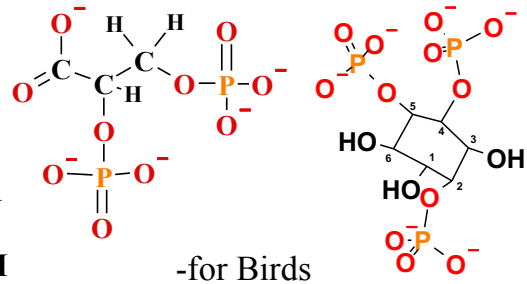


THE PROTEIN TOURIST#8-THE T-R, DEOXY-OXY TRANSITION IN HUMAN HEMOGLOBIN

2,3BisPhosphoGlycerate⁵⁻=[BPG⁵⁻]=5mM at see level **human homeostasis** and inositolphosphate in birds

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- Kin.1- Hb tetramer: deoxy vs oxy transition animated
- Kin.2- Hb T-R transition: alpha chain and heme close up
- Kin.3- The alpha1-beta2 allosteric interface
- Kin.4- Alpha1-alpha2 salt bridges;
- Kin.5-Beta2 salt bridges.



Human **homeostasis** oxygen is arterial blood plasma concentration $[O_2]=6 \cdot 10^{-5} \text{ M}$

-for Birds

For hemoglobin, its function as an oxygen-carrier in the blood is fundamentally linked to the equilibrium between the two main states of its quaternary structure, known as the unliganded "**deoxy**" or "**T state**" versus the liganded "**oxy**" or "**R state**". We will use animated kinemages to illustrate the structural changes that occur during this transition and how such changes result in important functional properties, such as cooperativity of oxygen binding and allosteric control by pH and anions. Hemoglobin is not a pure two-state system, but the **T** to **R** transition provides the major, first-level explanation of its function and is the focus of this ProTour.

The hemoglobin molecule (which we will sometimes abbreviate as "Hb") is a tetramer of two alpha and two beta chains; in human, they contain 141 and 146 residues respectively. They are different but homologous, and they share an all-helical tertiary structure known as the "globin fold". In all of these kinemages, the **deoxy T state** is shown in shades of blue and the **liganded R state** in shades of pink, with the alpha chains slightly paler than the beta chains.

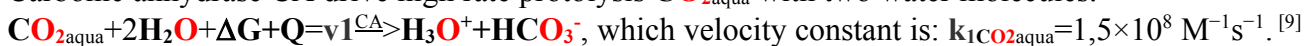
The two crystal structures illustrated here are human **deoxy** hemoglobin, which is in the **T-state** quaternary structure with no ligands at the **O₂**-binding site, and human **carbon mono oxy** hemoglobin, which is in the **R-state** quaternary structure and has ligands at all 4 sites. These two were the first matched pair of Hb structures solved at fairly high resolution, and were the subject of detailed comparisons (Baldwin & Chothia). Protein Data Bank (PDB) files 3HHB and 1HCO do not need to be realigned for most comparisons, although they include only a non-redundant half-dimer; the full tetramer coordinates are available on-line from Brookhaven PDB (130.199.144.1) in directory /user_group/biological_units, as files pdb3hbb.bio and pdb1hco.bio.

Kinemage 1 shows multiple views of the quaternary-structure change for a tetramer of human hemoglobin. Click on the "ANIMATE" button to change between the **T-state (deoxy)** and **R-state (oxy)** forms. The unliganded **T-state** is shown in shades of blue (blue tint alpha-chains, cyan betas, and sky-blue hems) and the liganded **R-state** is in shades of pink (pink tint alphas, pink betas, and hot pink hems), suggestive of the change in color between **deoxygenated** and **oxygenated** blood. The structure is simplified by showing only the C alpha trace **backbones** (Amino Acid C α trace). **View1** looks down one of the approximate 2-fold axes, with alpha subunits at the top and beta subunits at the bottom. Notice that the hemes are quite far apart, so that their interactions must be mediated by the protein. The unliganded (**deoxy**) form is called the "**T**" (for "**tense**") state because it contains extra stabilizing interactions between the subunits, which we will see in detail in Kin. 4 and 5. In the high-affinity **R-state** conformation the interactions, which oppose **oxygen** binding and stabilize the tetramer are somewhat weaker or "**relaxed**". In some organisms this difference is so pronounced that their Hb molecules dissociate into dimers in the **oxygenated** form. Liganded human Hb will also dissociate when diluted, which poses problems for cell-free Hb-based blood substitutes because the dissociated protein is rapidly excreted.

