

# Synthetic and Natural Organic Polymer

## *Chapter 25*

A ***polymer*** is a high molar mass molecular compound made up of many repeating chemical units.

### Naturally occurring polymers

- Proteins
- Nucleic acids
- Cellulose
- Rubber



Tyvek

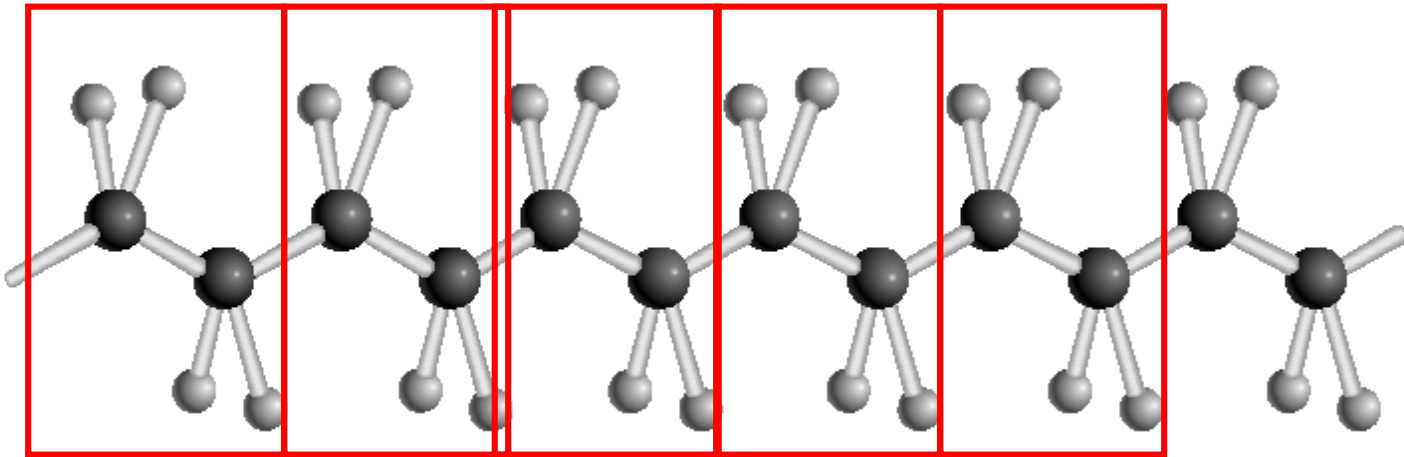
### Synthetic polymers

- Nylon
- Dacron
- Lucite



Silverstone®: polytetrafluoroethylene

The simple repeating unit of a polymer is the ***monomer***.



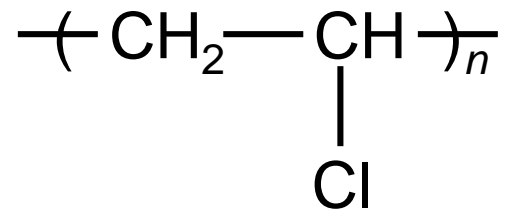
***Homopolymer*** is a polymer made up of only one type of monomer



