


7. Reaction Mechanisms, Pathways, Bioreactions and Bioreactors

- **Active Intermediates and Free Radicals**
 - **Pseudo-steady-state-hypothesis**
 - **Reaction pathway**
- **Enzymes**
 - **Michealis-Menten enzyme kinetics**
 - **Enzyme inhibition**
- **Bioreactors**
- **Pharmacokinetics**
- **Polymerization**

1. Active Intermediates / Free Radicals (PSSH) I

○ Active intermediate

- A molecule that is in a highly energetic and reactive state
- It is short lived as it disappears virtually as fast as it is formed (ca. 10^{-14} s)
- Very low concentrations  the net rate of reaction of an active intermediate, A^* , is zero

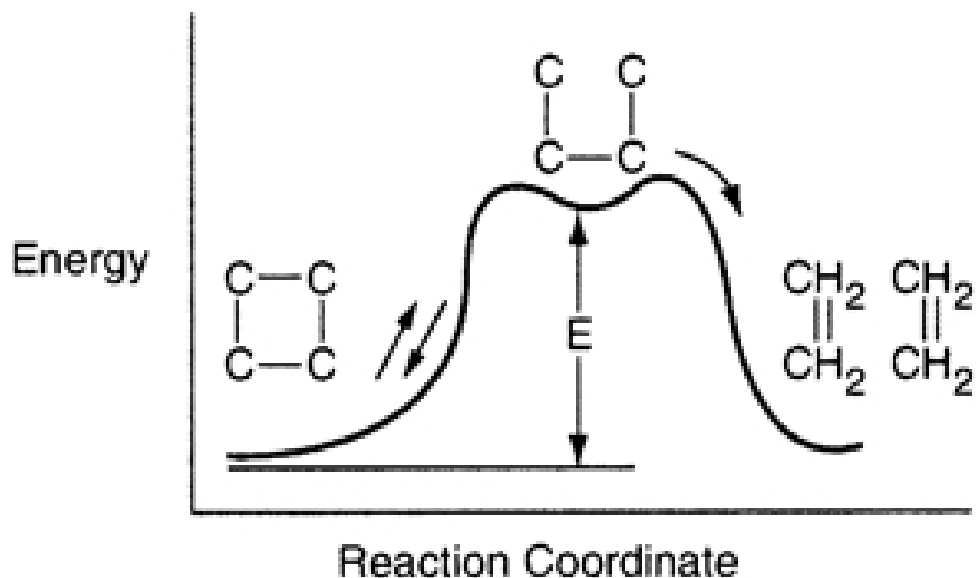
$$r_{A^*} = \sum r_{iA} = 0$$

⇒ Pseudo Steady State Hypothesis (PSSH)

1. Active Intermediates / Free Radicals (PSSH) II

- Active intermediate 2

- The active intermediates reside in the trough of the reaction coordinate



1. Active Intermediates / Free Radicals (PSSH) III

○ Active intermediate 3 - Example

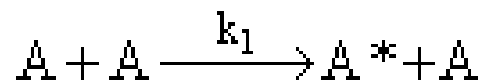
- The rate law for the reaction $A \rightarrow B + C$

is found from experiment to be
$$-r_A = \frac{kC_A^2}{1+k'C_A}$$

Suggest a mechanism consistent with the rate law.

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- Two A molecules collide and energy is transferred from one A molecule to the other molecule making it highly reactive.



$$r_{1A^*} = -k_1 C_A^2$$

1. Active Intermediates / Free Radicals (PSSH) IV

○ Active intermediate 4 - Example

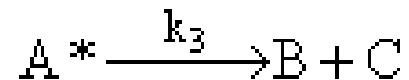
- This activated molecule (A^*) can do one of two things

- It (A^*) can collide with another molecule to become deactivated (A)



$$r_{2A^*} = -k_2 C_{A^*} C_A$$

- or (2) the activated molecule, A^* can decompose to form B and C

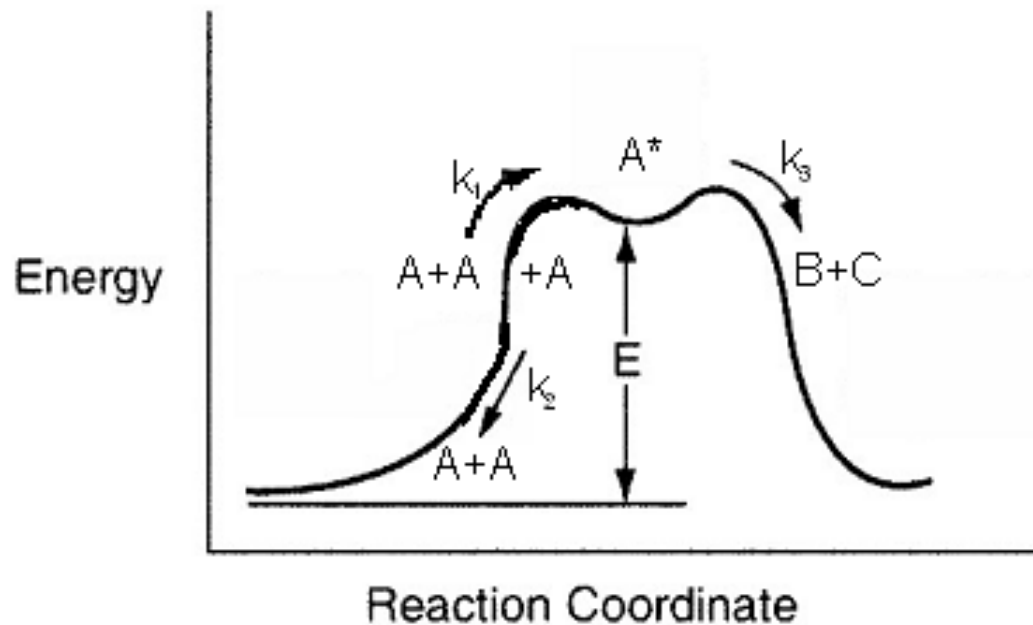


$$r_{3A^*} = -k_3 C_{A^*}$$

1. Active Intermediates / Free Radicals (PSSH) V

○ Active intermediate 5 - Example

- For reactions with active intermediates, the reaction coordinated has trough in it and the active intermediate, A^* , sit in this trough



