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# Lecture 1

## 6. Course Objectives

### List of Topics

#### *Part 1: Principles of Animal Nutrition*

- 1.1 The Animal and its Food
- 1.2 Comparison of the Digestive Systems in Farm Animals and their practical implications in the feeding of Animals and the Balancing of Rations
- 1.3 What is a Feed?
- 1.4 Components of Feeds/ Feed Nutrients
  - 1.4.1 Lipids/Fats
  - 1.4.2 Carbohydrates [Soluble (Sugars), Starches, Structural (Fibre)]
  - 1.4.3 Proteins
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    - 1.4.3.2 True Proteins
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- 1.5 Classification of Feeds and Feedstuffs with particular reference to the Caribbean Region
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- 1.7 Ideal Protein Concept
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- 1.16 Economics of Feeding Animals

# **The role of Animal Nutrition in Veterinary Medicine**

- Factor affecting animal production
- Deficiencies, disorders and diseases
- Feeding management
- Public health concerns

# **The role of Animal Nutrition in Veterinary Medicine**

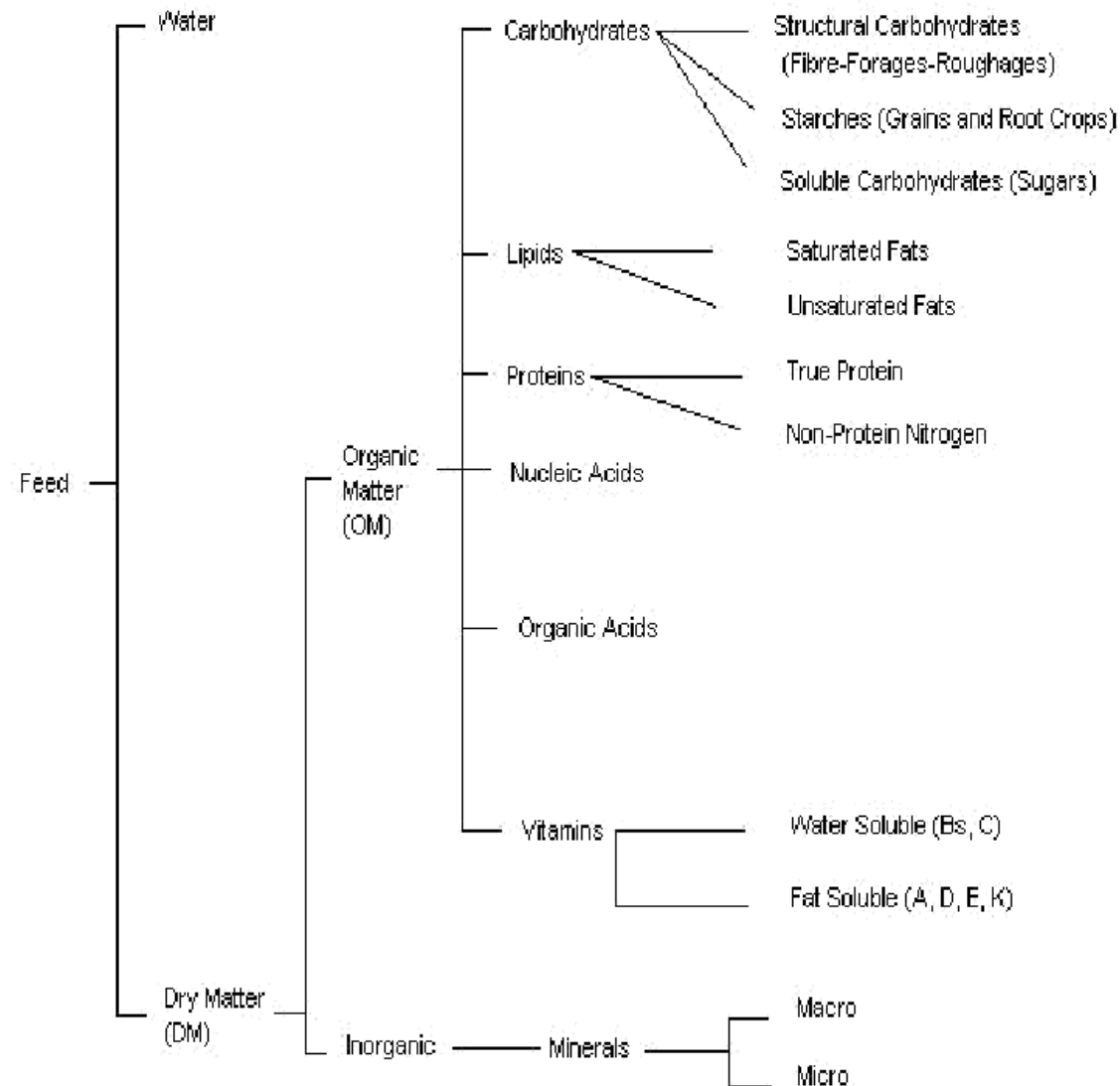
- **Factors affecting Animal Production**
  - Genetics and Breeding
  - Housing and the environment
  - Nutrition and feeding
  - Health and disease
  - Socioeconomics

## 1.3 What is a feed ?

# Feed

- Feeds are naturally occurring ingredients/materials fed to animals for the purpose of sustaining them.
- Feedstuff - any product, of natural or artificial origin, that has nutritional value in the ration when properly prepared
- Additives: nutritive/non-nutritive

# Components of Foods/Animal Feed Ingredients (of plant and animal origin)





## 1.4 Components of Feed/Nutrients

# What are Nutrients?

- A nutrient is any food constituent that functions in support of life.
  - maintenance & production, reproduction
  - structural/cellular components
  - regulation of body processes and accessory functions: growth, reproduction, lactation etc.

# Nutrition

- the various chemical and physiological reactions which change **feed elements** in **body elements**
- the process by which living organisms obtain food and use it for growth, metabolism, and repair. The stages of nutrition include ingestion, digestion, absorption, transport, assimilation, and excretion.

# Classes of Nutrients

- WATER
- CARBOHYDRATES
- FATS
- PROTEINS
- MINERALS
- VITAMINS

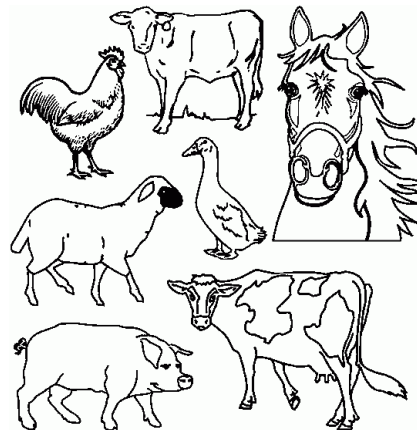
# Nutrition – what concerns us ?

- Function of nutrients (biochemistry)
  - *water*
  - carbohydrates
  - lipids
  - proteins
  - minerals
  - Vitamins
- sources
- digestion
- processing/usage (physiology)
- pathologies

# A central theme

## Biological

- Genetics and Breeding
- Nutrition and feeding
- Health and disease
- Housing and the environment
- Socioeconomics



**Water**

# Water

- a solvent - for transport of other nutrients and waste products through the body
- temperature regulation; high latent heat of evaporation
- gives body shape or form
- biochemical reactions
- factors affect water intake??



# Water

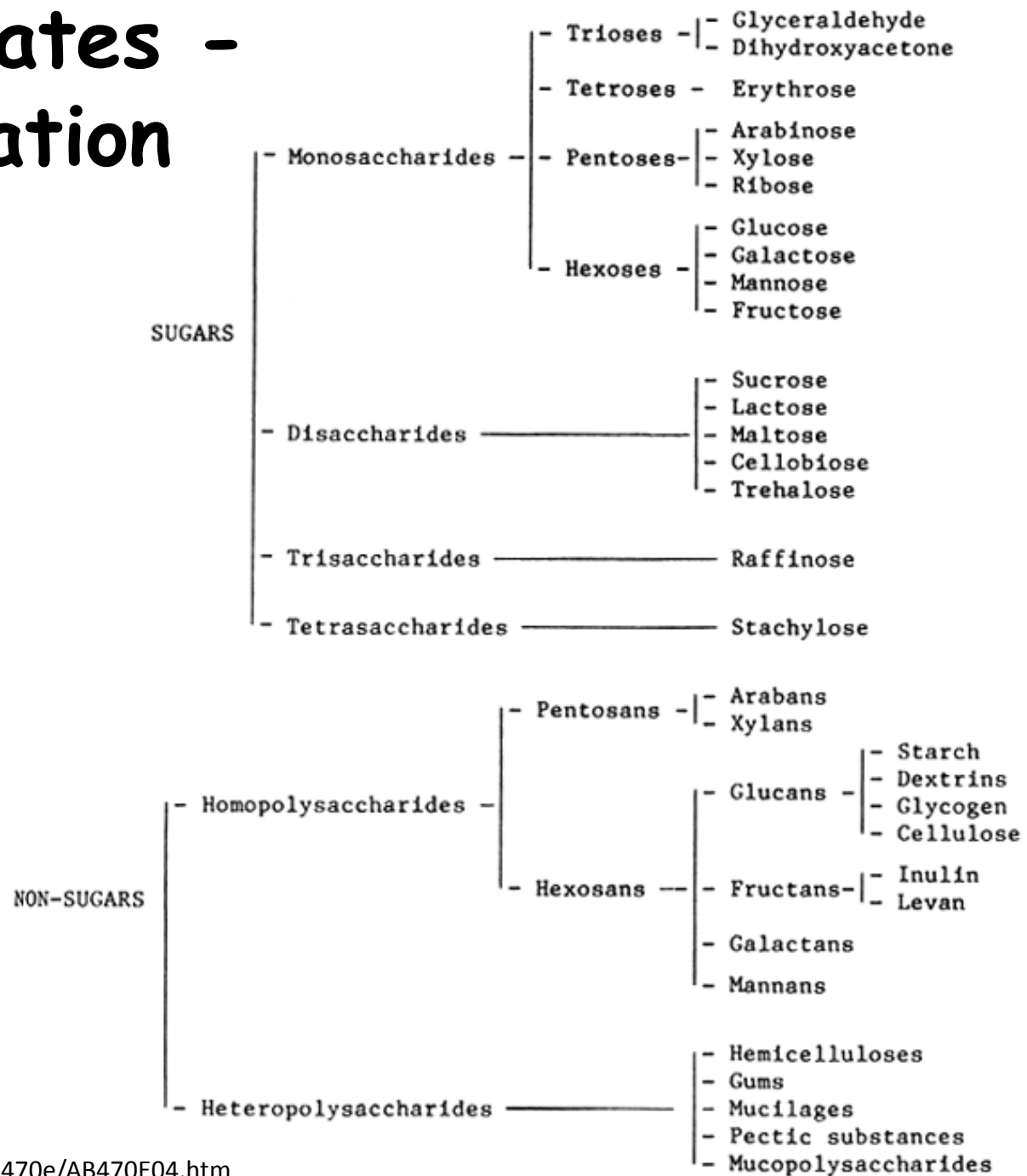
- embryo-90%; newborn-70% and adult-50%
- newborn: 750 - 800 g water/kg body wt.
- adult: 500 g water/kg body wt.
- vital to the life of an organism and the water level in the body must be maintained.
- clean fresh water is essential for all animals

