

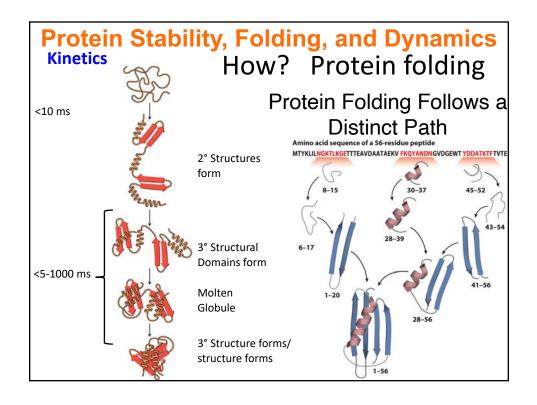
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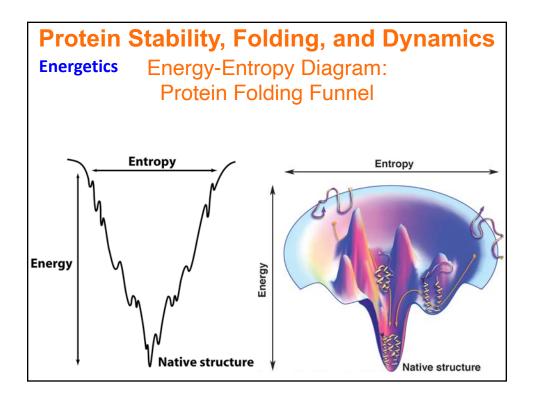
## Primary structure determines Tertiary structure!

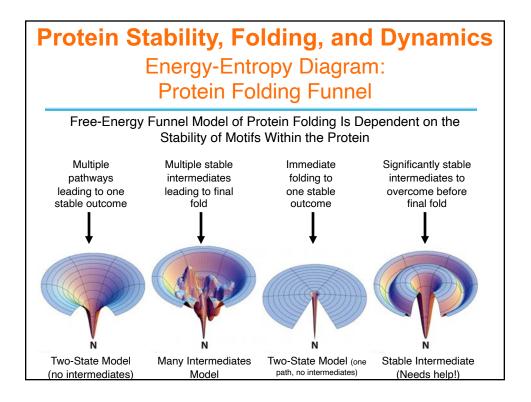
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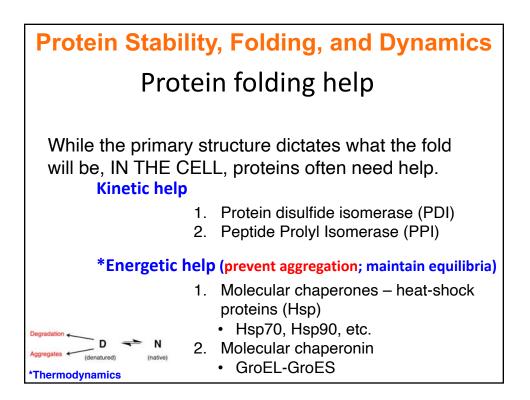
## How Can Proteins Fold So Fast?

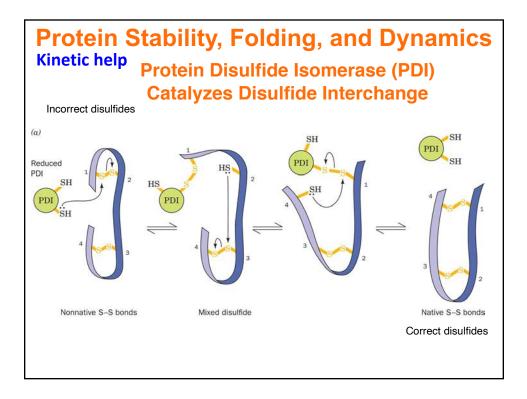
- Proteins fold to the lowest-energy state in the µsec-sec time scales. How can they find the right fold so fast?
- It is mathematically impossible for protein folding to occur by randomly trying every conformation until the lowest-energy one is found (Levinthal's paradox).
- Search for the minimum is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

