







# how multiple isomorphous replacement works

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## Haemoglobin crystals and diffraction photo





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## crystal packing of hemoglobin



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FIGURE 23. Idealized picture of type of haemoglobin structure compatible with the Patterson synthesis. (a) shows a basal section through the cylindrical molecule with one polypeptide chain folded in a plane and a pattern repeating at intervals of 5Å along the chain direction. As nothing is known about the geometry of this pattern its existence is indicated merely by a series of lines normal to the chain length. (b) represents a vertical section through the cylinder normal to X with the chains seen end-on. d.475

#### 2. Experimental

#### (a) Preparation of relative intensity data

The diffraction pattern of wet haemoglobin crystals extends to a spacing of 2.5 Å, but indexing was not carried beyond 2.8 Å spacing, since only isolated weak reflexions occurred beyond this range. Even so the limiting sphere contained 62,700 reciprocal lattice points which symmetry reduces to 7840 reflexions relevant for analysis. The photographing, indexing, measuring, correcting and correlating of some 7000 reflexions was a task whose length and tediousness it will be better not to describe. In the indexing and measuring the writer was helped by Miss Joy Boyes-Watson and Dr Edna Davidson, who each did one-third of the work.

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Arguing purely from considerations of packing there should be twenty such chains in the haemoglobin molecule. Porter & Sanger (1948), on the other hand, have shown the horse haemoglobin molecule to contain only six terminal  $\alpha$ -amino groups. Hence the twenty chains cannot be independent, but must be combined into six bigger chains folded backwards and forwards through the molecule in long zigzags. Alternatively, there might be six open chains together with a number of closed rings.



Myoglobin structure solved by the MIR method using Ag, Hg & Au derivatives

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globin could not be employed. Eventually, we were able to attach several heavy atoms to the myoglobin molecule at different specific sites by crystallizing it with a variety of heavy ions chosen because they might be expected, on general chemical grounds, to possess affinity for protein side-chains. X-ray, rather than chemical, methods were used to determine whether combination had taken place, and, if so, whether the ligand was situated predominantly at a single site on the surface of the molecule. Among others, the following ligands were found to combine in a way suitable for the present purpose : (i) potassium mercuri-iodide and auri-iodide; (ii) silver nitrate, potassium auri-chloride; (iii) p-chloromercuri benzene sulphonate; (iv) mercury diammine (Hg(NH<sub>3</sub>)<sup>2+</sup>, prepared by dissolving mercuric oxide in hot strong ammonium sulphate), p-chloro-aniline; (v) p-iodo-phenylhydroxylamine. Each group of ligands combined specifically at a particular site, five distinct sites being found in all. The substituted

Hg Au Ag

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examples. Secondary structure has been assigned in broad outline to a number of fibrous proteins such as silk, keratin and collagen; but we are ignorant of the nature of the secondary structure of any globular protein. True, there is suggestive evidence, though as yet no proof, that  $\alpha$ -helices occur in globular proteins, to an extent which is difficult to gauge quantitatively in any particular case. The *tertiary* 

> The present article describes the application, at low resolution, of the isomorphous replacement method in three dimensions to type A crystals of sperm whale myoglobin<sup>5</sup>. The result is a threedimensional Fourier, or electron-density, map of the unit cell, which for the first time reveals the general nature of the tertiary structure of a protein molecule.

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#### Methods of X-ray Analysis

the accuracy of phase determination. In the present stage of the analysis the most urgent objective was an electron-density map detailed enough to show the general layout of the molecule-in other words, its tertiary structure. If the a-helix, or something like it. forms the basis of the structure, we need only work to a resolution sufficient to show up a helical chain as a rod of high electron density. For this purpose we require only reflexions with spacings greater than about 6 A.; in all there are some 400 of these, of which about 100 are hol's already investigated in the two-dimensional study. The Fourier synthesis described here is computed from these 400 reflexions only, and is in consequence blurred; besides this, it is distorted by an unknown amount of experimental error, believed to be small but at the moment difficult to estimate. Thus while the general features of the synthesis are undoubtedly correct, there may be some spurious detail which will require correction at a later stage.

