

Disulfide bond formation in egg white proteins through anodic oxidation



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Introduction of Kewpie Group



Outline(consolidated)

Year of foundation

Nov. 30, 1919

Net sales

549,775 millions of yen (Nov. 2015)

Ordinary income

27,225 millions of yen (Nov. 2015)

Number of employees

13,941 (May 2016)

Number of subsidiaries

54

Kewport



Business Constitution

Delicatessen Products

Salads and
Delicatessen Foods,
Cut Vegetables



Processed foods

Jam, pasta sauces ,
and healthcare
products including
baby and nursing care
products



Fine Chemical Products

Hyaluronic Acid, EPA,
and Egg Ingredients



Distribution system

Food storage
Food transportation



Condiments products

mayonnaise and
dressings

Egg products

Egg product
Egg material



Network in Japan



① Hashikami Factory



② Goka Factory



③ Nakagawara Factory



④ Fujiyoshida Factory



⑤ Koromo Factory



⑥ Itami Factory



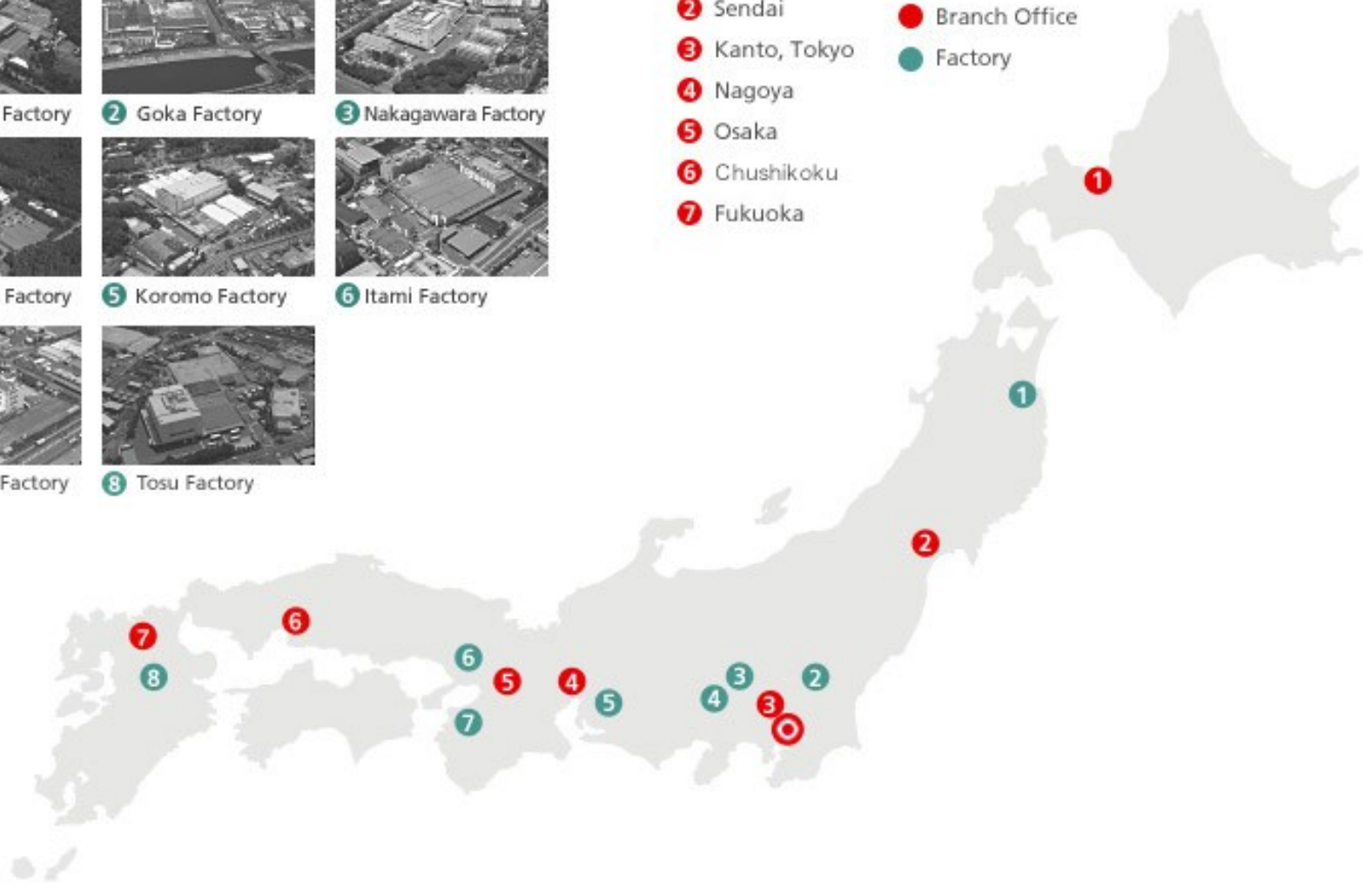
⑦ Izumisano Factory



⑧ Tosu Factory

- ① Sapporo
- ② Sendai
- ③ Kanto, Tokyo
- ④ Nagoya
- ⑤ Osaka
- ⑥ Chushikoku
- ⑦ Fukuoka

- Head Office
- Branch Office
- Factory



Kewpie has 18 egg breaking facilities in Japan.

Worldwide Network

KEWPIE TRADING EUROPE B.V.

Kewpie-Egg World Trading Europe B.V.

【Netherlands】

Beijing Kewpie Corporation

【China】

HENNINGSEN FOODS, INC.

【USA】

Nanton Kewpie Corporation

【China】

Hangzhou Kewpie Corporation

【China】

KEWPIE (THAILAND)

【Thailand】

KEWPIE VIETNAM Co.,LTD.

【Malaysia】

Q&B FOODS, INC.

【USA】

KEWPIE MALAYSIA SDN.BHD

【Malaysia】

PT.Kewpie Indonesia

【Indonesia】

Kewpie Mayo Products in the World



**North America
Mexico**



Europe



China



Malaysia

Egg Related Products



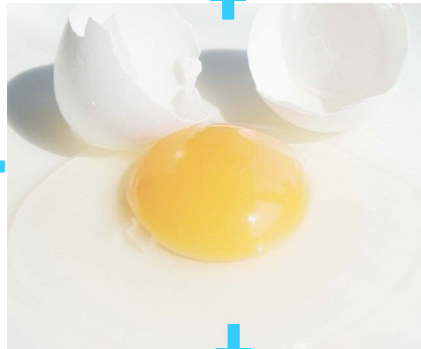
Ingredients

- Liquid egg
- Frozen egg
- Dried egg
- Egg shell powder



Shell Egg Type

- Hardboiled egg
- Pasteurized shell egg



Fine Chemical

- Lecithin
- Lysozyme
- Egg shell membrane



Processed Egg

- Omelet
- Egg salad
- Sunny side up
- Baked roll egg



New Product; special whole egg



Pasteurized whole egg for egg drop

New Product; RUMIRUN®



⇒ For your exercise and beauty

RUMIRUN®

Egg white fermented by lactic acid bacteria

⇒ Only Kewpie can provide this new protein drink

キューピーだからお届けできた新プロテイン飲料

New Product; Lysopower NV



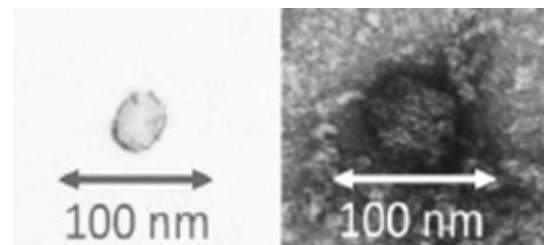
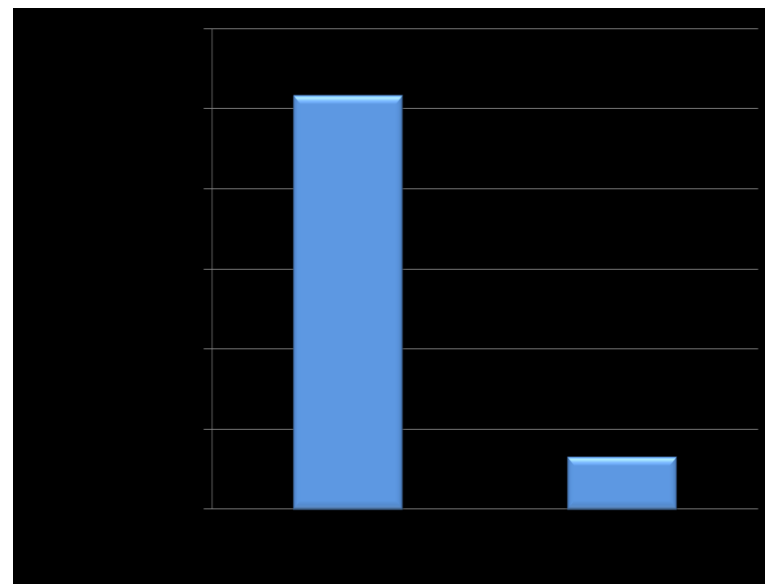
1 L type



