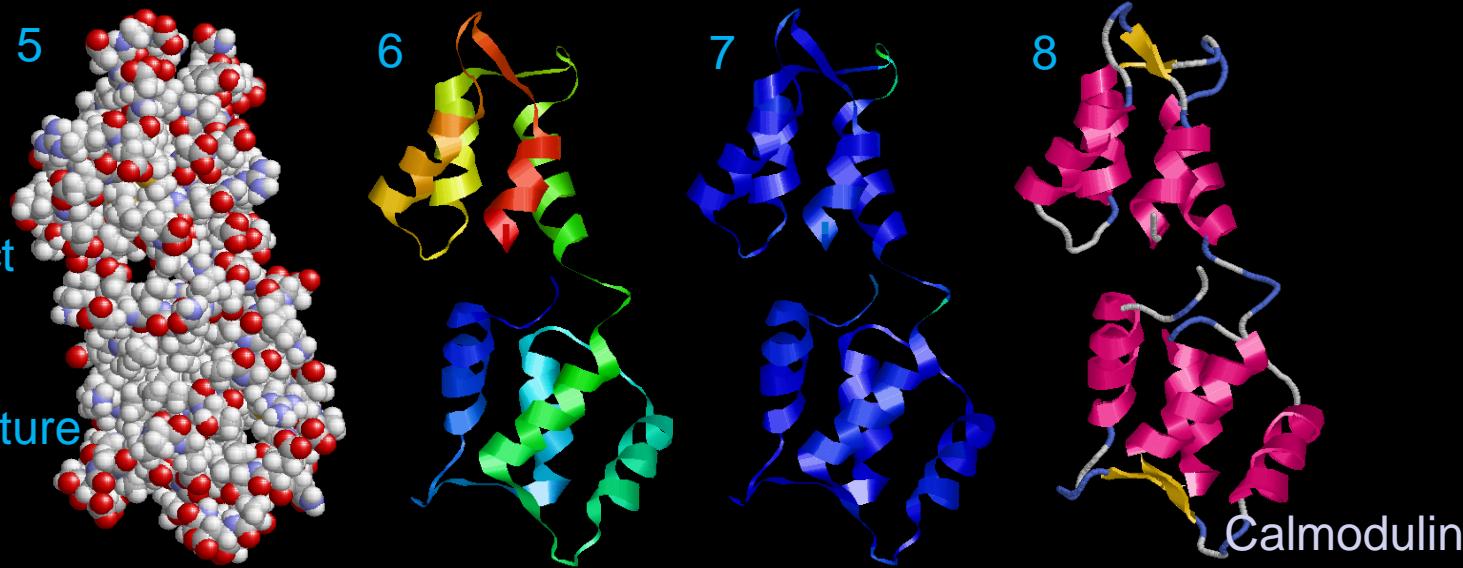


- 1 – wireframe
- 2 – CPK
- 3 – backbone
- 4 – backbone-struct
- 5 – spacefill
- 6 – ribbon-domain
- 7 – ribbon-temperature
- 8 – cartoon-struct



# Stabilization by H-bonds

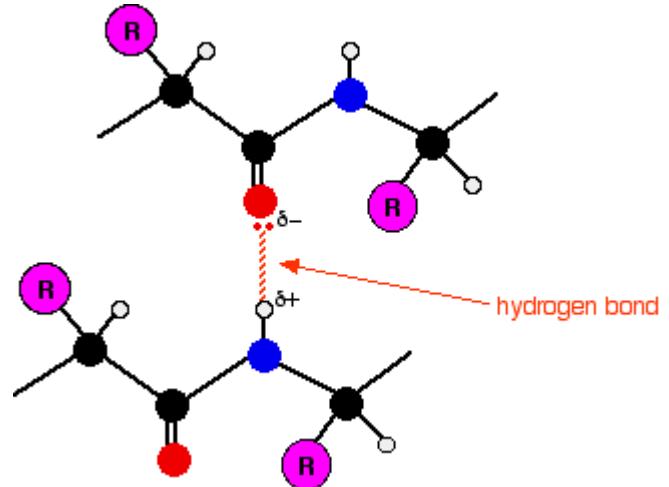
12-30 kJ/mol

Cf: Covalent bond: 200 kJ/mol

van der Wals: 1-2 kJ/mol

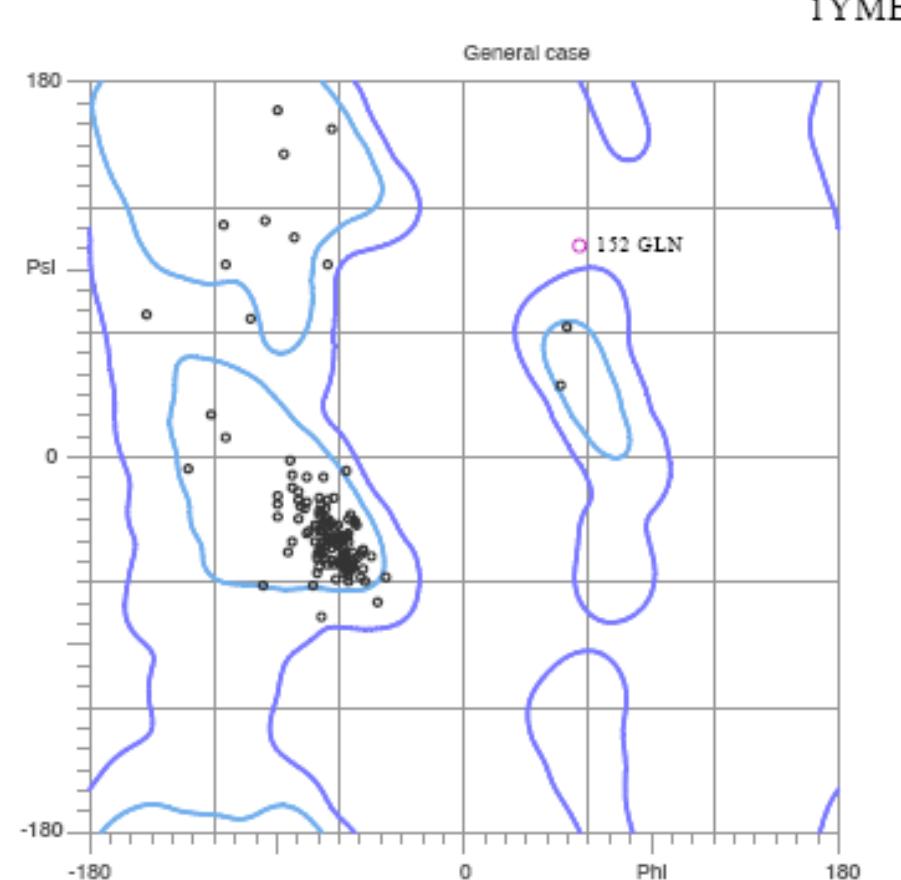
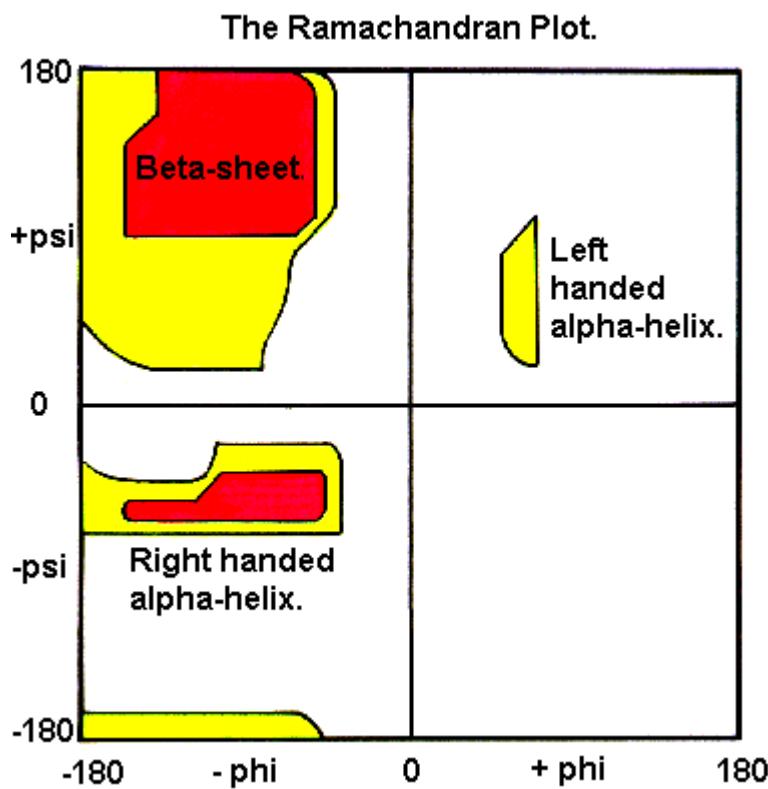
thermal energy (RT):

2.5 kJ/mol (T=300K)



Boltzmann factor:  $e^{-\frac{\Delta E}{RT}} = 0.000335 = \frac{1}{2981} \approx \frac{1}{3000}$   
( $\Delta E=20\text{kJ/mol}$ )

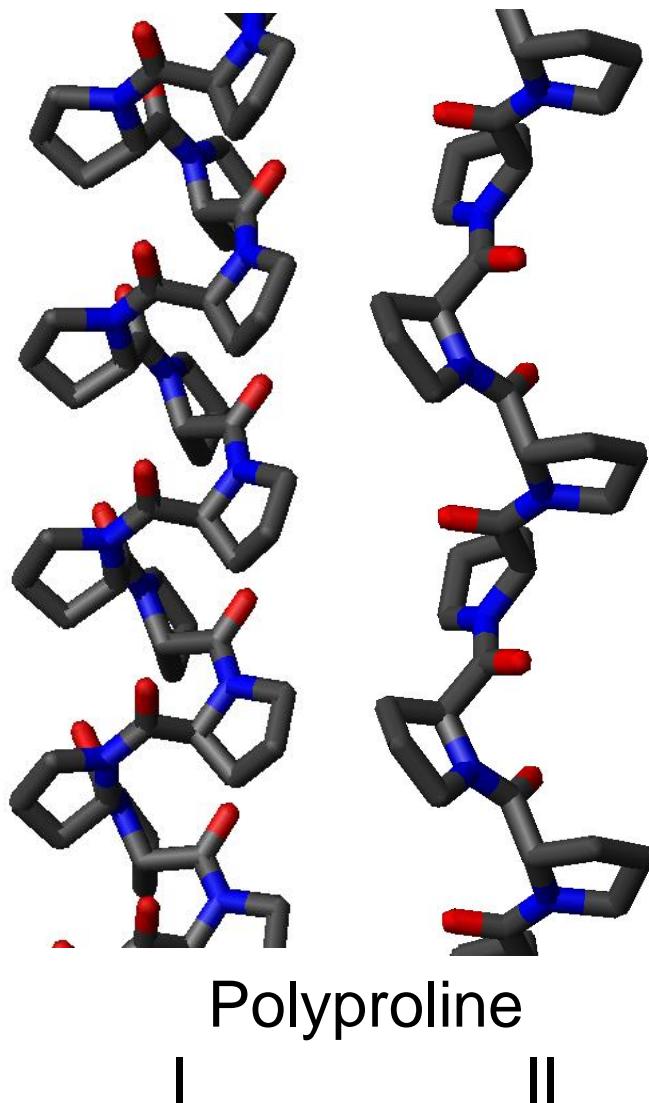
# Ramachandran plot



# Special helices

$3_{10}$ -helix\*     $i \rightarrow i+3$  (10 atom)  
 $\pi$ -helix         $i \rightarrow i+5^*$

Polyproline I helix      cis  
Polyproline II helix\*\*    trans



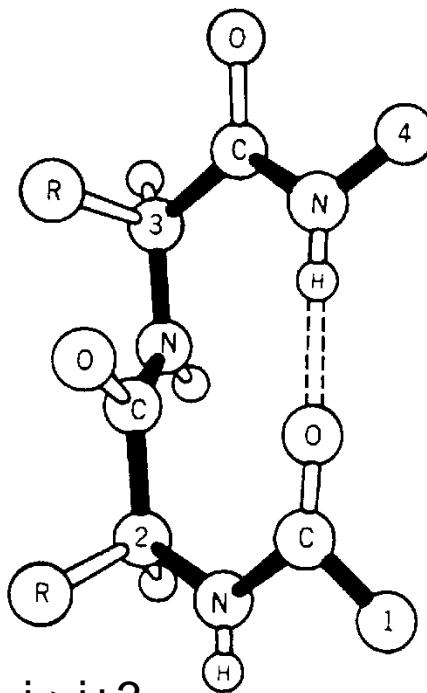
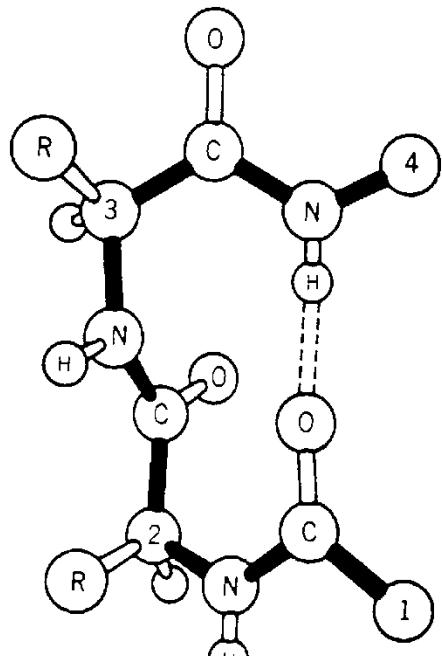
\*  $\alpha$ -helix:  $i \rightarrow i+4$     $3,6_{16}$  helix

\*\* in water

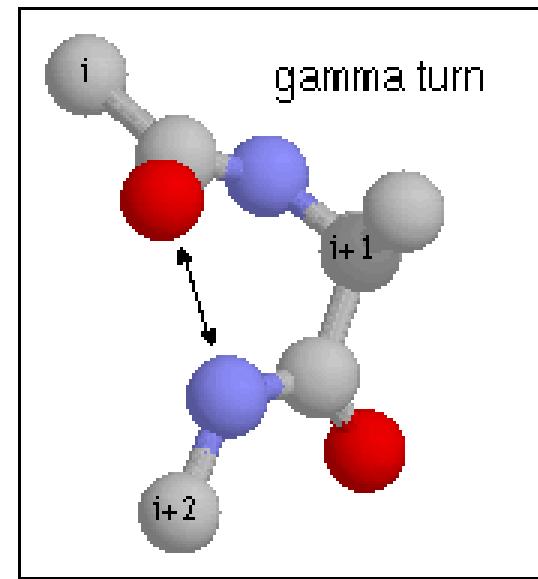
# Other nonhelical structures

Loops and turns

(loop) (turn)



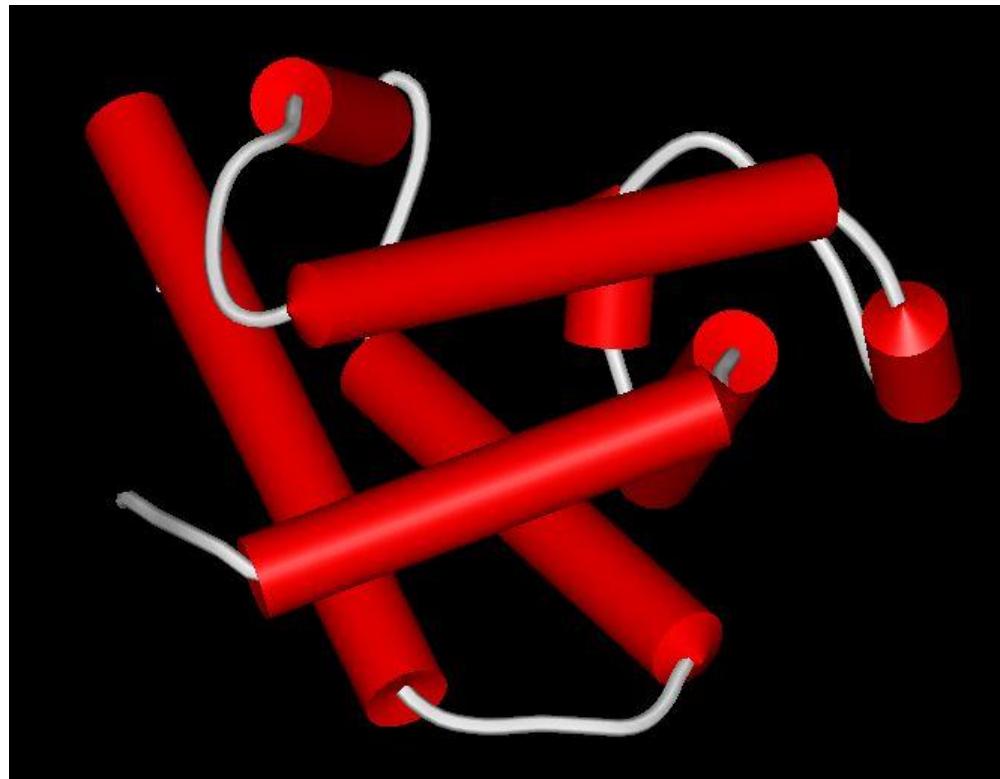
$\beta$ -turn  $i \rightarrow i+3$



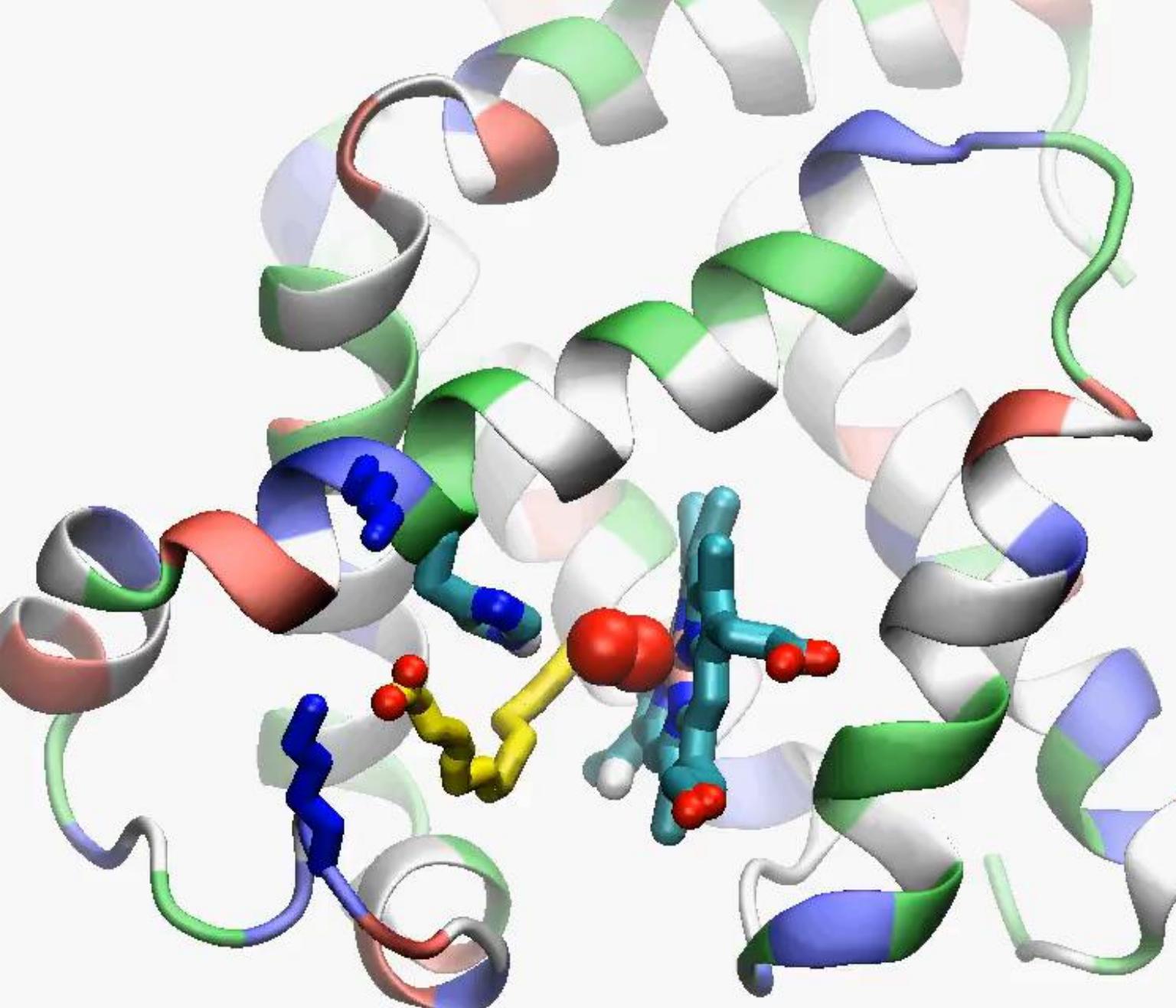
$\gamma$ -turn  $i \rightarrow i+2$

# Tertiary structure

Overall topology of the folded polypeptide chain  
(Organization of the secondary structure elements)



Myoglobin



Oxy-Myoglobin  
+  
Palmitic acid

100ns  
simulation  
slow-motion  
video

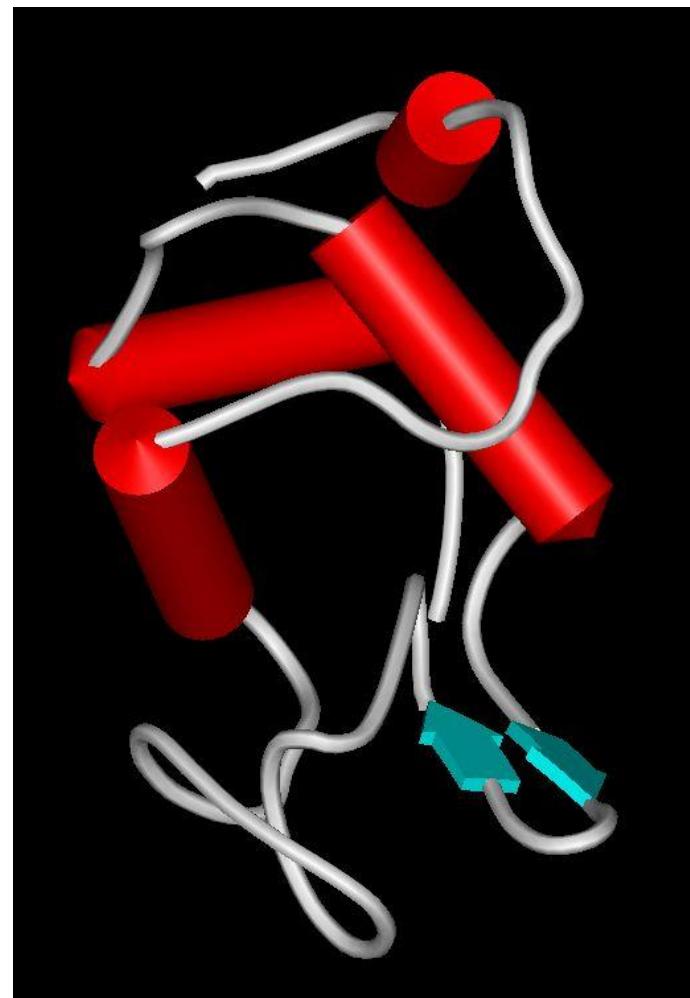
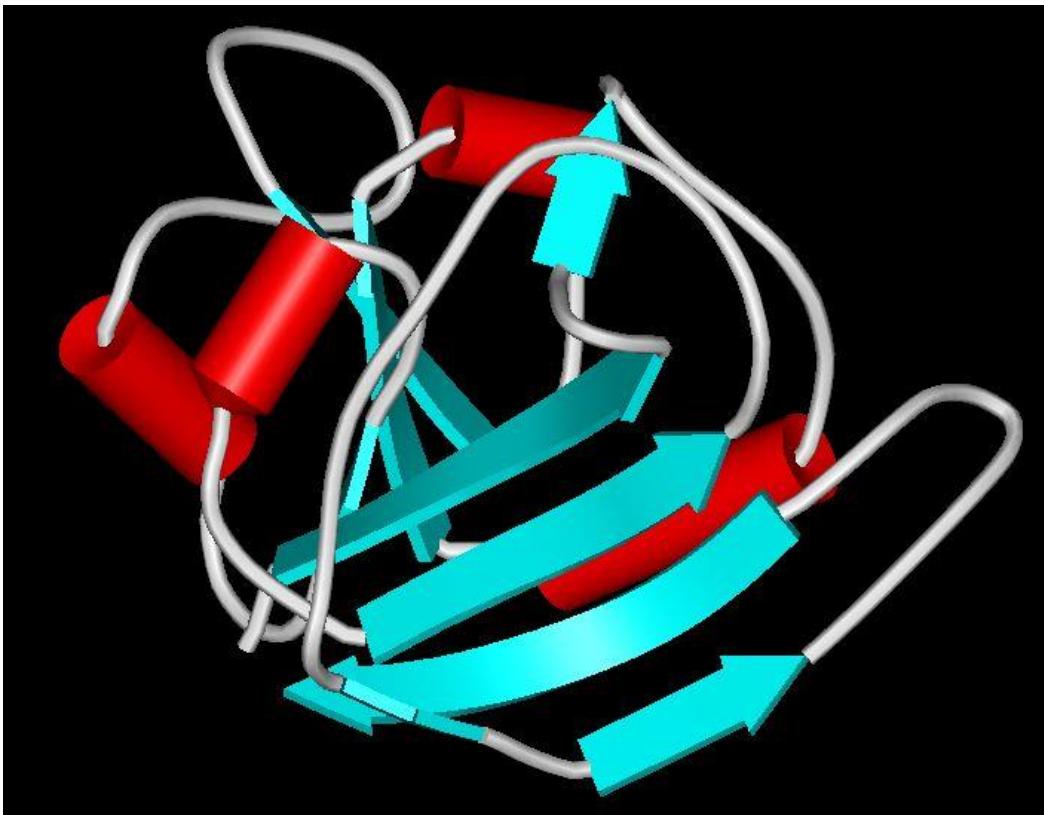
Hierarchy of  
time-scales in  
motions

ps  
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# Examples

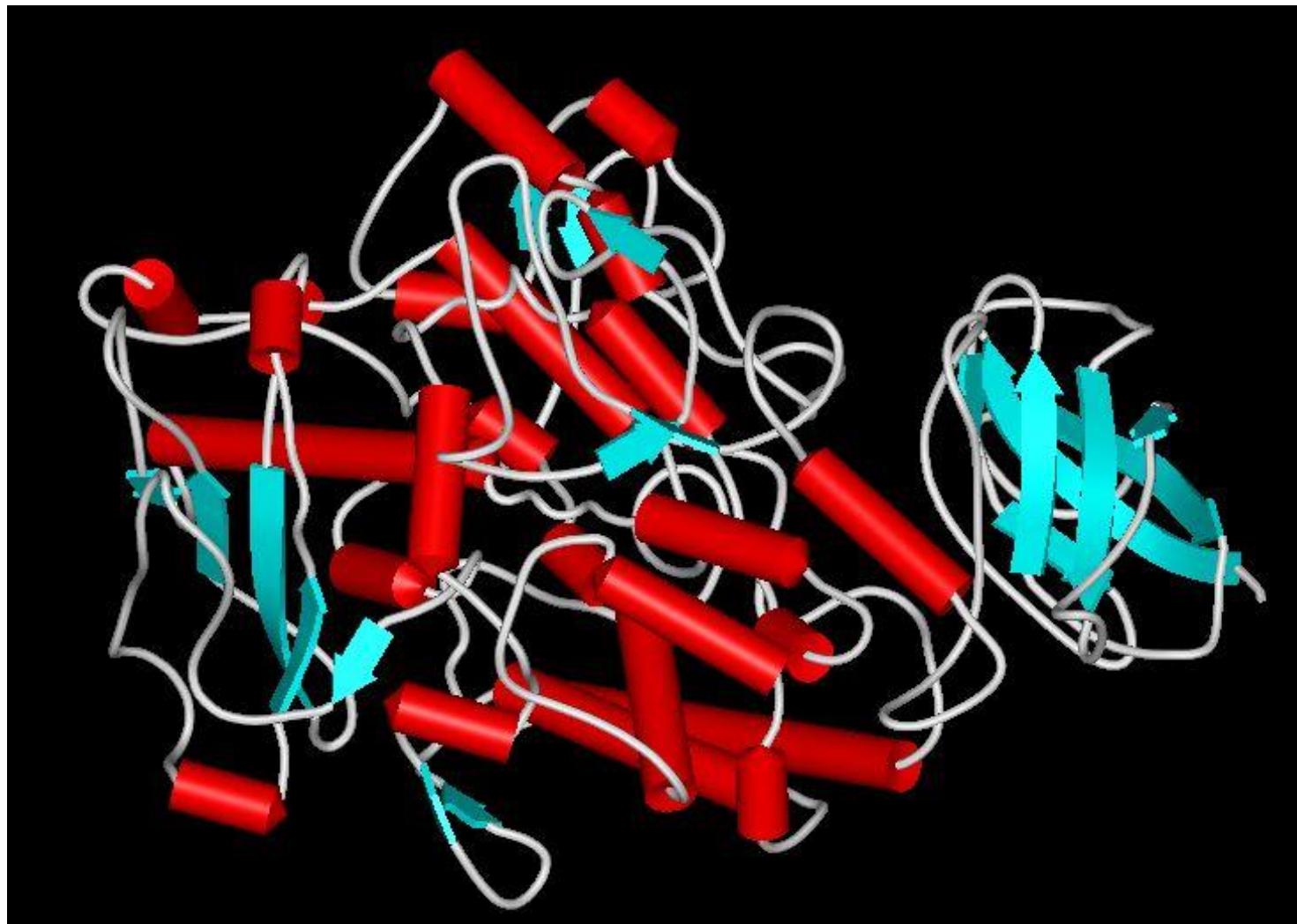
Lyzozime (HEW)

Dihydrofolate reductase

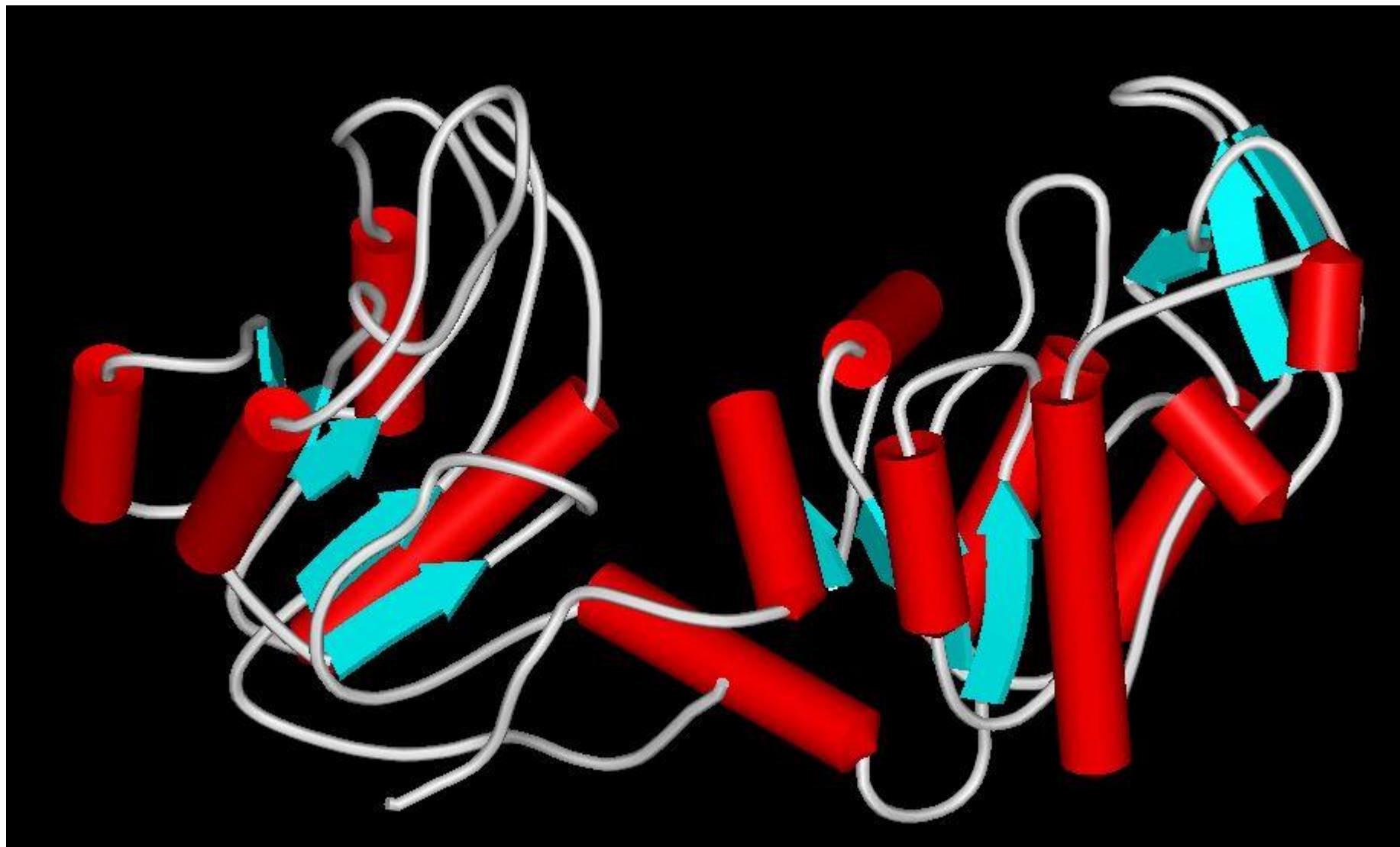


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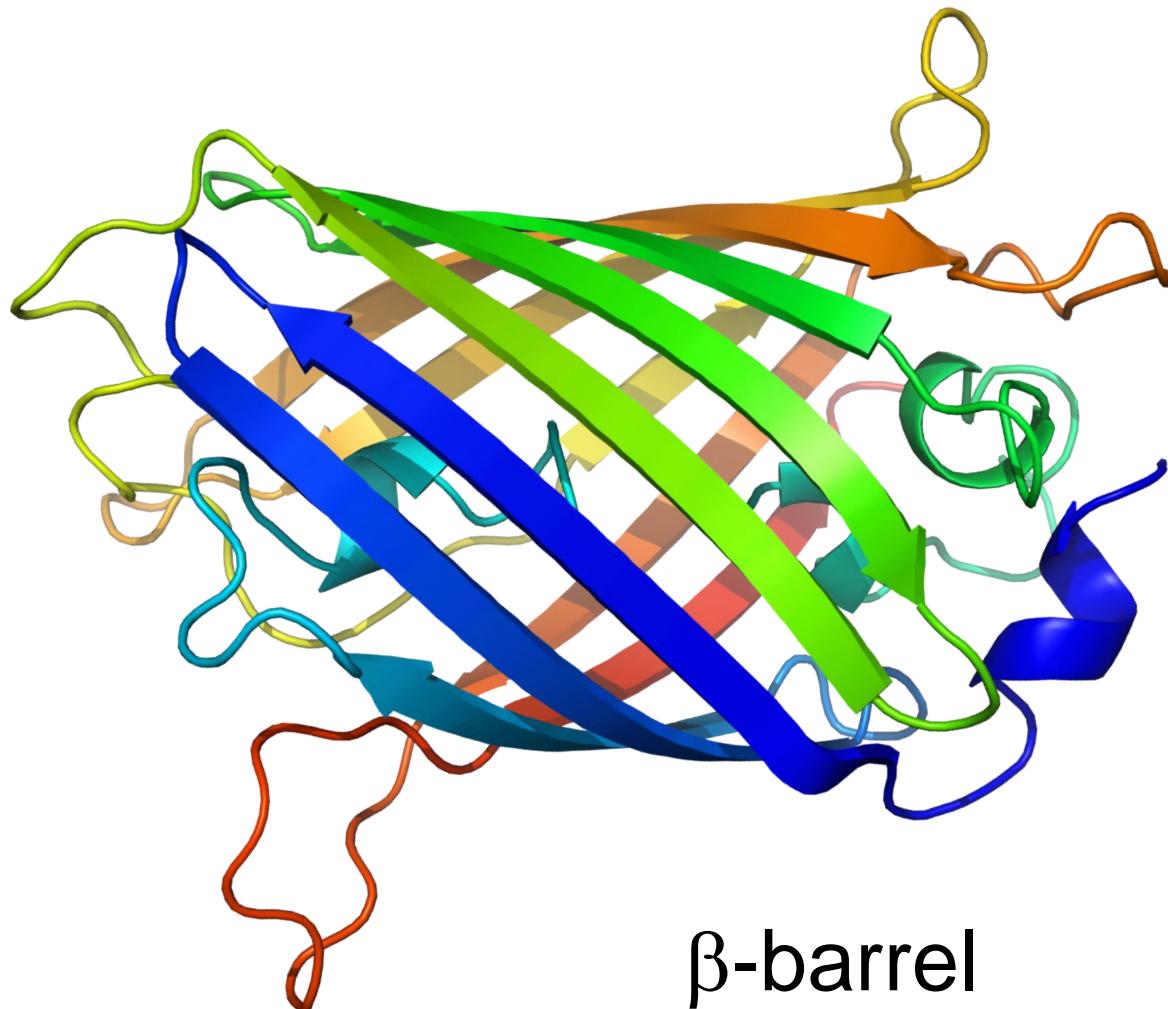
## Lypoxigenase



# Examples: Phosphoglycerate-kinase (PGK)



# Examples: GFP



# Stabilization of the tertiary structure

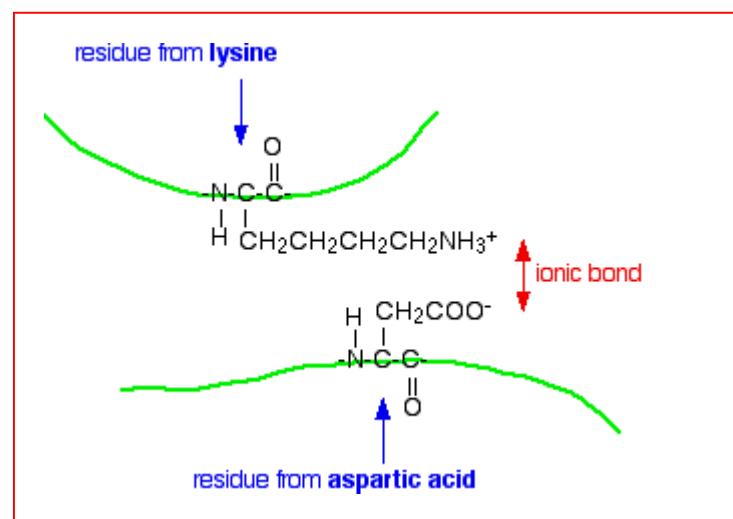
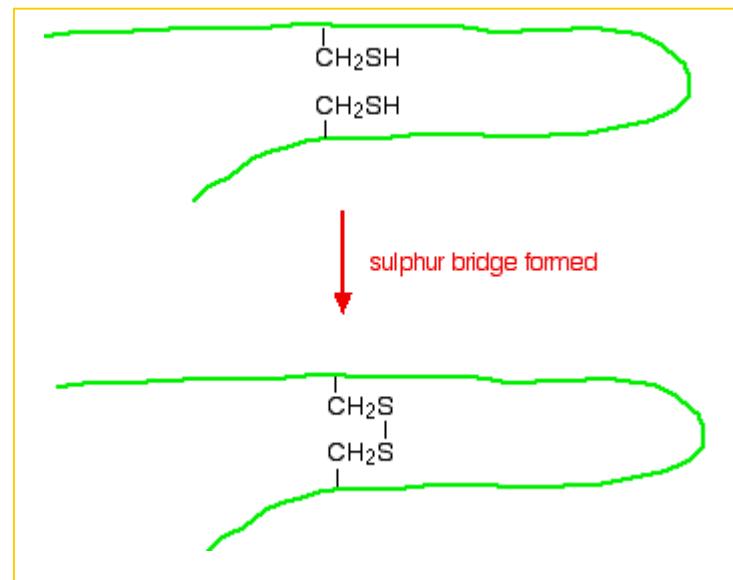
Between the side chains:

disulfide bond

ionic bonds

H-bond

Van der Waals int.



