

# Chem 452 – Lecture 7

## Carbohydrates

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Carbohydrates are one of the four major classes of biomolecules, which include the proteins, lipids and nucleic acids. In terms of total mass, carbohydrates make up the largest fraction of biomolecules in the biosphere. Carbohydrates have the basic chemical formula  $(\text{CH}_2\text{O})_n$  and derive their diversity of structure from the the multiple stereoisomers that they can form. They play many important biological roles, including sources and storage forms of chemical energy, components of nucleic acids, and structural roles such as cell walls. The are also found covalently bonded to proteins and lipids, where they play important roles in cell-cell communication.

# Problem

## Question:

Draw the structure of the  $\beta$ -anomer of the disaccharide formed by linking D-galactose to D-glucose using a  $\beta(1\rightarrow4)$  glycosidic bond.

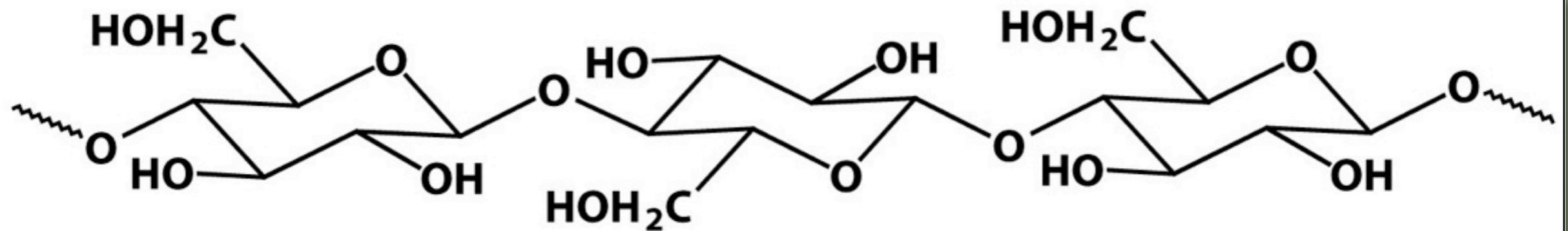
( $\beta$ -D-galactopyranosyl-(1-4)- $\beta$ -D-glucopyranose)

Name a natural source for this disaccharide.

What is the more common name for this disaccharide?

# Complex Carbohydrates

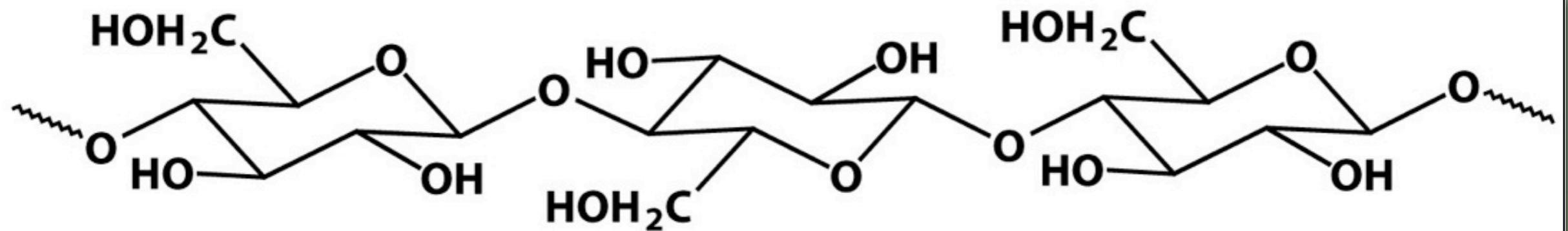
- ♦ Multiple monosaccharides can combine using glycosidic bonds to form **oligosaccharides** and **polysaccharides**
- **Cellulose** is a **homopolymer** of glucose joined by  $\beta$ -1,4 glycosidic bonds.



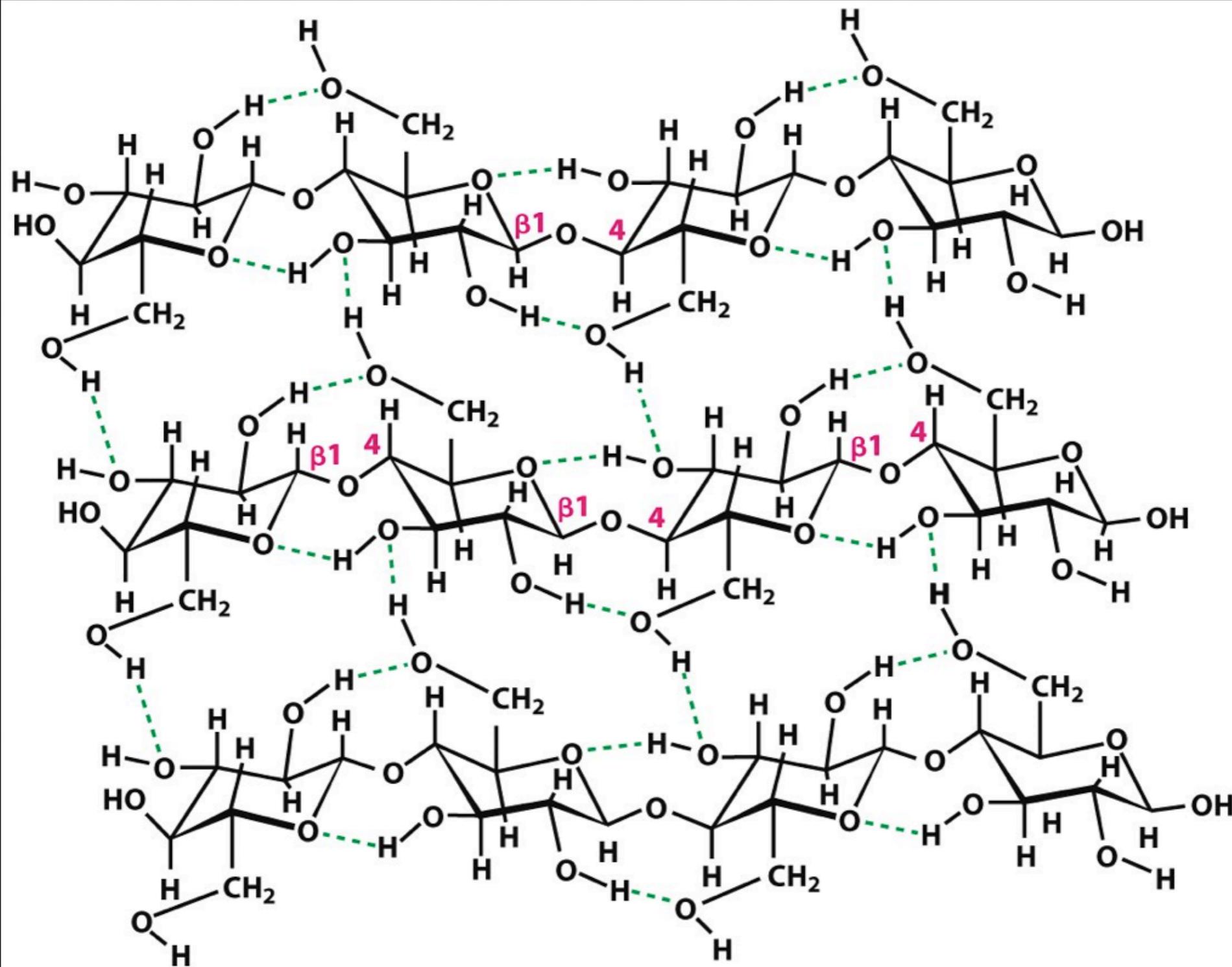
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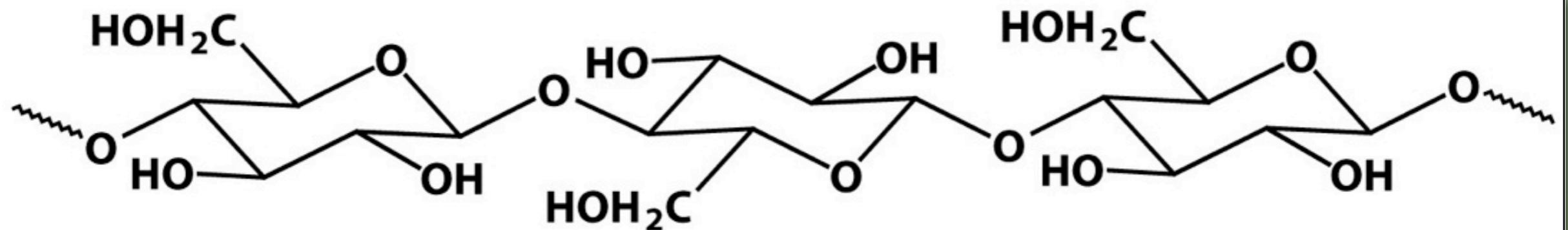
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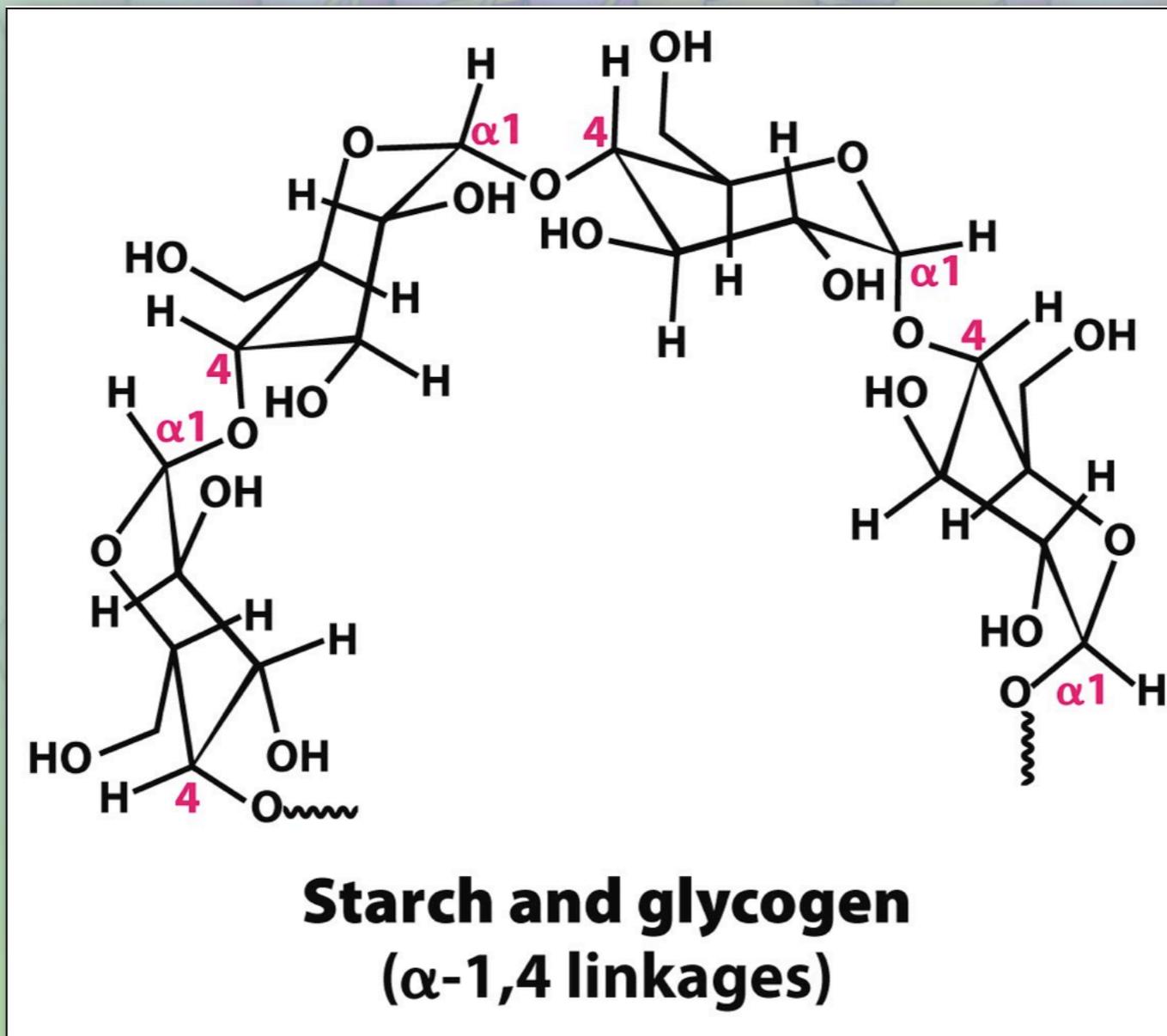
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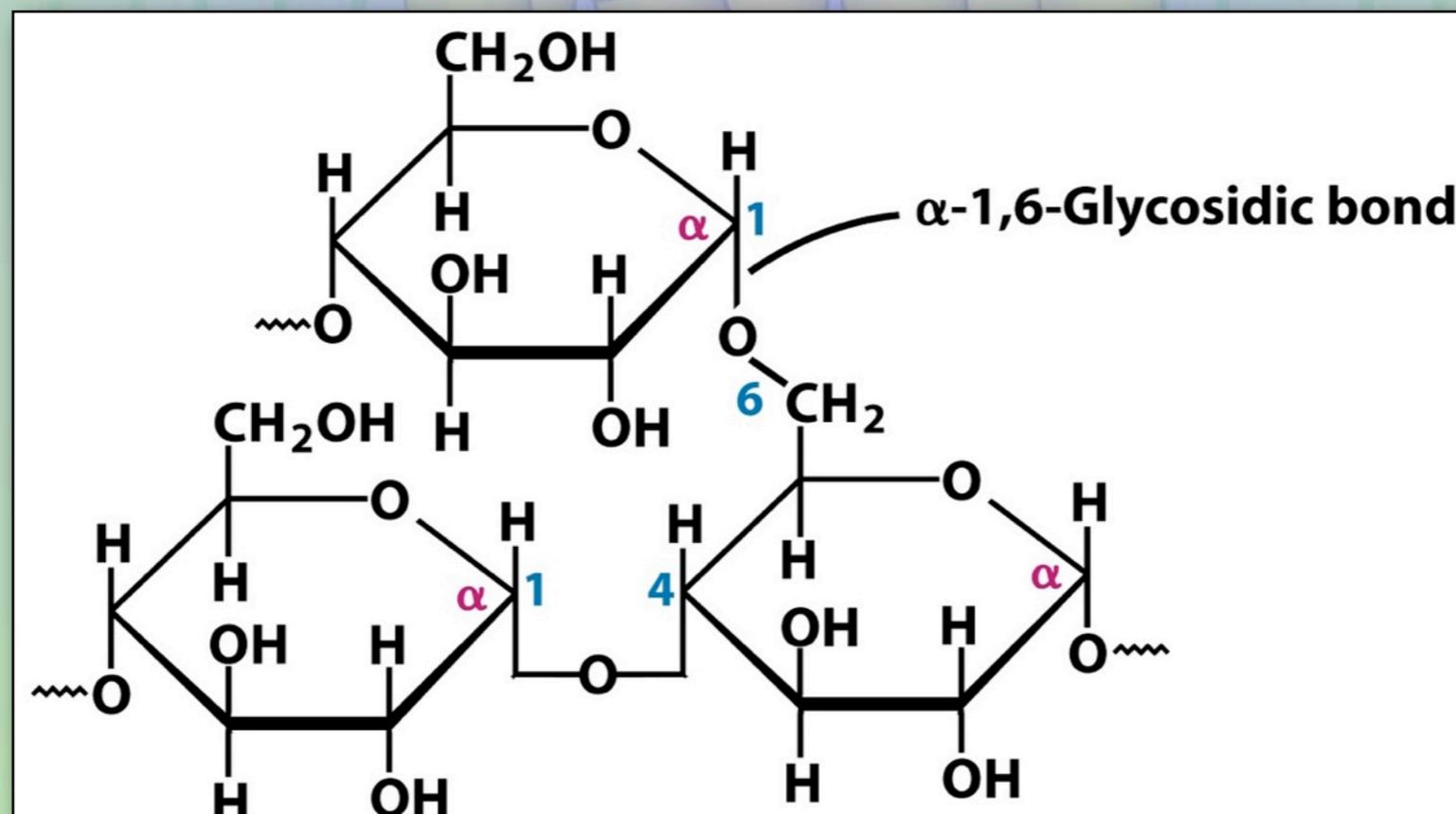
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- ✦ **Amylose (Starch)** is a **homopolymer** of glucose joined by  $\alpha$ -1,4 glycosidic bonds.



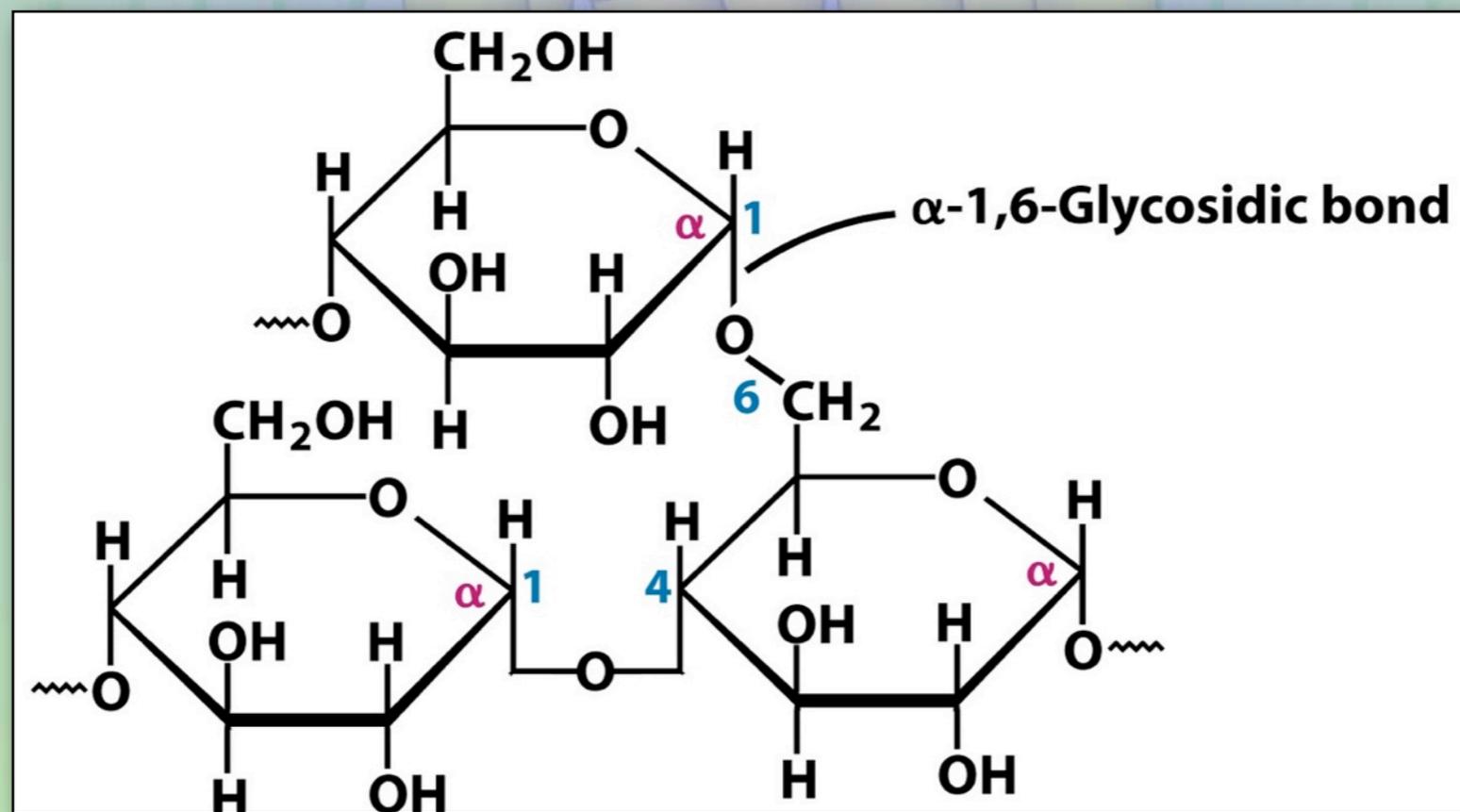
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- ✦ **Amylopectin (another form of Starch) and Glycogen are homopolymers of glucose** joined by  $\alpha$ -1,4 glycosidic bonds, along with  $\alpha$ -1,6 branch points.



