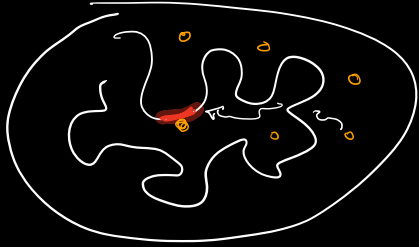


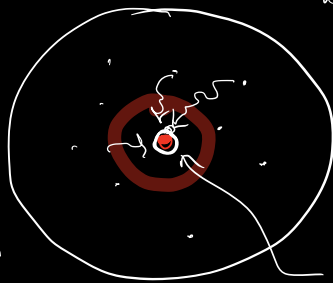
# Protein-DNA kinetics



time takes for a protein to find its site

$$t_s = (k_{on} [S])^{-1}$$

• Diffusion: bind  $k_{on} - ?$



Marian Smoluchowski (1917) Lviv

target of radius  $r_0$

$$k_{on} [P] = \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{total flux through the surface of the target} \end{array} \right\} = \bar{I}$$

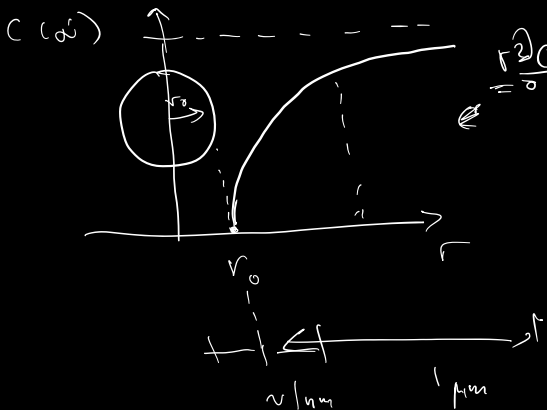
$$C(\infty) = \text{const}$$

$$\Delta C(r) = 0$$

concentration of the protein

$$\frac{1}{r^2} \frac{\partial}{\partial r} \left( r^2 \frac{\partial C(r)}{\partial r} \right) = 0$$

$$\begin{array}{l} C(r_0) = 0 \\ C(\infty) = \text{const} \end{array}$$



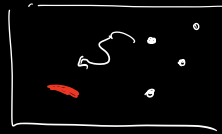
$$\frac{r^2 C(r)}{r} = A$$

$$C(r) = A \frac{1}{r} + B$$

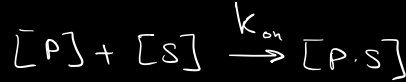
$$C(r) = \left(1 - \frac{r_0}{r}\right) C(\infty)$$

no effect beyond  $r \approx 2r_0$   
no local crowding!

# Bimolecular reaction



$t_{\text{search}}$  for a protein to find its target



$k_{on}$  - units? related to  $t_{\text{search}}$

$$\frac{d[PS]}{dt} = k_{on} [P][S] \quad k_{on} = [M^{-1} s^{-1}]$$

$$t = \left( k_{on} [\text{concentration}] \right)^{-1}$$

Rate of getting a site occupied

$$\frac{d[PS]/[S]}{dt} = k_{on} [P]$$

Rate of protein finding a target

$$\frac{d[PS]/[P]}{dt} = k_{on} [S]$$

(∞)  $k_{on} = \overset{\text{total}}{\text{flux}} \equiv I = 4\pi r_0^2 \cdot \overset{\uparrow \text{flux}}{J}$



$$J = -D \nabla c(r) \Big|_{r=r_0}$$

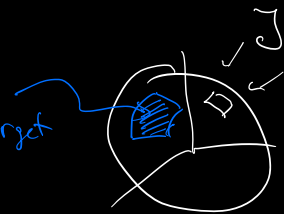
$$= D \frac{r_0}{r_0^2} c(\infty)$$

$$k_{on} = 4\pi r_0^2 D \frac{1}{r_0} c(\infty) = 4\pi D r_0 c(\infty)$$

$$k_{on} = 4\pi D r_0 a$$

Smoluchowski rate

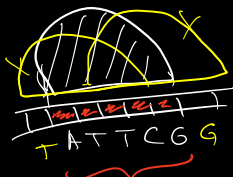
fraction of the surface of the target that is reactive



