

Chem 352 – Lecture 2

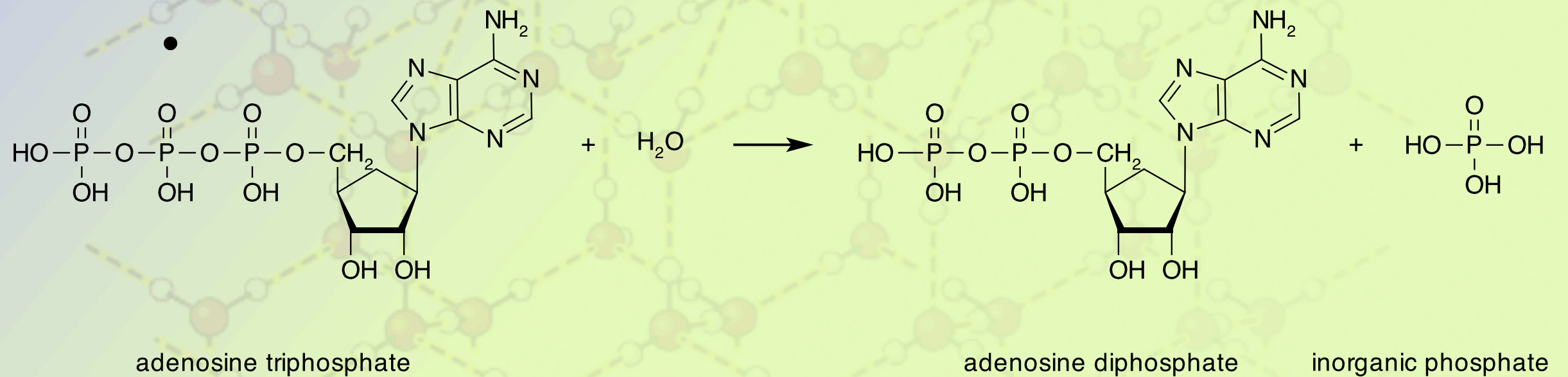
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Question for the Day: What physical characteristics of a water molecule allows a groundhog to walk across Halfmoon Lake on Groundhog day?

Question for the Day: How does the pH of a solution influence charge/charge interactions between biological molecules?

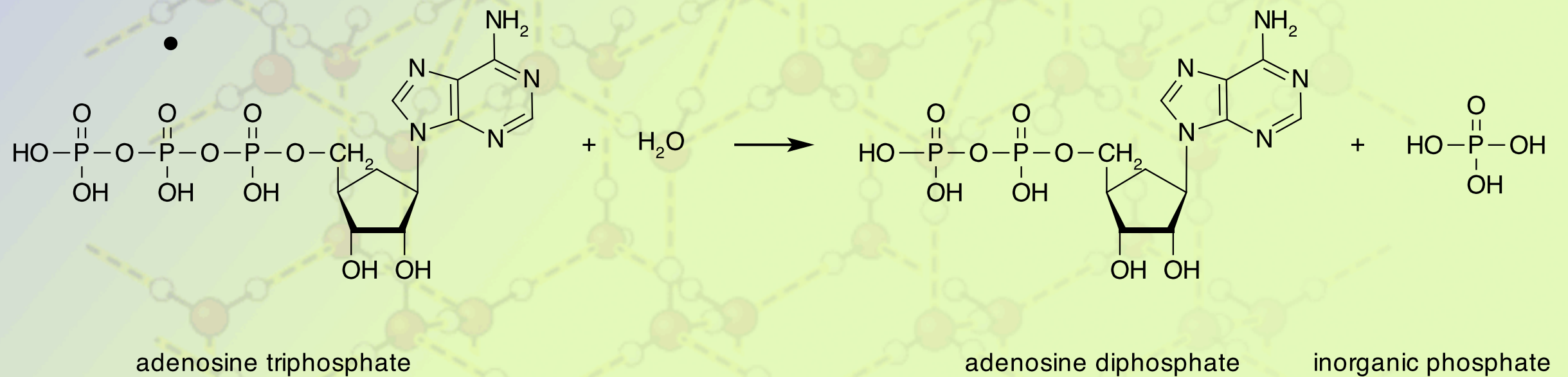
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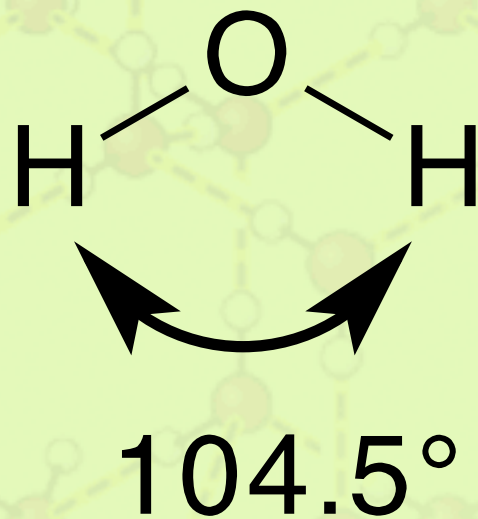
$$\begin{aligned}
 &\text{ATP} + \text{H}_2\text{O} \longrightarrow \text{ADP} + \text{P}_i \\
 &K_{eq} = e^{-\frac{\Delta G^\circ}{RT}} = e^{-\left(\frac{(-30.5)}{(8.314 \times 10^{-3})(273+37)}\right)} = 1.4 \times 10^5
 \end{aligned}$$

Water

- Water makes up 60% to 90% of the mass of living cells.
- Since the other components of the cell have no choice but to interact with water, a deeper understanding of the physical and chemical properties of water is key to understanding the structures and functions of all the other molecules that make up a living cell.
- In this lecture we will also consider non-covalent interactions.

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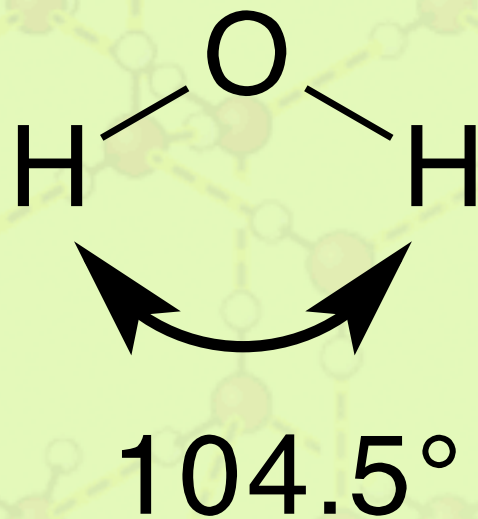
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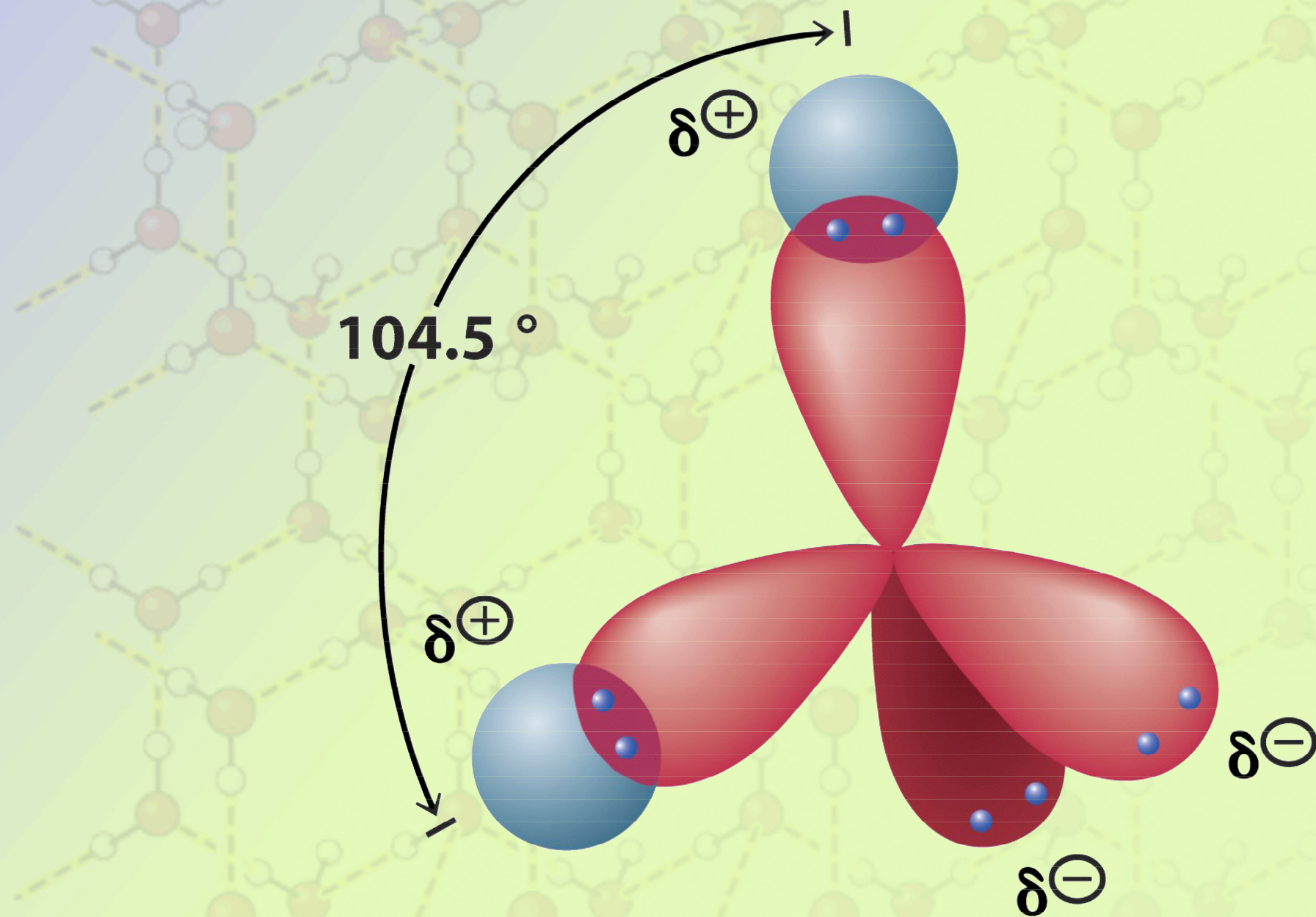
Explain why the H-O-H bond angle for water is 104.5°

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List the physical interactions that one water molecule can have with another.

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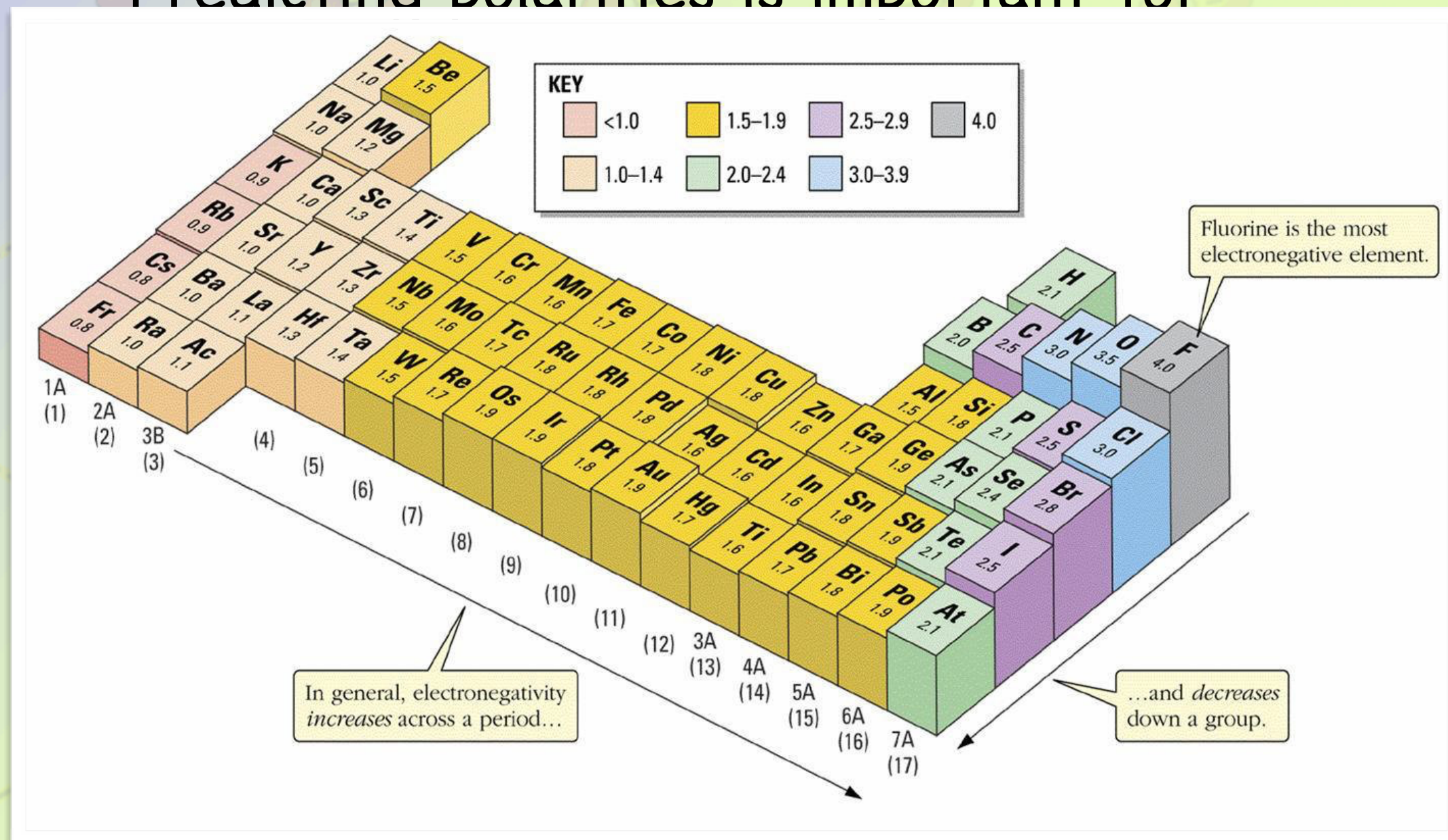
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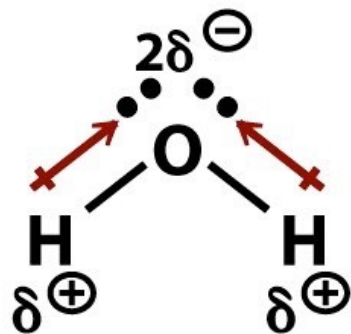
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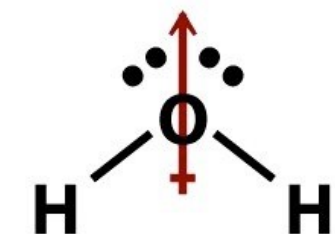
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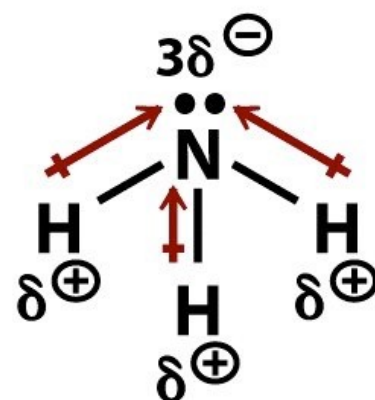


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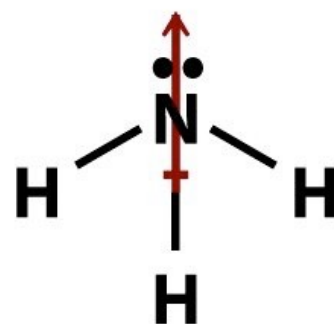


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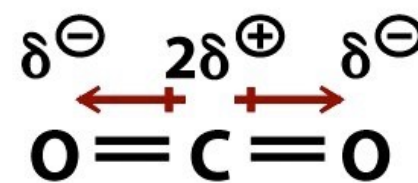


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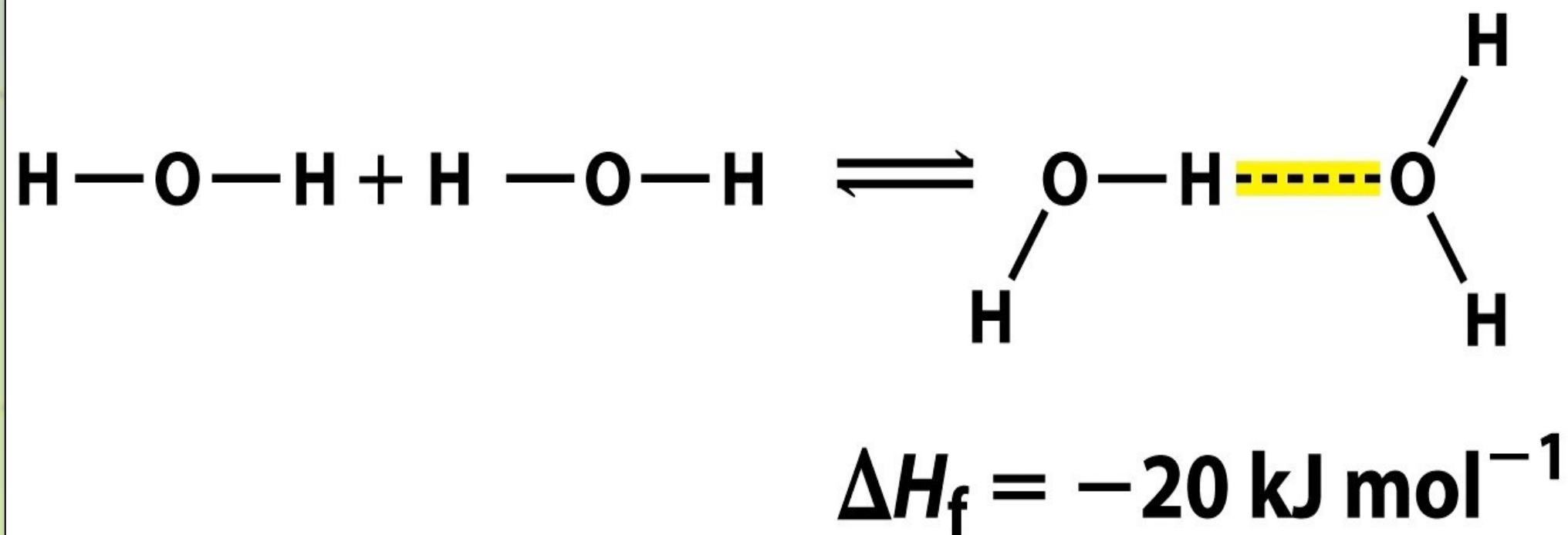
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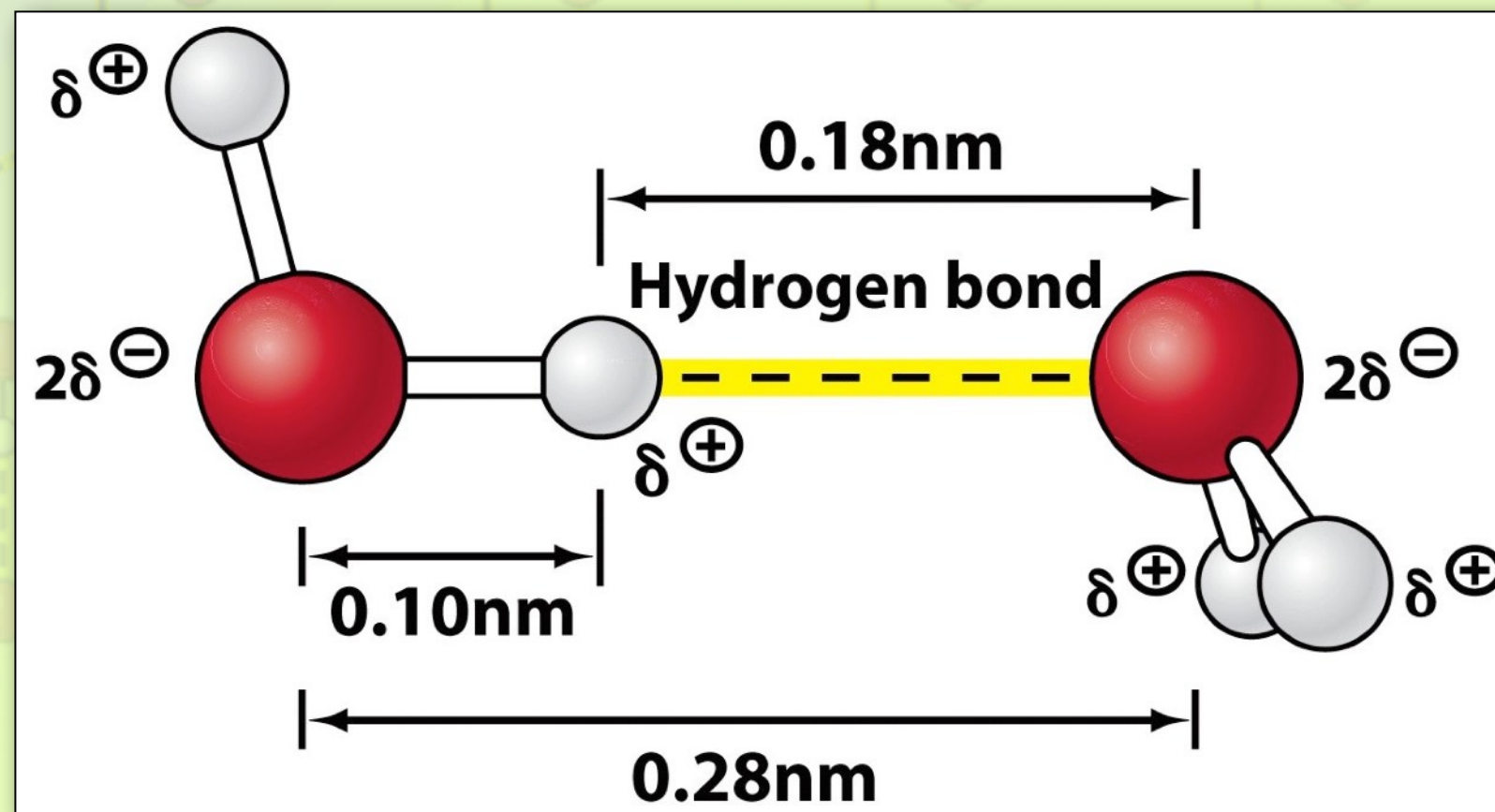
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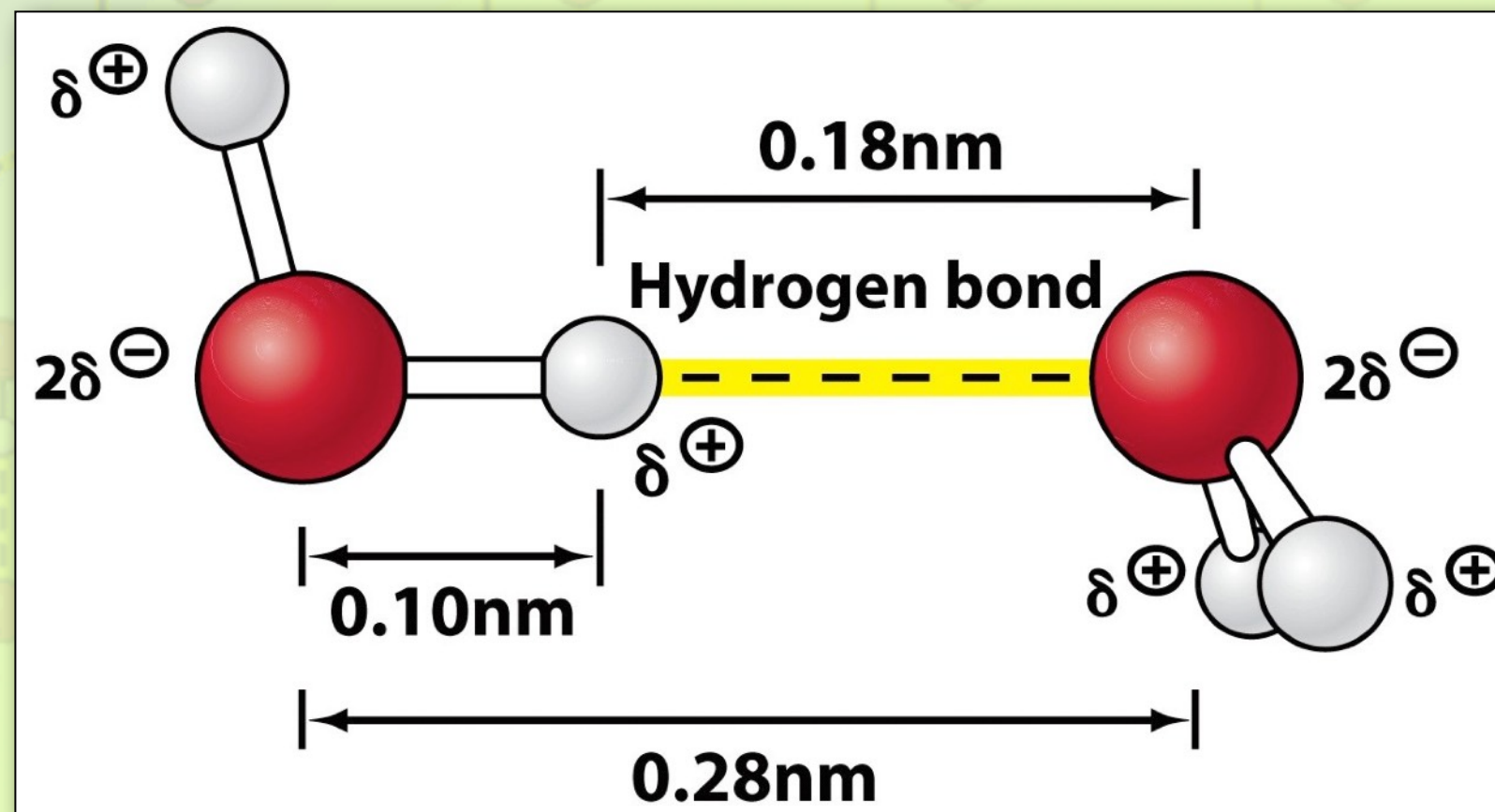
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•Hydrogen

- ✦ In addition to covalent bonding, water can form other molecular bonding.