1. Active Intermediates / Free Radicals (PSSH) VI

○ Active intermediate 6 - Example

- Rate laws

Reaction (1) $r_{1A^*} = k_1 C_A^2$

Reaction (2) $r_{2A^*} = -k_2 C_A C_{A^*}$

Reaction (3) $r_{3A^*} = -k_3 C_{A^*}$

- Relative rates

$$r_{1A} = -2r_{1A^*} \quad , \quad r_{3B} = -r_{3A^*}$$

- Net rates = Rate of formation of product

$$r_B = r_{3B} = -r_{3A^*} = k_3 C_{A^*}$$

1. Active Intermediates / Free Radicals (PSSH) VII

○ Active intermediate 7 - Example

- Use PSSH to solve for C_{A^*}

$$\begin{aligned}r_{A^*} &= \sum r_{1A^*} = r_{1A^*} + r_{2A^*} = r_{3A^*} \\ &= k_1 C_A^2 - k_2 C_A C_{A^*} - k_3 C_{A^*} = 0\end{aligned}$$

- Solving for C_{A^*}

$$C_{A^*} = \frac{k_1 C_A^2}{k_3 + k_2 C_A}$$

- Substituting for C_{A^*} to get the rate of formation of B

$$r_B = \frac{k_1 k_3 C_A^2}{k_3 + k_2 C_A}$$

1. Active Intermediates / Free Radicals (PSSH) VIII

○ Active intermediate 8 - Example

- Relative rates overall



$$\frac{r_B}{1} = \frac{r_A}{-1}$$

$$r_A = -r_B = \frac{-k_1k_3C_A^2}{k_3 + k_2C_A}$$

- For high concentrations of A, we can neglect k_3 with regard to k_2C_A , i.e.,

$$k_2C_A \gg k_3$$

- The rate law becomes

$$r_A = -\frac{k_1k_3}{k_2}C_A = -kC_A$$

1. Active Intermediates / Free Radicals (PSSH) IX

○ Active intermediate 9 - Example

- For low concentrations of A, we can neglect k_2C_A with regard to k_3 , i.e., $k_3 \gg k_2C_A$

- The rate law becomes
$$-r_A = -\frac{k_3k_1}{k_3} C_A^2 = -k_1C_A^2$$

- Dividing by k_3 and letting $k' = k_2/k_3$ and $k = k_1$

$$-r_A = -\frac{kC_A^2}{1+kC_A}$$

Produce an active intermediate

- Collide with active intermediate
- Spontaneous decomposition

1. Active Intermediates / Free Radicals (PSSH) X

○ Active intermediate 10 - Temperature dependence

- The reaction $2\text{NO} + \text{O}_2 \rightarrow 2\text{NO}_2$

has an elementary rate law $r_{\text{NO}_2} = kC_{\text{NO}}^2 C_{\text{O}_2}$

However... the rate law decrease with increasing
temperature, why?

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- Mechanism: $\text{NO} + \text{O}_2 \xrightarrow{k_1} \text{NO}_3^*$

$\text{NO}_3^* \xrightarrow{k_2} \text{NO} + \text{O}_2$

$\text{NO}_3^* + \text{NO} \xrightarrow{k_3} 2\text{NO}_2$

$$\frac{r_{\text{NO}_2}}{2} = r_{3\text{NO}_3^*} = -k_3 C_{\text{NO}_3^*} \cdot C_{\text{NO}} = k_3 [\text{NO}_3^*][\text{NO}]$$

1. Active Intermediates / Free Radicals

(PSSH) XI

- Active intermediate 11 - Temperature dependence

- Pseudo Steady State Hypothesis (PSSH)

- net rate of species A^* (in this case, NO_3^*) is zero

$$r_{NO_3^*} \cong 0 = k_1(NO)(O_2) - k_2(NO_3^*) - k_3(NO_3^*)(NO)$$

- All specific reaction rates are defined with respect to NO_3^*

- Assume that all reactions are elementary reactions

$$r_{1 NO_3^*} = k_1[NO][O_2]$$

$$r_{2 NO_3^*} = -k_2[NO_3^*]$$

$$r_{3 NO_3^*} = -k_3[NO_3^*][NO]$$

1. Active Intermediates / Free Radicals (PSSH) XII

○ Active intermediate 12 - Temperature dependence

- The net reaction rate for NO_3^*

$$r_{\text{NO}_3^*} = r_1 \text{NO}_3^* + r_2 \text{NO}_3^* + r_3 \text{NO}_3^*$$

$$r_{\text{NO}_3^*} = k_1[\text{NO}][\text{O}_2] - k_2[\text{NO}_3^*] - \frac{1}{2}k_3[\text{NO}_3^*][\text{NO}]$$

- The PSSH assumes that the net rate of NO_3^* is zero

$$0 = k_1[\text{NO}][\text{O}_2] - k_2[\text{NO}_3^*] - \frac{1}{2}k_3[\text{NO}_3^*][\text{NO}]$$

$$0 = k_1[\text{NO}][\text{O}_2] - [\text{NO}_3^*] \left(k_2 + k_3[\text{NO}] \right)$$

- Solving for NO_3^*
$$[\text{NO}_3^*] = \frac{k_1[\text{NO}][\text{O}_2]}{k_2 + k_3[\text{NO}]}$$

