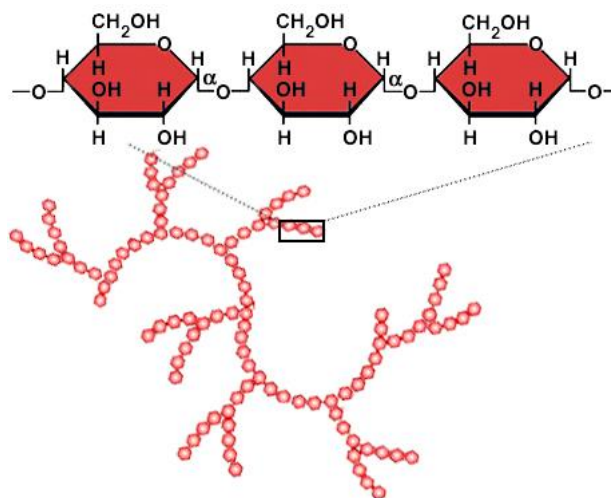


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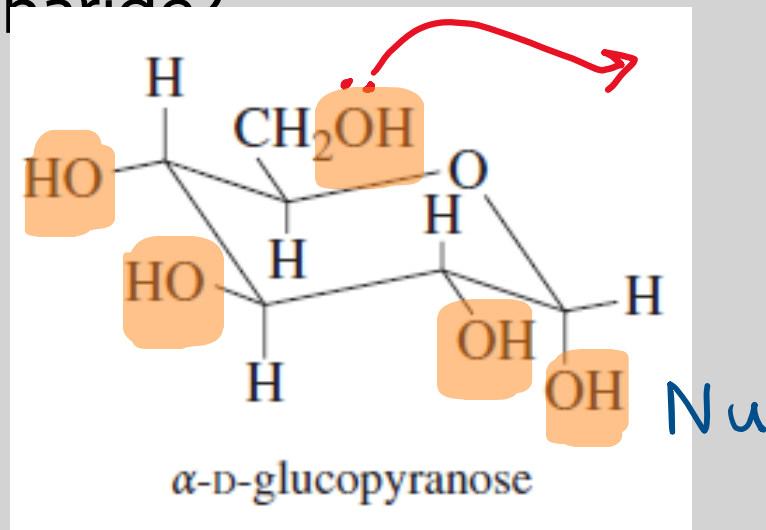
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## Recommended Textbook:

Chapter 23 in *Organic Chemistry*, 8<sup>th</sup> Edition, L. G. Wade, Jr., **2010**,  
Prentice Hall (Pearson Education)

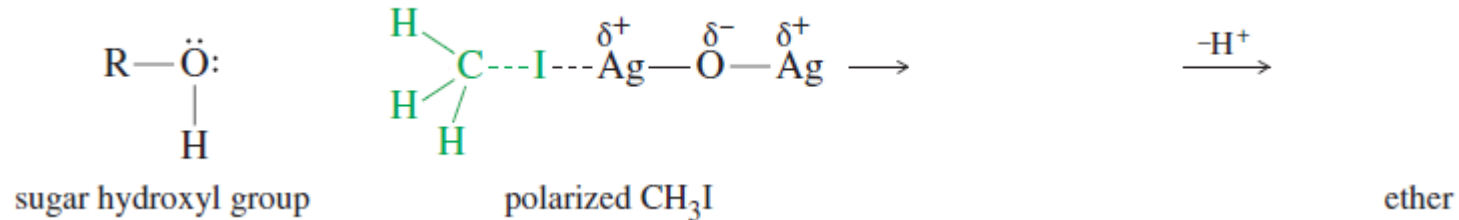
# Key concepts:

- How do we modify structure of monosaccharide?



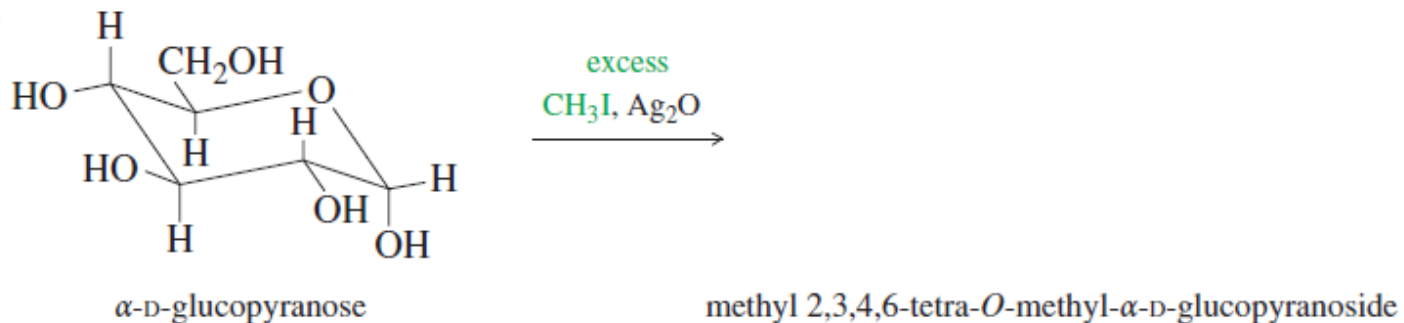
(Reaction at the hydroxyl groups)

## 1) Formation of Ethers



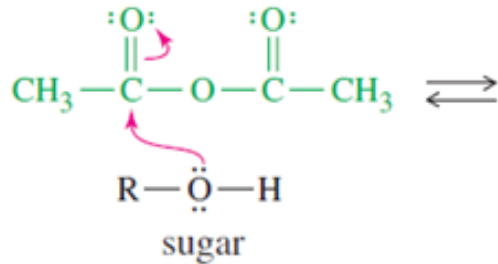
- Treating a sugar with **methyl iodide** and **silver oxide** converts the hydroxyl groups to **methyl ethers**
- Silver oxide polarizes the bond, making the methyl carbon strongly electrophilic

*Example*



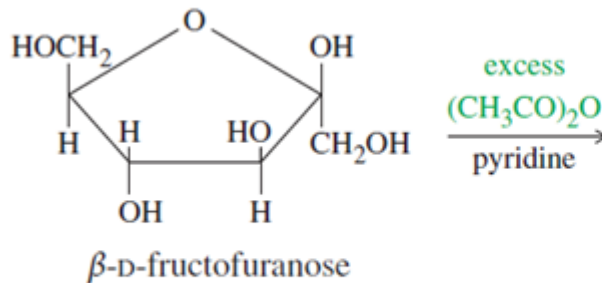
- Normal sugars contain several hydroxyl groups and are very soluble in water but rather insoluble in organic solvents; **the ethers are more soluble in organic solvents**

## 2) Formation of Esters



- Treatment with **acetic anhydride** and **pyridine** (as a mild basic catalyst) converts sugar hydroxyl groups to **acetate esters**

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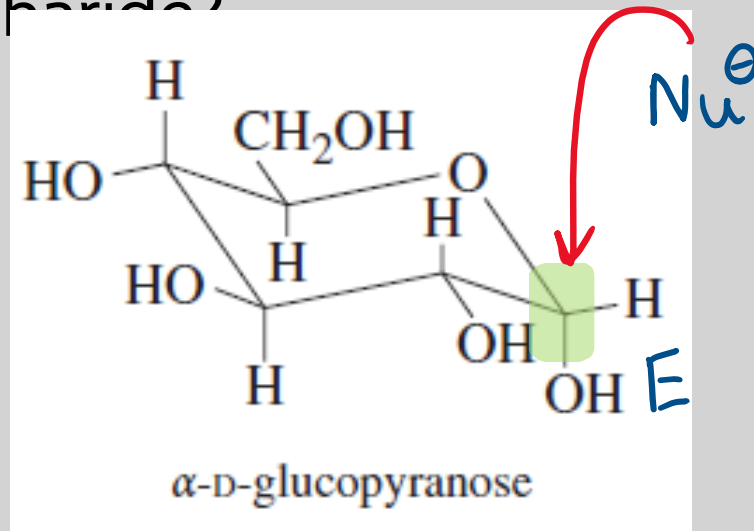


penta-*O*-acetyl- $\beta$ -D-fructofuranoside

- The anomeric C—O bond is not broken in the acylation, and the stereochemistry of the anomeric carbon atom is usually preserved