# Water - Sources

- the animal obtains its water from three (3) sources:
  - drinking
  - food
  - metabolic water (metabolism: oxidation of hydrogen-containing organic nutrients).
- content in food: 60 g/kg in fresh material concentrates to > 900 g/kg in some root crops.
- Animals normally drink what they require.

# Carbohydrates

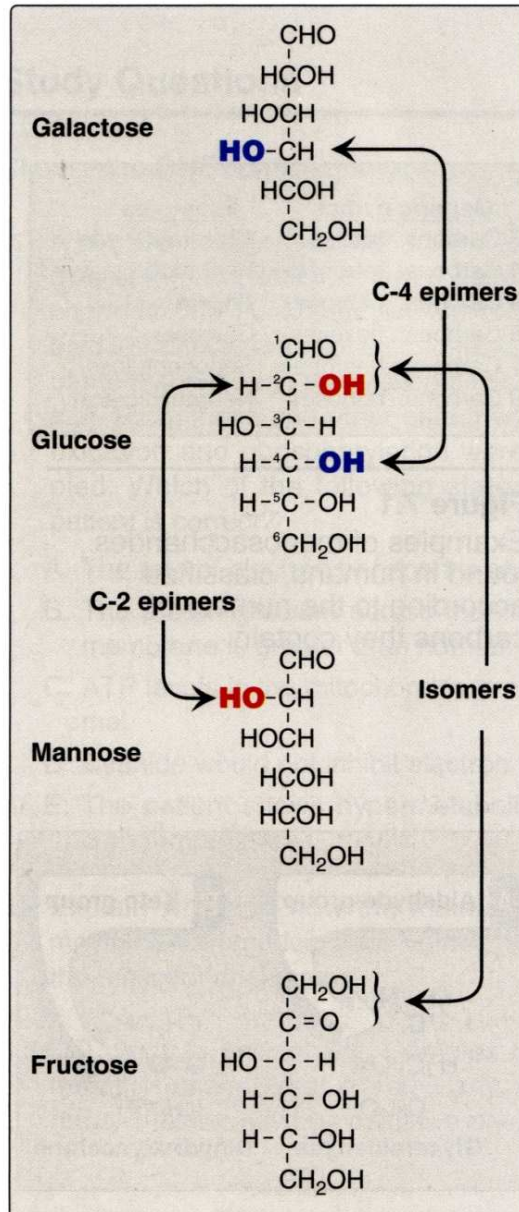
# Carbohydrates - classification



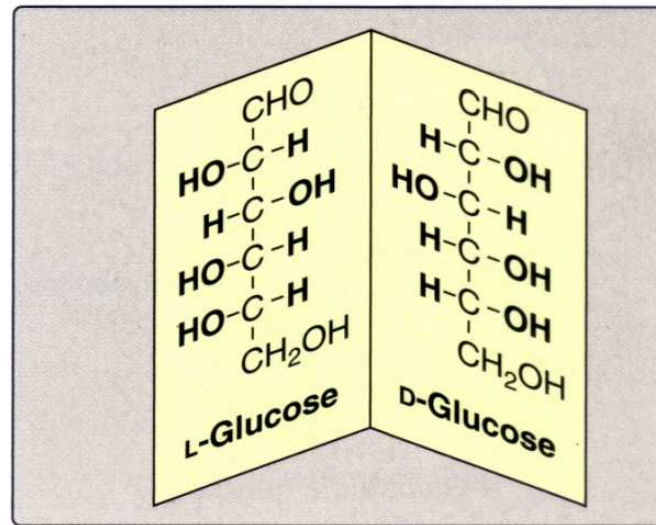
# Carbohydrates - classification

- Monosaccharides - simple sugars  
glucose, fructose & galactose
- Oligosaccharides  
Disaccharides - sucrose, maltose & lactose
- Polysaccharides - starch, glycogen,  
hemicellulose & cellulose
- Complex - attached to protein, lipids, rings,  
purines and pyrimidines

# Carbohydrates - structure

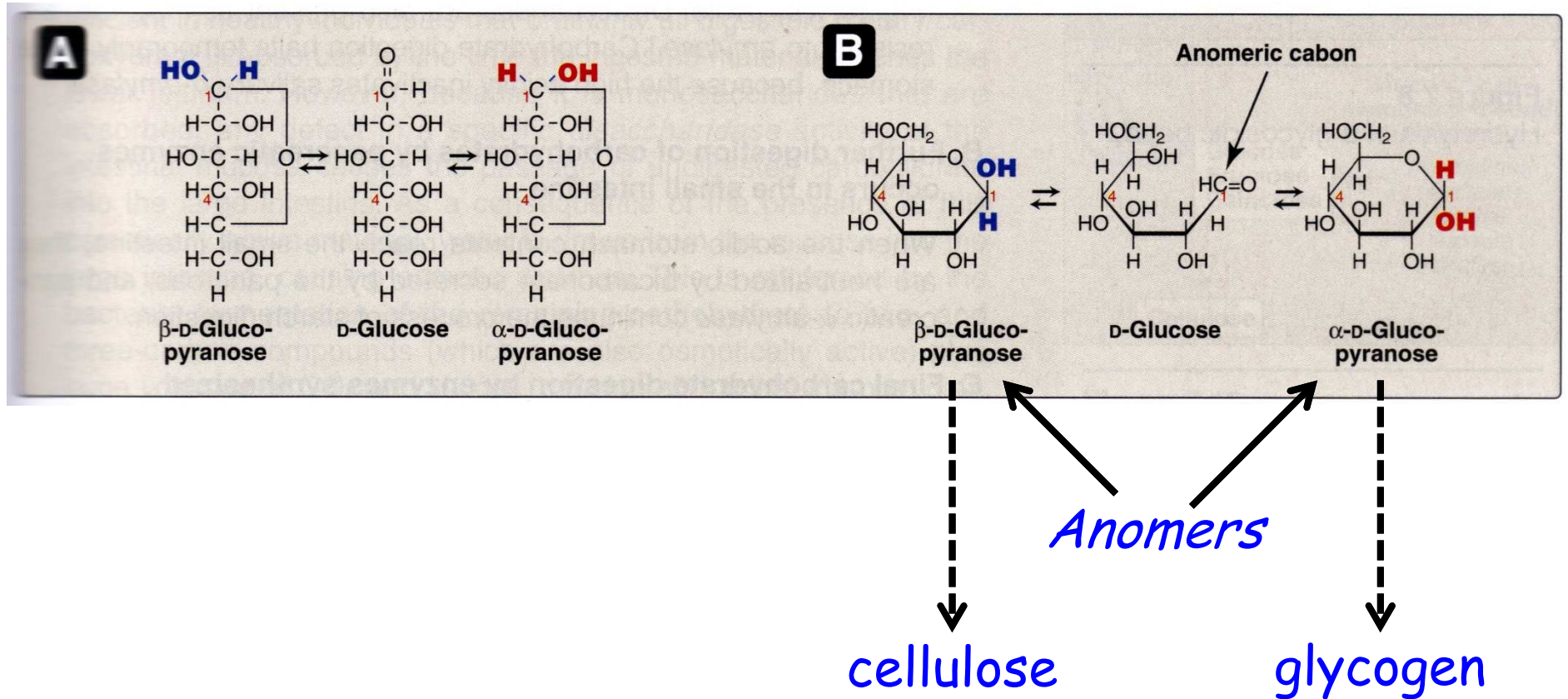


- **Isomers** - same chemical formulas but different structures
- **Epimers** - carbohydrate isomers that differ in configuration around only one specific C atom



