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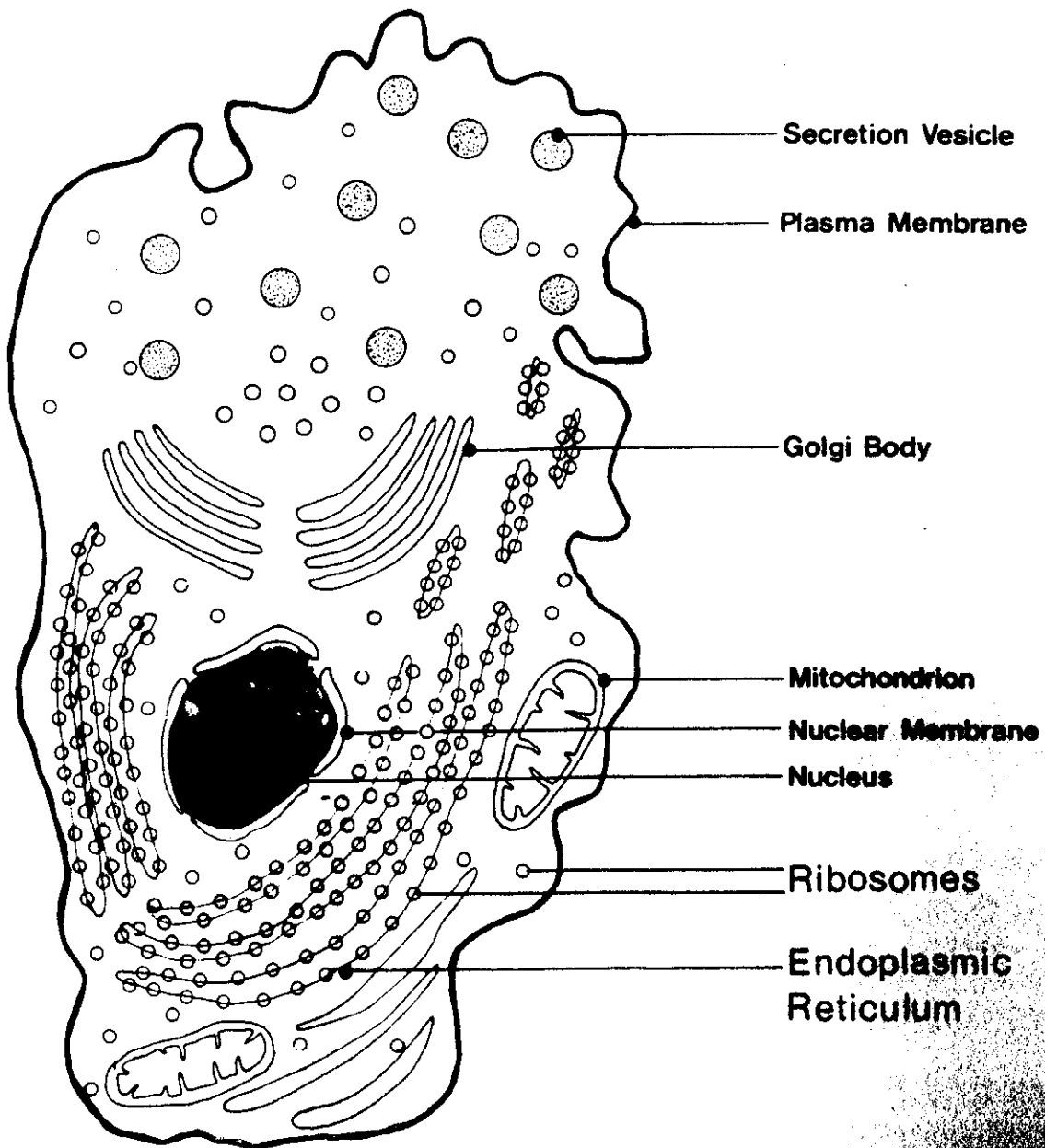
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**Lipid Polymorphism and
Membrane Structure and Function**

- **Cell membranes**
- **Biological lipid chemical structures**
- **Lipid types**
- **Lipid biosynthesis and compositions**
- **Amphiphilic properties of biological lipids**
- **Phase identification and structure: diffraction**
- **Lamellar phases**
- **Non-lamellar phases**
- **Role of non-lamellar structures in cell membranes**
- **Effects of hydrostatic pressure**
- **Phase transitions: epitaxy**
- **Effects of solutes**

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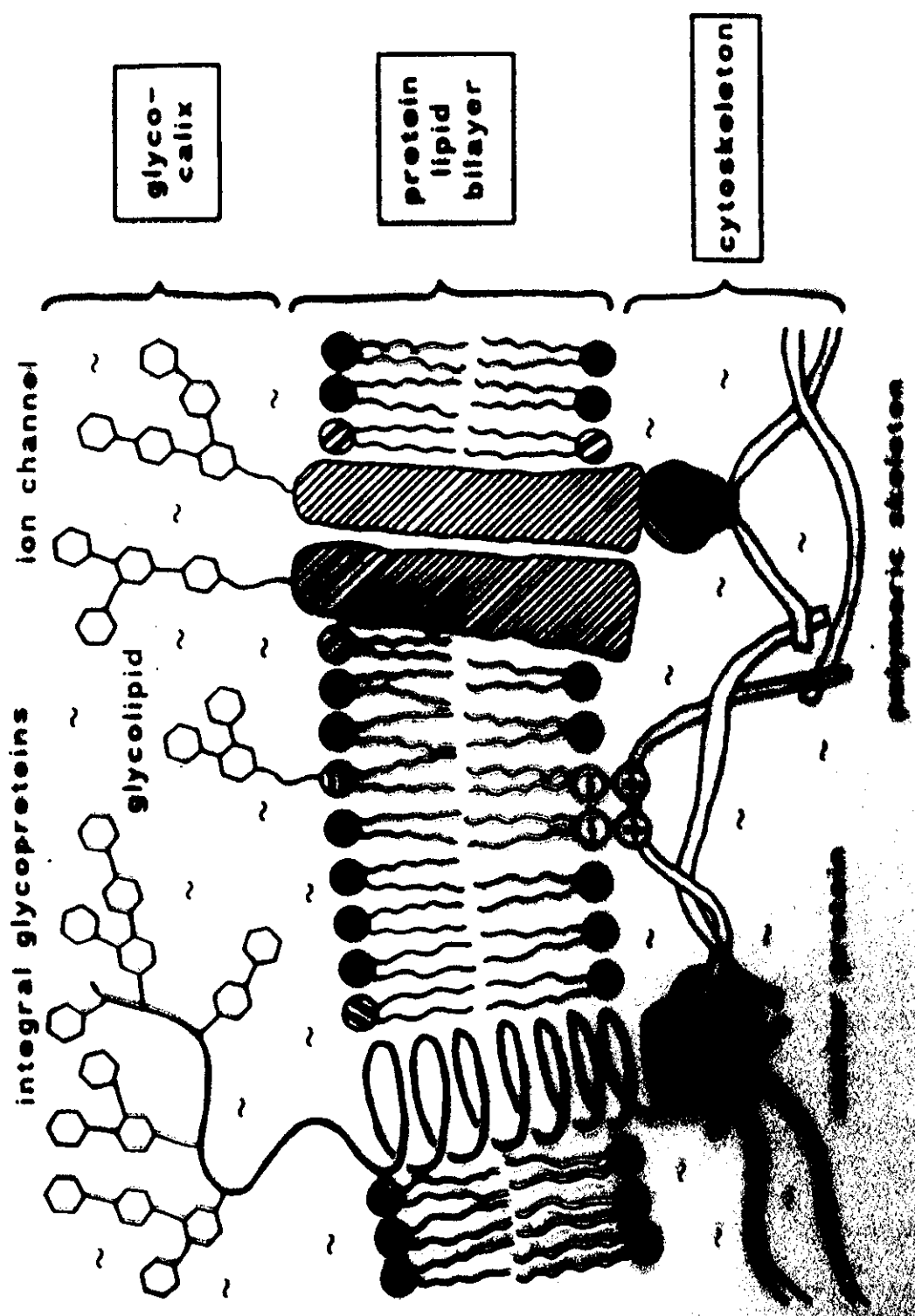


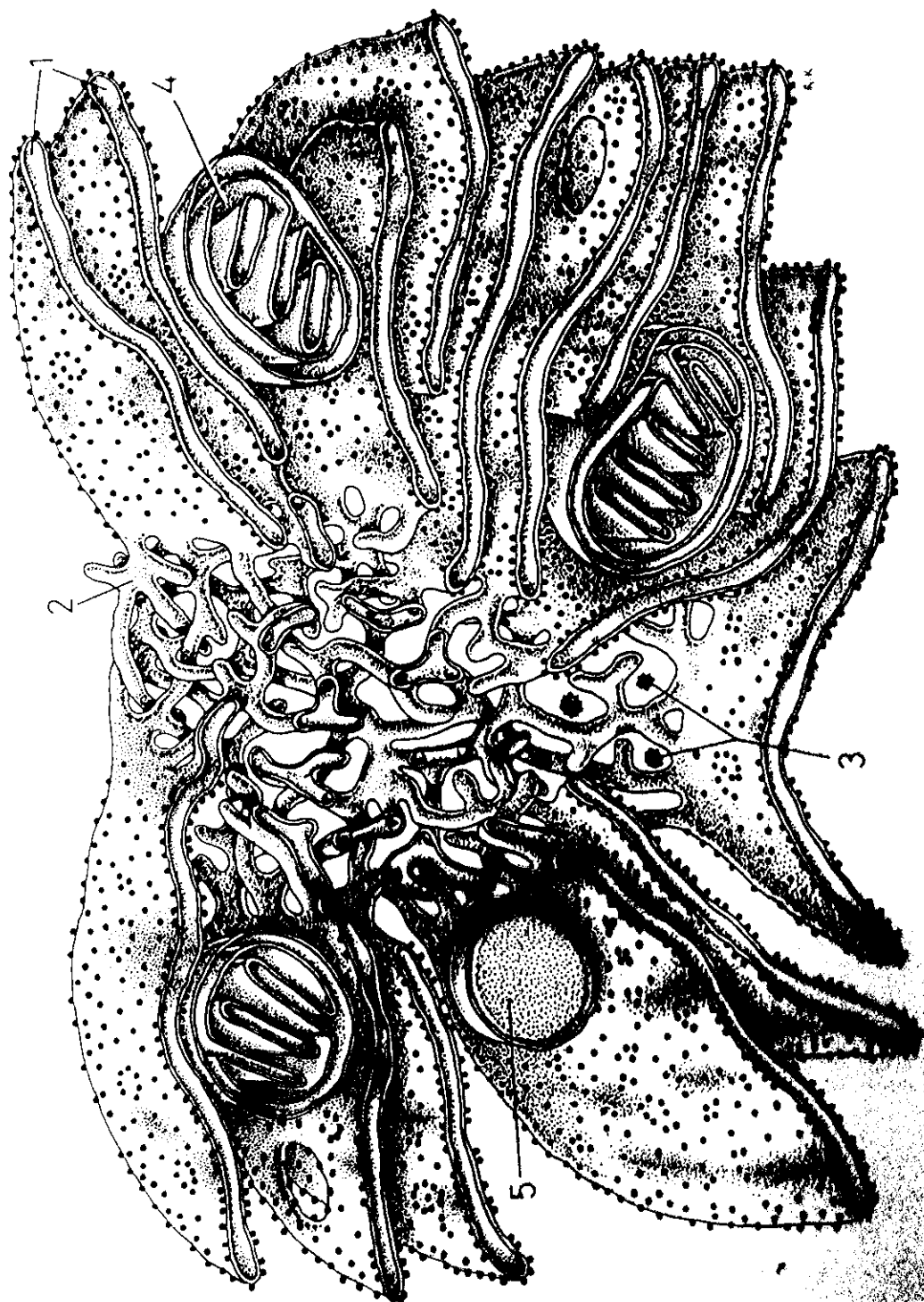
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Functions of biomembranes