$H_2COPO_3^{2-}-HCOPO_3^{2-}-COO^- \rightarrow BPG^{5-}$ is glycerate dihydro oxy acid salt **G⁻** of two **phosphate 2,3-esters** with **homeostasis** concentration $[BPG^{5-}] = 5 \text{ mM}$ and is glycolysis metabolite in erythrocytes which stabilizes $[O_2]$ concentration with sensitive equilibrium shift to turn transition **oxyR** \rightarrow **deoxyT** at lowered $[O_2]$ concentration **BPG⁵⁻** squeeze in to cavity desorbs oxygen 4 **O₂**, adsorbing 4 **H⁺** on distal histidines 2*His63,58 keeping blood pH=7,36 constant.

Carbonic anhydrase CA protolysis reactivity create functional active bicarbonate buffer. [9,14]

Carbonic anhydrase CA drive high rate protolysis $CO_{2(aqua)}$ with two water molecules:



endothermic..... $\Delta H_{Hess} = 9.7576 \text{ kJ/mol}$; **endoergic**..... $\Delta G_{Hess} = 102 \text{ kJ/mol}$. [9];

$$\Delta H_{Hess} = \Delta H^\circ_{H_3O^+} + \Delta H^\circ_{HCO_3^-} - 2\Delta H^\circ_{H_2O} - \Delta H^\circ_{CO_2} = -285.81 - 689.93 - (2 \cdot -285.85 - 413.7976) = 9.7576 \text{ kJ/mol};$$

$$\Delta G_{protolysisHess} = \Delta G^\circ_{H_3O^+} + \Delta G^\circ_{HCO_3^-} - 2\Delta G^\circ_{H_2O} - \Delta G^\circ_{CO_2} = -213,2746 - 544,9688 - (2 \cdot -237,191 - 385,98) = 102 \text{ kJ/mol};$$

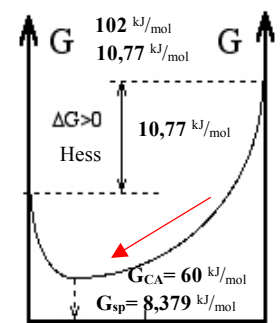
$$CA \text{ weak acid equilibrium } K_{eqCA} = \frac{[HCO_3^-]_{\text{aqua}} \cdot [H_3O^+]}{[CO_2]_{\text{aqua}} \cdot [H_2O]^2} = K_a / [H_2O]^2 = 10^{-(7.0512)} / 55,3457339^2 = 2,906 \cdot 10^{-11}$$

Exothermic $\Delta H_{spHess} = -20,3 \dots \dots \text{ kJ/mol}$ and endoergic **solubility** $[CO_{2\text{aqua}}] = 0,000754 \text{ M}$ for dissolution is $\Delta G_{spHess} = 10,77 \dots \dots \text{ kJ/mol}$ and protolysis constant is $K_{eqCA} = 2,906 \cdot 10^{-11} < 1$: therefore positive endoergic free energy change minimum:

$$G_{CA} = -R \cdot T \cdot \ln(K_{eqCA}) = -8,3144 \cdot 298,15 \cdot \ln(2,906 \cdot 10^{-(11)}) = 60 \dots \dots \text{ kJ/mol.}$$

Endoergic $CO_{2\text{gas}}$ solubility and $CO_{2\text{aq}}$ protolysis Hess free energy change positive $\Delta G_{spHess} 10,77 \text{ kJ/mol}$ and $\Delta G_{protolysisHess} 102 \text{ kJ/mol}$, but minimizes reaching equilibrium mixture of solubility $G_{sp} = 8,38 \text{ kJ/mol}$ and of protolysis $\Delta G_{min} = G_{CA} 60 \text{ kJ/mol}$:

$CO_2 + 2H_2O$ protolysis generate indispensable concentrations $H_3O^+ + HCO_3^-$ gradients of free energy accumulation $G_{spCO_2} + G_{CA} = 8,38 \text{ kJ/mol} + 60 \text{ kJ/mol}$. Using the gradients energy Brownian molecular engines drive irreversible homeostasis of $H_3O^+ + HCO_3^-$ for transport down the gradient through membrane cannels exhaling $CO_{2\text{gas}} + H_2O$ and of $O_{2\text{aqua}} + H_2O$ for osmosis against the gradients through aquaporins inhaling O_2 . Photosynthesis with CA inhale $CO_{2\text{gas}} + H_2O$ through proton $H^+ + HCO_3^-$ bicarbonate cannels and exhale $O_{2\text{aqua}} + H_2O$ through aquaporins cannels in osmosis manner.



