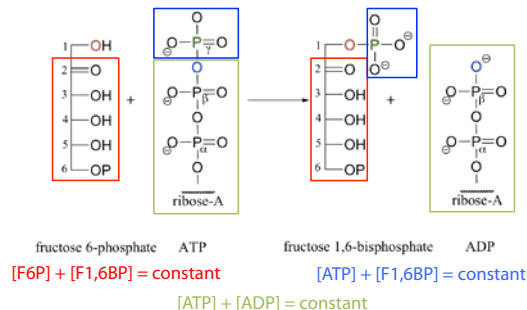


## MCB 135 Lecture 6 Enzyme Kinetics

Recap: moiety conservation restricts how concentrations change together



### Follow-up: systematic method for identifying moieties

General principle: if a set of equations are all true, then any linear combination of them is also true

$$\begin{aligned} ax + by &= c \\ dx + ey &= f \\ 2(ax + by) + dx + ey &= 2c + f \end{aligned}$$

### Follow-up: systematic method for identifying moieties

You may have employed this technique to solve systems of equations in an algebra course.

$$\begin{aligned} -5x - 5y &= -10 \\ 5x - 7y &= 34 \\ -12y &= 24 \implies y = -2, x = 4 \end{aligned}$$

### Follow-up: systematic method for identifying moieties

In matrix form, this technique is called Gauss-Jordan elimination.

$$\begin{aligned} x_1 + 2x_2 + 3x_3 &= 9 \\ 2x_1 - x_2 + x_3 &= 8 \\ 3x_1 - x_3 &= 3 \end{aligned} \longrightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 9 \\ 2 & -1 & 1 & 8 \\ 3 & 0 & -1 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\downarrow$$

$$\begin{aligned} x_1 + 2x_2 + 3x_3 &= 9 \\ x_2 + x_3 &= 2 \\ x_3 &= 3 \end{aligned} \longleftarrow \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 9 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$$

### Follow-up: systematic method for identifying moieties

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{dA}{dt} &= k_{-1}B^2 + k_2D + k_4BE - k_1A - k_{-2}AC \\ \frac{dB}{dt} &= 2k_1A + k_3D - 2k_{-1}B^2 - k_4BE \\ \frac{dC}{dt} &= k_2D + k_4BE - k_{-2}AC \\ \frac{dD}{dt} &= k_{-2}AC - k_3D - k_2D \\ \frac{dE}{dt} &= k_3D - k_4BE \end{aligned}$$

If we could find a linear combination of ODEs that sums to zero, e.g.

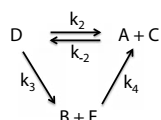
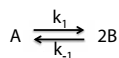
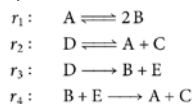
$$\frac{dC}{dt} + \frac{dD}{dt} + \frac{dE}{dt} = 0$$

then integration w.r.t. time would give us a conservation rule:

$$[C] + [D] + [E] = \text{constant}$$

### Follow-up: systematic method for identifying moieties

Step one: number the reactions



Step two: construct a stoichiometry matrix

$$\begin{array}{cccc|c} r_1 & r_2 & r_3 & r_4 & \\ \hline -1 & 1 & 0 & 1 & A \\ 2 & 0 & 1 & -1 & B \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 & C \\ 0 & -1 & -1 & 0 & D \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & -1 & E \end{array}$$

### Follow-up: systematic method for identifying moieties

Step three: express the rates of change for each molecular species using the stoichiometry matrix

Found last time using the law of mass action

Rewritten in matrix form

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{dA}{dt} &= k_{-1}B^2 + k_2D + k_4BE - k_1A - k_{-2}AC \\ \frac{dB}{dt} &= 2k_1A + k_3D - 2k_{-1}B^2 - k_4BE \\ \frac{dC}{dt} &= k_2D + k_1BE - k_{-2}AC \\ \frac{dD}{dt} &= k_{-2}AC - k_3D - k_2D \\ \frac{dE}{dt} &= k_3D - k_4BE \end{aligned}$$

$$\frac{d}{dt} \begin{pmatrix} A \\ B \\ C \\ D \\ E \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 2 & 0 & 1 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & -1 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & -1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} k_1A - k_{-1}B^2 \\ k_2D - k_{-2}AC \\ k_3D \\ k_4BE \end{pmatrix}$$

### Follow-up: systematic method for identifying moieties

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Notice that these are the "net forward reaction rates" (we'll call them  $v_i$ )

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### Follow-up: systematic method for identifying moieties

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Rewrite in an equivalent form:

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \frac{d}{dt} \begin{pmatrix} A \\ B \\ C \\ D \\ E \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 2 & 0 & 1 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & -1 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & -1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} v_1 \\ v_2 \\ v_3 \\ v_4 \end{pmatrix}$$

### Follow-up: systematic method for identifying moieties

Our goal: apply row reduction (aka Gaussian elimination) so that some rows of the stoichiometry matrix become all zeros.