5 L type

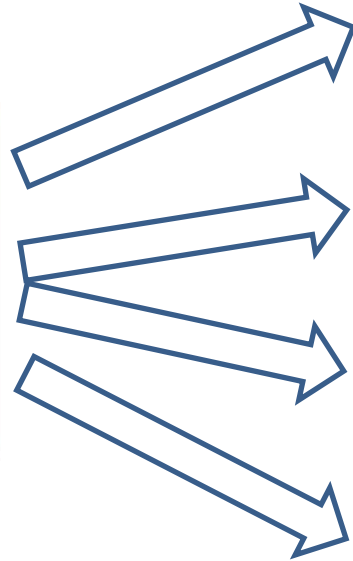
Sanitizer products with ethanol and lysozyme

The number of murine norovirus decreased after specially treated lysozyme was added.



Takahashi, H. *et al.* Heat-Denatured Lysozyme Inactivates Murine Norovirus as a Surrogate Human Norovirus. *Scientific Reports* 5, 11819 (2015).

New Product; PeptiFine®

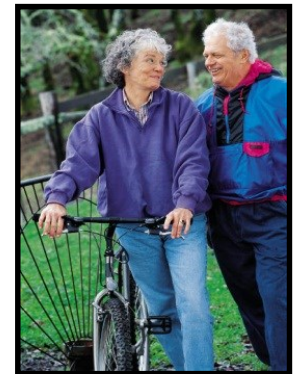


Easy to digest
(excellent bioavailability)

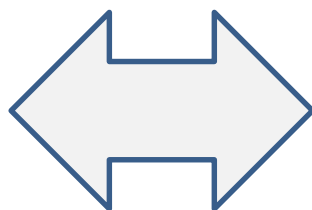
Higher antioxidative activity

Better flavor

Anti fatigue effect



Joint research with TUAT



Laboratory of Bioorganic Chemistry
Tokyo University of Agriculture and Technology

Institute of Technology
Kewpie Corporation

Organic chemistry
Electrochemistry

Egg science
Protein chemistry

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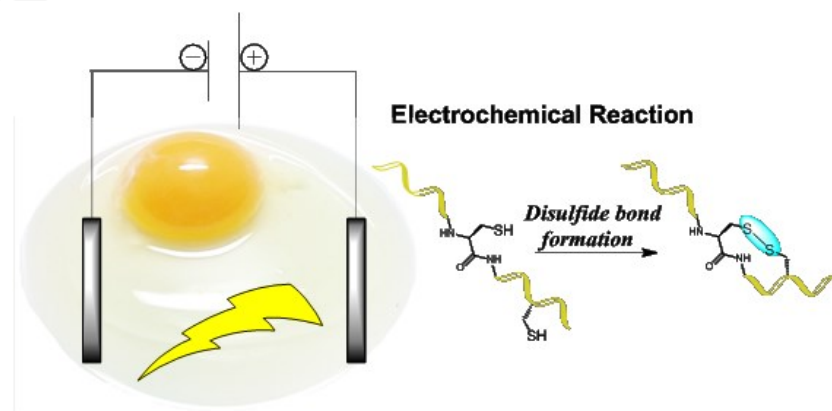
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Letter



Anodic Oxidative Modification of Egg White for Heat Treatment

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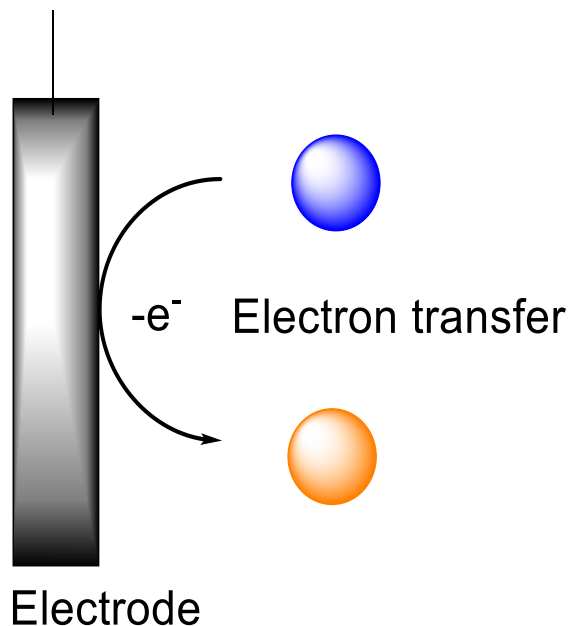
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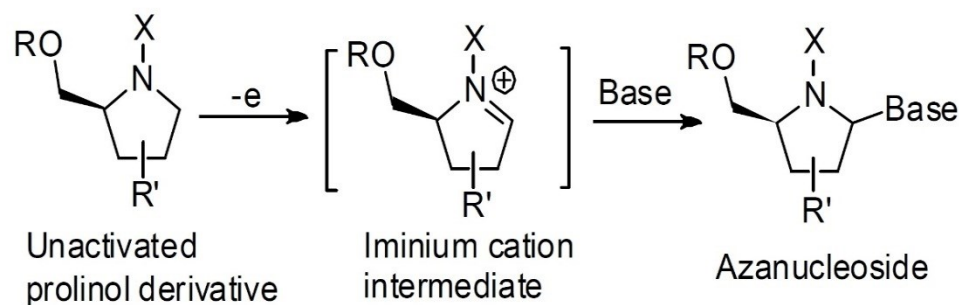
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Electrochemical reaction



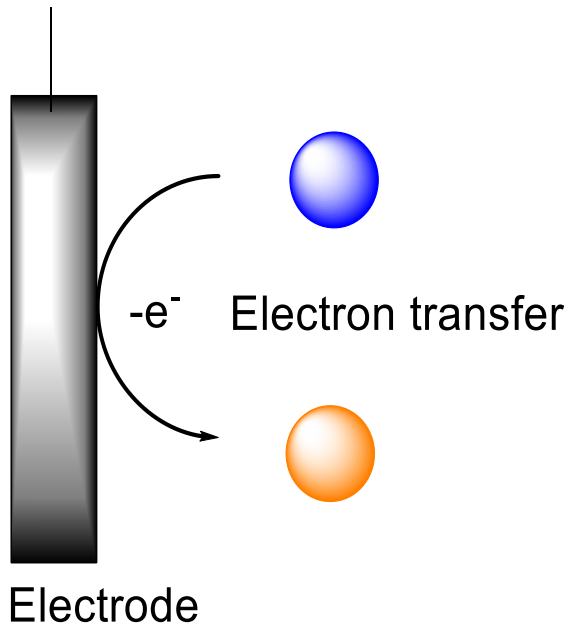
- Chemical reaction using electron transfer between electrode and substrate
- Mild condition
- Easy operation (one switch)



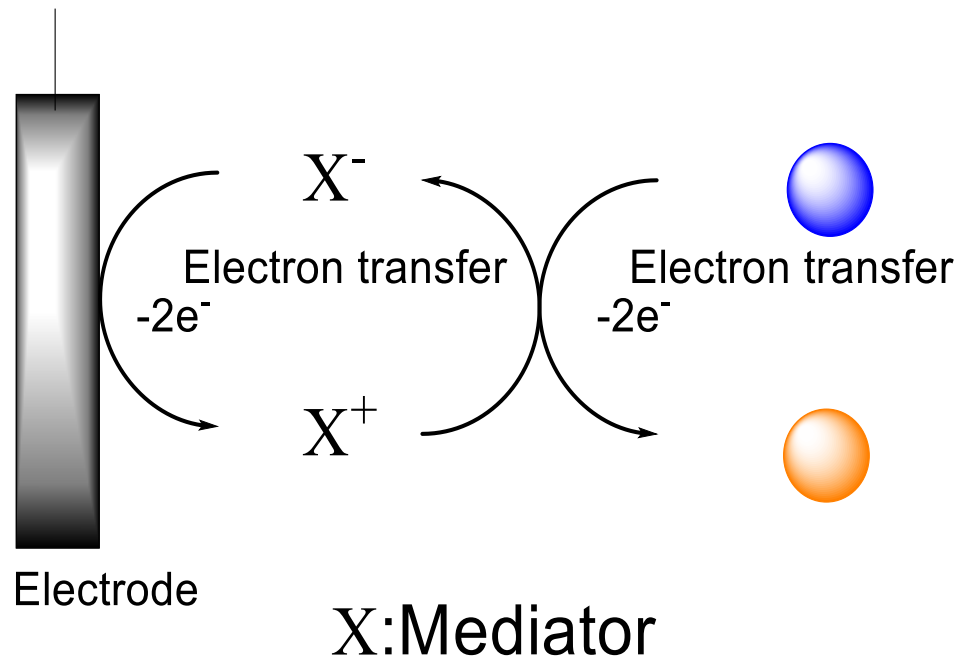
S. Kim T. Shoji, Y. Kitano, K. Chiba.
Electrochemical Synthesis of Azanucleotide
Derivatives using Lithium
Perchlorate-Nitromethane System,
Chem. Commun., **2013**, 49, 6525-6527