Element	radius (Å)
Hydrogen	1.2
Carbon	1.7
Nitrogen	1.55
Oxygen	1.52
Fluorine	1.47
Phosphorus	1.8
Sulfur	1.8
Chlorine	1.75
Copper	1.4

interactions, itself, and hydrogen

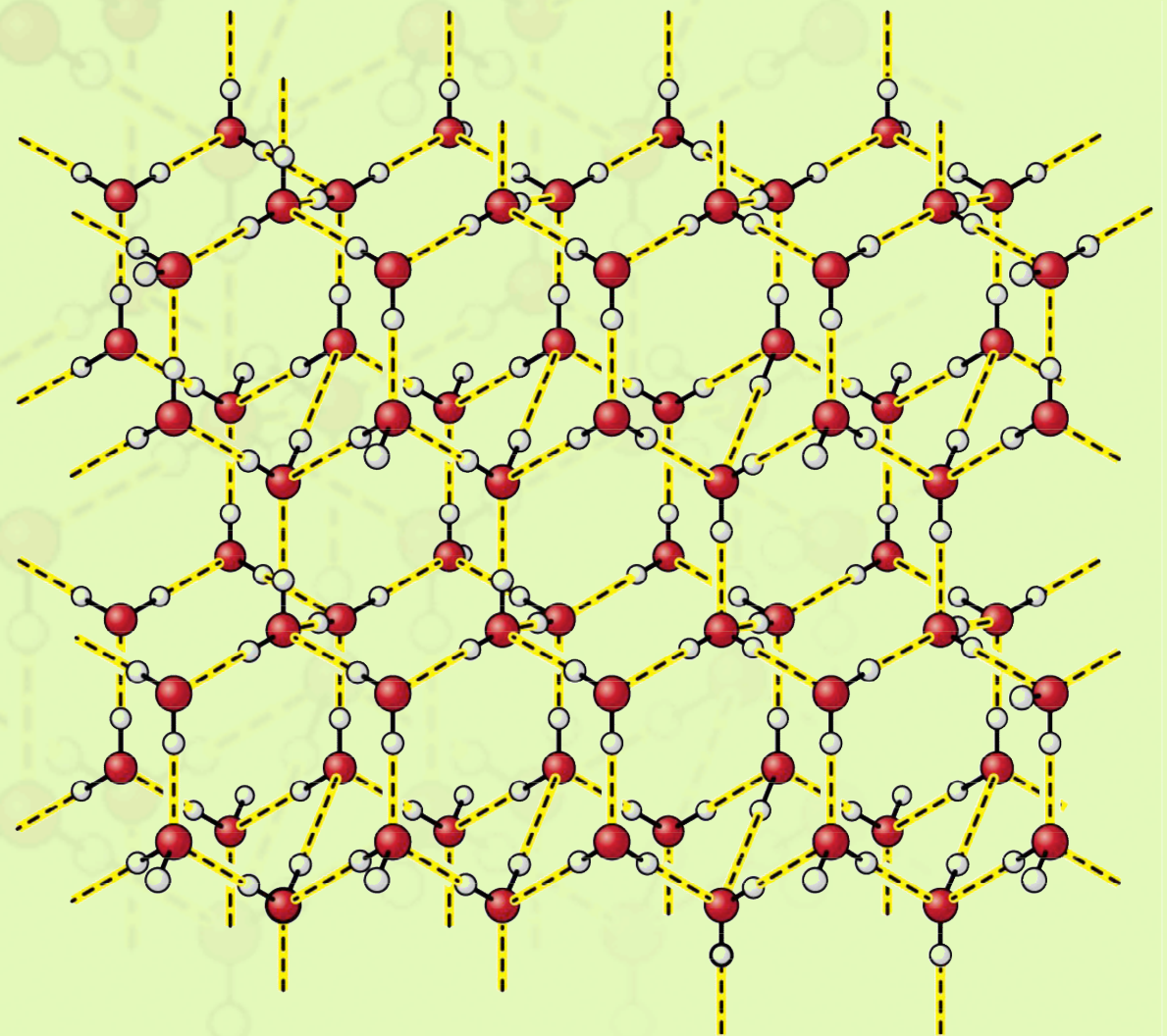
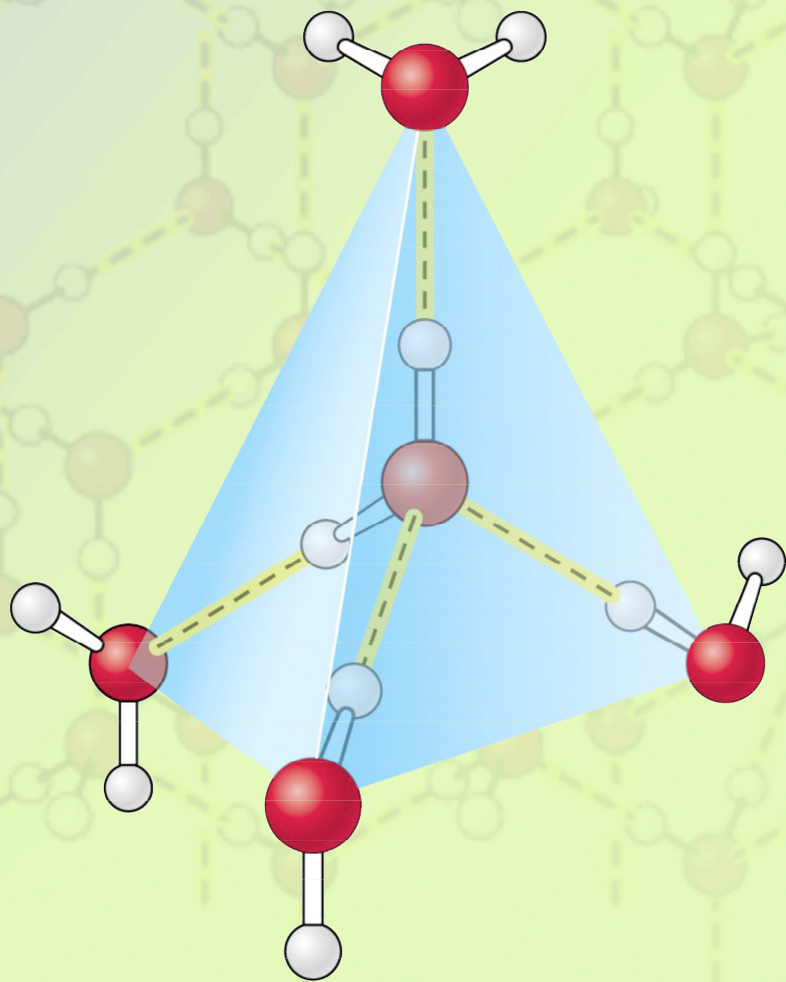


Physical Properties of Water

- Hydrogen bonding has a big effect on the structure physical properties of water.
- Studying the 3-dimensional structure of water is very difficult.
- One of our chemistry department graduates, Prof. Rich Saykally, has made a distinguished career of it.

Physical Properties of Water

- Much of our basic understanding of liquid water is inferred from what we know about solid water (ice).



Physical Properties of Water

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Physical Properties of Water

Property	Value
Molar mass	18.015
Molar Volume	55.5 moles/liter
Boiling Point (BP)	100°C at 1 atm
Freezing point (FP)	0°C at 1 atm
Triple point	273.16 K at 4.6 torr
Surface Tension	73 dynes/cm at 20°C
Vapor pressure	0.0212 atm at 20°C
Heat of vaporization	40.63 kJ/mol
Heat of Fusion	6.013 kJ/mol
Heat Capacity (cp)	4.22 kJ/kg.K
Dielectric Constant	78.54 at 25°C
Viscosity	1.002 centipoise at 20°C
Density	1 g/cc
Density maxima	4°C
Specific heat	4180 J kg ⁻¹ K ⁻¹ (T=293...373 K)

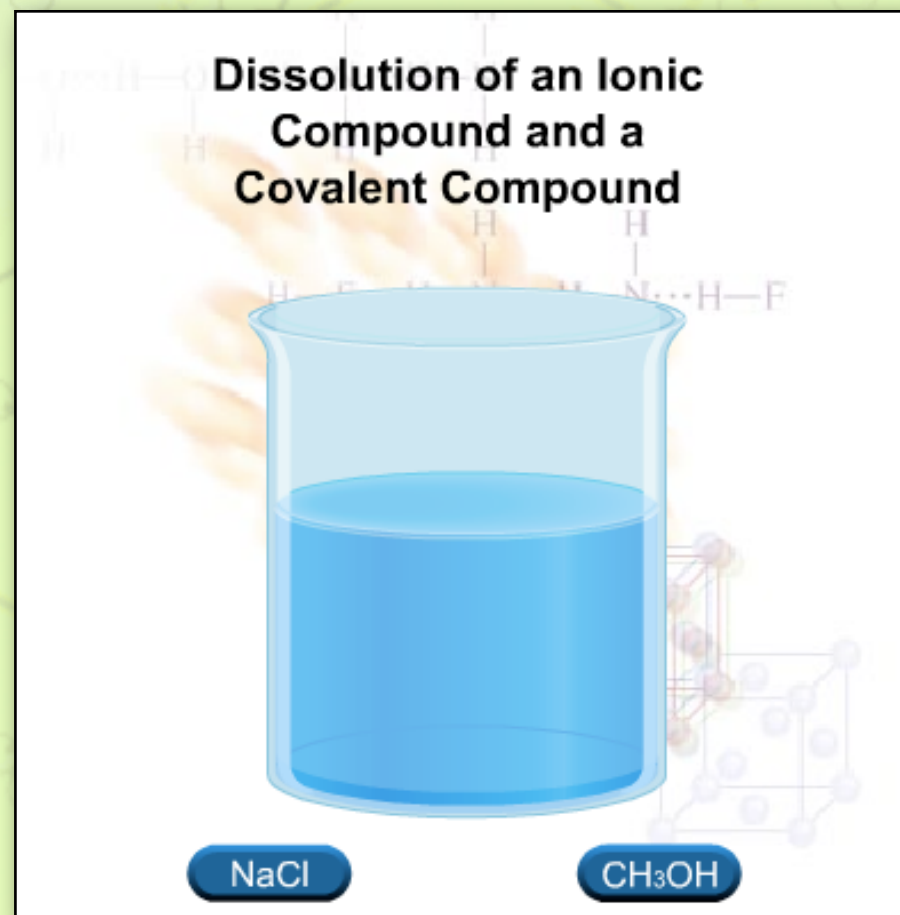
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Name	Formula	Mw (daltons)	Melting Point (°C)	Heat of Fusion (J/g)	Boiling Point (°C)
Water	H ₂ O	18	0	335	100
Hydrogen Sulfide	H ₂ S	34	-85.5	69.9	-60.7
Hydrogen Selenide	H ₂ Se	81	-50.4	31	-41.5

Physical Properties of Water

- Water is a good solvent for solutes that share water's physical properties.
 - ✦ "Like dissolves like"



Physical Properties of Water

- The water-like hydroxyl groups make organic molecules more soluble

TABLE 2.1 Solubilities of short-chain alcohols in water

Alcohol	Structure	Solubility in water (mol/100 g H ₂ O at 20°C) ^a
Methanol	CH ₃ OH	∞
Ethanol	CH ₃ CH ₂ OH	∞
Propanol	CH ₃ (CH ₂) ₂ OH	∞
Butanol	CH ₃ (CH ₂) ₃ OH	0.11
Pentanol	CH ₃ (CH ₂) ₄ OH	0.030
Hexanol	CH ₃ (CH ₂) ₅ OH	0.0058
Heptanol	CH ₃ (CH ₂) ₆ OH	0.0008

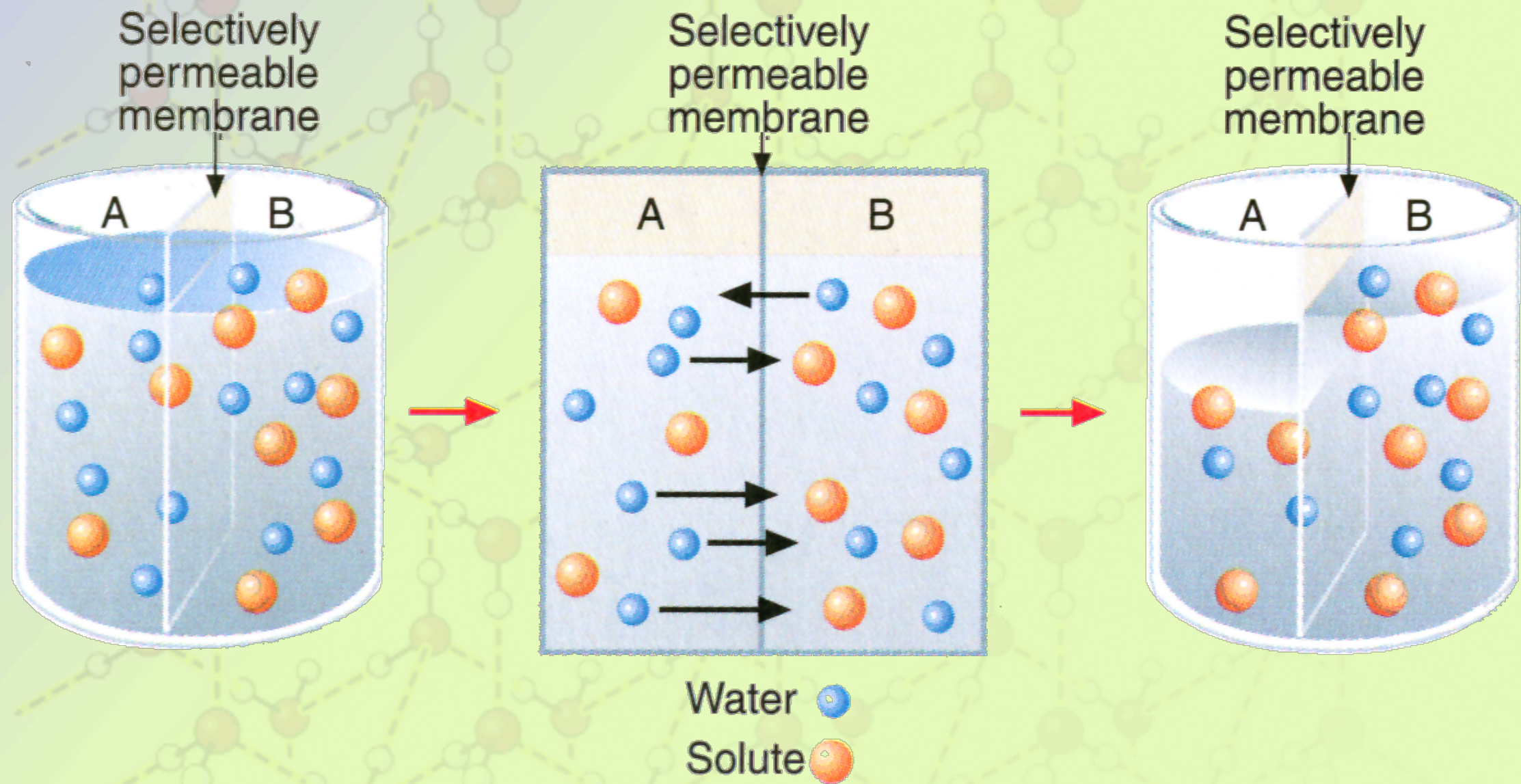
^aInfinity (∞) indicates that there is no limit to the solubility of the alcohol in water.