Estimate  $k_{on}$

for protein-DNA interactions

$$I = 4\pi r_0^2 J a$$



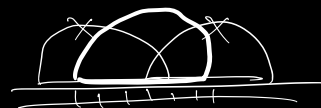
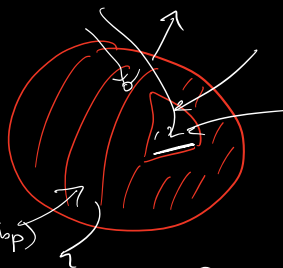
target

$r_0 = ?$

$$D \sim 3 \cdot 10^{-7} \frac{\text{cm}^2}{\text{s}}$$

$r_0 = \text{site size} ?$

$$r_0 = 0.34 \text{ nm} \cdot L(\text{bp})$$



$$a = 1/L$$

$$r_0 a = 0.34 \cdot L / L = 1 \text{ bp}$$

$$k_{on} = 10 \cdot 3 \cdot 10^{-7} \frac{\text{cm}^2}{\text{s}} \cdot 1 \text{ bp} = 10 \cdot 3 \cdot 10^{-7} \frac{\text{cm}^3}{\text{s}} \cdot \frac{1}{3} 10^{-7}$$

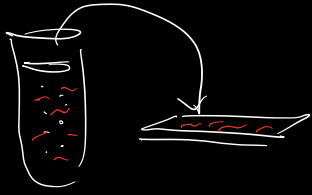
$$1 \text{ bp} = \frac{1}{3} \text{ nm} = \frac{1}{3} \cdot 10^{-7} \text{ cm}$$

$$= 10^{-13} \frac{\text{cm}^3}{\text{s}} = 10^{-13} \frac{\text{cm}^3}{\text{s}} \cdot 10^{-3} \frac{\text{l}}{\text{cm}^3} = 10^{-16} \frac{\text{l}}{\text{s}} \times 6 \cdot 10^{23} \frac{1}{\text{l}} \frac{1}{\text{M}}$$

$$= 10^7 \text{ M}^{-1} \cdot \text{s}^{-1}$$

speed limit

100 - 1000 fold



Art Riggs (1970)

$$k_{on}^{exp} = 10^9 - 10^{10} \text{ M}^{-1} \text{ s}^{-1}$$

proteins  
bind  
DNA  
(100-1000 times faster!)

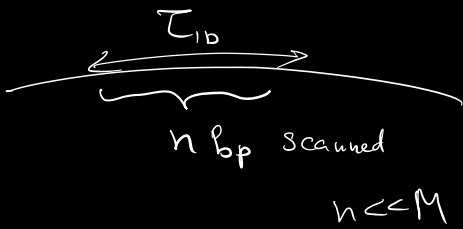
o Facilitated diffusion!

Max Delbruck : changing dimensionality of could help ... Peter Berg & von Hippel



• 1D+3D diffusion

$$t_s = \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \# \text{ of } 3D+1D \\ \text{ rounds of diffusion} \end{array} \right\} \times (\tau_{1D} + \tau_{3D})$$



prob to find the site  $\frac{n}{M}$  on one round

$$\left\langle \begin{array}{l} \# \text{ of rounds} \\ \text{ till success} \end{array} \right\rangle = \frac{M}{n}$$

$$t_s = \frac{M}{n} (\tau_{1D} + \tau_{3D})$$

$$n^2 = 2D\tau_{1D}$$

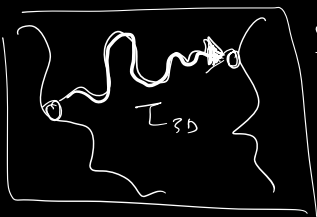
$$= \frac{M}{\sqrt{2D\tau_{1D}}} (\tau_{1D} + \tau_{3D})$$

