory activity in the body.

# **Heat shock induces** sexuality in Volvox

The protozoan Volvox carteri (cover) reappears each spring in temporary ponds (page 51). The successful overwintering of this species may result from a heat-shock response: asexual individuals release a heat-shock protein into the pond as the water warms up, the protein induces a sexual phase in females and males, and zygotes form within spores that remain dormant until the following spring. Perpetuation of the species is thus unimpaired by desiccation of the pond. Kirk and Kirk found that both asexual females and "sterile" males (normally unable to make the sexual inducer) released the inducer when exposed to heat. (Under conditions unrelated to heat shock, only sexual males produce the inducer.) After heat shock, inducer release was very rapid, 100 percent sexual granddaughters were produced, and typical zygotes formed. The inducer's activity could be destroyed by an antibody that also reacts with inducer molecules produced by sexual males. In the wild, V. carteri may thus survive seasonal changes by shifting from an asexual to a sexual phase before the summer sun dries up its habitat.

# Smoking damages placental DNA

Then a woman smokes during pregnancy, particles from the smoke bind to DNA in the placenta and form unusual compounds or adducts (page 54). Similar adducts have been found to form in association with smoking and other environmental

pollutants and are thought to contribute to tumor formation in nonpregnant individuals. Everson et al. identified adducts in placental tissue using both an antibody test and autoradiographic analysis of fragmented placental DNA into which a radioactive label had been incorporated. Whereas 16 of 17 smokers had the peculiar compounds, only 3 of 14 nonsmokers did. Of the nonsmoker group, the one with the most intense adduct signal was a woman who, during her pregnancy, was exposed to smokers 16 hours a day. Smoking is known to alter the morphology of the placenta; some of these alterations may result from the formation of smoke-related adducts. In other fetal and maternal tissues, adducts may also be forming and producing developmental defects in the fetus and tumors in the fetus or mother.

# Osmotic adaptation by bacteria

omplex sugars in the space between the outer and inner mem-ria may regulate fluid uptake and prevent these organisms from filling with water and swelling in solutions of low solute concentration (page 48). In the periplasmic space, Escherichia coli have oligosaccharides (MDO) that are composed of 6 to 12 units of glucose linked by  $(1 \rightarrow 2)$ -beta- or  $(1 \rightarrow 6)$ -betabonds. In high osmolarity media, little MDO is synthesized, whereas in low osmolarity media, MDO may constitute 5 to 7 percent of the dry weight of the cell. Soil bacteria, Agrobacterium and Rhizobium, also contain complex sugars with  $(1 \rightarrow 2)$ -beta-linkages. Miller et al. show that these sugars in A. tumefaciens are also osmoregulated, consist of 17 to 23 glucose units, and are localized within the periplasmic space. Thus, Gramnegative bacteria from very different sources, the gut (E. coli) and the soil (A. tumefaciens), appear to share a mechanism—the diversion of cellular machinery to the synthesis of oligosaccharides—for adapting to low osmolarity environments.



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