



Charting New Horizons in Education

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Biochemistry



Enzymes definition:

- Biologic (organic catalysts) polymers that catalyze the chemical reactions.
- Enzymes are neither consumed nor permanently altered as a consequence of their participation in a reaction.
- With the exception of catalytic RNA molecules, or ribozymes, enzymes are proteins.
- Ribozymes: Ribozymes are RNA molecules with catalytic activity, have been identified in various biological processes, such as RNA splicing, where they participate in the removal of introns from pre-mRNA to convert it into mature RNA.
- In addition to being highly efficient, enzymes are also extremely selective catalysts.
- Thermolabile, site specific, with a high turn over number (10^6) compared to the inorganic catalysts (10^3).
- Thermolabile: sensitive to temperature changes.
- Site specific: Found in certain locations.
- Turn over number: the number of substrate molecules an enzyme can convert into product per unit time when the enzyme is fully saturated with substrate.

Nomenclature of enzymes

- In most cases, enzyme names end in **-ase**
- The common name for a hydrolase is derived from the substrate
 - Urea: remove -a, replace with **-ase** = urease
 - Lactose: remove - **ose**, replace with - **ase** = lactase
- Other enzymes are named for the substrate and the reaction catalyzed:
 - Lactate dehydrogenase
 - Pyruvate decarboxylase
- Some names are historical - no direct relationship to substrate or reaction type
 - Catalase
 - Pepsin
 - Chymotrypsin
 - Trypsin

Classification of Enzymes

- Enzyme Commission (EC) – according to **International Union of Biochemistry and Molecular Biology (IUBMB)**

- Each enzyme was given 4 digit numbers [1.2.3.4]

1st one of the 6 major classes of enzyme activity

2nd the subclass (type of substrate or bond cleaved)

3rd the sub-subclass (group acted upon, cofactor required, etc...)

4th a serial number... (order in which enzyme was added to list)

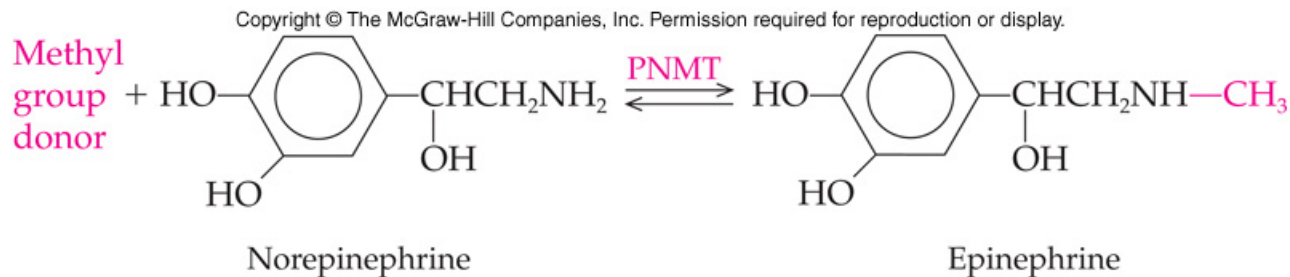
1- Oxidoreductases (EC.1) catalyze redox reactions, such as
(Alcohol dehydrogenase [EC 1.1.1.1])

- Reductases
- Oxidases



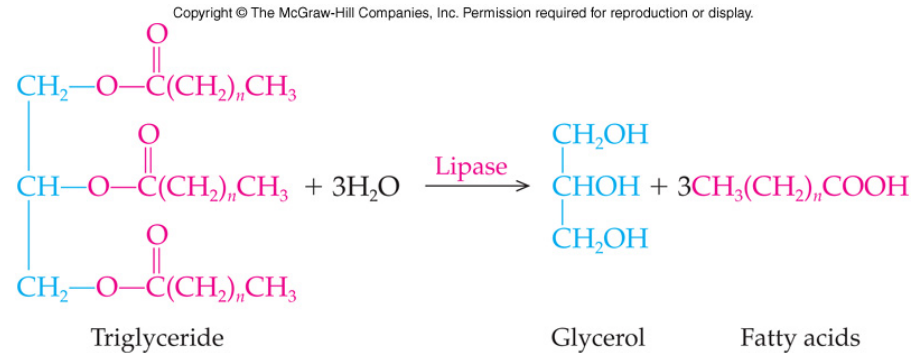
2- Transferases (EC.2) transfer a group from one molecule to another,
such as (Hexokinase [EC 2.7.1.2])

- Transaminases catalyze transfer of an amino group
- Kinases transfer a phosphate group



3- Hydrolases (EC.3) cleave bonds by adding water, such as
(Alkaline phosphatase [EC 3.1.3.1])

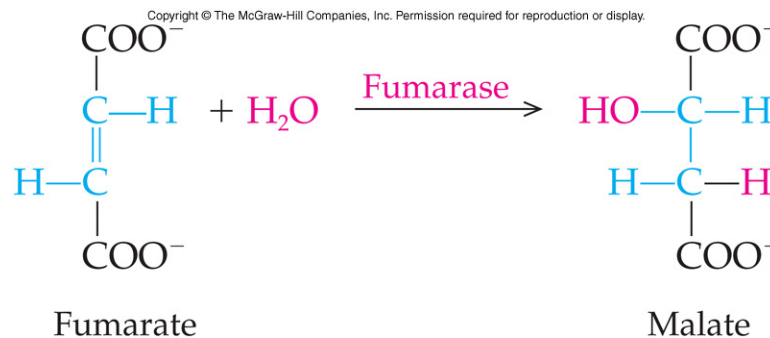
- Phosphatases
- Peptidases
- Lipases



- Result in two separate molecules

4- Lyases (EC.4) catalyze removal of groups to form double bonds or the reverse break double bonds, such as
(Pyruvate decarboxylase [EC 4.1.1.1])