Size protein

depends on [DNA]

determined by protein-DNA non-specific binding energy!

$$E_{ns} \approx L \cdot kT$$



$$t_s = \frac{M}{\sqrt{2D_{1D}}} (\tau_{1D} + \tau_{3D}) \rightarrow \text{optimal? over } \tau_{1D}$$

$$0 = \frac{dt_s}{d\tau_{1D}} = \frac{M}{\sqrt{2D_{1D}}} \cdot \frac{d}{d\tau_{1D}} \left[ \sqrt{\tau_{1D}} + \frac{\tau_{3D}}{\sqrt{\tau_{1D}}} \right] =$$

$$\frac{1}{2\sqrt{\tau_{1D}}} + \frac{\tau_{3D}}{\tau_{1D}^{3/2}} = 0$$

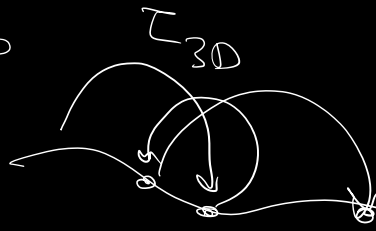
$$\tau_{1D}^{\text{opt}} = \tau_{3D} \quad \leftarrow \text{very general ...}$$

$$t_s^{\text{optimal}} = \frac{M}{n} 2\tau_{3D} \quad \leftarrow \text{optimal 3D + 1D search}$$

o How much faster is this 1D+3D?

3D only:  $n=1 \quad \tau_{1D}=0$

$$t_s = M\tau_{3D}$$



1D only:  $\tau_{3D}=0 \quad n=M$

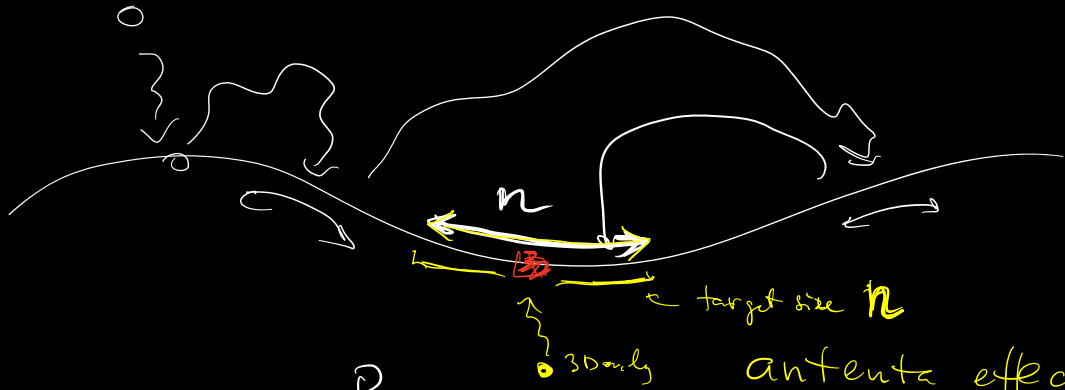
$$M^2 = 2D_{1D}\tau_{1D} \quad \tau_{1D} = \frac{M^2}{2D_{1D}} \quad \left[ t_s = \frac{M}{M} \cdot \frac{M^2}{2D_{1D}} \sim M^2 \right]$$

$$\frac{t_s^{3D}}{t_s^{\text{opt}}} = \frac{M\tau_{3D}}{2M/n \cdot \tau_{3D}} = \frac{n}{2}$$

acceleration due to 1D+3D

why?

Recall Smoluchowski  $k_{b2} = 4\pi D_{3D} r_0 \cdot a$



<sup>exp</sup>  
 $h \approx 200 - 1000 \text{ bp}$

<sup>exp</sup>  
 $D_{1D} \approx 10^6 \frac{\text{bp}^2}{\text{s}}$   
 if  $\tau_{1D} \approx 1 \text{ sec}$

$h \approx 10^3 \text{ bp}$

$\times 2 \leftarrow$  reflects that  
 the protein spends  
 $1/2$  of its time  
 on remote  
 places on DNA