Mediator

Direct
electrochemical
reaction



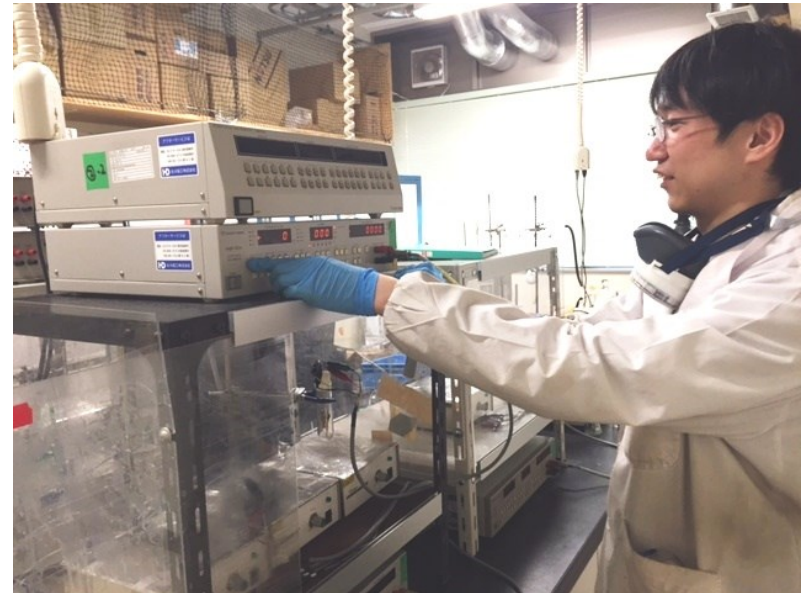
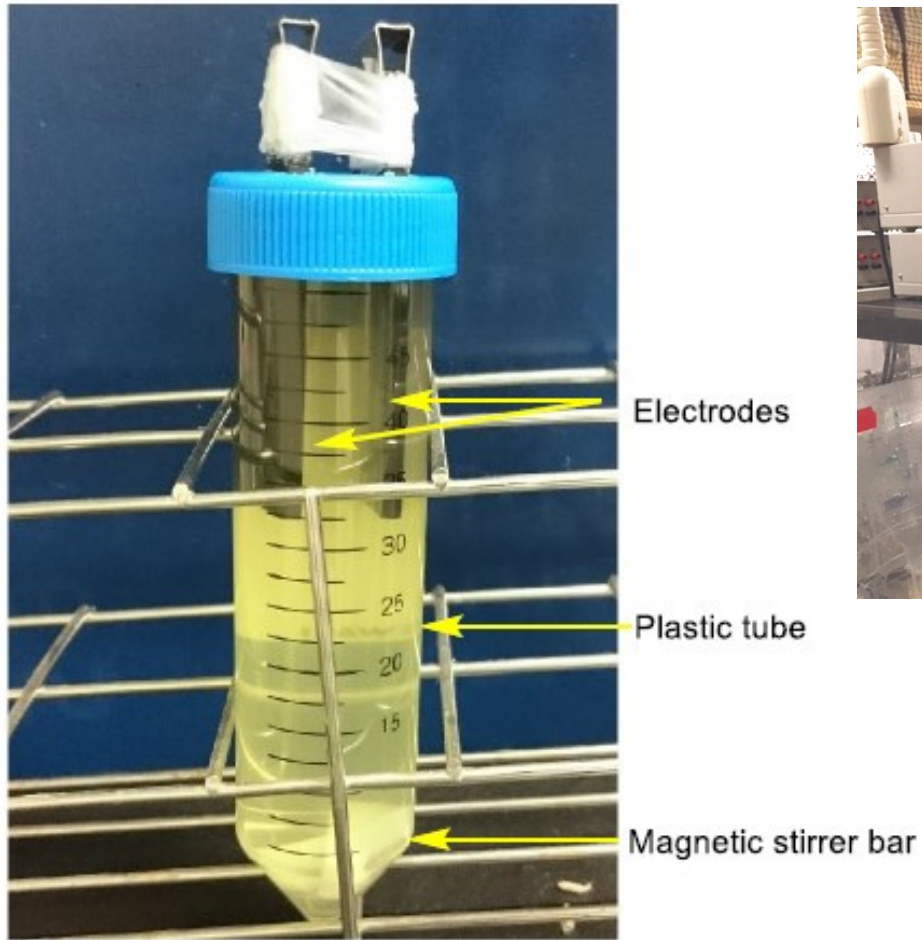
Indirect
electrochemical
reaction



1st Step

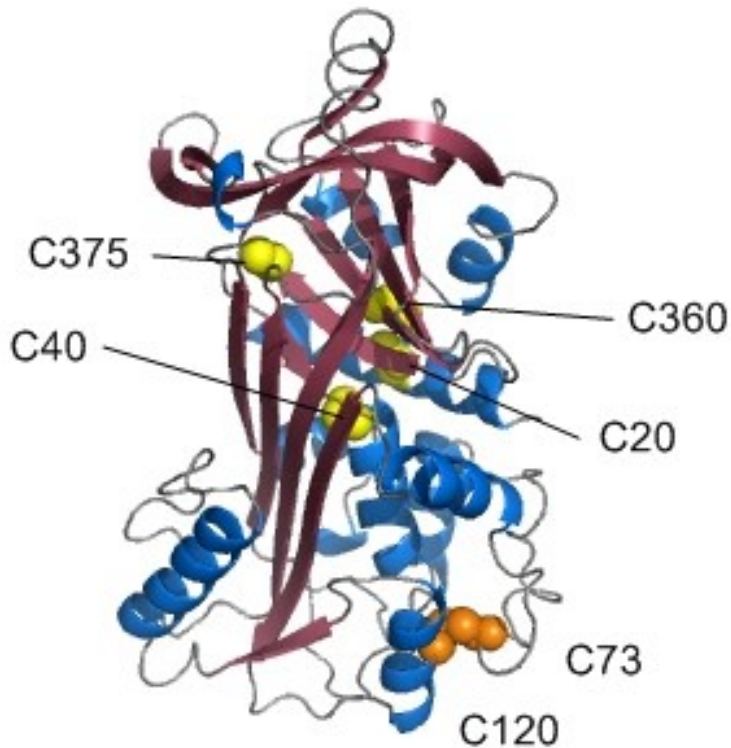
Anodic oxidation of OVA

Apparatus



Power supply

Ovalbumin (OVA)



