

Lecture 9 (9/28/20)

- Reading: Ch4; 119-122, 125-126, 131-133 (α -helix)
Ch4; 123-124, 130-131, 133, 137-138 (β -sheets)
- Problems: Ch4 (text); 2, 3, 4, 8, 13, 14

NEXT

- Reading: Ch4; 125, 138-141, 141-142
- Problems: Ch4 (text); 7, 9, 11
Ch4 (study guide); **1, 2** (Applying what you know)

OUTLINE

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1. Determination

- a. Sequence determination; CHEMICAL
 - i. aa composition; Divide & conquer; Edman degradation
- b. Sequence determination; PHYSICAL
 - i. Tandem Mass Spectrometry for proteins
- c. Sequence determination; BIOLOGICAL
 - i. Genome sequenced; need partial sequence

B. Secondary

1. Conformational structure; Levinthal paradox
2. Pauling & Corey's predictions
 - a. α -Helix
 - b. β -sheets/strands
 - c. Connections between β -strands
 - d. Connections between α -helices; angle not important
3. Super secondary structure

C. Tertiary

1. Picturing and classifications
2. Topology
3. Domains
4. Intrinsically disordered
5. Stability

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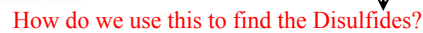
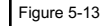
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(c) Cut sample strip from electrophoretogram and expose to performic acid vapors.

(d) Strip is sewn to new paper

(e) Diagonal

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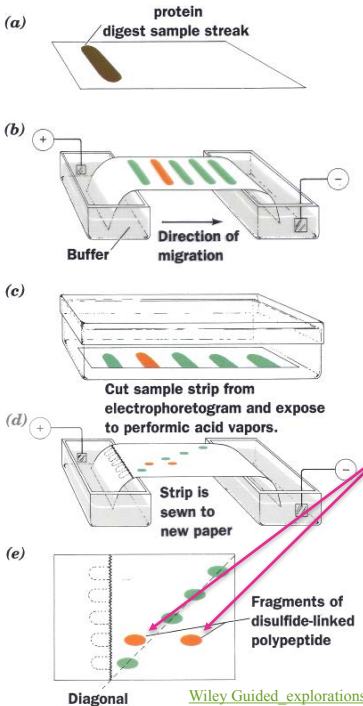
More complicated actual example of ribonuclease that combines this approach with changing up the fragmentation by employing CNBr after separation

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The diagram illustrates the 2D-diagonal electrophoresis process in five steps: (a) protein digest sample streak, (b) electrophoresis in a buffer with a direction of migration arrow, (c) cutting a sample strip from the electrophoretogram and exposing it to performic acid vapors, (d) sewing the strip to new paper, and (e) showing fragments of disulfide-linked polypeptide on a diagonal. A peptide sequence diagram shows two chains: Gly-Cys-Ala-Gly-Arg-Phe-Cys-Tyr-Lys-Thr-Asp-Ile and His-Asn-Tyr-Cys-Phe-Arg-Ser-Gly-Glu. Disulfide bonds are indicated by orange circles connecting Cys residues in the two chains.

Diagonal

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Protein Structure

Conformational Structure

How does the polypeptide chain fold?

Protein Structure

Conformational Structure

How does the polypeptide chain fold?

- 1) **primary structure** – sequence of amino acids
- 2) **secondary structure** – small units of repetitive structure
- 3) **tertiary structure** – overall 3D shape
- 4) **quaternary structure** – shape of ≥ 2 chains

4 levels of protein structure

In order to understand these levels of structure, you need to understand the nature of the polymer first.

In other words, the linkage or
PEPTIDE BOND



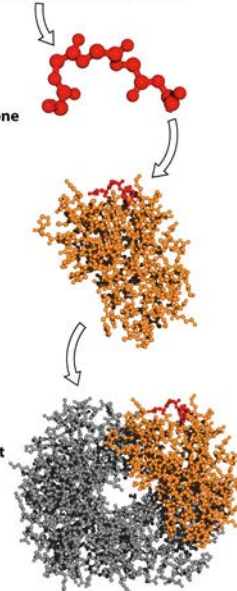
Primary structure
The sequence of amino acid residues

–Glu–Ser–Phe–Gly–Asp–

Secondary structure
The localized conformation of the polypeptide backbone

Tertiary structure
The three-dimensional structure of an entire polypeptide, including all its side chains

Quaternary structure
The spatial arrangement of polypeptide chains in a protein with multiple subunits



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Protein Structure-Secondary

The 4 S's for secondary structure:

Size	-dependent on number of amino acids
Solubility	-dependent on AA composition and shape
Stability	-complex and not well understood
Shape	

Why is there Secondary Structure?

Protein Structure-Secondary

The Levinthal Paradox (1969):

Theoretical calculation:

Consider just the α -carbon backbone.....

If there are 4 clearly different angles allowed of all the angles at the α -carbon (ϕ and ψ), then each residue has $2 \times 4 = 8$ degrees of freedom.

For a protein of 100 residues, there are 8^{100} possible conformations to "test" for optimal energetics

$8^{100} = 2 \times 10^{90}$ different conformations

At 1000 billion "tests" per second (1/psec), this is 2×10^{78} seconds to find the best.

$\Rightarrow 7 \times 10^{70}$ years

Well The age of the universe is 14×10^9 years

The shortcut proteins use to fold is the use of 2° structure where most of these degrees of freedom are prescribed by a regular structure.

What are these "regular structures?"

Secondary Structure

Protein Structure-Secondary



In the early 1950's, Linus Pauling and Robert Corey predicted some rules that proteins should follow to find the lowest energy conformation.

- 1) The peptide bond must be planar without free rotation
- 2) The degree of H-bonding should be maximized to achieve the lowest energy state [consider energetic consequences in the (unfolded)_{water} \rightleftharpoons (folded)_{water} transition]
- 3) The best H-bonds are linear
- 4) There should be repeating units of conformation (same) as you go from one residue to the next

Using these rules they predicted two basic structures:

α -helix
 β -sheet

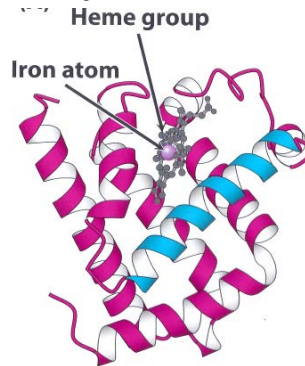
Protein Structure-Secondary



John Cowdery
Kendrew
(1917 - 1997)

There were no known protein structures until 1957, when Kendrew solved the structure of myoglobin:

Imagine the excitement when indeed there were the very helices Pauling predicted!



