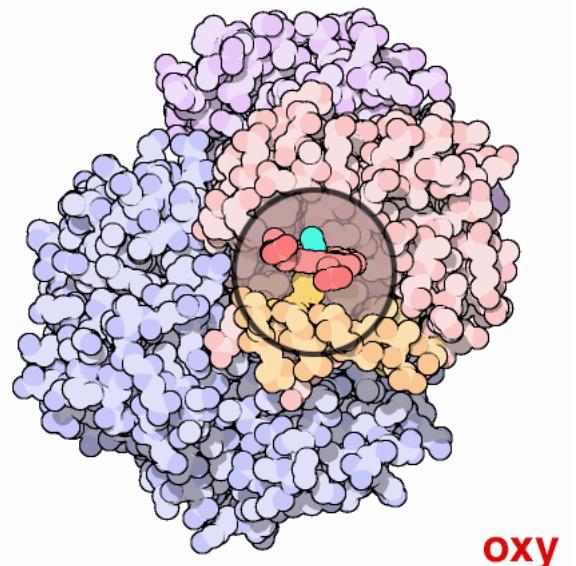
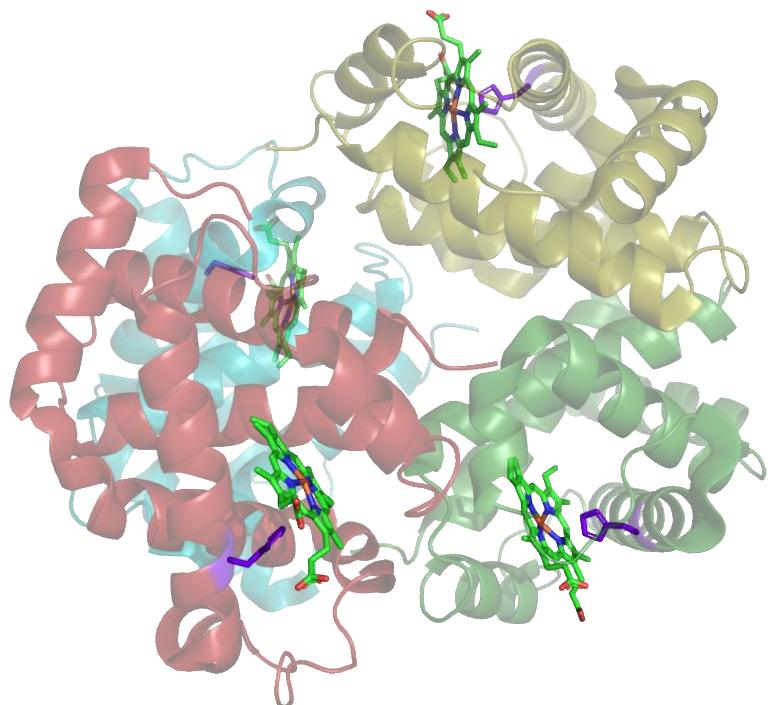


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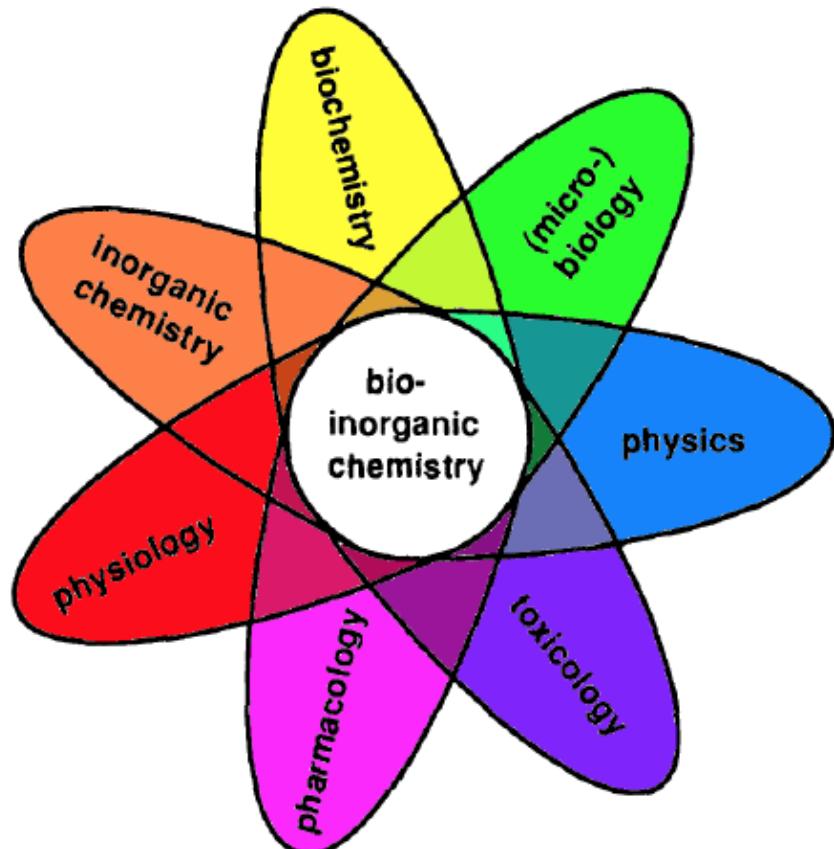
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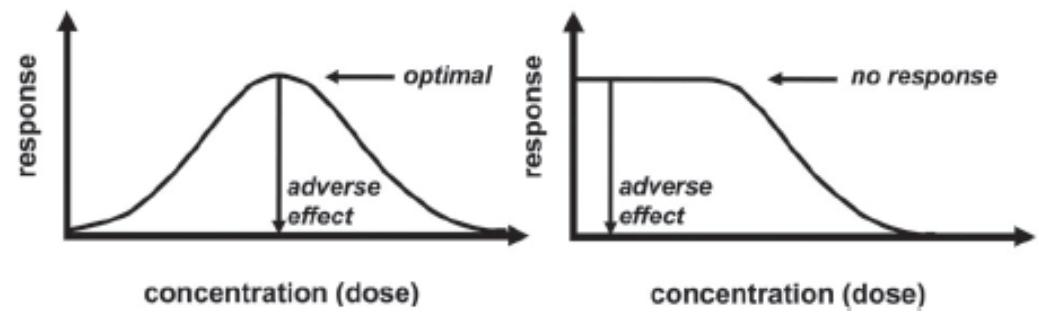
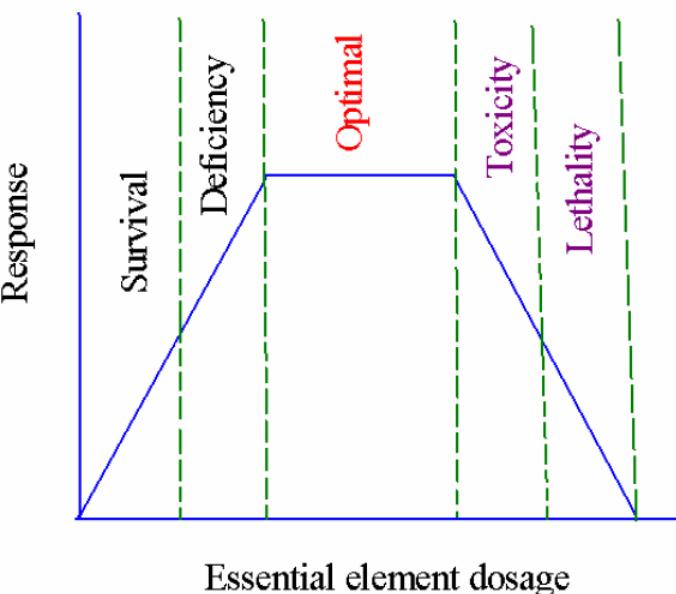
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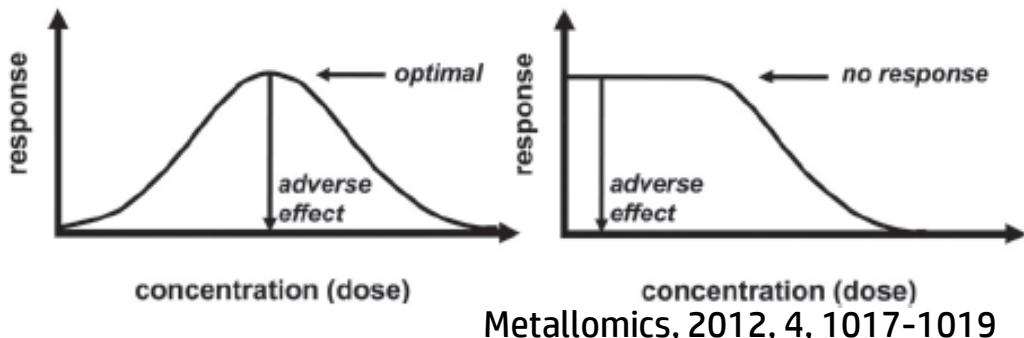


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Essential & non-essential elements



1 H Hydrogen	2 He Helium
3 Li Lithium	4 Be Beryllium
11 Na Sodium	12 Mg Magnesium
19 K Potassium	21 Ca Calcium
37 Rb Rubidium	36 Sr Strontium
55 Cs Cesium	38 Ba Barium
87 Fr Francium	88 Ra Radium
4 Be Beryllium	5 B Boron
6 C Carbon	7 N Nitrogen
8 O Oxygen	9 F Fluorine
10 Ne Neon	13 Al Aluminium
14 Si Silicon	15 P Phosphorus
16 S Sulphur	17 Cl Chlorine
18 Ar Argon	31 Ga Gallium
32 Ge Germanium	33 As Arsenic
34 Se Selenium	35 Br Bromine
36 Kr Krypton	38 Se Tellurium
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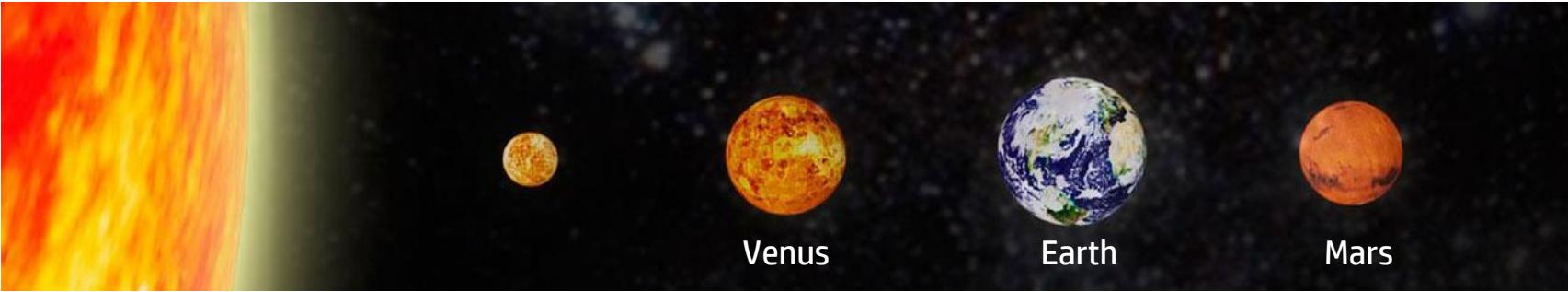
Bulk & trace elements

█ Bulk biological elements
 █ Trace elements believed to be essential for bacteria, plants or animals
 █ Possibly essential trace elements for some species

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Bioinorganic Chemistry influenced evolution?

Comparing planetary environments



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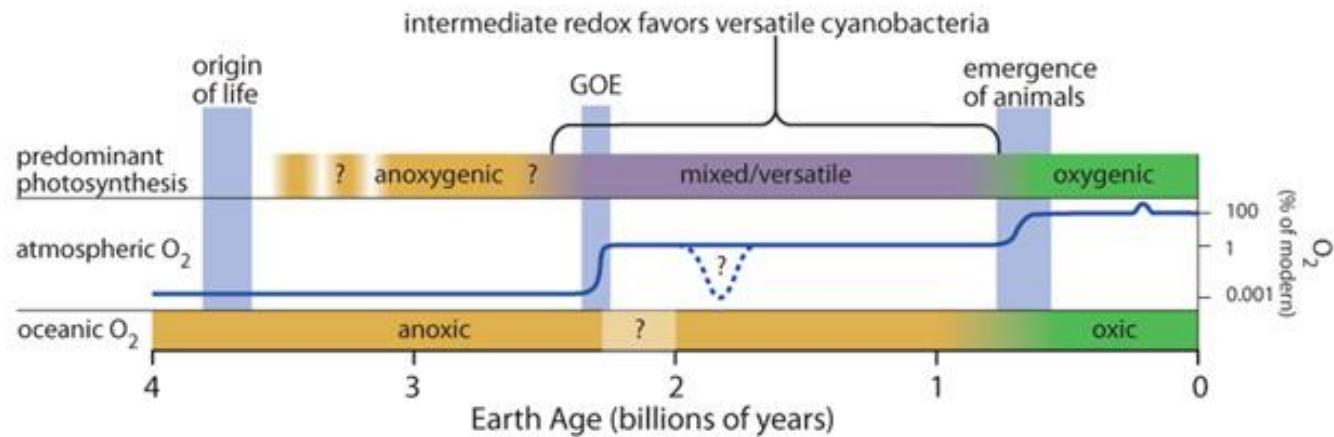
CO_2	96%	0.04%	95%
N_2	3%	78%	3%
O_2	0%	21%	0.2%

In the beginning earth atmosphere was similar to Venus or Mars

Emergence of O_2 occurred at a later stage

Significant contribution from bioinorganic chemistry

Bioinorganic Chemistry influenced evolution?

