

# Chapter 2

## Chemical Principles



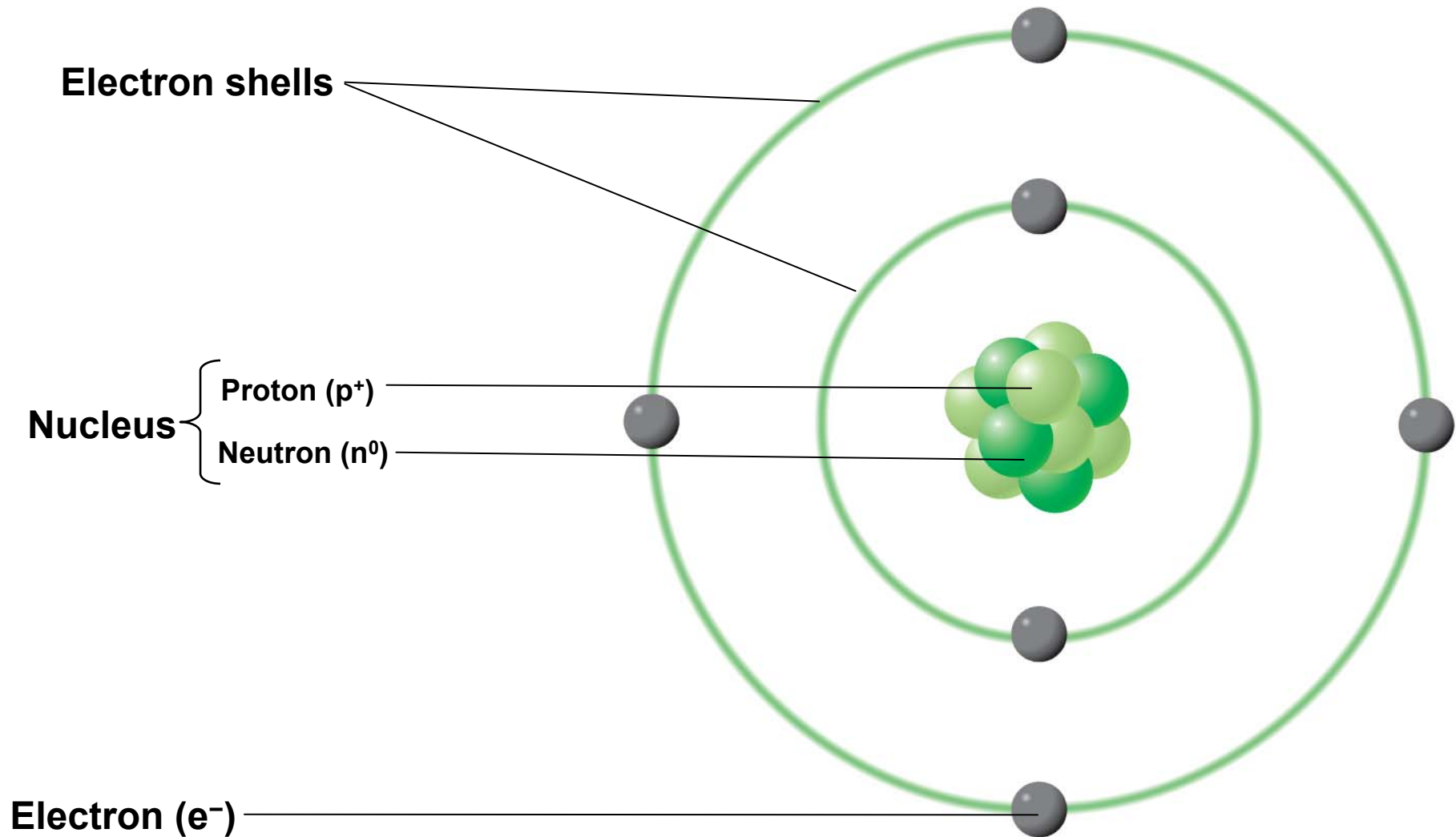
# The Structure of Atoms

- **Chemistry** is the study of interactions between atoms and molecules
- The **atom** is the smallest unit of matter that enters into chemical reactions
- Atoms interact to form **molecules**

# The Structure of Atoms

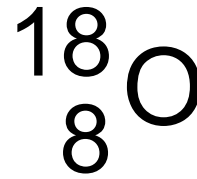
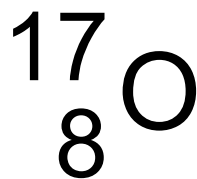
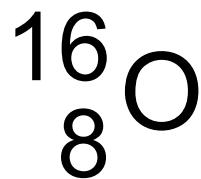
- Atoms are composed of
  - **Electrons:** negatively charged particles
  - **Protons:** positively charged particles
  - **Neutrons:** uncharged particles
- Protons and neutrons are in the nucleus
- Electrons move around the nucleus

# The structure of an atom.



# Chemical Elements

- Each chemical element has a different number of protons // atomic number defines element
- Isotopes of an element are atoms with different numbers of neutrons. Isotopes of oxygen:



**TABLE 2.1 The Elements of Life\***

Element	Symbol	Atomic Number	Approximate Atomic Weight
Hydrogen	H	1	1
Carbon	C	6	12
Nitrogen	N	7	14
Oxygen	O	8	16
Sodium	Na	11	23
Magnesium	Mg	12	24
Phosphorus	P	15	31
Sulfur	S	16	32
Chlorine	Cl	17	35
Potassium	K	19	39
Calcium	Ca	20	40
Iron	Fe	26	56
Iodine	I	53	127

\*Hydrogen, carbon, nitrogen, and oxygen are the most abundant chemical elements in living organisms.

# Electronic Configurations

- Electrons are arranged in electron shells corresponding to different energy levels

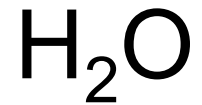


# How Atoms Form Molecules

- Atoms combine to complete the outermost shell
- The number of missing or extra electrons in this shell is known as the **valence**
- Molecules hold together because the valence electrons of the combining atoms form attractive forces, called **chemical bonds**, between the atomic nuclei

# Chemical Bonds

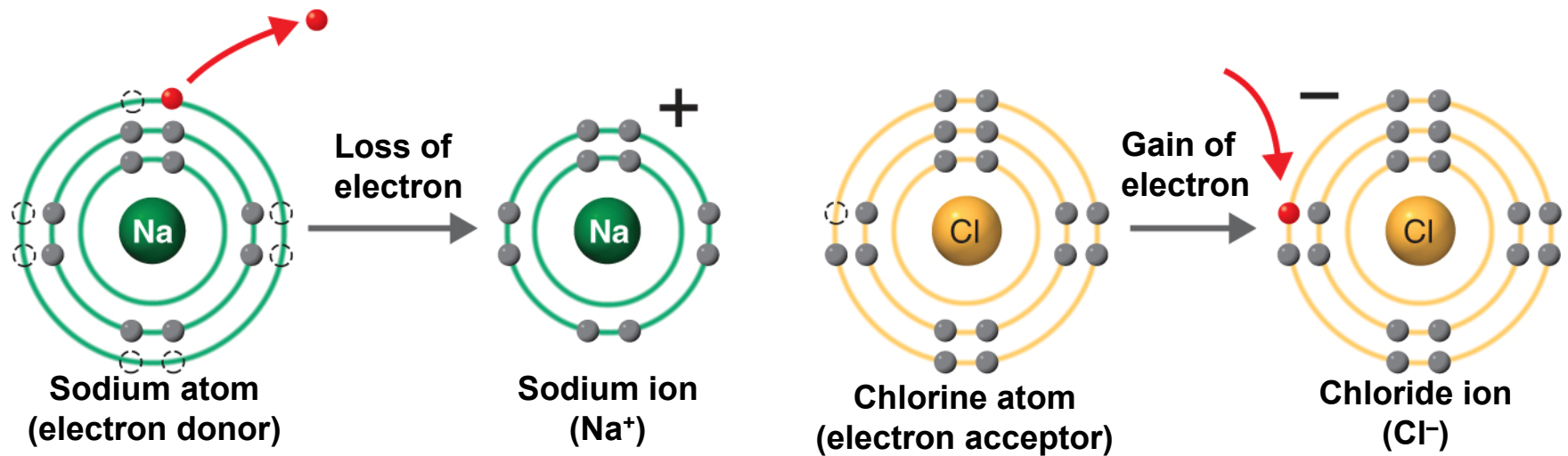
- A compound contains different kinds of atoms



# Ionic Bonds

- The number of protons and electrons is equal in an atom
- Ions are charged atoms that have gained or lost electrons

# Ionic bond formation.

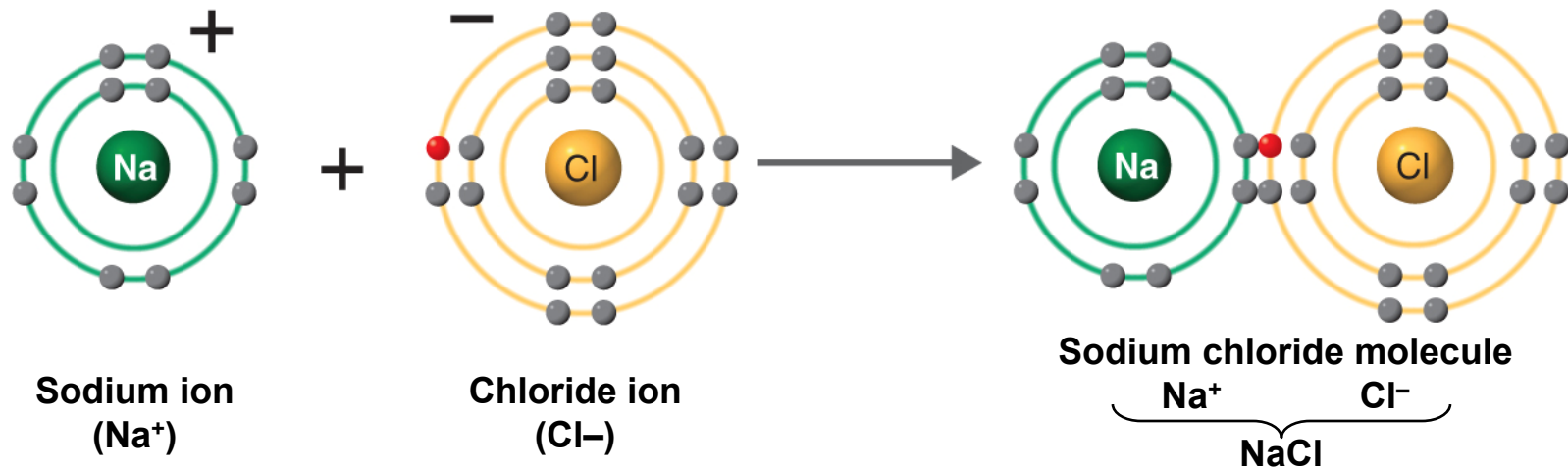


**(a)** A sodium atom (Na) loses one electron to an electron acceptor and forms a sodium ion (Na<sup>+</sup>). A chlorine atom (Cl) accepts one electron from an electron donor to become a chloride ion (Cl<sup>-</sup>).

# Ionic Bonds

- **ionic bonds** are attractions between ions of opposite charge
  - One atom loses electrons, and another gains electrons
  - The octet rule

Figure 2.2b Ionic bond formation.



**(b)** The sodium and chloride ions are attracted because of their opposite charges and are held together by an ionic bond to form a molecule of sodium chloride.