# Key concepts:

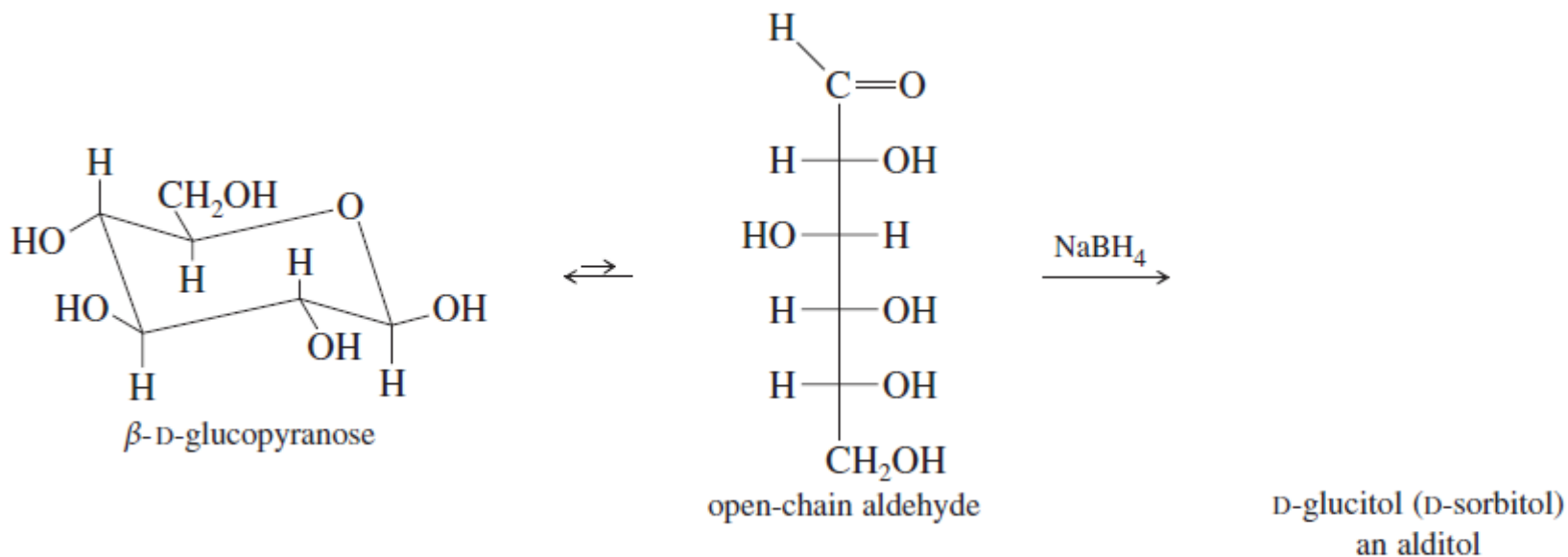
- How do we modify structure of monosaccharide?



(Reaction at the hemiacetal group)

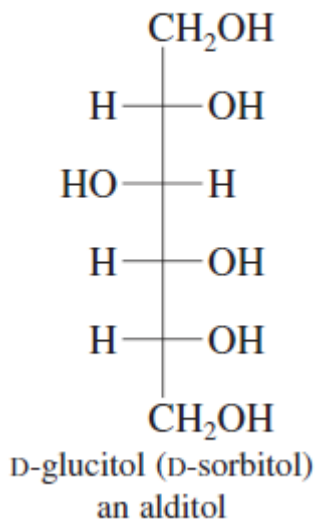
## 3) Reduction

- Like other aldehydes and ketones, aldoses and ketoses can be reduced to the corresponding **polyalcohols**, called **sugar alcohols**
- The most common reagents are **sodium borohydride** or **catalytic hydrogenation**
- Sugar alcohols are named by adding the suffix **-itol** to the root name of the sugar. The following equation shows the reduction of glucose to **glucitol**, sometimes called **sorbitol**

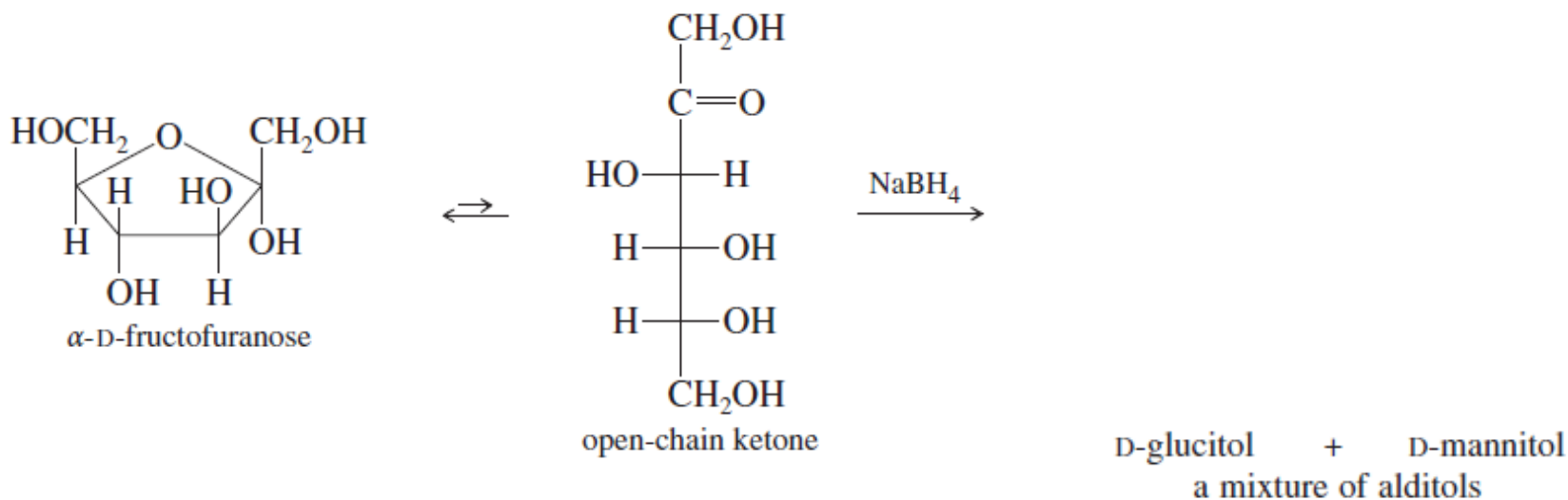


## 3) Reduction

- Sorbitol is used as a **sugar substitute**



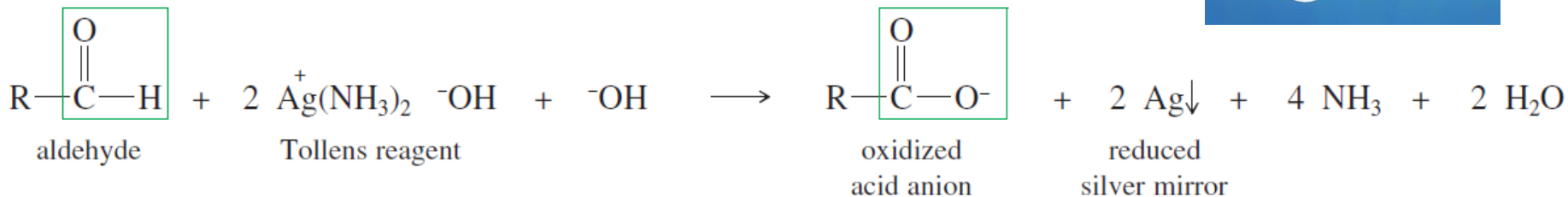
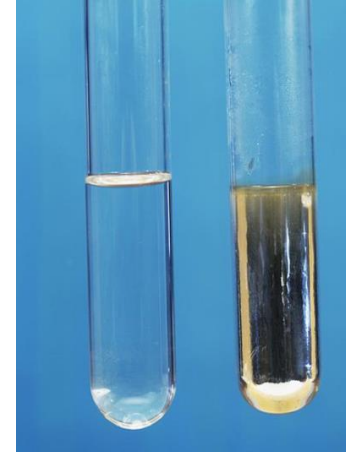
- Example: reduction of fructose