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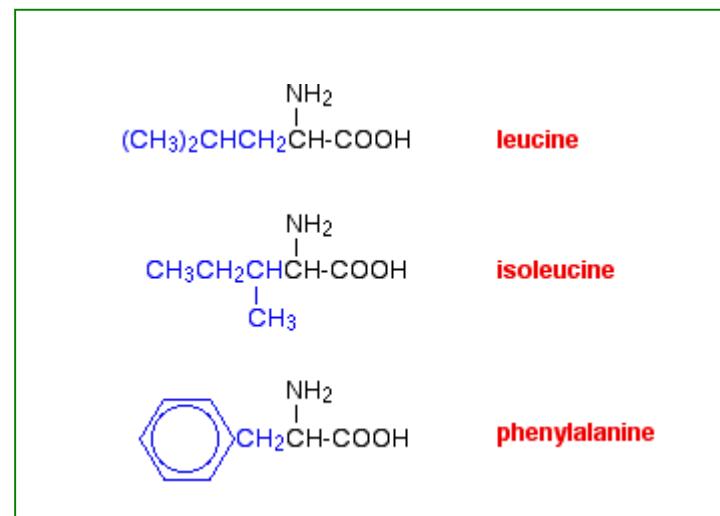
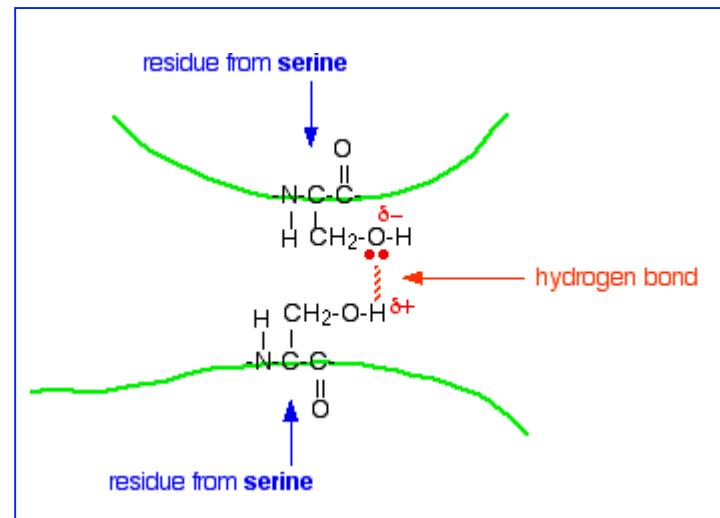
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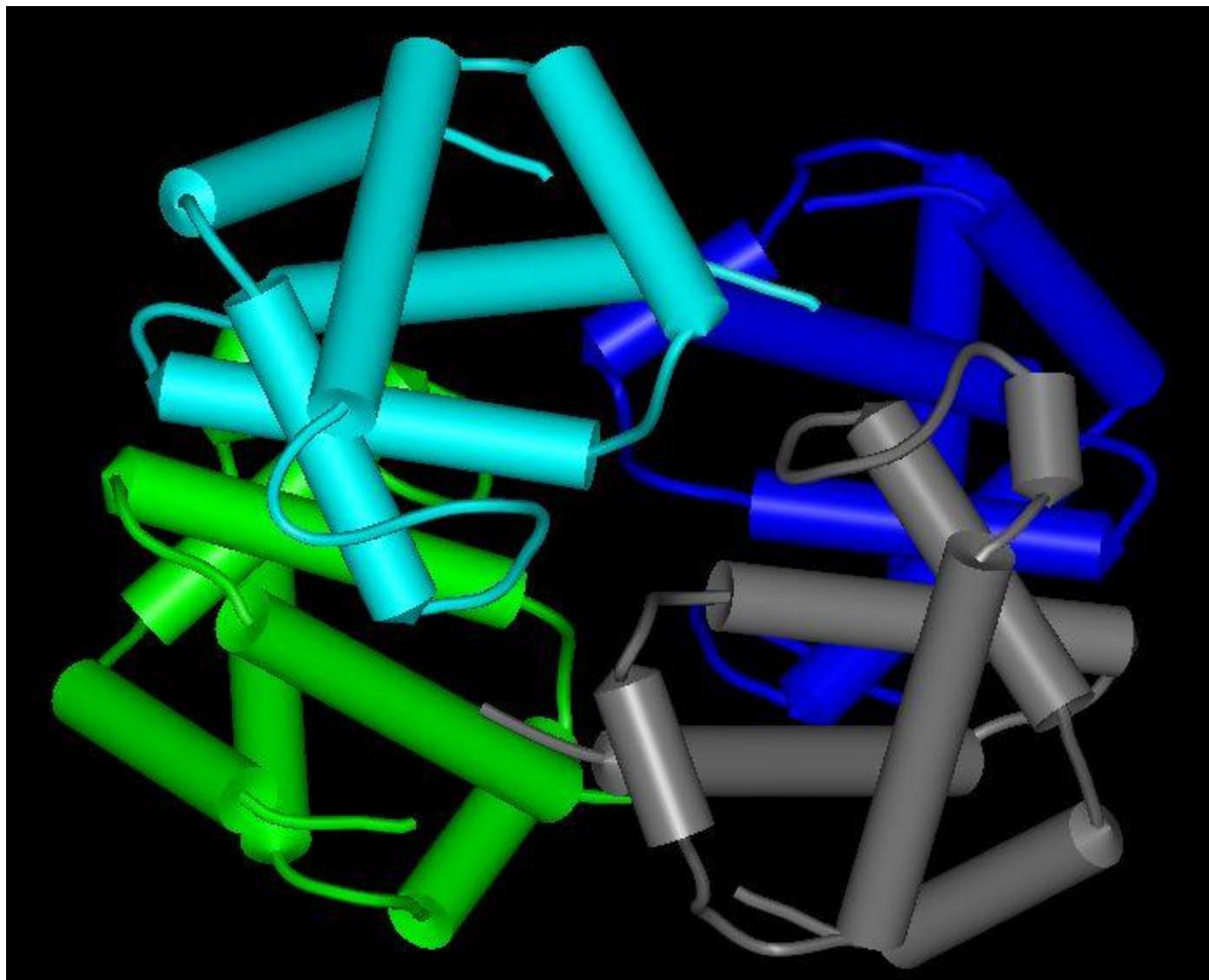
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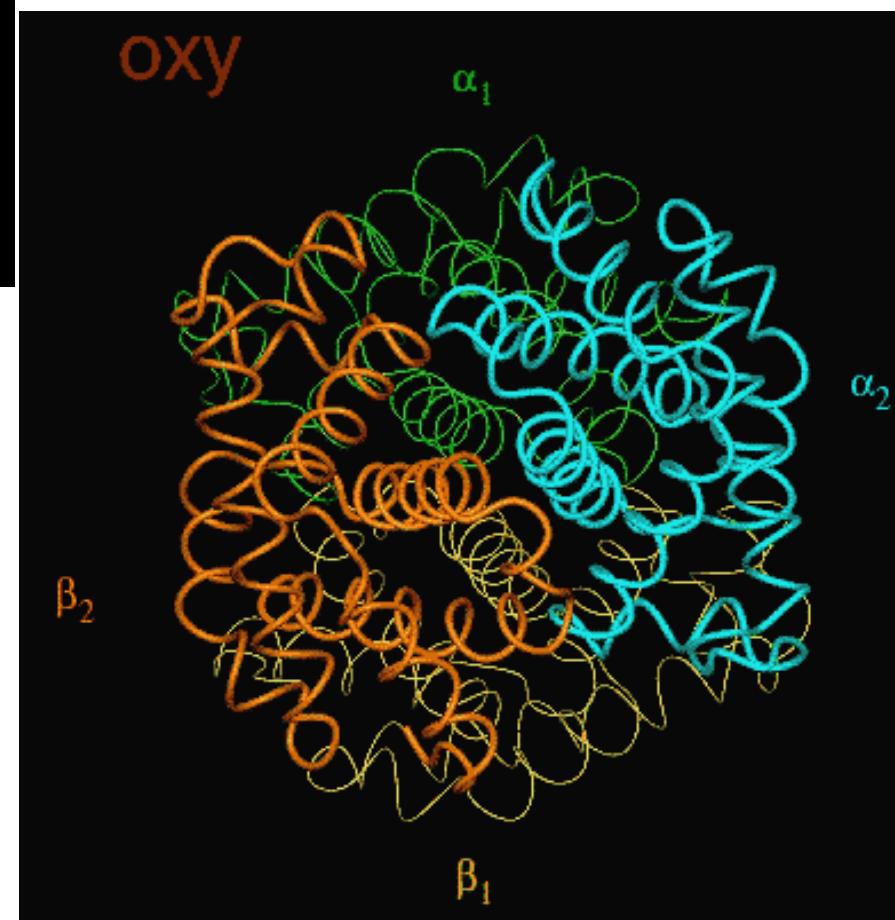
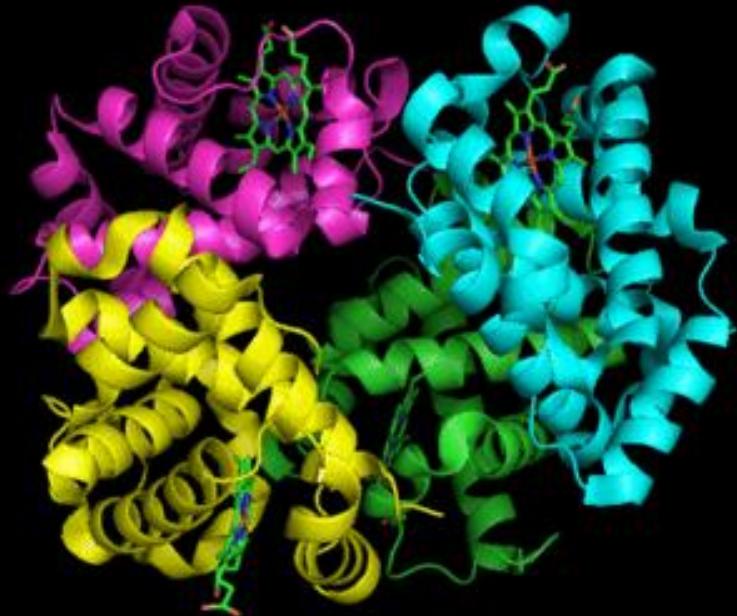


# Quaternary structure

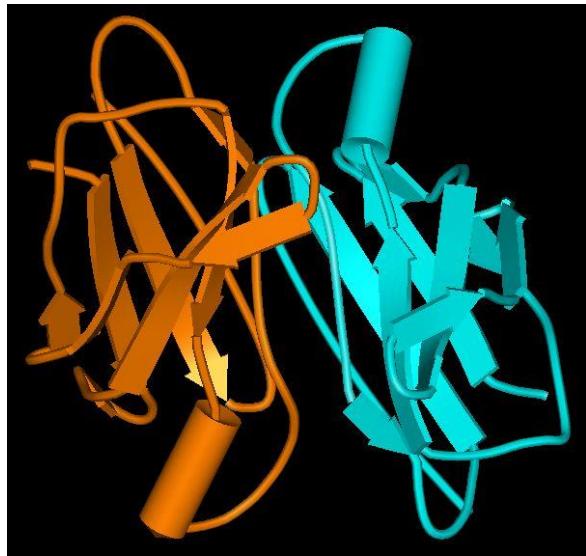
only for  
proteins with  
more than  
one  
polypeptide  
chains.

E.g.:  
Hemoglobin  
tetramer

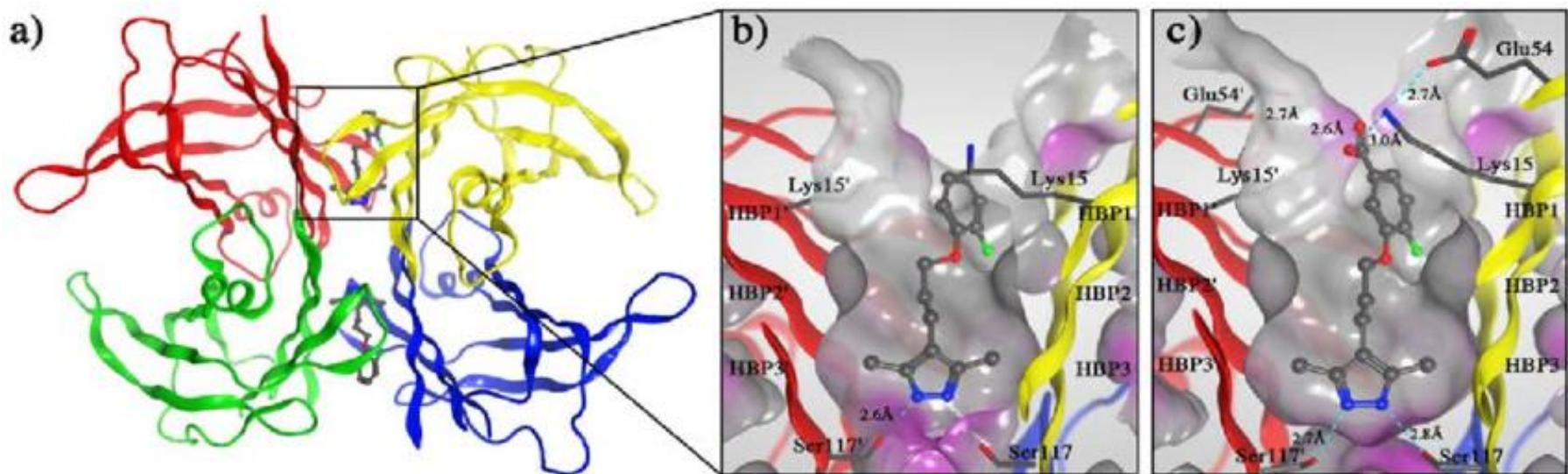




# Further examples: Transthyretin

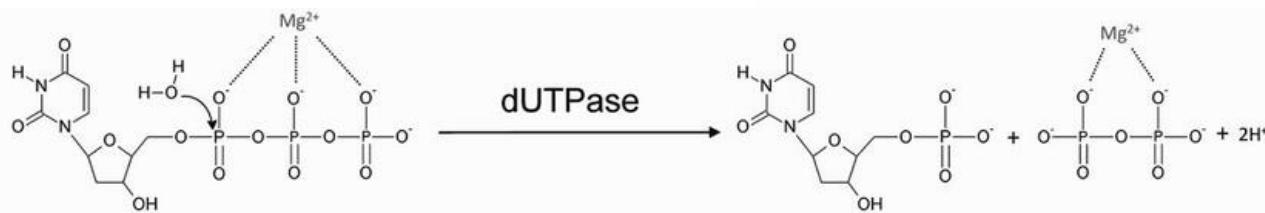
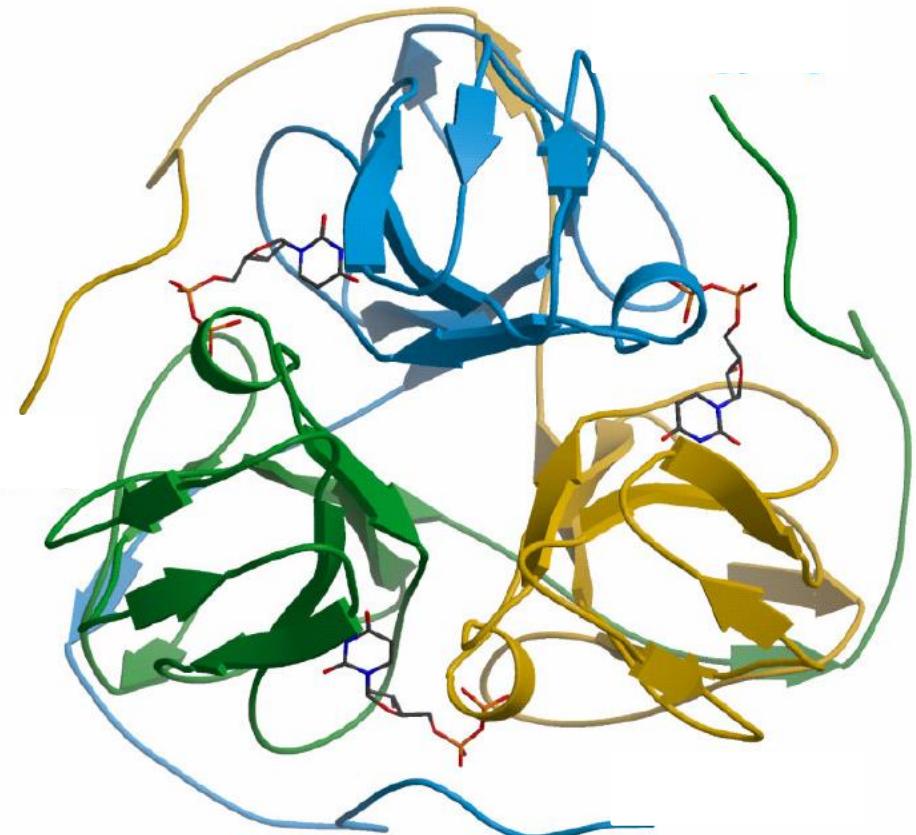


four binding sites;  
two for thyroxine and two  
for retinol-RBP complex



# Further examples: DUTPase

3 subunits



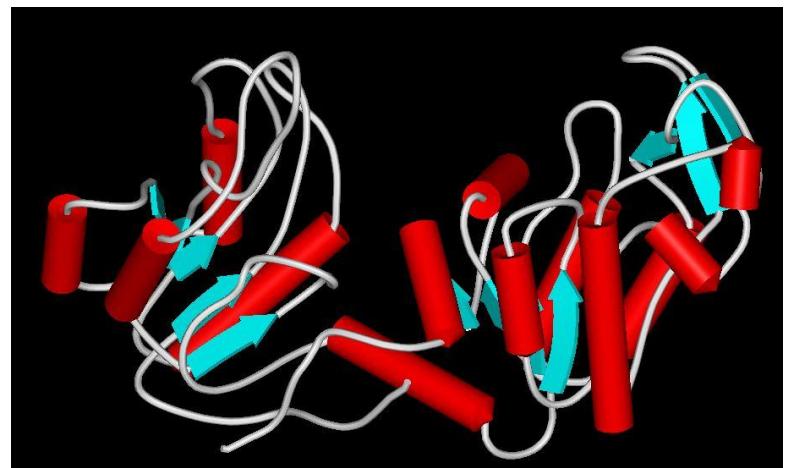
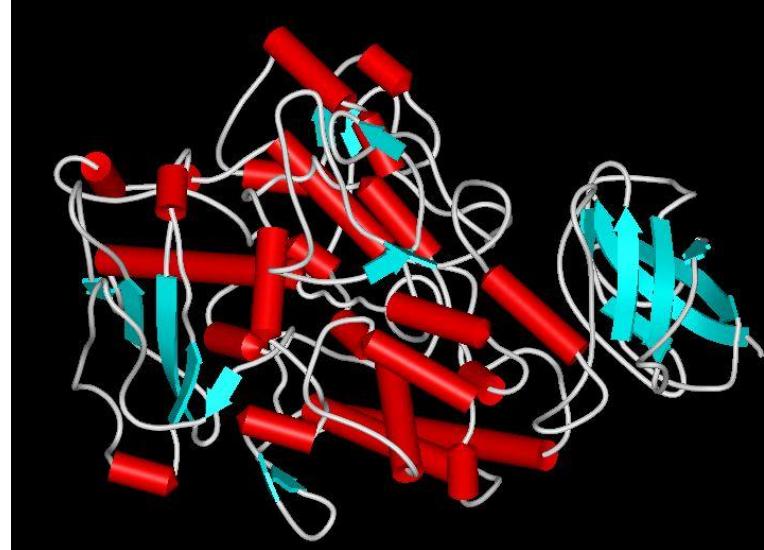
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# Important further aspects of the protein structure

- Domain
- Prosthetic group
- Posttranslational modifications
- Active site
- Pocket

# Domain

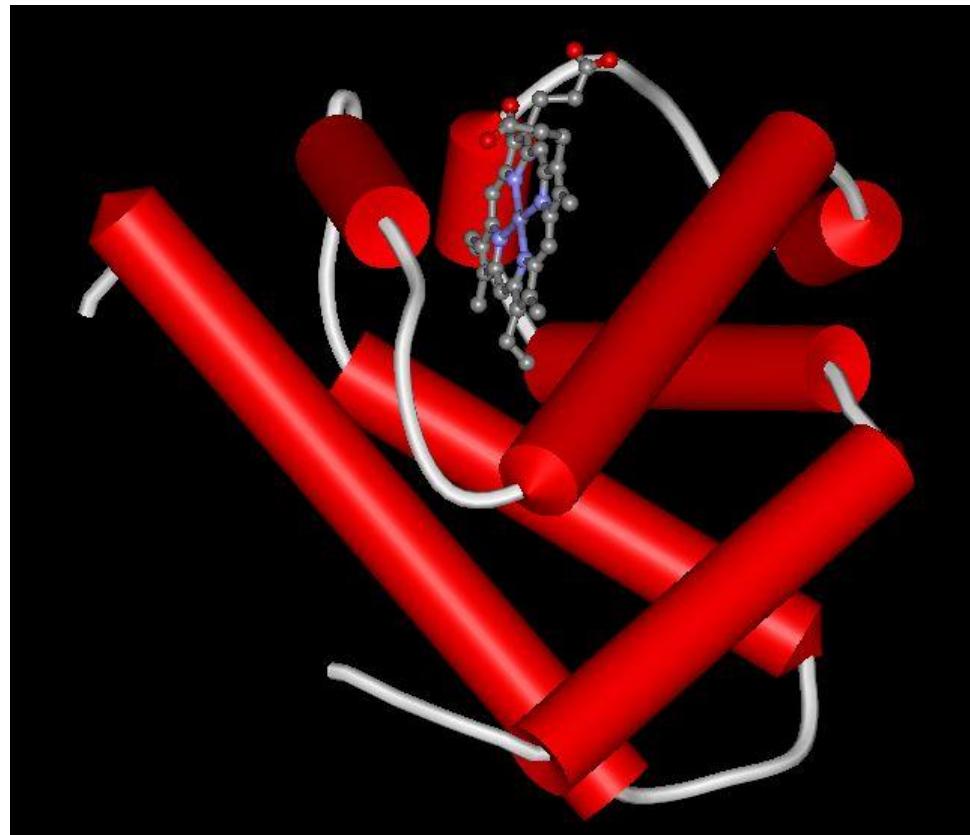
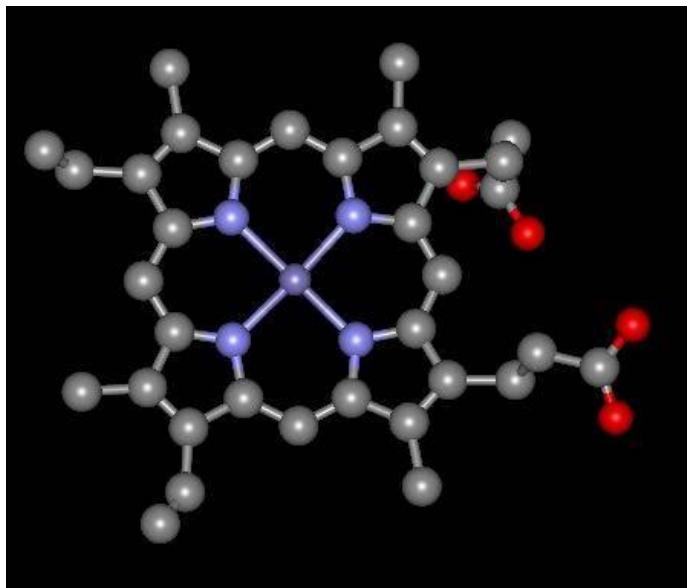
Part of the protein, which can fold into an ordered structure. Its structure is stable, it can function without the presence of the rest of the protein. The different domains of a protein may have different functions: e.g.: ATP binding domain, etc.



# Prosthetic group

A non-protein chemical compound that is required for an enzyme's activity. They are bound strongly to the protein.

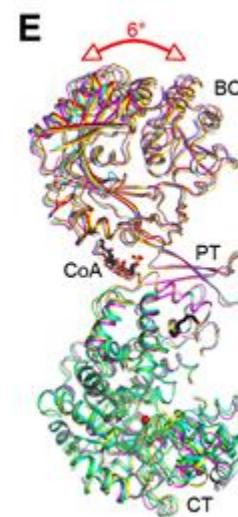
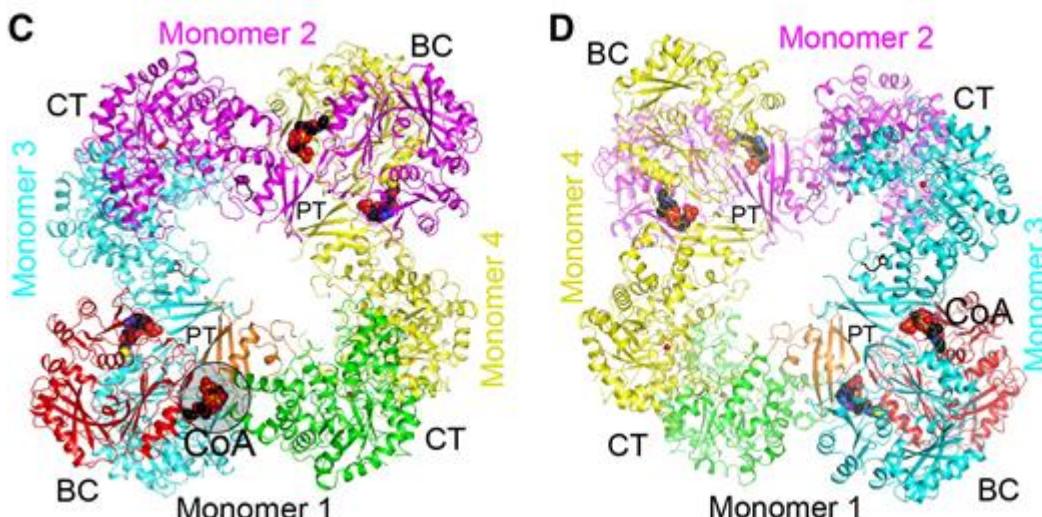
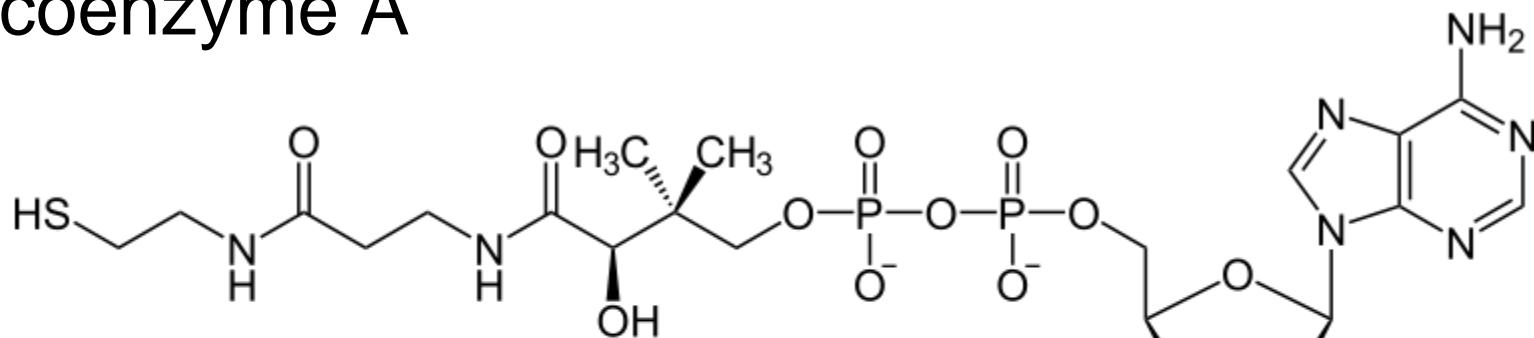
E.g.: hem group



# Coenzymes

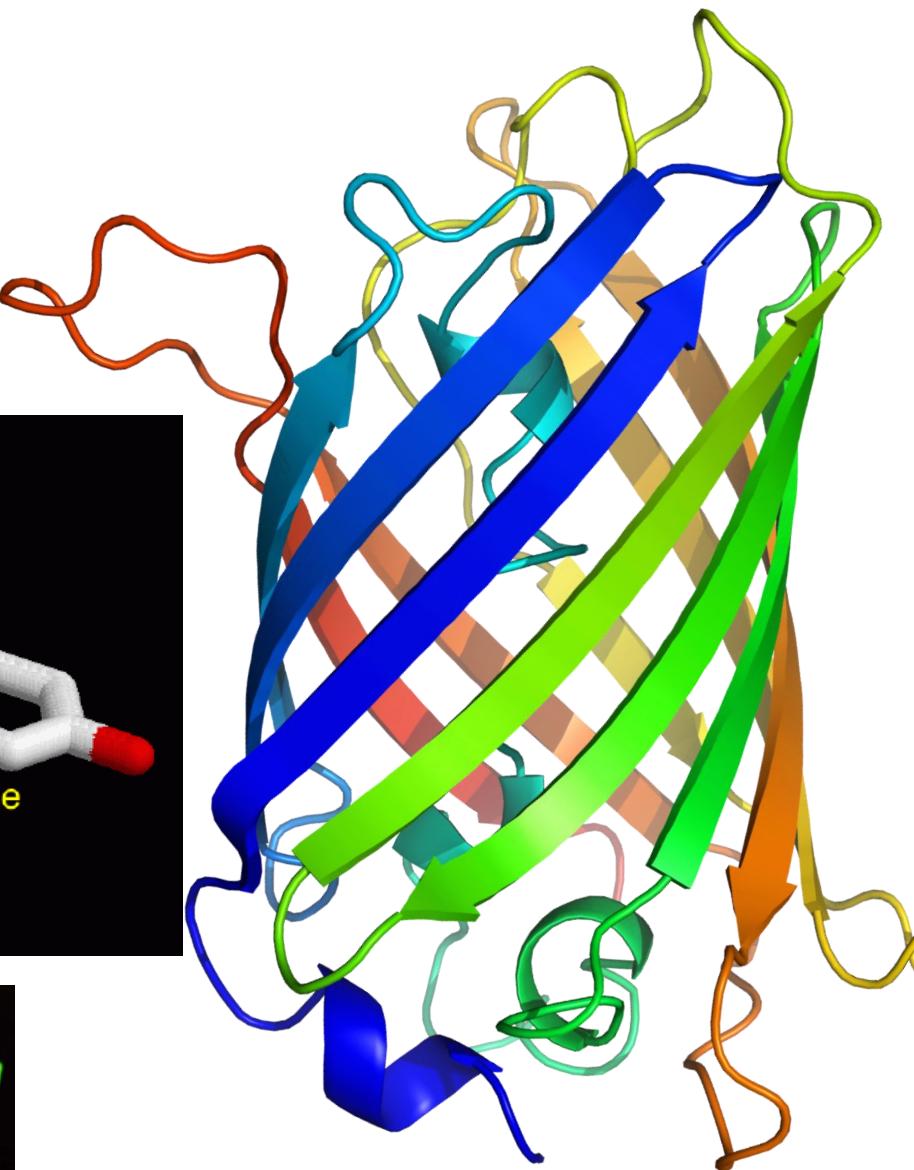
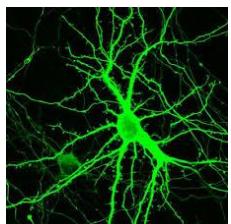
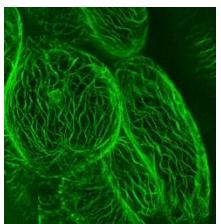
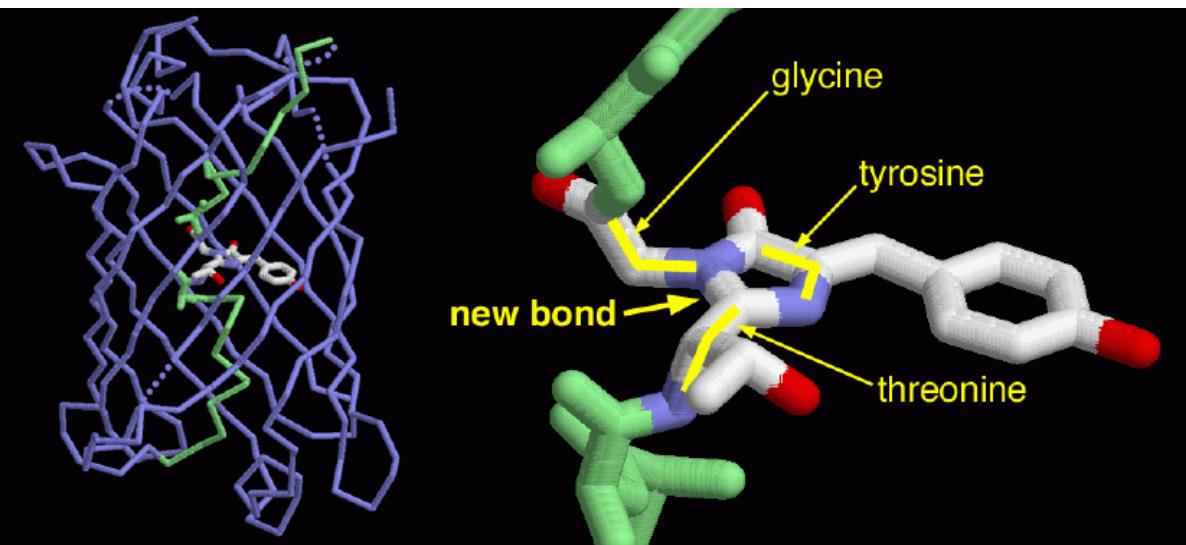
A cofactor is a non-protein chemical compound that is required for an enzyme's activity. They bind weakly and reversible.