Physical Properties of Water

- Osmotic pressure

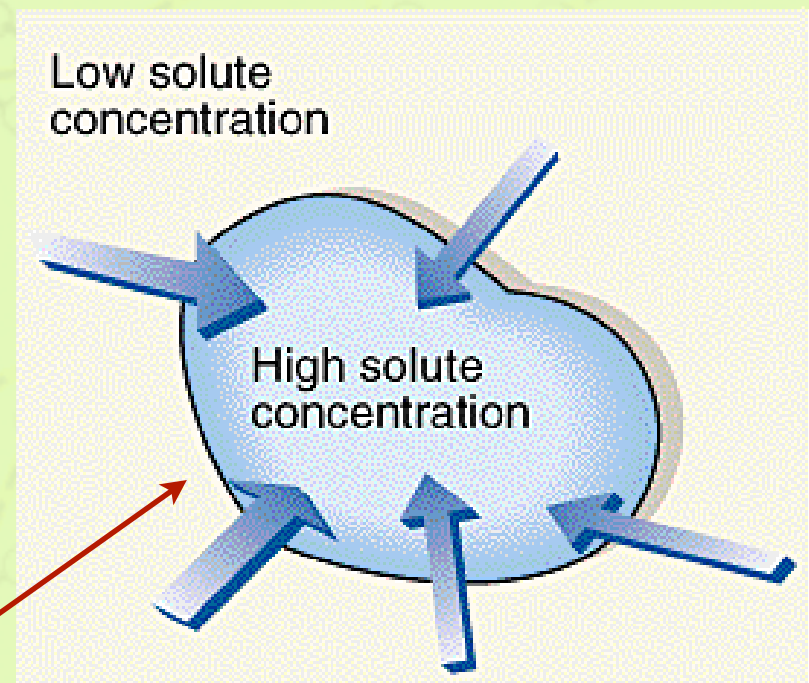
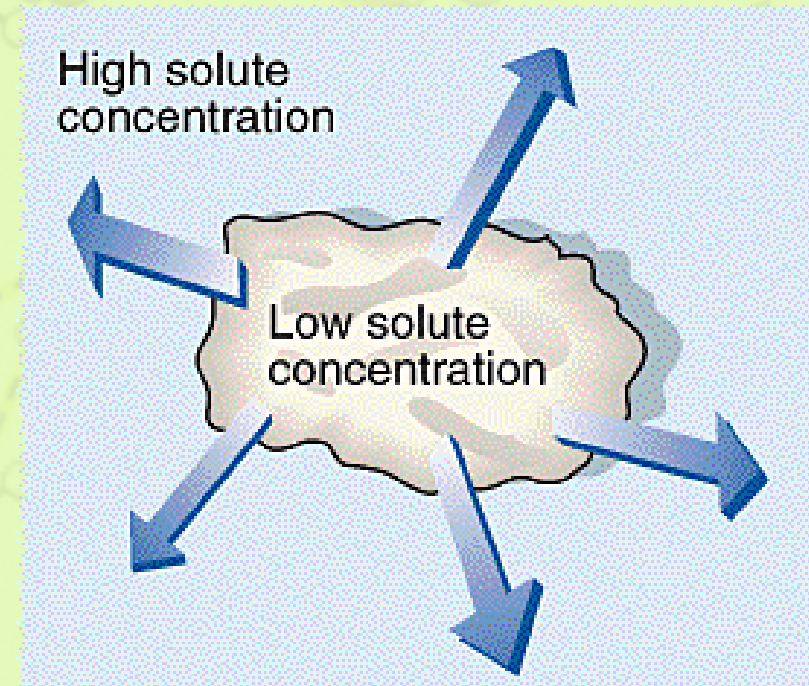
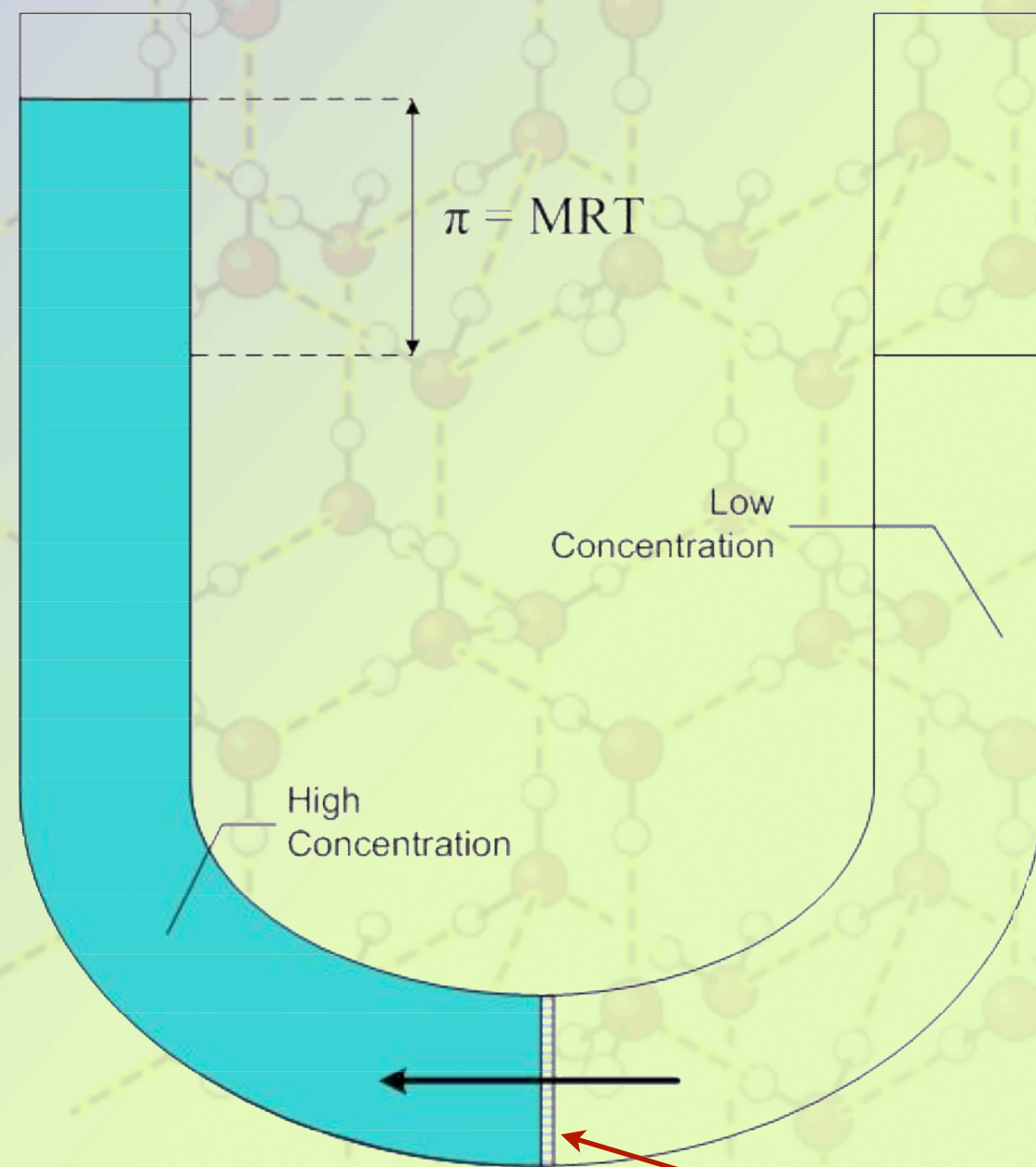
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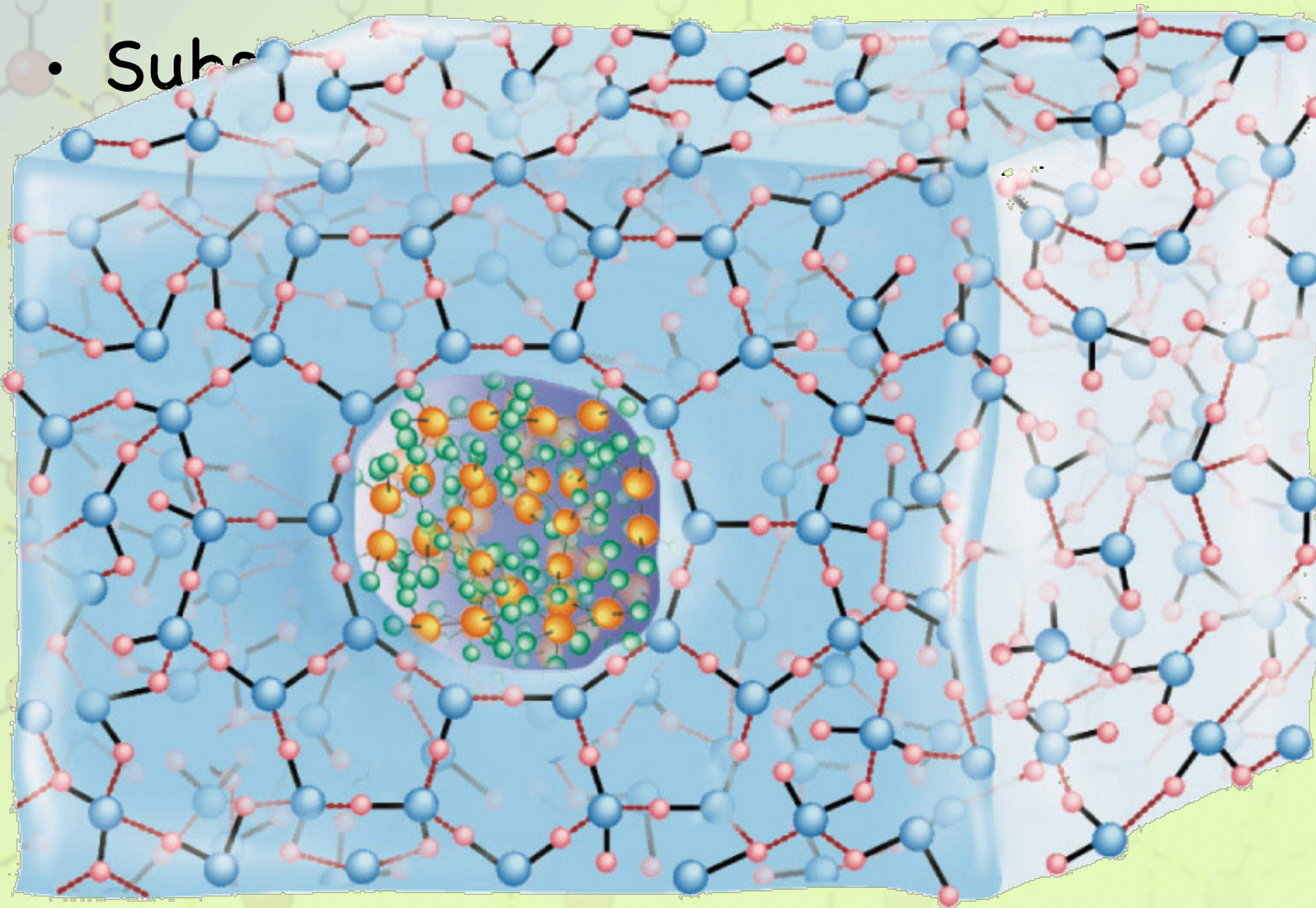
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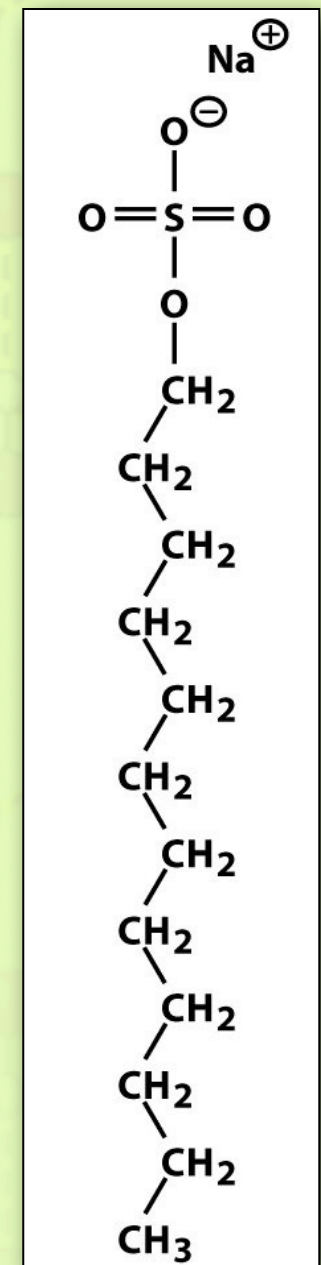
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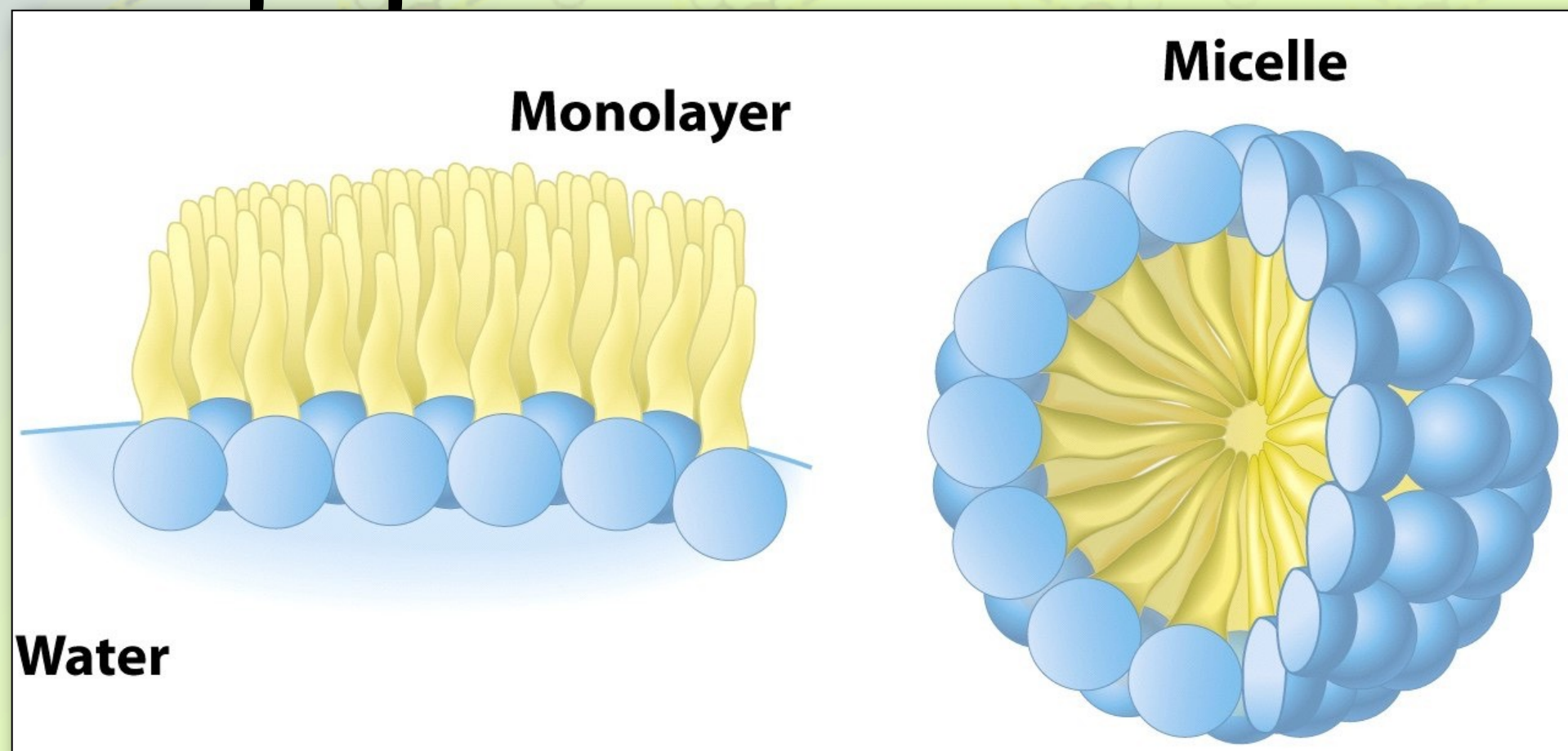
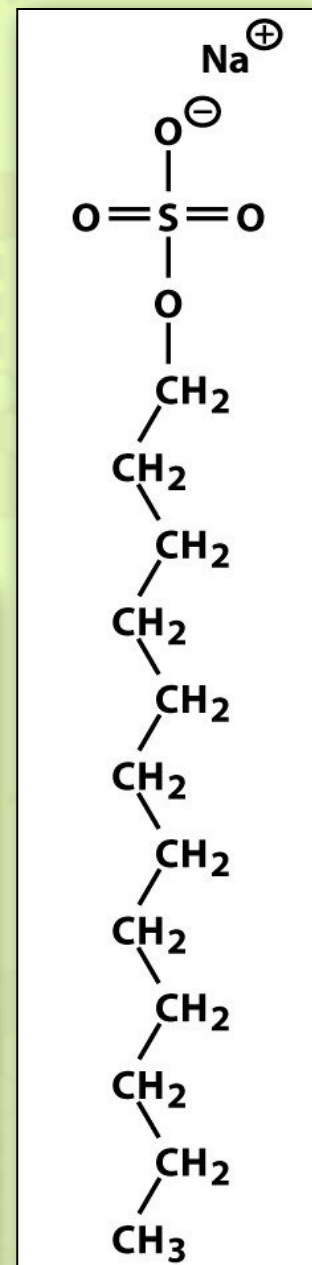
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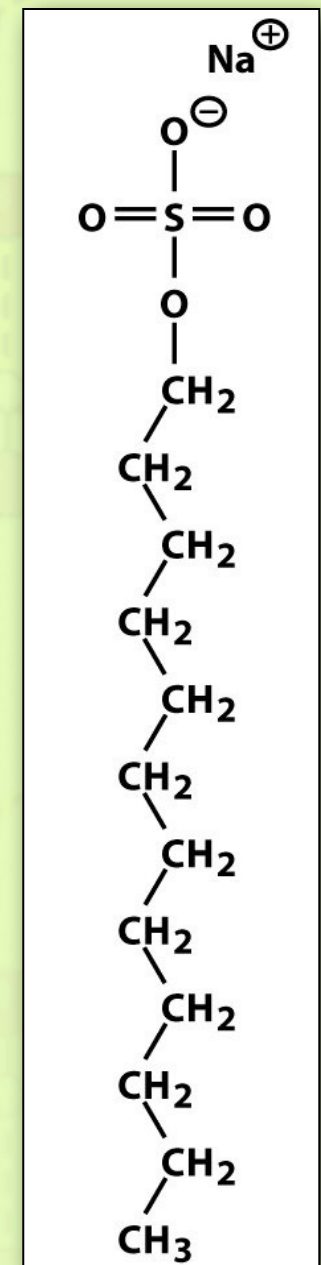
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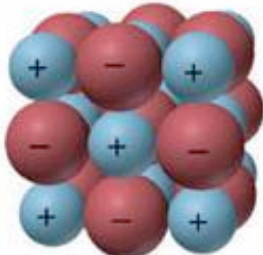

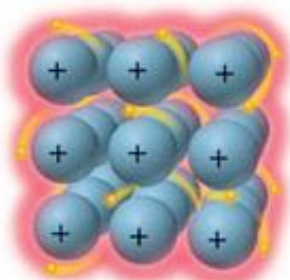
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Noncovalent Interactions

- Summary of intermolecular interactions:

- ✦ Bonding Interactions

Force	Model	Basis of Attraction	Energy (kJ/mol)	Example
Bonding				
Ionic		Cation–anion	400–4000	NaCl
Covalent		Nuclei–shared e^- pair	150–1100	H—H
Metallic		Cations–delocalized electrons	75–1000	Fe

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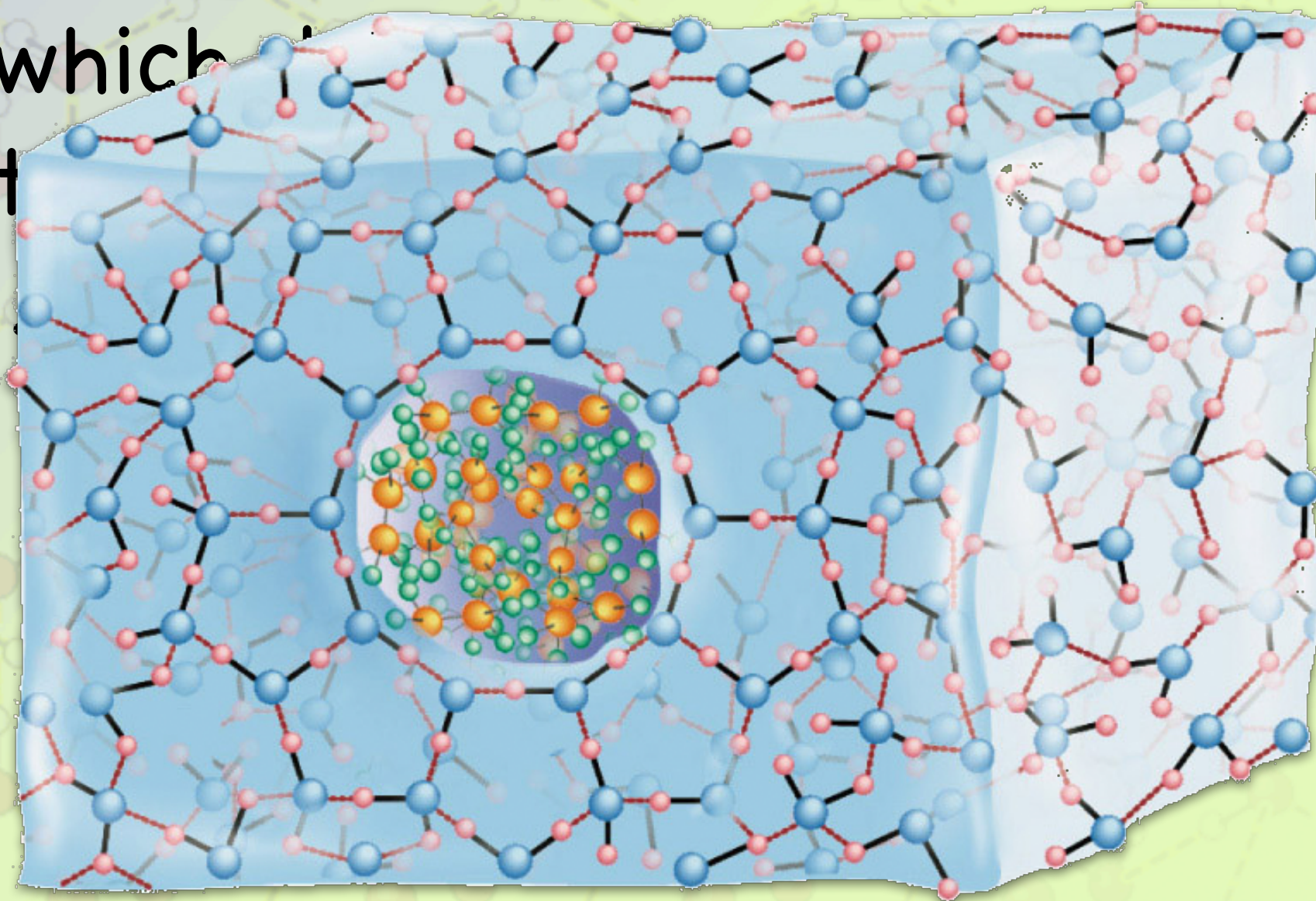
- Noncovalent (Nonbonding) can be broadly catalogued into 4 types that are based on electrostatics,
 - ✦ Charge-Charge
 - ✦ Hydrogen bonding
 - ✦ Dipole/Dipole
 - ✦ vander Waals
- These help to stabilize the structures after they form form.

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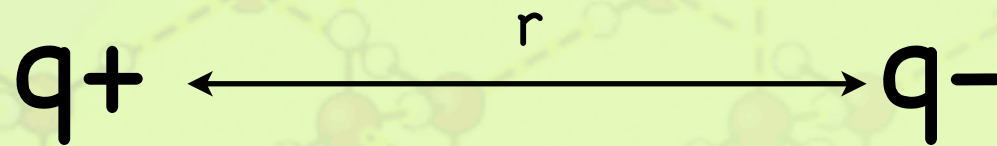
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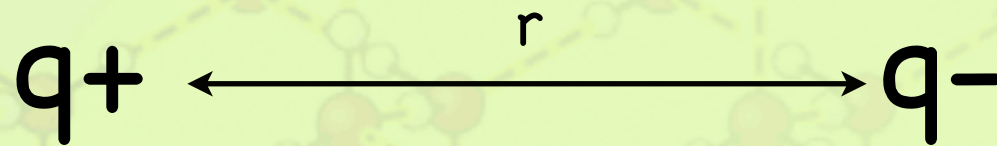
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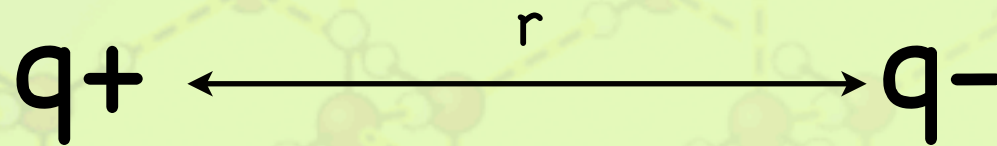
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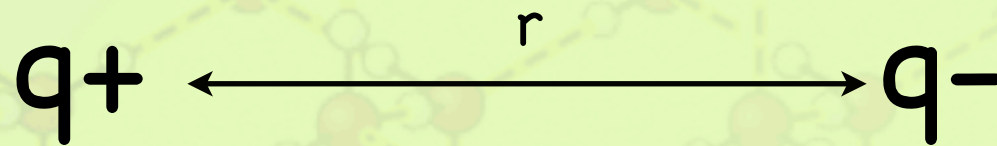
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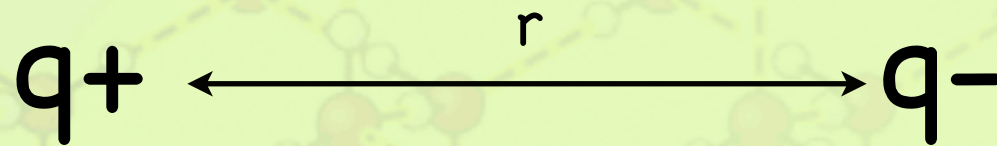
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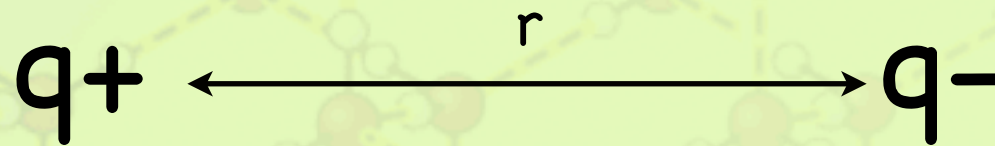
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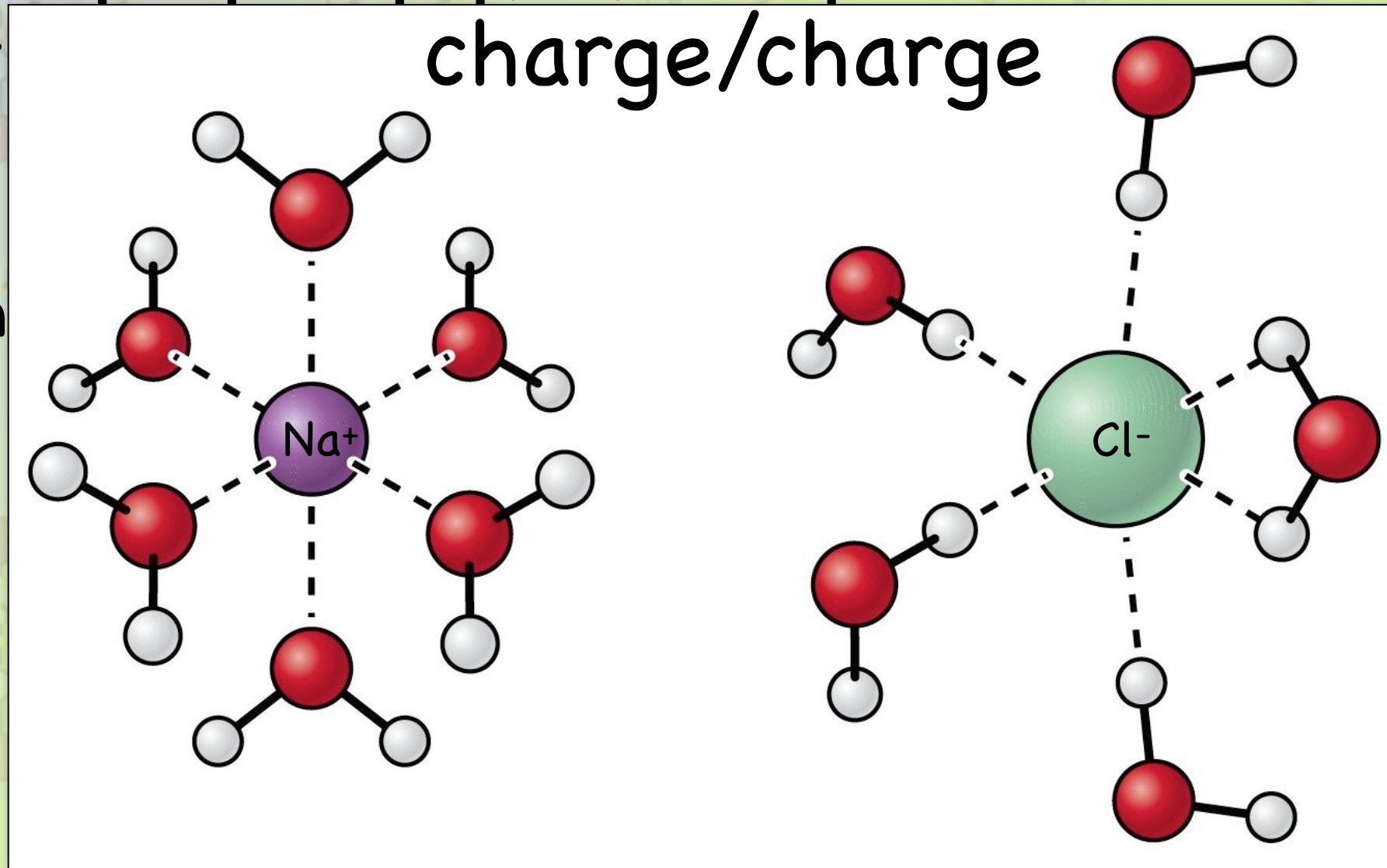
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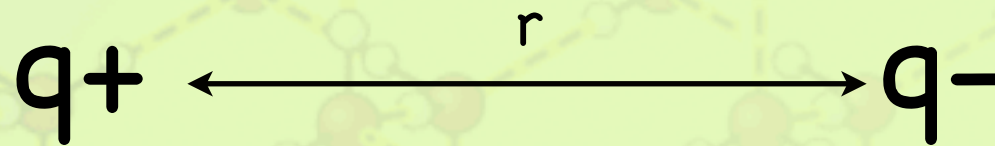
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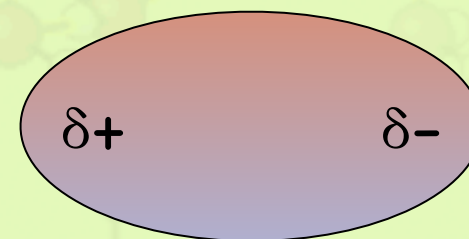
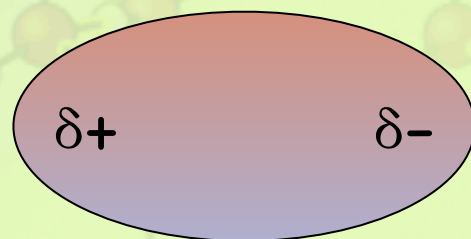
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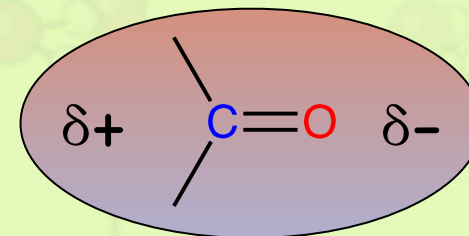
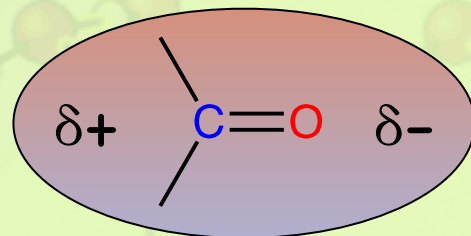


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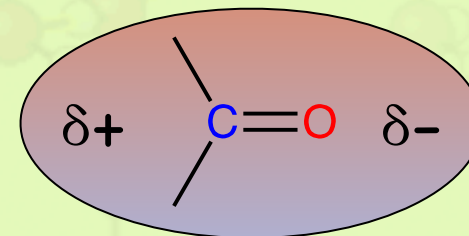
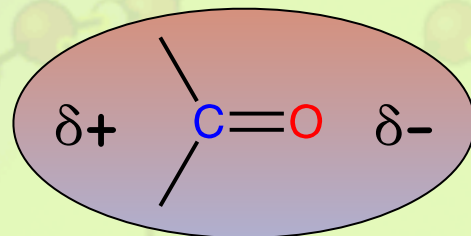


