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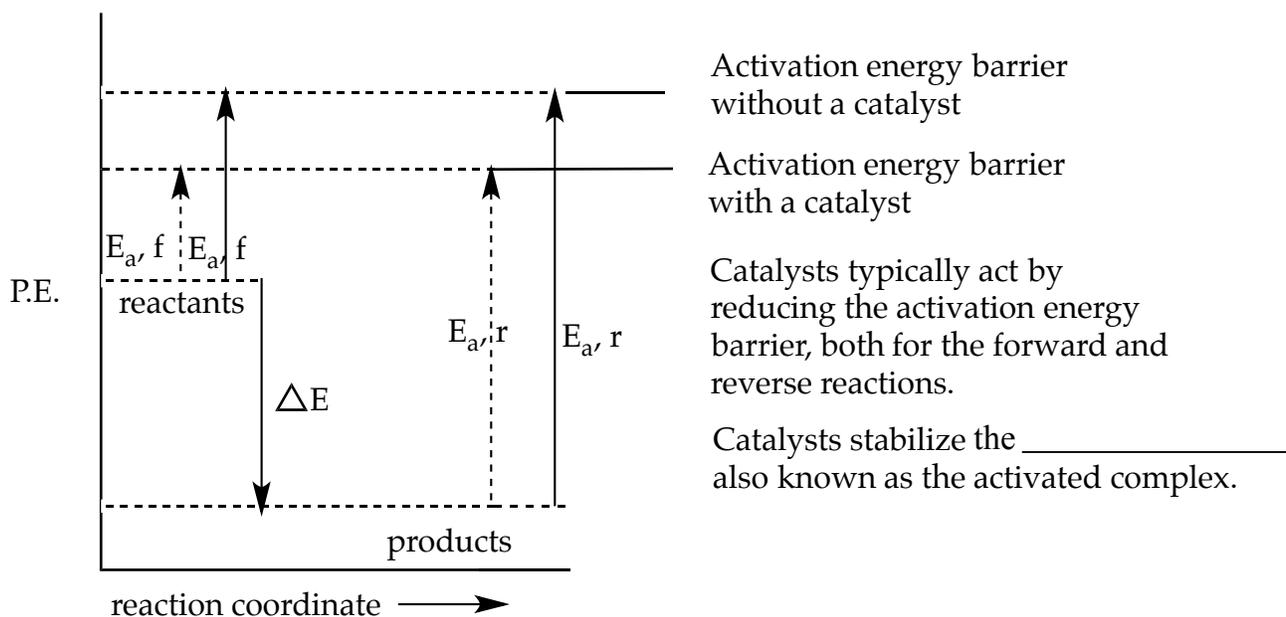
### Topics: Kinetics

- I. Introduction to Catalysis
- II. Types of Catalysts
- III. Catalysts of Life and Enzyme Catalysis

### I. Introduction to Catalysis

A **catalyst** is a substance that takes part in a chemical reaction and \_\_\_\_\_ it up, but doesn't undergo any permanent change itself.

Catalysts, therefore, don't appear in the overall balanced equation.



Catalysts have \_\_\_\_\_ effect on the thermodynamics of the reaction.

Free energy,  $\Delta G$ , is a state function, independent of path.

Therefore the equilibrium constant is \_\_\_\_\_ by the presence of a catalyst.

### II. Types of Catalysts

Homogeneous catalysts: reactants and catalysts are in the same phase  
 Example: chlorofluocarbons catalyze the depletion of  $O_3$  (all gas phase)

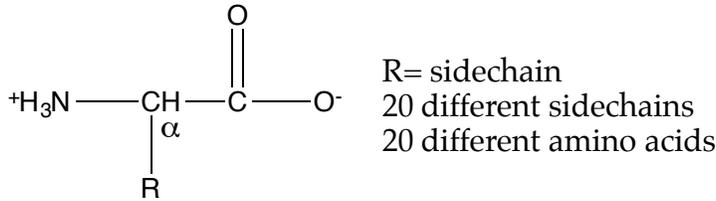
Heterogeneous catalysts: different phase

Example: catalytic converters reduce pollution by using solid metals (platinum, palladium, and rhodium) to catalyze the oxidation of hydrocarbons and CO gases, and the reduction of nitrogen oxide gases.

