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Chapter 3: Basic Biochemistry of the Molecules of Life



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Biochemistry

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Chemistry of Life

A(n) _____ is a pure substance that cannot be broken down into a simpler form

The **FOUR** most abundant elements in nature: _____.

_____ are the simplest chemical unit. Atomic number is the # of _____ in the nucleus of an atom. Atomic _____ includes protons and neutrons in the nucleus. A charged atom is called a(n) _____.

Water is a _____ molecule that exhibits _____ bonds, causing solid ice to be _____ dense than liquid water. Water has high _____ (sticks to other things) and _____ (sticks to itself) and resists _____ in temperature.

Water is the universal _____ that determines acids (____ ions) & bases (____ ions). pH below ____ is acidic. _____ resist pH changes.



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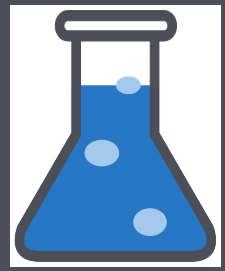
Atoms are the simplest chemical unit. Atomic number is the # of protons in the nucleus of an atom. Atomic mass includes protons and neutrons in the nucleus. A charged atom is called a(n) ion.

Water is a polar molecule that exhibits hydrogen bonds, causing solid ice to be less dense than liquid water. Water has high adhesion (sticks to other things) and cohesion (sticks to itself) and resists changes in temperature.

Water is the universal solvent that determines acids (H⁺ ions) and bases (OH⁻ ions). pH below 7 is acidic. Buffers resist pH changes.



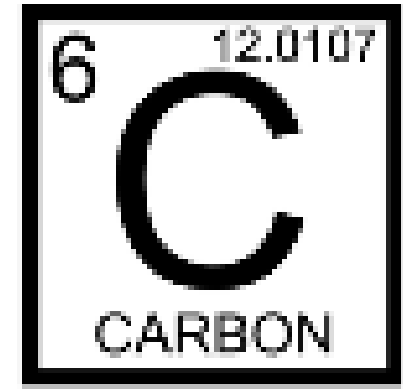
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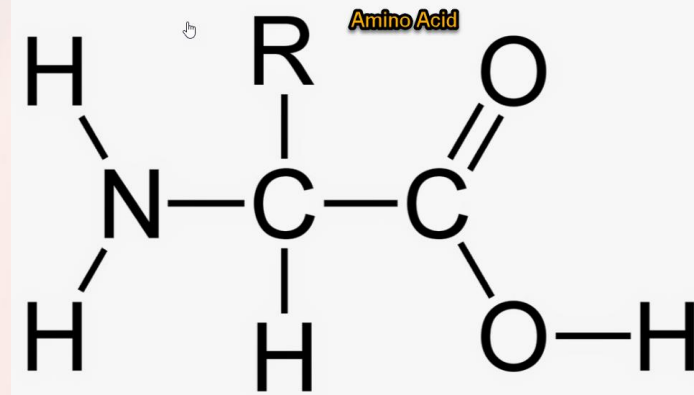
- By the end of this lesson, you should be able to:
- Describe the structures and functions of each of the four groups of Macromolecules of Life: Carbohydrates, Lipids, Proteins, and Nucleic Acids.
 - Investigate how the four groups of Macromolecules of Life are metabolized by cells.

Science Practice: Biomolecules Lab

Organic Molecules



- Life's molecular diversity is based on the properties of the **CARBON** atom.
- Almost all the molecules a cell makes are composed of **carbon** bonded to
 - other carbons
 - Hydrogen, oxygen, & nitrogen



Carbon-based molecules (when combined with hydrogen or possessing a long carbon chain including oxygen or nitrogen) are called ORGANIC MOLECULES.

Carbon Atom

CARBON is essential for life

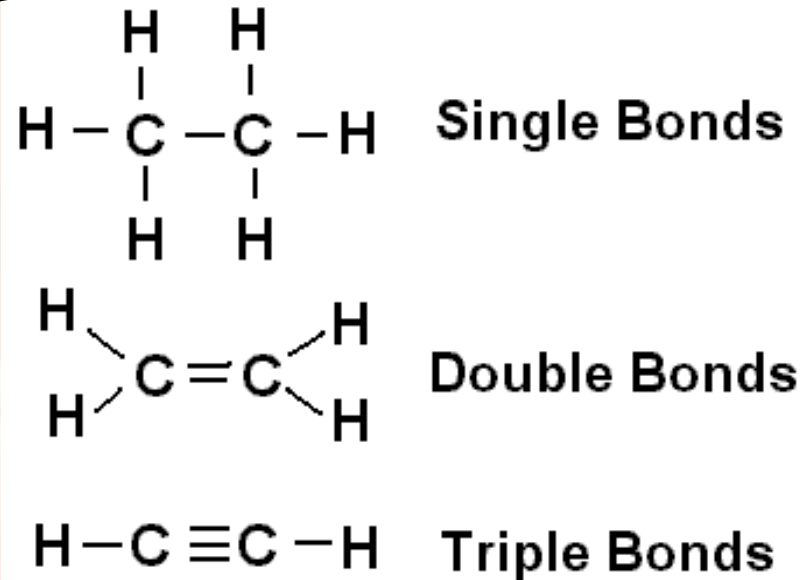
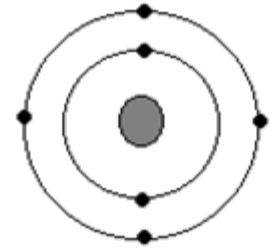
"the backbone of life"

"carbon-based life forms"

- Contains 4 electrons in its outer shell (*for bonding*).
- Each carbon atom creates 4 bonds: **single**, **double**, or **triple bonds**.
- "**Swiss Army Knife of Chemistry**"



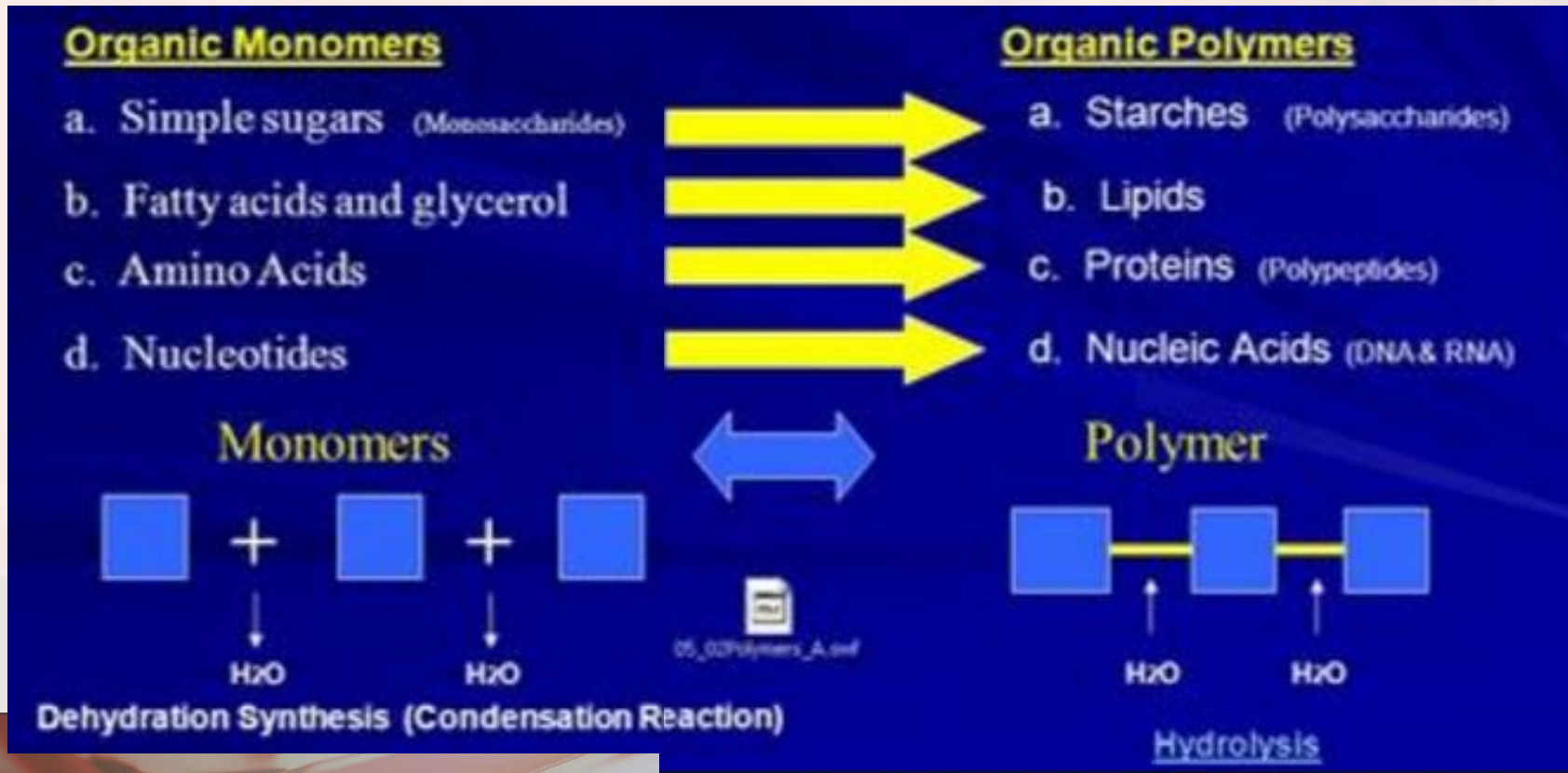
Carbon — ${}^{12}_{6}\text{C}$



Macromolecules or Polymers



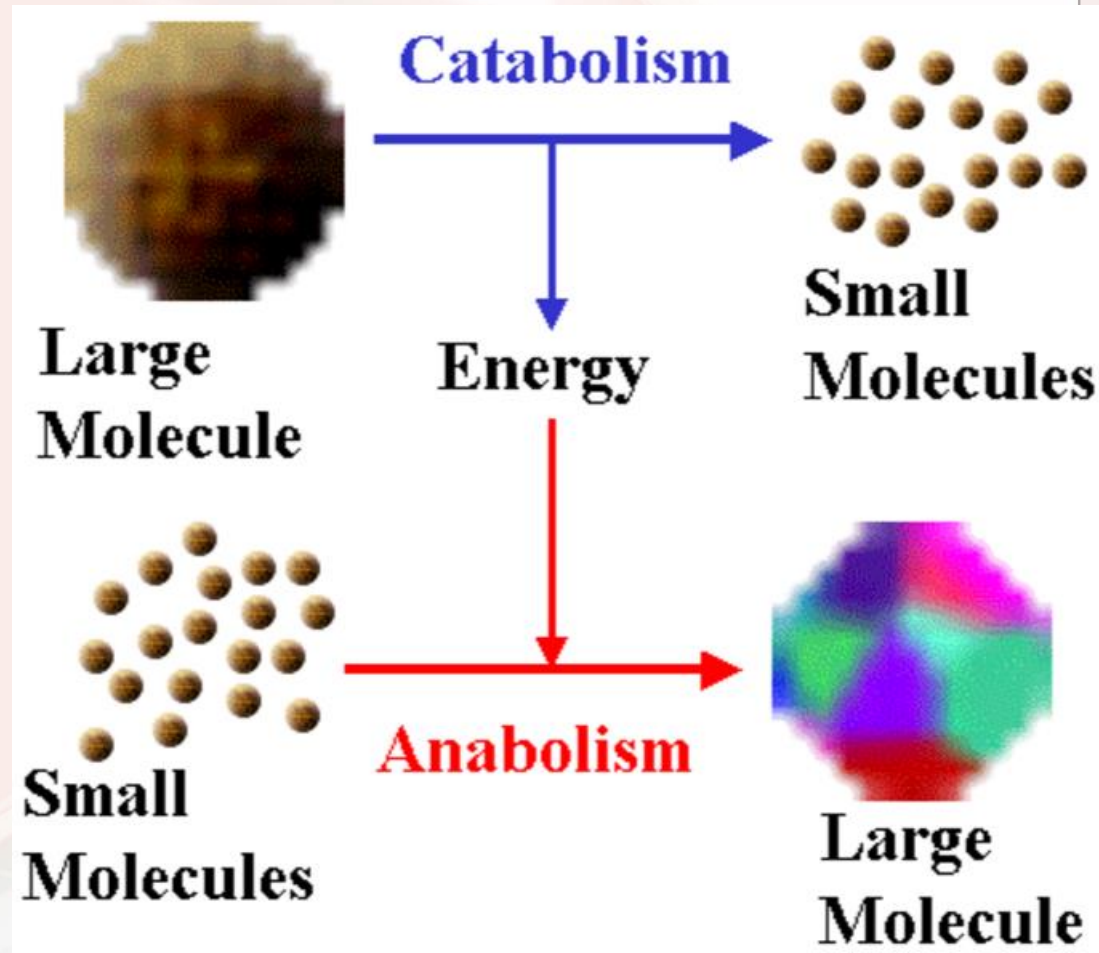
- Macromolecules (*larger*) are built from smaller molecules called **MONOMERS** ("one unit").



Organic Reactions

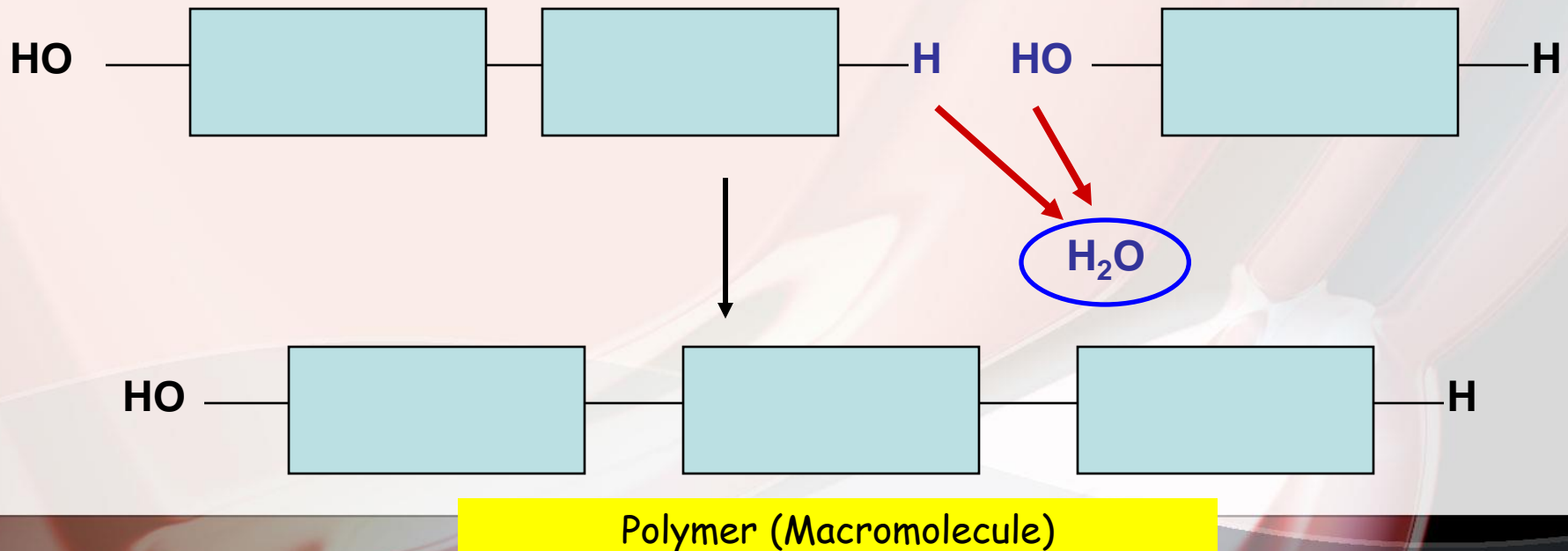
Anabolic Reactions: BUILD macromolecules from monomers.

Catabolic Reactions: BREAK macromolecules into its components (monomers).



