

[Macromolecules]

Long Sugar Chains

The Architectural Blueprint of Polysaccharides

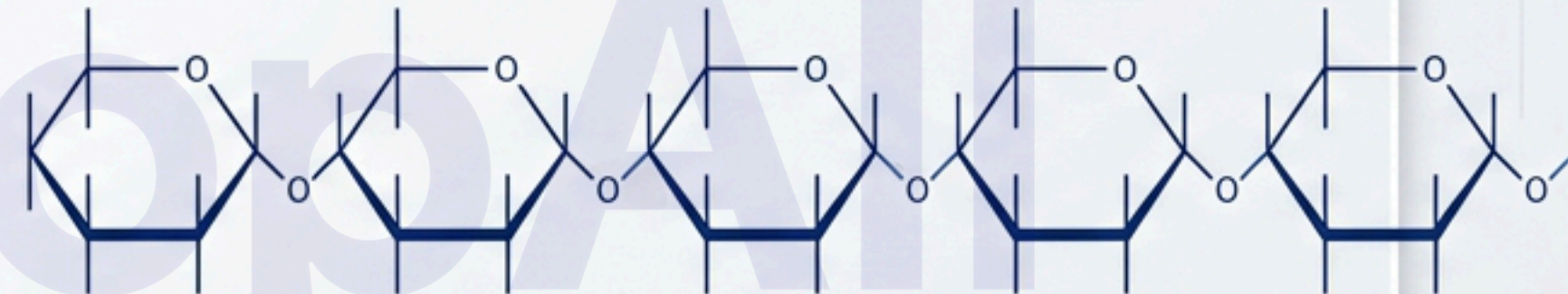
Polysaccharides as Sugar Polymers

Polysaccharides are long chains of sugars—literally functioning like cotton threads in nature, utilizing different monosaccharides as building blocks.



[Monosaccharide (Brick)]

e.g., Glucose, Fructose



[Polysaccharide (Thread)]

Laboratory Context: When analyzing living tissue, polysaccharides are found in the acid-insoluble pellet, identifying them as true biomacromolecules.

[Homopolymer]

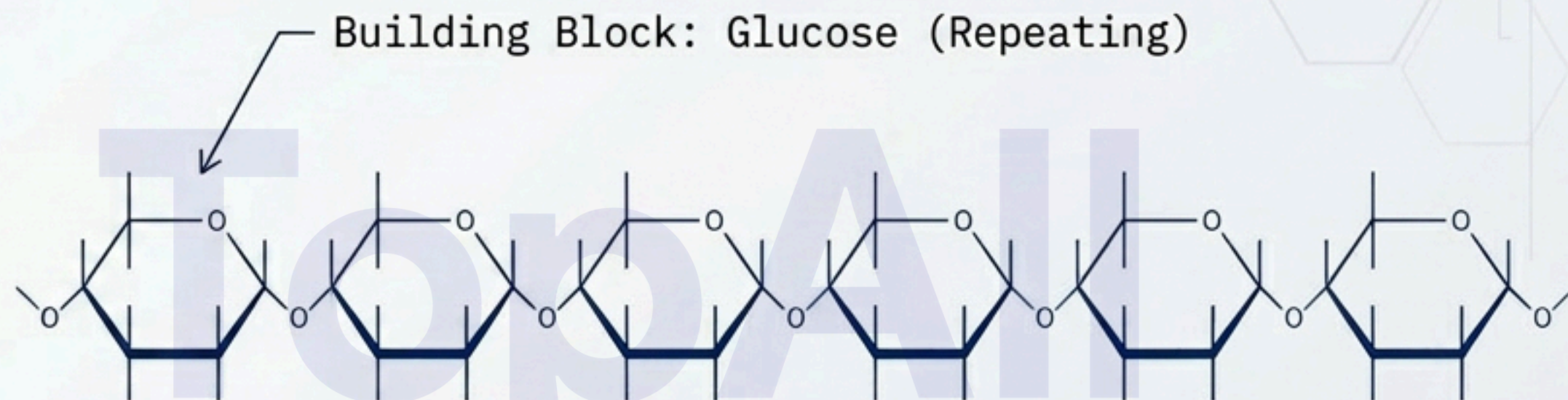
Cellulose: The Structural Wall



The primary structural component in nature.

