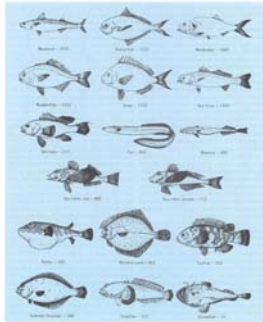


Lecture 22  
07 March 2008

Vertebrate Physiology  
ECOL 437 (MCB/VetSci 437)  
Univ. of Arizona, spring 2008

Kevin Bonine & Kevin Oh



1. Respiration (Ch 20-21)

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Housekeeping, 07 March 2008

Upcoming Readings

Fri 07 Mar: Ch 21 (respiration)

Mon 10 Mar: Ch 21, 22

Wed 12 Mar: Ch 23 (circulation)

LAB Wed 12 Mar: no reading

Fri 14 Mar: EXAM TWO (through respiration)

SPRING BREAK



Lab discussion leaders: xx  
1pm - xx  
3pm - xx

Lab discussion leaders: 26 Mar  
1pm - Vangie & Christina  
3pm - Prasun & Ajay

PHYSIOLOGY

C. J. Heckman, PH.D.  
Professor  
Department of Physiology  
Northwestern University

**"Control of spinal neuron  
excitability: diffuse descending  
neuromodulation, specific local  
inhibition"**

Friday, March 7, 2008 11:00 a.m.

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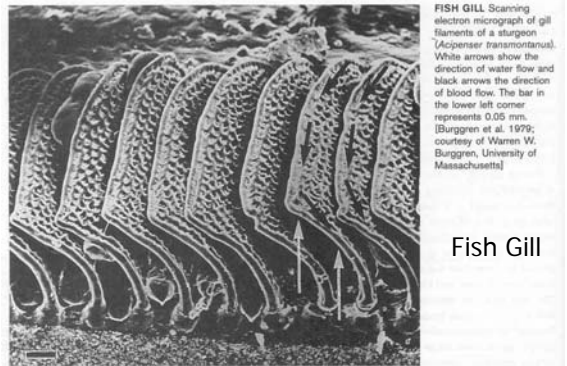
Refreshments will be served

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Vertebrate  
**Respiration**  
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Wednesday, March 5  
Life's Technological Edge: The Singularity is Near: When Humans Transcend Biology  
Ray Kurzweil, via *Teleportec Teleporter*  
Founder, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, Kurzweil Technologies  
Humanity is on the edge of a vast transformation, when what it means to be human will be both enriched and challenged. Inventor and futurist Ray Kurzweil will introduce this radically optimistic singularity, an era when we break our genetic shackles to create a nonbiological intelligence trillions of times more powerful than today. In this new world, humans will transcend biological limitations to achieve entirely new levels of progress and longevity.  
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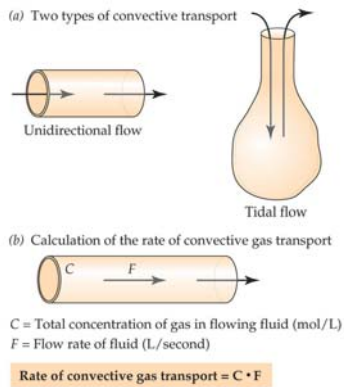
These do not count as physiology lectures.



**FISH GILL** Scanning electron micrograph of gill filaments of a sturgeon (*Acipenser transmontanus*). White arrows show the direction of water flow and black arrows the direction of blood flow. The bar in the lower left corner represents 0.05 mm. [Burggren et al. 1979; courtesy of Warren W. Burggren, University of Massachusetts]