- Permeability barrier to ions and other polar solutes
- Intracellular organisation and compartmentalisation
- Cell surface receptors (recognition and signalling)
- Cell adhesion
- Ion transport
- Intracellular calcium storage (sarcoplasmic reticulum)
- Nerve conduction and insulation
- Oxidative phosphorylation (mitochondrion)
- Protein synthesis (rough endoplasmic reticulum)
- Lipid synthesis (smooth endoplasmic reticulum)
- Packaging of secretory molecules
- Vision (photoreceptor membranes)
- Photosynthesis (plant thylakoid membranes)

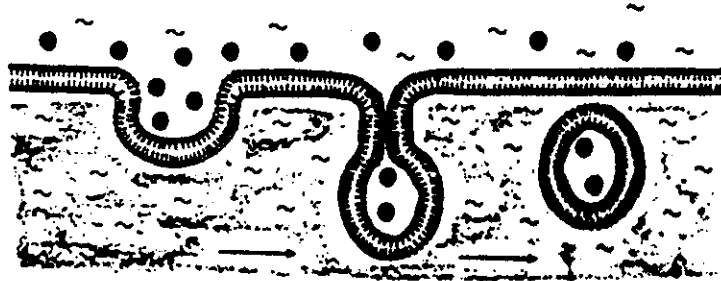




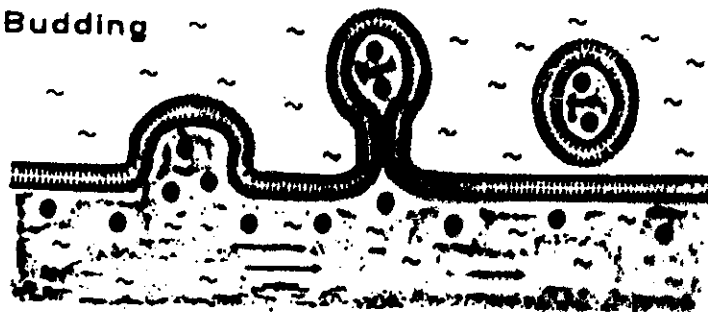
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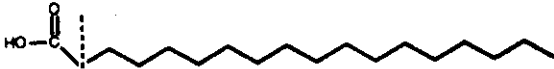
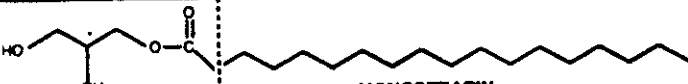
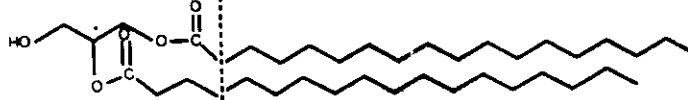
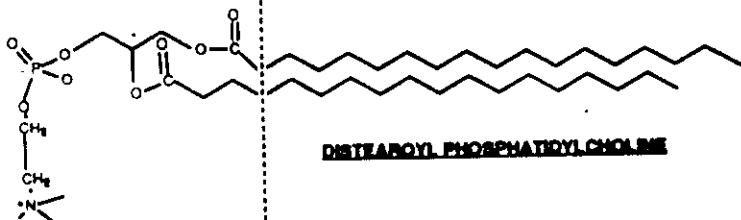
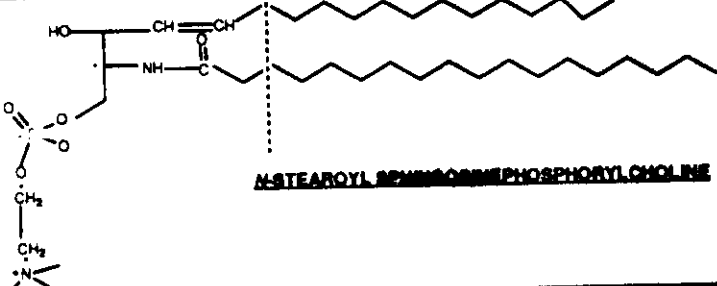


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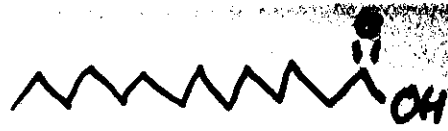


Budding



FATTY ACID	 <p style="text-align: center;">STEARIC ACID</p>
MONOACYL-GLYCEROL	 <p style="text-align: center;">1-MONOSTEARIN</p>
DIACYL-GLYCEROL	 <p style="text-align: center;">1,3-DISTEARIN</p>
PHOSPHATIDYL-CHOLINE	 <p style="text-align: center;">DISTEAROYL PHOSPHATIDYL CHOLINE</p>
SPHINGOMYELIN	 <p style="text-align: center;">N-STEAROYL SPHINGOSINE PHOSPHORYL CHOLINE</p>

Fatty Acids

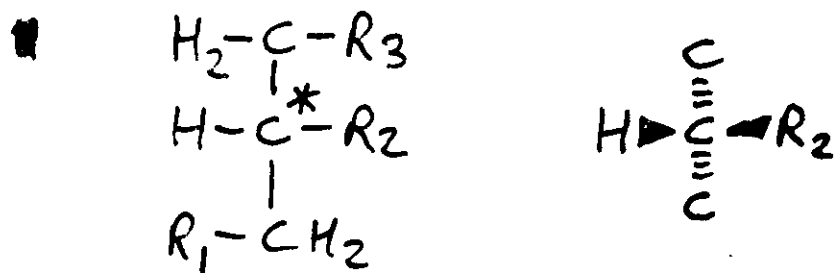


- Simplest amphiphile.
- Too weakly polar to form LC phases in water when fully protonated.
- Increasing pH causes dissociation: $\text{COOH} \rightarrow \text{COO}^-$
- Such soap forms micelles or LC phases.
- pK for a free COOH is 4.6, but is raised to $\text{pH} \sim 8$ for long chain fatty acids ($> C_{12}$)
- Free fatty acids usually found only in small amounts in cell membranes
- They may be produced by action of lipases on phospholipids or fats (triacylglycerols).
- Fatty acids are soluble in phospholipid bilayers to very high amounts ($> 80 \text{ mol } \%$)
- They strongly modify the lipid phase behaviour and structure
- In certain diseases, fatty acids may be destructive to the membrane and function.

Mono acyl Glycerol



- Widespread in food and pharmaceuticals.
- Very minor component of membranes.
- Sufficiently hydrophilic to form a wide range of lyotropic phases in water.
- Lipids based on glycerol are usually chiral:



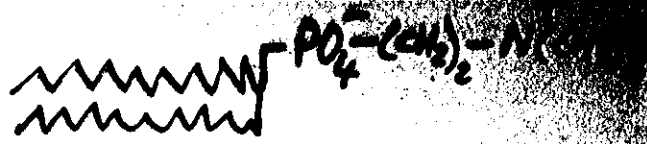
The chiral centre is denoted by an asterisk: *

Diacyl glycerol



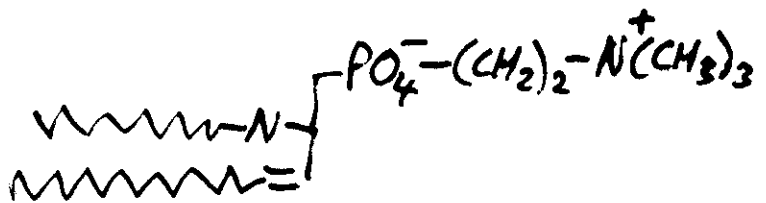
- Important intermediate in phospholipid biosynthesis.
- Like fatty acids, it is too weakly polar to form any lyotropic phases in water.
- Soluble to > 80 mol% in lipid bilayers.
- Key molecule in cell signalling.

Phosphatidylcholine (PC)

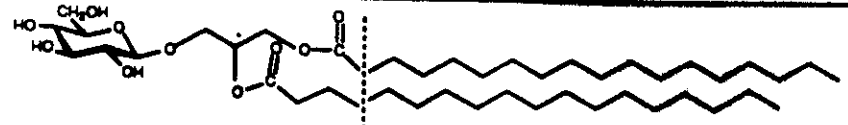
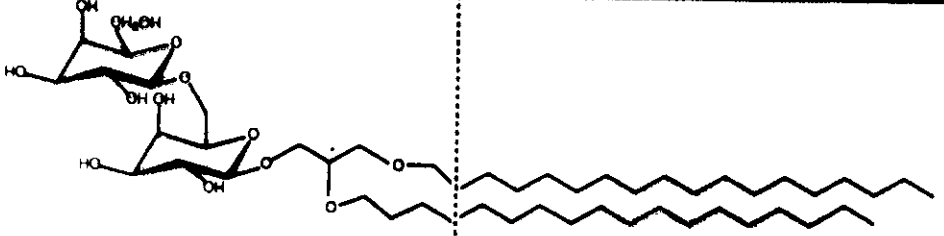
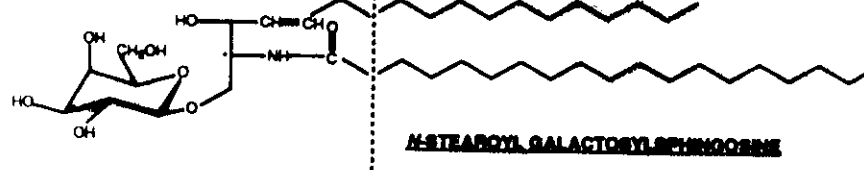
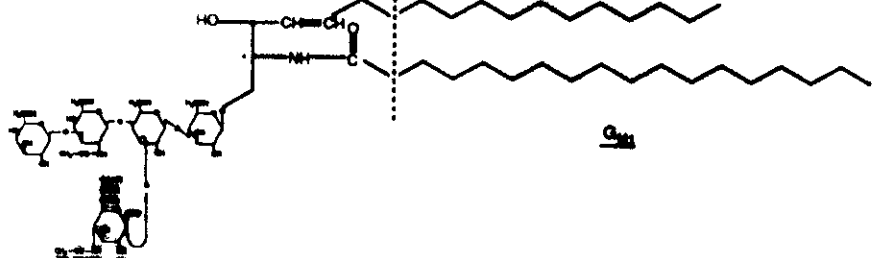


- Abundant in animal cell membranes
- Most studied model system.
- Forms lamellar phases under almost all conditions of T, P, H_2O, pH etc.
- Zwitterionic headgroup (but pH insensitive).