Teflon

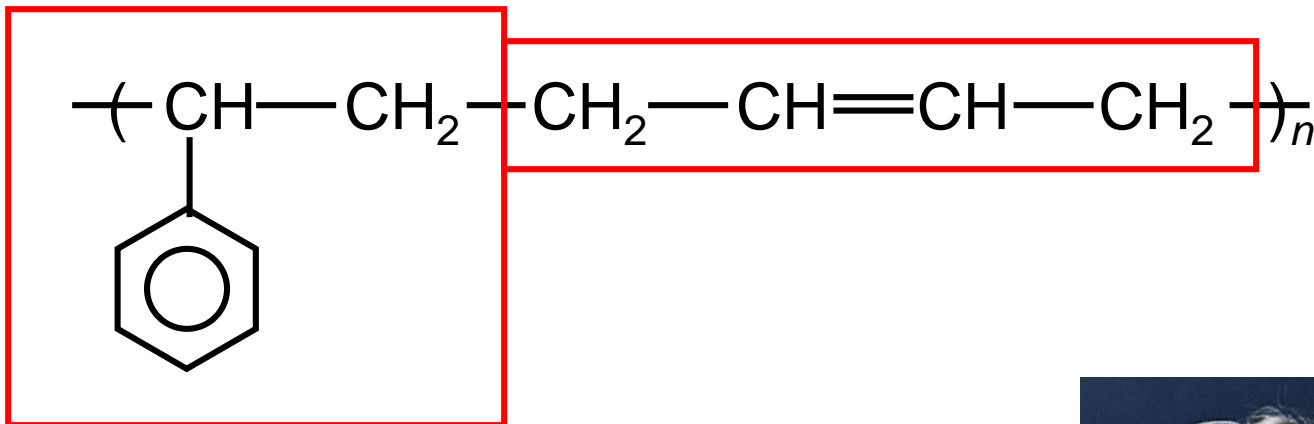


Polyethylene



PVC

**Copolymer** is a polymer made up of two or more monomers



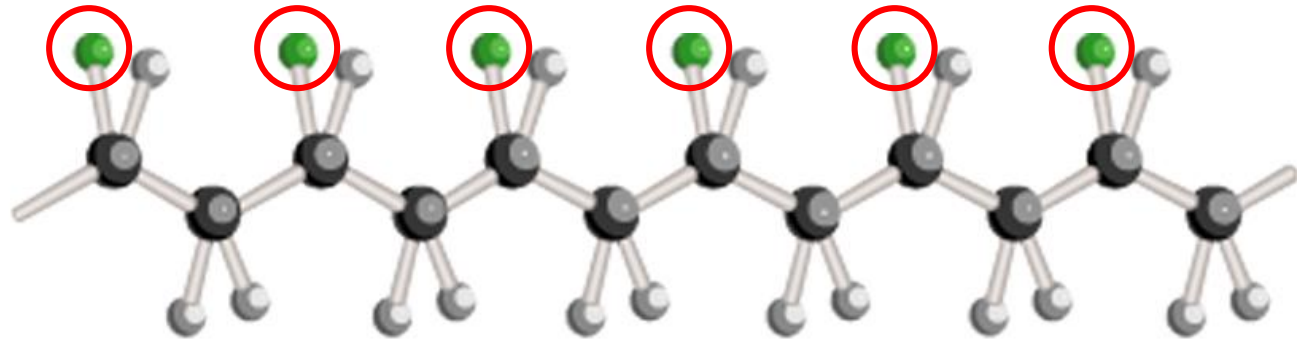
Styrene-butadiene rubber



# Stereoisomers of Polymers

R groups on same  
side of chain

Isotactic



R groups alternate  
from side to side

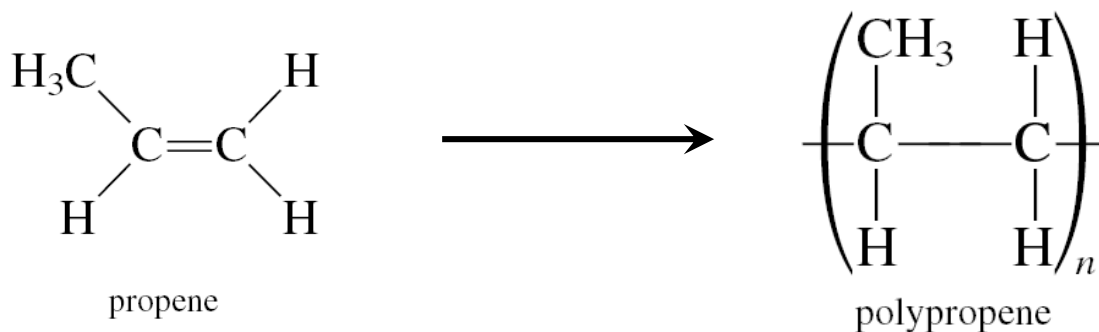
Syndiotactic

R groups disposed  
at random

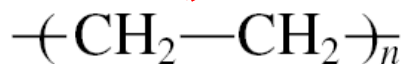
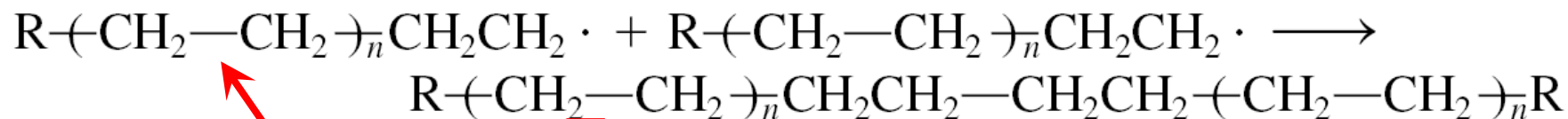
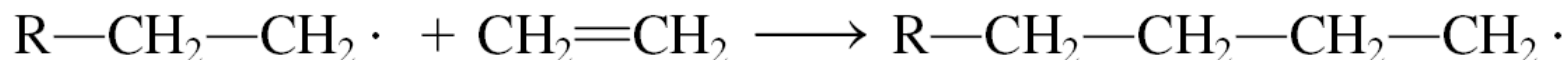
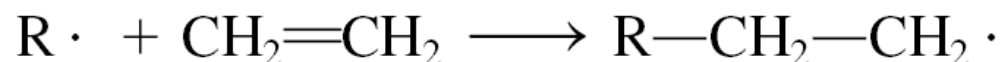
Atactic

# Polymerization: Addition reactions

- Involve unsaturated compounds containing double or triple bonds
- Particularly  $C=C$  and  $C\equiv C$
- Examples:
  - Hydrogenation
  - Reactions of hydrogen halides and halogens with alkenes and alkynes
  - Polymerization



# Mechanism of addition polymerization



repeating unit (monomer)

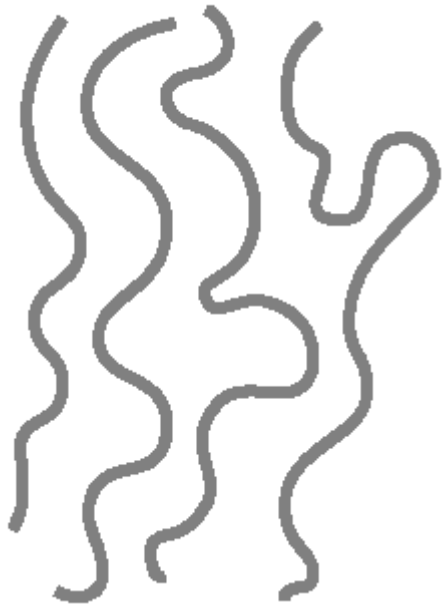
**TABLE 25.1** Some Monomers and Their Common Synthetic Polymers

| Monomer  |                       | Polymer  |   |
|--|-----------------------|--|---|
| Formula  | Name                  | Name and Formula   | Uses  |
| $\text{H}_2\text{C}=\text{CH}_2$   | Ethylene              | Polyethylene<br>$\text{-(CH}_2\text{—CH}_2\text{)}_n$  | Plastic piping, bottles, electrical insulation, toys                    |
| $\begin{array}{c} \text{H} \\   \\ \text{H}_2\text{C}=\text{C} \\   \\ \text{CH}_3 \end{array}$                                  | Propene               | Polypropene<br>$\left( \begin{array}{c} \text{CH—CH}_2\text{—CH—CH}_2 \\   \quad \quad   \\ \text{CH}_3 \quad \quad \text{CH}_3 \end{array} \right)_n$ | Packaging film, carpets, crates for soft-drink bottles, lab wares, toys |
| $\begin{array}{c} \text{H} \\   \\ \text{H}_2\text{C}=\text{C} \\   \\ \text{Cl} \end{array}$                                    | Vinyl chloride        | Poly(vinyl chloride) (PVC)<br>$\text{-(CH}_2\text{—CH)}_n$<br>$\quad \quad  $<br>$\quad \quad \text{Cl}$   | Piping, siding, gutters, floor tile, clothing, toys                     |
| $\begin{array}{c} \text{H} \\   \\ \text{H}_2\text{C}=\text{C} \\   \\ \text{CN} \end{array}$                                    | Acrylonitrile         | Polyacrylonitrile (PAN)<br>$\left( \begin{array}{c} \text{CH}_2\text{—CH} \\   \\ \text{CN} \end{array} \right)_n$                                     | Carpets, knitwear   |
| $\text{F}_2\text{C}=\text{CF}_2$   | Tetrafluoroethylene   | Polytetrafluoroethylene (Teflon)<br>$\text{-(CF}_2\text{—CF}_2\text{)}_n$  | Coating on cooking utensils, electrical insulation, bearings            |
| $\begin{array}{c} \text{COOCH}_3 \\   \\ \text{H}_2\text{C}=\text{C} \\   \\ \text{CH}_3 \end{array}$                            | Methyl methacrylate   | Poly(methyl methacrylate) (Plexiglas)<br>$\text{-(CH}_2\text{—C)}_n$<br>$\quad \quad  $<br>$\quad \quad \text{COOCH}_3$<br>$\quad \quad \text{CH}_3$   | Optical equipment, home furnishings                                     |
| $\begin{array}{c} \text{H} \\   \\ \text{H}_2\text{C}=\text{C} \\   \\ \text{C}_6\text{H}_5 \end{array}$                         | Styrene               | Polystyrene<br>$\text{-(CH}_2\text{—CH)}_n$<br>$\quad \quad  $<br>$\quad \quad \text{C}_6\text{H}_5$   | Containers, thermal insulation (ice buckets, water coolers), toys       |
| $\begin{array}{c} \text{H} \quad \text{H} \\   \quad   \\ \text{H}_2\text{C}=\text{C} \text{—} \text{C}=\text{CH}_2 \end{array}$ | Butadiene             | Polybutadiene<br>$\text{-(CH}_2\text{CH=CHCH}_2\text{)}_n$   | Tire tread, coating resin   |
| See above structures   | Butadiene and styrene | Styrene-butadiene rubber (SBR)<br>$\text{-(CH—CH}_2\text{—CH}_2\text{—CH=CH—CH}_2\text{)}_n$<br>$\quad \quad  $<br>$\quad \quad \text{C}_6\text{H}_5$  | Synthetic rubber  |

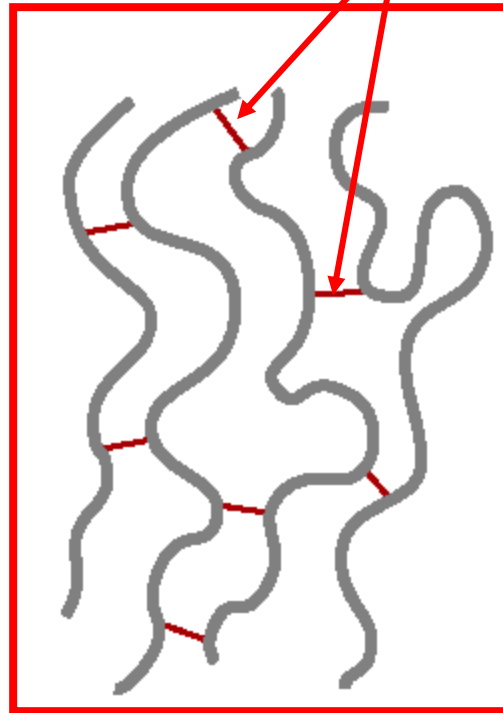


# Vulcanization: Properties of rubber

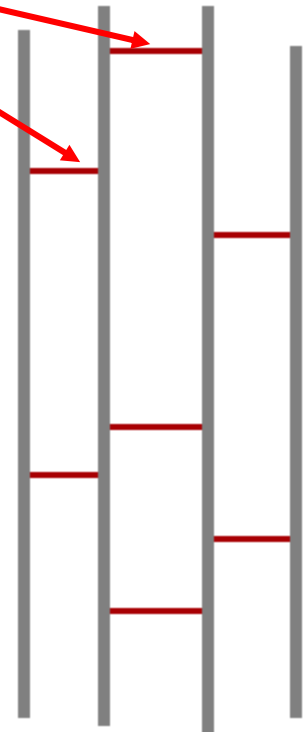
sulfur cross-links



before vulcantization



after vulcantization



stretched

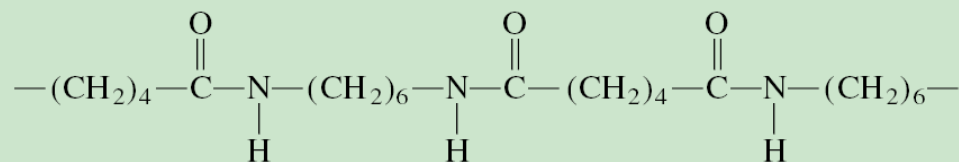
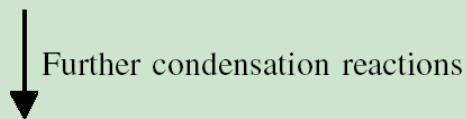
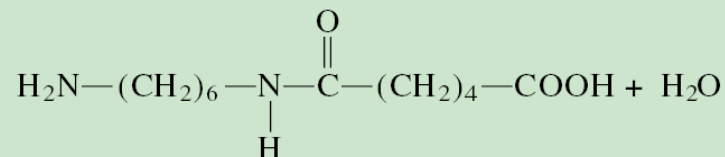
relaxation after stretching