1. Active Intermediates / Free Radicals (PSSH) XIII

○ Active intermediate 13 - Temperature dependence

$$r_{NO_2} = -2r_{3NO_2} = 2k_3 \frac{[k_1(NO)(O_2)][NO]}{k_2 + k_3(NO)}$$

$$r_{NO_2} = \frac{2k_1k_3(NO)^2(O_2)}{k_2 + k_3(NO)}$$

$$k_2 \gg k_3(NO)$$

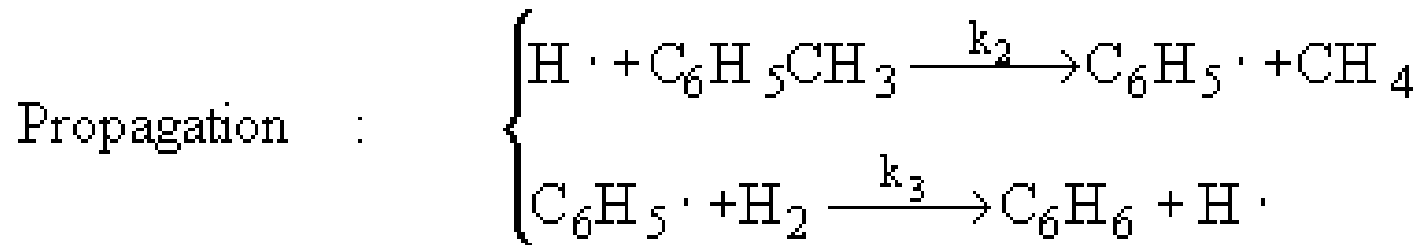
$$r_{NO_2} = \frac{k_1 k_3}{k_2} (NO)^2 (O_2) = \frac{A_1 A_3 e^{\frac{E_2 - (E_1 + E_3)}{RT}}}{A_2} (NO)^2 (O_2)$$

$$E_2 > (E_1 + E_3)$$

1. Active Intermediates / Free Radicals

(PSSH) XIV

- Gas phase chain reaction involving free radicals 1
 - Hydrodealkylation
 - in the gas phase at high temperature and involves free radical with the sequence



- specific reaction rates k_1 and k_4 are defined w.r.t. H_2
- $r_{\text{C}_6\text{H}_6} = ?$

1. Active Intermediates / Free Radicals

(PSSH) XV

- Gas phase chain reaction involving free radicals 2
- For the elementary equation, the rate of formation of benzene is

$$r_{\text{C}_6\text{H}_6} = k_3 \text{C}_{\text{C}_6\text{H}_5\cdot} \text{C}_{\text{H}_2}$$

- We need to eliminate the concentration of the free radical $\text{C}_{\text{C}_6\text{H}_5\cdot}$ by expressing it in terms of the concentrations of toluene and hydrogen
- Under psuedo-steady-state hypothesis, we set the rates of formation of $\text{C}_{\text{H}\cdot}$ and $\text{C}_{\text{C}_6\text{H}_5\cdot}$ equal to zero, i.e.

$$0 = r_{\text{H}\cdot} = 2k_1 \text{C}_{\text{H}_2} - k_2 \text{C}_{\text{H}\cdot} \text{C}_{\text{C}_6\text{H}_5\text{CH}_3} + k_3 \text{C}_{\text{H}_2} \text{C}_{\text{C}_6\text{H}_5\cdot} - 2k_4 [\text{C}_{\text{H}\cdot}]^2$$

$$0 = r_{\text{C}_6\text{H}_5\cdot} = k_2 \text{C}_{\text{H}\cdot} \text{C}_{\text{C}_6\text{H}_5\text{CH}_3} - k_3 \text{C}_{\text{H}_2} \text{C}_{\text{C}_6\text{H}_5\cdot}$$

1. Active Intermediates / Free Radicals

(PSSH) XVI

○ Gas phase chain reaction involving free radicals 3

- Adding the above 2 equations

$$0 = r_{H\bullet} = 2k_1 C_{H_2} - 2k_4 [C_{H\bullet}]^2$$

- Solving for $C_{H\bullet}$ yields

$$C_{H\bullet} = \sqrt{\frac{k_1 C_{H_2}}{k_4}}$$

- Solving for $C_{C_6H_5\bullet}$ yields

$$C_{C_6H_5\bullet} = \frac{k_2 C_{C_6H_5CH_3} \sqrt{\frac{k_1 C_{H_2}}{k_4}}}{k_3 C_{H_2}}$$

1. Active Intermediates / Free Radicals (PSSH) XVII

○ Gas phase chain reaction involving free radicals 3

- Eliminate $C_{C_6H_5\bullet}$

$$r_{C_6H_6} = k_2 C_{C_6H_5CH_3} \sqrt{\frac{k_1 C_{H_2}}{k_4}}$$

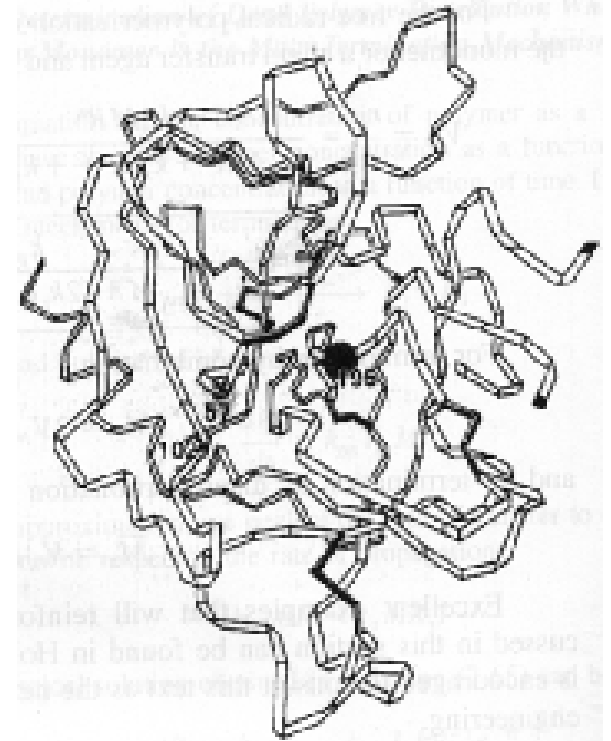
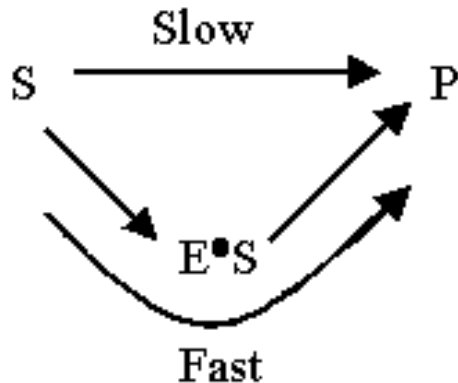
$$r_{C_6H_6} = k (C_{H_2})^{1/2} (C_T)$$

