



Carbohydrates



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Disaccharides

These are two monosaccharides linked together via the glycosidic bond. Three common disaccharides:

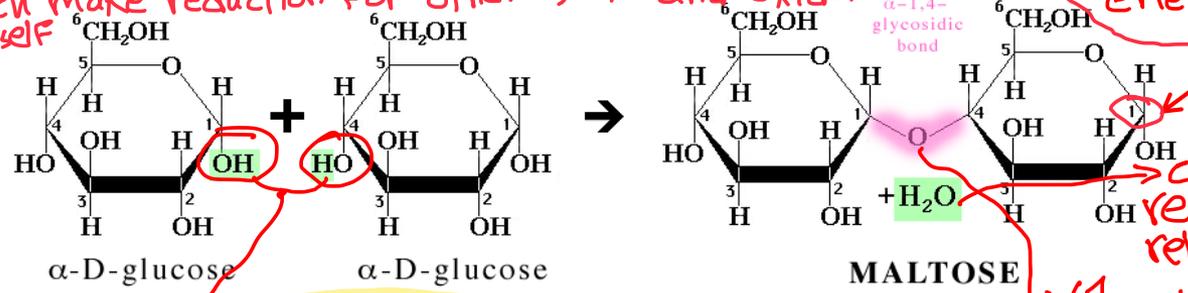
*cellobiose is not common disaccharide

lactose
sucrose
maltose

- Maltose "malt sugar" consists of two α -glucose units, is a disaccharide released during the hydrolysis of the starch

*reducing sugar or reducing agents is the sugars which make reduction for other agents and oxidation for itself

storage site or energy stores in plant
Reducing end



α -D-glucopyranosyl-(1 \rightarrow 4)- α -D-glucopyranose

called condensation reaction because of releasing water

(1-4)O-glycosidic bond

*glucose stores in starch form

*when starch break down it will form glucose or maltose



Barely grains is used for preparation of malt beverage. During the degradation of starch, maltose sugar is produced.

For this the maltose named malt sugar

*we named sugar when it have free carbonyl carbon in Fischer projection or free anomeric carbon in cyclic form when it reacts with the agents

Glycosidic bond



*all of monosaccharide called reducing sugars because it have free carbonyl carbon

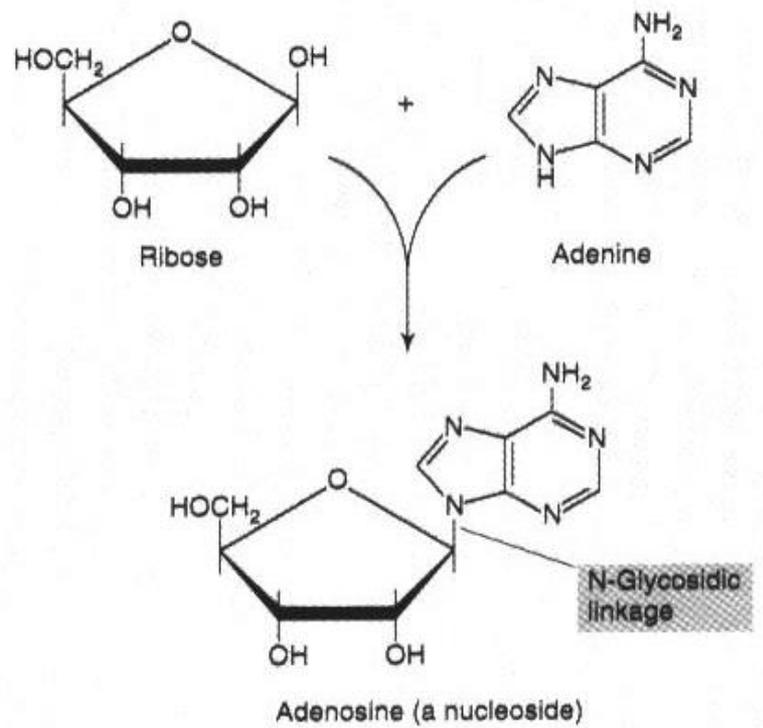
□ Glycosidic bond is a type of covalent bond where the anomeric group of a sugar can condense with an alcohol. This type of bond is called O-glycosidic bond.

*most of the disaccharide named reducing sugars like : 1- maltose
2- lactose
*the only disaccharide which is non-reducing sugar is sucrose 3- cellobiose

We named disaccharide as reducing sugar when it contains at least one reducing end

□ N-glycosidic bond is another type of glycosidic bond which forms between the anomeric carbon of sugar and an amine.
↳ in DNA or RNA

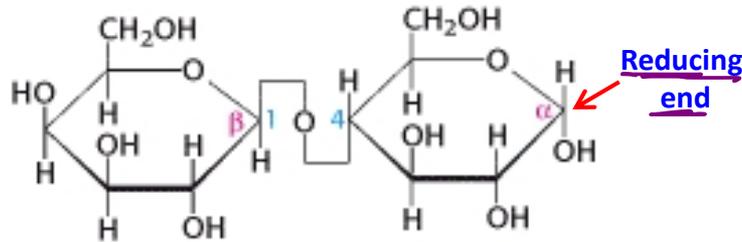
e.g. the bonds that link D-ribose and D-deoxyribose to purines and pyrimidines in the nucleic acids: RNA & DNA, respectively.





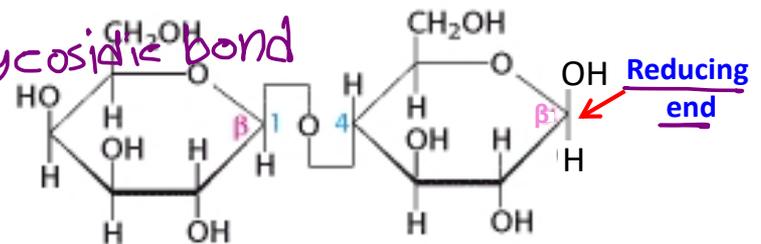
Disaccharides

- Lactose “milk sugar” consists of glucose & galactose, is a disaccharide occurs naturally in the milk (dairy products)
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α -Lactose
 β -D-Galactopyranosyl-(1 \rightarrow 4)- α -D-glucopyranose

* name of the bond is $\beta(1-4)\alpha$ -O-glycosidic bond



β -Lactose
 β -D-Galactopyranosyl-(1 \rightarrow 4) β -D-glucopyranose

* name of the bond is $\beta(1-4)\beta$ -O-glycosidic bond

* α -lactose or β -lactose according the stereoisomeric form of the second unit which is glucose

7 maybe inherited because of error in lactase enzyme in small intestine

Disaccharides



- Lactose Intolerance: deficiency of lactase enzyme leading to **Gastrointestinal tract (GIT) disturbances** such as: nausea, bloating, abdominal cramps and diarrhea due to digestion of lactose (**intact**) by bacteria found in colon