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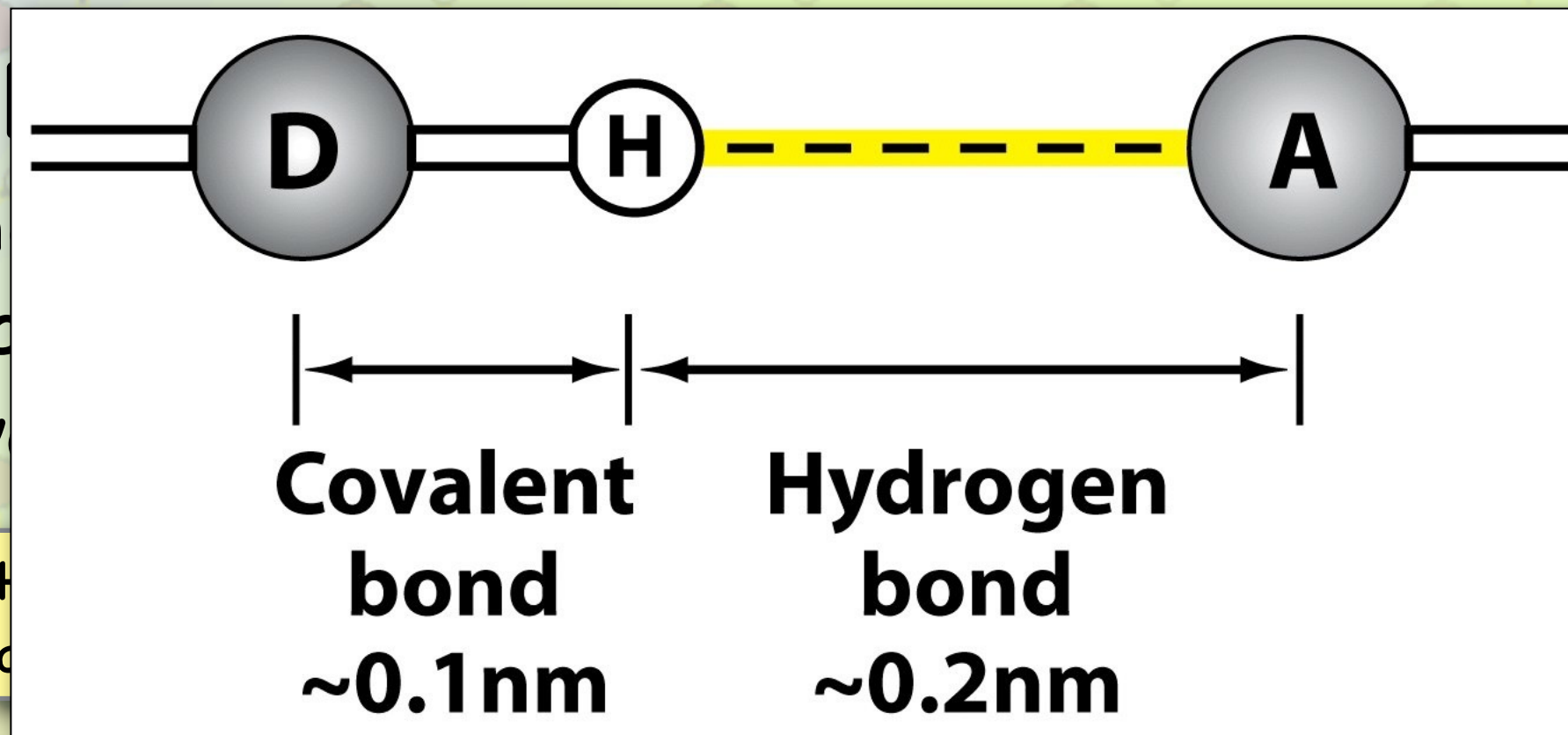
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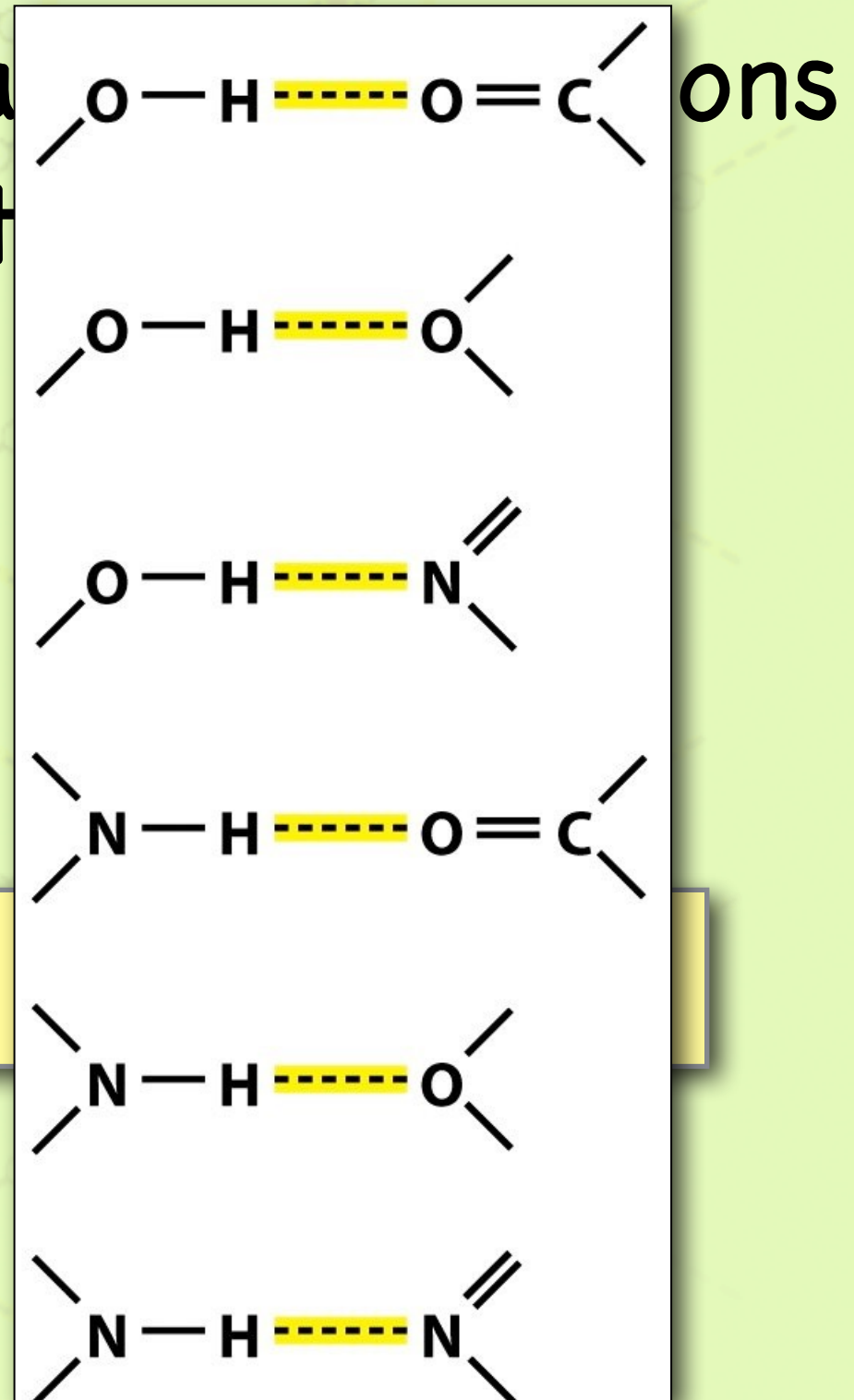
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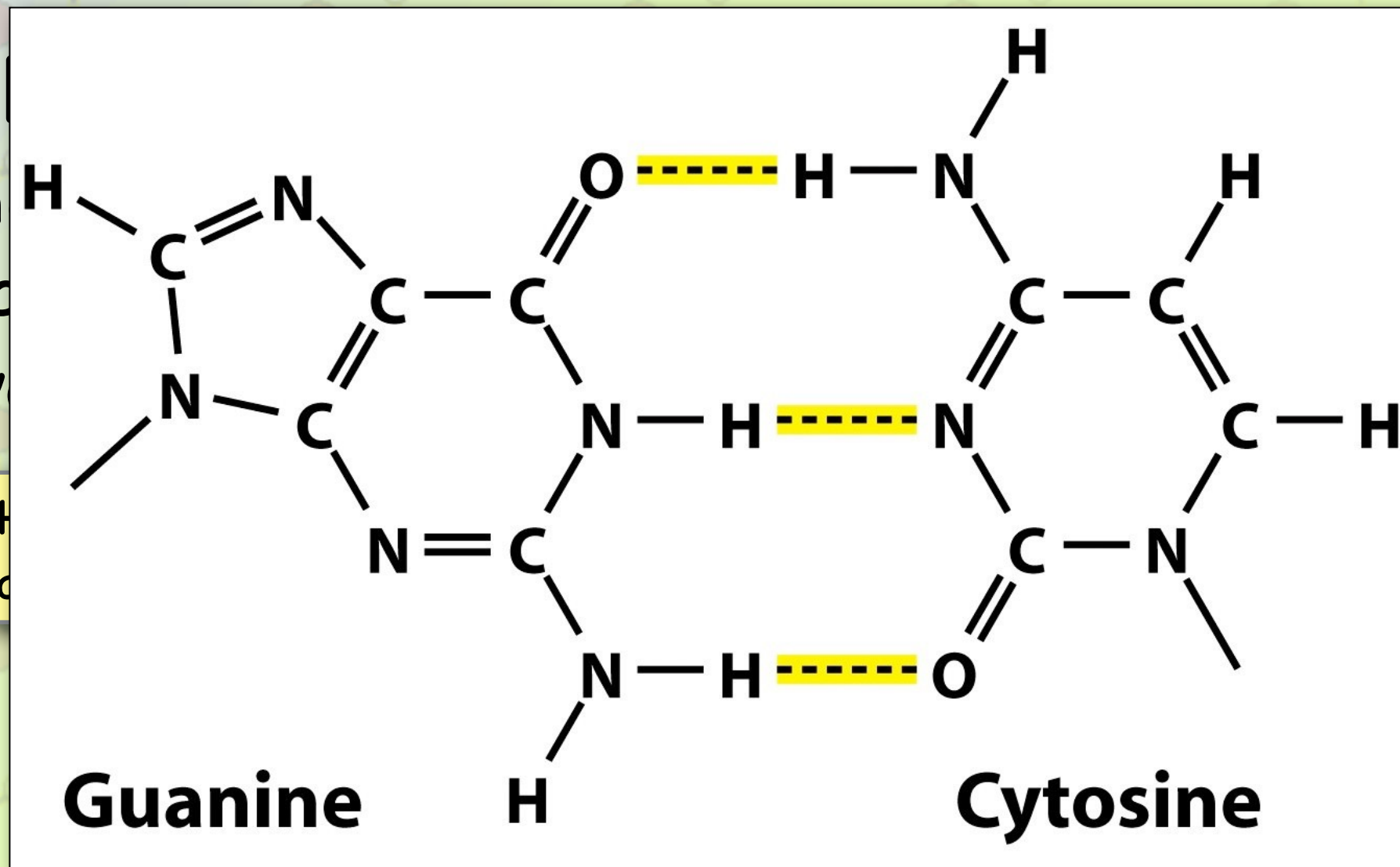


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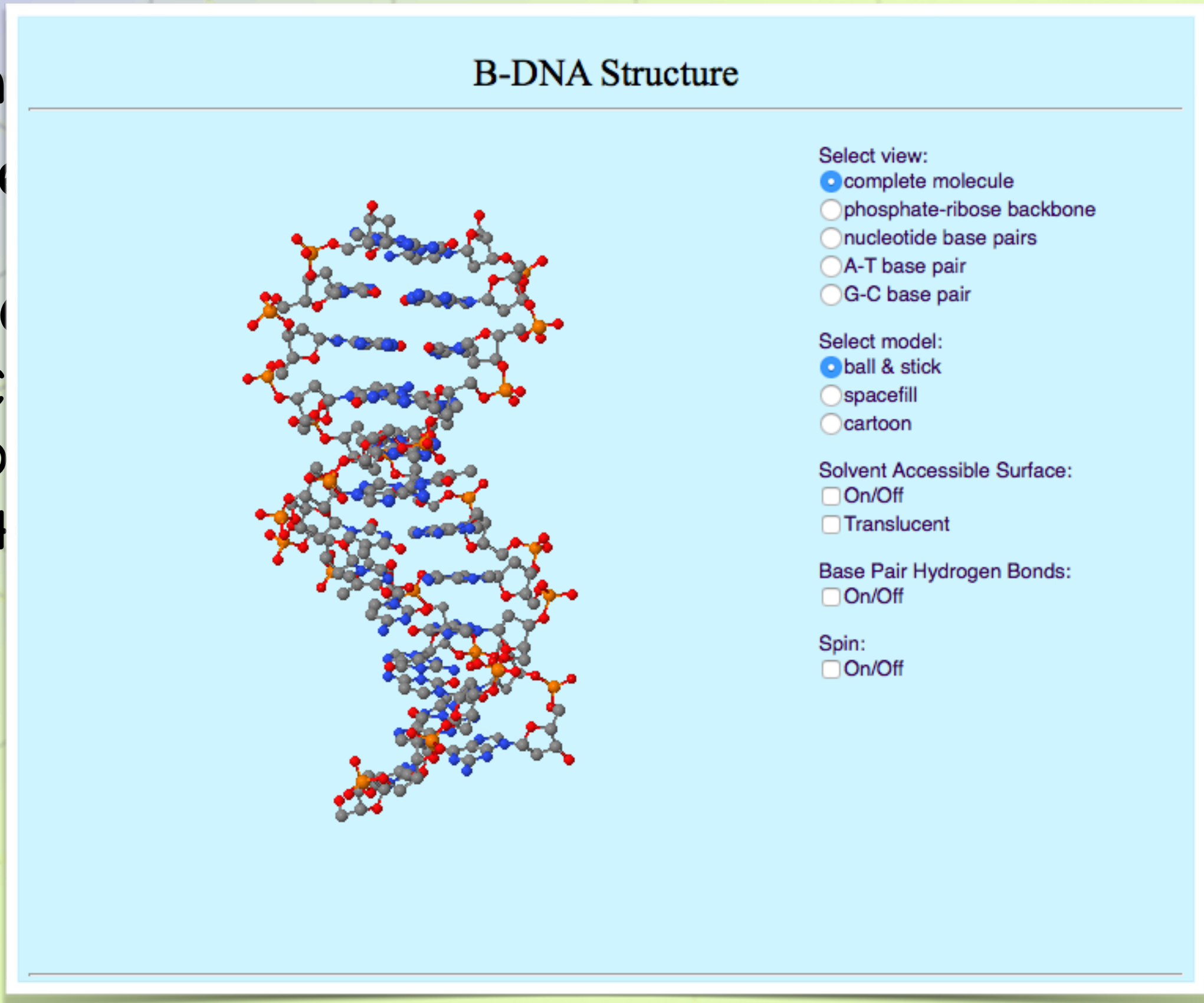
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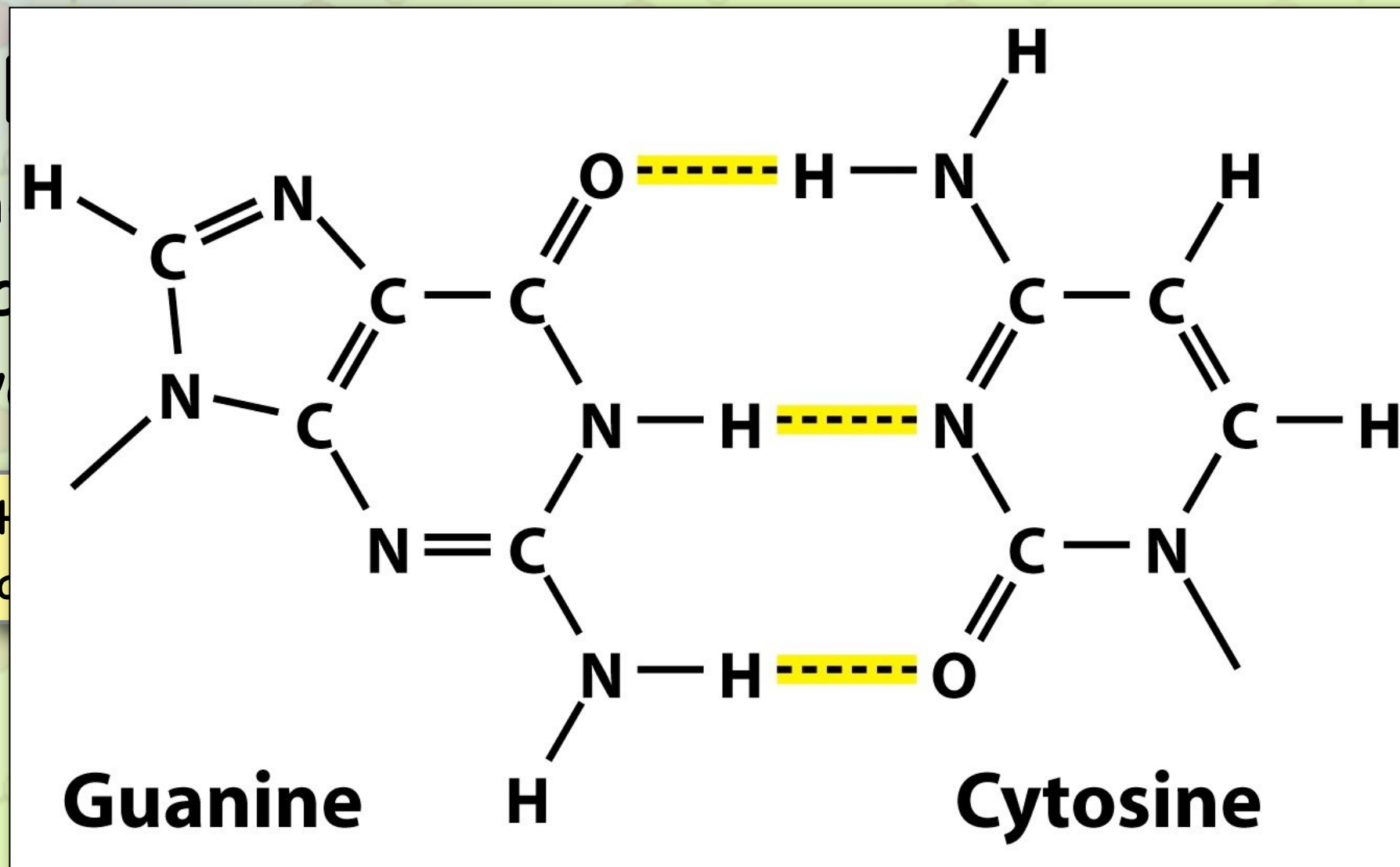


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The stabilizing noncovalent interactions

Ion–induced dipole		Ion charge– polarizable e^- cloud	3–15	$\text{Fe}^{2+} \cdots \text{O}_2$
Dipole–induced dipole		Dipole charge– polarizable e^- cloud	2–10	$\text{H}-\text{Cl} \cdots \text{Cl}-\text{Cl}$
Dispersion (London)		Polarizable e^- clouds	0.05–40	$\text{F}-\text{F} \cdots \text{F}-\text{F}$

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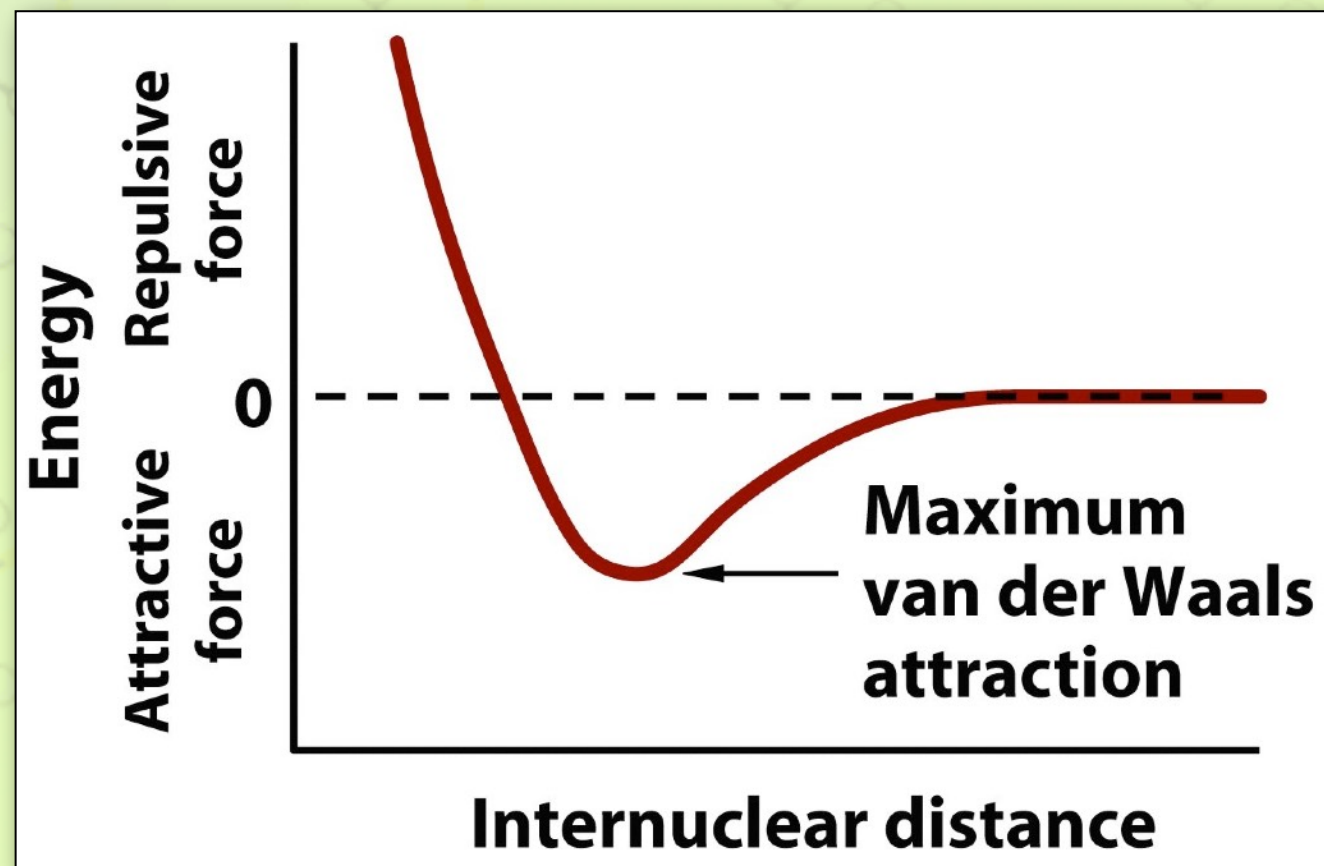
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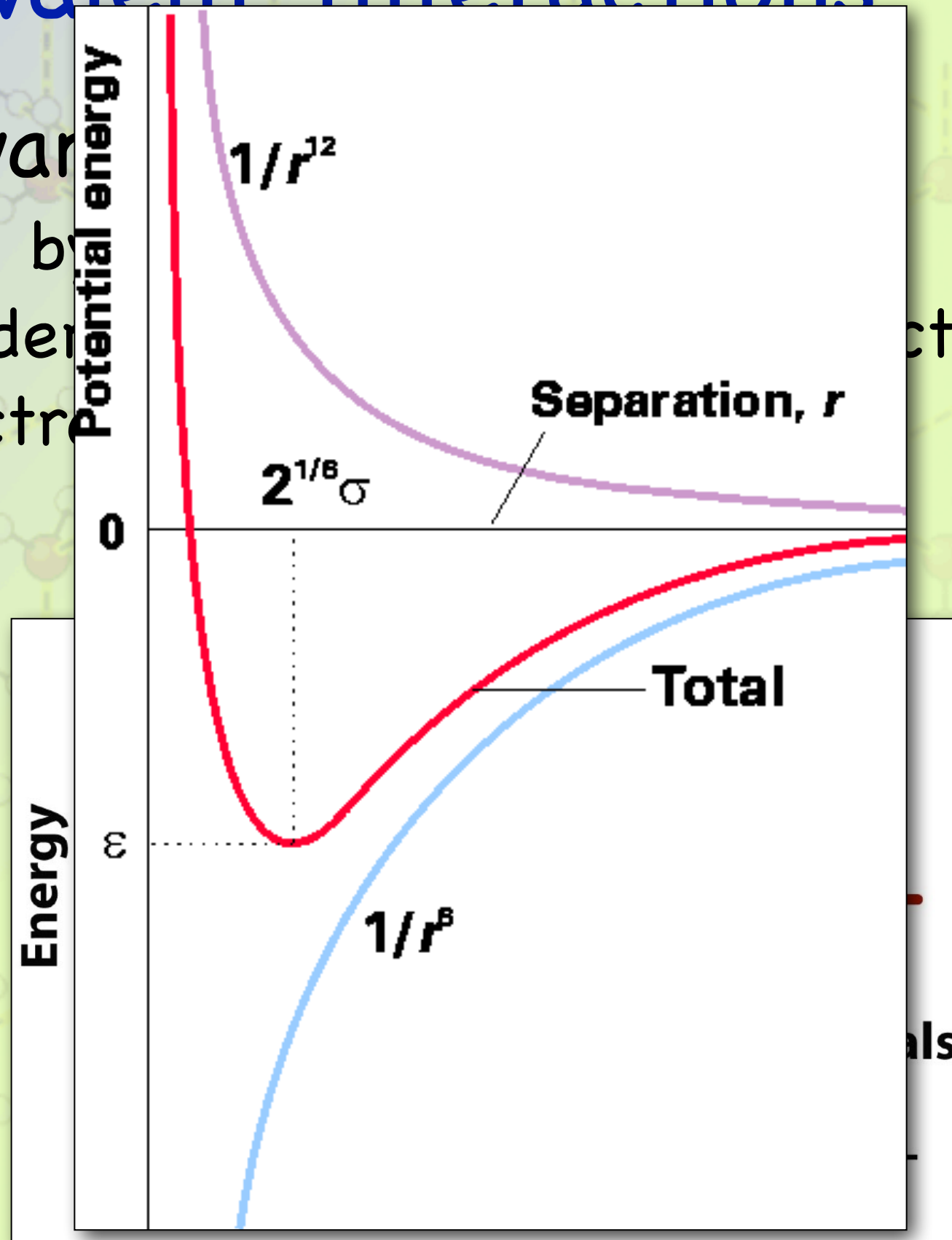
- ✦ Defined by a balance between
 - vander Waals interactions (attractive)
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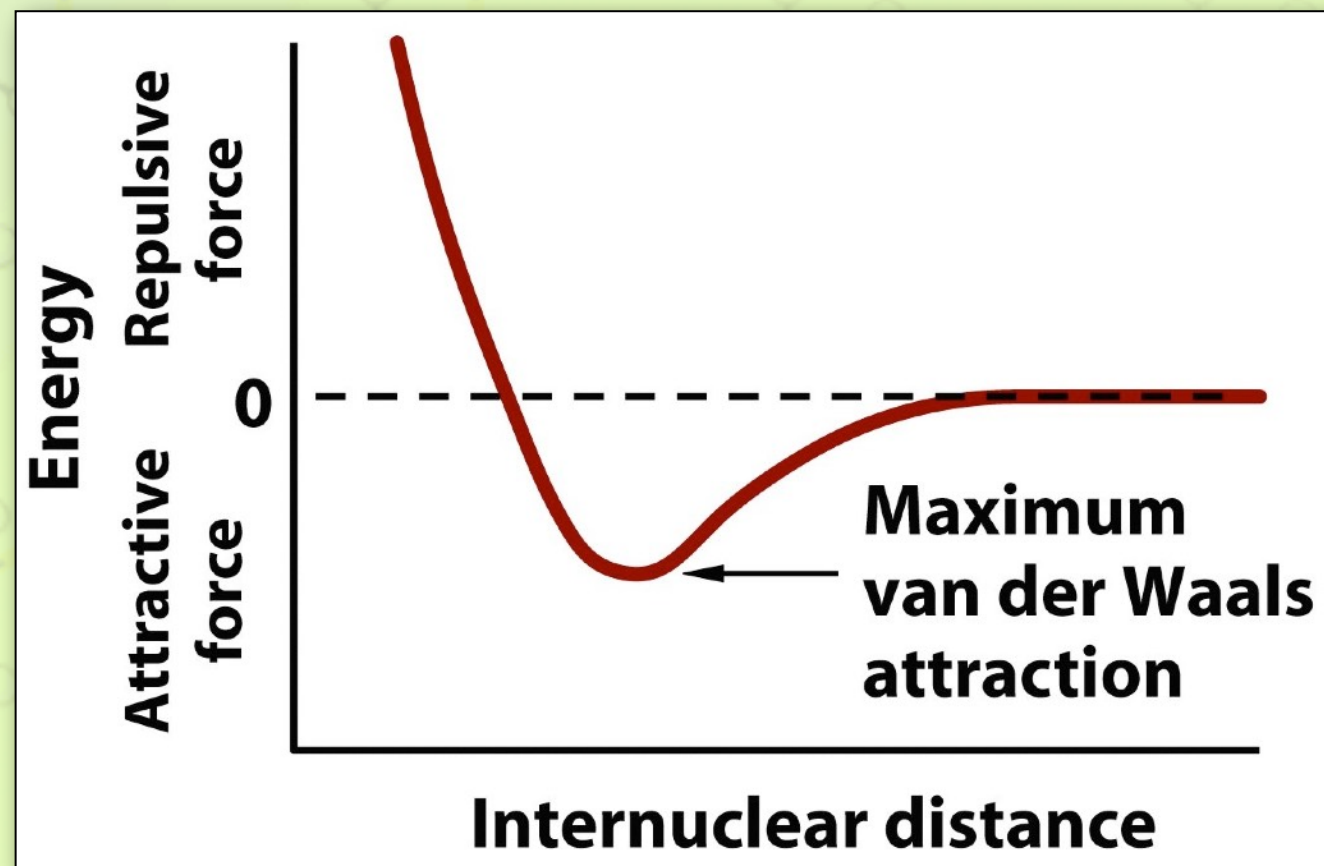
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- ✦ Defined by a balance between
 - vander Waals interactions (attractive)
 - electron repulsion



