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**WORKSHOP ON:
PROTEINS, MEMBRANES and their INTERACTIONS**

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**"Time-resolved spectroscopy - understanding the
mechanism of protein function "
PART I**

**"Diffusional dynamics of unfolded proteins:
estimating an upper limit for the rate of protein folding"
PART II**

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Lectures on Protein Kinetics and Dynamics

- * I. Hemoglobin / Myoglobin - function
- II. Dynamics of unfolded protein
- III. Observing "fast" protein folding

* Protein folding is not the only interesting area in protein physics and physical chemistry. Techniques are applicable to folding problem

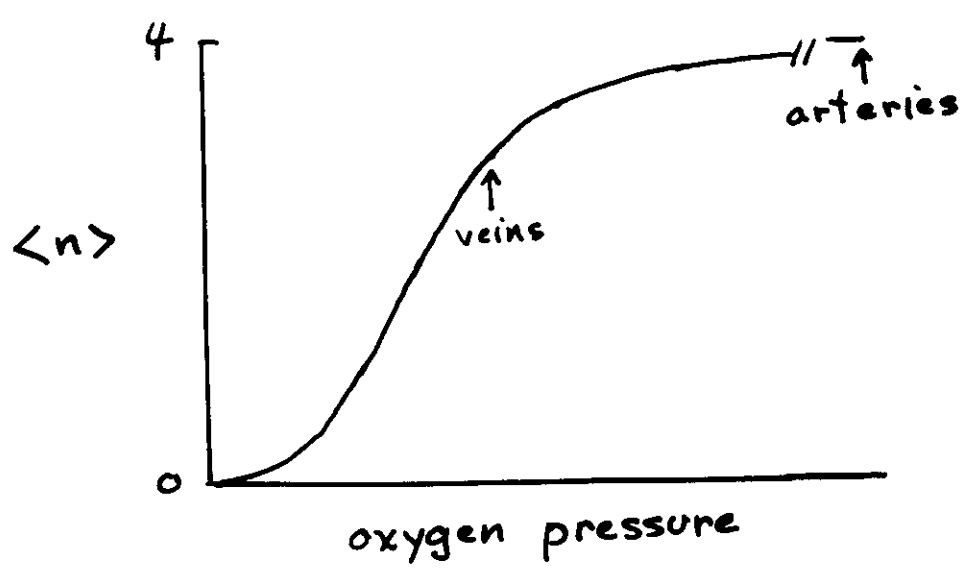
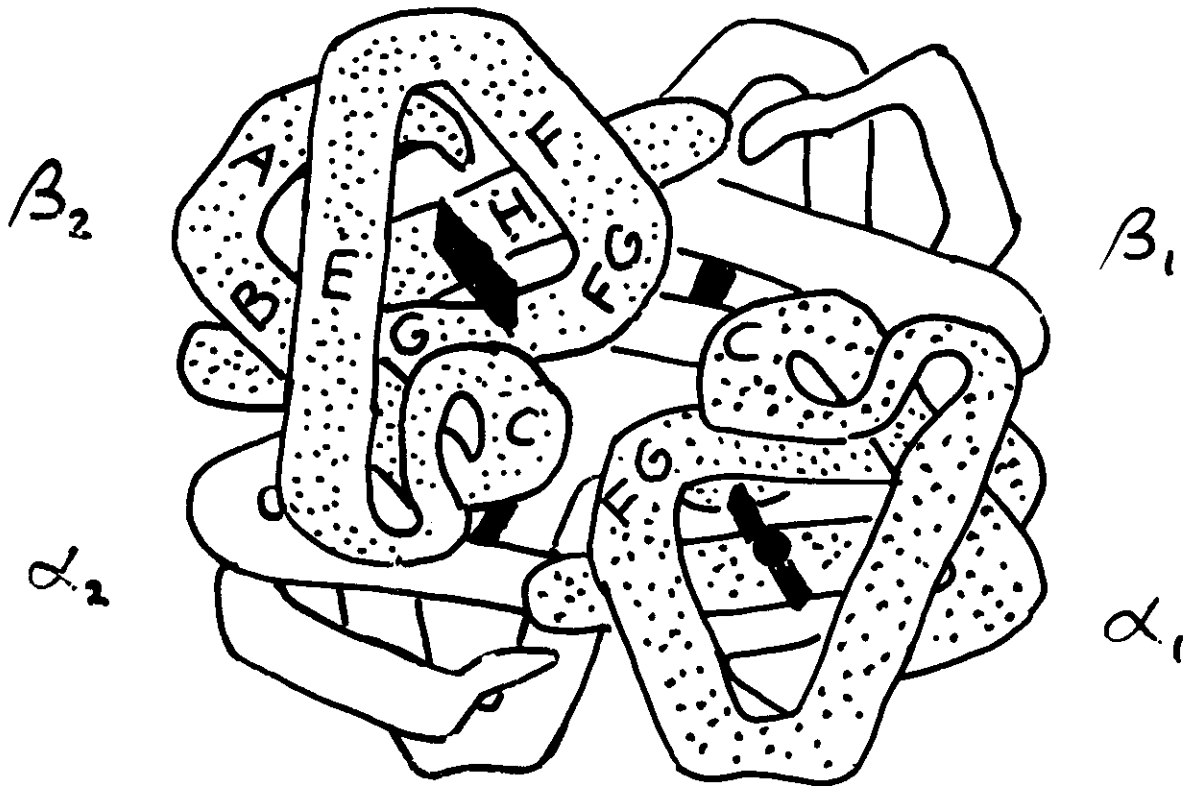
Lecture I: "Time-resolved spectroscopy - understanding the mechanism of protein function"

Question: Can a two-state (MWC, allosteric) model explain hemoglobin kinetics.

Outline of Lecture:

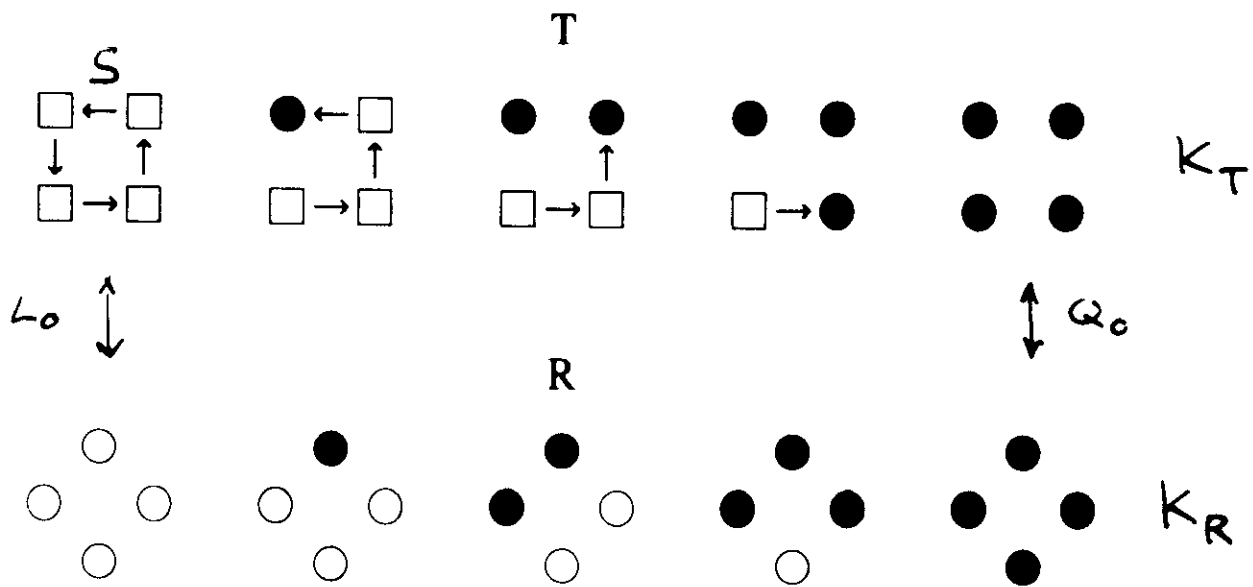
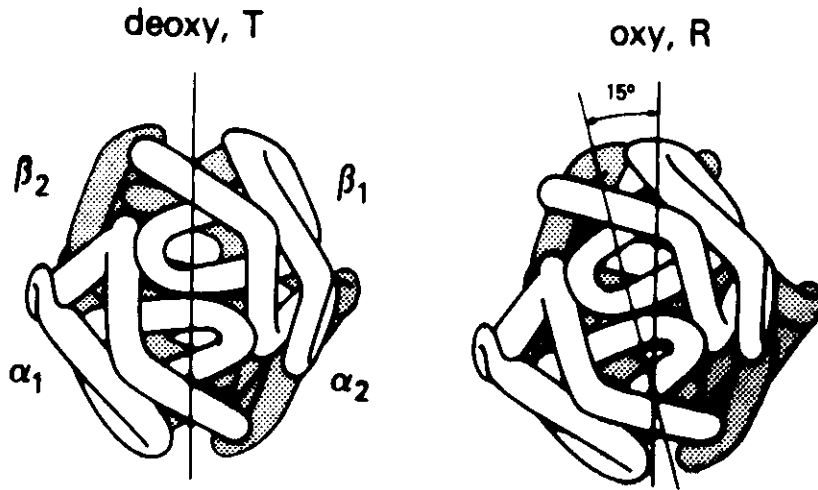
- I. The two-state model of Monod, Wyman, and Changeux (MWC)
- II. Hemoglobin kinetic data
- III. Lessons from:
 - femtosecond/picosecond spectroscopy
 - molecular dynamics simulations
 - physics of myoglobin
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- IV. Kinetic model: an "obvious" extension of MWC model.
- V. Fitting kinetic data
- VI. What next?

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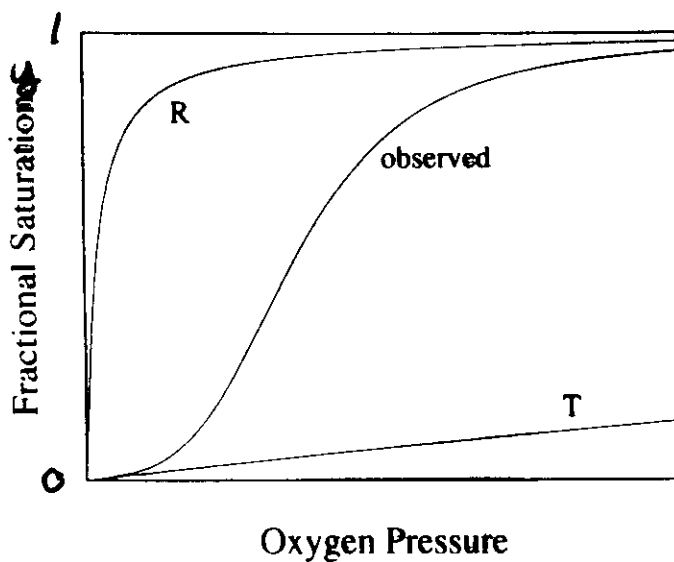


MWC - PSK Model

Monod
Wyman
Changeux
Perutz
Szaabo
Kerplus



MWC
 K_R, K_T, L_0
 $L_i = L_0 c^i$
SK
 K_R, S, Q_0



$$K_T = K_R / S$$

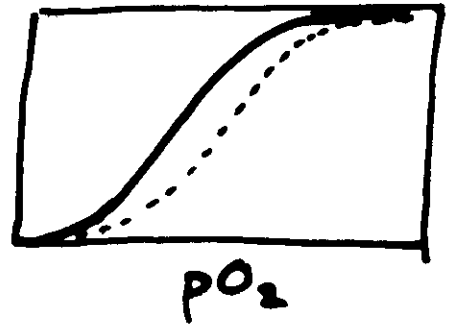
$$L_0 = Q_0 S^4$$

Short History of Hemoglobin Research

1904

Bohr

y



1920

Roughton

reaction very fast

1925

Adair

tetramer

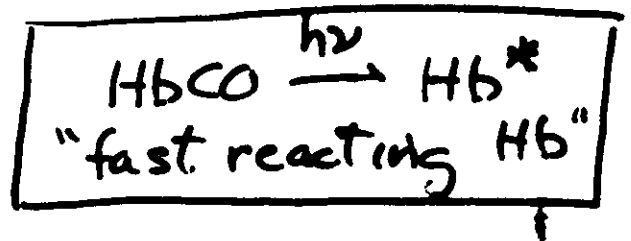
1935

Pauling

heme-heme interaction

1959

Gibson



1963

Perutz

2 quaternary structure:

1965

Monod
Wyman
Changeux

= 2 affinity states

1970

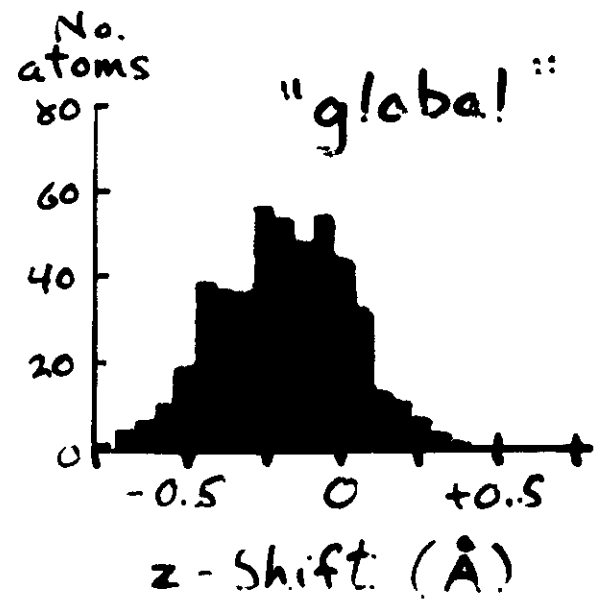
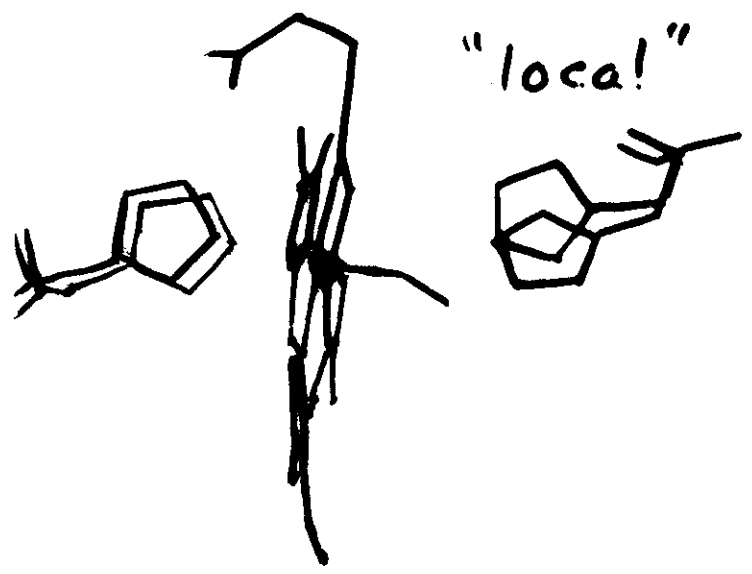
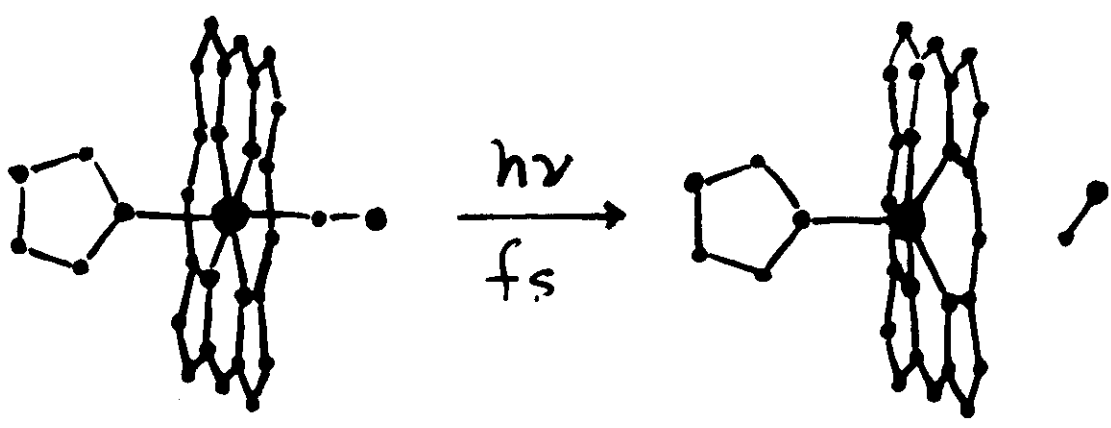
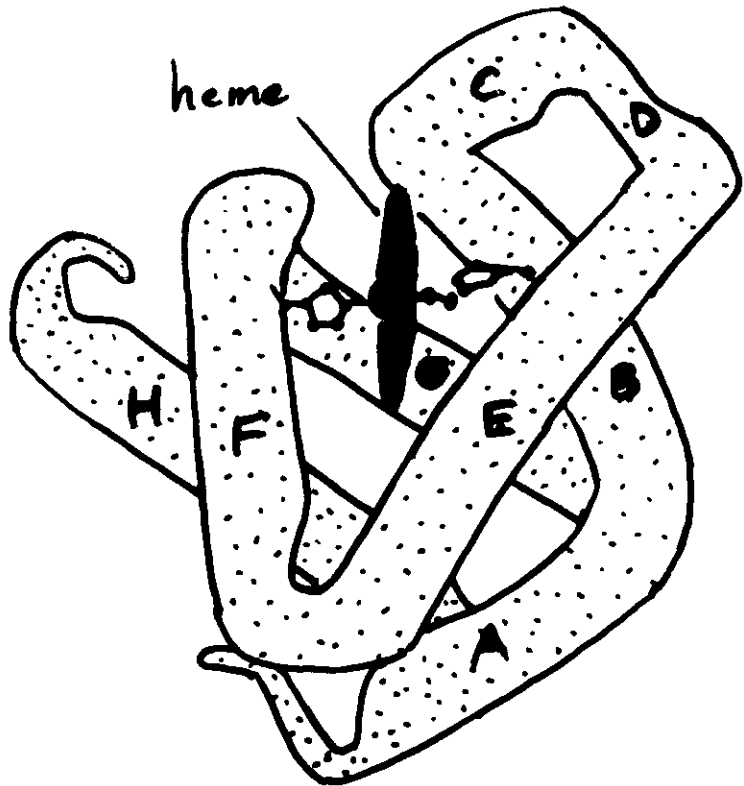
Perutz

detailed stereochemical
mechanism

1972

Seabo
Karplus

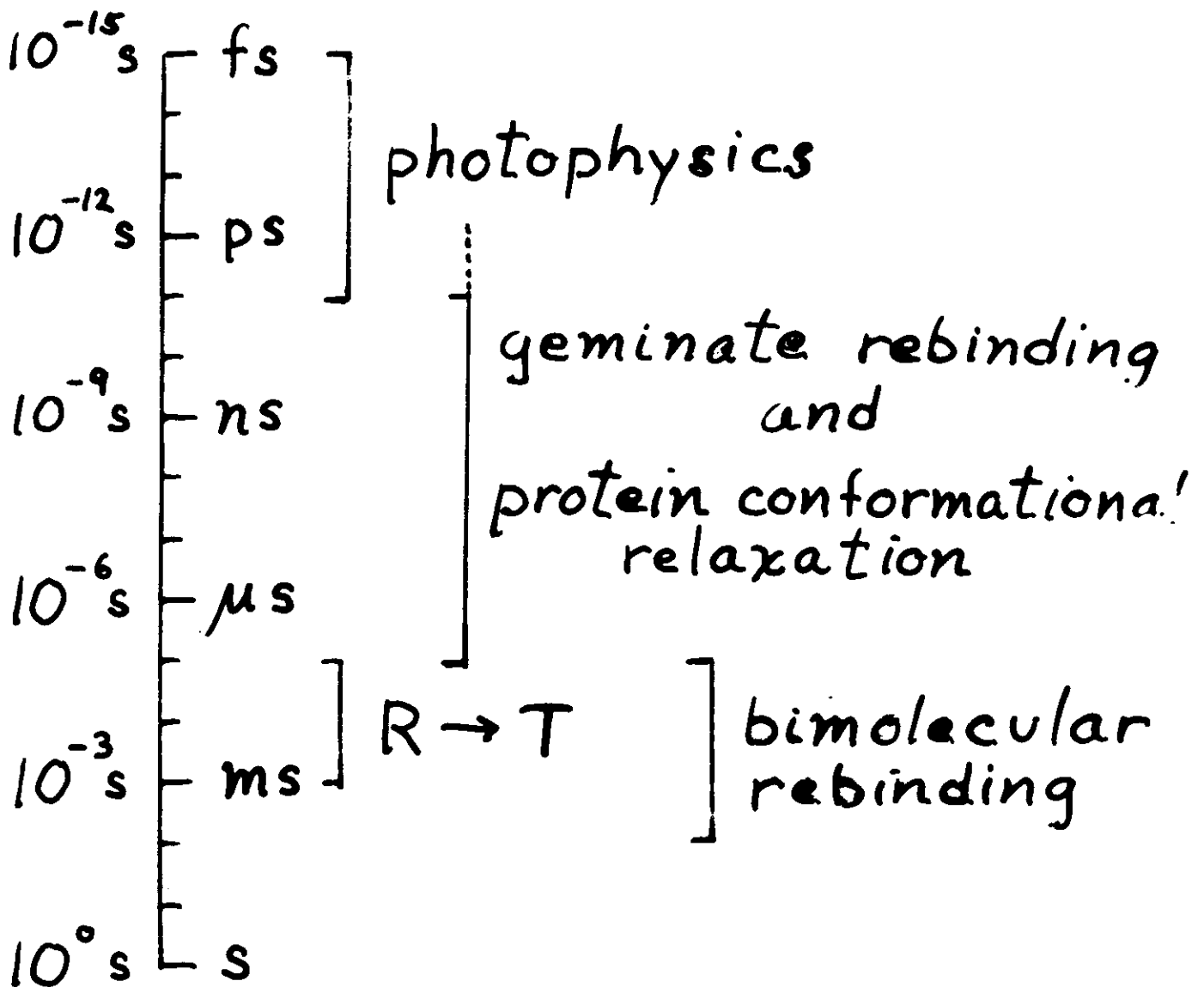
partition function for
Perutz model (modified MWC)