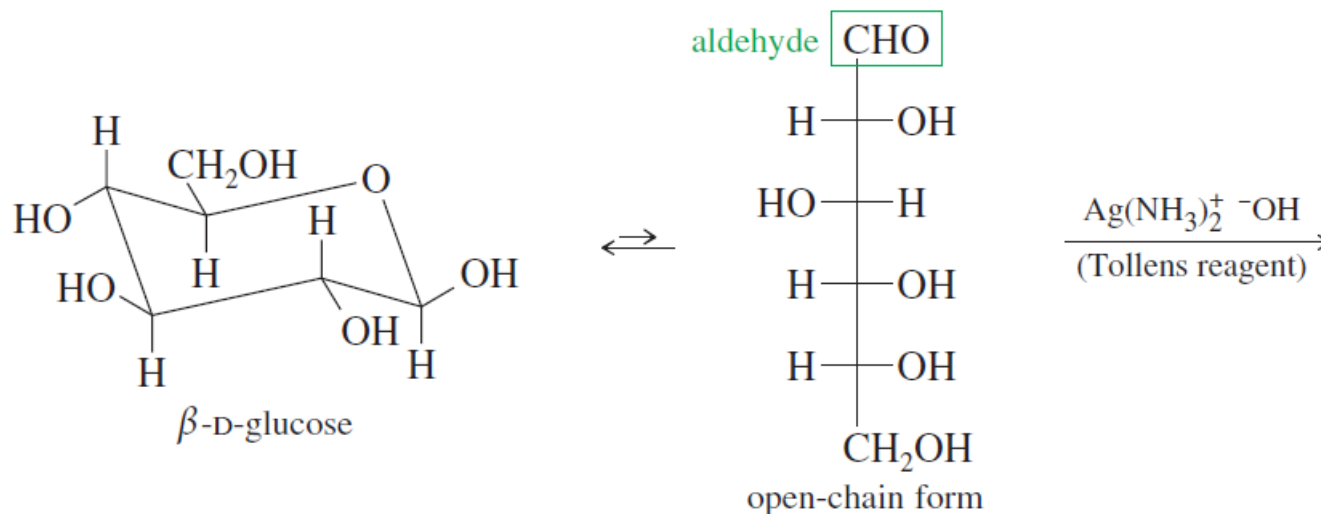
# Monosaccharides – Reactions at anomeric carbon

## 4) Oxidation

- Tollen's test** detects aldehydes, which react with Tollens reagent to give carboxylate ions and metallic silver, often in the form of a silver mirror on the inside of the container.



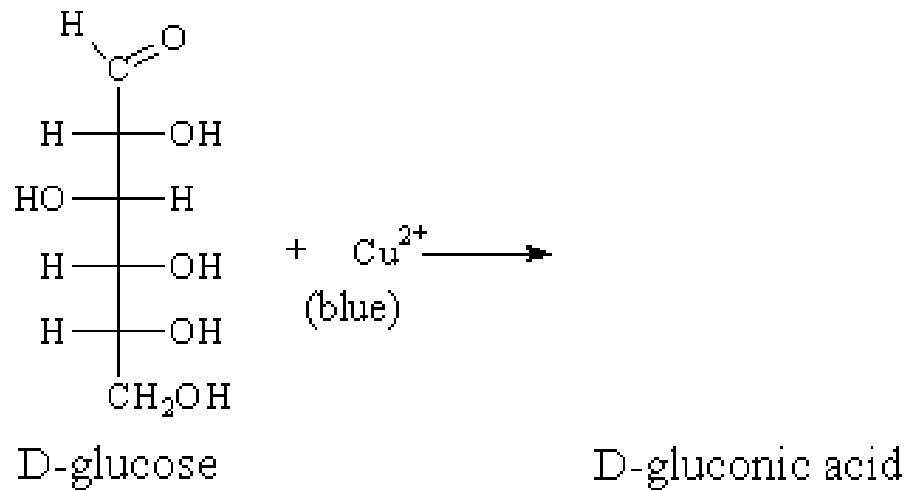
- Sugars that reduce Tollens reagent to give a silver mirror are called **reducing sugars** (mostly, **aldose in the open-chain form**)



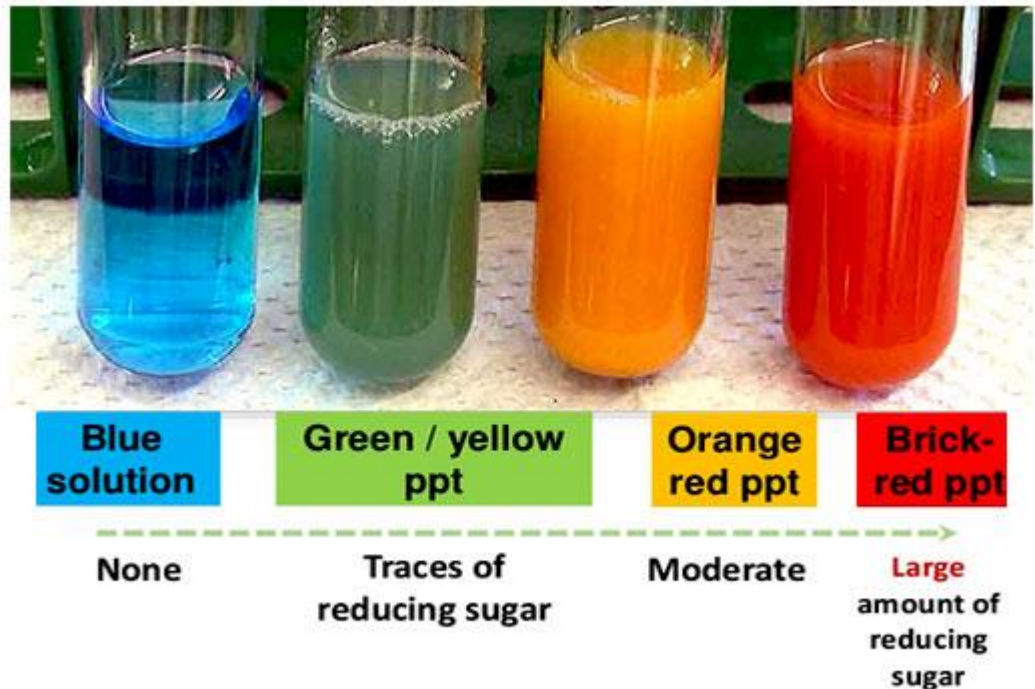


## 4) Oxidation

- Benedict's test** is a complex mixture of sodium carbonate, sodium citrate and **copper(II)** sulfate pentahydrate

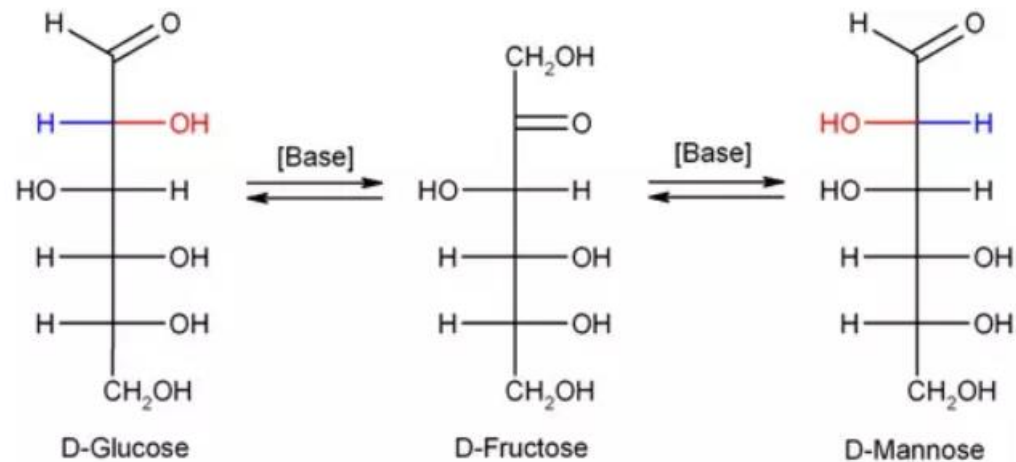


- It is commonly used to detect the presence of **reducing sugars**



## 4) Oxidation • How about ketoses?

- Fructose undergoes rearrangement called lobrey-de bruyn-wankenstein rearrangement with the base as shown



