

Basic chem & water notes:

- common elements are H, C, N, O, P, Na, Mg, S, K, & Ca

- Bonds

↳ weak bonds

- hydrogen bonds
- hydrophobic/phillic interactions
- ionic bonds
- van Derwaals

↳ Strong bonds

- covalent bonds

↳ differences

- non-polar bonds - electrons are shared equally
- polar bonds - electrons are shared unequally

↳ polar molecule just means it has polar bonds

- Properties of water

↳ cohesion

- when water molecules are attracted to each other
- occurs between the oxygen of one molecule & the hydrogen of another

↳ adhesion

- the attraction between a water molecule & another molecule

↳ Surface tension

- the ability of bonds (hydrogen) to hold objects on the surface of water
- ex) paperclips, cork

↳ capillary action

- ↳ use of adhesion for water molecules to travel across different surfaces

↳ good solvent

- dissolves polar substances well

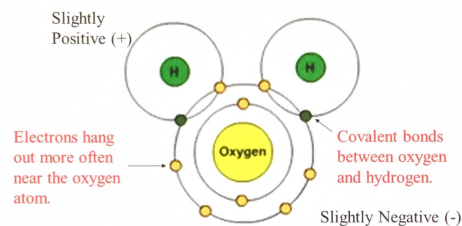
↳ lower density as a solid

- allows for nutrient turnover
- entire lake would freeze over without this property

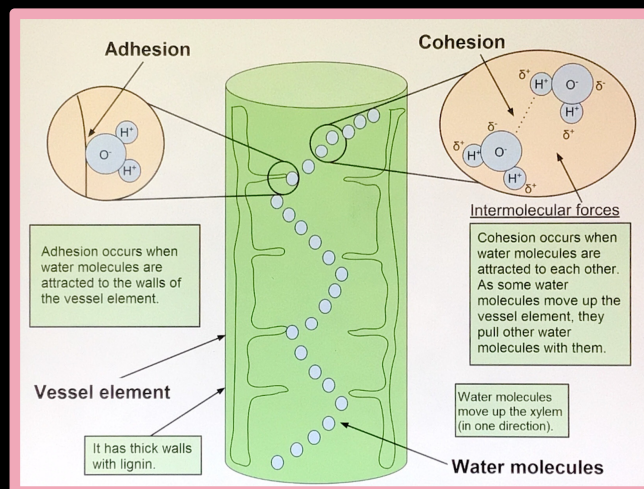
↳ high heat of vaporization

- allows sweat to absorb more heat before evaporating promoting homeostasis

The Water Molecule



Polarity - water is polar because of an uneven distribution of electrons between oxygen and hydrogen.



Carbon Notes:

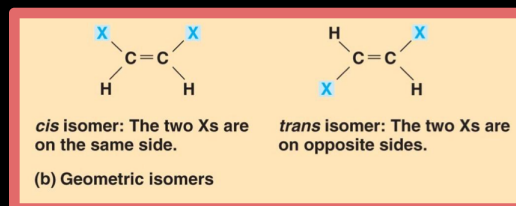
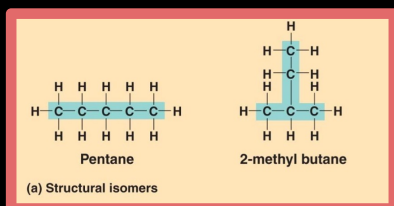
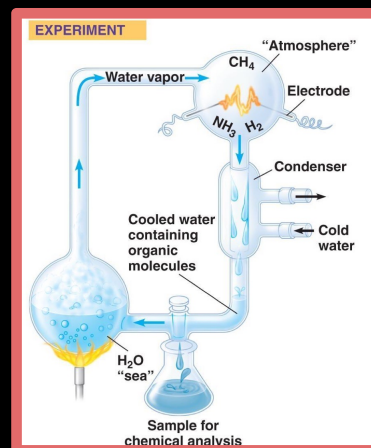
↳ major part of many organic elements

↳ carbon is very versatile due to its ability to create 4 bonds

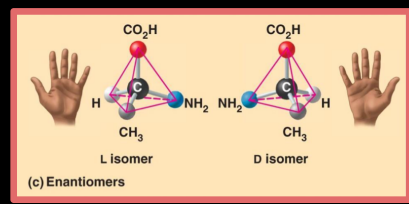
↳ miller-urey experiment simulated primitive earth creating molecules of life →

↳ can create isomers

- structural isomers are when 2 structures have a slight difference in covalent bonds leading to a whole different molecule with vastly different functions
- geometric isomers occur when two molecules vary in space around carbon double bonds
 - cis: same side of double bond
 - trans: opposite side of double bond



- enantiomer which is two molecules that are mirror images of each other
 - Seems unimportant but can have a huge impact
 - often arranged around asymmetric carbon



↳ Functional groups

- substitute other atoms or groups around the carbon
- leads to the difference of molecules like ethane (C₂H₆) & ethanol (C₂H₅OH)
- these groups contribute in many chemical reactions

Types:

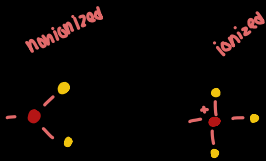
Hydroxyl: -OH

- ↳ found in alcohols
- ↳ polar
- ↳ can help dissolve organic compounds in water



Amino: -NH₂

- ↳ acts as a base because it can take in a H⁺
- ↳ amino acids are when there is both an amino group & a carboxyl group



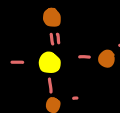
Carbonyl: -C=O

- ↳ differs ketones & aldehydes due to placement
 - for ketones it is within the carbon skeleton
 - for aldehydes it is at the end of the carbon skeleton
- ↳ The two are structural isomers
- ↳ both found in sugar leading to aldoses & ketoses



Phosphate: -O-P(=O)(OH)₂

- ↳ contributes to the negative charge of a molecule
- ↳ part of ATP
 - when reacting with water it can release energy
- ↳ provides the backbone for phospholipids



Carboxyl: -COOH

- ↳ in organic acids or carboxylic acids
- ↳ has acidic properties because the covalent bond between the oxygen & hydrogen is super polar
- ↳ can also lose a hydrogen resulting in an ion
- ↳ found in ionized forms of cells



Sulfhydryl: -SH

- ↳ two of these groups can react resulting in a covalent bond
- ↳ this is the structure determining hair type



Methyl: -CH₃

- ↳ addition of the methyl group in DNA can greatly affect genetics
- ↳ arrangement in sex hormones affects male & female hormones



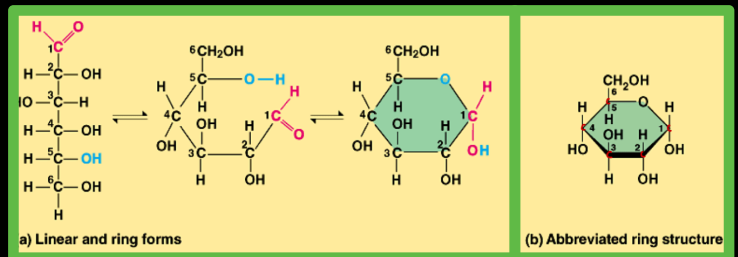
key
phosphate
hydrogen
sulfur
oxygen
carbon
nitrogen

Carbohydrates:

- ↳ functions: fast energy, raw materials, energy storage, structural materials (plants)
- ↳ monomer (building blocks) that are monosaccharides

↳ Sugars:

- end in -ose
- classified by the number of carbon
 - ↳ ex) glucose has 6, ribose has 5
- aldehyde: C=O at the end of the chain
 - ↳ ex) anything like ribose, glucose
- ketone: C=O in the middle (on the second part: $\begin{matrix} \text{OH} & \text{O} & \text{OH} \\ | & || & | \\ \text{H}-\text{C} & -\text{C} & -\text{C} \\ | & & | \\ \text{H} & & \text{H} \end{matrix}$ etc.)
 - ↳ ex) ribulose, fructose
- Ring structure in water with 5 & 6 sugars
 - ↳ bond is between the 1st carbon & the hydroxyl group from the 5th carbon
 - ↳ $\text{O}-\text{H} \text{ \& \; } \text{C}^{\text{H}}=\text{O} \rightarrow \begin{matrix} \text{O} & \text{H} \\ | & | \\ \text{O} & -\text{C} & -\text{C} \\ | & & | \\ \text{OH} & & \text{OH} \end{matrix}$
 - ↳ carbons are numbered based off the O



• polys.

↳ monosaccharides

- simple 1 monomer sugar (ex: glucose)

↳ disaccharides

- 2 monomer sugar (sucrose)

↳ polysaccharides

- large polymers with a large number of monomers (starch, glycogen)
- polymer of sugars

- costs little energy to build
- easily reversible so commonly seen as a form of energy storage

• functions

- energy storage starch (plants) & glycogen (animals)
- structure chitin (animals/fungi) & cellulose (plants)

• Linear vs branched

- linear: starch, slow release energy storage
- branched: fast release energy storage as the bends are easier to digest, glycogen

• diversity

↳ molecular structure determines function

↳ α glucose has the OH below the 1st carbon vs the β glucose has the OH above the 1st carbon

↑ isomers of glucose

↳ creates things like starch & cellulose

α monomers w/ \searrow bonds \nwarrow cellulose is β glucose monomers

easy to digest

hard to digest

all bonds are below

alternates bonds

humans have the enzymes to

only fungi & cows etc. can break down the cellulose "fiber"

digest it

↳ fiber is good for the gut as we don't break it down so it all passes through

↳ Cellulose

- most abundant organic compound
- since most carnivores can't digest cellulose they have to use meat to get digestible energy
- many herbivores have bacteria to help digest it
- the term ruminants is for animals that eat this with a rumen & coprophage for animals who consume fecal matter

• Building sugars

↳ dehydration synthesis

- removal of water
- the OH off the C¹ & the H off the C⁴: products H₂O & disaccharide
- the bond is a glycosidic linkage between the two sugars

Lipids:

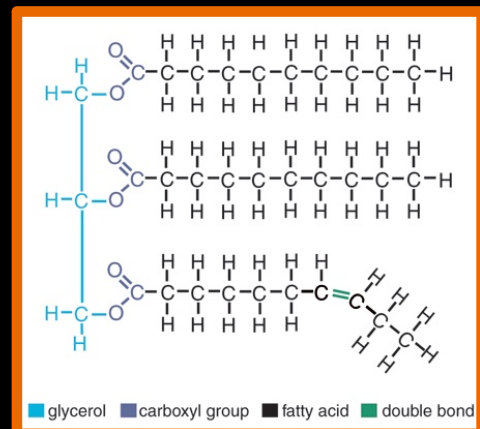
↳ long term energy storage

↳ structure

- long hydro carbon chains (H-C)
- not a polymer (has tinier sections but not any repeating ones)
- glycerol & fatty acid (long HC chain plus a carboxyl)
 - ↳ the H from the glycerol & the OH from the carboxyl undergoes dehydration synthesis leading to an ester linkage
 - ↳ can result in a triacylglycerol which'll have one glycerol & 3 fatty tails & 3 H₂O molecules

↳ function

- btw it is non-polar & hydrophobic
- energy storage
 - very concentrated



- very concentrated

- 2 x the energy of carbohydrates

• cushions organs

• insulates the body

↳ Family: fats, phospholipids, & steroids

↳ saturated vs unsaturated fats

• saturated is all C-H bonds

• straight

• most fats in animals

• solid at room temperature causing it to cause issues in the artery

↳ unsaturated

• C=C bonds are present causing bends

• plant & fish fats

• found in vegetable oil

• liquid at room temperature as the bonds prevent stacking

↳ Phospholipids

• Structure

- glycerol & 2 fatty acids & PO₄

- the tails are hydrophobic but the heads are hydrophilic

- allows it to form the phospholipid bilayer in the cell membrane

↳ Steroids

• Structure

- 4 fused C-rings & other functional groups

- different functional groups lead to different steroid types

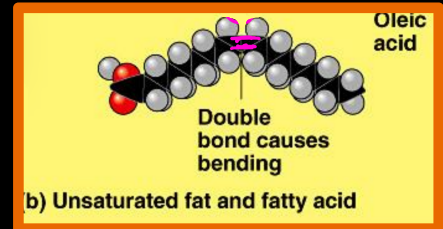
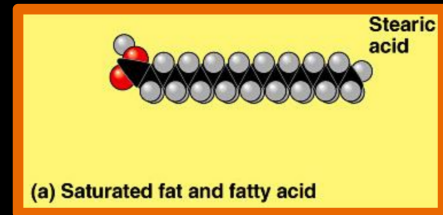
• ex) cholesterol, sex hormones

• cholesterol

- parts of the animal cell membrane

- precursor of all other steroids

- high levels may be harmful to the heart



pH & Buffer:

↳ water can ionize

- H⁺ splits from H₂O leaving a basic OH⁻

- 1 → 7 → 14

- neutral is 7, acidic is 3, & basic 10

- the higher the H⁺ concentration the lower the pH

↳ affects

- it can alter the shape of molecules by denaturing them

- pH can be controlled by buffers

• reservoir of H⁺

↳ weak acids & conjugate bases can be used to balance the pH

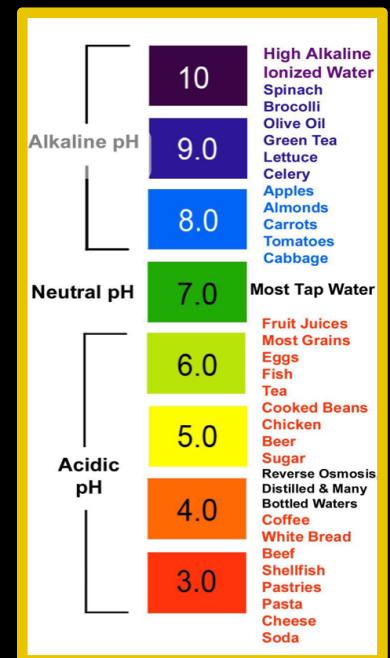
↳ Homeostasis

- human blood range 7.3-7.4

↳ zwitter ions

- neutral molecule

- positive & negative charge w/in molecule



Proteins:

↳ function: enzymes, structure, carries & transport, cell communication, defense, movement, & storage

↳ structure

• monomers - amino acid

• Monomer = amino acids

• polymer = poly peptide

- can be folded & bonded together

↳ amino acids

- Structure: central carbon, amino group, carboxyl group, & variable R-group (20 different types)
- non-polar R-groups that have C-H bonds, also hydrophobic
- polar due to polar bonds & hydrophilic
- ones with SH can create disulfide bridges between the sulfur (really strong)

↳ peptide bonds

- Covalent bond post-dehydration synthesis in proteins
- the HO-H create a water to become a C-N bond
- n-terminus = NH₂ end or C-terminus = COOH, can only grow on n-terminus side

↳ primary structure

- amino acid sequence
- slight change can make all the difference