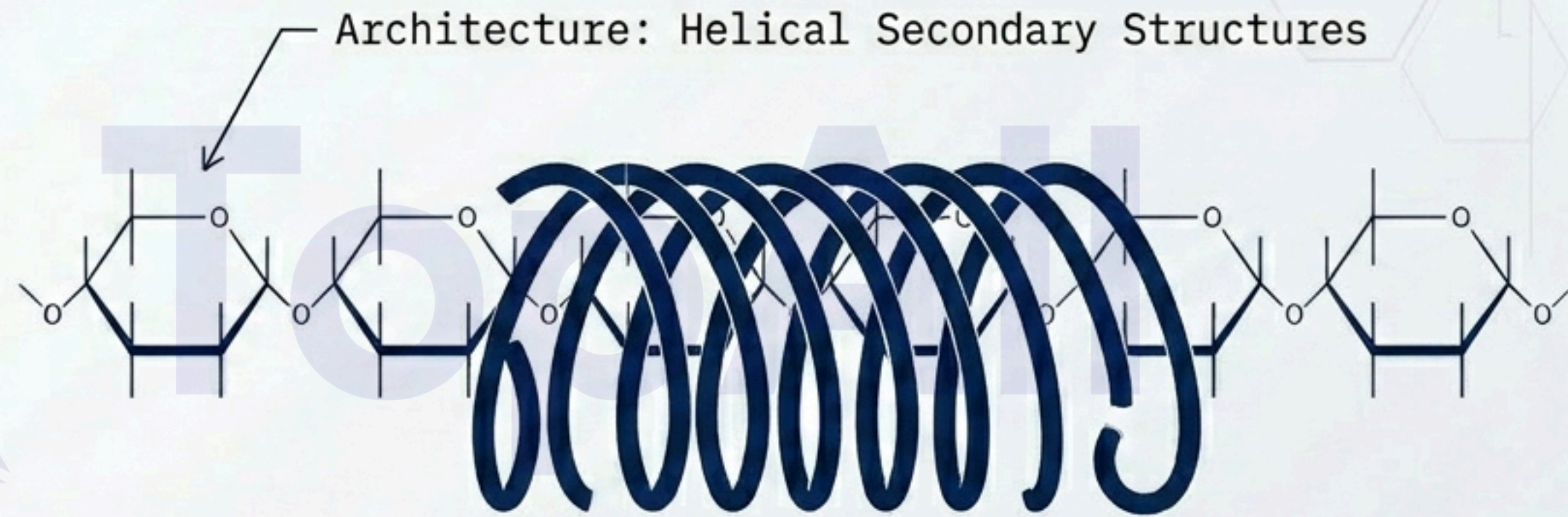
Forms the rigid plant cell walls. Paper manufactured from plant pulp and cotton fibres are heavily cellulosic.

Complex Homopolymers: Arthropod exoskeletons use a variant called Chitin, built from modified sugars (N-acetyl galactosamine).



Starch: The Plant Storehouse

A variant of the cellulose polymer, repurposed by nature not for structure, but as a dense storehouse of energy within plant tissues.