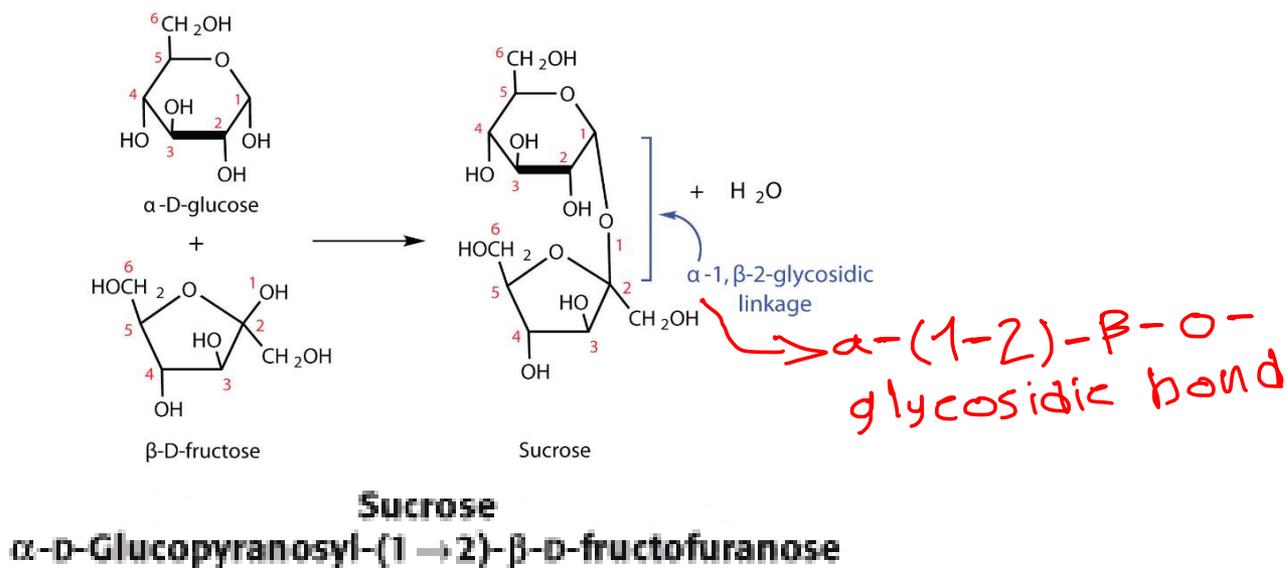
LF → lactose free





Disaccharides

- Sucrose “table sugar” consists of glucose & fructose, is a disaccharide obtained commercially from cane or beet.



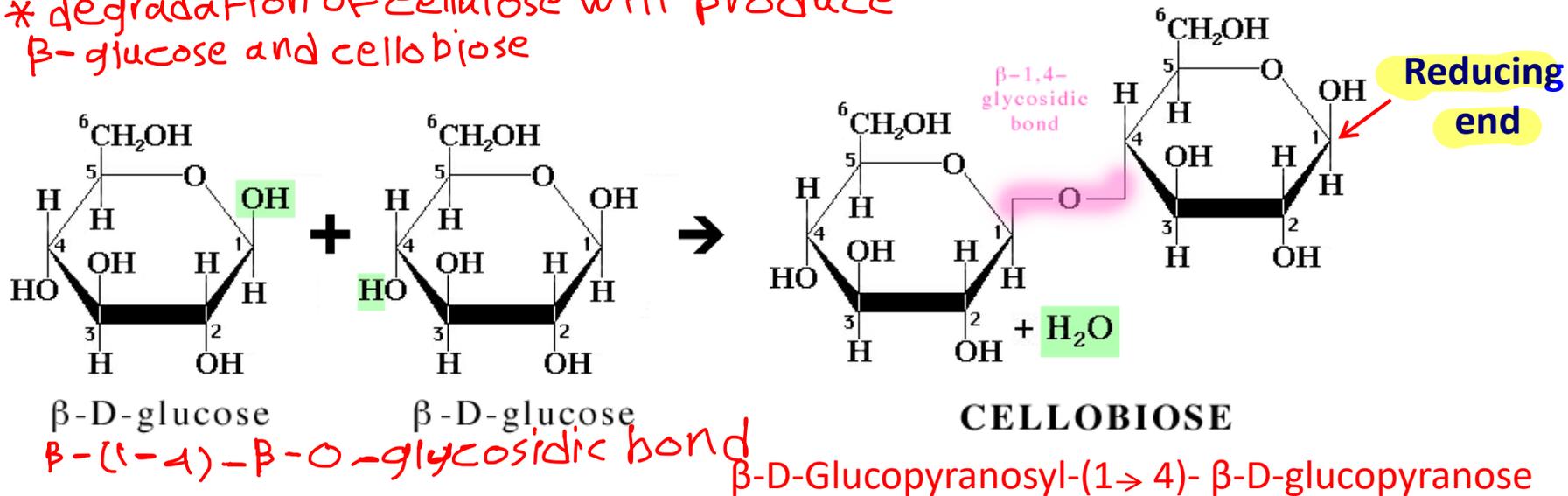
- Sucrose is not a reducing sugar because the anomeric carbon of the second residue (the reducing end) is not free but involved in the glycosidic bond formation.



Disaccharides

- **Cellobiose** consists of two D-glucose residues linked by the β -glycosidic bond (C1 of one residue is joined to the oxygen atom attached at C4 of the second residue). It is released during cellulose degradation

* degradation of cellulose will produce β -glucose and cellobiose



- Cellobiose is an isomer of maltose (stereochemistry of the glycosidic bond which is β in cellobiose and α in maltose)



Polysaccharides

- ❑ Polysaccharides “glycans” are polymeric molecules consist of long chains of monosaccharide units bound together via the glycosidic linkages.
- ❑ Polysaccharides composed of same type of monosaccharides are called **homopolysaccharides** “homoglycans” and those consisting of more than one type are called **heteropolysaccharides** “heteroglycans” .
- ❑ They form branched as well as linear polymers.
- ❑ They are classified into:
 1. Storage polysaccharides like starch and glycogen
 2. Structural polysaccharides like cellulose and chitin

*amino acids bind together via amide bond
*monosaccharides “ “ “ glycosidic “

* the main source of energy in our bodies is glucose (hexoaldose)

* if the plant cell have excess glucose, it will store it as starch form. when it need energy, it will break down starch to get glucose which is used in energy needed metabolism

Storage Polysaccharides

→ energy stores in plant cells → homopolysaccharide



Starch: is the storage polysaccharides in plants.

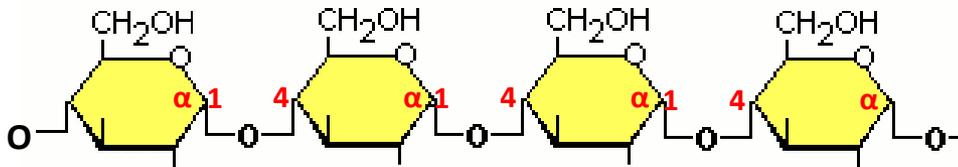
- Polymer composed of glucose monomers
- a mixture of **amylose** (20%, water soluble) and **amylopectin** (80%, water insoluble) stored in plant cells as insoluble granules.