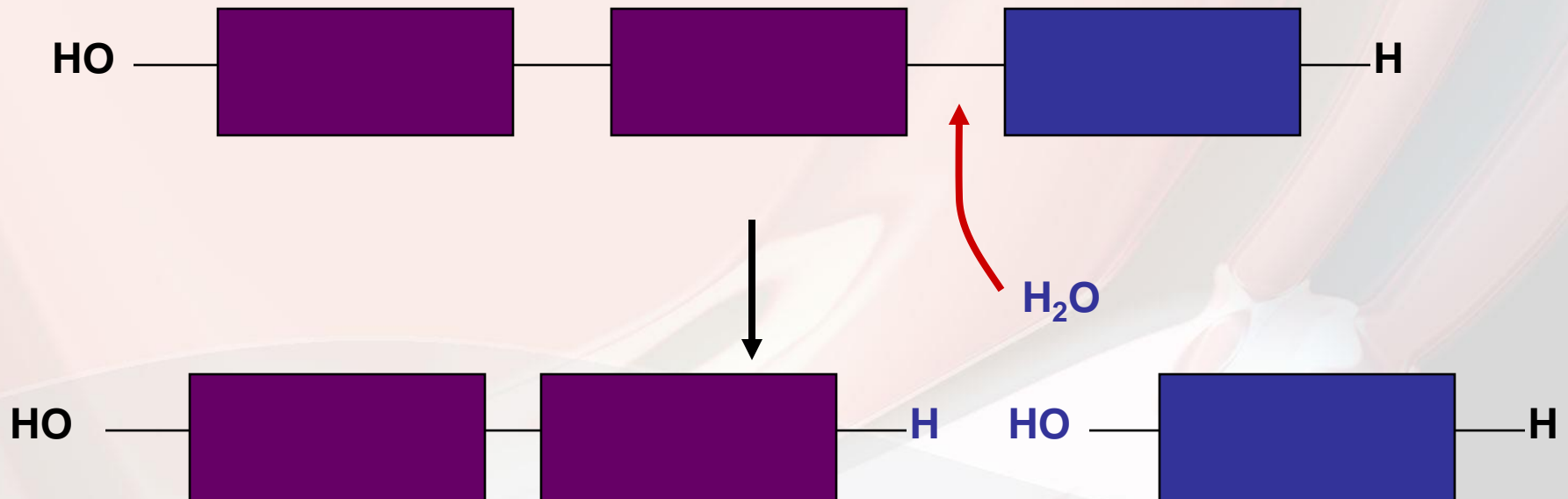
Dehydration Synthesis

- Also called a “condensation reaction”
- **Anabolic** Reactions which form macromolecules by combining monomers by “removing water”.



Hydrolysis

- **Catabolic Reactions** which break down macromolecules by removing monomers one at a time [*opposite of condensation reaction*].
- Separates monomers by “**adding water**”.

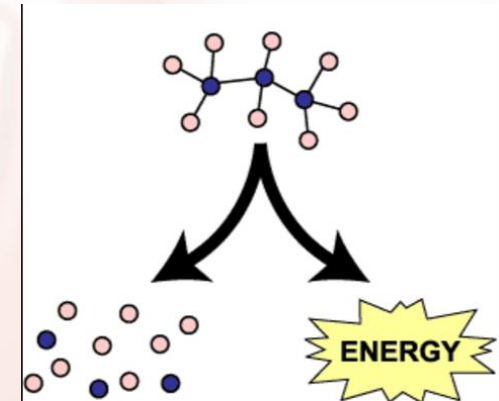


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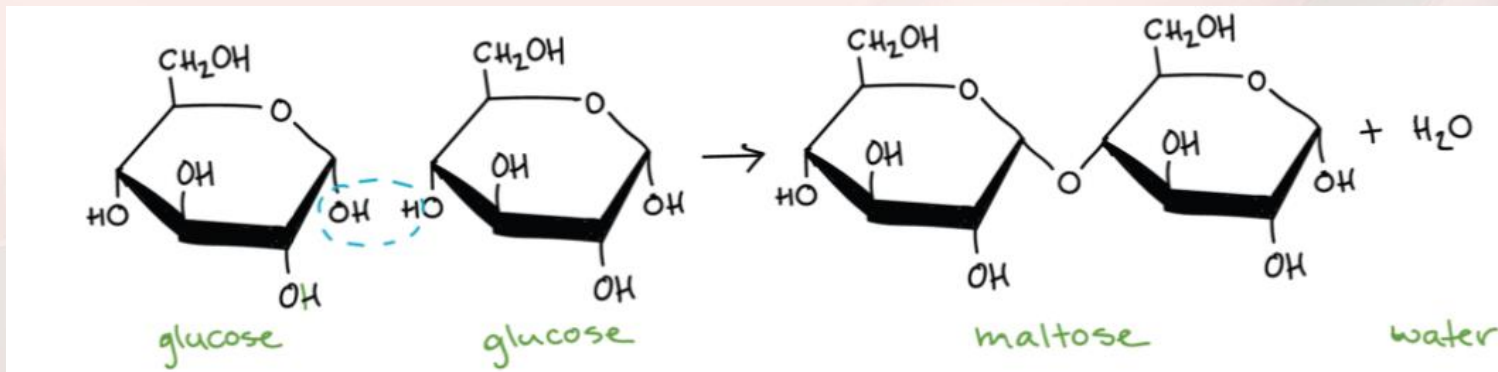
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What organic reaction took place? →



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(Distinguish monomer, polymer, macromolecule)



Review



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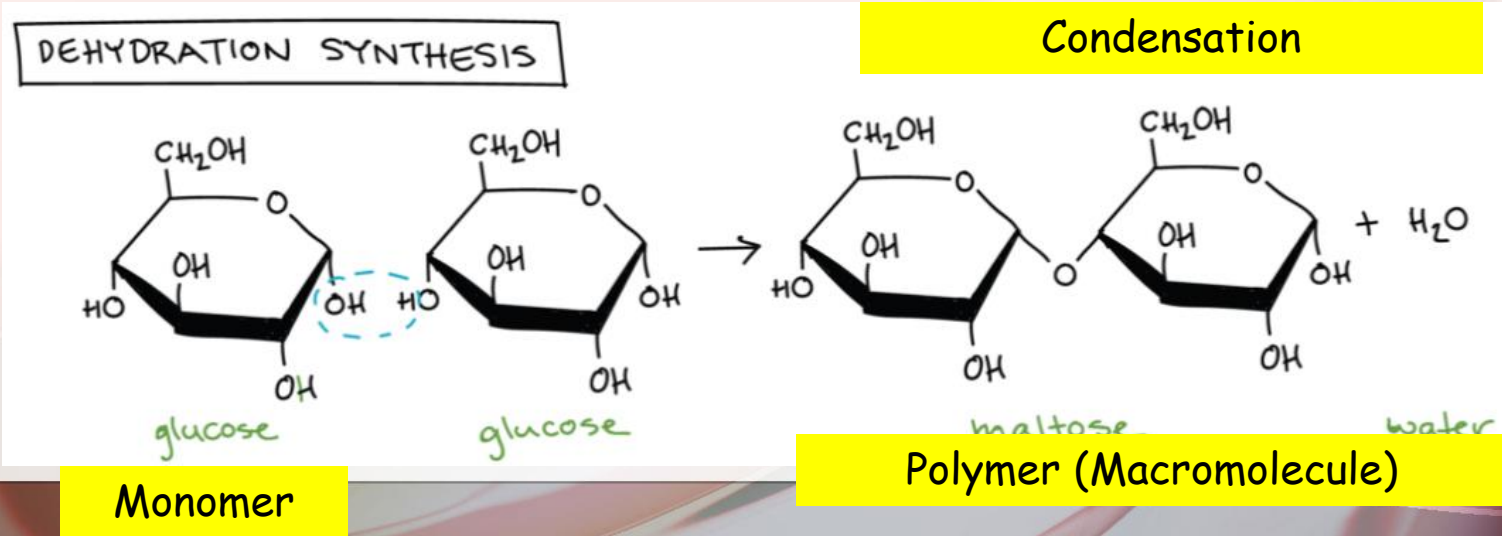
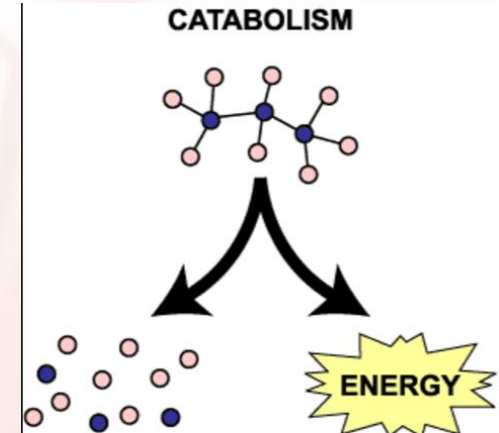
Contains carbon (& hydrogen, oxygen, nitrogen)

What organic reaction took place? →

Catabolism, hydrolysis

What organic reaction took place ↓

(Distinguish monomer, polymer, macromolecule)



Biochemical Molecules

ORGANIC MOLECULES

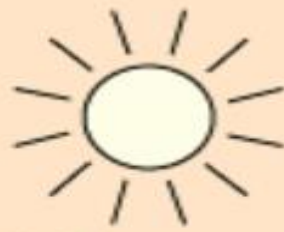
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Carbohydrates		
Proteins		
Lipids		
Nucleic Acids		

Biochemical Molecules

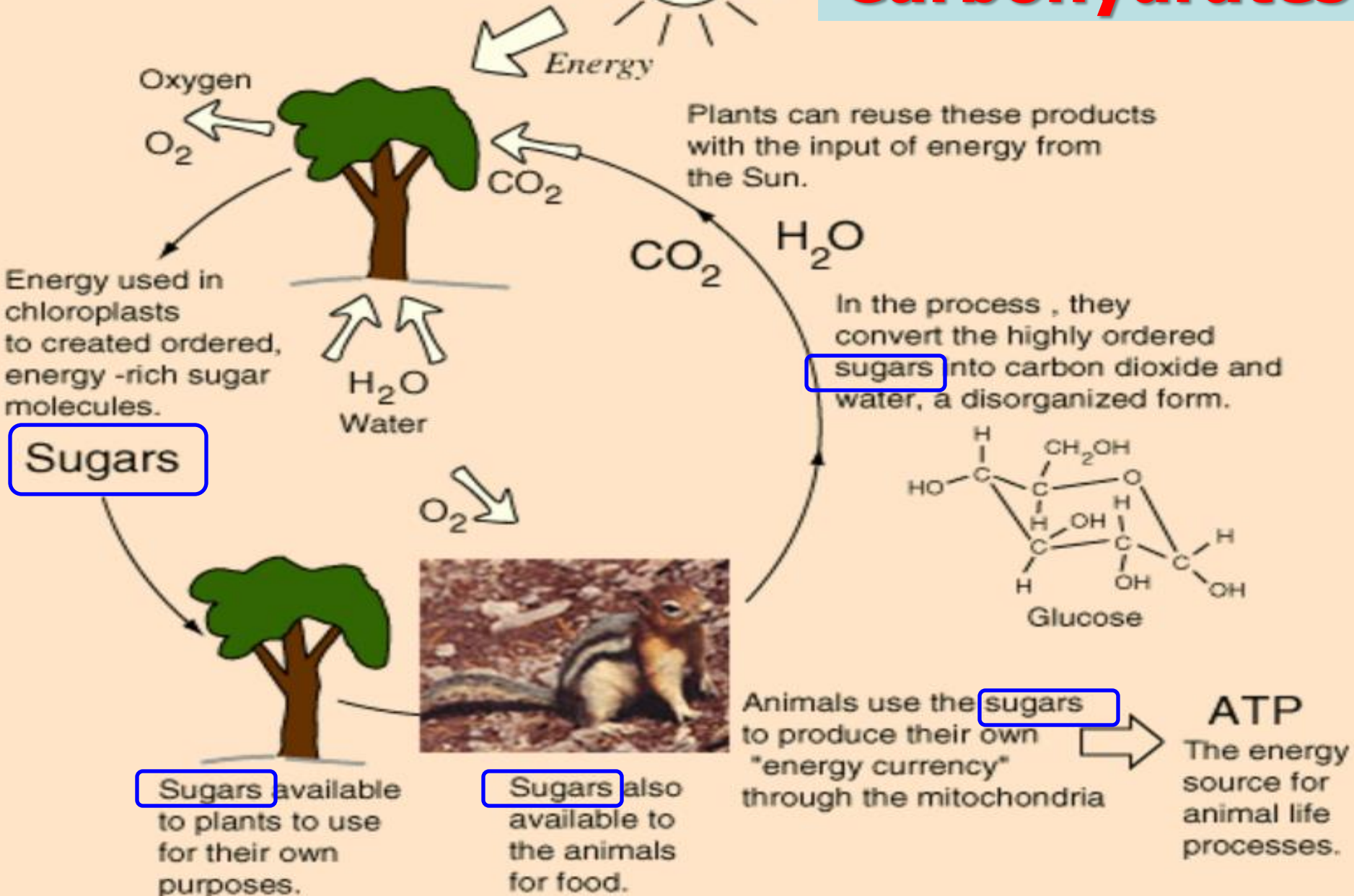
ORGANIC MOLECULES

Category	Monomer	Polymer
Carbohydrates	monosaccharide	polysaccharide
Proteins	amino acids	polypeptide
Lipids	Fatty acid, Glycerol	Lipid
Nucleic Acids	Nucleotide	Nucleic acid

Energy from the Sun is taken up by the plants, which absorb that energy in their chloroplasts.



Carbohydrates



Carbohydrates

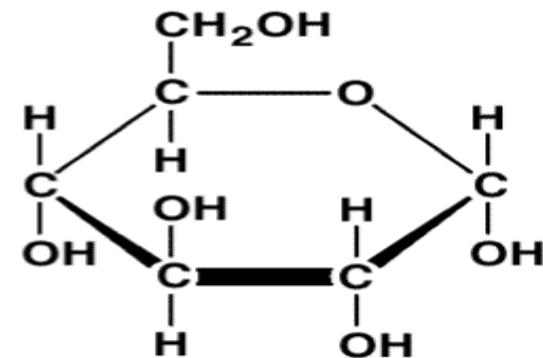
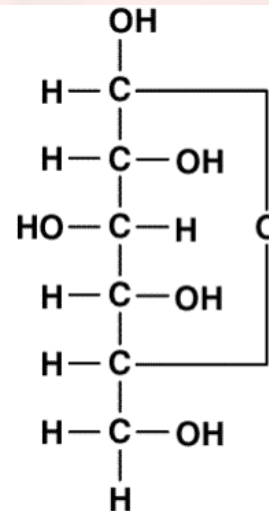
- Important Source of Energy for all life forms (e.g. glucose).
- Made of only **Carbon**, **Hydrogen**, and **Oxygen** (1:2:1) – **CH₂O** [C + water]
- Includes simple sugars and starches (complex sugars).
- Classified according to the number of sugar molecules they contain.
- Monomer: Monosaccharides



Monosaccharides

- Called "**Simple Sugars**"
- **MONOMERS** or **Building Blocks of Carbohydrates**
- **Glucose**: Universal Fuel of Cells - $C_6H_{12}O_6$
- **Fructose** (fruit sugar) and **Galactose** (milk sugar)
- Exist in the following forms:
 - **Cyclic** (aqueous in cells)
 - **Straight Chain**

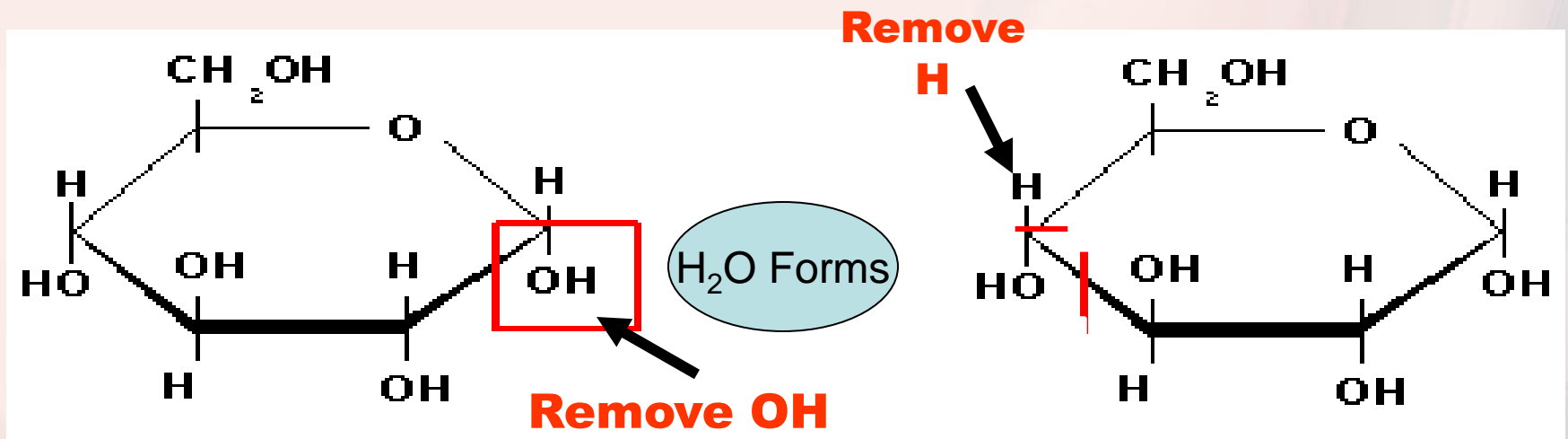
Straight



Cyclic

Carbohydrate Synthesis

- Cells link **monosaccharides** together by **Dehydration Synthesis** to form **more complex sugars** and **polysaccharides**.