The most abundant protein in egg white

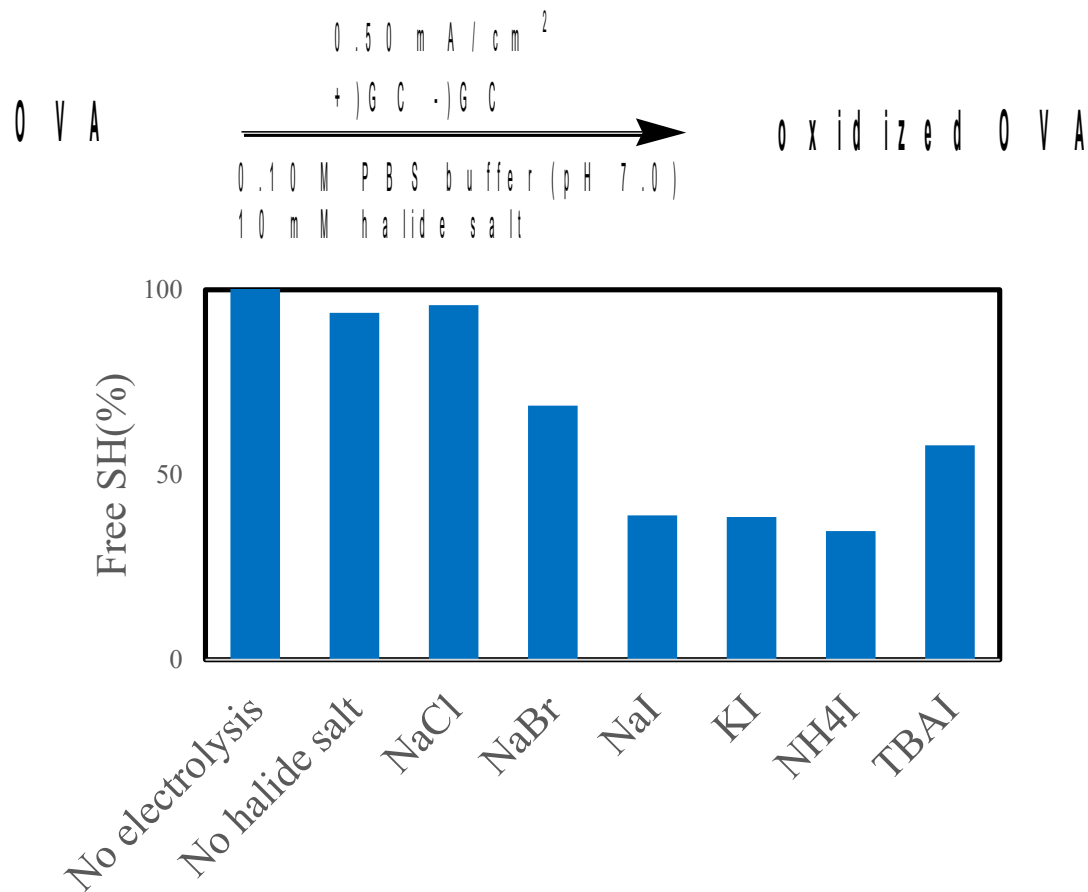
Molecular weight = 45 kDa

Four sulfidryl group (cysteine)

One disulfide bond (cystine)

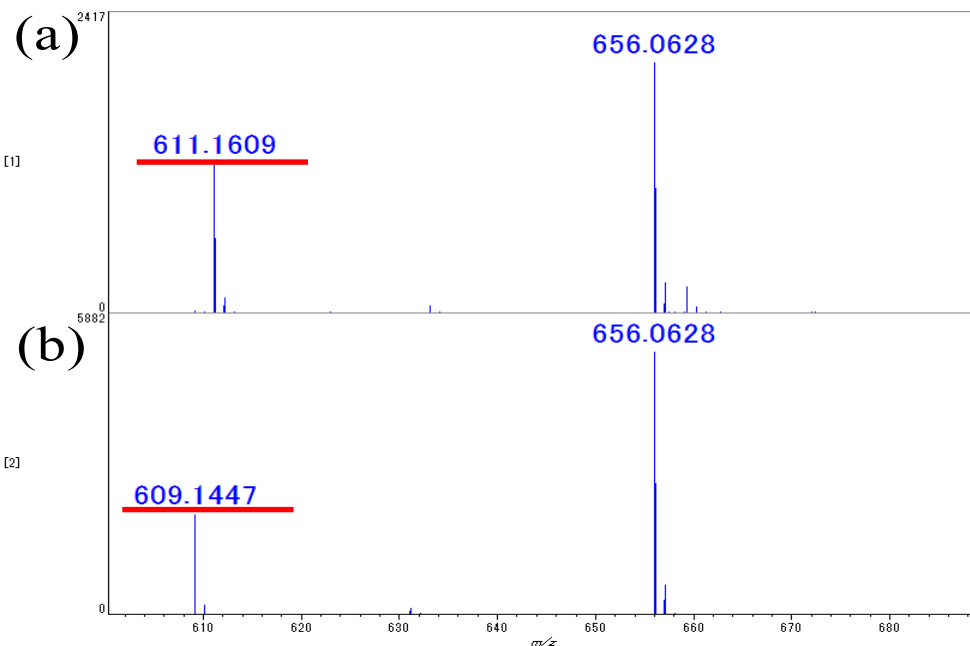
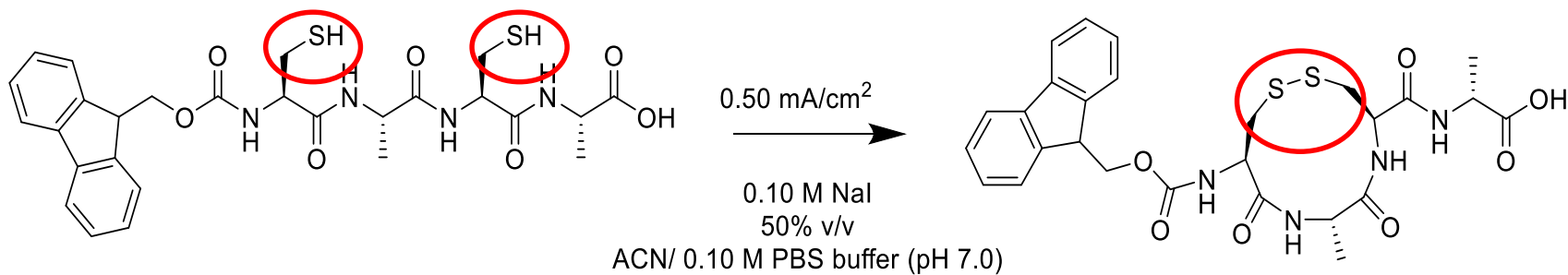
The only protein species that has sulfidryl group in egg white

Mediator Selection



- SH groups decreased most with iodine.
- What happened to SH Groups? SS bond formation, sulfonic acid, or others?

Mass spectra of model peptide



(a) before electrolysis (m/z 611.1609
represents linear peptide (calc. 611.1610))

(b) after electrolysis (m/z 609.1447
represents cyclic peptide (calc. 609.1454))

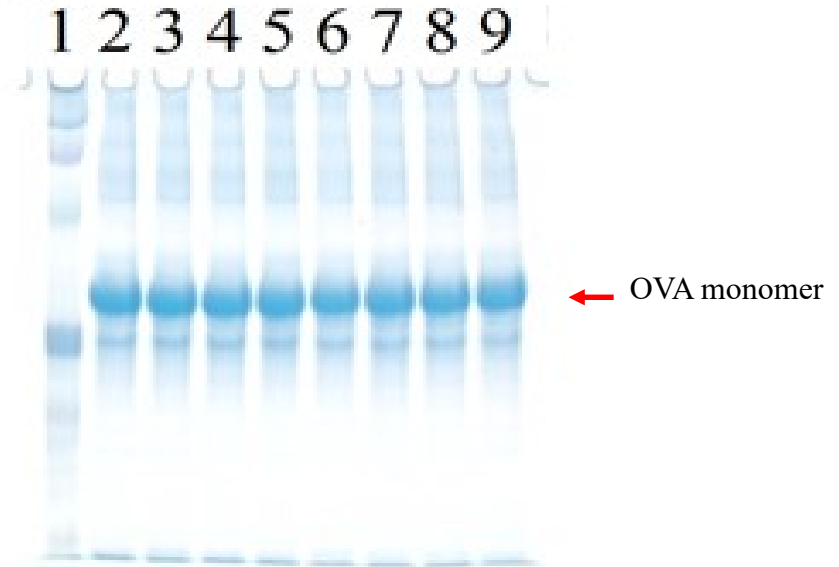
m/z 656.0628 represents CHCA (matrix for
MALDI-TOF-MS).

SDS-PAGE

-) 2-mercaptoethanol



+) 2-mercaptoethanol



Lane 1: marker; Lane 2: no electrolysis; lane 3: no halide salt; Lane 4: NaCl; Lane 5: NaBr; Lane 6: NaI; Lane 7: KI; Lane 8: NH₄I; Lane 9: TBAI).
OVA; ovalbumin

Anodic oxidation of OVA occurred, and OVA intermolecular disulfide bonds were formed.