$$k = 10^{10.5} \exp\left[\frac{-50,000}{RT}\right]$$

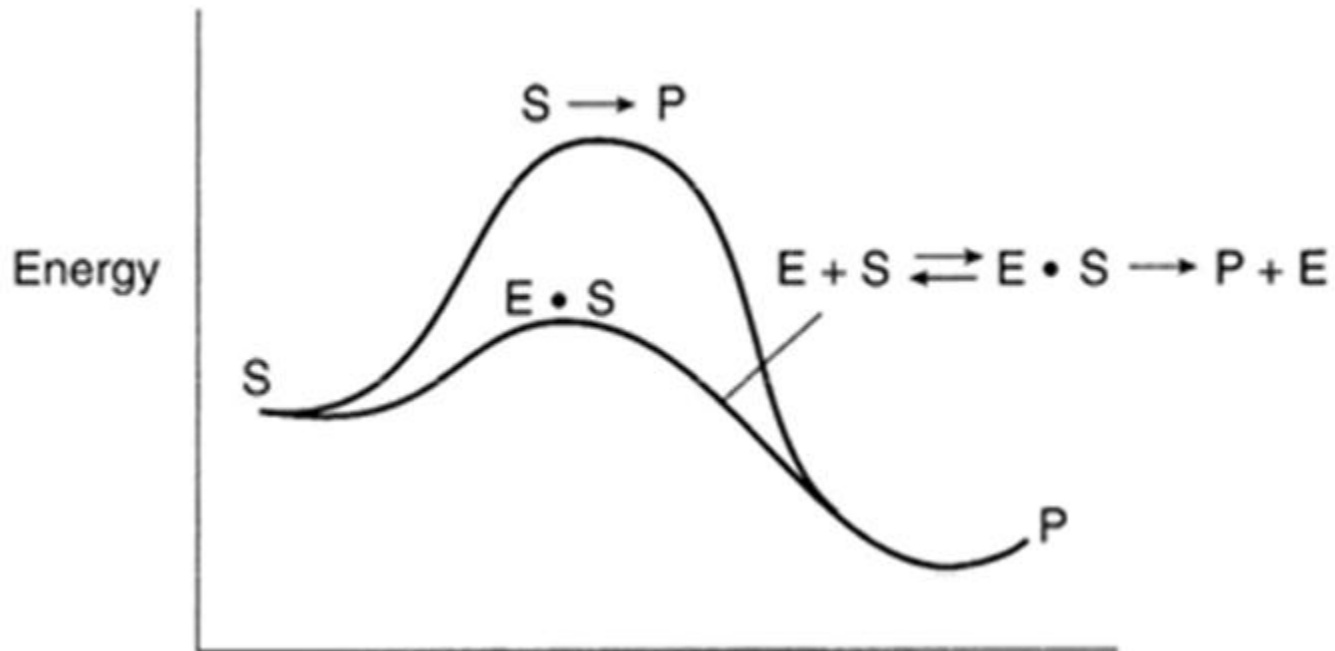
C_T = concentration of toluene

2. Enzymes I

- Enzymes are protein like substances with catalytic properties
 - A pathway for the substrate to proceed at a faster rate. The substrate, S, reacts to form a product P.

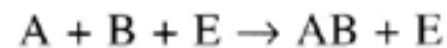
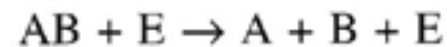
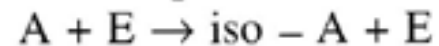
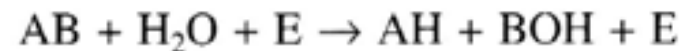
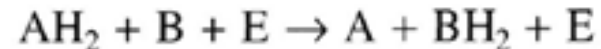


2. Enzymes II



There are six classes of enzymes (E) and only six:

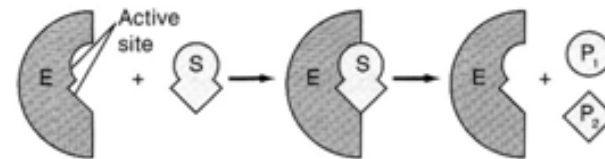
1. Oxidoreductases
2. Transferases
3. Hydrolases
4. Isomerases
5. Lyases
6. Ligases



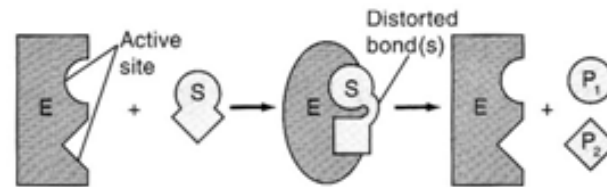
2. Enzymes III

- A given enzyme can only catalyze only one reaction

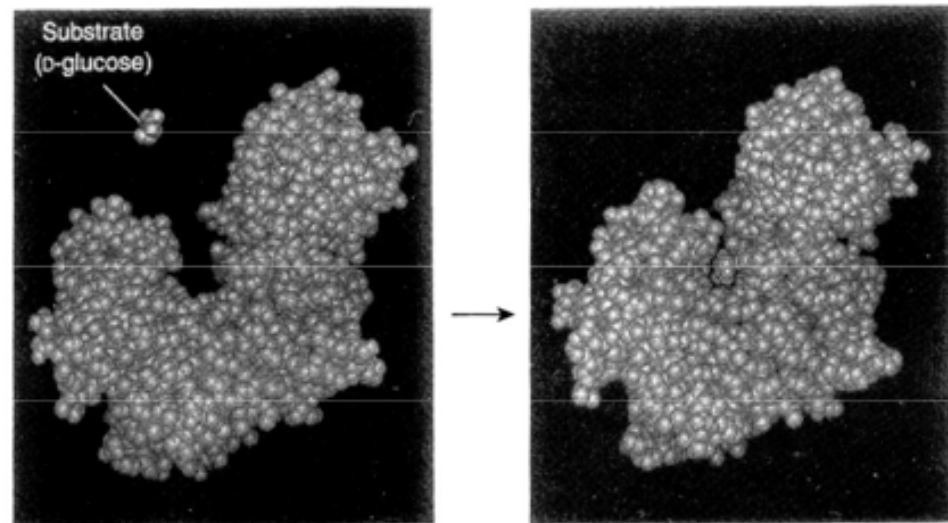
The Enzyme Substrate Complex



(a) Lock-and-key model

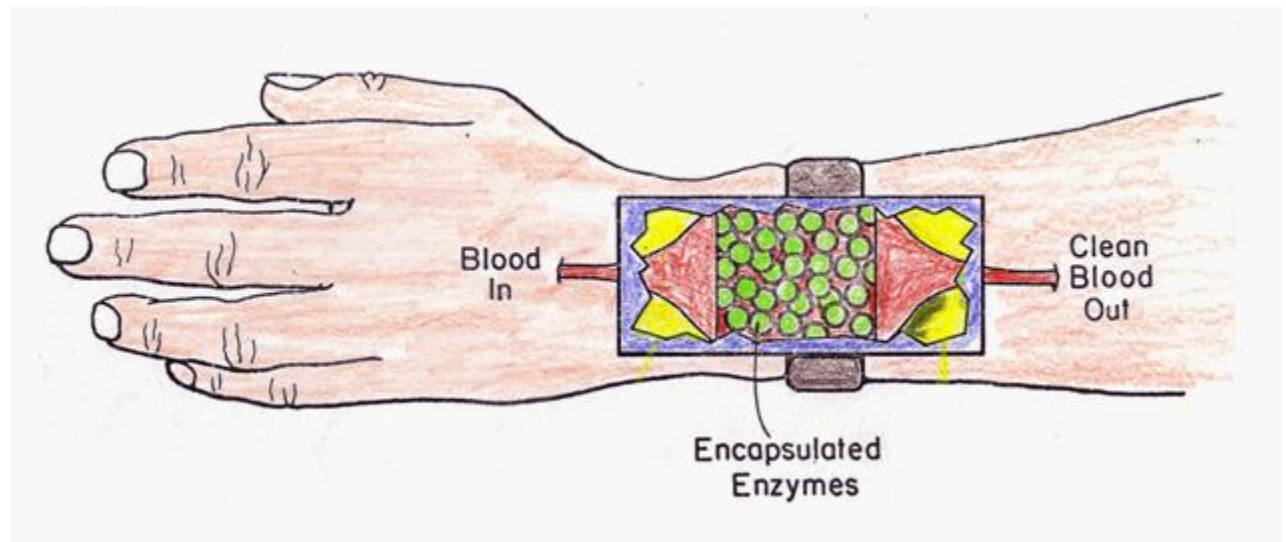
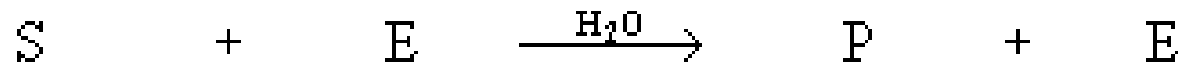
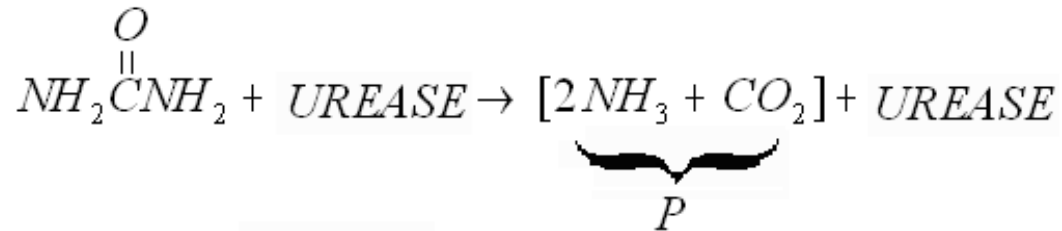


(b) Induced fit model



2. Enzymes IV

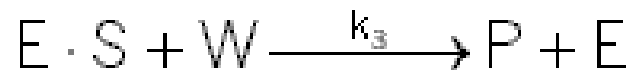
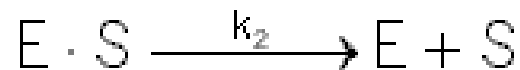
○ Artificial kidney



