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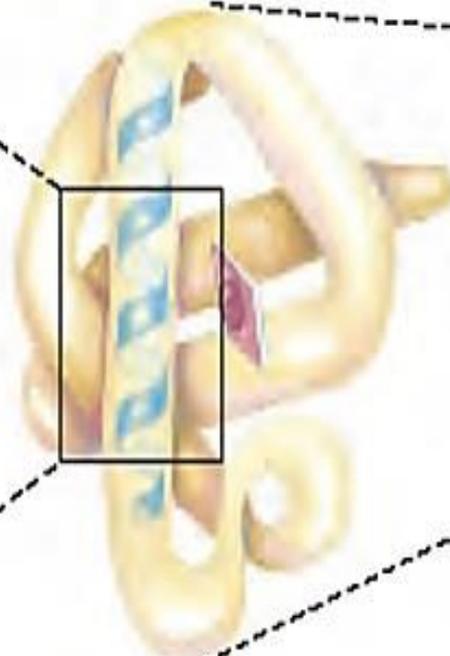
Primary structure



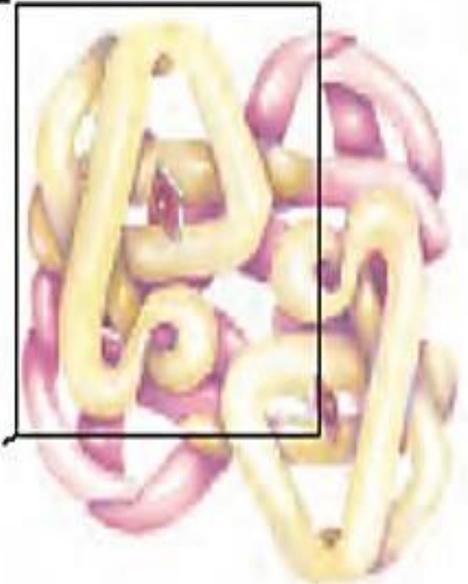
Secondary structure



Tertiary structure



Quaternary structure



Amino acid residues

$\alpha$  Helix

Polypeptide chain

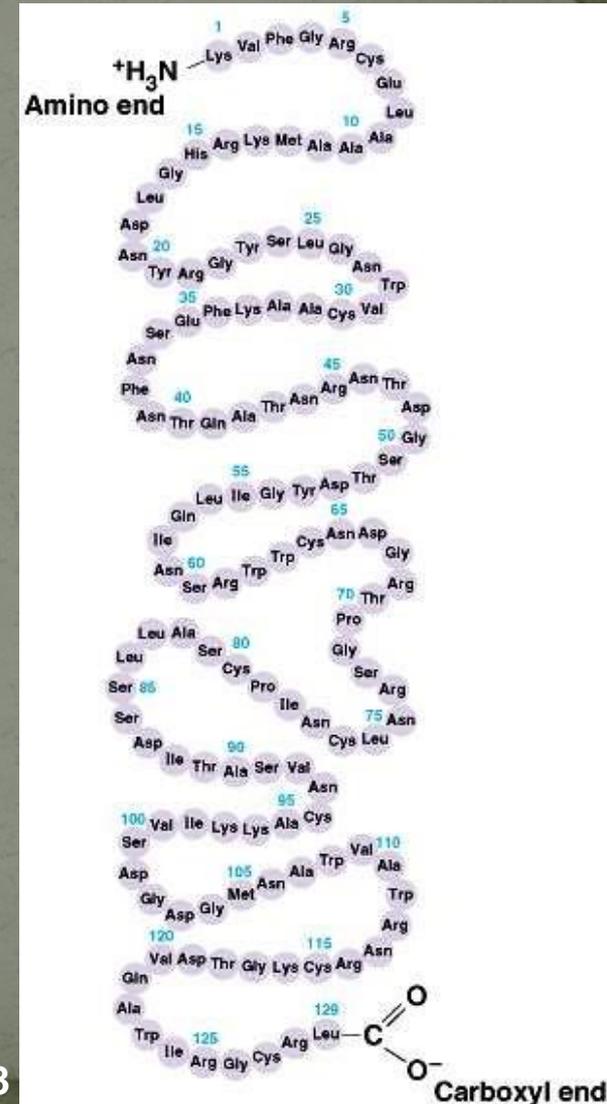
Assembled subunits