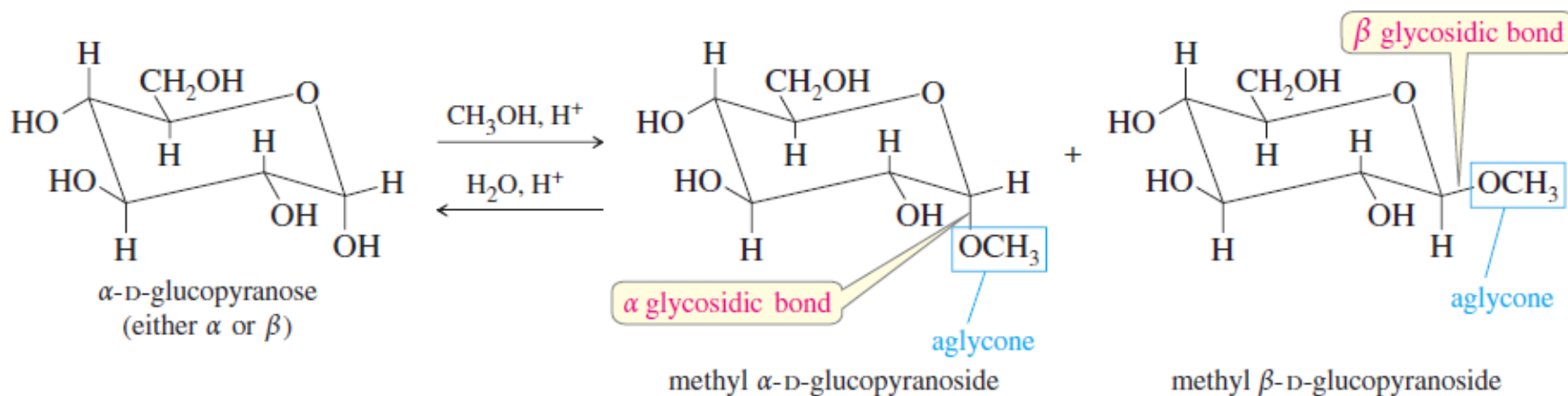
(reducing sugars)

## 5) Formation of Glycoside (Nonreducing sugars)

Let's recap the chemistry of aldehyde-ketone / hemiacetal / acetal first!

## 5) Formation of Glycoside (Nonreducing sugars)

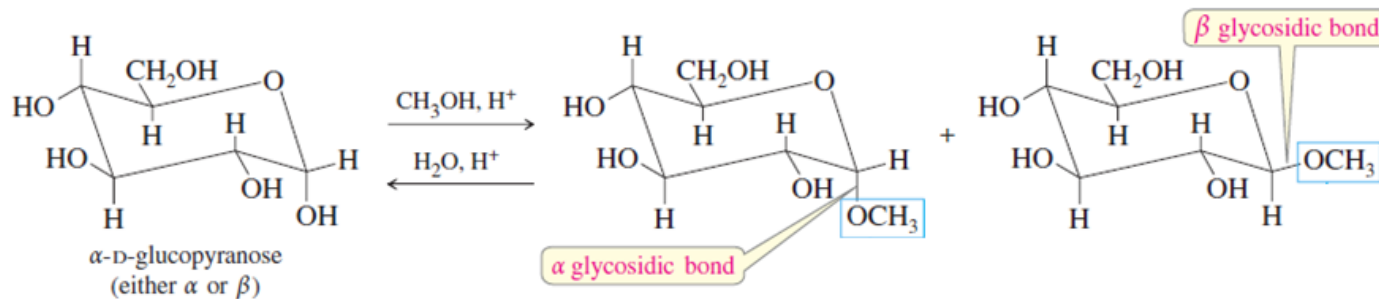
- Treatment with an alcohol and a trace of acid catalyst converts aldoses and ketoses to the **acetals** we call **glycosides**.
- Both anomers of the glycoside are formed (as an equilibrium mixture). The more stable anomer predominates.



- Like other acetals, glycosides **are stable to basic conditions**, but they **hydrolyze in aqueous acid to a free sugar and an alcohol**.

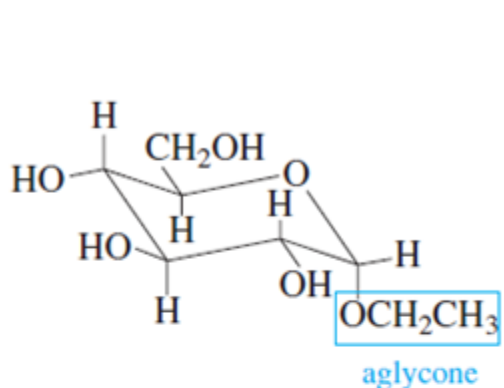
## 5) Formation of Glycoside (Nonreducing sugars)

Mechanism:

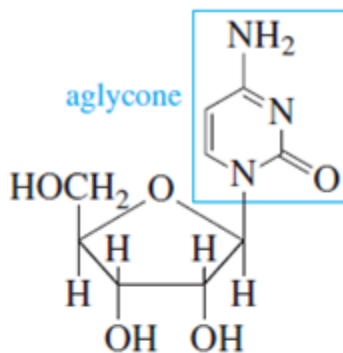


## 5) Formation of Glycoside

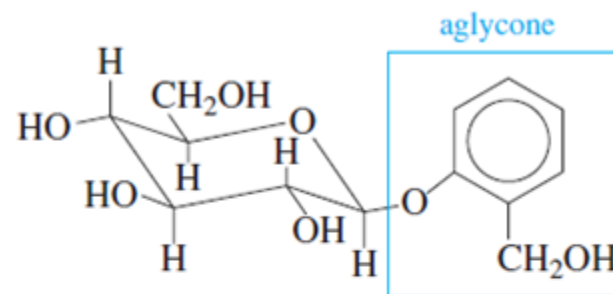
An **aglycone** is the group bonded to the anomeric carbon atom of a glycoside.