→ branched starch

→ unbranched or linear form of starch

* because the majority of the starch composed of amylopectin it consider as water insoluble

unbranched starch (linear)



Amylose : α (1 \rightarrow 4) glycosidic bonds

* starch adopts a specific secondary structure as coiled structure (hollow helix like spiral spring)



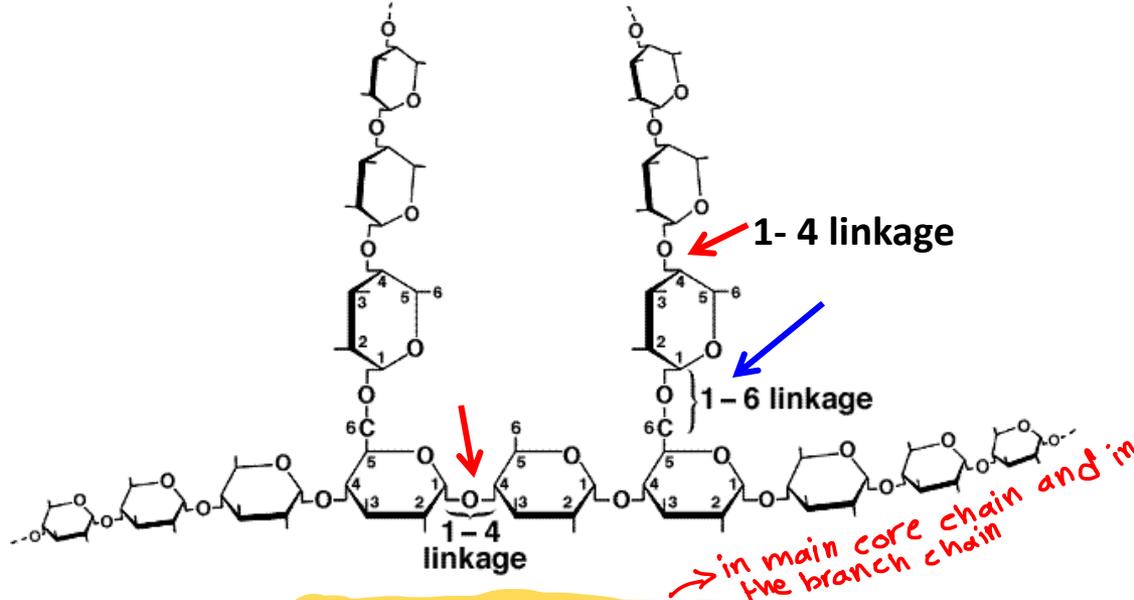
The repeating units in starch are alpha-D-glucose

The helical structure of amylose

Storage Polysaccharides

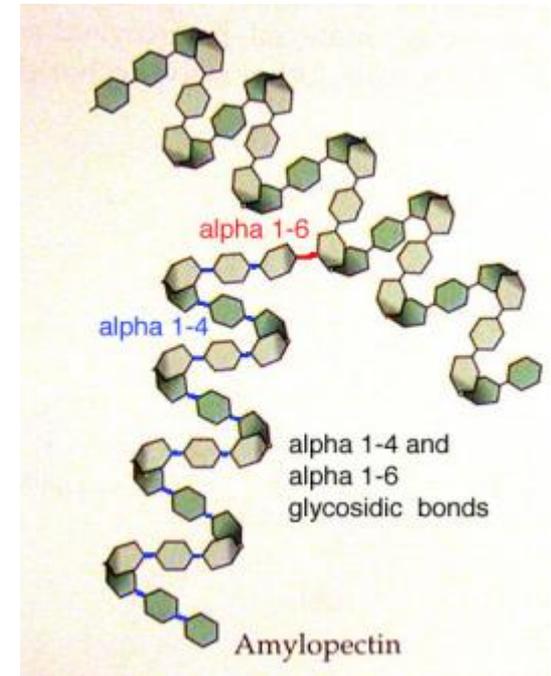


branched starch



Amylopectin: $\alpha(1 \rightarrow 4)$ glycosidic bonds
with $\alpha(1 \rightarrow 6)$ branch points (every 24-30 units)

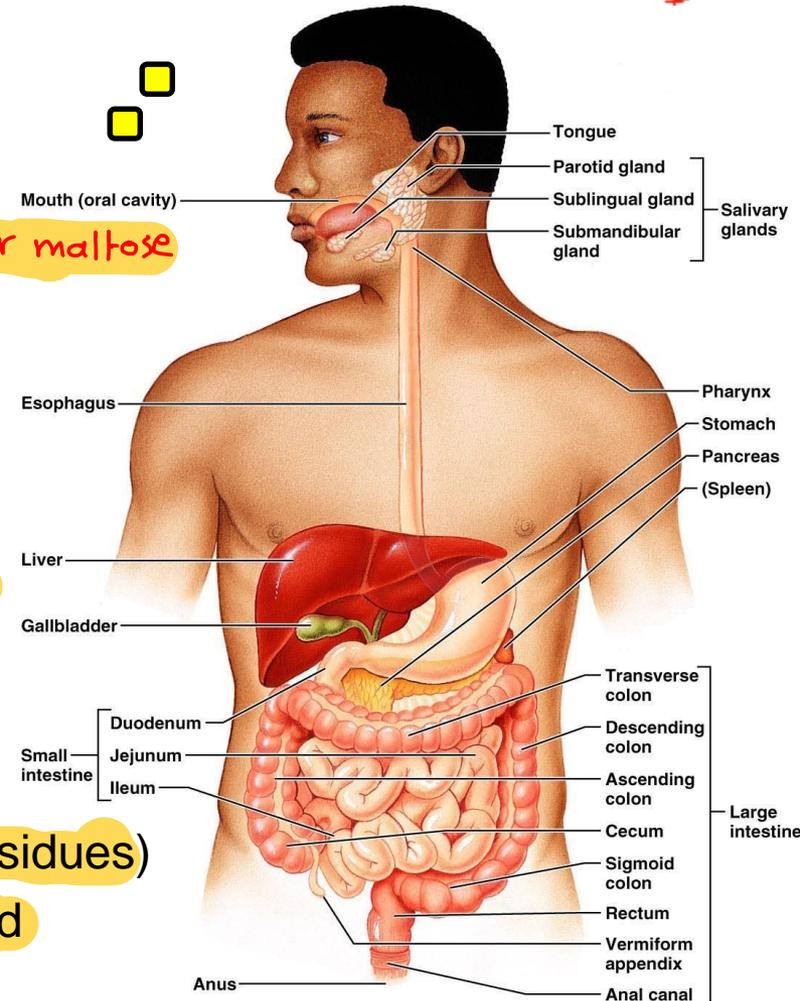
just in branch points



Digestion of starch



1. The salivary amylase enzyme randomly hydrolyses the α -(1 \rightarrow 4) bonds
2. Starch digestion to small oligosaccharides or maltose continues in the small intestine by pancreatic amylase
3. Further hydrolysis by α -glucosidase (which remove one glucose residue at time) and by a debranching enzyme (which hydrolyzes specifically α -[1 \rightarrow 6] bond
4. The produced monosaccharides (glucose residues) are absorbed by the intestine and transported to the bloodstream





