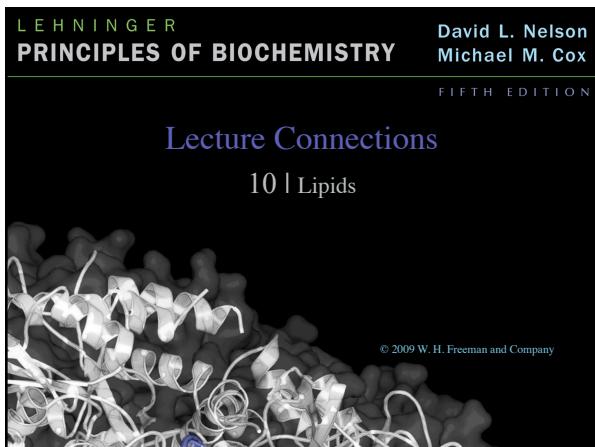


Chapters 10, 11, 12

- Lipid
 - Structure and function (Chapter 10)
- Made from lipids
 - Membrane (Chapter 11)
- Communication across membrane (膜蛋白)
 - Signal transduction (Chapter 12)

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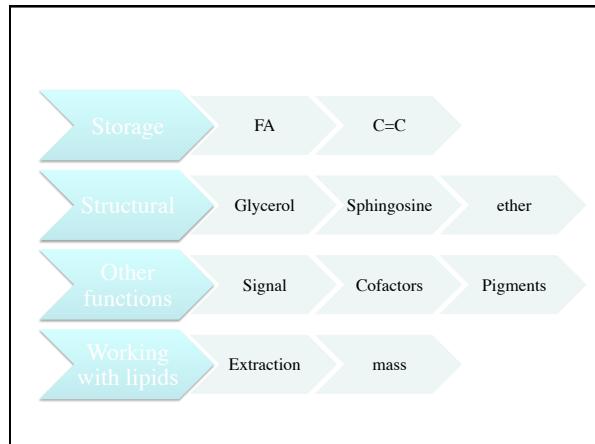
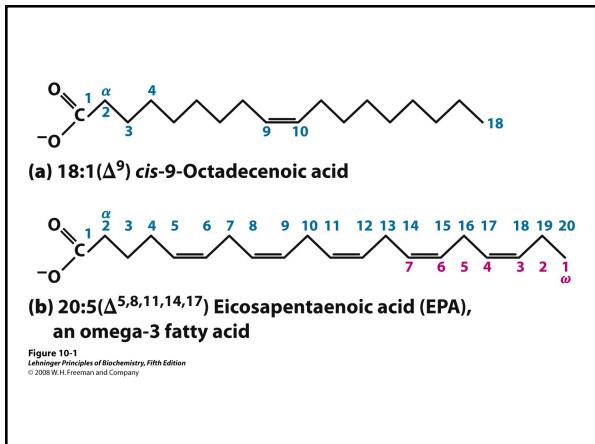
Lecture Connections

10 | Lipids

Key points for lipid chemistry

- To love water or do not love water
 - Hydrophilic
 - Hydrophobic
- Temperature environment
 - Presence of double bond
 - Numbers of carbon
- Diversified chemical structures give functions

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CHAPTER 10

Lipids

Key topics:

- Biological roles of lipids
- Structure and properties of storage lipids
- Structure and properties of membrane lipids
- Structure and properties of signaling lipids

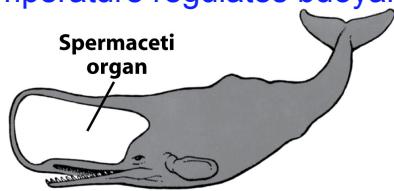
Lipids: Structurally Diverse Class

- Low solubility in water
- Good solubility in nonpolar solvents

Biological Functions of Lipids

- Storage of energy
 - Reduced compounds: lots of available energy
 - Hydrophobic nature: good packing
- Insulation from environment
 - Low thermal conductivity
 - High heat capacity (can "absorb" heat)
 - Mechanical protection (can absorb shocks)
- Water repellent
 - Hydrophobic nature: keeps surface of the organism dry
 - Prevents excessive wetting (birds)
 - Prevents loss of water via evaporation
- Buoyancy control and acoustics in marine mammals
 - Increased density while diving deep helps sinking (just a hypothesis)
 - Spermaceti organ may focus sound energy: sound stun gun?

Density adjustment according to temperature regulates buoyancy



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More Functions

- Membrane Structure
 - Main structure of cell membranes
- Cofactors for enzymes
 - Vitamin K: blood clot formation
 - Coenzyme Q: ATP synthesis in mitochondria
- Signaling molecules
 - Paracrine hormones (act locally)
 - Steroid hormones (act body-wide)
 - Growth factors
 - Vitamins A and D (hormone precursors)
- Pigments
 - Color of tomatoes, carrots, pumpkins, some birds
- Antioxidants
 - Vitamin E

Classification of Lipids

- Based on the structure and function
 - Lipids that do not contain fatty acids: cholesterol, terpenes, ...
 - Lipids that contain fatty acids (complex lipids)
 - Storage lipids and membrane lipids

Fatty Acids

- Carboxylic acids with hydrocarbon chains containing from 4 to 36 carbons
- Almost all natural fatty acids have an even number of carbons
- Most natural fatty acids are unbranched
- Saturated:** no double bonds between carbons in the chain
- Monounsaturated:** one double bond between carbons in the alkyl chain
- Polyunsaturated:** more than one double bond in the alkyl chain