# Covalent Bonds

- **Covalent bonds** form when two atoms share one or more pairs of electrons

# Covalent bond formation.

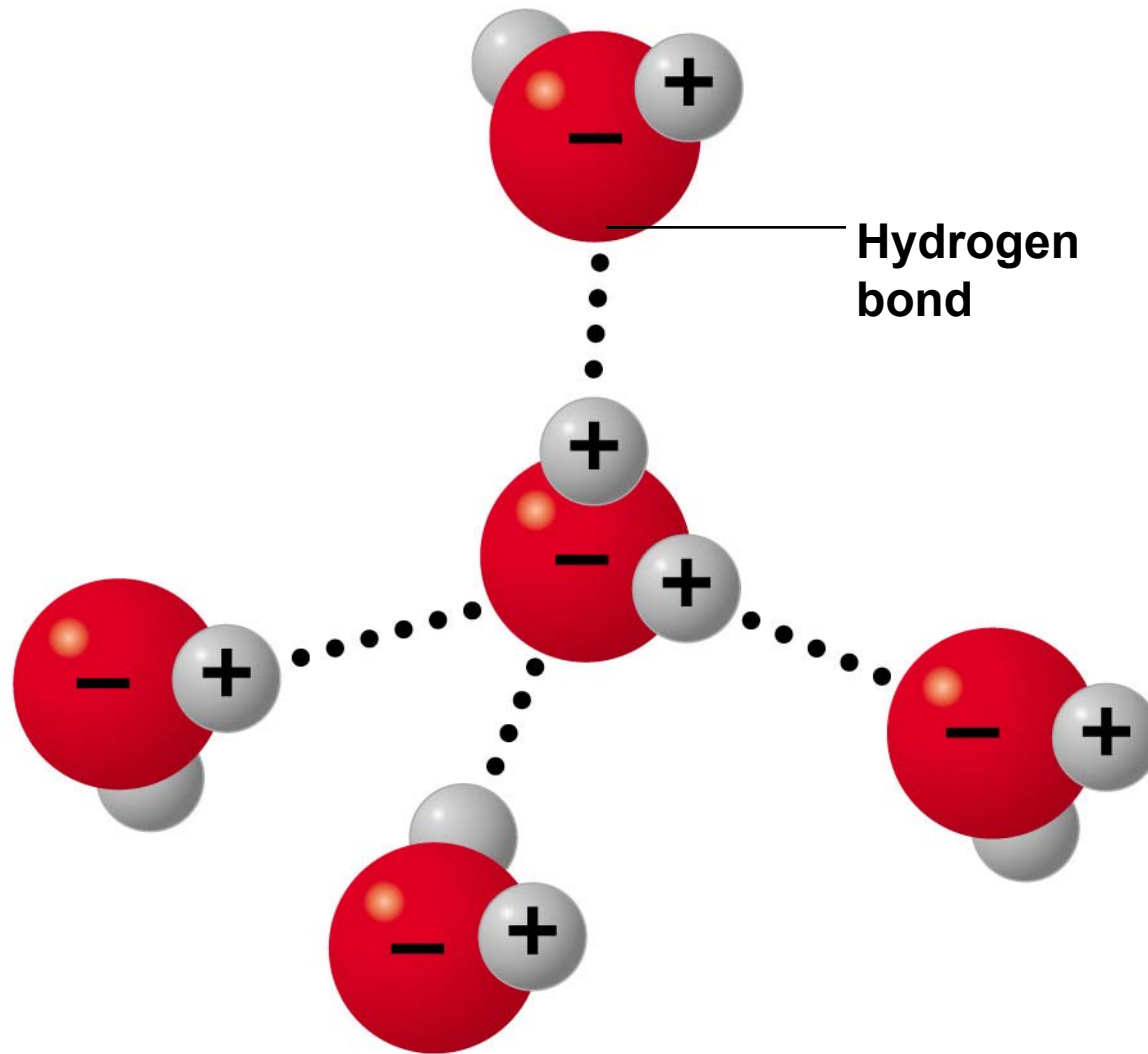
	Hydrogen	Methane
<b>Molecular Formula</b>	H <sub>2</sub>	CH <sub>4</sub>
<b>Structural Formula</b>	<div> <div>H—H</div> <div> <p>A single covalent bond forms between two hydrogen atoms to form a hydrogen molecule.</p> </div> </div>	<div> <div>           H                         H—C—H                         H         </div> <div> <p>Single covalent bonds between four hydrogen atoms and a carbon atom, forming a methane molecule.</p> </div> </div>
<b>Atomic Diagram</b>	<div> <p>Hydrogen atoms</p> <p>Hydrogen molecule</p> </div>	<div> <p>Carbon atom</p> <p>Hydrogen atoms</p> <p>Methane molecule</p> </div>



# Hydrogen Bonds

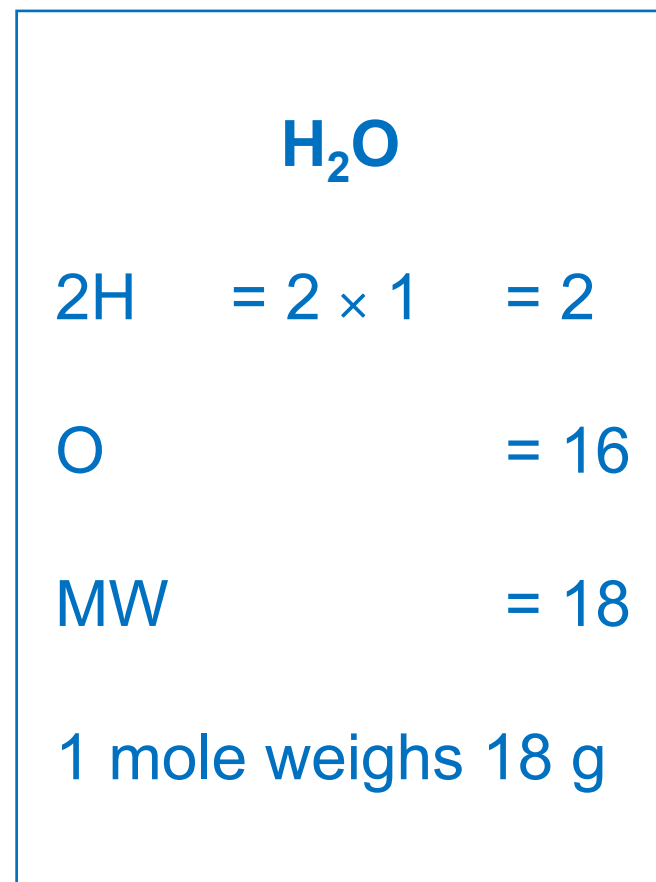
- **Hydrogen bonds** form when a hydrogen atom that is covalently bonded to an O or N atom is attracted to another N or O atom in another molecule

# Hydrogen bond formation in water.



# Molecular Weight and Moles

- The sum of the atomic weights in a molecule is the **molecular weight**
- One **mole** of a substance is its molecular weight in grams

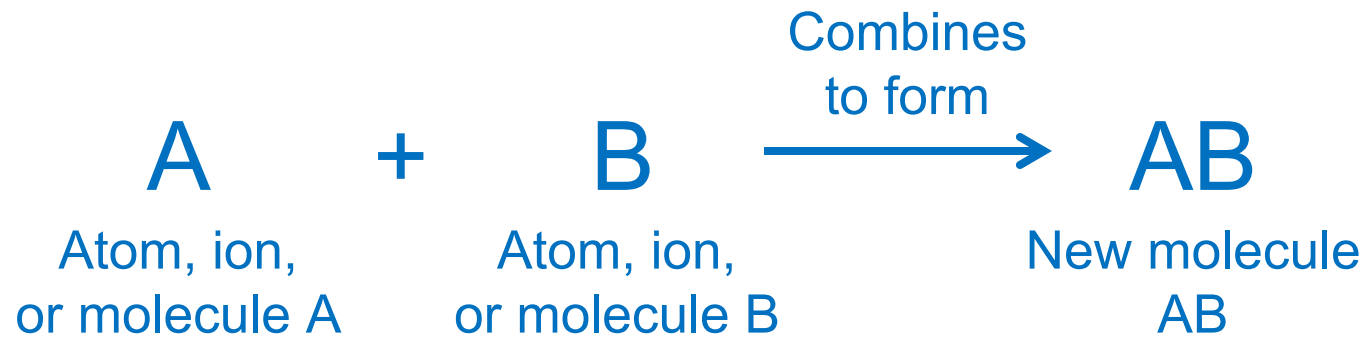


# Chemical Reactions

- **Chemical reactions** involve the making or breaking of bonds between atoms
- A change in **chemical energy** occurs during a chemical reaction
- **Endergonic** reactions absorb energy
- **Exergonic** reactions release energy

# Synthesis Reactions

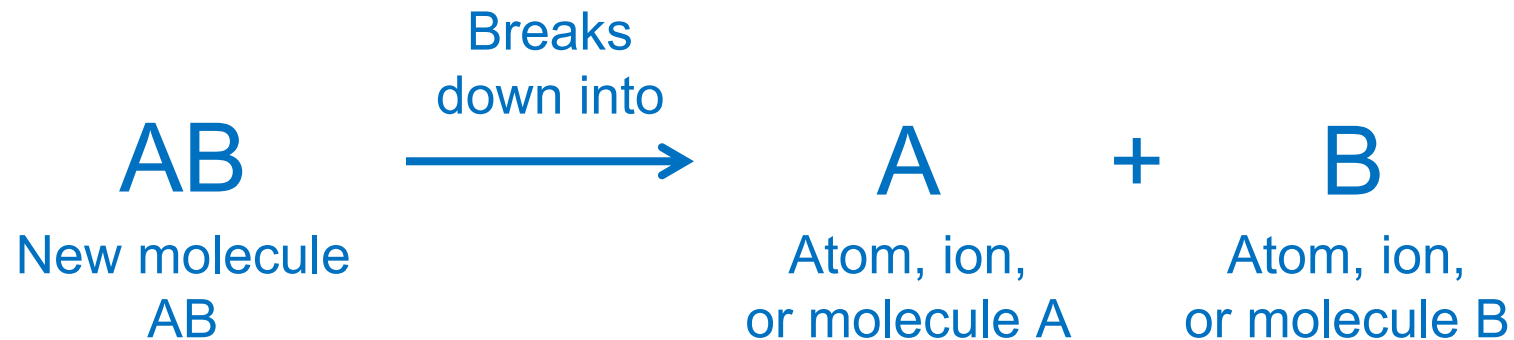
- Occur when atoms, ions, or molecules combine to form new, larger molecules



- Anabolism** is the synthesis of molecules in a cell

# Decomposition Reactions

- Occur when a molecule is split into smaller molecules, ions, or atoms



- Catabolism** is the decomposition reactions in a cell

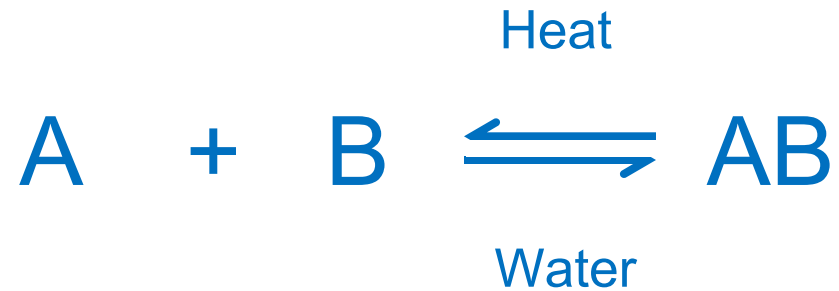
# Exchange Reactions

- Are part synthesis and part decomposition



# Reversible Reactions

- Can readily go in either direction
- Each direction may need special conditions





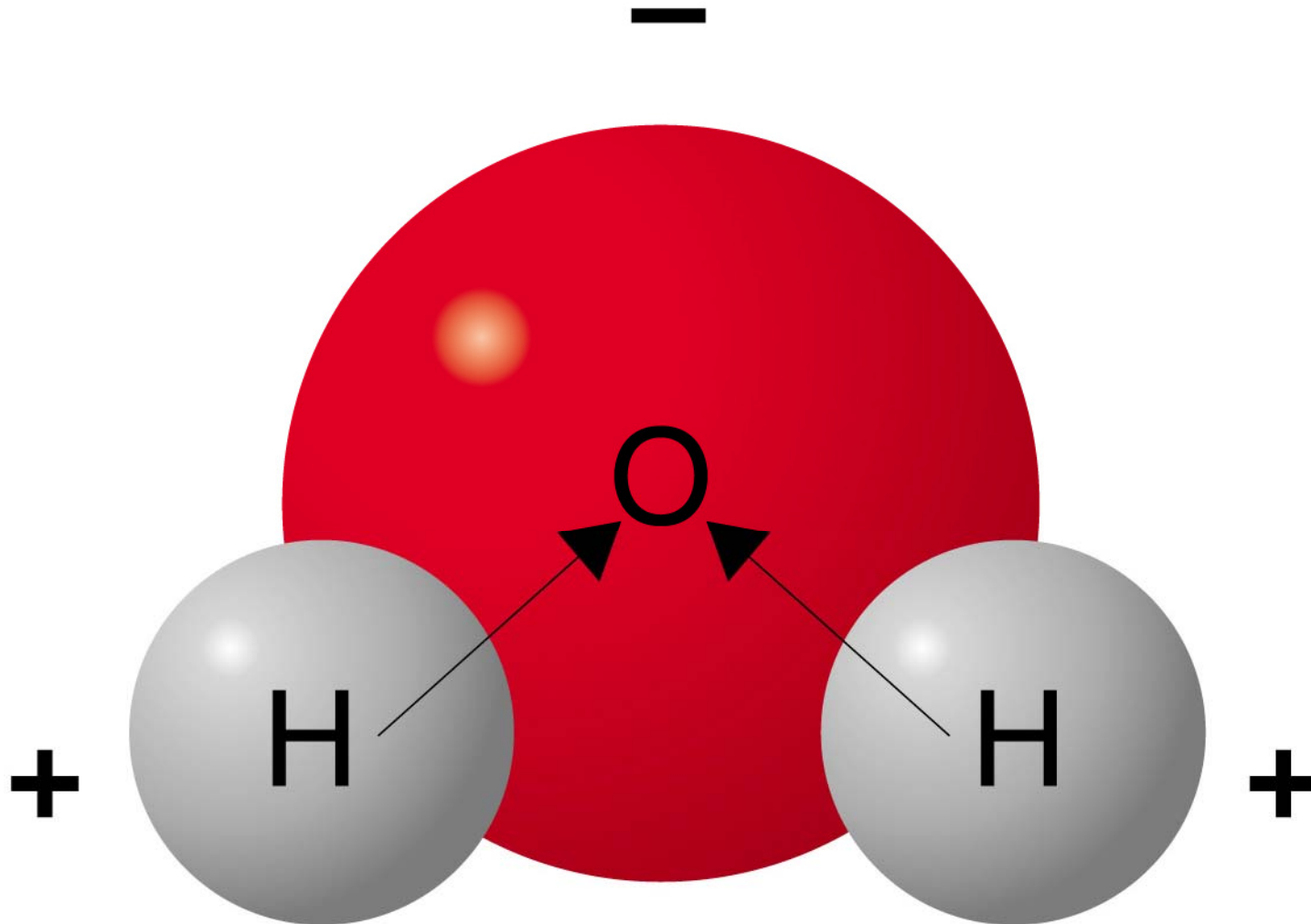
# Important Biological Molecules

- **Organic compounds** always contain carbon and hydrogen
- **Inorganic compounds** typically lack carbon