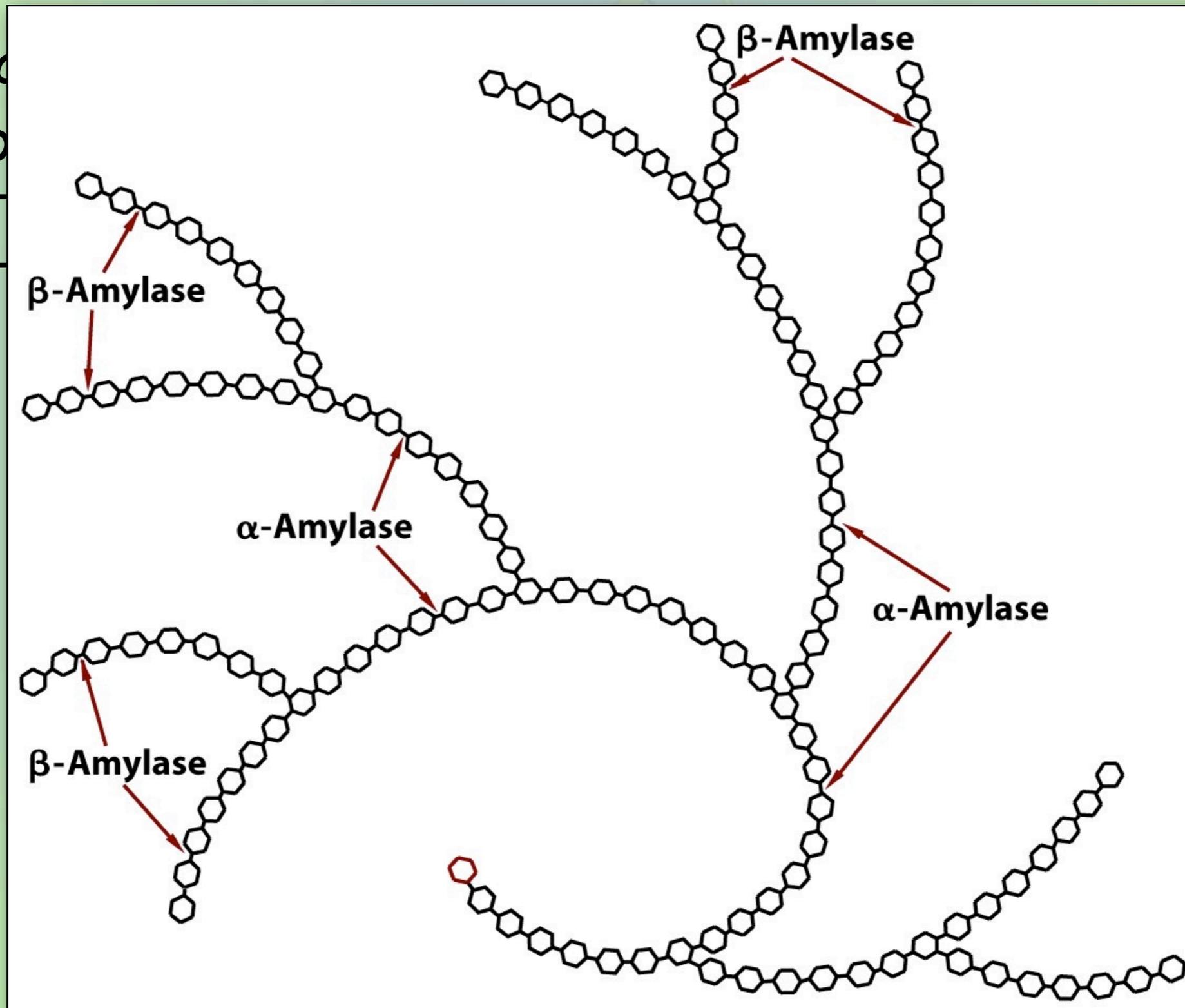
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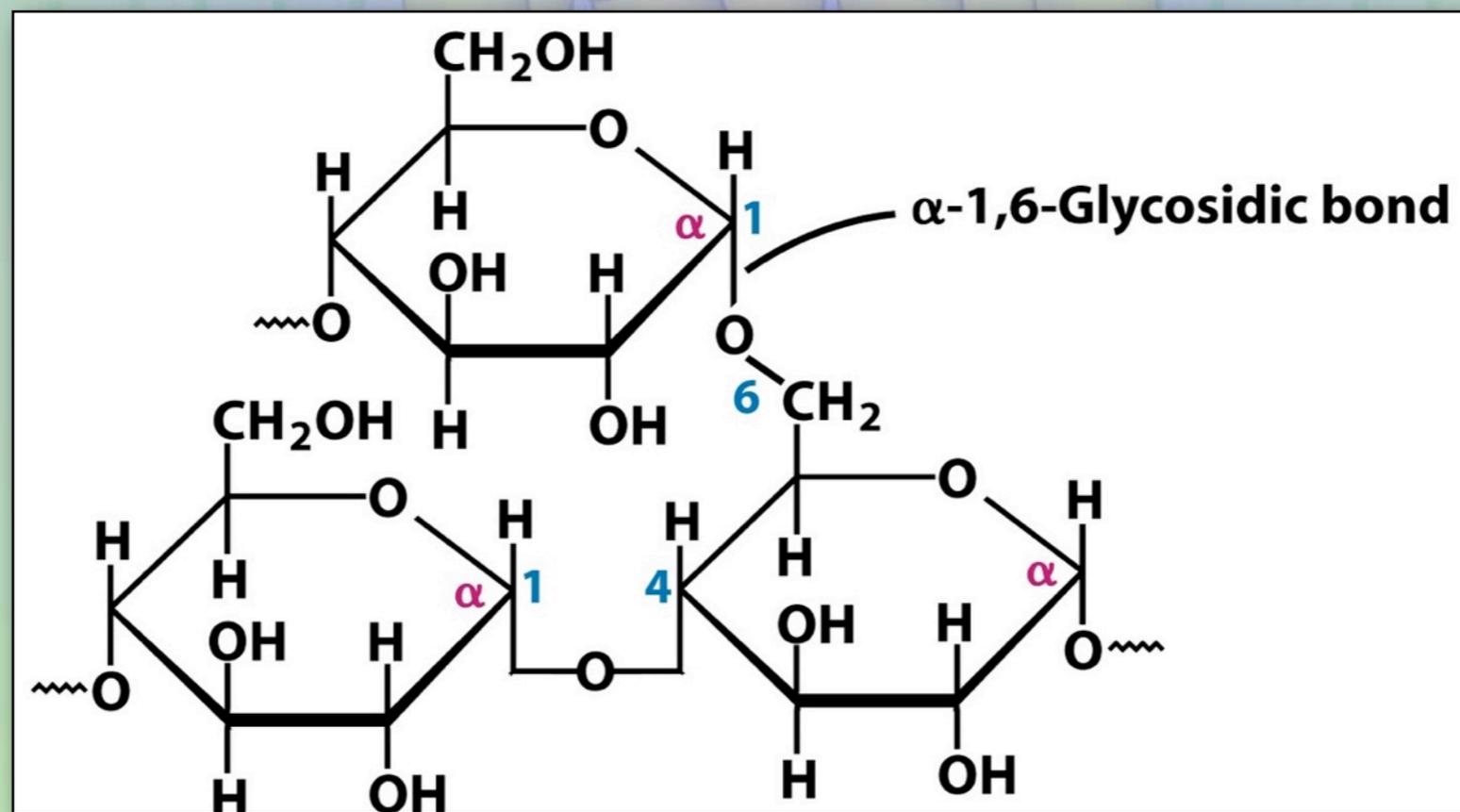
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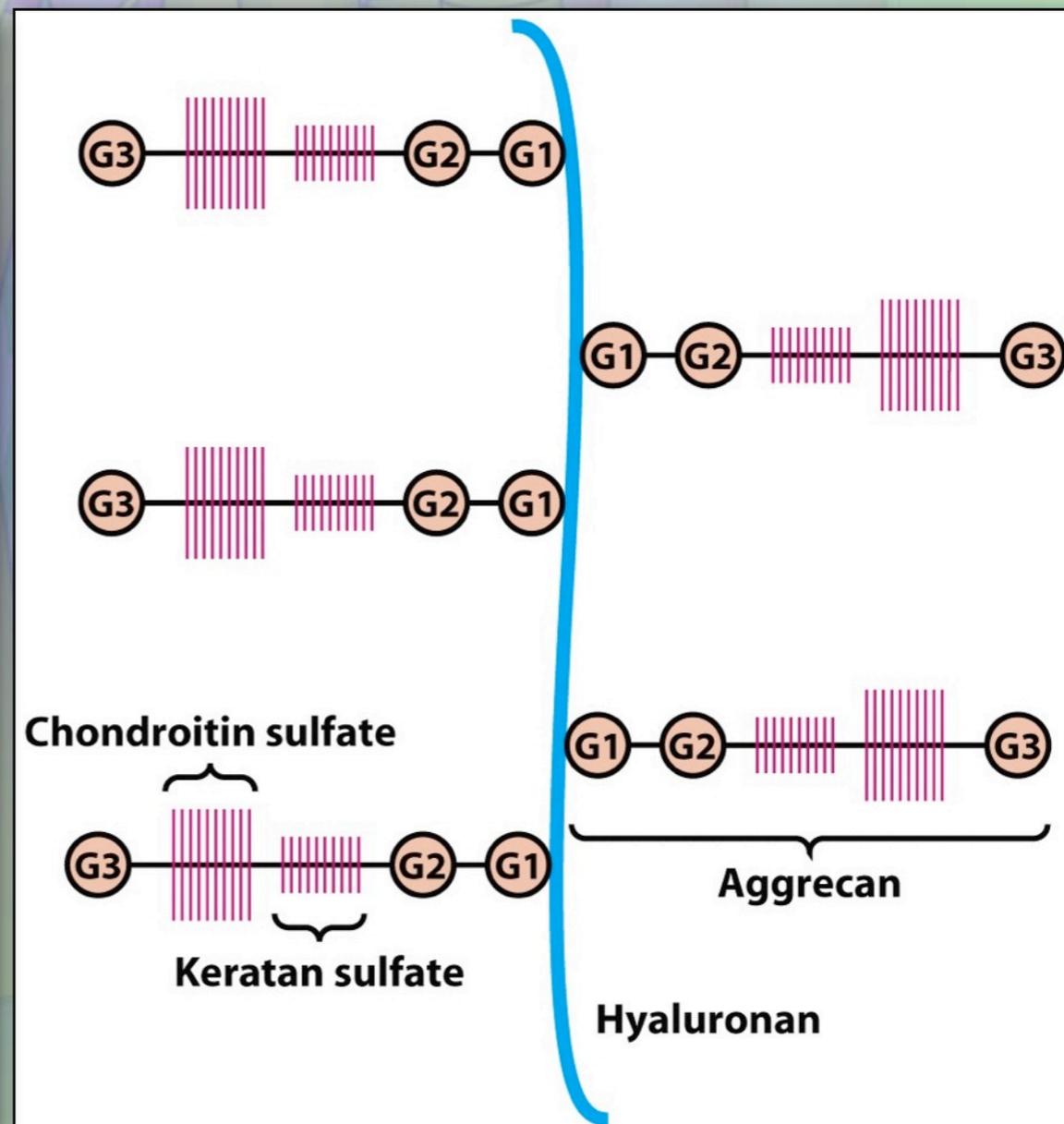
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- ✦ **Proteoglycans** are a combination of protein and oligosaccharides called **glycosaminoglycans**.
  - They are used to cushion and lubricate joints.