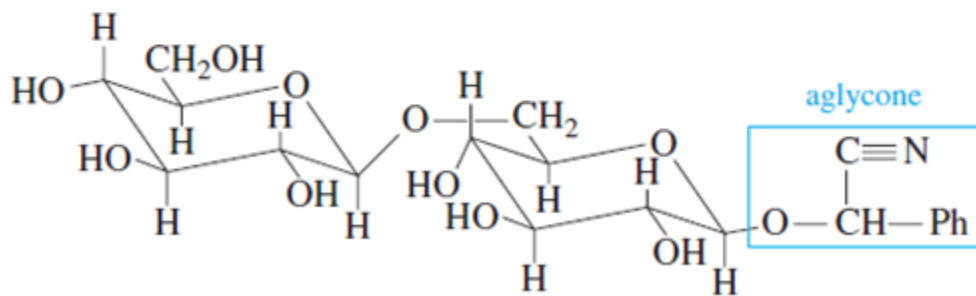
ethyl  $\alpha$ -D-glucopyranoside



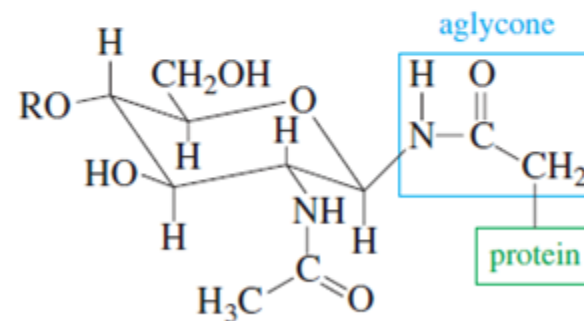
cytidine, a nucleoside



salicin, from willow bark



amygdalin  
a component of laetrile, a controversial cancer drug



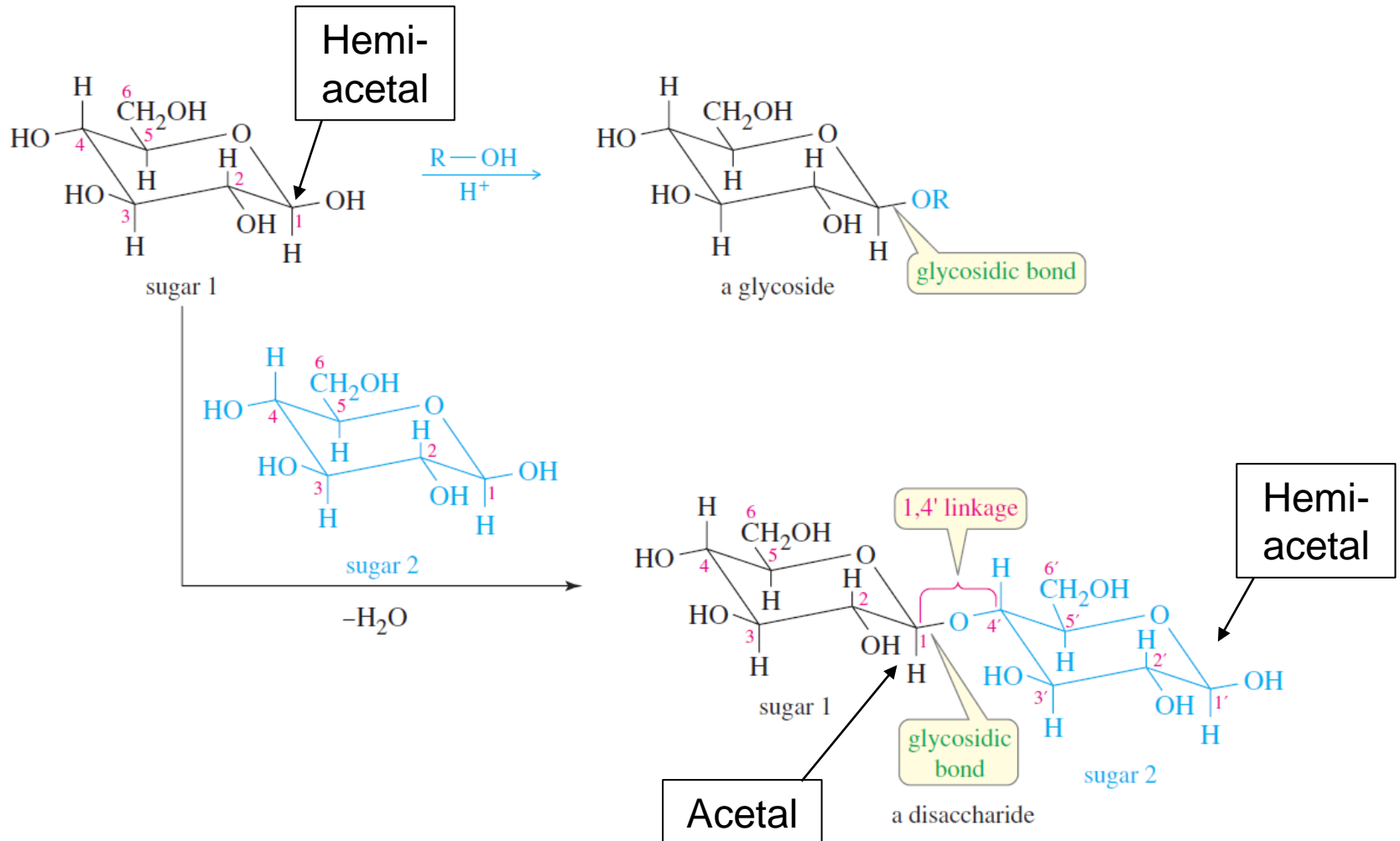
a glycoprotein *N*-glycoside  
(showing the linkage from carbohydrate to protein)

# Key concepts:

- What is disaccharide?
- What is glycosidic bond? What are the important types of glycosidic bond?

# Disaccharides

- Contains two monosaccharides joined together by a **glycosidic linkage**
- Anomeric carbon of a sugar can react with the hydroxyl group of an alcohol to give an acetal called a **glycoside**; If the hydroxyl group is part of **another sugar molecule**, then the glycoside product is a **disaccharide**



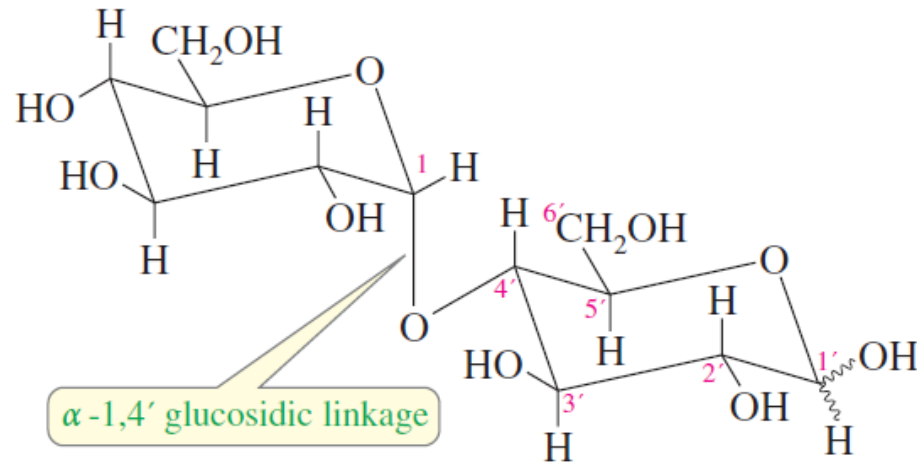


# Disaccharides

- In naturally occurring disaccharides, there are three common glycosidic bonding arrangements