Then, the left-hand side will tell us that some combination of the derivatives sums to zero.

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \frac{d}{dt} \begin{pmatrix} A \\ B \\ C \\ D \\ E \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 2 & 0 & 1 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & -1 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & -1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} v_1 \\ v_2 \\ v_3 \\ v_4 \end{pmatrix}$$

### Follow-up: systematic method for identifying moieties

Input the stoichiometry matrix (augmented by the identity matrix) into MATLAB

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
1	-1	1	0	1	1	0	0	0	0
2	2	0	1	-1	0	1	0	0	0
3	0	1	0	1	0	0	1	0	0
4	0	-1	-1	0	0	0	0	1	0
5	0	0	1	-1	0	0	0	0	1

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \frac{d}{dt} \begin{pmatrix} A \\ B \\ C \\ D \\ E \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 2 & 0 & 1 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & -1 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & -1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} v_1 \\ v_2 \\ v_3 \\ v_4 \end{pmatrix}$$

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Call the rref() function

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2	2	0	1	-1	0	1	0	0	0
3	0	1	0	1	0	0	1	0	0
4	0	-1	-1	0	0	0	0	1	0
5	0	0	1	-1	0	0	0	0	1

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 2 & 1 & 0 & 2 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \frac{d}{dt} \begin{pmatrix} A \\ B \\ C \\ D \\ E \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 2 & 0 & 2 & -2 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} v_1 \\ v_2 \\ v_3 \\ v_4 \end{pmatrix}$$

### Follow-up: systematic method for identifying moieties

$$2 \frac{dA}{dt} + 2 \frac{dD}{dt} + \frac{dB}{dt} + \frac{dE}{dt} = 0$$

$$\frac{dC}{dt} + \frac{dD}{dt} + \frac{dE}{dt} = 0$$

$$2[A] + 2[D] + [B] + [E] = \text{constant}$$

$$[C] + [D] + [E] = \text{constant}$$

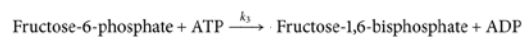
These are our two conserved moieties

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 2 & 1 & 0 & 2 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \frac{d}{dt} \begin{pmatrix} A \\ B \\ C \\ D \\ E \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 2 & 0 & 2 & -2 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} v_1 \\ v_2 \\ v_3 \\ v_4 \end{pmatrix}$$

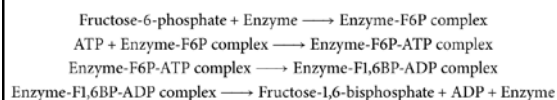
### Today's Outline

- Rate of product formation in enzyme catalysis
  - Recap of simplifying assumptions and enzyme catalysis
  - Michaelis-Menten kinetics
- Simple binding curves
  - Hyperbolic form
  - The switch-like behavior problem
  - Hemoglobin as a natural example of a sigmoidal form

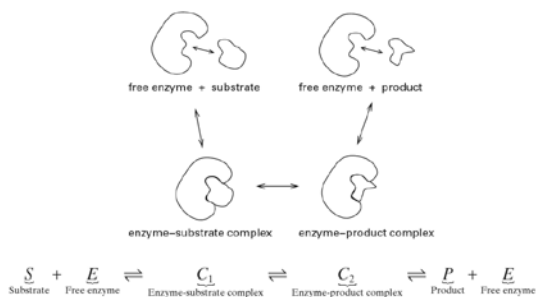
### Enzyme catalysis is a composite reaction



When catalyzed by the enzyme phosphofructokinase, this reaction has several steps:



### Enzyme catalysis is a composite reaction



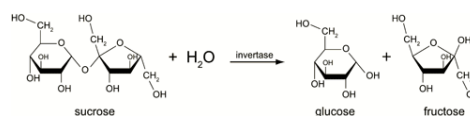
### Reducing the model's complexity



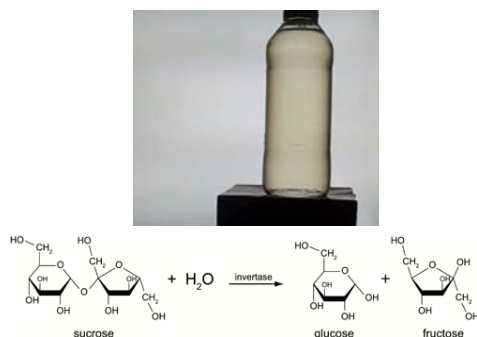
Leonor Michaelis



Maud Menten



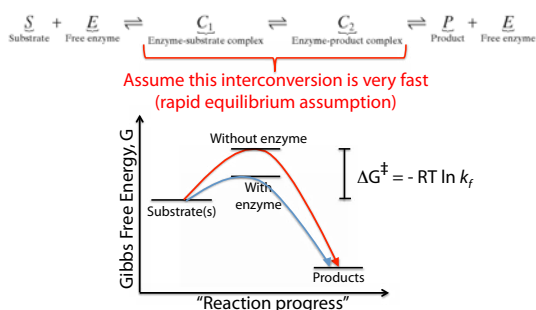
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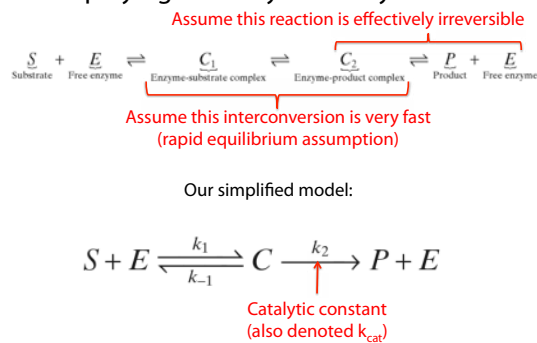
## Recap: common simplifying assumptions

- A chemical's concentration has a particular constant value
- A chemical's concentration is at steady-state
  - The "quasi-steady-state" assumption
  - Can find an expression for the steady-state concentration from the chemical's ODE
- A particular reversible reaction has reached equilibrium
  - The "rapid equilibrium" assumption

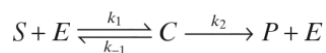
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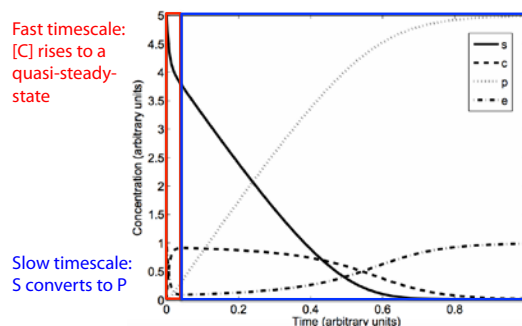


How are these species' concentrations changing with time?

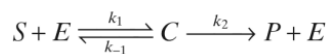


$$\begin{aligned}\frac{dS}{dt} &= k_{-1}C - k_1SE \\ \frac{dE}{dt} &= k_{-1}C + k_2C - k_1SE \\ \frac{dC}{dt} &= k_1SE - k_{-1}C - k_2C \\ \frac{dP}{dt} &= k_2C\end{aligned}$$

How are these species' concentrations changing with time?



Why does the fast timescale exist?



- 1)  $k_1, k_{-1} \gg k_2$
- 2)  $[S] \gg [E], [C]$

Simplifying the model  
using moiety conservation

Rewrite using a stoichiometry matrix:

$$S + E \xrightleftharpoons[k_{-1}]{k_1} C \xrightarrow{k_2} P + E$$

$$\frac{d}{dt} \begin{pmatrix} S \\ E \\ C \\ P \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 0 \\ -1 & 1 \\ 1 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} k_1 S E - k_{-1} C \\ k_2 C \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{dS}{dt} &= k_{-1}C - k_1SE \\ \frac{dE}{dt} &= k_{-1}C + k_2C - k_1SE \\ \frac{dC}{dt} &= k_1SE - k_{-1}C - k_2C \\ \frac{dP}{dt} &= k_2C \end{aligned}$$