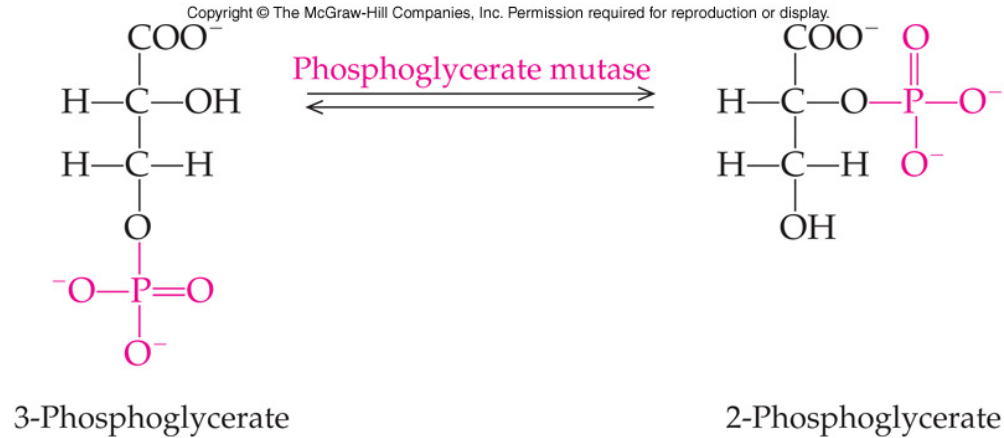
- Decarboxylases
- Synthases



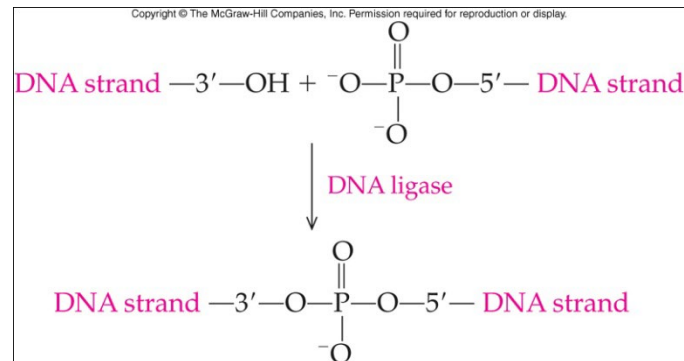
- The result is one molecule only

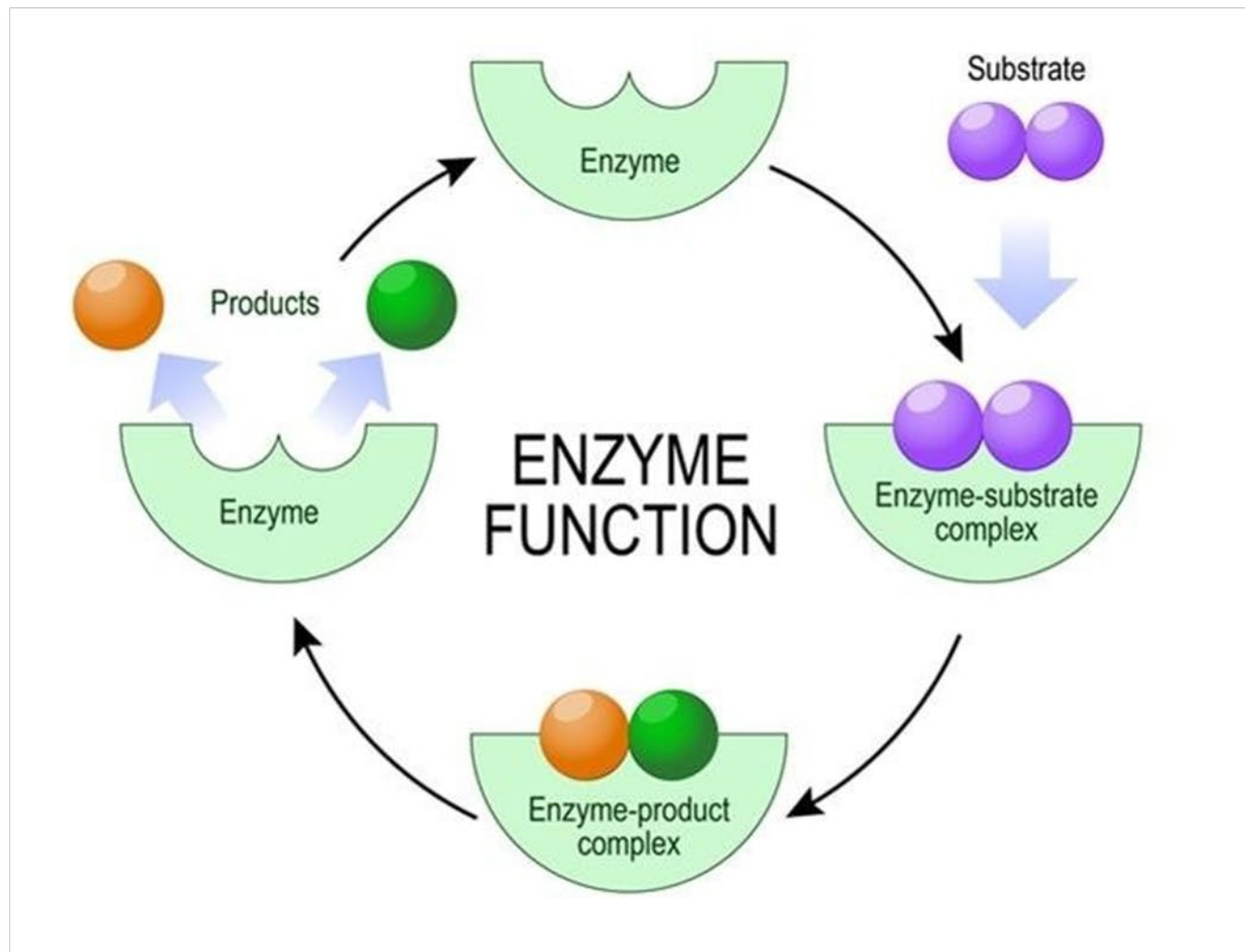
5- Isomerases (EC.5) catalyze intramolecular rearrangements, such as (Alanine racemase [EC 5.1.1.1])