Sphingomyelin



- Same headgroup as PC.
- Derived from sphingosine.
- Similar phase behaviour to PC.
- Abundant in plasma membrane.

<p>MONOGLUCOSYL-DIACYLGLYCEROL</p>	 <p>1-O-BETA-D-GLUCOPYRANOSYL GLYCEROL</p>
<p>DIGALACTOSYL-DIALKYLGLYCEROL</p>	 <p>DIOCTADERYL GALACTOPYRANOSYL GLYCEROL</p>
<p>GALACTO-CEREBROSIDE</p>	 <p>1-O-BETA-D-GALACTOPYRANOSYL-2-STEAROYL-3-O-PHOSPHATIDYL-SN-GLYCEROL</p>
<p>GANGLIOSIDE</p>	 <p>GM1</p>

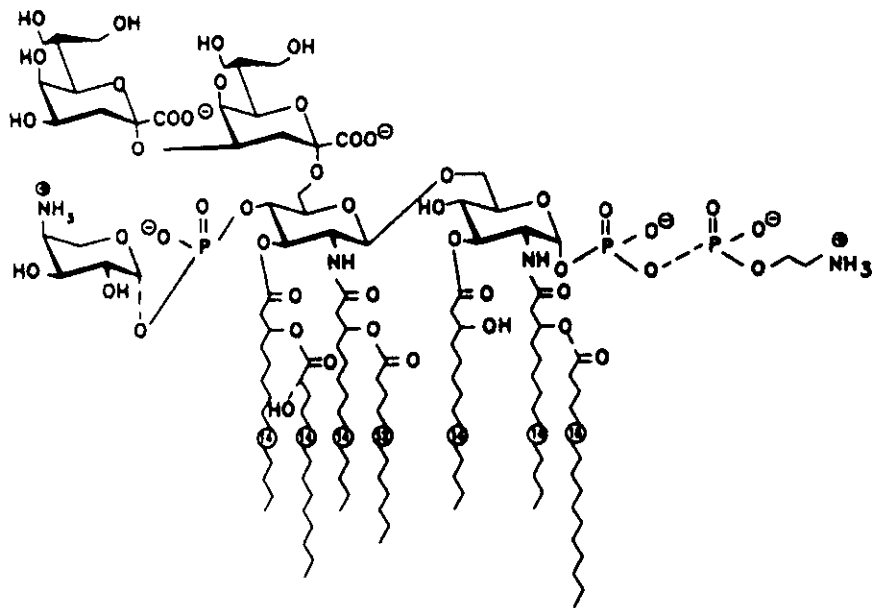
Monoglucosyl diacylglycerol (MGlc DG)

- Formed by linking glucose to diacylglycerol.
- Common in membranes of microorganisms (E. coli).
- Nonionic: uncharged.
- Possibility for extensive hydrogen-bonding.

Monogalactosyl DG (MGal DG)

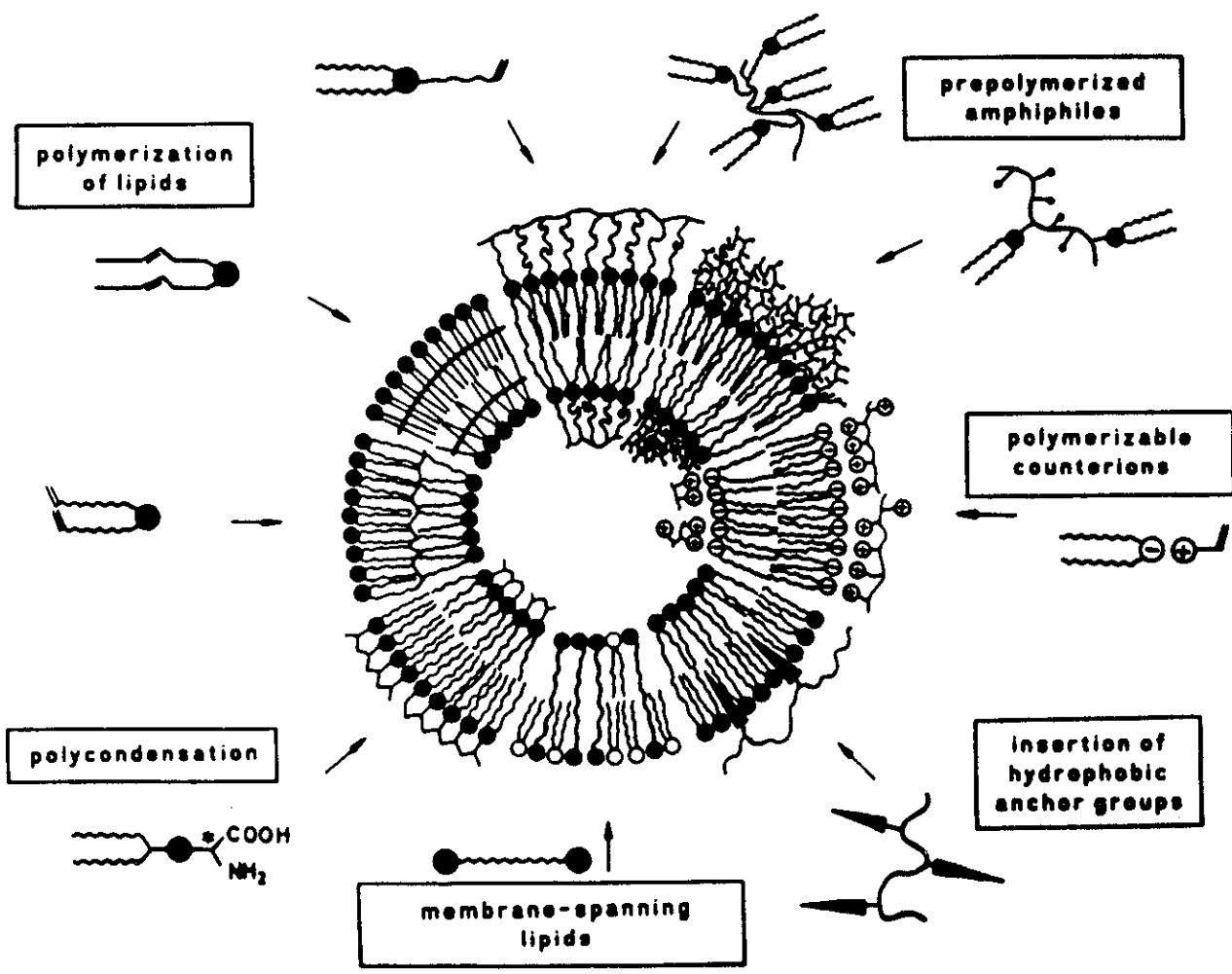
- Major lipid in plant cells.
- Galactose differs from glucose in the configuration of the OH group on carbon C4 of the sugar ring:
Gal: axial Glc: equatorial
- Galactose-based lipids are by far the most abundant lipids on Earth.
- Galactose lipids also important in animal cell membranes, as cerebroside or ganglioside.

Lipopolysaccharide from *S. minnesota*



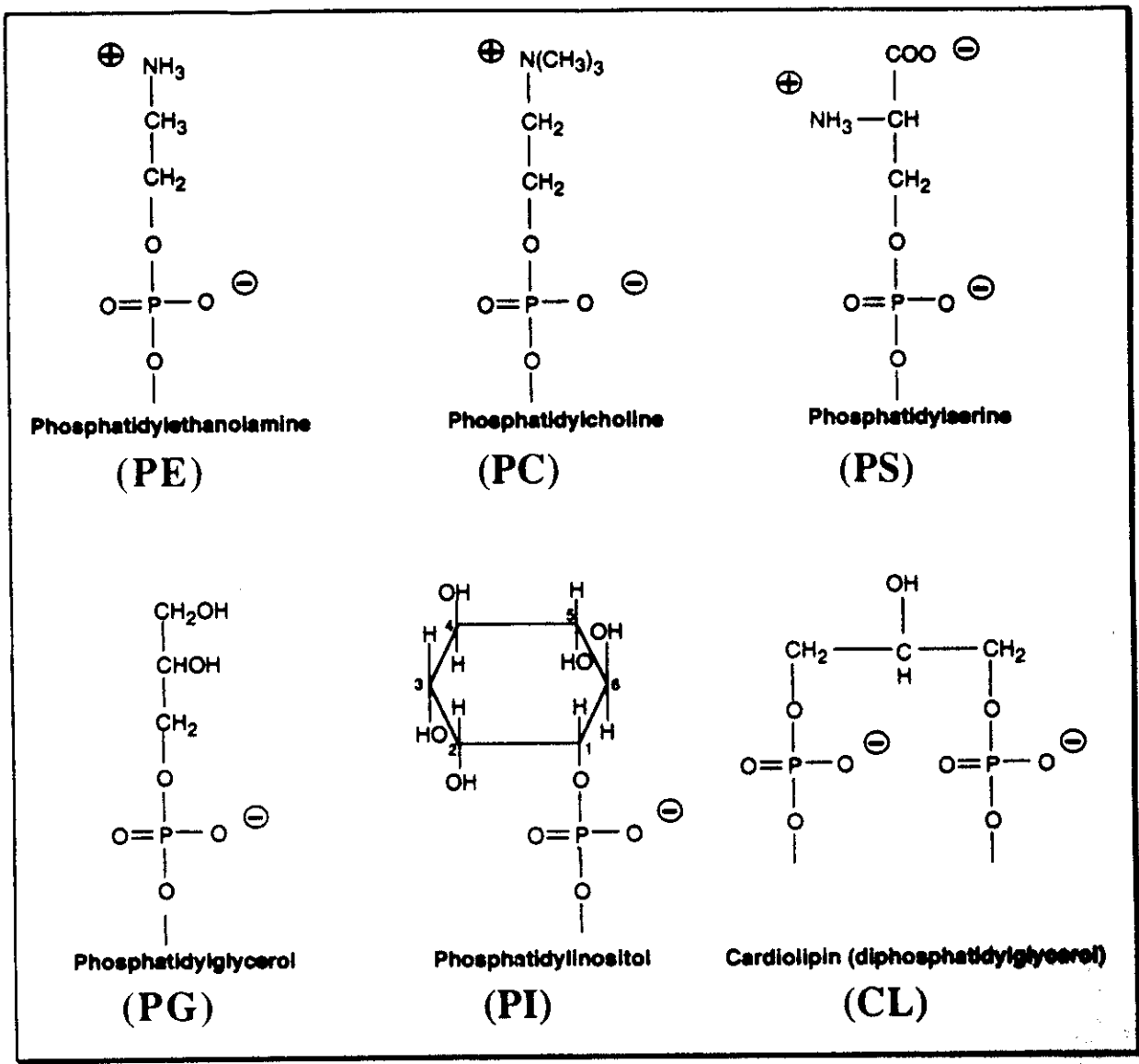
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Polymerizable and membrane-spanning lipids