Perform row reduction, and find:

$$[S] + [C] + [P] = \text{constant}$$

$$[C] + [E] = \text{constant}$$

Simplifying the model  
using moiety conservation

$$[C] + [E] = \text{constant} \longrightarrow [E] = [E]_{\text{tot}} - [C]$$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{dS}{dt} &= k_{-1}C - k_1S[E_{\text{tot}} - C] = -k_1SE_{\text{tot}} + C[k_{-1} + k_1S] \\ \frac{dC}{dt} &= k_1S[E_{\text{tot}} - C] - k_{-1}C - k_2C = k_1SE_{\text{tot}} - C[k_{-1} + k_2 + k_1S] \\ \frac{dP}{dt} &= k_2C \end{aligned}$$

Exploiting the rapid approach of [C]  
to quasi-steady-state

$$\frac{dC}{dt} = k_1SE_{\text{tot}} - C[k_{-1} + k_2 + k_1S] = 0$$

$$C = \frac{k_1SE_{\text{tot}}}{k_{-1} + k_2 + k_1S} = \frac{SE_{\text{tot}}}{K_m + S}, \quad K_m = \frac{k_{-1} + k_2}{k_1}$$

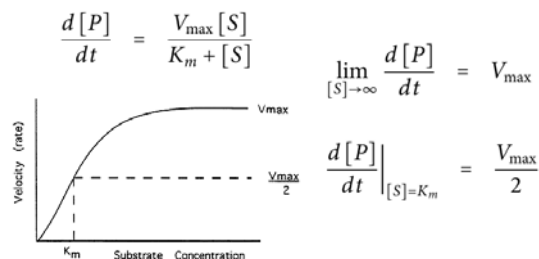
How fast is the product forming?

$$C = \frac{SE_{\text{tot}}}{K_m + S}, \quad K_m = \frac{k_{-1} + k_2}{k_1}$$

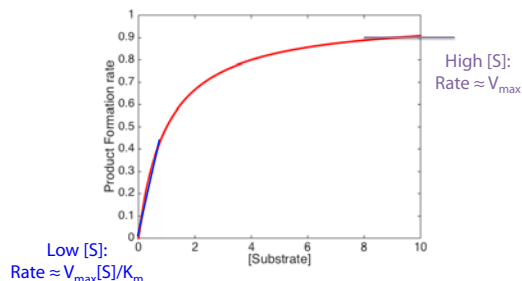
$$\frac{dP}{dt} = k_2C = \frac{V_{\text{max}}S}{K_m + S}, \quad V_{\text{max}} = k_2E_{\text{tot}}$$

The Michaelis-Menten equation

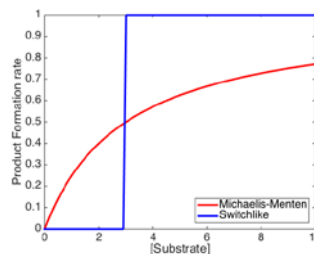
The physical interpretation of  
 $K_m$  and  $V_{\text{max}}$



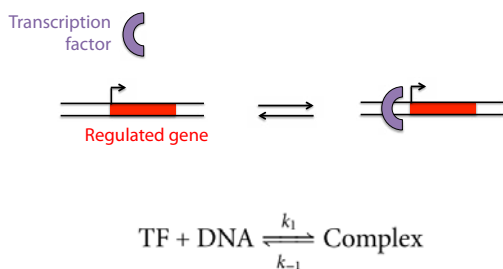
### Approximations at two extremes



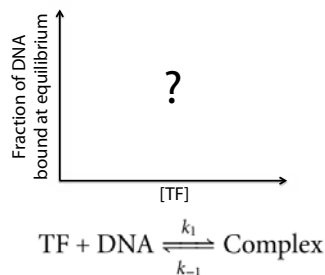
### Hyperbolic, not switch-like, behavior



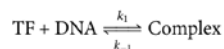
### Not all biological reactions are enzyme-catalyzed



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What is the fraction of bound DNA,  $\frac{[\text{Complex}]}{[\text{DNA}] + [\text{Complex}]}$ , at equilibrium?

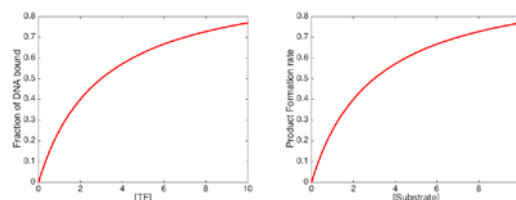


At equilibrium,  $k_1 [\text{TF}] [\text{DNA}] = k_{-1} [\text{Complex}]$

$$\implies [\text{DNA}] = \frac{k_{-1} [\text{Complex}]}{k_1 [\text{TF}]}$$

$$\frac{[\text{Complex}]}{[\text{DNA}] + [\text{Complex}]} = \frac{[\text{Complex}]}{\frac{k_{-1} [\text{Complex}]}{k_1 [\text{TF}]} + [\text{Complex}]} = \frac{[\text{TF}]}{K + [\text{TF}]}$$

