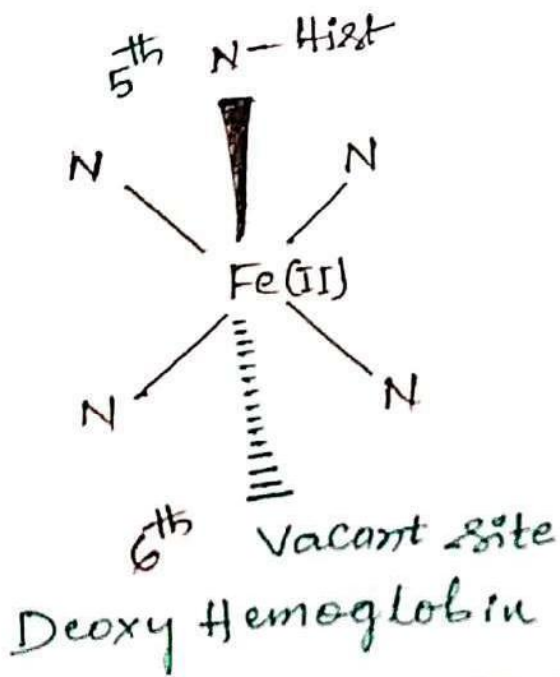


\* Structure and functioning of Hemoglobin (Hb) and myoglobin (Mb) proteins:-

1) STRUCTURE OF HEMOGLOBIN (Hb):-



\* It is tetramer of myoglobin

\* Fe-N porphyrin distance is 206 pm

\* Molecular wt. of Hb is 64,000 Daltons.

⇒ The four nitrogen from the porphyrin ring bonded to the Fe-atom and also nitrogen from histidine (5<sup>th</sup> position), the 6<sup>th</sup> co-ordination is vacant.

⇒ The Fe-atom will not be in the plane of porphyrin ring because the pulling effect given by histidine protein.

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⇒ The  $O_2$  molecule serves as a powerful  $\pi$ -acceptor in its interaction with a  $Fe^{2+}$  centre.

⇒ Fe is  $+2$  oxidation state, and high spin

⇒  $Fe^{2+}$  The electronic conf<sup>n</sup>  $3d^6 [t_{2g}^4 e_g^2]$

$e_g$   $\begin{matrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{matrix}$

$t_{2g}$   $\begin{matrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ \underline{1} \end{matrix}$

∴ It is "paramagnetic"

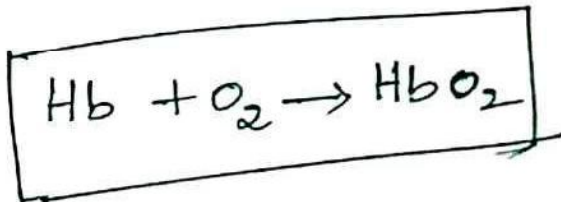
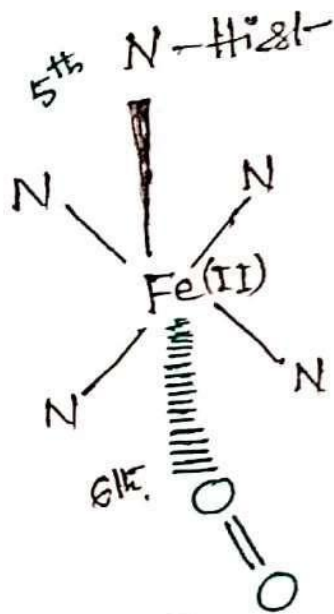
⇒ There are FOUR heme units in Hb.

⇒ Hb is "red" in colour but it observes the complementary colour "green"

⇒ Deoxy hemoglobin is 5-coordinated it is look like a "Square pyramidal"

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## Oxy hemoglobin:-



- ⇒ The co-ordination of  $\text{O}_2$  to Fe, the O.S. will not be varied [i.e. Fe(II)]
- ⇒ Its co-ordination is 6 and low spin
- ⇒ After the co-ordination of  $\text{O}_2$ , Fe will sit on the plane of the porphyrin ring
- ⇒ Its electronic conf<sup>n</sup> =  $3d^6$   
=  $t_{2g}^6 e_g^0$