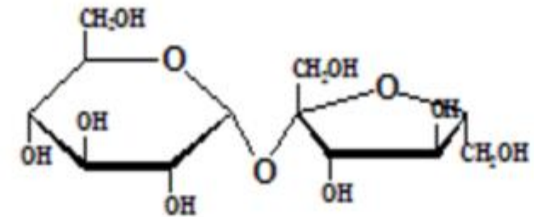
Disaccharides

- “Double sugar”
- Formed by joining two monosaccharides by **Dehydration Synthesis**.
- Sucrose (table sugar)
- Lactose (milk sugar)
- Maltose (grain sugar)
- Form a bond called a **GLYCOSIDIC bond**.

Most simple sugars in nature are disaccharides

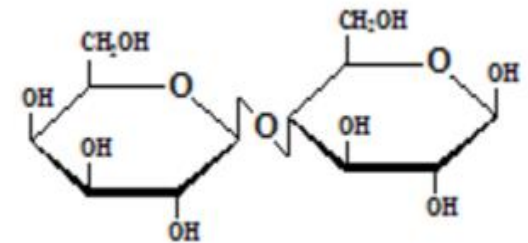
Sucrose

(Glucose-fructose)



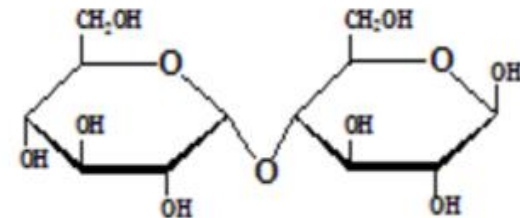
Lactose

(Galactose-glucose)



Maltose

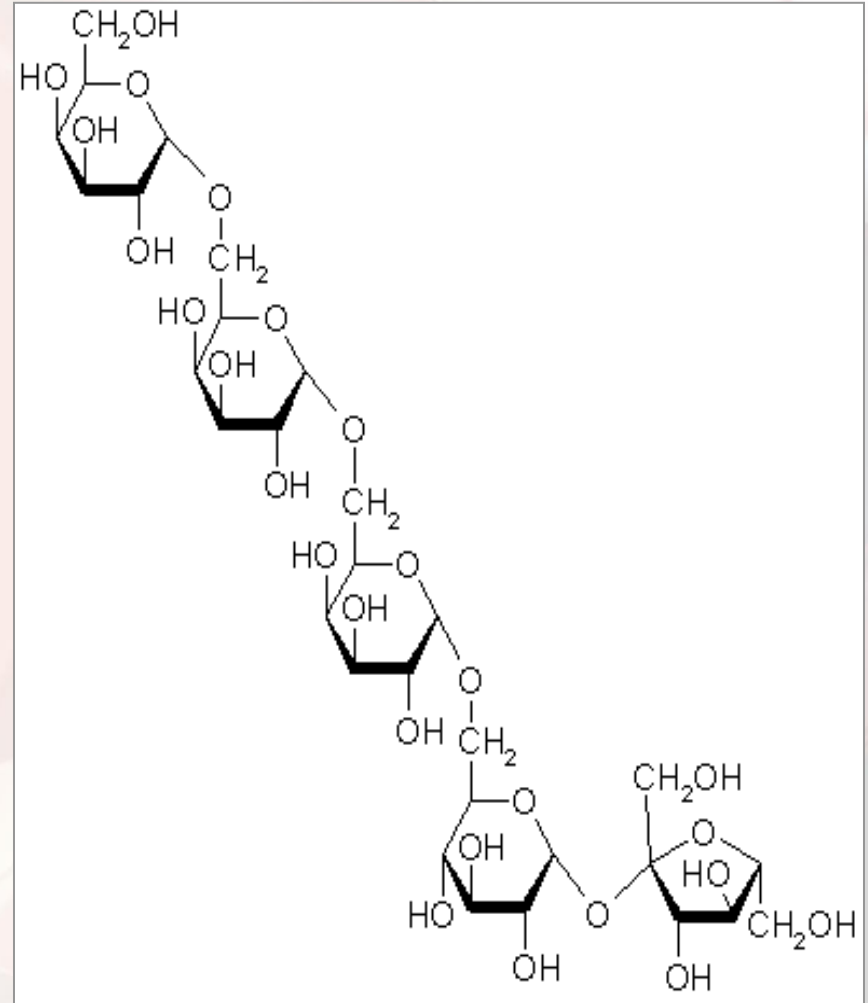
(Glucose-glucose)



Polysaccharides

“Many Sugars”

- Chains of thousands of **Monosaccharides**.
 - Also called “**Complex Carbohydrates**”.
 - **Functions:**
 - **Energy Storage Molecules**
 - **Structural Molecules**
- Too large to leave the cell.

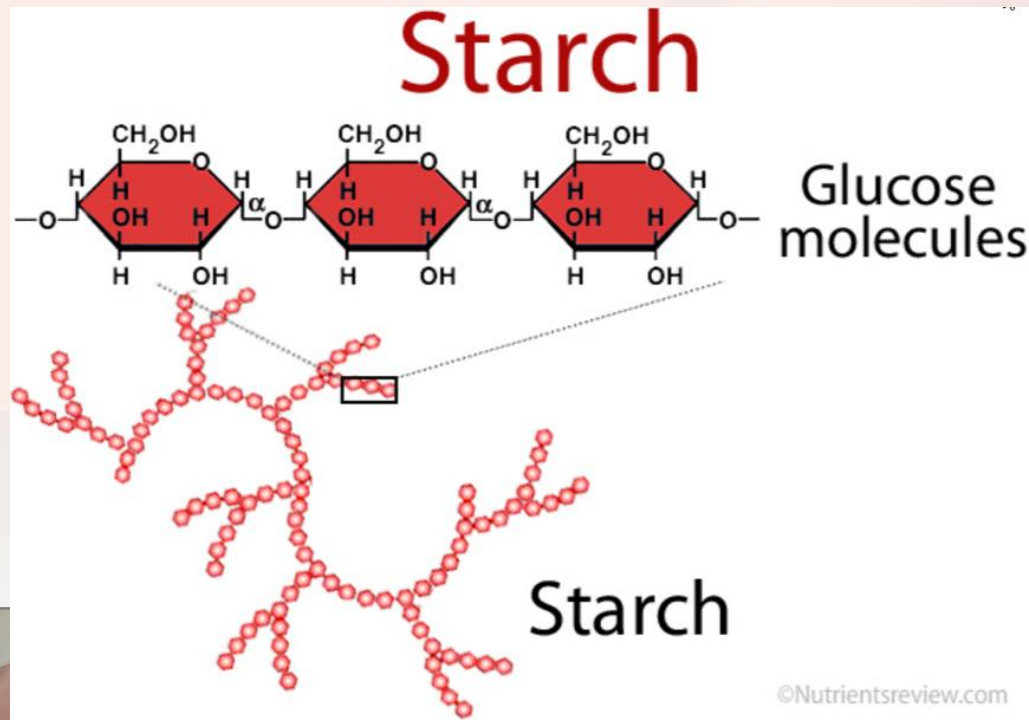


Polysaccharides

Energy Storage Molecules:

Starch

- Chain of molecules of **Glucose** formed by **Plants**.
- This is the way **plants** store **excess glucose**.
- We consume it in products like potatoes and carrots.

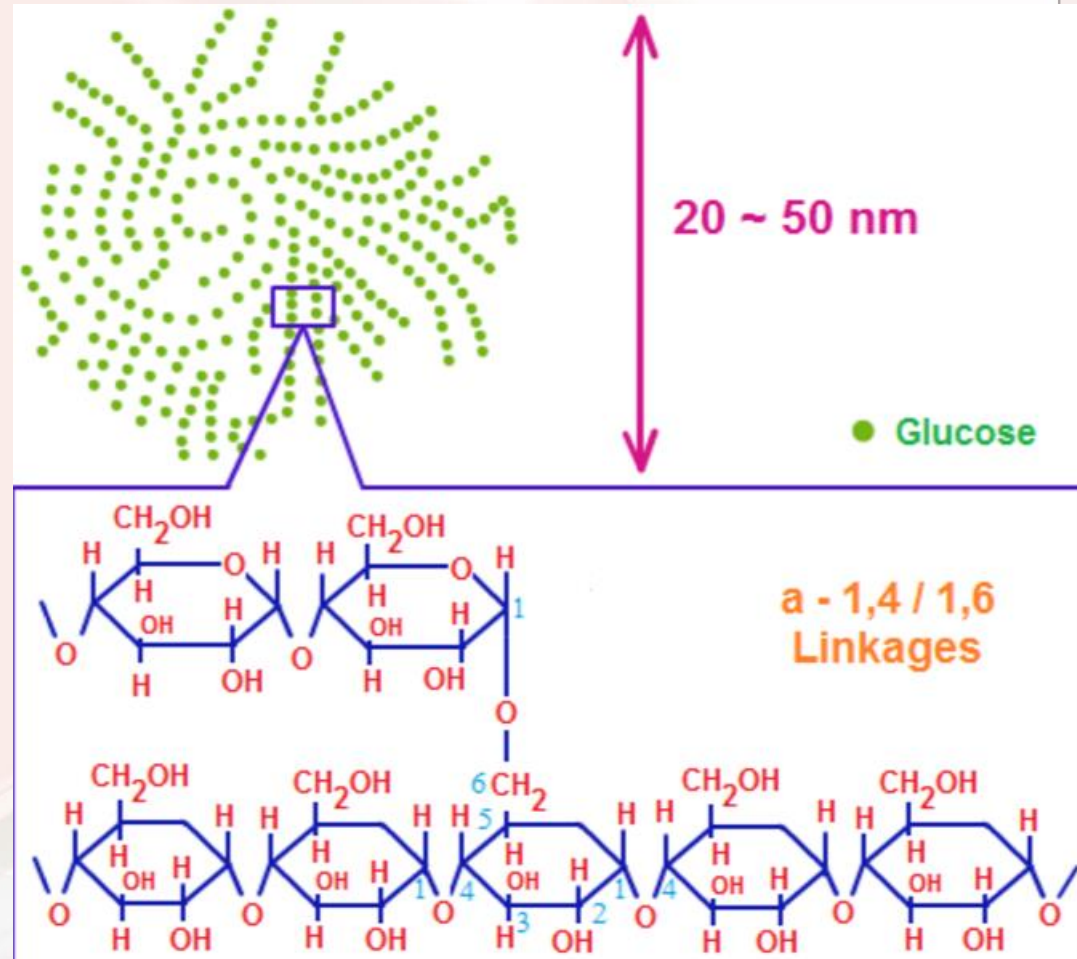


Polysaccharides

Energy Storage Molecules:

Glycogen

- Chain of molecules of **Glucose** formed by **Animals**.
- This is the way **animals** store **excess glucose**.
- Stored in **liver** and **muscles**.

