

Myoglobin + Haemoglobin

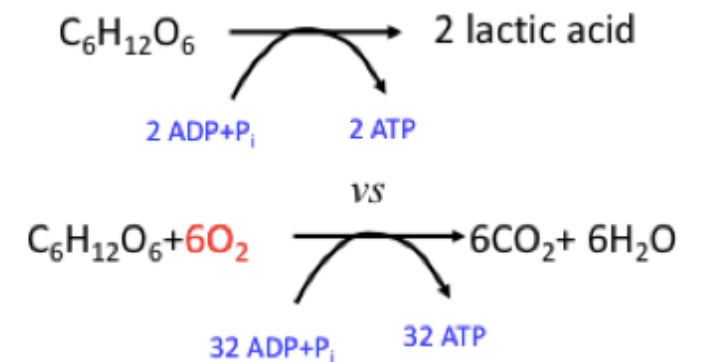
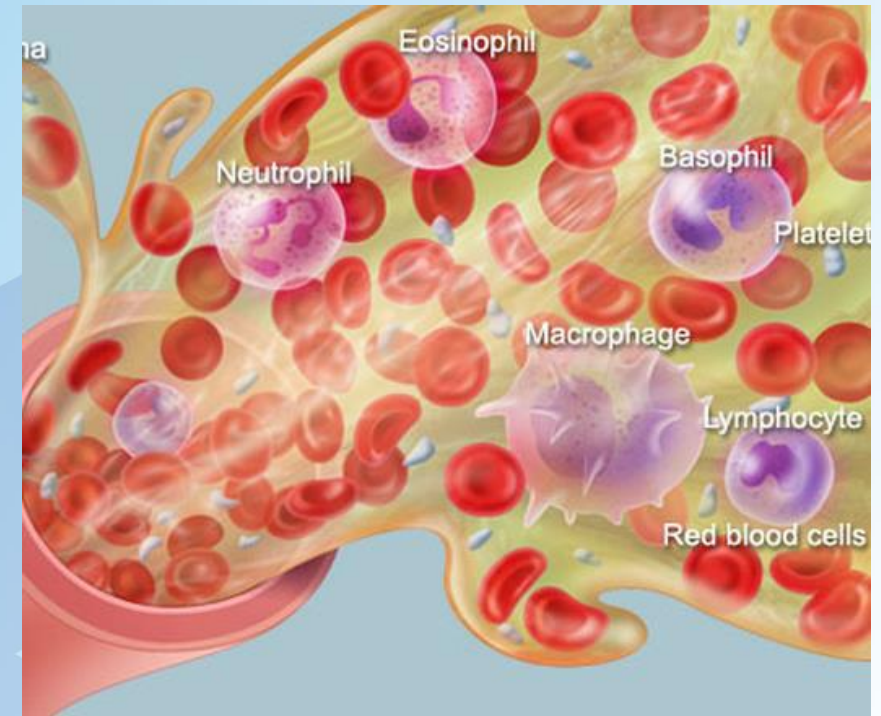
Saturation Curve

OXYGEN

- At complete rest, a male requires:
375L O₂/day (= 1900L air/day)

Why do we need oxygen?

- But! O₂ is not very soluble in blood



Need O_2 , but it doesn't dissolve in blood?!



NEED

- Oxygen carrier

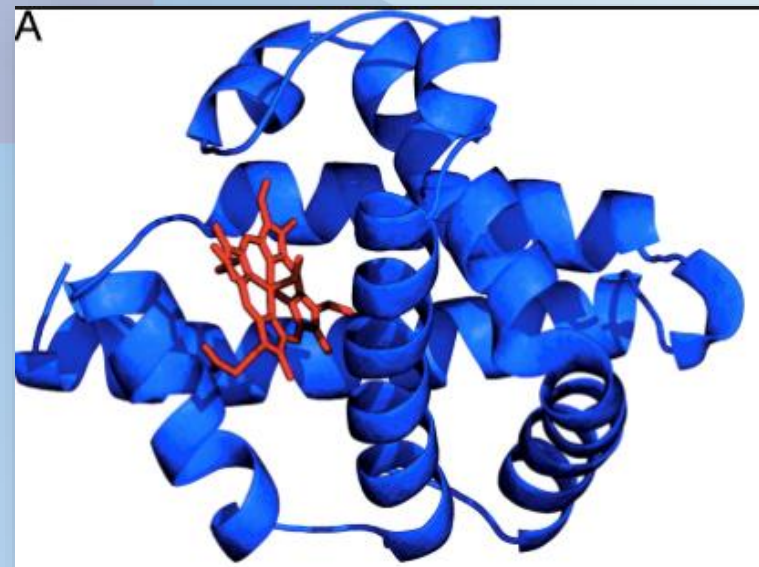
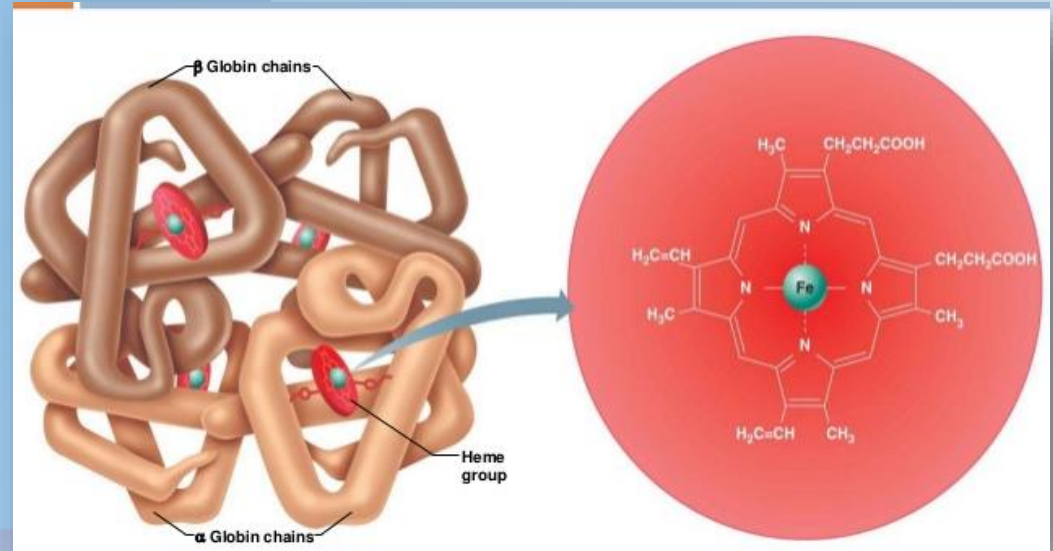
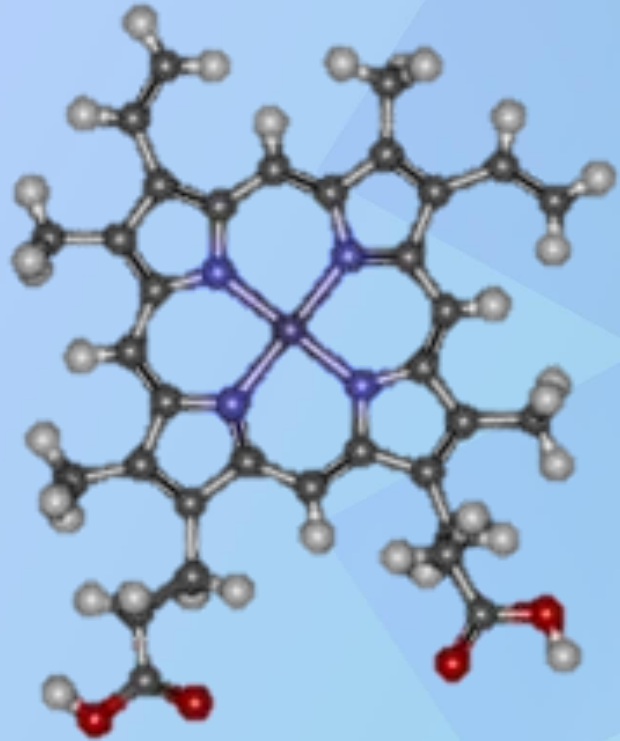