Storage Polysaccharides

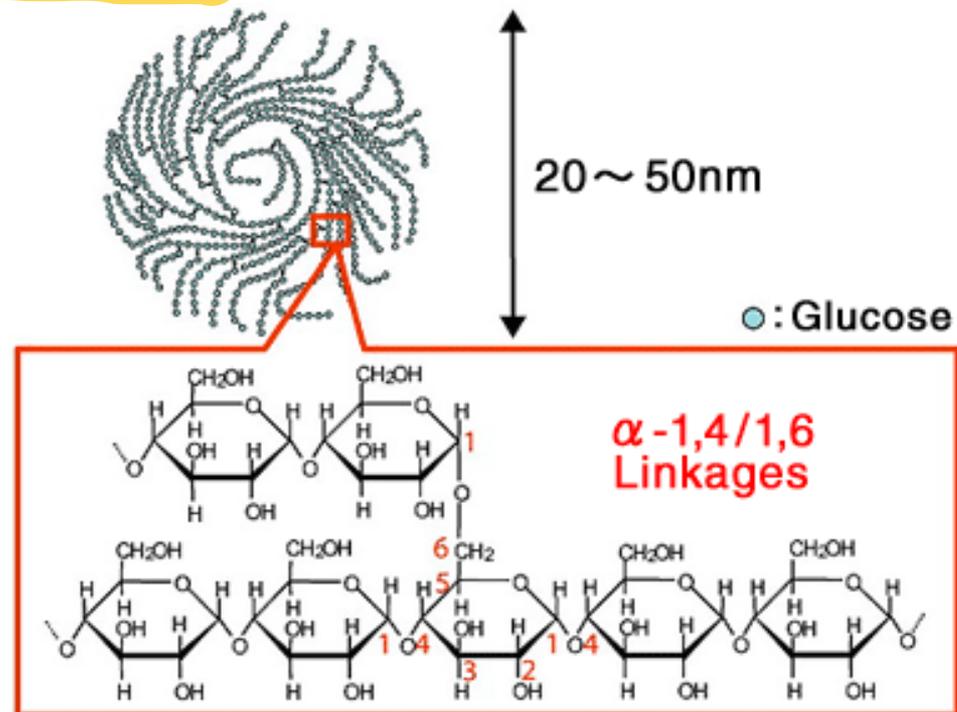
→ energy stores in animal and human cells

Glycogen: is the storage polysaccharide in animal & human

- Polymer composed of glucose units like amylopectin but glycogen is more highly branched with branch points occurring every 8-14 residues
- Mainly found in skeletal muscle (up to 1-2% of muscle mass) and liver cells (up to 10% of liver mass)

↓
main storage site of glycogen

*brain cells also store glycogen





Synthesis & Breakdown of Glycogen

*glucose is the only brain food

- ❑ Some tissues particularly the brain cells require a constant supply of blood glucose for survival
- ❑ Some tissues particularly liver and skeletal muscles store glucose in a form that can be **rapidly mobilized** (i.e. glycogen)
- ❑ Glycogen is synthesized (glycogenesis) when blood glucose is high and glycogen is degraded (glycogenolysis) releasing glucose into the blood stream when blood glucose is low (normal blood glucose level is 80-100 mg/dl)
- ❑ This balance between the need and availability is called metabolic homeostasis

↳ easy for form or breakdown

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this metabolism happened in liver

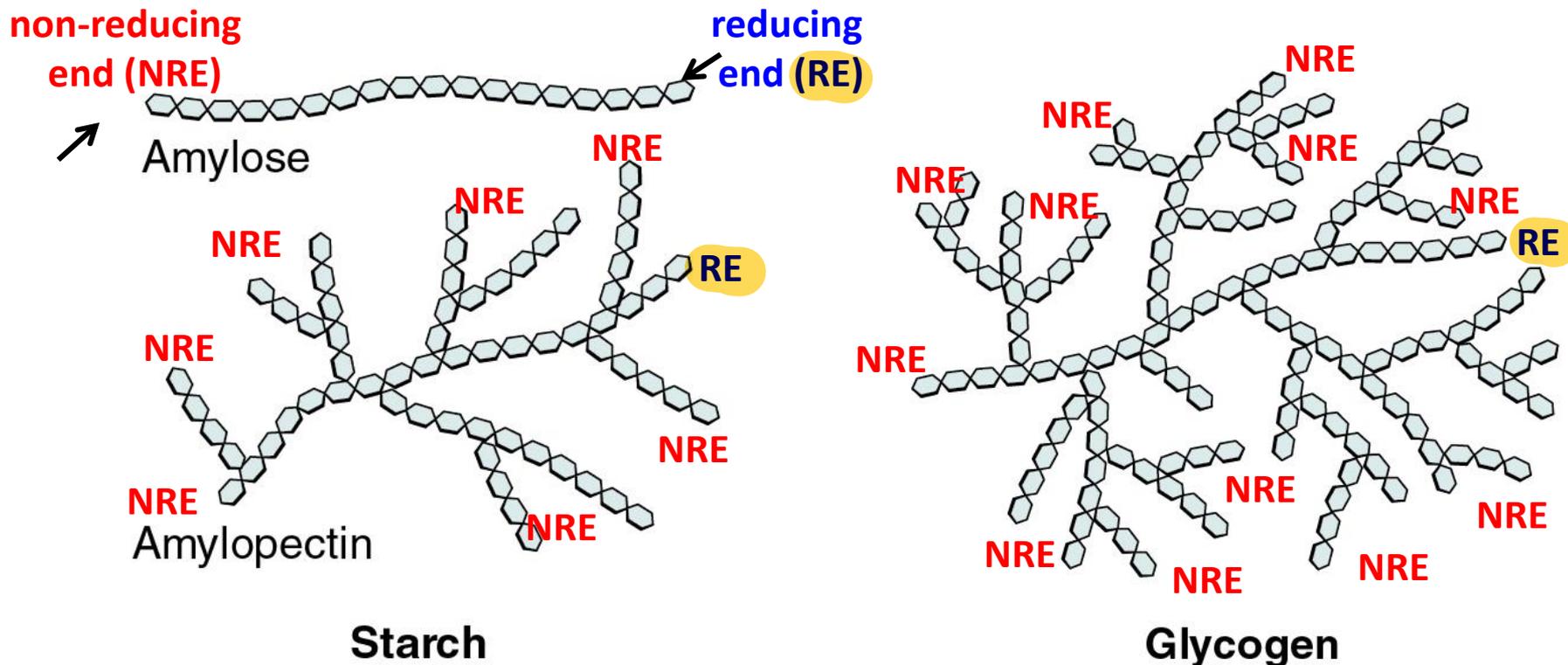
*liver give glucose for all cells while skeletal muscle produce glycogen for itself

* Starch and glycogen are in hollow helix structure to be accessible for enzyme



Storage Polysaccharides

- Starch and glycogen have one reducing end (the molecule end containing a free anomeric carbon C1). On the other hand, the branches ends are all called non-reducing ends and being sites where enzymatic lengthening and degradation occur.