# Polymerization: Condensation reactions



Hexamethylenediamine

Adipic acid



# Proteins

**Proteins** are *polymers of amino acids*

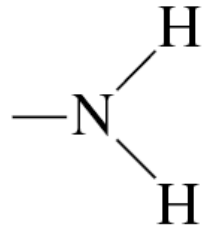
- Termed polypeptides
- Play a key role in nearly all biological processes
  - Enzymes, the catalysts of biochemical reactions
  - Transport of materials
  - Storage of vital substances
  - Coordinated motion
  - Mechanical support
  - Protection against diseases.

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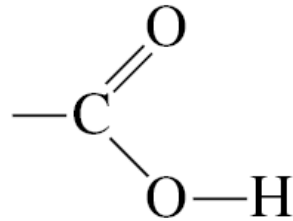
## Elements in proteins.

**Amino acids** are the basic structural units of proteins.

- Contain at least one amino group ( $-\text{NH}_2$ )
- And at least one carboxyl group ( $-\text{COOH}$ )

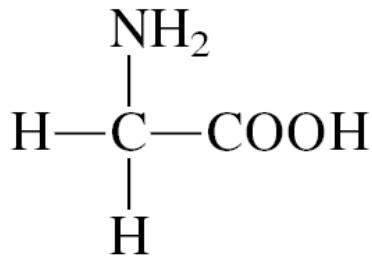


amino group

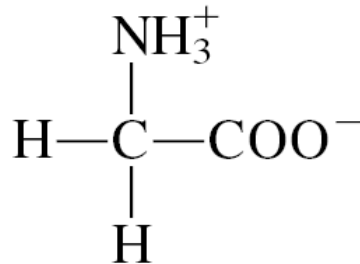


carboxyl group

- Existing form is pH dependent

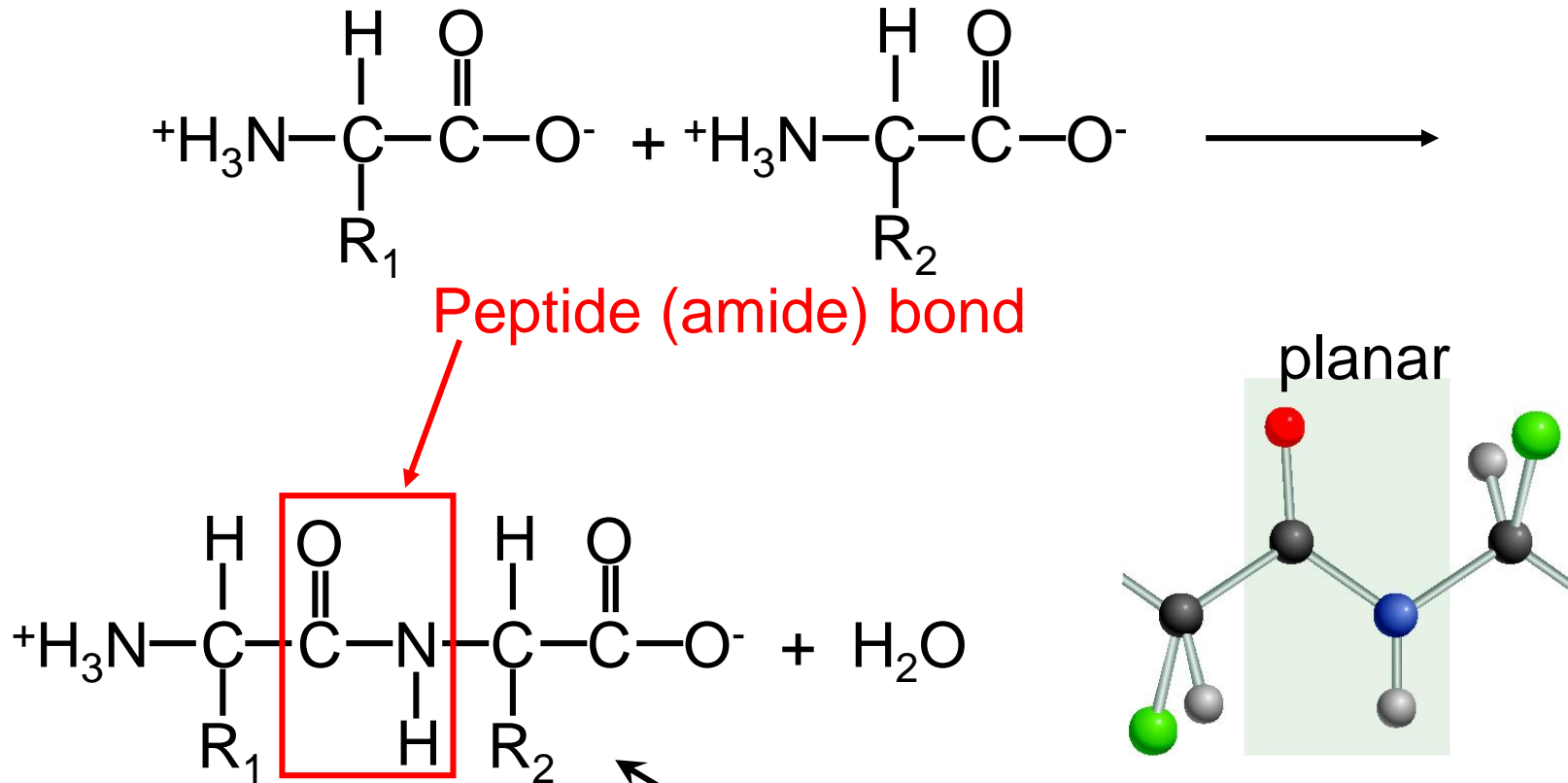


un-ionized form

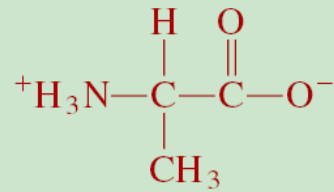


dipolar ion

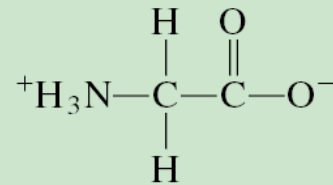
**Amino acids** are joined in a protein by the formation of a peptide bond



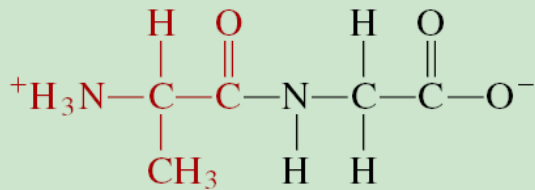
Dipeptide – contains two amino acid residues



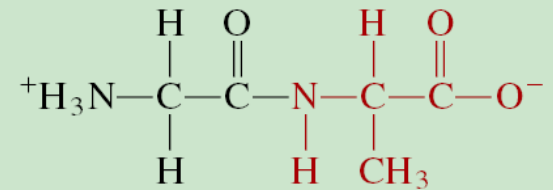
Alanine



Glycine



Alanylglycine



Glycylalanine

20 amino acids can form  $20^2$  or 400 dipeptides.