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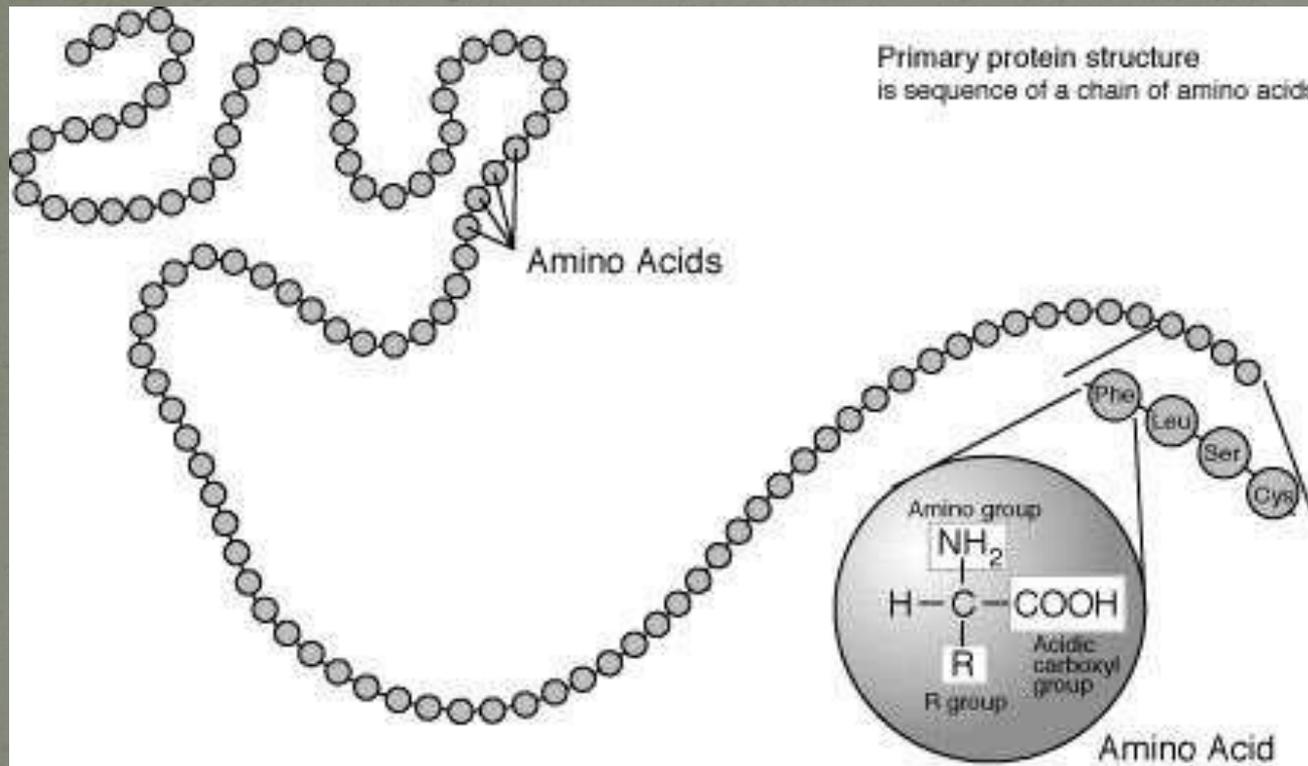
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# Primary (1°) Structure

- unique sequence of amino acid
- sequence determined by DNA
- a slight change in primary structure can affect a protein's conformation and ability to function