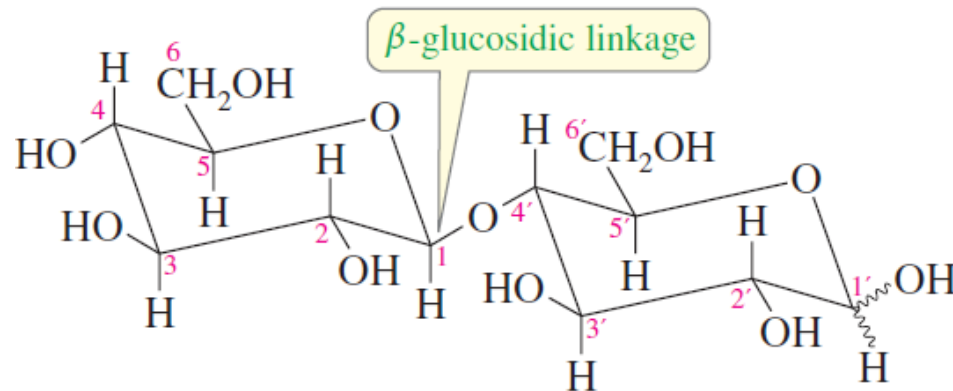
## 1) 1,4' Linkage

### 1.1) $\alpha$ -1,4' Linkage



*Maltose, 4-O-( $\alpha$ -D-glucopyranosyl)-D-glucopyranose*

### 1.2) $\beta$ -1,4' Linkage

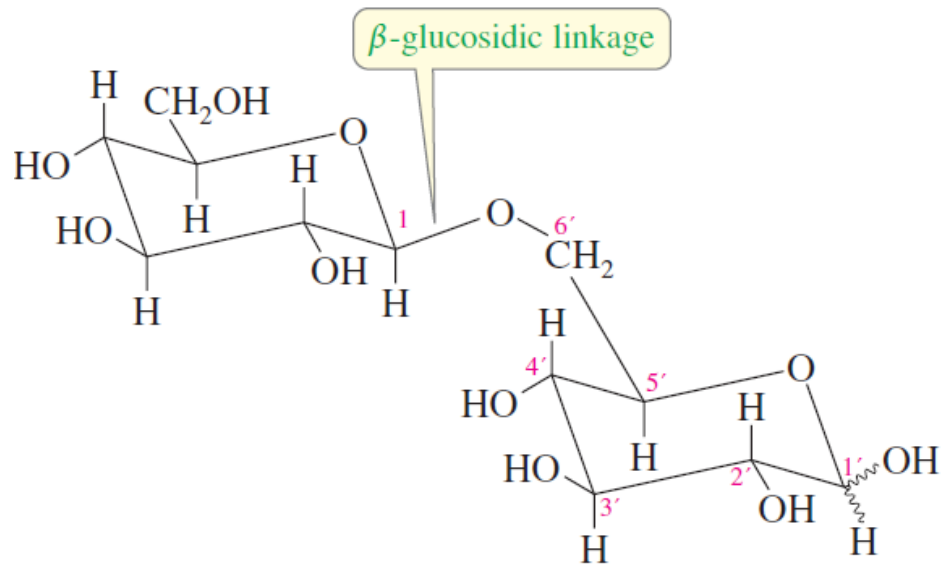


*Cellobiose, 4-O-( $\beta$ -D-glucopyranosyl)-D-glucopyranose*

# Disaccharides

## 2) 1,6' Linkage

The anomeric carbon of one sugar is linked to the oxygen of the terminal carbon (C6) of another

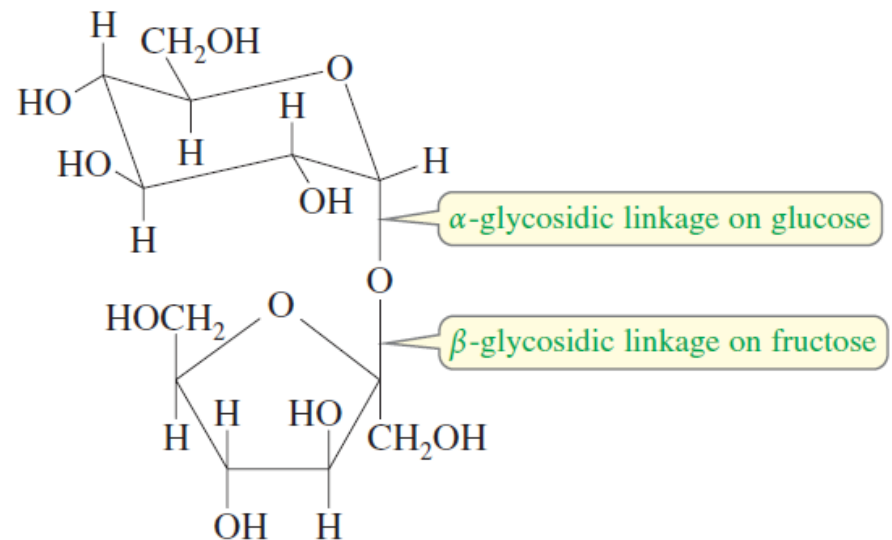


*Gentiobiose, 6-O-( $\beta$ -D-glucopyranosyl)-D-glucopyranose*

## 3) 1,1' or 1,2' Linkage

Joined by a direct glycosidic linkage between two anomeric carbon atoms

Both monosaccharide units in sucrose are present as **acetals**, or glycosides; **sucrose does not reduce Tollens reagent; (non-reducing sugar)**



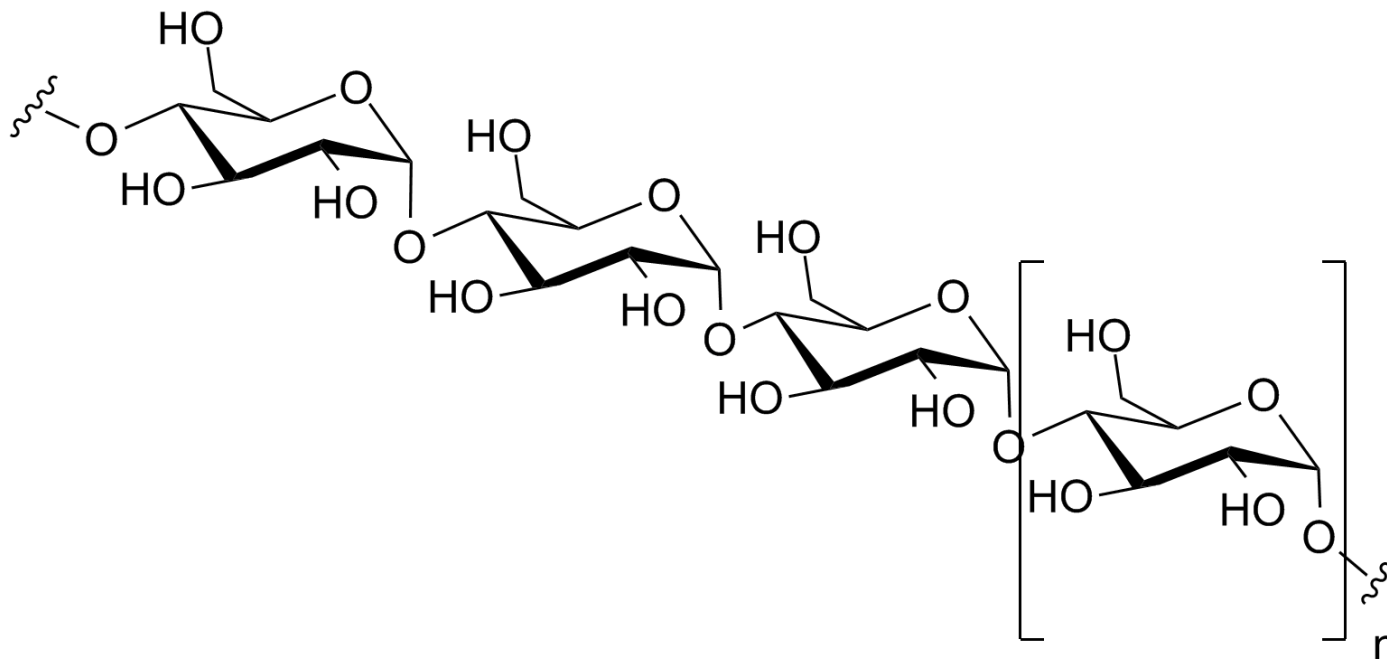
*Sucrose,  $\alpha$ -D-glucopyranosyl- $\beta$ -D-fructofuranoside*

# Key concepts:

- What is polysaccharide?
- What are the important types of polysaccharide?

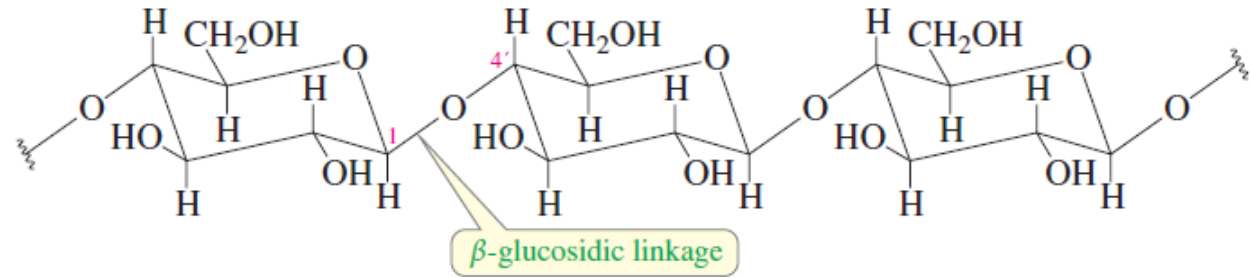
## Polysaccharides

- Contain **many** (usually hundreds or thousands) monosaccharide units joined by glycosidic bonds to form a **polymer chain**
- Smaller polysaccharides, containing about **three to ten** monosaccharide units, are sometimes called **oligosaccharides**