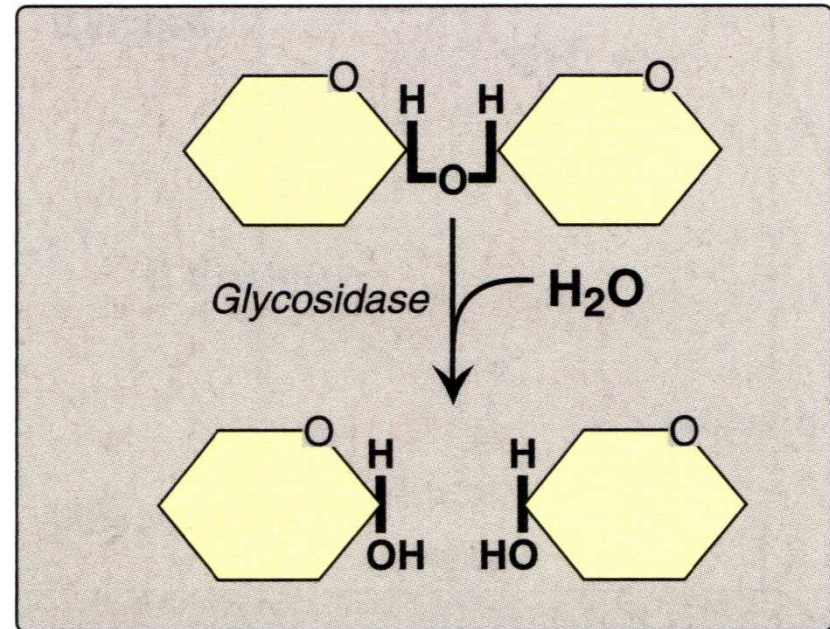
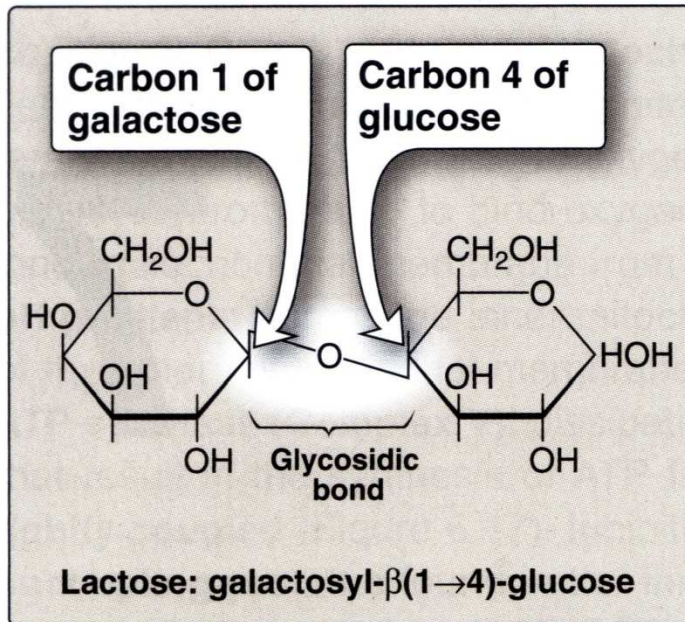
- **Enantiomers** - pairs of structures that are mirror images of one another

# Carbohydrates - cyclization





# Carbohydrates – glycosidic bonds

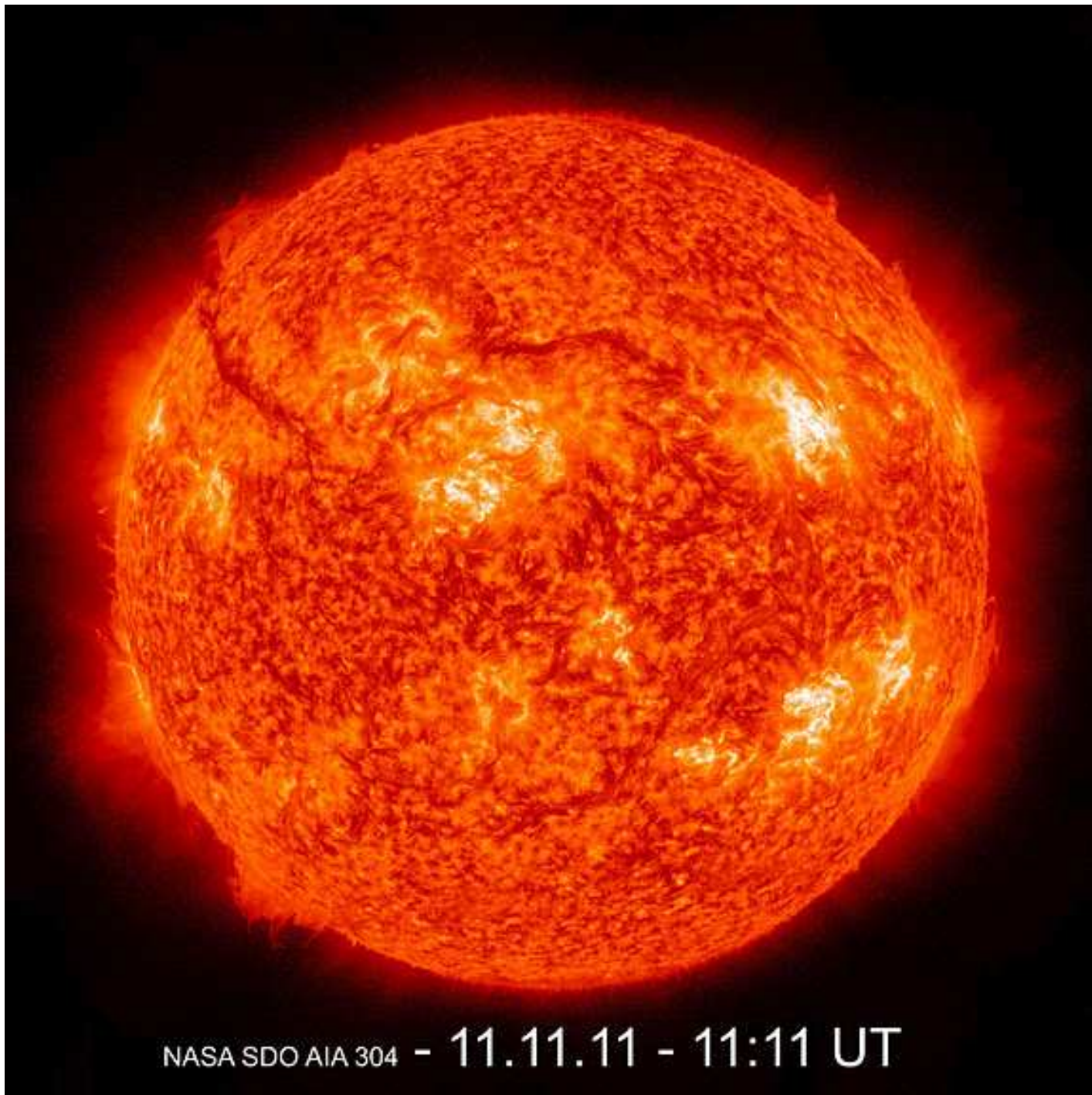


Catalysed by **glucosyltransferases**



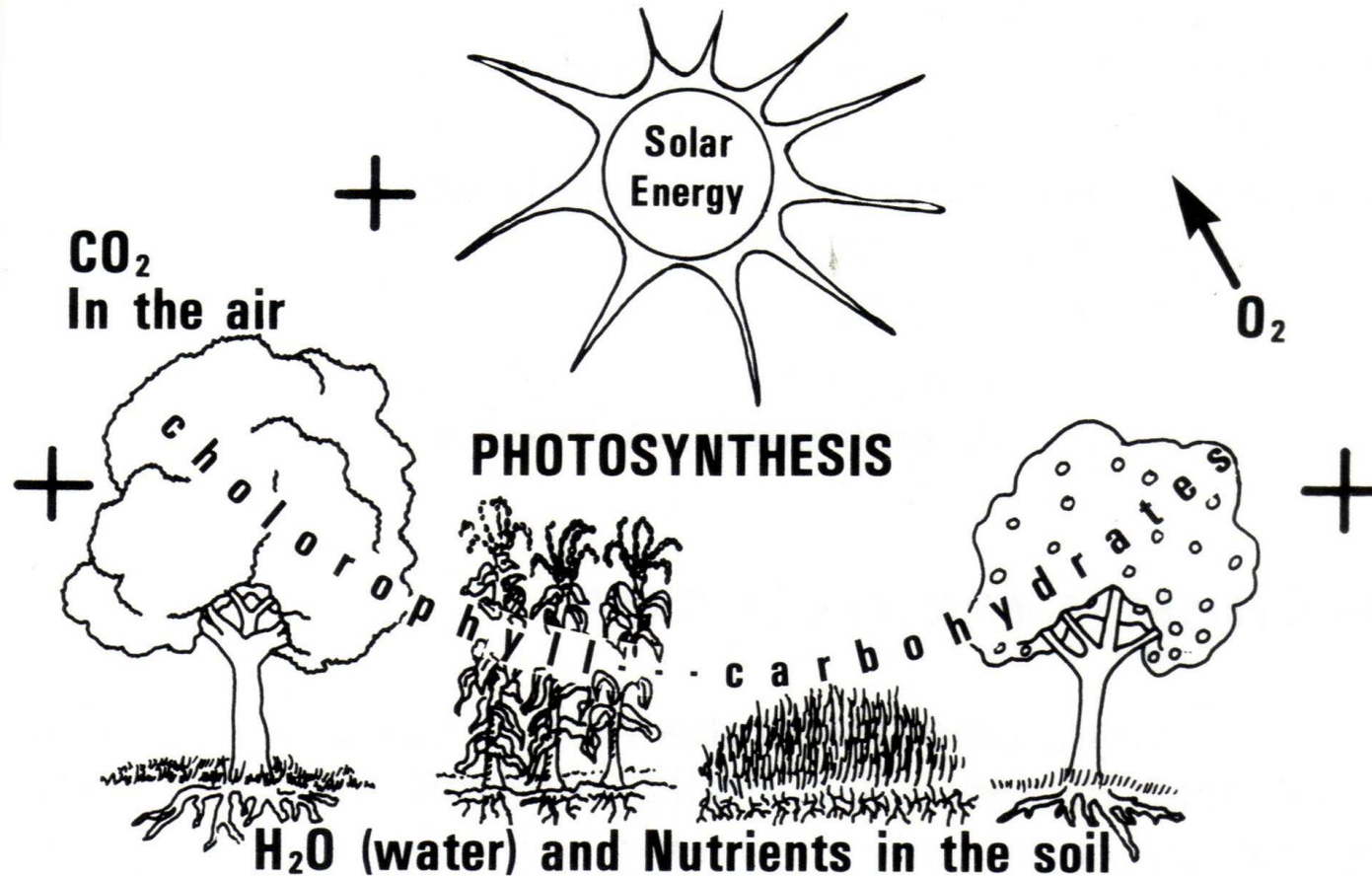
# Carbohydrates

- Lactose: galactose + glucose
- Sucrose: fructose + glucose
- Maltose: glucose + glucose
- Polymers of glucose:
  - glycogen
  - starch
  - cellulose:  $\beta(1 \rightarrow 4)$  glycosidic bonds