example: coenzyme A



# Posttranslational modifications

E.g.: formation of the chromophore in GFP

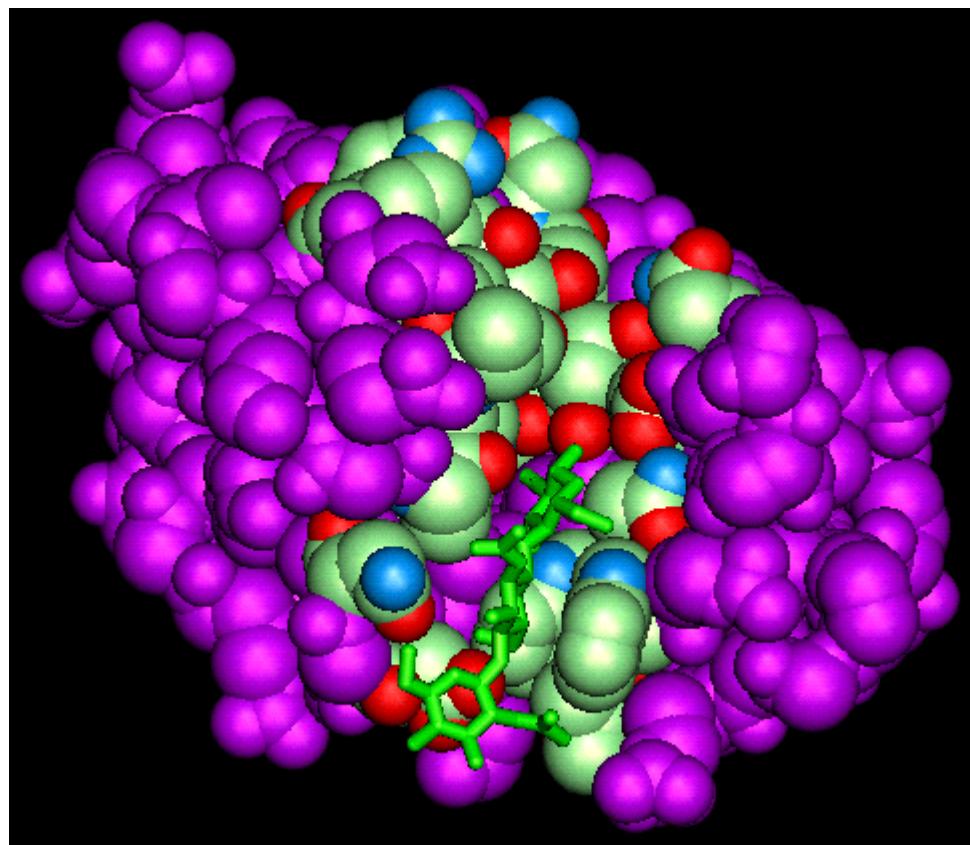


# Active site

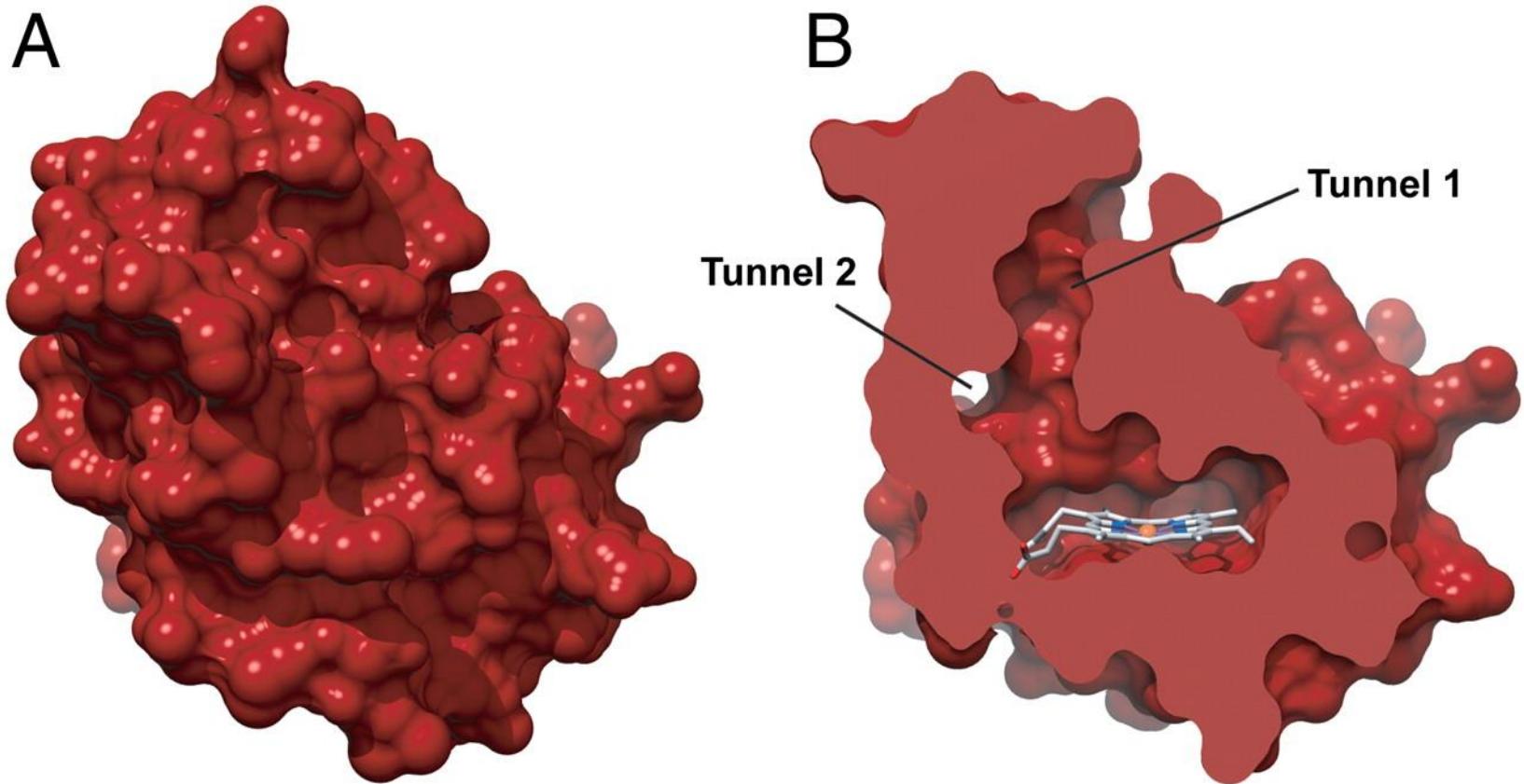
Active site is the region of an enzyme where substrate molecules bind and undergo a chemical reaction

Binding site

Catalytic site



# Hem pocket



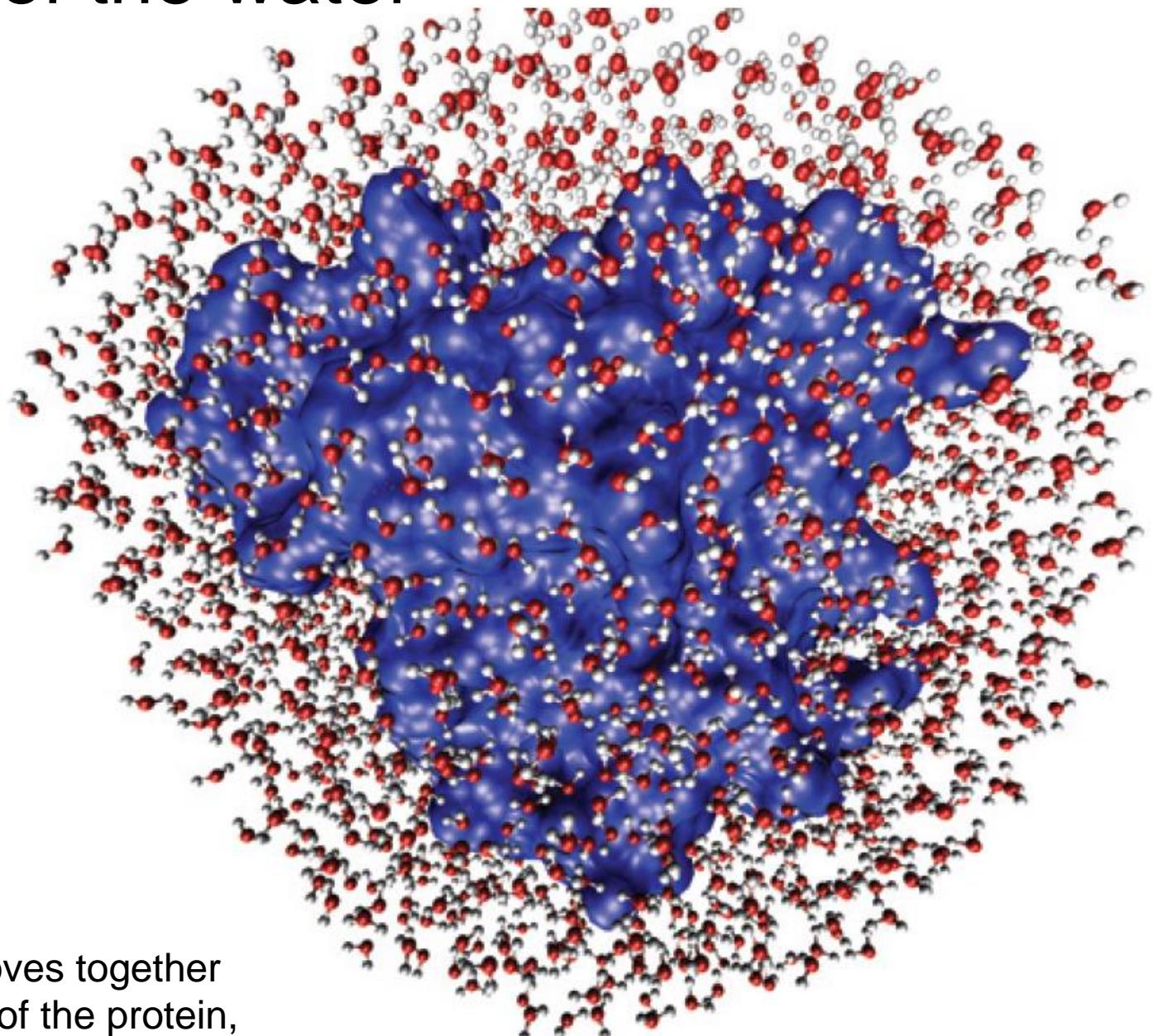
**hem nitric oxide/oxygen binding (H-NOX) domain**

Winter M B et al. PNAS 2011;108:E881-E889

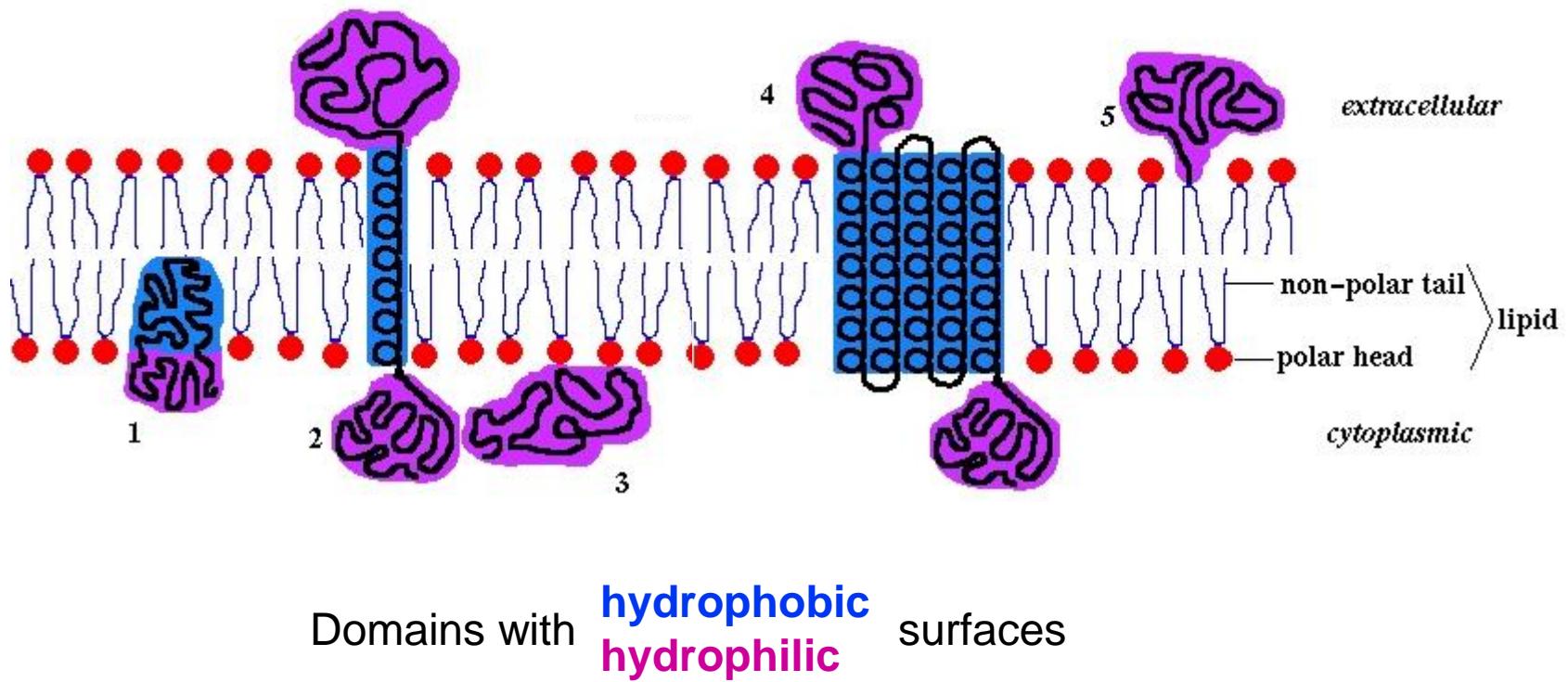
# Role of the water

Hydration  
layer:

2-3  
Water  
molecules

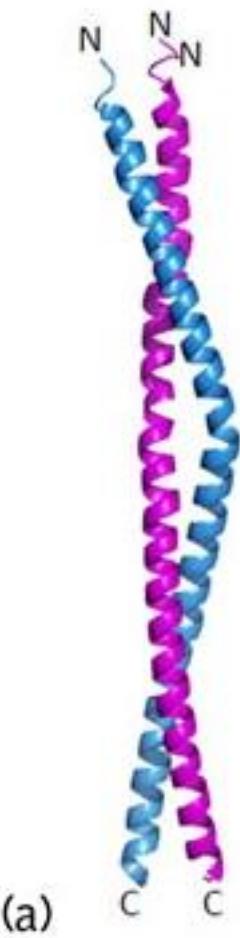


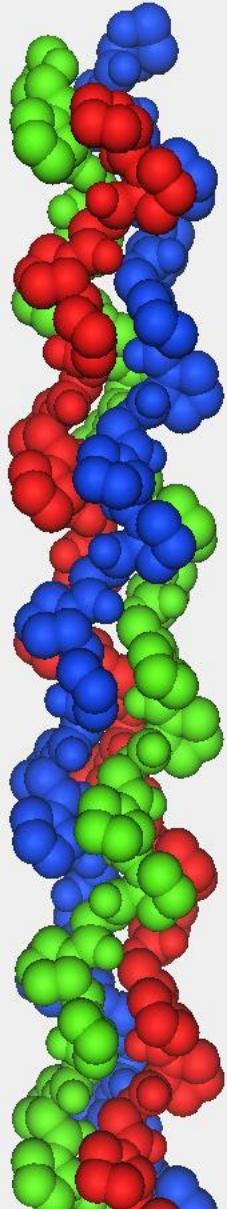
# Membrane proteins



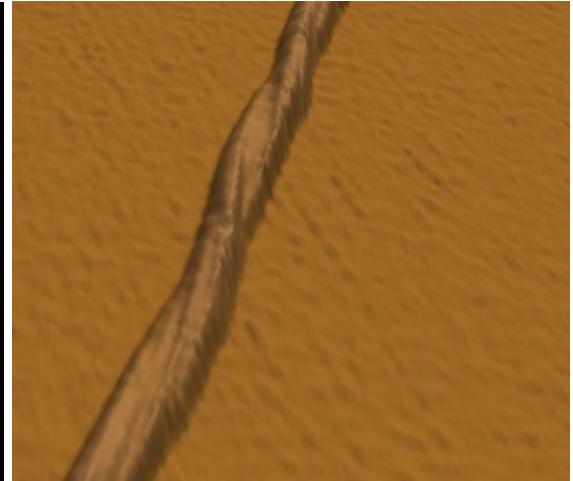
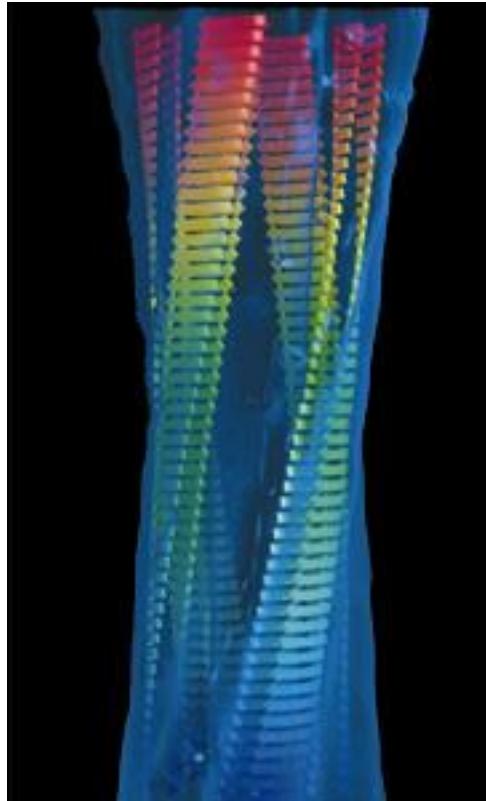
# Supramolecular organizations

- Coiled coil
- Collagen
- Fibrillar structures





Collagen



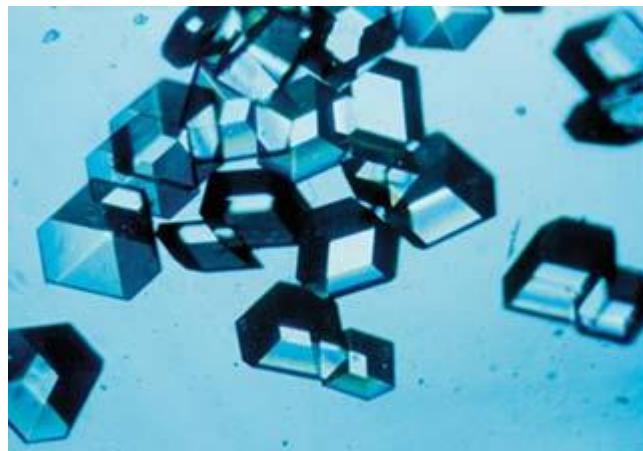
Fibrillar organization

# Some methods for determination of the 3D structure of proteins

X-ray crystallography

NMR

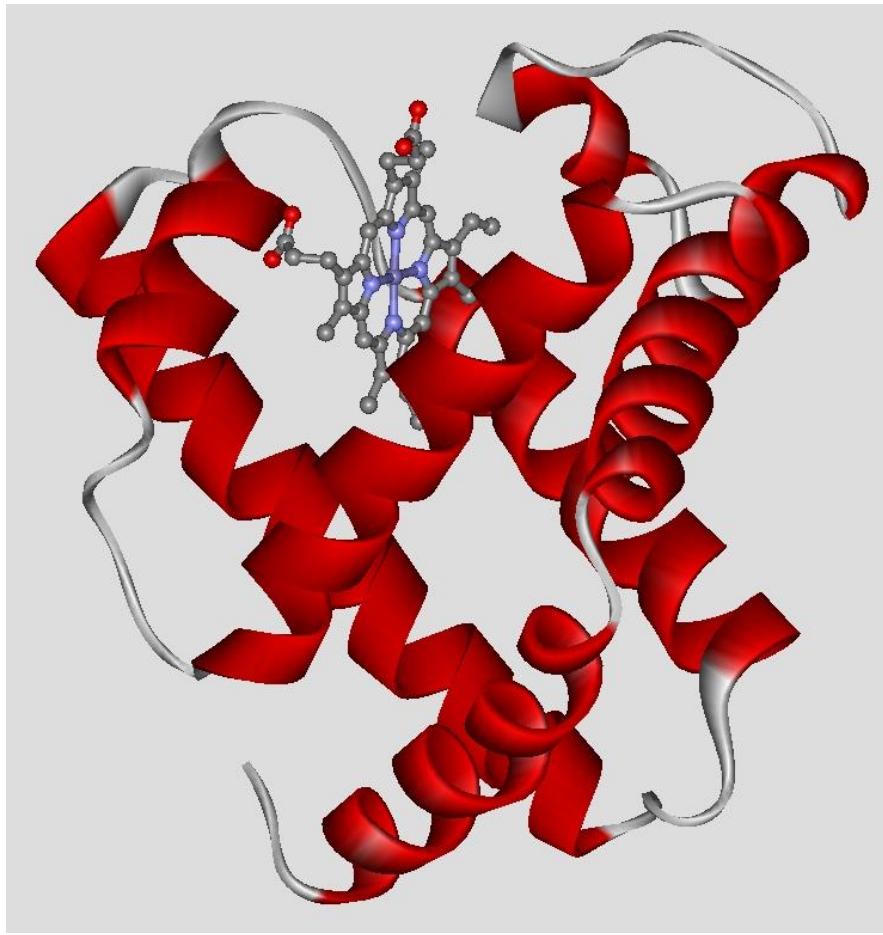
Prediction (homology modelling)



# Spectroscopic methods sensitive to the changes of the protein structure

- Circular dichroism (CD)
- Infrared spectroscopy (IR, FTIR)
- Luminescence spectroscopy
- UV absorption spectroscopy
- ...

# Crystallography <-> NMR



myoglobin

# Protein databases

- PDB

- Protein Data Bank

- 3D Structures (c.a.150 000) from

- X-ray and

- NMR experiments

- Swiss-prot

- Protein sequences

- Proteomics software

- Structure prediction (homology modeling)

- Calculation/Estimation of the chemical parameters  
(e.g. isoelectric point...)

- Comparison of the sequences...



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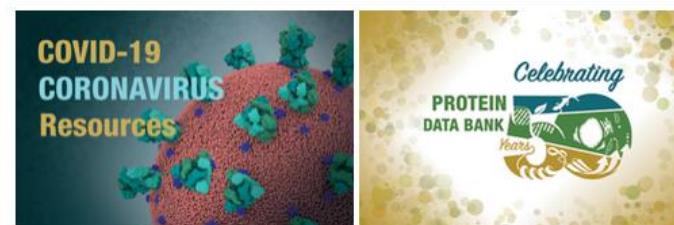
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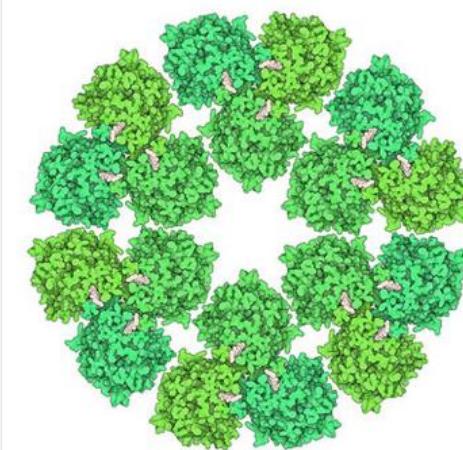
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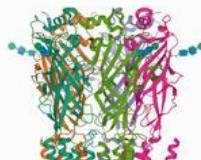
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Cellulose Synthase

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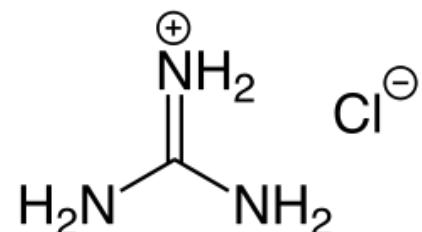
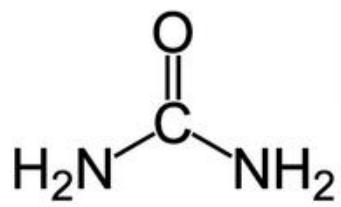
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# Stability of biological systems

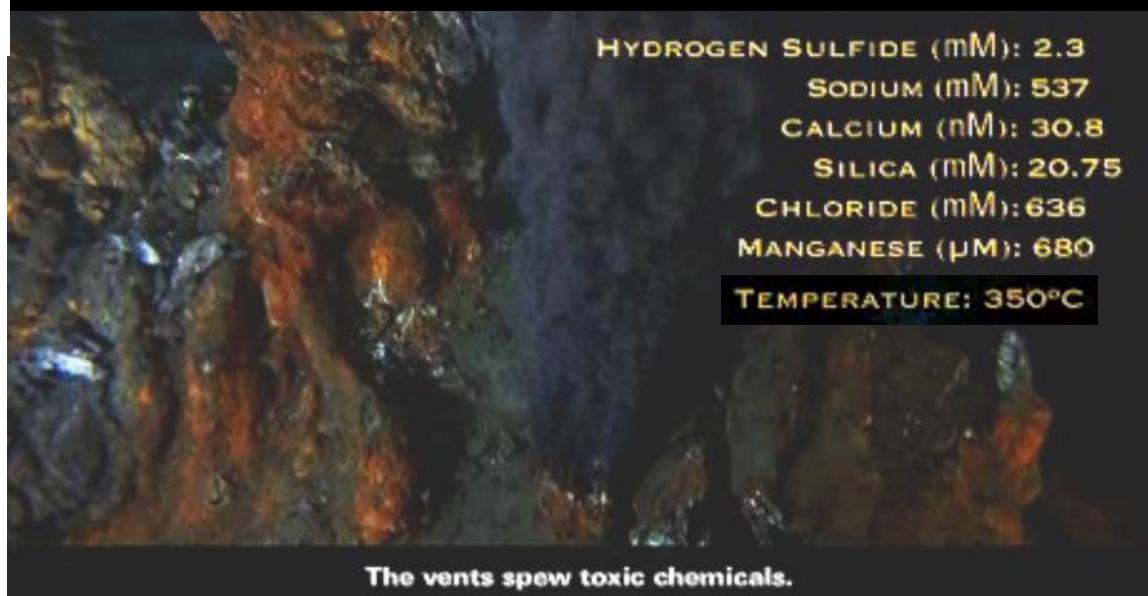
# Destabilizing environmental factors

- Physical
  - high temperature
  - low temperature
  - (high) pressure
- Chemical
  - urea (high conc.)
  - GuHCl [guanidinium chloride] (high conc.)
  - extreme pH





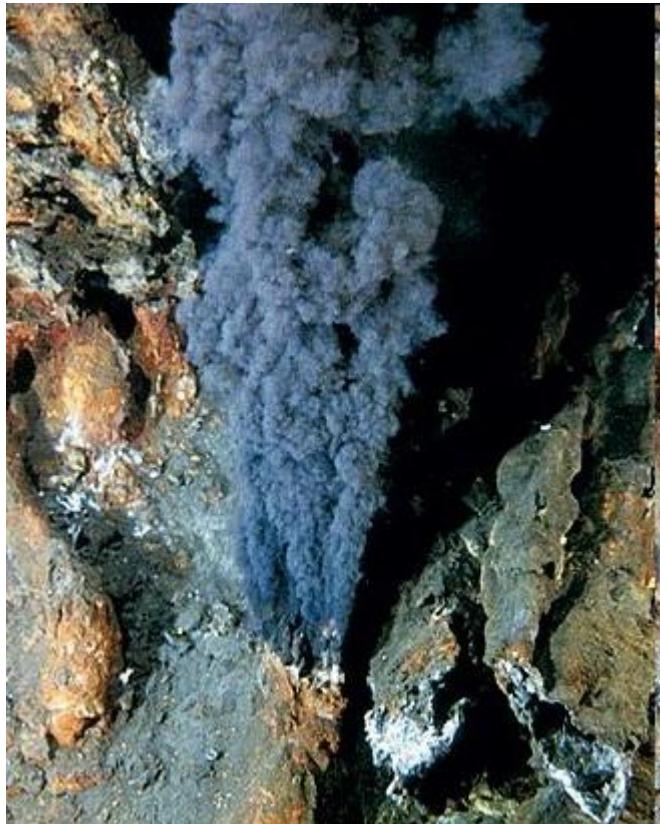
Huge red-tipped tube worms...



The vents spew toxic chemicals.



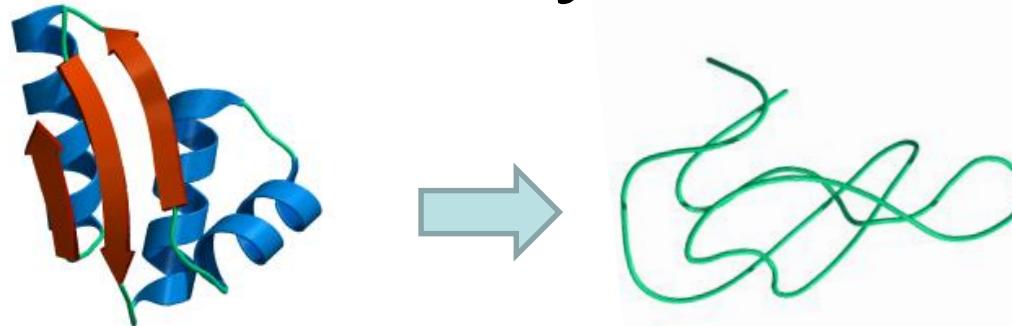
Thermophiles, a type of extremophile, produce some of the bright colors of Grand Prismatic Spring, Yellowstone National Park



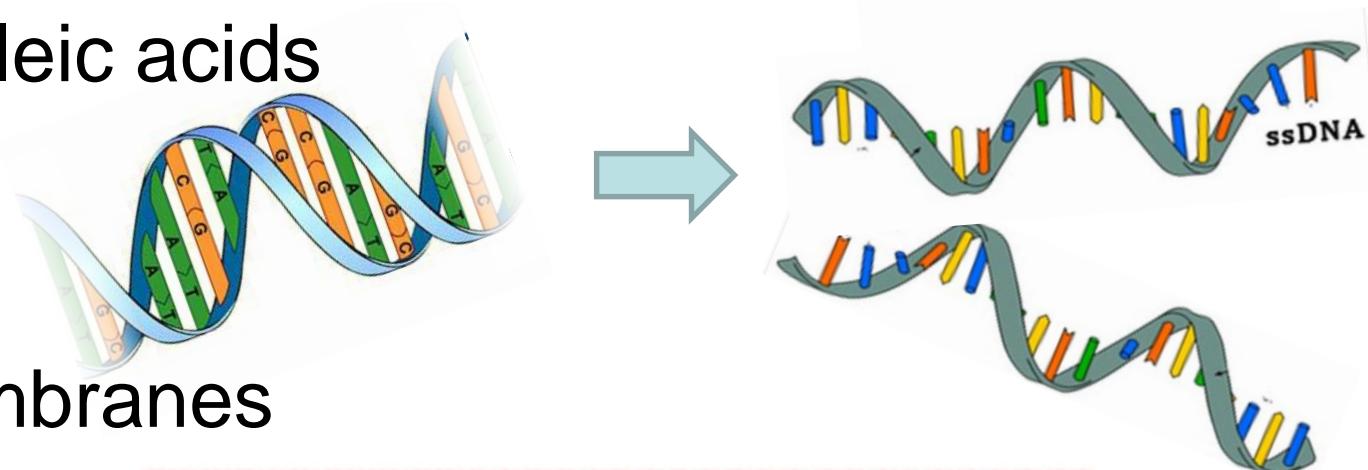
The first extremophile to have its genome sequenced was *Methanococcus jannaschii*, a microbe that lives near hydrothermal vents 2,600 meters below sea level, where temperatures approach the boiling point of water and the pressure is sufficient to crush an ordinary submarine. Image credit: NOAA

# Order and disorder in macromolecular systems

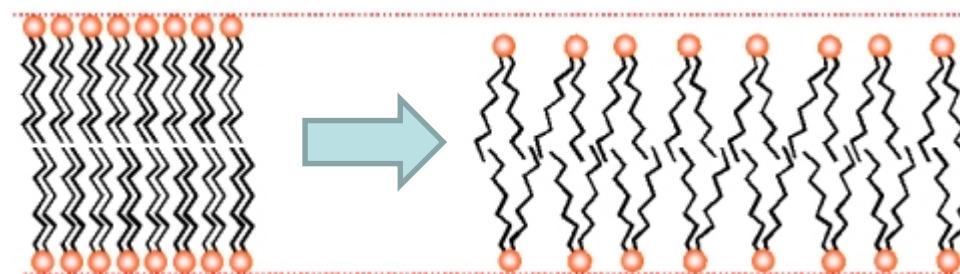
Proteins



Nucleic acids



Membranes



# Physical parameter: Temperature

Enthalpy:  $H=U+pV$  Gibbs free energy:  $G=H-TS$

$$\Delta H(T) = \Delta H(T_0) + \int_{T_0}^T \Delta C_p dT$$

$$\Delta S(T) = \Delta S(T_0) + \int_{T_0}^T \frac{\Delta C_p}{T} dT$$

$$\left. \frac{\partial \Delta S}{\partial T} \right|_p = \frac{\Delta C_p}{T}$$

$$\left. \frac{\partial \Delta H}{\partial T} \right|_p = \Delta C_p$$

Thermodynamic identities

Two state model: states (1) and (2)  
(e.g. ordered and disordered states)

$$\Delta H(T) = H_2(T) - H_1(T)$$

Let  $T_0$  be selected on the way that:

$$G_1(T_0) = G_2(T_0)$$

Both states have the same gibbs free energy, thus they are in equilibrium at  $T_0$

$$\Delta G(T_0) = G_2(T_0) - G_1(T_0) = 0$$

(I.e.  $T_0$  is a **phase transition temperature**)

$$\Delta G(T_0) = \Delta H_D(T_0) - T_0 \Delta S_N(T_0) = 0$$

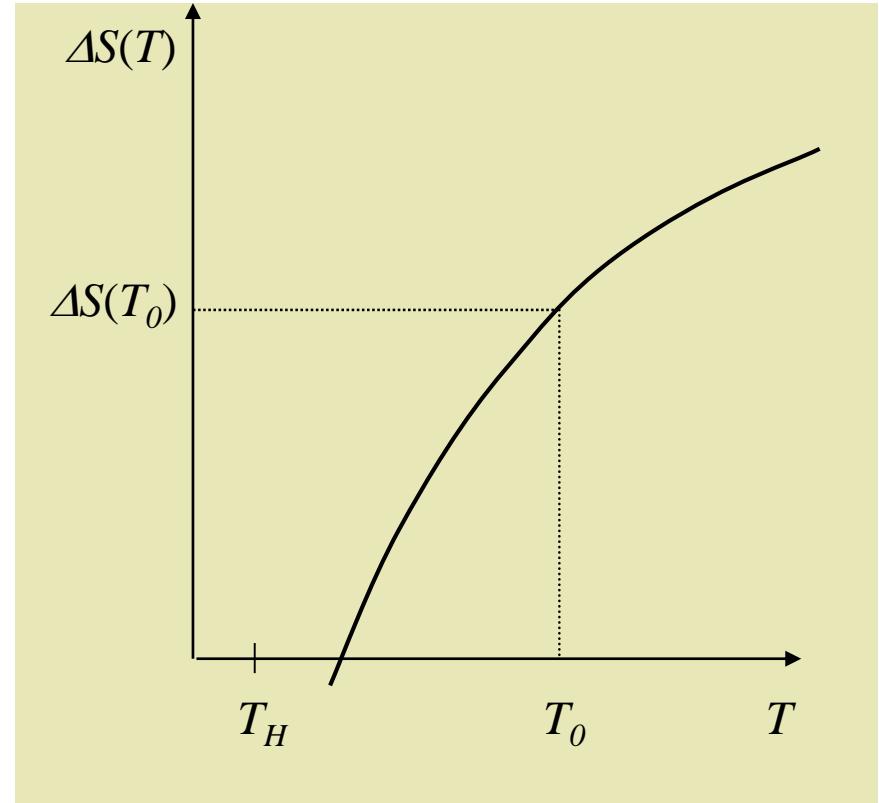
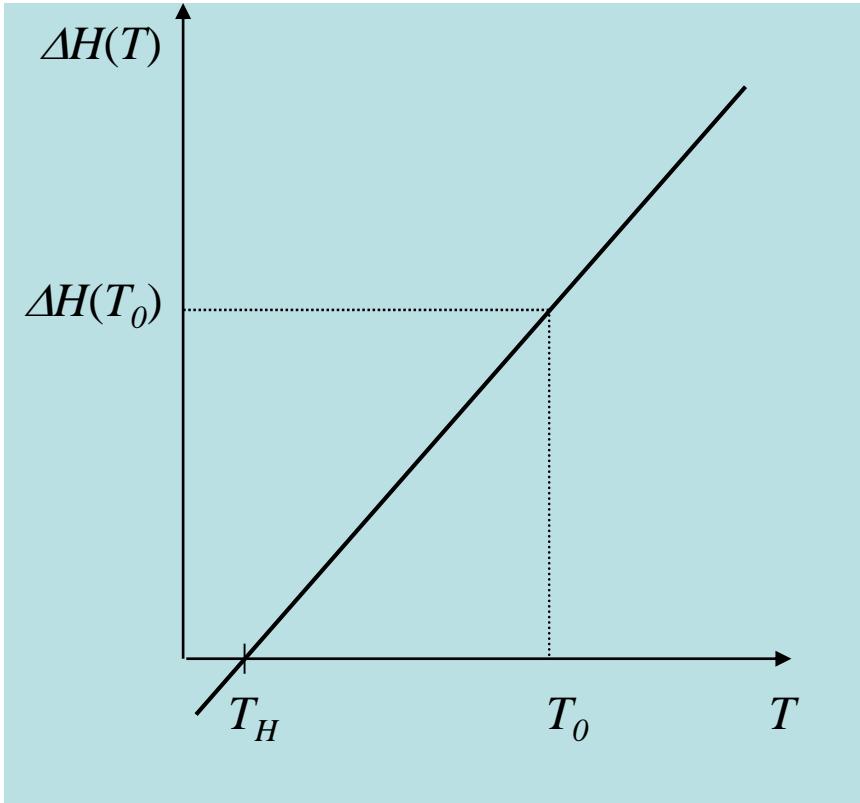
Let us suppose that  $C_p$  does not depend on  $T$ :

$$\Delta H(T) = \Delta H(T_0) + \int_{T_0}^T \Delta C_p dT = \Delta H(T_0) + (T - T_0) \Delta C_p$$