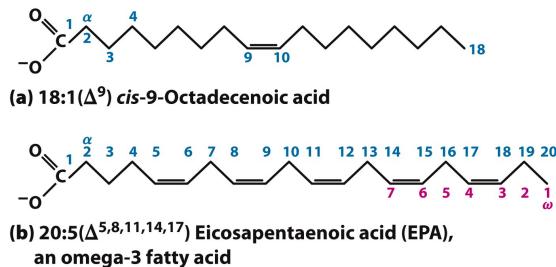


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Fatty Acid Nomenclature

Carbon skeleton	Structure*	Systematic name [†]	Solubility at 30 °C		
			Common name (derivation)	Melting point (°C)	[mg/g solvent]
12:0	$\text{CH}_3(\text{CH}_2)_9\text{COOH}$	n-Dodecanoic acid	Lauric acid (Latin, "laurum"; "laurel plant")	44.2	0.063
14:0	$\text{CH}_3(\text{CH}_2)_{11}\text{COOH}$	n-Tetradecanoic acid	Myristic acid (Latin, "myristica"; nutmeg genus)	53.9	0.024
16:0	$\text{CH}_3(\text{CH}_2)_{13}\text{COOH}$	n-Hexadecanoic acid	Palmitic acid (Latin, "palma"; "palm tree")	63.1	0.0083
18:0	$\text{CH}_3(\text{CH}_2)_{15}\text{COOH}$	n-Octadecanoic acid	Stearic acid (Greek, "steator"; "tallow")	69.6	0.0034
20:0	$\text{CH}_3(\text{CH}_2)_{17}\text{COOH}$	n-Eicosanoic acid	Arachidic acid (Latin, "arachis"; "peanut")	76.5	
24:0	$\text{CH}_3(\text{CH}_2)_{19}\text{COOH}$	n-Tetracosanoic acid	Lignoceric acid (Latin, "lignum"; "wood" + zero; "wax")	86.0	
16:1(Δ^1)	$\text{CH}_3(\text{CH}_2)\text{CH}=\text{CH}(\text{CH}_2)\text{COOH}$	cis-9-Hexadecenoic acid	Palmitoleic acid (Latin, "palma"; "palm tree")	1 to -0.5	
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Solubility and Melting Point of Saturated Fatty Acids

- Solubility decreases as the chain length increases
- Melting point increases as the chain length increases

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Conformation of Fatty Acids

- The saturated chain tends to adopt extended conformations
- The double bonds in natural unsaturated fatty acids are commonly in *cis* configuration
- This introduces a **kink** in the chain

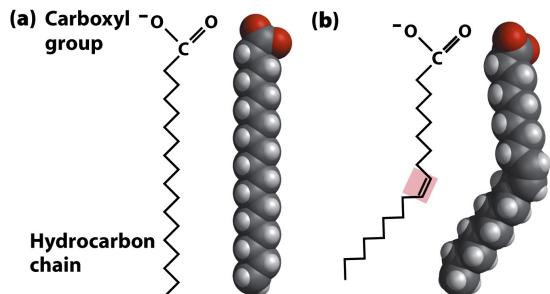


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Melting Point and Double Bonds

- Saturated fatty acids pack in a fairly orderly way
 - extensive favorable interactions
- Unsaturated *cis* fatty acid pack less regular due to the kink**
 - Less extensive favorable interactions
- It takes less thermal energy to disrupt disordered packing of unsaturated fatty acids:
 - unsaturated *cis* fatty acids have a lower melting point**

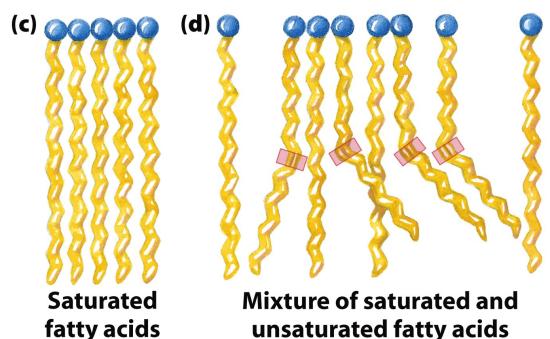


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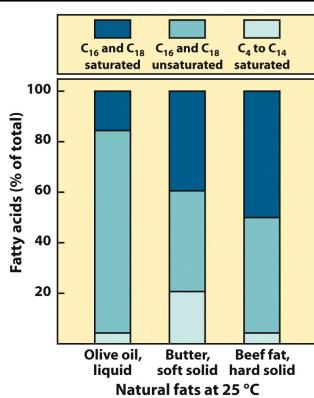


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Trans Fatty Acids

- Trans fatty acids form by partial dehydrogenation of unsaturated fatty acids
- A **trans double bond** allows a given fatty acid to adopt an extended conformation.
- Trans fatty acids can pack more regularly, and show **higher melting points** than *cis* forms

Trans Fatty Acids in Foods

- Consuming trans fats increases risk of cardiovascular disease
 - Avoid deep-frying partially hydrogenated vegetable oils
 - Current trend: reduce trans fats in foods (Wendy's, KFC)

TABLE 10-2 Trans Fatty Acids in Some Typical Fast Foods and Snacks

	Trans fatty acid content In a typical serving (g)	As % of total fatty acids
French fries	4.7–6.1	28–36
Breaded fish burger	5.6	28
Breaded chicken nuggets	5.0	25
Pizza	1.1	9
Corn tortilla chips	1.6	22
Doughnut	2.7	25
Muffin	0.7	14
Chocolate bar	0.2	2

Source: Adapted from Table 1 in Mozaffarian, D., Katan, M.B., Ascherio, P.H., Stamper, M.J., & Willett, W.C. (2006) Trans fatty acids and cardiovascular disease. *N. Engl. J. Med.* 354, 1604–1605.