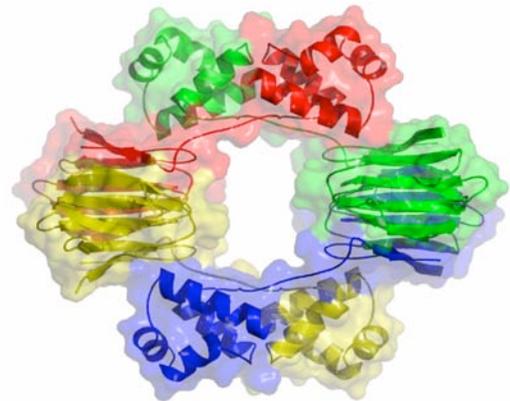
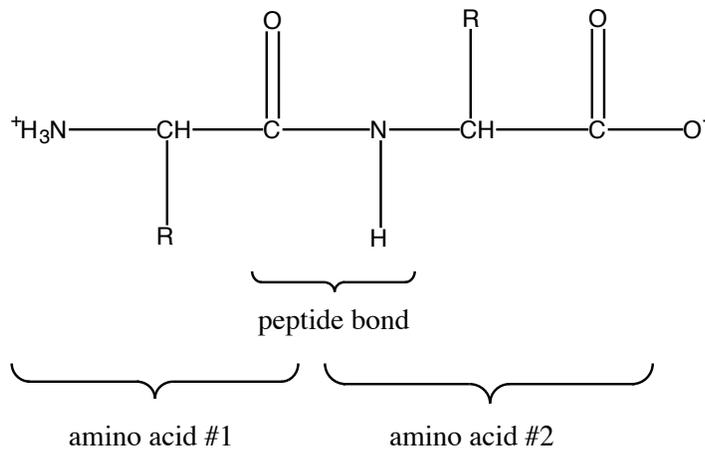
### III. Catalysts of Life: Enzymes

An enzyme is a large protein molecule (typically 20,000 g/mol or more) that is capable of carrying out a specific reaction or series of reactions.

Proteins are made up of amino acids



Amino acids are connected by peptide bonds to form polypeptide chains (or proteins). A long chain of amino acids folds up into a compact structure.

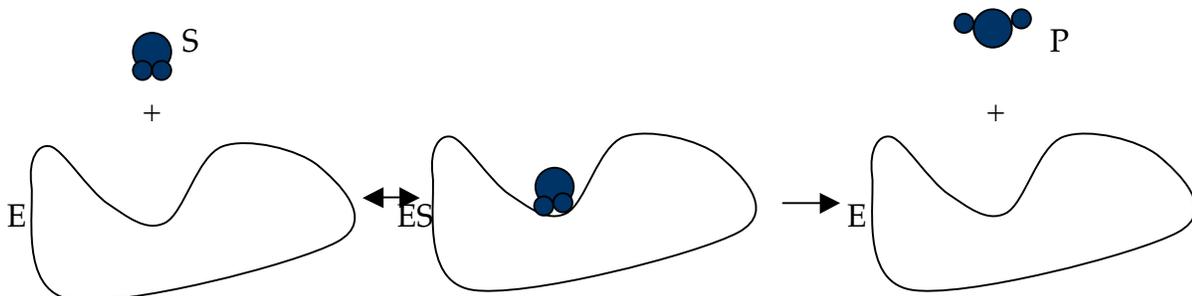


Four polypeptide chains with 198 amino acids each fold to form this enzyme structure. Ribbons drawn through the alpha ( $\alpha$ ) carbons. Dimensions are  $\sim 90 \text{ \AA} \times 70 \text{ \AA} \times 50 \text{ \AA}$ . This Fe-dependent enzyme catalyzes the final step in making the antibiotic fosfomycin.

### Enzyme Catalysis

Reactant molecules are called substrates.

Substrates bind to an \_\_\_\_\_ on the enzyme.