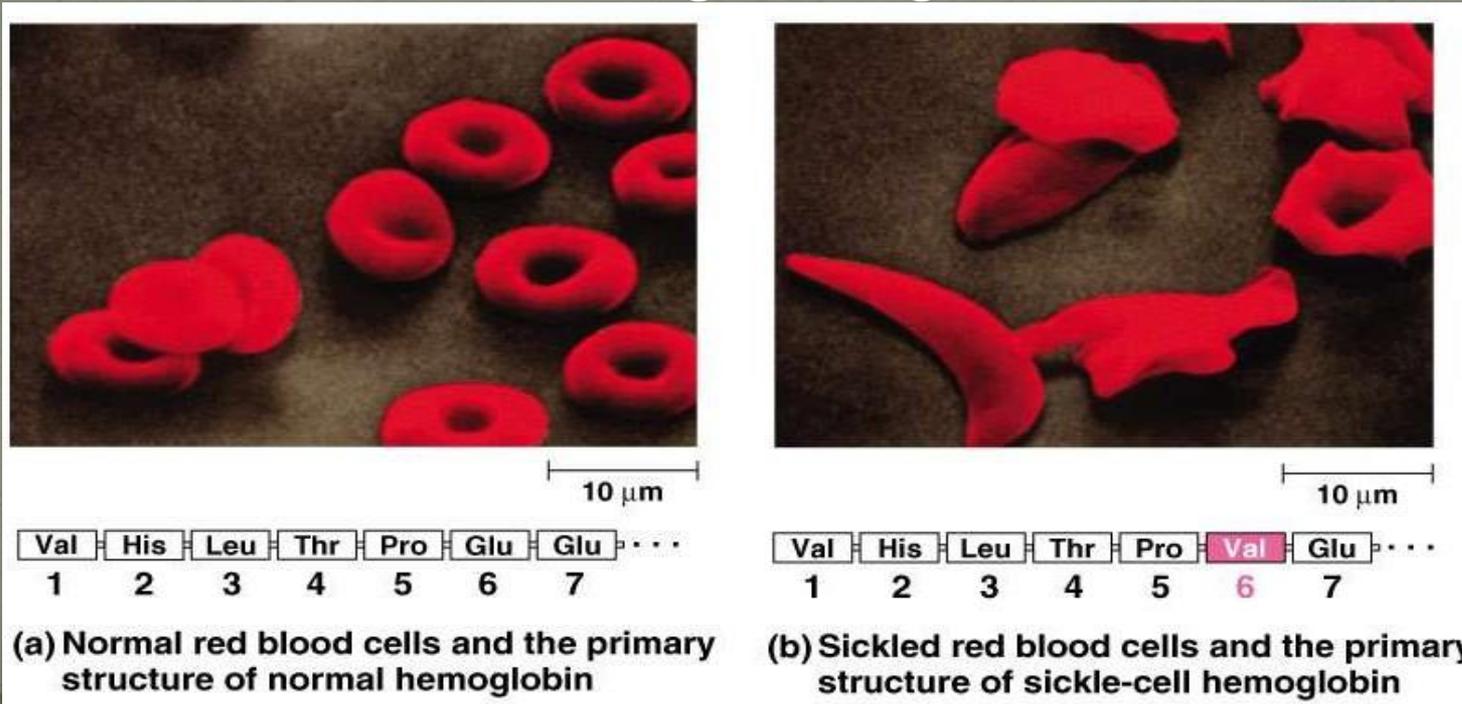


# Primary (1<sup>o</sup>) Structure

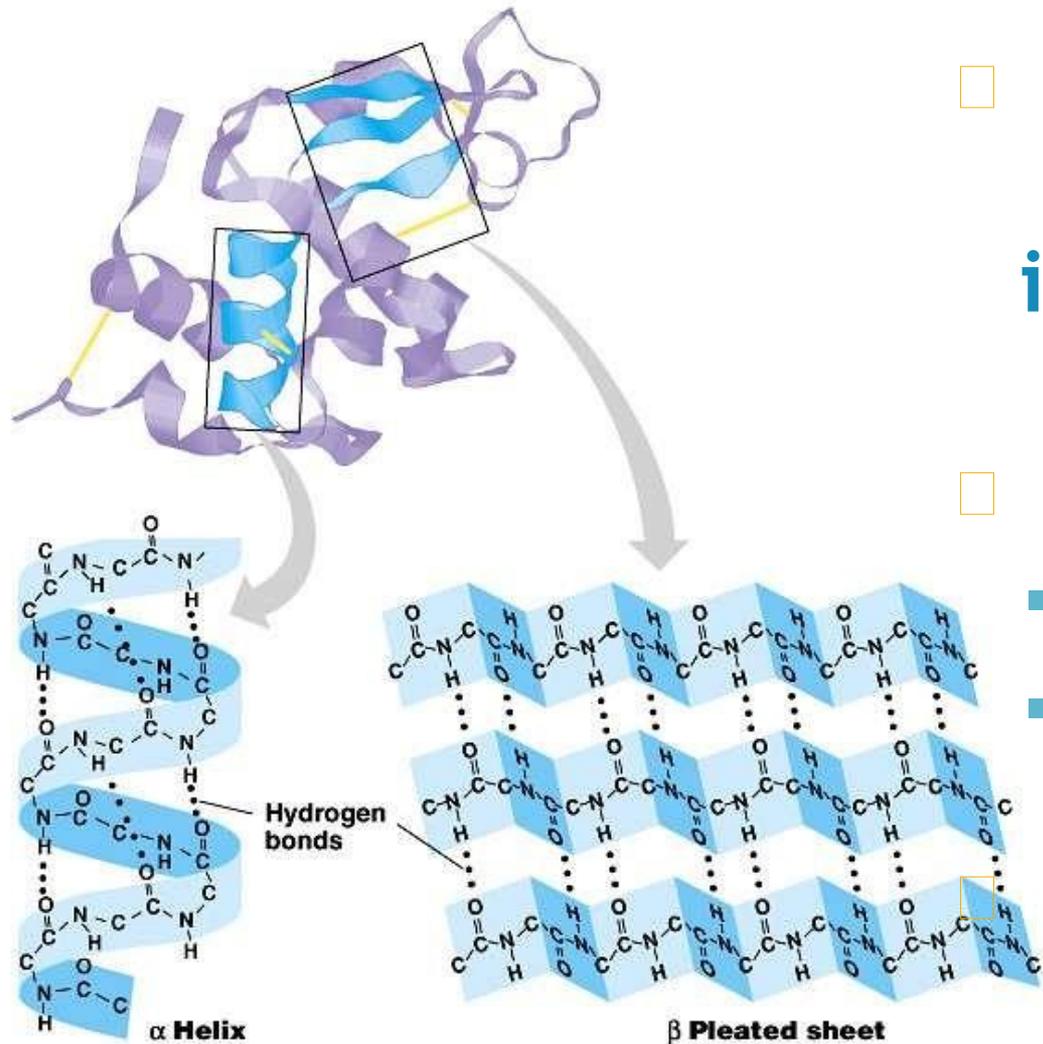


# Example: Sickle Cell Anemia

- abnormal hemoglobin develop because of a single amino acid substitution (change)
- causes hemoglobin to crystallize, deforming the red blood cells and leading to clogs in blood vessels.