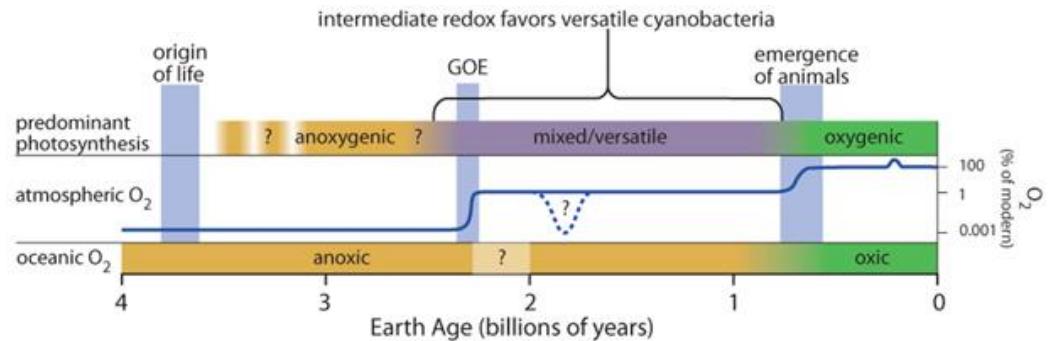


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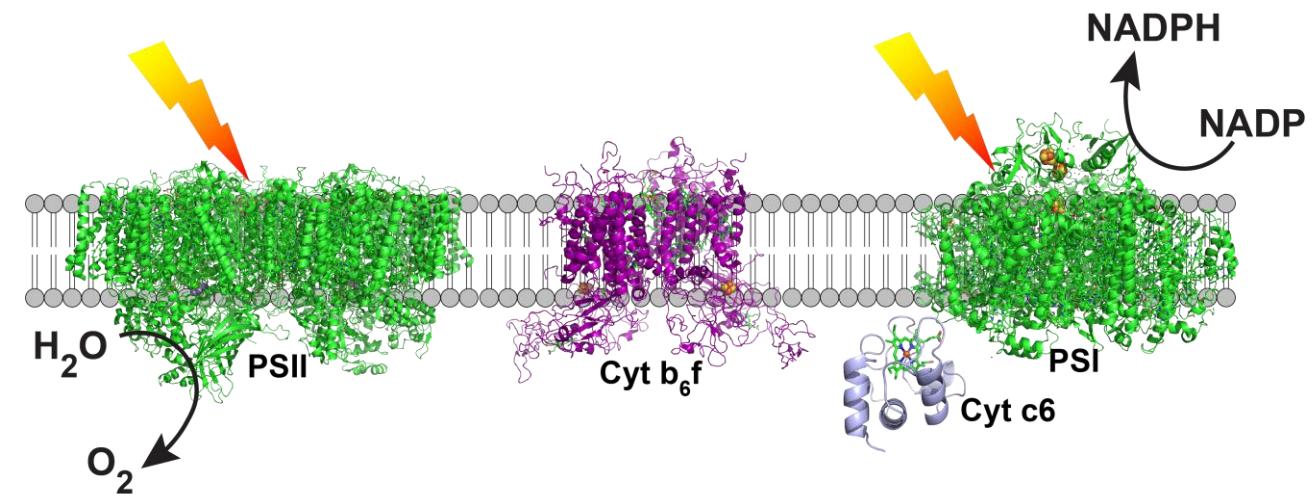
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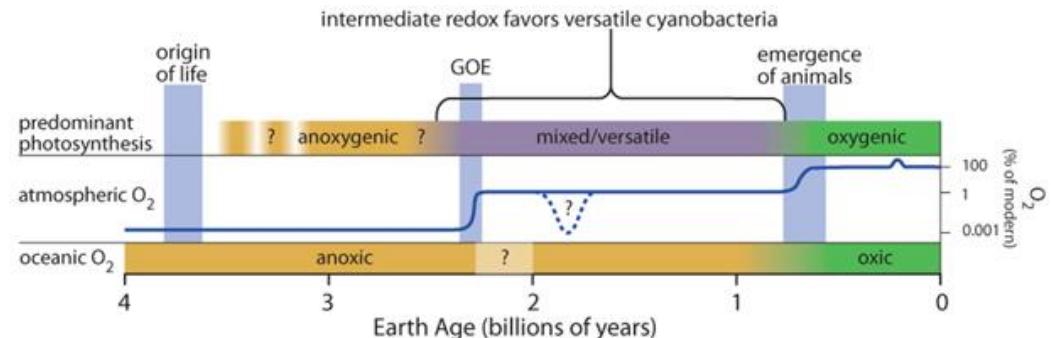
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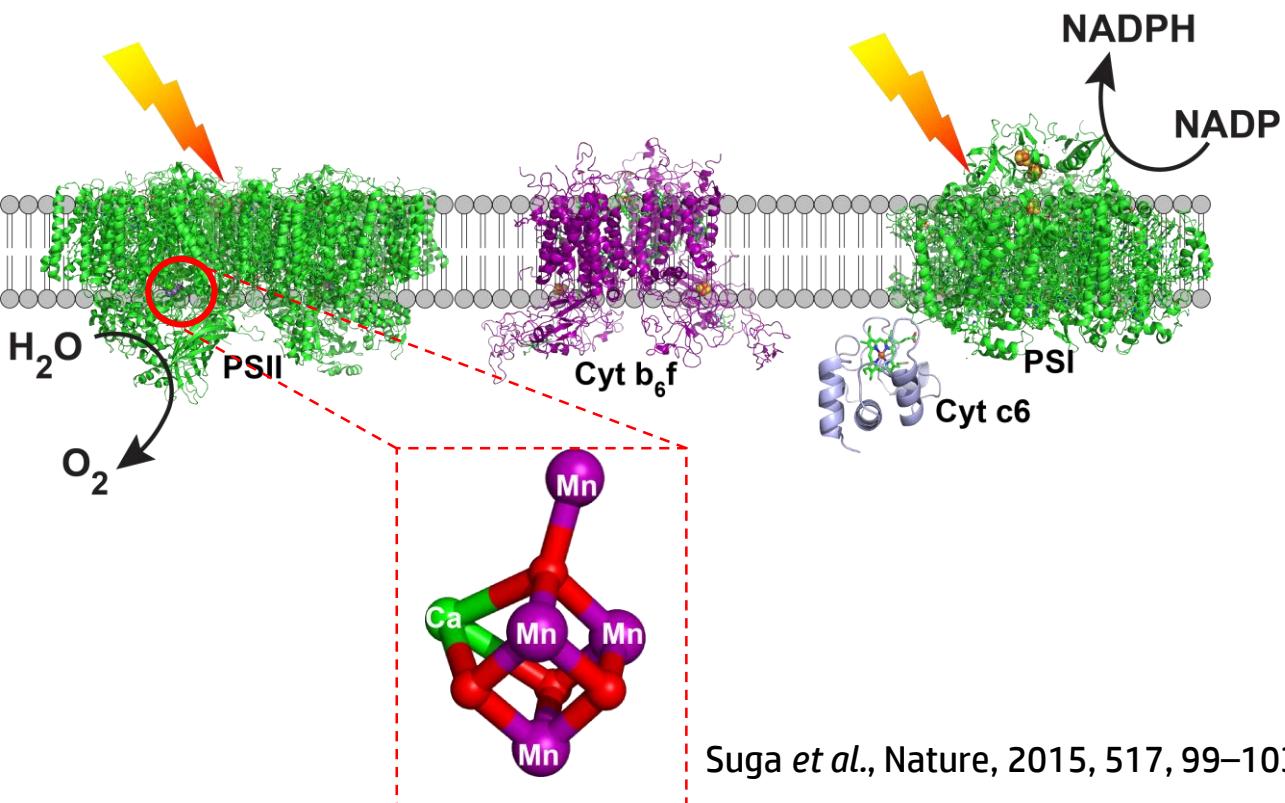
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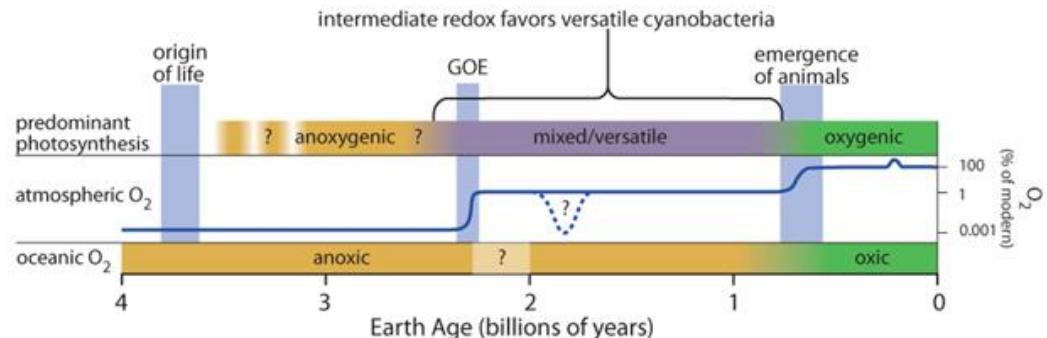
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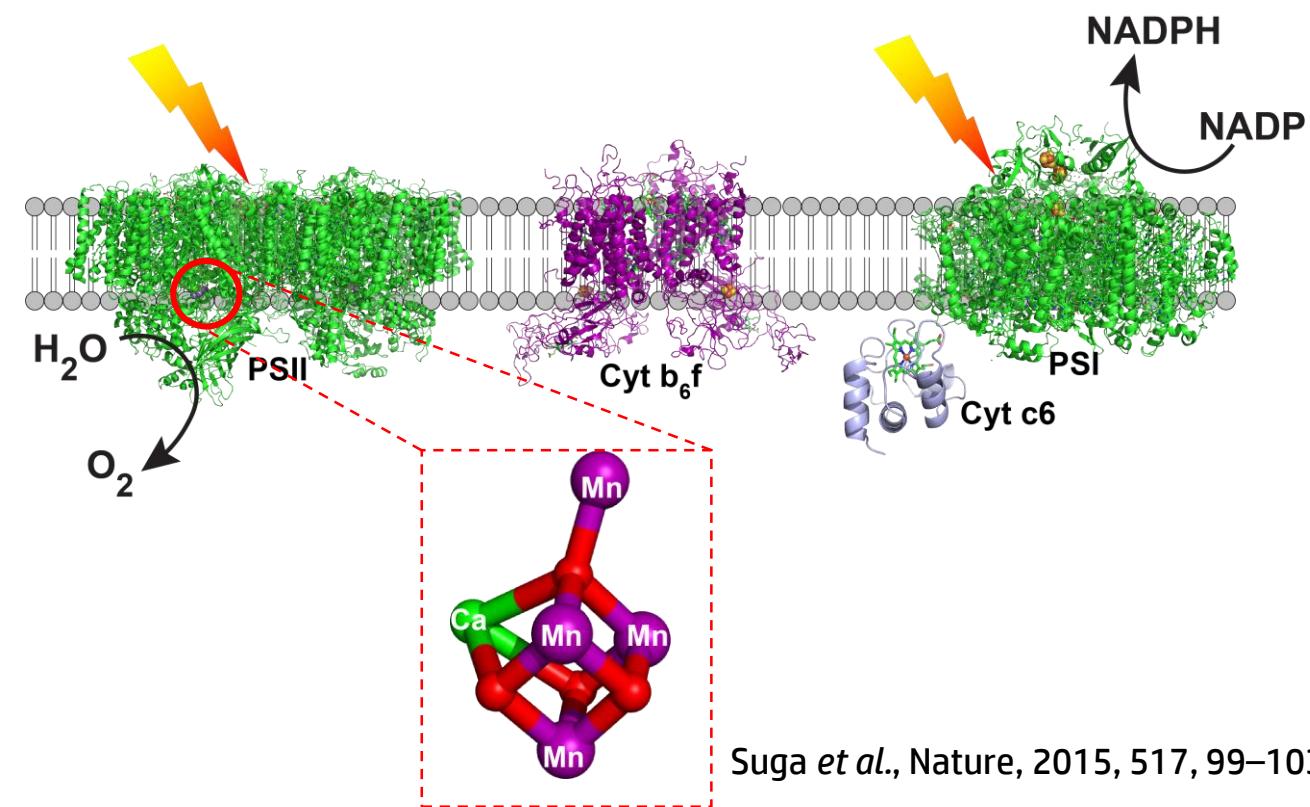


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Photosynthetic O₂ evolution altered the scenario

O₂ is a strong oxidizing agent

Change in the course of evolution

1. **Extinction**
2. **Exiled to anoxic niches**
3. **Adapt to oxygenic environment**



Take Home Messages

O_2 binding
to Hemoglobin

- *Inorganic elements are crucial for Biology*
- *Essential/non-essential & bulk/trace elements*
- *Bioinorganic chemistry of photosynthesis*
- *Photosynthetic O_2 production is a game-changer*



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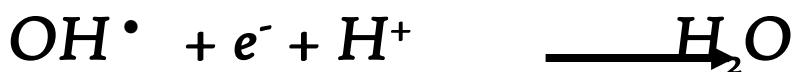
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Handling O_2 in cellular environments

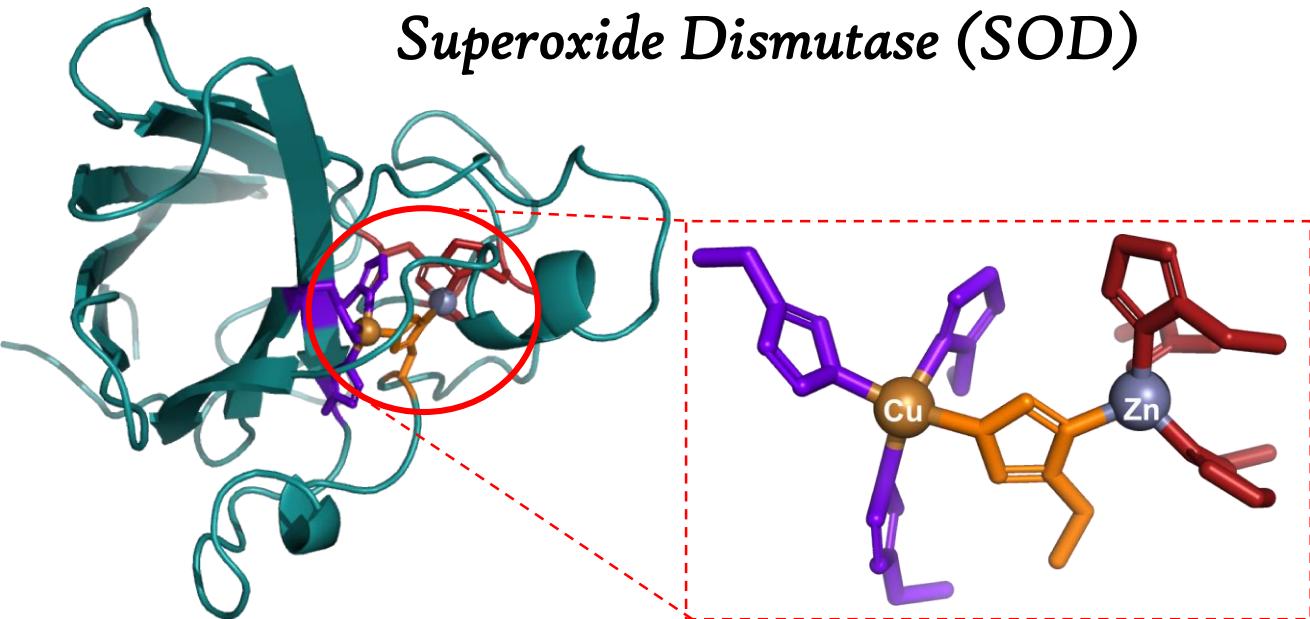


Generation of ROS in cells can cause oxidative damage (DNA, protein, lipid)



*ROS: Reactive Oxygen Species
 $O_2^{\cdot-}, H_2O_2, OH^{\cdot}$*

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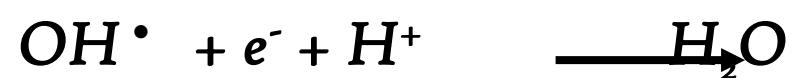
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Mn-, Fe-, and Ni-SOD also exist

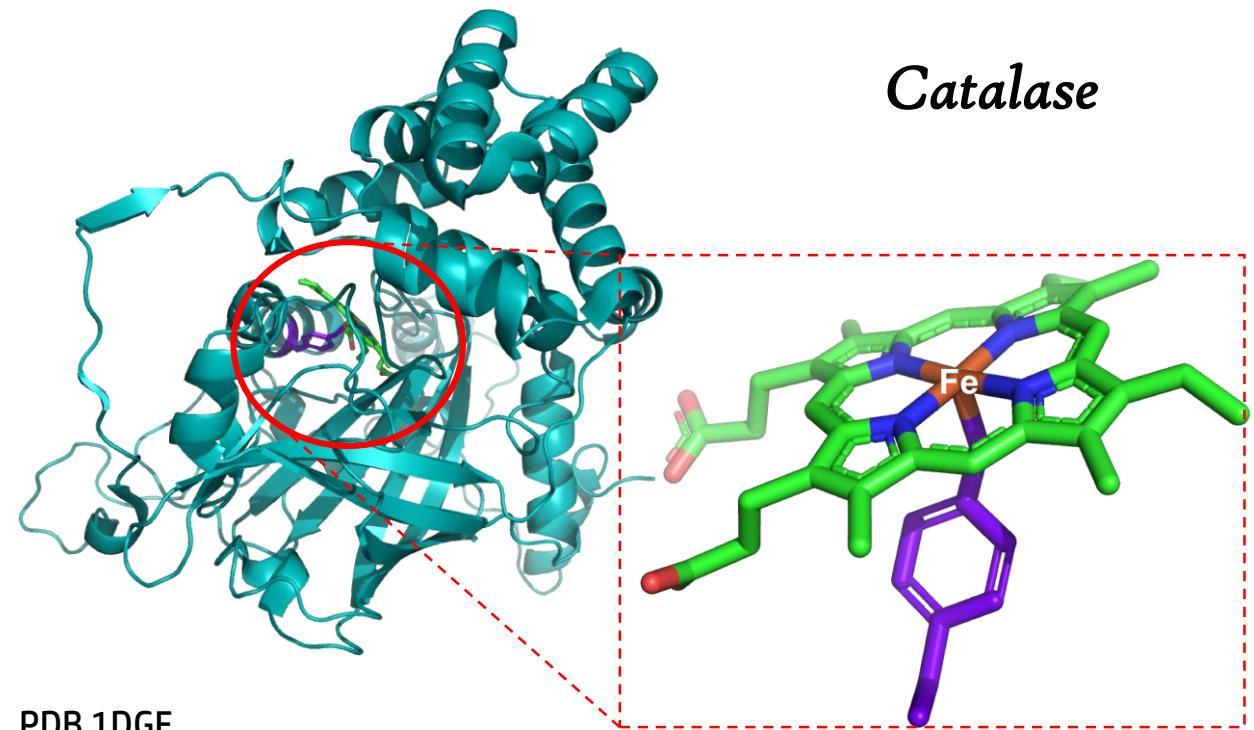
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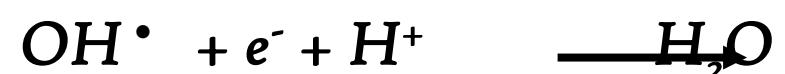
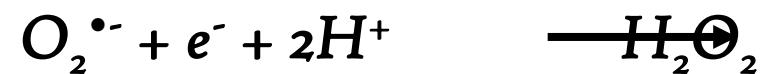
Anti-oxidants: Defense system of biology

➤ Superoxide Dismutase (SOD)



Removal of toxic H_2O_2

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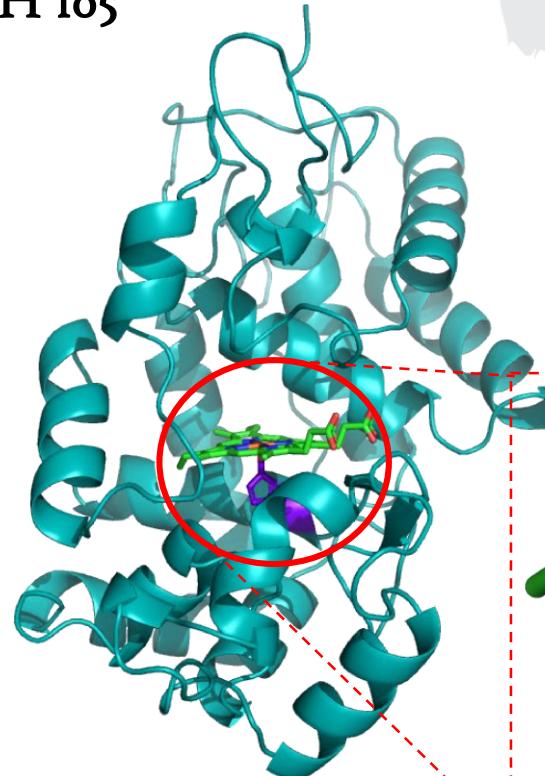


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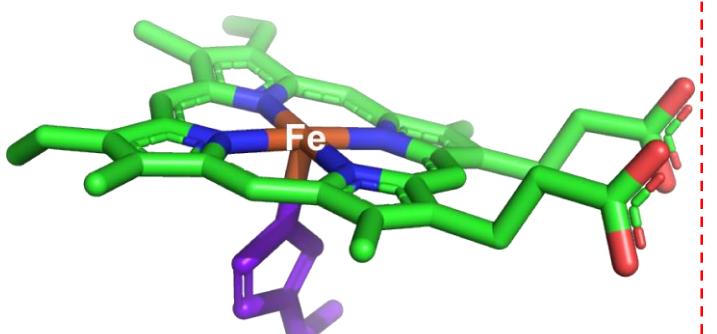
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➤ *Catalase*

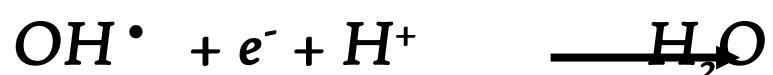
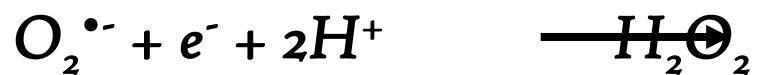
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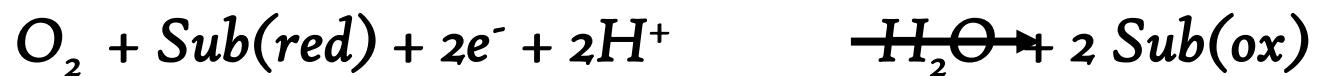
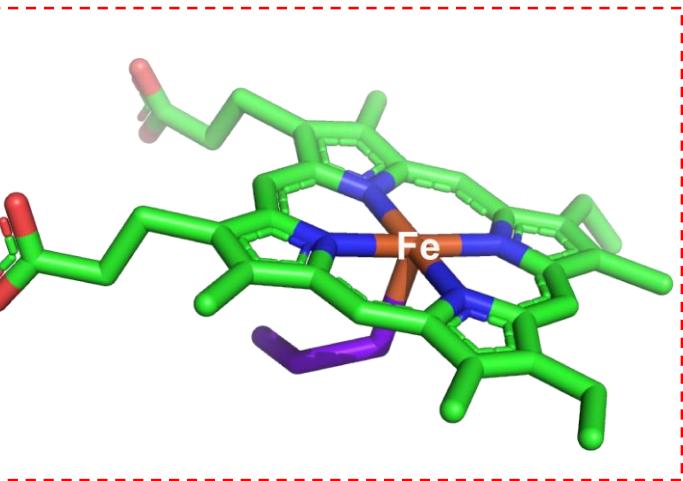
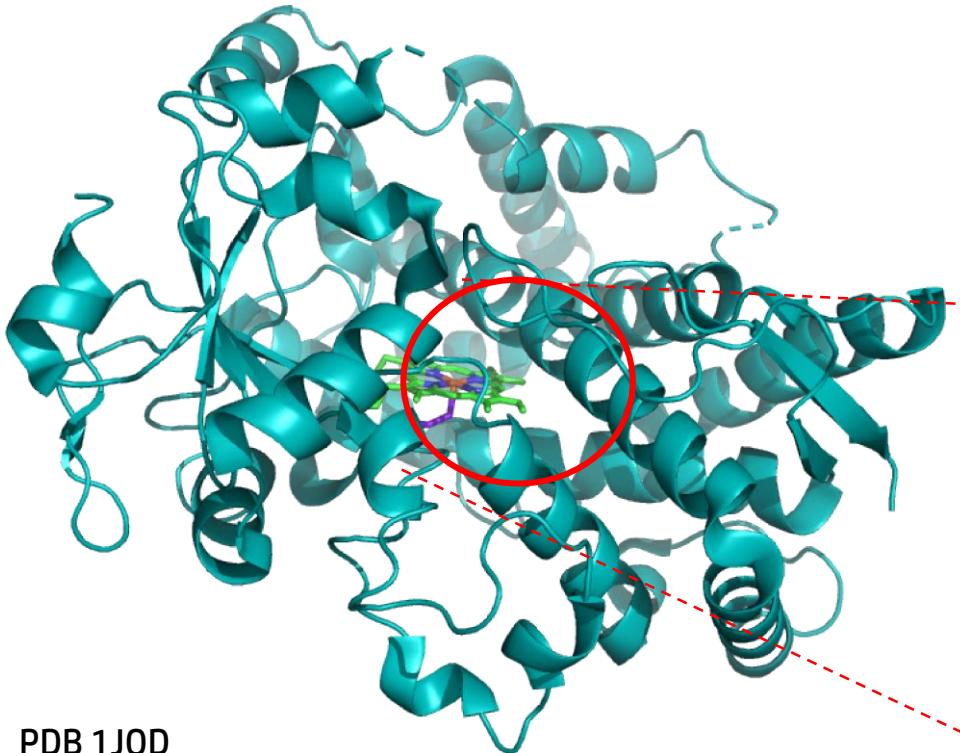


