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# Biomolecules (3)

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## Monomers & Polymers (1)

Other than water, biomolecules fall into 4 classes:

- proteins
- nucleic acids
- polysaccharides
- lipids

Each class contains small molecules (= **monomers** ),  
joined together to make large molecules (= **polymers** );  
Only a few types of monomers; billions of different polymers exist



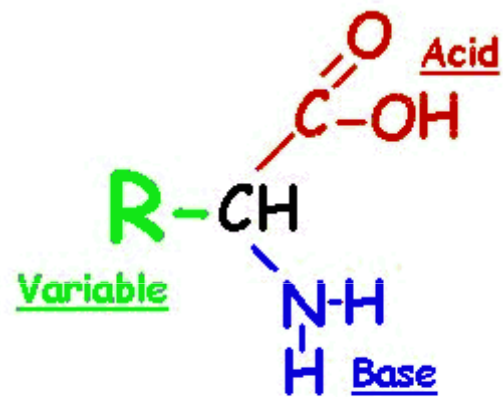
**Condensation Reactions:** involve release of water  $H_2O$ , joining together of two monomers by covalent bond to form polymer. Occurs in **biosynthesis**.

General formula:  $A-OH + H-B \rightarrow A-B + H_2O$

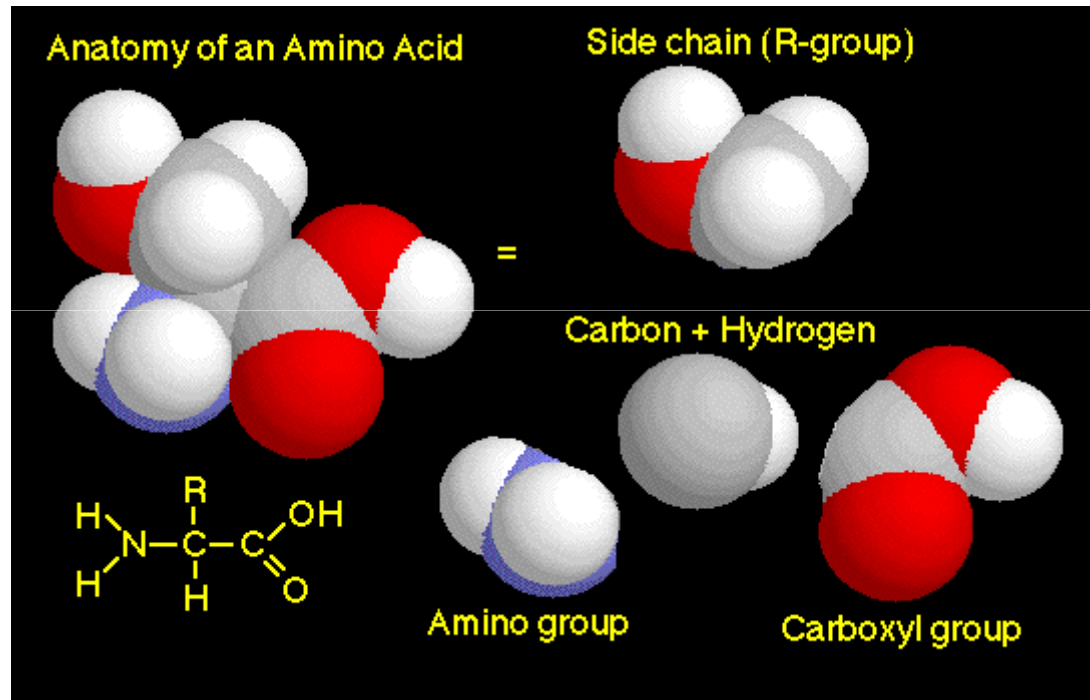
**Hydrolysis reactions:** reverse of condensation. Involves adding water to split covalent bond, release of two smaller molecules. Occurs in **digestion**.

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Note: A and B could be amino acids, nucleic acids, sugars, etc.



A theoretical amino acid

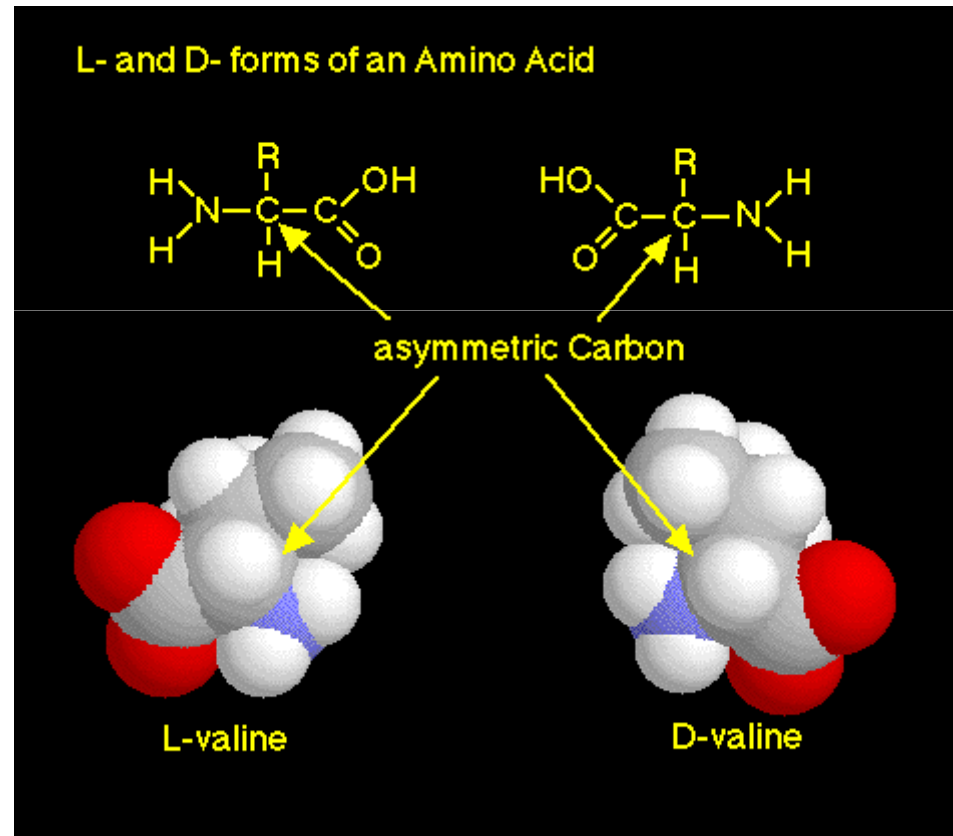


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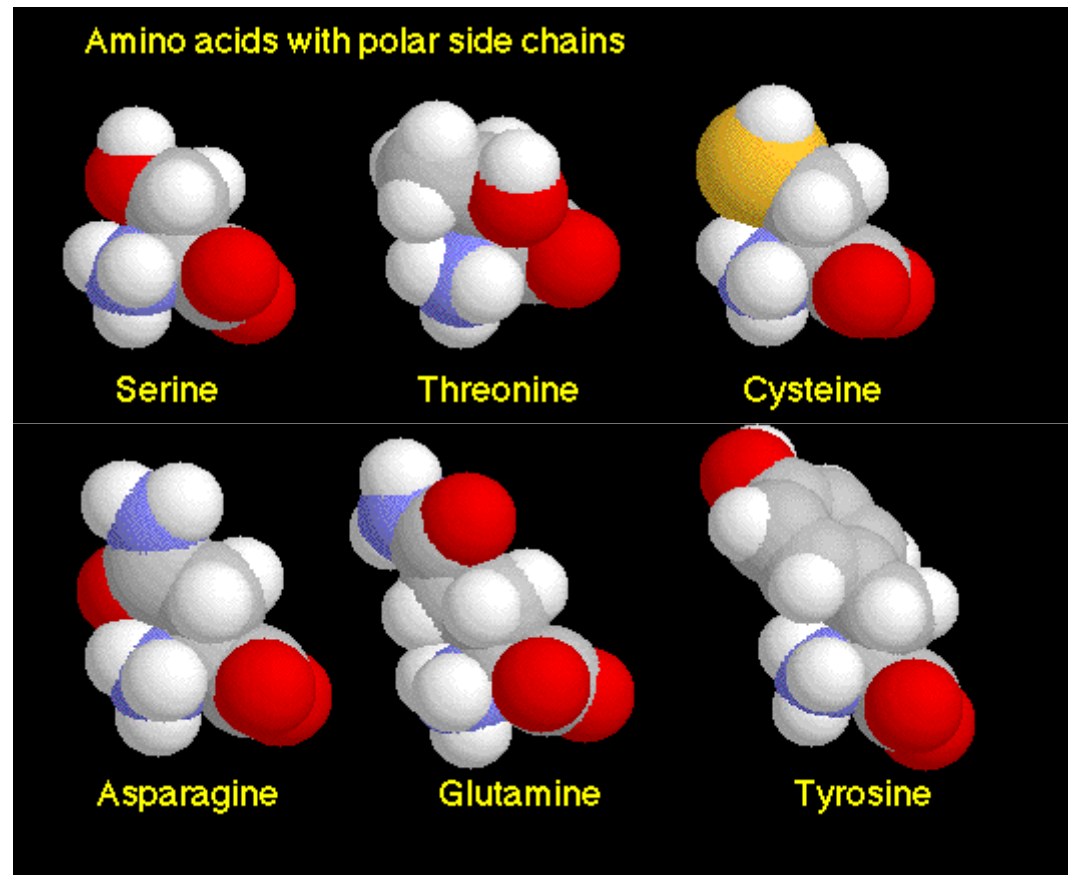
## Isomeric forms of AA



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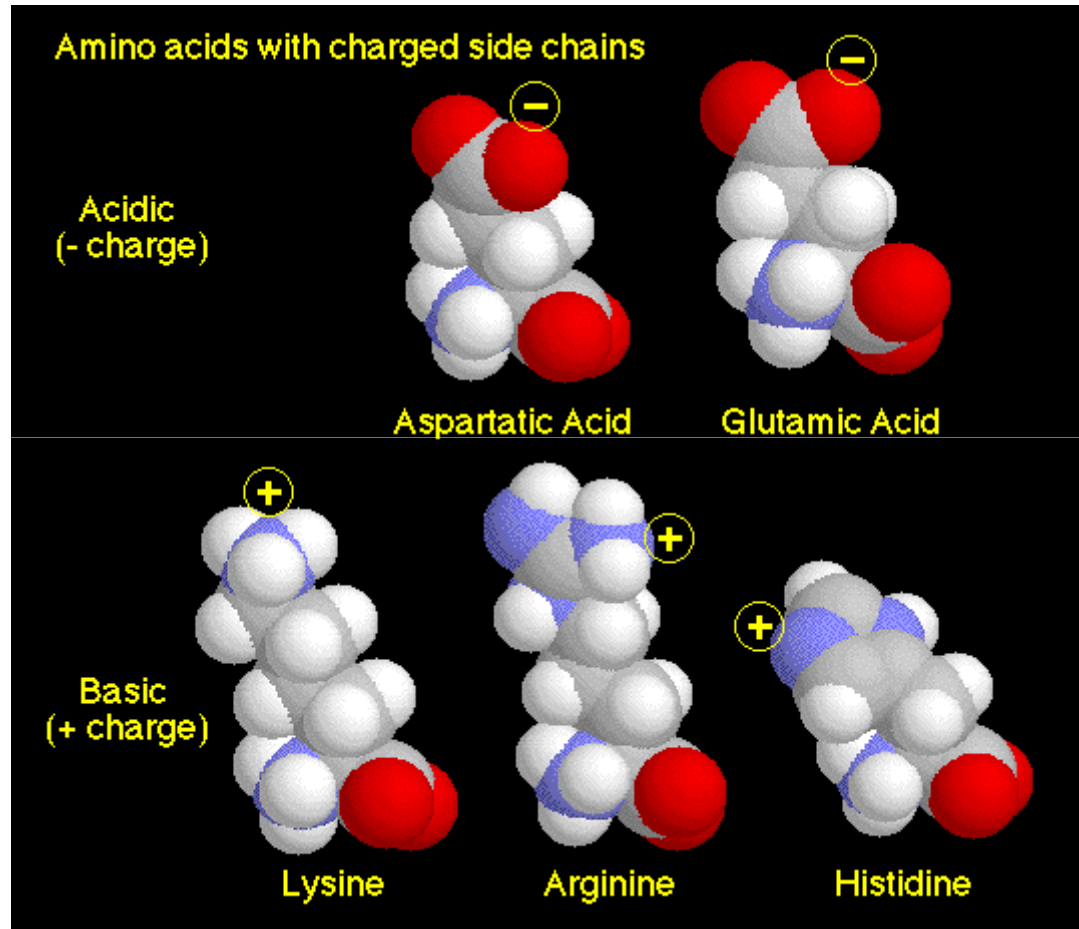
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# Amino Acids with Charged Side Chains