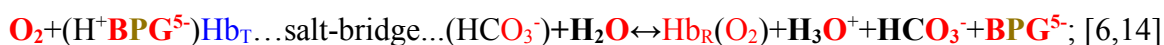
A+2B 50% C+D
 $CO_{2\text{aq}} + 2H_2O$ reactants
 products $HCO_3^- + H_3O^+$
 A 50% B
 $CO_2 \uparrow_{\text{gas}}$ reactant
 product $CO_{2\text{aqua}}$

Prigogine attractor free energy change minimum ΔG_{min} reaching is Le Chatelier principle of equilibrium mixture. High rate protolysis attractor stay at equilibrium, while homeostasis continues, because is non-equilibrium state. **Prigogine**: "This equilibrium state is an "attractor" for non-equilibrium states." 1977. [4]

CA Carbonic Anhydrase drive irreversible dissolve carbon dioxide protolysis with two water molecules cooling **Earth biosphere in photosynthesis**: $CO_{2\text{aqua}} + 2H_2O + \Delta G + Q \xrightarrow{CA} H_3O^+ + HCO_3^-$ high solubility ratio $K_{CO_{2\text{aqua}} + HCO_3^-} = [CO_{2\text{aqua}} + HCO_3^-] / [CO_2 \uparrow_{\text{air}}] = 0.023 \text{ M} / 0,000754 \text{ M} = 30,6 \dots \dots$ times for inhale. $CO_{2\text{gas}} + H_2O$. [14]

$O_{2\text{aqua}}$ Hemoglobin shuttle exchange with protolysis generate HCO_3^- and H^+ gradients across membranes.

Hemoglobin in tissue desorbs oxidant oxygen $O_{2\text{aqua}}$ for exchange to generate HCO_3^- , H^+ . In lungs release HCO_3^- and H^+ due to adsorption of oxygen $O_{2\text{aqua}}$. [6] Exchange equilibrium affinity of hemoglobin to **oxygen** increases reaching mole fraction $[Hb_R(O_2)] = 0.96$ concentration $[O_{2\text{aqua}}] = 6 \cdot 10^{-5} \text{ M}$ in arterial blood and **deoxy** mole fraction lefts $[(H^+ BPG^5)Hb_T \dots \text{salt bridge} \dots (HCO_3^-)] = 0.04$. In tissue venous blood Bisphospho glycerate **BPG⁵⁻** squeezed in hemoglobin creates $0.37 = [(H^+ BPG^5)Hb_T \dots \text{salt bridge} \dots (HCO_3^-)]$ **deoxy** mole fraction and decreases oxy to $[Hb_R(O_2)] = 0.63$ mole fraction. In circulation organism consume $0.37 - 0.04 = 0.33$ oxygen mole fraction sustaining venous $[O_{2\text{aqua}}] = 0.426 \cdot 10^{-5} \text{ M}$ concentration. Ratio $[HCO_3^-] / [CO_{2\text{aqua}}] = 0.0154 \text{ M} / 0.0076 \text{ M}$ stabilizing at pH=7.36 level as multi functional Attractor of Self-Organization. Actual seven components concentrations at saturated oxygen arterial blood and venous state:



$$K = [Hb_R(O_2)] \cdot [BPG^5] \cdot [H_3O^+] \cdot [HCO_3^-] / [(H^+ BPG^5)Hb_T \dots \text{salt bridge} \dots (HCO_3^-)] \cdot [H_2O] / [O_{2\text{aqua}}] = 2.43 \cdot 10^{-8};$$

$$\frac{[Hb_R(O_2)] \cdot [BPG^5] \cdot [H_3O^+] \cdot [HCO_3^-]}{[(H^+ BPG^5)Hb_T \dots \text{salt bridge} \dots (HCO_3^-)] \cdot [H_2O]} \cdot \frac{[O_{2\text{aqua}}]}{[O_{2\text{aqua}}]} = 2.43 \cdot 10^{-8};$$

$$\text{arterial state } K = 0.96 \cdot 0.005 \cdot 10^{-7.36} \cdot 0.0154 / 0.04 / 55.3 / 6/10^{-5} = 2.43 \cdot 10^{-8};$$

$$\text{venous state } K = 0.63 \cdot 0.005 \cdot 10^{-7.36} \cdot 0.0154 / 0.37 / 55.3 / 0.426/10^{-5} = 2.43 \cdot 10^{-8};$$

$$\text{high land } K = 0.48 \cdot 0.008 \cdot 10^{-7.36} \cdot 0.0154 / 0.52 / 55.3 / 0.3692/10^{-5} = 2.43 \cdot 10^{-8};$$