2. Enzymes V

○ Artificial kidney 2

- The corresponding mechanism



- Michaelis-Menten Equation

$$r_P = -r_S = \frac{V_{\max} S}{K_m + S}$$



Leonor Michaelis
1875–1949



Maud Menten
1879–1960

2. Enzymes VI

○ Derive: Michaelis-Menten Kinetics

$$r_p = k_3 (E \cdot S)(W)$$

$$r_{E \cdot S} = 0 = k_1 (E)(S) - k_2 (E \cdot S) - k_3 W(E \cdot S)$$

$$(E \cdot S) = \frac{k_1 (E)(S)}{k_2 + k_3 W}$$

$$E_t = (E) + (E \cdot S)$$

$$(E) = \frac{E_t}{1 + \left(\frac{k_1 S}{k_2 + k_3 W} \right)}$$

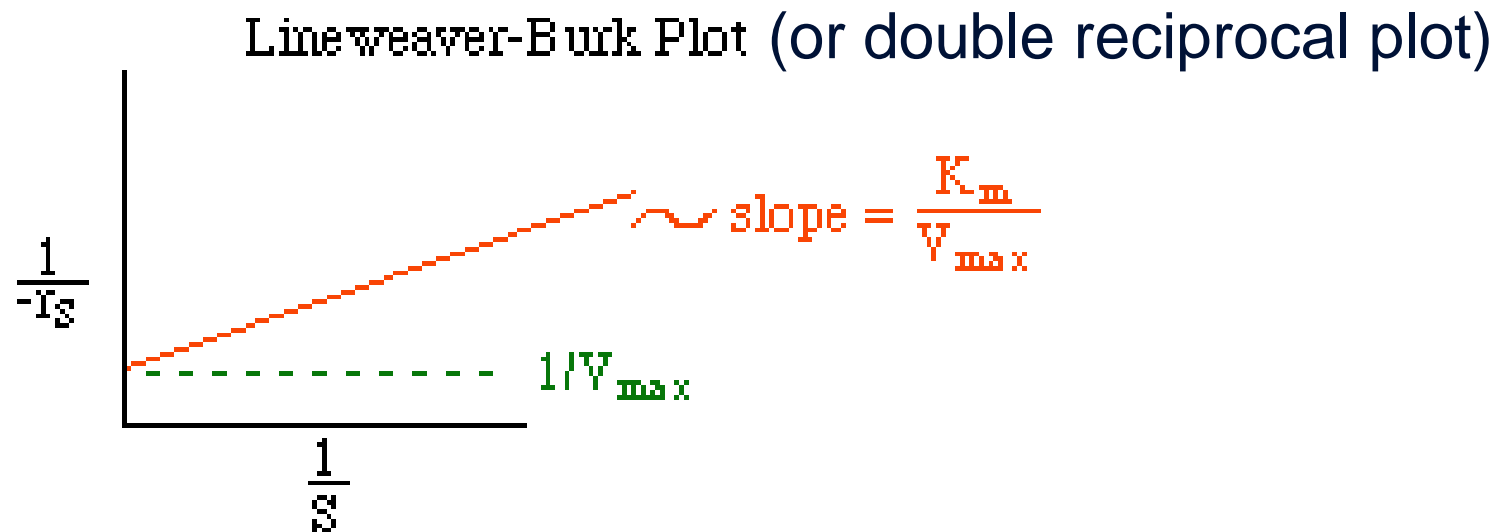
$$r_p = k_3 (E \cdot S)(W) = \frac{\overbrace{k_3 W E_t S}^{V_{\max}}}{\underbrace{\frac{k_2 + k_3 W}{k_1}}_{K_m} + S}$$

$$r_p = \frac{V_{\max} S}{K_m + S}$$

2. Enzymes VII

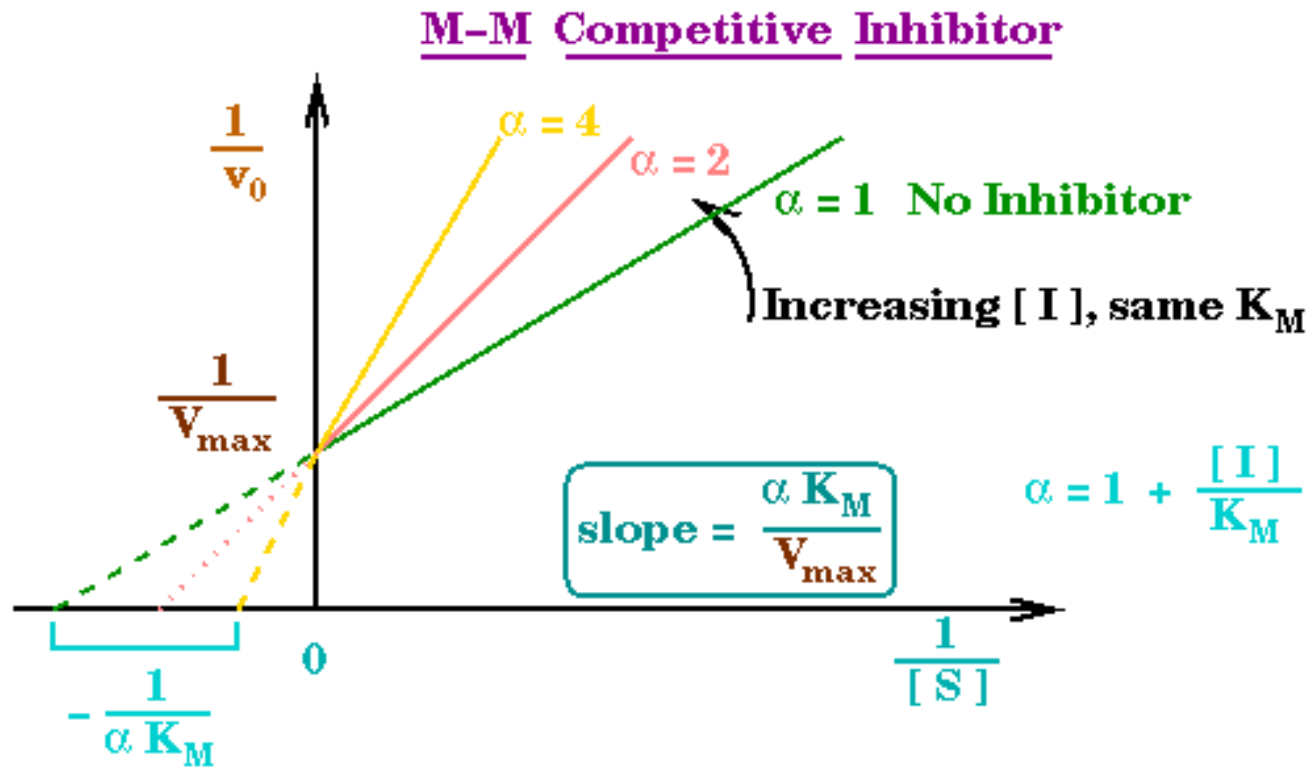
- Michaelis-Menten Kinetics 2
 - Inverting yields