2nd Step

Anodic oxidation of egg white
for heat treatment

Evaluation methods

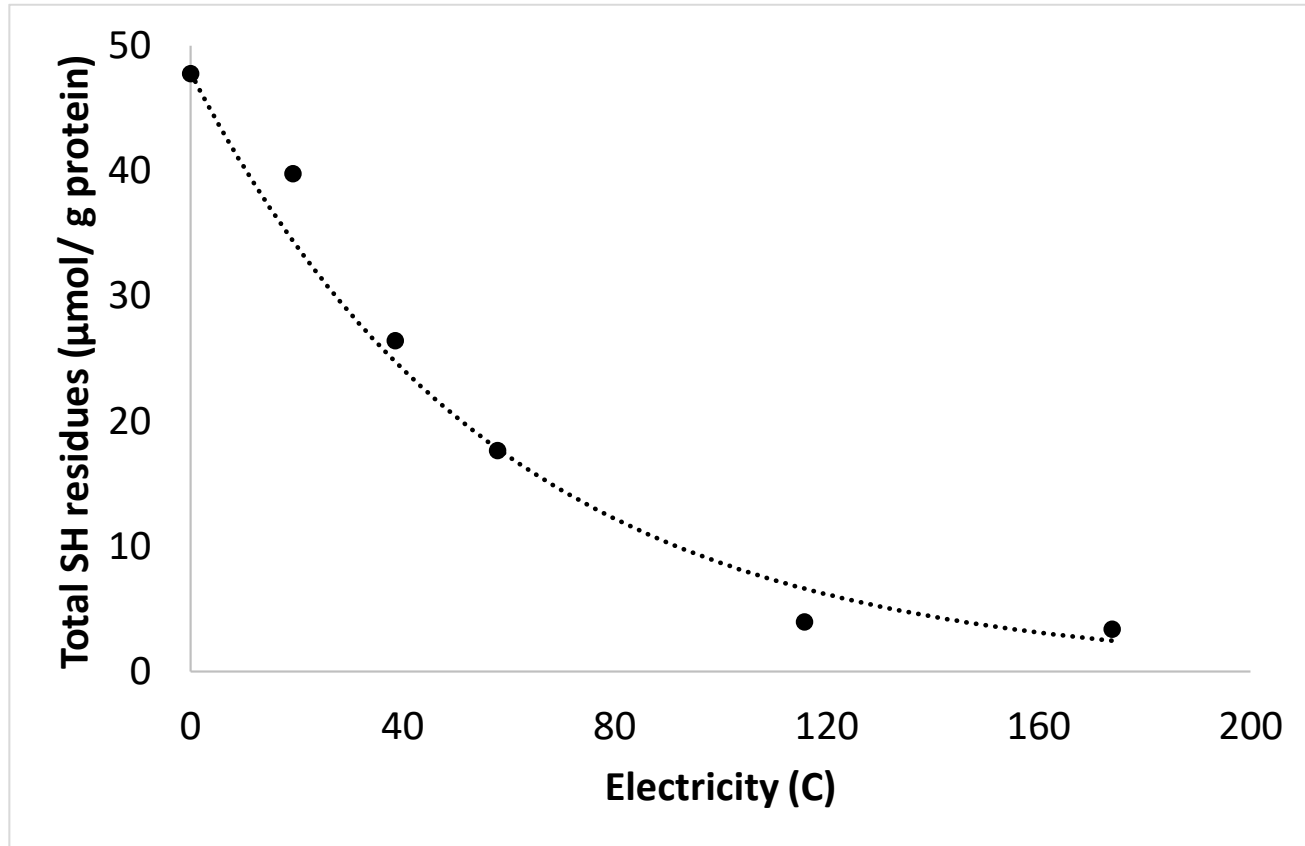
1. Structural changes in the protein

- **Total SH**
⇒ Ellman's test
- **Surface hydrophobicity**
⇒ ANS (Excitation wavelength 390nm, Fluorescence wavelength 470nm)
- **Electrophoretic analysis**
⇒ Native PAGE, SDS-PAGE (with and without 2-mercaptoethanol)

2. Functional properties of heat-induced gels

- **Hydrogen sulfide**
⇒ Kitagawa gas detector tube system (Komyo rikagaku kogyo, Kanagawa, Japan)
- **Gelation temperature**
⇒ Rheometer (AR-G2, TA instruments Japan, Inc.)
- **Breaking strength**
⇒ TA XT plus Texture analyser (Stable Micro Systems, Surrey, UK)
- **Microstructure of heat-induced gels**
⇒ scanning electron microscopy (SEM) (JEOL JSM-6320F)

Total SH



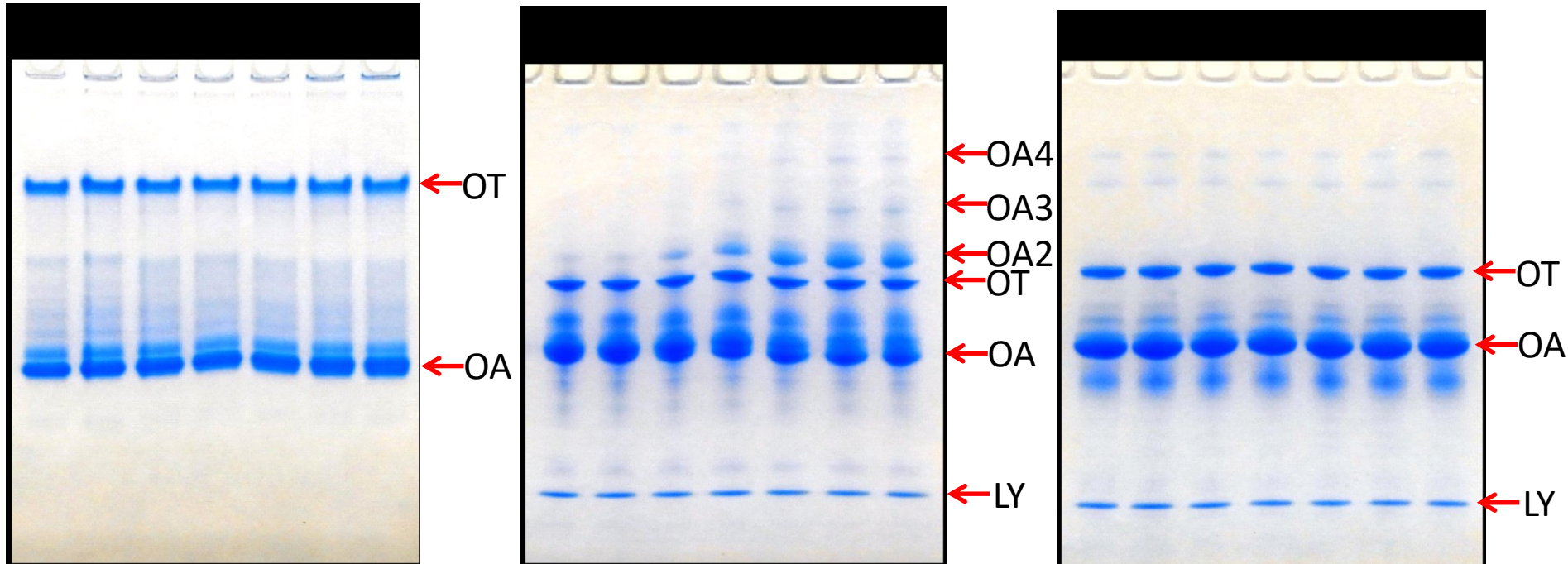
Total SH decreased with increasing electricity.

