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1 | Structure of Lipids

Fatty acids

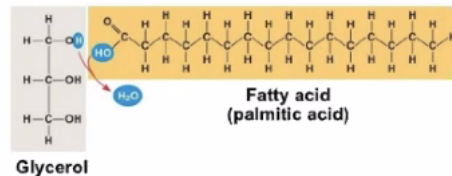


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A single pentene and embellishments. **Single Fatty acids = Glycerol**

Trygricerol

Fat! (a.k.a. adipose tissue) = Triglycerol: three glycerals together.

Saturated vs. Unsaturated fats

Saturate Fats *No double bonds* in the carbon chain — think! butter

Unsaturated Fats *Double bonds* in the carbon chain — think! olive oils

Saturated fats has a higher melting point then the unsaturated fats, but unsaturated fats have double bonds whereas saturated fats have single bonds only. Why?

- Double bonds, due to their caused VESPR geometry (and hence the -1 hydrogen), are curved. This makes it harder to stack together, causing a lower melting point
- Single bonds, due to their caused VESPR geometry, is flat. This makes them easier to stack together, causing a higher melting point.

Phospholipids

2 fatty acids (hydrophobic) + phosphate group (hydrophilic)

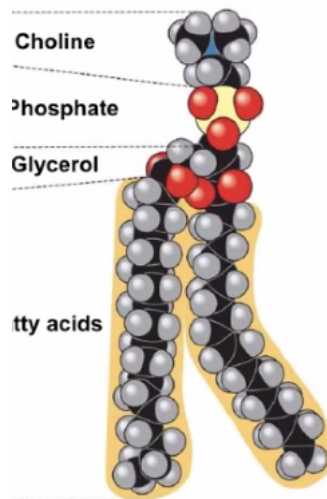
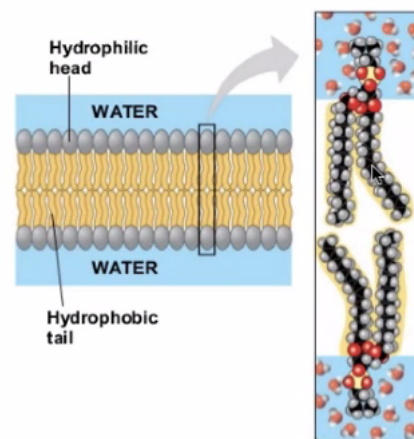


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A combination of many of these will end up with membrane:

The hydrophobic tail stays inside, and the hydrophilic head pokes outside and attracts water.