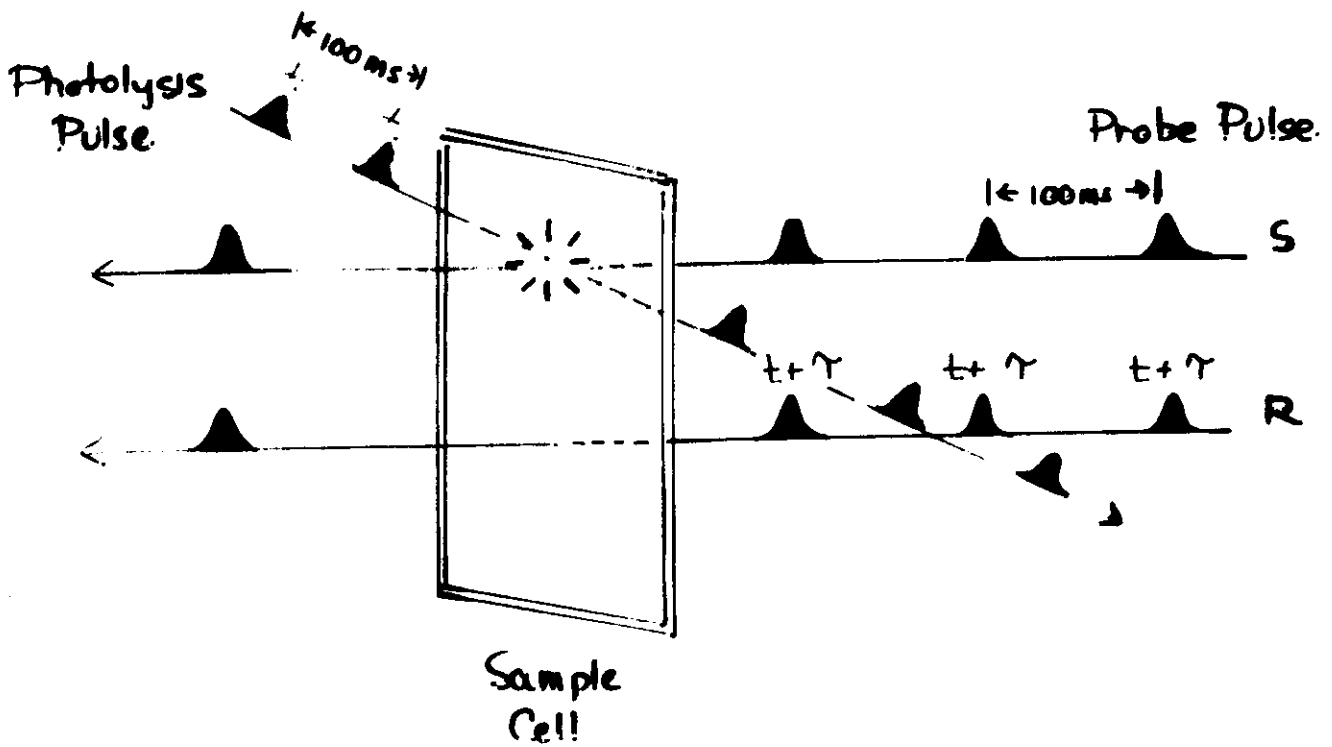
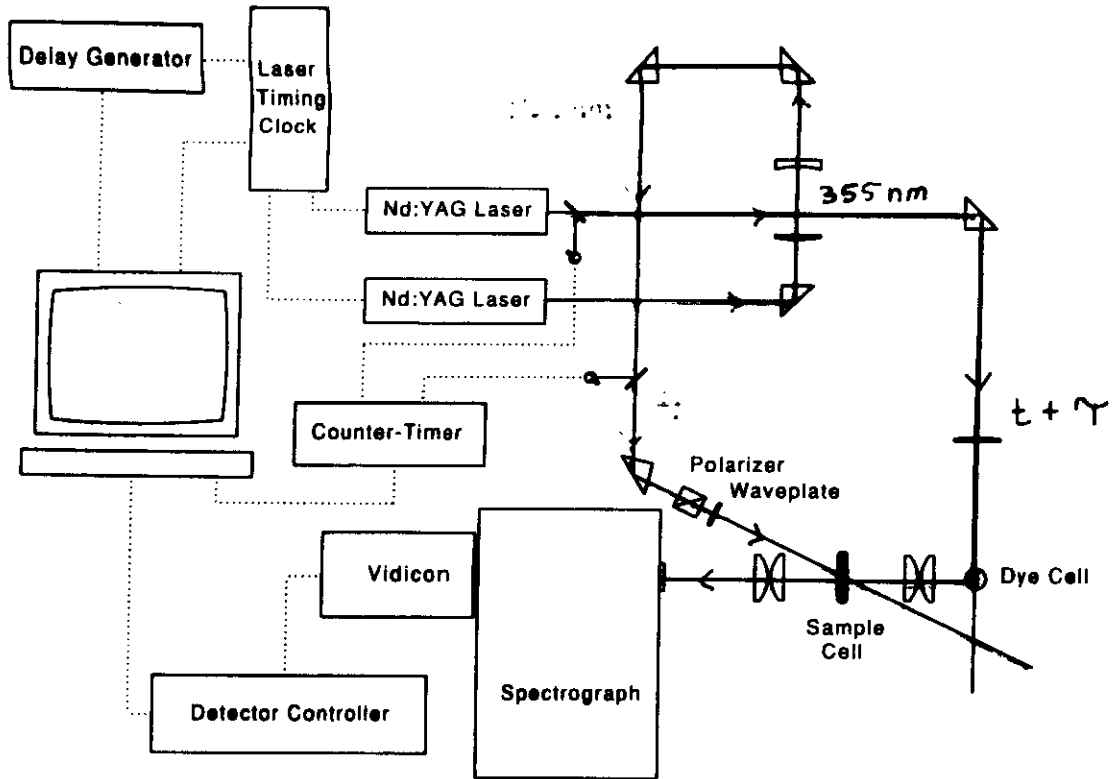


Pulsed Optical Excitation of Hemes and Heme Proteins

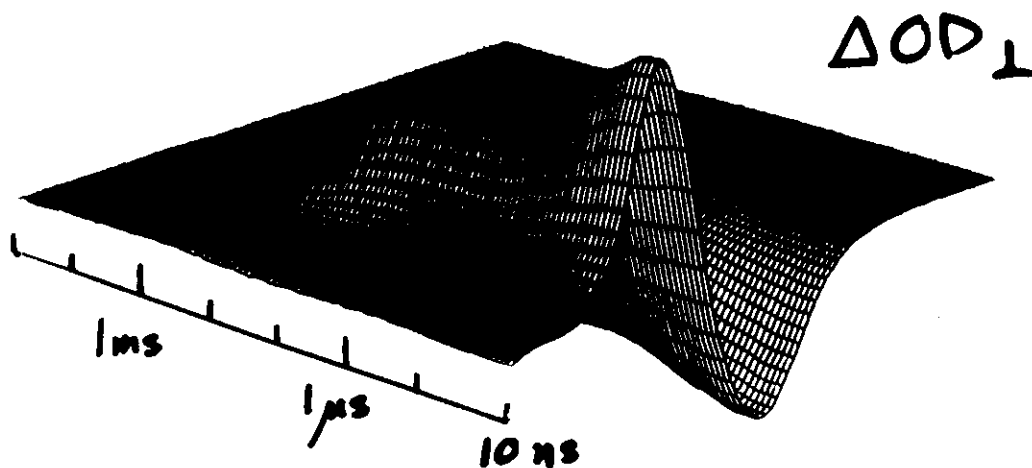
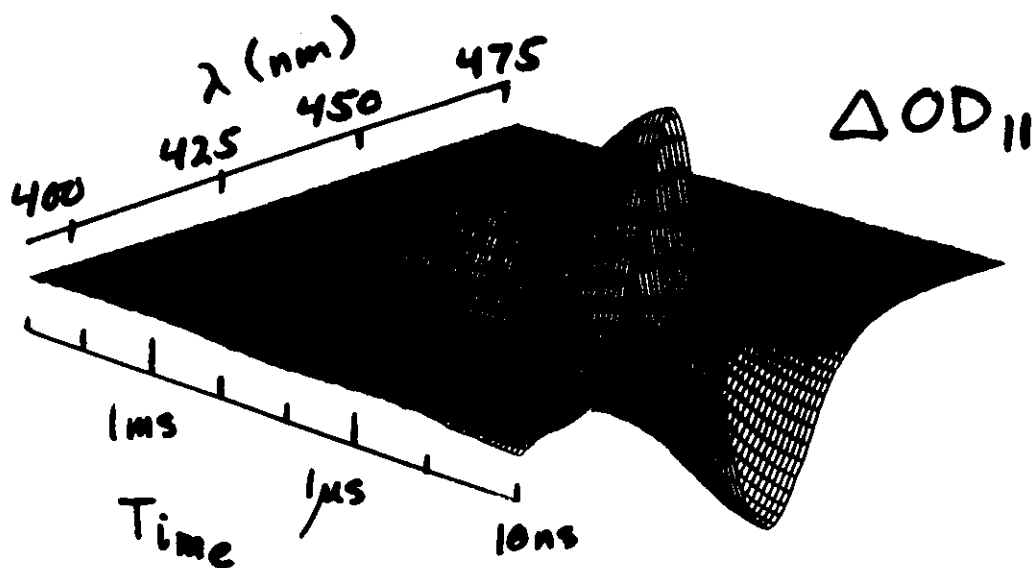
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Time

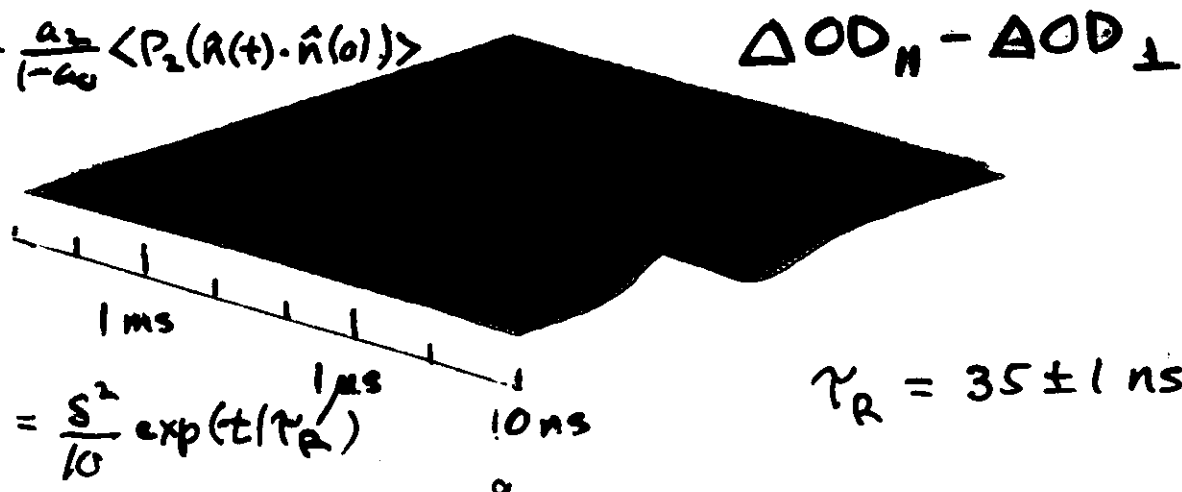




Polarized Spectra.



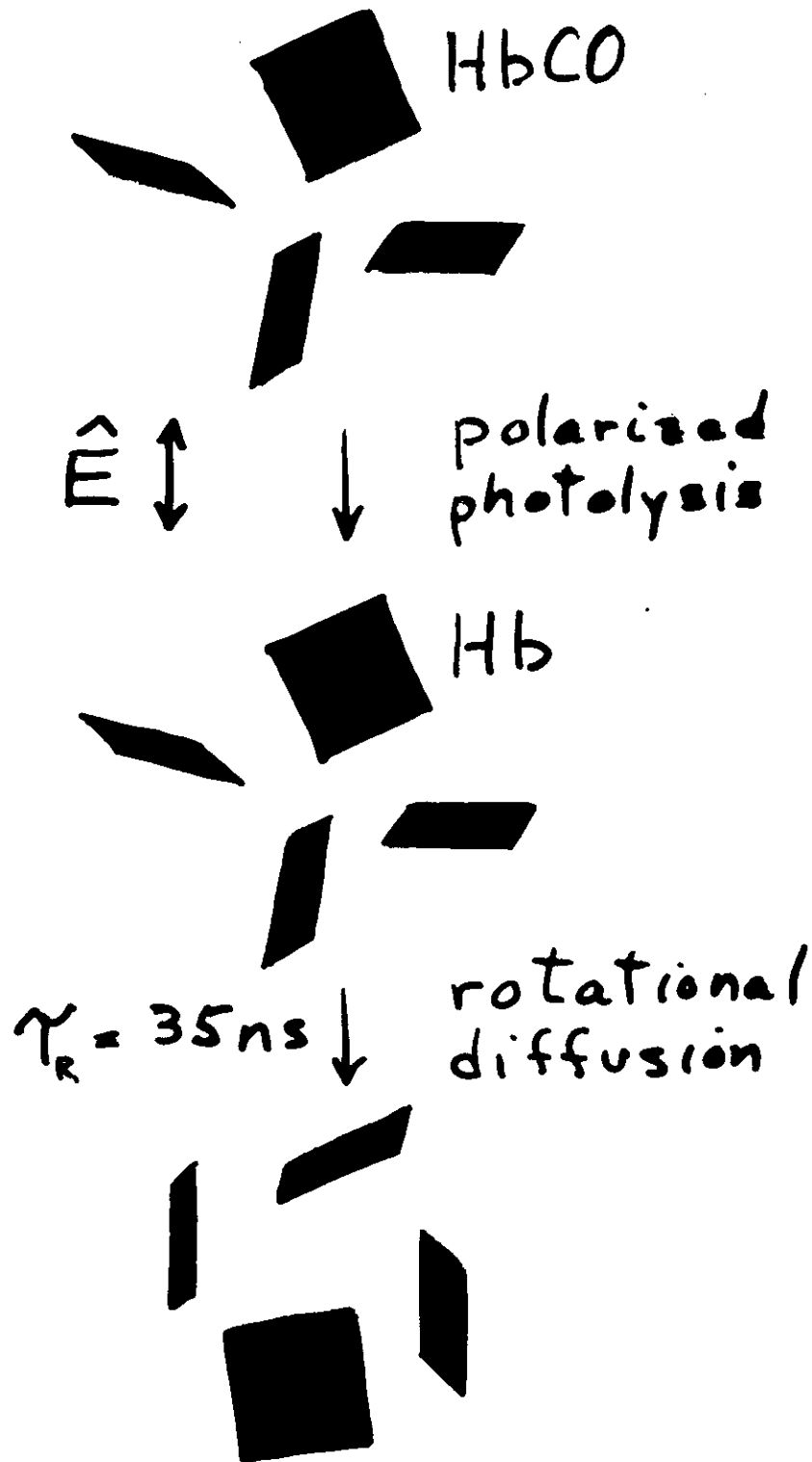
$$r(x, t) = \frac{1}{10} \frac{a_2}{(-a_0)} \langle P_2(R(t) \cdot \hat{n}(0)) \rangle$$



$$r(x \rightarrow 0; t) = \frac{S^2}{10} \exp(t/\tau_R)$$

$$\tau_R = 35 \pm 1 \text{ ns}$$

Rotational Diffusion Causes Apparent Geminate Rebinding

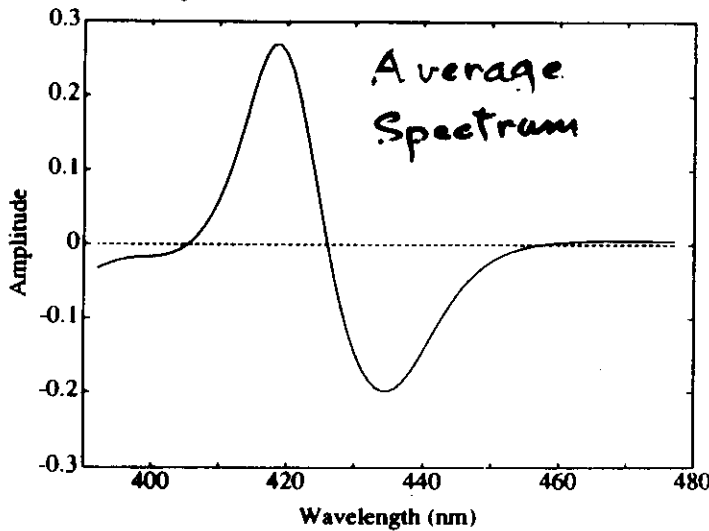


Singular Value Decomposition: $A = U \times S \times V^T$

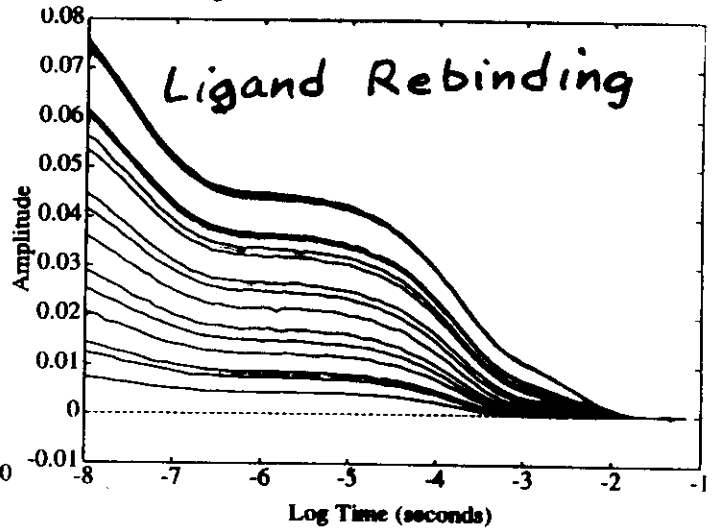
$$\begin{bmatrix} t_1 & t_2 & \dots & t_m \\ \text{OD}(\lambda_1) & \text{OD}(\lambda_1) & \dots & \text{OD}(\lambda_1) \\ \text{OD}(\lambda_2) & \text{OD}(\lambda_2) & \dots & \text{OD}(\lambda_2) \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ \text{OD}(\lambda_n) & \text{OD}(\lambda_n) & \dots & \text{OD}(\lambda_n) \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} u_1 & u_2 & \dots & \text{NOISE} \\ A(\lambda_1) & A(\lambda_1) & \dots & A(\lambda_1) \\ A(\lambda_2) & A(\lambda_2) & \dots & A(\lambda_2) \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ A(\lambda_n) & A(\lambda_n) & \dots & A(\lambda_n) \end{bmatrix} \times S \times \begin{bmatrix} v_1 & v_2 & \dots & \text{NOISE} \\ A(t_1) & A(t_2) & \dots & A(t_m) \\ A(t_1) & A(t_2) & \dots & A(t_m) \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ \text{NOISE} & \text{NOISE} & \dots & \text{NOISE} \end{bmatrix}$$