- Epimerases
- Mutases



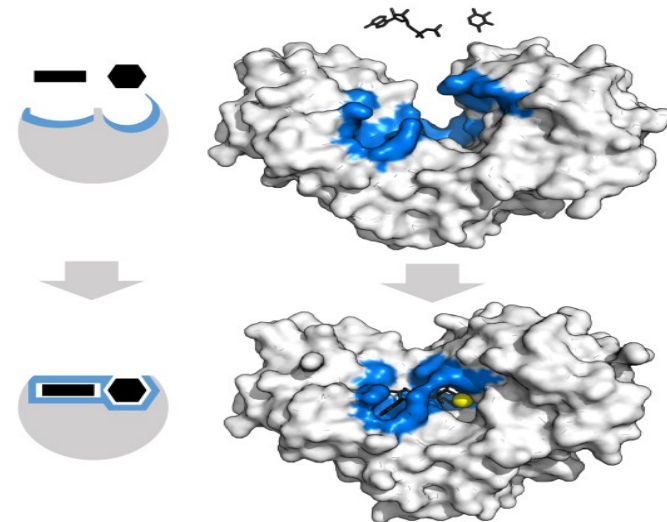
6- Ligases (EC.6) catalyze a reaction in which a C-C, C-S, C-O, or C-N bond is made or broken, such as (Isoleucine-tRNA ligase [EC 6.1.1.5])





Active site

- Takes the form of a cleft or pocket
- Takes up a relatively small part of the total volume of an enzyme (3-10)
- Substrates are bound to enzymes by multiple weak attractions (**weak non-covalent interactions including electrostatic forces, Van der Waals forces, hydrogen bonding, and hydrophobic interactions**).
- **The** specificity of binding depends on the precisely defined arrangement of atoms in an active site
- The active sites of multimeric enzymes are located at the interface between subunits and recruit residues from more than one monomer, **accounts for stronger interaction.**
- **The amino acids that play a significant role in the binding specificity of the active site are usually not adjacent to each other in the primary structure, but form the active site as a result of folding in creating the tertiary structure.**
- **Contains amino acid residues that participate directly in making/breaking of bonds**

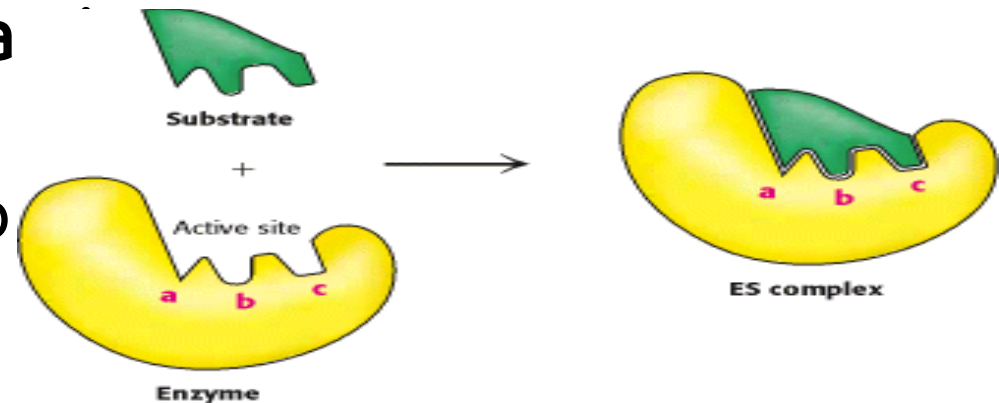


Enzyme substrate binding

-Two models have been proposed to explain how an enzyme binds its substrate: the lock-and-key model and the induced-fit model.

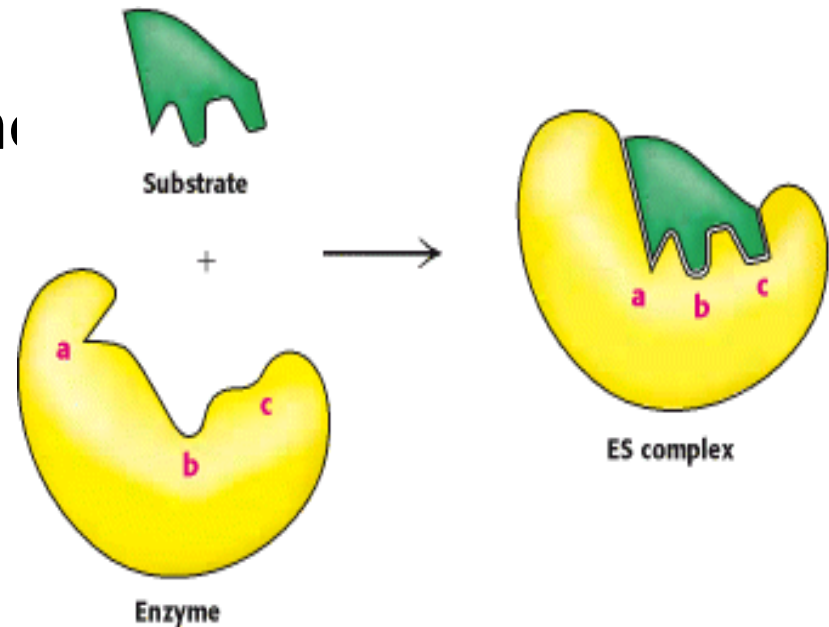
- Lock-and-Key Model of Enzyme-Substrate Binding, in this model, the active site of the unbound enzyme is complementary in shape to the substrate.