$$\frac{1}{-r_s} = \frac{1}{V_{\max}} + \frac{K_m}{V_{\max}} \left(\frac{1}{S} \right)$$



2. Enzymes VIII

- Michaelis-Menten Kinetics 3
 - Lineweaver-Burk plot

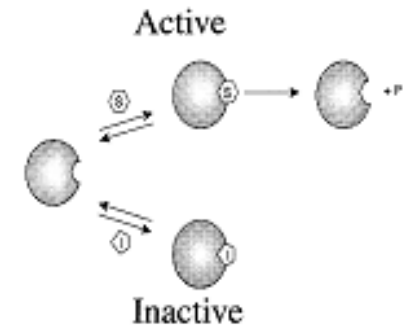


Lineweaver-Burk Plot



2. Enzymes IX

- Types of Enzyme Inhibition 1
 - Competitive



Competitive inhibition pathway



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$$\rightleftharpoons K_1$$

E · I

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(5)

Reaction Steps

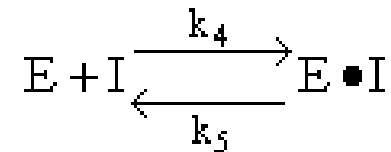
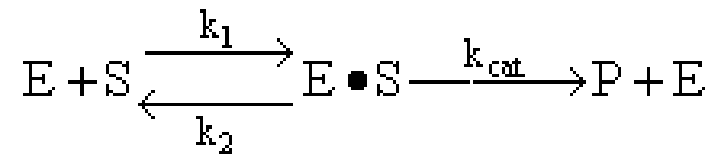


2. Enzymes X

- Types of Enzyme Inhibition 2

- Competitive 2 - Derive the rate

- competitive inhibition



- rate laws

$$r_p = -r_s = k_{cat} (E \bullet S)$$

$$\text{From } r_{E \bullet S} = 0 = k_1 (E)(S) - k_2 (E \bullet S) - k_{cat} (E \bullet S)$$

2. Enzymes XI

○ Types of Enzyme Inhibition 3

- Competitive 2 - Derive the rate

$$(E \bullet S) = \frac{k_1(E)(S)}{k_2 + k_{\text{cat}}} = \frac{(E)(S)}{K_M}$$

$$K_M = \frac{k_2 + k_{\text{cat}}}{k_1}$$

$$r_P = -r_S = k_{\text{cat}}(E \bullet S) = \frac{k_{\text{cat}}(E)(S)}{K_M}$$

- From $r_{E \bullet I} = 0$ $r_{E \bullet I} = 0 = k_4(E)(I) - k_5(E \bullet I)$

$$(E \bullet I) = \frac{k_4}{k_5}(E)(I) = \frac{(E)(I)}{K_I}$$

$$K_I = \frac{k_5}{k_4}$$

2. Enzymes XII

○ Types of Enzyme Inhibition 4

- Competitive 2 - Derive the rate

- Total enzyme

$$E_t = (E) + (E \bullet S) + (E \bullet I)$$

$$E_t = (E) \left(1 + \frac{(S)}{K_M} + \frac{(I)}{K_I} \right)$$

$$-r_S = r_p = \frac{k_{cat} E_t (S)}{K_M \left(1 + \frac{(S)}{K_M} + \frac{(I)}{K_I} \right)}$$

$$-r_S = \frac{V_{max} (S)}{K_M \left(1 + \frac{(I)}{K_I} \right) + (S)}$$

2. Enzymes XIII

- **Types of Enzyme Inhibition 5**
 - **Competitive 2 - Plot**

$$\frac{1}{-r_S} = \frac{K_M \left(1 + \frac{[I]}{K_I} \right) + [S]}{V_{\max} [S]} = \frac{1}{V_{\max}} + \frac{K_M \left(1 + \frac{[I]}{K_I} \right)}{V_{\max} [S]}$$