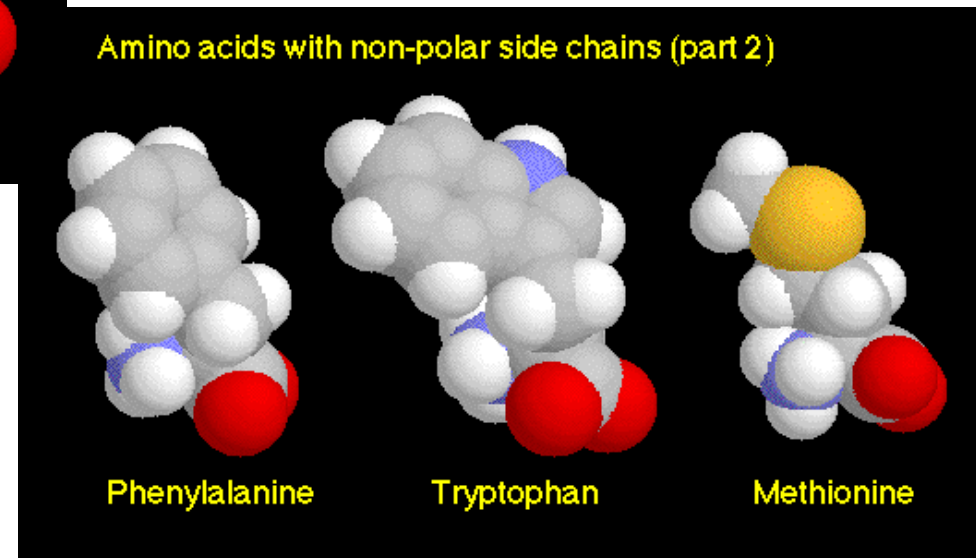
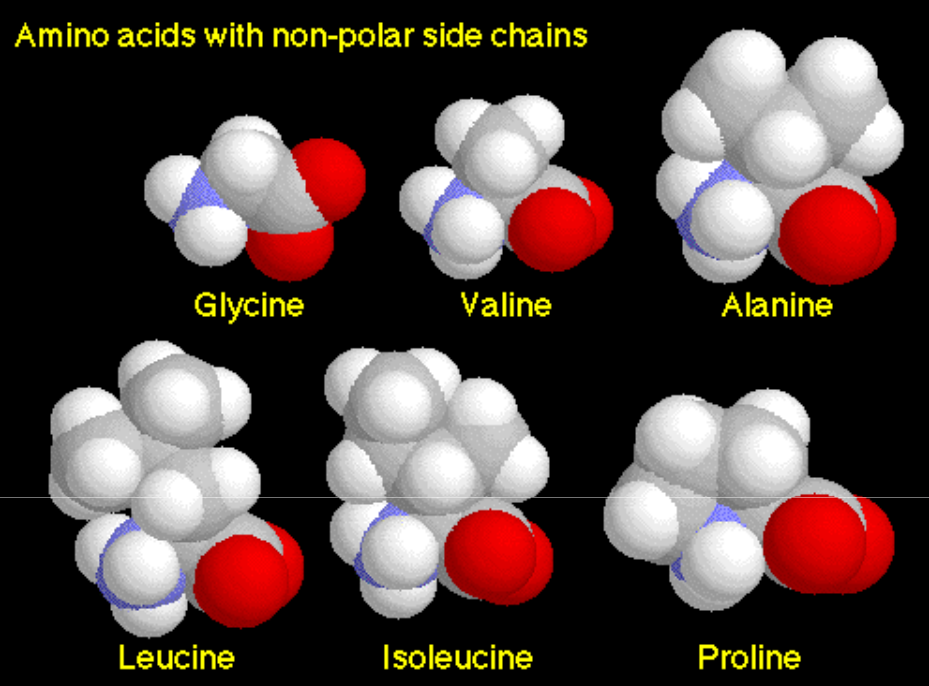
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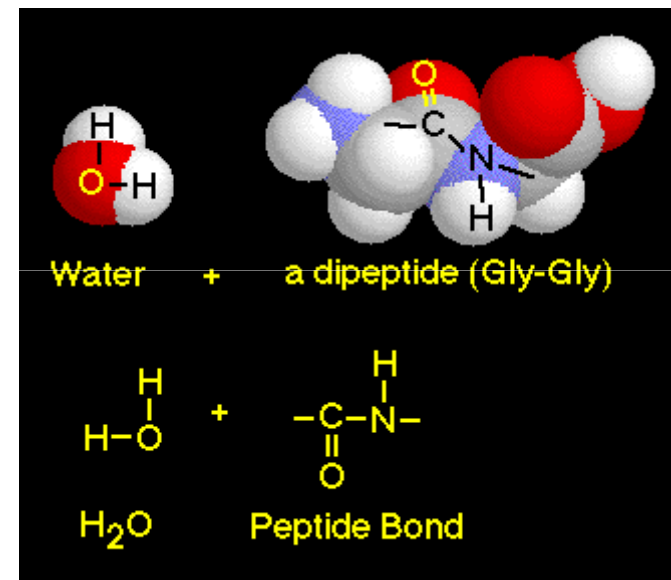
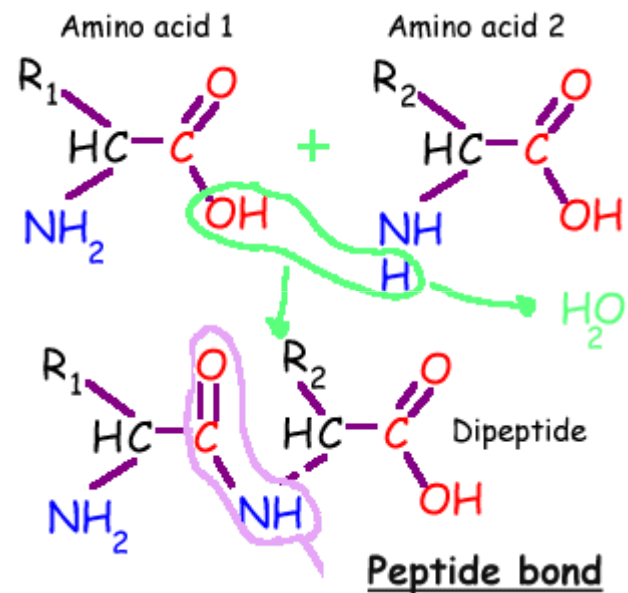
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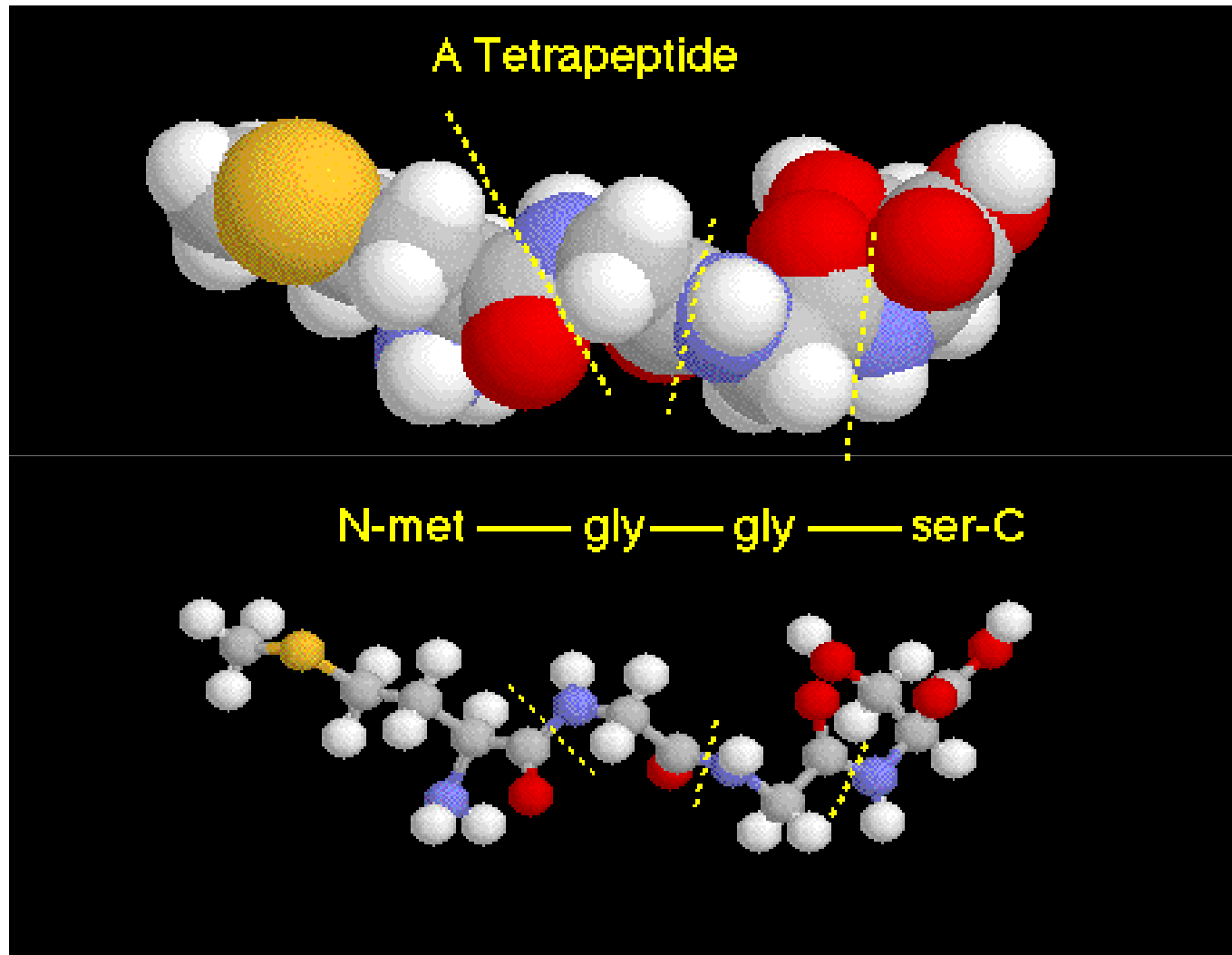


# Peptides and Peptide bond



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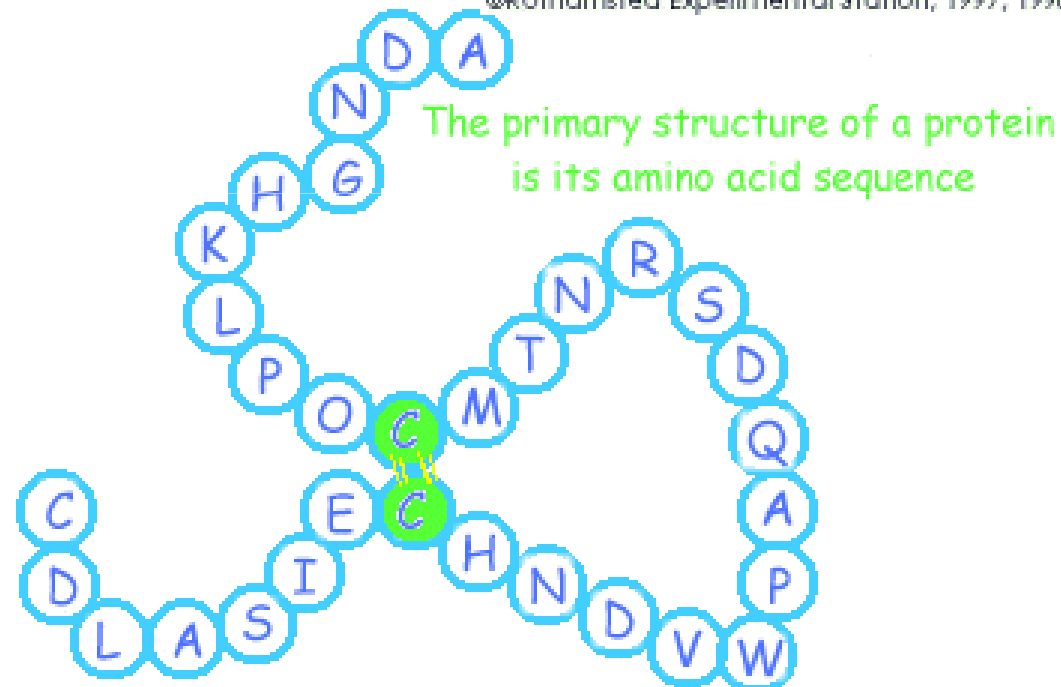
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## Primary structure

Proteins have multiple levels of structure. The most basic is its primary structure. A protein's primary structure is simply the order of its amino acids. Note that this order is always written from amino end to carboxyl end (by convention).

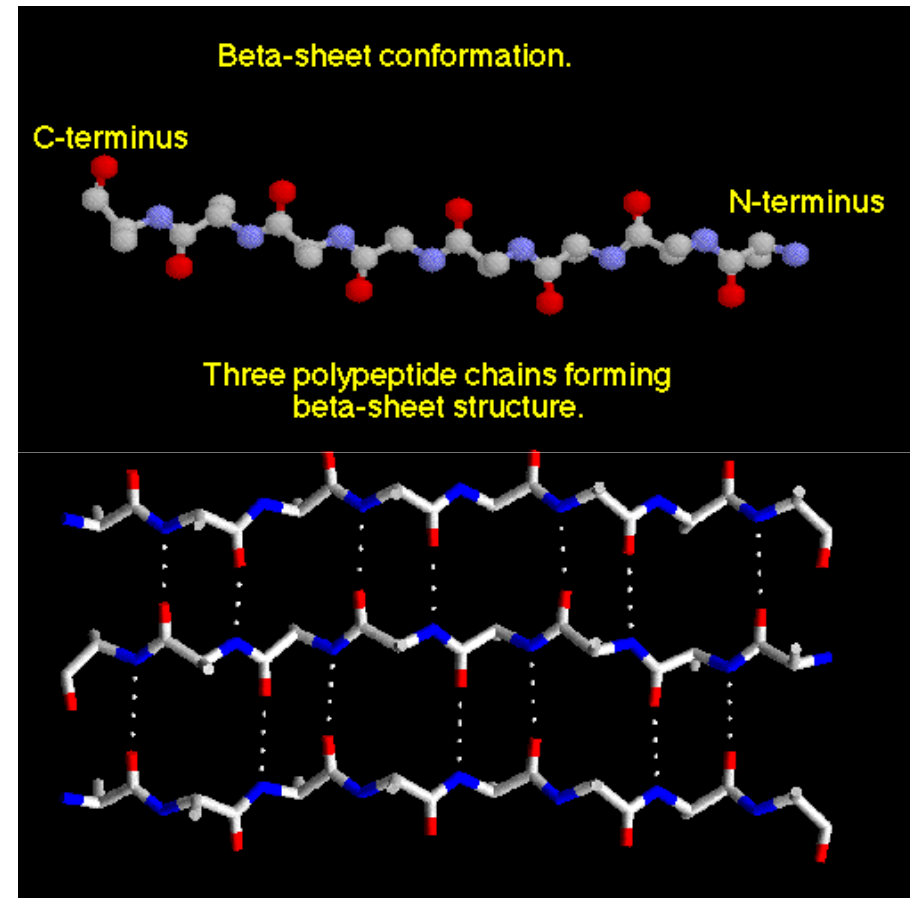
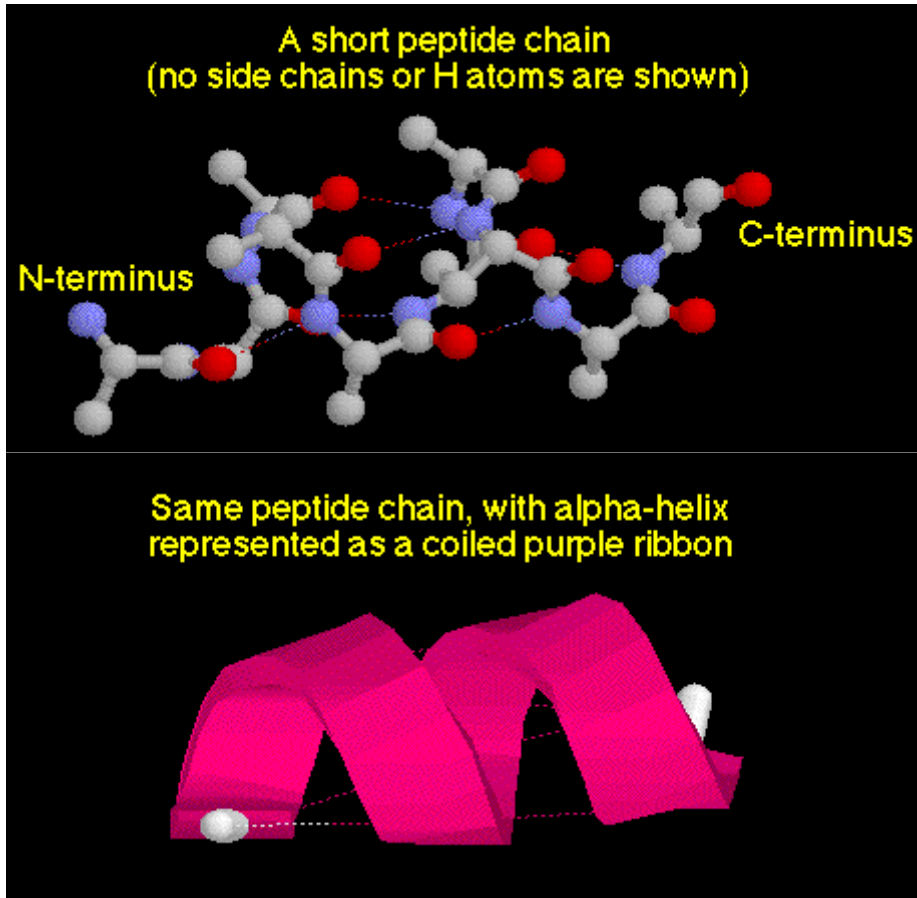
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Note: two cysteines form a disulphide bridge.