Protein with 50 amino acid residues can be arranged in  $20^{50}$  or  $10^{65}$  ways.

**TABLE 25.2** The 20 Amino Acids Essential to Living Organisms\*

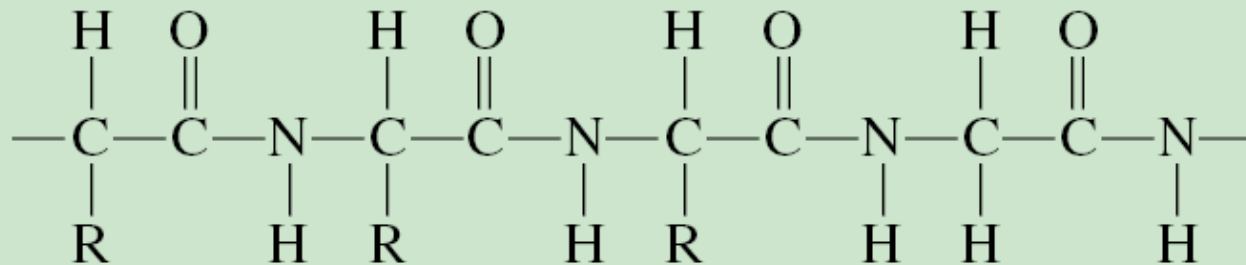
| Name          | Abbreviation | Structure  |
|---------------|--------------|--|
| Alanine       | Ala          | $\begin{array}{c} \text{H} \\   \\ \text{H}_3\text{C}-\text{C}-\text{COO}^- \\   \\ \text{NH}_3^+ \end{array}$   |
| Arginine      | Arg          | $\begin{array}{c} \text{H} \qquad \qquad \text{H} \\   \qquad \qquad   \\ \text{H}_2\text{N}-\text{C}-\text{N}-\text{CH}_2-\text{CH}_2-\text{CH}_2-\text{C}-\text{COO}^- \\    \qquad \qquad   \\ \text{NH} \qquad \qquad \text{NH}_3^+ \end{array}$ |
| Asparagine    | Asn          | $\begin{array}{c} \text{O} \qquad \qquad \text{H} \\    \qquad \qquad   \\ \text{H}_2\text{N}-\text{C}-\text{CH}_2-\text{C}-\text{COO}^- \\ \qquad \qquad   \\ \qquad \qquad \text{NH}_3^+ \end{array}$  |
| Aspartic acid | Asp          | $\begin{array}{c} \text{H} \\   \\ \text{HOOC}-\text{CH}_2-\text{C}-\text{COO}^- \\   \\ \text{NH}_3^+ \end{array}$  |
| Cysteine      | Cys          | $\begin{array}{c} \text{H} \\   \\ \text{HS}-\text{CH}_2-\text{C}-\text{COO}^- \\   \\ \text{NH}_3^+ \end{array}$  |
| Glutamic acid | Glu          | $\begin{array}{c} \text{H} \\   \\ \text{HOOC}-\text{CH}_2-\text{CH}_2-\text{C}-\text{COO}^- \\   \\ \text{NH}_3^+ \end{array}$  |
| Glutamine     | Gln          | $\begin{array}{c} \text{O} \qquad \qquad \text{H} \\    \qquad \qquad   \\ \text{H}_2\text{N}-\text{C}-\text{CH}_2-\text{CH}_2-\text{C}-\text{COO}^- \\ \qquad \qquad   \\ \qquad \qquad \text{NH}_3^+ \end{array}$                                  |
| Glycine       | Gly          | $\begin{array}{c} \text{H} \\   \\ \text{H}-\text{C}-\text{COO}^- \\   \\ \text{NH}_3^+ \end{array}$   |
| Histidine     | His          | $\begin{array}{c} \text{H} \\   \\ \text{HC}=\text{C}-\text{CH}_2-\text{C}-\text{COO}^- \\   \qquad \qquad   \\ \text{N} \qquad \qquad \text{NH}_3^+ \\   \\ \text{H} \end{array}$   |
| Isoleucine    | Ile          | $\begin{array}{c} \text{CH}_3 \qquad \text{H} \\   \qquad   \\ \text{H}_3\text{C}-\text{CH}_2-\text{C}-\text{C}-\text{COO}^- \\   \qquad   \\ \text{H} \qquad \text{NH}_3^+ \end{array}$   |

**TABLE 25.2** The 20 Amino Acids Essential to Living Organisms—Cont.

| Name          | Abbreviation | Structure   |
|---------------|--------------|---|
| Leucine       | Leu          | $  \begin{array}{c}  \text{H}_3\text{C} \\  \diagdown \\  \text{CH}-\text{CH}_2-\text{C}-\text{COO}^- \\  \diagup \quad   \\  \text{H}_3\text{C} \quad \text{NH}_3^+  \end{array}  $                  |
| Lysine        | Lys          | $  \begin{array}{c}  \text{H} \\    \\  \text{H}_2\text{N}-\text{CH}_2-\text{CH}_2-\text{CH}_2-\text{CH}_2-\text{C}-\text{COO}^- \\    \\  \text{NH}_3^+  \end{array}  $                              |
| Methionine    | Met          | $  \begin{array}{c}  \text{H} \\    \\  \text{H}_3\text{C}-\text{S}-\text{CH}_2-\text{CH}_2-\text{C}-\text{COO}^- \\    \\  \text{NH}_3^+  \end{array}  $   |
| Phenylalanine | Phe          | $  \begin{array}{c}  \text{H} \\    \\  \text{C}_6\text{H}_5-\text{CH}_2-\text{C}-\text{COO}^- \\    \\  \text{NH}_3^+  \end{array}  $  |
| Proline       | Pro          | $  \begin{array}{c}  \text{H} \\    \\  \text{H}_2\text{N}^+-\text{C}-\text{COO}^- \\    \quad   \\  \text{H}_2\text{C} \quad \text{CH}_2 \\  \diagup \quad \diagdown \\  \text{CH}_2  \end{array}  $ |
| Serine        | Ser          | $  \begin{array}{c}  \text{H} \\    \\  \text{HO}-\text{CH}_2-\text{C}-\text{COO}^- \\    \\  \text{NH}_3^+  \end{array}  $   |
| Threonine     | Thr          | $  \begin{array}{c}  \text{OH} \quad \text{H} \\    \quad   \\  \text{H}_3\text{C}-\text{C}-\text{C}-\text{COO}^- \\    \quad   \\  \text{H} \quad \text{NH}_3^+  \end{array}  $                      |
| Tryptophan    | Trp          | $  \begin{array}{c}  \text{H} \\    \\  \text{C}_6\text{H}_4-\text{C}=\text{CH}-\text{CH}_2-\text{C}-\text{COO}^- \\    \\  \text{NH}_3^+  \end{array}  $   |
| Tyrosine      | Tyr          | $  \begin{array}{c}  \text{H} \\    \\  \text{HO}-\text{C}_6\text{H}_4-\text{CH}_2-\text{C}-\text{COO}^- \\    \\  \text{NH}_3^+  \end{array}  $  |
| Valine        | Val          | $  \begin{array}{c}  \text{H}_3\text{C} \quad \text{H} \\  \diagdown \quad   \\  \text{CH}-\text{C}-\text{COO}^- \\  \diagup \quad   \\  \text{H}_3\text{C} \quad \text{NH}_3^+  \end{array}  $       |