Protein Structure-Secondary

The α Helix

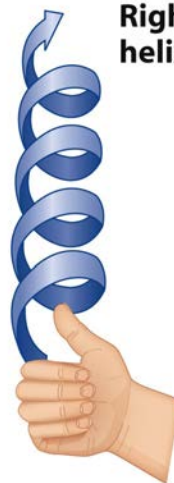
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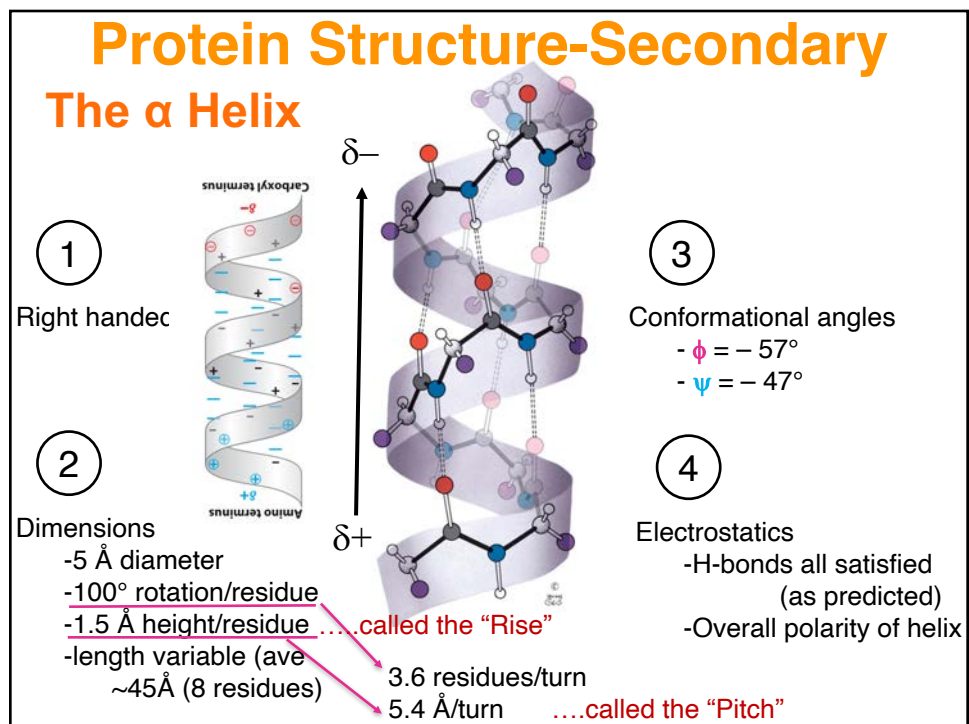
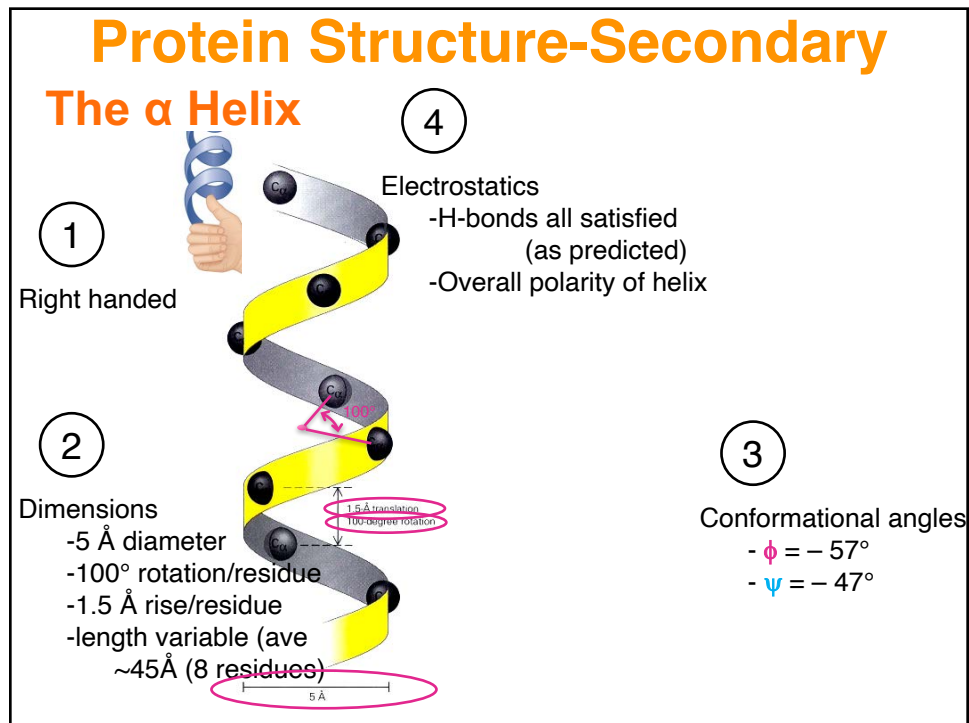
Right handed

Left-handed
helix



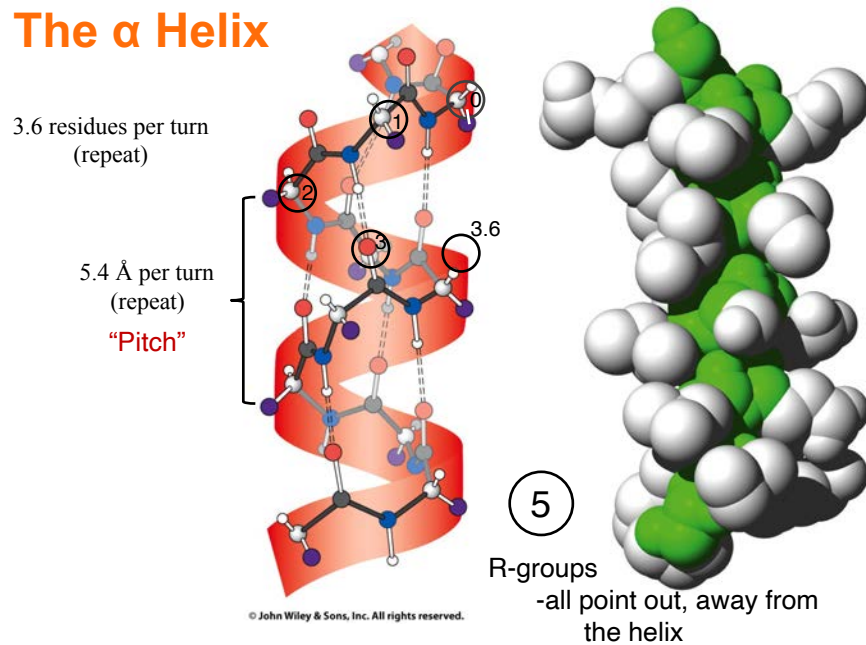
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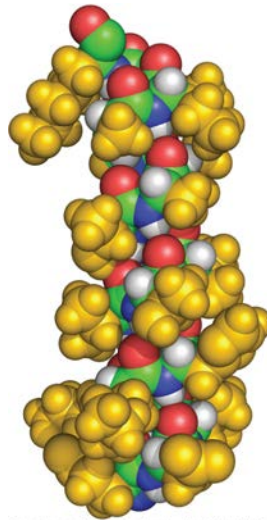
Protein Structure-Secondary

The α Helix



Protein Structure-Secondary

The α Helix: Space Filling Model



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Max Planck Institut für Molekulare Physiologie,
Dortmund, Germany. PDBid 1A6M (for the
definition of "PDBid" see Section 6-2E).

Helices can be hydrophobic

Helices can be hydrophilic

Helices can be mixed: amphipathic

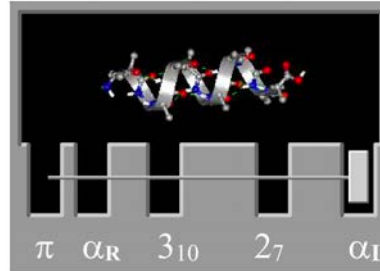
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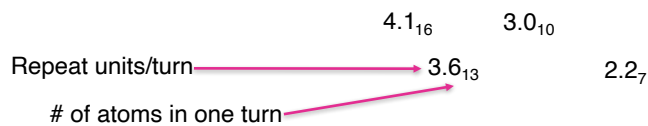
The α Helix: other helices

Increasing pitch (distance per turn) & rise (distance per residue) →

- The α -helix is a common secondary structure in proteins.
- The α -helix is a spiral structure with defined dimensions, rise and pitch.
- The α -helix is stabilized by hydrogen bonds between residues in the helix.
- Several types of helices (such as the π , α_R , 3_{10} , 2_7 and α_L) can form intramolecular hydrogen bonds.