Liposomes + micelles

Lots of phospholipids

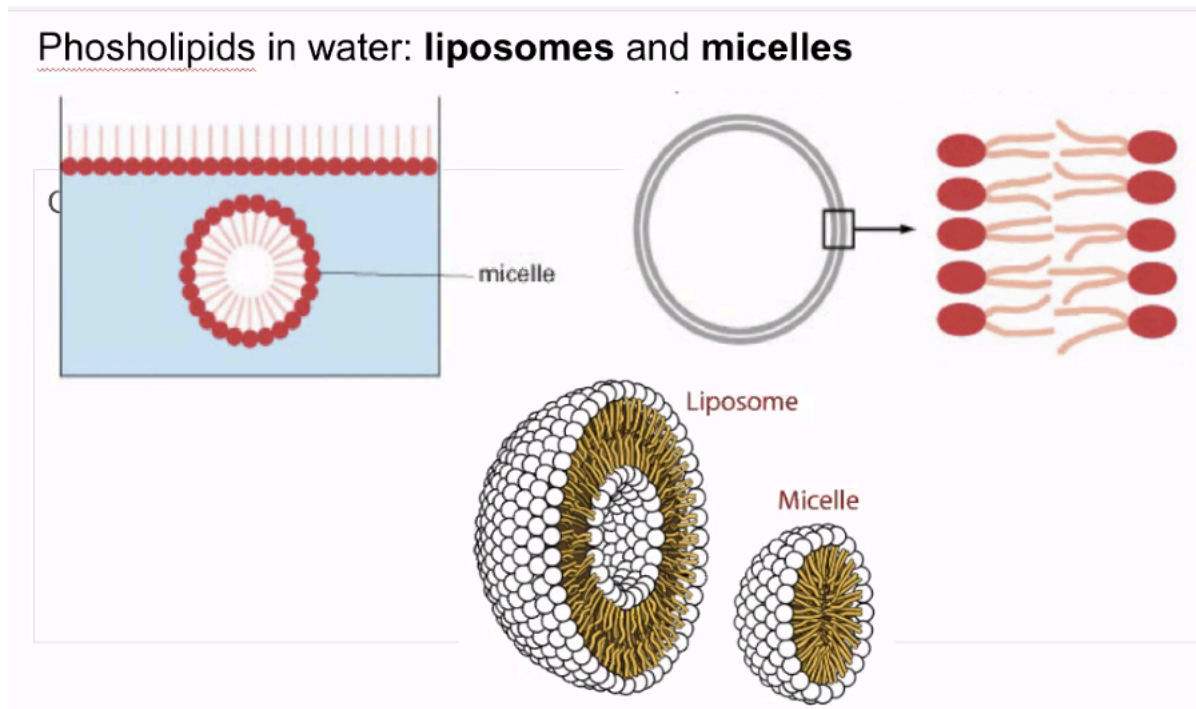


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A same idea as phospholipids, but instead in a big wad of phospholipids. this arrangement is also how basic cells form membranes. [\[KBhBIO101CellMembranes\]](#)

Steroids

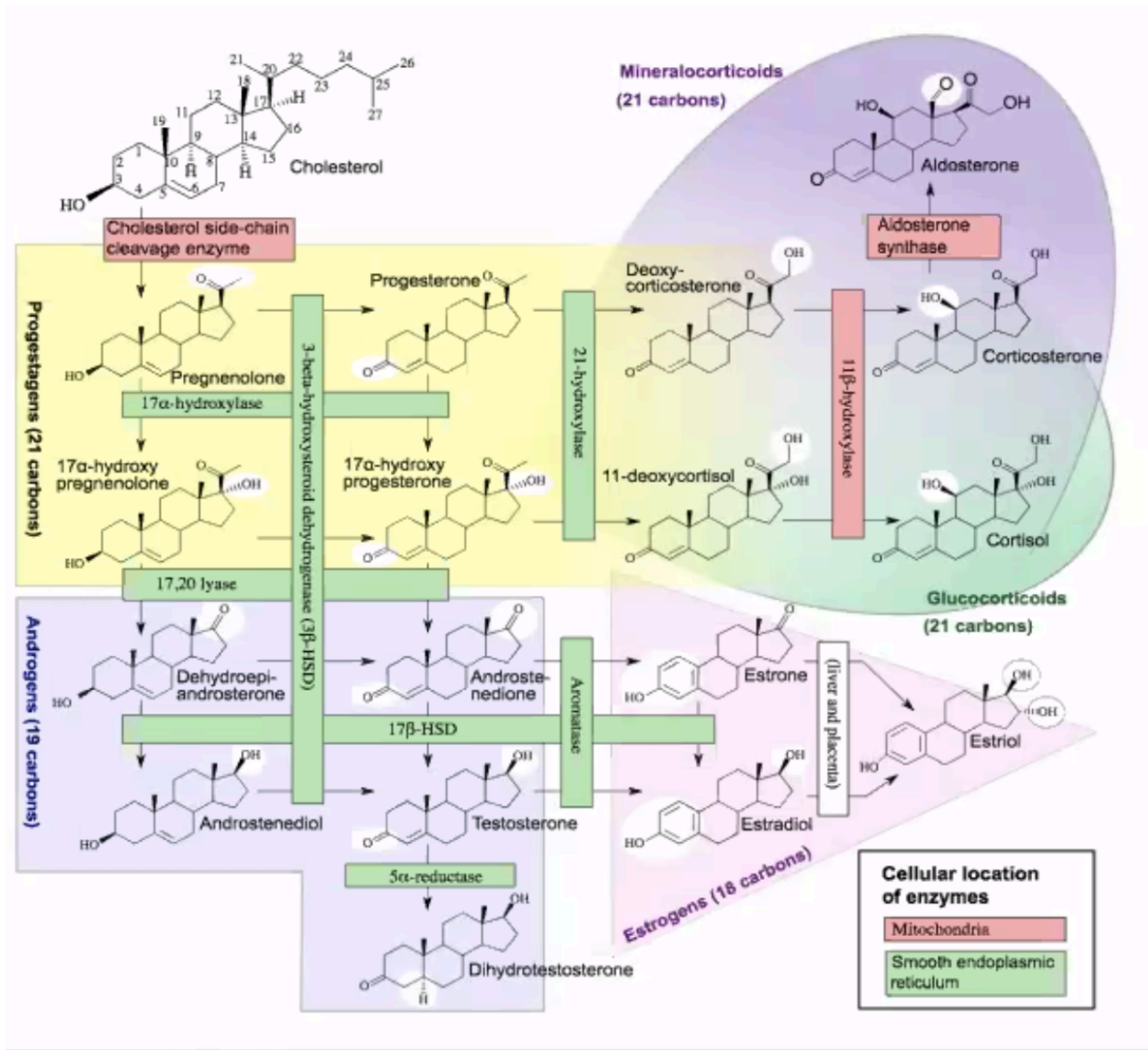


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