See level air Attractor $[O_2] = 20.95\%$ make in erythrocytes $[BPG^5] = 5 \text{ mM}$, but high land (see **Oxygen** in blood [6]) low air $[O_2]$ in erythrocytes have content of $[BPG^5] = 8 \text{ mM}$ and keep equilibrium at $K = 2.43 \cdot 10^{-8}$.

Stabilized multi functional Attractor pH=7.36 keep $[HCO_3^-] = 0.0154 \text{ M}$, $[CO_{2\text{aqua}}] = 0.0076 \text{ M}$ despite blood circulation cycle generate amounts of $[H^+] = 459 \cdot 6 \cdot 10^{-5} \text{ M}$ and $0.0275 \text{ M} = [HCO_3^-]$. Arterial concentrations $[O_2] = 6 \cdot 10^{-5} \text{ M}$, $[Hb_R(O_2)] = 0.96$, $[(H^+)Hb_T \dots \text{salt bridge} \dots (HCO_3^-)] = 0.04$ and venous Homeostasis concentrations are $[O_2] = 0.426 \cdot 10^{-5} \text{ M}$, $[Hb_R(O_2)] = 0.63$, $[(H^+)Hb_T \dots \text{salt bridge} \dots (HCO_3^-)] = 0.37$. [6,14]

Try animating in **View₂** (choose from the "Views" pull down menu), which looks down the exact crystallographic 2-fold axis from the Beta1-Beta2 end. The **yellow** tint crosses **x** are **phosphates** $-OPO_3^{2-}$ sites present in **deoxy** but not **oxy** Hb. In **oxy** Hb, the beta subunits move closer together, squeezing out **phosphates** $-OPO_3^{2-}$ (such as **2,3-BPG⁵⁻**), and allowing the **N⁻** and **C-termini** to interact. **BPG** and other **inositol 4,5-phosphates** (**birds** erythrocytes) bind very much more strongly to the **deoxy** quaternary structure; therefore

they necessarily push the equilibrium toward **deoxy** Hb, and they decrease **O₂** affinity. Such regulatory **phosphate -OPO₃²⁻** groups let maintain [**O₂**] concentration in **blood** controlled to shift the Hb**O₂**-binding curve, which is working across the steepest and most efficient part in the **lungs**, to **deoxy venous blood** Hb in **tissues** when oxygen is desorbed to minimal [**O₂**]=**1.85•10⁻⁵M**.

The interactions between alpha and beta subunits are critical for cooperativity in **oxygen** binding. To the first approximation, the Hb molecule consists of two "dimers" (Alpha1-Beta1 and Alpha2-Beta2), which rotate relative to each other as rigid bodies in the **R-T** transition. **View3** looks down the approximate axis around which those two Alpha-Beta dimers rotate. Animate with all 4 subunits present, and then turn off Alpha and Beta in each of two forms to see the rotation for just one dimer. The Alpha-Beta unit undergoes relatively little internal rearrangement, but its overall rotation is considerable. The net rotation of the two dimers alters their interactions with one another, most notably at the allosteric effector site between Beta1 and Beta2 (which we saw in **View2**) and at the important Alpha1-Beta2 interface (see Kin. 3) where mutations have the largest effect on Hb allosteric properties.

After looking at all the other kinemages, come back to this one to see some of those details in the context of the overall tetramer movements.

Kinemage 2 shows a single alpha chain of hemoglobin, starting with an overview of the subunit. The 6 major and 2 short alpha-helices that make up the structure of α Hb subunit (the "globin fold") are labeled **A** through **H**, which is the traditional naming scheme. For example, the proximal histidine (the tightest protein **Fe** ligand) is often called **His F9**, since it is residue **9** on helix **F** (His**87** in the human alpha chain). The helices form an approximately-cylindrical bundle, with the heme and its central **Fe** atom bound in a hydrophobic pocket between the **E** and **F** helices.