# Primary and secondary structures

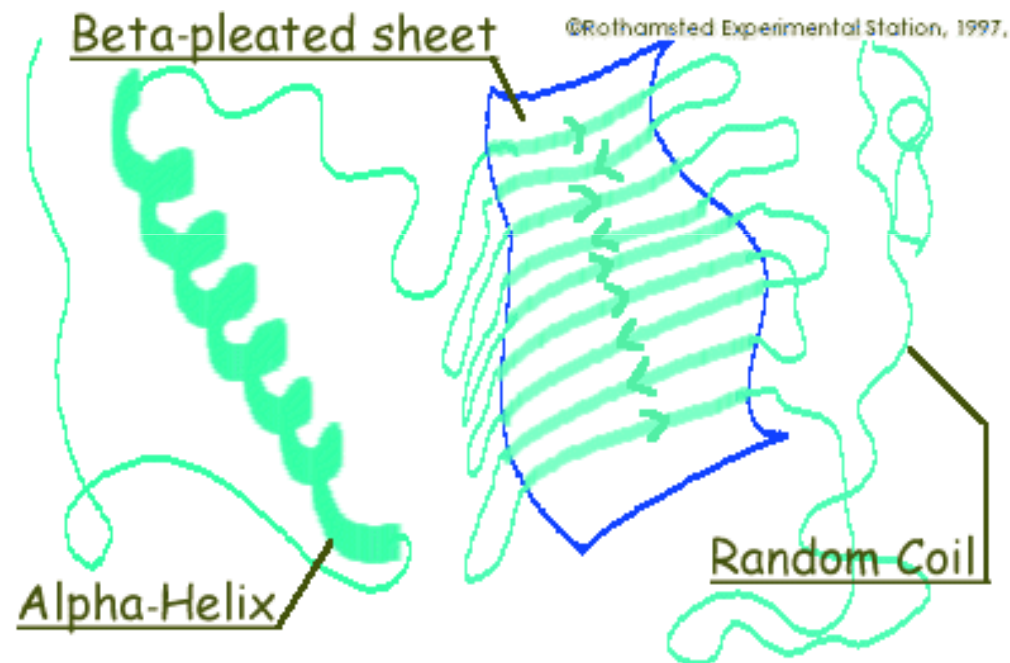


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## Secondary structure

Protein secondary structure refers to certain common repeating structures found in proteins. There are two types of secondary structures: alpha-helix and beta-pleated sheet.



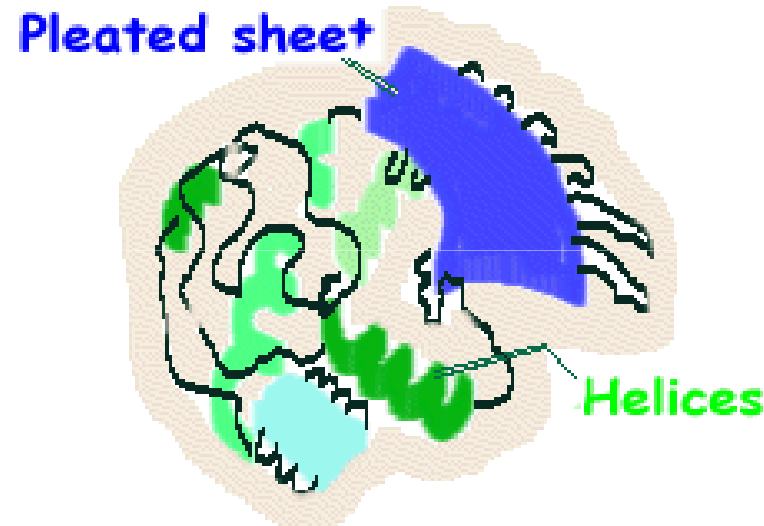
The secondary structure is observed in a localised portion of a protein.





## Tertiary structure

Tertiary structure is the full 3-dimensional folded structure of the polypeptide chain.



The tertiary structure is the way the secondary structures fold onto themselves to form a protein or a subunit of a more complex protein.

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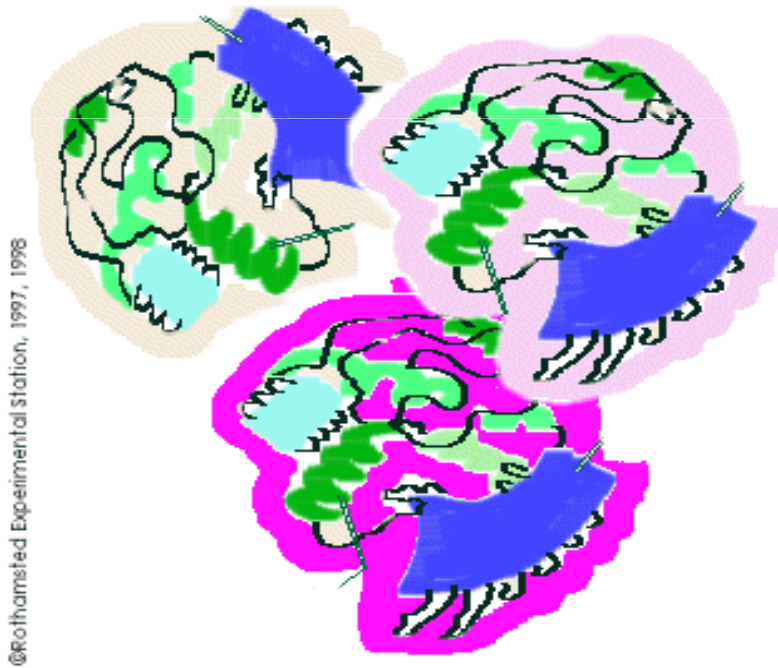




## Quaternary structure

Quaternary Structure is the combination of two or more chains, to form a complete unit. The interactions between the chains are not different from those in tertiary structure, but are distinguished only by being interchain rather than intrachain.

Only proteins with more than one chain have a quaternary structure



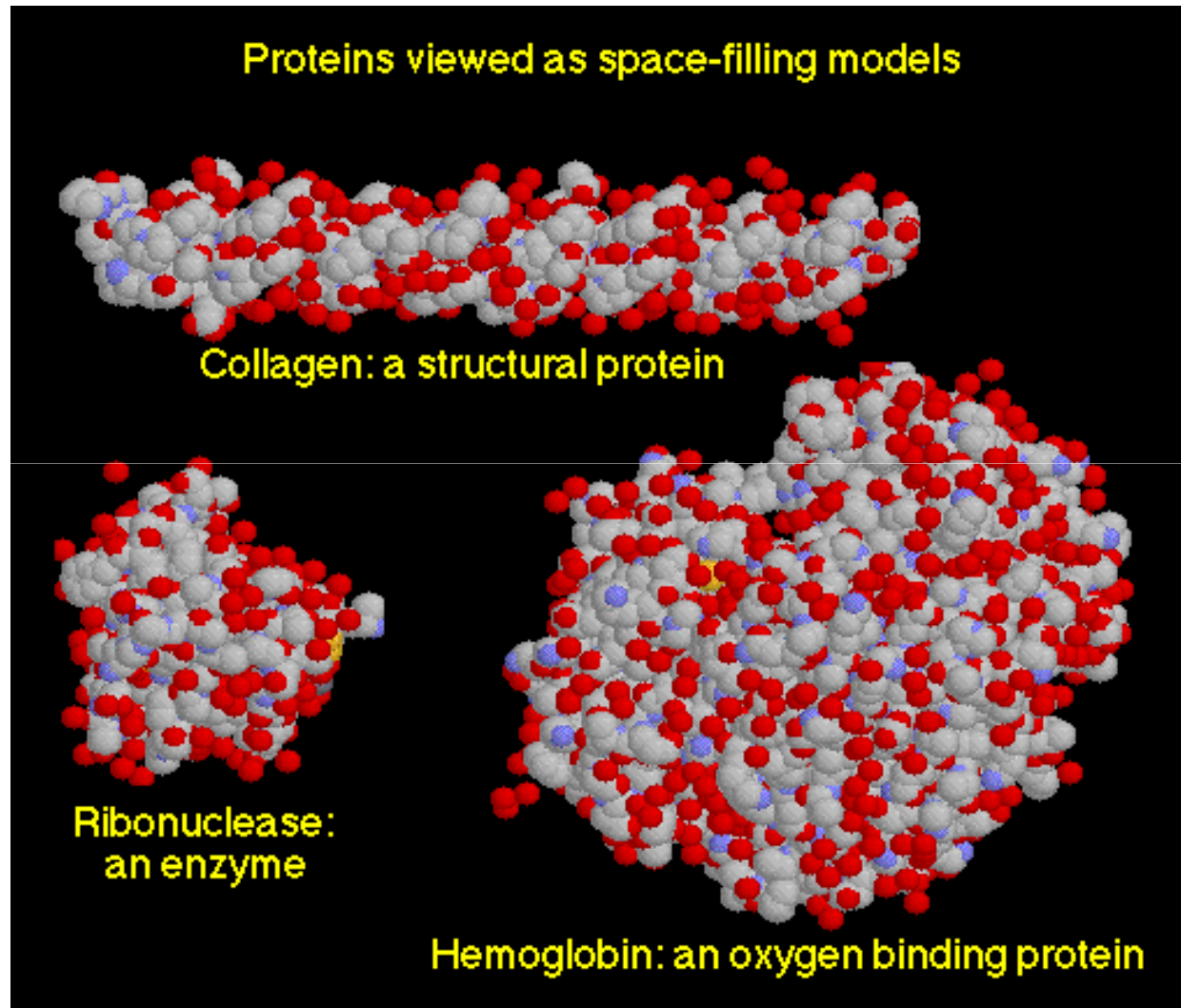
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# Types of proteins



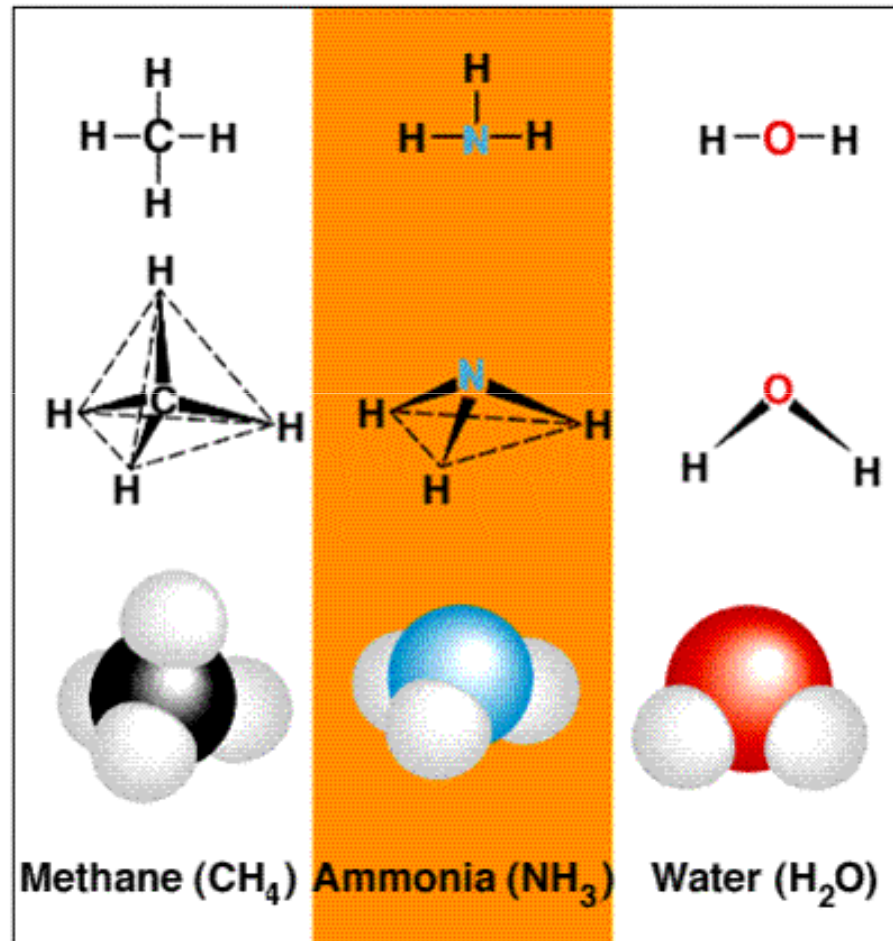
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# Chemical bonds