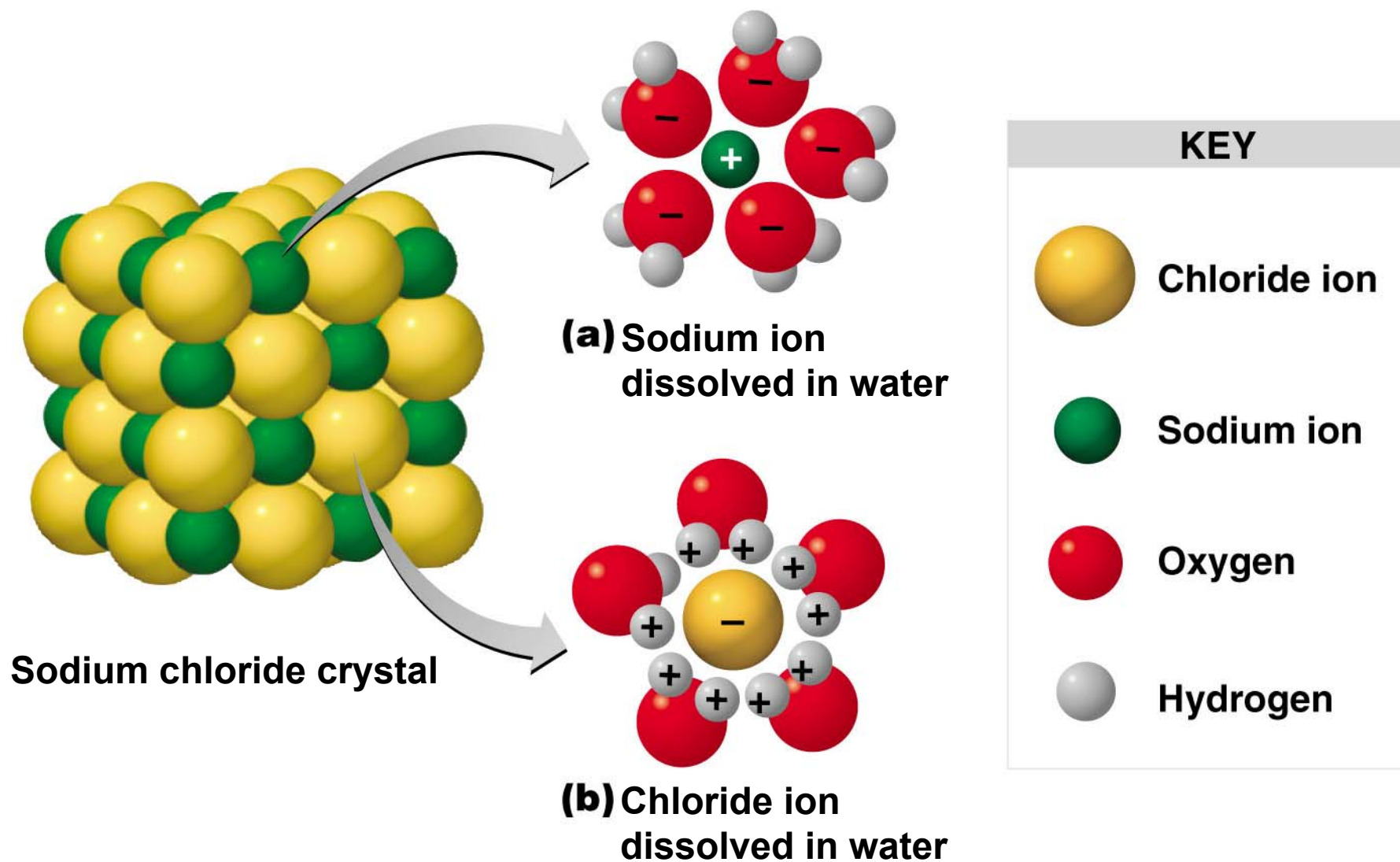
# Water

- Inorganic
- Polar covalent molecule
- Solvent // Polar substances dissociate, forming solutes

Hydrogen bond formation in water.



How water acts as a solvent for sodium chloride (NaCl).



# Water

- $\text{H}^+$  and  $\text{OH}^-$  participate in chemical reactions



# Water

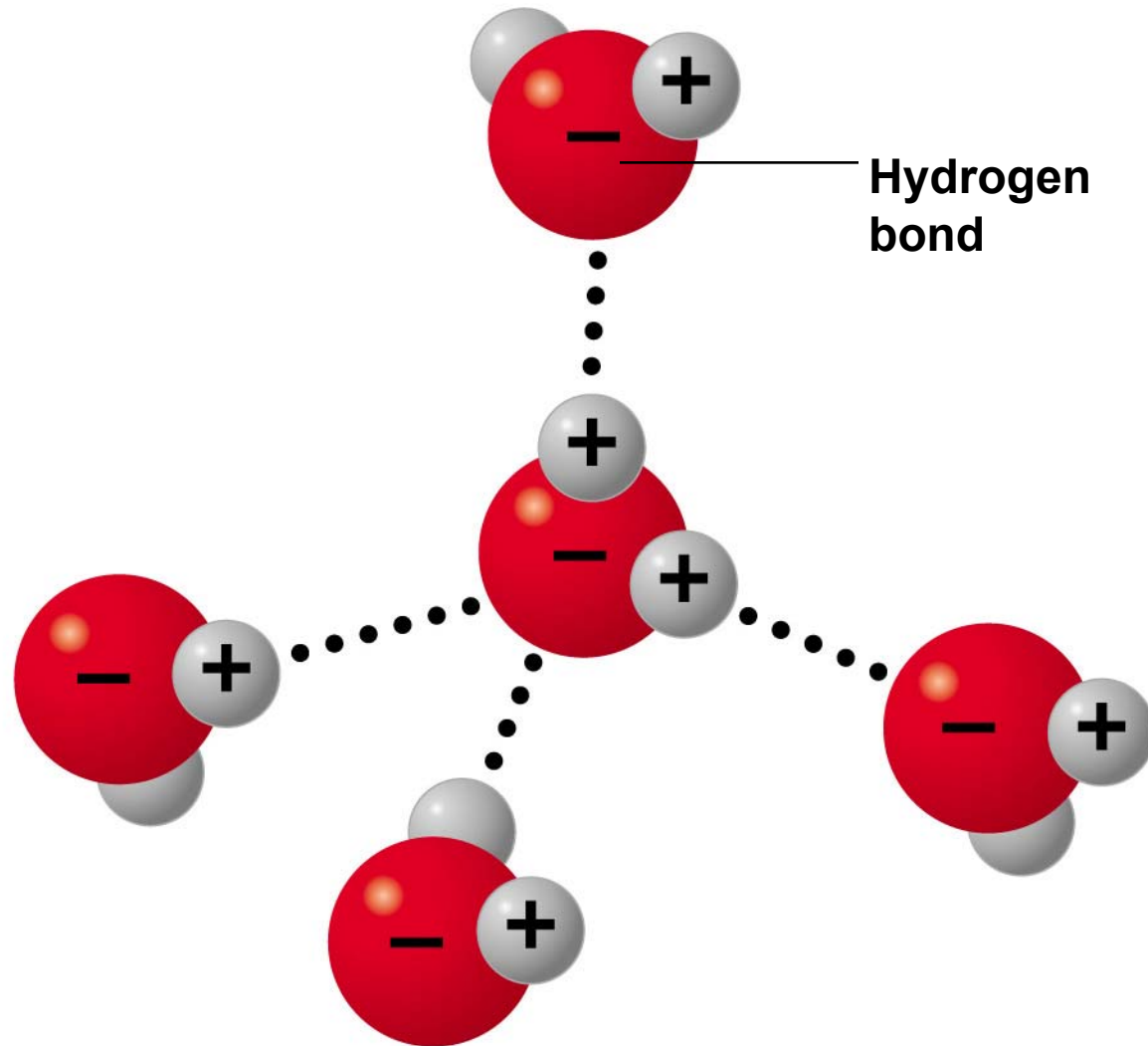


The difference is: \_\_\_\_\_

# Water

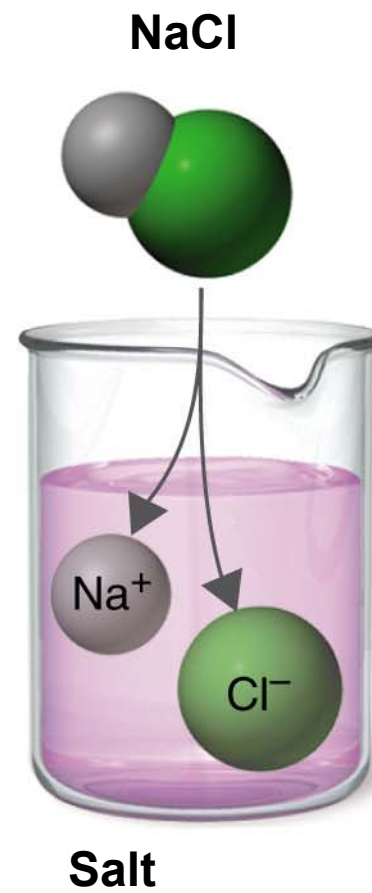
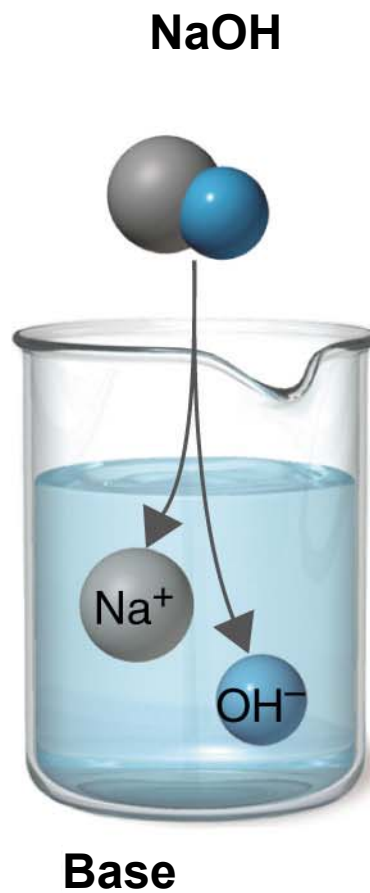
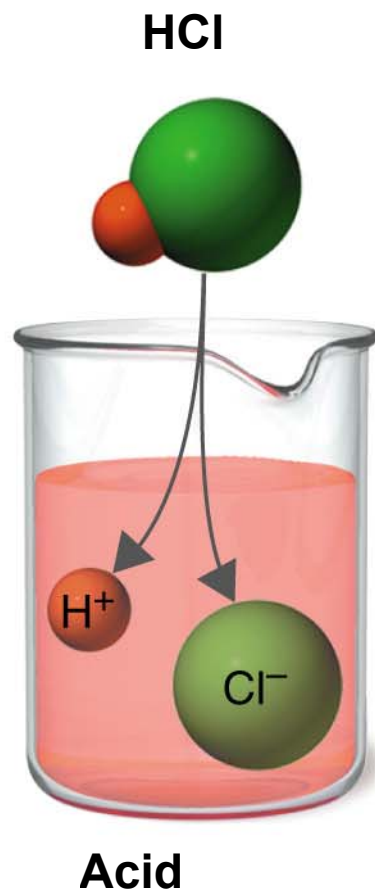
- H bonds absorb heat
  - Makes water a temperature buffer

# Hydrogen bond formation in water.





# Acids, bases, and salts.

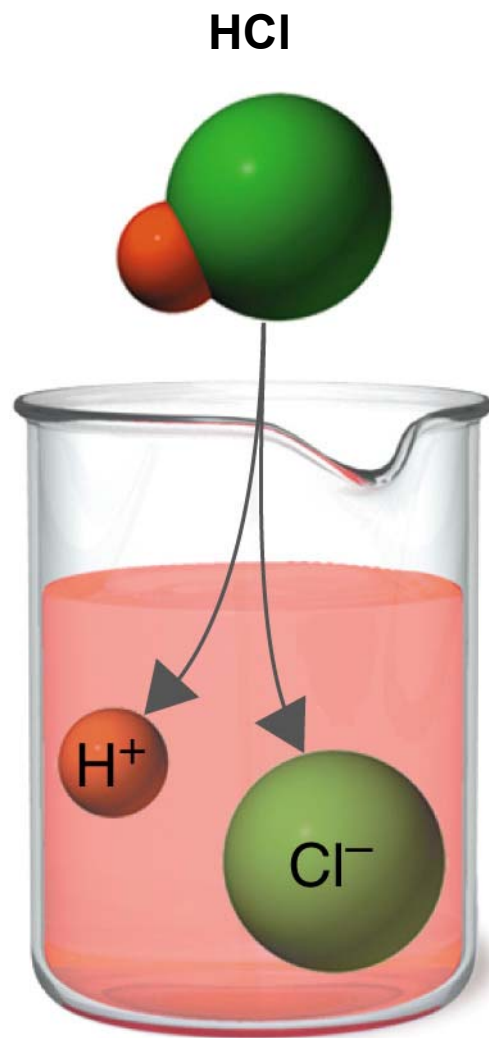


# Acids

- Substances that dissociate into one or more  $\text{H}^+$



Acids, bases, and salts.