## Polypeptide chain: repeating amide bonds



# Protein Structure: $\alpha$ -helix

Carbon

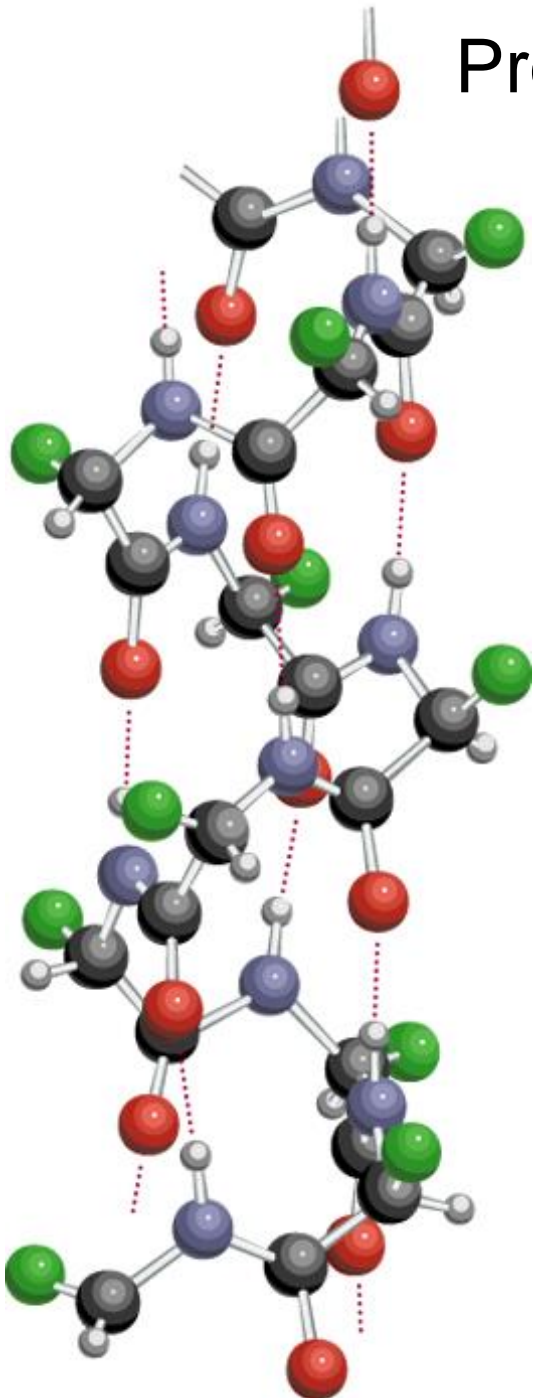
Nitrogen

Oxygen

R group

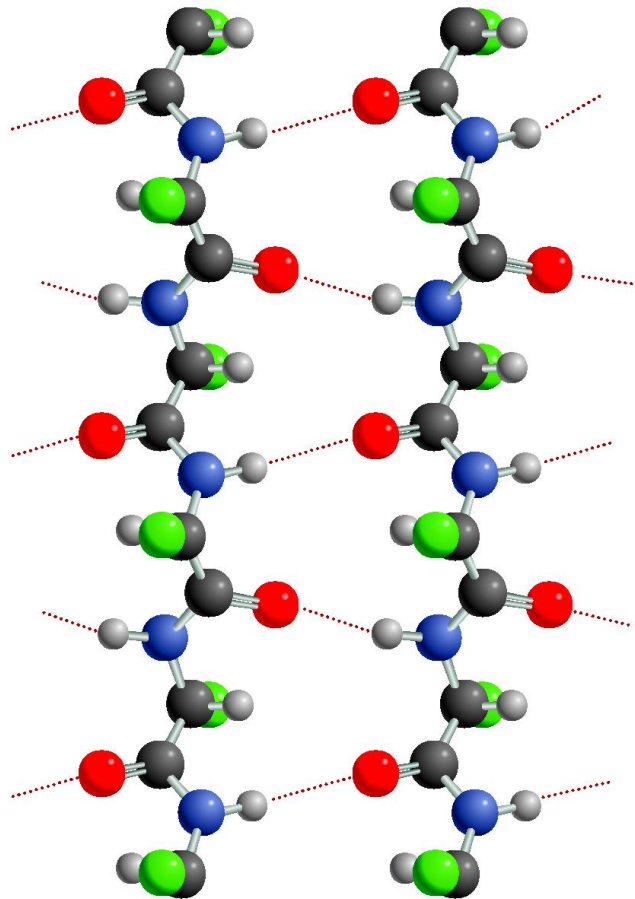
Hydrogen

The structure is held in position by intramolecular hydrogen bonds (.....)