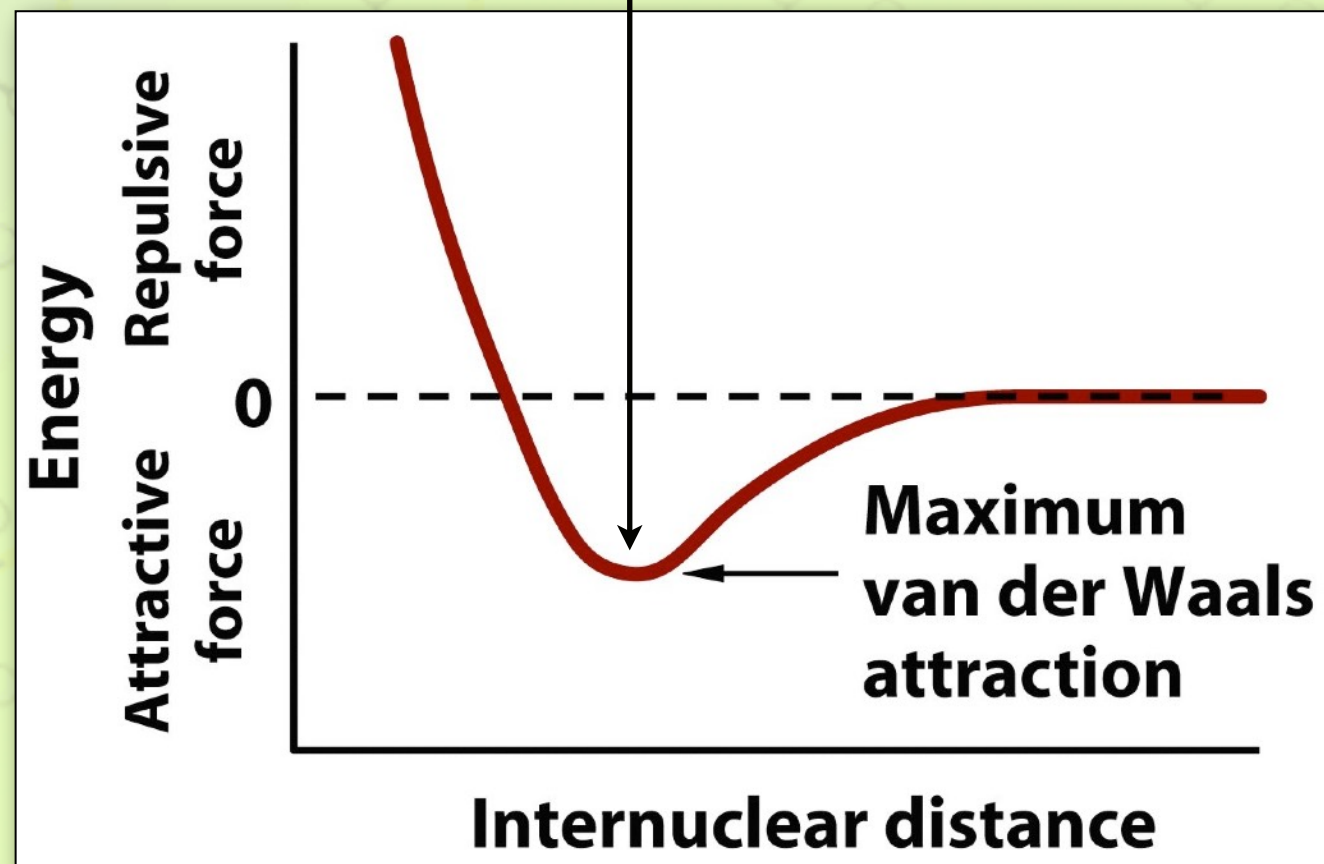
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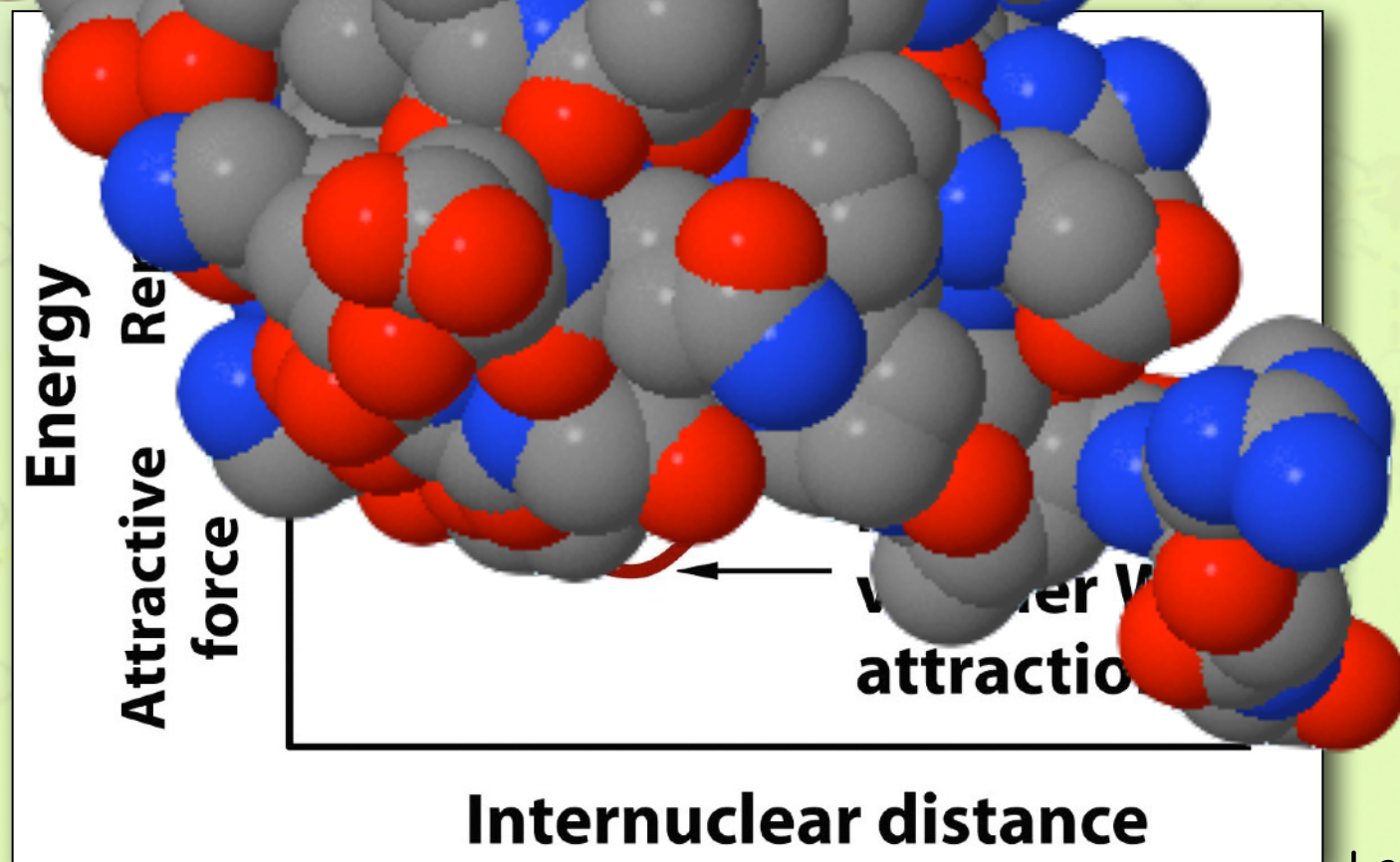


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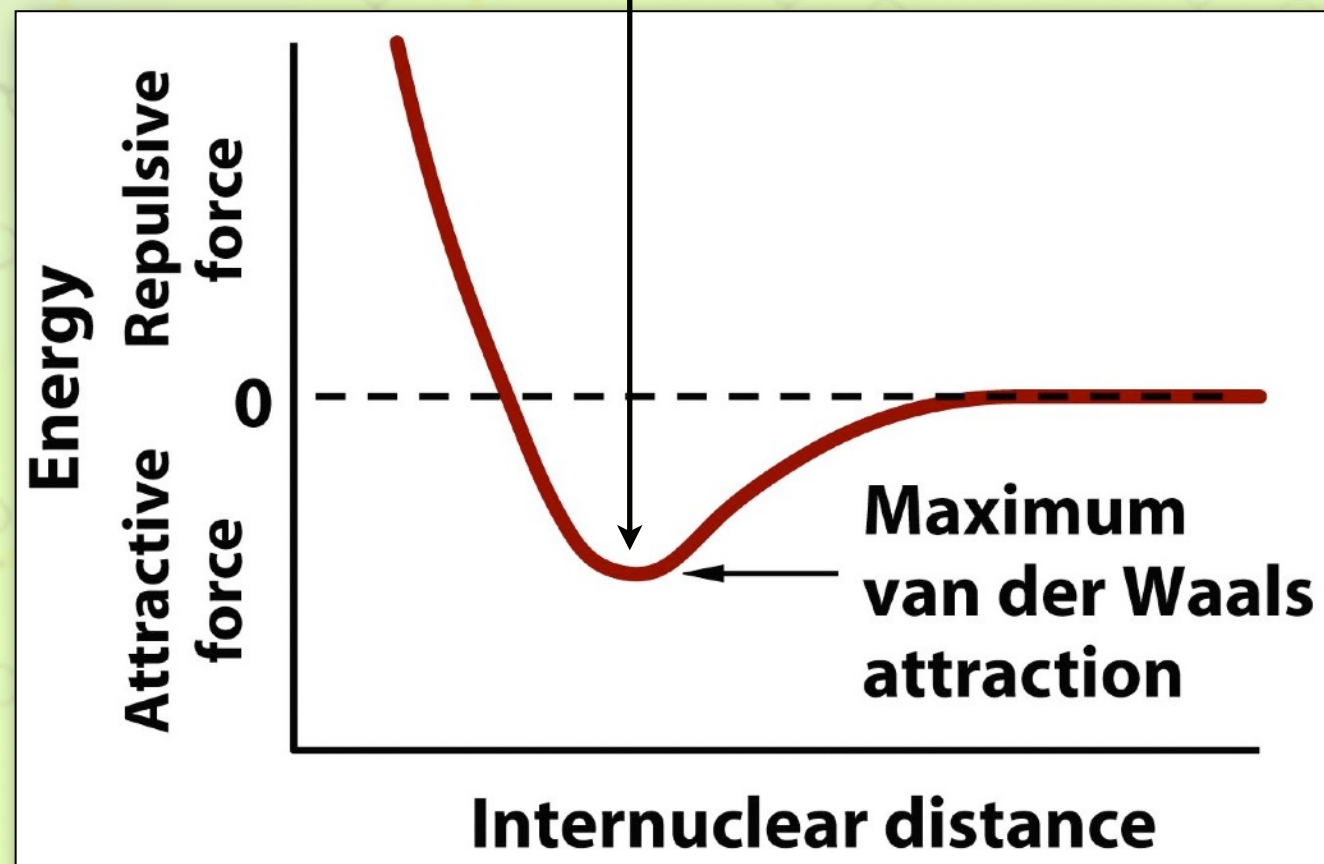
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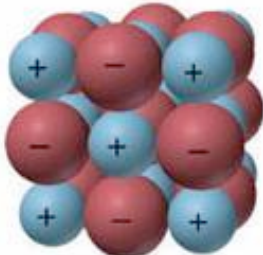

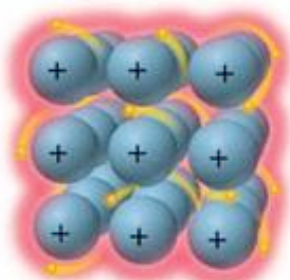
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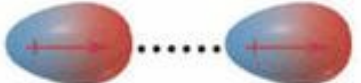



- ✦ Bonding Interactions

Force	Model	Basis of Attraction	Energy (kJ/mol)	Example
Bonding				
Ionic		Cation–anion	400–4000	NaCl
Covalent		Nuclei–shared e^- pair	150–1100	H—H
Metallic		Cations–delocalized electrons	75–1000	Fe

Noncovalent Interactions

• Summary of intermolecular interactions:

✦ Noncovalent (Nonbonding) Interactions

Nonbonding (Intermolecular)					
Ion-dipole		Ion charge— dipole charge	40–600	$\text{Na}^+ \cdots \text{O} \begin{array}{l} \text{H} \\ \text{H} \end{array}$	
H bond	$\delta^- \quad \delta^+ \quad \delta^-$ $-\text{A}-\text{H} \cdots \text{:B}-$	Polar bond to H— dipole charge (high EN of N, O, F)	10–40	$\begin{array}{c} \text{:}\ddot{\text{O}}-\text{H} \\ \\ \text{H} \end{array} \cdots \begin{array}{c} \text{:}\ddot{\text{O}}-\text{H} \\ \\ \text{H} \end{array}$	
Dipole-dipole		Dipole charges	5–25	$\text{I}-\text{Cl} \cdots \text{I}-\text{Cl}$	
Ion-induced dipole		Ion charge— polarizable e^- cloud	3–15	$\text{Fe}^{2+} \cdots \text{O}_2$	
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Dispersion (London)		Polarizable e^- clouds	0.05–40	$\text{F}-\text{F} \cdots \text{F}-\text{F}$	

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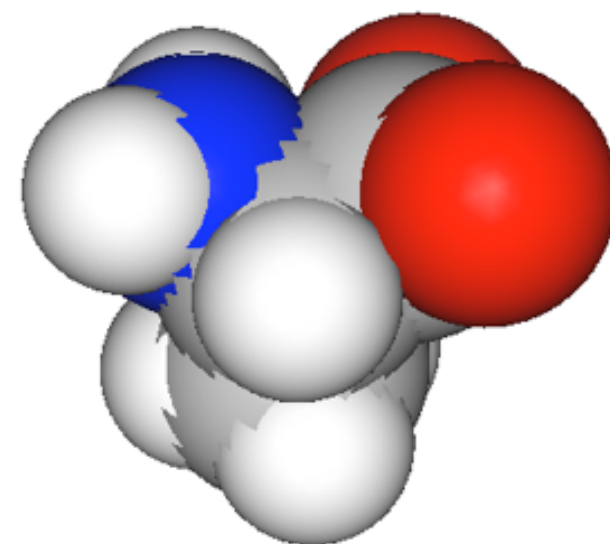
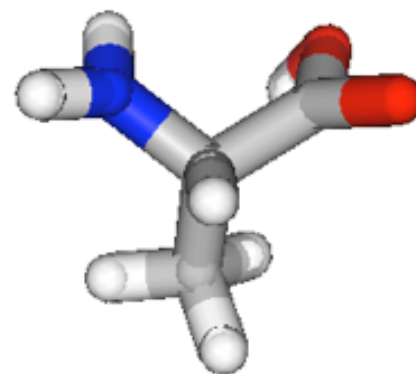
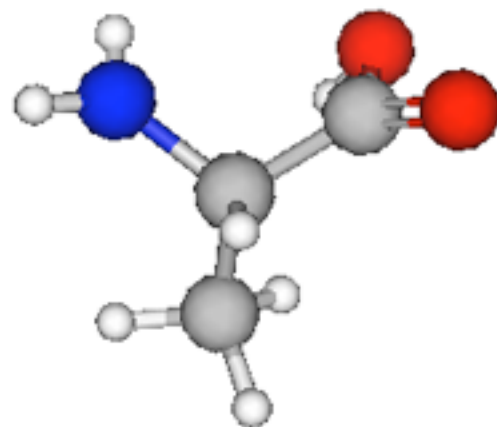
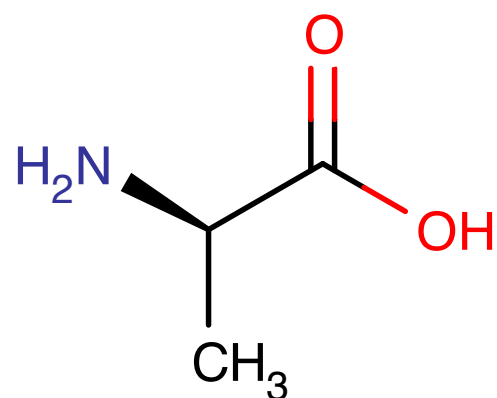
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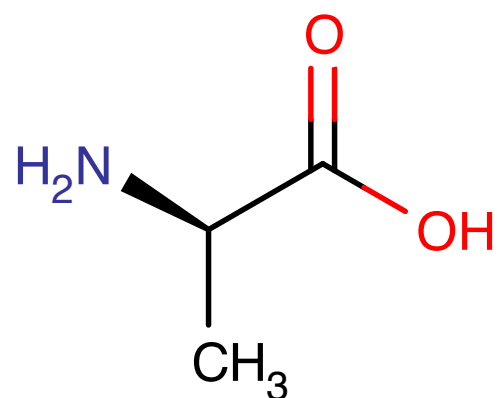


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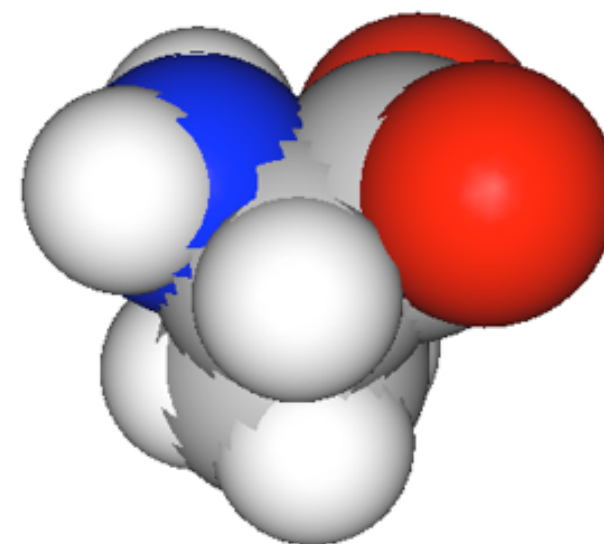
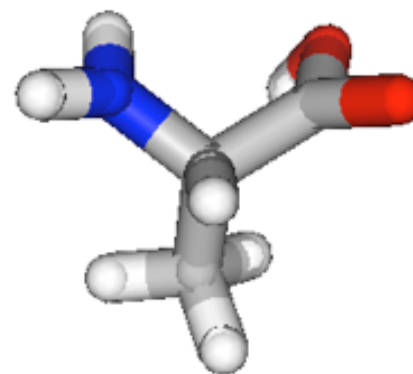
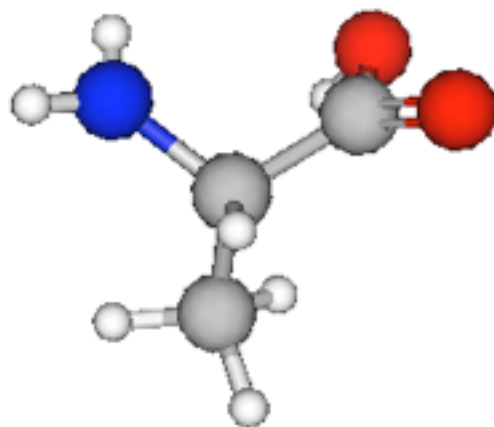
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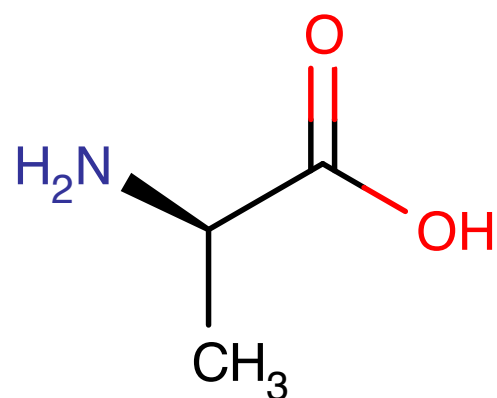