SOLUTION

- Use metal complex to bind O_2
- Must be reversible process



SOLUTION: Heme



Concept review

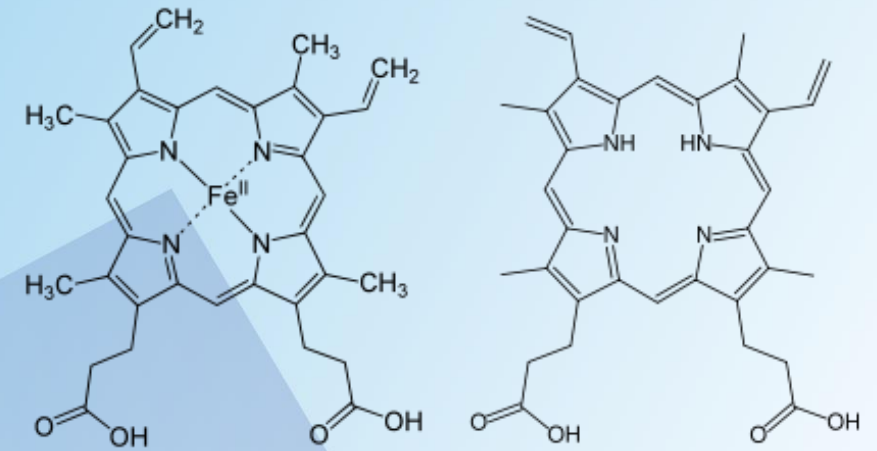
- **Protein-ligand interaction**

- Reversible
- Specific
- **Conformational change** upon binding = induced fit
- If multisubunit protein → conformational change → allosteric effect

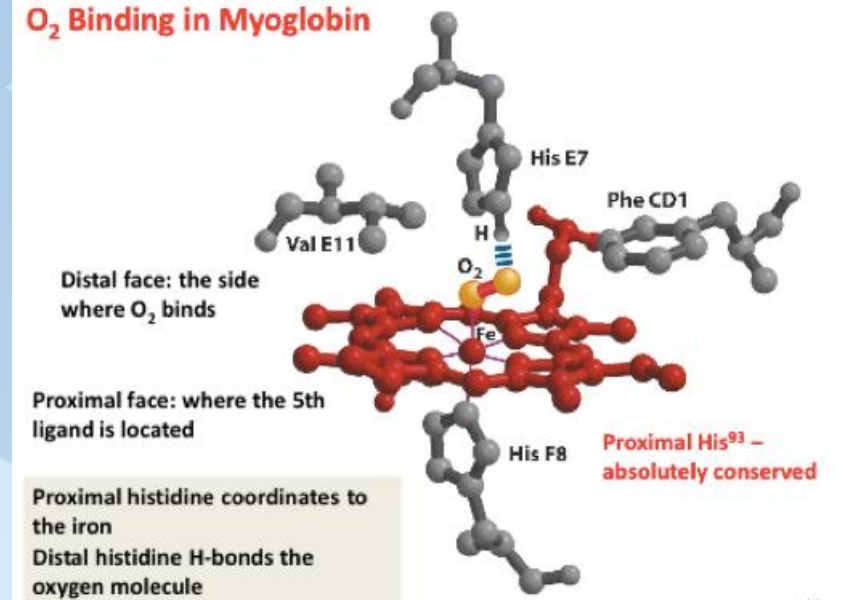
In the body: **O₂** = *ligand*. **Myoglobin or hemoglobin** = *protein*.