Or very weakly, and can be neglected in the range of  $T \dots T_0$

$$\Delta S(T) = \Delta S(T_0) + \int_{T_0}^T \frac{\Delta C_p}{T} dT = \Delta S(T_0) + \Delta C_p \ln\left(\frac{T}{T_0}\right)$$

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$$\begin{aligned}
\Delta G(T) &= \Delta H(T) - T \Delta S(T) = \\
&\Delta G(T_0) + (T - T_0) \left( \Delta C_p - \Delta S(T_0) \right) - T \Delta C_p \ln \left( \frac{T}{T_0} \right) \\
&= -\Delta S(T_0)(T - T_0) - \Delta C_p \left( T \left( \ln \left( \frac{T}{T_0} \right) - 1 \right) + T_0 \right) \\
&= -\Delta S(T_0)(T - T_0) - \Delta C_p \frac{(T - T_0)^2}{2T_0}
\end{aligned}$$

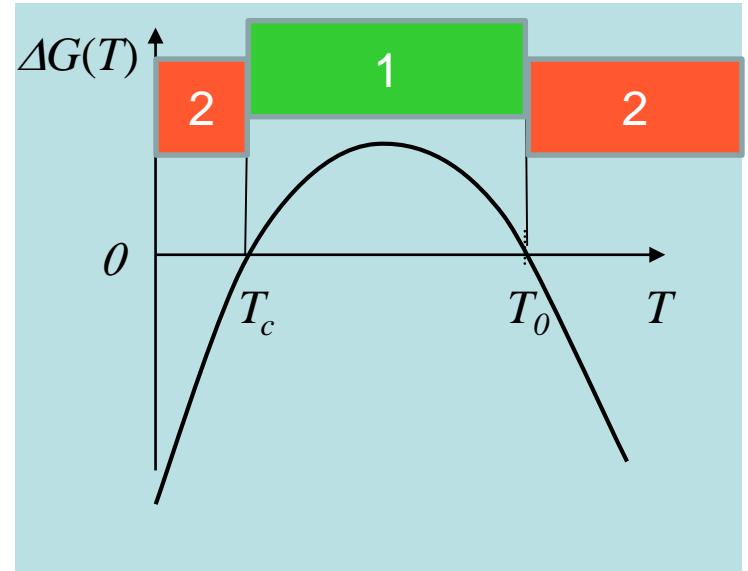
$\Delta G(T_0) = G_2(T_0) - G_1(T_0) = 0$

$$T \left( \ln \left( \frac{T}{T_0} \right) - 1 \right) + T_0 \approx \frac{(T - T_0)^2}{2T_0}$$

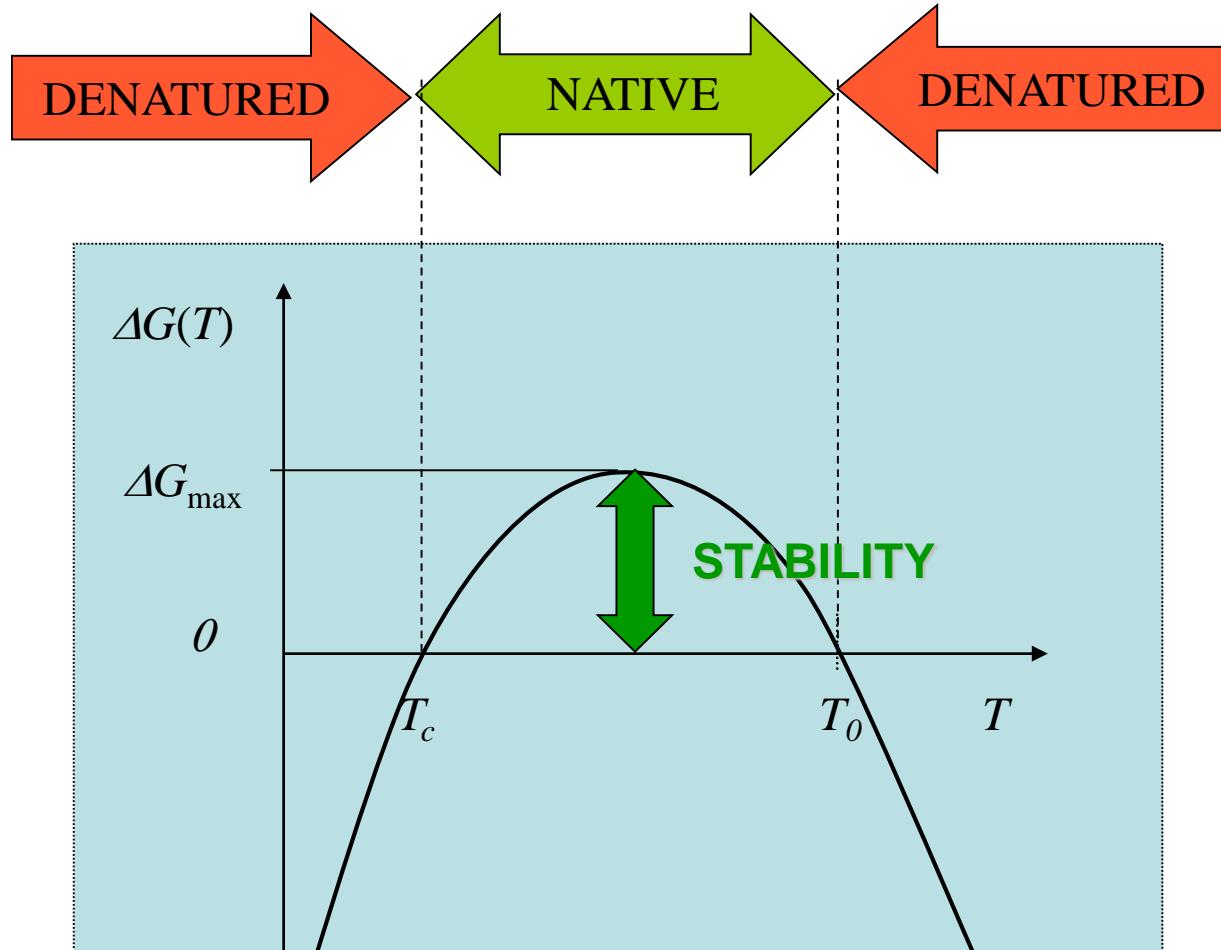
Taylor series

$$\Delta G(T) = G_2(T) - G_1(T)$$

- |F  $\Delta G(T) > 0$   $G_2(T) > G_1(T)$
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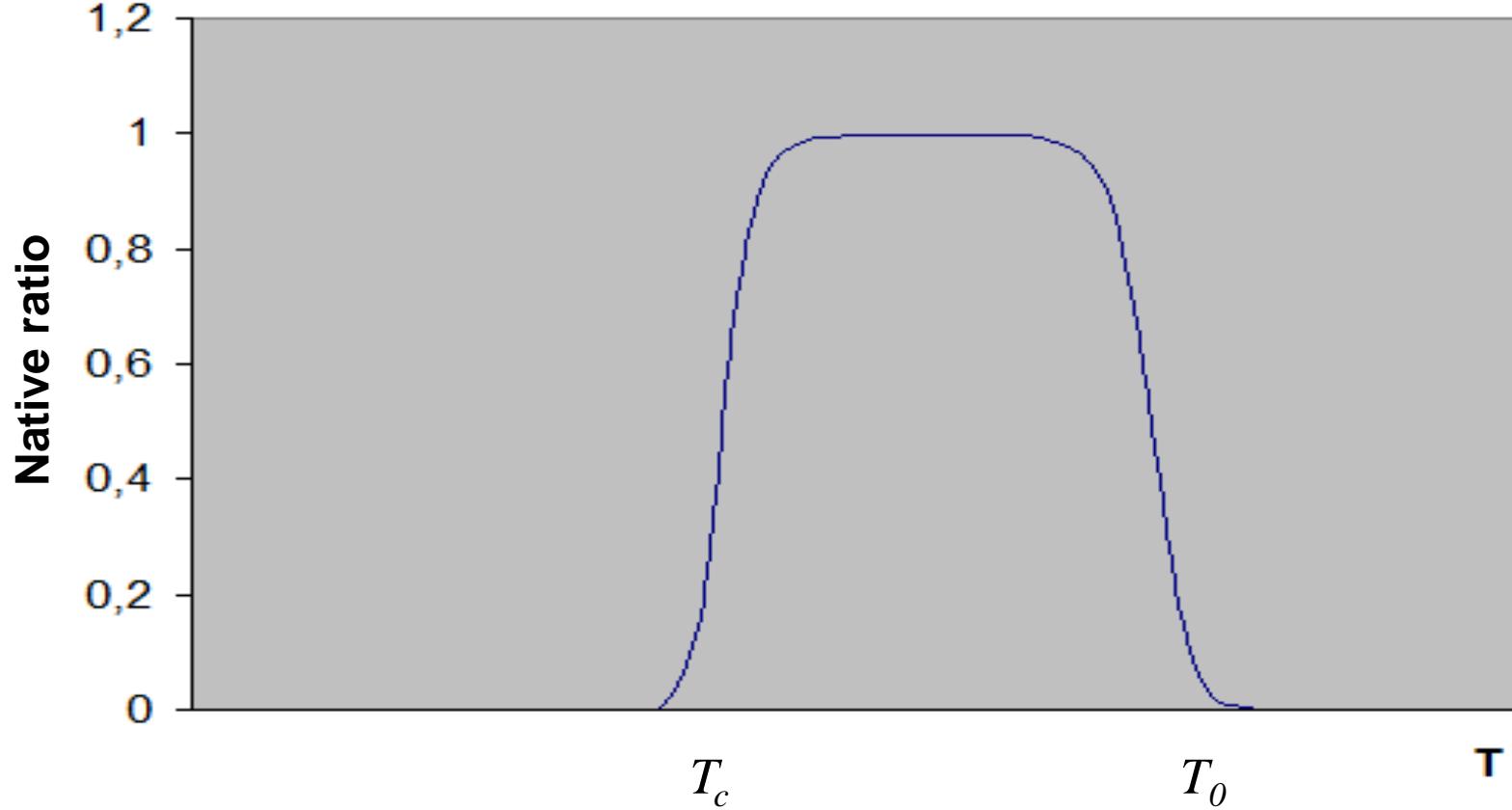
# In case of proteins:

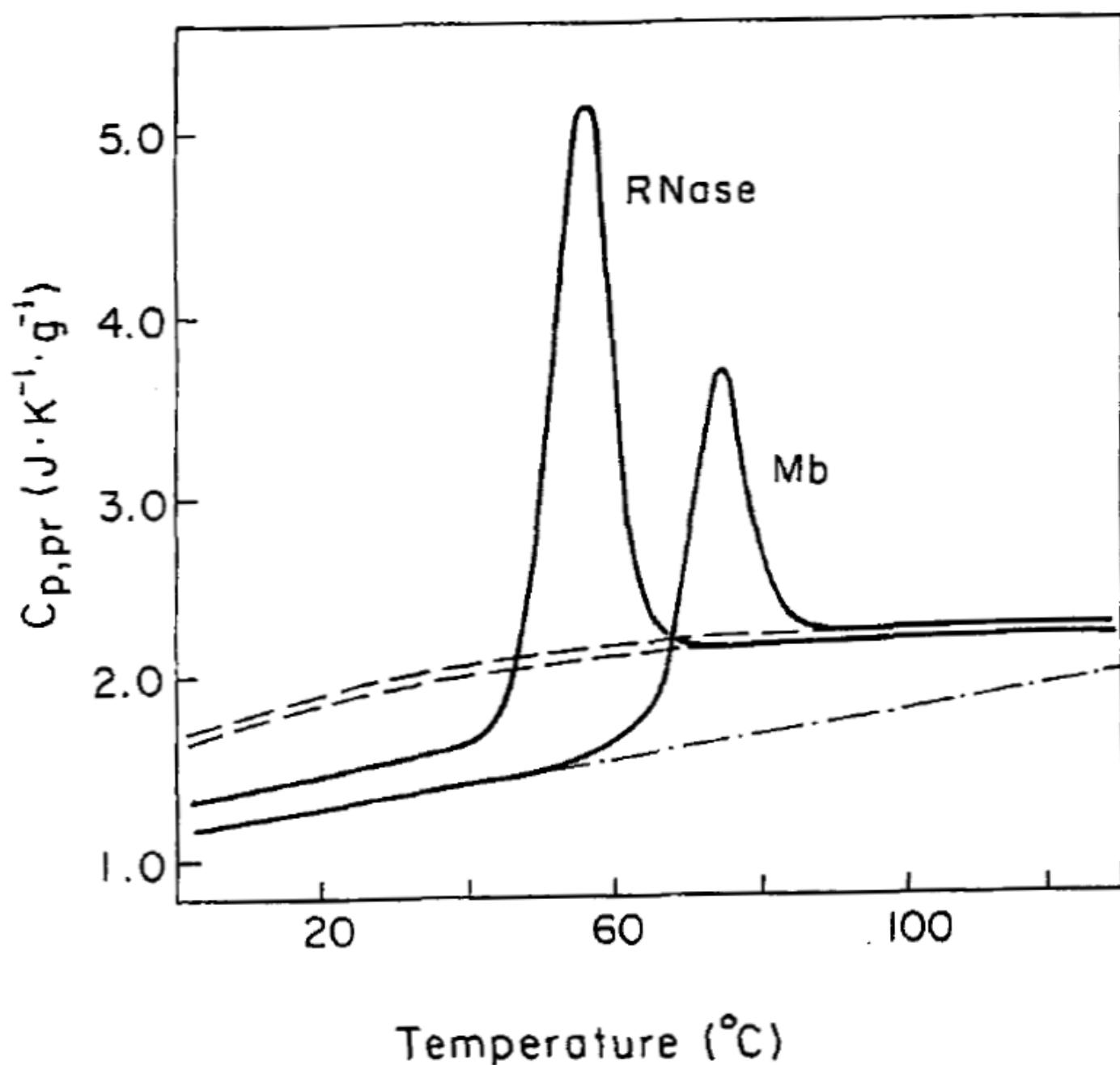


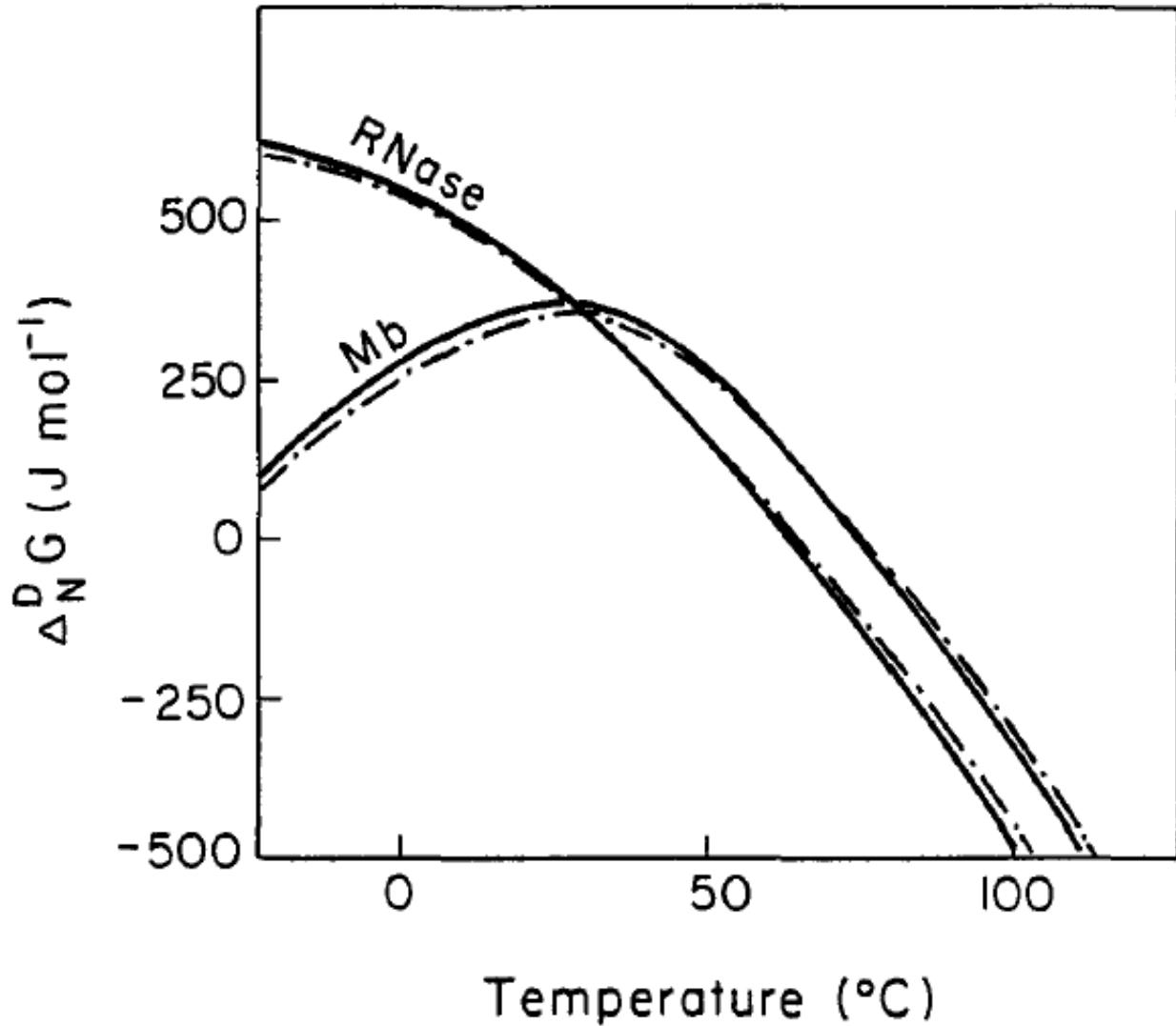
No cold denaturation was observed in case of nucleic acids and membranes.

$$\frac{w_D}{w_N} = e^{-\Delta G / RT}$$

Boltzmann statistics can be applied



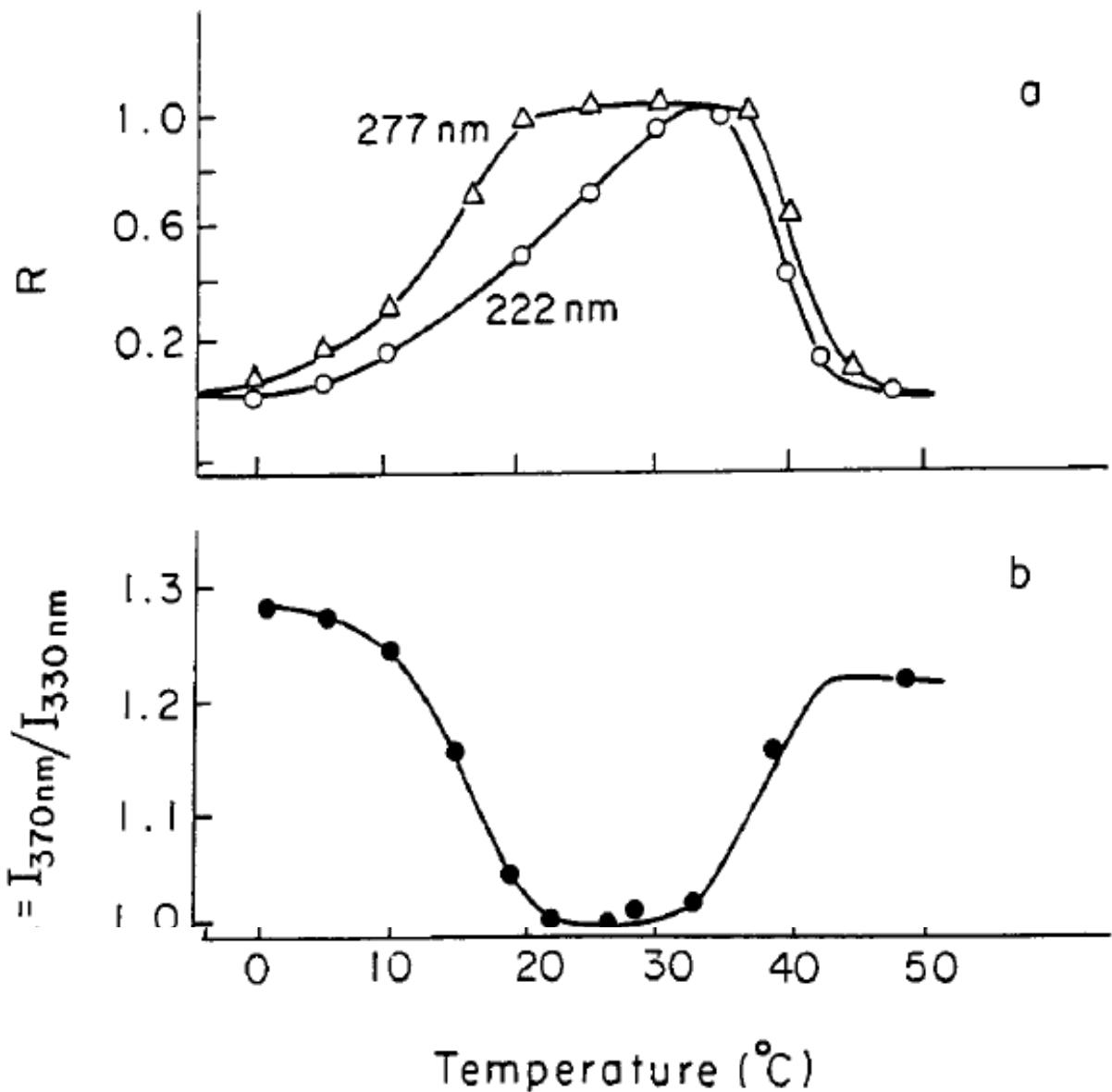




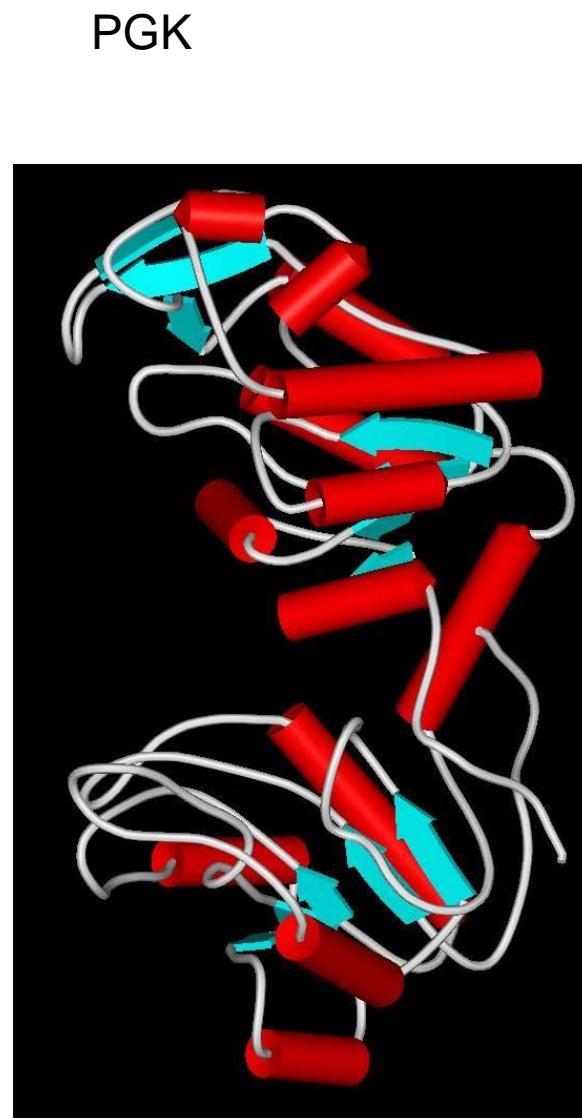
**FIGURE 7.** The  $\Delta_N^D G$  function for RNase and Mb for the same conditions as in Figure 6 calculated from the assumption that  $\Delta_N^D C_p$  is temperature independent (dot-dash line) and temperature dependent (dashed line).<sup>114</sup>

# Cold denaturation

- Often below 0°C
- Technical problems
- Solution:
  - Use of another denaturing agent:  
destabilization:  $T_c$  increases.
  - Using the special character of the phase diagram of water:  
water is liquid until -20 °C under pressure



**FIGURE 23.** Temperature dependence of (a) relative changes ( $R$ ) of phosphoglycerate kinase ellipticity at 222 nm (○) and 277 nm (Δ), (b) tryptophan emission spectrum maximum, and (c) partial specific heat capacity in solution containing 0.7 M GuHCl.<sup>133</sup> containing 0.7 M GuHCl.<sup>133</sup>



# Myoglobin

Absorbance

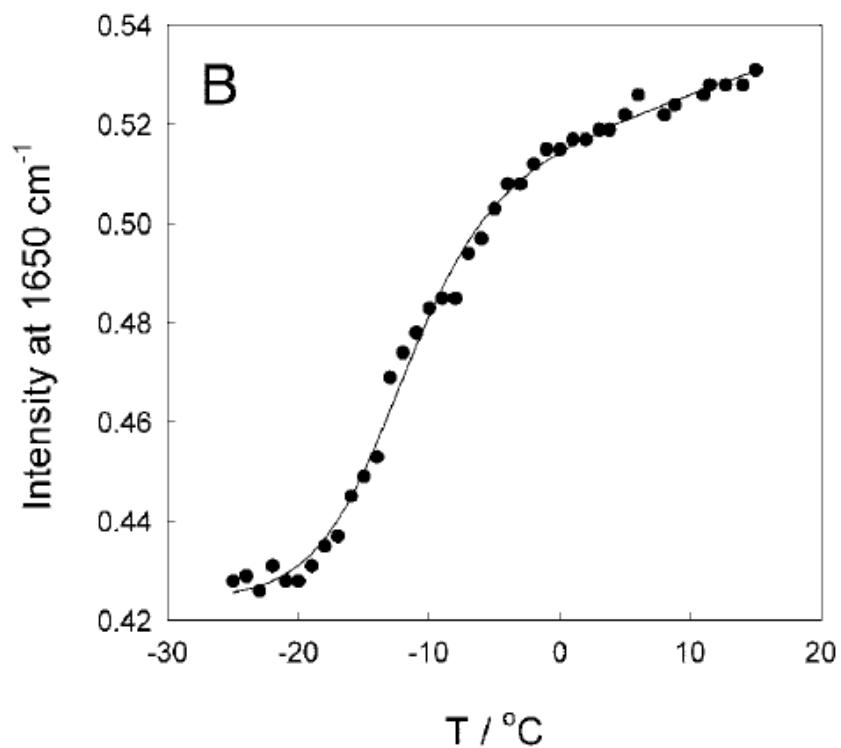
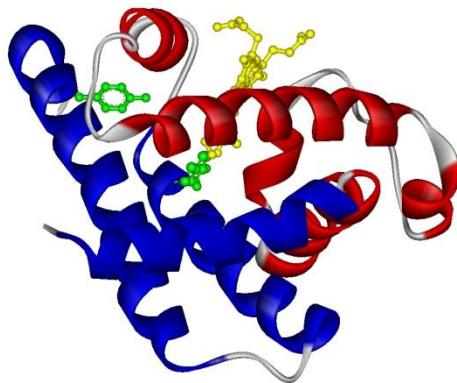
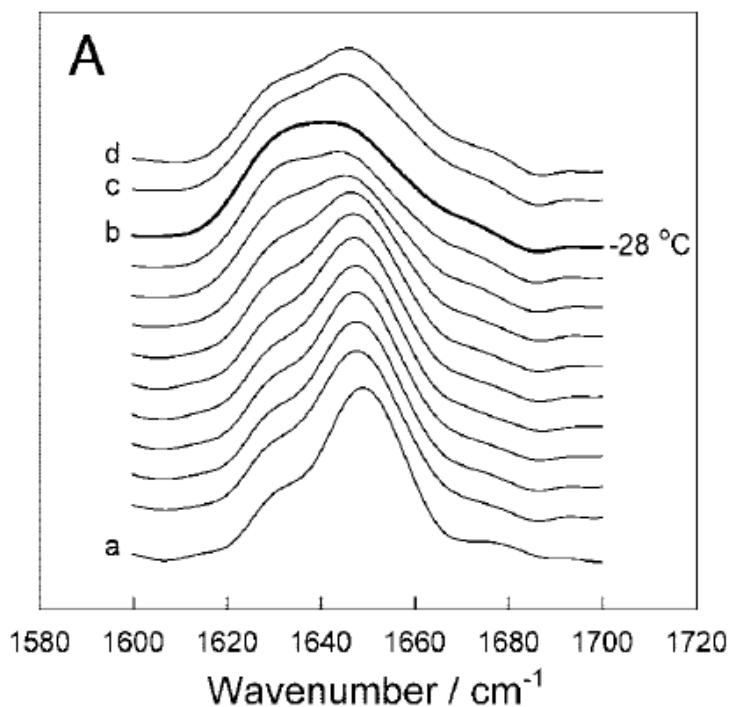


FIGURE 3 (A) Stacked plot of the deconvoluted 1600 to 1700  $\text{cm}^{-1}$  region of myoglobin upon cold unfolding. The sequence of the spectra is from bottom to top. All spectra were taken at 2 kbar except for the bottom [a] and top [d] spectrum, which are taken at atmospheric pressure and 20°C before and after the cold unfolding, respectively. The temperatures at which each spectrum was taken are 20, 15, 11, 5, 0, -5, -10, -15, -20, -25, [b] -28, [c] 10, and [d] 20°C. Spectrum [c] is taken at 2 kbar and 10°C after the cold unfolding. (B) Intensity of the band at 1650  $\text{cm}^{-1}$  versus decreasing temperature. Dots are the experimental data, and the full line is the fitted curve.

# Phase diagram of water

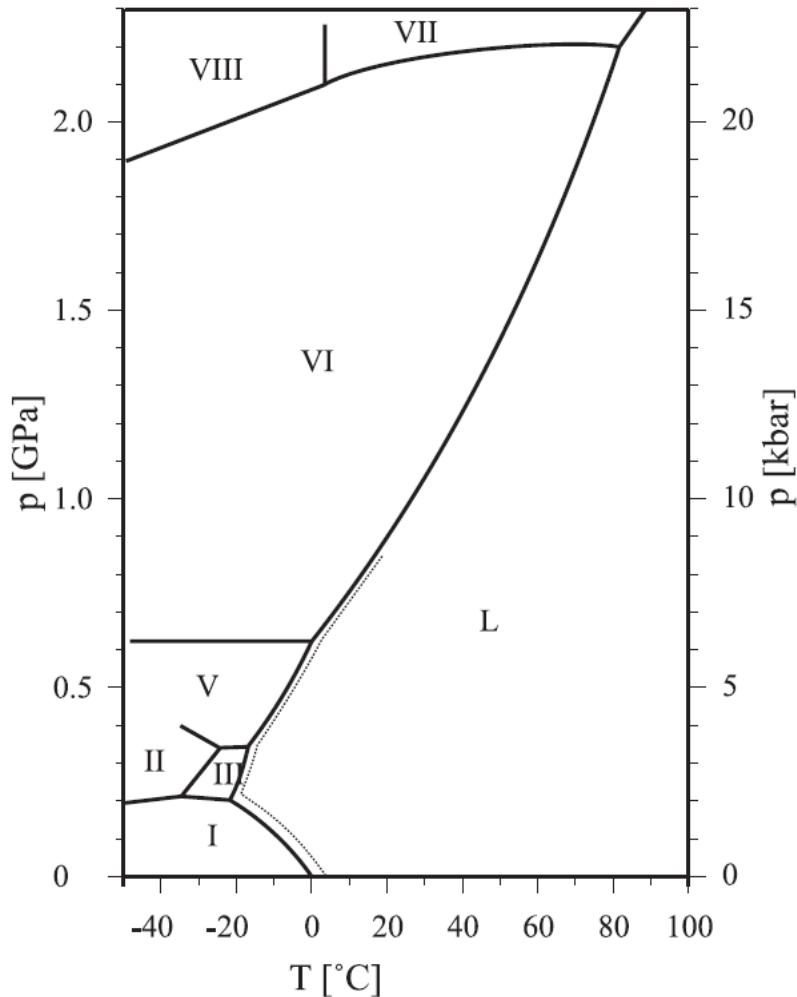
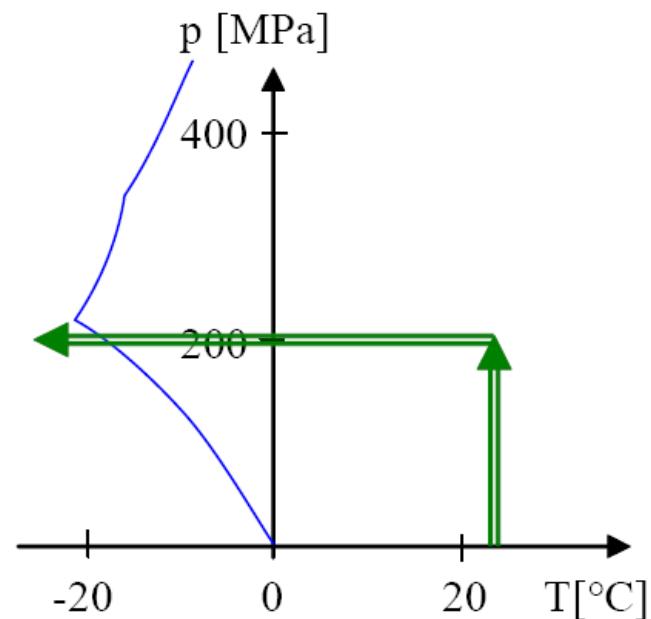
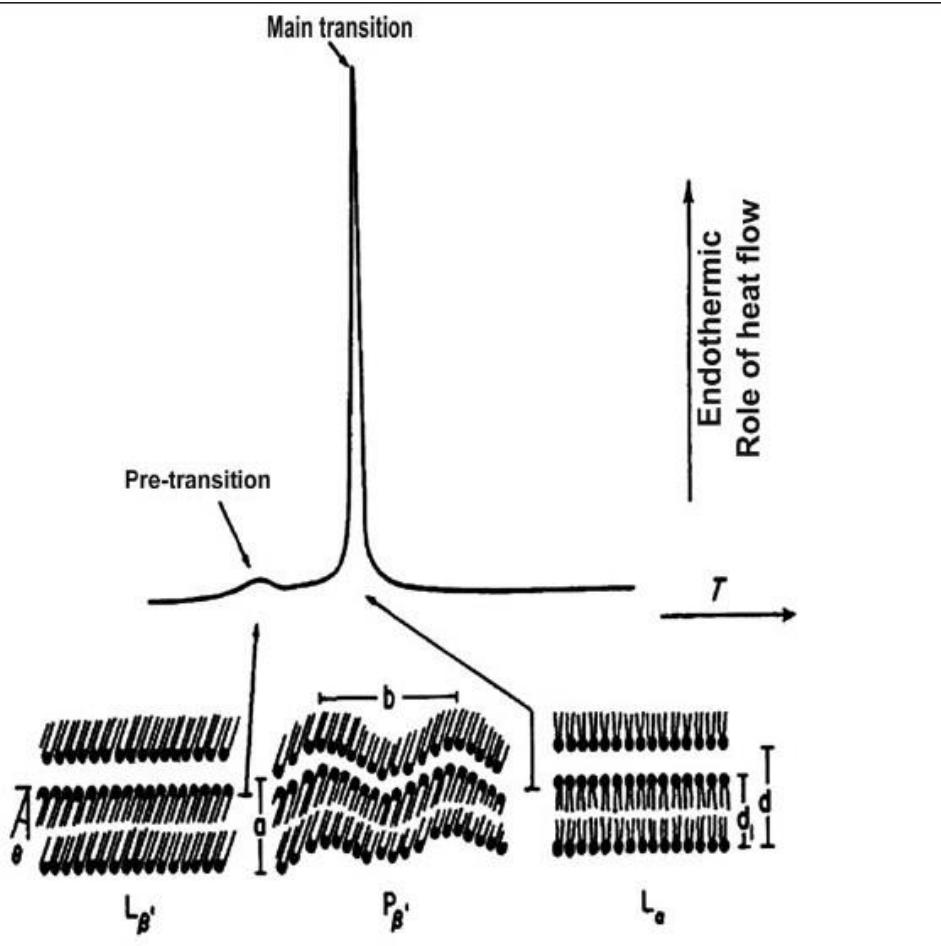


Fig. 1. Phase diagram of water in the temperature range of  $-50$  to  $+100^{\circ}\text{C}$  up to a pressure of  $2.2$  GPa. L refers to the liquid phase; roman numbers (I–VIII) show the different ice phases. The dotted line shows the melting curve of heavy water.