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## Covalent Bonds

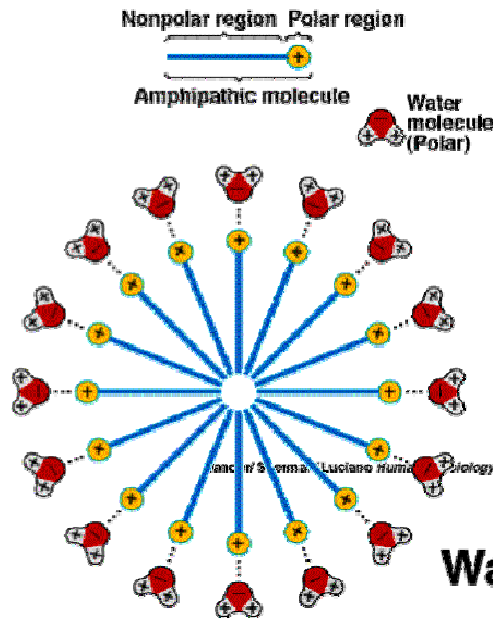




# Ionic and Hydrogen bonds

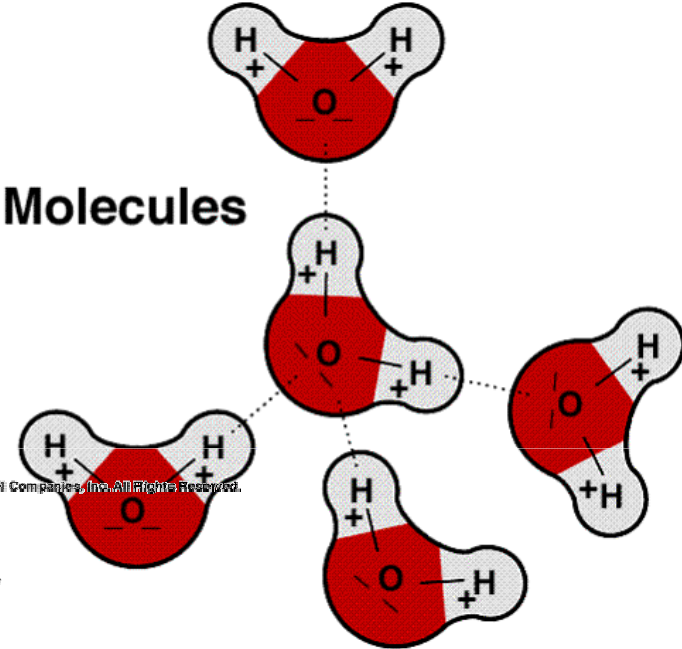
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## Spherical Cluster of Water Molecules

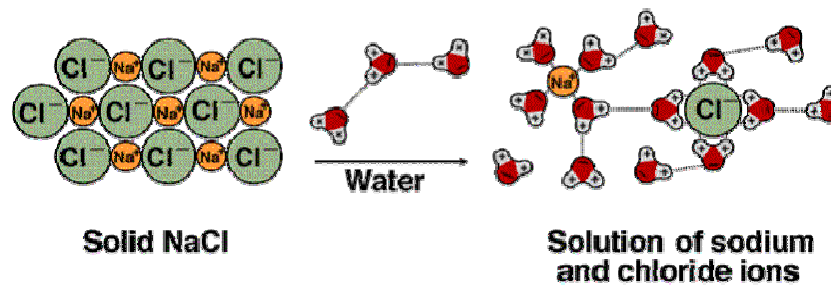


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## Water Molecules



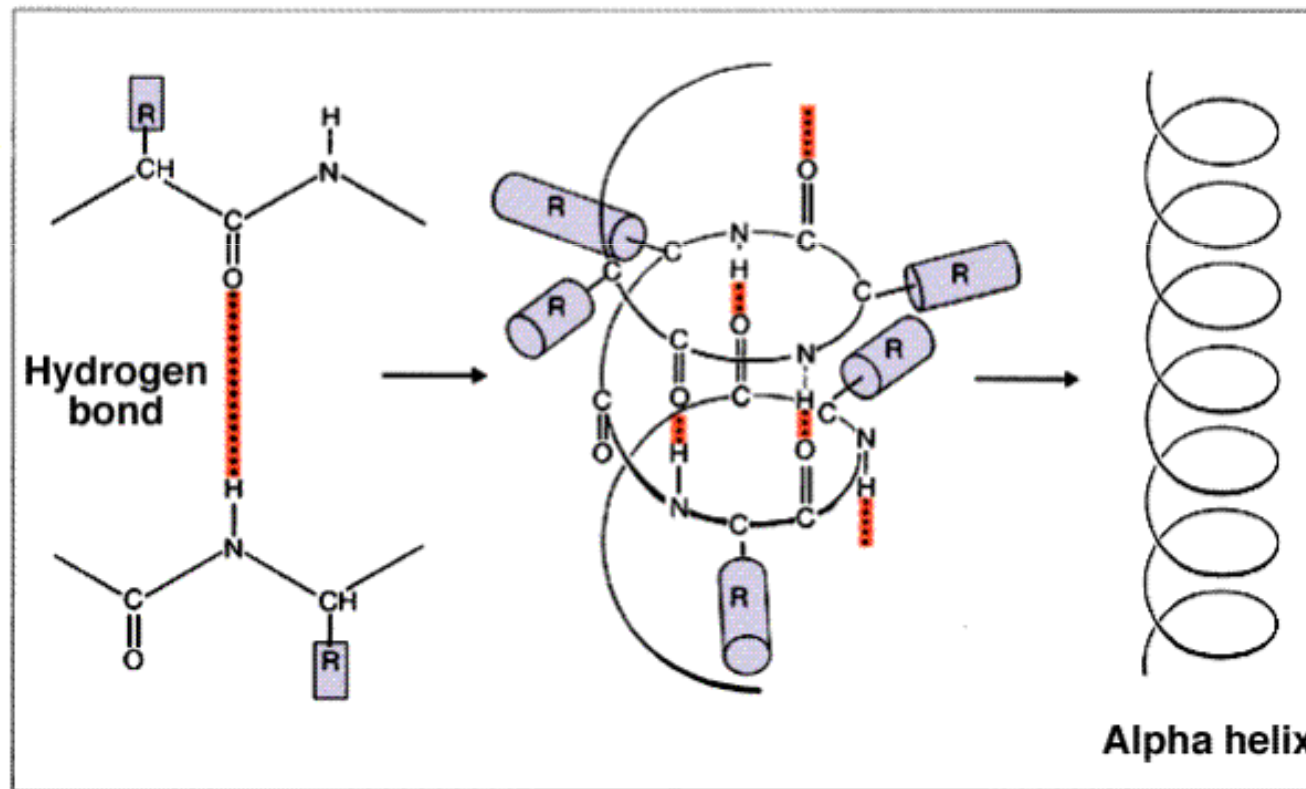
## Water Polarity





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## Hydrogen Bonds

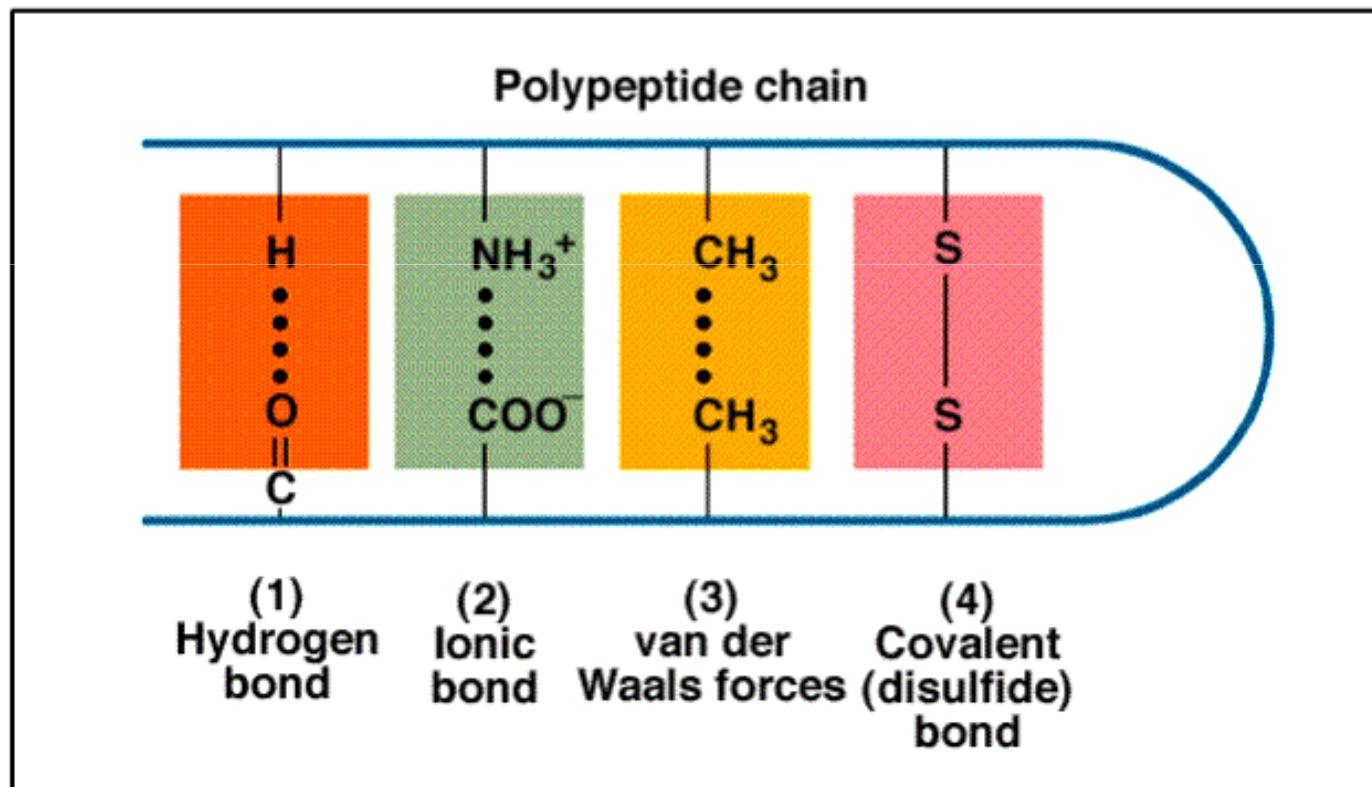




# Bonds important for biomolecular structure

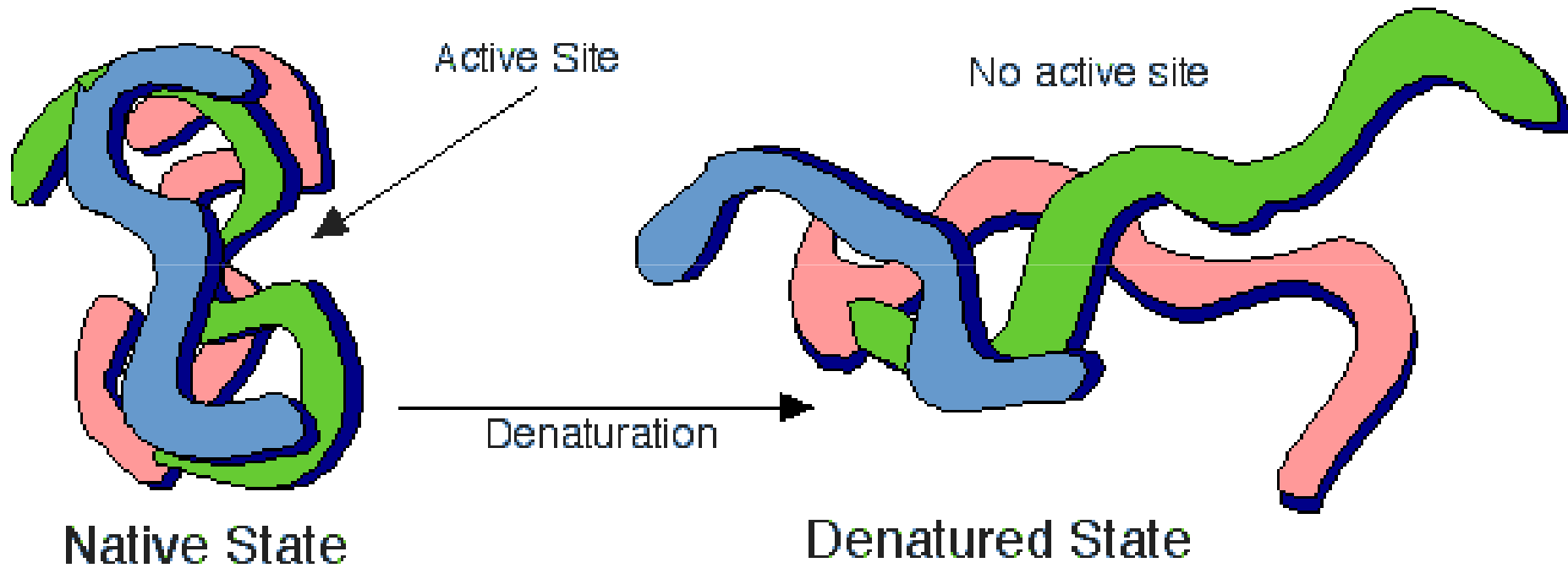
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## Factors That Contribute to Polypeptide Folding





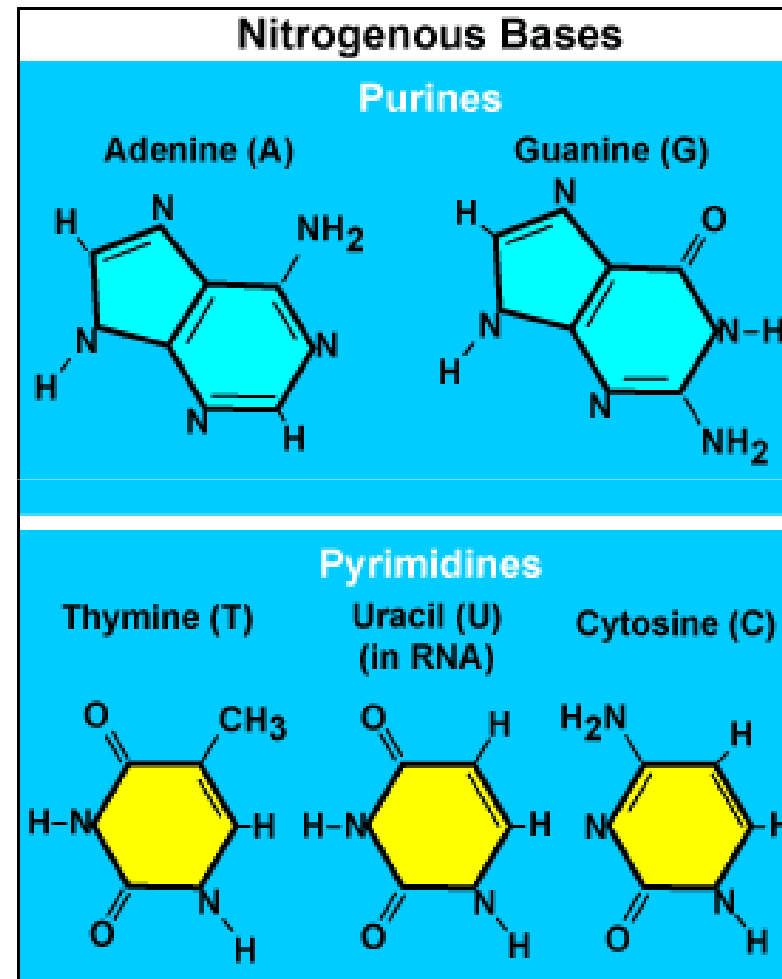
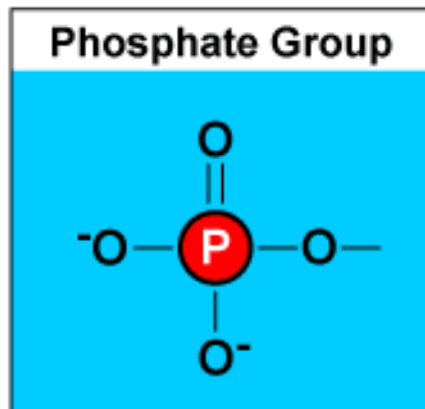
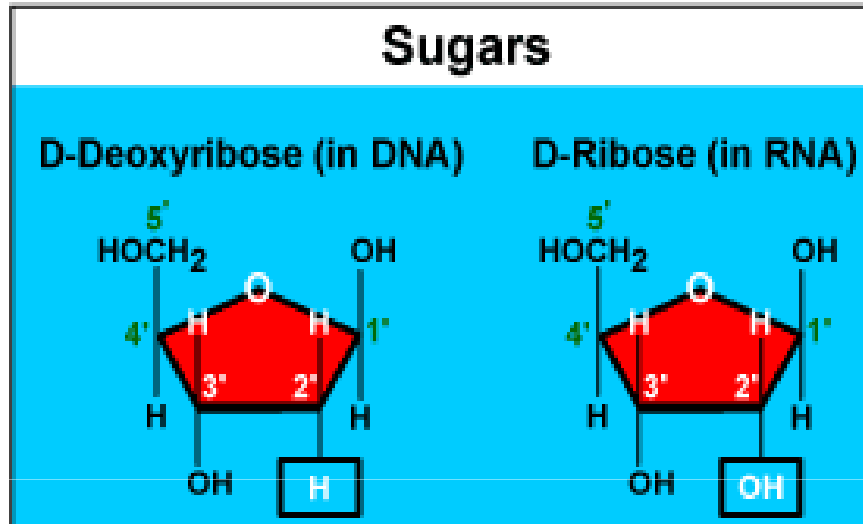
# Protein folding and unfolding