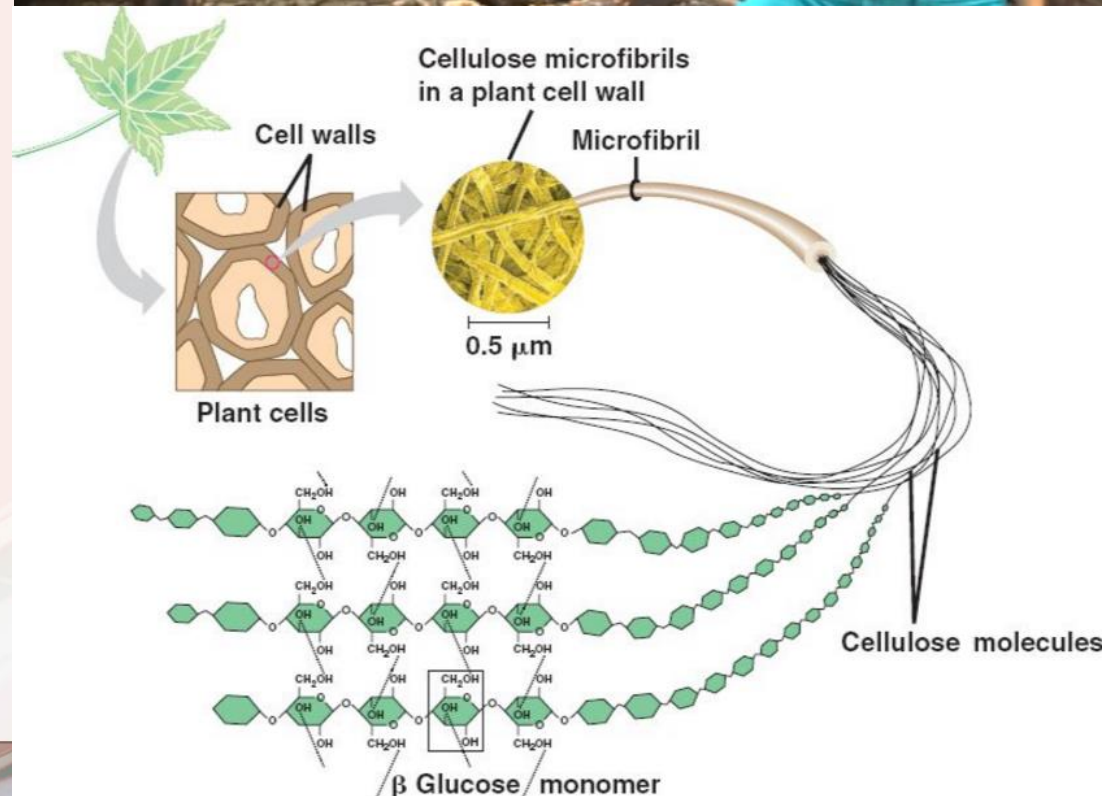


Polysaccharides

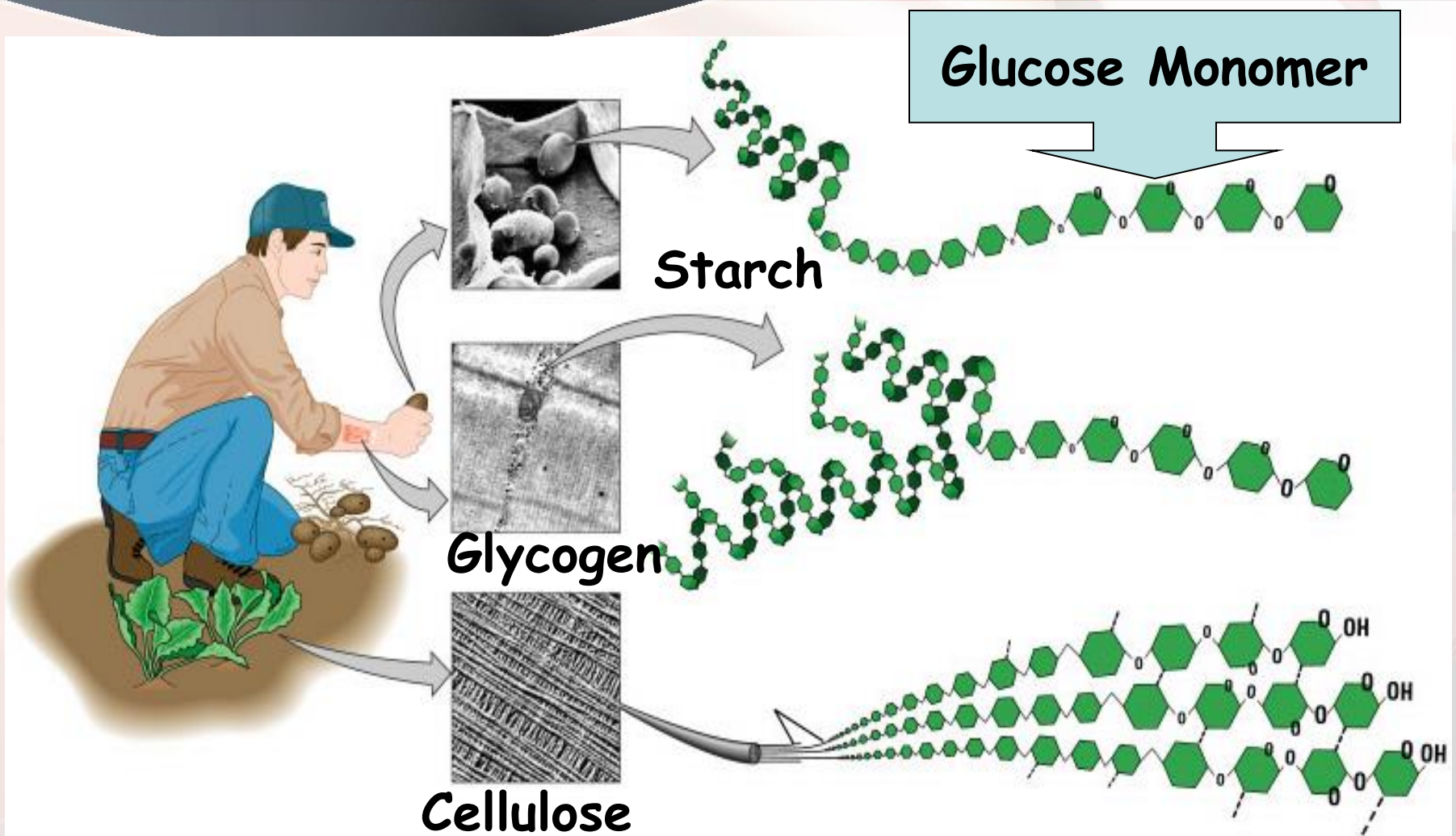
Structural Molecules: Cellulose

- Chain of molecules of **Glucose**.
- Primary constituent of **Plant Cell Walls**.
- Major component of wood and paper.
- **Indigestible** by most animals.

DO YOU EAT
WOOD?



Polysaccharides





Types of Carbohydrates

There are three kinds of carbohydrates.



Monosaccharides



Disaccharides



Polysaccharides

Review



Explain how biochemical molecules are formed.

List the general types of carbohydrates from simplest to most complex, giving examples/definitions of each.

What monomer exists in all the above di- & polysaccharides?

The TWO major functions of complex sugars:

Review



Explain how biochemical molecules are formed.

Monomers combined through dehydration synthesis to form polymers.

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Monosaccharide (glucose, fructose, galactose),

Disaccharide (sucrose [table], maltose [grain], lactose [milk])

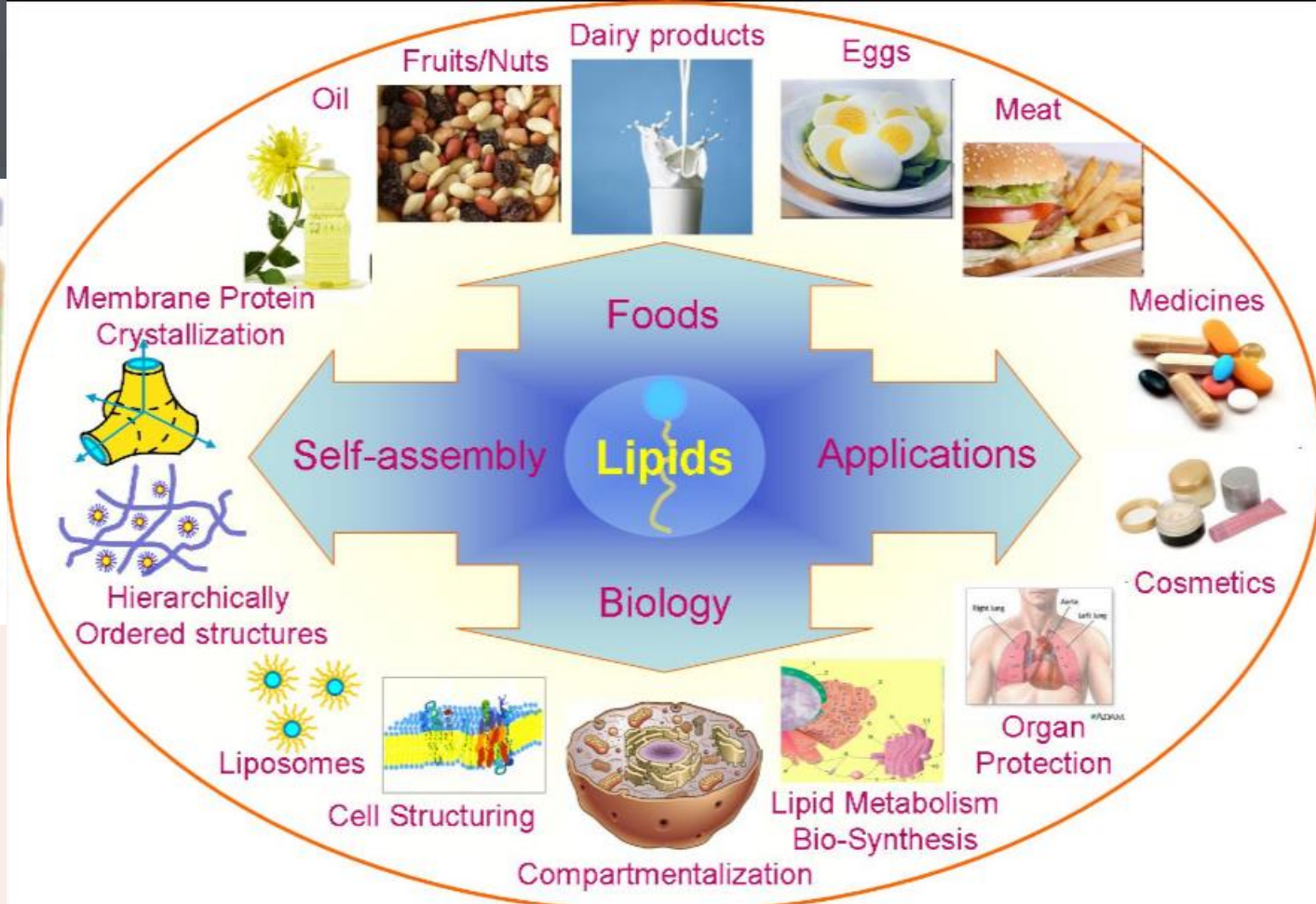
Polysaccharide (starch [plant excess glucose], glycogen [animal excess glucose], cellulose [plant cell walls])

What monomer exists in all the above di- & polysaccharides? *Glucose*

The TWO major functions of complex sugars:

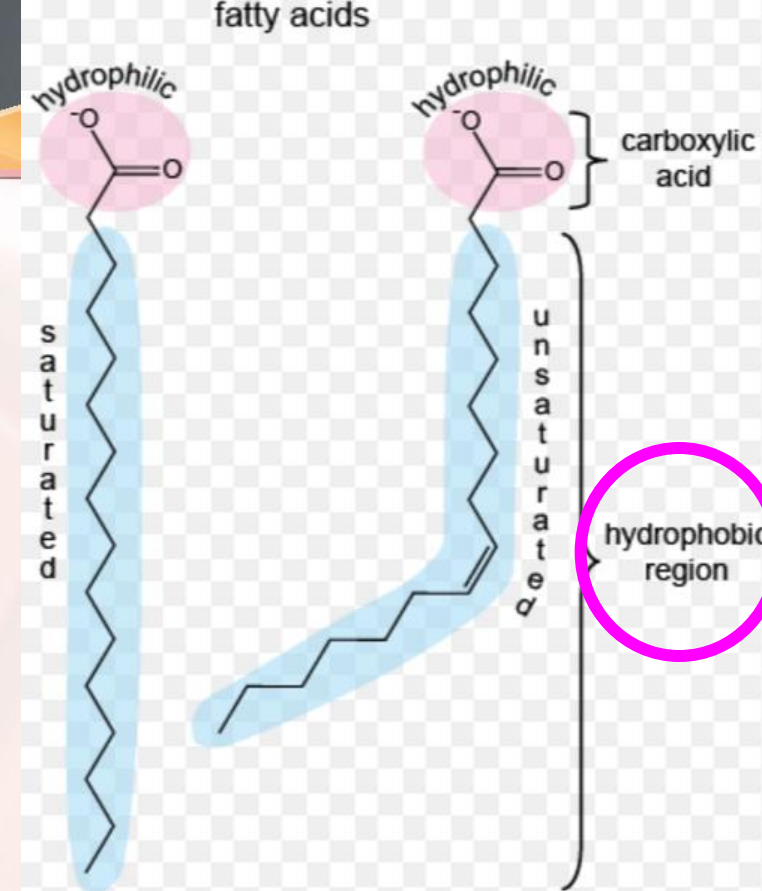
Energy Storage Molecules & Structural Molecules

Lipids

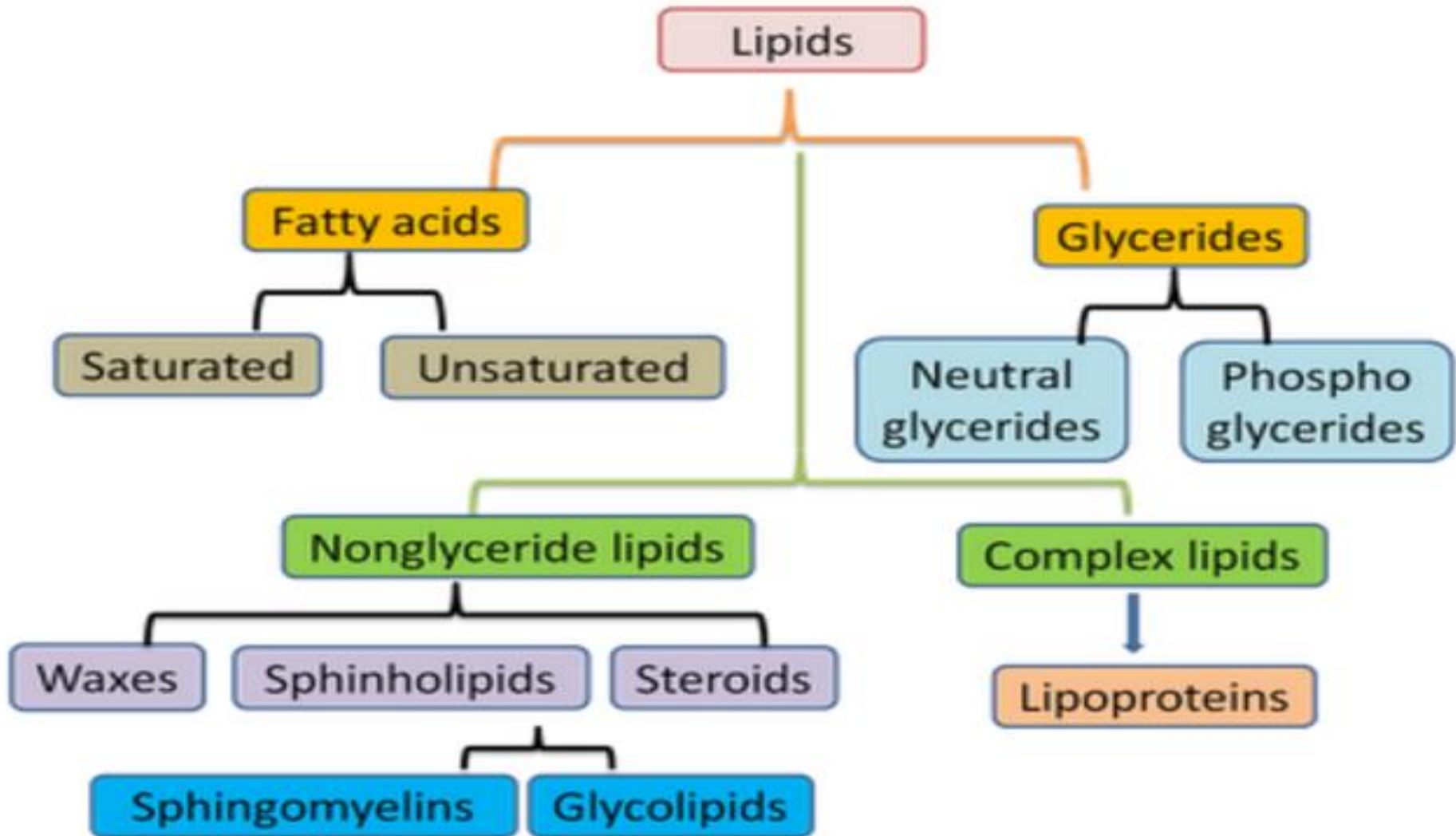


Lipids

- Contain **Carbon, Hydrogen, & Oxygen**.
- **Hydrophobic** – “Water-fearing”; Insoluble in water.
- **Protects & insulates** body organs.
- **Mostly Energy-Storage molecules**.
- Type of Lipid we will consider: **Fats (Triglycerides)**

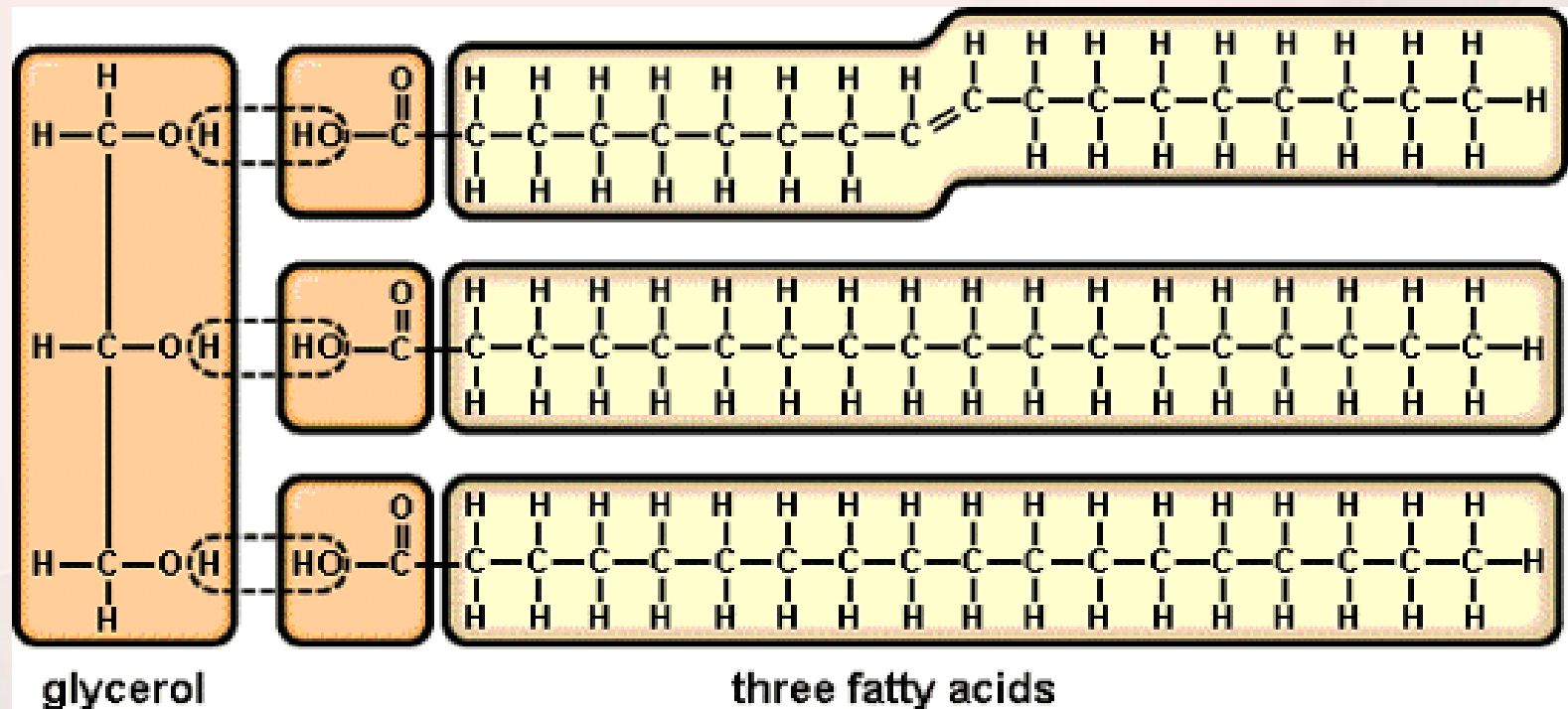


Lipids



Lipids Triglycerides (Fats)