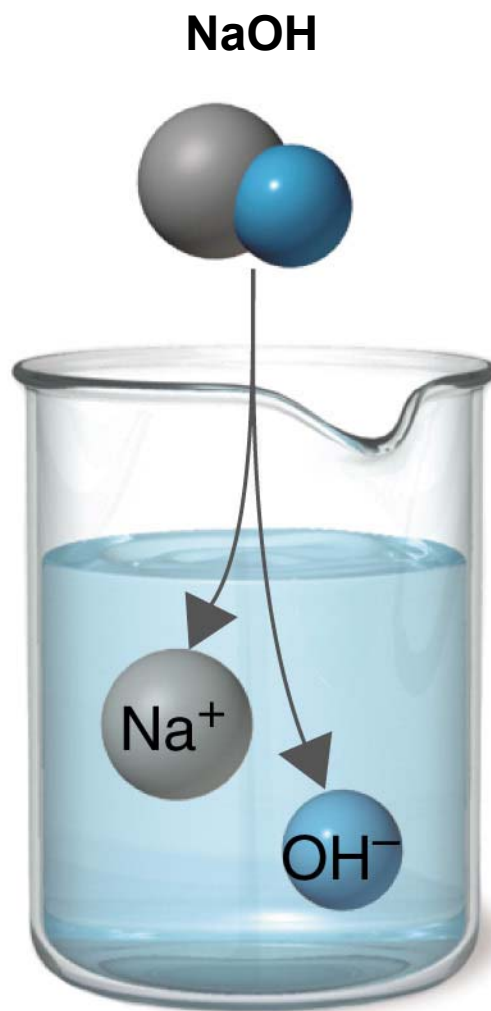
**(a) Acid**

# Bases

- Substances that dissociate into one or more OH<sup>-</sup>



Acids, bases, and salts.



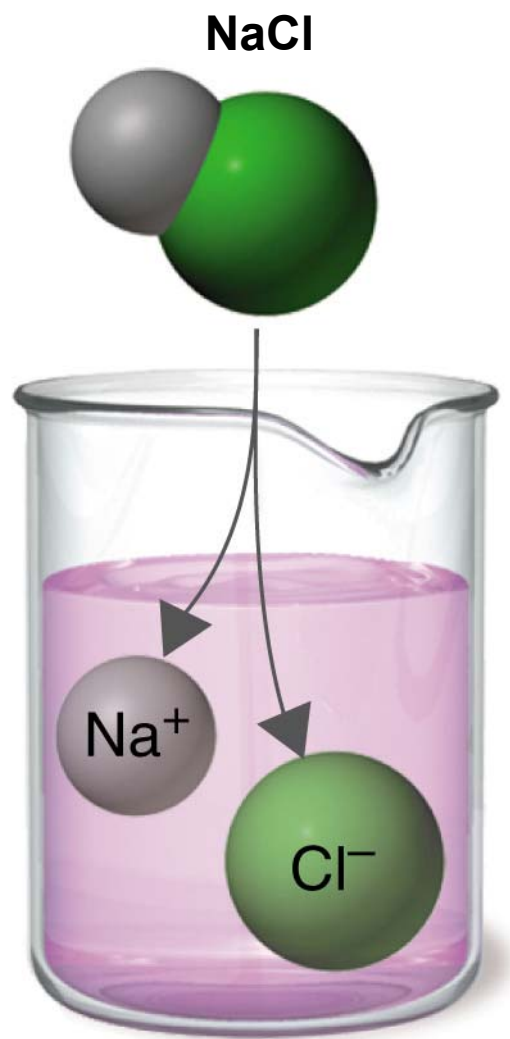
**(b) Base**

# Salts

- Substances that dissociate into cations and anions, neither of which is  $\text{H}^+$  or  $\text{OH}^-$



Acids, bases, and salts.



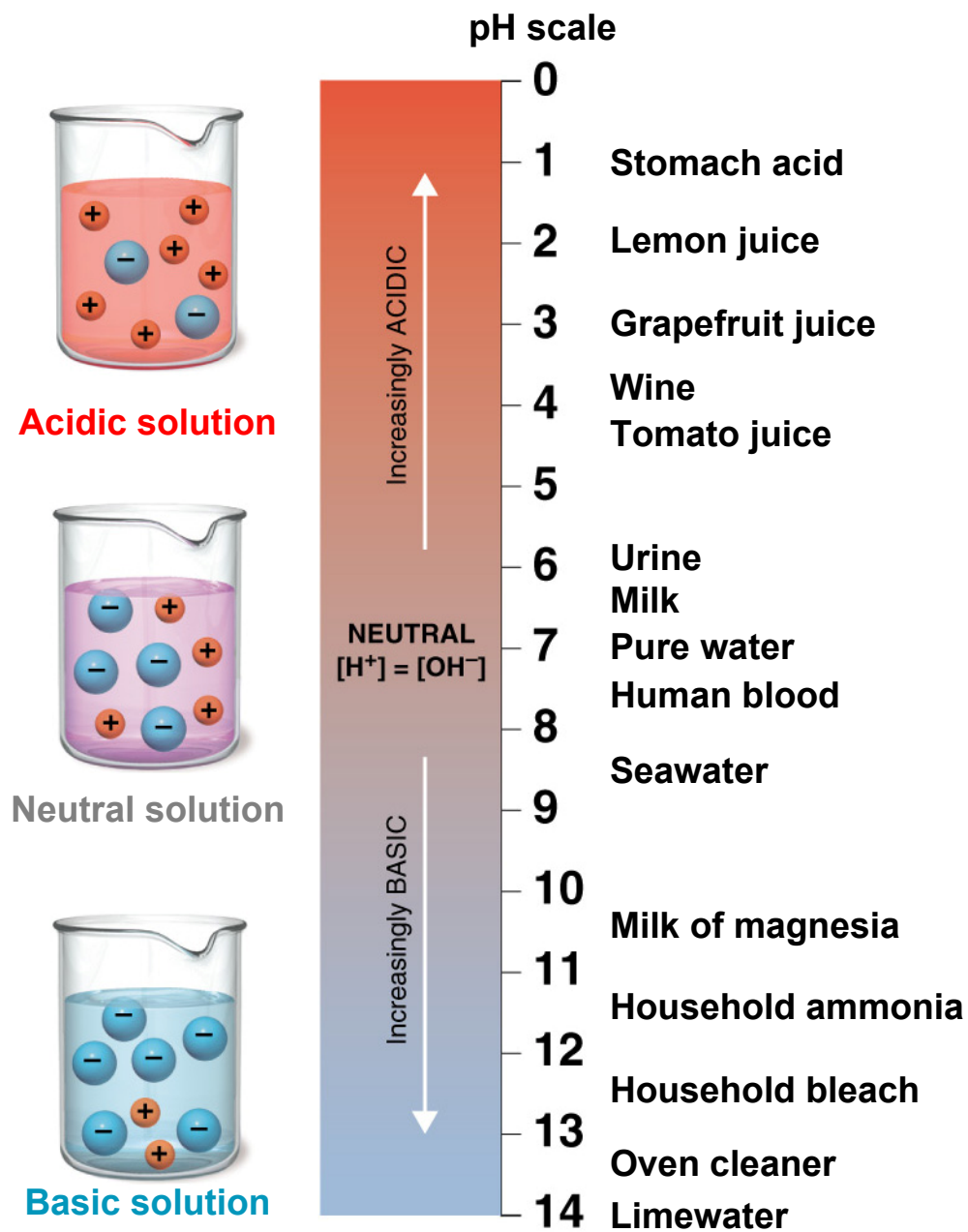
**(c) Salt**

# Acid-Base Balance

- The amount of  $\text{H}^+$  in a solution is expressed as **pH**
- $\text{pH} = -\log[\text{H}^+]$
- Increasing  $[\text{H}^+]$  increases acidity
- Increasing  $[\text{OH}^-]$  increases alkalinity
- Most organisms grow best between pH 6.5 and 8.5



# The pH scale.

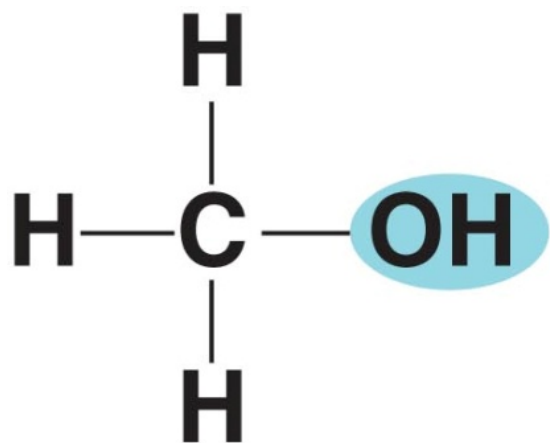


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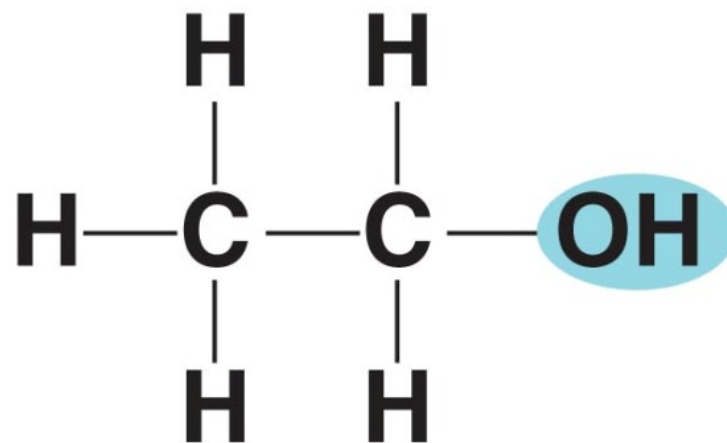
- The chain of carbon atoms in an organic molecule is the **carbon skeleton**

# Structure and Chemistry

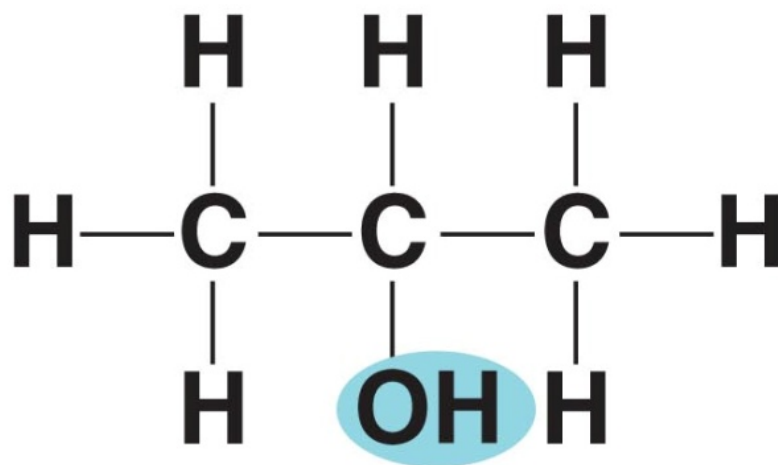
- **Functional groups** are responsible for most of the chemical properties of a particular organic compound



**Methanol**

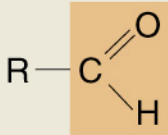
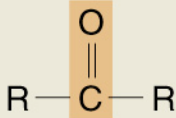
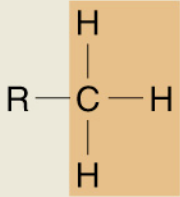
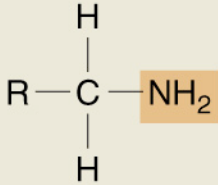


**Ethanol**



**Isopropanol**

**TABLE 2.4** Representative Functional Groups and the Compounds in Which They Are Found

Structure	Name of Group	Biological Importance
$\text{R}-\text{O}-\text{H}$	Alcohol	Lipids, carbohydrates
	Aldehyde*	Reducing sugars such as glucose; polysaccharides
	Ketone*	Metabolic intermediates
	Methyl	DNA; energy metabolism
	Amino	Proteins

\*In an aldehyde, a  $\text{C}=\text{O}$  is at the end of a molecule, in contrast to the internal  $\text{C}=\text{O}$  in a ketone.

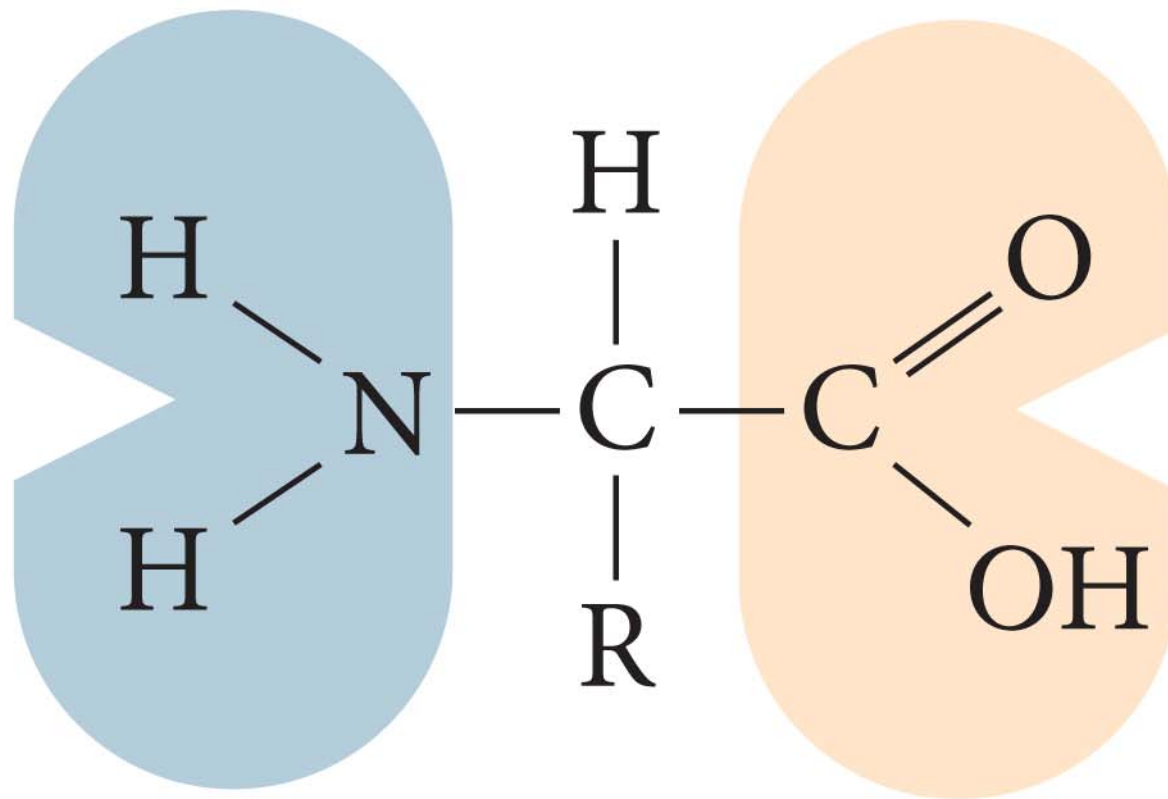
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$\begin{array}{c} \text{O} \\ \parallel \\ \text{R}-\text{C} \\ \backslash \\ \text{O}-\text{R}' \end{array}$	Ester	Bacterial and eukaryotic plasma membranes
$\begin{array}{cc} \text{H} & \text{H} \\   &   \\ \text{R}-\text{C} & -\text{O}-\text{C}-\text{R}' \\   &   \\ \text{H} & \text{H} \end{array}$	Ether	Archaeal plasma membranes
$\begin{array}{c} \text{H} \\   \\ \text{R}-\text{C}-\text{SH} \\   \\ \text{H} \end{array}$	Sulfhydryl	Energy metabolism; protein structure
$\begin{array}{c} \text{O} \\ \parallel \\ \text{R}-\text{C} \\ \backslash \\ \text{OH} \end{array}$	Carboxyl	Organic acids, lipids, proteins
$\begin{array}{c} \text{O}^- \\   \\ \text{R}-\text{O}-\text{P}=\text{O} \\   \\ \text{O}^- \end{array}$	Phosphate	ATP, DNA