$A = U \times S \times V^T$

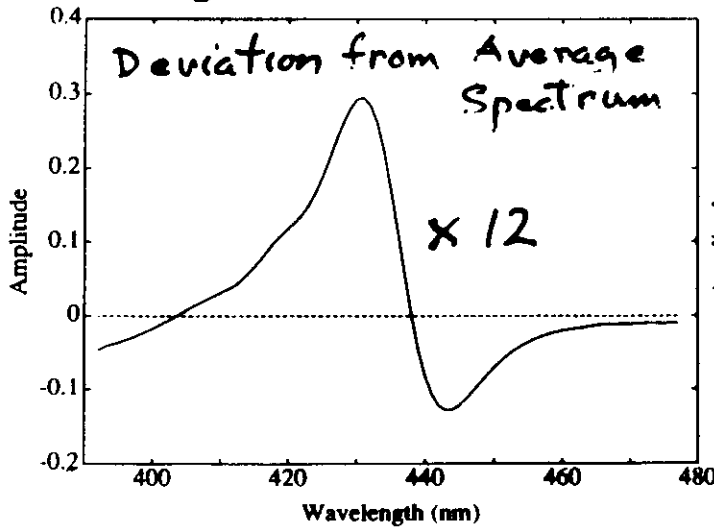
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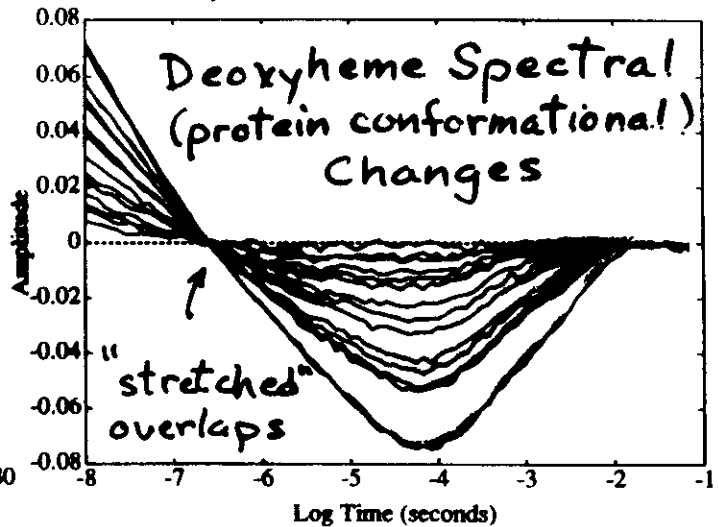
V column 1



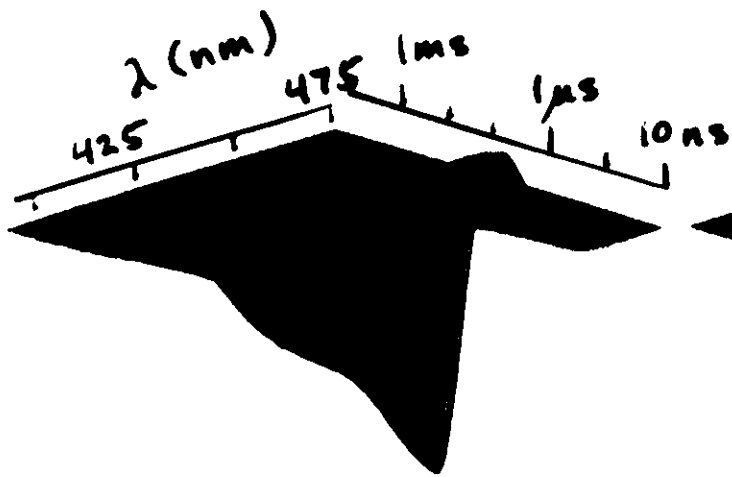
U column 2



V column 2

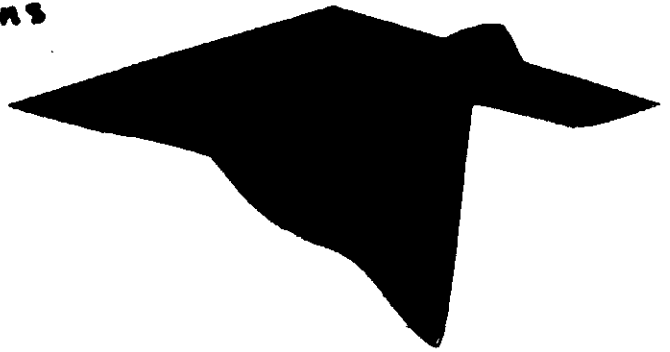


Singular Value Decomposition (isotropic data)



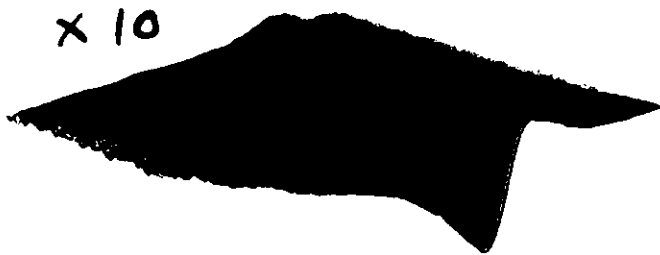
data

ligand rebinding



best one-component fit

deoxyheme
(protein conformational changes)

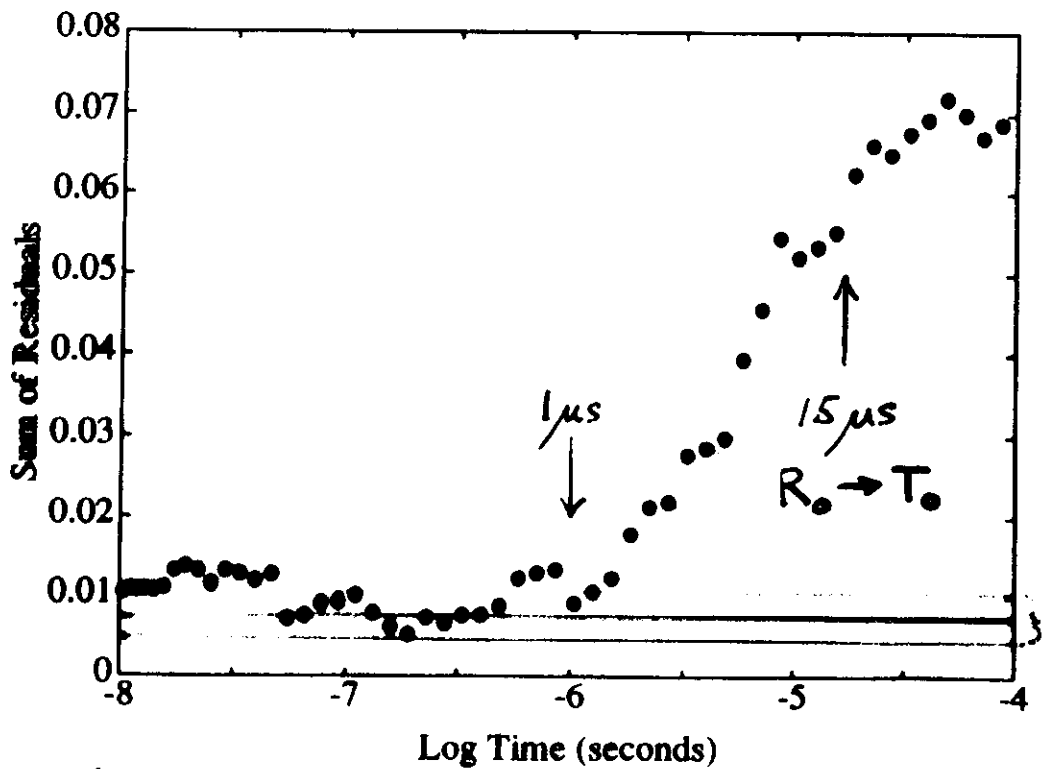
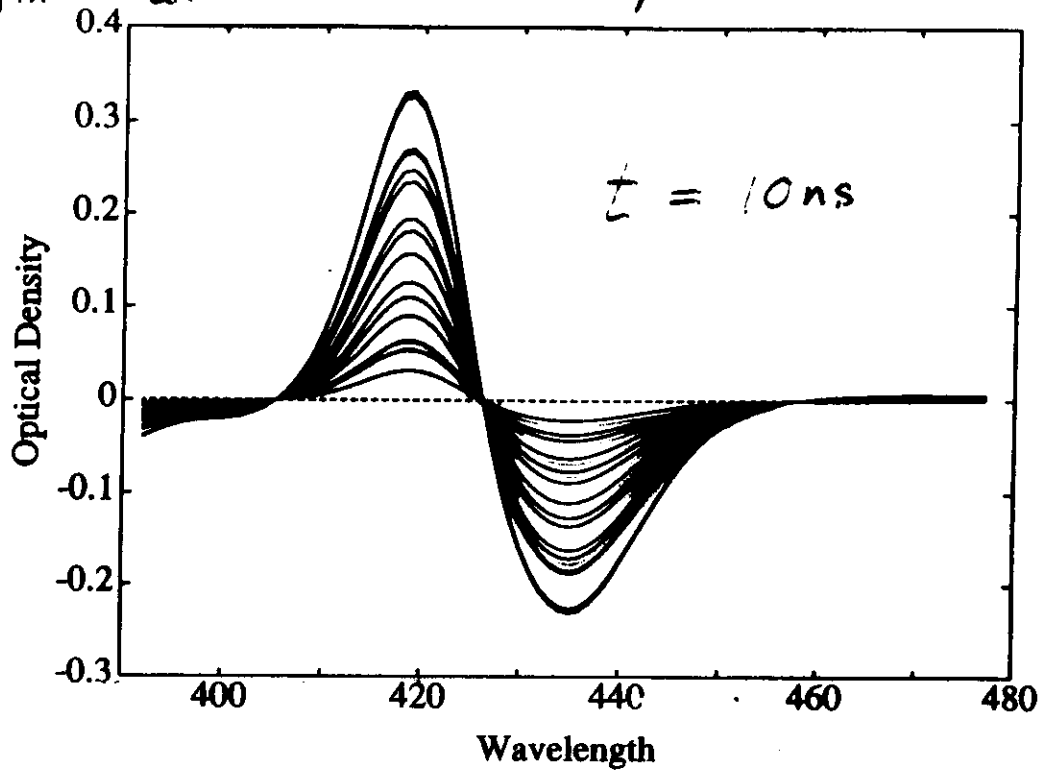


"residual"
second-component



third component

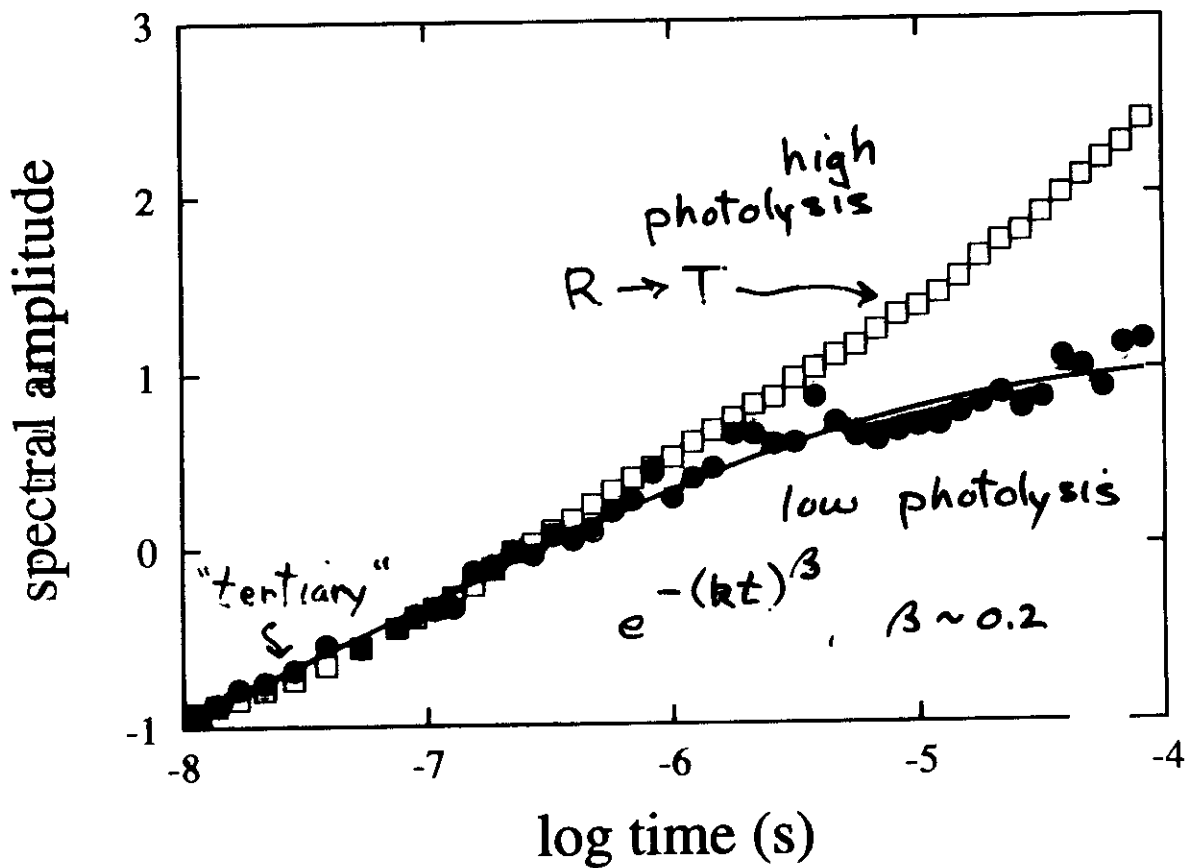
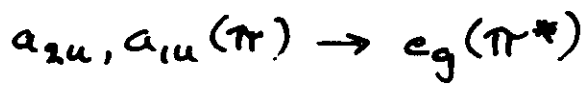
Compare spectra at different degrees of photolysis at each time delay.



Spectra have same shape (molecule has same structure) at all ligation states until 1 μs.

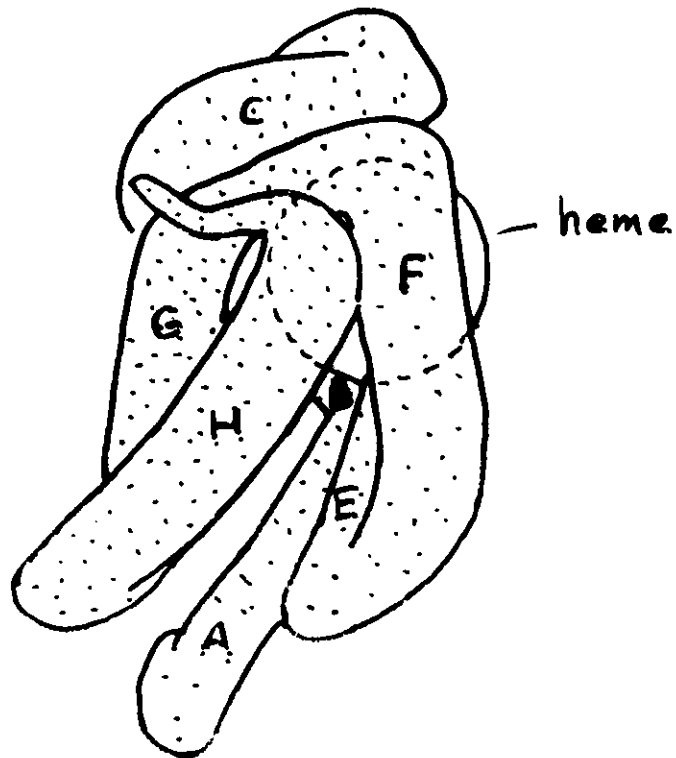
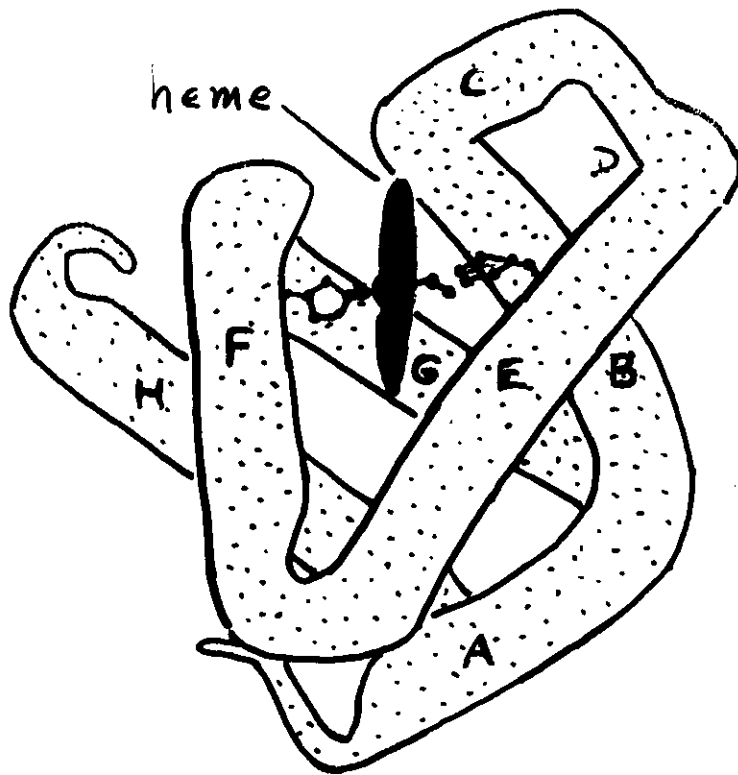
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Conformational Relaxation in Hemoglobin



"Stretched" exponential key to explaining kinetics in terms of a two-state allosteric model."

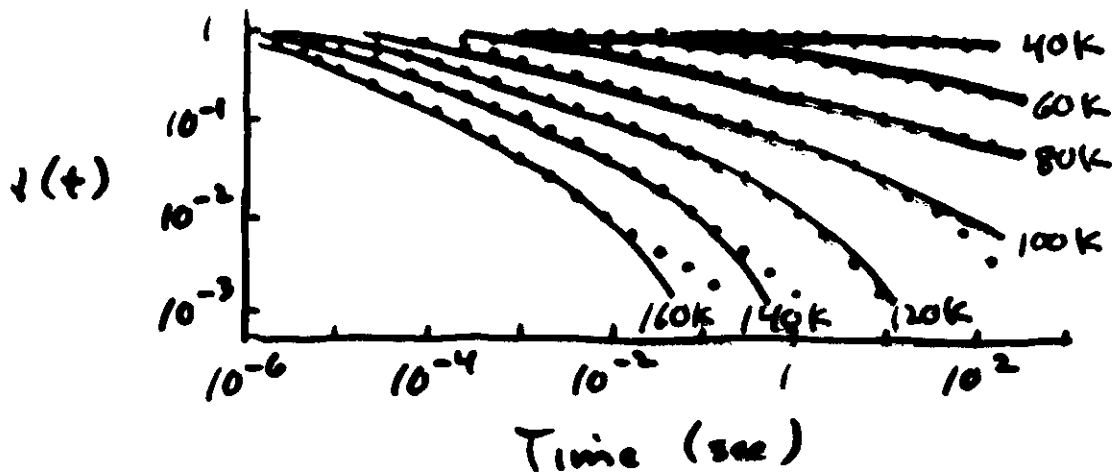
Myoglobin



Conformational Substates - 1975.

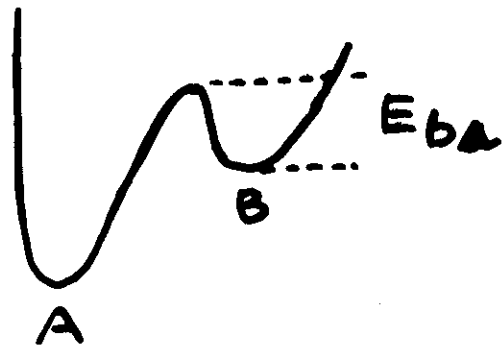
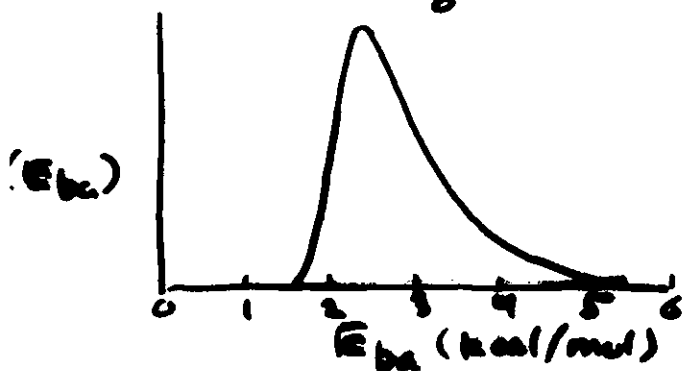
MbCO

3:1 glycerol-water



Basic Idea: multiple conformations, each with different activation energy, "frozen" in at low temperature, to produce a distribution of rates.

