

Lecture 20 (10/28/20)

- Reading: Ch4; 142-151
- Problems: Ch4 (text); 14, 16
Ch6 (text); 1, 4

NEXT (after exam)

- Reading: Ch8; 310-312, 279-285
Ch24; 957-961
- Problems: Ch8 (text); 1,2,22
Ch8 (study-guide: facts);
1,2,4,5,7,8,9

Protein Structure

A. Stability

1. Two-state model
2. Energetics
3. Denaturation
4. Methods to study

B. Protein Folding

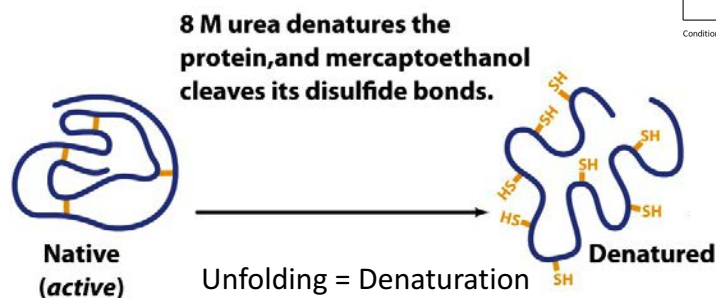
1. Evidence-Anfinsen
2. Protein Folding Pathways
3. Mechanism; *in vitro* vs. *in vivo*
 - a. Kinetics
 - b. Thermodynamics
4. Diseases

C. Prediction

D. Dynamics

Protein Stability, Folding, and Dynamics

What are these Observables?



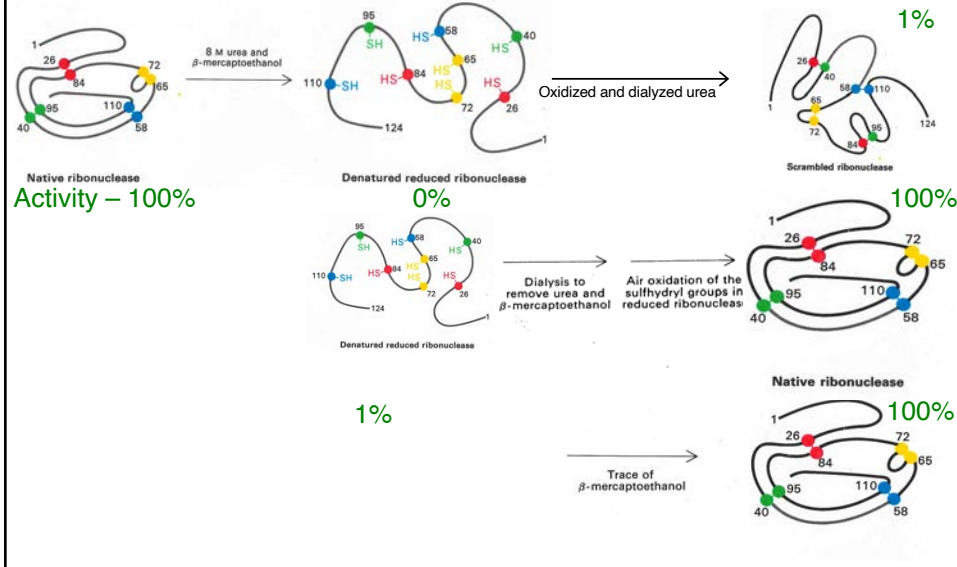
Any techniques that can measure a difference between these two states:

Optical rotation, CD, fluorescence (native (Trp) or ANS), UV absorbance, viscosity, shape

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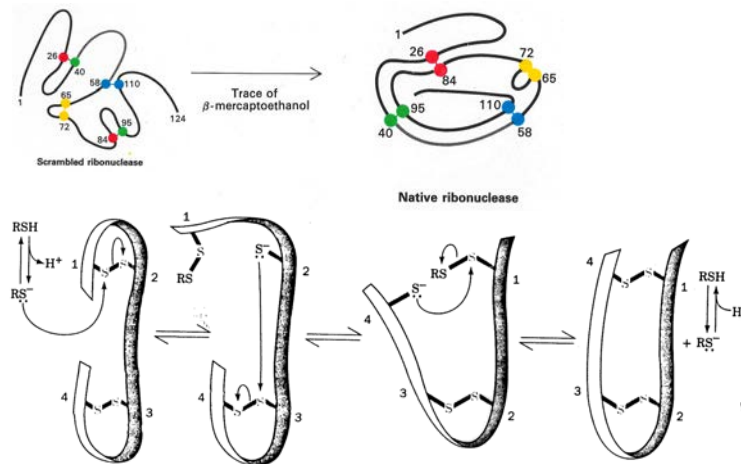
What determines the 3D structure of a given protein?