Substitute  $K_m$  into [ES] expression

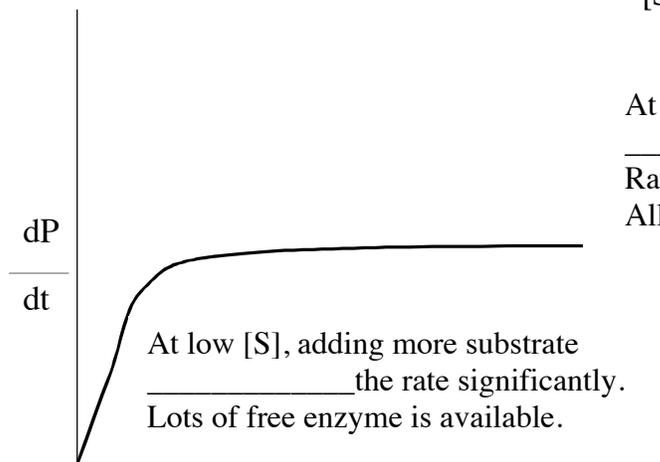
$$[ES] = \frac{k_1 [E]_0 [S]}{k_1 [S] + k_{-1} + k_2} \quad K_m = \frac{k_{-1} + k_2}{k_1}$$

divide by  $k_1$

$$[ES] = \frac{\frac{k_1 [E]_0 [S]}{k_1}}{\frac{k_1 [S]}{k_1} + \frac{k_{-1} + k_2}{k_1}} = \frac{\cancel{k_1} [E]_0 [S]}{\cancel{k_1} [S] + \frac{k_{-1} + k_2}{k_1}} = \frac{[E]_0 [S]}{[S] + K_m}$$

Substitute [ES] into the rate expression

rate of product formation  $\frac{dP}{dt} = k_2 [ES] = \frac{k_2 [E]_0 [S]}{[S] + K_m}$  Michaelis-Menten Equation



At high  $[S]$ , adding more substrate \_\_\_\_\_ change the rate much.  
Rates level off. Enzyme is saturated.  
All active sites on enzyme are filled.

At low  $[S]$ , adding more substrate \_\_\_\_\_ the rate significantly.  
Lots of free enzyme is available.

When  $[S] \gg K_m$  then

$$\text{rate of product formation} = \frac{k_2 [E]_0 \cancel{[S]}}{\cancel{[S]} + K_m} = k_2 [E]_0 \quad \text{This is called } V_{max}$$

small

Maximal rate =  $V_{max} = k_2 [E]_0$

When  $[S] = K_m$  then

$$\text{rate of product formation} = \frac{k_2 [E]_0 [S]}{[S] + [S]} = \frac{1}{2} k_2 [E]_0 \quad \text{half maximal rate}$$

Definition of  $K_m$  is concentration of  $[S]$  for which the rate is half-maximal.

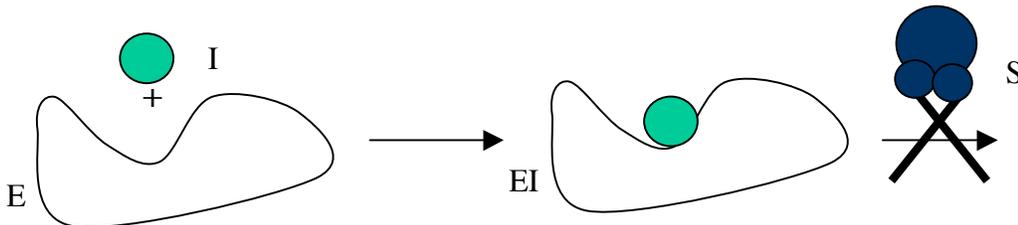
**Example:** The conversion of  $\text{CO}_2$  in blood to  $\text{HCO}_3^-$  and  $\text{H}_3\text{O}^+$  is catalyzed by the enzyme carbonic anhydrase. The Michaelis-Menten constants for this enzyme and substrate are  $K_m = 8 \times 10^{-5} \text{ M}$  and  $k_2 = 6 \times 10^5 \text{ s}^{-1}$ .

Calculate the maximum reaction rate if the enzyme concentration is  $5 \times 10^{-6} \text{ M}$ ?

At which concentration of substrate will the rate be  $1.5 \text{ M/s}$ ?

**An inhibitor is the opposite of a catalyst.** It \_\_\_\_\_ the rate of a reaction, typically by increasing the activation energy.

**Enzyme Inhibition.** If an inhibitor is bound in the active site of an enzyme forming an enzyme-inhibitor complex (EI), then substrate can't bind.



Many pharmaceutical drugs work by blocking the action of enzymes.

Given that enzymes catalyze reactions by lowering the energy of the "transition state," compounds that resemble the \_\_\_\_\_ can bind tightly to the enzyme, and thereby block substrate binding.

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### IN THEIR OWN WORDS

Jingnan Lu, a graduate student in the Sinskey laboratory in the Biology Department, discusses the kinetic considerations in her research on the development of biofuels.



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