Heme

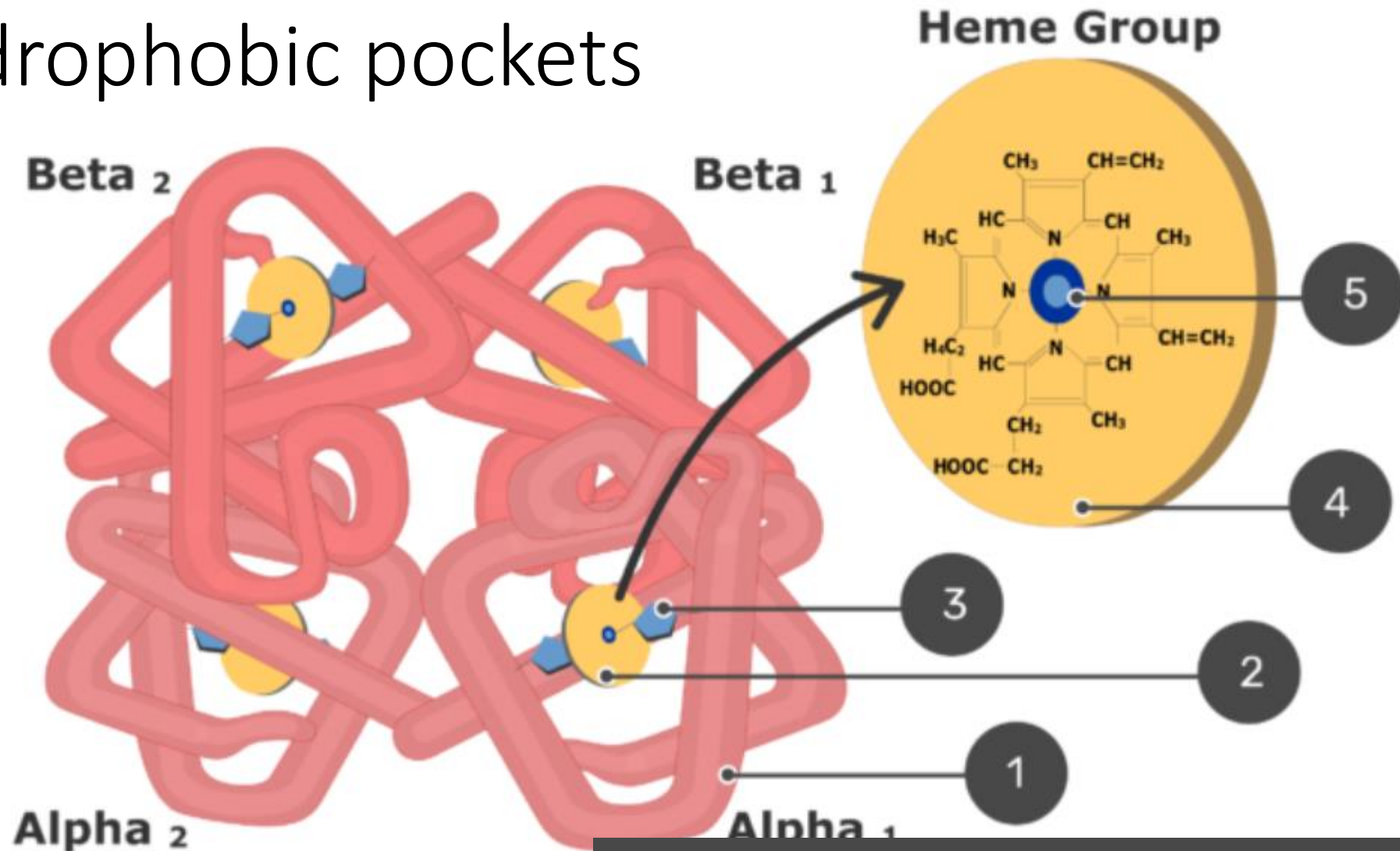
- Chelation of **Protoporphyrin IX** and **Fe²⁺**
- *Fe* in center of heme by bonds of 4N of porphyrin ring
- Fe²⁺ can form 2 additional bonds
 - Histidine residue of globin molecule
 - O₂
- Prosthetic group
- In hemoglobin + myoglobin (+ cytochromes)



O₂ Binding in Myoglobin



Hydrophobic pockets



1. Globin
2. Heme group
3. Histidine
4. Porphyrin
5. Iron (Fe²⁺)

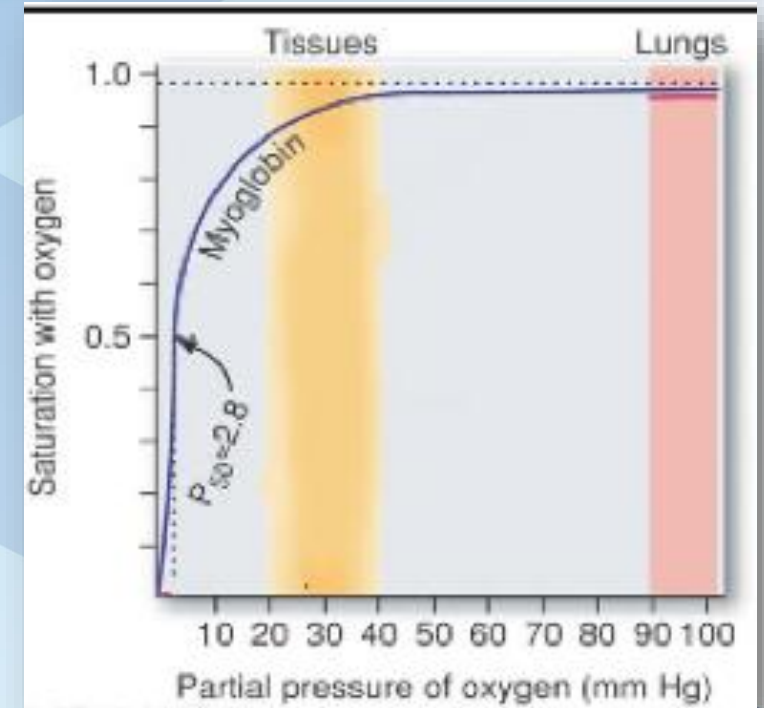
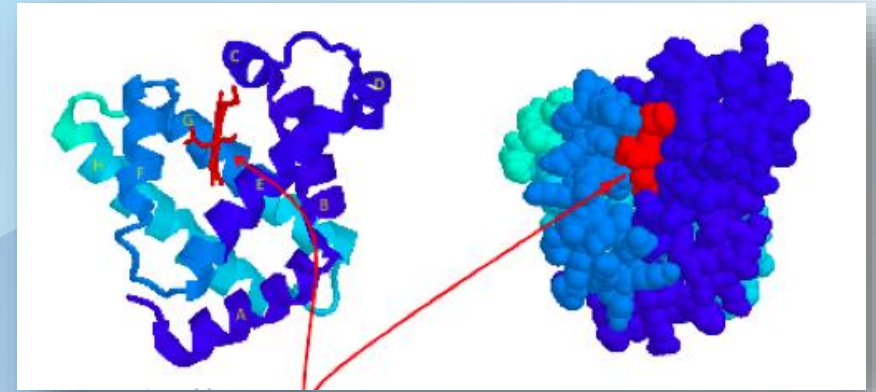
Myoglobin

- Heme protein in heart + skeletal muscle
- Function: Acts as reservoir for O₂
- 1 heme group = 1 O₂ binding site
- = 1 polypeptide chain
- Oxygen dissociation curve for myoglobin
 - **High affinity** for oxygen
 - **Hyperbolic**

• AFFINITY =



The higher the O₂ affinity the more tightly O₂ binds



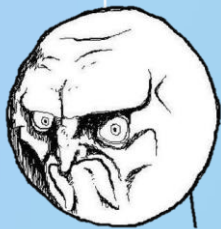
QUESTION

1. Does Mb bind O_2 well?



Even at low PPO_2 – Mb is completely saturated

2. Is Mb a good candidate for O_2 transport through circulatory system?



NO.