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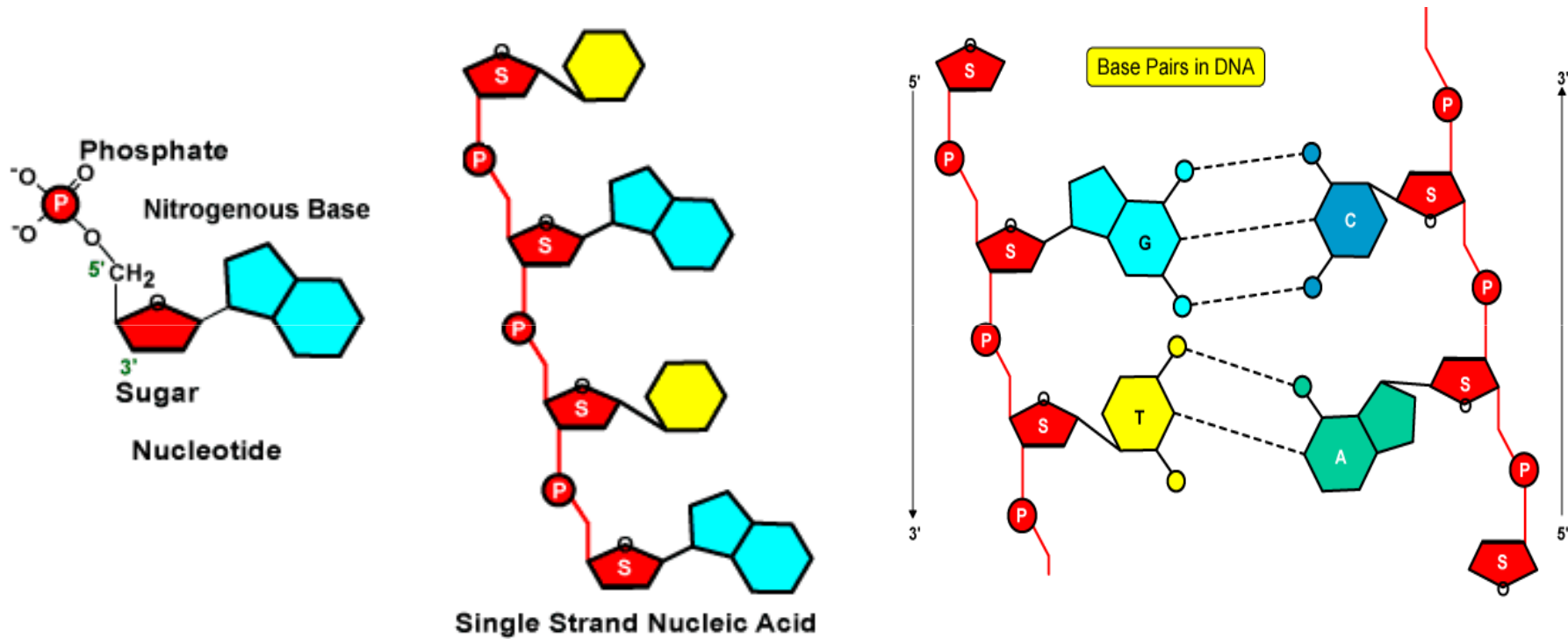
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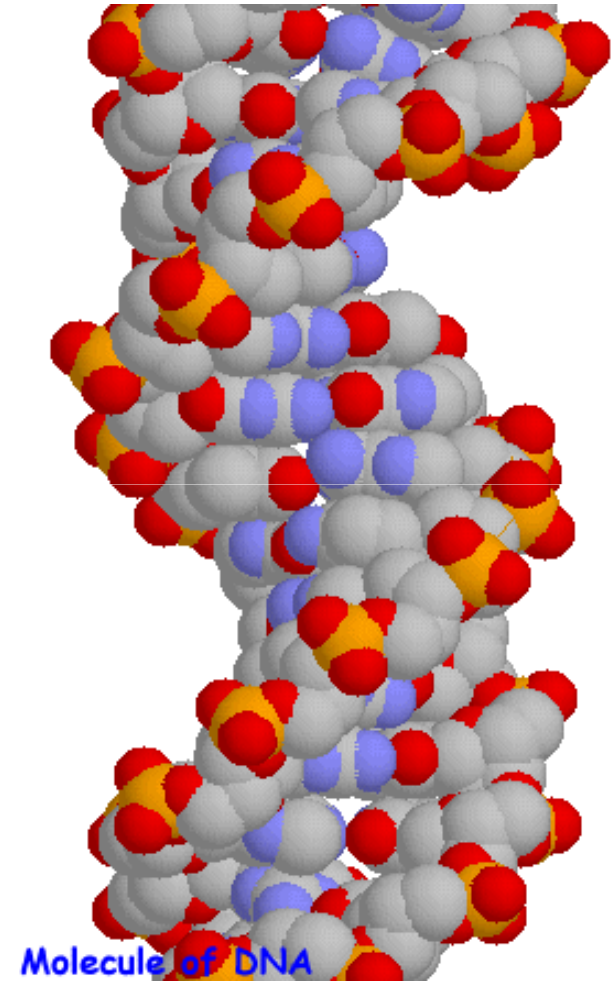
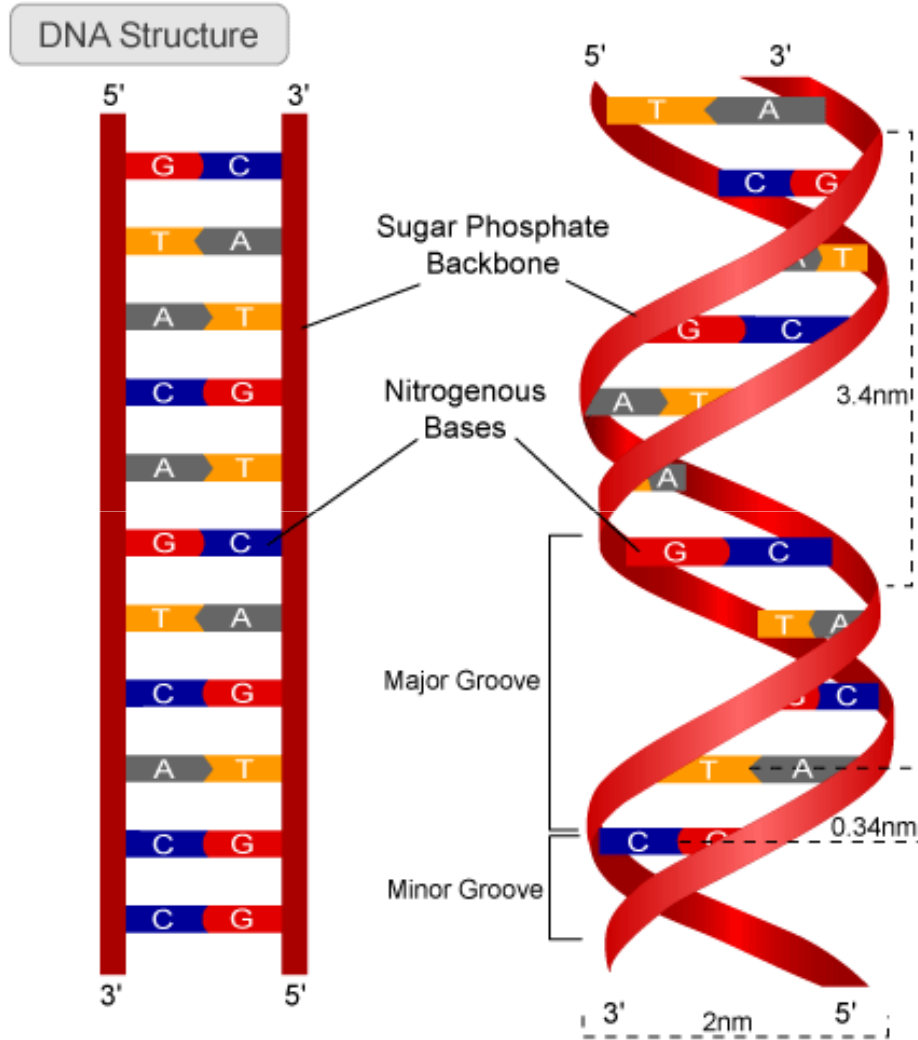


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# Organization of DNA Molecule (2)



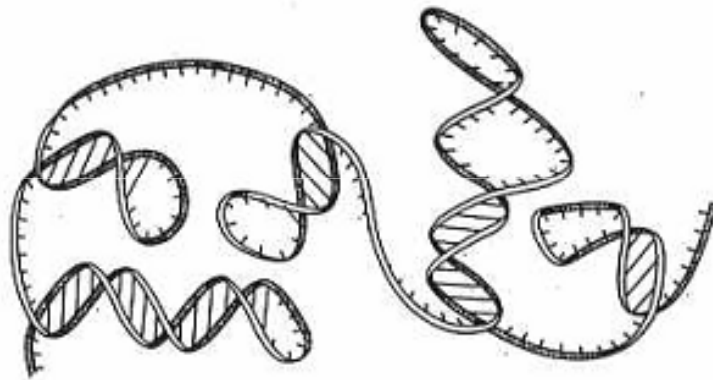
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# Organization of RNA Molecule



A, U, C, G

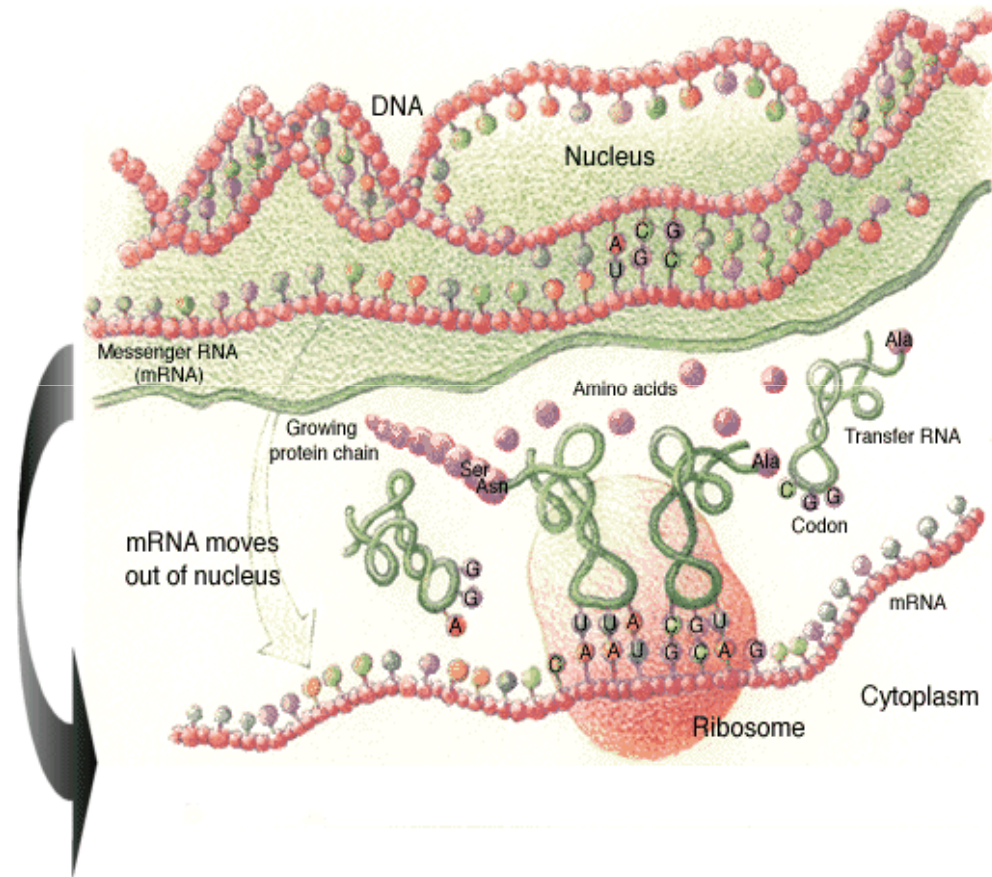
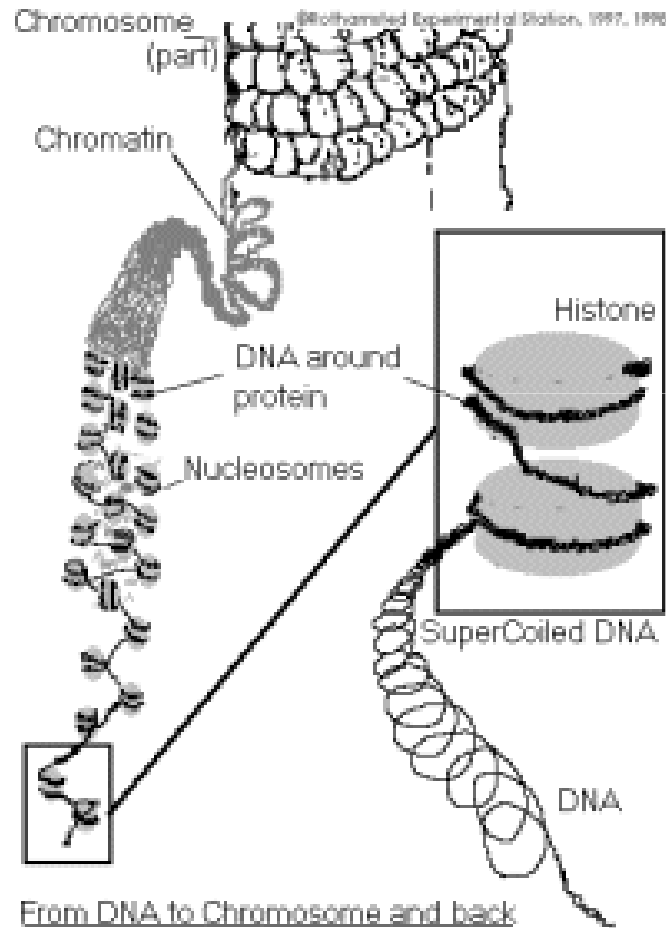