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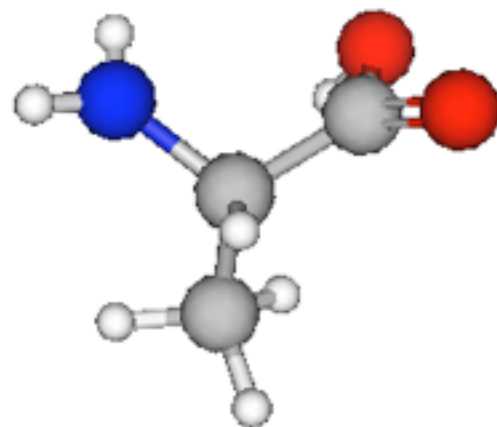
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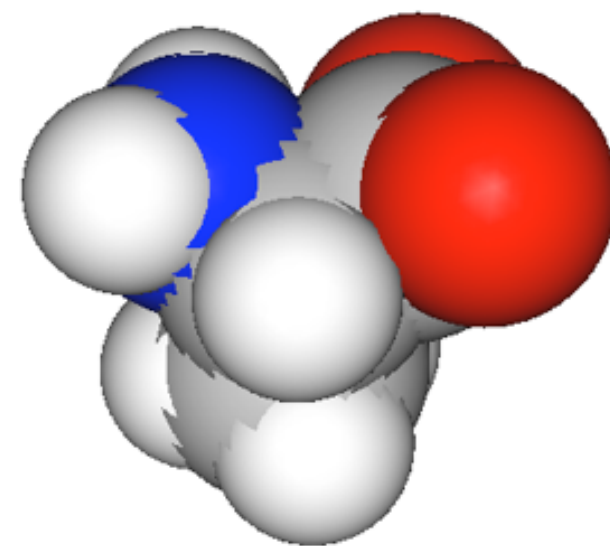
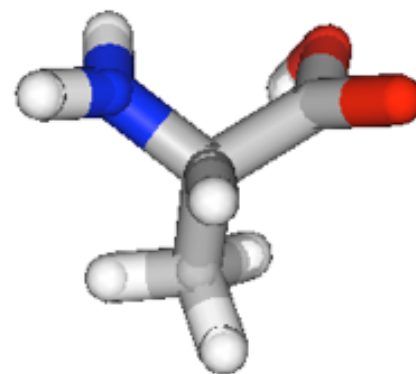
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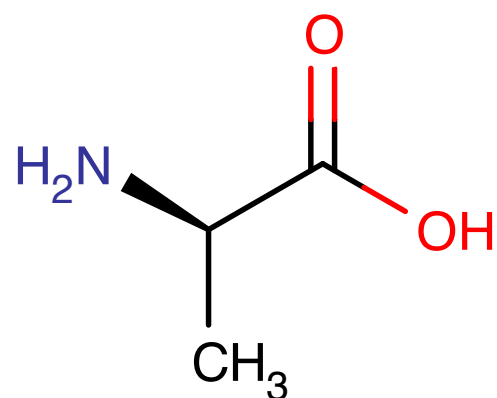


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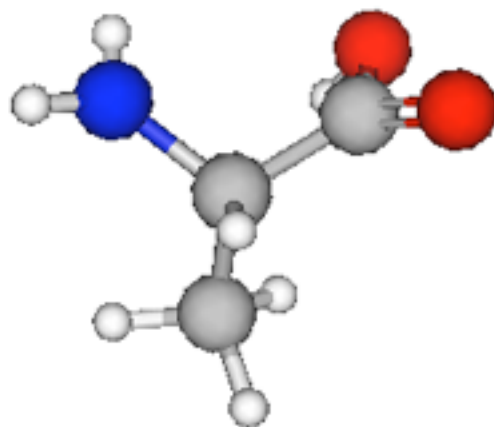
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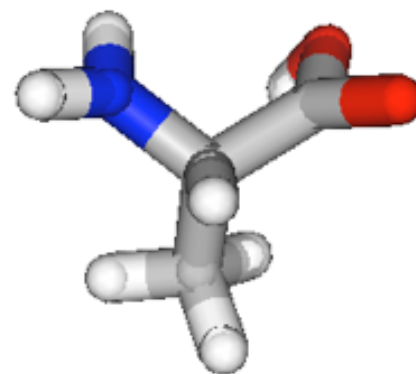
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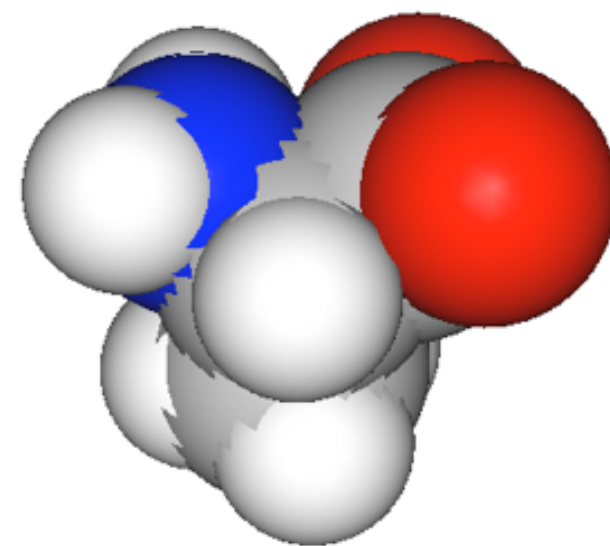
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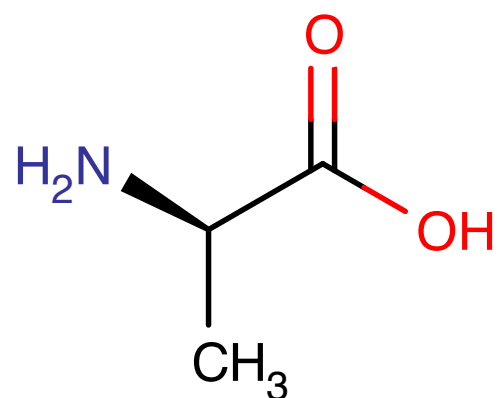


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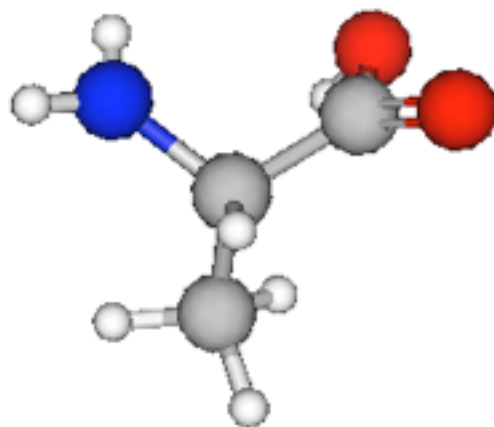
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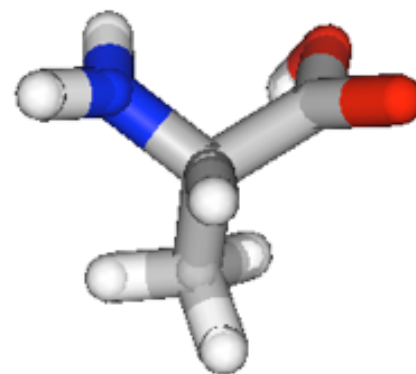
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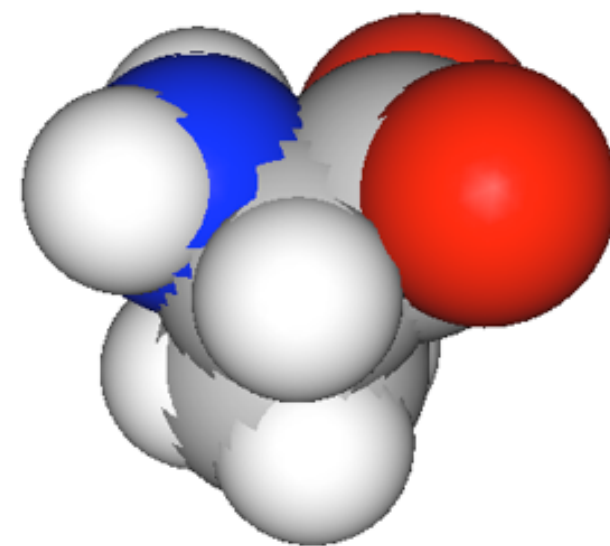
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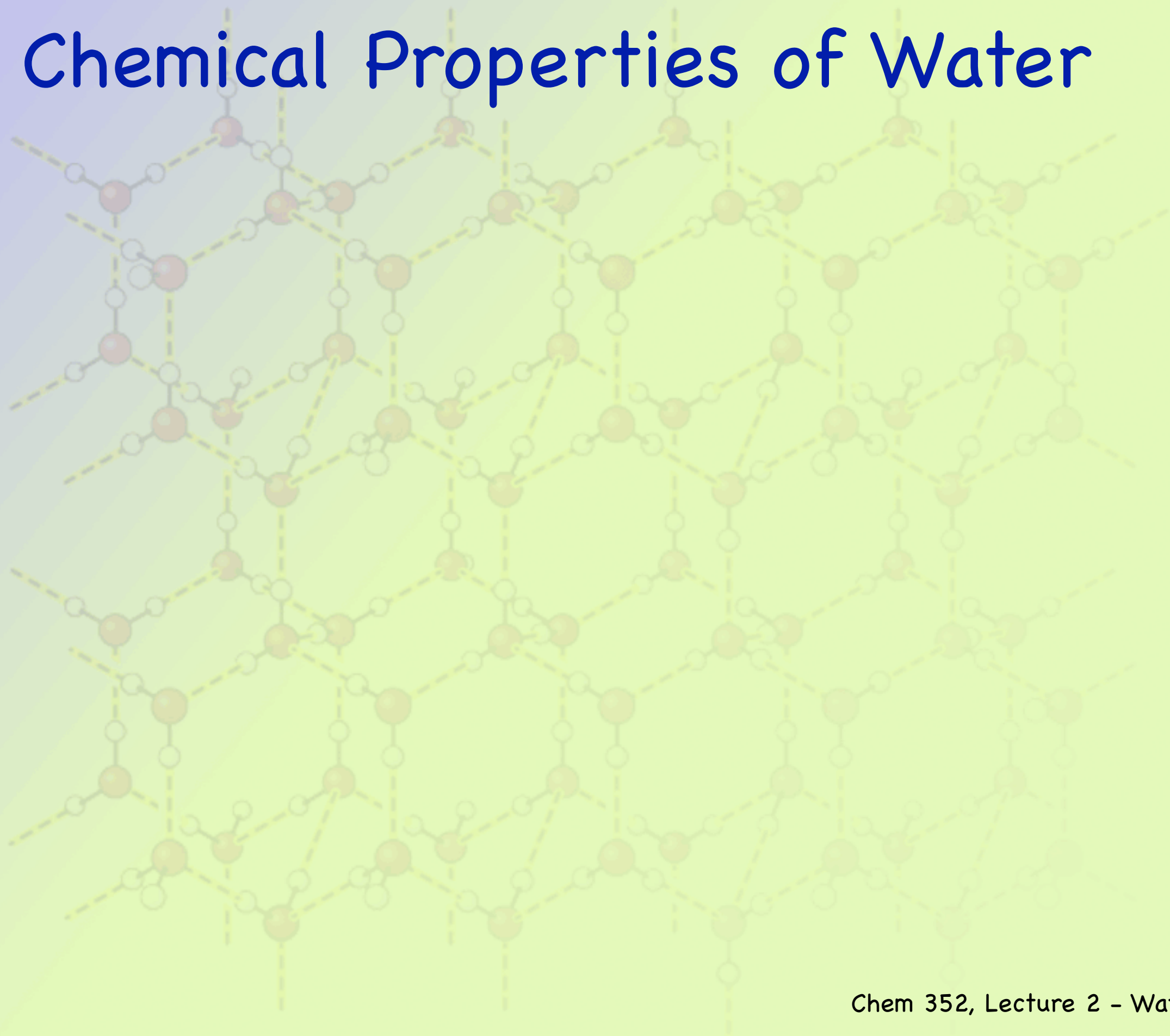


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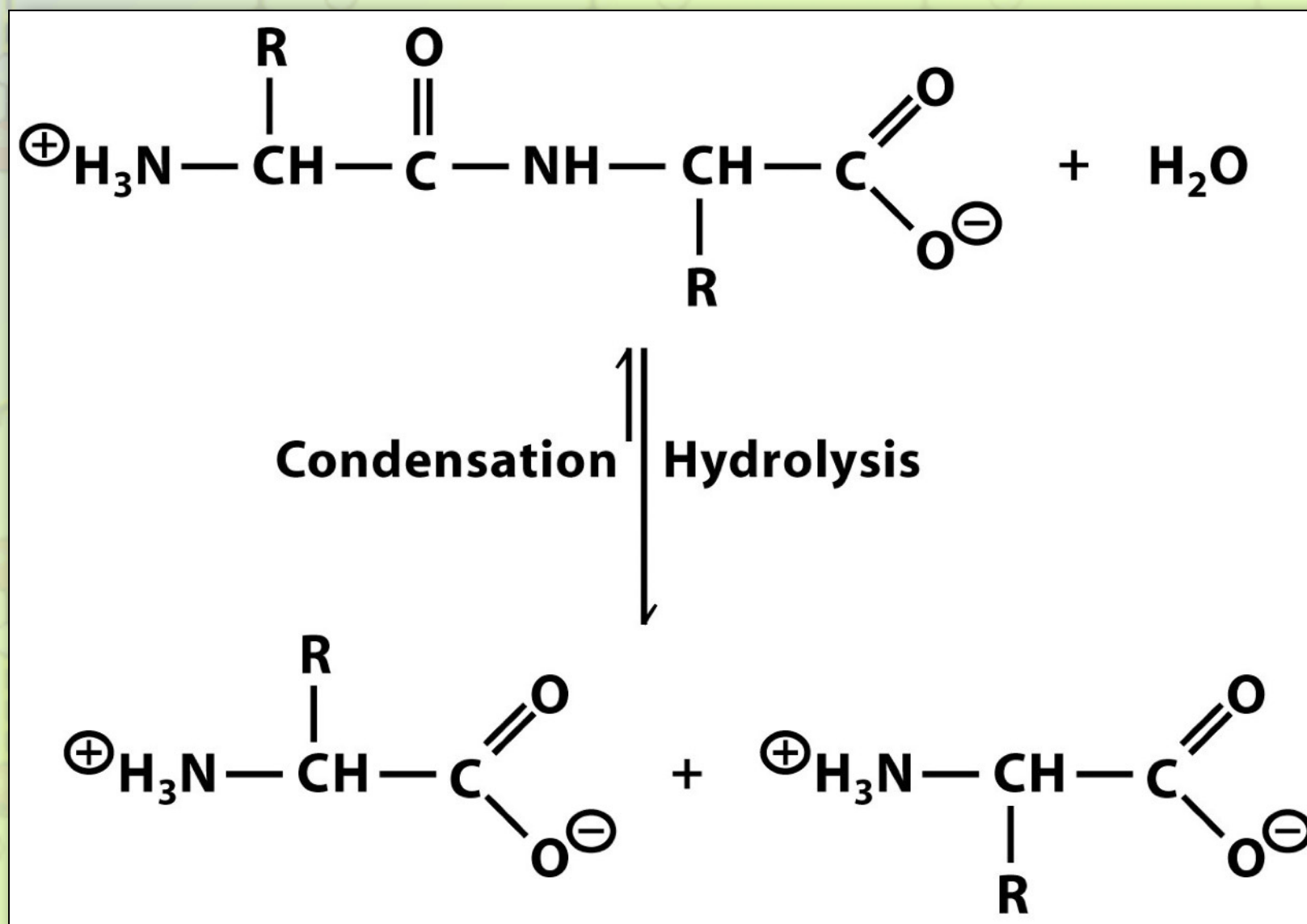
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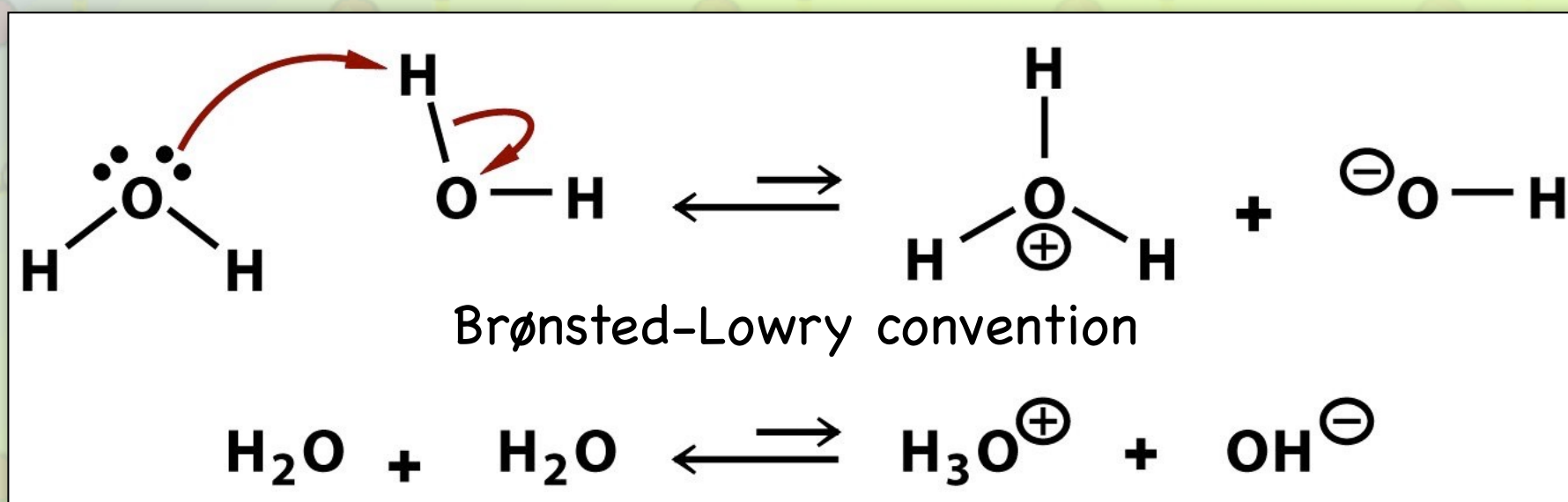
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- Water is a nucleophile
 - ✦ hydrolysis reactions



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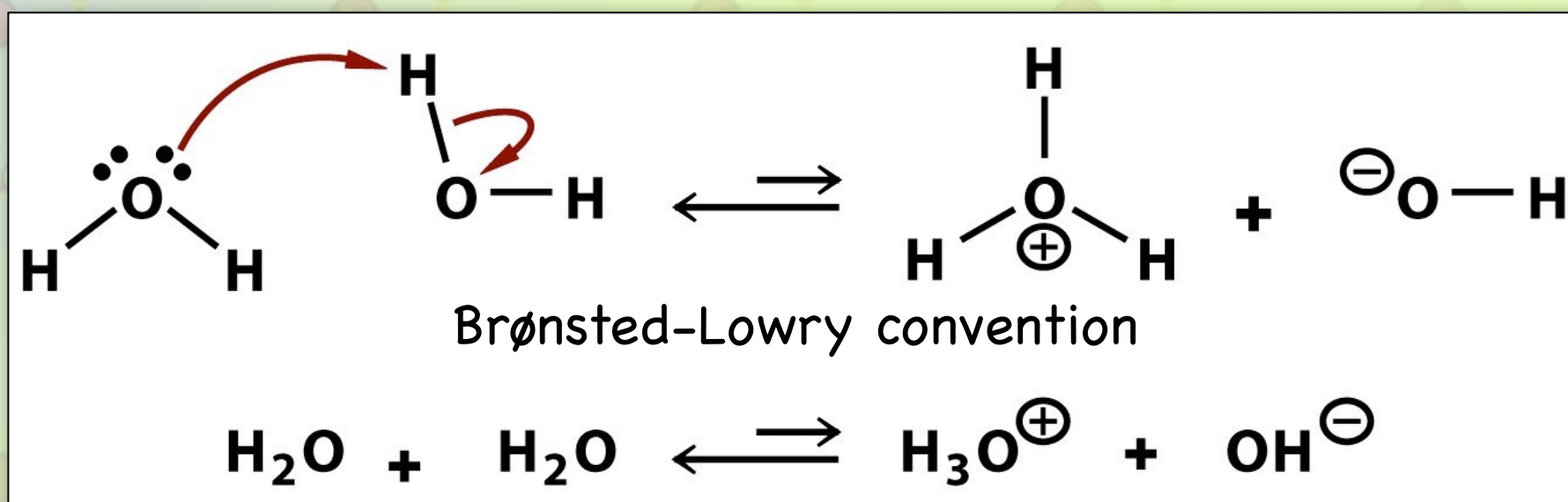


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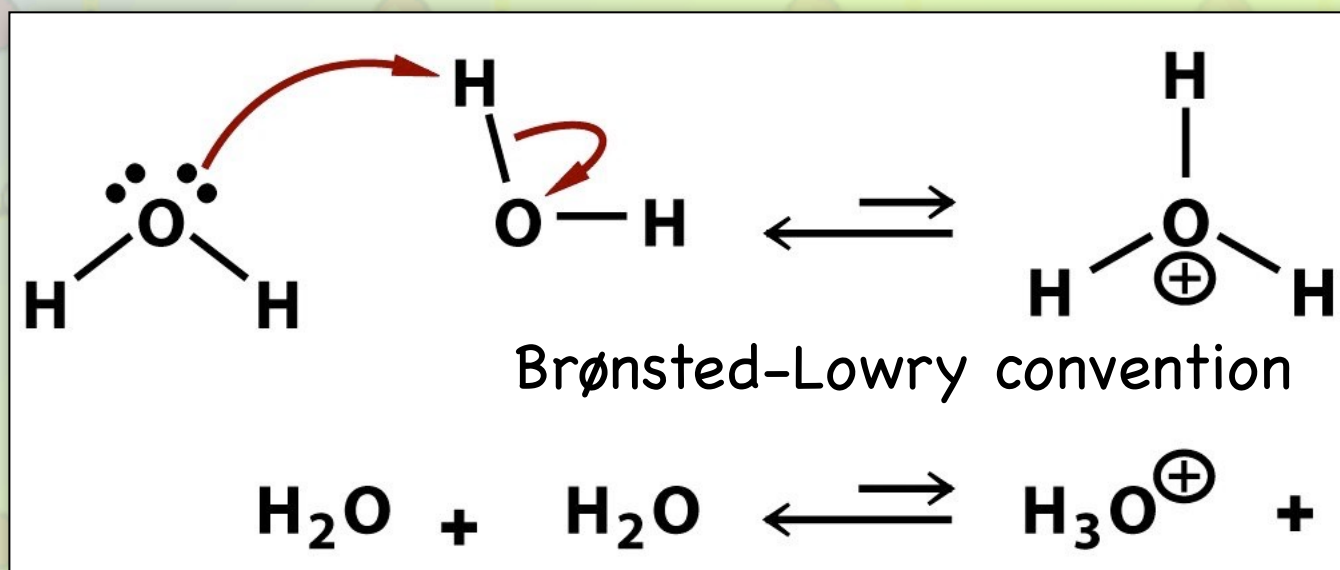
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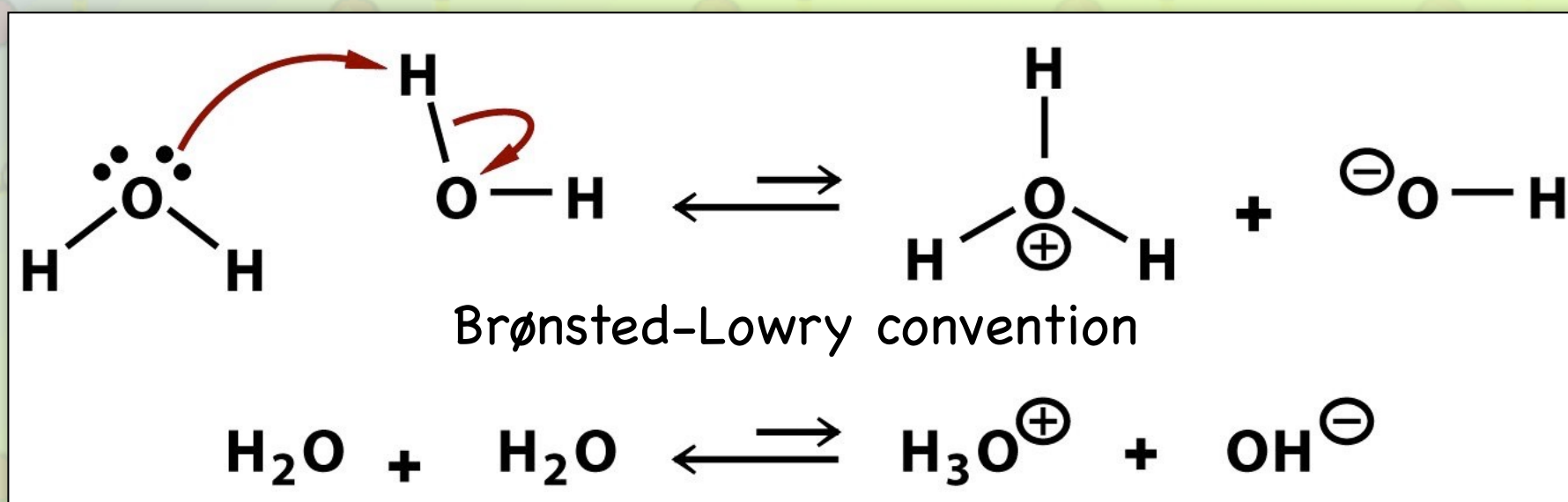
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TABLE 2.3 Relation of $[\text{H}^+]$ and $[\text{OH}^-]$ to pH