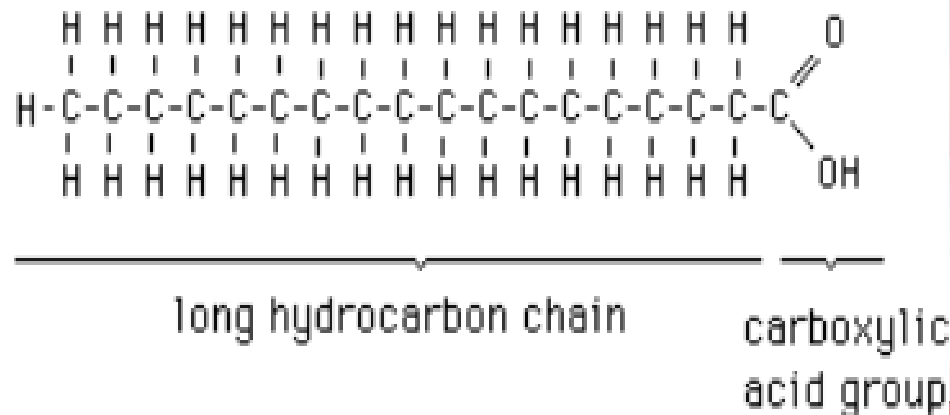
Lipids are composed of two **MONOMERS**,
glycerol (1 molecule) + fatty acids tails (3)



Lipids Triglycerides (Fats)

The components of fatty acids (2 essential features):

1. A long hydrocarbon chain.
 - a. Chain length ranges from 4 to 30 carbons
 - b. The chain is typically linear, containing an even number of carbon atoms bonded to each other.
2. A carboxylic acid group



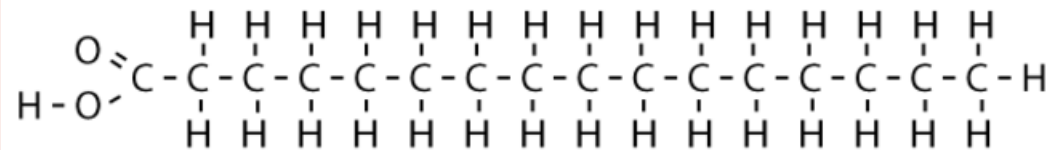
Essential features of a fatty acid

Lipids Triglycerides (Fats)

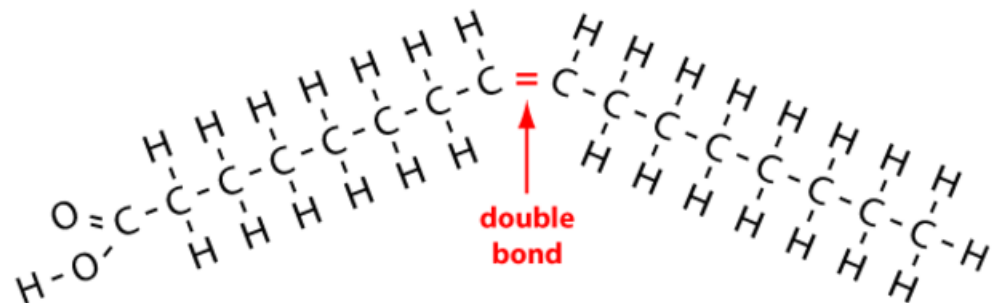
Types of Fatty Acids tails:

- **Saturated fatty acids** have the maximum number of hydrogens bonded to the carbons (all single covalent bonds between carbons); **Animal Fats**.
- **Unsaturated fatty acids** contain one or more double bonds; **Oils**.

saturated fatty acid



unsaturated fatty acid



Types of Fatty Acids

Saturated fatty acids
liquids at room temperature

Unsaturated fatty acids
solids at room temperature

SATURATED FAT

VS

UNSATURATED FAT



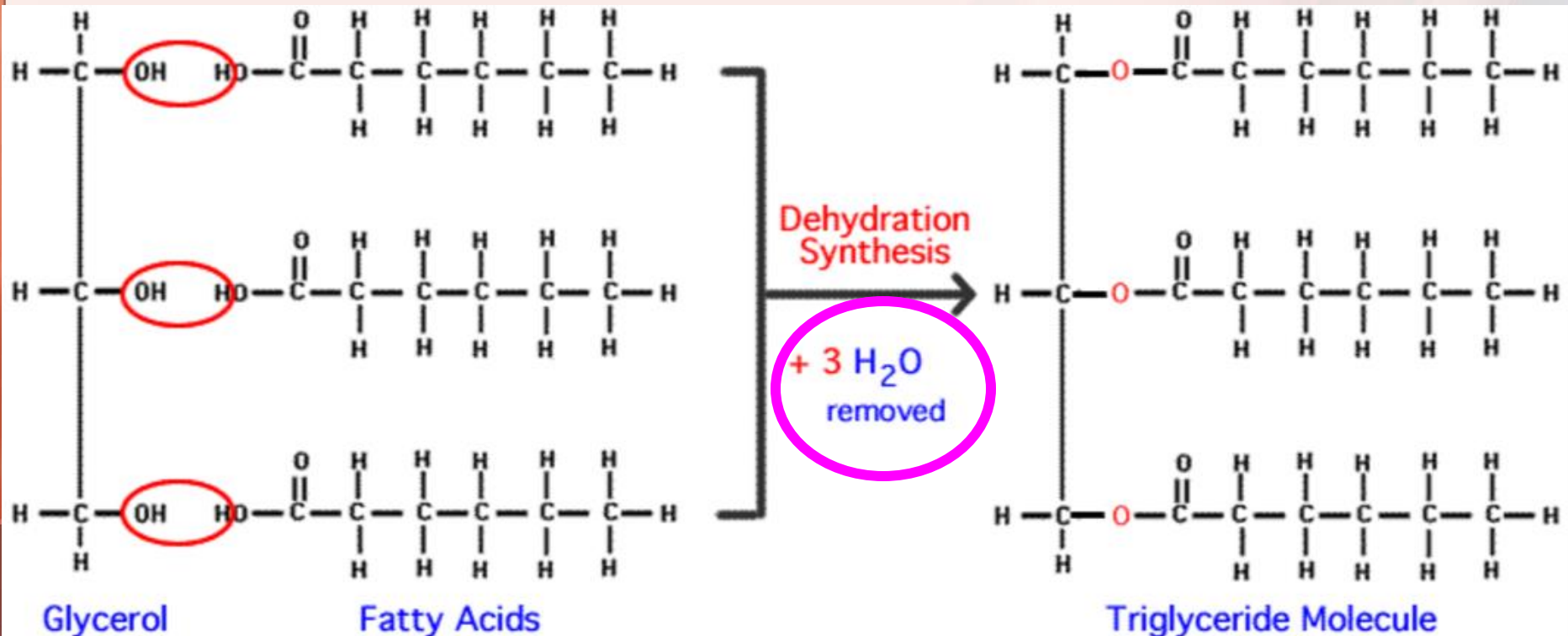
Butter, coconut oil, whole milk, meat, peanut, butter, margarine, cheese, vegetable oil, fried foods, & frozen dinners



Avocado, soybean oil, canola oil and olive oil, sunflower oil, fish oils walnuts, flax, & red meats

Lipids Triglycerides (Fats)

Triglycerides are made by the
Dehydration Synthesis of
1 Glycerol + 3 Fatty Acids
forming **ESTER BONDS**



Proteins



Proteins

- Account for over half of the body's organic matter (skin, bones, hair, muscle, organs, tissues, enzymes, hormones)
- **Main Functions:**
 - Provide the **construction materials** for body tissues.
 - Play a vital role in **cell function**.
 - Act as **enzymes, hormones,** and **antibodies**.
 - Contain **Carbon, Hydrogen, Oxygen, Nitrogen,** and sometimes **Sulfur**.
- **MONOMERS: Amino Acids (20 types in humans)**

Proteins



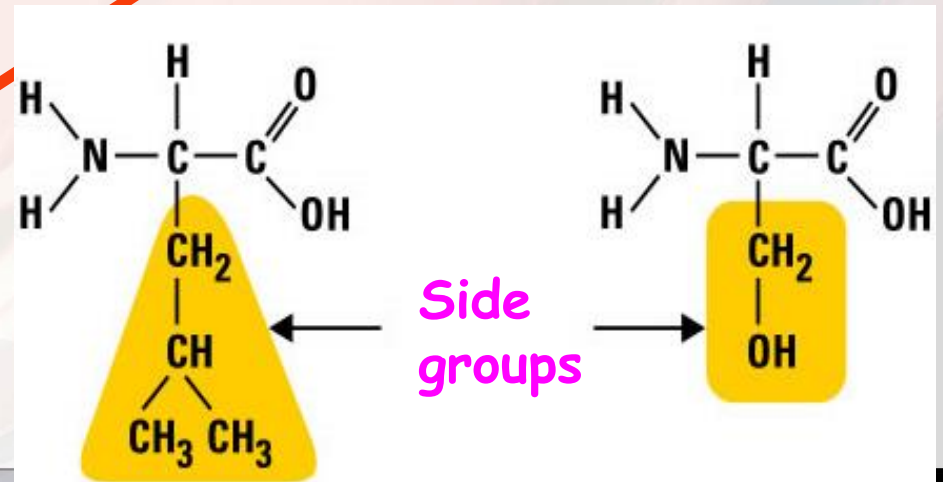
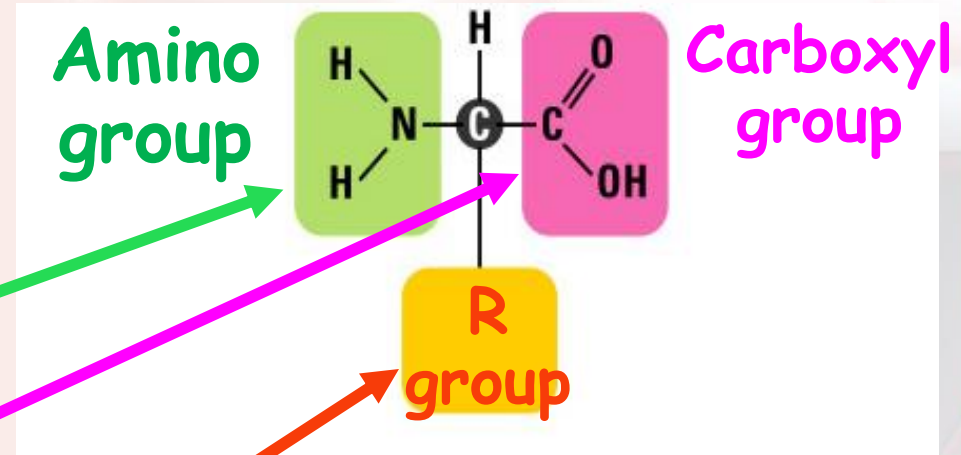
Amino acids have a central carbon with **4 groups** attached to it:

Amino Group: NH_2

Carboxyl Group: COOH

Hydrogen: H

Side group: R

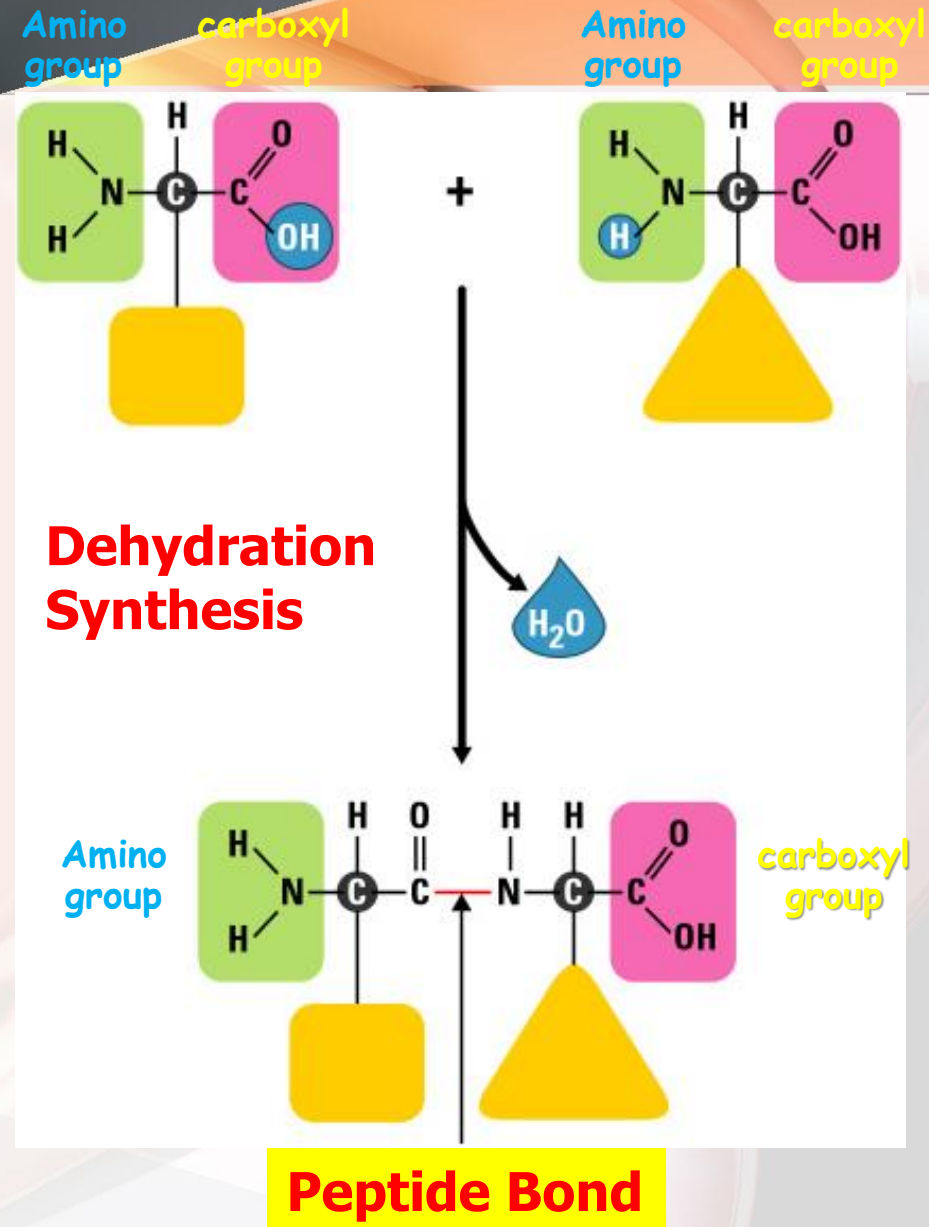


Leucine

Serine

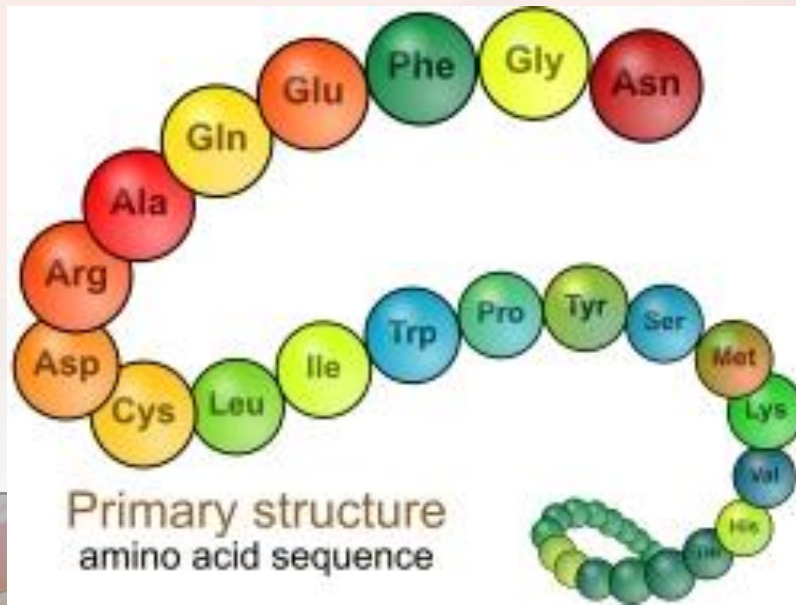
Proteins

- Cells link amino acids together to make proteins by dehydration synthesis.
- **PEPTIDE BONDS** form to hold the amino acids together.