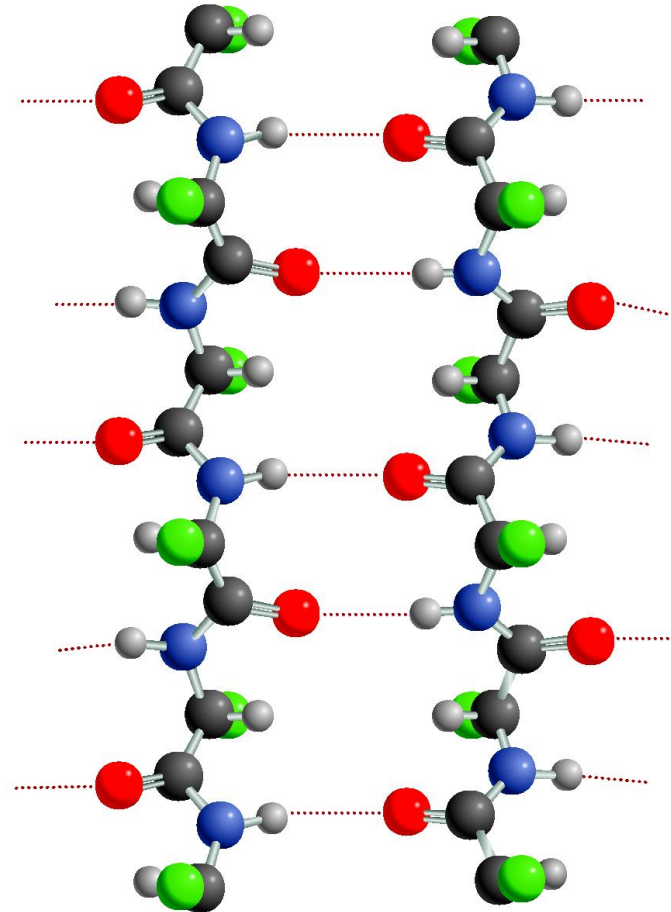


# Protein Structure: $\beta$ -Pleated Sheets

Hydrogen bonds in parallel and antiparallel  $\beta$ -pleated sheets

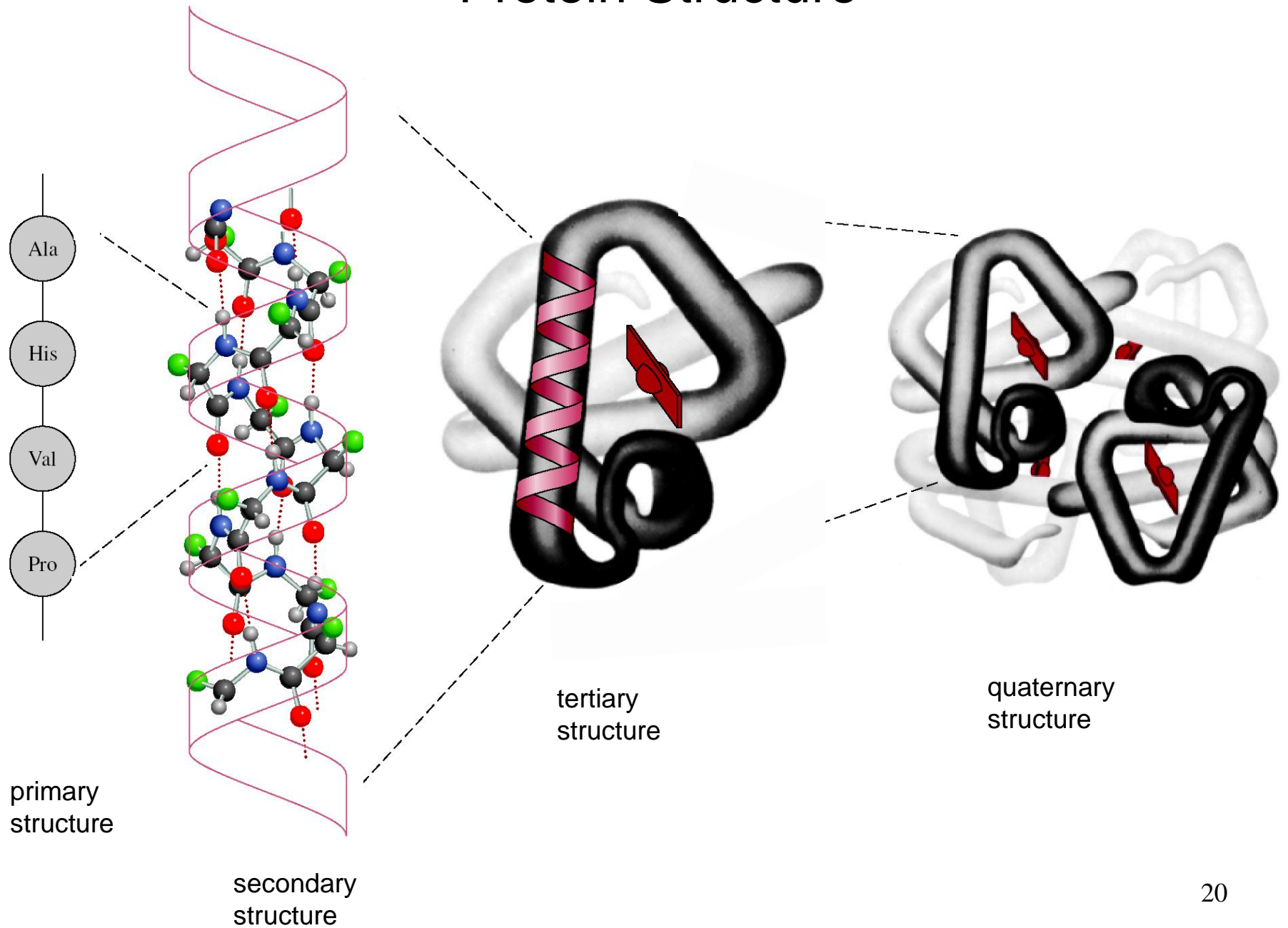


Parallel



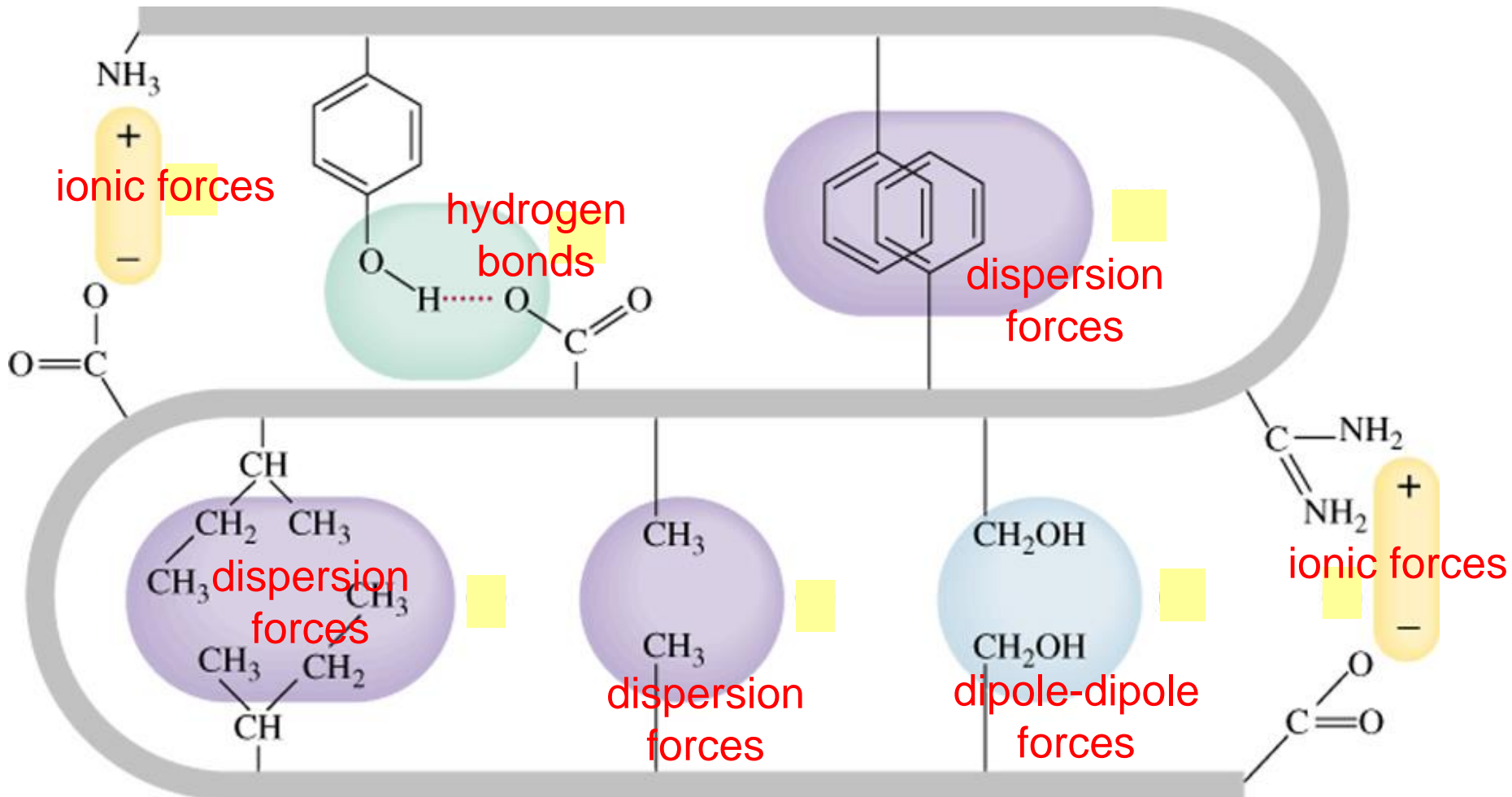
Antiparallel

# Protein Structure



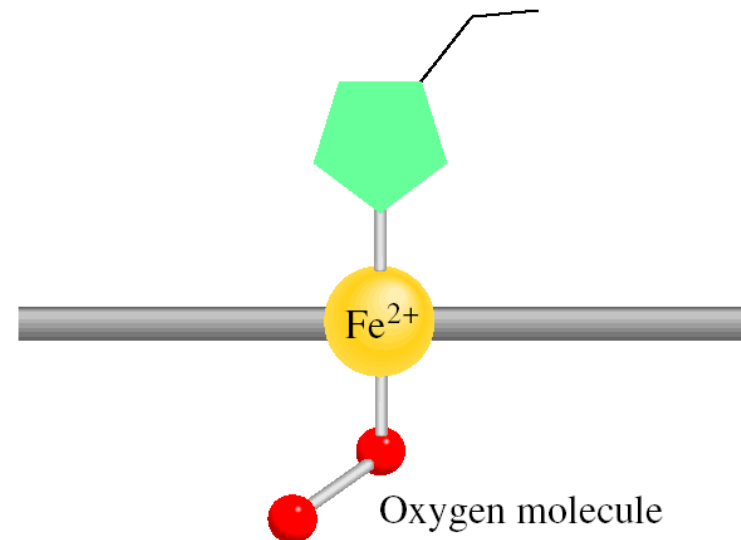
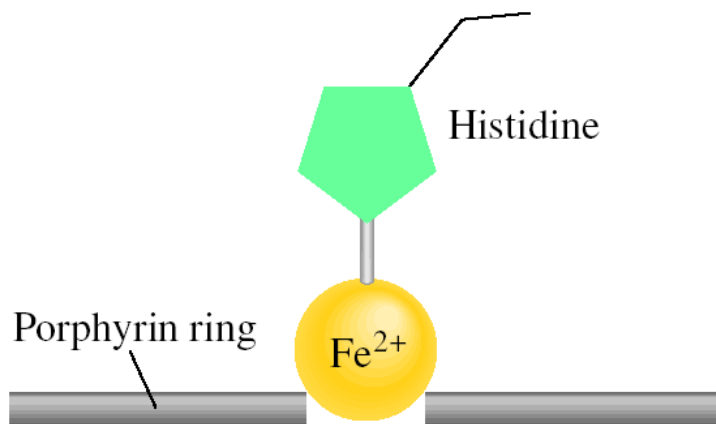
# Protein Structure