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# Functional Groups

- Identify the functional groups in an amino acid



# Organic Compounds

- Small organic molecules can combine into large macromolecules
- **Macromolecules** are polymers consisting of many small repeating molecules
- The smaller molecules are called **monomers**



# Polymers

- Monomers join by **dehydration synthesis** or **condensation reactions**



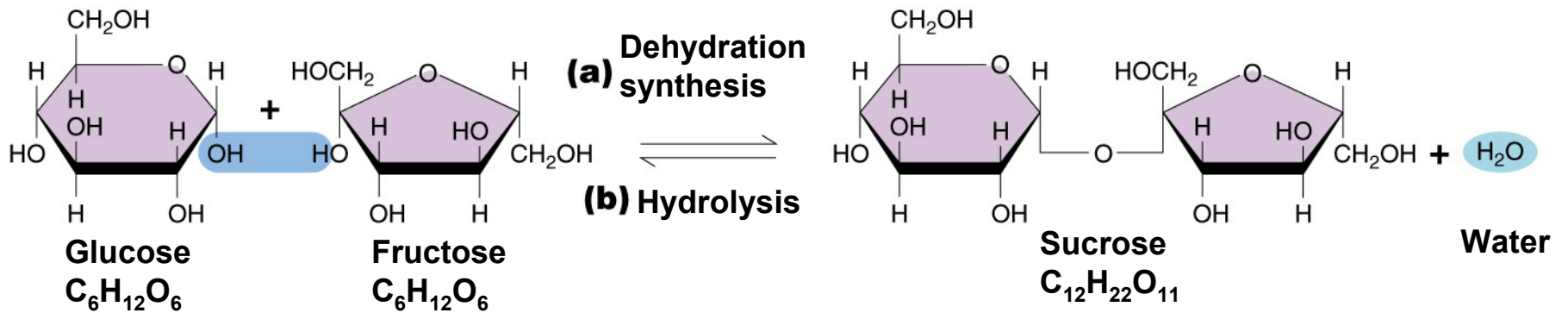
# Carbohydrates

- Cell structures and energy sources
- Consist of C, H, and O with the formula  $(CH_2O)_n$
- **Monosaccharides** are simple sugars with three to seven carbon atoms

# Carbohydrates

- **Disaccharides** are formed when two monosaccharides are joined in a dehydration synthesis
- Disaccharides can be broken down by hydrolysis

# Dehydration synthesis and hydrolysis.



# Carbohydrates

- **Oligosaccharides** consist of 2 to 20 monosaccharides
- **Polysaccharides** consist of tens or hundreds of monosaccharides joined through dehydration synthesis
  - Starch, glycogen, dextran, and cellulose are polymers of glucose that are covalently bonded differently
  - Chitin is a polymer of two sugars repeating many times

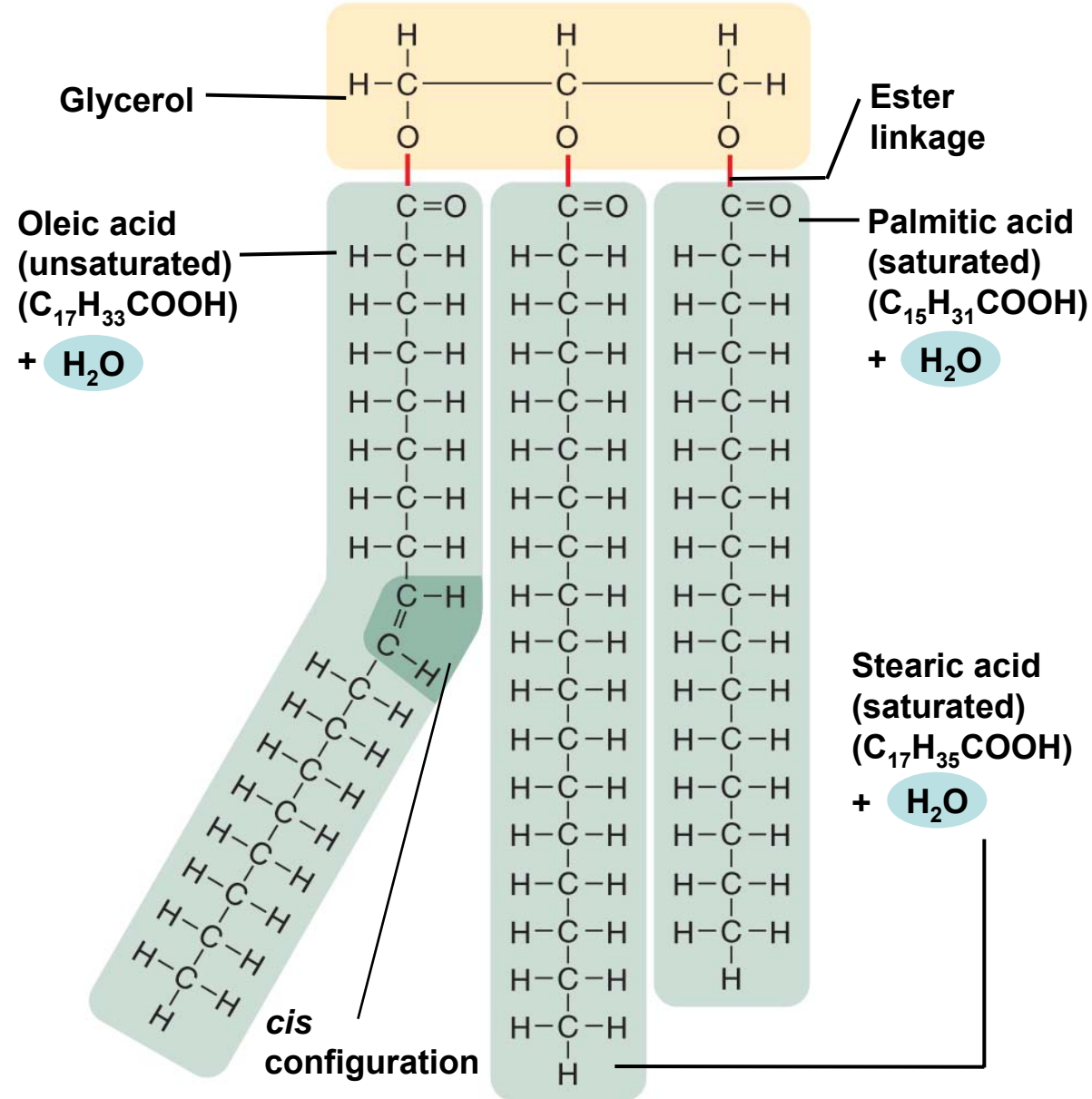
# Lipids

- Primary components of cell membranes
- Consist of C, H, and O
- Are nonpolar and insoluble in water

# Simple Lipids

- **Fats or triglycerides**
- Contain glycerol and fatty acids;  
formed by dehydration synthesis

# Structural formulas of simple lipids.



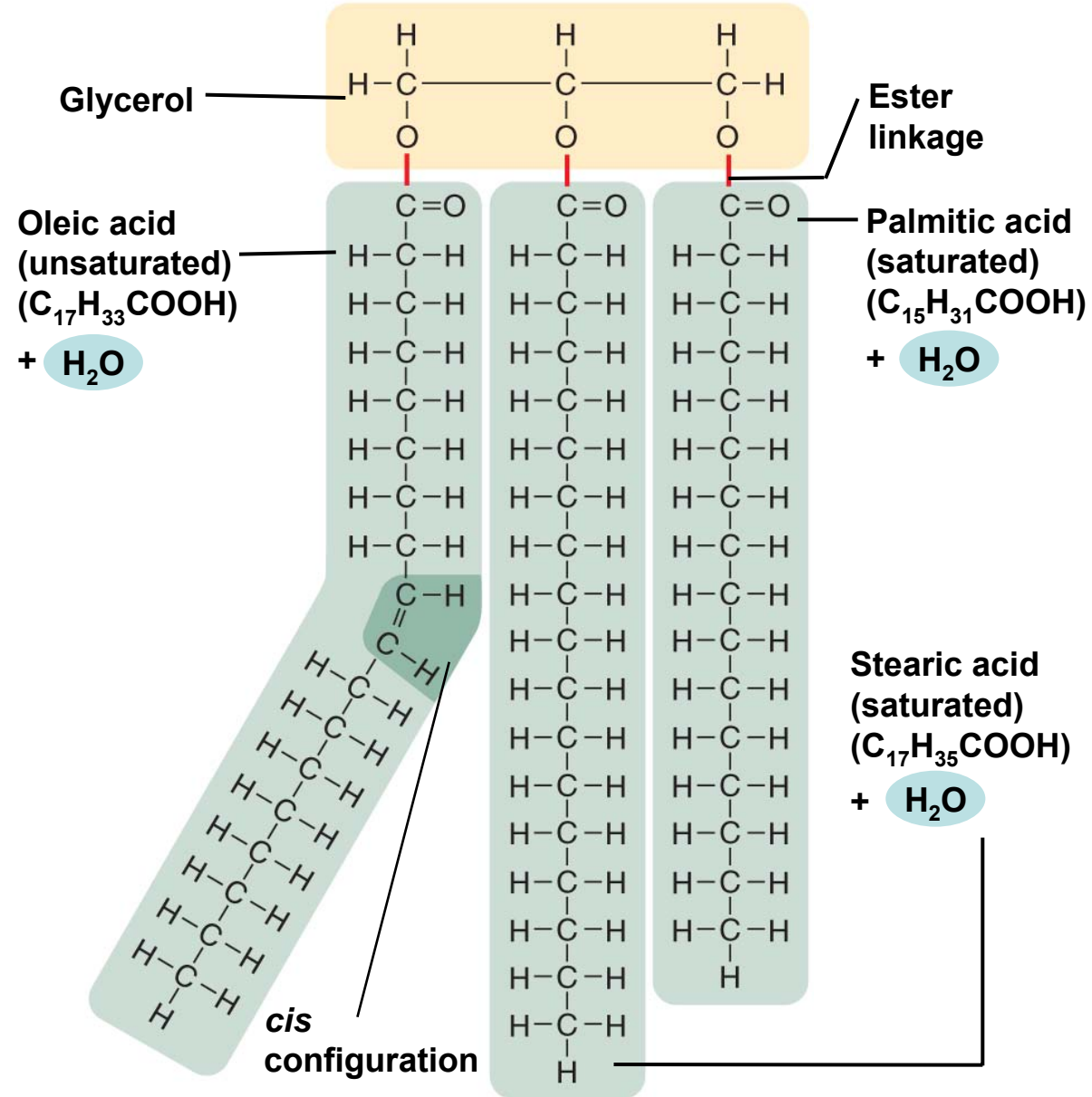
**(c)** Molecule of fat (triglyceride)



# Simple Lipids

- **Saturated fat:** no double bonds
- **Unsaturated fat:** one or more double bonds in the fatty acids
  - ***Cis*:** H atoms on the same side of the double bond
  - ***Trans*:** H atoms on opposite sides of the double bond