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Polar headgroups of phospholipids



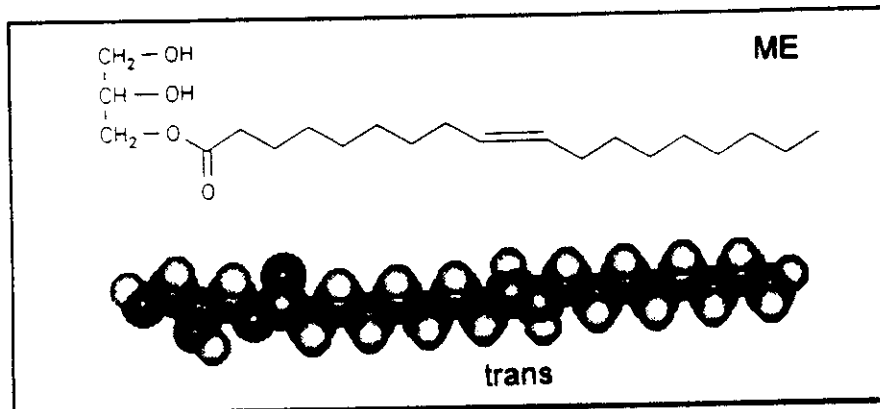
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Hydrocarbon chains of lipids

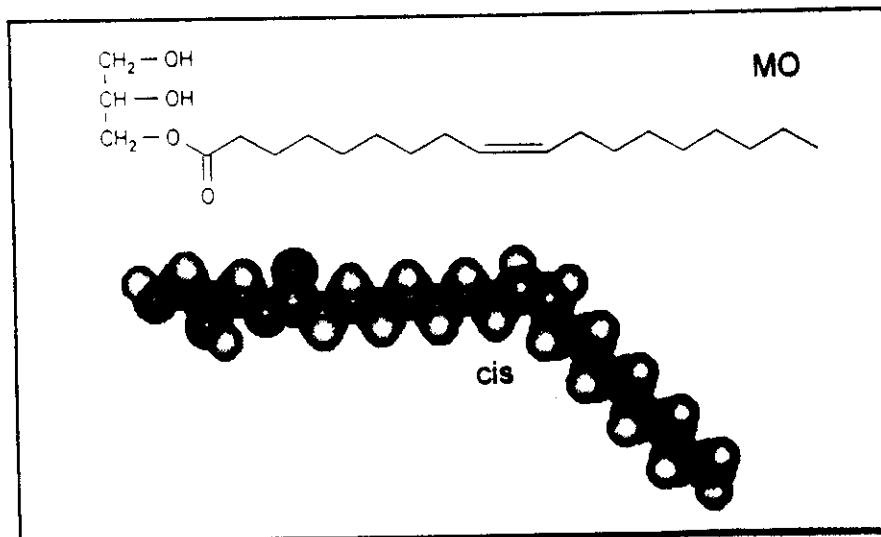
- **Number:** 1-7 (but usually 2)
- **Linkage:** ester (-COO-) or ether (-CO-)
- **Length:** mainly C12-C22 (but can be up to C90)
- **Asymmetry in length:** usually small
- **Unsaturation:** up to 4 double bonds, usually *cis*-
- **Branching:** methyl, cyclopropane, isoprenoyl, etc

Hydrocarbon chain unsaturation

trans-unsaturation (monoelaidin)

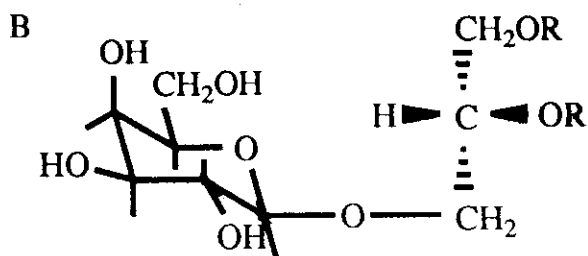
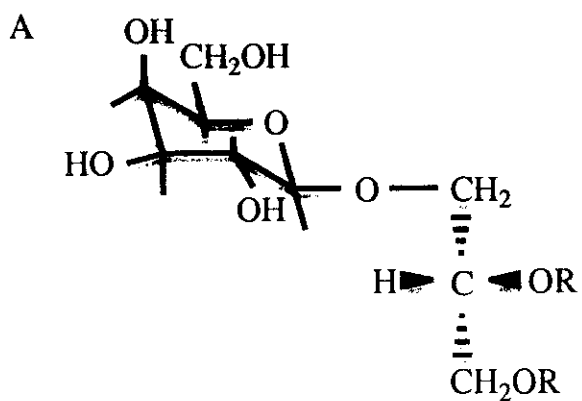


cis-unsaturation (monoolein)



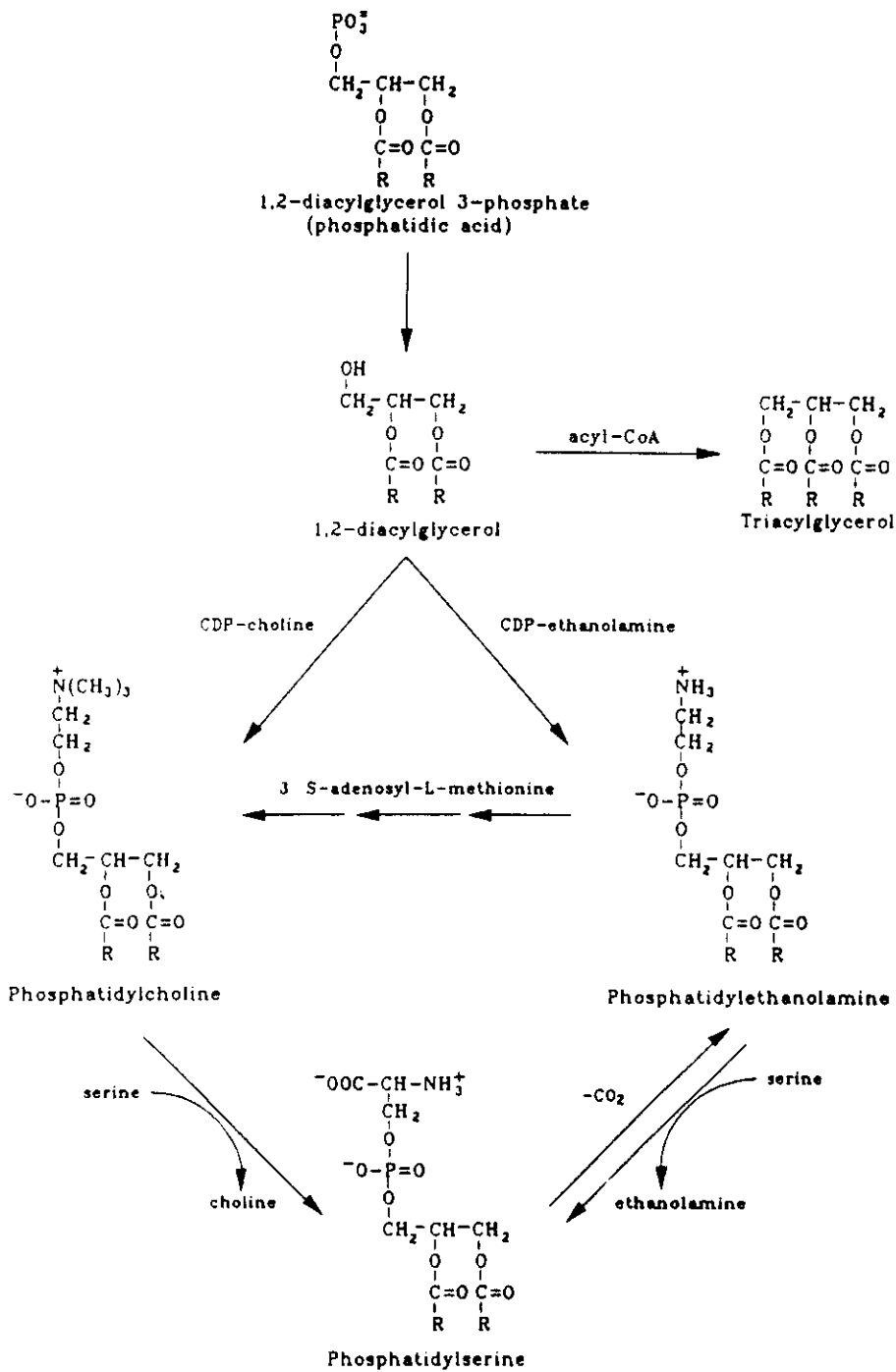
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**THE *sn*-3 (A) AND *sn*-1 (B) STEREOISOMERS OF
DIALKYL-O-β-D-GALACTOPYRANOSYL GLYCEROLS.**



n	R
1	(CH ₂) ₁₁ CH ₃
2	(CH ₂) ₁₂ CH ₃

Phospholipid biosynthesis



From: K. J. Longmuir, in *Phospholipids Handbook* (G. Cevc, Ed.), 1993, Marcel Dekker, New York.