Note: All data for foods prepared with partially hydrogenated vegetable oil in the United States in 2002.

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Triacylglycerols (fats and oils)

- Majority of fatty acids in biological systems are found in the form of triacylglycerols
- Solid ones are called fats
- Liquid ones are called oils
- Triacylglycerols are the primary storage form of lipids (**body fat**)
- Triacylglycerols are less soluble in water than fatty acids due to the lack of charged carboxylate group
- Triacylglycerols are less dense than water: **fats and oils float**

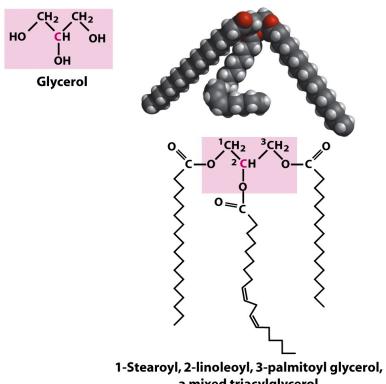


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Fats Provide Efficient Fuel Storage

- The advantage of fats over polysaccharides:
 - Fatty acid carry more energy per carbon because they are more reduced
 - Fatty acids carry less water along because they are nonpolar
- Glucose and glycogen are for short-term energy needs, quick delivery
- Fats are for long term (months) energy needs, good storage, slow delivery

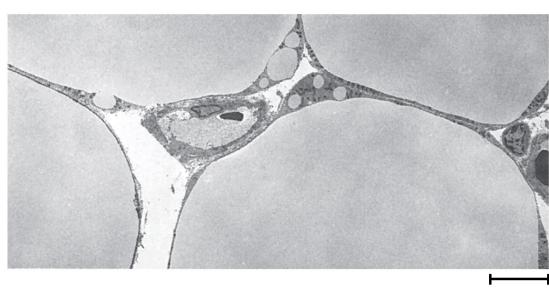


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Waxes

- Waxes are **esters** of long-chain saturated and unsaturated **fatty acids** with **long-chain alcohols**
- Insoluble and have high melting points
- Variety of functions:
 - Storage of metabolic fuel in plankton
 - Protection and pliability for hair and skin in vertebrates
 - Waterproofing of feathers in birds
 - Protection from evaporation in tropical plants and ivy
 - Used by people in lotions, ointments, and polishes

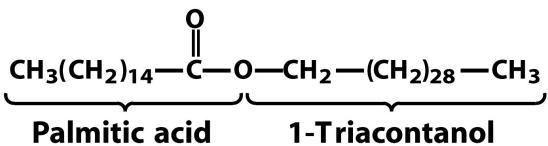


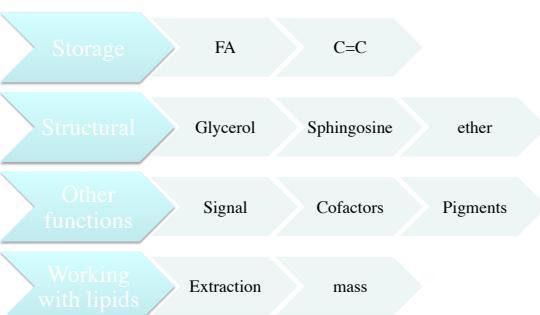
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Wax: the material of the honeycomb

- Beeswax is a mixture of a large number of lipids, including esters of triacontanol, and a long-chain alkane hentriacontane

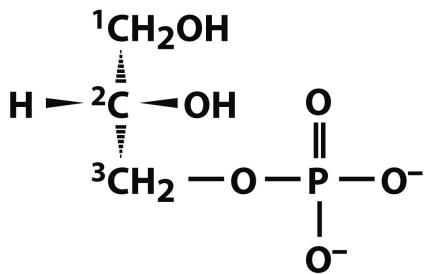


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Glycerophospholipids

- Primary **constituents of cell membranes**
- Two fatty acids form ester linkages with first and second hydroxyl group of **L-glycerol-3-phosphate**



**L-Glycerol 3-phosphate
(*sn*-glycerol 3-phosphate)**

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General Structure of Glycerophospholipids

- Note that **unsaturated fatty acids** are commonly found to be connected to C2 of glycerol
- The **highly polar phosphate group** may be further esterified by an alcohol; such substituent groups are called the **head groups**

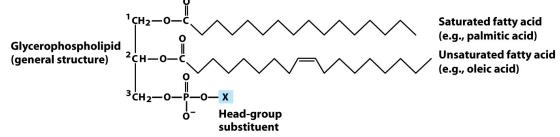


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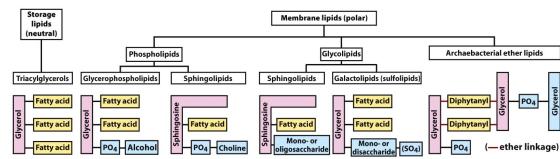


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How membrane lipids are formed?