## Structural formulas of simple lipids.

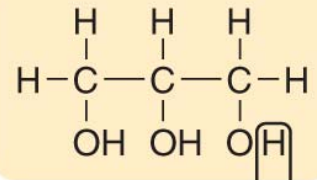


**(c)** Molecule of fat (triglyceride)

# Complex Lipids

- Contain C, H, and O + P, N, or S
- Membranes are made of phospholipids

## Structural formulas of simple lipids.



**Carboxyl group**

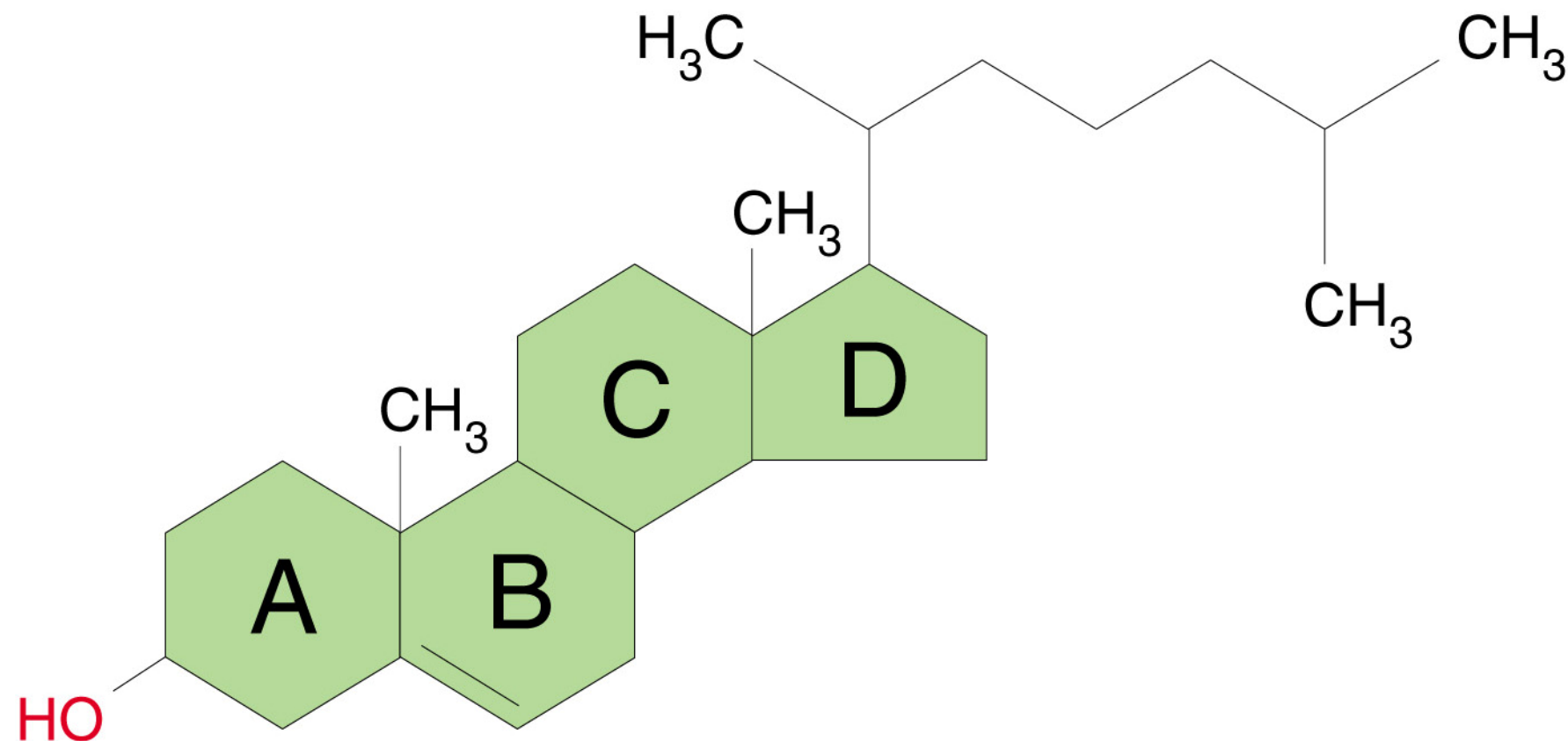
**(b) Fatty acid**  
(palmitic acid, 16:0)  
**Saturated)**  
**C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>31</sub>COOH**

## Hydrocarbon chain

# Steroids

- Four carbon rings with an –OH group attached to one ring
- Part of membranes

Cholesterol, a steroid.



# Proteins

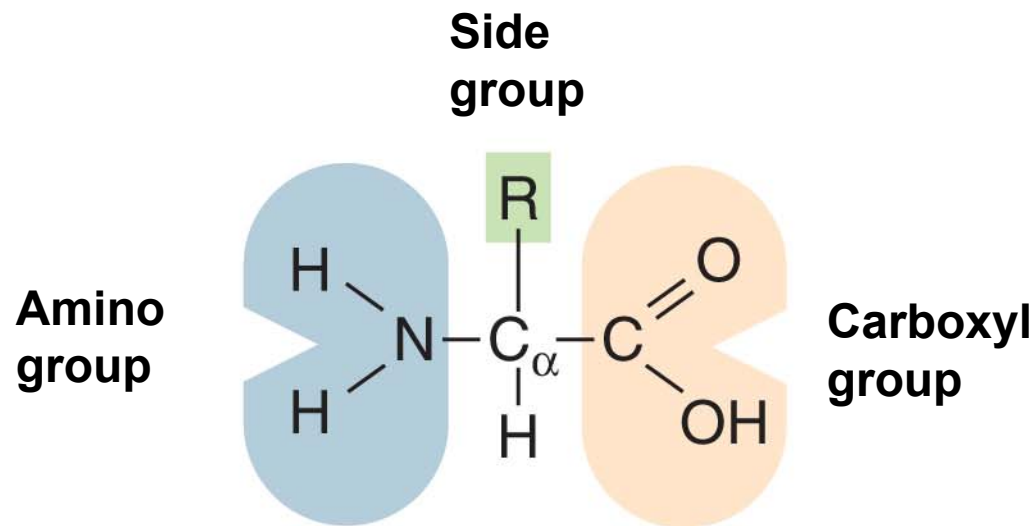
- Are essential in cell structure and function
- Enzymes are proteins that speed chemical reactions
- Transporter proteins move chemicals across membranes
- Flagella are made of proteins
- Some bacterial toxins are proteins

# Amino Acids

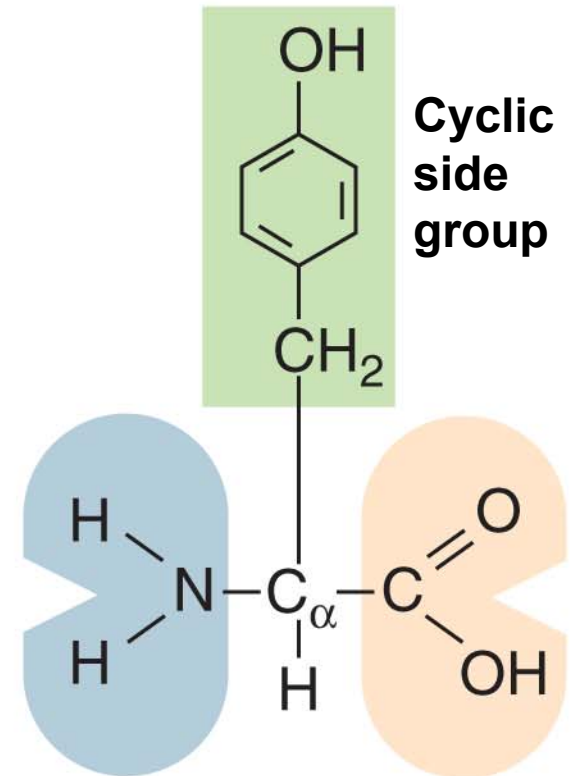
- Proteins consist of subunits called **amino acids**



# Amino acid structure.



**(a)** Generalized amino acid

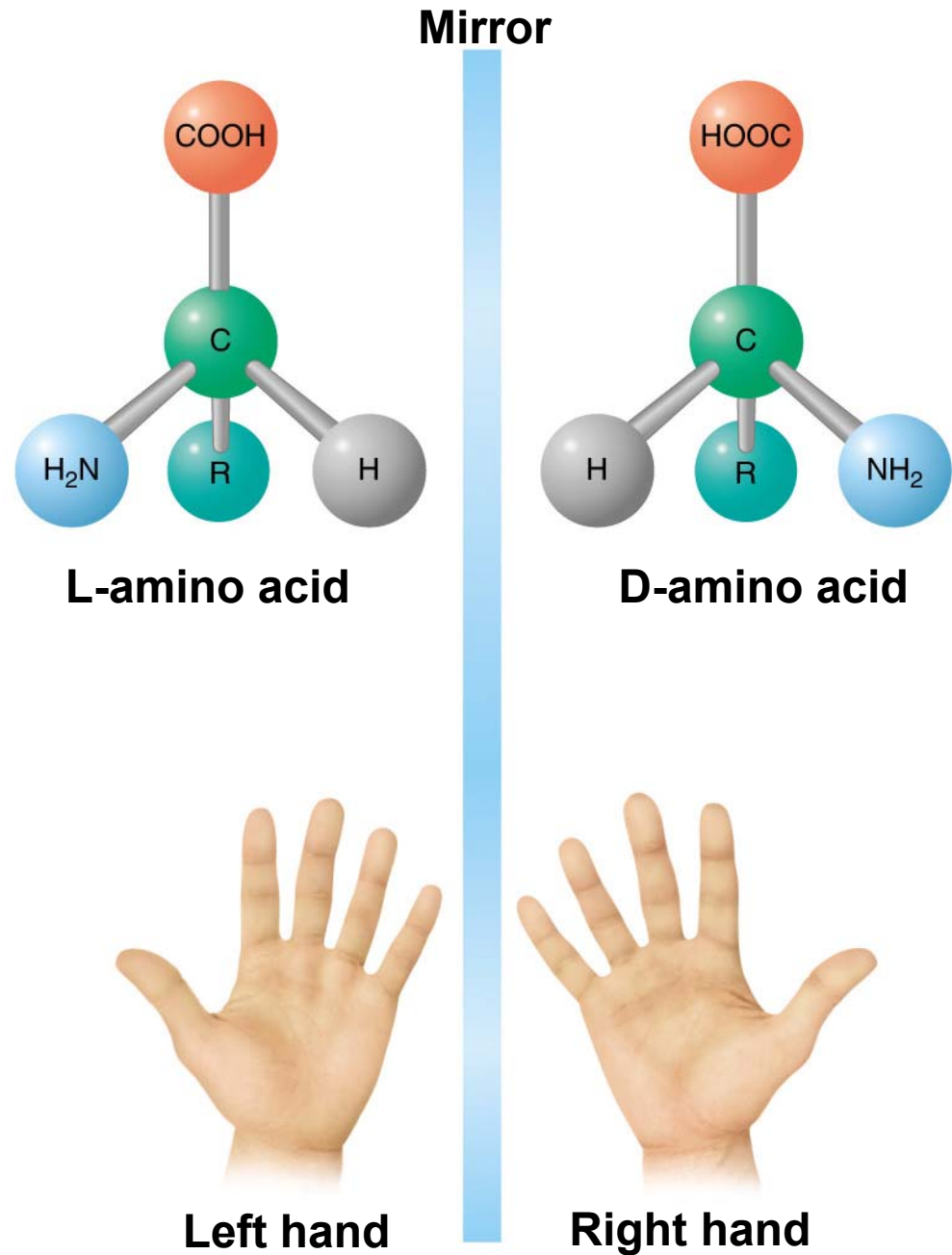


**(b)** Tyrosine

# Amino Acids

- Exist in either of two **stereoisomers**: D or L
- L-forms are most often found in nature

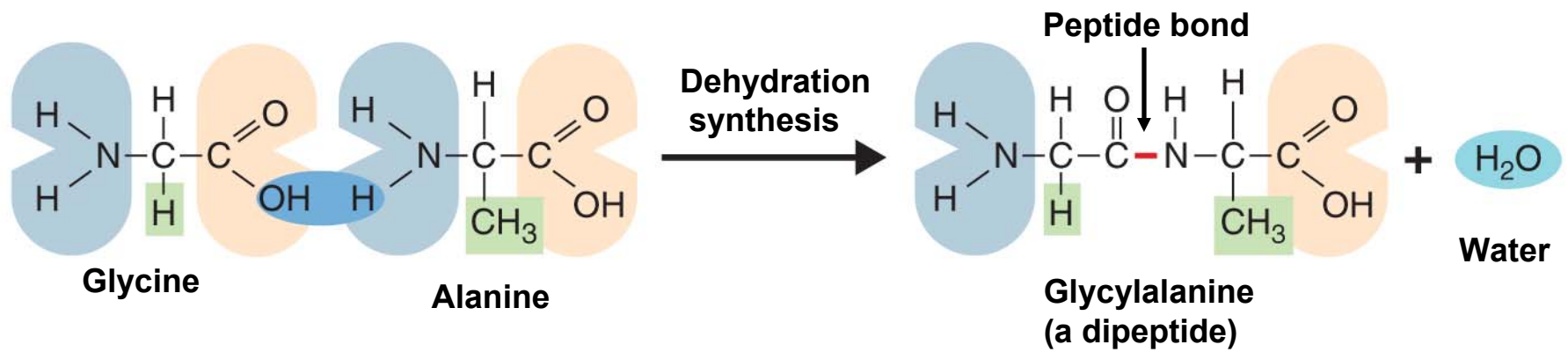
The L- and D-isomers of an amino acid, shown with ball-and-stick models.