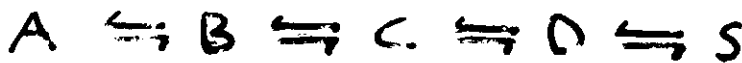
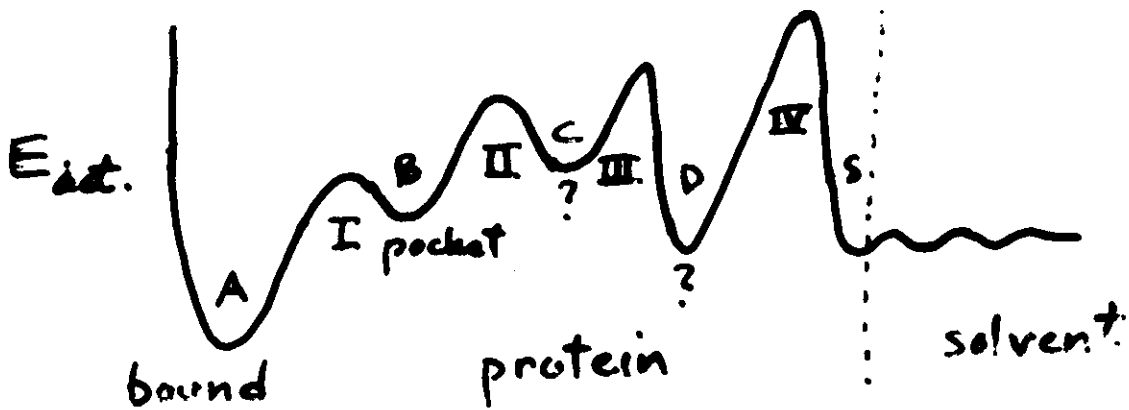
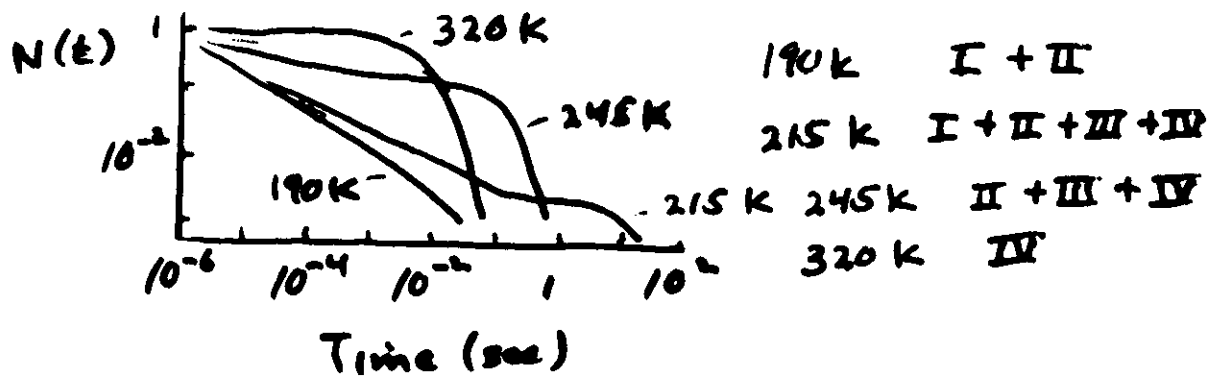
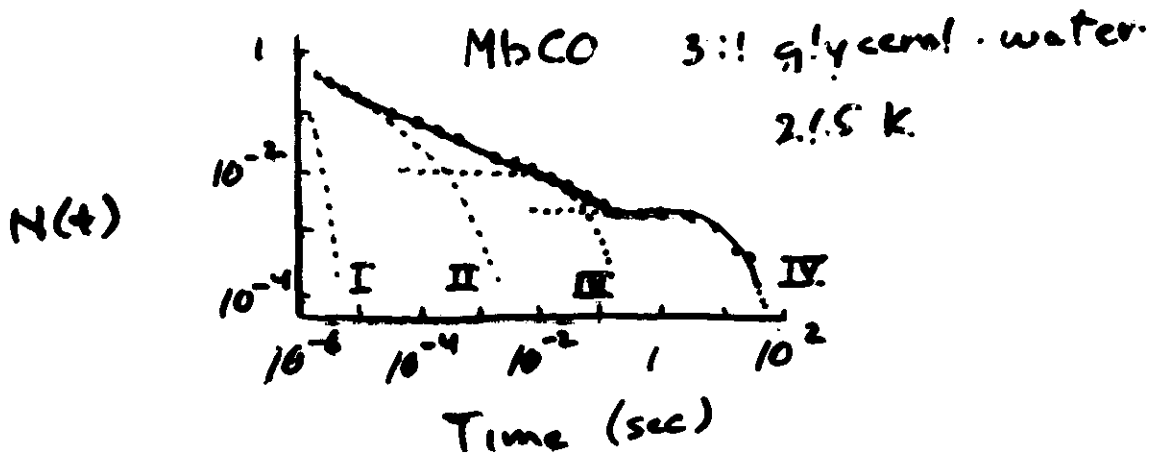
$$N(t) = \int_0^{\infty} g(E_{ba}) e^{-k_{ba} t} dE_{ba}, \quad k_{ba} = A_{ba} e^{-E_{ba}/RT}$$



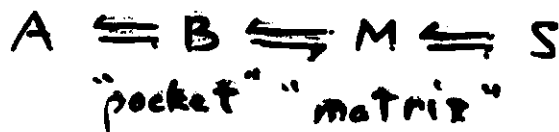
At high temperature, if relaxation among substates is very fast, $k_r \gg k_{ba}^{\max}$ - rebinding is exponential!

$$N(t) = e^{-\int g(E_{ba}) k_{ba} t dE_{ba}} = e^{-k_{ba}^{\text{mean}} t}$$

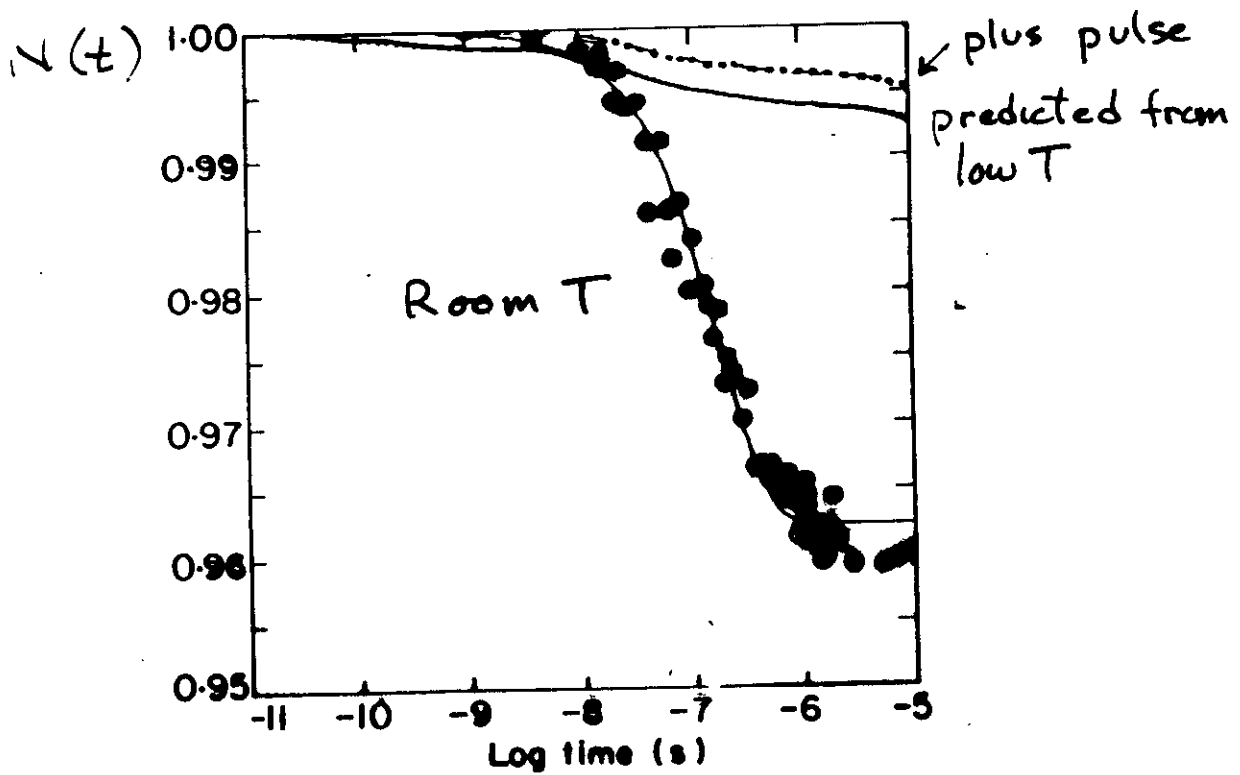
Multiple Barriers - 1975



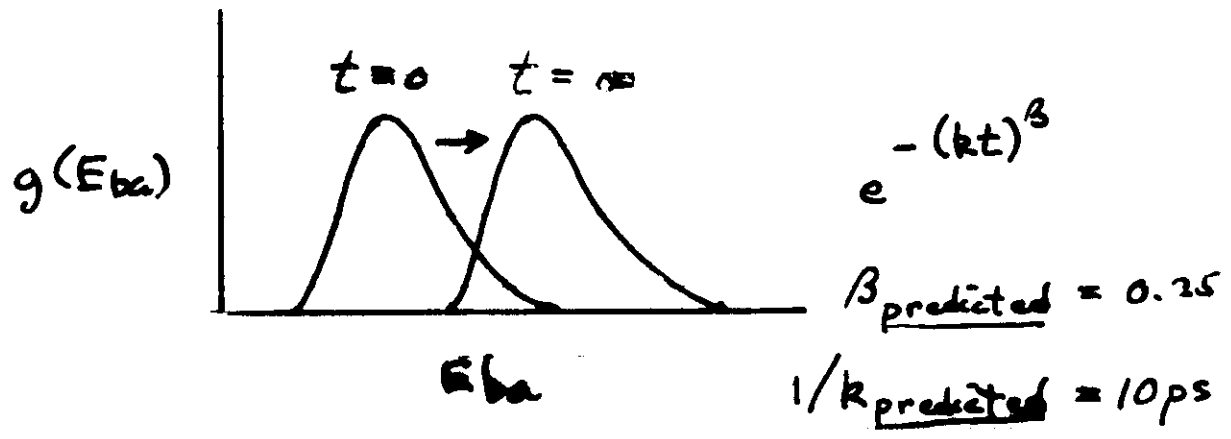
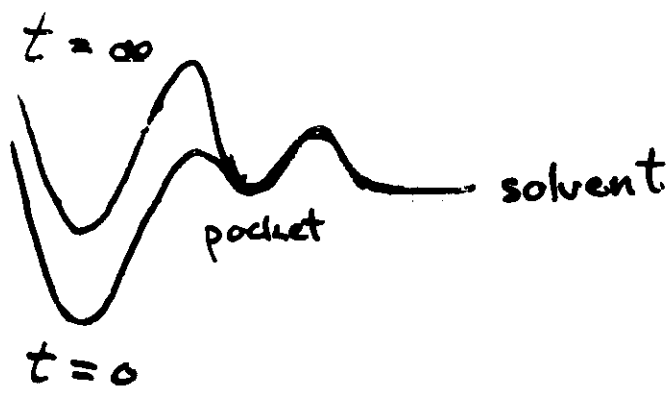
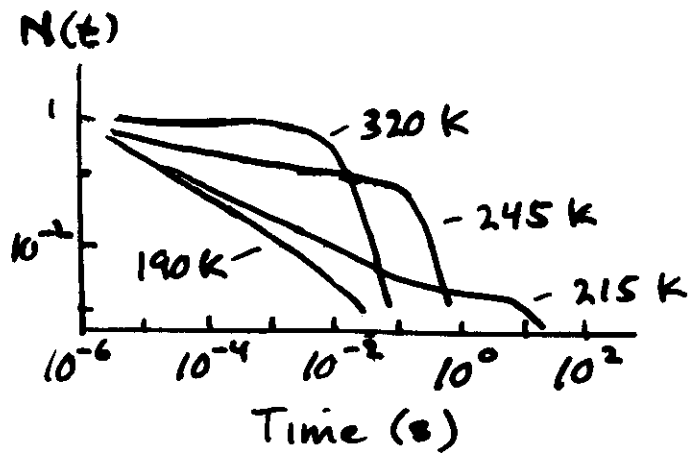
more recently



Discovery of geminate rebinding of CO
in liquid Mb solution



Forced reevaluation of relation between
low T and high T data.



An alternative view (Agmon & Hopfield, 1983)
 - protein relaxation shifts barrier height distribution.

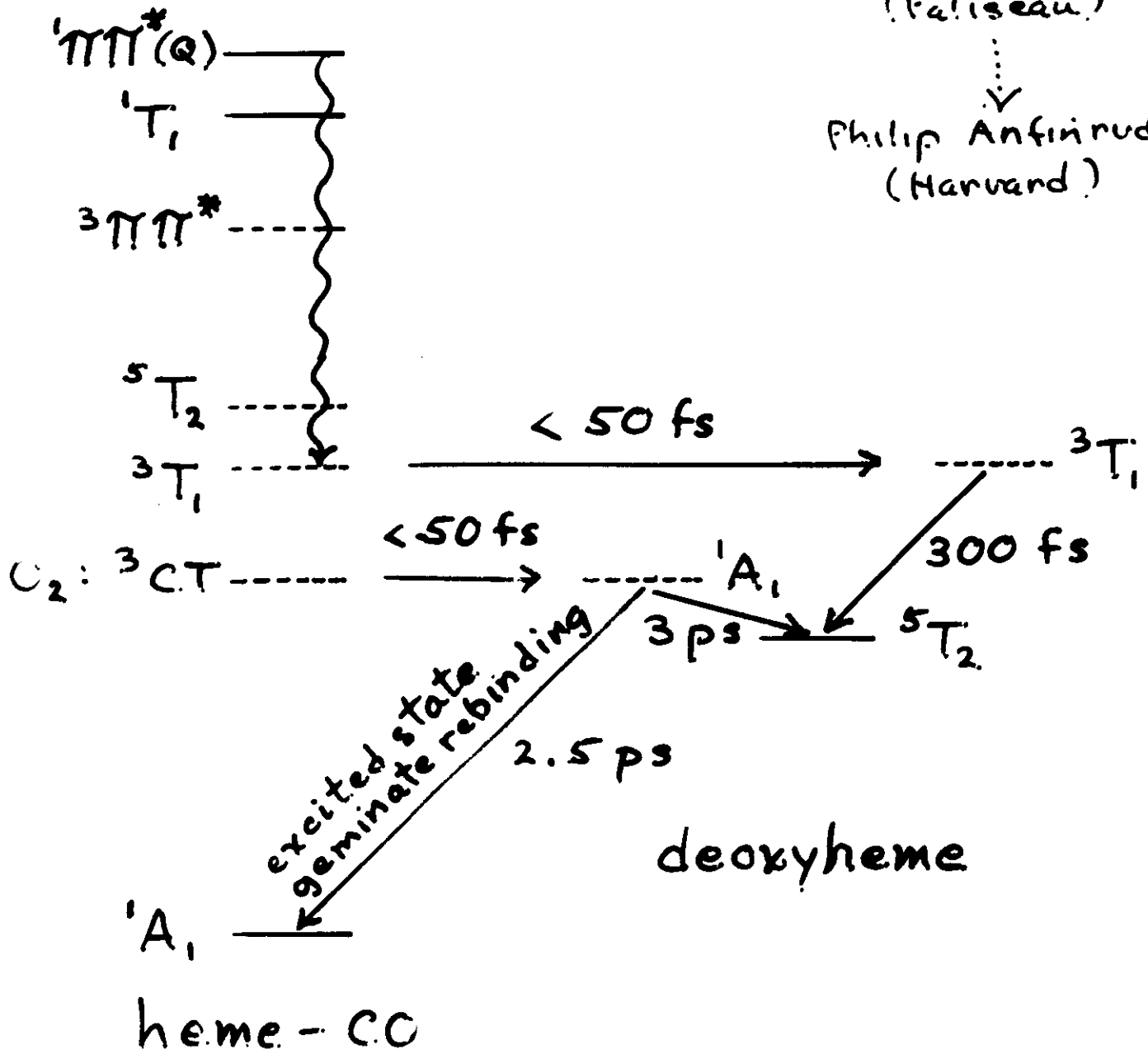
Stembach, Frauenfelder et al. 1991 -
predicted kinetics of protein relaxation

Photophysics

Robin Hochstrasser
(U. Penn.)

Jean-Louis Martin
(Palaiseau)

Philip Anfinrud
(Harvard)

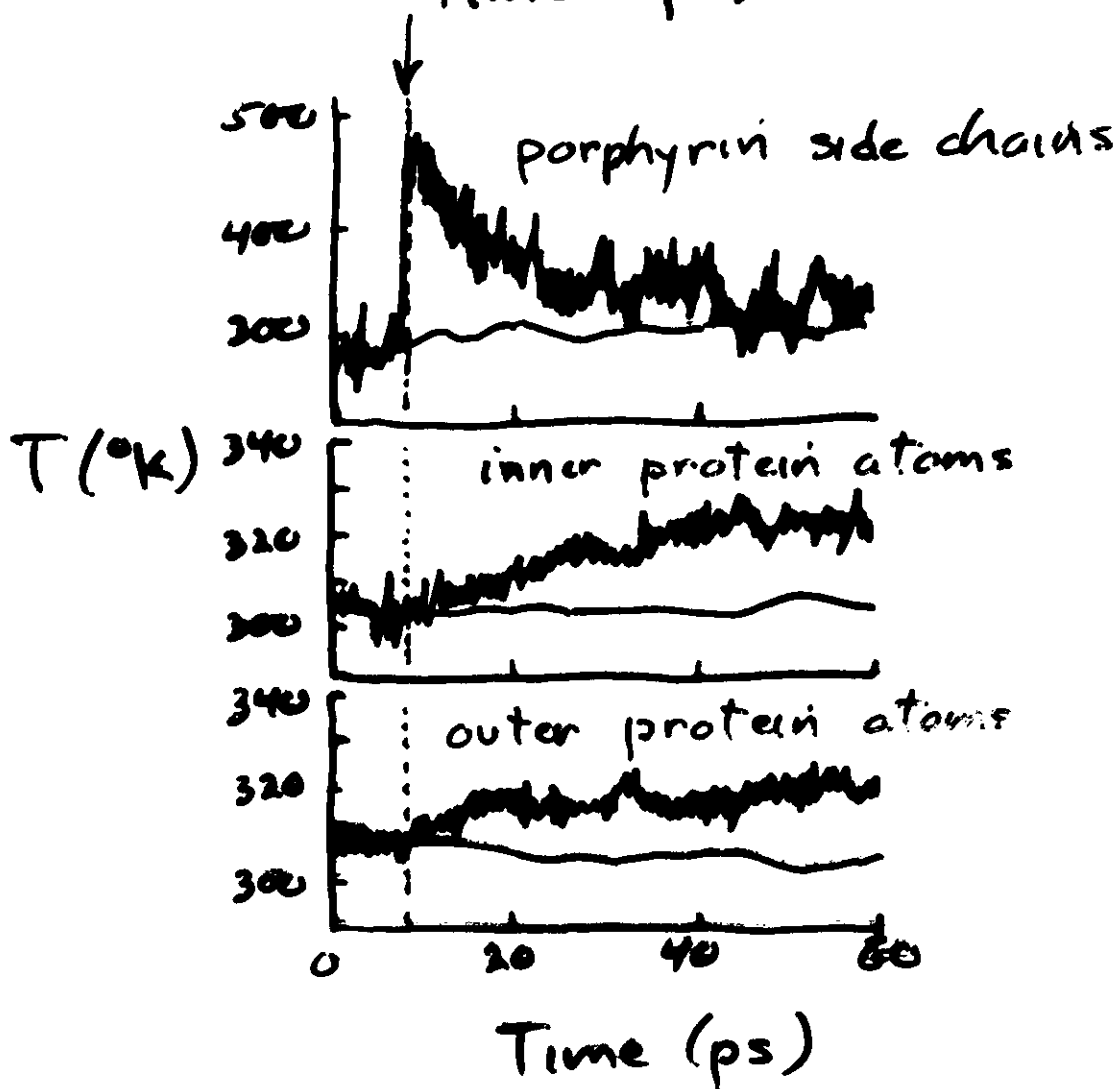
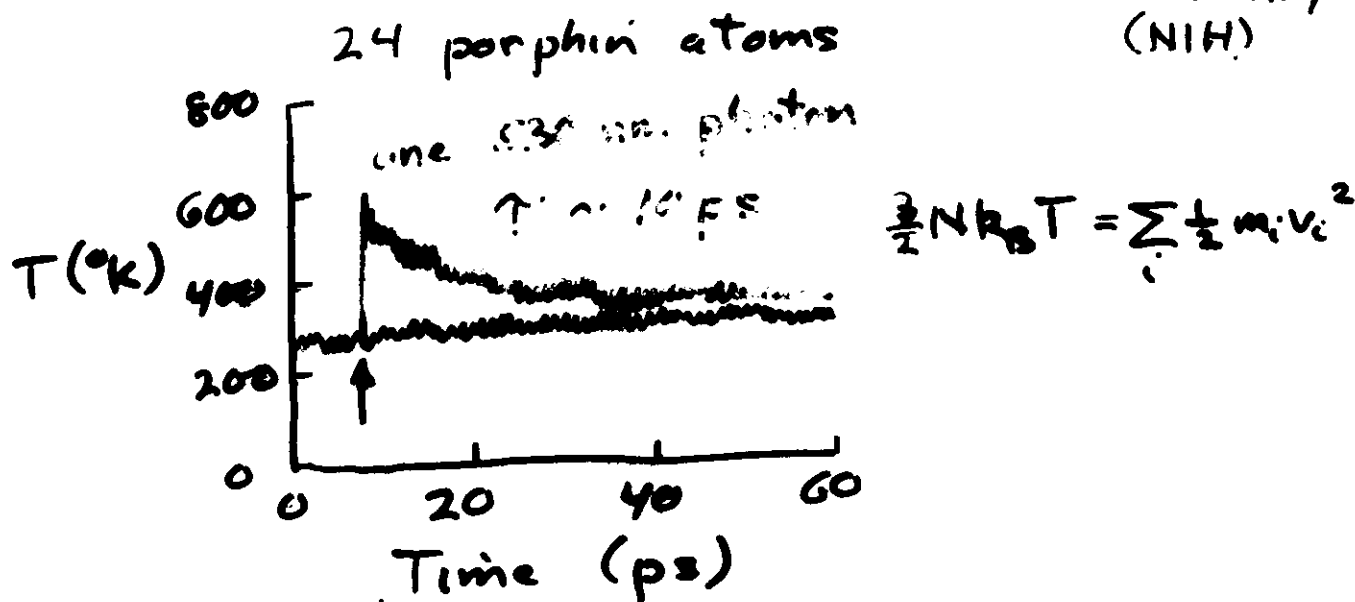