Controlled utilization of the oxidizing power of H_2O_2

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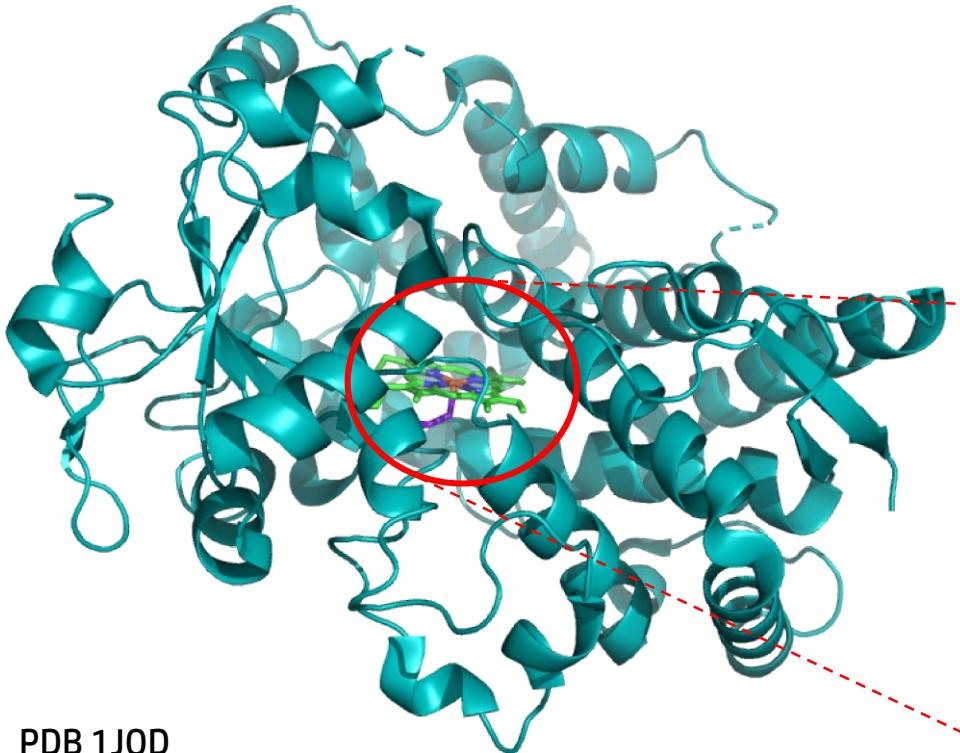
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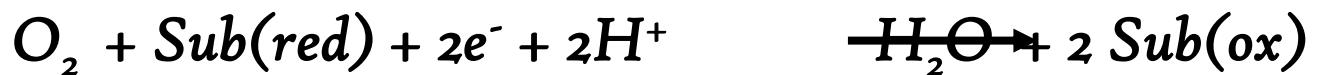
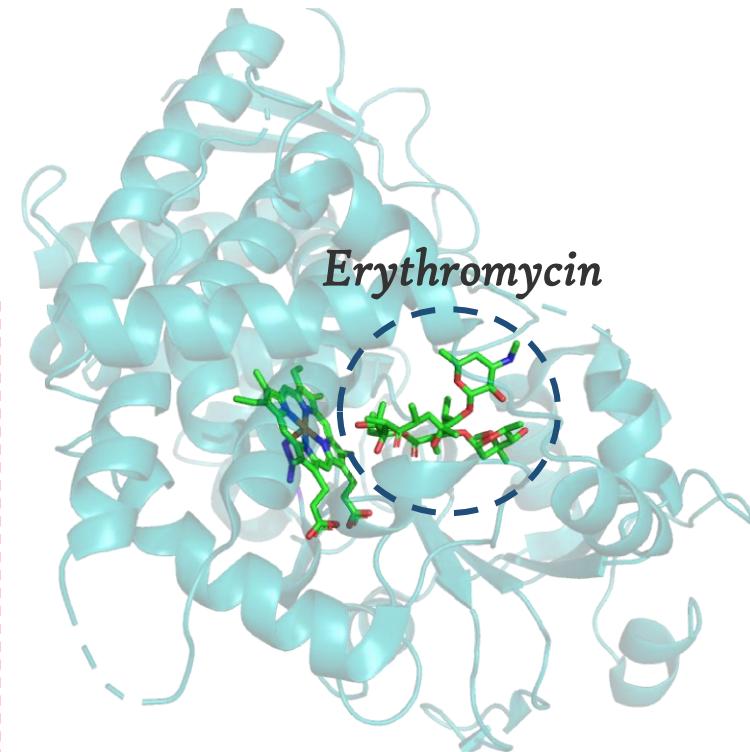
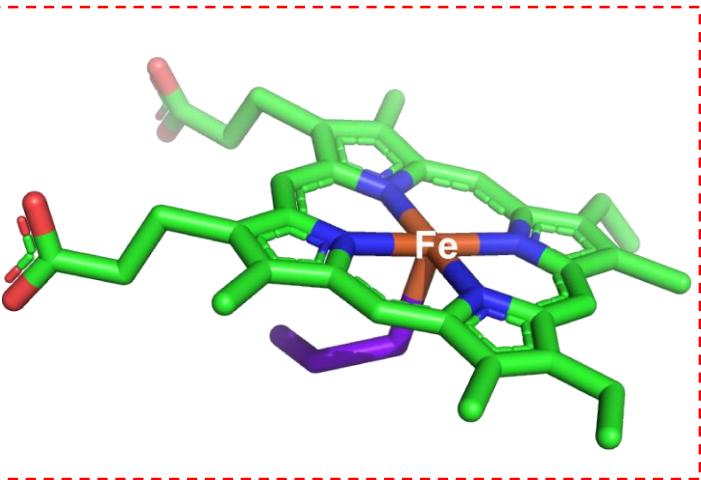
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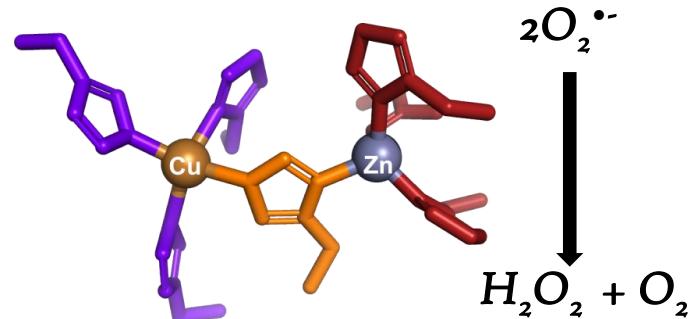
*Harnessing the oxidizing power of O₂
Critical for pharmaceutical metabolism*

*Requires controlled O₂
transport in biology*

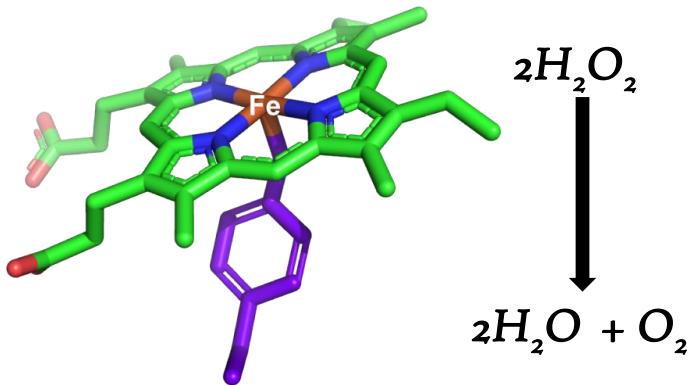
Take Home Messages

O_2 , a key player in
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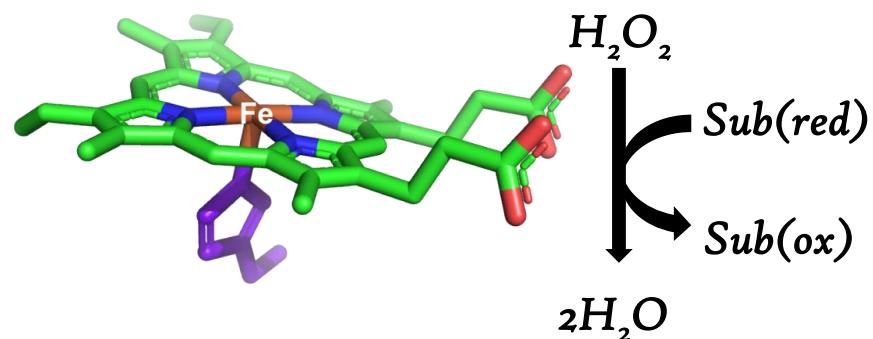
- Oxidizing agent O_2 can produce ROS [$O_2^{\cdot-}$, H_2O_2 , OH^{\cdot}]
- Transition metal containing enzymes as defense system



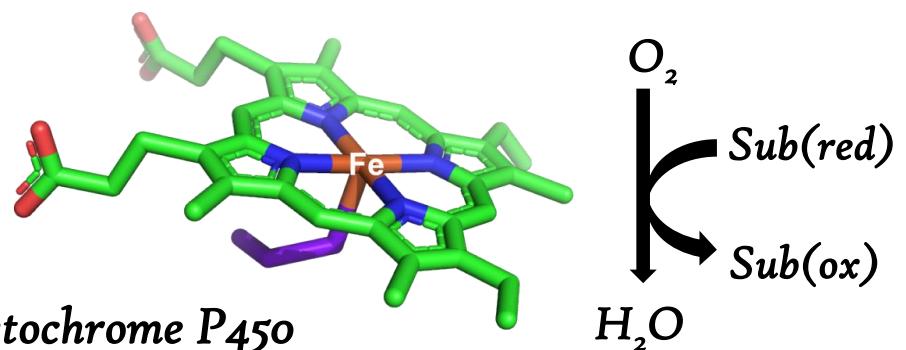
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Catalase



Peroxidase



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- Use of H_2O_2 for controlled oxidation (peroxidase)
- Further advancement: Use of O_2 as an oxidant (cytochrome P450)



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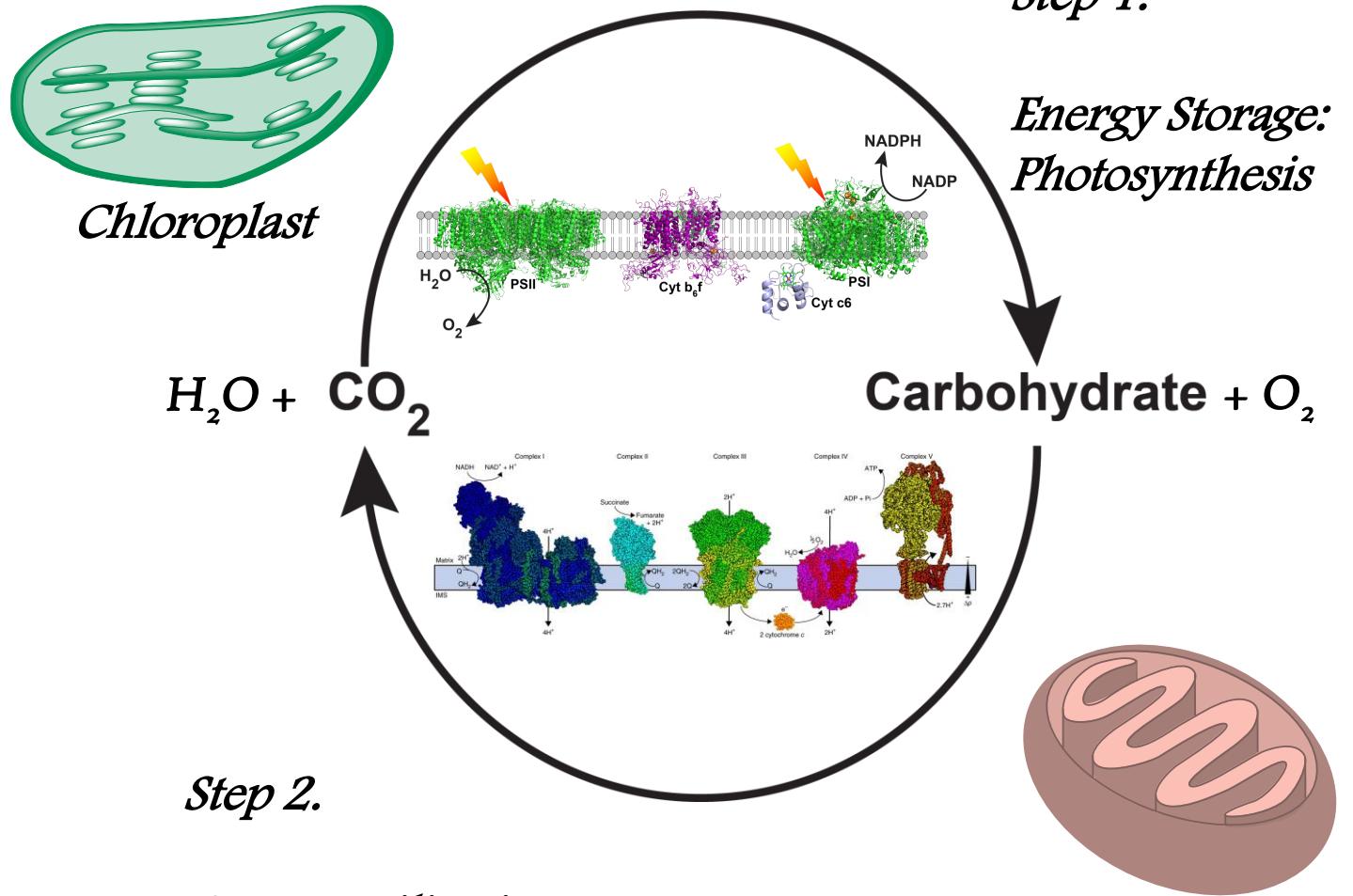
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Biological Energy Conversion Scheme

Step 1.



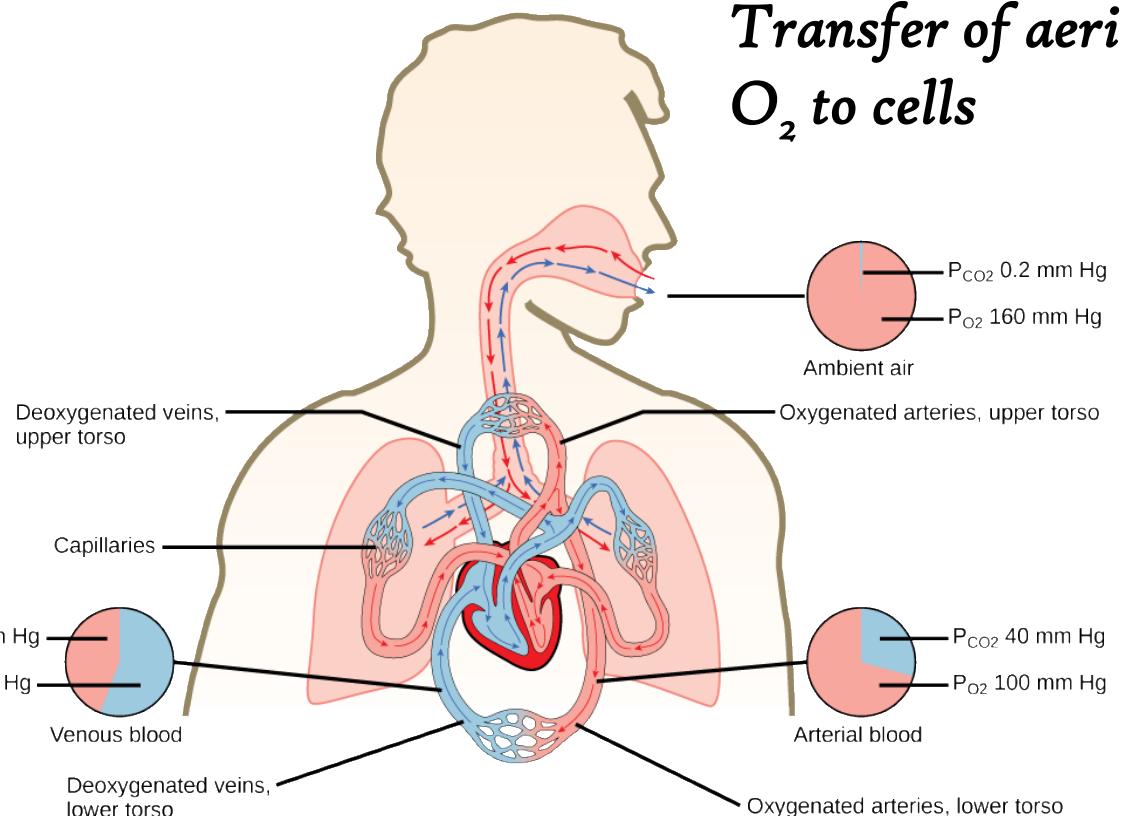
O₂ a key player in the energy transduction process

Respiration liberates stored chemical energy

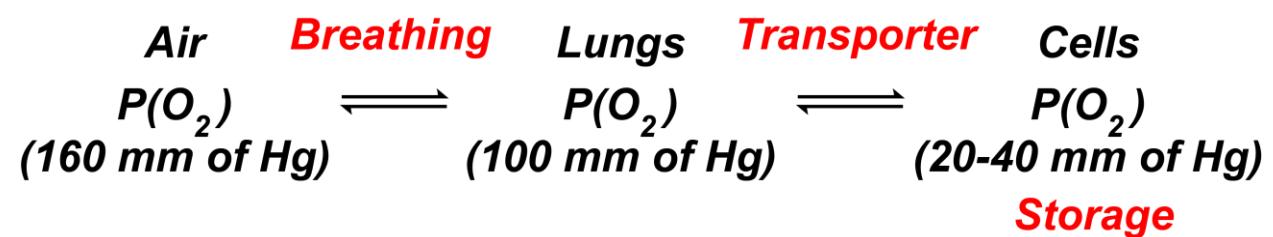
Regulated O₂ supply in the cells is vital

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Transfer of aerial O₂ to cells

