Chem 452 - Lecture 3
Hemoglobin & Myoglobin
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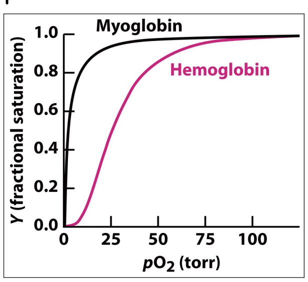
Hemoglobin (Hb) and Myoglobin (Mb) function as oxygen transport and storage molecules in higher organisms. There functions have been long studied and, together, provide a wealth of examples of how the structure and function of proteins are related.

Introduction

- Together, Hb and Mb providean excellent example of structure-function relationships in proteins.
  - They illustrate the substrate binding portion of an enzyme catalyzed reaction.
  - They illustrate **allosteric regulation.**

Introduction

- The cooperative binding of oxygen by Hb, compared to Mb.



Introduction

- Hb also provided one of the first examples for the molecular basis of genetic diseases.
  - Sickle-cell anemia.

Introduction

- Mb and Hb were also the first proteins to have their 3-dimensional structures determined.

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- The crystal structure of Mb was determined by John Kendrew in 1957 using X-ray diffraction.
- This was closely followed by the crystal structure for Hb, which was determined by Max Perutz in 1958.

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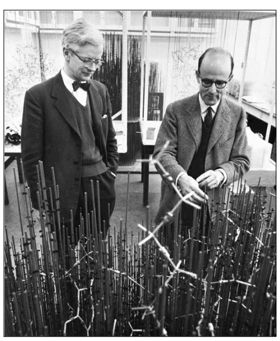

John Kendrew Max Perutz

The Medical Research Council (MRC) at Cambridge University

- Kendrew
- Perutz
- Sanger
- Watson
- Crick

Nobel Prizes in 1962

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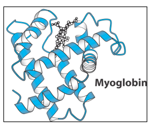
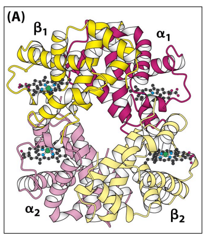
Introduction

- Hb and Mb provide an excellent example of how proteins have evolved to most efficiently carry out a particular function.
  - Hb binds oxygen in the lung, where the O_2 concentration is high, and delivers it to the tisues where the O_2 concentration is low.
  - Mb accepts the O_2 from the Hb in the tissues where the O_2 concentrations are low.

Introduction

- Structures of Mb and the α and β subunits of Hb are very similar





Mb Hb

Introduction

- The amino acid sequences for Mb and the α and β chains of Hb are **homologous** (Chapter 6.2-6.4)

Introduction

- The amino acid sequences for Mb is also homologous to the sequence for the plant protein leghemoglobin

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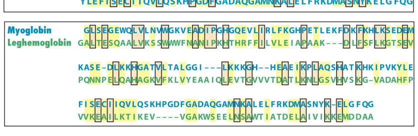

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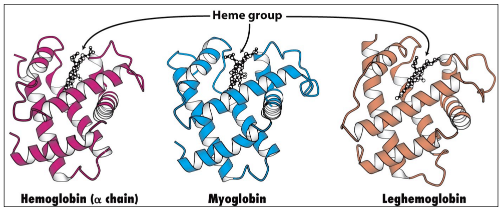
Introduction

- These three proteins also have very similar 3-dimensional structures.
  - The tertiary structure appear to be more highly conserved than the primary structure.



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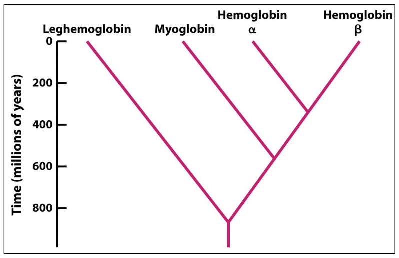
- The amino acid sequences can be used to create an evolutionary tree.

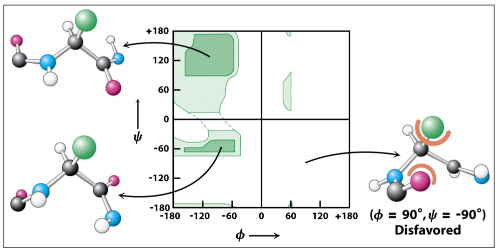


Introduction

- Number games.
  - We have seen how the Levinthal's Paradox suggests that protein folding is directed.
    - There is not enough time to fold a small protein by a brute force approach.
  - A similar numbers game with amino acid sequence reveals the same directed nature to evolution.