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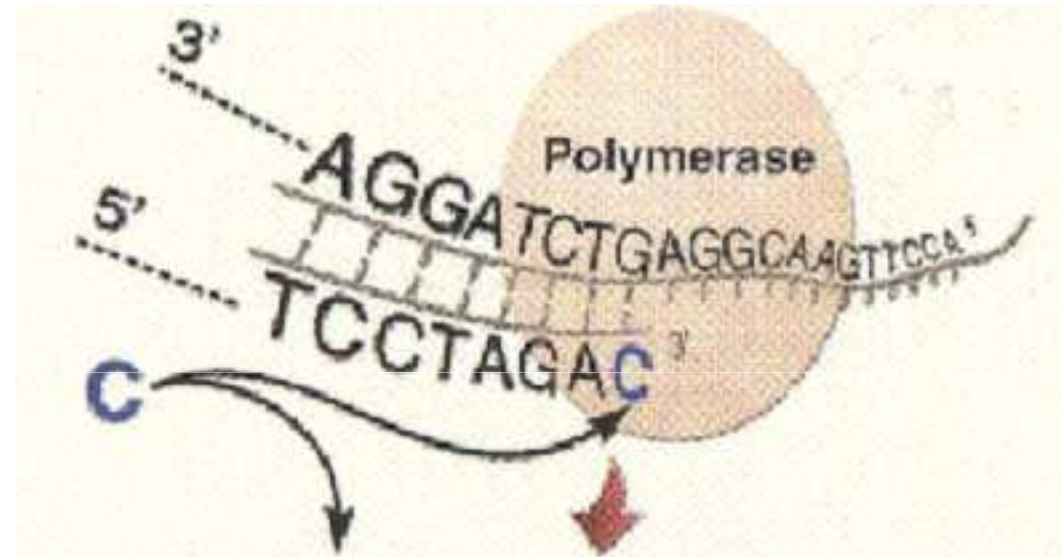
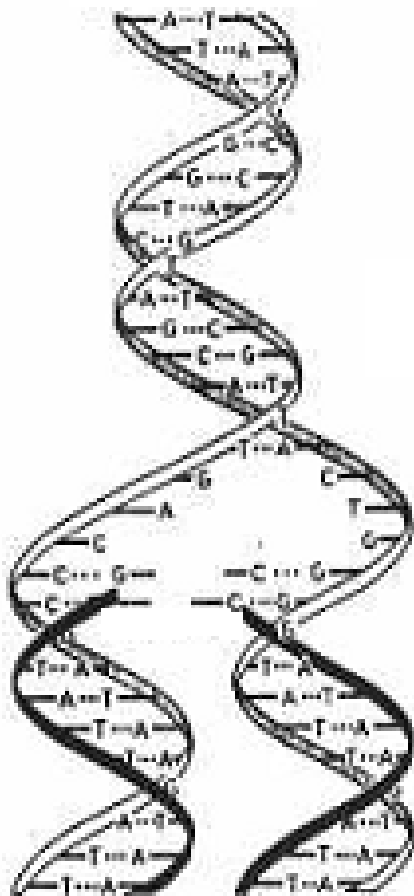
# Transcription and Translation



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# DNA Replication

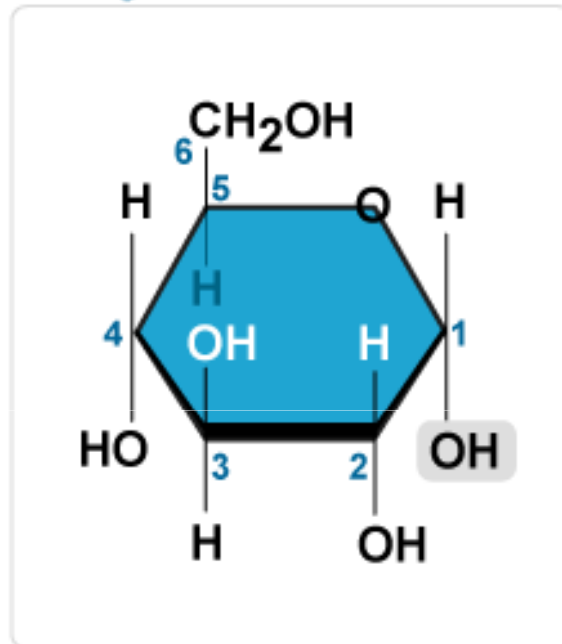


Not identical but complementary

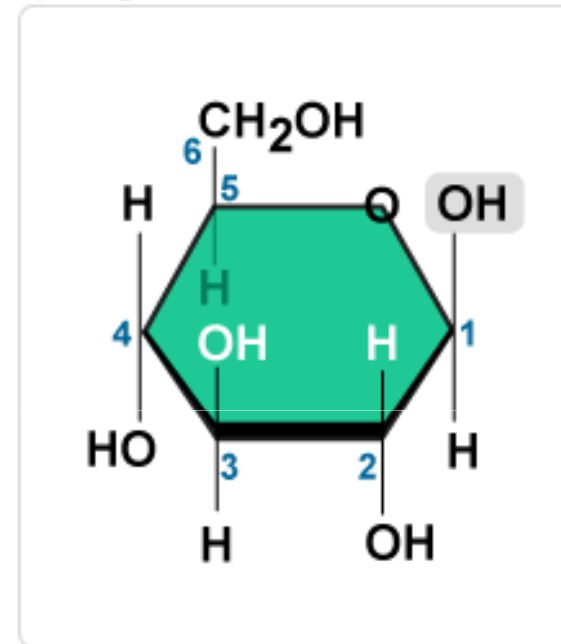


# Monosaccharides

$\alpha$ -D-glucose



$\beta$ -D-glucose



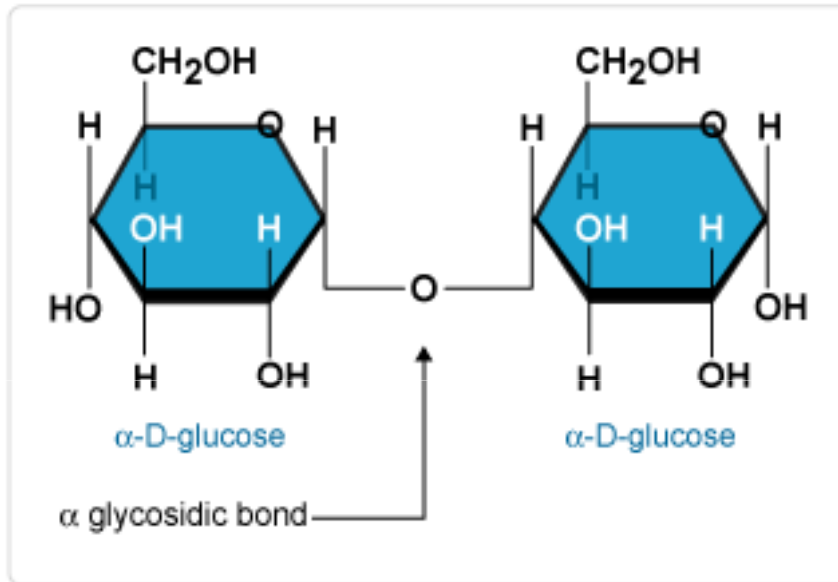
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**Alpha and beta configurations of D-glucose**  $\alpha$ -D-glucose is shown in blue and  $\beta$ -D-glucose is shown in green. The carbons are numbered. Note the hydroxyl groups at the first-position carbons.

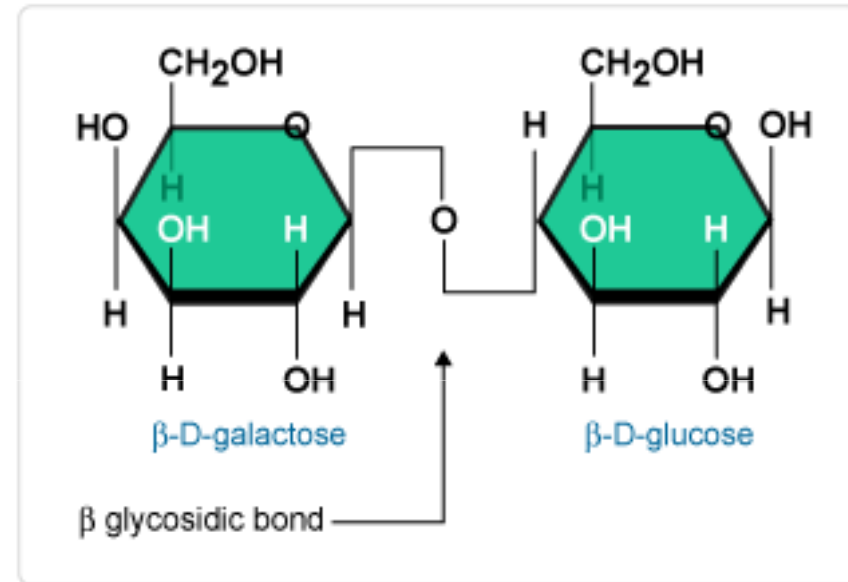
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Maltose



Lactose



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**Common disaccharides** Maltose and lactose are shown.  $\alpha$ -D-glucose is shown in blue and  $\beta$ -D-glucose and  $\beta$ -D-galactose are shown in green. The  $\alpha$  glycosidic bond in maltose and  $\beta$  glycosidic bond in lactose are indicated.

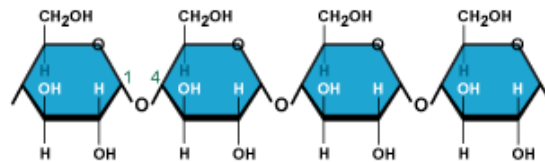
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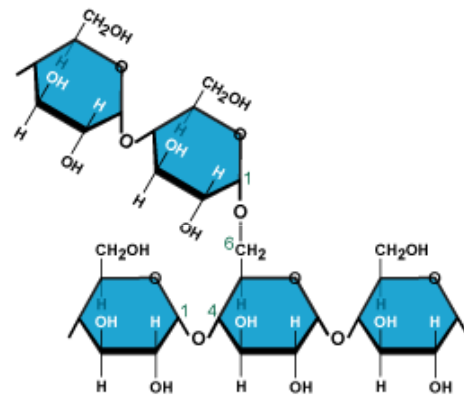


# Polysaccharides (1)

$\alpha$ -glucose subunits

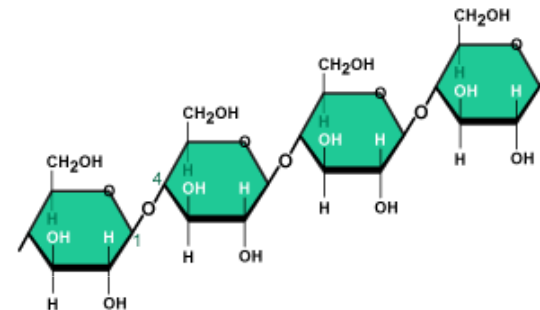


Starch: Chain of  $\alpha$ -glucose subunits



Glycogen: Branched chain of  $\alpha$ -glucose subunits

$\beta$ -glucose subunits



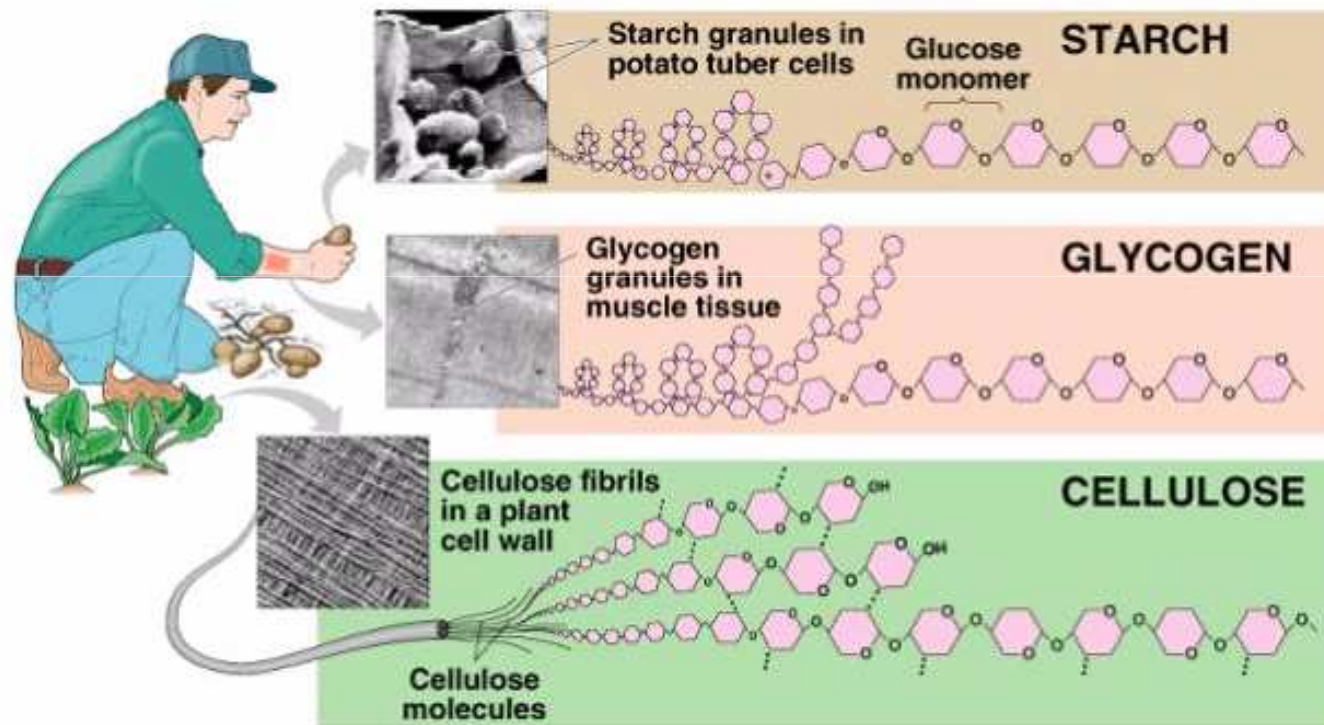
Cellulose: Chain of  $\beta$ -glucose subunits

**Common polysaccharides** Plant starch (e.g. amylose) and glycogen are both composed of  $\alpha$ -D-glucose subunits linked through  $\alpha$  glycosidic bonds. Starch is an unbranched polymer, whereas glycogen is branched, with 1  $\rightarrow$  6 linkages. Cellulose is composed of  $\beta$ -D-glucose subunits linked through  $\beta$  glycosidic bonds.