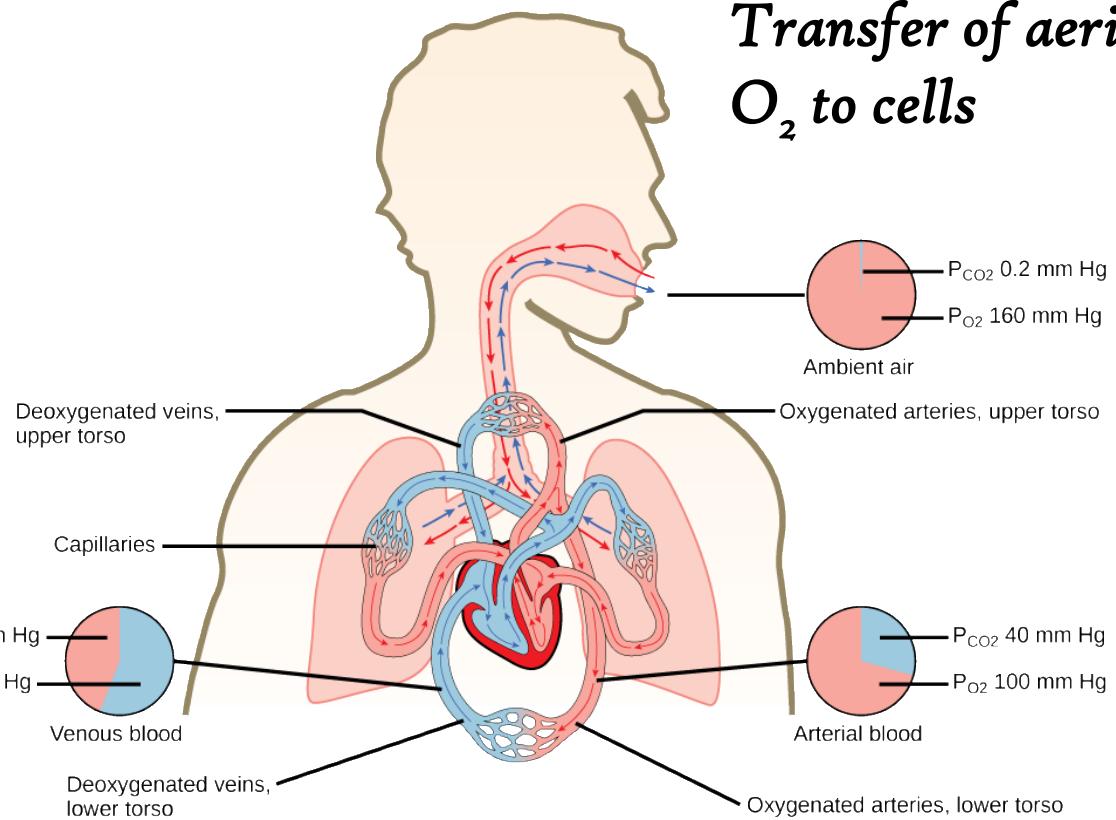


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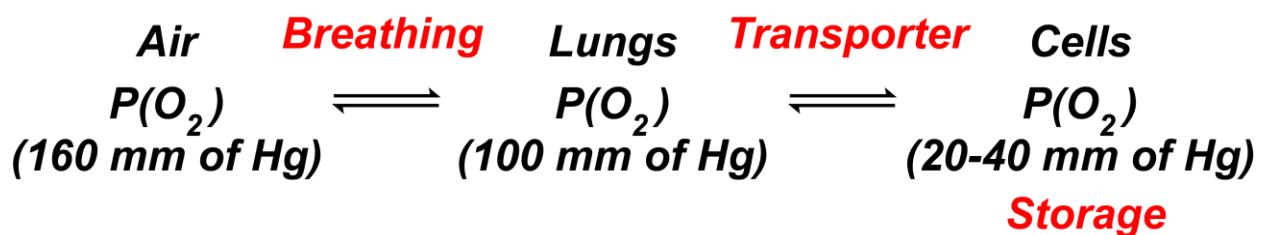


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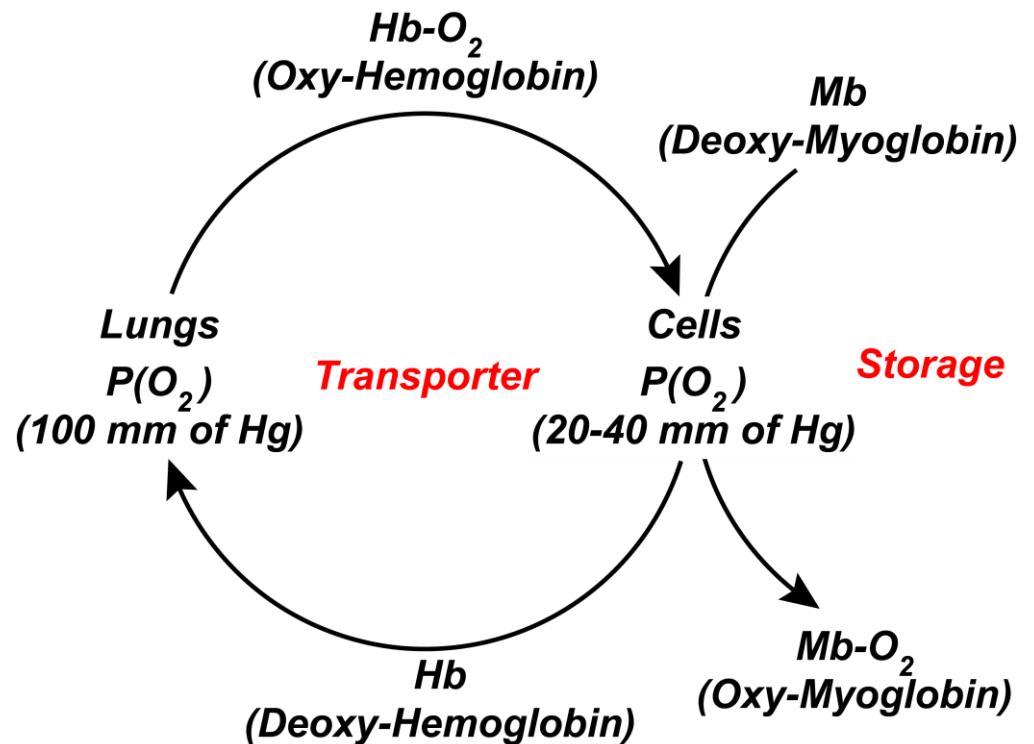


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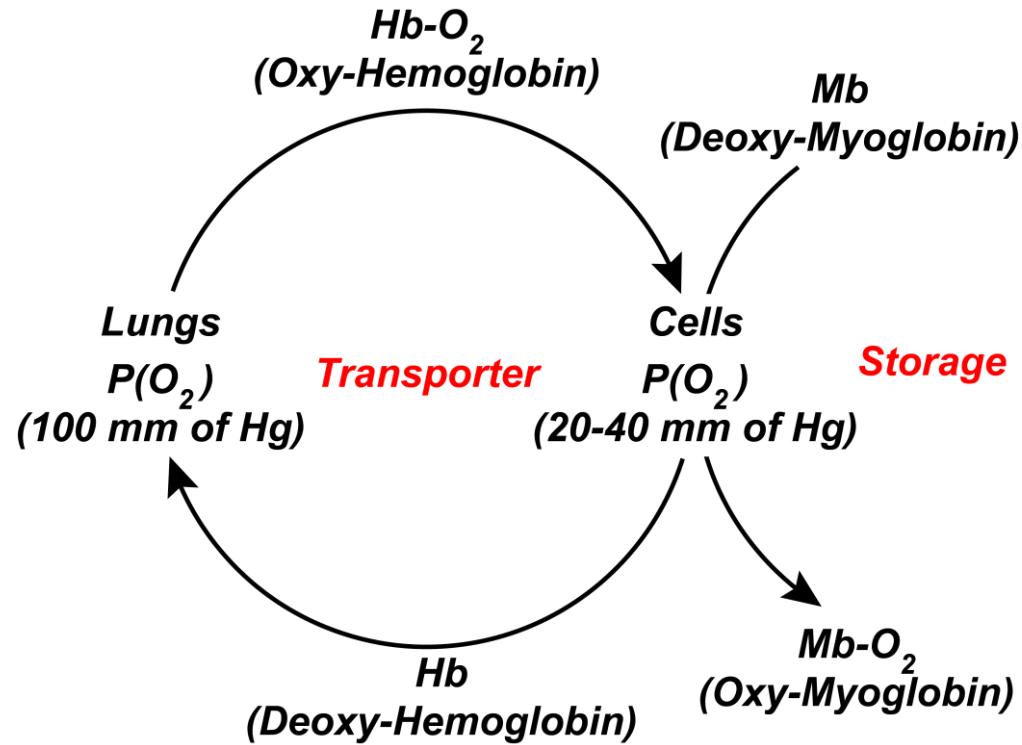


*Need an O₂ transporter
Hemoglobin (Hb)*

*and an O₂-storage system
Myoglobin (Mb)*

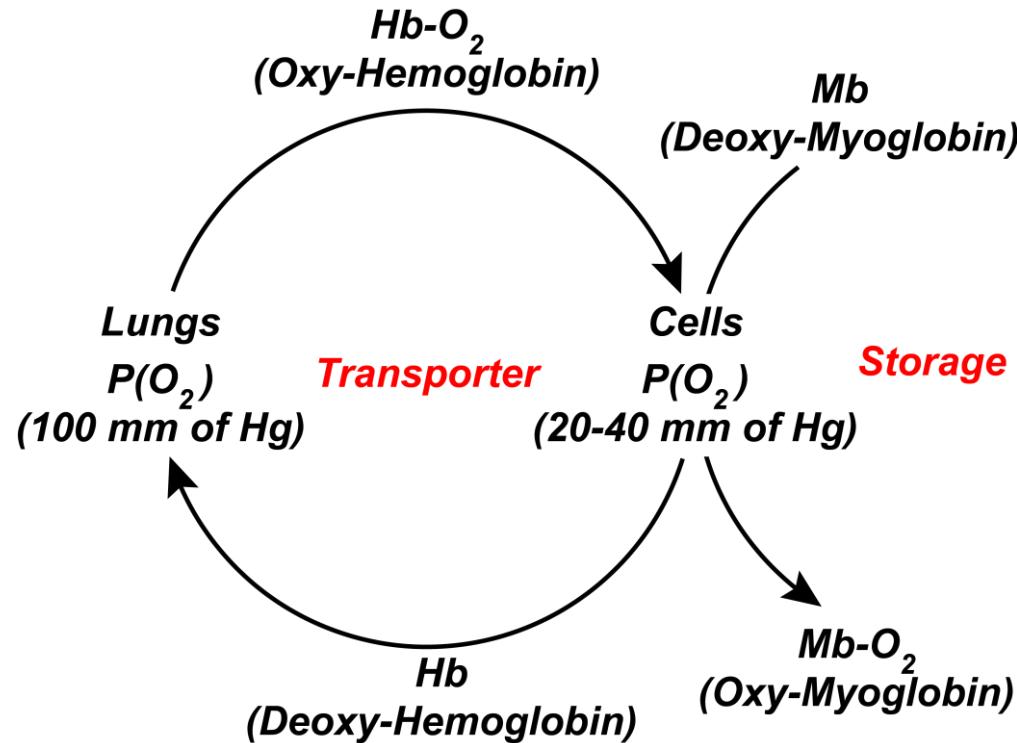


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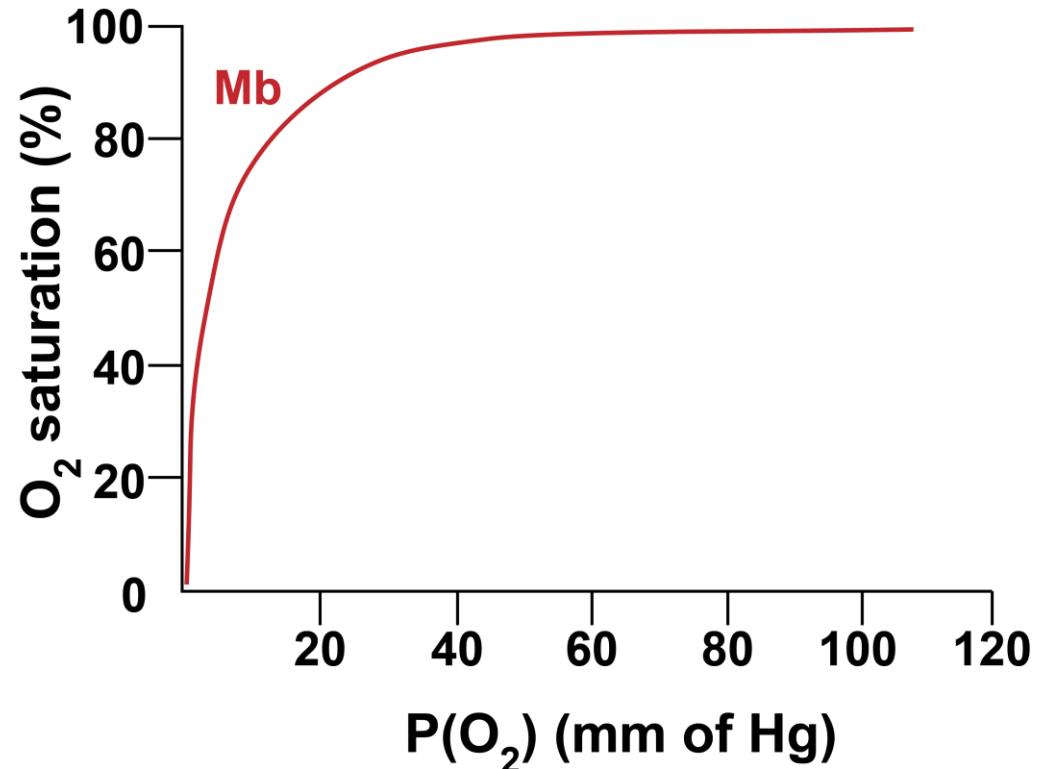


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Hemoglobin & reversible O_2 binding



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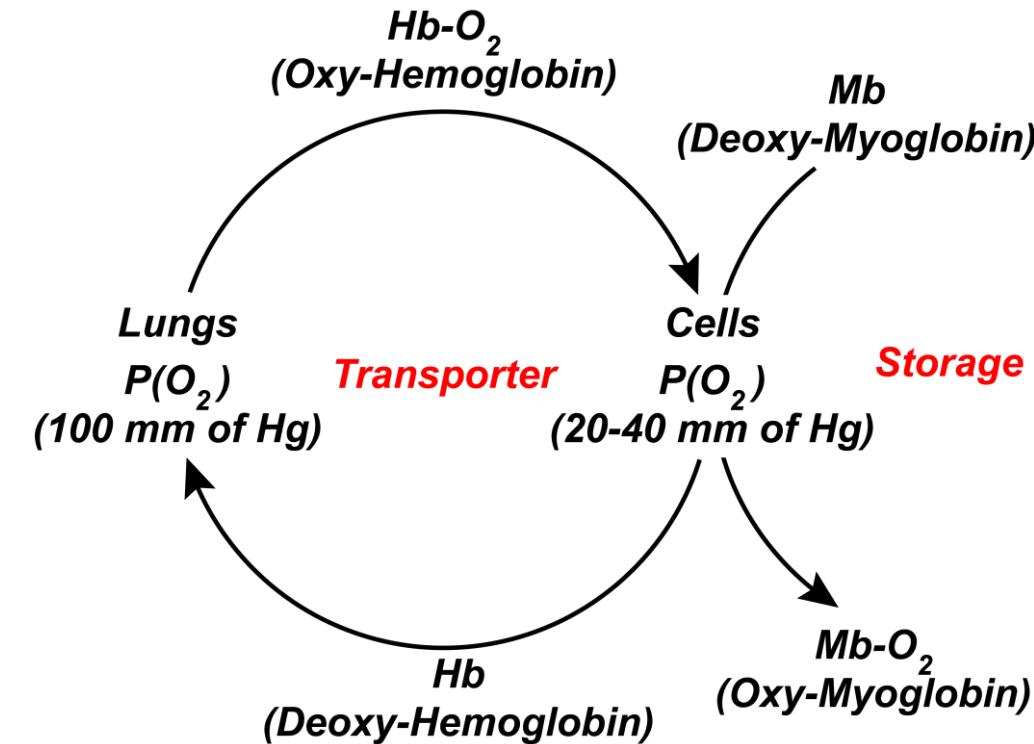


O_2 binding curve: Notice x- and y-axes

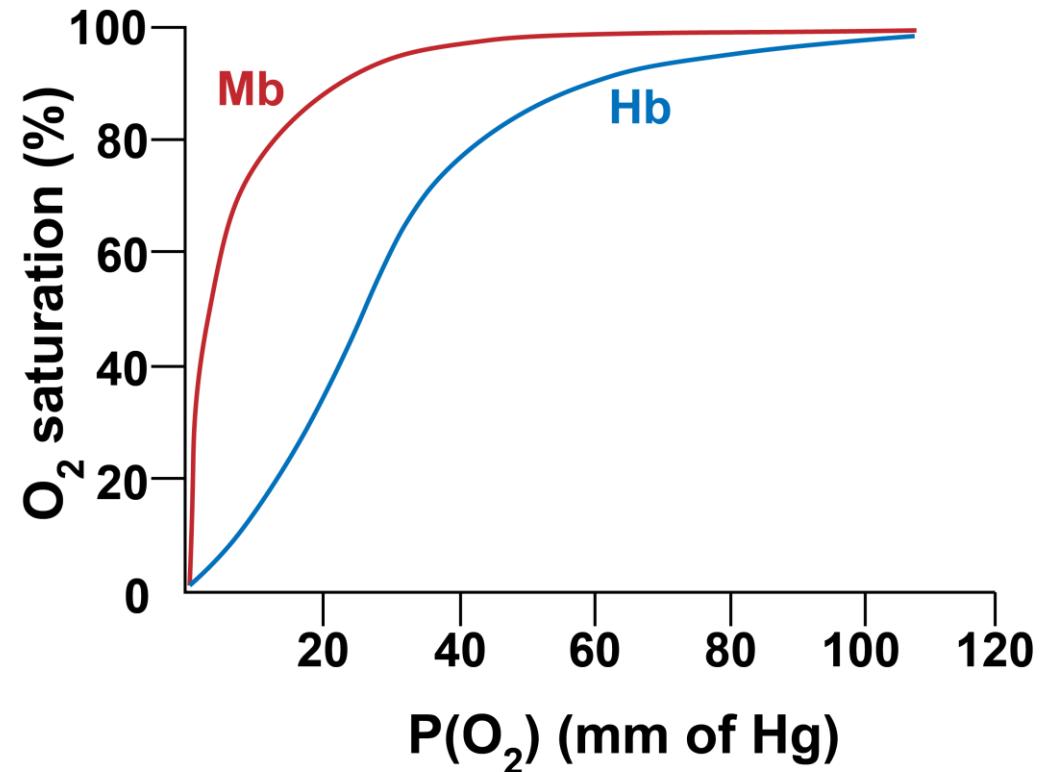
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Hemoglobin & reversible O_2 binding



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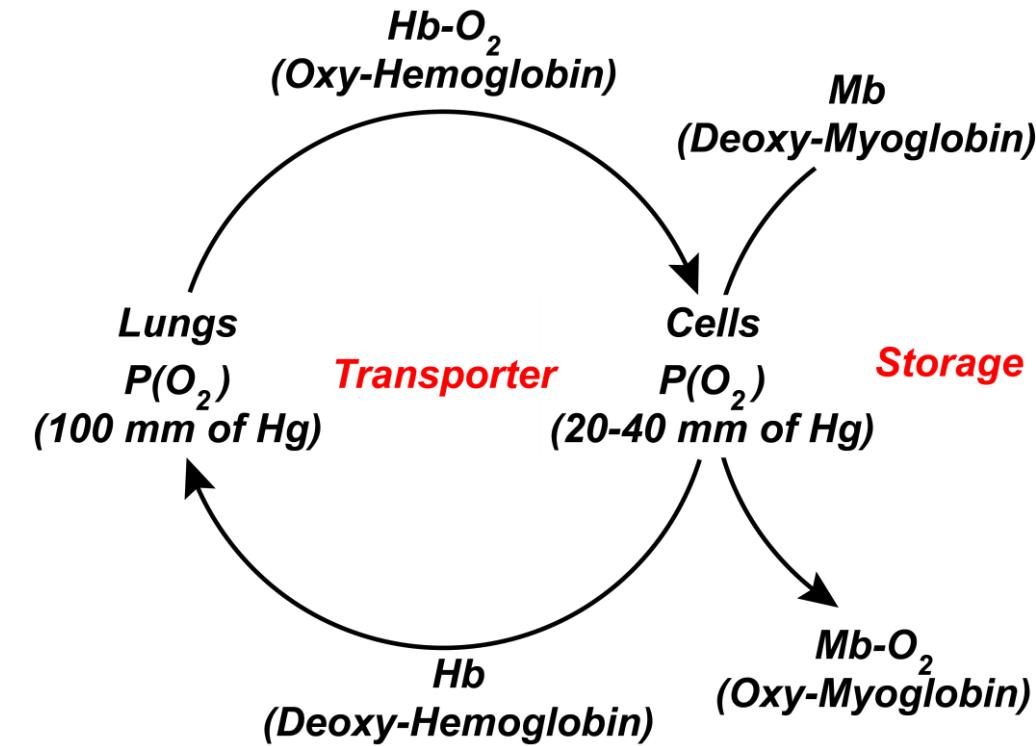


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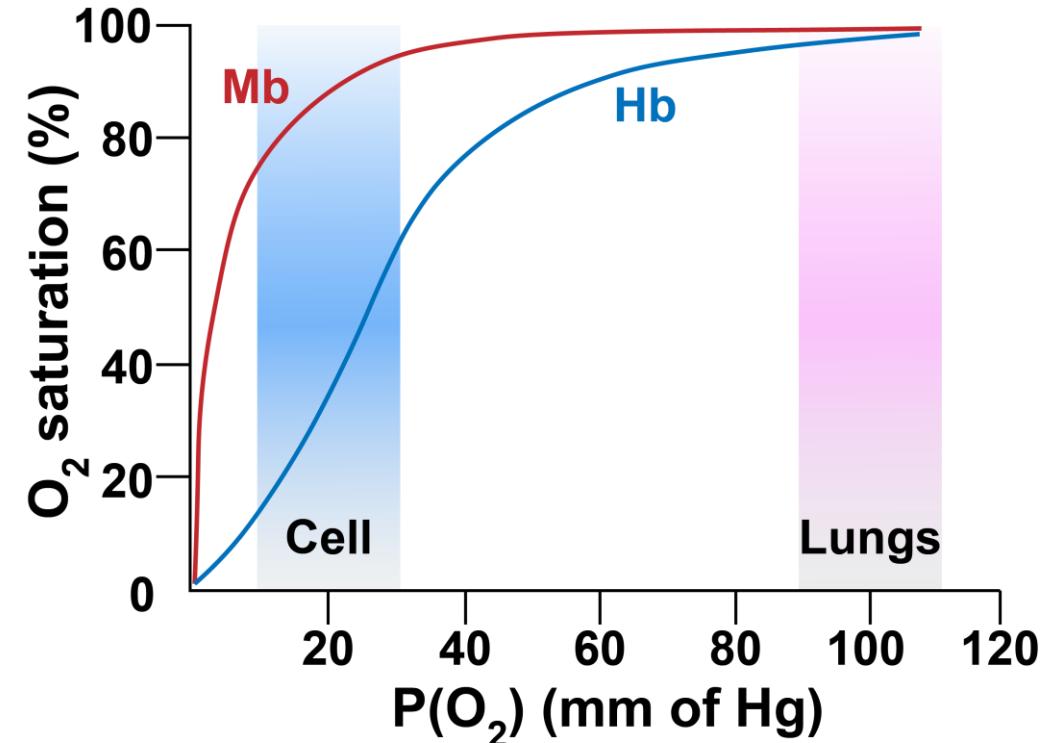
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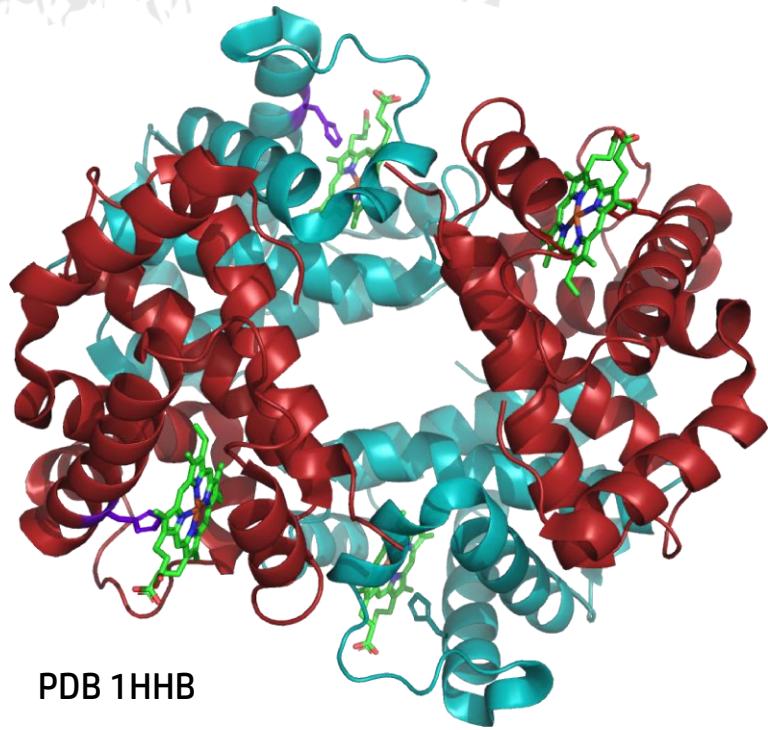
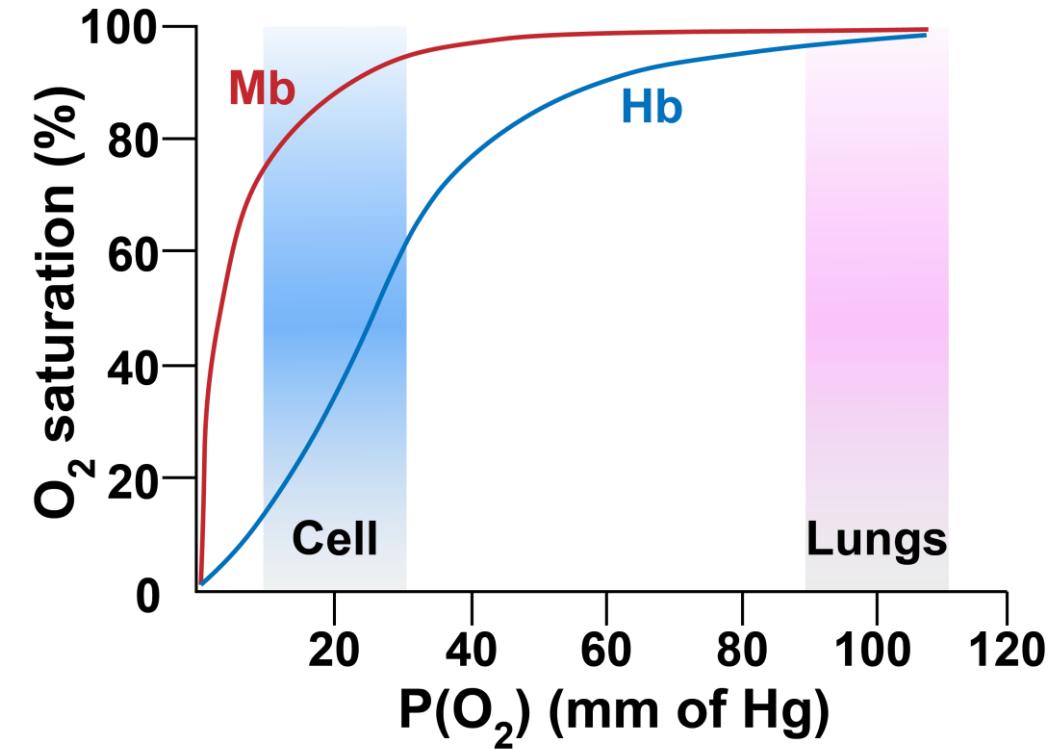


In cells/tissues Mb binds O_2 better than Hb

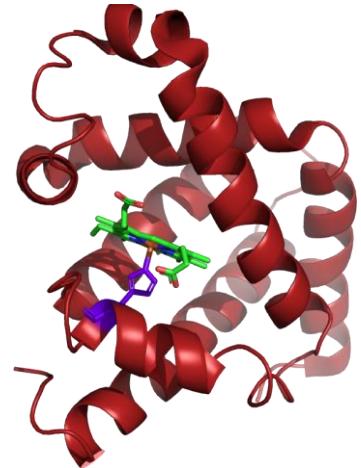
Hb binds O_2 better in lungs

Reasons behind such differential O_2 binding?

Hemoglobin & reversible O₂ binding



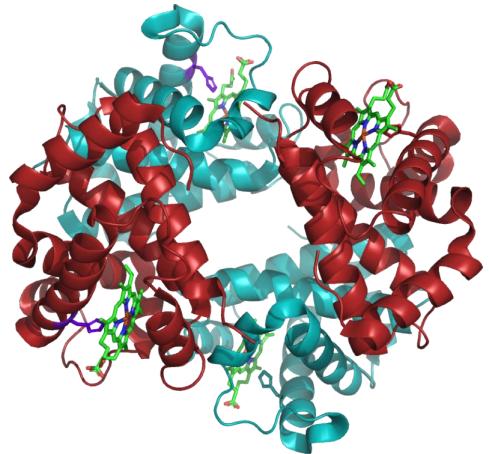
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 Monomeric structure*

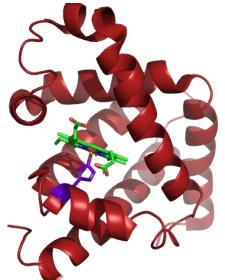
Deciphering the relationship between differential O₂ binding & structure for Mb/Hb

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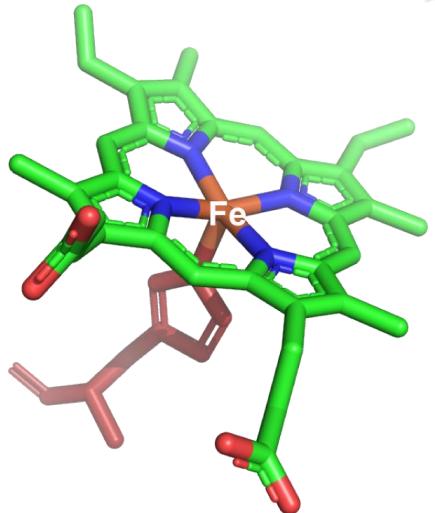


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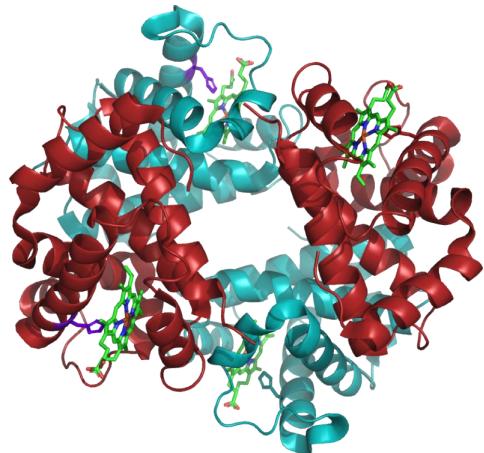


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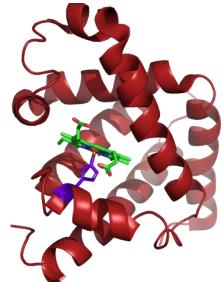
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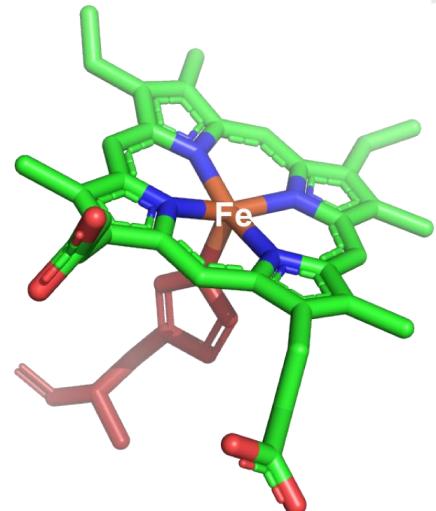


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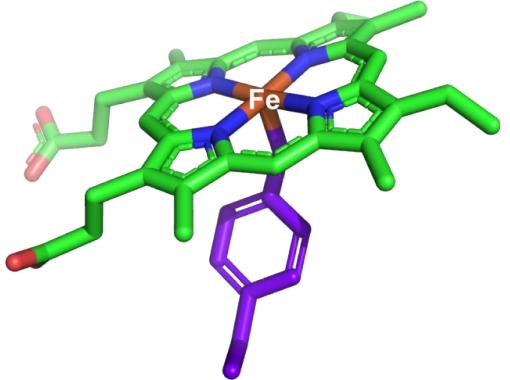


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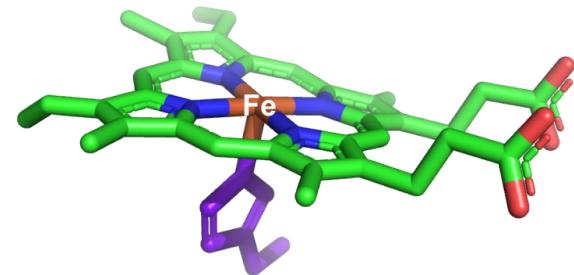


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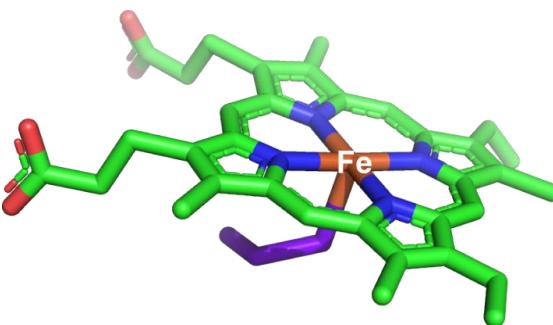
*Analogous to
catalase,
peroxidase, cyt-
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Catalase

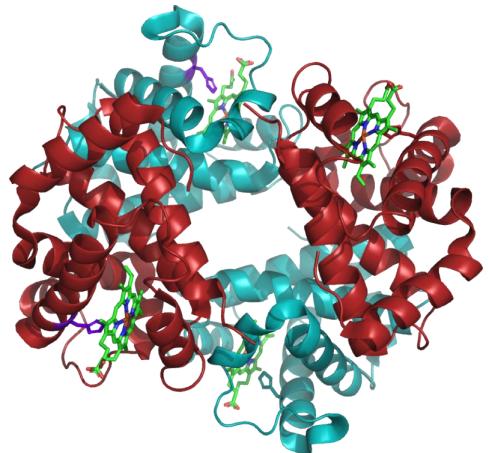


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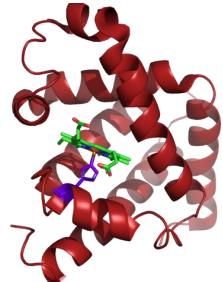


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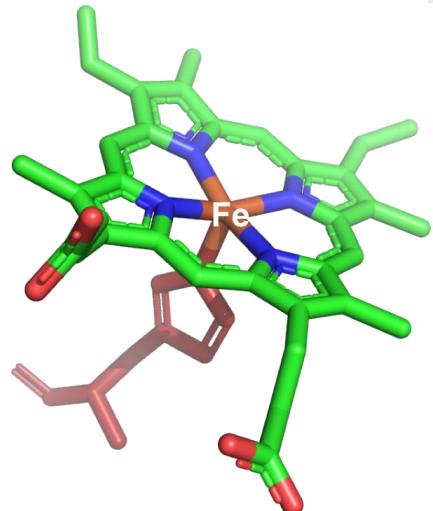
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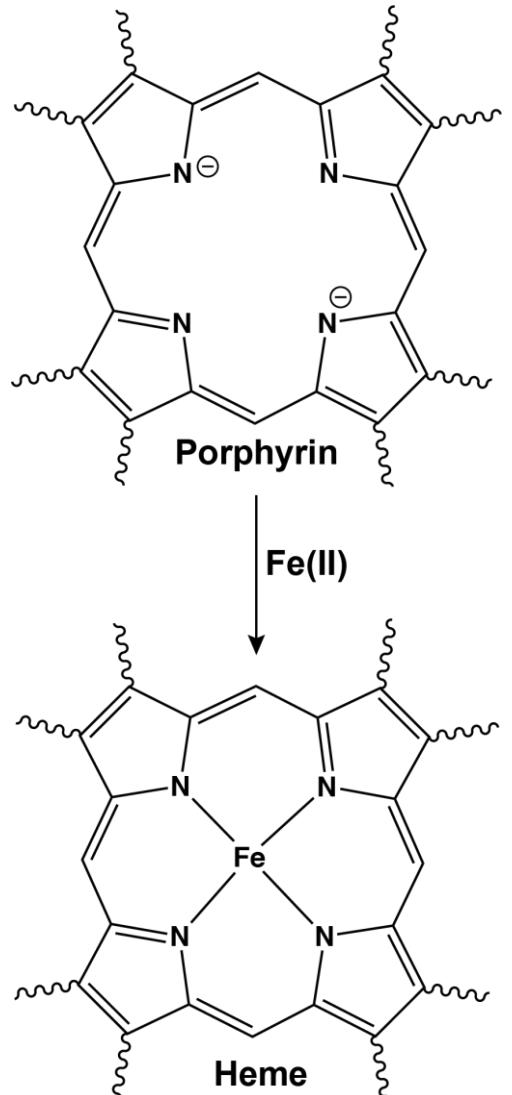


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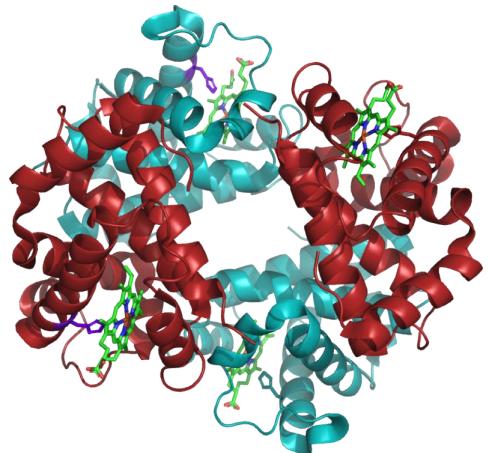
**Porphyrins are macrocyclic
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**Variation in the
substituents on porphyrin
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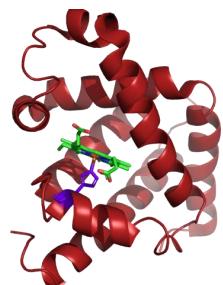
**Creates a planar N_4^-
coordination for metal
binding**