Electrophoretic analysis

Native PAGE

SDS-PAGE without 2-ME

SDS-PAGE with 2-ME

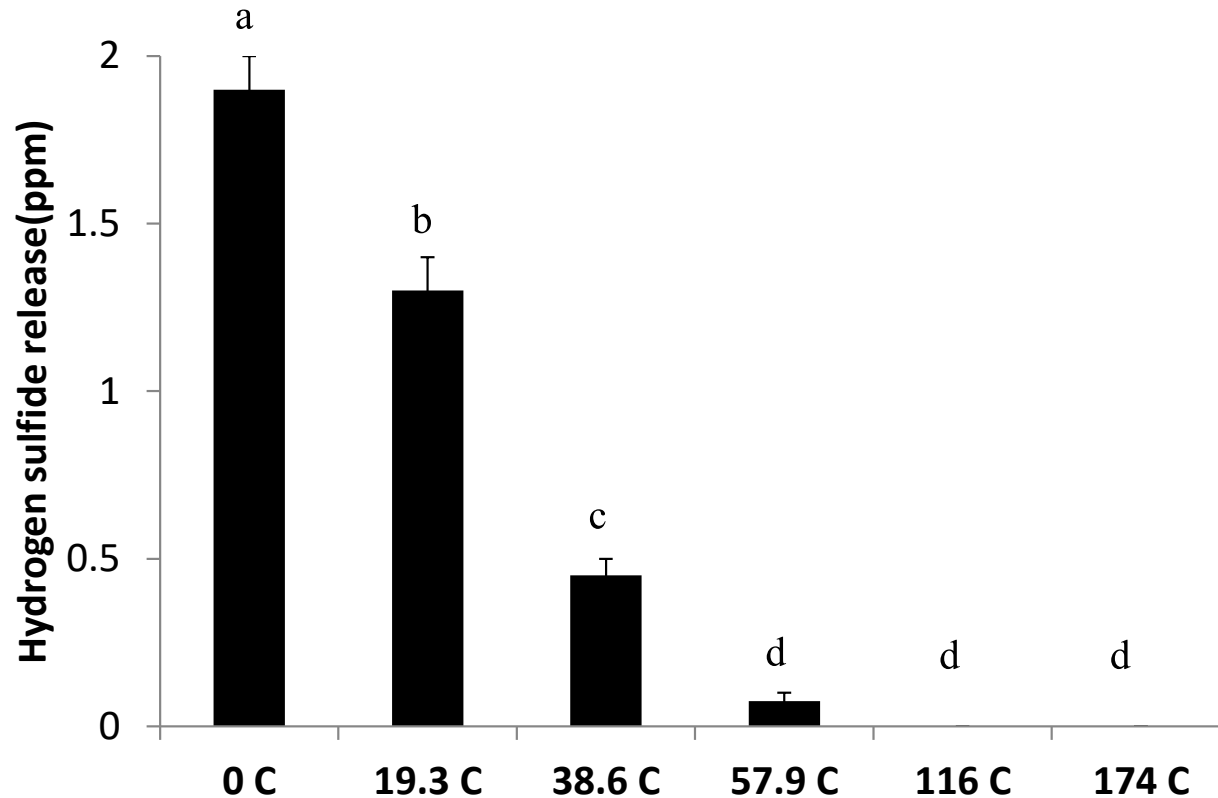


Lane 1: 0 C without salts;

Lane 2: 0 C; Lane 3: 19.3 C; Lane 4: 38.6 C; Lane 5: 57.9 C; Lane 6: 116 C; Lane 7: 174 C

OVA aggregates by disulfide bond were found.

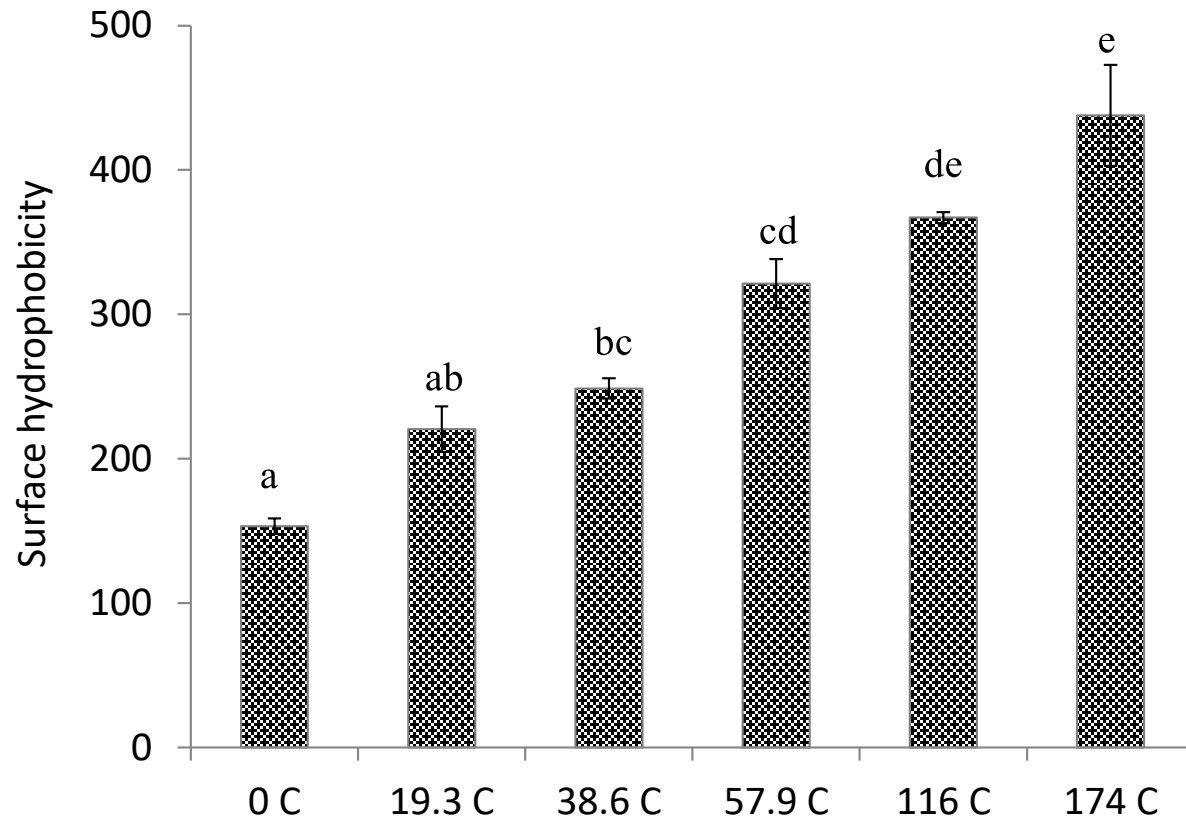
Hydrogen sulfide release



Means with different letters are significantly different from each other: $p < 0.05$.
Each sample was measured in triplicate.

Hydrogen sulfide release was restrained with more electricity.