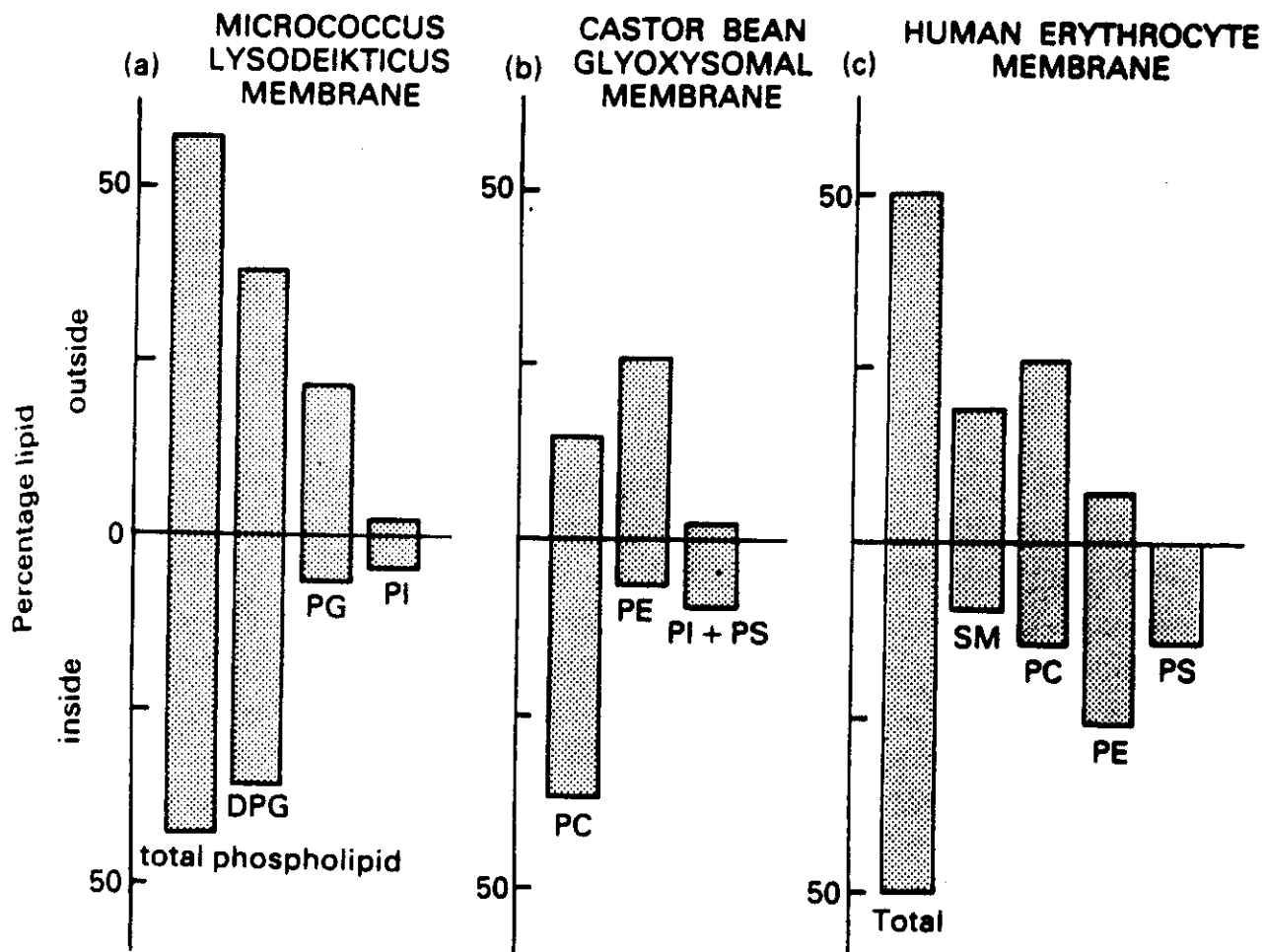
Lipid compositions of membranes

	Membrane (% total lipid)					
	Chloroplast (<i>spinach</i>)	Protoplast (<i>B. megaterium</i>)	Mitochondrion (<i>rat</i>)	Erythrocyte (<i>rat</i>)	Myelin (<i>rat</i>)	
Lipid: protein	1:1	1:3	1:3	1:3	3:1	
Phospholipid	12	48	90	61	41	
PC	tr	0	40	34	12	
PE + PI + PS	tr	19	41	11	26	
PG	12	26	—	—	—	
DPG	—	3	7	—	—	
SPH	—	—	2	16	3	
Glycolipid	80	52	—	11	42	
MGDG	41	—	—	—	—	
DGDG	23	—	—	—	—	
SQDG	16	—	—	—	—	
Sterol: sterol ester	tr	0	tr	28	17	
Acylglycerols	—	—	10	—	—	
Pigments	8	—	—	—	—	

PC = phosphatidyl choline; PE = phosphatidyl ethanolamine; PS = phosphatidyl serine; PG = phosphatidyl glycerol; SPH = sphingomyelin; MGDG = monogalactosyl diacylglycerol; DGDG = digalactosyl diacylglycerol; SQDG = sulfolipid; DPG = diphosphatidyl glycerol.

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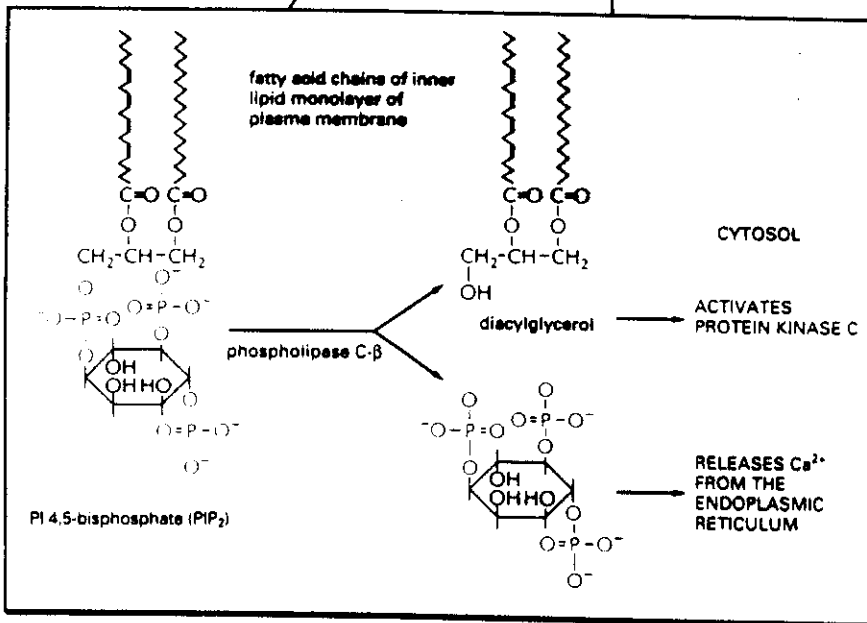
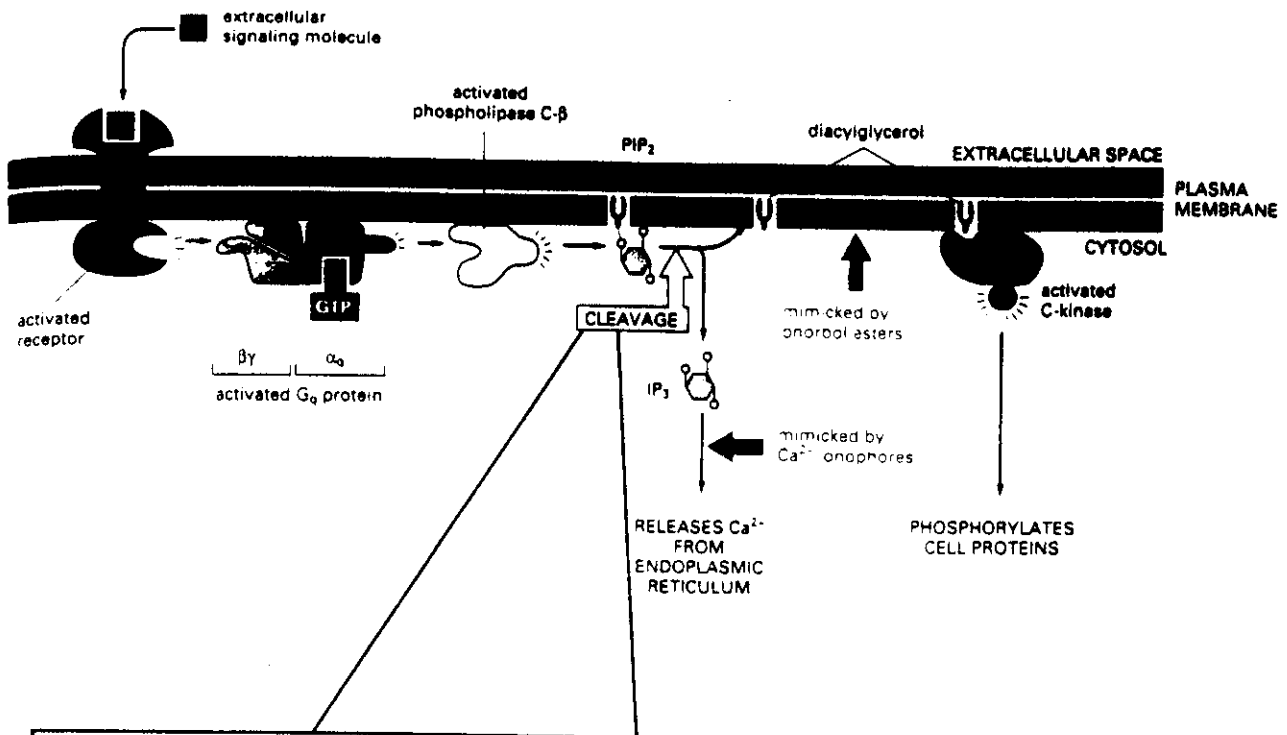
Asymmetry of Membrane Lipids



DPG: Diphosphatidylglycerol
PG: Phosphatidylglycerol
PI: Phosphatidylinositol
PC: Phosphatidylcholine
PE: Phosphatidylethanolamine
PS: Phosphatidylserine
SM: Sphingomyelin

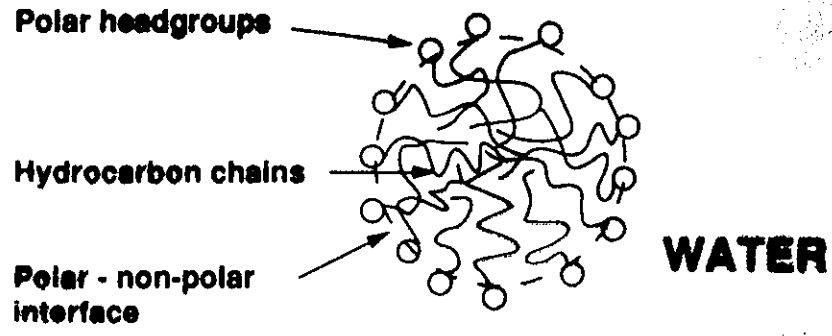
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Inositol phospholipids in cell signalling