Even at low PPO_2 – Mb is almost completely saturated

WANTED!

O₂-binding protein that

- Has HIGH affinity for O₂ when PPO₂ is HIGH (lungs)
- Has LOW affinity for O₂ when PPO₂ is LOW (tissues)
 - Release O₂ where it is needed
- A transporter that can alter its O₂-affinity depending on PPO₂

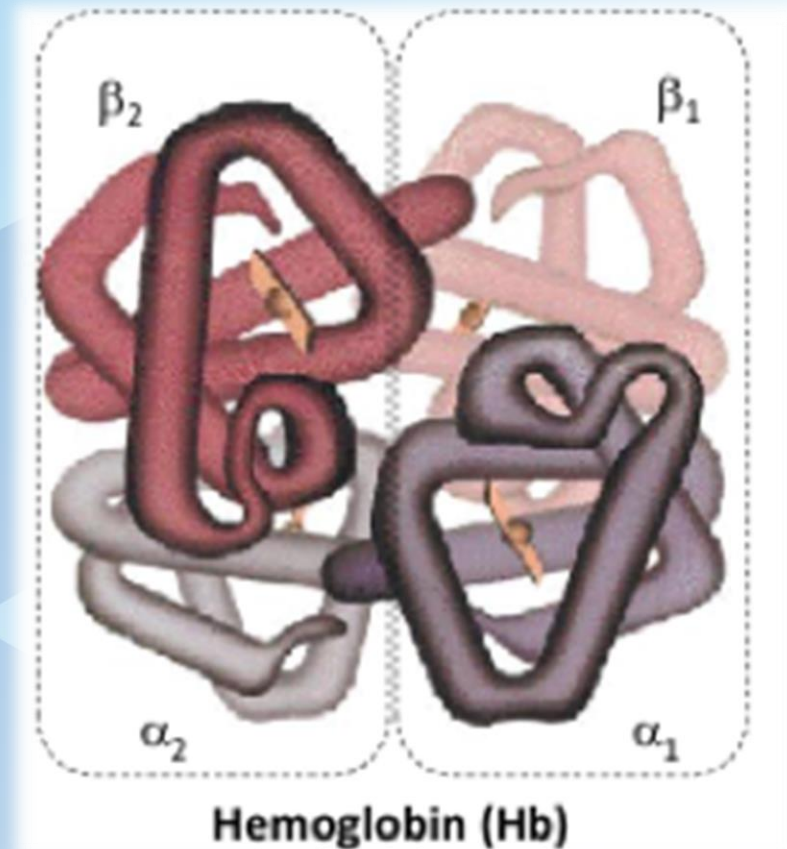
Hemoglobin

- 4 subunits = 4 polypeptides
 - 2 alpha chains
 - 2 beta chains
- 4 heme groups = 4 O₂ binding sites

100 ml of plasma dissolves **0,28mL of oxygen**

1g of Hgb binds **1,35mL of oxygen**

- 100 ml of blood = 12,5 – 17 g of Hgb
- THEREFORE **100ml of blood** can transport approx **20mL of oxygen**



Why does each heme require one polypeptide?

- Globin protein keeps the iron in the **reduced state**
- Prevents O₂ from reacting with the heme
- Minimizes the chance of other ligands binding = **specificity**

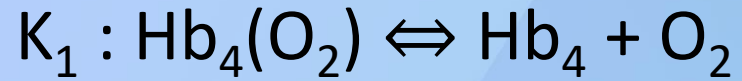


Hemoglobin Cooperation

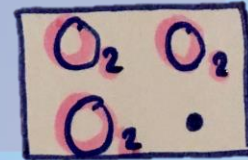
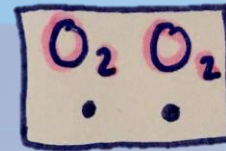
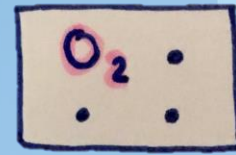
- Between Hgb O_2 binding sites
- As O_2 is bound to one subunit, adjacent subunits' affinity for O_2 INCREASES
 - Binding the 1st O_2 makes binding of the 2nd O_2 easier...
 - ...But also makes it harder to lose



Saturation of Hgb with O₂



Affinity for K₄ Hgb is ≈ 300 times greater than K₁



TISSUES

Less tightly bound

INCREASE
affinity for O₂
(increase strength
of O₂ binding)