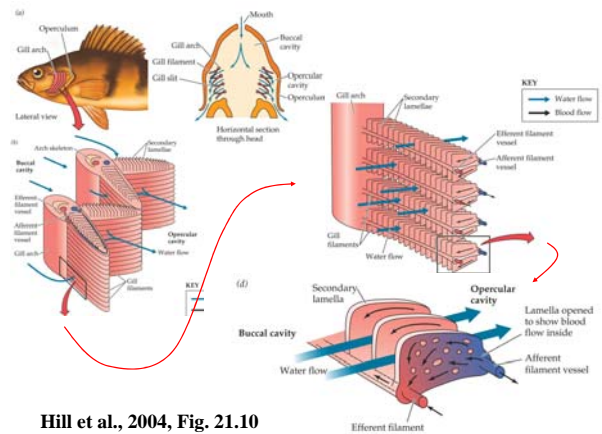
Fish Gill

Knut Schmidt\_Nielsen 1997

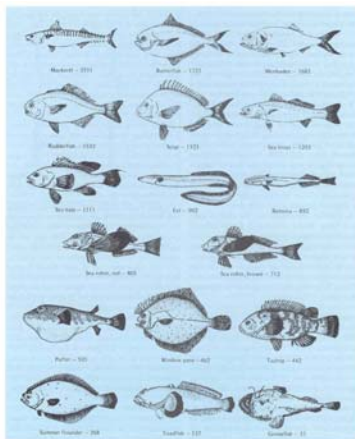


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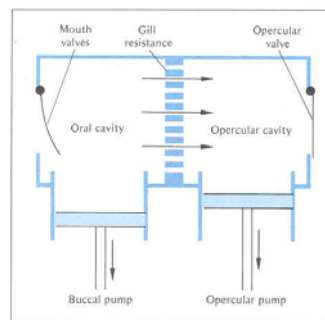


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Relative Gill Surface Area in Fishes

Knut Schmidt\_Nielsen 1997



Fish Gill

- breathing in water
- need much higher ventilation rate
- unidirectional
- pump water across gills (or ram ventilation)

Figure 1.9 Water is pumped over the gills of a fish by a dual pumping system. With the aid of suitable valves, the pumps provide a unidirectional flow of water over the gill surface. [Hughes 1960]

Knut Schmidt\_Nielsen 1997

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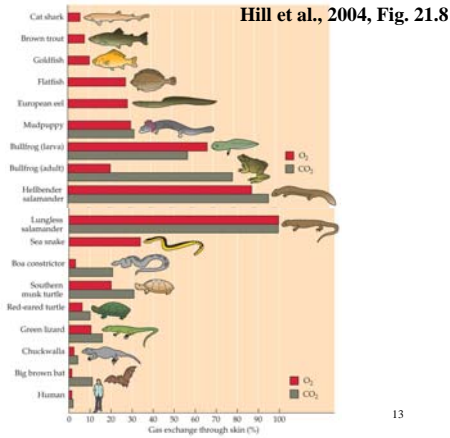
Rate of diffusion depends on molecular weight (Graham's Law)

	Air	Water
O <sub>2</sub> solubility	>	
O <sub>2</sub> rate of diffusion	>	
Weight of medium (amt. needed to get O <sub>2</sub> )	<	
Movement of medium	tidal (take in, expel)	unidirectional (less energy required)

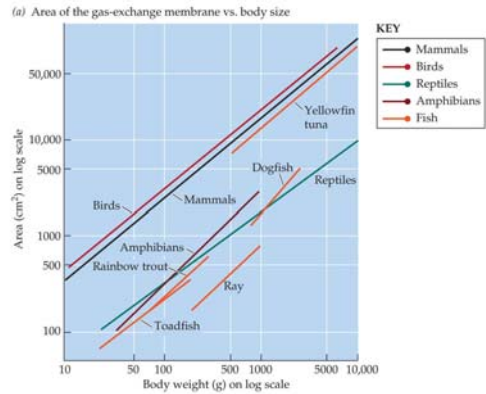
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**Gas Exchange Across Skin**



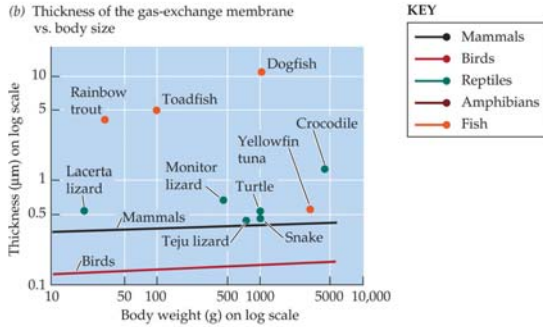
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(b) Thickness of the gas-exchange membrane vs. body size

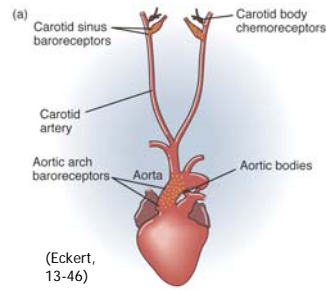


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**Rate and Depth Regulation**

-Primarily via  $CO_2$  changes (central)