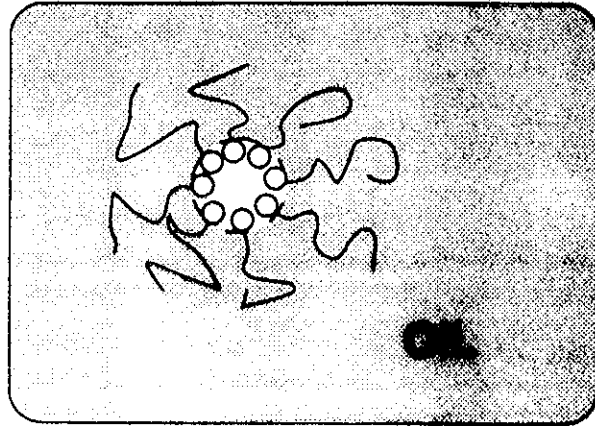


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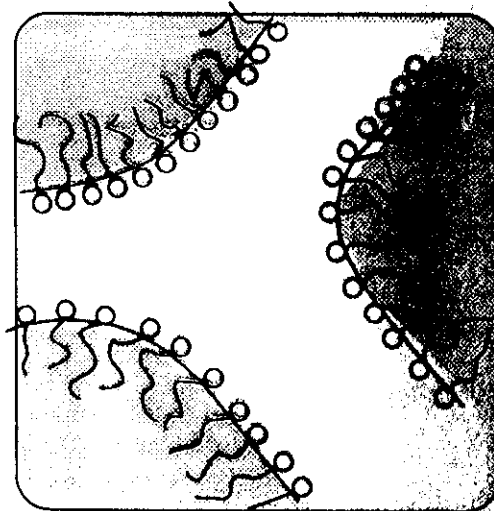
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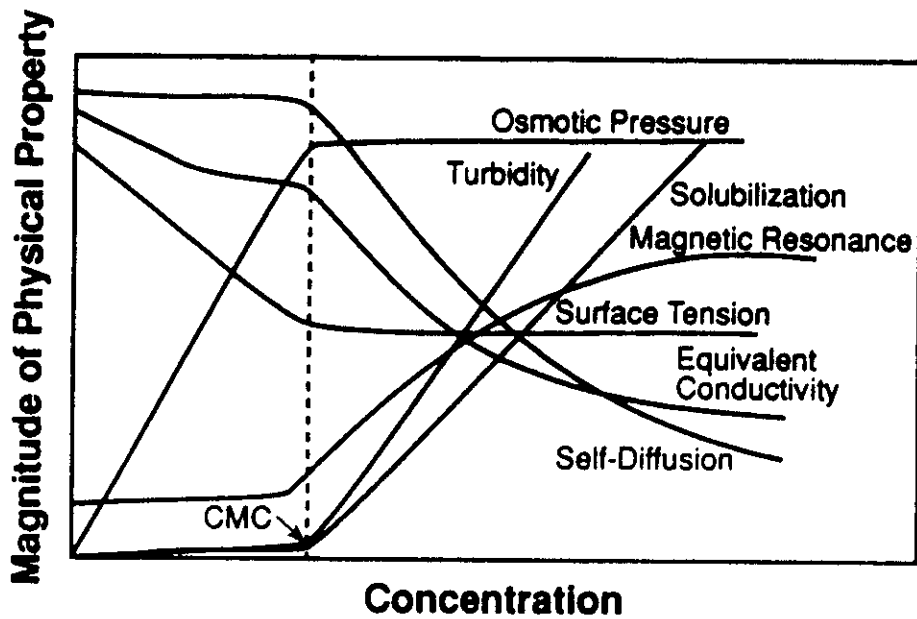
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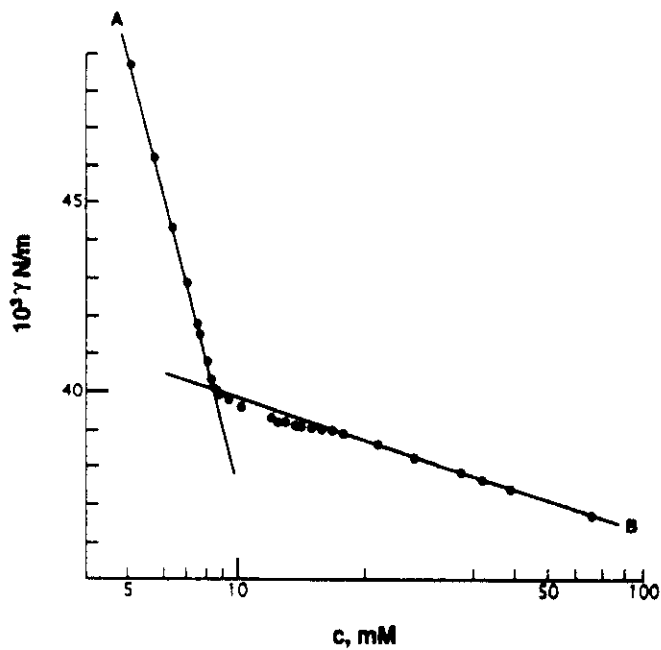
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Experimental determination of the critical micelle concentration (cmc)



Surface tension versus concentration for SDS

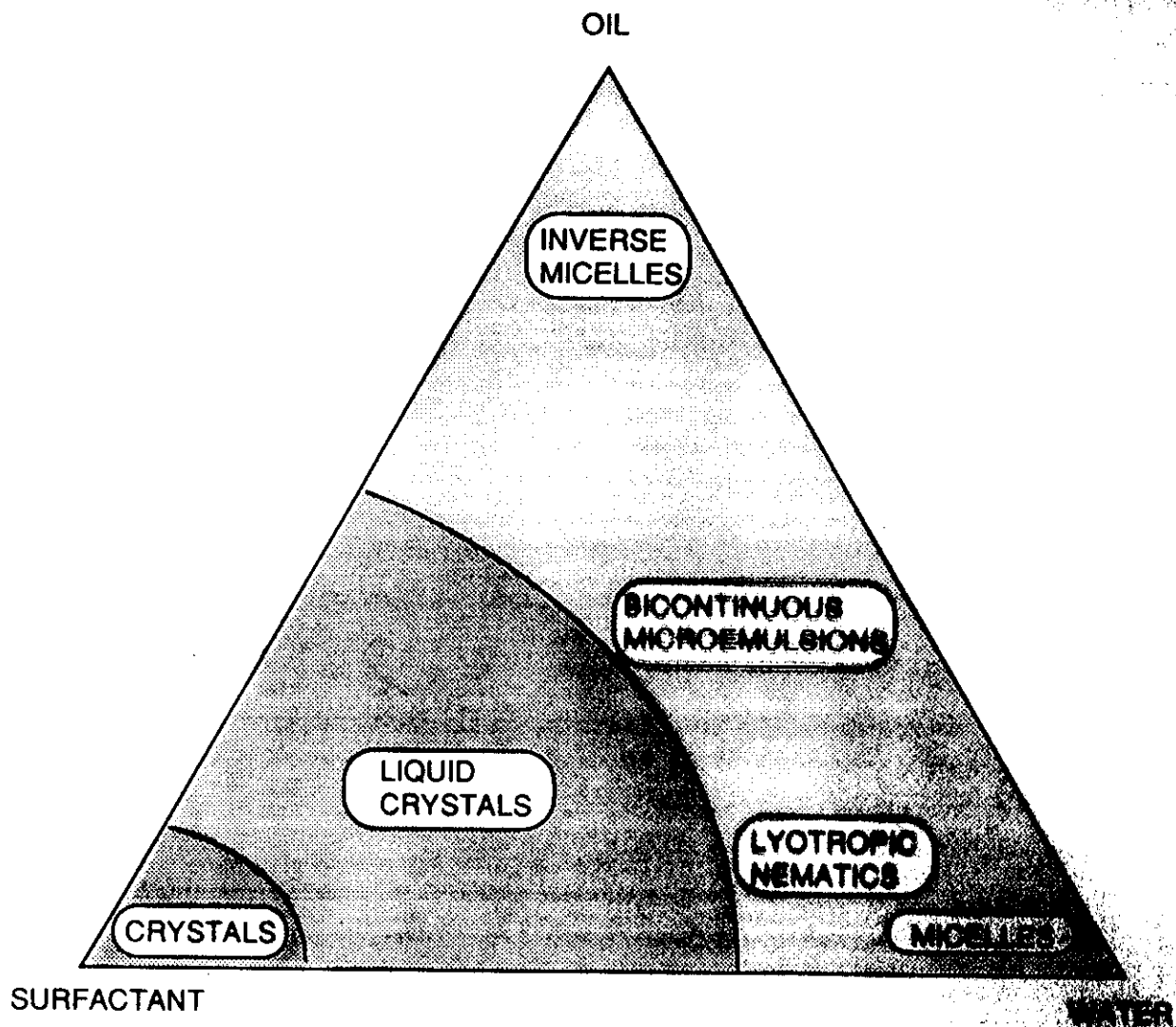


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cmc values for surfactants and lipids

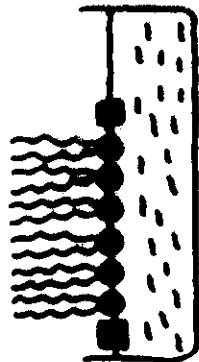
Structure	Amphiphile	Critical Micelle Concentration (M)	Temperature (°C)
$C_{12}H_{25}OSO_3Na$	Sodium dodecyl sulfate	8.1×10^{-3}	25
$C_{12}H_{25}CO_2Na$	Sodium dodecanoate	2.44×10^{-3}	25
$C_{12}H_{25}N(CH_3)_3Br$	Dodecyltrimethylammonium bromide	1.5×10^{-2}	25
$C_{12}H_{25}NH_3Br$	Dodecylammonium bromide	1.2×10^{-2}	30
$C_{12}H_{25}N(CH_3)_2(CH_2)_3SO_3$	Dodecyltrimethyl propane sulfaine	3.57×10^{-3}	30
	Dipalmitoyl phosphatidylcholine	5×10^{-10}	41
$ \begin{array}{c} O \\ \\ CH_2-O-C-C_{15}H_{31} \\ \\ O \\ \\ CH_2-O-C-C_{15}H_{31} \\ \\ O \\ \\ CH_2-O-P-O-(CH_2)_2-N^+(Me)_3 \\ \\ O^- \end{array} $			
$C_{12}H_{25}(OCH_2CH_2)_6OH$	Hexaethylene glycol dodecylether	8.7×10^{-5}	25
$C_{10}H_{21}N(CH_3)_2O$	Decyldimethylamine oxide	1.9×10^{-2}	25