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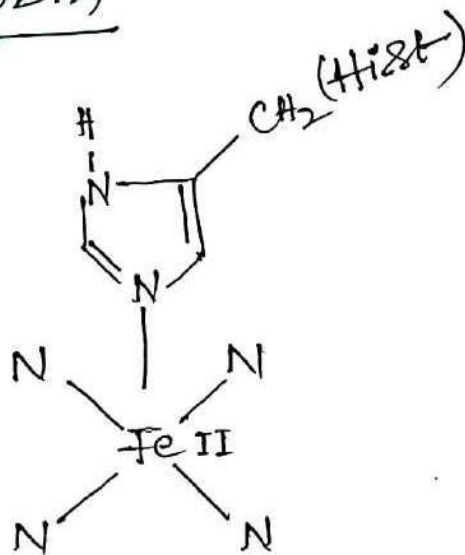
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t<sub>2g</sub>  $\frac{\uparrow\downarrow}{\uparrow\downarrow}$   
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The magnetic moment  $\mu = 0$   
 $\therefore$  oxyhemoglobin is "diamagnetic"

\* STRUCTURE OF MYOGLOBIN [Mb] :-

Deoxy Myoglobin



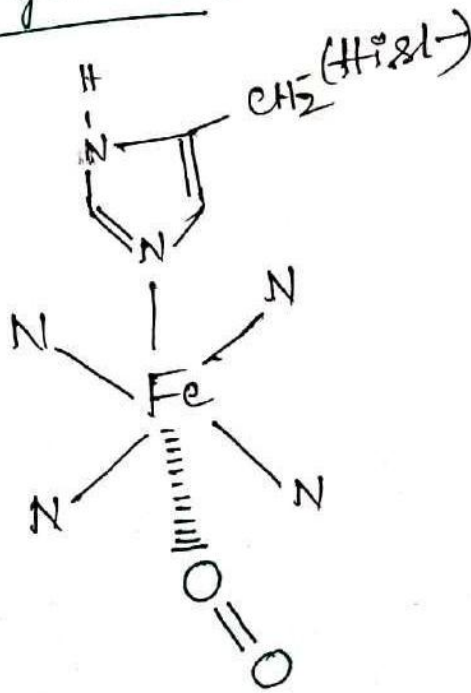
$\Rightarrow$  Deoxy myoglobin is 5 co-ordinated high spin complex, Fe(II) with four co-ordination positions occupied by the porphyrin

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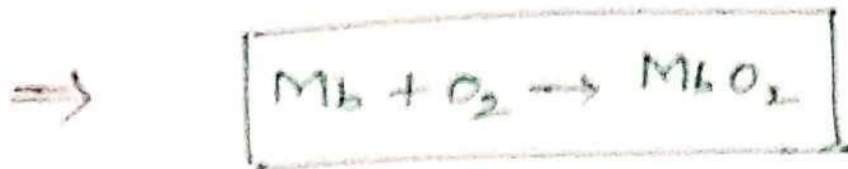
-ring N-atoms. The fifth position is occupied by N-atom of an imidazole ligand of histidine residue which couples the heme to the protein.

- ⇒ Fe is +2 oxidation state
- ⇒ Fe(II) is lies above the plane of porphyrin ring
- ⇒ It is square pyramidal shape
- ⇒ It is monomer ∴ It has only one heme, unit
- ⇒ It is high spin &  $\mu = 5$   $[t_{2g}^4 e_g^2]$

Oxymyoglobin :-



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$\Rightarrow$  The co-ordination of  $O_2$  to Fe the o.s of Fe will not be changed [Fe(II)]

$\Rightarrow$  Its C.N is 6 and low-spin

$\Rightarrow$  After the co-ordination of  $O_2$  The Fe will sit on the plane of the porphyrin ring

$\Rightarrow$  It is diamagnetic i.e  $\mu = 0$  [ $t_{2g}^6 e_g^0$ ]