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# Carbohydrates - Sources



**TREE, LEAVES**  
**WOOD, BARK**  
 containing  
 cellulose  
 hemicellulose  
 sugar (maple)

**GRAIN**  
 containing  
 starch  
 cellulose

**FORAGE**  
 containing  
 starch  
 sugar  
 cellulose

**FRUIT**  
 containing  
 starch  
 sugar  
 cellulose

# Carbohydrates

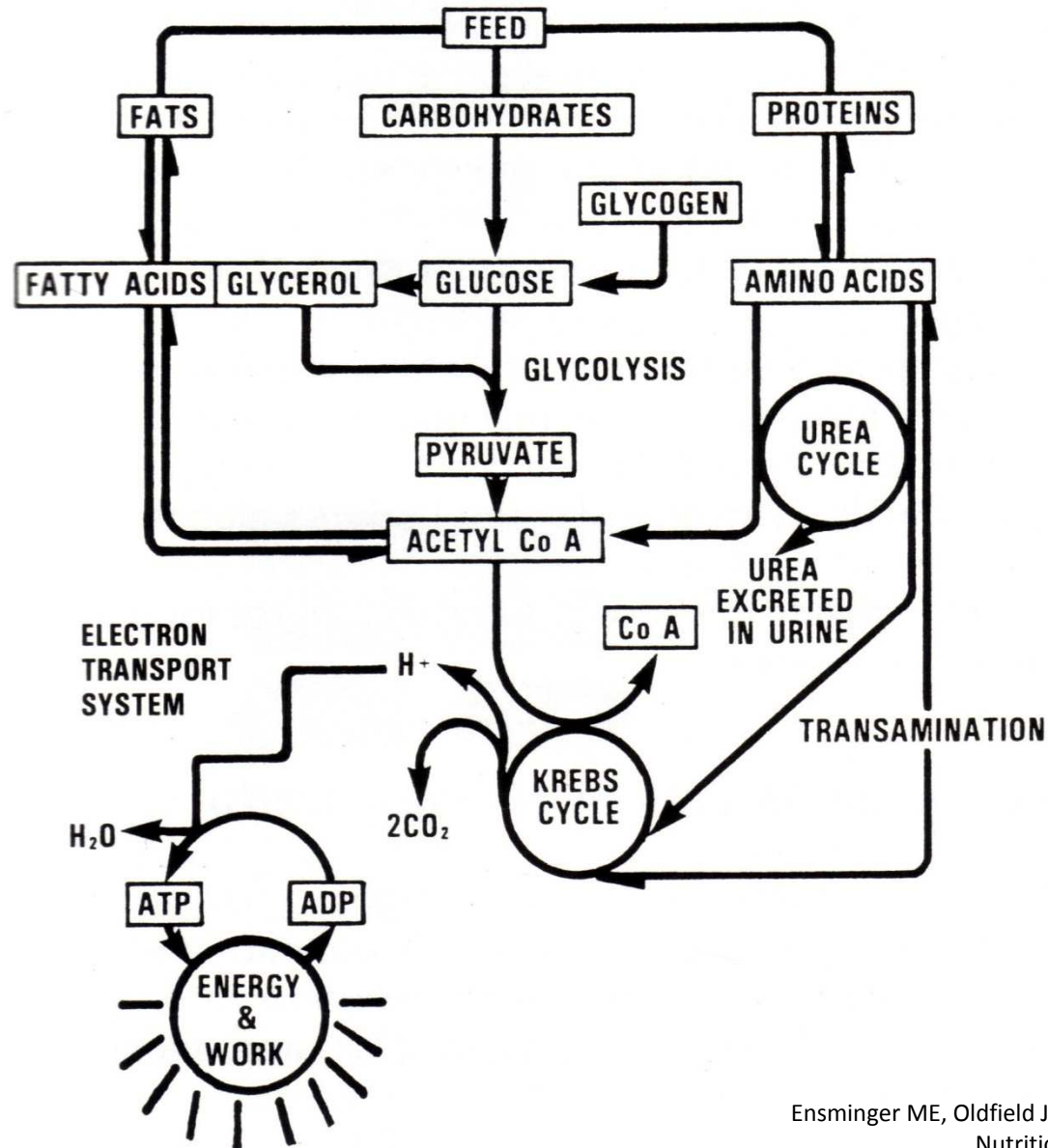
## photosynthesis



## respiration



# Carbohydrates - energy production





# Carbohydrates - Sources

Classification	Chemical Structure	Chief Feed Sources	End Products of Digestion	Nutritional Functions
<b>Sugars (water soluble):</b> <b>Monosaccharides (single sugar unit)</b> Trioses (C <sub>3</sub> H <sub>5</sub> O <sub>3</sub> ) Dihydroxyacetone ..... Ketotriose Glyceraldehyde ..... Aldotriose Tetroses (C <sub>4</sub> H <sub>7</sub> O <sub>4</sub> ) Erythrose ..... Pentoses (C <sub>5</sub> H <sub>9</sub> O <sub>5</sub> ) Arabinose ..... Ribose ..... Xylose ..... Xylulose ..... Hexoses (C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>12</sub> O <sub>6</sub> ) Fructose ..... Galactose ..... Glucose ..... Mannose .....		Glucose (fruit and plant sap).  Free pentoses constitute a very small part of animal diets. Gums such as gum arabic. Formed through metabolic processes.  Produced by hydrolysis of hay, straw, oat hulls, many woods, and corn cobs. Xylulose is a ketose sugar formed from xylose or D-arabitol.  A large group of sugars, with a significant role in nutrition. Fructose, hydrolysis of sucrose from cane sugar. Component of milk sugar.  Fruits; hydrolysis of starch, cane sugar, maltose, and lactose. Hydrolysis of plant mannans and gums; legumes.	Produced by oxidation of glucose.  Arabinose. Ribose.  Xylose.  In all mammals, galonic acid may be oxidized to L-xylulose.  Fructose. Galactose. Glucose.  Mannose.	An intermediate in the metabolism of glucose.  Component of every living animal cell. It occurs in a number of compounds which play crucial roles in metabolism; e.g., ATP, ADP, riboflavin, and RNA. Its reduced form, 2-deoxy D-ribose, is found in DNA.  Xylulose plays a role in carbohydrate metabolism.  Changed to glucose in the liver and intestine to serve as a body fuel. Changed to glucose in the liver; cell fuel; synthesized in mammary gland to make lactose of milk; constituent of glycolipids and glycoproteins. Body "sugar"; blood and tissue fluids; cell fuel.  Component of polysaccharide of albumins, globulins, mucoproteins, glycoproteins.
<b>Oligosaccharides (2 to 10 sugar units)</b> Disaccharides (C <sub>12</sub> H <sub>22</sub> O <sub>11</sub> ) Cellobiose ..... Lactose ..... Maltose ..... Sucrose ..... Trisaccharides (C <sub>18</sub> H <sub>34</sub> O <sub>16</sub> ) Raffinose ..... Tetrasaccharides (C <sub>24</sub> H <sub>44</sub> O <sub>21</sub> ) Stachyose ..... Pentasaccharides (C <sub>30</sub> H <sub>54</sub> O <sub>26</sub> ) Verbascose .....		Glucose polymers. Cellobiose does not occur in free form in nature; occurs only as a component of glucose. Milk and milk products.  Starch by the action of malt, obtained from the malting of barley. Cane and beet sugars, molasses.	Glucose and galactose. Glucose. Glucose and fructose.	Hydrolyzed to glucose and galactose, body fuel, constituent of milk production during lactation. Hydrolyzed to D-glucose, basic body fuel and metabolite, fermentable. Hydrolyzed to glucose and fructose, body fuel.
<b>Non-sugars:</b> <b>Polysaccharides (Glycan, &gt;10 sugar units)</b> Homoglycans (single sugar units) Pentosans (C <sub>5</sub> H <sub>8</sub> O <sub>4</sub> ) Arabinans (Arabinose) Xylans (Xylose) Hexosans (C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>10</sub> O <sub>5</sub> ) Fructans ..... Inulin ..... Levan ..... Galactans ..... Glycans ..... Cellulose, β-linked (glucose) ..... Dextrins, α-linked (glucose) ..... Glycogen, α-linked (glucose) ..... Starch, α-linked (glucose) ..... Mannans ..... Heteroglycans (2-6 different kinds of sugar units) Gums ..... Hemicelluloses (β-linked) ..... Mucilages ..... Mucopolysaccharides ..... Pectins (α-linked) .....		Jerusalem artichokes. A variety of plants. Seeds of alfalfa, clovers, and trefol.  Stalks and leaves of plants, hulls of seeds. Starch of grains subjected to hydrolysis or action of heat. Meat, by-products, marine by-products. Grains, rhizomes, and seeds; shoots, stems, and leaves of plants. Palm seeds.  Secretions of plants; seaweeds. Cell wall plant material.  Plant secretions and seeds. Animal connective tissue. Citrus fruits, sugar beets, apples.	Fructose. Sucrose. Glucose.  Glucose, acetic acid. Glucose. Glucose. Glucose. Glucose.	Reserve plant food material.  Provide energy, hold water; reduce elevated colonic intraluminal pressure; bind zinc. Provide energy for animal needs. Provide energy for animal needs. Provide energy for animal needs.
<b>Specialized compounds</b> Chitin ..... Lignin (not a carbohydrate) .....		Exoskeleton of insects and crustaceans. Woody part of plants such as woods, cobs, and hulls; and in the fibrous parts of roots, stems, and leaves.	Amino sugars: Galacturonic acid, galactose, arabinose, rhamnose, and other sugars.	Provide some rigidity to animal tissues. High water-holding capacity. Used to reduce diarrhea in calves.  Antioxidants; bind bile acids and metals.