# Peptide Bonds

- **Peptide bonds** between amino acids are formed by dehydration synthesis

## Peptide bond formation by dehydration synthesis.

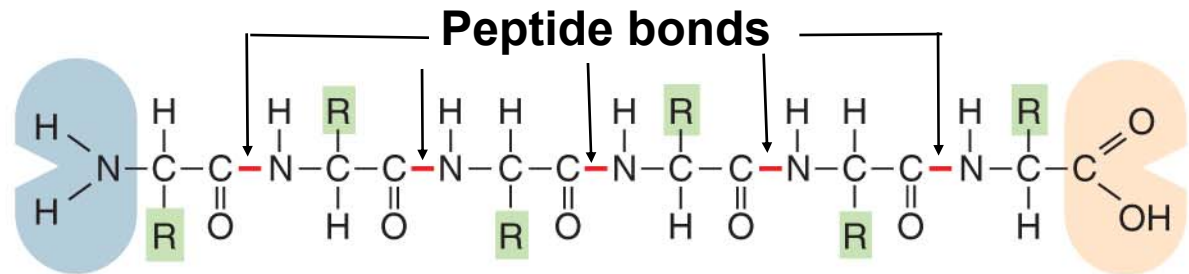


# Levels of Protein Structure

- The **primary structure** is a polypeptide chain

## Protein structure.

- 1 **Primary structure:**  
polypeptide strand  
(amino acid  
sequence)



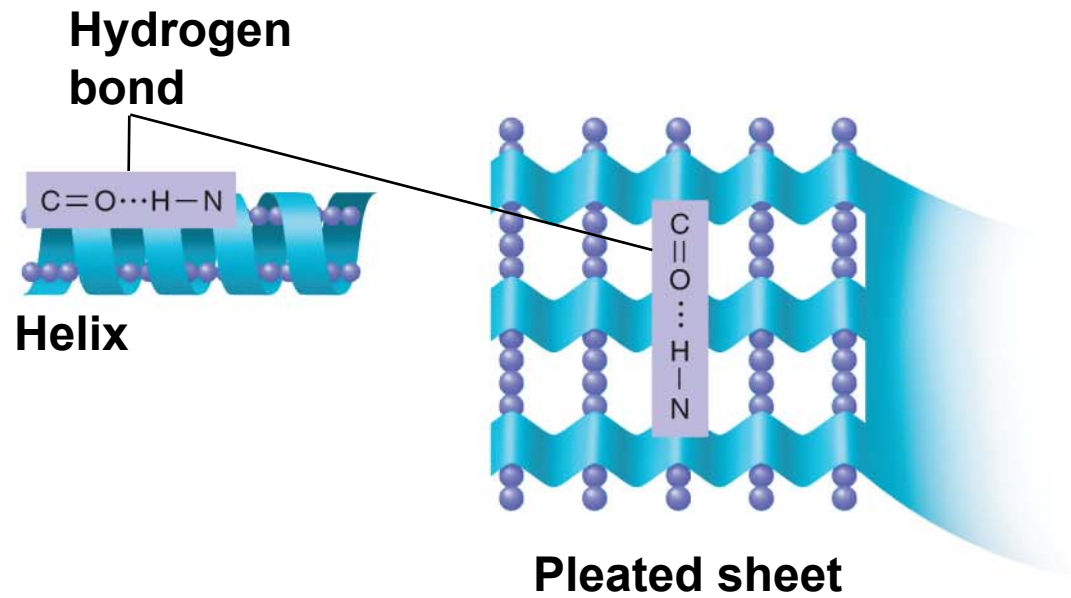
# Levels of Protein Structure

- The **secondary structure** occurs when the amino acid chain folds and coils in a regular helix or pleats



## Protein structure.

- 2 **Secondary structure:**  
helix and pleated sheet  
(with three polypeptide  
strands)

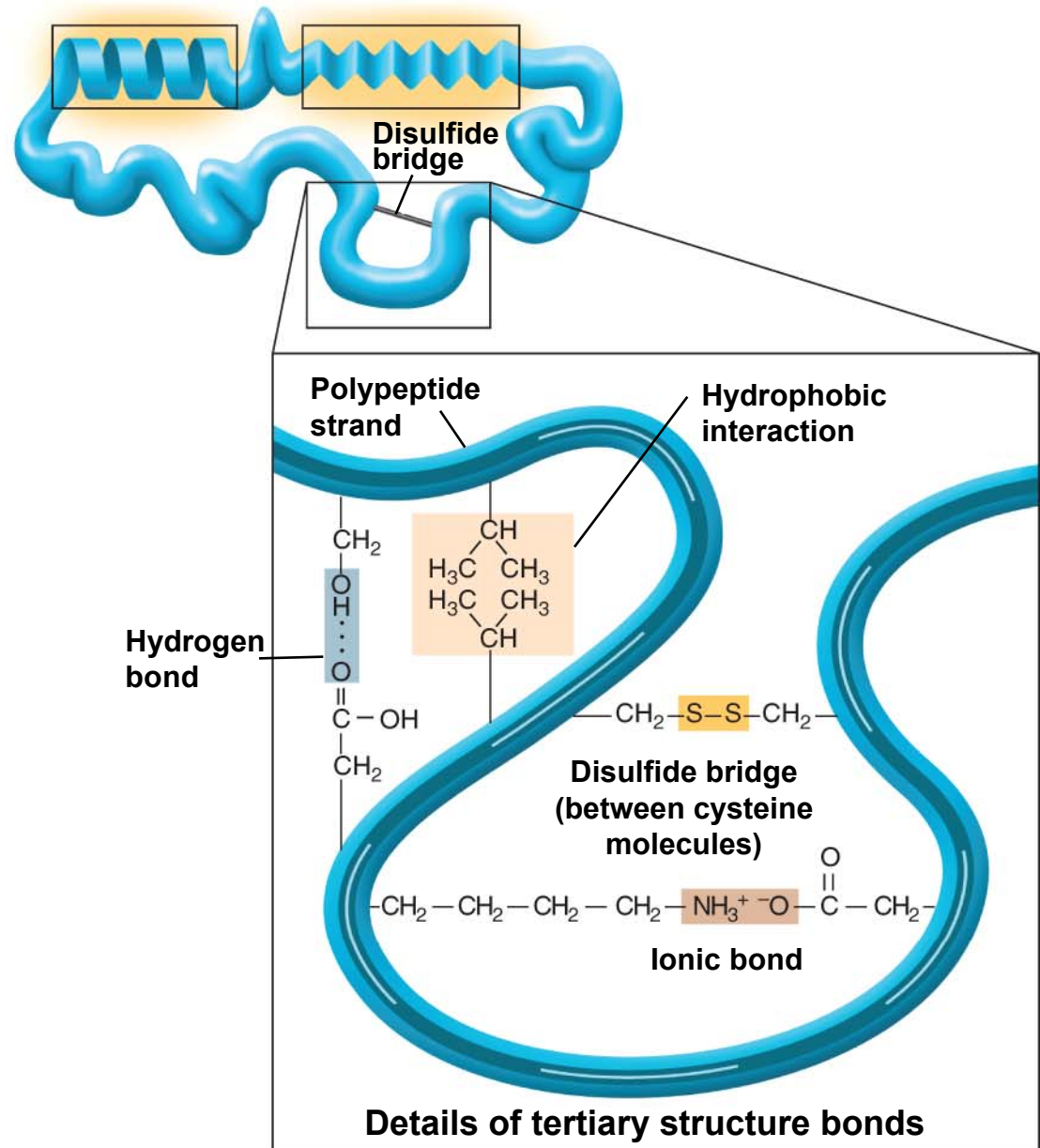


# Levels of Protein Structure

- The **tertiary structure** occurs when the helix folds irregularly, forming disulfide bridges, hydrogen bonds, and ionic bonds between amino acids in the chain

## Protein structure.

- 3 **Tertiary structure:** helix and pleated sheets fold into a 3D shape



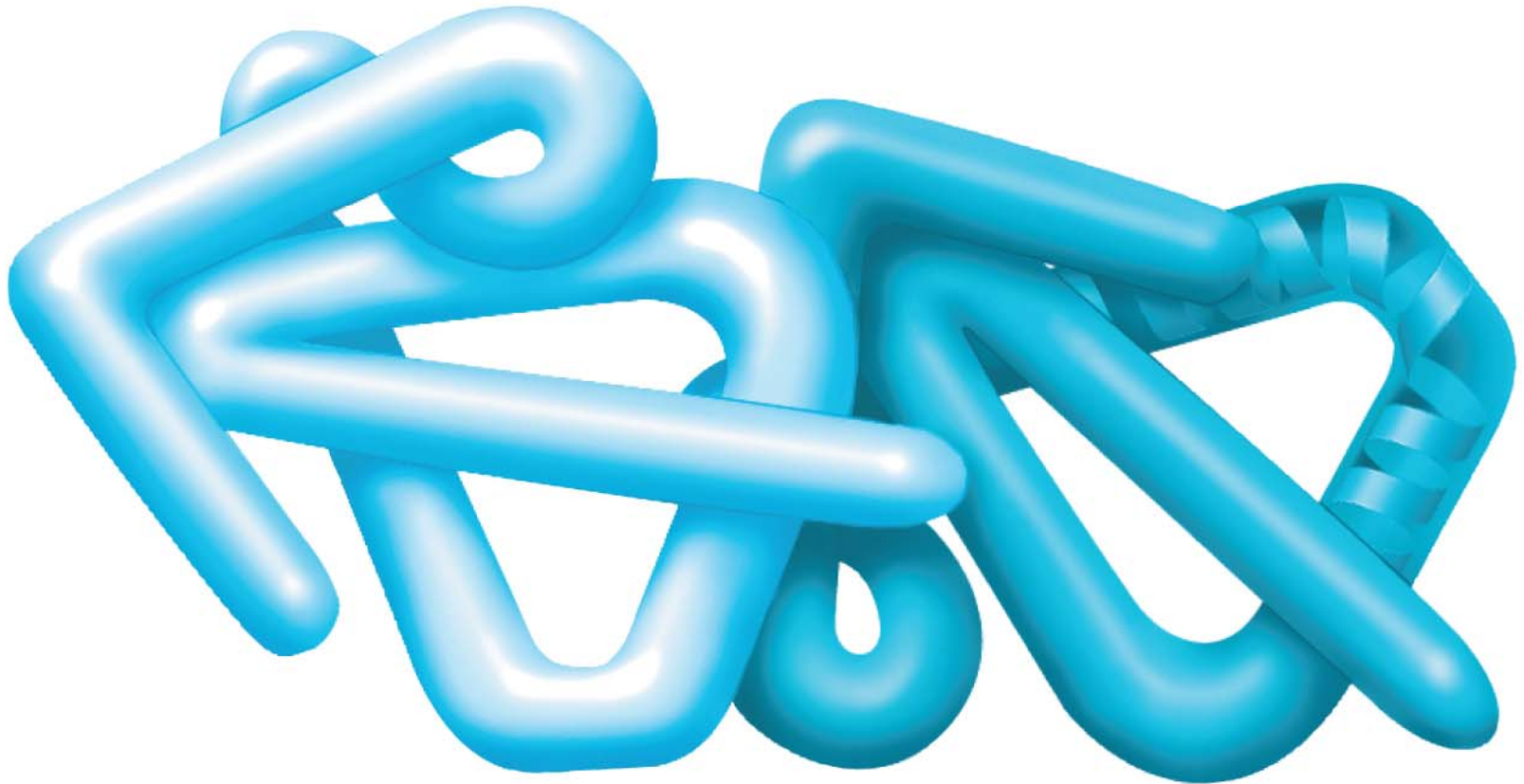
# Levels of Protein Structure

- The **quaternary structure** consists of two or more polypeptides

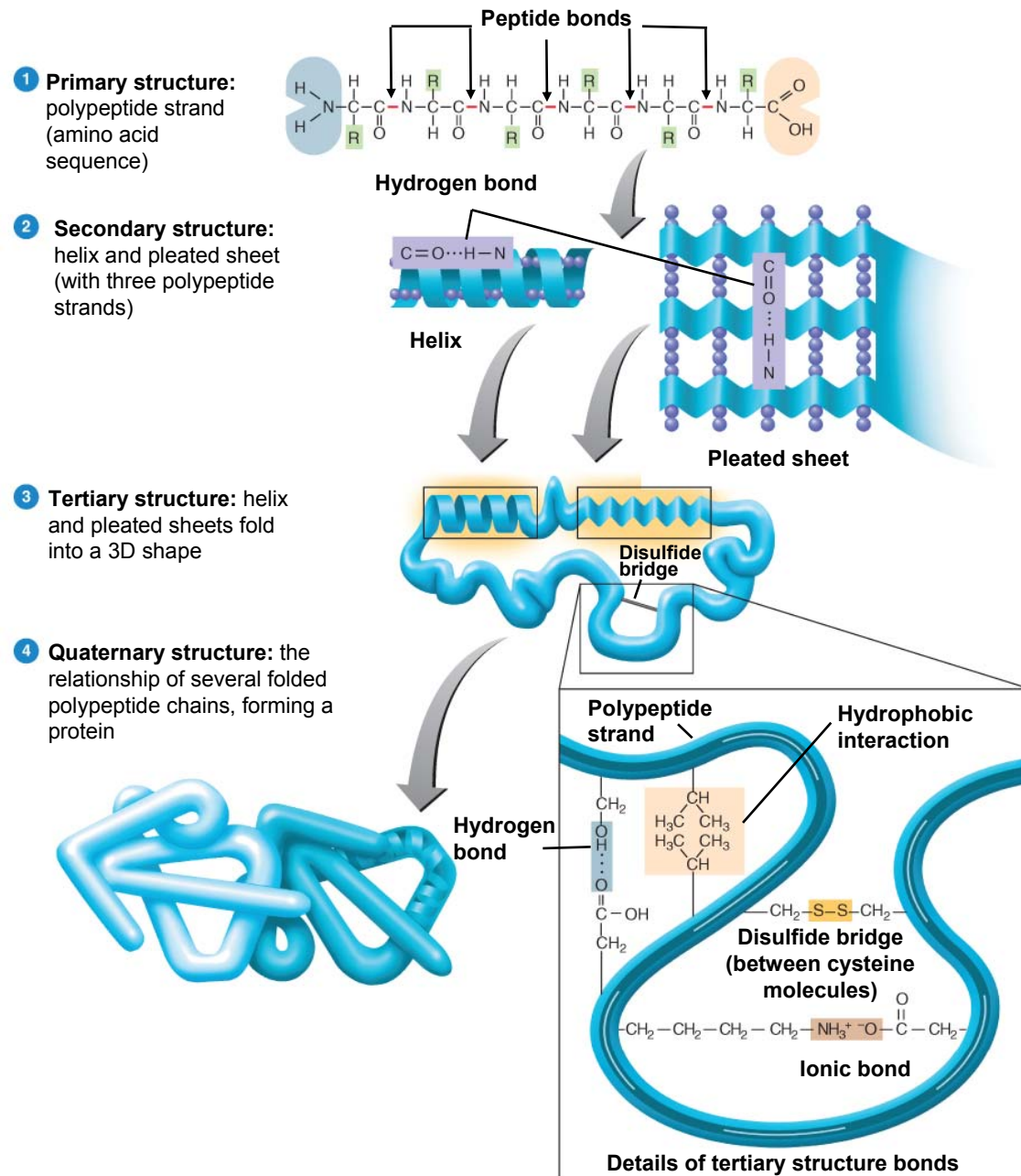
## Protein structure.