Anfinsen Experiment



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Anfinsen Experiment showed that 1° structure determines 3° structure!

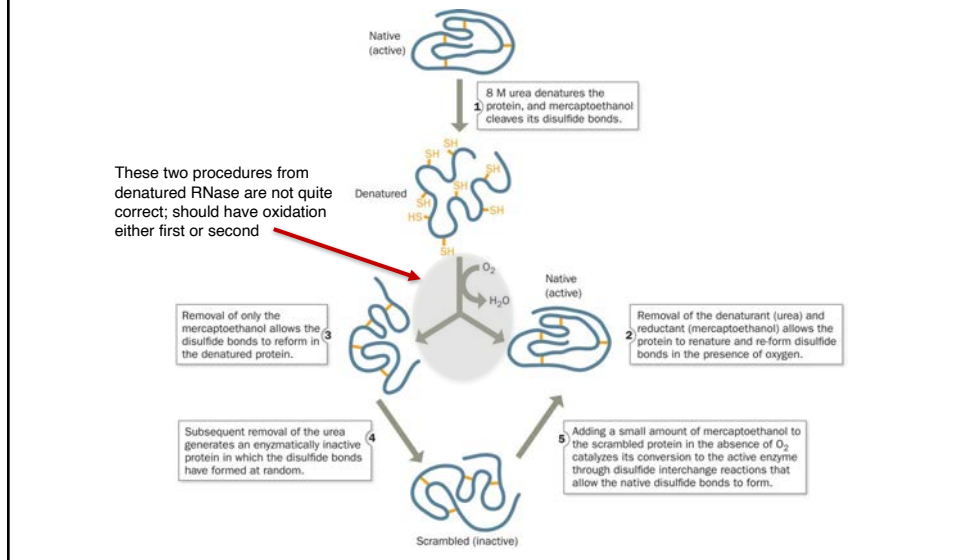


From 1→2, protein wants to be straight;
from 2→3 protein wants to bend

Disulfide Exchange

Protein Stability, Folding, and Dynamics

Process Diagram: Denaturation and Renaturation of RNase A



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Primary structure
determines Tertiary
structure!

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How Can Proteins Fold So Fast?

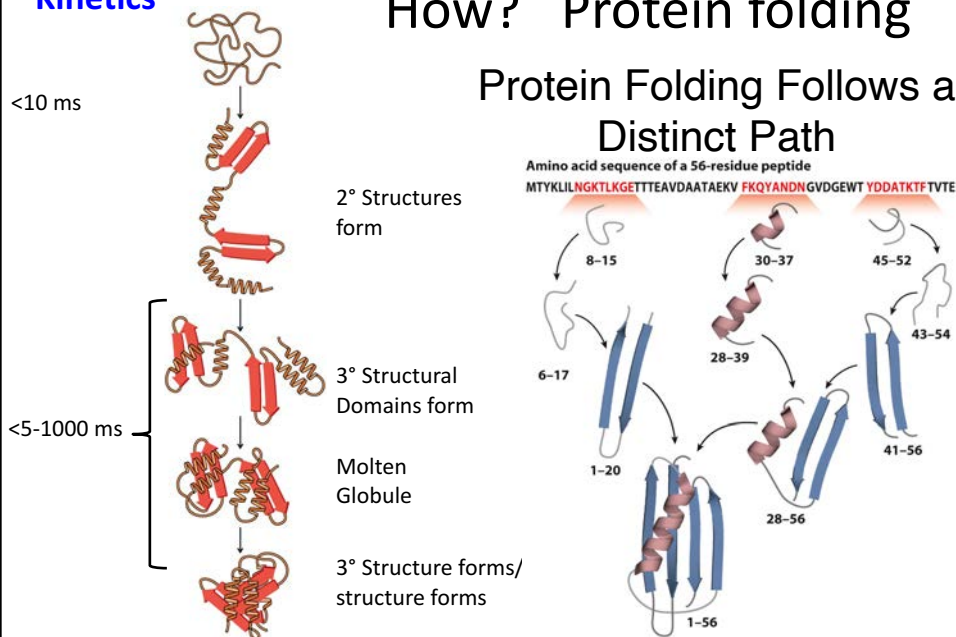
- Proteins fold to the lowest-energy state in the microsecond to second time scales. How can they find the right fold so fast?
- It is mathematically impossible for protein folding to occur by randomly trying every conformation until the lowest-energy one is found ([Levinthal's paradox](#)).
- Search for the minimum is therefore not random; [there must be a PATHWAY toward the native structure, which is thermodynamically most favorable.](#)