<sup>a</sup>The "n" indicates any number of sugar units greater than 10.

# Proteins

# Proteins - biological role

**Structure:** Membranes, muscle, connective tissues, organs

**Enzymes:** catalyses numerous reactions

**Hormones:** regulate metabolic processes

**Transport:** carriers for various substances

**Receptors and transmission:** transmission of compound across membranes; transductions of signals intracellularly

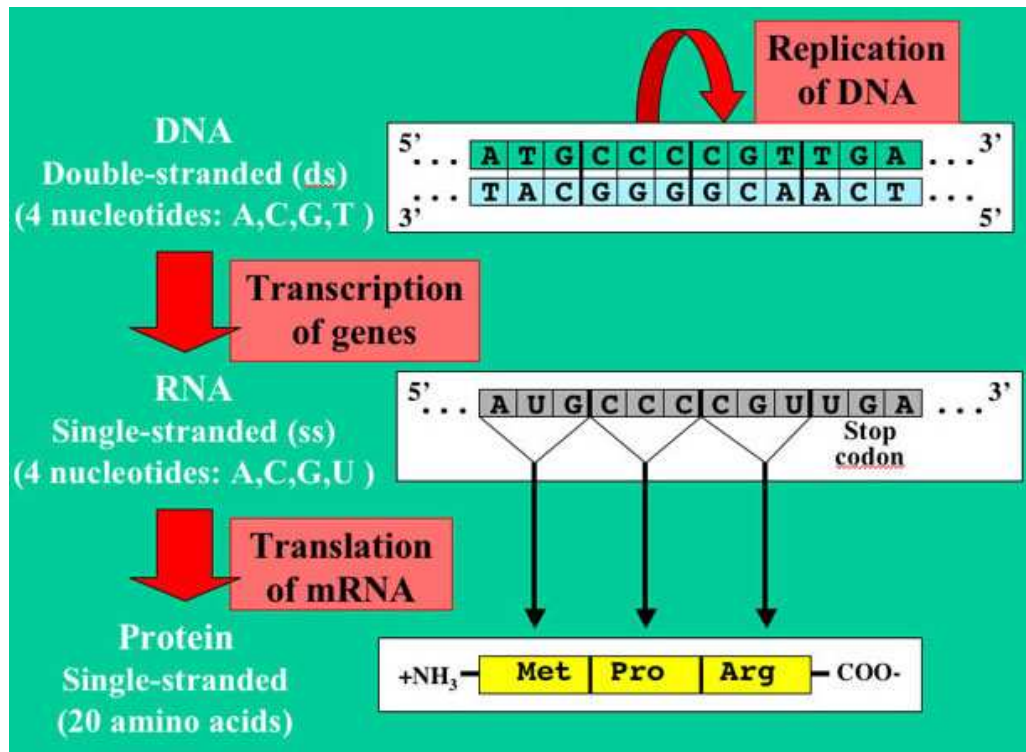
**Storage:** in different tissues

**Buffers:** maintains cellular pH



# Proteins

- long chain of amino acids
- average 16% N ( $100/16 = 6.25$ )
- >300 amino acids described in nature; only 20 found in mammalian proteins; these are coded for by DNA
- plants synthesize amino acids
- rumen microorganisms can synthesize amino acids and protein



Biological information flow (serc.carleton.edu)

First Base	Second Base				Third Base
	U	C	A	G	
U	phenylalanine	serine	tyrosine	cysteine	U
	phenylalanine	serine	tyrosine	cysteine	C
	leucine	serine	stop	stop	A
	leucine	serine	stop	tryptophan	G
C	leucine	proline	histidine	arginine	U
	leucine	proline	histidine	arginine	C
	leucine	proline	glutamine	arginine	A
	leucine	proline	glutamine	arginine	G
A	isoleucine	threonine	asparagine	serine	U
	isoleucine	threonine	asparagine	serine	C
	isoleucine	threonine	lysine	arginine	A
	(start) methionine	threonine	lysine	arginine	G
G	valine	alanine	aspartate	glycine	U
	valine	alanine	aspartate	glycine	C
	valine	alanine	glutamate	glycine	A
	valine	alanine	glutamate	glycine	G

The genetic code has 61 amino acid coding nucleotide triplets and three stop codons (Barnum SR, 2005)

# $\alpha$ -amino acids

The  $\alpha$ -carbon atom is attached to four different chemical groups; it is a chiral or optically active carbon atom

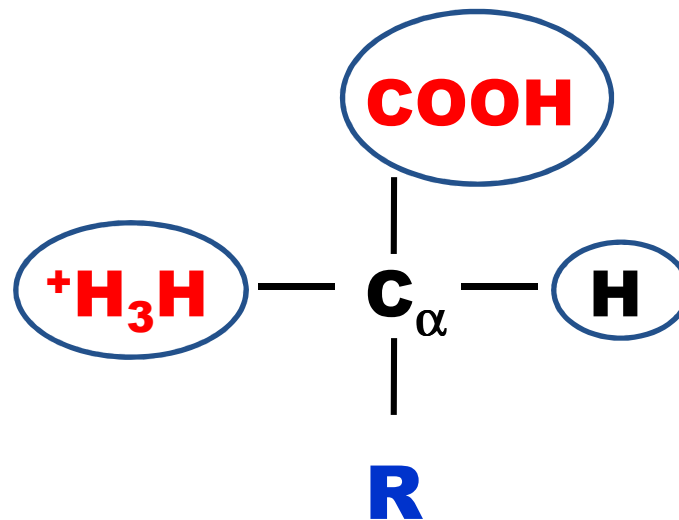
Each amino acid consists of:

An chiral carbon atom ( $\alpha$ -carbon)

An amino group ( $-\text{NH}_2$ )

A carboxyl group ( $-\text{COOH}$ )

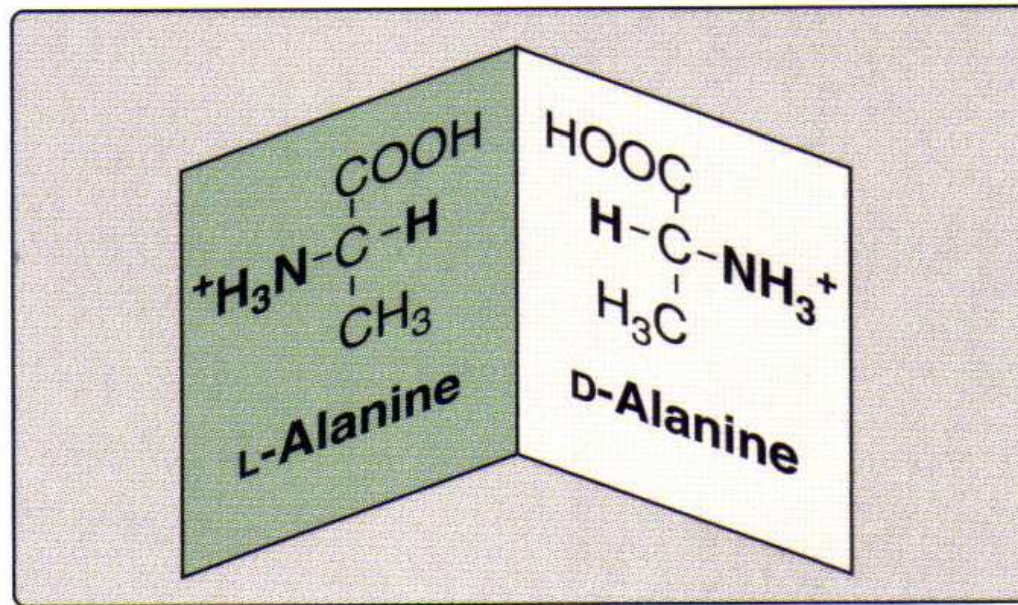
A distinctive side chain (R group)



# Stereoisomers

$\alpha$ -amino acids can exist in the D or L form; mirror images of each other

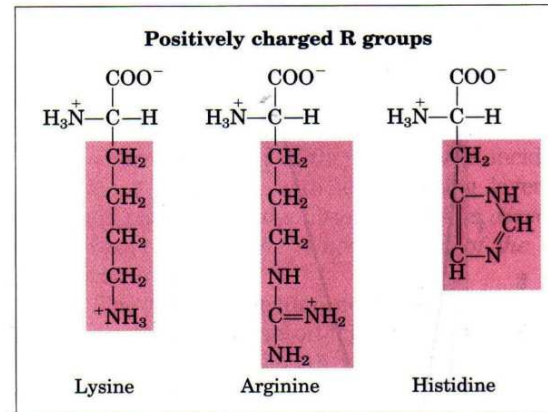
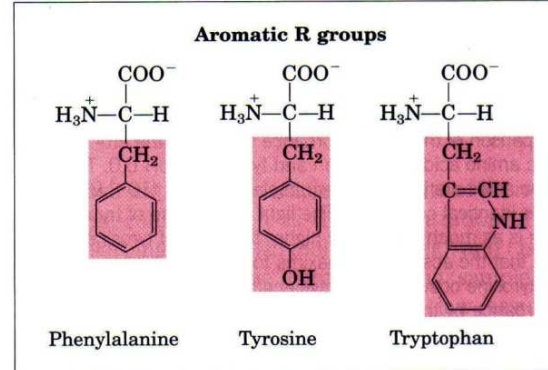
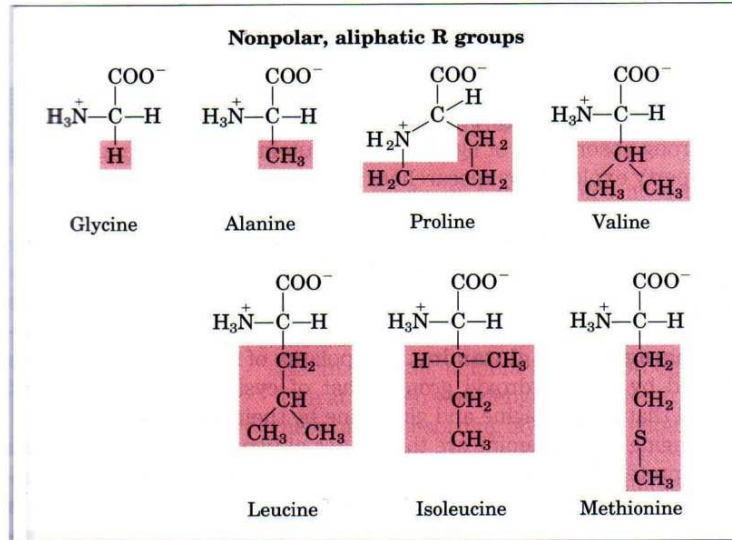
All amino acids in proteins are of the L-configuration