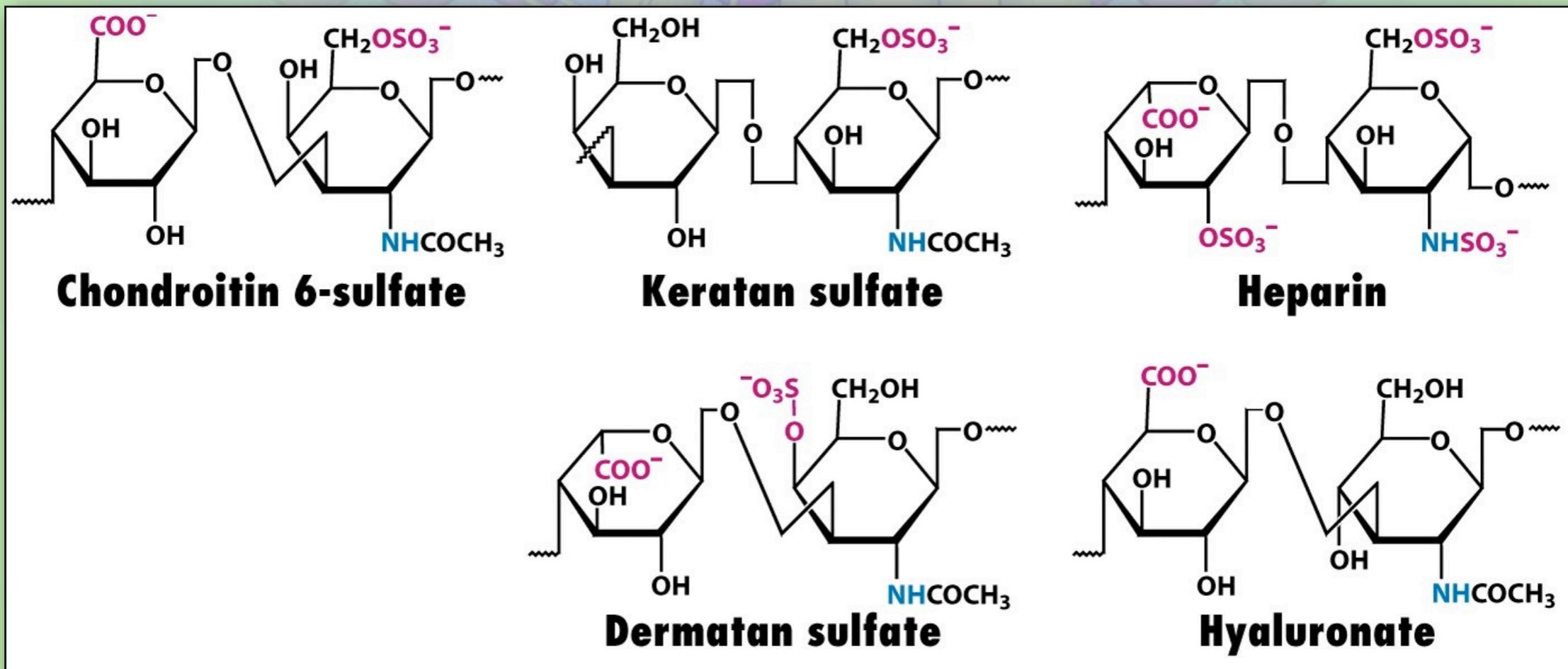
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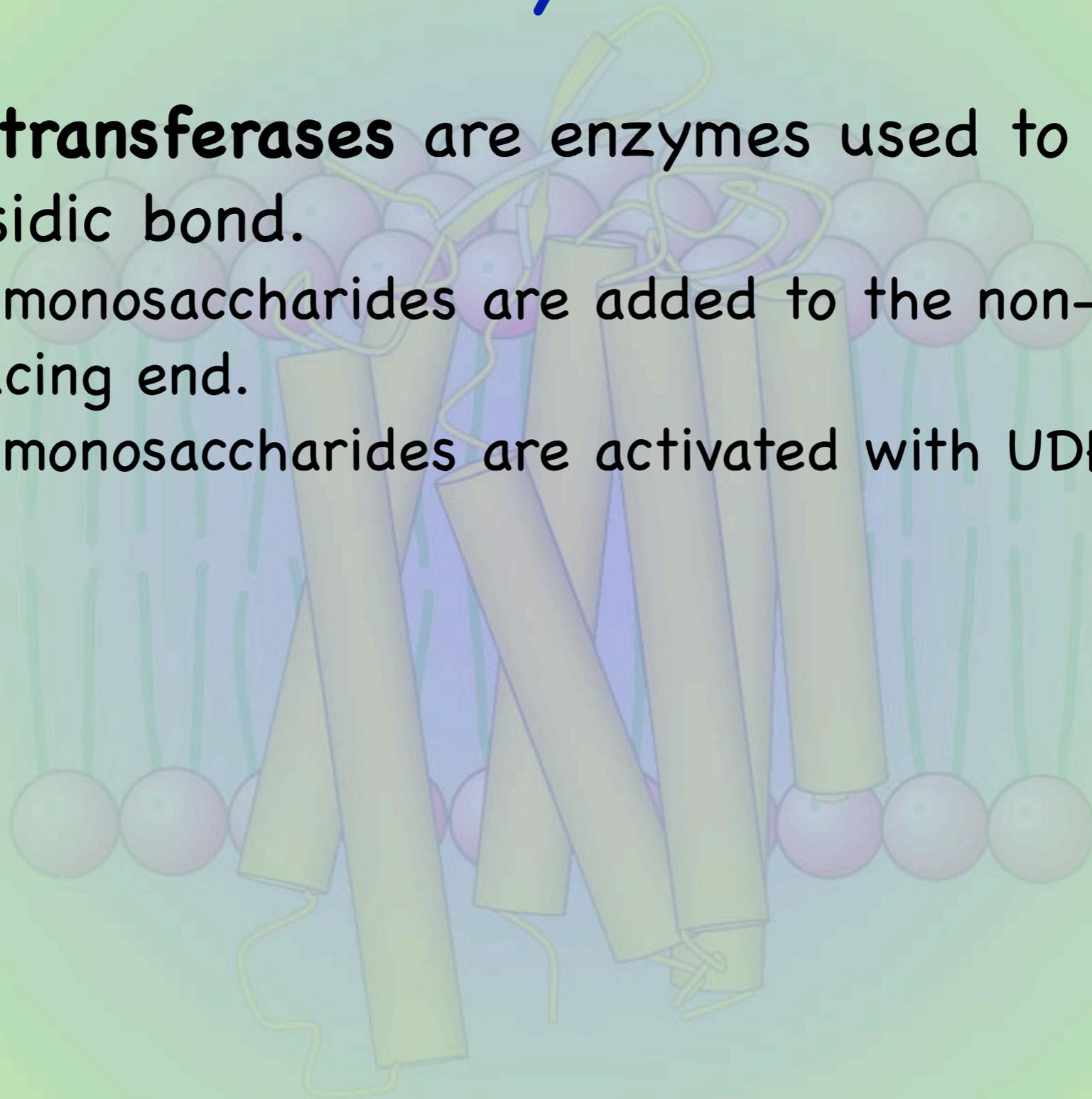
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- ✦ **Glycosaminoglycans** are highly charged and very hydrophilic



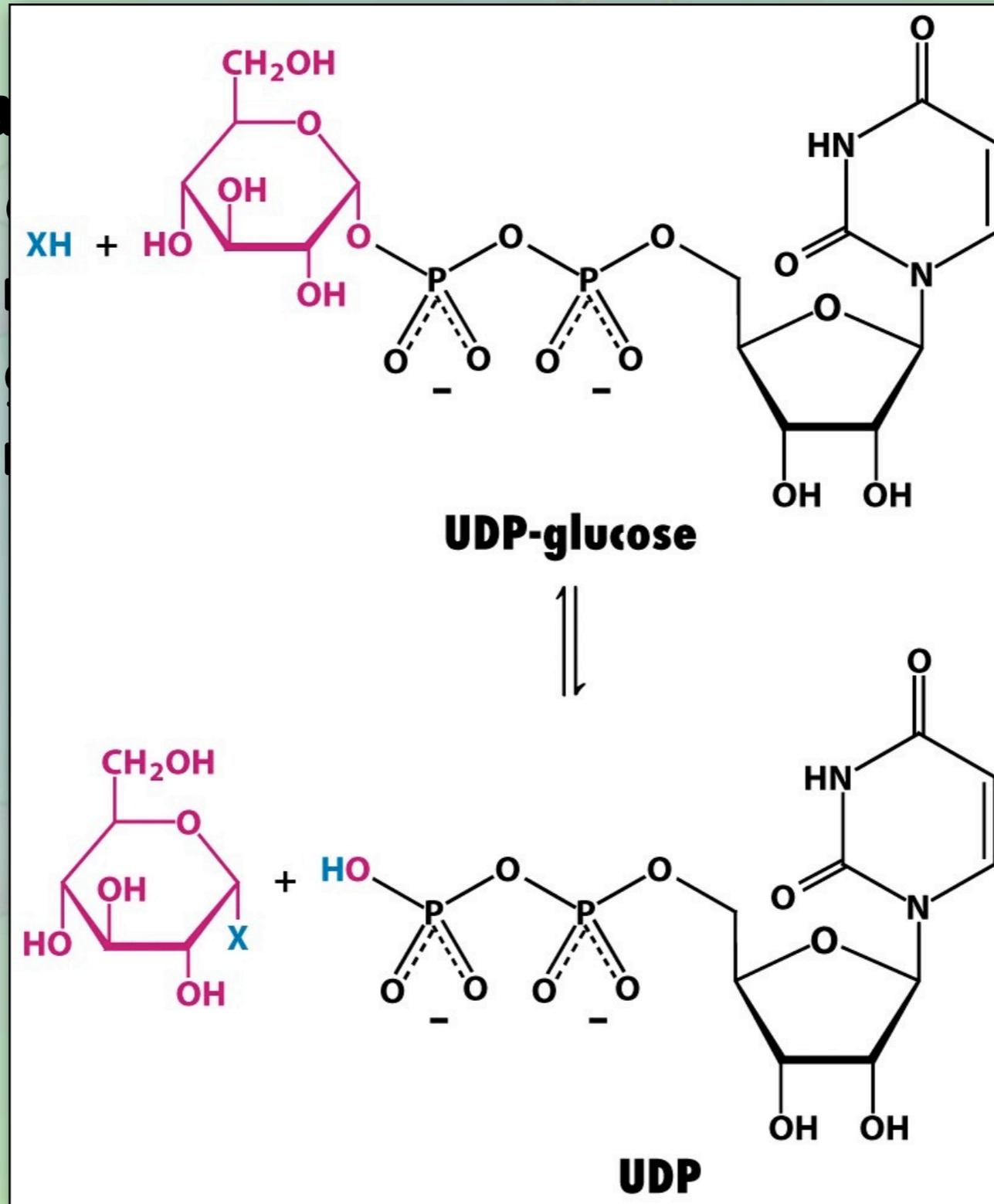
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- ✦ **Glycotransferases** are enzymes used to form glycosidic bond.
  - The monosaccharides are added to the non-reducing end.
  - The monosaccharides are activated with UDP