Protein Stability, Folding, and Dynamics

Kinetics

How? Protein folding

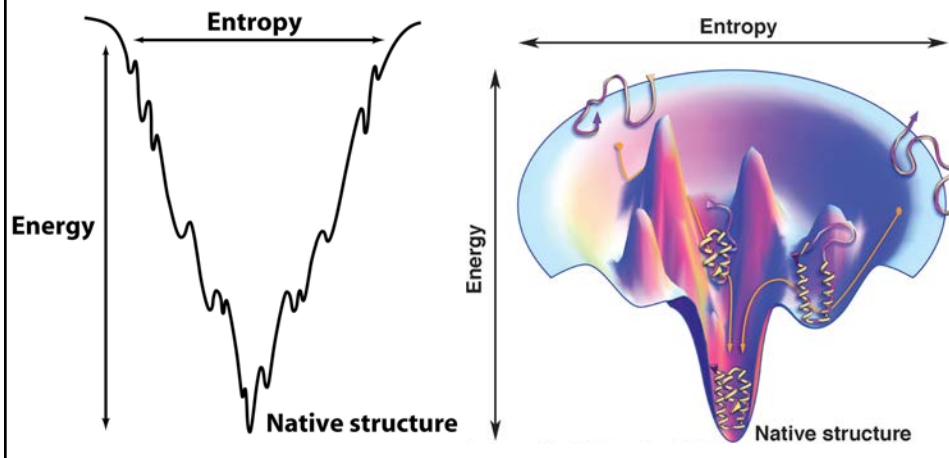
Protein Folding Follows a Distinct Path



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Energetics

Energy-Entropy Diagram: Protein Folding Funnel



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Energy-Entropy Diagram: Protein Folding Funnel

Free-Energy Funnel Model of Protein Folding Is Dependent on the Stability of Motifs Within the Protein

Multiple pathways leading to one stable outcome



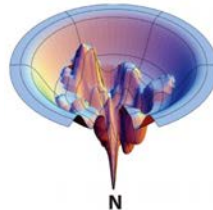
Multiple stable intermediates leading to final fold



Immediate folding to one stable outcome



Significantly stable intermediates to overcome before final fold



Two-State Model
(no intermediates)

Many Intermediates
Model

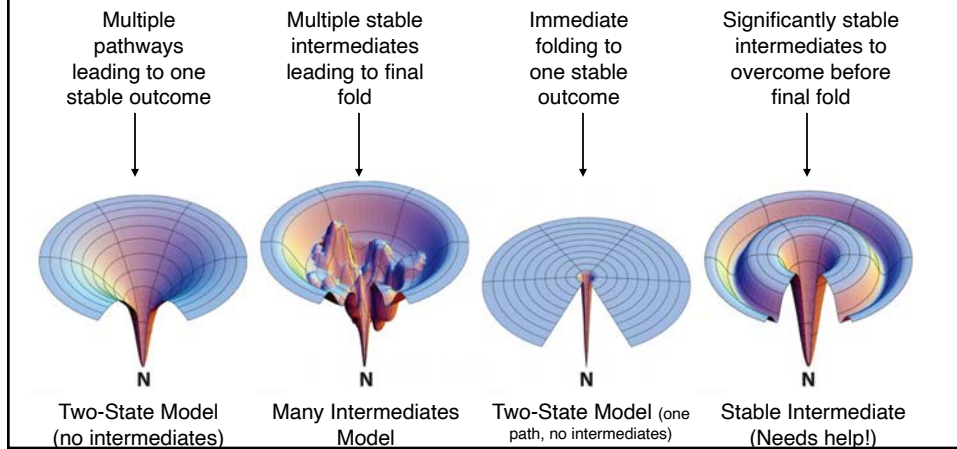
Two-State Model (one
path, no intermediates)

Stable Intermediate
(Needs help!)