Protein Structure

- The **functions** of different types of proteins depend on their individual **shapes**.
- A **polypeptide chain** contains hundreds or thousands of **amino acids** linked by **peptide bonds**.
- The **amino acid sequence** causes the polypeptide to assume a **particular shape**.

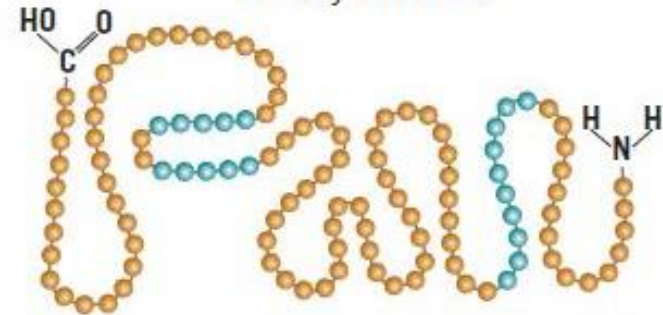


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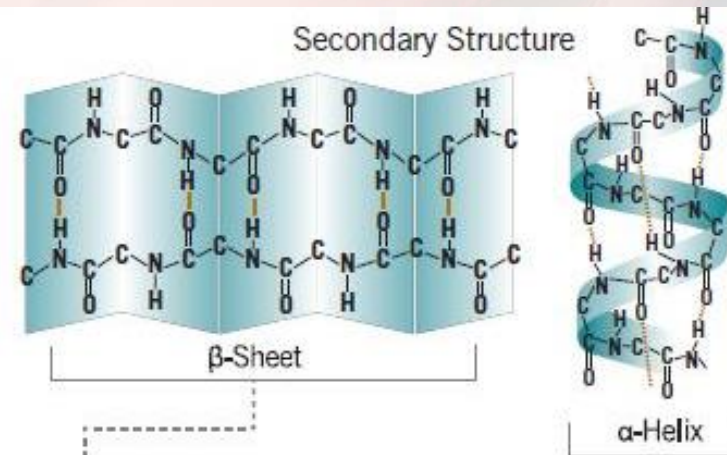
- Sequences with fewer than 50 amino acids are generally referred to as *peptides*, while the terms protein or *polypeptide* are used for longer sequences.
- The amino acid sequence makes up the *primary structure* of the protein.
- Stretches or strands of peptides compose *secondary structure*, depending on hydrogen bonding.

LEVELS OF PROTEIN STRUCTURE

Primary Structure

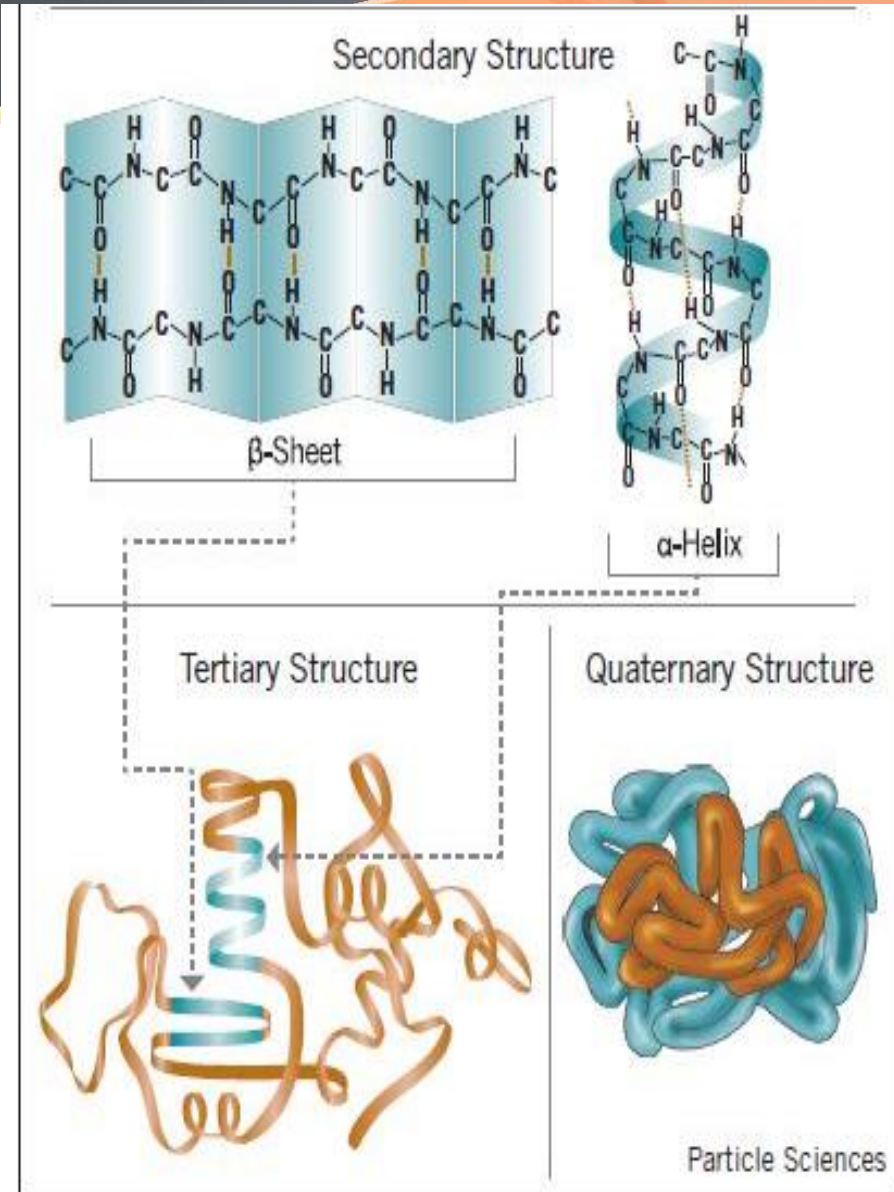


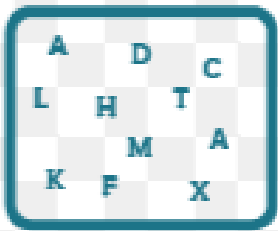
Secondary Structure



Protein Structure

- The overall three-dimensional shape of an entire protein molecule is the **tertiary structure**. The protein molecule will bend and twist in such a way as to achieve **maximum stability or lowest energy state**.
- The **quaternary structure** refers to how these protein subunits interact with each other and arrange themselves to form a larger aggregate protein complex.

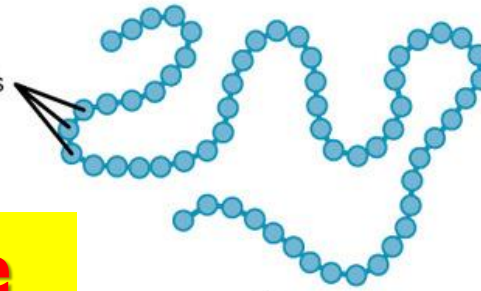




Alphabets

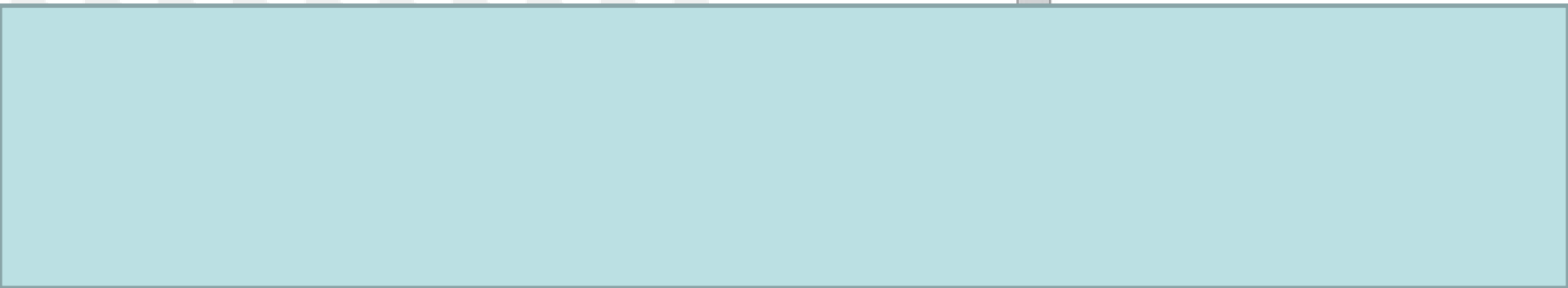
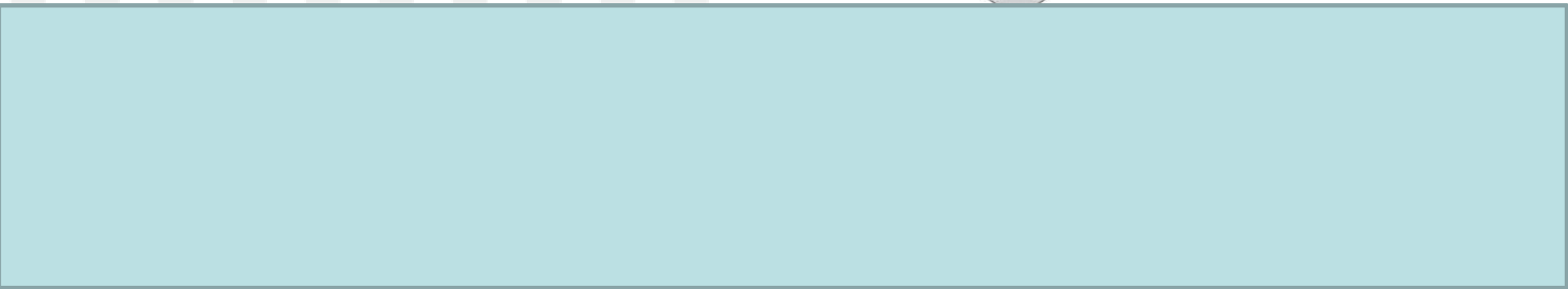
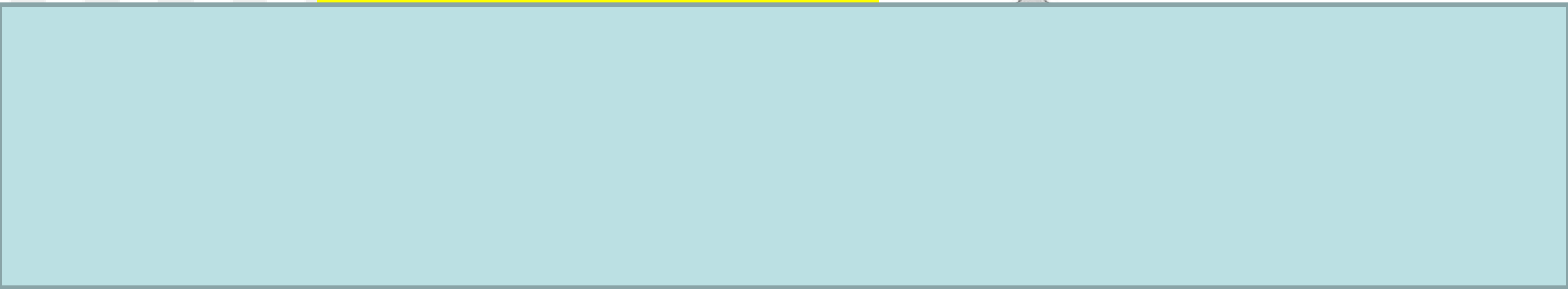


Amino acids



Primary Protein structure
sequence of a chain of
amino acids

Protein Structure

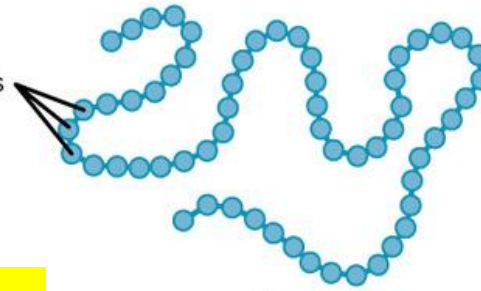


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Alphabets



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Primary Protein structure
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Protein Structure

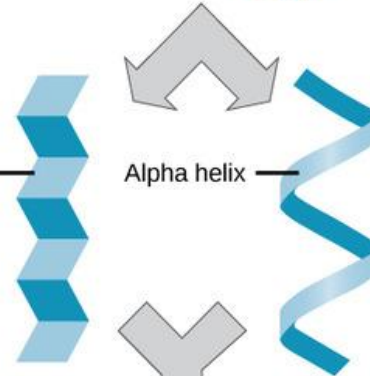
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Words



Pleated sheet

Alpha helix



Secondary Protein structure
hydrogen bonding of the peptide backbone causes the amino acids to fold into a repeating pattern

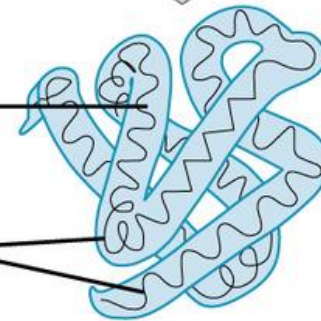
'math is fun'
'babies are cute'
'i love cats'

Sentences



Pleated sheet

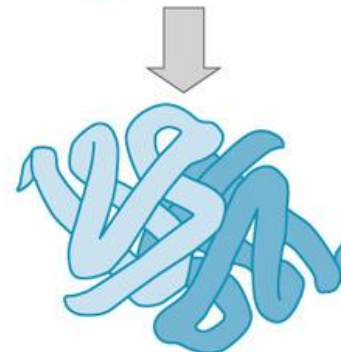
Alpha helix



Tertiary protein structure
three-dimensional folding pattern of a protein due to side chain interactions

"morning walk is a very good exercises. It refreshes the mind and body."