Alpha helices twist

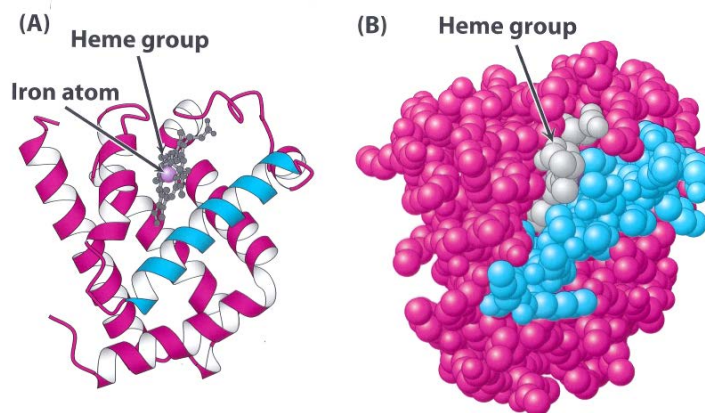


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Protein Structure-Secondary

The α Helix: examples

Globular Proteins



Myoglobin (Mb)

Protein Structure-Secondary

The α Helix: examples

Fibrous Proteins: the α -keratin helix

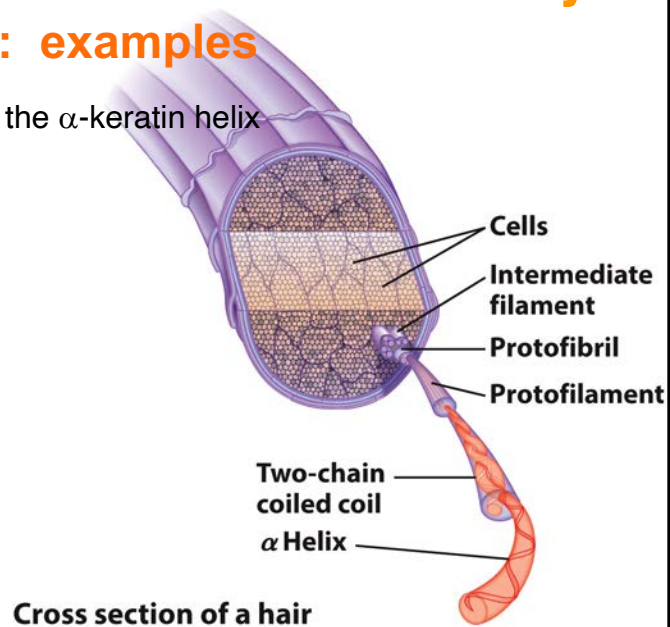
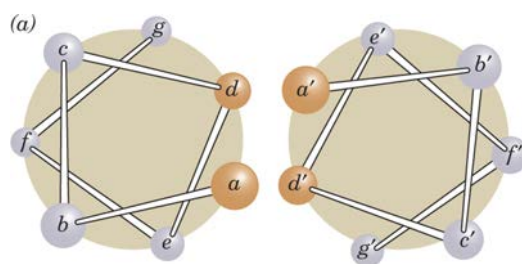


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Protein Structure-Secondary

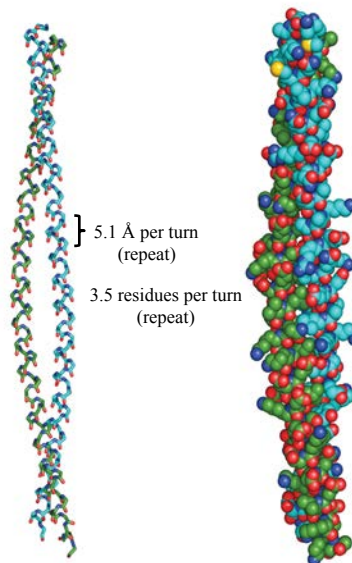
The α Helix: examples ^(b)

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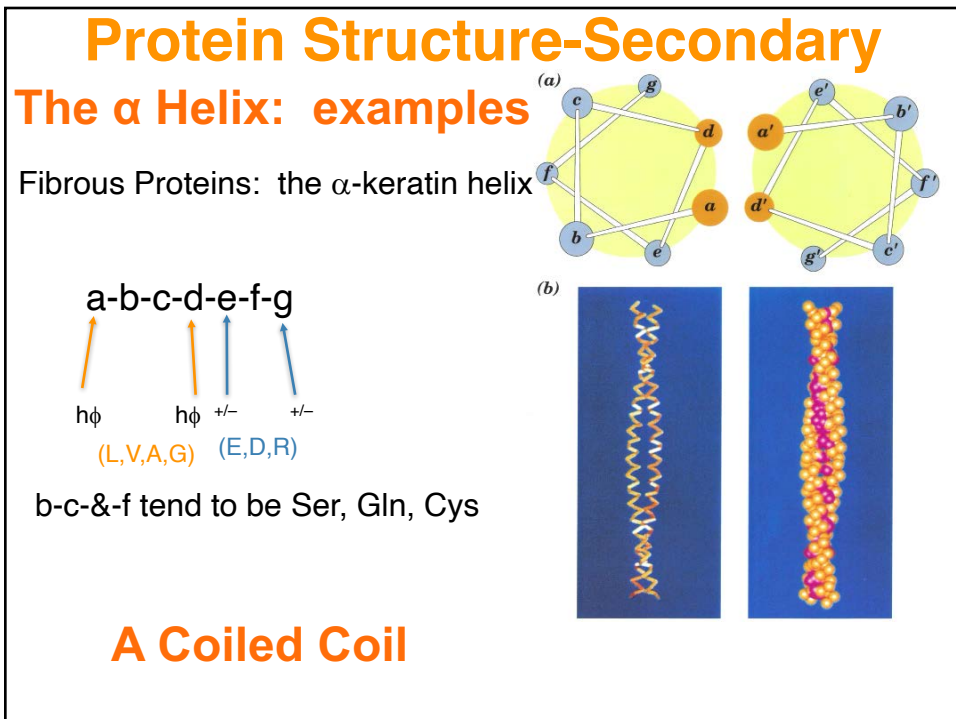
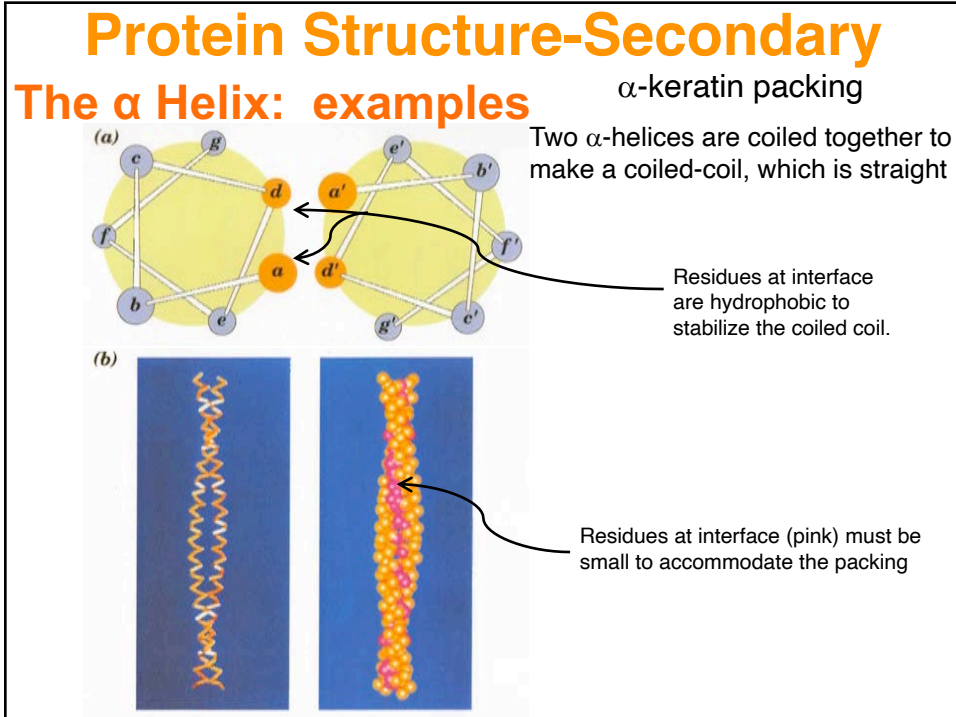