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Energy-Entropy Diagram: Protein Folding Funnel

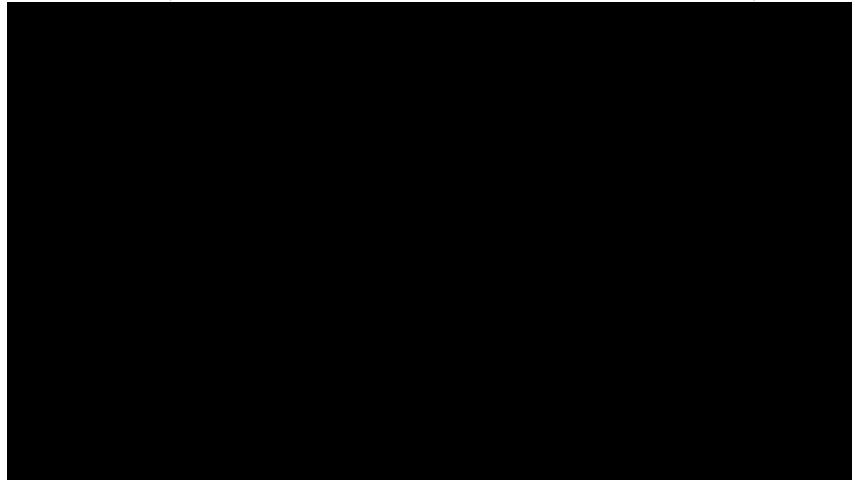
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Computer Simulation of Protein Folding: A 40 residue protein

(video is on Web site under announcements-videos on Serine Protease, Hb, MoBio)



Simulating protein folding on the millisecond timescale has been a major challenge for many years. Recently, Folding@home researchers Vincent Voelz, Greg Bowman, Kyle Beauchamp, and Vijay Pande have broken this barrier. This is a movie of one of the trajectories that folded (i.e. started unfolded and ended up in the folded state). See Voelz *et al.* (2010) *J. Am. Chem. Soc.*, **132**:1526 for more details.

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Protein folding help

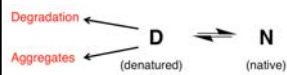
While the primary structure dictates what the fold will be, IN THE CELL, proteins often need help.

Kinetic help

1. Protein disulfide isomerase (PDI)
2. Peptide Prolyl Isomerase (PPI)

*Energetic help (prevent aggregation; maintain equilibria)

1. Molecular chaperones – heat-shock proteins (Hsp)
 - Hsp70, Hsp90, etc.
2. Molecular chaperonin
 - GroEL-GroES



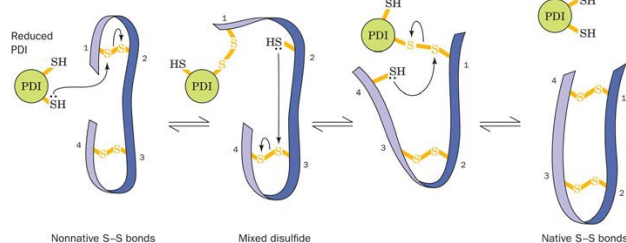
*Thermodynamics

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Kinetic help

Protein Disulfide Isomerase (PDI) Catalyzes Disulfide Interchange

Incorrect disulfides



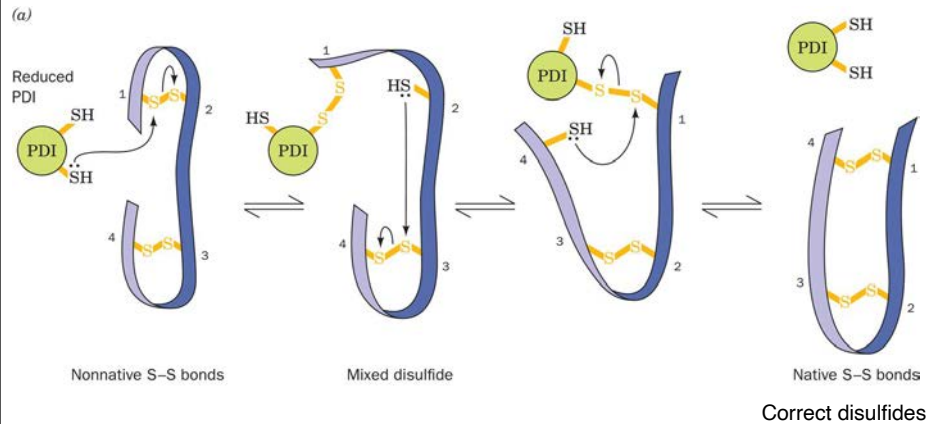
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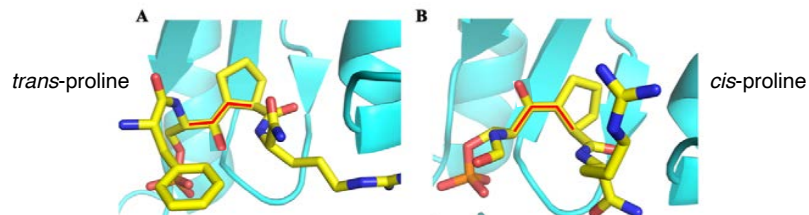
Kinetic help