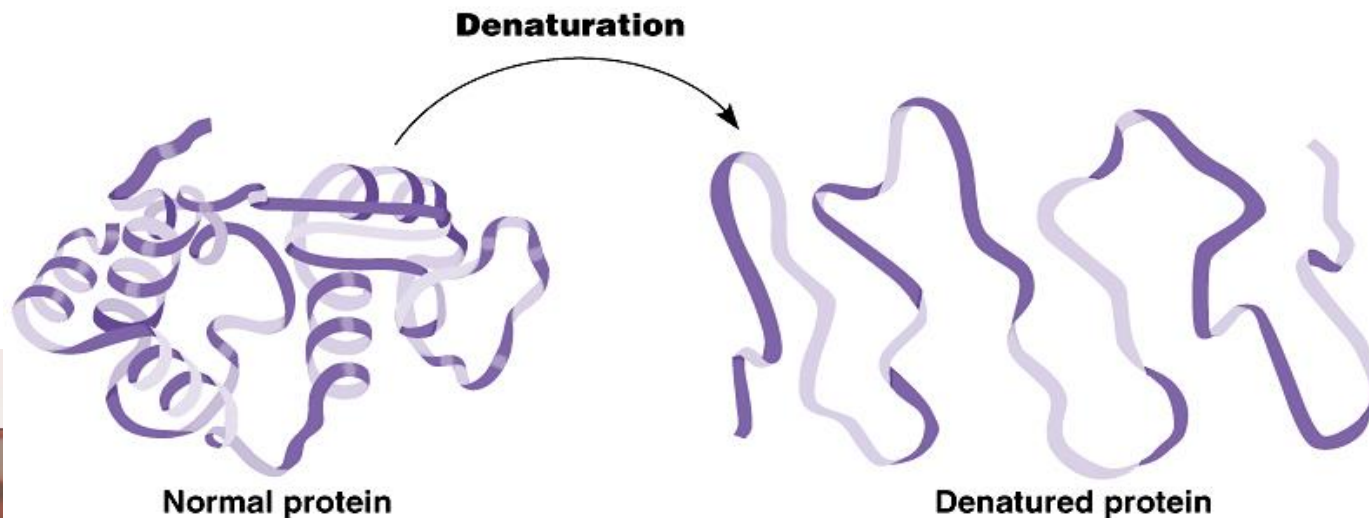
Paragraph



Quaternary protein structure
protein consisting of more than one amino acid chain

Protein Structure

- If a protein's shape is **altered**, it can **no longer function**.
- In the process of **denaturation**, a protein
 - unravels
 - loses its specific shape
 - loses its function.
- Proteins can be denatured by **changes in salt concentration**, **changes in pH**, or **high heat**.



Review



What are the monomers of lipids?

Function of Lipids?

Distinguish the types of fatty acids.

Monomer & function of proteins?

Describe how to produce an amino acid.

What determines the shape of proteins?

What is denaturation & what causes it?

Review



What are the monomers of lipids?

Glycerol (1) & fatty acids (3)

Function of Lipids?

Protects, insulates, stores energy

Distinguish the types of fatty acids.

Saturated (all single bonds with carbon) ... liquids, animal fat

Unsaturated (at least one double/triple bond with carbon) ... solids, oils

Monomer & function of proteins?

Amino acids; construction materials, enzymes, hormones, antibodies

Describe how to produce an amino acid.

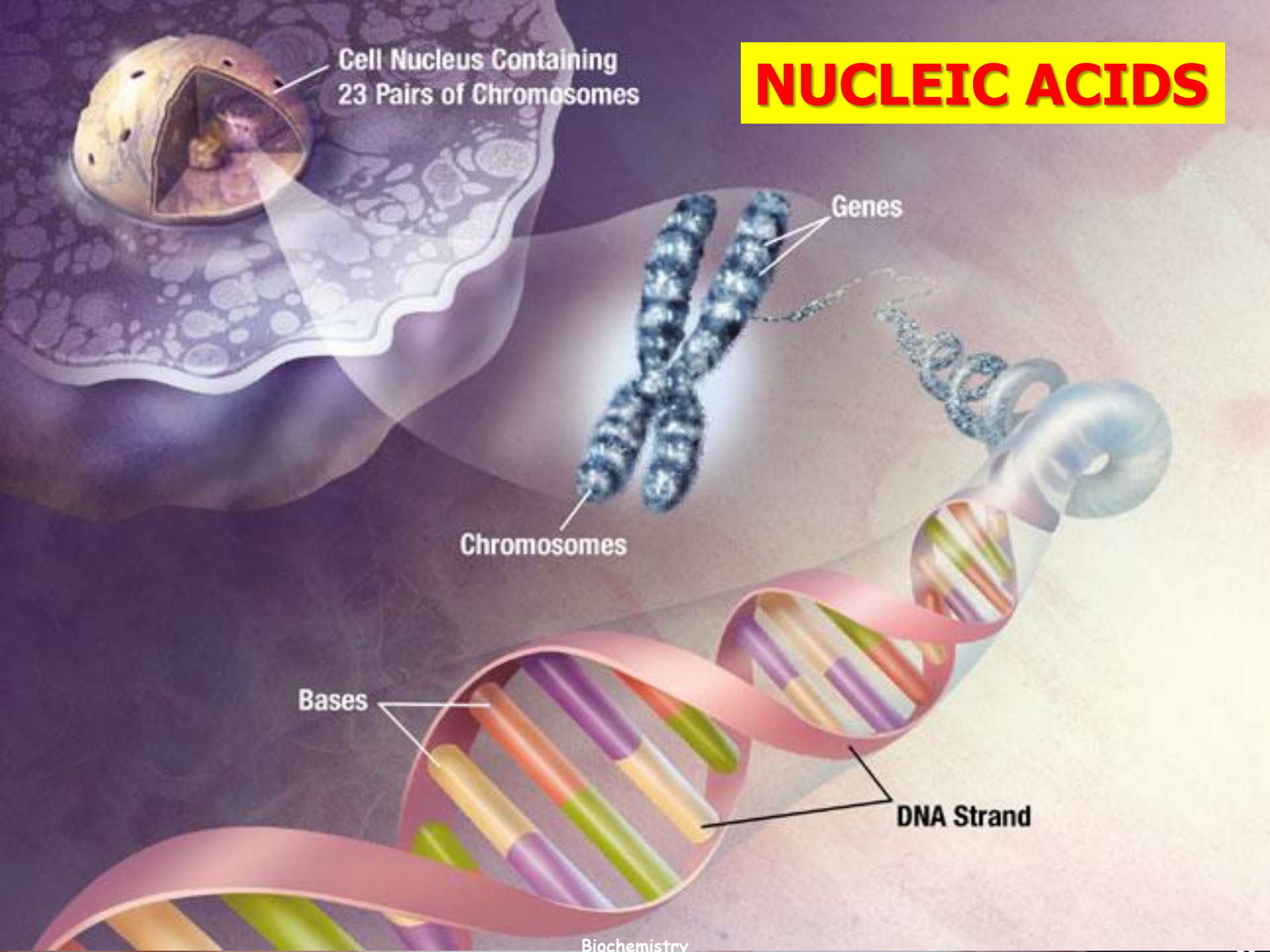
Amine group + carboxyl group (dehydration synthesis) forming a peptide bond

What determines the shape of proteins? *Amino acid sequence*

What is denaturation & what causes it?

A protein's shape is altered; changes in salt concentration, changes in pH, high heat

NUCLEIC ACIDS



Cell Nucleus Containing
23 Pairs of Chromosomes

Genes

Chromosomes

Bases

DNA Strand

Nucleic Acids

- Make up the **GENES**: units of inheritance.
- Determine what type of organism you will be.
- Controls growth and development mainly by **dictating protein structure**.
- Composed of: **Carbon**, **Hydrogen**, **Oxygen**, **Nitrogen**, and **Phosphorous**.
- Two types exist:

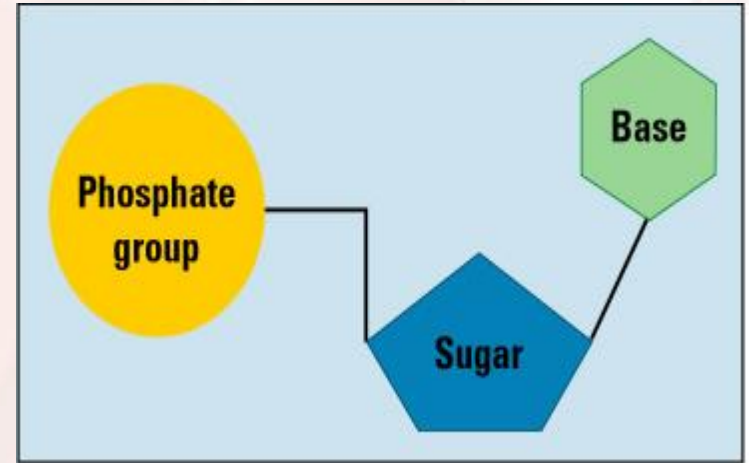
Deoxyribonucleic Acid (DNA)

Ribonucleic Acid (RNA)

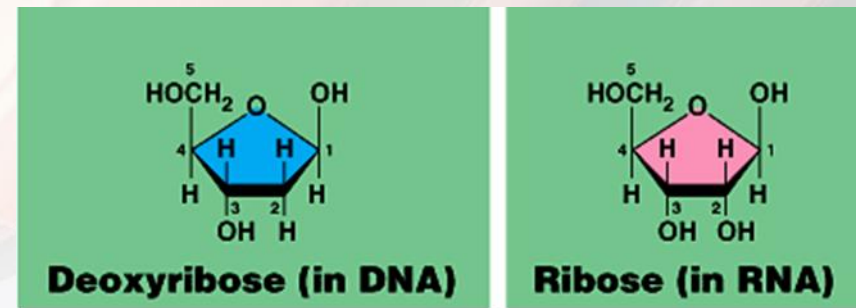
Nucleic Acids

Built from **NUCLEOTIDES (Monomers)**:

- **Pentose (5-carbon) Sugar**
 - **Ribose** in **RNA**
 - **Deoxyribose** in **DNA**
- **Phosphate Group**
- **Nitrogenous Base:**
 - **A = Adenine**
 - **G = Guanine**
 - **C = Cytosine**
 - **T = Thymine** (only in DNA)
 - **U = Uracil** (only in RNA)



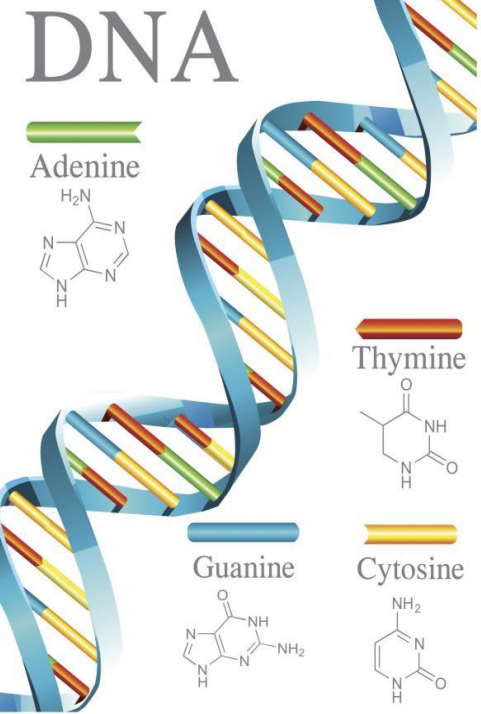
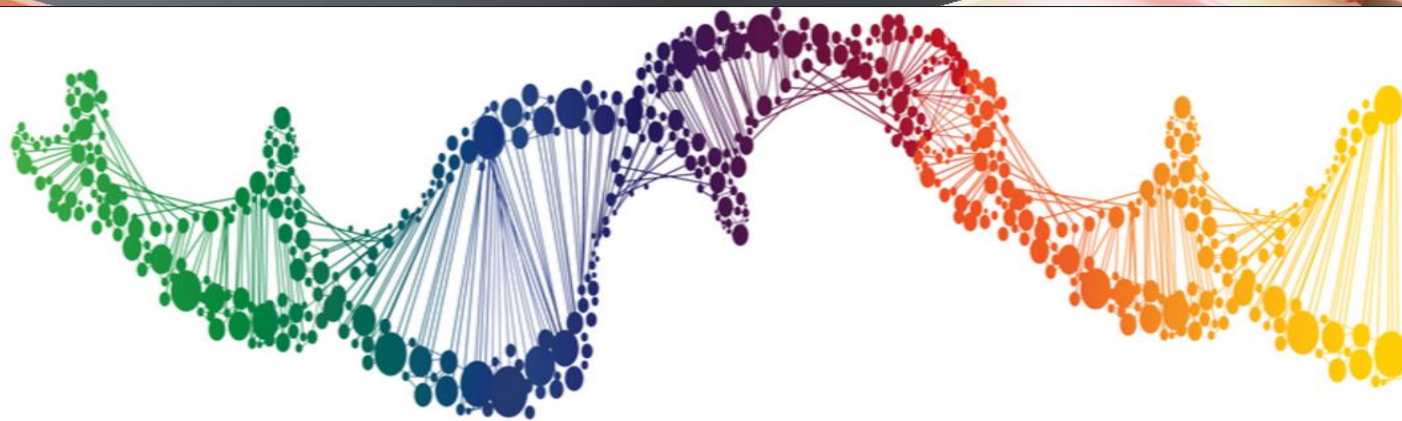
DNA nucleotide



Deoxyribose (in DNA)

Ribose (in RNA)

Nucleic Acids



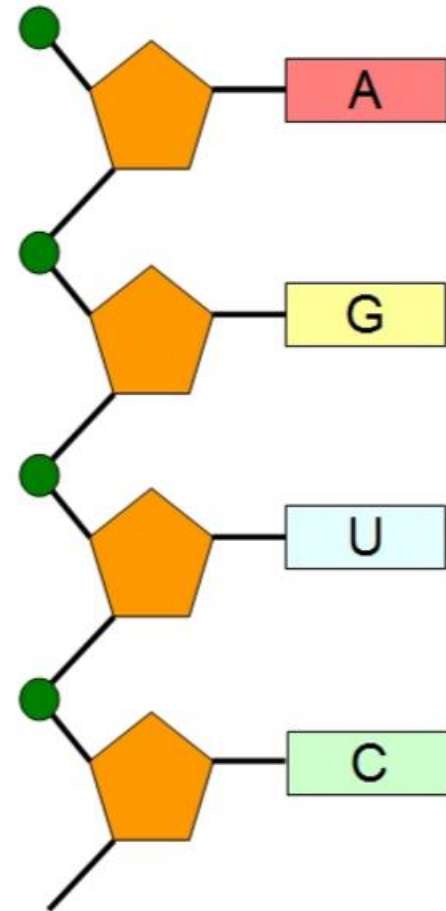
Deoxyribonucleic acid (DNA)

- The genetic material found within the cell's nucleus.
- Provides instructions for every protein in the body.
- Organized by **complimentary bases** to form a **double-stranded helix**.
- Contains the **sugar *deoxyribose*** and the **nitrogen bases *Adenine, Thymine, Cytosine, & Guanine***.
- **Replicates before cell division.**

Nucleic Acids

Ribonucleic acid (RNA)

- Carries out DNA's instructions for **Protein Synthesis (Translation)** in the cytoplasm.
- Created from a template of DNA (**Transcription**) in the nucleus.
- Organized by **complimentary bases** to form a **single-stranded helix**.
- Contains **ribose** sugar and **nitrogen bases**
Adenine, Uracil, Cytosine, & Guanine.