**Anchored to protein via
axial ligation**

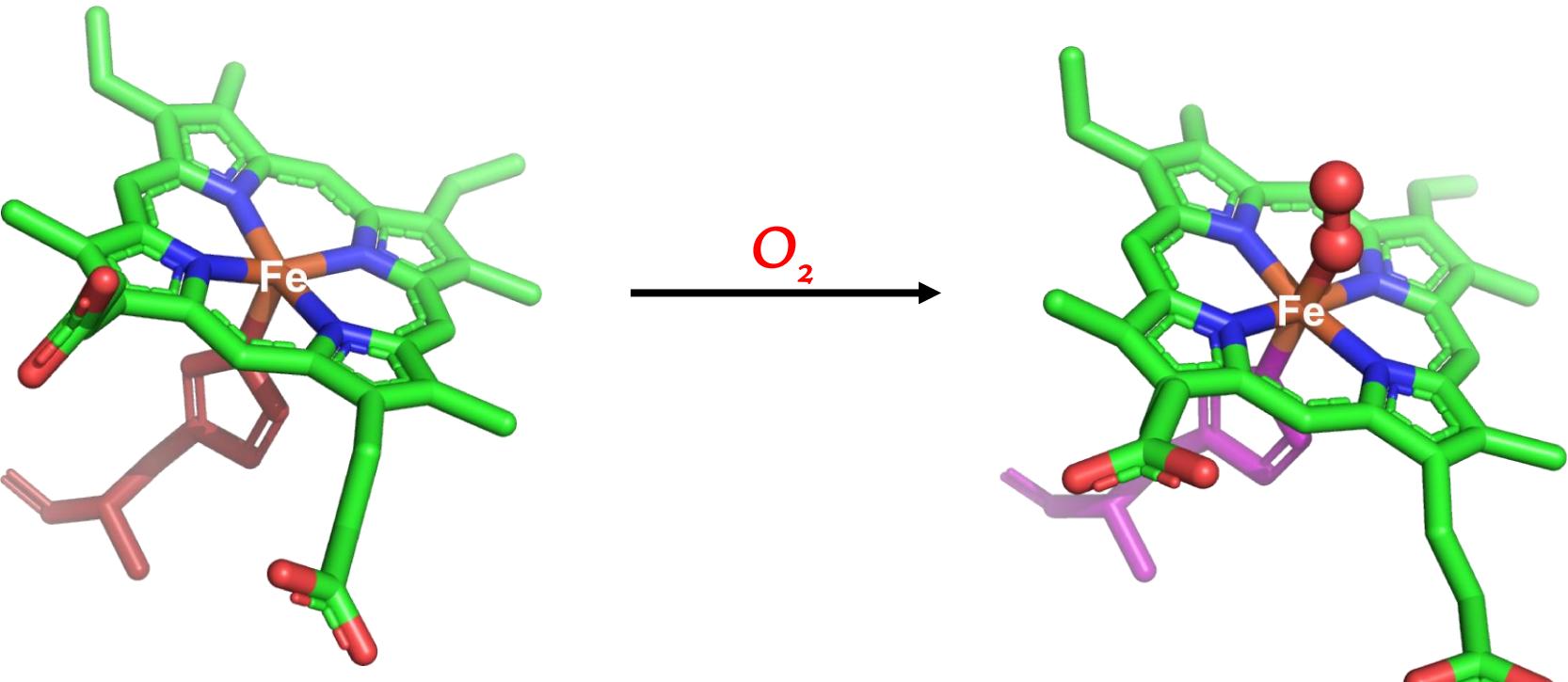
Hemoglobin: structure-function relationship



Hemoglobin (Hb)
 $\alpha_2\beta_2$ hetero-tetrameric
structure



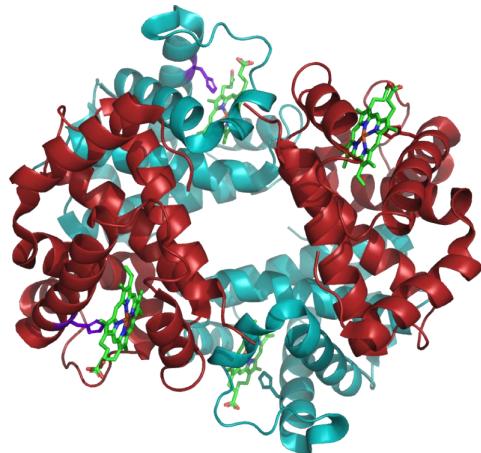
Myoglobin (Mb)
Monomeric structure



Heme core-originated O_2 -binding reactivity

Each heme core binds to one molecule of O_2

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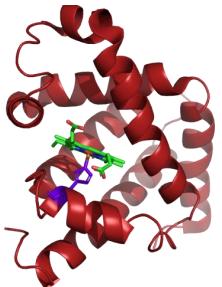


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Hb can bind 4 O₂

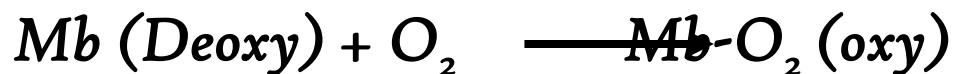
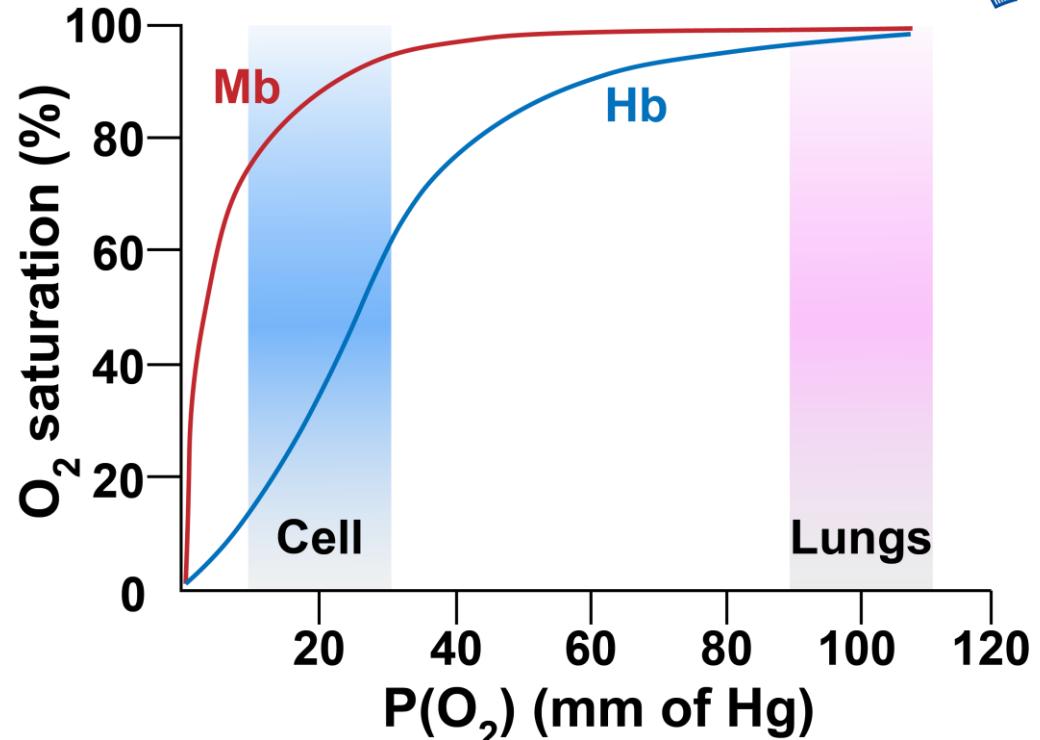
*Not all the O₂ binds at the same time to four
hemes at Hb*

*Binding of O₂ in one subunit of Hb affect others:
Cooperativity effect*



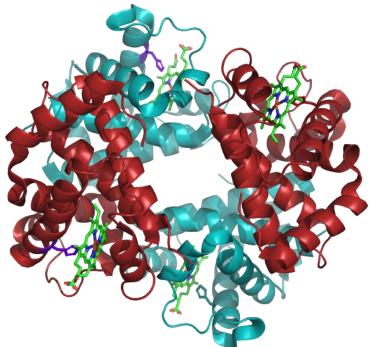
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Mb binds only one O₂



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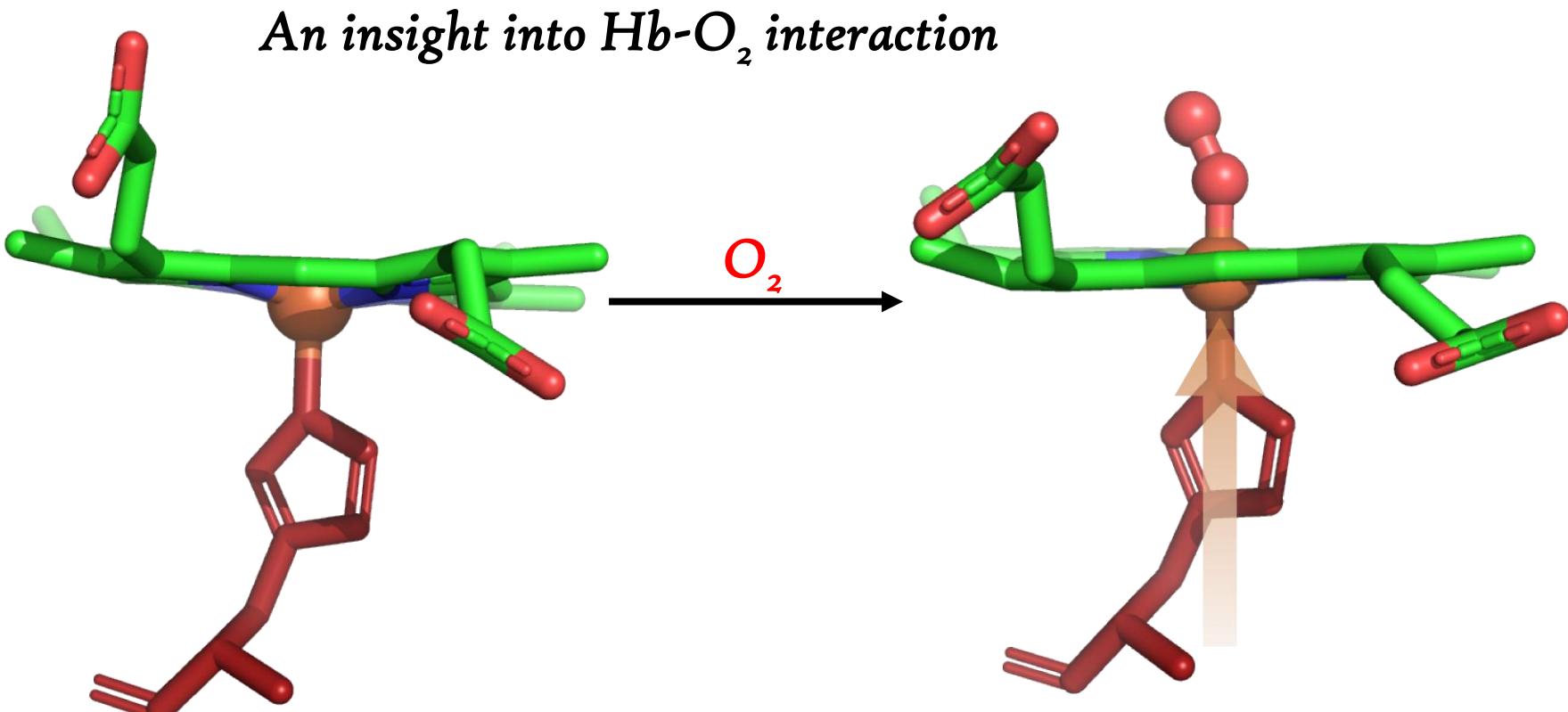
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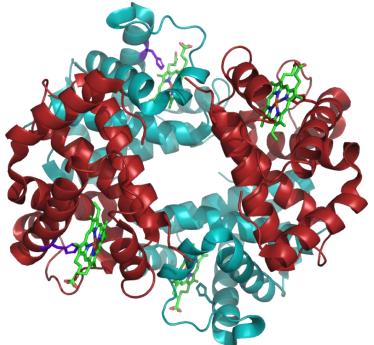
O₂ binding pulls the Fe center & proximal histidine towards the porphyrin plane

Deoxy-Hb
Fe(II) high-spin system
Too big to fit in the porphyrin cavity
(78 pm)



Oxy-Hb
Fe(III) low-spin system
Smaller size fits better
(55 pm)

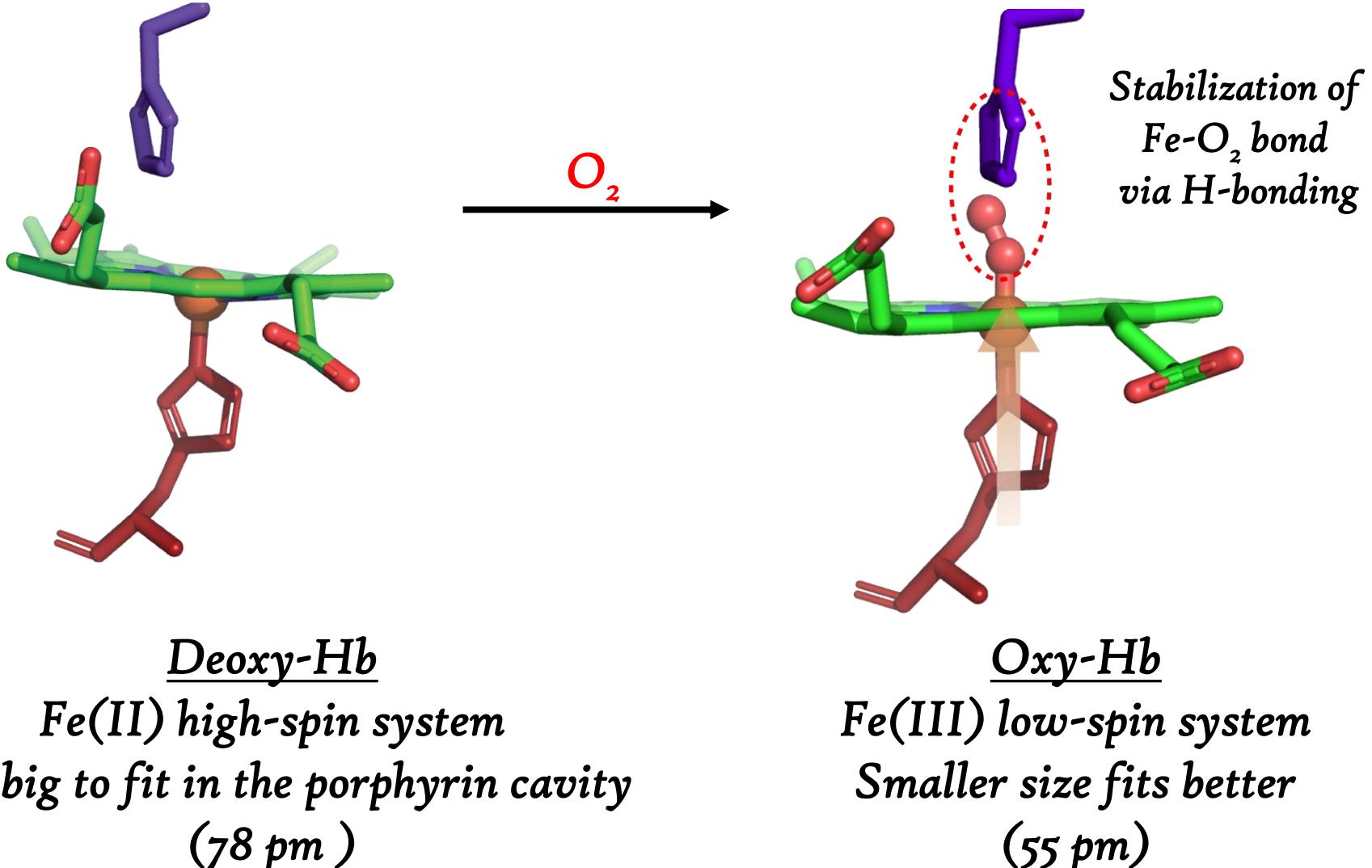
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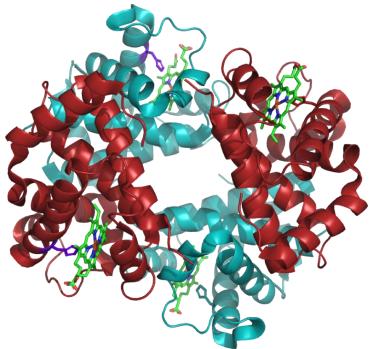
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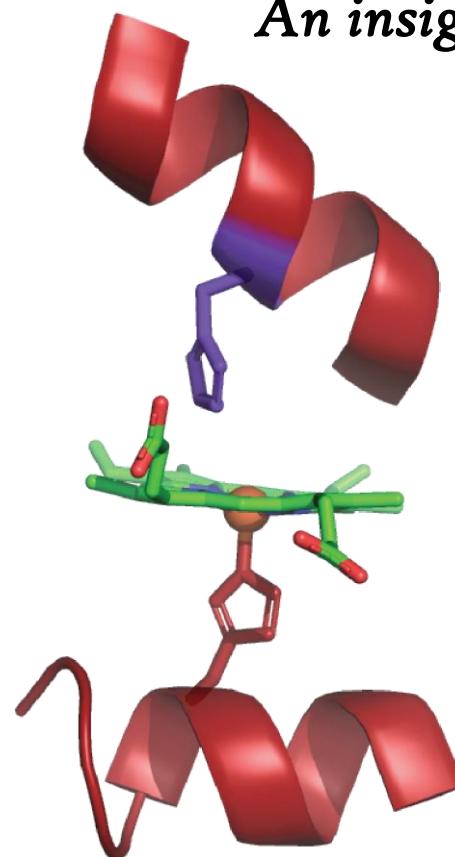
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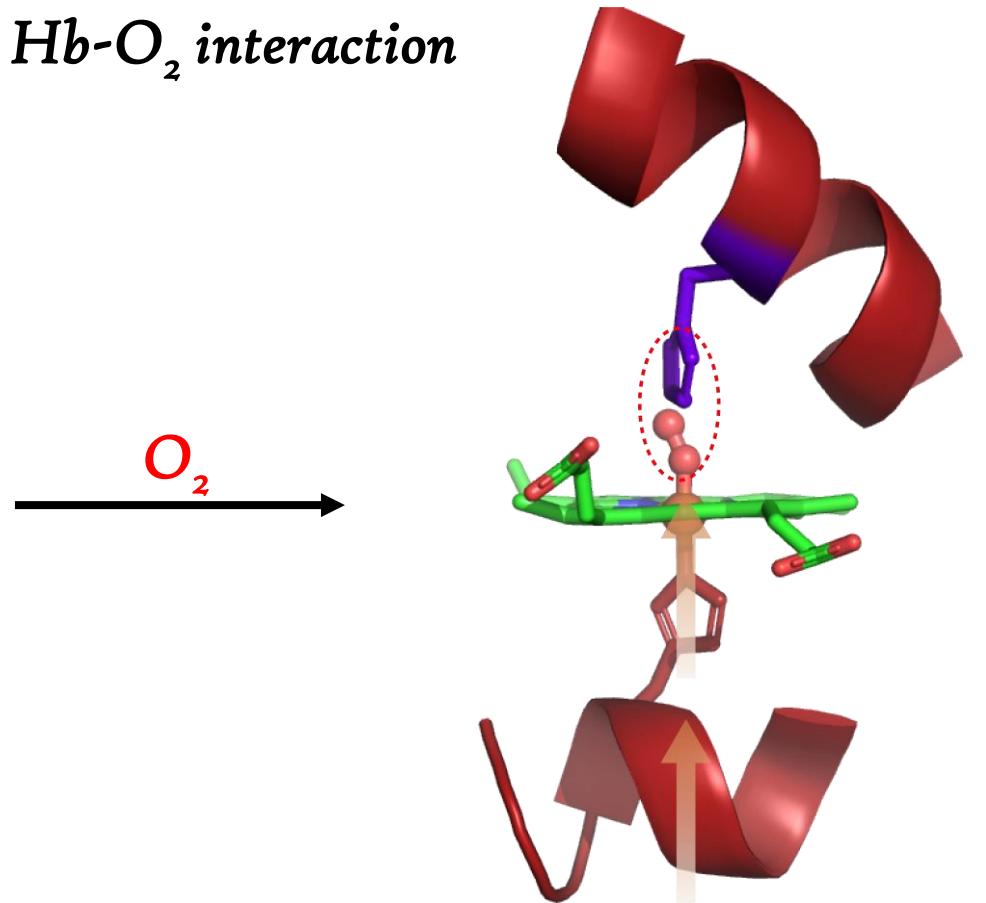
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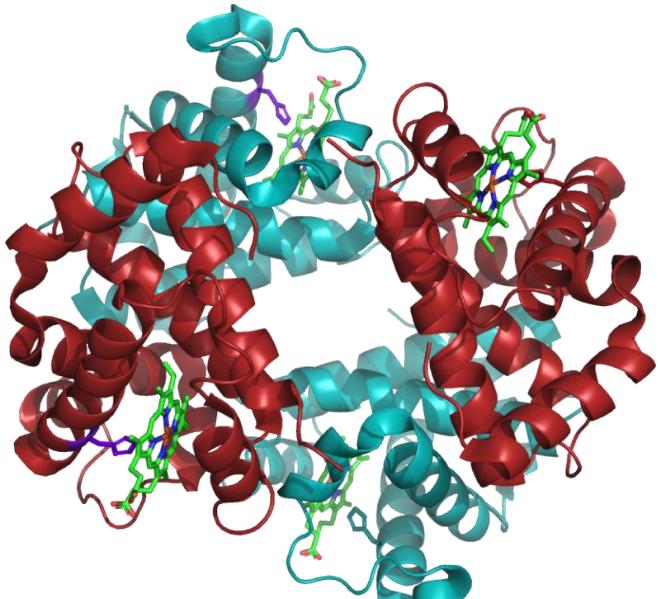
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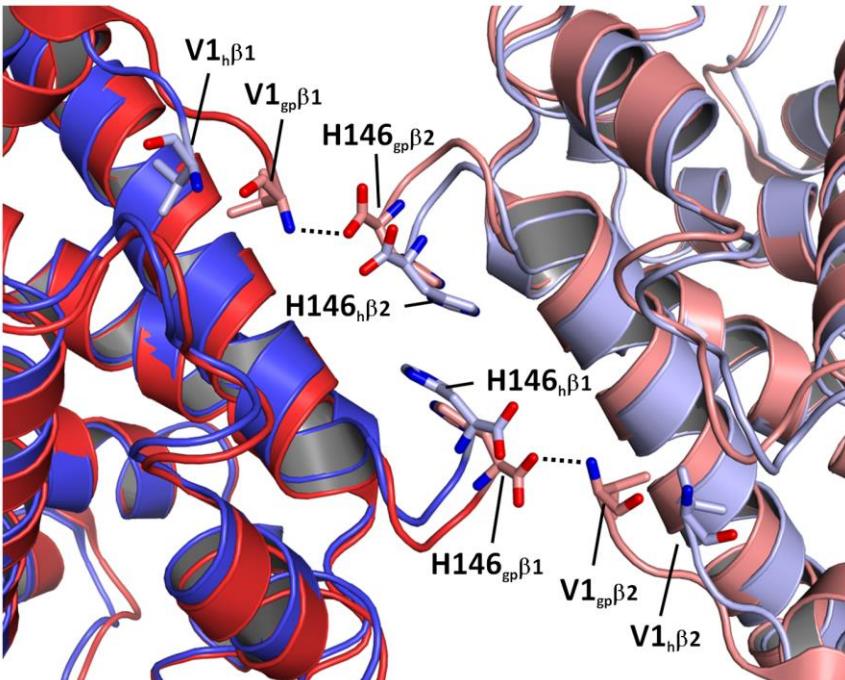
O₂ binding pulls the proximal histidine and the protein scaffold