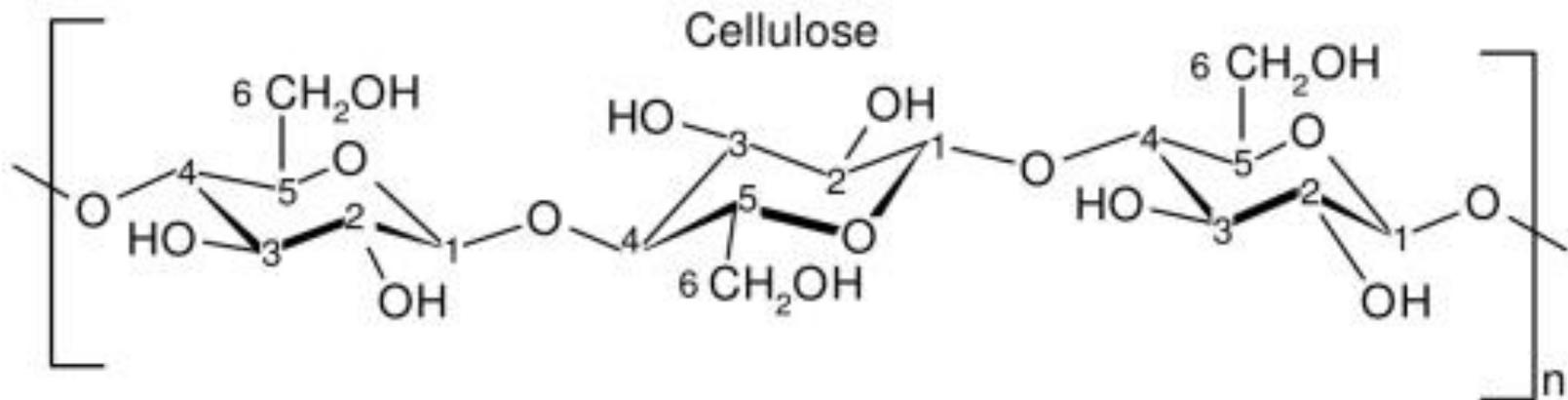


Structural Polysaccharides



Cellulose: the primary structural component of plant cell walls.

- A linear polymer of D-glucose residues linked via β -(1-4) glycosidic bonds.



- It is the most abundant organic molecule on the earth. cellulose accounts for over half of the carbon in the biosphere.
- It adopts a very different molecular architecture from that of starch (hollow helix) due to its β -linkages.

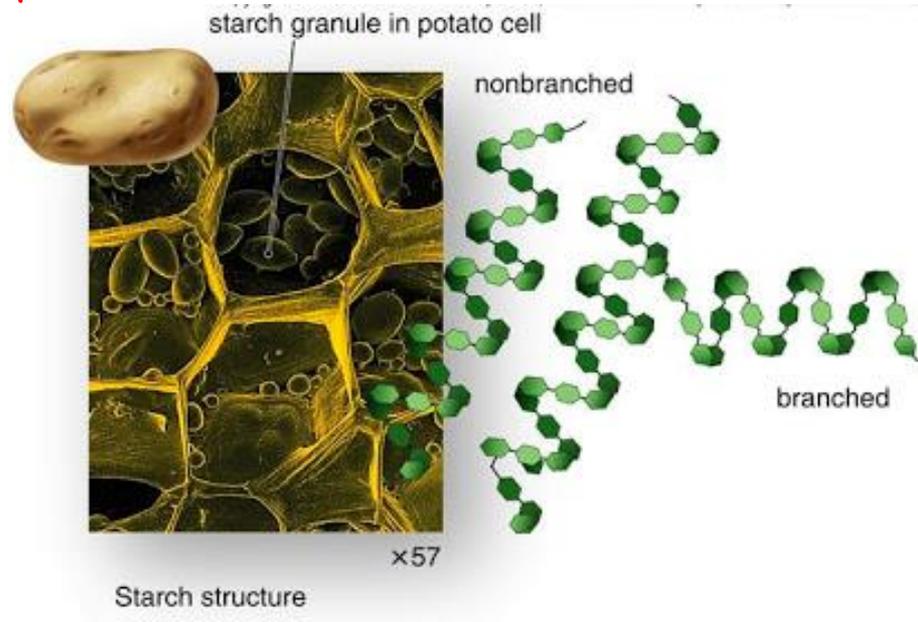
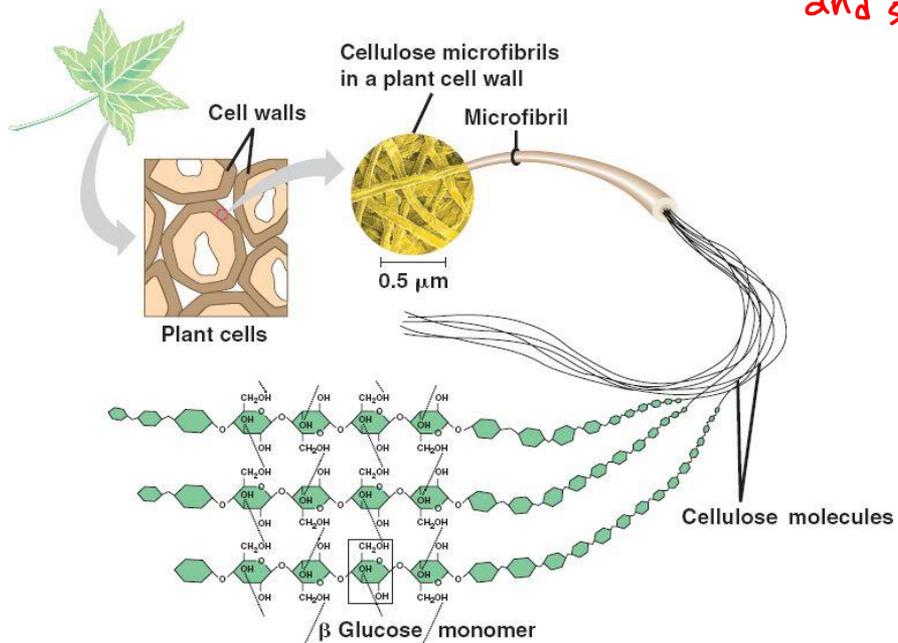
Structural Polysaccharides



- Cellulose forms very long straight chains. The parallel chains interact with one another through H-bonds

not accessible for enzymes

→ This H-bonds give the cellulose rigidity and support



→ while humans dont have this enzyme

- Compared to humans, herbivores and termites can digest cellulose because they have cellulases enzymes "enzymes capable of hydrolyzing the β -(1-4) bonds of cellulose".