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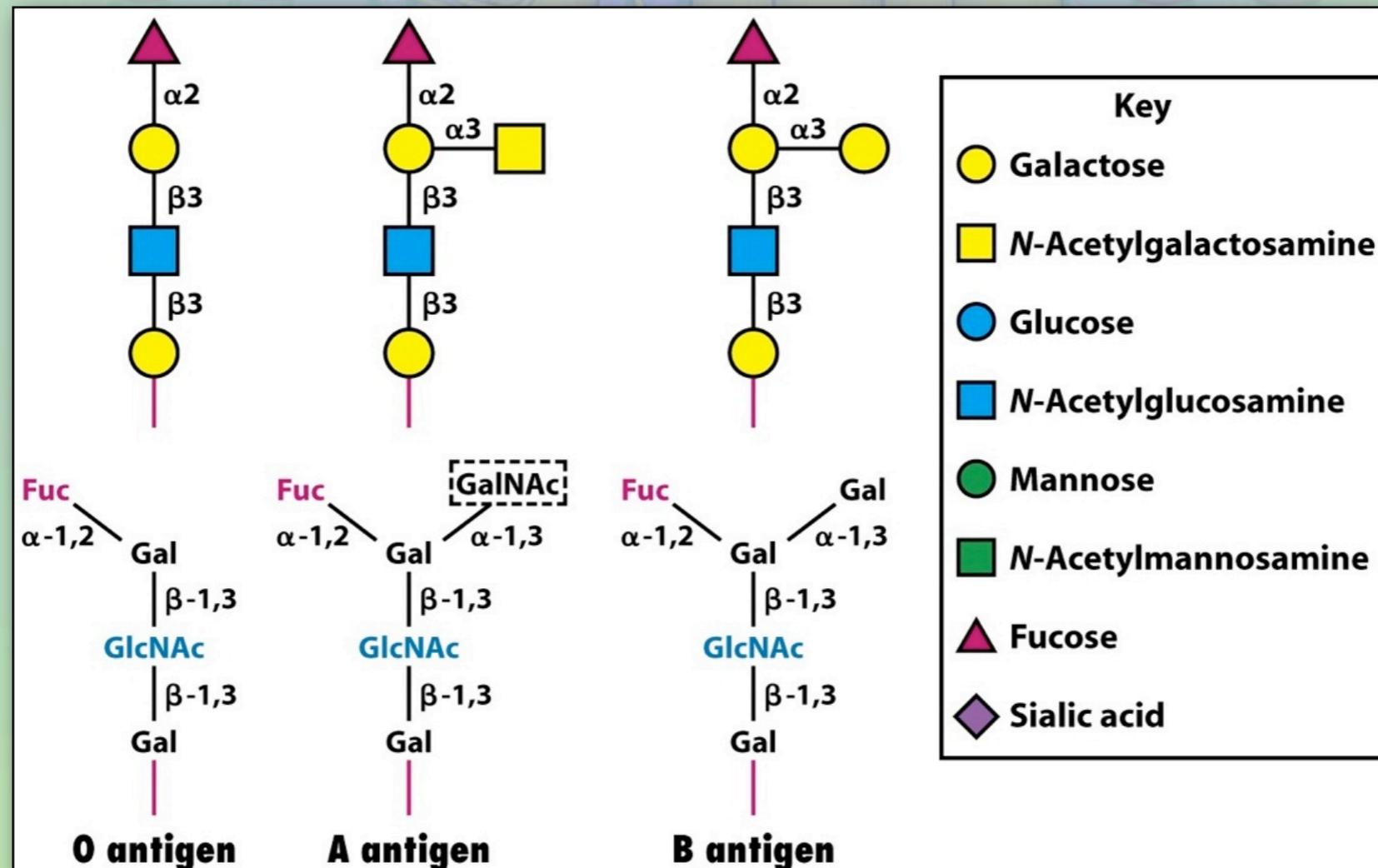
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  - glycosidic bond
  - The more reducing
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# Complex Carbohydrates

- ♦ The human ABO blood types are determined by oligosaccharides attached to proteins and membrane lipids.



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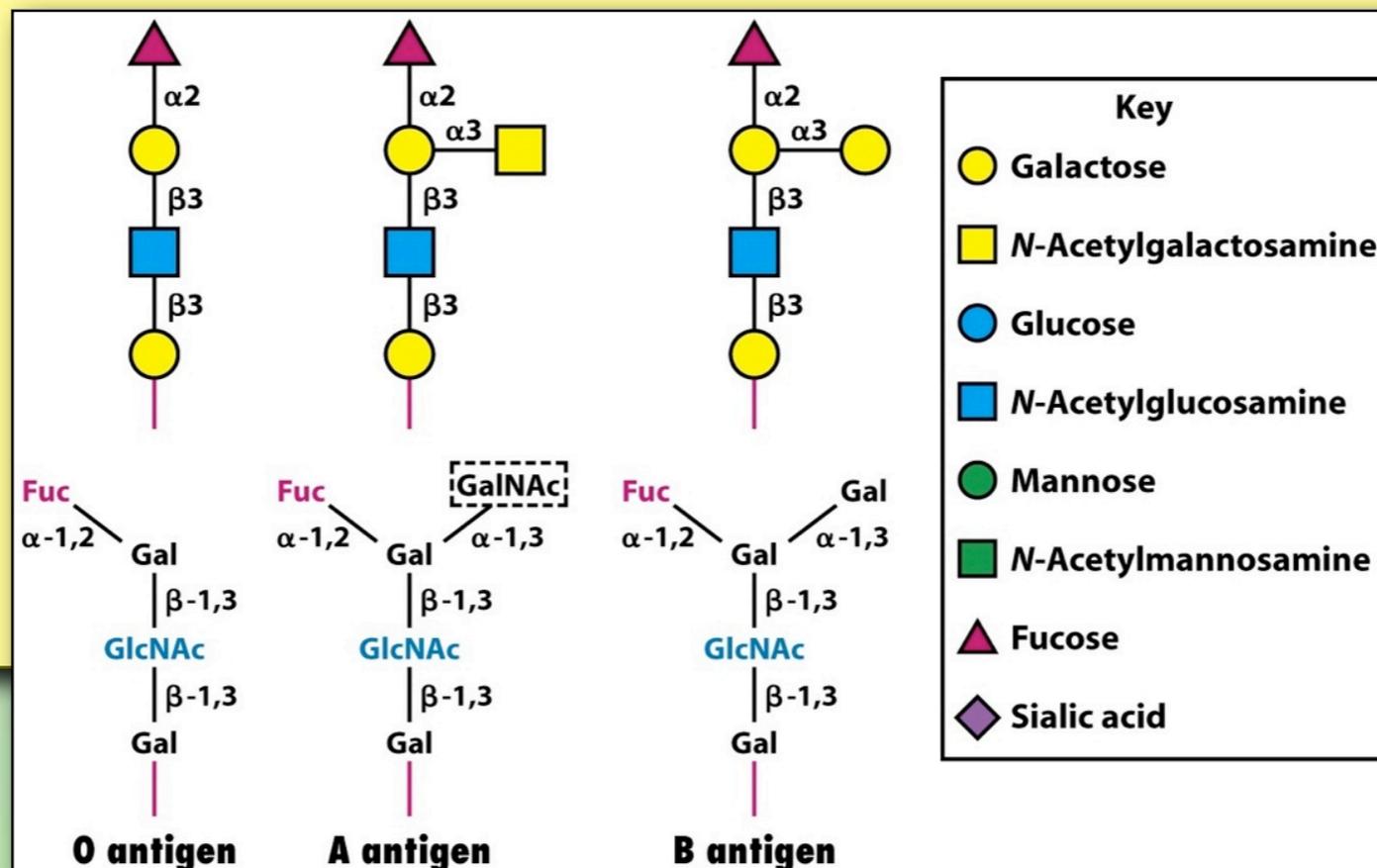
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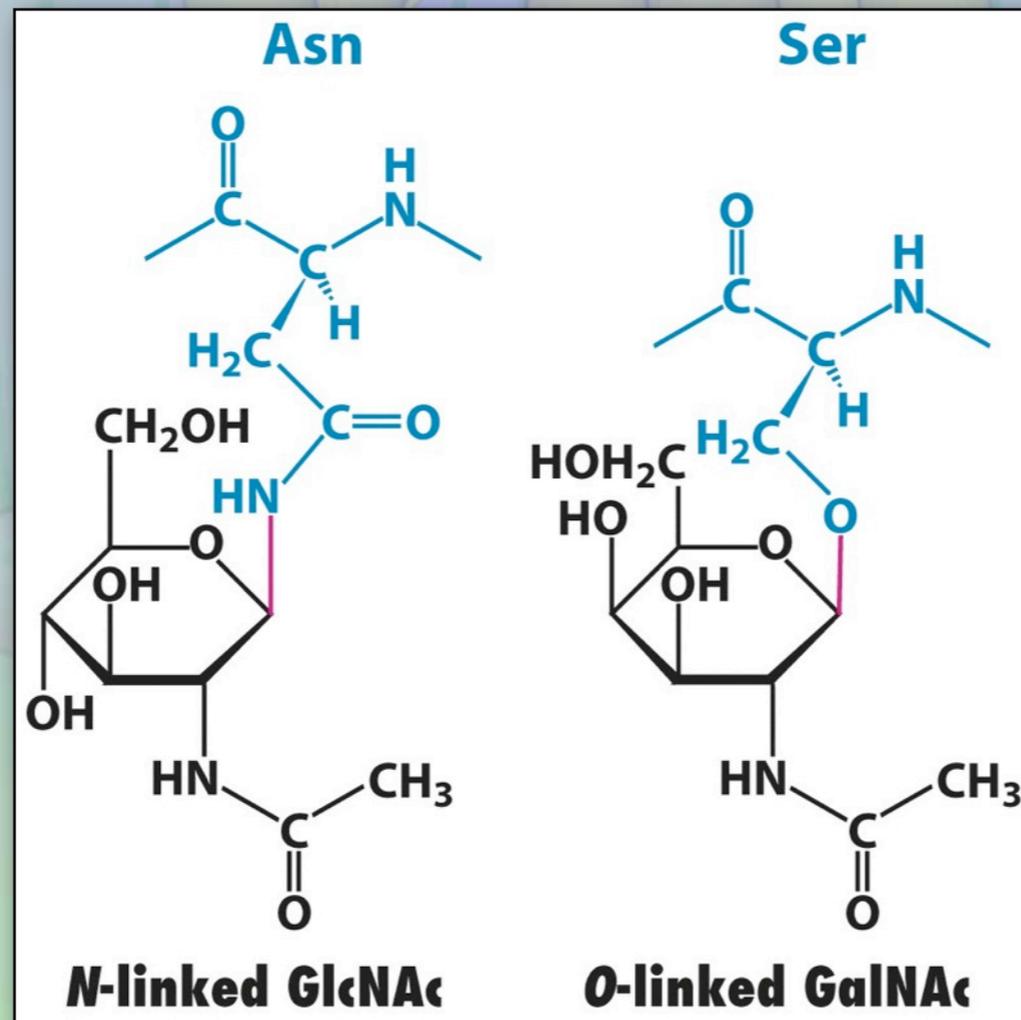
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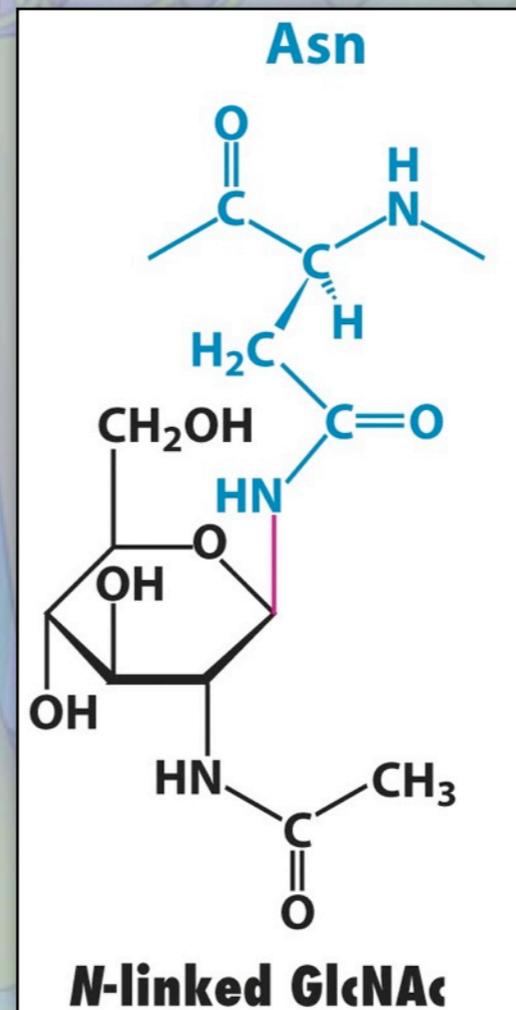
- ♦ Membrane and extracellular proteins are often glycosylated with oligosaccharides.
  - These linked to either serine or asparagine residues.