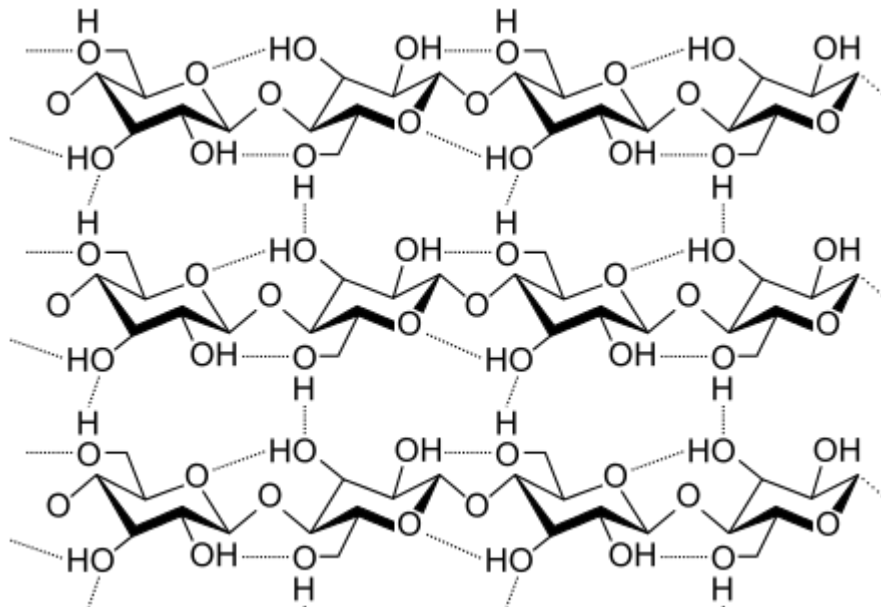
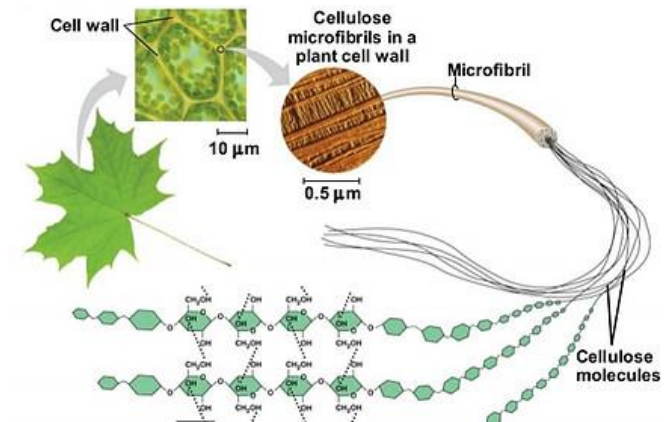


- Except for units at the ends of chains, **all the anomeric carbon** atoms of polysaccharides are involved in **acetal glycosidic links**. Therefore, polysaccharides give **no noticeable reaction with Tollens reagent**

## 1) Cellulose



- a polymer of **D-glucose**, is the **most abundant** organic material. Cellulose is synthesised by plants as a structural material to support the weight of the plant



- Cellulose is composed of D-glucose units linked by  **$\beta$ -1,4' glycosidic bonds**.
- This bonding arrangement is rather rigid and very stable, giving cellulose desirable properties for a structural material

# Polysaccharides

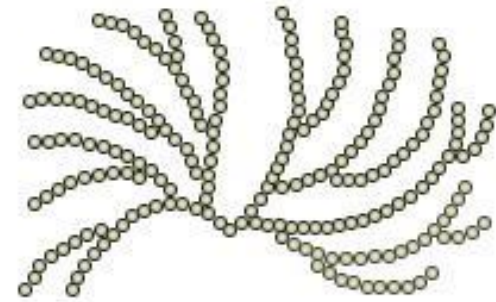


## 2) Starches

- Plants use starch granules for storing energy
- About 20% of the starch is water-soluble **amylose**, and the remaining 80% is water-insoluble **amylopectin**

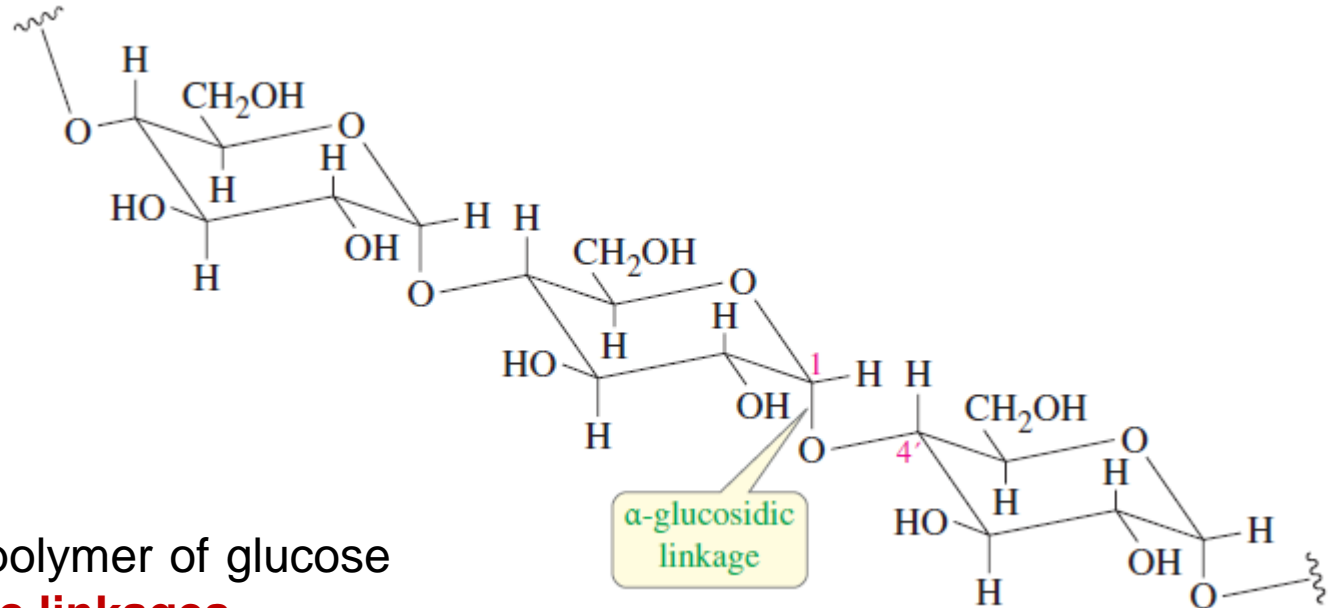


Amylose



Amylopectin

### 2.1) Amylose



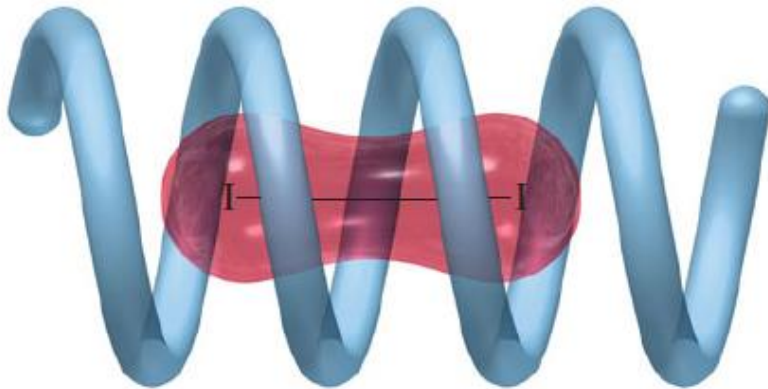
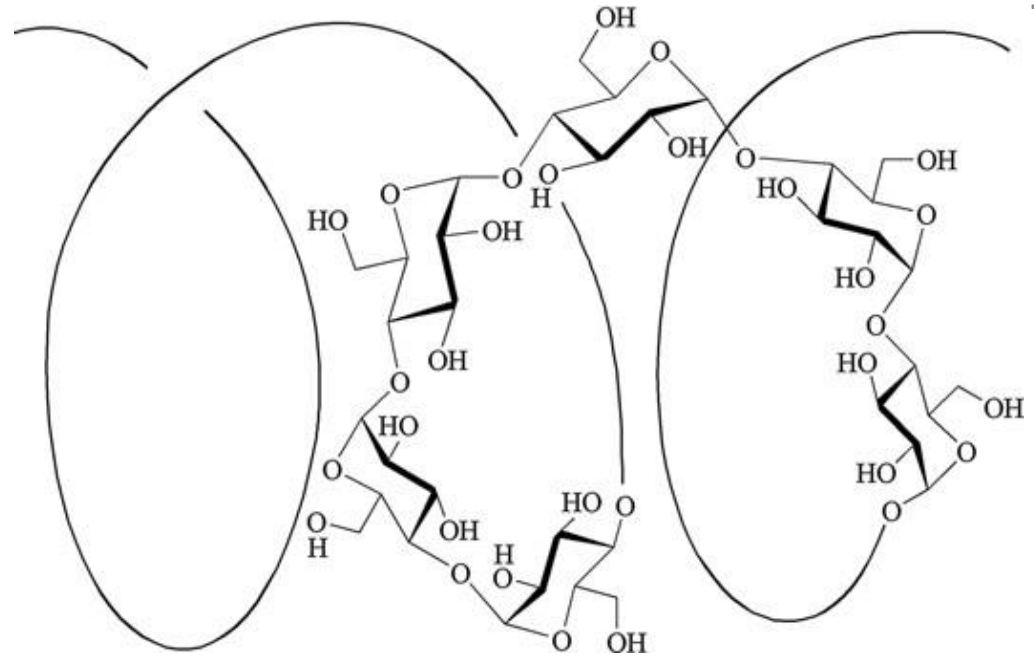
- Amylose is a linear polymer of glucose with **alpha-1,4' glycosidic linkages**