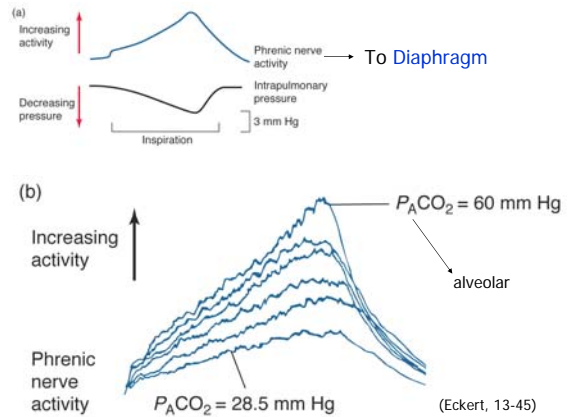
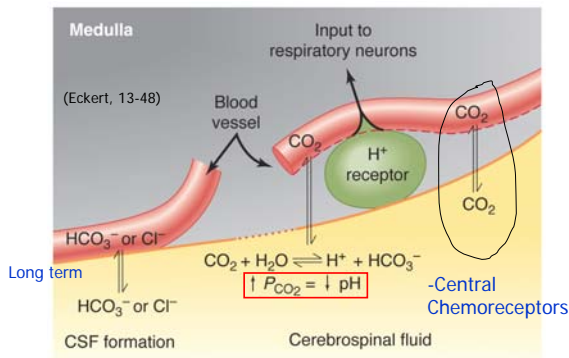
-Peripheral Chemoreceptors  $PO_2$ ,  $PCO_2$ , pH (Vagus nerve to medulla oblongata)

-Innervate **Medullary Respiratory Center** (phrenic nerve to diaphragm and intercostals)

-Emotions, sleep, light, temperature, speech, volition, etc.

$-O_2$  -controls respiration in aquatic vertebrates 16

**Rate and Depth Regulation**



## Hering-Breuer reflex

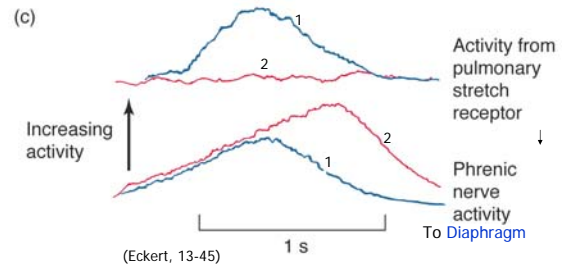
-Stimulation of stretch receptors inhibits medullary inspiratory center

-Prevent overinflation

-Ectotherms often breathe intermittently



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## Blood-Gas Chemistry

### Oxygen and Carbon Dioxide

- Air vs. Water
- Epithelial Transfer
- Transport and Regulation

pH regulation  
Chloride shift  
Carbonic Anhydrase



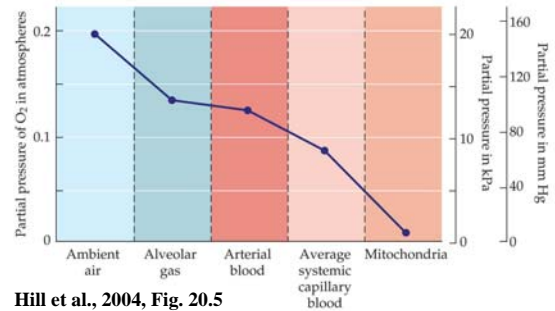
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### Elevation

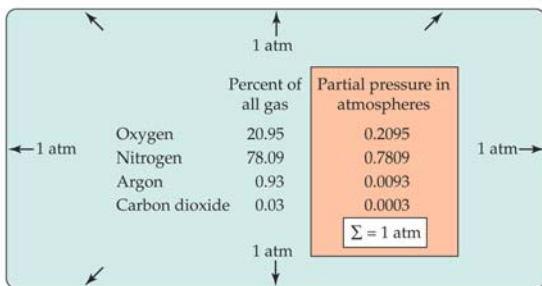
## Oxygen Partial Pressure



(b) The oxygen cascade in people



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**TABLE 20.1** The usual maximum concentration of O<sub>2</sub> in air, freshwater, and seawater at three temperatures. The concentrations listed are for air at sea level and fully aerated water equilibrated with such air; in other words, the O<sub>2</sub> partial pressure is 0.21 atm in all cases. For the most part, actual O<sub>2</sub> concentrations in natural environments are either as high as shown or lower (because of O<sub>2</sub> depletion by organisms).

	Concentration of O <sub>2</sub> (mL O <sub>2</sub> at STP/L) at specified temperature		
	0°C	12°C	24°C
Air	210	200	192
Freshwater	10.2	7.7	6.2
Seawater <sup>a</sup>	8.0	6.1	4.9

<sup>a</sup> The values given are for full-strength seawater having a salinity of 36 g/kg.