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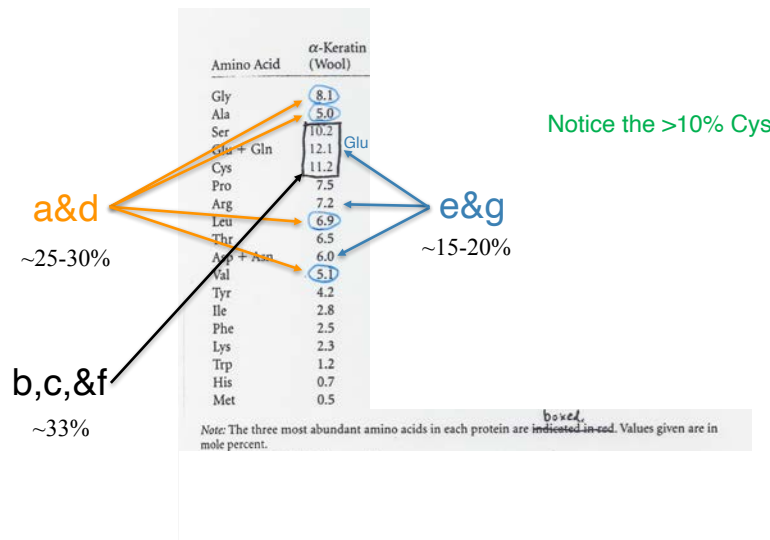
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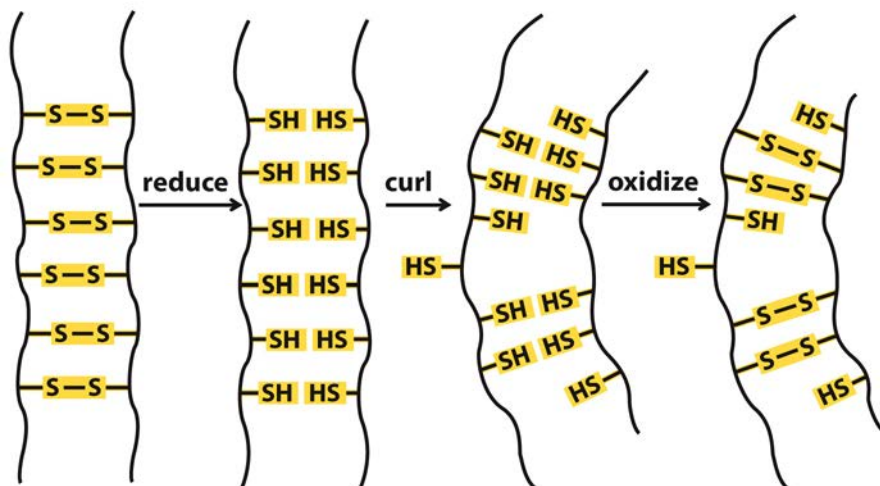
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Chemistry of Permanent Waving



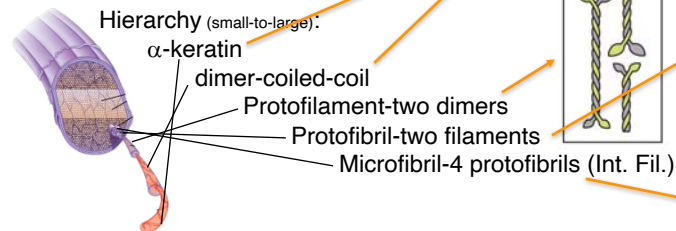
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Protein Structure-Secondary

The α Helix: examples

Fibrous Proteins:
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One model-in text



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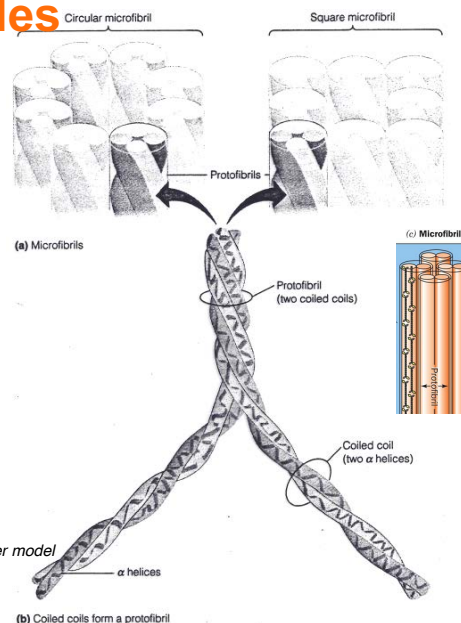
FIGURE 6.11

The coiled-coil structure of α -keratin.
(a) Structure of microfibrils formed by two different modes of interaction of protofibrils.
(b) Formation of a protofibril from two coiled coils.

Another model

Hierarchy:

- α -keratin
- dimer-coiled-coil
- Protofibril-coiled two dimers
- (same as Protofilament), Protofibril in other model is 2 protofibrils in this one)
- Microfibril-8 protofibrils



Protein Structure-Secondary

The α Helix: Summary

Figure 4-4

- Right handed helix
- 3.6 aa per turn
- 5.4 Å rise per turn
- Carbonyl of residue “n” is H-bonded to NH of n+4 residue
- Has tightly packed core of main-chain atoms
- R-groups project outward
- Has overall macro-dipole (N-term +; C-term –)
- Can be amphipathic

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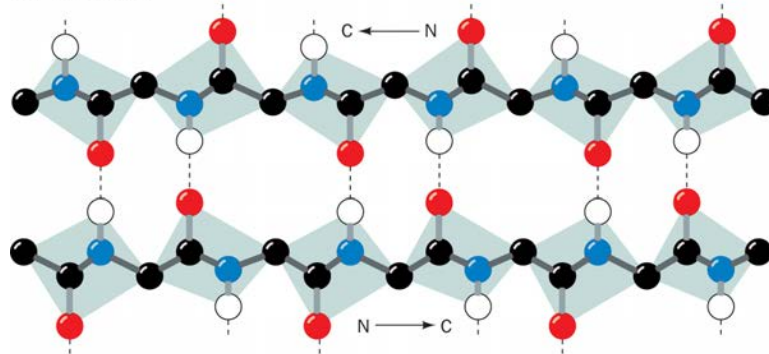
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Protein Structure-Secondary

β Sheets- antiparallel

Using his rules, Pauling predicted two basic structures:
 α -helix
 β -sheet, which he called a “back-and-forth” structure

(a) Antiparallel



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Protein Structure-Secondary

β Sheets- antiparallel

①

Right handed
(2.0₇)

②

Dimensions

-it's a sheet

Almost fully extended:

-3.4 Å rise/residue

-2 residues/repeat → Pitch is 6.8 Å

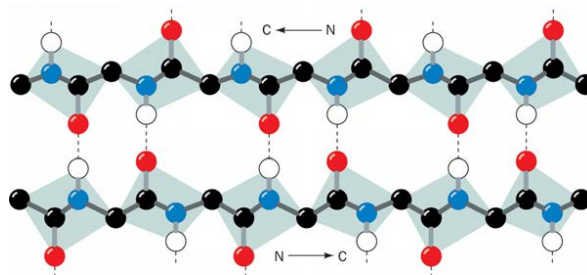
-length variable

③

Conformational angles

- $\phi = -139^\circ$

- $\psi = +135^\circ$



④

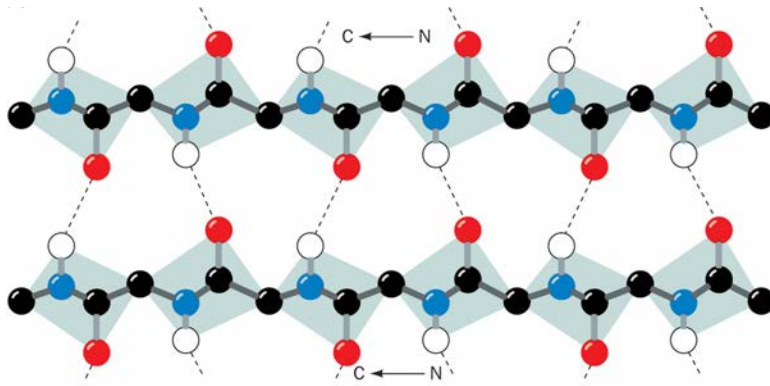
Electrostatics

-H-bonds all satisfied
(as predicted)

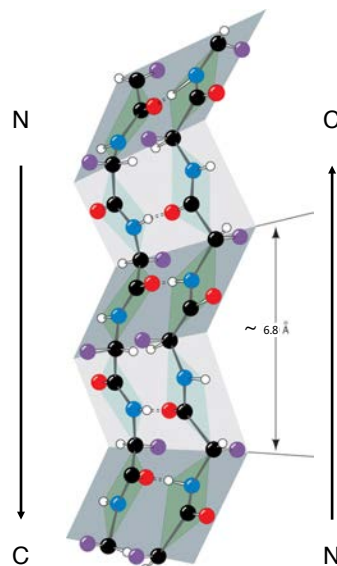
-no polarity

Protein Structure-Secondary β Sheets- parallel

Pauling did not predict a β -sheet made of β -strands going the same direction.



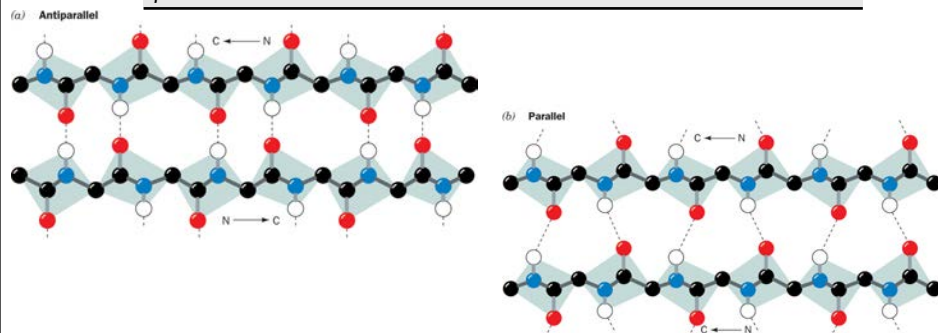
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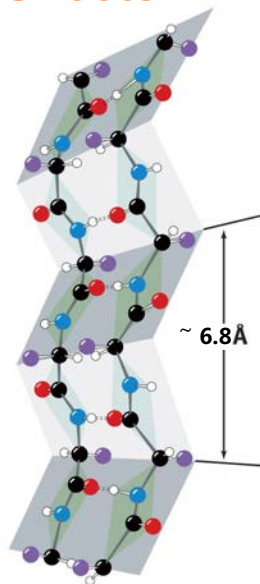
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Protein Structure-Secondary β Sheets

Structure	ϕ	ψ	Rise (Dist/residue) (Å)	Residues/ Repeat	Pitch (Distance/ repeat) (Å)	Diameter (Å)
α -helix	-57	-47	1.5	3.6	5.4	5.0
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Parallel \Rightarrow β -sheet	-119	+113	3.2	2	6.4	-



Protein Structure-Secondary β Sheets



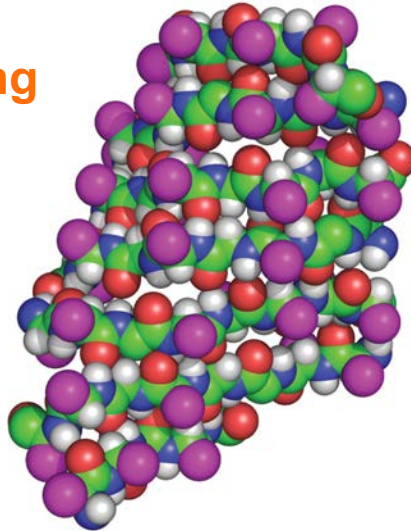
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R-groups
-alternate and point
away from sheet

Figure 6-10 Fundamentals of Biochemistry, 2/e

Protein Structure-Secondary

β Sheet: Space Filling Model



Based on an X-ray structure by Gerald Edelman,
The Rockefeller University. PDBid 2CNA.

Concanavalin A
PDBid [2CNA](#)

Protein Structure-Secondary

The β Sheet: Propensities

Table 6-1 Propensities of Amino Acid
and β Sheet Conformations

Residue	P_{β}
Ala	0.83
Arg	0.93
Asn	0.89
Asp	0.54
Cys	1.19
Gln	1.10
Glu	0.37
Gly	0.75
His	0.87
Ile	1.60
Leu	1.30
Lys	0.74
Met	1.05
Phe	1.38
Pro	0.55
Ser	0.75
Thr	1.19
Trp	1.37
Tyr	1.47
Val	1.70

Like:

- prefer large, bulky groups
- Val, Ile, Leu, Tyr, Trp, Phe

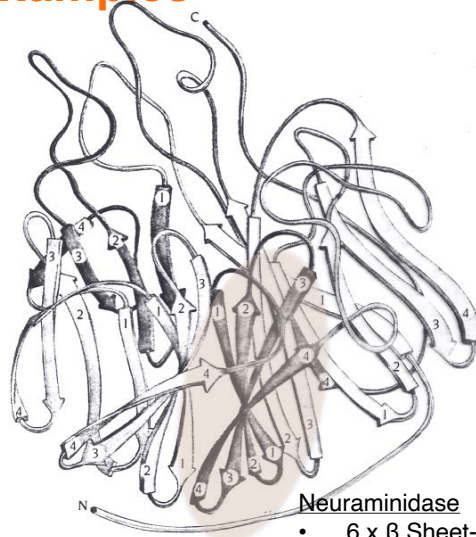
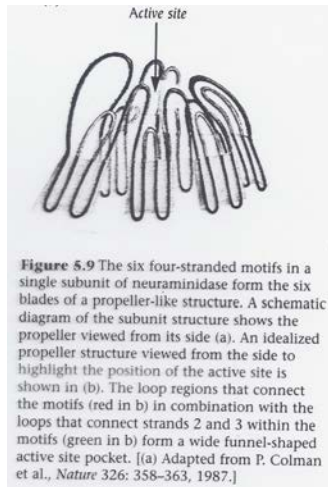
Don't Like:

- Pro (same reason)
- Glu/Asp/Lys (full charges too close)
- Gly (same reason)

Protein Structure-Secondary

The β Sheet: examples

Globular Proteins



Neuraminidase

- 6 x β Sheet- funnel to active site
- right-handed twist

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The β Sheet: examples

Fibrous Proteins: Silk fibroin (β -keratin)

Silk

all parallel β -sheet

Sequence repeats:



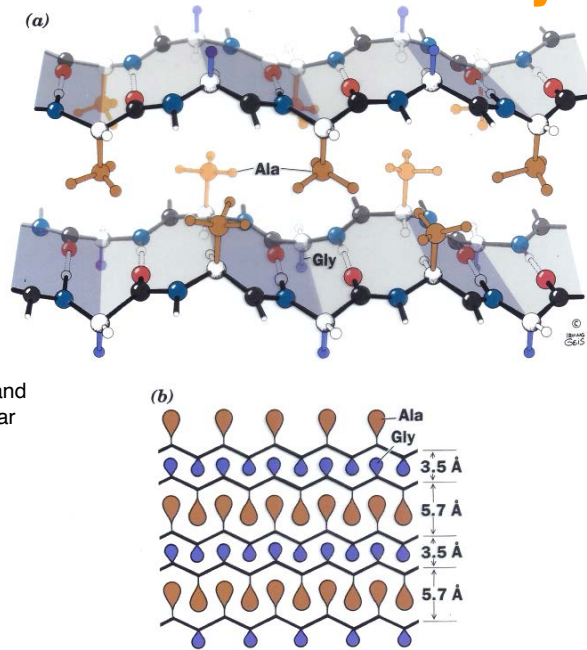
- Gly is every-other residue, and Ala as well
- Recall the alternating R-groups
- Therefore, Gly is all on one side of sheet, and Ala on the other side of sheet

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The β Sheet: examples

Silk fibroin (β -keratin)

Silk's tensile strength is comparable to that of steel and about half as strong as Kevlar



Protein Structure-Secondary

β Sheets

Amino Acid	α -Keratin (Wool)	Fibroin (Silk)
Gly	8.1	44.6
Ala	5.0	29.4
Ser	10.2	12.2
Glu + Gln	12.1	1.0
Cys	11.2	0
Pro	7.5	0.3
Arg	7.2	0.5
Leu	6.9	0.5
Thr	6.5	0.9
Asp + Asn	6.0	1.3
Val	5.1	2.2
Tyr	4.2	5.2
Ile	2.8	0.7
Phe	2.5	0.5
Lys	2.3	0.3
Trp	1.2	0.2
His	0.7	0.2
Met	0.5	0

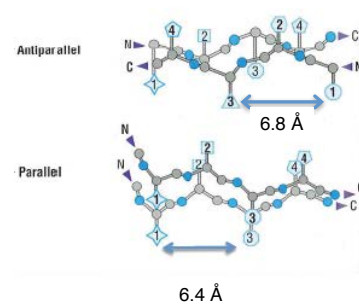
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85% G, A, S

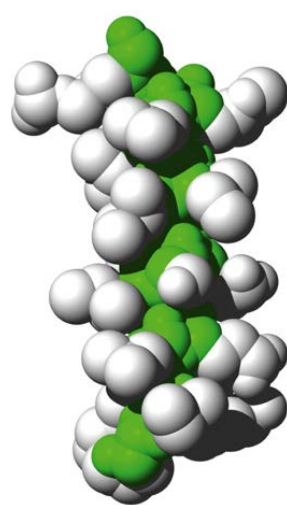
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Summary of β Sheet

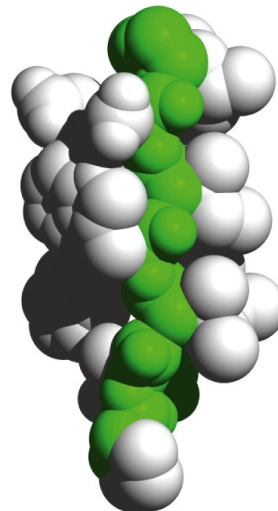
- Parallel or antiparallel
- ~ 7.0 Å between R groups
- ~ 3.5 Å between alpha carbons
- Alternating residues face opposite sides
- Extended structure
- Right-handed twist