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**Quaternary structure:**  
the relationship of several  
folded polypeptide chains,  
forming a protein



# Protein structure.



# Levels of Protein Structure

- Conjugated proteins consist of amino acids and other organic molecules
  - Glycoproteins
  - Nucleoproteins
  - Lipoproteins

# Nucleic Acids

- Consist of **nucleotides**
- Nucleotides consist of
  - Pentose
  - Phosphate group
  - Nitrogen-containing (**purine** or **pyrimidine**) base
- **Nucleosides** consist of
  - Pentose
  - Nitrogen-containing base

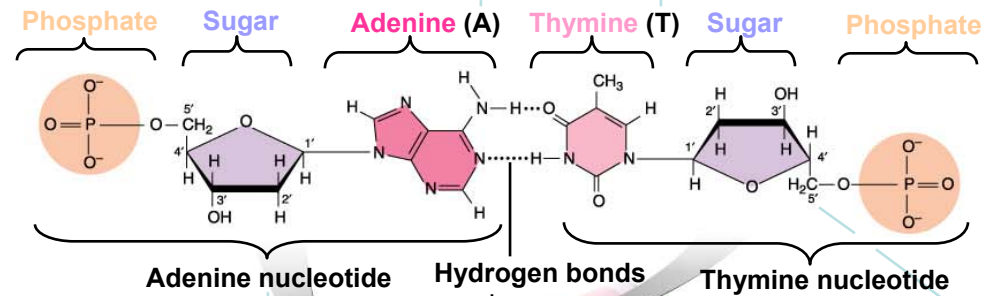


# DNA

- **Deoxyribonucleic acid**
- Has deoxyribose
- Exists as a double helix
- **A** hydrogen bonds with **T**
- **C** hydrogen bonds with **G**

# The Structure of DNA.

Adenine and Thymine (as well as Cytosine and Guanine, not shown here) are nitrogenous bases or nucleobases.



Individual DNA nucleotides are composed of a deoxyribose sugar molecule covalently bonded to a phosphate group at the 5' carbon, and to a nitrogen-containing base at the 3' carbon. The two nucleotides shown here are held together by hydrogen bonds.

The carbon atoms in the sugars are identified by adding a marker, ' (for example, 5', pronounced "5-prime"). This differentiates them from the carbon atoms in the nucleobases, such as Thymine.

Sugar-phosphate backbone

The sugar-phosphate backbone of one strand is upside down, or antiparallel, relative to the backbone of the other strand.

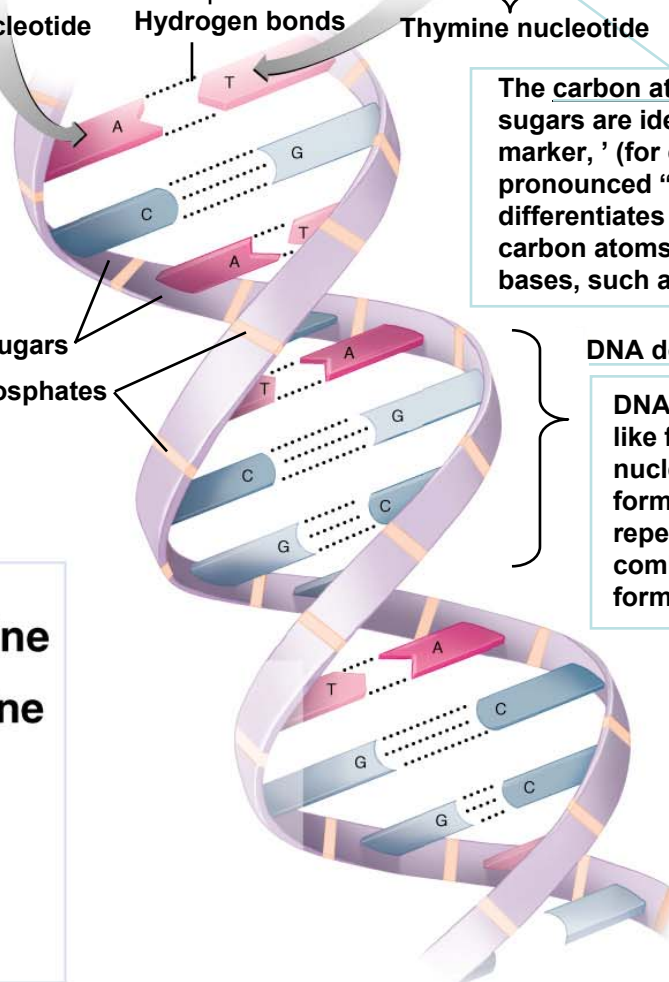
Sugars  
Phosphates

DNA double helix

DNA's double-helical, ladder-like form is made up of many nucleotides base pairs forming the rungs, and the repeating sugar-phosphate combination, forming the backbone.

Key

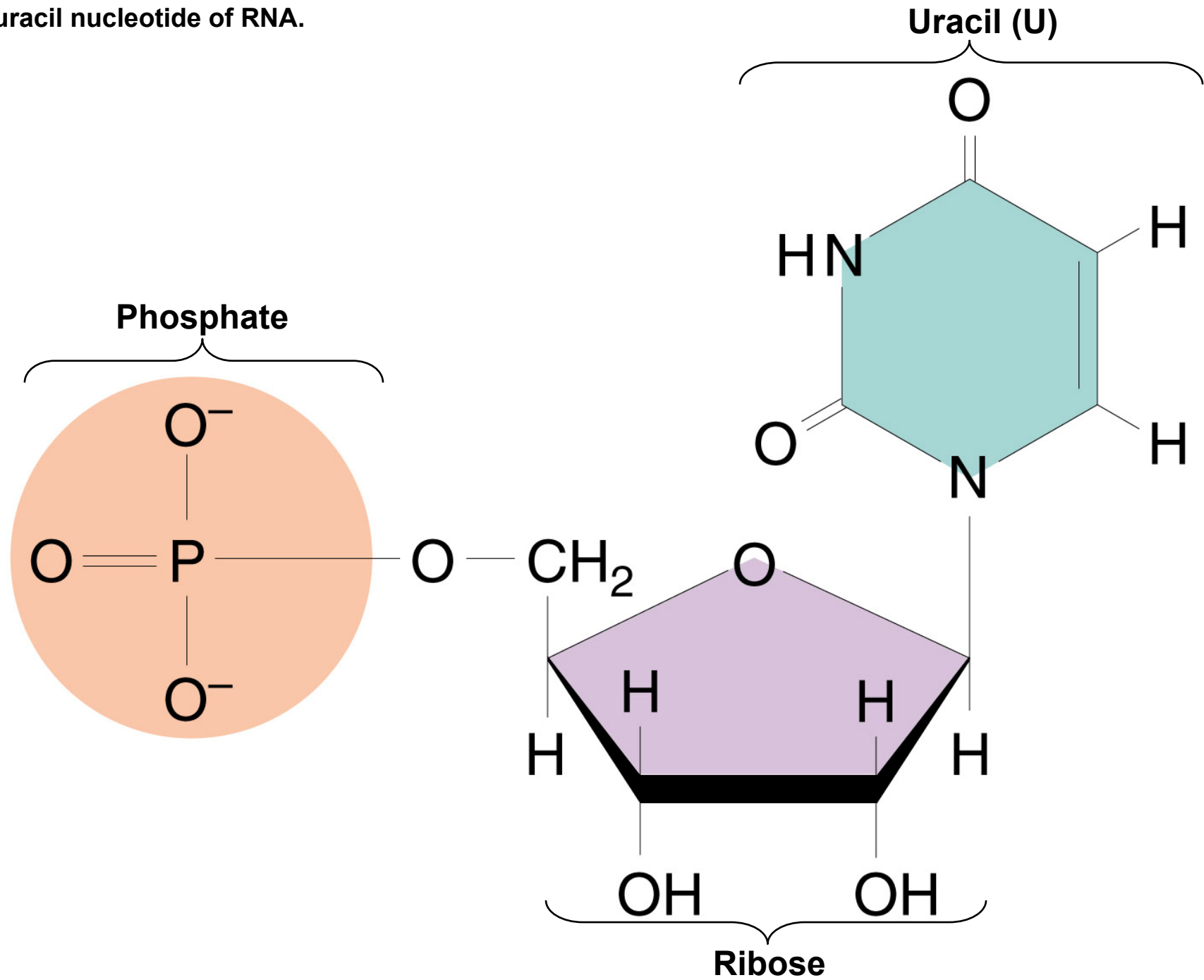
Adenine	A	T	Thymine
Guanine	G	C	Cytosine
Deoxyribose sugar			
Phosphate			
Hydrogen bond	....		



# RNA

- **Ribonucleic acid**
- Has ribose
- Is single-stranded
- **A** hydrogen bonds with **U**
- **C** hydrogen bonds with **G**

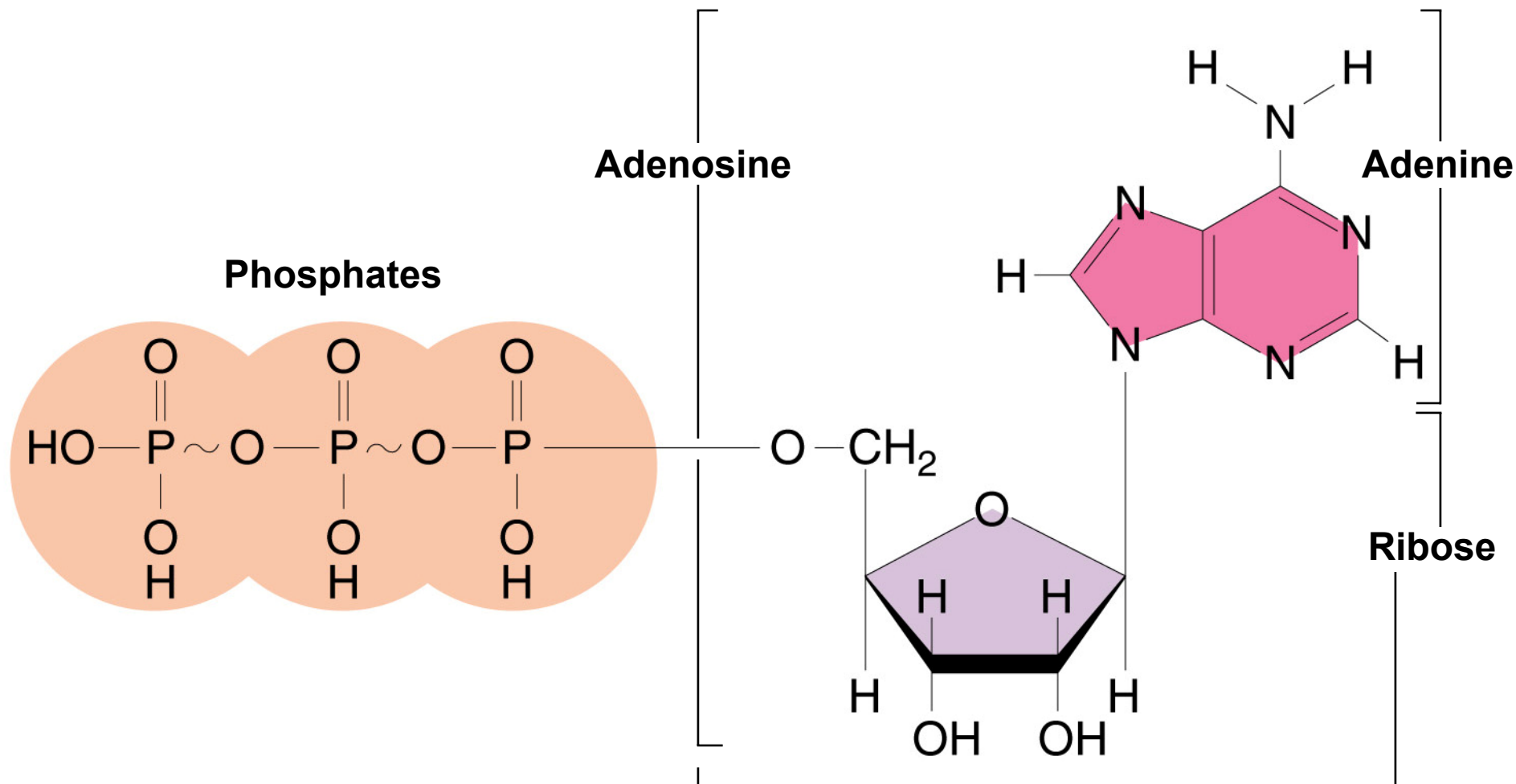
A uracil nucleotide of RNA.



# ATP

- **Adenosine triphosphate**
- Has ribose, adenine, and three phosphate groups

**The structure of ATP.**



# ATP

- Is made by dehydration synthesis
- Is broken by hydrolysis to liberate useful energy for the cell