Peptidyl Prolyl Isomerase (PPI) Catalyzes *trans-to-cis* isomerization

Without catalysis this
takes 8-10 min!

Activation energy reduced
20 kcal/mole by PPI →
10¹⁵-fold rate increase

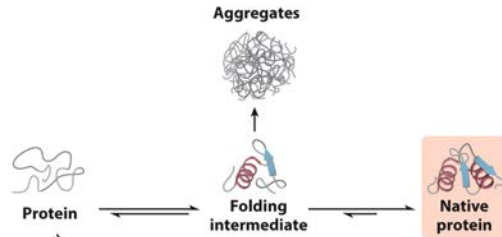
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Thermodynamic help

Chaperones Prevent Misfolding and Aggregation



Heat-shock
proteins (HSP)

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Thermodynamic help

Chaperones Prevent Misfolding and Aggregation

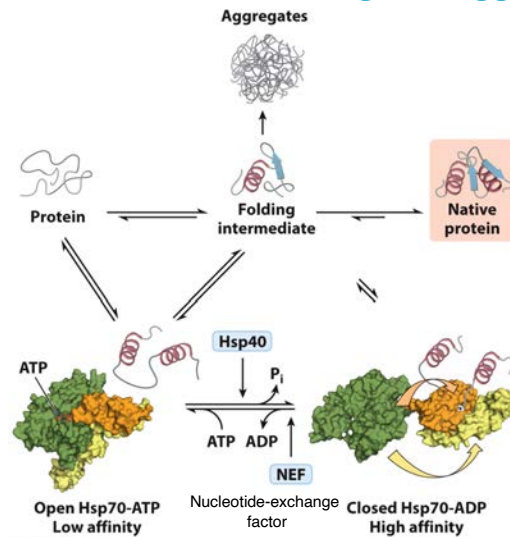


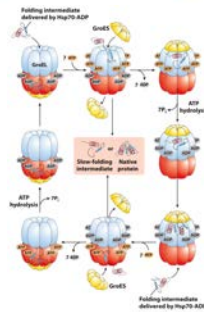
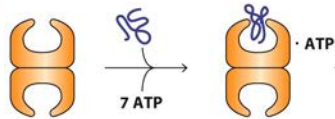
Figure 4-30

Protein Stability, Folding, and Dynamics

Thermodynamic help

Facilitated folding: **Chaperonin**

1. A GroEL ring binds 7 ATP and an unfolded polypeptide, which associates with hydrophobic patches on the GroEL subunits.