- Backbone
 - Glycerol
 - Sphingosine
- Polar head
 - Phosphate
 - Glycol or carbohydrate
- Unique lipids in Archaea

Examples of Glycerophospholipids

- The properties of head groups determine the surface properties of membranes
- Different organisms have different membrane lipid head group compositions
- Different tissues have different membrane lipid head group compositions

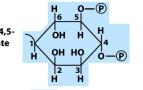
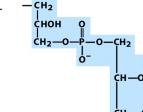
Name of glycerophospholipid	Name of X	Formula of X	Net charge (at pH 7)
Phosphatidic acid	—	—H	-1
Phosphatidylethanolamine	Ethanolamine	—CH ₂ —CH ₂ —NH ₃ ⁺	0
Phosphatidylcholine	Choline	—CH ₂ —CH ₂ —N(CH ₃) ₃ ⁺	0
Phosphatidylserine	Serine	—CH ₂ —CH—NH ₃ ⁺ COO ⁻	-1
Phosphatidylglycerol	Glycerol	—CH ₂ —CH—CH ₂ —OH OH	-1
Phosphatidylinositol 4,5-bisphosphate	myo-Inositol 4,5-bisphosphate		-4
Cardiolipin	Phosphatidyl-glycerol		-2

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Phosphatidylcholine

- Phosphatidylcholine is the major component of most eukaryotic cell membranes
- Many prokaryotes, including *E. coli* cannot synthesize this lipid; their membranes do not contain phosphatidylcholine

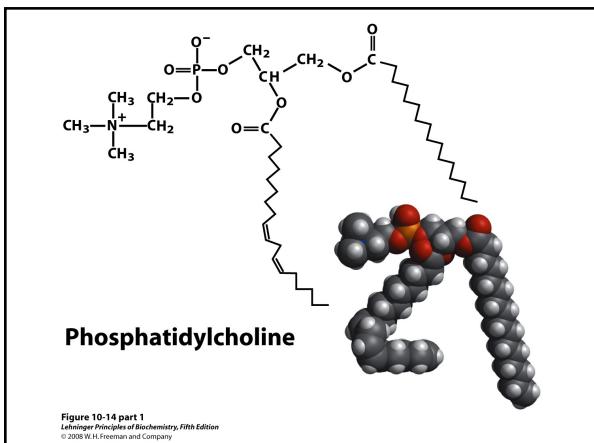
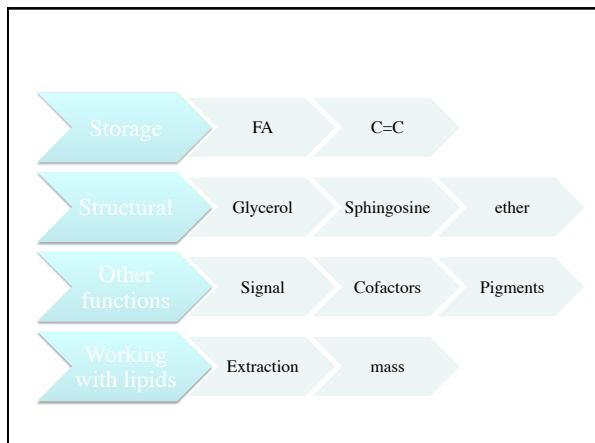


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Ether Lipids: Plasmalogen

- Vinyl ether analog of phosphatidylethanolamine
- Common in vertebrate heart tissue
- Also found in some protozoa and anaerobic bacteria
- Function is not well understood
 - Resistant to cleavage by common lipases but cleaved by few specific lipases
 - Increase membrane rigidity?
 - Sources of signaling lipids?
 - May be antioxidants?

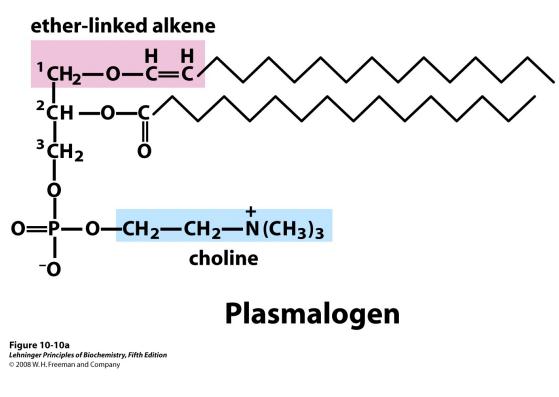


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Ether Lipids: Platelets-Activating Factor

- Aliphatic ether analog of phosphatidylcholine
- Acetic acid has esterified position C2
- First signaling lipid to be identified
- Stimulates aggregation of blood platelets
- Plays role in mediation of inflammation

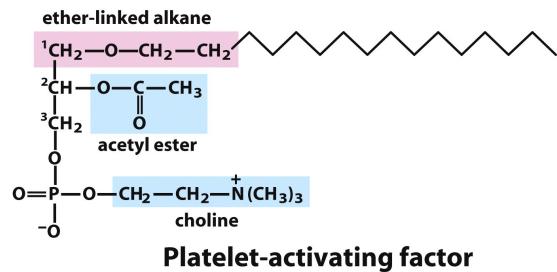


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Unique ether lipid in Archaea

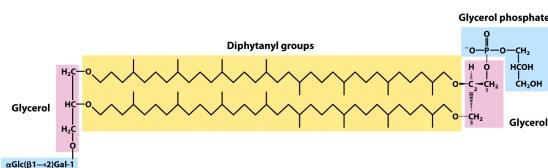


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Plants employ more galactolipids than phospholipids