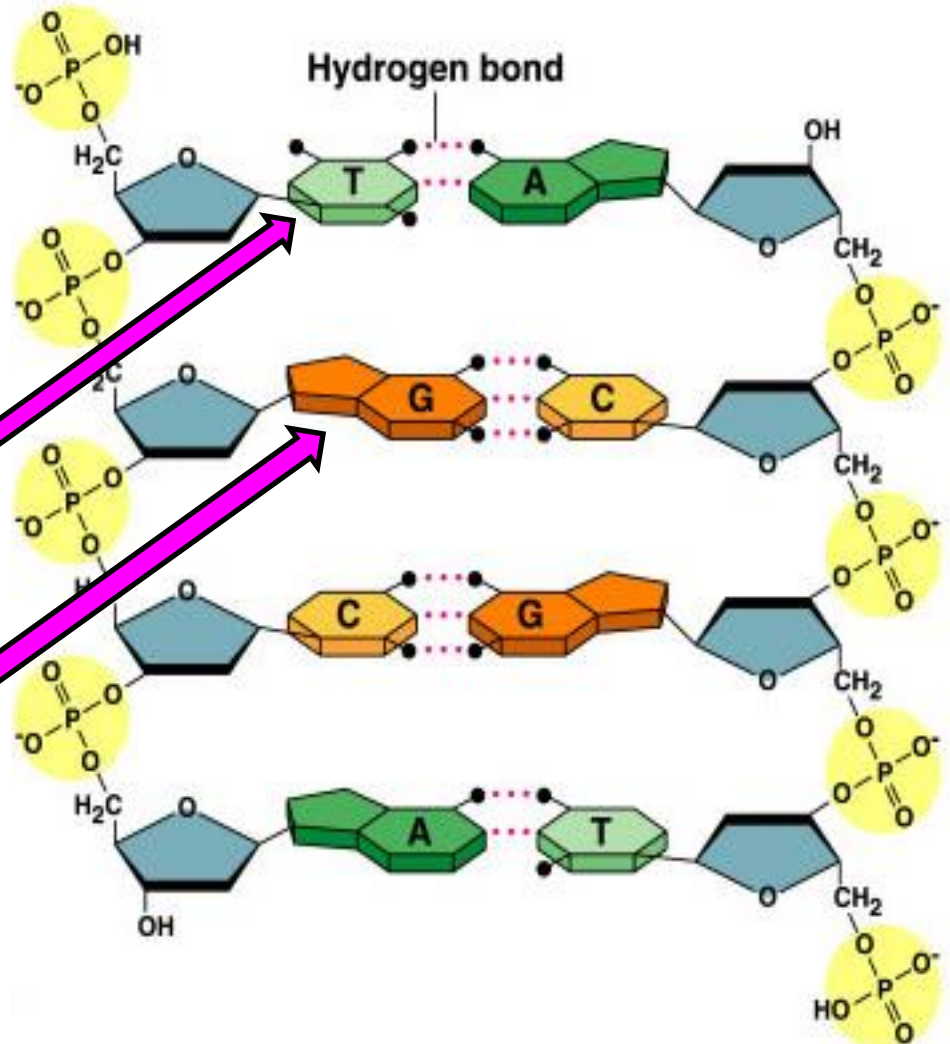
Bonding in Nucleic Acids

Hydrogen Bonds:

Hydrogen bonds form between the 2 Nucleic Acid strands (in DNA).

A :: T 2 H bonds

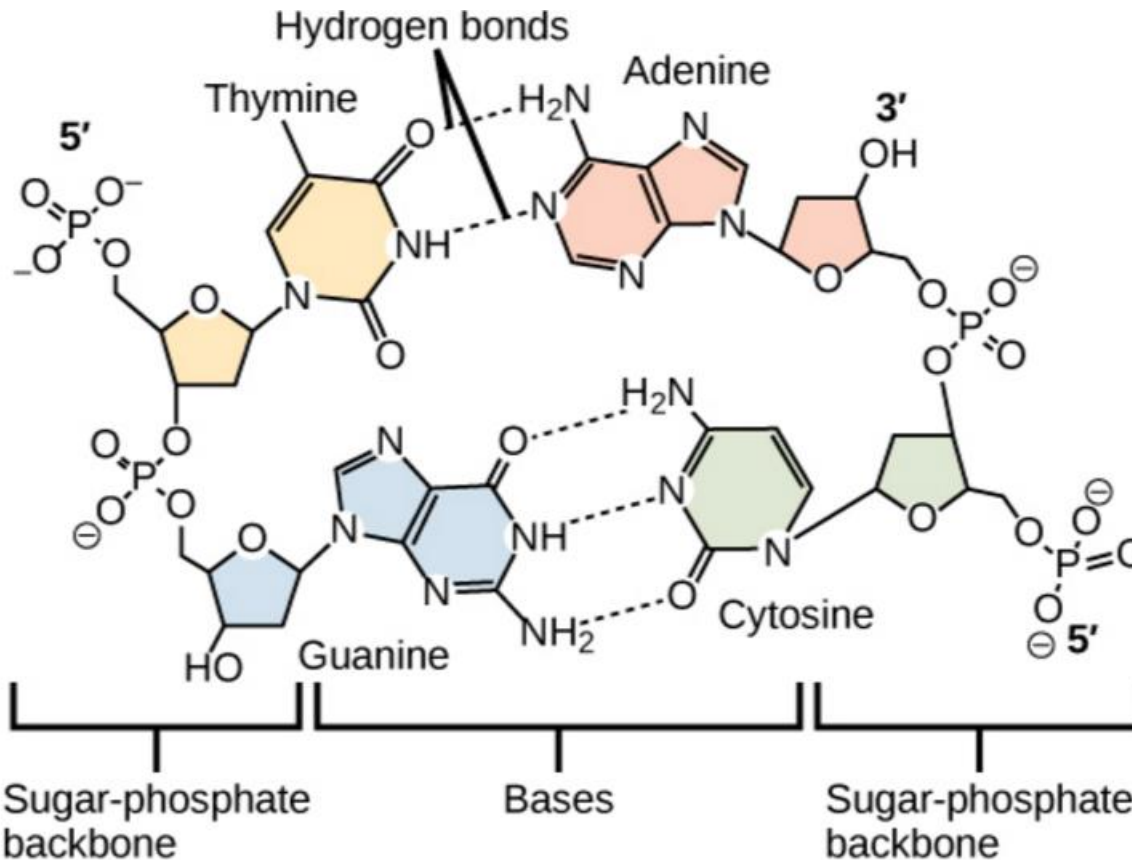
G ::: C 3 H bonds



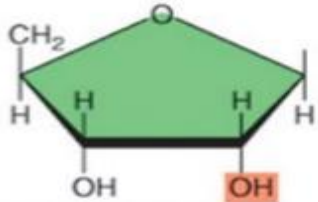
Bonding in Nucleic Acids

Sugar-Phosphate Backbone

Sugar of one Nucleotide subunit is connected to Phosphate of the next nucleotide (dehydration synthesis).

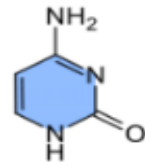


RNA



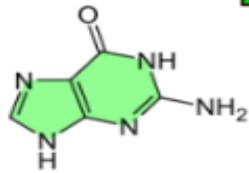
Ribose as the sugar

Cytosine



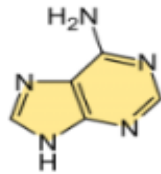
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Guanine



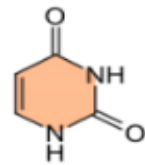
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Adenine



A

Uracil



U

Nucleobases
of RNA

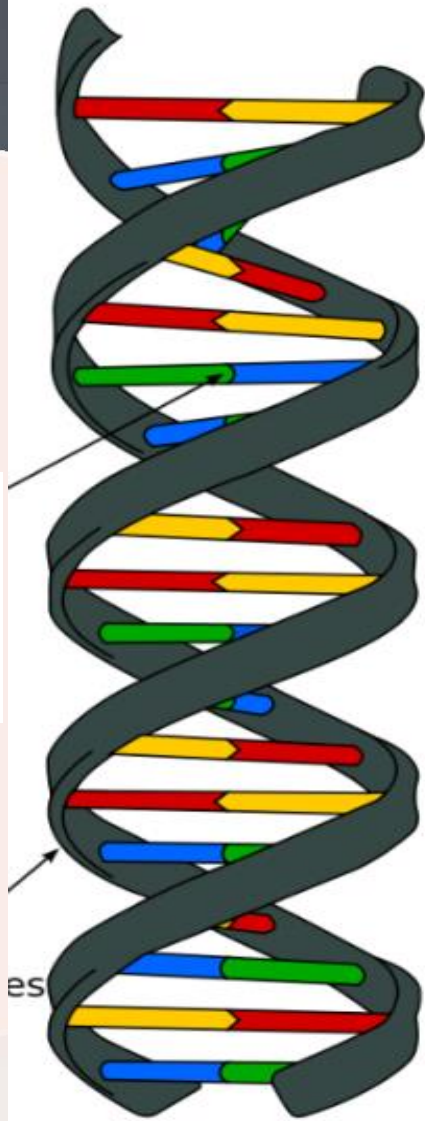
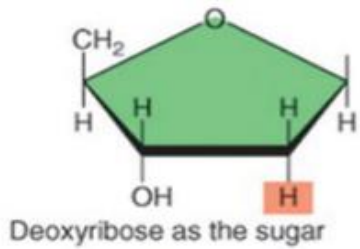


RNA

Ribonucleic acid

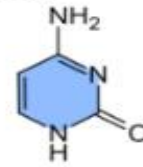


DNA

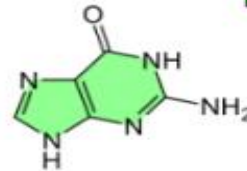


DNA
Deoxyribonucleic acid

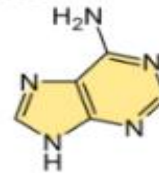
Cytosine **C**



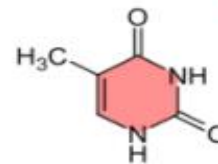
Guanine **G**



Adenine **A**



Thymine **T**

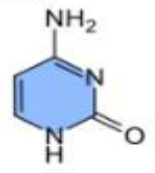


Nucleobases
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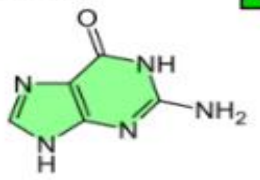


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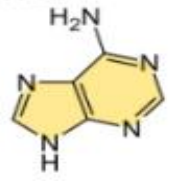
Cytosine **C**



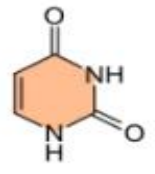
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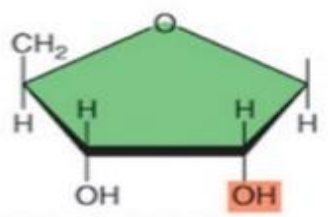
Adenine **A**



Uracil **U**



Nucleobases of RNA



Ribose as the sugar

RNA

Ribonucleic acid



Generally single-stranded

Nucleobases

Base pair

helix of sugar-phosphates

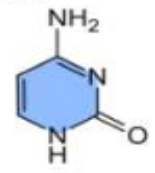
DNA

Deoxyribonucleic acid

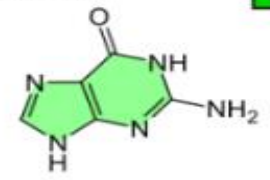


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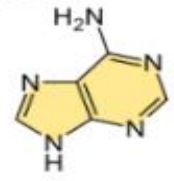
Cytosine **C**



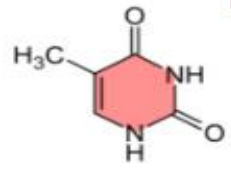
Guanine **G**



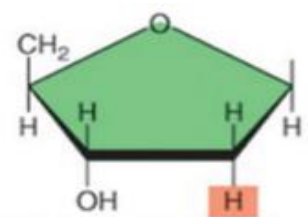
Adenine **A**



Thymine **T**



Nucleobases of DNA



Deoxyribose as the sugar

Review



What elements are each macromolecule made of?

What are the components of a nucleotide?

Which nitrogenous bases bond with which ... & how?

Distinguish between RNA & DNA

What is the ultimate function of nucleic acids?

Review



What elements are each macromolecule made of?

Carbohydrates → C, H, O ... 1:2:1

Lipid → C, H, O

Proteins → C, H, O, N, S

Nucleic Acids → C, H, O, N, P

What are the components of a nucleotide?

Sugar (ribose, deoxyribose), phosphate group, nitrogen base

Which nitrogenous bases bond with which ... & how?

A :: T with 2 H bonds; G ::: C with 3 H bonds ... RNA has U instead of T

Distinguish between RNA & DNA

RNA: single stranded; mainly operates in the cytoplasm

DNA: double stranded; located in the nucleus

What is the ultimate function of nucleic acids?

Protein synthesis; controlling cell function

Review: General Terms



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MOLECULES

Category	?	Polymer
?	monosaccharide	?
?	amino acids	?
Lipids	?	Lipid
Nucleic Acids	?	?

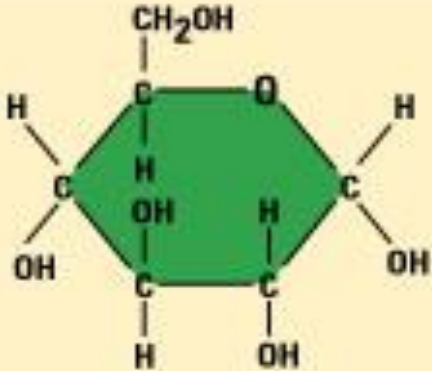
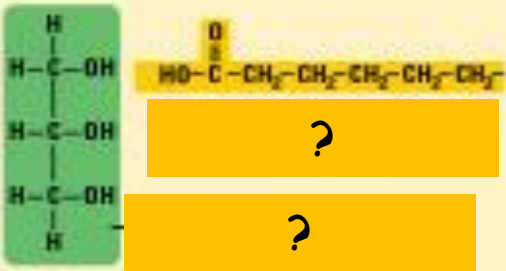


ORGANIC MOLECULES

Category	Monomer	Polymer
Carbohydrates	monosaccharide	polysaccharide
Proteins	amino acids	polypeptide
Lipids	Fatty acid, Glycerol	Lipid
Nucleic Acids	Nucleotide	Nucleic acid

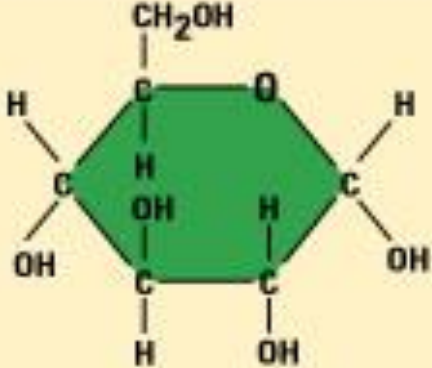
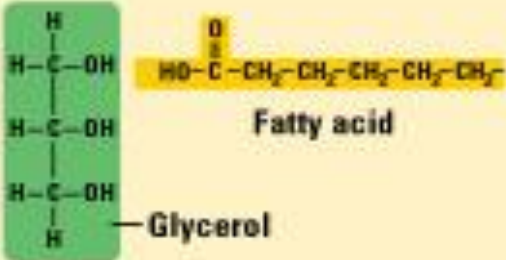
Macromolecules



Biological macromolecule	Function	Monomer	Examples
?	<p>Dietary energy; storage; plant structure</p> <p><u>Bonds:</u> ?</p>	 <p>?</p>	<p>Monosaccharides: ?</p> <p>dissaccharides: ?</p> <p>Polysaccharides: ?</p>
?	<p>Long-term energy storage (for fats); hormones (for steroids)</p> <p><u>Bonds:</u> ?</p>	 <p>Components of a fat molecule</p>	?

Macromolecules



Biological macromolecule	Function	Monomer	Examples
<p>Carbohydrates</p>	<p>Dietary energy; storage; plant structure</p> <p><u>Bonds:</u> Glycosidic</p>	 <p>Monosaccharide</p>	<p>Monosaccharides: glucose, fructose. dissaccharides: lactose, sucrose. Polysaccharides: starch, cellulose. glycogen</p>
<p>Lipids</p>	<p>Long-term energy storage (for fats); hormones (for steroids)</p> <p><u>Bonds:</u> Ester</p>	 <p>Components of a fat molecule</p>	<p>Fats, oils, steroids</p>

Macromolecules



Biological macromolecule	Function	Monomer	Examples
?	<p>Enzymes, structure, storage, contraction, transport, etc.</p> <p><u>Bonds:</u> ?</p>	<p>?</p>	<p>?</p> <p>(an enzyme),</p> <p>?</p>
?	<p>Information storage</p> <p><u>Bonds:</u> ?</p>	<p>?</p> <p>Nucleotide</p>	<p>?</p>

Macromolecules



Biological macromolecule	Function	Monomer	Examples
Proteins	Enzymes, structure, storage, contraction, transport, etc. <u>Bonds:</u> Peptide	<p>Amino acid</p>	Lactase (an enzyme), hemoglobin
Nucleic acids	Information storage <u>Bonds:</u> Hydrogen	<p>Nucleotide</p>	DNA, RNA