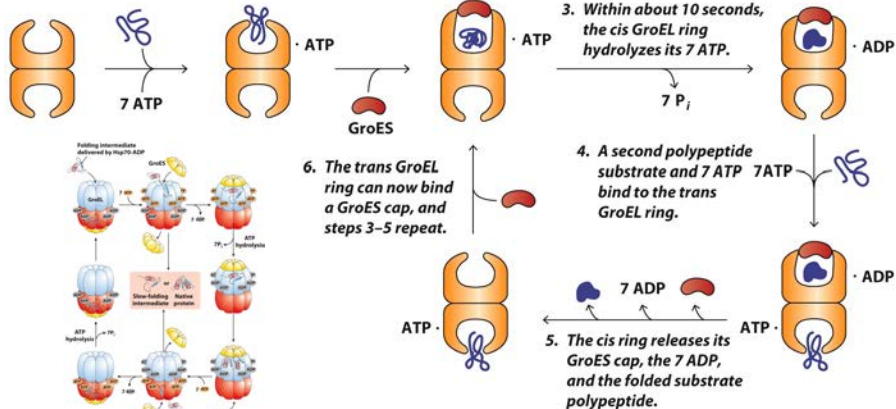


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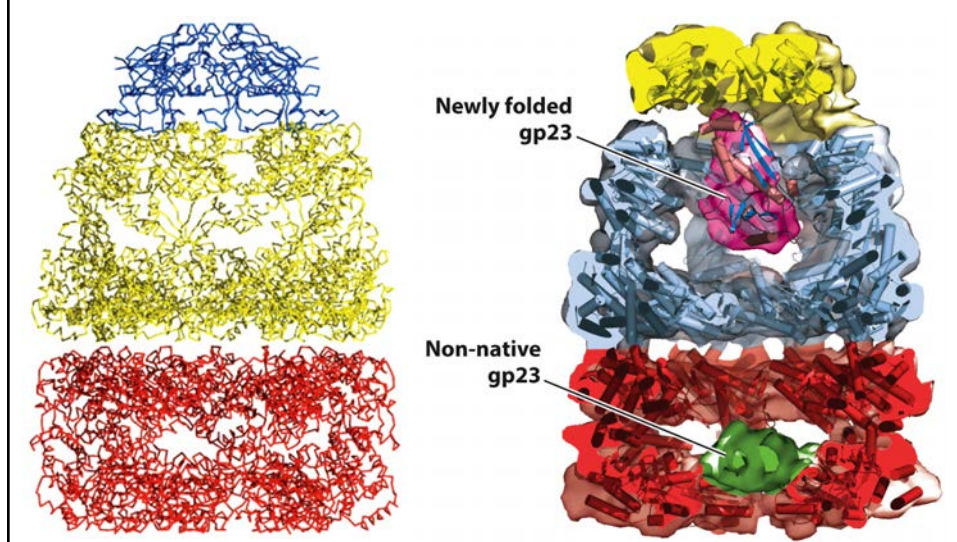
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2. A GroES cap binds, triggering a conformational change that retracts the hydrophobic patches, thereby releasing the polypeptide into the GroEL chamber, where it can fold.



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Thermodynamic help

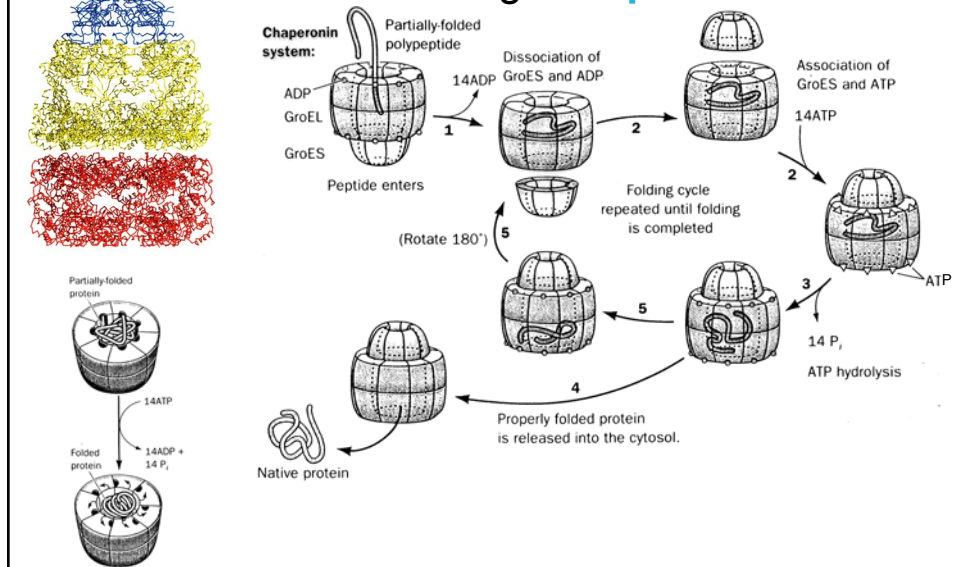
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Protein Stability, Folding, and Disease