Questions:

Creation of excited states ("stone age")

Identification of excited state intermediates

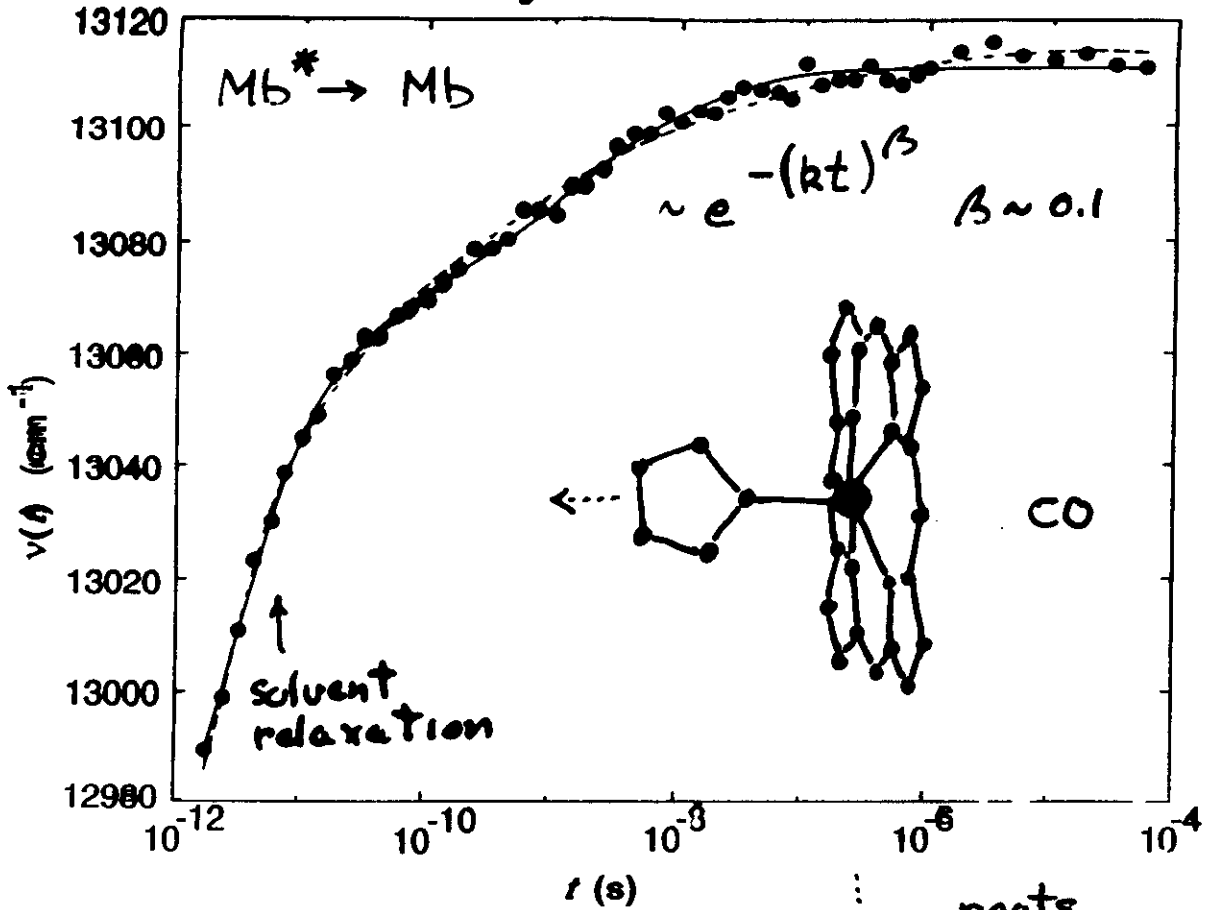
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Thermal effects potentially very important
at times < 20 ps

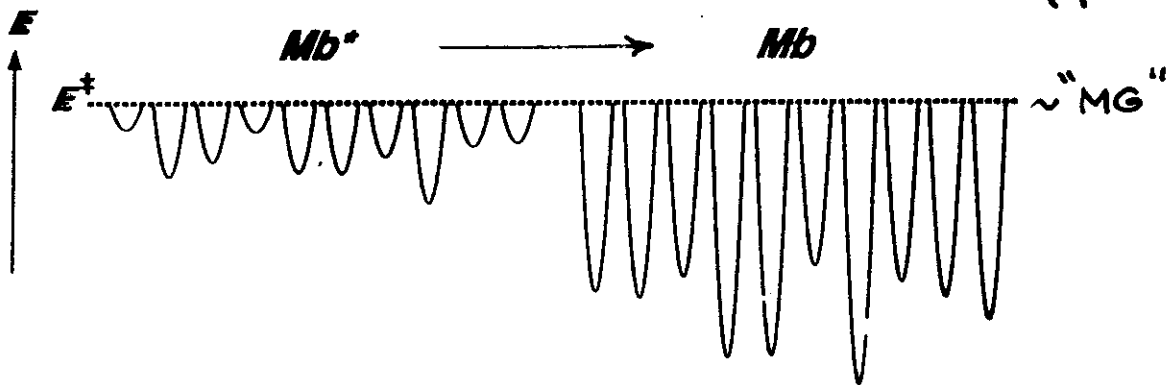
Stephen Hagen (NIH); Data of Philip Anfinsen (Harvard)

$a_{24}(\nu) \rightarrow \text{Fe}(d_{xz})$ charge transfer



- De Dominicis et al. '85
- Koper & Hillhorst '87
- Shakhnovich & Gutin '89
- Frauenfelder et al. '91
- Saven et al. '94

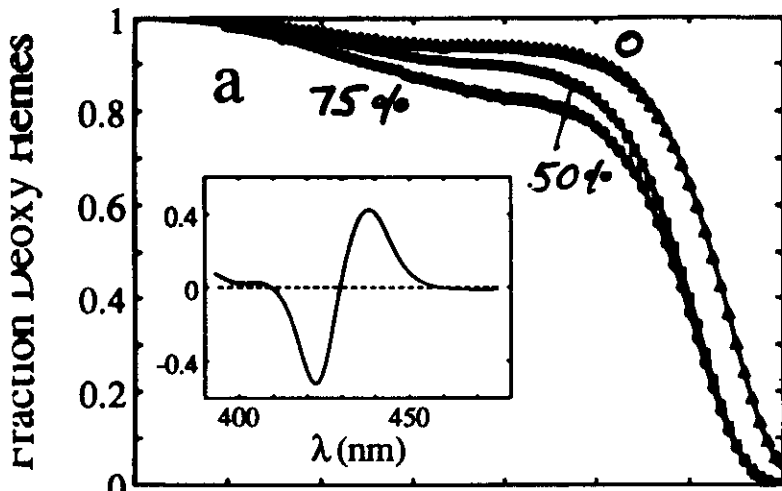
A Model



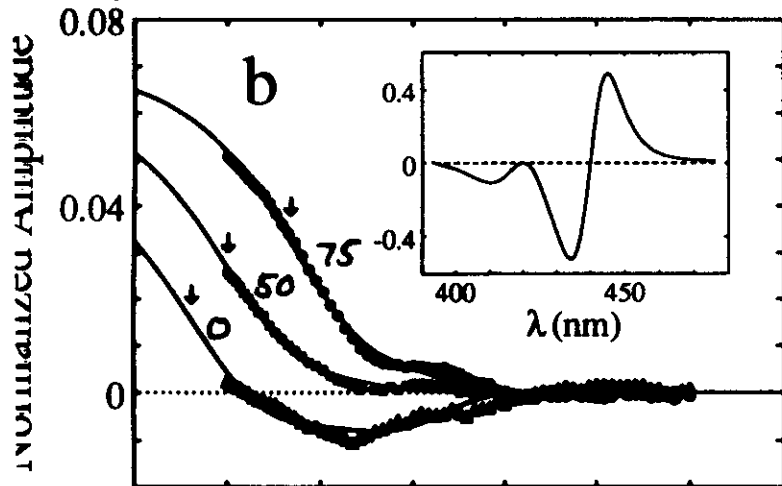
$$k_{ij}(T) = k_0 g(E_j) dE \exp[-(E^\ddagger - E_i)/RT]$$

single molecule experiments could reveal connectivity

Myoglobin - CO 0, 50%, 75% glycerol

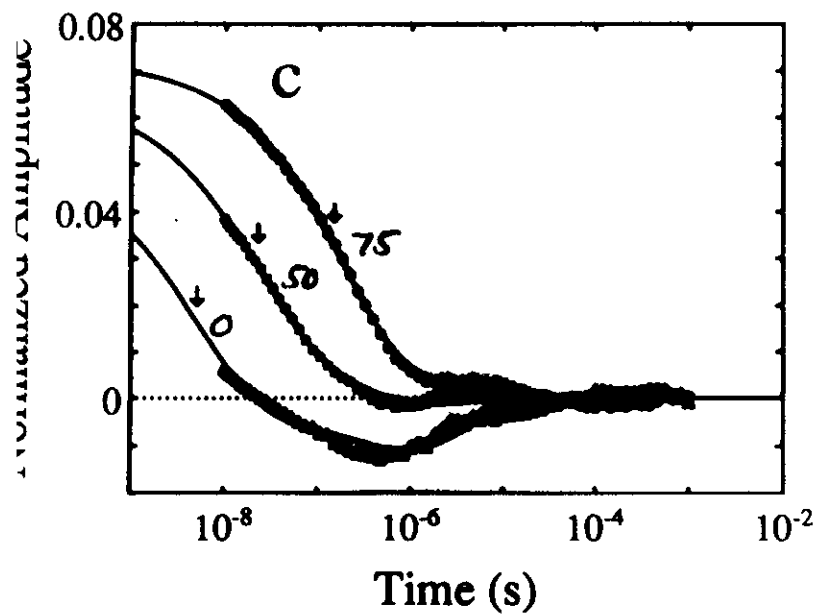


Ligand Rebinding



Deoxyheme Spectral Changes = Protein Conformational Changes

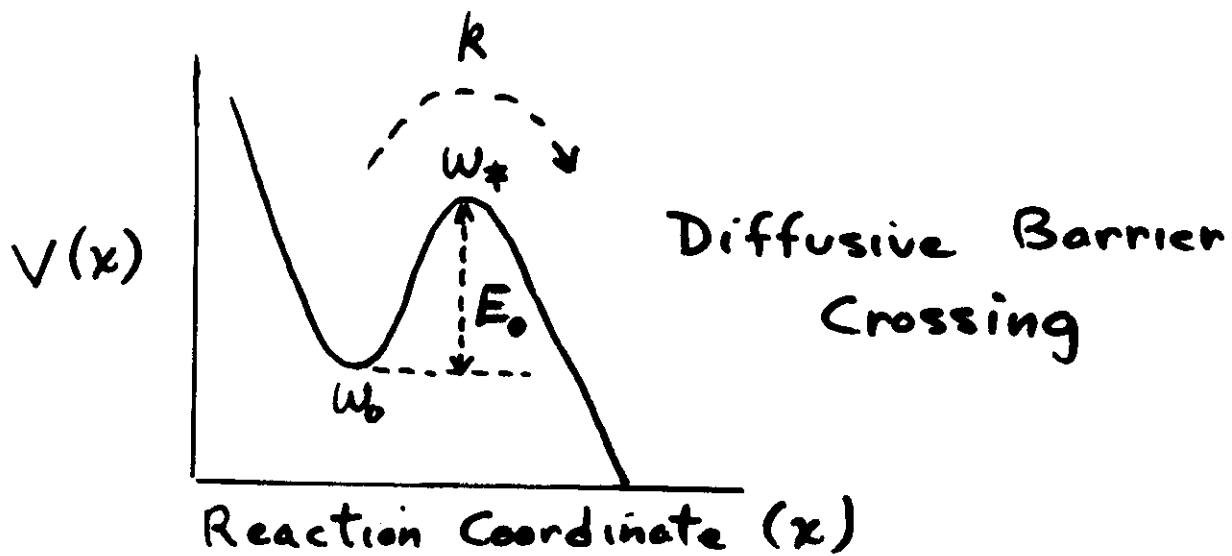
20°C



5°C

$$A = A_0 \exp(-kt)^\beta$$

$$\beta = 0.6$$



Dynamics described by Langevin equation:

$$M \frac{d^2 x}{dt^2} = -\frac{dV}{dx} - \zeta \frac{dx}{dt} + R(t)$$

which, in high friction limit, yields Kramers' equation:

$$k = \frac{M \omega_b \omega_{\ddagger}}{2\pi\zeta} \exp\left(-\frac{E_0}{k_B T}\right)$$

Assuming that protein friction and solvent friction are additive, Kramers' equation is:

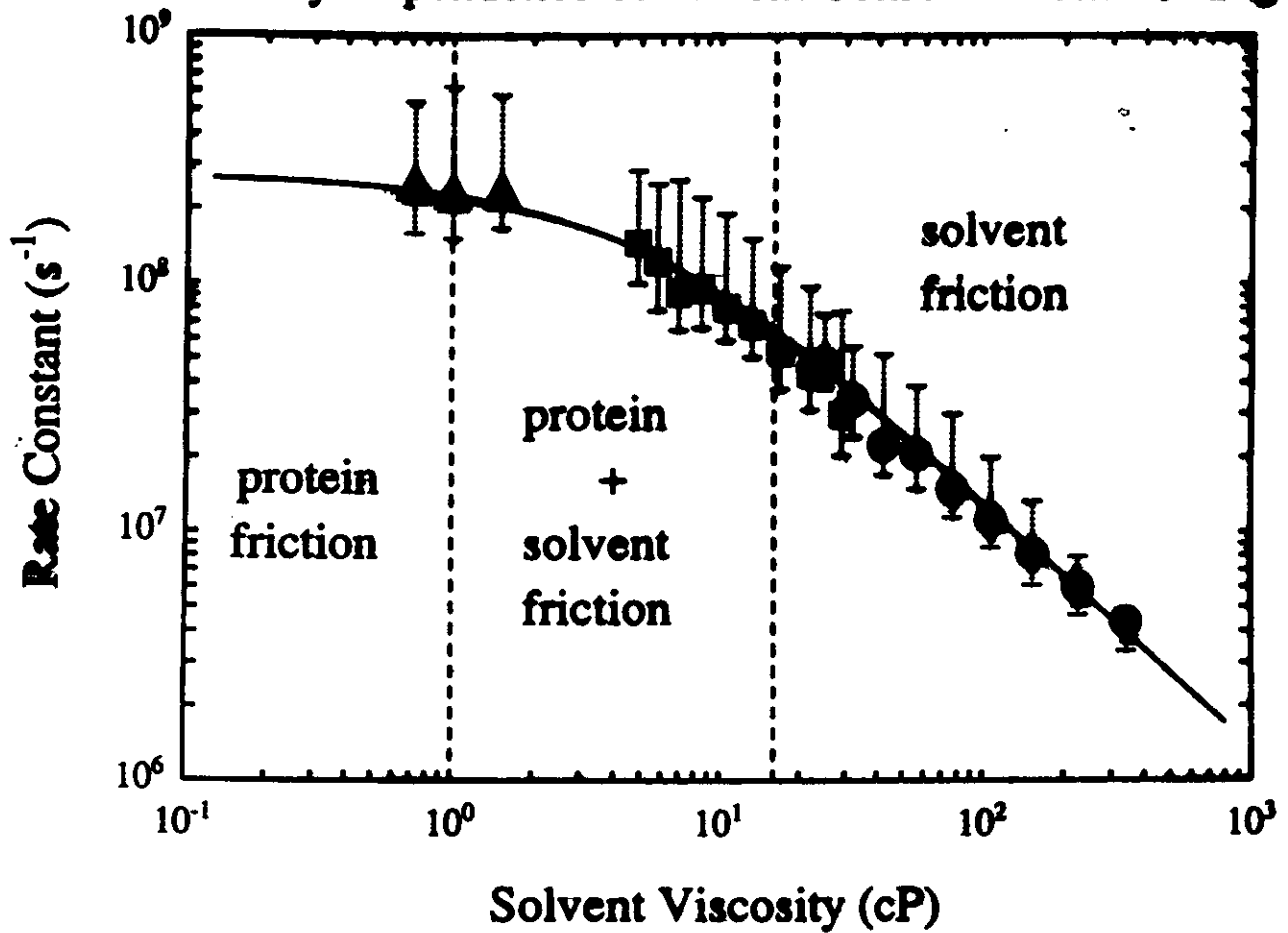
$$k = \frac{B}{\alpha\zeta_p + (1-\alpha)\zeta_s} \exp\left(-\frac{E_0}{k_B T}\right)$$

which, using Stokes' law, becomes:

$$k = \frac{C}{\sigma + \eta_s} \exp\left(-\frac{E_0}{k_B T}\right)$$

Myoglobin

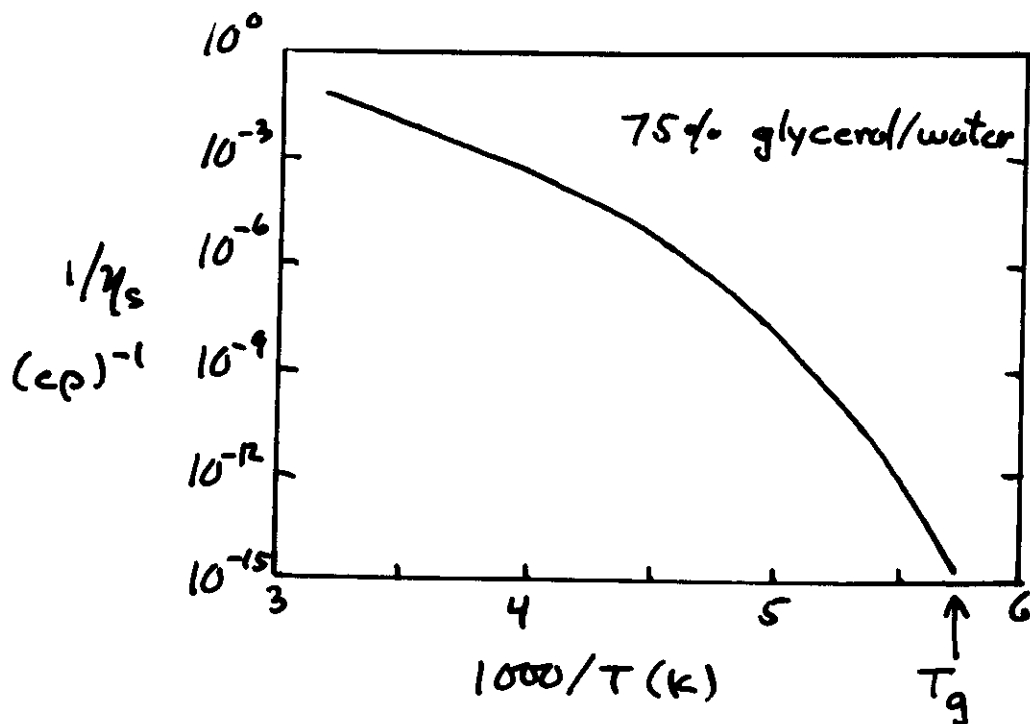
Viscosity Dependence of Protein Conformational Change