## Intermolecular Forces in a Protein Molecule



# Protein Structure

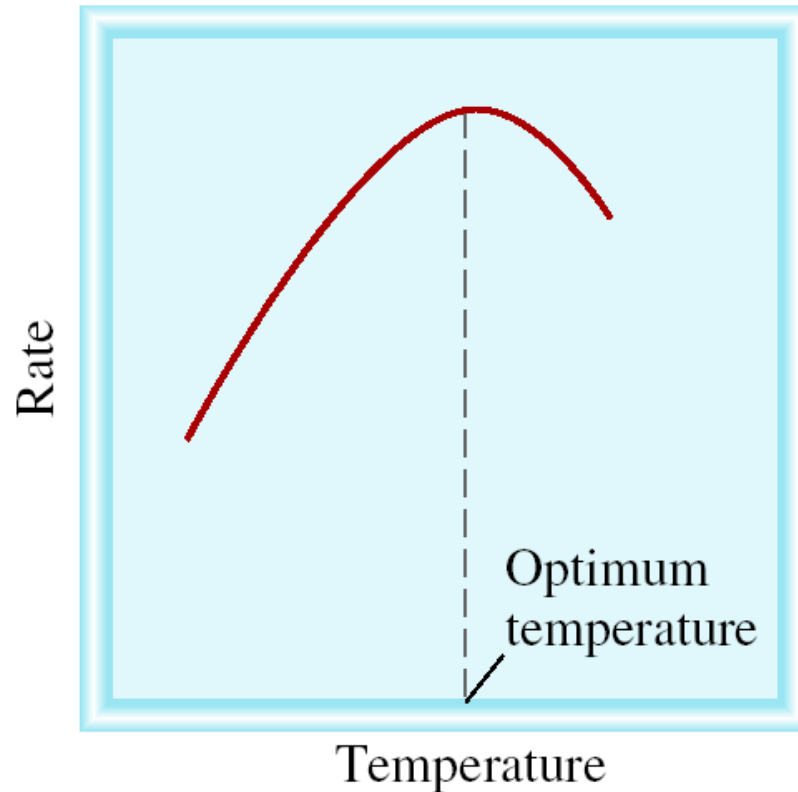
The structural changes that occur when oxygen binds to the heme group in hemoglobin.



***Denatured proteins:*** no longer exhibit normal biological activities.

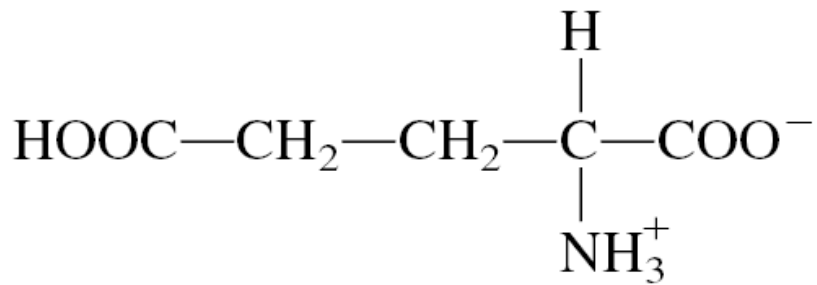
Denaturation can be caused by pH, denaturants (special reagents) or temperature

Can be reversible  
or irreversible

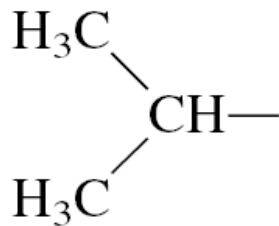


# Chemistry in Action

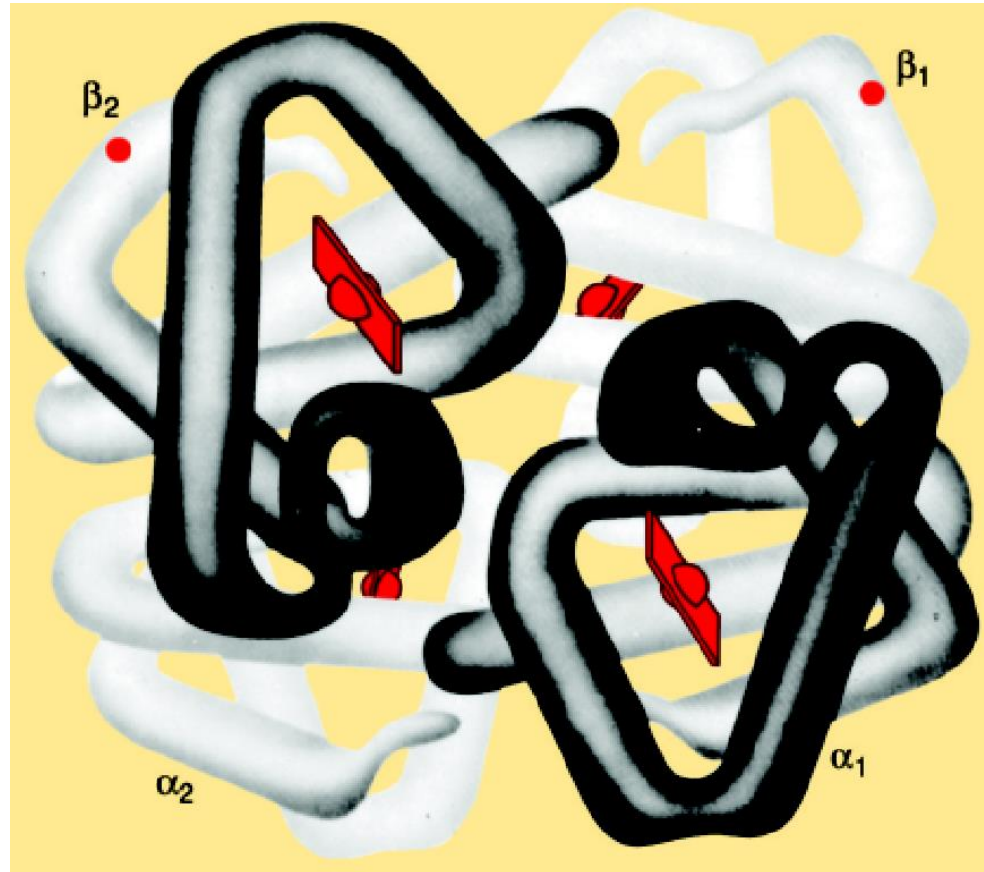
## Sickle Cell Anemia: A Molecular Disease