# Polysaccharides

## 2) Starches

### 2.1) Amylose – Helical Structure

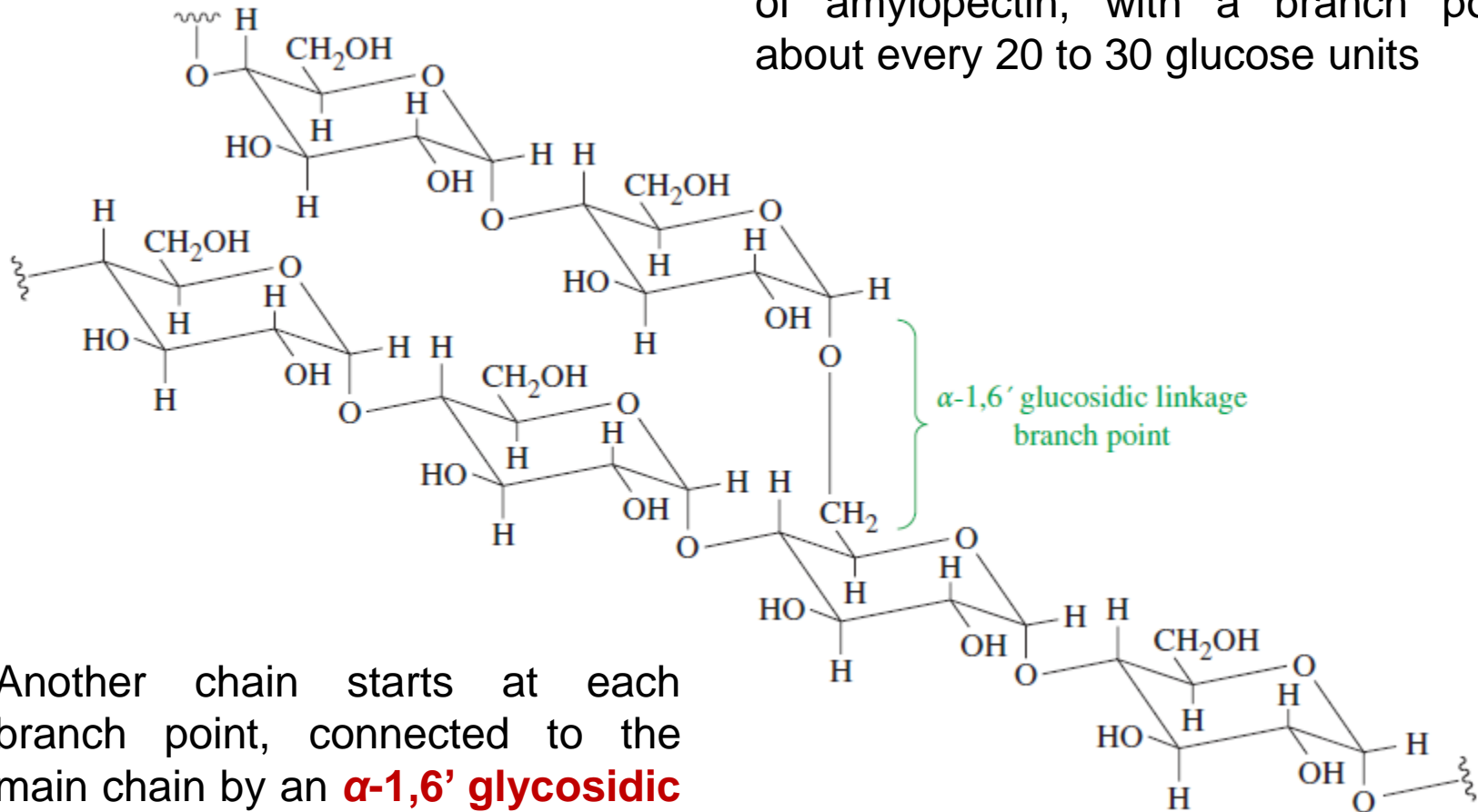
- The linkage in amylose kinks the polymer chain into a **helical structure**. This kinking increases **hydrogen bonding** with water and lends additional **solubility** (compared with cellulose)
- The inside of the helix is just the right size and polarity to accept an **iodine molecule**. When iodine is lodged within this helix, a **deep blue starch-iodine complex** results. This is the basis of the **starch-iodide test** for oxidizers



## 2) Starches

### 2.2) Amylopectin

- The insoluble fraction of starch, is also primarily an  **$\alpha$ -1,4'** polymer of glucose
- The difference between amylose and amylopectin lies in the **branched** nature of amylopectin, with a branch point about every 20 to 30 glucose units



- Another chain starts at each branch point, connected to the main chain by an  **$\alpha$ -1,6' glycosidic linkage**



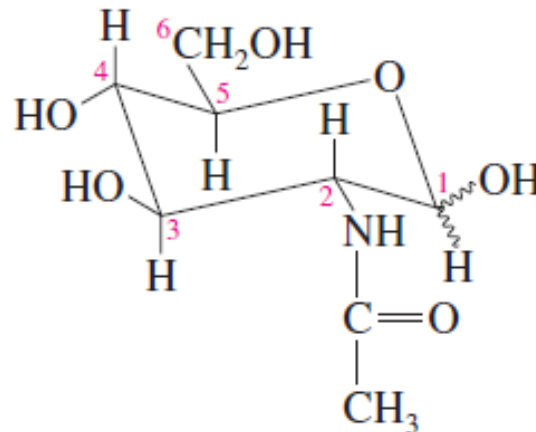
# Polysaccharides

## 3) Chitin:

- Chitin forms the exoskeletons of insects. In crustaceans, chitin forms a matrix that binds calcium carbonate crystals into the exoskeleton.
- It is a polymer of **N-acetylglucosamine**, an amino sugar (actually an amide) that is common in living organisms.
- In *N*-acetylglucosamine, the hydroxyl group on C2 of glucose is replaced by an amino group (forming glucosamine), and that amino group is acetylated.



*N*-Acetylglucosamine, or 2-acetamido-2-deoxy-D-glucose



## 3) Chitin:

- Chitin is bonded like cellulose ( **$\beta$ -1,4' glycosidic bonds**) giving chitin structural rigidity, strength, and stability that exceed even that of cellulose.
- Like other amides, *N*-acetylglucosamine forms exceptionally strong hydrogen bonds between the amide carbonyl groups and N-H protons.

*Chitin, or poly (1,4' -O- $\beta$ -2-acetamido-2-deoxy-D-glucopyranoside), a  $\beta$ -1,4-linked polymer of N-acetylglucosamine*