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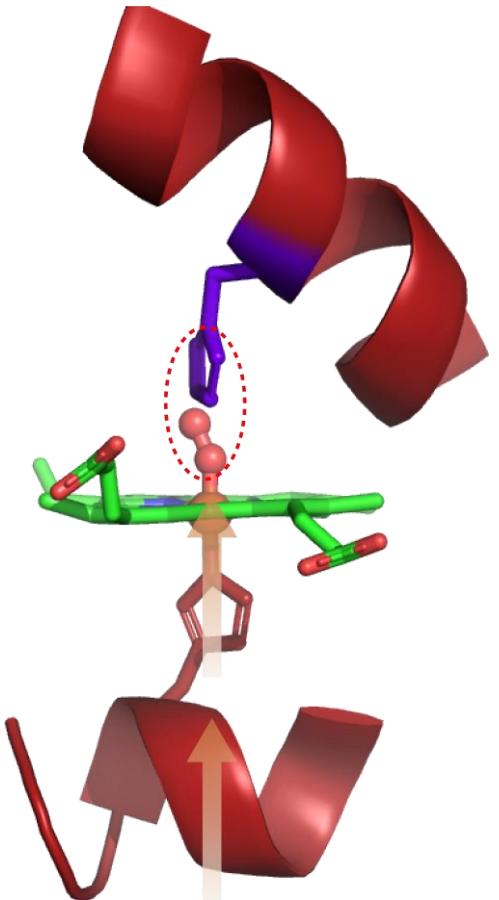
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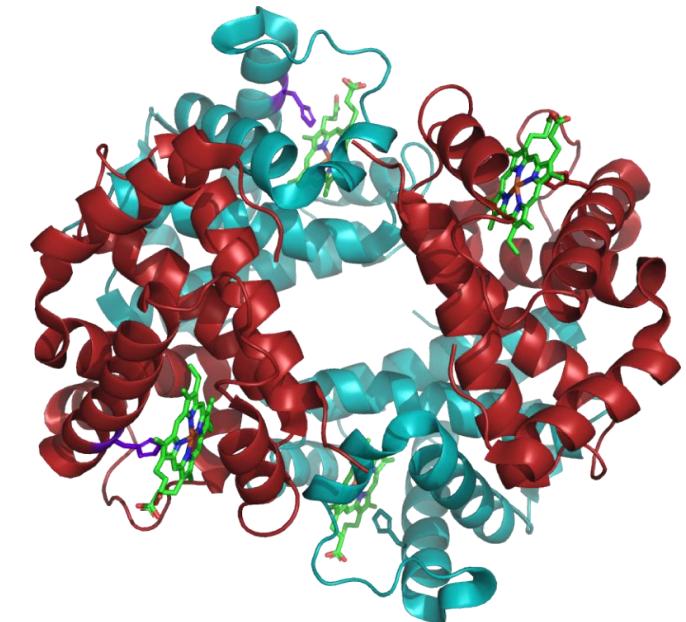
*H-bonding & salt-bridge
interaction between residues on
the subunit borders*

The Hb-O₂ binding pulls off the protein chain and strains the sub-unit interactions



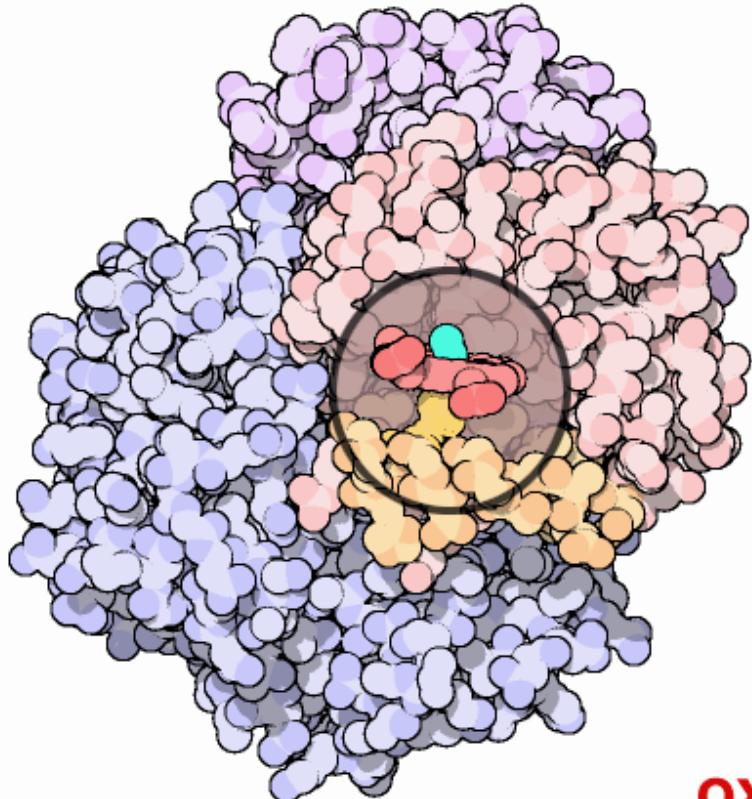
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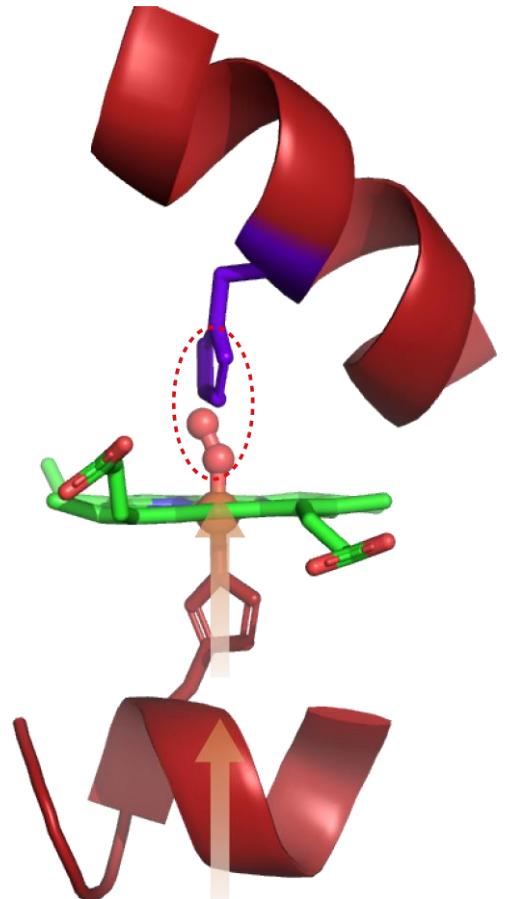


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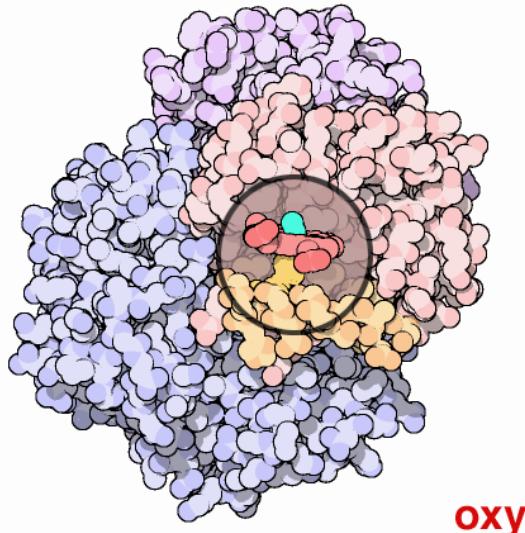
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Oxy-Hb

The Hb-O₂ binding induces fluxionality in Hb structure

Hemoglobin: Cooperativity Effect

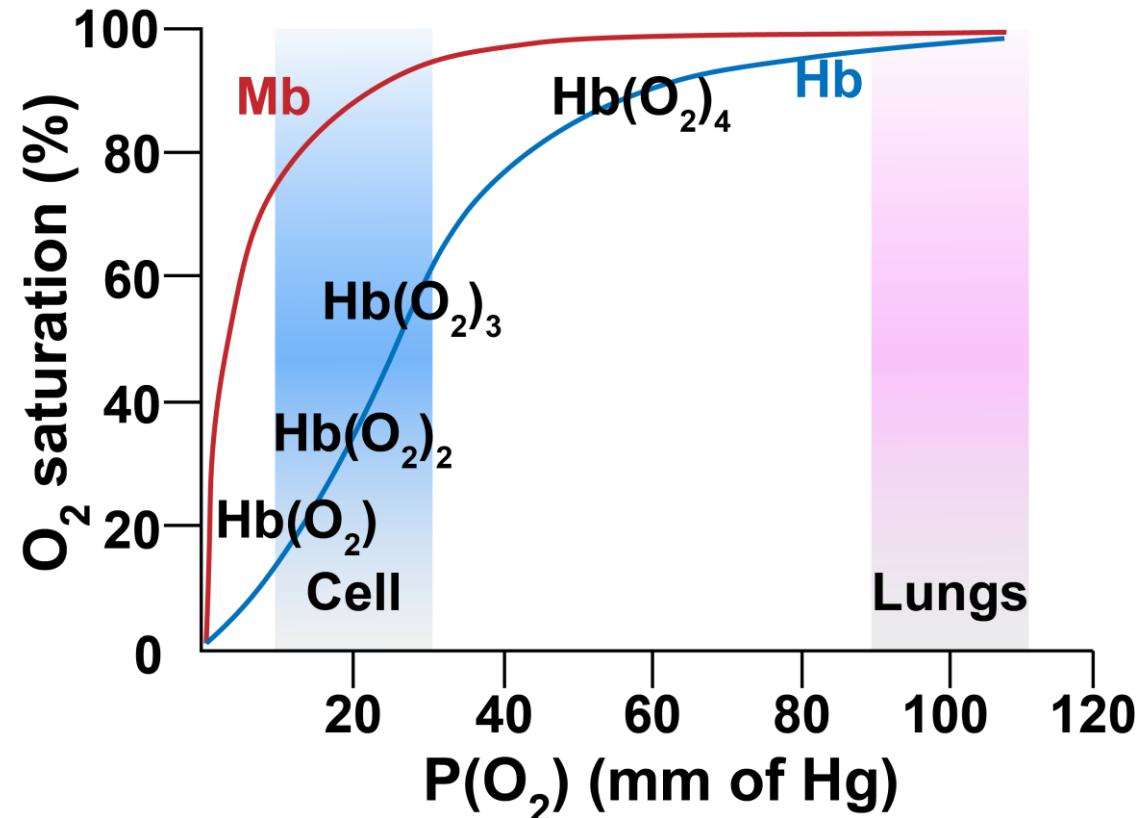


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Competition between Hb-O₂ binding & breaking of bonding interactions between sub-units

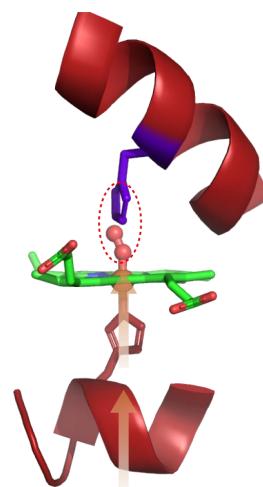
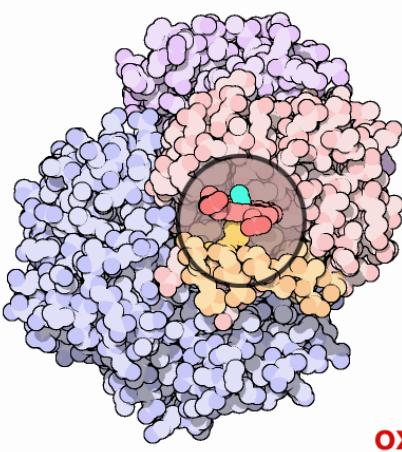
1. First O₂: Unfavorable (Tensed)
2. Second O₂: Unfavorable (Tensed)
3. Third O₂: Tilts the bar (Relaxed)
4. Fourth O₂: Favorable (Relaxed)



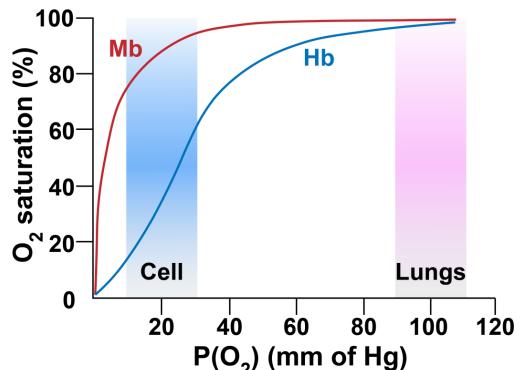
Binding of O₂ to one-subunit effect others: Cooperativity or Allosteric Effect
 Only in Hb not in Mb

Take Home Messages

O_2 , a key player in Bioinorganic Chemistry



- Differential O_2 binding for Hb & Mb
- O_2 -binding to heme pulls Fe-center and proximal histidine towards porphyrin plane
- This movement affects the H-bonding and salt-bridge interactions between subunits in Hb (not in monomeric Mb)
- Cooperativity effect observed in Hb





Outline

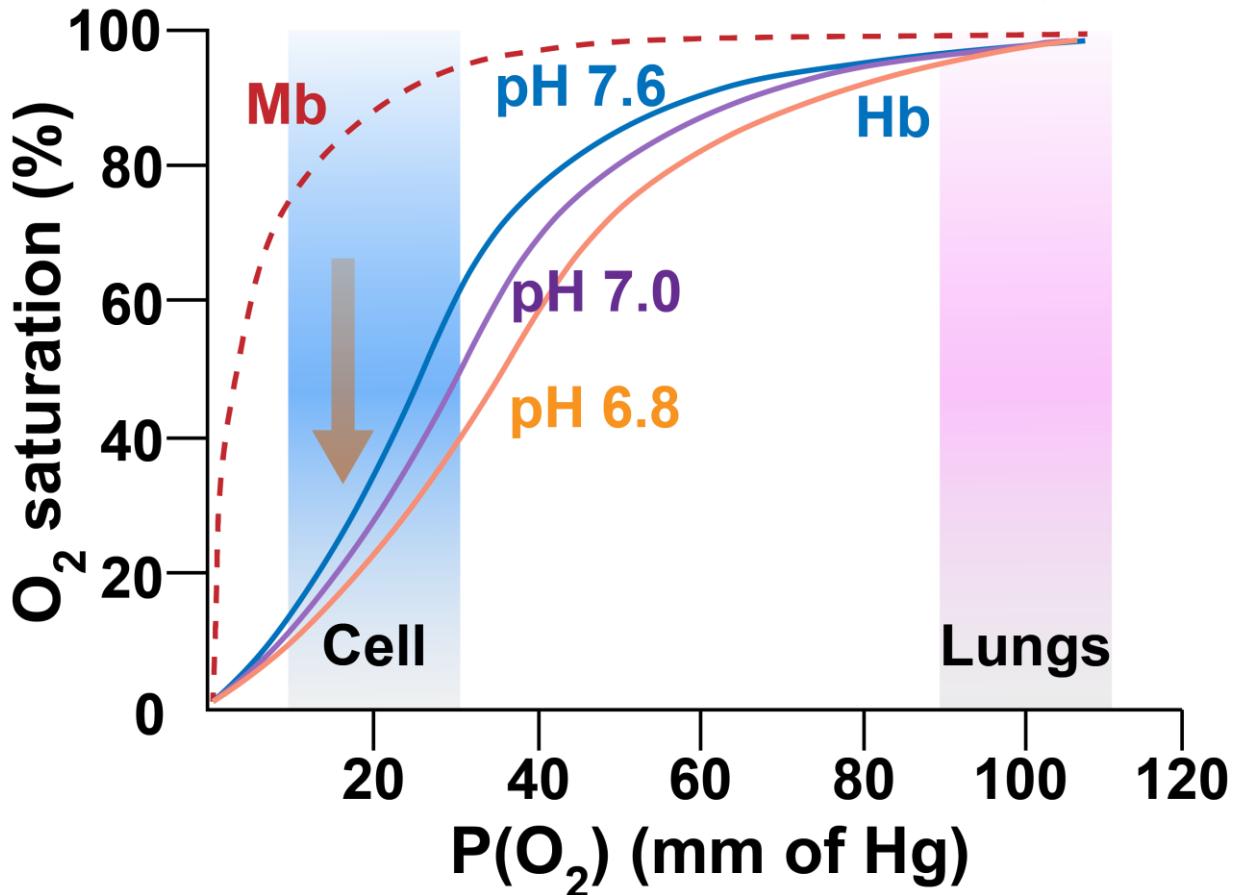
*Relevance of
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*Hemoglobin &
reversible O₂ binding*