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3	10^{-3}	10^{-11}
4	10^{-4}	10^{-10}
5	10^{-5}	10^{-9}
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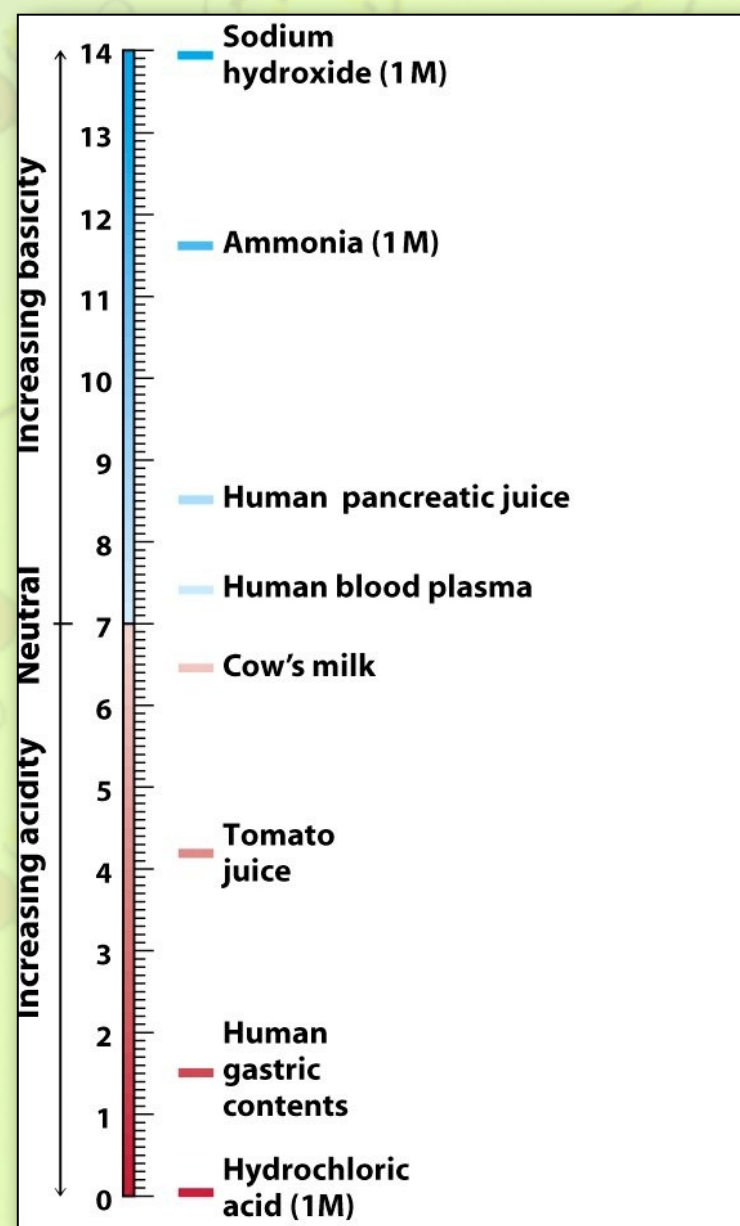
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Chemical Properties of Water

•The pH Scale

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Elaborations:

- ✦ Acids and bases
 - Operational Definition
 - Arrhenius Definition
 - Brønsted-Lowry Definition
- ✦ Strength of acids and bases
 - Strong acids
 - Weak acids
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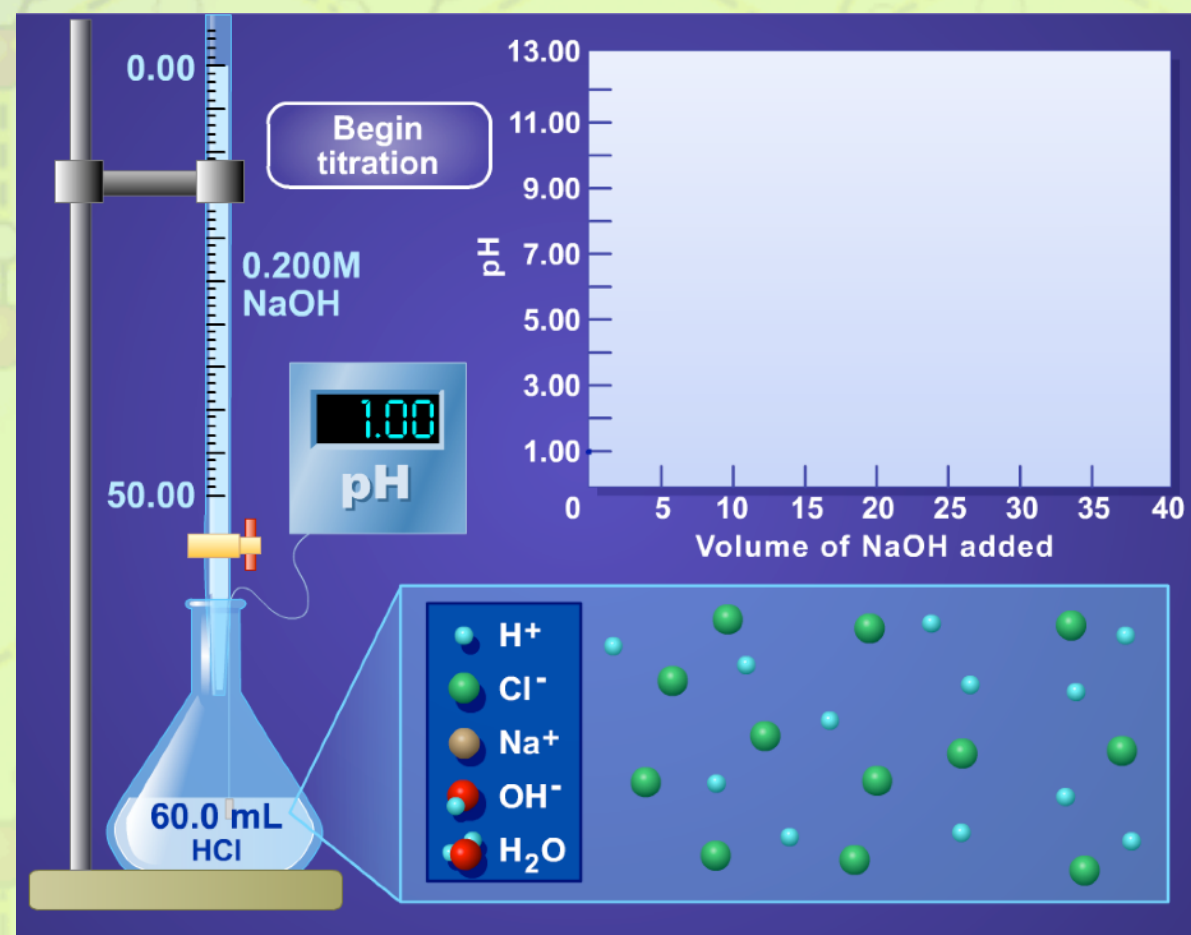
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Chemical Properties of Water

Neutralization of an acid with a base (pH titration)

- ✦ Titrations can be used to determine the unknown concentration of an acid

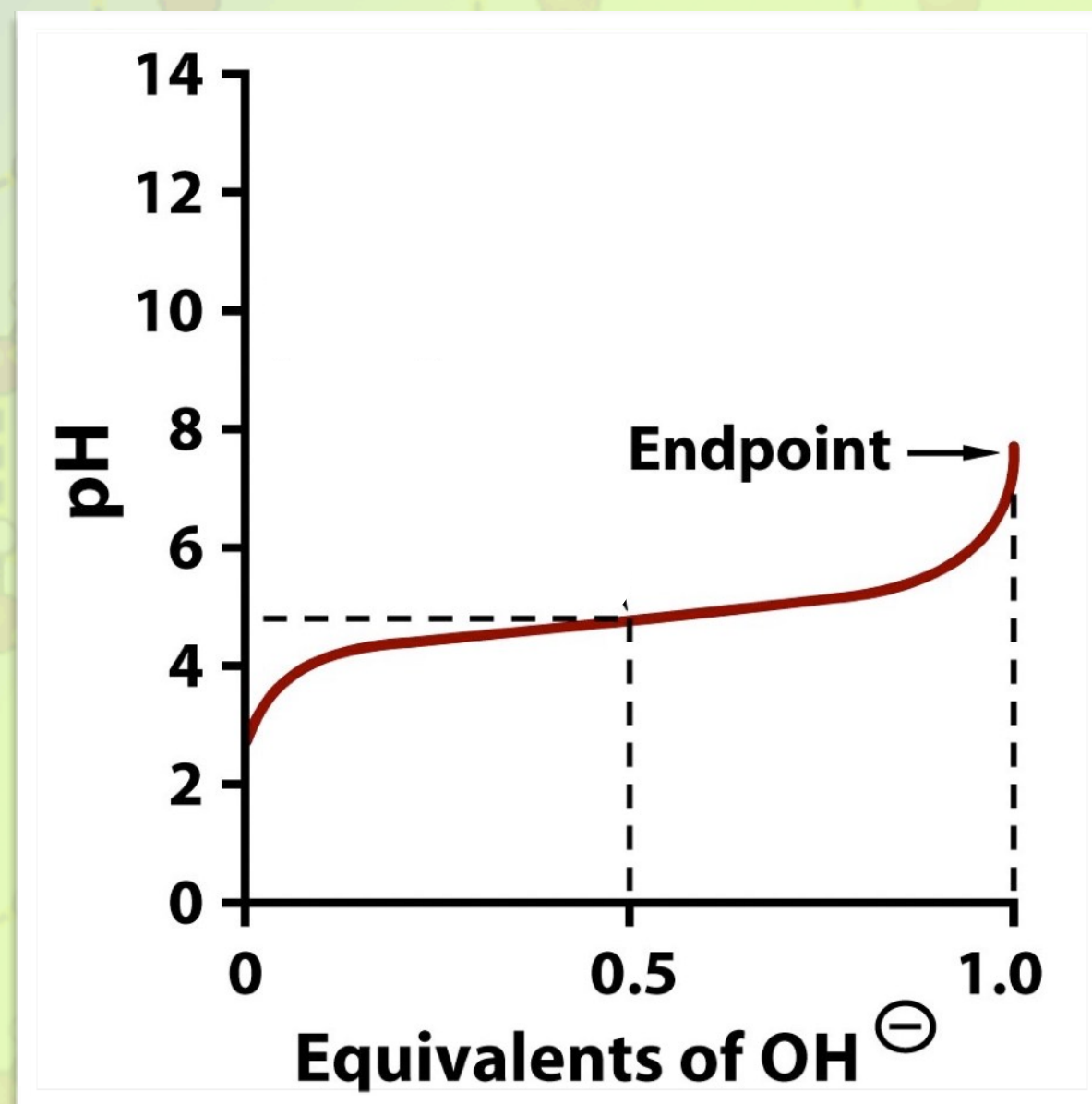


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Chemical Properties of Water

- ♦ Titration curve for a weak acid



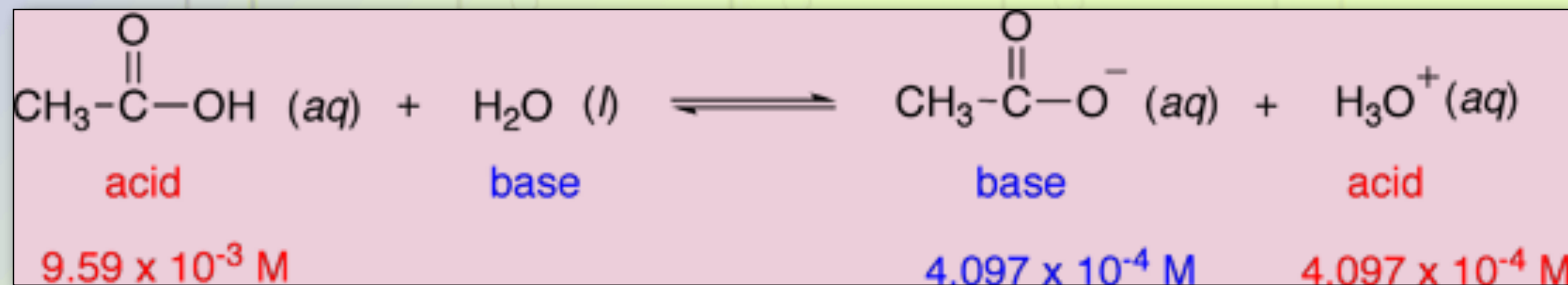
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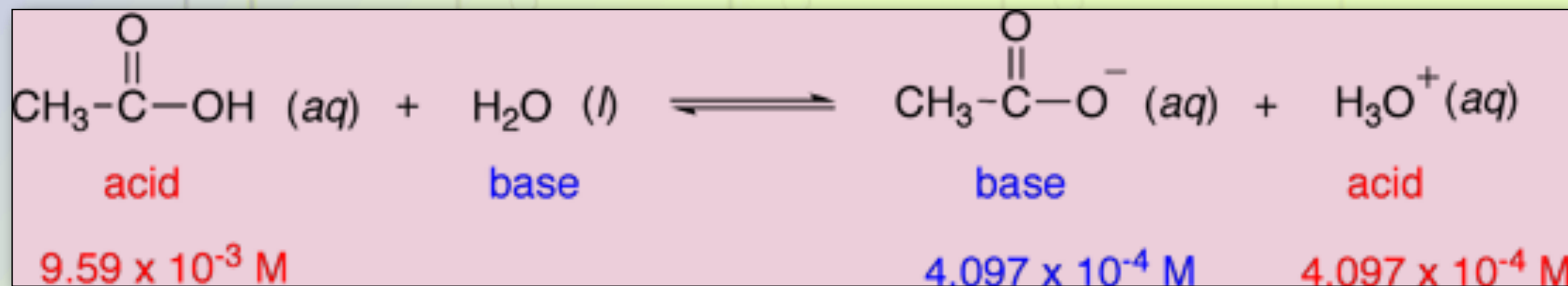
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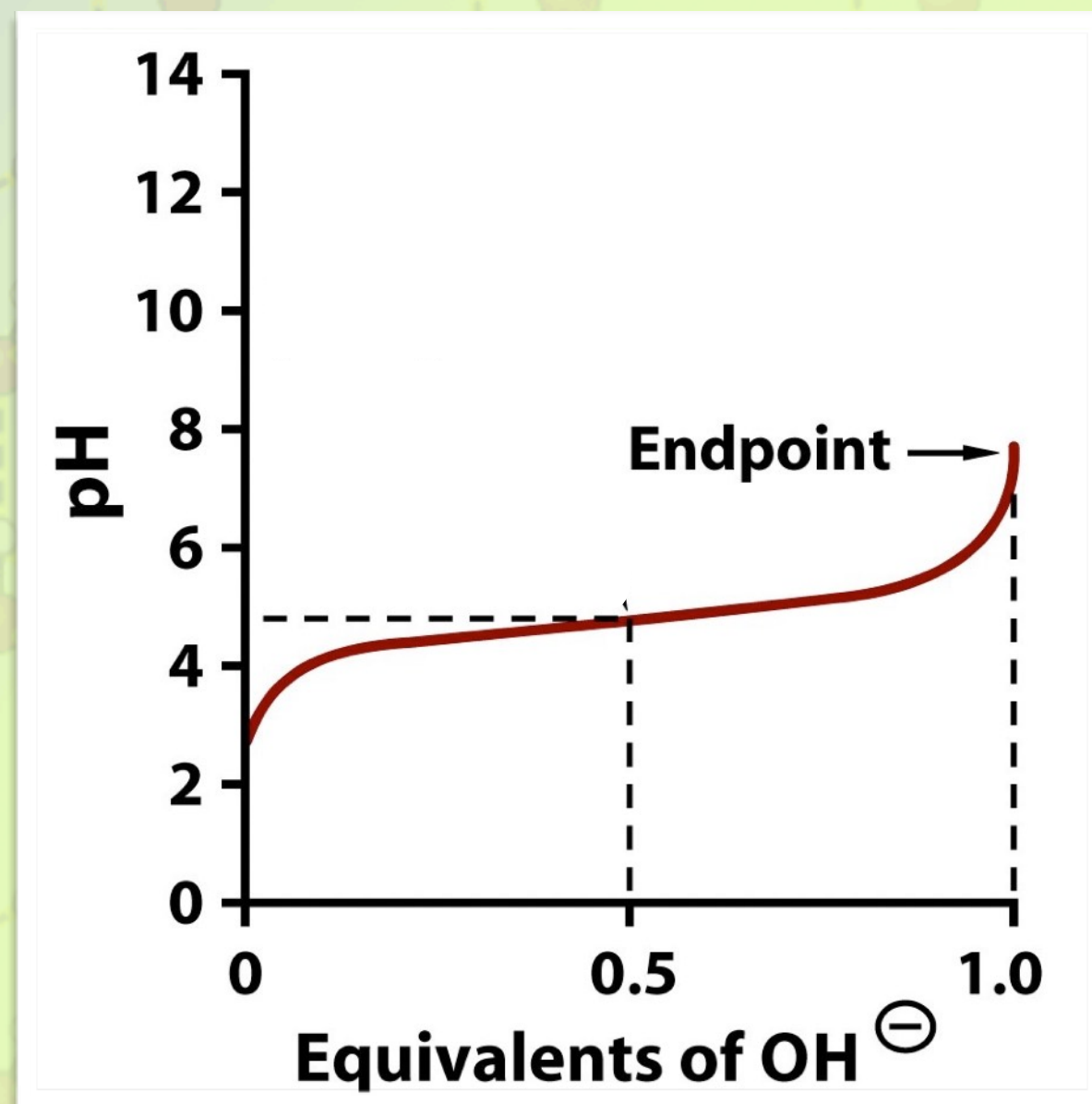


$$[\text{H}^+] \approx \sqrt{K_a C}$$

$$\text{pH} \approx \frac{1}{2} (pK_a - \log(C))$$

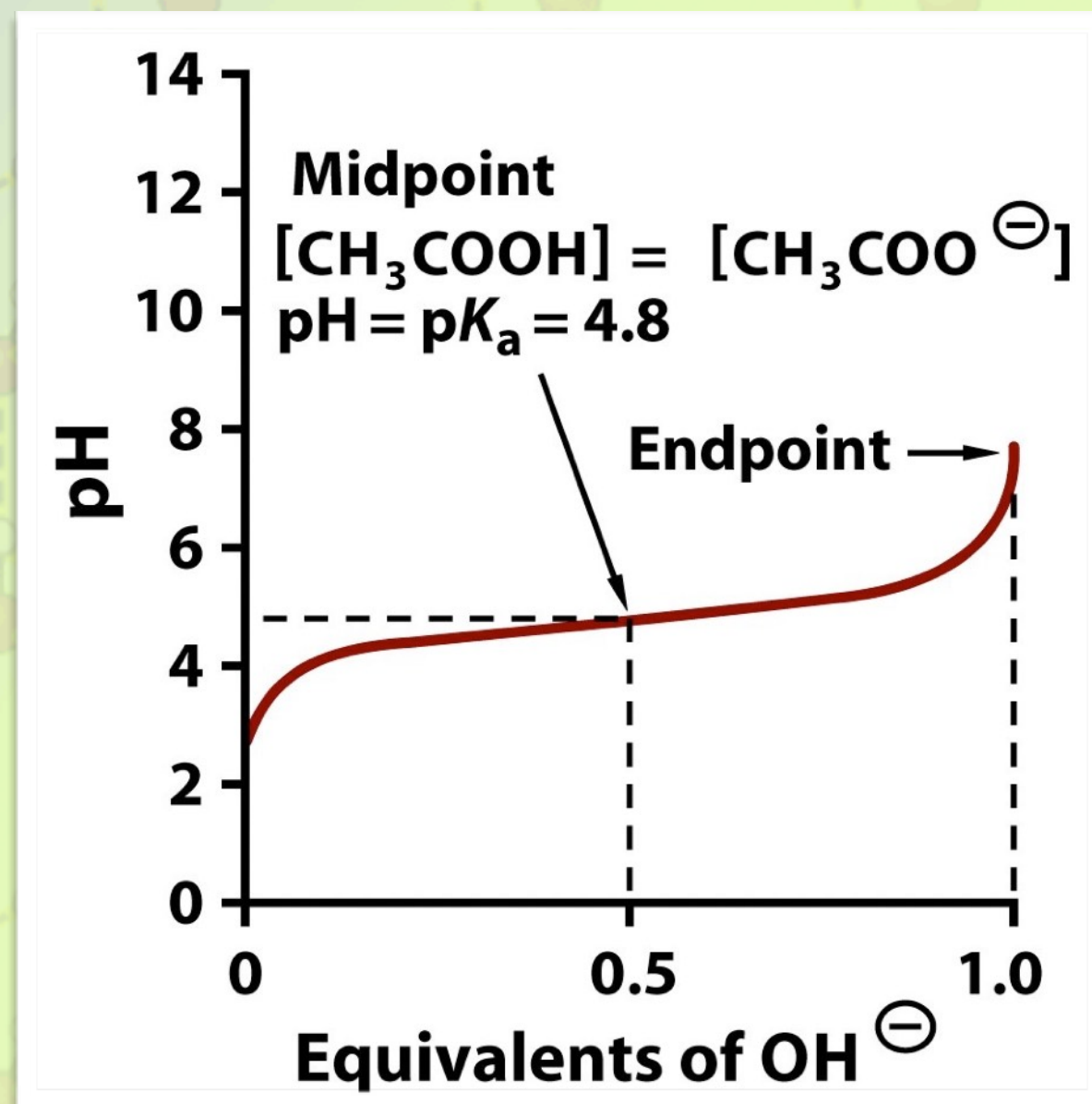
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TABLE 2.4 Dissociation constants and pK_a values of weak acids in aqueous solutions at 25°C

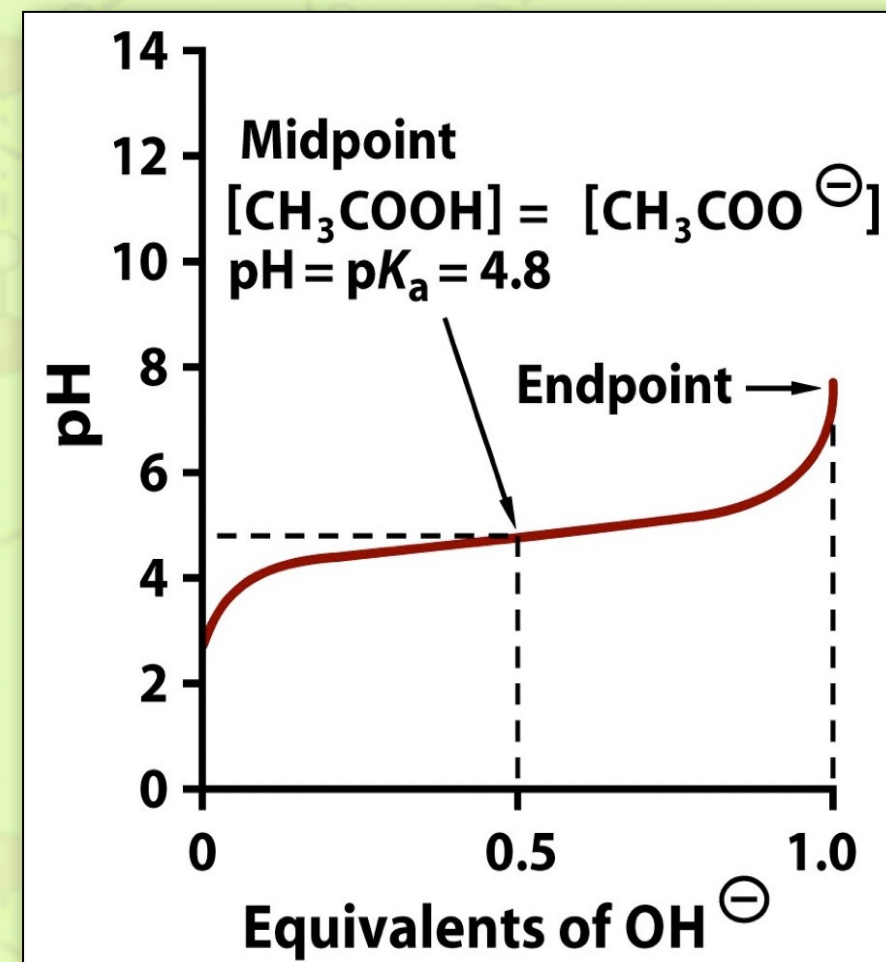
Acid	K_a (M)	pK_a
HCOOH (Formic acid)	1.77×10^{-4}	3.8
CH ₃ COOH (Acetic acid)	1.76×10^{-5}	4.8
CH ₃ CHOHCOOH (Lactic acid)	1.37×10^{-4}	3.9
H ₃ PO ₄ (Phosphoric acid)	7.52×10^{-3}	2.2
H ₂ PO ₄ [⊖] (Dihydrogen phosphate ion)	6.23×10^{-8}	7.2
HPO ₄ [⊖] (Monohydrogen phosphate ion)	2.20×10^{-13}	12.7
H ₂ CO ₃ (Carbonic acid)	4.30×10^{-7}	6.4
HCO ₃ [⊖] (Bicarbonate ion)	5.61×10^{-11}	10.2
NH ₄ [⊕] (Ammonium ion)	5.62×10^{-10}	9.2
CH ₃ NH ₃ [⊕] (Methylammonium ion)	2.70×10^{-11}	10.7

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- ✦ The Henderson-Hasselbalch Equation and Buffers

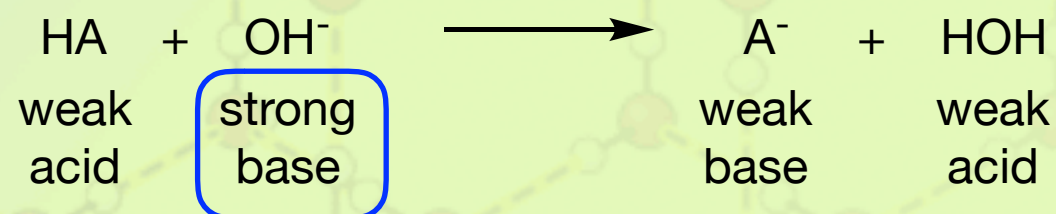
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- The titration curve for a weak acid demonstrates that the pH of a solution changes very slowly when a weak acid and its conjugate base are present in a solution at nearly equal concentrations.
- This is the essence of a pH buffer

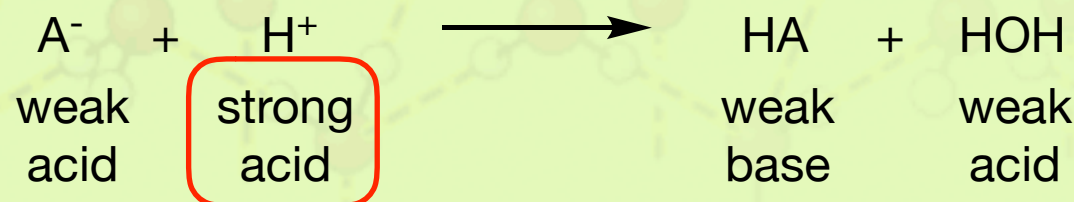


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- A **pH buffer** is defined as a mixture of a weak acid and its conjugate base
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- And the conjugate base component resists changes to the pH by neutralizing any strong acids that are added to the solution.