NOTE :- Hemoglobin and Myoglobin exist in two forms i.e

1) Deoxy form: NO oxygen is bound to Iron

2) Oxy form: dioxygen ( $O_2$ ) is bound to Iron

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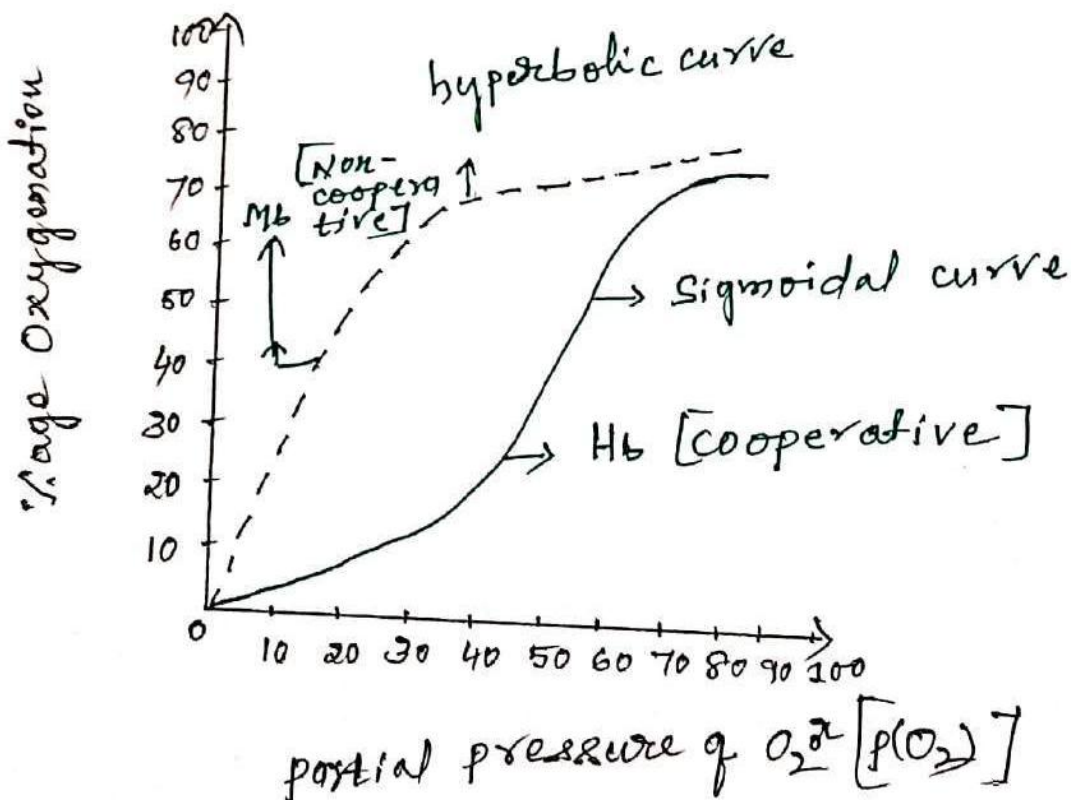
## \* Functions of Hb and Mb :-

Hemoglobin (Hb) carries  $O_2$  from lungs to tissues where it is transformed to myoglobin (Mb) and stored therein for metabolic requirements. To make this process thermodynamically possible, the oxygen affinity of Hb in lungs where oxygen concentration is high should be greater than myoglobin and reverse condition should arise in the tissues where oxygen concentration is less.

## \* $O_2$ binding - Cooperativity effect :-

\* O<sub>2</sub> binding - cooperativity effect:-

The oxygen binding curve - can be used to explain by - considering the cooperative interaction among the four heme units of Hb and non-cooperative O<sub>2</sub>-binding with heme unit of Mb.



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- \* %age of oxygenation is along y-axis
- \* partial pressure of  $O_2$  is along x-axis

⇒ Myoglobin [Storage]

- i) Myoglobin binds to  $O_2$  molecule quickly
- ii) Myoglobin has a strong affinity for  $O_2$
- iii) Myoglobin does not release  $O_2$  until the partial pressure of  $O_2$  drops to a low quantity.
- iv) Myoglobin  $O_2$  binding curve is "hyperbolic curve" and "pH is independent."

⇒ Hemoglobin [Hb] [Transport] ∴

- i) Hemoglobin shows a "Sigmoidal curve" (S-shape), this curve shows that Hb binding oxygen with less affinity than Mb
- ii) Hemoglobin is much poorer oxygen

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binds compared to myoglobin

- iii) Hb has lower affinity for oxygen than Mb
- iv) Hb releases  $O_2$  much more readily than Mb
- v) Hb is perfect oxygen carrier  $\therefore$  it can easily bind  $O_2$  in the lungs and release  $O_2$  to the tissues
- v) The  $p^H$  is dependent for  $O_2$ -binding with Hb

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- i) Hemoglobin = Sigmoidal curve and  $P^H$  is dependent
- ii) Myoglobin = Hyperbolic curve and  $P^H$  is independent.
- iii) Myoglobin does not exhibit Sigmoidal curve nor a Bohr-effect.

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### \* Co-operative effect : —

The phenomenon where the addition of oxygen to one heme group facilitates its addition to other heme group of hemoglobin is known as "Co-operative effect."

### \* Bohr-effect : —

The binding power of Hb with oxygen is  $P^H$  dependent. This is called "Bohr-effect".  
The binding power of Hb decrease in  $P^H$ .  
Hence the transfer of oxygen from oxy-hemoglobin to myoglobin is more efficient in the working muscles where  $CO_2$  concentration is higher than the resting muscles,  $CO_2$  being acidic decrease the  $P^H$ .