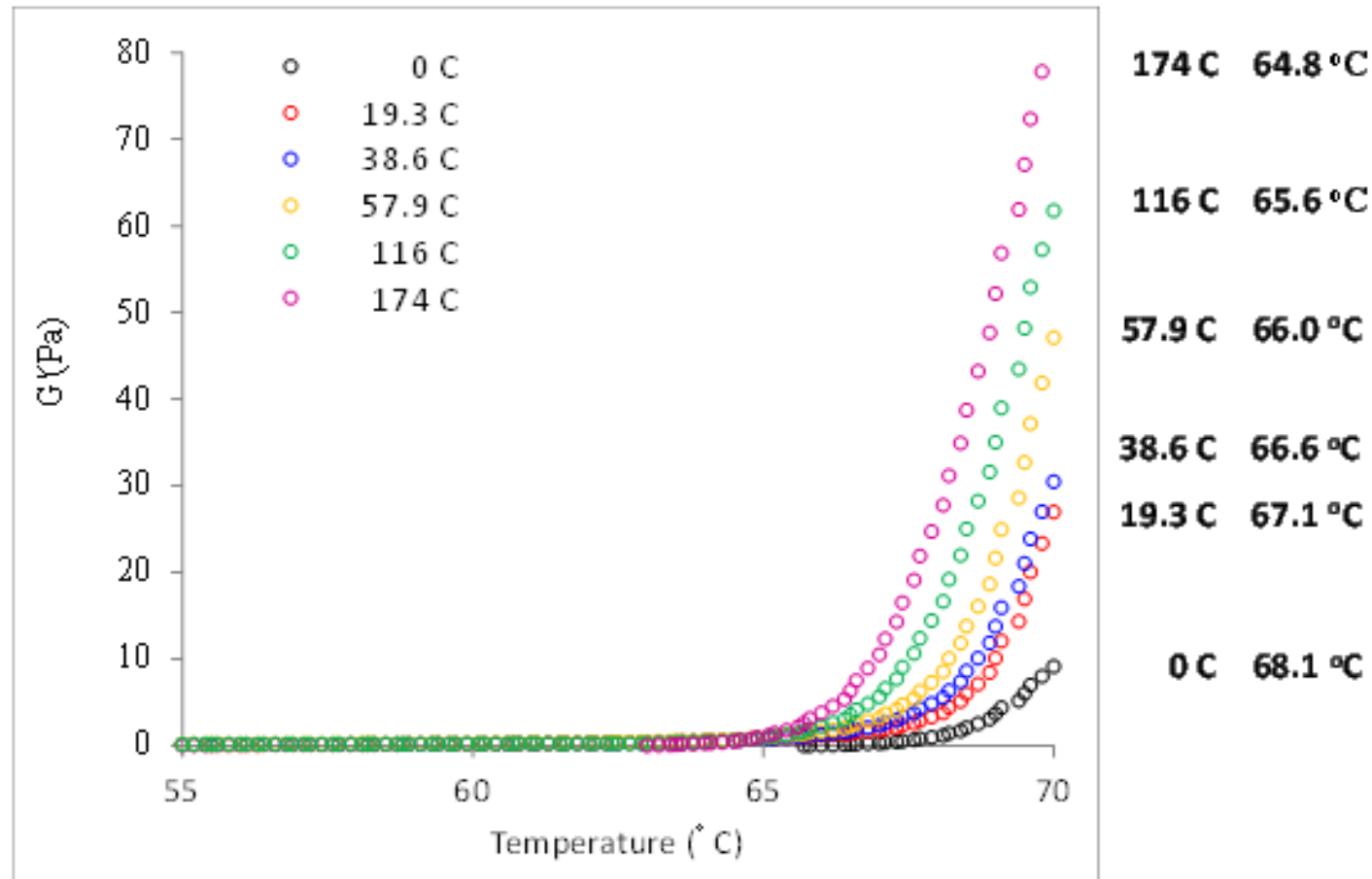
Surface hydrophobicity



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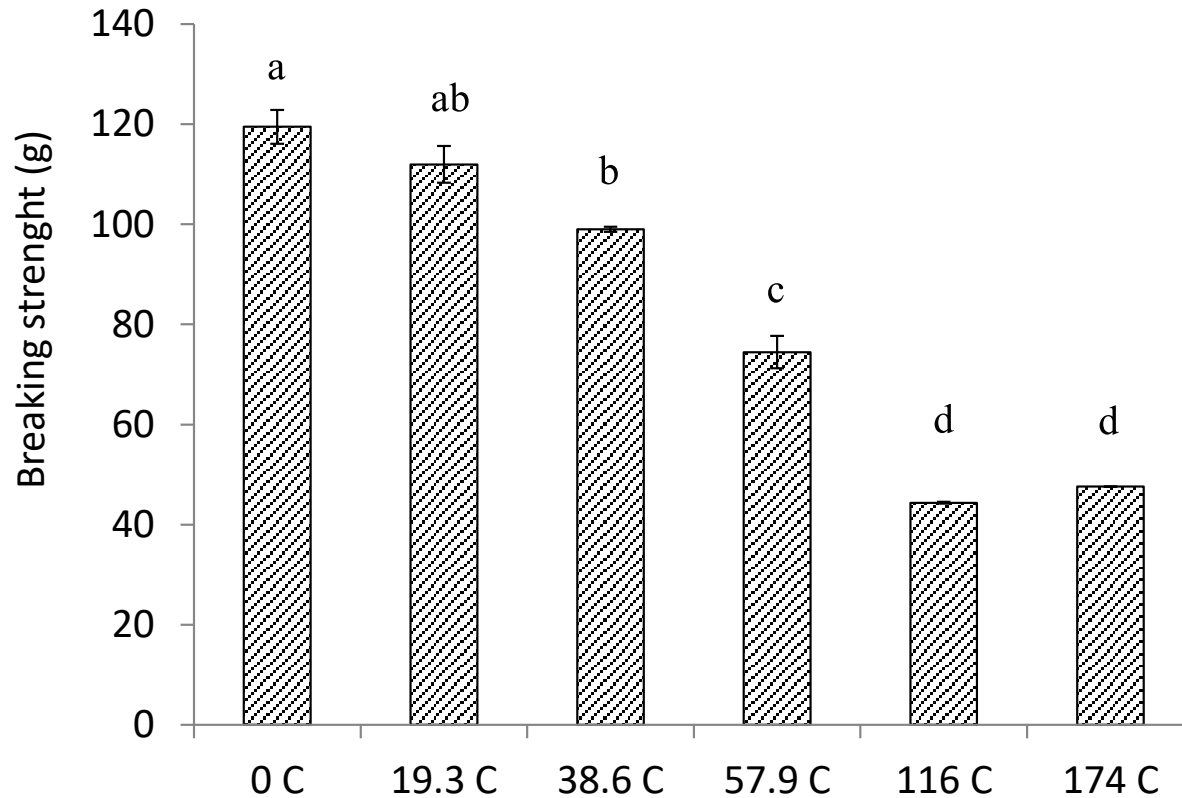
Surface hydrophobicity increased with increasing electricity.

Changes in gelation temperature



Gelation temperature decreased with increasing electricity.

Breaking strength of heat-induced gel



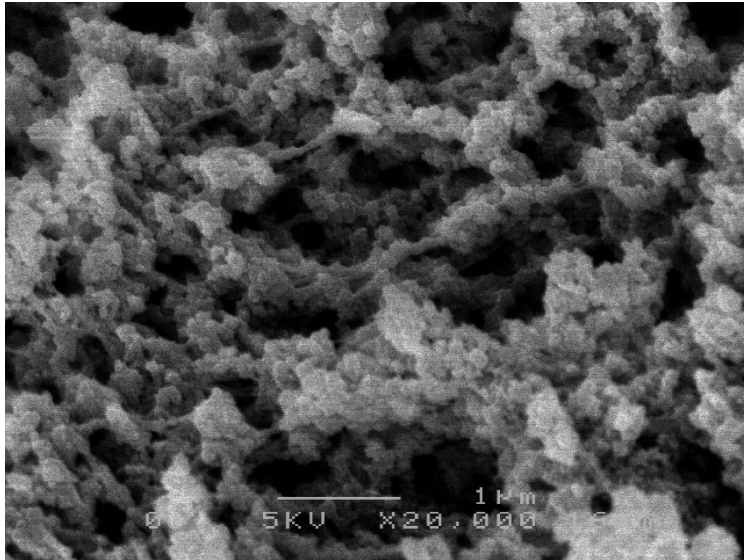
Means with different letters are significantly different from each other.

Each sample was measured in triplicate (A: 0 -57.9 C, B: 0 -174 C) or duplicate (A: 116 C, A: 174 C).

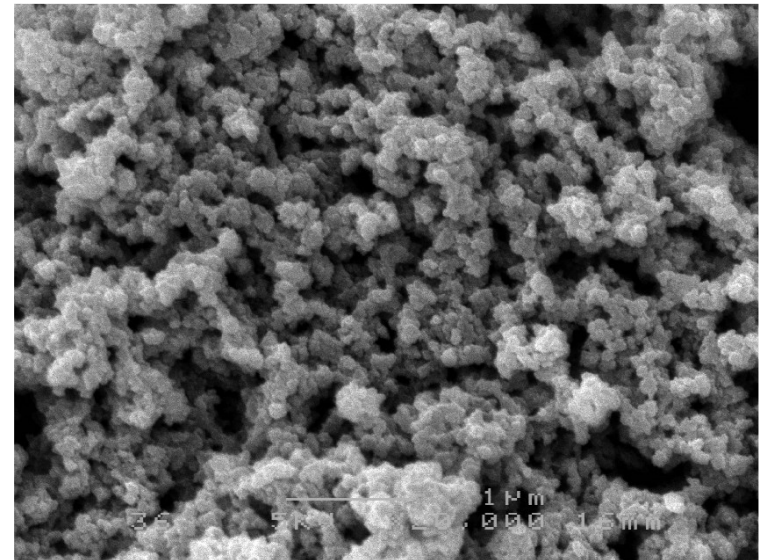
Breaking strength decreased with increasing electricity.

Investigation (SEM images)

(a)



(b)



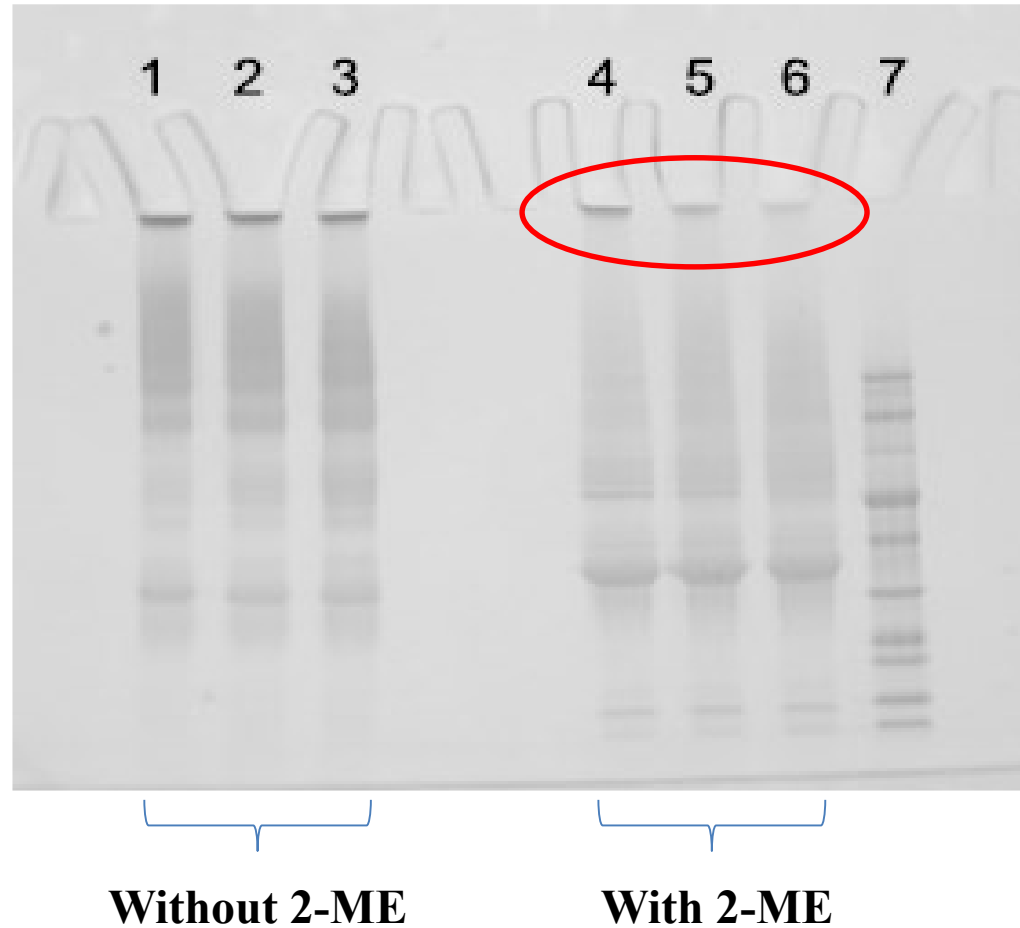
SEM images (x 20,000) of heat-induced gels of non-oxidized egg white (a) and oxidized with 174 C (b).