Structural Polysaccharides



- Cellulose rich food (like vegetables) is used in patients who have constipation

Chitin:

- It is the structural component of the exoskeletons of the invertebrates like insects and spiders. Also, it is the main component of the cell walls of fungi.



Cockroach



Spider

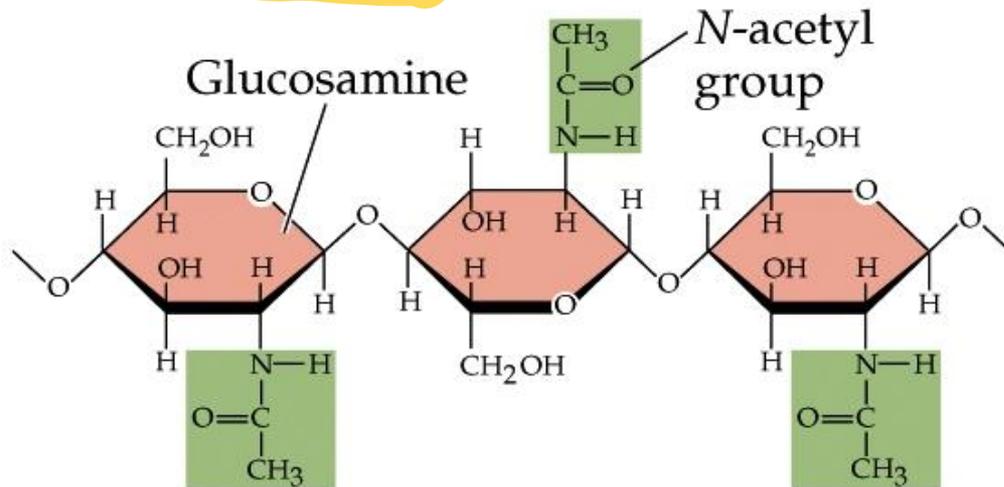


Shrimp

Structural Polysaccharides



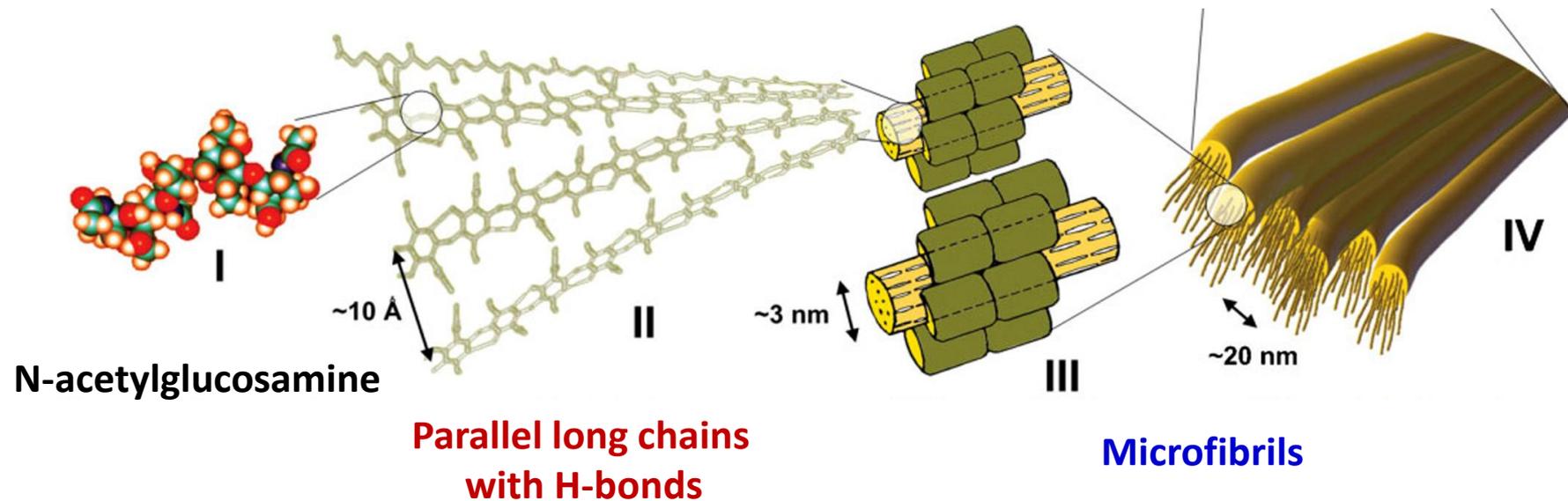
- A long chain polymer of N-acetyl-D-glucosamine residues joined by β -(1-4) bonds.



Structural Polysaccharides



- It has similar structure to cellulose with the only difference is the replacement of OH at C2 of each monomer with acetyl amine group



Structural Polysaccharides

→ linear not branched and heteroglycan not monoglycan
and synthetic not natural



- **Chitosan:** is a linear polysaccharide composed of randomly distributed β -(1-4)-linked D-glucosamine (deacetylated unit) and N-acetyl-D-glucosamine (acetylated unit). It is produced **commercially** by deacetylation of chitin (e.g. by treating shrimp shells with the alkali sodium hydroxide).



Medical uses: it is useful in weight loss and obesity treatment plans because it can reduce fat absorption



Heteropolysaccharides



- ❑ Consist of two or more different monosaccharide units and are closely associated with lipid (glycolipids) or protein (glycoproteins)
- ❑ The naturally occurring heteroglycans are mostly found in the connective tissues (such as cartilage, tendon, blood vessel walls,.....etc)