$$k = \frac{c}{\sigma + \eta} \exp(-E_a/RT)$$

protein "viscosity" $\rightarrow \sigma$ solvent viscosity $\leftarrow \eta$

$$k = \frac{c}{\sigma + \eta_s} e^{-E_0/RT}$$



$$\sigma \sim 4 \text{ cp} , E_0 \sim 2 \text{ kcal/mole}$$

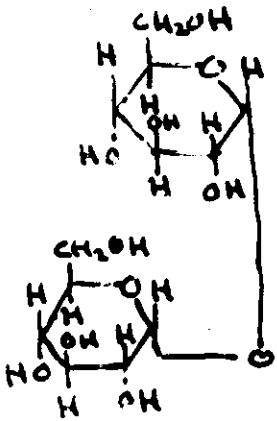
Slowing near T_g due to solvent viscosity
(not glass transition of protein)

$$\eta_s \sim 10^{11}$$

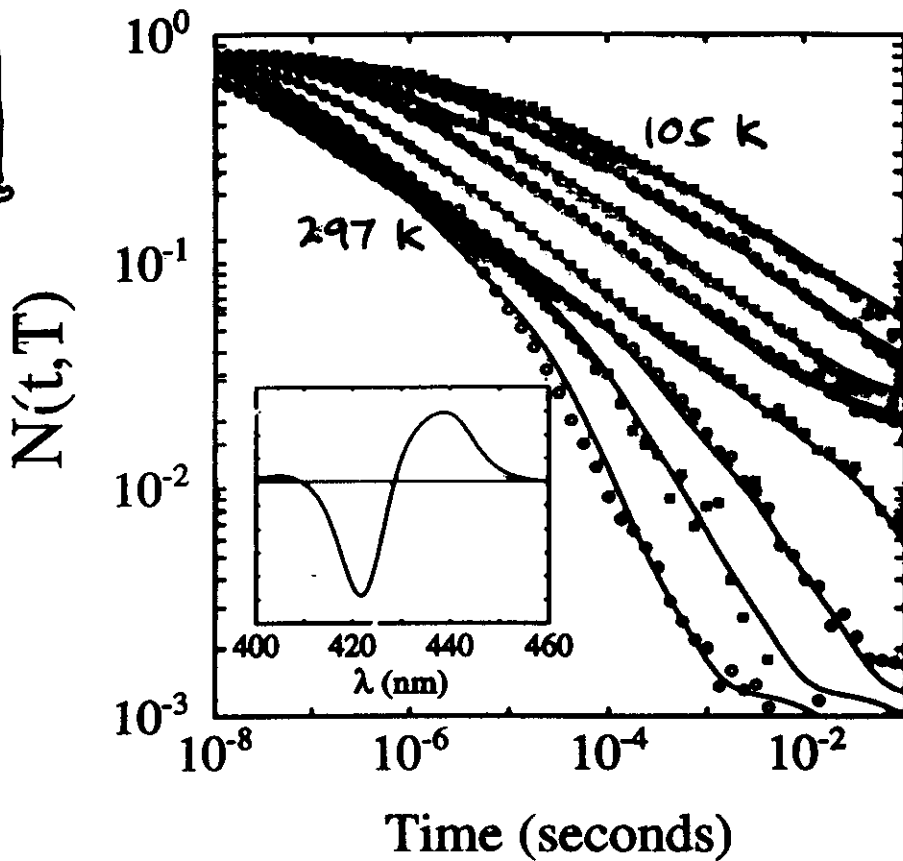
$$e^{-E_0/RT} \sim 10^2$$

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Myoglobin in a trehalose glass



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Recall:

$$N(t) = \exp\left[-\int g(E_{ba}) k_{ba} t dE_{ba}\right]$$

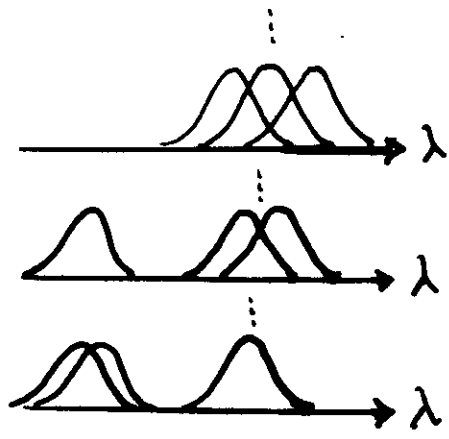
$$= \exp\left[-k_{ba}^{\text{mean}} t\right]$$

$k_{ba}^{\text{mean}} = 5 \times 10^7 \text{ s}^{-1}$ unrelaxed protein

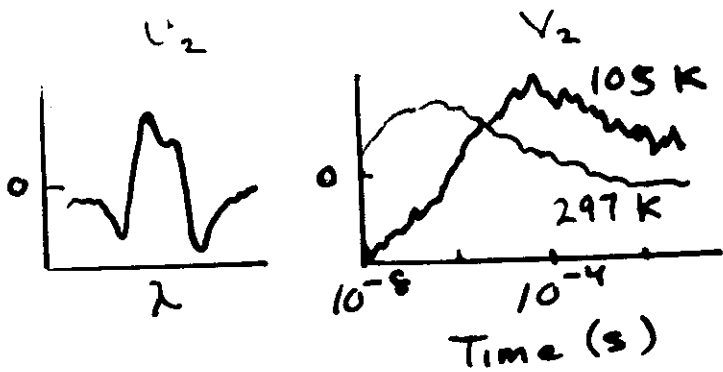
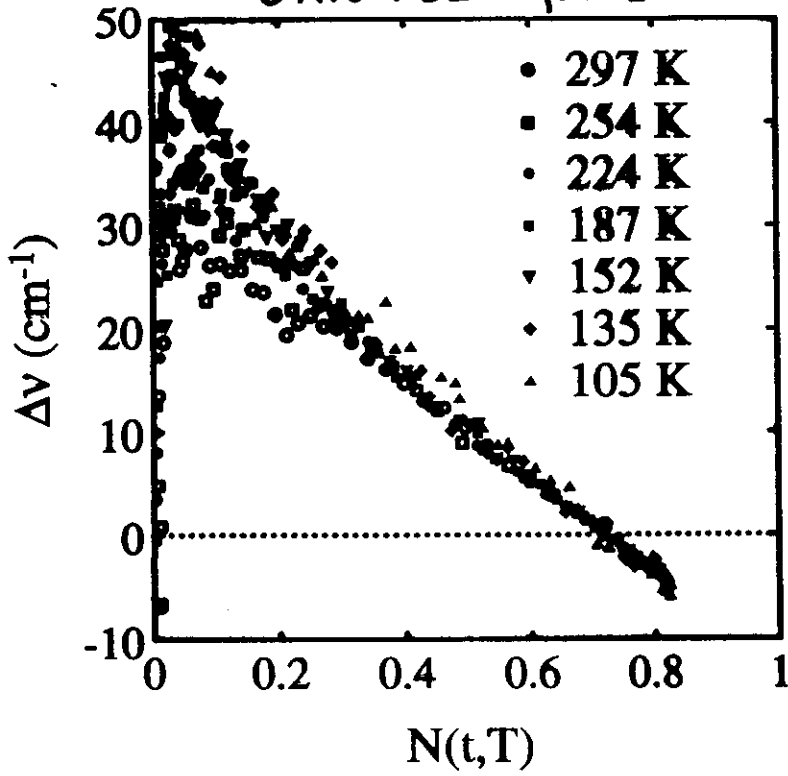
$k_{ba}^{\text{water}} = 2 \times 10^4 \text{ s}^{-1}$ relaxed protein

Protein "stuck" in liganded (fast reactive) conformational substates.

kinetic hole burning



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universal plot



"global" SVD

More! results on myoglobin
needed to explain more complex
hemoglobin

1. geminate re-binding is nonexponential
2. conformational substates
3. conformational relaxation
extended in time ($\sim e^{-(kt)^\beta}$):
explained by "physical kinetics"
4. relaxation slows geminate
re-binding
5. kinetic hole burning from
conformational substates

Issues raised:

- theoretical: viscosity dependence of conformational relaxation kinetics
- experimental: observation of conformational relaxation of single molecule

Linear Free Energy Relation

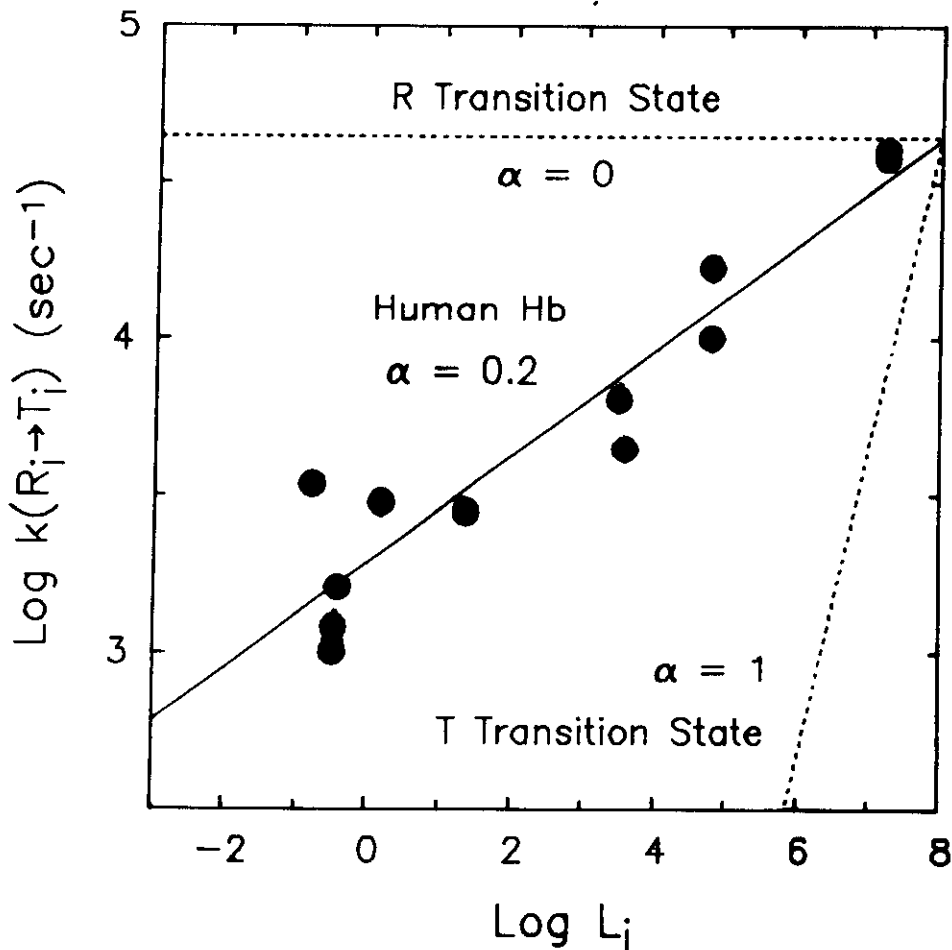
$$\delta \Delta G^\ddagger = \alpha \delta \Delta G$$

For two-state allosteric model

$$k(R_i \rightarrow T_i) = \gamma (L_i c^i)^\alpha$$

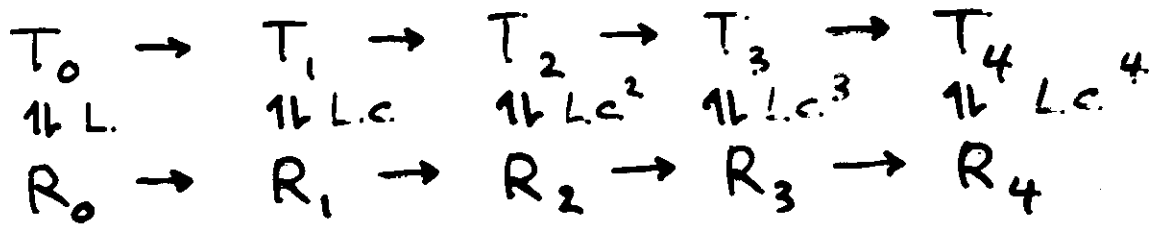
$$k(T_i \rightarrow R_i) = \gamma (L_i c^i)^{\alpha-1}$$

$$(d = c^{-\alpha})$$

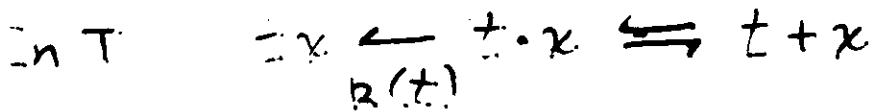
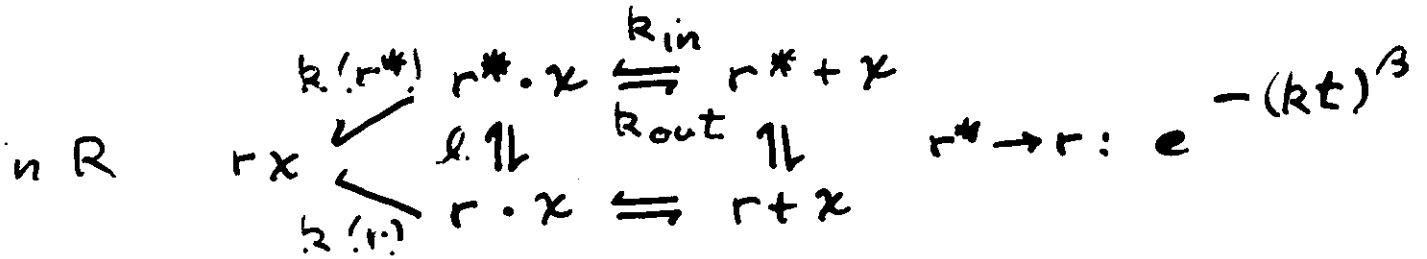


Transition state appears at .20% of the distance along the reaction path from R to T.

MWC Model with Tertiary Transient



$$k(R_i \rightarrow T_i) = \delta (Lc^i)^\alpha \quad (\text{Gibson } d = c^{-\alpha})$$



L, c, δ, α

k, β, d

$k(r^*), k(r), k(t)$

k_{in}, k_{out}

quaternary rates

tertiary rates

ligand binding rates

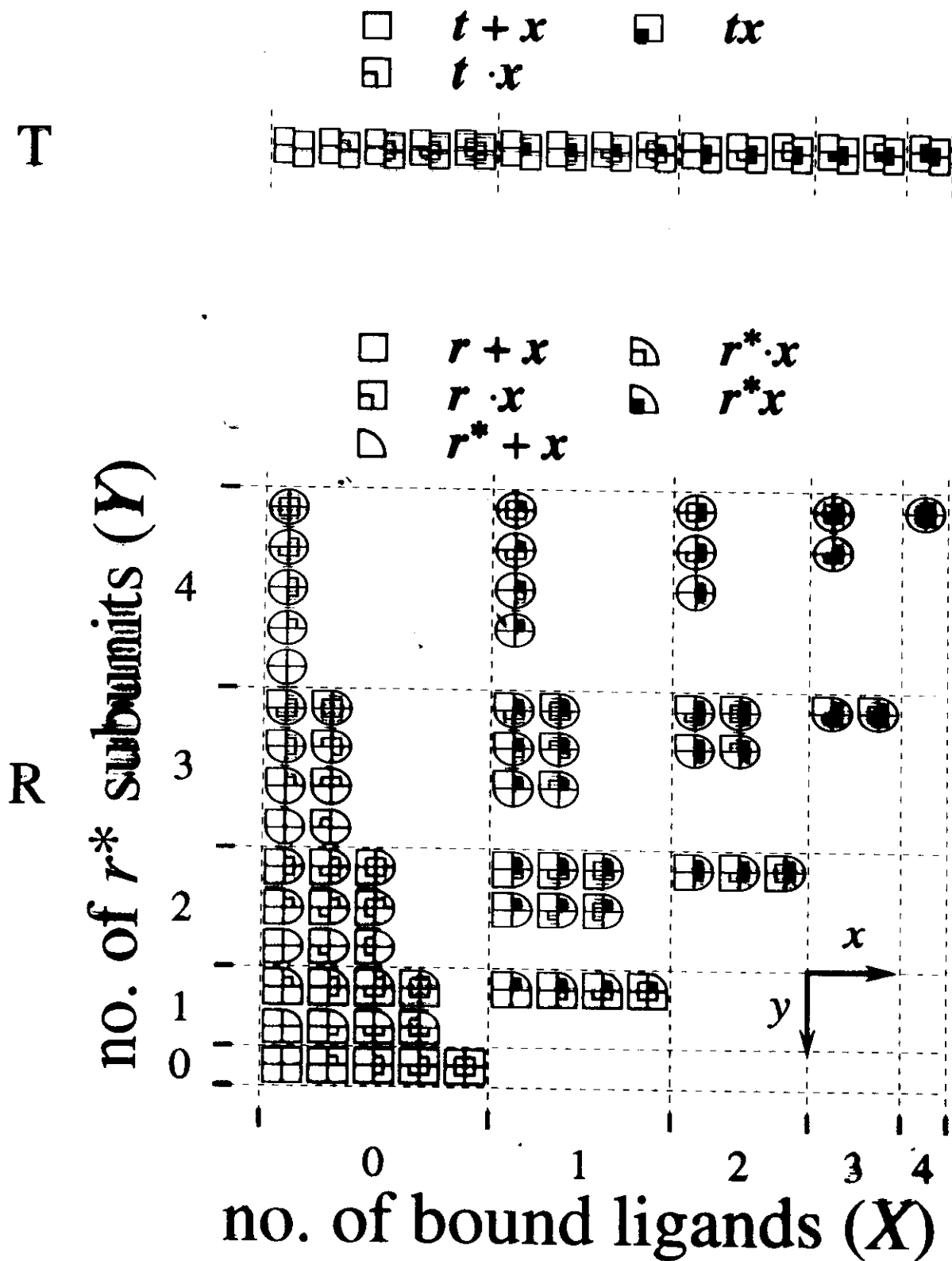
85 distinguishable species, 3 deoxy spectra

12 model parameters

to describe

37 experimental parameters, 2 deoxy spectra

Parameter space explored by a Monte-Carlo "simulated annealing" (χ^2).