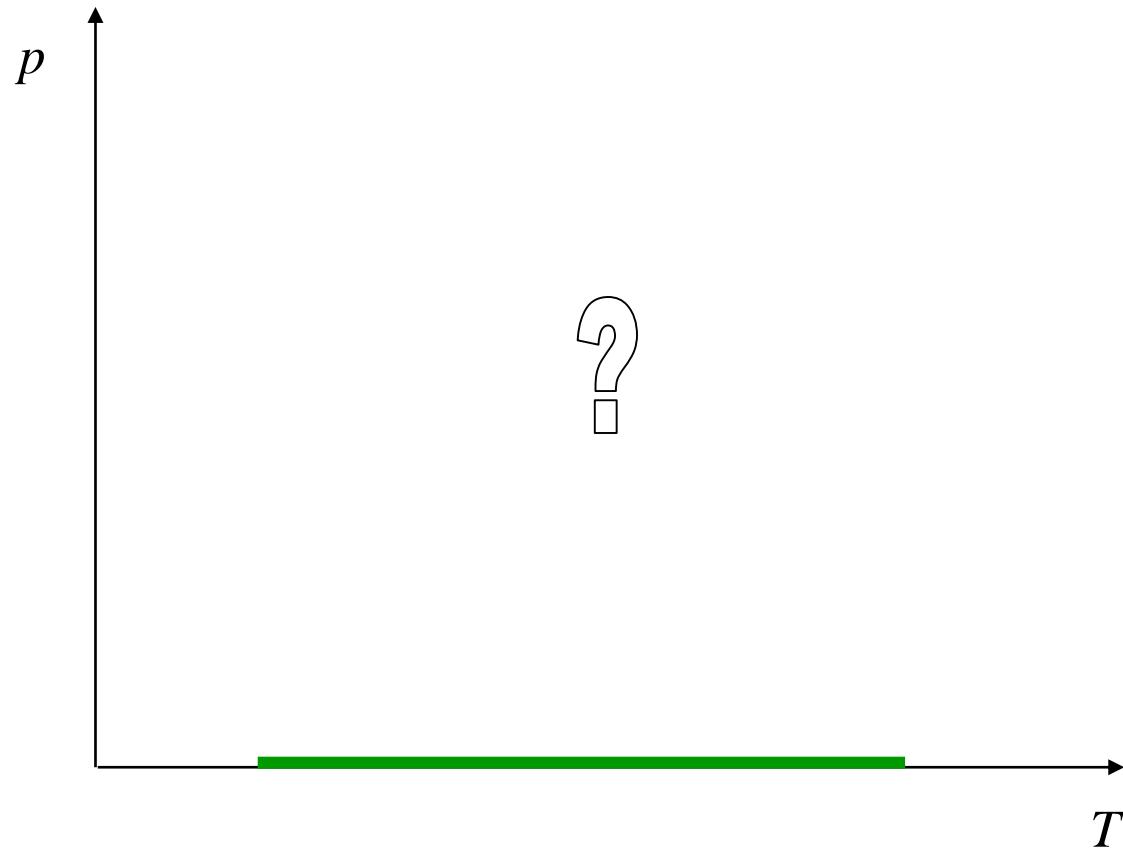


**Path of cold denaturation experiment (green). The solidification curve of water is indicated by the blue line.**

# Phase transition of the lipids



# The p-T phase diagram



# Why is high pressure interesting?

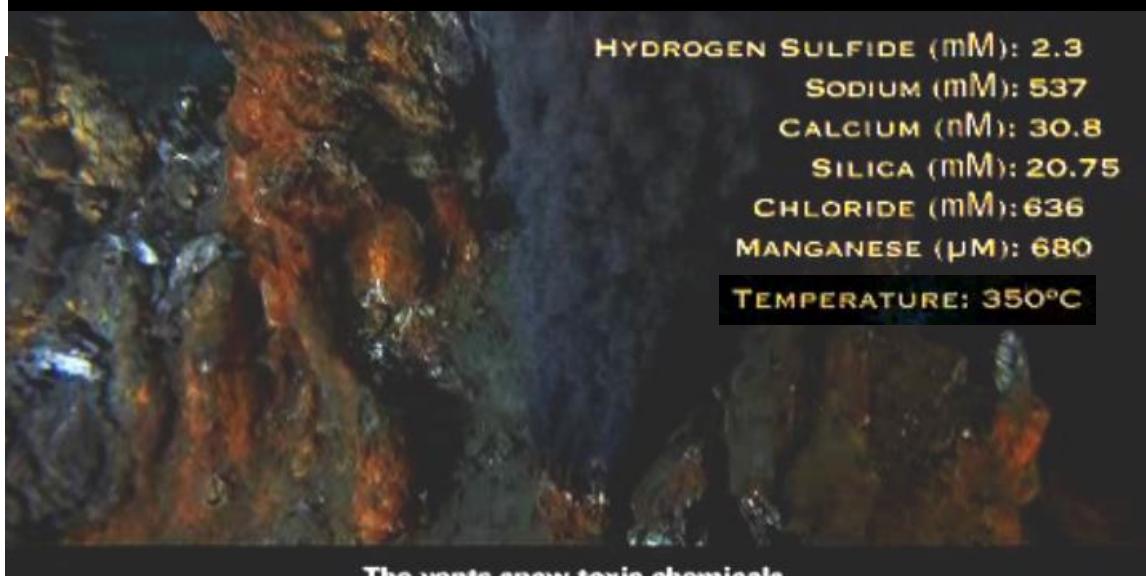
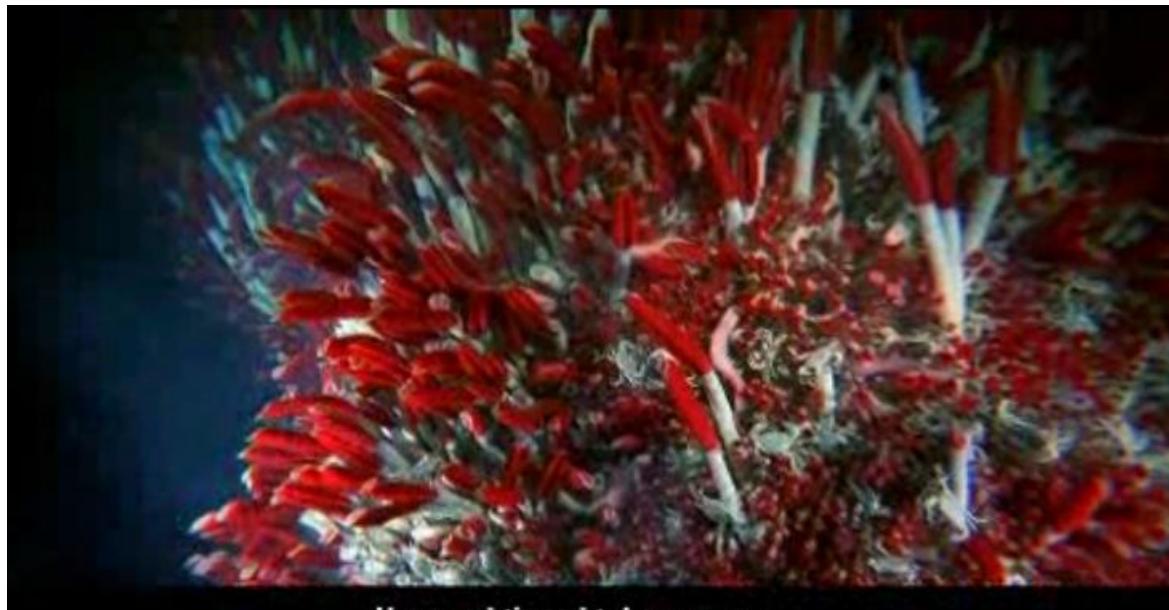
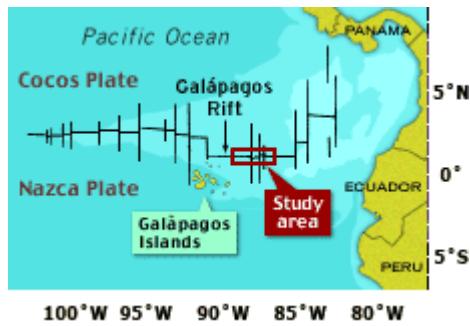
- Why not?  
thermodin. param.  
 $T$ ,  $p$ ,...
  - In the biosphere  
 $p=1$  bar...1 kbar
  - Data obtained from high pressure experiments can be relevant at atmospheric pressure as well.
  - Technical problems
  - we live at  $p=1$  bar
- 
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1 bar = 0,1 MPa

1 kbar = 100 MPa

10 kbar = 1GPa

1Mbar=100GPa



# The pressure scale



human life

**1 bar**   **100 kPa**



max. pressure in the biosphere:  
**1 kbar**   **100 Mpa**  
(deepsee)



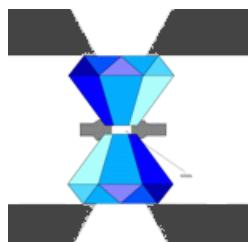
structural changes in proteins:   **5-10 kbar**   **0.5-1 GPa**



water freezes at room temp.:   **≈10 kbar**   **1GPa**



in the middle fo the planets   **~ Mbar**   **100 GPa**

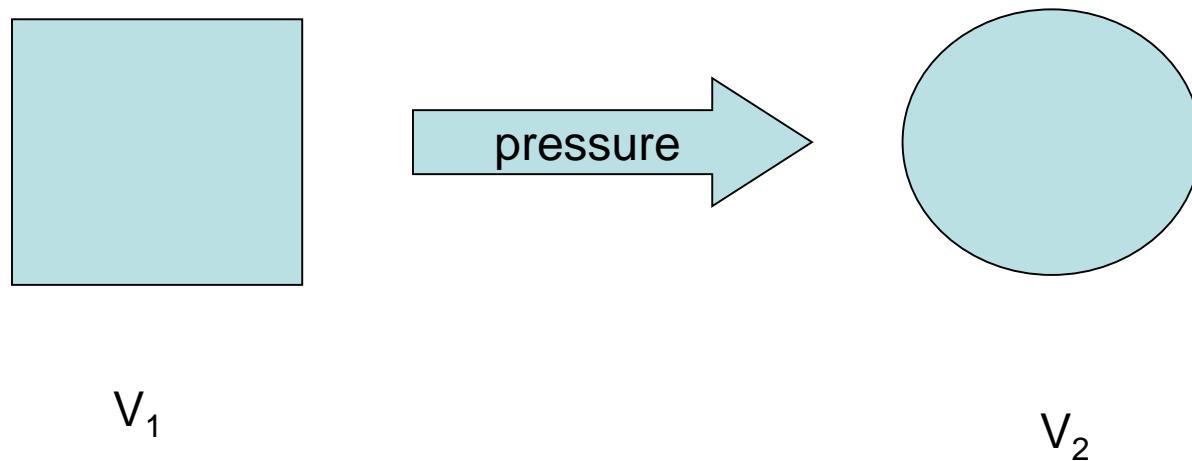


max reached in laboratory:   **few Mbar**   **few 100 GPa**

# What is the effect of the pressure?

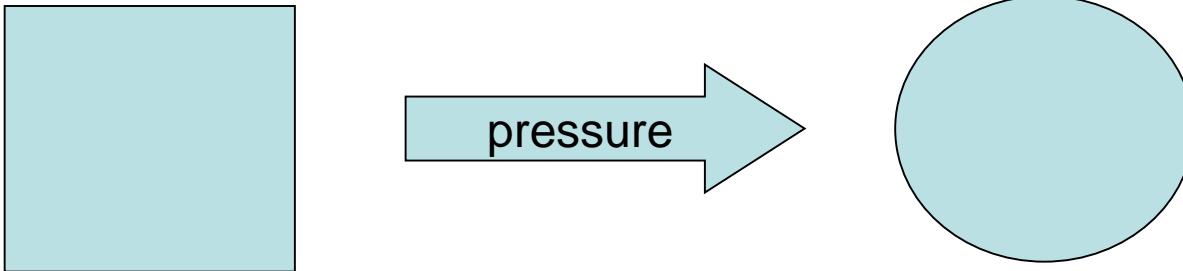
## The Le-Chatelier-Braun principle

pressure  $\leftrightarrow$  volume



$$K = e^{-\frac{dG}{RT}}$$

$$dG = -RT \ln(K)$$



$$V_1 \left( \frac{\partial \Delta G}{\partial p} \right)_T = V$$

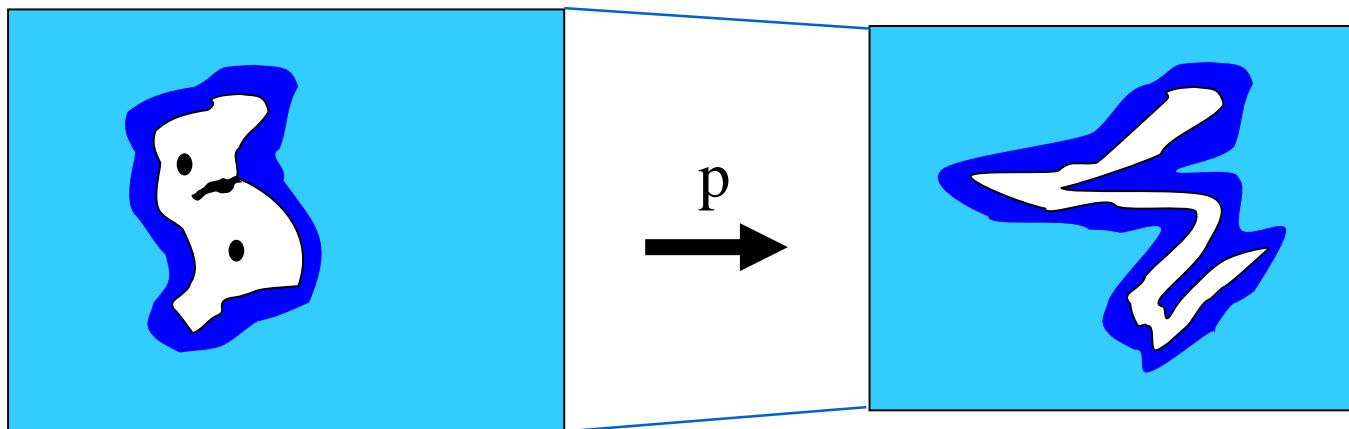
$$-RT \left( \frac{\partial \ln K}{\partial p} \right)_T = \Delta V$$

$$\ln K = -\frac{p \Delta V}{RT} + \text{konst.}$$

# Efect of pressure on the proteins

Pressure unfolding

Protein solution



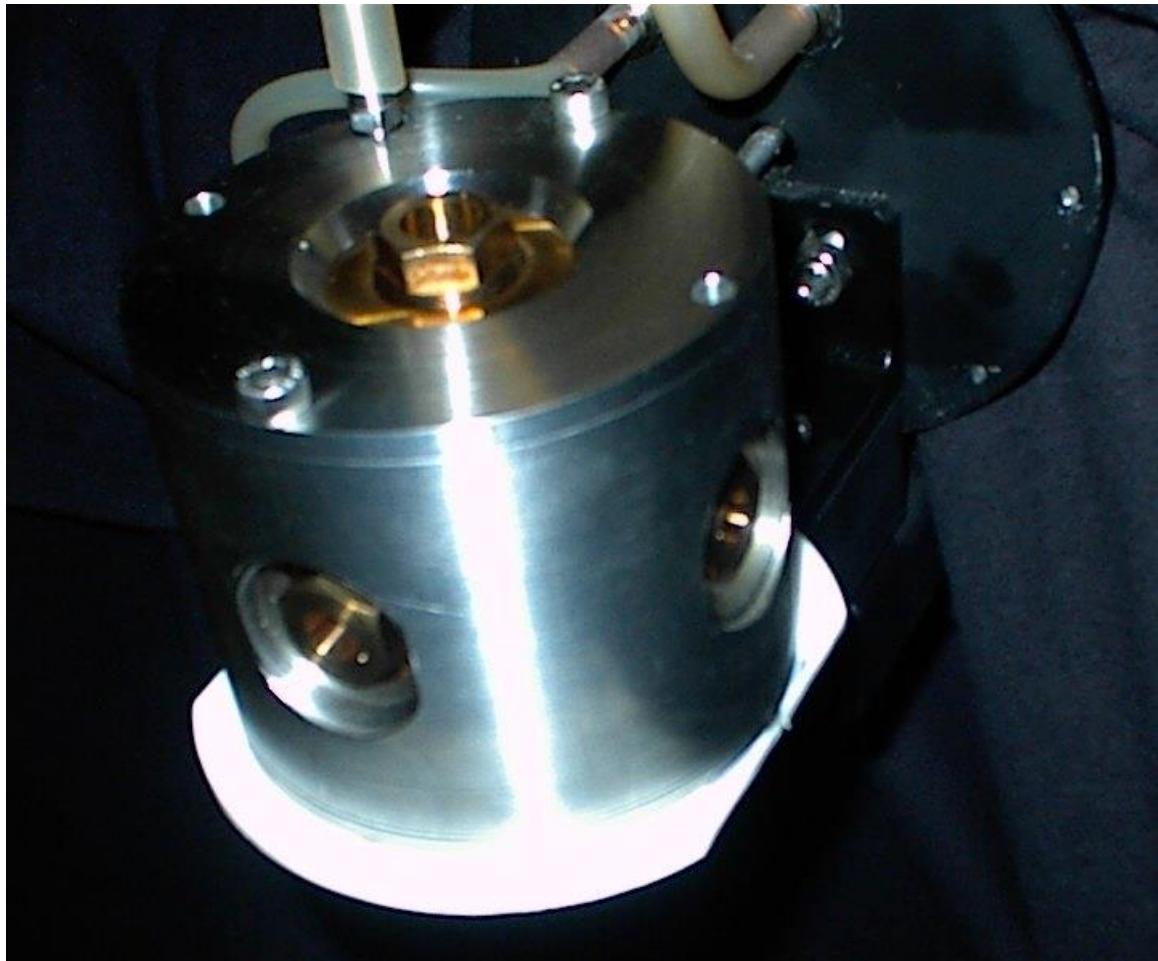
$$V_{\text{protein}} = V_{\text{atom}} + V_{\text{void}} + \Delta V_{\text{hydration}}$$

# The high pressure technique

- **Coontainer with very thick and solid wall (bomba)**

outer  $\varnothing \approx 10$  cm  
sample  $\varnothing 10$  mm

3 optical windows

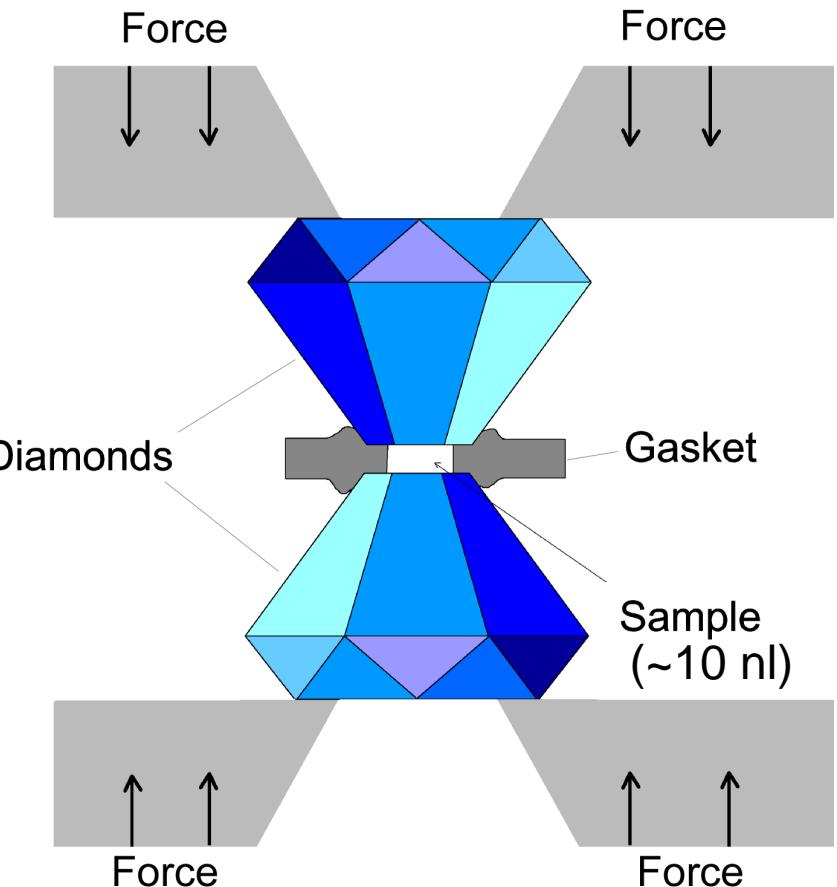


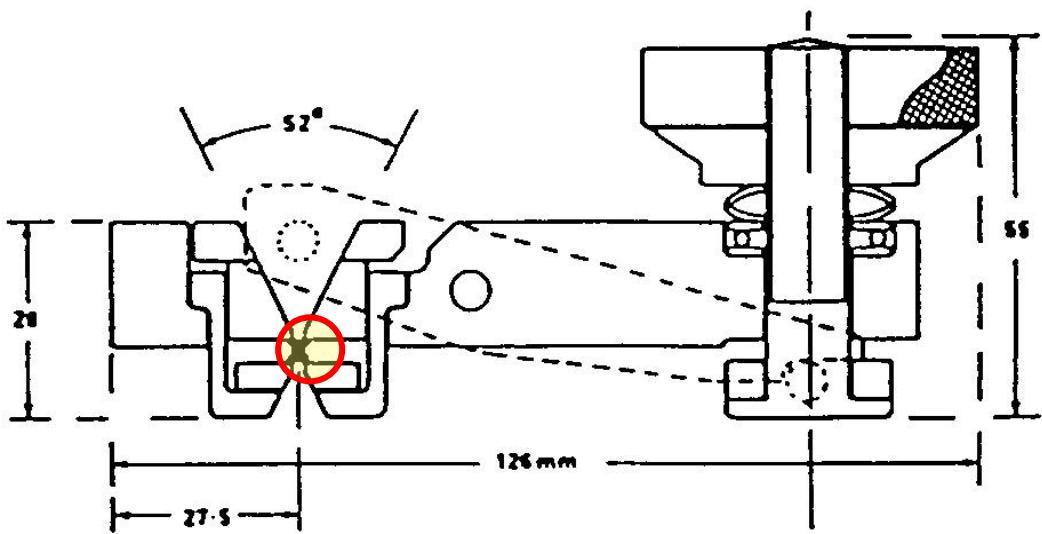
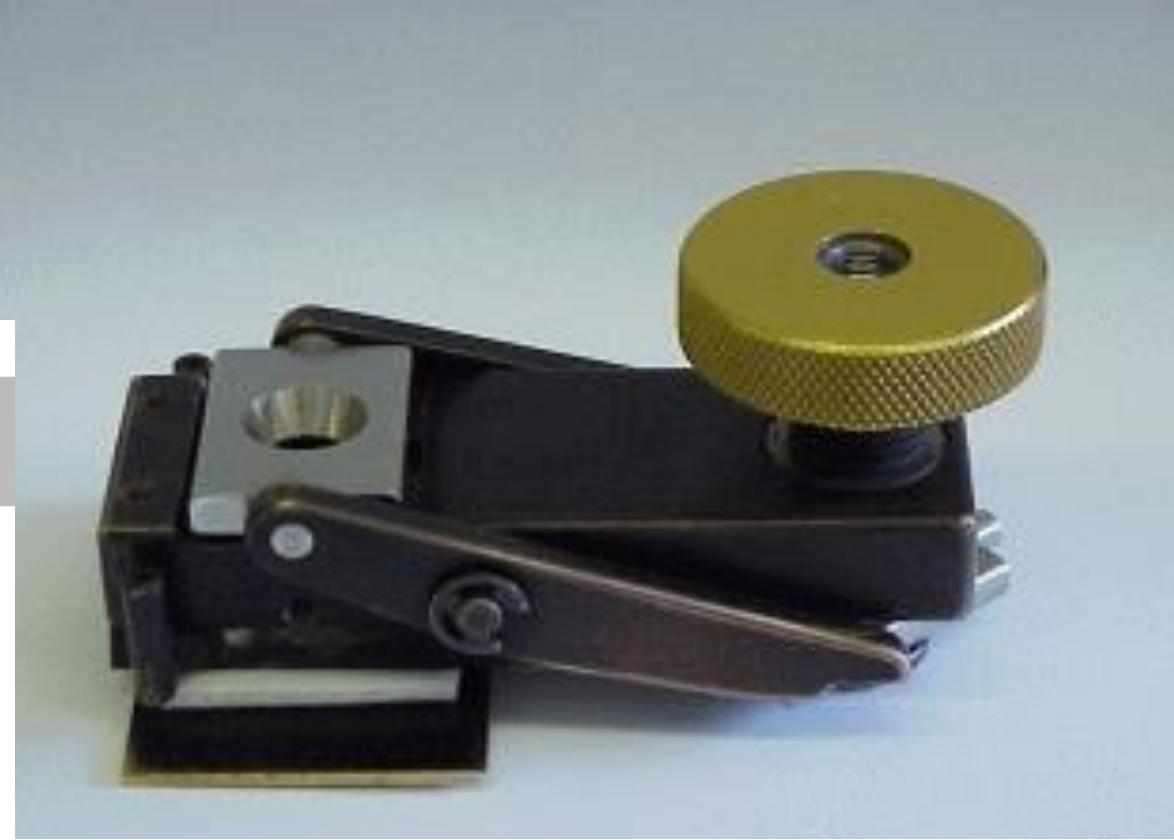
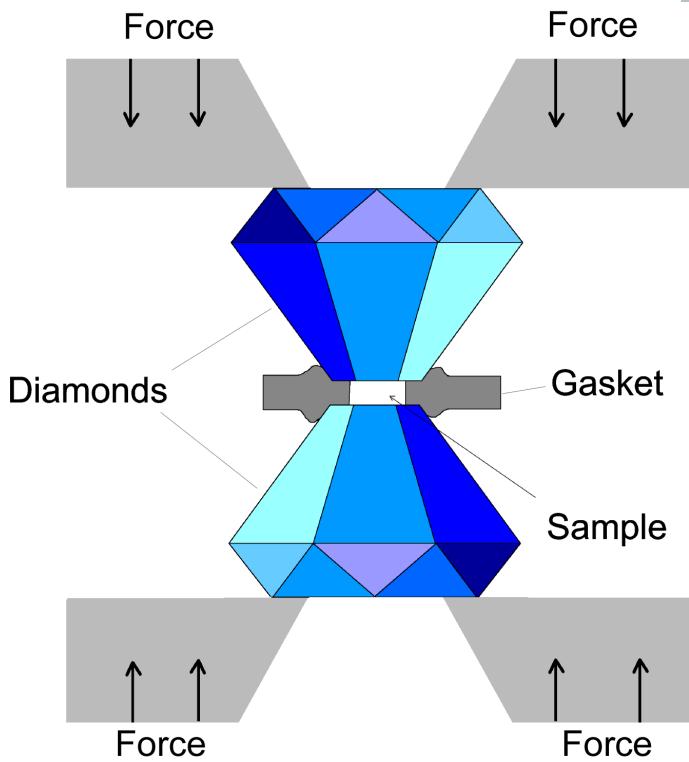


# The high pressure technique

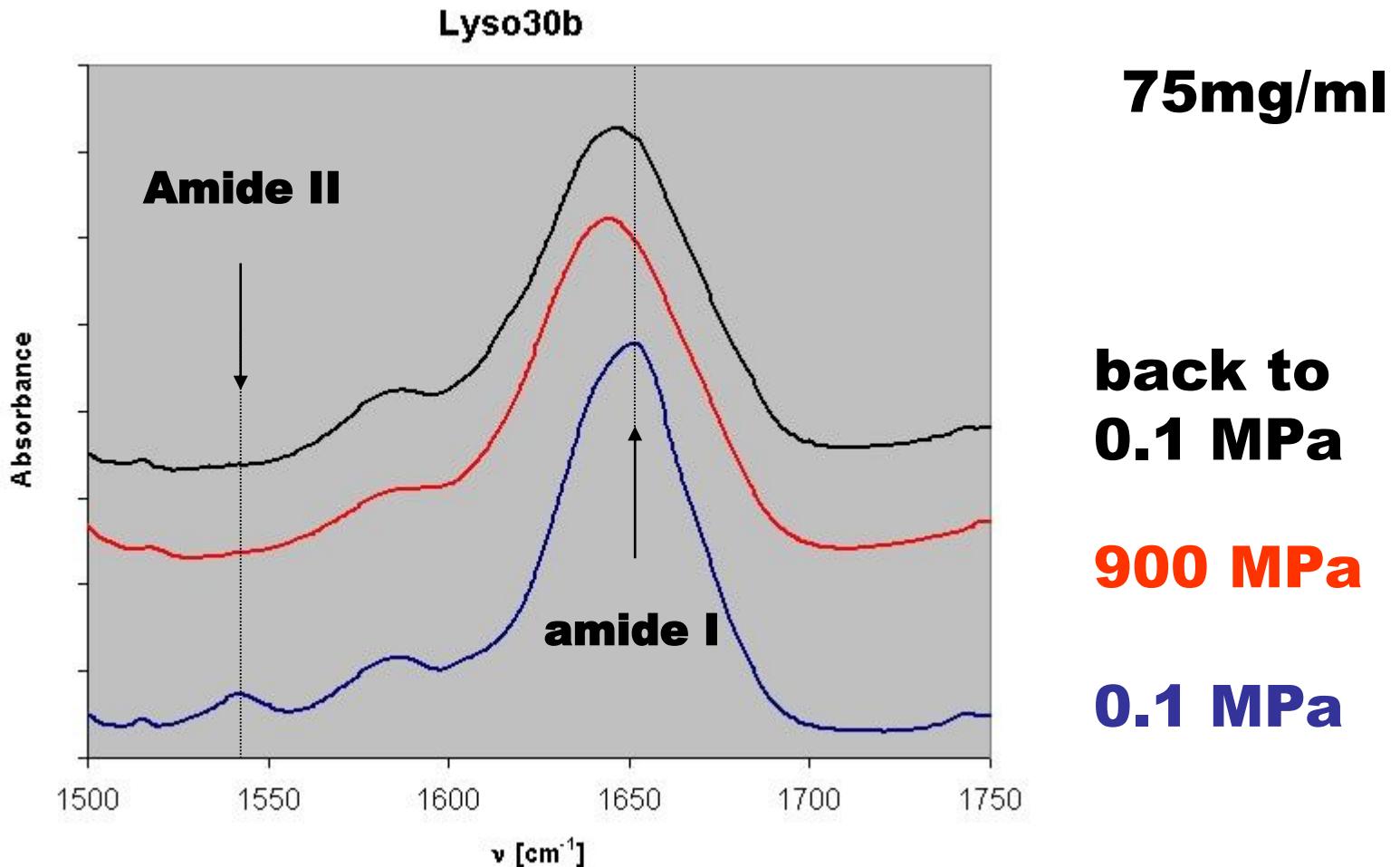
**DAC**  
*diamond anvil cell*

- **Very small surface (and volume)**  
 $\varnothing 0,5\text{mm}$



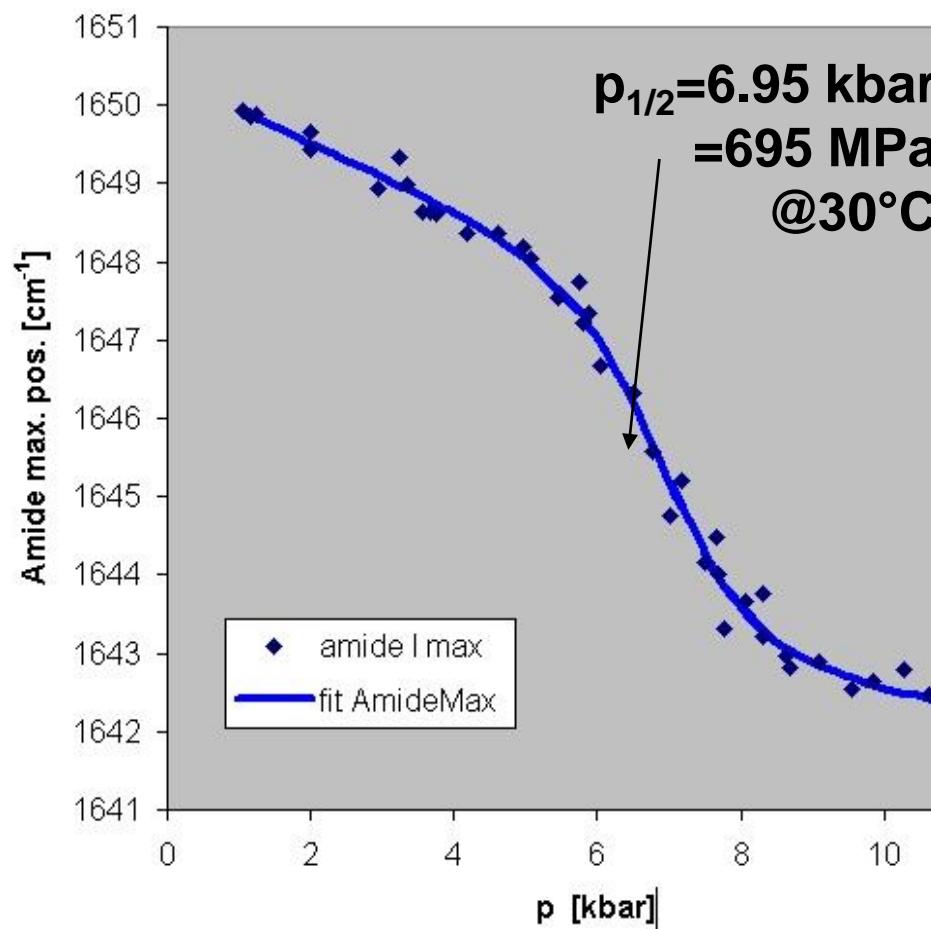


# Pressure unfolding of proteins: e.g.: lysozyme

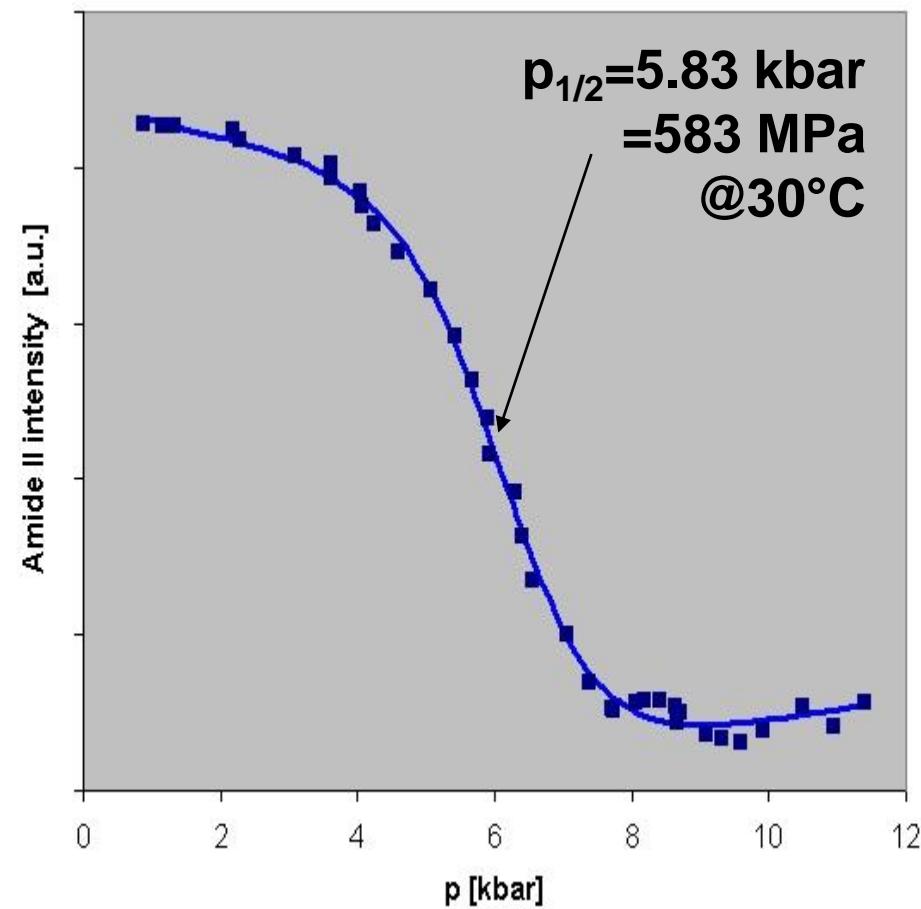


# Pressure unfolding: lysozyme

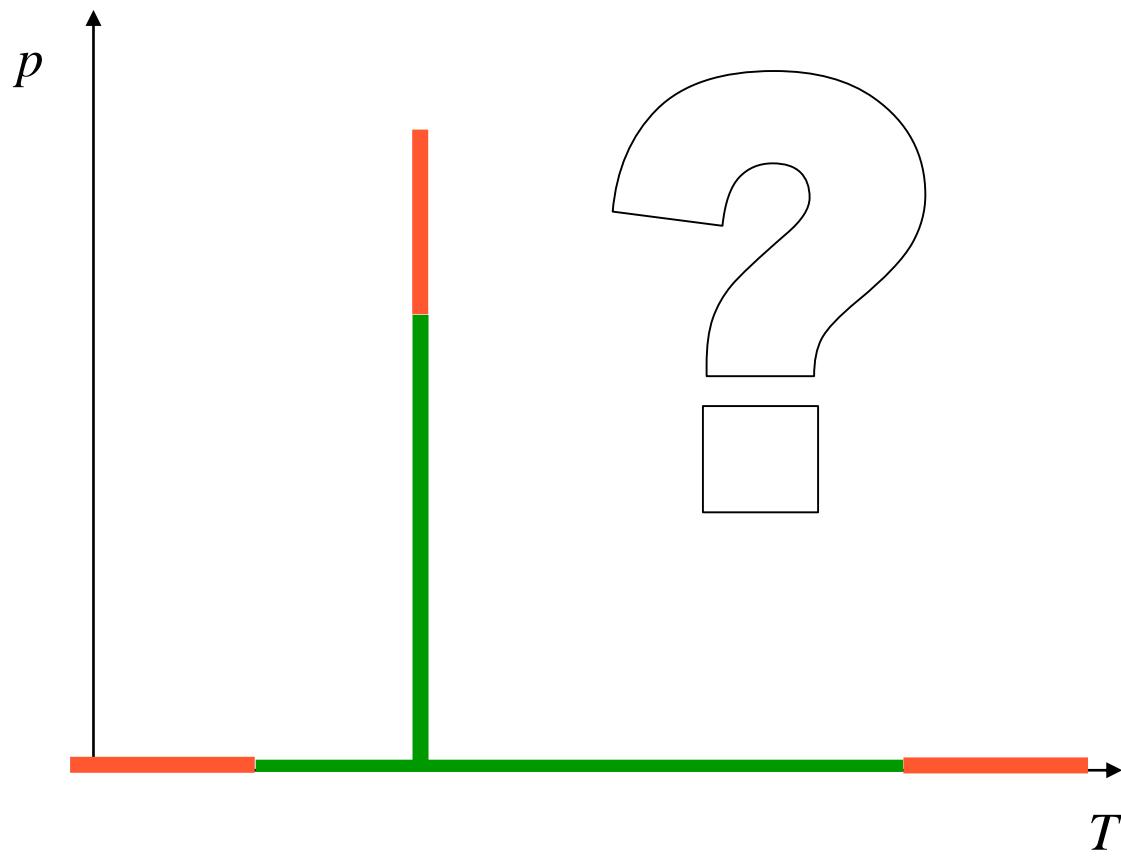
**Amide I max. position [cm<sup>-1</sup>]**