- "lock and key model" **accounted for the exquisite specificity of enzyme-substrate interaction** the implied rigidity of the enzyme's active site failed to account for the dynamic changes that accompany catalysis.



Induced-Fit Model of Enzyme-Substrate Binding

- In this model, the enzyme changes shape on substrate binding.
- The active site forms a shape complementary to the substrate only after the substrate has been bound.
- When a substrate approaches and binds to an enzyme they induce a conformational change, a change analogous to placing a hand (substrate) into a glove (enzyme).



Mechanism of Action of Enzymes

- Enzymes are catalysts and increase the speed of a chemical reaction without themselves undergoing any permanent chemical change. They are neither used up in the reaction nor do they appear as reaction products.
- The basic enzymatic reaction can be represented as follows:

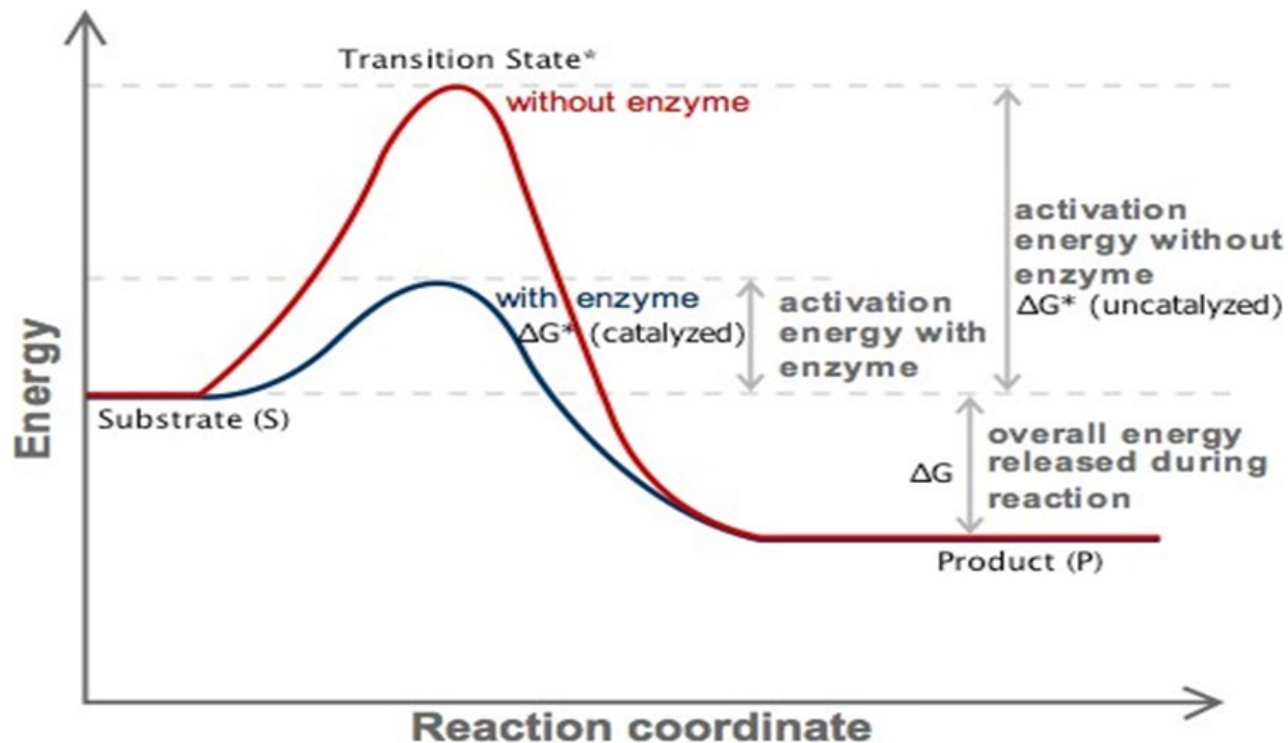
- Where $S + E \longrightarrow P + E$ represents the enzyme catalyzing the reaction, S the substrate, the substance being changed, and P the product of the reaction.

-The mechanism of action of enzymes can be explained by two perspectives:

- 1- Thermodynamic changes
- 2- Processes at the active site

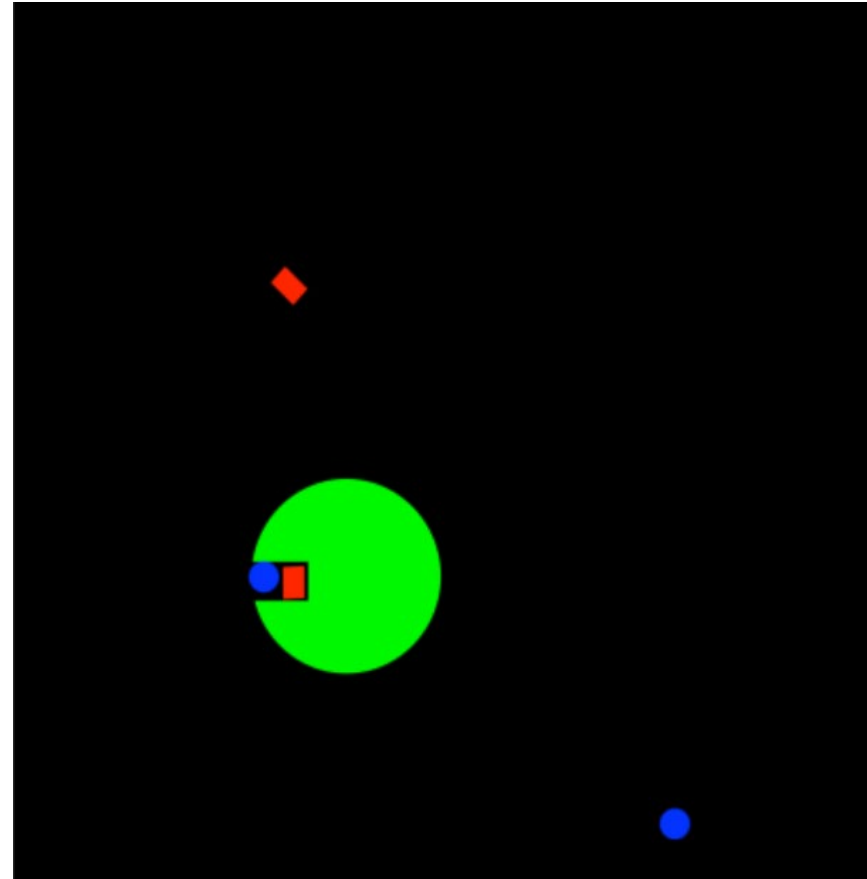
Thermodynamic changes

- All enzymes accelerate reaction rates by providing transition states with a lowered ΔG^\ddagger for formation of the transition states.
- enzymes enhance the rate of reactions by providing an alternative reaction pathway with a lower activation energy.
- Activation energy is the minimum amount of energy that must be provided to initiate a chemical reaction. It is the energy barrier that reactant molecules must overcome to undergo a transformation and form products.
- The lower activation energy means that more molecules have the required energy to reach the transition state.



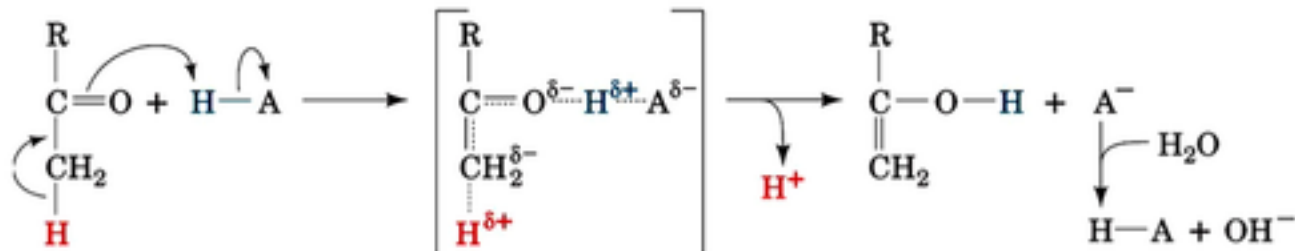
Processes at the active site

1. **Catalysis by proximity:** for the molecules to react they must come within bond-forming distance of one another.
When an enzyme binds substrate molecules at its active site, it creates a region of high local substrate concentration.
Enzyme-substrate interactions orient reactive groups and bring them into proximity with one another.

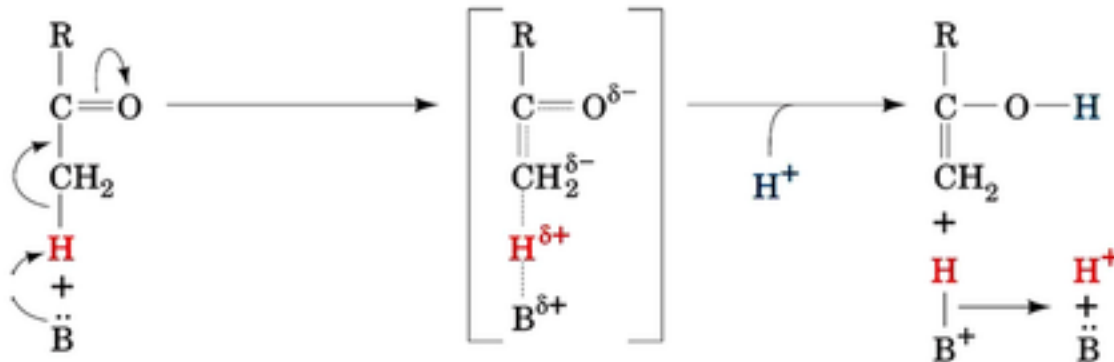


1. **Acid base catalysis:** the **ionizable functional groups** of aminoacyl side chains of prosthetic groups contribute to catalysis by acting as acids or bases.
 - General acid catalysis involves **partial proton transfer** from a donor to lower the free energy of the transition state.
 - General base catalysis involves **partial proton abstraction** from an acceptor to lower the free energy of the transition state.