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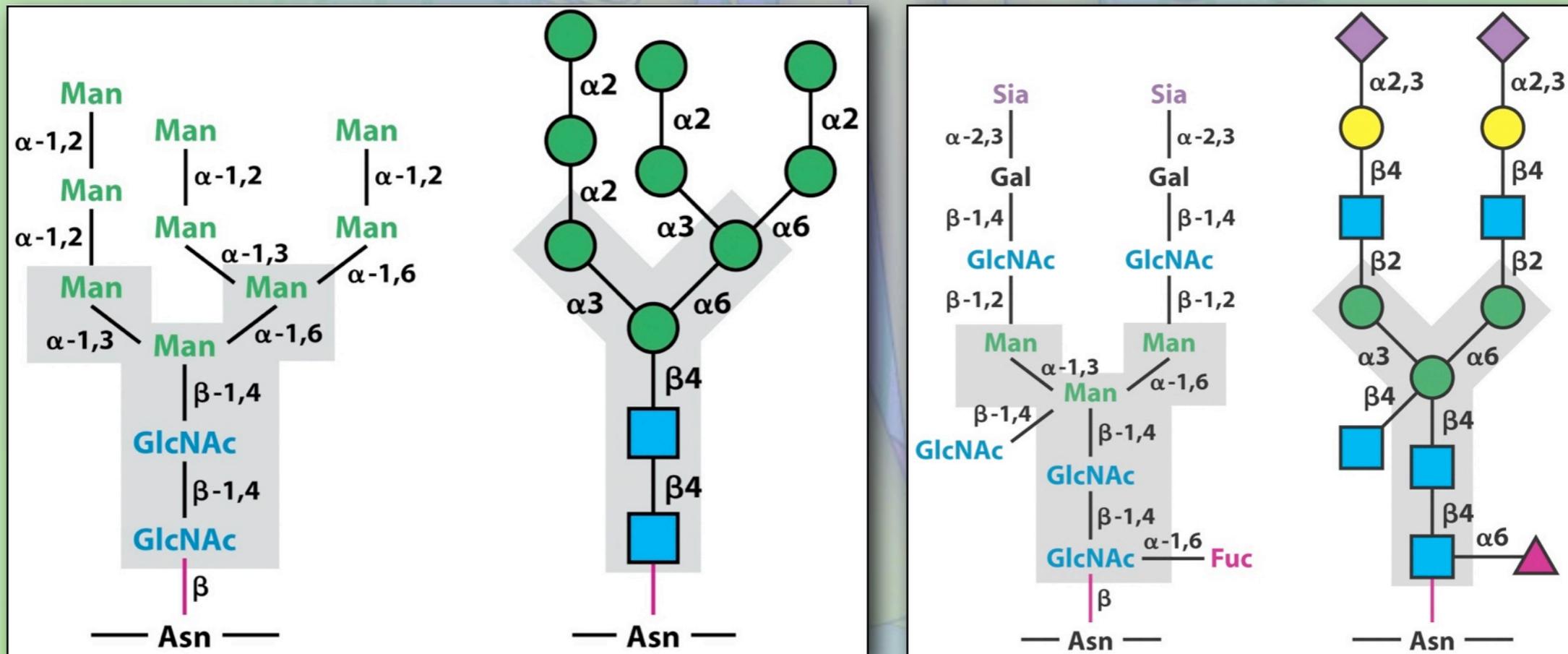
- ♦ N-linked oligosaccharides attached at specific sequences.

Asn-X-Ser  
Asn-X-Thr



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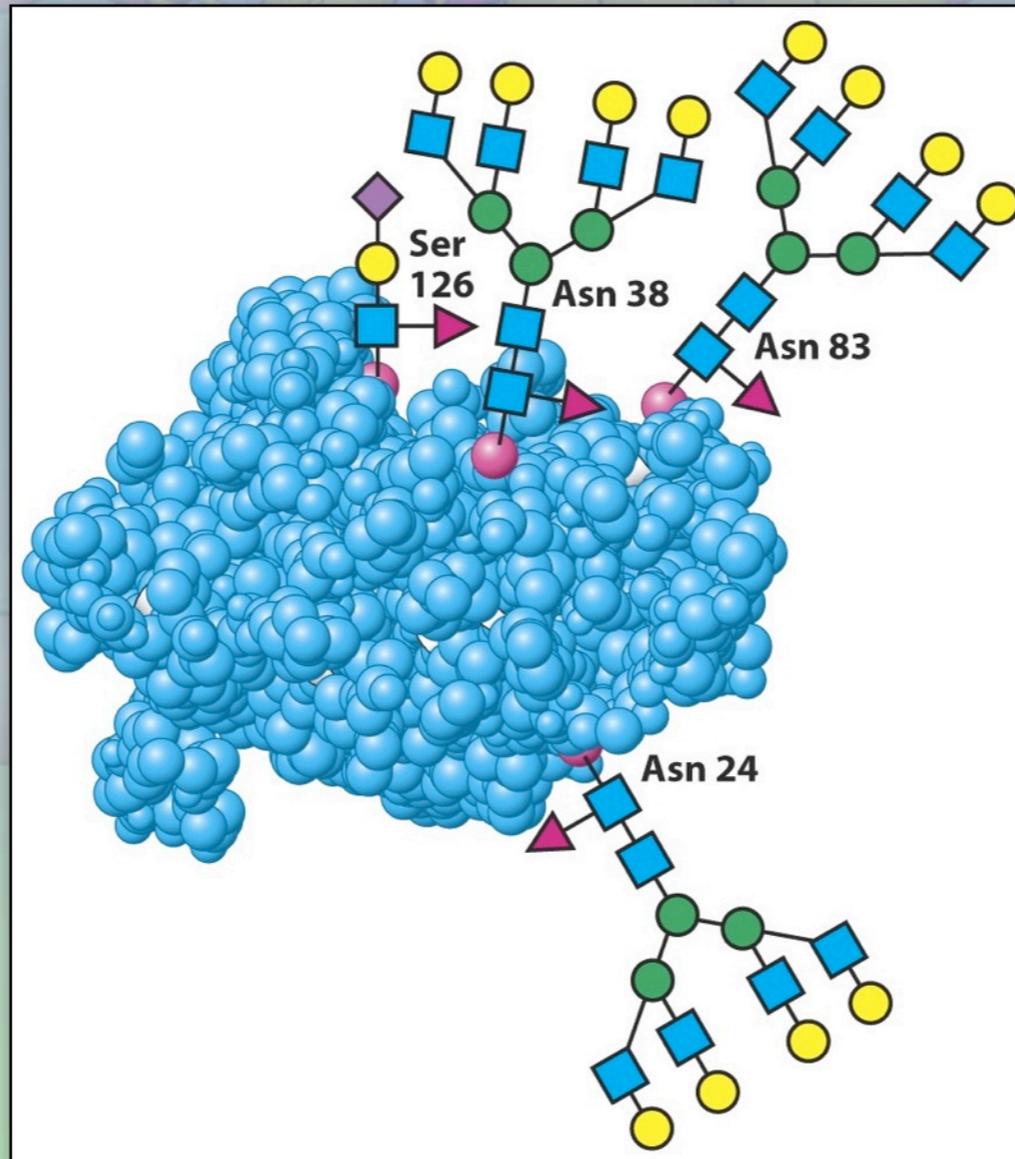
- ♦ N-linked oligosaccharides have a pentasaccharide core.