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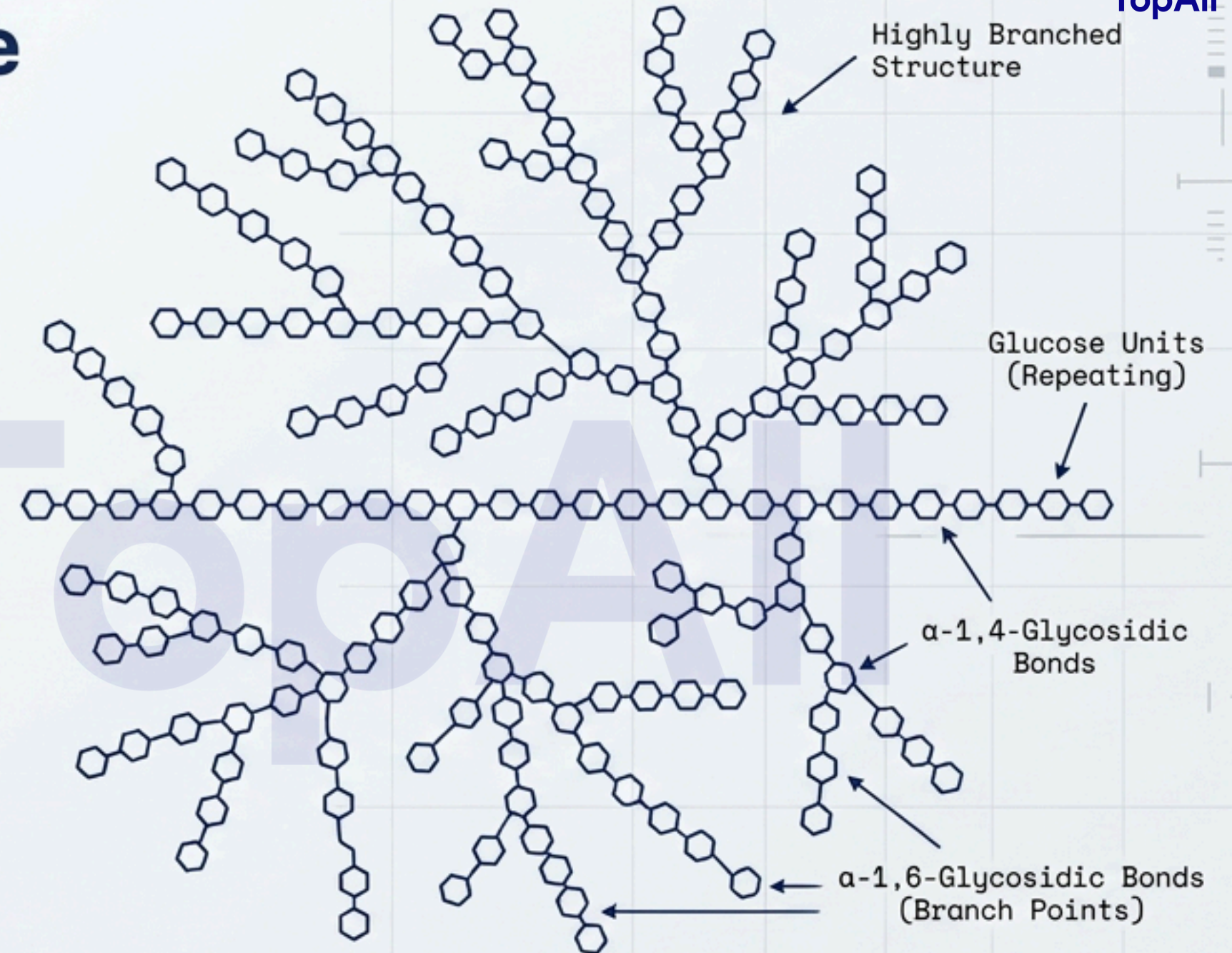


[Animal Storage]

Glycogen: The Animal Reserve

The energy storage variant found in animals.

Structurally distinct due to dense branching, allowing for rapid energy mobilization when required by the body.