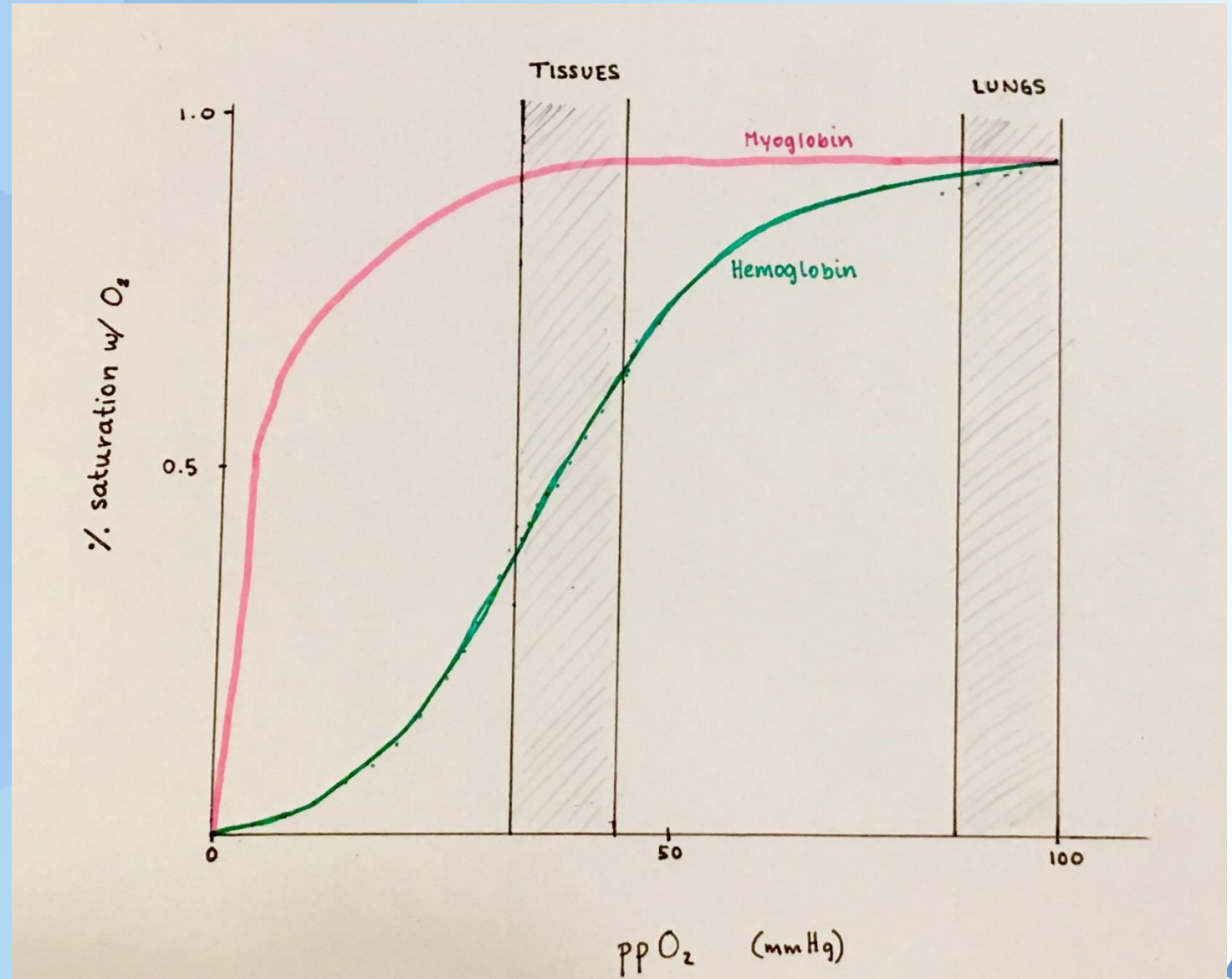
More tightly bound

LUNGS

OXYGEN DISSOCIATION CURVE FOR MYOGLOBIN + HEMOGLOBIN

- Oxygen dissociation curve for hemoglobin
 - Lower affinity for oxygen
 - Sigmoid

Molecular level?



Hill coefficient

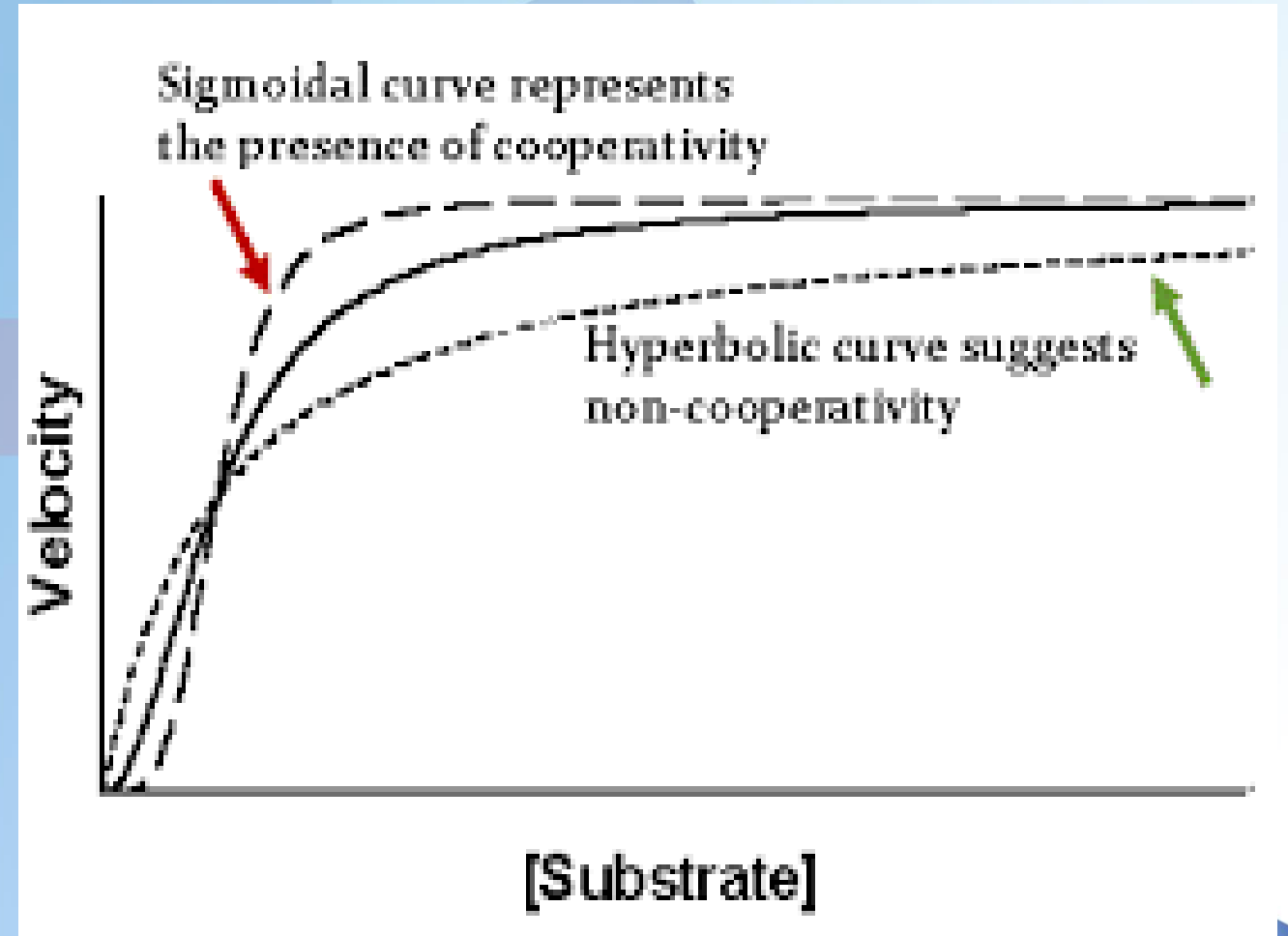
Equation used to determine the degree of cooperativeness of ligand-protein interaction