Trivia

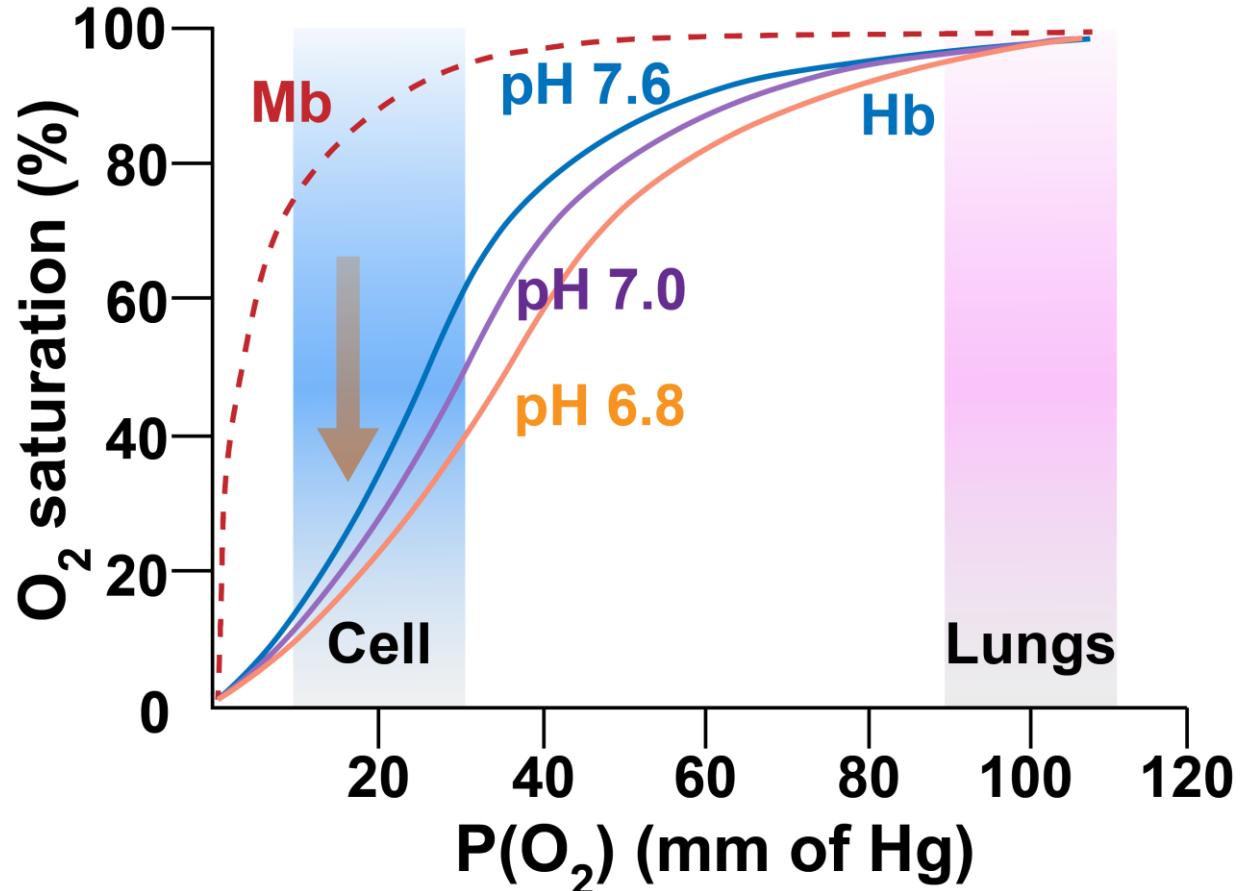
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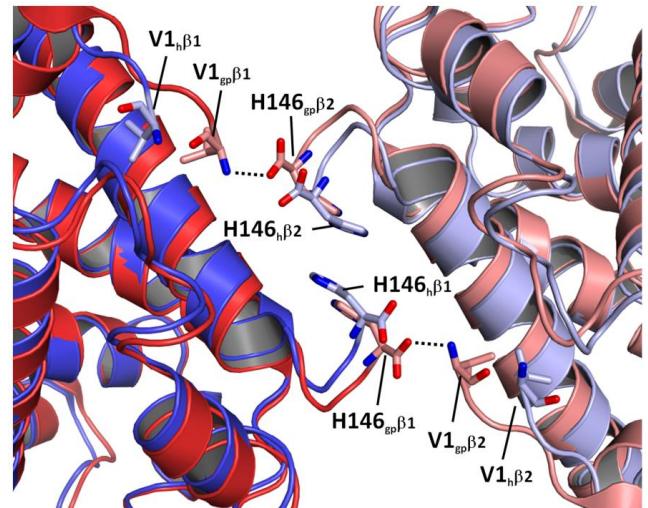
Why such effect?

The O₂-binding ability for Hb decreases at lower conc. of O₂ with increasing acidity

Effect of pH on Hb-O₂ binding



Bohr effect



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*H-bonding & salt-bridge interaction
between subunits improves in acidic
conditions*

Protonation of histidine ($pK_a \sim 7.5$)

The O₂-binding ability for Hb decreases at lower conc. of O₂ with increasing acidity

*Needs more energy to break them
CO₂ rich condition*



Better O_2 delivery in fatigued cells

*Hb delivers higher amount of O_2 than normal to the cells/tissues
after exercise or at higher altitude*

Why?

Better O_2 delivery in fatigued cells

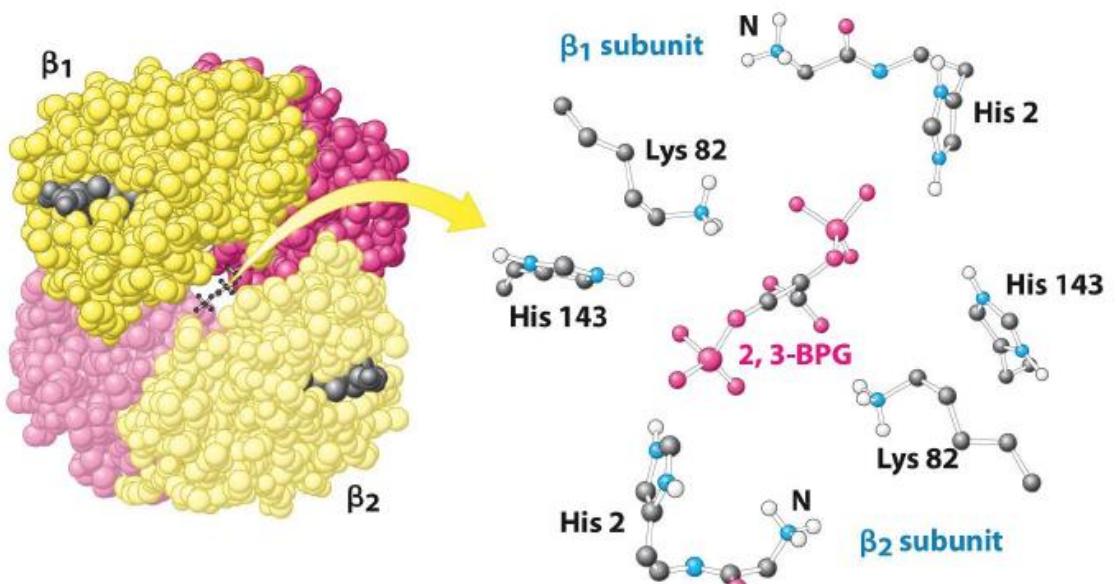
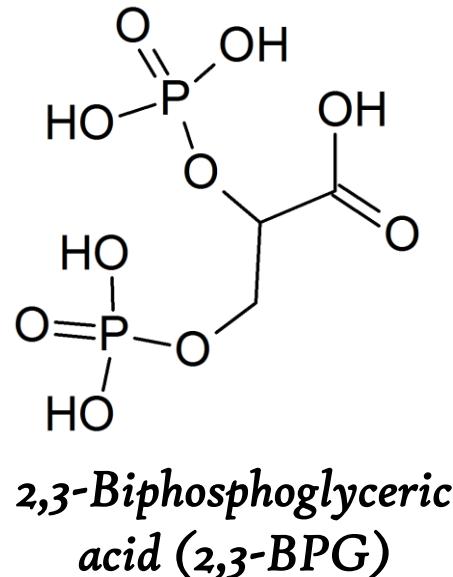
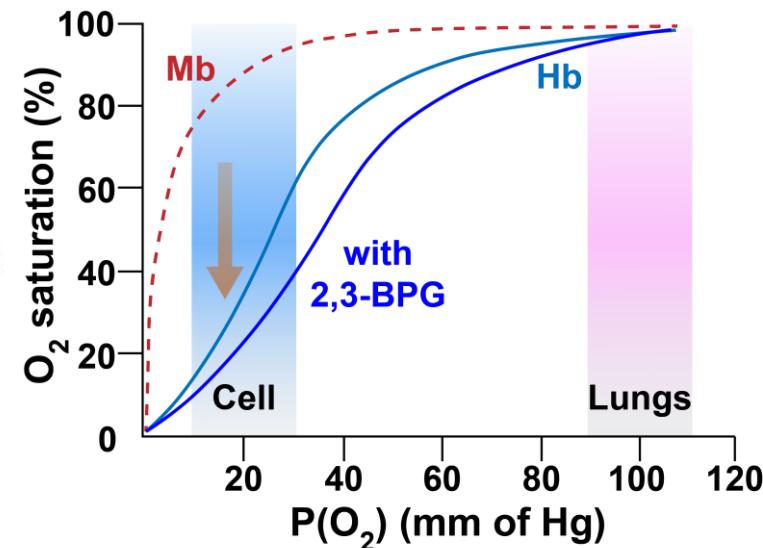


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Cells release 2,3-BPG under stress

2,3-BPG facilitate strong interaction between subunits

2,3-BPG is known as an allosteric effector

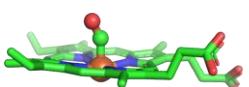


Hb structure saves us from CO poisoning?

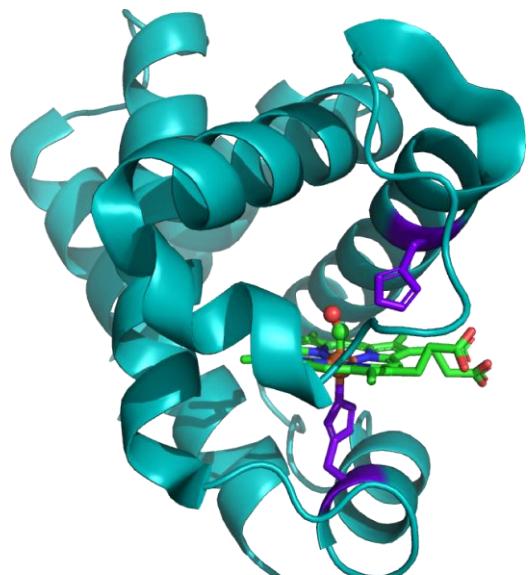
In free heme CO binds Fe-center 25000 times strongly compared to O₂,

But in Hb, CO binds only 200 times strongly than O₂

Why?



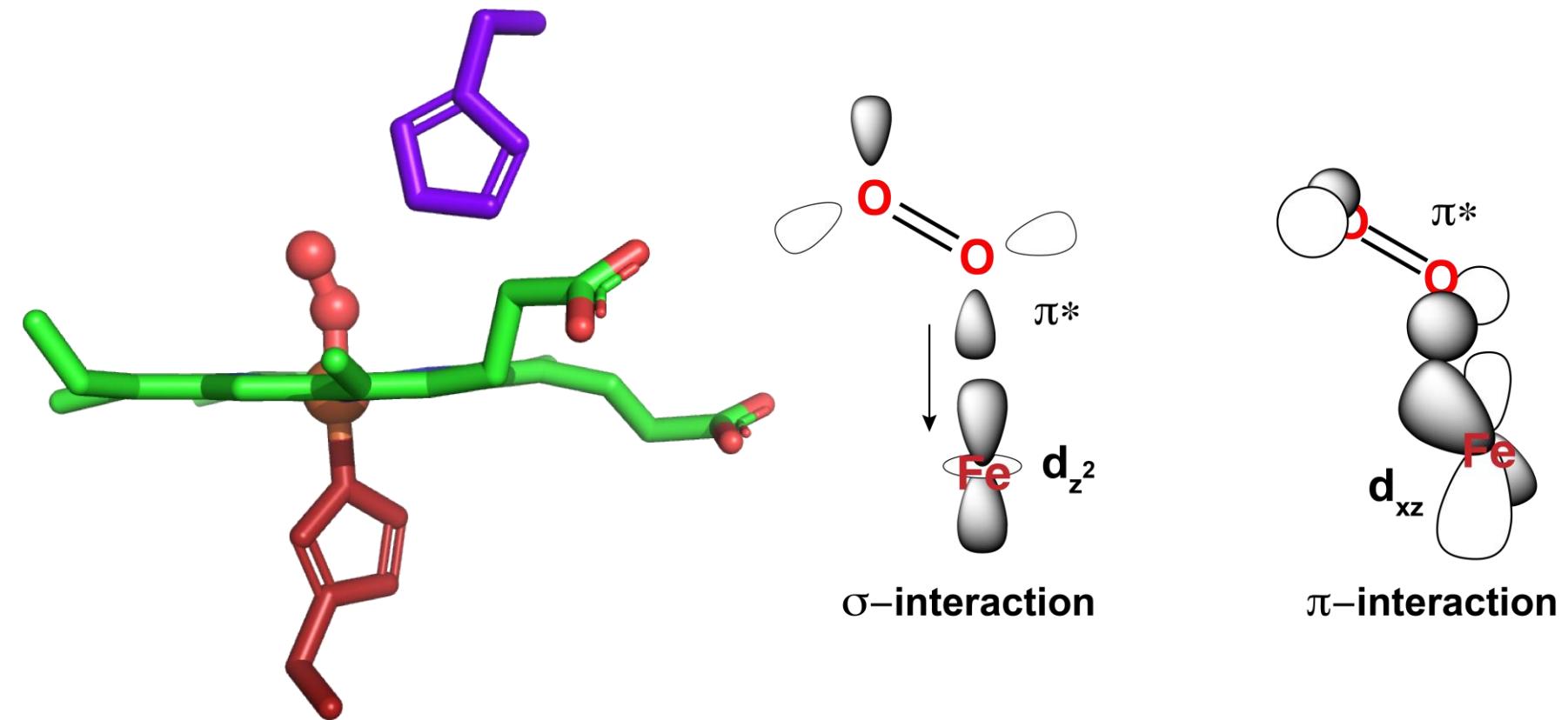
$$\frac{K_{CO}}{K_{O_2}} = 25000$$



$$\frac{K_{CO}}{K_{O_2}} = 200$$

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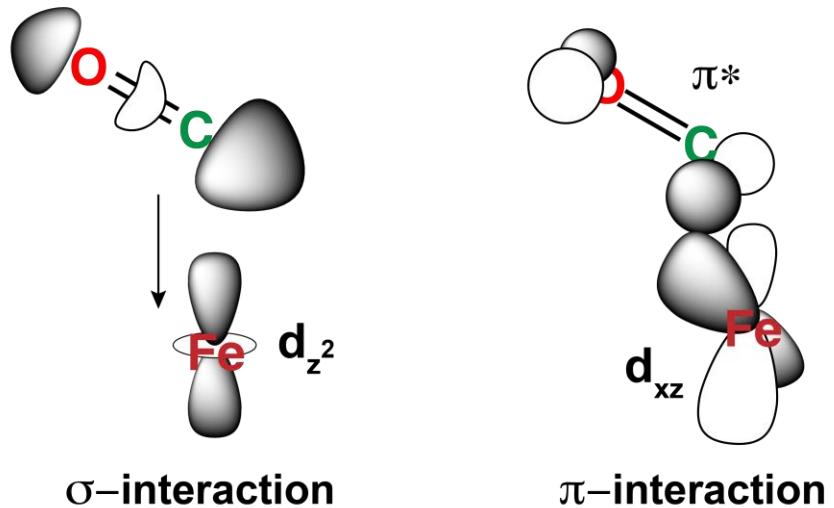
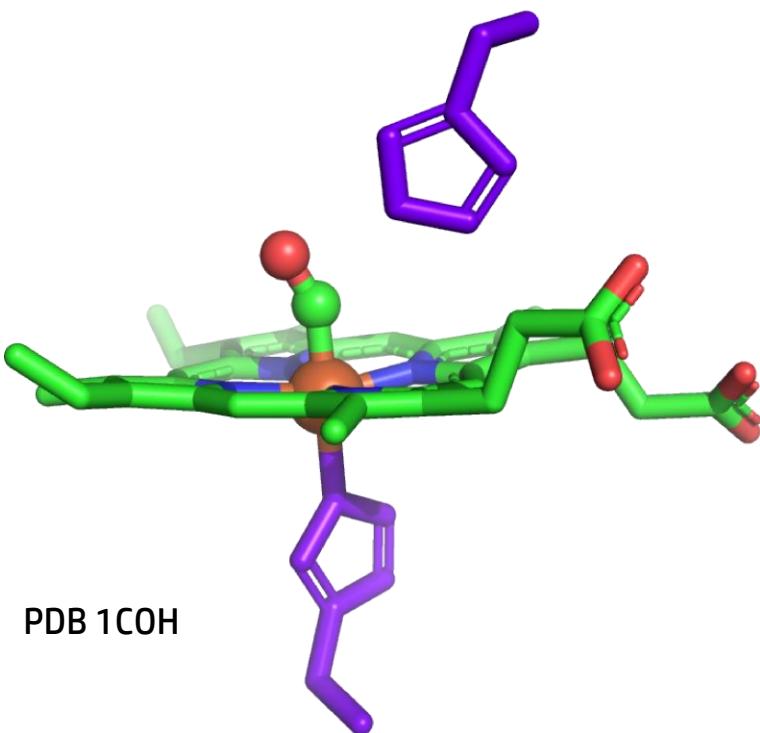
Hb binds O₂ in bent mode



1. *Interaction with distal histidine*
2. *Favored σ- and π-bonding interactions between O₂ π* and Fe d-orbitals*

Hb structure saves us from CO poisoning?

Hb binds CO in bent mode



Toxic dose of CO 20-30%
Lethal dose > 60%

1. *Steric interaction with distal histidine*
2. *Disfavored σ -bonding interactions between $\text{CO}_2 \sigma$ and $\text{Fe} d_{z^2}$ -orbital*