Protein Structure-Secondary

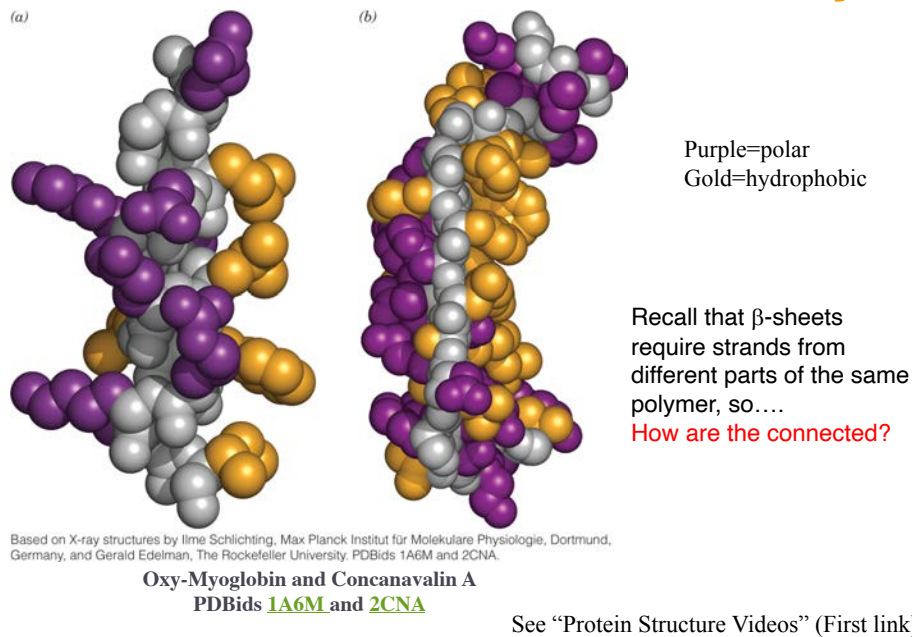


α -helix



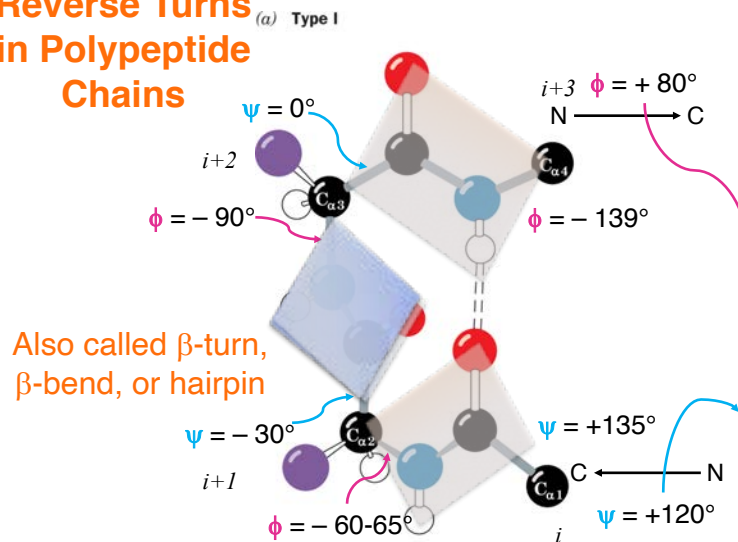
β -sheet

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Protein Structure-Secondary

Reverse Turns in Polypeptide Chains

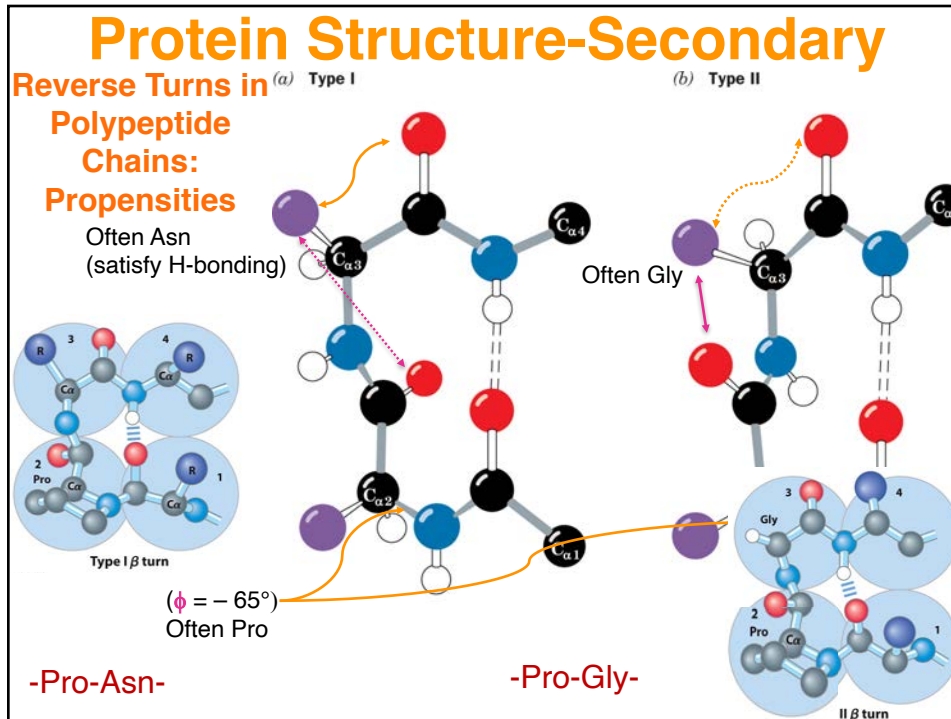


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β -turn-Type I				4	0	-
$i + 1$	-60	-30	-			
$i + 2$	-90	0	-			
β -turn-Type II				4	0	-
$i + 1$	-60	120	-			
$i + 2$	80	0	-			

Start and stop with same angles



Protein Structure-Secondary

Turns in Polypeptide Chains
often use *cis*-Pro

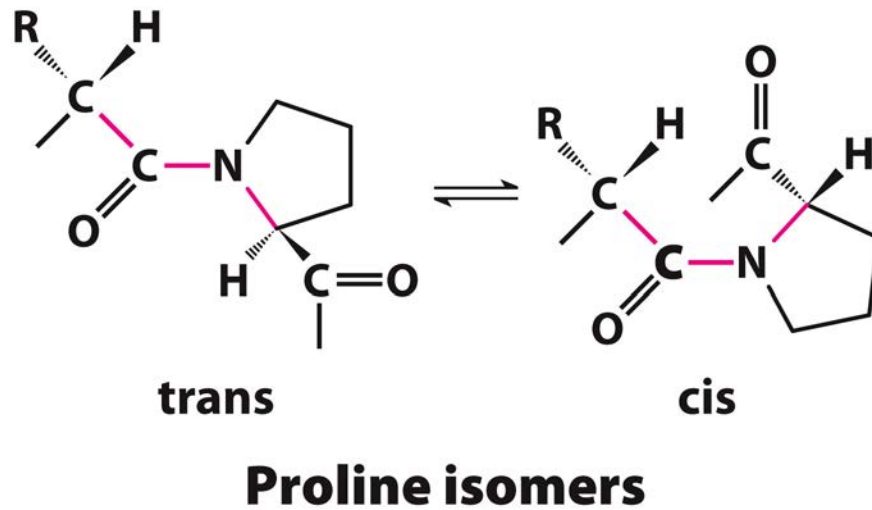
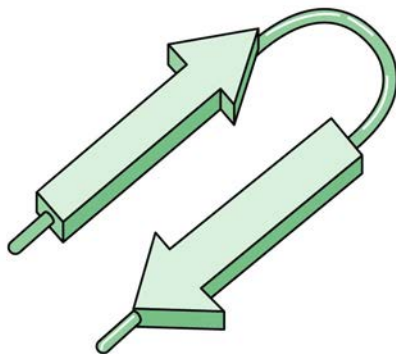


Figure 4-8

Protein Structure-Secondary

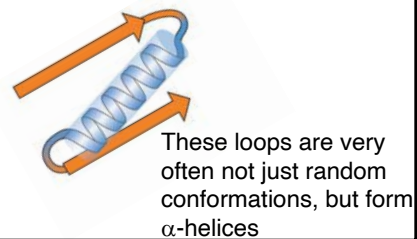
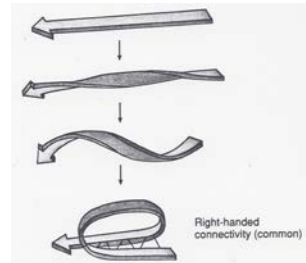
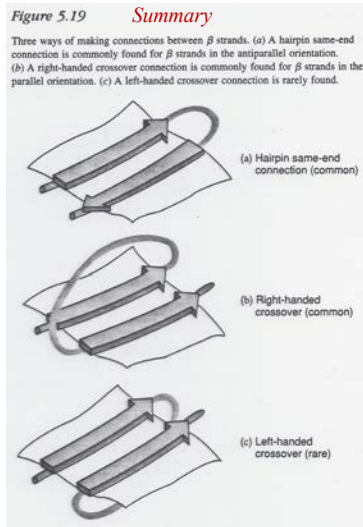


Reverse Turns are used
for anti-parallel sheets,
but how do parallel
strands find each other to
make a sheet?

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Protein Structure-Secondary

These strands are not straight as we saw, and this twist helps the conformation of these loops.

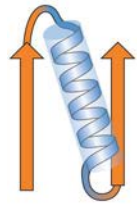


Protein Structure-Secondary

What is happening?

- Different pieces of 2° structure are mixing together.
- These are called “Motifs” or Super-secondary Structures
- What are the structures and names of some of the most common motifs?
 - $\beta\alpha\beta$
 - Rossmann Fold
 - β -hairpin
 - $\alpha\alpha$
 - Greek key
 - β -meander
 - β -barrel
 - $\alpha\beta$ -barrel

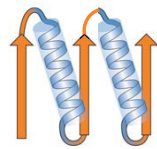
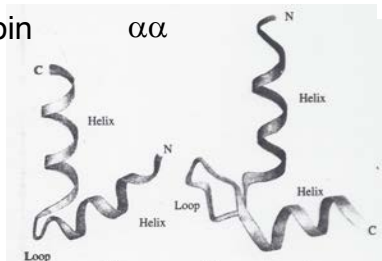
Protein Structure-Supersecondary



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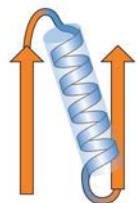
Short turn

Long turn

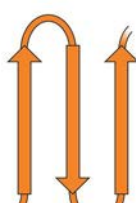
 $\beta\alpha\beta$ β -hairpin $\beta\alpha\beta\alpha\beta$ =Rossmann Fold $\alpha\alpha$ with different sized loops

is an antiparallel β -sheet, but the **topology** of the strands is not sequential