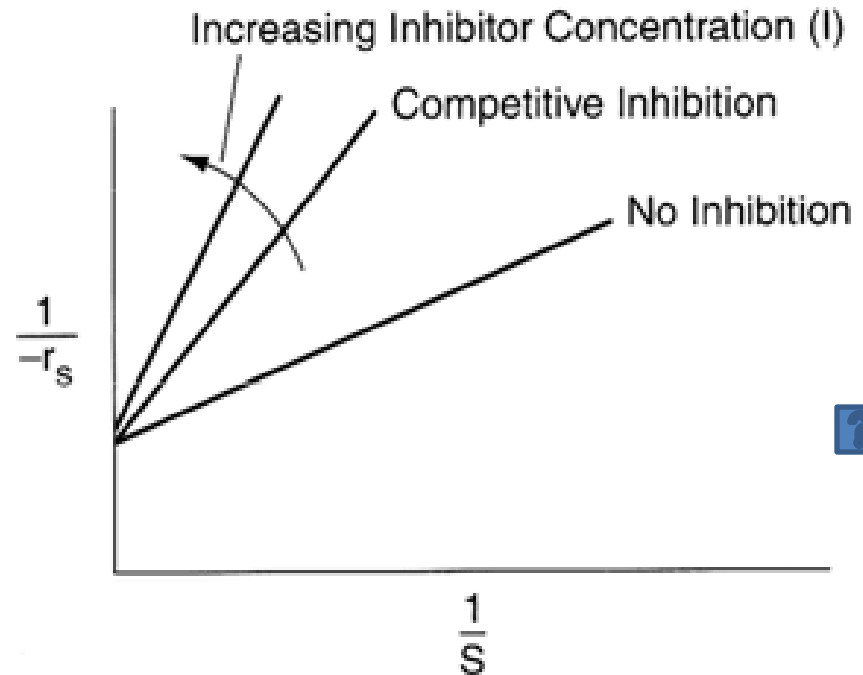


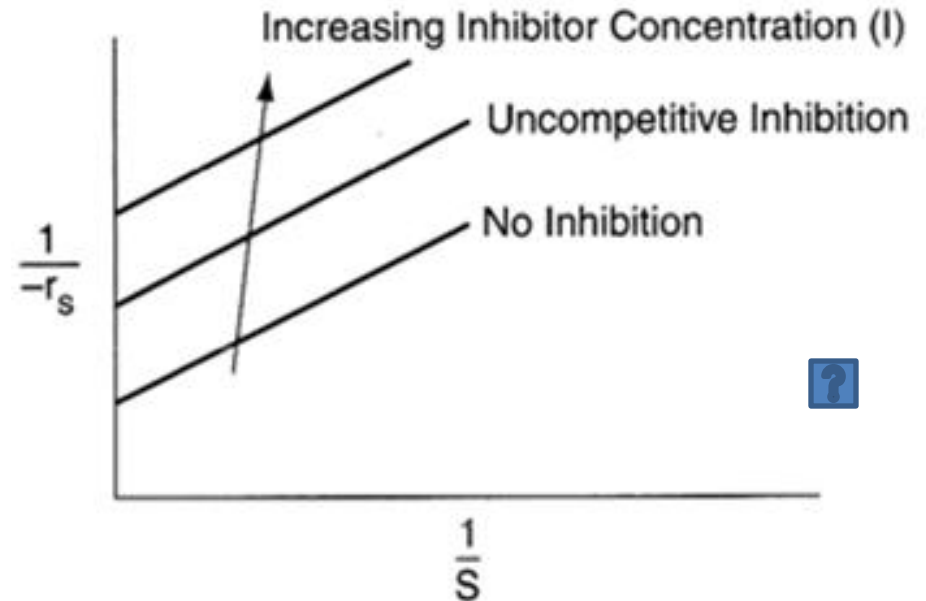
Figure 7-10 Lineweaver–Burk plot for competitive inhibition.

2. Enzymes XV

- Types of Enzyme Inhibition 7
 - Uncompetitive 2

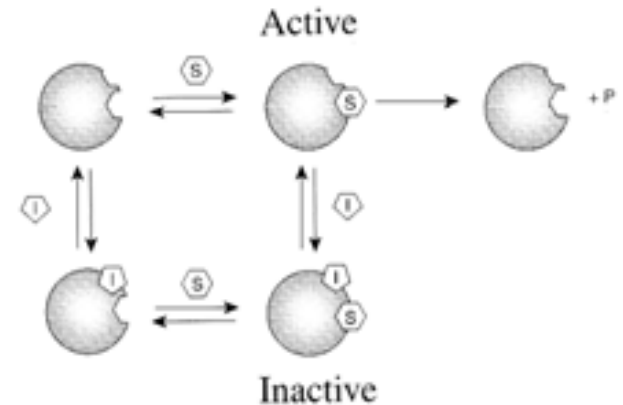
$$-r_S = r_P = \frac{V_{\max} (S)}{K_M + (S) \left(1 + \frac{(I)}{K_I} \right)}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{-r_S} &= \frac{1}{V_{\max} (S)} \left(K_M + (S) \left(1 + \frac{(I)}{K_I} \right) \right) \\ &= \frac{K_M}{V_{\max}} \left(\frac{1}{(S)} \right) + \frac{1}{V_{\max}} \left(1 + \frac{(I)}{K_I} \right) \end{aligned}$$

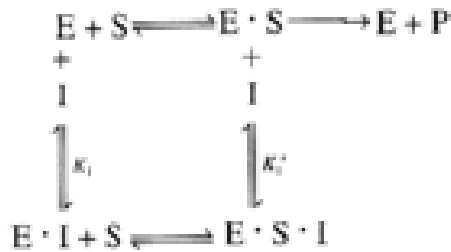


2. Enzymes XVI

- Types of Enzyme Inhibition 8
 - Mixed inhibition 1



Mixed inhibition



Reaction Steps

- (1) $E + S \rightleftharpoons E \cdot S$
- (2) $E + I \rightleftharpoons I \cdot E$ (inactive)
- (3) $I + E \cdot S \rightleftharpoons I \cdot E \cdot S$ (inactive)
- (4) $S + I \cdot E \rightleftharpoons I \cdot E \cdot S$ (inactive)
- (5) $E \cdot S \longrightarrow P + E$

2. Enzymes XVII

- Types of Enzyme Inhibition 9
 - Mixed inhibition 2

$$-r_S = \frac{V_{\max}(S)}{\left((S) + K_M \left(1 + \frac{(I)}{K_I} \right) \right)}$$

$$\frac{1}{-r_S} = \frac{\left((S) + K_M \left(1 + \frac{(I)}{K_I} \right) \right)}{V_{\max}(S)} = \frac{(S) \left(1 + \frac{(I)}{K_I} \right) + K_M \left(1 + \frac{(I)}{K_I} \right)}{V_{\max}(S)}$$

$$\frac{1}{-r_S} = \frac{1}{V_{\max}} \left(1 + \frac{(I)}{K_I} \right) + \frac{K_M}{V_{\max}} \left(1 + \frac{(I)}{K_I} \right) \frac{1}{(S)}$$