Turn on the "highlights" button and choose **View2**, which is a close-up around the heme **O₂**-binding site. Click the "animate" button to cycle between the **deoxy** and **oxy** forms. For this kinemage the two alpha1 heme groups were superimposed on each other, to give a local comparison at this site. The heme is quite domed in the blue **T-state (deoxy)** form, with the 5-coordinate, high-spin **Fe** (yellow ball) out of the plane. In the pink **R-state** form a **CO** molecule is bound at the left, the **Fe**, now 6-coordinate, low-spin has moved into the heme plane which has flattened. The proximal His (at right) connects the **Fe** to helices on the proximal side, making the **Fe** position sensitive to changes in the globin structure and vice versa. Remember that this kinemage shows a subunit in the all-unliganded versus the all-liganded states of Hb; when **oxygen** binds to just one subunit, then its internal structure undergoes some but not all of these changes, depending on conditions.

View3 is from an angle that shows the binding site more clearly. **O₂** binds in the same place as **C=O**, with similar effects on the structure; however, for **O=O** the outer atom is angled rather than straight. The equilibrium between free and bound **O₂** is very rapid, with on and off rates that are sensitive to protein conformation. Both **CO** and **NO** dissociate from the **Fe** atom very slowly, so that these gases act as respiratory poisons. The alpha and beta chains differ somewhat in their rates and relative affinities for **O₂** and other ligands, by virtue of heme-pocket differences, but the differences between affinities in the **R** vs **T** **quaternary states** are much larger.

The shift between **R** and **T** state requires subunit interactions and does not occur in myoglobin, or in isolated alpha or beta chain monomers. These monomers bind **O₂** quite tightly, which would work well for loading **O₂** in the lungs but would not allow unloading it for delivery to the tissues. Therefore, the central critical feature of hemoglobin function is how it achieves, uses, and allosterically controls cooperativity between the 4 binding sites in the tetramer to tune **O₂** binding for satisfying physiological needs controlled oxygen [**O₂**]=**6•10⁻⁵M** concentration in **blood** plasma.

Both alpha and beta chains of Hb resemble myoglobin (the single-chain **O₂**-binder in muscle), both in overall tertiary structure and in using an **Fe** atom centered in a heme group as the site where **oxygen** is reversibly bound. The heme is surrounded by a hydrophobic pocket, which is necessary in order for it to bind oxygen reversibly without undergoing oxidation or other undesirable reactions. Choose and turn on "Hb **hydrophobic**" temporarily to see some of the **hydrophobic** side chains that form the heme pocket. They actually surround the binding site so thoroughly that **O₂** cannot get in or out without parts of the protein moving out of the way a bit, so that its dynamic properties are essential to have any **O₂** binding at all; this restrictive process also increases the specificity of ligand binding.

The binding-site linkage to changes in protein conformation are illustrated in **View5** (centered near the **OH** of Tyr 140), which shows ligand-dependent changes in the region from the heme out to the subunit interface. Linkage of the heme **Fe** through the proximal His results in tertiary-structure changes that can then transmit their effects to other subunits in the tetrameric assemblage. This allows **O₂** binding in one subunit to indirectly affect the affinity of other subunits. Briefly, inside the alpha chains the **R/T** equilibrium is reflected in changes in **Fe** spin state and position as it moves in or out of the heme plane; the proximal His changes distance and angle relative to the heme; the **F** helix shifts; Tyr140 moves and its H-

bond to **backbone** weakens; and both the C-terminus of the chain and Arg141 move significantly at the interface. Changes at the subunit interface (coupled with changes at the **Fe**, as we have seen) alter the equilibrium between the **deoxy** and **oxy** quaternary structures, and conversely a change of quaternary structure alters the balance between the two states inside a given subunit. Each **O₂** that binds increases the likelihood of switching the tetramer into the **oxy** state, and once it switches, the **O₂** affinity at all sites increases because the local structure changes have either, already occurred or are easier to make.

View6 backs off to show the entire alpha1 subunit, but centered for the whole tetramer (**deoxy form**), as it was seen in **View1** of [Kinemage 1](#). Turn on "axes" to see the 2-fold axes of symmetry of the tetramer.