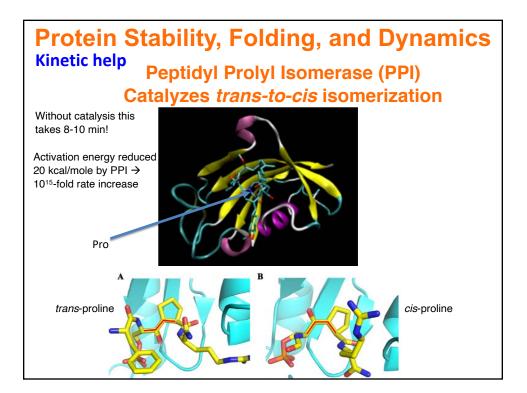


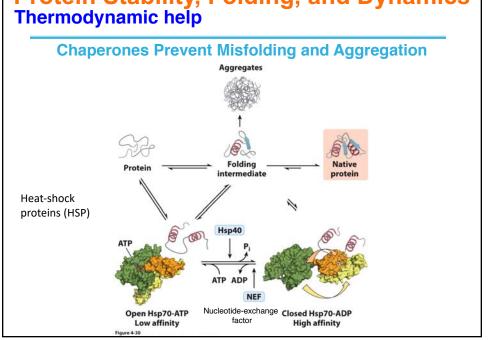




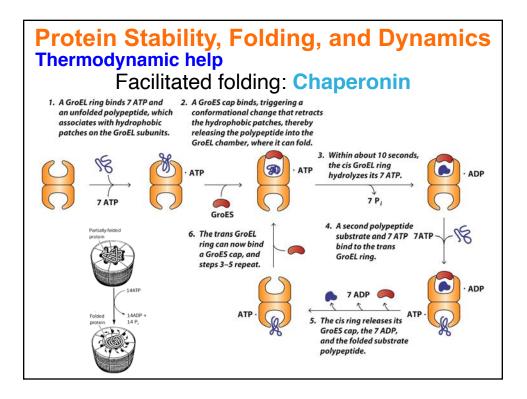


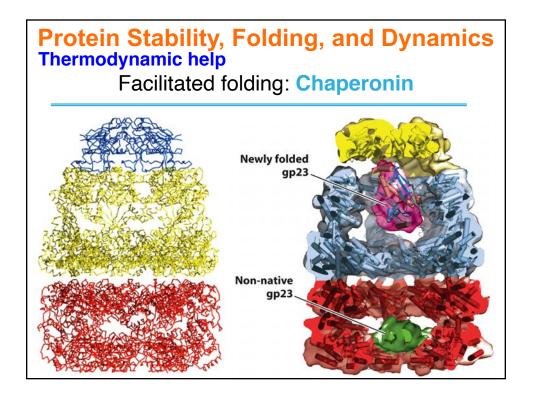


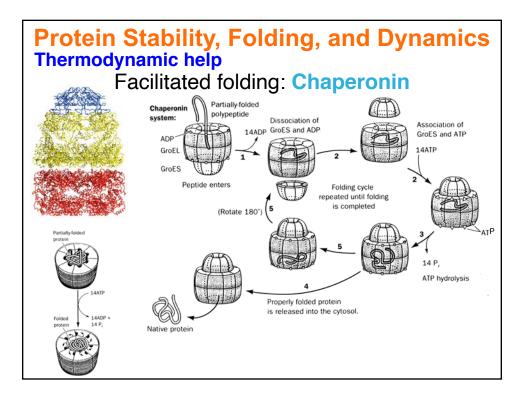


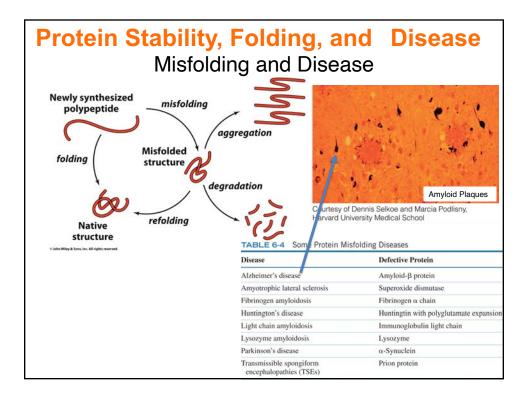


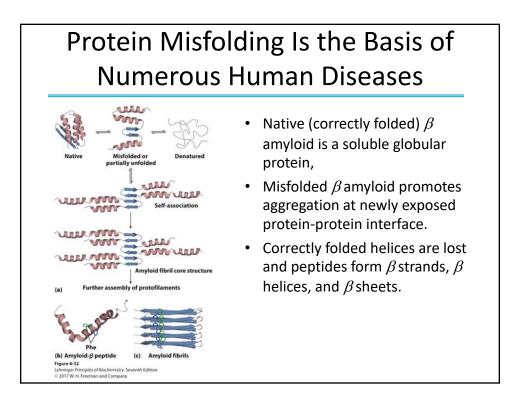


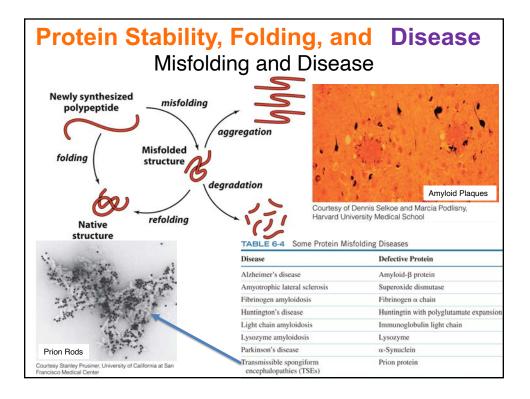


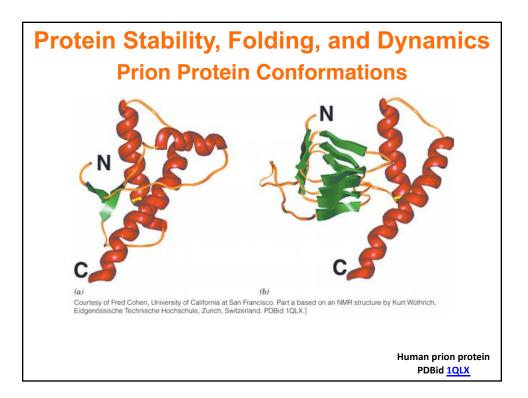


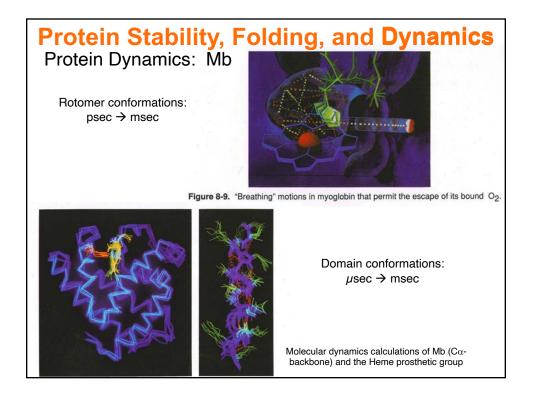












## Protein Stability & Protein Folding and Dynamics Protein Prediction

If the 1° structure is known, but only the 3° structure of a <u>related</u> homologous protein is known, a prediction of your protein can be done by "homology modeling" (threading). BUT, WHAT IF NO STRUCTURE?

- Given all the known 3D structures, predictions of propensities to find residues and/or sequences of residues in certain structures have been effective.
  - e.g., already discussed propensities of residues to be in  $\alpha$ -helices,  $\beta$ -sheets, and  $\beta$ -turns.
- Computer programs were developed to predict to about 90% certainty where these 2° structures will be in a given 1° sequence. And, the overallfold prediction was pretty good (>80%). See Alpha-Fold:



