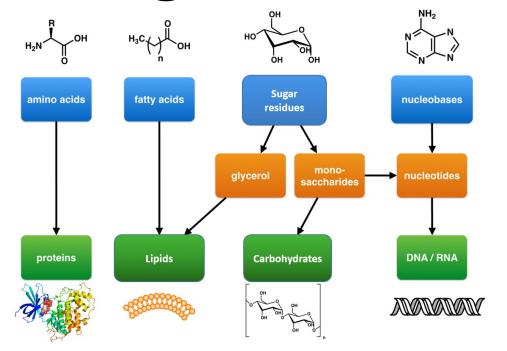
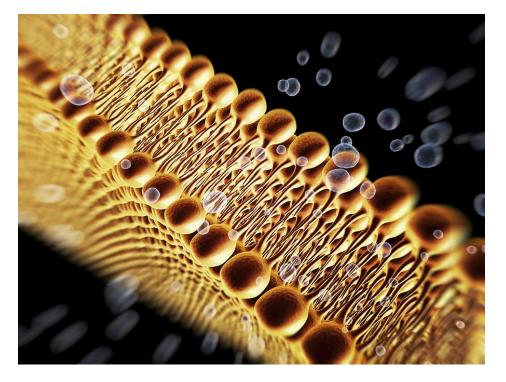
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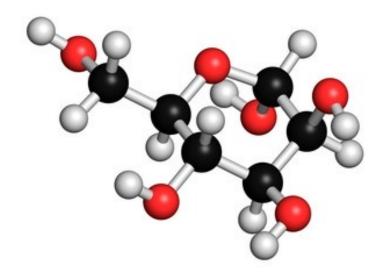
# Lesson 2 Recognizing Macromolecules



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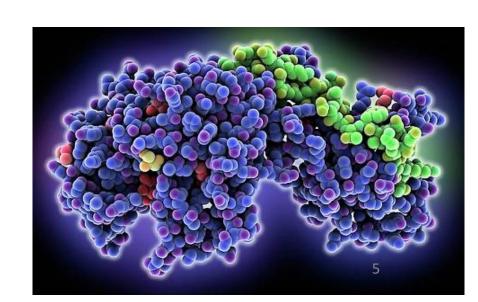
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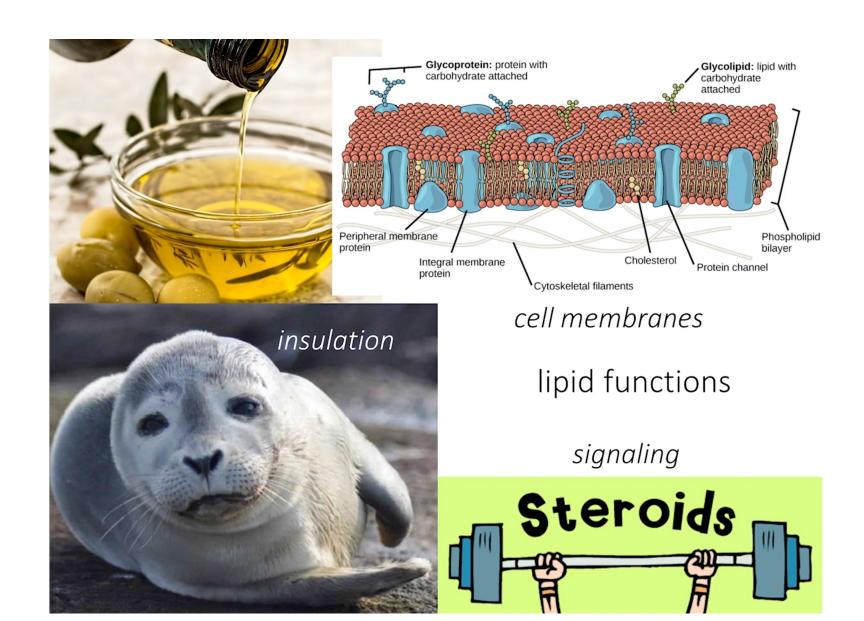
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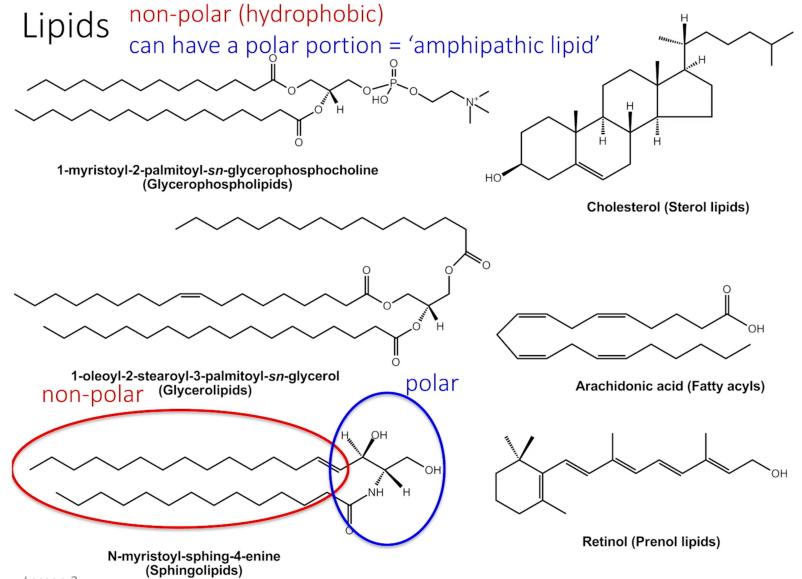
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- They are often polymers  $\rightarrow$  (monomer = M, polymer =  $M_n$ )

## Lipids

- Membranes, signals, energy storage, protection
- Non-polar (hydrophobic) (key attribute)
- Or amphipathic (partly polar)
- Long chain or small

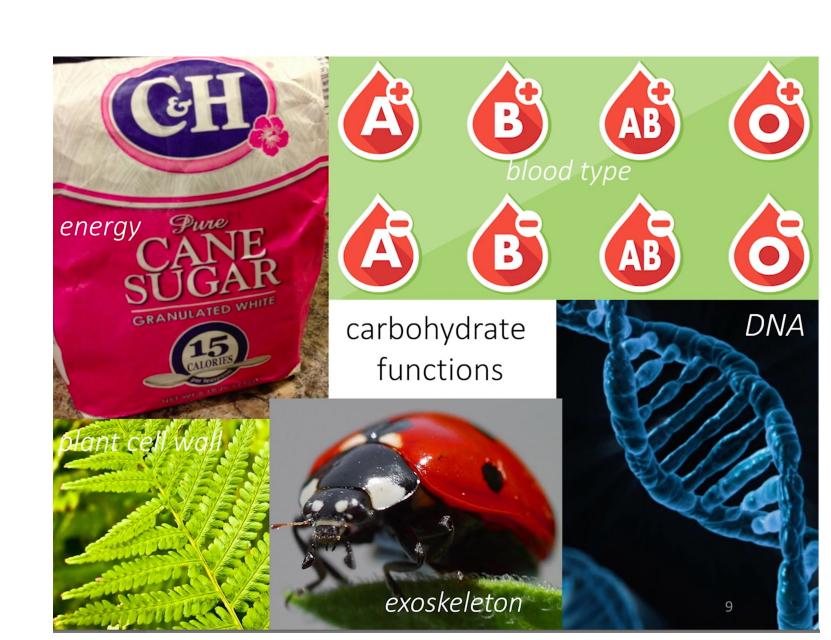


## Lipids



# Carbohydrates

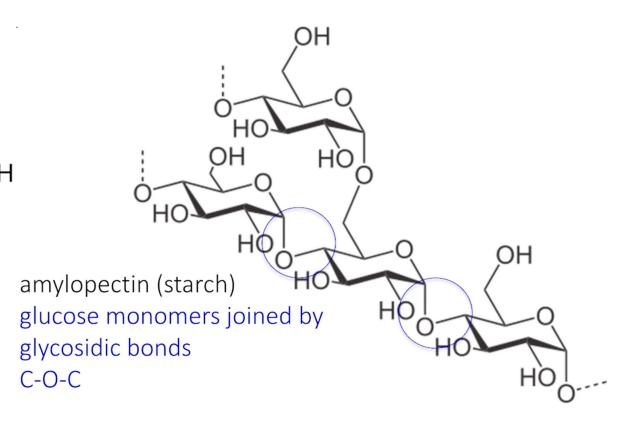
- Energy, information, structure
- Basic chemical formula CH<sub>2</sub>O (C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>12</sub>O<sub>6</sub>)
- Monomer M = monosaccharides (sugars)
- Polymers =
   polysaccharides
   (glycogen, starch,
   cellulose...)
- Ms joined by glycosidic bonds C-O-C