**Amide II intensity [a.u.]**



# Pressure-temperature phase diagram



# Thermodynamic description of the pressure and temperature deauaturations

Two state model:  $N \leftrightarrow D$

$$\Delta G(T) = G_D(T) - G_N(T)$$

Let us integrate  $d(\Delta G) = -\Delta S dt + \Delta V dp$  starting from a reference point  $T_0, p_0$  until the points  $T, p$ :

$$\Delta G(T, p) = \Delta G_0 + \int_{T_0}^T \int_{p_0}^p -\Delta S dt + \Delta V dp$$

$$\begin{aligned}
\Delta G = & \frac{\Delta\beta}{2}(p - p_0)^2 + \Delta\alpha(p - p_0)(T - T_0) - \\
& - \Delta C_p \left[ T \left( \ln \frac{T}{T_0} - 1 \right) + T_0 \right] \\
& + \Delta V_0(p - p_0) - \Delta S_0(T - T_0) + \Delta G_0
\end{aligned}$$

where:

$\beta = (\partial V / \partial p)_T$	compressibility factor,
$\alpha = (\partial V / \partial T)_p = -(\partial S / \partial p)_T$	thermal expansion coeff.
$C_p = T(\partial S / \partial T)_p$	specific heat at const. pressure



So we are not far, and a Taylor expansion works well

Assuming  $T \approx T_0$  :

$$T \left( \ln \frac{T}{T_0} - 1 \right) + T_0 \approx \frac{(T - T_0)^2}{2T_0}$$

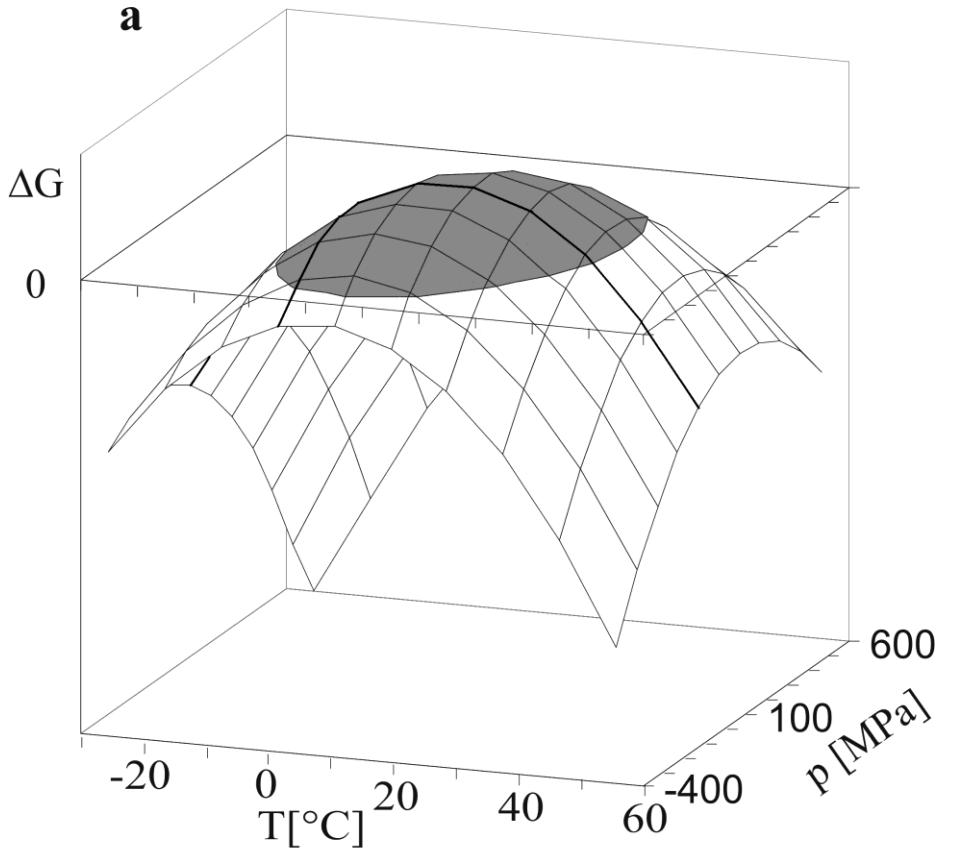
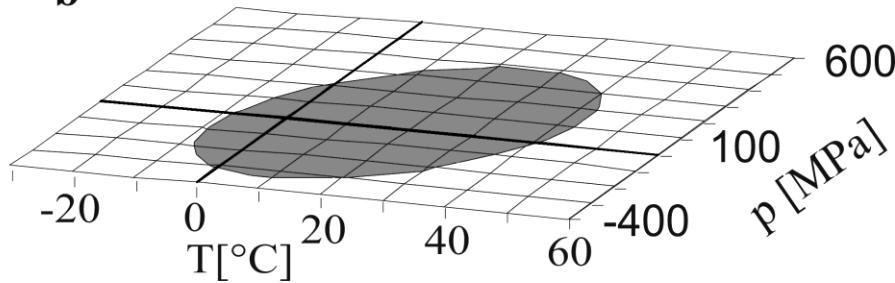
$$\begin{aligned} \Delta G = & \frac{\Delta\beta}{2}(p - p_0)^2 + \Delta\alpha(p - p_0)(T - T_0) - \frac{\Delta C_p}{2T_0}(T - T_0)^2 \\ & + \Delta V_0(p - p_0) - \Delta S_0(T - T_0) + \Delta G_0 \end{aligned}$$

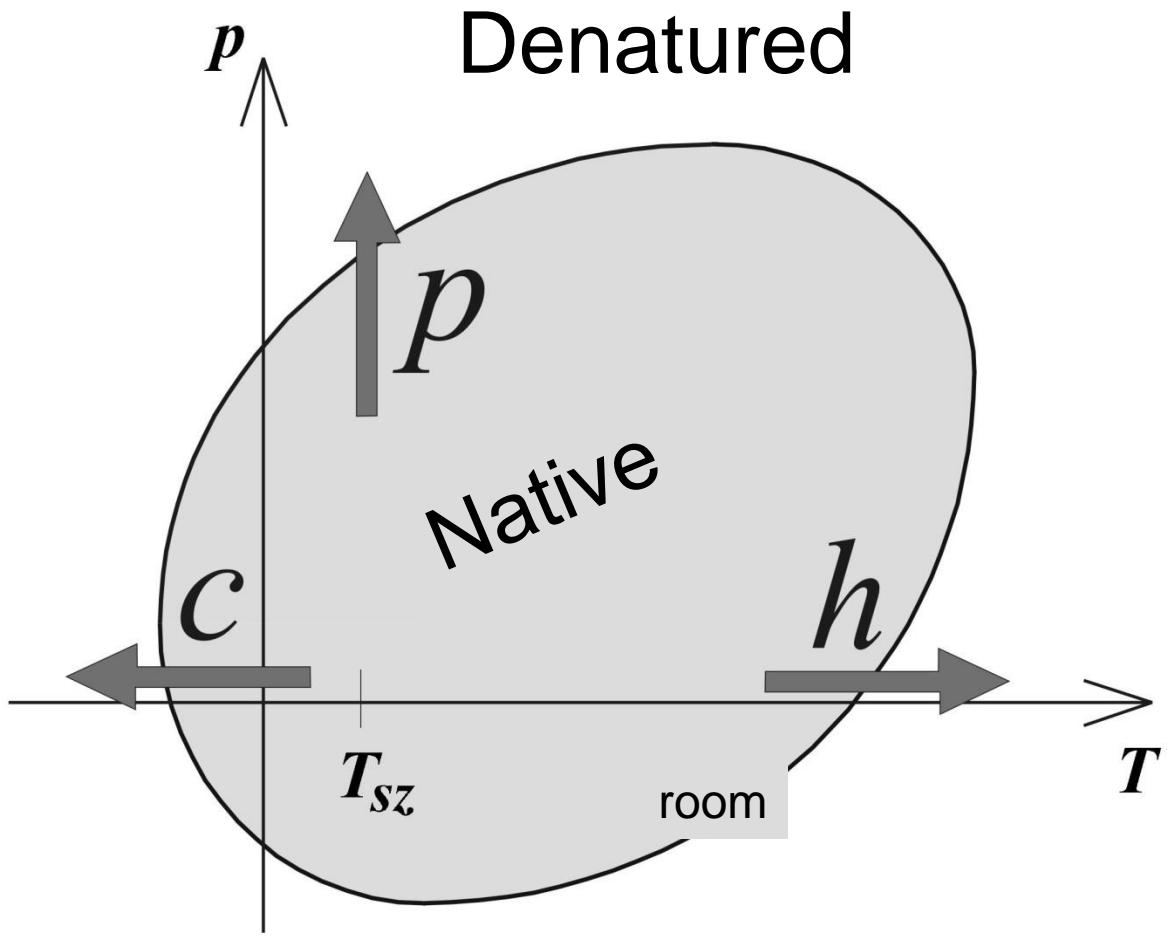
Second order function of  $T$  and  $p$  !

At the (middle) point of the denaturation:  $\Delta G = 0$

(so here is an equilibrium of native<->denatured)

If  $\Delta\alpha^2 > \Delta C_p \Delta\beta / T_0$ , then the points where  $\Delta G(T, p) = 0$  lie on an ellipse.

**a****b**

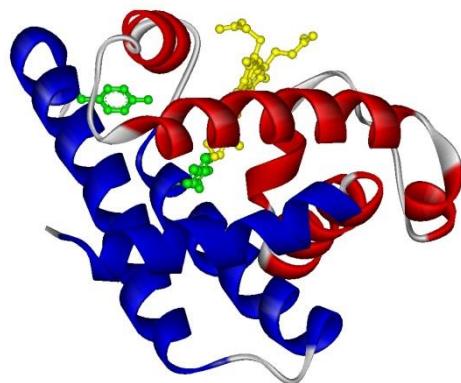


Is the two state model a good description  
for the proteins?

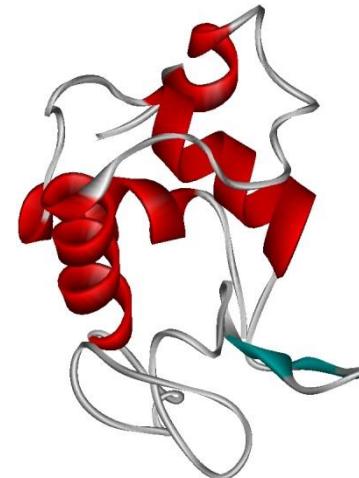
Is there only one denatured state?  
Intermolecular interactions?

# Experimentally determined phase diagrams

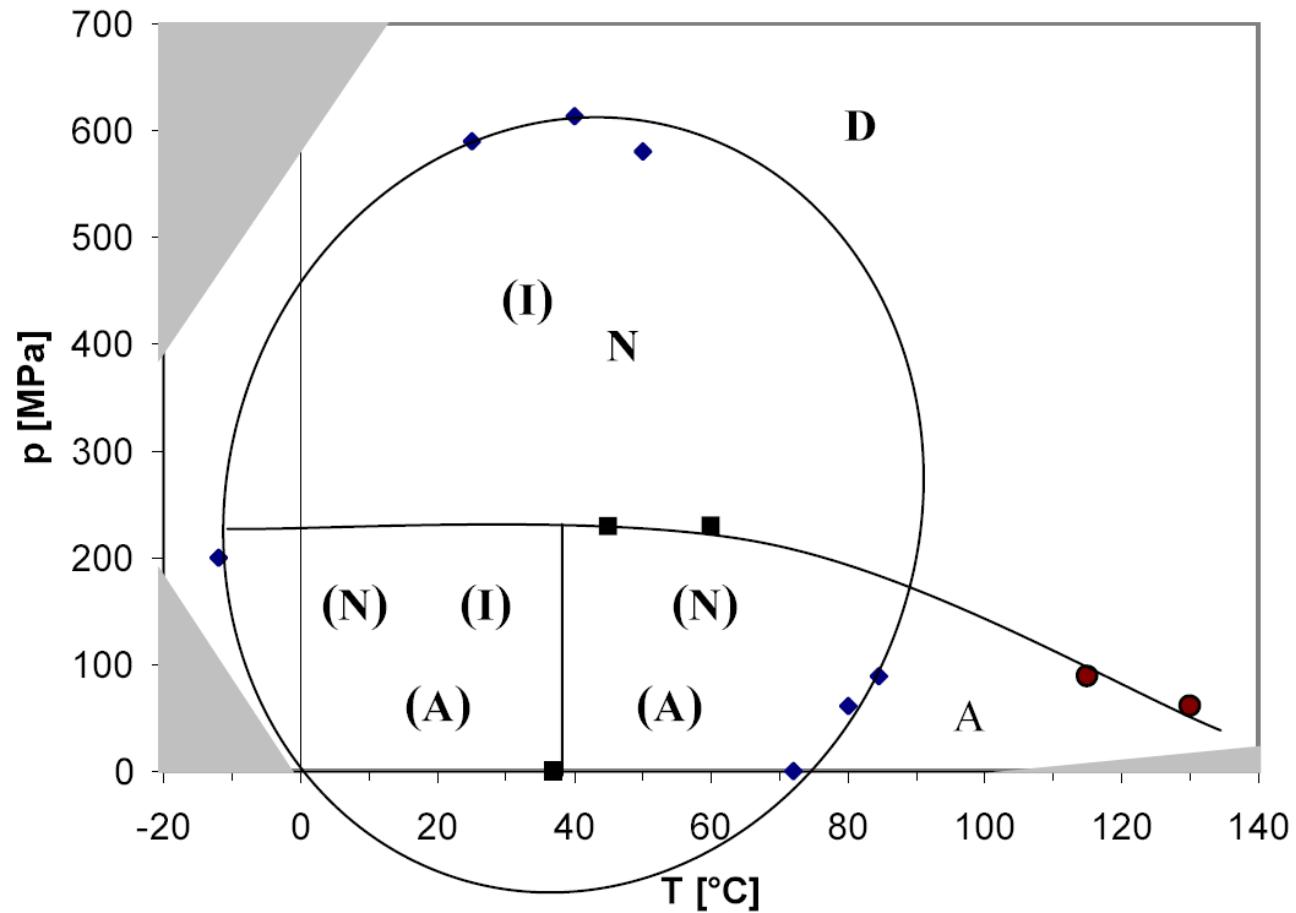
Myoglobin



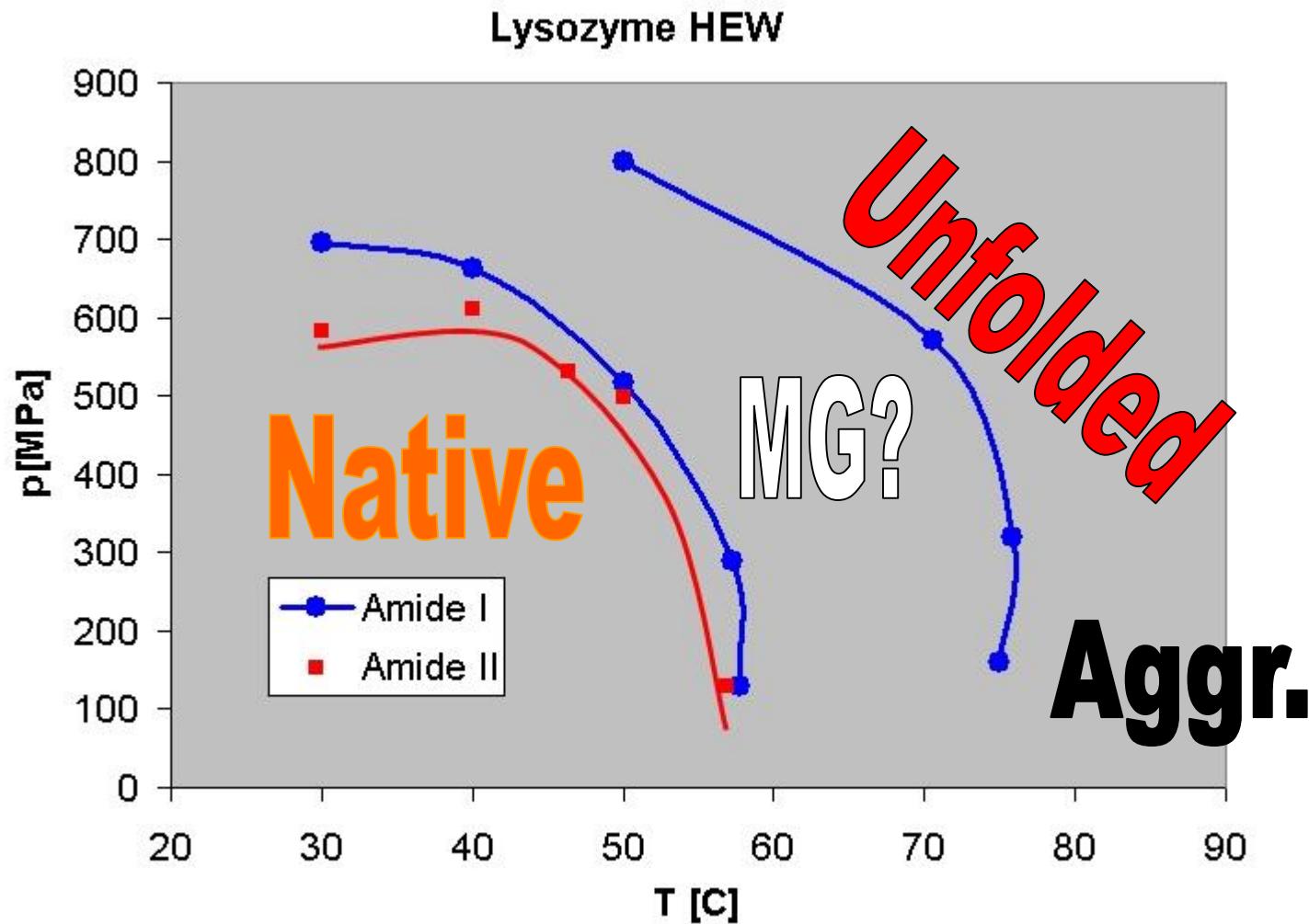
Lysozyme



# Phase diagram of myoglobin

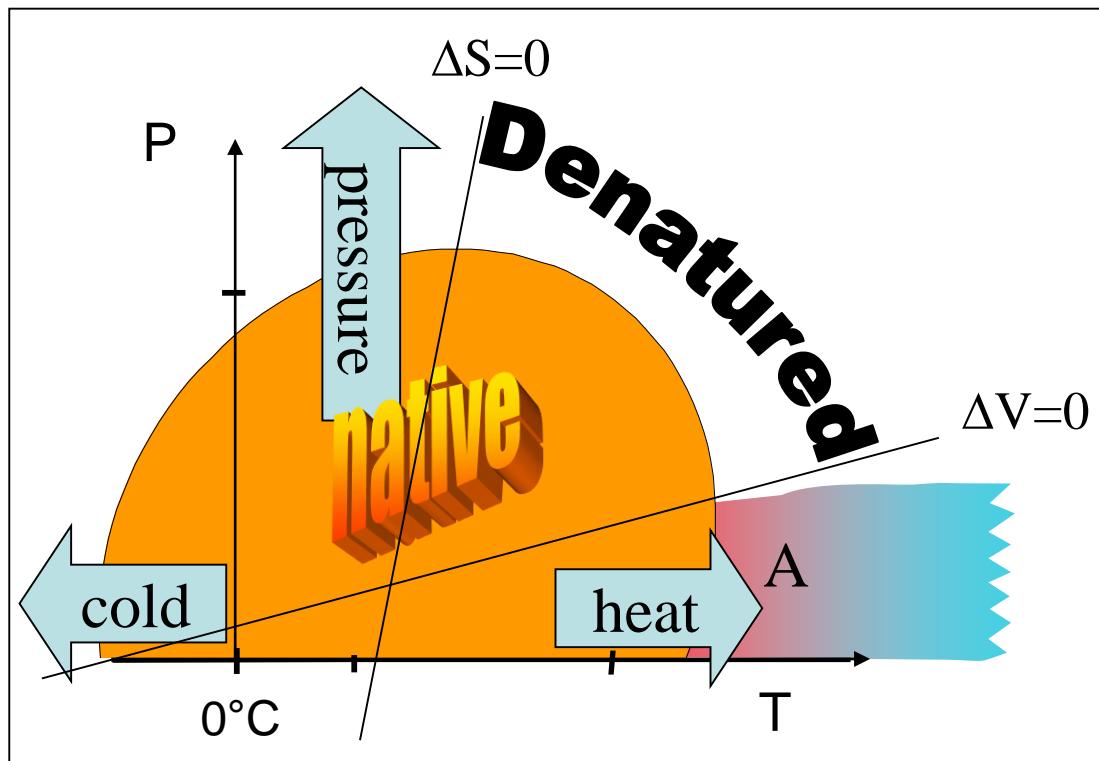


# Lysozyme: T-p phase diagram



# Pressure-temperature phase diagram: the reality

$$\Delta G = \Delta G_0 - \Delta S_0(T - T_0) - \frac{\Delta C_p}{2T_0}(T - T_0)^2 + \Delta V_0(p - p_0) + \frac{\Delta \beta}{2}(p - p_0)^2 + \Delta \alpha(p - p_0)(T - T_0) + \dots$$

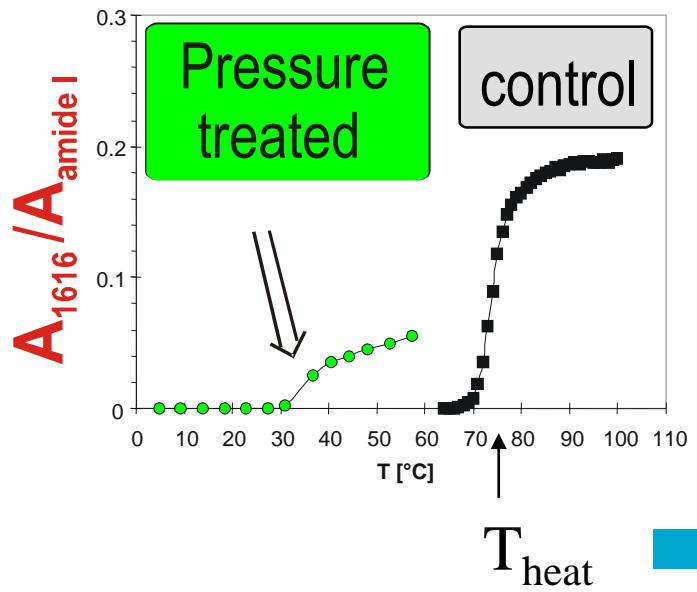
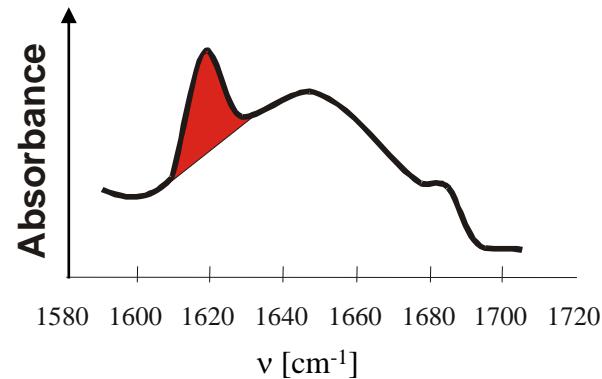
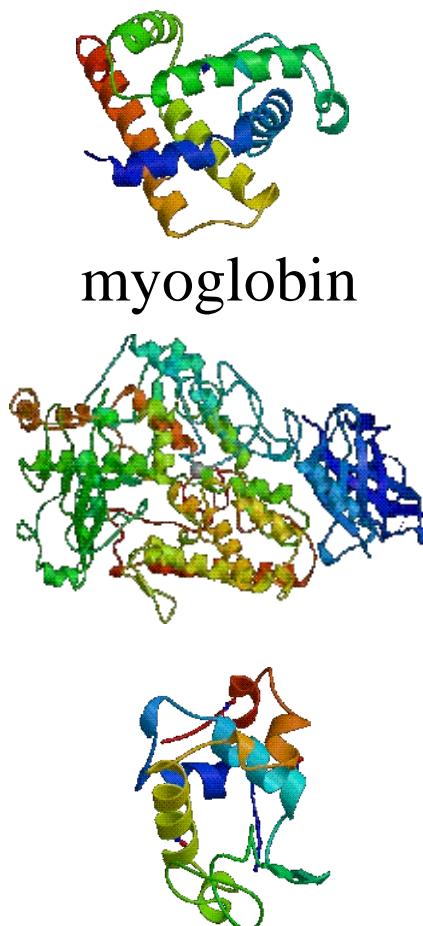
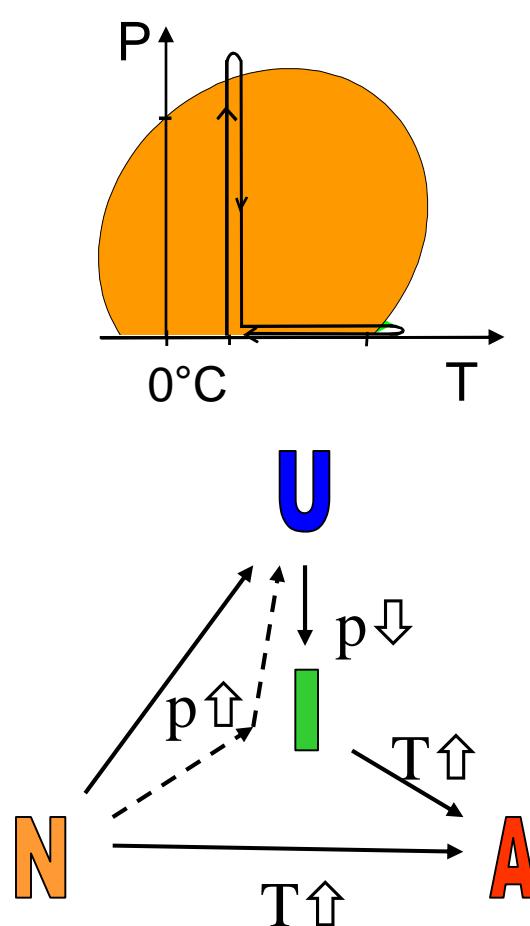


Intermolecular  
interactions:  
aggregation (conc!)

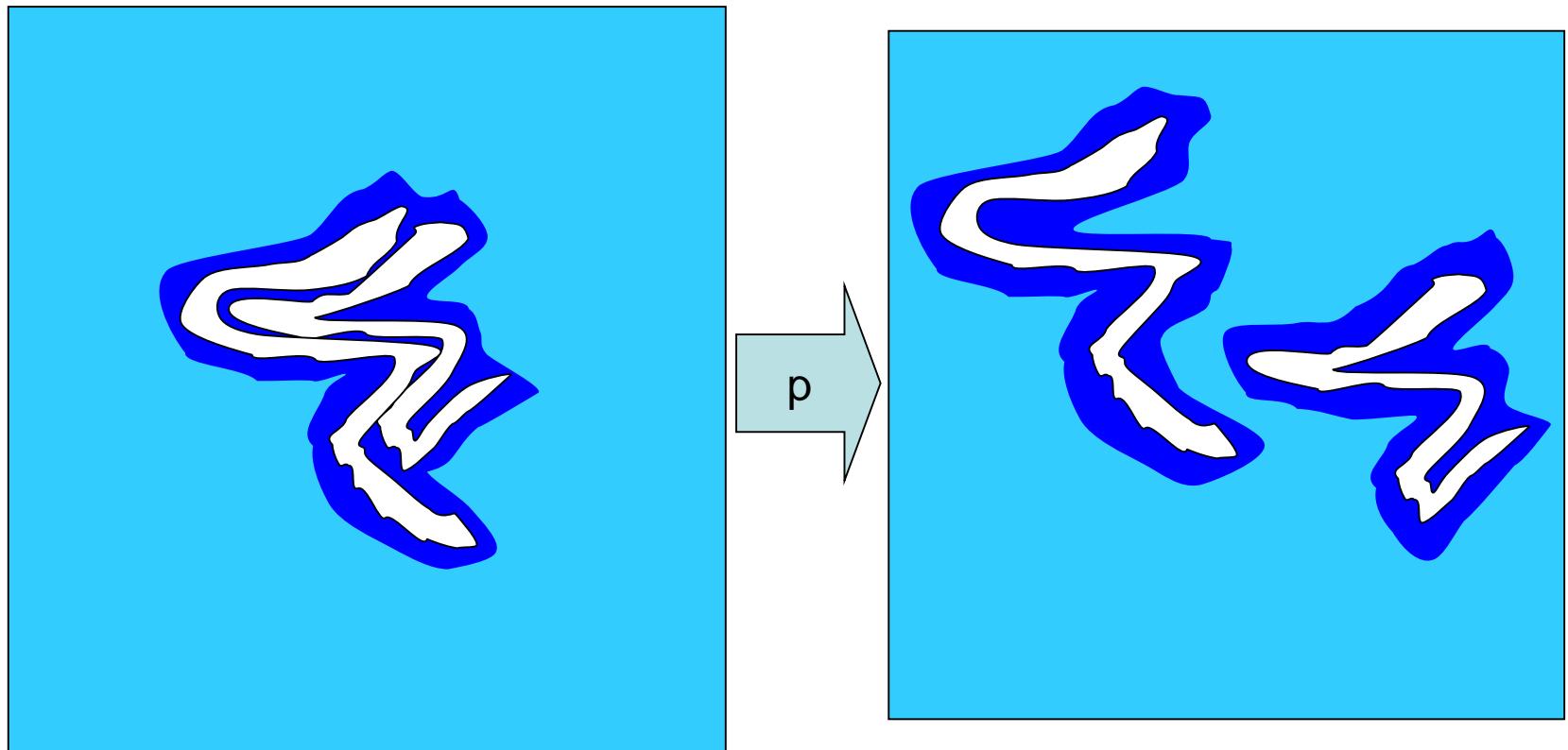
Pressure and cold  
denatruation:  $\Delta V$

Heat denatruation:  $\Delta S$

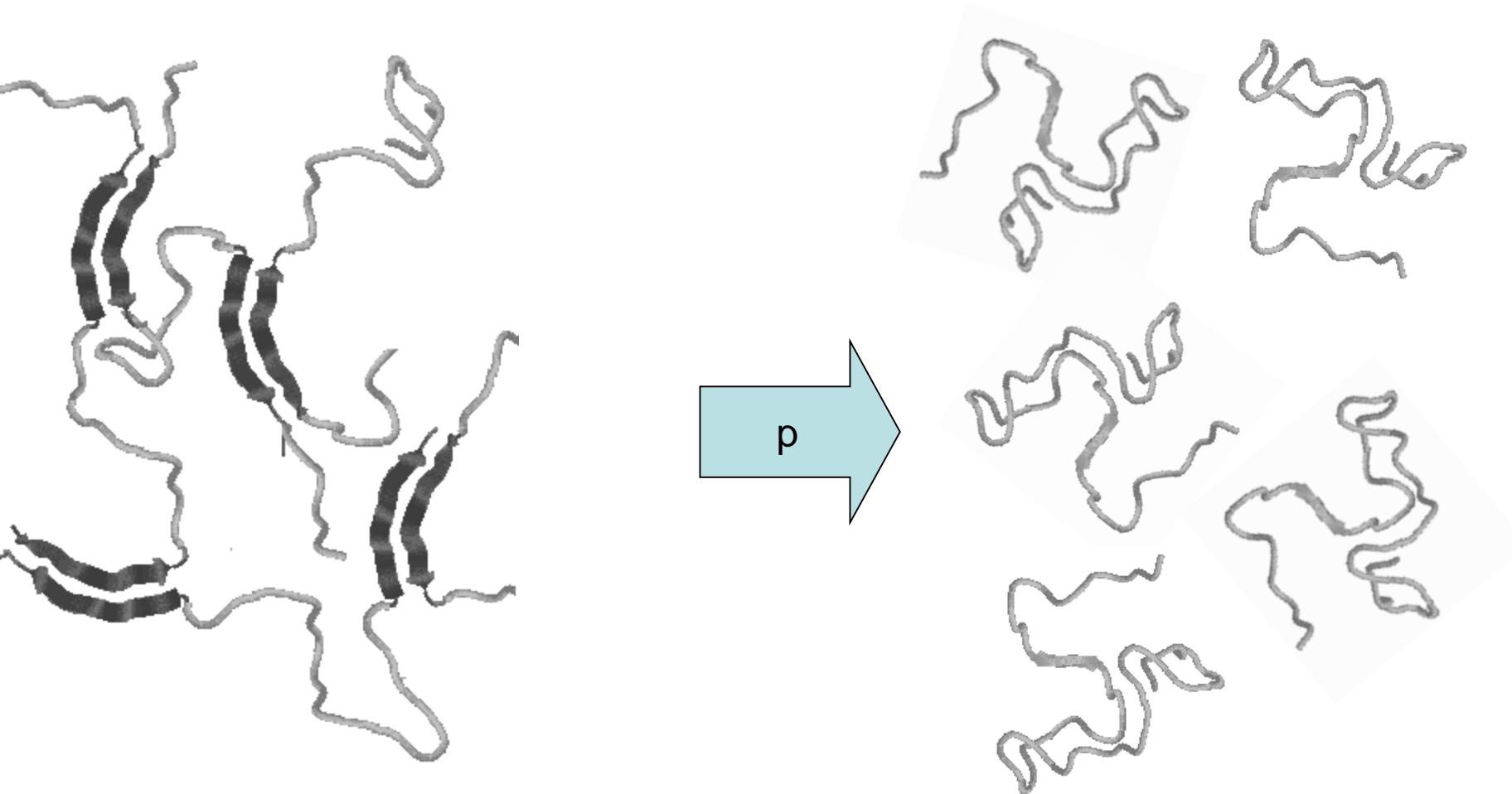
# Appearance of aggregation prone intermediates after pressure denaturation