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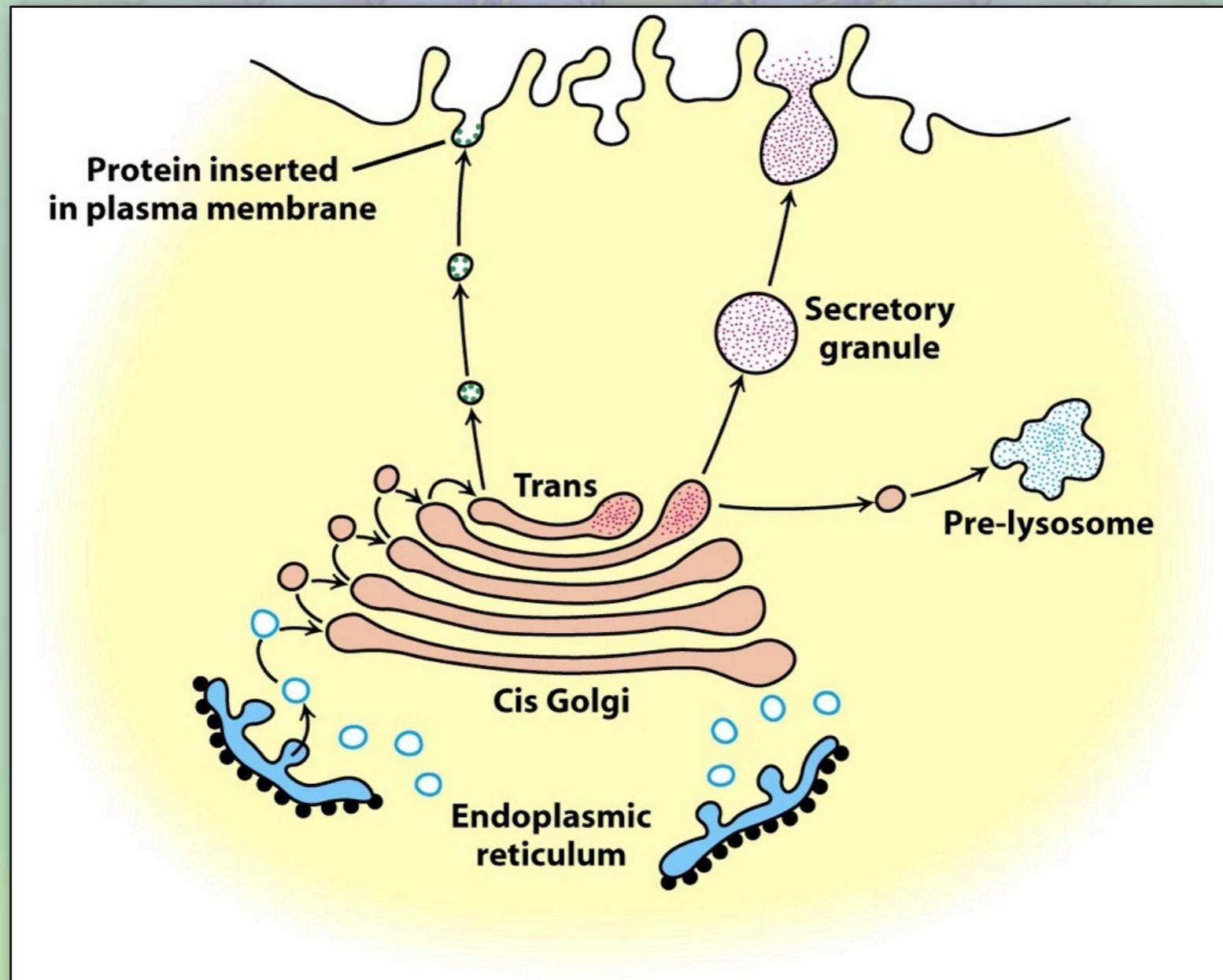
- ✦ Erythropoietin stimulates RBC production and contains examples of both N-linked and O-linked oligosaccharides.

Erythropoietin is 40% carbohydrate by weight.



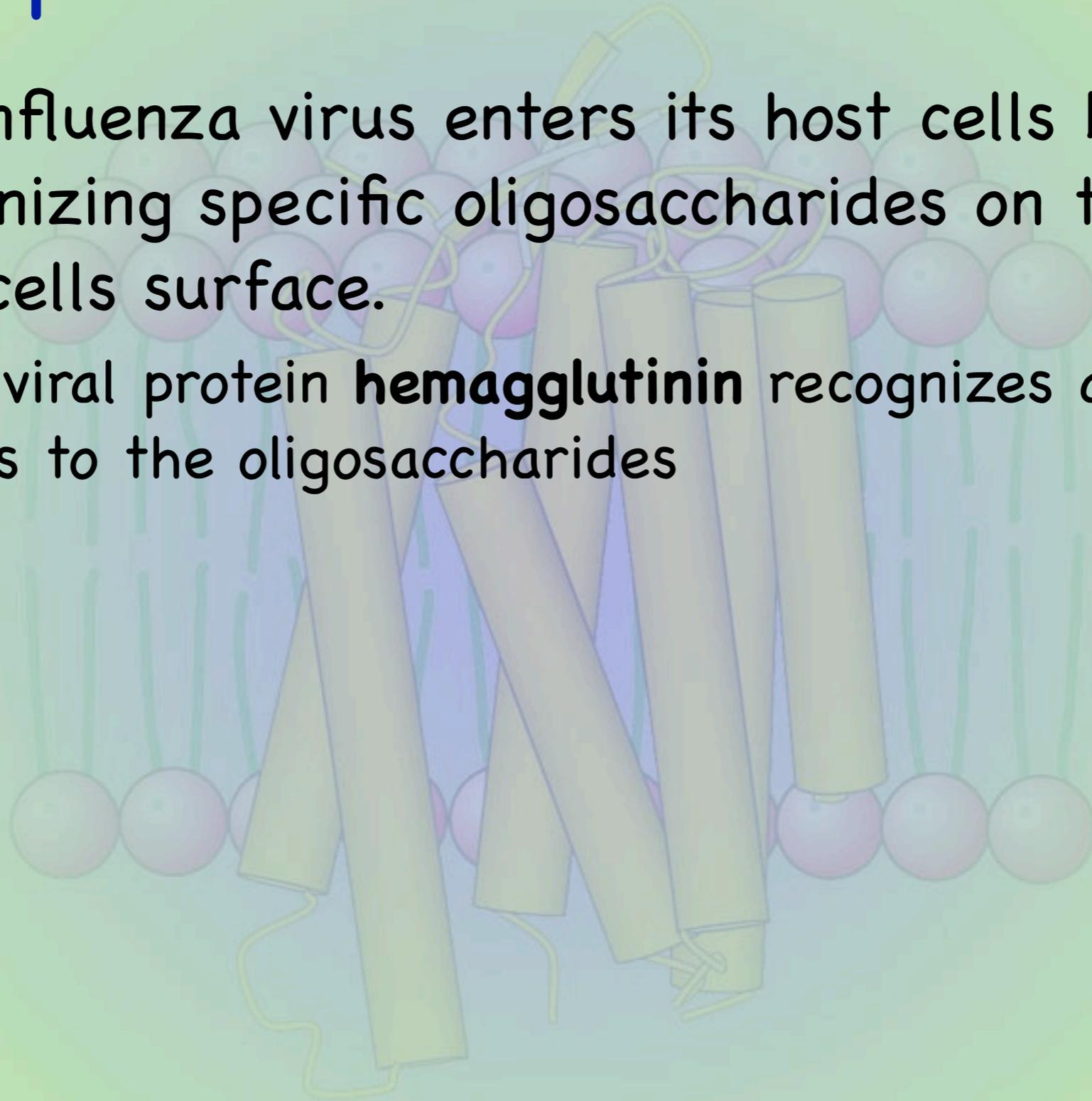
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- ✦ Glycosylation takes place in the endoplasmic reticulum and the Golgi apparatus.