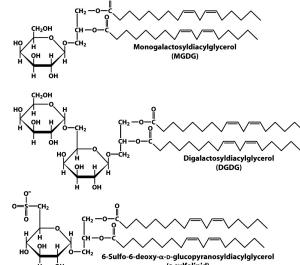
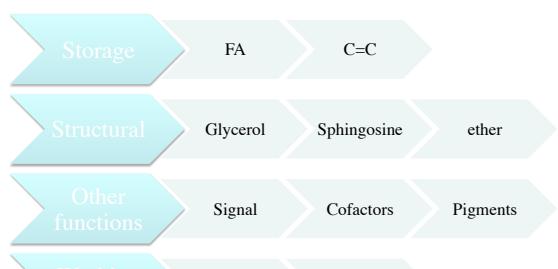
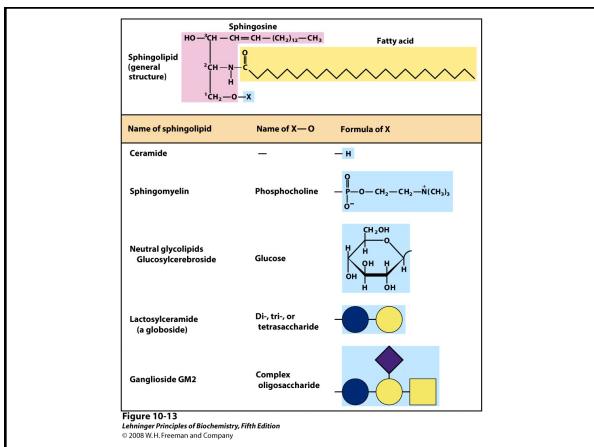


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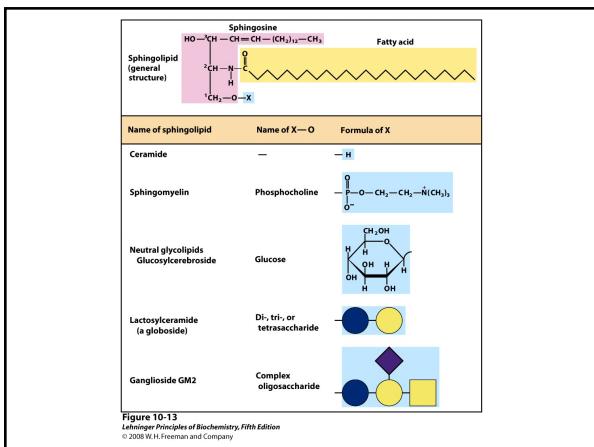
Sphingolipids

- The **backbone of sphingolipids is NOT glycerol**
- The backbone of sphingolipids is a long-chain amino alcohol **sphingosine**
- A fatty acid is joined to sphingosine via an **amide linkage** rather than an ester linkage as usually seen in lipids
- A polar head group is connected to sphingosine by a **glycosidic or phosphodiester linkage**
- The sugar-containing glycosphingolipids are found largely in the outer face of plasma membranes



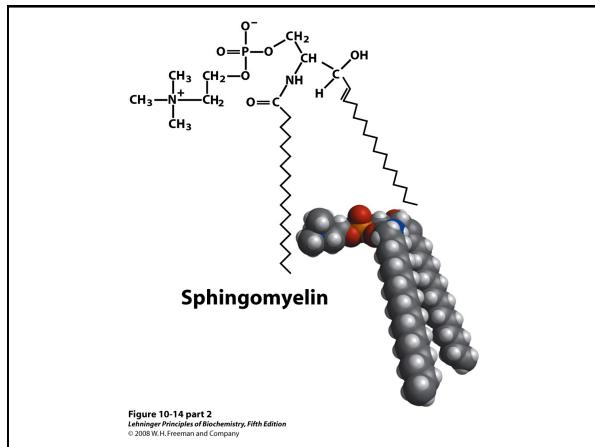
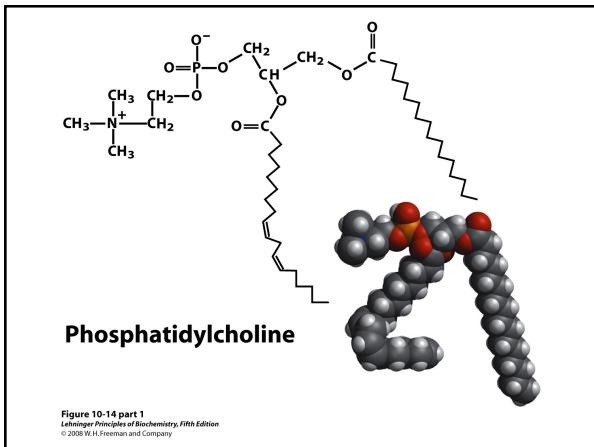
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- The properties of head groups determine the surface properties of membranes
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Sphingomyelin

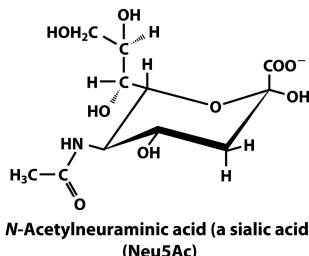
- Ceramide (sphingosine + amide-linked fatty acid + phosphocholine)
- Sphingomyelin is abundant in myelin sheath that surrounds some nerve cells in animals
- Structurally similar to phosphatidylcholine



Why sphingomyelin in myelin?

- Think of the polar head
 - No net charge!