# Intermolecular interactions and the pressure



# Intermolecular interactions and the pressure

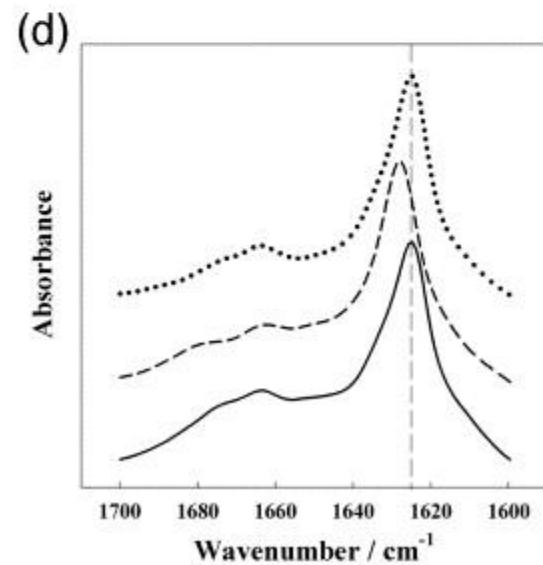
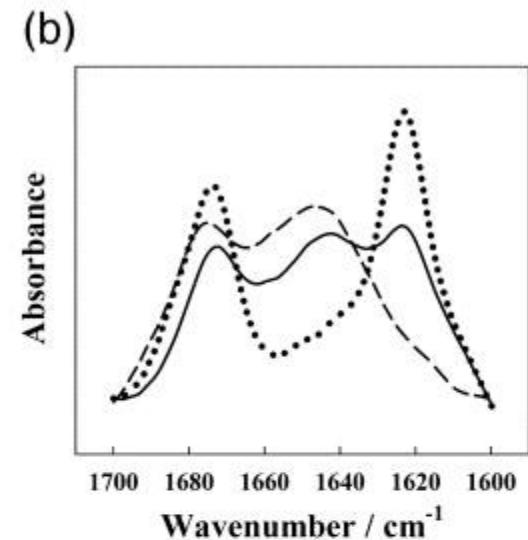
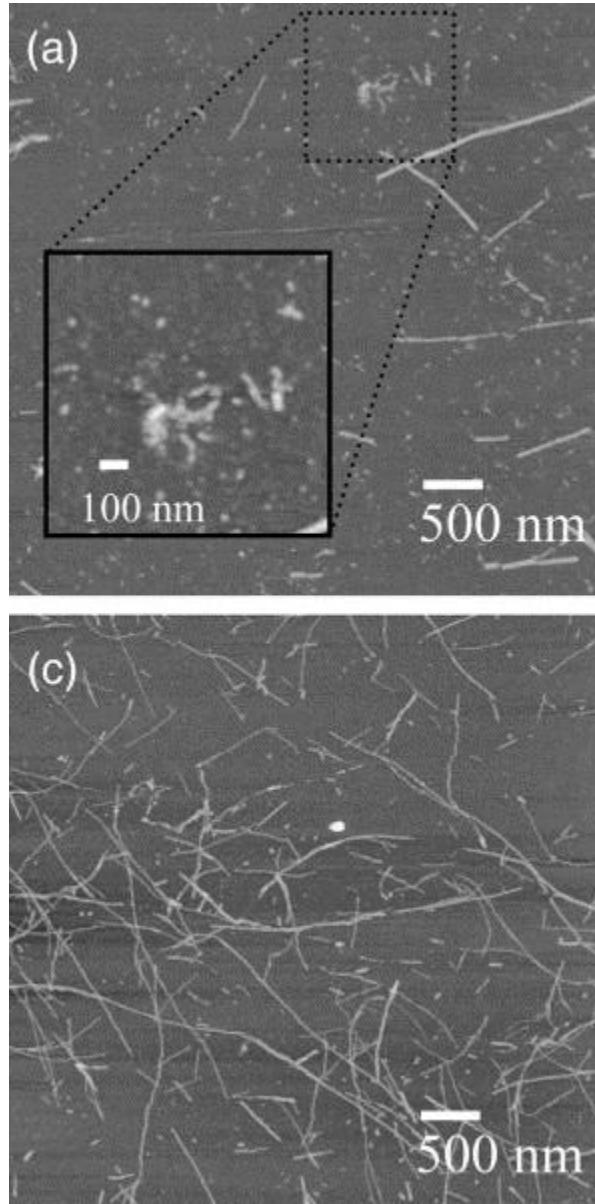


Typical pressure 2 kbar (200 MPa)

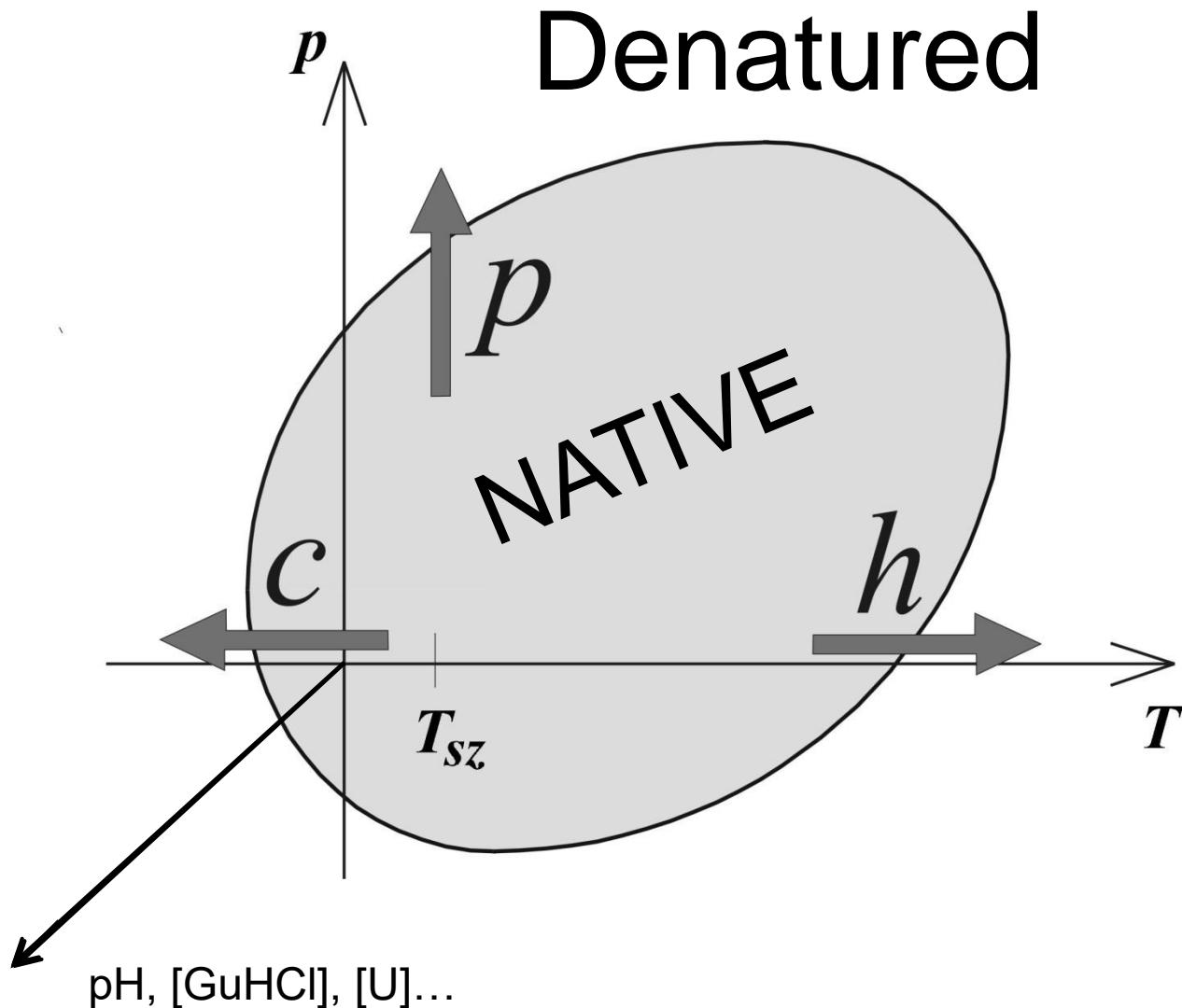
# Aggregates and fibers

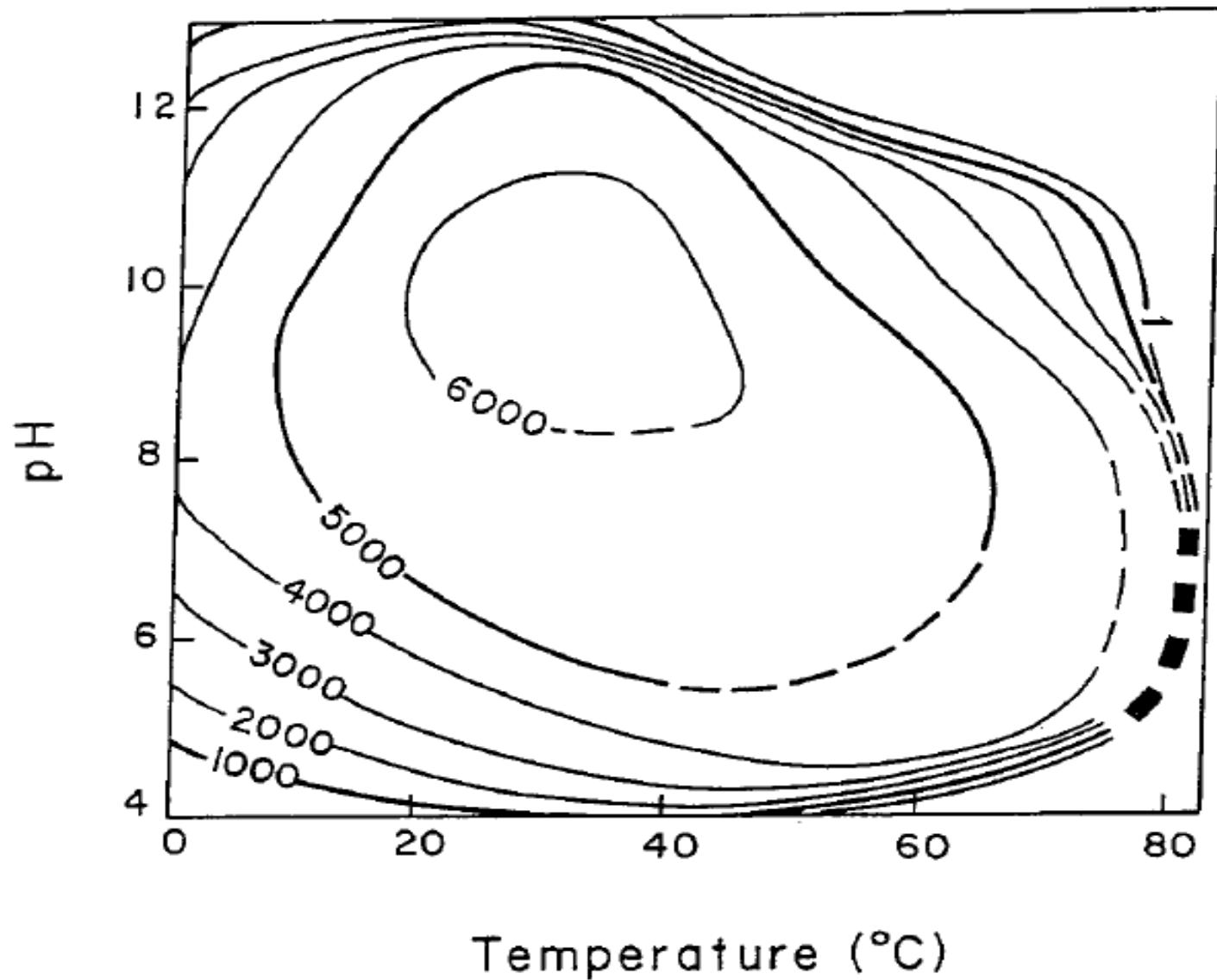
Day 1: (a) AFM (b)  
amide I band of  
TTR105–115 at  
0.1 MPa (full line),  
550 MPa (broken line)  
and 0.1 MPa after  
decompression  
(dotted line).

Day 4: (c) AFM (d)  
amide I band of  
TTR105–115 fibrils at  
0.1 MPa (lower),  
1.3 GPa (middle) and  
0.1 MPa after  
decompression  
(upper).



# The third (fourth...) dimension





**FIGURE 3.** Contours of the constant pressure in the pH-temperature plane at which  $\Delta_{\text{N}}^{\text{p}}G = 0$  for denaturation of metmyoglobin. The native state is more stable than the denatured one inside each contour.<sup>96</sup>

# The phase diagram of DNA

The double helix form is pressure independent

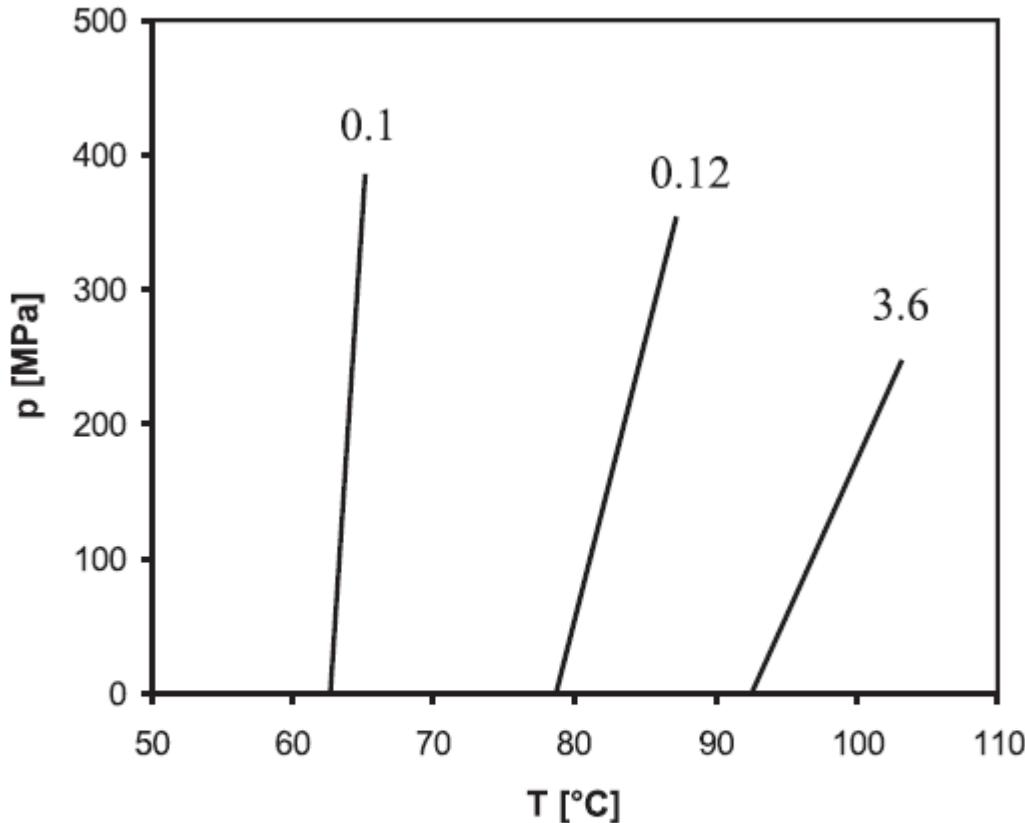
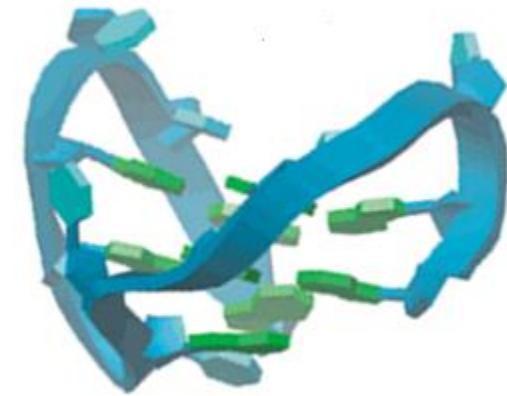
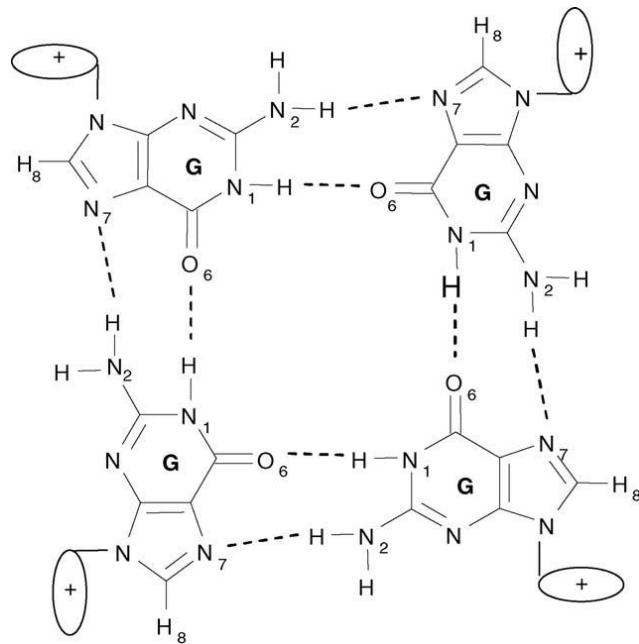
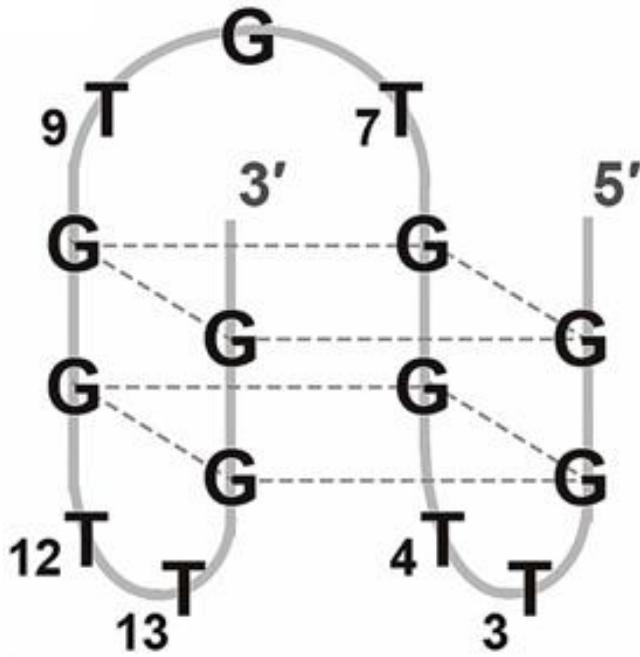


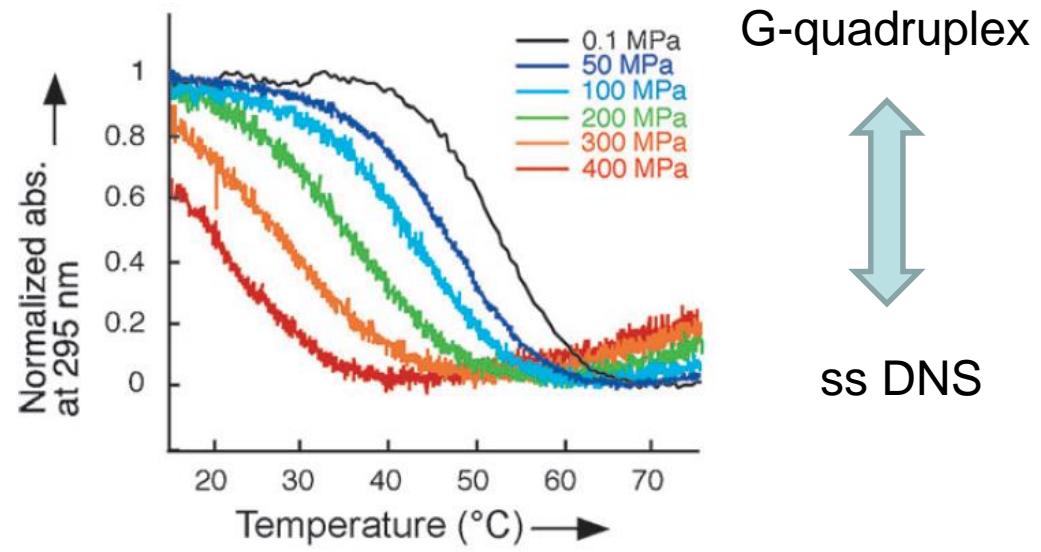
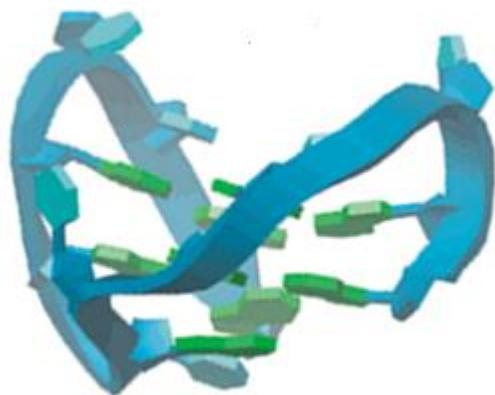
Fig. 10. Pressure–temperature diagram of DNA helix–coil transformation. Unlike the heat unfolding temperature of proteins, the melting temperature of DNA does not show any curvature, but a purely linear pressure dependence. The numbers refer to the molar concentration of neutral salts. Drawn after [84].

# Exotic DNA structures: G-quadruplex



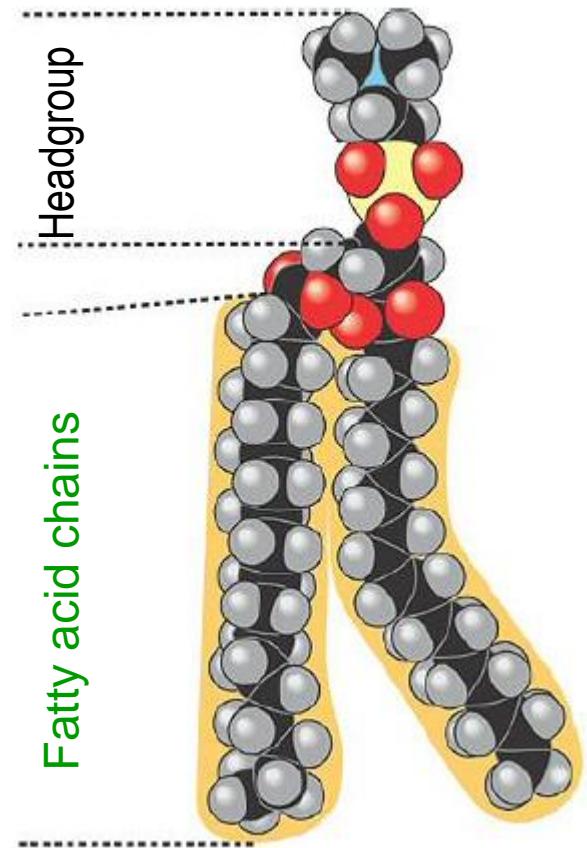
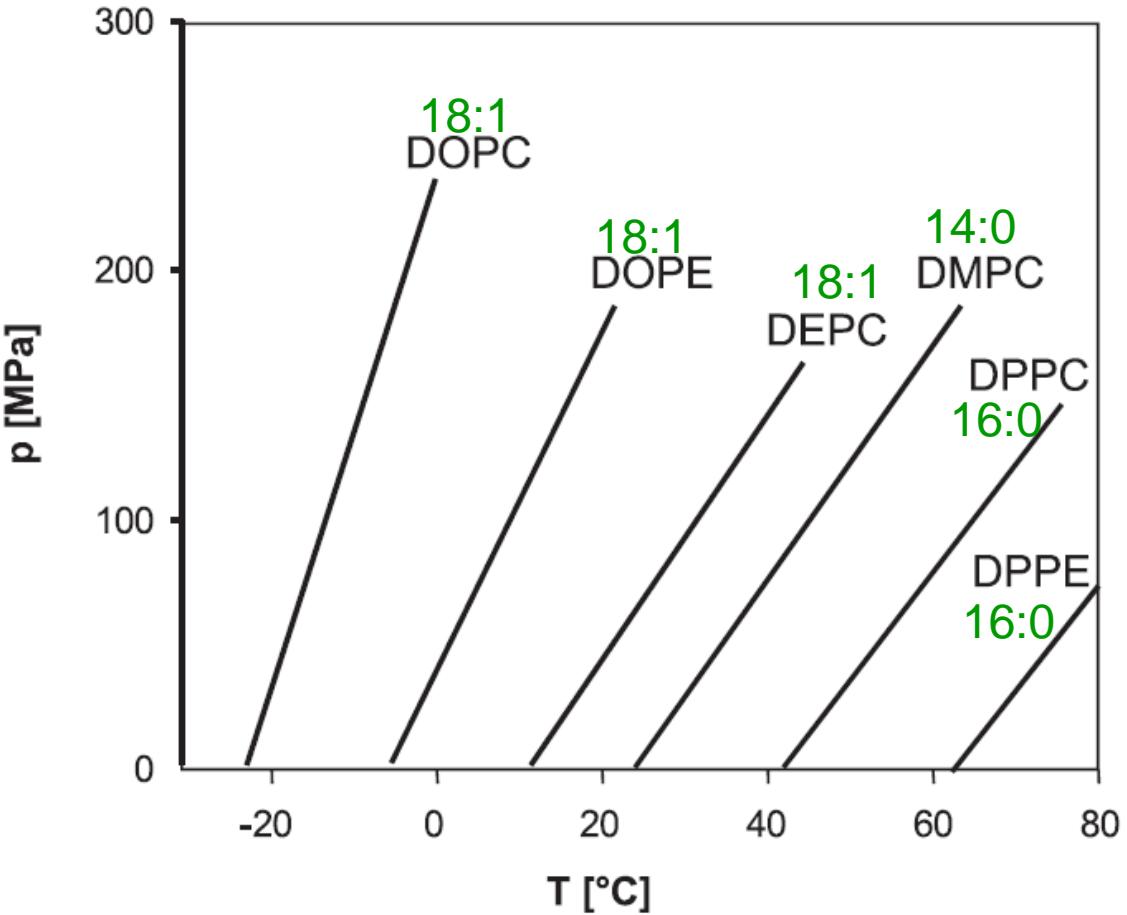
# Phase diagram of DNA

Egzoti DNS structures, like G-quadruplex are pressure sensitive.

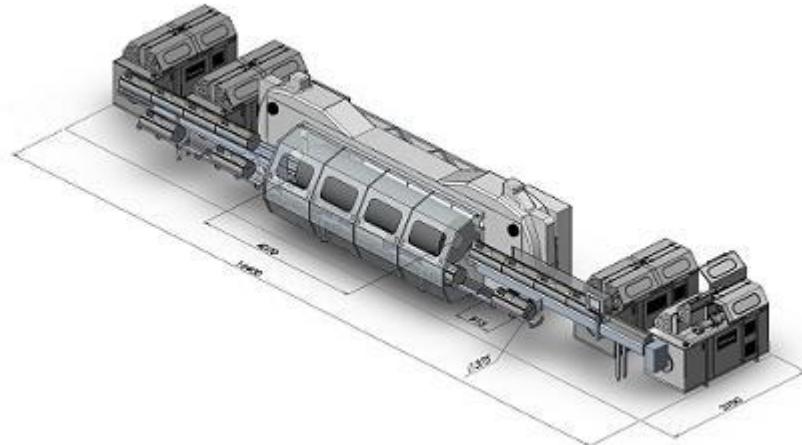


$\Delta V!$

# Phase diagram of membranes



# Applications





Pressurized pizza at a high pressure conference

Pressurized food in a japanese supermarket

# Deepsee organisms



End

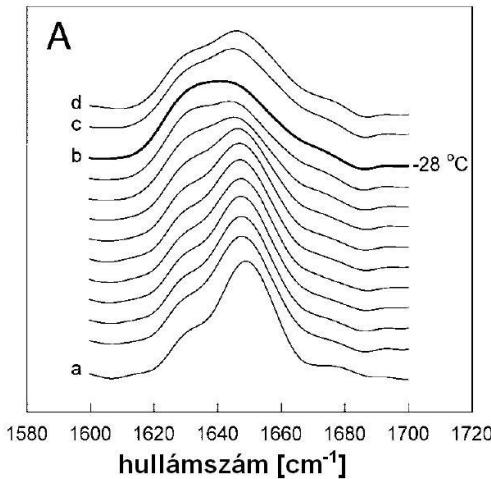
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# Myoglobin: FTIR spectroscopy

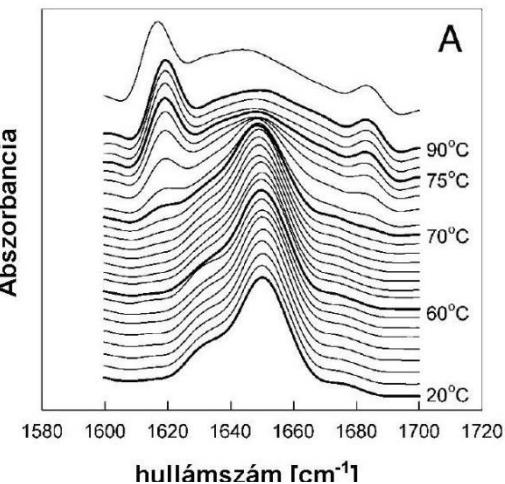
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Abszorbancia



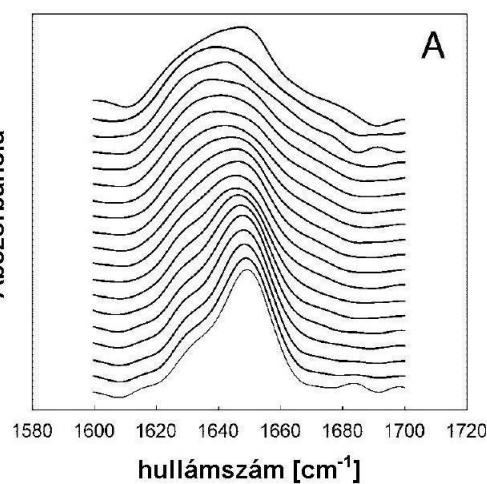
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Abszorbancia

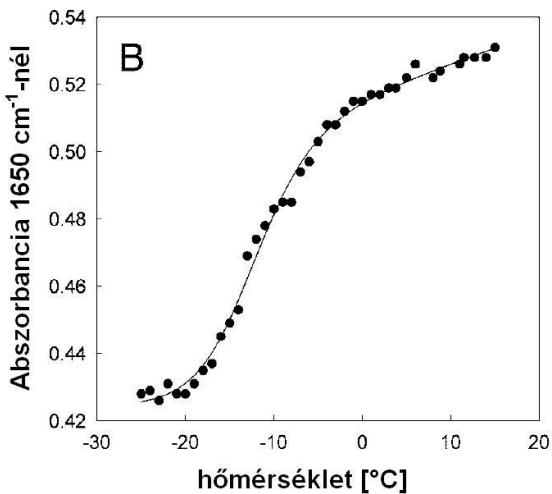


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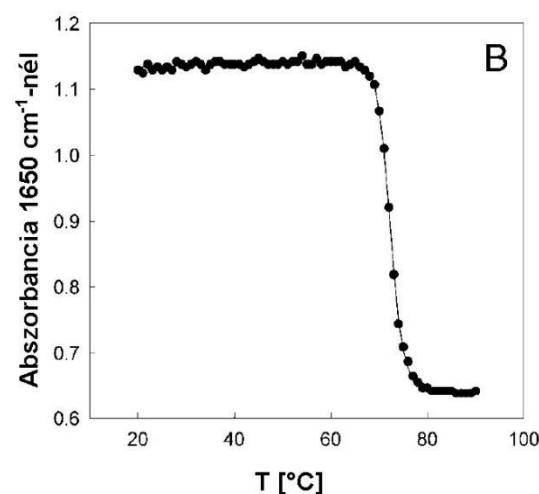
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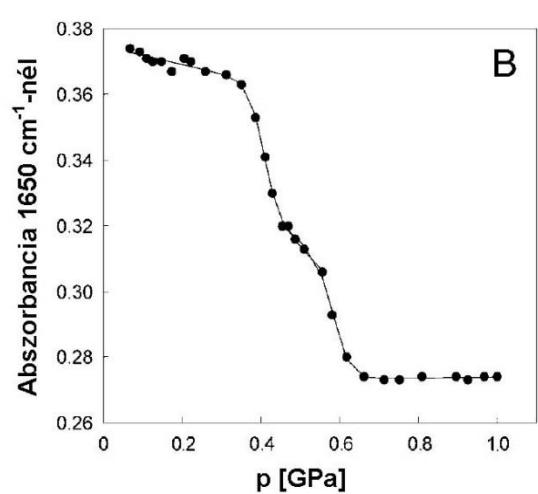
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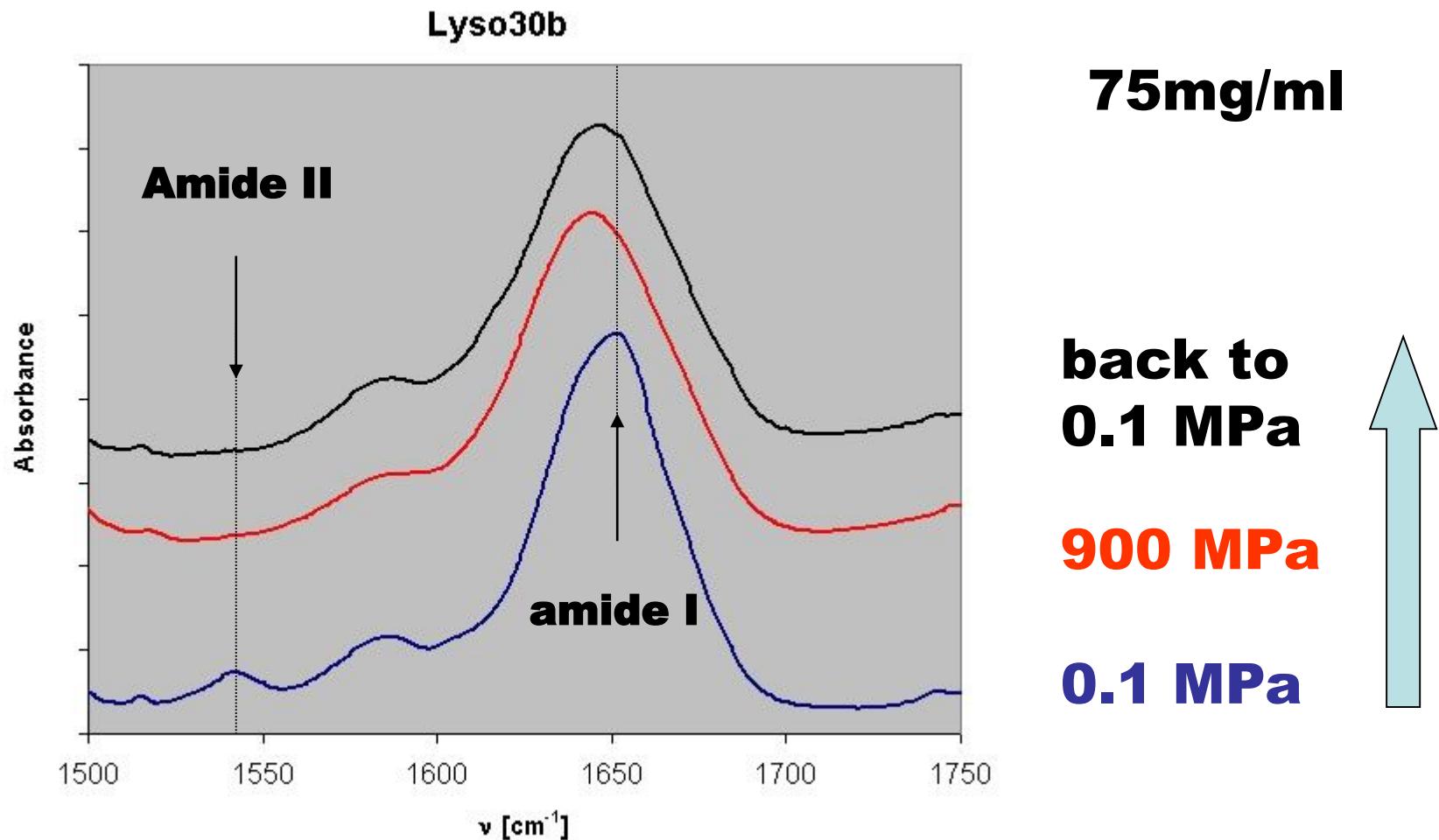
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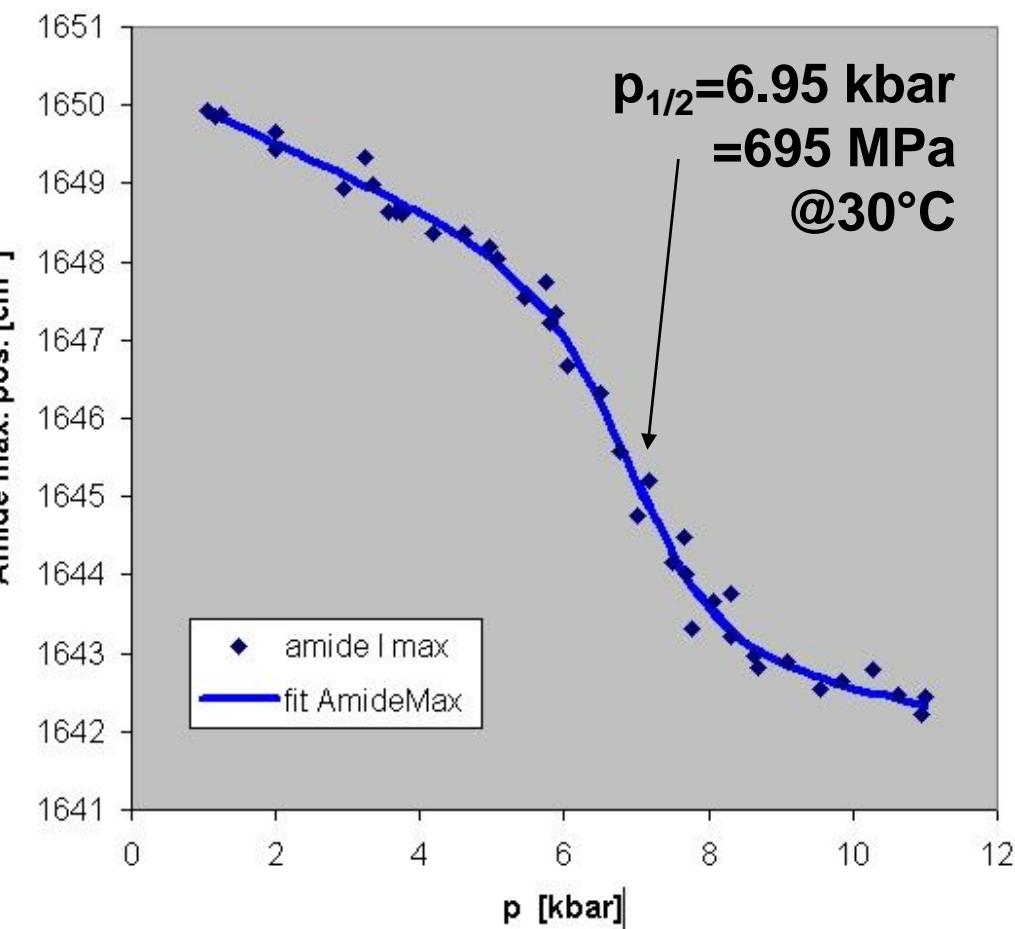