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models of biomembranes

Langmuir films



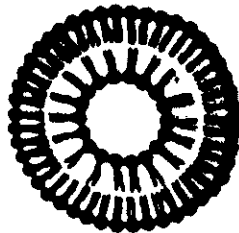
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planar lipid membranes

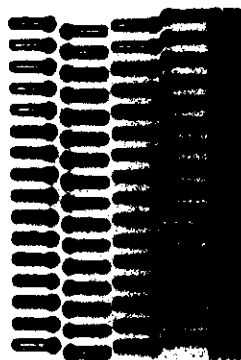


free-standing bilayer (BLM)

liposomes



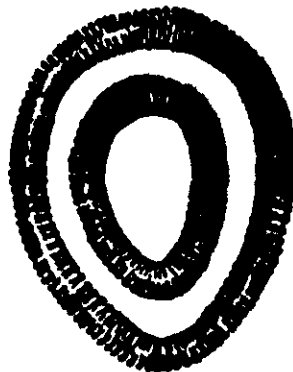
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L3 multilayer



supported bilayer



multilamellar

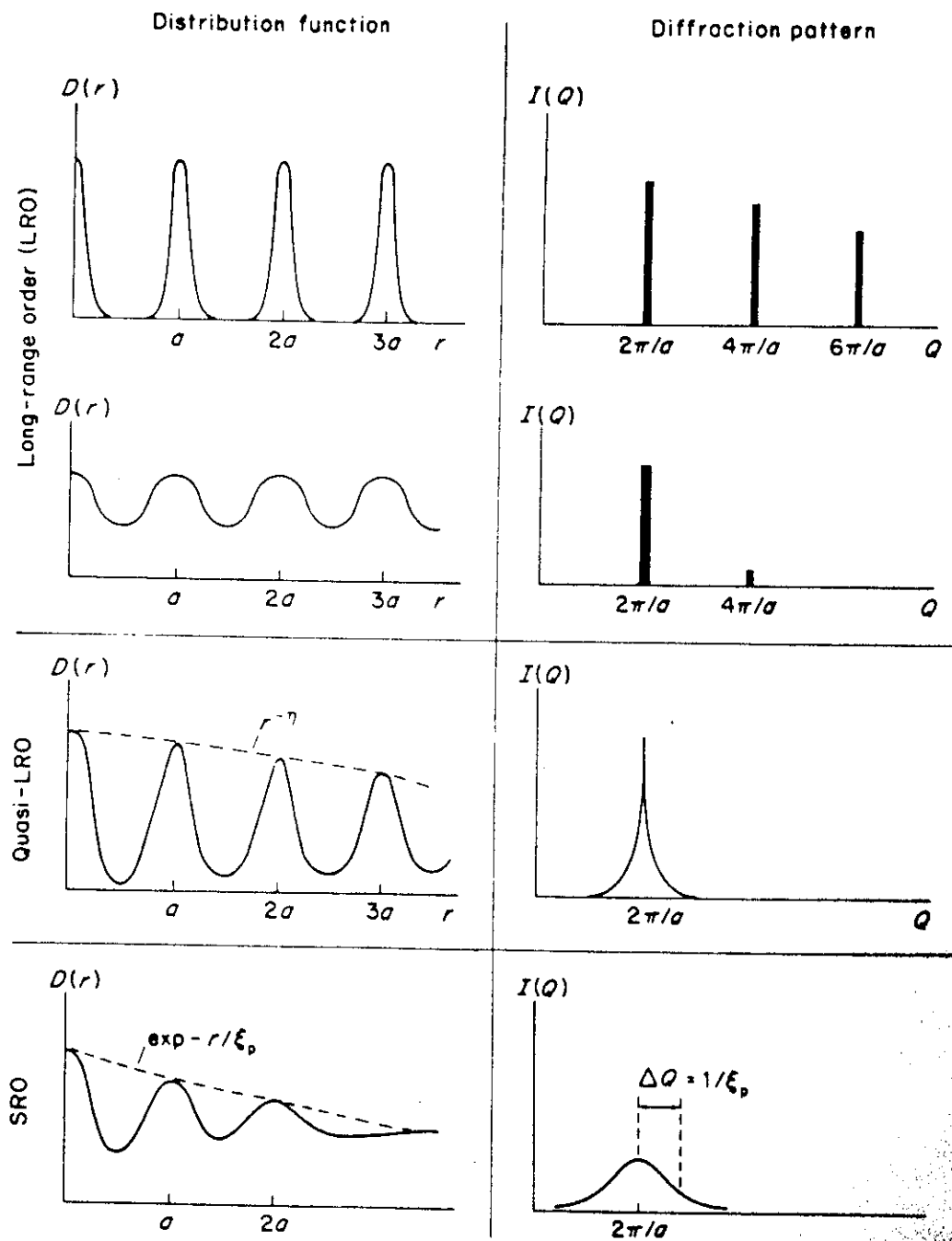
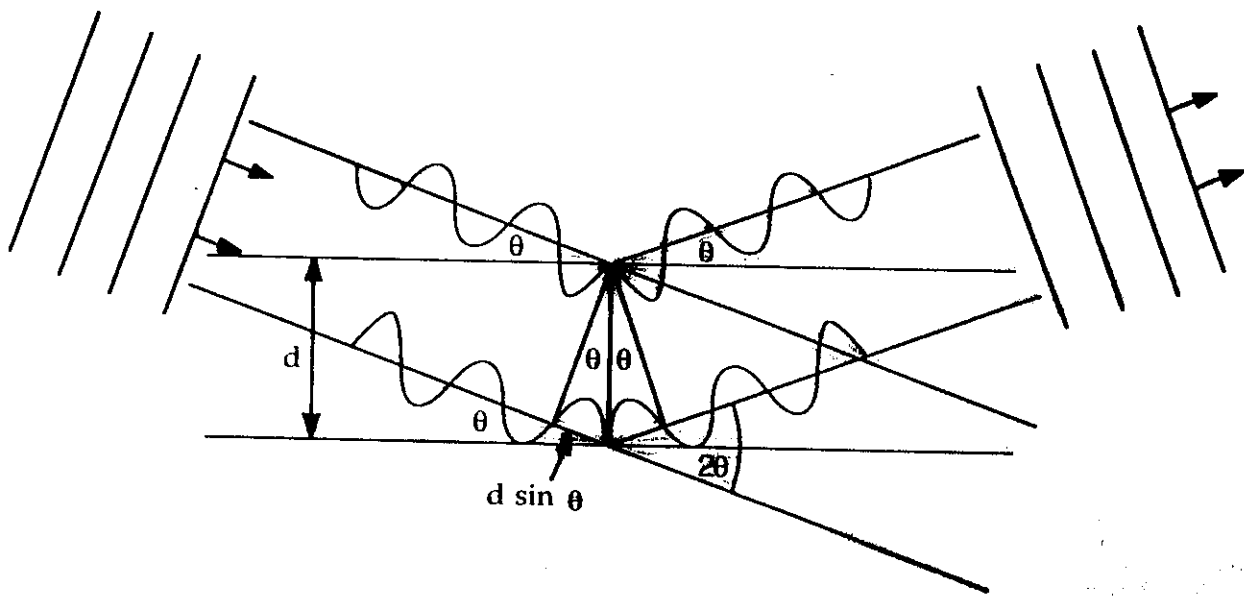
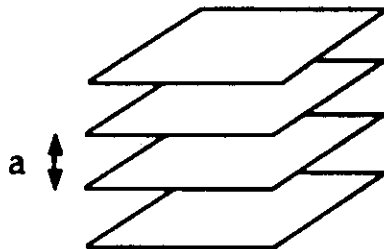
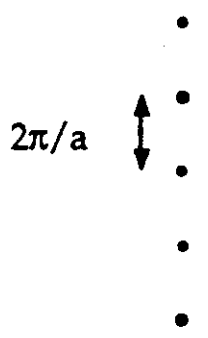
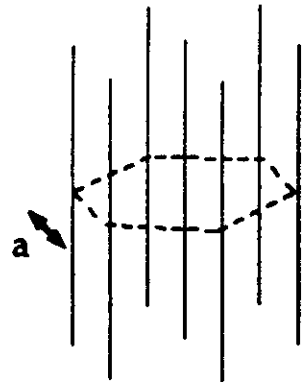
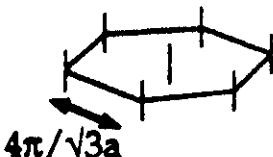
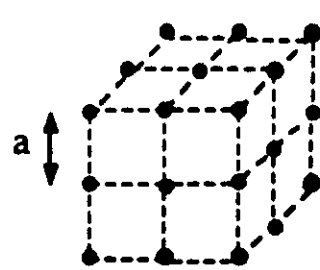
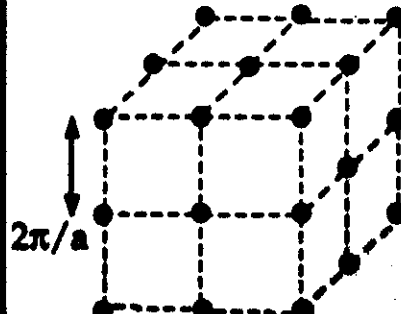