Misfolding and Disease

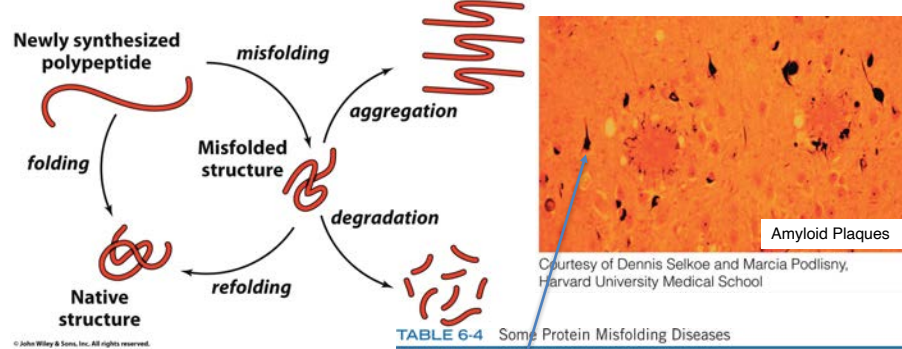


TABLE 6-4 Some Protein Misfolding Diseases

Disease	Defective Protein
Alzheimer's disease	Amyloid- β protein
Amyotrophic lateral sclerosis	Superoxide dismutase
Fibrinogen amyloidosis	Fibrinogen α chain
Huntington's disease	Huntingtin with polyglutamate expansion
Light chain amyloidosis	Immunoglobulin light chain
Lysozyme amyloidosis	Lysozyme
Parkinson's disease	α -Synuclein
Transmissible spongiform encephalopathies (TSEs)	Prion protein

Protein Misfolding Is the Basis of Numerous Human Diseases

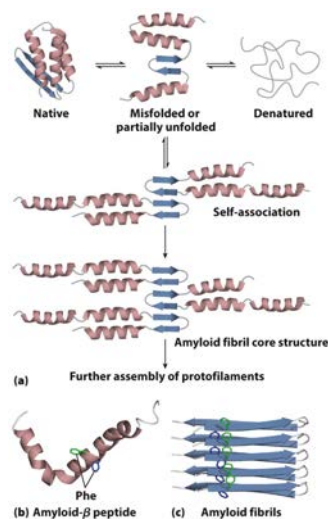
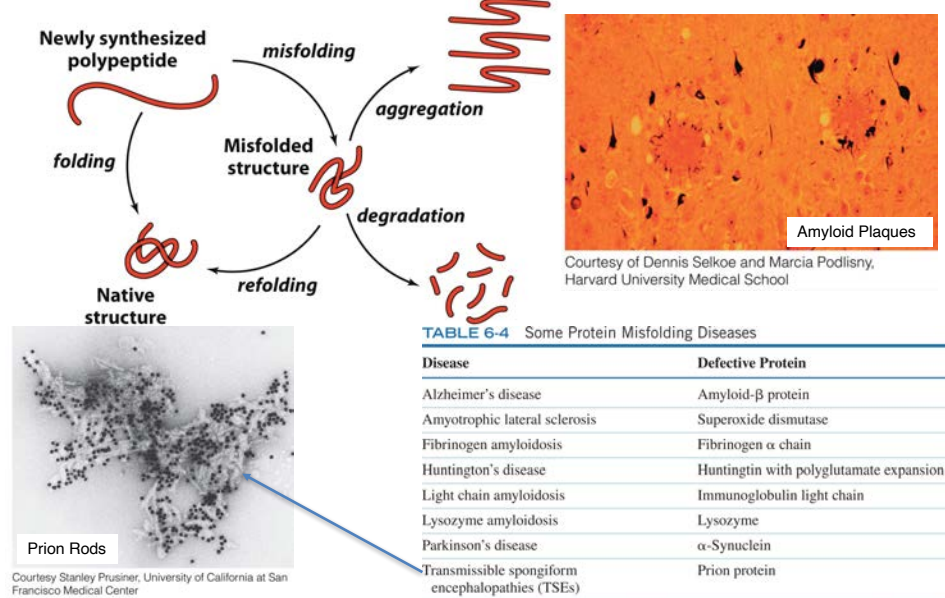


Figure 4-32
Lehninger Principles of Biochemistry, Seventh Edition
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- Native (correctly folded) β amyloid is a soluble globular protein,
- Misfolded β amyloid promotes aggregation at newly exposed protein-protein interface.
- Correctly folded helices are lost and peptides form β strands, β helices, and β sheets.