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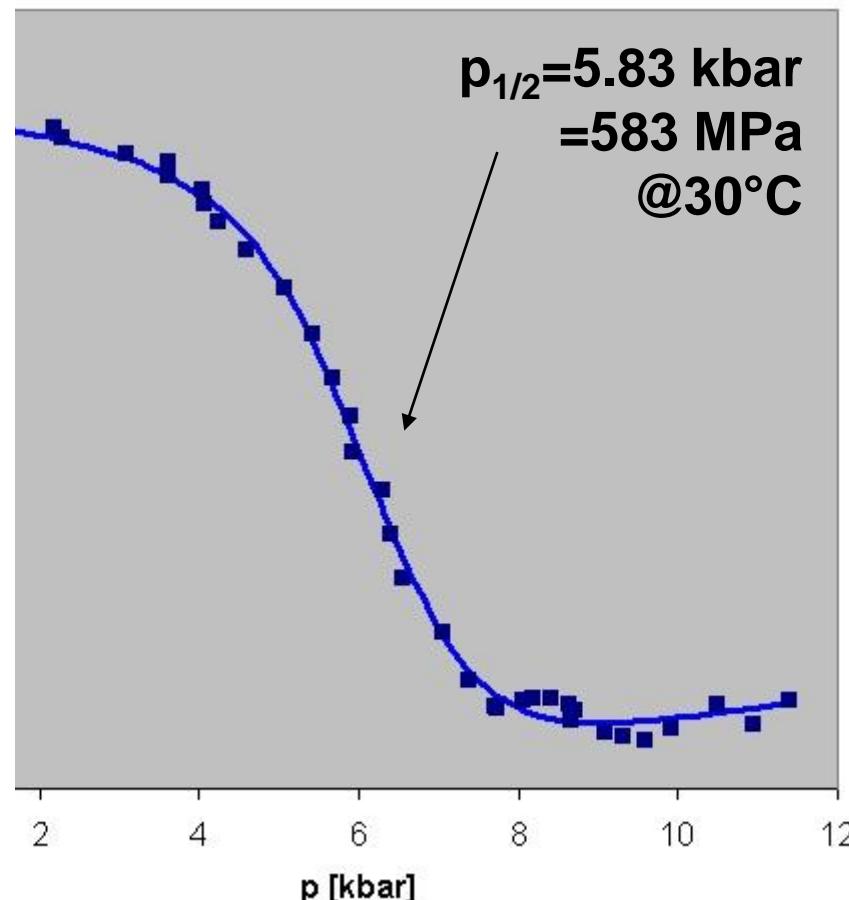


# Lysozyme: pressure denatruation

**Amide I max. position [cm<sup>-1</sup>]**



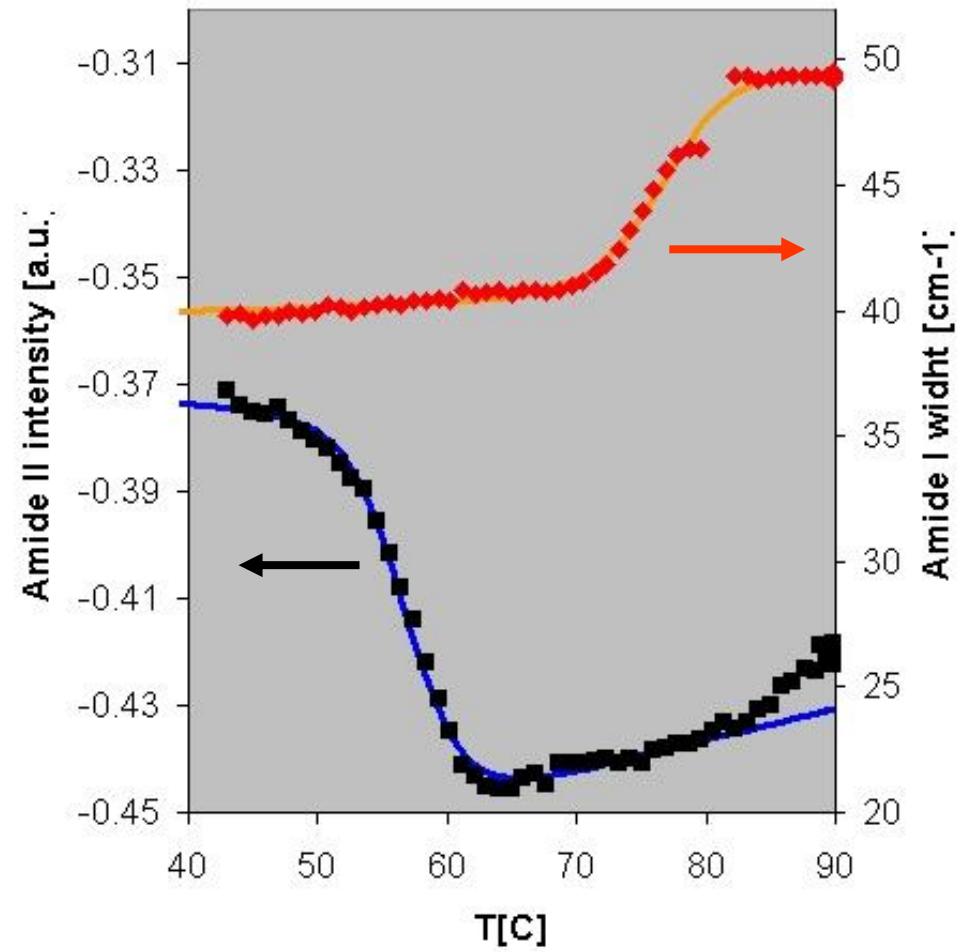
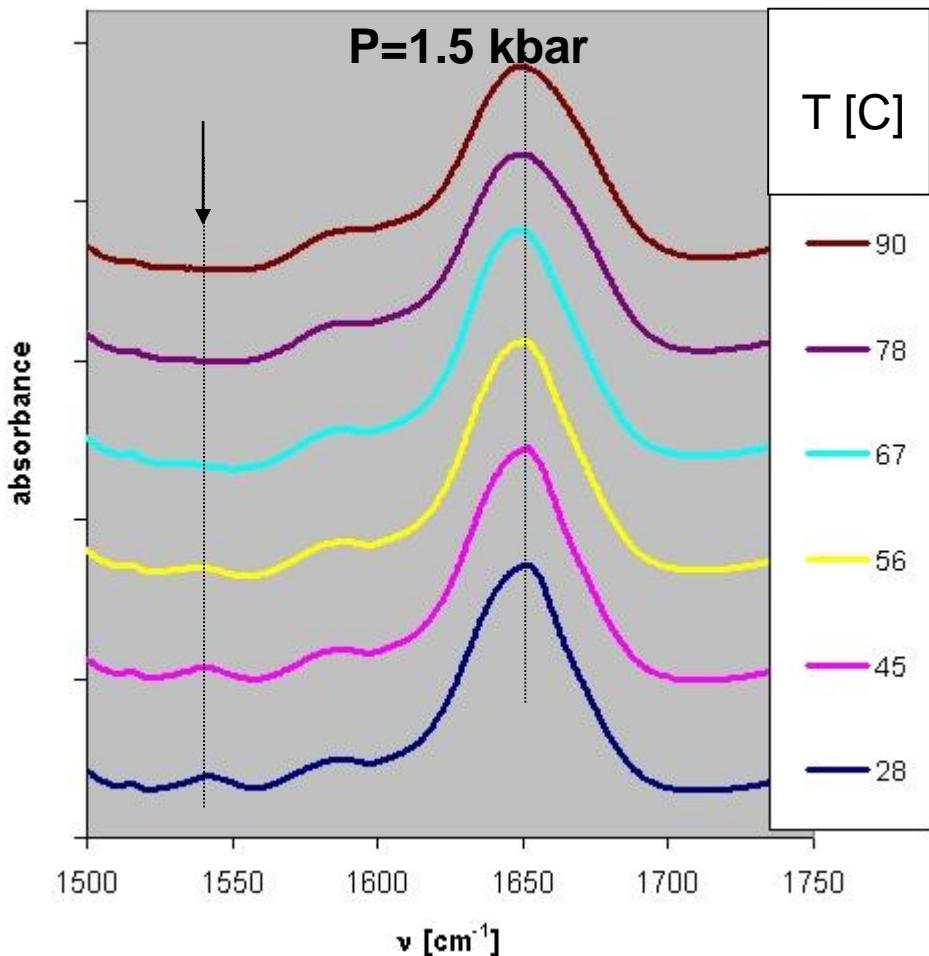
**Amide II intensity [a.u.]**



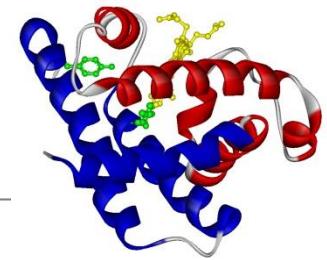
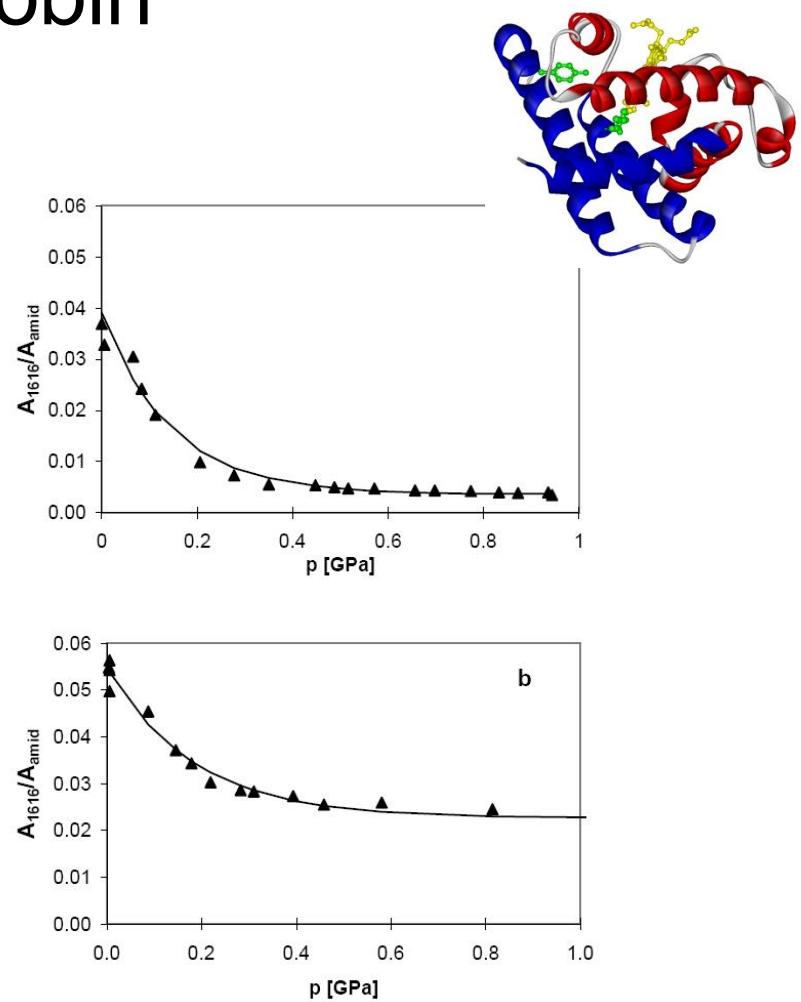
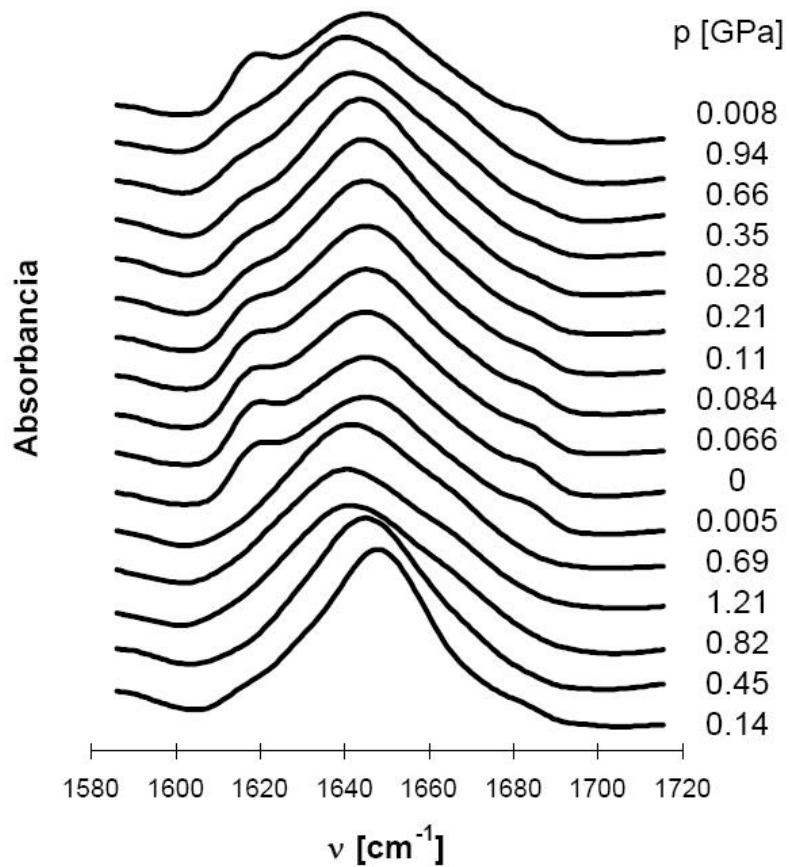
$p_{1/2} = 6.95 \text{ kbar}$   
 $= 695 \text{ MPa}$   
 $@ 30^\circ\text{C}$

$p_{1/2} = 5.83 \text{ kbar}$   
 $= 583 \text{ MPa}$   
 $@ 30^\circ\text{C}$

# Lysozyme: heat denatration

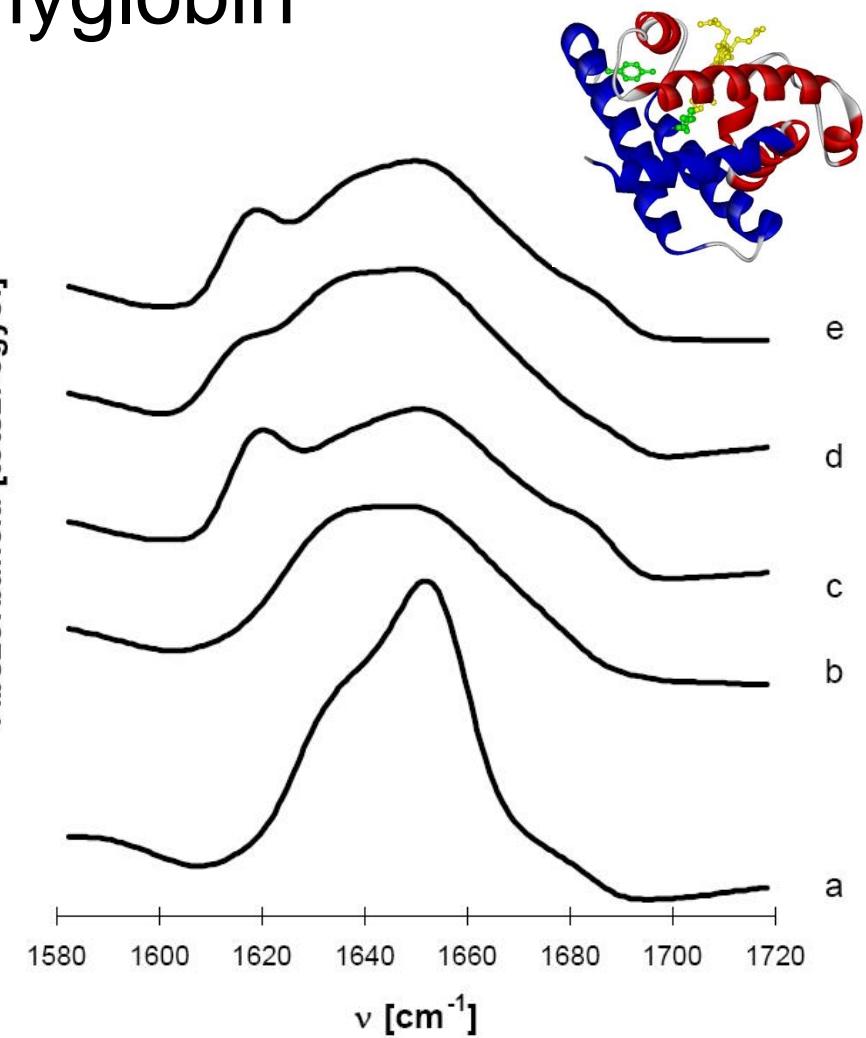
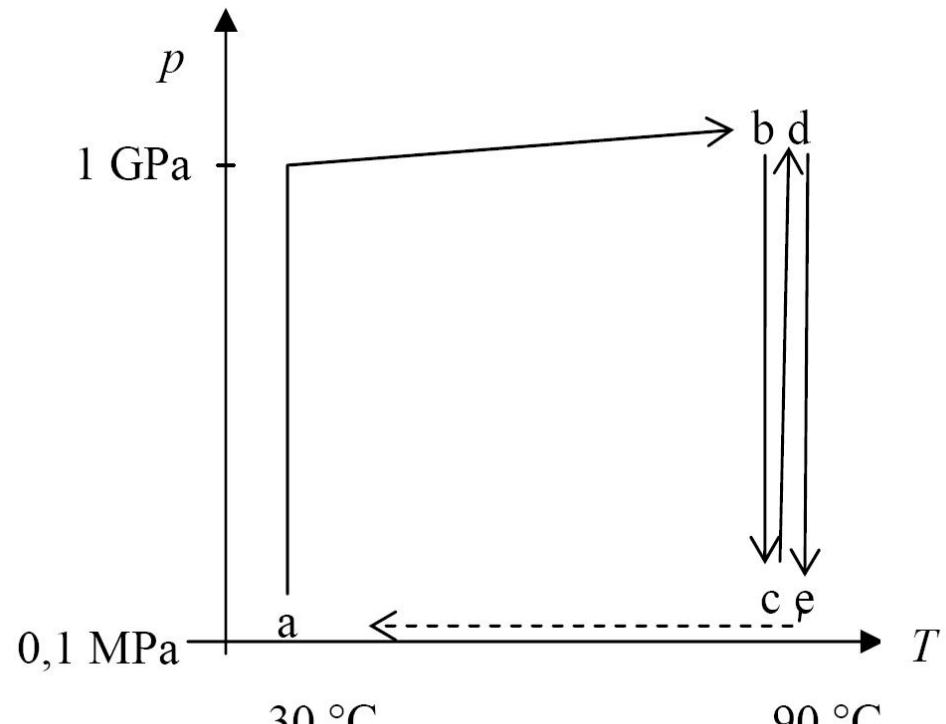


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# The high pressure technique

- Thick wall container
- A small volume diamond cell

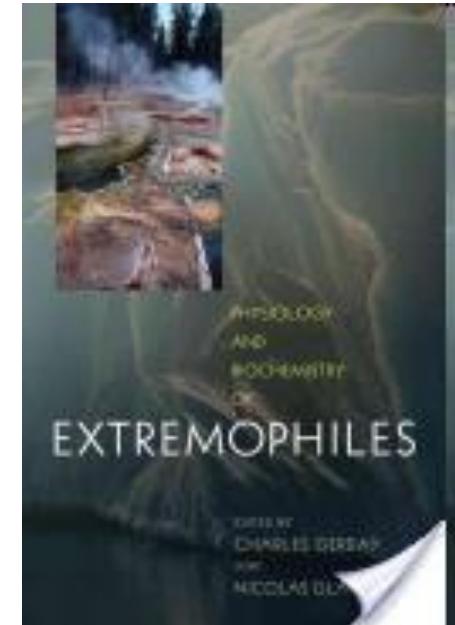
# Termophile and piesophile proteins

## Extremophyle microorganisms

They live under

- extreme temperaure ( $T>100\text{ C}$ )
- extreme pressure (few 100 bar)
- extreme chemical environment  
(e.g. highly acidic)

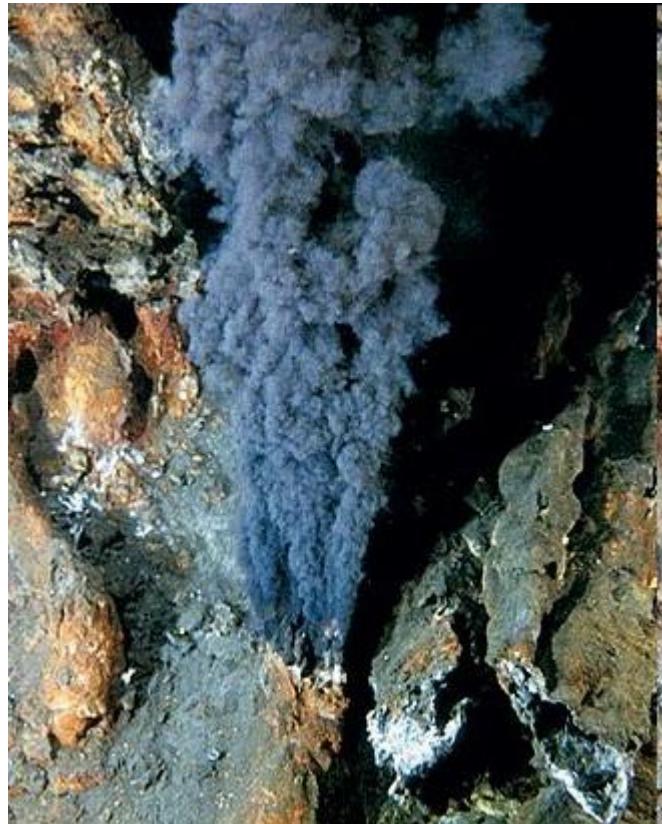
(E.g. in the deepsee, near hydrthermal wents



They are sources of thermophile and piezophile proteins



Thermophiles, a type of extremophile, produce some of the bright colors of Grand Prismatic Spring, Yellowstone National Park



The first extremophile to have its genome sequenced was *Methanococcus jannaschii*, a microbe that lives near hydrothermal vents 2,600 meters below sea level, where temperatures approach the boiling point of water and the pressure is sufficient to crush an ordinary submarine. Image credit: NOAA

# Increased enzymatic activity under pressure

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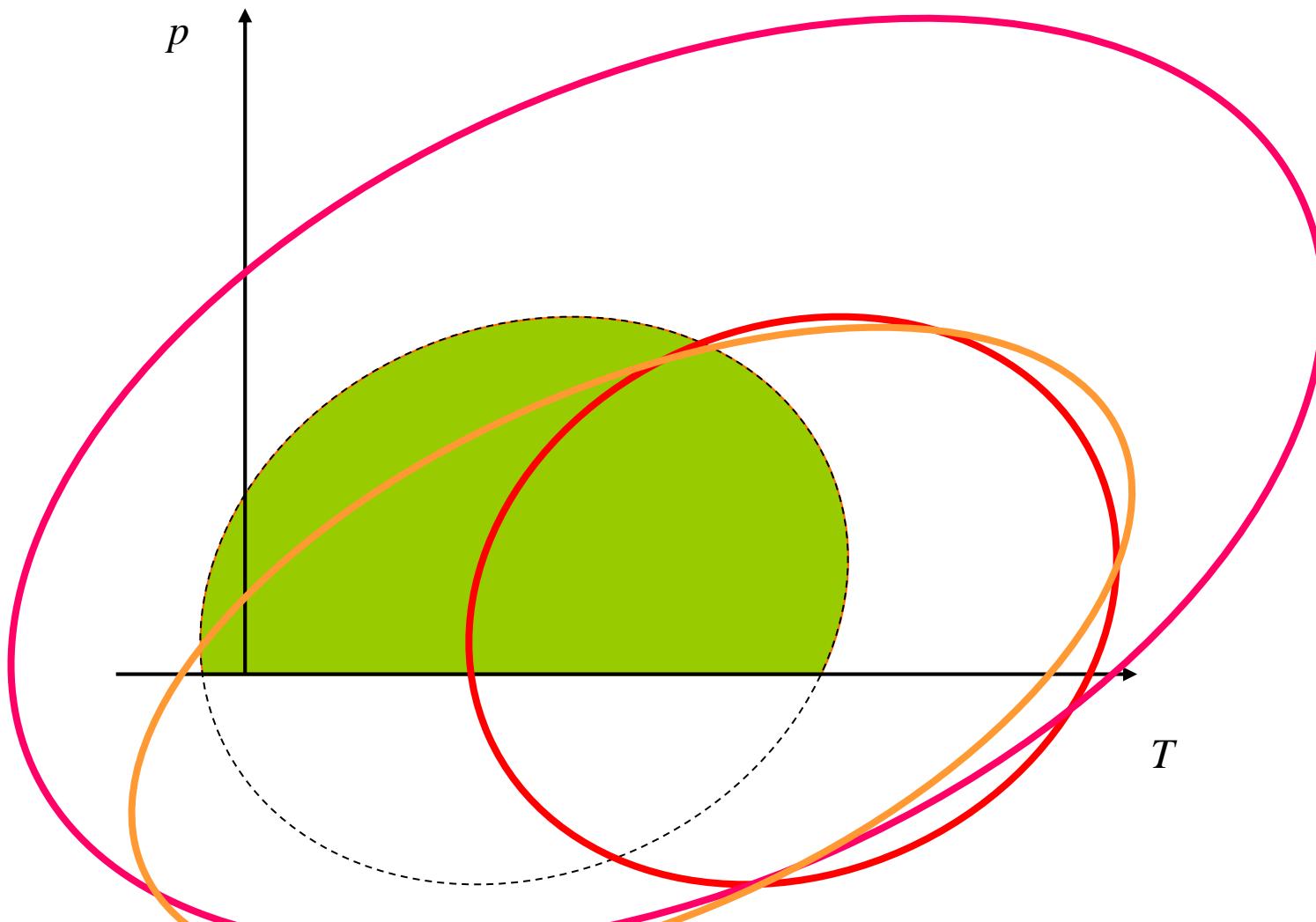
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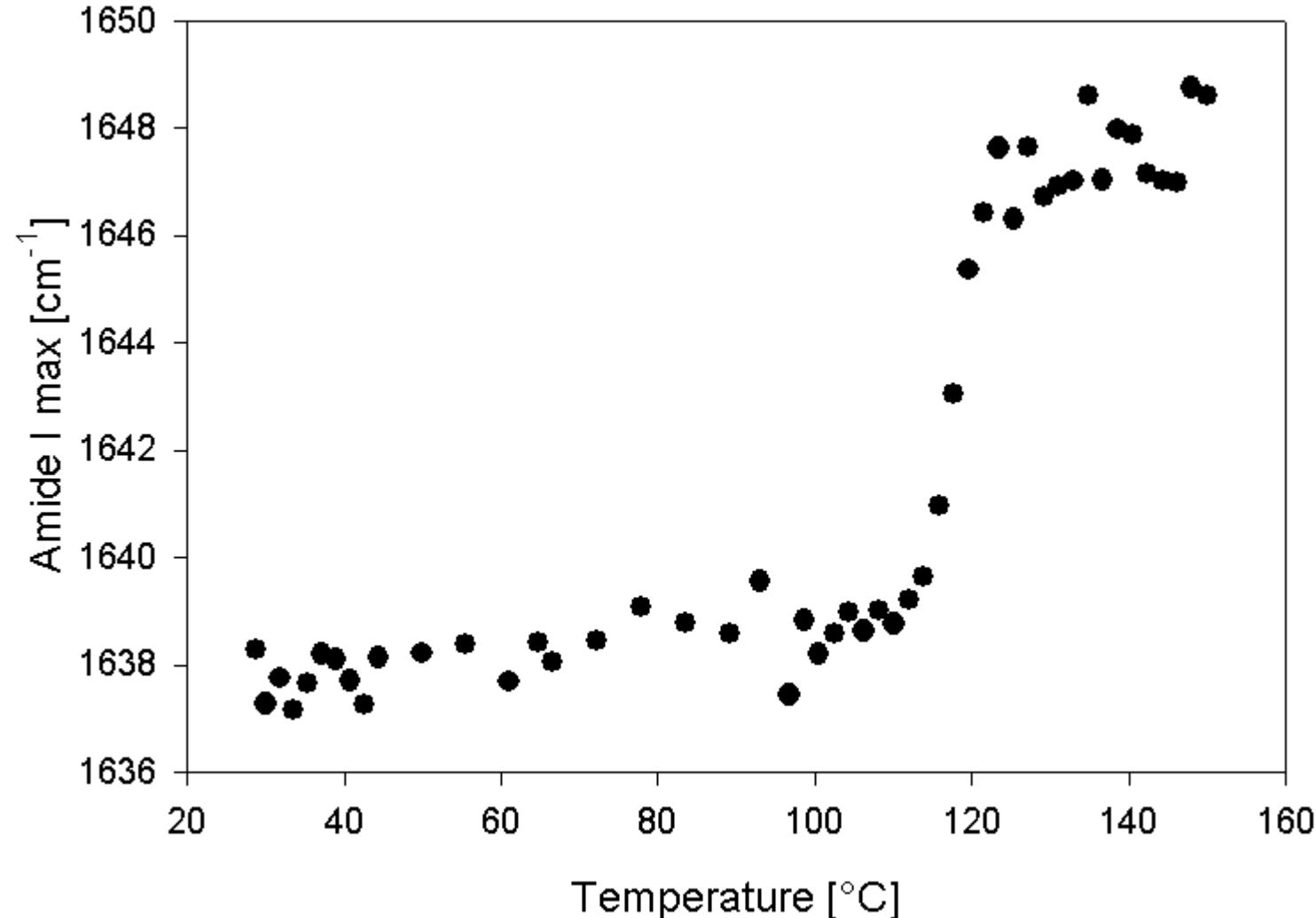
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$\alpha$ -cymotrypsin	0,1 MPa	=>	20°C	480 Mpa	6,5x
polyphenyl oxydase	0,1 MPa	=>		500 MPa	+40%
$\alpha$ -amylase	59°C atm.p.	=>	64°C	152 MPa	+25%
pepsin	0,1 MPa	=>		300 MPa	270x
...					

# How does the phase diagram change?



# An example: SHSP16,5 protein from *Methanococcus jannaschii*



# Pressure tolerance in the biosphere

For proteins:

$p$  in the biosphere is max. 1 kbar

typical protein stability is ca. 5 kbar

For membranes:

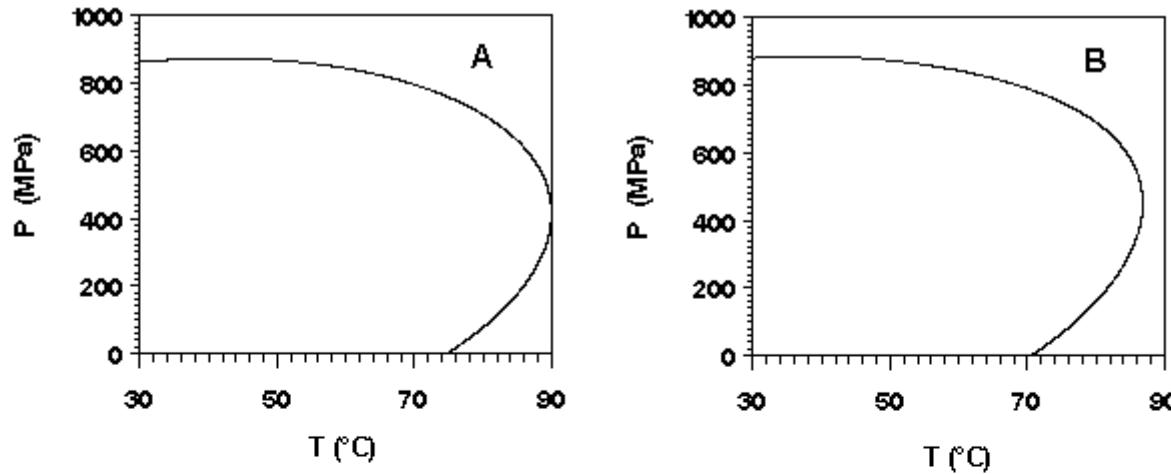
$T_m$  increases by 20 °C under 1 kbar

Deepsee organisms



# Enzymatic activity in extreme environment

PI:



**Figure 3.** Heat-pressure iso-rate contour plots of 95 % inactivation of purified banana PME (in 20 mM Tris-HCl buffer, pH 7.0) for a total process time of 30 min ( $k = 0.099858 \text{ min}^{-1}$ ) based on (A) the 'classical' thermodynamic model (eq 4); (B) the third-degree thermodynamic model (eq 6);

From: *Binh Ly-Nguyen1 et al, Effect of Mild-Heat and High-Pressure Processing on Banana Pectin Methylesterase: A Kinetic Study*

# Generalized Clausius Clapeyron equation