# Carbohydrates

#### Glucose isomers

$$\begin{array}{c} OH \\ OH \\ HO \\ \hline \\ 3 \\ OH \\ OH \\ \end{array}$$



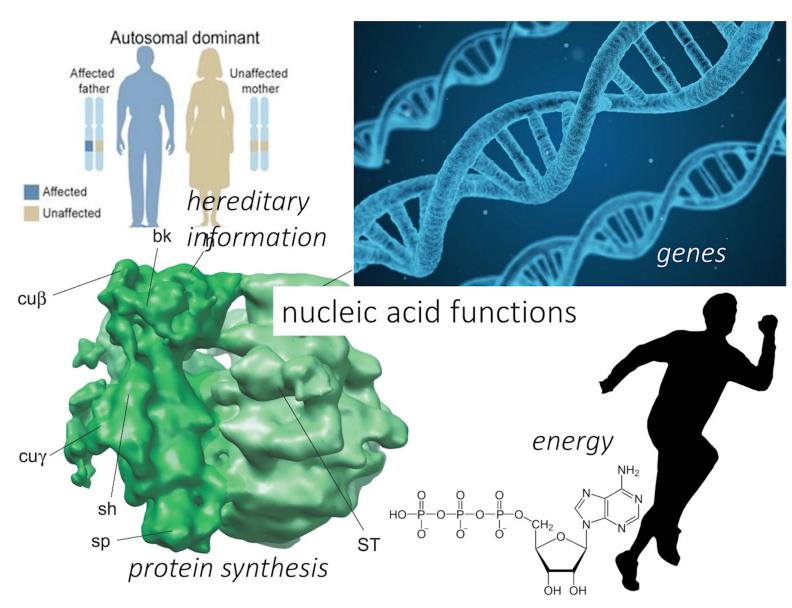
In starch  $\rightarrow \alpha$ -1,4 in cellulose  $\rightarrow \beta$ -1,4 WHAT CAN WE DIGEST AND WHY?

## Nucleic acids

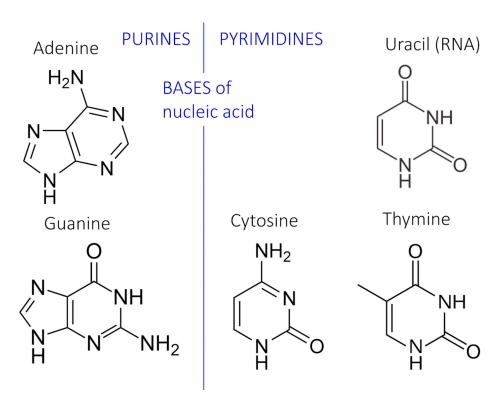
- Hereditary information (genes), energy
- Monomer M = nucleotides
- Polymers = DNA or RNA
- The nucleotide structure is stereotypical:

#### Phosphate-sugar-base (P-S-B)

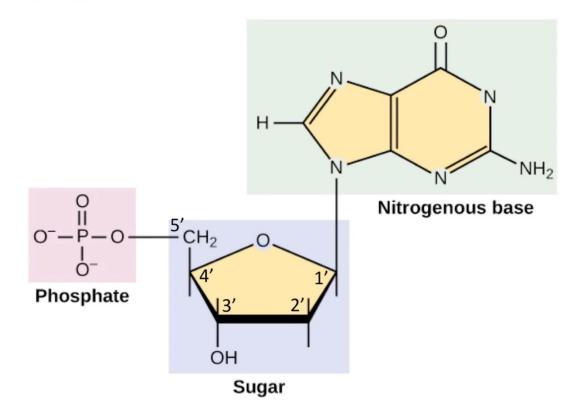
- Sugar = (5C) ribose (RNA) or deoxyribose (DNA)
- 5 bases:
  - Adenine (A), Guanine (G) = PURINES
  - Cytosine (C), Thymine (T),
     Uracil (U) = PYRIMIDINES
- A,G,C,**T** = DNA
- A,G,C,**U** = RNA



## Nucleic acids



#### Nucleotide



Note that the carbon atoms of the sugar are called C1', C2' etc C1' is where the base attaches

C2' can have attached a H (as here, for DNA) or a OH group (for RNA)

C3'is very important and where the next nucleotide will join

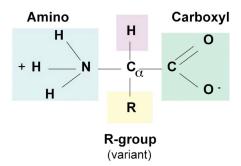
C5' is where the phosphate group attaches