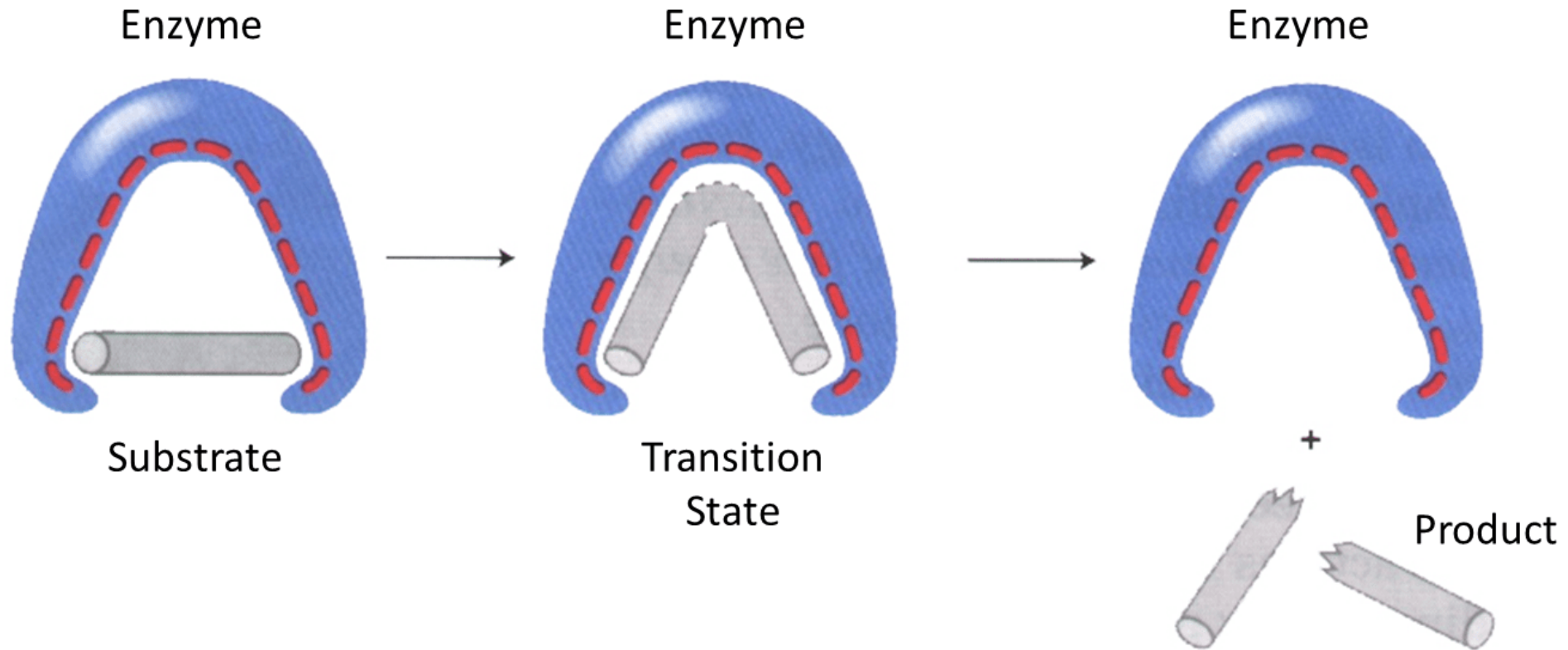
General Acid Catalysis



General Base Catalysis



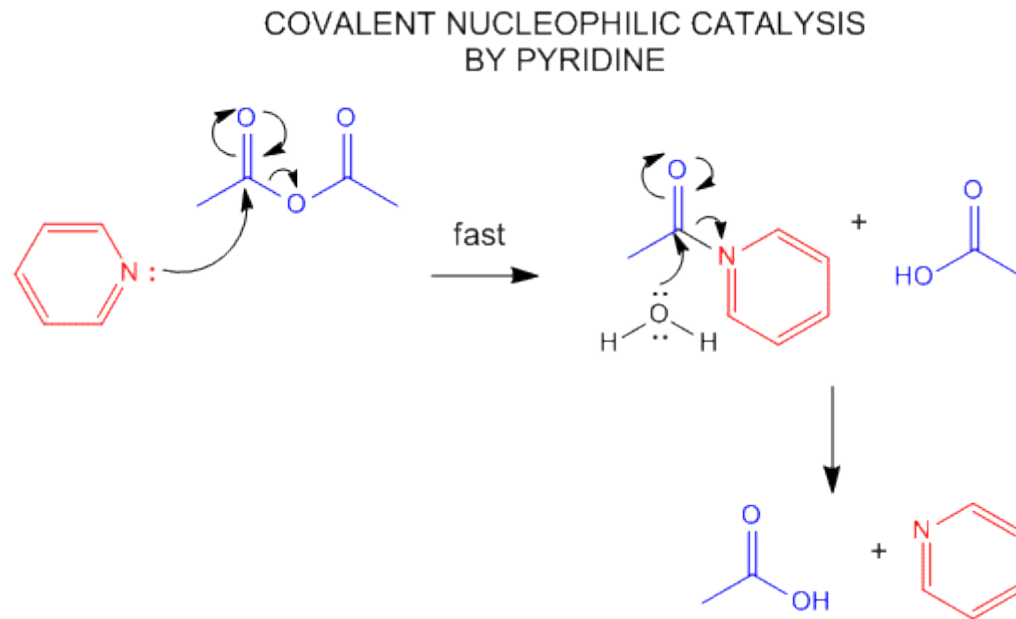
3. **Catalysis by strain:** enzymes that catalyze the **lytic reactions** involve breaking a covalent bond typically bind their substrates in a **configuration slightly unfavorable** for the bond that will undergo cleavage.



4. **Covalent catalysis:** accelerates reaction rates through **transient** formation of enzyme substrate covalent bond.

Three stages in covalent catalysis:

- I. Nucleophilic reaction between enzyme and substrate
- II. Electrophilic withdrawal of electrons from substrate
- III. Elimination reaction (reverse of stage 1)



5- Metal Ion catalysis

- Two classes of metal ion dependent enzymes:

- 1- Metalloenzymes contain tightly bound transition metal ions (Fe^{2+} , Fe^{3+} , Cu^{2+} , Zn^{2+} , Mn^{2+})
- 2- Metal-activated enzymes loosely bind metal ions (alkali or alkaline metal including Na^{+} , K^{+} , Mg^{2+} and Ca^{2+})

- Metal ions enhance catalysis in three major ways:

- 1- Binding to and orienting substrates for reaction as Mg^{2+} binding to ATP
- 2- Mediating redox reaction through changes in oxidation state such as reduction of O_2 to H_2O through electron transfer
- 3- Electrostatic stabilization or shielding of negative charges as Mg^{2+} binding to ATP

6- Electrostatic catalysis

- Enzymes seem to arrange **active site charge distributions** to stabilize the **transition states** of catalyzed reactions
- Substrate binding generally **excludes water from an enzyme active site** generating a **low dielectric constant** within the active site
- Electrostatic interactions are stronger
- pka's can vary by several pH units due to proximity of charged groups