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## Examples of Polysaccharides

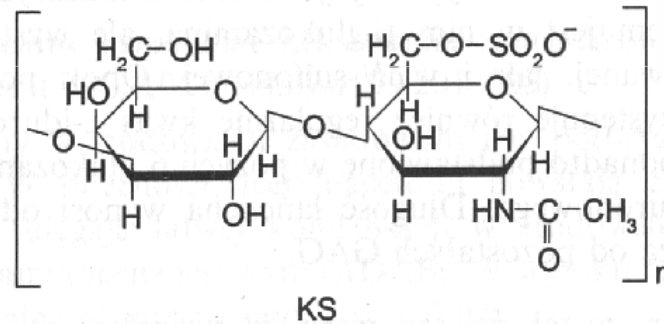
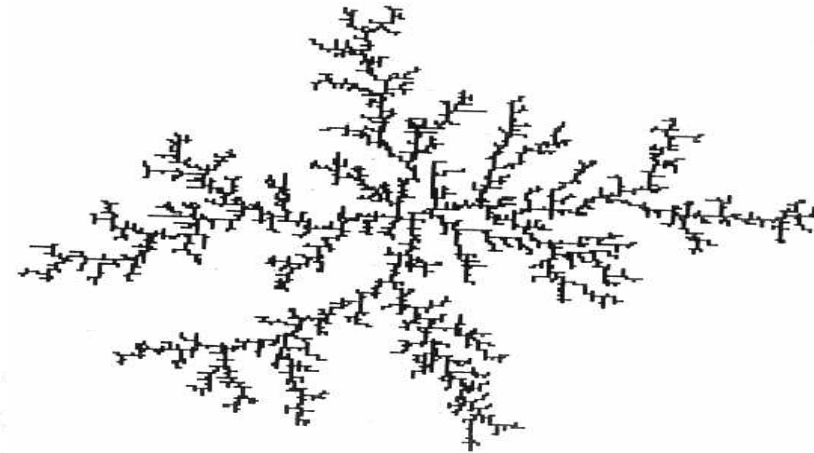


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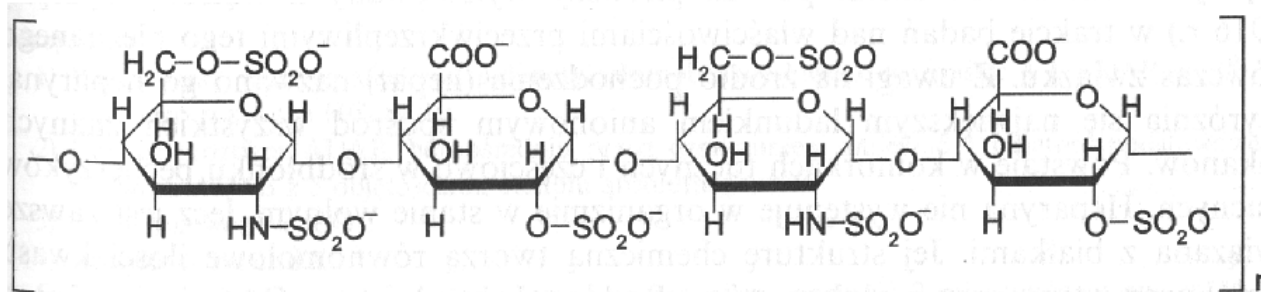




## Fractal like structure of polysaccharide



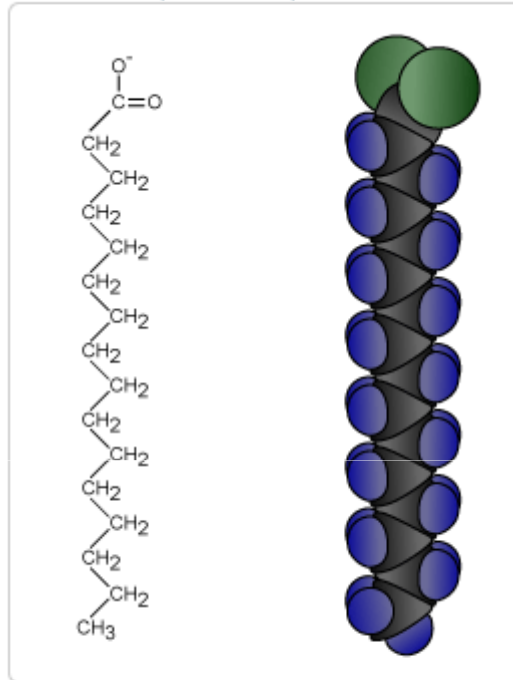
Keratin sulphate subunit



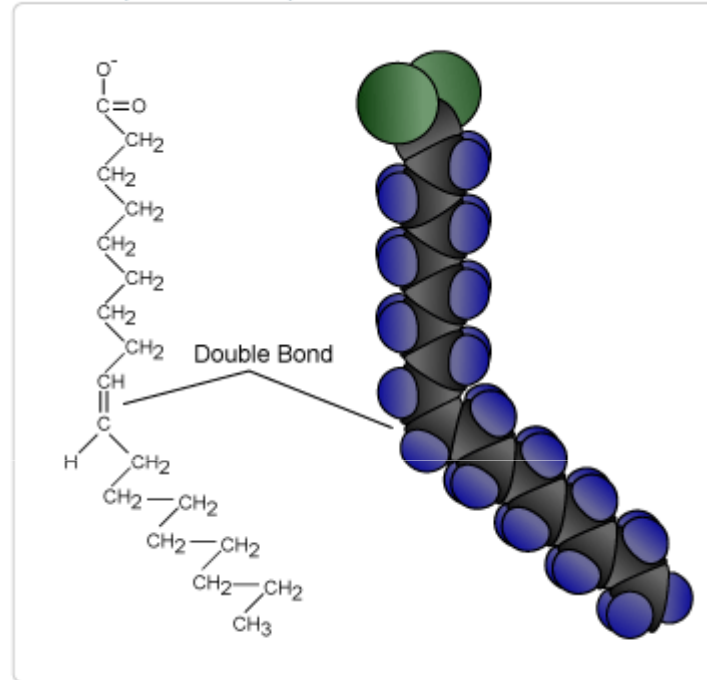
Heparin subunit



Palmitate (saturated)



Oleate (unsaturated)



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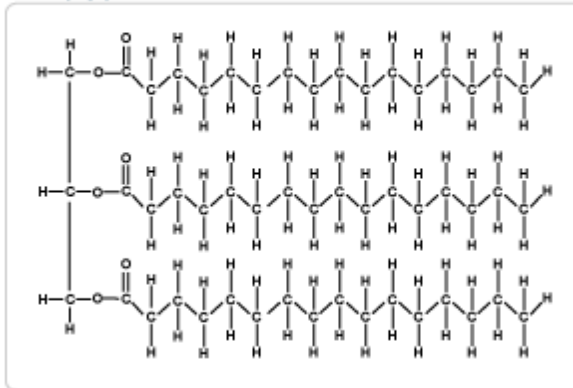
**Saturated and unsaturated fatty acids.** The chemical composition and structure of two fatty acids, one saturated (palmitate) and one unsaturated (oleate), are shown. Note that the double bond in oleate causes a kink in the molecule. Carbon atoms are shown in black, hydrogen atoms are shown in blue, and oxygen atoms are shown in green.

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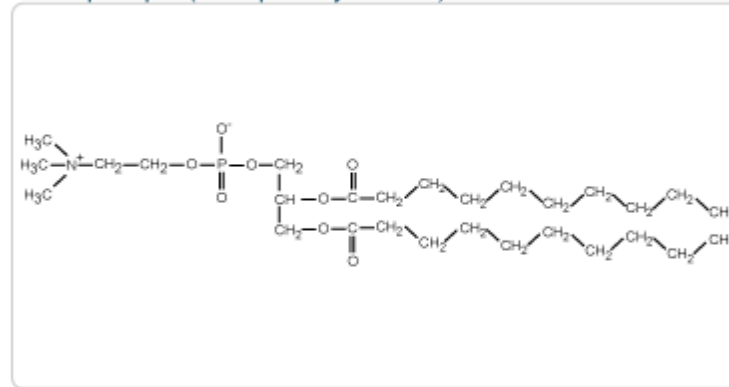


## Lipids

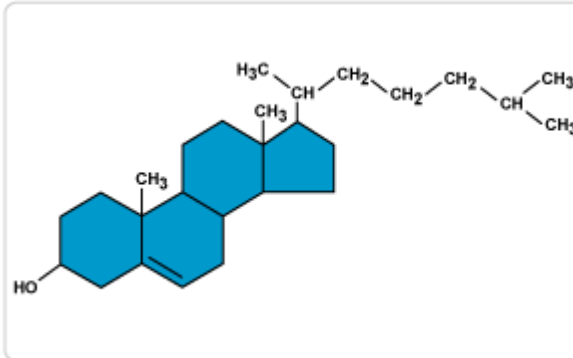
Triacylglycerol



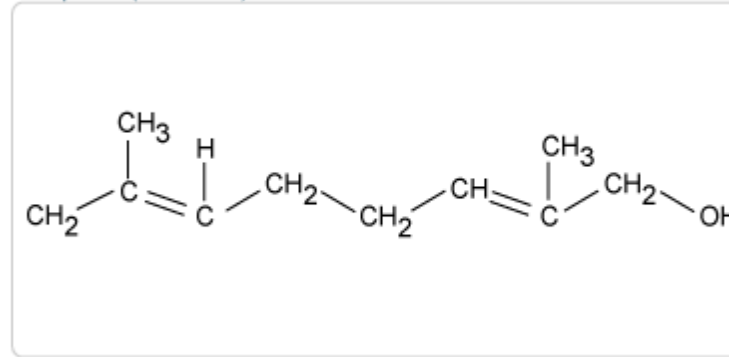
Phospholipid (Phosphatidylcholine)



Cholesterol



Terpene (Geraniol)

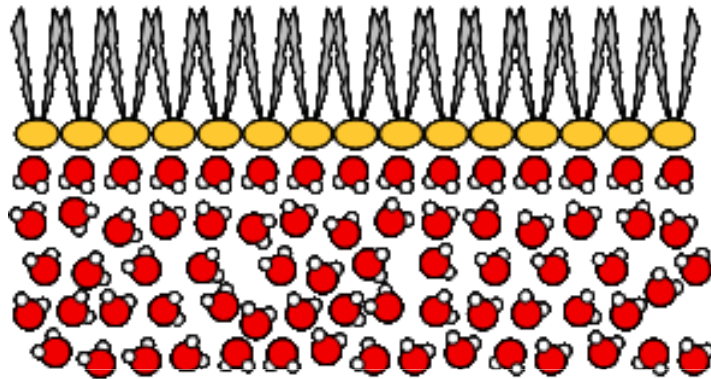


**Four types of lipids** The chemical structures of four different lipids are shown. A triacylglycerol, a phospholipid (phosphatidylcholine), a sterol (cholesterol) and a terpene (geraniol).

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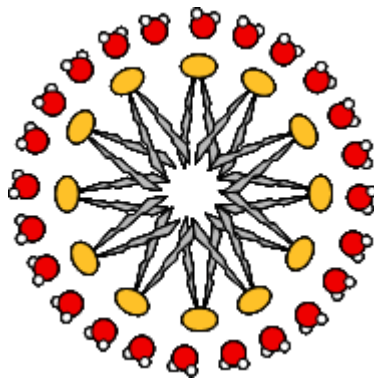


## Model of Membranes (1)



### Langmuir's monolayers (1920)

Langmuir showed that if phospholipids are dissolved in benzene they could be dispersed as a monolayer on the surface of water in a Langmuir trough.



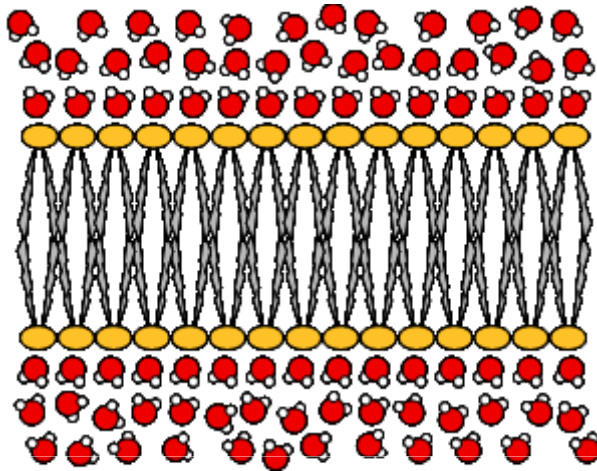
### Micelles

If shaken with water, phospholipids (like detergents) will form micelles. These are colloids in an aqueous suspension. Micelles have a hydrophilic outside and hydrophobic inside.

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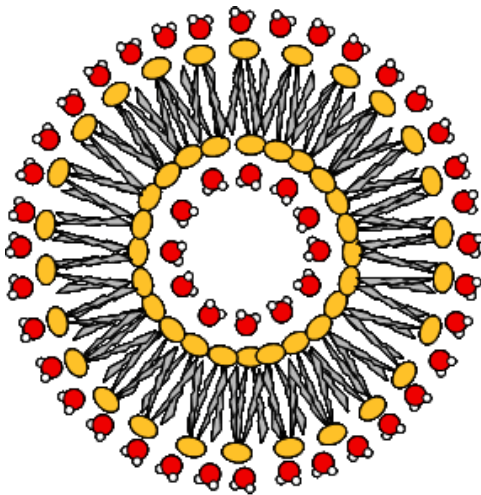


## Model of Membranes (2)



### Gortner & Grendel's bilayers (1925)

These researchers extracted the lipid from the plasma membrane of RBCs and applied them to a Langmuir trough. They covered twice the area of the original membrane showing that natural membranes are bilayers.