Henry, et al. Figure 3

Integration of rate equations to produce stretched exponential time course (a trick!)
 $e^{-(kt)^\beta}$

$$\frac{dr^*}{dt} = -\left[\frac{l}{l+1} \beta k (kt)^{\beta-1}\right] r^* + \left[\frac{l}{l+1} \beta k (kt)^{\beta-1}\right] r + \dots$$

$$\frac{dr}{dt} = \left[\frac{l}{l+1} \beta k (kt)^{\beta-1}\right] r^* - \left[\frac{l}{l+1} \beta k (kt)^{\beta-1}\right] r + \dots$$

⋮

⋮

$$k = k(r^* \rightarrow r) + k(r \rightarrow r^*)$$

$$l = k(r^* \rightarrow r) / k(r \rightarrow r^*)$$

$$\beta \rightarrow 1$$

$$\frac{dr^*}{dt} = -k(r^* \rightarrow r) r^* + k(r \rightarrow r^*) r + \dots$$

$$\frac{dr}{dt} = +k(r^* \rightarrow r) r^* - k(r \rightarrow r^*) r + \dots$$

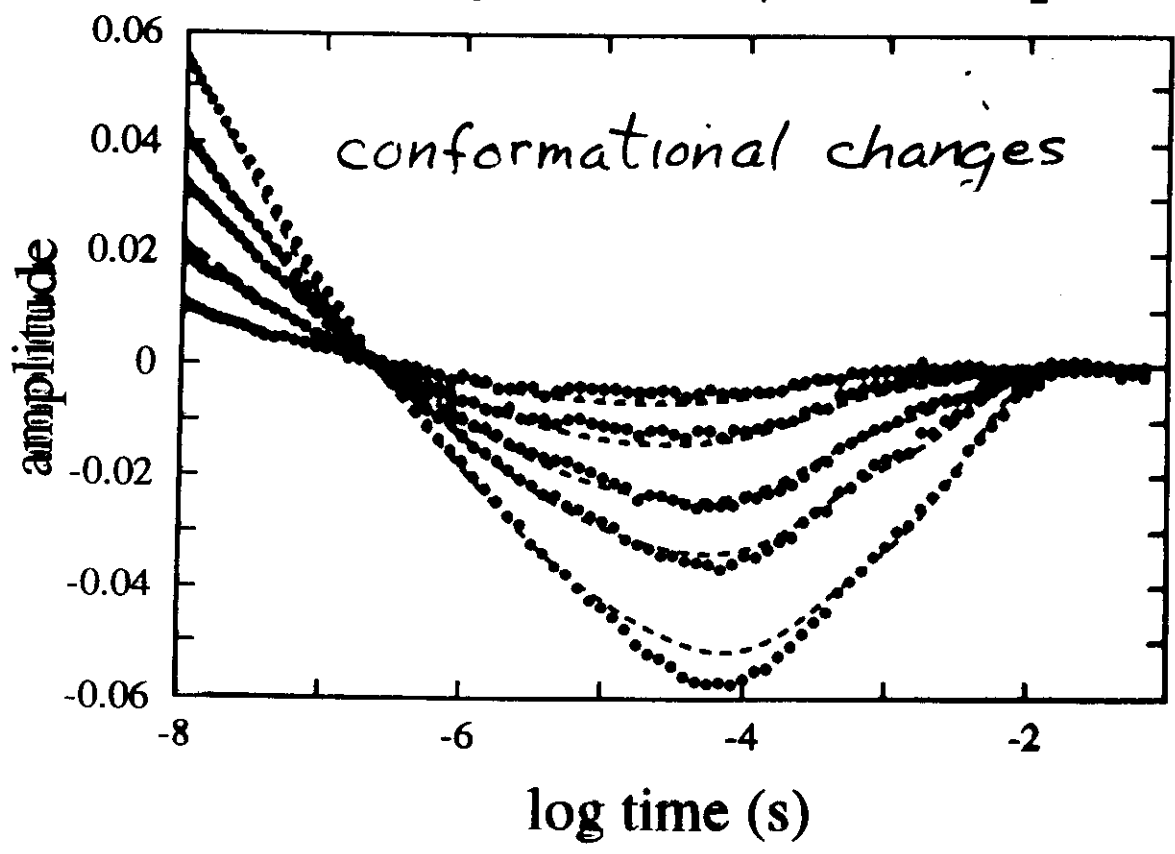
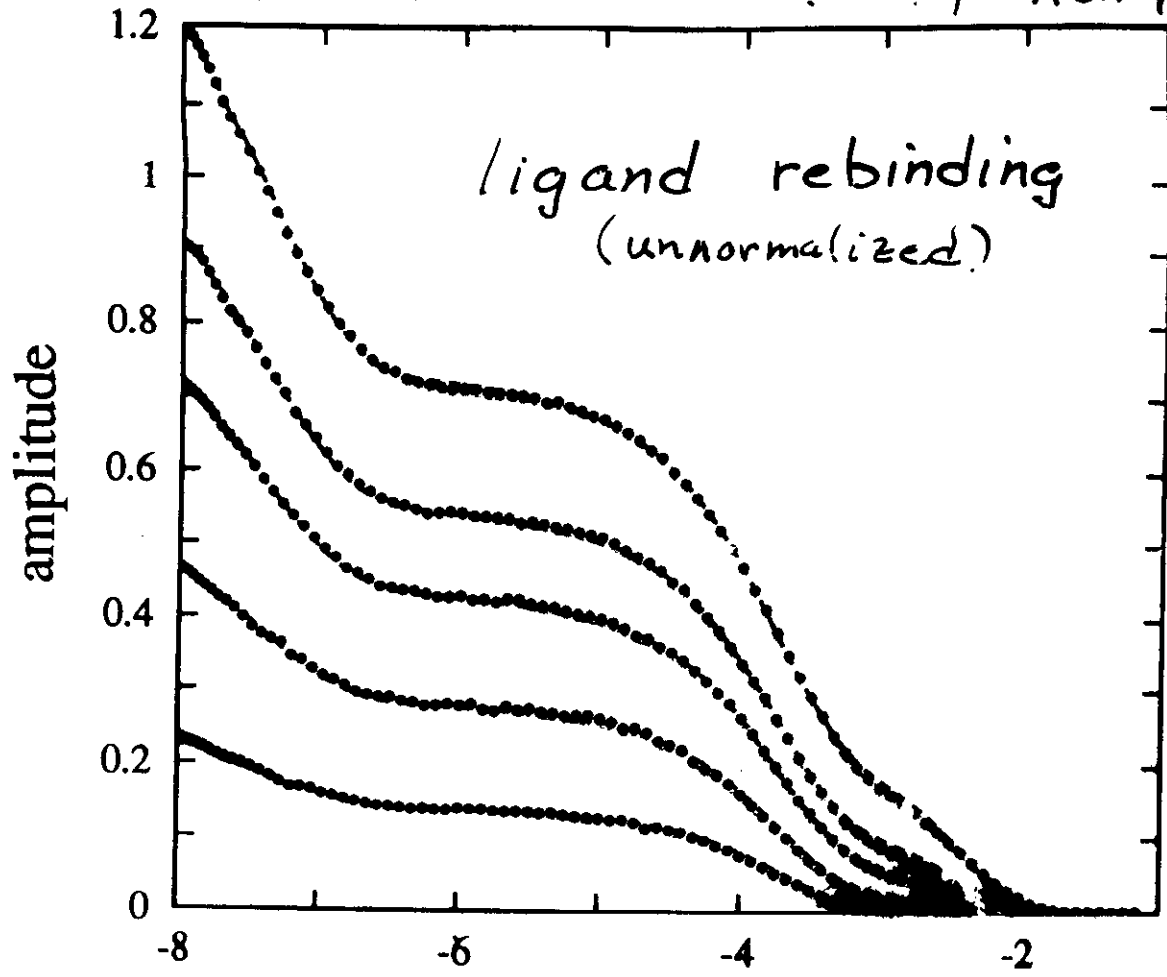
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geminate rebindings:

$$k_{\text{gem}}(t) = k_{\text{gem}}(r^*) \left[k_{\text{gem}}(r^*) / k_{\text{gem}}(r) \right]^{x(t)-1}$$

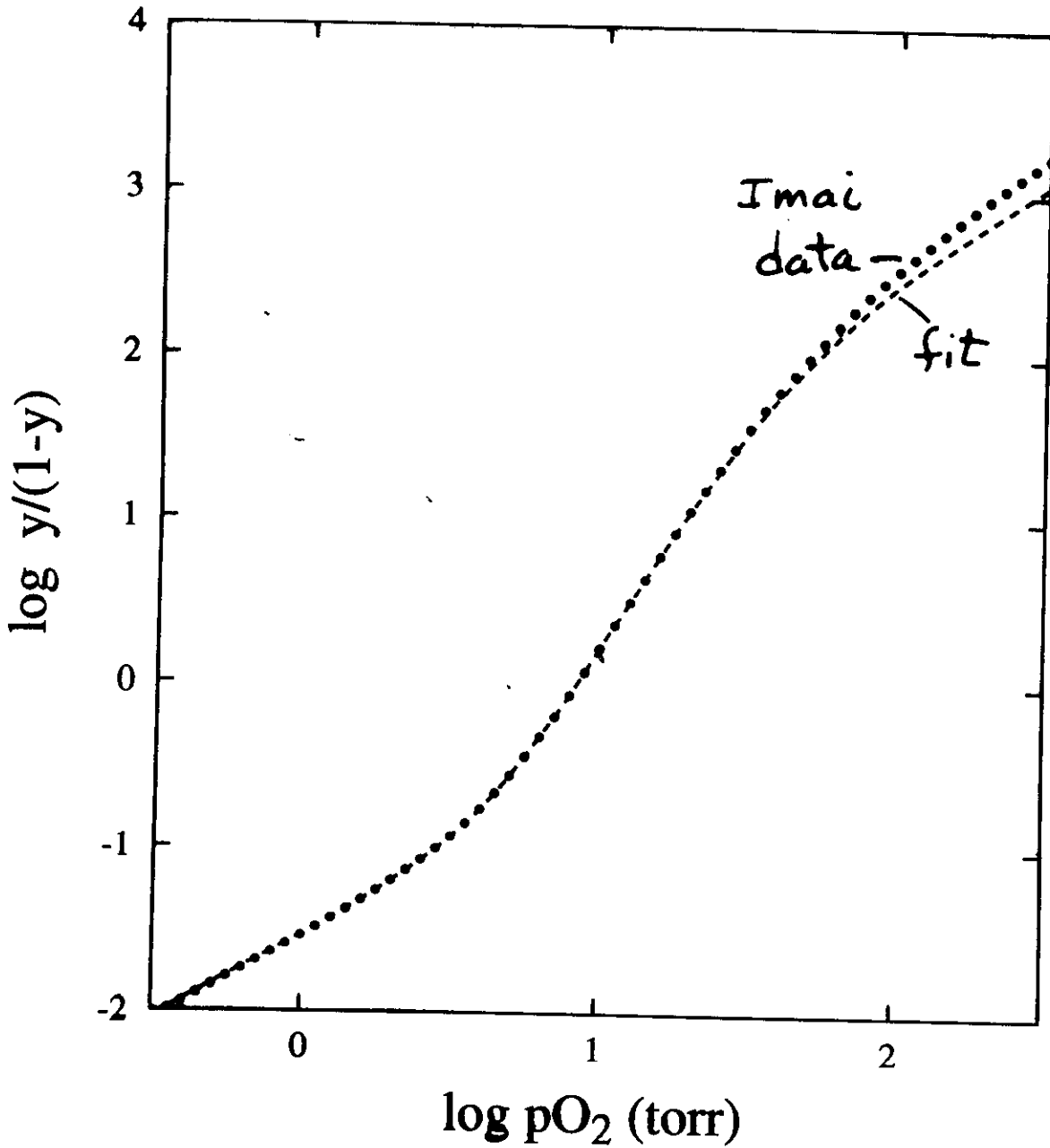
$$x(t) = \exp[-(kt)^\beta]$$



Binding polynomial:

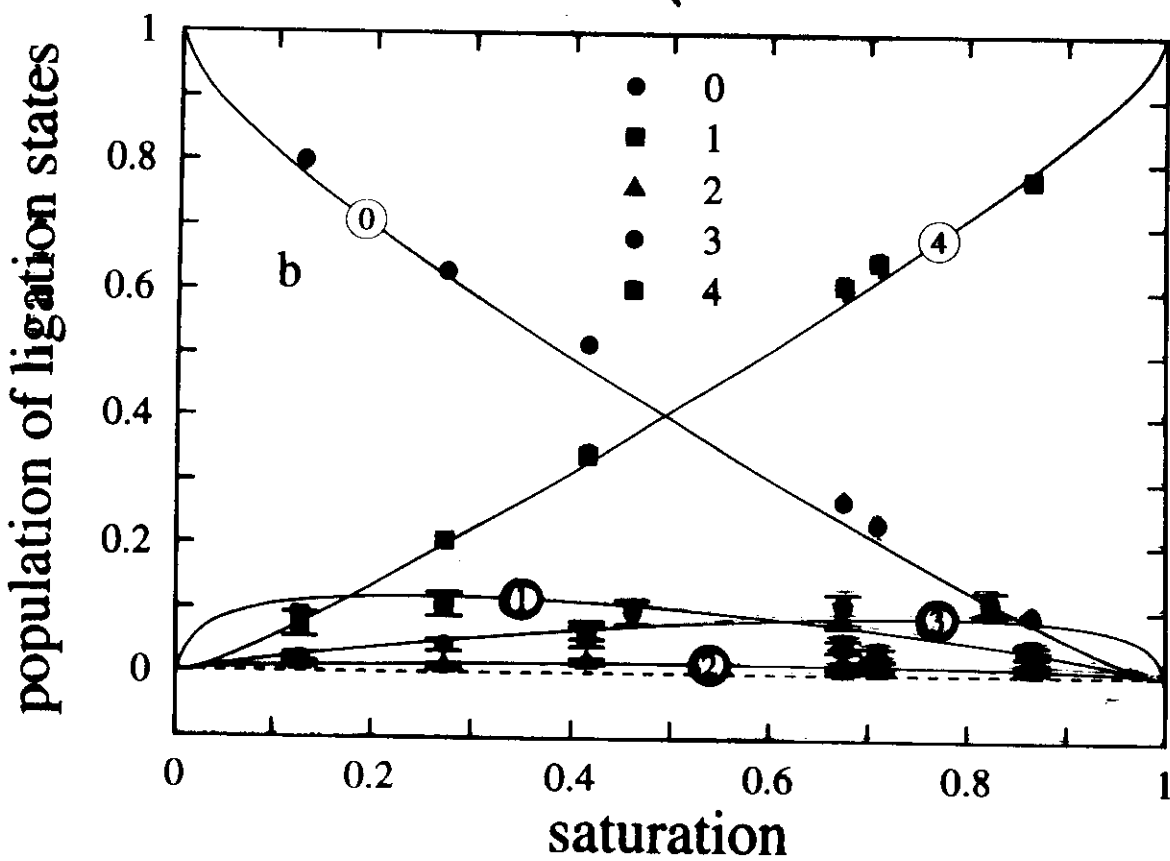
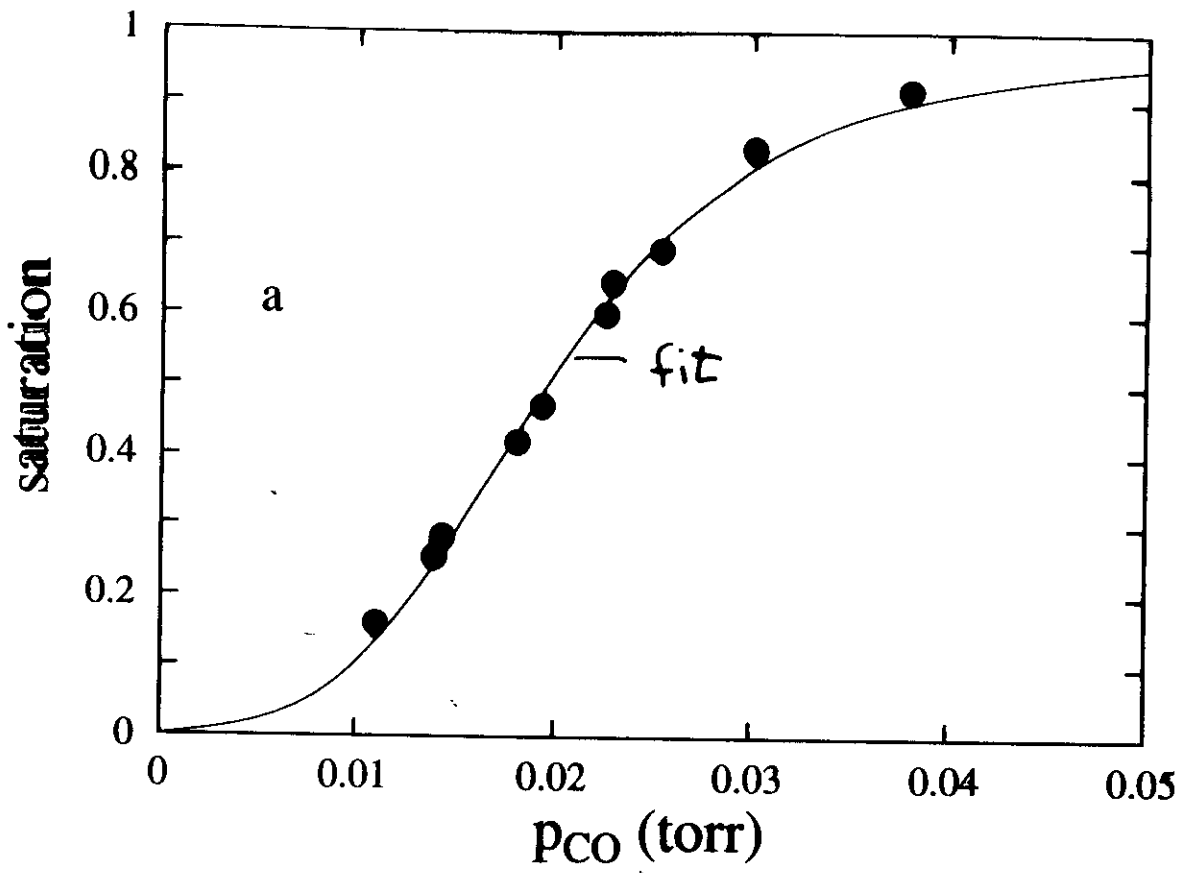
$$Q = \left\{ 1 + \frac{1}{L} + K_{in}P \left(1 + \frac{1}{L} + K_R \right) \right\}^4 + L \left\{ 1 + K_{in}P \left(1 + K_T \right) \right\}^4$$

Equilibrium oxygen binding curve

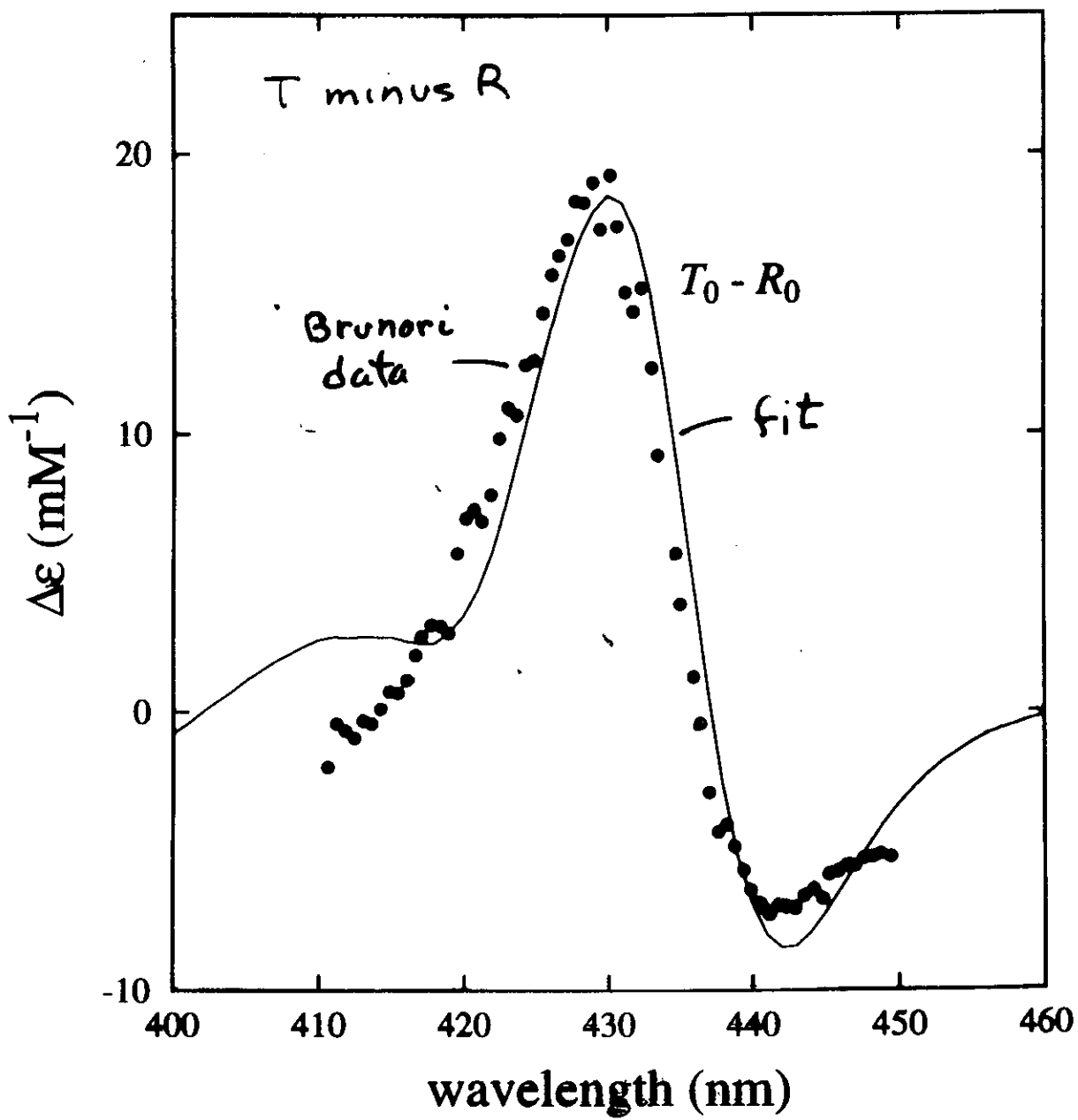


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Equilibrium data of Perrella