Kinemage 3 shows the critical Alpha1-Beta2 interface, where the subunits shift against each other between **deoxy T** and **oxy R states**. The startup view is an overview. Although the symmetry is not exact, similar parts of the subunits contact each other: the **C** helix, and the "FG corner" between helices **F** and **G**. Animate repeatedly, to see the relative motion of these two subunits, with a fairly stationary "hinge" near the top and a larger "ratchet" motion near the bottom. **View2** emphasizes the ratchet contact between the C helix of Alpha1 and the **FG** corner of Beta2; His97 of the Beta2 **FG** corner makes a large jump against Thr38 and Thr41 of the Alpha1 **C** helix. **View3** emphasizes the hinge contact, where the motions are mainly rotations without much shift, between the Alpha1 **FG** corner and the Beta2 **C** helix. "Labels" help identify these parts. Since this is a complex motion orchestrated between the fit of two quite different sets of contacts in the two states, this interface is critical to making Hb allostery work, and mutations of residues in this interface have been found to be especially likely to influence cooperativity and allostery.

Kinemage 4 shows the salt links between Alpha1 and Alpha2, which stabilize the **deoxy** form. **View1** is an overview down the exact 2-fold axis between the subunits, showing that there are two equivalent sets of interactions, on either side of the twofold. **View2** is a close up to see the making and breaking of these interactions. Note that Tyr140 **-OH** stays close to the carbonyl oxygen of Val93 in the **FG** corner, and that Lys127 from Alpha2 has a strong salt-link to the carboxy terminus of Alpha1 in the **deoxy** form and in the **oxy** form has a weaker H-bond to a main chain carbonyl oxygen.

Kinemage 5 shows the salt links at the C-terminus of Beta2, which stabilize the **deoxy T** form and make a large contribution to the **pH** dependence of **oxygen** binding, known as the Bohr Effect. **View1** is an overview, from a similar view as in Kin.3, but this time emphasizing the charged interactions nears the C-terminus of the beta chain. **View2** is a close-up to see the making and breaking of these interactions. Note that Tyr145 **-OH** stays close to the carbonyl **oxygen** of Val93 in the **FG** corner, while β His146 moves a great deal, disrupting the salt link (charged **H-bond**) to β Asp94 that is formed in the **T state**. Since His titrates near physiological **pH**, this interaction is quite **pH** sensitive. At low **pH**, when more protons are present, the His ring **N** is more likely to be protonated and positive; this strengthens its **H-bond** with Asp94, thus favoring the **T state** and decreasing **O₂** affinity. There is also a contribution to the Bohr Effect by charged side chains in the central cavity of the tetramer, where four hydrogen ions 4H⁺ bind and the **BPG⁵⁻ anion bind** favor the shift back equilibrium **R state lungs** \leftrightarrow **T state**
 $4\text{O}_2 + (\text{H}^+\text{His63,58})_4 \beta\text{Val1}(\text{NH}_4^+\text{PO}_4^{2-})_2 \text{HbT} \text{G}^- \leftrightarrow (\text{His63,58})_2 \beta\text{Val1}(\text{NH}_4^+)_2 \text{HbR}(\text{O}_2)_4 + 4\text{H}^+ + \text{BPG}^{5-}$
tissues to **T state** is **pH** dependent by the binding of protons to His(63,58). It is important biologically, because it promotes **oxygen** unloading in the **tissues** where proton 4H⁺ concentrations are elevated, for instance by the production of lactic acid in muscle.

To see some of these critical subunit interactions in the context of the whole hemoglobin tetramer, click here: [*{Kinemage 1, View 5, master= {details} on}*](#). **Animate**, to see details of the **T-R** changes in the contacts at the allosteric interface between alpha1 and beta2. Choose **View6** to see the formation and breakage of the β His146 salt link, as described in Kin. 5. Choose **View7** to look down the central cavity of the tetramer, this time from the alpha1-alpha2 end.

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121	130	140	150	160	170	180

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Hemoglobin tetramer - deoxy (blue shades) vs oxy (pink shades) animation. **View2** looks down the central cavity, which is wider in the deoxy state, forming phosphate sites. **View3** shows the quaternary structure change as rigid rotations of Alpha-Beta dimmers (turn off alpha2 and beta2 in both forms). After looking at all the other kinemages, come back to this one and animate in **Views 5-7** with "details" turned on.

@kinemage 2

Human hemoglobin alpha1 subunit, deoxy (blue shades) vs oxy (pink shades) structures. Click on "animate" to switch between the two structures, and turn on "highlights" for any of the close ups.

View1 shows the overall alpha subunit, **Views 2 and 3** are close ups of the heme site, shows the hydrophobic heme pocket, **View5** moves out from the heme toward the interface with alpha 2 (alpha 2 not shown), and **View6** goes to our standard orientation centered as if in the tetramer: see **View1** of Kin.1.