Myoglobin:

Hill coefficient = 1

Hemoglobin:

Hill coefficient = 2.8



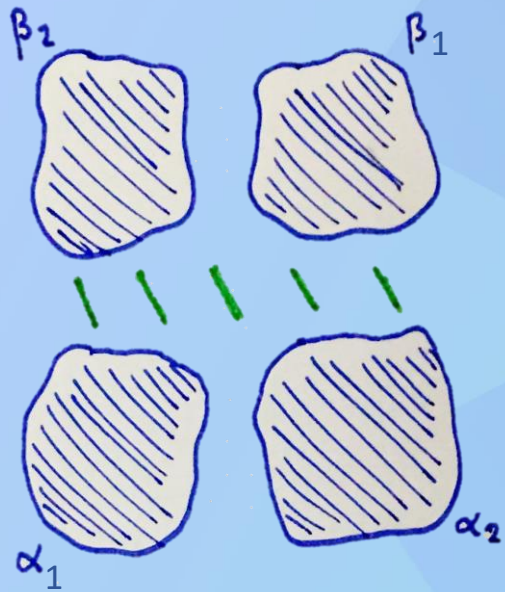
Questions?

Next part: saturation curves



T form

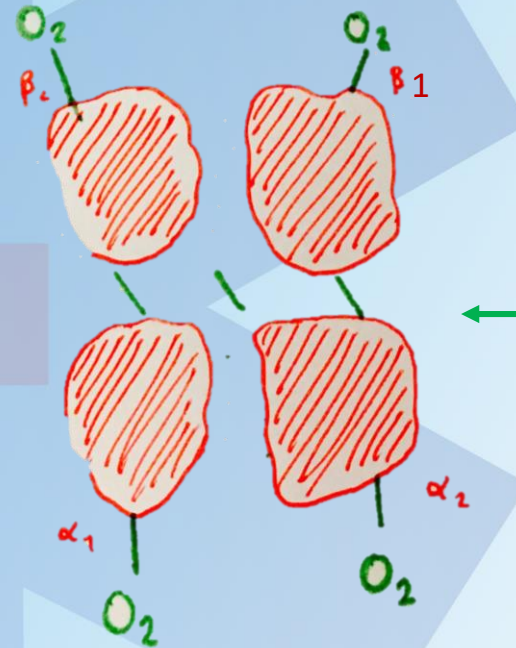
Deoxyhemoglobin



LOW affinity to O_2
(Easier to unload O_2)

R form

Oxyhemoglobin



HIGH affinity to O_2
(Harder to unload O_2)

*R – Respiration.
T – Tissue.*

Some ionic + H bonds between alpha-beta dimers are broken in oxygenated form

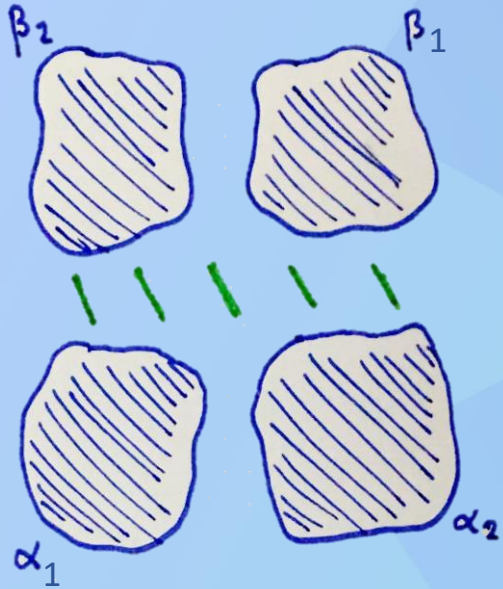
Allosteric Effectors

Affect **Hemoglobin** O_2 binding; **NOT Myoglobin** O_2 binding

- pO_2
- pH or $[H^+]$
- pCO_2
- Temperature
- 2,3-BPG
 - Enables Hgb to release O_2 efficiently at lower pO_2
 - DECREASES O_2 affinity of Hgb
 - Binds only to T state (deoxyHgb)
 - Conc. increases in high altitudes
 - Always associate it with babies = HgF → need higher affinity for mom's venous blood → binds **LESS 2,3-BPG**