# Secondary (2<sup>o</sup>) Structure

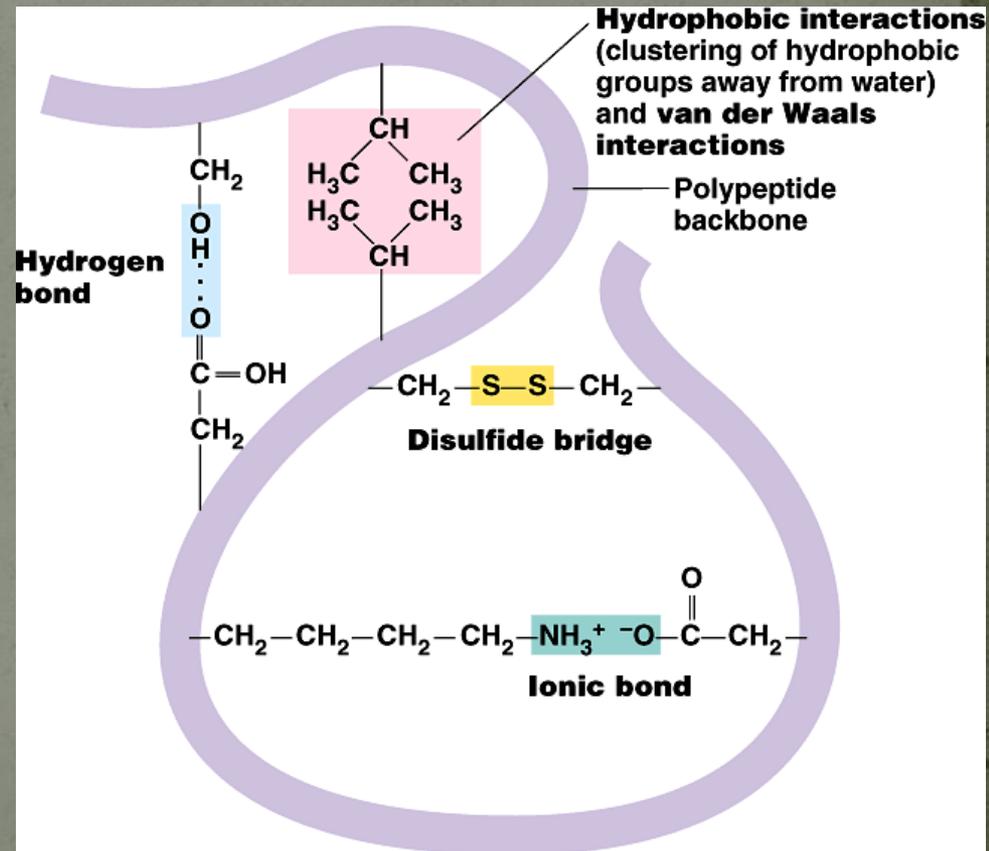


- results from **hydrogen** bonds at **regular intervals** along the polypeptide **backbone**
  - typical shapes:
    - alpha helix (coils)
    - beta pleated sheets (folds)
- not found in all proteins

# Tertiary (3°) Structure

Interactions between:

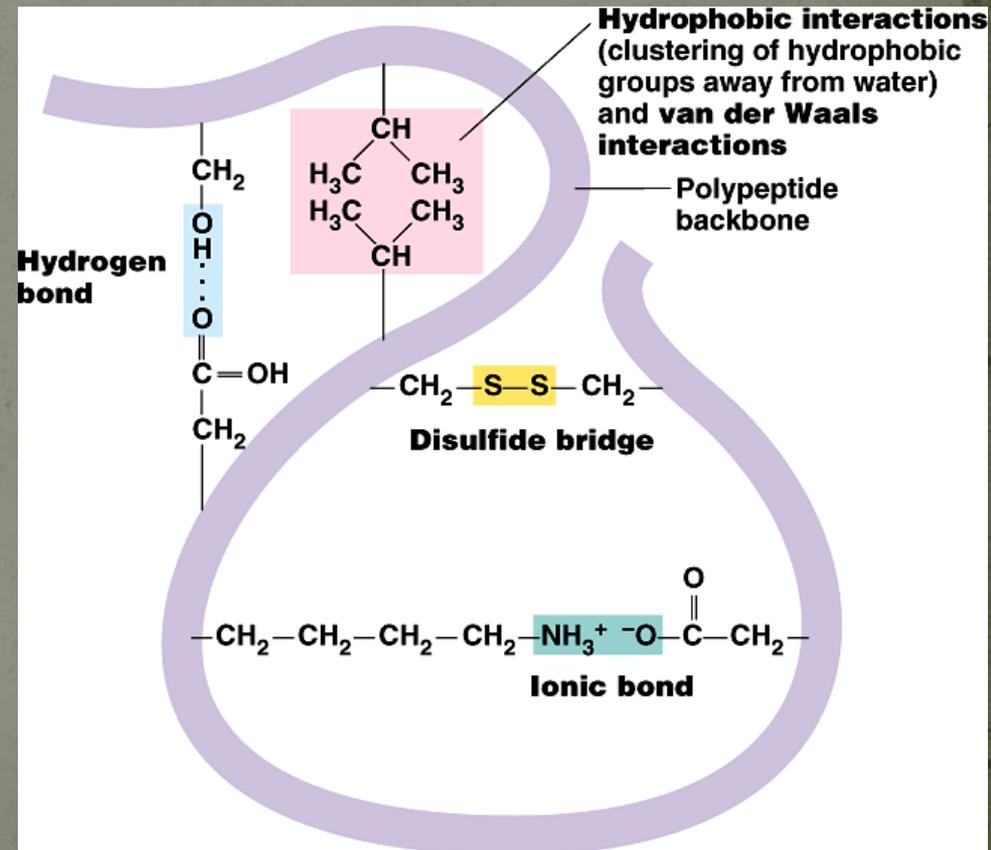
- R groups and R groups
- R groups and backbone



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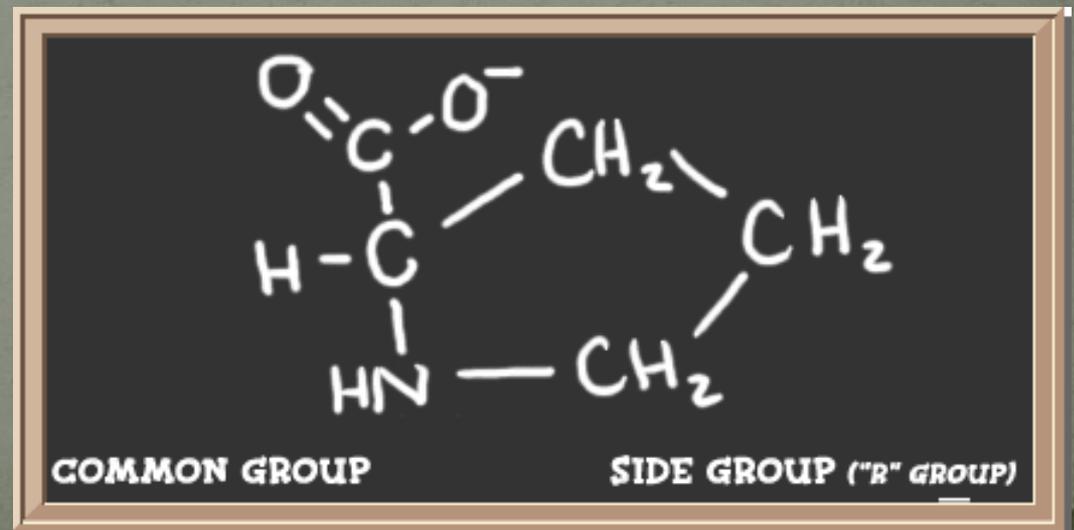
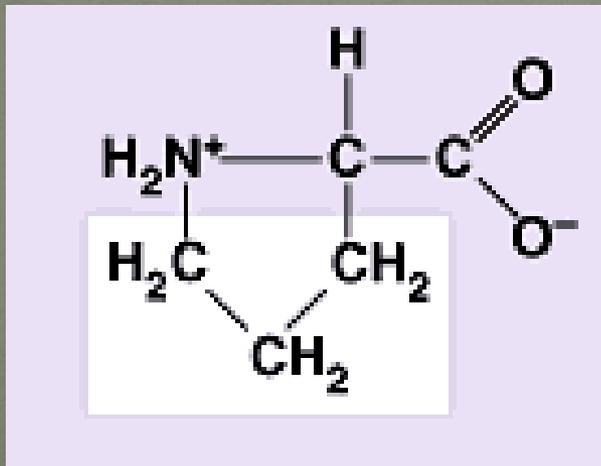
Types of interaction:

- **Hydrogen** bonds
- **Ionic** bonds
- **Hydrophobic** interactions
  - often in interior of protein
- **Covalent** bonds
  - **Disulfide bridge**: formed between the sulfhydryl groups (SH) of cysteine amino acids



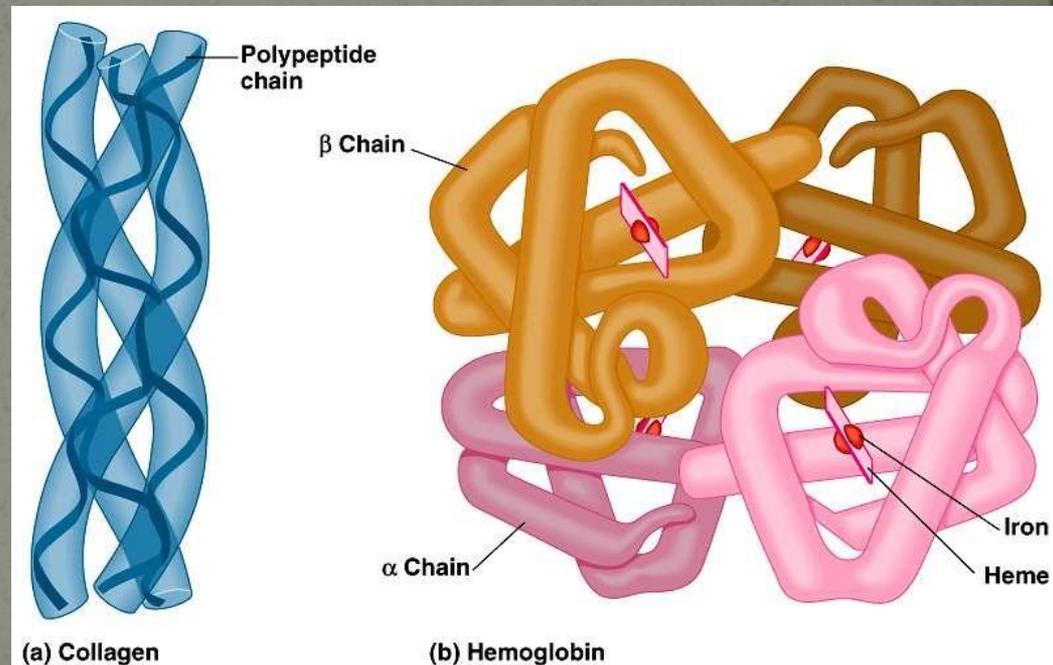
# Tertiary (3<sup>o</sup>) Structure: Proline kink

- Proline is the only amino acid in which the R group is attached to the amino group
- Forms a natural kink in the polypeptide
- Helps to shape tertiary structure