### Simple binding curves have the same form as Michaelis-Menten curves



$$\text{Fraction of DNA bound} = \frac{[\text{TF}]}{K + [\text{TF}]} \quad \frac{d[P]}{dt} = \frac{V_{\max} [S]}{K_m + [S]}$$

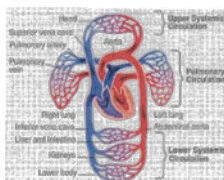
- Organisms follow algorithms to determine responses to “inputs” from their environments
    - Are these computations inherently limited?
  - A system can compute anything if it can implement Boolean logic and memory (Church-Turing thesis)
  - Boolean logic requires all-or-none responses to binary inputs
- Want to show that all living systems can implement Boolean variables

How can organisms make switch-like responses with binding/enzyme kinetics?

## Oxygen transport

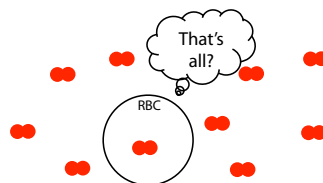


A few cells thick:  
diffusion suffices

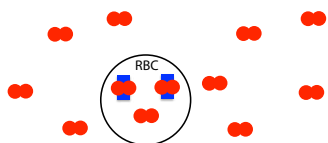


Much larger:  
circulatory and  
respiratory systems  
needed

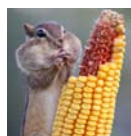
## Oxygen loading in the lungs can limit oxygen transport



By forming complexes, oxygen-binding proteins can “hide” oxygen inside the red blood cell



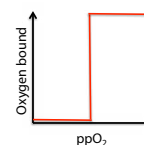
## Ideal properties for an oxygen-binding protein



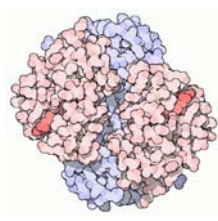
In the lungs, where  $ppO_2$  is high, binds as much oxygen as possible



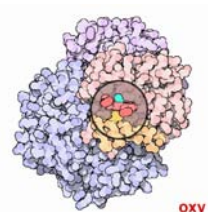
In other tissues, where  $ppO_2$  is low, releases as much oxygen as possible



The protein hemoglobin has four subunits, each cradling a heme group



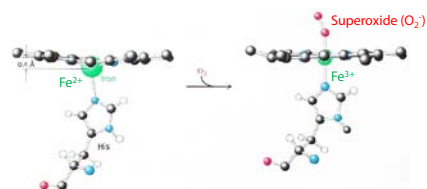
~ 4 nm



oxy

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Heme's absorption spectrum changes on oxygen binding

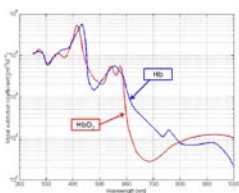


Dark red

Bright red

Stryer Fig. 7.2

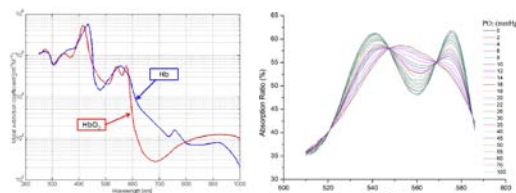
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Courtesy of Scott Prahl



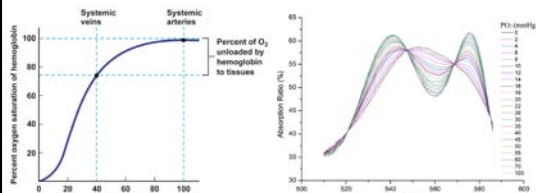
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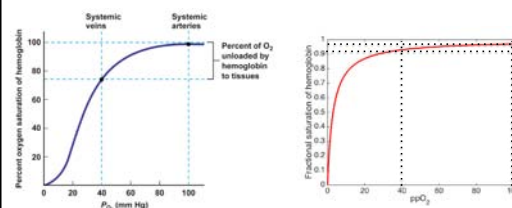
Liu et al., 2012

The fraction of hemoglobin bound by oxygen can be estimated from the absorption spectrum



Liu et al., 2012

Hemoglobin has a sigmoidal, not hyperbolic, binding curve





Next time:  
Cooperativity and inhibition