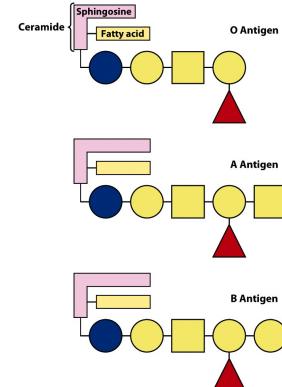
Gangliosides, with sialic acid in the polar head termini



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Glycosphingolipids and Blood Groups

- The blood groups are determined in part by the type of sugars located on the head groups in glycosphingolipids.
- The structure of sugar is determined by a expression of specific glycosyltransferases
 - Individuals with no active glycosyltransferase will have the **O antigen**
 - Individuals with a glycosyltransferase that transfers an **N-acetylgalactosamine** group have **A blood group**
 - Individuals with a glycosyltransferase that transfers a **galactose** group to phosphate will have **B blood group**



Sterols and Cholesterol

- Sterol:
 - Steroid nucleus: four fused rings
 - Hydroxyl group (polar head) in the A-ring
 - Various non-polar side chains
- The steroid nucleus is almost planar

Phosphoipids and sphingolipids are degraded by lipases

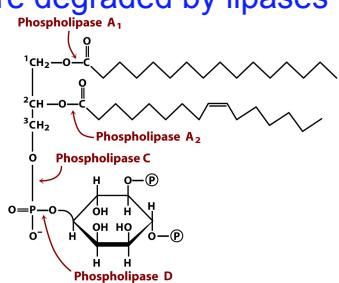
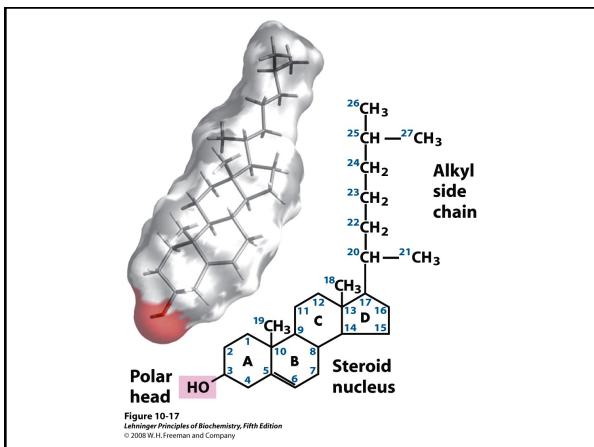
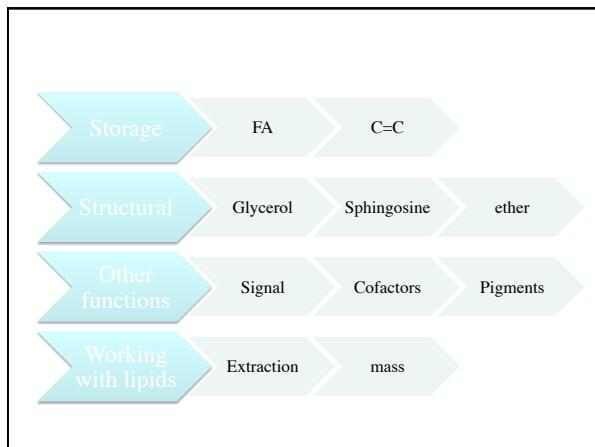
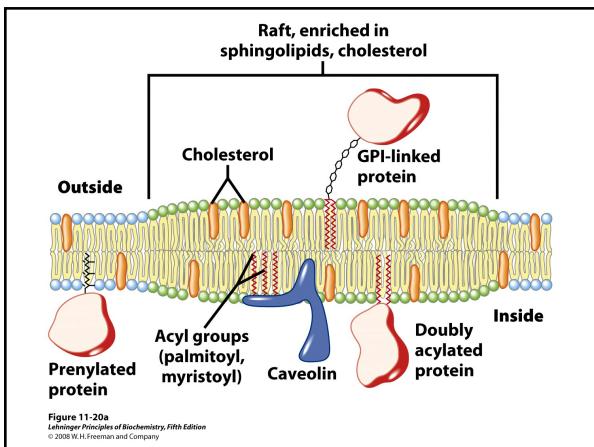


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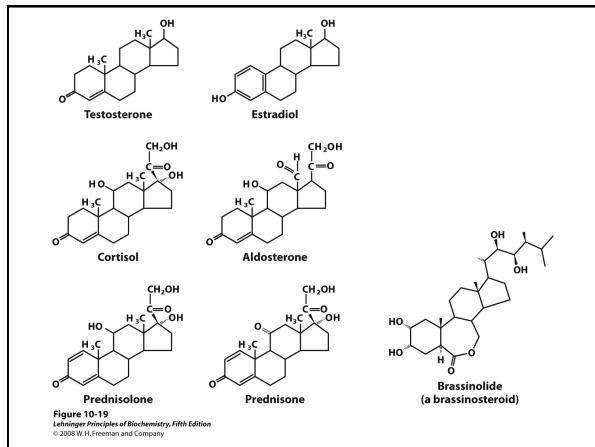
Physiological Role of Sterols

- Cholesterol and related sterols are present in the membranes of most eukaryotic cells.
 - Modulate fluidity and permeability
 - Thicken the plasma membrane
 - Most bacteria lack sterols
- Mammals obtain cholesterol from **food** and **synthesize** it *de novo* in the liver
- Cholesterol, bound to proteins, is transported to tissues via blood vessels
 - Cholesterol in **low-density lipoproteins** tends to deposit and clog arteries
- Many **hormones** are derivatives of sterols



Steroid Hormones

- Steroids are **oxidized derivatives of sterols**
- Steroids have the sterol nucleus, but lack the alkyl chain found in cholesterol. This makes them **more polar** than cholesterol.
- Steroid hormones are synthesized in gonads and adrenal glands from cholesterol
- They are carried through the body in the blood stream, usually attached to carrier proteins
- Many of the steroid hormones are **male and female sex hormones**



Signaling Lipids

- Paracrine lipid hormones are present in small amounts but play vital roles as signaling molecules between nearby cells
- Enzymatic oxidation of arachidonic acid yields
 - prostaglandins,
 - thromboxanes, and
 - leukotrienes