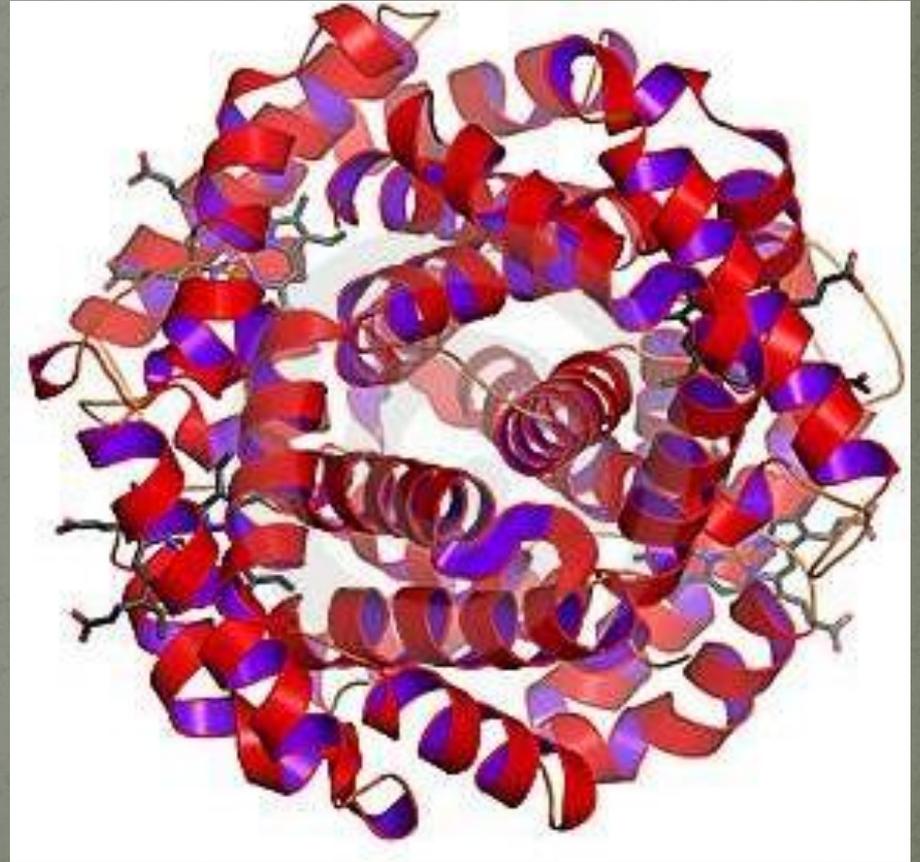
# Quaternary ( $4^{\circ}$ ) Structure

- aggregation of two or more polypeptide subunits
- forms 2 types of proteins: globular and fibrous
- not found in all proteins



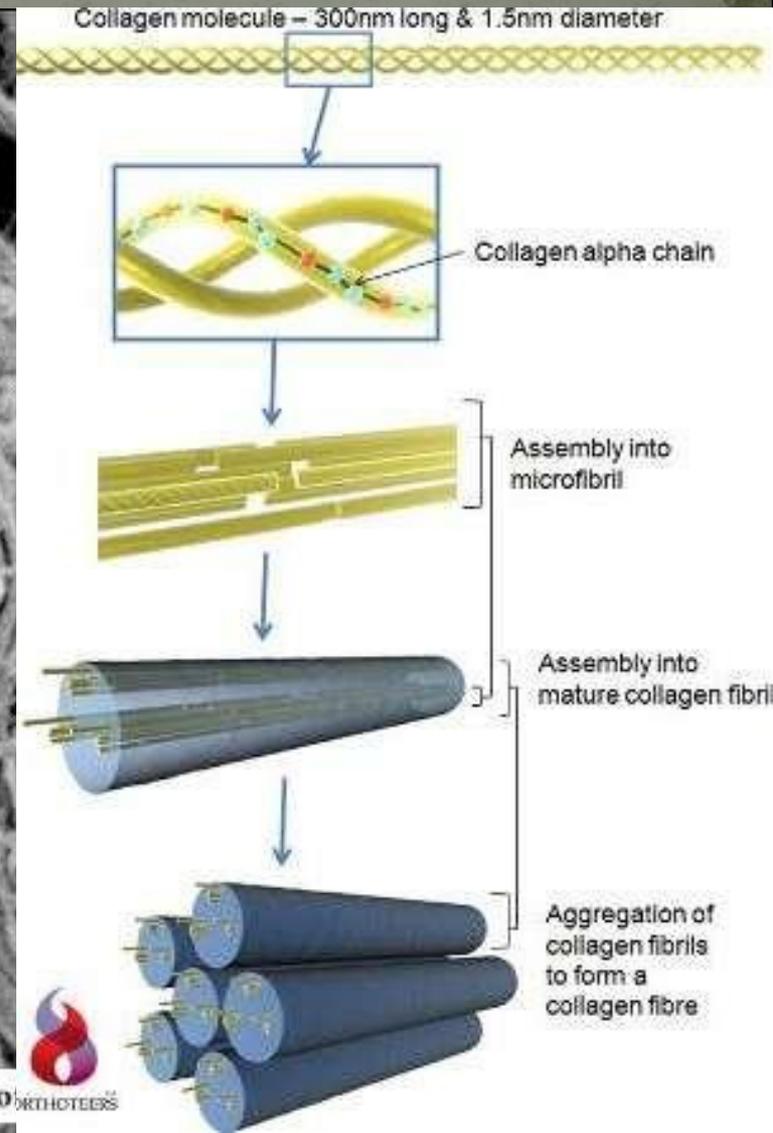
# Quaternary (4<sup>o</sup>) Structure: Globular