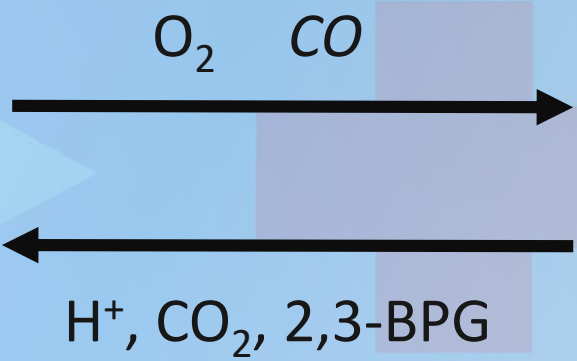
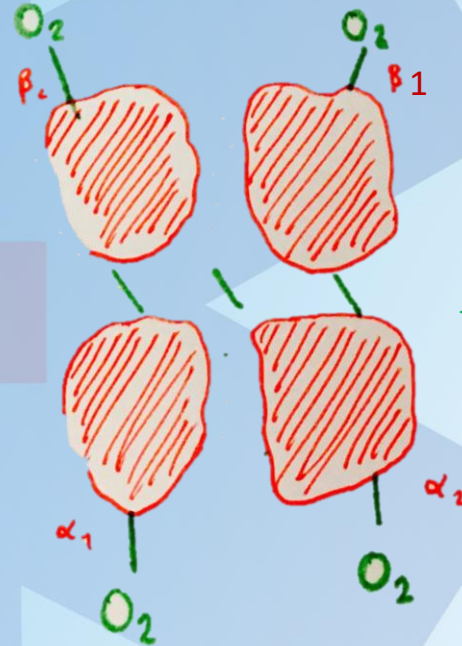
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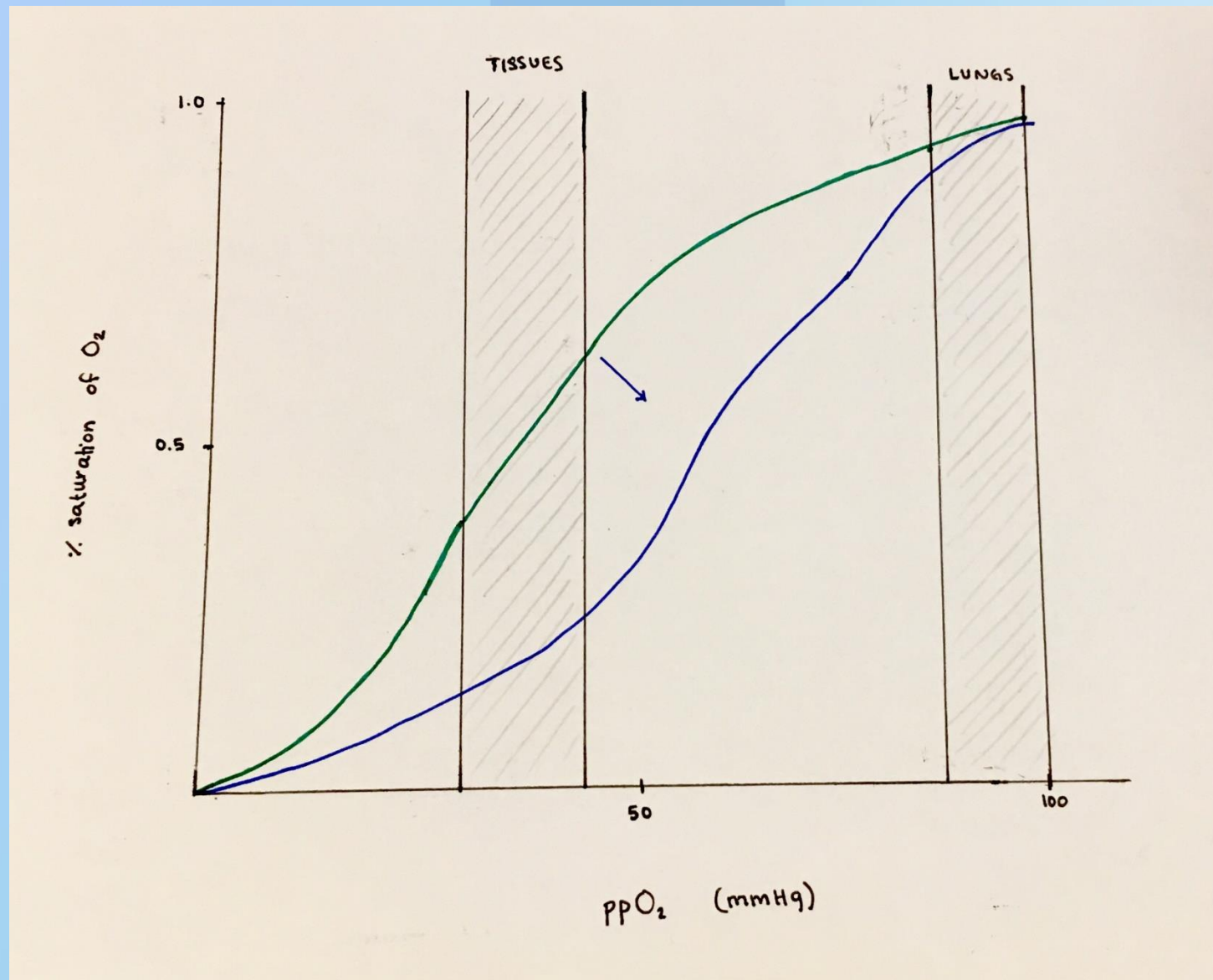
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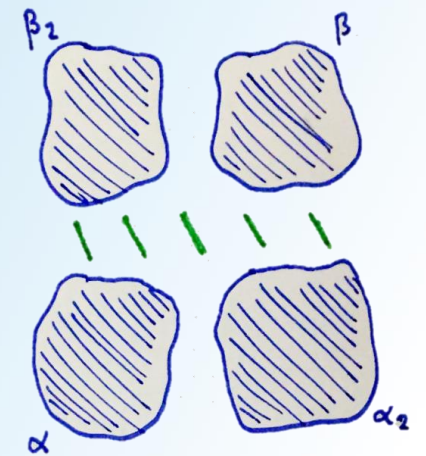
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DECREASE O_2 affinity



T form



OXYGEN DISSOCIATION CURVE FOR HEMOGLOBIN

- Shift to **RIGHT**
- **↓O₂ affinity**
 - ↑ temp
 - ↑CO₂
 - **↑ [H⁺] (↓pH)**
 - ↑2,3-BPG
- Favors T form