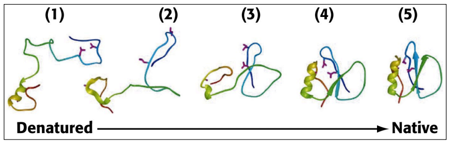
Predicting a Protein's Fold

- The Levinthal Paradox



Predicting a Protein's Fold

- Successive Stabilization



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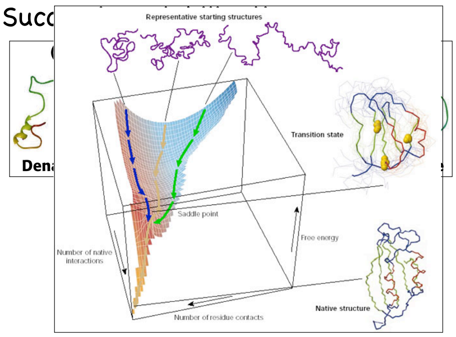

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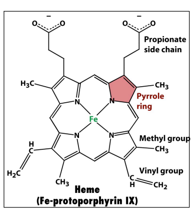
  - Heme group is an example of a protein **cofactor**.



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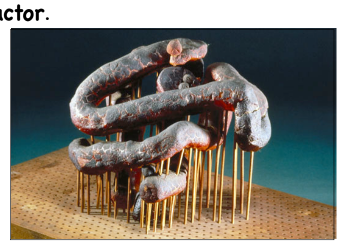

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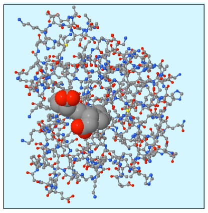
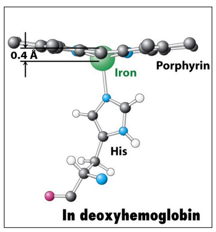


The O_2 binding site for Hb & Mb

- The heme Fe^{2+} ligated by the heme nitrogens and the nitrogen on the **proximal histidine**.



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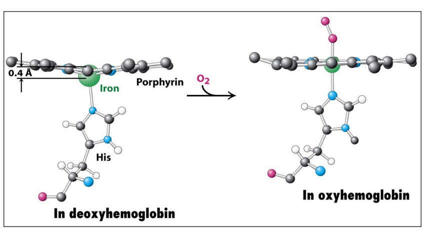
- When bound, O_2 provides the sixth ligand for the heme Fe^{2+}



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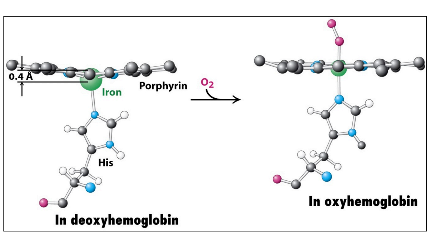
- When O_2 binds, the heme Fe^{2+} gets smaller and moves into the plane of the heme.



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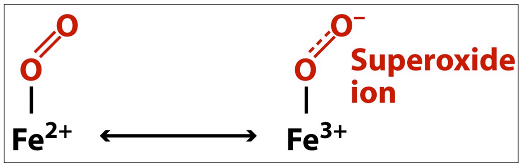

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- The heme Fe^{2+} reduces the bound O_2 to a superoxide ion, O_2^-.
- Superoxide, like other reactive oxygen species (ROS's), is very damaging.
- It is the **distal histidine** that helps to prevent the release of the superoxide.

The O_2 binding site for Hb & Mb

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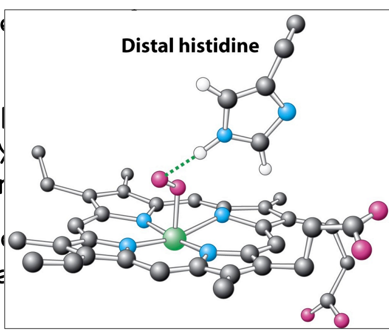
- The... pre... e.



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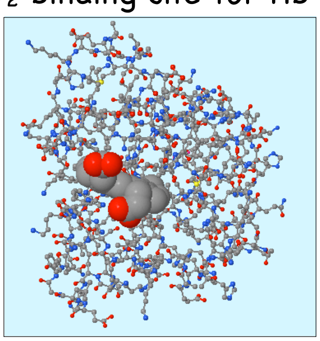

Oxymyoglobin

Hb is a Tetramer

- Hb's quaternary structure causes it to bind O_2 differently than Mb
- Hb is a tetramer of myoglobin-like subunits
  - Two α subunits
  - Two β subunits
- Combine as two αβ dimers
  - $\alpha_1\beta_1$ and $\alpha_2\beta_2$