Arachidonic Acid Derivatives as Signaling Lipids

- Variety of functions:
 - Inflammation and fever (prostaglandins)
 - Formation of blood clots (thromboxanes)
 - Smooth muscle contraction in lungs (leukotrienes)
 - Smooth muscle contraction in uterus (prostaglandins)

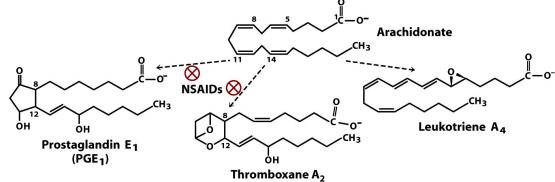


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Vitamins A, D are hormone precursors

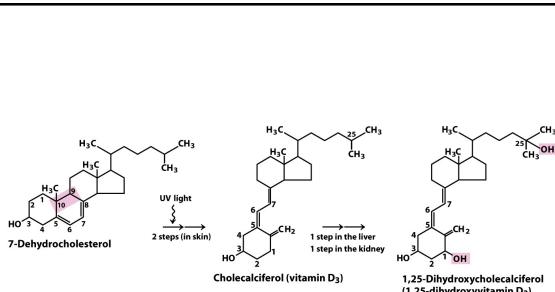
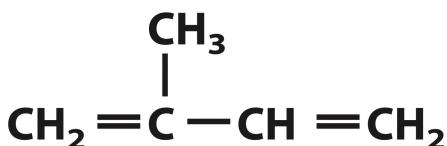


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Plants produce volatile signals

- Used as plant signal
- Jasmonate
 - Characteristic of jasmine
 - Plant defense
- Certainly perfume

Vitamins A, D, E, K, Jasmine etc.
have same precursor



Isoprene

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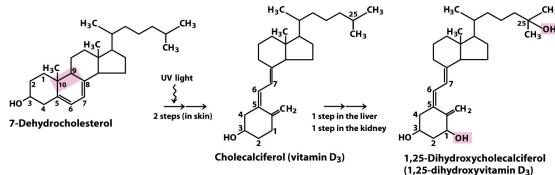


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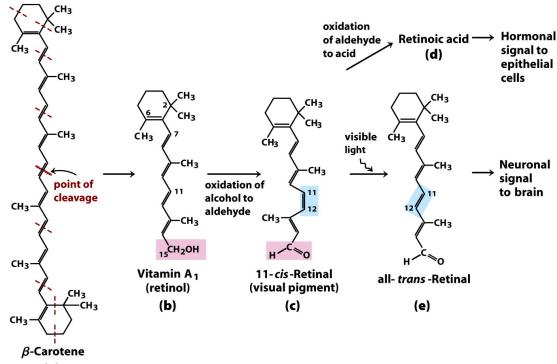


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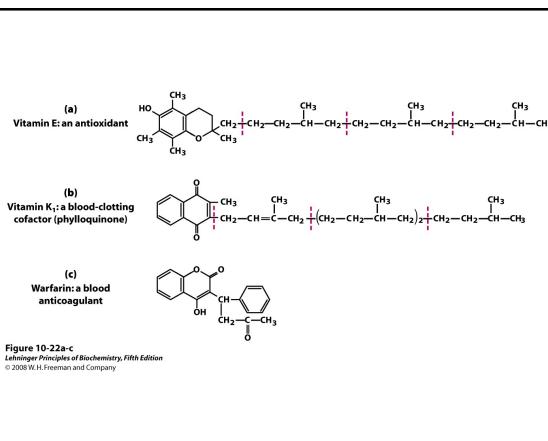


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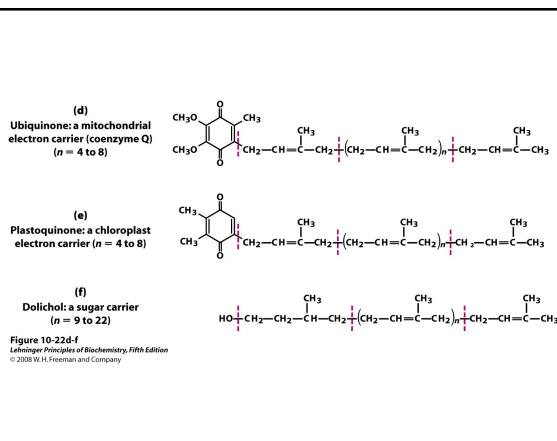


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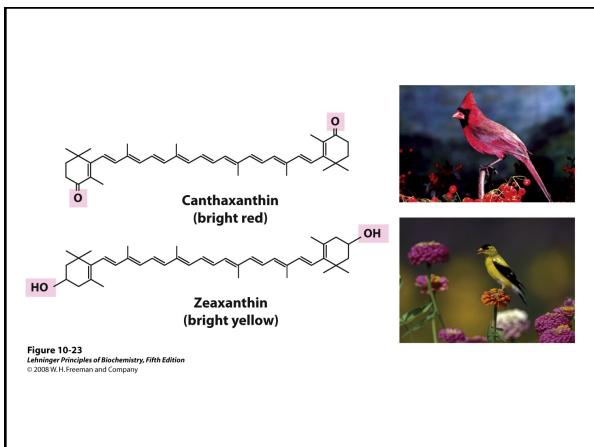