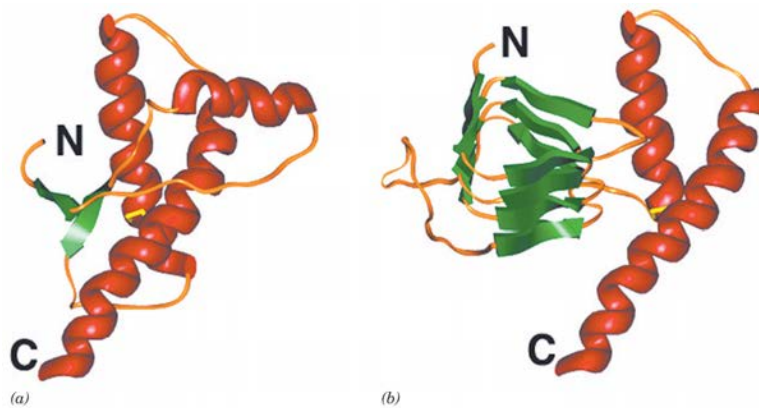
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Prion Protein Conformations



Courtesy of Fred Cohen, University of California at San Francisco. Part a based on an NMR structure by Kurt Wüthrich, Eidgenössische Technische Hochschule, Zurich, Switzerland. PDBid 1QLX.]

Human prion protein
PDBid [1QLX](#)

Protein Stability, Folding, and Dynamics

Protein Prediction

If the 1° structure is known, but only the 3° structure of a *related* homologous protein is known, a prediction of your protein can be done by “homology modeling” (*threading*).

BUT, WHAT IF NO STRUCTURE?

- Given all the known 3D structures, predictions of propensities to find residues and/or sequences of residues in certain structures have been effective.
 - e.g., already discussed propensities of residues to be in α -helices, β -sheets, and β -turns.
- Computer programs can now predict to about 80% certainty where these 2° structures will be in a given 1° sequence.
- But, the overall-fold prediction is not as good.
- As computers are getting better, the *ab initio* calculation of the lowest energy conformations are getting more reliable. e.g., **Critical Assessment of protein Structure Prediction (CASP)** competition in 2018 gave about 31% correct predictions.

Computational protein design

<http://www.predictioncenter.org/>

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Protein Dynamics: Mb

Rotamer conformations:
psec $\rightarrow$ msec

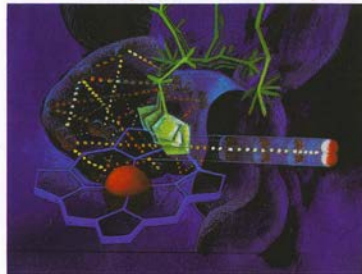
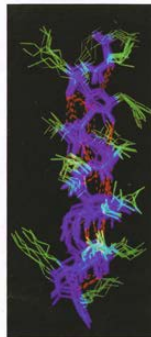


Figure 8-9. “Breathing” motions in myoglobin that permit the escape of its bound O₂.



Domain conformations:
 μ sec $\rightarrow$ msec

Molecular dynamics calculations of Mb (C α -backbone) and the Heme prosthetic group

Protein Stability

Key Concepts

- Protein stability depends primarily on hydrophobic effects and secondarily on electrostatic interactions.
- A protein that has been denatured may undergo renaturation.
- Protein structures are flexible and dynamic; may include unfolded regions.

Protein Folding

Key Concepts

- A folding protein follows a pathway from high energy and high entropy to low energy and low entropy.
- Protein disulfide isomerase catalyzes disulfide bond formation.
- A variety of molecular chaperones assist protein folding via an ATP-dependent bind-and-release mechanism.
- Amyloid diseases result from protein misfolding, with many misfolded proteins forming fibrils with extensive β structure.

Protein Stability

Checkpoint

- Describe the hydropathic index plot for a fibrous protein such as collagen or keratin.
- Describe the forces that stabilize proteins, and rank their relative importance.

Protein Folding

Checkpoint

- Summarize the results of Anfinsen's experiment with RNase A.
- Describe the energy and entropy changes that occur during protein folding.
- Explain why it is important for protein disulfide isomerase to catalyze both the breaking and formation of disulfide bonds.
- How does protein renaturation in vitro differ from protein folding in vivo?
- Explain why a protein such as RNase A can be easily denatured and renatured in vitro, whereas most proteins that are denatured do not refold properly in vitro.
- Explain the role of ATP in the action of Hsp70 and GroEL/ES.
- Why would cells need more than one type of chaperone?
- Why do proteins vary in their need for chaperones?
- What are amyloid fibrils, what is their origin, and why are they harmful?