### **Proteins**

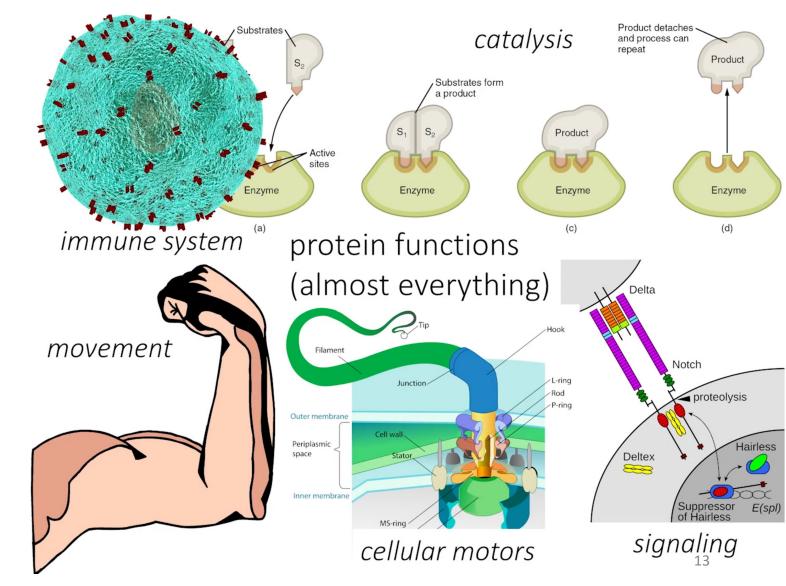
- Everything except genes
- Monomer M = amino acids
- 20 natural common amino acids
- Polymer = protein
- Amino acid structure:

Alpha  $C + NH_2 + COOH + R$  (side group)

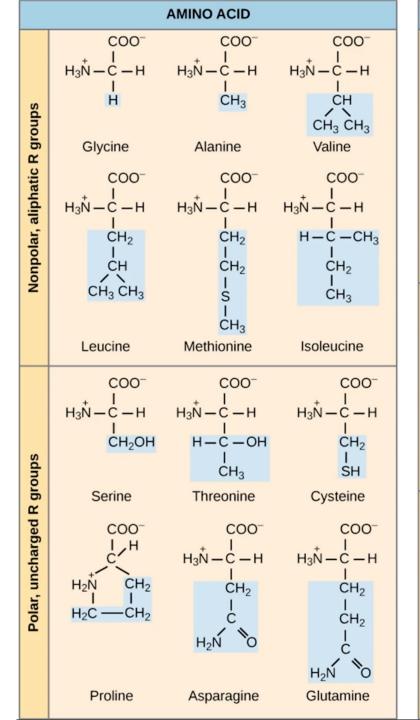


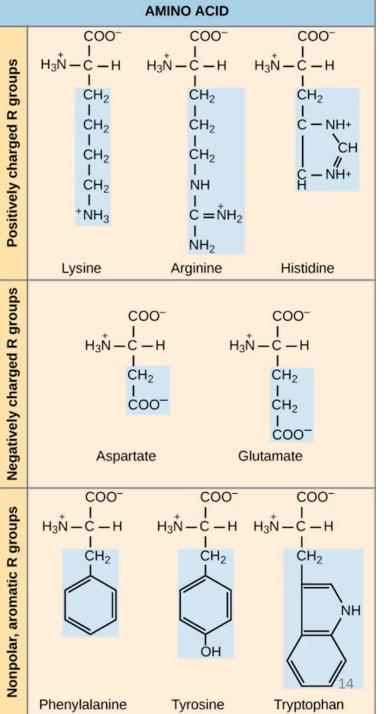


- R can be polar, non-polar, charged, uncharged
- Three or one letter code:
  - Valine = VAL
  - Valine = V



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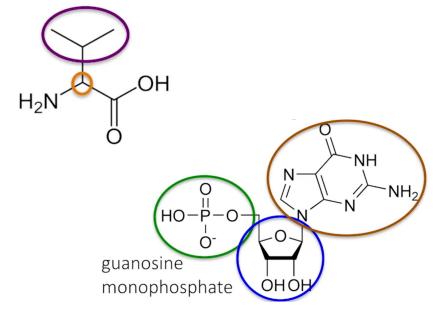
## Recognizing macromolecules - review

trans-oleic acid

**Lipids:** nonpolar/hydrophobic

Carbohydrates: CH<sub>2</sub>O formula/polar

valine



Proteins:  $M = amino acid = \alpha C bonded to NH<sub>2</sub>, COOH and R, R = polar/nonpolar$ 

Nucleic acids: M = nucleotide = phosphate + sugar + base, polar

Take assignment 2: Recognizing Macromolecules