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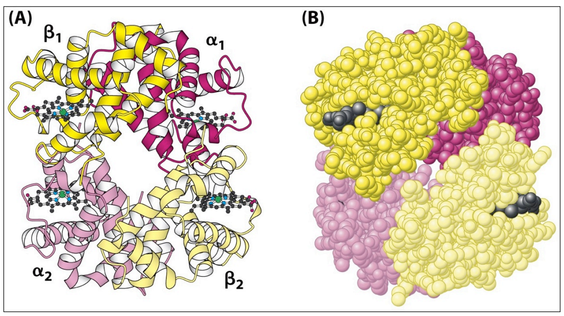

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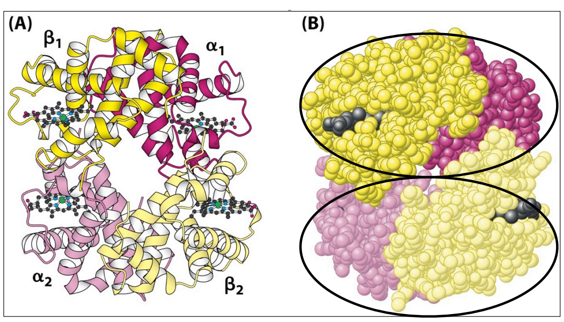
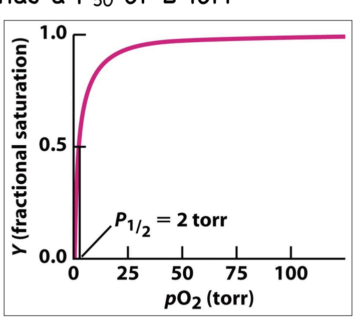


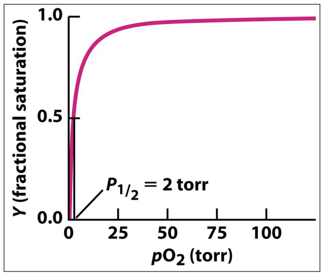
Hb Binds O_2 Cooperatively

- Mb has a P_{50} of 2 Torr



Questions

When exposed to air at 1 atm pressure, what fraction of the myoglobin molecule will be bound with O_2?



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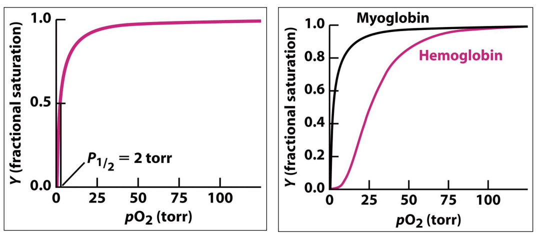
- Hb binds O_2 more weakly than Mb



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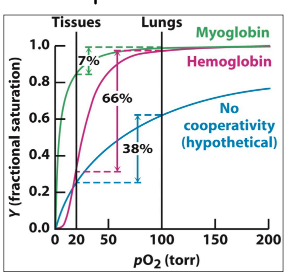
- Cooperative binding makes Hb a more efficient transporter of O_2 than Mb.



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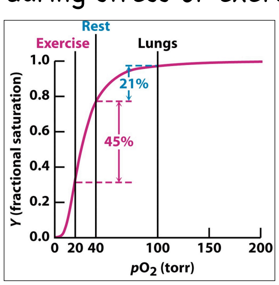
- Hb is efficiently delivers O_2 to the tissues during stress or exercise.



Problem 7.12 & 7.14

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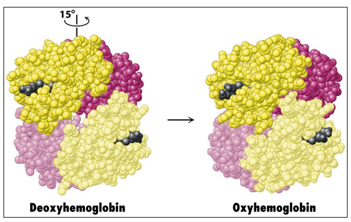
- Cooperativity is associated with changes in the quaternary structure of Hb



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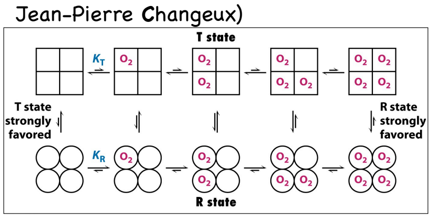

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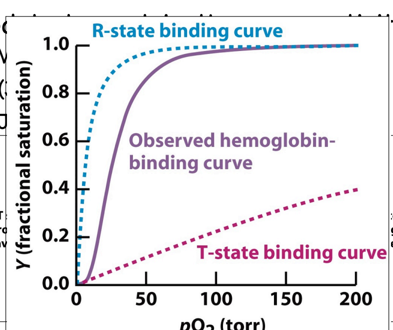

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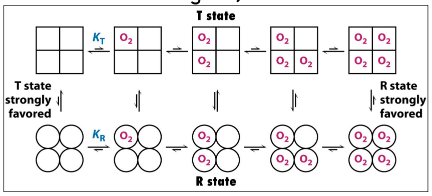