1. Hyaluronic acid (Hyaluronate)

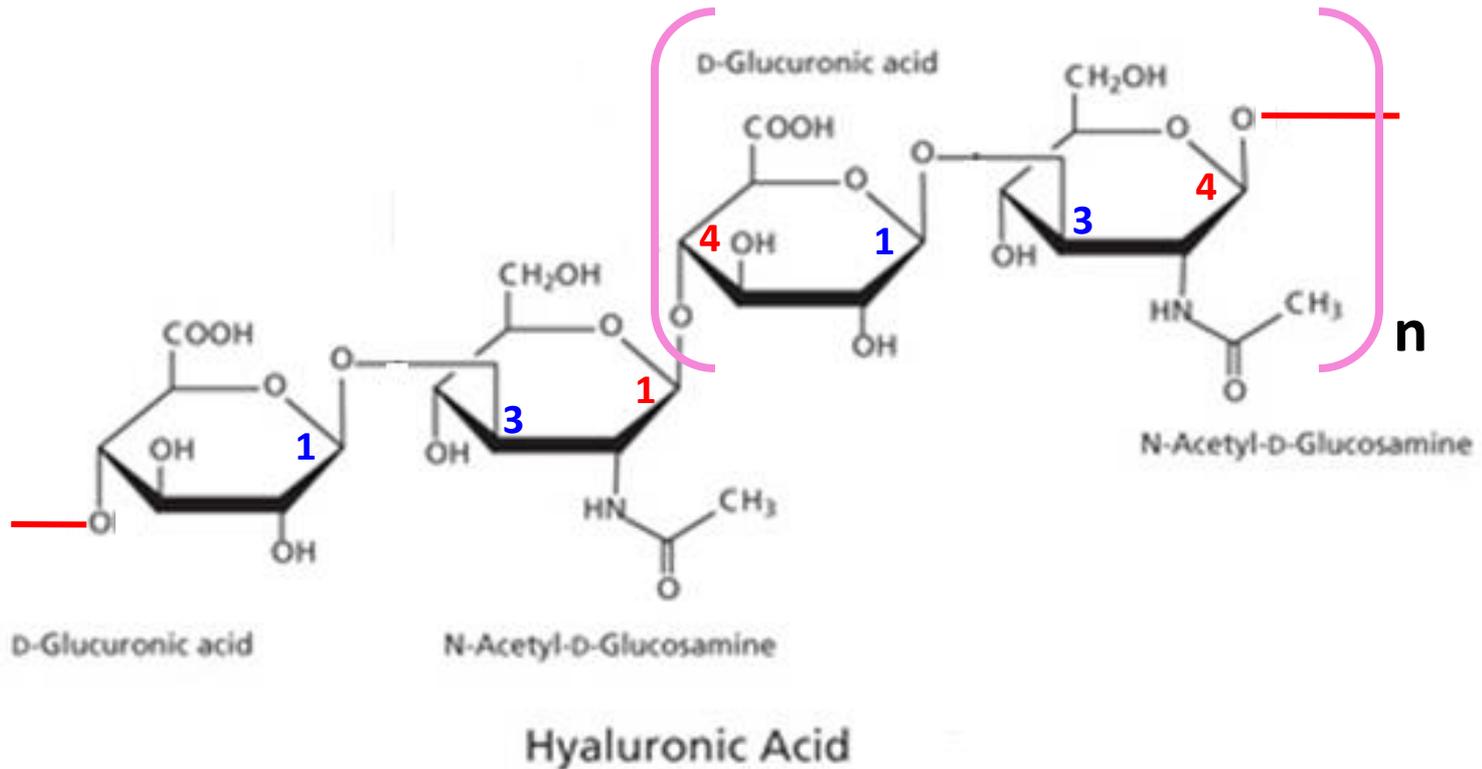
- It is the major component of joint fluid (synovial fluid). It acts as a lubricating agent and shock absorber.
- It is also a major component of skin, where it is involved in tissue repair. Dry and scaly skin such as that caused by eczema may be treated with a prescription skin lotion containing sodium hyaluronate as its active ingredient.



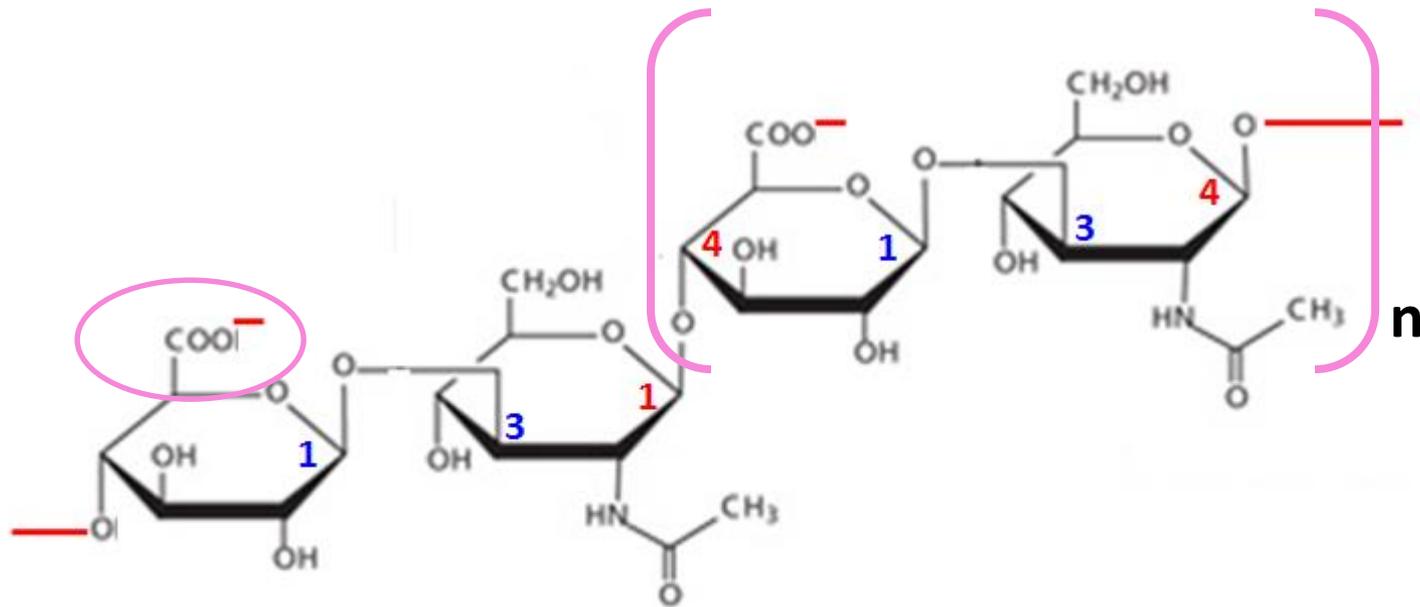
Heteropolysaccharides



- Hyaluronic acid is a **linear** polymer of the disaccharides “ D-glucuronic acid and N-acetyl-D-glucosamine “ ~~linked via alternating β -1,4 and β -1,3 glycosidic bonds.~~



Heteropolysaccharides



D-Glucuronate
(anion)

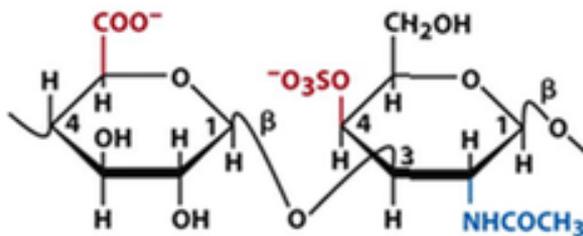
N-Acetyl-D-Glucosamine

Hyaluronate (anionic polymer)

Heteropolysaccharides



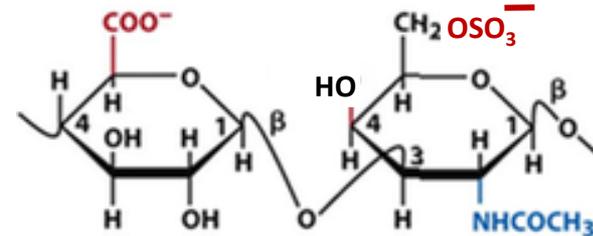
2. **Sulfated heteroglycans** these consist of sulfated disaccharide units such as: chondroitin sulfate, dermatan sulfate, keratan sulfate and heparin
- **Chondroitin-4-sulfate & Chondroitin-6-sulfate** are unbranched polymers containing the disaccharide “ D-glucuronic acid and N-acetyl-D-galactosamine ” with the N-acetyl-D-galactosamine OH groups at position 4 and 6 being sulfated, respectively.