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#### The Three-dimensional Fourier Synthesis

The synthesis was computed in 70 min. on the EDSAC Mark I electronic computer at Cambridge (as a check, parts of the computation were repeated on DEUCE at the National Physical Laboratory). It is in the form of sixteen sections perpendicular to y and spaced nearly 2 A. apart ; these must be piled on top of one another to represent the electron density throughout the cell, containing two myoglobin molecules together with associated mother liquor (which amounts to nearly half the whole). Unfortunately, the synthesis cannot be so represented within the two-dimensional pages of a journal; furthermore, if the sections are displayed side by side, they give no useful idea of the structure they represent. The examples reproduced in Fig. 1 illustrate some of the more striking features.

Fig. 1. (a) Section of three-dimensional Fourier synthesis of type A myoglobin at

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FIGURE 19. Photographs of the three-dimensional Fourier synthesis of myoglobin, constructed from the sections illustrated in figure 18. (Facing p. 93)

- 1/8 b. A-D, polypeptide chains; H, have group. (b) Section parallel to [201] at x = 0, showing polypeptide chain A (on the right)

## Fourier drawing, @1957



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#### p.664 The Myoglobin Molecule

We are now in a position to study the tertiary structure of a single myoglobin molecule separated from its neighbours. Fig. 2 illustrates various views of a three-dimensional model constructed to show the regions of high electron density in the isolated molecule. Several points must be noticed. First.

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Perhaps the most remarkable features of the molecule are its complexity and its lack of symmetry. The arrangement seems to be almost totally lacking in the kind of regularities which one instinctively anticipates, and it is more complicated than has been predicated by any theory of protein structure. Though the detailed principles of construction do not yet emerge, we may hope that they will do so at a later stage of the analysis. We are at present engaged in extending the resolution to 3 A., which should show us something of the secondary structure; we



Fig. 2. Photographs of a model of the myoglobin molecule. Polypeptide chains are white; the grey disk is the hæm group. The three spheres show positions at which heavy atoms were attached to the molecule (black: Hg of p-chloro-mercuri-benzene-subphonate; dark grey: Hg of mercury diammine; light grey: Au of auri-chloride). The marks on the scale are 1 A, apart

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### key paper

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The crystal structure of myoglobin

V. A low-resolution three-dimensional Fourier synthesis of sperm-whale myoglobin crystals

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We adopted the working hypothesis that a considerable proportion of the polypeptide chain has a configuration similar to the  $\alpha$ -helix of Pauling, Corey & Branson (1951). There is no proof that this is the case, but there is some direct evidence of it in haemoglobin (Perutz 1951), as well as indirect evidence in myoglobin from studies of optical rotation (P. M. Doty, unpublished) and of rates of deuterium exchange (E. E. Benson & K. Linderstrøm-Lang, unpublished). At low resolution the  $\alpha$ -helix would appear as a solid rod with axial electron density about 1.0 electrons/Å<sup>3</sup>, embedded in a matrix of side chains of mean electron density about 0.3 electron/Å<sup>3</sup> (the mean overall electron density of the myoglobin molecule is about 0.4 electron/Å<sup>3</sup>, and in type A crystals the electron density of the liquid regions has about the same value). Neighbouring  $\alpha$ -helices would pack together with axial separations of 9 to 10 Å. We reached the conclusion that helices, if indeed they exist in myoglobin, would be clearly resolved if the Fourier synthesis included all terms having d > 6 Å; they should appear in such a synthesis as solid rods, since the region of reciprocal space being scanned includes only the first maximum of the Fourier transform of an  $\alpha$ -helix. In fact there are about 400 reflexions having d > 6 Å, of which about 100 are hol reflexions with real phases which had already been determined in the twodimensional work.

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FIGURE 17. Examples of phase determination. The heavy circle represents the amplitude of the reflexion from unsubstituted protein, and the light circles those from the derivatives.
1, PCMBS; 2, HgAm<sub>2</sub>; 3, Au; 4, PCMBS/HgAm<sub>2</sub>; 5, PCMBS/Au. The short lines from the centres are the heavy-atom vectors; the heavy line indicates the phase angle eventually selected. (a) (411), (b) (911), (c) (212).



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The structure of haemoglobin

IX. A three-dimensional Fourier synthesis at 5.5 Å resolution: description of the structure

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## $\omega$ -amino acid : pyruvate aminotransferase