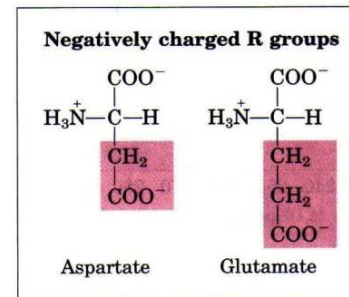
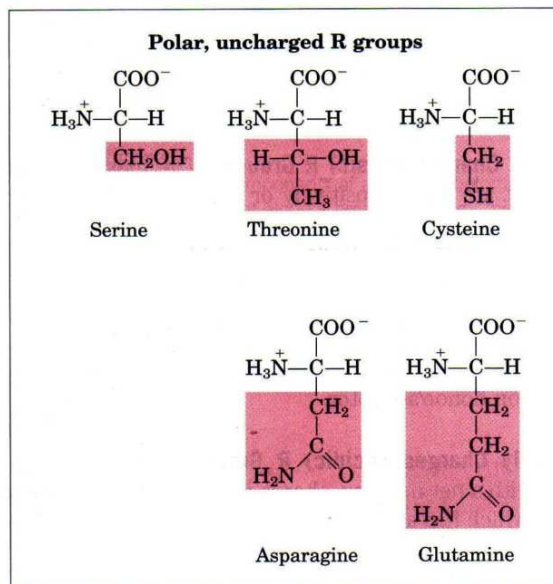
**D and L forms of alanine are mirror images**



## Non polar side chains



**Basic**  
- side chain is protonated and generally has a +ve charge at pH 7.4

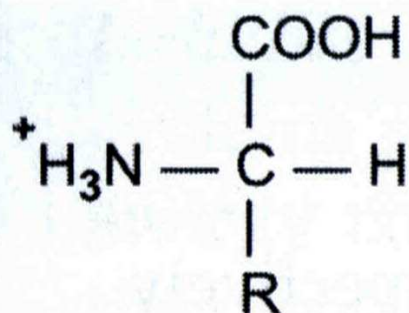


**Acidic**  
- side chain dissociates to -COO at pH 7.4

## 20 standard amino acids

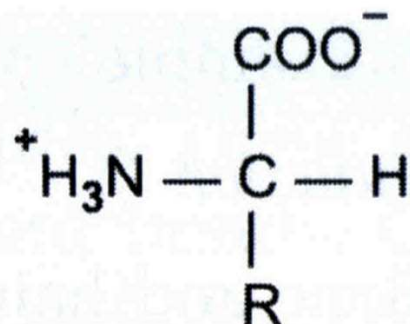
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# Charge properties of amino acids



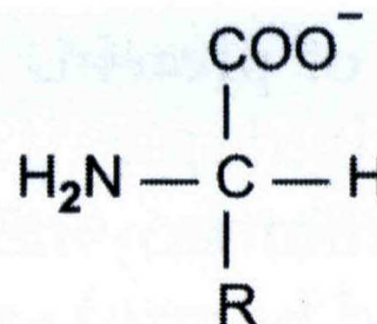
1. Cation form  
at acidic pH,

-NH<sub>2</sub> behaves  
as a base



2. Zwitterion form  
at isoelectric pH,

The amphoteric  
nature of amino  
acids; dipolar or  
Zwitterion  
Isoelectric pH, where  
the net charge is  
zero



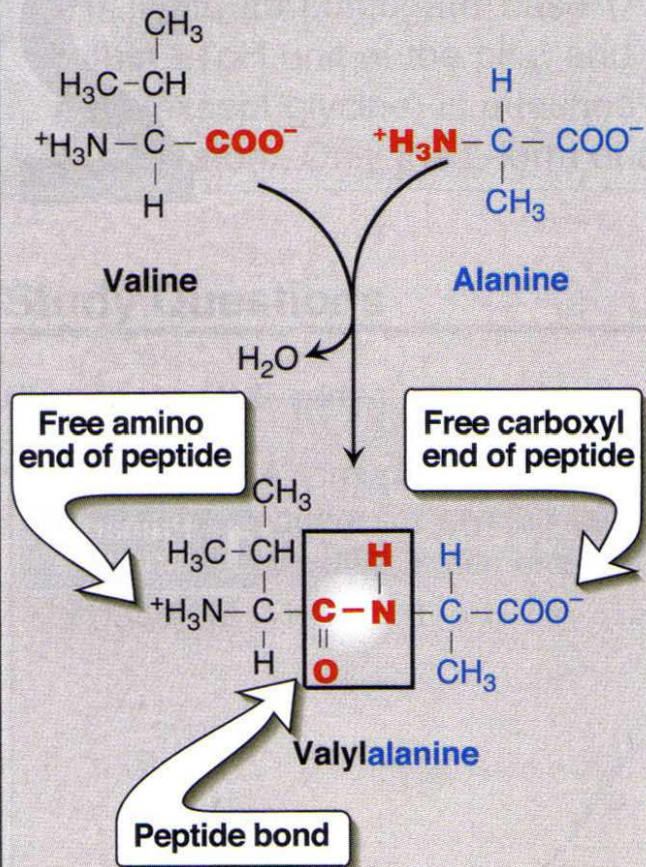
3. Anionic form  
at basic pH

- COOH  
behaves as a  
proton donor

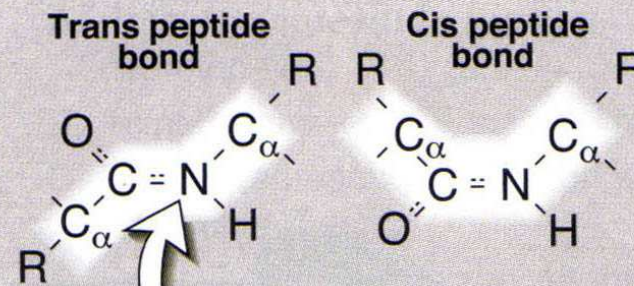


# The Peptide Bond

## A Formation of the peptide bond



## B Characteristics of the peptide bond



### Peptide bonds in proteins

- Partial double-bond character
- Rigid and planar
- Trans configuration
- Uncharged but polar

# The four orders of protein structure

**Primary structure:** the sequence of the amino acids in a polypeptide chain

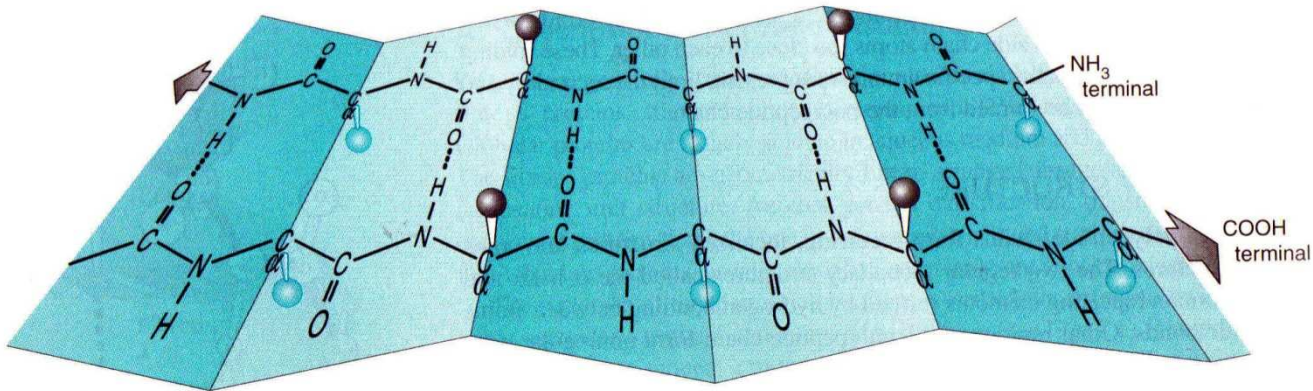
**Secondary structure:** the folding of short (3- to 30-residue), contiguous segments of polypeptide into geometrically ordered units

**Tertiary structure:** the three-dimensional assembly of secondary structural units to form larger functional units such as the mature polypeptide and its component domains

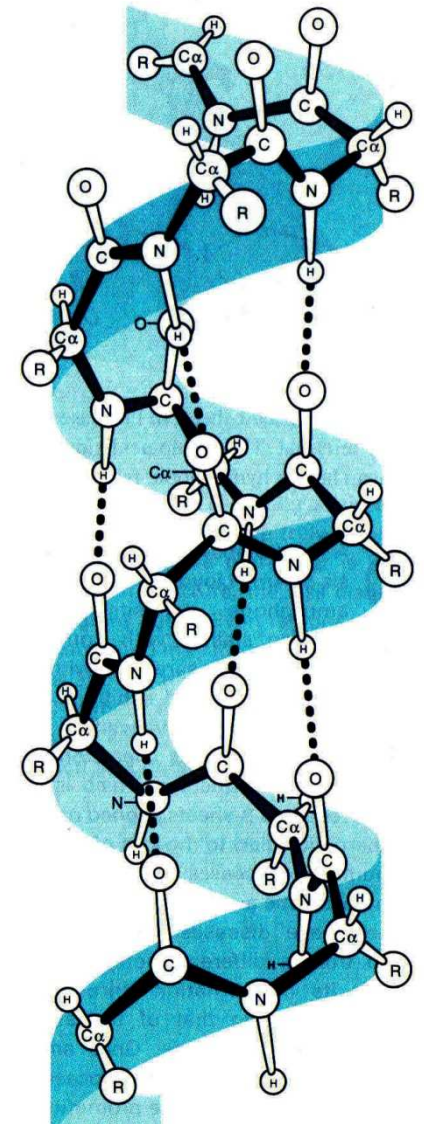
**Quaternary structure:** the number and types of polypeptide units of oligomeric proteins and their spatial arrangement.



# Secondary structure

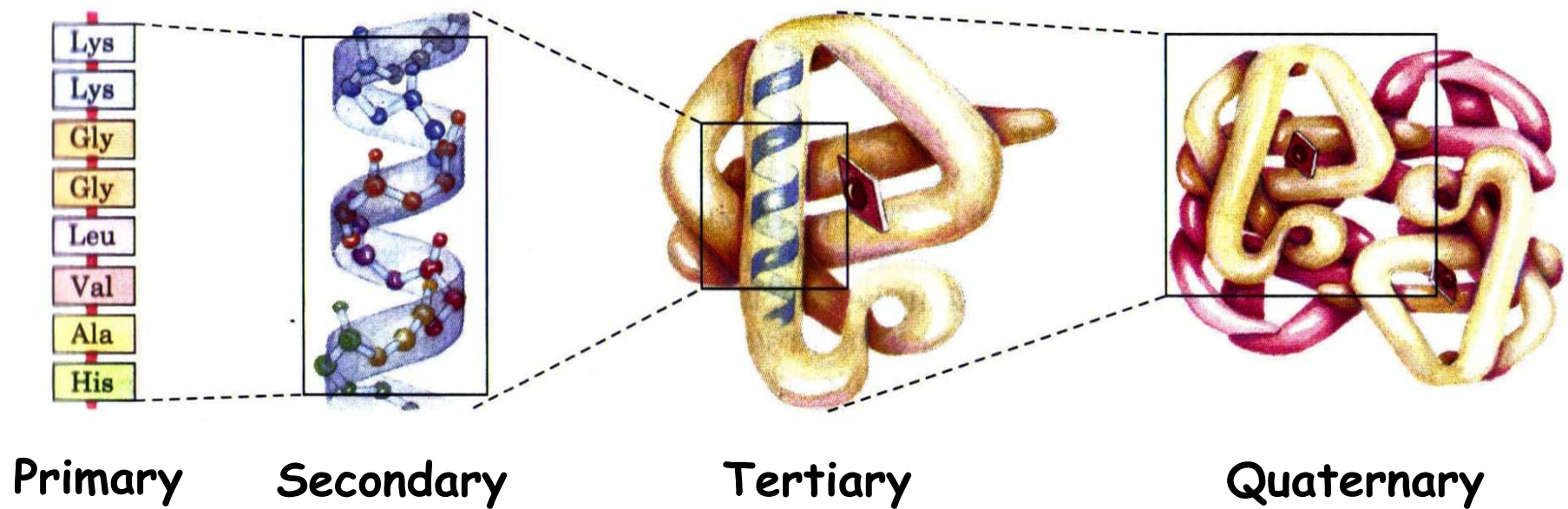


A  $\beta$ -pleated sheet



An  $\alpha$ -helix

# The four orders of protein structure



## Levels of structure in proteins

Adapted from :Nelson DL and Cox MM. 2008. Lehninger Principles of Biochemistry. Worth Publishers, NY, USA)

# Peptides

## Dipeptide:

*Anserine* - found in skeletal muscle; activates myosin ATPase activity

*Aspartame* -  
L-aspartylphenylalanyl methyl ester; artificial sweetener, Nutra Sweet

## Pentapeptide:

*Enkephalins* - a hypothalamic hormone

## Nonapeptides:

Oxytocin and vasopressin

## Tripeptide:

*Glutathione* - glutamic acid, cysteine and glycine; in RBCs; redox reactions, decomposed  $H_2O_2$  and maintains cells integrity; keeps hemoglobin in a reduced state

*Thyrotropin* - a hypothalamic hormone

# Forces controlling protein structure

**Hydrogen bonding:** within polypeptide chains and with the surrounding medium

**Hydrophobic :** hydrophobic R-groups drive their amino acids into the interior of protein; this restricts the available conformations into which a protein may fold

**Electrostatic :** Charge-charge (oppositely charged R-groups), charge-dipole (ionised R-groups and water), and dipole-dipole (between polar R-groups);

**Van der Waals :** attraction or repulsion between uncharged non-bonded atoms;

**Disulphide bridges :** oxidation of two cysteine residues (-S-S-); strong high energy covalent bonds

# Classification of proteins

## Based on solubility

**Table 4.3: Proteins of different soluble property**

<i>Class</i>	<i>Soluble in</i>	<i>Example</i>
Albumins	Water	Serum albumin, egg albumin
Globulins	Dilute salt solutions	Serum globulins
Histones (Basic proteins)	Dilute acids	Nucleoproteins, histones
Scleroproteins	Insoluble in H <sub>2</sub> O	Collagen, elastin

## Based on shape

- Globular (compactly folded and coiled)
- Fibrous (elongated)
- DNA-binding
- Transmembrane

## Based on composition

- Simple
- Conjugated proteins
- Derived proteins

**Table 4.4: Different conjugated proteins**

<i>Example for conjugated proteins</i>	<i>Nonprotein part present + protein</i>
1. Hemoglobin (Hb)	Heme + globin
2. Nucleoprotein	DNA + histone
3. Lipoprotein	Lipids + apolipoprotein
4. Phosphoprotein (Casein)	Phosphate + protein
5. Glycoprotein (egg albumin)	Carbohydrate + protein
6. Rhodopsin	11-cis retinal + opsin (protein)
7. Ferritin	Iron + apoferritin

(Nayak S, 2010)



# Essential and Nonessential Amino Acids

Our cells can  
synthesize  
them

Nonessential	Essential
Alanine	Arginine*
Asparagine	Histidine
Aspartate	Isoleucine
Cysteine	Leucine
Glutamate	Lysine
Glutamine	Methionine*

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# Proteins- Sources

**TABLE 4-5**  
**CLASSIFICATION OF SOME COMMON PROTEINS**

Type	Chemical Properties	General Comments
<b>Simple proteins:</b>		
Albuminoids (sclero-proteins)	Insoluble in water; highly resistant to enzymatic digestion; some become gelatinous upon boiling in water or dilute acids or bases.	Includes collagen, elastin, and keratin; common in supporting tissues; sometimes referred to as fibrous protein.
Albumins	Readily soluble in water; coagulate upon heating.	Present in egg, milk, and serum.
Globulins	Low solubility in water; solubility increases with the addition of neutral salts; coagulates upon heating.	Abundant in nature; examples are serum globulins, muscle globulins, and numerous plant globulins.
Glutelins	Insoluble in water; soluble in dilute acids or bases.	Abundant in cereal grains; an example is wheat gluten.
Prolamins	Insoluble in water, absolute alcohol, or neutral solvents; soluble in 80% ethanol.	Zein in corn and gliadin in wheat are prolamins.
<b>Conjugated proteins:</b>		
Chromoproteins	Combination of a protein and a pigmented (colored) substance.	Common example is hemoglobin—hematin and protein.
Lecithoproteins	Combination of protein and lecithin.	Found in fiber of clotted blood and vitellin of egg.
Lipoproteins	Water-soluble combination of fat and protein.	A vehicle for the transport of fat in the blood; all contain triglycerides, cholesterol, and phospholipids in varying proportions.
Metalloproteins	Proteins that are complexed with metals.	One example is transferrin, a metalloprotein that can bind with copper, iron, and zinc. Various enzymes contain minerals.
Mucoproteins or glycoproteins	Contain carbohydrates such as mannose and galactose.	Examples are mucin from the mucous secretions which act as protectants and lubricants in many parts of the body.
Nucleoproteins	Combination of proteins and nucleic acids.	Present in germs of seeds and glandular tissue.
Phosphoproteins	Compounds containing protein and phosphorus in a form other than phospholipid or nucleic acid.	Casein in milk and ovovitellin in eggs, are examples.

# Lipids



# Lipids

- Biomolecules
- Amphipathic (polar and nonpolar)
- Low solubility in water; high solubility on non polar solvents
- highly reduced forms of carbon; yield large amount of energy upon oxidation in metabolism;

*Lipids are fatty acids and their derivatives, and substances related biosynthetically or functionally to these compounds.*

(<http://lipidlibrary.aocs.org/index.html>)

# Biological Functions of Lipids

- Structural elements (phospholipids, cholesterol)
- Energy storage (fatty acids, triacylglycerols)
- Hormones (estrogen, testosterone)
- Enzyme cofactors (coenzyme A)
- Electron carriers (coenzyme Q)
- Light-absorbing pigments (carotenoids)
- Emulsifying agents (bile salts)
- Intracellular messengers (phosphatidyl inositol)

# Fatty acids

<b>CH<sub>3</sub>(CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>n</sub></b>	<b>COO<sup>-</sup></b>
Hydrophobic hydrocarbon chain	Hydrophilic carboxyl group (ionized at pH 7)

Structure of a fatty acid

Fatty acids with chain lengths of four to ten carbons are found in significant quantities in milk.

Structural lipids and triacylglycerols contain primarily fatty acids of at least 16 carbons.

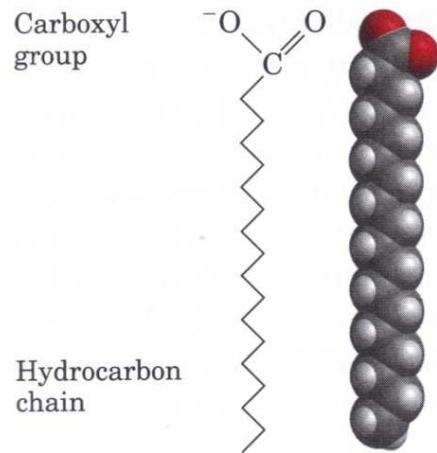
COMMON NAME	STRUCTURE
Formic acid	1
Acetic acid	2:0
Propionic acid	3:0
Butyric acid	4:0
Capric acid	10:0
Palmitic acid	16:0
Palmitoleic acid	16:1(9)
Stearic acid	18:0
Oleic acid	18:1(9)
Linoleic acid	18:2(9,12)
α-Linolenic acid	18:3(9,12,15)
Arachidonic acid	20:4(5, 8,11,14)
Lignoceric acid	24:0
Nervonic acid	24:1(15)

Precursor of prostaglandins

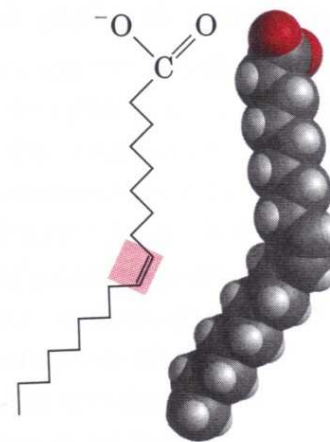
Essential fatty acids

Some fatty acids of physiological importance

# Fatty acids - saturation



(a)

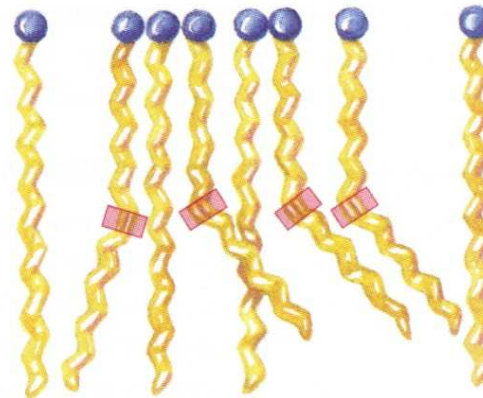


(b)



Saturated fatty acids

(c)

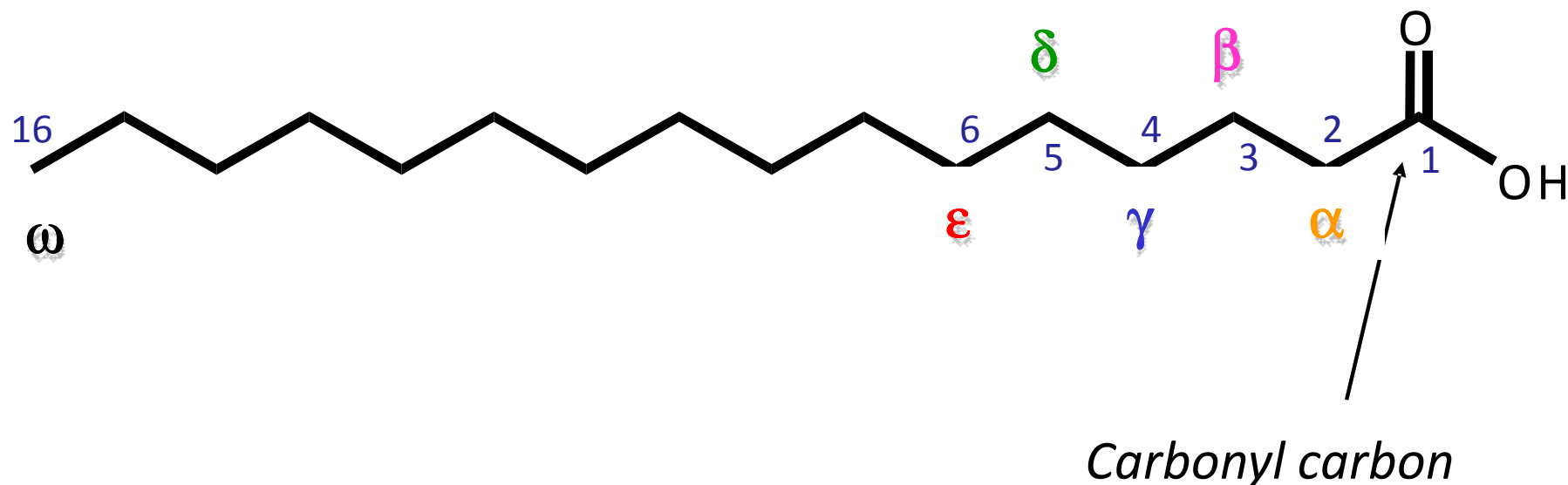


Mixture of saturated and unsaturated fatty acids

(d)

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# Palmitic Acid



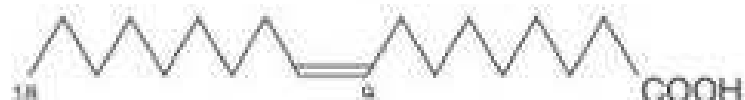
- $\omega$  omega, always the last alkyl carbon
- $\epsilon$  epsilon, fifth carbon after the carbonyl
- $\delta$  delta, fourth carbon after the carbonyl
- $\gamma$  gamma, third carbon after the carbonyl
- $\beta$  beta, second carbon after the carbonyl
- $\alpha$  alpha, first carbon after the carbonyl



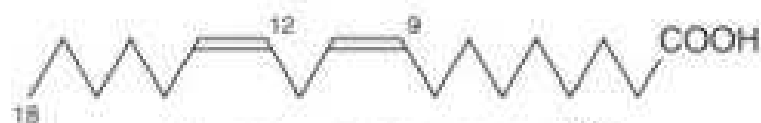
# Fatty acids



**Palmitoleic acid ( $\omega 7$ , 16:1,  $\Delta^9$ )**



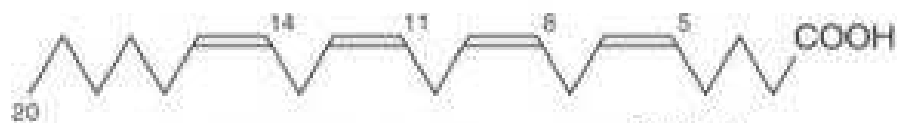
**Oleic acid ( $\omega 9$ , 18:1,  $\Delta^9$ )**



**\*Linoleic acid ( $\omega 6$ , 18:2,  $\Delta^{9,12}$ )**



**\* $\alpha$ -Linolenic acid ( $\omega 3$ , 18:3,  $\Delta^{9,12,15}$ )**



**\*Arachidonic acid ( $\omega 6$ , 20:4,  $\Delta^{5,8,11,14}$ )**



**Eicosapentaenoic acid ( $\omega 3$ , 20:5,  $\Delta^{5,8,11,14,17}$ )**



# Lipids - Sources

TABLE 4-3  
CLASSIFICATION OF LIPIDS

Type of Lipid	Example	Chemistry	General Comments
<b>Simple lipids:</b> Neutral fats	Triglycerides (triacylglycerols).	Esters of fatty acids with glycerol; ratio of 3 fatty acids to 1 glycerol.	<b>Most</b> abundant lipids in nature. <b>Mixed</b> triglycerides (those in which at least 2 fatty acids are different) account for 98% of the fats in feeds and over 90% of fat in the body.
Waxes	Beeswax.	Esters of fatty acids with high-molecular-weight alcohols other than glycerol. This group includes the esters of cholesterol, vitamin A, and vitamin D.	<b>More</b> important in commerce than in animal nutrition; occur widely in cuticle of leaves and fruit.
<b>Compound lipids:</b> Phospholipids	Lecithins. Cephalins. Lipositols.	Compounds of neutral fat, a phosphoric acid, and a nitrogenous base (choline, ethanolamine, or serine); water-soluble.	Lecithins are largest group of phospholipids. Lecithin may be obtained from egg yolks or soybeans.
Glycolipids	Cerebrosides. Gangliosides.	Sugar-(carbohydrate)-containing fatty acids plus nitrogen.	Sugar can be glucose or galactose; found in nervous tissue; component of cell membrane.
Lipoproteins	Chylomicrons. Very low density lipoproteins (VLDL). Low density lipoproteins (LDL). High density lipoproteins (HDL).	They all contain protein, triglycerides, phospholipids, and cholesterol; but in varying amounts.	The lipoproteins, synthesized in the liver, are composed of about ¼ to ⅓ protein, with the remainder lipids. <b>Means</b> of transporting lipids in the blood.
<b>Derived lipids:</b> Fatty acids	Palmitic acid. Oleic acid. Stearic acid. Linoleic acid.	Generally have one acid group (COOH); may be saturated, or unsaturated—contain 1 or more double bonds.	In most cases, there is an even number of carbon atoms in the naturally-occurring fatty acids. There are few odd-numbered carbon atom fatty acids in nature. Release of fatty acids from triglyceride releases glycerol.
Steroids	Cholesterol. Ergosterol. Cortisol. Bile acids. Vitamin D. Androgens, estrogens, and progesterone.	Derivatives of the perhydrocyclopentan- $\alpha$ -phenanthrene nucleus (chemical structure is a series of rings).	<b>One</b> of the most studied classes of lipids. Collectively many of these are referred to as steroid hormones—hormones of the adrenal gland, testes, and ovaries.
Hydrocarbons	Terpenes.	Compounds of hydrogen and carbon only.	Includes a series of oils (such as camphor), resin acids, and plant pigments. Beta-carotene is an example of an important terpene.

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