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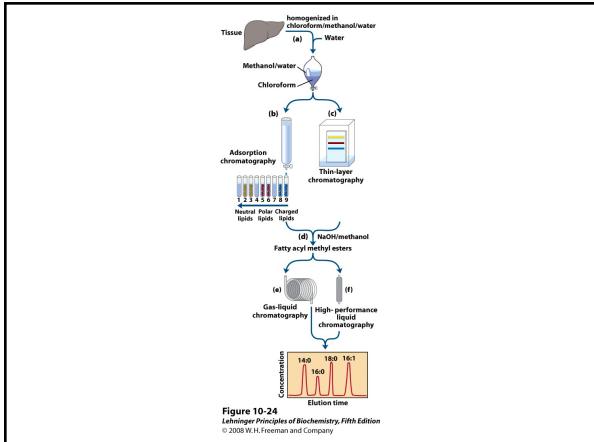
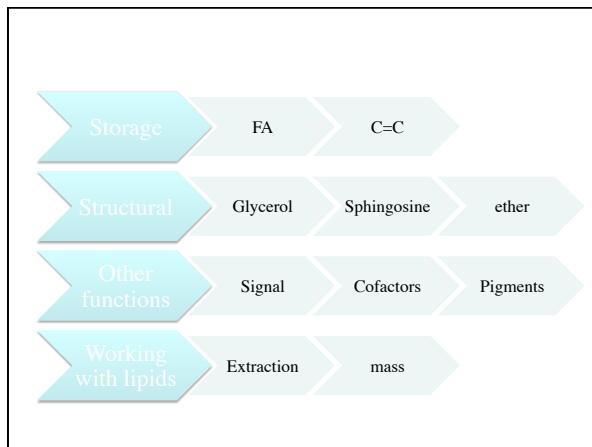


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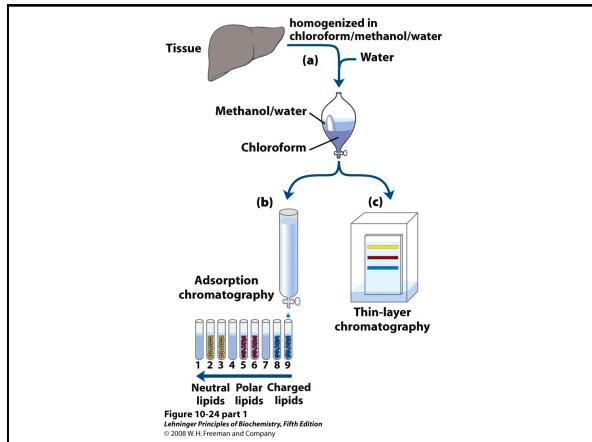


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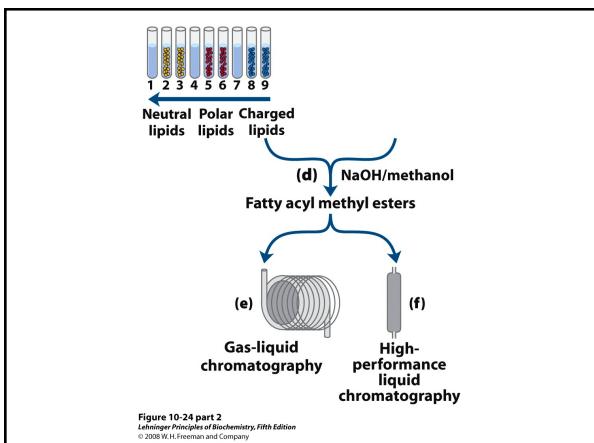


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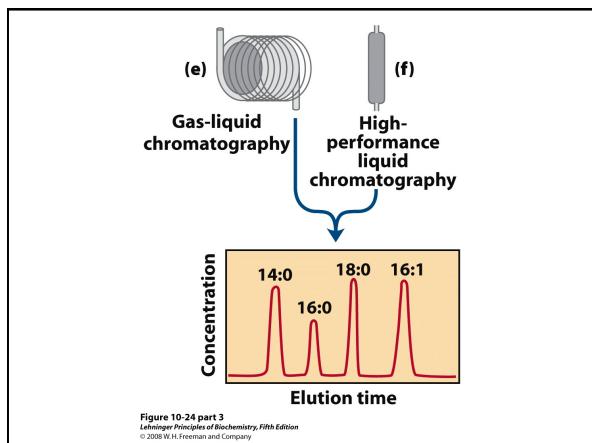
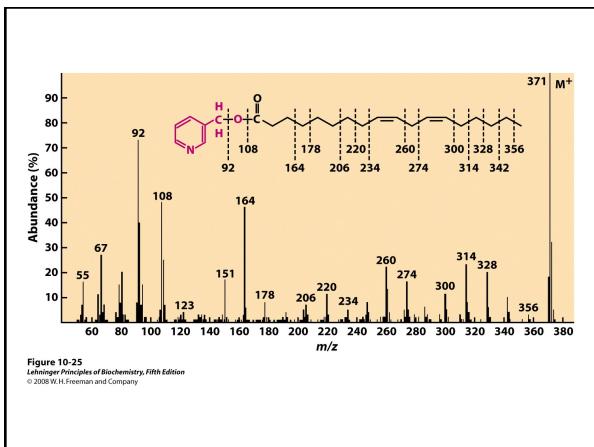


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Chapter 10: Summary

In this chapter, we learned that:

- lipids are a structurally and functionally diverse class of molecules that are poorly soluble in water
- triacylglycerols are the main storage lipids
- phospholipids are the main constituents of membranes
- sphingolipids play roles in cell recognition
- cholesterol is both a membrane lipid and the precursor for steroid hormones
- some lipids carry signals from cell to cell and from tissue to tissue