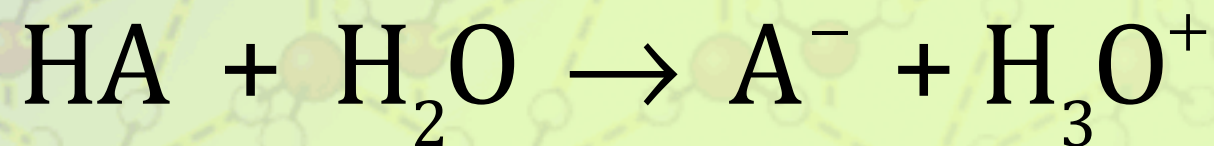


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- A **pH buffer** buffers best when the concentrations of the weak acid, $[HA]$, and its conjugate base $[A^-]$ are equal.
- The Henderson-Hasselbach equation be used to show that this occurs when the pH of the solution equals the pK_a of the weak acid component.

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- Henderson-Hasselbalch Equation



$$K_a = \frac{[\text{H}_3\text{O}^+][\text{A}^-]}{[\text{HA}]}; \left(= \frac{[\text{H}^+][\text{A}^-]}{[\text{HA}]} \right)$$

$$\text{pH} = \text{p}K_a + \log \left(\frac{[\text{A}^-]}{[\text{HA}]} \right)$$

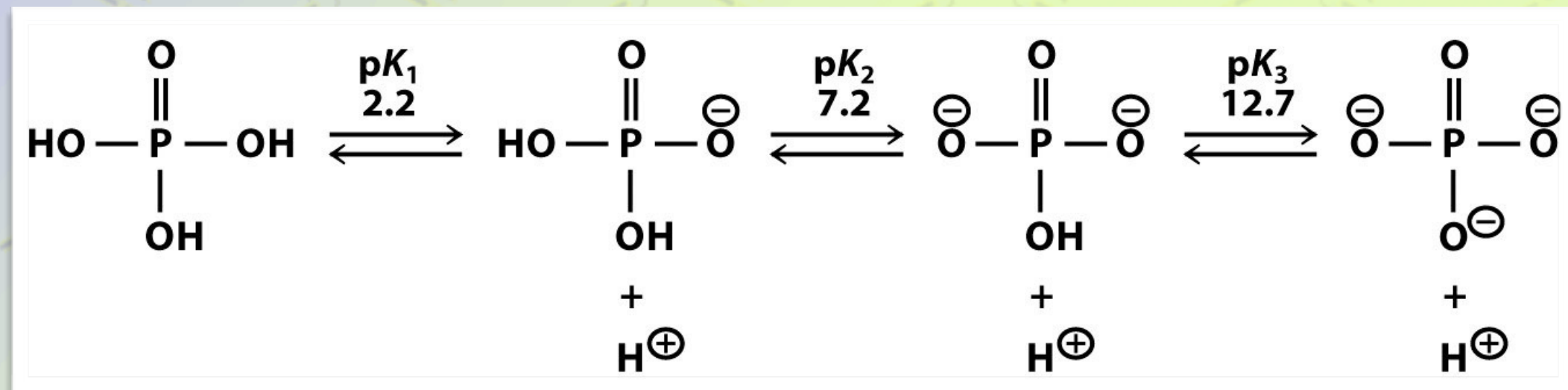
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TABLE 2.4 Dissociation constants and pK_a values of weak acids in aqueous solutions at 25°C

Acid	K_a (M)	pK_a
HCOOH (Formic acid)	1.77×10^{-4}	3.8
CH ₃ COOH (Acetic acid)	1.76×10^{-5}	4.8
CH ₃ CHOHCOOH (Lactic acid)	1.37×10^{-4}	3.9
H ₃ PO ₄ (Phosphoric acid)	7.52×10^{-3}	2.2
H ₂ PO ₄ [⊖] (Dihydrogen phosphate ion)	6.23×10^{-8}	7.2
HPO ₄ ^{⊖2} (Monohydrogen phosphate ion)	2.20×10^{-13}	12.7
H ₂ CO ₃ (Carbonic acid)	4.30×10^{-7}	6.4
HCO ₃ [⊖] (Bicarbonate ion)	5.61×10^{-11}	10.2
NH ₄ [⊕] (Ammonium ion)	5.62×10^{-10}	9.2
CH ₃ NH ₃ [⊕] (Methylammonium ion)	2.70×10^{-11}	10.7

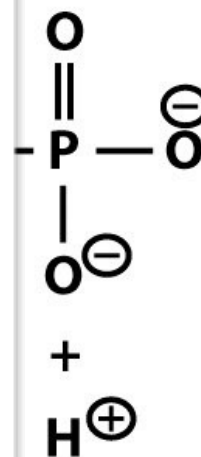
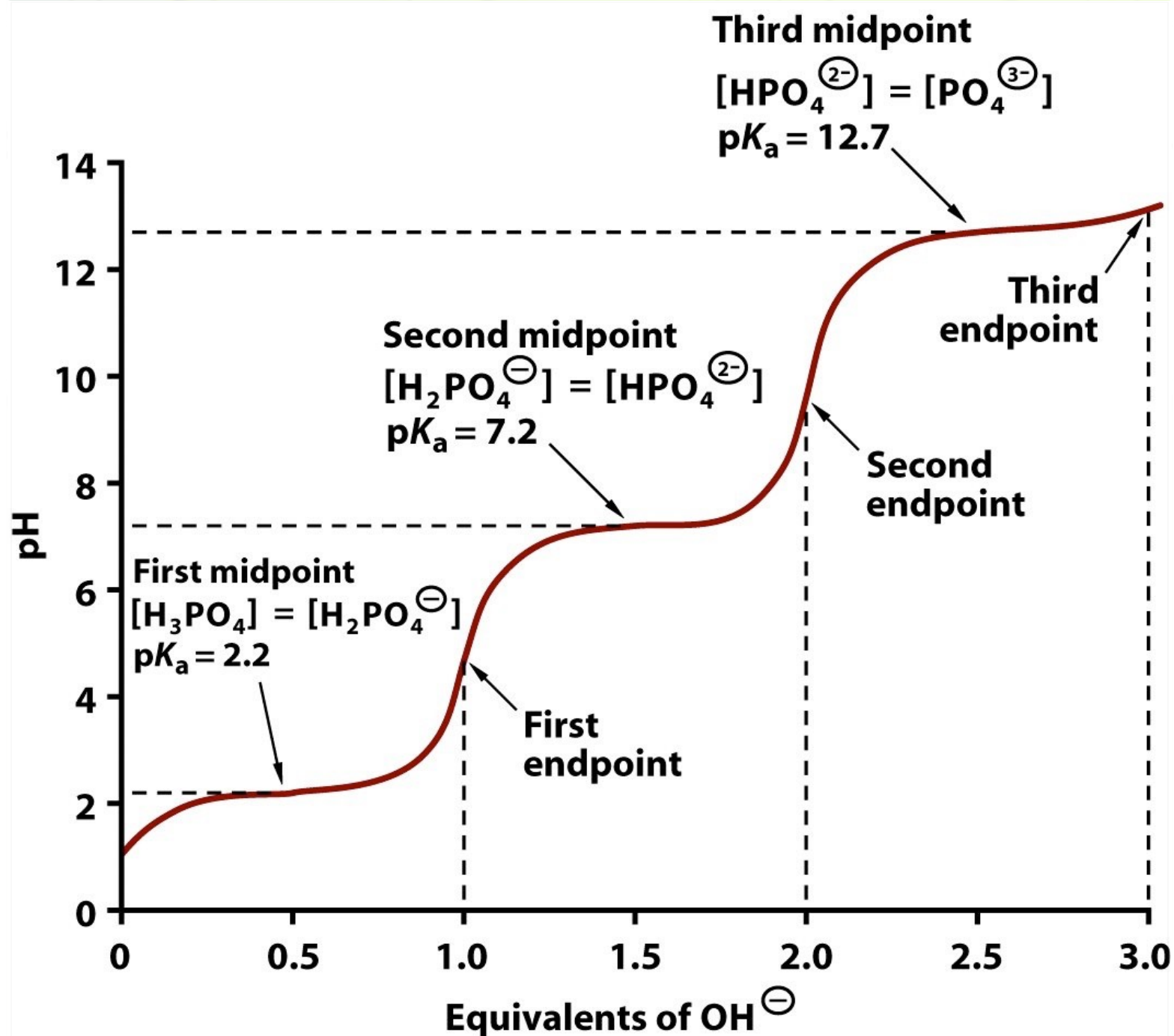
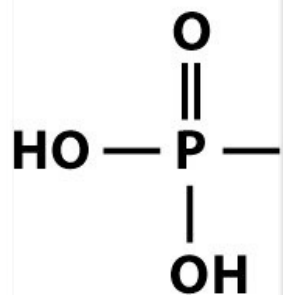
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Titration curve for a polyprotic acid



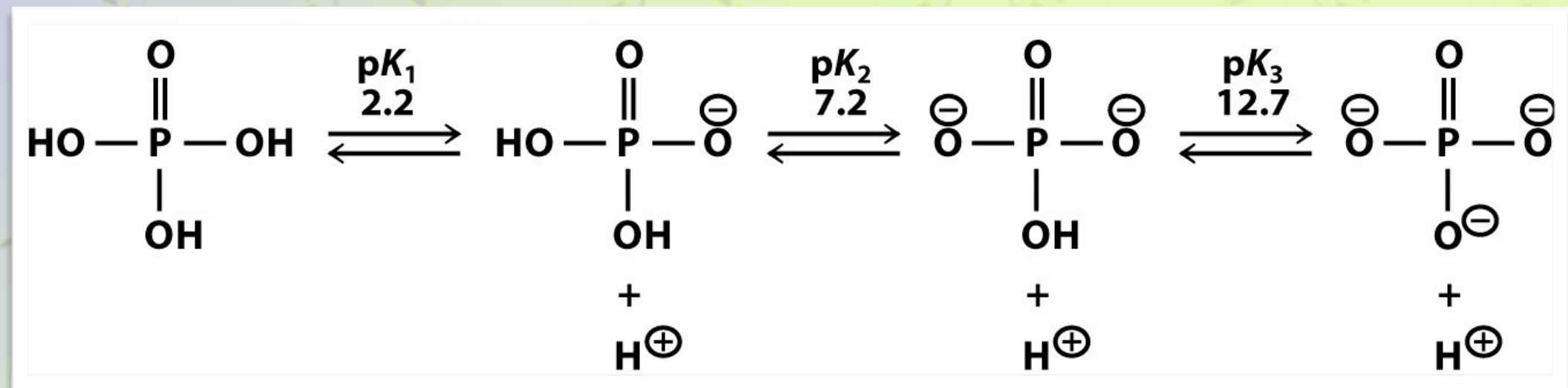
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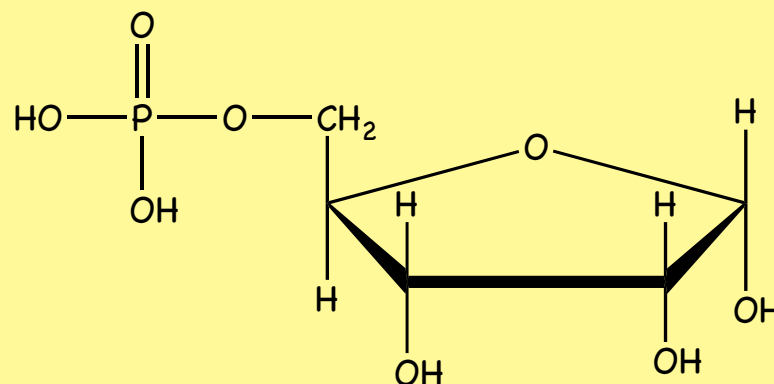
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Problem: (Check your work with Marvin)

Many phosphorylated sugars (phosphate esters of sugars) are metabolic intermediates. the two ionizable -OH groups of the phosphate group of the monophosphate ester of ribose (ribose 5-phosphate) have pKa values 1.2 and 6.6. The fully protonated form of α -D-ribose 5-phosphate has the structure shown below.



- A. Draw, in order, the ionic species formed upon titration of this phosphorylated sugar from pH 0.0 to pH 10.0.
- B. Sketch the titration curve for ribose 5-phosphate.

Molecular Resources

- ✦ Marvin

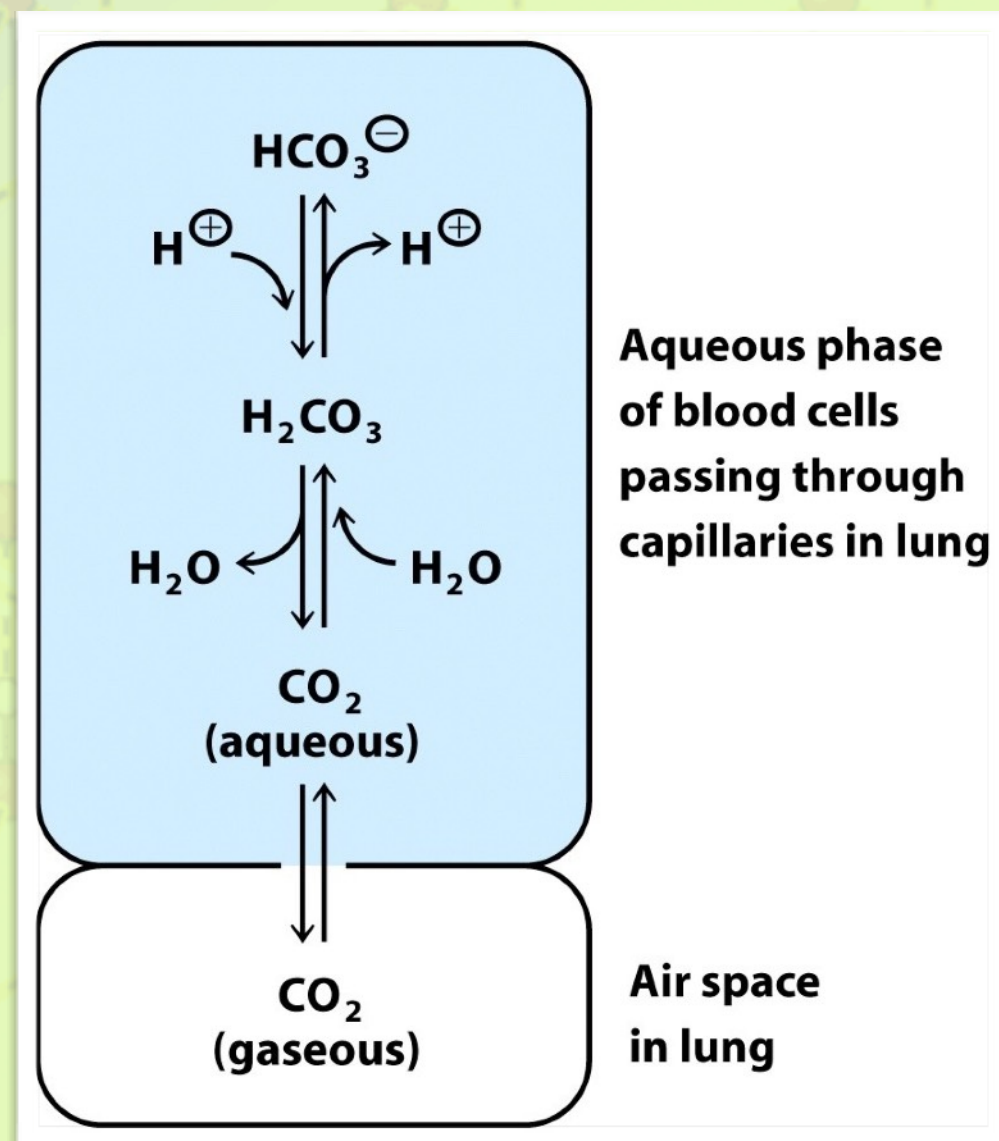
- A tool for drawing and analyzing small molecules

- ✦ The Protein Data Bank (PDB)

- A database where you can find and observe the structures of biological macromolecules and aggregates of these molecules.
- Not limited to proteins

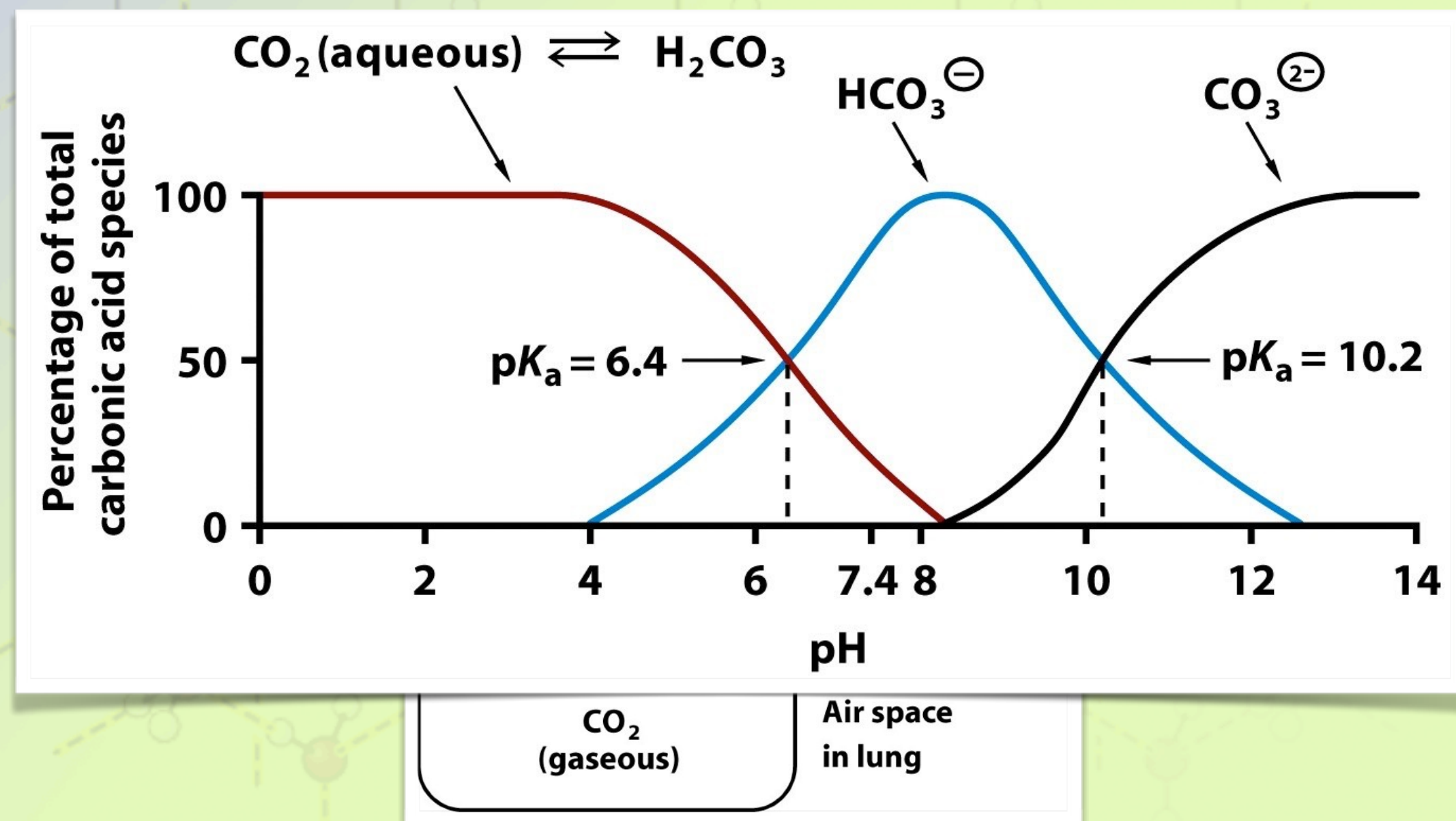
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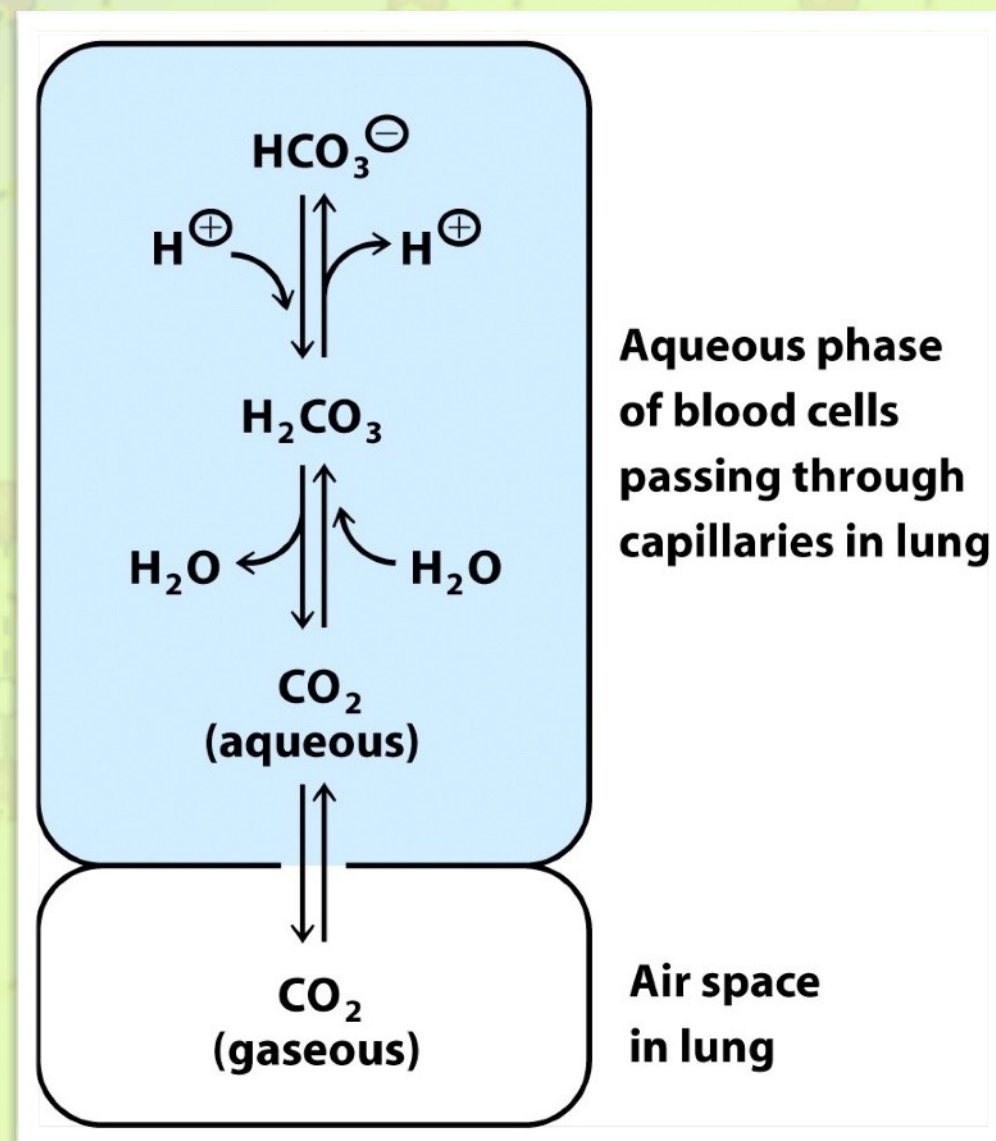
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The background of the slide features a faint, repeating pattern of water molecules. Each molecule is represented by a small red sphere (oxygen) and two smaller white spheres (hydrogen) connected by lines. These molecules are arranged in a hexagonal lattice, with dashed yellow lines representing the hydrogen bonds between the oxygen of one molecule and the hydrogen of another. The overall color scheme is a gradient from light blue on the left to light green on the right.

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Lecture 3 – Amino Acids and Protein Primary Structure

- ✦ Read Chapter 3 of Moran et al.