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#### Outline:

- Introduction
- The Structure of Cellulose
- Polymerization
- Cellulose and Industries
- Summary



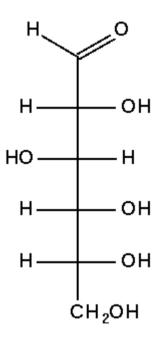
## Introduction:

- Carbohydrates are chemical compounds that consist of carbons, hydrogen and oxygen atoms, giving the general formula Cm(H2O)n
- Carbohydrates are classified by the by the number of sugar units into monosaccharide, disaccharide, and polysaccharides
- Plants synthesize carbohydrates through photosynthesis
- 6CO2 + H2O → 6O2 + C6H12O6 (glucose ) → starch, cellulose + H2O
- Animals can store energy by forming glycogen



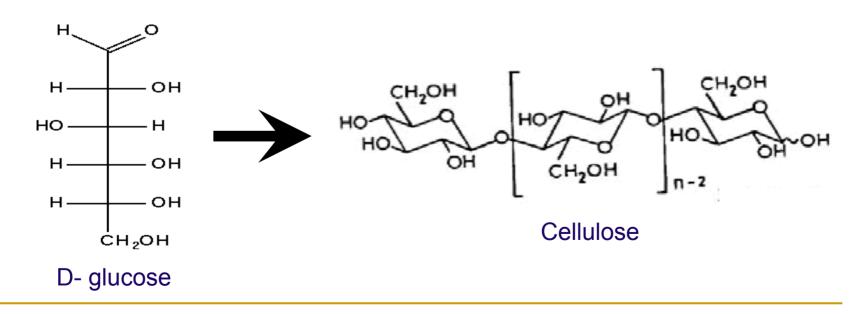
### Introduction: (con't)

- Cellulose is a complex carbohydrate, or polysaccharide consisting of 3,000 or more glucose units
- Cellulose + H3O+ + heat → over 1000 glucose molecules
- The most abundant organic compounds on earth
- The basic structural component of plants cell walls 33% vegetable
  90% cotton
  50% wood





- Structure of Cellulose:
- The Cellulose is composed D-glucose unite linked by β-1, 4 glycoside bonds
- Cellulose is poly(1,4-β-D-glucopyranoside)

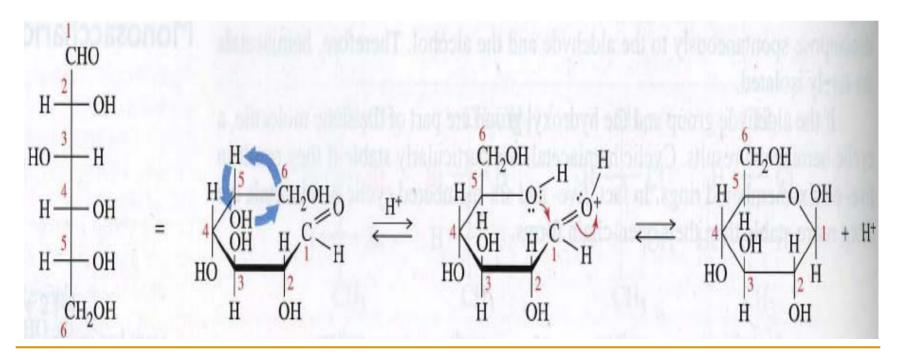




#### Polymerization:

1. Drawing Cyclic Monosaccharides:

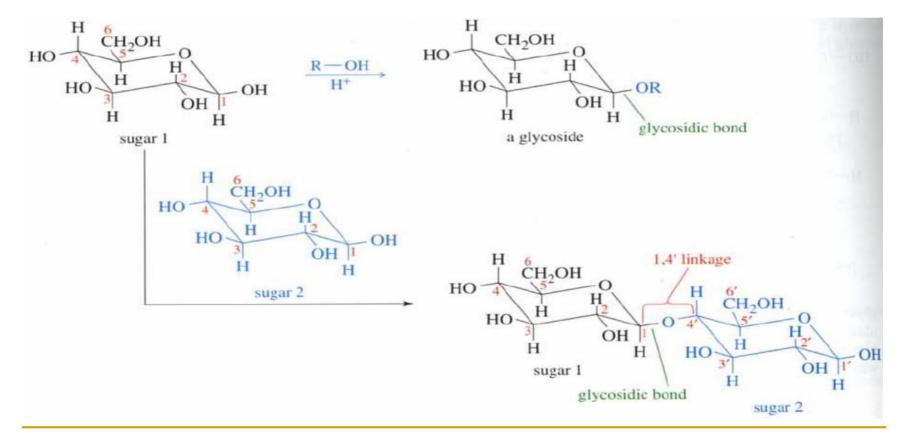
The repeating unit in cellulose is actually made up of two glucose units with each glucose unit in the linear chain being "turned over".



#### Polymerization: (con't)

#### 2. Anionic Polymerization:

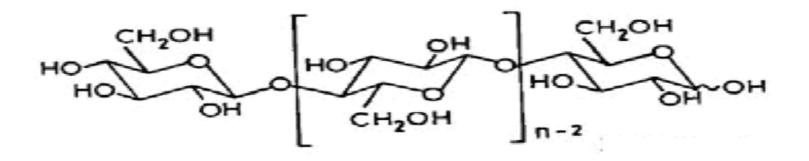






#### Polymerization: (con't)

- 2. Anionic Polymerization:
- 1,4-B-D-glucopyranoside





## Cellulose and Industries:

- 1. Cotton:
- Cotton is composed of 87 -90% cellulose with the cotton fibers containing polymer chains in both amorphous and crystalline forms
- It is stiff and has a high tensile strength
- Absorbs water without feeling wet
- Absorbs heat
- Clothes, dyes, building materials, and papers



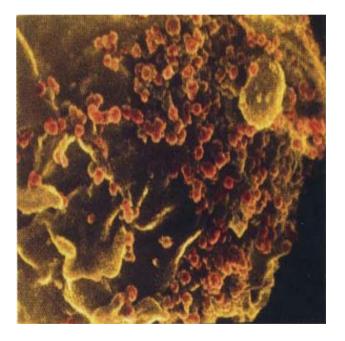




# Cellulose and Industries: (con't)

#### 2. Pharmaceuticals:

 Medicines are derived from plants and, many of those that are not, are chemicals synthesized to mimic active principles originally purified from plants and used medicinally (cellulose acetate phthalate)





#### Cellulose and Industries: (con't)

3. Cellophane

- Can be obtained when a viscous cellulose reacts with acid (sulfuric acid) to produce cellophane, further treatment such as washing and bleaching
- Highly impermeable to dry gases and bacteria







# Cellulose and Industries: (con't)

#### 4. Bombs

Cellulose trinitrate is used as a propellant for bullets due the fact that nitrate –OH group can be explosive





# Cellulose and Industries: (con't) 6. Energy Drinks:

Glucuronolacton, vitamins, and carbohydrates



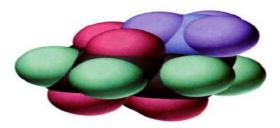




#### Cellulose and Industries: (con't) 7. Industrial Sugar

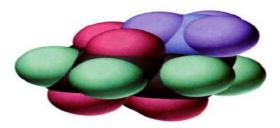






Things to Remember:

- Cellulose is a complex carbohydrates
- Glucose is the monomer C6H12O6
- The special properties of cellulose result from the association of the long chain
- Be careful with its isomers
- Cellulose is very insoluble in water
- Unlike the animals, the human cannot metabolized cellulose



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