Protein Structure-Supersecondary



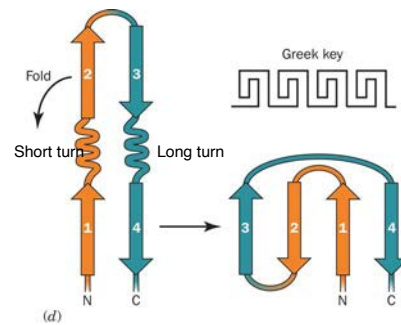
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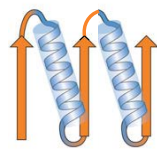
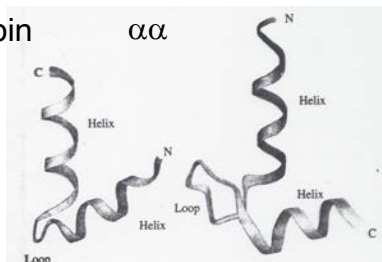


Fold

Short turn

Long turn

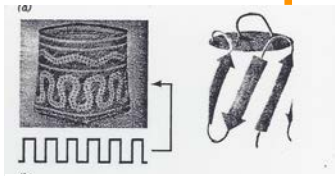
Greek key

 $\beta\alpha\beta$ β -hairpin $\alpha\alpha$  $\beta\alpha\beta\alpha\beta$ =Rossmann Fold $\alpha\alpha$ with different sized loops

Take a β -hairpin, which is an antiparallel β -sheet, but the **topology** of the strands is not sequential

Protein Structure-Supersecondary

Due to the right-handed twist in the β -strands, as you add more strands the structure comes back on itself to form "barrels"



β -meander (β)₈

Greek Key (β)₈

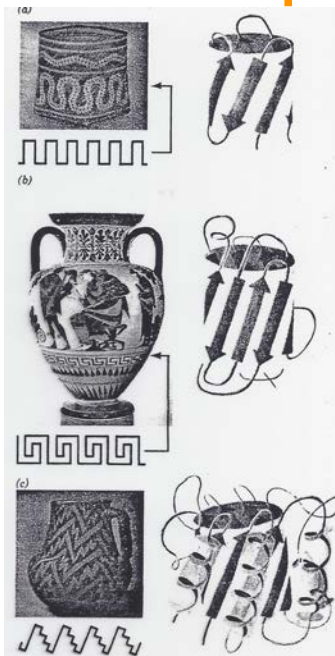
($\alpha\beta$)₈-Barrel

4 ($\beta\alpha\beta$) motifs
connected by 4 α -helices

FIGURE 7-49. Comparisons of the backbone folding patterns of protein β barrels (right) with geometric motifs commonly used to decorate Native American and Greek weaving and pottery (left). (a) Native American polychrome cane basket and the polypeptide backbone of rubredoxin from *Clostridium pasteurianum* showing its linked β meanders. [Museum of the American Indian, Heye Foundation.] (b) Red figured Greek amphora with its Greek key border area showing Cassandra and Ajax (about 450 B.C.) and the polypeptide backbone of human prealbumin with its "Greek key" pattern. [The Metropolitan Museum of Art, Fletcher Fund, 1956.] (c) Early Anasazi redware pitcher from New Mexico and the polypeptide backbone of chicken muscle triose phosphate isomerase showing its "lightning" pattern of overlapping $\beta\alpha\beta$ units. This so-called α/β barrel is also diagrammed in Fig. 7-19b. [Museum of the American Indian, Heye Foundation.] [After Richardson, J.S., *Nature* 268, 498 (1977).]

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OUTLINE**Lecture 9 (9/28/20)****I. Protein Structure****A. Primary****1. Determination**

- a. Sequence determination; CHEMICAL
 - a. AA composition; Divide & conquer; Edman degradation
- b. Sequence determination; PHYSICAL
 - i. Tandem Mass Spectrometry for proteins
- c. Sequence determination; BIOLOGICAL
 - i. Genome sequenced; need partial sequence

B. Secondary

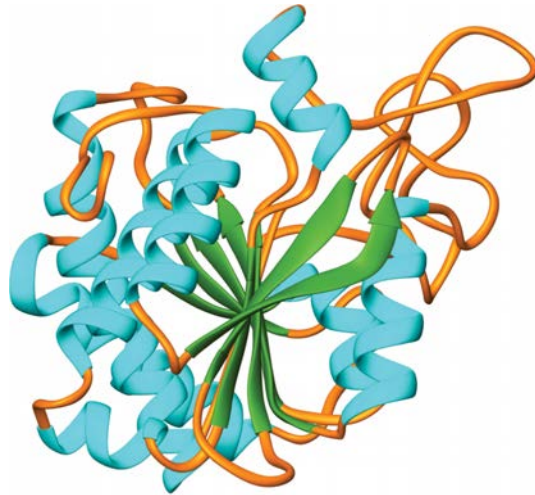
- 1. Conformational structure; Levinthal paradox
- 2. Pauling & Corey's predictions
 - a. α -Helix
 - b. β -sheets/strands
 - c. Connections between β -strands
 - d. Connections between α -helices; angle not important
- 3. Super secondary structure

C. Tertiary

- 1. Picturing and classifications
- 2. Topology
- 3. Domains
- 4. Intrinsically disordered
- 5. Stability

Tertiary Structure

Bovine Carboxypeptidase A

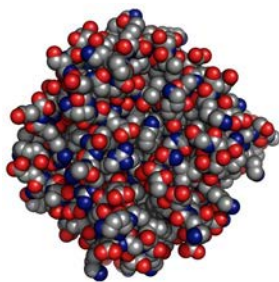


Based on an X-ray structure by William Lipscomb, Harvard University.
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Carboxypeptidase A
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Protein Structure-Tertiary

Picturing protein structure



(a)

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Space-fill



(b)

Backbone trace



(c)

Ribbon

Triose-phosphate Isomerase (TIM)

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Protein Structure-Tertiary

Picturing protein structure

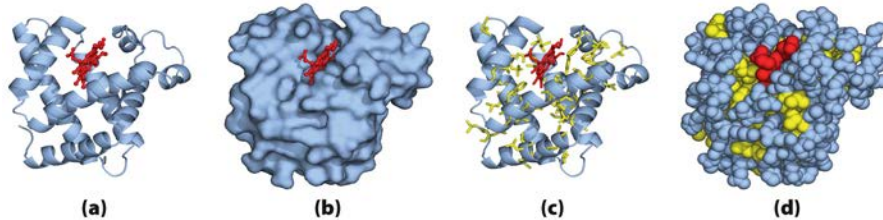


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Ribbon

Surface
contour

Ribbon with
side-chains

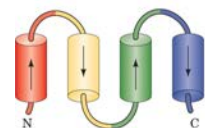
Space-
filling

Sperm-whale Myoglobin (Mb)

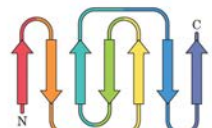
Protein Structure-Tertiary

Protein Classification:

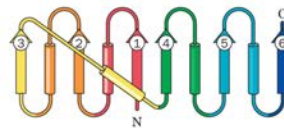
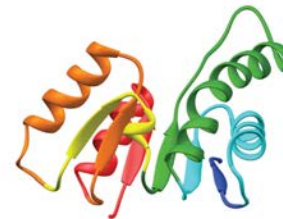
α , β , or α/β



Cytochrome *b*562
PDBid [2S6B](#)



Human immunoglobulin fragment
PDBid [7FAB](#)



Dogfish lactate dehydrogenase
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