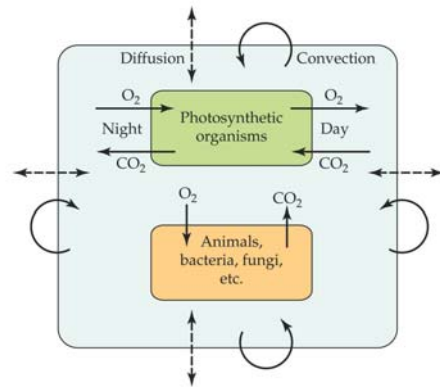
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Gas composition in air	O <sub>2</sub>	CO <sub>2</sub>	N <sub>2</sub>
% of dry air	21	0.03	78
pp at 760 mm Hg	159	0.23	594
380mmHg (at 6000m)	79.6	0.11	297
Solubility in water (ml/L)	34	1,019	17

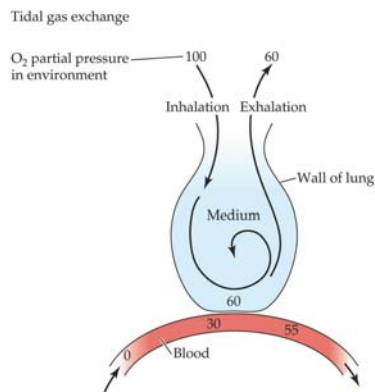
Why is pO<sub>2</sub> in lungs less than 'expected'?

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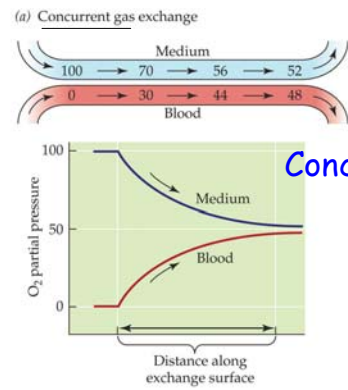
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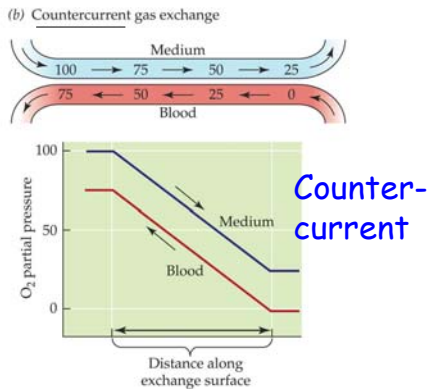
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Concurrent

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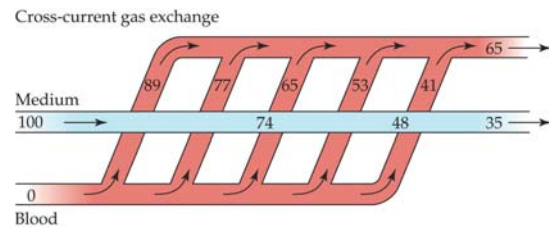


Counter-current

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Cross-current



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## Gas transport in blood

### Respiratory pigments

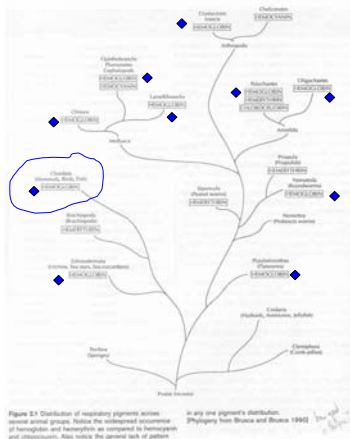
- all have either  $Fe^{2+}$  or  $Cu^{2+}$  ions that  $O_2$  binds
- pigment increases  $O_2$  content of blood
- complex of proteins and metallic ions
- each has characteristic color that changes w/  $O_2$  content
- ability to bind to  $O_2$  (affinity) affects carrying capacity of blood for  $O_2$

**98% of  $O_2$  transported via carrier molecules**

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	hemoglobin	hemocyanin	hemerythrin
Metal	$Fe^{2+}$	$Cu^{2+}$	$Fe^{2+}$
Distribution	over 10 phyla (all verts, many inverts)	2 phyla (arthropods, mollusks)	4 phyla
Location	RBCs (verts)	dissolved in plasma	intracellular
Color	deox – maroon ox – red	colorless blue	colorless reddish violet

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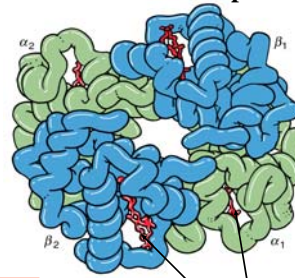


**Hemoglobin** ♦  
and other  
Respiratory  
Pigments

Knut Schmidt-Nielsen 1997

### hemoglobin

**4 heme + 4 protein chains**



can carry 4  $O_2$

**heme  
molecules**

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