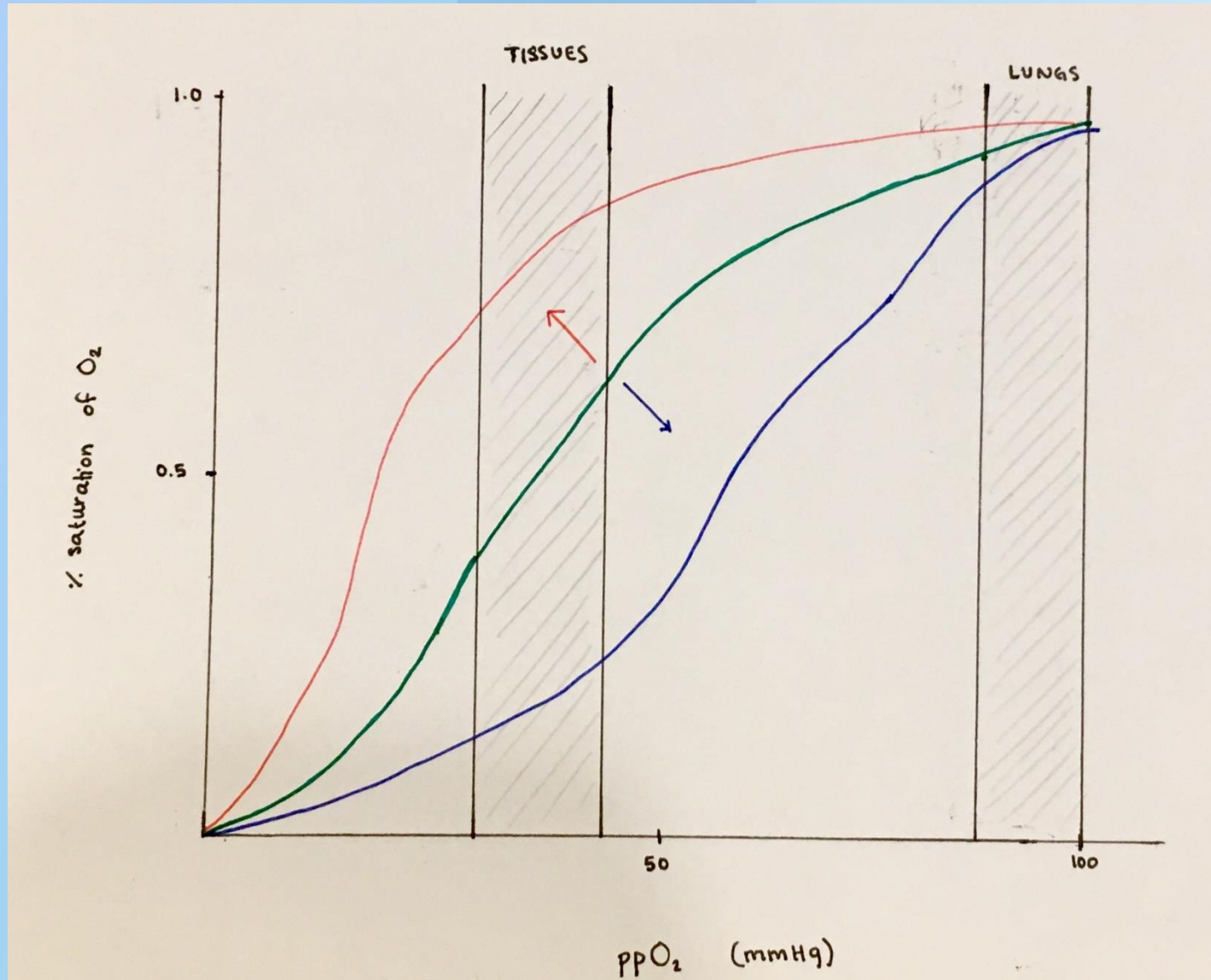
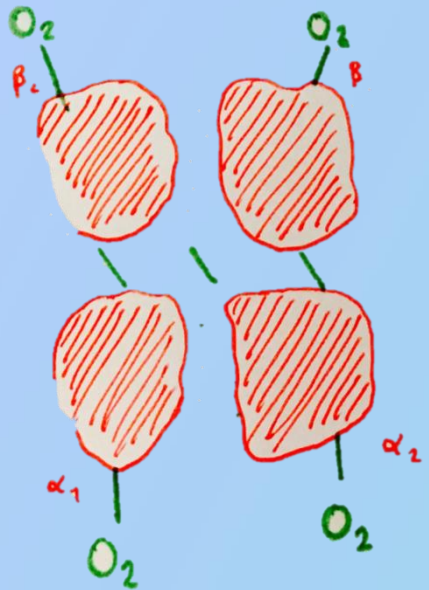


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- **Favors R Form**

INCREASE O₂ affinity

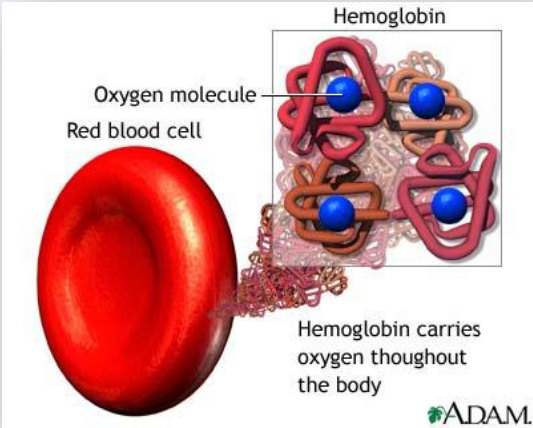
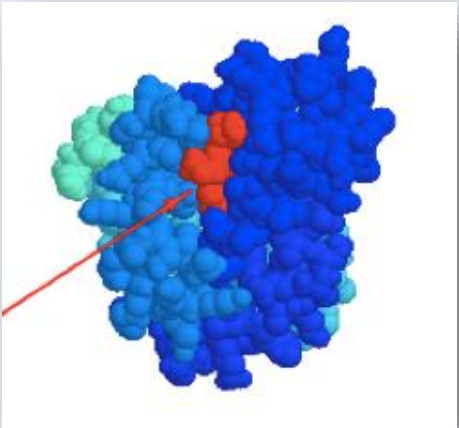
R form



Bohr Effect

- NOT in myoglobin
- Lungs: HIGHER pH
- Tissues: LOWER pH
 - Higher $\text{CO}_2 + \text{H}^+$ conc. in metabolically active tissues
- Favors unloading of O_2 in peripheral tissues and loading of O_2 in lungs
- FACILITATE unloading of O_2 by oxyhemoglobin (R) → stabilize doxyhemoglobin (T)

UWAGA

	Hemoglobin	Myoglobin
Heme groups (O₂ binding sites)	4	1
Location	Only in Red Blood Cells	Skeletal + cardiac muscle
Affinity	Lower affinity for O ₂	Higher affinity at ALL partial pressures of O ₂ values
O₂ Saturation curve	Sigmoidal shape	Hyperbolic shape
Cooperation	YES	NO
	 <p>The diagram shows a red blood cell on the left. To its right is a detailed view of a hemoglobin molecule, which is a tetramer of four polypeptide chains (two alpha and two beta) each containing a heme group with an iron atom. Four oxygen molecules (blue spheres) are shown bound to the iron atoms. Labels include 'Hemoglobin', 'Oxygen molecule', and 'Red blood cell'. A caption at the bottom states 'Hemoglobin carries oxygen throughout the body' with the ADAM logo.</p>	 <p>The image shows a 3D ball-and-stick model of a myoglobin molecule. It is a single polypeptide chain with a heme prosthetic group. The heme group is shown in red and orange, with an iron atom (red sphere) coordinated to a proximal histidine residue (blue sphere) and a distal nitrogen atom of an oxygen molecule (red and blue spheres). A red arrow points to the oxygen molecule.</p>