glutamic acid



nonpolar portion of valine





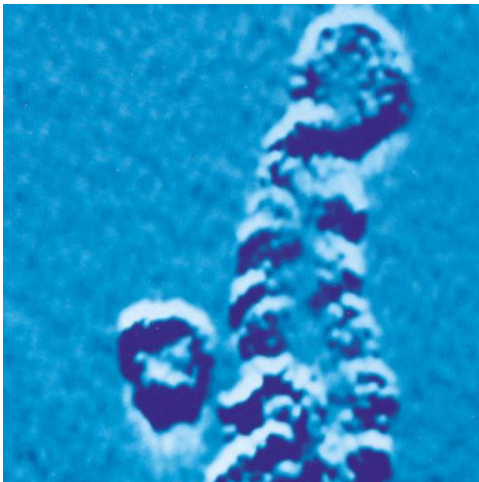
# Nucleic Acids

**Nucleic acids** are high molar mass polymers that play an essential role in protein synthesis.

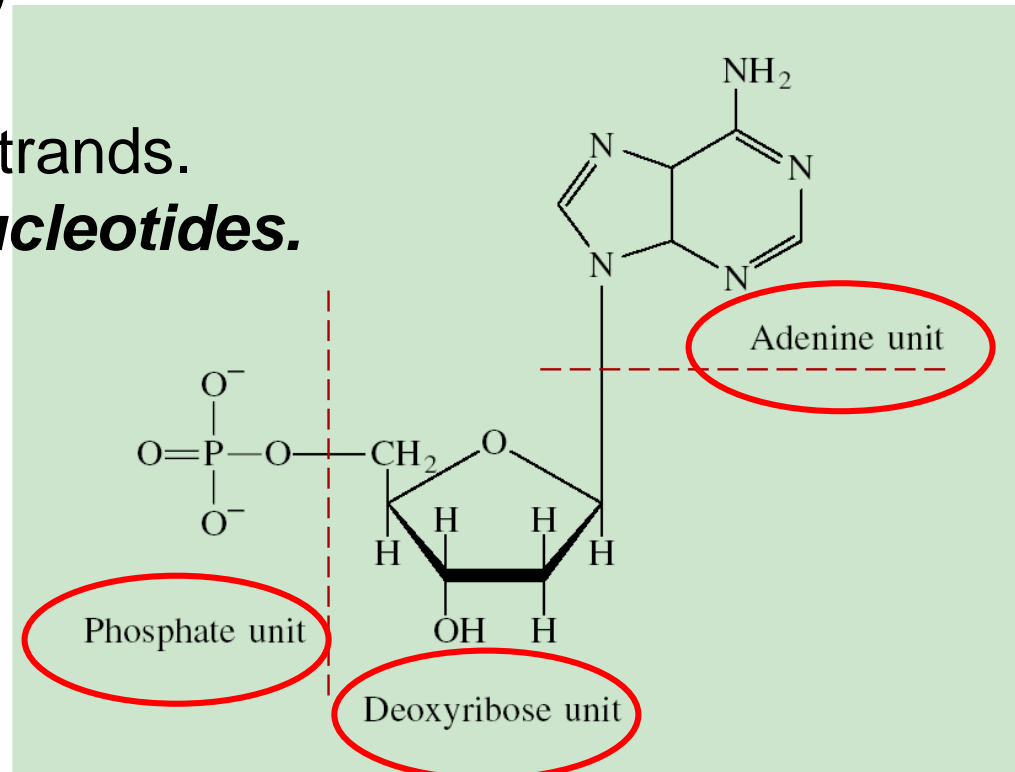
## 1. Deoxyribonucleic acid (DNA)

## 2. Ribonucleic acid (RNA)

DNA molecule has 2 helical strands.  
Each strand is made up of **nucleotides**.



Electronmicrograph of DNA



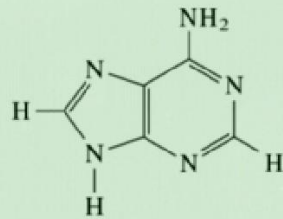
# The Components of the Nucleic Acids DNA and RNA

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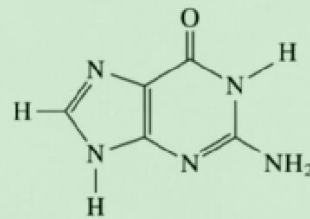
Found in both DNA and RNA

Found only in RNA

Purines

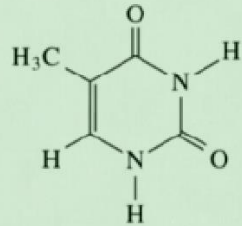


Adenine

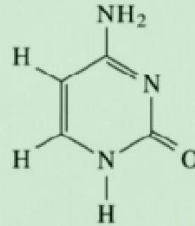


Guanine

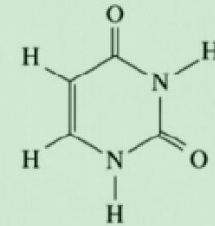
Pyrimidines



Thymine

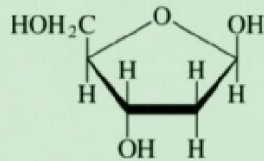


Cytosine

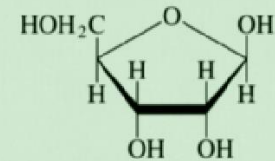


Uracil

Sugars

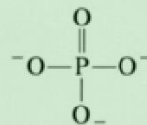


Deoxyribose



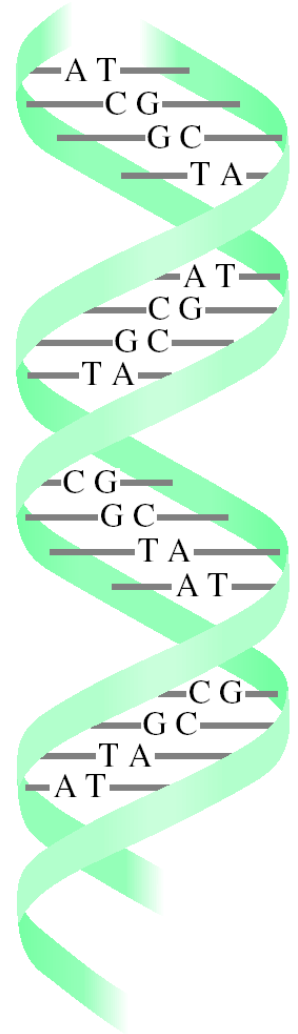
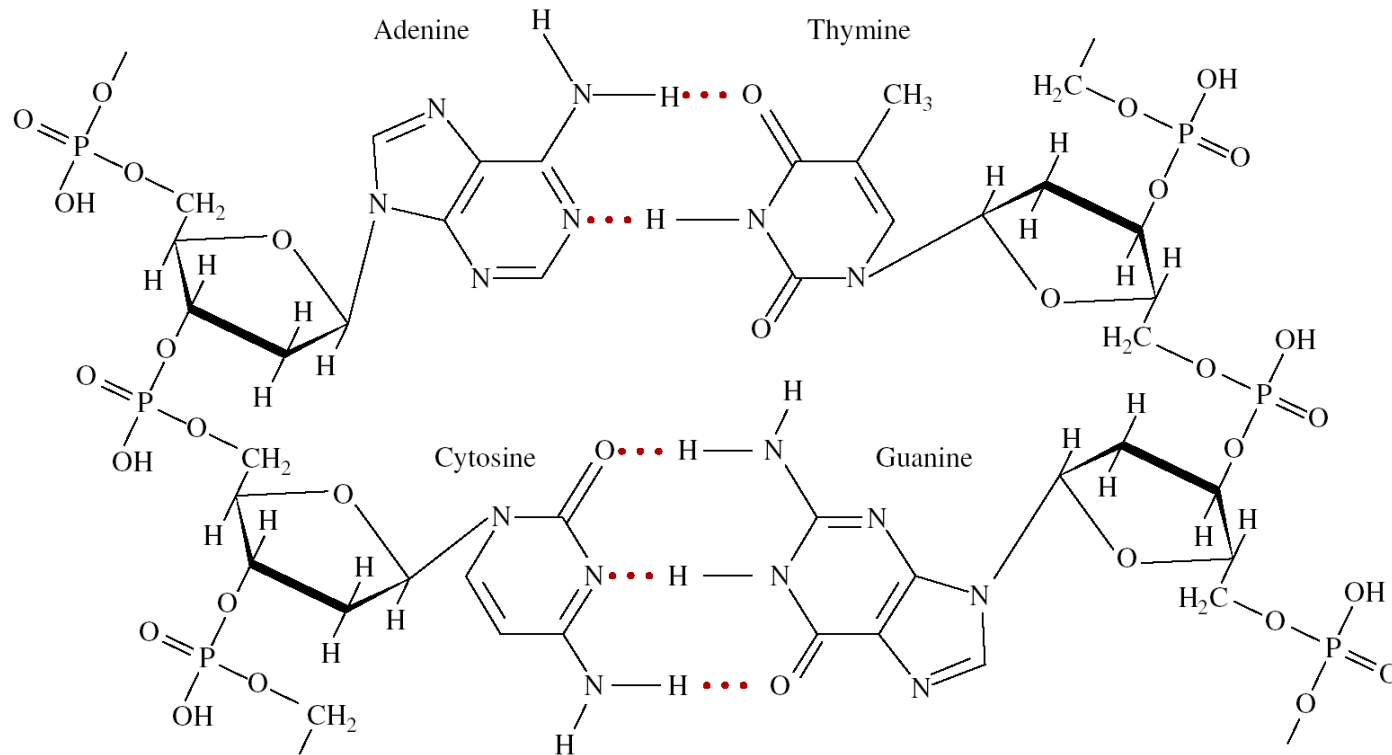
Ribose

Phosphate



Phosphate

# Base-Pair Formation by Adenine and Thymine and by Cytosine and Guanine



# Chemistry In Action: DNA Fingerprinting

