

Biochemistry 1

- send answer to iClicker Question 13A now.
- Macromolecules
 - introduction, buildup & breakdown
 - types & the big picture
 - lipids & cells
- iClicker Question 13B

⇒ Due in lab THIS week:

- Pre-lab for lab 05 (Lab Manual page 73 & on-line)
- VGL II lab report

Exam I: Monday 10/19 (info in Chemistry 2 handout)

- Last names starting with **A through E**: 11th floor of Healy Library
- Last names starting with **F through Z**: Lipke Auditorium (here)
(1 bonus point for going to right room)

Macromolecules • 1,000 → 1,000,000+ atoms

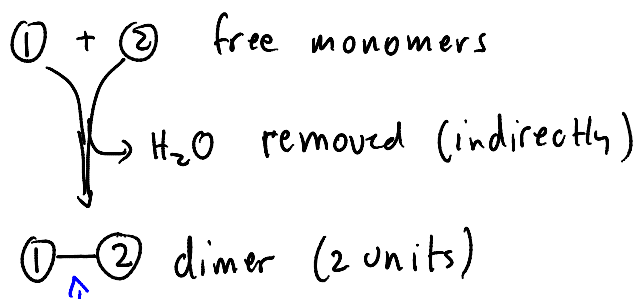
• do most of important body/cell functions

* polymers of simple "building blocks"

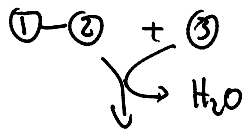
Polymers = "many units" units = monomers
"single units"

ex. ① & ② "building blocks" monomers ~ lego bricks
Small molecules 10-50 atoms

"building up"
polymerization
(chemically
dehydration
synthesis)



covalent bond

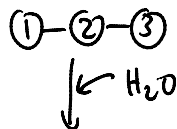


$\textcircled{1}-\textcircled{2}-\textcircled{3} \dots \rightarrow \text{etc} \rightarrow \text{polymer}$

- * each step requires
 - ① energy
 - ② information (from genes)
 - ③ specific "assemblers"

* sequence of monomers determines properties & function

breaking down = "hydrolysis" H_2O usually directly involved



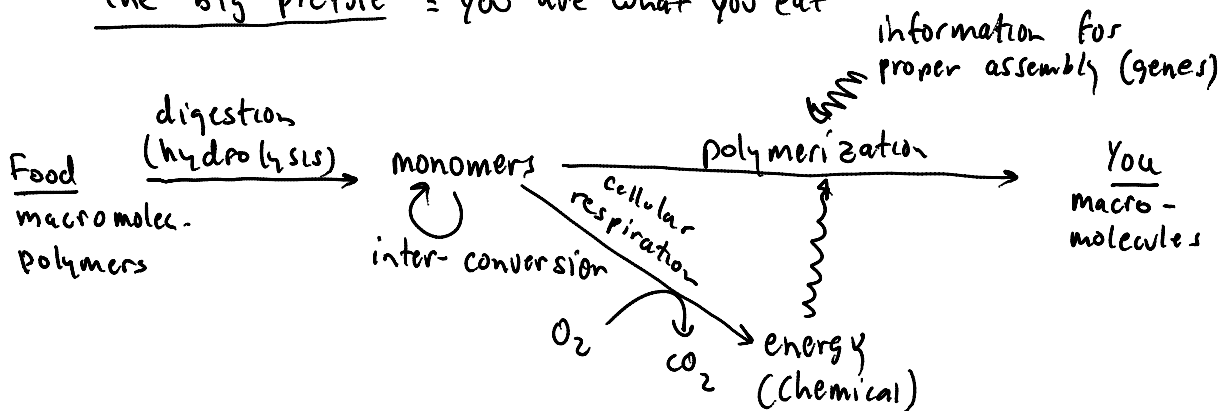
$\textcircled{1}-\textcircled{2} + \textcircled{3}$
etc

- * no energy required
- * no information required
- * done by specific enzymes

Types of macromolecules in Bio 111 (rough #s)

		polymers	corresponding monomer
You → { 80% H_2O 20% stuff	→ { 90% macromolecules 10% misc small molecules (monomers, etc.)	55% protein	amino acid
		20% nucleic acid	nucleotide
		15% polysaccharide	sugar
		10% lipid	fatty acid

The "big picture" = you are what you eat



Lipids * small macromolecules

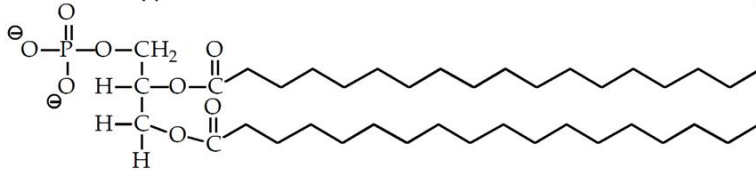
* stick together in large structures due to 'phobic effect

one important type: phospholipid

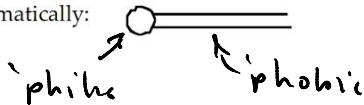
lipids a phospholipid

hydrophilic "head"

hydrophobic "tail"

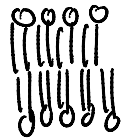


schematically:

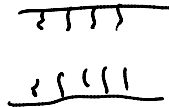


in water, 'phobic parts stick together to form
phospholipid bilayer

H₂O



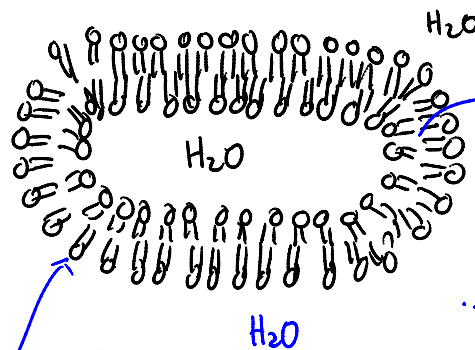
≈ velcro



H₂O

Q: how to make exposed 'phobic edges "happy" ?

A:
make
hollow
sphere



Biochemistry 1-2

membrane

'phobic core

∴ most H₂O-soluble
molecules can't pass
through

∴ good for keeping
molecules in/out

⇒ a cell