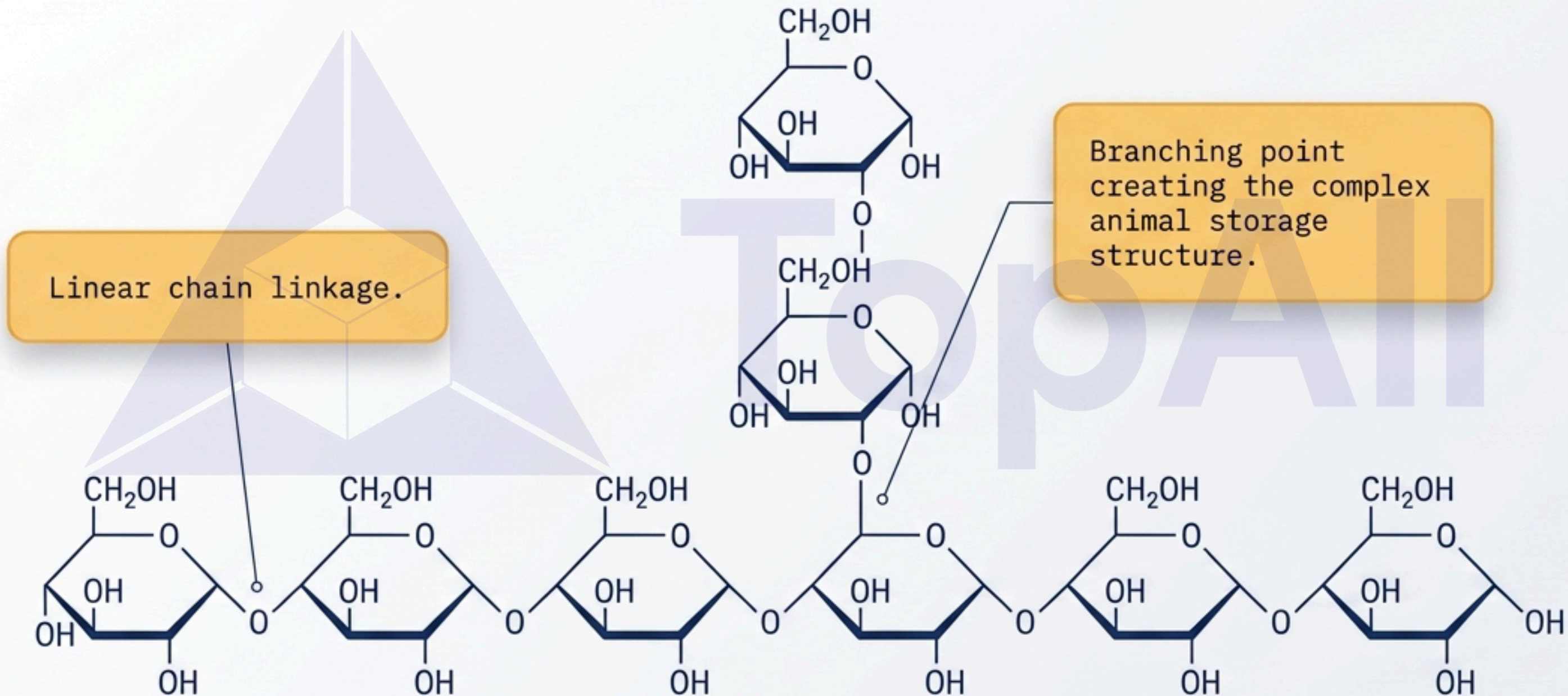
**DO NOT CONFUSE: Starch is the energy reserve for plants.
Glycogen is the energy reserve for animals.**

Anatomy of a Chain: Terminals

In any polysaccharide chain, directionality matters. The chemical properties differ at each terminus.