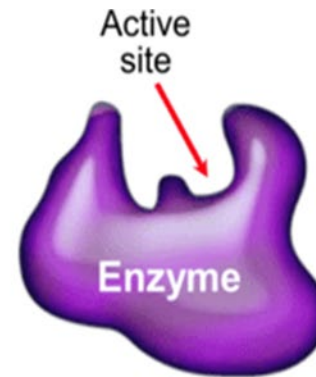
- Alternative form of electrostatic catalysis: several enzymes as **superoxide dismutase** apparently **use charge distributions** to guide **polar substrates** to their active sites

Enzyme Specificity

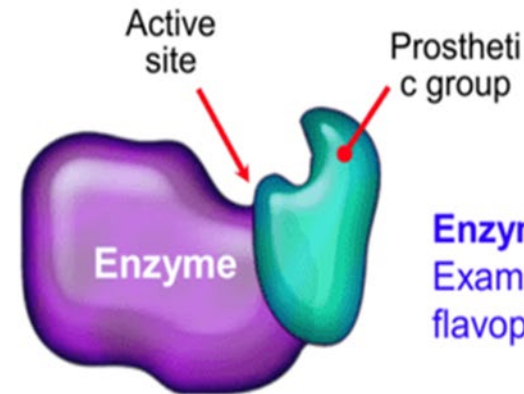
- In general, there are four distinct types of specificity:

- 1- Absolute specificity: the enzyme will catalyze only one reaction.
- 2- Group specificity: the enzyme will act only on molecules that have specific functional groups, such as amino, phosphate and methyl groups
- 3- Linkage specificity: the enzyme will act on a particular type of chemical bond regardless of the rest of the molecular structure
- 4- Stereo chemical specificity: the enzyme will act on a particular steric or optical isomer.

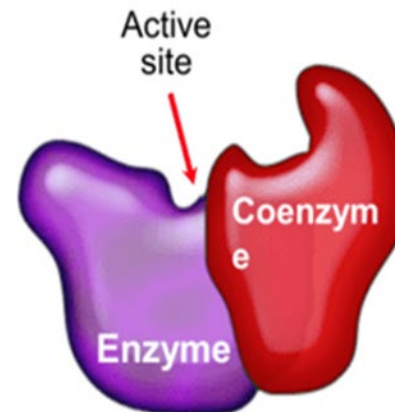
- Some enzymes require cofactors to be active.
- Cofactors are non-protein components of the enzyme.
- Organic Molecules (Coenzymes)
- Inorganic ions e.g., Ca^{2+} , Zn^{2+} (Prosthetic group)
- Cofactors may be:
 - 1- The Permanently attached cofactors, are called Prosthetic group (such as a vitamin, sugar, or lipid or inorganic such as a metal ion)
 - 2- Temporarily attached cofactors are called coenzyme, it detaches after a reaction and may participate in the reaction with other enzymes.



Enzyme is protein only
Example: lysozyme



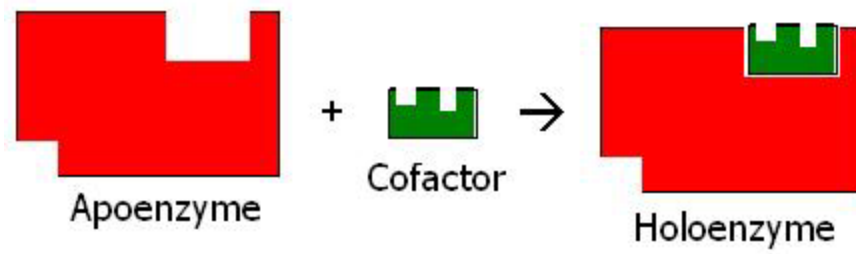
Enzyme + prosthetic group
Example:
flavoprotein + FAD



Enzyme + coenzyme
Example:
dehydrogenases + NAD

Cofactors

- Cofactors can be subdivided into two groups: metals and small organic molecules
- Cofactors that are small organic molecules are called coenzymes.
- Most common cofactor are also metal ions.
- If tightly bound, the cofactors are called prosthetic groups.
- Loosely bound Cofactors serve functions similar to those of prosthetic groups but bind in a transient, dissociable manner
either to the enzyme or to a substrate



Prosthetic groups

- Tightly integrated into the enzyme structure by covalent or non-covalent forces. e.g.;
 - Pyridoxal phosphate
 - Flavin mononucleotide (FMN)
 - Flavin adenine dinucleotide (FAD)
 - Thiamin pyrophosphate (TPP)
 - Biotin
 - Metal ions – Co, Cu, Mg, Mn, Zn
- Metals are the most common prosthetic groups

Coenzymes

- Very often vitamins
- They serve as recyclable shuttles—or group transfer agents—that transport many substrates from their point of generation to their point of utilization.
- The water-soluble B vitamins supply important components of numerous coenzymes.
- Chemical moieties transported by coenzymes include hydrogen atoms or hydride ions, methyl groups (folates), acyl groups (coenzyme A), and oligosaccharides (dolichol).