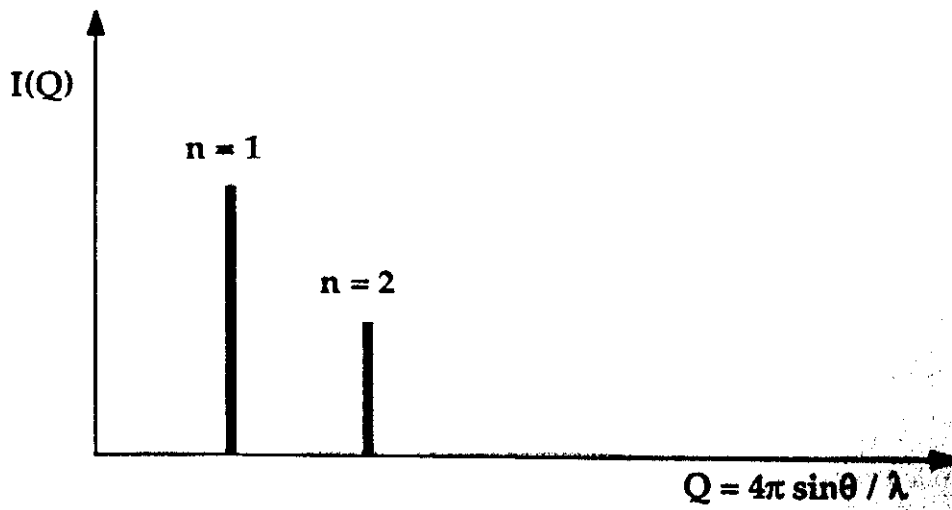
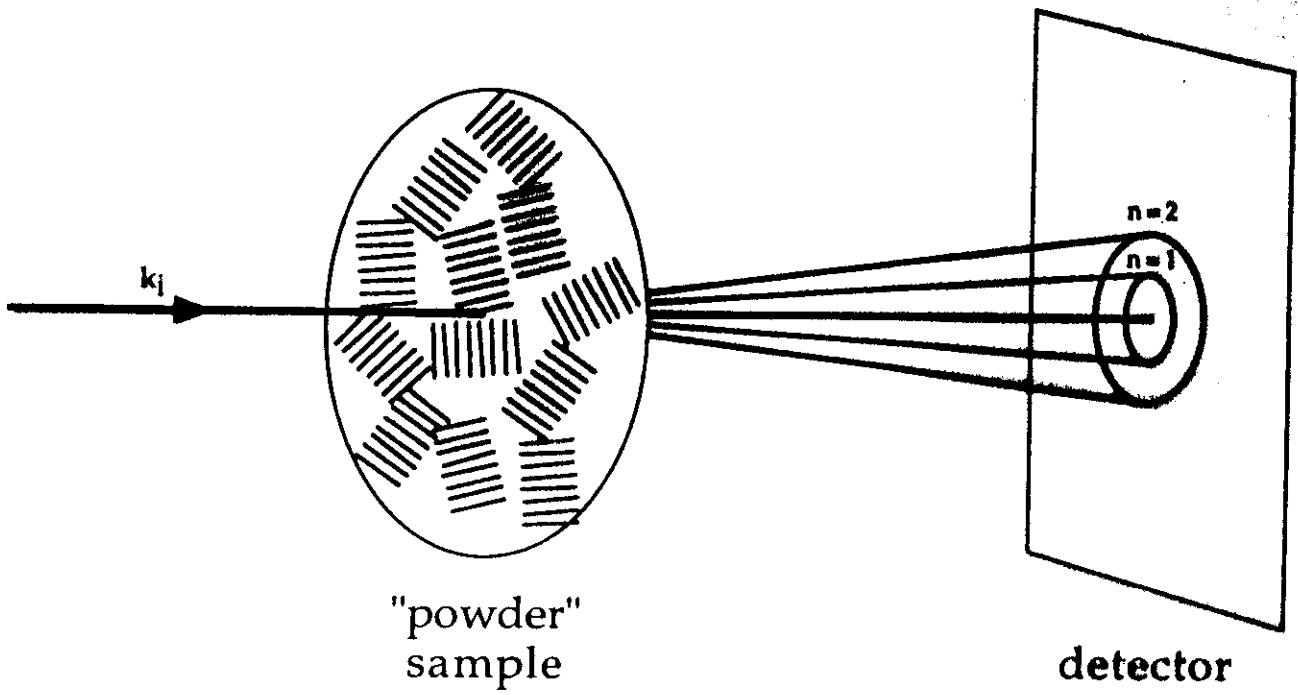
Figure 1.3 Molecular distribution functions and corresponding diffraction patterns for different kinds of positional order.

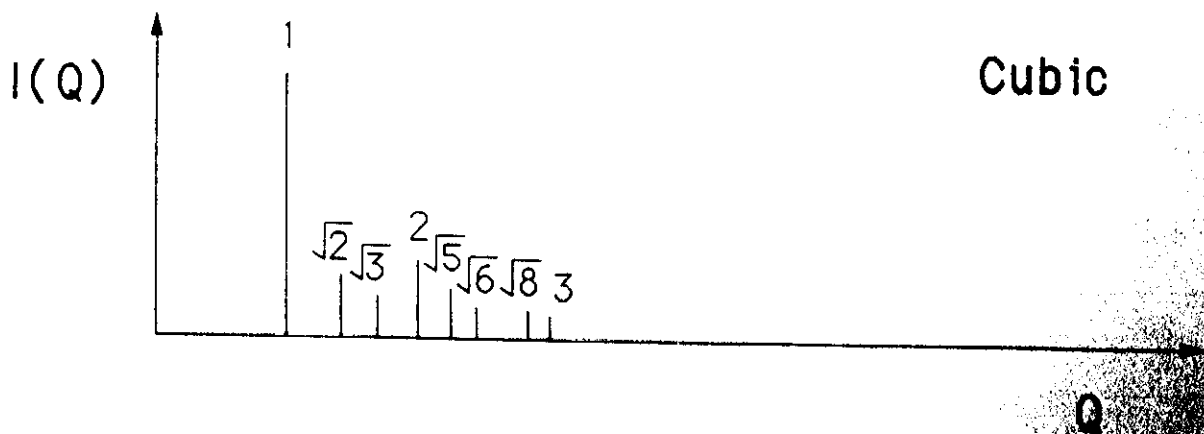
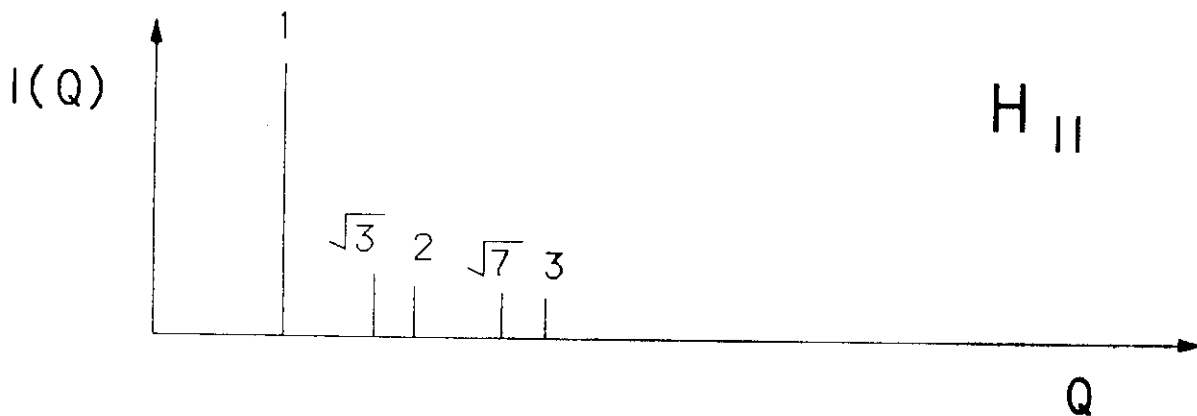
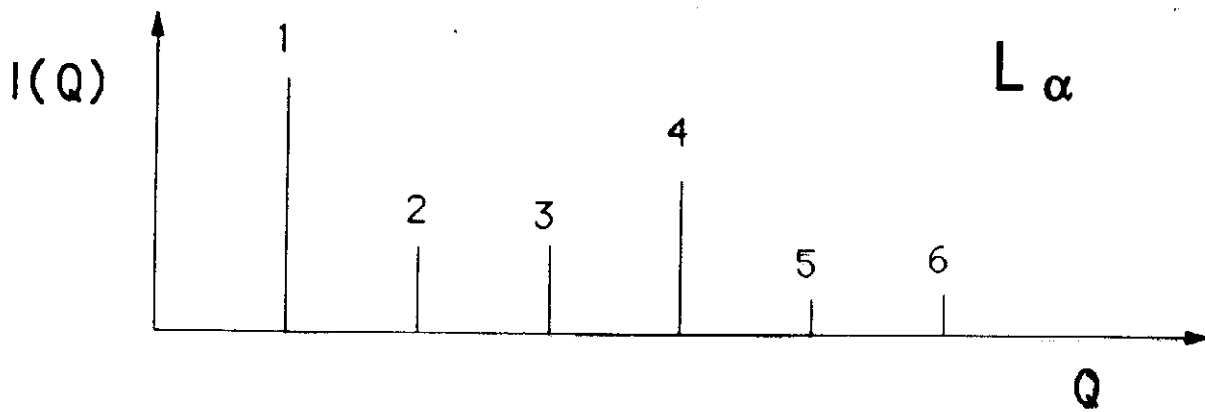
BRAGG'S LAW



$$2d \sin \theta = n\lambda$$

	REAL SPACE $\rho(\underline{r})$	RECIPROCAL SPACE $F(\underline{Q})$
1-D		
2-D		
3-D		



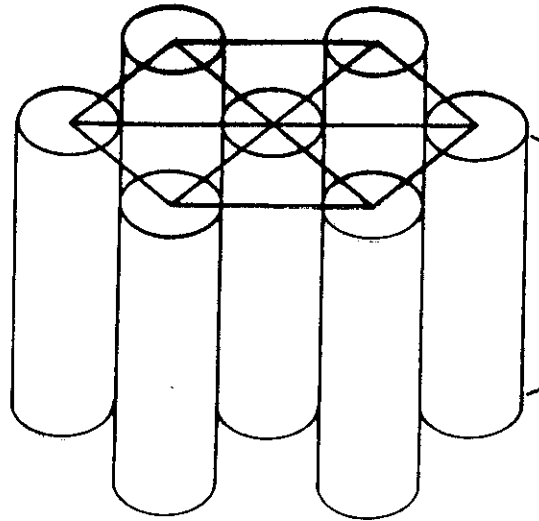


Spacings formulae

Phase	Reciprocal spacings	Ratios
Lamellar	$s_l = 1/d$	1,2,3,4...
Hexagonal	$s_{hk} = 2(h^2+k^2-hk)^{1/2} / \sqrt{3}a$	1, $\sqrt{3}$, 2, $\sqrt{7}$, 3, $\sqrt{12}$, $\sqrt{13}$..
Cubic	$s_{hkl} = (h^2+k^2+l^2)^{1/2} / a$	1, $\sqrt{2}$, $\sqrt{3}$, 2, $\sqrt{5}$, $\sqrt{6}$, $\sqrt{8}$, 3..

Cubic spacegroups: allowed reflections

Pm3n (Q ²²³)	Pn3m (Q ²²⁴)	Fd3m (Q ²²⁷)	Im3m (Q ²²⁹)	Ia3d (Q ²³⁰)	RATIO
110	110		110		1
	111	111			$\sqrt{2}$
200	200		200		$\sqrt{3}$
210					2
211	211		211	211	$\sqrt{5}$
220	220	220	220	220	$\sqrt{6}$
	221				$\sqrt{8}$
310	310		310		3
	311	311			$\sqrt{10}$
222	222	222	222		$\sqrt{11}$
320					$\sqrt{12}$
321	321		321	321	$\sqrt{13}$
400	400	400	400	400	$\sqrt{14}$
					4



layer spacing
approximately equal
to the molecular length