D-Glucuronate

N-acetyl-D-galactosamine-4-sulfate

Chondroitin-4-sulfate



D-Glucuronate

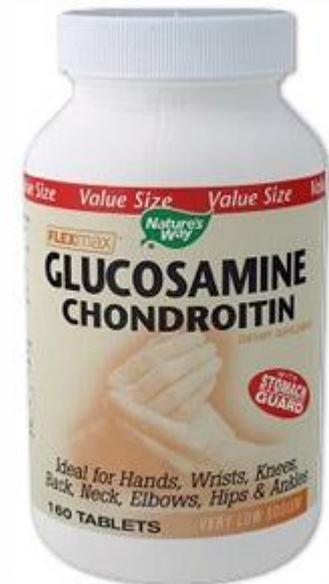
N-acetyl-D-galactosamine-6-sulfate

Chondroitin-6-sulfate

Heteropolysaccharides



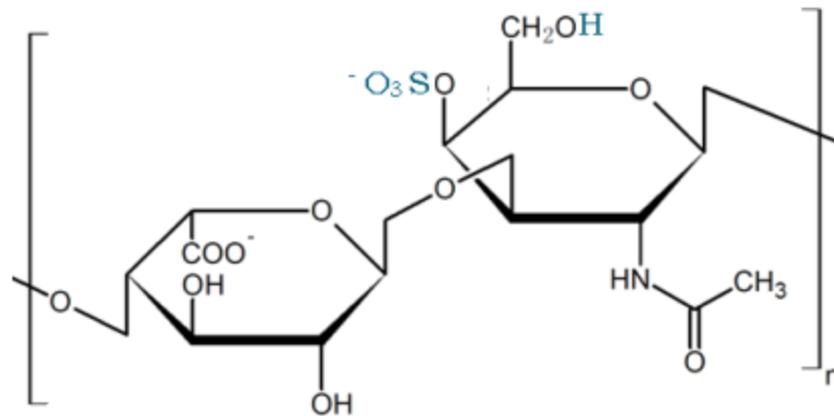
- Chondroitin sulfate is a major component of cartilages. They provide them with resistance to compression. Loss of chondroitin sulfate from the cartilage is a major cause of osteoarthritis.
- Chondroitin is used as dietary supplement to treat osteoarthritis. It is commonly sold together with glucosamine



Heteropolysaccharides



- **Dermatan sulfate**: is a natural polysaccharide found mostly in the skin. It is a linear polymer of a disaccharide containing L-Iduronic acid (modified L-Idose sugar) and N-acetyl-D-galactosamine-4-sulfate



L-Iduronate

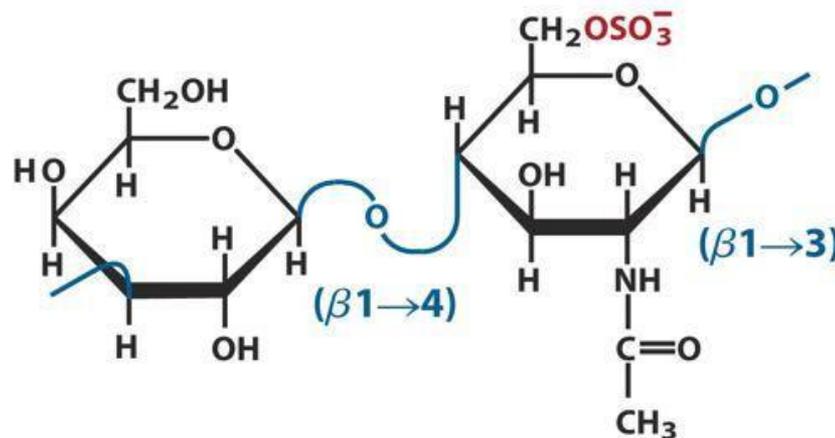
N-acetyl-D-galactosamine-4-sulfate

Dermatan sulfate

Heteropolysaccharides



- **Keratan sulfate**: is a natural polysaccharide mainly found in the cartilage and bone. It is highly hydrated molecules which in joints can act as a cushion to absorb mechanical shock. This linear polymer is consisting of repeating disaccharide unit containing D-galactose and N-acetyl-D-glucosamine-6-sulfate



D-galactose

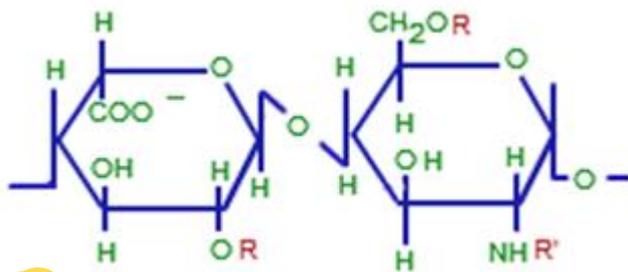
N-acetyl-D-glucosamine-6-sulfate

Keratan sulfate

Heteropolysaccharides

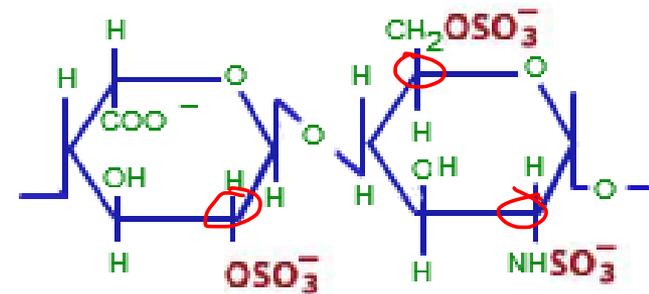
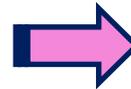


- Heparin:** is the most highly charged polymer of any known biological molecule. Heparin is a complex mixture of linear polysaccharide and it varies in the degree of sulphation of its sugar units. One example is the sulfated disaccharide unit containing L-Iduronate-2-sulfate and N-sulfo-D-glucosamine-6-sulfate



L-Iduronic acid

D-glucosamine



L-Iduronate-2-sulfate

N-sulfo-D-glucosamine-6-sulfate

Heparin

Heteropolysaccharides



- Heparin is stored almost exclusively within the secretory granules of mast cells and it inhibits blood clotting. So, heparin is widely used as an injectable anticoagulant (e.g. postsurgical patients)