Important Prosthetic Groups and Coenzymes

Prosthetic Group	Enzymes/ Proteins
Zn^{++}	Carbonic anhydrase , Alcohol dehydrogenase
Fe^{+++} or Fe^{++}	Hemoglobin, Cytochromes, ferredoxin
Cu^{++} or Cu^{+++}	Cytochrome oxidase
K^{+} and Mg^{++}	Pyruvate Phosphokinase

Coenzymes	Vitamins
Nicotinamide adenine dinucleotide (NAD^{+}) or nicotinamide adenine dinucleotide phosphate (NADP^{+})	vitamin B_3 (niacin)
Flavin mononucleotide (FMN^{+}) or flavin adenine dinucleotide(FAD^{+})	vitamin B_2 (riboflavin)
Pyridoxal phosphate	vitamin B_6 (pyridoxine)
Coenzyme A	Pantothenic Acid

Diagnostic significance of enzymes

- 1- Enzymes can act as diagnostic markers of underlying diseases .
- 2- Enzymes can also act as reagents for various biochemical estimations and detections

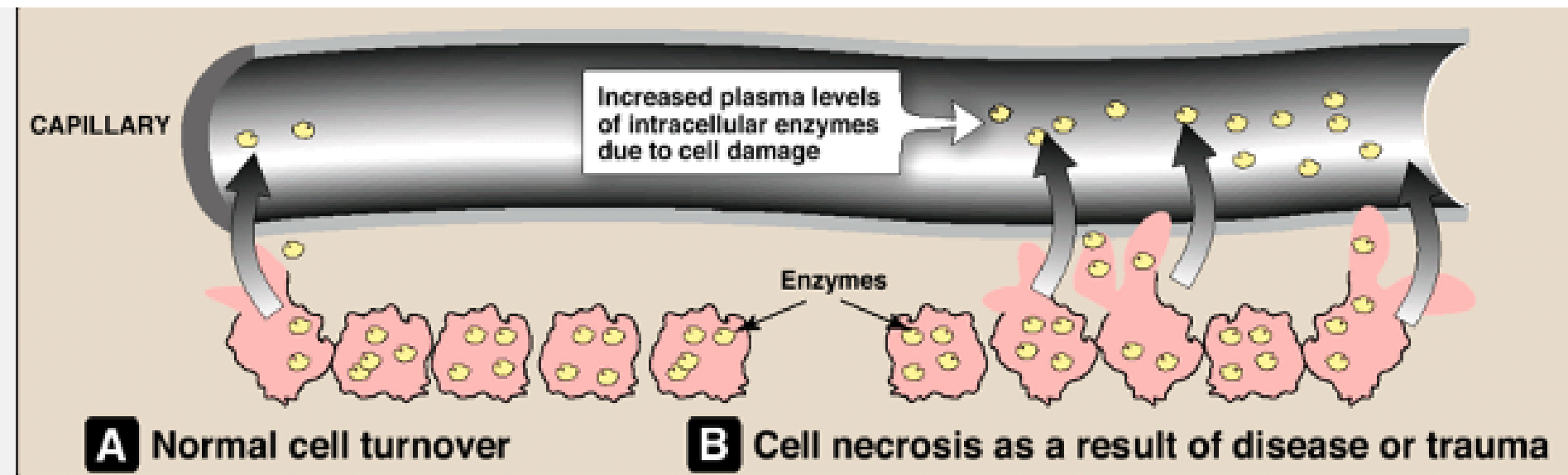
Enzymes as diagnostic markers

- 1- Functional plasma enzymes (Plasma derived enzymes):
 - Certain enzymes, proenzymes, and their substrates are present at all times in the circulation of normal individuals and perform a physiologic function in the blood.

Examples of these functional plasma enzymes include lipoprotein lipase, pseudo cholinesterase, and the proenzymes of blood coagulation and blood clot dissolution .
The majority of them are synthesized in and secreted by liver.

2- Nonfunctional plasma enzymes (Cell derived enzymes):

- Plasma also contains numerous other enzymes that perform no known physiologic function in blood.
- These apparently nonfunctional plasma enzymes arise from the routine normal destruction of erythrocytes, leukocytes, and other cells.
- Tissue damage or necrosis resulting from injury or disease is generally accompanied by increases in the levels of several nonfunctional plasma enzymes.



Isoenzymes (Isoenzymes)

- Are homologous enzymes that catalyze the same reaction but have differences in enzymatic properties.
- Often different isoenzymes are found in different locations in a cell or in different organs/tissues of an organism.
- They are from different polypeptide chains that coded by different genes and so, they are affected by different activators and different inhibitors in different tissues.

e.g.:

Lactate dehydrogenase isoenzymes,

- The enzyme interconverts lactate and pyruvate (LDH)
- Humans have two isoenzymic chains for lactate dehydrogenase: LDH (M) found in muscle and LDH (H) found in heart.
- M is optimized to work under anaerobic conditions and H optimized to work under aerobic conditions.

- There are 5 different isoenzymes.
- The relative ratio of the isoenzymes depends on the location in the organism as well as the developmental stage.

Isoenzyme	Tissue origin
LDH1 (H4)	Cardiac and kidney
LDH2 (H3M)	Cardiac, kidney, brain and RBCs
LDH3 (H2M2)	Brain, lung and WBCs
LDH4 (HM3)	Lung, skeletal muscle
LDH5 (M4)	Skeletal muscle and liver

CK/CPK Isoenzymes

- There are three Isoenzymes.
- Measuring them is of value in the presence of elevated levels of CK or CPK to determine the source of the elevation.
- Each isoenzyme is a dimer composed of two protomers 'M' (for muscles) and 'B' (for Brain).
- These isoenzymes can be separated by, electrophoresis or by ion exchange chromatography.

Isoenzyme	Electrophoretic mobility	Tissue of origin	Mean % in blood
MM(CK3)	Least	Skeletal muscle Heart muscle	97-100%
MB(CK2)	Intermediate	Heart muscle	0-3%
BB(CK1)	Maximum	Brain	0%

Enzyme Kinetics

- It is the field of biochemistry concerned with the quantitative measurement of the rates of enzyme-catalyzed reactions and the study of the factors affecting these rates.
- The rate of a chemical reaction is described by the number of molecules of reactant(s) to be converted into product(s) in a specified time period which is dependent on the concentration of the chemicals involved in the process and on rate constants that are characteristic of the reaction.



«Wherever the art of medicine is loved,
there is also a love of humanity.»

- Hippocrates-