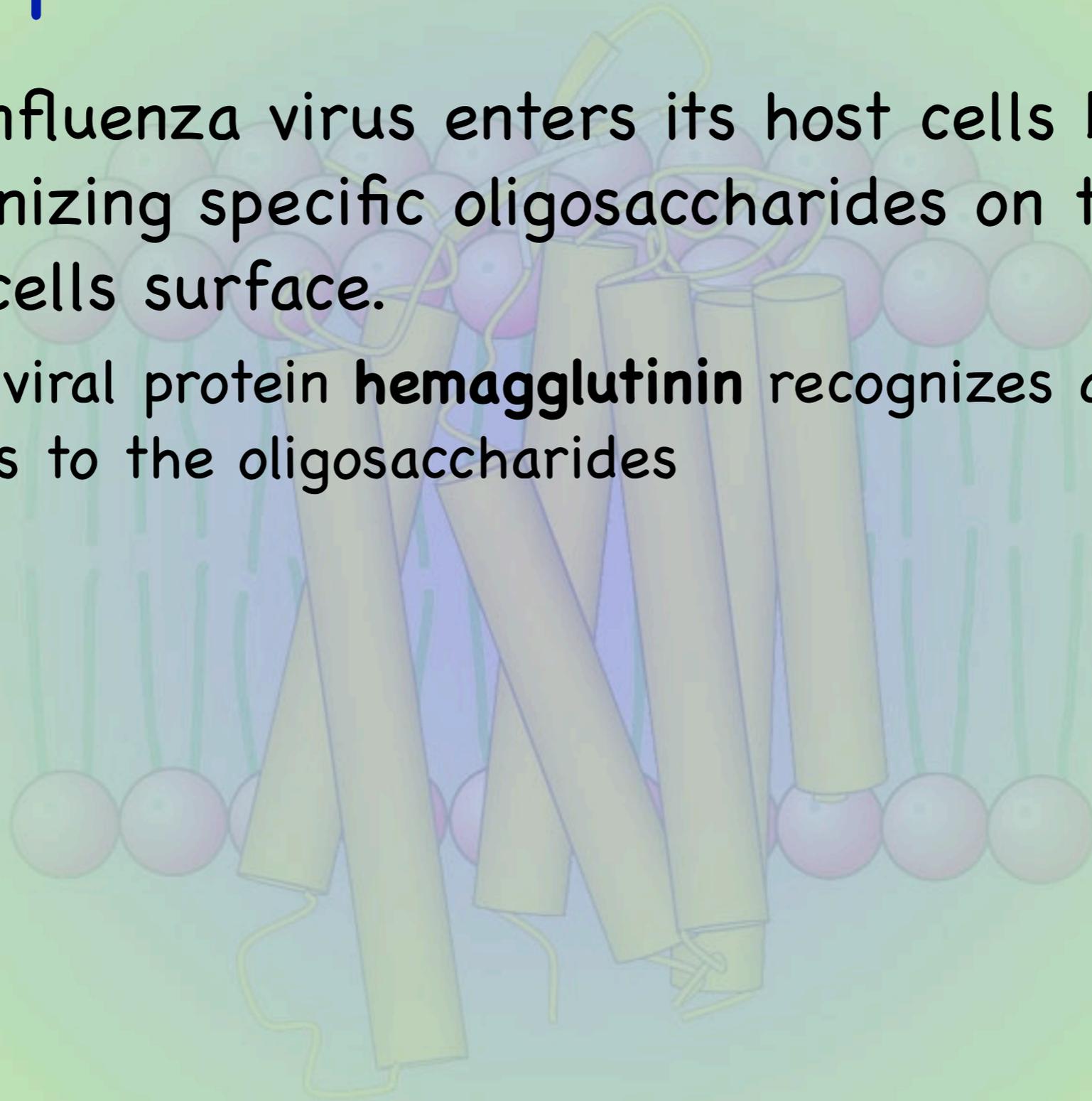
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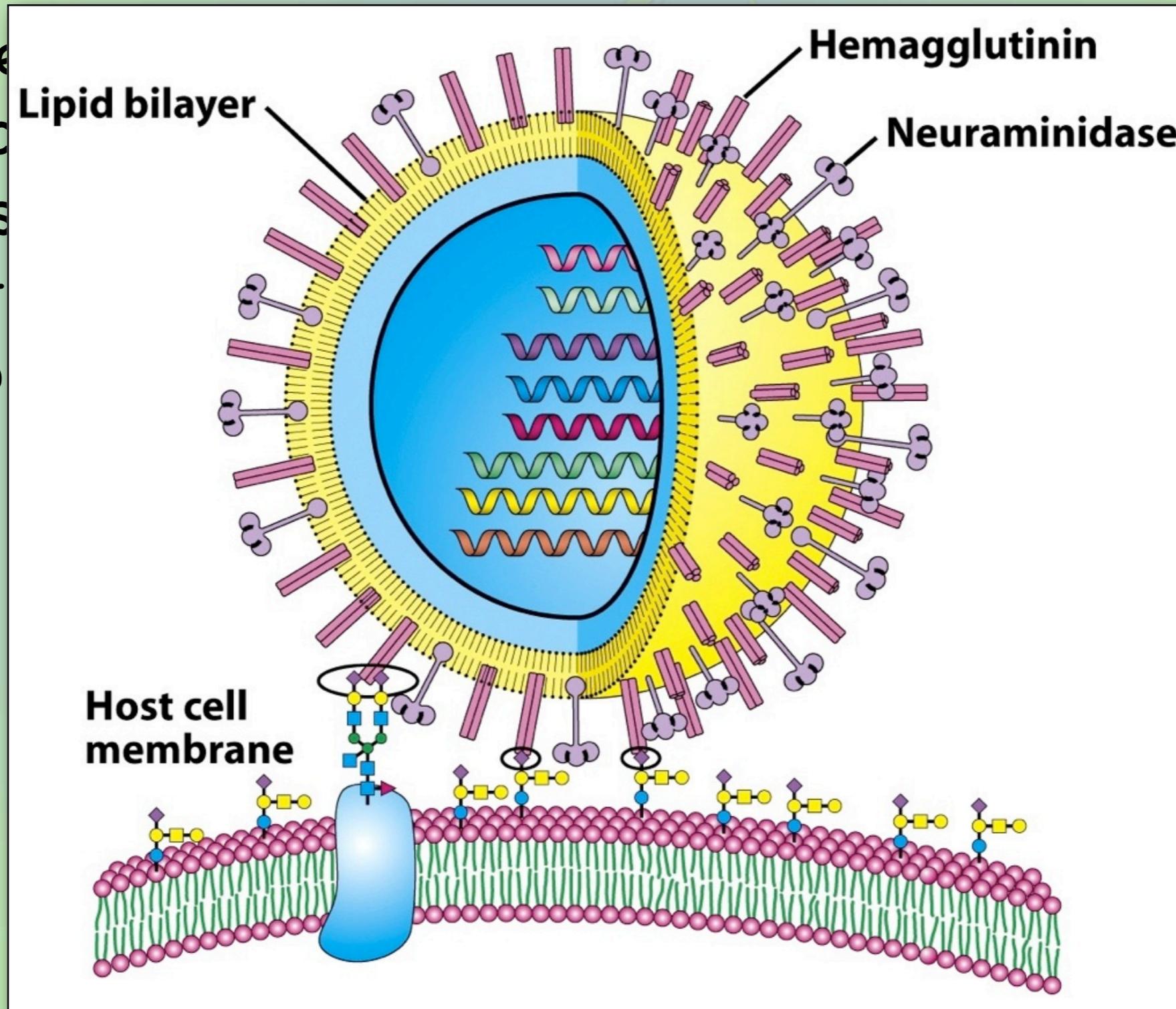
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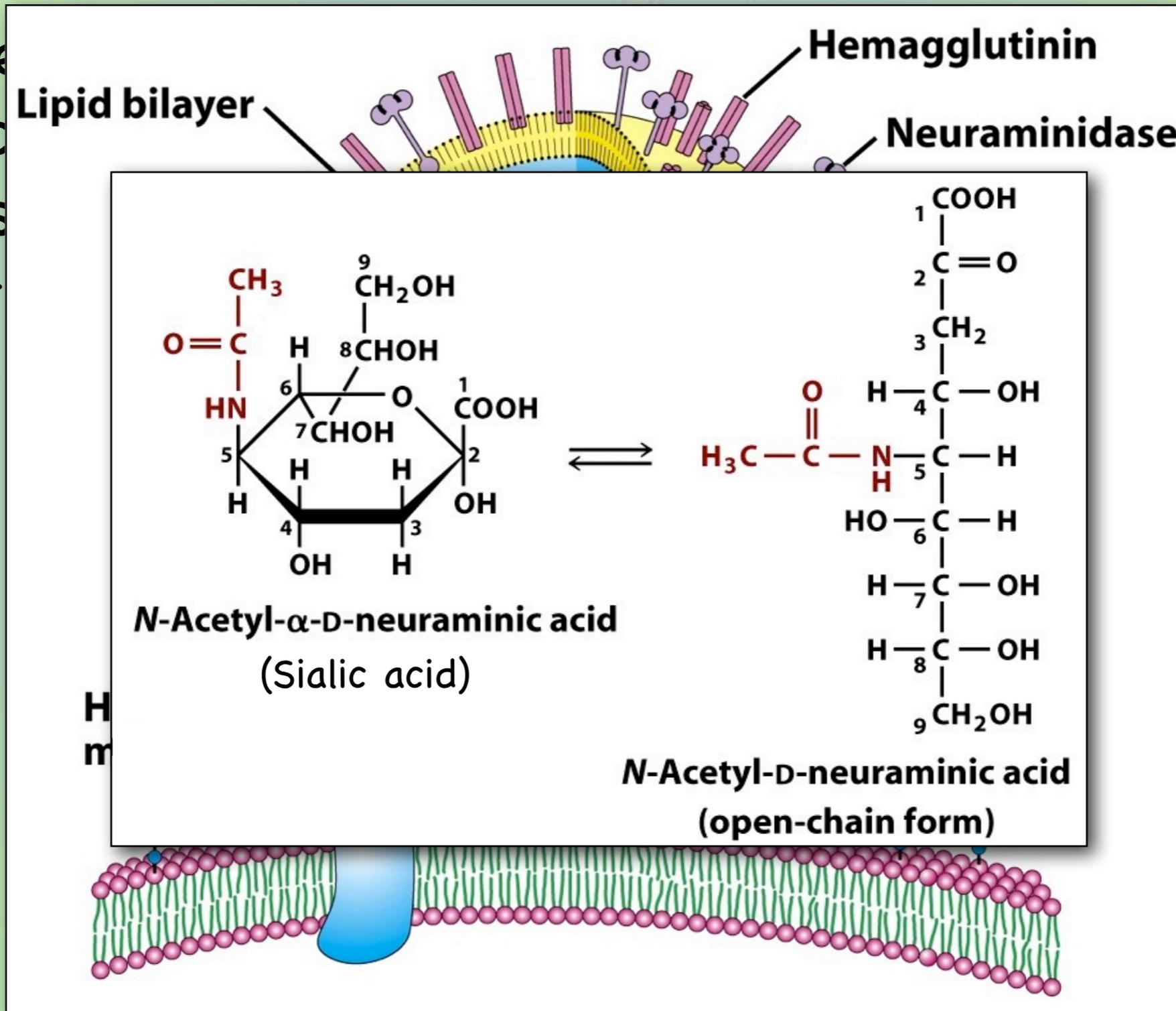
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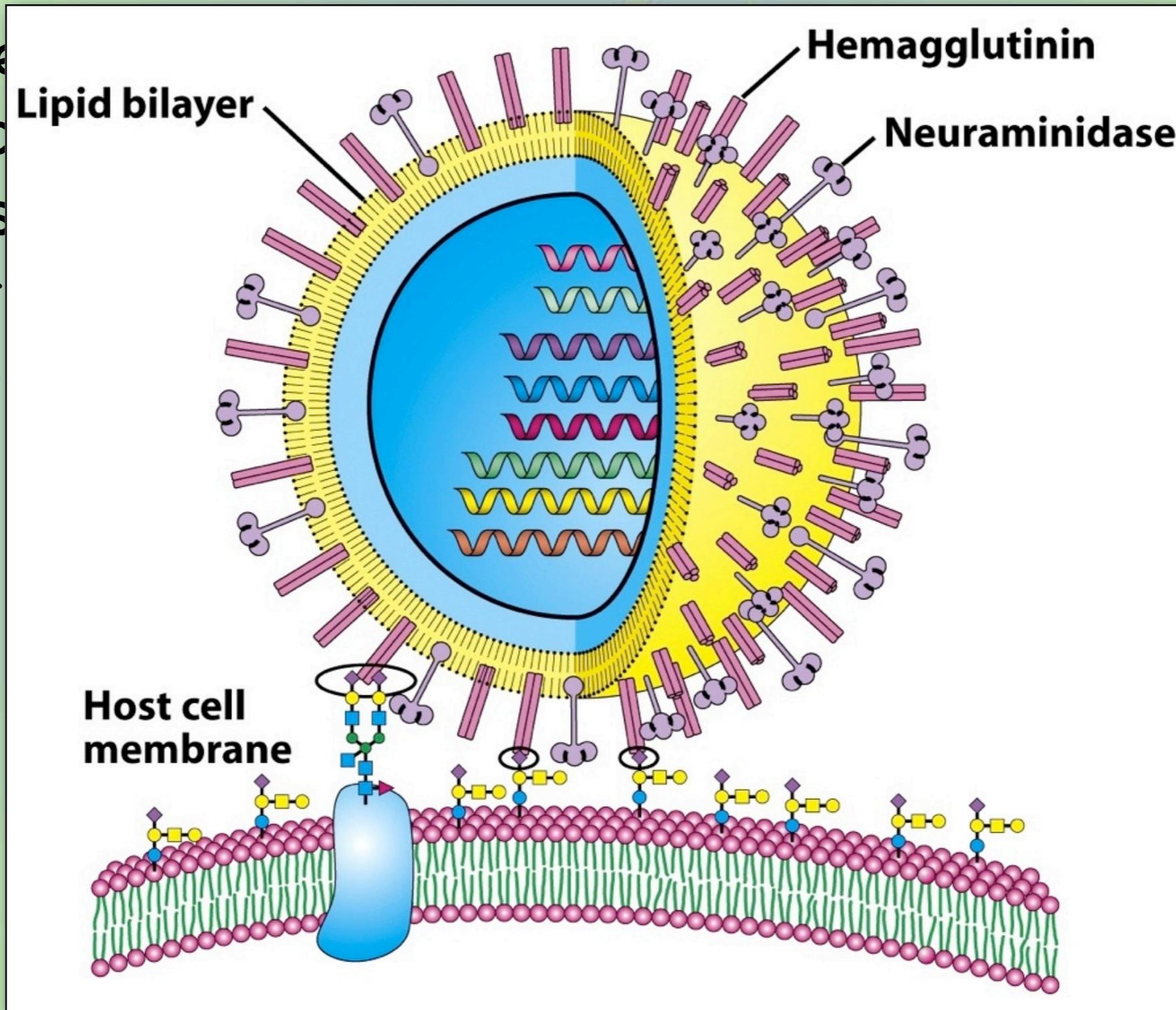
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# Next up

- ♦ Unit IV, Lecture 8 - Lipids and Cell Membranes (Chapter 12)