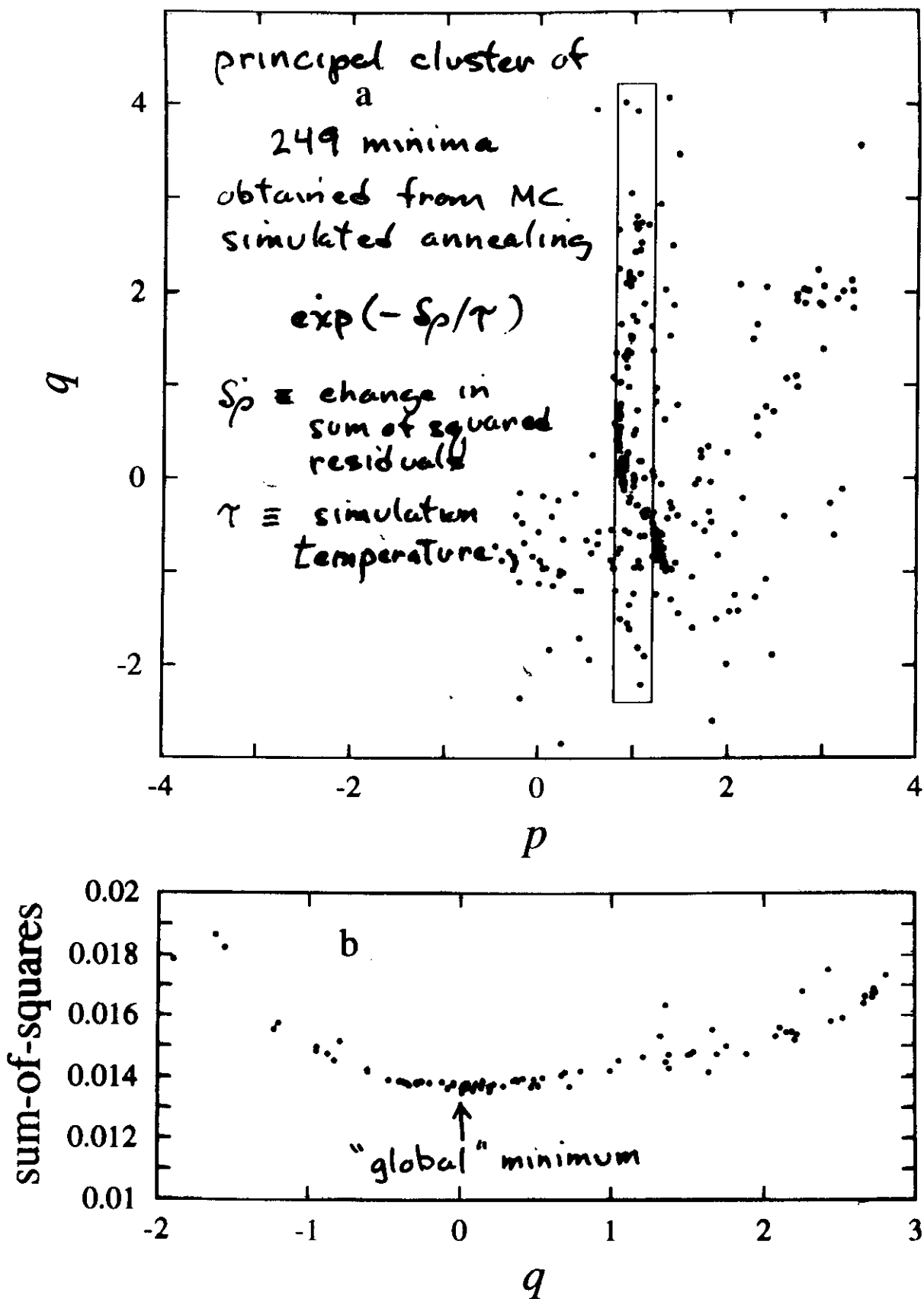


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Survey of Parameter Space

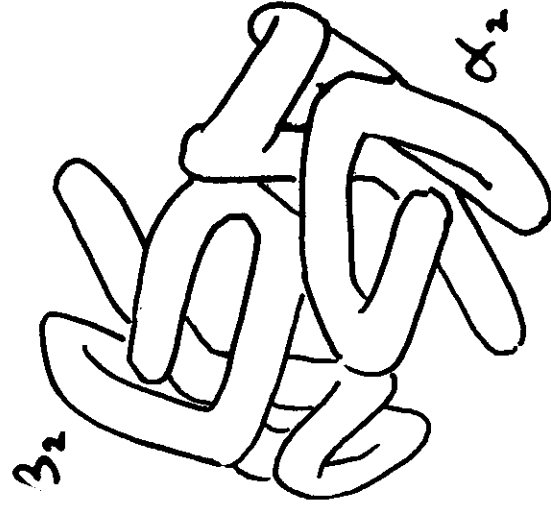


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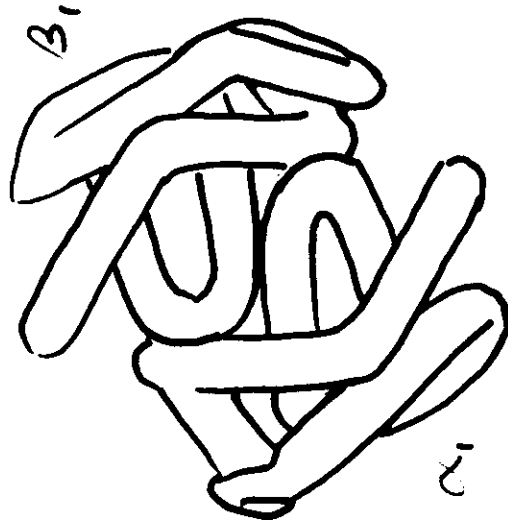
Parameters of Model median values

c	2×10^{-3}	
$L \equiv T_0/R_0$	2×10^7	
$l \equiv r/r^*$	10	some r^* at equilibrium
$k(r^* \rightarrow r)$	$5 \times 10^6 \text{ s}^{-1}$	slower than Mb
β	0.3	larger than Mb
$k_{gem}(r^*)$	$1 \times 10^8 \text{ s}^{-1}$	same as Mb
$k_{gem}(r)$	$2.5 \times 10^5 \text{ s}^{-1}$	10x faster than Mb
$k_{gem}(t)$	$7.5 \times 10^3 \text{ s}^{-1}$	additional slowings from $R \rightarrow T$
k_{in}	$1 \times 10^8 \text{ M}^{-1} \text{ s}^{-1}$	diffusion-limited
R_{out}	$6 \times 10^6 \text{ s}^{-1}$	
$R_0 \rightarrow T_0$	$6 \times 10^4 \text{ s}^{-1}$	
α	0.2	test of models e.g. Janin & Wodak, 1985 R. Elber

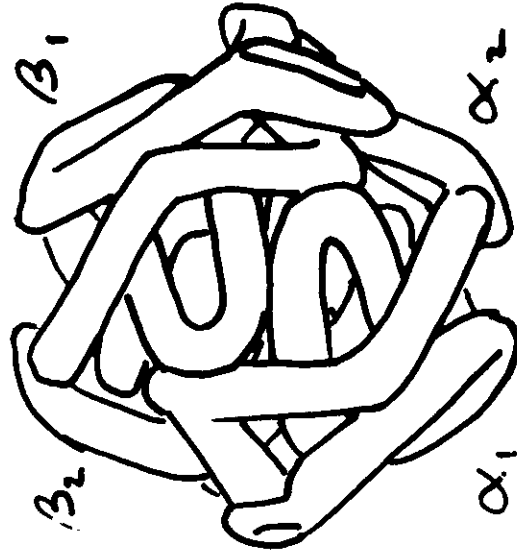
Tanih & Wodak, 1985

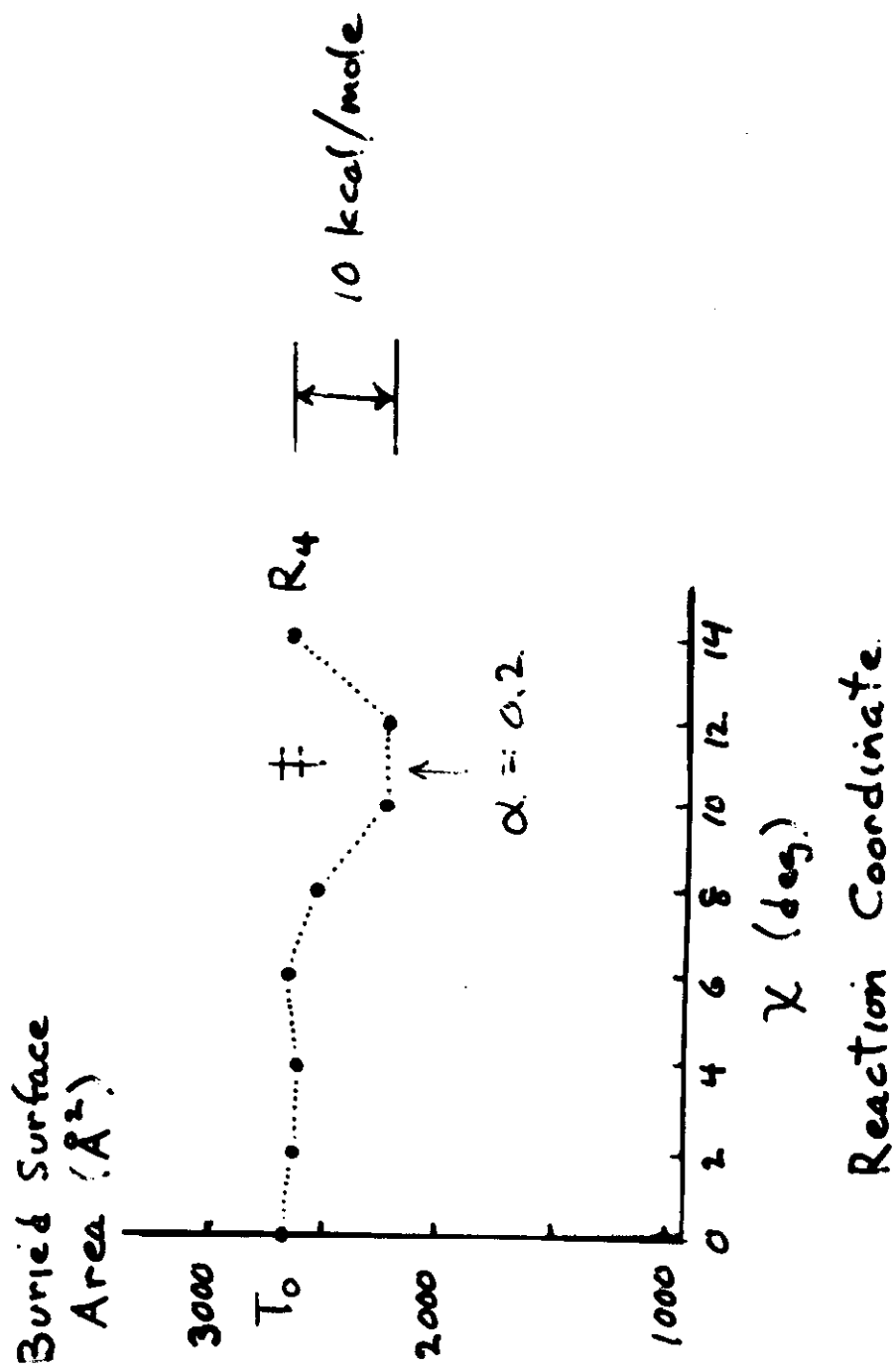


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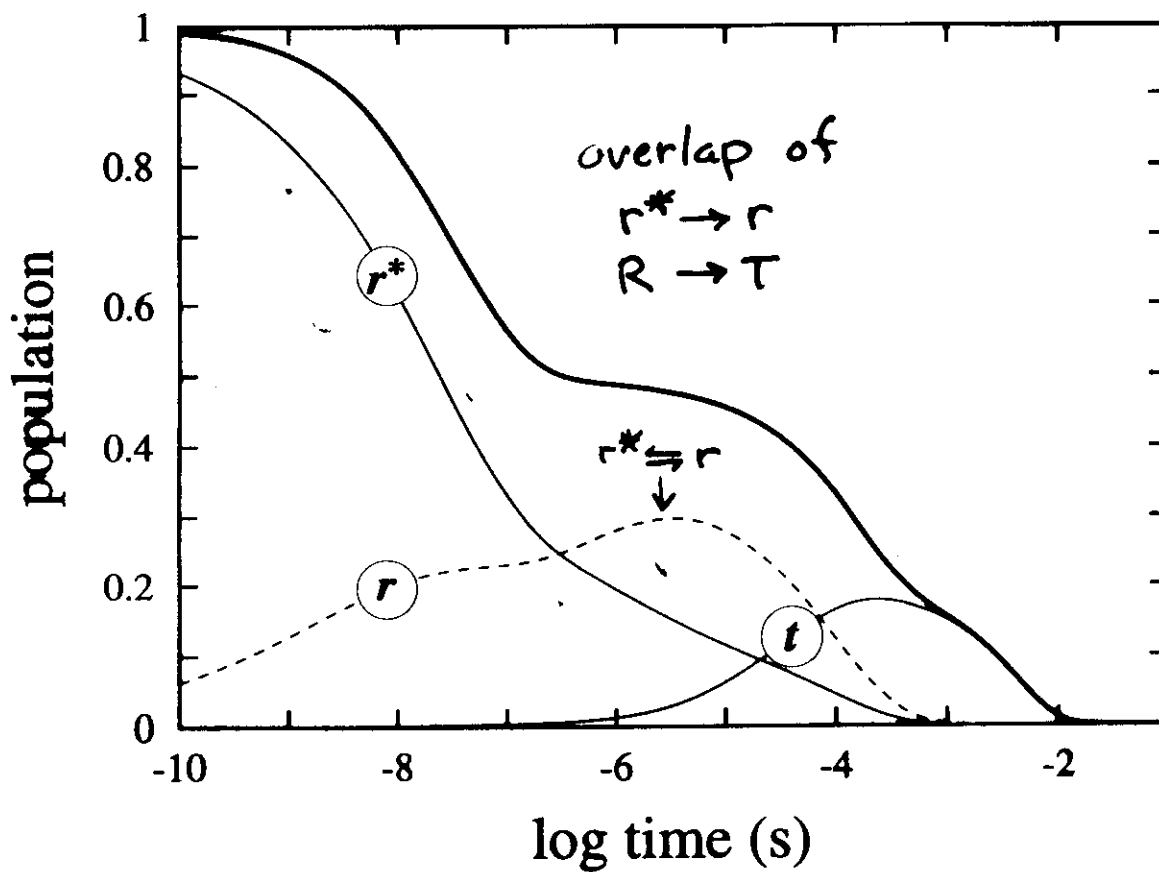


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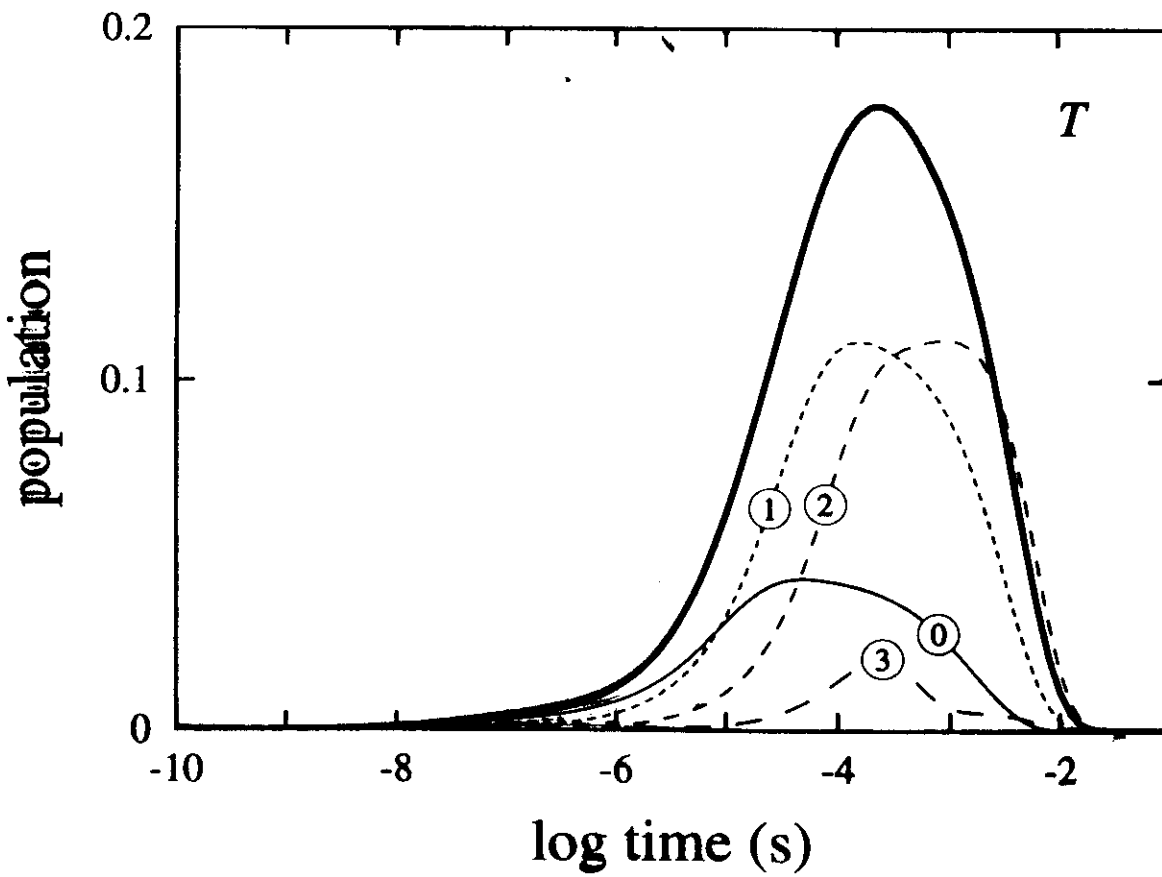
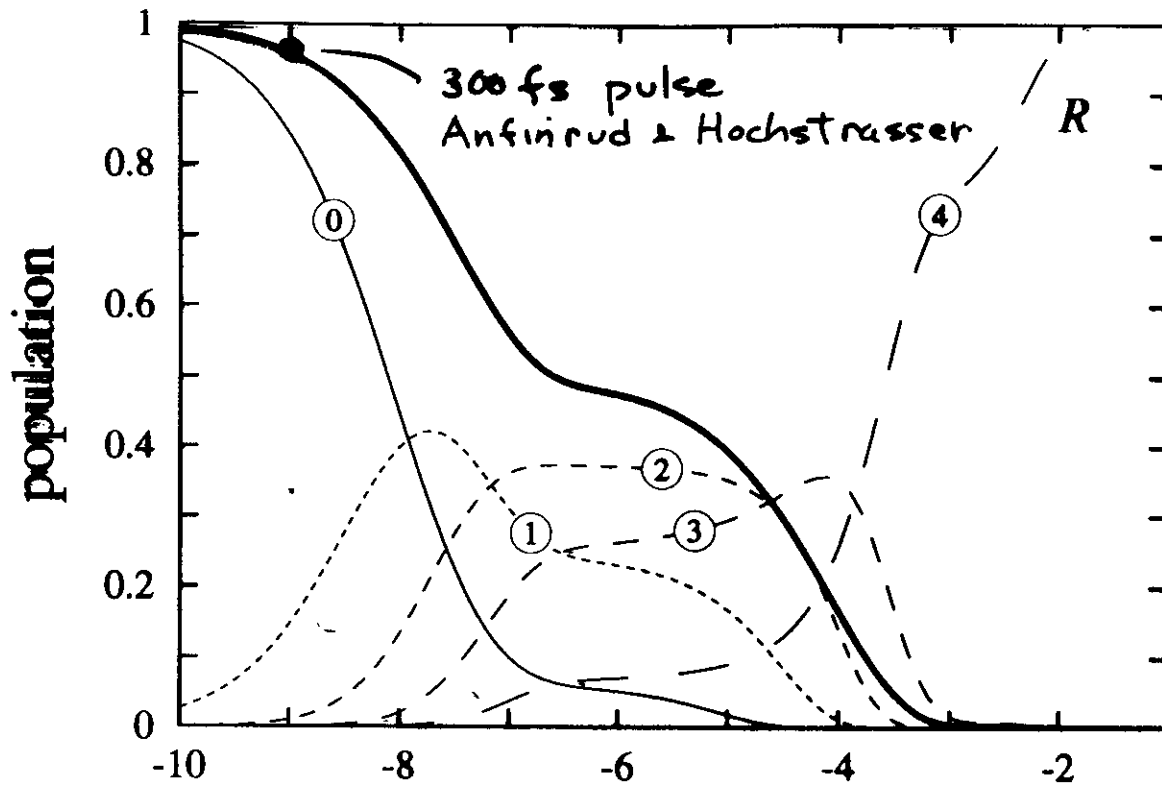


100% photolysis



Henry, et al. Figure 12a

100% photolysis



Henry, et al. Figure 11a

Take Home Lesson

1. Extended MWC model survives most critical test to date.

2. Made possible by:

medium-tech: nanosecond spectroscopy

hi-tech: femto/pico-second spectroscopy
computing power

new ideas from protein physics

3. Myoglobin remains "hydrogen atom" of biology
and hemoglobin the "hydrogen molecule."

↓↓ what next?

Model the submicrosecond kinetics correctly!

Investigate the condition dependence
(i.e. PSK model).