- Water soluble
- Compact, spherical
- Example: hemoglobin

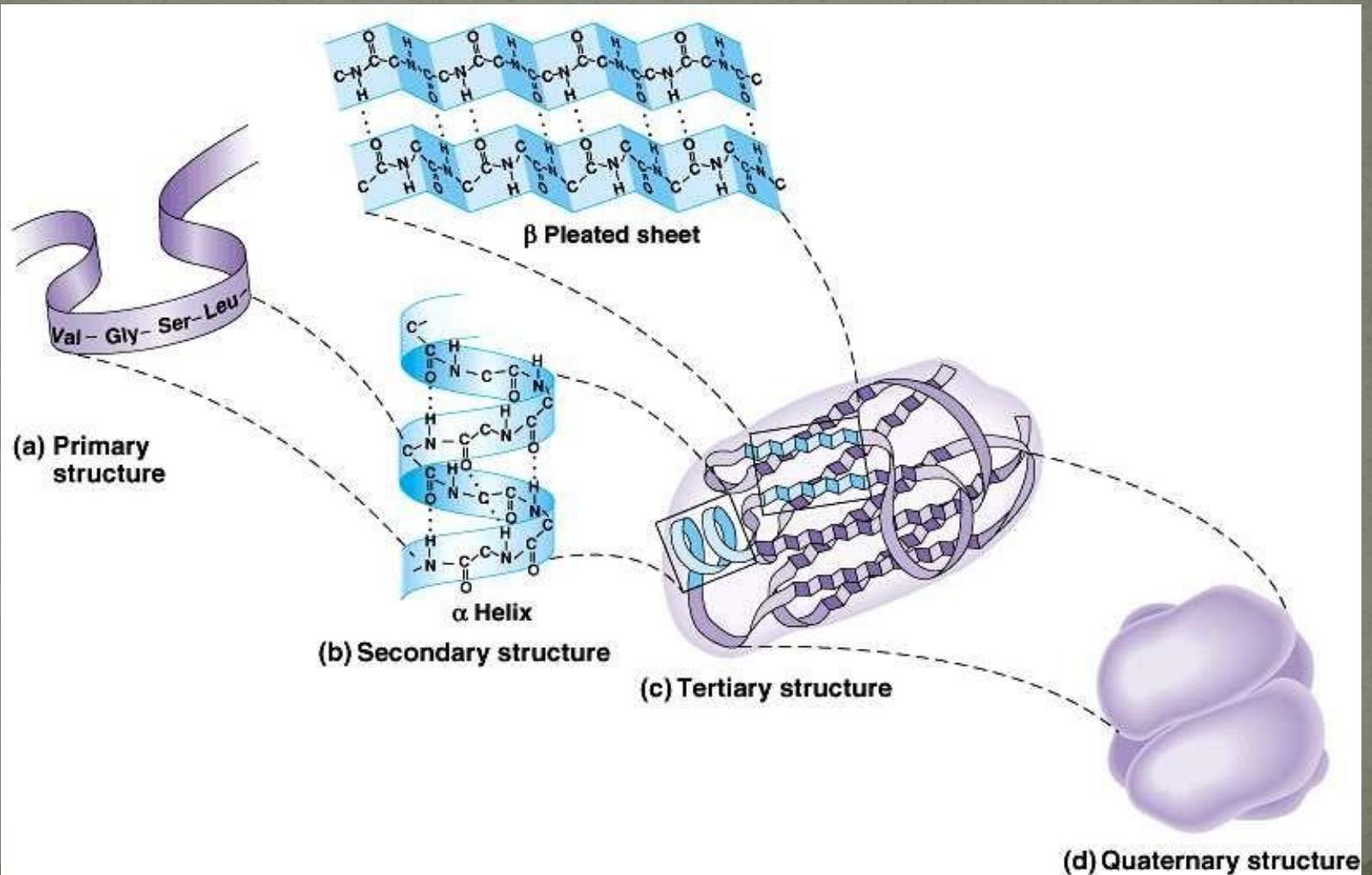


# Quaternary (4<sup>o</sup>) Structure: Fibrous

- Water insoluble
- Threadlike
- Example: collagen
  - 3 polypeptides supercoiled like a rope
  - provides structural strength for role in connective tissue



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# Troponin and Tropomyosin-

- Troponin and tropomyosin regulate muscle contraction.
- Troponin covers 8-10% of total myofibrillar proteins.
- There are 3 type of troponin-
  - 1. Troponin –C (calcium binding)**
  - 2. Troponin-I (inhibitory protein)**
  - 3. Troponin-T (tropomyosin binding).**
- Tropomyosin covers 5-10% of total myofibrillar protein.
- Tropomyosin have two polypeptide alpha and beta chain and combine to form a tropomyosin dimer.

- Myosin consists of **six polypeptide chains** and out of them **two heavy chains** and **four light chains**.
- Myosin is a motor molecule that works to move the cell. This will result in a contraction and expansion movement.
- Myosin is a special protein that converts adenosine triphosphate (ATP), a molecule that cells use in order to live and work, into mechanical energy (energy of work). This will then generate force and movement.
- Actin, troponin, tropomyosin are thin filaments.

White fish

Fatty fish

Light or white muscle

Region of highest fat concentration

Lateral line

Dark muscle

Dark or red muscle

Light muscle

Back bone



# Function of proteins