Network

Random aggregates

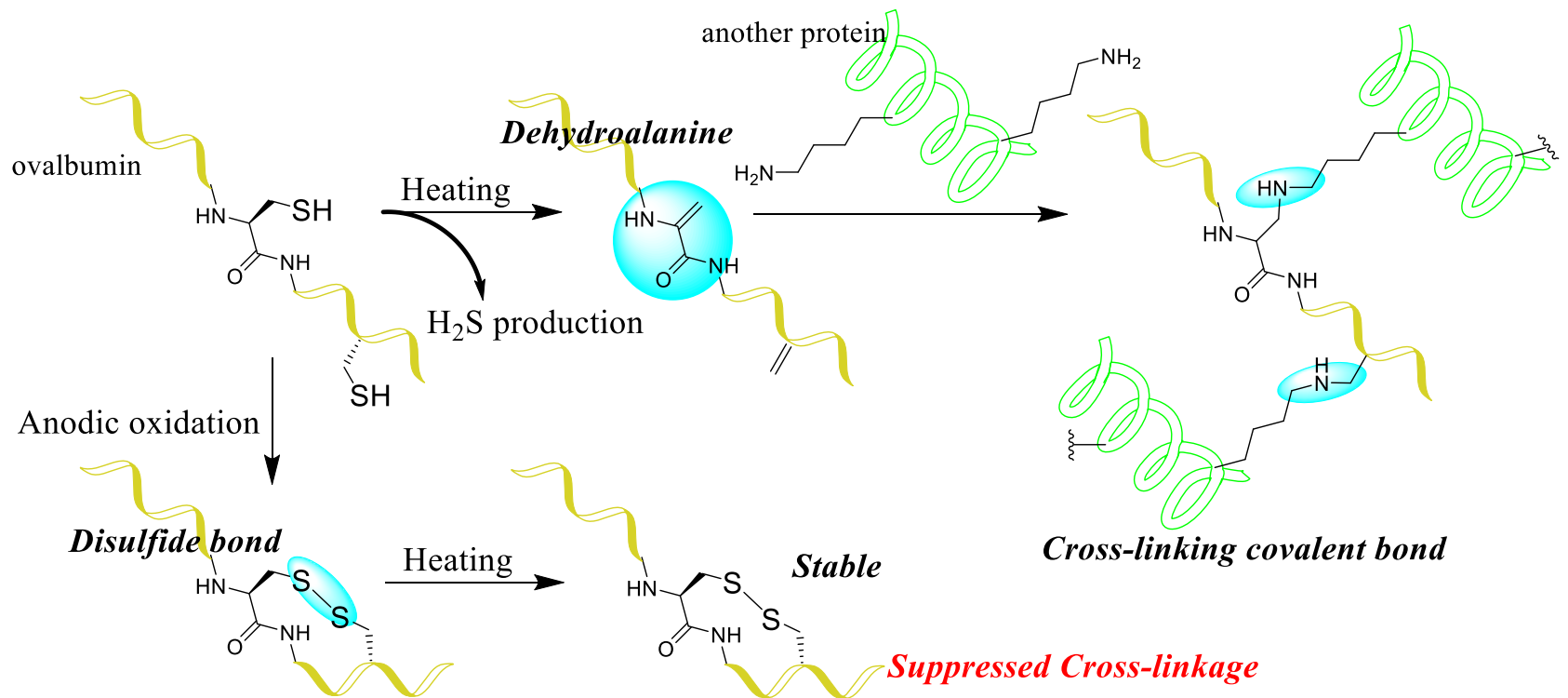
Investigation (protein interaction)

Lane 1, 4; 0C
Lane 2, 5; 38.6C
Lane 3, 6; 174C
Lane 7; markers



Covalent bonds other than SS bonds decreased with electrolysis.

Investigation (protein interaction)



Protein cross-linkage formation by covalent bonds

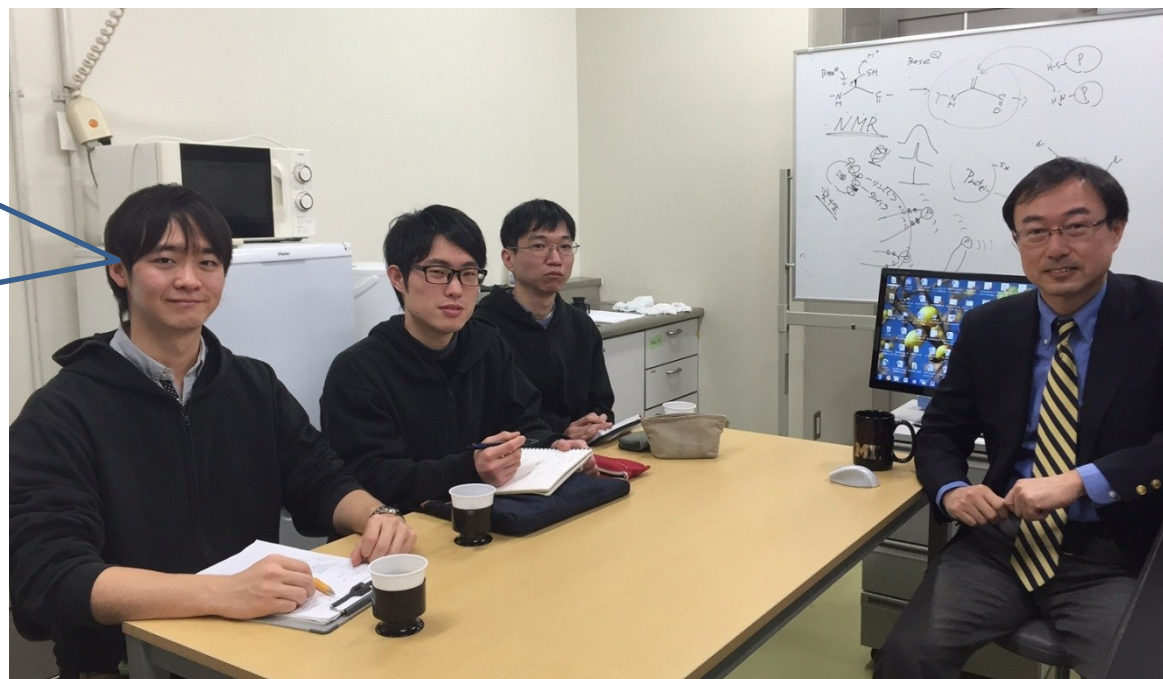
Conclusion

- 1. Anodic oxidation of egg white caused SS bond formation in OVA and OVA polymers were formed.**
- 2. The properties of anodic-oxidized egg white are as follows.**
 - ①No hydrogen sulfide generated upon heating**
 - ②Lower gelation temperature**
 - ③Weaker heat-induced gel**
- 3. The possible reasons are as follows.**
 - ①Sulfidryl groups of OVA proteins are blocked as SS bonds.**
 - ②Surface hydrophobicity increased.**
 - ③Gel structure changed into more like random aggregates and a smaller number of covalent bonds were involved.**

Thank you for your attention!

Please stop by my poster!

“Dynamic Structure
Analysis of Egg Yolk
Denaturation with
Phosphorus-31 Nuclear
Magnetic Resonance”



Kewpie laboratory in TUAT