### Liposomes

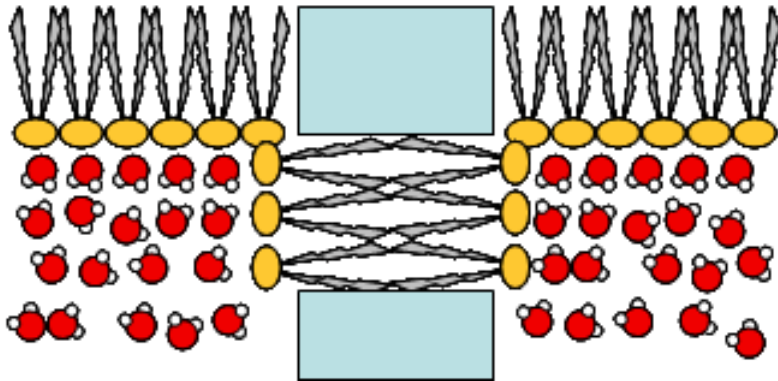
If lipids are sonicated at 20 kHz they form vesicles (liposomes) with an internal space. These can be used to deliver hydrophobic drugs to cells, and as model cells.

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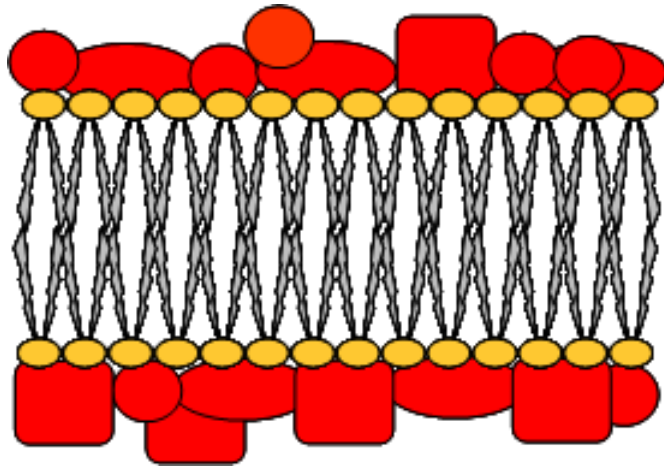


## Model of Membranes (3)



### Black lipid membranes (1930)

Produced by forcing a membrane with a small hole in it through a monolayer in a Langmuir trough. Natural and black lipid membranes have similar thicknesses (c. 7 nm), but natural membranes are generally far more conductive. This indicates there's something else in natural membranes besides lipid.



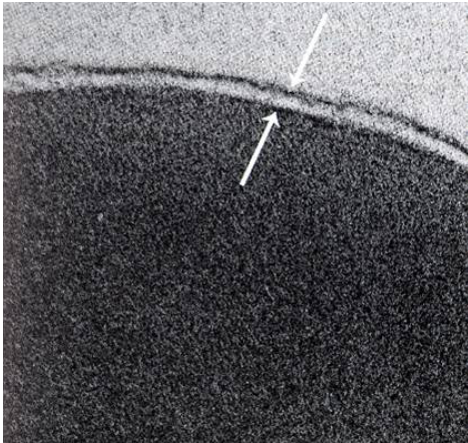
### Davison & Danielli's sandwich (1935)

The earliest true model of membranes proposed a phospholipid bilayer covered in a globular protein coat.

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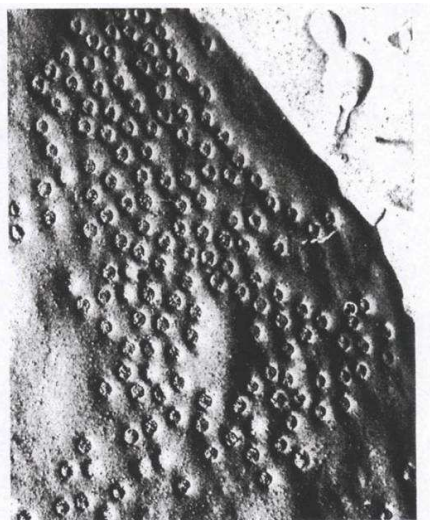


## Model of Membranes (4)



### Robertson's unit membrane

Under the electron micrograph, this model appears acceptable: 7 nm thick, with lipid in the middle (white) and protein on outside (black).

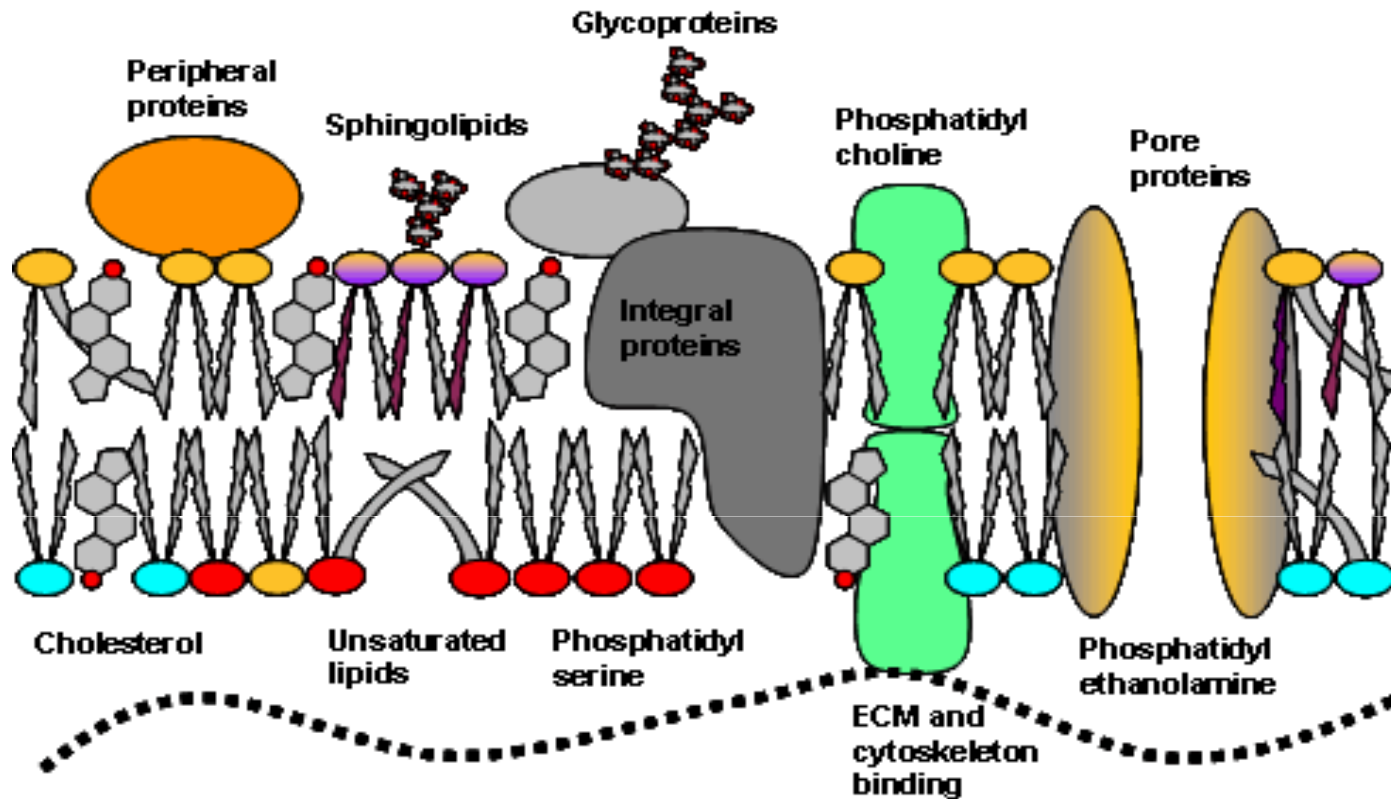


But freeze-fracture scanning electron micrographs showed things inconsistent with the unit membrane, such as pores and pits. This micrograph was prepared by freezing a cell, then fracturing it with a sharp blow. The forces holding the leaflets of a membrane together are quite weak, so freeze fracture often pulls the two leaflets apart, allowing you to see the proteins that span the membrane very clearly.

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## Model of Membranes (5)



### Singer-Nicholson fluid mosaic (1972)

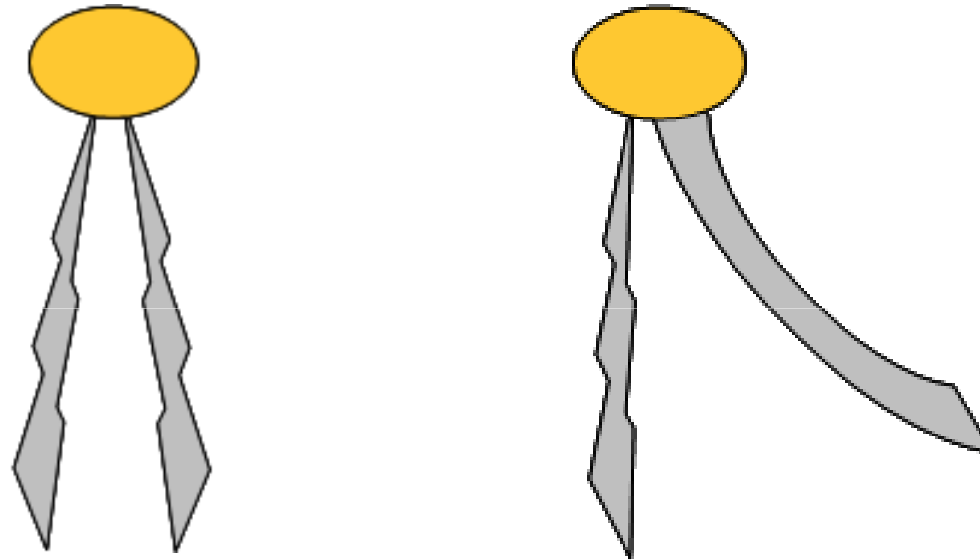
The fluid mosaic model pictures the membrane as a phospholipid bilayer with many proteins, some integral to the membrane, others attached more loosely. Note the many other components, such as cholesterol; and the attachment sites for the extracellular environment (via glycoproteins) and intracellular cytoskeleton.

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## Model of Membranes (6)



In unsaturated fatty acids, these chains are kinked, and cannot pack so closely. This increases membrane fluidity.

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# COMPARISON OF PHYSICAL PARAMETERS OF BIOLOGICAL MEMBRANE WITH LIPID BILAYER

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	Lipid bilayer	Biological membrane
Thickness [nm]	6,0 - 7,5	6,0 - 10,0
El. capacity [mF/cm <sup>2</sup> ]	0,4 - 1,0	0,5 - 1,3
Breakdown voltage [mV]	150 - 200	100
Surface tension coefficient [N/m]	$(0,5 - 2) \times 10^{-3}$	$(0,03 - 2) \times 10^{-3}$
Resistance [ $\Omega \times \text{cm}^2$ ]	$10^6 - 10^9$	$10^2 - 10^5$

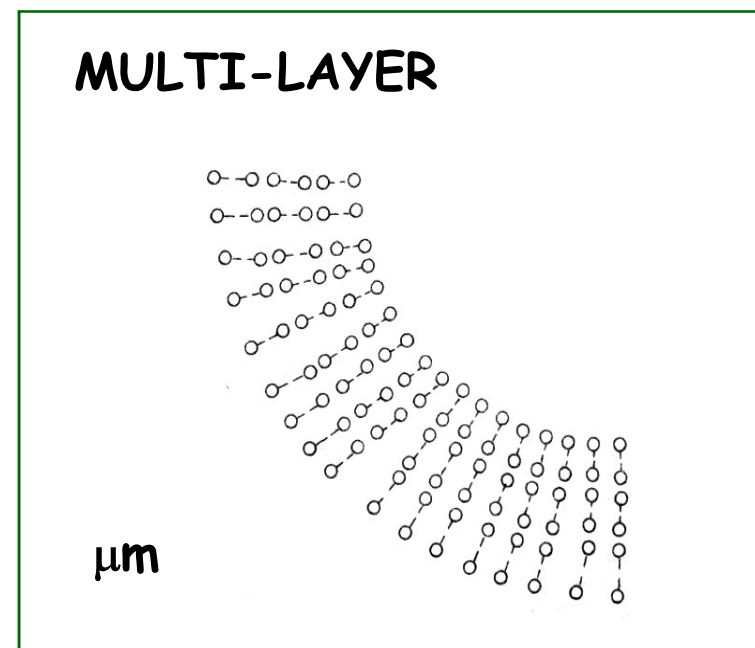
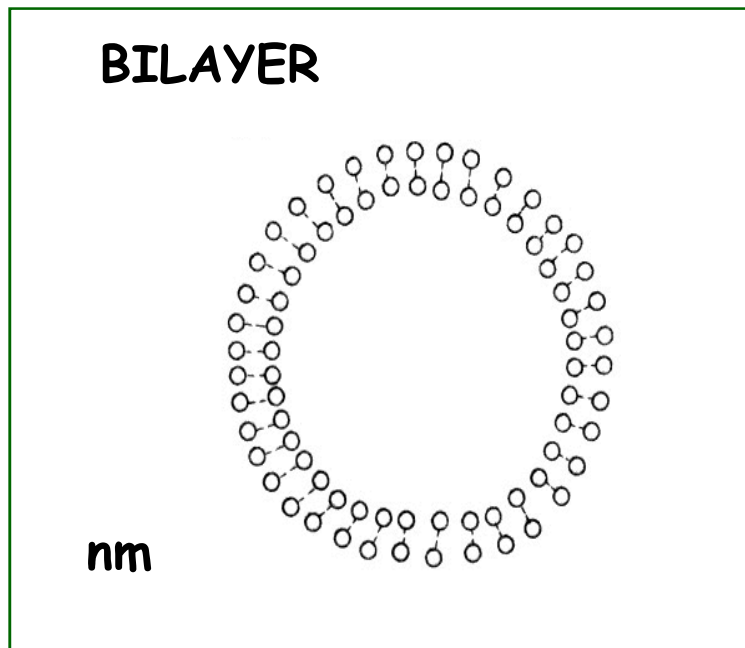




# Liposomes Formation and Applications

**Sonication**  
20 - 50 nm

**Shaking**  
5 - 50  $\mu\text{m}$





## LIPOSOMES Applications in Biology and Medicine

Examination of the properties of membrane proteins

Modelling of processes occurring in natural membranes

Possibility to incorporate additional elements into the cellular membrane

Loading poorly soluble and highly oxidative substances in water into the cell

Cell-directed application of medicines

Enhancement of immunological response

Cosmetic creams for substance transport





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