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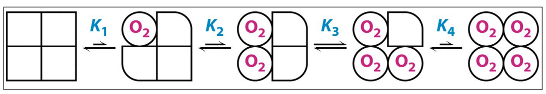
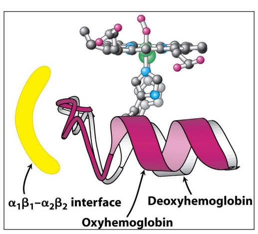


Sequential Model

Hb Binds O_2 Cooperatively

- At the molecular level.
  - Conformational changes occurring upon O_2 bonding to one subunit are transmitted to other subunits



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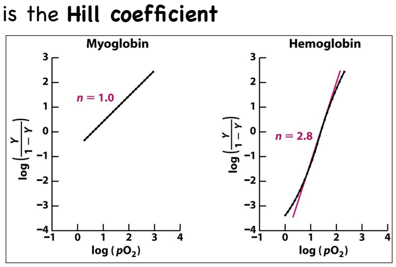

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$$X + nS \Leftrightarrow X(S)_n$$

$$Y = \frac{[S]^n}{[S]^n + [S_{50}]^n}$$

$$Y = \frac{pO_2^n}{pO_2 + P_{50}^n}$$

$$\frac{Y}{1-Y} = \frac{pO_2^n}{P_{50}^n}$$

$$\log\left(\frac{Y}{1-Y}\right) = n\log(pO_2) - n\log(P_{50})$$

Problem 7.12a & 7.14

For Friday, work Problems 12a and 14 at the end of Chapter 7 and be ready to discuss it in class.

7.12.a Using the Hill equation, plot an oxygen binding curve for a hypothetical two-subunit hemoglobin with n - 1.8 and P_{50} = 10 torr.

7.14 Oxygen binding for primative Hb from a lamprey eel is given

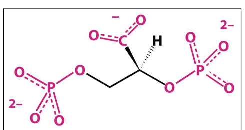
A) Plot data and determine P50

B) Make Hill plot and determine n

C) Propose model to explain cooperativity

Allosteric Regulation

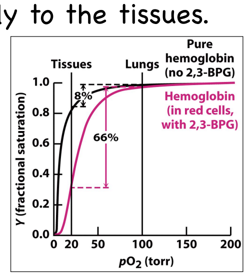
- Hb provides and example of **allosteric regulation**.
  - In red blood cells (RBC's), the metabolite 2,3-Bisphosphoglycerate (2,3-BPG) alters the O_2 binding behavior of Hb.



2,3-Bisphosphoglycerate (2,3-BPG)

Allosteric Regulation

- 2,3-BPG lowers Hb's affinity for O_2, allowing it to release O_2 more efficiently to the tissues.



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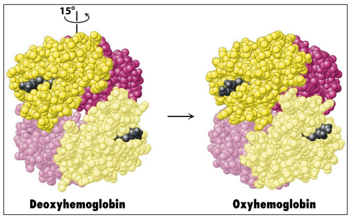

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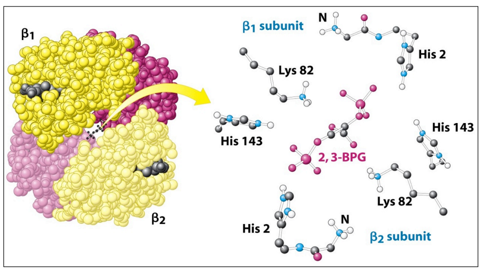
Allosteric Regulation

- 2,3-BPG binds to, and stabilizes, the T-state of Hb.



Allosteric Regulation

- The acclimation to the higher elevations involves the production of higher levels of 2-BPG.
- Fetal Hb
  - γ chains are substituted for β chains (H143S)

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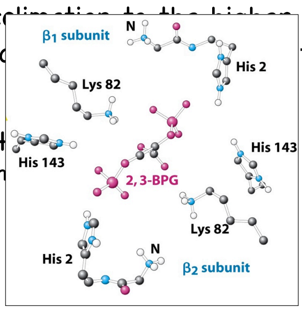
- Fetal H
  - γ chain (H143S)



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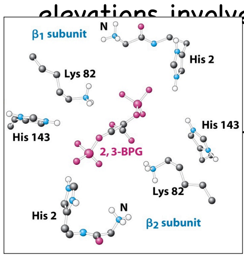

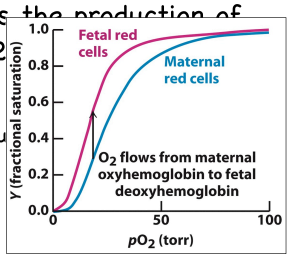

Next up

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  - Bohr effect
  - Sickle-cell Hb
- Enzymes (Chapter 8)