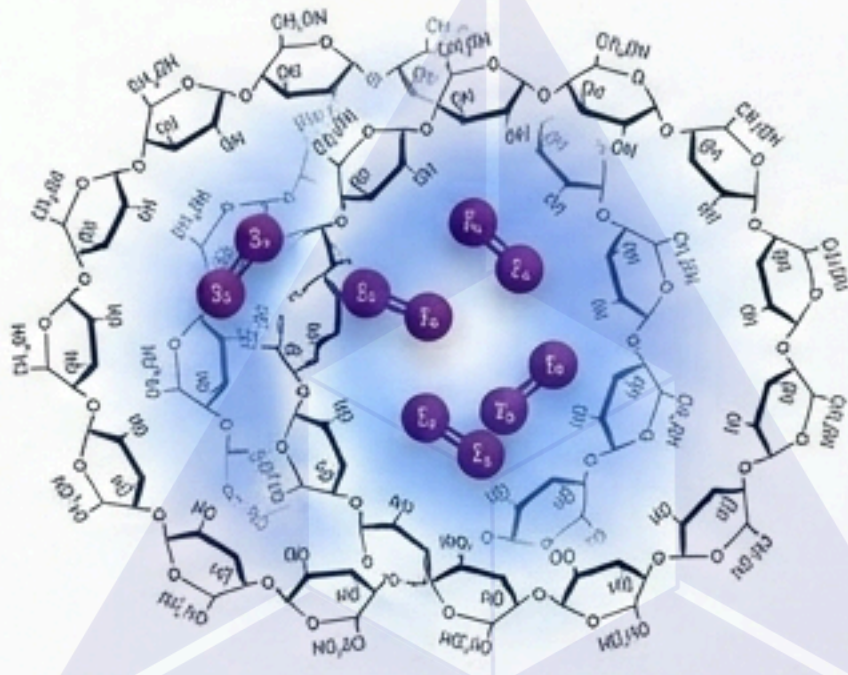


The Glycogen Blueprint



The Iodine Test: Architecture in Action

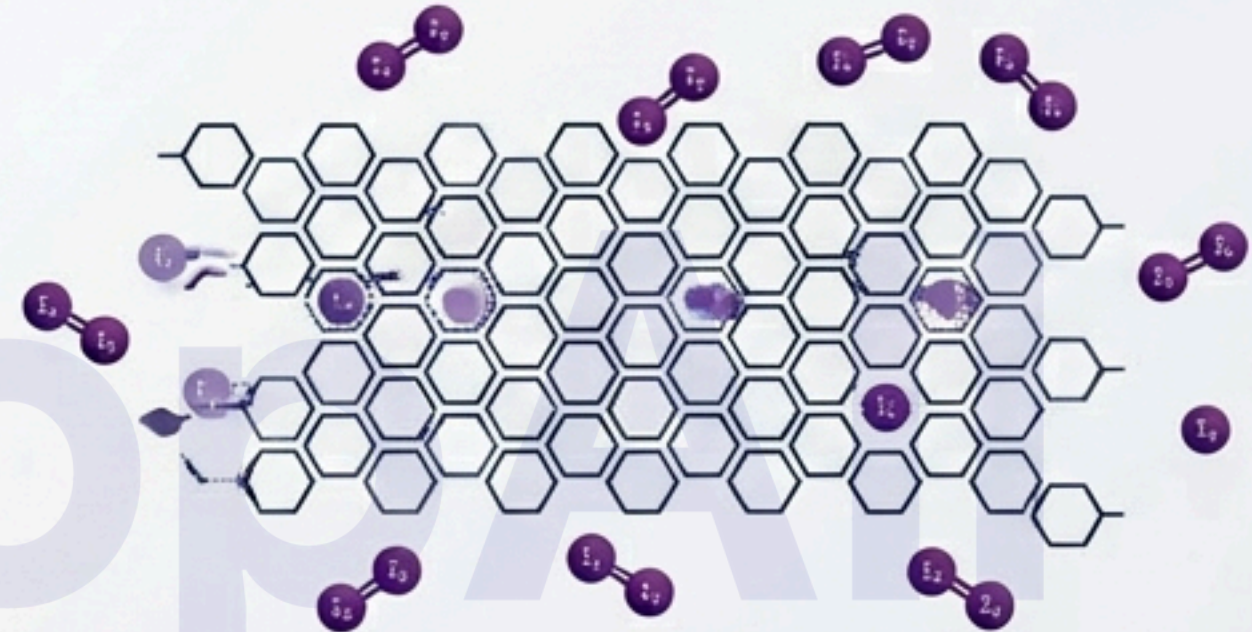
Starch



Forms complex helical secondary structures. Physically traps I₂ molecules inside the helix.

Turns Blue

Cellulose



Linear, unbranched chains. Contains no complex helices to hold I₂.

No Color Change

STRUCTURE DICTATES FUNCTION: The biological engineering of a polysaccharide dictates its chemical properties. **Starch's helices hold iodine; cellulose's linear walls cannot.**



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